

## Sum of Secondary Orthogonal Bimatrices in $R_{n \times n}$

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**Abstract:** Let  $F \in \{R, C, H\}$ . Let  $\mathbf{U}_{n \times n}$  be the set of secondary unitary bimatrices in  $F_{n \times n}$ , and let  $O_{n \times n}$  be the set of secondary orthogonal bimatrices in  $F_{n \times n}$ . Suppose  $n \geq 2$ , we show that every  $A_B \in F_{n \times n}$  can be written as a sum of bimatrices in  $\mathbf{U}_{n \times n}$  and of bimatrices in  $O_{n \times n}$ . Let  $A_B \in F_{n \times n}$  be given that and let  $k \geq 2$  be the least integer that is a least upper bound of the singular values of  $A_B$ . When  $F=R$ , we show that if  $k \leq 3$ , then  $A_B$  can be written as a sum of 6 secondary orthogonal bimatrices; if  $k \geq 4$ , we show that  $A_B$  can be written as a sum of  $k + 2$  secondary orthogonal bimatrices.

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### I. Introduction

Matrices provide a very powerful tool for dealing with linear models. Bimatrices are still a powerful and an advanced tool which can handle over one linear model at a time. Bimatrices are useful when time bound comparisons are needed in the analysis of a model. Bimatrices are of several types. We denote the space of  $n \times n$  complex matrices by  $\mathcal{R}_{n \times n}$ . For  $A \in C_{n \times n}$ ,  $A^T, A^s, A^*, A^{-1}$  and  $\det(A)$  denote transpose, secondary transpose, conjugate transpose, inverse and determinant of  $A$  respectively. If  $AA^T = A^T A = I$  then  $A$  is an orthogonal matrix, where  $I$  is the identity matrix. If  $AVA^T V = VA^T V A = I$  or  $AA^s = A^s A = I$ , Where  $V$  is a permutation matrix with units in its secondary diagonal,  $A^s$  is a secondary orthogonal matrix. In this paper, we study secondary orthogonal bimatrices as a generalization of secondary orthogonal matrices. Some of the properties of secondary orthogonal matrices are extended to secondary orthogonal bimatrices. Some important results of secondary orthogonal matrices are generalized to secondary orthogonal bimatrices.

### II. Basic Definitions and Results

#### Definition 2.1 [1]

A bimatrix  $A_B$  is defined as the union of two rectangular array of numbers  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  arranged into rows and columns. It is written as  $A_B = A_1 \cup A_2$  with  $A_1 \neq A_2$  (except zero and unit bi matrices) where,

$$A_1 = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11}^1 & a_{12}^1 & \cdots & a_{1n}^1 \\ a_{21}^1 & a_{22}^1 & \cdots & a_{2n}^1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1}^1 & a_{m2}^1 & \cdots & a_{mn}^1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } A_2 = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11}^2 & a_{12}^2 & \cdots & a_{1n}^2 \\ a_{21}^2 & a_{22}^2 & \cdots & a_{2n}^2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1}^2 & a_{m2}^2 & \cdots & a_{mn}^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

' $\cup$ ' is just for the notational convenience (symbol) only.

#### Definition 2.2 [1]

Let  $A_B = A_1 \cup A_2$  and  $C_B = C_1 \cup C_2$  be any two  $m \times n$  bimatrices. The sum  $D_B$  of the bimatrices  $A_B$  and  $C_B$  is defined as

$$D_B = A_B + C_B = (A_1 \cup A_2) + (C_1 \cup C_2) \\ = (A_1 + C_1) \cup (A_2 + C_2)$$

Where  $A_1 + C_1$  and  $A_2 + C_2$  are the usual addition of matrices.

#### Definition 2.3 [2]

If  $A_B = A_1 \cup A_2$  and  $C_B = C_1 \cup C_2$  be two bimatrices, then  $A_B$  and  $C_B$  are said to be equal (written as  $A_B = C_B$ ) if and only if  $A_1$  and  $C_1$  are identical and  $A_2$  and  $C_2$  are identical. (That is,  $A_1 = C_1$  and  $A_2 = C_2$ ).

#### Definition 2.4 [2]

Given a bimatrix  $A_B = A_1 \cup A_2$  and a scalar  $\lambda$ , the product of  $\lambda$  and  $A_B$  written as  $\lambda A_B$  is defined to be

$$\lambda A_B = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda a_{11}^1 & \lambda a_{12}^1 & \cdots & \lambda a_{1n}^1 \\ \lambda a_{21}^1 & \lambda a_{22}^1 & \cdots & \lambda a_{2n}^1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \lambda a_{m1}^1 & \lambda a_{m2}^1 & \cdots & \lambda a_{mn}^1 \end{bmatrix} \cup \begin{bmatrix} \lambda a_{11}^2 & \lambda a_{12}^2 & \cdots & \lambda a_{1n}^2 \\ \lambda a_{21}^2 & \lambda a_{22}^2 & \cdots & \lambda a_{2n}^2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \lambda a_{m1}^2 & \lambda a_{m2}^2 & \cdots & \lambda a_{mn}^2 \end{bmatrix} = (\lambda A_1 \cup \lambda A_2).$$

That is, each element of  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  are multiplied by  $\lambda$ .

**Remark 2.5 [2]**

If  $A_B = A_1 \cup A_2$  be a bimatrix, then we call  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  as the component matrices of the bimatrix  $A_B$ .

**Definition 2.6 [1]**

If  $A_B = A_1 \cup A_2$  and  $C_B = C_1 \cup C_2$  are both  $n \times n$  square bimatrices then, the bimatrix multiplication is defined as,  $A_B \times C_B = (A_1 C_1) \cup (A_2 C_2)$ .

**Definition 2.7 [1]**

Let  $A_B^{m \times m} = A_1 \cup A_2$  be a  $m \times m$  square bimatrix. We define  $I_B^{m \times m} = I^{m \times m} \cup I^{m \times m} = I_1^{m \times m} \cup I_2^{m \times m}$  to be the identity bimatrix.

**Definition 2.8 [1]**

Let  $A_B^{m \times m} = A_1 \cup A_2$  be a square bimatrix,  $A_B$  is a symmetric bimatrix if the component matrices  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  are symmetric matrices. i.e,  $A_1 = A_1^T$  and  $A_2 = A_2^T$ .

**Definition 2.9 [1]**

Let  $A_B^{m \times m} = A_1 \cup A_2$  be a  $m \times m$  square bimatrix i.e,  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  are  $m \times m$  square matrices. A skew-symmetric bimatrix is a bimatrix  $A_B$  for which  $A_B = -A_B^T$ , where  $-A_B^T = -A_1^T \cup -A_2^T$  i.e, the component matrices  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  are skew-symmetric.

**Definition 2.10 [3]**

A bimatrix  $A_B = A_1 \cup A_2$  is said to be unitary bimatrix, if  $A_B A_B^* = A_B^* A_B = I_B$  (or)  $(A_1 A_1^* \cup A_2 A_2^* = A_1^* A_1 \cup A_2^* A_2 = I_1 \cup I_2)$ .

(That is, the component matrices of  $A_B$  are unitary.)

That is,  $A_B^* = A_B^{-1}$  (or)  $(A_1^* \cup A_2^*) = (A_1^{-1} \cup A_2^{-1})$ .

**Definition 2.11 [4]**

A bimatrix  $A_B = A_1 \cup A_2$  is said to be orthogonal bimatrix, if  $A_B A_B^T = A_B^T A_B = I_B$  (or)  $(A_1 A_1^T \cup A_2 A_2^T = A_1^T A_1 \cup A_2^T A_2 = I_1 \cup I_2)$ .

(That is, the component matrices of  $A_B$  are orthogonal.)

That is,  $A_B^T = A_B^{-1}$  (or)  $(A_1^T \cup A_2^T) = (A_1^{-1} \cup A_2^{-1})$ .

**III. Secondary Orthogonal and Secondary Unitary Bimatrices**

**Definition 3.1 [5]**

A bimatrix  $A_B = A_1 \cup A_2$  is said to be secondary orthogonal bimatrix, if  $A_B V_B A_B^S V_B = V_B A_B^T V_B A_B = I_B$  or  $A_B A_B^S = A_B^S A_B = I_B$ , where  $V_B$  is a permutation bimatrix with units in its secondary diagonal.

(That is, the component matrices of  $A_B$  are secondary orthogonal.)

That is,  $A_B^S = A_B^{-1}$  (or)  $(A_1^S \cup A_2^S) = (A_1^{-1} \cup A_2^{-1})$ .

**Remark 3.2**

Let  $A_B = A_1 \cup A_2$  be a secondary orthogonal bimatrix. If  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  are square and possess the same order then  $A_B$  is called square secondary orthogonal bimatrix, and if  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  are of different orders then  $A_B$  is called mixed square secondary orthogonal bimatrix.

**Example 3.3**

(1)  $A_B = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3}{5} & \frac{4}{5} & 0 \\ -\frac{4}{5} & \frac{3}{5} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cup \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{2}{3} \\ \frac{1}{3} & \frac{2}{3} & -\frac{2}{3} \\ -\frac{2}{3} & \frac{2}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \end{bmatrix}$  is a square secondary orthogonal bimatrix.

(2)  $A_B = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} \cup \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & 0 \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  is a mixed square secondary orthogonal bimatrix.

**Definition 3.4 [4]**

Let  $A_B = A_1 \cup A_2$  be an  $n \times n$  complex bimatrix. (A bimatrix  $A_B$  is said to be complex if it takes entries from the complex field).  $A_B$  is called a unitary bimatrix if  $A_B A_B^* = A_B^* A_B = I_B$  (or)  $\bar{A}_B^T = A_B^{-1}$ .

That is,  $A_1 A_1^* \cup A_2 A_2^* = A_1^* A_1 \cup A_2^* A_2 = I_1 \cup I_2$ .

**Example 3.5**

$A_B = A_1 \cup A_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} i & i \\ i & -i \end{bmatrix} \cup \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1+i & -1+i \\ 1+i & 1-i \end{bmatrix}$  is a unitary bimatrix.

In this paper, we have determined which bimatrices (if any) in  $R_{n \times n}$  can be written as a sum of secondary unitary or secondary orthogonal bimatrices. Also, we have obtained that if  $k \leq 3$ , then  $A_B$  can be written as a sum of six secondary orthogonal bimatrices, and if  $k \geq 4$ , then  $A_B$  can be written as a sum of  $k + 2$  secondary orthogonal bimatrices, where  $k$  be the least integer that is a least upper bound of the singular values of  $A_B$ . We let  $U_{n \times n}$  and  $O_{n \times n}$  are the set of secondary unitary and secondary orthogonal bimatrices in the complex field. We begin with the following observation.

**Lemma 3.6**

Let  $n$  be a given positive integer. Let  $G \subset F_{n \times n}$  be a group under multiplication. Then  $A_B \in F_{n \times n}$  can be written as a sum of bimatrices in  $G$  if and only if for every  $Q_B, P_B \in G$ , the bimatrix  $Q_B A_B P_B$  can be written as a sum of bimatrices in  $G$ .

Notice that both  $U_{n \times n}$  and  $O_{n \times n}$  are groups under multiplication.

Let  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in F$  be given. Then lemma 3.6 guarantees that for each  $Q_B \in G$ , we have that  $\alpha_1 Q_1 \cup \alpha_2 Q_2$  can be written as a sum of bimatrices from  $G$  if and only if  $\alpha_1 I_1 \cup \alpha_2 I_2$  can be written as a sum of bimatrices from  $G$ .

**Lemma 3.7**

Let  $n \geq 2$  be a given integer. Let  $G \subset F_{n \times n}$  be a group under multiplication. Suppose that  $G$  contains  $K_B \equiv \text{diag}(1, -1, \dots, -1)$  and the permutation bimatrices. Then every  $A_B \in F_{n \times n}$  can be written as a sum of bimatrices in  $G$  if and only if for each  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in F$ ,  $\alpha_1 I_1 \cup \alpha_2 I_2$  can be written as a sum of bimatrices from  $G$ .

**IV. Sum of Secondary Orthogonal Bimatrices in  $R_{n \times n}$**

The only bimatrices in the set of all secondary orthogonal bimatrices of order 1 are  $\pm 1$ . Hence, not every element of  $F_{1 \times 1}$  can be written as a sum of elements in the set of all secondary orthogonal bimatrices of order 1. In fact, only the integers can be written as a sum of elements of the set of all secondary orthogonal bimatrices of order 1.

Notice that  $O_n(\mathbb{R}) = u_n(\mathbb{R})$ . When  $n=1$ , only the integers can be written as a sum of elements of  $O_1(\mathbb{R})$ . Suppose that  $n=2$ . We mimic the computations done in the case when  $F = \mathbb{R}$ .

Let  $\theta_1, \theta_2 \in \mathbb{R}$  be given, set  $\alpha_1 = \cos \theta_1$ ;  $\alpha_2 = \cos \theta_2$  and set  $\beta_1 = \sin \theta_1$ ;  $\beta_2 = \sin \theta_2$

Then  $[A_1(\alpha_1, \beta_1) \cup A_2(\alpha_2, \beta_2)]$  in equation (2) of [6] is an element of  $O_2(\mathbb{R})$ .

Moreover,  $[(A_1^1 + A_1^1) \cup (A_2^1 + A_2^1)] = 2[\cos \theta_1 I_1^1 \cup \cos \theta_2 I_2^1]$ .

Now, for every  $\delta_1, \delta_2 \in \mathbb{R}$  there exist a positive integer  $m$  and  $\theta_1, \theta_2 \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $2m \cos \theta_1 = \delta_1$ ;  $2m \cos \theta_2 = \delta_2$ .

We conclude that every  $(A_1 \cup A_2) \in R_{n \times n}$  can be written as a sum of an even number of bimatrices from  $O_2(\mathbb{R})$ .

When  $n=3$ , we again mimic the computations done in the case when  $F = \mathbb{C}$  using  $\alpha_1 = \cos \theta_1$ ;  $\alpha_2 = \cos \theta_2$  and  $\beta_1 = \sin \theta_1$ ;  $\beta_2 = \sin \theta_2$  to show that for every  $\delta_1, \delta_2 \in \mathbb{R}$  the bimatrix  $(\delta_1 I_1^m \cup \delta_2 I_2^m)$  can be written as a sum of an even number of bimatrices from  $O_3(\mathbb{R})$ .

Let  $n \geq 4$  be a given integer. If  $n=2k$  is even, then write  $(\delta_1 I_1^{2k} \cup \delta_2 I_2^{2k}) = (\delta_1 I_1^m \cup \delta_2 I_2^m) \oplus \dots \oplus (\delta_1 I_1^m \cup \delta_2 I_2^m)$  ( $k$  copies), and note that each  $(\delta_1 I_1^m \cup \delta_2 I_2^m)$  can be written as a sum of an even number of bimatrices from  $O_2(\mathbb{R})$ .

If  $n=2k+1$  is odd, then write  $(\delta_1 I_1^{2k+1} \cup \delta_2 I_2^{2k+1}) = (\delta_1 I_1^{2n-2} \cup \delta_2 I_2^{2n-2}) \oplus (\delta_1 I_1^m \cup \delta_2 I_2^m)$ .

Now,  $(\delta_1 I_1^{2n-2} \cup \delta_2 I_2^{2n-2})$  can be written as a sum of an even number of bimatrices from  $O_{2n-2}(\mathbb{R})$  and  $(\delta_1 I_1^m \cup \delta_2 I_2^m)$  can be written as a sum of an even number of matrices from  $O_{2n-2}(\mathbb{R})$  and  $(\delta_1 I_1^m \cup \delta_2 I_2^m)$  can be

written as a sum of an even number of bimatrices from  $O_3(\mathbb{R})$ . We conclude that  $(\delta_1 I_1^{2k+1} \cup \delta_2 I_2^{2k+1})$  can be written as a sum of an even number of bimatrices from  $O_{2k+1}(\mathbb{R})$ .

Hence, Lemma 3.2 of [6] guarantees that for every integer  $n \geq 2$ , every  $(A_1 \cup A_2) \in \mathbb{R}_{n \times n}$  can be written as a sum of bimatrices from  $O_n(\mathbb{R})$ .

**Theorem 4.1**

Let  $n \geq 2$  be a given integer. Every  $(A_1 \cup A_2) \in \mathbb{R}_{n \times n}$  can be written as a sum of bimatrices from  $O_n(\mathbb{R}) = \mathbf{U}_n(\mathbb{R})$

**Proof**

Let  $n \geq 2$  be a given integer and let  $(U_1 \cup U_2) \in \mathbf{U}_n(\mathbb{R})$  be given.

Then  $(U_1 \cup U_2) \in \mathbf{U}_n(\mathbb{R}) \cap O_n(\mathbb{R})$  that is, a realsecondary orthogonal bmatrix is both complex secondary unitary bmatrix and complexsecondary orthogonal bmatrix.

Hence,  $(A_1 \cup A_2) \in \mathbb{R}_{n \times n}$  which a sum of matrices is in  $\mathbf{U}_n(\mathbb{R})$  is both a sum of complex secondary unitary bmatrices and a sum of complex secondary orthogonal bmatrices. Thus, the restrictions on these cases apply. It  $k$  is a positive integer such that  $\sigma_1^1(A_1) > k$ ;  $\sigma_2^1(A_2) > k$ , then  $(A_1 \cup A_2)$  cannot be written as a sum of  $k$  real secondary orthogonal bmatrices.

Let  $m$  be a positive integer. Theorem 3.9 of [6] guarantees that  $(I_1 \cup I_2) \in \mathbb{C}_{2m+1}$  cannot be written as a sum of two bimatrices in  $O_{2m+1}(\mathbb{R})$ .

Now, we cannot be written as a sum of two bimatrices from  $O_{2m+1}(\mathbb{R}) \subset O_{2m+1}(\mathbb{R})$ .

In general, if  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2 \notin \{-2, 0, 2\}$  and if  $(Q_1 \cup Q_2) \in O_{2m+1}(\mathbb{R})$ , then  $(\alpha_1 Q_1 \cup \alpha_2 Q_2)$  cannot be written as a sum of two bimatrices from  $O_{2m+1}(\mathbb{R})$ .

Let  $n \geq 2$  be a given integer, and let  $(A_1 \cup A_2) \in \mathbb{R}_{n \times n}$  be given. We now look at the bimatrices in  $O_n(\mathbb{R})$  that make up the sum  $(A_1 \cup A_2)$ .

**Definition 4.2**

Let  $\theta_1, \theta_2 \in \mathbb{R}$  be given. We define

$$\begin{aligned}
 [A_1(\theta_1) \cup A_2(\theta_2)] &\equiv \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta_1 & \sin \theta_1 \\ -\sin \theta_1 & \cos \theta_1 \end{bmatrix} \cup \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta_2 & \sin \theta_2 \\ -\sin \theta_2 & \cos \theta_2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and} \\
 [B_1(\theta_1) \cup B_2(\theta_2)] &\equiv \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta_1 & \sin \theta_1 \\ \sin \theta_1 & \cos \theta_1 \end{bmatrix} \cup \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta_2 & \sin \theta_2 \\ \sin \theta_2 & \cos \theta_2 \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{1}$$

**Remark 4.3**

Set  $(K_1^n \cup K_2^n) \equiv [B_1(0) \cup B_2(0)]$  and notice that  $[A_1(0) \cup A_2(0)] = (I_1^n \cup I_2^n)$ .

Let  $0 \leq r, s \in \mathbb{R}$  be given, and let  $k \geq 2$  be an integer. If  $r, s \leq k$ , then Lemma 3.1 of [6] and taking the real and imaginary parts of the equation  $e^{i\theta_1^1} + \dots + e^{i\theta_k^1} = \alpha_1$ ;  $e^{i\theta_1^2} + \dots + e^{i\theta_k^2} = \alpha_2$  (2)

Show that there exist  $(\theta_1^1, \theta_2^1, \dots, \theta_k^1) \in \mathbb{R}$ ;  $(\theta_1^2, \theta_2^2, \dots, \theta_k^2) \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $[A_1(\theta_1^1) + \dots + A_1(\theta_k^1)] \cup [A_2(\theta_1^2) + \dots + A_2(\theta_k^2)] = r[I_1^n \cup I_2^n]$ .

Moreover, there exist  $(\beta_1^1, \dots, \beta_k^1) \in \mathbb{R}$ ;  $(\beta_1^2, \dots, \beta_k^2) \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $[B_1(\beta_1^1) + \dots + B_1(\beta_k^1)] \cup [B_2(\beta_1^2) + \dots + B_2(\beta_k^2)] = s[K_1^n \cup K_2^n]$

**Theorem 4.4**

Let a positive integer  $n$  and let  $(A_1 \cup A_2) \in \mathbb{R}_{2n}$  be given. Suppose that  $k \geq 2$  is an integer such that  $\sigma_1^1(A_1) \leq k$ ;  $\sigma_2^1(A_2) \leq k$ . Then  $(A_1 \cup A_2)$  can be written as a sum of  $2k$  matrices in  $O_{2n}(\mathbb{R})$ . Moreover, for every integer  $m \geq 2k$  the matrix  $(A_1 \cup A_2)$  can be written as a sum of  $m$  matrices in  $O_{2n}(\mathbb{R})$ .

**Proof**

Let  $(A_1 \cup A_2) = (U_1 \cup U_2)(\Sigma_1 \cup \Sigma_2)(W_1 \cup W_2)$  be a singular value decomposition of  $(A_1 \cup A_2)$ .

Then Lemma 3.6 guarantees that we only need to concern ourselves with  $\Sigma$ . For  $n=1$ , notice that  $diag_B(\sigma_1^1, \sigma_1^2) \cup diag_B(\sigma_2^1, \sigma_2^2) = s[I_1^n \cup I_2^n] + r[K_1^n \cup K_2^n]$ , where  $s = \frac{1}{2}(\sigma_1^1 + \sigma_1^2) = \frac{1}{2}(\sigma_2^1 + \sigma_2^2)$  and  $t = \frac{1}{2}(\sigma_1^1 - \sigma_1^2) = \frac{1}{2}(\sigma_2^1 - \sigma_2^2)$ .

Now,  $0 \leq t \leq s \leq k$ . Hence,  $s(I_1^n \cup I_2^n)$  and  $t(K_1^n \cup K_2^n)$  can each be written as a sum of  $k$  secondary orthogonal bmatrices. Moreover, for each integer  $p \geq k$ , notice that  $s(I_1^n \cup I_2^n)$  can be written as a sum of  $p$  secondary orthogonal bmatrices.

Hence,  $[(sI_1^n + rK_1^n) \cup (sI_2^n + rK_2^n)]$  can be written as a sum of  $p+k$  secondary orthogonal bmatrices.

For,  $n > 1$  write

$$(\Sigma_1 \cup \Sigma_2) = \text{diag}(\sigma_1^1, \sigma_2^1, \dots, \sigma_{2n-1}^1, \sigma_{2n}^1) \cup \text{diag}(\sigma_1^2, \sigma_2^2, \dots, \sigma_{2n-1}^2, \sigma_{2n}^2) \\ = (\text{diag}(\sigma_1^1, \sigma_2^1) \oplus \dots \oplus \text{diag}(\sigma_{2n-1}^1, \sigma_{2n}^1)) \cup (\text{diag}(\sigma_1^2, \sigma_2^2) \oplus \dots \oplus \text{diag}(\sigma_{2n-1}^2, \sigma_{2n}^2))$$

Notice now that for each  $j = 1, \dots, n$ ,  $\text{diag}(\sigma_{2j-1}^1, \sigma_{2j}^1) \cup \text{diag}(\sigma_{2j-1}^2, \sigma_{2j}^2)$  can be written as a fun of  $2k$  secondaryorthogonal bimatrices, say  $(P_{j1}^1 \cup P_{j1}^2), \dots, (P_{j(2k)}^1 \cup P_{j(2k)}^2)$

For each  $l = 1, \dots, 2k$ ,  $\text{set}(Q_l^1 \cup Q_l^2) \equiv (P_{1l}^1 \cup P_{1l}^2) \oplus \dots \oplus (P_{nl}^1 \cup P_{nl}^2)$ , and notice that  $\Sigma = (Q_1^1 + \dots + Q_{2k1}^1 \cup Q_{12}^2 + \dots + Q_{2k2}^2)$

Finally, notice that for each integer  $m \geq 2k$  and for each  $j = 1, \dots, n$ , the matrix  $\text{diag}(\sigma_{2j-1}^1, \sigma_{2j}^1) \cup \text{diag}(\sigma_{2j-1}^2, \sigma_{2j}^2)$  can be written as a sum of  $m$  secondary orthogonal bimatrices.

**Remark 4.5**

Consider  $(C_0^1 \cup C_0^2) \equiv [\text{diag}(b_1, a_1) \cup \text{diag}(b_2, a_2)]$  with real numbers  $b_1, b_2 \geq a_1, a_2 \geq 0$ .

If  $b_1, b_2 \geq 2$ , then Theorem 3.4 ensures that  $(C_0^1 \cup C_0^2)$  can be written as a sum of 4 real secondary orthogonal bimatrices. Moreover, for each integert  $\geq 4$ ,  $(C_0^1 \cup C_0^2)$  can be written as a sum of t real secondary orthogonal bimatrices.

Suppose that  $b_1, b_2 \leq 3$  if  $0 \leq b_1 \leq 2; 0 \leq b_1 \leq 2$ , then Theorem 3.4 guarantees that  $(C_0^1 \cup C_0^2)$  can be written as a sum of four reals econdary orthogonal bimatrices. Moreover,  $(C_0^1 \cup C_0^2)$  can also be written as a sum of five real secondary orthogonal bimatrices.

If  $2 < b_1 \leq 3; 2 < b_2 \leq 3$ , then we look at two cases:

- (i)  $0 \leq a_1 \leq 1; 0 \leq a_2 \leq 1$  and
- (ii)  $1 \leq a_1 \leq 3; 1 \leq a_2 \leq 3$

In the first case, set  $(C_1^1 \cup C_2^1) \equiv (C_0^1 \cup C_0^2) - (K_1^2 \cup K_2^2)$ . Then  $0 \leq b_1 - 1 \leq 2; 0 \leq b_2 - 1 \leq 2$  and  $0 \leq a_1 + 1 < 2; 0 \leq a_2 + 1 < 2$ . Notice now that for each integer  $t \geq 4$ ,  $(C_1^1 \cup C_2^1)$  can be written as a sum of t real secondary orthogonal bimatrices.

In the second case, set  $(C_1^1 \cup C_2^1) \equiv (C_1^0 - I_1^n) \cup (C_2^0 - I_2^n)$ . Then we have  $0 \leq a_1 - 1 \leq b_1 - 1 \leq 2; 0 \leq a_2 - 1 \leq b_2 - 1 \leq 2$ . Theorem 3.4 guarantees that for each integer  $t \geq 4$ ,  $(C_1^1 \cup C_2^1)$  can be written as a sum of t real secondary orthogonal bimatrices. Hence, for each integer  $t \geq 5$ ,  $(C_1^0 \cup C_2^0)$  can be written as a sum of t real secondary orthogonal bimatrices.

We now use induction to show that if  $k \geq 2$  is an integer satisfying  $b_1 \leq k; b_2 \leq k$ , then for each integer  $t \geq k + 2$ ,  $(C_1^0 \cup C_2^0)$  can be written as a sum of t real secondary orthogonal bimatrices.

Suppose that the claim is true for some integer  $k \geq 3$ . We show that the claim is true when  $0 < b_1 \leq k + 1; 0 < b_2 \leq k + 1$ . if  $0 \leq b_1 \leq k; 0 \leq b_2 \leq k$ , then our inductive hypothesis guarantees that for each integer  $t \geq k + 2$ ,  $(C_1^0 \cup C_2^0)$  can be written as a sum of t and hence, also of  $t \geq k + 3$  real secondary orthogonal bimatrices.

If  $k < b_1 \leq k + 1; k < b_2 \leq k + 1$ , we take a look at two cases:

- (i)  $1 \leq a_1 \leq k + 1; 1 \leq a_2 \leq k + 1$  and
- (ii)  $0 \leq a_1 \leq 1; 0 \leq a_2 \leq 1$ ;

In case (i), set  $(C_1^1 \cup C_2^1) \equiv (C_1^0 \cup C_2^0) - (I_1^n \cup I_2^n)$ ; and in case (ii), set  $(C_1^1 \cup C_2^1) \equiv (C_1^0 \cup C_2^0) - (K_1^n \cup K_2^n)$ .

**Lemma 4.6**

Let  $(C_1 \cup C_2) \in M_2(\mathbb{R})$  be given suppose that  $k \geq 2$  is an integer such that  $\sigma_1^1(C_1) \leq k$  and  $\sigma_2^1(C_2) \leq k$ . Then for each integer  $t \geq k + 2$ ,  $(C_1 \cup C_2)$  can be written as a sum of t matrices from  $u_2(\mathbb{R})$ .

Let  $(A_1 \cup A_2) \in \mathbb{R}_{2n}$  be given, and suppose that the bi singular values of  $(A_1 \cup A_2)$  are  $\sigma_1^1 \geq \dots \geq \sigma_1^{2n} \geq 0; \sigma_2^1 \geq \dots \geq \sigma_2^{2n} \geq 0$ .

$$\text{Set } (D_1 \cup D_2) \equiv [\text{diag}(\sigma_1^1, \dots, \sigma_1^{2n}) \cup \text{diag}(\sigma_2^1, \dots, \sigma_2^{2n})] \\ \text{Write } (D_1 \cup D_2) \equiv [\text{diag}(\sigma_1^1, \dots, \sigma_1^2) \oplus \dots \oplus \text{diag}(\sigma_1^{2n-1}, \sigma_1^{2n})] \\ \cup (\text{diag}(\sigma_2^1, \dots, \sigma_2^2) \oplus \dots \oplus \text{diag}(\sigma_2^{2n-1}, \sigma_2^{2n}))]$$

Let  $k \geq 2$  be an integer such that  $\sigma_1^1(A) \leq k; \sigma_2^1(A_2) \leq k$ . Then Lemma 4.6 guarantees that for each integer  $t \geq k + 2$ , and for each  $j = 1, \dots, n$ ,  $\text{diag}(\sigma_1^{2j-1}, \sigma_1^j) \cup \text{diag}(\sigma_2^{2j-1}, \sigma_2^j)$ , can be written as a sum of t real secondary orthogonal bimatrices. We conclude that for each integer  $t \geq k + 2$ ,  $(A_1 \cup A_2)$  can be written as a sum of t real secondary orthogonal bimatrices.

**Theorem 4.7**

Let  $n$  be a positive integer, and let  $(A_1 \cup A_2) \in \mathbb{R}_{2n}$  be given. Suppose that  $k \geq 2$  is an integer such that  $\sigma_1^1(A_1) \leq k$ ;  $\sigma_2^1(A_2) \leq k$ . then for each integer  $t \geq k + 2$ ,  $(A_1 \cup A_2)$  can be written as a sum of  $t$  matrices in  $u_{2n}(\mathbb{R})$ .

**Proof**

Let  $(A_1 \cup A_2) \in \mathbb{R}_{3 \times 3}$  be given.

Suppose that  $(A_1 \cup A_2) = (P_1 \cup P_2)(\Sigma_1 \cup \Sigma_2)(Q_1 \cup Q_2)$ , with  $(P_1 \cup P_2), (Q_1 \cup Q_2) \in O_3(\mathbb{R})$  and  $(\Sigma_1 \cup \Sigma_2) = [\text{diag}(a_1, b_1, c_1) \cup \text{diag}(a_2, b_2, c_2)]$  with  $0 \leq c_1 \leq b_1 \leq a_1 \leq 2$ ;  $0 \leq c_2 \leq b_2 \leq a_2 \leq 2$ .

If  $a_1 = a_2 = 2$ , then notice that  $(\text{diag}(b_1, c_1) \cup \text{diag}(b_2, c_2))$  can be written as a sum of four secondary orthogonal bimatrices. One checks that  $(\Sigma_1 \cup \Sigma_2)$  can be written as a sum of four real secondary orthogonal bimatrices.

Suppose  $a_1 < 2$ ;  $a_2 < 2$ . if  $c_1 = c_2 = 0$ , then  $(\Sigma_1 \cup \Sigma_2)$  can be written as a sum of four secondary orthogonal bimatrices. If  $c_1 = c_2 = 2$ , then  $(A_1 \cup A_2)$  is a sum of two secondary orthogonal bimatrices. If  $0 \neq c_1 < 2$ ;  $0 \neq c_2 < 2$ , then, choose  $\theta_1, \theta_2$  that  $2 \cos \theta_1 = c_1$ ;  $2 \cos \theta_2 = c_2$ .

Notice that  $[(A_1(\theta_1) + A_1(-\theta_1)) \cup (A_2(\theta_2) + A_2(-\theta_2))] = 2[\cos \theta_1 I_1^n \cup \cos \theta_2 I_2^n]$

Set  $(U_1^1 \cup U_2^2) = ([1] \oplus A_1(\theta_1)) \cup ([1] \oplus A_2(\theta_2))$  and

set  $(U_1^n \cup U_2^n) = ([-1] \oplus A_1(-\theta_1)) \cup ([-1] \oplus A_2(-\theta_2))$ .

Then  $(\Sigma_1 \cup \Sigma_2) - ((U_1^1 \cup U_1^n) + (U_2^2 \cup U_2^n)) = (\text{diag}(a_1, b_1 - c_1, 0) \cup \text{diag}(a_2, b_2 - c_2, 0))$ , which can be written as a sum of four real secondary orthogonal bimatrices. Hence,  $(A_1 \cup A_2)$  can be written as a sum of six real secondary orthogonal bimatrices.

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