



# กรุปอินเวอร์สของเมทริกซ์ขนาด $3 \times 3$ เหนือริง

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## The Group Inverse of $3 \times 3$ Matrices Over a Ring.

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### Abstract

In this paper, we study conditions for the existence of the group inverse of the  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $N = \begin{bmatrix} e & h_1 & h_2 \\ v_1 & a & c \\ v_2 & b & d \end{bmatrix}$  over an arbitrary ring  $R$  with unity 1, when  $M = \begin{bmatrix} a & c \\ b & d \end{bmatrix}$  is the submatrix of  $N$  has the group inverse in  $R^{2 \times 2}$ .

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### Introduction

Let  $\mathbb{C}$  and  $\mathbb{R}$  be the field of complex numbers and real numbers respectively. For a positive integers  $m, n$ , let  $\mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$  be the set of all  $m \times n$  matrices over  $\mathbb{C}$ . The set of all complex vectors, or  $n \times 1$  matrices over  $\mathbb{C}$  is denoted by  $\mathbb{C}^n$ . We denote the identity and the zero matrix in  $\mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  by  $I_n$  and  $O_n$ , respectively. Note that  $A^*$  stands for  $(\bar{A})^T$ .

For a given  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$ , the unique matrix  $X \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times m}$  satisfying

$$AXA = A, \quad (1)$$

$$XAX = X, \quad (2)$$

$$(AX)^* = AX, \quad (3)$$

$$(XA)^* = XA, \quad (4)$$

is called the *Moore-Penrose inverse* of  $A$  and is denoted by  $A^\dagger$  (see Ben-Israel, & Greville, 2003).

We also consider the following equations which are applicable to square matrices

$$AX = XA. \quad (5)$$

For a given  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$ , the unique matrix  $X \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times m}$  satisfying (1), (2), and (5) is called the *group inverse* of  $A$  and denoted by  $A^\#$ .

Unlike the Moore-Penrose inverse, which always exists, the group inverse need not exist for all square matrices. A well known necessary and sufficient condition for the existence of  $A^\#$  is that  $\text{rank}(A) = \text{rank}(A^2)$ . If  $A$  is nonsingular, then  $A^\# = A^{-1} = A^\dagger$ .

The group inverse has applications in singular differential and difference equations, Markov chains and iterative methods. Heinig, 1997, pp. 321–342 investigated the group inverse of Sylvester transformation. Wei, & Diao, 2005, pp. 109–123 studied the representation of the group inverse of a real singular Toeplitz matrix which arises in scientific computing and engineering. Catral, Olesky, &



Driessche, 2008, pp. 219–233 studied the existence of  $A^\#$  (see Cao, Ge, Wang, & Zhang, 2013).

If  $A$  and  $B$  are square invertible matrices, then  $(AB)^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1}$ . However, for a generalized inverse this need not be true. Rajesh Kannan & Bapat, 2014 (Theorem 2.2) asserted that for  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$  and  $B \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times p}$ ,  $(AB)^\dagger = B^\dagger A^\dagger$  if and only if  $BB^*A^\dagger A$  and  $A^*ABB^\dagger$  are Hermitian.

### Preliminaries and Auxiliary Results

We shall be now concerned with generalized inverses that satisfy some, but not all, of the four Penrose equations.

**Definition 2.1.** [Ben-Israel & Greville, 2003, p. 40]. For any  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$ , let  $A\{i, j, \dots, k\}$  denote the set of the matrices  $X \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times m}$  which satisfies equations (i), (j), ..., (k) from among equations (1) - (4). A matrix  $X \in A\{i, j, \dots, k\}$  is called an  $\{i, j, \dots, k\}$ -inverse of  $A$ , and also denoted by  $A^{(i, j, \dots, k)}$ .

The examples are  $\{1\}$ -inverse (inner inverse),  $\{1, 2\}$ -inverse (reflexive inner inverse),  $\{1, 3\}$ -inverse (least squares inner inverse),  $\{1, 4\}$ -inverse (minimum norm inner inverse),  $\{1, 2, 3\}$ -inverse,  $\{1, 2, 4\}$ -inverse and  $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ -inverse, the last being the Moore–Penrose inverse of  $A$ .

Let  $R$  be a ring with unity 1. An element  $a \in R$  is said to be von Neumann regular (regular) if there exists an element  $a^-$  of  $R$  such that  $aa^-a = a$ . In this case,  $a^-$  is called a  $\{1\}$ -inverse of  $a$ . An element  $a^+$  of  $R$  is a  $\{1, 2\}$ -inverse of  $a$ , which is given by  $a^+ = a^-aa^-$  (see [4] for example). Let  $R$  be a ring, not necessarily commutative.

Recall that an element  $a \in R$  is said to be a unit if it has an inverse, if there is an element  $a^{-1} \in R$  such that  $a \cdot a^{-1} = a^{-1} \cdot a = 1$  (see for example Bhaskara Rao, 2002 (p.16)). We denote an arbitrary  $\{1\}$ -inverse of  $A$  by  $A^-$  and  $\{1, 2\}$ -inverse of  $A$ , which is given

by  $A^+ = A^-AA^-$ . In the next section we will use the following result on regularity.

**Lemma 2.2.** Let  $A \in R^{3 \times 3}$  be regular,  $B \in R^{3 \times 3}$ , be such that there exists  $A^+$  such that  $A^+B = B^+A = O_3$ . If  $(A+B)$  is regular then  $B$  is regular and  $B^- = (A+B)^-$  is a  $\{1\}$ -inverse of  $B$ , for any  $(A+B)^-$ .

**Proof:** Since  $A^+B = B^+A = O_3$ , then

$$B = (I_2 - AA^+)(A+B) = (A+B)(I_2 - A^+A). \text{ Hence}$$

$$B(A+B)^-B = (I_2 - AA^+)(A+B)(A+B)^-(A+B)(I_2 - A^+A) = (I_2 - AA^+)(A+B)(I_2 - A^+A) = B.$$

Therefore,  $B$  is regular and  $(A+B)^-$  is an  $\{1\}$ -inverse of  $B$ .  $\square$

Recently, Patricio, & Hartwig, 2010 characterize the existence of the group inverse of a two by two matrix with zero (2,2) entry, over an arbitrary ring. Castro–Gonzalez, Robles, & Velez–Cerrada, 2013 gave the conditions for the existence of the  $2 \times 2$  the matrix  $M = \begin{bmatrix} a & c \\ b & d \end{bmatrix}$  has group inverse in  $R^{2 \times 2}$  in a ring with unity 1, and derived a representation of the group inverse of  $M$  in the case when either the entry  $a$  or  $d$  has a group inverse in  $R$ . Cao, et al., 2013 studied the group inverse of  $2 \times 2$  block matrices  $M := \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{bmatrix}$  over rings  $R$  with unity 1, where  $CA = C$ ,  $AB = B$ , and the group inverse of  $D - CB$  exists. In this paper, we study the group inverse of  $3 \times 3$  matrices

$$N = \begin{bmatrix} e & h_1 & h_2 \\ v_1 & a & c \\ v_2 & b & d \end{bmatrix} =: \begin{bmatrix} e & h^T \\ v & M \end{bmatrix} \quad (2.1)$$

over an arbitrary ring  $R$  with unity 1, under the condition the  $2 \times 2$  submatrix  $M$  has group inverse.

Now we assume that  $M \in R^{2 \times 2}$  is regular and that  $M^+$  is a fixed but arbitrary  $\{1, 2\}$ -inverse of  $M$ . Let us introduce the notation

$$E = I_2 - MM^+, \quad F = I_2 - M^+M, \quad s = e - h^T M^+ v. \quad (2.2)$$

We note that  $FF = F$  and  $EE = E$ , since



$$\begin{aligned}
EE &= (I_2 - MM^+)(I_2 - MM^+) = (I_2 - MM^+) - MM^+(I_2 - MM^+) \\
&= (I_2 - MM^+) - (MM^+ - MM^+MM^+) \\
&= I_2 - MM^+ - MM^+ + (MM^+M)M^+ \\
&= I_2 - MM^+ - MM^+ + MM^+ \\
&= I_2 - MM^+ = E,
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
FF &= (I_2 - M^+M)(I_2 - M^+M) = (I_2 - M^+M) - M^+M(I_2 - M^+M) \\
&= I_2 - M^+M - (M^+M - M^+MM^+M) \\
&= I_2 - M^+M - M^+M + (M^+MM^+)M \\
&= I_2 - M^+M - M^+M + M^+M \\
&= I_2 - M^+M = F.
\end{aligned}$$

We can decompose the matrix  $N \in R^{3 \times 3}$  as follows.

**Lemma 2.3.** The matrix  $N$  in (2.1) can be factored into

$$N = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & h^T M^+ \\ 0 & I_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} s & h^T F \\ Ev & M \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0^T \\ M^+ v & I_2 \end{bmatrix} = XZY, \quad (2.3)$$

where

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & h^T M^+ \\ 0 & I_2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad Z = \begin{bmatrix} s & h^T F \\ Ev & M \end{bmatrix}, \quad Y = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0^T \\ M^+ v & I_2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

**Proof:** Consider

$$\begin{aligned}
XZY &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & h^T M^+ \\ 0 & I_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} s & h^T F \\ Ev & M \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0^T \\ M^+ v & I_2 \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} s + h^T M^+ Ev + h^T F M^+ v + h^T M^+ M M^+ v & h^T F + h^T M^+ M \\ Ev + M M^+ v & M \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} (e - h^T M^+ v) + h^T M^+ (I_2 - M M^+) v + h^T (I_2 - M^+ M) M^+ v + h^T M^+ v & h^T F + h^T M^+ M \\ Ev + M M^+ v & M \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} e & h^T \\ v & M \end{bmatrix} = N.
\end{aligned}$$

□

We have a useful characterization the  $N^\#$  as in [4, Lemma 1.2].

**Proof:** We must show that,

$$EM = MF = O_2, \quad FM^+ = M^+E = O_2, \quad y h^T F = (h^T F)^+ y = O_2,$$

where  $O_2$  is the zero square matrix of order 2.

Firstly, from (2.2),  $E = I_2 - MM^+$ ,  $F = I_2 - M^+M$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
EM &= (I_2 - MM^+)M = M - MM^+M = O_2 = M - MM^+M = M(I_2 - M^+M) = MF, \\
FM^+ &= (I_2 - M^+M)M^+ = M^+ - M^+MM^+ = O_2 = M^+ - M^+MM^+ = M^+(I_2 - MM^+) = M^+E, \\
y h^T F &= (1 - h^T F(h^T F)^+) h^T F = h^T F - h^T F(h^T F)^+ h^T F = h^T F - h^T F = O_2, \\
(h^T F)^+ y &= (h^T F)^+ (1 - h^T F(h^T F)^+) = (h^T F)^+ - (h^T F)^+ h^T F(h^T F)^+ = (h^T F)^+ - (h^T F)^+ = O_2.
\end{aligned}$$

Now, consider

**Proposition 2.4.** Let  $X, Y, Z \in R^{3 \times 3}$ . If  $N = XZY$  where  $X$  and  $Y$  are units and  $Z$  is regular, then the group inverse of  $N$  exists if and only if  $T = ZYX + I_2 - ZZ^-$  is a unit of  $R^{3 \times 3}$ , independent of the choice of  $Z^-$ . Equivalently,  $S = YXZ + I_2 - Z^-Z$  is a unit, in which case

$$N^\# = XT^{-2}ZY = XZS^{-2}Y.$$

The group inverse of a  $3 \times 3$  matrix over ring with unity 1.

In the notation (2.2), we assume both  $Ev$  and  $h^T F$  to be regular elements in  $R^{2 \times 1}$  and  $R^{1 \times 2}$  respectively. Set

$$x = 1 - (Ev)^+ Ev, \quad y = 1 - h^T F(h^T F)^+, \quad w = yxx, \quad (3.1)$$

for fixed but arbitrary  $(Ev)^+$  and  $(h^T F)^+$ , and  $s$  defined in (2.2). By direct computation, we see that  $xx = x$  and  $yy = y$ .

The von Neumann regularity of the matrix  $Z \in R^{3 \times 3}$  defined as in (2.3) is characterized in terms of the regularity of  $w$  as an element of the ring  $R$  in our next lemma. A representation for a  $\{1\}$ -inverse of  $A$  when it exists will prove extremely useful in the solution to our problem.

**Lemma 3.1.** Let  $E, F, s, x, y$  and  $w$  be as in (2.2) and (3.1). We have that  $Z = \begin{bmatrix} s & h^T F \\ Ev & M \end{bmatrix}$  is regular in  $R^{3 \times 3}$  if and only if  $w$  is regular in  $R$ .



$$\begin{aligned}
 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -ys(Ev)^+E \\ 0 & I_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} s & h^T F \\ Ev & M \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0^T \\ -F(h^T F)^+s & I_2 \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} s - ys(Ev)^+EEv & h^T F - ys(Ev)^+EM \\ Ev & M \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0^T \\ -F(h^T F)^+s & I_2 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} s - ys(Ev)^+Ev - h^T F(h^T F)^+s + ys(Ev)^+0F(h^T F)^+s & h^T F - ys(Ev)^+0 \\ Ev - 0(h^T F)^+s & M \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} s - (1 - h^T F(h^T F)^+)s(Ev)^+Ev - h^T F(h^T F)^+s & h^T F \\ Ev & M \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} s - s(Ev)^+Ev + h^T F(h^T F)^+s(Ev)^+Ev - h^T F(h^T F)^+s & h^T F \\ Ev & M \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} s[1 - (Ev)^+Ev] - h^T F(h^T F)^+s[1 - (Ev)^+Ev] & h^T F \\ Ev & M \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} sx - h^T F(h^T F)^+sx & h^T F \\ Ev & M \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} [1 - h^T F(h^T F)^+]sx & h^T F \\ Ev & M \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} ysx & h^T F \\ Ev & M \end{bmatrix}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Let us denote

$$\begin{aligned}
 PZQ &:= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -ys(Ev)^+E \\ 0 & I_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} s & h^T F \\ Ev & M \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0^T \\ -F(h^T F)^+s & I_2 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} ysx & h^T F \\ Ev & M \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} w & h^T F \\ Ev & M \end{bmatrix} = \tilde{Z}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.2}$$

From above  $PZQ = \tilde{Z}$ , consider  $P$  and  $Q$  are nonsingular matrices. We have

$$\tilde{Z} = PZQ = P(ZZ^{-1})Q = PZ(QQ^{-1})Z^{-1}(P^{-1}P)Q = PZQ(Q^{-1}Z^{-1}P^{-1})PZQ = \tilde{Z}Q^{-1}Z^{-1}P^{-1}\tilde{Z}.$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 WH^+ &= \begin{bmatrix} w & 0^T \\ 0 & O_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & (EM)^+E \\ F(h^T F)^+ & M^+ \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & w(EM)^+E \\ 0 & O_2 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & w(EM)^+(I_2 - MM^+) \\ 0 & O_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & wE^+M^+ \\ 0 & O_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0^T \\ 0 & O_2 \end{bmatrix},
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $Z$  is regular if and only if  $\tilde{Z}$  is regular.

Using  $w = ysx$  from (3.1), we can write

$$\tilde{Z} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & h^T F \\ Ev & M \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} w & 0^T \\ 0 & O_2 \end{bmatrix} = H + W.$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 H^+W &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & (EM)^+E \\ F(h^T F)^+ & M^+ \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} w & 0^T \\ 0 & O_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0^T \\ F(h^T F)^+w & O_2 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0^T \\ F(h^T F)^+ysx & O_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0^T \\ 0 & O_2 \end{bmatrix}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Next, we must show that  $\tilde{Z}$  is regular if and only if  $w$  is regular. We have that  $H$  is regular, which

$$H^- = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0^T \\ -F(h^T F)^+s & I_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} xw^-y & (Ev)^+E \\ -F(h^T F)^+ & M^+ \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -ys(Ev)^+E \\ 0 & I_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

is a  $\{1\}$ -inverse of  $Z$ , and

$$H^+ = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & (EM)^+E \\ F(h^T F)^+ & M^+ \end{bmatrix}$$

is a  $\{1, 2\}$ -inverse of  $H$  such that

$$WH^+ = H^+W = O_3, \text{ since}$$

Now, if  $\tilde{Z}$  is regular, then  $W$  is regular, by Lemma 2.2. This implies that  $w$  is regular.

Conversely, assume that  $w$  is regular. Let

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} xw^-y & (Ev)^+E \\ F(h^T F)^+ & M^+ \end{bmatrix}.$$



We claim that  $X$  is a  $\{1\}$ -inverse of  $\tilde{Z}$ . Consider,

$$\tilde{Z}X\tilde{Z} = \begin{bmatrix} w & h^T F \\ Ev & M \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} xw^-w+1-x & 0^T \\ 0 & M^+M + F(h^T F)^+ h^T F \end{bmatrix} = \tilde{Z}.$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} X\tilde{Z} &= \begin{bmatrix} xw^-y & (Ev)^+E \\ F(h^T F)^+ & M^+ \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} ysx & h^T F \\ Ev & M \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} xw^-yysx + (Ev)^+EEv & xw^-yh^T F + (Ev)^+EM \\ F(h^T F)^+ ysx + M^+Ev & F(h^T F)^+ h^T F + M^+M \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} xw^-ysx + (Ev)^+Ev & 0^T \\ 0 & F(h^T F)^+ h^T F + M^+M \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} xw^-w + (Ev)^+Ev & 0^T \\ 0 & M^+M + F(h^T F)^+ h^T F \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} xw^-w+1-x & 0^T \\ 0 & M^+M + F(h^T F)^+ h^T F \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

Indeed,

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{Z}X\tilde{Z} &= \begin{bmatrix} ysx & h^T F \\ Ev & M \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} xw^-w+1-x & 0^T \\ 0 & M^+M + F(h^T F)^+ h^T F \end{bmatrix} = \tilde{Z} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} ysx(xw^-w+1-x) & h^T F(M^+M + F(h^T F)^+ h^T F) \\ Ev(xw^-w+1-x) & M(M^+M + F(h^T F)^+ h^T F) \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} ysxw^-w + ysx - ysx & h^T FM^+M + h^T FF(h^T F)^+ h^T F \\ Evxw^-w + Ev - Evx & MM^+M + MF(h^T F)^+ h^T F \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} ysxw^-w + ysx - ysx & h^T F(h^T F)^+ h^T F \\ Ev(1 - (Ev)^+Ev)w^-w - Ev(1 - (Ev)^+Ev) + Ev & MM^+M \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} ysxw^-w & h^T F \\ Evw^-w - Ev(Ev)^+Evw^-w - Ev + Ev(Ev)^+Ev + Ev & M \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} ww^-w & h^T F \\ Evw^-w - Evw^-w - Ev + Ev + Ev & M \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} w & h^T F \\ Ev & M \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} ysx & h^T F \\ Ev & M \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

In view of (3.2) we conclude that a  $\{1\}$ -inverse of  $\tilde{Z}$  is given by (3.3) and, thus,  $\tilde{Z}$  is regular. It remains to prove (3.4) but the proof of this is straightforward. In fact, for  $Z$  in (2.3) we have

$$Z^- = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0^T \\ -F(h^T F)^+ s & I_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} xw^-y & (Ev)^+E \\ -F(h^T F)^+ & M^+ \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -ys(Ev)^+E \\ 0 & I_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (3.3)$$

is a  $\{1\}$ -inverse of  $Z$ . By direct computation we have

$$I_3 - ZZ^- = \begin{bmatrix} (1 - ww^-)y & -(1 - ww^-)ys(Ev)^+E \\ 0 & (1 - Ev(Ev)^+)E \end{bmatrix}. \quad (3.4)$$



From, our assumption, we have  $M$  is the group inverse. Then we can set  $M^+ = M^\#$ . In this case, in the notation of (2.2) we have  $E = I_2 - MM^\# = I_2 - M^\#M = F$ . It follows that  $ME = EM^\# = O_2$ , since

$$ME = M(I_2 - M^\#M) = M - MM^\#M = M - M = O_2,$$

$$EM^\# = (I_2 - M^\#M)M^\# = M^\# - M^\#MM^\# = M^\# - M^\# = O_2.$$

We claim that  $M + E$  is a unit of  $R^{2 \times 2}$  and

$$(M + E)^{-1} = M^\# + E.$$

For,

$$\begin{aligned} (M + E)(M^\# + E) &= M(M^\# + E) + E(M^\# + E) \\ &= MM^\# + ME + EM^\# + EE \\ &= MM^\# + O_2 + O_2 + E \\ &= MM^\# + (I_2 - MM^\#) \\ &= O_2, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} (M^\# + E)(M + E) &= M^\#(M + E) + E(M + E) \\ &= M^\#M + M^\#E + EM + EE \\ &= M^\#M + O_2 + O_2 + E \\ &= M^\#M + (I_2 - M^\#M) \\ &= O_2. \end{aligned}$$

□

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_1 &= \gamma - x(\lambda\gamma - r^{-1}), \\ \Omega_2 &= -M^\#(v - M^\#vx)\gamma + (M^\#vx + Ev)(\lambda\gamma - r^{-1}), \\ \Omega_3 &= -\Theta + x(\gamma h^T (M^\#)^2 + \lambda\Theta - r^{-1}h^T M^\#), \\ \Omega_4 &= M^\# + M^\#(v - M^\#vx)\Theta - (M^\#vx + Ev)(\gamma h^T (M^\#)^2 + \lambda\Theta - r^{-1}h^T M^\#), \end{aligned} \quad (3.6)$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma &= r^{-1}(1 - ww^{-1})y, \\ \Theta &= \gamma h^T M^\# + r^{-1}h^T E, \\ \lambda &= \gamma(1 + h^T (M^\#)^2 (v - M^\#vx)) + r^{-1}(s + (1 + h^T (M^\#)^2 v)x). \end{aligned} \quad (3.7)$$

**Proof:** Write  $N = XZY$  as in (2.3), by Proposition 2.4, the group inverse of  $N$  exists if and only if  $T = ZYX + I_3 - ZZ^-$  is a unit, independent of the

**Theorem 3.2.** Let  $M$  be group invertible. With the notation (2.2) and under the assumptions of (3.1), with  $M^+$  replaced by  $M^\#$  if  $w$  is regular in  $R$  then the group inverse of the matrix

$$N = \begin{bmatrix} e & h_1 & h_2 \\ v_1 & a & c \\ v_2 & b & d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} e & h^T \\ v & M \end{bmatrix}$$

exists if and only if

$$r = sx - h^T Ev + (1 - ww^{-1})y[s + (1 + h^T (M^\#)^2 v)x] \quad (3.5)$$

is a unit of  $R$ . In this case,

$$N^\# = \begin{bmatrix} \omega_1 & \Omega_3 \\ \Omega_2 & \Omega_4 \end{bmatrix},$$

where

choice of  $Z^-$ . For the  $\{1\}$ -inverse provided in Lemma 3.1, we have

$$T = ZYX + I_3 - ZZ^- = \begin{bmatrix} s + (1 - ww^{-1})y & sh^T M^\# + h^T E - (1 - ww^{-1})ys(Ev)^+ E \\ v & M + vh^T M^\# + (1 - Ev(Ev)^+) E \end{bmatrix}.$$

Now, let us introduce the matrix

$$G = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & (Ev)^+ E - h^T M^\# \\ 0 & I_2 \end{bmatrix}.$$



We have

$$TG = \begin{bmatrix} s + (1 - ww^-)y & u^T \\ v & K \end{bmatrix}, \quad (3.8)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} K &= M + E + MM^\#v(Ev)^\perp E = (M + E)(1 + M^\#v(Ev)^\perp E), \\ u &= (s + (1 - ww^-)y)((Ev)^\perp E - h^T M^\#) + (sh^T M^\# + h^T E - (1 - ww^-)ys(Ev)^\perp E). \end{aligned} \quad (3.9)$$

Since the element  $M^\#v(Ev)^\perp E$  is 2-nilpotent, because

$$(M^\#v(Ev)^\perp E)(M^\#v(Ev)^\perp E) = M^\#v(Ev)^\perp EM^\#v(Ev)^\perp E = M^\#v(Ev)^\perp 0v(Ev)^\perp E = 0.$$

It follows that  $1 + M^\#v(Ev)^\perp E$  is a unit of  $R$ .

$$\begin{aligned} (1 + M^\#v(Ev)^\perp E)(1 - M^\#v(Ev)^\perp E) &= ((1 - M^\#v(Ev)^\perp E) + M^\#v(Ev)^\perp E(1 - M^\#v(Ev)^\perp E)) \\ &= 1 - M^\#v(Ev)^\perp E + M^\#v(Ev)^\perp E - M^\#v(Ev)^\perp EM^\#v(Ev)^\perp E \\ &= 1 - M^\#v(Ev)^\perp 0v(Ev)^\perp E \\ &= 1. \end{aligned}$$

Moreover  $M + E$  is a unit because  $M$  has group inverse. Thus,  $K$  is a unit and

$$S = K^{-1} = (1 - M^\#v(Ev)^\perp E)(M^\# + E). \quad (3.10)$$

On account that the element (2,2) of the matrix  $TG$  is a unit, it follows that  $TG$  is a unit of  $R^{2 \times 2}$  if and only if the Schur complement is a unit of  $R$ . Therefore, the matrix  $T$  is a unit if and only if

$$r = s + (1 - ww^-)y - uSv \quad (3.11)$$

is a unit in  $R$ . From (3.10), we get  $Sv = Ev + M^\#vx$ .

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} Sv &= [(1 - M^\#v(Ev)^\perp E)(M^\# + E)]v \\ &= [(M^\# + E) - M^\#v(Ev)^\perp E(M^\# + E)]v \\ &= [M^\# + E - M^\#v(Ev)^\perp EM^\# - M^\#v(Ev)^\perp EE]v \\ &= M^\#v + Ev - M^\#v(Ev)^\perp 0v - M^\#v(Ev)^\perp EEv \\ &= Ev + M^\#v - M^\#v(Ev)^\perp EEv \\ &= Ev + M^\#v(1 - (Ev)^\perp Ev) \\ &= Ev + M^\#vx. \end{aligned}$$

Further, using that last relation of (3.9) we obtain

$$uSv = s(1 - x) + h^T Ev - (1 - ww^-)y[(s - 1) + (1 + h^T(M^\#)^2v)x].$$

By substituting this expression in (3.11), we conclude that  $r$  has the form given in (3.5). By

Proposition 2.4,  $N^\# = XT^{-2}ZY$ . From (3.8), it follows that



$$(TG)^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} r^{-1} & -r^{-1}uS \\ -Svr^{-1} & S + Svr^{-1}uS \end{bmatrix}.$$

Next, we compute

$$\begin{aligned} XT^{-1} &= XG(TG)^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & h^T M^\# \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & (Ev)^+ E - h^T M^\# \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} (TG)^{-1} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} xr^{-1} & (Ev)^+ E - xr^{-1}uS \\ -Svr^{-1} & S + Svr^{-1}uS \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.12)$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} XT^{-1} &= XG(TG)^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & h^T M^\# \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & (Ev)^+ E - h^T M^\# \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} r^{-1} & -r^{-1}uS \\ -Svr^{-1} & S + Svr^{-1}uS \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & (Ev)^+ E - h^T M^\# + h^T M^\# \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} r^{-1} & -r^{-1}uS \\ -Svr^{-1} & S + Svr^{-1}uS \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & (Ev)^+ E \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} r^{-1} & -r^{-1}uS \\ -Svr^{-1} & S + Svr^{-1}uS \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} r^{-1} - (Ev)^+ ESvr^{-1} & -r^{-1}uS + (Ev)^+ E(S + Svr^{-1}uS) \\ 0 - Svr^{-1} & S + Svr^{-1}uS \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} r^{-1} - (Ev)^+ ESvr^{-1} & -r^{-1}uS + (Ev)^+ ES + (Ev)^+ ESvr^{-1}uS \\ 0 - Svr^{-1} & S + Svr^{-1}uS \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} r^{-1} - (Ev)^+ Evr^{-1} & (Ev)^+ E - r^{-1}uS + (Ev)^+ Evr^{-1}uS \\ 0 - Svr^{-1} & S + Svr^{-1}uS \end{bmatrix}; ES = E \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} (1 - (Ev)^+ Ev)r^{-1} & (Ev)^+ E - (1 - (Ev)^+ Ev)r^{-1}uS \\ 0 - Svr^{-1} & S + Svr^{-1}uS \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} xr^{-1} & (Ev)^+ E - xr^{-1}uS \\ -Svr^{-1} & S + Svr^{-1}uS \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

the last equality is due to the fact that  $ES = E$ . In the sequel, we denote

$$\gamma = r^{-1}(1 - ww^-)y \quad \text{and} \quad \Theta = \gamma h^T M^\# + r^{-1}h^T E.$$

From (3.10), (3.9), and (3.11) it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} SM &= M^\# M, \\ r^{-1}uM^\# M &= -\gamma h^T M^\#, \\ r^{-1}uSv &= r^{-1}(s + (1 - ww^-)y) - 1 = r^{-1}s + \gamma - 1 \end{aligned} \quad (3.13)$$

respectively. In deriving the last equality, we have multiplied on the left expression (3.11) by  $r^{-1}$ . Then



$$\begin{aligned}
T^{-1}ZY &= G(TG)^{-1}ZY \\
&= G(TG)^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} s & h^T E \\ Ev & M \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ M^\# v & I_2 \end{bmatrix} \\
&= G \begin{bmatrix} r^{-1} & -r^{-1}uS \\ -Svr^{-1} & S + Svr^{-1}uS \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} s & h^T E \\ v & M \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & (Ev)^+ E - h^T M^\# \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1-\gamma & \Theta \\ Sv\gamma & M^\# M - Sv\Theta \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} 1 - (1 + h^T (M^\#)^2 v)x\gamma & -h^T M^\# + (1 + h^T (M^\#)^2 v)x\Theta \\ Sv\gamma & M^\# M - Sv\Theta \end{bmatrix}.
\end{aligned} \tag{3.14}$$

Using (3.12) and (3.14), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
XT^{-1}ZY &= \begin{bmatrix} xr^{-1} & (Ev)^+ E - xr^{-1}uS \\ -Svr^{-1} & S + Svr^{-1}uS \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 - (1 + h^T (M^\#)^2 v)x\gamma & -h^T M^\# + (1 + h^T (M^\#)^2 v)x\Theta \\ Sv\gamma & M^\# M - Sv\Theta \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} \omega_1 & \Omega_3 \\ \Omega_2 & \Omega_4 \end{bmatrix},
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
\omega_1 &= (1-x)\gamma - xr^{-1}(uS^2v\gamma - 1 + (1 + h^T (M^\#)^2 v)x\gamma), \\
\Omega_2 &= S^2v\gamma + uvr^{-1}(uS^2v\gamma - 1 + (1 + h^T (M^\#)^2 v)x\gamma), \\
\Omega_3 &= (x-1)\Theta + xr^{-1}(uS^2v\Theta - uM^\# - h^T M^\# + (1 + h^T (M^\#)^2 v)x\Theta), \\
\Omega_4 &= M^\# - S^2v\Theta - Svr^{-1}(uS^2v\Theta - uM^\# - h^T M^\# + (1 + h^T (M^\#)^2 v)x\Theta).
\end{aligned} \tag{3.15}$$

From (3.10), it follows that  $S^2v = Sv - M^\#(v - M^\#vx)$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
S^2v &= S(Sv) = S(Ev + M^\#vx) \\
&= S(E)v + SM^\#vx \\
&= S(1 - M^\#M)v + SM^\#vx \\
&= Sv - SM^\#Mv + SM^\#vx \\
&= Sv - M^\#v + ((1 - M^\#v(Ev)^+ E)(M^\# + E))M^\#vx \\
&= Sv - M^\#v + ((M^\#M^\#vx + EM^\#vx) - M^\#v(Ev)^+ EEM^\#vx) \\
&= Sv - M^\#v + M^\#M^\#vx + EM^\#vx - M^\#v(Ev)^+ EEM^\#vx \\
&= Sv - M^\#v + M^\#M^\#vx \\
&= Sv - M^\#(v - M^\#vx).
\end{aligned}$$

Using this latter expression and (3.13) we get

$$r^{-1}uS^2v = r^{-1}uSv - r^{-1}uM^\#(v - M^\#vx) = r^{-1}s + \gamma - 1 + \gamma h^T (M^\#)^2 (v - M^\#vx).$$

By substituting this into (3.15), using  $r^{-1}uM^\# = -\gamma h^T (M^\#)^2$ , and regrouping terms we get (3.6).

□

## Conclusions

In this work we have studied conditions for the existence of the group inverse of the  $3 \times 3$  matrix over a ring with unity 1 under some development certain conditions.

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