

## A SURJECTIVITY PROBLEM FOR 3 BY 3 MATRICES

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*Abstract.* Let  $P$  be a complex polynomial. We prove that the associated polynomial matrix-valued function  $\tilde{P}$  is surjective if and only if for each  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  the polynomial  $P - \lambda$  has at least a simple zero.

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