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**Follow-up.** What happens when  $P$  is *not* invertible?

3. True or False?

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

4. True or False?

If  $N = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , then

$$e^N = I + N + \frac{N^2}{2}.$$

5. True or False?

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**Hint.** Recall that  $e^{A+B} = e^A e^B$  if  $AB = BA$ , and notice that

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

6. Compute  $e^A$  for the following matrices.

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