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Up to now we have been concerned with solving equations of the form

$$A * x = c$$

where A is a given matrix $[a_{ij}]_{n \times n}$ and c is a given constant (column) vector.

In the equation A * x = c, we solve for the unknown vector, x. We now consider an equation in two unknowns:

$$A * x = \lambda * x$$

where λ ('lambda') is an unknown scalar and x is an unknown vector. A trivial solution to this equation is x = 0, the origin.



Definition: Eigen Value, Eigen Vector

$$A * x = \lambda * x$$

A trivial solution is x = 0, the origin vector, as for any matrix, A, A * 0 = 0.

Also for any scalar, λ , $\lambda * 0 = 0$. Therefore $A * 0 = \lambda * 0$.

Definition

Eigen Value; Eigen Vector

A scalar, λ , is the **eigen value** of an $n \times n$ matrix A, if there is a non trivial solution, x, to the equation $A * x = \lambda * x$. Such a vector, x, is called the **eigen vector** corresponding to the eigen value λ .

Example: Eigen Value and Vector

Example

Let the matrix

$$A = \left[\begin{array}{ccc} 5 & 6 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & -8 \\ 1 & 0 & -2 \end{array} \right]$$

Later, we show that $\lambda = 3$ is an eigen value of A and a

corresponding eigen vector is $x = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$. We can check

$$A * X = \lambda * X
as: \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 6 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & -8 \\ 1 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} * \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 15 \\ -6 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = 3 * \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Geometric View

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Geometrically, given the eigen vector, $x \neq 0$, the matrix, A, scales the vector by a scalar λ i.e. for a particular vector (the eigen vector), x, the matrix, A, multiplies it by λ where $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$. An eigen vector cannot be 0, but an eigen value may be 0.

$$A*x=0*x$$

If A * x = 0, where $x \neq 0$, then the matrix A has no inverse. Assume $x \neq 0$ and A * x = 0. If A has an inverse A^{-1} then

$$A * x = 0$$
 $A^{-1} * (A * x) = A^{-1} * 0$
 $x = 0$

a contradiction

Generally, a matrix A has an inverse iff 0 is not an eigen value of A.



We can express $A * x = \lambda * x$ as:

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix} * \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = \lambda * \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$$

i.e. rewrite as linear system

$$a_{11} * x_1 + a_{12} * x_2 \dots a_{1n} * x_n = \lambda * x_1$$

 $a_{21} * x_1 + a_{22} * x_2 \dots a_{2n} * x_n = \lambda * x_2$
 \vdots \vdots
 $a_{n1} * x_1 + a_{n2} * x_2 \dots a_{nn} * x_n = \lambda * x_n$

i.e



$$(a_{11} - \lambda) * x_1 + a_{12} * x_2 \dots a_{1n} * x_n = 0$$

$$a_{21} * x_1 + (a_{22} - \lambda) * x_2 \dots a_{2n} * x_n = 0$$

$$\vdots \qquad \vdots$$

$$a_{n1} * x_1 + a_{n2} * x_2 \dots (a_{nn} - \lambda) * x_n = 0$$

This is a **Homogeneous** equation. In Matrix form:

$$\begin{bmatrix} (a_{11} - \lambda) & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & (a_{22} - \lambda) & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \dots & (a_{nn} - \lambda) \end{bmatrix} * \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

This can can written as: $(A - \lambda * Id) * x = 0$ where $(A - \lambda * Id)$ is the matrix of the coefficients. Recall that Id is the Identity Matrix.

The matrix,
$$\lambda*Id$$
 , can be written as
$$\begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda & & 0 \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & \lambda \end{bmatrix}:$$

and $A - \lambda * Id$ can be written as:

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda & & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \lambda \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} (a_{11} - \lambda) & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & (a_{22} - \lambda) & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \dots & (a_{nn} - \lambda) \end{bmatrix}$$

From before, a system of Homogeneous equations either has:

- Only the trivial solution, i.e. x=0 . This occurs if $|A-\lambda*Id\rangle|\neq 0$.
- or Infinitely many non-trivial solutions, in addition to the trivial solution.

We consider the non-trivial solutions and for non-trivial solutions the determinant $|A - \lambda * Id)| = 0$.

The determinant, $|A - \lambda * Id|$ is called the **Characteristic Determinant** of A and this gives rise to the **Characteristic Polynomial** of A. The equation $|A - \lambda * Id| = 0$ is called the **Characteristic Equation**. The solutions to the Characteristic Equation are the **eigen values** of the matrix, A.

Trace of Matrix = Sum of Eigen Values

The Trace of Matrix
$$M = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$
 is the sum

along the main diagonal i.e.

$$Tr(M) = a_{11} + a_{22} + \cdots + a_{nn} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} a_{ii}$$

$\mathsf{Theorem}$

Tr(M) = sum of the eigen values of M

Also

The product of the eigen values = |M|, the determinant of M.

If A is a $n \times n$ matrix then $|A - \lambda * Id|$ gives rise to order n polynomial. The roots of this polynomial are the eigen values of A.

Example

Find the eigen values of the matrix, $A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$.

The characteristic equation is:
$$\begin{vmatrix} 4-\lambda & 1\\ 3 & 2-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$
.: $(4-\lambda)*(2-\lambda)-3=0$.:

$$\lambda^2 - 6 * \lambda + 5 = 0$$
 : factorising we get,

Formula:Use the formula for the roots of $a * \lambda^2 + b * \lambda + c$

$$\lambda = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4 * a * c}}{2 * a}$$
$$= \frac{6 \pm \sqrt{36 - 20}}{2} = 3 \pm 2$$

either $\lambda = 1$ or $\lambda = 5$.

$$\lambda^2 - 6 * \lambda + 5 = (\lambda - 1) * (\lambda - 5).$$

This results in two eigen values: $\lambda_1 = 1$ and $\lambda_2 = 5$.

Trace of Matrix, Determinant and Eigen Values

Trace of Matrix is the sum along the main diagonal.

Let
$$M = [a_{ij}]_{n \times n}$$
 then $Tr(M) = a_{11} + a_{22} + \cdots + a_{nn}$
From Theorem: above:

If
$$\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$$
 are the eigen values of M then $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \dots, +\lambda_n = Tr(M)$.

Example:

From above,
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$
 and the

eigen values are $\lambda_1=1$ and $\lambda_2=5$.

$$Tr(A) = 4 + 2 = 6$$
 and also $Tr(A) = \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = 1 + 5 = 6$. Also.

$$\lambda_1 * \lambda_2 * \dots * \lambda_n = |A|$$

 $|A| = 8 - 3 = 5$, Also $\lambda_1 * \lambda_2 = 1 * 5 = 5$ and so $|A| = \lambda_1 * \lambda_2$.



Eigen Vector Example

Example

Find the eigen vectors of the matrix, $A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ corresponding to the eigen values $\lambda_1 = 1$ and $\lambda_2 = 5$.

For $\lambda_1 = 1$ the equation $A * x = \lambda_1 * x$ becomes:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} * \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = 1 * \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ i.e}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4-1 & 1 \\ 3 & 2-1 \end{bmatrix} * \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} i.e.$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} * \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$
 : this represents the linear equation:

$$3 * x_1 + x_2 = 0$$
 i.e. $x_1 = -\frac{1}{3} * x_2$



The eigen vector
$$x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$
 has the form $\begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{3} * t \\ t \end{bmatrix}$ where t is a parameter for x_2 . We can write $\begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{3} * t \\ t \end{bmatrix}$ as $t * \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{3} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ and with $t = -3$, we can consider $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$ as an eigen vector for eigen value $\lambda_1 = 1$.

Check:

Show that
$$A * x = \lambda_1 * x$$
 when $A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$, $\lambda_1 = 1$ and $x = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$. $\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} * \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$ $= \begin{bmatrix} 4-3 \\ 3-6 \end{bmatrix}$ $= \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$ $= 1 * \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$

Find the eigen vectors of the matrix, $A=\left[\begin{array}{cc}4&1\\3&2\end{array}\right]$ corresponding to the eigen value $\lambda_2=5.$

For $\lambda_2 = 5$ the equation $A * x = \lambda_2 * x$ becomes:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} * \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = 5 * \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ i.e}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4-5 & 1 \\ 3 & 2-5 \end{bmatrix} * \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ i.e.}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 3 & -3 \end{bmatrix} * \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \therefore \text{ this represents the linear equation:}$$

$$-x_1 + x_2 = 0$$

$$3 * x_1 - 3 * x_2 = 0$$

From these equations: we have $x_1 = x_2$.



The eigen vector $x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$ has the form $\begin{bmatrix} t \\ t \end{bmatrix}$ where t is a parameter for x_2 . We can write $\begin{bmatrix} t \\ t \end{bmatrix}$ as $t * \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ and with t = 1 we can consider $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ as an eigen vector for eigen value $\lambda_2 = 5$.

Check:

Show that
$$A * x = \lambda_2 * x$$
 when $A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$, $\lambda_2 = 5$ and $x = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$. $\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} * \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ $= \begin{bmatrix} 4+1 \\ 3+2 \end{bmatrix}$ $= \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$ $= 5 * \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Eigen Values and Vectors 3×3 Matrices

Eigen Values and Vectors, 3×3 Matrices.

To find the solutions to the Equation:

$$A * x = \lambda * x$$

we first find the values for λ (there may be more than one solution for λ).

For a given value of λ , the eigen value, we find the corresponding eigen vector and so a solution for the vector, x.

Find Eigen Values

Find the Eigen values for the matrix:

$$A = \left[\begin{array}{ccc} 5 & 6 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & -8 \\ 1 & 0 & -2 \end{array} \right]$$

The Characteristic Equation is $|A - \lambda * Id| = 0$ i.e.

$$\begin{vmatrix} 5 - \lambda & 6 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 - \lambda & -8 \\ 1 & 0 & -2 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

Calculating the determinant: (Expand along colum 1)

$$(5-\lambda)*\begin{vmatrix} (-1-\lambda) & -8 \\ 0 & (-2-\lambda) \end{vmatrix}$$

$$-0*\begin{vmatrix} 6 & 2 \\ 0 & (-2-\lambda) \end{vmatrix}$$

$$+1*\begin{vmatrix} 6 & 2 \\ (-1-\lambda) & -8 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (5-\lambda)*((-1-\lambda)*(-2-\lambda)) - 0 + (6*(-8) - (-1-\lambda)*2))$$

$$= (5-\lambda)*(2+\lambda+2*\lambda+\lambda^2) + (-48+2+2*\lambda)$$

$$= (5-\lambda)*(\lambda^2+3*\lambda+2) + (2*\lambda-46)$$

$$= 5*\lambda^2+15*\lambda+10-\lambda^3-3*\lambda^2-2*\lambda+2*\lambda-46$$

$$= -\lambda^3+2*\lambda^2+15*\lambda-36$$

Solve for λ in the equation:

$$-\lambda^3 + 2 * \lambda^2 + 15 * \lambda - 36 = 0$$

Multiply across by 1

$$\lambda^3 - 2 * \lambda^2 - 15 * \lambda + 36 = 0$$

From properties of polynomials:

The roots of the polynomial $(\lambda^3 - 2 * \lambda^2 - 15 * \lambda + 36)$ divide 36. Assuming integers: the factors of 36 are:

$$\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \pm 4, \pm 6, \pm 9, \pm 12, \pm 18, \pm 36.$$

By a process of elimination, 3 is a root as

$$3^3 - 2 * 3^2 - 15 * 3 + 36 = 0$$



Since 3 is a root of $(\lambda^3 - 2 * \lambda^2 - 15 * \lambda + 36)$ then $\lambda - 3$ is a factor:

Dividing
$$(\lambda^3 - 2 * \lambda^2 - 15 * \lambda + 36)$$
 by $\lambda - 3$ we get $(\lambda^2 + \lambda - 12)$
 \therefore

$$\lambda^{3} - 2 * \lambda^{2} - 15 * \lambda + 36 = (\lambda - 3) * (\lambda^{2} + \lambda - 12).$$

$$\lambda - 3 \qquad \lambda^2 + \lambda - 12$$

$$\lambda - 3 \qquad \lambda^3 - 2 * \lambda^2 - 15 * \lambda + 36$$

$$\lambda^3 - 3 * \lambda^2$$
subtract
$$\lambda^2 - 15 * \lambda + 36$$

$$\lambda^2 - 3 * \lambda$$
subtract
$$-12 * \lambda - 36$$
subtract
$$0$$

Factorise $\lambda^2 + \lambda - 12$, Use the formula for the roots of $a * \lambda^2 + b * \lambda + c$

$$\lambda = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4 * a * c}}{2 * a}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{1^2 - 4 * 1 * (-12)}}{2}$$
$$= \frac{-1 \pm 7}{2}$$

$$\lambda = -4$$
 or $\lambda = 3$

From above we can factorise $\lambda^3 - 2 * \lambda^2 - 15 * \lambda + 36$ as $(\lambda - 3) * (\lambda + 4) * (\lambda - 3)$

The number, 3, is a repeated root of the characteristic equation.

Note:

The roots of $\lambda^2 + \lambda - 12$ may be obtained by inspection as $(-4)*3 = -12 :: \lambda^2 + \lambda - 12 = (\lambda + 4)*(\lambda - 3)$.

Finding Eigen Vectors

For each eigen value we have a corresponding eigen vector, i.e. find a vector, x, such that for $\lambda = -4$:

$$A * x = -4 * x$$

 $(A + 4 * Id) * x = 0$

i.e. Homogeneous equation with Augmented Matrix

$$\left[\begin{array}{cccc}
9 & 6 & 2 & 0 \\
0 & 3 & -8 & 0 \\
1 & 0 & 2 & 0
\end{array}\right]$$

Reduce to Reduced Row Echelon Form.



Eigen Vector corresponding to $\lambda = -4$

Augmented matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 9 & 6 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & -8 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

swap R1 and R3

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccccc} 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & -8 & 0 \\ 9 & 6 & 2 & 0 \end{array}\right]$$

$$R3 := R3 - 9 * R1$$

$$\begin{bmatrix}
9 & 6 & 2 & 0 \\
0 & 3 & -8 & 0 \\
1 & 0 & 2 & 0
\end{bmatrix}
\begin{bmatrix}
1 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\
0 & 3 & -8 & 0 \\
0 & 6 & -16 & 0
\end{bmatrix}$$

$$R2 := \frac{R2}{3}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix}
1 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\
0 & 3 & -8 & 0 \\
9 & 6 & 2 & 0
\end{bmatrix}
\qquad
\begin{bmatrix}
1 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\
0 & 1 & -\frac{8}{3} & 0 \\
0 & 6 & -16 & 0
\end{bmatrix}$$

$$R3 := R3 - 6 * R2$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{cccc}
1 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\
0 & 1 & -\frac{8}{3} & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0
\end{array}\right]$$

Rewrite this augmented matrix back as a system of linear equations:

$$x_1 + 2 * x_3 = 0$$

 $x_2 - \frac{8}{3} * x_3 = 0$

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$$x_1 = -2 * x_3$$

 $x_2 = \frac{8}{3} * x_3$

Thus the eigen vector corresponding to the eigen value -4:

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} -2 * x_3 \\ \frac{8}{3} * x_3 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} \text{ i.e. } x = x_3 * \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ \frac{8}{3} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

(Use parameter s for x_3 .)

$$x = s * \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ \frac{8}{3} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

With s = 3 we have the eigen vector $\begin{bmatrix} -6 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}$

Check that
$$A * \begin{bmatrix} -6 \\ 8 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = -4 * \begin{bmatrix} -6 \\ 8 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 6 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & -8 \\ 1 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} * \begin{bmatrix} -6 \\ 8 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 24 \\ -32 \\ -12 \end{bmatrix} = -4 * \begin{bmatrix} -6 \\ 8 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Eigen Vector corresponding to $\lambda = 3$

With
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 6 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & -8 \\ 1 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$
 and $\lambda = 3$ we seek vectors x such that
$$(A - 3 * Id) * x = 0.$$

i.e.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 & 2 \\ 0 & -4 & -8 \\ 1 & 0 & -5 \end{bmatrix} *x = 0$$

Augmented Matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -4 & -8 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -5 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

swap R1 and R3

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c}
1 & 0 & -5 & 0 \\
0 & -4 & -8 & 0 \\
2 & 6 & 2 & 0
\end{array}\right]
\left[\begin{array}{cccc|c}
1 & 0 & -5 & 0 \\
0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\
0 & 6 & 12 & 0
\end{array}\right]$$

$$R3 := R3 - 2 * R1$$

$$\begin{bmatrix}
2 & 6 & 2 & 0 \\
0 & -4 & -8 & 0 \\
1 & 0 & -5 & 0
\end{bmatrix}
\qquad
\begin{bmatrix}
1 & 0 & -5 & 0 \\
0 & -4 & -8 & 0 \\
0 & 6 & 12 & 0
\end{bmatrix}$$

$$R2 := \frac{R2}{-4}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -5 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 6 & 12 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R3 := R3 - 6 * R2$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -5 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Rewrite this augmented matrix back as a system of linear equations:

$$x_1 - 5 * x_3 = 0$$

$$x_2 + 2 * x_3 = 0$$

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$$x_1 = 5 * x_3$$

$$x_2 = -2 * x_3$$



Thus the eigen vectors corresponding to the eigen value 3:

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} 5 * x_3 \\ -2 * x_3 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = x_3 * \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Using parameter, s, for x_3 we have eigen vectors:

$$x = s * \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
, where s is a scalar.

With s = 1, we have an eigen vector: $\begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Check

$$\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 6 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & -8 \\ 1 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} * \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 15 \\ -6 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= 3 * \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$