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Quiz for January 15, 2004

Write out the multiplication table for the following set of matrices over \mathbb{Q} :

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{and} \quad D = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

ANSWER:

| | <i>A</i> | <i>B</i> | <i>C</i> | <i>D</i> |
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| <i>A</i> | <i>A</i> | <i>B</i> | <i>C</i> | <i>D</i> |
| <i>B</i> | <i>B</i> | <i>A</i> | <i>D</i> | <i>C</i> |
| <i>C</i> | <i>C</i> | <i>D</i> | <i>A</i> | <i>B</i> |
| <i>D</i> | <i>D</i> | <i>C</i> | <i>B</i> | <i>A</i> |