

On Least Square, Minimum Norm Generalized Inverses of Bimatrices

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Abstract: The characterization of g-inverses, minimum norm g-inverses and least square g-inverses of bimatrices are derived as a generalization of the generalized inverses of matrices.

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I. Introduction

Let $C_{n \times n}$ be the space of $n \times n$ complex matrices of order n. A matrix $A_B = A_1 \cup A_2$ is called a bimatrix if A_1 and A_2 are matrices of same (or) different orders [7,8] and a bimatrix is called unitary if $A_B A_B^* = A_B^* A_B = I_B$ [8]. For $A_1, A_2 \in C_{n \times n}$, $A_B = A_1 \cup A_2$ and let A_B^* , $r(A_B)$ and A_B^- denote the conjugate transpose, rank and generalized inverse of the bimatrix A_B where A_B^- is the solution of the equation $A_B X_B A_B = A_B$ [1,4,6]. In general, the generalized inverse A_B^- of A_B is not uniquely determined. Since A_B^- is not unique, the set of generalized inverses of A_B is some times denoted as $\{A_B^-\}$.

In this paper we analyze the characterization of g-inverse, minimum norm g-inverse and least square g-inverses of bimatrices as a generalization of the g-inverses of matrices [2,3,5].

II. Generalized Inverses of Bimatrices

In this section some of the properties of generalized inverses of matrices found in [1,2,3,5] are extended to generalized inverses of bimatrices .

Theorem: 2.1

Let $H_B = A_B A_B^-$ and $F_B = A_B^- A_B$. Then the following relations hold :

(i) $H_B^2 = H_B$ and $F_B^2 = F_B$.

(ii) $r(H_B) = r(F_B) = r(A_B)$

(iii) $r(A_B^-) \geq r(A_B)$

(iv) $r(A_B^- A_B A_B^-) = r(A_B)$.

Proof of (i)

Now $H_B^2 = H_B \cdot H_B$

$$= (A_B A_B^-)(A_B A_B^-)$$

$$= ((A_1 \cup A_2)(A_1 \cup A_2)^-)((A_1 \cup A_2)(A_1 \cup A_2)^-)$$

$$= ((A_1 \cup A_2)(A_1^- \cup A_2^-))((A_1 \cup A_2)(A_1^- \cup A_2^-))$$

$$= (A_1 A_1^- \cup A_2 A_2^-)(A_1 A_1^- \cup A_2 A_2^-)$$

$$= (A_1 A_1^- A_1) A_1^- \cup (A_2 A_2^- A_2) A_2^-$$

$$= (A_1 A_1^- A_1 \cup A_2 A_2^- A_2)(A_1^- \cup A_2^-)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \left[(A_1 \cup A_2)(A_1^- \cup A_2^-)(A_1 \cup A_2) \right] (A_1^- \cup A_2^-) \\
 &= \left[(A_1 \cup A_2)(A_1 \cup A_2)^- (A_1 \cup A_2) \right] (A_1 \cup A_2)^- \\
 &= (A_B A_B^- A_B) A_B^- \\
 &= A_B A_B^- \\
 &= H_B.
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, $H_B^2 = H_B$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Now } F_B^2 &= F_B \cdot F_B \\
 &= (A_B^- A_B) (A_B^- A_B) \\
 &= \left((A_1^- \cup A_2^-)(A_1 \cup A_2) \right) \left((A_1^- \cup A_2^-)(A_1 \cup A_2) \right) \\
 &= (A_1^- A_1 \cup A_2^- A_2) (A_1^- A_1 \cup A_2^- A_2) \\
 &= (A_1^- (A_1 A_1^-) A_1) \cup (A_2^- (A_2 A_2^-) A_2) \\
 &= (A_1^- \cup A_2^-) \left[(A_1 \cup A_2)(A_1^- \cup A_2^-)(A_1 \cup A_2) \right] \\
 &= A_B^- (A_B A_B^- A_B) \\
 &= A_B^- A_B \\
 &= F_B.
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, $F_B^2 = F_B$.

Proof of (ii)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Now } r(A_B) &\geq r(A_B A_B^-) \\
 r(A_B) &\geq r(H_B) \tag{1}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Also } r(A_B) &= r(A_B A_B^- A_B) \\
 &= r\left((A_1 \cup A_2)(A_1^- \cup A_2^-)(A_1 \cup A_2) \right) \\
 &= r\left((A_1 A_1^-) A_1 \cup (A_2 A_2^-) A_2 \right) \\
 &= r\left((A_1 A_1^- \cup A_2 A_2^-)(A_1 \cup A_2) \right) \\
 &= r\left((A_1 \cup A_2)(A_1^- \cup A_2^-)(A_1 \cup A_2) \right) \\
 &= r\left((A_B A_B^-) A_B \right) \\
 &= r(H_B A_B) \\
 r(A_B) &\leq r(H_B) \tag{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

From (1) and (2), we get $r(A_B) = r(H_B)$ (3)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Now } r(A_B) &\geq r(A_B^- A_B) \\
 r(A_B) &\geq r(F_B) \tag{4}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Also } r(A_B) &= r(A_B A_B^- A_B) \\
 &= r\left((A_1 \cup A_2)(A_1^- \cup A_2^-)(A_1 \cup A_2) \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= r\left(A_1\left(A_1^-A_1\right)\cup A_2\left(A_2^-A_2\right)\right) \\
 &= r\left(\left(A_1\cup A_2\right)\left(A_1^-A_1\cup A_2^-A_2\right)\right) \\
 &= r\left(\left(A_1\cup A_2\right)\left(A_1^-\cup A_2^-\right)\left(A_1\cup A_2\right)\right) \\
 &= r\left(A_B\left(A_B^-A_B\right)\right) \\
 &= r\left(A_BF_B\right) \\
 r\left(A_B\right) &\leq r\left(F_B\right) \tag{5}
 \end{aligned}$$

From (4) and (5), we get $r\left(A_B\right)=r\left(F_B\right)$ (6)

From (3) and (6) we get $r\left(A_B\right)=r\left(H_B\right)=r\left(F_B\right)$. (7)

Proof of (iii)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Now } r\left(A_B\right) &= r\left(A_BA_B^-A_B\right) \\
 &= r\left(\left(A_1\cup A_2\right)\left(A_1^-\cup A_2^-\right)\left(A_1\cup A_2\right)\right) \\
 &= r\left(A_1A_1^-A_1\cup A_2A_2^-A_2\right) \\
 &\leq r\left(A_1A_1^-\cup A_2A_2^-\right) \\
 &\leq r\left(A_1^-\cup A_2^-\right) \\
 &\leq r\left(A_B^-\right)
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, $r\left(A_B^-\right)\geq r\left(A_B\right)$.

Proof of (iv)

Now $r\left(A_B^-A_BA_B^-\right)\leq r\left(A_B^-A_B\right)$

Also we have $r\left(A_B^-A_BA_B^-\right)\geq r\left(A_B^-A_BA_B^-A_B\right)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= r\left(\left(A_1^-\cup A_2^-\right)\left(A_1\cup A_2\right)\left(A_1^-\cup A_2^-\right)\left(A_1\cup A_2\right)\right) \\
 &= r\left(A_1^-\left(A_1A_1^-A_1\right)\cup A_2^-\left(A_2A_2^-A_2\right)\right) \\
 &= r\left(\left(A_1^-\cup A_2^-\right)\left(A_1A_1^-A_1\cup A_2A_2^-A_2\right)\right) \\
 &= r\left[\left(A_1^-\cup A_2^-\right)\left(\left(A_1\cup A_2\right)\left(A_1^-\cup A_2^-\right)\left(A_1\cup A_2\right)\right)\right] \\
 &= r\left[A_B^-\left(A_BA_B^-A_B\right)\right] \\
 &= r\left(A_B^-A_B\right) \\
 &= r\left(H_B\right) \\
 &= r\left(A_B\right) \tag{by (7)}
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, $r\left(A_B^-A_BA_B^-\right)=r\left(A_B\right)$.

Theorem: 2.2

Let A_B be a bimatrix, then the following relations hold for a generalized inverse A_B^- of A_B .

(i) $\left\{\left(A_B^-\right)^*\right\}=\left\{\left(A_B^*\right)^-\right\}$

- (ii) $A_B (A_B^* A_B)^- A_B^* A_B = A_B$
- (iii) $\left(A_B (A_B^* A_B)^- A_B^* \right)^* = A_B (A_B^* A_B)^- A_B^*$

Proof of (i)

Let $A_B = A_B A_B^- A_B$

$$A_B^* = (A_B A_B^- A_B)^*$$

$$(A_1 \cup A_2)^* = ((A_1 \cup A_2)(A_1^- \cup A_2^-)(A_1 \cup A_2))^*$$

$$A_1^* \cup A_2^* = (A_1 A_1^- A_1 \cup A_2 A_2^- A_2)^*$$

$$= (A_1 A_1^- A_1)^* \cup (A_2 A_2^- A_2)^*$$

$$= (A_1^* (A_1^-)^* A_1^*) \cup (A_2^* (A_2^-)^* A_2^*)$$

$$A_1^* \cup A_2^* = (A_1^* \cup A_2^*) \left((A_1^-)^* \cup (A_2^-)^* \right) (A_1^* \cup A_2^*)$$

$$A_B^* = A_B^* (A_B^-)^* A_B^*$$

Thus $\left\{ (A_B^-)^* \right\} \subset \left\{ (A_B^*)^- \right\}$ (8)

On the other hand, $A_B^* (A_B^*)^- A_B = A_B^*$ and so $\left((A_B^*)^- \right)^* \in \left\{ A_B^- \right\}$

$$\left\{ (A_B^*)^- \right\} \subset \left\{ (A_B^-)^* \right\}$$
 (9)

From (8) and (9), we get $\left\{ (A_B^-)^* \right\} = \left\{ (A_B^*)^- \right\}$.

Proof of (ii)

Let $G_B = A_B \left(I_B - (A_B^* A_B)^- A_B^* A_B \right)$

$$= A_B - A_B (A_B^* A_B)^- A_B^* A_B$$

$$= (A_1 \cup A_2) - (A_1 \cup A_2) \left[(A_1^* \cup A_2^*) (A_1 \cup A_2) \right]^- (A_1^* \cup A_2^*) (A_1 \cup A_2)$$

$$G_B = (A_1 \cup A_2) - (A_1 \cup A_2) (A_1 \cup A_2)^- (A_1^* \cup A_2^*)^- (A_1^* \cup A_2^*) (A_1 \cup A_2)$$

$$G_B^* = \left[(A_1 \cup A_2) - (A_1 \cup A_2) (A_1 \cup A_2)^- (A_1^* \cup A_2^*)^- (A_1^* \cup A_2^*) (A_1 \cup A_2) \right]^*$$

$$= \left[(A_1 \cup A_2) - (A_1 \cup A_2) (A_1^- \cup A_2^-) \left((A_1^*)^- \cup (A_2^*)^- \right) (A_1^* \cup A_2^*) (A_1 \cup A_2) \right]^*$$

$$= \left[(A_1 \cup A_2) - \left((A_1 A_1^- (A_1^*)^- A_1^* A_1) \cup (A_2 A_2^- (A_2^*)^- A_2^* A_2) \right) \right]^*$$

$$= \left[(A_1 - A_1 A_1^- (A_1^*)^- A_1^* A_1) \cup (A_2 - A_2 A_2^- (A_2^*)^- A_2^* A_2) \right]^*$$

$$= (A_1 - A_1 A_1^- (A_1^*)^- A_1^* A_1)^* \cup (A_2 - A_2 A_2^- (A_2^*)^- A_2^* A_2)^*$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \left(A_1^* - \left(A_1 A_1^- \left(A_1^- \right)^* A_1^* A_1 \right)^* \right) \cup \left(A_2^* - \left(A_2 A_2^- \left(A_2^- \right)^* A_2^* A_2 \right)^* \right) \\
 &= \left(A_1^* - A_1^* A_1 A_1^- \left(A_1^- \right)^* A_1^* \right) \cup \left(A_2^* - A_2^* A_2 A_2^- \left(A_2^- \right)^* A_2^* \right) \\
 &= \left(A_1^* \cup A_2^* \right) - \left(A_1^* \cup A_2^* \right) \left(A_1 \cup A_2 \right) \left(A_1^- \cup A_2^- \right) \left(\left(A_1^* \right)^- \cup \left(A_2^* \right)^- \right) \left(A_1^* \cup A_2^* \right) \\
 G_B^* &= \left(A_1 \cup A_2 \right)^* - \left(A_1 \cup A_2 \right)^* \left(A_1 \cup A_2 \right) \left(A_1 \cup A_2 \right)^- \left(\left(A_1 \cup A_2 \right)^* \right)^- \left(A_1 \cup A_2 \right)^* \\
 G_B^* G_B &= \left[\left(I_1 \cup I_2 \right)^* - \left(A_1 \cup A_2 \right)^* \left(A_1 \cup A_2 \right) \left(A_1 \cup A_2 \right)^- \left(\left(A_1 \cup A_2 \right)^* \right)^- \right] \left(A_1 \cup A_2 \right)^* \\
 &\quad \left[\left(A_1 \cup A_2 \right) - \left(A_1 \cup A_2 \right) \left(A_1 \cup A_2 \right)^- \left(A_1^* \cup A_2^* \right)^- \left(A_1^* \cup A_2^* \right) \left(A_1 \cup A_2 \right) \right] \\
 G_B^* G_B &= \left[\left(I_1 \cup I_2 \right) - \left(A_1 \cup A_2 \right)^* \left(A_1 \cup A_2 \right) \left(A_1 \cup A_2 \right)^- \left(\left(A_1 \cup A_2 \right)^* \right)^- \right] \\
 &\quad \left[\left(A_1 \cup A_2 \right)^* \left(A_1 \cup A_2 \right) - \left(A_1 \cup A_2 \right)^* \left(A_1 \cup A_2 \right) \left(A_1 \cup A_2 \right)^- \left(\left(A_1 \cup A_2 \right)^* \right)^- \left(A_1 \cup A_2 \right)^* \left(A_1 \cup A_2 \right) \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

$$G_B^* G_B = \left(I_B - A_B^* A_B A_B^- \left(A_B^* \right)^- \right) \left(A_B^* A_B - A_B^* A_B A_B^- \left(A_B^* \right)^- A_B^* A_B \right)$$

$$G_B^* G_B = \left(I_B - A_B^* A_B \left(A_B^* A_B \right)^- \right) \left(A_B^* A_B - A_B^* A_B \left(A_B^* A_B \right)^- A_B^* A_B \right)$$

Let $B_B = A_B^* A_B$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 G_B^* G_B &= \left(I_B - B_B B_B^- \right) \left(B_B - B_B B_B^- B_B \right) \\
 &= \left(I_B - B_B B_B^- \right) \left(B_B - B_B \right) \\
 &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, $G_B = 0$

$$\text{That is, } A_B \left(I_B - \left(A_B^* A_B \right)^- A_B^* A_B \right) = 0$$

$$A_B - A_B \left(A_B^* A_B \right)^- A_B^* A_B = 0$$

$$\text{Hence, } A_B \left(A_B^* A_B \right)^- A_B^* A_B = A_B.$$

Proof of (iii)

Let G_B denote a generalized inverse of $A_B^* A_B$. Then G_B^* is also a generalized inverse of $A_B^* A_B$ and

$S_B = \frac{G_B + G_B^*}{2}$ is a symmetric generalized inverse of $A_B^* A_B$.

$$\text{Let } H_B = A_B S_B A_B^* - A_B \left(A_B^* A_B \right)^- A_B^*$$

$$H_B = \left(A_1 \cup A_2 \right) \left(S_1 \cup S_2 \right) \left(A_1^* \cup A_2^* \right) - \left(A_1 \cup A_2 \right) \left[\left(A_1^* \cup A_2^* \right) \left(A_1 \cup A_2 \right) \right]^- \left(A_1^* \cup A_2^* \right)$$

$$H_B^* = \left[\left(A_1 \cup A_2 \right) \left(S_1 \cup S_2 \right) \left(A_1^* \cup A_2^* \right) - \left(A_1 \cup A_2 \right) \left(A_1 \cup A_2 \right)^- \left(A_1^* \cup A_2^* \right)^- \left(A_1^* \cup A_2^* \right) \right]^*$$

$$H_B^* = \left[\left(A_1 \cup A_2 \right) \left(S_1 \cup S_2 \right) \left(A_1^* \cup A_2^* \right) - \left(A_1 \cup A_2 \right) \left(A_1^- \cup A_2^- \right) \left(\left(A_1^* \right)^- \cup \left(A_2^* \right)^- \right) \left(A_1^* \cup A_2^* \right) \right]^*$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \left[(A_1 S_1 A_1^* \cup A_2 S_2 A_2^*) - (A_1 A_1^- (A_1^*)^- A_1^* \cup A_2 A_2^- (A_2^*)^- A_2^*) \right]^* \\
 &= \left[(A_1 S_1 A_1^* - A_1 A_1^- (A_1^*)^- A_1^*) \cup (A_2 S_2 A_2^* - A_2 A_2^- (A_2^*)^- A_2^*) \right]^* \\
 &= (A_1 S_1 A_1^* - A_1 A_1^- (A_1^*)^- A_1^*)^* \cup (A_2 S_2 A_2^* - A_2 A_2^- (A_2^*)^- A_2^*)^* \\
 &= \left((A_1 S_1 A_1^*)^* - (A_1 A_1^- (A_1^*)^- A_1^*)^* \right) \cup \left((A_2 S_2 A_2^*)^* - (A_2 A_2^- (A_2^*)^- A_2^*)^* \right) \\
 &= (A_1 S_1^* A_1^* - A_1 A_1^- (A_1^-)^* A_1^*) \cup (A_2 S_2^* A_2^* - A_2 A_2^- (A_2^-)^* A_2^*) \\
 &= (A_1 S_1^* A_1^* \cup A_2 S_2^* A_2^*) - (A_1 A_1^- (A_1^-)^* A_1^* \cup A_2 A_2^- (A_2^-)^* A_2^*) \\
 &= [(A_1 \cup A_2)(S_1^* \cup S_2^*)(A_1^* \cup A_2^*)] - [(A_1 \cup A_2)(A_1 \cup A_2)^- (A_1^-)^* \cup (A_2^-)^* (A_1^* \cup A_2^*)] \\
 H_B^* &= [(A_1 \cup A_2)(S_1^* \cup S_2^*)(A_1^* \cup A_2^*)] - [(A_1 \cup A_2)(A_1^- \cup A_2^-) \left((A_1^*)^- \cup (A_2^*)^- \right) (A_1^* \cup A_2^*)] \\
 H_B^* H_B &= [(A_1 \cup A_2)(S_1^* \cup S_2^*) - (A_1 \cup A_2)(A_1^- \cup A_2^-) \left((A_1^*)^- \cup (A_2^*)^- \right)] (A_1^* \cup A_2^*) \\
 &\quad \left[(A_1 \cup A_2)(S_1 \cup S_2)(A_1^* \cup A_2^*) - (A_1 \cup A_2)(A_1^- \cup A_2^-) \left((A_1^*)^- \cup (A_2^*)^- \right) (A_1^* \cup A_2^*) \right] \\
 &= [(A_1 \cup A_2)(S_1^* \cup S_2^*) - (A_1 \cup A_2)(A_1^- \cup A_2^-) \left((A_1^*)^- \cup (A_2^*)^- \right)] \\
 &\quad \left[(A_1^* \cup A_2^*)(A_1 \cup A_2)(S_1 \cup S_2)(A_1^* \cup A_2^*) - (A_1^* \cup A_2^*)(A_1 \cup A_2)(A_1^- \cup A_2^-) \left((A_1^*)^- \cup (A_2^*)^- \right) (A_1^* \cup A_2^*) \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= \left[A_B S_B^* - A_B A_B^- (A_B^*)^- \right] \left[A_B^* A_B S_B A_B^* - A_B^* A_B A_B^- (A_B^*)^- A_B^* \right]$$

$$H_B^* H_B = \left[A_B S_B^* - A_B (A_B^* A_B)^- \right] \left[A_B^* A_B S_B A_B^* - A_B^* A_B (A_B^* A_B)^- A_B^* \right]$$

$$\text{Let } S_B = (A_B^* A_B)^-$$

$$H_B^* H_B = (A_B S_B^* - A_B S_B) \left[A_B^* A_B S_B A_B^* - A_B^* A_B S_B A_B^* \right]$$

$$H_B^* H_B = 0.$$

Hence, $H_B = 0$.

That is, $A_B S_B A_B^* - A_B (A_B^* A_B)^- A_B^* = 0$.

$$\left(A_B (A_B^* A_B)^- A_B^* \right)^* - \left(A_B (A_B^* A_B)^- A_B^* \right) = 0$$

$$\left(A_B (A_B^* A_B)^- A_B^* \right)^* = A_B (A_B^* A_B)^- A_B^*.$$

III. Minimum norm generalized inverses of bimatrices

In this section some of the characteristics of minimum norm g-inverses of matrices found in [2,3] are extended to minimum norm g-inverses of bimatrices.

Definition: 3.1

A generalized inverse A_B^- that satisfies both $A_B A_B^- A_B = A_B$ and $(A_B^- A_B)^* = A_B^- A_B$ is called a minimum norm g-inverse of A_B and is denoted by $(A_B)_m^-$.

Theorem: 3.2

Let A_B be a bimatrix, then the following three conditions are equivalent:

- (i) $\left((A_B)_m^- A_B \right)^* = (A_B)_m^- A_B$ and $A_B (A_B)_m^- A_B = A_B$
- (ii) $(A_B)_m^- A_B A_B^* = A_B^*$
- (iii) $(A_B)_m^- A_B = A_B^* (A_B A_B^*)_m^- A_B$

Proof of (i) \Rightarrow (ii)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{From (i), } A_B &= A_B (A_B)_m^- A_B \\
 A_B^* &= \left(A_B (A_B)_m^- A_B \right)^* \\
 &= \left[(A_1 \cup A_2) (A_1 \cup A_2)_m^- (A_1 \cup A_2) \right]^* \\
 &= \left[(A_1 \cup A_2) \left((A_1)_m^- \cup (A_2)_m^- \right) (A_1 \cup A_2) \right]^* \\
 &= \left[A_1 (A_1)_m^- A_1 \cup A_2 (A_2)_m^- A_2 \right]^* \\
 &= \left(A_1 (A_1)_m^- A_1 \right)^* \cup \left(A_2 (A_2)_m^- A_2 \right)^* \\
 &= A_1^* \left((A_1)_m^- \right)^* \cup A_2^* \left((A_2)_m^- \right)^* \\
 &= \left[(A_1^* \cup A_2^*) \left(\left((A_1)_m^- \right)^* \cup \left((A_2)_m^- \right)^* \right) \right] (A_1^* \cup A_2^*) \\
 &= \left[A_B^* \left((A_B)_m^- \right)^* \right] A_B^* \\
 &= \left((A_B)_m^- A_B \right)^* A_B^* \\
 &= (A_B)_m^- A_B A_B^*
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, $(A_B)_m^- A_B A_B^* = A_B^*$.

Proof of (ii) \Rightarrow (iii)

From (ii), $A_B^* = (A_B)_m^- A_B A_B^*$

Postmultiply by $(A_B A_B^*)_m^- A_B$ on both sides

$$\begin{aligned}
 A_B^* (A_B A_B^*)_m^- A_B &= (A_B)_m^- A_B A_B^* (A_B A_B^*)_m^- A_B \\
 &= \left((A_1)_m^- \cup (A_2)_m^- \right) (A_1 \cup A_2) (A_1^* \cup A_2^*) \left((A_1 \cup A_2) (A_1^* \cup A_2^*) \right)_m^- (A_1 \cup A_2) \\
 &= \left((A_1)_m^- A_1 A_1^* \cup (A_2)_m^- A_2 A_2^* \right) (A_1 A_1^* \cup A_2 A_2^*)_m^- (A_1 \cup A_2)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \left((A_1)_m^- A_1 A_1^* \cup (A_2)_m^- A_2 A_2^* \right) \left((A_1 A_1^*)^- \cup (A_2 A_2^*)^- \right) (A_1 \cup A_2) \\
 &= \left((A_1)_m^- A_1 A_1^* \cup (A_2)_m^- A_2 A_2^* \right) \left((A_1^*)^- A_1^- \cup (A_2^*)^- A_2^- \right) (A_1 \cup A_2) \\
 &= \left((A_1)_m^- A_1 \cup (A_2)_m^- A_2 \right) (A_1^* \cup A_2^*) \left((A_1^*)^- \cup (A_2^*)^- \right) (A_1^- \cup A_2^-) (A_1 \cup A_2) \\
 &= \left((A_1)_m^- A_1 \cup (A_2)_m^- A_2 \right) \left(A_1^* (A_1^-)^* \cup A_2^* (A_2^-)^* \right) (A_1^- \cup A_2^-) (A_1 \cup A_2) \\
 &= \left((A_1)_m^- A_1 \cup (A_2)_m^- A_2 \right) \left((A_1^- A_1)^* \cup (A_2^- A_2)^* \right) (A_1^- A_1 \cup A_2^- A_2) \\
 &= \left((A_1)_m^- \cup (A_2)_m^- \right) (A_1 \cup A_2) (A_B^- A_B)^* (A_1^- A_1 \cup A_2^- A_2) \\
 &= (A_B)_m^- (A_B A_B^- A_B) A_B^- A_B \\
 &= (A_B)_m^- A_B A_B^- A_B \quad \text{(by definition 3.1)} \\
 &= (A_B)_m^- A_B \quad \text{(by definition 3.1)}
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, $(A_B)_m^- A_B = A_B^* (A_B A_B^*)^- A_B$.

Proof of (iii) \Rightarrow (i)

From (ii) of theorem (2.2), $A_B = A_B (A_B A_B^*)^- A_B^* A_B$

Replace A_B by A_B^* we get

$$A_B^* = A_B^* \left((A_B^*)^* A_B^* \right)^- (A_B^*)^* A_B^*$$

$$A_B^* = A_B^* (A_B A_B^*)^- A_B A_B^*$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 A_B^* &= (A_1^* \cup A_2^*) \left((A_1 \cup A_2) (A_1^* \cup A_2^*) \right)^- (A_1 \cup A_2) (A_1^* \cup A_2^*) \\
 &= (A_1^* \cup A_2^*) (A_1^* \cup A_2^*)^- (A_1 \cup A_2)^- (A_1 \cup A_2) (A_1^* \cup A_2^*) \\
 &= \left[(A_1^* \cup A_2^*) \left((A_1^*)^- \cup (A_2^*)^- \right) (A_1^- \cup A_2^-) (A_1 \cup A_2) \right] (A_1^* \cup A_2^*) \\
 &= (A_1^* (A_1^*)^- A_1^- A_1 \cup A_2^* (A_2^*)^- A_2^- A_2) (A_1^* \cup A_2^*) \\
 &= (A_1^* (A_1 A_1^*)^- A_1 \cup A_2^* (A_2 A_2^*)^- A_2) (A_1^* \cup A_2^*) \\
 &= \left[(A_1^* \cup A_2^*) \left((A_1 A_1^*)^- \cup (A_2 A_2^*)^- \right) (A_1 \cup A_2) \right] (A_1^* \cup A_2^*) \\
 &= \left[A_B^* (A_B A_B^*)^- A_B \right] A_B^*
 \end{aligned}$$

$$A_B^* = (A_B)_m^- A_B A_B^* \quad \text{(by (iii))}$$

$$(A_B^*)^* = \left((A_B)_m^- A_B A_B^* \right)^*$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 A_B &= \left[\left((A_1)_m^- \cup (A_2)_m^- \right) (A_1 \cup A_2) (A_1^* \cup A_2^*) \right]^* \\
 &= \left[\left((A_1)_m^- A_1 A_1^* \right) \cup \left((A_2)_m^- A_2 A_2^* \right) \right]^*
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \left((A_1)_m^- A_1 A_1^* \right)^* \cup \left((A_2)_m^- A_2 A_2^* \right)^* \\
 &= A_1 A_1^* \left((A_1)_m^- \right)^* \cup A_2 A_2^* \left((A_2)_m^- \right)^* \\
 &= (A_1 \cup A_2) (A_1^* \cup A_2^*) \left(\left((A_1)_m^- \right)^* \cup \left((A_2)_m^- \right)^* \right) \\
 A_B &= A_B A_B^* \left((A_B)_m^- \right)^*
 \end{aligned}$$

Premultiply by $A_B^* \left(A_B A_B^* \right)^-$ on both sides

$$\begin{aligned}
 A_B^* \left(A_B A_B^* \right)^- A_B &= \left(A_B^* \left(A_B A_B^* \right)^- A_B \right) A_B^* \left((A_B)_m^- \right)^* \\
 \left(A_B \right)_m^- A_B &= \left(\left(A_B \right)_m^- A_B A_B^* \right) \left((A_B)_m^- \right)^* && \text{(by (iii))} \\
 &= A_B^* \left((A_B)_m^- \right)^* && \text{(by(ii))} \\
 &= \left((A_B)_m^- A_B \right)^*
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, $\left((A_B)_m^- A_B \right)^* = (A_B)_m^- A_B$.

Also, from (iii) of theorem (2.2),

$$A_B \left(A_B^* A_B \right)^- A_B^* = \left(A_B \left(A_B^* A_B \right)^- A_B^* \right)^*$$

Replace A_B by A_B^* we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 A_B^* \left(\left(A_B^* \right)^* A_B^* \right)^- \left(A_B^* \right)^* &= \left(A_B^* \left(\left(A_B^* \right)^* A_B^* \right)^- \left(A_B^* \right)^* \right)^* \\
 A_B^* \left(A_B A_B^* \right)^- A_B &= \left(A_B^* \left(A_B A_B^* \right)^- A_B \right)^* \\
 \left(A_B \right)_m^- A_B &= \left[\left(A_1^* \cup A_2^* \right) \left(\left(A_1 \cup A_2 \right) \left(A_1^* \cup A_2^* \right) \right)^- \left(A_1 \cup A_2 \right) \right]^* \\
 &= \left[\left(A_1^* \cup A_2^* \right) \left(A_1 A_1^* \cup A_2 A_2^* \right)^- \left(A_1 \cup A_2 \right) \right]^* \\
 &= \left[\left(A_1^* \cup A_2^* \right) \left(\left(A_1 A_1^* \right)^- \cup \left(A_2 A_2^* \right)^- \right) \left(A_1 \cup A_2 \right) \right]^* \\
 &= \left[\left(A_1^* \cup A_2^* \right) \left(\left(A_1 \right)^- A_1^- \cup \left(A_2 \right)^- A_2^- \right) \left(A_1 \cup A_2 \right) \right]^* \\
 &= \left[\left(A_1^* \left(A_1 \right)^- A_1^- A_1 \right) \cup \left(A_2^* \left(A_2 \right)^- A_2^- A_2 \right) \right]^* \\
 &= \left(\left(A_1^* \left(A_1 \right)^- A_1^- A_1 \right)^* \cup \left(A_2^* \left(A_2 \right)^- A_2^- A_2 \right)^* \right) \\
 &= \left(A_1^* \left(A_1^- \right)^* \left(\left(A_1 \right)^- \right)^* A_1 \right) \cup \left(A_2^* \left(A_2^- \right)^* \left(\left(A_2 \right)^- \right)^* A_2 \right) \\
 &= \left(A_1^* \left(A_1^- \right)^* \left(A_1^- \right) A_1 \right) \cup \left(A_2^* \left(A_2^- \right)^* A_2^- A_2 \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= (A_1^* \cup A_2^*) \left((A_1^-)^* \cup (A_2^-)^* \right) (A_1^- \cup A_2^-) (A_1 \cup A_2) \\
 &= A_B^* (A_B^-)^* A_B^- A_B \\
 &= (A_B^- A_B)^* A_B^- A_B \\
 &= A_B^- (A_B A_B^- A_B) \tag{by definition 3.1}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$(A_B^-)_m A_B = A_B^- A_B \tag{by definition 3.1}$$

Premultiply by A_B on both sides,

$$A_B (A_B^-)_m A_B = A_B A_B^- A_B$$

$$A_B (A_B^-)_m A_B = A_B \tag{by definition 3.1}$$

$$\text{Hence, } A_B (A_B^-)_m A_B = A_B.$$

Theorem: 3.3

Let A_B be a bimatrix, then the following relations hold for a minimum norm generalized inverse

$(A_B^-)_m$ of A_B :

- (i) One choice of $(A_B A_B^*)_m^-$ is $\left((A_B^-)_m \right)^* (A_B^-)_m$.
- (ii) One choice of $(\lambda A_B^-)_m^- = \lambda^{-1} (A_B^-)_m^-$ where λ is a non-zero scalar.
- (iii) One choice of $(U_B A_B V_B^-)_m^-$ is $V_B^* (A_B^-)_m^- U_B^*$ where U_B and V_B are unitary bimatrices.
- (iv) $(A_B A_B^*)_m^- A_B A_B^* = \left(A_B^- (A_B^-)_m \right)^*$.

Proof of (i)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Now } A_B A_B^* &= (A_1 \cup A_2) (A_1^* \cup A_2^*) \\
 &= A_1 A_1^* \cup A_2 A_2^* \\
 (A_B A_B^*)_m^- &= (A_1 A_1^* \cup A_2 A_2^*)_m^- \\
 &= (A_1 A_1^*)_m^- \cup (A_2 A_2^*)_m^- \\
 &= (A_1^*)_m^- (A_1^-)_m^- \cup (A_2^*)_m^- (A_2^-)_m^- \\
 &= \left((A_1^*)_m^- \cup (A_2^*)_m^- \right) \left((A_1^-)_m^- \cup (A_2^-)_m^- \right) \\
 &= \left(\left((A_1^-)_m \right)^* \cup \left((A_2^-)_m \right)^* \right) (A_1 \cup A_2)_m^- \\
 &= \left((A_1^-)_m \cup (A_2^-)_m \right)^* (A_B^-)_m^- \\
 &= \left((A_B^-)_m \right)^* (A_B^-)_m^- .
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Hence, } (A_B A_B^*)_m^- = \left((A_B^-)_m \right)^* (A_B^-)_m^- .$$

Proof of (ii)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Now } (\lambda A_B)_m^- &= [\lambda(A_1 \cup A_2)]_m^- \\
 &= (\lambda A_1 \cup \lambda A_2)_m^- \\
 &= (\lambda A_1)_m^- \cup (\lambda A_2)_m^- \\
 &= \lambda^{-1}(A_1)_m^- \cup \lambda^{-1}(A_2)_m^- \\
 &= \lambda^{-1}((A_1)_m^- \cup (A_2)_m^-) \\
 &= \lambda^{-1}(A_B)_m^- \\
 \text{Hence, } (\lambda A_B)_m^- &= \lambda^{-1}(A_B)_m^-.
 \end{aligned}$$

Proof of (iii)

$$\begin{aligned}
 (U_B A_B V_B)_m^- &= ((U_1 \cup U_2)(A_1 \cup A_2)(V_1 \cup V_2))_m^- \\
 &= (U_1 A_1 V_1 \cup U_2 A_2 V_2)_m^- \\
 &= (U_1 A_1 V_1)_m^- \cup (U_2 A_2 V_2)_m^- \\
 &= ((V_1)_m^- (A_1)_m^- (U_1)_m^- \cup (V_2)_m^- (A_2)_m^- (U_2)_m^-) \\
 &= (V_1^* (V_1 V_1^*)^- (A_1)_m^- U_1^* (U_1 U_1^*)^-) \cup (V_2^* (V_2 V_2^*)^- (A_2)_m^- U_2^* (U_2 U_2^*)^-) \\
 &\hspace{15em} \text{since } (A_B)_m^- = A_B^* ((A_B A_B^*)^-) \\
 &= (V_1^* (I_1)_m^- (A_1)_m^- U_1^* (I_1)_m^-) \cup (V_2^* (I_2)_m^- (A_2)_m^- U_2^* (I_2)_m^-) \\
 &\hspace{4em} (\text{Since } U_1, U_2, V_1 \text{ \& } V_2 \text{ are unitary matrices}) \\
 &= (V_1^* (A_1)_m^- U_1^*) \cup (V_2^* (A_2)_m^- U_2^*) \\
 &= (V_1^* \cup V_2^*) ((A_1)_m^- \cup (A_2)_m^-) (U_1^* \cup U_2^*) \\
 &= V_B^* (A_B)_m^- U_B^*. \\
 \text{Hence, } (U_B A_B V_B)_m^- &= V_B^* (A_B)_m^- U_B^*.
 \end{aligned}$$

Proof of (iv)

$$\begin{aligned}
 (A_B A_B^*)_m^- A_B A_B^* &= ((A_1 \cup A_2)(A_1^* \cup A_2^*))_m^- (A_1 \cup A_2)(A_1^* \cup A_2^*) \\
 &= (A_1 A_1^* \cup A_2 A_2^*)_m^- (A_1 A_1^* \cup A_2 A_2^*) \\
 &= ((A_1 A_1^*)_m^- \cup (A_2 A_2^*)_m^-) (A_1 A_1^* \cup A_2 A_2^*) \\
 &= ((A_1)_m^- (A_1)_m^- A_1 A_1^*) \cup ((A_2)_m^- (A_2)_m^- A_2 A_2^*) \\
 &= (((A_1)_m^-)^* (A_1)_m^- A_1 A_1^*) \cup (((A_2)_m^-)^* (A_2)_m^- A_2 A_2^*) \\
 &= (((A_1)_m^-)^* \cup ((A_2)_m^-)^*) ((A_1)_m^- A_1 A_1^* \cup (A_2)_m^- A_2 A_2^*)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \left(\left((A_1)_m^- \right)^* \cup \left((A_2)_m^- \right)^* \right) \left[\left((A_1)_m^- \cup (A_2)_m^- \right) (A_1 \cup A_2) (A_1^* \cup A_2^*) \right] \\
 &= \left((A_B)_m^- \right)^* \left((A_B)_m^- A_B A_B^* \right) \\
 &= \left((A_B)_m^- \right)^* A_B^* \quad \text{(by (ii) of theorem 3.2)} \\
 &= \left(A_B (A_B)_m^- \right)^* \\
 \text{Hence, } &\left(A_B A_B^* \right)_m^- A_B A_B^* = \left(A_B (A_B)_m^- \right)^* .
 \end{aligned}$$

IV. Least Square Generalized Inverses of Bimatrices

In this section some of the characteristics of least square g-inverses of matrices found in [2,3,5] are extended to least square g-inverses of bimatrices .

Definition: 4.1

A generalized inverse A_B^- that satisfies both $A_B A_B^- A_B = A_B$ and $\left(A_B A_B^- \right)^* = A_B A_B^-$ is called a least square generalized inverse bimatric of A_B and is denoted by $(A_B)_l^-$.

Theorem: 4.2

Let A_B be a bimatric, then the following three conditions are equivalent:

- (i) $A_B (A_B)_l^- A_B = A_B$ and $\left(A_B (A_B)_l^- \right)^* = A_B (A_B)_l^-$
- (ii) $A_B^* A_B (A_B)_l^- = A_B^*$
- (iii) $A_B (A_B)_l^- = A_B \left(A_B^* A_B \right)^- A_B^*$.

Proof of (i) \Rightarrow (ii)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{From (i), } &A_B = A_B (A_B)_l^- A_B \\
 &A_B^* = \left(A_B (A_B)_l^- A_B \right)^* \\
 &A_B^* = \left((A_1 \cup A_2) \left((A_1)_l^- \cup (A_2)_l^- (A_1 \cup A_2) \right) \right)^* \\
 &= \left(A_1 (A_1)_l^- A_1 \cup A_2 (A_2)_l^- A_2 \right)^* \\
 &= \left(A_1 (A_1)_l^- A_1 \right)^* \cup \left(A_2 (A_2)_l^- A_2 \right)^* \\
 &= A_1^* \left((A_1)_l^- \right)^* A_1^* \cup A_2^* \left((A_2)_l^- \right)^* A_2^* \\
 &= \left(A_1^* \cup A_2^* \right) \left[\left(\left((A_1)_l^- \right)^* \cup \left((A_2)_l^- \right)^* \right) (A_1^* \cup A_2^*) \right] \\
 &= A_B^* \left(\left((A_B)_l^- \right)^* A_B^* \right) \\
 &= A_B^* \left(A_B (A_B)_l^- \right)^* \\
 &= A_B^* A_B (A_B)_l^-
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence , $A_B^* A_B (A_B)_l^- = A_B^*$.

Proof of (ii) \Rightarrow (iii)

From (ii), $A_B^* A_B (A_B)_l^- = A_B^*$

Premultiply by $A_B (A_B^* A_B)^-$ on both sides

$$\begin{aligned}
 A_B (A_B^* A_B)^- A_B^* &= A_B (A_B^* A_B)^- A_B^* A_B (A_B)_l^- \\
 &= (A_1 \cup A_2) \left((A_1^* \cup A_2^*) (A_1 \cup A_2) \right)^- (A_1^* \cup A_2^*) (A_1 \cup A_2) \left((A_1)_l^- \cup (A_2)_l^- \right) \\
 &= (A_1 \cup A_2) (A_1 \cup A_2)^- (A_1^* \cup A_2^*)^- (A_1^* \cup A_2^*) (A_1 \cup A_2) \left((A_1)_l^- \cup (A_2)_l^- \right) \\
 &= (A_1 \cup A_2) (A_1^- \cup A_2^-) \left((A_1^*)^- \cup (A_2^*)^- \right) (A_1^* \cup A_2^*) (A_1 \cup A_2) \left((A_1)_l^- \cup (A_2)_l^- \right) \\
 &= \left(A_1 A_1^- (A_1^*)^- A_1^* A_1 (A_1)_l^- \right) \cup \left(A_2 A_2^- (A_2^*)^- A_2^* A_2 (A_2)_l^- \right) \\
 &= \left(A_1 A_1^- (A_1^-)^* A_1^* A_1 (A_1)_l^- \right) \left(A_2 A_2^- (A_2^-)^* A_2^* A_2 (A_2)_l^- \right) \quad (\text{by (i) theorem 2.2}) \\
 &= (A_1 \cup A_2) (A_1^- \cup A_2^-) \left((A_1^-)^* \cup (A_2^-)^* \right) (A_1^* \cup A_2^*) (A_1 \cup A_2) \left((A_1)_l^- \cup (A_2)_l^- \right) \\
 &= A_B A_B^- (A_B^-)^* A_B^* A_B (A_B)_l^- \\
 &= A_B A_B^- (A_B A_B^-)^* A_B (A_B)_l^- \\
 &= A_B A_B^- (A_B A_B^- A_B) (A_B)_l^- \quad (\text{by definition 4.1}) \\
 &= (A_B A_B^- A_B) (A_B)_l^- \quad (\text{by definition 4.1}) \\
 &= A_B (A_B)_l^- \quad (\text{by definition 4.1})
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, $A_B (A_B)_l^- = A_B (A_B^* A_B)^- A_B^*$.

Proof of (iii) \Rightarrow (i)

From (iii) of theorem (2.2),

$$\begin{aligned}
 A_B (A_B^* A_B)^- A_B^* &= \left(A_B (A_B^* A_B)^- A_B^* \right)^* \\
 A_B (A_B)_l^- &= \left((A_1 \cup A_2) \left((A_1^* \cup A_2^*) (A_1 \cup A_2) \right)^- (A_1^* \cup A_2^*) \right)^* \quad (\text{by (iii)}) \\
 &= \left[(A_1 \cup A_2) (A_1 \cup A_2)^- (A_1^* \cup A_2^*)^- (A_1^* \cup A_2^*) \right]^* \\
 &= \left[(A_1 \cup A_2) (A_1^- \cup A_2^-) \left((A_1^*)^- \cup (A_2^*)^- \right) (A_1^* \cup A_2^*) \right]^* \\
 &= \left[\left(A_1 A_1^- (A_1^*)^- A_1^* \right) \cup \left(A_2 A_2^- (A_2^*)^- A_2^* \right) \right]^* \\
 &= \left(A_1 A_1^- (A_1^*)^- A_1^* \right)^* \cup \left(A_2 A_2^- (A_2^*)^- A_2^* \right)^*
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \left(A_1 \left((A_1^*)^- \right)^* (A_1^-)^* A_1^* \right) \cup \left(A_2 \left((A_2^*)^- \right)^* (A_2^-)^* A_2^* \right) \\
 &= \left(A_1 \left((A_1^-)^* \right)^* (A_1^-)^* A_1^* \right) \cup \left(A_2 \left((A_2^-)^* \right)^* (A_2^-)^* A_2^* \right) \\
 &= \left(A_1 A_1^- (A_1^-)^* A_1^* \right) \cup \left(A_2 A_2^- (A_2^-)^* A_2^* \right) \\
 &= (A_1 \cup A_2) (A_1^- \cup A_2^-) \left((A_1^-)^* \cup (A_2^-)^* \right) (A_1^* \cup A_2^*) \\
 &= A_B A_B^- (A_B^-)^* A_B^* \\
 &= A_B A_B^- (A_B A_B^-)^* \\
 &= (A_B A_B^- A_B) A_B^- \tag{by definition 4.1}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$A_B (A_B)_l^- = A_B A_B^- \tag{by definition 4.1}$$

Postmultiply by A_B on both sides

$$A_B (A_B)_l^- A_B = A_B A_B^- A_B$$

$$A_B (A_B)_l^- A_B = A_B \tag{by definition 4.1}$$

$$\text{Hence, } A_B (A_B)_l^- A_B = A_B.$$

Also, from (ii) of theorem (2.4),

$$A_B = A_B (A_B^* A_B)^- A_B^* A_B$$

$$A_B^* = \left(A_B (A_B^* A_B)^- A_B^* A_B \right)^*$$

$$= \left[(A_1 \cup A_2) \left((A_1^* \cup A_2^*) (A_1 \cup A_2) \right)^- (A_1^* \cup A_2^*) (A_1 \cup A_2) \right]^*$$

$$= \left[(A_1 \cup A_2) (A_1 \cup A_2)^- (A_1^* \cup A_2^*)^- (A_1^* \cup A_2^*) (A_1 \cup A_2) \right]^*$$

$$= \left[(A_1 \cup A_2) (A_1^- \cup A_2^-) \left((A_1^-)^* \cup (A_2^-)^* \right) (A_1^* \cup A_2^*) (A_1 \cup A_2) \right]^*$$

$$= \left[\left(A_1 A_1^- (A_1^-)^* A_1^* A_1 \right)^* \cup \left(A_2 A_2^- (A_2^-)^* A_2^* A_2 \right)^* \right]$$

$$= \left(A_1^* A_1 (A_1^-)^* \right)^* (A_1^-)^* A_1^* \cup \left(A_2^* A_2 (A_2^-)^* \right)^* (A_2^-)^* A_2^*$$

$$= \left(A_1^* A_1 A_1^- (A_1^-)^* A_1^* \right)^* \cup \left(A_2^* A_2 A_2^- (A_2^-)^* A_2^* \right)^*$$

$$= \left(A_1^* A_1 (A_1^-)^* A_1^* \right)^* \cup \left(A_2^* A_2 A_2^- (A_2^-)^* A_2^* \right)^*$$

$$= \left(A_1^* A_1 (A_1^* A_1)^- A_1^* \right)^* \cup \left(A_2^* A_2 (A_2^* A_2)^- A_2^* \right)^*$$

$$= (A_1^* \cup A_2^*) \left[(A_1 \cup A_2) \left((A_1^* A_1)^- \cup (A_2^* A_2)^- \right) (A_1^* \cup A_2^*) \right]^*$$

$$= (A_1^* \cup A_2^*) \left[A_B (A_B^* A_B)^- A_B^* \right]$$

$$A_B^* = A_B^* A_B (A_B)_l^- \tag{by (iii)}$$

$$(A_B^*)^* = (A_B^* A_B (A_B)_l^-)^*$$

$$(A_1^* \cup A_2^*)^* = ((A_1^* \cup A_2^*)(A_1 \cup A_2)(A_1 \cup A_2)_l^-)^*$$

$$A_1 \cup A_2 = \left[(A_1^* \cup A_2^*)(A_1 \cup A_2) \left((A_1)_l^- \cup (A_2)_l^- \right) \right]^*$$

$$A_B = \left[(A_1^* A_1 (A_1)_l^-) \cup (A_2^* A_2 (A_2)_l^-) \right]^*$$

$$= (A_1^* A_1 (A_1)_l^-)^* \cup (A_2^* A_2 (A_2)_l^-)^*$$

$$= \left((A_1)_l^- \right)^* A_1^* A_1 \cup \left((A_2)_l^- \right)^* A_2^* A_2$$

$$= \left(\left((A_1)_l^- \right)^* \cup \left((A_2)_l^- \right)^* \right) (A_1^* \cup A_2^*)(A_1 \cup A_2)$$

$$A_B = \left((A_B)_l^- \right)^* A_B^* A_B$$

Postmultiply by $(A_B^* A_B)^- A_B^*$ on both sides

$$A_B (A_B^* A_B)^- A_B^* = \left((A_B)_l^- \right)^* A_B^* \left[A_B (A_B^* A_B)^- A_B^* \right]$$

$$A_B (A_B)_l^- = \left((A_B)_l^- \right)^* A_B^* A_B (A_B)_l^- \tag{by (iii)}$$

$$= \left((A_B)_l^- \right)^* A_B^* \tag{by (ii)}$$

$$= (A_B (A_B)_l^-)^*$$

Hence, $(A_B (A_B)_l^-)^* = A_B (A_B)_l^-$.

Theorem: 4.3

Let A_B be a bimatrix, then the following relations hold for a least square generalized inverse $(A_B)_l^-$ of A_B :

(i) $(\lambda A_B)_l^- = \lambda^{-1} (A_B)_l^-$ where λ is a non zero scalar.

(ii) One choice of $(U_B A_B V_B)_l^- = V_B^* (A_B)_l^- U_B^*$ where U_B and V_B are unitary bimatrices.

Proof of (i)

$$\text{Now } (\lambda A_B)_l^- = \left[\lambda (A_1 \cup A_2) \right]_l^-$$

$$= \left[(\lambda A_1 \cup \lambda A_2) \right]_l^-$$

$$= (\lambda A_1)_l^- \cup (\lambda A_2)_l^-$$

$$= \lambda^{-1} (A_1)_l^- \cup \lambda^{-1} (A_2)_l^-$$

$$= \lambda^{-1} \left((A_1)_l^- \cup (A_2)_l^- \right)$$

$$= \lambda^{-1} (A_B)_l^-$$

Hence, $(\lambda A_B)_l^- = \lambda^{-1} (A_B)_l^-$.

Proof of (ii)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Now } (U_B A_B V_B)_l^- &= ((U_1 \cup U_2)(A_1 \cup A_2)(V_1 \cup V_2))_l^- \\
 &= ((U_1 A_1 V_1) \cup (U_2 A_2 V_2))_l^- \\
 &= (U_1 A_1 V_1)_l^- \cup (U_2 A_2 V_2)_l^- \\
 &= ((V_1)_l^- (A_1)_l^- (U_1)_l^-) \cup ((V_2)_l^- (A_2)_l^- (U_2)_l^-) \\
 &= ((V_1^* V_1)_l^- V_1^* (A_1)_l^- (U_1^* U_1)_l^- U_1^*) \cup ((V_2^* V_2)_l^- V_2^* (A_2)_l^- (U_2^* U_2)_l^- U_2^*) \\
 &\hspace{15em} \left(\text{since } (A_B)_l^- = (A_B^* A_B)_l^- A_B^* \right) \\
 &= ((I_1)_l^- V_1^* (A_1)_l^- (I_1)_l^- U_1^*) \cup ((I_2)_l^- V_2^* (A_2)_l^- (I_2)_l^- U_2^*) \\
 &\hspace{10em} \left(\text{since } U_1, U_2, V_1 \text{ and } V_2 \text{ are unitary bimatrices} \right) \\
 &= (V_1^* (A_1)_l^- U_1^*) \cup (V_2^* (A_2)_l^- U_2^*) \\
 &= (V_1^* \cup V_2^*) \left((A_1)_l^- \cup (A_2)_l^- \right) (U_1^* \cup U_2^*) \\
 &= V_B^* (A_B)_l^- U_B^*
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, $(U_B A_B V_B)_l^- = V_B^* (A_B)_l^- U_B^*$.

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