

Step-1

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

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

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

Step-3

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

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

$$\text{Now we have } Q = \begin{bmatrix} A & -B \\ B & A \end{bmatrix}$$

Therefore,

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

Since $Q^T = Q$

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