

SECTION A

Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

a) Compute the rank of A

Solution

The rank of a matrix [denoted by $\rho(A)$] is the number of linearly independent rows [or columns] in it.

* Using echelon form, the rank of the matrix A is equal to the number of non-zero rows in the resultant [row-reduced echelon].

Given $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

By reducing A ;

$$R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 2R_2 \Rightarrow A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + \frac{1}{2}R_2 \Rightarrow A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - \frac{1}{3}R_3 \Rightarrow A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_2 \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}R_2 \Rightarrow A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_3 \rightarrow \frac{1}{3}R_3 \Rightarrow A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore A_R [\text{Reduced form of } A] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

i.e. The rank of $A = 3$ [since we have 3 non-zero rows in A_R]

b) Provide the characteristic Polynomial for A and compute the eigenvalues of A

Solution

Given A is an $n \times n$ matrix. The characteristic Polynomial of A is defined as function $f(\lambda)$ and the characteristic Polynomial formulae is given by:

$$f(\lambda) = \det(A - \lambda I_n)$$

* Where I represents the Identity matrix.

\Rightarrow Hence, given $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

where $I_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

The characteristic Polynomial of A $[f(\lambda)] = \det(A - \lambda I_3)$

i.e $f(\lambda) = |A - \lambda I_3|$

$$A - \lambda I_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix} - \lambda \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A - \lambda I_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1-\lambda & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2-\lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 3-\lambda \end{bmatrix}$$

\therefore

$$|A - \lambda I_3| = (1-\lambda)[(2-\lambda)(3-\lambda)] - 1(0) + 1(0)$$

$$\Rightarrow |A - \lambda I_3| = (1-\lambda)[6 - 5\lambda + \lambda^2]$$

$$\Rightarrow |A - \lambda I_3| = 6 - 11\lambda + 6\lambda^2 - \lambda^3$$

$$\text{i.e } |A - \lambda I_3| = -\lambda^3 + 6\lambda^2 - 11\lambda + 6$$

Hence, the characteristic Polynomial of A: $f(\lambda) = -\lambda^3 + 6\lambda^2 - 11\lambda + 6$.

\therefore Recall, the roots of the characteristic Polynomials are the eigenvalues.

i.e Given $f(\lambda) = \det(A - \lambda I_n)$ is a characteristic Polynomial, then λ_0 is an eigenvalue of A, iff $f(\lambda_0) = 0$.

Continuation 1b

$$\therefore -\lambda^3 + 6\lambda^2 - 11\lambda + 6 = 0$$

Recall, if $f(\lambda_0) = 0$, then λ_0 is a root of the Polynomial $f(\lambda) = \lambda^3 + 6\lambda^2 - 11\lambda + 6$

By substituting $\lambda = 2$,

$$f(2) = -(2)^3 + 6(2)^2 - 11(2) + 6 = 0$$

$\therefore \lambda = 2$ is a root of the Polynomial $f(\lambda)$.

Then $(\lambda - 2)$ is a factor. [Recall if $\lambda = a$ is a root, then $(\lambda - a)$ is a factor]

By Long division Method:

$$\begin{array}{r} \lambda^2 + 4\lambda - 3 \\ \lambda - 2 \overline{) -\lambda^3 + 6\lambda^2 - 11\lambda + 6} \\ \underline{-\lambda^3 + 2\lambda^2} \\ 4\lambda^2 - 11\lambda + 6 \\ \underline{4\lambda^2 - 8\lambda} \\ -3\lambda + 6 \\ \underline{-3\lambda + 6} \\ 0 \quad 0 \end{array}$$

$$\therefore -\lambda^3 + 6\lambda^2 - 11\lambda + 6 = (\lambda - 2)(-\lambda^2 + 4\lambda - 3) \\ = (2 - \lambda)(\lambda^2 - 4\lambda + 3)$$

$$\text{i.e. } -\lambda^3 + 6\lambda^2 - 11\lambda + 6 = (2 - \lambda)(\lambda - 3)(\lambda - 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow -\lambda^3 + 6\lambda^2 - 11\lambda + 6 = 0 \Rightarrow (2 - \lambda)(\lambda - 3)(\lambda - 1) = 0$$

$$\text{i.e. } 2 - \lambda = 0 \text{ or } \lambda - 3 = 0 \text{ or } \lambda - 1 = 0$$

$$\lambda = 2 \text{ or } \lambda = 3 \text{ or } \lambda = 1$$

Hence, the eigen values are: 2, 3 and 1.

$$-8 + 14 + 2 = 6$$

$$\text{Projection of } u \text{ on } v = \text{Proj}_v u = \left(\frac{u \cdot v}{\|v\|^2} \right) v$$

18

* Let u_i be the i -th column of A for $i = 1, 2, 3$. Use the Gram-Schmidt Process to generate an orthonormal basis for $\{u_1, u_2, u_3\}$.

Solution

Recall, assume a basis $\{b_1, \dots, b_n\}$ is given. Then it generates

inductively: $b_1^* = b_1$,

$$b_2^* = b_2 - \text{Proj}_{b_1^*}(b_2)$$

$$b_3^* = b_3 - \text{Proj}_{b_1^*}(b_3) - \text{Proj}_{b_2^*}(b_3)$$

$$b_4^* = b_4 - \text{Proj}_{b_1^*}(b_4) - \text{Proj}_{b_2^*}(b_4) - \text{Proj}_{b_3^*}(b_4)$$

\vdots

$$b_n^* = b_n - \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \text{Proj}_{b_i^*}(b_n)$$

The generated $\{b_1^*, \dots, b_n^*\}$ is a basis that all the distinct elements are orthogonal to each other.

So given u_i [the i th column of A] for $i = 1, 2, 3$.

$$\text{Then } \{u_1, u_2, u_3\} \Rightarrow u_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, u_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } u_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow u_1^* = u_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow u_2^* = u_2 - \text{Proj}_{u_1^*}(u_2) = u_2 - \left(\frac{u_2 \cdot u_1^*}{\|u_1^*\|^2} \right) u_1^*$$

where $u_2 \cdot u_1^*$ is the dot product of u_2 and u_1^*

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} - \left(\frac{\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}}{(\sqrt{1^2 + 0^2 + 0^2})^2} \right) \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} - \left(\frac{-1}{1} \right) \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore u_2^* = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Next Page

Also,

$$u_3^* = u_3 - \text{Proj}_{u_1^*}(u_3) - \text{Proj}_{u_2^*}(u_3)$$

$$= u_3 - \left(\frac{u_3 \cdot u_1^*}{\|u_1^*\|^2} \right) \cdot u_1^* - \left(\frac{u_3 \cdot u_2^*}{\|u_2^*\|^2} \right) \cdot u_2^*$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} - \left(\frac{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}}{(\sqrt{1})^2} \right) \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - \left(\frac{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}}{(\sqrt{0^2+2^2+4^2})^2} \right) \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - \left(\frac{12}{(\sqrt{20})^2} \right) \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{3}{5} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -\frac{6}{5} \\ \frac{3}{5} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore u_3^* = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -\frac{6}{5} \\ \frac{3}{5} \end{bmatrix}$$

Hence, the generated $u_1^* = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = [1, 0, 0]$

$$u_2^* = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = [0, 2, 4]$$

and $u_3^* = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -\frac{6}{5} \\ \frac{3}{5} \end{bmatrix} = [0, -\frac{6}{5}, \frac{3}{5}]$

\therefore forms an Orthogonal basis for \mathbb{R}^3 . Normalizing the vectors in the Orthogonal basis, we obtain the Orthonormal basis:

$$\left\{ \frac{u_1^*}{\|u_1^*\|}, \frac{u_2^*}{\|u_2^*\|}, \frac{u_3^*}{\|u_3^*\|} \right\} = \left\{ \frac{(1, 0, 0)}{\sqrt{1}}, \frac{(0, 2, 4)}{\sqrt{20}}, \frac{(0, -\frac{6}{5}, \frac{3}{5})}{\sqrt{\frac{45}{25}}} \right\}$$

$$= \left\{ (1, 0, 1), (0, \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}, \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}), (0, -\frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}) \right\}$$

$$\text{Orthonormal basis} = \left\{ (1, 0, 1), (0, \frac{\sqrt{5}}{5}, \frac{2\sqrt{5}}{5}), (0, -\frac{2\sqrt{5}}{5}, \frac{\sqrt{5}}{5}) \right\}$$