

# Some Results on Skewnormal Operator in Minkowski Space

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**Abstract:-** In this paper, we have studied the relationship between  $m$ -symmetric and skew normal operators in Minkowski space  $M$ . Further, we have investigated some properties of the skew normal operator with example. In the study of operator theory, the classes of normal and skew normal operators [1,3] have received greater importance. A skew normal operator is nothing but the generalization of normal operator. Such kind of operators are examined and results are derived in this paper.

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## 1. Introduction

Minkowski space is a four dimensional space, with fourth dimension as time. In 1918, Toeplitz introduced the concept of a normal matrix with entries from the complex field. And we briefly explained about skewnormal and skew  $n$ -normal operators in Minkowski space from Hilbert space with reference to Lalitha [2] and Meenambika [4]. Further, we have studied some properties of the skewnormal operator with example. Finally, relationship between  $m$ -symmetric and skewnormal operators in  $M$  are determined.

## 2. Skewnormal Operators in Minkowski Space

In this section, we analyse some of the algebraic results on skewnormal operators in Minkowski space  $M$ .

**Definition 2.1.** An operator  $P$  is called skewnormal operator in  $M$ , if  $(PP^{\sim})P = P(P^{\sim}P)$

i.e.,  $P$  commutes with normal operator and it is denoted by  $[sN]$ .

**Theorem 2.2.** If  $P \in M$  then the following holds:

(i) If  $\lambda$  is any scalar which is real then  $\lambda P$  is also skewnormal operator in  $M$ .

(ii) The restriction  $P/M$  of  $P$  to any closed subspace  $M$  of  $M$  that reduces  $P$

*Proof.* (i) Since

$$(PP^{\sim})P = P(P^{\sim}P).$$

$$= [(PQ)GQ^*GGP^*G](PQ)$$

$$(\lambda P)^{\sim} = G(\lambda P)^*G = \lambda GP^*G = \lambda P^{\sim} \text{ [since, } \lambda^* = \lambda \text{]}$$

$$\text{Consider, } [(\lambda P)(\lambda P)^{\sim}]\lambda P = \lambda^3(PP^{\sim})P$$

$$\lambda P[(\lambda P)^{\sim}(\lambda P)] = \lambda^3 P(P^{\sim}P)$$

$$= \lambda^3(PP^{\sim})P$$

Hence  $\lambda P$  is skewnormal in  $M$ .

$$\text{Consider, } [(P/M)(P/M)^{\sim}](P/M) = [(x + M)(x + M)^{\sim}](x + M)$$

$$= [(x + M)(Gx^*G + M)](x + M)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= [xGx^*G + xM + MGx^*G + M^2](x + M) \\
&= (xx^{\sim} + xM + Mx^{\sim} + M^2)(x + M) \\
&= [(x + M)x^{\sim} + M(x + M)](x + M) \\
&= (x + M)(x^{\sim} + M)(x + M) \\
&= (P/M)[(P/M)^{\sim}(P/M)]
\end{aligned}$$

Hence  $P/M$  is skewnormal operator in Minkowski space  $M$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.3.** Let  $P$  be skewnormal operator which is unitarily equivalent to an operator  $Q$  in  $M$  if  $PU = U^*P$ ,  $PU^{\sim} = U^*P^{\sim}$ ,  $P^{\sim}U = UP^{\sim}$ . Then  $Q$  is skewnormal in  $M$ .

*Proof.* Since,  $P$  is unitarily equivalent to  $Q$ , there is a unitary operator  $U$  such that

$Q = U^*PU$  which implies

$$\begin{aligned}
Q^{\sim} &= (GQ^*G) = GU^*P^*UG \\
(PP^{\sim})P &= P(P^{\sim}P) \\
(PGP^*G)P &= P(GP^*GP) \\
(U^*UPGP^*U^*UG)(PU^*U) &= (U^*UP)(GP^*UGU^*UP) \\
(U^*PUGU^*P^*UG)(U^*PU) &= (U^*PU)(GU^*P^*UGU^*PU) \\
((U^*PU)(GU^*P^*UG))(U^*PU) &= (U^*PU)((GU^*P^*UG)(U^*PU)) \\
(QQ^{\sim})Q &= Q(Q^{\sim}Q)
\end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 2.4.** If  $P$  is normal in  $M$  then, it is skewnormal in  $M$ .

*Proof.*

An operator  $P$  is normal in  $M$  if  $P^{\sim}P = PP^{\sim}$ ,

when  $P$  commutes with normal operator it becomes,

$$(PP^{\sim})P = P(P^{\sim}P).$$

Hence  $P$  is skewnormal in  $M$ .

**Theorem 2.5.** let  $P, Q$  are skewnormal operators in  $M$ . If  $P$  and  $Q$  are doubly commuting then  $PQ$  is skewnormal in  $M$ .

*Proof.* Consider,

$$P \in [sN] \Rightarrow (PP^{\sim})P = P(P^{\sim}P),$$

$$Q \in [sN] \Rightarrow (QQ^{\sim})Q = Q(Q^{\sim}Q)$$

$P$  and  $Q$  are doubly commuting

(a) To prove:  $P^{\sim}Q^{\sim} = Q^{\sim}P^{\sim}$

We have,  $P^*Q^* = Q^*P^*$

$$\Rightarrow GGP^*GGQ^*GG = GGQ^*GGP^*GG$$

$$\Rightarrow GP^{\sim}Q^{\sim}G = GQ^{\sim}P^{\sim}G$$

$$\Rightarrow GGP^{\sim}Q^{\sim}G = GGQ^{\sim}P^{\sim}G$$

$$\Rightarrow P^{\sim}Q^{\sim} = Q^{\sim}P^{\sim} \quad (1.1)$$

(b) To prove  $(QG)^\sim GP = PG(GQ)^\sim$

We have  $Q^*P = PQ^*$

$$\Rightarrow GGQ^*GGP = PGGQ^*GG$$

$$\Rightarrow GQ^\sim GP = PGQ^\sim G$$

$$\Rightarrow (QG)^\sim GP = PG(GQ)^\sim \quad (1.2)$$

(c) To prove  $(PG)^\sim GQ = QG(GP)^\sim$

We have  $P^*Q = QP^*$

$$\Rightarrow GGP^*GGQ = QGGP^*GG$$

$$\Rightarrow GP^\sim GQ = QGP^\sim G$$

$$\Rightarrow (PG)^\sim GQ = QG(GP)^\sim \quad (1.3)$$

Now,

$$[(PQ)(PQ)^\sim](PQ) = [(PQ)G(PQ)^*G](PQ)$$

$$= [(PQ)GQ^*P^*G](PQ)$$

$$= (PQ)GQ^*GGP^*(PQ)$$

$$= (PQ)Q^\sim P^\sim(PQ)$$

$$= PQGGQ^\sim GGGP^\sim GGPQ$$

$$= PQG(QG)^\sim IGPQPQ$$

$$= PQG(PG)(GQ)^\sim GPQ \quad [by\ 1.2]$$

$$= PQGPGQ^\sim G^\sim GPQ$$

$$= PQP^\sim Q^\sim IPQ$$

$$= PQQ^\sim P^\sim PQ \quad [by\ 1.1]$$

$$= PQ[Q^\sim P^\sim(PQ)]$$

$$= PQ[(PQ)^\sim]PQ$$

Hence  $PQ$  is skewnormal in  $M$ .

**Theorem 2.6.** Let  $P$  and  $Q$  are skewnormal operators in  $M$ . If  $P^\sim Q = QP^\sim$  and if  $PQ^\sim = QP^\sim = 0$ ,  $(PP^\sim)Q = Q(P^\sim P)$ ,  $(QQ^\sim)P = P(Q^\sim Q)$ . Then  $P + Q$  is skewnormal in  $M$ .

*Proof.* Since

$$P \in [sN] \Rightarrow (PP^\sim)P = P(P^\sim P)$$

$$Q \in [sN] \Rightarrow (QQ^\sim)Q = Q(Q^\sim Q)$$

$$[(P + Q)(P + Q)^\sim](P + Q) = [(P + Q)(P^\sim + Q^\sim)](P + Q)$$

$$= [PP^\sim + PQ^\sim + QP^\sim + QQ^\sim](P + Q)$$

$$= [PP^\sim + QQ^\sim](P + Q)$$

$$= (PP^\sim)P + (QQ^\sim)P + (PP^\sim)Q + (QQ^\sim)Q \quad (1.4)$$

$$[(P + Q)(P + Q)^\sim](P + Q) = (P + Q)[(P^\sim + Q^\sim)(P + Q)]$$

$$= (P + Q)[(P^\sim P + P^\sim Q + Q^\sim P + Q^\sim Q)]$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= (P + Q)[P^\sim P + Q^\sim Q] \\
&= P(P^\sim P) + P(Q^\sim Q) + Q(P^\sim P) + Q(Q^\sim Q)
\end{aligned} \tag{1.5}$$

From (1.4) and (1.5), and since,  $P$  and  $Q$  are skewnormal in  $M$  and

$$(PP^\sim)Q = Q(P^\sim P), (QQ^\sim)P = P(Q^\sim Q).$$

$$[(P + Q)(P + Q)^\sim](P + Q) = [(P + Q)(P + Q)^\sim](P + Q).$$

The following example shows that the converse need not be true.

**Example 2.1.** Let  $P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & i \\ -i & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  is skewnormal but not normal in  $M$ .

**Theorem 2.7.** Let,  $P = U|P|$  be the polar decomposition of an operator  $P$  in  $M$ . Then,  $P = U|P|$  is skewnormal in  $M$  if  $U|P| = |P|U$ .

$$\text{Proof. } P = U|P| \Rightarrow P^* = (U|P|)^* = |P|^*U^*, P^\sim = GP^*G = G|P|^*U^*G$$

Assume,  $U|P| = |P|U$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}
(PP^\sim)P &= (U|P|G|P|^*U^*G)U|P| \\
&= (U|P|G|P|^*GGU^*G)U|P| \\
&= (U|P||P|^\sim U^\sim)U|P| \\
&= U|P||P|^\sim U^\sim U|P| \\
&= U|P||P|^\sim |P|
\end{aligned} \tag{1.6}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
P(P^\sim P) &= U|P|(G|P|^*U^*GU|P|) \\
&= U|P|(G|P|^*GGU^*GU|P|) \\
&= U|P|(|P|^\sim U^\sim U|P|) \\
&= U|P||P|^\sim U^\sim U|P| \\
&= U|P||P|^\sim |P|
\end{aligned} \tag{1.7}$$

From equation (1.6) and (1.7),

$P$  is skewnormal in  $M$ .

**Theorem 2.8.** Let  $P$  be decomposed as  $P = U + iV$  in  $M$ , then  $P$  is skewnormal in  $M$  if  $UV^2 = V^2U$  and  $U^2V = VU^2$

*Proof.*

To prove  $P$  is skewnormal in  $M \Rightarrow (PP^\sim)P = P(P^\sim P)$

$$\begin{aligned}
(PP^\sim)P &= [(U + iV)G(U - iV)G](U + iV) \\
&= [(U + iV)(GUG - iGVG)](U + iV) \\
&= [GU^2G - iGUVG + iGVUG + GV^2G](U + iV) \\
&= [GU^3G - iGU^2VG + iGVU^2G + GV^2UG] \\
&\quad + [iGVU^2G + GV^2UG - iGV^2UG + iGV^3G] \\
&= [GU^3G + iGVU^2G + GV^2UG + iGV^3G]
\end{aligned} \tag{1.8}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
P(P^\sim P) &= (U + iV)[G(U - iV)G(U + iV)] \\
&= (U + iV)[(GUG - iGVG)(U + iV)]
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= (U + iV)[GU^2G - iGUVG + iGVUG + GV^2G] \\
&= [GU^3G - iGU^2VG + iGU^2VG + GUV^2G] \\
&\quad + [iGU^2VG + GUV^2G - GUV^2G + iGV^3G] \\
&= GU^3G + GUV^2G + iGU^2VG + iGV^3G
\end{aligned} \tag{1.9}$$

From equation (1.8) and (1.9)

$(PP^\sim)P = P(P^\sim P)$  in  $M$ , if (i)  $UV^2 = V^2U$  and  $U^2V = VU^2$ .

### 3. M-Symmetric Operator and Skewnormal Operator in Minkowski Space

In this section, we have obtained the properties of skewnormal operator with respect to m-symmetric operator in Minkowski space  $M$ .

**Theorem 3.1.** *If  $P$  is skewnormal operator in  $M$  which is a m-symmetric operator, then  $P^\sim$  is also skewnormal operator in  $M$ .*

*Proof.* Since,  $P$  is skewnormal operator, we have  $(PP^\sim)P = P(P^\sim P)$ . Since,  $P$  is m-symmetric operator we have  $P = P^\sim$

Replace  $P^\sim$  by  $P$ ,

$$(PP^\sim)P = (P^\sim(P^\sim)^\sim)P^\sim = (P^\sim P)P^\sim$$

$$P(P^\sim P) = P^\sim((P^\sim)^\sim P^\sim) = P^\sim(PP^\sim) \quad [\text{since, } P \text{ is skewnormal in } M]$$

Hence,  $P^\sim$  is skewnormal in  $M$ .

**Theorem 3.2.** *If  $P$  is m-symmetric operator in  $M$ , then  $P$  is skewnormal operator in  $M$ .*

*Proof.*

Since,  $P$  is m-symmetric operator in  $M$  we have  $P = P^\sim$

$$\text{Now, } (PP^\sim)P = (PP)P = P^3$$

$$\text{and } P(P^\sim P) = P(PP) = P^3$$

Hence,  $P$  is skewnormal in  $M$ .

**Theorem 3.3.** *Let  $P$  be any operator on a Minkowski space  $M$ , Then*

- (i)  $(P + P^\sim)$  is skewnormal in  $M$ .
- (ii)  $PP^\sim$  is skewnormal in  $M$ .
- (iii)  $P^\sim P$  is skewnormal in  $M$ .
- (iv)  $I + P^\sim P, I + PP^\sim$  are skewnormal in  $M$ .

*Proof.* (i) Let,  $N = P + P^\sim$

$$N^\sim = (P + P^\sim)^\sim = P^\sim + P = N$$

Hence,  $N$  is m-symmetric.

By theorem 3.2, every m-symmetric operator is skewnormal in  $M$

Hence  $(P + P^\sim)$  is skewnormal in  $M$ .

$$(ii) \quad (PP^\sim)^\sim = (P^\sim)^\sim P^\sim = PP^\sim.$$

Hence  $PP^\sim$  is m-symmetric, and hence skewnormal in  $M$ .

$$(iii) \quad (P^{\sim}P)^{\sim} = P^{\sim}(P^{\sim})^{\sim} = P^{\sim}P.$$

Hence  $P^{\sim}P$  is m-symmetric, and hence skewnormal in  $M$ .

$$(v) \quad (I + P^{\sim}P)^{\sim} = (I^{\sim} + P^{\sim}(P^{\sim})^{\sim}) = (I + P^{\sim}P)$$

$$(I + PP^{\sim})^{\sim} = (I^{\sim} + (P^{\sim})^{\sim}P^{\sim}) = (I + PP^{\sim})$$

Hence,  $I + P^{\sim}P, I + PP^{\sim}$  are m-symmetric in  $M$ ,

and hence  $I + P^{\sim}P, I + PP^{\sim}$  are Skewnormal in  $M$ .

**Theorem 3.4.** If  $P$  is a m-symmetric operator in  $M$ , then  $Q^{\sim}PQ$  is skewnormal in  $M$ .

*Proof.* Since,  $P$  is m-symmetric in  $M$ , we have  $P = P^{\sim}$

Consider,  $(Q^{\sim}PQ)^{\sim} = Q^{\sim}P^{\sim}(Q^{\sim})^{\sim} = Q^{\sim}PQ$

$\Rightarrow Q^{\sim}PQ$  is m-symmetric in  $M$ .

Hence  $Q^{\sim}PQ$  is skewnormal in  $M$ .

**Another way of proving the above result is:** Assume that  $Q^{\sim}PQ$  is m-symmetric operator in  $M$ ,

$$[(Q^{\sim}PQ)(Q^{\sim}PQ)^{\sim}](Q^{\sim}PQ) = [(Q^{\sim}PQ)(Q^{\sim}PQ)](Q^{\sim}PQ) = (Q^{\sim}PQ)^3$$

$$(Q^{\sim}PQ)[(Q^{\sim}PQ)^{\sim}(Q^{\sim}PQ)] = (Q^{\sim}PQ)[(Q^{\sim}PQ)Q^{\sim}PQ] = (Q^{\sim}PQ)^3$$

#### 4. Skew N-Normal Operator in Minkowski Space

In this section, we generalized some results on skewnormal operator in  $M$ .  $\square$

**Definition 4.1.** The operator  $p$  is called skew  $n$ -normal

Operator in  $M$  if

$$(P^n P^{\sim})P = P(P^{\sim} P^n), \text{ where } P^{\sim} \text{ is the adjoint of the operator } P \text{ in } M$$

**Proposition 4.2.** If  $P$  is skew  $n$ -normal operator in  $M$ . Then

(i)  $\alpha P$  is skew  $n$ -normal operator in  $M$  for every scalar  $\alpha$ .

(ii)  $P^{\sim}$  is skew  $n$ -normal operator in  $M$ .

(iii) If  $Q$  is unitarily equivalent to  $P$ , then  $Q$  is skew  $n$ -normal operator in  $M$ .

(iv) If  $M$  is closed subspace of  $M$ , then  $(P/M)$  is skew  $n$ -normal operator in  $M$ .

**Proposition 4.3.** Let  $Q$  be a normal operator and  $P$  is skew  $n$ -normal operator in  $M$ . If  $Q$  and  $P$  are doubly commuting. Then  $QP$  is skew  $n$ -normal operator in  $M$ .

**Theorem 4.4.** If  $P$  is skew  $n$ -normal operator, then  $P$  is skew  $n + k(n - 1)$ -normal operator in  $M$ , for every positive integer  $k$ .

*Proof.* Since,  $P$  is skew  $n$ -normal operator in  $M$ , then  $(P^n P^{\sim})P = P(P^{\sim} P^n)$

We prove by induction that  $P$  is skew  $n + k(n - 1)$ -normal operator for positive integer  $k$  in  $M$ .

$$\text{when } k = 1, (P^{n+(n-1)} P^{\sim})P = P^{(n-1)}(P^n P^{\sim})P$$

$$(P^2 P^{\sim})P = P(-P^{\sim})P^{\sim}P$$

$$= P(P^{\sim})(-P^{\sim})P$$

$$= P(P^{\sim} P^2)$$

$$= P^{(n-1)}P(P \sim P^n)$$

$$= (P_n P \sim) P P^{(n-1)}$$

$$= P(P \sim P_n) P^{(n-1)}$$

$$= P(P \sim P_{n+(n-1)})$$

$$\Rightarrow (P_{n+(n-1)} P \sim) P = P(P \sim P_{n+(n-1)})$$

(Inductive step): Suppose the result is true for  $n = k$

$$\Rightarrow (P_{n+K(n-1)} P \sim) P = P(P \sim P_{n+K(n-1)})$$

Now,

$$(P_{n+(k+1)(n-1)} P \sim) P = P^{(n-1)}[(P_{n+k(n-1)} P \sim) P]$$

$$= P^{(n-1)}[P(P \sim P_{n+k(n-1)})]$$

$$= [(P_n P \sim) P] P_{n+k(n-1)-1}$$

$$= [P(P \sim P_n)] P^{(n-1)+k(n-1)}$$

$$= [P(P \sim P_n)] P^{(k+1)(n-1)}$$

$$= P(P \sim P_{n+(k+1)(n-1)})$$

Therefore  $P$  is skew  $n + (k + 1)(n - 1)$  -normal operator in  $M$ .

**Corollary 4.5.** If  $P$  is skew 2-normal operator in  $M$ , then  $P$  is skew  $n$ -normal operator in  $M \forall n \geq 2$ .

*Proof.* The proof is an immediate consequence of the above theorem.  $\square$

**Proposition 4.6.** If  $P = -P \sim$ , then  $P$  is skew  $n$ -normal operator for every  $n$  in  $M$ .

*Proof.* We show  $P$  is skew 2-normal operator in  $M$ , By corollary 4.5,  $P$  is skew  $n$ -normal operator for every  $n$ .

**Theorem 4.7.** Let  $P_1, P_2, \dots, P_m$  be skew  $n$ -normal operators in  $M$ . Then

$(P_1 \oplus P_2 \oplus \dots \oplus P_m)$  and  $(P_1 \otimes P_2 \otimes \dots \otimes P_m)$  are the skew  $n$ -normal operators in  $M$ .

**Proposition 4.8.** Every quasinormal operator is skew  $n$ -normal operator in  $M$ .

*Proof.* Let  $P$  be a quasinormal operator  $\Rightarrow P(P \sim P) = (P \sim P)P$

Then  $P^{(n-1)}$  commutes with quasinormal operator in  $M$ . So that,  $(P^n P \sim)P = PP^{(n-1)}(P \sim P)$

$$= P(P \sim P)P^{(n-1)}$$

$$= P(P \sim P^n)$$

$\Rightarrow P$  is skew  $n$ -normal operator in  $M$ .

**Proposition 4.9.** If  $P$  is  $n$ -normal operator and quasi  $n$ -normal operator in  $M$ . Then  $P$  is skew  $n$ -normal operator in  $M$ .

*Proof.* Since,  $P$  is  $n$ -normal operator in  $M \Rightarrow P^n P \sim = P \sim P^n$

$P$  is quasi  $n$ -normal operator in  $M \Rightarrow P(P \sim P^n) = (P \sim P^n)P$

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