

14.

Setting $B = \frac{1}{2}(A + A^T)$

$$B^T = \frac{1}{2}(A^T + A) = \frac{1}{2}(A + A^T) = B$$

$\Rightarrow B$ is symmetric

Setting $C = \frac{1}{2}(A - A^T)$

$$C^T = \frac{1}{2}(A^T - A) = -\frac{1}{2}(A - A^T) = -C$$

$\Rightarrow C$ is skew-symmetric

$$A = B + C$$

Suppose $\exists B_1, C_1 : \begin{cases} B_1 \text{ is symmetric} \\ C_1 \text{ is skew-symmetric} \end{cases}$

s.t. $A = B_1 + C_1$

$$A^T = B_1^T + C_1^T = B_1 - C_1$$

$$B = \frac{1}{2}(A + A^T) = B_1$$

$$C = \frac{1}{2}(A - A^T) = C_1$$

15.

(*) for all $A, B \in M$, and $\alpha \in K$

$$1) P(A+B) = \frac{A+B + (A+B)^T}{2} = \frac{A+A^T}{2} + \frac{B+B^T}{2} = P(A) + P(B)$$

$$2) P(\alpha A) = \frac{\alpha A + (\alpha A)^T}{2} = \frac{\alpha A + \alpha A^T}{2} = \alpha \frac{A+A^T}{2} = \alpha P(A)$$

b) for all skew-symmetric matrices $A \in M_{\text{skew}}$

$$1) P(A) = \frac{A+A^T}{2} = \frac{-A^T+A^T}{2} = 0$$

2) suppose $P(B) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{B+B^T}{2} = 0 \Rightarrow B+B^T = 0 \Rightarrow B^T = -B$$

i.e. B is skew-symmetric

$$\begin{cases} M_{\text{skew}} \subseteq \ker P \\ M_{\text{skew}} \supseteq \ker P \end{cases} \Rightarrow M_{\text{skew}} = \ker P$$

$$c) \dim \ker P = \dim M_{\text{skew}} = \frac{n(n-1)}{2} \text{ over } \mathbb{C}$$