# On Products of Polynomial Conjugate EPr Matrices

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#### Abstract

In this paper we disscuss the product of polynomial conjugate  $EP_r$  (con-  $EP_r$ ) matrices is polynomial con-  $EP_r$ .

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# **1.Introduction**

Throughout this paper we deal with complex polynomial square matrices. An  $n \times n$  square matrix  $A(\lambda)$  which is a polynomial in the scalar variable  $\lambda$  from a field C represented by  $A(\lambda) = A_m \lambda^m + A_{m-1} \lambda^{m-1} + \dots + A_1 \lambda + A_0$ where the leading coefficient  $A_m \neq 0$ ,  $A_i$ 's are square matrices in  $V_{n\times n}$  is defined a polynomial matrix. Any matrix A is said to be polynomial con-EPr if  $R(A) = R(A^{T})$  or equivalently  $N(A) = N(A^{T})$  or equivalently  $AA^+ = A^+A$  and is said to be polynomial con-  $EP_r$  if A is polynomial con-  $EP_r$  and  $\rho(A) = r$ , where R(A), N(A),  $\overline{A}$ ,  $A^{T}$  and  $\rho(A)$  denote the range space, null space, conjugate, transpose and rank of A respectively.  $A^{\dagger}$  denotes the Moore-Penrose

inverse of A satisfying the following four equations:(1) AXA = A, (2) XAX = X, (3)  $(AX)^* = AX$ , (4)  $(XA)^* = XA$  [2]. A\* is the conjugate transpose of A. In general product of two polynomial con- EP<sub>r</sub> matrices need not be polynomial con- EP<sub>r</sub>. For instance,  $\begin{bmatrix} \lambda i & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda i \end{bmatrix}$  are polynomial con- EP<sub>1</sub> matrices, but the product is not polynomial con- EP<sub>1</sub> matrix. The purpose of this paper is to answer the question of when the product of polynomial con- EP<sub>r</sub> matrices is

polynomial con- $EP_r$ , analogous to that of  $EP_r$ matrices studied by [1]. We shall make use of the following results on range space, rank and generalized inverse of a matrix.

- (1)  $R(A) = R(B) \Leftrightarrow AA^{\dagger} = BB^{\dagger}$
- (2)  $R(A^{\dagger}) = R(A^{*})$
- (3)  $\rho(A) = \rho(A^{\dagger})$  $\Rightarrow \rho(A^{T}) = \rho(\overline{A})$
- (4)  $(A^{\dagger})^{\dagger} = A$ .

# **2.**ON **PRODUCTS** OF **POLYNOMIAL CONJUGATE EP**<sub>**r**</sub> **MATRICES**

In this section, Explain the product of polynomial conjugate  $EP_r$  (con- $EP_r$ ) matrices is polynomial con- $EP_r$ 

# Theorem 2.1

Let  $A_1$  and  $A_n$  (n > 1) be polynomial con-  $EP_T$ matrices and let  $A = A_1A_2A_3....A_n$ . Then the following statements are equivalent.

- (i) A is polynomial con-  $EP_r$ .
- (ii)  $R(A_1) = R(A_n)$  and  $\rho(A) = r$
- (iii)  $R(A_1^*) = R(A_n^*)$  and  $\rho(A) = r$
- (iv)  $A^{\dagger}$  polynomial con-  $EP_r$ .

Proof:

(i)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (ii): Since  $R(A) \subseteq R(A_1)$  and  $rk(A) = rk(A_1)$  we get  $R(A) = R(A_1)$ . Similarly  $R(A^T) = R(A_n^T)$ .

Now, A is polynomial con-  $EP_r \Leftrightarrow R(A) = R(A^T)$ 

and  $\rho(A) = r$  (by definition of polynomial con-  $EP_r$ )

 $\Leftrightarrow R(A_1) = R(A_n^T) \text{ and } \rho(A) = r$  $\Leftrightarrow R(A_1) = R(A_n) \text{ and } \rho(A) = r$ 

(since  $A_n$  is polynomial con-  $EP_r$ )

$$R(A_1) = R(A_n) \iff A_1 A_1^{\dagger} = A_n A_n^{\dagger} \quad \text{(by result (1))}$$
$$\iff \overline{A_1 A_1^{\dagger}} = \overline{A_n A_n^{\dagger}}$$
$$\iff A_1^{\dagger} A_1 = A_n^{\dagger} A_n \quad \text{(since } A_1, A_n$$

are polynomial con- $EP_r$ )

$$\Leftrightarrow \mathbf{R}(\mathbf{A}_1^{\dagger}) = \mathbf{R}(\mathbf{A}_n^{\dagger})$$
 (by results

(1)and (4))

$$\Leftrightarrow R(A_1^*) = R(A_n^*)$$
 (by results (2))

Therefore,

$$R(A_1) = R(A_n)$$
 and  $\rho(A) = r \iff R(A_1^*) = R(A_n^*)$   
and  $\rho(A) = r$ .  
(iv)  $\iff$  (i):

 $A^{\dagger}$  is polynomial con-  $EP_{r} \Leftrightarrow R(A^{\dagger}) = R(A^{\dagger})^{T}$  and  $\rho(A^{\dagger}) = r$  (by definition of polynomial con-  $EP_{r}$ )  $\Leftrightarrow R(A^{\dagger}) = R(\overline{A})$  and  $\rho(A^{\dagger}) = r$ 

 $\Leftrightarrow R(A^T) = R(A) \text{ and } \rho(A) = r$ (by results (2)and (3))  $\Leftrightarrow A \text{ is polynomial con-} EP_r \,.$  Hence the theorem.

# **Corollary 2.2**

Let A and B be polynomial con- $EP_r$  matrices.

Then AB is a polynomial con-EP<sub>r</sub> matrices  $\Leftrightarrow \rho(AB) = r$  and R(A) = R(B).

Proof:

Proof follows from Theorem 1 for the product of two matrices  $\,A,B\,.$ 

#### Remark 2.3

In the above corollary both the conditions that  $\rho(AB) = r$  and R(A) = R(B) are essential for a product of two polynomial con- $EP_r$  matrices to be polynomial con- $EP_r$ . This can be seen in the following:

# Example 2.4

Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \lambda i \\ \lambda i & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $B = \begin{bmatrix} -\lambda i & 1 \\ 1 & \lambda i \end{bmatrix}$  be polynomial

con-  $EP_r$  matrices. Here R(A) = R(B),  $\rho(AB) \neq 1$ and AB is not polynomial con-  $EP_1$ .

# Example 2.5

Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda i & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda i & \lambda i \\ \lambda i & \lambda i \end{bmatrix}$  by

polynomial con-  $EP_r$  matrices. Here  $R(A) \neq R(B)$ ,  $\rho(AB) = 1$  and AB is not polynomial con-  $EP_1$ .

#### Remark 2.6

In particular for A = B, corollary 1 reduces to the following.

# **Corollary 2.7**

Let A be polynomial con-EP<sub>r</sub>. Then  $A^k$  is polynomial con-EP<sub>r</sub>  $\Leftrightarrow \rho(A^k) = r$ .

#### Theorem 2.8

Let  $\rho(AB) = \rho(B) = r_1$  and  $\rho(BA) = \rho(A) = r_2$ . If A B, B are con  $-EP_{r_1}$  and A is con  $-EP_{r_2}$ , then BA is con  $-EP_{r_2}$ .

# Proof

Since  $\rho(BA) = \rho(A) = r_2$ , it is enough to show that  $N(BA) = N(BA)^T$ .  $N(A) \subseteq N(BA)$  and  $\rho(BA) = \rho(A)$  implies N(BA) = N(A). Similarly N(AB) = N(B). Now,

N(BA) = N(A)

 $= N(A^T) \ \ (Since \ A \ is polynomial \ con- EP_r \ )$ 

$$\subseteq N(B^{T}A^{T})$$
  
= N((AB)<sup>T</sup>)  
= N(AB) (Since AB is polynomial

 $\operatorname{con-EP}_{r_i}$ )

$$= N(B^{T})$$
 (Since B is polynomial

 $\operatorname{con-EP}_r$ )

$$\subseteq N(A^{T}B^{T}) = N(BA^{T}).$$

Further,  $\rho(BA) = \rho(BA)^T$  implies  $N(BA) = N(BA)^T$ . Hence the Theorem.

# Lemma 2.9

If A, B are polynomial con-  $EP_{r}$  matrices and AB has rank r, then BA has rank r. *Proof:* 

$$\rho(AB) = \rho(B) - \dim(N(A) \cap N(B^*)^{\perp}).$$

Since  $\rho(AB) = \rho(B) = r$ ,  $N(A) \cap N(B^*)^{\perp} = 0$  $N(A) \cap N(B^*)^{\perp} = 0 \implies N(A) \cap N(\overline{B})^{\perp} = 0$  (Since B is polynomial con- EP<sub>r</sub>)

$$\Rightarrow N(\overline{A})^{\perp} \cap N(B) = 0$$
$$\Rightarrow N(A^{*})^{\perp} \cap N(B) = 0 \quad (\text{Since})$$

A is polynomial con-  $EP_r$  ).Now,

 $\rho(BA)=\rho(A)-dim\Bigl(N(B)\cap N(A^*)^{\bot}\Bigr)=r-0=r$  Hence the Lemma.

# Theorem 2.10

If A, B and AB AB are polynomial con-  $EP_r$  matrices, then BA is polynomial con-  $EP_r$ . *Proof:* 

Since A, B are polynomial con- $EP_r$  matrices and  $\rho(AB) = r$ , by Lemma 1,  $\rho(AB) = r$ . Now the result follows from Theorem 2, for  $r_1 = r_2 = r$ .

#### Remark 2.11

For any two polynomial con- $EP_r$  matrices A and B, since AB,  $\overline{AB}$ ,  $\overline{A^{\dagger}}B$ ,  $A\overline{B^{\dagger}}$ ,  $A^{\dagger}B^{\dagger}$ ,  $B^{\dagger}A^{\dagger}$  all have the same rank, the property of a matrix being polynomial con- $EP_r$  is preserved for its conjugate and Moore-Penrose inverse, by applying Corollary 1 for a pair of polynomial con- $EP_r$  matrices among A, B,  $A^{\dagger}$ ,  $B^{\dagger}$ ,  $\overline{A}$ ,  $\overline{B}$ ,  $\overline{A^{\dagger}}$ ,  $\overline{B^{\dagger}}$  and using the result 2, we can deduce the following.

# **Corollary 2.12**

 $\label{eq:left} \mbox{Let } A\,,B \mbox{ be polynomial con-} EP_r \mbox{ matrices}.$  Then the following statements are equivalent.

- (i) AB is polynomial con-  $EP_r$  matrices.
- (ii)  $\overline{AB}$  is polynomial con- $EP_r$  matrices.
- (iii)  $A^{\dagger} B$  is polynomial con-  $EP_{r}$  matrices.
- (iv)  $A\overline{B^{\dagger}}$  is polynomial con- EP<sub>r</sub> matrices
- (v)  $A^{\dagger} B^{\dagger}$  is polynomial con-  $EP_{r}$  matrices

(vi)  $B^{\dagger}A^{\dagger}$  is polynomial con-  $EP_{r}$  matrices

# Theorem 2.13

If A, B are polynomial con-EP<sub>r</sub> matrices.  $R(\overline{A}) = R(B)$  then  $(AB)^{\dagger} = B^{\dagger}A^{\dagger}$ .

Proof:

Since A is polynomial con-  $EP_{T}$  and  $R(\overline{A}) = R(B)$ , we have  $R(A^{\dagger}) = R(B)$ . That is given  $x \in C_{n}$  (the set of all  $n \times 1$  complex matrices) there exists a  $y \in C_{n}$  such that  $Bx = A^{\dagger}y$ . Now,

$$Bx = A^{\dagger}y \Longrightarrow B^{\dagger}A^{\dagger}ABx = B^{\dagger}A^{\dagger}AA^{\dagger}y = B^{\dagger}A^{\dagger}y$$
$$\Rightarrow B^{\dagger}Bx$$

Since  $B^{\dagger}B$  is hermitian, it follows that  $B^{\dagger}A^{\dagger}AB$  is hermitian. Similarly,  $R(A^{\dagger}) = R(B)$  implies  $ABB^{\dagger}A^{\dagger}$  is hermitian. Further by result (1),  $A^{\dagger}A = BB^{\dagger}$ . Hence,

$$AB(B^{\dagger}A^{\dagger})AB = ABB^{\dagger}(BB^{\dagger})B$$

$$= AB$$

$$(B^{\dagger}A^{\dagger})AB(B^{\dagger}A^{\dagger}) = B^{\dagger}(BB^{\dagger})BB^{\dagger}A^{\dagger}$$

$$= B^{\dagger}A^{\dagger}$$

Thus  $B^{\dagger}A^{\dagger}$  satisfies the defining equations of the Moore-Penrose inverse, that is,  $(AB)^{\dagger} = B^{\dagger}A^{\dagger}$ . Hence the theorem.

#### Remark 2.14

In the above Theorem, the condition that R(A) = R(B) is essential.

# Example 2.15

Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda i & \lambda i \\ \lambda i & \lambda i \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda i & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  Here A and B are polynomial con-EP<sub>1</sub> matrices,  $\rho(AB) = 1$ ,  $R(\overline{A}) \neq R(B)$  and  $(AB)^{\dagger} \neq B^{\dagger}A^{\dagger}$ 

#### Remark 2.16

The converse of Theorem 4, need not be true in general. For,

Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda i & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda i \end{bmatrix}$ . A and B are polynomial con- EPr matrices, such that  $(AB)^{\dagger} = B^{\dagger}A^{\dagger}$ , but  $R(\overline{A}) \neq R(B)$ .

Next to establish the validity of the converse of the Theorem 4, under certain condition, first let us prove a Lemma.

# Lemma 2.17

Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} E & F \\ G & H \end{bmatrix}$  be an  $n \times n$  polynomial con-

 $EP_r$  matrix where E is an r×r matrix and if [EF] has rankr then E is nonsingular. Moreover there is

an  $(n-r) \times r$  matrix K such that  $A = \begin{bmatrix} E & EK^T \\ KE & KEK^T \end{bmatrix}$ . Proof:

Since A is polynomial con-EPr,  $\begin{bmatrix} I_r & 0\\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  is polynomial con- $EP_r$  and [EF] has rank r, the product  $\begin{bmatrix} I_r & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} E & F \\ G & H \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} E & F \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  is a product of polynomial con-EPr matrices which has rank r. Lemma 1 the Therefore product by  $\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{E} & \mathbf{F} \\ \mathbf{G} & \mathbf{H} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I}_{\mathbf{r}} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{E} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{G} & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix}$  has rank **r**. Hence there is an  $(n-r) \times r$  matrix K and an  $r \times (n-r)$  matrix L such that G = KE, F = EL, and E is nonsingular.

Therefore, 
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} E & EL \\ KE & KEL \end{bmatrix}$$

Now, set 
$$\mathbf{C} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I}_{r} & 0 \\ -\mathbf{K} & \mathbf{I}_{n-r} \end{bmatrix}$$
 and consider  
 $\mathbf{CAC}^{\mathrm{T}} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I}_{r} & 0 \\ -\mathbf{K} & \mathbf{I}_{n-r} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{E} & \mathbf{EL} \\ \mathbf{KE} & \mathbf{KEL} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I}_{r} & -\mathbf{K}^{\mathrm{T}} \\ 0 & \mathbf{I}_{n-r} \end{bmatrix}$   
 $= \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{E} & \mathbf{EL} \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I}_{r} & -\mathbf{K}^{\mathrm{T}} \\ 0 & \mathbf{I}_{n-r} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{E} & -\mathbf{EK}^{\mathrm{T}} + \mathbf{EL} \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$   
 $\mathbf{CAC}^{\mathrm{T}}$  is polynomial con-  $\mathbf{EP}_{r}$  From

 $N(A) = N(CAC^{T})$  it follows that  $EL-EK^{T} = 0$ , and so  $L = K^{T}$ , completing the proof.

#### Theorem 2.18

A.Bare If polynomial con- EP<sub>r</sub> matrices,  $\rho(AB) = r$  and  $(AB)^{\dagger} = B^{\dagger}A^{\dagger}$ , then  $R(\overline{A}) = R(B)$ . Proof:

Since A is polynomial con- $EP_r$ , by Theorem 3 in [3], there is a unitary matrix U such that,

$$\mathbf{U}^{\mathrm{T}}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{U} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{D} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix}, \text{ where } \mathbf{D} \text{ is } \mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{r} \text{ nonsingular}$$
matrix.

Set 
$$U^* B \overline{U} = \begin{bmatrix} B_1 & B_2 \\ B_3 & B_4 \end{bmatrix}$$
  
 $U^T A B \overline{U} = U^T A U U^* B \overline{U} = \begin{bmatrix} D & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} B_1 & B_2 \\ B_3 & B_4 \end{bmatrix}$   
 $= \begin{bmatrix} D B_1 & D B_2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$   
 $= \begin{bmatrix} D & 0 \\ 0 & I_{n-r} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} B_1 & B_2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  has

rankr and thus.

$$U^{*}BAU = U^{*}B\overline{U}U^{T}AU = \begin{bmatrix} B_{1} & B_{2} \\ B_{3} & B_{4} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} D & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{bmatrix} B_{1}D & 0 \\ B_{3}D & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{bmatrix} B_{1} & 0 \\ B_{3} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} D & 0 \\ 0 & I_{n-r} \end{bmatrix} has$$
rank r . It follows that 
$$\begin{bmatrix} B_{1} & B_{2} \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} and \begin{bmatrix} B_{1} & 0 \\ B_{3} & 0 \end{bmatrix} have$$

rank r, so that  $\mathbf{B}_1$  is nonsingular.

By Lemma 2,  $U^*B\overline{U} = \begin{bmatrix} B_1 & B_1K^T \\ KB_1 & KB_1K^T \end{bmatrix}$ with  $\rho(U^*B\overline{U}) = \rho(B_1) = r$ . By using Penrose representation for the generalized inverse [4], we get  $(\mathbf{U}^{*}\mathbf{B}\,\overline{\mathbf{U}})^{\dagger} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{B}_{1}^{*}\mathbf{P}\mathbf{B}_{1}^{*} & \mathbf{B}_{1}^{*}\mathbf{P}\mathbf{B}_{1}^{*}\mathbf{K}^{*} \\ \overline{\mathbf{K}}\mathbf{B}_{1}^{*}\mathbf{P}\mathbf{B}_{1}^{*} & \overline{\mathbf{K}}\mathbf{B}_{1}^{*}\mathbf{P}\mathbf{B}_{1}^{*}\mathbf{K}^{*} \end{bmatrix}$ where  $P = (B_1 B_1^* + B_1 K^T \overline{K} B_1^*)^{-1} B_1 (B_1^* B_1 + B_1^* K^* K B_1)^{-1}$  $\mathbf{U}^{\mathrm{T}}\mathbf{B}^{\dagger}\mathbf{U} = (\mathbf{U}^{*}\mathbf{B}\,\overline{\mathbf{U}})^{\dagger} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{Q} & \mathbf{Q}\mathbf{K}^{*} \\ \overline{\mathbf{K}}\mathbf{Q} & \overline{\mathbf{K}}\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{K}^{*} \end{bmatrix} \text{ where }$  $Q = (I + K^T \overline{K})^{-1} B_1^{-1} (I + K^* K)^{-1}$  $\mathbf{U}^* \mathbf{A}^{\dagger} \overline{\mathbf{U}} = (\mathbf{U}^{\mathrm{T}} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{U})^{\dagger} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{D}^{-1} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix}$  $\mathbf{U}^{\mathrm{T}}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{B}\overline{\mathbf{U}} = \mathbf{U}^{\mathrm{T}}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{B}\overline{\mathbf{U}}(\mathbf{U}^{\mathrm{T}}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{B}\overline{\mathbf{U}})^{\dagger}\mathbf{U}^{\mathrm{T}}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{B}\overline{\mathbf{U}}$  $= U^{T}AB\overline{U}(U^{T}(AB)^{\dagger}\overline{U})U^{T}AB\overline{U}$  (since U is unitary)  $= U^{T}AB\overline{U}(U^{T}B^{\dagger}A^{\dagger}\overline{U})U^{T}AB\overline{U}$ (byhypothesis)  $= U^{T}AB\overline{U}(U^{T}B^{\dagger}U)(U^{*}A^{\dagger}\overline{U})U^{T}AB\overline{U}$ (since U is unitary). On simplification, we get,  $DB_1QB_1 + DB_2\overline{K}QB_1 = DB_1$  $\Rightarrow$  DB<sub>1</sub>(I+B<sub>1</sub><sup>-1</sup>B<sub>2</sub> $\overline{K}$ )QB<sub>1</sub> = DB<sub>1</sub> Since  $B_2 = B_1 K^T$ ,  $QB_1 = (I + K^T \overline{K})^{-1}$ . Hence  $(I + K^T \overline{K}) = (QB_1)^{-1} = I$ . Thus  $K^T \overline{K} = 0$  which implies  $K^*K = 0$  so that K = 0.  $\mathbf{U}^{*}\mathbf{B}\mathbf{\overline{U}} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{B}_{1} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \end{vmatrix}$  $U^{T}AU = \begin{bmatrix} D & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ 

$$\Rightarrow U^* \overline{A} \overline{U} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ \overline{D} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Since  $\overline{D}$  and  $B_1$  are  $r \times r$  nonsingular matrices we have

$$\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{\overline{D}}) = \mathbf{R}(\mathbf{B}_1) \Longrightarrow \mathbf{R}\left(\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{\overline{D}} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix}\right) = \mathbf{R}\left(\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{B}_1 & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow R(U^* \overline{A} \overline{U}) = R(U^* B \overline{U})$$
$$\Rightarrow R(\overline{A}) = R(B).$$

Hence the Theorem.

#### Theorem 2.19

Let A, B are polynomial con-EPr matrices,  $\rho(AB) = r$  and  $(AB)^{\dagger} = B^{\dagger}A^{\dagger}.$ then AB is polynomial con- EPr. Proof:  $R(B) = R(B^{T})$  (Since B is polynomial con-EP<sub>r</sub>)  $\Rightarrow R(\overline{B}) = R(B^*)$  $= R(B^*A^*)$  (Since  $= R(B^*A^*) \subset R(B^*)$ and  $\rho(AB)^* = \rho(AB) = r = \rho(B^*)$  $= R(AB)^* = R(AB)^{\dagger}$  (by result (2))  $= R(A^{\dagger}B^{\dagger})$  (by hypothesis)  $\subseteq R(A^{\dagger}) = R(A^{\ast}) = R(\overline{A})$  (by result (2) and A is polynomial con- $EP_r$ ).  $\Rightarrow$  R( $\overline{B}$ ) = R( $\overline{A}$ )  $\Rightarrow$  R(B) = R(A)

Since  $\rho(AB) = r R(B) = R(A)$ , by Corollary 1, AB is polynomial con-  $EP_r$ . Hence the Theorem.

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