Assignment-10

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Abstract—In this document, we present the solution to $\mathbf{AX} = c\mathbf{X}$

1 PROBLEM STATEMENT

Let

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \tag{1.0.1}$$

For which $\mathbf{X}$ does there exist a scalar c such that $\mathbf{AX} = c\mathbf{X}$

2 SOLUTION

Given

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \tag{2.0.1}$$

To find $\mathbf{X}$ such that $\mathbf{AX} = c\mathbf{X}$, consider

$$(\mathbf{AX} - c\mathbf{X}) = 0 \tag{2.0.2}$$
$$\implies (\mathbf{A} - c\mathbf{I})\mathbf{X} = 0 \tag{2.0.3}$$

Finding the corresponding eigenvalues and eigenvectors:

$$\det(\mathbf{A} - c\mathbf{I}) = 0 \tag{2.0.4}$$

$$\implies \begin{vmatrix} 5-c & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 5-c & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 5-c \end{vmatrix} = 0 \tag{2.0.5}$$

$$\implies c = 5 \tag{2.0.6}$$

$$\therefore \mathbf{A} - c\mathbf{I} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \tag{2.0.7}$$

From (2.0.3), we get

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{X} = 0 \tag{2.0.8}$$

Solving the homogeneous system of linear equations by performing rref, we get

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & |0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & |0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & |0 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow[R_3 \leftrightarrow R_2]{R_2 \leftrightarrow R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & |0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & |0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & |0 \end{pmatrix} \tag{2.0.9}$$

Now solving the matrix equation,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{x}_1 \\ \mathbf{x}_2 \\ \mathbf{x}_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \tag{2.0.10}$$

We get,

$$\mathbf{x}_1 = 0, \mathbf{x}_2 = 0, \mathbf{x}_3 = t \tag{2.0.11}$$

where, t is some constant. Therefore,

$$\mathbf{X} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ t \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} t \tag{2.0.12}$$

Hence for $\mathbf{X} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$, there exists a scalar $c = 5$ such that $\mathbf{AX} = c\mathbf{X}$.