

As seen

Q3 Let A be a symmetric matrix $= \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ b & c \end{bmatrix}$ Ex. $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

B be a symmetric matrix $= \begin{bmatrix} d & e \\ e & -d \end{bmatrix}$ Ex. $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ b & c \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} d & e \\ e & -d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} ad + be & ae - bd \\ bd + ce & be - cd \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{Ex. } \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$ae - bd \neq bd + ce$ \therefore the product of two symmetric matrices is not always symmetric
Ex. $-2 \neq 2$