An Array of Matrix Explorations – Part 2

Algebra

- 1. Let $C = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$. Find all matrices *H* such that CH = 0. When does HC = 0?
- 2. Find all matrices A with integer entries such that $A^2 = I$
- 3. Find a matrix A such that $A^3 = I$ and $A \neq I$.
- 4. Suppose $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$. Find all matrices *B* such that AB = 0.
- 5. Find a matrix that has no square root.
- 6. Show that the set of all matrices of the form $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & c \end{bmatrix}$ is closed under multiplication.
- 7. Find a matrix A such that $A^3 = 0$ but $A^2 \neq 0$.
- 8. Find all $2x^2$ matrices that commute with $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$. Generalize.

Geometry

1. Let
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
 and $M = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$. Compute *MAM* and describe it geometrically.

- 2. As above, find the inverses of MA and AM. What power of MA is the identity?
- 3. Fnd a matrix that orthogonally projects the plane onto the line y = x.

4. Let
$$D = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2}/2 & -\sqrt{2}/2 \\ \sqrt{2}/2 & \sqrt{2}/2 \\ \sqrt{2}/2 & \sqrt{2}/2 \end{bmatrix}$$
. Show that *A* rotates the plane 45° counterclockwise. Find D^{-1} .

- 5. Describe the transformation DMD^{-1} in geometric terms, where D and M are defined as above.
- 6. Find a matrix that reflects the plane over the line y = 2x..
- 7. Find a 3x3 matrix that rotates space about the x-axis.