

Matrix Theory

- 1 Suppose that $A \in M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R})$ and $u \in \mathbb{R}^n$. Let $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & u^T \\ u & A \end{bmatrix}$. Show that roots of the equation

$$(1 - \mu) + u^T(\mu I - A)^{-1}u = 0$$

are eigenvalues of B .

- Sol. Suppose that μ is a solution of $(1 - \mu) + u^T(\mu I - A)^{-1}u = 0$. Then $\mu I - A$ is invertible. Since

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 - \mu & u^T \\ u & A - \mu I \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & u^T(A - \mu I)^{-1} \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} (1 - \mu) - u^T(A - \mu I)^{-1}u & 0 \\ u & A - \mu I \end{bmatrix},$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} \det(B - \mu I) &= \det \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 - \mu & u^T \\ u & A - \mu I \end{bmatrix} \right) \\ &= \det \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 & u^T(A - \mu I)^{-1} \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix} \right) \det \left(\begin{bmatrix} (1 - \mu) - u^T(A - \mu I)^{-1}u & 0 \\ u & A - \mu I \end{bmatrix} \right) \\ &= \det((1 - \mu) - u^T(A - \mu I)^{-1}u) \det(A - \mu I) \\ &= \det((1 - \mu) + u^T(\mu I - A)^{-1}u) \det(A - \mu I) \end{aligned}$$

Using the fact that μ is a solution of $(1 - \mu) + u^T(\mu I - A)^{-1}u = 0$, we obtain that $\det(B - \mu I) = 0$ and hence, μ is an eigenvalue of B .