

**Matrix algebra 5C**

$$1 \text{ a } \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 4 \\ 3 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

To find the eigenvalues:

$$\begin{vmatrix} 5-\lambda & 4 \\ 3 & 6-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$(5-\lambda)(6-\lambda) - 12 = 0$$

$$\lambda^2 - 11\lambda + 18 = 0$$

$$(\lambda - 9)(\lambda - 2) = 0$$

$$\lambda = 9 \text{ or } \lambda = 2$$

If  $\lambda = 9$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 5 & 4 \\ 3 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = 9 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating upper elements:

$$5x + 4y = 9x$$

$$y = x$$

Choosing  $x = 1$  gives  $y = 1$ , giving an eigenvector of  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

If  $\lambda = 2$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 5 & 4 \\ 3 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = 2 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating upper elements:

$$5x + 4y = 2x$$

$$4y = -3x$$

Choosing  $x = 4$  gives  $y = -3$ , giving an eigenvector of  $\begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}$

Therefore  $\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ -3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 9 \end{pmatrix}$

$$1 \text{ b } \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 & -2 \\ 5 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

To find the eigenvalues:

$$\begin{vmatrix} -3-\lambda & -2 \\ 5 & 4-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$(-3-\lambda)(4-\lambda) + 10 = 0$$

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

$$(\lambda+1)(\lambda-2) = 0$$

$$\lambda = -1 \text{ or } \lambda = 2$$

If  $\lambda = -1$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -3 & -2 \\ 5 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = - \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating upper elements:

$$-3x - 2y = -x$$

$$y = -x$$

Choosing  $x = -1$  gives  $y = 1$ , giving an eigenvector of  $\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

If  $\lambda = 2$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -3 & -2 \\ 5 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = 2 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating upper elements:

$$-3x - 2y = 2x$$

$$-2y = 5x$$

Choosing  $x = -2$  gives  $y = 5$ , giving an eigenvector of  $\begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$

Therefore  $\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & -1 \\ 5 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$

2 a Using  $\det(\mathbf{A} - \lambda\mathbf{I}) = 0$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1-\lambda & 3 \\ 3 & 1-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = (1-\lambda)^2 - 9 = 1 - 2\lambda + \lambda^2 - 9 \\ = \lambda^2 - 2\lambda - 8 = (\lambda - 4)(\lambda + 2) = 0 \\ \lambda = -2, 4$$

For  $\lambda = -2$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = -2 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x + 3y \\ 3x + y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2x \\ -2y \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating the upper elements

$$x + 3y = -2x \Rightarrow y = -x$$

Let  $x = 1$ , then  $y = -1$

An eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue  $-2$  is  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$

The magnitude of  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$  is  $\sqrt{(1^2 + (-1)^2)} = \sqrt{2}$ .

A normalised eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue  $-2$  is  $\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$

For  $\lambda = 4$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = 4 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x + 3y \\ 3x + y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4x \\ 4y \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating the upper elements

$$x + 3y = 4x \Rightarrow y = x$$

Let  $x = 1$ , then  $y = 1$

An eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue  $4$  is  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

The magnitude of  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  is  $\sqrt{(1^2 + 1^2)} = \sqrt{2}$ .

## 2 a (continued)

A normalised eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue 4 is  $\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$ .

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{P}^T = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{P}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{4}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{4}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} -1-1 & 2-2 \\ -1+1 & 2+2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

b Using  $\det(\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}) = 0$ 

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

$$= \lambda^2 - 5\lambda = \lambda(\lambda - 5) = 0$$

$$\lambda = 0, 5$$

For  $\lambda = 5$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ -2 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = 5 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x-2y \\ -2x+4y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5x \\ 5y \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating the upper elements

$$x - 2y = 5x \Rightarrow y = -2x$$

Let  $x = 1$ , then  $y = -2$

An eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue 5 is  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$

The magnitude of  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$  is  $\sqrt{(1^2 + (-2)^2)} = \sqrt{5}$ .

A normalised eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue 5 is  $\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \\ -\frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \end{pmatrix}$

## 2 b (continued)

For  $\lambda = 0$ 

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ -2 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = 0 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x - 2y \\ -2x + 4y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating the upper elements

$$x - 2y = 0 \Rightarrow x = 2y$$

Let  $y = 1$ , then  $x = 2$ An eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue 0 is  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ The magnitude of  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  is  $\sqrt{(2^2 + 1^2)} = \sqrt{5}$ .A normalised eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue 0 is  $\begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \end{pmatrix}$ 

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} & \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \\ -\frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{P}^T = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} & -\frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{P}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{P} &= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} & -\frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ -2 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} & \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \\ -\frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} & -\frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} + \frac{4}{\sqrt{5}} & \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} - \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \\ -\frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} - \frac{8}{\sqrt{5}} & -\frac{4}{\sqrt{5}} + \frac{4}{\sqrt{5}} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} & -\frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{5}{\sqrt{5}} & 0 \\ -\frac{10}{\sqrt{5}} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1+4 & 0 \\ 2-2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$3 \text{ a } \mathbf{Q} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -2 \\ -1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

To find the eigenvalues:

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

$$(4-\lambda)(3-\lambda) - 2 = 0$$

$$\lambda^2 - 7\lambda + 10 = 0$$

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

$$\lambda = 5 \text{ or } \lambda = 2$$

If  $\lambda = 5$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 4 & -2 \\ -1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = 5 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating upper elements:

$$4x - 2y = 5x$$

$$x = -2y$$

Choosing  $y = 1$  gives  $x = -2$ , giving an eigenvector of  $\begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

If  $\lambda = 2$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 4 & -2 \\ -1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = 2 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating upper elements:

$$4x - 2y = 2x$$

$$x = y$$

Choosing  $x = 1$  gives an eigenvector of  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

So  $\lambda = 2$  has an associated normalised eigenvector of  $\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$

and  $\lambda = 5$  has an associated normalised eigenvector of  $\begin{pmatrix} -\frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \end{pmatrix}$

Therefore  $\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$

$$4 \text{ a } \mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 - \lambda & \sqrt{2} \\ \sqrt{2} & 4 - \lambda \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\det(\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}) = \begin{vmatrix} 3 - \lambda & \sqrt{2} \\ \sqrt{2} & 4 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = (3 - \lambda)(4 - \lambda) - 2 = 12 - 7\lambda + \lambda^2 - 2$$

$$= \lambda^2 - 7\lambda + 10 = (\lambda - 2)(\lambda - 5)$$

$$\det(\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}) = 0 \Rightarrow (\lambda - 2)(\lambda - 5) = 0$$

The eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}$  are 2 and 5.

b For  $\lambda = 2$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & \sqrt{2} \\ \sqrt{2} & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = 2 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3x + \sqrt{2}y \\ \sqrt{2}x + 4y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2x \\ 2y \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating the upper elements

$$3x + \sqrt{2}y = 2x \Rightarrow x = -\sqrt{2}y$$

Let  $y = 1$ , then  $x = -\sqrt{2}$

An eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue 2 is  $\begin{pmatrix} -\sqrt{2} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

The magnitude of  $\begin{pmatrix} -\sqrt{2} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  is  $\sqrt{((- \sqrt{2})^2 + 1^2)} = \sqrt{3}$ .

A normalised eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue 2 is  $\begin{pmatrix} -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \end{pmatrix}$

For  $\lambda = 5$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & \sqrt{2} \\ \sqrt{2} & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = 5 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3x + \sqrt{2}y \\ \sqrt{2}x + 4y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5x \\ 5y \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating the upper elements

$$3x + \sqrt{2}y = 5x \Rightarrow \sqrt{2}y = 2x \Rightarrow y = \sqrt{2}x$$

Let  $x = 1$ , then  $y = \sqrt{2}$

## 4 b (continued)

An eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue 5 is  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}$

The magnitude of  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}$  is  $\sqrt{1^2 + (\sqrt{2})^2} = \sqrt{3}$ .

A normalised eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue 5 is  $\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}} \end{pmatrix}$

$$\mathbf{c} \quad \mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$5 \quad \mathbf{a} \quad \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 7 & 4 \\ 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 7 & 4 \\ 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 18 \\ 9 \end{pmatrix} = 9 \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{Therefore } \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ is an eigenvector of } A$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 7 & 4 \\ 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} = -1 \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{Therefore } \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \text{ is an eigenvector of } A$$

b Adam is incorrect, since the eigenvectors are not normalised.

$$\text{Normalising } \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ gives } \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Normalising } \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \text{ gives } \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Therefore } \mathbf{Q} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} & \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \end{pmatrix}$$



$$6 \text{ a } \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

To find the eigenvalues:

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

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

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

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

$$\lambda = 5 \text{ or } \lambda = -2$$

If  $\lambda = 5$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = 5 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating upper elements:

$$2x + 4y = 5x$$

$$4y = 3x$$

Choosing  $x = 4$  gives  $y = 3$ , giving an eigenvector of  $\begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$

If  $\lambda = -2$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = -2 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating upper elements:

$$2x + 4y = -2x$$

$$y = -x$$

Choosing  $y = 1$  gives an eigenvector of  $\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$$6 \text{ b } \text{Therefore } P = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } D = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

6 c

$$\begin{aligned}
 \begin{pmatrix} u_{n+1} \\ v_{n+1} \end{pmatrix} &= \mathbf{P}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} x_{n+1} \\ y_{n+1} \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \mathbf{P}^{-1} \mathbf{A} \begin{pmatrix} x_n \\ y_n \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \mathbf{P}^{-1} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{P} \mathbf{P}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} x_n \\ y_n \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \mathbf{D} \mathbf{P}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} x_n \\ y_n \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \mathbf{D} \begin{pmatrix} u_n \\ v_n \end{pmatrix} \text{ as required}
 \end{aligned}$$

**d**  $u_{n+1} = -2u_n$  so  $u_{n+1} = u_1 \times (-2)^n$   
 $v_{n+1} = 5v_n$  so  $v_{n+1} = v_1 \times 5^n$

$$\begin{pmatrix} u_n \\ v_n \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{P}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} x_n \\ y_n \end{pmatrix} \text{ so } \begin{pmatrix} x_n \\ y_n \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{P} \begin{pmatrix} u_n \\ v_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_n \\ v_n \end{pmatrix}$$

$$x_n = -u_n + 4v_n = -u_1 \times (-2)^{n-1} + 4v_1 \times 5^{n-1}$$

$$y_n = u_n + 3v_n = u_1 \times (-2)^{n-1} + 3v_1 \times 5^{n-1}$$

When  $n = 1$ ,  $3 = -u_1 + 4v_1$   
 $1 = u_1 + 3v_1$

Solving simultaneously gives  $u_1 = -\frac{5}{7}$  and  $v_1 = \frac{4}{7}$

Therefore  $x_n = \frac{5}{7} \times (-2)^{n-1} + \frac{16}{7} \times 5^{n-1}$  and  $y_n = -\frac{5}{7} \times (-2)^{n-1} + \frac{12}{7} \times 5^{n-1}$

$$7 \text{ a } \mathbf{M} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

To find the eigenvalues:

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

$$(3-\lambda)(-\lambda) + 2 = 0$$

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

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

$$\lambda = 1 \text{ or } \lambda = 2$$

If  $\lambda = 1$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating lower elements:

$$2x = y$$

Choosing  $x = 1$  gives  $y = 2$ , giving an eigenvector of  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$

If  $\lambda = 2$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = 2 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating lower elements:

$$2x = 2y$$

$$y = x$$

Choosing  $x = 1$  gives an eigenvector of  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

Therefore  $P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $D = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$

$$7 \text{ b } \mathbf{D}^{100} = (\mathbf{P}^{-1}\mathbf{M}\mathbf{P})^{100} = \mathbf{P}^{-1}\mathbf{M}^{100}\mathbf{P}$$

$$\text{Therefore } \mathbf{M}^{100} = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{D}^{100}\mathbf{P}^{-1}$$

$$\text{Using a calculator gives } \mathbf{P}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Therefore } \mathbf{M}^{100} &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2^{100} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 2^{101} & -2^{100} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 2^{101} - 1 & 1 - 2^{100} \\ 2^{101} - 2 & 2 - 2^{100} \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$8 \text{ a } \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 & -1 \\ -1 & 6 & -1 \\ 2 & -2 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

To find the eigenvalues:

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1-\lambda & 4 & -1 \\ -1 & 6-\lambda & -1 \\ 2 & -2 & 4-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$(1-\lambda)[(6-\lambda)(4-\lambda)-2] - 4[-1(4-\lambda)+2] - 1[2-2(6-\lambda)] = 0$$

$$(1-\lambda)(\lambda^2 - 10\lambda + 22) - 4(-2 + \lambda) - (-10 + 2\lambda) = 0$$

$$\lambda^2 - 10\lambda + 22 - \lambda^3 + 10\lambda^2 - 22\lambda + 8 - 4\lambda + 10 - 2\lambda = 0$$

$$-\lambda^3 + 11\lambda^2 - 38\lambda + 40 = 0$$

$$\lambda^3 - 11\lambda^2 + 38\lambda - 40 = 0$$

$$\text{Let } f(\lambda) = \lambda^3 - 11\lambda^2 + 38\lambda - 40$$

$$f(2) = 2^3 - 11 \times 2^2 + 38 \times 2 - 40 = 0 \Rightarrow (\lambda - 2) \text{ is a factor}$$

$$\text{So } f(\lambda) = (\lambda - 2)(\lambda^2 + k\lambda + 20)$$

Equating coefficients of  $\lambda^2$  gives

$$-2 + k = -11, \text{ so } k = -9$$

$$(\lambda - 2)(\lambda^2 - 9\lambda + 20) = 0$$

$$(\lambda - 2)(\lambda - 4)(\lambda - 5) = 0$$

Therefore the required eigenvalues are 2, 4 and 5.

Taking  $\lambda = 2$ :

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 & -1 \\ -1 & 6 & -1 \\ 2 & -2 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = 2 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

## 8 a (continued)

Equating upper elements:

$$x + 4y - z = 2x$$

$$x - 4y + z = 0 \quad (1)$$

Equating lower elements:

$$2x - 2y + 4z = 2z$$

$$2x - 2y + 2z = 0$$

$$x - y + z = 0 \quad (2)$$

(1)–(2) gives  $-3y = 0$ , so  $y = 0$  and  $x = -z$ Therefore choosing  $x = 1$  gives an eigenvector of  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ Taking  $\lambda = 4$ :

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 & -1 \\ -1 & 6 & -1 \\ 2 & -2 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = 4 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating upper elements:

$$x + 4y - z = 4x$$

$$3x - 4y + z = 0 \quad (1)$$

Equating lower elements:

$$2x - 2y + 4z = 4z$$

$$2x - 2y = 0$$

$$x = y \quad (2)$$

Substituting into (1) gives  $x = z$ Therefore choosing  $z = 1$  gives an eigenvector of  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ Taking  $\lambda = 5$ :

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 & -1 \\ -1 & 6 & -1 \\ 2 & -2 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = 5 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating upper elements:

$$x + 4y - z = 5x$$

$$4x - 4y + z = 0 \quad (1)$$

Equating lower elements:

$$2x - 2y + 4z = 5z$$

$$2x - 2y - z = 0 \quad (2)$$

(1)+(2) gives  $6x - 6y = 0$ , so  $x = y$

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Therefore choosing  $x = 1$  gives  $y = 1$  and  $z = 0$ , so an eigenvector is  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\text{Therefore } P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } D = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{b} \quad \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 6 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & -2 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

To find the eigenvalues:

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1-\lambda & 2 & 1 \\ 6 & -1-\lambda & 0 \\ -1 & -2 & -1-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$(1-\lambda)[(-1-\lambda)(-1-\lambda)-0]-2[6(-1-\lambda)-0]+1[-12+(-1-\lambda)]=0$$

$$(1-\lambda)(\lambda^2+2\lambda+1)-12(-1-\lambda)+(-13-\lambda)=0$$

$$\lambda^2+2\lambda+1-\lambda^3-2\lambda^2-\lambda+12+12\lambda-13-\lambda=0$$

$$-\lambda^3+\lambda^2+12\lambda=0$$

$$\lambda^3+\lambda^2-12\lambda=0$$

$$\lambda(\lambda^2+\lambda-12)=0$$

$$\lambda(\lambda+4)(\lambda-3)=0$$

Therefore the required eigenvalues are  $-4, 0$  and  $3$ .

Taking  $\lambda = -4$ :

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 6 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & -2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = -4 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating middle elements:

$$6x - y = -4y$$

$$6x = -3y$$

$$y = -2x$$

Equating upper elements:

$$x + 2y + z = -4x$$

$$5x + 2y - z = 0$$

Therefore choosing  $x = -1$  gives  $y = 2$  and  $z = 1$ , so an eigenvector is  $\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

**8 b (continued)**

Taking  $\lambda = 0$ :

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 6 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & -2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = 0 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating middle elements:

$$6x - y = 0$$

$$y = 6x$$

Equating upper elements:

$$x + 2y + z = 0$$

Therefore choosing  $x = -1$  gives  $y = -6$  and  $z = 13$ , so an eigenvector is  $\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -6 \\ 13 \end{pmatrix}$

Taking  $\lambda = 3$ :

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 6 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & -2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = 3 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating middle elements:

$$6x - y = 3y$$

$$6x = 4y$$

$$3x = 2y$$

Equating upper elements:

$$x + 2y + z = 3x$$

$$-2x + 2y + z = 0$$

Therefore choosing  $x = -2$  gives  $y = -3$  and  $z = 2$ , so an eigenvector is  $\begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\text{Therefore } P = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 & -2 \\ 2 & -6 & -3 \\ 1 & 13 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } D = \begin{pmatrix} -4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$9 \quad \mathbf{M} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

**a**  $\mathbf{M}$  is not a symmetric matrix, therefore it is not orthogonally diagonalisable.

**b** To find the eigenvalues:

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

$$(1-\lambda)[(1-\lambda)(-\lambda)-6] = 0$$

$$(1-\lambda)(-6-\lambda+\lambda^2) = 0$$

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

$$-6+5\lambda+2\lambda^2-\lambda^3 = 0$$

$$\lambda^3-2\lambda^2-5\lambda+6 = 0$$

$$\text{Let } f(\lambda) = \lambda^3 - 2\lambda^2 - 5\lambda + 6$$

$$f(1) = 0 \Rightarrow (\lambda - 1) \text{ is a factor}$$

$$\text{So } f(\lambda) = (\lambda - 1)(\lambda^2 + k\lambda - 6)$$

Equating coefficients of  $\lambda^2$  gives

$$-1 + k = -2, \text{ so } k = -1$$

$$(\lambda - 1)(\lambda^2 - \lambda - 6) = 0$$

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

Therefore the required eigenvalues are  $-2$ ,  $1$  and  $3$ .



9 c Taking  $\lambda = 1$ :

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating middle elements:

$$y + 2z = y$$

$$z = 0$$

Equating lower elements:

$$3y = z$$

$$y = 0$$

Therefore one possible eigenvector is  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

Taking  $\lambda = -2$ :

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = -2 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating middle elements:

$$y + 2z = -2y$$

$$3y + 2z = 0$$

Equating upper elements:

$$x + 2y + 3z = -2x$$

$$3x + 2y + 3z = 0$$

Choosing  $z = 1$  gives  $y = -\frac{2}{3}$  and  $x = -\frac{5}{9}$

Multiplying each value by 9 gives an eigenvector of  $\begin{pmatrix} -5 \\ -6 \\ 9 \end{pmatrix}$

Taking  $\lambda = 3$ :

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = 3 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating middle elements:

$$y + 2z = 3y$$

$$y = z$$

Equating upper elements:

$$x + 2y + 3z = 3x$$

$$2y + 3z = 2x$$

Choosing  $z = 1$  gives  $y = 1$  and  $x = \frac{5}{2}$

Multiplying each value by 2 gives an eigenvector of  $\begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 5 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$

9 d Forming a matrix of eigenvectors gives  $P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -5 & 5 \\ 0 & -6 & 5 \\ 0 & 9 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$

$$10 \text{ a } \mathbf{PP}^T = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{2} & \frac{2}{6} - \frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{2} & \frac{2}{6} - \frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{2}{6} - \frac{1}{3} & \frac{2}{6} - \frac{1}{3} & \frac{4}{6} + \frac{1}{3} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{I}$$

Hence  $\mathbf{P}$  is an orthogonal matrix.

$$10 \text{ b } \mathbf{P}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{3}{2} & -\frac{3}{2} & 1 \\ -\frac{3}{2} & \frac{3}{2} & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{3}{2\sqrt{6}} - \frac{3}{2\sqrt{6}} + \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} & -\frac{3}{2\sqrt{3}} + \frac{3}{2\sqrt{3}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{3}{2\sqrt{2}} + \frac{3}{2\sqrt{2}} \\ -\frac{3}{2\sqrt{6}} + \frac{3}{2\sqrt{6}} + \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{3}{2\sqrt{3}} - \frac{3}{2\sqrt{3}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & -\frac{3}{2\sqrt{2}} - \frac{3}{2\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} + \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & -\frac{3}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{4}{\sqrt{6}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{6} + \frac{2}{6} + \frac{8}{6} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{18}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{18}} - \frac{2}{\sqrt{18}} & -\frac{3}{\sqrt{12}} - \frac{3}{\sqrt{12}} \\ -\frac{2}{18} - \frac{2}{18} + \frac{4}{\sqrt{18}} & -\frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{3} & -\frac{3}{\sqrt{6}} + \frac{3}{\sqrt{6}} \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{12}} - \frac{2}{\sqrt{12}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{3}{2} + \frac{3}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}, \text{ a diagonal matrix.}$$

$$11 \mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I} = \begin{pmatrix} 2-\lambda & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 2-\lambda & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 2-\lambda \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \det(\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}) &= \begin{vmatrix} 2-\lambda & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 2-\lambda & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 2-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = (2-\lambda) \begin{vmatrix} 2-\lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 2-\lambda \end{vmatrix} - 0 \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 2-\lambda \end{vmatrix} + 2 \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 2-\lambda \\ 2 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= (2-\lambda)^3 - 4(2-\lambda) = (2-\lambda)((2-\lambda)^2 - 4) = (2-\lambda)(-\lambda)(4-\lambda) \\ &= -\lambda(2-\lambda)(4-\lambda) \end{aligned}$$

$$\det(\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}) = 0 \Rightarrow -\lambda(\lambda - 2)(\lambda - 4) = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = 0, 2, 4$$

For  $\lambda = 0$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = 0 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2x + 2z \\ 2y \\ 2x + 2z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating the top elements

$$2x + 2z = 0 \Rightarrow z = -x$$

Let  $x = 1$ , then  $z = -1$

Equating the middle elements

$$2y = 0 \Rightarrow y = 0$$

An eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue 0 is  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$

The magnitude of  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$  is  $\sqrt{(1^2 + 0^2 + (-1)^2)} = \sqrt{2}$ .

A normalised eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue 2 is  $\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$

For  $\lambda = 2$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = 2 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2x + 2z \\ 2y \\ 2x + 2z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2x \\ 2y \\ 2z \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating the top elements

$$2x + 2z = 2x \Rightarrow z = 0$$

## 11 (continued)

Equating the lowest elements

$$2x + 2z = 2z \Rightarrow x = 0$$

y can any value

Let  $y = 1$

An eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue 2 is  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

The magnitude of this vector is 1, so it is already normalised.

For  $\lambda = 4$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = 4 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2x + 2z \\ 2y \\ 2x + 2z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4x \\ 4y \\ 4z \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating the top elements

$$2x + 2z = 4x \Rightarrow z = x$$

Let  $x = 1$ , then  $z = 1$

Equating the middle elements

$$2y = 4y \Rightarrow 2y = 0 \Rightarrow y = 0$$

An eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue 4 is  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

The magnitude of  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  is  $\sqrt{(1^2 + 0^2 + 1^2)} = \sqrt{2}$

A normalised eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue 4 is  $\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$

## 11 (continued)

$$\text{Let } \mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } \mathbf{P}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{P} &= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \frac{4}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{4}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 2-2 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2+2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

**12 a** For  $\lambda = 0$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 5 & 3 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = 0 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 5x + 3y + 3z \\ 3x + y + z \\ 3x + y + z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating the top elements

$$5x + 3y + 3z = 0 \quad (1)$$

Equating the middle elements

$$3x + y + z = 0 \quad (2)$$

$$3 \times (2) - (1)$$

$$x = 0$$

Substituting  $x = 0$  into (2)

$$y + z = 0 \Rightarrow z = -y$$

Let  $y = 1$ , then  $z = -1$

An eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue 0 is  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$

The magnitude of  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$  is  $\sqrt{(0^2 + 1^2 + (-1)^2)} = \sqrt{2}$

A normalised eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue 0 is  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$

**12 b** The magnitude of  $\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  is  $\sqrt{((-1)^2 + 1^2 + 1^2)} = \sqrt{3}$

A normalised eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue  $-1$  is  $\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \end{pmatrix}$

The magnitude of  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  is  $\sqrt{(2^2 + 1^2 + 1^2)} = \sqrt{6}$

A normalised eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue  $8$  is  $\begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \end{pmatrix}$

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 8 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$13 \text{ a} \quad \mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I} = \begin{pmatrix} 7-\lambda & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 5-\lambda & -2 \\ -2 & -2 & 6-\lambda \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \det(\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}) &= \begin{vmatrix} 7-\lambda & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 5-\lambda & -2 \\ -2 & -2 & 6-\lambda \end{vmatrix} \\ &= (7-\lambda) \begin{vmatrix} 5-\lambda & -2 \\ -2 & 6-\lambda \end{vmatrix} - 0 \begin{vmatrix} 0 & -2 \\ -2 & 6-\lambda \end{vmatrix} + (-2) \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 5-\lambda \\ -2 & -2 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= (7-\lambda)((5-\lambda)(6-\lambda) - 4) - 2(10 - 2\lambda) \\ &= (7-\lambda)(26 - 11\lambda + \lambda^2) - 20 + 4\lambda \\ &= 182 - 103\lambda + 18\lambda^2 - \lambda^3 - 20 + 4\lambda = -(\lambda^3 - 18\lambda^2 + 99\lambda - 162) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Let } \lambda^3 - 18\lambda^2 + 99\lambda - 162 = (\lambda - 9)(\lambda^2 + k\lambda + 18)$$

Equating coefficients of  $\lambda^2$

$$-18 = -9 + k \Rightarrow k = -9$$

Hence

$$\lambda^3 - 18\lambda^2 + 99\lambda - 162 = (\lambda - 9)(\lambda^2 - 9\lambda + 18) = (\lambda - 9)(\lambda - 6)(\lambda - 3)$$

$$\det(\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}) = 0 \Rightarrow -(\lambda - 3)(\lambda - 6)(\lambda - 9) = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = 3, 6, 9$$

The other two eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}$  are 3 and 6.



13 b For  $\lambda = 3$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 7 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 5 & -2 \\ -2 & -2 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = 3 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 7x - 2z \\ 5y - 2z \\ -2x - 2y + 6z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3x \\ 3y \\ 3z \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating the top elements

$$7x - 2z = 3x \Rightarrow z = 2x$$

Let  $x = 1$ , then  $z = 2$

Equating the middle elements and substituting  $z = 2$

$$5y - 4 = 3y \Rightarrow y = 2$$

An eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue 3 is  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$

For  $\lambda = 6$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 7 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 5 & -2 \\ -2 & -2 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = 6 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 7x - 2z \\ 5y - 2z \\ -2x - 2y + 6z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 6x \\ 6y \\ 6z \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating the top elements

$$7x - 2z = 6x \Rightarrow x = 2z$$

Let  $z = 1$ , then  $x = 2$

Equating the middle elements and substituting  $z = 1$

$$5y - 2 = 6y \Rightarrow y = -2$$

An eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue 6 is  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

For  $\lambda = 9$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 7 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 5 & -2 \\ -2 & -2 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = 9 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 7x - 2z \\ 5y - 2z \\ -2x - 2y + 6z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 9x \\ 9y \\ 9z \end{pmatrix}$$

## 13 b (continued)

Equating the top elements

$$7x - 2z = 9x \Rightarrow z = -x$$

Let  $x = 2$ , then  $z = -2$ Equating the middle elements and substituting  $z = -2$ 

$$5y + 4 = 9y \Rightarrow y = 1$$

An eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue 9 is  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$

c The eigenvectors are  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 2 - 4 + 2 = 0$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} = 2 + 2 - 4 = 0$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} = 4 - 2 - 2 = 0$$

Therefore the eigenvectors are mutually orthogonal.

d The magnitudes of the vector  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$  are all  $\sqrt{(1^2 + 2^2 + 2^2)} = \sqrt{9} = 3$

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{3} & \frac{2}{3} & \frac{2}{3} \\ \frac{2}{3} & -\frac{2}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{2}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & -\frac{2}{3} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 6 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 9 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$14 \text{ a } \det(\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}) = \begin{vmatrix} 1-\lambda & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 1-\lambda & \sqrt{5} \\ 0 & \sqrt{5} & 1-\lambda \end{vmatrix}$$

Substituting  $\lambda = 4$ ,

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1-4 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 1-4 & \sqrt{5} \\ 0 & \sqrt{5} & 1-4 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} -3 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & -3 & \sqrt{5} \\ 0 & \sqrt{5} & -3 \end{vmatrix} = (-3) \begin{vmatrix} -3 & \sqrt{5} \\ \sqrt{5} & -3 \end{vmatrix} - 2 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & \sqrt{5} \\ 0 & -3 \end{vmatrix} + 0 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ 0 & \sqrt{5} \end{vmatrix} \\ = (-3)(9-5) - 2(-6-0) = -12+12 = 0$$

Hence, by the factor theorem, 4 is an eigenvalue of  $\mathbf{A}$ .

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1-\lambda & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 1-\lambda & \sqrt{5} \\ 0 & \sqrt{5} & 1-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = (1-\lambda) \begin{vmatrix} 1-\lambda & \sqrt{5} \\ \sqrt{5} & 1-\lambda \end{vmatrix} - 2 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & \sqrt{5} \\ 0 & 1-\lambda \end{vmatrix} + 0 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1-\lambda \\ 0 & \sqrt{5} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (1-\lambda)((1-\lambda)^2 - 5) - 4 + 4\lambda$$

$$= (1-\lambda)(\lambda^2 - 2\lambda - 4) - 4 + 4\lambda = -\lambda^3 + 3\lambda^2 + 6\lambda - 8$$

$$= -\lambda^3 + 4\lambda^2 - \lambda^2 + 4\lambda + 2\lambda - 8 = -\lambda^2(\lambda - 4) - \lambda(\lambda - 4) + 2(\lambda - 4)$$

$$= -(\lambda - 4)(\lambda^2 + \lambda - 2) = -(\lambda - 4)(\lambda + 2)(\lambda - 1)$$

$$\det(\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}) = -(\lambda - 4)(\lambda + 2)(\lambda - 1) = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = 4, -2, 1$$

The other two eigenvalue of  $\mathbf{A}$  are  $-2$  and  $1$ .

14 b For  $\lambda = 4$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & \sqrt{5} \\ 0 & \sqrt{5} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = 4 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x+2y \\ 2x+y+\sqrt{5}z \\ \sqrt{5}y+z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4x \\ 4y \\ 4z \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating the top elements

$$x+2y=4x \Rightarrow 2y=3x$$

Let  $x=2$ , then  $y=3$

Equating the lowest elements and substituting  $y=3$

$$3\sqrt{5}+z=4z \Rightarrow z=\sqrt{5}$$

An eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue 4 is  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ \sqrt{5} \end{pmatrix}$

The magnitude of  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ \sqrt{5} \end{pmatrix}$  is  $\sqrt{(2^2 + 3^2 + (\sqrt{5})^2)} = \sqrt{18}$

A normalised eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue 4 is  $\begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{\sqrt{18}} \\ \frac{3}{\sqrt{18}} \\ \frac{\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{18}} \end{pmatrix}$

$$14 \text{ c } \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & \sqrt{5} \\ 0 & \sqrt{5} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \\ -\sqrt{5} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2+6 \\ -4+3-5 \\ 3\sqrt{5}-\sqrt{5} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -6 \\ 2\sqrt{5} \end{pmatrix} = (-2) \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \\ -\sqrt{5} \end{pmatrix}$$

An eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue  $-2$  is  $\begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \\ -\sqrt{5} \end{pmatrix}$

The magnitude of  $\begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \\ -\sqrt{5} \end{pmatrix}$  is  $\sqrt{((-2)^2 + 3^2 + (-\sqrt{5})^2)} = \sqrt{18}$

A normalised eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue  $-2$  is  $\begin{pmatrix} -\frac{2}{\sqrt{18}} \\ \frac{3}{\sqrt{18}} \\ -\frac{5}{\sqrt{18}} \end{pmatrix}$

An eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue  $1$  is  $\begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{5} \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$

The magnitude of  $\begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{5} \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$  is  $\sqrt{((\sqrt{5})^2 + 0^2 + 2^2)} = \sqrt{9} = 3$

A normalised eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue  $1$  is  $\begin{pmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{5}}{3} \\ 0 \\ -\frac{2}{3} \end{pmatrix}$

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{\sqrt{18}} & -\frac{2}{\sqrt{18}} & \frac{\sqrt{5}}{3} \\ \frac{3}{\sqrt{18}} & \frac{3}{\sqrt{18}} & 0 \\ \frac{\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{18}} & -\frac{\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{18}} & -\frac{2}{3} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$15 \text{ a } \mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I} = \begin{pmatrix} 2-\lambda & 2 & -3 \\ 2 & 2-\lambda & 3 \\ -3 & 3 & 3-\lambda \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\det(\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}) = \begin{vmatrix} 2-\lambda & 2 & -3 \\ 2 & 2-\lambda & 3 \\ -3 & 3 & 3-\lambda \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (2-\lambda) \begin{vmatrix} 2-\lambda & 3 \\ 3 & 3-\lambda \end{vmatrix} - 2 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ -3 & 3-\lambda \end{vmatrix} + (-3) \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 2-\lambda \\ -3 & 3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (2-\lambda)((2-\lambda)(3-\lambda)-9) - 2(6-2\lambda+9) - 3(6+6-3\lambda)$$

$$= (2-\lambda)(\lambda^2 - 5\lambda - 3) - 30 + 4\lambda - 36 + 9\lambda$$

$$= -\lambda^3 + 7\lambda^2 - 7\lambda - 6 - 66 + 13\lambda = -\lambda^3 + 7\lambda^2 + 6\lambda - 72$$

$$= -\lambda^3 + 6\lambda^2 + -\lambda^2 - 6\lambda + 12\lambda - 72$$

$$= -\lambda^2(\lambda - 6) + \lambda(\lambda - 6) + 12(\lambda - 6) = -(\lambda - 6)(\lambda^2 - \lambda - 12)$$

$$= -(\lambda - 6)(\lambda - 4)(\lambda + 3)$$

$$\det(\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}) = 0 \Rightarrow -(\lambda - 6)(\lambda - 4)(\lambda + 3) = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = 6, 4, -3$$

As  $\lambda_1 > \lambda_2 > \lambda_3$ ,  $\lambda_1 = 6$  as required,  $\lambda_2 = 4$  and  $\lambda_3 = -3$ .

$$15 \text{ b } \det(\mathbf{A}) = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 2 & -3 \\ 2 & 2 & 3 \\ -3 & 3 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = 2 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 3 \end{vmatrix} - 2 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ -3 & 3 \end{vmatrix} + (-3) \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ -3 & 3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 2(6-9) - 2(6+9) - 3(6+6) = -6 - 30 - 36$$

$$= -72 = 6 \times 4 \times (-3) = \lambda_1 \lambda_2 \lambda_3, \text{ as required.}$$

15 c For  $\lambda = 6$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & -3 \\ 2 & 2 & 3 \\ -3 & 3 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = 6 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2x + 2y - 3z \\ 2x + 2y + 3z \\ -3x + 3y + 3z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 6x \\ 6y \\ 6z \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating the top elements

$$2x + 2y - 3z = 6x \Rightarrow -4x + 2y - 3z = 0 \quad (1)$$

Equating the middle elements

$$2x + 2y + 3z = 6y \Rightarrow 2x - 4y + 3z = 0 \quad (2)$$

(1) + (2)

$$-2x - 2y = 0 \Rightarrow y = -x$$

Let  $x = 1$ , then  $y = -1$

Substitute  $x = 1$  and  $y = -1$  into (1)

$$-4 - 2 - 3z = 0 \Rightarrow z = -2$$

An eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue 6 is  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$

d The magnitude of  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$  is  $\sqrt{(1^2 + (-1)^2 + (-2)^2)} = \sqrt{6}$

The magnitude of  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  is  $\sqrt{(1^2 + 1^2 + 0^2)} = \sqrt{2}$

The magnitude of  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  is  $\sqrt{(1^2 + (-1)^2 + 1^2)} = \sqrt{3}$

$$\text{Hence } \mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ -\frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} & 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \end{pmatrix}$$

## Challenge

$$\mathbf{a} \quad \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.3 & -0.2 \\ -0.1 & 0.4 \end{pmatrix}$$

To find the eigenvalues:

$$\begin{vmatrix} 0.3 - \lambda & -0.2 \\ -0.1 & 0.4 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$(0.3 - \lambda)(0.4 - \lambda) - 0.02 = 0$$

$$\lambda^2 - 0.7\lambda + 0.10 = 0$$

$$(\lambda - 0.2)(\lambda - 0.5) = 0$$

So the eigenvalues are 0.2 and 0.5

Taking  $\lambda = 0.2$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0.3 & -0.2 \\ -0.1 & 0.4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = 0.2 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating upper elements:

$$0.3x - 0.2y = 0.2x$$

$$0.1x - 0.2y = 0$$

$$x = 2y$$

Choosing  $y = 1$  gives an eigenvector of  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

Taking  $\lambda = 0.5$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0.3 & -0.2 \\ -0.1 & 0.4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = 0.5 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating upper elements:

$$0.3x - 0.2y = 0.5x$$

$$-0.2x - 0.2y = 0$$

$$x = -y$$

Choosing  $y = 1$  gives an eigenvector of  $\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$



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$$\mathbf{b} \quad \text{Therefore } \mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{c} \quad \begin{pmatrix} u' \\ v' \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{P}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{P}^{-1} \mathbf{A} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{D} \mathbf{P}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{D} \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{d} \quad \begin{pmatrix} u' \\ v' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.5u \\ 0.2v \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating the top elements gives  $u' = 0.5u$

$$\frac{du}{dt} = \frac{u}{2}$$

$$\int \frac{du}{u} = \int \frac{dt}{2}$$

$$\ln u = \frac{t}{2} + \ln c_1$$

$$\ln u - \ln c_1 = \frac{t}{2}$$

$$\ln \left( \frac{u}{c_1} \right) = \frac{t}{2}$$

$$\frac{u}{c_1} = e^{\frac{t}{2}}$$

$$u = c_1 e^{\frac{t}{2}}$$

Equating the lower elements gives  $v' = 0.2v$

$$\frac{dv}{dt} = \frac{v}{5}$$

$$\int \frac{dv}{v} = \int \frac{dt}{5}$$

$$\ln v = \frac{t}{5} + \ln c_2$$

$$\ln v - \ln c_2 = \frac{t}{5}$$

$$\ln \left( \frac{v}{c_2} \right) = \frac{t}{5}$$

$$\frac{v}{c_2} = e^{\frac{t}{5}}$$

$$v = c_2 e^{\frac{t}{5}}$$

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e From a calculator,  $\mathbf{P}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{3} & \frac{2}{3} \\ \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \end{pmatrix}$

When  $t = 0$ ,  $x = 5$  and  $y = 20$

$$\begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{P}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{3} & \frac{2}{3} \\ \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

So  $u = -\frac{x}{3} + \frac{2y}{3}$  and  $v = \frac{x}{3} + \frac{y}{3}$

So when  $t = 0$ ,  $u = -\frac{5}{3} + \frac{40}{3} = \frac{35}{3}$  and  $v = \frac{5}{3} + \frac{20}{3} = \frac{25}{3}$

Therefore  $u = \frac{35e^{\frac{t}{3}}}{3}$  and  $v = \frac{25e^{\frac{t}{3}}}{3}$

Now  $\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{P} \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{35e^{\frac{t}{3}}}{3} \\ \frac{25e^{\frac{t}{3}}}{3} \end{pmatrix}$

Therefore the solutions are:

$$x = -\frac{35e^{\frac{t}{3}}}{3} + \frac{50e^{\frac{t}{3}}}{3}$$

$$y = \frac{35e^{\frac{t}{3}}}{3} + \frac{25e^{\frac{t}{3}}}{3}$$