

# Matrix Theory Assignment 13

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**Abstract**—This problem is all about to introducing the concept of characteristic polynomial over a field.

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[https://github.com/Ritesh622/Assignment\\_EE5609/tree/master/Assignment\\_13](https://github.com/Ritesh622/Assignment_EE5609/tree/master/Assignment_13)

## 1 PROBLEM

Let  $A$  be the an  $n \times n$  diagonal matrix with characteristic polynomial

$$(x - c_1)^{d_1}(x - c_2)^{d_2} \dots (x - c_k)^{d_k} \quad (1.0.1)$$

Where  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_k$  are distinct. Let  $\mathbf{V}$  the space of  $n \times n$  matrices  $B$  such that

$$AB = BA \quad (1.0.2)$$

Prove that the dimension of  $\mathbf{V}$  is,

$$d_1^2 + d_2^2 + \dots + d_k^2 \quad (1.0.3)$$

## 2 SOLUTION

Let consider we have a matrix  $A$  which is a diagonal matrix, which is given as

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} c_1 I & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_2 I & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & . & . \\ . & . & . & \dots & . & . \\ 0 & 0 & . & \dots & . & c_k I \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.1)$$

Consider  $B$  as :

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} B_{11} & B_{12} & . & \dots & . & B_{1k} \\ B_{21} & B_{22} & . & \dots & . & B_{2k} \\ . & . & . & \dots & . & . \\ . & . & . & \dots & . & . \\ B_{k1} & B_{k2} & . & \dots & . & B_{kk} \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.2)$$

Where  $B_{ij}$  has dimension  $d_i \times d_j$ . Since we have given ,

$$AB = BA \quad (2.0.3)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} c_1 B_{11} & c_1 B_{12} & . & \dots & . & c_1 B_{1k} \\ c_2 B_{21} & c_2 B_{22} & . & \dots & . & c_2 B_{2k} \\ . & . & . & \dots & . & . \\ . & . & . & \dots & . & . \\ c_k B_{k1} & c_k B_{k2} & . & \dots & . & c_k B_{kk} \end{pmatrix} =$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} c_1 B_{11} & B_{12} & . & \dots & . & c_1 B_{1k} \\ c_2 B_{21} & B_{22} & . & \dots & . & c_2 B_{2k} \\ . & . & . & \dots & . & . \\ . & . & . & \dots & . & . \\ c_k B_{k1} & c_k B_{k2} & . & \dots & . & c_k B_{kk} \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.4)$$

Hence, from above equation 2.0.4 we can conclude,

$$c_i \neq c_j, \forall i \neq j \quad (2.0.5)$$

$$\Rightarrow B_{ij} = 0, \forall i \neq j \quad (2.0.6)$$

We can have  $B_{11}, B_{22} \dots$  any arbitrary matrices. From (2.0.4) we can have

$$D(B_{ij}) = d_i^2 \quad (2.0.7)$$

Where  $D$  represents dimension of matrix. Therefore the dimension of the space of all such  $B_{ij}$ 's matrices is given as :

$$d_1^2 + d_2^2 + \dots + d_k^2 \quad (2.0.8)$$

## 3 EXAMPLE

Let suppose we have matrix  $A$  as :

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} c_1 I & 0 \\ 0 & c_2 I \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.0.1)$$

Where,

$$c_1 I = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, c_2 I = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.0.2)$$

$$\Rightarrow A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.0.3)$$

and  $B$  as :

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} B_{11} & B_{12} \\ B_{21} & B_{22} \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.0.4)$$

Where,

$$B_{11} = \begin{pmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} \end{pmatrix}, B_{12} = \begin{pmatrix} b_{13} & b_{14} \\ b_{23} & b_{24} \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.0.5)$$

$$(3.0.6)$$

$$B_{21} = \begin{pmatrix} b_{31} & b_{32} \\ b_{41} & b_{42} \end{pmatrix}, B_{22} = \begin{pmatrix} b_{33} & b_{34} \\ b_{43} & b_{44} \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.0.7)$$

$$(3.0.8)$$

$$\Rightarrow B = \begin{pmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} & b_{13} & b_{14} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} & b_{23} & b_{24} \\ b_{31} & b_{32} & b_{33} & b_{34} \\ b_{41} & b_{42} & b_{43} & b_{44} \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.0.9)$$

Consider,

$$C = AB \quad (3.0.10)$$

$$\Rightarrow C = \begin{pmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} & b_{13} & b_{14} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} & b_{23} & b_{24} \\ 2b_{31} & 2b_{32} & 2b_{33} & 2b_{34} \\ 2b_{41} & 2b_{42} & 2b_{43} & 2b_{44} \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.0.11)$$

Let another matrix  $D$  as :

$$D = BA \quad (3.0.12)$$

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} & 2b_{13} & 2b_{14} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} & 2b_{23} & 2b_{24} \\ b_{31} & b_{32} & 2b_{33} & 2b_{34} \\ b_{41} & b_{42} & 2b_{43} & 2b_{44} \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.0.13)$$

We have given as,

$$BA = AB \quad (3.0.14)$$

$$\Rightarrow C = D \quad (3.0.15)$$

it is possible only when,

$$b_{13} = b_{14} = b_{23} = b_{24} = 0 \quad (3.0.16)$$

And,

$$b_{31} = b_{32} = b_{41} = b_{42} = 0 \quad (3.0.17)$$

$$B_{12} = \begin{pmatrix} b_{13} & b_{14} \\ b_{23} & b_{24} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.0.18)$$

And,

$$B_{21} = \begin{pmatrix} b_{31} & b_{32} \\ b_{41} & b_{42} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.0.19)$$

Hence, therefore matrix  $B$  becomes,

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} & 0 & 0 \\ b_{21} & b_{22} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2b_{33} & 2b_{34} \\ 0 & 0 & 2b_{43} & 2b_{44} \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.0.20)$$

$$\Rightarrow B = \begin{pmatrix} c_1 B_{11} & 0 \\ 0 & c_2 B_{22} \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.0.21)$$

$$\Rightarrow B_{ij} = 0, \forall i \neq j \quad (3.0.22)$$

Now the basis of the  $n \times n$  matrices for vector space of all  $n \times n$  matrix  $B$  are,

$$\beta_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \beta_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.0.23)$$

$$\beta_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \beta_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.0.24)$$

$$\beta_5 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \beta_6 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.0.25)$$

$$\beta_7 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \beta_8 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (3.0.26)$$

Thus, Dimension of  $\mathbf{V}$  (vector space of all  $n \times n$  matrices  $B$ ) = 8,

Also

$$d_1^2 + d_2^2 = 2^2 + 2^2 = 8. \quad (3.0.27)$$

Therefore, Dimension of  $\mathbf{V}$  (vector space of all  $n \times n$  matrix  $B$  is :

$$d_1^2 + d_2^2 \quad (3.0.28)$$