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## I. INTRODUCTION

In 1892, Corrado Segre (1860-1924) published a paper [8] in which he treated an infinite set of Algebras whose elements he called bicomplex numbers, tricomplex numbers, ...,  $n$ -complex numbers. A bicomplex number is an element of the form  $(x_1 + i_1 x_2) + i_2 (x_3 + i_1 x_4)$ , where  $x_1, \dots, x_4$  are real numbers,  $i_1^2 = i_2^2 = -1$  and  $i_1 i_2 = i_2 i_1$ .

Segre showed that every bicomplex number  $z_1 + i_2 z_2$  can be represented as the complex combination

$$(z_1 - i_1 z_2) \left[ \frac{1+i_1 i_2}{2} \right] + (z_1 + i_1 z_2) \left[ \frac{1-i_1 i_2}{2} \right]$$

Srivastava [9] introduced the notations  ${}^1\xi$  and  ${}^2\xi$  for the idempotent components of the bicomplex number  $\xi = z_1 + i_2 z_2$ , so that

$$\xi = {}^1\xi \frac{1+i_1 i_2}{2} + {}^2\xi \frac{1-i_1 i_2}{2}$$

Michiji Futagawa seems to have been the first to consider the theory of functions of a bicomplex variable [2,3] in 1928 and 1932.

The hyper complex system of Ringleb [7] is more general than the Algebras; he showed in 1933 that Futagawa system is a special case of his own.

In 1953 James D. Riley published a paper [6] entitled "Contributions to theory of functions of a bicomplex variable".

Throughout, the symbols  $C_2$ ,  $C_1$ ,  $C_0$  denote the set of all bicomplex, complex and real numbers respectively.

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a) *Some special subset of  $C_2$* 

We shall use notation  $C(i_1)$ ,  $C(i_2)$  and  $H$  for the following sets.

$C(i_1)$  is the set of complex numbers with imaginary unit  $i_1$ . i. e.

$$C(i_1) = \{a + i_1 b; a, b \in C_0\}$$

and  $C(i_2)$  is the set of complex numbers with imaginary unit  $i_2$ . i. e.

$$C(i_2) = \{a + i_2 b; a, b \in C_0\}$$

The bicomplex number  $\xi = (x_1 + i_1 x_2) + i_2 (x_3 + i_1 x_4)$  for which  $x_2 = x_3 = 0$  is called a hyperbolic number.

The set of all hyperbolic numbers is denoted by  $H$  and defined as

$$H = \{a + i_1 i_2 b; a, b \in C_0\}$$

b) *Idempotent elements in  $C_2$* 

There are exactly four idempotent elements in  $C_2$ . Out of these, 0 and 1 are the trivial idempotent elements and two nontrivial idempotent elements denoted by  $e_1$  and  $e_2$  which are defined as

$$e_1 = \frac{1+i_1 i_2}{2} \text{ and } e_2 = \frac{1-i_1 i_2}{2}$$

Obviously  $(e_1)^n = e_1$ ,  $(e_2)^n = e_2$

$$e_1 + e_2 = 1, e_1 \cdot e_2 = 0$$

$C_1$  is a field but  $C_2$  is not a field, since  $C_2$  has divisor of zero for example  $e_1 e_2 = 0$  neither  $e_1$  is zero nor  $e_2$  is zero.

Every bicomplex number  $\xi$  has unique idempotent representation as complex combination of  $e_1$  and  $e_2$  as follows

$$\xi = z_1 + i_2 z_1 = (z_1 - i_1 z_2) e_1 + (z_1 + i_1 z_2) e_2$$

The complex numbers  $(z_1 - i_1 z_2)$  and  $(z_1 + i_1 z_2)$  are called idempotent component of  $\xi$  and are denoted by  ${}^1\xi$  and  ${}^2\xi$  respectively (cf. Srivastava [9]).

Thus  $\xi = {}^1\xi e_1 + {}^2\xi e_2$

There are infinite numbers of element in  $C_2$  which do not possess multiplicative inverse. A bicomplex number  $\xi = z_1 + i_2 z_1$  is singular if and only if  $|z_1^2 + z_2^2| = 0$

The set of all singular elements in  $C_2$  is denoted by  $O_2$ .

Evidently a nonzero bicomplex number  $\xi$  is singular if and only if either  ${}^1\xi = 0$  or  ${}^2\xi = 0$  that is if and only if it is a complex multiple of either  $e_1$  or  $e_2$ .

c) *Algebraic properties of idempotent components*

The idempotent representation is perfectly compatible with the algebraic structure of  $C_2$  in the following way

For all  $\xi, \eta$  in  $C_2$

$$\begin{aligned} \xi \pm \eta &= ({}^1\xi e_1 + {}^2\xi e_2) \pm ({}^1\eta e_1 + {}^2\eta e_2) \\ &= ({}^1\xi \pm {}^1\eta) e_1 + ({}^2\xi \pm {}^2\eta) e_2, \end{aligned}$$

so that

$$\begin{aligned} {}^1(\xi \pm \eta) &= {}^1\xi \pm {}^1\eta \text{ and } {}^2(\xi \pm \eta) = {}^2\xi \pm {}^2\eta \\ \alpha\xi &= \alpha ({}^1\xi e_1 + {}^2\xi e_2) \\ &= \alpha ({}^1\xi) e_1 + \alpha ({}^2\xi) e_2, \quad \forall \alpha \in C_1 \end{aligned}$$

so that

$$\begin{aligned} {}^1(\alpha\xi) &= \alpha {}^1\xi \text{ and } {}^2(\alpha\xi) = \alpha {}^2\xi \text{ for } \alpha \in C_1 \\ \xi\eta &= ({}^1\xi e_1 + {}^2\xi e_2) \cdot ({}^1\eta e_1 + {}^2\eta e_2) \\ &= ({}^1\xi {}^1\eta) e_1 + ({}^2\xi {}^2\eta) e_2, \end{aligned}$$

so that

$$\begin{aligned} {}^1(\xi\eta) &= {}^1\xi {}^1\eta \text{ and } {}^2(\xi\eta) = {}^2\xi {}^2\eta \\ \frac{\xi}{\eta} &= \frac{({}^1\xi e_1 + {}^2\xi e_2)}{({}^1\eta e_1 + {}^2\eta e_2)} \\ &= \left( \frac{{}^1\xi}{{}^1\eta} \right) e_1 + \left( \frac{{}^2\xi}{{}^2\eta} \right) e_2, \quad \text{provided } \eta \notin O_2 \end{aligned}$$

so that

$${}^1\left(\frac{\xi}{\eta}\right) = \frac{{}^1\xi}{{}^1\eta} \text{ and } {}^2\left(\frac{\xi}{\eta}\right) = \frac{{}^2\xi}{{}^2\eta}$$

#### d) Norm in $C_2[5]$

The norm of a bicomplex number

$\xi = z_1 + i_2 z_2 = x_1 + i_1 x_2 + i_2 x_3 + i_1 i_2 x_4 = {}^1\xi e_1 + {}^2\xi e_2$  is defined as

$$\begin{aligned} \|\xi\| &= (x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 + x_4^2)^{1/2} \\ &= (|z_1|^2 + |z_2|^2)^{1/2} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{|{}^1\xi|^2 + |{}^2\xi|^2}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

$C_2$  becomes a modified Banach algebra, in the sense that  $\xi, \eta \in C_2$ , we have,

In general  $\|\xi\eta\| \leq \sqrt{2} \|\xi\| \|\eta\|$

#### e) Conjugates of a bicomplex number

Analogous to the concept of conjugate of a complex number, conjugates of a bicomplex number are also defined. As a bicomplex number is four dimensional, different types of conjugate arise.

In bicomplex space  $C_2$ , every number  $\xi$  possesses three types of conjugates. The  $i_1$  conjugate,  $i_2$  conjugate and  $i_2 i_1$  conjugate of  $\xi = z_1 + i_2 z_2 = x_1 + i_1 x_2 + i_2 x_3 + i_1 i_2 x_4 = {}^1\xi e_1 + {}^2\xi e_2$  are denoted by  $\bar{\xi}$ ,  $\xi^\sim$  and  $\xi^\#$  respectively, therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\xi} &= (x_1 - i_1 x_2) + i_2 (x_3 - i_1 x_4) \\ &= (\bar{z}_1 + i_2 \bar{z}_2) \\ &= (\bar{{}^2\xi} e_1 + \bar{{}^1\xi} e_2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\xi^{\sim} &= (x_1 + i_1 x_2) - i_2 (x_3 + i_1 x_4) \\
&= (z_1 - i_2 z_2) \\
&= ({}^2\xi e_1 + {}^1\xi e_2) \\
\xi^{\#} &= (x_1 - i_1 x_2) - i_2 (x_3 - i_1 x_4) \\
&= (\bar{z}_1 - i_2 \bar{z}_2) \\
&= (\overline{{}^1\xi} e_1 + \overline{{}^2\xi} e_2)
\end{aligned}$$

## II. CERTAIN RESULTS FROM BICOMPLEX MATRICES

### a) Some Definitions

#### 2.1.1 Bicomplex matrices

A matrix  $A = [\xi_{mn}]_{m \times n}$  whose entries belong in  $C_2$ , is said to be a bicomplex matrix i.e. we define

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \xi_{11} & \xi_{12} & \cdots & \xi_{1n} \\ \xi_{21} & \xi_{22} & \cdots & \xi_{2n} \\ - & - & - & - \\ \xi_{m1} & \xi_{m2} & \cdots & \xi_{mn} \end{bmatrix} \forall \xi_{pq} \in C_2$$

Where  $1 \leq p \leq m$  and  $1 \leq q \leq n$

Since every bicomplex number  $\xi$  has unique idempotent representation as complex combination of  $e_1$  and  $e_2$  as follows

$$\xi = z_1 + i_2 z_2 = (z_1 - i_1 z_2)e_1 + (z_1 + i_1 z_2)e_2$$

Therefore every bicomplex matrices  $A = [\xi_{mn}]_{m \times n}$  can be expressed uniquely as  ${}^1Ae_1 + {}^2Ae_2$  such that  ${}^1A = [z_{mn}]_{m \times n}$  and  ${}^2A = [w_{mn}]_{m \times n}$  are complex matrices.

#### 2.1.2 Bicomplex square matrices

A bicomplex matrix in which the number of rows is equal to the number of columns is called a bicomplex square matrix. i.e.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \xi_{11} & \xi_{12} & \cdots & \xi_{1n} \\ \xi_{21} & \xi_{22} & \cdots & \xi_{2n} \\ \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ \xi_{n1} & \xi_{n2} & \cdots & \xi_{nn} \end{bmatrix}; \xi_{pq} \in C_2; p, q = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

#### 2.1.3 Bicomplex diagonal matrices

A bicomplex square matrix  $A$  is called a diagonal matrix if all its non-diagonal elements are zero i.e.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \xi_{11} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \xi_{22} & \cdots & 0 \\ \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & \xi_{nn} \end{bmatrix}, \xi_{pq} \in C_2$$

### 2.1.4 Determinant of a bicomplex matrix

Let  $A = [\xi_{ij}]_{n \times n}$  be a bicomplex square matrix of order  $n$ , where  $n$  is some positive integer. The determinant of  $A$ , is defined as

$$\det A = |A| = \left| [\xi_{ij}] \right|, \quad \xi_{ij} \in C_2$$

$$\det A = |A| = \sum_{\sigma \in S_n} \text{Sig.}(\sigma) \prod_{i=1}^n \xi_{i\sigma(i)}$$

Where  $S_n$  is the group of all permutation on ' $n$ ' symbols.

### 2.1.5 Transpose of a bicomplex matrix

If  $A = [\xi_{mn}]_{m \times n}$  is any bicomplex matrix then  $A$  matrix of order  $n \times m$  obtained from ' $A$ ' by changing its rows into columns and its columns into rows is called transpose of ' $A$ ' and is denoted by  $A^T$ .

### 2.1.6 Cofactor and adjoint matrix of a matrix in $C_2$

Let  $A = [\xi_{ij}]_{n \times n}$  be a bicomplex square matrix of order  $n$  then cofactor of the entry  $\xi_{ij}$  is defined as  $(-1)^{i+j} \times$  the determinant obtained by leaving the row and the column (In the matrix  $A$ ) passing through the entry  $\xi_{ij} = \eta_{ij}$  (say).

Then the matrix  $[\eta_{ij}]_{n \times n}$  is defined as the cofactor matrix of  $A$  and the transpose of cofactor matrix of  $A$  is known as adjoint matrix of  $A$ . i.e.  $\text{Adj} A = [\eta_{ij}]_{n \times n}^T$

### 2.1.7 Bicomplex singular and non-singular matrix

A bicomplex Square matrix is said to be non-singular if  $|A| \notin O_2$  (set of all singular element in  $C_2$ ).

and If  $|A| \in O_2$  then it is called singular matrix.

### b) Algebraic structure of bicomplex Matrices

Let  $S$  be the set of all bicomplex square matrices of order  $n$ . Define binary compositions over  $S$  called addition "+", scalar multiplication "." and multiplication "×" as follows:

$$\text{Let } A = \begin{bmatrix} \xi_{11} & \xi_{12} & \cdots & \xi_{1n} \\ \xi_{21} & \xi_{22} & \cdots & \xi_{2n} \\ \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ \xi_{n1} & \xi_{n2} & \cdots & \xi_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \text{ and}$$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} \eta_{11} & \eta_{12} & \cdots & \eta_{1n} \\ \eta_{21} & \eta_{22} & \cdots & \eta_{2n} \\ \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ \eta_{n1} & \eta_{n2} & \cdots & \eta_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

be the arbitrary member of  $S$  and  $\alpha \in F$ , where  $F$  is either field of real numbers or complex numbers.

$$A + B = \begin{bmatrix} \xi_{11} + \eta_{11} & \xi_{12} + \eta_{12} & \dots & \xi_{1n} + \eta_{1n} \\ \xi_{21} + \eta_{21} & \xi_{22} + \eta_{22} & \dots & \xi_{2n} + \eta_{2n} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \xi_{n1} + \eta_{n1} & \xi_{n2} + \eta_{n2} & \dots & \xi_{nn} + \eta_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\alpha \cdot A = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \xi_{11} & \alpha \xi_{12} & \dots & \alpha \xi_{1n} \\ \alpha \xi_{21} & \alpha \xi_{22} & \dots & \alpha \xi_{2n} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \alpha \xi_{n1} & \alpha \xi_{n2} & \dots & \alpha \xi_{nn} \end{bmatrix}, \text{ and } A \times B = \begin{bmatrix} \xi_{11}\eta_{11} + \dots + \xi_{1n}\eta_{n1} & \dots & \xi_{11}\eta_{1n} + \dots + \xi_{1n}\eta_{nn} \\ \xi_{21}\eta_{11} + \dots + \xi_{2n}\eta_{n1} & \dots & \xi_{21}\eta_{1n} + \dots + \xi_{2n}\eta_{nn} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \xi_{n1}\eta_{11} + \dots + \xi_{nn}\eta_{n1} & \dots & \xi_{n1}\eta_{1n} + \dots + \xi_{nn}\eta_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

**2.2.1 Theorem:** The set of all bicomplex square matrices i.e “S” forms an algebra.

*Proof:*

a. *Additive abelian group structure*

• *Associativity:*

Let  $A = [\xi_{ij}]_{n \times n}$ ,  $B = [\eta_{ij}]_{n \times n}$  and  $C = [\varsigma_{ij}]_{n \times n}$  be the member of S and  $\alpha, \beta \in F$  then

$$A + (B + C) = \begin{bmatrix} \xi_{11} + (\eta_{11} + \varsigma_{11}) & \dots & \xi_{1n} + (\eta_{1n} + \varsigma_{1n}) \\ \xi_{21} + (\eta_{21} + \varsigma_{21}) & \dots & \xi_{2n} + (\eta_{2n} + \varsigma_{2n}) \\ \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \xi_{n1} + (\eta_{n1} + \varsigma_{n1}) & \dots & \xi_{nn} + (\eta_{nn} + \varsigma_{nn}) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(A + B) + C = \begin{bmatrix} (\xi_{11} + \eta_{11}) + \varsigma_{11} & \dots & (\xi_{1n} + \eta_{1n}) + \varsigma_{1n} \\ (\xi_{21} + \eta_{21}) + \varsigma_{21} & \dots & (\xi_{2n} + \eta_{2n}) + \varsigma_{2n} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots \\ (\xi_{n1} + \eta_{n1}) + \varsigma_{n1} & \dots & (\xi_{nn} + \eta_{nn}) + \varsigma_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

Since  $C_2$  is an algebra

Therefore  $A + (B + C) = (A + B) + C$

Identity:  $\forall A \in S \exists$  null matrix “0”  $\in S$  then  $A + 0 = A$  i.e

$$\begin{bmatrix} \xi_{11} & \xi_{12} & \dots & \xi_{1n} \\ \xi_{21} & \xi_{22} & \dots & \xi_{2n} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \xi_{n1} & \xi_{n2} & \dots & \xi_{nn} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \xi_{11} & \xi_{12} & \dots & \xi_{1n} \\ \xi_{21} & \xi_{22} & \dots & \xi_{2n} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \xi_{n1} & \xi_{n2} & \dots & \xi_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

So 0 is the additive identity.

• *Inverse:*

$\forall A \in S \exists -A \in S$  such that  $-A + A = 0$  i.e.

$$\begin{bmatrix} -\xi_{11} & -\xi_{12} & \dots & -\xi_{1n} \\ -\xi_{21} & -\xi_{22} & \dots & -\xi_{2n} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ -\xi_{n1} & -\xi_{n2} & \dots & -\xi_{nn} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \xi_{11} & \xi_{12} & \dots & \xi_{1n} \\ \xi_{21} & \xi_{22} & \dots & \xi_{2n} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \xi_{n1} & \xi_{n2} & \dots & \xi_{nn} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Therefore “-A” is the additive inverse of A.

- *Commutative:*

Since

$$A + B = \begin{bmatrix} \xi_{11} + \eta_{11} & \xi_{12} + \eta_{12} & \dots & \xi_{1n} + \eta_{1n} \\ \xi_{21} + \eta_{21} & \xi_{22} + \eta_{22} & \dots & \xi_{2n} + \eta_{2n} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \xi_{n1} + \eta_{n1} & \xi_{n2} + \eta_{n2} & \dots & \xi_{nn} + \eta_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

And

$$B + A = \begin{bmatrix} \eta_{11} + \xi_{11} & \eta_{12} + \xi_{12} & \dots & \eta_{1n} + \xi_{1n} \\ \eta_{21} + \xi_{21} & \eta_{22} + \xi_{22} & \dots & \eta_{2n} + \xi_{2n} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \eta_{n1} + \xi_{n1} & \eta_{n2} + \xi_{n2} & \dots & \eta_{nn} + \xi_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

Therefore  $A + B = B + A$  as  $C_2$  is an algebra.

So S is abelian group under addition

- Ring structure*

- *Closure:*

Since

$$A \times B = \begin{bmatrix} \xi_{11}\eta_{11} + \dots + \xi_{1n}\eta_{n1} & \dots & \xi_{11}\eta_{1n} + \dots + \xi_{1n}\eta_{nn} \\ \xi_{21}\eta_{11} + \dots + \xi_{2n}\eta_{n2} & \dots & \xi_{21}\eta_{1n} + \dots + \xi_{2n}\eta_{nn} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \xi_{n1}\eta_{11} + \dots + \xi_{nn}\eta_{n1} & \dots & \xi_{n1}\eta_{1n} + \dots + \xi_{nn}\eta_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

Therefore it is evident that  $A \times B \in S$

Therefore S is closed under multiplication

- *Associativity:*

$\forall A, B, C \in S$

Let  $A = [\xi_{ij}]_{n \times n}$ ,  $B = [\eta_{ij}]_{n \times n}$  and  $C = [\varsigma_{ij}]_{n \times n}$

The  $i^{th}j^{th}$  entry of  $(A \times B) \times C = [i^{th} \text{ row of } (A \times B)] \times [j^{th} \text{ column of } C]$

$= [i^{th} \text{ row of } A] \times B \times [j^{th} \text{ column of } C]$

Now the  $i^{th}j^{th}$  entry of  $A \times (B \times C) = [i^{th} \text{ row of } A] \times [j^{th} \text{ column of } (B \times C)]$

$= [i^{th} \text{ row of } A] \times B \times [j^{th} \text{ column of } C]$

Therefore the  $i^{th}j^{th}$  entry of  $(A \times B) \times C = i^{th}j^{th}$  entry of  $A \times (B \times C)$

Hence  $(A \times B) \times C = A \times (B \times C)$

*Distribution law:*

We can easily show that

$(A + B) \times C = A \times C + B \times C$  and  $A \times (B + C) = A \times B + A \times C$

## c. Linear space structure

$$\alpha.(A + B) = \alpha. \begin{bmatrix} \xi_{11} + \eta_{11} & \xi_{12} + \eta_{12} & \dots & \xi_{1n} + \eta_{1n} \\ \xi_{21} + \eta_{21} & \xi_{22} + \eta_{22} & \dots & \xi_{2n} + \eta_{2n} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \xi_{n1} + \eta_{n1} & \xi_{n2} + \eta_{n2} & \dots & \xi_{nn} + \eta_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \quad (1)$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \alpha(\xi_{11} + \eta_{11}) & \alpha(\xi_{12} + \eta_{12}) & \dots & \alpha(\xi_{1n} + \eta_{1n}) \\ \alpha(\xi_{21} + \eta_{21}) & \alpha(\xi_{22} + \eta_{22}) & \dots & \alpha(\xi_{2n} + \eta_{2n}) \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \alpha(\xi_{n1} + \eta_{n1}) & \alpha(\xi_{n2} + \eta_{n2}) & \dots & \alpha(\xi_{nn} + \eta_{nn}) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha\xi_{11} & \alpha\xi_{12} & \dots & \alpha\xi_{1n} \\ \alpha\xi_{21} & \alpha\xi_{22} & \dots & \alpha\xi_{2n} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \alpha\xi_{n1} & \alpha\xi_{n2} & \dots & \alpha\xi_{nn} \end{bmatrix} +$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \alpha\eta_{11} & \alpha\eta_{12} & \dots & \alpha\eta_{1n} \\ \alpha\eta_{21} & \alpha\eta_{22} & \dots & \alpha\eta_{2n} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \alpha\eta_{n1} & \alpha\eta_{n2} & \dots & \alpha\eta_{nn} \end{bmatrix} = \alpha. \begin{bmatrix} \xi_{11} & \xi_{12} & \dots & \xi_{1n} \\ \xi_{21} & \xi_{22} & \dots & \xi_{2n} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \xi_{n1} & \xi_{n2} & \dots & \xi_{nn} \end{bmatrix} + \alpha. \begin{bmatrix} \eta_{11} & \eta_{12} & \dots & \eta_{1n} \\ \eta_{21} & \eta_{22} & \dots & \eta_{2n} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \eta_{n1} & \eta_{n2} & \dots & \eta_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

Therefore  $\alpha.(A + B) = \alpha.A + \alpha.B$

$$(\alpha\beta).A = (\alpha\beta). \begin{bmatrix} \xi_{11} & \xi_{12} & \dots & \xi_{1n} \\ \xi_{21} & \xi_{22} & \dots & \xi_{2n} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \xi_{n1} & \xi_{n2} & \dots & \xi_{nn} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} (\alpha\beta)\xi_{11} & (\alpha\beta)\xi_{12} & \dots & (\alpha\beta)\xi_{1n} \\ (\alpha\beta)\xi_{21} & (\alpha\beta)\xi_{22} & \dots & (\alpha\beta)\xi_{2n} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ (\alpha\beta)\xi_{n1} & (\alpha\beta)\xi_{n2} & \dots & (\alpha\beta)\xi_{nn} \end{bmatrix} = \alpha. \begin{bmatrix} \beta\xi_{11} & \beta\xi_{12} & \dots & \beta\xi_{1n} \\ \beta\xi_{21} & \beta\xi_{22} & \dots & \beta\xi_{2n} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \beta\xi_{n1} & \beta\xi_{n2} & \dots & \beta\xi_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \quad (2)$$

Therefore  $(\alpha\beta).A = \alpha.(\beta.A)$

$$(\alpha + \beta).A = (\alpha + \beta). \begin{bmatrix} \xi_{11} & \xi_{12} & \dots & \xi_{1n} \\ \xi_{21} & \xi_{22} & \dots & \xi_{2n} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \xi_{n1} & \xi_{n2} & \dots & \xi_{nn} \end{bmatrix} = \alpha. \begin{bmatrix} \xi_{11} & \xi_{12} & \dots & \xi_{1n} \\ \xi_{21} & \xi_{22} & \dots & \xi_{2n} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \xi_{n1} & \xi_{n2} & \dots & \xi_{nn} \end{bmatrix} + \beta. \begin{bmatrix} \xi_{11} & \xi_{12} & \dots & \xi_{1n} \\ \xi_{21} & \xi_{22} & \dots & \xi_{2n} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \xi_{n1} & \xi_{n2} & \dots & \xi_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \quad (3)$$

Therefore  $(\alpha + \beta).A = \alpha.A + \beta.A$

(4) It is evident that  $1.A = A$  for all  $A$  in  $S$  and  $1 \in F$

## d. Consistency between multiplication and scalar multiplication

$$\alpha.(A \times B) = (\alpha.A) \times B = A \times (\alpha.B)$$

$$\alpha.(A \times B) = \alpha. \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} \xi_{11} & \xi_{12} & \dots & \xi_{1n} \\ \xi_{21} & \xi_{22} & \dots & \xi_{2n} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \xi_{n1} & \xi_{n2} & \dots & \xi_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} \eta_{11} & \eta_{12} & \dots & \eta_{1n} \\ \eta_{21} & \eta_{22} & \dots & \eta_{2n} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \eta_{n1} & \eta_{n2} & \dots & \eta_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\alpha. (A \times B) = \alpha. \begin{bmatrix} \xi_{11}\eta_{11} + \dots + \xi_{1n}\eta_{n1} & \dots & \xi_{11}\eta_{1n} + \dots + \xi_{1n}\eta_{nn} \\ \xi_{21}\eta_{11} + \dots + \xi_{2n}\eta_{n2} & \dots & \xi_{21}\eta_{1n} + \dots + \xi_{2n}\eta_{nn} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \xi_{n1}\eta_{11} + \dots + \xi_{nn}\eta_{n1} & \dots & \xi_{n1}\eta_{1n} + \dots + \xi_{nn}\eta_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \alpha(\xi_{11}\eta_{11}) + \dots + \alpha(\xi_{1n}\eta_{n1}) & \dots & \alpha(\xi_{11}\eta_{1n}) + \dots + \alpha(\xi_{1n}\eta_{nn}) \\ \alpha(\xi_{21}\eta_{11}) + \dots + \alpha(\xi_{2n}\eta_{n2}) & \dots & \alpha(\xi_{21}\eta_{1n}) + \dots + \alpha(\xi_{2n}\eta_{nn}) \\ \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \alpha(\xi_{n1}\eta_{11}) + \dots + \alpha(\xi_{nn}\eta_{n1}) & \dots & \alpha(\xi_{n1}\eta_{1n}) + \dots + \alpha(\xi_{nn}\eta_{nn}) \end{bmatrix}$$

Since  $C_2$  is an algebra

Therefore  $\alpha.(A \times B) = (\alpha.A) \times B = A \times (\alpha.B)$

Hence it proves that  $S$  is an algebra.

**2.2.2 Theorem:** Let  $A = [\xi_{ij}]_{n \times n}$  be a bicomplex square matrix then  $\det A = (\det^1 A) e_1 + (\det^2 A) e_2$ .

*Proof:*

Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \xi_{11} & \xi_{12} & \dots & \xi_{1n} \\ \xi_{21} & \xi_{22} & \dots & \xi_{2n} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \xi_{n1} & \xi_{n2} & \dots & \xi_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

From 2.1.4,

$$|A| = \left| \begin{bmatrix} \xi_{11} & \xi_{12} & \dots & \xi_{1n} \\ \xi_{21} & \xi_{22} & \dots & \xi_{2n} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \xi_{n1} & \xi_{n2} & \dots & \xi_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \right|$$

$$\therefore \det A = |A| = \sum_{\sigma \in S_n} \text{Sig.}(\sigma) \prod_{i=1}^n \xi_{i\sigma(i)}$$

$$= \left[ \sum_{\sigma \in S_n} \text{Sig.}(\sigma) \prod_{i=1}^n {}^1\xi_{i\sigma(i)} \right] e_1 + \left[ \sum_{\sigma \in S_n} \text{Sig.}(\sigma) \prod_{i=1}^n {}^2\xi_{i\sigma(i)} \right] e_2$$

As  $\xi \cdot \eta = ({}^1\xi {}^1\eta) e_1 + ({}^2\xi {}^2\eta) e_2$  and  $\xi + \eta = ({}^1\xi + {}^1\eta) e_1 + ({}^2\xi + {}^2\eta) e_2$

Since

$$\det {}^1A = \left| [{}^1\xi_{ij}]_{n \times n} \right|$$

$$= \left[ \sum_{\sigma \in S_n} \text{Sig.}(\sigma) \prod_{i=1}^n {}^1\xi_{i\sigma(i)} \right]$$

And

$$\det^2 A = \left| \left[ {}^2\xi_{ij} \right]_{n \times n} \right|$$

$$= \left[ \sum_{\sigma \in S_n} \text{Sig.}(\sigma) \prod_{i=1}^n {}^2\xi_{i\sigma(i)} \right]$$

Therefore  $\det A = (\det^1 A) e_1 + (\det^2 A) e_2$

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**2.2.3 Theorem:** If the determinant of A is non-singular then  $|{}^1A| \neq 0$  and  $|{}^2A| \neq 0$ .

*Proof:*

Suppose

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \xi_{11} & \xi_{12} & \cdots & \xi_{1n} \\ \xi_{21} & \xi_{22} & \cdots & \xi_{2n} \\ \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ \xi_{n1} & \xi_{n2} & \cdots & \xi_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

From 2.2.2,

$$\det A = (\det^1 A) e_1 + (\det^2 A) e_2$$

since  $\det A$  is non-singular

$$\text{therefore } \det A = [(\det^1 A) e_1 + (\det^2 A) e_2] \notin O_2$$

(Since  $({}^1\xi e_1 + {}^2\xi e_2) \notin O_2$  then  ${}^1\xi e_1$  and  ${}^2\xi e_2$  both are non-zero)

Hence  $|{}^1A| \neq 0$  and  $|{}^2A| \neq 0$

**2.2.4 Theorem:** Let A be a bicomplex matrix then  $A^T = {}^1A^T e_1 + {}^2A^T e_2$ .

*Proof:*

Let  $A = [\xi_{ij}]_{m \times n}$  be a bicomplex matrix then

$$A^T = \begin{bmatrix} \xi_{11} & \xi_{21} & \cdots & \xi_{m1} \\ \xi_{12} & \xi_{22} & \cdots & \xi_{m2} \\ \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ \xi_{1n} & \xi_{2n} & \cdots & \xi_{mn} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^T = \begin{bmatrix} {}^1\xi_{11} & {}^1\xi_{21} & \cdots & {}^1\xi_{m1} \\ {}^1\xi_{12} & {}^1\xi_{22} & \cdots & {}^1\xi_{m2} \\ \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ {}^1\xi_{1n} & {}^1\xi_{2n} & \cdots & {}^1\xi_{mn} \end{bmatrix} e_1 +$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} {}^2\xi_{11} & {}^2\xi_{21} & \dots & {}^2\xi_{m1} \\ {}^2\xi_{12} & {}^2\xi_{22} & \dots & {}^2\xi_{m2} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ {}^2\xi_{1n} & {}^2\xi_{2n} & \dots & {}^2\xi_{mn} \end{bmatrix} e_2$$

Therefore  $A^T = {}^1A^T e_1 + {}^2A^T e_2$

**2.2.5 Theorem:** Let  $A$  be a bicomplex square matrix then cofactor matrix of  $A = (\text{cofactor matrix of } {}^1A) e_1 + (\text{cofactor matrix of } {}^2A) e_2$ .

*Proof:*

Let  $A = [\xi_{ij}]_{n \times n}$  be a bicomplex square matrix then

${}^1A = [{}^1\xi_{ij}]_{n \times n}$  and  ${}^2A = [{}^2\xi_{ij}]_{n \times n}$

Now the  $i^{\text{th}} j^{\text{th}}$  entry of cofactor matrix of  $A$

= cofactor of the entry  $\xi_{ij}$

$= (-1)^{i+j} \times$  the determinant obtained by leaving the row and the column (in the matrix  $A$ ) passing through the entry  $\xi_{ij}$

$= (-1)^{i+j} \times [\{\text{the determinant obtained by leaving the row and the column (in the matrix } {}^1A) \text{ passing through the entry } {}^1\xi_{ij}\} e_1 + \{\text{the determinant obtained by leaving the row and the column (in the matrix } {}^2A) \text{ passing through the entry } {}^2\xi_{ij}\} e_2]$

$= (\text{cofactor of the entry } {}^1\xi_{ij} \text{ in the matrix } {}^1A) e_1 + (\text{cofactor of the entry } {}^2\xi_{ij} \text{ in the matrix } {}^2A) e_2$

Therefore the  $i^{\text{th}} j^{\text{th}}$  entry of cofactor matrix of  $A = (\text{The } i^{\text{th}} j^{\text{th}} \text{ entry of cofactor matrix of } {}^1A) e_1 + (\text{The } i^{\text{th}} j^{\text{th}} \text{ entry of cofactor matrix of } {}^2A) e_2$

Hence it proves that cofactor matrix of  $A = (\text{cofactor matrix of } {}^1A) e_1 + (\text{cofactor matrix of } {}^2A) e_2$

Theorem 2.2.4 and 2.2.5 submerge together to give a new corollary which is started below.

**2.2.6 Corollary:** If  $A = [\xi_{ij}]_{m \times n}$  is a bicomplex square matrix then  $\text{adj } A = [\text{adj } {}^1A] e_1 + [\text{adj } {}^2A] e_2$ .

c) *Inversion of bicomplex matrix by two techniques*

**2.3.1 Inverse of a bicomplex square matrix with the help of adjoint matrix**

Let  $A = [\xi_{ij}]_{n \times n}$  be a square and non-singular matrix whose elements are in  $C_2$  and From 2.1.1, 2.2.2 and 2.2.6

We have  $A = {}^1A e_1 + {}^2A e_2$ ,  $|A| = |{}^1A| e_1 + |{}^2A| e_2$

And  $\text{adj } A = [\text{adj } {}^1A] e_1 + [\text{adj } {}^2A] e_2$

Now

$A \times (\text{Adj. } A) = [{}^1A e_1 + {}^2A e_2] \times [\text{Adj.}({}^1A) e_1 + \text{Adj.}({}^2A) e_2]$

$= ({}^1A \cdot \text{Adj.}({}^1A)) e_1 + ({}^2A \cdot \text{Adj.}({}^2A)) e_2$  (since  $e_1 \cdot e_2 = 0$ )

$= (|{}^1A| \cdot I) e_1 + (|{}^2A| \cdot I) e_2$ ,

Since  ${}^1A$ ,  ${}^2A$  and  $I$  are complex matrices.

Therefore  $A \times (\text{Adj}.A) = (|{}^1A| e_1 + |{}^2A| e_2).I$ , where the matrix  $I$  is a bicomplex matrix. (since there is no difference between the identity matrix in  $C_1$  and the identity matrix in  $C_2$  of same order.)

Therefore  $A \times (\text{Adj}.A) = |A|.I$

$$\therefore |A| \notin O_2$$

$$\therefore A \times \frac{\text{Adj}A}{|A|} = I$$

$$\Rightarrow A^{-1} = \frac{\text{Adj}A}{|A|}$$

$$\therefore (|{}^1A| \neq 0 \text{ and } |{}^2A| \neq 0)$$

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$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{{}^1A.(\text{Adj} {}^1A)}{|{}^1A|} e_1 + \frac{{}^2A.(\text{Adj} {}^2A)}{|{}^2A|} e_2 \\ &= ({}^1A {}^1A^{-1}) e_1 + ({}^2A {}^2A^{-1}) e_2 \\ &= I e_1 + I e_2 = I \\ &= A \times \frac{\text{Adj}A}{|A|} \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $A^{-1} = \frac{\text{Adj}A}{|A|}$  and

$$A \times \frac{\text{Adj}A}{|A|} = \frac{{}^1A.(\text{Adj} {}^1A)}{|{}^1A|} e_1 + \frac{{}^2A.(\text{Adj} {}^2A)}{|{}^2A|} e_2$$

### 2.3.2 Inverse of bicomplex square matrix with the help of idempotent technique

If  $M = [\xi_{ij}]_{n \times n}$  is a square and nonsingular bicomplex matrix of order  $n$

Therefore  $M = {}^1M e_1 + {}^2M e_2$

Since  $|M| \notin O_2$  therefore  $|{}^1M| \neq 0$  and  $|{}^2M| \neq 0$

i.e.  ${}^1M$  and  ${}^2M$  are invertible. Let the inverse of both  ${}^1M$  and  ${}^2M$  be  $[z_{ij}]_{n \times n}$  and  $[w_{ij}]_{n \times n}$  respectively. Now construct a new matrix with the help of  $[z_{ij}]_{n \times n}$  and  $[w_{ij}]_{n \times n}$  as

$$[z_{ij}]_{n \times n} e_1 + [w_{ij}]_{n \times n} e_2 = [\eta_{ij}]_{n \times n} \text{ (say)}$$

Now we claim that  $[\eta_{ij}]_{n \times n}$  is the inverse of  $M$ .

Note that

$$\begin{aligned} [\xi_{ij}]_{n \times n} \times [\eta_{ij}]_{n \times n} &= \left( [{}^1\xi_{ij}]_{n \times n} e_1 + [{}^2\xi_{ij}]_{n \times n} e_2 \right) \times \left( [{}^1\eta_{ij}]_{n \times n} e_1 + [{}^2\eta_{ij}]_{n \times n} e_2 \right) \\ &= \left( [{}^1\xi_{ij}]_{n \times n} [{}^1\eta_{ij}]_{n \times n} \right) e_1 + \left( [{}^2\xi_{ij}]_{n \times n} [{}^2\eta_{ij}]_{n \times n} \right) e_2 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\begin{bmatrix} {}^1\eta_{ij} \end{bmatrix}_{n \times n} = \begin{bmatrix} z_{ij} \end{bmatrix}_{n \times n}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} {}^2\eta_{ij} \end{bmatrix}_{n \times n} = \begin{bmatrix} w_{ij} \end{bmatrix}_{n \times n}$

$$\therefore \begin{bmatrix} \xi_{ij} \end{bmatrix}_{n \times n} \times \begin{bmatrix} \eta_{ij} \end{bmatrix}_{n \times n} = I e_1 + I e_2 = I$$

Hence  $\begin{bmatrix} \eta_{ij} \end{bmatrix}_{n \times n}$  is the inverse of M.

### III. SOME SPECIAL BICOMPLEX MATRICES

#### a) Conjugates of a bicomplex matrix

As there are three types of conjugates of a bicomplex number, we have defined three types of conjugates of a bicomplex matrix.

##### 3.1.1 Definition: $i_1$ Conjugate of a bicomplex matrix

Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} \xi_{ij} \end{bmatrix}_{m \times n}$  be the bicomplex matrix then the  $i_1$  conjugate of matrix A written as  $\bar{A}$  is the matrix obtained from A by taken  $i_1$  conjugate of each entry of A. i.e.

$$\bar{A} = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{\xi}_{11} & \bar{\xi}_{12} & \dots & \bar{\xi}_{1n} \\ \bar{\xi}_{21} & \bar{\xi}_{22} & \dots & \bar{\xi}_{2n} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \bar{\xi}_{m1} & \bar{\xi}_{m2} & \dots & \bar{\xi}_{mn} \end{bmatrix}$$

The idempotent representation of  $\bar{A}$  can be obtained as follows

$$\bar{A} = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{\xi}_{11} & \bar{\xi}_{12} & \dots & \bar{\xi}_{1n} \\ \bar{\xi}_{21} & \bar{\xi}_{22} & \dots & \bar{\xi}_{2n} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \bar{\xi}_{m1} & \bar{\xi}_{m2} & \dots & \bar{\xi}_{mn} \end{bmatrix} e_1 + \begin{bmatrix} \bar{\xi}_{11} & \bar{\xi}_{12} & \dots & \bar{\xi}_{1n} \\ \bar{\xi}_{21} & \bar{\xi}_{22} & \dots & \bar{\xi}_{2n} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \bar{\xi}_{m1} & \bar{\xi}_{m2} & \dots & \bar{\xi}_{mn} \end{bmatrix} e_2$$

It is evident that

$$(a) \overline{(\bar{A})} = A$$

$$(b) \overline{kA} = \bar{k} \bar{A} \text{ where } k \in C_2$$

Similarly the definition of  $i_2$  and  $i_1 i_2$  conjugate of a bicomplex matrix is following.

##### 3.1.2 Definition: $i_2$ Conjugate of a bicomplex matrix

Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} \xi_{ij} \end{bmatrix}_{m \times n}$  be the bicomplex matrix then the  $i_2$  conjugate of matrix A written as  $A^{\sim}$  is the matrix obtained from A by taken  $i_2$  conjugate of each entry of A. i.e.

$$A^{\sim} = \begin{bmatrix} \xi_{11}^{\sim} & \xi_{12}^{\sim} & \dots & \xi_{1n}^{\sim} \\ \xi_{21}^{\sim} & \xi_{22}^{\sim} & \dots & \xi_{2n}^{\sim} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \xi_{m1}^{\sim} & \xi_{m2}^{\sim} & \dots & \xi_{mn}^{\sim} \end{bmatrix}$$

The idempotent representation of  $A^\sim$  can be obtained as follows:

$$A^\sim = \begin{bmatrix} 2\xi_{11} & 2\xi_{12} & \dots & 2\xi_{1n} \\ 2\xi_{21} & 2\xi_{22} & \dots & 2\xi_{2n} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 2\xi_{m1} & 2\xi_{m2} & \dots & 2\xi_{mn} \end{bmatrix} e_1 + \begin{bmatrix} 1\xi_{11} & 1\xi_{12} & \dots & 1\xi_{1n} \\ 1\xi_{21} & 1\xi_{22} & \dots & 1\xi_{2n} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 1\xi_{m1} & 1\xi_{m2} & \dots & 1\xi_{mn} \end{bmatrix} e_2$$

It is evident that

- (a)  $(A^\sim)^\sim = A$
- (b)  $(kA)^\sim = k^\sim A^\sim$  where  $k \in C_2$

### 3.1.3 Definition: $i_1 i_2$ Conjugate of a bicomplex matrix

Let  $A = [\xi_{ij}]_{m \times n}$  be the bicomplex matrix then the  $i_1 i_2$  conjugate of matrix  $A$  written as  $A^\#$  is the matrix obtained from  $A$  by taken  $i_1 i_2$  conjugate of each entry of  $A$ . i.e.

$$A^\# = \begin{bmatrix} \xi_{11}^\# & \xi_{12}^\# & \dots & \xi_{1n}^\# \\ \xi_{21}^\# & \xi_{22}^\# & \dots & \xi_{2n}^\# \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \xi_{m1}^\# & \xi_{m2}^\# & \dots & \xi_{mn}^\# \end{bmatrix}$$

The idempotent representation of  $A^\#$  can be obtained as follows:

$$A^\# = \begin{bmatrix} \overline{1\xi_{11}} & \overline{1\xi_{12}} & \dots & \overline{1\xi_{1n}} \\ \overline{1\xi_{21}} & \overline{1\xi_{22}} & \dots & \overline{1\xi_{2n}} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \overline{1\xi_{m1}} & \overline{1\xi_{m2}} & \dots & \overline{1\xi_{mn}} \end{bmatrix} e_1 + \begin{bmatrix} \overline{2\xi_{11}} & \overline{2\xi_{12}} & \dots & \overline{2\xi_{1n}} \\ \overline{2\xi_{21}} & \overline{2\xi_{22}} & \dots & \overline{2\xi_{2n}} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \overline{2\xi_{m1}} & \overline{2\xi_{m2}} & \dots & \overline{2\xi_{mn}} \end{bmatrix} e_2$$

It is evident that

- (a)  $(A^\#)^\# = A$
- (b)  $(kA)^\# = k^\# A^\#, k \in C_2$

### b) Tranjugate of a bicomplex matrix

The transpose of conjugate of a bicomplex matrix is defined as the tranjugate of the matrix. There are three types of tranjugates of a bicomplex matrix.

#### 3.2.1 Definition: $i_1$ tranjugate of a bicomplex matrix

The transpose of the  $i_1$  conjugate of a bicomplex matrix is defined as the  $i_1$  tranjugate of the matrix.

i.e. If  $A = [\xi_{ij}]_{m \times n}$  then

$$i_1 \text{ tranjugate of } A = [\bar{A}]^T = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{\xi}_{11} & \bar{\xi}_{21} & \dots & \bar{\xi}_{m1} \\ \bar{\xi}_{12} & \bar{\xi}_{22} & \dots & \bar{\xi}_{m2} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \bar{\xi}_{1n} & \bar{\xi}_{2n} & \dots & \bar{\xi}_{mn} \end{bmatrix}$$

Similarly

### 3.2.2 Definition: $i_2$ tranjugate of a bicomplex matrix

The transpose of the  $i_2$  conjugate of a bicomplex matrix is defined as the  $i_2$  tranjugate of the matrix.

i.e. If  $A = [\xi_{ij}]_{m \times n}$  then

$$i_2 \text{ tranjugate of } A = [A^\sim]^T = \begin{bmatrix} \xi_{11}^\sim & \xi_{21}^\sim & \dots & \xi_{m1}^\sim \\ \xi_{12}^\sim & \xi_{22}^\sim & \dots & \xi_{m2}^\sim \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \xi_{1n}^\sim & \xi_{2n}^\sim & \dots & \xi_{mn}^\sim \end{bmatrix}$$

### 3.2.3 Definition: $i_1 i_2$ tranjugate of a bicomplex matrix

The transpose of the  $i_1 i_2$  conjugate of a bicomplex matrix is defined as the  $i_1 i_2$  tranjugate of the matrix.

i.e. If  $A = [\xi_{ij}]_{m \times n}$  then

$$i_1 i_2 \text{ tranjugate of } A = [A^\#]^T = \begin{bmatrix} \xi_{11}^\# & \xi_{21}^\# & \dots & \xi_{m1}^\# \\ \xi_{12}^\# & \xi_{22}^\# & \dots & \xi_{m2}^\# \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \xi_{1n}^\# & \xi_{2n}^\# & \dots & \xi_{mn}^\# \end{bmatrix}$$

### c) Symmetric and skew – symmetric matrix in $C_2$

#### 3.3.1 Definition: Symmetric matrix

A bicomplex square matrix  $A = [\xi_{ij}]_{n \times n}$  is said to be symmetric if  $A = [A]^T$ . Thus for a symmetric matrix  $A$ , we have  $\xi_{ij} = \xi_{ji}$  for all  $i$  and  $j$

#### 3.3.2 Definition: Skew-symmetric matrix

A bicomplex square matrix  $A = [\xi_{ij}]_{n \times n}$  is said to be skew-symmetric if  $A = -[A]^T$ . Thus for a skew-symmetric matrix  $A$ , we have  $\xi_{ij} = -\xi_{ji}$  for all  $i$  and  $j$

#### 3.3.3 Theorem: The elements of principal diagonal of skew-symmetric matrix are zero.

*Proof:*

We know that a matrix  $A = [\xi_{ij}]_{n \times n}$  is skew - symmetric if and only if  $\xi_{ij} = -\xi_{ji}$  for all  $i$  and  $j$ . For diagonal element we have  $\xi_{ii} = -\xi_{ii}$  therefore

If  $\xi_{ii} = z_{ii} + i_2 w_{ii}$  then  $(z_{ii} + i_2 w_{ii}) = -(z_{ii} + i_2 w_{ii})$

Therefore  $z_{ii} = 0, w_{ii} = 0$

i.e.  $\xi_{ii} = 0$  for all  $i$

d) *Hermitian matrix in  $C_2$*

Corresponding to the three types of conjugates in  $C_2$ , there are three types of Hermitian matrix in  $C_2$ .

**3.4.1 Definition:**  $i_1$  Hermitian matrix

A bicomplex square matrix  $A$  is said to be  $i_1$  Hermitian matrix if  $A = [\bar{A}]^T$

**3.4.2 Theorem:** The elements of principal diagonal of an  $i_1$  Hermitian matrix are members of  $C(i_2)$ .

*Proof:*

Recall that  $A = [\xi_{ij}]_{n \times n}$  is  $i_1$  Hermitian matrix if and only if  $\xi_{ij} = \bar{\xi}_{ji} \forall i$  and  $j$ .

For diagonal element we have

$$\xi_{kk} = \bar{\xi}_{kk}$$

If  $\xi_{kk} = z_{kk} + i_2 w_{kk}$  then

$$z_{kk} + i_2 w_{kk} = \bar{z}_{kk} + i_2 \bar{w}_{kk}$$

$$\Rightarrow z_{kk} \in C_0 \text{ and } w_{kk} \in C_0$$

$$\Rightarrow \xi_{kk} \in C(i_2)$$

**3.4.3 Definition:**  $i_2$  Hermitian matrix

A bicomplex square matrix  $A$  is said to be  $i_2$  Hermitian matrix if  $A = [A^\sim]^T$

**3.4.4 Theorem:** The elements of principal diagonal of an  $i_2$  Hermitian matrix are members of  $C(i_1)$ .

*Proof:*

$A = [\xi_{ij}]_{n \times n}$  is  $i_2$  Hermitian matrix if and only if  $\xi_{ij} = \xi_{ji}^\sim \forall i$  and  $j$ .

For diagonal element we have

$$\xi_{kk} = \xi_{kk}^\sim$$

$$\text{If } \xi_{kk} = z_{kk} + i_2 w_{kk}$$

$$\Rightarrow z_{kk} + i_2 w_{kk} = z_{kk} - i_2 w_{kk}$$

$$\Rightarrow \xi_{kk} \in C(i_1)$$

**3.4.5 Definition:**  $i_1 i_2$  Hermitian matrix

A bicomplex square matrix  $A$  is said to be  $i_1 i_2$  Hermitian matrix if  $A = [A^\#]^T$

**3.4.6 Theorem:** The elements of principal diagonal of an  $i_1 i_2$  Hermitian matrix are members of  $H$ .

*Proof:*

$A = [\xi_{ij}]_{n \times n}$  is  $i_1 i_2$  Hermitian matrix if and only if  $\xi_{ij} = \xi_{ji}^\# \forall i$  and  $j$ .

For diagonal element we have

$$\xi_{kk} = \xi_{kk}^{\#}$$

$$\text{If } \xi_{kk} = z_{kk} + i_2 w_{kk}$$

$$\Rightarrow z_{kk} + i_2 w_{kk} = \bar{z}_{kk} - i_2 \bar{w}_{kk}$$

$$\Rightarrow z_{kk} \in C_0 \text{ and } w_{kk} \text{ is in the form of } i_1 y \text{ where } y \text{ in } C_0$$

$$\Rightarrow \xi_{kk} \in H$$

e) *Skew-Hermitian matrix in  $C_2$*

Analogous to the theory of Hermitian matrices, we have defined three types of skew-Hermitian matrices in  $C_2$ .

**3.5.1 Definition:**  $i_1$  skew-Hermitian matrix

A bicomplex square matrix  $A$  is said to be  $i_1$  skew-Hermitian matrix if  $A = -[\bar{A}]^T$

**3.5.2 Theorem:** The elements of principal diagonal of an  $i_1$  skew-Hermitian matrix are of the type of  $(i_1 \times s)$ , where  $s \in C(i_2)$ .

*Proof:*

Let  $A = [\xi_{ij}]_{n \times n}$  be an  $i_1$  skew-Hermitian matrix then  $\xi_{ij} = -\bar{\xi}_{ji}$ ; for all  $i$  and  $j$ .

For diagonal element we have

$$\xi_{kk} = -\bar{\xi}_{kk}$$

$$\text{If } \xi_{kk} = z_{kk} + i_2 w_{kk} \text{ then}$$

$$z_{kk} + i_2 w_{kk} = -(\bar{z}_{kk} + i_2 \bar{w}_{kk})$$

Therefore  $z_{kk} = -\bar{z}_{kk}$  and  $w_{kk} = -\bar{w}_{kk}$

Hence  $\xi_{kk} = i_1 \{\text{Im}(z_{kk})\} + i_2 i_1 \{\text{Im}(w_{kk})\} = i_1 \cdot s$  where  $s \in C(i_2)$

**3.5.3 Definition:**  $i_2$  skew-Hermitian matrix

A bicomplex square matrix  $A$  is said to be  $i_2$  skew-Hermitian matrix if  $A = -[A^{\sim}]^T$

**3.5.4 Theorem:** The elements of principal diagonal of an  $i_2$  skew-Hermitian matrix are of the type of  $(i_2 \times s)$ , where  $s \in C(i_1)$ .

*Proof:*

$A = [\xi_{ij}]_{n \times n}$  is an  $i_2$  skew-Hermitian matrix if and only if  $\xi_{ij} = -\xi_{ji}^{\sim}$ ; for all  $i$  and  $j$ .

For diagonal element we have

$$\xi_{kk} = -\xi_{kk}^{\sim}$$

$$\text{If } \xi_{kk} = z_{kk} + i_2 w_{kk} \text{ then}$$

$$z_{kk} + i_2 w_{kk} = -(z_{kk} - i_2 w_{kk})$$

Therefore  $z_{kk} = -z_{kk}$  i.e.  $z_{kk} = 0$

Hence  $\xi_{kk} = i_2(w_{kk}) = i_2 \cdot s$  where  $s = w_{kk} \in C(i_1)$

**3.5.5 Definition:**  $i_1 i_2$  skew-Hermitian matrix

A bicomplex square matrix  $A$  is said to be  $i_1 i_2$  skew-Hermitian matrix if  $A = -[A^\#]^T$

**3.5.6 Theorem:** The elements of principal diagonal of an  $i_1 i_2$  skew-Hermitian matrix are of the type of  $(i_1 \times s)$ , where  $s \in H$ .

*Proof:*

$A = [\xi_{ij}]_{n \times n}$  is an  $i_1 i_2$  skew-Hermitian matrix if and only if  $\xi_{ij} = -\xi_{ji}^\#$ ; for all  $i$  and  $j$ .

For diagonal element we have

$$\xi_{kk} = -\xi_{kk}^\#$$

If  $\xi_{kk} = z_{kk} + i_2 w_{kk}$  then

$$z_{kk} + i_2 w_{kk} = -(\bar{z}_{kk} - i_2 \bar{w}_{kk})$$

Therefore  $z_{kk} = -\bar{z}_{kk}$  and  $w_{kk} = \bar{w}_{kk}$

Hence

$$\xi_{kk} = i_1 \{\text{Im}(z_{kk})\} + i_2 \{\text{Re}(w_{kk})\}$$

i.e.

$$\xi_{kk} = i_1 \{\text{Im}(z_{kk})\} + i_1 i_1^{-1} i_2 \{\text{Re}(w_{kk})\}$$

$$= i_1 [\text{Im}(z_{kk}) - i_1 i_2 \text{Re}(w_{kk})]$$

$$= i_1 s; \text{ where } s \in H$$

**3.5.7 Theorem:**  $A$  is  $i_1$  Hermitian matrix if and only if  $i_1 A$  is  $i_1$  skew - Hermitian matrix.

*Proof:*

Let  $A$  be an  $i_1$  Hermitian matrix therefore

$$A = [\bar{A}]^T$$

$$\text{Now } [i_1 \bar{A}]^T = [\bar{i_1 A}]^T \quad \dots [\text{by 3.1.1}]$$

$$= -i_1 [\bar{A}]^T$$

$$= -i_1 A$$

$$\text{i.e. } i_1 A = -[i_1 \bar{A}]^T$$

$\Rightarrow i_1 A$  is  $i_1$  skew - Hermitian matrix.

*Converse:*

Let  $i_1 A$  be an  $i_1$  skew - Hermitian matrix

i.e.

$$i_1 A = -[i_1 \bar{A}]^T$$

$$= -[\bar{i_1 A}]^T$$

$$= i_1 [\bar{A}]^T$$

i.e.

$$A = [\bar{A}]^T$$

Hence  $A$  is  $i_1$  Hermitian matrix.

**3.5.8 Theorem:**  $A$  is  $i_2$  Hermitian matrix if and only if  $i_2 A$  is  $i_2$  skew - Hermitian matrix.

*Proof:*

Let  $A$  be an  $i_2$  Hermitian matrix therefore

$$A = [A^\sim]^T$$

Now

$$[(i_2 A)^\sim]^T = i_2^\sim [A^\sim]^T \quad \dots [\text{by 3.1.2}]$$

$$= -i_2 A$$

i.e.

$$i_2 A = -[(i_2 A)^\sim]^T$$

$\Rightarrow i_2 A$  is  $i_2$  skew - Hermitian matrix.

*Converse:*

Let  $i_2 A$  be an  $i_2$  skew - Hermitian matrix

i.e.

$$i_2 A = -[(i_2 A)^\sim]^T$$

$$= -[i_2^\sim A^\sim]^T$$

$$= i_2 [A^\sim]^T$$

i.e.

$$A = [A^\sim]^T$$

Hence  $A$  is  $i_2$  Hermitian matrix.

**3.5.9 Theorem:**  $A$  is  $i_1 i_2$  Hermitian matrix if and only if  $i_1 i_2 A$  is  $i_1 i_2$  Hermitian matrix.

*Proof:*

Let  $A$  be an  $i_1 i_2$  Hermitian matrix therefore

$$A = [A^\#]^T$$

Now

$$[(i_1 i_2 A)^\#]^T = i_1^\# i_2^\# [A^\#]^T \quad \dots [\text{by 3.1.3}]$$

$$= (-i_1)(-i_2)A$$

$$= i_1 i_2 A$$

$\Rightarrow i_1 i_2 A$  is  $i_1 i_2$  Hermitian matrix.

*Converse:*

Let  $i_1 i_2 A$  be  $i_1 i_2$  Hermitian matrix

i.e.

$$i_1 i_2 A = [i_1 i_2 A]^\#$$

$$= i_1^\# i_2^\# [A^\#]^T$$

$$= (-i_1)(-i_2)[A^\#]^T$$

$$= i_1 i_2 [A^\#]^T$$

i.e.

$$A = [A]^\#$$

Hence  $A$  is  $i_1 i_2$  Hermitian matrix.

It is evident that if  $A$  is  $i_1 i_2$  skew-Hermitian matrix then  $i_1 i_2 A$  will be also  $i_1 i_2$  skew-Hermitian matrix and vice versa.

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