

CAYLEY - HAMILTON THEOREM

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STATEMENT: Every square matrix satisfies it's characteristic Equation.

$$A \rightarrow \text{ch. eqn} \rightarrow \lambda^n + a_{n-1}\lambda^{n-1} + a_{n-2}\lambda^{n-2} + \dots + a_0 = 0.$$

Cayley-Hamilton theorem means that

$$A^n + a_{n-1}A^{n-1} + a_{n-2}A^{n-2} + \dots + a_0I = 0.$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & -8 & -2 \\ 4 & -3 & -2 \\ 3 & -4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\lambda^3 - 6\lambda^2 + 11\lambda - 6 = 0$$

By C-H thm

$$A^3 - 6A^2 + 11A - 6I = 0.$$

1. Verify the Cayley-Hamilton theorem for the matrix A and hence, find A^{-1} and A^4 where

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

Soln: The characteristic equation is $\begin{vmatrix} 1-\lambda & 2 & -2 \\ -1 & 3-\lambda & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 1-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$

$$\lambda^3 - 5\lambda^2 + 9\lambda - 1 = 0$$

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To verify Cayley-Hamilton theorem, we have to

show that $A^3 - 5A^2 + 9A - I = 0$ ——— (1)

$$A^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -2 \\ -1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -2 \\ -1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 12 & -4 \\ -4 & 7 & 2 \\ 2 & -8 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^3 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 12 & -4 \\ -4 & 7 & 2 \\ 2 & -8 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -2 \\ -1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -13 & 42 & -2 \\ -11 & 9 & 10 \\ 10 & -22 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Sub in LHS of ①

$$A^3 - 5A^2 + 9A - I$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -13 & 42 & -2 \\ -11 & 9 & 10 \\ 10 & -22 & -3 \end{bmatrix} - 5 \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 12 & -4 \\ -4 & 7 & 2 \\ 2 & -8 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + 9 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -2 \\ -1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

∴ Hence Cayley-Hamilton Theorem is verified.

$$A^3 - 5A^2 + 9A - I = 0 \quad \text{--- ①}$$

Multiply through out by A^{-1}

$$A^2 - 5A + 9I - \bar{A}^{-1} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{A}^{-1} = A^2 - 5A + 9I =$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 6 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Multiplying ① by A

$$A^4 - 5A^3 + 9A^2 - A = 0$$

$$A^4 = 5A^3 - 9A^2 + A =$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -55 & 104 & 24 \\ -20 & -15 & 32 \\ 32 & -42 & 13 \end{bmatrix}$$

2. Find the characteristic equation of the matrix A given below and hence, find the matrix represented by

$$A^8 - 5A^7 + 7A^6 - 3A^5 + A^4 - 5A^3 + 8A^2 - 2A + I \text{ where } A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

∴ The characteristic eqn of A is $|2-\lambda \quad 1 \quad 1 \quad |$

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

Soln:- The characteristic eqn of A is

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

$$\lambda^3 - s_1\lambda^2 + s_2\lambda - |A| = 0$$

$$\lambda^3 - 5\lambda^2 + 7\lambda - 3 = 0$$

By Cayley-Hamilton theorem

$$A^3 - 5A^2 + 7A - 3I = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Now dividing $(\lambda^8 - 5\lambda^7 + 7\lambda^6 - 3\lambda^5 + \lambda^4 - 5\lambda^3 + 8\lambda^2 - 2\lambda + 1)$
by $(\lambda^3 - 5\lambda^2 + 7\lambda - 3)$

$$\begin{array}{r} \lambda^5 + \lambda \\ \hline \lambda^3 - 5\lambda^2 + 7\lambda - 3 \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \lambda^8 - 5\lambda^7 + 7\lambda^6 - 3\lambda^5 + \lambda^4 - 5\lambda^3 + 8\lambda^2 - 2\lambda + 1 \\ \underline{\lambda^8 - 5\lambda^7 + 7\lambda^6 - 3\lambda^5} \\ + \lambda^4 - 5\lambda^3 + 8\lambda^2 - 2\lambda + 1 \\ + \lambda^2 + \lambda + 1 \end{array} \right. \end{array}$$

∴ quotient = $\lambda^5 + \lambda$
remainder = $\lambda^2 + \lambda + 1$.

dividend = (divisor) × (quotient) + Remainder
writing this in terms of A.

$$A^8 - 5A^7 + 7A^6 - 3A^5 + A^4 - 5A^3 + 8A^2 - 2A + I$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \underbrace{(A^3 - 5A^2 + 7A - 3I)}_{=0} (A^5 + A) + (A^4 + A + I) \\
&= 0 + (A^2 + A + I) \quad (\text{using } \textcircled{1}) \\
&= A^2 + A + I
\end{aligned}$$

$$A^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 4 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore \text{given expression} = A^2 + A + I = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 5 & 5 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 5 & 5 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

3. Apply Cayley-Hamilton theorem to $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ and deduce that $A^8 = 625I$

Solⁿ!- Characteristic eqn of A $\begin{vmatrix} 1-\lambda & 2 \\ 2 & -1-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$

$$\begin{aligned}
(1-\lambda)(-1-\lambda) - 4 &= 0 \\
\lambda^2 - 5 &= 0
\end{aligned}$$

By Cayley-Hamilton theorem

$$A^2 - 5I = 0 \quad \text{--- } \textcircled{1}$$

$$\boxed{A^2 = 5I}$$

$$A^2 \cdot A^2 = 5I \cdot 5I$$

$$A^4 = 25I$$

$$A^4 \cdot A^4 = (25I)(25I)$$

$$A^8 = 625I$$

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4. If $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$, show that for every integer $n > 3$, $A^n = A^{n-2} + A^2 - I$, hence, find A^{50} ✓

Solⁿ :- The characteristic equation of A is $\begin{vmatrix} 1-\lambda & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0-\lambda & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0-\lambda \end{vmatrix}$

$$\Rightarrow (1-\lambda) [\lambda^2 - 1] = 0$$

$$\lambda^2 - 1 - \lambda^3 + \lambda = 0$$

$$\lambda^3 - \lambda^2 - \lambda + 1 = 0$$

∴ By Cayley-Hamilton theorem,

$$A^3 - A^2 - A + I = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Let $P(n) : A^n = A^{n-2} + A^2 - I, n \geq 3$

we will prove the result by the method of mathematical induction.

for $n=3$,

$$P(3) : A^3 = A + A^2 - I \quad \text{this is true from} \quad \textcircled{1}$$

Let us assume that $P(n)$ is true for $n=k$

$$\text{i.e. } A^k = A^{k-2} + A^2 - I \quad \text{--- } \textcircled{2}$$

TDE: $P(n)$ is true for $n=k+1$

$$A^{k+1} = A \cdot A^k = A \cdot (A^{k-2} + A^2 - I) \quad \text{(using } \textcircled{2})$$

$$= A^{(k+1)-2} + A^3 - A$$

$$= A^{(k+1)-2} + (A + A^2 - I) - A \quad (\text{using } \textcircled{1})$$

$$A^{k+1} = A^{(k+1)-2} + A^2 - I$$

$$\left\{ p(n) : A^n = A^{n-2} + A^2 - I \right\}$$

$\therefore p(n)$ is true for $n = k+1$

\therefore By mathematical induction,

$p(n) : A^n = A^{n-2} + A^2 - I$ is true for $n \geq 3$.

To find A^{50} , put $n = 50$ in $p(n)$

$$A^{50} = A^{48} + A^2 - I \quad \checkmark$$

$$A^{50} = (A^{46} + A^2 - I) + (A^2 - I) \quad (n=48)$$

$$A^{50} = A^{46} + 2(A^2 - I) \quad \checkmark$$

$$= A^{44} + A^2 - I + 2(A^2 - I)$$

$$A^{50} = A^{44} + 3(A^2 - I) \quad \checkmark$$



continuing like this 24 steps.

$$A^{50} = A^2 + 24(A^2 - I)$$

$$A^{50} = 25A^2 - 24I$$

$$\text{Now } A^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore A^{50} = 25 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} - 24 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 25 & 1 & 0 \\ 25 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$