

## Products of Conjugate K-Normal Matrices

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**Abstract:** In this paper, we discussed properties of conjugate k-normal matrices. The product of k-normal and conjugate k-normal matrices are also discussed..

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

A k-normal matrix  $A = \langle a_{ij} \rangle$  with complex elements is a matrix such that  $AA^*k = KA^*A$ , where  $A^*$  denotes the complex conjugate transpose of A. A conjugate k-normal matrix is defined to be a complex matrix A which is such that  $AA^*K = \overline{KA^*A}$ . Here, we developed further properties of conjugate k-normal matrices, their relation, in a sense; to k-normal matrices in considered and further results concerning k-normal products are obtained including an analogous for conjugate k-normal matrices.

### 2. PROPERTIES OF CONJUGATE k-NORMAL MATRICES

#### Theorem 2.1:

A matrix A in conjugate k-normal if and only if there exists a k-unitary matrix U such that  $UAU^T$  is a direct sum of non-negative real numbers and of  $2 \times 2$  matrices of the form  $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ -b & a \end{bmatrix}$ , where a and b are non-negative real numbers.

#### Proof:

Let A be conjugate k-normal, where  $A = M+N$ , where  $M=M^T$  and  $N=-N^T$ .

$$\text{Then, } AA^*K = \overline{KA^*A}$$

$$\Rightarrow AA^*K = K\overline{A^*A}$$

$$\Rightarrow AA^*K = K(\overline{A^{-T}})\overline{A}$$

$$\Rightarrow AA^*K = KA^T\overline{A}$$

$$(M+N)(M+N)^*K = K(M+N)^T\overline{(M+N)}$$

$$(M+N)(M^*+N^*)K = K(M^T+N^T)(\overline{M}+\overline{N})$$

$$(M+N)(\overline{M^T}+\overline{N^T})K = K(M-N)(\overline{M}+\overline{N}), \text{ since } M = M^T \text{ and } N = -N^T$$

$$(M+N)((\overline{M^T})+(\overline{N^T}))K = K(M-N)(\overline{M}+\overline{N})$$

$$(M+N)(\overline{M}-\overline{N})K = K(M-N)(\overline{M}+\overline{N})$$

$$(M\overline{M}-M\overline{N}+N\overline{M}-N\overline{N})K = K(M\overline{M}+M\overline{N}-N\overline{M}-N\overline{N})$$

$$M\overline{M}K-M\overline{N}K+N\overline{M}K-N\overline{N}K = KM\overline{M}+KM\overline{N}-KN\overline{M}-KN\overline{N}$$

$$-M\overline{N}K+N\overline{M}K = KM\overline{N}-KN\overline{M}$$

$$-M\overline{N}K-KM\overline{N} = -KN\overline{M}-N\overline{M}K$$

Since A is conjugate k-normal. Therefore M and N is also a conjugate k-normal.

$$\text{Therefore, } -M\overline{N}K-M\overline{N}K = -N\overline{M}K-N\overline{M}K$$

$$-2M\overline{N}K = -2N\overline{M}K$$

$$M\overline{N} = N\overline{M}$$

There exists a k-unitary matrix U such that  $UMU^T = D$  is a k-diagonal matrix with real, non-negative elements.

$$\text{Therefore, } UNU^T\overline{UMU^T}^* = UMU^T\overline{UNU^T}^*$$

$$\Rightarrow WD = D\overline{W}, \text{ where } W = -W^T$$

Let U be chosen so that D is such that  $d_{k(i)} \geq d_{k(j)} \geq 0$  for  $i < j$ , where  $d_{k(i)}$  in the  $i^{\text{th}}$  k-diagonal element of D.

If  $W = (t_{k(i)k(j)})$ , where  $(t_{k(i)k(j)}) = -(t_{k(j)k(i)})$ , then  $t_{k(i)k(j)}d_{k(j)} = d_{k(i)}t_{k(i)k(j)}$ , for  $j > i$  and three possibilities may occur: if  $d_{k(i)} = d_{k(j)} \neq 0$ , then  $t_{k(i)k(j)}$  is real ;  
 $d_{k(i)} = d_{k(j)} = 0$ , then  $t_{k(i)k(j)}$  is arbitrary ( though  $W = -W^T$  still holds); and  
 if  $d_{k(i)} \neq d_{k(j)}$ , then  $t_{k(i)k(j)} = 0$  for if  $t_{k(i)k(j)} = a + ib$ , then  $(a + ib)d_{k(j)} = d_{k(i)}(a - ib)$   
 and  $a(d_{k(j)} - d_{k(i)}) = 0$  implies  $a = 0$  and  $b(d_{k(i)} + d_{k(j)}) = 0$  implies  $d_{k(i)} = -d_{k(j)}$   
 ( which is not possible since  $d_{k(i)}$  are real and non-negative and  $d_{k(i)} \neq d_{k(j)}$ ) or  $b = 0$  so  
 $t_{k(i)k(j)} = 0$ .

So if  $UMU^T = d_{k(1)}I_{k(1)} + d_{k(2)}I_{k(2)} + d_{k(3)}I_{k(3)} + \dots + d_{k(n)}I_{k(n)}$ , where  $+$  denotes the direct sum, then  $UNU^T = N_{k(1)} + N_{k(2)} + N_{k(3)} + \dots + N_{k(n)}$ , where  $N_{k(i)} = -N_{k(i)}^T$  is real and  $N_{k(n)} = -N_{k(n)}^T$  is complex if and only if  $d_{k(n)} = 0$ . For each real  $T_{k(i)}$  there exists a real orthogonal matrix  $V_{k(i)}$  so that  $V_{k(i)} N_{k(i)} V_{k(i)}^T$  is a direct sum of zero matrices and matrices of the form  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & b \\ -b & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , where  $b$  is real. If  $N_{k(n)} = -N_{k(n)}^T$  is complex, there exists a complex  $k$ -unitary matrix  $V_{k(n)}$  such that  $V_{k(n)} N_{k(n)} V_{k(n)}^T$  is a direct sum of matrices of the same form, so that  $V = V_{k(1)} + V_{k(2)} + V_{k(3)} + \dots + V_{k(n)}$ , then  $VUMU^T V^T = D$  and  $VUNU^T V^T = F$  = the direct sum described.

Therefore,  $VUAU^T V^T = D + F$  which is the desired form.

#### **Properties of conjugate $k$ -normal matrices:**

Let  $A$  and  $B$  are two conjugate  $k$ -normal matrices such that  $A\bar{B} = B\bar{A}$ , then  $A$  and  $B$  can be simultaneously brought in to the above  $k$ -normal form under the same  $U$  (with generalization to a finite number) but not conversely; if  $A$  is conjugate  $k$ -normal,  $A\bar{A}$  is  $k$ -normal in the usual sense, but not conversely and if  $A$  is conjugate  $k$ -normal and  $A\bar{A}$  is real, there is real orthogonal matrix which gives the above form.

#### **Properties of con $k$ -normal matrices not obtained in this section but of subsequent use are the following:**

(a)  $A$  is con  $k$ -normal iff  $A = HU = UH^T$  Where  $H$  is  $k$ -hermitian and  $U$  is  $k$ -unitary.

For if  $A = HU$  is a polar form of  $A$ , then  $U^*HU = L$  is such that  $A = HU = UL$  and if  $AA^* = A^T \bar{A}$  then  $H^2 = (L^T)^2$  and since this is a  $k$ -hermitian matrix with non-negative roots,  $H = L^T$  and  $A = HU = UH^T$ . The converse is immediate.

This same result may be seen as follows. If  $UAU^T = F$  is the k-normal form in theorem 1,  $F = D_{K(r)}, V = VD_{K(r)}$ , where  $D_{K(r)}$  is real K- diagonal and V is a direct sum

of 1's or block in the form  $(a^2+b^2)^{-1/2} \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ -b & a \end{bmatrix}$  which are k- unitary.

Therefore,  $A = U^* D_{K(r)} U U^* V \bar{U} = U^* V U U^T D_{K(r)} \bar{U}$  this exhibits the polar form in another guise.

(b) A is both k-normal & con k-normal if and only if  $A = HU = UH = UH^T$ . So  $H = H^T = H^*$  so that H is real.

(c) if  $A = HU = UH^T$  is con k-normal, then UH is con k-normal, if and only if  $HU^2 = U^2H$ , (i.e.) if and only if  $HU^2$  is k-normal. For if UH is con k-normal  $UH = H^T U$  so that  $HU^2 = UH^T U = U^2H$ , and if  $HU^2 = U^2H$ , then  $HUU = UH^T U = UUH$  or  $H^T U = UH$ .

(d) A matrix A is con k- normal if and only if A can be written  $A = SW = \bar{W}S$  where  $M = M^T$  and W is k-unitary. If A is con k-normal, from the above

$$A = U^* F \bar{U} = U^* D_{K(r)} \bar{U} V^T V \bar{U} = MW = U^* V U U^* D_{K(r)} \bar{U} = \bar{W}M, \text{ where } M = U^* D_{K(r)} \bar{U}$$

is symmetric and  $W = U^T V \bar{U}$  is k-unitary. Conversely,

$$\text{if } A = MW = \bar{W}M, AA^* = MWW^* M^* = A^T \bar{A} = M^T W^* W \bar{M}.$$

### Remarks 2.2:

If B is con k-normal and if  $B = MU$  where  $M = M^T$  and U is k-unitary, it does not necessarily follow that  $B = \bar{U}S$ , but it is possible to find an  $M_1$  and  $U_1$  such that

$$B = M_1 U_1 = \bar{U}_1 M_1 \text{ holds. This may be seen as follows. If } B = MU \text{ is con k-normal, let } V$$

be k-unitary such that  $VMV^T = D$  is k-diagonal, real and non-negative, so that  $VBV^T = VSV^T \bar{V}UV^T = DW$  is con k-normal from which  $DWW^* \bar{D} = W^T D^T DW$  or since D is real,  $WD^2 = D^2W$  and  $WD = DW$  since D is non-negative. —

Then  $B = (V^* D \bar{V})(V^T W \bar{V}) = MV = (V^* W V)(V^* D V)$  which is not necessarily =

$$\bar{U}S = (V^* W V)(V^* D \bar{V}). \text{ However, if } D = r_1 I_{1+} + r_2 I_{2+} + r_3 I_{3+} \dots + r_n I_n, r_i > r_j \text{ for } i > j, \text{ then}$$

$w = w_{1+} + w_{2+} + w_{3+} \dots + w_n$ . Since each  $W_i$  is k-unitary, it is con k-normal and hence there

exist  $k$ -unitary  $X_i$  so that  $X_i W_i X_i^T = F_i$  is in the  $k$ -normal form of theorem 1.

If  $x = x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + \dots + x_n$ , then

$$XVBUT^T X^T = XDWX^T = DXWX^T = DF = FD, \text{ where } F = F_1 + F_2 + \dots + F_n.$$

$$\text{So, } B = (V^* X^* D \bar{X} \bar{V})(V^T X^T F \bar{X} \bar{V}) = (V^* X F X V)(V^* X^* D X V) = M U$$

$$\Rightarrow B = \bar{U}_1 M_1 \quad \text{1 1}$$

$$\text{and } M_1 = V^* X^* D \bar{X} \bar{V} \neq V^* D \bar{V} = M$$

$$U_1 = V^T X^T F \bar{X} \bar{V} \neq V^T W \bar{V} = U.$$

### 3. $k$ -NORMAL PRODUCTS OF MATRICES:

In this section, if  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $AB$  are  $k$ -normal matrices, the  $BA$  is  $k$ -normal, a necessary and sufficient condition that the products,  $AB$  of two  $k$ -normal matrices  $A$  and  $B$  be  $k$ -normal is that each commute with the  $k$ -hermitian polar matrix of each other. First a generalization of this theorem is obtained here and then an analogous for the con  $k$ -normal case is developed.

**Theorem 3.1:** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be a  $k$ -normal matrices and  $AB$  and  $BA$  are  $k$ -normal.

Then  $K(A^* A) B = B(AA^*) K$  and  $K(B^* B) A = A(BB^*) K$ .

**Proof:**

If  $AB$  and  $BA$  are  $k$ -normal. Let  $U$  be a  $k$ -unitary matrix such that

$$UAU^* K = D \text{ is diagonal, } d_{k(i)} \bar{d}_{k(i)} \geq d_{k(j)} \bar{d}_{k(j)} \geq 0 \text{ for } i < j.$$

Let  $UBU^* K = B_1 = b_{k(i) k(j)}$ . since  $AB$  and  $BA$  are  $k$ -normal.

$$\text{Then } ABB^* A^* K = K B^* A^* A B \Rightarrow DB_1 B_1^* D^* K = K B_1^* D^* D B_1$$

By equating diagonal elements it follows that

$$\sum_{j=1}^n d_{k(i)} \bar{d}_{k(i)} b_{k(i) k(j)} \bar{b}_{k(i) k(j)} = \sum_{j=1}^n d_{k(j)} \bar{d}_{k(j)} b_{k(j) k(i)} \bar{b}_{k(j) k(i)} \rightarrow (1) \text{ for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

$$\text{Similarly, } BAA^* B^* K = KA^* B^* BA \Rightarrow B_1 D D^* B_1^* K = K D^* B_1^* B_1 D$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{j=1}^n d_{k(j)} \bar{d}_{k(j)} b_{k(i) k(j)} \bar{b}_{k(i) k(j)} = \sum_{j=1}^n \bar{d}_{k(i)} d_{k(i)} \bar{b}_{k(j) k(i)} b_{k(j) k(i)} \rightarrow (2).$$

Let  $i=1$ , from (1) and (2)

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{j=1}^n d_{k(1)} \bar{d}_{k(1)} b_{k(1) k(j)} \bar{b}_{k(1) k(j)} = \sum_{j=1}^n d_{k(j)} \bar{d}_{k(j)} b_{k(j) k(1)} \bar{b}_{k(j) k(1)} \rightarrow (3)$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^n d_{k(j)} \bar{d}_{k(j)} b_{k(1)k(j)} \bar{b}_{k(1)k(j)} = \sum_{j=1}^n \bar{d}_{k(1)} d_{k(1)} \bar{b}_{k(j)k(1)} b_{k(j)k(1)} \rightarrow (4)$$

Now (3)-(4), we

get,

$$\sum_{j=1}^n (d_{k(1)} \bar{d}_{k(1)} - d_{k(j)} \bar{d}_{k(j)}) b_{k(1)k(j)} \bar{b}_{k(1)k(j)} = \sum_{j=1}^n (d_{k(j)} \bar{d}_{k(j)} - \bar{d}_{k(1)} d_{k(1)}) b_{k(j)k(1)} \bar{b}_{k(j)k(1)}$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^n (d_{k(1)} \bar{d}_{k(1)} - d_{k(j)} \bar{d}_{k(j)}) (b_{k(1)k(j)} \bar{b}_{k(1)k(j)} + b_{k(j)k(1)} \bar{b}_{k(j)k(1)}) = 0$$

$$d_{k(1)} \bar{d}_{k(1)} = d_{k(2)} \bar{d}_{k(2)} = \dots = d_{k(t)} \bar{d}_{k(t)} > d_{k(t+1)} \bar{d}_{k(t+1)} ;$$

$$\text{Then } b_{k(1)k(j)} \bar{b}_{k(1)k(j)} + b_{k(j)k(1)} \bar{b}_{k(j)k(1)} = 0, \text{ for } j = t+1, t+2, \dots n.$$

Since  $d_{k(1)} \bar{d}_{k(1)} - d_{k(j)} \bar{d}_{k(j)} = 0$  or positive value and is the latter for  $j > t$

So  $b_{k(1)k(j)} = 0$  and  $b_{k(j)k(1)} = 0$  for  $j = t+1, t+2, \dots n$ .

For  $i = 2, 3, \dots t$  it turns out that  $b_{k(i)k(j)} = 0$  and  $b_{k(j)k(i)} = 0$ , for  $i = 1, 2, \dots t$  and  $j = t+1, t+2, \dots n$ .

Let  $UAU^*K = D = r_1 D_1 + r_2 D_2 + \dots + r_s D_s$ , where the  $r_i$  are real,  $r_i > r_j$  for

$i < j$  and the  $D_i$  are  $k$ -unitary.

Then by repeating the above process it follows that

$UBU^*K = B_1 = C_1 + C_2 + \dots + C_s$  is conformal to  $D$ . it follows from the given

condition that  $(r_i D_i) C_i C_i^* (D_i^* r_i) K = K C_i^* (r_i D_i^*) (D_i r_i) C_i$

and  $C_i (r_i D_i) (D_i^* r_i) C_i^* K = K (r_i D_i^*) C_i^* C_i (D_i r_i)$

$\Rightarrow D_i C_i C_i^* K = K C_i^* C_i D_i$  and  $D_i C_i C_i^* K = K C_i^* C_i D_i$  if  $r_i > 0$

If  $r_s = 0$ ,  $D_s$  is arbitrary insofar as  $D$  is concerned and so may be chosen so that

$D_s C_s C_s^* K = K C_s^* C_s D_s$  in which case  $D_s$  may not be diagonal. But whether or not

this is done, it follows that  $DB_1 B_1^* K = K B_1^* B_1 D$  and  $B_1 D D^* K = K D^* D B_1$  so that

$K(A^* A) B = B(A A^*) K$  and  $K(B^* B) A = A(B B^*) K$ .

### Theorem 3.2:

Let  $A = PW = WP$  both polar form of the  $k$ -normal matrix  $A$ . Then

$AB$  &  $BA$  are  $k$ -normal iff  $B = NW^*$ , where  $N$  is  $k$ -normal and  $PN = NP$

**Proof:**

Let  $C_{k(i)} = H_{k(i)} U_{k(i)} = U_{k(i)} L_{k(i)}$  be the polar form of the  $C_{k(i)}$ .

Then  $U_{k(i)}^* H_{k(i)} U_{k(i)} = L_{k(i)}$ .

So that  $U_{k(i)}^* C_{k(i)} C_{k(i)}^* U_{k(i)} = C_{k(i)}^* C_{k(i)}$  or  $U_{k(i)}^* C_{k(i)} C_{k(i)}^* = C_{k(i)}^* C_{k(i)} U_{k(i)}^*$ .

Also from the above  $D_{k(i)} C_{k(i)} C_{k(i)}^* = C_{k(i)}^* C_{k(i)} D_{k(i)}$ .

Let  $R_{k(i)} = \bar{D}_{k(i)} U_{k(i)}^*$ .

Then  $R_{k(i)} C_{k(i)} C_{k(i)}^* = \bar{D}_{k(i)} U_{k(i)}^* C_{k(i)}^* C_{k(i)}$

$$= \bar{D}_{k(i)} C_{k(i)}^* C_{k(i)} U_{k(i)}^*$$

$$= C_{k(i)}^* C_{k(i)} \bar{D}_{k(i)} U_{k(i)}^*$$

$$= C_{k(i)}^* C_{k(i)} R_{k(i)}, \text{ where } R_{k(i)} \text{ is } k\text{-unitary } (r_{k(s)} = 0, D_{k(s)} \text{ may be}$$

chosen  $= U_{k(s)}^*$  as describe above). So  $R_{k(i)} H_{k(i)}^2 = H_{k(i)}^2 R_{k(i)}$  and since  $H_{k(i)}$  has

positive or zero roots,  $R_{k(i)} H_{k(i)} = H_{k(i)} R_{k(i)}$  and so  $H_{k(i)} R_{k(i)}^* = R_{k(i)}^* H_{k(i)}$ .

Then,  $A = U^* D U = U^* D_{k(i)} U U^* D_{k(i)} U = P W = P W$  and

$$B = U^* B_{k(i)} U = U^* (c_{k(1)} + c_{k(2)} + \dots + c_{k(s)}) U$$

$$= U^* (H_{k(1)} U_{k(1)} + H_{k(2)} U_{k(2)} + \dots + H_{k(s)} U_{k(s)}) U$$

$$= U^* (H_{k(1)} R_{k(1)}^* \bar{D}_{k(1)} + H_{k(2)} R_{k(2)}^* \bar{D}_{k(2)} + \dots + H_{k(s)} R_{k(s)}^* \bar{D}_{k(s)}) U$$

$$= N W^*, \text{ where } N = U^* (H_{k(1)} R_{k(1)}^* + H_{k(2)} R_{k(2)}^* + \dots + H_{k(s)} R_{k(s)}^*) U$$

(which is  $k$ -normal since the  $k$ -hermitian  $H_{k(i)}$  and  $k$ -unitary  $R_{k(i)}^*$  commute) and

$W^* = U^* (\bar{D}_{k(1)} + \bar{D}_{k(2)} + \dots + \bar{D}_{k(3)}) U$  it is evident that  $P N = N P$

Conversely, if  $A = P W = W P$  and  $B = N W^*$  as described, then  $A B = W P N W^*$

which is obviously  $k$ -normal is  $B A = N W^* W P = N P$ .

It is early seen that  $B = NW^*$  is k-normal iff  $NW^* = W^*N$  if  $B = NW^* = (HR)W^*$  is can k-normal then  $B = H(RW^*) = (RW^*)H^T = RHW^*$  (from property a) so  $W^*H^T = HW^*$  or  $WH = H^TW$  and  $W(BB^*) = (B^*B)W$ .

**Remark 3.3:**

If A is k-normal .if B is konk-normal and if AB is k-normal, it does not necessarily follow that BA is k-normal though it can occur.

**For example 3.4:**

If  $B = HU = UH^T$  is con k-normal and if  $A = U^*$ , then  $AB = U^*UH^T = H^T$  and  $BA = HUV^* = H$  are both k-normal. But the following is an example in which  $AB$  is k-normal but not  $BA$ . Let  $B = HU = UH^T$  be konk-normal but not k-normal (ie H is not real by property (b)) and let H be non-singular.

Let  $A = H^{-1}$  which is k-hamitian (so k-normal) and not konk-normal (since  $H^{-1}$  is not real ). Then  $AB = H^{-1}HU = U$  is k-normal. If  $BA$  were also k-normal, then by the above theorem  $(A^*A)B = B(AA^*)$  and  $(B^*B)A = A(BB^*)$  but  $(B^*B)A = (H^T)^2 H^{-1}$  and  $A(BB^*) = (H)^{-1}(H^2)$  and if there were equal,  $(H^T)^2 = H^2$  would follow which means that  $H^2 = (H^T)^2 = (H^*)^2$  so that  $H^2$  is real. But this is not possible for if  $H = VDV^*$  where D is k-diagonal with the real elements (since H is non-singular), then  $H^2 = VD^2V^* = \bar{V}D^2V^T$  if  $H^2$  is real so that  $V^TVD^2 = D^2V^TV$  so  $V^TV D = DV^TV$  so  $VDV^* = \bar{V}DV^T = H$  is real which contradicts the above consumption. But the following theorem result when A and B are both con k- normal.

**Theorem 3.5:**

If A and B are con k-normal and if AB is k-normal, then BA is k-normal.

**Proof:**

Let U be a k-unitary matrix such that  $UAU^T = F$  is the k-normal form described in theorem 1 and where  $FF^* = FF^T = r_{k(1)}^2 I_{k(1)} + r_{k(2)}^2 I_{k(2)} + \dots + r_{k(n)}^2 I_{k(n)}$

which is real k-diagonal with  $r_{k(1)}^2 > r_{k(2)}^2 > \dots > r_{k(n)}^2 \geq 0$ .



These  $r_{k(i)}^2$  may be either the squares of k-diagonal elements of F or they may arise when matrices of the form  $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ -b & a \end{bmatrix}$  are squared. Assume that any of the letter where  $r_{k(i)}^2$  are equal are arranged first in a given block followed by any k-diagonal elements whose square is the same  $r_{k(i)}^2$ .

Let  $\bar{U}BU^* = B$  which is conk-normal and then  $UAU^T \bar{U}BU^* = FB$  is k-normal.

Let V be the k – unitary matrix  $\sqrt{2^{-1}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & i \\ i & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  then the following matrix relation holds,

independent of a and b.

$$V = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ -b & a \end{bmatrix} \quad V^* = \begin{bmatrix} a-b^i & 0 \\ 0 & a+b^i \end{bmatrix}$$

Let  $F = F_{k(1)} + F_{k(2)} + \dots + F_{k(n)}$  where the direct sum is conformable to that of  $FF^*$

given above (i.e.,  $F_{k(i)}F_{k(i)}^* = r_{k(i)}^2 I_{k(i)}$ ) and consider

$F_{k(1)} = G_{k(1)} + G_{k(2)} + \dots + G_{k(i)} + r_{k(i)} I$  where each  $G_{k(i)}$  is 2 x 2 as described above and I is an identity matrix of proper size.

Let  $W_{k(1)} = V + V + \dots + V + I$  be conformable to  $F_{k(i)}$ , define  $W_{k(i)}$  for each  $F_{k(i)}$ , in like manner and let  $W = W_{k(1)} + W_{k(2)} + \dots + W_{k(n)}$  if  $r_{k(n)} = 0$ ,  $W_{k(n)} = I$ . Then  $WFW^* = D$  is complex k-diagonal, where  $d_{k(i)}$  is the  $i^{th}$  diagonal element

$d_{k(i)} \bar{d}_{k(i)} \geq d_{k(i+1)} \bar{d}_{k(i+1)}$ . Then  $W(UAU^T)W^*W(\bar{U}BU^*)W^* = (WFW^*)(WB_{k(1)}^{W^*}) = DB_{k(2)}$

is k-normal for  $B_{k(2)} = WB_{k(1)}W^*$  or  $B_{k(1)} = W^*B_{k(2)}W$ .

Since  $B_1$  is con k – normal,  $B_{k(1)}B_{k(1)}^* = B_{k(1)}^TB_{k(1)}$ ,

so that  $W^*B_{k(2)}WW^*B_{k(2)}^*W = W^TB_{k(2)}^*W\bar{W}W^TB_{k(2)}W$

or that  $B_{k(2)}B_{k(2)}^*WW^T = WW^TB_{k(2)}^TB_{k(2)}$ .

Now  $VV^T$  is a matrix of the form  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & i \\ i & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , so that  $WW^T$  is a direct sum of matrices of

this form and 1's.

Let  $B_{k(2)} = (b_{k(i)k(j)})$  and consider  $(WW^T)^* B_{k(2)} B_{k(2)}^* (WW^T) = B_{k(2)}^T \bar{B}_{k(2)}$ . Let  $B_{k(2)} B_{k(2)}^* = (c_{k(i)k(j)})$ ,  $B_{k(2)}^T \bar{B}_{k(2)} = (f_{k(i)k(j)})$ ,  $C_{k(i)k(j)}$  and  $f_{k(i)k(j)}$  are identifiable with the  $b_{k(i)k(j)}$ , both matrices being k-hermitian.

Consider two cases:

- (a) if  $d_{k(1)} \bar{d}_{k(1)} = d_{k(j)} \bar{d}_{k(j)}$  for all j ( where  $d_{k(j)}$  is the j<sup>th</sup> k-diagonal element of D), then  $D = nD_{K(u)}$ , where  $D_{K(u)}$  is k-unitary k-diagonal. Since  $WFB_{k(1)}W^* = DB_{k(2)} = nD_{k(u)}B_{k(2)} = D_{k(u)}(nB_{k(2)})$  is k-normal, and then  $\bar{D}_{k(u)}(D_{k(u)}B_{k(2)}n)D_{k(u)} = B_{k(2)}D = WB_{k(1)}FW^*$  is k-normal as is  $B_{k(1)}F = \bar{U}BU^*UAU^T$  so  $BA$  is k-normal.
- (b) If  $l_{k(i)} \bar{d}_{k(i)} \neq d_{k(j)} \bar{d}_{k(j)}$  for some j, let  $d_{k(1)}d_{k(1)} = d_{k(2)}d_{k(2)} = \dots = d_{k(l)}\bar{d}_{k(l)}$  for  $1 \leq l \leq n$  (so that  $d_{k(l)}\bar{d}_{k(l)} > d_{k(l+1)}\bar{d}_{k(l+1)}$ ).

Suppose  $F_{k(1)} = G_{k(1)} + G_{k(2)} + r_{k(1)}I_{k(1)}$  where  $I_{k(1)}$  is the  $2 \times 2$  identify matrix. From  $(WW^T)^* B_{k(2)} B_{k(2)}^* (WW^T) = B_{k(2)}^T \bar{B}_{k(2)}$  and fact that  $W_{k(1)} = V + V + I_{k(1)}$ , it follow that

$$c_{k(1)k(1)} = \sum b_{k(1)k(i)} \bar{b}_{k(1)k(i)} = \sum b_{k(i)k(2)} \bar{b}_{k(i)k(2)} = f_{k(2)k(2)}$$

$$c_{k(2)k(2)} = \sum b_{k(2)k(i)} \bar{b}_{k(2)k(i)} = \sum b_{k(i)k(1)} \bar{b}_{k(i)k(1)} = f_{k(1)k(1)}$$

$$c_{k(3)k(3)} = \sum b_{k(3)k(i)} \bar{b}_{k(3)k(i)} = \sum b_{k(i)k(4)} \bar{b}_{k(i)k(4)} = f_{k(4)k(4)}$$

$$c_{k(4)k(4)} = \sum b_{k(4)k(i)} \bar{b}_{k(4)k(i)} = \sum b_{k(i)k(3)} \bar{b}_{k(i)k(3)} = f_{k(3)k(3)}$$

$$c_{k(5)k(5)} = \sum b_{k(5)k(i)} \bar{b}_{k(5)k(i)} = \sum b_{k(i)k(5)} \bar{b}_{k(i)k(5)} = f_{k(5)k(5)}$$

$$c_{k(6)k(6)} = \sum b_{k(6)k(i)} \bar{b}_{k(6)k(i)} = \sum b_{k(i)k(6)} \bar{b}_{k(i)k(6)} = f_{k(6)k(6)}$$

$DB_{k(2)}$  is k-normal so that the following relations also hold.

$$d_{k(1)} \bar{d}_{k(1)} \sum b_{k(1)k(i)} \bar{b}_{k(1)k(i)} = \sum d_{k(i)} \bar{d}_{k(i)} b_{k(i)k(1)} \bar{b}_{k(i)k(1)}$$

$$d_{k(2)} \bar{d}_{k(2)} \sum b_{k(2)k(i)} \bar{b}_{k(2)k(i)} = \sum d_{k(i)} \bar{d}_{k(i)} b_{k(i)k(2)} \bar{b}_{k(i)k(2)}$$

$$d_{k(3)} \bar{d}_{k(3)} \sum b_{k(3)k(i)} \bar{b}_{k(3)k(i)} = \sum d_{k(i)} \bar{d}_{k(i)} b_{k(i)k(3)} \bar{b}_{k(i)k(3)}$$

$$d_{k(4)}\bar{d}_{k(4)}\sum b_{k(4)k(i)}\bar{b}_{k(4)k(i)}=\sum d_{k(i)}\bar{d}_{k(i)}b_{k(i)k(4)}\bar{b}_{k(i)k(4)}$$

$$d_{k(5)}\bar{d}_{k(5)}\sum b_{k(5)k(i)}\bar{b}_{k(5)k(i)}=\sum d_{k(i)}\bar{d}_{k(i)}b_{k(i)k(5)}\bar{b}_{k(i)k(5)}$$

$$d_{k(6)}\bar{d}_{k(6)}\sum b_{k(6)k(i)}\bar{b}_{k(6)k(i)}=\sum d_{k(i)}\bar{d}_{k(i)}b_{k(i)k(6)}\bar{b}_{k(i)k(6)}.$$

Since  $d_{k(1)}\bar{d}_{k(1)}=d_{k(2)}\bar{d}_{k(2)}$ , can combining the first two relations in each of these sets,

$$d_{k(1)}\bar{d}_{k(1)}\left(\sum b_{k(1)k(i)}\bar{b}_{k(1)k(i)}+\sum b_{k(2)k(i)}\bar{b}_{k(2)k(i)}\right)=d_{k(1)}\bar{d}_{k(1)}\left(\sum b_{k(i)k(1)}\bar{b}_{k(i)k(1)}+b_{k(i)k(2)}\bar{b}_{k(i)k(2)}\right) \text{ so that}$$

$$\left(\sum d_{k(1)}\bar{d}_{k(1)}-d_{k(i)}\bar{d}_{k(i)}\right)\left(b_{k(i)k(1)}\bar{b}_{k(i)k(1)}+b_{k(i)k(2)}\bar{b}_{k(i)k(2)}\right)=0$$

$$d_{k(1)}\bar{d}_{k(1)}=d_{k(j)}\bar{d}_{k(j)} \text{ for } j=1,2,\dots,6 \text{ but for } j \text{ beyond } 6,$$

$$d_{k(1)}\bar{d}_{k(1)}-d_{k(j)}\bar{d}_{k(j)}>0 \text{ so that } b_{k(i)k(1)}\bar{b}_{k(i)k(1)}+b_{k(i)k(2)}\bar{b}_{k(i)k(2)}=0 \text{ or } b_{k(i)k(1)}=0 \text{ and}$$

$$b_{k(i)k(2)}=0 \text{ for } i=7,8,\dots,n.$$

Similarly,  $b_{k(i)k(3)}=0$  and  $b_{k(i)k(4)}=0$  for  $i>6$

The third relations in each set give  $b_{k(i)k(5)}=0$  and  $b_{k(i)k(6)}\geq 0$  for  $i>6$ .

On adding all 6 relation in the first set

$$\sum_{i,j=1}^6 b_{k(i)k(j)}\bar{b}_{k(i)k(j)}+\sum_{i=1}^6\sum_{j=7}^n b_{k(i)k(j)}\bar{b}_{k(i)k(j)}=\sum_{i,j=1}^6 b_{k(i)k(j)}\bar{b}_{k(i)k(j)}+\sum_{i=7}^n\sum_{j=1}^6 b_{k(i)k(j)}\bar{b}_{k(i)k(j)}$$

and on cancelling the first summations on each side,

$$\sum_{i=1}^6\sum_{j=7}^n b_{k(i)k(j)}\bar{b}_{k(i)k(j)}=\sum_{i=7}^n\sum_{j=1}^6 b_{k(i)k(j)}\bar{b}_{k(i)k(j)}.$$

But the right side is 0 from the above, so the left side is 0 and so  $b_{k(i)k(j)}=0$  for  $i=1,2,\dots,6$ .

From this it is evident that this procedure may be repeated, and that if

$$D=r_{k(1)}D_{k(1)}+r_{k(2)}D_{k(2)}+\dots+r_{k(n)}D_{k(n)}, \text{ where } D_{k(i)} \text{ are unitary and the } r_{k(i)} \text{ non-}$$

negative real, as above then  $B_{k(2)}=C_{k(1)}+C_{k(2)}+\dots+C_{k(n)}$  conformable to D.

Then,  $r_{k(i)}D_{k(i)}C_{k(i)}$  is k-normal so  $D_{k(i)}^*(D_{k(i)}C_{k(i)}r_{k(i)})D_{k(i)} = C_{k(i)}r_{k(i)}D_{k(i)}$  is k-normal.  
So  $B_{k(2)}D$  is k-normal. So  $B_{k(i)}F$  and so  $\bar{U}BU^*UAU^T$  and  $BA$ .

**Theorem 3.6:**

If  $A$  and  $B$  are con k-normal, then  $AB$  is k-normal if and only if  $A^*AB = BAA^*$  and  $ABB^* = B^*BA$  (i.e. if and only if each is k-normal relative to the other).

**Proof:**

Let  $AB$  is k-normal, from the above  $D^*DB_{k(2)} = B_{k(2)}DD^*$  so that  $F^*FB_{k(1)} = B_{k(1)}FF^*$  or  $A^*AB = BAA^*$ .

Similarly, since  $DB_{k(2)}$  is k-normal,  $DB_{k(2)}B_{k(2)}^*D = B_{k(2)}^*DDB_{k(2)}$  so  $DB_{k(2)}B_{k(2)}^* = B_{k(1)}^*B_{k(1)}F$  or  $ABB^* = B^*BA$ .

The converse is directly verifiable.

**Theorem 3.7:**

Let  $A$  and  $B$  be con k-normal. If  $AB$  is k-normal, then  $A = LW = WL^T$  (with  $L$  is k-hermitian &  $W$  is k-unitary) and  $L^TN = NL^T$  and conversely.

**Proof:**

Let  $UAU^T = F = W^*DW = W^*DWW^*D$  (where  $D_{k(r)}$  and  $D_{k(u)}$  are the k-hermitian and k-unitary<sup>k(r)</sup> polar<sup>k(u)</sup> matrices of  $D$ ) and  $\bar{U}BU^* = B_{k(1)} = W^*B_{k(2)}W = W^*(C_{k(1)} + C_{k(2)} + \dots + C_{k(n)})W$ .

As in the proof of theorem 3 it follows that for all  $i$ ,

$D_{k(i)}^*C_{k(i)}C_{k(i)}^* = C_{k(i)}^*C_{k(i)}D_{k(i)}$  and  $U_{k(i)}^*C_{k(i)}C_{k(i)}^* = C_{k(i)}^*C_{k(i)}U_{k(i)}^*$ , with  $U_{k(i)}$  is defined

there, so that when  $R_{k(i)} = \bar{D}_{k(i)}U_{k(i)}^*$

(where,  $D$  here,  $= r_{k(1)}D_{k(1)} + r_{k(2)}D_{k(2)} + \dots + r_{k(n)}D_{k(n)}$  as earlier),

then  $C_{k(i)} = H_{k(i)}U_{k(i)} = H_{k(i)}R_{k(i)}^*D_{k(i)}$  with  $H_{k(i)}R_{k(i)} = R_{k(i)}H_{k(i)}$ .

Then, since  $WD_{k(r)} = D_{k(r)}W$ ,  $UAU^T = W^*DK_{(r)}WW^*D_{k(u)}W = D_{k(r)}(W^*D_{k(u)}W)$

and  $A = (U^* D_{k(r)} U)(U^* W^* D_{k(u)} W \bar{U}) = LX$

$$A = (U^* W^* D_{k(u)} W \bar{U})(U^T D_{k(r)} \bar{U}) = XL^T$$

With  $L = U^* D_{k(r)} U$  k-hermitian and  $X = U^* W^* D_{k(u)} W \bar{U}$  k-unitary.

$$\text{Also, } \bar{U} B U^* = W^* (H_{k(1)} R_{k(1)}^* \bar{D}_{k(1)} + H_{k(2)} R_{k(2)}^* \bar{D}_{k(2)} + \dots + H_{k(n)} R_{k(n)}^* \bar{D}_{k(n)}) W = N_{k(1)} Y,$$

where  $N_{k(1)} = W^* (H_{k(1)} R_{k(1)}^* + H_{k(2)} R_{k(2)}^* + \dots + H_{k(n)} R_{k(n)}^*) W$  is k-normal and

$Y = W^* (\bar{D}_{k(1)} + \bar{D}_{k(2)} + \dots + \bar{D}_{k(n)}) W$  is k-unitary, then

$$B = U^T N_{k(1)} Y U = (U^T N_{k(1)} \bar{U})(U^T Y U) = N X^*, \text{ where } N = U^T N_{k(1)} \bar{U} \text{ is k-normal and}$$

$$X^* = U^T Y U = U^T W^* \bar{D}_{k(u)} W U.$$

$$\text{Also, } \bar{L}^T N = N \bar{L}^T \text{ since } D_{k(r)} N_{k(1)} = N_{k(1)} D_{k(v)}, \bar{D}_{k(v)} N_{k(1)} = N_{k(1)} D_{k(v)}.$$

$$\text{So } (\bar{U} \bar{L} U^T)(\bar{U} N U^T) = (\bar{U} N U^T)(\bar{U} \bar{L} U^T).$$

So  $\bar{L}^T N = N \bar{L}^T$ . The converse is immediate.

#### 4. CON k-NORMAL PRODUCT OF MATRICES

It is possible if A is k-normal and B is can K-normal that AB is can k-normal, for example, any can k-normal matrix  $C = HU = UH^T$  and  $A = H$ , then  $AC = H^2U = HUH^T = U(H^T)^2$  is con k-normal, the following theorem clarify this matter.

##### Theorem 4.1:

If A is k-normal and B is con-k-normal, then AB is con k-normal if and only if  $ABB^* = BB^*A$  and  $\bar{B}AA^* = A^T \bar{A} \bar{B}$  or  $B\bar{A}A^* = A^*AB$ .

##### Proof:

By the condition, then  $(AB)(AB)^* = ABB^*A^* = BB^*AA^*$  and  $(AB)^T(\bar{A}\bar{B}) = B^T A^T \bar{A} \bar{B} = B^T \bar{B} A A^*$  which are equal. Conversely, let AB be can k-normal and let  $UAU^* = D = d_{k(1)}I_{k(1)} + d_{k(2)}I_{k(2)} + \dots + d_{k(n)}I_{k(n)}$ , where  $d_{k(i)}\bar{d}_{k(i)} > d_{k(j)}\bar{d}_{k(j)}$ ,  $i > j$ . let  $UB^T U^T = B_{k(1)} = (b_{k(i)k(j)})$ .

If  $(AB)(AB)^* = ABB^*A^* = AB^T\bar{B}A^* = (AB)^T(\bar{A}\bar{B}) = B^TA^T\bar{A}\bar{B} = B^T\bar{A}A^T\bar{B}$ , then

$$(UAU^*)(UB^TU^T\bar{U}\bar{B}U^*)(UA^*U^*) = (UB^TU^T)(\bar{U}\bar{A}U^T\bar{U}\bar{A}^TU^T)(\bar{U}\bar{B}U^*)$$

So that  $DB_{k(1)}B_{k(1)}^*D^* = B_{k(1)}\bar{D}DB_{k(1)}^*$ .

Equating k-diagonal elements an each side of this relation,

$$\sum_{j=1}^n d_{k(i)}\bar{d}_{k(i)}b_{k(i)k(j)}\bar{b}_{k(i)k(j)} = \sum_{j=1}^n d_{k(j)}\bar{d}_{k(j)}b_{k(i)k(j)}\bar{b}_{k(i)k(j)} \quad i=1,2,\dots,n \text{ (or)}$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^n (d_{k(i)}\bar{d}_{k(i)} - d_{k(j)}\bar{d}_{k(j)})b_{k(i)k(j)}\bar{b}_{k(i)k(j)} = 0 \quad -$$

Let  $d_{k(1)}\bar{d}_{k(1)} = d_{k(2)}\bar{d}_{k(2)} = \dots d_{k(l)}\bar{d}_{k(l)} > d_{k(l+1)}\bar{d}_{k(l+1)}$ . Then  $b_{k(i)k(j)} = 0$  for  $i=1,2,\dots,l$  and

$j=l+1, l+2, \dots, n$ .

Since  $B_{k(1)}$  is con k-normal,

$$\sum_{j=1}^n b_{k(i)k(j)}\bar{b}_{k(i)k(j)} = \sum_{j=1}^n b_{k(j)k(i)}\bar{b}_{k(j)k(i)} \quad \text{for } i=1,2,\dots,n$$

On adding the first 'l' of these equations and cancelling,  $b_{k(i)k(j)} = 0$  for

$i=l+1, l+2, \dots, n$  and  $j=l+1, l+2, \dots, n$  in this manner if  $D = r_{k(1)}D_{k(1)} + \dots + r_{k(t)}D_{k(t)}$

with  $r_{k(i)} > r_{k(i+1)}$  and  $D_{k(i)}$  is k-unitary, then  $B_{k(1)} = C_{k(1)} + C_{k(2)} + \dots + C_{k(t)}$  conformal

to D. since  $r_{k(i)}D_{k(i)}D_{k(i)}^*r_{k(i)}C_{k(i)}^T = r_{k(i)}^2C_{k(i)}^T = C_{k(i)}^Tr_{k(i)}^2 = C_{k(i)}^Tr_{k(i)}D_{k(i)}D_{k(i)}^*r_{k(i)}$  for all i,

$DD^*B_{k(1)}^T = B_{k(1)}^TDD^*$  and so  $U^*DD^*UU^*B_{k(1)}^T\bar{U} = U^*B_{k(1)}^T\bar{U}U^TDD^*U$ .  $A^*AB = BA^T\bar{A}$  or

$AA^*B = BA^T\bar{A}$  or  $A^T\bar{A}\bar{B} = \bar{B}AA^*$

Also  $D(B_{k(1)}B_{k(1)}^*D^*) = B_{k(1)}\bar{D}DB_{k(1)}^* = \bar{D}DB_{k(1)}^* = D(\bar{D}B_{k(1)}\bar{B}_{k(1)}^*)$  so that

$$C_{k(i)}C_{k(i)}^*(r_{k(i)}\bar{D}_{k(i)}) = (r_{k(i)}\bar{D}_{k(i)})C_{k(i)}C_{k(i)}^* \quad \text{for } i=1,2,\dots,t$$

(If  $r_{k(t)} = 0$ , this is still true and  $D_{k(t)}$  may be chosen to be the identity matrix.)

Therefore,  $B_{k(1)}B_{k(1)}^*D^* = D^*B_{k(1)}B_{k(1)}^*$  and

$UB^TU^T\bar{U}\bar{B}U^*UA^*U^* = UA^*U^*UB^TU^T\bar{U}\bar{B}_{k(1)}U^*$  so  $B^T\bar{B}A^* = A^*B^TB$  or

$AB^T\bar{B} = B^T\bar{B}A$ .

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**Corollary 4.2:**

Let A be k-normal, B can k-normal, if AB is con-k-normal, then  $B\bar{A}$  is con k-normal and conversely.

**Proof:**

By theorem7,  $UAU^*UBU^T = DB_{k(1)}^T$  is con k-normal, and if  $D = D_{k(r)}D_{k(u)}$ ,  $D_{k(r)}$  real and  $D_{k(u)}$  is k-unitary, then since  $\bar{D}_{k(u)} = D_{k(u)}^*$ ,  $D_{k(u)}^*(DB_{k(1)}^T)\bar{D}_{k(u)} = D_{k(r)}B_{k(1)}^T\bar{D}_{k(u)} = B_{k(1)}^TD_{k(r)}D_{k(u)} = B_{k(1)}^TD$  is con k-normal as are  $UBU^T\bar{U}\bar{A}U^T$  and  $B\bar{A}$ . Conversely

If A is k-normal and B is con k-normal,  $B\bar{A}$  is con k-normal if and only if AB is con k-normal if and only if  $(B^T\bar{B})A = A(BB^*)$  and  $(A^T\bar{A})\bar{B} = \bar{B}(AA^*)$ .

Therefore, if A is k-normal and B is con k-normal, BA is con k-normal if and only if  $(B^T\bar{B})\bar{A} = \bar{A}(BB^*)$  and  $(A^*A)\bar{B} = \bar{B}(\bar{A}\bar{A}^T)$  is replace A by  $\bar{A}$  in the preceding, or  $(B^*B)A = A(\bar{B}\bar{B}^T)$  and  $(A^*A)\bar{B} = \bar{B}(\bar{A}\bar{A}^T)$ , thus exhibiting the fact that when AB is con k-normal, BA is not necessary so.

**Theorem 4.3:**

If  $A = PW = WP$  is k-normal and  $B = LV = VL^T$  is con k-normal (where P & L and k-hermitian and W and V are k-unitary) then AB is con k-normal if and only if  $PL = LP$ ,  $PV = VP^T$  and  $WL = LW$ .

**Proof:**

If three relations hold, then  $AB = PWLV = PLWW$  on one hand, and  $AB = WPLV = WLPV = WLVP^T = WVL^TP^T = WV(PL)^T$  con k-normal since PL is k-hermitian and WV is k-unitary.

Conversely, let  $A = U^*DU = (U^*D_{k(r)}U)(U^*D_{k(u)}U) = PW$

and  $B = U^*B_{k(1)}^T\bar{U} = (U^*L_{k(1)}U)(U^*V_{k(1)}\bar{U}) = LV = VL^T$

where  $L_{k(i)}$  and  $V_{k(i)}$  are k-hermit ion and k-unitary and direct sums conformable to  $B_{k(1)}^T$  and D.

A direct check shows that  $PL = LP$  and  $PV = VP^T$ , also  $WL = U^* D_{k(u)} L_{k(1)} U = U^* L_{k(1)} D_{k(u)} U = LW$  since  $D_{k(u)} B_{k(1)} B_{k(1)}^* = B_{k(1)} B_{k(1)}^* D_{k(u)}$  implies  $D_{k(u)} L_{k(1)} = L_{k(1)} D_{k(u)}$

**Note:**

A sufficient condition for the simultaneously reduction of A and B is given by the following.

**Theorem 4.4:**

If A is k-normal, B is con k-normal and  $AB = BA^T$  then  $WAW^* = D$  and  $WB^T W = F$ , the k-normal form of theorem 1, where W is a k-unitary matrix, also AB is con k-normal.

**Proof:**

Let  $UAU^* = D$ , k-diagonal and  $UBU^T = B_{k(2)}$  which is con k-normal. Then  $AB = BA^T$  implies  $D B_{k(2)} = UAU^* UBU^T = UBU^T \bar{U} A^T U^T = B_{k(2)} D^T = B_{k(2)} D$ . Let  $D = C_{k(1)} I_{k(1)} + C_{k(2)} I_{k(2)} + \dots + C_{k(n)} I_{k(n)}$ , where the  $C_{k(i)}$  are complex and  $C_{k(i)} \neq C_{k(j)}$  for  $i \neq j$  and  $B_{k(2)} = C_{k(1)} + \dots + C_{k(n)}$ . Let  $V_{k(i)}$  be k-unitary such that  $V_{k(i)} C_{k(i)} V_{k(i)}^T = F_{k(i)}$  is the real k-normal form of theorem 1, and let  $V = V_{k(1)} + V_{k(2)} + \dots + V_{k(n)}$ . Then  $VUAU^* V^* = D$ ,  $VUBU^T V^T = F$  is a direct sum of the  $F_{k(i)}$ . Also,  $AB = BA^T$  implies  $B^T A^T = AB^T$  and so  $ABB^* A^* = AB^T \bar{B} A^* = B^T A^T \bar{A} \bar{B} = (AB)^T (\overline{AB})$ .

It is also possible for the product of two k-normal matrices A and B to be con k-normal, if  $U = HU = UH^T$  is con-k-normal and if  $A = U$  and  $B = H$  this is so or if  $LV = VL^T$  is con-k-normal and if  $A = UL = LU$  is k-normal with  $L$  k-hermitian and  $V$  and  $U$  is k-unitary, for  $B = V$ ,  $AB = (UL)V = L(UV) = (UV)L^T$  con-k-normal.

But if in the first example,  $U^2 H$  is not k-normal then  $HU$  is not con k-normal so that  $BA$  is not necessarily con k-normal though of theorem 2 can be obtained which states the following if A is k-normal, then AB and  $AB^T$  are con k-normal if  $ABB^* = B^T \bar{B} A$ ,  $BB^* A = AB^T \bar{B}$  and  $\bar{B} A A^* = A^T \bar{A} \bar{B}$ . (The proof is not included here)



because of its similarity to that above). When  $B$  is con- $k$ -normal, two of these conditions merge into due in theorem 7.

It is possible for the product of two con- $k$ -normal matrices to be con- $k$ -normal, but no such single analogous necessary and sufficient conditions of exhibited above are available.

These may be seen of follows. Two non-real complex commutative matrices  $M = M^T$  &  $N = N^T$  can form a con  $k$ -normal (and non real symmetric) matrix  $MN$  (such that  $NM$  is also con  $k$ -normal) which need not be  $k$ -normal be  $k$ -normal. Then two symmetric matrices.

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} i & i+i \\ 1+i & -i \end{bmatrix}, \quad y = \begin{bmatrix} 1+2i & 3-4i \\ 3-4i & -(1+2i) \end{bmatrix}$$

Are such that  $Z$  is real,  $k$ -normal and con  $k$ -normal (and not symmetric). Finally, if  $U$  and  $V$  are two complex  $k$ -unitary matrices of the same order, they can be chosen so  $UV$  is non-real complex,  $k$ -normal and con  $k$ -normal. If  $A = M + X + U$  and  $B = N + Y + V$ ,  $AB = MN + XY + UV$  where  $A$  and  $B$  are con  $k$ -normal as in  $AB$  (but not symmetric). A single implication of these matrices shows that relations on the order of  $(B^T \bar{B})A = A(BB^*) = (BB^*)$  and  $(A^T \bar{A})\bar{B} = (AA^*)\bar{B} = \bar{B}(AA^*)$  do not necessarily hold, these are sufficient, however, to guarantee that  $AB$  is con  $k$ -normal (as direct verification from the definition will show).

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