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## Unitary and Hermitian Matrices

The conjugate transpose of a complex matrix  $A$  denoted by  $A^*$  is given by  $A^* = \bar{A}^T$ .

→ [conjugate transpose]

(where the entries of  $\bar{A}$  are the complex conjugates of the corresponding entries of  $A$ ) → If the matrix is

Real then  $A^* = A^T$  ✓

Prob: Find the conjugate transpose of the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3+7i & 0 \\ 2i & 4-i \end{bmatrix} \quad \bar{A} = \begin{bmatrix} \overline{3+7i} & \bar{0} \\ \bar{2i} & \overline{4-i} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\bar{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 3-7i & 0 \\ -2i & 4+i \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^* = \bar{A}^T = \begin{bmatrix} 3-7i & -2i \\ 0 & 4+i \end{bmatrix}$$

Properties of the Conjugate Transpose.

If  $A$  and  $B$  are complex matrices and  $k$  is a complex number then the following properties are true.

- 1)  $(A^*)^* = A$
- 2)  $(A+B)^* = A^* + B^*$
- 3)  $(kA)^* = \bar{k} A^*$
- 4)  $(AB)^* = B^* A^*$

Unitary Matrix:

(For real matrix a matrix will be called as unitary if

$$UU^T = U^T U = I$$

(but we know,  $UU^{-1} = U^{-1}U = I$ )

Inverse is unique !!

In next case  $U^{-1} = U^T$ .

In case of complex matrices,  
we have the property that

$$U^{-1} = U^* \longrightarrow \text{unitary matrices}$$

A complex matrix is called unitary  
if  $\underline{U^{-1} = U^*}$

Prob: Show that the following  
matrix is unitary

$$A = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1+i & 1-i \\ 1-i & 1+i \end{bmatrix}$$

Check out  $\longrightarrow$

$$AA^* = \frac{1}{4} \begin{bmatrix} 1+i & 1-i \\ 1-i & 1+i \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1-i & 1+i \\ 1+i & 1-i \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} A^*A &= I \\ \Rightarrow A^* &= A^{-1} \\ \therefore \underline{\text{unitary}} &= \frac{1}{4} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = I \end{aligned}$$

Result: An  $n \times n$  matrix (complex)  $A$  is unitary iff its row (or column) vectors form an orthonormal set in  $\mathbb{C}^n$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1+i}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \\ -i/\sqrt{3} & i/\sqrt{3} & 1/\sqrt{3} \\ 5i/2\sqrt{15} & \frac{3+i}{2\sqrt{15}} & \frac{4+3i}{2\sqrt{15}} \end{bmatrix}$$

let  $\vec{r}_1 = (\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1+i}{2}, -\frac{1}{2})$

$\vec{r}_2 = (-i/\sqrt{3}, i/\sqrt{3}, 1/\sqrt{3})$

$\vec{r}_3 = (5i/2\sqrt{15}, \frac{3+i}{2\sqrt{15}}, \frac{4+3i}{2\sqrt{15}})$

length of  $\vec{r}_1$

$$\|\vec{r}_1\| = (\vec{r}_1 \cdot \vec{r}_1)^{1/2}$$

$$= \sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + \left(\frac{1+i}{2}\right)\left(\frac{1-i}{2}\right) + \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{1}{4} + \frac{2}{4} + \frac{1}{4}}$$

$$= \sqrt{1} = 1 \quad \longrightarrow \text{they are of unit length}$$

Take any two row vectors and take the dot product (inner product) -

$$\begin{aligned} r_1 \cdot r_2 &= \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(\frac{-i}{\sqrt{3}}\right) + \left(\frac{1+i}{2}\right)\left(\frac{i}{\sqrt{3}}\right) \\ &\quad + \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right) \\ &= \cancel{\frac{i}{2\sqrt{3}}} - \cancel{\frac{i}{2\sqrt{3}}} + \cancel{\frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}}} - \cancel{\frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}}} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Similarly we can see

$$\vec{r}_1 \cdot \vec{r}_3 = \vec{r}_2 \cdot \vec{r}_3 = \vec{r}_1 \cdot \vec{r}_2 = 0.$$

$$\{\|\vec{r}_i\| = 1\} \quad i=1, 2, 3.$$

$$\{\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2, \vec{r}_3\} \longrightarrow \text{O.N set}$$

$\hookrightarrow \hookrightarrow \hookrightarrow$  forms an orthonormal set.

## Hermitian Matrices

Def<sup>n</sup>: A square matrix  $A$  is Hermitian if  $A = A^*$

[for symmetric matrices it is easy to check whether it is hermitian or not]

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 + a_2 i & b_1 + b_2 i \\ c_1 + c_2 i & d_1 + d_2 i \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^* = \overline{A^T} = \begin{bmatrix} \overline{a_1 + a_2 i} & \overline{c_1 + c_2 i} \\ \overline{b_1 + b_2 i} & \overline{d_1 + d_2 i} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} a_1 - a_2 i & c_1 - c_2 i \\ b_1 - b_2 i & d_1 - d_2 i \end{bmatrix}$$

For  $A$  to be hermitian,  $A = A^*$

$$a_1 + a_2 i = a_1 - a_2 i$$

Real.

$$\Rightarrow a_2 = 0$$

$$\text{Im} \rightarrow d_2 = 0$$

$$c_1 - c_2 i = b_1 + b_2 i$$

$$c_1 + c_2 i = b_1 - b_2 i$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & b_1 + b_2 i \\ b_1 - b_2 i & d_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$b_1 + b_2 i$$

$$b_1 - b_2 i$$

$$d_1$$

Real

$$c_1 = b_1, c_2 = -b_2$$

$\Rightarrow$  (1) The entries of the main diagonals are real.

(2) The entry  $a_{ij}$  of the  $i$ th row and  $j$ th column is the complex conjugate of the entry  $a_{ji}$  ( $j$ th row and  $i$ th column)



Theorem: If  $A$  is a Hermitian matrix, then its eigenvalues are real numbers.

Problem:

Which of the following are Hermitian matrices

(a)  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3-i \\ 3+i & i \end{bmatrix}$

(b)  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3-2i \\ 3-2i & 4 \end{bmatrix}$

(c)  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2-i & -2i \\ 2+i & 0 & 1-i \\ 3i & 1+i & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Proof: Let  $\lambda$  be the eigenvalue of the matrix  $A$  and

$v = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 + b_1 i \\ a_2 + b_2 i \\ \vdots \\ a_n + b_n i \end{bmatrix}$  is the e-vector corresponding

to the eigenvalue  $\lambda$ .

The eigen equation is ,

$$\boxed{A v = \lambda v} \longrightarrow (1)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 v^* A v &= v^* (\lambda v) \\
 &= \lambda (v^* v) \\
 &= \lambda \underbrace{(a_1^2 + b_1^2 + a_2^2 + b_2^2 + \dots + a_n^2 + b_n^2)}_{\text{number}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (v^* A v)^* &= v^* A^* (v^*)^* \quad [A^* = A] \\
 &= \underline{v^* A v} \rightarrow (1)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\lambda^* = \lambda \rightarrow (\text{number})$$

of the no. = ~~eq~~ its conjugate no.

$\Rightarrow$  the no is a real number  
 $\Rightarrow \lambda$  is a real number.



Find out the eigen values and eigen vectors of the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2-i & -3i \\ 2+i & 0 & 1-i \\ 3i & 1+i & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

e.v of  $A$  are  $-1, 6$  and  $-2$   
find out e. vectors.

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Theorem: If  $A$  is a  $n \times n$  matrix (Hermitian) then eigen vectors corresponding to distinct eigen values are orthogonal.

Proof:

Proof: let  $u_1$  and  $u_2$  be two  
eigen vectors corresponding  
to two distinct e. values  
 $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} Au_1 &= \lambda_1 u_1 \\ Au_2 &= \lambda_2 u_2 \end{aligned} \right\}$$

$$(Au_1)^* u_2 = u_1^* A^* u_2 = u_1^* (Au_2)$$

$$= \lambda_2 u_1^* u_2$$

$\rightarrow (1)$

$$(Au_1)^* u_2 = (\lambda_1 u_1)^* u_2 \quad (\lambda_1 \text{ real})$$

$$= u_1^* \lambda_1 u_2 = \lambda_1 u_1^* u_2 \quad \rightarrow (2)$$

From (1) and (2)

$$\lambda_1 v_1^* v_2 - \lambda_2 v_1^* v_2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (\lambda_1 - \lambda_2) v_1^* v_2 = 0$$

$$\because \lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2 \Rightarrow v_1^* v_2 = 0$$

$\Rightarrow v_1$  and  $v_2$  are orthogonal.

## Diagonalization of Hermitian Matrix

Result: If  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  Hermitian matrix, then  $A$  is unitarily diagonalizable.

$\Rightarrow$  You are going to find a unitary matrix  $P$  such that  $P^* A P$  is a diagonal matrix

Ex:  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2-i & -3i \\ 2+i & 0 & 1-i \\ 3i & 1+i & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$\hookrightarrow$  find the unitary matrix  $P$  such that  $P^* A P$  is a diagonal matrix.

Can you differentiate a symmetric matrix from a Hermitian matrix

$\hookrightarrow$  same difference  $\hookrightarrow$  different