

A REMARK TO TOEPLITZ'S THEOREM ON NORMAL MATRIX.

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I will give in this note a proof of the well-known Toeplitz's theorem on normal matrix. Let  $A$  be a square matrix of order  $n$  in the complex number field, then  $A$  is said to be normal if  $AA^* = A^*A$  where  $A^*$  denotes the conjugate and transposed matrix of  $A$ .

I will show the well-known fact that  $A$  has only simple elementary divisors, as follows.

Consider  $(xE - A)^{-1}$ .  $(xE - A)^{-1}$  is obtained from minor-matrix of degree  $n-1$  of  $(xE - A)$ , being divided by  $\det(xE - A)$ . Dividing  $\det(xE - A)$  by the greatest common divisor of all minors, we obtain the minimum equation  $\varphi(x)$  of  $A$ . So

$$(xE - A)^{-1} = \frac{B}{\varphi(x)}$$

$B$  being polynomial in  $xE$ .

Hence  $(xE - A)^{-1}$  has a pole at the roots  $\lambda$  of  $\varphi(x) = 0$ . Put

$$(1) \quad (xE - A)^{-1} = C(x - \lambda)^{-a} + \dots, \quad C \neq 0$$

To be shown is  $a = 1$ .

Taking conjugate and transpose of (1),

$$(xE - A^*)^{-1} = C^*(x - \bar{\lambda})^{-a} + \dots$$

As  $A$  is normal,

$$(xE - A)^{-1}(xE - A^*)^{-1} = (xE - A^*)^{-1}(xE - A)^{-1}$$

So we get  $CC^* = C^*C$ , that is,  $C$  is also normal.

Now, by differentiating (1) we get

$$(2) \quad (xE - A)^{-2} = -aC(x - \lambda)^{-a-1} + \dots$$

By taking square of (2), on the other hand, we get

$$(3) \quad (xE - A)^{-2} = C^2(x - \lambda)^{-2a} + \dots$$

It is to be noticed that  $C^2 \neq 0$ , because  $C$  is normal and  $\neq 0$ .

Hence, putting the exponent of the first term in (2) and (3) equal, we get

$$-a-1 = -2a, \quad \text{or} \quad a = 1.$$

q.e.d.

As being noticed in a previous note, two eigen-vectors which belong to two different eigen-values of a normal

matrix  $A$  are (unitary) orthogonal.<sup>2)</sup>

Thus, a normal matrix can be transformed by unitary matrix into the diagonal form. And the inverse of this fact is evident.

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- (1) If  $A$  is normal and  $A^2 = 0$ , then  $A = 0$ .
- (2) The facts 1) and 2) are proved, as Hilfssatz 2 and 4, in K.Kondo and S.Huruya: Ein Beweis des Toeplitz'schen Satzes über die normale Matrix. Proc. Imp. Acad. Japan, (1939). For the sake of readers, I will rewrite them here.

Lemma 1.  $Ax = 0 \rightarrow A^*x = 0$

Proof.

$$(A^*x, A^*x) = (x, AA^*x) = (x, A^*Ax) = (Ax, Ax) = 0 \quad \text{q.e.d.}$$

Lemma 2.  $A^2 = 0 \rightarrow A = 0$

Proof.

$A^2x = 0$  (for all vectors  $x$ ). So, from Lemma 1,  $A^*Ax = 0$ . So  $(Ax, Ax) = (x, A^*Ax) = 0$ . Then  $Ax = 0$  or  $A = 0$ .

Lemma 3.  $Ax = \lambda x, Ay = \mu y, \lambda \neq \mu \rightarrow (x, y) = 0$

Proof. Put  $A - \lambda E = B$ , then  $Bx = 0$ . Hence  $B^*x = 0$ , or  $A^*x = \bar{\lambda}x$ . We have  $(Ax, y) = \lambda(x, y)$ . On the other hand,  $(Ax, y) = (x, A^*y) = (x, \bar{\mu}y) = \bar{\mu}(x, y)$ . So that,  $\lambda(x, y) = \bar{\mu}(x, y)$ . Hence,  $(x, y) = 0$ .

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