

ON GENERALIZED INVERSES OF q - k -EP MATRICES

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ABSTRACT

In this chapter, existence of the group inverse for q - k -EP matrices is investigated. Equivalent conditions for various generalized inverses of a q - k -EP, matrix to be q - k -EP, are determined. Validity of the reverse order law for the Moore-Penrose inverse of the product of q - k -EP, matrices is discussed.

Keywords: Moore-Penrose Inverse, Quaternion matrix, Range hermitian k -EP matrices, Generalized inverses of matrices.

1. INTRODUCTION

The algebra H of real quaternion, which is a four- dimensional non-commutative algebra over real number field R with canonical basis $1, i, j, k$ satisfying the conditions,

$$i^2 = j^2 = k^2 = ijk = -1 \text{ that implies } ij = -ji = k, jk = -kj = i \text{ and } ki = -ik = j.$$

The elements in H can be written in a unique way as, $\alpha = a + bi + cj + dk$, where a, b, c and d are real numbers, i.e., $H = \{\alpha = a + bi + cj + dk \mid a, b, c, d \in R\}$.

The conjugate of α is defined as $\bar{\alpha} = a - bi - cj - dk$, and the norm $|\alpha| = \sqrt{\alpha\bar{\alpha}}$ for $0 \neq \alpha \in H$, $\alpha^{-1} = \frac{\bar{\alpha}}{|\alpha|^2}$.

We consider K is a permutation matrix associated with the permutation $k(x) = (S_n)$, where $S = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$. Also $K^2 = I, \bar{K} = K^T = K^* = K^{-1} = K$.

A matrix has an inverse only if it is square, and even then only if it is non-singular, or in other words, if its columns (or rows) are linearly independent. By a generalized inverse of a given matrix A we shall mean a matrix X associated in some way with A that (i) exists for a class of matrices larger than the class of non-singular matrices, (ii) has some of the properties of the usual inverse, and (iii) reduces to the usual inverse when A is non-singular.

A generalized inverse of A is any matrix satisfying $AXA=A$. If A were nonsingular, multiplication by A^{-1} both on the left and on the right would give at once $X = A^{-1}$.

NOTATIONS AND PRELIMINARIES

In this section, the notations, definitions and Theorems used in the thesis are given. Throughout, it is concerned with complex square matrices.

- $H_{n \times n}$: The space of $n \times n$ quaternion matrices of order n .
- H_n : The space of quaternion n -tuples.
- I_n : Identity matrix of appropriate size.
- V : Permutation matrix with units in the secondary diagonal.

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For $A \in H_{n \times n}$,

- $\dim(A)$: Dimension of A.
- $\det(A)$: Determinant of A.
- $\text{rk}(A)$: Rank of A is the maximum number of linearly independent rows or columns of A.
- $R(A)$: Range space of $A = \{ y \in H_n / y = Ax \text{ for some } x \in H_n \}$.
- $N(A)$: Null space of $A = \{ x \in H_n / Ax = 0 \}$.
- A^T : The transpose of A.
- A^S : The secondary transpose of A.
- \bar{A} : The conjugate of A.
- A^* : The conjugate transpose of A.
- \bar{A}^S : The conjugate secondary transpose of A.
- A^- : 1- inverse of A, is a solution of the equations $AXA = A$.
- $A^=$: {1, 2} inverse of A, is solution of the equations $XA = A$ and $XAX = X$.
- $A\{1\}$: The set of all 1-inverses of A.
- $A\{2\}$: The set of all 2-inverses of A.
- $A\{1, 2\}$: The set of all {1,2} inverses of A.
- $A\{1, 2, 3\}$: The set of all {1,2,3} inverses of A, that is the set of all solutions of the equations $AXA = A, XAX = X$ and $(AX)^* = (AX)$.
- $A\{1,2,4\}$: The set of all {1,2,4} inverses of A, that is the set of all solutions of the equations $AXA = A, XAX = X$ and $(XA)^* = (XA)$.
- A^\dagger : Moore-Penrose inverse of A is the unique solution of the equations $AXA = A, XAX = X, (AX)^* = (AX)$ and $(XA)^* = (XA)$. A^\dagger exists is unique
- $A^\#$: Group inverse of A, satisfying the equations $AXA = A, XAX = X, XA = AX$. If $A^\#$ exists, then it is unique.
- $A \geq B$: A is greater than or equal to B.
- $A \bar{\pm} B$: Parallel sum of A and B.

TYPES OF MATRIX A DEFINITIONS

Symmetric matrix	$a_{ij} = a_{ji}$ (or) $A = A^T$
Skew-Symmetric	$a_{ij} = -a_{ji}$ (or) $A = -A^T$
Hermitian	$\bar{a}_{ij} = a_{ji}$ (or) $A = A^*$
Skew -Hermitian	$\bar{a}_{ij} = -a_{ji}$ (or) $A = -A^*$
Secondary Hermitian	$A = \bar{A}^S$
Secondary Skew -Hermitian	$A = -\bar{A}^S$
Idempotent	$A^2 = A$
EP or range hermitian	$N(A) = N(A^*)$ (or) $R(A) = R(A^*)$
EP_r	$N(A) = N(A^*)$ and $\text{rk}(A) = r$ (or) $R(A) = R(A^*)$ and $\text{rk}(A) = r$

Throughout ‘V’ refers as a permutation matrix with units in the secondary diagonal and the following results.

Theorem 1.1: [1] For $A, B \in H_{n \times n}$ the following statements hold:

- (i) $R(A^\dagger) = R(A^*)$ and $N(A^\dagger) = N(A^*)$.
- (ii) $R(A) = R(B) \Leftrightarrow AA^\dagger = BB^\dagger$.

Theorem 1.2: [p.162, [1]] Let $A \in H_{n \times n}$. Then group inverse $A^\#$ exists $\Leftrightarrow \text{rk}(A) = \text{rk}(A^2)$.

Theorem 1.3: [p.164, [1]] Let $A \in H_{n \times n}$. Then A is EP $\Leftrightarrow A^\# = A^\dagger$ when $A^\#$ exists.

2. q-k-EP GENERALIZED INVERSES

In this section, equivalent conditions for various generalized inverses of a q-k- EP_r matrix to be q-k-EP, are determined. Generalized inverses belonging to the sets $A\{1,2\}$, $A\{1, 2, 3\}$ and $A\{1, 2, 4\}$ of a q-k- EP_r matrix A are characterized.

In (1), it is shown that A is q-k- EP_r and only if A^\dagger is q-k- EP_r . Thus, the q-k- EP_r property of complex matrices is preserved for its Moore -Penrose inverses. However, all other generalized inverses of a q-k- EP_r matrix need not be q-k- EP_r . For instance,

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ with } V = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}. \text{ Here } A \text{ is } q\text{-k-EP}_1.$$

But $A^- = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -4 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ is 1- inverse of A, which is not $q\text{-k-EP}_1$.

A generalized inverse $A \in A\{1, 2\}$ is shown to be $q\text{-k-EPr}$ whenever A is $q\text{-k-EPr}$ under certain conditions in the following way.

Theorem 2.1: Let $A \in H_{n \times n}$, $X \in A\{1, 2\}$ and XA, AX are $q\text{-k-EPr}$ matrices. Then A is $q\text{-k-EPr} \Leftrightarrow X$ is $q\text{-k-EPr}$.

Proof: Since AX and XA are $q\text{-k-EP}_r$,

(By[6])

We have $R(AX) = R(V(AX)^*)$ and $R(XA) = R(V(XA)^*)$.

Since $X \in A\{1, 2\}$, we have $AXA = A, XAX = X$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } R(A) &= R(AX) \\ &= R(V(AX)^*) \\ &= R(VX^*A^*) \\ &= R(VX^*). \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} R(VA^*) &= R(VA^*X^*) \\ &= R(V(XA)^*) \\ &= R(XA) \\ &= R(X). \end{aligned}$$

Now, A is $q\text{-k-EP}_r \Leftrightarrow R(A) = R(VA^*)$ and $\text{rk}(A) = r$
 $\Leftrightarrow R(VX^*) = R(X)$ and $\text{rk}(A) = \text{rk}(X) = r$
 $\Leftrightarrow X$ is $q\text{-k-EP}_r$.

Hence the Theorem.

Remark 2.2: In the above theorem, the conditions that both AX and XA to be $q\text{-k-EP}_r$ are essential.

$$\text{For instance, let } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ with } V = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A \text{ is } q\text{-k-EP}_1. \quad X = A^- = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \in A\{1, 2\}$$

$$AX = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } XA = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

AX and XA are not $q\text{-k-EP}_1$. Also X is not $q\text{-k-EP}_1$.

Now, we show that generalized inverses belonging to the sets $A\{1, 2, 3\}$ and $A\{1, 2, 4\}$ of a $q\text{-k-EP}_r$ matrix A is also $q\text{-k-EP}_r$ under certain conditions in the following Theorems.

Theorem 2.3: Let $A \in H_{n \times n}$, $X \in A\{1, 2, 3\}$, $R(X) = R(A^*)$. Then A is $q\text{-k-EPr} \Leftrightarrow X$ is $q\text{-k-EPr}$.

Proof: Since $X \in A\{1, 2, 3\}$, we have $AXA = A, XAX = X, (AX)^* = AA$. Therefore,
 $R(A) = R(AX) = R((AX)^*) = R(A^*A^*) = R(X^*)$.

$$\begin{aligned} R(X) = R(A^*) &\Rightarrow XX^\dagger = A^*(A^*)^\dagger \\ &\Rightarrow XX^\dagger = A^*(A^\dagger)^* \\ &\Rightarrow XX^\dagger = (A^\dagger A)^* \\ &\Rightarrow XX^\dagger = A^\dagger A \\ &\Rightarrow VXX^\dagger V = V A^\dagger A V \\ &\Rightarrow (VX)(VX)^\dagger = (AV)^\dagger (AV) \end{aligned}$$

[By Theorem (1.1)]

$$\begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow (VX)(VX)^\dagger = (AV)^*((AV)^*)^\dagger \\ &\Rightarrow (VX) = R((AV)^*) \\ &\Rightarrow R(VX) = R(VA^*). \end{aligned}$$

A is q-k-EP_r $\Leftrightarrow R(A) = R(VA^*)$ and $\text{rk}(A) = r$.
 $\Leftrightarrow R(X^*) = R(VX)$ and $\text{rk}(A) = \text{rk}(X) = r$.
 $\Leftrightarrow X$ is q-k-EP_r. (By[6])

Hence the Theorem.

Theorem 2.4: Let $A \in H_{n \times n}$, $X \in A\{1, 2, 4\}$, $R(A) = R(X^*)$. Then A is q-k-EPr $\Leftrightarrow X$ is q-k-EPr.

Proof: Since $X \in A\{1, 2, 4\}$, we have $AXA = A$, $XAX = X$, $(XA)^* = XA$.

Also $R(A) = R(X^*)$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } R(VA^*) &= R(VA^*X^*) \\ &= R(V(XA)^*) \\ &= R(V(XA)) \\ &= R(VX). \end{aligned}$$

A is q-k-EP_r $\Leftrightarrow R(A) = R(VA^*)$ and $\text{rk}(A) = r$
 $\Leftrightarrow R(X^*) = R(VX)$ and $\text{rk}(A) = \text{rk}(X) = r$
 $\Leftrightarrow X$ is q-k-EP_r (By[6])

Hence the Theorem.

Remark 2.5: In particular, if $X = A^\dagger$ then $R(A^\dagger) = R(A^*)$ holds, Hence A is q-k-EP_r is equivalent to A^\dagger is q-k-EP_r.

3. GROUP INVERSE OF q-k-EPMATRICES

In this section, the existence of the group inverse for q-k-EP matrices under certain condition is derived.

It is well known that, for an EP matrix, group inverse exists and coincides with its Moore-Penrose inverse. However, this is not the case for a q-k-EP matrix. For example,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Consider } A &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ with } V = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ A \text{ is q-k-EP}_1 \text{ matrix, } A^2 &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \text{rk}(A) = \text{rk}(A^2). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, [By Theorem 1.2], group inverse $A^\#$ does not exist for A .

Here, it is proved that for a q-k-EP matrix A , if the group inverse exists, it is also a q-k-EP matrix.

Theorem 3.1: Let $A \in H_{n \times n}$ be q-k-EPr and $\text{rk}(A) = \text{rk}(A^2)$. Then $A^\#$ exists and is q-k-EPr.

Proof: Since $\text{rk}(A) = \text{rk}(A^2)$, [By Theorem 1.2], $A^\#$ exists for A . To show that $A^\#$ is q-k-EP_r, it is enough to show that $R(A^\#) = R(V(A^\#)^*)$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Since, } AA^\# &= A^\#A, \text{ we have, } R(A) = R(AA^\#) \\ &= R(A^\#A) \\ &= R(A^\#). \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} AA^\#A = A &\Rightarrow A^* = A^*(A^\#)^*A^* \\ &\Rightarrow VA^* = VA^*(A^\#)^*A^* \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Therefore, } R(VA^*) &= R(VA^*(A^\#)^*A^*) \\ &= R(VA^*(A^\#)^*) \\ &= R(V(A^\#)^*) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= R(V(AA^\#)^*) \\ &= R(V(A^\#)^* A^*) \\ &= R(V(A^\#)^*). \end{aligned}$$

Now, A is q-k-EP_r $\Rightarrow R(A) = R(VA^*)$ and $\text{rk}(A) = r$
 $\Rightarrow R(A^\#) = R(V(A^\#)^*)$ and $\text{rk}(A) = \text{rk}(A) = r$
 $\Rightarrow A^\#$ is q-k-EP_r.

Hence the Theorem.

Remark 3.2: In the above Theorem the condition that $\text{rk}(A) = \text{rk}(A^2)$ is essential.

Example 3.3:

Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ with $V = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$VA = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ is EP₁ $\Rightarrow A$ is q-k-EP₁.

$A^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ $\text{rk}(A^2) = 0 \Rightarrow \text{rk}(A) \neq \text{rk}(A^2)$.

Therefore, $A^\#$ does not exist for a q-k-EP matrix A .

Thus, for a q-k-EP matrix A , if $A^\#$ exists then it is also q-k-EP_r.

Theorem 3.4: For $A \in H_{n \times n}$, if $A^\#$ exists then, A is q-k-EP $\Leftrightarrow (VA)^\# = A^\dagger V$.

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} A \text{ is q-k-EP} &\Leftrightarrow VA \text{ is EP} && \text{(By [6])} \\ &\Leftrightarrow (VA)^\# = (VA)^\dagger && \text{[By Theorem (1.3)]} \\ &\Leftrightarrow (VA)^\# = A^\dagger V && \text{(By [6])} \end{aligned}$$

Hence the Theorem.

Theorem 3.5: For $A \in H_{n \times n}$, A is q-k-EPr $\Leftrightarrow A^\dagger = V(\text{Polynomial in } AV) \Leftrightarrow A^\dagger = (\text{Polynomial in } VA)V$.

Proof: It is clear that if $(VA)^\dagger = f(VA)$ for some polynomial $f(X)$, then VA commutes with $(VA)^\dagger$

$$\begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow (VA)(VA)^\dagger = (VA)^\dagger(VA) \\ &\Rightarrow (VA)(A^\dagger V) = (A^\dagger V)(VA) \\ &\Rightarrow VAA^\dagger V = A^\dagger A \\ &\Rightarrow VAA^\dagger = A^\dagger AV \\ &\Rightarrow A \text{ is q-k-EP}_r. \end{aligned}$$

Conversely, Let A be q-k-EP_r, then $VAA^\dagger = A^\dagger AV$ and $VAA^\dagger A = AA^\dagger V$.

Now, we will prove: A^\dagger can be expressed as $V(\text{Polynomial in } AV)$ and $(\text{Polynomial in } VA)V$

Let, $(VA)^s + \lambda_1(VA)^{s+1} + \lambda_2(VA)^{s+2} + \dots + \lambda_q(VA)^{s+q} = 0$, be the minimum polynomial of VA . Then $s=0$ or $s=1$.

For suppose that $s \geq 2$, then

$$(VA)^\dagger [(VA)^s + \lambda_1(VA)^{s+1} + \dots + \lambda_q(VA)^{s+q}] = 0;$$

Hence

$$[(VA)(VA)^\dagger(VA)](VA)^{s-2} + \lambda_1[(VA)(VA)^\dagger(VA)](VA)^{s-1} + \dots + \lambda_q[(VA)(VA)^\dagger(VA)](VA)^{s+q-2} = 0.$$

Thus, $(VA)^{s-1} + \lambda_1(VA)^s + \dots + \lambda_q(VA)^{s+q-1} = 0$

which is a contradiction.

If $s = 0$ then $(VA)^\dagger = (VA)^{-1} = -\lambda_1 I - \lambda_2(VA) - \dots - \lambda_q(VA)^{q-1}$

$$\begin{aligned} A^\dagger &= A^{-1} = -\lambda_1 V - \lambda_2 V(AV) - \dots - \lambda_q V(AV)^{q-1} \\ &= V[-\lambda_1 I - \lambda_2(AV) - \dots - \lambda_q(AV)^{q-1}] \\ &= V(\text{Polynomial in } AV). \end{aligned}$$

Thus, $A^\dagger = V(\text{Polynomial in } AV)$.

If $s = 1$, then $(VA)^\dagger [(VA) + \lambda_1(VA)^2 + \dots + \lambda_q(VA)^{q+1}] = 0$ and it follows that

$$(VA)^\dagger (VA) = -\lambda_1(VA) - \lambda_2(VA)^2 - \dots - \lambda_q(VA)^q \text{ is a Polynomial in } A.$$

However, $(VA)^\dagger = [(VA)^\dagger (VA)] (VA)^\dagger = -\lambda_1(VA)^\dagger (VA) - \lambda_2(VA) - \dots - \lambda_q(VA)^{q-1}$

$$A^\dagger V = -\lambda_1 A^\dagger VVA - \lambda_2(VA) - \dots - \lambda_q(VA)^{q-1}$$

$$A^\dagger = -\lambda_1 A^\dagger AV - \lambda_2(VA)V - \dots - \lambda_q(VA)^{q-1}V = [-\lambda_1 I - \lambda_2(VA) - \dots - \lambda_q(VA)^{q-1}]V$$

Thus, $A^\dagger = (\text{Polynomial in } VA)V$.

Hence the Theorem.

4. REVERSE ORDER LAW FOR q-k-EP MATRICES

For any two non singular matrices $A, B \in C_{n \times n}$, $(AB)^{-1} = B^{-1} A^{-1}$ holds. However, it is not true for generalized inverses of matrices [2]. In general, $(AB)^\dagger \neq B^\dagger A^\dagger$, for any two matrices A and B. For example,

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, AB = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, (AB)^\dagger = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$(AB)^\dagger \neq B^\dagger A^\dagger$. We say that reverse order law holds for Moore-Penrose inverse of the product of A and B, if $(AB)^\dagger = B^\dagger A^\dagger$.

It is well known that [p.181 [1]], $(AB)^\dagger = B^\dagger A^\dagger$ if and only if $R(BB^* A^*) = R(A^*)$ and $R(A^* AB) = R(B)$.

In this section, for a pair of q-k-EP_r matrices A and B, necessary and sufficient condition for $(AB)^\dagger = B^\dagger A^\dagger$ is given.

Theorem 4.1: If A and B are q-k-EP_r matrices with $R(A) = R(B^*)$ then $(AB)^\dagger = B^\dagger A^\dagger$.

Proof: Since A is q-k-EP_r, $R(A) = R(VA^*)$

$$\Rightarrow R(B^*) = R(VA^*)$$

$$\Rightarrow R(VB) = R(VA^*)$$

$$\Rightarrow R(B) = R(A^*)$$

$$\Rightarrow R(B) = R(A^\dagger)$$

[By hypothesis]

[Since B is q-k-EP_r]

[Since $R(VA) = R(VB) \Rightarrow R(A) = R(B)$]

[By Theorem (1.1)]

That is, given $x \in C_n$, there exists a $y \in C_n$ such that $Bx = Ay$.

$$\text{Now, } Bx = A^\dagger y \Rightarrow (B^\dagger A^\dagger A)Bx = (B^\dagger A^\dagger A)A^\dagger y$$

$$\Rightarrow B^\dagger A^\dagger ABx = B^\dagger A^\dagger AA^\dagger y$$

$$\Rightarrow B^\dagger A^\dagger ABx = B^\dagger A^\dagger y$$

$$\Rightarrow B^\dagger A^\dagger ABx = B^\dagger Bx$$

Since $B^\dagger B$ is hermitian, it follows that $B^\dagger A^\dagger AB$ is hermitian.

$$\text{Similarly, } A^\dagger y = Bx \Rightarrow (ABB^\dagger)A^\dagger y = (ABB^\dagger B)x$$

$$\Rightarrow ABB^\dagger A^\dagger y = A(BB^\dagger B)x$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow ABB^\dagger A^\dagger y &= A(Bx) \\ \Rightarrow ABB^\dagger A^\dagger y &= A(A^\dagger y) \\ \Rightarrow ABB^\dagger A^\dagger y &= AA^\dagger y. \end{aligned}$$

Since AA^\dagger is hermitian, it follows that $ABB^\dagger A^\dagger$ is hermitian.

Further, [By Theorem (1.1)],

$$\begin{aligned} R(A) = R(B) &\Rightarrow AA^\dagger = BB^\dagger \\ R(A^\dagger) = R(B) &\Rightarrow A^\dagger(A^\dagger)^\dagger = BB^\dagger \\ &\Rightarrow A^\dagger A = BB^\dagger. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, $(AB)(B^\dagger A^\dagger)(AB) = ABB^\dagger(A^\dagger A)B$

$$\begin{aligned} &= ABB^\dagger(BB^\dagger)B \\ &= (AB)(B^\dagger BB^\dagger)B \\ &= (AB)(B^\dagger)(B) \\ &= A(BB^\dagger B) \\ &= A(B) \\ &= AB. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (B^\dagger A^\dagger)(AB)(B^\dagger A^\dagger) &= B^\dagger(A^\dagger A)(BB^\dagger)A^\dagger \\ &= B^\dagger(BB^\dagger)(BB^\dagger)A^\dagger \\ &= (B^\dagger B)(B^\dagger BB^\dagger)A^\dagger \\ &= (B^\dagger B)(B^\dagger)(A^\dagger) \\ &= (B^\dagger BB^\dagger)A^\dagger \\ &= B^\dagger A^\dagger. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, $B^\dagger A^\dagger$ satisfies the definition of the Moore-Penrose inverse,

Thus, $(AB)^\dagger = B^\dagger A^\dagger$.

Hence the Theorem.

Remark 4.2: In the above Theorem, the condition that $R(A) = R(B^*)$ is essential.

Example 4.3:

Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$, $B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ and $V = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ A and B are q-k-EP₁ matrices.

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, A^\dagger = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, B^\dagger = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(AB)^\dagger = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, B^\dagger A^\dagger = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Here, $R(A) = R(B^*)$.

Thus, $(AB)^\dagger = B^\dagger A^\dagger$.

Example 4.4:

Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, $B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$, $V = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ A and B are q-k-EP₁ matrices.

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \text{rk}(AB) = 1, R(A) \neq R(B^*).$$

$$A^\dagger = (1/4) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, B^\dagger = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$B^\dagger A^\dagger = (1/4) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(AB)^\dagger = (1/2) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Thus $(AB)^\dagger \neq B^\dagger A^\dagger$.

Remark 4.5: The converse of the Theorem (4.1) need not be true in general. For let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } V = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ A and B are q-k-EP}_1 \text{ matrices.}$$

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, A^\dagger = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, B^\dagger = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$(AB)^\dagger = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, B^\dagger A^\dagger = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, (AB)^\dagger = B^\dagger A^\dagger.$$

But $R(A) \neq R(B^*)$.

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