

# Group Inverse for a Class $2 \times 2$ Circulant Block Matrices over Skew Fields

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**Abstract.** In this paper, we give the existence and the representation of the group inverse for circulant block matrix  $M = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ B & A \end{pmatrix} (A, B \in K^{n \times n}, \text{ and } A^2 = A, B^2 = B)$  over skew field . Some relative additive results are also given.

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## 1. Introduction

Let  $K$  be a skew field and  $I$  be the Unit matrix .  $K^{n \times n}$  and  $A^*$  respectively denote the set of all n-order matrices and the conjugate transpose of  $A$  over  $K$ . For  $A \in K^{n \times n}$ , the matrix  $X \in K^{n \times n}$  is said to be the group inverse of  $A$ , if  $AXA = A, XAX = X, AX = XA$ . We then write  $X = A^\#$ . It is well known that if  $A^\#$  exists, it is unique, and the conclusion is given in [1].

On representations of the group inverse of block matrices, the authors have made efforts in [2] and [3]. Actually, Generalized inverses have wide applications in many areas such as special matrix theory, singular differential and difference equations and graph theory; see [4], [5] [6], [7] and [8].

Since the problem of finding an explicit representation for the Drazin (group) inverse of a  $2 \times 2$  block matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix}$  (where  $A$  and  $D$  are required to be square matrices) was proposed by Campbell and Meyer in 1979, considerable progress has been made. A condition for the existence of the group inverse of  $\begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix}$  is given in [9] under the assumption that  $A$  and  $I + CA^{-2}B$  are

both invertible over any field; however, the representation of the group inverse is not given. And the representation of the group inverse of the block matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ 0 & C \end{pmatrix}$  over skew fields has been given in 2001 in [10]. Though the representation of the Drazin (group) inverse of the block matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  proposed as a problem by Campbell in 1983 in [11] ( $A$  is square,  $0$  is square null matrix) has not been given, there are some achievements about representations of the Drazin (group) inverse of the block matrices  $\begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  under special conditions. Some results are received on matrices over the complex field, e.g. in [12] when  $A = B = I_n$  and in [13] when  $A, B, C \in P, P^*, PP^*, P^2 = P$ . Some results are over skew fields, e.g. in [14] when  $A = I_n$  and  $\text{rank}(CB)^2 = \text{rank}(B) = \text{rank}(C)$  and in [15] when  $A = B, A^2 = A$ . In addition, Group inverse of the product of two matrices, as well as some related properties over skew field are given in [16].

In this paper, we mainly give necessary and sufficient conditions for the existence and the representation of the group inverse of a block matrix  $M = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ B & A \end{pmatrix}$  ( $A, B \in K^{n \times n}$ , and  $A^2 = A, B^2 = B$ ), similarly, we also reach a few conclusions under certain conditions.

## 2. Preliminaries

**Lemma 2.1** Suppose  $A \in K^{n \times n}$ , then  $A^\#$  exists if and only if  $\text{rank}(A) = \text{rank}(A^2)$ .

**Lemma 2.2** Let  $M = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ 0 & C \end{pmatrix} \in K^{n \times n}$ ,  $A \in k^{r \times r}$ , then  $M^\#$  exists if and only if  $A^\#, C^\#$  exists and  $\text{rank}(M) = \text{rank}(A) + \text{rank}(C)$ , and then we have  $M^\# = \begin{pmatrix} A^\# & X \\ 0 & C^\# \end{pmatrix}$ , where  $X = (A^\#)^2 B(I - CC^\#) + (I - AA^\#)B(C^\#)^2 - A^\#BC^\#$ .

**Lemma 2.3** Let  $A^2 = A, B^2 = B$ , and  $\text{rank}(A - B) \leq \text{rank}[A(I - BA) + B(I - AB)]$ , then  $(A - B)^\#$  exists.

**Proof.** One part,  $\text{rank}[(A - B)^2] \geq \text{rank}[(A - B)^2(A + B)] = \text{rank}[A(I - BA) + B(I - AB)] \geq \text{rank}(A - B)$ ; And another part,  $\text{rank}[(A - B)^2] \leq \text{rank}(A - B)$  apparently, then one can get  $\text{rank}[(A - B)^2] = \text{rank}(A - B)$ , then according to the conclusion of Lemma 2.1,  $(A - B)^\#$  exists.

**Lemma 2.4** Let  $A^2 = A, B^2 = B$ , and  $\text{rank}(A + B) \leq \text{rank}[A(I - BA) + B(I - AB)]$ , then  $(A + B)^\#$  exists.

**Proof.** One part,  $\text{rank}[(A + B)^2] \geq \text{rank}[(A + B)^2(A + B - 2I)] = \text{rank}[A(I - BA) + B(I - AB)] \geq \text{rank}(A + B)$ ; And another part,  $\text{rank}[(A + B)^2] \leq$

$rank(A + B)$  apparently, then one can get  $rank[(A + B)^2] = rank(A + B)$ , then according to the conclusion of Lemma 2.1,  $(A + B)^\#$  exists.

### 3. Conclusions

**Theorem .** suppose  $M = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ B & A \end{pmatrix}$ , ( $A, B \in K^{n \times n}$ , and  $A^2 = A, B^2 = B$ ), then (i)  $M^\#$  exists if and only if  $rank(A - B) \leq rank[A(I - BA) + B(I - AB)]$ .  
(ii) if  $M^\#$  exists, and  $rank(A + B) \leq rank[A(I - BA) + B(I - AB)]$ ,

$$\text{then } M^\# = \begin{pmatrix} I & 0 \\ -I & I \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} (A - B)^\# & X \\ 0 & (A + B)^\# \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} I & 0 \\ I & I \end{pmatrix}, \tag{1}$$

where  $X = (A - B)^\# B [I - (A + B)(A + B)^\#] + [I - (A - B)(A - B)^\#] B (A + B)^\# - (A - B)^\# B (A + B)^\#$ .

**Proof.** (i) Proof of sufficient conditions. It is easy to prove that

$$\begin{aligned} rank(M) &= rank \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ B & A \end{pmatrix} = rank \begin{pmatrix} A - B & 0 \\ 0 & A + B \end{pmatrix} \\ &= rank(A + B) + rank(A - B); \\ rank(M^2) &= rank \begin{pmatrix} A^2 + B^2 & AB + BA \\ AB + BA & A^2 + B^2 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= rank \begin{pmatrix} A + B & AB + BA \\ AB + BA & A + B \end{pmatrix} \\ &= rank \begin{pmatrix} A + B & 0 \\ 0 & A + B - BAB - ABA \end{pmatrix} \\ &= rank(A + B) + rank[A(I - BA) + B(I - AB)]. \end{aligned}$$

For the given condition  $rank(A - B) \leq rank[A(I - BA) + B(I - AB)]$ , we can get  $rank(M) = rank(A + B) + rank(A - B) \leq rank(A + B) + rank[A(I - BA) + B(I - AB)] = rank(M^2)$ ; And with  $rank(M) \geq rank(M^2)$ , we can easily obtain  $rank(M) = rank(M^2)$ . Then according to the Lemma 2.1,  $M^\#$  exists.

Proof of the necessary conditions.  $M^\#$  exists, then  $rank(M) = rank(M^2)$ , and then  $rank(A + B) + rank(A - B) = rank(A + B) + rank[A(I - BA) + B(I - AB)]$ , so  $rank[A(I - BA) + B(I - AB)] \geq rank(A - B)$  can be proved.

(ii) with the condition  $rank(A - B) \leq rank[A(I - BA) + B(I - AB)]$  and the Lemma 2.3,  $(A - B)^\#$  exists. Similarly, with the condition  $rank(A + B) \leq rank[A(I - BA) + B(I - AB)]$  and the Lemma 2.4,  $(A + B)^\#$  exists.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{For } M &= \begin{pmatrix} I & 0 \\ -I & I \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A - B & B \\ 0 & A + B \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} I & 0 \\ I & I \end{pmatrix} \\ \text{and } \begin{pmatrix} A - B & B \\ 0 & A + B \end{pmatrix} &\rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} A - B & 0 \\ 0 & A + B \end{pmatrix}, \end{aligned}$$

we know  $rank(M) = rank(A + B) + rank(A - B)$ . And with the existence of  $(A + B)^\#$  and  $(A - B)^\#$ , according to the Lemma 2.2,  $M^\#$  has the form of (1).

**Corollary 3.1** suppose  $M = \begin{pmatrix} A & A \\ A & A \end{pmatrix}, (A \in K^{n \times n}, \text{and } A^2 = A),$  then

(i)  $M^\#$  exists;

(ii) if  $M^\#$  exists, then  $M^\# = \begin{pmatrix} I & 0 \\ -I & I \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & A(2A)^\# \\ 0 & (2A)^\# \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} I & 0 \\ I & I \end{pmatrix}.$

**Proof.** We only need to replace  $B$  with  $A$  in Theorem, and easily prove that  $(2A)^\#$  exists, then the conclusion comes true.

**Corollary 3.2** suppose  $M = \begin{pmatrix} A & I \\ I & A \end{pmatrix}, (A \in K^{n \times n}, \text{and } A^2 = A),$  then (i)

$M^\#$  exists; (ii) if  $\text{rank}(A + I) \leq \text{rank}(A - I),$  then

$$M^\# = \begin{pmatrix} I & 0 \\ -I & I \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} (A - I)^\# & X \\ 0 & (A + I)^\# \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} I & 0 \\ I & I \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $X = (A - I)^\# [I - (A + I)(A + I)^\#] + [I - (A - I)(A - I)^\#](A + I)^\# - (A - I)^\#(A + I)^\#.$

**Proof.** In Theorem we replace  $B$  with  $I$ . For  $\text{rank}(A - I) \leq \text{rank}[A(I - IA) + I(I - AI)]$  and  $\text{rank}(A + I) \leq \text{rank}(A - I),$  then  $(A - I)^\#$  and  $(A + I)^\#$  exist, so the Corollary 3.2 can be proved easily.

**Corollary 3.3** suppose  $M = \begin{pmatrix} A & A^* \\ A^* & A \end{pmatrix}, (A \in K^{n \times n}, \text{and } A^2 = A),$  then (i)

$M^\#$  exists; (ii) if  $M^\#$  exists, then

$$M^\# = \begin{pmatrix} I & 0 \\ -I & I \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} (A - A^*)^\# & X \\ 0 & (A + A^*)^\# \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} I & 0 \\ I & I \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $X = (A - A^*)^\# A^* [I - (A + A^*)(A + A^*)^\#] + [I - (A - A^*)(A - A^*)^\#] A^* (A + A^*)^\# - (A - A^*)^\# A^* (A + A^*)^\#.$

**Proof.** In Theorem we replace  $B$  with  $A^*$ . For  $(A - A^*)$  and  $(A + A^*)$  are respectively anti-Hermitian matrix and the Hermite matrix, they are unitarily similar to diagonal matrices, so  $(A - A^*)^\#$  and  $(A + A^*)^\#$  exist, then the Corollary 3.3 can be proved easily.

**Corollary 3.4** suppose  $M = \begin{pmatrix} A & AA^\# \\ AA^\# & A \end{pmatrix}, (A \in K^{n \times n}, \text{and } A^2 = A),$  then

(i)  $M^\#$  exists; (ii) if  $\text{rank}(A + AA^\#) \leq \text{rank}(A - AA^\#),$  then  $M^\# = \begin{pmatrix} I & 0 \\ -I & I \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} (A - AA^\#)^\# & X \\ 0 & (A + AA^\#)^\# \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} I & 0 \\ I & I \end{pmatrix},$

where  $X = (A - AA^\#)^\# [AA^\# - (A + AA^\#)(A + AA^\#)^\#] + [I - (A - AA^\#)(A - AA^\#)^\#] AA^\# (A + AA^\#)^\# - (A - AA^\#)^\# AA^\# (A + AA^\#)^\#.$

**Proof.** In Theorem we replace  $B$  with  $AA^\#$ . For  $\text{rank}(A - AA^\#) = \text{rank}[(A(I - AA^\#A) + AA^\#(I - AA^\#A))]$  and  $\text{rank}(A + AA^\#) \leq \text{rank}(A - AA^\#),$  so  $(A - AA^\#)^\#$  and  $(A + AA^\#)^\#$  exists. Therefore it, then the Corollary 3.4 can be proved easily.

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