If $A = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ and $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 5 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ then a value of α for which $A^2 = B$ is:

Solution :

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^2 = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}\begin{bmatrix} \alpha & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha^2 & 0 \\ \alpha+1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^2 = B$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \alpha^2 & 0 \\ \alpha+1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 5 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha^2 = 1 \ \& \ \alpha + 1 = 5$$

No real values

A. 1

B. -1

C. 4

D. No real values

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