

Unit 1: Linear Algebra

(Book: Advanced Engineering Mathematics by Jain and Iyengar, Chapter-3)

Topic:

Eigen values and Eigen vectors

Learning Outcomes:

1. To know about properties of Eigen values and Eigen vectors
2. Use of properties of Eigen values in various types of matrices.

Properties of Eigen Values

For instance, let A be a square matrix of order 3.

Let $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3$ be the corresponding three Eigen values.

Then, the following properties always hold:

1. Product of the Eigen values is always equal to the determinant of matrix A .

i.e. $\det(A) = |A| = \lambda_1 \cdot \lambda_2 \cdot \lambda_3$

2. Sum of the Eigen values is always equal to the trace (Sum of diagonal elements) of matrix A i.e. $\text{Trace}(A) = \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_3$

Properties of Eigen Values

3. $\alpha\lambda_1, \alpha\lambda_2, \alpha\lambda_3$ are the Eigen values of αA .
4. $\lambda_1^{-1}, \lambda_2^{-1}, \lambda_3^{-1}$ are the Eigen values of A^{-1} .
5. $\lambda_1^m, \lambda_2^m, \lambda_3^m$ are the Eigen values of A^m .
6. A and A^T have the same eigen values.
7. For a real matrix A , if $\lambda = \alpha + i\beta$ is an eigen value, then its conjugate $\bar{\lambda} = \alpha - i\beta$ is also its Eigen value. This result does not hold if A is a complex matrix.

Problem 1. Find the Eigen values and the corresponding Eigen vectors of:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Show that: (I) Sum of the Eigen values is always equal to the trace of matrix A .

(II) Product of the Eigen values is always equal to the determinant of matrix A

Solution. The characteristic equation is: $|A - \lambda I| = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \left| \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} - \lambda \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right| = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \left| \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{bmatrix} \right| = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} 1 - \lambda & 4 \\ 3 & 2 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} 1-\lambda & 4 \\ 3 & 2-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (1-\lambda)(2-\lambda) - 12 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 - \lambda - 2\lambda + \lambda^2 - 12 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda^2 - 3\lambda - 10 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (\lambda - 5)(\lambda + 2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = 5, \lambda = -2$$

Let $\lambda_1 = 5, \lambda_2 = -2$ (Say)

Which are the required Eigen values.

(I) Sum of Eigen values $= \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = 5 - 2 = 3$

$$\text{Trace}(A) = 1 + 2 = 3$$

Hence, $\text{Trace}(A) = \text{Sum of Eigen values}$.

(II) Product of Eigen values $= \lambda_1 \cdot \lambda_2 = 5(-2) = -10$

$$\det(A) = |A| = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 3 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 2 - 12 = -10$$

Hence, $\det(A) = \text{Product of Eigen values}$.

Problem 2. Find the Eigen values and the corresponding Eigen vectors of:

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

Show that: (I) Sum of the Eigen values is always equal to the trace of matrix A .

(II) Product of the Eigen values is always equal to the determinant of matrix A .

Solution. The characteristic equation is: $|A - \lambda I| = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \left| \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} - \lambda \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right| = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \left| \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{bmatrix} \right| = 0$$

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

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

$$\Rightarrow (1-\lambda)(1-\lambda) + 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 - \lambda - \lambda + \lambda^2 + 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda^2 - 2\lambda + 2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{(-2)^2 - 4(1)(2)}}{2(1)} = \frac{2(1 \pm i)}{2} = 1 \pm i$$

Let $\lambda_1 = 1 + i$, $\lambda_2 = 1 - i$ (Say)

Which are the required Eigen values.

(I) Sum of Eigen values $= \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = (1 + i) + (1 - i) = 2$

$$\text{Trace}(A) = 1 + 1 = 2$$

Hence, $\text{Trace}(A) = \text{Sum of Eigen values}$.

(II) Product of Eigen values $= \lambda_1 \cdot \lambda_2 = (1 + i)(1 - i) = 1 - i^2 = 1 + 1 = 2$

$$\det(A) = |A| = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 1 - (-1) = 2$$

Hence, $\det(A) = \text{Product of Eigen values}$.

Problem 3. Find the Eigen values and the corresponding Eigen vectors of:

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

Show that: (I) Sum of the Eigen values is always equal to the trace of matrix A .

(II) Product of the Eigen values is always equal to the determinant of matrix A .

Solution. The characteristic equation is: $|A - \lambda I| = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \left| \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} - \lambda \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right| = 0$$

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

$$\Rightarrow (1-\lambda)(2-\lambda)(3-\lambda) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = 1, 2, 3$$

(I) Sum of Eigen values $= \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_3 = 1 + 2 + 3 = 6$

$$\text{Trace(A)} = 1 + 2 + 3 = 6$$

Hence, $\text{Trace(A)} = \text{Sum of Eigen values.}$

(II) Product of Eigen values $= \lambda_1 \cdot \lambda_2 \cdot \lambda_3 = 1(2)(3) = 6$

$$\det(A) = |A| = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = 1(6 - 0) - 0 + 0 = 6$$

Hence, $\det(A) = \text{Product of Eigen values.}$

Problem 4. Let a 4×4 matrix A have Eigen values $(1, -1, 2, -2)$. Find the value of determinant and trace of matrix $B = 2A + A^{-1} - I$.

Solution. Eigen values of $A = (1, -1, 2, -2)$

Eigen values of $A^{-1} = (1, -1, \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2})$

Eigen values of $I = (1, 1, 1, 1,)$

Eigen values of $B = 2(\text{Eigen values of } A) + (\text{Eigen values of } A^{-1})$
 $-(\text{Eigen values of } I)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Eigen values of } B &= 2(1, -1, 2, -2) + (1, -1, \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}) - (1, 1, 1, 1) \\
 &= (2 + 1 - 1, -2 - 1 - 1, 4 + \frac{1}{2} - 1, -4 - \frac{1}{2} - 1) \\
 &= (2, -4, \frac{7}{2}, -\frac{11}{2})
 \end{aligned}$$

$\det(B) = |B| = \text{Product of Eigen values of matrix } B$

$$= (2)(-4) \left(\frac{7}{2}\right) \left(-\frac{11}{2}\right) = 154$$

$\text{Trace}(B) = \text{Sum of Eigen values of matrix } B$

$$= 2 - 4 + \frac{7}{2} - \frac{11}{2} = -4$$

Problem 5. Let a 3×3 matrix A have Eigen values $(1, 2, -1)$. Find the value of determinant and trace of matrix $B = A - A^{-1} + A^2$.

Solution. Eigen values of $A = (1, 2, -1)$

Eigen values of $A^{-1} = (1, \frac{1}{2}, -1)$

Eigen values of $A^2 = (1, 4, 1)$

Eigen values of $B = (\text{Eigen values of } A) - (\text{Eigen values of } A^{-1})$
 $+ (\text{Eigen values of } A^2)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Eigen values of } B &= (1, 2, -1) - (1, \frac{1}{2}, -1) + (1, 4, 1) \\
 &= (1 - 1 + 1, 2 - \frac{1}{2} + 4, -1 + 1 + 1) \\
 &= (1, \frac{11}{2}, 1)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \det(B) &= |B| = \text{Product of Eigen values of matrix B} \\
 &= (1) \left(\frac{11}{2} \right) (1) = \frac{11}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Trace}(B) &= \text{Sum of Eigen values of matrix B} \\
 &= 1 + \frac{11}{2} + 1 = \frac{15}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

