



Weighted MP weak group inverse

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Abstract

To extend the notion of the MP weak group inverse for square matrices, we introduce the concept of the weighted MP weak group inverse for rectangular matrices. A number of different representations and characterizations are derived for the weighted MP weak group inverse as well as limit and integral expressions. Applying the weighted MP weak group inverse, we solve some linear equations and give their solutions.

1 Introduction

According to known labels, $\text{rank}(A)$, A^* , $\mathcal{R}(A)$ and $\mathcal{N}(A)$, respectively, denotes the rank, conjugate-transpose, range (column space) and null space of $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$, where $\mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$ represents the set of $m \times n$ complex matrices. The index of $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ will be denoted by $\text{ind}(A)$, the orthogonal projector onto a subspace T by P_T , and a projector onto subspace T along subspace U by $P_{T,U}$.

Outer inverses present a broad class which involves a number of significant generalized inverses. For $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$ of rank t and the subspaces U and V of \mathbb{C}^n and \mathbb{C}^m of dimensions $s \leq t$ and $m - s$, respectively, $X \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times m}$ satisfying equalities

$$XAX = X, \quad \mathcal{R}(X) = U, \quad \mathcal{N}(X) = V,$$

is the unique $\{2\}$ -inverse (or outer inverse) of A with the range U and null space V (denoted by $A_{U,V}^{(2)}$) [2]. Especially, for $U = \mathcal{R}(A^*)$ and $V = \mathcal{N}(A^*)$,

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$X = A_{\mathcal{R}(A^*), \mathcal{N}(A^*)}^{(2)}$ reduces to the Moore-Penrose inverse of A (marked with A^\dagger), for which

$$AXA = A, \quad XAX = X, \quad (XA)^* = XA, \quad (AX)^* = AX.$$

When $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ and $k = \text{ind}(A)$, $X = A_{\mathcal{R}(A^k), \mathcal{N}(A^k)}^{(2)} \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ is the Drazin inverse of A (marked with A^D) and satisfies

$$XAX = X, \quad AX = XA, \quad A^{k+1}X = A^k.$$

For $k = 1$, $A^\# = A^D$ is the group inverse of A .

As an extension of the Drazin inverse for square matrices, the weighted Drazin inverse was presented for rectangular matrices. The fact that $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$, $W \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times m} \setminus \{0\}$ and $k = \max\{\text{ind}(AW), \text{ind}(WA)\}$ will be marked by $\{A, W\} \in \mathbb{C}^{m, n, k}$. For $\{A, W\} \in \mathbb{C}^{m, n, k}$, the W -weighted Drazin inverse of A is presented by

$$A^{D, W} = (WAW)_{\mathcal{R}(A(WA)^k), \mathcal{N}(A(WA)^k)}^{(2)} = A[(WA)^D]^2.$$

Specifically, when $m = n$ and $W = I$, $A^{D, W}$ becomes the Drazin inverse A^D .

The core-EP inverse was presented in [29] for a square matrix, and extended to the weighted core-EP inverse for a rectangular matrix in [7]. For $\{A, W\} \in \mathbb{C}^{m, n, k}$, the W -weighted core-EP inverse of A is the unique matrix $X \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$ (denoted by $A^{\oplus, W}$) such that

$$WAWX = P_{R((WA)^k)} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{R}(X) \subseteq \mathcal{R}((AW)^k).$$

Let us recall, by [23], that

$$A^{\oplus, W} = A[(WA)^{\oplus}]^2.$$

In particular, if $m = n$ and $W = I$, $A^{\oplus} = A^{\oplus, W}$ is the core-EP inverse of A . Some interesting properties of the (W -weighted) core-EP inverse were developed in [3, 5, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 19, 21, 22, 24, 31, 35, 43].

The weak group (or WG) inverse for square matrices was given in [36] to extend the notion of the group inverse. The concept of WG inverse was generalized to rectangular matrices in [8]. For $\{A, W\} \in \mathbb{C}^{m, n, k}$, the W -weighted weak group inverse of A is expressed by

$$A^{\otimes, W} = (A^{\oplus, W}W)^2A.$$

Especially, when $m = n$ and $W = I$, $A^{\otimes, W}$ reduces to the WG inverse $A^{\otimes} = (A^{\oplus})^2A$. More results about the (weighted) weak group inverse were derived in [17, 27, 28, 37, 39, 40, 41].

Utilizing the WG inverse and MP inverse, the weak core (WC) inverse and its dual were defined in [6] for complex square matrices. The weighted weak core inverse and its dual for bounded linear operators between two Hilbert spaces were presented in [25] as extensions of the weak core inverse and its dual for a complex square matrix. We give the definitions for weighted weak core inverse and its dual for complex rectangular matrices. Let $\{A, W\} \in \mathbb{C}^{m,n,k}$. The W -weighted weak core (or W -WWC) inverse of A is introduced by

$$A^{\otimes, W, \dagger} = WA^{\otimes, W}WAA^{\dagger}.$$

The dual W -weighted weak core (or dual W -WWC) inverse of A is given by

$$A^{\dagger, \otimes, W} = A^{\dagger}AWA^{\otimes, W}W.$$

For $m = n$ and $W = I$ in the definition of the W -WWC and dual W -WWC inverses, respectively, $A^{\otimes, \dagger} = A^{\otimes}AA^{\dagger}$ is the weak core inverse and $A^{\dagger, \otimes} = A^{\dagger}AA^{\otimes}$ is the dual weak core inverse of A . For more information about the weak core inverse see [6, 9, 26, 42].

A new generalized inverse was recently defined in [34] based on the MP and WG inverses. The MP weak group inverse (or MPWG) of $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ represented in [34] by

$$A^{\dagger, WG} = A^{\dagger}A^{\otimes}A, \quad (1)$$

is a unique solution of the system

$$X = XAX, \quad AX = A^D AA^{\otimes}A, \quad XA = A^{\dagger}A^{\otimes}A^2.$$

In order to extend the notion of the MPWG for square complex matrices to rectangular complex matrices, we define the weighted MPWG inverse. We propose a new and wider class of generalized inverses. Also, we generalize the recent results for the MPWG inverse and present some new results for the MPWG inverse. The main research directions of this paper follow.

- (1) A number of representations for weighted MPWG inverse are developed.
- (2) Necessary and sufficient conditions are proved for a given matrix to be the weighted MPWG inverse.
- (3) The weighted MPWG inverse for block matrices is considered.
- (4) Various limit and integral expressions are established for the weighted MPWG inverse.
- (5) Solvability of some equations is studied applying the weighted MPWG inverse.

The paper has the next organization of sections. The definition of weighted MPWG inverse is given in Section 2 as well as its various representations and characterizations. Section 3 involves results related to the weighted MPWG inverse and block matrices. Limit and integral expressions for weighted MPWG

inverse are proved in Section 4. In Section 5, we apply the weighted MPWG inverse to solve some linear equations and present their solutions.

2 Representations of weighted MPWG inverse

To generalize the notion of the MPWG inverse for complex square matrices presented in [34], we define the weighted MPWG inverse for rectangular matrices.

Theorem 2.1. *For $W \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times m} \setminus \{0\}$ and $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$, the system of matrix equations*

$$AX = A^{\oplus, W} WAW \quad \text{and} \quad X = A^\dagger AX \quad (2)$$

has the unique solution expressed by $X = A^\dagger A^{\oplus, W} WAW$.

Proof. By [24, Theorem 2.3], $A^{\oplus, W} = AW A^{D, W} W A^{\oplus, W}$. Since

$$A^{\oplus, W} = (A^{\oplus, W} W)^2 A = AW A^{D, W} W (A^{\oplus, W} W)^2 A = AW A^{D, W} W A^{\oplus, W},$$

$X = A^\dagger A^{\oplus, W} WAW$ satisfies (2):

$$\begin{aligned} AX &= AA^\dagger A^{\oplus, W} WAW = AA^\dagger AW A^{D, W} W A^{\oplus, W} WAW \\ &= AW A^{D, W} W A^{\oplus, W} WAW = A^{\oplus, W} WAW \end{aligned}$$

and

$$A^\dagger AX = A^\dagger AA^\dagger A^{\oplus, W} WAW = A^\dagger A^{\oplus, W} WAW = X.$$

If X is a solution to (2), then

$$X = A^\dagger AX = A^\dagger A^{\oplus, W} WAW.$$

Hence, $X = A^\dagger A^{\oplus, W} WAW$ presents the unique solution of (2). \square

Definition 2.1. Let $W \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times m} \setminus \{0\}$ and $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$. The W -weighted MP weak group (or W -MPWG) inverse of A is defined as

$$A^{\dagger, WG, W} = A^\dagger A^{\oplus, W} WAW.$$

Obviously, in the case that $m = n$ and $W = I$, the W -weighted MP weak group inverse $A^{\dagger, WG, W}$ coincides with the MP weak group inverse $A^{\dagger, WG}$.

Example 2.1. *For the following complex matrices*

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad W = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

we observe that

$$(WA)^\oplus = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{3} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A^{\otimes, W} = A^{\oplus, W} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{3} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

and

$$A^\dagger = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{3} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Hence,

$$A^{\dagger, WG, W} = A^\dagger A^{\otimes, W} W A W = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{3} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Remark 2.1. Recall that $A^{\oplus, W, \dagger} = W A^{\oplus, W} W A A^\dagger$ represents the W -CEPMP inverse considered in [33]. Because $A^{\otimes, W} = (A^{\oplus, W} W)^2 A$ and $A^{\oplus, W} = A W A^{\oplus, W} W A^{\oplus, W}$ imply

$$W A W A^{\otimes, W} A^\dagger = W A W (A^{\oplus, W} W)^2 A A^\dagger = W A^{\oplus, W} W A A^\dagger = A^{\oplus, W, \dagger},$$

we can not study the expression $W A W A^{\otimes, W} A^\dagger$ as a new generalized inverse of A .

We now investigate some representations of the W -weighted MP weak group inverse. Firstly, we obtain one representation of the W -MPWG inverse of A based on the MP inverse of A and weak group inverse of WA .

Corollary 2.1. For $W \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times m} \setminus \{0\}$ and $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$, we have

$$A^{\dagger, WG, W} = A^\dagger A [(WA)^\oplus]^2 W A W. \quad (3)$$

Proof. Using $A^{\dagger, WG, W} = A^\dagger A^{\otimes, W} W A W$ and the representation $A^{\otimes, W} = A [(WA)^\oplus]^2$ proved in [28, Theorem 2.5], we have that (3) is satisfied. \square

We present the W -MPWG inverse of A in terms of the MP inverses of A and WA .

Theorem 2.2. For $\{A, W\} \in \mathbb{C}^{m, n, k}$ with $l \geq k$, we have

$$A^{\dagger, WG, W} = A^\dagger A [(WA)^D]^3 (WA)^l [(WA)^l]^\dagger W A W A W \quad (4)$$

$$= A^\dagger A (WA)^D (WA)^\otimes W A W \quad (5)$$

$$= A^\dagger A (WA)^l [(WA)^{l+3}]^\dagger W A W A W. \quad (6)$$

Proof. By [27, Theorem 2.1], we get $(WA)^\circledast = [(WA)^D]^2(WA)^l[(WA)^l]^\dagger WA$. Applying the equality (3), we observe that

$$\begin{aligned}
A^{\dagger, WG, W} &= A^\dagger A[(WA)^\circledast]^2 WAW \\
&= A^\dagger A[(WA)^D]^2(WA)^l[(WA)^l]^\dagger WA[(WA)^D]^2(WA)^l \\
&\quad \times [(WA)^l]^\dagger WAWAW \\
&= A^\dagger A[(WA)^D]^2(WA)^l[(WA)^l]^\dagger (WA)^l(WA)^D \\
&\quad \times [(WA)^l]^\dagger WAWAW \\
&= A^\dagger A[(WA)^D]^3(WA)^l[(WA)^l]^\dagger WAWAW \\
&= A^\dagger A(WA)^D(WA)^\circledast WAW.
\end{aligned}$$

Notice that (6) follows from

$$\begin{aligned}
A^{\dagger, WG, W} &= A^\dagger A[(WA)^D]^3(WA)^l[(WA)^l]^\dagger WAWAW \\
&= A^\dagger A[(WA)^D]^3 P_{\mathcal{R}((WA)^l)} WAWAW \\
&= A^\dagger A[(WA)^D]^3 P_{\mathcal{R}((WA)^{l+3})} WAWAW \\
&= A^\dagger A[(WA)^D]^3(WA)^{l+3}[(WA)^{l+3}]^\dagger WAWAW \\
&= A^\dagger A(WA)^l[(WA)^{l+3}]^\dagger WAWAW.
\end{aligned}$$

□

As a consequence of Theorem 2.2, we give the next formula for the W -MPWG inverse which generalizes the expression $A^{\dagger, WG} = A^\dagger A^D A A^\circledast A$.

Corollary 2.2. For $W \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times m} \setminus \{0\}$ and $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$, we have

$$A^{\dagger, WG, W} = A^\dagger A^{D, W} W A W A^\circledast, W W A W.$$

Proof. This formula is clear by (5), $(WA)^D = W A^{D, W}$ and $(WA)^\circledast = W A^\circledast, W$ [28, Theorem 2.5]. □

In the case that $1 = \max\{\text{ind}(AW), \text{ind}(WA)\}$ in Theorem 2.2, we verify the next result.

Corollary 2.3. For $\{A, W\} \in \mathbb{C}^{m, n, 1}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
A^{\dagger, WG, W} &= A^\dagger A(WA)^\# W \\
&= A^\dagger A W A [(WA)^4]^\dagger W A W A W.
\end{aligned}$$

The following representations of W -MPWG inverse are verified by the relations between the W -weighted weak group inverse and W -weighted core-EP inverse.

Theorem 2.3. For $W \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times m} \setminus \{0\}$ and $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$, we have

$$A^{\dagger, WG, W} = A^{\dagger}(A^{\oplus, W}W)^2(AW)^2 \quad (7)$$

$$= A^{\dagger}A[(WA)^{\oplus}]^3W(AW)^2. \quad (8)$$

Proof. By the formula $A^{\otimes, W} = (A^{\oplus, W}W)^2A$, we obtain the expression (7). Since $A^{\oplus, W} = A[(WA)^{\oplus}]^2$ according to [23, Theorem 2.4], we have that (8) holds:

$$\begin{aligned} A^{\dagger, WG, W} &= A^{\dagger}(A^{\oplus, W}W)^2(AW)^2 = A^{\dagger}A[(WA)^{\oplus}]^2WA[(WA)^{\oplus}]^2W(AW)^2 \\ &= A^{\dagger}A[(WA)^{\oplus}]^3W(AW)^2. \end{aligned}$$

□

Some expressions of the W -MPWG inverse can be written by means of projectors.

Corollary 2.4. For $\{A, W\} \in \mathbb{C}^{m, n, k}$ with $l \geq k$, we have

$$A^{\dagger, WG, W} = A^{\dagger}P_{\mathcal{R}((AW)^k), \mathcal{N}([(WA)^k]^*W(AW)^2)} \quad (9)$$

$$= P_{\mathcal{R}(A^*)}[(WA)^D]^3P_{\mathcal{R}((WA)^l)}WAWAW \quad (10)$$

$$= P_{\mathcal{R}(A^*)}(WA)^DP_{\mathcal{R}((WA)^l), \mathcal{N}([(WA)^l]^*(WA)^2)}W. \quad (11)$$

Proof. According to [28, Theorem 2.5], we have

$$A^{\otimes, W}WAW = P_{\mathcal{R}(A^D, W), \mathcal{N}(A^{\oplus, W}W(AW)^2)} = P_{\mathcal{R}((AW)^k), \mathcal{N}([(WA)^k]^*W(AW)^2)}.$$

Now, by the definition of $A^{\dagger, WG, W}$, (9) can be obtained.

It is well-known that $A^{\dagger}A = P_{\mathcal{R}(A^*)}$, $(WA)^l[(WA)^l]^{\dagger} = P_{\mathcal{R}((WA)^l)}$ and

$$(WA)^{\otimes}WA = P_{\mathcal{R}((WA)^l), \mathcal{N}([(WA)^l]^*(WA)^2)}.$$

Applying (4) and (5), we can get (10) and (11), respectively. □

Theorem 2.4 contains equivalent conditions for a rectangular matrix to be the W -MPWG inverse.

Theorem 2.4. For $\{A, W\} \in \mathbb{C}^{m, n, k}$ and $X \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times m}$, the following statements are equivalent:

- (i) $X = A^{\dagger, WG, W}$;
- (ii) $XAX = X$, $AX = A^{\otimes, W}WAW$ and $XA = A^{\dagger}A^{\otimes, W}(WA)^2$;
- (iii) $X(AW)^k = A^{\dagger}(AW)^k$ and $XA^{\otimes, W}WAW = X$;

- (iv) $X(AW)^k = A^\dagger(AW)^k$ and $XA^{D,W}WAWA^{\otimes,W}WAW = X$;
(v) $A^\dagger AXA^{\otimes,W}WAW = X$ and $AX = A^{\otimes,W}WAW$;
(vi) $A^\dagger AXA^{\otimes,W}WAW = X$ and $AXA^{\otimes,W} = A^{\otimes,W}$;
(vii) $XA^{\otimes,W}(WA)^2X = X$, $A^{\otimes,W}(WA)^2X = A^{\otimes,W}WAW$ and $XA^{\otimes,W}(WA)^2 = A^\dagger A^{\otimes,W}(WA)^2$;
(viii) $XA^{\otimes,W}(WA)^2X = X$, $A^{\otimes,W}(WA)^2XA^{\otimes,W}(WA)^2 = A^{\otimes,W}(WA)^2$, $A^{\otimes,W}(WA)^2X = A^{\otimes,W}WAW$ and $XA^{\otimes,W}(WA)^2 = A^\dagger A^{\otimes,W}(WA)^2$.

Proof. (i) \Rightarrow (ii): From $X = A^\dagger A^{G,W} = A^\dagger A^{\otimes,W}WAW$ and (2), we get $XA = A^\dagger A^{\otimes,W}WAWA$ and $AX = A^{\otimes,W}WAW$. Also,

$$\begin{aligned} XAX &= XA^{\otimes,W}WAW = A^\dagger(A^{\otimes,W}WAWA^{\otimes,W})WAW \\ &= A^\dagger A^{\otimes,W}WAW = X. \end{aligned}$$

(ii) \Rightarrow (iii): The assumptions $XAX = X$ and $AX = A^{\otimes,W}WAW$ give $X = X(AX) = XA^{\otimes,W}WAW$. Using [24, Theorem 2.3], $A^{\oplus,W}WA(WA)^D = A^{D,W}$ which implies

$$A^{\oplus,W}WAW(AW)^D = A^{\oplus,W}WA(WA)^DW = A^{D,W}W = (AW)^D$$

and so $A^{\oplus,W}W(AW)^{k+1} = A^{\oplus,W}WAW(AW)^D(AW)^{k+1} = (AW)^D(AW)^{k+1} = (AW)^k$. From $XA = A^\dagger A^{\otimes,W}(WA)^2$ and

$$A^{\otimes,W}W(AW)^{k+1} = (A^{\oplus,W}W)^2AW(AW)^{k+1} = A^{\oplus,W}W(AW)^{k+1} = (AW)^k,$$

we show that

$$\begin{aligned} X(AW)^k &= (XA)W(AW)^{k-1} = A^\dagger A^{\otimes,W}(WA)^2W(AW)^{k-1} \\ &= A^\dagger A^{\otimes,W}W(AW)^{k+1} = A^\dagger(AW)^k. \end{aligned}$$

(iii) \Rightarrow (iv): It is evident by

$$A^{\otimes,W} = (A^{\oplus,W}W)^2A = A^{D,W}WAW(A^{\oplus,W}W)^2A = A^{D,W}WAWA^{\otimes,W}.$$

(iv) \Rightarrow (i): Because $X(AW)^k = A^\dagger(AW)^k$ and $XA^{D,W}WAWA^{\otimes,W}WAW = X$, we check that

$$\begin{aligned} X &= XA^{D,W}WAWA^{\otimes,W}WAW = X(AW)^k(A^{D,W}W)^kA^{\otimes,W}WAW \\ &= A^\dagger(AW)^k(A^{D,W}W)^kA^{\otimes,W}WAW = A^\dagger(AWA^{D,W}WA^{\otimes,W})WAW \\ &= A^\dagger A^{\otimes,W}WAW. \end{aligned}$$

- (i) \Rightarrow (v): This implication follows by (i) \Leftrightarrow (iii) and Theorem 2.1.
(v) \Rightarrow (vi): It is obvious by $A^{\otimes, W} W A W A^{\otimes, W} = A^{\otimes, W}$.
(vi) \Rightarrow (i): Notice that $X = A^\dagger (A X A^{\otimes, W}) W A W = A^\dagger A^{\otimes, W} W A W = A^{\dagger, WG, W}$.

Similarly, we verify the rest. \square

Recall that $X \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times m}$ satisfying $A X A = A$, is an $\{1\}$ -inverse (or inner inverse) of $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$. Denote by $A_{U, V}^{(1, 2)}$ the outer inverse $A_{U, V}^{(2)}$ of A for which $A A_{U, V}^{(2)} A = A$ holds.

By Theorem 2.4, we observe that $A^{\dagger, WG, W}$ is an outer inverse of A and both outer and inner inverse of $A^{\otimes, W} (W A)^2$. We determine the ranges and null spaces of $A^{\dagger, WG, W}$ and projectors involving $A^{\dagger, WG, W}$.

Theorem 2.5. *For $\{A, W\} \in \mathbb{C}^{m, n, k}$ and $X \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times m}$, the following statements hold:*

- (i) $AA^{\dagger, WG, W} = P_{\mathcal{R}((AW)^k), \mathcal{N}([(WA)^k]^*(WA)^2W)}$;
(ii) $A^{\dagger, WG, W}A = P_{\mathcal{R}(A^\dagger(AW)^k), \mathcal{N}([(WA)^k]^*(WA)^3)}$;
(iii) $A^{\dagger, WG, W} = A_{\mathcal{R}(A^\dagger(AW)^k), \mathcal{N}([(WA)^k]^*(WA)^2W)}^{(2)}$;
(iv) $A^{\dagger, WG, W} = (A^{\otimes, W} (W A)^2)_{\mathcal{R}(A^\dagger(AW)^k), \mathcal{N}([(WA)^k]^*(WA)^2W)}^{(1, 2)}$.

Proof. (i) Using Theorem 2.4, notice that $A^{\dagger, WG, W} = A^{\dagger, WG, W} A A^{\dagger, WG, W}$ and so $AA^{\dagger, WG, W}$ is a projector. By Theorem 2.1 and the equality (4),

$$AA^{\dagger, WG, W} = A^{\otimes, W} W A W = A[(W A)^D]^3 (W A)^k [(W A)^k]^\dagger (W A)^2 W.$$

According to [28, Lemma 2.2], $\mathcal{R}(AA^{\dagger, WG, W}) = \mathcal{R}(A^{\otimes, W} W A W) = \mathcal{R}(A^{D, W}) = \mathcal{R}((AW)^k)$. It is clear that $\mathcal{N}([(WA)^k]^\dagger (WA)^2 W) = \mathcal{N}([(WA)^k]^* (WA)^2 W) \subseteq \mathcal{N}(AA^{\dagger, WG, W})$. Now, by

$$\begin{aligned} [(WA)^k]^* (WA)^2 W &= [(WA)^k]^* (WA)^k [(WA)^k]^\dagger (WA)^2 W \\ &= [(WA)^k]^* (WA)^2 W A [(WA)^D]^3 (WA)^k \\ &\times [(WA)^k]^\dagger (WA)^2 W \\ &= [(WA)^k]^* (WA)^2 W A A^{\dagger, WG, W}, \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

we see that $\mathcal{N}(AA^{\dagger, WG, W}) \subseteq \mathcal{N}([(WA)^k]^* (WA)^2 W)$. Hence, $\mathcal{N}(AA^{\dagger, WG, W}) = \mathcal{N}([(WA)^k]^* (WA)^2 W)$.

(ii) Theorem 2.4 gives that $A^{\dagger, WG, W}A$ is a projector. Because

$$A^{\dagger, WG, W}A = A^\dagger A[(W A)^D]^3 (W A)^k [(W A)^k]^\dagger (W A)^3,$$

$\mathcal{R}(A^{\dagger, WG, WA}) \subseteq \mathcal{R}(A^{\dagger}A(WA)^k)$ and $\mathcal{N}([(WA)^k]^*(WA)^3) \subseteq \mathcal{N}(A^{\dagger, WG, WA})$.
From

$$\begin{aligned} A^{\dagger}A(WA)^k &= A^{\dagger}A[(WA)^D]^3(WA)^{k+3} \\ &= A^{\dagger}A[(WA)^D]^3(WA)^k[(WA)^k]^{\dagger}(WA)^3(WA)^k \\ &= A^{\dagger, WG, WA}(WA)^k, \end{aligned}$$

we deduce that $\mathcal{R}(A^{\dagger, WG, WA}) = \mathcal{R}(A^{\dagger}A(WA)^k) = \mathcal{R}(A^{\dagger}(AW)^k)$. Applying the equality (12), we get $[(WA)^k]^*(WA)^3 = [(WA)^k]^*(WA)^2WAA^{\dagger, WG, WA}$ and $\mathcal{N}(A^{\dagger, WG, WA}) = \mathcal{N}([(WA)^k]^*(WA)^3)$.

(iii) Using parts (i) and (ii), it follows that $\mathcal{R}(A^{\dagger, WG, W}) = \mathcal{R}(A^{\dagger, WG, WA}) = \mathcal{R}(A^{\dagger}(AW)^k)$ and $\mathcal{N}(A^{\dagger, WG, W}) = \mathcal{N}(AA^{\dagger, WG, W}) = \mathcal{N}([(WA)^k]^*(WA)^2W)$.

(iv) It is clear by Theorem 2.4 and part (iii). \square

Consequently, for $1 = \max\{\text{ind}(AW), \text{ind}(WA)\}$ in Theorem 2.5, we obtain the following result.

Corollary 2.5. *For $\{A, W\} \in \mathbb{C}^{m, n, 1}$, we have*

- (i) $AA^{\dagger, WG, W} = P_{\mathcal{R}(AW), \mathcal{N}(AW)}$;
- (ii) $A^{\dagger, WG, WA} = P_{\mathcal{R}(A^{\dagger}AW), \mathcal{N}(WA)}$;
- (iii) $A^{\dagger, WG, W} = A_{\mathcal{R}(A^{\dagger}AW), \mathcal{N}(AW)}^{(2)}$.

Proof. Since $1 = \max\{\text{ind}(AW), \text{ind}(WA)\}$, we have $\mathcal{N}([(WA)^k]^*(WA)^2W) = \mathcal{N}((WA)^2W) = \mathcal{N}(WAW) = \mathcal{N}(AW)$ and $\mathcal{N}([(WA)^k]^*(WA)^3) = \mathcal{N}((WA)^3) = \mathcal{N}(WA)$. The rest is evident by Theorem 2.5. \square

By Theorem 2.5, we establish the next representations for the W -MPWG inverse.

Corollary 2.6. *For $\{A, W\} \in \mathbb{C}^{m, n, k}$ with $1 \leq k$,*

$$A^{\dagger, WG, W} = A^{\dagger}(AW)^k \left([(WA)^k]^*(WA)^{k+2}W \right)^{\dagger} [(WA)^k]^*(WA)^2W.$$

Proof. Utilizing $A^{\dagger, WG, W} = A_{\mathcal{R}(A^{\dagger}(AW)^k), \mathcal{N}([(WA)^k]^*(WA)^2W)}^{(2)}$ and the Urquhart formula [2], we get

$$\begin{aligned} A^{\dagger, WG, W} &= A^{\dagger}(AW)^k \left([(WA)^k]^*(WA)^2WAA^{\dagger}(AW)^k \right)^{\dagger} [(WA)^k]^*(WA)^2W \\ &= A^{\dagger}(AW)^k \left([(WA)^k]^*(WA)^{k+2}W \right)^{\dagger} [(WA)^k]^*(WA)^2W. \end{aligned}$$

\square

Corollary 2.7. For $\{A, W\} \in \mathbb{C}^{m,n,k}$,

$$A^{\dagger, WG, W} = A_{\mathcal{R}(A^{\dagger}(AW)^k A[(WA)^k]^*(WA)^2W), \mathcal{N}(A^{\dagger}(AW)^k A[(WA)^k]^*(WA)^2W)}^{(2)}.$$

Proof. Since $\mathcal{R}(A^{\dagger}(AW)^k A[(WA)^k]^*(WA)^2W) \subseteq \mathcal{R}(A^{\dagger}(AW)^k)$ and

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{R}(A^{\dagger}(AW)^k) &= \mathcal{R}(A^{\dagger}(AW)^{k+1}(AW)^D) \subseteq \mathcal{R}(A^{\dagger}A(WA)^k) \\ &= \mathcal{R}(A^{\dagger}A(WA)^k[(WA)^k]^*([(WA)^k]^{\dagger})^*) \\ &= \mathcal{R}(A^{\dagger}A(WA)^k[(WA)^k]^*(WA)^k[(WA)^k]^{\dagger}([(WA)^k]^{\dagger})^*) \\ &\subseteq \mathcal{R}(A^{\dagger}A(WA)^k[(WA)^k]^*(WA)^{k+3}[(WA)^D]^3) \\ &\subseteq \mathcal{R}(A^{\dagger}(AW)^k A[(WA)^k]^*(WA)^2W), \end{aligned}$$

we deduce that $\mathcal{R}(A^{\dagger}(AW)^k) = \mathcal{R}(A^{\dagger}(AW)^k A[(WA)^k]^*(WA)^2W)$. From $\mathcal{N}([(WA)^k]^*(WA)^2W) \subseteq \mathcal{N}(A^{\dagger}(AW)^k A[(WA)^k]^*(WA)^2W)$ and

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{N}([(WA)^k]^*(WA)^2W) &= \mathcal{N}([(WA)^k]^{\dagger}(WA)^k[(WA)^k]^*(WA)^2W) \\ &\supseteq \mathcal{N}((WA)^k[(WA)^k]^*(WA)^2W) \\ &= \mathcal{N}((WA)^DWA(WA)^k[(WA)^k]^*(WA)^2W) \\ &\supseteq \mathcal{N}((AW)^k A[(WA)^k]^*(WA)^2W) \\ &= \mathcal{N}(AA^{\dagger}(AW)^k A[(WA)^k]^*(WA)^2W) \\ &\supseteq \mathcal{N}(A^{\dagger}(AW)^k A[(WA)^k]^*(WA)^2W), \end{aligned}$$

we get $\mathcal{N}([(WA)^k]^*(WA)^2W) = \mathcal{N}(A^{\dagger}(AW)^k A[(WA)^k]^*(WA)^2W)$. The rest is evident by $A^{\dagger, WG, W} = A_{\mathcal{R}(A^{\dagger}(AW)^k), \mathcal{N}([(WA)^k]^*(WA)^2W)}^{(2)}$. \square

The W -MPWG inverse can also be characterized by the following statements.

Theorem 2.6. For $\{A, W\} \in \mathbb{C}^{m,n,k}$ with $1 \leq k$,

(i) $A^{\dagger, WG, W}$ is the unique solution of

$$AX = P_{\mathcal{R}((AW)^k), \mathcal{N}([(WA)^k]^*(WA)^2W)} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{R}(X) \subseteq \mathcal{R}(A^*); \quad (13)$$

(ii) $A^{\dagger, WG, W}$ is the unique solution of

$$XA = P_{\mathcal{R}(A^{\dagger}(AW)^k), \mathcal{N}([(WA)^k]^*(WA)^2W)} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{R}(X^*) \subseteq \mathcal{R}((A^{\otimes, W} WAW)^*). \quad (14)$$

Proof. (i) By Theorem 2.5 and $\mathcal{R}(A^{\dagger}) = \mathcal{R}(A^*)$, we conclude that (13) holds for $X = A^{\dagger, WG, W}$.

If two matrices X and X_1 satisfy (13), then

$$A(X - X_1) = P_{\mathcal{R}((AW)^k), \mathcal{N}([(WA)^k]^*(WA)^2W)} - P_{\mathcal{R}((AW)^k), \mathcal{N}([(WA)^k]^*(WA)^2W)} = 0$$

gives $\mathcal{R}(X - X_1) \subseteq \mathcal{N}(A)$. Now $\mathcal{R}(X - X_1) \subseteq \mathcal{R}(A^*) \cap \mathcal{N}(A) = \mathcal{N}(A)^\perp \cap \mathcal{N}(A) = \{0\}$, that is, (13) posses the unique solution.

(ii) According to Theorem 2.5 and $A^\dagger, {}^{WG, W}A = A^\dagger A^{\otimes, W} W A W$, $A^\dagger, {}^{WG, W}A$ satisfies (14).

For X and X_1 such that (14) holds, we observe that $\mathcal{R}(X^* - X_1^*) \subseteq \mathcal{R}((A^{\otimes, W} W A W)^*) \cap \mathcal{N}(A^*) \subseteq \mathcal{R}((A A^\dagger, {}^{WG, W})^*) \cap \mathcal{N}((A A^\dagger, {}^{WG, W})^*) = \{0\}$. \square

3 Properties of the W -MPWG inverse

By the corresponding decompositions of A and W given in [7], we establish an expression for W -MPWG inverse.

Lemma 3.1. *For $\{A, W\} \in \mathbb{C}^{m, n, k}$ and $\text{rank}((AW)^k) = p$, we have*

$$A = U \begin{bmatrix} A_1 & A_2 \\ 0 & A_3 \end{bmatrix} V^* \quad \text{and} \quad W = V \begin{bmatrix} W_1 & W_2 \\ 0 & W_3 \end{bmatrix} U^*, \quad (15)$$

where $U \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times m}$ and $V \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ are unitary, $A_1, W_1 \in \mathbb{C}^{p \times p}$ are invertible, $A_3 \in \mathbb{C}^{(m-p) \times (n-p)}$ and $W_3 \in \mathbb{C}^{(n-p) \times (m-p)}$ such that $A_3 W_3$ and $W_3 A_3$ are nilpotent of indices $\text{ind}(AW)$ and $\text{ind}(WA)$, respectively. Furthermore,

$$A^\dagger, {}^{WG, W}A = V \begin{bmatrix} A_1^* \Delta & A_1^* \Delta T \\ (I - A_3^\dagger A_3) A_2^* \Delta & (I - A_3^\dagger A_3) A_2^* \Delta T \end{bmatrix} U^*, \quad (16)$$

where $\Delta = (A_1 A_1^* + A_2 (I - A_3^\dagger A_3) A_2^*)^{-1}$ and

$$\begin{aligned} T &= W_1^{-1} W_2 + (A_1 W_1)^{-1} A_2 W_3 \\ &+ (W_1 A_1 W_1)^{-1} [W_2 + A_1^{-1} (A_2 + W_1^{-1} W_2 A_3) W_3] A_3 W_3. \end{aligned}$$

Proof. Recall that (15) holds by [7]. Using [8, 28] and [4], we observe that

$$A^{\otimes, W} = U \begin{bmatrix} (W_1 A_1 W_1)^{-1} & (A_1 W_1)^{-2} (A_2 + W_1^{-1} W_2 A_3) \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} V^*$$

and

$$A^\dagger = V \begin{bmatrix} A_1^* \Delta & -A_1^* \Delta A_2 A_3^\dagger \\ (I - A_3^\dagger A_3) A_2^* \Delta & A_3^\dagger - (I - A_3^\dagger A_3) A_2^* \Delta A_2 A_3^\dagger \end{bmatrix} U^*.$$

The rest is clear by the definition of W -MPWG inverse. \square

Based on projections $G = I - AA^\dagger, WG, W$ and $H = I - A^\dagger, WG, W A$, we can represent the W -MPWG inverse as follows.

Theorem 3.1. *Let $\{A, W\} \in \mathbb{C}^{m, n, k}$. For $\alpha \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$, $G = I - AA^\dagger, WG, W$ and $H = I - A^\dagger, WG, W A$, $AW \pm \alpha G$ are invertible and*

$$A^\dagger, WG, W = (I - H)W(AW \pm \alpha G)^{-1}(I - G). \quad (17)$$

Proof. Let A , W and A^\dagger, WG, W be expressed by (15) and (16). Notice that

$$\begin{aligned} I - G &= AA^\dagger, WG, W \\ &= U \begin{bmatrix} A_1 & A_2 \\ 0 & A_3 \end{bmatrix} V^* V \begin{bmatrix} A_1^* \Delta & A_1^* \Delta T \\ (I - A_3^\dagger A_3) A_2^* \Delta & (I - A_3^\dagger A_3) A_2^* \Delta T \end{bmatrix} U^* \\ &= U \begin{bmatrix} I & T \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} U^*, \end{aligned}$$

$$G = I - AA^\dagger, WG, W = U \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -T \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix} U^*$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} I - H &= A^\dagger, WG, W A \\ &= V \begin{bmatrix} A_1^* \Delta & A_1^* \Delta T \\ (I - A_3^\dagger A_3) A_2^* \Delta & (I - A_3^\dagger A_3) A_2^* \Delta T \end{bmatrix} U^* U \begin{bmatrix} A_1 & A_2 \\ 0 & A_3 \end{bmatrix} V^* \\ &= V \begin{bmatrix} A_1^* \Delta A_1 & A_1^* \Delta (A_2 + T A_3) \\ (I - A_3^\dagger A_3) A_2^* \Delta A_1 & (I - A_3^\dagger A_3) A_2^* \Delta (A_2 + T A_3) \end{bmatrix} V^*. \end{aligned}$$

Since A_1 , W_1 and $A_3 W_3 \pm \alpha I$ are invertible, we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} AW \pm \alpha G &= U \begin{bmatrix} A_1 W_1 & A_1 W_2 + A_2 W_3 \\ 0 & A_3 W_3 \end{bmatrix} U^* \pm \alpha U \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -T \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix} U^* \\ &= U \begin{bmatrix} A_1 W_1 & A_1 W_2 + A_2 W_3 \mp \alpha T \\ 0 & A_3 W_3 \pm \alpha I \end{bmatrix} U^* \end{aligned}$$

is invertible too and, for $M = -(A_1 W_1)^{-1}(A_1 W_2 + A_2 W_3 \mp \alpha T)(A_3 W_3 \pm \alpha I)^{-1}$,

$$(AW \pm \alpha G)^{-1} = U \begin{bmatrix} (A_1 W_1)^{-1} & M \\ 0 & (A_3 W_3 \pm \alpha I)^{-1} \end{bmatrix} U^*.$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} (I - H)W &= V \begin{bmatrix} A_1^* \Delta A_1 & A_1^* \Delta (A_2 + TA_3) \\ (I - A_3^\dagger A_3) A_2^* \Delta A_1 & (I - A_3^\dagger A_3) A_2^* \Delta (A_2 + TA_3) \end{bmatrix} V^* \\ &\times V \begin{bmatrix} W_1 & W_2 \\ 0 & W_3 \end{bmatrix} U^* \\ &= V \begin{bmatrix} A_1^* \Delta A_1 W_1 & * \\ (I - A_3^\dagger A_3) A_2^* \Delta A_1 W_1 & * \end{bmatrix} U^* \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} (AW \pm \alpha G)^{-1}(I - G) &= U \begin{bmatrix} (A_1 W_1)^{-1} & M \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} U^* U \begin{bmatrix} I & T \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} U^* \\ &= U \begin{bmatrix} (A_1 W_1)^{-1} & (A_1 W_1)^{-1} T \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} U^* \end{aligned}$$

give

$$\begin{aligned} (I - H)W(AW \pm \alpha G)^{-1}(I - G) &= \\ &= V \begin{bmatrix} A_1^* \Delta & A_1^* \Delta T \\ (I - A_3^\dagger A_3) A_2^* \Delta & (I - A_3^\dagger A_3) A_2^* \Delta T \end{bmatrix} U^* \\ &= A^{\dagger, WG, W}. \end{aligned}$$

□

The W -MPWG inverse can be correlated with an bordered invertible matrix as follows.

Theorem 3.2. For $\{A, W\} \in \mathbb{C}^{m, n, k}$, let full column rank matrices M and N^* satisfy

$$\mathcal{N}([(WA)^k]^*(WA)^2W) = \mathcal{R}(M) \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{R}(A^\dagger(WA)^k) = \mathcal{N}(N).$$

Then

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} A & M \\ N & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

is nonsingular and

$$S^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} A^{\dagger, WG, W} & (I - A^{\dagger, WG, W}A)N^\dagger \\ M^\dagger(I - AA^{\dagger, WG, W}) & -M^\dagger(A - AA^{\dagger, WG, W}A)N^\dagger \end{bmatrix}. \quad (18)$$

Proof. Theorem 2.5 gives $\mathcal{R}(A^{\dagger, WG, W}) = \mathcal{R}(A^\dagger(WA)^k) = \mathcal{N}(N)$ and $\mathcal{R}(I - AA^{\dagger, WG, W}) = \mathcal{N}(A^{\dagger, WG, W}) = \mathcal{N}([(WA)^k]^*(WA)^2W) = \mathcal{R}(M) = \mathcal{N}(I - MM^\dagger)$. Therefore, $NA^{\dagger, WG, W} = 0$ and $(I - MM^\dagger)(I - AA^{\dagger, WG, W}) = 0$.

Denote by R the right hand side of (18) and $E = MM^\dagger(I - AA^{\dagger, WG, W}) = I - AA^{\dagger, WG, W}$. From

$$\begin{aligned} SR &= \begin{bmatrix} AA^{\dagger, WG, W} + E & A(I - A^{\dagger, WG, W}A)N^\dagger - EAN^\dagger \\ NA^{\dagger, WG, W} & N(I - A^{\dagger, WG, W}A)N^\dagger \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix} \\ &= I \end{aligned}$$

and analogously $RS = I$, we conclude that $S^{-1} = R$. \square

4 Integral and limit expressions for W -MPWG inverse

This section contains limit and integral formulae for the W -MPWG inverse.

Utilizing the limit representation for the MP inverse proved in [32], we develop the limit representations for the W -MPWG inverse.

Theorem 4.1. For $\{A, W\} \in \mathbb{C}^{m, n, k}$ with $l \geq k$, it follows

$$\begin{aligned} &A^{\dagger, WG, W} = \\ &= \lim_{u \rightarrow 0} A^*(AA^* + uI)^{-1} A \lim_{v \rightarrow 0} (WA)^l [(WA)^{l+3}]^* \\ &\times ((WA)^{l+3} [(WA)^{l+3}]^* + vI)^{-1} (WA)^2 W \\ &= \lim_{v \rightarrow 0} P_{\mathcal{R}(A^*)} (WA)^l [(WA)^{l+3}]^* ((WA)^{l+3} [(WA)^{l+3}]^* + vI)^{-1} (WA)^2 W \\ &= \lim_{u \rightarrow 0} (A^*A + uI)^{-1} A^* A \lim_{v \rightarrow 0} (WA)^l [(WA)^{l+3}]^* \\ &\times ((WA)^{l+3} [(WA)^{l+3}]^* + vI)^{-1} (WA)^2 W \\ &= \lim_{v \rightarrow 0} P_{\mathcal{R}(A^*)} (WA)^l ([(WA)^{l+3}]^* (WA)^{l+3} + vI)^{-1} [(WA)^{l+3}]^* (WA)^2 W. \end{aligned}$$

Proof. Recall that, by (6), $A^{\dagger, WG, W} = A^\dagger A(WA)^l [(WA)^{l+3}]^\dagger WAWAW$. According to [32], we have

$$A^\dagger = \lim_{u \rightarrow 0} A^*(AA^* + uI)^{-1} = \lim_{u \rightarrow 0} (A^*A + uI)^{-1} A^* \quad (19)$$

and thus

$$\begin{aligned} [(WA)^{l+3}]^\dagger &= \lim_{v \rightarrow 0} [(WA)^{l+3}]^* ((WA)^{l+3} [(WA)^{l+3}]^* + vI)^{-1} \\ &= \lim_{v \rightarrow 0} ([(WA)^{l+3}]^* (WA)^{l+3} + vI)^{-1} [(WA)^{l+3}]^*. \end{aligned}$$

The proof can be finished now. \square

By Theorem 4.1, the following limit representations for MPWG inverse can be obtained.

Corollary 4.1. *For $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$ with $l \geq k = \text{ind}(A)$, it follows*

$$\begin{aligned} A^\dagger, WG &= \lim_{u \rightarrow 0} A^* (AA^* + uI)^{-1} A \lim_{v \rightarrow 0} A^l (A^{l+3})^* (A^{l+3} (A^{l+3})^* + vI)^{-1} A^2 \\ &= \lim_{v \rightarrow 0} P_{\mathcal{R}(A^*)} A^l (A^{l+3})^* (A^{l+3} (A^{l+3})^* + vI)^{-1} A^2 \\ &= \lim_{u \rightarrow 0} (A^* A + uI)^{-1} A^* A \lim_{v \rightarrow 0} A^l (A^{l+3})^* (A^{l+3} (A^{l+3})^* + vI)^{-1} A^2 \\ &= \lim_{v \rightarrow 0} P_{\mathcal{R}(A^*)} A^l ((A^{l+3})^* A^{l+3} + vI)^{-1} (A^{l+3})^* A^2. \end{aligned}$$

According to the limit formula for outer inverse presented in [18], the next limit representation for W -MPWG inverse follows.

Theorem 4.2. *Let $\{A, W\} \in \mathbb{C}^{m, n, k}$ with $l \geq k$. For $E \in \mathbb{C}_s^{n \times s}$, $\mathcal{R}(E) = \mathcal{R}(A^\dagger (AW)^k)$, $E_1 \in \mathbb{C}_s^{s \times n}$ and $\mathcal{N}(E_1) = \mathcal{N}([(WA)^k]^* (WA)^2 W)$, it follows*

$$\begin{aligned} A^\dagger, WG, W &= \lim_{v \rightarrow 0} E(vI + E_1 A E)^{-1} E_1 \\ &= \lim_{v \rightarrow 0} (vI + E E_1 A)^{-1} E E_1 = \lim_{v \rightarrow 0} E E_1 (vI + A E E_1)^{-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Proof. By [18, Theorem 7], we obtain

$$A^\dagger, WG, W = A_{\mathcal{R}(A^\dagger (AW)^k), \mathcal{N}([(WA)^k]^* (WA)^2 W)}^{(2)} = \lim_{u \rightarrow 0} E(uI + E_1 A E)^{-1} E_1.$$

□

We propose some integral representations for the W -MPWG inverse.

Theorem 4.3. *For $\{A, W\} \in \mathbb{C}^{m, n, k}$ with $l \geq k$, we have*

$$\begin{aligned} A^\dagger, WG, W &= \int_0^\infty A^* \exp(-AA^* v) dv \int_0^\infty A (WA)^l [(WA)^{l+3}]^* E_1 du \\ &= P_{\mathcal{R}(A^*)} \int_0^\infty (WA)^l [(WA)^{l+3}]^* E_1 du, \end{aligned}$$

where $E_1 = \exp(-(WA)^{l+3} [(WA)^{l+3}]^* u) (WA)^2 W$.

Proof. By [12]

$$A^\dagger = \int_0^\infty A^* \exp(-AA^* v) dv, \quad (20)$$

and therefore

$$[(WA)^{l+3}]^\dagger = \int_0^\infty [(WA)^{l+3}]^* \exp(-(WA)^{l+3}[(WA)^{l+3}]^* u) du.$$

The rest follows by (6). \square

Theorem 4.4. Let $\{A, W\} \in \mathbb{C}^{m,n,k}$ and $E \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ satisfying $\mathcal{R}(E) = \mathcal{R}(A^\dagger(AW)^k)$ and $\mathcal{N}(E) = \mathcal{N}([(WA)^k]^*(WA)^2W)$. Then

$$A^{\dagger, WG, W} = \int_0^\infty \exp[-E(EAE)^*EAv]E(EAE)^*E dv.$$

Proof. Since $A^{\dagger, WG, W} = A_{\mathcal{R}(A^\dagger(AW)^k), \mathcal{N}([(WA)^k]^*(WA)^2W)}^{(2)}$, the proof can be finished by [38, Theorem 2.2]. \square

Consequently, the following integral representations can be verified for the MPWG inverse.

Corollary 4.2. Let $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$ with $l \geq k = \text{ind}(A)$. (i) Then

$$\begin{aligned} A^{\dagger, WG} &= \int_0^\infty A^* \exp(-AA^*v) dv \\ &\times \int_0^\infty A^{l+1}(A^{l+3})^* \exp(-A^{l+3}(A^{l+3})^*u) A^2 du \\ &= P_{\mathcal{R}(A^*)} \int_0^\infty A^l(A^{l+3})^* \exp(-A^{l+3}(A^{l+3})^*u) A^2 du. \end{aligned}$$

(ii) For $E \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ satisfying $\mathcal{R}(E) = \mathcal{R}(A^\dagger A^k)$ and $\mathcal{N}(E) = \mathcal{N}((A^k)^*A^2)$, it follows

$$A^{\dagger, WG} = \int_0^\infty \exp[-E(EAE)^*EAv]E(EAE)^*E dv.$$

5 Applications of W -MPWG inverse

Applications of the W -MPWG inverse in solving some systems of linear equations, are investigated in this section.

In the cases when ordinary inverses of matrices do not exist, we can use generalized inverses to solve some matrix equations. Generalized inverses of matrices play an important role in theoretical and numerical methods of linear

algebra and have numerous applications in statistics, econometrics, logistics, electrical network theory, the theory of differential and difference equations. Remark that the equation (21) is a generalization of a equation which appeared in [34, Theorem 7.1].

Theorem 5.1. For $\{A, W\} \in \mathbb{C}^{m,n,k}$, the general solution of equation

$$[(WA)^{k+2}]^*(WA)^3x = [(WA)^{k+2}]^*(WA)^2Wb, \quad b \in \mathbb{C}^m, \quad (21)$$

is expressed as

$$x = A^{\dagger, WG, W}b + (I - A^{\dagger, WG, W}A)y, \quad (22)$$

for arbitrary $y \in \mathbb{C}^n$.

Proof. Let x be given by (22). Using the equality $AA^{\dagger, WG, W} = A[(WA)^D]^3(WA)^k[(WA)^k]^{\dagger}(WA)^2W$, note that

$$\begin{aligned} [(WA)^{k+2}]^*(WA)^3A^{\dagger, WG, W} &= [(WA)^{k+2}]^*(WA)^2WAA^{\dagger, WG, W} \\ &= [(WA)^{k+2}]^*(WA)^2WA[(WA)^D]^3(WA)^k \\ &\times [(WA)^k]^{\dagger}(WA)^2W \\ &= [(WA)^{k+2}]^*(WA)^k[(WA)^k]^{\dagger}(WA)^2W \\ &= [(WA)^{k+2}]^*(WA)^2W. \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} [(WA)^{k+2}]^*(WA)^3x &= [(WA)^{k+2}]^*(WA)^3A^{\dagger, WG, W}b \\ &+ [(WA)^{k+2}]^*(WA)^3(I - A^{\dagger, WG, W}A)y \\ &= [(WA)^{k+2}]^*(WA)^2Wb + [(WA)^{k+2}]^*(WA)^3y \\ &- [(WA)^{k+2}]^*(WA)^2WAy \\ &= [(WA)^{k+2}]^*(WA)^2Wb, \end{aligned}$$

i.e. (21) is satisfied for x .

When x is a solution of (21), it follows

$$\begin{aligned} A^{\dagger, WG, W}b &= A^{\dagger}A[(WA)^D]^3(WA)^k[(WA)^k]^{\dagger}(WA)^2Wb \\ &= A^{\dagger}A[(WA)^D]^3P_{\mathcal{R}((WA)^k)}(WA)^2Wb \\ &= A^{\dagger}A[(WA)^D]^3P_{\mathcal{R}((WA)^{k+2})}(WA)^2Wb \\ &= A^{\dagger}A[(WA)^D]^3(WA)^{k+2}[(WA)^{k+2}]^{\dagger}(WA)^2Wb \\ &= A^{\dagger}A[(WA)^D]^3([(WA)^{k+2}]^{\dagger})^*[(WA)^{k+2}]^*(WA)^2Wb \\ &= A^{\dagger}A[(WA)^D]^3([(WA)^{k+2}]^{\dagger})^*[(WA)^{k+2}]^*(WA)^3x \\ &= A^{\dagger, WG, W}Ax. \end{aligned}$$

So,

$$x = A^{\dagger, WG, W} b + x - A^{\dagger, WG, W} Ax = A^{\dagger, WG, W} b + (I - A^{\dagger, WG, W} A)x,$$

i.e., x is presented as in (22). \square

Clearly, the equation (21) holds if and only if

$$[(WA)^k]^*(WA)^3x = [(WA)^k]^*(WA)^2Wb$$

is satisfied.

To find appropriate approximations to inconsistent linear equation $Ax = b$, $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$, $x \in \mathbb{C}^n$ and $b \in \mathbb{C}^m$, one typical approach is to ask for, so called, generalized solutions, defined as solutions to $Bx = Bb$ with respect to an appropriate matrix $B \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times m}$ [20]. One particular choice is $B = A^*$, which leads to widely used least-squares solutions obtained as solutions to the normal equation $A^*Ax = A^*b$. When $m = n$, another important choice is $B = A^k$ with $k = \text{ind}(A)$, which leads to the so called Drazin normal equation $A^{k+1}x = A^k b$ and usage of the Drazin inverse solution $A^D b$. Our equation (21) is one more case of $Bx = Bb$.

Theorem 5.1 presents an application to solve certain class of linear equation by means of the W -MPWG inverse. It is known, by Theorem 2.4, that $A^{\dagger, WG, W}$ is an outer inverse of A with prescribed range and null space. Since outer inverses with prescribed range and null space have a remarkable significance in matrix theory (i.e. application in defining iterative methods for solving nonlinear equations, in statistics in stable approximations of ill-posed problems and in linear and nonlinear problems involving rank-deficient generalized inverses [2]), the W -MPWG inverse can provide a starting point for future research [15, 16].

As Theorem 5.1, we can verify the following for $A^{\dagger, D, W} = A^{\dagger} A^{D, W} W A W$ and $A^{\dagger} A^{\oplus, W} W A W$.

Remark 5.1. For $\{A, W\} \in \mathbb{C}^{m, n, k}$, the general solution of equation

(i) $(AW)^k Ax = (AW)^k b$, $b \in \mathbb{C}^m$ is expressed as

$$x = A^{\dagger, D, W} b + (I - A^{\dagger} A)y;$$

(ii) $[(WA)^k]^*(WA)^2x = [(WA)^k]^*WAWb$, $b \in \mathbb{C}^m$ is expressed as

$$x = A^{\dagger} A^{\oplus, W} W A W b + (I - A^{\dagger} A)y;$$

for arbitrary $y \in \mathbb{C}^n$.

Under the additional hypothesis, the solution of equation (21) can be unique.

Theorem 5.2. For $\{A, W\} \in \mathbb{C}^{m,n,k}$, $x = A^{\dagger, WG, W}b$ is the unique solution in $\mathcal{R}(A^{\dagger}(AW)^k)$ of equation (21).

Proof. Applying Theorem 5.1, $x = A^{\dagger, WG, W}b$ is a solution to (21). Since $\mathcal{R}(A^{\dagger, WG, W}) = \mathcal{R}(A^{\dagger}(AW)^k)$ by Theorem 2.5, $x = A^{\dagger, WG, W}b \in \mathcal{R}(A^{\dagger}(AW)^k)$.

If $x, x_1 \in \mathcal{R}(A^{\dagger}(AW)^k)$ are two solutions of (21), we have

$$\begin{aligned} x - x_1 &\in \mathcal{R}(A^{\dagger}(AW)^k) \cap \mathcal{N}([(WA)^{k+2}]^*(WA)^3) \\ &= \mathcal{R}(A^{\dagger, WG, W}A) \cap \mathcal{N}(A^{\dagger, WG, W}A) = \{0\}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, $x = A^{\dagger, WG, W}b$ is the uniquely determined solution in $\mathcal{R}(A^{\dagger}(AW)^k)$ of equation (21). \square

Theorem 5.3. For $\{A, W\} \in \mathbb{C}^{m,n,k}$, $x = A^{\dagger, WG, W}b$ is the unique solution of restricted equation

$$Ax = b, \quad b \in \mathcal{R}((AW)^k), \quad x \in \mathcal{R}(A^{\dagger}(AW)^k). \quad (23)$$

Proof. Because $b \in \mathcal{R}((AW)^k) = \mathcal{R}(AA^{\dagger, WG, W})$, note that $b = AA^{\dagger, WG, W}b$. Thus, $x = A^{\dagger, WG, W}b \in \mathcal{R}(A^{\dagger}(AW)^k)$ is a solution to (23).

For two solutions $x = A^{\dagger, WG, W}b, x_1 \in \mathcal{R}(A^{\dagger}(AW)^k) = \mathcal{R}(A^{\dagger, WG, W}A)$ of (23), we see that $x = A^{\dagger, WG, W}b = A^{\dagger, WG, W}Ax_1 = x_1$. \square

Recall that $x = A^{-1}b$ is unique solution of equation $Ax = b$, for the invertible matrix $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ and $b \in \mathbb{C}^n$. Substituting l -th column of A by b , we obtain a matrix $A(l \rightarrow b)$. According to [1, 30], the Cramer's rule for the solution $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)^{\top}$ of nonsingular equation $Ax = b$ is:

$$x_l = \frac{\det(A(l \rightarrow b))}{\det(A)}, \quad l = \overline{1, n}. \quad (24)$$

The Cramer's rule for finding the unique solution of (23) in $\mathcal{R}(A^{\dagger}(AW)^k)$, is provided now.

Theorem 5.4. Under assumptions of Theorem 3.2, the unique solution $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)^{\top}$ of (23) in $\mathcal{R}(A^{\dagger}(AW)^k)$ can be expressed componentwise by

$$x_l = \det \left(\begin{bmatrix} A(l \rightarrow b) & M \\ N(l \rightarrow 0) & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) / \det \left(\begin{bmatrix} A & M \\ N & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right), \quad l = \overline{1, n}.$$

Proof. Applying Theorem 5.3, $x = A^{\dagger, WG, W}b$ is the unique solution in $\mathcal{R}(A^{\dagger}(AW)^k) = \mathcal{N}(N)$ of (23). So, $Nx = 0$ and

$$\begin{bmatrix} A & M \\ N & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The components of $x = A^{\dagger, WG, W}b$ can be obtained using Theorem 3.2 and the Cramer rule (24). \square

6 Conclusion

To generalize the concept of the MPWG inverse for square matrices to rectangular matrices, we define the weighted MP weak group inverse. Thus, a new and wider class of generalized inverses is introduced. We develop a number of characterizations and representations of W -MPWG inverse. The W -MPWG inverse for block matrices is considered. We apply the W -MPWG inverse in solving some linear equations and present their solutions. In this way, we extend the results for the MPWG inverse and give some new results for the MPWG inverse.

Following increasing interest for the combination of WG and MP inverses, we expect further intervention on this topic and for next research can be considered:

1. extensions to tensor;
2. iterative methods for their approximation;
3. Recurrent neural network (RNN) models for their computation.

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