

## Step-1

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

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

## Step-2

Since  $A + iB$  is unitary

$$\text{So } (A + iB)^H (A + iB) = I$$

$$\text{Now } (A + iB)^H (A + iB) = I$$

$$\Rightarrow (A + iB)^H = (A + iB)^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow (A^H - iB^H) = \frac{1}{A + iB}$$

$$\Rightarrow A^T - iB^T = \frac{1}{A^2 + B^2} [A - iB] \quad \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{Since } A \text{ and } B \text{ are real} \\ \text{So } A^H = A^T \text{ and } B^H = B^T \end{array} \right)$$

## Step-3

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

$$A^T = \frac{A}{A^2 + B^2}, B^T = \frac{B}{A^2 + B^2}$$

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

Therefore,

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

## Step-4

Continuation to the above

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{A}{A^2+B^2} + \frac{B}{A^2+B^2} & \frac{-AB}{A^2+B^2} + \frac{AB}{A^2+B^2} \\ \frac{-AB}{A^2+B^2} + \frac{AB}{A^2+B^2} & \frac{B^2}{A^2+B^2} + \frac{A^2}{A^2+B^2} \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{Since by (1)})$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= I$$

Since  $Q^T Q = I$

Therefore  $Q$  is an orthogonal matrix.