

## Homework-3

### 1. Prove some basic facts about matrices:

- a. Matrix power is defined as:

$$A^k = \underbrace{A \cdot A \cdots A}_k$$

Prove, that:  $A = \text{diag}(d_1, d_2, d_3, \dots, d_n) \Rightarrow A^k = \text{diag}(d_1^k, d_2^k, d_3^k, \dots, d_n^k)$

- b.

$$J(2, \lambda) = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 1 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{pmatrix}$$

Matrix  $J(2, \lambda)$  is called Jordan block of size 2. Prove that:

$$J(2, \lambda)^k = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda^k & k\lambda^{k-1} \\ 0 & \lambda^k \end{pmatrix}$$

- c. «In my paper the fact that  $XY$  was not equal to  $YX$  was very disagreeable to me. I felt this was the only point of difficulty in the whole scheme.» (*Werner von Heisenberg*)

«Now when Heisenberg noticed that, he was *really* scared.» (*Paul Dirac*)

Let  $X, Y \in M(n, \mathbb{R})$ .

- Show that if both  $X$  and  $Y$  are diagonal,  $XY = YX$ .
  - Show that Jordan blocks commute:  $J(n, \lambda)J(n, \mu) = J(n, \mu)J(n, \lambda)$
- d. We are used to think that 0 has no divisors. But when it comes to matrix multiplications, this is not true. Give example of two matrices  $A$  and  $B$  such that  $A \neq 0$ ,  $B \neq 0$ ,  $AB = 0$ .

### 2. Let's apply matrix multiplication to some discrete math:

- a. (*We have already solved this at first lesson*) Remember Fibonacci numbers:  $F_{n+2} = F_{n+1} + F_n$ ,  $F_0 = 0$ ,  $F_1 = 1$ . We can rewrite it in matrix form:

$$\begin{pmatrix} F_{n+2} \\ F_{n+1} \end{pmatrix} = A \begin{pmatrix} F_{n+1} \\ F_n \end{pmatrix}$$

Find out, what matrix  $A$  looks like. How can we compute  $F_n$ ?

*To be continued...*