

discussion_HW3

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We are to calculate the eigenvector and values for a 3x3 matrix in Upper Triangular form, which is helpful. I'll do most of this work by-hand but with some machine computation. First set up the $\det(A - \lambda I)$ equation.

$$\det\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 4 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda \end{bmatrix}\right) = 0$$

Which expands to the following:

$$(1 - \lambda)\det\left(\begin{bmatrix} 4 - \lambda & 5 \\ 0 & 6 - \lambda \end{bmatrix}\right) - (2)\det\left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 6 - \lambda \end{bmatrix}\right) + (3)\det\left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 4 - \lambda \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}\right) = 0$$

Thankfully, the last two terms of this expansion reduce to zero. Thus we are left with the following:

$$(1 - \lambda)(24 - 10\lambda + \lambda^2) = 0$$

This expands to the following,

$$24 - 34\lambda + 11\lambda^2 - \lambda^3 = 0$$

Which can be factored via the fundamental theorem of algebra (luckily $\lambda = 1$ is a root!). We see that this reduces to,

$-\lambda^2 + 10\lambda - 24 = 0$. Which factors our last two remaining eigenvalues and our set of eigenvalues are as follows:

$$\lambda_1 = 1, \lambda_2 = 4, \text{ and } \lambda_3 = 6.$$

If we return the first eigenvalue in the original matrix A we apply $\lambda * I - A$ as the following,

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 3 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

This is as far as I got but I am struggling to calculate the eigenvectors by hand. Has anyone computed these?