# The characteristic polynomial of some anti-tridiagonal 2-Hankel matrices of even order 

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#### Abstract

In this paper, we derive the characteristic polynomial for a family of anti-tridiagonal 2-Hankel matrices of even order in terms of Chebyshev polynomials, giving also a representation of its eigenvectors. An orthogonal diagonalization for these type of matrices having null northeast-to-southwest diagonal is also provided using prescribed eigenvalues.


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## 1. Introduction

The concept of an $r$-Toeplitz matrix was introduced by Gover and Barnett in the eighties (Gover \& Barnett, 1985), which also established many of its properties (Gover \& Barnett, 1985; Gover, 1989). They defined an $r$-Toeplitz matrix as an $n \times n$ matrix $\mathbf{A}_{n}$, such that $\left[\mathbf{A}_{n}\right]_{k+, \ell+r}=\left[\mathbf{A}_{n}\right]_{k, \ell}$ for all $k, \ell=1,2, \ldots, n-r$. Following this idea, we say that an $n \times n$ matrix $\mathbf{B}_{n}$ is an $r$-Hankel matrix if $\left[\mathbf{B}_{n}\right]_{k+\ell, \ell-r}=\left[\mathbf{B}_{n}\right]_{k, \ell}$ for every $k=1,2, \ldots, n-r$ and $\ell=r$ $+1, \ldots, n$. Note that when $r=1$, the matrix $\mathbf{B}_{n}$ becomes a Hankel matrix.

Let us point out that Hankel matrices appear not only in engineering problems of system and control theory (Olshevsky \& Stewart, 2001 and the references therein), but also in computational mathematics (Bultheel \& Van Barel, 1997).

In this note, we shall consider a particular type of anti-tridiagonal 2-Hankel matrices of even order, concretely, real $2 n \times 2 n$ matrices of the form
$\mathbf{H}_{2 n}=\left[\begin{array}{ccccccc}0 & \ldots & \ldots & \ldots & 0 & b_{1} & c \\ \vdots & & & . & a_{2} & d & a_{1} \\ \vdots & & . & . & . & c & b_{2}\end{array}\right)$
with $c d=0$. It is our goal to obtain an explicit expression for the characteristic polynomial of $\mathbf{H}_{2 n}$ as well as a representation of its eigenvectors for eigenvalues given a priori. As a consequence, sufficient conditions are announced to get an orthogonal diagonalization of anti-tridiagonal 2-Hankel matrices of even order having null northeast-to-southwest diagonal. We emphasize that, in general, $\mathbf{H}_{2 n}$ is not a persymmetric matrix, which makes some recent approaches
concerning this issue unfeasible (Akbulak, da Fonseca \& Yilmaz, 2013; Wu, 2010). Therefore, our results emerge as a complement for these and other papers about spectral properties of anti-tridiagonal matrices.

## 2. Main results

For any integer $p \geqslant-1$, we shall denote by $U_{p}(x)$ the $p$ th degree Chebyshev polynomial of the second kind

$$
U_{p}(x)=\frac{\sin [(p+1) \arccos x]}{\sin (\arccos x)}, \quad-1<x<1,
$$

with $U_{p}( \pm 1)=( \pm 1)^{p}(p+1)$ (Mason \& Handscomb, 2003). This expression as a sum of powers of $x$ can, of course, be evaluated for any $x$. The symbols $\lfloor x\rfloor$ and $\otimes$ will be used to indicate the largest integer not greater than $x$ and the Kronecker product, respectively. The Euclidean norm will be denoted by $\|\cdot\|$.

Let $\xi_{,} b_{1}, b_{2}$ be real numbers such that $b_{1} b_{2} \neq 0$. Throughout, we shall consider the sequence of polynomials $\left\{Q_{k}(x, \xi)\right\}_{k \geqslant 0}$ defined by
$Q_{k}(x, \xi):=\left\{\begin{array}{l}x\left(b_{1} b_{2}\right)^{\frac{k-1}{2}} U_{\frac{k-1}{2}}\left(\frac{x^{2}-b_{1}^{2}-b_{2}^{2}}{2 b_{1}}\right), k \text { odd } \\ \left(b_{1} b_{2} \frac{\frac{k}{2}}{\frac{k}{2}} U_{\frac{k}{k}}\left(\frac{x^{2}-b_{1}^{2}-b_{2}^{2}}{2 b_{1} b_{2}}\right)+\right. \\ \xi^{2}\left(b_{1} b_{2}\right)^{\frac{k}{2}-1} U_{\frac{k_{2}}{2}-1}\left(\frac{x^{2}-b_{1}^{2}-b_{2}^{2}}{2 b_{1} b_{2}}\right), k \text { even }\end{array}\right.$
as well as the $n \times n$ matrix $\mathbf{Q}_{n}\left[b_{\frac{3_{3+(-1)}^{2}}{}}\right]$ whose $(k, \ell)$-entry is
and the $n \times n$ matrix $\mathbf{S}_{n}\left[x, b_{\frac{3+(-1)^{n}}{2}}, b_{2}\right]$ given by

$$
\begin{align*}
& \mathbf{Q}_{n}\left[b_{\frac{3+(-1)^{n}}{2}}\right]-\frac{b_{\frac{3+(-1)^{n}}{}} Q_{n}\left(x, b_{2}\right)}{Q_{n}\left(x, b_{2}\right)-b_{\frac{3+(-1)^{n}}{}}^{2} Q_{n-1}\left(x, b_{2}\right)} \\
& \mathbf{q}_{n}\left[\frac{b_{\frac{3+(-1)^{n}}{}}^{2}}{}\right] \mathbf{q}_{n}\left[b_{\frac{3+(-1)^{n}}{2}}\right]^{\top} \tag{4}
\end{align*}
$$

 we shall suppose the $n \times n$ matrix $\mathbf{T}_{n}(x, y)$ defined by

$$
\left\{\begin{array}{ccccccc}
{\left[\begin{array}{cccccc}
0 & x & 0 & \ldots & \ldots & \ldots \\
x & 0 & y & 0 & & \\
0 \\
0 & y & 0 & x & \ddots & \\
\vdots \\
\vdots & 0 & x & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots
\end{array} \vdots\right.}  \tag{5}\\
\vdots & & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & 0 \\
\vdots & & & \ddots & \ddots & 0 & x \\
0 & \ldots & \ldots & \ldots & 0 & x & y
\end{array}\right], n \text { even }
$$

Set

$$
\begin{gathered}
\mathbf{J}_{n}:=\left[\delta_{k+\ell, n+1}\right]_{k, \ell}, \\
\mathbf{E}_{n}:=\left[\frac{1+(-1)^{k}}{2} \delta_{k, \ell}\right]_{k, \ell}, \\
\mathbf{K}_{n}:=\left[\frac{1-(-1)^{k}}{2} \delta_{k, \ell}\right]_{k, \ell}
\end{gathered}
$$

where $\delta$ is the Kronecker delta. For $a b \neq 0$, let $\mathbf{u}_{\mathrm{n}}(x, a, b)$ be the $n$-dimensional vector whose the $k$ th component is

$$
\left\{\begin{array}{l}
U_{\frac{k-1}{2}}\left(\frac{x^{2}-a^{2}-b^{2}}{2 a b}\right)+\frac{b}{a} U_{\frac{k-3}{2}}\left(\frac{x^{2}-a^{2}-b^{2}}{2 a b}\right), k \text { odd }  \tag{6}\\
\frac{x}{a} U_{\frac{k}{2}-1}\left(\frac{x^{2}-a^{2}-b^{2}}{2 a b}\right), k \text { even }
\end{array}\right.
$$

In what follows, we shall assume the antitridiagonal 2-Hankel matrix $\mathbf{H}_{2 n}$ defined in (1) with $d=0$. Notwithstanding, similar results hold for any real number $d$ and $c=0$, mutatis mutandis.

Theorem 1 Let $n$ be a positive integer, $c$ a real number, $\left\{Q_{k}(x, \xi)\right\}_{k \geqslant 0}$ the sequence of polynomials (2) and $\quad \mathbf{T}_{n}\left(a_{1}, a_{2}\right), \quad \mathbf{T}_{n}\left(b_{1}, b_{2}\right)$ the matrices defined by (5) for nonzero reals $a_{1}, a_{2}, b_{1}, b_{2}$.
(a) If $n$ is even, then the eigenvalues of $\mathbf{H}_{2 n}$ in (1) are precisely the zeros of

$$
\begin{align*}
& f(x)=\left(a_{1} a_{2} b_{1} b_{2}\right)^{\frac{n}{2}} . \\
& \quad\left[U_{\frac{n}{2}}\left(\frac{x^{2}-a_{1}^{2}-a_{2}^{2}}{2 a_{1} a_{2}}\right)+\frac{a_{2}-x}{a_{1}} U_{\frac{n}{2}-1}\left(\frac{x^{2}-a_{1}^{2}-a_{2}^{2}}{2 a_{1} a_{2}}\right)\right] .  \tag{7}\\
& \quad\left[U_{\frac{n}{2}}\left(\frac{x^{2}-b_{1}^{2}-b_{2}^{2}}{2 b_{1} b_{2}}\right)+\frac{b_{2}-x}{b_{1}} U_{\frac{n}{2}-1}\left(\frac{x^{2}-b_{1}^{2}-b_{2}^{2}}{2 b_{1} b_{2}}\right)\right]
\end{align*}
$$

Moreover, if $\lambda$ is an eigenvalue of $\mathbf{T}_{n}\left(a_{1}, a_{2}\right), \mu$ is an eigenvalue of $\mathbf{T}_{n}\left(b_{1}, b_{2}\right), Q_{n}\left(\lambda, b_{2}\right) \neq b_{2} Q_{n-1}\left(\lambda, b_{2}\right)$ and $\quad \operatorname{det}\left[\mathbf{I}_{n} \otimes \mathbf{T}_{n}\left(a_{1}, a_{2}\right)-\mathbf{T}_{n}\left(b_{1}, b_{2}\right) \otimes \mathbf{I}_{n}\right] \neq 0$, then

$$
\mathbf{P}_{2 n}^{\top}\left[\begin{array}{c}
\mathbf{u}_{n}\left(\lambda, a_{1}, a_{2}\right)  \tag{8}\\
-c \mathbf{S}_{n}\left(\lambda, b_{2}, b_{2}\right) \mathbf{u}_{n}\left(\lambda, a_{1}, a_{2}\right)
\end{array}\right]
$$

and

$$
\mathbf{P}_{2 n}^{\top}\left[\begin{array}{c}
\mathbf{0}  \tag{9}\\
\mathbf{u}_{n}\left(\mu, b_{1}, b_{2}\right)
\end{array}\right]
$$

are eigenvectors of $\mathbf{H}_{2 n}$ associated to $\lambda$ and $\mu$, respectively, where $\mathbf{P}_{2 n}$ is the $2 n \times 2 n$ permutation matrix
$\mathbf{P}_{2 n}:=\left[\begin{array}{l|l}\mathbf{E}_{n} & \mathbf{J}_{n} \mathbf{E}_{n} \\ \hline \mathbf{K}_{n} & \mathbf{J}_{n} \mathbf{K}_{n}\end{array}\right]$
$\mathbf{u}_{\mathrm{n}}\left(\lambda, a_{1}, a_{2}\right), \mathbf{u}_{\mathrm{n}}\left(\mu, b_{1}, b_{2}\right)$ are the $n$-dimensional vectors defined by (6) and $\mathbf{S}_{n}\left(\lambda, b_{2}, b_{2}\right)$ is the $n \times n$ matrix given in (4).
(b) If $n$ is odd, then the eigenvalues of $\mathbf{H}_{2 n}$ in (1) are precisely the zeros of

$$
\begin{align*}
& f(x)=\left(a_{1} a_{2} b_{1} b_{2}\right)^{\frac{n-1}{2} .} \\
& \quad\left[\left(x-a_{1}\right) U_{\frac{n-1}{2}}\left(\frac{x^{2}-a_{1}^{2}-a_{2}^{2}}{2 a_{1} a_{2}}\right)-a_{2} U_{\frac{n-3}{2}}\left(\frac{x^{2}-a_{1}^{2}-a_{2}^{2}}{2 a_{2} a_{2}}\right)\right] .  \tag{11}\\
& \quad\left[\left(x-b_{1}\right) U_{\frac{n-1}{2}}\left(\frac{x^{2}-b_{1}^{2}-b_{2}^{2}}{2 b_{1} b_{2}}\right)-b_{2} U_{\frac{n-3}{2}}\left(\frac{x^{2}-b_{1}^{2}-b_{2}^{2}}{2 b_{1} b_{2}}\right)\right]
\end{align*}
$$

Furthermore, if $\lambda$ is an eigenvalue of $\mathbf{T}_{\mathrm{n}}\left(a_{1}, a_{2}\right)$, $\mu$ is an eigenvalue of $\mathbf{T}_{\mathrm{n}}\left(b_{1}, b_{2}\right), Q_{n}\left(\lambda, b_{2}\right) \neq b_{1} Q_{n-1}\left(\lambda, b_{2}\right)$ and

$$
\operatorname{det}\left[\mathbf{I}_{n} \otimes \mathbf{T}_{n}\left(a_{1}, a_{2}\right)-\mathbf{T}_{n}\left(b_{1}, b_{2}\right) \otimes \mathbf{I}_{n}\right] \neq 0 \text {, then }
$$

$$
\mathbf{P}_{2 n}^{\top}\left[\begin{array}{c}
-c \mathbf{S}_{n}\left(\lambda, b_{1}, b_{2}\right) \mathbf{u}_{n}\left(\lambda, a_{1}, a_{2}\right)  \tag{12}\\
\mathbf{u}_{n}\left(\lambda, a_{1}, a_{2}\right)
\end{array}\right]
$$

and

$$
\mathbf{P}_{2 n}^{\top}\left[\begin{array}{c}
\mathbf{u}_{n}\left(\mu, b_{1}, b_{2}\right)  \tag{13}\\
\mathbf{0}
\end{array}\right]
$$

are eigenvectors of $\mathbf{H}_{2 n}$ associated to $\lambda$ and $\mu$, respectively, where $\mathbf{P}_{2 n}$ is the $2 n \times 2 n$ permutation matrix

$$
\mathbf{P}_{2 n}:=\left[\begin{array}{l|l}
\mathbf{K}_{n} & \mathbf{E}_{n} \mathbf{J}_{n}  \tag{14}\\
\hline \mathbf{E}_{n} & \mathbf{K}_{n} \mathbf{J}_{n}
\end{array}\right]
$$

$\mathbf{u}_{n}\left(\lambda, a_{1}, a_{2}\right), \mathbf{u}_{n}\left(\mu, b_{1}, b_{2}\right)$ are the $n$-dimensional vectors defined by (6) and $\mathbf{S}_{\mathrm{n}}\left(\lambda, b_{1}, b_{2}\right)$ is the $n \times n$ matrix given in (4).

Remark It is worthwhile to note that by taking $c=$ 0 and $a_{2}=b_{1}, a_{1}=b_{2}$ in (7) or (11), we recover the expressions obtained in section 4 of da Fonseca
(2018) for the matrices of even order analysed therei...........................................

The previous result leads us to an orthogonal diagonalization for anti-tridiagonal 2-Hankel matrices (1) with null northeast-to-southwest diagonal, i.e. for matrices of the form

$$
\mathbf{H}_{2 n}^{*}=\left[\begin{array}{ccccccc}
0 & \ldots & \ldots & \ldots & 0 & b_{1} & 0  \tag{15}\\
\vdots & & & \ddots & a_{2} & 0 & a_{1} \\
\vdots & & \ddots & . & 0 & b_{2} & 0 \\
\vdots & . & \ddots & . & . & \ddots & \vdots \\
0 & a_{2} & 0 & \ddots & . & & \vdots \\
b_{1} & 0 & b_{2} & . & & & \vdots \\
0 & a_{1} & 0 & \ldots & \ldots & \ldots & 0
\end{array}\right]
$$

Put

$$
\left.\begin{array}{l}
\mathbf{v}_{n}:=\left[\begin{array}{lll}
\frac{\mathbf{u}_{n}\left(\lambda_{1}, a_{1}, a_{2}\right)}{} & \cdots & \frac{\mathbf{u}_{n}\left(\lambda_{n}, a_{1}, a_{2}\right)}{}\left(\lambda_{1}, a_{1}, a_{2}\right)
\end{array}\right] \tag{16}
\end{array}\right]
$$

where $\mathbf{u}_{n}\left(\lambda_{k} a_{1}, a_{2}\right)$ and $\mathbf{u}_{n}\left(\mu_{k}, b_{1}, b_{2}\right)$ are the $n$-dimensional vectors whose $k$ th components are defined by (6). Corollary 1 Let $n$ be a positive integer, $a_{1}, a_{2}, b_{1}, b_{2}$ nonzero real numbers, $\mathbf{H}_{2 \mathrm{n}}^{*}$ the $2 n \times 2 n$ matrix (15), $\mathbf{T}_{n}\left(a_{1}, a_{2}\right)$ and $\mathbf{T}_{n}\left(b_{1}, b_{2}\right)$ matrices defined by (5) having eigenvalues $\lambda_{1}, \ldots, \lambda_{n}$ and $\mu_{1}, \ldots, \mu_{n}$, respectively. Suppose that $\operatorname{det}\left[\mathbf{I}_{n} \otimes \mathbf{T}_{n}\left(a_{1}, a_{2}\right)-\mathbf{T}_{n}\left(b_{1}, b_{2}\right) \otimes \mathbf{I}_{n}\right] \neq 0$ and the sequence of polynomials $\left\{Q_{k}(x, \xi)\right\}_{k \geqslant 0}^{\prime}$ given by (2) satisfies $Q_{n}\left(\lambda_{k}, b_{2}\right) \neq b_{\frac{\left.3+(-)^{1}\right)}{2}} Q_{n-1}\left(\lambda_{k}, b_{2}\right)$. for each $k=1, \ldots, n$.
(a) If $n$ is even, then

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathbf{H}_{2 n}^{*}=\mathbf{U}_{2 n} \operatorname{diag}\left(\lambda_{1}, \ldots, \lambda_{n}, \mu_{1}, \ldots, \mu_{n}\right) \mathbf{U}_{2 n}^{\top}, \tag{17}
\end{equation*}
$$

where

$$
\mathbf{U}_{2 n}=\mathbf{P}_{2 n}^{\top}\left[\begin{array}{c|c}
\mathbf{V}_{n} & \mathbf{O}  \tag{18}\\
\hline \mathbf{O} & \mathbf{W}_{n}
\end{array}\right],
$$

$\mathbf{P}_{2 n}$ is the permutation matrix (10) and $\mathbf{V}_{n} \mathbf{W}_{n}$ are the $n \times n$ matrices in (16).
(b) If $n$ is odd, then

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathbf{H}_{2 n}^{*}=\mathbf{U}_{2 n} \operatorname{diag}\left(\lambda_{1}, \ldots, \lambda_{n}, \mu_{1}, \ldots, \mu_{n}\right) \mathbf{U}_{2 n}^{\top} \tag{19}
\end{equation*}
$$

where

$$
\mathbf{U}_{2 n}=\mathbf{P}_{2 n}^{\top}\left[\begin{array}{c|c}
\mathbf{O} & \mathbf{W}_{n} \\
\hline \mathbf{V}_{n} & \mathbf{O}
\end{array}\right],
$$

$\mathbf{P}_{2 n}$ is the permutation matrix $\mathbf{V}_{n}, \mathbf{W}_{n}$ are the $n \times n$ matrices in (16).

Remark More generally, Theorem 1 also leads to an eigendecomposition for $\mathbf{H}_{2 n}$ in (1) with $d=0$, taking eigenvector matrices formed by the column vectors (8), (9) or (12), (13) according to whether $n$ is even or odd, respectively.

## 3. Lemmata and proofs

In order to prove Theorem 1, we will need some auxiliary results. The first one is well-known in the literature (Akbulak, da Fonseca \& Yilmaz, 2013) and locates the eigenvalues of tridiagonal matrices having the form (5). Indeed, the characteristic polynomial of $\mathbf{T}_{n}(a, b)$ is

$$
(a b)^{\frac{n}{2}}\left[U_{\frac{n}{2}}\left(\frac{x^{2}-a^{2}-b^{2}}{2 a b}\right)+\frac{b-x}{a} U_{\frac{n}{2}-1}\left(\frac{x^{2}-a^{2}-b^{2}}{2 a b}\right)\right] \text {, }
$$

when $n$ is even and

$$
(a b)^{\frac{n-1}{2}}\left[(x-a) U_{\frac{n-1}{2}}\left(\frac{x^{2}-a^{2}-b^{2}}{2 a b}\right)-b U_{\frac{n-3}{2}}\left(\frac{x^{2}-a^{2}-b^{2}}{2 a b}\right)\right]
$$

whenever $n$ is odd. Next, we shall provide a representation of its eigenvectors.

Lemma 1 Let $n$ be a positive integer and $\mathbf{T}_{n}(a, b)$ the $n \times n$ matrix (5) with $a, b$ nonzero reals. If $\lambda$ is an eigenvalue of $\mathbf{T}_{n}(a, b)$, then $\mathbf{u}_{n}(\lambda, a, b)$ given in (6) is an eigenvector of $\mathbf{T}_{n}(a, b)$ associated to $\lambda$. Proof. Suppose a positive integer $n$ and reals $a, b$ such that $a \neq 0, b \neq 0$. Consider the three-term recurrence relation,

$$
\left\{\begin{array}{l}
P_{-1}(x) \equiv 0, \\
P_{0}(x) \equiv 1, \\
P_{k}(x)=\frac{x-\beta_{k}}{\alpha_{k}} P_{k-1}(x)-\frac{\gamma_{k-1}}{\alpha_{k}} P_{k-2}(x), \quad 1 \leqslant k \leqslant n
\end{array}\right.
$$

with $\gamma_{0}=\alpha_{n}=1$,

$$
\alpha_{k}=\gamma_{k}= \begin{cases}a, & k \text { odd } \\ b, & k \text { even }\end{cases}
$$

and

$$
\beta_{k}=\left\{\begin{array}{l}
0, k<n \\
b, k=n \text { and } n \text { even } \\
a, k=n \text { and } n \text { odd. }
\end{array}\right.
$$

Hence, $P_{k}(x)$ is expressed by

$$
\left\{\begin{array}{l}
U_{\frac{k}{2}}\left(\frac{x^{2}-a^{2}-b^{2}}{2 a b}\right)+\frac{b}{a} U_{\frac{k}{2}-1}\left(\frac{x^{2}-a^{2}-b^{2}}{2 a b}\right), k \text { even } \\
\frac{x}{a} U_{\frac{k-1}{2}}\left(\frac{x^{2}-a^{2}-b^{2}}{2 a b}\right), k \text { odd }
\end{array}\right.
$$

for each $0 \leqslant k \leqslant n-1$ and $\left[P_{0}(\lambda), P_{1}(\lambda), \ldots, P_{n-1}(\lambda)\right]^{\top} \quad$ is an eigenvector of $\mathbf{T}_{n}(a, b)$ associated to the eigenvalue $\lambda$ (da Fonseca, 2005). The thesis is established.

The following auxiliary statement is an explicit formula for the inverse of sort of slightly perturbed tridiagonal 2-Toeplitz matrices.

Lemma 2 Let $n$ be a positive integer, $\lambda$ a real number,
$\left\{Q_{k}(x, \xi)\right\}_{k \geqslant 0}$ the sequence of polynomials defined by (2) and $\mathbf{T}_{n}\left(b_{1}, b_{2}\right)$ the $n \times n$ matrix defined by (5) with nonzero reals $b_{1}, b_{2}$. If $Q_{n}\left(\lambda, b_{2}\right) \neq b_{\frac{3+(-1)^{n}}{2}} Q_{n-1}\left(\lambda, b_{2}\right)$, then

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left[\mathbf{T}_{n}\left(b_{1}, b_{2}\right)-\lambda \mathbf{I}_{n}\right]^{-1}=\mathbf{S}_{n}\left[\lambda, b_{\frac{3+(-1)^{n}}{2}}, b_{2}\right] \tag{20}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $\mathbf{S}_{n}\left[\lambda, b_{\frac{3+(-1)^{2}}{2}}, b_{2}\right]$ is the $n \times n$ matrix given by (4).
Proof. Suppose a positive integer n and real numbers $\lambda, b_{1}, b_{2}$ such that $b_{1} \neq 0, b_{2} \neq 0$. Employing the Second Principle of Mathematical Induction on the variable $n$, we can state that $\operatorname{det}\left[\mathbf{T}_{n}\left(b_{1}, b_{2}\right)\right]=(-1)^{\left\lfloor\frac{n}{2}\right\rfloor} b_{1}^{n}$, which ensure the nonsingularity of $\mathbf{T}_{n}\left(b_{1}, b_{2}\right)$. Denoting $\mathbf{e}_{\mathrm{n}}$ the $n$-dimensional vector ( $0, \ldots, 0,1$ ), the inverse of $\mathbf{T}_{n}\left(b_{1}, b_{2}\right)$ $-\lambda \mathbf{I}_{n}-b_{\frac{3+(-1)^{n}}{2}} \mathbf{e}_{n}$ is the matrix $\mathbf{Q}_{n}\left[b_{\frac{3+(-1)^{n}}{2}}\right]$ in (3) (see Theorem 4.1 of da Fonseca \& Petronilho, 2001), and the thesis is a direct consequence of the well-known Sherman-Morrison-Woodbury formula.

Proof of Theorem 1. Since both assertions can be proven in the same way, we only prove (a). Let $n$ be an even positive integer. It is straightforward to see that

$$
\mathbf{P}_{2 n} \mathbf{H}_{2 n} \mathbf{P}_{2 n}^{\top}=\left[\begin{array}{c|c}
\mathbf{T}_{n}\left(a_{1}, a_{2}\right) & \mathbf{O}  \tag{21}\\
\hline \mathbf{I}_{n} & \mathbf{T}_{n}\left(b_{1}, b_{2}\right)
\end{array}\right],
$$

where $\mathbf{P}_{2 n}$ is the permutation matrix (10). Thus,

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \operatorname{det}\left(t \mathbf{I}_{2 n}-\mathbf{H}_{2 n}\right)= \\
& \quad \operatorname{det}\left[t \mathbf{I}_{n}-\mathbf{T}_{n}\left(a_{1}, a_{2}\right)\right] \operatorname{det}\left[t \mathbf{I}_{n}-\mathbf{T}_{n}\left(b_{1}, b_{2}\right)\right]
\end{aligned}
$$

and we obtain (7). Let $\lambda$ be an eigenvalue of $\mathbf{T}_{n}\left(a_{1}, a_{2}\right)$. According to (21) we can rewrite the relation $\left(\mathbf{H}_{2 n}-\lambda \mathbf{I}_{2 n}\right) x=0$ as

$$
\left[\begin{array}{c|c}
\mathbf{T}_{n}\left(a_{1}, a_{2}\right)-\lambda \mathbf{I}_{n} & \mathbf{O} \\
\hline c \mathbf{I}_{n} & \mathbf{T}_{n}\left(b_{1}, b_{2}\right)-\lambda \mathbf{I}_{n}
\end{array}\right] \mathbf{P}_{2 n} \mathbf{x}=\mathbf{0},
$$

that is,

$$
\begin{align*}
& {\left[\mathbf{T}_{n}\left(a_{1}, a_{2}\right)-\lambda \mathbf{I}_{n}\right] \mathbf{y}^{(1)}=\mathbf{0},} \\
& c \mathbf{y}^{(1)}+\left[\mathbf{T}_{n}\left(b_{1}, b_{2}\right)-\lambda \mathbf{I}_{n}\right] \mathbf{y}^{(2)}=\mathbf{0},  \tag{22}\\
& {\left[\begin{array}{l}
\mathbf{y}^{(1)} \\
\mathbf{y}^{(2)}
\end{array}\right]=\mathbf{P}_{2 n} \mathbf{x} .}
\end{align*}
$$

Since det $\left[\mathbf{I}_{n} \otimes \mathbf{T}_{n}\left(a_{1}, a_{2}\right)-\mathbf{T}_{n}\left(b_{1}, b_{2}\right) \otimes \mathbf{I}_{n}\right] \quad \neq 0$, the matrices $\mathbf{T}_{n}\left(a_{1}, a_{2}\right)$ and $\mathbf{T}_{n}\left(b_{1}, b_{2}\right)$ have no eigenvalues in common (see Laub, 2005, page 145) which implies $\operatorname{det}\left[\mathbf{T}_{n}\left(b_{1}, b_{2}\right)-\lambda \mathbf{I}_{n}\right] \neq 0$ and Lemma 1 ensures that the solution of (22) is

$$
\mathbf{x}=\mathbf{P}_{2 n}^{\top}\left[\begin{array}{c}
\mathbf{u}_{n}\left(\lambda, a_{1}, a_{2}\right) \\
-c\left[\mathbf{T}_{n}\left(b_{1}, b_{2}\right)-\lambda \mathbf{I}_{n}\right]^{-1} \mathbf{u}_{n}\left(\lambda, a_{1}, a_{2}\right)
\end{array}\right],
$$

where $\mathbf{u}_{n}\left(\lambda, a_{1}, a_{2}\right)$ is given by (6). From Lemma 2,

$$
\left[\mathbf{T}_{n}\left(b_{1}, b_{2}\right)-\lambda \mathbf{I}_{n}\right]^{-1}=\mathbf{S}_{n}\left(\lambda, b_{2}, b_{2}\right),
$$

and (8) is an eigenvector of $\mathbf{H}_{2 n}$ associated to the eigenvalue $\lambda$. On the other hand, suppose that $\mu$ is an eigenvalue of $\mathbf{T}_{n}\left(b_{1}, b_{2}\right)$. Since $\mathbf{H}_{2 n} \mathbf{x}=\mu \mathbf{x}$ is equivalent to

$$
\begin{aligned}
& {\left[\mathbf{T}_{n}\left(a_{1}, a_{2}\right)-\mu \mathbf{I}_{n}\right] \mathbf{y}^{(1)}=\mathbf{0},} \\
& c \mathbf{y}^{(1)}+\left[\mathbf{T}_{n}\left(b_{1}, b_{2}\right)-\mu \mathbf{I}_{n}\right] \mathbf{y}^{(2)}=\mathbf{0}, \\
& {\left[\begin{array}{l}
\mathbf{y}^{(1)} \\
\mathbf{y}^{(2)}
\end{array}\right]=\mathbf{P}_{2 n} \mathbf{x},}
\end{aligned}
$$

and $\operatorname{det}\left[\mathbf{T}_{n}\left(a_{1}, a_{2}\right)-\mu \mathbf{I}_{n}\right] \neq 0$, we obtain

$$
\mathbf{x}=\mathbf{P}_{2 n}^{\top}\left[\begin{array}{c}
\mathbf{0} \\
\mathbf{u}_{n}\left(\mu, b_{1}, b_{2}\right)
\end{array}\right],
$$

where $\mathbf{u}_{n}\left(\mu, b_{1}, b_{2}\right)$ is defined in (6). Therefore, (9) is an eigenvector of $\mathbf{H}_{2 n}$ associated to the eigenvalue $\mu$.

Proof of Corollary 1. Consider an even positive integer $n$. From

$$
\operatorname{det}\left[\mathbf{I}_{n} \otimes \mathbf{T}_{n}\left(a_{1}, a_{2}\right)-\mathbf{T}_{n}\left(b_{1}, b_{2}\right) \otimes \mathbf{I}_{n}\right] \neq 0,
$$

we can guarantee that all eigenvalues of $\mathbf{H}_{2 n}^{*}$ are distinct. Setting

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \mathbf{v}_{n}\left(\lambda_{k}\right):=\mathbf{u}_{n}\left(\lambda_{k}, a_{1}, a_{2}\right), \\
& \mathbf{w}_{n}\left(\mu_{k}\right):=\mathbf{u}_{n}\left(\mu_{k}, b_{1}, b_{2}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

and

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \widehat{\mathbf{v}}_{n}\left(\lambda_{k}\right):=\mathbf{P}_{2 n}^{\top}\left[\begin{array}{c}
\mathbf{v}_{n}\left(\lambda_{k}\right) \\
\mathbf{0}
\end{array}\right], \\
& \widehat{\mathbf{w}}_{n}\left(\mu_{k}\right):=\mathbf{P}_{2 n}^{\top}\left[\begin{array}{c}
\mathbf{0} \\
\mathbf{w}_{n}\left(\mu_{k}\right)
\end{array}\right]
\end{aligned}
$$

it follows that
is a complete set of orthogonal eigenvectors according to Theorem 1. Hence,

$$
\mathbf{H}_{2 n}^{*}=\mathbf{U}_{2 n} \operatorname{diag}\left(\lambda_{1}, \ldots, \lambda_{n}, \mu_{1}, \ldots, \mu_{n}\right) \mathbf{U}_{2 n}^{-1},
$$

where

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \mathbf{U}_{2 n}=\left[\frac{\widehat{v}_{n}\left(\lambda_{1}\right)}{\left\|\hat{v}_{n}\left(\lambda_{1}\right)\right\|} \cdots \frac{\hat{\mathrm{V}}_{n}\left(\lambda_{n}\right)}{\left\|\hat{\mathbf{v}}_{n}\left(\lambda_{n}\right)\right\|} \frac{\widehat{\mathbf{w}}_{n}\left(\mu_{1}\right)}{\left\|\hat{w}_{n}\left(\mu_{1}\right)\right\|} \cdots \frac{\widehat{\mathbf{w}}_{n}\left(\mu_{n}\right)}{\left\|\widehat{n}_{n}\left(\mu_{n}\right)\right\|}\right] \\
& =\mathbf{P}_{2 n}^{\top}\left[\begin{array}{ccccccc}
\frac{\mathbf{v}_{n}\left(\lambda_{1}\right)}{\left\|\mathbf{v}_{n}\left(\lambda_{1}\right)\right\|} & \cdots & \mathbf{v}_{n}\left(\lambda_{n}\right) & \mathbf{0} & \cdots & \mathbf{0} \\
\mathbf{0} & \ldots & \mathbf{0} & \underset{v_{n}}{ }\left(\lambda_{n}\right) \| & \frac{\mathbf{w}_{n}\left(\mu_{1}\right)}{\left\|\mathbf{w}_{n}\left(\mu_{1}\right)\right\|} & \cdots & \frac{\mathbf{w}_{n}\left(\mu_{n}\right)}{\left\|\mathbf{w}_{n}\left(n_{n}\right)\right\|}
\end{array}\right]
\end{aligned}
$$

provided that $\mathbf{P}_{2 n}^{\top}$ is an orthogonal matrix. Since (23) is an orthonormal set, $\mathbf{U}_{2 n}$ is an orthogonal matrix and (17) is established. The proof of (b) is analogous and so will be omitted.

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