## ON DOUBLE REPRESENTATION OF QUATERNION QUASI-NORMAL MATRICES

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## ABSTRACT

In this paper, the properties of quaternion quasi-normal matrices in the form of double representation of complex matrices. The normal product of the quaternion quasi-normal matrices are derived.

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## **INTRODUCTION:**

A normal matrix  $A = (a_{ij})$  with complex elements is a matrix such that  $AA^{CT} = A^{CT}A$  where  $A^{CT}$  denotes the (complex) conjugate transpose of A. In an article by K. Morita[5] a quasi-normal matrix is defined to be a complex matrix A which is such that  $AA^{CT} = A^TA^C$ , where T denotes the transpose of A and  $A^C$  the matrix in which each element is replaced by its conjugate, and certain basic properties of such a matrix are developed there.

Based on the bi-complex form of quaternion matrix Junliang Wu and Pingping Zhang [4] presented some new concept to quaternion division algebra. The new concepts could perfect the theory of Wu in [9]. The complex representation method for the quaternion matrices on explore the relation between the quaternion matrices and complex matrices.

In this paper, quaternion quasi-normal matrix is defined. The further properties of quaternion quasi-normal are developed, their relation in a sense, to a quaternion normal matrices are consider and further results concerning quaternion normal products are obtained for quaternion quasi-normal.

#### Theorem: 1

A matrix A is double representation of quaternion quasi-normal iff a quaternion unitary matrix U such that  $UAU^{T}$  is a direct sum of non-negative real numbers and of 2×2 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 a double representation of quaternion quasi-normal where A = X + Y. [Where  $X = X_0 + X_1 j$  and  $Y = Y_0 + Y_1 j$ ], where  $X = X^T = X_0^T + X_1^T j$  and  $Y = -Y^T = -(Y_0^T + Y_1^T j)$ . Then  $AA^{CT} = A^T A^C$  where A = X + Y.

$$AA^{CT} = (X + Y)(X + Y)^{CT}$$
  
=  $[(X_0 + Y_0) + (X_1 + Y_1)j][(X_0 + X_1j) + (Y_0 + Y_1j)]^{CT}$   
=  $[(X_0 + Y_0) + (X_1 + Y_1)j][(X_0 + X_1j)^{CT} + (Y_0 + Y_1j)^{CT}]$   
=  $[(X_0 + Y_0) + (X_1 + Y_1)j][(X_0^C - X_1^Cj) + (-Y_0^C + Y_1^Cj)]$ 

$$= [(X_{0} + Y_{0}) + (X_{1} + Y_{1})j][(X_{0}^{C} - Y_{0}^{C}) - (X_{1}^{C} - Y_{1}^{C})j]$$
  

$$= [(X_{0} + Y_{0})(X_{0}^{C} - Y_{0}^{C})] - [(X_{1} + Y_{1})(X_{1}^{C} - Y_{1}^{C})j]$$
  

$$= [X_{0}X_{0}^{C} - X_{0}Y_{0}^{C} + Y_{0}X_{0}^{C} - Y_{0}Y_{0}^{C}] + [X_{1}Y_{1}^{C} - X_{1}X_{1}^{C} - Y_{1}X_{1}^{C} + Y_{1}Y_{1}^{C}]j \qquad \dots \dots (1)$$

Now,

Since A is double representation of quaternion quasi-normal.

$$\begin{aligned} AA^{C} &= A^{c}A^{C} \\ &[X_{0}X_{0}^{C} - X_{0}Y_{0}^{C} + Y_{0}X_{0}^{C} - Y_{0}Y_{0}^{C}] + [X_{1}Y_{1}^{C} - X_{1}X_{1}^{C} - Y_{1}X_{1}^{C} + Y_{1}Y_{1}^{C}]j = [X_{0}X_{0}^{C} + X_{0}Y_{0}^{C} - Y_{0}X_{0}^{C} \\ &-Y_{0}Y_{0}^{C}] + [Y_{1}X_{1}^{C} + Y_{1}Y_{1}^{C} - X_{1}X_{1}^{C} - X_{1}Y_{1}^{C}]j \\ Y_{0}X_{0}^{C} + Y_{0}X_{0}^{C} + X_{1}Y_{1}^{C}j + X_{1}Y_{1}^{C}j = X_{0}Y_{0}^{C} + X_{0}Y_{0}^{C} + Y_{1}X_{1}^{C}j + Y_{1}X_{1}^{C}j \\ Y_{0}X_{0}^{C} + 2X_{1}Y_{1}^{C}j = 2X_{0}Y_{0}^{C} + 2Y_{1}X_{1}^{C}j \\ Y_{0}X_{0}^{C} - Y_{1}X_{1}^{C}j = X_{0}Y_{0}^{C} - X_{1}Y_{1}^{C}j \\ Y_{0}X_{0}^{C} - Y_{1}X_{1}^{C}j = X_{0}Y_{0}^{C} - X_{1}Y_{1}^{C}j \\ (Y_{0} + Y_{1}j)(X_{0}^{C} - X_{1}^{C}j) = (X_{0} + X_{1}j)(Y_{0}^{C} - Y_{1}^{C}j) \\ YX^{C} = XY^{C} \end{aligned}$$

There exists a quaternion unitary matrix  $U = U_0 + U_1 j$  such that  $U_0 + U_1 j$  [7],  $UXU^T = (U_0 X_0 U_0^T) + (U_1 X_1 U_1^T) = D$  is a diagonal matrix with non-negative real. Therefore,  $(UYU^T)(UXU^T)^C = (UXU^T)(UYU^T)^C$   $U_0 Y_0 U_0^T U_0^C X_0^C U_0^{TC} - U_1 Y_1 U_1^T U_1^C X_1^C U_1^{TC} j = U_0 X_0 U_0^T U_0^C Y_0^C U_0^{TC} - U_1 X_1 U_1^T U_1^C Y_1^C U_1^{TC} j$ Or  $WD = DW^C$ , where  $W = -W^T$ . Let  $U_0 + U_1 j$  be chosen so that D is such that  $d_s \ge d_t \ge 0$  for s < t where  $d_s$  is the  $s^{th}$  diagonal element of D.

If  $W = (e_{st})$  where  $e_{ts} = -e_{st}$ , then  $e_{st}d_t = d_t e_{st}$  for t > s and three possibilities may occur: if  $d_s = d_t \neq 0$ , the  $e_{st}$  is real; if  $d_s = d_t = 0$ ,  $e_{st}$  is arbitrary (though  $W = -W^T$  still holds); and if  $d_s \neq d_t$ , then  $e_{st} = 0$  for if  $e_{st} = a + ib$  then  $(a + ib)d_t = d_s(a - ib)$  and  $a(d_t - d_s) = 0$  implies that a = 0 and  $b(d_s + d_t) = 0$  implies that  $d_s = -d_t$  (which is not possible since  $d_s$  are real and non-negative and  $d_s \neq d_t$ ) or b = 0 so  $e_{st} = 0$ .

So if 
$$UXU^T = (U_0X_0U_0^T) + (U_1X_1U_1^T)j = d_1I_1 \oplus d_2I_2 \oplus \dots \oplus d_kI_k$$
 where  $\oplus$  denotes the direct sum, then  
 $UYU^T = (U_0Y_0U_0^T) + (U_1Y_1U_1^T)j = Y_1 \oplus Y_2 \oplus \dots \oplus Y_k$  where  $Y_s = -Y_s^T$  is real and  $Y_k = -Y_k^T$  is quaternion if

and only if  $d_k = 0$ . For each real  $Y_s$  there exists a real orthogonal matrix  $V_s$  so that  $V_s Y_s V_s^T$  is a direct sum of zero matrices and matrices of the form  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & b_1 + b_2 j \\ -b_1 - b_2 j & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  where  $b_1$  and  $b_2$  are real.

If  $Y_k = (Y_{0(k)} + Y_{1(k)}j) = -(Y_{0(k)} + Y_{1(k)}j)^T$  is quaternion, there exists a quaternion unitary matrix  $V_k = V_{0(k)} + V_{1(k)}J_{0(k)}V_{0(k)} + V_{1(k)}Y_{1(k)}V_{1(k)}j$ ,  $Y_0 + Y_1j$  is a direct sum of matrices of the some form, so that if  $V = V_1 \oplus V_2 \oplus \dots \oplus V_k$ , then  $V = V_0 + V_1j$ , then  $VUXU^TV^T = (V_0U_0X_0U_0^TV_0^T) + (V_1U_1X_1U_1^TV_1^T)j = D$  and  $VUYU^TV^T = (V_0U_0Y_0U_0^TV_0^T) + (V_1U_1Y_1U_1^TV_1^T)j = F$  the direct sum described. Therefore,  $VUAU^TV^T = VU(X+Y)U^TV^T$  $= [(V_0U_0X_0U_0^TV_0^T) + (V_1U_1X_1U_1^TV_1^T)j] + [(V_0U_0Y_0U_0^TV_0^T) + (V_1U_1Y_1U_1^TV_1^T)j] = D + F$  Which is the desired form.

#### Properties of double representation of quaternion quasi-normal matrices:

If  $A_0 + A_1 j$  and  $B_0 + B_1 j$  are two quaternion quasi-normal matrices such that that  $AB^C = BA^C$ , that is  $A_0B_0^C - A_1B_1^C j = B_0A_0^C - B_1A_1^C j$  then  $A_0 + A_1 j$  and  $B_0 + B_1 j$  can be simultaneously brought into the above quaternion normal form under the same  $U_0 + U_1 j$  (with a generalization to a finite number) but not conversely; if  $(A_0 + A_1 j)$  is quaternion quasi-normal  $AA^C = A_0A_0^C - A_1A_1^C j$  is quaternion normal in the usual sense, but not conversely; and if  $(A_0 + A_1 j)$  is quaternion quasi-normal and  $AA^C$  is real, there is a real orthogonal matrix which gives the above form.

# Properties of double representation of quaternion quasi-normal matrices not obtained in this section but of subsequent use are the following:

a)  $A = A_0 + A_1 j$  is both quaternion normal and quaternion quasi-normal matrices if and only if  $A_0 + A_1 j = H_0 U_0 + H_1 U_1 j$  $= U_0 H_0 + U_1 H_1 j = U_0 H_0^T + U_1 H_1^T j$  so  $H = H_0 + H_1 j = H_0^T + H_1^T j = H_0^T + H_1^T j$ 

b) If  $A_0 + A_1 j = H_0 U_0 + H_1 U_1 j = U_0 H_0^T + U_1 H_1^T j$  is quaternion quasi-normal matrices, then  $U_0 H_0 + U_1 H_1 j$  is quaternion quasi-normal matrices, if and only if  $H_0 U_0^2 + H_1 U_1^2 j = U_0^2 H_0 + U_1^2 H_1 j$ , that is if and only if  $H_0 U_0^2 + H_1 U_1^2 j$  is quaternion normal.

For if  $U_0H_0 + U_1H_1j$  is quaternion quasi-normal matrices,  $U_0H_0 + U_1H_1j = H_0^TU_0 + H_1^TU_1j$  so that  $H_0U_0^2 + H_1U_1^2j = U_0H_0^TU_0 + U_1H_1^TU_1j = U_0^2H_0 + U_1^2H_1j$  and if  $H_0U_0^2 + H_1U_1^2j = U_0^2H_0 + U_1^2H_1j$ , then  $HUU = (H_0 + H_1j)(U_0 + U_1j)(U_0 + U_1j) = U_0U_0H_0 + U_1U_1H_1j = UUH$  and  $H^TU = H_0^TU_0 + H_1^TU_1j = U_0H_0 + U_1H_1j = UH$ 

#### Theorem: 2

If  $A_0 + A_1 j$  and  $B_0 + B_1 j$  are quaternion quasi-normal matrices, then  $A_0 B_0 + A_1 B_1 j$  is quaternion normal if and only if  $A_0^{CT} A_0 B_0 - A_1^{CT} A_1 B_1 j = B_0 A_0 A_0^{CT} - B_1 A_1 A_1^{CT} j$  and  $A_0 B_0 B_0^{CT} - A_1 B_1 B_1^{CT} j = B_0^{CT} B_0 A_0 - B_1^{CT} B_1 A_1 j$  (that is if and only if each is "quaternion normal relative to the other").

#### **Proof:**

If  $A_0B_0 + A_1B_1j$  is quaternion normal, from the above,  $D = D_0 + D_1j$ ,  $D^{CT}DB_2 = D_0^{CT}D_0B_{0(2)} - D_1^{CT}D_1B_{1(2)}j = B_{0(2)}D_0D_0^{CT} - B_{1(2)}D_1D_1^{CT}j = B_2DD^{CT}$  so that  $F_0^{CT}F_0B_{0(1)} - F_1^{CT}F_1B_{1(1)}j = B_{0(1)}F_0F_0^{CT} - B_{1(1)}F_1F_1^{CT}j$  or  $A^{CT}AB = A_0^{CT}A_0B_0 - A_1^{CT}A_1B_1j = B_0A_0A_0^{CT} - B_1A_1A_1^{CT}j$ .

Similarly, since  $DB_2 = D_0 B_{0(2)} + D_1 B_{1(2)} j$  is quaternion normal,  $DB_2 B_2^{CT} D^C = D_0 B_{0(2)} B_{0(2)}^{CT} D_0^C + D_1 B_{1(2)} B_{1(2)}^{CT} D_1^C j$   $= B_{0(2)}^{CT} D_0^C D_0 B_{0(2)} + B_{1(2)}^{CT} D_1^C D_1 B_{1(2)} j$   $= B_{0(2)}^{CT} D_0^C D_0 B_{0(2)} + B_{1(2)}^{CT} D_1^C D_1 B_{1(2)} j$   $= B_{0(2)}^{CT} B_{0(2)} D_0 - B_{1(2)}^{CT} B_{1(2)} D_1 j$  or  $FB_1 B_1^{CT} = B_0^{CT} B_{0(1)} B_{0(1)} F_0 - B_{1(1)}^{CT} B_{1(1)} F_1 j$  or  $A_0 B_0 B_0^{CT} - A_1 B_1 B_1^{CT} j$  $= B_0^{CT} B_0 A_0 - B_1^{CT} B_1 A_1 j$ . That is  $ABB^{CT} = B^{CT} BA$ . The converse is directly verifiable.

### **Double Representation Of Quaternion Quasi-Normal Products of Matrices:**

It is possible if  $A_0 + A_1 j$  is quaternion normal and  $B_0 + B_1 j$  is quaternion quasi-normal that  $A_0 B_0 + A_1 B_1 j$  is quaternion quasi-normal.

### For example

Any quaternion quasi-normal matrix  $C = H_0 U_0 + H_1 U_1 j = U_0 H_0^T + U_1 H_1^T j$  is such a product with  $A = A_0 + A_1 j$   $A_0 + A_1 j = H_0 + H_1 j$  and  $B_0 + B_1 j = U_0 + U_1 j$  or if  $C = H_0 U_0 + H_1 U_1 j = U_0 H_0^T + U_1 H_1^T j$  and  $A_0 + A_1 j = H_0 + H_1 j$  then  $AC = (H_0 + H_1 j)(H_0 U_0 + H_1 U_1 j) = (H_0 + H_1 j)(H_0 U_0 + H_1 U_1 j) = (H_0 + H_1 j)(H_0 U_0 + H_1 U_1 j) = U_0 (H_0^T)^2 + U_1 (H_1^T)^2 j$ . Therefore AC is quaternion quasi-normal.

## Theorem: 3

If  $A = G_0 W_0 + G_1 W_1 j = W_0 G_0 + W_1 G_1 j$  is quaternion normal and  $B = S_0 V_0 + S_1 V_1 j = V_0 S_0^T + V_1 S_1^T j$  is quaternion quasi-normal (where  $G_0, G_1, S_0, S_1$  are hermitian and  $W_0, W_1, V_0, V_1$  are unitary) then AB is quaternion quasi-normal if and only if  $G_0 S_0 + G_1 S_1 j = S_0 G_0 + S_1 G_1 j$ ,  $G_0 V_0 + G_1 V_1 j = V_0 G_0^T + V_1 G_1^T j$  and  $W_0 S_0 + W_1 S_1 j = S_0 W_0 + S_1 W_1 j$ .

#### **Proof:**

If the three relations hold, then  $AB = G_0 W_0 S_0 V_0 + G_1 W_1 S_1 V_1 j = G_0 S_0 W_0 V_0 + G_1 S_1 W_1 V_1 j$  on one hand, and  $AB = W_0 G_0 S_0 V_0 + W_1 G_1 S_1 V_1 j = W_0 S_0 V_0 G_0^T + W_1 S_1 V_1 G_1^T j = W_0 V_0 S_0^T G_0^T + W_1 V_1 S_1^T G_1^T j = W_0 V_0 (G_0 S_0)^T + W_1 V_1 (G_1 S_1)^T j$  is quaternion quasi-normal, since  $G_0 S_0 + G_1 S_1 j$  is hermitian and  $W_0 V_0 + W_1 V_1 j$  is unitary.

Conversely, let  $A = U_0^{CT} D_0 U_0 - U_1^{CT} D_1 U_1 j = G_0 W_0 + G_1 W_1 j$  and  $B = U_0^{CT} B_{0(1)}^T U_0^C + U_1^{CT} B_1^T U_1^C j$ =  $(U_0^{CT} S_{0(1)} U_0 - U_1^{CT} S_{1(1)} U_1 j) (U_0^{CT} V_{0(1)} U_0^C + U_1^{CT} V_{1(1)} U_1^C j) = V_0 S_0^T + V_1 S_1^T j$ , where  $S_{0(1)}$ ,  $S_{1(1)}$  and  $V_{0(1)}$ ,  $V_{1(1)}$  are hermitian and unitary and direct sums conformable to  $B_{0(1)}^T + B_{1(1)}^T j$  and  $D_0 + D_1 j$ .

A direct check shows that  $G_0S_0 + G_1S_1j = S_0G_0 + S_1G_1j$  and  $G_0V_0 + G_1V_1j = V_0G_0^T + V_1G_1^Tj$  also  $W_0S_0 + W_1S_1j$ =  $U_0^{CT}D_{0(u)}K_{0(1)}U_0 - U_1^{CT}D_{1(u)}K_{1(1)}U_1j = U_0^{CT}K_{0(1)}D_{0(u)}U_0 - U_1^{CT}K_{1(1)}D_{1(u)}U_1j = S_0W_0 + S_1W_1j$ . Since  $D_{0(u)}B_{0(1)}B_{0(1)}^{CT} - D_{1(u)}B_{1(1)}B_{1(1)}^{CT}j = B_{0(1)}B_{0(1)}^{CT}D_{0(u)} - B_{1(1)}B_{1(1)}^{CT}D_{1(u)}j \text{ implies that } D_{0(u)}K_{0(1)} + D_{1(u)}K_{1(1)}j = K_{0(1)}D_{0(u)} + K_{1(1)}D_{1(u)}j.$ 

#### Theorem: 4

If  $A_0 + A_1 j$  is quaternion normal,  $B_0 + B_1 j$  is quaternion quasi-normal, and  $A_0 B_0 + A_1 B_1 j = B_0 A_0^T + B_1 A_1^T j$ , then  $W_0 A_0 W_0^{CT} - W_1 A_1 W_1^{CT} j = D_0 + D_1 j$  and  $W_0 B_0^T W_0 + W_1 B_1^T W_1 j = F_0 + F_1 j$ , the quaternion normal form of Theorem 1, where  $W_0 + W_1 j$  is a quaternion unitary matrix; also  $A_0 B_0 + A_1 B_1 j$  is quaternion quasi-normal.

## **Proof:**

Let  $U_0 A_0 U_0^{CT} - U_1 A_1 U_1^{CT} j = D_0 + D_1 j$  quaternion diagonal and  $U_0 B_0 U_0^T + U_1 B_1 U_1^T j = B_{0(2)} + B_{1(2)} j$  which is quaternion quasi-normal. Then  $A_0 B_0 + A_1 B_1 j = B_0 A_0^T + B_1 A_1^T j$ , implies  $D_0 B_{0(2)} + D_1 B_{1(2)} j$  $= U_0 A_0 U_0^{CT} U_0 B_0 U_0^T - U_1 A_1 U_1^{CT} U_1 B_1 U_1^T j = U_0 B_0 U_0^T U_0^C A_0^T U_0^T - U_1 B_1 U_1^T U_1^C A_1^T U_1^T j = B_{0(2)} D_0^T + B_{1(2)} D_1^T j$ 

Let  $D_0 + D_1 j = C_1 I_1 \oplus C_2 I_2 \oplus \dots \oplus C_m I_m$ , where the  $C_p$  are quaternion and  $C_p \neq C_q$  for  $p \neq q$  and  $C_{0(p)}, C_{1(p)}, B_{0(2)} + B_{1(2)} j = C_1 \oplus C_2 \oplus \dots \oplus C_m$ . Let  $V_p$  be unitary such that  $V_{0(p)}C_{0(p)}V_{0(p)}^T + V_{1(p)}C_{1(p)}V_{1(p)}^T j = F_{0(p)} + F_{1(p)} j$  = the real quaternion normal form of Theorem 1, and let  $V_0 + V_1 j = V_1 \oplus V_2 \oplus \dots \oplus V_m$ . Then  $V_0 U_0 A_0 U_0^{CT} V_0^{CT} + V_1 U_1 A_1 U_1^{CT} V_1^{CT} j = D_0 + D_1 j$ ,  $V_0 U_0 B_0 U_0^T V_0^T + V_1 U_1 B_1 U_1^T V_1^T j = F_0 + F_1 j = a$  direct sum of the  $F_{0(p)} + F_{1(p)} j$ .

Also  $A_0B_0 + A_1B_1j = B_0A_0^T + B_1A_1^Tj$  implies that  $B_0^TA_0^T + B_1^TA_1^Tj = A_0B_0^T + A_1B_1^Tj$  and so  $A_0B_0B_0^{CT}A_0^{CT} + A_1B_1B_1^{CT}A_1^{CT}j = A_0B_0^TB_0^CA_0^{CT} + A_1B_1^TB_1^CA_1^{CT}j = B_0^TA_0^TA_0^CB_0^C + B_1^TA_1^TA_1^CB_1^Cj$  $= (A_0B_0)^T(A_0B_0)^C + (A_1B_1)^T(A_1B_1)^Cj$  (The fact that  $A_0 + A_1j$  is quaternion normal is not used in the latter.)

It is also possible for the product of two quaternion normal matrices  $A_0 + A_1 j$  and  $B_0 + B_1 j$  to be quaternion quasinormal. Let  $Q_0 + Q_1 j = H_0 U_0 + H_1 U_1 j = U_0 H_0^T + U_1 H_1^T j$  is quaternion quasi-normal and if  $A_0 + A_1 j = U_0 + U_1 j$  and  $B_0 + B_1 j = H_0 + H_1 j$  this is so or if  $S_0 V_0 + S_1 V_1 j = V_0 S_0^T + V_1 S_1^T j$  is quaternion quasi-normal and if  $A_0 + A_1 j = U_0 S_0 + U_1 S_1 j$  =  $S_0 U_0 + S_1 U_1 j$  is quaternion normal with  $S_0$  and  $S_1$  are hermitian and  $V_0 + V_1 j$  and  $U_0 + U_1 j$  are unitary, for  $B_0 + B_1 j = U_0 V_0 S_0^T + U_1 V_1 j$ , we have  $A_0 B_0 + A_1 B_1 j = (U_0 S_0 + U_1 S_1 j) (V_0 + V_1 j) = (S_0 + S_1 j) (U_0 V_0 + U_1 V_1 j) = U_0 V_0 S_0^T + U_1 V_1 S_1^T j$ . It is a quaternion quasi-normal.

But if in the first example  $U_0^2 H_0 + U_1^2 H_1 j$  is not quaternion normal, then  $H_0 U_0 + H_1 U_1 j$  is not quaternion quasinormal. So that  $B_0 A_0 + B_1 A_1 j$  is not necessarily quaternion quasi-normal though  $A_0 B_0 + A_1 B_1 j$  is. When  $A_0 + A_1 j$  alone is quaternion normal an analog of Theorem 2 can be obtained which states the following: If  $A_0 + A_1 j$  is quaternion normal then  $A_0 B_0 + A_1 B_1 j$  and  $A_0 B_0^T + A_1 B_1^T j$  are quaternion quasi-normal if and only if  $A_0 B_0 B_0^{CT} + A_1 B_1 B_1^{CT} j =$  $B_0^T B_0^C A_0 - B_1^T B_1^C A_1 j = A_0 B_0^T B_0^C - A_1 B_1^T B_1^C j =$  $B_0^C A_0 A_0^{CT} + B_1^C A_1 A_1^{CT} = A_0^T A_0^C B_0^C + A_1^T A_1^C B_1^C j$ . (The proof is not included here because of its similarity to that above). It is possible for the product of two quaternion quasi-normal matrices to be quaternion quasi-normal, but no such simple analogous necessary and sufficient conditions as exhibited above are available. This may be seen as follows. Two non-real quaternion commutative matrices  $X_0 + X_1 j = X_0^T + X_1^T j$  and  $Y_0 + Y_1 j = Y_0^T + Y_1^T j$  can form a quaternion quasi-normal (and non-real symmetric) matrix  $X_0Y_0 + X_1Y_1j$  (such that  $Y_0X_0 + Y_1X_1j$  is also quaternion quasi-normal) which need not be quaternion normal.

Then two symmetric matrices:

$$X_{0} + X_{1}j = \begin{bmatrix} i & 1+i \\ 1+i & -i \end{bmatrix}, \qquad Y_{0} + Y_{1}j = \begin{bmatrix} 1+2i & 3-4i \\ 3-4i & -(1+2i) \end{bmatrix}$$

Are such that  $X_0Y_0 + X_1Y_1j = Z_0 + Z_1j$  is real, quaternion normal and quaternion quasi-normal (and not symmetric). Finally, if  $U_0 + U_1j$  and  $V_0 + V_1j$  are two quaternion unitary matrices of the same order, they can be chosen so  $U_0V_0 + U_1V_1j$  is non-real quaternion, quaternion normal and quaternion quasi-normal.

If  $A_0 + A_1 j = (X_0 + X_1 j) + (S_0 + S_1 j) + (U_0 + U_1 j)$ ,  $B_0 + B_1 j = (Y_0 + Y_1 j) + (T_0 + T_1 j) + (V_0 + V_1 j)$ . Then  $A_0 B_0 + A_1 B_1 j = (X_0 Y_0 + X_1 Y_1 j) + (S_0 T_0 + S_1 T_1 j) + (U_0 V_0 + U_1 V_1 j)$  where  $A_0 + A_1 j$  and  $B_0 + B_1 j$  are quaternion quasi-normal as in  $A_0 B_0 + A_1 B_1 j$  (but not symmetric).

A simple inspection of these matrices shows that relations on the order of  $(B_0^T B_0^C) A_0 - (B_1^T B_1^C) A_1 j$  $= A_0(B_0 B_0^{CT}) - A_1(B_1 B_1^{CT}) j = (B_0 B_0^{CT}) A_0 - (B_1 B_1^{CT}) A_1 j \text{ and } (A_0^T A_0^C) B_0^C + (A_1^T A_1^C) B_1^C j = B_0^C (A_0 A_0^{CT}) + B_1^C (A_1 A_1^{CT}) j \text{ do not necessarily hold; these are sufficient, however, to guarantee that } A_0 B_0 + A_1 B_1 j \text{ is quaternion quasi-normal (as direct verification from the definition will show).}$ 

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