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9(a)

Let $P(n)$ be the statement that $(A + B)^n = A^n + B^n$ for any positive integer n

When $n = 1$,

$$\text{L.H.S.} = (A + B)^1 = A + B$$

$$\text{R.H.S.} = A^1 + B^1 = A + B$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{L.H.S.} = \text{R.H.S.}$$

Therefore $P(1)$ is true.

Assume $P(k)$ is true for some integer $k \geq 1$, then,

$$(A + B)^{k+1} = (A + B)^k (A + B)$$

$$\Rightarrow (A + B)^{k+1} = (A^k + B^k)(A + B)$$

$$\Rightarrow (A + B)^{k+1} = A^{k+1} + A^k B + B^k A + B^{k+1}$$

$$\Rightarrow (A + B)^{k+1} = A^{k+1} + A^{k-1}AB + B^{k-1}BA + B^{k+1}$$

$$\Rightarrow (A + B)^{k+1} = A^{k+1} + A^{k-1}0 + B^{k-1}0 + B^{k+1}$$

$$\Rightarrow (A + B)^{k+1} = A^{k+1} + B^{k+1}$$

Therefore, $P(k+1)$ is true.

By mathematical induction, $P(n)$ is true

9(b)

Note that :

$$AB = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} p & q \\ r & s \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} ap + br & aq + bs \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and}$$

$$BA = \begin{pmatrix} p & q \\ r & s \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} ap & bp \\ ar & br \end{pmatrix}$$

if $AB = 0$ and $BA = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} ap + br & aq + bs \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \begin{pmatrix} ap & bp \\ ar & br \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow aq + bs = 0 \text{ and } ap = 0 \text{ and } ar = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow aq + bs = 0 \text{ and } p = 0 \text{ and } r = 0 \text{ } (\because a \neq 0)$$

On the other hand, if $aq + bs = 0$ and $p = 0$ and $r = 0$,

$$\Rightarrow AB = \begin{pmatrix} ap + br & aq + bs \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a \cdot 0 + b \cdot 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and}$$

$$BA = \begin{pmatrix} ap & bp \\ ar & br \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a \cdot 0 & b \cdot 0 \\ a \cdot 0 & b \cdot 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow AB = BA = 0$$

9(c)

Let $a = x$, $b = \frac{xy}{x-z}$, $p = r = 0$, $q = -\frac{yz}{x-z}$ and $s = z$ so that

$$aq + bs = x \cdot \left(-\frac{yz}{x-z}\right) + \frac{xy}{x-z} \cdot z = 0 \text{ and}$$

$$b + q = \frac{xy}{x-z} - \frac{yz}{x-z} = \frac{y(x-z)}{x-z} = y$$

Now let

$$D = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } E = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & q \\ 0 & s \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow D = \begin{pmatrix} x & \frac{xy}{x-z} \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } E = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\frac{yz}{x-z} \\ 0 & z \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow C = D + E \text{ and } DE = ED = 0 \text{ (by 9(b))}$$

9(d)

Let $x=2$, $y=5$, $z=1$, and also let

$$C = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, D = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 10 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, E = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -5 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ so that } C = D + E \text{ and } DE=ED=0$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^n = C^n = (D + E)^n$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^n = (D + E)^n = D^n + E^n \text{ (by 9(a))}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^n = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 10 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}^n + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -5 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^n$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^n = \begin{pmatrix} 2^n & 5 \cdot 2^n \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -5 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^n = \begin{pmatrix} 2^n & 5 \cdot (2^n - 1) \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{99} = \begin{pmatrix} 2^{99} & 5 \cdot (2^{99} - 1) \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$