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CHARACTERISTIC EQUATION:

Let A be a given matrix

Let λ be a scalar

The equation $|A - \lambda I| = 0$ is called

Characteristic equation of the matrix A .

1. Find the characteristic equation of the matrix

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

Solution:-

The characteristic equation is given by

$$\lambda^2 - S_1\lambda + S_2 = 0.$$

$S_1 =$ Sum of the diagonal elements

$$= 1 + 4 = 5$$



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$S_2 = |A|$
 $= \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -3 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = 4 - (-6) = 4 + 6 = 10$

$S_2 = 10$

\therefore The characteristic equation is HW
 $\lambda^2 - 5\lambda + 10 = 0$

2) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 5 & 6 \\ 4 & 5 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ Find the characteristic equation

The characteristic equation is given by
 $\lambda^3 - S_1\lambda^2 + S_2\lambda - S_3 = 0.$

$S_1 =$ Sum of the diagonal elements
 $= 5 + 2 + 1 = 8$

$S_2 =$ Sum of the minors of the diagonal elements
 $= \begin{vmatrix} 5 & 6 \\ 5 & 2 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 4 & 2 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 5 \end{vmatrix}$

Handwritten notes on the right side of the page:
 $A = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 2 \\ 4 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$
 $S_1 = 15$
 $S_2 = 56 - 8$
 $S_2 = 48$



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$$\begin{aligned} &= (10 - 30) + (2 - 12) + (5 - 2) \\ &= -20 - 10 + 3 \\ S_2 &= -27 \\ S_3 &= |A| \\ &= -20 - 1(4 - 24) + 3(10 - 20) \\ &= -20 + 20 + 3(-10) \\ S_3 &= -30 \end{aligned}$$

The characteristic equation is

$$\lambda^3 - 8\lambda^2 - 27\lambda + 30 = 0.$$

3)
$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

The characteristic equation is given by

$$\lambda^3 - S_1\lambda^2 + S_2\lambda - S_3 = 0.$$

S_1 = Sum of the diagonal elements

$$= 3 + 3 + 3 = 9$$

S_2 = Sum of the minors of the diagonal elements

$$= \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ -1 & 3 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{vmatrix}$$



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$$= (9 - 1) + (3 + 1) + (-1 + 3) - 0 = 8 + 4 + 2 = 14$$

$$S_3 = |A|$$

$$= 3(9-1) - 1(3+1) + 1(-1-3)$$

$$= 24 - 4 - 4$$

$$S_3 = 16$$

∴ The characteristic equation is

$$\lambda^3 - 9\lambda^2 + 24\lambda - 16 = 0$$

$$4) \begin{bmatrix} 7 & -2 & 0 \\ -2 & 6 & -2 \\ 0 & -2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

The characteristic equation is given by

$$\lambda^3 - S_1\lambda^2 + S_2\lambda - S_3 = 0.$$

$S_1 =$ Sum of the diagonal elements

$$= 7 + 6 + 5$$

$$= 18$$



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$S_2 =$ Sum of the minors of the diagonal elements

$$= \begin{vmatrix} 6 & -2 \\ -2 & 5 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 7 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 7 & -2 \\ -2 & 6 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (30 - 4) + (35 - 0) + (42 - 4)$$

$$= 26 + 35 + 38$$

$$= 99$$

$$S_3 = |A|$$

$$= 7(30 - 4) - (-2)(-10 - 0) + 0(4 - 0)$$

$$= 7(26) + 2(-10)$$

$$= 182 - 20 = 162$$

\therefore The characteristic equation is

$$\lambda^3 - 18\lambda^2 + 99\lambda - 162 = 0.$$

2) Find the characteristic polynomial of

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

polynomial
don't write
= 0.

The characteristic polynomial of

$$\lambda^3 - S_1\lambda^2 + S_2\lambda - S_3$$





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$S_1 =$ Sum of the diagonal elements
 $= 6 + 3 + 3 = 12$

$S_2 =$ Sum of the minors of the diagonal elements
 $= \begin{vmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ -1 & 3 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 6 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 6 & -2 \\ -2 & 3 \end{vmatrix}$
 $= 8 + 14 + 14 = 36$

$S_3 = |A|$
 $= 6(8) + 2(-6+2) + 2(2-6)$
 $= 48 - 8 - 8$
 $S_3 = 32$

\therefore The Characteristic polynomial is $\lambda^3 - 12\lambda^2 + 36\lambda - 32$. The determinant when expanded will give a polynomial, which is called charac polynomial of A

Eigen Value :
The roots of the Characteristic equation of the matrix are called Eigen Value or Characteristic value.