

Q. State and prove Cayley-Hamilton theorem.

Sol. Statement:- Every square matrix satisfies its characteristic equation.

Let, $A = (a_{ij})_{n \times n}$ be any square matrix of order n .

The characteristic equation of A is -

$$|A - \lambda I_n| = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} - \lambda & a_{12} & a_{13} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} - \lambda & a_{23} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & a_{n3} & \dots & a_{nn} - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a_0 + a_1 \lambda + a_2 \lambda^2 + \dots + a_n \lambda^n = 0 \text{ (say)} \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

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We are to show that,

$$a_0 I_n + a_1 A + a_2 A^2 + \dots + a_n A^n = 0$$

We now consider $\text{adj.}(A - xI_n)$.

Since, each element of $\text{adj.}(A - xI_n)$ is a polynomial in x of degree atmost $(n-1)$. Therefore $\text{adj.}(A - xI_n)$ can be expressed as a matrix polynomial as -

$$\text{adj.}(A - xI_n) = B_0 + B_1 x + B_2 x^2 + \dots + B_{n-1} x^{n-1} \rightarrow (2)$$

where, B_0, B_1, \dots, B_{n-1} are square matrix of order n .

But we know that

$$\begin{aligned} \text{adj.}(A - xI_n) \cdot (A - xI_n) &= |A - xI_n| I_n \quad [\because A(\text{adj}A) = (\text{adj}A)A = |A| I_n] \\ \Rightarrow (B_0 + B_1 x + B_2 x^2 + \dots + B_{n-1} x^{n-1}) (A - xI_n) &= (a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + \dots + a_n x^n) I_n \\ \Rightarrow B_0 A - x B_0 I_n + B_1 A x - B_1 I_n x^2 + B_2 A x^2 + B_2 I_n x^3 + \dots + B_{n-1} A x^{n-1} - B_{n-1} I_n x^n \\ &= a_0 I_n + (a_1 I_n) x + (a_2 I_n) x^2 + \dots + (a_n I_n) x^n \\ \Rightarrow B_0 A + (B_1 A - B_0 I_n) x + (B_2 A - B_1 I_n) x^2 + \dots + (B_{n-1} A - B_{n-2} I_n) x^{n-1} - B_{n-1} I_n x^n \\ &= a_0 I_n + (a_1 I_n) x + (a_2 I_n) x^2 + \dots + (a_n I_n) x^n \end{aligned}$$

Equating the co-eff.^{nt} of like power of x on both sides we get,

- $a_0 I_n = B_0 A$
- $a_1 I_n = B_1 A - B_0 I_n$
- $a_2 I_n = B_2 A - B_1 I_n$
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- $a_{n-1} I_n = B_{n-1} A - B_{n-2} I_n$
- $a_n I_n = -B_{n-1} I_n$

Remember Now multiplying the above equation by I_n, A, A^2, \dots, A^n resly and then adding we get,

$$a_0 I_n + a_1 A + a_2 A^2 + \dots + a_n A^n = 0$$

This shows that 'A' satisfies its characteristic equation.

Note:- $a_0 I_n + a_1 A + a_2 A^2 + \dots + a_{n-1} A^{n-1} + a_n A^n = 0$

Multiplying both sides by A^{-1} , we get

$$\Rightarrow a_0 A^{-1} + a_1 I_n + a_2 A + \dots + a_{n-1} A^{n-2} + a_n A^{n-1} = 0$$

This will gives us the way to determine the inverse of a matrix with the help of Cayley-Hamilton Theorem.

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Q. Verify Cayley-Hamilton Theorem for the following matrix and hence find A^{-1} .

⁰⁶ (i) $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$

⁰⁵ (ii) $A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$

⁰⁶ (iii) $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 \\ -2 & 2 & -1 \\ 4 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$

⁰⁶ (iv) $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 \\ -2 & 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$

$$A^3 - A + 2A + 28 = 0$$

Sol.ⁿ (ii) Given that, $A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$

The characteristic equation of the matrix A is,

$$|A - xI| = 0$$

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

$$\Rightarrow (3-x)(2-x) + 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 6 - 5x + x^2 + 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 5x + 7 = 0$$

We are to show that,

$$A^2 - 5A + 7I = 0$$

Now, $A^2 = A \cdot A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 9-1 & 3+2 \\ -3-2 & -1+4 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{pmatrix} 8 & 5 \\ -5 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Now, $A^2 - 5A + 7I = \begin{pmatrix} 8 & 5 \\ -5 & 3 \end{pmatrix} - 5 \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} + 7 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 8 & 5 \\ -5 & 3 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 15 & 5 \\ -5 & 10 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 7 & 0 \\ 0 & 7 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{pmatrix} 8-15+7 & 5-5+0 \\ -5-5+0 & 3-10+7 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

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