

ON RANGE QUATERNION HERMITIAN MATRICES

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ABSTRACT

The concept of range quaternion hermitian (q-EP) matrices is introduced as a generalization of quaternion hermitian and EP matrices. Necessary and sufficient conditions are determined for a matrix to be q-EP_r (q - EP and rank r). Equivalent characterization of q - EP matrix are equivalent characterization at q- EP matrixes are discussed. As an application, it is shown that the class of all EP matrices having the same range space form a group under multiplication.

Key words: Matrix, Quaternion Hermitian, Quaternion matrix.

1. INTRODUCTION

Let $H_{n \times n}$ be the space of $n \times n$ quaternion matrices. For $A \in H_{n \times n}$, Let $A^T, A^*, A^\dagger, R(A), N(A)$ and $\text{rk}(A)$ denote the transpose, conjugate transpose Moore-Penrose inverse range space, null space and rank of A respectively. We denote the solution of the equation $AXA = A$ by A^- for $A \in H_{n \times n}$. The Moore-Penrose inverse A^\dagger of A is the unique solution of the equations $AXA = A$, $XAX = A$, $(AX)^* = AX$ and $(XA)^* = XA$ [2]. In this paper we introduce the concept of q-EP hermitian and EP matrices and extended many of the basic results on q - hermitian and q- EP matrices [2,4,5], A matrix $A \in C_{n \times n}$ is said to be EP or called as range hermitian if $N(A) = N(A^*)$ or equivalently $R(A) = R(A^*)$ [3, P 163] Relation between q- EP and EP matrices are discussed.

2. Q - EP MATRICES

The Concept of range quaternion hermitian (q- EP) matrices introduced as a generalization of q - hermitian and EP matrices. Necessary and sufficient condition are determined for a matrix to be q-EP_r (q - EP and rank r). Equivalently characterizations of a q- EP are discussed. As an application, it is shown that the class of all q - EP matrices having the same range space form a group under multiplication.

Definition: A matrix $A \in H_{n \times n}$ is said to be quaternion EP if $R(A) = R(A^*)$ or equivalently $N(A) = N(A^*)$. A is said to be quaternion EP_r if A is quaternion EP and of rank r .

Remark 1: If K is any scalar and A is a quaternion matrix then $R(KA) = R(KA^*)$.

Remark 2: The concept of q-EP matrix is an analogue of the concept of EP matrix [P. 163, 4].

Remark 3: Further, if A is q -hermitian then $A = A^*$ implies that $R(A) = R(A^*)$. Automatically holds and therefore A is q -EP. However the converse need not true.

Remark 4: Every quaternion EP matrix is complex matrix if any two axis is zero among i, j and k .

Remarks-5: A is q - EP matrix if only if A is an EP matrix.

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Example:

$$(i) \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1+2i+3j+4k & 2+4i+6j+8k \\ 1-2i-3j-4k & 3 & 3+6i+9j+12k \\ 2-4i-6j-8k & 3-6i-9j-12k & 4 \end{bmatrix} \text{ is a q - hermitian and q-EP.}$$

$$(ii) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ is EP and q - EP not q - Hermitian.}$$

Theorem 1: For $A \in H_{n \times n}$ the following are equivalent:

- (1) A is q - EP
- (2) A^\dagger is q - EP
- (3) $N(A) = N(A^\dagger)$
- (4) $N(A) = N(A^*)$
- (5) $R(A) = R(A^*)$
- (6) $A^\dagger A = AA^\dagger$
- (7) $A = A^*H$ for a non - singular $n \times n$ matrix H .
- (8) $A = HA^*$ for a non - singular $n \times n$ matrix H .
- (9) $A^* = HA$ for a non - singular $n \times n$ matrix H .
- (10) $A^* = AH$ for a non - singular $n \times n$ matrix H .
- (11) $H_n = R(A) \oplus N(A^*)$
- (12) $H_n = R(A^*) \oplus N(A)$

Proof:

$$(1) \Leftrightarrow (2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} A \text{ is q - EP} &\Leftrightarrow A \text{ is EP (by Remark 5)} \\ &\Leftrightarrow A^\dagger \text{ is EP} \\ &\Leftrightarrow A^\dagger \text{ is q- EP} \end{aligned}$$

Thus the equivalence of (1) and (2) is proved.

$$(2) \Leftrightarrow (3)$$

$$\begin{aligned} A^\dagger \text{ is q - EP} &\Leftrightarrow A \text{ is q - EP} \\ &\Leftrightarrow N(A) = N(A^*) \\ &\Leftrightarrow N(A) = N(A^\dagger) \end{aligned}$$

$$(3) \Leftrightarrow (4)$$

$$\begin{aligned} N(A) = N(A^\dagger) &\Leftrightarrow A^\dagger \text{ is q - EP} \\ &\Leftrightarrow A \text{ is q - EP (by definition q - EP)} \\ &\Leftrightarrow N(A) = N(A^*) \end{aligned}$$

Similarly by the definition (4) \Leftrightarrow (5). Thus equivalence of (3), (4) and (5).

$$(5) \Leftrightarrow (6)$$

$$\begin{aligned} R(A) = R(A^*) &\Leftrightarrow A \text{ is q - EP} \\ &\Leftrightarrow A \text{ is EP} \\ &\Leftrightarrow AA^\dagger = A^\dagger A \end{aligned}$$

$$(6) \Leftrightarrow (7)$$

$$\begin{aligned} AA^\dagger = A^\dagger A &\Leftrightarrow R(A) = R(A^*) \\ &\Leftrightarrow A \text{ is q - EP} \\ &\Leftrightarrow A^* = AH_1 \text{ for a non singular } n \times n \text{ matrix } H_1 \\ &\Leftrightarrow A = A^* (H_1)^{-1} \\ &\Leftrightarrow A = A^* H, \text{ where } H = (H_1)^{-1} \\ &\Leftrightarrow A = A^* H, \text{ where } H = (H_1)^{-1} \text{ is a non - singular } n \times n \text{ matrix.} \end{aligned}$$

(6) \Leftrightarrow (8):

$$\begin{aligned} AA^\dagger &= A^\dagger A && \Leftrightarrow A \text{ is q-EP} \\ &&& \Leftrightarrow A^* = H_1 A \text{ for a non-singular nxn matrix } H_1, \\ &&& \Leftrightarrow A = H_1^{-1} A^* \\ &&& \Leftrightarrow A = HA^*, \text{ where } H = (H_1)^{-1} \text{ is a non-singular matrix.} \end{aligned}$$

Thus equivalence of (7) \Leftrightarrow (9) and (8) \Leftrightarrow (10) follows immediately by taking conjugate transpose.

(9) \Leftrightarrow (11): $A^*A = HA$ for a non-singular nxn matrix H.

$$\begin{aligned} &\Leftrightarrow A^*A = HAA \\ &\Leftrightarrow A^*A = HA^2 \\ &\Leftrightarrow \text{rk}(A^*A) = \text{rk}(HA^2) \\ &\Leftrightarrow \text{rk}(A^*A) = \text{rk}(A^2) \end{aligned}$$

Over the complex field, A^*A and A have the same rank. Therefore,

$$\text{rk}((A^2)) = \text{rk}(A^*A) = \text{rk}(A) = \text{rk}(A^*)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\Leftrightarrow R(A^*) \cap N(A^*) = \{0\} \\ &\Leftrightarrow R(A^*) \cap N(A) = \{0\} \\ &\Leftrightarrow H_n = R(A^*) \oplus N(A) \end{aligned}$$

This can be proved along the same line and using $\text{rk}(A^*) = \text{rk}(A)$. Thus (11) \Leftrightarrow (12)

$$(11) \Leftrightarrow (1): \text{ If } H_n = R(A^*) \oplus N(A) \text{ then } R(A^*) \cap N(A) = \{0\}. \text{ For } x \in N(A), x \notin R(A)^* \Leftrightarrow x \in N(A)^* = N(A^*)$$

Hence $N(A) \subseteq N(A^*)$ and $\text{rk}(A) = \text{rk}(A^*)$

$$\begin{aligned} &\Leftrightarrow N(A) = N(A^*) \\ &\Leftrightarrow A \text{ is q-EP} \end{aligned}$$

Thus (11) \Leftrightarrow (1) holds. Similarly, we can prove (12) \Leftrightarrow (1). Hence the theorem.

Theorem 2: If $A \in H_{n \times n}$ is normal and AA^* is q-EP then A is q-EP.

Proof: Since A is normal, A is EP moreover AA^* is q-EP.

$$\begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow R(AA^*) = R((AA^*)^*) \\ &\Rightarrow R(A) = R((A^*)^*) \\ &\Rightarrow R(A) = R(A^*) \\ &\Rightarrow A \text{ is q-EP.} \end{aligned}$$

Hence the theorem.

Theorem 3: Let 'E' be quaternion hermitian idempotent. Then $H_q(E) = \{A: A \text{ is q-EP and } R(A) = R(E)\}$ forms a maximal subgroup at $H_{n \times n}$ containing E as identity.

Proof: Since E as identity is quaternion hermitian, it is automatically q-EP. Thus $E \in H_q(E)$.

Next we shall prove that for any $A \in H_q(E)$ then $A^\dagger \in H_q(E)$. Now for any $A \in H_q(E) \Leftrightarrow A$ is q-EP and $R(A) = R(E)$.

$$\begin{aligned} R(A^\dagger) &= R(A)^\dagger = R(A)^* \\ &= R(A^*) \\ &= R(A) \\ &= R(E) \end{aligned}$$

Thus $A^\dagger \in H_q(E)$. Since $E = E^* = E^2$.

E being hermitian idempotent with $R(A) = R(E)$. E is Projection on $R(A)$.

Therefore

$$E = AA^\dagger = A^\dagger A \text{ that is } E = \text{ for any } A \in H_q(E).$$

Now $EA = A = AE \Rightarrow$ for every $A \in H_q(E)$ which shows that 'E' is identity, for $H_q(E)$. Now for any $A \in H_q(E)$ we have $AA^\dagger = E \Rightarrow A^\dagger$

That is $AA^\dagger = E \Rightarrow A^\dagger$ is the inverse of A.

Suppose $A, B \in H_q(E) \Rightarrow A$ and B are q - EP with $R(A) = R(E) = R(B)$.

Also $\text{rk}(A) = \text{rk}(A^2)$. AB is q - EP. \Rightarrow Moreover,

$$\text{Thus } E = AA^\dagger = A^\dagger A = BB^\dagger = B^\dagger B$$

Now

$$R(AB) \subseteq R(A) = R(E)$$

$$R(AB) \subseteq R(E)$$

Therefore, $AB \in H_q(E)$ is closed under multiplication Thus we have shows that $H_q(E)$ is a subgroup of $H_{n \times n}$ with identity E. Maximality of $H_q(E)$ follows from the theorem " $H(E) = \{A; A \text{ is EP and } R(A) = R(E)\}$ forms a maximal subgroup containing E as identity" Hence the theorem.

Remark 6: Let $F = F^2 = F^*$ be symmetric idempotent in $H_{n \times n}$ Then

$H(F) = \{B \in H_{n \times n} : B \text{ is q - EP and } R(B) = R(F)\}$ is maximal Subgroup of $H_{n \times n}$ Containing F as identity theorem 2.1, (4).

Theorem 4: $H_q(E)$ and $H(F)$ are isomorphic Subgroups of $H_{n \times n}$.

Proof: By defining the mapping $\phi: H_q(E) \rightarrow H(F)$ Such that $\phi(A) = A$. One can Prove that ϕ is well defined, 1-1, onto homomorphism. That is, ϕ is an isomorphism. Thus $H_q(E)$ and $H(F)$ are isomorphic subgroups of $H_{n \times n}$. Hence the theorem.

Remark 7: For $A \in H_{n \times n}$ there exists q - hermitian matrices P and Q such that $A = P + Q$ where $Q = xi + yj + zk$, Q is a matrix then $P = \frac{1}{2}(A + A^*)$ and $Q = \frac{1}{2}(A - A^*)$. In the following theorem equivalent condition for matrix A to be q - EP.

Theorem 5: For $A \in H_{n \times n}$, A is q - EP $\Leftrightarrow N(A) \subseteq N(P)$ where P is the q - hermitian part of A.

Proof: If A is q-EP, then by the definition $N(A) = N(A^*) \Rightarrow N(A^\dagger) = N(A^*)$ Then for $x \in N(A)$, both $Ax = 0$

$$\text{and } A^*x=0 \text{ which implied that } Px = \left[\frac{1}{2}(A + A^*) \right] x = 0$$

Thus $N(A) \subseteq N(P)$. Conversely, let $N(A) \subseteq N(P)$; then $Ax = 0 \Rightarrow Px = 0$ and hence $Qx = 0$. Therefore, $N(A) \subseteq N(Q)$.

Thus $N(A) \subseteq N(P) \cap N(Q)$. Since both P and Q are q- hermitian $P = P^*$, $Q = Q^*$

Hence $N(P) = N(P^*)$ and $N(Q) = N(Q^*)$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} N(A) &\subseteq N(P) \cap N(Q) \\ &= N(P^*) \cap N(Q^*) \\ &\subseteq N(P^* \cdot Q^*) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $N(A) \subseteq N(A^*)$ and $\text{rk}(A) = \text{rk}(A^*)$. Hence $N(A) = N(A^*)$. Thus A is q - EP.

Hence the the theorem.

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