

# *The Transformation Matrices of $\text{vec } A$ to $\text{vec } A^T$ for Diagonal Matrix*

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**Abstract** – This study aims to discuss the transformation matrices of  $\text{vec } A$  to  $\text{vec } A^T$  for diagonal matrix. The matrix used is a  $4 \times 4$  diagonal matrix assuming that two pairs of elements are located on the main diagonal with the same value. To get the transformation matrices, this uses the commutation matrix equation is  $K_{mn} \text{vec}(A) = \text{vec}(A^T)$ . Therefore, several  $K_{mn}$  commutation matrices are obtained on a  $4 \times 4$  diagonal matrix.

**Keyword** – *Commutation Matrix, Diagonal Matrix, Vec Matrix.*

## I. INTRODUCTION

The vec-operator transforms a matrix into a vector by stacking its columns one underneath the other. Let  $A$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix. Then, two vectors  $\text{vec } A$  and  $\text{vec } A^T$  are the  $mn \times 1$  vector, which contain the same  $mn$  components, but in a different order. Hence, there exist the transformation matrix that transform  $\text{vec}(A)$  into  $\text{vec}(A^T)$ . This  $mn \times mn$  matrix is called the commutation matrix, denoted by  $K_{mn}$  [1]. A 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 [2].

This paper discusses the transformation matrices of  $\text{vec } A$  to  $\text{vec } A^T$  for diagonal matrix. The matrix used is a  $4 \times 4$  diagonal matrix assuming that two pairs of elements are located on the main diagonal with the same value. Since the form of the matrices in this group can be classified based on the location of the elements on the diagonal of the matrix, several commutation matrices are obtained.

## II. RESEARCH METHODS

The research methods are based on the study of literature, which is related to the transformation matrices of  $\text{vec } A$  to  $\text{vec } A^T$  for diagonal matrix. The matrix used is a  $4 \times 4$  diagonal matrix assuming that two pairs of elements are located on the main diagonal with the same value. In this Section, we present some of the definitions and properties (theorems) used to obtain the result.

### Definition 2.1 [3]

A square matrix in which all the elements off the main diagonal are zero is called a diagonal matrix

**Definition 2.2 [1]**

The  $\text{vec}$ -operator transforms a matrix into a vector by stacking its columns one underneath the other. Let  $A$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix and  $a_i$  its  $i$ -th column. Then  $\text{vec } A$  is the  $mn \times 1$  vector.

**Definition 2.3 [4]**

A permutation of a set  $S$  is a function from  $S$  to  $S$  that is both one-to-one and onto.

If  $\sigma$  is a permutation, we have the identity matrix as follows:

**Definition 2.4 [5]**

Let  $\sigma$  be a permutation in  $S_n$ . Define the permutation matrix  $P(\sigma) = [\delta_{i,\sigma(j)}]$  where

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

**Theorem 2.5 [6]**

Let  $\pi$  and  $\sigma$  be a permutation in  $S_n$ , then  $P(\pi)P(\sigma) = P(\pi\sigma)$ .

**Definition 2.6 [2]**

A permutation matrix  $P = (p_{ij}) \in R^{n \times n}$  is called a commutation matrix if it satisfies the following conditions:

- $P = (p_{ij})$  is an  $p \times q$  block matrix with each block  $P_{ij} \in R^{q \times p}$ .
- For each  $i \in [p], j \in [q], P_{ij} \in (k_{st}^{(i,j)})$  is a  $(0,1)$  matrix with a unique 1 which lies at the position  $(j, i)$ .

The  $\text{vec}$ -operator transforms a matrix into a vector by stacking its columns one underneath the other. Let  $A$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix. Then, two vectors  $\text{vec } A$  and  $\text{vec } A^T$  are the  $mn \times 1$  vector, which contain the same  $mn$  components, but in a different order. Hence, there exist the transformation matrix that transform  $\text{vec}(A)$  into  $\text{vec}(A^T)$ . This  $mn \times mn$  matrix is called the commutation matrix, denoted by  $K_{mn}$  and defined implicitly by the operation  $K_{mn} \text{vec}(A) = \text{vec}(A^T)$ . The order of the indices matters:  $K_{mn}$  and  $K_{nm}$  are two different matrices when  $m \neq n$ , except when either  $m = 1$  or  $n = 1$ . If  $m = n$  we write  $K_n$  instead of  $K_{nn}$  [1].

### III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

By using the properties of the commutation matrix, it is result that there are four commutation matrices for the  $4 \times 4$  diagonal matrix. The matrix used is a  $4 \times 4$  diagonal matrix assuming that two pairs of elements are located on the main diagonal with the same value. The following is the theorem generated in this research.

**Theorem 3.1:**

Let  $A$  be a  $4 \times 4$  diagonal matrix

- For any diagonal matrix  $A$ , then the  $K_{mn}$  commutation matrix that satisfies the equation  $K_{mn} \text{vec}(A) = \text{vec}(A^T)$  is  $I_{16}$
- If  $a_{ii} = a_{jj}$  elements, then the  $K_{mn}$  commutation matrix that satisfies the equation  $K_{mn} \text{vec}(A) = \text{vec}(A^T)$  is  $P(5i - 4 \quad 5j - 4)$
- If  $a_{kk} = a_{ll}$  elements, then the  $K_{mn}$  commutation matrix that satisfies the equation  $K_{mn} \text{vec}(A) = \text{vec}(A^T)$  is  $P(5k - 4 \quad 5l - 4)$
- If  $a_{ii} = a_{jj}$  and  $a_{kk} = a_{ll}$  elements, then the  $K_{mn}$  commutation matrix that satisfies the equation  $K_{mn} \text{vec}(A) = \text{vec}(A^T)$  is  $P(5i - 4 \quad 5j - 4)(5k - 4 \quad 5l - 4)$

**Proof:**

Let  $A$  be a  $4 \times 4$  diagonal matrix, that is

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a_{22} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a_{33} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & a_{44} \end{bmatrix}$$

then

$$\text{vec}(A) = [a_{11} \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ a_{22} \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ a_{33} \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ a_{44}]^T = \text{vec}(A^T)$$

Note that, the  $a_{11}$  element in matrix  $A$  is the first element in  $\text{vec}(A)$  and  $\text{vec}(A^T)$ , the  $a_{22}$  element in matrix  $A$  is the sixth element in  $\text{vec}(A)$  and  $\text{vec}(A^T)$ , the  $a_{33}$  element in matrix  $A$  is the eleventh element in  $\text{vec}(A)$  and  $\text{vec}(A^T)$ , and the  $a_{44}$  element in matrix  $A$  is the sixteenth element in  $\text{vec}(A)$  and  $\text{vec}(A^T)$ . So, the  $[a_{ii}]$  elements places in the  $1^{st}$ ,  $6^{th}$ ,  $11^{th}$  and  $16^{th}$  element in  $\text{vec}(A)$  and  $\text{vec}(A^T)$ . The numbers of 1, 6, 11, and 16 can be expressed by  $(5i - 4)$ , for  $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ . Furthermore, if the elements  $a_{ii} = a_{jj}$  and  $a_{kk} = a_{ll}$ , then the  $K_{mn}$  commutation matrix will be determined that satisfies the equation  $K_{mn} \text{vec}(A) = \text{vec}(A^T)$

- a) In this case, for any diagonal matrix  $A$ , the  $a_{ii}$  element places the  $(5i - 4)^{th}$  element in  $\text{vec}(A)$  into the  $(5i - 4)^{th}$  element in  $\text{vec}(A^T)$ . The  $a_{jj}$  element places the  $(5j - 4)^{th}$  element in  $\text{vec}(A)$  into the  $(5j - 4)^{th}$  element in  $\text{vec}(A^T)$ . The  $a_{kk}$  element places the  $(5k - 4)^{th}$  element in  $\text{vec}(A)$  into the  $(5k - 4)^{th}$  element in  $\text{vec}(A^T)$ . The  $a_{ll}$  element places the  $(5l - 4)^{th}$  element in  $\text{vec}(A)$  into the  $(5l - 4)^{th}$  element in  $\text{vec}(A^T)$ . So we have the commutation matrix is  $K_4 = I_{16}$ .

$$K_4 \text{vec}(A) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ a_{22} \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ a_{33} \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ a_{44} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ a_{22} \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ a_{33} \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ a_{44} \end{bmatrix} = \text{vec}(A^T)$$

- b) In this case, if  $a_{ii} = a_{jj}$  elements, then we have the permutation matrix takes the  $(5i - 4)^{th}$  element ( $a_{ii}$ ) in  $\text{vec}(A)$  into the  $(5j - 4)^{th}$  element ( $a_{jj}$ ) in  $\text{vec}(A^T)$ , and takes the  $(5j - 4)^{th}$  element ( $a_{jj}$ ) in  $\text{vec}(A)$  into the  $(5i - 4)^{th}$  element ( $a_{ii}$ ) in  $\text{vec}(A^T)$ . So we have the commutation matrix is  $K_4 = P(5i - 4 \ 5j - 4)$ .
- c) In this case, if  $a_{kk} = a_{ll}$  elements, then we have the permutation matrix takes the  $(5k - 4)^{th}$  element ( $a_{kk}$ ) in  $\text{vec}(A)$  into the  $(5l - 4)^{th}$  element ( $a_{ll}$ ) in  $\text{vec}(A^T)$ , and takes the  $(5l - 4)^{th}$  element ( $a_{ll}$ ) in  $\text{vec}(A)$  into the  $(5k - 4)^{th}$  element ( $a_{kk}$ ) in  $\text{vec}(A^T)$ . So we have the commutation matrix is  $K_4 = P(5k - 4 \ 5l - 4)$ .
- d) In this case, if  $a_{ii} = a_{jj}$  and  $a_{kk} = a_{ll}$  elements, then we have the permutation matrix takes the  $(5i - 4)^{th}$  element ( $a_{ii}$ ) in  $\text{vec}(A)$  into the  $(5j - 4)^{th}$  element ( $a_{jj}$ ) in  $\text{vec}(A^T)$ , takes the  $(5j - 4)^{th}$  element ( $a_{jj}$ ) in  $\text{vec}(A)$  into the  $(5i - 4)^{th}$  element ( $a_{ii}$ ) in  $\text{vec}(A^T)$ , takes the  $(5k - 4)^{th}$  element ( $a_{kk}$ ) in  $\text{vec}(A)$  into the  $(5l - 4)^{th}$  element ( $a_{ll}$ ) in  $\text{vec}(A^T)$ , and takes the  $(5l - 4)^{th}$  element ( $a_{ll}$ ) in  $\text{vec}(A)$  into the  $(5k - 4)^{th}$  element ( $a_{kk}$ ) in  $\text{vec}(A^T)$ . So we have the commutation matrix is  $K_4 = P(5i - 4 \ 5j - 4)(5k - 4 \ 5l - 4)$ .

Thus, in a  $4 \times 4$  diagonal matrix with  $a_{ii} = a_{jj}$  and  $a_{kk} = a_{ll}$  elements, then the  $K_{mn}$  commutation matrix that satisfies the equation  $K_{mn} \text{vec}(A) = \text{vec}(A^T)$  are  $I_{16}, P(5i - 4 \ 5j - 4), P(5k - 4 \ 5l - 4), P(5i - 4 \ 5j - 4)(5k - 4 \ 5l - 4)$ .

#### IV. CONCLUSION

From the result of research can be concluded that there are

- 1) For any diagonal matrix, one of the  $K_{mn}$  commutation matrix that satisfies the equation  $K_{mn} \text{vec } (A) = \text{vec } (A^T)$  is identity matrix.
- 2) For the  $4 \times 4$  diagonal matrix, which that two pairs of elements are located on the main diagonal with the same value, then the  $K_{mn}$  commutation matrix that satisfies the equation  $K_{mn} \text{vec } (A) = \text{vec } (A^T)$  are  $I_{16}, P(5i - 4 \quad 5j - 4), P(5k - 4 \quad 5l - 4), P(5i - 4 \quad 5j - 4)(5k - 4 \quad 5l - 4)$ .

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