

Compute the eigenvalues of the following matrices.

1.

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

2.

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

3.

$$C = \begin{pmatrix} \pi & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -7 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & i & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 8 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 7 & 9 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

Solution:

1.

$$\begin{aligned} A - \lambda I &= \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{2} - \lambda & \pi \\ 0 & 1 - \lambda \end{pmatrix} \quad (1P) \Rightarrow 0 = \det(A - \lambda I) = (\sqrt{2} - \lambda)(1 - \lambda) \quad (1P) \\ &\Rightarrow \sigma(A) = \{\sqrt{2}, 1\} \quad (2P) \end{aligned}$$

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Alternatively: Argue via triangular matrix (2P)

2.

$$B - \lambda I = \begin{pmatrix} -\lambda & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & (1 - \lambda) & 3 \\ 2 & 0 & (1 - \lambda) \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} -\lambda & 0 \\ 1 & (1 - \lambda) \\ 2 & 0 \end{matrix} \quad (1P)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow 0 &= \det(B - \lambda I) = -\lambda(1 - \lambda)^2 \quad (1P) \\ \Rightarrow \sigma(B) &= \{0, 1\} \quad (2P) \end{aligned}$$