

## Hermitian and Skew Hermitian Matrix

Conjugate  $x+iy$  &  $x-iy$  are conjugate to each other.

$A = \begin{bmatrix} a & x-iy \\ x+iy & b \end{bmatrix}$ , then  $\bar{A} = \begin{bmatrix} a & x+iy \\ x-iy & b \end{bmatrix}$  is the Conjugate matrix of  $A$

Hermitian Matrix: A square matrix  $A$  is said to be Hermitian matrix if  $A' = \bar{A}$ , the element of the leading diagonal of a Hermitian matrix are real.

Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 7-4i & -2+5i \\ 7+4i & -2 & 3+i \\ -2-5i & 3-i & 4 \end{bmatrix}$

$A' = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 7+4i & -2-5i \\ 7-4i & -2 & 3-i \\ -2+5i & 3+i & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\bar{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 7+4i & -2-5i \\ 7-4i & -2 & 3-i \\ -2+5i & 3+i & 4 \end{bmatrix}$

$A' = \bar{A} \Rightarrow A$  is Hermitian Matrix

Skew Hermitian Matrix: A square matrix  $A$  is said to be Skew Hermitian matrix if  $A' = -\bar{A}$ . The leading diagonal elements of a Skew Hermitian matrix are either zero or purely imaginary.

eg  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -2-i \\ 2-i & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $A' = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2-i \\ -2-i & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\bar{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -2+i \\ 2+i & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$-\bar{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2-i \\ -2-i & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$\therefore A' = -\bar{A} \Rightarrow A$  is Skew Hermitian Matrix

eg  $A = \begin{bmatrix} -i & 3+4i \\ -3+4i & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $A' = \begin{bmatrix} -i & -3+4i \\ 3+4i & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $-\bar{A} = \begin{bmatrix} -i & -3+4i \\ 3+4i & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$A' = -\bar{A} \Rightarrow A$  is Skew Hermitian Matrix

Show that

$\begin{bmatrix} a & b+ic \\ b-ic & d \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2-3i & 3+4i \\ 2+3i & 0 & 4-5i \\ 3-4i & 4+5i & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  are Hermitian Matrix