

Step-1

Suppose $A + iB$ is a Hermitian matrix, where A, B are real.

We have to show that $\underline{Q} = \begin{bmatrix} A & -B \\ B & A \end{bmatrix}$ is symmetric.

Step-2

Since the matrices A, B are real.

So $A^H = A^T$ and $B^H = B^T$

Since $A + iB$ is a Hermitian matrix.

$$\Rightarrow (A + iB)^H = A + iB$$

$$\Rightarrow A^H - iB^H = A + iB$$

$$\Rightarrow A^T - iB^T = A + iB \quad \left(\text{since } A^H = A^T, B^H = B^T \right)$$

Step-3

Comparing the real and imaginary parts on both sides, we get

$$A^T = A \text{ and } B^T = -B$$

$$\underline{Q} = \begin{bmatrix} A & -B \\ B & A \end{bmatrix}$$

Now we have

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{Q}^T &= \begin{bmatrix} A^T & B^T \\ -B^T & A^T \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} A & -B \\ B & A \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \underline{Q} \end{aligned}$$

Since $\underline{Q}^T = \underline{Q}$

So $\underline{Q} = \begin{bmatrix} A & -B \\ B & A \end{bmatrix}$ is symmetric matrix.