

4) If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -x \\ x & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $x^2 = -1$ , then show that

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

Solution: We have,  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -x \\ x & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $x^2 = -1$

$$\therefore (A+B) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -x+1 \\ x+1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore (A+B)^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -x+1 \\ x+1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -x+1 \\ x+1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1-x^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1-x^2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{--- ①}$$

$$\text{Also, } A^2 = A \cdot A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -x \\ x & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -x \\ x & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -x^2 & 0 \\ 0 & -x^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{And, } B^2 = B \cdot B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore A^2 + B^2 = \begin{bmatrix} -x^2 & 0 \\ 0 & -x^2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1-x^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1-x^2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{--- ②}$$

From equations ① and ②,

we have  $(A+B)^2 = A^2 + B^2$