



ON PRODUCT OF RANGE QUATERNION HERMITIAN MATRICES

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ABSTRACT

In this paper we discuss the product of q-EP matrices are discussed.

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INTRODUCTION

Through we shall deal with nxn quaternion matrices [7]. Let A^* denote the conjugate transpose of A. Let A^- be the generalized inverse of A satisfying $AA^-A = A$ and z be the Moore-Penrose of A[6]. Any matrix $A \in H_{n \times n}$ is called q-EP (2) if $R(A)=R(A^*)$ and his called q-EP_r, if A is q-EP and $rk(A)=r$, where $N(A)$, $R(A)$ and $rk(A)$ denote the null space, range space and rank of A respectively. It is well known that sum and sum of parallel summable q-EP matrices are q-EP [3]. In general the product of symmetric, Hermitian, normal and EP respectively. Similarly, the product of q-EP matrices need not be q-EP. For instance

$$\text{Let } A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1+i+j+k \\ 1-i-j-k & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1+2i+3j+4k \\ 1-2i-3j-4k & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

A is q-EP and B is q-EP.

$$AB = \begin{pmatrix} 13-4j-2k & 5+6i+7j+4k \\ 5-7i-9j-11k & 18+2i+4k \end{pmatrix} \text{ is not q-EP}$$

Theorem 1.1: Let A_1 and A_n ($n>a$) be q-EP_r matrices and let $A = A_1A_2A_3\dots A_n$. Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (i) A is q-EP_r
- (ii) $R(A_1) = R(A_n)$ and $rk(A)=r$
- (iii) $R(A_1^*) = R(A_n^*)$ and $rk(A) = r$

Proof:

(i) \Leftrightarrow (ii): Since A_1 and A_n are q-EP_r, therefore $R(A_1) = R(A_1^*)$ and $R(A_n) = R(A_n^*)$. Let $A=A_1A_2A_3\dots A_n$.

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Since $A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots, A_n$ are q-EP

$$\Rightarrow A = A_1 A_2 A_3 \dots A_n$$

$R(A) \subseteq R(A_1)$ and $\text{rk}(A) = \text{rk}(A_1)$

$$\Rightarrow R(A) = R(A_1).$$

Also $A^* = (A_n^*) (A_{n-1}^*) \dots (A_1^*)$

$$\Rightarrow R(A^*) \subseteq R(A_n^*) \text{ and } \text{rk}(A) = \text{rk}(A_n) = r$$

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Therefore,

$$R(A^*) = R(A_n^*)$$

Now,

$$A \text{ is } q\text{-EP}_r \Leftrightarrow R(A) = R(A^*) \text{ and } \text{rk}(A) = r \text{ (By definition } q\text{-EP}[2])$$

$$\Leftrightarrow R(A_1) = R(A_n^*)$$

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$$\Leftrightarrow R(A_1) = R(A_n) \text{ and } \text{rk}(A) = r$$

(ii) \Leftrightarrow (iii):

$$R(A_1) = R(A_n)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow R(A_1^*) = R(A_n^*) = R(A_n^*)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow R(A_1^*) = R(A_n^*)$$

Hence the theorem

Corollary 1.2: Let A and B are $q\text{-EP}_r$ matrices. Then AB is $q\text{-EP}_r \Leftrightarrow \text{rk}(AB) = r$ and $R(A) = R(B)$

Proof: Proof follows from theorem (1.1) for the product of two $q\text{-EP}_r$ matrices A and B.

Remarks 1.3: In the corollary both the conditions that $\text{rk}(AB) = r$ and $R(A) = R(B)$ are essential for the product of two $q\text{-EP}_r$ matrices to be $q\text{-EP}_r$. This can be seen in the following example.

Example 1.4:

$$\text{Let } A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & k \\ -k & 0 \end{pmatrix}, B = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -k \\ k & 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow AB = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & -k \\ k & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

A is $q\text{-EP}$ and B is $q\text{-EP}$, then AB is $q\text{-EP} \Leftrightarrow \text{rk}(AB) = 2$ and $R(A) = R(B)$

Example 1.5:

$$\text{Let } A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1+i+j+k \\ 1-i-j-k & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1+2i+3j+4k \\ 1-2i-3j-4k & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

A is $q\text{-EP}$ and B is $q\text{-EP}$. $R(A) \neq R(B)$. Then

$$AB = \begin{pmatrix} 1-3j-2k & 5+6i+7j+5k \\ 5-7i-9j-11k & 18+2i+4k \end{pmatrix} \text{ is not } q\text{-EP}$$

AB is not $q\text{-EP}$ and $\text{rk}(AB) = 2$

Theorem 1.6: Let $\text{rk}(AB) = \text{rk}(B) = r_1$ and $\text{rk}(BA) = \text{rk}(A) = r_2$. If AB, B are $q\text{-EP}_{r_1}$ and A is $q\text{-EP}_{r_2}$ then BA is $q\text{-EP}_{r_2}$

Proof: Since $\text{rk}(BA) = \text{rk}(A) = r_2$, It is enough to show that $N(BA) = N((BA)^*)$ to prove BA is $q\text{-EP}_{r_2}$

Now, $N(A) \subseteq N(BA)$ and $\text{rk}(BA) = \text{rk}(A)$

$$\Rightarrow N(A) = N(BA)$$

Also, $N(B) \subseteq N(AB)$ and $\text{rk}(AB) = \text{rk}(B)$

$$\Rightarrow N(B) = N(AB)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Now } N(BA) &= N(A) \\
 &= N(A^*) \\
 &\subseteq N(B^*A^*) \\
 &= N(AB) \\
 &= N(B) \\
 &= N(B^*) \\
 &\subseteq N(A^*B^*) \\
 &= N(BA)^* \\
 N(BA) &\subseteq N(BA)^*
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Further } rk(BA) &= rk(BA)^* \\
 &\Rightarrow N(BA) = N((BA)^*)
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, BA is q-EP_{r2}

Hence the theorem.

Lemma 1.7: A, B ∈ H_{n×n} be of rank r.

- (i) rk(AA*) = rk(A*A)
- (ii) rk(AB) = rk(B) - dim [N(A) - N(B*)*]

If A and B are q-EP_r matrices and AB has rank r, then BA has rank r.

Proof: By theorem [1], rk(AB) = rk(B) - dim(N(A) ∩ N(B*)[⊥])

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Since } rk(AB) &= rk(B) = r \\
 N(A) \cap N(B^*)^{\perp} = \{0\} &\Leftrightarrow N(A) \cap N(B)^{\perp} = \{0\}. \text{ [Since B is q-EP}_r\text{]} \\
 \Rightarrow N(A)^{\perp} \cap N(B) &= \{0\} \\
 \Rightarrow N(A^*)^{\perp} \cap N(B) &= \{0\} \text{ [Since A is q-EP}_r\text{]}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Now, } rk(BA) &= rk(B)(A) \\
 &= rk(A) - \dim(N(B) \cap N(A^*)^{\perp}) \\
 &= rk(A) - 0 \\
 &= rk(A)
 \end{aligned}$$

That is rk(BA) = r

Hence the lemma.

Example 1.8:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & i+j \\ -i-j & 0 \end{pmatrix}, B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & k \\ -k & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

A and B are q-EP_r matrices

$$\therefore rk(A) = r, rk(B) = r$$

$$AB = \begin{pmatrix} j-i & k \\ 0 & j-i \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\therefore rk(AB) = r$$

$$\text{Then } BA = \begin{pmatrix} -j+1 & 0 \\ -k & -j+i \end{pmatrix}$$

$$rk(BA) = r$$

Theorem 1.9: If A, B and AB are q-EP_r matrices then BA is q-EP_r.

Proof: Since A, B are q-EP_r matrices and rk(AB) = r, by lemma(1.7), rk(BA) = r. Now the theorem follows from theorem (1.6) for r₁=r₂=r.

Hence the theorem.

Example 1.10:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & k & j \\ -k & 0 & 0 \\ -j & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -k & -j \\ k & 0 & 0 \\ j & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

A and B are q-EP_r Matrices

$$AB = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -i \\ 0 & i & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

And AB is q-EP_r matrices

$$BA = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -i \\ 0 & i & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

So, if A, B and AB are Q-EP matrices then BA is q-EP_r

Corollary 1.9: Let A, B be q-EP_r matrices. Then the following statements are equivalent

- (i) AB is qEP_r
- (ii) (AB)[†] is q-EP_r
- (iii) A[†]B[†] is q-EP_r
- (iv) B[†]A[†] is q-EP_r

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