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Question:

If A is square matrix such that $A^2 = A$ then find value of $(I + A)^3 - 7A$.

Solution Let's expand the equation:

$$= (\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{A})^2 (\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{A}) - 7\mathbf{A} \tag{1}$$

$$= (\mathbf{A}^2 + \mathbf{AI} + \mathbf{IA} + \mathbf{I}^2)(\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{A}) - 7\mathbf{A}$$
 (2)

$$= (\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{A} + \mathbf{A} + \mathbf{I})(\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{A}) - 7\mathbf{A}$$
(3)

$$= (3\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{I})(\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{A}) - 7\mathbf{A} \tag{4}$$

$$= 3\mathbf{A}\mathbf{I} + 3\mathbf{A}^2 + \mathbf{I}^2 + \mathbf{I}\mathbf{A} - 7\mathbf{A} \tag{5}$$

$$= 3\mathbf{A} + 3\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{I} + \mathbf{A} - 7\mathbf{A} \tag{6}$$

$$=\mathbf{I}\tag{7}$$