

Generalized k-normal Matrices

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Abstract

A matrix $A \in \mathbb{C}_{n \times n}$ is called generalized k-normal provided that there is a positive definite k-hermite matrix H such that HAH is k-normal. In this paper, these matrices are investigated and their canonical form, invariants and relative properties in the sense of congruence are obtained.

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Introduction

Let $\mathbb{C}_{n \times n}$ be the space of $n \times n$ complex matrices. Let 'k' be a fixed product of disjoint transposition in $S_n = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ (hence, involutory) and let K be the associated permutation matrix of k. Two matrices $A, B \in \mathbb{C}_{n \times n}$ are called k-unitarily similar provided that there exists a k-unitary matrix U such that $B = KU^*AU$, where U^* is the conjugate transpose matrix of U. For a matrix $A \in \mathbb{C}_{n \times n}$, there exists a k-unitary matrix U such that KU^*AU is an upper triangular matrix and A is k-unitarily similar to a k-diagonal matrix if and only if A is k-normal. Two matrices $A, B \in \mathbb{C}_{n \times n}$ are congruent if there exists a nonsingular matrix $P \in \mathbb{C}_{n \times n}$ such that $B = KP^*AP$. It is easy to see that, for a given matrix $A \in \mathbb{C}_{n \times n}$, there exists a nonsingular matrix

$P \in \mathbb{C}_{n \times n}$ such that $K P^* A P$ is an upper triangle matrix since k-unitary similar matrices A, B are congruent.

In this paper, we obtain the canonical form and invariants for generalized k-normal matrices in the sense of congruence. We give some determinantal inequalities for generalized k-normal matrices and their k-hermite part and skew k-hermite part.

Basic Definitions

Definition 2.1: A matrix $A \in \mathbb{C}_{n \times n}$ is said to be k-hermitian, if $A = K A^* K$.

That is, $a_{ij} = \bar{a}_{k(j)k(i)}$, $i, j = 1, 2, \dots, n$.

Example 2.2: $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & i \\ -i & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ is k-hermitian.

Definition 2.3: A matrix $A \in \mathbb{C}_{n \times n}$ is said to be skew k-hermitian, if $A = -K A^* K$.

That is, $a_{ij} = -\bar{a}_{k(j)k(i)}$, $i, j = 1, 2, \dots, n$.

Example 2.4: $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -i & 0 \\ i & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -i \end{bmatrix}$ is skew k-hermitian.

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Definition 3.1[4]: A matrix $A \in \mathbb{C}_{n \times n}$ is said to be k-normal, if $A A^* K = K A^* A$.

That is, $a_{ij} \bar{a}_{n-k(j)+1k(i)} = \bar{a}_{k(j)n-k(i)+1} a_{ij}$; $i, j = 1, 2, \dots, n$.

Example 3.2: $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -i & -3i \\ -i & -3i & 0 \\ -3i & 0 & -i \end{bmatrix}$ is k-normal.

Definition 3.3[4]: A matrix $A \in \mathbb{C}_{n \times n}$ is said to be k-unitary, if $A A^* K = K A^* A = K$.

Example 3.4: $A = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix}$ is k-unitary.

Definition 3.5: A matrix $A \in \mathbb{C}_{n \times n}$ is called generalized k -normal if there is a positive definite k -hermite matrix H such that HAH is k -normal.

Example 3.6: $H = \begin{bmatrix} 1-i & 1 \\ 1 & 1+i \end{bmatrix}$ is a positive definite k -hermite matrix.

Then $A = \begin{bmatrix} -i & 1 \\ 0 & i \end{bmatrix}$ is generalized k -normal.

Theorem 3.7: $A \in \mathbb{C}_{n \times n}$ is generalized k -normal if and only if there exists a positive definite k -hermite matrix X such that $KA^*XA = AXA^*K$.

Proof: Assume that A is generalized k -normal matrix. Then by definition (3.5), there exists a positive definite k -hermite matrix H such that HAH is k -normal.

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} K(HAH)^*(HAH) &= (HAH)(HAH)^*K \\ \Rightarrow KH^*A^*H^*HAH &= HAH H^*A^*H^*K \\ \Rightarrow K(KHK)A^*(KHK)HAH &= HAH(KHK)A^*(KHK)K \\ \Rightarrow HKA^*(KH)^2AH &= HA(HK)^2A^*KH \\ \Rightarrow KA^*(KH)^2A &= A(HK)^2A^*K \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

Since H is a positive definite, H is non-singular. Then H^2 is positive definite. Let $X = H^2 = H^2K^2 = (HK)^2 = (KH)^2$. Then X is a positive definite k -hermite matrix. There fore (1) $\Rightarrow KA^*XA = AXA^*K$.

Conversely, Assume that $KA^*XA = AXA^*K$ and X is a positive definite k -hermite matrix. Then there exists a positive definite k -hermite matrix H such that $X = H^2 = H^2K^2 = (HK)^2 = (KH)^2$.

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} KA^*(KH)^2A &= A(HK)^2A^*K \\ \Rightarrow HKA^*KHKHAH &= HAHKHK A^*KH \\ \Rightarrow (KH^*K)KA^*H^*HAH &= HAH H^*A^*K(KH^*K) \\ \Rightarrow KH^*A^*H^*HAH &= HAH H^*A^*H^*K \\ \Rightarrow K(HAH)^*(HAH) &= (HAH)(HAH)^*K \end{aligned}$$

Hence HAH is k -normal and then A is generalized k -normal.

Theorem 3.8: $A \in \mathbb{C}_{n \times n}$ is generalized k -normal if and only if A is congruent to a k -diagonal matrix.

Proof: Assume that A is generalized k-normal matrix. Then by definition (3.5), there exists a positive definite k-hermite matrix H such that HAH is k-normal. By Schur's theorem [2], there exists a k-unitary matrix U such that $KU^*(HAH)U$ is k-diagonal matrix. Let $P = HU \Rightarrow P^* = U^*H^* = U^*KHK \Rightarrow P^*H = U^*KHKH \Rightarrow P^*H = U^*(KH)^2 \Rightarrow P^*H = U^*H^2K^2 \Rightarrow P^*H = U^*H^2 \Rightarrow P^* = U^*H$. Then P is nonsingular and KP^*AP is k-diagonal matrix. That is, A is congruent to a k-diagonal matrix.

Conversely, Assume that A is congruent to a k-diagonal matrix. Then there exists a nonsingular matrix P such that $KP^*AP = D$ is a k-diagonal matrix. By the polar factorization theorem of matrices, there exists a positive definite k-hermite matrix H and a k-unitary matrix U such that $P = HU \Rightarrow P^* = U^*H^* = U^*KHK \Rightarrow P^*H = U^*KHKH \Rightarrow P^*H = U^*(KH)^2 \Rightarrow P^*H = U^*H^2K^2 \Rightarrow P^*H = U^*H^2 \Rightarrow P^* = U^*H$. Thus $KU^*(HAH)U = D$ is a k-diagonal matrix. By Schur's theorem [2] and definition (3.5), A is generalized k-normal.

Theorem 3.9: Let $A \in \mathbb{C}_{n \times n}$ be a generalized k-normal matrix. Then there exists a nonsingular matrix P such that $A = KP^* \begin{pmatrix} D & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} P$, where $D = \text{diag}(e^{i\theta_1}, e^{i\theta_2}, \dots, e^{i\theta_r})$, $r = \text{rank}(A)$, $-\pi \leq \theta_1 \leq \theta_2 \leq \dots \leq \theta_r < \pi$, $\theta_r - \theta_1 < \pi$ and $e^{i\theta_1}, e^{i\theta_2}, \dots, e^{i\theta_r}$ are all nonzero k-eigen values of $P^{-1}(KP^*)^{-1}A$.

Proof: Since A is generalized k-normal matrix. By Theorem (3.8) there exists a nonsingular matrix Q such that $A = KQ^* \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_r, 0, 0, \dots, 0)Q$, where $r = \text{rank}(A)$ is the rank of A, $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_r$ are nonzero complex numbers.

Let $\lambda_j = \rho_j e^{i\theta_j}$, $\rho_j > 0$, $j = 1, 2, \dots, r$ and $-\pi \leq \theta_1 \leq \theta_2 \leq \dots \leq \theta_r < \pi$.

Denote $R = \text{diag}(\rho_1^{1/2}, \rho_2^{1/2}, \dots, \rho_r^{1/2}, 1, \dots, 1)$ and $P = RQ \Rightarrow P^* = Q^*R^*$.

Then P is nonsingular and $A = KP^* \begin{pmatrix} D & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} P$.

$$\text{Since } P^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} D & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} (KP^*)^{-1} A = P^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} D & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} (KP^*)^{-1} (KP^*) \begin{pmatrix} D & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} P$$

$$= P^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} D^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} P, e^{2i\theta_1}, e^{2i\theta_2}, \dots, e^{2i\theta_r} \text{ are all nonzero k-eigen values of}$$

$$P^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} D & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} (KP^*)^{-1} A.$$

Without loss of generality, $-\pi \leq 2\theta_{j_1} \leq 2\theta_{j_2} \leq \dots \leq 2\theta_{j_r} < \pi \pmod{2\pi}$.

Then $2\theta_r - 2\theta_1 \leq 2\theta_{j_r} - 2\theta_{j_1} < 2\pi \pmod{2\pi}$. Thus $\theta_r - \theta_1 < \pi$.

Since $A = K P^* \begin{pmatrix} D & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} P$,

$$P^{-1}(K P^*)^{-1} A = P^{-1}(K P^*)^{-1} (K P^*) \begin{pmatrix} D & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} P = P^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} D & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} P.$$

Hence $e^{i\theta_1}, e^{i\theta_2}, \dots, e^{i\theta_r}$ are all nonzero k -eigen values of $P^{-1}(K P^*)^{-1} A$.

Theorem 3.10: Let $A \in \mathbb{C}_{n \times n}$ be a generalized k -normal matrix. If there exist a

nonsingular matrix P and Q such that $A = K P^* \begin{pmatrix} D & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} P = K Q^* \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{D} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} Q$, where

$D = \text{diag}(e^{i\theta_1}, e^{i\theta_2}, \dots, e^{i\theta_r})$, $-\pi \leq \theta_1 \leq \theta_2 \leq \dots \leq \theta_r < \pi$, $\theta_r - \theta_1 < \pi$, $r = \text{rank}(A)$,
 $\tilde{D} = \text{diag}(e^{iw_1}, e^{iw_2}, \dots, e^{iw_r})$, $-\pi \leq w_1 \leq w_2 \leq \dots \leq w_r < \pi$ and $w_r - w_1 < \pi$.

Then $\theta_j = w_j$ for $1 \leq j \leq r$.

Proof: Given $A = K P^* \begin{pmatrix} D & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} P = K Q^* \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{D} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} Q$

$$\Rightarrow K P^* \begin{pmatrix} D & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} P = K Q^* \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{D} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} Q.$$

Pre multiply by K on both sides.

Therefore, $P^* \begin{pmatrix} D & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} P = Q^* \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{D} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} Q$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} D & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = (P^*)^{-1} Q^* \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{D} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} Q P^{-1} \tag{2}$$

Denote $Q P^{-1} = R = \begin{pmatrix} R_{11} & R_{12} \\ R_{21} & R_{22} \end{pmatrix}$, where R_{11} is an $r \times r$ complex matrix.

$$\Rightarrow (Q P^{-1})^* = (P^*)^{-1} Q^* = R^* = \begin{pmatrix} R_{11}^* & R_{12}^* \\ R_{21}^* & R_{22}^* \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow$$

$$\begin{aligned} (2) \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} D & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} R_{11}^* & R_{12}^* \\ R_{21}^* & R_{22}^* \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{D} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} R_{11} & R_{12} \\ R_{21} & R_{22} \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} D & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} R_{11}^* \tilde{D} & 0 \\ R_{21}^* \tilde{D} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} R_{11} & R_{12} \\ R_{21} & R_{22} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} R_{11}^* \tilde{D} R_{11} & R_{11}^* \tilde{D} R_{12} \\ R_{21}^* \tilde{D} R_{11} & R_{21}^* \tilde{D} R_{12} \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus $D = R_{11}^* \tilde{D} R_{11}$. Since D is nonsingular, R_{11} and R_{11}^* are also nonsingular.

Hence

$$D^2 = D(D^*)^{-1} = (R_{11}^* \tilde{D} R_{11})(R_{11}^{-1} \tilde{D}^{-1} (R_{11}^*)^{-1})^* = R_{11}^* \tilde{D} (\tilde{D}^*)^{-1} (R_{11}^*)^{-1} = R_{11}^* \tilde{D}^2 (R_{11}^*)^{-1}.$$

That is, D^2 and \tilde{D}^2 are similar. Thus D^2 and \tilde{D}^2 have the same k -eigen values.

That is, $e^{2i\theta_j} = e^{2iw_j}$ for $1 \leq j \leq r$.

Therefore, $2\theta_j \equiv 2w_j \pmod{2\pi}$ for $1 \leq j \leq r$ and hence $\theta_j \equiv w_j \pmod{\pi}$ for $1 \leq j \leq r$. By the conditions of the theorem, $\theta_j = w_j$ for $1 \leq j \leq r$.

Remark 3.11: Theorem (3.10) indicates that when a generalized k -normal matrix A satisfies $A = K P^* \begin{pmatrix} D & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} P$, then $D = \text{diag}(e^{i\theta_1}, e^{i\theta_2}, \dots, e^{i\theta_r})$ is independent of the choice of the nonsingular matrix P , that is, the k -diagonal matrix D is only determined by A . So we have the following definitions.

Definition 3.12: Let A be a generalized k -normal matrix satisfying $A = K P^* \begin{pmatrix} D & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} P$. Denote $D(KA) = D = \text{diag}(e^{i\theta_1}, e^{i\theta_2}, \dots, e^{i\theta_r})$, where $r = \text{rank}(KA)$, $-\pi \leq \theta_1 \leq \theta_2 \leq \dots \leq \theta_r < \pi$ and $\theta_r - \theta_1 < \pi$. Then $\begin{pmatrix} D & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ is called the canonical form of the generalized k -normal matrix A in the sense of congruence and $\sigma_k(A) = (e^{i\theta_1}, e^{i\theta_2}, \dots, e^{i\theta_r})$ is called the generalized k -spectrum of A .

Theorem 3.13: Let $A, B \in \mathbb{C}_{n \times n}$ be generalized k -normal matrices. Then A and B are congruent if and only if $\sigma_k(A) = \sigma_k(B)$, that is A and B have the same generalized k -spectrum.

Proof: Assume that A and B are congruent. Then there exists a nonsingular matrix Q such that $B = KQ^*AQ$.

By Theorem (3.9), there exists a nonsingular matrix P such that $A = K P^* \begin{pmatrix} D(A) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} P$.

$$\text{Thus } B = KQ^* K P^* \begin{pmatrix} D(A) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} P Q. \quad (3)$$

Denote $R = PQ$, then R is nonsingular. $\Rightarrow R = PKQK \Rightarrow R^* = KQ^*KP^*$.

$$\text{Therefore (3)} \Rightarrow B = R^* \begin{pmatrix} D(A) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} R \Rightarrow KB = R^* \begin{pmatrix} D(KA) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} R.$$

By a Theorem (3.10), $D(KB) = D(KA)$. Hence $\sigma(KA) = \sigma(KB) \Rightarrow \sigma_k(A) = \sigma_k(B)$. Conversely, Let $\sigma_k(A) = \sigma_k(B) \Rightarrow \sigma(KA) = \sigma(KB) \Rightarrow D(KA) = D(KB) = D$ and there exists a nonsingular matrices P, Q such that

$$A = K P^* \begin{pmatrix} D & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} P \tag{4}$$

$$\text{and } B = K Q^* \begin{pmatrix} D & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} Q \tag{5}$$

Pre multiply by $(KP^*)^{-1}$ and post multiply by P^{-1} in (4). Therefore (4) $\Rightarrow (KP^*)^{-1} A P^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} D & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$. Hence $B = (K Q^*)(KP^*)^{-1} A P^{-1} Q$. Therefore A and B are congruent.

Determinantal properties

Let $A \in \mathbb{C}_{n \times n}$. Alternatively, let $H(A) = \frac{1}{2}(A + KA^*K)$, the k -hermite part and $S(A) = \frac{1}{2}(A - KA^*K)$, the skew k -hermite parte. It is known that $A = H(A) + S(A)$ and $KA^*K = H(A) - S(A)$. A is called positive definite provided that $H(A)$ is positive definite k -hermite matrix. It is easy to know that A is positive definite if and only if $\text{Re}(Kx^*, Ax) > 0$ for each nonzero complex column vector $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)^T$, where $\text{Re}(a)$ denotes the real part of a complex number ' a '.

Theorem 4.1: Let $A \in \mathbb{C}_{n \times n}$ be a positive definite matrix, then A is generalized k -normal.

Proof: since A is positive definite, $H(A)$ is nonsingular.

Then

$$\begin{aligned} KA^*K[H(A)]^{-1}A &= [H(A) - S(A)][H(A)]^{-1}[H(A) + S(A)] \\ &= \{H(A)[H(A)]^{-1} - S(A)[H(A)]^{-1}\}[H(A) + S(A)] \\ &= \{I - S(A)[H(A)]^{-1}\}[H(A) + S(A)] \\ &= H(A) + S(A) - S(A)[H(A)]^{-1}[H(A) + S(A)] \\ &= H(A) + S(A) - S(A)[H(A)]^{-1}H(A) - S(A)[H(A)]^{-1}S(A) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= H(A) + S(A) - S(A) - S(A)[H(A)]^{-1}S(A) \\
&= H(A) - S(A)[H(A)]^{-1}S(A) \tag{5}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
A[H(A)]^{-1}KA^*K &= [H(A) + S(A)][H(A)]^{-1}[H(A) - S(A)] \\
&= \{I + S(A)[H(A)]^{-1}\}[H(A) - S(A)] \\
&= H(A) - S(A) + S(A)[H(A)]^{-1}[H(A) - S(A)] \\
&= H(A) - S(A) + S(A) - S(A)[H(A)]^{-1}S(A) \\
&= H(A) - S(A)[H(A)]^{-1}S(A) \tag{6}
\end{aligned}$$

From (5) and (6), we get

$$KA^*K[H(A)]^{-1}A = A[H(A)]^{-1}KA^*K \tag{7}$$

Since H is a positive definite k-hermite matrix. Hence $[H(A)]^{-1}$ is a positive definite k-hermite matrix. By a Theorem (3.7), $X = K[H(A)]^{-1} = [H(A)]^{-1}K$ is a positive definite k-hermite matrix. Therefore (7) $\Rightarrow KA^*XA = AXA^*K$. Hence A is generalized k-normal matrix.

Theorem 4.2: Let 'n' be an integer with $n \geq 3$ and $A \in \mathbb{C}_{n \times n}$ a generalized k-normal matrix. Then $|\det(A)| \geq |\det H(A)| + |\det S(A)|$. Further, the equality holds if and only if $r = \text{rank}(A) < n$ or A is a k-hermite matrix or A is a skew k-hermite matrix.

Proof: There exists a nonsingular matrix P such that $A = KP^* \begin{pmatrix} D & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} P$. It is easy to see that $H(A) = KP^*H(D)P$ and $S(A) = KP^*S(D)P$. Thus $\text{rank}[H(A)] = \text{rank}[H(D)]$ and $\text{rank}[S(A)] = \text{rank}[S(D)]$. We distinguish the following cases.

Case (1): If $\text{rank}(A) < n$. Then $\text{rank}[H(A)] = \text{rank}[H(D)] \leq \text{rank}(A) < n$ and $\text{rank}[S(A)] = \text{rank}[S(D)] \leq \text{rank}(A) < n$. Thus $\det(A) = \det H(A) = \det S(A) = 0$ and so $|\det(A)| = |\det H(A)| + |\det S(A)|$.

Case (2): If $\text{rank}(A) = n$. Now, $D = \text{diag}(e^{i\theta_1}, e^{i\theta_2}, \dots, e^{i\theta_n})$,
 $\Rightarrow D = \text{diag}(\cos \theta_1 + i \sin \theta_1, \cos \theta_2 + i \sin \theta_2, \dots, \cos \theta_n + i \sin \theta_n)$.
 $\Rightarrow H(D) = \text{diag}(\cos \theta_1, \cos \theta_2, \dots, \cos \theta_n)$, $S(D) = i \text{diag}(\sin \theta_1, \sin \theta_2, \dots, \sin \theta_n)$ and
 $A = KP^*DP$. Then $\det(A) = (\det KP)^2 \prod_{j=1}^n e^{i\theta_j}$. $\Rightarrow \det H(A) = (\det KP)^2 \prod_{j=1}^n \cos \theta_j$ and
 $\det S(A) = i^n (\det KP)^2 \prod_{j=1}^n \sin \theta_j$.

Sub case (2.1): If $\cos \theta_j = 0$ for some j.

Then $|\det H(A)| + |\det S(A)| = |\det KP|^2 \prod_{j=1}^n |\sin \theta_j| \leq |\det KP|^2 \leq |\det(A)|$. Further, the above equality holds if and only if $|\sin \theta_j| = 1$ for all j, if and only if $\cos \theta_j = 0$ for all j, if and only if $H(A)=0$ if and only if A is skew k-hermitian.

Sub case (2.2): If $\sin \theta_j = 0$ for some j.

Then $|\det H(A)| + |\det S(A)| = |\det KP|^2 \prod_{j=1}^n |\cos \theta_j| \leq |\det KP|^2 \leq |\det(A)|$. Further, the above equality holds if and only if $|\cos \theta_j| = 1$ for all j, if and only if $\sin \theta_j = 0$ for all j, if and only if $S(A)=0$ if and only if A is k-hermitian.

Sub case (2.3): If $\cos \theta_j \neq 0$ and $\sin \theta_j \neq 0$ for all j.

Now $|\det H(A)| + |\det S(A)| = |\det KP|^2 \left(\prod_{j=1}^n |\cos \theta_j| + \prod_{j=1}^n |\sin \theta_j| \right)$
 $\Rightarrow |\det H(A)| + |\det S(A)| = |\det KP|^2 (|\cos \theta_1 \cos \theta_2| + |\sin \theta_1 \sin \theta_2|) \leq |\det KP|^2 = |\det(A)|$
 By summing up the above cases the proof of this theorem is completed.

Remark 4.3: Let $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n$ be non negative real numbers. Then $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)^{\frac{1}{n}} + (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)^{\frac{1}{n}} \leq (x_1 + y_1)^{\frac{1}{n}} (x_2 + y_2)^{\frac{1}{n}} \dots (x_n + y_n)^{\frac{1}{n}}$ and the equality holds if and only if there exists an integer j such that $x_j = y_j = 0$ or (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) and (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) are linearly dependent.

Theorem 4.4: Let 'n' be an integer with $n \geq 3$ and $A \in \mathbb{C}_{n \times n}$ a generalized k-normal matrix with generalized k-spectrum $\sigma_k(A) = (e^{i\theta_1}, e^{i\theta_2}, \dots, e^{i\theta_r})$, where $r = \text{rank}(A)$. Then $|\det(A)|^{\frac{2}{n}} \geq |\det H(A)|^{\frac{2}{n}} + |\det S(A)|^{\frac{2}{n}}$. Further, the equality holds if and only if $r < n$ or $(\cos^2 \theta_1, \cos^2 \theta_2, \dots, \cos^2 \theta_n)$ and $(\sin^2 \theta_1, \sin^2 \theta_2, \dots, \sin^2 \theta_n)$ are linearly dependent.

Proof: There exists a nonsingular matrix P such that $A = KP^* \begin{pmatrix} D & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} P$. It is easy to see that $H(A) = KP^* H(D)P$ and $S(A) = KP^* S(D)P$. Thus $\text{rank}[H(A)] = \text{rank}[H(D)]$ and $\text{rank}[S(A)] = \text{rank}[S(D)]$. We distinguish the following cases.

Case (1): If $\text{rank}(A) < n$.
 Then $\text{rank}[H(A)] = \text{rank}[H(D)] \leq \text{rank}(A) < n$ and $\text{rank}[S(A)] = \text{rank}[S(D)] \leq \text{rank}$

$(A) < n$.

Thus $\det(A) = \det H(A) = \det S(A) = 0$.

Therefore $|\det(A)|^{\frac{2}{n}} \geq |\det H(A)|^{\frac{2}{n}} + |\det S(A)|^{\frac{2}{n}}$.

Case (2): If $\text{rank}(A) = n$. Now, $D = \text{diag}(e^{i\theta_1}, e^{i\theta_2}, \dots, e^{i\theta_n})$,

$\Rightarrow H(D) = \text{diag}(\cos \theta_1, \cos \theta_2, \dots, \cos \theta_n)$, $S(D) = i \text{diag}(\sin \theta_1, \sin \theta_2, \dots, \sin \theta_n)$ and

$A = KP^*DP$. Then $\det(A) = (\det KP)^2 \prod_{j=1}^n e^{i\theta_j}$. $\Rightarrow \det H(A) = (\det KP)^2 \prod_{j=1}^n \cos \theta_j$ and

$\det S(A) = i^n (\det KP)^2 \prod_{j=1}^n \sin \theta_j$.

Thus $|\det H(A)| + |\det S(A)| = |\det KP|^2 \left(\prod_{j=1}^n \cos \theta_j + \prod_{j=1}^n \sin \theta_j \right)$

$\Rightarrow |\det H(A)|^{\frac{2}{n}} + |\det S(A)|^{\frac{2}{n}} = |\det KP|^{\frac{4}{n}} \left(\prod_{j=1}^n (\cos^2 \theta_j)^{\frac{1}{n}} + \prod_{j=1}^n (\sin^2 \theta_j)^{\frac{1}{n}} \right)$.

By Remark (4.3), $|\det H(A)|^{\frac{2}{n}} + |\det S(A)|^{\frac{2}{n}} \leq |\det(A)|^{\frac{2}{n}}$ and the equality holds if and only if there exists an integer j such that $\cos^2 \theta_j = \sin^2 \theta_j = 0$ or $(\cos^2 \theta_1, \cos^2 \theta_2, \dots, \cos^2 \theta_n)$ and $(\sin^2 \theta_1, \sin^2 \theta_2, \dots, \sin^2 \theta_n)$ are linearly dependent. Since $\cos^2 \theta_j + \sin^2 \theta_j = 1$, the equality holds if and only if $(\cos^2 \theta_1, \cos^2 \theta_2, \dots, \cos^2 \theta_n)$ and $(\sin^2 \theta_1, \sin^2 \theta_2, \dots, \sin^2 \theta_n)$ are linearly dependent. Summing up the above cases, we finish the proof of this theorem.

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