

Matrix Polynomial.

Let $f(x) = a_0x^n + a_1x^{n-1} + a_2x^{n-2} + \dots + a_{n-1}x + a_n$ be a polynomial and let A be a square matrix of order n . Then $f(A) = a_0A^n + a_1A^{n-1} + a_2A^{n-2} + \dots + a_{n-1}A + a_nI_n$ is called a matrix polynomial.

Example: If $f(x) = x^2 - 3x + 2$ is a polynomial and A is a square matrix, then $A^2 - 3A + 2I$ is a matrix polynomial.