

## 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  $n \times n$  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<sub>r</sub>, if  $A$  is q-EP and  $\text{rk}(A) = r$ , where  $N(A)$ ,  $R(A)$  and  $\text{rk}(A)$  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<sub>r</sub> matrices and let  $A = A_1 A_2 A_3 \dots A_n$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (i)  $A$  is q-EP<sub>r</sub>
- (ii)  $R(A_1) = R(A_n)$  and  $\text{rk}(A) = r$
- (iii)  $R(A_1^*) = R(A_n^*)$  and  $\text{rk}(A) = r$

**Proof:**

(i)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (ii): Since  $A_1$  and  $A_n$  are q-EP<sub>r</sub>, therefore  $R(A_1) = R(A_1^*)$  and  $R(A_n) = R(A_n^*)$ . Let  $A = A_1 A_2 A_3 \dots A_n$ .

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$\Rightarrow rk(A^*) = rk(A_n^*) = r$$

Therefore,

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

Now,

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

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

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

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

(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-EP<sub>r</sub> matrices. Then  $AB$  is q-EP<sub>r</sub>  $\Leftrightarrow rk(AB) = r$  and  $R(A) = R(B)$

**Proof:** Proof follows from theorem (1.1) for the product of two q-EP<sub>r</sub> matrices A and B.

**Remarks 1.3:** In the corollary both the conditions that  $rk(AB) = r$  and  $R(A) = R(B)$  are essential for the product of two q-EP<sub>r</sub> matrices to be q-EP<sub>r</sub>. This can be seen in the following example.

**Example 1.4:**

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

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

**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-EP and B is q-EP.  $R(A) \neq R(B)$ . Then

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

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

**Theorem 1.6:** Let  $rk(AB) = rk(B) = r_1$  and  $rk(BA) = rk(A) = r_2$ . If AB, B are q-EP<sub>r1</sub> and A is q-EP<sub>r2</sub> then BA is q-EP<sub>r2</sub>

**Proof:** Since  $rk(BA) = rk(A) = r_2$ , It is enough to show that  $N(BA) = N((BA)^*)$  to prove BA is q-EP<sub>r2</sub>

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thus, BA is  $q\text{-EP}_{r_2}$

Hence the theorem.

**Lemma 1.7:** A, B  $\in H_{n \times n}$  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  $q\text{-EP}_r$  matrices and AB has rank r, then BA has rank r.

**Proof:** By theorem [1],  $rk(AB) = rk(B) - \dim(N(A) \cap N(B^*)^\perp)$

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

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

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  $q\text{-EP}_r$  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  $q\text{-EP}_r$  matrices then BA is  $q\text{-EP}_r$ .

**Proof:** Since A, B are  $q\text{-EP}_r$  matrices and  $rk(AB) = r$ , by lemma(1.7),  $rk(BA) = r$ . Now the theorem follows from theorem (1.6) for  $r_1=r_2=r$ .

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<sub>r</sub> Matrices

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

And AB is q-EP<sub>r</sub> 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<sub>r</sub>

**Corollary 1.9:** Let A, B be q-EP<sub>r</sub> matrices. Then the following statements are equivalent

- (i) AB is qEP<sub>r</sub>
- (ii) (AB)<sup>†</sup> is q-EP<sub>r</sub>
- (iii) A<sup>†</sup>B<sup>†</sup> is q-EP<sub>r</sub>
- (iv) B<sup>†</sup>A<sup>†</sup> is q-EP<sub>r</sub>

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