## Matrix Theory Assignment 14

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

All the codes for this document can be found at

https://github.com/Ritesh622/ Assignment EE5609/tree/master/ Assignment 14

## 1 Problem

Let **V** be a real vector space and E an idempotent linear operator on V, i.e., a projection. Prove that  $(\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{E})$  is invertible. Find  $(\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{E})^{-1}$ .

2 solution

Since E is an idempotent matrix, that is:

$$\mathbf{E}^2 = \mathbf{E} \tag{2.0.1}$$
 And,

Hence it will satisfy the polynomial,

$$x^2 - x = 0 (2.0.2)$$

Thus minimal polynomial will be,

$$m_{\rm E}(x) = x^2 - x = 0$$
 (2.0.3)

$$\implies m_{\mathbf{E}}(x) = x(x-1) = 0$$
 (2.0.4)

Hence minimal polynomial  $m_{\mathbf{E}}(x)$ , of **E** divides  $x^2$  – x that is,

$$m_{\mathbf{E}}(x) = x \tag{2.0.5}$$

or,

$$m_{\rm E}(x) = x - 1 \tag{2.0.6}$$

if

$$m_{\mathbf{E}}(x) = x \tag{2.0.7}$$

$$\implies \mathbf{E} = \mathbf{0}$$
 (2.0.8)

if

$$m_{\mathbf{E}}(x) = x - 1 \tag{2.0.9}$$

$$\Longrightarrow$$
 **E** = **I** (2.0.10)

Hence, if **E** is idempotent then, minimal polynomial of E is product of distinct polynomial of degree one. Thus matrix **E** is similar to diagonal matrix with diagonal entries consisting of characteristic value 0

Since E is diagonalizable, then there exist at least one basis such that:

$$\beta = \{\beta_1, \beta_2 \dots, \beta n\}$$
 (2.0.11)

Such that

$$\mathbf{E}\beta_i = \beta_i, \forall i = 1, 2 \dots k$$
 (2.0.12)

and,

$$\mathbf{E}\beta_i = 0, \forall i = k + 1, \dots n.$$
 (2.0.13)

$$\implies$$
  $(\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{E})\beta_i = 2\beta_i, \forall i = 1, 2 \dots k.$  (2.0.14)

$$\Longrightarrow (\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{E})\beta_i = \beta_i, \forall i = k + 1 \dots n.$$
 (2.0.15)

In matrix form we can write it as:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I} + \mathbf{E} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2\mathbf{I_1} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I_2} \end{pmatrix} \tag{2.0.16}$$

Where,  $\mathbf{I_1}$  is  $k \times k$  and  $\mathbf{I_2}$  is  $(n-k) \times (n-k)$  identity matrices, and each 0 represents the zero matrix of appropriate dimension.

From 2.0.16 we can calculate the determinant as:

$$\det\left(\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{E}\right) = 2^k \neq 0 \tag{2.0.17}$$

From 2.0.16 we can observe that, eigen values of  $(\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{E})$  are  $k^{th}$  number of 2 and  $(n - k)^{th}$  number of 1. hence none of the eigen value of the matrix is zero. hence it is invertible.

Since (I + E) is combination of identity matrices.

Hence, from (2.0.16), inverse of the matrix (I + E)

is given as:

Let,

$$A = I + E \tag{2.0.18}$$

$$\implies E = A - I \tag{2.0.19}$$

$$\implies E^2 = (A - I)(A - I) = A^2 - 2A + I^2 \quad (2.0.20)$$

from 2.0.1  $E^2 = E$ ),

$$\implies E = A^2 - 2A + I \quad (2.0.21)$$

Using (2.0.19) we have,

$$\implies A - I = A^2 - 2A + I = A^2 - 3A + 2I = 0$$
(2.0.22)

$$\implies I = \frac{3A - A^2}{2} \tag{2.0.23}$$

multiplying  $A^{-1}$  both side,

$$A^{-1} = \frac{3I - A}{2} = \frac{3I - (I + E)}{2}$$
 (2.0.24)

$$A^{-1} = \frac{2I - E}{2} \tag{2.0.25}$$

Using (2.0.19), we have,

$$(I+E)^{-1} = I - \frac{E}{2}$$
 (2.0.26)

Hence,

$$\left(\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{E}\right)^{-1} = \mathbf{I} - \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{E} \tag{2.0.27}$$

3 EXAMPLE

Let consider a matrix **E** as:

$$\mathbf{E} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \tag{3.0.1}$$

$$\Longrightarrow \mathbf{E}^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \tag{3.0.2}$$

$$\implies \mathbf{E}^2 = E. \tag{3.0.3}$$

Basis for this matix is

$$\beta_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and, } \beta_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$
 (3.0.4)

We have,

$$\mathbf{E}\beta_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \beta_1 \tag{3.0.5}$$

And,

$$\mathbf{E}\beta_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \beta_2 \tag{3.0.6}$$

Now,

$$\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{E} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \tag{3.0.7}$$

$$\implies \mathbf{I} + \mathbf{E} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \tag{3.0.8}$$

$$\implies (\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{E})\beta_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$
 (3.0.9)

$$\implies (\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{E})\beta_1 = 2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = 2\beta_1 \qquad (3.0.10)$$

Similarly,

$$\implies (\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{E})\beta_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \qquad (3.0.11)$$

$$\implies (\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{E})\beta_1 = 2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \beta_2 \qquad (3.0.12)$$

$$\implies \mathbf{I} + \mathbf{E} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2\mathbf{I_1} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I_1} \end{pmatrix} \tag{3.0.13}$$

Now let find the eigen value of matrix (I + E):

$$\implies \begin{pmatrix} 2 - i & 0 \\ 0 & 1 - \lambda \end{pmatrix} = 0 \tag{3.0.14}$$

$$\implies (2 - \lambda)(1 - \lambda) = 0 \tag{3.0.15}$$

$$\implies \lambda_1 = 2, \lambda_2 = 1 \tag{3.0.16}$$

The eigen values of the matrix (I + E) from (3.0.16) are 2 and 1. Since none of the eigen value is zero, hence matrix is invertible.

Inverse of the matrix (2.0.27) is:

$$\left(\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{E}\right)^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$
 (3.0.17)