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## RESEARCH ARTICLE

### PRODUCTS OF CONJUGATE SECONDARY NORMAL MATRICES

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#### ABSTRACT

Studying metabolites In this paper, the properties of the products of conjugate secondary normal (con-s-normal) matrices are developed, their relation, in a sense, to s-normal matrices is considered and further results concerning s-normal products are obtained.

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#### INTRODUCTION

Let  $C_{n \times n}$  be the space of  $n \times n$  complex matrices of order  $n$ . For  $A \in C_{n \times n}$ , let  $A^t, \bar{A}, A^*, A^s, A^\theta$  and  $A^{-1}$  denote the transpose, conjugate, conjugate transpose, secondary transpose, conjugate secondary transpose and inverse of matrix  $A$  respectively. The conjugate secondary transpose of  $A$  satisfies the following properties such as

$$(A^\theta)^\theta = A, (A+B)^\theta = A^\theta + B^\theta, (AB)^\theta = B^\theta A^\theta. \text{ Etc}$$

##### Definition 1

A matrix  $A \in C_{n \times n}$  is said to be normal if  $AA^* = A^*A$ .

##### Definition 2

A Matrix  $A \in C_{n \times n}$  is said to be conjugate normal (con-normal) if  $AA^* = \overline{A^*A}$ .

##### Definition 3

A matrix  $A \in C_{n \times n}$  is said to be secondary normal (s-normal) if  $AA^\theta = A^\theta A$ .

##### Definition 4

A matrix  $A \in C_{n \times n}$  is said to be unitary if  $AA^* = A^*A = I$ .

##### Definition 5

A matrix  $A \in C_{n \times n}$  is said to be s-unitary if  $AA^\theta = A^\theta A = I$ .

##### Definition 6 [2]

A matrix  $A \in C_{n \times n}$  is said to be a conjugate secondary normal matrix (con-s-normal) if  $AA^\theta = \overline{A^\theta A}$  where  $A^\theta = \overline{A^s}$ .

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## Properties of Con-s-Normal Matrices

### Theorem 1

A matrix  $A$  is con-s-normal iff there exists an s-unitary matrix  $U$  such that  $UAU^S$  is a direct sum of non-negative real numbers and of  $2 \times 2$  matrices of the form:  $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ -b & a \end{bmatrix}$  where  $a$  and  $b$  are non-negative real numbers.

### Proof

Let  $A$  be con-s-normal where  $A = P+Q$  where  $P = P^S$  and  $Q = -Q^S$ . Then  $A\bar{A}^S = A^S\bar{A}$  gives

$$(P+Q)(\bar{P}^S + \bar{Q}^S) = (P^S + Q^S)(\bar{P} + \bar{Q}) \text{ or } (P+Q)(\bar{P} + \bar{Q}) = (P-Q)(\bar{P} + \bar{Q}) \text{ and so:}$$

$$P\bar{P} + Q\bar{P} - P\bar{Q} - Q\bar{Q} = P\bar{P} - Q\bar{P} + P\bar{Q} - Q\bar{Q} \text{ or } Q\bar{P} - P\bar{Q}.$$

There exists a s-unitary  $U$  such that  $USU^S = D$  is a secondary diagonal matrix with real, non-negative elements. Therefore  $UQU^S\bar{U}^S\bar{P}^S\bar{U}^S = UPU^S\bar{U}^S\bar{Q}^S\bar{U}^S$  or  $WD = D\bar{W}$  where  $W = -W^S$ . Let  $U$  be chosen so that  $D$  is such that  $d_i \geq d_j \geq 0$  for  $i < j$  where  $d_i$  is the  $i^{\text{th}}$  secondary diagonal element of  $D$ .  $W = (t_{ij})$ , where  $t_{ji} = -t_{ij}$  then  $t_{ij}d_j = d_i\bar{t}_{ij}$ , for  $j > i$ , and 3 possibilities may occur: if  $d_j = d_i \neq 0$ , then  $t_{ij}$  is real; if  $d_j = d_i = 0$ ,  $t_{ij}$  is arbitrary (through  $W = -W^S$  still holds); and if  $d_j \neq d_i$ , then  $t_{ij} = 0$  for if  $t_{ij} = a+ib$  then  $(a+ib)d_j = d_i(a-ib)$  and  $a(d_j - d_i) = 0$  implies  $a=0$  and  $b(d_i + d_j) = 0$  implies  $d_i = -d_j$  (which is not possible since the  $d_i$  are real and non-negative and  $d_j \neq d_i$ ) or  $b=0$  so  $t_{ij}=0$ . So if

$UPU^S = d_1I_1 \oplus d_2I_2 \oplus \dots \oplus d_kI_k$  where  $\oplus$  denotes direct sum, then  $UQU^S = T_1 \oplus T_2 \oplus \dots \oplus T_k$  where  $Q_i = -Q_i^S$  is real and  $Q_k = -Q_k^S$  is complex iff  $d_k = 0$ . For each real  $Q_i$  there exists a real-s-orthogonal matrix  $V_i$  so that  $V_iT_iV_i^S$  is direct sum of

zero matrices and matrices of the form  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & b \\ -b & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  where  $b$  is real (Bellman, 1960). If  $Q_k = -Q_k^S$  is complex, there exists a

complex s-unitary matrix  $V_k$  such that  $V_kQ_kV_k^S$  is a direct sum of matrices of the form [3] so that if  $V = V_1 \oplus V_2 \oplus \dots \oplus V_k$  then  $VUPU^S V^S = D$  and  $VUQU^S V^S = F$  the direct sum. Therefore  $VUAU^S V^S = D + F$  this is the desired form. If  $A$  and  $B$  are two con-s-normal matrices such that  $A\bar{B} = \bar{B}A$  then  $A$  and  $B$  can be simultaneously brought into the above secondary normal form under the same  $U$  (with a generalization to a finite number) but not conversely; if  $A$  is con-s-normal,  $A\bar{A}$  is s-normal in the usual sense, but not conversely; and if  $A$  is con-s-normal and  $A\bar{A}$  is real, there is a real secondary orthogonal matrix which gives the above form. Among properties of con-s-normal matrices not obtained but of subsequent use are the following:

- $A$  is con-s-normal iff  $A = HU = UH^S$  where  $H$  is s-hermitian and  $U$  is s-unitary.
- For if  $A = HU$  is a polar form of  $A$ , then  $\bar{U}^S HU = K$  is such that  $A = HU = UK$  and if  $A\bar{A}^S = A^S A$ , then  $H^2 = (K^S)^2$  and since this is an s-hermitian matrix with non-negative roots,  $H = K^S$  and  $A = HU = UH^S$ . The converse is immediate. This same result may be seen as follows. If  $UAU^S = F$  is the s-normal form in **Theorem 1**,  $F = D_r V = V D_r$  where  $D_r$  is real secondary diagonal and  $V$  is a direct sum of  $1$ 's block of the form  $(a^2 + b^2)^{-1/2} \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ -b & a \end{bmatrix}$  which are s-unitary.

Therefore  $A = \bar{U}^S D_r U \bar{U}^S V \bar{U} = \bar{U}^S V \bar{U} U^S D_r \bar{U}$  which exhibits the polar form in another guise.

- $A$  is both s-normal and con-s-normal iff  $A = HU = UH = UH^S$  so  $H = H^S = \bar{H}^S$  so that  $H$  is real.
- If  $A = HU = UH^S$  is con-s-normal, then  $UH$  is con-s-normal iff  $HU^2 = U^2 H$ , that is  $HU^2$  is s-normal. For if  $UH$  is con-s-normal,  $UH = H^S U$  so that  $HU^2 = UH^S U = U^2 H$ ; and if  $HU^2 = U^2 H$ , then  $HUU = UH^S U = UUH$  or  $H^S U = UH$ .

- A matrix  $A$  is con-s-normal, iff  $A$  can be written  $A = PW = \overline{W}P$  where  $P = P^S$  and  $W$  is s-unitary. If  $A$  is con-s-normal, form the above  $A = \overline{U}^S F \overline{U} = \overline{U}^S D_r \overline{U} U^S V \overline{U} = PW = \overline{U}^S V U \overline{U}^S D_r \overline{U} = \overline{W}P$  where  $P = \overline{U}^S D_r \overline{U}$  s-symmetric and  $W = U^S V \overline{U}$  is s-unitary. Conversely, if  $A = PW = \overline{W}P$ ,  $A \overline{A}^S = PW \overline{W}^S \overline{P}^S = A^S \overline{A} = P^S \overline{W}^S \overline{P}$ .

Note that if  $B$  is con-s-normal, and if  $B = PU$  where  $P = P^S$  and  $U$  is s-unitary, it does not necessarily follow that  $B = \overline{U}P$ ; but it possible to find on  $P_l$  and  $U_l$  such that  $B = P_l U_l = \overline{U}_l P_l$  holds. This may be seen as follows. If  $B = PU$  is con-s-normal, Let  $V$  bes-unitary such that  $V P V^S = D$  is secondary diagonal, real and non negative, so that  $V B V^S = V P V^S \overline{V} U V^S = D W$  is con-s-normal from which  $D W \overline{W}^S \overline{D} = W^S D^S \overline{D} \overline{W}$  or since  $D$  is real,  $W D^2 = D^2 W$  and  $W D = D W$  since  $D$  is non-negative. Then  $B = (\overline{V}^S D V) (V^S W \overline{V}) = P U = (\overline{V}^S W V) (\overline{V}^S D \overline{V})$  which is not necessarily equal to  $\overline{U}P = (\overline{V}^S \overline{W} V) (\overline{V}^S D \overline{V})$  However, if  $D = r_1 I_1 \oplus r_2 I_2 \oplus \dots \oplus r_k I_k$ ,  $r_i > r_j$  for  $i > j$ , then  $W = W_1 \oplus W_2 \oplus \dots \oplus W_k$ .

Since each  $W_i$  is s-unitary, it is con-s-normal and there exist s-unitary  $X_i$  so that  $X_i W_i X_i^S = F_i$  is in the real s-normal form of

**Theorem 1** if  $X = X_1 \oplus X_2 \oplus \dots \oplus X_k$ , then  $X V B V^S X^S = X D W X^S = D X W X^S = D F = F D$  where  $F = F_1 \oplus F_2 \oplus \dots \oplus F_k$ .

So

$$\begin{aligned}
 B &= (\overline{V}^S \overline{X}^S D \overline{X} \overline{V}) (V^S X^S F \overline{X} \overline{V}) \\
 &= (\overline{V}^S \overline{X}^S F X V) (\overline{V}^S \overline{X}^S D \overline{X} \overline{V}) = P_l U_l = \overline{U}_l^S P_l \text{ and} \\
 P_l &= \overline{V}^S \overline{X}^S D \overline{X} \overline{V} \neq \overline{V}^S D \overline{V} = P \text{ and} \\
 U_l &= V^S X^S F \overline{X} \overline{V} \neq V^S W \overline{V} = U.
 \end{aligned}$$

**Products of s-Normal Matrices**

If  $A, B$  and  $AB$  are s-normal matrices then  $BA$  is s-normal; a necessary and sufficient condition that the product  $AB$ , of two s-normal matrices  $A$  and  $B$  be s-normal is that each commute with the s-hermitian polar matrix of the other. First a generalization of this theorem is obtained here and then an analog for the con-s-normal case is developed.

**Theorem 2**

Let  $A$  be an s-normal matrix. Then  $AB$  and  $BA$  are s-normal iff  $(\overline{A}^S A) B = B (\overline{A}^S A)$  and  $(\overline{B}^S B) A = A (\overline{B}^S B)$ . (In a sense, the latter condition might be described as stating that each matrix is s-normal relative to the other).

**Proof**

If  $AB$  and  $BA$  are s-normal, Let  $U$  be a unitary matrix such that  $U A \overline{U}^S = D$  is secondary diagonal.  $d_i \overline{d}_i \geq d_j \overline{d}_j \geq 0$  for  $i < j$ , and let  $U B \overline{U}^S = B_1 = (b_{ij})$ . From  $A B \overline{B}^S \overline{A}^S = \overline{B}^S \overline{A}^S A B$  it follows that  $D B_1 \overline{B}_1^S \overline{D} = \overline{B}^S \overline{D} D B_1$ ; by equating secondary diagonal elements it follows that  $\sum_{j=1}^n d_i \overline{d}_i b_{ij} \overline{b}_{ij} = \sum_{j=1}^n d_j \overline{d}_j b_{ji} \overline{b}_{ji}$  for  $i=1,2,\dots,n$ . Similarly from  $B A \overline{A}^S \overline{B}^S = \overline{A}^S \overline{B}^S B A$  follows  $B_1 \overline{D} D \overline{B}_1^S = \overline{D} \overline{B}_1^S B_1 D$  and  $\sum_{j=1}^n d_j \overline{d}_j b_{ij} \overline{b}_{ij} = \sum_{j=1}^n \overline{d}_i d_i \overline{b}_{ji} b_{ji}$ . Let  $i=1$  in each of these equations So that  $\sum_{j=1}^n d_1 \overline{d}_1 b_{1j} \overline{b}_{1j} = \sum_{j=1}^n d_j \overline{d}_j b_{j1} \overline{b}_{j1}$  and  $\sum_{j=1}^n d_j \overline{d}_j b_{1j} \overline{b}_{1j} = \sum_{j=1}^n \overline{d}_1 d_1 \overline{b}_{j1} b_{j1}$  from which follows

$$\sum_{j=1}^n (d_1 \bar{d}_1 - d_j \bar{d}_j) b_{1j} \bar{b}_{1j} = \sum_{j=1}^n (d_j \bar{d}_j - d_1 \bar{d}_1) d_{j1} \bar{b}_{j1}$$

so that 
$$\sum_{j=1}^n (d_1 \bar{d}_1 - d_j \bar{d}_j) (b_{1j} \bar{b}_{1j} + b_{j1} \bar{b}_{j1}) = 0.$$

Let  $d_1 \bar{d}_1 = d_2 \bar{d}_2 = \dots = d_l \bar{d}_l > d_{l+1} \bar{d}_{l+1}$ , then  $b_{1j} \bar{b}_{1j} + b_{j1} \bar{b}_{j1} = 0$  for  $j=l+1, l+2, \dots, n$  since  $d_1 \bar{d}_1 - d_j \bar{d}_j$  is zero or positive and is latter for  $j > l$ . So  $b_{1j} = 0$  and  $b_{j1} = 0$  for  $j=l+1, l+2, \dots, n$ . For  $i=2, \dots, l$  in turn it follows that  $b_{ij} = 0$  and  $b_{ji} = 0$ . For  $i=1, 2, \dots, l$  and for  $j=l+1, l+2, \dots, n$ . Let  $UA\bar{U}^S = D = r_1 D_1 \oplus r_2 D_2 \oplus \dots \oplus r_s D_s$  where the  $r_i$  are real  $r_i > r_j$  for  $i < j$  and the  $D_i$  are s-unitary Then by repeating the above process it follows that  $UB\bar{U}^S = B_1 = C_1 \oplus C_2 \oplus \dots \oplus C_s$  is conformable to  $D$ .

It follows from the given conditions that  $r_i D_i C_i \bar{C}_i^S \bar{D}_i r_i = \bar{C}_i^S (r_i \bar{D}_i) (D_i r_i) C_i$  and  $C_i r_i D_i \bar{D}_i r_i \bar{C}_i^S = r_i \bar{D}_i \bar{C}_i^S C_i D_i r_i$  or that  $D_i C_i \bar{C}_i^S = \bar{C}_i^S C_i D_i$  and  $D_i C_i \bar{C}_i^S = \bar{C}_i^S C_i D_i$  if  $r_i > 0$ . If

$r_s = 0$ ,  $D_s$  is arbitrary insofar as  $D$  is concerned and so may be chosen so that  $D_s C_s \bar{C}_s^S = \bar{C}_s^S C_s D_s$  in which case  $D_s$  may not be secondary diagonal. But whether or not this is done, it follows that  $DB_1 \bar{B}_1^S = \bar{B}_1^S B_1 D$  and that  $B_1 D \bar{D}^S = \bar{D}^S B_1$  so that  $A(B\bar{B}^S) = (\bar{B}^S B)A$  and  $B(A\bar{A}^S) = (\bar{A}^S A)B$ . The converse is immediate. It may be noted that if the roots of  $A$  are all distinct in absolute value,  $B$  must be s-normal. The following further clarifies the situation.

### Theorem 3

Let  $A = LW = WL$  be the polar form of the s-normal matrix  $A$ . Then  $AB$  and  $BA$  are

s-normal iff  $B = N\bar{W}^S$  where  $N$  is s-normal and  $LN = NL$ .

### Proof

In the proof of the above theorem, let  $C_i = H_i U_i = U_i K_i$  be polar forms of the  $C_i$ . Then  $\bar{U}_i^S H_i U_i = K_i$  so that  $\bar{U}_i^S C_i \bar{C}_i^S U_i = \bar{C}_i^S C_i$  or  $\bar{U}_i^S C_i \bar{C}_i^S = \bar{C}_i^S C_i \bar{U}_i^S$ . Also, from the above  $D_i C_i \bar{C}_i^S = \bar{C}_i^S C_i D_i$ .

Let  $R_i = \bar{D}_i \bar{U}_i^S$  then  $R_i C_i \bar{C}_i^S = \bar{D}_i \bar{U}_i^S C_i \bar{C}_i^S = \bar{D}_i \bar{C}_i^S C_i \bar{U}_i^S = C_i \bar{C}_i^S \bar{D}_i \bar{U}_i^S = C_i \bar{C}_i^S R_i$  where  $R_i$  is s-unitary (if  $r_s = 0$ ,  $D_s$  may be chosen  $= \bar{U}_s^S$  as described above). So  $R_i H_i^2 = H_i^2 R_i$  and since  $H_i$  has positive or zero roots,  $R_i H_i = H_i R_i$  and so  $H_i \bar{R}_i^S = \bar{R}_i^S H_i$ . Then  $A = \bar{U}^S D U = \bar{U}^S D_r U \bar{U}^S D_s U = LW = WL$  and

$$\begin{aligned} B &= \bar{U}^S B_1 U = \bar{U}^S (C_1 \oplus C_2 \oplus \dots \oplus C_s) U \\ &= \bar{U}^S (H_1 U_1 \oplus H_2 U_2 \oplus \dots \oplus H_s C_s) U \\ &= \bar{U}^S (H_1 \bar{R}_1^S \bar{D}_1 \oplus H_2 \bar{R}_2^S \bar{D}_2 \oplus \dots \oplus H_s \bar{R}_s^S \bar{D}_s) U \\ &= NWC^{-S} \end{aligned}$$

where  $N = \bar{U}^S (H_1 \bar{R}_1^S \oplus H_2 \bar{R}_2^S \oplus \dots \oplus H_s \bar{R}_s^S) U$  (which is s-normal since the s-hermitian  $H_i$  and s-unitary  $\bar{R}_i^S$  commute)

and  $\bar{W}^S = \bar{U}^S (\bar{D}_1 \oplus \bar{D}_2 \oplus \dots \oplus \bar{D}_s) U$ . It is evident that  $LN = NL$ .

Conversely, if  $A = LW = WL$  and  $B = N\overline{W}^S$  as described, then  $AB = WLN\overline{W}^S$  which is obviously s-normal as is  $BA = N\overline{W}^S WL = NL$ . It is easy seen that  $B = N\overline{W}^S$  is s-normal iff  $N\overline{W}^S = \overline{W}^S N$ . if  $B = N\overline{W}^S = (HR)\overline{W}^S$  is con-s-normal; then  $B = H(R\overline{W}^S) = (R\overline{W}^S)H^S = RH\overline{W}^S$  (form property (a)) so  $\overline{W}^S H^S = H\overline{W}^S$  or  $WH = H^S W$  and  $W(\overline{B}\overline{B}^S) = (\overline{B}^S B)W$ .

If  $A$  is s-normal and  $B$  is con-s-normal then  $AB$  is s-normal, it does not necessarily follow that  $BA$  is s-normal though it can occur. For example, if  $B = HU = UH^S$  is

con-s-normal and if  $A = \overline{U}^S$  then  $AB = \overline{U}^S UH^S$  and  $BA = HU\overline{U}^S = H$  are both s-normal. But the following is an example in which  $AB$  is s-normal but not  $BA$ . Let  $B = HU = UH^S$  be

con-s-normal but not s-normal (i.e,  $H$  is not real by property (b)) and let  $H$  be non-singular. Let  $A = H^{-1}$  is s-hermitian (So s-normal) and not con-s-normal (since  $H^{-1}$  is not real). Then  $AB = H^{-1}HU = U$  is s-normal if  $BA$  were also s-normal, then by the above theorem  $(\overline{A}^S A)B = B(A\overline{A}^S)$  and  $(\overline{B}^S B)A = A(B\overline{B}^S)$ . But  $(\overline{B}^S B)A = (H^S)^2 H^{-1}$  and  $A(B\overline{B}^S) = (\overline{H}^{-1})(H^2)$  and if these were equal,  $(H^S)^2 = H^2$  would follow which means that  $H^2 = (H^S)^2 = (\overline{H}^S)^2$  so that  $H^2$  real. But this is not possible for if  $H = VD\overline{V}^S$  where  $D$  is secondary diagonal with positive real elements (since  $H$  is non singular), then  $H^2 = VD^2\overline{V}^S = \overline{V}DV^S$  if  $H^2$  is real so that  $V^SVD^2 = D^2V^SV$  so  $V^SVD = DV^SV$  so  $VD\overline{V}^S = \overline{V}DV^S = H$  is real which contradicts the above assumption.

#### Theorem 4

If  $A$  and  $B$  are con-s-normal and if  $AB$  is s-normal then  $BA$  is s-normal.

#### Proof

Let  $U$  be a s-unitary matrix such that  $UAU^S = F$  is the s-normal from described in **Theorem 1** and where  $F\overline{F}^S = FF^S = r_1^2 I_1 \oplus r_2^2 I_2 \oplus \dots \oplus r_k^2 I_k$  which is real s-diagonal with  $r_1^2 > r_2^2 > \dots > r_k^2 \geq 0$  There  $r_i^2$  may be either the squares of secondary diagonal elements of  $F$  or they may arise when matrices of the form  $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ -b & a \end{bmatrix}$  are squared. Assume that any of the latter whose  $r_i^2$  are equal are arranged first in a given block followed by any secondary diagonal elements whose square is the same  $r_i^2$ .

Let  $\overline{UBU}^S = B_1$  which is con-s-normal and then  $UAU^S \overline{UBU}^S = F B_1$  is s-normal Let  $V$  be the s-unitary matrix.

$$V = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{1/2} & i\sqrt{1/2} \\ i\sqrt{1/2} & \sqrt{1/2} \end{bmatrix}$$

Then the following matrix relation holds, independent of  $a$  and  $b$ :

$$V \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ -b & a \end{bmatrix} \overline{V}^S = \begin{bmatrix} a-bi & 0 \\ 0 & a+bi \end{bmatrix}$$

Let  $F = F_1 \oplus F_2 \oplus \dots \oplus F_k$  where the direct sum is conformable to that of  $F\overline{F}^S$  given above (i.e,  $F_i \overline{F}_i^S = r_i^2 I_i$ ) and consider  $F_1 = G_1 \oplus G_2 \oplus \dots \oplus G_i \oplus r_i I$  where each  $G_i$  is  $2 \times 2$  as described above and  $I$  is an identity matrix of proper size. Let  $W_1 = V \oplus V \oplus \dots \oplus V \oplus I$  be conformable to  $F_i$ ; define  $W_i$  for each  $F_i$  in like manner and let  $W = W_1 \oplus W_2 \oplus \dots \oplus W_k$ . If

$r_k = 0, W_k = I$ . Then  $WF\bar{W}^S = D$  is complex secondary diagonal, where if  $d_i$  is the  $i^{th}$  secondary diagonal element  $d_i \bar{d}_i \geq d_{i+1} \bar{d}_{i+1}$ . Then  $W(UAU^S)\bar{W}^S W(\bar{U}\bar{B}\bar{U}^S)\bar{W}^S = (WF\bar{W}^S)(WB_1\bar{W}^S) = DB_2$  is s-normal for  $B_2 = WB_1\bar{W}^S$  (or  $B_1 = \bar{W}^S B_2 W$ ). Since  $B_1$  is con-s-normal,  $B_1 \bar{B}_1^S = B_1^S \bar{B}_1$  so that  $\bar{W}^S B_2 W \bar{W}^S \bar{B}_2^S W = W^S B_2^S \bar{W} W^S \bar{B}_2 W$  or that  $B_2 \bar{B}_2^S W W^S = W W^S B_2^S \bar{B}_2$ . Now  $VV^S$  is a matrix of the form  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & i \\ i & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . So that  $WW^S$  is a direct sum of matrices of this form and one's.

Let  $B_2 = (b_{ij})$  and consider  $(\bar{W} W^S)^S B_2 \bar{B}_2^S (W W^S) = B_2^S \bar{B}_2$ . Let  $B_2 \bar{B}_2^S = (c_{ij})$ ,  $B_2^S \bar{B}_2 = (f_{ij})$ .  $c_{ij}$  and  $f_{ij}$  are identifiable with the  $b_{ij}$ , both matrices being s-hermitian. Consider two cases:

- If  $d_1 \bar{d}_1 = d_j \bar{d}_j$  for all  $j$  (where  $d_j$  is the  $j^{th}$  secondary diagonal element of  $D$ ), then  $D = KD_u$  where  $D_u$  is s-unitary diagonal. Since  $WFB_1\bar{W}^S = DB_2 = KD_u B_2 = D_u (KB_2)$  is s-normal, then  $\bar{D}_u (D_u B_2 K) D_u = B_2 D = WB_1 F \bar{W}^S$  is s-normal, as is  $B_1 F = \bar{U}\bar{B}\bar{U}^S UAU^S$  so  $BA$  is s-normal.
- If  $d_1 \bar{d}_1 \neq d_j \bar{d}_j$  for some  $j$ , let  $d_1 \bar{d}_1 = d_2 \bar{d}_2 \dots = d_l \bar{d}_l$  for  $1 \leq l < n$  (so that  $d_l \bar{d}_l > d_{l+1} \bar{d}_{l+1}$ ).
- Suppose  $F_1 = G_1 \oplus G_2 \oplus r_1 I_1$  where  $I_1$  is the  $2 \times 2$  matrix (The general case will be seen to follow from this example).

From  $(\bar{W} W^S)^S B_2 \bar{B}_2^S (W W^S) = B_2^S \bar{B}_2$  and the fact that  $W_1 = V \oplus V \oplus I_1$  it follows that  $C_{11} = f_{22}, C_{22} = f_{11}, C_{33} = f_{44}, C_{44} = f_{33}, C_{55} = f_{55}, C_{66} = f_{66}$  (and  $\bar{C}_{12} = f_{12}, \bar{C}_{34} = f_{34}$  etc) there equalities supply the following relation (where the summation is over  $i=1$  to  $n$ ).

$$\begin{aligned}
 C_{11} &= \sum b_{1i} \bar{b}_{1i} = \sum b_{i2} \bar{b}_{i2} = f_{22}; \\
 C_{22} &= \sum b_{2i} \bar{b}_{i2} = \sum b_{i1} \bar{b}_{i1} = f_{11}; \\
 C_{33} &= \sum b_{3i} \bar{b}_{3i} = \sum b_{i4} \bar{b}_{i4} = f_{44}; \\
 C_{44} &= \sum b_{4i} \bar{b}_{4i} = \sum b_{i3} \bar{b}_{i3} = f_{33}; \\
 C_{55} &= \sum b_{5i} \bar{b}_{5i} = \sum b_{i5} \bar{b}_{i5} = f_{55}; \\
 C_{66} &= \sum b_{6i} \bar{b}_{6i} = \sum b_{i6} \bar{b}_{i6} = f_{66};
 \end{aligned}$$

$DB_2$  is s-normal so that the following relations also hold:

$$\begin{aligned}
 d_1 \bar{d}_1, \sum b_{1i} \bar{b}_{1i} &= \sum d_i \bar{d}_i b_{i1} \bar{b}_{i1}; \\
 d_1 \bar{d}_2, \sum b_{2i} \bar{b}_{2i} &= \sum d_i \bar{d}_i b_{i2} \bar{b}_{i2}; \\
 d_3 \bar{d}_3, \sum b_{3i} \bar{b}_{3i} &= \sum d_i \bar{d}_i b_{i3} \bar{b}_{i3}; \\
 d_4 \bar{d}_4, \sum b_{4i} \bar{b}_{4i} &= \sum d_i \bar{d}_i b_{i4} \bar{b}_{i4}; \\
 d_5 \bar{d}_5, \sum b_{5i} \bar{b}_{5i} &= \sum d_i \bar{d}_i b_{i5} \bar{b}_{i5}; \\
 d_6 \bar{d}_6, \sum b_{6i} \bar{b}_{6i} &= \sum d_i \bar{d}_i b_{i6} \bar{b}_{i6};
 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $d_1 \bar{d}_1 = d_2 \bar{d}_2$  on combining the first 2 relation in each of these sets,

$$d_1 \bar{d}_1 (\sum b_{1i} \bar{b}_{1i} + \sum b_{2i} \bar{b}_{2i}) = d_1 \bar{d}_1 (\sum b_{i1} \bar{b}_{i1} + \sum b_{i2} \bar{b}_{i2}) = \sum d_i \bar{d}_i (b_{i1} \bar{b}_{i1} + b_{i2} \bar{b}_{i2}) \text{ so that}$$

$\sum (d_1 \bar{d}_1 - d_i \bar{d}_i) (b_{i1} \bar{b}_{i1} + b_{i2} \bar{b}_{i2}) = 0$   $d_1 \bar{d}_1 = d_j \bar{d}_j$  for  $j=1,2...6$  but for  $j$  beyond 6,  $d_1 \bar{d}_1 = d_j \bar{d}_j > 0$  or  $b_{i1} \bar{b}_{i1} + b_{i2} \bar{b}_{i2} = 0$  or  $b_{i1} = 0$  and  $b_{i2} = 0$  for  $i=7,8,...n$  similarly,  $b_{i3}=0$  and  $b_{i4}=0$  for  $i>6$  the third relation in each set give  $b_{i5}=0$  and  $b_{i6}=0$  for  $i>6$ .

On adding all 6 relation in the first set,

$$\sum_{i,j=1}^6 b_{ij} \bar{b}_{ij} + \sum_{i=1}^6 \sum_{j=7}^n b_{ij} \bar{b}_{ij} = \sum_{i,j=1}^6 b_{ij} \bar{b}_{ij} + \sum_{i=7}^n \sum_{j=1}^6 b_{ij} \bar{b}_{ij}$$

and on canceling the first summations on each side,

$$\sum_{i=1}^6 \sum_{j=7}^n b_{ij} \bar{b}_{ij} = \sum_{i=7}^n \sum_{j=1}^6 b_{ij} \bar{b}_{ij}.$$

But the right side is zero from the above, so the left side is 0 and so  $b_{ij}=0$  for  $i=1,2...6$  and  $j>6$ . From this it is evident that this procedure may be repeated and that if  $D=r_1 D_1 \oplus r_2 D_2 \oplus ... \oplus r_k D_k$ . Where the  $D_i$  are s-unitary and the  $r_i$  non-negative real, as above, then  $B_2=C_1 \oplus C_2 \oplus ... \oplus C_k$  Conformable to  $D$  then  $r_i D_i C_i$  is s-normal so  $\bar{D}_i^S (D_i C_i r_i) D_i = C_i r_i D_i$  is s-normal so  $B_2 D$  is s-normal. So  $B_1 F$  and so  $\bar{U} B \bar{U}^S U A U^S$  and  $BA$ .

**Theorem 5**

If  $A$  and  $B$  are con-s-normal then  $AB$  is s-normal iff  $\bar{A}^S AB = B A \bar{A}^S$  and  $AB \bar{B}^S = \bar{B}^S BA$  (ie, iff each is s-normal relative to the other).

**Proof**

If  $AB$  is s-normal, from the above  $\bar{D}^S DB_2 = B_2 D \bar{D}^S$  so that  $\bar{F}^S F B_1 = B_1 F \bar{F}^S$  or  $\bar{A}^S AB = B A \bar{A}^S$ .

Similarly  $DB_2$  is s-normal,  $DB_2 \bar{B}_2^S \bar{D} = \bar{B}_2^S \bar{D} DB_2$  so  $DB_2 \bar{B}_2^S = \bar{B}_2^S B_2 D$  or  $F B_1 \bar{B}_1^S = \bar{B}_1^S B_1 F$  or  $AB \bar{B}^S = \bar{B}^S BA$ . the converse is directly verifiable.

**Theorem 6**

Let  $A$  and  $B$  be con-s-normal, if  $AB$  is s-normal, then  $A=LW=WL^S$  (with  $L$  s-hermitian and  $W$  s-unitary) and  $B = N \bar{W}^S$ . Where  $N$  is s-normal and  $L^S N = N L^S$ ; and conversely.

**Proof**

As above, let  $U A U^S = F = \bar{W}^S D W = \bar{w}^S D_r w \bar{w}^S D_u w$  where  $D_r$  and  $D_u$  are the

s-hermitian and s-unitary polar matrices of  $D$ ) and  $\bar{U} B \bar{U}^S = B_1 = \bar{W}^S B_2 W = \bar{W}^S (C_1 \oplus ... \oplus C_k) W$ . As in the proof of **Theorem 3** it follows that for all  $i$ ,  $D_i C_i \bar{C}_i^S = \bar{C}_i^S C_i D_i$  and  $\bar{U}_i^S C_i \bar{C}_i^S = \bar{C}_i^S C_i \bar{U}_i^S$  with  $U_i$  as defined there, so that when  $R_i = \bar{D}_i \bar{U}_i^S$  (where  $D$ , here,  $=r_1 D_1 \oplus r_2 D_2 \oplus ... \oplus r_k D_k$  as earlier) then  $C_i = H_i U_i = H_i \bar{R}_i^S \bar{D}_i$  with  $H_i R_i = R_i H_i$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then since, } W D_r = D_r W, U A U^S = \bar{W}^S D_r w \bar{W}^S D_u w = D_r \left( \bar{W}^S D_u w \right) \text{ and} \\ A = \left( \bar{U}^S D_r U \right) \left( \bar{U}^S \bar{w}^S D_u w \bar{U} \right) = L X \\ = \left( \bar{U}^S \bar{w}^S D_u w \bar{U} \right) \left( U^S D_r U \right) = X L^S \end{aligned}$$

with  $L = \bar{U}^S D_r U$  s-hermitian and  $X = \bar{U}^S \bar{w}^S D_u w \bar{U}$  s-unitary.

$$\text{Also, } \overline{UBU}^S = \overline{w}^S \left( H_1 \overline{R}_1^S \overline{D}_1 \oplus H_2 \overline{R}_2^S \overline{D}_2 \oplus \dots \oplus H_k \overline{R}_k^S \overline{D}_k \right) w = N_1 Y$$

Where  $N_1 = \overline{w}^S \left( H_1 \overline{R}_1^S \oplus H_2 \overline{R}_2^S \oplus \dots \oplus H_k \overline{R}_k^S \right) w$  is s-normal and  $Y = \overline{w}^S \left( \overline{D}_1 \oplus \overline{D}_2 \oplus \dots \oplus \overline{D}_k \right) w$  is s-unitary; then

$$B = U^S N_1 Y U = \left( U^S N_1 \overline{U} \right) \left( U^S Y U \right) = N \overline{X}^S.$$

Where  $N = U^S N_1 \overline{U}$  is s-normal and  $\overline{X}^S = U^S Y U = U^S \overline{w}^S \overline{D}_u w U$ . Also

$$L^S N = N L^S \text{ since } D_r N_1 = N_1 D_r, \overline{D}_r N_1 = N_1 \overline{D}_r \text{ so } \left( \overline{U} \overline{L} U^S \right) \left( \overline{U} N U^S \right) = \left( \overline{U} N U^S \right) \left( \overline{U} \overline{L} U^S \right) \text{ so } L^S N = N L^S.$$

The converse is immediate.

### Products of Con-s-Normal Matrices

It is possible if  $A$  is s-normal and  $B$  con-s-normal that  $AB$  is con-s-normal. For example, any con-s-normal matrix  $C = HU = UH^S$  is such a product with  $A = H$  and  $B = U$ . Or if  $C = HU = UH^S$  and  $A = H$ , then  $AC = H^2 U = H U H^S = U (H^S)^2$  is con-s-normal. The following theorems clarify this matter.

#### Theorem 7

If  $A$  is s-normal and  $B$  is con-s-normal then  $AB$  is con-s-normal iff

$$A \overline{B} \overline{B}^S = \overline{B} \overline{B}^S A \text{ and } \overline{B} A \overline{A}^S = A^S \overline{A} \overline{B} \text{ (or } \overline{B} A \overline{A}^S = \overline{A}^S A \overline{B} \text{)}.$$

(If one were to define  $N$  is s-normal with respect to  $M$  to mean  $N \overline{N}^S M = M \overline{N}^S N$  and  $Q$  is con-s-normal with respect to  $P$  to mean  $P Q \overline{Q}^S = \overline{Q}^S Q P$  the above theorem would say that if  $A$  is s-normal and  $B$  is con-s-normal then  $AB$  is con-s-normal iff (con-s-normal)  $B$  is s-normal with respect to  $A$  and (s-normal)  $A$  is con-s-normal with respect to  $\overline{B}$ ).

#### Proof

If the latter condition hold, then;  $(AB) (\overline{AB})^S = A \overline{B} \overline{B}^S \overline{A}^S = \overline{B} \overline{B}^S A \overline{A}^S$  and  $(AB)^S (\overline{AB}) = B^S A^S \overline{A} \overline{B} = B^S \overline{B} A \overline{A}^S$  which are equal.

Conversely, let  $AB$  be con-s-normal and let  $U A \overline{U}^S = D = d_1 I_1 \oplus d_2 I_2 \oplus \dots \oplus d_k I_k$  where  $d_i \overline{d}_i > d_j \overline{d}_j$ ,  $i > j$ .

$$\text{Let } U B^S U^S = B_1 = (b_{ij}),$$

$$\text{if } (AB) (\overline{AB})^S = A \overline{B} \overline{B}^S \overline{A}^S = A B^S \overline{B} \overline{A}^S = (AB)^S (\overline{AB})$$

$$= B^S A^S \overline{A} \overline{B} = B^S \overline{A} A^S \overline{B},$$

$$\text{then } \left( U A \overline{U}^S \right) \left( U B^S U^S \overline{U} \overline{B} \overline{U}^S \right) \left( U \overline{A}^S \overline{U}^S \right) = \left( U B^S U^S \right) \left( \overline{U} \overline{A} U^S \overline{U} A^S U^S \right) \left( \overline{U} \overline{B} \overline{U}^S \right)$$

$$\text{So that } D B_1 \overline{B}_1^S \overline{D}^S = B_1 \overline{D} D \overline{B}_1^S.$$

$$\text{Equating secondary diagonal elements on each side of this relation, we get } \sum_{j=1}^n d_i \overline{d}_i b_{ij} \overline{b}_{ij} = \sum_{j=1}^n d_j \overline{d}_j b_{ij} \overline{b}_{ij}, \quad i=1,2,\dots,n$$

or

$$\sum_{j=1}^n (d_i \overline{d}_i - d_j \overline{d}_j) b_{ij} \overline{b}_{ij} = 0.$$

Let  $d_1 \overline{d}_1 = d_2 \overline{d}_2 = \dots = d_l \overline{d}_l > d_{l+1} \overline{d}_{l+1}$  then  $b_{ij} = 0$  for  $i=1,2,\dots,l$  and  $j=l+1, l+2, \dots, n$  since  $B_1$  is con-s-normal,



$\sum_{j=1}^n b_{ij} \bar{b}_{ij} = \sum_{j=1}^n b_{ji} \bar{b}_{ji}$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  on adding the first  $l$  of these equation and canceling,  $b_{ij} = 0$  for  $i=l+1, l+2, \dots, n$  and  $j=1, 2, \dots, l$ . In this manner if  $D = r_1 D_1 \oplus r_2 D_2 \oplus \dots \oplus r_l D_l$  with  $r_i > r_{i+1}$  and  $D_i$  s-unitary, then  $B_1 = C_1 \oplus C_2 \oplus \dots \oplus C_l$  conformable to  $D$ .

Since  $r_i D_i \bar{D}_i^S r_i \bar{C}_i^S = r_i^2 C_i^S = C_i^S r_i^2 = C_i^S r_i D_i \bar{D}_i^S r_i$ , for all  $i$ ,  $DD^S B_1^S = B_1^S DD^S$  and so  $\bar{U}^S DD^S \bar{U} \bar{U}^S B_1^S \bar{U} = \bar{U}^S B_1^S \bar{U} \bar{U}^S DD^S \bar{U}$  or  $\bar{A} \bar{A}^S B = B \bar{A}^S \bar{A}$  or  $\bar{A}^S \bar{A} B = B \bar{A}^S \bar{A}$  or  $A^S \bar{A} \bar{B} = \bar{B} \bar{A} \bar{A}^S$ .

Also,  $D(B_1 \bar{B}_1^S \bar{D}^S) = B_1 \bar{D} D \bar{B}_1^S = \bar{D} D \bar{B}_1^S = D(\bar{D} B_1 \bar{B}_1^S)$  so that  $C_i \bar{C}_i^S (r_i \bar{D}_i) = (r_i \bar{D}_i) C_i \bar{C}_i^S$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, l$ . (if  $r_i = 0$ , this is still true and  $D_i$  may be chosen to be identity matrix). Therefore  $B_1 \bar{B}_1^S \bar{D}^S = \bar{D}^S B_1 \bar{B}_1^S$  and  $UB^S \bar{U}^S \bar{U} \bar{B} \bar{U}^S \bar{U} \bar{A}^S \bar{U}^S = \bar{U} \bar{A}^S \bar{U}^S UB^S \bar{U}^S \bar{U} \bar{B}_1 \bar{U}^S$  so  $B^S \bar{B} \bar{A}^S = \bar{A}^S B^S \bar{B}$  or  $AB^S \bar{B} = B^S \bar{B} A$ .

**Corollary 1**

Let  $A$  be s-normal,  $B$  con-s-normal; if  $AB$  is con-s-normal, then  $\bar{B} \bar{A}$  is con-s-normal, and conversely.

**Proof**

From the above,  $UA \bar{U}^S UB \bar{U}^S = DB_1^S$  is con-s-normal, and if  $D = D_r D_u$ ,  $D_r$  real and  $D_u$  s-unitary, then since  $\bar{D}_u = \bar{D}_u^S$ ,  $\bar{D}_u (DB_1^S) \bar{D}_u = D_r B_1^S \bar{D}_u = B_1^S D_r \bar{D}_u = B_1^S \bar{D}$  is con-s-normal, as are  $UB \bar{U}^S \bar{U} \bar{A} \bar{U}^S$  and  $\bar{B} \bar{A}$ . Reversing the steps proves the converse.

If  $A$  is s-normal and  $B$  is con-s-normal,  $\bar{B} \bar{A}$  is con-s-normal iff  $AB$  is con-s-normal, iff  $(B^S \bar{B}) A = A (B \bar{B}^S)$  and  $(A^S \bar{A}) \bar{B} = \bar{B} (A \bar{A}^S)$ . Therefore if  $A$  is s-normal  $B$  is

con-s-normal  $BA$  is con-s-normal iff  $(B^S \bar{B}) \bar{A} = \bar{A} (B \bar{B}^S)$  and  $(\bar{A}^S A) \bar{B} = \bar{B} (\bar{A} A^S)$  that is replace  $A$  by  $\bar{A}$  in the proceeding or  $(\bar{B}^S B) A = A (\bar{B} B^S) = A (\bar{B}^S B)$  and  $(\bar{A}^S A) \bar{B} = \bar{B} (\bar{A} A^S)$ , thus exhibiting the fact that when  $AB$  is con-s-normal,  $BA$  is not necessarily so.

**Theorem 8**

If  $A=LW=WL$  is s-normal and  $B = KV = VK^S$  is con-s-normal (where  $L$  and  $K$  are s-hermitian and  $W$  and  $V$  are s-unitary) then  $AB$  is con-s-normal iff  $LK = KL$ ,  $LV = VL^S$  and  $WK = KW$ .

**Proof**

If the three relations in the theorem hold, then  $AB = LWKV = LKWW$ , and  $AB = WLKV = WKLV = WKVL^S = WVK^S L^S = WV (LK)^S$  is con-s-normal since  $LK$  is s-hermitian and  $WV$  is s-unitary.

Conversely, Let  $A = \bar{U}^S D U = (\bar{U}^S D_r U) (\bar{U}^S D_u U) = LW$  and

$$B = (\bar{U}^S B_1^S \bar{U}) = (\bar{U}^S K_1 U) (\bar{U}^S V_1 \bar{U}) = KV = VK^S$$

where  $K_1$  and  $V_1$  are s-hermitian and s-unitary and direct sums conformable to  $B_1^S$  and  $D$ . A direct check shows that  $LK = KL$  and  $LV = VL^S$ , also  $WK = \bar{U}^S D_u K_1 U = \bar{U}^S K_1 D_u U = KW$  since  $D_u B_1 \bar{B}_1^S = B_1 \bar{B}_1^S D_u$  implies  $D_u K_1 = K_1 D_u$ . A sufficient condition for the simultaneous reduction of  $A$  and  $B$  is given by the following:

**Theorem 9**

If  $A$  is s-normal,  $B$  is con-s-normal and  $AB = BA^S$ , then  $WAW^S = D$  and  $WB^S W = F$ , the s-normal form of **Theorem 1**, where  $W$  is an s-unitary matrix; also  $AB$  is con-s-normal.

**Proof**

Let  $UA\bar{U}^S = D$  secondary diagonal and  $UBU^S = B_2$  which is con-s-normal. Then  $AB = BA^S$  implies  $DB_2 = UA\bar{U}^S UBU^S = UBU^S \bar{U}A^S U^S = B_2 D^S = B_2 D$ .

Let  $D = C_1 I_1 \oplus C_2 I_2 \oplus \dots \oplus C_K I_K$ . Where the  $C_i$  are complex and  $C_i \neq C_j$  for  $i \neq j$  and  $B_2 = C_1 \oplus C_2 \oplus \dots \oplus C_K$  let  $V_i$  be s-unitary such that  $V_i C_i V_i^S = F_i$  the real s-normal form of **Theorem 1**, and let  $V = V_1 \oplus V_2 \oplus \dots \oplus V_k$ .

Then  $VUA\bar{U}^S \bar{V}^S = D, VUBU^S V^S = F = a$  direct sum of the  $F_i$ .

Also,  $AB = BA^S$  implies  $B^S A^S = AB^S$  and so  $AB\bar{B}^S \bar{A}^S = AB^S \bar{B} \bar{A}^S = B^S A^S \bar{A} \bar{B} = (AB)^S (\bar{A} \bar{B})$ .

It is also possible for the product of two s-normal matrices  $A$  and  $B$  to be con-s-normal if  $Q = HU = UH^S$  is con-s-normal and if  $A = U$  and  $B = H$  this is so or if  $KV = VK^S$  is con-s-normal and if  $A = UK = KU$  is s-normal with  $K$  s-hermitian and  $V$  and  $U$  s-unitary, for  $B = V, AB = (UK)V = K(UV) = (UV)K^S$  con-s-normal. But if in the first example,  $U^2 H$  is not s-normal then  $HU$  is not con-s-normal so that  $BA$  is not necessarily con-s-normal though  $AB$  is. When  $A$  alone is s-normal an analog of Theorem 2 can be obtained which states the following: if  $A$  is s-normal, then  $AB$  and  $AB^S$  are con-s-normal iff  $AB\bar{B}^S = B^S \bar{B}A, B\bar{B}^S A = AB^S \bar{B}$  and  $\bar{B}A\bar{A}^S = A^S \bar{A} \bar{B}$ . (The proof is not included here because of its similarity to that above) when  $B$  is con-s-normal, two of these conditions merge into one in Theorem 7. It is possible for the product of two con-s-normal matrices to be con-s-normal but no such simple analogous necessary and sufficient conditions as exhibited above are available. This may be seen as follows two non-real complex commutative matrices  $P = P^S$  and  $Q = Q^S$  can form a con-s-normal (and non-real s-symmetric) matrix  $PQ$  which need not be

s-normal. Then two s-symmetric matrices  $X = \begin{bmatrix} -i & -i \\ i & -i \end{bmatrix}$   $Y = \begin{bmatrix} 2i & 0 \\ 0 & 2i \end{bmatrix}$  are such that  $XY = Z$  is real, s-normal and con-s-normal (s-symmetric). Finally if  $U$  and  $V$  are two complex s-unitary matrices of the same order, they can be chosen so  $UV$  is non-real that is complex, s-normal and con-s-normal. If  $A = P \oplus X \oplus U$  and  $B = Q \oplus Y \oplus V$   $AB = PQ \oplus XY \oplus UV$  where  $A$  and  $B$  are con-s-normal as in  $AB$ .

(s-symmetric). A simple inspection of these matrices shows that relations on the order of  $(B^S \bar{B})A = A(B\bar{B}^S) = (B\bar{B}^S)A$  and  $(A^S \bar{A})\bar{B} = (A\bar{A}^S)\bar{B} = \bar{B}(A\bar{A}^S)$  do not necessarily hold; these are sufficient, however, to guarantee that  $AB$  is con-s-normal (as direct verification from the definition).

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