

## Step-1

(a)

Let  $\lambda$  be an eigenvalue of  $A$  and the respective eigenvector is  $x$ .

Then,  $Ax = \lambda x$

Multiply with  $A$  on both sides to get,

$$\begin{aligned} A^2 x &= A(\lambda x) \\ &= \lambda(Ax) \text{ while } \lambda \text{ is the real number, it commutes with the matrix } A. \\ &= \lambda(\lambda x) \quad \text{Since } Ax = \lambda x \\ &= \lambda^2 x \end{aligned}$$

Given that,  $A^2 = I$ .

So,  $Ix = \lambda^2 x$  then  $x = \lambda^2 x$  and thus,  $\lambda^2 = 1$  implies  $\lambda = \pm 1$ .

Thus, the possible eigenvalues of  $A$  are  $\boxed{-1 \text{ and/or } 1}$ .

## Step-2

(b)

Suppose  $A$  is  $2 \times 2$  matrix and not equal to  $I$  or  $-I$ .

Since  $A$  is  $2 \times 2$  matrix with  $A^2 = I$ , so the possible eigenvalues are  $\hat{a} \in \{-1 \text{ and/or } 1\}$ .

But  $A$  is not equal to  $I$  or  $-I$ , so the eigenvalues are not equal to 1, 1 or  $\hat{a} \in \{-1, \hat{a} \in \{-1\}$ .

Hence the eigenvalues of  $A$  are  $\hat{a} \in \{-1, 1\}$ .

Recollect that, the trace of  $A$  is the sum of the eigenvalues and the determinant of  $A$  is nothing but the product of the eigenvalues.

Thus, the trace of the matrix  $A$  is  $-1 + 1 = \boxed{0}$

And the determinant of the matrix  $A$  is  $-1 \cdot 1 = \boxed{-1}$ .

## Step-3

(c)

The first row of matrix  $A$  is  $(3, -1)$ .

The objective is to find the second row of matrix  $A$ .

Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ x & y \end{bmatrix}$

Since  $A^2 = I$  so,

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ x & y \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ x & y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 9-x & -3-y \\ 3x+xy & -x+y^2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Then,

$$\begin{array}{lcl} 9-x=1 & & -3-y=0 \\ x=8 & & y=-3 \end{array}$$

Hence, the required matrix is  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 8 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Thus, the second row of matrix  $A$  is  $\boxed{(8, -3)}$ .

**Check:**

The characteristic equation of  $A$  is,

$$\begin{vmatrix} 3-\lambda & -1 \\ 8 & -3-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$(3-\lambda)(-3-\lambda) - (8)(-1) = 0$$

$$\lambda^2 - 9 + 8 = 0$$

$$\lambda^2 = 1$$

$$\lambda = \pm 1$$

So, the eigenvalues of  $A$  are  $\pm 1$  and 1.

Hence all the conditions of part  $A$  and  $B$  are satisfied.