## **Chapter-4 Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors**

Let  $A = (a_{ij})_{n \times n}$  is a square matrix. A non-zero vector V in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is called an eigenvector of A if AV is a scalar multiple of V; that is  $AV = \lambda V$  for some scalar  $\lambda$ . The scalar  $\lambda$  is called an eigenvalue of Aand V is called the eigenvector of A corresponding to  $\lambda$ .

**Example:** The vector  $V = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  is an eigenvector of  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 8 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$  corresponding to the eigenvalue

$$AV = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 8 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} = 3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \lambda V.$$

#### **Characteristic matrix:**

Provided that A is a square matrix of order  $n \times n$ . Then the matrix  $A - \lambda I$  is called the characteristic matrix where  $\lambda$  is scalar and I is the unit matrix.

#### **Example:**

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$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 2 - \lambda & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 - \lambda & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 - \lambda \end{bmatrix}$$

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#### **Characteristic polynomial:**

The determinant  $|A - \lambda I|$  results a polynomial of  $\lambda$ , which is called characteristic polynomial of matrix A. Following is an example of characteristic polynomial of  $\lambda$  of degree 3, the order of the matrix A,

$$|A - \lambda I| = \begin{vmatrix} 2 - \lambda & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 - \lambda & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 - \lambda \end{vmatrix}$$
  
=  $(2 - \lambda)(6 - 5\lambda + \lambda^2) - 2(1 - \lambda) + 1(2 - 3 + \lambda)$   
=  $\lambda^3 - 7\lambda^2 + 11\lambda - 5$ .

#### **Characteristic equation:**

The equation  $|A - \lambda I| = 0$  is called characteristic equation for matrix A.

For example,  $\lambda^3 - 7\lambda^2 + 11\lambda - 5 = 0$  is characteristic polynomial for the above matrix A.

#### Characteristic roots or eigenvalues:

The roots of the characteristic equation  $|A - \lambda I| = 0$  are called characteristic roots of matrix A.

So, the characteristic roots or eigenvalues are 1,1 and 5

#### **Example:**

Find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ 

#### **Solution:**

The characteristic matrix of A is,

$$A - \lambda I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & 2 \end{bmatrix} - \lambda \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 - \lambda & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -2 - \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & 2 - \lambda \end{bmatrix}$$
The characteristic polynomial of  $A$  is  $|A - \lambda I| = \begin{bmatrix} 1 - \lambda & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -2 - \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & 2 - \lambda \end{bmatrix}$ 

The characteristic equation of A is  $(\lambda - 1)(\lambda + 2)(\lambda - 2) =$ So, the characteristic roots or the Eigenvalues of A is  $\lambda = 1, -2, 2$ 

Now by definition  $V = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{bmatrix}$  is an Eigenvector of A corresponding to the Eigenvalue  $\lambda$  if and only if

V is a non-trivial solution of  $(A - \lambda I)V = 0$ 

V is a non-trivial solution of 
$$(A - \lambda I)V = 0$$
  
So, 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 - \lambda & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -2 - \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & 2 - \lambda \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$
When  $\lambda = 1$ , then 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$
Forming a linear system, we have 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$
So, 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 - \lambda & 2 & -1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$
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$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

Forming a linear system, we have

$$0 \cdot v_1 + 2 \cdot v_2 - 1 \cdot v_3 = 0$$

$$0 \cdot v_1 - 3 \cdot v_2 + 0 \cdot v_3 = 0$$

$$0 \cdot v_1 + 5 \cdot v_2 + 1 \cdot v_3 = 0$$

Solving we get  $v_2 = v_3 = 0$ 

MatLab command for finding eigenvalues and

$$>> A=[1 2 -1;0 -2 0;0 5 2]$$

eigenvectors =

Hence  $v_1$  is a free variable. Let,  $v_1 = a$ , where a is any real number. Therefore, the eigenvector of A

corresponding to the eigenvalue  $\lambda = 1$  are the non-zero vectors of the form  $\mathbf{V} = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . In particular, if

$$a = 1$$
, then  $\mathbf{V} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  is an Eigenvector corresponding to the Eigenvalue of  $\lambda = 1$ 

Again, when  $\lambda = -2$ , we find

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

Forming a linear system, we have

$$3 \cdot v_1 + 2 \cdot v_2 - 1 \cdot v_3 = 0$$

$$0 \cdot v_1 - 0 \cdot v_2 + 0 \cdot v_3 = 0$$

$$0 \cdot v_1 + 5 \cdot v_2 + 4 \cdot v_3 = 0$$

This system has one free variable. Let  $v_3 = b$ .

$$v_2 = -\frac{4b}{5}$$
 and  $v_1 = -\frac{13b}{15}$ 

Therefore, 
$$V = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{13b}{15} \\ \frac{4b}{5} \\ h \end{bmatrix}$$
.

In particular, let b = -15

So, 
$$V = \begin{bmatrix} 13 \\ 12 \\ -15 \end{bmatrix}$$
 is an eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue  $\lambda = -2$ 

When  $\lambda = 2$ ,

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -4 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

Forming a linear system, we have

$$-1 \cdot v_1 + 2 \cdot v_2 - 1 \cdot v_3 = 0$$

$$0 \cdot v_1 - 4 \cdot v_2 + 0 \cdot v_3 = 0$$

$$0 \cdot v_1 + 5 \cdot v_2 + 0 \cdot v_3 = 0$$

Hence,  $v_2 = 0$  and  $v_3$  is free variable. Let  $v_3 = c$  then we have  $v_1 = -c$ 

Therefore, 
$$V = \begin{bmatrix} -c \\ 0 \\ c \end{bmatrix}$$

In particular, if 
$$c = 1$$
 we have  $V = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

**Example:** Solve the following system of differential equation using eigenvalue and eigenvector.

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x_1}(t) = -1.5x_1(t) + 0.5x_2(t) \\ \dot{x_2}(t) = x_1(t) - x_2(t) \end{cases} \text{ with } x_1(0) = 5, x_2(0) = 4.$$

where 
$$\dot{x_1}(t) = \frac{dx_1}{dt}$$
 and  $\dot{x_2}(t) = \frac{dx_2}{dt}$ .

**Solution:** 

Let, 
$$X(t) = \begin{pmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \end{pmatrix}$$
 and  $\dot{X}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} \dot{x_1}(t) \\ \dot{x_2}(t) \end{pmatrix}$ 

So, 
$$X(0) = \begin{pmatrix} x_1(0) \\ x_2(0) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$$
.

We write, 
$$A = \begin{pmatrix} -1.5 & 0.5 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$
.

Now the system of differential equation can be written as

$$\dot{X}(t) = AX(t)$$

Let  $\lambda$  and V be the eigenvalue and eigenvector of A respectively and C is an integral constant then we have the solution of the form,

$$X(t) = CVe^{\lambda t}$$
.

The characteristic matrix of 
$$A$$
 is  $A - \lambda I = \begin{pmatrix} -1.5 & 0.5 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} - \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ 

$$= \begin{pmatrix} -1.5 - \lambda & 0.5 \\ 1 & -1 - \lambda \end{pmatrix}$$
The characteristic polynomial of  $A$  is  $|A - \lambda I| = \begin{vmatrix} -1.5 - \lambda & 0.5 \\ 1 & -1 - \lambda \end{vmatrix}$ 

The characteristic equation of A is  $(\lambda + 1.5)(\lambda + 1) - 0.5 = 0$ 

$$\Rightarrow (\lambda^2 + 2.5\lambda + 1) = 0$$
  
\Rightarrow (\lambda + 0.5)(\lambda + 2) = 0

So the characteristic roots or the eigenvalues of A is  $\lambda = -0.5, -2$ 

Now by definition  $V = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix}$  is an eigenvector of A corresponding to the eigenvalue  $\lambda$  if and only if

V is a non-trivial solution of  $(A - \lambda I)V = 0$ 

So, 
$$\begin{pmatrix} -1.5 - \lambda & 0.5 \\ 1 & -1 - \lambda \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

So, 
$$\begin{pmatrix} -1.5 - \lambda & 0.5 \\ 1 & -1 - \lambda \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$
  
When  $\lambda = -0.5$ , then  $\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0.5 \\ 1 & -0.5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix} = 0$ 

Forming a linear system, we have

$$-v_1 + 0.5v_2 = 0$$

$$v_1 - 0.5v_2 = 0$$

Solving the above system, we get  $-v_1 + 0.5v_2 = 0$ .

Here  $v_2$  is a free variable. Let  $v_2 = a$ 

$$v_1 = a$$
 and  $v_2 = 2a$ .

Therefore, the eigenvector of A corresponding to the eigenvalue  $\lambda = -0.5$  are the non-zero vectors of the form  $V_1 = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ 2a \end{pmatrix}$ .

Again, when 
$$\lambda=-2$$
, then  $\begin{pmatrix} 0.5 & 0.5 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix}=0$ 

Forming a linear system, we have

$$0.5v_1 + 0.5v_2 = 0$$

$$v_1 + v_2 = 0$$

Solving the above system, we get  $0.5v_1 + 0.5v_2 = 0$ .

Here  $v_2$  is a free variable. Let  $v_2 = b$ 

Thus, we get  $v_1 = -b$  and  $v_2 = b$ .

Therefore, the eigenvector of A corresponding to the eigenvalue  $\lambda = -2$  are the non-zero vectors of the form  $V_2 = {\binom{-b}{h}}$ .

So, the solution of the system of differential equation can be written as,

$$X(t) = C_1 V_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} + C_2 V_2 e^{\lambda_2 t}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \end{pmatrix} = C_1 \begin{pmatrix} a \\ 2a \end{pmatrix} e^{-0.5t} + C_2 \begin{pmatrix} -b \\ b \end{pmatrix} e^{-2t}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} x_1(0) \\ x_2(0) \end{pmatrix} = C_1 \begin{pmatrix} a \\ 2a \end{pmatrix} + C_2 \begin{pmatrix} -b \\ b \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} = C_1 \begin{pmatrix} a \\ 2a \end{pmatrix} + C_2 \begin{pmatrix} -b \\ b \end{pmatrix}$$

We can write,

$$aC_1 - bC_2 = 5$$

$$2aC_1 + bC_2 = 4$$

Solving the system for  $C_1$  and  $C_2$ , we have,  $C_1 = 3/a$  and  $C_2 = -2/b$ . Therefore,

$$\binom{x_1(t)}{x_2(t)} = \frac{3}{a} \binom{a}{2a} e^{-0.5t} - \frac{2}{b} \binom{-b}{b} e^{-2t}$$

In particular, if a = 1, b = 1 then

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \end{pmatrix} = 3 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} e^{-0.5t} - 2 \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} e^{-2t}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3e^{-0.5t} \\ 6e^{-0.5t} \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} -2e^{-2t} \\ 2e^{-2t} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$x_1(t) = 3e^{-0.5t} + 2e^{-2t}$$

$$x_2(t) = 6e^{-0.5t} - 2e^{-2t}$$

### Sample Exercise-4.1

1. Find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of the following matrices

a. 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
 Ans:  $\lambda_1 = -1$ ,  $\lambda_2 = 3$ ,  $\boldsymbol{V}_1 = (-a, a)^T$ ,  $\boldsymbol{V}_2 = (b, b)^T$   $\boldsymbol{V}_1|_{a=1} = (-1, 1)^T$ ,  $\boldsymbol{V}_2|_{b=1} = (1, 1)^T$ 

b. 
$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$
 Ans:  $\lambda_1 = 2$ ,  $\lambda_2 = -1$ ,  $\boldsymbol{V}_1 = (-a, a)^T$ ,  $\boldsymbol{V}_2 = (0, b)^T$   $\boldsymbol{V}_1|_{a=1} = (-1, 1)^T$ ,  $\boldsymbol{V}_2|_{b=1} = (0, 1)^T$ 

c. 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$
 Ans:  $\lambda_1 = -1, \lambda_2 = 5, V_1 = (-2a, a)^T, V_2 = (b, b)^T$   $V_1|_{a=1} = (-2, 1)^T, V_2|_{b=1} = (1, 1)^T$ 

d. 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & -5 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$
 Ans:  $\lambda_1 = 1$ ,  $\lambda_2 = 2$ ,  $\lambda_3 = -2$  
$$\boldsymbol{V}_1 = (a, 0, 0)^T$$
,  $\boldsymbol{V}_2 = (-b, 0, b)^T$ ,  $\boldsymbol{V}_3 = (-0.2c, 0.8c, c)^T$  
$$\boldsymbol{V}_1|_{a=1} = (1,0,0)^T$$
,  $\boldsymbol{V}_2|_{b=1} = (-1,0,1)^T$ ,  $\boldsymbol{V}_2|_{c=1} = (-0.2,0.8,1)^T$ 

Ans: 
$$\lambda_1 = 2$$
,  $\lambda_2 = 1$ ,  $\lambda_3 = -1$ 

e. 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \\ -1 & -4 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$V_1 = (0, -a, a)^T, V_2 = (-b, -b, b)^T, V_3 = \left(-\frac{2c}{3}, -\frac{c}{3}, c\right)^T$$

$$V_1|_{a=1} = (0, -1, 1)^T, V_2|_{b=1} = (-1, -1, 1)^T, V_2|_{c=1} = \left(-\frac{2}{3}, -\frac{1}{3}, c\right)^T$$

2. Solve the following system of differential equations using eigenvalue and eigenvector where  $\dot{x_1}(t) = \frac{dx_1}{dt}$  and  $\dot{x_2}(t) = \frac{dx_2}{dt}$ 

a. 
$$\begin{cases} \dot{x_1}(t) = x_1(t) + 2x_2(t) \\ \dot{x_2}(t) = 3x_1(t) + 2x_2(t) \\ \text{with } x_1(0) = 0, x_2(0) = -4. \end{cases} \begin{pmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \end{pmatrix} = -\frac{8}{5a}e^{-t} \begin{pmatrix} -a \\ a \end{pmatrix} - \frac{4}{5b}e^{4t} \begin{pmatrix} 2b \\ 3b \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \end{pmatrix} = -\frac{8}{5}e^{-t} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{4}{5}e^{4t} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

b. 
$$\begin{cases} \dot{x_1}(t) = -5x_1(t) + x_2(t) & \text{Ans.} \\ \dot{x_2}(t) = 4x_1(t) - 2x_2(t) & \begin{pmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) = 1, x_2(0) = 2. \end{pmatrix} = \frac{3}{5}e^{-t}\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{2}{5}e^{-6t}\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

c. 
$$\begin{cases} \dot{x_1}(t) = x_2(t) & \text{Ans.} \\ \dot{x_2}(t) = 1.5x_1(t) - 2.5x_2(t) & \begin{pmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) = -4, x_2(0) = 9. \end{pmatrix} = -\frac{22}{7}e^{-3t}\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{3}{7}e^{0.5t}\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

### **Cayley-Hamilton Theorem:**

Every square matrix is a zero of its characteristic polynomial.

Or,

Every square matrix satisfies its characteristic equation

i. 
$$e A^n + a_{n-1}A^{n-1} + a_{n-2}A^{n-2} + \dots + a_1A + a_0I = 0$$

Example: Verify the Cayley-Hamilton theorem for the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 5 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ 

Solution: The characteristic matrix of A is  $A - \lambda I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} - \lambda \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  $= \begin{bmatrix} 1 - \lambda & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & -1 - \lambda & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ 

Therefore, the characteristic equation of the matrix 
$$A$$
 is  $|A - \lambda I| = 0$ 

$$\begin{vmatrix}
1 - \lambda & 2 & 3 \\
2 & -1 - \lambda & 1 \\
3 & 1 & 1 - \lambda
\end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda^3 - \lambda^2 - 15\lambda - 15 = 0$$

Now in order to verify Cayley –Hamilton theorem we have to show that

$$A^{3} - A^{2} - 15A - 15I = 0$$
So,  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ 

$$A^{2} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 14 & 3 & 8 \\ 3 & 6 & 6 \\ 8 & 6 & 11 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$A^{3} = A^{2}A = \begin{bmatrix} 14 & 3 & 8 \\ 3 & 6 & 6 \\ 8 & 6 & 11 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 44 & 33 & 53 \\ 33 & 6 & 21 \\ 53 & 21 & 41 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \therefore A^3 - A^2 - 15A - 15I \\ = \begin{bmatrix} 44 & 33 & 53 \\ 33 & 6 & 21 \\ 53 & 21 & 41 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 14 & 3 & 8 \\ 3 & 6 & 6 \\ 8 & 6 & 11 \end{bmatrix} - 15 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} - 15 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$A^3 - A^2 - 15A - 15I = 0$$

Hence Cayley-Hamilton theorem is verified.

**Example:** Using Cayley-Hamilton theorem find the inverse of the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ 

**Solution:** The characteristic matrix of A is  $A - \lambda I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} - \lambda \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ 

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1-\lambda & 2 & 3\\ 2 & -1-\lambda & 1\\ 3 & 1 & 1-\lambda \end{bmatrix}$$

Therefore, the characteristic equation of the matrix A is  $|A - \lambda I| = 0$ 

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 - \lambda & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & -1 - \lambda & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$
$$\Rightarrow \lambda^3 - \lambda^2 - 15\lambda - 15 = 0$$

Now according to the Cayley -Hamilton theorem, we have

$$A^{3} - A^{2} - 15A - 15I = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow A^{2} - A - 15I - 15A^{-1} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow A^{-1} = \frac{1}{15}[A^{2} - A - 15I]$$

Here,

$$A^{2} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 14 & 3 & 8 \\ 3 & 6 & 6 \\ 8 & 6 & 11 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore A^{-1} = \frac{1}{15} \begin{bmatrix} 14 & 3 & 8 \\ 3 & 6 & 6 \\ 8 & 6 & 11 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} - 15 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$=\frac{1}{15}\begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 & 5\\ 1 & -8 & 5\\ 5 & 5 & -5 \end{bmatrix}.$$

**Example:** Using Cayley-Hamilton theorem find the inverse of the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ 

The characteristic matrix of 
$$A$$
 is  $A - \lambda I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} - \lambda \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ 
$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 - \lambda & 2 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 - \lambda & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 - \lambda \end{bmatrix}.$$

Therefore, the characteristic equation of the matrix A is  $|A - \lambda I| = 0$ 

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 - \lambda & 2 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 - \lambda & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$
$$\Rightarrow \lambda^3 - 3\lambda^2 - 5\lambda + 1 = 0$$

Now according to the Cayley -Hamilton theorem, we have

$$A^3 - 3A^2 - 5A + I = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow A^2 - 3A - 5I + A^{-1} = 0$$

$$A^{-1} = 3A + 5I - A^2$$

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

$$A^{2} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 9 & 6 & 4 \\ 6 & 7 & 6 \\ 3 & 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Sample Exercise-4.2

State the Cayley-Hamilton theorem. Hence find the inverse of the following matrices using Cayley – Hamilton theorem and verify your result.

a. 
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Ans. 
$$A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -5 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

b. 
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Ans. 
$$A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 & -6 \\ -2 & -1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

c. 
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 1 \\ -2 & 3 & 4 \\ -5 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

Ans. 
$$A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 5 & -3 \\ -8 & 17 & -10 \\ 5 & -10 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

d. 
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 5 & 3 \\ 1 & 0 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

Ans. 
$$A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -40 & 16 & 9\\ 13 & -5 & -3\\ 5 & -2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

e. 
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

e. 
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$
 Ans.  $A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ 

# **Vector**

## **Vector Spaces**

### Vectors in $\mathbb{R}^2$ :

The set of all ordered pairs of real numbers is called two-dimensional vector space and is denoted by

$$\mathbb{R}^2 = \{(x, y) : x, y \in \mathbb{R}\}$$
, where  $\mathbb{R}^2 = \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$ 

**Example:** 
$$(1,2)$$
;  $(2,-1)$ ;  $(3,4)$ ;  $(\sqrt{3},5)$ ;  $(0,e) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ 

### Vectors in $\mathbb{R}^3$ :

The set of all ordered triplets of real numbers is called three-dimensional vector space and is denoted

$$\mathbb{R}^3 = \{(x, y, z) : x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}\}, \text{ where } \mathbb{R}^3 = \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$$

#### Vectors in $\mathbb{R}^n$ :

If n is a positive integer then the set of all ordered n triplets of real numbers is called vector n-space and is denoted by  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and if  $u \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ;  $u = (u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)$ , then u is called a n-dimensional vector in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . A particular n triplets in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is called co-ordinates of point.

### Addition of two vectors in $\mathbb{R}^2$ :

If 
$$\mathbf{a} = (a_1, a_2)$$
 and  $\mathbf{b} = (b_1, b_2)$  be two vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  then  $\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} = (a_1 + b_1, a_2 + b_2)$ 

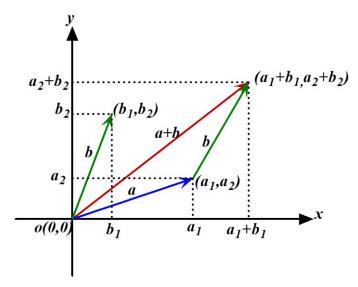


Fig: addition of two vectors.

#### Subtraction of two vectors in $\mathbb{R}^2$ :

If  $\mathbf{a} = (a_1, a_2)$  and  $\mathbf{b} = (b_1, b_2)$  be two vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  then  $\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b} = (a_1 - b_1, a_2 - b_2)$ 

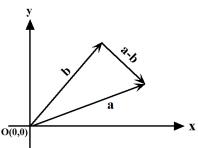


Fig: Subtraction of two vectors.

### Scalar multiplication of vectors in $\mathbb{R}^2$ :

Let  $k \in \mathbb{R}$  be a scalar and  $\mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{R}^2$  where  $\mathbf{u} = (u_1, u_2)$  is a vector in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  then  $k\mathbf{u} = k(\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2) = (k\mathbf{u}_1, k\mathbf{u}_2)$ 

#### **Zero Vector:**

The vector whose components are all zero is called the zero vector and is denoted by  $\mathbf{0}$  and defined by  $\mathbf{0} = (0,0,\ldots,0)$ 

### Dot or Inner product of two non-zero vectors:

Let  $u(u_1, u_2)$  and  $v(v_1, v_2)$  are two non-zero vectors and  $\theta$  be the angle between. The dot product of u and v is denoted by u, v and defined by u,  $v = ||u|| ||v|| \cos \theta = u_1 v_1 + u_2 v_2$ 

### Parallel vectors in $\mathbb{R}^2$ :

Let  $u, v \in \mathbb{R}^2$ , then the vector u is called parallel vector of v if u = kv. If the non-zero scalar k > 0 then they are in the same directed and if k < 0 then they are in opposite directed.

### Perpendicular vectors in $\mathbb{R}^2$ :

Let  $u, v \in \mathbb{R}^2$  then u and v are said to be perpendicular (or orthogonal) if  $u \cdot v = 0$  **Example:** Let  $u, v \in \mathbb{R}^2$  where u = (3, -4), v = (8,6);  $u \cdot v = 3 \cdot 8 + (-4) \cdot 6 = 0$ Hence u and v are perpendicular vector.

#### Distance between two vectors in $\mathbb{R}^2$ :

Let  $u, v \in \mathbb{R}^2$  where  $u(u_1, u_2)$  and  $v(v_1, v_2)$ , then the distance between u and v, denoted by d(u, v) are defined by  $d(u, v) = \sqrt{(u_1 - v_1)^2 + (u_2 - v_2)^2}$ 

**Example:** If 
$$u = (5,4)$$
,  $v = (1,1)$  then  $d(u,v) = \sqrt{(5-1)^2 + (4-1)^2} = \sqrt{16+9} = 5$ 

## Norm or Length in $\mathbb{R}^2$ :

Let  $\mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{R}^2$ , where  $\mathbf{u} = (u_1, u_2)$  then the norm or length or modulus of  $\mathbf{u}$  denoted by  $\|\mathbf{u}\|$  and is defined by  $\|\mathbf{u}\| = \sqrt{\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u}} = \sqrt{u_1^2 + u_2^2}$ 

**Example:** Let  $u, v \in \mathbb{R}^3$ ; where u = (1,0,-1), v = (2,-3,1) then find

$$(i)2\mathbf{u} + 3\mathbf{v}$$
  $(ii)\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}$   $(iii) \|\mathbf{v}\|$   $(iv) \|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}\|$   $(v)d(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v})$ 

#### **Solution:**

(i) 
$$2\mathbf{u} + 3\mathbf{v} = 2(1,0,-1) + 3(2,-3,1) = (2,0,-2) + (6,-9,3) = (8,-9,1)$$

(ii) 
$$\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = 1 \cdot 2 + 0 \cdot (-3) + (-1) \cdot 1 = 2 - 1 = 1$$

(iii) 
$$\|\mathbf{v}\| = \sqrt{4+9+1} = \sqrt{14}$$

(iv) 
$$\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v} = (1 - 2, 0 + 3, -1 - 1) = (-1, 3, -2)$$

$$||u - v|| = \sqrt{(-1)^2 + 3^2 + (-2)^2} = \sqrt{14}$$

$$(v)d(\mathbf{u},\mathbf{v}) = \sqrt{(1-2)^2 + (0+3)^2 + (-1-1)^2} = \sqrt{14}$$
.

#### **Vector Spaces:**

Let F be a field of scalars and V be a non-empty set of vectors. If V contains the following rules of vector addition and scalar multiplication, then V is called vector space over F.

#### In vector addition:

$$A_1: \boldsymbol{u}, \boldsymbol{v} \in V \Rightarrow (\boldsymbol{u} + \boldsymbol{v}) \in \boldsymbol{V}$$

$$A_2$$
:  $u, v, w \in V \Rightarrow (u + v) + w = u + (v + w)$ 

$$A_3$$
:  $u, 0 \in V \Rightarrow (u + 0) = (0 + u) = u$ , here **0** is the zero vector

$$A_4$$
:  $u, v \in V \Rightarrow u + v = v + u$ 

$$A_5$$
:  $\mathbf{u} \in \mathbf{V} \Rightarrow -\mathbf{u} \in \mathbf{V} \Rightarrow \mathbf{u} + (-\mathbf{u}) = (-\mathbf{u}) + \mathbf{u} = 0$ 

#### In scalar multiplication:

$$M_1$$
:  $a \in F$  and  $u \in V \Rightarrow au \in V$ 

$$M_2$$
:  $a \in F$  and  $u, v \in V \Rightarrow a(u + v) = au + av$ 

$$M_3$$
:  $a, b \in F$  and  $u \in V \Rightarrow (a + b)u = au + bu$ 

$$M_4$$
:  $a, b \in F$  and  $\mathbf{u} \in \mathbf{V} \Rightarrow (ab)\mathbf{u} = a(b\mathbf{u})$ 

$$M_3$$
:  $1 \in F \Rightarrow 1$ .  $u = u$ .  $1 = u$ ;  $u \in F$ 

#### **Subspace:**

Let W be a non empty subset of a vector space V over the field F. We call W a subspace of V if and only if W is a vector space over the field F under the laws of vector addition and scalar multiplication defined on V, or equivalently, W is a subspace of V wherever  $w_1, w_2 \in W$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in F$  implies that  $\alpha w_1 + \beta w_2 \in W$ .

**Example:** Show that  $S = \{(a, b, c) \mid a, b, c \in \mathbb{R} \text{ and } a + b + c = 0\}$  is a subspace of the vector space  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

**Solution:** Here 
$$\mathbf{0} \in \mathbb{R}^3$$
,  $\mathbf{0} = (0,0,0) \in S$   $\therefore 0 + 0 + 0 = 0$ 

Hence S is non empty set. Again, let 
$$\mathbf{u} = (a_1, b_1, c_1) \in S$$
 and  $\mathbf{v} = (a_2, b_2, c_2) \in S$ 

$$a_1 + b_1 + c_1 = 0$$
 and  $a_2 + b_2 + c_2 = 0$ 

For any scalars  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  we get  $\alpha u + \beta v = \alpha(a_1, b_1, c_1) + \beta(a_2, b_2, c_2)$ 

$$= (\alpha a_1 + \beta a_2, \alpha b_1 + \beta b_2, \alpha c_1 + \beta c_2)$$

Now, 
$$a + b + c = (\alpha a_1 + \beta a_2 + \alpha b_1 + \beta b_2 + \alpha c_1 + \beta c_2)$$
  
=  $\alpha(a_1 + b_1 + c_1) + \beta(a_2 + b_2 + c_2) = \alpha \cdot 0 + \beta \cdot 0 = 0$ 

 $\alpha u + \beta v \in S$ . Hence S is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

# Linear combination, Dependency and Independency of Vector

#### **Linear combination:**

Let V(F) be a vector space, where  $v_1, v_2, v_3 \dots v_n \in V$  and  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3 \dots \alpha_n \in F$ . If  $\alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2 + \alpha_3 v_3 + \dots + \alpha_n v_n = u \in V$ , then u is called linear combination of  $v_1, v_2, v_3 \dots v_n$ .

#### **Linear dependency of vectors:**

Let V(F) be a vector space, where  $v_1, v_2, v_3 \dots v_n \in V$  and  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3 \dots \alpha_n \in F$ . If  $\alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2 + \alpha_3 v_3 + \dots + \alpha_n v_n = \mathbf{0}$ , and at least one of the element of the set  $\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3 \dots \alpha_n\}$  is not zero, then the vectors  $v_1, v_2, v_3 \dots v_n$  are linearly dependent.

#### **Linear independency of vectors:**

Let V(F) be a vector space and  $v_1, v_2, v_3, ... v_n \in V$  and  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, ... \alpha_n \in F$ . If  $\alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2 + \alpha_3 v_3 + \cdots + \alpha_n v_n = \mathbf{0}$ , and all of the elements of the set  $\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3 ... \alpha_n\}$  are zero, then the vectors  $v_1, v_2, v_3 ... v_n$  are linearly independent.

**Example:** Write the vector  $\mathbf{u} = (1, -2, 5)$  as a linear combination of the vectors

$$u_1 = (1,1,1), \ u_2 = (1,2,3) \text{ and } u_3 = (2,-1,1).$$

**Solution:** Let  $\alpha_1 u_1 + \alpha_2 u_2 + \alpha_3 u_3 = u$ ; where  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3$  are scalars.

$$\alpha_1(1,1,1) + \alpha_2(1,2,3) + \alpha_3(2,-1,1) = (1,-2,5)$$
  
$$(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + 2\alpha_3, \alpha_1 + 2\alpha_2 - \alpha_3, \alpha_1 + 3\alpha_2 + \alpha_3) = (1,-2,5)$$

Equating corresponding components

$$\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + 2\alpha_3 = 1$$
  
 $\alpha_1 + 2\alpha_2 - \alpha_3 = -2$   
 $\alpha_1 + 3\alpha_2 + \alpha_3 = 5$ 

Solving using elementary row operation, we get  $\alpha_1 = -6$ ,  $\alpha_2 = 3$  and  $\alpha_3 = 2$ .

$$\therefore -6 u_1 + 3u_2 + 2u_3 = u$$

Hence u is a linear combination of the vectors  $u_1, u_2$  and  $u_3$ .

**Example:** Test whether the vectors  $\mathbf{u_1} = (1, 0, 1)$ ,  $\mathbf{u_2} = (-3, 2, 6) \& \mathbf{u_3} = (4, 5, -2)$  are linearly dependent or independent.

**Solution:** Let  $\alpha_1 u_1 + \alpha_2 u_2 + \alpha_3 u_3 = 0$ ; where  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3$  are scalars.

$$\alpha_1(1,0,1) + \alpha_2(-3,2,6) + \alpha_3(4,5,-2) = (0,0,0)$$
  
$$(\alpha_1 - 3\alpha_2 + 4\alpha_3, 0 + 2\alpha_2 + 5\alpha_3, \alpha_1 + 6\alpha_2 - 2\alpha_3) = (0,0,0)$$

We can write from above equation

$$\alpha_1 - 3\alpha_2 + 4\alpha_3 = 0$$
  
0 + 2\alpha\_2 + 5\alpha\_3 = 0  
\alpha\_1 + 6\alpha\_2 - 2\alpha\_3 = 0

Solving the above linear system, we get  $\alpha_1 = 0$ ,  $\alpha_2 = 0$  and  $\alpha_3 = 0$ . Hence the vectors  $u_1, u_2$  and  $u_3$  are linearly independent

## Sample Exercise-4.3

Write the vector  $\boldsymbol{u}$  as a linear combination of the vectors  $\boldsymbol{u_1}$ ,  $\boldsymbol{u_2}$  and  $\boldsymbol{u_3}$ , where

1. 
$$\mathbf{u} = (5, 9, 5), \mathbf{u_1} = (1, -1, 3), \mathbf{u_2} = (2, 1, 4), \mathbf{u_3} = (3, 2, 5).$$

2. 
$$\mathbf{u} = (6, 20, 2), \mathbf{u}_1 = (1, 2, 3), \mathbf{u}_2 = (1, 3, -2), \mathbf{u}_3 = (1, 4, 1).$$

3. 
$$\mathbf{u} = (4, 2, 1, 0), \mathbf{u}_1 = (3, 1, 0, 1), \mathbf{u}_2 = (1, 2, 3, 1), \mathbf{u}_3 = (0, 3, 6, 6).$$

Test whether the following vectors are linearly independent or dependent.

4. 
$$u_1 = (2, -1, 4), u_2 = (3, 6, 2), u_3 = (2, 10, -4)$$

5. 
$$u_1 = (3, 0, 1, -1), u_2 = (2, -1, 0, 1), u_3 = (1, 1, 1, -2)$$

6. 
$$u_1 = (1, -1, 2), u_2 = (3, -5, 1), u_3 = (2, 7, 8), u_4 = (-1, 1, 1)$$

7. 
$$u_1 = (2, 1, 2), u_2 = (0, 1, -1), u_3 = (4, 3, 3)$$
.

8. 
$$u_1 = (2, 0, -1), u_2 = (1, 1, 0), u_3 = (0, -1, 1)$$