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**Householder-Type Matrix Algebras in Displacement  
Decompositions**

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where:

$C_\beta(\hat{x}_m)$  is the only  $\beta$ -circulant matrix with first row equal to  $\hat{x}_m^t$  with  $(\hat{x})_i := x_{n+1-i}$ ,

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The above formula can be used for example to solve Toeplitz linear systems.

Indeed for any Toeplitz matrix  $T$

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it is easy to show that

$$\text{rk}(T^{-1}P_\varepsilon - P_\varepsilon T^{-1}) = 2.$$

So, thanks to the Gohberg-Olshevksy displacement formula, we can express  $T^{-1}$  in terms of 2  $\beta$ -circulant matrices and 3  $\varepsilon$ -circulant matrices.

(  $O(n \log n)$  arithmetic operations to compute  $T^{-1}b$  )

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Let's be given two distinct Householder algebras  $\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{V}$  s.t.  $u_i, v_i \neq 0 \forall i, (n > 4)$ . Then

$$\dim(\mathcal{U} \cap \mathcal{V}) \leq 2.$$

## Lemma

Let be given  $u \in \mathbb{C}^n, \|u\| = 1$  and  $z \in \mathbb{C}^n$ ; then  $\forall u' \in \mathbb{C}^n$  s.t.

- $\|u'\| = 1,$
- $u'D(z)u'^h = uD(z)u^h,$
- $D(z)(u' - u) = \lambda(u' - u),$

we have that  $\mathcal{U}[z] - \mathcal{U}'[z]$  is a matrix of rank 2.

## Corollary

If  $u' - u = ke_j$ , where  $k = u_j(e^{i\theta} - 1)$ , then  $\forall z \in \mathbb{C}^n$   $\mathcal{U}[z] - \mathcal{U}'[z]$  has rank 2.

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*Proof:* The commutator of  $A - \sum_{i=1}^k \mathcal{U}^{(w)}(x_i) \mathcal{V}_{(w)}(y_i)$  with respect to  $U[z]$  is zero.

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