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ON CON-K-NORMAL MATRICES

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ABSTRACT

The concept of conjugate k-normal (con-k-normal) matrices is introduced. Some basic results of con-k-normal, con-k-unitary are discussed.

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INTRODUCTION

Let  $C_{n \times n}$  be the space of  $n \times n$  complex matrices. For a matrix  $A \in C_{n \times n}$ ,  $\bar{A}, A^T, A^*, A^{-1}$  and  $A^\dagger$  denote conjugate, transpose, conjugate transpose, inverse and Moore-Penrose inverse of a matrix 'A' respectively. Let 'k' be a fixed product of disjoint transpositions in  $S_n = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  (hence, involutory) and let 'K' be the associated permutation matrix. The concept of Con-k-normal matrices is introduced as a generalization of k-real and k-hermitian and normal matrices [2]. The con-k-unitary is also discussed in this paper. Clearly 'K' satisfies the following properties:  $K^2 = I$  and  $K = K^T = K^* = K^\dagger$ .

Basic Definitions

**Definition 2.1[3]:** A matrix  $A \in C_{n \times n}$  is said to be k-normal, if  $AA^*K = KA^*A$ .

That is,  $a_{ij} \bar{a}_{n-k(j)+1 k(i)} = \bar{a}_{k(j) n-k(i)+1} a_{ij}$ ;  $i, j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

**Definition 2.2[3]:** A matrix  $A \in C_{n \times n}$  is said to be k-unitary, if  $AA^*K = KA^*A = K$ .

Con-k-normal matrices

**Definition 3.1:** A matrix  $A \in C_{n \times n}$  is said to be con-k-normal, if  $AA^*K = \overline{KA^*A}$ .

That is,  $AA^*K = KA^T \bar{A}$  (or)  $KA^*A = \bar{A}A^T K$

**Example 3.2:** Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} i & 0 \\ 1 & i \end{bmatrix}$  is con-k-normal for  $k = (1, 2)$ ,

where  $K = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

**Theorem 3.3:** For  $A \in C_{n \times n}$  the following conditions are equivalent.

- (i)  $A$  is con-k-normal.
- (ii)  $\bar{A}$  is con-k-normal.
- (iii)  $A^T$  is con-k-normal.
- (iv)  $A^*$  is con-k-normal.
- (v)  $A^{-1}$  is con-k-normal, if  $A^{-1}$  exist.
- (vi)  $A^\dagger$  is con-k-normal.
- (vii)  $\lambda A$  is con-k-normal, where  $\lambda$  is a real number.

**Proof:** (i)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (ii):  $A$  is con-k-normal

$$\Leftrightarrow AA^*K = KA^T \bar{A}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \overline{(AA^*K)} = \overline{(KA^T \bar{A})}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \bar{A}A^T K = KA^*A$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \bar{A} \text{ is con-k-normal.}$$

(i)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (iii):  $A$  is con-k-normal

$$\Leftrightarrow AA^*K = KA^T \bar{A} \Leftrightarrow (AA^*K)^T = (KA^T \bar{A})^T$$

$$\Leftrightarrow K^T (A^*)^T A^T = \bar{A}^T (A^T)^T K^T \Leftrightarrow K \bar{A}A^T = A^*AK$$

Pre and post multiply by K on both sides,

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$\Leftrightarrow \overline{AA^T} K = K A^* A \Leftrightarrow A^T$  is con-k-normal.  
 (i)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (iv):  $A$  is con-k-normal  $\Leftrightarrow AA^*K = K A^T \overline{A}$   
 $\Leftrightarrow (AA^*K)^* = (K A^T \overline{A})^*$   
 $\Leftrightarrow K^* (A^*)^* A^* = (\overline{A})^* (A^T)^* K^* \Leftrightarrow K A A^* = A^T \overline{A} K$   
 Pre and post multiply by  $K$  on both sides,  
 $\Leftrightarrow AA^*K = K A^T \overline{A} \Leftrightarrow A^*$  is con-k-normal.  
 (i)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (v):  $A$  is con-k-normal  $\Leftrightarrow AA^*K = K A^T \overline{A}$   
 $\Leftrightarrow (AA^*K)^{-1} = (K A^T \overline{A})^{-1}$   
 $\Leftrightarrow K^{-1} (A^*)^{-1} A^{-1} = (\overline{A})^{-1} (A^T)^{-1} K^{-1}$   
 $\Leftrightarrow K (A^{-1})^* A^{-1} = (\overline{A^{-1}}) (A^{-1})^T K$   
 $\Leftrightarrow A^{-1}$  is con-k-normal, if  $A^{-1}$  exist.  
 (i)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (vi):  $A$  is con-k-normal  $\Leftrightarrow AA^*K = K A^T \overline{A}$   
 $\Leftrightarrow (AA^*K)^\dagger = (K A^T \overline{A})^\dagger$   
 $\Leftrightarrow K (A^\dagger)^* A^\dagger = (\overline{A^\dagger}) (A^\dagger)^T K \Leftrightarrow A^\dagger$  is con-k-normal.  
 (i)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (vii):  $A$  is k-normal  $\Leftrightarrow AA^*K = K A^T \overline{A}$   
 $\Leftrightarrow \lambda^2 (AA^*K) = \lambda^2 (K A^T \overline{A})$   
 $\Leftrightarrow (\lambda A) (\lambda A^*) K = K (\lambda A^T) (\lambda \overline{A})$   
 $\Leftrightarrow (\lambda A) (\lambda A)^* K = K (\lambda A)^T (\lambda \overline{A})$   
 $\Leftrightarrow (\lambda A)$  is con-k-normal.

**Theorem 3.4:** If  $A$  and  $B$  are con-k-normal matrices. Then  $(A+B)$  and  $(A-B)$  are con-k-normal matrix.

**Proof:** Given  $A$  and  $B$  are con-k-normal. Then

$$AA^*K = K A^T \overline{A} \text{ ----- (1)}$$

$$\text{and } BB^*K = K B^T \overline{B} \text{ ----- (2)}$$

Adding equations (1) and (2), we get,

$$AA^*K + BB^*K = K A^T \overline{A} + K B^T \overline{B}$$

Pre and post multiply by  $(AB^* + A^*B)K$  and

$K(A^T \overline{B} + B^T \overline{A})$  we get,

$$(AB^* + A^*B)K + (A^*A + B^*B)K = K(A^T \overline{A} + B^T \overline{B}) + K(A^T \overline{B} + B^T \overline{A})$$

$$\Rightarrow [A(A^* + B^*) + B(A^* + B^*)]K = K[(\overline{A} + \overline{B})A^T + (\overline{A} + \overline{B})B^T]$$

$$\Rightarrow (A+B)(A^* + B^*)K = K(A^T + B^T)(\overline{A} + \overline{B})$$

$$\Rightarrow (A+B)(A+B)^*K = K(A+B)^T(\overline{A+B})$$

Therefore  $(A+B)$  is con-k-normal.

Similarly, we can prove  $(A-B)$  is con-k-normal.

**Theorem 3.5:** Let  $A \in \square_{n \times n}$ ,

- (i). If  $A$  is con-k-normal, then  $(iA)$  is con-k-normal.
- (ii). If  $A$  is con-k-normal, then  $(-iA)$  is con-k-normal.

**Proof:** (i) Given  $A$  is con-k-normal.

That is,  $AA^*K = KA^T \overline{A} \Rightarrow i^2(AA^*K) = i^2(KA^T \overline{A})$   
 $\Rightarrow (iA)[- (iA)^*][ ]K = K(iA)^T [-(iA)]$   
 $\Rightarrow (iA)(iA)^*K = K(iA)^T (iA)$   
 $\Rightarrow (iA)$  is con-k-normal.

Similarly, we can prove  $(-iA)$  is con-k-normal.

**Theorem 3.6:** Let  $A \in \square_{n \times n}$  be con-k-normal, then  $A\overline{A}$  and  $\overline{A}A$  are k-normal.

**Proof:** Let  $A$  be con-k-normal, if  $AA^*K = KA^T \overline{A}$ .

We have,  $(A\overline{A})(A\overline{A})^*K = (A\overline{A})(A^T A^*)K = A(\overline{A}A^T)A^*K$   
 $= A(K^2 \overline{A}A^T)A^*K$   
 $= A(A^*A)A^*K = (AA^*)^2K \dots\dots\dots (3)$

and  $K(A\overline{A})^*(A\overline{A}) = K(A^T A^*)(\overline{A}A) = (KA^T \overline{A})(A^*A)$   
 $= (AA^*K)(A^*A)$   
 $= (AA^*)(AA^*)K = (AA^*)^2K \dots\dots\dots (4)$

From (3) and (4), we have,  $(A\overline{A})(A\overline{A})^*K = K(A\overline{A})^*(A\overline{A})$   
 Therefore,  $A\overline{A}$  is k-normal.

Similarly, we can prove  $\overline{A}A$  is k-normal.

**Remark 3.7:** The reverse implication  $A\overline{A}$  and  $\overline{A}A$  are k-normal, then  $A$  is con-k-normal is false.

**Theorem 3.8[1]:** Let  $A, B \in \square_{n \times n}$  be con-k-normal matrices, then  $A\overline{B} = B\overline{A} \Rightarrow A^T \overline{B} = B A^*$ .

In words, if  $A$  is con-commutes with some matrix  $B$ , then  $A^T$  con-commutes with  $B$  as well.

**Proof:** Given  $A$  and  $B$  are con-k-normal matrices, then  $AA^*K = KA^T \overline{A}$  and  $BB^*K = KB^T \overline{B}$ . Since  $A\overline{B} = B\overline{A}$  is trivially true for  $B=A$ . Let  $A$  be con-k-normal and let  $B$  be con-commute with  $A$ .  $A\overline{B} = B\overline{A}$

For,  $\hat{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & A \\ \overline{A} & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\hat{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & B \\ \overline{B} & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . We have

$$\hat{A}\hat{B} = A\overline{B} \oplus \overline{A}B \text{ and } \hat{B}\hat{A} = B\overline{A} \oplus \overline{B}A$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{A} \text{ and } \hat{B} \text{ commutes.}$$

Since  $A$  is con-k-normal, then  $A^*$  is con-k-normal.

$\Rightarrow \hat{A}$  is con-k-normal, then  $\Rightarrow \hat{A}^*$  is con-k-normal.

Therefore,  $\hat{A}^*\hat{B} = \hat{B}\hat{A}^*$  which is equivalent to  $A^T \overline{B} = B A^*$ .

**Con-k-unitary matrices**

**Definition 4.1:** A matrix  $A \in \square_{n \times n}$  is said to be con-k-unitary, if  $AA^*K = KA^T \overline{A} = K$ .

**Example 4.2:** Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix}$  is con-k-unitary for

$$k = (1, 2), \text{ where } K = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Theorem 4.3:** For  $A \in \square_{n \times n}$  the following conditions are equivalent.

- (i)  $A$  is con-k-unitary.
- (ii)  $\bar{A}$  is con-k-unitary.
- (iii)  $A^T$  is con-k-unitary.
- (iv)  $A^*$  is con-k-unitary.
- (v)  $A^{-1}$  is con-k-unitary, if  $A^{-1}$  exist.
- (vi)  $A^\dagger$  is con-k-unitary.
- (vii)  $\lambda A$  is con-k-unitary, where  $\lambda$  is a real number.

**Theorem 4.4:** Let  $A, B \in \square_{n \times n}$ . If A and B are con-k-unitary matrices, then AB is con-k-normal.

**Proof:** Let A and B are con-k-unitary, then

$$AA^*K = K A^T \bar{A} = K \text{ and } BB^*K = K B^T \bar{B} = K.$$

To prove AB is con-k-normal.

$$\text{Now, } (AB)(AB)^*K = AB(B^*A^*)K = A(BB^*)A^*K = AA^*K = K \tag{5}$$

$$K(AB)^T(\overline{AB}) = K(B^T A^T)(\overline{AB}) = KB^T(A^T \bar{A})\bar{B} = KB^T \bar{B} = K \tag{6}$$

From (5) and (6), we have

$$(AB)(AB)^*K = K(AB)^T(\overline{AB}).$$

Therefore AB is con-k-normal.

**Corollary 4.5:** Let  $A, B \in \square_{n \times n}$ . If A and B are con-k-unitary matrices, then AB is con-k-unitary.

**Theorem 4.6:** Let  $A, B \in \square_{n \times n}$ . If A and B are con-k-unitary matrices, then BA is con-unitary.

**Proof:** Let A and B are con-k-unitary, then

$$AA^*K = K A^T \bar{A} = K \tag{7}$$

$$\text{and } BB^*K = K B^T \bar{B} = K \tag{8}$$

From (7) and (8), we have

$$AA^*K BB^*K = K A^T \bar{A} K B^T \bar{B} = K^2 = I$$

$$\Rightarrow KBB^*K = K A^T \bar{A} K = I$$

$$\Rightarrow BB^* = A^T \bar{A} = I$$

$$\Rightarrow BK^2B^* = A^T K^2 \bar{A} = I$$

$$\Rightarrow BAA^*KKB^* = A^T KKB^T \bar{B} = I$$

$$\Rightarrow (BA)(BA)^* = (BA)^T(\bar{B}A) = I$$

Therefore, BA is con-unitary.

**Theorem 4.7:** Let  $A \in \square_{n \times n}$  and  $A = SU, A^T = SV$ , where U and V are con-k-unitary matrices and S is a symmetric matrix, then A is con-k-normal.

**Proof:** Let  $A = SU$  and  $A^T = SV$ , where U and V are con-k-unitary.

Then,

$$AA^*K = (SU)(SU)^*K = SUU^*\bar{S}K = SUU^*K^2\bar{S}K = \bar{S}K \tag{9}$$

$$\overline{KA^*A} = \overline{KA^T \bar{A}} = \overline{K(SV)(V^*\bar{S})} = \overline{SKV^*\bar{S}} = \overline{SV^*K\bar{S}} = \overline{SV^*\bar{S}K} = \bar{S}K \tag{10}$$

From (9) and (10), we have  $AA^*K = \overline{KA^*A} = KA^T \bar{A}$ .

Therefore, A is con-k-normal.

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