

Problem 1

1) For every $i \in [K]$, \underline{d}_i is the i^{th} canonical basis vector of \mathbb{R}^K and we define the latent random vector $\underline{h} \in \{\underline{d}_i : i \in [K]\}$ whose distribution is $\forall i \in [K] : \mathbb{P}(\underline{h} = \underline{d}_i) = w_i$. Finally, let $\underline{x} = \sum_{i=1}^K h_i \underline{a}_i + \underline{z}$ where $\underline{z} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2 I_{D \times D})$ is independent of \underline{h} . The random vector \underline{x} has a probability density function $p(\cdot)$. We have:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[\underline{x}] &= \sum_{i=1}^K \mathbb{E}[h_i] \underline{a}_i + \mathbb{E}[\underline{z}] = \sum_{i=1}^K w_i \underline{a}_i \quad ; \\ \mathbb{E}[\underline{x}\underline{x}^T] &= \mathbb{E}[\underline{z}\underline{z}^T] + \sum_{i=1}^K \mathbb{E}[h_i] \underbrace{\mathbb{E}[\underline{z}]^T}_{=0} \underline{a}_i^T + \mathbb{E}[h_i] \underline{a}_i \mathbb{E}[\underline{z}]^T + \sum_{i,j=1}^K \underbrace{\mathbb{E}[h_i h_j]}_{=w_i \delta_{ij}} \underline{a}_i \underline{a}_j^T \\ &= \sigma^2 I_{D \times D} + \sum_{i=1}^K w_i \underline{a}_i \underline{a}_i^T . \end{aligned}$$

Finally, to compute the third moment tensor, note that $\mathbb{E}[\underline{z} \otimes \underline{z} \otimes \underline{z}] = 0$ and that for every $(i, j) \in [K]^2$: $\mathbb{E}[\underline{a}_i \otimes \underline{a}_j \otimes \underline{z}] = \mathbb{E}[\underline{a}_i \otimes \underline{z} \otimes \underline{a}_j] = \mathbb{E}[\underline{z} \otimes \underline{a}_i \otimes \underline{a}_j] = 0$. Hence:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[\underline{x} \otimes \underline{x} \otimes \underline{x}] &= \sum_{i,j,k=1}^K \underbrace{\mathbb{E}[h_i h_j h_k]}_{=w_i \delta_{ij} \delta_{ik}} \underline{a}_i \otimes \underline{a}_j \otimes \underline{a}_k \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=1}^K \mathbb{E}[h_i] \mathbb{E}[\underline{a}_i \otimes \underline{z} \otimes \underline{z}] + \mathbb{E}[h_i] \mathbb{E}[\underline{z} \otimes \underline{a}_i \otimes \underline{z}] + \mathbb{E}[h_i] \mathbb{E}[\underline{z} \otimes \underline{z} \otimes \underline{a}_i] \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^K w_i \underline{a}_i \otimes \underline{a}_i \otimes \underline{a}_i + \sigma^2 \sum_{j=1}^D \sum_{i=1}^K w_i (\underline{a}_i \otimes \underline{e}_j \otimes \underline{e}_j + \underline{e}_j \otimes \underline{e}_j \otimes \underline{a}_i + \underline{e}_j \otimes \underline{a}_i \otimes \underline{e}_j) . \end{aligned}$$

2) Let $A = [\underline{a}_1, \underline{a}_2, \dots, \underline{a}_K] \in \mathbb{R}^{D \times K}$ and $A' = [\underline{a}'_1, \underline{a}'_2, \dots, \underline{a}'_K] \in \mathbb{R}^{D \times K}$. By definition, $\tilde{R} = \Sigma^{-1} R \Sigma$ where Σ is the diagonal matrix such that $\Sigma_{ii} = \sqrt{w_i}$ and $A' = A \tilde{R}^T$. We can directly apply the formula of question 1) to compute the second moment matrix of the new mixture of Gaussians:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[\underline{x}\underline{x}^T] &= \sigma^2 I_{D \times D} + A' \Sigma^2 A'^T = \sigma^2 I_{D \times D} + A \tilde{R}^T \Sigma^2 \tilde{R} A^T \\ &= \sigma^2 I_{D \times D} + A \Sigma R^T R \Sigma A^T = \sigma^2 I_{D \times D} + A \Sigma^2 A^T . \end{aligned}$$

Problem 2: Examples of tensors and their rank

1) The matrices corresponding to B , P , E are:

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} ; P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} ; E = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

The frontal slices of G and W are:

$$G_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, G_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}; W_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, W_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The matricizations of G and W are:

$$G_{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}; G_{(2)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}; G_{(3)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix};$$

$$W_{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}; W_{(2)} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}; W_{(3)} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

2) B and E are clearly rank-2 matrices, while $P = (e_0 + e_1) \otimes (e_0 + e_1)$ is a rank-1 matrix.

By its definition, G is at most rank 2. Assume it is rank 1: $G = a \otimes b \otimes c$ with $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}^2$. We have $a_1 b_1 c_1 = G_{111} = 1$ and $a_2 b_1 c_1 = G_{211} = 0$ so we must have $a_2 = 0$. Besides, $a_2 b_2 c_2 = G_{222} = 1$ and $a_1 b_2 c_2 = G_{122} = 0$ so $a_1 = 0$. Hence $a^T = (0, 0)$ and G is the all-zero tensor. This is a contradiction and we conclude that G is rank 2.

By its definition, W is at most rank 3. To prove the rank cannot be smaller than 3, we will proceed by contradiction:

- Assume W is rank 1: $W = a \otimes b \otimes c$ with $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}^2$. We have $a_1 b_1 c_1 = W_{111} = 0$ and $a_2 b_1 c_1 = W_{211} = 1$ so $a_1 = 0$. Besides, $a_1 b_1 c_2 = W_{112} = 1$ and $a_2 b_1 c_2 = W_{212} = 0$ so $a_2 = 0$. Then $a = (0, 0)^T$ and W is the all-zero tensor, which is a contradiction.
- Assume W is rank 2: $W = a \otimes b \otimes c + d \otimes e \otimes f$. We claim that a and d must be linearly independent. Indeed, suppose they are parallel and take a vector x perpendicular to both a and d . Then

$$W(x, I, I) = (x^T a) b \otimes c + (x^T d) e \otimes f = 0$$

but also

$$W(x, I, I) = (x^T e_0) e_0 \otimes e_1 + (x^T e_0) e_1 \otimes e_0 + (x^T e_1) e_0 \otimes e_0 = \begin{bmatrix} x^T e_1 & x^T e_0 \\ x^T e_0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

which cannot be zero since x cannot be perpendicular to both e_0 and e_1 . Now, we take x perpendicular to d . We have

$$W(x, I, I) = (x^T a) b \otimes c$$

which is rank one. Therefore, we must have $x^T e_0 = 0$ which implies that x is parallel to e_1 and thus d parallel to e_0 . Now, if we take x perpendicular to a , the matrix

$$W(x, I, I) = (x^T d) e \otimes f$$

is rank one and, once again, we must have $x^T e_0 = 0$, which implies x parallel to e_1 and thus a parallel to e_0 . Hence, we have shown that a and d are linearly independent but also that both are parallel to e_0 . This is a contradiction.

3) Writing everything in terms of matrix product, it comes:

$$(Oe_0) \otimes (Oe_0) + (Oe_1) \otimes (Oe_1) = Oe_0 e_0^T O^T + Oe_1 e_1^T O^T = OO^T = B.$$

so B does not have a unique decomposition.

For G we have $G = \underline{a}_1 \otimes \underline{b}_1 \otimes \underline{c}_1 + \underline{a}_2 \otimes \underline{b}_2 \otimes \underline{c}_2$ with

$$A = [\underline{a}_1, \underline{a}_2] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}; B = [\underline{b}_1, \underline{b}_2] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}; C = [\underline{c}_1, \underline{c}_2] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

A, B, C are full column rank and G has rank 2: by Jennrich's algorithm, the decomposition is unique (up to trivial rank permutation and feature scaling).

For W we have $W = \underline{a}_1 \otimes \underline{b}_1 \otimes \underline{c}_1 + \underline{a}_2 \otimes \underline{b}_2 \otimes \underline{c}_2 + \underline{a}_3 \otimes \underline{b}_3 \otimes \underline{c}_3$ with

$$A = [\underline{a}_1, \underline{a}_2, \underline{a}_3] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}; \quad B = [\underline{b}_1, \underline{b}_2, \underline{b}_3] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}; \quad C = [\underline{c}_1, \underline{c}_2, \underline{c}_3] = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

A, B, C are not full column rank: Jennrich's theorem does not allow to conclude that the decomposition of W is unique.

4) We expand the tensor products in the definition of D_ϵ :

$$\begin{aligned} D_\epsilon &= \frac{1}{\epsilon} \left[(e_0 + \epsilon e_1) \otimes (e_0 + \epsilon e_1) \otimes (e_0 + \epsilon e_1) - e_0 \otimes e_0 \otimes e_0 \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{\epsilon} \left[e_0 \otimes e_0 \otimes e_0 + \epsilon e_0 \otimes e_0 \otimes e_1 + \epsilon e_0 \otimes e_1 \otimes e_0 + \epsilon e_1 \otimes e_0 \otimes e_0 \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \epsilon^2 e_1 \otimes e_1 \otimes e_0 + \epsilon^2 e_1 \otimes e_0 \otimes e_1 + \epsilon^2 e_0 \otimes e_1 \otimes e_1 + \epsilon^3 e_1 \otimes e_1 \otimes e_1 - e_0 \otimes e_0 \otimes e_0 \right] \\ &= e_0 \otimes e_0 \otimes e_1 + e_0 \otimes e_1 \otimes e_0 + e_1 \otimes e_0 \otimes e_0 \\ &\quad + \epsilon(e_1 \otimes e_1 \otimes e_0 + e_1 \otimes e_0 \otimes e_1 + e_0 \otimes e_1 \otimes e_1) + \epsilon^2 e_1 \otimes e_1 \otimes e_1 \\ &= W + \epsilon(e_1 \otimes e_1 \otimes e_0 + e_1 \otimes e_0 \otimes e_1 + e_0 \otimes e_1 \otimes e_1) + \epsilon^2 e_1 \otimes e_1 \otimes e_1. \end{aligned}$$

Hence $\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} D_\epsilon = 0$.

Problem 3

1) There cannot be an analogous general result for tensors. Indeed, the order-3 tensor W of Problem 2 is rank 3 and we show in 4) that $\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \|W - D_\epsilon\|_F = 0$. So there is no minimum attained in the space of rank 2 tensors. In this sense, there is simply no *best* rank-two approximation of W .

2) Let M a matrix of rank $R + 1$ with singular values $\sigma_1 \geq \sigma_2 \cdots \geq \sigma_R \geq \sigma_{R+1} > 0$. By the Eckart-Young-Mirsky theorem, the minimum of $\|M - \widehat{M}\|_F$ over rank R matrices \widehat{M} is equal to $\sigma_{R+1} > 0$. Therefore, there cannot be a sequence of matrices M_n given by a sum of R rank-one matrices such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \|M - M_n\|_F = 0$.

4) In the real-valued case, we have:

$$|T(R_1, R_2, R_3)^{\alpha\beta\gamma}|^2 = \sum_{\delta, \epsilon, \zeta, \delta', \epsilon', \delta'} R_1^{\delta\alpha} R_1^{\delta'\alpha} R_2^{\epsilon\beta} R_2^{\epsilon'\beta} R_3^{\zeta\gamma} R_3^{\zeta'\gamma} T^{\delta\epsilon\zeta} T^{\delta'\epsilon'\zeta'}.$$

Summing over α, β, γ and using the orthogonality of rotation matrices, we find:

$$\sum_{\alpha} R_1^{\delta\alpha} R_1^{\delta'\alpha} = \delta_{\delta\delta'}, \quad \sum_{\beta} R_2^{\epsilon\beta} R_2^{\epsilon'\beta} = \delta_{\beta\beta'}, \quad \sum_{\gamma} R_3^{\zeta\gamma} R_3^{\zeta'\gamma} = \delta_{\zeta\zeta'}.$$

The result directly follows:

$$\|T(R_1, R_2, R_3)\|_F^2 = \sum_{\delta\epsilon\zeta} |T(R_1, R_2, R_3)^{\alpha\beta\gamma}|^2 = \sum_{\delta\epsilon\zeta} |T^{\delta\epsilon\zeta}|^2 = \|T\|_F^2.$$

Problem 4

1) To show that $A \odot_{KhR} B$ is full column rank, we have to prove that the kernel of the linear application $\underline{x} \mapsto (A \odot_{KhR} B)\underline{x}$ is $\{0\}$. Let $\underline{x} \in \mathbb{R}^R$ with components (x^1, x^2, \dots, x^R) be such that $(A \odot_{KhR} B)\underline{x} = 0$. Then, $\forall \alpha \in [I_1]$:

$$\sum_{r=1}^R a_r^\alpha x^r \underline{b}_r = 0.$$

Because B is full column rank, $\sum_{r=1}^R a_r^\alpha x^r \underline{b}_r = 0$ implies that $\forall r \in [R] : a_r^\alpha x^r = 0$. Note that:

$$\forall \alpha \in [I_1], \forall r \in [R] : a_r^\alpha x^r = 0 \Leftrightarrow A\underline{x} = 0.$$

A is full column rank and $A\underline{x} = 0$, hence $\underline{x} = 0$. $A \odot_{KhR} B$ is full column rank.

2) Suppose we are given a tensor (the weights λ_r that usually appear in the sum are absorbed in the vectors \underline{a}_r)

$$\mathcal{X} = \sum_{r=1}^R \underline{a}_r \otimes \underline{b}_r \otimes \underline{c}_r, \quad (1)$$

where $A = [\underline{a}_1, \underline{a}_2, \dots, \underline{a}_R] \in \mathbb{R}^{I_1 \times R}$, $B = [\underline{b}_1, \underline{b}_2, \dots, \underline{b}_R] \in \mathbb{R}^{I_2 \times R}$ and $C = [\underline{c}_1, \underline{c}_2, \dots, \underline{c}_R] \in \mathbb{R}^{I_3 \times R}$ are full column rank. By Jennrich's algorithm, the decomposition (1) is unique up to trivial rank permutation and feature scaling and Jennrich's algorithm is a way to recover this decomposition. At the end of the step (5) of the algorithm, we have computed A, B and it remains to recover C . We now show how the result in question 1) allows to recover C uniquely. For each $\gamma \in [I_3]$, define the slice \mathcal{X}_γ as the $I_1 \times I_2$ matrix with entries $(\mathcal{X}_\gamma)^{\alpha\beta} = \mathcal{X}^{\alpha\beta\gamma}$ and denote $F(\mathcal{X}_\gamma)$ the $I_1 I_2$ column vector with entries $F(\mathcal{X}_\gamma)^{\beta+I_2(\alpha-1)} = \mathcal{X}^{\alpha\beta\gamma}$. We have:

$$\forall (\alpha, \beta) \in [I_1] \times [I_2] : F(\mathcal{X}_\gamma)^{\beta+I_2(\alpha-1)} = \sum_{r=1}^R a_r^\alpha b_r^\beta c_r^\gamma = \sum_{r=1}^R (A \odot_{KhR} B)^{\beta+I_2(\alpha-1), r} c_r^\gamma.$$

Therefore, the $I_1 I_2 \times I_3$ matrix $F(\mathcal{X}) = [F(\mathcal{X}_1), F(\mathcal{X}_2), \dots, F(\mathcal{X}_{I_3})]$ satisfies:

$$F(\mathcal{X}) = (A \odot_{KhR} B) C^T.$$

Because $A \odot_{KhR} B$ is full column rank, we can invert the system with the Moore-Penrose pseudoinverse: $C^T = (A \odot_{KhR} B)^\dagger F(\mathcal{X})$.

Problem 5

1) To apply Jennrich's algorithm we need to prove that the matrix $E = [\underline{c}_1 \otimes_{Kro} \underline{d}_1, \dots, \underline{c}_R \otimes_{Kro} \underline{d}_R]$ is full column rank (A, B are full column rank by assumption). Note that the same proof as the one in Problem 4 question 1 applies. Nevertheless we repeat the argument here.

Let $\underline{v} \in \mathbb{R}^R$ a column vector in the kernel of E , i.e., $E\underline{v} = 0$. Then:

$$\forall \gamma \in [I_3] : \sum_{r=1}^R (c_r^\gamma v^r) \underline{d}_r = 0 \Rightarrow \forall \gamma \in [I_3], \forall r \in [R] : c_r^\gamma v^r = 0 \Rightarrow C\underline{v} = 0 \Rightarrow \underline{v} = 0.$$

The first implication follows from D being full column rank and the third one from C being full column rank. We conclude that the kernel of E is $\{0\}$: E is full column rank.

We can therefore apply Jennrich's algorithm.

2) We recover the rank R as well as A , B and E by applying Jennsen's algorithm to \tilde{T} . From E we can then determine C and D . Fix $r \in [R]$. Since C is full column rank, there exists $\alpha \in [I_3]$ such that $c_r^\alpha \neq 0$. As $c_r^\alpha \neq 0$, we can use the I_4 -dimensional column vector $c_r^\alpha \underline{d}_r$ contained in the r^{th} column of E to recover \underline{d}_r . Doing this for every $r \in [R]$ we recover the matrix D . Finally, for every $r \in R$, pick $\beta \in I_4$ such that $d_r^\beta \neq 0$ (such β exists because D is full column rank) and use the entries $c_r^\alpha d_r^\beta$, $\alpha \in [I_3]$, to recover \underline{c}_r . C has then been recovered.

Problem 6

1) Define Σ^\dagger as the $N \times M$ diagonal matrix with diagonal entries:

$$\forall i \in \{1, 2, \dots, \min\{M, N\}\} : (\Sigma^\dagger)_{ii} \begin{cases} 1/\Sigma_{ii} & \text{if } \Sigma_{ii} \neq 0 ; \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then both $\Sigma^\dagger \Sigma \in \mathbb{C}^{N \times N}$ and $\Sigma \Sigma^\dagger \in \mathbb{C}^{M \times M}$ are diagonal square matrices with diagonal entries:

$$\begin{aligned} \forall i \in [N] : (\Sigma^\dagger \Sigma)_{ii} &= \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i \leq \min\{M, N\} \text{ and } \Sigma_{ii} \neq 0 ; \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \\ \forall i \in [M] : (\Sigma \Sigma^\dagger)_{ii} &= \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i \leq \min\{M, N\} \text{ and } \Sigma_{ii} \neq 0 ; \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

It is then easy to check that Σ^\dagger satisfies the first two conditions of the Moore-Penrose pseudoinverse: $\Sigma \Sigma^\dagger \Sigma = \Sigma$ and $\Sigma^\dagger \Sigma \Sigma^\dagger = \Sigma^\dagger$. Besides, $\Sigma^\dagger \Sigma$ and $\Sigma \Sigma^\dagger$ being real diagonal matrices, the last two conditions are clearly satisfied too.

2) We can check that the matrix $V \Sigma^\dagger U^*$ satisfies the four conditions of the Moore-Penrose pseudoinverse, i.e., $A^\dagger = V \Sigma^\dagger U^*$:

$$\begin{aligned} A[V \Sigma^\dagger U^*]A &= U \Sigma (V^* V) \Sigma^\dagger (U^* U) \Sigma V^* = U \Sigma \Sigma^\dagger \Sigma V^* = U \Sigma V^* = A ; \\ [V \Sigma^\dagger U^*]A[V \Sigma^\dagger U^*] &= V \Sigma^\dagger (U^* U) \Sigma (V^* V) \Sigma^\dagger U^* = V \Sigma^\dagger \Sigma \Sigma^\dagger U^* = V \Sigma^\dagger U^* ; \\ (A V \Sigma^\dagger U^*)^* &= (U \Sigma \Sigma^\dagger U^*)^* = U (\Sigma \Sigma^\dagger)^* U^* = U \Sigma \Sigma^\dagger U^* = A V \Sigma^\dagger U^* ; \\ (V \Sigma^\dagger U^* A)^* &= (V \Sigma^\dagger \Sigma V^*)^* = V (\Sigma^\dagger \Sigma)^* V^* = V \Sigma^\dagger \Sigma V^* = V \Sigma^\dagger U^* A . \end{aligned}$$

3) A is full column rank, therefore $A^* A$ is a full rank $N \times N$ matrix and has a unique inverse $(A^* A)^{-1}$. The matrix $(A^* A)^{-1} A^*$ satisfies the four conditions:

$$\begin{aligned} A[(A^* A)^{-1} A^*]A &= A ; [(A^* A)^{-1} A^*]A[(A^* A)^{-1} A^*] = (A^* A)^{-1} A^* ; \\ (A[(A^* A)^{-1} A^*])^* &= A[(A^* A)^{-1} A^*] ; ([A[(A^* A)^{-1} A^*]A]^* = A^* A (A^* A)^{-1} = I_{N \times N} = ([A[(A^* A)^{-1} A^*]A)^* . \end{aligned}$$

Hence $A^\dagger = (A^* A)^{-1} A^*$.

4) A is full row rank, therefore AA^* is a full rank $M \times M$ matrix and has a unique inverse $(AA^*)^{-1}$. The matrix $A^*(AA^*)^{-1}$ satisfies the four conditions:

$$\begin{aligned} A[A^*(AA^*)^{-1}]A &= A ; [A^*(AA^*)^{-1}]A[A^*(AA^*)^{-1}] = A^*(AA^*)^{-1} ; \\ (A[A^*(AA^*)^{-1}])^* &= (AA^*)^{-1} AA^* = I_{M \times M} = AA^\dagger ; ([A^*(AA^*)^{-1}]A)^* = A^*(AA^*)^{-1} A . \end{aligned}$$

Hence $A^\dagger = A^*(AA^*)^{-1}$.

5) We have $AA^{-1}A = A$, $A^{-1}AA^{-1} = A^{-1}$, $(AA^{-1})^* = I_{M \times M} = AA^{-1}$, $(A^{-1}A)^* = I_{N \times N} = A^{-1}A$. Hence $A^\dagger = A^{-1}$.

6) A is full column rank so $A^\dagger A = I_{M \times M}$ and B is full column rank so $BB^\dagger = I_{N \times N}$. Therefore:

$$\begin{aligned} (AB)(B^\dagger A^\dagger)(AB) &= A(BB^\dagger)(A^\dagger A)B = AI_{M \times M}I_{N \times N}B = AB; \\ (B^\dagger A^\dagger)(AB)(B^\dagger A^\dagger) &= B^\dagger(A^\dagger A)(BB^\dagger)A^\dagger = B^\dagger I_{N \times N}I_{M \times M}A^\dagger = B^\dagger A^\dagger; \\ (ABB^\dagger A^\dagger)^* &= (AI_{N \times N}A^\dagger)^* = (AA^\dagger)^* = AA^\dagger = (AB)(B^\dagger A^\dagger); \\ (B^\dagger A^\dagger AB)^* &= (B^\dagger I_{M \times M}B)^* = (B^\dagger B)^* = B^\dagger B = (B^\dagger A^\dagger)(AB). \end{aligned}$$

Hence $(AB)^\dagger = B^\dagger A^\dagger$.