

**Q. 75** If  $A$  is a skew-symmetric matrix, then  $A^2$  is a .....

**Sol.** If  $A$  is a skew-symmetric matrix, then  $A^2$  is a symmetric matrix.

$\therefore$

$$A' = -A$$

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$$(A^2)' = (A')^2$$

$$= (-A)^2$$

$$[\because A' = -A]$$

$$= A^2$$

So,  $A^2$  is a symmetric matrix.