

→ A & B are square matrices of same order. If $AB = B \cdot A$ then $(A+B)^n$ can be expanded using Binomial Theorem.

Hence, $(A+I)^n$ can be expanded using Binomial theorem because $A \cdot I = I \cdot A$.

Except this, the formulas like $(a+b)^2$, a^3+b^3 , a^3-b^3 , a^2-b^2 etc. can also be used in such case.

Ex. $A^3+I = A^3+I^3$
 $= (A+I)(A^2-A+I)$

→ If $A \cdot B = O$ where $B \neq O$, then $|A| = 0$
(But it is not necessary that $A = O$)

To prove- let's assume $|A| \neq 0$
then A is invertible.

$$A^{-1} A B = A^{-1} \cdot O$$

{multiplying by A^{-1} both side}

$$B = O$$

but it's not possible
hence $|A| \neq 0$ is not possible

So, $|A| = 0$ Proved

→ If A is given & some higher power (like - A^{20} , A^{50} etc.) is required then -

Method-1 We calculate A^2, A^3 (sometimes A^4 also) & observing these we find out our required term.

Method-2 This ^{method} is applicable only for some special cases (i.e. ' A ' is triangular matrix & all diagonal elements of ' A ' are 'unity' (1).)

Ex. $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ a & 1 & 0 \\ b & c & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Now, we break this as $A = B + I$

where $B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ a & 0 & 0 \\ b & c & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Now, $B^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ ac & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$$B^n = 0 \quad \text{for } n \geq 3$$

Now, $A^m = (B + I)^m$ (if A^m is required) & thus expanding this, only 3 terms will be there and it (A^m) can easily be found out.

Ex. $A^{10} = (B + I)^{10}$
 $= I + 10B + 45B^2$