

## Factorization and Pivotal Transform of Q-EP

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**Abstract:** In this paper the Factorization and Pivotal transform of q-EP matrices are discussed.

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### I. Introduction

Through we shall deal with  $n \times n$  quaternion matrices: Let  $A^*$  denote the conjugate transpose of  $A$ . Any matrix  $A \in H_{n \times n}$  is called q-EP. If  $R(A) = R(A^*)$  and is called, q-EP<sub>r</sub> if  $A$  is q-EP and  $rk(A) = r$ , where  $N(A)$ ,  $R(A)$  and  $rk(A)$  denote the null space, range space and rank of  $A$  respectively. It is well known that sum and product of q-EP, Generalized Inverse Group Inverse and Reverse order law for q-EP, Bicomplex representation methods and application of q-EP matrices and Schur Complements in q-EP matrices [3-8].

#### 1. FACTORIZATION OF q-EP

Through this section, M is a  $2n \times 2n$  matrix of the form  $M = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix}$  ----- (I)

With  $\rho(M) = \rho(A) = r$ . where A is  $n \times n$  and D is  $n \times n$  if M is q-EP. By [8, Theorem 1],

$$N(A) \subseteq N(C), N(A^*) \subseteq N(B^*), D = CA^\dagger B$$

#### Lemma 1.1

If M is q-EP<sub>r</sub> of the form(I) then there exists a  $(p \times 2n - p)$  matrix X such that

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} A & AX \\ X^*A & X^*AX \end{pmatrix}$$
 ----- (II)

and A is q-EP<sub>r</sub>.

#### Proof

Since M is of the form (I) and  $\rho(A) = \rho(M)$ . Hence there is an  $(p \times 2n - p)$  matrix X such that  $C = YA$

and  $B = AX$  By [11,p.21]. Since M is q-EP, a is q-EP and  $CA^\dagger = (A^\dagger B)^*$

$$\Rightarrow YA = X^*A$$

Also  $D = CA^\dagger B = YAX = X^*AX$ , therefore M is of the form(II)

#### Theorem 1.2

If M is q-EP<sub>r</sub> of the form(I) and A is q-EP<sub>r</sub>, then M is a product of q-EP<sub>r</sub> matrices.

#### Proof

If M is q-EP<sub>r</sub> of the form(I) then it satisfies  $N(A) \subseteq N(C)$ ,  $N(A^*) \subseteq N(B^*)$ ,  $D = CA^\dagger B$  then there exists X and Y such that

$$C = YA, B = AX, D = CA^\dagger B = YAA^\dagger AX = YAX$$

consider the matrices  $S = \begin{pmatrix} A^\dagger A & AA^\dagger Y^* \\ YAA^\dagger & YAA^\dagger Y^* \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $L = \begin{pmatrix} A & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $T = \begin{pmatrix} A^\dagger A & AA^\dagger X \\ X^* A^\dagger A & X^* A^\dagger AX \end{pmatrix}$

By theorem [8, Theorem 1.8] S,L and T are q-EP<sub>r</sub>  $CA^\dagger = (A^\dagger B)^*$

$$\text{Also } (S)(L)(T) = \begin{pmatrix} A & AX \\ YA & YAX \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix} = M$$

Thus, M is a product of S,L, and T are all q-EP<sub>r</sub> matrices. Therefore  $M = SLT$ .

**Theorem 1.3**

Let  $L = \begin{pmatrix} E & F \\ G & H \end{pmatrix}$  be a  $2n \times 2n$  matrix of rank r. if E is an  $n \times n$  non-singular matrix then

$$L = S \begin{pmatrix} I_r & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} T, \text{ where S,T are q-EP}_r \text{ matrices.}$$

**Proof**

$L = P \begin{pmatrix} I_r & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} Q$ , where P,Q are non-singular matrix. If we write

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} A_1 & B_1 \\ C_1 & D_1 \end{pmatrix}, Q = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{A}_1 & \hat{B}_1 \\ \hat{C}_1 & \hat{D}_1 \end{pmatrix}, \text{ then } L = \begin{pmatrix} (A_1)(\hat{A}_1) & (A_1)(\hat{B}_1) \\ (C_1)(\hat{A}_1) & (C_1)(\hat{B}_1) \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } (A_1)(\hat{A}_1) = E$$

is non-singular. Thus  $A, \hat{A}$  are non-singular.

$$\text{So, } \begin{pmatrix} A_1 \\ C_1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \begin{pmatrix} \hat{A}_1 & \hat{B}_1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ have rank r.}$$

Thus there is an  $2n - r \times r$  matrix X and  $r \times 2n - r$  matrix Y such that  $XA_1 = C_1$  and

$$\hat{A}_1 Y = \hat{B}_1, \text{ Put } S = \begin{pmatrix} A_1 & A_1 X^* \\ XA_1 & XA_1 X^* \end{pmatrix}, T = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{A}_1 & \hat{A}_1 Y \\ Y^* \hat{A}_1 & Y^* \hat{A}_1 Y \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Now, } S = \begin{pmatrix} I_r & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} T = \begin{pmatrix} A_1 & A_1 X^* \\ XA_1 & XA_1 X^* \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} I_r & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \hat{A}_1 & \hat{A}_1 Y \\ Y^* \hat{A}_1 & Y^* \hat{A}_1 Y \end{pmatrix} = L \text{ By [1,p.91]}$$

Hence S,T are q-EP matrices.

Any matrix  $A \in H_{2n \times 2n}$  of rank r is called a q-EP<sub>r</sub> matrix. If it has a principal  $r \times r$  non-singular matrix.

**Lemma 1.4**

Let M be a  $2n \times 2n$  matrix of order r. If M is a P<sub>r</sub> matrix then M is a product of q-EP<sub>r</sub> matrices.

**Proof**

Let M be a  $2n \times 2n$  matrix of order r having E as a principal  $r \times r$  non-singular sub-matrix there is a permutation matrix P such that

$$PMP^T = \begin{pmatrix} E & F \\ G & H \end{pmatrix}, \text{ by theorem 1.3 } \begin{pmatrix} E & F \\ G & H \end{pmatrix} = S \begin{pmatrix} I_r & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} T, \text{ where S,T are q-EP}_r \text{ matrices.}$$

$$\text{Hence, } PMP^T = S \begin{pmatrix} I_r & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} T, M = P^T S \begin{pmatrix} I_r & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} TP, M = (P^T SP) P^\dagger \begin{pmatrix} I_r & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} P (P^\dagger TP)$$

Since S,T are q-EP<sub>r</sub> matrices,  $P^T SP$  and  $P^\dagger TP$  are q-EP matrices. Thus, M is a product of q-EP matrices.

**Remark 1.5**

The converse of theorem (1.4) need not be true.

**Example 1.6**

$$\text{Let } A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & i \\ 0 & 1 & j \\ -i & -j & 1 \end{pmatrix}, B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & k & 0 \\ -k & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, C = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & k \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -k & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Where A,B,C are q-EP matrices of rank 3 but  $ABC = \begin{pmatrix} j & 0 & i \\ -i & 1 & 1+j \\ -k & 0 & -j+1 \end{pmatrix}$  has rank 3, does not have a

$P_3$  Matrices. More over, ABC is not q-EP.

**Lemma 1.7**

Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} E & F \\ G & H \end{pmatrix}$  be a q-EP matrix is an  $r \times r$  matrix and  $\begin{pmatrix} E & F \end{pmatrix}$  has rank r, then E is non-

singular.

**Proof**

$$\begin{pmatrix} I_r & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} E & F \\ G & H \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} E & F \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ where } I_r \text{ is the } r \times r \text{ identity matrix.}$$

$\begin{pmatrix} E & F \\ G & H \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} I_r & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} E & 0 \\ G & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  has rank r. By [11, P.52] E has rank r. Thus E is non-singular.

**Lemma 1.8**

Let A and B be  $2n \times 2n$  q-EP matrices. If AB has rank r, then AB is unitarily similar to a  $P_r$  matrix.

**Proof**

Since A is q-EP<sub>r</sub>, there is a unitary matrix U such that A is unitarily similar to a diagonal block q-

EP<sub>r</sub> matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} D & O \\ O & O \end{pmatrix}$  where D is a  $r \times r$  non-singular matrix

$$A = U \begin{pmatrix} D & O \\ O & O \end{pmatrix} U^* \Rightarrow \text{put } U^*(B)U = \begin{pmatrix} E & F \\ G & H \end{pmatrix} \text{ where E is } r \times r \text{ matrix}$$

Then,  $U^*(A)(B)U = \begin{pmatrix} D & O \\ O & O \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} E & F \\ G & H \end{pmatrix}, U^*(AB)U = \begin{pmatrix} DE & DF \\ O & O \end{pmatrix}$  has rank r.

$$\text{Thus } (U^*AU)(U^*BU) = \begin{pmatrix} E & F \\ G & H \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} D & O \\ O & O \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow U^*ABU = \begin{pmatrix} ED & 0 \\ GD & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ therefore, } GD = O \text{ Hence } G = O$$

E is Non-Singular. Applying lemma 1.3. A is a product of q-EP<sub>r</sub> matrices.

**Remark 1.10**

The condition on  $\rho(A) = r$  is essential If  $\rho(A) \neq r$  then theorem(1.9) fails.

For example,

$$\text{Let } A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & i \\ -i & 1 \end{pmatrix}, B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ Here } \rho(A) = 1, \rho(B) = 0, B \text{ is q-EP}_0 \text{ } AB = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ is q-}$$

EP<sub>0</sub>. Here  $B = AB$ . Hence the statement of (1.9) fails.

**Theorem 1.11**

Let  $M = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix}, L = \begin{pmatrix} P & Q \\ R & S \end{pmatrix}$  be q-EP<sub>r</sub> matrices and ML be of rank r. Then the following are

equivalent.

- (i) ML is q-EP<sub>r</sub>

- (ii) AP is q-EP<sub>r</sub> and  $CA^\dagger = RP^\dagger$
- (iii) AP is q-EP<sub>r</sub> and  $A^\dagger B = P^\dagger Q$

**Proof**

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix}, L = \begin{pmatrix} P & Q \\ R & S \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(M)(L) = \begin{bmatrix} A & AX \\ X^*A & X^*AX \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} P & PY \\ Y^*P & Y^*PY \end{bmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} AZP & AZPY \\ X^*AZP & X^*AZPY \end{pmatrix}, Z = 1 + XY^*$$

Clearly,  $N(AZP) \subseteq N(X^*AZPY)$

$$N(AZP)^* \subseteq N(X^*AZPY)$$

Schur complements of  $AZP$  in  $ML$ ,

$$(ML / AZP) = (X^*AZPY) - (X^*AZP)(AZP)^\dagger(AZP) = 0, \rho(AZP) = \rho(ML) = r$$

Hence by theorem “Let  $M = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix}$  with  $\rho(M) = \rho(A) = r$ , then  $M$  is q-EP<sub>r</sub> and  $CA^\dagger = (A^\dagger B)^*$ ”.

$A$  and  $P$  are both q-EP<sub>r</sub> matrices

$$CA^\dagger = (A^\dagger B)^*, RP^* = (P^\dagger Q)^*$$

$$R(AZP) \subseteq R(A)$$

$$R(AZP)^* \subseteq R(P^*) = R(P) \quad (\text{Since } P \text{ is q-EP})$$

and  $\rho(AZP) = \rho(A) = \rho(P) = r$

Hence,  $R(AZP) = R(A); R(AZP)^* = R(P)$

$$(AZP)(AZP)^\dagger = (A)(A)^\dagger$$

$$(AZP)^\dagger(AZP) = (P)(P)^\dagger$$

$ML$  is q-EP<sub>r</sub>  $\Leftrightarrow (M)(L)$  is EP<sub>r</sub>

$$\Leftrightarrow AZP \text{ is EP}_r$$

$$(X^*AZP)(AZP)^\dagger = (AZP)^\dagger(AZPY)^*$$

$$\Leftrightarrow R(AZP) = R(AZP)^*$$

$$X^*(A)(A)^\dagger = Y^*(P)(P)^\dagger \Leftrightarrow R(A) = R(P)$$

and by  $(AZP)(AZP)^\dagger = AA^\dagger, (X^*A)(A^\dagger) = (Y^*P)(P^\dagger)$

Since  $A$  and  $P$  are both q-EP<sub>r</sub> matrices,

$$\Leftrightarrow AP \text{ is q-EP}_r, CA^\dagger = RP^\dagger$$

$$\Leftrightarrow AP \text{ is q-EP}_r \text{ and } CA^\dagger = RP^\dagger$$

$$\Leftrightarrow AP \text{ is q-EP}_r \text{ and } (A^\dagger B)^* = (P^\dagger Q)^*$$

$$\Leftrightarrow AP \text{ is q-EP}_r \text{ and } (A^\dagger B) = P^\dagger Q$$

Thus,  $ML$  is q-EP<sub>r</sub>  $\Leftrightarrow AP$  is q-EP<sub>r</sub> and  $A^\dagger B = P^\dagger Q$

## II. PIVOTAL TRANSFORM ON Q-EP MATRICES

Let  $M = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix}$  then principal re-arrangement of square matrix  $M$  (i.e)  $P^T M P$ , where  $P$  is a

permutation matrix,  $P^T M P = \begin{pmatrix} D & C \\ B & A \end{pmatrix}$ , where  $p$  is permutation matrix  $P = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .

Let us consider a system of linear equations,  $MZ = T$ , where  $M = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix}$  satisfying  $N(A) \subseteq N(C), N(A^*) \subseteq N(B^*)$ .

If  $z$  and  $t$  are partitioned conformably as  $z = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$  and  $t = \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix}$ , then  $Ax + By = u, Cx + Dy = v$ . Then by [10,p.21] we can solve for  $x$  and  $y$  as  $x = A^\dagger u - A^\dagger B y, v = CA^\dagger u + (D - CA^\dagger B)y$ . Thus a matrix  $M = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix}$  satisfying  $N(A) \subseteq N(C), N(A^*) \subseteq N(B^*)$  can be transformed into the matrix

$$\hat{M} = \begin{pmatrix} A^\dagger & -A^\dagger B \\ CA^\dagger & (M/A) \end{pmatrix} \text{-----} \quad (1)$$

$\hat{M}$  is called a principal pivot transform of  $M$ .

**Lemma 2.1**

Let  $M = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix}$  with  $N(A) \subseteq N(C), N(D) \subseteq N(B)$  then the following are equivalent.

- (i)  $M$  is q-EP,  $N(M/A) \subseteq N(B), N(M/D) \subseteq N(C)$
- (ii)  $A$  and  $M/D$  are q-EP and  $D$  and  $(M/A)$  are q-EP

Further,  $N(A) = N(M/D) \subseteq N(B^*)$  and  $N(D) = N(M/A) \subseteq N(C^*)$

**Proof**

(i)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (ii) Since  $M$  is q-EP,  $N(A) \subseteq N(C), N(M/A) \subseteq N(B)$  By theorem [8, Theorem1],

$A$  is q-EP and  $M/A$  is q-EP,  $N(A^*) \subseteq N(B^*)$  and  $N(M/A)^* \subseteq N(C^*)$ . Since  $A$  is q-EP,  $N(A^*) = N(A)$  (By definition of q-EP).

Therefore  $N(A) = N(B^*)$  since  $M$  is q-EP,  $M$  is EP, implies the principal rearrangement

$$P^T M P = \begin{pmatrix} D & C \\ B & A \end{pmatrix} \text{ is also EP. Further } N(D) \subseteq N(B) \text{ and } N(D) \subseteq N(B) \text{ and } N(M/D) \subseteq N(C)$$

holds hence by theorem [6, Theorem 1],  $D$  is EP ( $M/D$ ) is EP.

$$N(D^*) \subseteq N(C^*) \text{ and } N(M/D) \subseteq N(B^*)$$

Thus we have,  $D$  is q-EP, ( $M/D$ ) is q-EP.

$$N(D^*) \subseteq N(C^*) \text{ and } N(M/D) \subseteq N(B^*)$$

Since  $D$  is q-EP, by definition  $N(D^*) = N(D)$ .

$$\text{Thus } N(D) \subseteq N(C^*)$$

Since the relations,  $N(A) \subseteq N(C), N(A^*) \subseteq N(C), N(A^*) \subseteq N(B^*), N(M/A) \subseteq N(B)$  and  $N(M/A)^* \subseteq N(C^*)$  holds for  $A$ .

According to the assumption and from the definition

$$M^\dagger = \begin{pmatrix} A^\dagger + (A^\dagger)(B)(M/A)^\dagger(A^\dagger) & -(A^\dagger)^\dagger B(M/A)^\dagger \\ -(M/A)^\dagger C(A)^\dagger & (M/A)^\dagger \end{pmatrix} \text{-----} \quad (2)$$

Using  $C = (M/A)(M/A)^\dagger$  and  $B = (A)(A)^\dagger(B)$

$$(M^\dagger)(M) = \begin{pmatrix} (A)(A)^\dagger & 0 \\ 0 & (M/A)(M/A)^\dagger \end{pmatrix} \text{-----} \quad (3)$$

Since the relations,  $N(D) \subseteq N(C)$  and  $N(M/D) \subseteq N(B^*)$  holds for d, according to the assumptions by theorem.

$$(M)^\dagger = \begin{pmatrix} (M/D)^\dagger & -(A)^\dagger B(M/A)^\dagger \\ -(D)^\dagger C(M/D)^\dagger & (M/A)^\dagger \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{-----} \quad (4)$$

$$C = (D)(D)^\dagger C, C = DD^\dagger C \text{ and } B = (A)(A)^\dagger(B), B = AA^\dagger B \text{ in (3)}$$

$$(M)(M^\dagger) = \begin{pmatrix} (M/D)(M/D)^\dagger & 0 \\ 0 & (M/A)(M/A)^\dagger \end{pmatrix}$$

Comparing (2) and (4)  $(A)(A^\dagger) = (M/D)(M/D)^\dagger \Leftrightarrow AA^\dagger = (M/D)(M/D)^\dagger$

Since A and  $(M/D)$  are q-EP,  $A^\dagger A = (M/D)^\dagger(M/D)$   $A^\dagger A = (M/A)^\dagger(M/D)$

Thus,  $N(A) = N(M/D)$

Similarly, we can obtain the expressions for  $M^\dagger M$ , comparing  $D^\dagger D = (M/A)^\dagger(M/A)$

$$\Leftrightarrow N(D) = N(M/A)$$

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i):  $N(M/A) \subseteq N(B)$  follows directly from  $N(M/A) = N(D) \subseteq N(B)$

Similarly,  $N(M/D) \subseteq N(C)$  follows  $N(M/D) = N(A) \subseteq N(C)$

Now, A is q-EP and  $(M/A)$  is q-EP satisfying the relations  $N(A) \subseteq N(C)$ ,  $N(A^*) \subseteq N(B^*)$ ,

$$N(M/A) \subseteq N(B) \text{ and } N(M/A)^* \subseteq N(C)^*$$

Hence by theorem [8, Theorem 1]. Therefore M is q-EP. Thus (i) holds.

**Theorem 2.2**

Let  $M = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix}$  be a q-EP<sub>r</sub> matrix,  $N(A) \subseteq N(C)$ ,  $N(D) \subseteq N(B)$ ,  $N(M/A) \subseteq N(B)$

$N(M/A) \subseteq N(B)$  and  $N(M/A) \subseteq N(C)$ . Then the following are hold.

- (i) Principal sub-matrix A is q-EP and principal sub matrix D is q-EP
- (ii) The Schur Complement  $(M/A)$  is q-EP
- (iii) Each principal pivot transforms of M is q-EP

**Proof**

(i) and (ii) are consequence of lemma 2.1 (iii); By Lemma 2.1, M satisfies  $N(A) \subseteq N(C)$

$N(A^*) \subseteq N(B^*)$  hence by pivoting the block A, the principal pivot transform  $\hat{M}$  of M is of the form.

$$\hat{M} = \begin{pmatrix} (A)^\dagger & -(A)^\dagger(B) \\ (C)(A)^\dagger & (M/A) \end{pmatrix}, \hat{M} = \begin{pmatrix} A^\dagger & -A^\dagger \\ CA^\dagger & (M/A) \end{pmatrix}$$

In  $\hat{M}$ ,  $N(A^\dagger) \subseteq N(CA^\dagger)$ ,  $N(A^\dagger)^* \subseteq N(CA^\dagger)^*$

Further,  $(\hat{M}/A^\dagger) = (M/A) + (CA^\dagger)(A^\dagger)^\dagger(A^\dagger B) = (M/A) + CA^\dagger AA^\dagger B = (M/A) + CA^\dagger B$

$$(\hat{M}/A^\dagger) = D$$

By the assumption,  $N(\hat{M}/A^\dagger) = N(D)$  which implies  $N(\hat{M}/A^\dagger) = N(D) \subseteq N(B)$ .

From Lemma 2.1, A is q-EP and D is q-EP. Therefore,  $A^\dagger$  is q-EP and  $(\hat{M}/A^\dagger)$  is q-EP.

$$\text{Hence, } D = (\hat{M}/A^\dagger)$$

$$\text{Also, } N(\hat{M}/A^\dagger)^* = N(D^*), N(\hat{M}/A^\dagger)^* = N(D^*) \subseteq N(C^*)$$

Now applying theorem [8, Theorem 2.1]

Now  $r = \rho(M) = \rho(A) + \rho(M / A)$  [2, Theorem

1]

$$= \rho(A^\dagger) + \rho(D) \quad (\text{Lemma 2.1})$$

$$= \rho(A^\dagger) + \rho(\hat{M} / A^\dagger)$$

$$= \rho(\hat{M}) \quad [2, \text{Theorem}$$

1]

Thus  $\hat{M}$  is q-EP<sub>r</sub>. Similarly, under the conditions given on M, M can be transformed to its principal pivot transform by pivoting the block D without changing the rank.

**Remark 2.3**

For  $K(i) = i$ , (the identity transposition), theorem (2.2) reduced to Theorem [9, Theorem]

Let  $M = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix}$ , then  $\rho(M) \geq \rho(A) + \rho(M / A)$  with equality if and only if

$$N(M / A) \subseteq N(IAA^\dagger)B$$

$$N(M / A)^* \subseteq N(I - A^\dagger A)C^* \text{ and } (I - AA^\dagger)B(M / A) \subseteq (I - A^\dagger A) = 0$$

**Remark 2.4**

In the special case when M is non-singular with A and D non-singular, then the conditions  $N(A) \subseteq N(C)$  and  $N(D) \subseteq N(B)$ . Automatically hold  $(M / A)$  and  $(M / D)$  are non-singular by [2, Theorem 1].

Further,  $\rho(\hat{M}) = \rho(A) + \rho(D)$ . Hence it follows that each principal pivot transform of M is non-singular. We note that the non-singularity of  $\hat{M}$  need not imply M is non-singular.

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