

The Commutation Matrices of Elements in Kronecker Quaternion Group

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ABSTRACT

This article discusses the commutation matrix in the Kronecker quaternion group; that is, a non-abelian group whose 32 elements are 4×4 matrices, with entries in the set of complex numbers. This paper aims to describe the commutation matrices obtained concerning the matrices in this group. The commutation matrix is a permutation matrix that associates the relationship between the vec of matrix and vec of its transpose. Based on the classification of matrices in the Kronecker quaternion group, there are 16 classifications of commutation matrices for the matrices in this group.

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1. Introduction

The representation of quaternion group is a group quaternion written in another form (see [1, 2]). A new group can be created using the Kronecker product for each of the two elements from this group. The new group is called the Kronecker quaternion group. Several studies can be carried out from this group, namely based on the characteristics that appear in the group and also based on the elements of the group.

The Kronecker quaternion group was introduced by Yanita, *et.al* [3]. This group is a non-abelian consisting of 32×4 matrices. The study of this group was continued by Yanita [4], which is related to writing this group in the form of a generator and relator. Furthermore, Adrianda [5] and Zakiya [6] review this group based on directed graphs and the second homotopy module, namely group studies presented geometrically with graph and picture forms. These studies have not linked the Kronecker quaternion group based on the existing matrices in the group, but rather to other forms of groups that are presented differently.

Furthermore, inspired by Wang and Davis [7], we started the study by paying attention to the elements in this Kronecker quaternion group, namely by compiling a new matrix, the partition matrix, with the sub-matrices being the matrices in this group. The result

is that the two 8×8 partition matrices A and B , whose submatrices are matrices in the Kronecker quaternion group, form $A^T A = B B^T$. This shape is also generated when the locations of the varying permutation matrices are coupled to the submatrix, so that the general result of this study is a specific form, $A^T A = B B^T$, even though the submatrix is not a symmetric matrix.

In the previous study, the results were obtained by arranging the matrices in the Kronecker quaternion group into a new matrix (see [8]). This paper then tries to develop a study while still considering the matrices in the Kronecker quaternion group to determine the commutation matrix for each matrix in the group. Since the form of the matrix in this group can be classified based on the symmetry and skew-symmetry properties, the result is the form of the commutation matrix generated based on this classification. Besides that, the diagonal form of the matrix (main and secondary) also forms the basis for the formation of this commutation matrix.

The organizing of this paper as follows: In Section 2, it is introduced a lot of basic concepts and notations of vec matrix, permutation matrix and commutation matrix, which will be used in Section 3. In Section 3, it is presented the commutation matrix for each matrix in the Kronecker quaternion group by first classifying these matrices.

2. Methods

The research methods are based on the study of literature, which is related to the transformation of the permutation matrix on the vec matrix. The first step of this research is to determine the shape/pattern of the commutation matrix for the symmetry and skew-symmetry. Since the symmetry matrix in the Kronecker quaternion group is in the form of a diagonal matrix (main and secondary), the commutation matrix pattern is classified into these two forms.

The second step of this research is to apply the pattern obtained in the first step to all the elements (matrices) in the Kronecker quaternion group.

In this Section, we present some definitions, properties and theorems used to obtain the result.

Definition 1. [9] Let $A = [a_{ij}]$ be an $m \times n$ matrix, and A_j the column of A . The $vec(A)$ is the n column vector, i.e

$$vec(A) = \begin{bmatrix} A_1 \\ A_2 \\ \vdots \\ A_n \end{bmatrix}$$

Let S_n denote the set of all permutation of the n element set $[n] := \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$. A permutation is one-to-one function from $[n]$ onto $[n]$. Permutation of finite sets are usually given by listing of each element of the domain and its corresponding functional value. For example, we define a permutation σ of the set $[n] := \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$ by specifying $\sigma(1) = 5, \sigma(2) = 3, \sigma(3) = 1, \sigma(4) = 6, \sigma(5) = 2, \sigma(6) = 4$. A more convenient way to express this correspondence is to write σ in array form as

$$\sigma = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 5 & 3 & 1 & 6 & 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \tag{1}$$

There is another notation commonly used to specify permutation. It is called cycle notation. Cycle notation has theoretical advantages in that certain important properties of the permutation can be readily determined when cycle notation is used. For example, permutation in (1) can be written as $\sigma = (1\ 5\ 2\ 3)(4\ 6)$. For detail see [10].

Theorem 1. [10] Let π and σ be a permutation in S_n , then $P(\pi)P(\sigma) = P(\pi\sigma)$.

If σ is a permutation, we have the identity matrix as follows:

Definition 2. [11] Let σ be a permutation in S_n . Define the permutation matrix $P(\sigma) = [\delta_{i,\sigma(j)}]$, $\delta_{i,\sigma(j)} = \text{entry}_{i,j}(P(\sigma))$ where

$$\delta_{i,\sigma(j)} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i = \sigma(j) \\ 0 & \text{if } i \neq \sigma(j) \end{cases}$$

Example 1. Let $n := \{1, 2, 3\}$ and $\sigma = (1\ 2\ 3)$.

$$P(123) = [\delta_{i,\sigma(j)}] \text{ and } \delta_{i,\sigma(j)} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i = \sigma(j) \\ 0 & \text{if } i \neq \sigma(j) \end{cases}$$

(1 to 2; 2 to 3; 3 to 1; $\sigma(1) = 2, \sigma(2) = 3, \sigma(3) = 1$)

$$\text{ent}_{11}(P(\sigma)) = \delta_{1,\sigma(1)} = 0(\sigma(1) = 2); \text{ent}_{12}(P(\sigma)) = \delta_{1,\sigma(2)} = 0(\sigma(2) = 3);$$

$$\text{ent}_{13}(P(\sigma)) = \delta_{1,\sigma(3)} = 1(\sigma(3) = 1); \text{ent}_{21}(P(\sigma)) = \delta_{2,\sigma(1)} = 1(\sigma(1) = 2);$$

$$\text{ent}_{22}(P(\sigma)) = \delta_{2,\sigma(2)} = 0(\sigma(2) = 3); \text{ent}_{23}(P(\sigma)) = \delta_{2,\sigma(3)} = 0(\sigma(3) = 1);$$

$$\text{ent}_{31}(P(\sigma)) = \delta_{3,\sigma(1)} = 0(\sigma(1) = 2); \text{ent}_{32}(P(\sigma)) = \delta_{3,\sigma(2)} = 0(\sigma(2) = 3);$$

$$\text{ent}_{33}(P(\sigma)) = \delta_{3,\sigma(3)} = 0(\sigma(3) = 1);$$

$$\text{So we have } P(123) = \begin{bmatrix} \delta_{12} & \delta_{13} & \delta_{11} \\ \delta_{22} & \delta_{23} & \delta_{21} \\ \delta_{32} & \delta_{33} & \delta_{31} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

The commutation matrix is a kind of permutation matrix of order mn expressed as a block matrix where each block is of the same size and has a unique 1 in it.

Definition 3. [12] A permutation matrix P is called a commutation matrix of matrix, $m \times n$, if it satisfies the following condition:

1. $P = [A_{ij}]$ is an $m \times n$ block matrix with each block A_{ij} be a $n \times m$ matrix.
2. For each $i \in [m], j \in [n]$, $A_{ij} = (a_{s,t}^{(i,j)})$ is a $(0, 1)$ matrix with a unique 1 which lies at the position (j, i) .

We denote this commutation matrix by $K_{m,n}$ and thus a communication matrix is of size $mn \times mn$.

Example 2. Matrix $K_{3,2}$ is a 6×6 permutation matrix partitioned by a 3×2 block matrix, i.e:

$$K_{3,2} = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} \\ A_{31} & A_{32} \end{bmatrix}$$

where $A_{ij} = (a_{s,t}^{(i,j)})$ is a 2×3 matrix whose unique non zero entry is $a_{j,i}^{(i,j)} = 1$. Specifically

$$K_{3,2} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

The definition of the commutation matrix is given in different way by Zhang [13], that is

$$K_{m,n} = \begin{bmatrix} I_m \otimes e_{1n}^T \\ I_m \otimes e_{2n}^T \\ \vdots \\ I_m \otimes e_{mn}^T \end{bmatrix}$$

where I_m is an identity matrix and e_{in} is an n -dimensional column vector which has 1 in the i^{th} position and 0's elsewhere; that is

$$e_{in} = [0, 0, \dots, 0, 1, 0, \dots, 0]^T$$

and

$$I_m \otimes e_{in}^T = [a_{ij}e_{in}^T], a_{ij} \in I_m.$$

Lemma 1. [14] Let $K_{m,n}$ be a commutation matrix. Then

1. $K_{m,n}^T = K_{n,m}$ and $K_{m,n}K_{n,m} = I_{mn}$
2. $K_{m,1} = K_{1,m} = I_m$

The following theorem present a linear relationship between $vec(A)$ and $vec(A^T)$ through the commutation matrix $K_{m,n}$.

Theorem 2. [15] Let $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ and A be a $m \times n$ matrix, then $K_{mn} vec(A) = vec(A^T)$.

The second step of this research is to apply the pattern obtained in the first step to all the elements (matrices) in the Kronecker quaternion group. Next, the final step is to determine the type of commutation matrix for each matrix in the Kronecker Quaternion Group.

3. Results and Discussion

We present the Kronecker quaternion group, i.e.

$G = \{A_k = [a_{ij}] \mid i, j = 1, 2, 3, 4, k = 1, 2, \dots, 32\}$ where A_k as follows:

$$A_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, A_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 A_3 &= \begin{bmatrix} i & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -i & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & i & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -i \end{bmatrix}, A_4 = \begin{bmatrix} -i & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & i & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -i & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & i \end{bmatrix}, \\
 A_5 &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, A_6 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \\
 A_7 &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & i & 0 & 0 \\ i & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & i \\ 0 & 0 & i & 0 \end{bmatrix}, A_8 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -i & 0 & 0 \\ -i & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -i \\ 0 & 0 & -i & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \\
 A_9 &= \begin{bmatrix} i & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & i & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -i & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -i \end{bmatrix}, A_{10} = \begin{bmatrix} -i & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -i & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & i & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & i \end{bmatrix}, \\
 A_{11} &= \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, A_{12} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \\
 A_{13} &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & i & 0 & 0 \\ -i & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -i \\ 0 & 0 & i & 0 \end{bmatrix}, A_{14} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -i & 0 & 0 \\ i & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & i \\ 0 & 0 & -i & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \\
 A_{15} &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, A_{16} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \\
 A_{17} &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, A_{18} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \\
 A_{19} &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & i & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -i \\ -i & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & i & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, A_{20} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & -i & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & i \\ i & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -i & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \\
 A_{21} &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, A_{22} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix},
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 A_{23} &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & i \\ 0 & 0 & i & 0 \\ 0 & -i & 0 & 0 \\ -i & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, A_{24} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & -i \\ 0 & 0 & -i & 0 \\ 0 & i & 0 & 0 \\ i & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \\
 A_{25} &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & i & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & i \\ i & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & i & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, A_{26} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & -i & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -i \\ -i & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -i & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \\
 A_{27} &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, A_{28} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \\
 A_{29} &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & i \\ 0 & 0 & -i & 0 \\ 0 & i & 0 & 0 \\ -i & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, A_{30} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & -i \\ 0 & 0 & i & 0 \\ 0 & -i & 0 & 0 \\ i & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \\
 A_{31} &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, A_{32} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.
 \end{aligned}$$

The classification of the elements in \mathbf{G} are:

1. Symmetric matrix (main diagonal): $A_1, A_2, A_3, A_4, A_9, A_{10}, A_{11}, A_{12}, A_{21}, A_{22}$
2. Symmetric matrix (secondary diagonal): $A_7, A_8, A_{15}, A_{16}, A_{25}, A_{26}, A_{27}, A_{28}, A_{31}, A_{32}$.
3. Skew-Symmetric matrix (secondary diagonal): $A_5, A_6, A_{13}, A_{14}, A_{17}, A_{18}, A_{19}, A_{20}, A_{23}, A_{24}, A_{29}, A_{30}$.

Based on the classification above, the elements in the Kronecker quaternion group are also divided based on the same elements in certain entries, i.e.:

1. Symmetri matrix (main diagonal), where
 - $a_{11} = a_{22} = a_{33} = a_{44}$: A_1, A_2 .
 - $a_{11} = a_{33}$ and $a_{22} = a_{44}$: A_3, A_4 .
 - $a_{11} = a_{22}$ and $a_{33} = a_{44}$: A_9, A_{10} .
 - $a_{11} = a_{44}$ and $a_{22} = a_{33}$: A_{11}, A_{12} .
2. Symmetri matrix (secondary diagonal), where
 - $a_{21} = a_{12} = a_{43} = a_{34}$: A_7, A_8 .
 - $a_{41} = a_{32} = a_{23} = a_{14}$: A_{31}, A_{32} .
 - $a_{31} = a_{13} = a_{42} = a_{24}$: A_{25}, A_{26} .
 - $a_{21} = a_{12}$ and $a_{43} = a_{34}$: A_{15}, A_{16} .
 - $a_{41} = a_{14}$ and $a_{32} = a_{23}$: A_{21}, A_{22} .
 - $a_{31} = a_{13}$ and $a_{42} = a_{24}$: A_{27}, A_{28} .
3. Skew-symmetric matrix (secondary diagonal), where
 - $a_{21} = a_{34}$ and $a_{12} = a_{43}$: A_{13}, A_{14} .
 - $a_{31} = a_{42}$ and $a_{13} = a_{24}$: A_{17}, A_{18} .
 - $a_{24} = a_{31}$ and $a_{13} = a_{42}$: A_{19}, A_{20} .

- $a_{41} = a_{32}$ and $a_{23} = a_{14} : A_{23}, A_{24}$.
- $a_{41} = a_{23}$ and $a_{32} = a_{14} : A_{29}, A_{30}$.
- $a_{21} = a_{43}$ and $a_{12} = a_{34} : A_5, A_6$.

We have three theorems to determine the commutation matrix of matrices in the Kronecker quaternon group.

Theorem 3. Let A be a $n \times n$ matrix. Then the product of permutation matrices $P(((j - 1)n + i) ((i - 1)n + j))$ is a commutation matrix $K_{n,n}$ of A .

Proof. Consider that, the ij^{th} element of A is the $((j - 1)n + i)^{th}$ element of $vec(A)$ and the ij^{th} element of A^T is the $((i - 1)n + j)^{th}$ element of $vec(A)$. Thus, $K_{n,n}$ is the permutation matrix that takes elements $((j - 1)n + i)^{th}$ to $((i - 1)n + j)^{th}$ where $i, j = 1, 2, \dots, n$.

The proof divided into two, i.e for $i = j$ and $i \neq j$.

- For $i = j$, we have the permutation matrix that takes elements $((i - 1)n + i)^{th}$ to $((i - 1)n + i)^{th}$. So, the permutation matrix takes 1 to $1, n + 2$ to $n + 2, \dots, n^2$ to n^2 . Then, we have the permutation matrix $P(((i - 1)n + i) ((i - 1)n + i)) = I_{n^2} = K_{n,n}$
- For $i \neq j$, Let $i = r, j = s; r \neq s; r, s = 1, 2, \dots, n$, then we have permutation matrix that takes elements $((s - 1)n + r)^{th}$ to $((r - 1)n + s)^{th}$.
Let $i = s, j = r; r \neq s; r, s = 1, 2, \dots, n$, then we have permutation matrix that takes elements $((r - 1)n + s)^{th}$ to $((s - 1)n + r)^{th}$.
t Base on these, we have the permutation matrix takes elements $((s - 1)n + r)^{th}$ to $((r - 1)n + s)^{th}$ and $((r - 1)n + s)^{th}$ to $((s - 1)n + r)^{th}$. In other words, we have $P(((s - 1)n + r) ((r - 1)n + s))$, or in generally $P(((j - 1)n + i) ((i - 1)n + j))$ for $i > j$. Thus,

$$K_{n,n} = P_{i=j}(((j - 1)n + i) ((i - 1)n + j)) P_{i>j}(((j - 1)n + i) ((i - 1)n + j)) \\ = P_{i \geq j}(((j - 1)n + i) ((i - 1)n + j))$$

□

Theorem 4. Let A be a matrix $m \times n$ such that a_r is the r^{th} entry in $vec(A)$ and a_s is the s^{th} entry in $vec(A^T)$ where $a_r = a_s$. If the commutation matrix K_{mn} changes the location of a_r in $vec(A)$ to the a_s entry in $vec(A^T)$ then the a_{sr} entry in K_{mn} is 1.

Proof. The elements of the commutation matrix are 0 and 1. The a_{ij} element in A are $((j - 1)m + i)^{th}$ element in in the row in $vec(A)$ and the $((i - 1)n + j)^{th}$ element in row in $vec(A^T)$. Let $r = (j - 1)m + i$ and $s = (i - 1)n + j$ so that $a_r = a_s$. Based on matrix multiplication, the element a_{sr} in K_{mn} is 1 which acts to make the element a_r in $vec(A)$ become the element a_s in $vec(A^T)$. □

The illustration for Theorem 4

$$\text{Let } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$\text{We have } \text{vec}(A) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \\ a_4 \\ a_5 \\ a_6 \\ a_7 \\ a_8 \\ a_9 \\ a_{10} \\ a_{11} \\ a_{12} \\ a_{13} \\ a_{14} \\ a_{15} \\ a_{16} \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } \text{vec}(A^T) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \\ a_4 \\ a_5 \\ a_6 \\ a_7 \\ a_8 \\ a_9 \\ a_{10} \\ a_{11} \\ a_{12} \\ a_{13} \\ a_{14} \\ a_{15} \\ a_{16} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Based on Theorem 3, we have $K_{4,4} = P(2\ 5)(3\ 9)(4\ 13)(7\ 10)(8\ 14)(12\ 15)$. Thus,

$$K_{4,4} \text{vec}(A) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \text{vec}(A^T)$$

It is known that $K_{4,4}$ places the 2nd element in $\text{vec}(A)$ into the 5th element in $\text{vec}(A^T)$ so that the 5th row and the 2nd column of the $K_{4,4}$ is 1. By considering the same entries in the matrix, we can find several ways of placing the entries in $\text{vec}(A)$ to $\text{vec}(A^T)$, so that the commutation matrix is not unique.

Theorem 5. Let A be any matrix of size $m \times n$ with k different elements, i.e. a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k , $k \leq mn$. If $|a_t| = s_t$ where $t = 1, 2, \dots, k$, then the number of possible commutation matrices of A is $s_1!s_2! \dots s_k!$.

Proof. Let $a_{ij} = a_1 = a_2 \dots = a_t$ where $t = 1, 2, \dots, k$ and $|a_t| = s_t$. Based on Theorem 3 and Theorem 4, commutation matrix $K_{n,n}$ places the $((j-1)m+i)^{\text{th}}$ element in $\text{vec}(A)$ into the $((i-1)n+j)^{\text{th}}$ in $\text{vec}(A^T)$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$ and $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$. There are $s!$ way to put s_t element from $\text{vec}(A)$ to $\text{vec}(A^T)$, that is there are $s!$ permutation matrices (read commutation matrices) for placing the same element, namely a_t such that it transforms $\text{vec}(A)$ into $\text{vec}(A^T)$. Therefore, the different permutation matrices that transform

$vec(A)$ to $vec(A^T)$ are $s_1!s_2! \dots s_k!$. □

Base on Theorem 3, Theorem 4 and Theorem 5, we have the commutation matrix for elements of Kronecker quaternion group, as follows:

Symmetry matrix (main diagonal)

1. $A_1, A_2 : I_{16}, P(1\ 6\ 11\ 16), P(1\ 6\ 16\ 11), P(1\ 11\ 6\ 16), P(1\ 11\ 16\ 6), P(1\ 16\ 6\ 11), P(1\ 16\ 11\ 6), P(1\ 11\ 6), P(1\ 16\ 6), P(1\ 16\ 11), P(1\ 6\ 16), P(1\ 16\ 11), P(1\ 11\ 16), P(6\ 16\ 11), P(6\ 11\ 16), P(1\ 6), P(11\ 16), P(1\ 11), P(1\ 16), P(6\ 11), P(6\ 16), P(1\ 6)(11\ 16), P(1\ 11)(6\ 16), P(1\ 16)(6\ 11)$
2. $A_3, A_4 : I_{16}, P(1\ 11), P(6\ 16), P(1\ 11)(6\ 16)$
3. $A_9, A_{10} : I_{16}, P(1\ 6), P(11\ 16), P(1\ 6)(11\ 16)$.
4. $A_{11}, A_{12} : I_{16}, P(1\ 16), P(6\ 11), P(1\ 16)(6\ 11)$

Symmetry matrix (secondary diagonal)

1. $A_7, A_8 : I_{16}, P(2\ 5\ 12\ 15), P(2\ 5\ 15\ 12), P(2\ 12\ 5\ 15), P(2\ 12\ 15\ 5), P(2\ 15\ 5\ 12), P(2\ 15\ 12\ 5), P(2\ 12\ 5), P(2\ 15\ 5), P(2\ 15\ 12), P(2\ 5\ 15), P(2\ 15\ 12), P(2\ 12\ 15), P(5\ 15\ 12), P(5\ 12\ 15), P(2\ 5), P(12\ 15), P(2\ 12), P(2\ 15), P(5\ 12), P(5\ 15), P(2\ 5)(12\ 15), P(2\ 12)(5\ 15), P(2\ 15)(5\ 12)$.
2. $A_{31}, A_{32} : I_{16}, P(4\ 7\ 10\ 13), P(4\ 7\ 13\ 10), P(4\ 10\ 7\ 13), P(4\ 10\ 13\ 7), P(4\ 13\ 7\ 10), P(4\ 13\ 10\ 7), P(4\ 10\ 7), P(4\ 13\ 7), P(4\ 13\ 10), P(4\ 7\ 13), P(4\ 13\ 10), P(4\ 10\ 13), P(7\ 13\ 10), P(7\ 10\ 13), P(4\ 7), P(10\ 13), P(4\ 10), P(4\ 13), P(7\ 10), P(7\ 13), P(4\ 7)(10\ 13), P(4\ 10)(7\ 13), P(4\ 13)(7\ 10)$.
3. $A_{25}, A_{26} : I_{16}, P(3\ 8\ 9\ 14), P(3\ 8\ 14\ 9), P(3\ 9\ 8\ 14), P(3\ 9\ 14\ 8), P(3\ 14\ 8\ 9), P(3\ 14\ 9\ 8), P(3\ 9\ 8), P(3\ 14\ 8), P(3\ 14\ 9), P(3\ 8\ 14), P(3\ 14\ 9), P(3\ 9\ 14), P(8\ 14\ 9), P(8\ 9\ 14), P(3\ 8), P(9\ 14), P(3\ 9), P(3\ 14), P(8\ 9), P(8\ 14), P(3\ 8)(9\ 14), P(3\ 9)(8\ 14), P(3\ 14)(8\ 9)$.
4. $A_{15}, A_{16} : I_{16}, P(3\ 8\ 9\ 14), P(3\ 8\ 14\ 9), P(3\ 9\ 8\ 14), P(3\ 9\ 14\ 8), P(3\ 14\ 8\ 9), P(3\ 14\ 9\ 8), P(3\ 9\ 8), P(3\ 14\ 8), P(3\ 14\ 9), P(3\ 8\ 14), P(3\ 14\ 9), P(3\ 9\ 14), P(8\ 14\ 9), P(8\ 9\ 14), P(3\ 8), P(9\ 14), P(3\ 9), P(3\ 14), P(8\ 9), P(8\ 14), P(3\ 8)(9\ 14), P(3\ 9)(8\ 14), P(3\ 14)(8\ 9)$.
5. $A_{21}, A_{22} : I_{16}, P(4\ 13), P(7\ 10), P(4\ 13)(7\ 10)$.
6. $A_{27}, A_{28} : I_{16}, P(3\ 9), P(8\ 14), P(3\ 9)(8\ 14)$.

Skew-symmetric matrix (secondary diagonal)

1. $A_{13}, A_{14} : P(2\ 5)(12\ 15), P(2\ 15)(5\ 12), P(2\ 5\ 12\ 15), P(2\ 15\ 12\ 5)$.
2. $A_{17}, A_{18} : P(3\ 9)(8\ 14), P(3\ 14)(8\ 9), P(3\ 9\ 8\ 14), P(3\ 14\ 8\ 9)$.
3. $A_{19}, A_{20} : P(3\ 8)(9\ 14), P(3\ 9)(8\ 14), P(3\ 8\ 14\ 9), P(3\ 9\ 14\ 8)$.
4. $A_{23}, A_{24} : P(4\ 10)(7\ 13), P(4\ 13)(7\ 10), P(4\ 10\ 7\ 13), P(4\ 13\ 7\ 10)$.
5. $A_{29}, A_{30} : P(4\ 7)(10\ 13), P(4\ 13)(7\ 10), P(4\ 7\ 10\ 13), P(4\ 13\ 10\ 7)$
6. $A_5, A_6 : P(2\ 5)(12\ 15), P(2\ 15)(5\ 12), P(2\ 5\ 12\ 15), P(2\ 15\ 12\ 5)$.

4. Conclusion

It is found that there are 16 classifications of matrices in the Kronecker quaternion group. These classifications are divided into three types of matrices, namely

- A matrix having the same four entries has 24 commutation matrices.
- A matrix having the same two entries has four commutation matrices.
- symmetric skew matrix only has four commutation matrices

Based on these results, a new study can be made by considering the elements in any matrix that have the same entries in certain desired positions.

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