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K-TRIPOTENT OF POWER SYMMETRIC MATRICES

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ABSTRACT

In this paper, the concept of k-tripotent of power symmetric matrices is introduced. Conditions for power symmetric matrices to be k-tripotent are discussed.

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INTRODUCTION

Ann Lee (1976) has initiated the study of secondary symmetric matrices. Hill and Waters (1992) have developed a theory of k-real and k-hermitian matrices as a generalization of secondary real and secondary hermitian matrices. Krishnamoorthy, Gunasekaran and Bhuvanewari (2011) have studied the elementary properties of symmetric and k-symmetric matrices. Krishnamoorthy and Meenakshi (2013) have studied the basic concepts of k-tripotent matrices as generalization of tripotent matrices. Throughout the paper, let  $C^n$  denote the unitary space of order n and  $C_{n \times n}$  be the space all complex n x n matrices. For a matrices  $A \in C_{n \times n}$ ,  $\bar{A}$ ,  $A^T$ ,  $A^*$  and  $A^{-1}$  denote conjugate, transpose, conjugate transpose and inverse of the matrix A respectively. Let 'k' be a fixed product of disjoint transposition in  $S_n$ . the set of all permutation on {1, 2 .....n}. Hence it is involutory (that is  $K^2 =$  identity permutation). If 'K' is the associated permutation matrix of 'k' then it clearly satisfies the following properties:

$$K^2 = 1 \text{ and } K = K^T = K = K^*$$

A matrix  $A = (a_{ij})$  in  $C_{n \times n}$  is said to be k-tripotent, if

$$a_{ij} = \sum_{l=1}^n a_{k(i)l} \left[ \sum_{m=1}^n a_{lm} a_{mk(j)} \right] \text{ this is equivalent } A = KA^3K.$$

k-tripotent of Power Symmetric Matrices

Definition 2.1

A Symmetric matrix is a square matrix which is equal to its transpose. (ie)  $A = A^T$ .

Example 2.2

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1/2 & 0 & 1/2 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1/2 & 0 & 1/2 \end{pmatrix} \quad A^T = \begin{pmatrix} 1/2 & 0 & 1/2 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1/2 & 0 & 1/2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Definition 2.3

A square matrix is said to be a k-symmetric, if  $A = KA^TK$ .

Definition 2.4

A cube symmetric matrix is a square matrix whose cube is equal to its transpose. (ie)  $A^3 = A^T$ .

Definition 2.5

A square matrix is said to be a k-cube symmetric, if  $A^T = KA^3K$ .

Theorem 2.6

If  $A \in C_{n \times n}$  then any two of the following imply the other one

- (a) A is tripotent
- (b) A is symmetric
- (c) A is cube symmetric

Proof

(a) and (b)  $\Rightarrow$  (c)  
 $A = A^3$  and  $A = A^T \Rightarrow A^3 = A^T$ , Hence A is cube symmetric.

(b) and (c)  $\Rightarrow$  (a)  
 $A = A^T$  and  $A^3 = A^T \Rightarrow A = A^3$ , Hence A is tripotent.

(c) and (a)  $\Rightarrow$  (b)  
 $A^3 = A^T$  and  $A = A^3 \Rightarrow A^T = A$ , Hence A is Symmetric.

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**Theorem 2.7**

If  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  then any two of the following imply the other one

- (a) A is k-tripotent
- (b) A is k-symmetric
- (c) A is cube symmetric

**Proof**

(a) and (b)  $\Rightarrow$  (c)

(b)

$$KA^3K=A \text{ and } KA^TK=A$$

$$KA^3K = KA^TK \Rightarrow A^3=A^T, \text{ Hence A is cube symmetric.}$$

(b) and (c)  $\Rightarrow$  (a)

$$KA^TK=A \text{ and } A^3=A^T$$

$$\text{Substitute } A^3=A^T \text{ in } KA^TK=A \Rightarrow KA^3K=A, \text{ Hence A is k-tripotent.}$$

(c) and (a)  $\Rightarrow$  (b)

$$A^3=A^T \text{ and } KA^3K=A$$

$$\text{Substitute } A^3=A^T \text{ in } KA^3K=A \Rightarrow KA^TK=A, \text{ Hence A is k-symmetric.}$$

**Theorem 2.8**

If  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  then any two of the following imply the other one

- (a) A is k-tripotent
- (b) A is symmetric
- (c) A is k-cube symmetric

**Proof**

(a) and (b)  $\Rightarrow$  (c)

$$KA^3K=A \text{ and } A=A^T \Rightarrow KA^3K=A^T, \text{ Hence A is k-cube symmetric.}$$

(b) and (c)  $\Rightarrow$  (a)

$$A=A^T \text{ and } KA^3K=A^T \Rightarrow KA^3K=A, \text{ Hence A is k-tripotent.}$$

(c) and (a)  $\Rightarrow$  (b)

$$KA^3K=A^T \text{ and } KA^3K=A \Rightarrow A^T=A, \text{ Hence A is symmetric.}$$

**Theorem 2.9**

Let KA be a k-tripotent matrix then the following are equivalent:

- (a) KA is symmetric
- (b) KA is k-symmetric
- (c) KA is cube symmetric.

**Proof**

(a)  $\Rightarrow$  (b)

$$(KA)^T=KA \Rightarrow (KA)^T=(KA)^3 \quad (\text{by Remark 2.4 [4]})$$

$$\text{pre and post multiply by K, } K(KA)^TK = K(KA)^3K=KA, \text{ Hence KA is k-symmetric.}$$

(b)  $\Rightarrow$  (c)

$$K(KA)^TK=KA$$

$$\text{pre and post multiply by K, } (KA)^T=K(KA)K=(KA)^3$$

$$\text{Hence KA is cube symmetric.}$$

(c)  $\Rightarrow$  (a)

$$(KA)^T=(KA)^3=KA \quad (\text{by Remark 2.4[4]})$$

$$\text{Hence KA is symmetric.}$$

**Theorem 2.10**

Let A be a k-tripotent matrix then the following are equivalent:

- (a) KA is cube symmetric
- (b) KA is symmetric
- (c) A is cube symmetric

**Proof**

(a)  $\Rightarrow$  (b)

$$(KA)^3=(KA)^T \Rightarrow (KA)=(KA)^T \quad (\text{by Remark 2.4[4]})$$

$$\text{Hence KA is symmetric.}$$

(b)  $\Rightarrow$  (c)

$$(KA)^T=KA \Rightarrow A^TK=A^3K \quad (\text{by Remark 2.4[4]})$$

$$\text{post multiply by K, } A^T=A^3, \text{ Hence A is cube symmetric.}$$

(c)  $\Rightarrow$  (a)

$$A^3=A^T, \text{ but } (KA)^3=KA=A^3K=A^TK$$

$$(KA)^3=(KA)^T, \text{ Hence (KA) is cube symmetric.}$$

**Theorem 2.11**

Let A be a k-tripotent matrix then the following are equivalent:

- (a) KA is k-cube symmetric
- (b) A is symmetric
- (c) A is k-cube symmetric
- (d) KA is k-symmetric.

**Proof**

(a)  $\Rightarrow$  (b)

$$K(KA)^3K=(KA)^T=A^TK$$

$$AK=A^TK \Rightarrow A=A^T, \text{ Hence A is symmetric.}$$

(b)  $\Rightarrow$  (c)

$$A=A^T \Rightarrow KA^3K=A^T, \text{ Hence A is k-cube symmetric.}$$

(c)  $\Rightarrow$  (d)

$$KA^3K=A^T$$

$$\text{Post multiply by K, } KA^3=A^TK=(KA)^T$$

$$\text{Pre and post multiply by K, } A^3K=K(KA)^TK \Rightarrow KA=K(KA)^TK$$

$$\text{Hence KA is k-symmetric.}$$

(d)  $\Rightarrow$  (a)

$$KA=K(KA)^TK, \text{ but } (KA)^3=KA \quad (\text{by Remark 2.4[4]})$$

$$(KA)^3=K(KA)^TK$$

$$\text{Pre and post multiply K, } K(KA)^3K=(KA)^T$$

$$\text{Hence KA is k-cube symmetric.}$$

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