

Assignment 2

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Abstract—This document calculate the n^{th} power of given matrix A, using Cayley Hamilton theorem.

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I. PROBLEM

If $A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -4 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ then prove that $A^n = \begin{pmatrix} 1 + 2n & -4n \\ n & 1 - 2n \end{pmatrix}$, where n is any positive integer.

II. SOLUTION

Characteristic equation of A is $\lambda^2 - 2\lambda + 1 = 0$.
 By using Cayley Hamilton theorem, given matrix A is a solution of its own characteristic equation.
 So $A^2 - 2A + I = 0$.

$$A^2 = 2A - I \quad (1)$$

$$A^3 = 3A - 2I \quad (2)$$

$$A^4 = 4A - 3I \quad (3)$$

$$A^5 = 5A - 4I \quad (4)$$

By the substitution,

$$A^n = nA - (n - 1)I \quad (5)$$

Substituting matrix $A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -4 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ in above equation,

$$A^n = n \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -4 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} - (n - 1) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (6)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 3n & -4n \\ n & -n \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} (n - 1) & 0 \\ 0 & (n - 1) \end{pmatrix} \quad (7)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 2n + 1 & -4n \\ n & 1 - 2n \end{pmatrix} \quad (8)$$

$$\text{So, } A^n = \begin{pmatrix} 2n + 1 & -4n \\ n & 1 - 2n \end{pmatrix}$$