

# Conjugate of a matrix

Prop:  $D(\bar{A}) = A$

(i)  $\overline{A + B} = \bar{A} + \bar{B}$

(ii)  $\overline{\kappa A} = \bar{\kappa} \cdot \bar{A}$

(iii)  $\overline{AB} = \bar{A} \cdot \bar{B}$

$$A = [a_{ij}]_{m \times n}$$

$$\bar{A} = [\bar{a}_{ij}]_{m \times n}$$

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

$$\bar{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1-i & 1+i \\ 2 & 2-3i \end{pmatrix}$$

Transposed conjugate

Conjugate of a matrix

$$A^D = (\bar{A})^T = \overline{(A^T)}$$

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

$$A^D = \overline{(A^T)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1+i & 3 \\ 1-i & 2 & 2+3i \end{bmatrix} \quad A^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1-i & 3 \\ 1+i & 2 & 2-3i \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\textcircled{I} \quad (A^0)^0 = A \cdot$$

$$\textcircled{II} \quad (A + B)^0 = A^0 + B^0$$

$$\textcircled{III} \quad (k A)^0 = \bar{k} \cdot A^0 \cdot$$

$$\textcircled{IV} \quad (A B)^0 = B^0 \cdot A^0 \cdot$$



Hermitian matrix: A square matrix  $A$

Note: Diagonal elements of a Hermitian matrix is real.

$$\overline{a_{ii}} = a_{ii} \quad \forall i$$

It is possible

only when  $a_{ii}$  is real.

is called a Hermitian matrix if

$$A^H = A$$

$$\text{i.e. } \overline{a_{ij}} = a_{ji} \quad \forall i, j$$

Ex:  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5+i \\ 5-i & 3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A^T = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5-i \\ 5+i & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

$$A^H = \overline{(A^T)} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5+i \\ 5-i & 3 \end{bmatrix} = A$$

## Skew-Hermitian matrix

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

$$A^\theta = \overline{(A^T)}$$

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

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

$$= -A.$$

A square matrix  $A$  is called skew-Hermitian if

$$A^\theta = -A.$$

i.e.  $\overline{a_{ij}} = -a_{ji} \forall i, j$

Ex:  $A = \begin{bmatrix} i & 2+3i \\ -2+3i & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  is skew-Herm.

Note: Diagonal elements of a skew-Hermitian matrix is either purely imaginary or zero.

$$\overline{a_{ii}} = -a_{ii} \quad \forall i$$

$$\Rightarrow \overline{a_{ii}} + a_{ii} = 0 \quad \forall i$$

$$(\bar{A}^T)^D = \bar{A}^D$$

Prob: If  $A$  is a Hermitian matrix.  
then show that  $iA$  is skew  
Hermitian.

Sol<sup>n</sup>:  $\because A$  is Hermitian.  
 $\therefore A^D = A$

$$(\bar{iA})^D = \bar{i} \cdot A^D = -iA$$

$\therefore iA$  is skew-Hermitian.

Prob: If  $A$  is a skew-Hermitian matrix then show that  $iA$  is Hermitian.

$\rightarrow \because A$  is skew-Hermitian.

$$\therefore A^H = -A.$$

$$(iA)^H = \overline{i} A^H$$

$$= -i(-A)$$

$$= iA$$

$\therefore iA$  is Hermitian.

Prob: If  $A$  and  $B$  are Hermitian  
 then show that  $AB + BA$  is  
 Hermitian and  $AB - BA$  is  
 skew-Hermitian.

$$\begin{aligned} & (AB - BA)^H \\ &= (AB)^H - (BA)^H \\ &= B^H A^H - A^H \cdot B^H \\ &= BA - AB \\ &= -(AB - BA) \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore AB - BA$  is  
 skew-Hermitian

Soln:

$\because A$  and  $B$  are Hermitian.

$$\therefore A^H = A, \quad B^H = B$$

$$\begin{aligned} (AB + BA)^H &= (AB)^H + (BA)^H \\ &= B^H A^H + A^H B^H = BA + AB \\ &= AB + BA. \end{aligned}$$

Prob: If  $A$  be any square matrix  
 then prove that  $A + A^0, A \cdot A^0, A^Q A$   
 are all Hermitian matrices and  
 $A - A^Q$  is skew Hermitian.

$$\rightarrow \underline{(A + A^0)^0} = A^0 + (A^0)^0 = A^0 + A = A + A^0$$

$$(A \cdot A^0)^0 = (A^0)^0 \cdot A^0 = \underline{A \cdot A^0}$$

$$(A - A^Q)^0 = A^0 - (A^Q)^0 = A^0 - A = -(A - A^Q)$$

Prob: Show that the matrix  $B^T A B$  is Hermitian or Skew-Hermitian according as  $A$  is Hermitian or Skew Hermitian.

$$\rightarrow \underline{\underline{(B^T A B)^T}} = B^T A^T (B^T)^T$$

$$= B^T A^T B$$

$$= \underline{\underline{B^T A B}} \text{ if } A^T = A \text{ i.e. } A \text{ is Herm.}$$

$$= -B^T A B \text{ if } A^T = -A \text{ i.e. } A \text{ is skew-Herm.}$$

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

$$Q = \frac{1}{2}(A - A^H)$$

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

$$= \frac{1}{2}[A^H + (A^H)^H]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}[A^H + A]$$

$$= P.$$

$\therefore P$  is Hermitian.

Prob: prove that every square matrix  
is uniquely expressible as the  
sum of a Hermitian and a skew-  
Hermitian matrix.

Soln: let  $A$  be a square matrix.

$$A = \frac{1}{2}A + \frac{1}{2}A + \frac{1}{2}A^H - \frac{1}{2}A^H$$

$$= \underbrace{\frac{1}{2}(A + A^H)}_P + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2}(A - A^H)}_Q$$

unique

$$\text{Let } A = R + S \quad \textcircled{1}$$

where  $R$  is Hermitian

and  $S$  is skew Herm.

$$\textcircled{1} \Rightarrow$$

$$A^\theta = (R + S)^\theta$$

$$\Rightarrow A^\theta = R^\theta + S^\theta = R - S \quad \textcircled{11}$$

$$\textcircled{1} + \textcircled{11}$$

$$A + A^\theta = 2R$$

$$\Rightarrow R = \frac{1}{2}(A + A^\theta) = P$$

$$\varphi = \frac{1}{2}(A - A^\theta)$$

$$\varphi^\theta = \frac{1}{2}(A - A^\theta)^\theta$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}[A^\theta - (A^\theta)^\theta]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}[A^\theta - A]$$

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

$$= -\varphi.$$

$\therefore \varphi$  is skew-Hermitian.

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\bar{A})^{\theta} &= (\bar{A})^T \\
 &= A^T \\
 &= (A^{\theta})^T \\
 &= [(\bar{A})^T]^T \\
 &= \bar{A} \\
 \therefore \bar{A} &\text{ is Hermitian.}
 \end{aligned}$$

(1) - (1)

$$A - A^{\theta} = 2S$$

$$\Rightarrow S = \frac{1}{2}(A - A^{\theta}) = P.$$

Proof: prove that  $\bar{A}$  is Hermitian or  
skew-Hermitian according as  $A$  is Hermitian  
or skew-Hermitian.

Soln: (1) Suppose  $A$  is Hermitian.

$$\therefore A^{\theta} = A \rightarrow \text{(2)}$$

(ii)  $A$  is skew-Hermitian.

$$\therefore A^0 = -A \cdot \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

$$(\bar{A})^0 = (\bar{A})^T$$

$$= A^T$$

$$= (-A^0)^T$$

$$= -[(\bar{A})^T]^T$$

$$= -\bar{A}$$

$\therefore \bar{A}$  is skew-Herm.

$$P = \frac{1}{2} (A + A^{\text{H}})$$

$$Q = \frac{1}{2i} (A - A^{\text{H}})$$

$$P^{\text{H}} = \frac{1}{2} (A + A^{\text{H}})^{\text{H}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [A^{\text{H}} + (A^{\text{H}})^{\text{H}}]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [A^{\text{H}} + A]$$

$$= P$$

$\therefore P$  is Hermitian.

Prob: Show that every square matrix  $A$  can be uniquely expressed as  $P + iQ$  where  $P$  and  $Q$  are Hermitian matrices.



$$A = \frac{1}{2} A + \frac{1}{2} A^{\text{H}} + \frac{1}{2} A^{\text{H}} - \frac{1}{2} A^{\text{H}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} A + \frac{1}{2} A^{\text{H}} + \frac{1}{2} A - \frac{1}{2} A^{\text{H}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (A + A^{\text{H}}) + \frac{1}{2} (A - A^{\text{H}})$$

$$= \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} (A + A^{\text{H}})}_P + i \underbrace{\left[ \frac{1}{2i} (A - A^{\text{H}}) \right]}_Q$$

uniqueness:

$$\text{Let } A = R + iS. \quad \textcircled{1}$$

where  $R$  and  $S$  are

Hermitian matrices.

$$\therefore R^\theta = R, S^\theta = S.$$

$$\textcircled{1} \Rightarrow A^\theta = [R + iS]^\theta$$

$$= R^\theta + (iS)^\theta$$

$$= R^\theta + \bar{i} S^\theta$$

$$A^\theta = R - iS \quad \textcircled{11}$$

$$\varphi = \frac{1}{2i}(A - A^\theta)$$

$$\varphi^\theta = \left[ \frac{1}{2i}(A - A^\theta) \right]^\theta$$

$$= \frac{1}{2i} [A^\theta - (A^\theta)^\theta]$$

$$= \frac{1}{-2i} [A^\theta - A]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2i} [A - A^\theta]$$

$$= \varphi.$$

$\therefore \varphi$  is Herm.

① + ②

$$A + A^T \geq R$$

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

③ - ②

$$A - A^T \geq i S$$

$$\Rightarrow S = \frac{1}{2i} (A - A^T) = Q$$

$$A(BC) = (AB) \times C$$

$$(A^T)^2 = A^T \cdot A^T$$

$$= A^T \cdot (B^T A^T)$$

using ①

$$= (A^T B^T) \cdot A^T$$

$$= B^T \cdot A^T$$

using ②

$$= A^T$$

using ①

$\therefore A^T$  is idempotent.

Prob: If  $AB = A$  and  $BA = B$  then  
 $B^T A^T = A^T$  and  $A^T B^T = B^T$  and  
hence prove that  $A^T$  and  $B^T$   
are idempotent matrices.

$$\rightarrow \because AB = A \Rightarrow (AB)^T = A^T$$

$$\Rightarrow B^T A^T = A^T \quad \text{---} \textcircled{D}$$

$$\because BA = B \Rightarrow (BA)^T = B^T$$

$$\Rightarrow A^T B^T = B^T \quad \text{---} \textcircled{II}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (B^T)^2 &= B^T \cdot B^T \\ &= B^T \cdot (A^T B^T) \quad \text{using (11)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= (B^T A^T) \cdot B^T \\ &= A^+ \cdot B^T \quad \text{using (1)} \end{aligned}$$

$$= B^T \quad \text{using (1)}$$

$\therefore B^T$  is idempotent.