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Abstract. A set of adjoints for a matrix is defined. Basic concepts in linear algebra and matrix analysis, such as the most important inverses of a matrix and the differential of a determinant, are expressed by adjoints.

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1. Introduction. Basic definitions such as cofactors and determinants are extended to rectangular matrices. The Volume of an arbitrary matrix, introduced by A. Ben-Israel in [3], is extended by a general definition of determinant. Some new relations, such as "the square of product of the nonnull eigenvalues of a normal matrix A of rank r is its determinant", follow. The definition of adjoint matrices A^{ad} , for an arbitrary matrix A , is especially useful in order to obtain formal expressions of general and special (1,2)-inverses of A by entries of the same A . For an example, the Moore-Penrose inverse is well known by numerical methods (as reductions, full rank factorization, SVD, small perturbations and so on) or by the property " $r \times r$ minors of A^+ are proportional to the corresponding minors of A'^n ", see e.g. Miao [11], Miao and Ben-Israel [12] and Bapat [1]. As for square A , the formula $|A|^{-1} Adj A$ proves useful in theoretical considerations, as well as the same form $|A|_r^{-1} A^{ad}$ (Theo. 5.11) for the MP-inverse is also useful. The examples for small matrices emphasize the possibility for writing inverses with symbolical entries. If A is square then also characteristic polynomials of inverses are obtained. Two new inverses of A are presented. A link is obtained between EP and Compound matrices. In the final section the differential of determinant for general matrix functions is produced. For the sake of brevity, other results in multilinear algebra are not considered here. \mathbb{R} and \mathbb{C} denote the real and complex field respectively, $R(A)$ the range of the matrix A , $N(A)$ the nullity of A .

2. Rectangular determinant and cofactors. The multindex I_r^n of length r is defined by

$$I_r^n = \{(i_1, \dots, i_r) : 1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_r \leq n\}$$

besides we define, for a fixed natural number k ,

$$(I_r^n)_k = \{(i_1, \dots, i_p, \dots, i_r) : 1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_p = k < \dots < i_r \leq n, \\ \text{where } 1 \leq k \leq n\}$$

finally, $(I_r^n) - i$ is the set I_r^{n-1} on the indices $1, \dots, i-1, i+1, \dots, n$. If $A \in \mathfrak{F}^{m \times n}$, with \mathfrak{F} a field with $char(\mathfrak{F}) \neq 2$, then A_{β}^{α} is the submatrix of A determined by rows

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indexed by α and columns indexed by β , $\alpha \in I_r^m$, $\beta \in I_r^n$. The determinant of A is denoted by $|A|$, its rank by $r(A)$.

For the matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \end{bmatrix}$, with $r(A) = 2$, consider

$$\text{Vol}^2 A = \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{vmatrix}^2 + \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{23} \end{vmatrix}^2 + \begin{vmatrix} a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{22} & a_{23} \end{vmatrix}^2 = |A_{12}^{12}|^2 + |A_{13}^{12}|^2 + |A_{23}^{12}|^2$$

the sum is defined as the square volume of a matrix A . A. Ben-Israel shows in [3] that $\text{Vol}A$ generalizes to arbitrary matrices the absolute value of the determinant, also see [7]. More generally, given the 2×3 matrix A with $r(A) = 2$ we consider the linear form in the parameters $\lambda_\beta^\alpha \in \mathfrak{F}$, $\Delta_r A = |A_{12}^{12}| \lambda_{12}^{12} + |A_{13}^{12}| \lambda_{13}^{12} + |A_{23}^{12}| \lambda_{23}^{12}$. For an arbitrary matrix

DEFINITION 2.1. Let $\Delta_r : \mathfrak{F}^{m \times n} \rightarrow (\mathfrak{F}^{\binom{m}{r}})^{\binom{n}{r}}$ be a map defined by

$$\Delta_r A = \sum_{\alpha, \beta} |A_\beta^\alpha| \lambda_\beta^\alpha, \quad \alpha \in I_r^m, \beta \in I_r^n.$$

The map Δ_r has the following properties

- (i) If $\lambda_\beta^\alpha = |A_\beta^\alpha|$ then $\Delta_r A$ is a symmetric map with respect to the rows and columns of A
- (ii) $\Delta_r A = 0$, for any λ_β^α iff $|A_\beta^\alpha| = 0$, for any $\alpha \in I_r^m$, $\beta \in I_r^n$.
- (iii) If $m = r = r(A)$, then $|A_\beta^\alpha|$, in Δ_m , are the Plücker coordinates of the subspace spanned by the rows of A .

DEFINITION 2.2. Any $m \times n$ matrix A is said to be r -nonsingular iff it satisfies anyone of these two equivalent conditions

- (i) $\Delta_r A \neq 0$
- (ii) there exists $\alpha \in I_r^m$, $\beta \in I_r^n$ such that $|A_\beta^\alpha| \neq 0$, i.e. $r(A) = r$.

Generally $\Delta_r A = \Delta_r A'$ only if A is square.

If $\lambda_\beta^\alpha = |A_\beta^\alpha|$, or, in the complex field \mathbb{C} $\lambda_\beta^\alpha = |\overline{A_\beta^\alpha}|$, for any $\alpha \in I_r^m$, $\beta \in I_r^n$, then we denote $\Delta_r A$ by $\det_r A$ or $|A|_r$. This notation is justified by A. Ben-Israel's result

$$(\det_r A)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \text{Vol}A = \prod_{i=1}^r \sigma_i$$

where σ_i are the nonnull singular values of A , and by the next theorems.

The definition of cofactor α_{ij} can be extended to an arbitrary matrix.

EXAMPLE 2.3. If A is a 2×3 matrix with $r(A) = 2$

$$\alpha_{11} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \end{vmatrix}^{\frac{1}{2}} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{vmatrix} \lambda_{12}^{12} + \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ a_{21} & a_{23} \end{vmatrix} \lambda_{13}^{12}$$

$$\alpha_{21} = \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix}^{\frac{2}{2}} = \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \lambda_{12}^{12} + \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{13} \\ 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \lambda_{13}^{12}$$

and so on. More generally

DEFINITION 2.4. Let $A \in \mathfrak{F}^{m \times n}$ be a matrix with $r(A) = r$, the cofactor α_{ij}^r of the entry a_{ij} of A , for $m < n$, is defined by

$$\alpha_{ij}^r = \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & \dots & \dots & a_{1n} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & \dots & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ a_{m1} & \dots & \dots & \dots & a_{mn} \end{vmatrix}_i^j$$

$= \Delta_r A: a_{ix} = 0$ for $x = 1, \dots, j-1, j+1, \dots, n$, $a_{ij} = 1$ and $\lambda_\beta^\alpha \neq 0$ only if $i \in \alpha$

$$= \sum_{\substack{i_1 \dots i_r \\ j_1 \dots j_r}} \lambda_{j_1 \dots j_r}^{i_1 \dots i_r} |(A_{j_1 \dots j_r}^{i_1 \dots i_r}) \text{ i-th row} = e_j|$$

where in the last determinant the i -th row is $e_j = (0, \dots, 1, \dots, 0)$, i.e. the j -th unit vector. The sum is over all $i_1, \dots, i_r \in (I_r^m)_i$ and $j_1, \dots, j_r \in (I_r^n)_j$. Similarly, for $m > n$,

$$\alpha_{ij}^r = \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & 0 & \dots & a_{1n} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ a_{i1} & \dots & 1 & \dots & a_{in} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ a_{m1} & \dots & 0 & \dots & a_{mn} \end{vmatrix}_j$$

The following relation is immediate between cofactors of square and rectangular matrices

$$\alpha_{ij}^r = \sum_{\substack{i_1 \dots i_r \\ j_1 \dots j_r}} \lambda_{j_1 \dots j_r}^{i_1 \dots i_r} \alpha(A_{j_1 \dots j_r}^{i_1 \dots i_r})_{ij} \tag{2.1}$$

where $\alpha(A_{j_1 \dots j_r}^{i_1 \dots i_r})_{ij}$ denotes the classic cofactor of a_{ij} for the matrix $(A_{j_1 \dots j_r}^{i_1 \dots i_r})$.

EXAMPLE 2.5. For $A \in \mathfrak{F}^{3 \times 4}$ and $r(A) = 2$

$$\alpha_{23}^r = \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & a_{14} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} & a_{34} \end{vmatrix}_2^3 = \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & a_{14} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix}^{12} + \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} & a_{34} \end{vmatrix}^{23} = \left(\begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{13} \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \lambda_{13}^{12} + \begin{vmatrix} a_{12} & a_{13} \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \lambda_{23}^{12} + \begin{vmatrix} a_{13} & a_{14} \\ 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \lambda_{34}^{12} \right) + \left(\begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ a_{31} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} \lambda_{13}^{23} + \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} \lambda_{23}^{23} + \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ a_{33} & a_{34} \end{vmatrix} \lambda_{34}^{23} \right)$$

As in the example, it will be useful to write the numbers of the rows (columns) involved in the expansion of the cofactor like apexes (indexes).

Let $C = (\alpha_{ij}^r)$ the r -cofactor matrix of A . The transpose of C , i.e. the r -adjoints of A will be denoted by A^{ad} .

REMARK 2.6. The set A^{ad} exists for any matrix A .

THEOREM 2.7. If $A \in \mathfrak{F}^{n \times n}$ and $r(A) = n$, then for $\lambda_\beta^\alpha = |A_\beta^\alpha|$

$$\begin{aligned} A^{ad} &= \text{Adj } A |A| \\ A^{ad} &= \text{Adj } A |\overline{A}| \text{ if } \mathfrak{F} = \mathbb{C} \end{aligned}$$

Proof. It is immediate by $\alpha_{ij}^r = \alpha_{ij}|A|$, $i, j = 1, \dots, n$, where α_{ij} is the classic cofactor of a_{ij} in A . \square

For any scalar λ , the scalar λ^+ is defined by $\lambda^+ = \begin{cases} \lambda^{-1} & \text{if } \lambda \neq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } \lambda = 0 \end{cases}$.

The r -cofactors have several properties

THEOREM 2.8. Let $A \in \mathfrak{F}^{m \times n}$, where $r(A) = r$, then

- (i) $\alpha_{ij}^r = \frac{\partial \Delta_r A}{\partial a_{ij}}$
as a special case
 $\alpha_{ij}^r = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial |A|_r}{\partial a_{ij}} \quad \lambda_\beta^\alpha = |A_\beta^\alpha|$
- (ii) $\sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} \alpha_{ij}^r = \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_r} \lambda_\beta^\alpha |A_\beta^{i_1, \dots, i_r}| \quad i_1, \dots, i_r \in (I_r^m)_i, \beta \in I_r^n, m \leq n$
- (iii) $a_{h1} \alpha_{i1}^r + a_{h2} \alpha_{i2}^r + \dots + a_{hn} \alpha_{in}^r = \Delta_r A^{ih} - \frac{m-r}{m} \lambda_\beta^\alpha = |A_\beta^\alpha| + \binom{m}{r} \binom{n}{r}^{-1}, m < n$ (det by rows)
- (iv) $\alpha_{1k}^r a_{1j} + \alpha_{2k}^r a_{2j} + \dots + \alpha_{mk}^r a_{mj} = \Delta_r A_{kj} - \frac{n-r}{n} \lambda_\beta^\alpha = |A_\beta^\alpha| + \binom{m}{r} \binom{n}{r}^{-1}, m < n$ (det by rows)
- (v) $a_{i1} \alpha_{i1}^r + a_{i2} \alpha_{i2}^r + \dots + a_{in} \alpha_{in}^r = \frac{r}{m} \lambda_\beta^\alpha = |A_\beta^\alpha| + \binom{m}{r} \binom{n}{r}^{-1}$
- (vi) $\alpha_{1j}^r a_{1j} + \alpha_{2j}^r a_{2j} + \dots + \alpha_{mj}^r a_{mj} = \frac{r}{n} \lambda_\beta^\alpha = |A_\beta^\alpha| + \binom{m}{r} \binom{n}{r}^{-1}$
the matrix A^{ih} is A where the i -th row is substituted by the h -th row, the matrix A_{kj} is A where the k -th column is substituted by the j -th column. Similarly for $m > n$.

Proof. (i)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \Delta_r A}{\partial a_{ij}} &= \frac{\partial (\sum_{\alpha, \beta} \lambda_\beta^\alpha |A_\beta^\alpha|)}{\partial a_{ij}} = \sum_{\alpha, \beta} \frac{\lambda_\beta^\alpha \partial |A_\beta^\alpha|}{\partial a_{ij}} = \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_r, j_1, \dots, j_r} \lambda_\beta^\alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial a_{ij}} |A_{j_1, \dots, j_r}^{i_1, \dots, i_r}| \\ &= \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_r, j_1, \dots, j_r} \lambda_\beta^\alpha |(A_{j_1, \dots, j_r}^{i_1, \dots, i_r})_{i\text{-th row} = e_j}| = \alpha_{ij}^r \end{aligned}$$

(ii) By the linearity of the r -cofactors. (iii)

$$\begin{aligned} a_{h1} \alpha_{i1}^r + a_{h2} \alpha_{i2}^r + \dots + a_{hn} \alpha_{in}^r &= \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots \\ a_{h1} & \dots & a_{hn} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots \\ a_{i1} & \dots & a_{in} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots \\ a_{m1} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{vmatrix}^i \\ &= \binom{m}{r} \binom{n}{r}^{-1} \left(\sum_{\substack{i_1, \dots, i_r \\ h_1, \dots, h_r \\ j_1, \dots, j_r}} |A_{j_1, \dots, j_r}^{i_1, \dots, i_r}| |A_{j_1, \dots, j_r}^{h_1, \dots, h_r}|^{-1} \right) \end{aligned}$$

where $i_1, \dots, i_r \in (I_r^m)_h - i$, $h_1, \dots, h_r \in (I_r^m)_i - h$, $j_1, \dots, j_r \in I_r^n$. By $(I_r^m)_h - i$ we denote all ordered subsets i_1, \dots, i_r of $1, 2, \dots, i-1, i+1, \dots, m$ which have h . Furthermore

$$\Delta_r \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots \\ a_{h1} & \dots & a_{hn} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots \\ a_{h1} & \dots & a_{hn} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots \\ a_{m1} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix} = \binom{m}{r} \binom{n}{r}^{-1} \left(\sum_{\substack{i_1, \dots, i_r \\ h_1, \dots, h_r \\ j_1, \dots, j_r}} |A_{j_1, \dots, j_r}^{i_1, \dots, i_r}| |A_{j_1, \dots, j_r}^{h_1, \dots, h_r}|^{-1} + \binom{n}{r} \binom{m-1}{r} \right)$$

then (iii). (iv) Similar to (iii). (v) A special case of (iii) for $h = i$. (vi) A special case of (iv) for $k = j$. \square

THEOREM 2.9. If $A \in \mathfrak{F}^{m \times n}$, where $r(A) = r$, then

$$\Delta_r A = \frac{1}{r} \left(\sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} \alpha_{ij}^r \right) = \frac{1}{r} \text{tr} AA^{ad} = \frac{1}{r} \text{tr} A^{ad} A$$

Proof. Suppose $m > n$. Since the cofactor α_{ij}^r is linear with respect to j -th column, then

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} \alpha_{ij}^r \\ &= \left\{ \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ 0 & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{vmatrix}_1 + \dots + \left\{ \begin{vmatrix} 0 & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ 0 & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{vmatrix}_1 \right\} + \dots \\ & \dots + \left\{ \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1n-1} & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & \dots & a_{2n-1} & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ a_{m1} & \dots & a_{mn-1} & 0 \end{vmatrix}_n + \dots + \left\{ \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1n-1} & 0 \\ a_{21} & \dots & a_{2n-1} & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ a_{m1} & \dots & a_{mn-1} & a_{mn} \end{vmatrix}_n \right\} \\ &= \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{vmatrix}_1 + \dots + \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{vmatrix}_n \\ &= \sum_{\alpha \beta_1} |A_{\beta_1}^\alpha| \lambda_{\beta_1}^\alpha + \dots + \sum_{\alpha \beta_n} |A_{\beta_n}^\alpha| \lambda_{\beta_n}^\alpha = r \sum_{\alpha \beta} |A_\beta^\alpha| \lambda_\beta^\alpha = r \Delta_r A \end{aligned}$$

for $\alpha \in I_r^n$, $\beta \in I_r^m$, $\beta_i \in (I_r^m)_i$. In the same way we may prove the property for $m < n$. \square

REMARK 2.10. For $m = n = r$, theo. 2.9 is Laplace's theorem.

3. Products. In 1950 A.Horn proved the following, see [9]

Let $A \in \mathfrak{F}^{m \times p}$ and $B \in \mathfrak{F}^{p \times n}$ be given, let $q = \min\{n, p, q\}$ and denote the ordered

singular values of A, B , and AB by $\sigma_1(A) \geq \dots \geq \sigma_{\min\{m,p\}}(A) \geq 0$, $\sigma_1(B) \geq \dots \geq \sigma_{\min\{p,n\}}(B) \geq 0$, and $\sigma_1(AB) \geq \dots \geq \sigma_{\min\{m,n\}}(AB) \geq 0$. Then

$$\prod_{i=1}^k \sigma_i(AB) \leq \prod_{i=1}^k \sigma_i(A)\sigma_i(B) \quad k = 1, \dots, q$$

if $n = p = m$, then equality holds for $k = n$.

In 1992 A. Ben-Israel proved the following, see [3]

Let $A, B \in \mathfrak{F}^{n \times n}$, where $R(A) = R(B')$, $R(A') = R(B)$, then

$$\prod_{i=1}^r \sigma_i(AB) = \prod_{i=1}^r \sigma_i(A)\sigma_i(B)$$

We present a more general proposition below

THEOREM 3.1. Let $A \in \mathfrak{F}^{m \times n}$ and $B \in \mathfrak{F}^{n \times p}$ be matrices and let $r(A) = r(B) = r(AB) = n$, $\Delta_n A = \sum |A_{1, \dots, n}^\alpha| \eta_{1, \dots, n}^\alpha$, $\Delta_n B = \sum |B_{\beta}^{1, \dots, n}| \theta_{\beta}^{1, \dots, n}$, $\Delta_n(AB) = \sum |(AB)_{\beta}^\alpha| \lambda_{\beta}^\alpha$, then

$$(i) \quad \Delta_n(AB) = \Delta_n A \cdot \Delta_n B \quad \text{iff } \lambda_{\beta}^\alpha = (\eta_{1, \dots, n}^\alpha)(\theta_{\beta}^{1, \dots, n})$$

as a special case

$$(ii) \quad \det_n(AB) = \det_n(A) \cdot \det_n(B) \quad \text{i.e. } \prod_{i=1}^n \sigma_i(AB) = \prod_{i=1}^n \sigma_i(A)\sigma_i(B)$$

if $\eta_{1, \dots, n}^\alpha = |A_{1, \dots, n}^\alpha|$, $\theta_{\beta}^{1, \dots, n} = |B_{\beta}^{1, \dots, n}|$, $\lambda_{\beta}^\alpha = |(AB)_{\beta}^\alpha|$

for any $\alpha \in I_n^m$, $\beta \in I_n^p$.

Proof. (i) by $r(A) = r(B) = r(AB) = n$, $(AB)_{\beta}^\alpha = (A_{1, \dots, n}^\alpha)(B_{\beta}^{1, \dots, n})$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_n(AB) &= \sum_{\alpha, \beta} |(AB)_{\beta}^\alpha| \lambda_{\beta}^\alpha = (\sum_{\alpha, \beta} |A_{1, \dots, n}^\alpha| |B_{\beta}^{1, \dots, n}|) \lambda_{\beta}^\alpha \\ &= (\sum_{\alpha} |A_{1, \dots, n}^\alpha| \eta_{1, \dots, n}^\alpha) (\sum_{\beta} |B_{\beta}^{1, \dots, n}| \theta_{\beta}^{1, \dots, n}) = \Delta_n A \cdot \Delta_n B \end{aligned}$$

$$(ii) \quad \det_n(AB) = \sum_{\alpha, \beta} |(AB)_{\beta}^\alpha|^2 = (\sum_{\alpha} |A_{1, \dots, n}^\alpha|^2) (\sum_{\beta} |B_{\beta}^{1, \dots, n}|^2) = \det_n A \cdot \det_n B$$

where the summation $\sum_{\alpha, \beta}$ is over all subsets α of I_n^m and β of I_n^p . \square

REMARK 3.2. For $m = p$, (ii) is the Binet-Cauchy formula.

THEOREM 3.3. Let $A \in \mathfrak{F}^{m \times n}$ be a matrix

$$(i) \quad \text{if } r(A) = m, \text{ then } (AA^{ad})_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik} \alpha_{jk}^r = \delta_{ij} \Delta_m A$$

$$(ii) \quad \text{if } r(A) = n, \text{ then } (A^{ad}A)_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^m \alpha_{ki}^r a_{kj} = \delta_{ij} \Delta_n A$$

Proof. (i) $(AA^{ad})_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik} \alpha_{jk}^r$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots \\ a_{i1} & \dots & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots \\ a_{m1} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{vmatrix}^j + \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & \dots & a_{1n} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & a_{i2} & \dots & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ a_{m1} & \dots & \dots & a_{mn} \end{vmatrix}^j + \dots + \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & \dots & a_{1n} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & a_{in} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ a_{m1} & \dots & \dots & a_{mn} \end{vmatrix}^j \\ &= \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & \dots & a_{1n} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ a_{i1} & \dots & \dots & a_{in} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ a_{m1} & \dots & \dots & a_{mn} \end{vmatrix} = \delta_{ij} \Delta_m A \quad \delta_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i = j \\ 0 & \text{if } i \neq j \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

(ii) is proved similarly. \square

COROLLARY 3.4. Let $A \in \mathfrak{F}^{m \times n}$ be a matrix

- (i) if $r(A) = m$, then $AA^{ad} = (\Delta_m A)I_m$
- (ii) if $r(A) = n$, then $A^{ad}A = (\Delta_n A)I_n$

Proof. Immediate by Theo.3.3. \square

By the Binet-Cauchy formula, the minors of the product of two rectangular matrices are expressed in terms of minors of the factors. If $A \in \mathfrak{F}^{m \times n}$ and $B \in \mathfrak{F}^{n \times p}$, then

$$|(AB)_{j_1, \dots, j_q}^{i_1, \dots, i_q}| = \sum_{k_1, \dots, k_q} |B_{j_1, \dots, j_q}^{k_1, \dots, k_q}| |A_{k_1, \dots, k_q}^{i_1, \dots, i_q}|$$

where $i_1, \dots, i_q \in I_q^m$, $j_1, \dots, j_q \in I_q^n$ and the sum over all $k_1, \dots, k_q \in I_q^n$. We can prove the following statement

THEOREM 3.5. Let $A \in \mathfrak{F}^{m \times n}$ and $B \in \mathfrak{F}^{n \times p}$ be matrices and let $m \leq p$. In the product AB consider the submatrix $((AB)_{j_1, \dots, j_n}^{i_1, \dots, i_n})_{i\text{-th row} = e_j}$, where $i_1, \dots, i_n \in I_n^m$ and $j_1, \dots, j_n \in I_n^n$, and the unit vector $e_j = 0, \dots, 1, \dots, 0$ substitutes for the i -th row, then

$$\begin{aligned} & |((AB)_{j_1, \dots, j_n}^{i_1, \dots, i_n})_{i\text{-th row} = e_j}| \\ &= \sum_{1, \dots, k, \dots, n} |(B_{j_1, \dots, j_n}^{1, \dots, k, \dots, n})_{k\text{-th row} = e_j}| |(A_{1, \dots, k, \dots, n}^{i_1, \dots, i_n})_{k\text{-th column} = e_j}| \end{aligned}$$

where the sum is over all $1, \dots, k, \dots, n$ for $k = 1, \dots, n$.

The relation $(AB)^{ad} = B^{ad}A^{ad}$ is known only for square matrices, see e.g., Magnus and Neudecker [10]. The next theorem generalizes this relation to rectangular matrices.

THEOREM 3.6. Let $A \in \mathfrak{F}^{m \times n}$ and $B \in \mathfrak{F}^{n \times p}$ be matrices and let $r(A) = r(B) = r(AB) = n$, $\Delta_n A = \sum |A_{1, \dots, n}^\alpha| \eta_{1, \dots, n}^\alpha$, $\Delta_n B = \sum |B_\beta^{1, \dots, n}| \theta_\beta^{1, \dots, n}$, $\Delta_n(AB) = \sum |(AB)_\beta^\alpha| \lambda_\beta^\alpha$, then

- (i) $(AB)^{ad} = B^{ad}A^{ad}$ iff $\lambda_\beta^\alpha = (\eta_{1, \dots, n}^\alpha)(\theta_\beta^{1, \dots, n})$
as special cases
- (ii) $(AB)^{ad} = B^{ad}A^{ad}$ if $\eta_{1, \dots, n}^\alpha = |A_{1, \dots, n}^\alpha|$, $\theta_\beta^{1, \dots, n} = |B_\beta^{1, \dots, n}|$,
 $\lambda_\beta^\alpha = |(AB)_\beta^\alpha|$
- (iii) $(AB)^{ad} = B^{ad}A^{ad}$ if $\eta_{1, \dots, n}^\alpha = |A_{1, \dots, n}^\alpha|^{-1} \binom{m}{n}^{-1}$,
 $\theta_\beta^{1, \dots, n} = |B_\beta^{1, \dots, n}|^{-1} \binom{p}{n}^{-1}$, $\lambda_\beta^\alpha = |(AB)_\beta^\alpha|^{-1} \binom{p}{n} \binom{m}{n}^{-1}$

Proof. (i) Let $r(A) = r(B) = r(AB) = n$. Suppose $m \leq p$. Let the cofactor $\gamma_{ij}^n = (AB)_{ij}^{ad}$ be the j -entry of $(AB)^{ad}$, β_{rs}^n the s -entry of B^{ad} and α_{in}^n the i -entry of A^{ad} . The relation

$$\gamma_{ij}^n = \beta_{1j}^n \alpha_{i1}^n + \dots + \beta_{nj}^n \alpha_{in}^n$$

must be proven. Using Theo. 3.5

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{r=1}^n \beta_{rj}^n \alpha_{ir}^n &= \sum_{j_1, \dots, j_r, \dots, j_n} \{ |(B_{j_1, \dots, j_r, \dots, j_n}^{k, 2, \dots, n})_{k\text{-th row} = e'_j} | \theta_{j_1, \dots, j_r, \dots, j_n}^{1, \dots, n} \} \\
&\cdot \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_r, \dots, i_n} \{ |(A_{k, 2, \dots, n}^{i_1, \dots, i_r, \dots, i_n})_{k\text{-th column} = e_j} | \eta_{i_1, \dots, i_r, \dots, i_n}^{1, \dots, n} \} + \dots \\
&\dots + \sum_{j_1, \dots, j_r, \dots, j_n} \{ |(B_{j_1, \dots, j_r, \dots, j_n}^{1, \dots, n-1, k})_{k\text{-th row} = e'_j} | \theta_{j_1, \dots, j_r, \dots, j_n}^{1, \dots, n} \} \\
&\cdot \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_r, \dots, i_n} \{ |(A_{1, \dots, n-1, k}^{i_1, \dots, i_r, \dots, i_n})_{k\text{-th column} = e_j} | \eta_{i_1, \dots, i_r, \dots, i_n}^{1, \dots, n} \} = \\
&= \sum_{\substack{i_1, \dots, i_r, \dots, i_n \\ j_1, \dots, j_r, \dots, j_n}} \{ \sum_{1, \dots, k, \dots, n} |(B_{j_1, \dots, j_r, \dots, j_n}^{1, \dots, k, \dots, n})_{k\text{-th row} = e'_j} | \\
&\cdot |(A_{1, \dots, k, \dots, n}^{i_1, \dots, i_r, \dots, i_n})_{k\text{-th column} = e_j} | \} \cdot \theta_{j_1, \dots, j_r, \dots, j_n}^{1, \dots, n} \cdot \eta_{i_1, \dots, i_r, \dots, i_n}^{1, \dots, n} = \\
&= \sum_{\substack{i_1, \dots, i_r, \dots, i_n \\ j_1, \dots, j_r, \dots, j_n}} |(AB)_{j_1, \dots, j_r, \dots, j_n}^{i_1, \dots, i_r, \dots, i_n})_{i\text{-th row} = e'_j} | \lambda_{j_1, \dots, j_r, \dots, j_n}^{i_1, \dots, i_r, \dots, i_n} = \gamma_{ij}^n
\end{aligned}$$

(ii) and (iii), it is sufficient to notice that

$$|B_{j_1, \dots, j_r, \dots, j_n}^{1, \dots, n} | |A_{1, \dots, n}^{i_1, \dots, i_r, \dots, i_n} | = |(AB)_{j_1, \dots, j_r, \dots, j_n}^{i_1, \dots, i_r, \dots, i_n} |$$

Similarly the theorem is proved for $m \geq p$. \square

4. Isometries. THEOREM 4.1. Let $V \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times r}$ be a matrix and let $V^*V = I_r$, then

$$(i) \det_r V = |V^*V| = 1$$

$$(ii) V^{ad} = V^* \quad \lambda_{1, \dots, r}^\alpha = |\overline{V_{1, \dots, r}^\alpha}|$$

$$(iii) V^{ad}V = I_r \quad \lambda_{1, \dots, r}^\alpha = |\overline{V_{1, \dots, r}^\alpha}| + \binom{m}{k}^{-1}$$

where k , $1 \leq k \leq \binom{m}{r}$, is the number of nonnull $|\overline{V_{1, \dots, r}^\alpha}|$ for $\alpha \in I_r^m$.

Proof. (i) By the Binet-Cauchy formula

$$1 = |V^*V| = \sum_{\alpha} |(V^*)_{\alpha}^{1, \dots, r}| \cdot |V_{1, \dots, r}^\alpha| = \det_r V$$

where the sum is over all $\alpha \in I_r^m$.

(ii) By r-cofactor definition and Binet-Cauchy formula

$$\begin{aligned}
(V^{ad})_{ij} &= \alpha_{ji}^r = \begin{vmatrix} v_{11} & \dots & 0 & \dots & v_{1r} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ v_{j1} & \dots & 1 & \dots & v_{jr} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ v_{m1} & \dots & 0 & \dots & v_{mr} \end{vmatrix}_i \\
&= \sum_{j_1, \dots, j_r, \dots, j_r} |(V_{1, \dots, r}^{j_1, \dots, j_r, \dots, j_r})_{i\text{-th column} = e_j} | \cdot |\overline{V_{1, \dots, r}^{j_1, \dots, j_r, \dots, j_r}}| \\
&= |V^* \begin{bmatrix} v_{11} & \dots & 0 & \dots & v_{1r} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ v_{j1} & \dots & 1 & \dots & v_{jr} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ v_{m1} & \dots & 0 & \dots & v_{mr} \end{bmatrix} | = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & \dots & \overline{v_{j1}} & \dots & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & \dots & \overline{v_{ji}} & \dots & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & \dots & \overline{v_{jr}} & \dots & 1 \end{vmatrix} \\
&= \overline{v_{ji}} = (V^*)_{ij}
\end{aligned}$$

(iii) By Cor. 3.4 $V^{ad}V = (\Delta_r V)I_r$. Since $\Delta_r V = 1$ for $\lambda_{1, \dots, r}^\alpha = |\overline{V_{1, \dots, r}^\alpha}| + \binom{m}{k}^{-1}$, then $V^{ad}V = I_r$. \square

THEOREM 4.2. Let $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ be a normal matrix of rank r . Suppose $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_{r_1}$ are the nonnull eigenvalues of A , $r_1 \leq r$, then

$$\left(\prod_{i=1}^{r_1} \lambda_i \right)^2 = \det_r A$$

Proof A is unitarily diagonalizable, then a subunitary matrix U , $U^*U = I_r$, exists such that $A = U\Lambda U^*$, where $\Lambda = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_{r_1})$. By Theorem 3.1 and 4.1, it follows that

$$\det_r A = \det_r(U\Lambda U^*) = \det_r U |\Lambda|^2 \det_r U^* = |\Lambda|^2 = \left(\prod_{i=1}^{r_1} \lambda_i \right)^2 \quad \square$$

5. Inverses. \diamond By the following propositions, for any matrix A , an X such that $AXA = A$ or $XAX = X$ or both, is an r -adjoint of A .

THEOREM 5.1. Let $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$ and $r(A) = r$. Then $(\Delta_r A)^{-1} A^{ad}$ is the set of (2) - inverses of A iff $r(A^{ad}) \leq r$. *Proof* Suppose $r(A^{ad}) \leq r$. By Theo.3.1, 3.6 and Cor.3.4

$$\begin{aligned} (\Delta_r A)^{-1} A^{ad} A (\Delta_r A)^{-1} A^{ad} &= (\Delta_r (V\Sigma W^*))^{-2} W^{*ad} \Sigma^{ad} V^{ad} V \Sigma W^* W^{*ad} \Sigma^{ad} V^{ad} \\ &= (\Delta_r V \Delta_r \Sigma \Delta_r W^*)^{-2} W^{*ad} \Sigma^{ad} (\Delta_r V) \Sigma (\Delta_r W^*) \Sigma^{ad} V^{ad} \\ &= (\Delta_r V \Delta_r \Sigma \Delta_r W^*)^{-1} (\Delta_r \Sigma)^{-1} W^{ad} (\Delta_r \Sigma) \Sigma^{ad} V^{ad} = (\Delta_r A)^{-1} A^{ad} \end{aligned}$$

Conversely, if $(\Delta A)^{-1} A^{ad}$ is a (2)-inverse of A , then

$$r((\Delta A)^{-1} A^{ad}) = r(A^{ad}) = r(A^{ad} \cdot A \cdot A^{ad}) \leq r(A) = r \quad \square$$

By a similar proof we obtain the dual proposition

THEOREM 5.2. Let $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$ and $r(A) = r$. Then $(\Delta_r A)^{-1} A^{ad}$ is the set of (1) - inverses of A iff $r(A^{ad}) \geq r$. Then, the characterization of the (1,2)-inverse set of A is immediate.

COROLLARY 5.3. Let $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$ and $r(A) = r(A^{ad}) = r$, then $(\Delta_r A)^{-1} A^{ad}$ are the (1,2)-inverses of A . Explicitly, by Theorem 2.8 the (1,2)-inverse set of a matrix A is given by

$$(\Delta_r A)^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial \Delta_r A}{\partial a_{11}} & \dots & \frac{\partial \Delta_r A}{\partial a_{m1}} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \frac{\partial \Delta_r A}{\partial a_{1n}} & \dots & \frac{\partial \Delta_r A}{\partial a_{mn}} \end{bmatrix} \lambda_\beta^\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$$

where the matrix has rank r .

For $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$, it is known that, if $A^- \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times m}$ is a (1)-inverse of A , then A^- has the property that $A^- b$ is a solution of $Ax = b$ for every $b \in \mathbb{C}^m$ for which $Ax = b$ is consistent. Then, the next statement follows

COROLLARY 5.4. Any consistent linear system $Ax = b$, $b \neq 0$, where $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$, $r(A) = r$, has as set of solutions

$$x_j = \frac{\alpha_{1j}^r b_1 + \dots + \alpha_{mj}^r b_m}{\Delta_r A} \quad j = 1, \dots, n$$

for any $\lambda_\beta^\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$ such that $r(A^{ad}) \geq r$.

Proof. $(\Delta_r A)^{-1} A^{ad}$ are the (1)-inverses of A , then the solutions of $Ax = b$ are $x = (\Delta_r A)^{-1} A^{ad} b$. \square

REMARK 5.5. The Cor. 5.4 is an evident Cramer's rule generalization. \diamond It is known, see Wei [14], that the most common generalized inverses of a matrix A are all generalized inverse $A_{TS}^{(2)}$ with prescribed range T and null space S . By Theorem 5.1, $A_{TS}^{(2)}$ is the matrix $(\Delta_r A)^{-1} A^{ad}$ such that

- (i) $(\Delta_r A)^{-1} A^{ad} At = t \quad t \in T$
- (ii) $(\Delta_r A)^{-1} A^{ad} As = 0 \quad s \in S$

We give a direct and numerically efficient expression for $A_{TS}^{(2)}$ by A and arbitrary bases of T and S .

THEOREM 5.6. Let $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$ and $r(A) = r$. Let t_1, \dots, t_{r_1} and s_1, \dots, s_{m-r_1} be arbitrary bases of T and S respectively, $r_1 \leq r$. Denote by $t = \alpha_1 t_1 + \dots + \alpha_{r_1} t_{r_1}$ and $s = \beta_1 s_1 + \dots + \beta_{m-r_1} s_{m-r_1}$ arbitrary vectors in T and S . Then

$$A_{TS}^{(2)} = (y^* y)^+ t y^* (I - (s^* s)^+ s s^*)$$

where $y = (I - (s^* s)^+ s s^*) At$.

Proof. It is known, see e.g., [13] or [10], that the matrix equation $XB = C$ has a solution iff $CB^+ B = C$, in which case the general solution is $X = CB^+ + Q(I - BB^+)$, where Q is an arbitrary matrix of appropriate order. $N(A_{TS}^{(2)}) = S$ implies $A_{TS}^{(2)} s = 0$, that is

$$A_{TS}^{(2)} = Q(I - ss^+) = Q(I - (s^* s)^+ ss^*) \quad Q \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times m}$$

By $R(A_{TS}^{(2)}) = T$ we have $A_{TS}^{(2)} At = t$ and substituting $Q(I - (s^* s)^+ ss^*) At = t$. Denote $y = (I - (s^* s)^+ ss^*) At$, then $Qy = t$, so

$$Q = t y^+ + Q_1 (I - y y^+) \quad Q_1 \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times m}$$

assuming $Q_1 = 0$, it follows $Q = (y^* y)^+ t y^*$, whence $A_{TS}^{(2)} = (y^* y)^+ t y^* (I - (s^* s)^+ ss^*)$. \square

EXAMPLE 5.7. For the matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \end{bmatrix}$, let $t = (t_1, t_2, t_3)$ and $s = (s_1, s_2)$ be arbitrary vectors in T and S respectively, then

$$A_{TS}^{(2)} = (s_2(a_{11}t_1 + a_{12}t_2 + a_{13}t_3) - s_1(a_{21}t_1 + a_{22}t_2 + a_{23}t_3))^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} s_2 t_1 & -s_1 t_1 \\ s_2 t_2 & -s_1 t_2 \\ s_2 t_3 & -s_1 t_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

\diamond Campbell and Meyer write in [5] "one of the major shortcomings of the Moore Penrose inverse is that the 'reverse order law', does not always hold, that is $(AB)^+$ is not always $B^+ A^+$ ". A known result is the next proposition, see [5]. Suppose that $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$, $B \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times p}$, and $r(A) = r(B) = n$. Then $(AB)^+ = B^+ A^+$. We want to define a different kind of inverse of A such that the reverse order law holds.

DEFINITION 5.8. Let $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$ be a matrix of full rank. The (1,2)-inverse of A defined by

$$A^r = (\Delta_n A)^{-1} A^{ad} \quad \text{for } \lambda_\beta^\alpha = 1$$

is a reverse order inverse of A .

THEOREM 5.9. Let $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$, $B \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times p}$ such that $r(A) = r(B) = r(AB) = n$, then

$$\begin{aligned} AA^r A &= A \\ A^r AA^r &= A^r \\ (AB)^r &= B^r A^r \end{aligned}$$

Proof. By Cor. 5.3 the (1,2)-inverses of A and B are $(\Delta_n A)^{-1} A^{ad}$ and $(\Delta_n B)^{-1} B^{ad}$ respectively. Then the following relation must be proven

$$(\Delta_n AB)^{-1} (AB)^{ad} = \Delta_n A \Delta_n B B^{ad} A^{ad} \quad (5.1)$$

By Theorem 3.1 and 3.6 it follows that

$$(AB)^{ad} = B^{ad} A^{ad} \quad \text{and} \quad \Delta_n(AB) = \Delta_n A \Delta_n B \quad \text{iff} \quad \lambda_\beta^\alpha = (\eta_{1, \dots, n}^\alpha)(\theta_\beta^{1, \dots, n})$$

and as a special case, if $(\eta_{1, \dots, n}^\alpha) = |\overline{A_{1, \dots, n}^\alpha}|$, $(\theta_\beta^{1, \dots, n}) = |\overline{B_\beta^{1, \dots, n}}|$, $\lambda_\beta^\alpha = |\overline{(AB)_\beta^\alpha}|$. Then the relation 5.1 is immediate. The condition $\lambda_\beta^\alpha = (\eta_{1, \dots, n}^\alpha)(\theta_\beta^{1, \dots, n})$ is satisfied by $\lambda_\beta^\alpha = (\eta_{1, \dots, n}^\alpha) = (\theta_\beta^{1, \dots, n}) = 1$, that is, if the chosen (1,2)-inverses of A, B, AB are reverse order inverses. For $(\eta_{1, \dots, n}^\alpha) = |\overline{A_{1, \dots, n}^\alpha}|$, $(\theta_\beta^{1, \dots, n}) = |\overline{B_\beta^{1, \dots, n}}|$, $\lambda_\beta^\alpha = |\overline{(AB)_\beta^\alpha}|$ the reverse order law holds. In this case, by the next Theorem 5.11, the (1,2)-inverses of A, B, AB are $A^+, B^+, (AB)^+$ respectively. \square

EXAMPLE 5.10. For the 2×3 matrix $A = (a_{ij})$, $r(A) = 2$

$$A^r = (|A_{12}^{12}| + |A_{13}^{12}| + |A_{23}^{12}|)^{-1} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} a_{22} + a_{23} & -a_{12} - a_{13} \\ -a_{21} + a_{23} & a_{11} - a_{13} \\ -a_{21} - a_{22} & a_{11} + a_{12} \end{bmatrix}$$

It is immediate that AA^r and $A^r A$ are projectors. By $(A^{ad})' = (A')^{ad}$ it follows that $(A^r)' = (A')^r$.

\diamond The next theorem gives an elementary and intuitive form for the MP inverse, moreover it generalizes to any matrix the well known

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det A} \text{Adj } A$$

THEOREM 5.11. Let $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$, $r(A) = r$ and let $\lambda_\beta^\alpha = |\overline{A_\beta^\alpha}|$, then

$$A^+ = \frac{1}{\det_r A} A^{ad} = \frac{1}{\det_r A} \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_{11}^r & \dots & \alpha_{m1}^r \\ \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \alpha_{1n}^r & \dots & \alpha_{mn}^r \end{bmatrix}$$

Proof. Let $A = V\Sigma W^*$ be a singular value decomposition, where $V^*V = W^*W = I_r$ and Σ is a $r \times r$ positive definite diagonal matrix. By Theo. 3.6

$$A^{ad} = (V\Sigma W^*)^{ad} = W^{*ad}\Sigma^{ad}V^{ad}$$

By Theorem 3.1

$$\det_r A = \det_r(V\Sigma W^*) = \det_r V |\Sigma|^2 \det_r W^*$$

By Theorem 4.1

$$\left(\frac{1}{\det_r V} V^{ad}\right)V = I_r, \quad W^*\left(\frac{1}{\det_r W^*} W^{*ad}\right) = I_r, \\ VV^{ad} = VV^*, \quad W^{*ad}W^* = WW^*$$

Then $A^+ = \frac{1}{\det_r A} A^{ad}$ satisfies the MP axioms

(1)

$$A(\det_r A)^{-1}A^{ad}A = (\det_r(V\Sigma W^*))^{-1}V\Sigma W^*W^{*ad}\Sigma^{ad}V^{ad}V\Sigma W^* \\ = (\det_r V |\Sigma|^2 \det_r W^*)^{-1}V\Sigma \det_r W^* \Sigma^{ad} \det_r V \Sigma W^* \\ = |\Sigma|^{-1}V\Sigma \text{Adj} \Sigma \Sigma W^* = V\Sigma W^* = A$$

(2) Similar to the previous one.

(3)

$$A(\det_r A)^{-1}A^{ad} = (\det_r(V\Sigma W^*))^{-1}V\Sigma W^*W^{*ad}\Sigma^{ad}V^{ad} \\ = VV^{ad} = VV^* \text{ is Hermitian}$$

(4) Similar to the previous one.

□

EXAMPLE 5.12. For the 3×3 matrix $A = (a_{ij})$, $r(A) = 2$

$$A^+ = (|A_{12}^{12}| + |A_{13}^{12}| + |A_{23}^{12}| + |A_{13}^{13}| + |A_{13}^{13}| + |A_{13}^{23}| + |A_{23}^{12}| + |A_{23}^{13}| + |A_{23}^{23}|)^{-1} \\ \begin{bmatrix} a_{22}|A_{12}^{12}| + a_{23}|A_{13}^{12}| + a_{32}|A_{12}^{13}| + a_{33}|A_{13}^{13}| & -a_{12}|A_{12}^{12}| - a_{13}|A_{13}^{12}| + a_{32}|A_{12}^{23}| + a_{33}|A_{13}^{23}| \\ -a_{21}|A_{12}^{12}| + a_{23}|A_{13}^{12}| - a_{31}|A_{12}^{13}| + a_{33}|A_{13}^{13}| & a_{11}|A_{12}^{12}| - a_{13}|A_{13}^{12}| - a_{31}|A_{12}^{23}| + a_{33}|A_{13}^{23}| \\ -a_{21}|A_{13}^{13}| - a_{22}|A_{23}^{12}| - a_{31}|A_{13}^{13}| - a_{32}|A_{23}^{13}| & a_{11}|A_{13}^{13}| + a_{12}|A_{23}^{12}| - a_{31}|A_{13}^{23}| - a_{32}|A_{23}^{23}| \\ -a_{12}|A_{12}^{13}| - a_{13}|A_{13}^{13}| - a_{22}|A_{23}^{12}| - a_{23}|A_{13}^{23}| \\ a_{11}|A_{13}^{13}| - a_{13}|A_{23}^{13}| + a_{21}|A_{23}^{12}| - a_{23}|A_{13}^{23}| \\ a_{11}|A_{13}^{13}| + a_{12}|A_{23}^{12}| + a_{21}|A_{13}^{13}| + a_{22}|A_{23}^{23}| \end{bmatrix}$$

REMARK 5.13. Theorem 5.11 generalizes the known relation, see e.g., [5]

$$A^+ = \frac{1}{\text{tr} A^* A} A^*$$

where $r(A) = 1$.

COROLLARY 5.14. Let $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$, $r(A) = r$. The characteristic polynomial of A^+ is

$$p_{A^+}(t) = t^n - (2|A|_r)^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial |A|_r}{\partial a_{ii}} t^{n-1} + (2|A|_r)^{-2} \sum_{i_1, i_2} \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial |A|_r}{\partial a_{i_1 i_1}} & \frac{\partial |A|_r}{\partial a_{i_1 i_2}} \\ \frac{\partial |A|_r}{\partial a_{i_2 i_1}} & \frac{\partial |A|_r}{\partial a_{i_2 i_2}} \end{vmatrix} t^{n-2} - \\ \dots \pm (2|A|_r)^{-r} \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_r} \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial |A|_r}{\partial a_{i_1 i_1}} & \dots & \frac{\partial |A|_r}{\partial a_{i_1 i_r}} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \frac{\partial |A|_r}{\partial a_{i_r i_1}} & \dots & \frac{\partial |A|_r}{\partial a_{i_r i_r}} \end{vmatrix} t^{n-r}$$

where $i_1, i_2 \in I_2^n, i_1, i_2, i_3 \in I_3^n, \dots, i_1, \dots, i_r \in I_r^n$.

Proof. By (i) of Theorem 2.8 $A^+ = |A|_r^{-1}(a_{ji}^r) = |A|_r^{-1}(\frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial |A|_r}{\partial a_{ji}})$, then the expression for $p_{A^+}(t)$ follows. \square

COROLLARY 5.15. Denote by $B_{i_1, \dots, i_r}^{j_1, \dots, j_r}$ the $n \times m$ matrix defined by

$$B_{i_1, \dots, i_r}^{j_1, \dots, j_r} = \begin{cases} B_{j_1, \dots, j_r}^{i_1, \dots, i_r} = \text{Adj}(A_{j_1, \dots, j_r}^{i_1, \dots, i_r}) |A_{j_1, \dots, j_r}^{i_1, \dots, i_r}| \\ \text{remaining entries of } B_{i_1, \dots, i_r}^{j_1, \dots, j_r} \text{ are null} \end{cases}$$

then

$$A^+ = \frac{1}{\det_r A} \sum_{\substack{i_1, \dots, i_r \\ j_1, \dots, j_r}} B_{i_1, \dots, i_r}^{j_1, \dots, j_r}$$

Proof By Theorem 5.11 and 2.1

$$A_{ji}^+ = \frac{1}{\det_r A} \alpha_{ij}^r = \frac{1}{\det_r A} \sum_{\substack{i_1, \dots, i_r, j_1, \dots, j_r \\ j_1, \dots, j_r, i_1, \dots, i_r}} |A_{j_1, \dots, j_r, i_1, \dots, i_r}^{i_1, \dots, i_r, j_1, \dots, j_r}| \alpha(A_{j_1, \dots, j_r, i_1, \dots, i_r}^{i_1, \dots, i_r, j_1, \dots, j_r})_{ij}$$

so

$$A^+ = \frac{1}{\det_r A} \sum_{\substack{i_1, \dots, i_r \\ j_1, \dots, j_r}} B_{i_1, \dots, i_r}^{j_1, \dots, j_r} \quad \square$$

COROLLARY 5.16. If $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$, $r(A) = r$, then

$$|A|_r \cdot |A^+|_r = |AA^+|_r = |A^+A|_r = 1$$

Proof. By the Theorem 3.1 we have $|A|_r \cdot |A^+|_r = |AA^+|_r = |A^+A|_r$. Since $AA^+ = V\Sigma W^*(\det_r V|\Sigma|^2 \det_r W^*)^{-1} W^{*ad} \Sigma^{ad} V^{ad} = V\Sigma \frac{\text{Adj} \Sigma}{|\Sigma|} V^{ad} = VV^{ad}$, then $|AA^+|_r = |VV^{ad}|_r = |V|_r |V^{ad}|_r = 1$. \square

This is a partially known result, see Ben-Israel [3], obtained by Plücker coordinates and compound matrices.

COROLLARY 5.17. Let P be a symmetric and idempotent matrix, i.e. an orthogonal projector, where $r(P) = r$, then

$$|P|_r = 1$$

Proof. Since P is symmetric and idempotent, then $P = P^+$ and $|P|_r \cdot |P^+|_r = |P|_r^2 = 1$. \square

COROLLARY 5.18. For any $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$, $r(A) = r$

$$|A^{ad}|_r = |A|_r^{2r-1}$$

Proof. Since $r(A) = r(A^+)$, $|A^+|_r = \||A|_r^{-1} A^{ad}\|_r = |A|_r^{-2r} \cdot |A^{ad}|_r$ and by Cor. 5.16, $|A^+|_r = |A|_r^{-1}$. \square

The basic identity $AA^{ad} = A^{ad}A = |A|I_n$ for square matrices is generalized by

COROLLARY 5.19. *Let $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$ have a singular value decomposition $A = V\Sigma W^*$, then*

- (i) $AA^{ad} = VV^*|A|_r$
- (ii) $A^{ad}A = WW^*|A|_r$

Proof.

- (i) $AA^{ad} = AA^+|A|_r = V\Sigma W^*W\Sigma^{-1}V^*|A|_r = VV^*|A|_r = VV^{ad}|A|_r$
- (ii) $A^{ad}A = A^+A|A|_r = W\Sigma^{-1}V^*V\Sigma W^*|A|_r = WW^*|A|_r$

\square

COROLLARY 5.20. *Let $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$ and $r(A) = n$. Suppose $m \geq n$ and set $\alpha = 1, \dots, m$, $\beta = 1, \dots, n$. Then*

$$(\det_n A)^n = \sum_{\alpha_i} |A_{\beta}^{\alpha_i}| |(A^{ad})_{\alpha_i}^{\beta}| \quad (5.2)$$

where the sum is over all the subsets α_i of α that have n elements.

Proof. By the Binet-Cauchy formula

$$|A^+A| = \frac{1}{(\det_n A)^n} \sum_{\alpha_i} |A_{\beta}^{\alpha_i}| |(A^{ad})_{\alpha_i}^{\beta}|$$

using Cor. 5.16, we have $|A^+A| = 1$ and 5.2. \square

\diamond For any $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$, $r(A) = r$, denote by A^Δ the matrix A^{ad} for $\lambda_{\beta}^{\alpha} = |A_{\beta}^{\alpha}| + \binom{m}{r} \binom{n}{r}^{-1}$. The next proposition characterizes the unique $(R(A^\Delta), N(A^\Delta))$ -generalized inverse for A (or inverse of prescribed range $R(A^\Delta)$, null space $N(A^\Delta)$).

THEOREM 5.21. *For $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$, $r(A) = r$,*

$$A^\Delta = A^{ad} \quad \lambda_{\beta}^{\alpha} = |A_{\beta}^{\alpha}| + \binom{m}{r} \binom{n}{r}^{-1}$$

is the $(R(A^\Delta), N(A^\Delta))$ -generalized inverse for A .

Proof. Let $A = V\Sigma W^*$ be a singular value decomposition, where $V^*V = W^*W = I_r$ and Σ a $r \times r$ positive definite diagonal matrix. By (iii) of Theorem 4.1 and (iii) of Theorem 3.6 it follows that $A^\Delta = W^{*ad}\Sigma^{-1}V^{ad}$ for $\lambda_{\beta}^{\alpha} = |A_{\beta}^{\alpha}| + \binom{m}{r} \binom{n}{r}^{-1}$. Then

$$AA^\Delta A = V\Sigma W^*W^{*ad}\Sigma^{-1}V^{ad}V\Sigma W^* = V\Sigma W^* = A$$

and similarly $A^\Delta AA^\Delta = A^\Delta$. \square

It is straightforward to prove the following properties

THEOREM 5.22. *Let $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$, $r(A) = r$. Then*

- (i) $\Delta_r A = \Delta_r A^\Delta = 1$, $|A^\Delta|_r = \frac{1}{|A|_r} = |A^+|_r$
- (ii) $(A')^\Delta = (A^\Delta)'$
- (iii) $(A^\Delta)^\Delta = A$

- (iv) $(\lambda A)^\Delta = \lambda^+ A^\Delta \quad \lambda \in \mathbb{C}$
- (v) $(AA^\Delta)^\Delta = AA^\Delta, \quad (A^\Delta A)^\Delta = A^\Delta A$
- (vi) $A^+A = A^*(AA^*)^\Delta A, \quad AA^+ = A(A^*A)^\Delta A^*$
- (vii) $AA^\Delta = AA^*(AA^*)^\Delta, \quad A^\Delta A = A^*A(A^*A)^\Delta$

THEOREM 5.23. Let $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}, r(A) = r$. Suppose $m < n$, then the range of A^Δ is characterized by

$$R(A^\Delta) = \{ (x_1, \dots, x_n) : ((\sum_{i=2}^n \Delta_r A_{i1}) - n + r)x_1 + (\sum_{i=1, i \neq 2}^n \Delta_r A_{i2}) - n + r)x_2 + \dots + ((\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \Delta_r A_{in}) - n + r)x_n = 0 \}$$

the matrix A_{kj} is A where the k -th column is substituted by the j -th column. Similarly for $m > n$.

Proof. For any $x \in R(A^\Delta)$ is $A^\Delta(Ax) = x$, then

$$A^\Delta(Ax) = \begin{cases} (\sum_{i=1}^m a_{i1} \alpha_{i1}^r)x_1 + \dots + (\sum_{i=1}^m a_{in} \alpha_{i1}^r)x_n = x_1 \\ \dots \\ (\sum_{i=1}^m a_{i1} \alpha_{in}^r)x_1 + \dots + (\sum_{i=1}^m a_{in} \alpha_{in}^r)x_n = x_n \end{cases}$$

by (iv) and (vi) of Theorem 2.8

$$\begin{cases} (\frac{r}{n} - 1)x_1 + (\Delta_r A_{12} - \frac{n-r}{n})x_2 + \dots + (\Delta_r A_{1n} - \frac{n-r}{n})x_n = 0 \\ \dots \\ (\Delta_r A_{n1} - \frac{n-r}{n})x_1 + (\Delta_r A_{n2} - \frac{n-r}{n})x_2 + \dots + (\frac{r}{n} - 1)x_n = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 & \Delta_r A_{12} & \dots & \Delta_r A_{1n} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \Delta_r A_{n1} & \Delta_r A_{n2} & \dots & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{r-n}{n} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

multiplying by the row vector $(1, 1, \dots, 1)$

$$\left((\sum_{i=2}^n \Delta_r A_{i1}, \sum_{i=1, i \neq 2}^n \Delta_r A_{i2}, \dots, \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \Delta_r A_{in}) + (r-n)(1, 1, \dots, 1) \right) \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

Then the expression for the range of A^Δ follows. \square

THEOREM 5.24. Let $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}, r(A) = r$. The characteristic polynomial of A^Δ is

$$p_{A^\Delta}(t) = t^n - \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial \Delta_r A}{\partial a_{ii}} t^{n-1} + \sum_{i_1, i_2} \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial \Delta_r A}{\partial a_{i_1 i_1}} & \frac{\partial \Delta_r A}{\partial a_{i_1 i_2}} \\ \frac{\partial \Delta_r A}{\partial a_{i_2 i_1}} & \frac{\partial \Delta_r A}{\partial a_{i_2 i_2}} \end{vmatrix} t^{n-2} - \dots$$

$$\dots \pm \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_r} \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial \Delta_r A}{\partial a_{i_1 i_1}} & \dots & \frac{\partial \Delta_r A}{\partial a_{i_1 i_r}} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \frac{\partial \Delta_r A}{\partial a_{i_r i_1}} & \dots & \frac{\partial \Delta_r A}{\partial a_{i_r i_r}} \end{vmatrix} t^{n-r}$$

for $\lambda_\beta^\alpha = |A_\beta^\alpha| + \binom{m}{r} \binom{n}{r}^{-1}$, where $i_1, i_2 \in I_2^n, i_1, i_2, i_3 \in I_3^n, \dots, i_1, \dots, i_r \in I_r^n$.

Proof. By (i) of Theorem 2.8 $A^\Delta = (a_{ji}^r) = (\frac{\partial \Delta_r A}{\partial a_{ji}})$ for $\lambda_\beta^\alpha = |A_\beta^\alpha| + \binom{m}{r} \binom{n}{r}^{-1}$, then the expression for $p_{A^\Delta}(t)$ follows. \square

6. Drazin and Group inverses. The Drazin inverse provides solutions for systems of linear differential equations and linear difference equations. We recall the Canonical Form Representation for A and A^D .

Let $A \in \mathfrak{F}^{n \times n}$ and $\text{Ind } A = k$, then there exist nonsingular matrices P, C and a nilpotent matrix N of index k such that

$$A = P \begin{bmatrix} C & 0 \\ 0 & N \end{bmatrix} P^{-1}, \quad A^D = P \begin{bmatrix} C^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} P^{-1}$$

By the next proposition, the Drazin inverse of A is expressed by the set A^{ad} .

THEOREM 6.1. *Let $A \in \mathfrak{F}^{n \times n}$ and $\text{Ind } A = k$, then for each integer $l \geq k$*

$$A^D = (\Delta_r A^{2l+1})^{-1} A^l (A^{2l+1})^{ad} A^l$$

where $r(A^{2l+1}) = r$. *Proof* By the Canonical Form Representation

$$A^{2l+1} = P \begin{bmatrix} C^{2l+1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} P^{-1}$$

Since $(\Delta_r A^{2l+1})^{-1} (A^{2l+1})^{ad}$ is a 1-inverse of A^{2l+1} , then

$$(\Delta_r A^{2l+1})^{-1} (A^{2l+1})^{ad} = P \begin{bmatrix} C^{-2l+1} & X_1 \\ X_2 & X_3 \end{bmatrix} P^{-1}$$

and by multiplying the block matrices

$$A^l (\Delta_r A^{2l+1})^{-1} (A^{2l+1})^{ad} A^l = A^D \quad \square$$

If $\text{Ind } A \leq 1$, a special and important case of the Drazin inverse is the Group inverse $A^\#$ of A .

THEOREM 6.2. *Let $A \in \mathfrak{F}^{n \times n}$ be a matrix with $r(A) = r$ and $\text{Ind } A \leq 1$, then*

$$A^\# = A^{ad} \quad \text{for } \lambda_{\beta}^{\alpha} = |A_{\alpha}^{\beta}|$$

for any $\alpha, \beta \in I_r^n$.

Proof. By Cor. 5.3 $(\Delta_r A)^{-1} A^{ad}$, for $r(A^{ad}) = r$, is the set of (1,2)-inverses of A . In order to obtain $A^\#$ impose the $AA^{ad} = A^{ad}A$. Let $(AA^{ad})_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik} \alpha_{jk}^r$ and $(A^{ad}A)_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^n \alpha_{kj}^r a_{ki}$ be the (i, j) entries of AA^{ad} and $A^{ad}A$ respectively, then

$(AA^{ad})_{ij} = (A^{ad}A)_{ij}$ must be proven.

$$\begin{aligned} (AA^{ad})_{ij} &= a_{i1} \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ 1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ a_{n1} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{vmatrix}^j + \cdots + a_{in} \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ 0 & \cdots & 1 \\ \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ a_{n1} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{vmatrix}^j \\ &= \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ a_{i1} & \cdots & a_{in} \\ \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ a_{i1} & \cdots & a_{in} \\ \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ a_{n1} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{vmatrix}^j = \sum_{s_1, \dots, i, \dots, s_r} \begin{vmatrix} a_{s_1 1} & \cdots & a_{s_1 n} \\ \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ a_{i1} & \cdots & a_{in} \\ \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ a_{s_r 1} & \cdots & a_{s_r n} \end{vmatrix}^j \\ &= \sum_{s_1, \dots, i, \dots, s_r} \sum_{t_1, \dots, t_r} |A_{t_1, \dots, t_r}^{s_1, \dots, i, \dots, s_r}| \lambda_{t_1, \dots, t_r}^{s_1, \dots, j, \dots, s_r} \end{aligned}$$

Developing by columns

$$\begin{aligned} (A^\#A)_{ij} &= a_{1j} \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & \cdots & 1 & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ a_{n1} & \cdots & 0 & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{vmatrix}_i + \cdots + a_{nj} \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & \cdots & 0 & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ a_{n1} & \cdots & 1 & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{vmatrix}_i \\ &= \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & \cdots & a_{1j} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ a_{n1} & \cdots & a_{nj} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{vmatrix}_i = \sum_{s_1, \dots, j, \dots, s_r} \begin{vmatrix} a_{1s_1} & \cdots & a_{1j} & \cdots & a_{1s_r} \\ \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ a_{ns_1} & \cdots & a_{nj} & \cdots & a_{ns_r} \end{vmatrix}_i \\ &= \sum_{s_1, \dots, j, \dots, s_r} \sum_{t_1, \dots, t_r} |A_{s_1, \dots, j, \dots, s_r}^{t_1, \dots, t_r}| \lambda_{s_1, \dots, i, \dots, s_r}^{t_1, \dots, t_r} \end{aligned}$$

for any $(s_1, \dots, i, \dots, s_r), (s_1, \dots, j, \dots, s_r)$ and (t_1, \dots, t_r) in I_r^n . Then

$$\begin{aligned} &\sum_{s_1, \dots, i, \dots, s_r} \sum_{t_1, \dots, t_r} |A_{t_1, \dots, t_r}^{s_1, \dots, i, \dots, s_r}| \lambda_{t_1, \dots, t_r}^{s_1, \dots, j, \dots, s_r} \\ &= \sum_{s_1, \dots, j, \dots, s_r} \sum_{t_1, \dots, t_r} |A_{s_1, \dots, j, \dots, s_r}^{t_1, \dots, t_r}| \lambda_{s_1, \dots, i, \dots, s_r}^{t_1, \dots, t_r} \end{aligned}$$

holds for $\lambda_\beta^\alpha = |A_\alpha^\beta|$, where $\alpha, \beta \in I_r^n$. \square

7. EP and Compound matrices. Let $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ be a matrix where $r(A) = r$. If $A^+A = AA^+$, or equivalently $R(A) = R(A^*)$, then A is called an EP matrix. The next theorem gives a necessary and sufficient condition for a matrix to be an EP matrix.

THEOREM 7.1. Let $A \in \mathbb{F}^{n \times n}$ be a matrix with $r(A) = r$ and $\Delta_r A = \sum |A_\beta^\alpha| \lambda_\beta^\alpha$, then A is an EP matrix iff $|A_\beta^\alpha| = |A_\alpha^\beta|$ for any $\alpha, \beta \in I_r^n$.

Proof. If A is EP then A^+ satisfies $AA^+A = A, A^+AA^+ = A^+, AA^+ = A^+A$, it follows that $A^+ = A^D = A^\#$. By Theorem 5.11 and 6.2 $\lambda_\beta^\alpha = |A_\beta^\alpha| = |A_\alpha^\beta|$. Conversely, if $|A_\beta^\alpha| = |A_\alpha^\beta|$ for any $\alpha, \beta \in I_r^n$ then $A^+ = A^\#$ and $AA^+ = AA^\# = A^\#A = A^+A$ so that A must be EP. \square

If A is an $m \times n$ matrix with $r(A) = r$, then the k -th compound of A is defined as an $\binom{m}{k} \times \binom{n}{k}$ matrix $A^{(k)}$ whose elements are $|A_\beta^\alpha|$ for $\alpha \in I_k^m, \beta \in I_k^n$, where α, β

are ordered lexicographically.

We recall, without proofs, elementary properties of the compound matrices, see e.g., Fiedler [6].

- (i) Let A be a diagonal matrix with a_{11}, \dots, a_{nn} the nonzero entries. Then $A^{(k)}$ is diagonal and its entries are $a_{i_1 i_1}, \dots, a_{i_k i_k}$ for any $\alpha = i_1, \dots, i_k \in I_k^n$.
- (ii) Let A be an $m \times n$ matrix and B an $n \times p$ matrix. For any positive integer k , $k \leq \min(m, n, p)$, then

$$(AB)^{(k)} = A^{(k)}B^{(k)}$$

- (iii) If A is an unitary matrix of order n and $1 \leq k \leq n$, then $A^{(k)}$ is unitary as well.

The last property actually holds for semiunitary matrices

If S is a semiunitary matrix $m \times r$ with $S^*S = I_r$ and if $1 \leq k \leq r$, then $S^{(k)}$ is semiunitary as well.

A link between EP and compound matrices is given by the next proposition

THEOREM 7.2. *Let $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ be a matrix with $r(A) = r$, then A is EP iff $A^{(r)}$ is symmetric.*

Proof. Immediate by Theorem 7.1. \square

Not long ago Hartwig and Katz gave a necessary and sufficient geometric condition for the product of two EP matrices to be EP, see [8]. The next theorem shows a condition for the product AB to be EP.

THEOREM 7.3. *If $A, B \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ with $r(A) = r(B) = r(AB) = r$, $\Delta_r A = \sum_{\alpha, \beta} |A_\beta^\alpha| \lambda_\beta^\alpha$ and $\Delta_r B = \sum_{\alpha, \beta} |B_\beta^\alpha| \mu_\beta^\alpha$, then*

$$AB \text{ is EP iff } \sum_{\beta} |A_\beta^\alpha| |B_\gamma^\beta| = \sum_{\beta} |A_\beta^\gamma| |B_\alpha^\beta|$$

for any $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in I_r^n$.

Proof. By Theorem 7.2 AB is EP iff $(AB)^{(r)}$ is symmetric. Since $(AB)^{(r)} = A^{(r)}B^{(r)}$ and $(A^{(r)}B^{(r)})_{ij} = \sum_{\beta} |A_\beta^i| |B_j^\beta|$ for $i, j, \beta \in I_r^n$, then the symmetry implies $\sum_{\beta} |A_\beta^i| |B_j^\beta| = \sum_{\beta} |A_\beta^j| |B_i^\beta|$. \square

Now we are going to extend to compound matrices properties partially known only for square matrices.

THEOREM 7.4. *Let $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$ and $r(A) = r$. If $\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_r$ are the singular values of A and k is a positive integer, $k \leq r$, then the singular values of $A^{(k)}$ are all the possible products $\sigma_{i_1}, \dots, \sigma_{i_k}$, where $\sigma = i_1, \dots, i_k \in I_k^n$.*

Proof. By the singular value decomposition of A there exist semiunitary matrices S and T such that $S^*S = T^*T = I_r$ and a $r \times r$ positive diagonal matrix Λ such that $A = S\Lambda^{\frac{1}{2}}T^*$. Using (ii) we have $A^{(k)} = (S\Lambda^{\frac{1}{2}}T^*)^{(k)} = S^{(k)}(\Lambda^{\frac{1}{2}})^{(k)}(T^*)^{(k)}$, where $S^{(k)}$ and $(T^*)^{(k)}$ are still semiunitary and $(\Lambda^{\frac{1}{2}})^{(k)}$ is a diagonal positive matrix of order $\binom{r}{k}$. Hence the singular values of $A^{(k)}$ are the diagonal entries of $(\Lambda^{\frac{1}{2}})^{(k)}$. By (i) we know the diagonal entries of $(\Lambda^{\frac{1}{2}})^{(k)}$ are all the numbers $\sigma_{i_1}, \dots, \sigma_{i_k}$ for any $\sigma = i_1, \dots, i_k \in I_k^n$. \square

THEOREM 7.5. Let $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$ and $r(A) = r$, $r(A^{(k)}) = r_k$. Let k be a positive integer such that $k \leq r$, then

$$\det_{r_k} A^{(k)} = (\det_r A)^{\binom{r-1}{k-1}}$$

Proof By $\det_r A = \prod_{i=1}^r \sigma_i$ it follows that

$$\det_{r_k} A^{(k)} = \prod_{\sigma} \sigma_{i_1, \dots, i_k} \text{ for } \sigma = i_1, \dots, i_k, \sigma \in I_k^r$$

and some of the singular values may be identical. Each of the numbers σ_i occurs in $\binom{r}{k} - \binom{r-1}{k} = \binom{r-1}{k-1}$ terms on the right side. Hence

$$\left(\prod_{i=1}^r \sigma_i \right)^{\binom{r-1}{k-1}} = (\det_r A)^{\binom{r-1}{k-1}} \quad \square$$

THEOREM 7.6. Let $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$ and $B \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times p}$. If $r(A^{(k)}) = r(B^{(k)}) = r$ for positive integer k , then

$$\det_{\binom{n}{k}} (AB)^{(k)} = \det_{\binom{n}{k}} (A)^{(k)} \cdot \det_{\binom{n}{k}} (B)^{(k)}$$

Proof. By (i), $(AB)^{(k)} = A^{(k)} B^{(k)}$ and by Theorem 3.1. \square

8. Differentials. If a matrix function $F : S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$ is considered, where S is an open subset of $\mathbb{R}^{n \times q}$ and F is continuously differentiable on S , then the real valued function $|F| : S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, defined by $|F|(X) = |F(X)|$, is k times continuously differentiable and

$$d|F| = \text{tr } \text{Adj}(F(X)) dF$$

see Magnus and Neudecker [10]. The next theorem generalizes the above known result to a matrix function $F : S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$.

THEOREM 8.1. Let the matrix function $F : S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ be k times continuously differentiable on open subset S of $\mathbb{R}^{p \times q}$, then likewise it is the real valued function $|F|_r : S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined by $|F|_r(X) = \det_r(F(X))$ at points X where $r(F(X)) = r$. Moreover

$$d|F|_r = 2 \text{tr } F^{ad} dF$$

proof Let $\phi : \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be the real valued function defined by $\phi(A) = \det_r A$. The function ϕ is ∞ times differentiable for any $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$. Since $\det_r A = |A|_r = \sum_{\alpha, \beta} |A_{\beta}^{\alpha}|^2$, where the sum is over all $\alpha \in I_r^m$ and $\beta \in I_r^n$, then by the r -cofactor definition 2.4

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial |A|_r}{\partial a_{ij}} &= \frac{\partial (\sum_{\alpha, \beta} |A_{\beta}^{\alpha}|^2)}{\partial a_{ij}} = \sum_{\alpha, \beta} \frac{\partial |A_{\beta}^{\alpha}|^2}{\partial a_{ij}} = \sum_{\substack{i_1, \dots, i_r \\ j_1, \dots, j_r}} \frac{\partial}{\partial a_{ij}} |A_{j_1, \dots, j_r}^{i_1, \dots, i_r}|^2 \\ &= \sum_{\substack{i_1, \dots, i_r \\ j_1, \dots, j_r}} 2 |A_{j_1, \dots, j_r}^{i_1, \dots, i_r}| \frac{\partial}{\partial a_{ij}} |A_{j_1, \dots, j_r}^{i_1, \dots, i_r}| \\ &= 2 \sum_{\substack{i_1, \dots, i_r \\ j_1, \dots, j_r}} |A_{j_1, \dots, j_r}^{i_1, \dots, i_r}| |(A_{j_1, \dots, j_r}^{i_1, \dots, i_r})_{i\text{-th row} = e_j}| = 2\alpha_{ij}^r \end{aligned}$$

so

$$d\phi(A) = D\phi(A) \cdot \text{vec } dA = \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial |A|_r}{\partial a_{ij}} da_{ij} = 2 \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n \alpha_{ij}^r da_{ij} = 2 \text{tr } A^{ad} dA$$

Where $D\phi(A)$ denotes the Jacobian. By the $|F|_r = \phi \circ F$ and the Cauchy's rule of invariance

$$d|F|_r = 2 \text{tr } F^{ad} dF \quad \square$$

THEOREM 8.2. *Let $F : \xi \rightarrow A(\xi)$ be a matrix valued function of a scalar. If $F(\xi)$ is a differentiable $m \times n$ matrix at some point ξ , for $m < n$ and $r(F(\xi)) = r$, then*

$$D_\xi |F(\xi)|_r = 2 \sum_{i=1}^m |(F(\xi))_i|_r^{\frac{r}{m}} = 2 \text{tr } \frac{\partial F(\xi)}{\partial \xi} A^{ad}$$

where $(F(\xi))_i$ is the matrix that coincides with the matrix $F(\xi)$ except that every entry in the i -th row is differentiated with respect to ξ .

Proof. $D_\xi |F(\xi)|_r = D_\xi (\sum_{\alpha, \beta} |F(\xi)_\beta^\alpha|^2)^{\frac{r}{2}} = 2 \sum_{\alpha, \beta} |F(\xi)_\beta^\alpha| D_\xi |F(\xi)_\beta^\alpha|$, since $D_\xi |F(\xi)_\beta^\alpha| = \sum_{i=1}^\alpha |(F(\xi)_\beta^\alpha)_i|$, see Horn and Johnson [9] p.491, we have

$$\begin{aligned} D_\xi |F(\xi)|_r &= 2 \sum_{\alpha, \beta} \sum_{i=1}^\alpha |F(\xi)_\beta^\alpha| |(F(\xi)_\beta^\alpha)_i| = 2 \sum_{i=1}^n |(F(\xi))_i|_r^{\frac{r}{m}} \\ &= 2 \left\{ \begin{array}{c} a'_{11} \quad \dots \quad a'_{1n} \\ a_{21} \quad \dots \quad a_{2n} \\ \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \\ a_{m1} \quad \dots \quad a_{mn} \end{array} \right|^{\frac{1}{m}} + \dots + \left. \begin{array}{c} a_{11} \quad \dots \quad a_{1n} \\ a_{21} \quad \dots \quad a_{2n} \\ \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \\ a'_{m1} \quad \dots \quad a'_{mn} \end{array} \right|^{\frac{m}{m}} \} \\ &= 2 \sum_{i,j} a'_{ij} \alpha_{ij}^r = 2 \text{tr } \frac{\partial F(\xi)}{\partial \xi} A^{ad} \end{aligned}$$

similarly the proof for $m > n$. \square

COROLLARY 8.3. *Let A be a constant $n \times n$ matrix with $r(A) = r$, then*

$$D_\xi |\xi I - A| = 2 \text{tr } (\xi I - A)^{ad}$$

Proof. Denote by β_{ij}^r the cofactors of $(\xi I - A)$,

$$\begin{aligned} D_\xi |\xi I - A| &= 2 \left\{ \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ -a_{21} & \xi - a_{22} & \dots & -a_{2n} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ -a_{n1} & -a_{n2} & \dots & \xi - a_{nn} \end{array} \right|^{\frac{1}{n}} + \dots \\ &\dots + \left. \begin{array}{cccc} \xi - a_{11} & -a_{12} & \dots & -a_{1n} \\ -a_{21} & \xi - a_{22} & \dots & -a_{2n} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{array} \right|^{\frac{n}{n}} \} = 2 \sum_{i=1}^n \beta_{ii}^r = 2 \text{tr } (\xi I - A)^{ad} \end{aligned}$$

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