

# Numerical Methods

## Chapter 5: Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors

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## ***Eigenvalues and vectors:***

Let  $A$  be a square matrix of order  $n$ .  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$  if there exists a non-zero vector  $X$  such that:

$$AX = \lambda X$$

$\lambda$  is called the eigenvalue associated with the vector  $X$ .

$X$  is called the eigenvector associated with the value  $\lambda$ .

## ***Eigenvalues and vectors:***

Let A be a square matrix of order n.  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of A if there exists a non-zero vector X such that:

- *The eigenvalues of a diagonal matrix are the elements of the diagonal.*

- *The sum of the eigenvalues equals the matrix trace.*

- *The product of the eigenvalues equals the matrix determinant.*

- *The characteristic polynomial is written:*

$$X_{HAS}(x) = (-1)^n X^n + (-1)^{n-1} \text{trace}(A) X^{n-1} + \dots + \det(HAS)$$

## *Eigenvalues and vectors:*

**Example :**

$$\mathcal{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 3 \\ -2 & 11 & -2 \\ 8 & -7 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathcal{X} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Check that X is an eigenvector of the matrix A associated with an eigenvalue  $\lambda$  which must be calculated.

## ***Eigenvalues and vectors:***

### **Calculation of eigenvalues:**

$\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of the matrix  $A$ ; thus there exists a non-zero vector  $X$  such that:

$$AX = \lambda X$$

That is to say  $(A - \lambda I_n)X = 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \text{Det}(A - \lambda I_n) = 0$

## *Eigenvalues and vectors:*

### Calculation of eigenvalues:

**Example :** Let A be the previous square matrix:

$$\text{Det}(A - \lambda I_n) = \begin{vmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 3 \\ -2 & 11 & -2 \\ 8 & -7 & 6 \end{pmatrix} - \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

That's to say

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 - \lambda & 3 & 3 \\ -2 & 11 - \lambda & -2 \\ 8 & -7 & 6 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

## ***Eigenvalues and vectors:***

### **Calculation of eigenvalues:**

**Example :** Let A be the previous square matrix:

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1-\lambda & 3 & 3 \\ -2 & 11-\lambda & -2 \\ 8 & -7 & 6-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$-\lambda^3 + 18\lambda^2 - 51\lambda - 182 = 0$$

$$-(\lambda + 2)(\lambda - 7)(\lambda - 13) = 0$$

The eigenvalues of A are:  $\lambda_1 = -2$ ;  $\lambda_2 = 7$ ;  $\lambda_3 = 13$ .

The polynomial characteristic of A is:  $X_A(x) = -x^3 + 18x^2 - 51x - 182$

We can verify that:  $X_A(x) = (-1)^3 x^3 + (-1)^2 \text{Trace}(A)x^2 - 51x + \text{Det}(A)$

## ***Calculating the power of a matrix:***

### **Example 1:**

Let A be the matrix below; calculate  $A^n$  for  $0 \leq n \leq 5$ .

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

Solution :

$$A^0 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad A^1 = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad A^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 14 & 5 \\ -10 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad A^3 = \begin{pmatrix} 46 & 19 \\ -38 & -11 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A^4 = \begin{pmatrix} 146 & 65 \\ -130 & -49 \end{pmatrix} \quad A^5 = \begin{pmatrix} 454 & 211 \\ -422 & -179 \end{pmatrix}$$



## *Calculating the power of a matrix:*

### **Example 2:**

Let  $M$  be the matrix below; calculate  $M^2$  and  $M^3$ .

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$$

**Solution :**

$$M^2 = \begin{pmatrix} a^2 + bc & ab + db \\ ac + dc & d^2 + bc \end{pmatrix}$$

$$M^3 = \begin{pmatrix} a^3 + 2abc + bcd & ba^2 + abd + bd^2 + b^2c \\ ca^2 + acd + bc^2 + cd^2 & d^3 + 2bcd + abc \end{pmatrix}$$

What is complicated in calculating the powers of a matrix is that all the coefficients are dispersed during the multiplications.

## *Calculating the power of a matrix:*

### **Simple case:**

If  $A$  is a diagonal matrix, its power  $A^n$  is diagonal too and each element  $a_{ii}$  from  $A^n$  equal to the element  $a_{ii}$  of  $A$  raised to the power  $n$  ( $a_{ii}^{(n)} = a_{ii}^n$ ).

### **Example :**

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 7 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{M}^n = \begin{pmatrix} 3^n & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 7^n & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 5^n \end{pmatrix}$$

## ***Calculating the power of a matrix:***

### **Trick :**

If we can factorize  $A$  into  $A = PDP^{-1}$  such that  $D$  is a diagonal matrix and  $P^{-1}$  is the inverse matrix of  $P$ , we can thus easily calculate  $A^n$ .

$$A = PDP^{-1}$$

$$A^2 = (PDP^{-1})(PDP^{-1}) = PD(P^{-1}P)DP^{-1} = PDIDP^{-1} = PD^2P^{-1}$$

$$A^3 = (PD^2P^{-1})(PDP^{-1}) = PD^3P^{-1}$$

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$$A^n = PD^nP^{-1}$$

## ***Calculating the power of a matrix:***

### **Previous example:**

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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

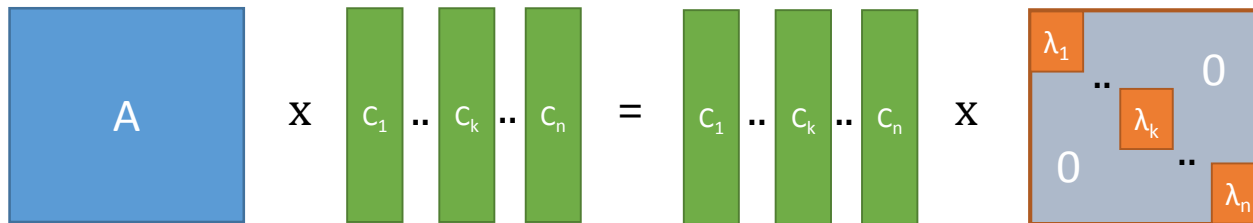
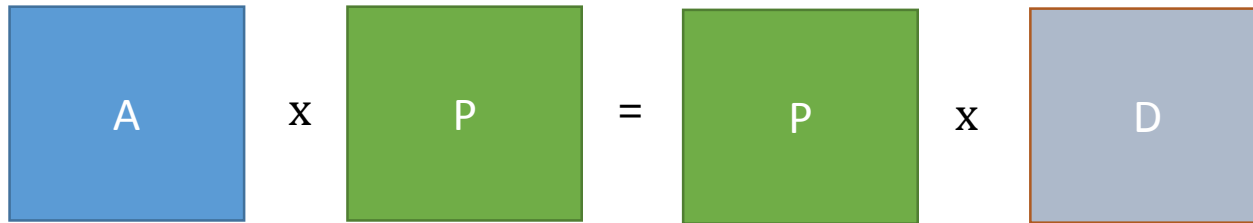
$$A^n = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3^n & 0 \\ 0 & 2^n \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A^n = \begin{pmatrix} -2^n + 2 \times 3^n & -2^n + 3^n \\ 2^{n+1} - 2 \times 3^n & 2^{n+1} - 3^n \end{pmatrix}$$

# Calculating the power of a matrix:

## Relationship with eigenvalues:

$$A = PDP^{-1} \Leftrightarrow AP = PD$$



$c_i$  are the columns of P

D is a diagonal matrix

# Calculating the power of a matrix:

## Relationship with eigenvalues:

$$A \times \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ \dots \\ c_k \\ \dots \\ c_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ \dots \\ c_k \\ \dots \\ c_n \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & & & \\ & \dots & & & \\ & & \lambda_k & & \\ & & & \dots & \\ & & & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A \times c_1 = c_1 \times \lambda_1 = \lambda_1 \times c_1$$

*Commutative multiplication by a scalar*

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$$A \times c_k = c_k \times \lambda_k = \lambda_k \times c_k$$

$$AC = \lambda C$$

Principle of eigenvalues and eigenvectors

# Calculating the power of a matrix:

## Relationship with eigenvalues:

$$A \times \begin{matrix} c_1 & \dots & c_k & \dots & c_n \end{matrix} = \begin{matrix} c_1 & \dots & c_k & \dots & c_n \end{matrix} \times D$$

$AC_k = \lambda_k C_k$

➤ The matrix  $P$  is formed from the eigenvectors of the matrix  $A$  (each column  $P_k$  of the matrix  $P$  corresponds to an eigenvector  $C_k$ ).

➤ The matrix  $D$  is formed from the eigenvalues of the matrix  $A$  (each element  $D_k$  in the diagonal of  $D$  corresponds to an eigenvalue  $\lambda_k$ ).

## Calculating the power of a matrix:

### Relationship with eigenvalues:

$$A \times P = P \times D$$

The diagram shows the equation  $A \times P = P \times D$ . Matrix  $A$  is a blue square. Matrix  $P$  is a green rectangle composed of vertical bars representing eigenvectors  $C_1, C_k, C_n$ . Matrix  $D$  is a light blue square with orange diagonal elements  $\lambda_1, \lambda_k, \lambda_n$  and zeros elsewhere.

To calculate  $A^m$ , we first calculate the eigenvalues  $\lambda_i$  of  $A$  and the corresponding eigenvectors  $C_i$ , then we form the matrix  $D$  (diagonal matrix) from the eigenvalues  $\lambda_i$  and the matrix  $P$  from the eigenvectors  $C_i$  from  $A$ .

Then we calculate  $D^m$  (diagonal matrix containing  $(\lambda_1)^m, (\lambda_2)^m, \dots, (\lambda_n)^m$  as diagonal values).

Finally we calculate  $A^m = P \times D^m \times P^{-1}$ .

The order of correspondence between the  $\lambda_i$  and the  $C_i$ .



## *Calculating the power of a matrix:*

### **Example :**

Let the matrix A be the following:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & -2 \\ 4 & 5 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 7 \end{pmatrix}$$

1- Calculate the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of A, and deduce the matrices P and D such that  $A = PDP^{-1}$ .

2- Calculate  $A^5$ , then find the formula for  $A^n$ .

## *Calculating the power of a matrix:*

### **Example :**

1- Eigenvalues:

$$|A-\lambda I| = 0 \Leftrightarrow \det \begin{pmatrix} 3-\lambda & 0 & -2 \\ 4 & 5-\lambda & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 7-\lambda \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

$$(3-\lambda)(5-\lambda)(7-\lambda) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \lambda_1 = 3; \lambda_2 = 5; \lambda_3 = 7.$$

## Calculating the power of a matrix:

### Example :

1- Eigenvectors:

$$\triangleright \lambda_1 = 3 :$$

$$HASX_1 = \lambda_1 X_1 \Leftrightarrow AX_1 = 3X_1$$

$$\begin{cases} 3x_1 - 2x_3 = 3x_1 \\ 4x_1 + 5x_2 - x_3 = 3x_2 \\ 7x_3 = 3x_3 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} 3x_1 - 2x_3 = 3x_3 \\ 4x_1 + 5x_2 - x_3 = 3x_2 \\ 7x_3 = 3x_3 \Leftrightarrow x_3 = 0 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} 3x_1 = 3x_3 \\ x_2 = -2x_1 \\ x_3 = 0 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow X_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1/2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$X_1 = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} \text{ such as } X_1 \neq 0$$

## Calculating the power of a matrix:

### Example :

1- Eigenvectors:

$$\triangleright \lambda_2 = 5 :$$

$$AX_2 = \lambda_2 X_2 \Leftrightarrow AX_2 = 5X_2$$

$$\begin{cases} 3x_1 - 2x_3 = 5x_1 \\ 4x_1 + 5x_2 - x_3 = 5x_2 \\ 7x_3 = 5x_3 \end{cases}$$

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$$\begin{cases} 3x_1 = 5x_1 \Leftrightarrow x_1 = 0 \\ 5x_2 = 5x_2 \\ x_3 = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow X_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$X_2 = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} \text{ such as } X_2 \neq 0$$

## Calculating the power of a matrix:

### Example :

1- Eigenvectors:

$$\triangleright \lambda_3 = 7 :$$

$$AX_3 = \lambda_3 X_3 \Leftrightarrow AX_3 = 7X_3$$

$$\begin{cases} 3x_1 - 2x_3 = 7x_1 \\ 4x_1 + 5x_2 - x_3 = 7x_2 \\ 7x_3 = 7x_3 \end{cases}$$

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$$\begin{cases} 4x_1 = -2x_3 \Leftrightarrow x_1 = -\frac{1}{2}x_3 \\ x_2 = -\frac{3}{2}x_3 \\ 7x_3 = 7x_3 \end{cases}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow X_3 = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{3}{2} \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$X_3 = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} \text{ such as } X_3 \neq 0$$

# Calculating the power of a matrix:

## Example :

1- PDP decomposition<sup>-1</sup>:

$$D = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 7 \end{pmatrix}$$

D is a diagonal matrix containing the eigenvalues of A:

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \\ -1 & 1 & \frac{3}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

P is a matrix formed from the eigenvectors of A:

# Calculating the power of a matrix:

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$\lambda_1 \leftrightarrow X_1$

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*The correspondence between the  $\lambda_i$  and  $X_i$*

# Calculating the power of a matrix:

## Example :

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$\lambda_2 \leftrightarrow X_2$

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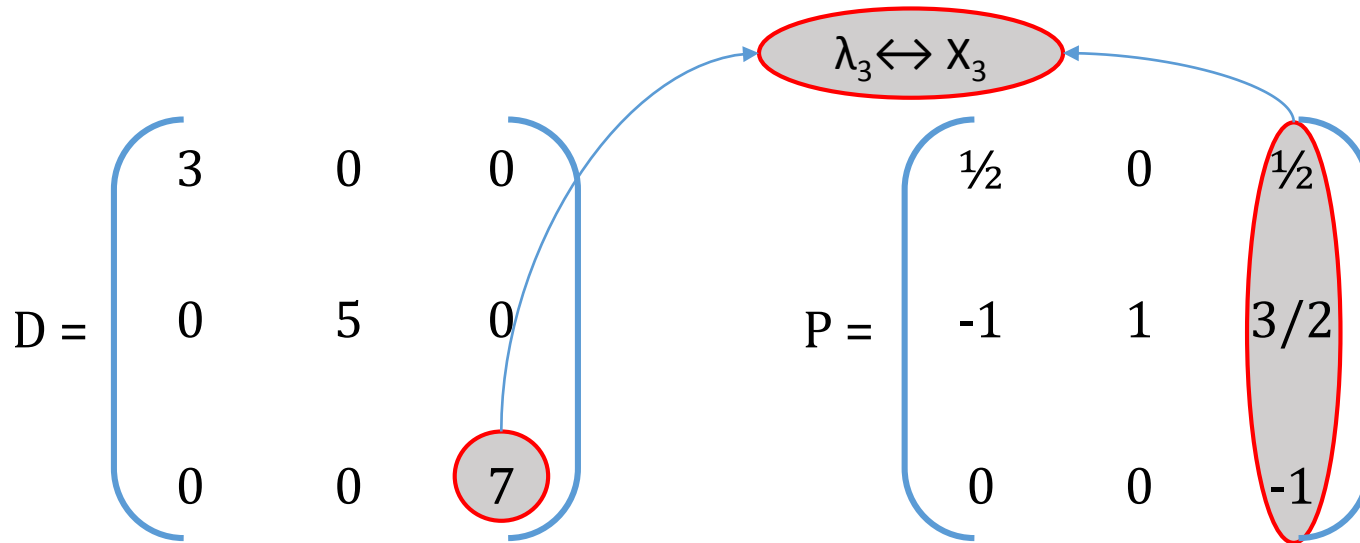
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## *Calculating the power of a matrix:*

### **Example :**

1- PDP decomposition<sup>-1</sup>:

$$D = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 7 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \\ -1 & 1 & \frac{3}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$P^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & \frac{5}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

## *Calculating the power of a matrix:*

### **Example :**

We can clearly verify that:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \\ -1 & 1 & \frac{3}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \underset{\text{P}}{*} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 7 \end{pmatrix} \underset{\text{D}}{*} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & \frac{5}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \underset{\text{P}^{-1}}$$
$$= \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & -2 \\ 4 & 5 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 7 \end{pmatrix} \underset{\text{A}}$$

## *Calculating the power of a matrix:*

### **Example :**

2- Power of  $A^5$ :

$$A = P \cdot D \cdot P^{-1} \Leftrightarrow A^5 = P \cdot D^5 \cdot P^{-1}$$

$$D^5 = \begin{pmatrix} 3^5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 5^5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 7^5 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 243 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3125 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 16807 \end{pmatrix}$$

## Calculating the power of a matrix:

### Example :

2- Power of  $A^5$ :

$$A^5 = P \cdot D^5 \cdot P^{-1} =$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \\ -1 & 1 & \frac{3}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} * \begin{pmatrix} 3^5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 5^5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 7^5 \end{pmatrix} * \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & \frac{5}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{pmatrix} 3^5 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} * 3^5 - \frac{1}{2} * 7^5 \\ -2 * 3^5 + 2 * 5^5 & 5^5 & -3^5 + \frac{5}{2} * 5^5 - \frac{3}{2} * 7^5 \\ 0 & 0 & 7^5 \end{pmatrix}$$

## *Calculating the power of a matrix:*

### **Example :**

2- Power of  $A^5$ :

$$A^5 = P \cdot D^5 \cdot P^{-1} =$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \\ -1 & 1 & \frac{3}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} * \begin{pmatrix} 3^5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 5^5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 7^5 \end{pmatrix} * \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & \frac{5}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{pmatrix} 243 & 0 & -8282 \\ 5764 & 3125 & -17641 \\ 0 & 0 & 16807 \end{pmatrix}$$

## Calculating the power of a matrix:

### Example :

2- Power of  $A^n$ :

$$A^n = P \cdot D^n \cdot P^{-1} =$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \\ -1 & 1 & \frac{3}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} * \begin{pmatrix} 3^n & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 5^n & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 7^n \end{pmatrix} * \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & \frac{5}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{pmatrix} 3^n & 0 & \frac{1}{2} * 3^n - \frac{1}{2} * 7^n \\ -2 * 3^n + 2 * 5^n & 5^n & -3^n + \frac{5}{2} * 5^n - \frac{3}{2} * 7^n \\ 0 & 0 & 7^n \end{pmatrix}$$

## ***Appendix:***

### **Exercise :**

Let the matrix A be the following:

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

- Calculate the determinant and trace of A.
- Give the characteristic polynomial of A.
- Knowing that  $\lambda=1$  is an eigenvalue of A, without using the formula  $|A-\lambda I|=0$  calculate the 2 remaining values.
- Give the PDP decomposition<sup>-1</sup> from A then deduce the formula of  $A^n$ .
- Taking advantage of the formula of  $A^n$  already calculated, deduce  $A^{-1}$  and  $A^{-2}$ .
- Compare the results obtained with the traditional calculation of the inverse of a matrix.