

Explicit Formulas of the Generalized Inverse $A_{T,S}^{(2)}$ and Its Applications

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we present the explicit formula of the generalized inverse $A_{T,S}^{(2)}$, and we apply this result to solve restricted linear equation $Ax + y = b$, $x \in T$, $y \in S$ and $Ax + By = b$, $x \in T$, $y \in S$.

1. Introduction

In their seminal paper, [2] Bott and Duffin introduced and widely used an important tool called the “constrained inverse” of the matrix. This inverse is called Bott-Duffin inverse ($A_{(T)}^{(-1)} = P_T(AP_T + P_{T^\perp})^{-1}$), Ben Israel and Greville in [1] have mentioned many properties and applications. Later, Y. Chen in his paper [5] defined the generalized Bott-Duffin inverse and gave some properties and applications, G. Chen, G. Liu, Y. Xue in papers [3], [4], [6] defined L -zero matrices in order to simplify the expression of the generalized Bott-Duffin inverse ($A_{(T)}^{(+)} = P_T(AP_T + P_{T^\perp})^+$). In [10], we have discussed another constrained inverse $A_{T,S}^{(-1)}$, which is defined by $A_{T,S}^{(-1)} = P_{T,S}(AP_{T,S} + P_{S,T})^{-1}$ of a matrix $A \in C^{n \times n}$, where T and S are subspaces of C^n such that $T \oplus S = C^n$. Through considering the properties of this constrained inverse, we establish the relation between the common important generalized inverse and the inverse, see Lemma 4 and Lemma 5.

It is well known that many common important generalized inverse such as the Moore-Penrose inverse A^+ , the Drazin inverse $A^{(d)}$, the Group inverse $A^\#$, the Boot-Duffin inverse $A_{(L)}^{(-1)}$ and so on, are all generalized inverse $A_{T,S}^{(2)}$, which is a $\{2\}$ -inverse of A having the prescribed range T and null space S . In this paper, we

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present the explicit formula of the generalized inverse $A_{T,S}^{(2)}$, i.e., we also establish the relation between the $A_{T,S}^{(2)}$ and the inverse, and we apply this result to solve restricted linear equations

$$(1.1) \quad Ax + y = b, \quad x \in T, \quad y \in S$$

and

$$(1.2) \quad Ax + By = b, \quad x \in T, \quad y \in S.$$

We adopt in this paper the same notations on generalized inverse of matrices as those in [1]. And throughout the article (if we don't mention specially). Let I be the identity (unit) matrix, e_i be the i th column of I . $A \in C_t^{m \times n}$ and let T be a subspace of C^n , S be a subspace of C^m , with $\dim(T) = r \leq t$, and $\dim(S) = m - r$. Let $\{\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \dots, \varepsilon_r\}$ be the basis of T , and $\{\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \dots, \varepsilon_n\}$ be the basis of C^n . Let $\{\eta_{r+1}, \dots, \eta_m\}$ be the basis of S , and $\{\eta_1, \dots, \eta_m\}$ be the basis of C^m . Let

$$E_1 = (\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \dots, \varepsilon_r), \quad E_2 = (\varepsilon_{r+1}, \varepsilon_{r+2}, \dots, \varepsilon_n), \quad E = (E_1, E_2).$$

$$F_1 = (\eta_1, \eta_2, \dots, \eta_r), \quad F_2 = (\eta_{r+1}, \eta_{r+2}, \dots, \eta_m), \quad F = (F_1, F_2).$$

For any $A \in C^{m \times n}$, we denote by

$$R(A) = \{y \in C^m : y = Ax \text{ for some } x \in C^n\} : \text{ the Range of } A.$$

$$N(A) = \{x \in C^n : Ax = 0\} : \text{ the Null space of } A.$$

Lemma 1 ([1]). *Let $A \in C_t^{m \times n}$ and let T be a subspace of C^n , let S be a subspace of C^m , $\dim(T) = r \leq t$, $\dim(S) = m - r$. Then A has a $\{2\}$ -inverse X such that $R(X) = T$, $N(X) = S$ if and only if one of the following conditions is satisfied:*

- (1) $AT \oplus S = C^m$;
- (2) $A^*S^\perp \oplus T^\perp = C^n$;
- (3) $P_{S^\perp}AT = S^\perp$;
- (4) $P_TA^*S^\perp = T$.

in which case X is unique.

Lemma 2 ([7], [8]). *Let $A \in C_r^{m \times n}$, T be a subspace of C^n , $b \in AT$, $T \cap N(A) = 0$. Then the unique solution of $Ax = b$, ($x \in T$) is given by $x = A_{T,S}^{(2)}b$ for any subspace of S of C^m satisfying $AT \oplus S = C^m$.*

Lemma 3 ([9]). *Let $A \in C^{m \times n}$, $B \in C_m^{m \times m}$, and $C \in C_n^{n \times n}$. Then:*

$$(1.3) \quad R(AC) = R(A) = B^{-1}R(BA)$$

$$(1.4) \quad N(BA) = N(A) = CN(AC)$$

Lemma 4 ([10]). *If $A \in C^{m \times n}$, then*

$$(1) A^+ = A^*(AA^* + P_{N(A^*)})^{-1}$$

$$(2) A^+ = (A^*A + P_{N(A)})^{-1}A^*.$$

Lemma 5 ([10]).

(1) *If $A \in C^{n \times n}$ and $\text{ind}(A)=1$, then*

$$A^\# = P_{R(A),N(A)}(A + P_{N(A),R(A)})^{-1}.$$

(2) *If $A \in C^{n \times n}$ and $\text{ind}(A) = k > 1$, then $\forall l \geq k$*

$$A^{(d)} = P_{R(A^l),N(A^l)}(AP_{R(A^l),N(A^l)} + P_{N(A^l),R(A^l)})^{-1}.$$

2. Main results

Theorem 1. *Let $A \in C_t^{m \times n}$ and let T be a subspace of C^n , let S be a subspace of C^m , $\dim(T) = r \leq t$, $\dim(S) = m - r$ and $AT \oplus S = C^m$. Then:*

$$(2.1) A_{T,S}^{(2)} = P_TE \begin{pmatrix} I \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} (AP_TE \begin{pmatrix} I \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + P_SF)^{-1}, \begin{pmatrix} I \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \in C^{n \times m}, \text{ if } m \leq n$$

$$(2.2) A_{T,S}^{(2)} = P_TE (I \ 0) (AP_TE (I \ 0) + P_SF)^{-1}, (I \ 0) \in C^{n \times m}, \text{ if } n \leq m$$

$$(2.3) A_{T,S}^{(2)} = (E_1, 0)(AE_1, F_2)^{-1}$$

$$= (\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \dots, \varepsilon_r, 0, \dots, 0)(A\varepsilon_1, A\varepsilon_2, \dots, A\varepsilon_r, \eta_{r+1}, \dots, \eta_m)^{-1}, (E_1, 0) \in C^{n \times m}.$$

Proof. From $P_TE = P_T(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \dots, \varepsilon_n) = (\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \dots, \varepsilon_r, 0, \dots, 0)$, it follows that $P_T = (\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \dots, \varepsilon_r, 0, \dots, 0)(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \dots, \varepsilon_n)^{-1} = (E_1, 0)E^{-1}$ and $P_S = (0, \dots, 0, \eta_{r+1}, \dots, \eta_m)(\eta_1, \dots, \eta_m)^{-1} = (0, F_2)F^{-1}$. So $AP_TE \begin{pmatrix} I \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + P_SF = (A\varepsilon_1, A\varepsilon_2, \dots, A\varepsilon_r, \eta_{r+1}, \dots, \eta_m)$. From $AT \oplus S = C^m$ and $\text{Aspan}\{\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \dots, \varepsilon_r\} = AT$, we can easily get $(A\varepsilon_1, A\varepsilon_2, \dots, A\varepsilon_r, \eta_{r+1}, \dots, \eta_m)$ is nonsingular. Let

$$D = P_TE \begin{pmatrix} I \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} (AP_TE \begin{pmatrix} I \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + P_SF)^{-1}.$$

Thus

$$D = (\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \dots, \varepsilon_r, 0, \dots, 0) \begin{pmatrix} I \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} (A(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \dots, \varepsilon_r, 0, \dots, 0) \begin{pmatrix} I \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + (0, \dots, 0, \eta_{r+1}, \dots, \eta_m))^{-1} = (E_1, 0)(AE_1, F_2)^{-1}, (E_1, 0) \in C^{n \times m}.$$

For (AE_1, F_2) is nonsingular, we can get $R(D) = R(E_1, 0) = T$. From Lemma 3, $N(D) = (AE_1, F_2)N(E_1, 0)$.

Let $x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} \in N(E_1, 0)$, then $(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \dots, \varepsilon_r, 0, \dots, 0) \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} = 0 = x_1\varepsilon_1 + \dots + x_r\varepsilon_r$. Since $\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \dots, \varepsilon_r$ are linear independence, we can get $x_1 = x_2 = \dots = x_r = 0$. So we can take e_{r+1}, \dots, e_n as the basis of $N(E_1, 0)$. Then

$$N(D) = (AE_1, F_2)N(E_1, 0) = (AE_1, F_2)\text{span}\{e_{r+1}, \dots, e_n\} = \text{span}\{\eta_{r+1}, \dots, \eta_m\} = S.$$

$$\begin{aligned} DAD &= (E_1, 0)(AE_1, F_2)^{-1}A(E_1, 0)(AE_1, F_2)^{-1} \\ &= (E_1, 0)(AE_1, F_2)^{-1}((AE_1, F_2) - (0, F_2))(AE_1, F_2)^{-1} \\ &= (E_1, 0)(AE_1, F_2)^{-1} - (E_1, 0)(AE_1, F_2)^{-1}(0, F_2)(AE_1, F_2)^{-1} \\ &= D - D(0, F_2)(AE_1, F_2)^{-1}. \end{aligned}$$

From $N(D) = S$, it follows that $D(0, F_2)(AE_1, F_2)^{-1} = 0$, so $DAD = D$, $N(D) = S$ and $R(D) = T$. From Lemma 1 (the uniqueness of $A_{T,S}^{(2)}$), we get (5) and (8). In an analogous manner, we can also get (6). \square

Remark. Common important generalized inverse such as the Moore-Penrose inverse A^+ , the Drazin inverse $A^{(d)}$, the Group inverse $A^\#$, the Boot-Duffin inverse $A_{(L)}^{(-1)}$ are all generalized inverse $A_{T,S}^{(2)}$, from (7) or (8), we can get explicit formulas of these important generalized inverse when we take different T and S .

In [1], it has discussed the solution of the equation $Ax + y = b$, $x \in L$, $y \in L^\perp$, similarly we can get next theorem.

Theorem 2. Let $A \in C_t^{m \times n}$ and let T be a subspace of C^n , let S be a subspace of C^m , $\dim(T) = r \leq t$, $\dim(S) = m - r$ and $AT \oplus S = C^m$. Then:

$$Ax + y = b, \quad x \in T, \quad y \in S,$$

has for every b , the unique solution

$$(2.4) \quad x = A_{T,S}^{(2)}b,$$

$$(2.5) \quad y = (I - AA_{T,S}^{(2)})b.$$

Proof. Firstly, we will prove $Ax + y = b$, $x \in T$, $y \in S$ has solution is equivalent to that

$$(2.6) \quad (AP_T E \begin{pmatrix} I \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + P_S F)z = b$$

has solution, when $m \leq n$.

(Sufficiency) (2.6) has solution, then take $x = P_T E \begin{pmatrix} I \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} z \in T$, $y = P_S F \in S$.

(Necessity) $\forall z = \begin{pmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \\ \vdots \\ z_m \end{pmatrix}$,

$$\begin{aligned} (AP_T E \begin{pmatrix} I \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + P_S F)z &= A(E_1, 0) \begin{pmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \\ \vdots \\ z_m \end{pmatrix} + (0, F_2) \begin{pmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \\ \vdots \\ z_m \end{pmatrix} \\ &= z_1 A \varepsilon_1 + \cdots + z_r A \varepsilon_r + z_{r+1} \eta_{r+1} + \cdots + z_m \eta_m \\ &= A(z_1 \varepsilon_1 + \cdots + z_r \varepsilon_r) + z_{r+1} \eta_{r+1} + \cdots + z_m \eta_m \\ &= Ax + y = b. \end{aligned}$$

Since $\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \dots, \varepsilon_r$ are the basis of T , $\eta_{r+1}, \dots, \eta_m$ are the basis of S , $x \in T$, $y \in S$, we can solve z . From $AT \oplus S = C^n$, we have known $AP_T E \begin{pmatrix} I \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + P_S F$ is nonsingular.

So $Ax + y = b$ has solution $x = P_T E \begin{pmatrix} I \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} (AP_T E \begin{pmatrix} I \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + P_S F)^{-1} b = A_{T,S}^{(2)} b$ (Theorem 1). When $n \leq m$, we can get the conclusion similarly. \square

Remark. Only $b \in AT$, $Ax = b$, $x \in T$ is consistent and has a solution. It is the case that Lemma 2 has discussed. But when $AT \oplus S = C^m$, $Ax + y = b$, $x \in T$, $y \in S$ is always consistent and has a unique solution.

Example.

$$Ax + y = b, \quad x \in R(A^*), \quad y \in N(A^*).$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad b = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

From Theorem 2, we know $x = A^+ b$.

Taking $\varepsilon_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$, $\varepsilon_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$, $\varepsilon_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$, $\eta_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$.

Then $A(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \varepsilon_3) = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \cdot (A\varepsilon_1, A\varepsilon_2, A\varepsilon_3, \eta_4)^{-1} = \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 & -3 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & -2 & 1 \\ -2 & -1 & 3 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$.

$$A^+ = (\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \varepsilon_3, 0)(A\varepsilon_1, A\varepsilon_2, A\varepsilon_3, \eta_4)^{-1} = \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & -2 & 1 \\ -2 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & -1 & 3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$x = A^+b = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}, \quad y = b - Ax = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Similar to Theorem 1 and Theorem 2, we can get

Theorem 3. Let $A \in C_t^{m \times n}$, $B \in C^{m \times m}$, $m \leq n$ and let T be a subspace of C^n , let S be a subspace of C^m , $\dim(T) = r \leq t$, $\dim(S) = m - r$ and $AT \oplus BS = C^m$, then

$$Ax + By = b, \quad x \in T, \quad y \in S,$$

has for every b , the unique solution

$$(2.7) \quad x = P_T E \begin{pmatrix} I \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} (AP_T E \begin{pmatrix} I \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + BP_S F)^{-1} b,$$

$$(2.8) \quad y = P_S F (AP_T E \begin{pmatrix} I \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + BP_S F)^{-1} b.$$

Theorem 4. Let $A \in C_t^{n \times n}$, $B \in C^{n \times n}$ and T, S be a subspace of C^n , $\dim(T) = r \leq t$, $\dim(S) = n - r$, $AT \oplus BS = C^n$ and $T \oplus BS = C^n$, then

$$(2.9) \quad P_T E (AP_T E + BP_S F)^{-1} = (AP_{T,BS})_{T,BS}^{(2)}.$$

Proof. Similar to Theorem 2, since $AT \oplus BS = C^n$, $AP_T E \begin{pmatrix} I \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + BP_S F$ is nonsingular. Let $\{\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \dots, \varepsilon_r\}$ be the basis of T , $\{\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \dots, \varepsilon_n\}$ be the basis of C^n , $\{\eta_{r+1}, \dots, \eta_n\}$ be the basis of S , and $\{\eta_1, \dots, \eta_n\}$ be another basis of C^n . $E_1 = (\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \dots, \varepsilon_r)$, $E_2 = (\varepsilon_{r+1}, \varepsilon_2, \dots, \varepsilon_n)$, $E = (E_1, E_2)$. $F_1 = (\eta_1, \dots, \eta_r)$, $F_2 = (\eta_{r+1}, \dots, \eta_n)$, $F = (F_1, F_2)$. Let

$$D = P_T E (AP_T E + BP_S F)^{-1} \\ = (\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \dots, \varepsilon_r, 0, \dots, 0)(A\varepsilon_1, A\varepsilon_2, \dots, A\varepsilon_r, B\eta_{r+1}, \dots, B\eta_n)^{-1}.$$

So $R(D) = R(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \dots, \varepsilon_r) = T$. From Lemma 3,

$$N(D) = (A\varepsilon_1, A\varepsilon_2, \dots, A\varepsilon_r, B\eta_{r+1}, \dots, B\eta_n)N((\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \dots, \varepsilon_r, 0, \dots, 0)) \\ = (A\varepsilon_1, A\varepsilon_2, \dots, A\varepsilon_r, B\eta_{r+1}, \dots, B\eta_n)\text{span}\{e_{r+1}, \dots, e_n\} \\ = \text{span}\{B\eta_{r+1}, \dots, B\eta_n\} = BS.$$

$$\begin{aligned}
DAP_{T,BS}D &= P_TE(AP_TE + BP_SF)^{-1}AP_{T,BS}P_TE(AP_TE + BP_SF)^{-1} \\
&= P_TE(AP_TE + BP_SF)^{-1}AP_TE(AP_TE + BP_SF)^{-1} \\
&= P_TE(AP_TE + BP_SF)^{-1}(AP_TE + BP_SF - BP_SF)(AP_TE + BP_SF)^{-1} \\
&= D - DBP_SF(AP_TE + BP_SF)^{-1}.
\end{aligned}$$

$R(BP_SF(AP_TE + BP_SF)^{-1}) = R(BP_SF) = \text{span}\{B\eta_{r+1}, \dots, B\eta_m\} = N(D)$. So $DBP_SF(AP_TE + BP_SF)^{-1} = 0$, i.e., $DAP_{T,BS}D = D$. From the uniqueness of $A_{T,S}^{(2)}$, we can get the conclusion. \square

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