

# Matrix Theory Assignment 14

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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\\_14](https://github.com/Ritesh622/Assignment_EE5609/tree/master/Assignment_14)

## 1 PROBLEM

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

## 2 SOLUTION

we have  $\mathbf{E}$  and it is idempotent. And we know that the eigen value of idempotent matrix is either 0 or 1. When we add the identity matrix in this:

$$\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{E} \quad (2.0.1)$$

Then eigen value will be either 1 or 2. Hence  $(\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{E})$  is invertible. Since  $\mathbf{E}$  is an idempotent matrix, that is :

$$\mathbf{E}^2 = \mathbf{E} \quad (2.0.2)$$

Let,

$$A = I + E \quad (2.0.3)$$

$$\Rightarrow E = A - I \quad (2.0.4)$$

$$\Rightarrow E^2 = (A - I)(A - I) = A^2 - 2A + I^2 \quad (2.0.5)$$

(from 2.0.2  $E^2 = E$ ),

$$\Rightarrow E = A^2 - 2A + I \quad (2.0.6)$$

Using (2.0.4) we have,

$$\Rightarrow A - I = A^2 - 2A + I = A^2 - 3A + 2I = 0 \quad (2.0.7)$$

$$\Rightarrow I = \frac{3A - A^2}{2} \quad (2.0.8)$$

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

$$A^{-1} = \frac{3I - A}{2} = \frac{3I - (I + E)}{2} \quad (2.0.9)$$

$$A^{-1} = \frac{2I - E}{2} \quad (2.0.10)$$

Using (2.0.4), we have,

$$(I + E)^{-1} = I - \frac{E}{2} \quad (2.0.11)$$

Hence,

$$(\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{E})^{-1} = \mathbf{I} - \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{E} \quad (2.0.12)$$

## 3 EXAMPLE

Let consider a matrix  $\mathbf{E}$  as :

$$\mathbf{E} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.0.1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{E}^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.0.2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{E}^2 = \mathbf{E}. \quad (3.0.3)$$

$$(3.0.4)$$

Now,

$$\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{E} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.0.5)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{I} + \mathbf{E} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.0.6)$$

$$(3.0.7)$$

Now let find the eigen value of matrix  $(\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{E})$  :

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 2 - \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 1 - \lambda \end{pmatrix} = 0 \quad (3.0.8)$$

$$\Rightarrow (2 - \lambda)(1 - \lambda) = 0 \quad (3.0.9)$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_1 = 2, \lambda_2 = 1 \quad (3.0.10)$$

The eigen values of the matrix  $(\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{E})$  from (3.0.10) are 2 and 1. Since none of the eigen value is zero, hence matrix is invertible.

Inverse of the matrix from (2.0.12) is :

$$(\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{E})^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.0.11)$$