

## Step-1

Consider the following:

$$Ax_k = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & & \\ -1 & . & . & \\ & . & . & -1 \\ & & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sin k\pi h \\ \sin 2k\pi h \\ \vdots \\ \sin nk\pi h \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 2\sin k\pi h - \sin 2k\pi h \\ -\sin k\pi h + 2\sin 2k\pi h - \sin 3k\pi h \\ \vdots \\ -\sin(n-1)k\pi h + 2\sin nk\pi h \end{bmatrix}$$

The  $i^{\text{th}}$  entry in the product is given by  $-\sin(i-1)k\pi h + 2\sin ik\pi h - \sin(i+1)k\pi h$ .

## Step-2

By Trigonometry, we know that  $\sin C + \sin D = 2\sin \frac{C+D}{2} \cos \frac{C-D}{2}$ .

Therefore, we get

$$\begin{aligned} -\sin(i-1)k\pi h + 2\sin ik\pi h - \sin(i+1)k\pi h &= 2\sin ik\pi h - (\sin(i-1)k\pi h + \sin(i+1)k\pi h) \\ &= 2\sin ik\pi h - (2\sin ik\pi h \cos k\pi h) \\ &= 2\sin ik\pi h (1 - \cos k\pi h) \\ &= (2 - 2\cos k\pi h) \sin ik\pi h \end{aligned}$$

This is same as the  $i^{\text{th}}$  entry in the product  $(2 - 2\cos k\pi h)x_k$ .

Therefore,  $\boxed{\lambda_k = (2 - 2\cos k\pi h)}$  is the eigenvalue of the matrix  $A$ .

## Step-3

Now let  $A$  be the same matrix of the order 3 by 3.

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

That is,

Therefore,

$$h = \frac{1}{n+1}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4}$$

### Step-4

Consider the 3 eigenvalues of  $A$ .

$$\lambda_1 = 2 - 2 \cos \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$= 2 - 2 \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$= 2 - \sqrt{2}$$

$$\lambda_2 = 2 - 2 \cos \frac{2\pi}{4}$$

$$= 2 - 2 \cos \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$= 2$$

$$\lambda_3 = 2 - 2 \cos \frac{3\pi}{4}$$

$$= 2 - 2 \left( -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right)$$

$$= 2 + \sqrt{2}$$

### Step-5

Thus, the three eigenvalues of  $A$  are  $\boxed{2 - \sqrt{2}}$ ,  $\boxed{2}$ , and  $\boxed{2 + \sqrt{2}}$ .