

Type 1 Portfolio: Matrix Binomials

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I was given the expression $X = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ and $Y = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, where I calculate

X^2, X^3, X^4 . Below I calculated X^2 and made my way up to X^4 , where I also did the same with Y^2 to Y^4 .

$$X^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} (1 \times 1) + (1 \times 1) & (1 \times 1) + (1 \times 1) \\ (1 \times 1) + (1 \times 1) & (1 \times 1) + (1 \times 1) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$X^3 \text{ or } X^2 * X^1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} (2 \times 1) + (2 \times 1) & (2 \times 1) + (2 \times 1) \\ (2 \times 1) + (2 \times 1) & (2 \times 1) + (2 \times 1) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 4 \\ 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$X^4 \text{ or } X^3 * X^1 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 4 \\ 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} (4 \times 1) + (4 \times 1) & (4 \times 1) + (4 \times 1) \\ (4 \times 1) + (4 \times 1) & (4 \times 1) + (4 \times 1) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 8 \\ 8 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Y^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} (1 \times 1) + (-1 \times -1) & (1 \times -1) + (-1 \times 1) \\ (-1 \times 1) + (1 \times -1) & (-1 \times -1) + (1 \times 1) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 \\ -2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$Y^3 \text{ or } Y^2 * Y^1 =$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 \\ -2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} (2 \times 1) + (-2 \times -1) & (2 \times -1) + (-2 \times 1) \\ (-2 \times 1) + (2 \times -1) & (-2 \times -1) + (2 \times 1) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -4 \\ -4 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$Y^4 \text{ or } Y^3 * Y^1 =$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & -4 \\ -4 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} (4 \times 1) + (-4 \times -1) & (4 \times -1) + (-4 \times 1) \\ (-4 \times 1) + (4 \times -1) & (-4 \times -1) + (4 \times 1) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & -8 \\ -8 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

Now I am going to find an expression for: $[X^n, Y^n, (X+Y)^n]$, by inputting different 'n' values. By doing this I can find a correlation between each variable.

Expression: $X^n = 2^{(n-1)} X$

This general statement was found by finding a relationship through values from X^1 to X^4 . In the X^n table, a pattern begins to form from $1X$, $2X$, $4X$ and $8X$. If we simplify these numbers by using a constant value such as $1X = 2^0X$ we can find a general statement for this expression.

X^n
$X^1 = 1X = 2^0X$
$X^2 = 2X = 2^1X$
$X^3 = 4X = 2^2X$
$X^4 = 8X = 2^3X$

Expression: $Y^n = 2^{(n-1)} Y$

The same method to determine the general statement for the expression $X^n = 2^{(n-1)} X$ was also used for $Y^n = 2^{(n-1)} Y$.

Y^n
$Y^1 = 1Y = 2^0Y$
$Y^2 = 2Y = 2^1Y$
$Y^3 = 4Y = 2^2Y$
$Y^4 = 8Y = 2^3Y$

I am going to determine the expression for $(X+Y)^n$ by letting $X = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ and $Y = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$. Therefore the expression would look like:

$$(X+Y)^n = \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)^2 = \left(\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \right) = 2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

The resultant matrix is $2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

$(X+Y)^n$
$2I$
$4I$
$8I$
$16I$

We know that the Identity Matrix is $I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\therefore (X + Y)^n = (2I)^n$$

However I^n is an identity matrix $\therefore I^n = I$

$$\therefore (X + Y)^n = 2^n I$$

I am going to prove that this expression works with $(X+Y)^n$:

Calculation:

$$(X+Y)^n \quad n=2$$

My expression:

$$(X+Y)^2 = 2^2 I = 4 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \therefore 4I$$

With $(X+Y)^n$:

$$\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}^2$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} (2 \times 2) + (0 \times 0) & (-2 \times 0) + (0 \times 2) \\ (0 \times 2) + (0 \times 2) & (0 \times 0) + (2 \times 2) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= 4 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \therefore 4I$$

As well, since 'X' and 'Y' are singular matrices, they cannot be raised to a negative exponent since the determinant is zero.

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{ad-bc} \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix}$$

$X^{-1} = \frac{1}{(1 \times 1) - (1 \times 1)} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ $\det(X) = 1 - 1 = 0$	$Y^{-1} = \frac{1}{(1 \times -1) - (-1 \times 1)} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ $\det(Y) = -1 + 1 = 0$
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In this section I am going to use another two expression: $A^n = \alpha X$ and $B^n = \beta Y$, where ' α ' and ' β ' are constants. I am going to use different values for both of the constants ' α ' and ' β ' to calculate $A^2, A^3, A^4; B^2, B^3, B^4$.

First, I am going to find A^2 for the expression $A^n = cX$ and use 4 different constants for 'c', where I am going to let $X = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Calculation:

n=2 $c=1$ (without calculator) n=2 $a=2$ (with calculator) n=3 $a=2$
n=4 $a=2$

$$\begin{aligned} A^2 &= a^2 X^2 \\ (4)^2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^2 \\ &= (1)^2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^2 \\ &= 1 \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= 2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \therefore A^2 = 2X \end{aligned}$$

$$A^2 = (2)^2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^2$$

$$A^2 = 8X$$

$$A^2 = (3)^2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^2$$

$$A^2 = 18X$$

$$A^2 =$$

$$A^2 = 32X$$

Now I am going to create a table for $[A = cX]$ with all the different 'n' values and 'c' values:

	n=2	n=3	n=4
$c=1$	2X	4X	8X
$c=2$	8X	32X	128X
$c=3$	18X	108X	648X
$c=4$	32X	256X	2048X

Now I am going to find all the B^n by using the expression $B^n = dY$ and use 4 different constants for 'd', where I am going to let $Y = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

	n=2	n=3	n=4
$d=1$	2Y	4Y	8Y
$d=2$	8Y	32Y	128Y
$d=3$	18Y	108Y	648Y
$d=4$	32Y	256Y	2048Y

By considering integer powers of A and B, find expression for A^n , B^n and $(A+B)^n$

For the statement $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$, I am going to determine a general formula by inputting different numbers for the constant 'a' and as well for the terms 'n'.

$$A^n = (a \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix})^n$$

If I input a=1 and n=2 into $A^n = (a \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix})^n$, the resulting value would be 2X:

$$A^2 = (1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix})^2$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= 2X$$

However if I continue to input a=1 and change the terms 'n' to 3 and 4 a pattern begins to form:

$$A^3 = (1^3 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix})^3$$

$$= 1 \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 4 \\ 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= 4X$$

$$A^4 = (1^4 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix})^4$$

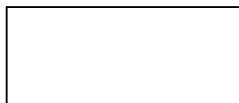
$$= 1 \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 8 \\ 8 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= 8X$$

By changing the terms n=2 up to n=4 'X' increases each time from, 2X, 4X to 8X. The number of X's that is being increased is resulted from this expression, " 2^{n-1} ". Therefore, we can convert the formula $A^n = (a \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix})^n$ to:

$$A^n = a^n X^n$$

$$A^n = a^n 2^{n-1} X$$



The same expression can be also used for the statement $B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ because both of the statements, $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ and $B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ have the same pattern. The only difference between the two statements is that 'X' and 'Y' have different matrices. Therefore we just change, A^n to B^n by:

$$A^n = a^n 2^{n-1} X$$

$$B^n = b^n 2^{n-1} Y$$

If the same values that were inputted for $A^n = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^n$ to $B^n = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^n$, the resultant values will be exactly the same with 'X' being 'Y':

$$\begin{aligned} B^2 &= \left(1^2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}\right)^2 & B^3 &= \left(1^3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}\right)^3 & B^4 &= \left(1^4 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}\right)^4 \\ &= 1 \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 \\ -2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} & &= 1 \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -4 \\ -4 & 4 \end{bmatrix} & &= 1 \begin{bmatrix} 8 & -8 \\ -8 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= 2Y & &= 4Y & &= 8Y \end{aligned}$$

The expression for $(A+B)^n$ can be found by inputting different values in the expression for $A^n = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^n$ and $B^n = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^n$. Therefore by inputting different values or same values for the constants 'a' and 'b' raised to the power of 'n'

If we input the constants with the same values like $a=1$ and $b=1$ raised to the power of $n=2$

$$\begin{aligned} (A+B)^n &= [(a^n 2^{n-1}X) + (b^n 2^{n-1}Y)]^n \\ &= [(1^2 2^{2-1}X) + (1^2 2^{2-1}Y)]^2 \\ &= \left(1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + 1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}\right)^2 \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \quad \therefore 4 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = 4I \end{aligned}$$

The resultant value for this expression contains an identity matrix when both of the values constants 'a' and 'b' are the same; however, there are some limitations. If the constants 'a' and 'b' contained different values such as (a=3 b=-12) the resultant matrix would differ, therefore the Identity Matrix cannot be used.

Let a=-3, b=5 and n=3

$$\begin{aligned} (A+B)^n &= [(aX) + (bY)]^n \\ &= [(-3X) + (5Y)]^3 \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 392 & -608 \\ -608 & 392 \end{bmatrix} \quad \therefore 8 \begin{bmatrix} 49 & -76 \\ -76 & 49 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore the expression for $(A+B)^n$ would be:

2^n = the individual numbers in the matrix raised to the power of 'n', not counting the zeros.

$$2^n = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$$

If I let $a=5$, $b=-7$ and $n=3$ with the expression $(A+B)^n = [(aX) + (bY)]^n$ than the expression where

$2^n =$ the individual numbers in the matrix raised to the power of 'n', not counting the zeros, will work as well.

I used a calculator to calculate this expression:

$$(A+B)^n = [(5X) + (-7Y)]^3$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -872 & 1972 \\ 1872 & -872 \end{bmatrix} \quad \therefore 8 \begin{bmatrix} -109 & 234 \\ 234 & -109 \end{bmatrix}$$

The general statement:

$2^n =$ the individual numbers in the matrix raised to the power of 'n', not counting the zeros

$$2^n = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$$

$$n=3$$

$$2^3 \begin{bmatrix} -109 & 234 \\ 234 & -109 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -872 & 1972 \\ 1872 & -872 \end{bmatrix}$$

In this expression there are some limitations where 'n' cannot equal zero nor a negative value.

The expression $M = \begin{pmatrix} a+b & a-b \\ a-b & a+b \end{pmatrix}$ can also be derived into $M = A+B$ and

$M^2 = A^2 + B^2$. By proving the expression $M = A+B$, A and B needs to be substituted for aX and bY as well as keeping the constants as a variable. This will prove the expression

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} a+b & a-b \\ a-b & a+b \end{pmatrix} \text{ through } M = A+B.$$

$$M = aX + bY$$

$$M = a \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + b \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} a & a \\ a & a \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} b & -b \\ -b & b \end{bmatrix}$$

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} a+b & a-b \\ a-b & a+b \end{bmatrix}$$

Now I am going to substitute A and B for X and Y for the expression $M^2 = A^2 + B^2$.

$$M^2 = (aX)^2 + (bY)^2$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a+b & a-b \\ a-b & a+b \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a+b & a-b \\ a-b & a+b \end{bmatrix} = \left(a \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)^2 + \left(b \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)^2$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} (a+b)(a+b) + (a-b)(a-b) & (a+b)(a-b) + (a-b)(a+b) \\ (a-b)(a+b) + (a+b)(a-b) & (a-b)(a-b) + (a+b)(a+b) \end{bmatrix} = a^2 \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} + b^2 \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 \\ -2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} (a^2 + 2ab + b^2) + (a^2 + 2ab + b^2) & (a^2 - b^2) + (a^2 - b^2) \\ (a^2 - b^2) + (a^2 - b^2) & (a^2 + 2ab + b^2) + (a^2 + 2ab + b^2) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2a^2 & 2a^2 \\ 2a^2 & 2a^2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 2b^2 & -2b^2 \\ -2b^2 & 2b^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2a^2 + 2b^2 & 2a^2 - 2b^2 \\ 2a^2 - 2b^2 & 2a^2 + 2b^2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2a^2 + 2b^2 & 2a^2 - 2b^2 \\ 2a^2 - 2b^2 & 2a^2 + 2b^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Therefore the general statement that expresses M^n in terms of X and Y could be expressed as:

$$M^n = (aX)^n + (bY)^n$$

Test the validity of your general statement by using different values of a and b

First I am going to use the general statement $M^n = (aX)^n + (bY)^n$ and then prove this general statement by using the expression $M = \begin{bmatrix} a+b & a-b \\ a-b & a+b \end{bmatrix}$.

<p>Let $a=3, b=4$</p> $M^n = (aX)^n + (bY)^n$ $M^4 = (3X)^4 + (4Y)^4$ $= \left(3^4 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)^4 + \left(4^4 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)^4$ $= \left(81 \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 8 \\ 8 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \right) + \left(256 \begin{bmatrix} 8 & -8 \\ -8 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \right)$ $= \begin{bmatrix} 2696 & -1400 \\ -1400 & 2696 \end{bmatrix}$	$M^n = \begin{pmatrix} a+b & a-b \\ a-b & a+b \end{pmatrix}^n$ $M^4 = \begin{pmatrix} 3+4 & 3-4 \\ 3-4 & 3+4 \end{pmatrix}^4$ $= \begin{pmatrix} 7 & -1 \\ -1 & 7 \end{pmatrix}^4$ $= \begin{pmatrix} 2696 & -1400 \\ -1400 & 2696 \end{pmatrix}$ $= 8 \begin{pmatrix} 337 & 175 \\ 175 & 337 \end{pmatrix}$
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$= 8 \begin{bmatrix} 337 & 175 \\ 175 & 337 \end{bmatrix}$	
<p>Let $a = 0.5$, $b = 2$</p> $M^n = (aX)^n + (bY)^n$ $M^2 = (-1X)^2 + (0.5Y)^2$ $= (-1^2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}) + (0.5^2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix})$ $= (1 \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}) + (0.25 \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 \\ -2 & 2 \end{bmatrix})$ $= \begin{bmatrix} 2.5 & 1.5 \\ 1.5 & 2.5 \end{bmatrix}$ $= 5 \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 & 0.3 \\ 0.3 & 0.5 \end{bmatrix}$	$M^n = \begin{pmatrix} a+b & a-b \\ a-b & a+b \end{pmatrix}^n$ $M^2 = \begin{pmatrix} -1+0.5 & -1-0.5 \\ -1-0.5 & -1+0.5 \end{pmatrix}^2$ $= \begin{pmatrix} -0.5 & -1.5 \\ -1.5 & -0.5 \end{pmatrix}^2$ $= \begin{pmatrix} 2.5 & 1.5 \\ 1.5 & 2.5 \end{pmatrix}$ $= 5 \begin{pmatrix} 0.5 & 0.3 \\ 0.3 & 0.5 \end{pmatrix}$

By finding if there are any limitations within this expression: $M^n = (aX)^n + (bY)^n$, I am going to change the constants 'a' and 'b' as we saw above into , decimals, fractions and negative exponents.

The first example I am going to prove that this general statement has some limitations:

Let $a = 0.3$, $b = 0.32$ and $n = -3$

$$M^{-3} = (0.3X)^{-3} + (0.32Y)^{-3}$$

$$M^{-3} = \left(0.3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}\right)^{-3} + \left(0.32 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}\right)^{-3}$$

As I plug this equation into my calculator it comes up with: (error domain). As a result this equation cannot be solved because the matrix cannot be raised to a negative power. Therefore the limitation in this expression is that 'n' cannot be a negative number.

In this second example I am going let 'n' equal to a positive integer and the constants 'a' and 'b' equal zero:

Let $a = 0$, $b = 0$, $n = 3$

$$M^3 = (0X)^3 + (0Y)^3$$

$$M^3 = \left(0 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}\right)^3 + \left(0 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}\right)^3$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

The limitation for the expression $M^n = (aX)^n + (bY)^n$ is that 'n' cannot contain a negative exponent nor a decimal value or a fraction because if we multiply an

exponent raised to a negative number it would make the value flip. However, both of the constants ' a ' and ' b ' can equal to any set of real numbers. Therefore the limitations and scope are:

$$n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$$

$$a \& b \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Use an algebraic method to explain how you arrived at your general statement.

The general statement that came from $M = A + B$ and $M^2 = A^2 + B^2$ is

$$M^n = (aX)^n + (bY)^n. \text{ This general statement should equal to } M = \begin{pmatrix} a+b & a-b \\ a-b & a+b \end{pmatrix}.$$

To prove that this general statement equals to $M = \begin{pmatrix} a+b & a-b \\ a-b & a+b \end{pmatrix}$, I am going to expand the equation $M^n = (aX)^n + (bY)^n$ by using only variables:

$ \begin{aligned} M^2 &= (aX)^2 + (bY)^2 \\ &= \left(a \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)^2 \left(b \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)^2 \\ &= a^2 \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} b^2 \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 \\ -2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 2a^2 & 2a^2 \\ 2a^2 & 2a^2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 2b^2 & -2b^2 \\ -2b^2 & 2b^2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 2a^2 + 2b^2 & 2a^2 - 2b^2 \\ 2a^2 - 2b^2 & 2a^2 + 2b^2 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned} $	$ \begin{aligned} M^2 &= \begin{bmatrix} a+b & a-b \\ a-b & a+b \end{bmatrix}^2 \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} a+b & a-b \\ a-b & a+b \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a+b & a-b \\ a-b & a+b \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} [(a+b)(a+b) + (a-b)(a-b)] & [(a+b)(a-b) + (a-b)(a+b)] \\ [(a-b)(a+b) + (a+b)(a-b)] & [(a-b)(a-b) + (a+b)(a+b)] \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} (a^2 + 2ab + b^2) + (a^2 - 2ab + b^2) & (a^2 - b^2) + (a^2 - b^2) \\ (a^2 - b^2) + (a^2 - b^2) & (a^2 + 2ab + b^2) + (a^2 - 2ab + b^2) \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 2a^2 + 2b^2 & 2a^2 - 2b^2 \\ 2a^2 - 2b^2 & 2a^2 + 2b^2 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned} $
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$$\begin{bmatrix} 2a^2 + 2b^2 & 2a^2 - 2b^2 \\ 2a^2 - 2b^2 & 2a^2 + 2b^2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2a^2 + 2b^2 & 2a^2 - 2b^2 \\ 2a^2 - 2b^2 & 2a^2 + 2b^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Therefore the equation $M^n = (aX)^n + (bY)^n$ equals with $M = \begin{pmatrix} a+b & a-b \\ a-b & a+b \end{pmatrix}$.

However, the equation $M^n = (aX)^n + (bY)^n$ would not work unless it is proven by the binomial theorem.

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} x^{n-k} y^k$$

$$M^n = (A + B)^n$$

$$(A + B)^2 = A^2 + 2AB + B^2$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \begin{bmatrix} 2a^2 & 2a^2 \\ 2a^2 & 2a^2 \end{bmatrix} + 2 \begin{bmatrix} ab - ab & -ab + ab \\ ab - ab & -ab + ab \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 2b^2 & -2b^2 \\ -2b^2 & 2b^2 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} 2a^2 & 2a^2 \\ 2a^2 & 2a^2 \end{bmatrix} + 2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 2b^2 & -2b^2 \\ -2b^2 & 2b^2 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} 2a^2 & 2a^2 \\ 2a^2 & 2a^2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 2b^2 & -2b^2 \\ -2b^2 & 2b^2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \therefore A^2 + B^2
 \end{aligned}$$

This calculations tells us that AB must equal to zero for this equation to work $AB = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$.
 As said before the only way the equation $M^n = (aX)^n + (bY)^n$ works is because $2(aX)(bY)$ equals to a zero matrix: $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

In the end, the expression $M^n = (aX)^n + (bY)^n$ can be substituted into a different equation where $(aX)^n + (bY)^n$ can be replaced as $[(a^n 2^{n-1}X) + (b^n 2^{n-1}Y)]^n$.

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