

# 21MAB101T - CALCULUS AND LINEAR ALGEBRA

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# Symmetric Matrices With Non-Repeated Eigenvalues

## Example-1

Find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors for the matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

**Solution.** The characteristic equation is  $|A - \lambda I| = 0$  where

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

The general form of characteristic equation is

$$\lambda^3 - S_1\lambda^2 + S_2\lambda - S_3 = 0$$

where

$$S_1 = \text{Sum of the main diagonal entries} \Rightarrow S_1 = 8$$

$$S_2 = \text{Sum of the minors of the main diagonal entries} \Rightarrow S_2 = 4$$

$$S_3 = \text{Determinant of the matrix } A \Rightarrow S_3 = -48$$

$$\lambda^3 - 8\lambda^2 + 4\lambda - 48 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = -2, 4, 6$$

The eigenvalues are  $\lambda = -2, 4, 6$

The eigenvectors are given by  $(A - \lambda I) X = 0$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 5 - \lambda & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 - \lambda & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 5 - \lambda \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

For  $\lambda = -2$  we have

$$\begin{pmatrix} 7 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 7 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

$$7x_1 + 0x_2 + x_3 = 0$$

$$0x_1 + 0x_2 + 0x_3 = 0$$

$$x_1 + 0x_2 + 7x_3 = 0$$

Solving first and third equations we have

$$\frac{x_1}{0-0} = \frac{x_2}{1-49} = \frac{x_3}{0-0}$$

$$\frac{x_1}{0} = \frac{x_2}{-48} = \frac{x_3}{0}$$

$$\frac{x_1}{0} = \frac{x_2}{-1} = \frac{x_3}{0}$$

The eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue  $\lambda = -2$  is

$$X_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

For  $\lambda = 4$  we have

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -6 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

$$x_1 + 0x_2 + x_3 = 0$$

$$0x_1 - 6x_2 + 0x_3 = 0$$

$$x_1 + 0x_2 + x_3 = 0$$

Solving second and third equations we have

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{x_1}{-6-0} &= \frac{x_2}{0-0} = \frac{x_3}{0-(-6)} \\ \frac{x_1}{-6} &= \frac{x_2}{0} = \frac{x_3}{6} \\ \frac{x_1}{-1} &= \frac{x_2}{0} = \frac{x_3}{1}\end{aligned}$$

The eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue  $\lambda = 4$  is

$$X_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

For  $\lambda = 6$  we have

$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -8 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

$$-x_1 + 0x_2 + x_3 = 0$$

$$0x_1 - 8x_2 + 0x_3 = 0$$

$$x_1 + 0x_2 - x_3 = 0$$

Solving second and third equations we have

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{x_1}{8-0} &= \frac{x_2}{0-0} = \frac{x_3}{8-0} \\ \frac{x_1}{8} &= \frac{x_2}{0} = \frac{x_3}{8} \\ \frac{x_1}{1} &= \frac{x_2}{0} = \frac{x_3}{1}\end{aligned}$$

The eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue  $\lambda = 6$  is

$$X_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

### Example 7

Find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors for the matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

**Solution.** The characteristic equation is  $|A - \lambda I| = 0$  where

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

The general form of characteristic equation is

$$\lambda^3 - S_1\lambda^2 + S_2\lambda - S_3 = 0$$



where

$S_1 = \text{Sum of the main diagonal entries} \Rightarrow S_1 = 8$

$S_2 = \text{Sum of the minors of the main diagonal entries} \Rightarrow S_2 = 19$

$S_3 = \text{Determinant of the matrix } A \Rightarrow S_3 = 12$

$$\lambda^3 - 8\lambda^2 + 19\lambda - 12 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = 1, 3, 4$$

The eigenvalues are  $\lambda = 1, 3, 4$

The eigenvectors are given by  $(A - \lambda I) X = 0$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 - \lambda & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 - \lambda & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 3 - \lambda \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

For  $\lambda = 1$  we have

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

$$2x_1 - x_2 + 0x_3 = 0$$

$$-x_1 + x_2 - x_3 = 0$$

$$0x_1 - x_2 + 2x_3 = 0$$

Solving second and third equations we have

$$\frac{x_1}{2-1} = \frac{x_2}{0-(-2)} = \frac{x_3}{1-0}$$
$$\frac{x_1}{1} = \frac{x_2}{2} = \frac{x_3}{1}$$

The eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue  $\lambda = 1$  is

$$X_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

For  $\lambda = 3$  we have

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$
$$\begin{aligned} 0x_1 - x_2 + 0x_3 &= 0 \\ -x_1 - x_2 - x_3 &= 0 \\ 0x_1 - x_2 + 0x_3 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Solving first two equations we have

$$\frac{x_1}{1+0} = \frac{x_2}{0+0} = \frac{x_3}{0-1}$$

$$\frac{x_1}{1} = \frac{x_2}{0} = \frac{x_3}{-1}$$

The eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue  $\lambda = 3$  is

$$X_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

For  $\lambda = 4$  we have

$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & -2 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} -x_1 - x_2 + 0x_3 &= 0 \\ -x_1 - 2x_2 - x_3 &= 0 \\ 0x_1 - x_2 - x_3 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Solving first two equations we have

$$\frac{x_1}{1+0} = \frac{x_2}{0-1} = \frac{x_3}{2-1}$$
$$\frac{x_1}{1} = \frac{x_2}{-1} = \frac{x_3}{1}$$

The eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue  $\lambda = 4$  is

$$X_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

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