

2. SOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM

In order to find the eigenvalues of the matrix A , we introduce the following matrices:

$M = [m_{ij}]$ with elements

$$m_{ii} = i, \quad (0 \leq i \leq n)$$

$$m_{i,i+1} = -(i+1), \quad (0 \leq i \leq n-1)$$

$$m_{ij} = 0, \quad (\text{otherwise})$$

$N = [n_{ij}]$ with elements

$$n_{ii} = n - i, \quad (0 \leq i \leq n)$$

$$n_{i,i-1} = -(n+1-i), \quad (1 \leq i \leq n)$$

$$n_{ij} = 0, \quad (\text{otherwise})$$

$T = [t_{ij}]$ with elements

$$t_{ii} = i, \quad (0 \leq i \leq n)$$

$$t_{i,i-1} = -(n+1-i), \quad (1 \leq i \leq n)$$

$$t_{ij} = 0, \quad (\text{otherwise})$$

$$D = \text{diag}(0, 1, 2, \dots, n),$$

$$B = [b_{ij}] = \begin{bmatrix} j \\ i \end{bmatrix}, \quad (0 \leq i, j \leq n)$$

where $\binom{j}{i} = 0$ for $j < i$.

Now we prove that $BN = TB$. The (i, j) -th element of the matrix BN is

$$\binom{j}{i}(n-j) - \binom{j+1}{i}(n-j) = -(n-j)\binom{j}{i-1},$$

and the (i, j) -th element of the matrix TB is

$$i\binom{j}{i} - (n+1-i)\binom{j}{i-1} = -(n-j)\binom{j}{i-1}.$$

We prove also that $BM = DB$. Indeed, the (i, j) -th element of the matrix BM is

$$\binom{j}{i}j - \binom{j-1}{i}j = \binom{j-1}{i-1}j = i\binom{j}{i},$$

and it is obviously equal to the (i, j) -th element of the matrix DB .