

An involution $\#$ on Banach algebra $M_4(\mathcal{C})$, two normal matrix T and S such that $TS = ST$ but $TS^\# \neq S^\#T$, $S+T$ isn't normal and $\|SS^\#\| \neq \|S\|^2$.

Set

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad S = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad T = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Then $Q^\# = U^{-1}Q^*U$ where Q^* denote the conjugate transpose of Q is an involution on $M_4(\mathcal{C})$. An straightforward computation shows that S and T has desired properties.

Ref.

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