

# MATRIX DIAGONALISATION

## A EIGENVALUES AND EIGENVECTORS

### A.1 CALCULATING EIGENVALUES

**Ex 1:** Find the eigenvalues of the matrix  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ .

**Ex 2:** Find the eigenvalues of the matrix  $\mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ 2 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$ .

**Ex 4:** Find the eigenvalues of the matrix  $\mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ .

**Ex 3:** Find the eigenvalues of the matrix  $\mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ .

**Ex 5:** Find the eigenvalues of the triangular matrix  $\mathbf{E} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 2 \\ 0 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$ .

## A.2 FINDING AN EIGENVALUE FROM AN EIGENVECTOR

**Ex 6:** Consider the matrix  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and the vector  $\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ .

1. Calculate the product  $\mathbf{Ax}$ .
2. Hence, determine the eigenvalue  $\lambda$  associated with the eigenvector  $\mathbf{x}$ .

**Ex 7:** Consider the matrix  $\mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ -1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$  and the vector  $\mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

1. Calculate the product  $\mathbf{Bu}$ .
2. Hence, determine the eigenvalue  $\lambda$  associated with the eigenvector  $\mathbf{u}$ .

**Ex 8:** Consider the matrix  $\mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 3 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$  and the vector  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$ .

1. Calculate the product  $\mathbf{Cv}$ .
2. Hence, determine the eigenvalue  $\lambda$  associated with the eigenvector  $\mathbf{v}$ .

## A.3 CALCULATING EIGENVECTORS

**Ex 9:** Consider the matrix  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .

One of the eigenvalues of this matrix is  $\lambda = 4$ .

Find the eigenvector  $\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$  corresponding to this eigenvalue.

**Ex 10:** Consider the matrix  $\mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$ .  
 One of the eigenvalues of this matrix is  $\lambda = 5$ .  
 Find the eigenvector  $\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$  corresponding to this eigenvalue.

**Ex 11:** Consider the matrix  $\mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -1 \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ .  
 One of the eigenvalues of this matrix is  $\lambda = 3$ .  
 Find the eigenvector  $\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$  corresponding to this eigenvalue.

**Ex 13:** Consider the matrix  $\mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$ .

1. Find the eigenvalues of matrix  $\mathbf{B}$ .
2. Find the corresponding eigenvectors.

#### A.4 FINDING EIGENVALUES AND EIGENVECTORS

**Ex 12:** Consider the matrix  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 7 & -4 \\ 8 & -5 \end{pmatrix}$ .

1. Find the eigenvalues  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  of matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ .
2. Find the corresponding eigenvectors  $\mathbf{x}_1$  and  $\mathbf{x}_2$ .

**Ex 14:** Consider the matrix  $\mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -1 \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ .

1. Find the eigenvalues of matrix  $\mathbf{C}$ .
2. Find the corresponding eigenvectors.

## B MATRIX DIAGONALISATION

### B.1 VERIFYING MATRIX DIAGONALISATION

**Ex 15:** The matrix

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 7 & -4 \\ 8 & -5 \end{pmatrix}$$

has eigenvalues  $\lambda_1 = 3$  and  $\lambda_2 = -1$  with corresponding eigenvectors

$$\mathbf{x}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{x}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Show that  $\mathbf{P} = (\mathbf{x}_1 \mid \mathbf{x}_2)$  diagonalises  $\mathbf{A}$ .

**Ex 16:** The matrix

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

has eigenvalues  $\lambda_1 = 4$  and  $\lambda_2 = 1$  with corresponding eigenvectors

$$\mathbf{x}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{x}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Show that  $\mathbf{P} = (\mathbf{x}_1 \mid \mathbf{x}_2)$  diagonalises  $\mathbf{A}$ .

**Ex 17:** The matrix

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

has eigenvalues  $\lambda_1 = 2$  and  $\lambda_2 = 1$  with corresponding eigenvectors

$$\mathbf{x}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{x}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Show that  $\mathbf{P} = (\mathbf{x}_1 \mid \mathbf{x}_2)$  diagonalises  $\mathbf{A}$ .

### B.2 PERFORMING FULL MATRIX DIAGONALISATION

**Ex 18:** Consider the matrix  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

Find the diagonal matrix  $\mathbf{D}$ , the matrix  $\mathbf{P}$  and its inverse  $\mathbf{P}^{-1}$  such that  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{P}^{-1}$ .

## C MATRIX POWERS

### C.1 CALCULATING MATRIX POWERS USING DIAGONALISATION

**Ex 21:** The matrix

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

diagonalises

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 8 & -5 \\ 10 & -7 \end{pmatrix}$$

with

$$\mathbf{P}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Calculate the matrix  $\mathbf{A}^4$ .

**Ex 19:** Consider the matrix  $\mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 9 & -10 \\ 5 & -6 \end{pmatrix}$ .

Find the diagonal matrix  $\mathbf{D}$ , the matrix  $\mathbf{P}$  and its inverse  $\mathbf{P}^{-1}$  such that  $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{PDP}^{-1}$ .

**Ex 22:** The matrix

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

diagonalises

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ -1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

with

$$\mathbf{P}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Calculate the matrix  $\mathbf{A}^6$ .

**Ex 20:** Consider the matrix  $\mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 3 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$ .

Find the diagonal matrix  $\mathbf{D}$ , the matrix  $\mathbf{P}$  and its inverse  $\mathbf{P}^{-1}$  such that  $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{PDP}^{-1}$ .

**Ex 23:** The matrix

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

diagonalises

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} -9 & 12 \\ -8 & 11 \end{pmatrix}$$

with

$$\mathbf{P}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Calculate the matrix  $\mathbf{A}^3$ .

## C.2 CALCULATING MATRIX POWERS USING DIAGONALISATION

**Ex 24:** Consider the matrix  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -2 \\ 4 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

1. Find the eigenvalues  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  of matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ .
2. Find the corresponding eigenvectors  $\mathbf{x}_1$  and  $\mathbf{x}_2$ .
3. Determine the matrices  $\mathbf{D}$ ,  $\mathbf{P}$ , and  $\mathbf{P}^{-1}$  such that  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{PDP}^{-1}$ .
4. Hence, calculate the matrix  $\mathbf{A}^6$ .

**Ex 25:** Consider the matrix  $\mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$ .

1. Find the eigenvalues  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  of matrix  $\mathbf{B}$ .
2. Find the corresponding eigenvectors  $\mathbf{x}_1$  and  $\mathbf{x}_2$ .
3. Determine the matrices  $\mathbf{D}$ ,  $\mathbf{P}$ , and  $\mathbf{P}^{-1}$  such that  $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{PDP}^{-1}$ .
4. Hence, calculate the matrix  $\mathbf{B}^4$ .