

A semigroup-theoretical approach to the study of generalized inverses

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Origins of generalized inverses

Historical notes

- ★ *E. I. Fredholm* (1903) – generalized inverses of integral operators;
- ★ *D. Hilbert* (1904) – differential operators, *A. Hurwitz* (1912), and others;
- ★ *E. H. Moore* (1920 or earlier) – generalized inverses of matrices (*general reciprocal*);
- ★ Moore's work has not attracted more attention until the 1950s;
- ★ *A. Bjerhammar* (1951) – links with solutions of linear systems;
 - *least-squares solutions (approximate)* and *minimum-norm solutions*;
- ★ *R. Penrose* (1955) – generalized inverses as solutions of algebraic equations;
 - *Moore-Penrose equations*;
 - in abstract algebraic structures – semigroups, rings, Banach algebras, C^* -algebras, etc.;

Applications

- ★ *solving matrix equations*;
- ★ *solving singular differential and difference equations*;
- ★ *the investigation of Cesaro-Neumann iterations*;
- ★ *the least squares approximation*;
- ★ *finite Markov chains, cryptography, statistics, etc.*

Moore-Penrose equations

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- ★ S – an involution semigroup;
- ★ $a \in S$ – fixed element, x – unknown taking values in S ;
- ★ *Moore-Penrose equations*:
 - (1) $axa = a$
 - (2) $xax = x$;
 - (3) $(ax)^* = ax$
 - (4) $(xa)^* = xa$
- ★ Additionally, we consider the equation
 - (5) $ax = xa$

γ -inverses

- ★ for $\gamma \subseteq \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$, by $\langle \gamma \rangle$ we denote the system consisting of the equations (i), for all $i \in \gamma$;
- ★ if $\langle \gamma \rangle$ has a solution, then a is called γ -*invertible*.
- ★ in this case, solutions of $\langle \gamma \rangle$ are called γ -*inverses* of a .

Terminology and notation

Terminology

$\{1\}$ -inverse	<i>g-inverse</i> ("generalized inverse") or <i>inner inverse</i>
$\{2\}$ -inverse	<i>outer inverse</i>
$\{1, 2\}$ -inverse	<i>reflexive g-inverse</i> or <i>Thierrin-Vagner inverse</i>
$\{1, 3\}$ -inverse	<i>last-squares g-inverse</i>
$\{1, 4\}$ -inverse	<i>minimum-norm g-inverse</i>
$\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ -inverse	<i>Moore-Penrose inverse</i> or <i>MP-inverse</i>
$\{1, 2, 5\}$ -inverse	<i>group inverse</i>

★ When exist, the Moore-Penrose inverse and the group inverse of a are *unique*.

Notation

a^\dagger	Moore-Penrose inverse of a
$a^\#$	group inverse of a
$a\gamma$	the set of all γ -inverses of a
$a\gamma_X$	the set of all γ -inverses of a contained in the set X
$S^{(1)}$	the set of all $\{1\}$ -invertible elements ($\text{Reg}(S)$)
X^\bullet	the set of all idempotents contained in the set X

Matrices with prescribed range and null-space

Range, null space, rank

- ★ $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$ – a complex matrix of type $m \times n$;
- ★ *range* or *image* of A

$$R(A) = \{y \in \mathbb{C}^m \mid Ax = y, \text{ for some } x \in \mathbb{C}^n\}$$

- ★ *null space* or *kernel* of A

$$N(A) = \{x \in \mathbb{C}^n \mid Ax = 0\}$$

- ★ $\text{rank}(A)$ – the *rank* of A (the dimension of the *column space* and the *row space* of A).

Generalized inverses with prescribed range and null space

- ★ $T \subseteq \mathbb{C}^m, S \subseteq \mathbb{C}^n$ – given subspaces, $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$;
- ★ $A_{T,S}^{(2)}$ – the $\{2\}$ -inverse of A with prescribed range T and null space S (if it exists)
- ★ $A_{T,S}^{(1,2)}$ – the $\{1,2\}$ -inverse of A with prescribed range T and null space S (if it exists)

$$A^\dagger = A_{R(A^*), N(A^*)}^{(2)} = A_{R(A^*), N(A^*)}^{(1,2)} \quad A^\# = A_{R(A), N(A)}^{(2)} = A_{R(A), N(A)}^{(1,2)}$$

- ★ A^* – the *conjugate transpose* of A

Ring-theoretical generalizations

Generalized inverses with prescribed idempotents

- ★ *D. Djordjević, Y. Wei*, Communications in Algebra 33 (2005) 3051–3060
outer inverses with prescribed idempotents ($xax = x$ and idempotents ax, xa are prescribed)
- ★ *B. Načevska, D. Djordjević*, Communications in Algebra 39 (2011) 634–646
inner inverses with prescribed idempotents ($a = axa$ and idempotents ax, xa are prescribed)

Generalized inverses with prescribed ideals

- ★ *D. Mosić, D. Djordjević, G. Kantún-Montiel*, Electronic Journal in Linear Algebra 27 (2014) 272–283
- ★ *G. Kantún-Montiel*, Linear and Multilinear Algebra 62 (2014) 1187–1196
outer inverses with prescribed kernel ideals (left and right annihilators)
outer inverses with prescribed image ideals (principal left and right ideals)

Semigroup-theoretical generalization

Semigroup of matrices $M_{\emptyset}(\mathbb{C})$

Let $M(\mathbb{C})$ be the set of *all matrices of any type* with entries in \mathbb{C} , i.e.,

$$M(\mathbb{C}) = \bigcup_{m,n \in \mathbb{N}} \mathbb{C}^{m \times n},$$

Let $M_{\emptyset}(\mathbb{C}) = M(\mathbb{C}) \cup \{\emptyset\}$, where $\emptyset \notin M(\mathbb{C})$.

For the sake of convenience, we call \emptyset the *empty matrix*.

The multiplication in $M_{\emptyset}(\mathbb{C})$ is defined using the standard procedure for converting a partial semigroup into a semigroup:

- ★ the product in $M_{\emptyset}(\mathbb{C})$ coincides with the *ordinary matrix product*, whenever it is defined;
- ★ in all other cases the product is equal to the empty matrix \emptyset .

With respect to this multiplication, $M_{\emptyset}(\mathbb{C})$ is a semigroup with the zero \emptyset .

We call $M_{\emptyset}(\mathbb{C})$ the *semigroup of matrices* with entries in \mathbb{C} .

Semigroup-theoretical generalization (cont.)

Green's equivalences in the semigroup of matrices

For any $A, B \in M(\mathbb{C})$ we have

$$A \mathcal{R} B \Leftrightarrow R(A) = R(B),$$

$$A \mathcal{L} B \Leftrightarrow N(A) = N(B),$$

$$A \mathcal{H} B \Leftrightarrow R(A) = R(B) \ \& \ N(A) = N(B),$$

$$A \mathcal{D} B \Leftrightarrow \text{rank}(A) = \text{rank}(B)$$

On the other hand,

$$D_{\emptyset} = R_{\emptyset} = L_{\emptyset} = H_{\emptyset} = \{\emptyset\}.$$

Our mission

Outer inverses belonging to prescribed Green's equivalence classes

- *M. Ćirić, P. Stanimirović, J. Ignjatović, Outer inverses in semigroups belonging to prescribed Green's equivalence classes, to appear.*

Outer inverses in the prescribed Green's \mathcal{R} -class

In the sequel, let S be a semigroup and let $a, b \in S$.

Theorem 1

An element $x \in S$ is an outer inverse of a contained in the \mathcal{R} -class R_b if and only if

$$x \in bS \quad \text{and} \quad xab = b.$$

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Theorem 3 – The inner inverse in the prescribed principal right ideal

The following statements are equivalent:

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Mary's inverse along an element (Mary, 2011)

An element $x \in S$ is an *inverse of a along d* if any of the following two equivalent conditions holds

$$(M1) \quad xad = d = dax \text{ and } x \in R(d) \cap L(d), \qquad (M2) \quad xax = x \text{ and } x \mathcal{H} d.$$

(M2) means that an inverse of a along d is exactly an *outer inverse of a in the Green's \mathcal{H} -class H_d*

Theorem – X. Mary (LAA, 2011), X. Mary, P. Patrício (LAMA, 2013)

The following statements are equivalent:

- (i) *there exists an outer inverse of a contained in the \mathcal{H} -class H_d ;*
- (ii) *ad is group invertible and $ad \in L_d$;*
- (iii) *da is group invertible and $da \in R_d$;*
- (iv) *$dad \in H_d$.*

If these statements are true, then the inverse x of a along d is represented as follows:

$$x = d(ad)^{\#} = (da)^{\#}d.$$

Another approach

From now on, let S be a semigroup and $a, b, c \in S$.

Drazin's (b, c) -inverse (Drazin, LAA, 2012)

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Theorem 5 – The outer inverse in the prescribed \mathcal{H} -class

The following two conditions for $x \in S$ are equivalent:

- (i) x is a (b, c) -inverse of a ;
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The existence of an outer inverse in the \mathcal{H} -class $R_b \cap L_c$

Theorem 6 – The existence theorem

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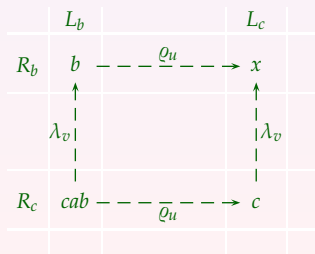
- (i) *there exists an outer inverse of a contained in the \mathcal{H} -class $R_b \cap L_c$ (i.e., a (b, c) -inverse);*
- (ii) *$cab \in R_c \cap L_b$;*
- (iii) *cab is $\{1\}$ -invertible, $cab(cab)^{(1)}c = c$ and $b(cab)^{(1)}cab = b$, for some (equiv. all) $(cab)^{(1)} \in cab\{1\}$;*
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Visualization



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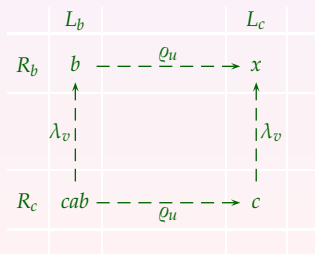
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If it exists, the outer inverse x of a contained in $R_b \cap L_c$ can be represented as

$$x = b(cab)^{(1)}c,$$

for an arbitrary $(cab)^{(1)} \in cab\{1\}$, and it can also be represented as

$$x = b(ab)^{(1)} = (ca)^{(1)}c,$$

for some $(ab)^{(1)} \in ab\{1\}$ and $(ca)^{(1)} \in ca\{1\}$.

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Outer inverses in involutive semigroups

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Outer inverses in involutive semigroups (cont.)

Theorem 14

Let S be an involutive semigroup, let $a \in S$ be an MP-invertible element, let D be the \mathcal{D} -class of S containing a and a^ .*

Let $a^ = uv$ be a trace factorization of a^* with respect to an arbitrary $e \in D^\bullet$. Then $vau \in H_e$ and*

$$a^\dagger = u(vau)^\#v.$$

Applications

Generalized inverses of complex matrices

- *P. Stanimirović, M. Ćirić, I. Stojanović, D. Gerontitis, Conditions for existence, representations and computation of matrix generalized inverses, COMPLEXITY Vol. 2017 (2017) Article ID 6429725, 27 pages.*

computation based on representations in terms of linear equations
and the well-known method for solving matrix equations of the form $AXB = D$
existence criteria – given in terms of ranks (e.g., $\text{rank}(CAB) = \text{rank}(B) = \text{rank}(C)$)

Generalized inverses of fuzzy matrices

- *M. Ćirić, J. Ignjatović, The existence of generalized inverses of fuzzy matrices, in: L. Kóczy, J. Kacprzyk, J. Medina (eds.), ESCIM 2016, STUDIES IN COMPUTATIONAL INTELLIGENCE, Springer 2017, to appear.*

computation based on our methods for solving equations and inequalities
defined by residuated functions

Generalized inverses in residuated semigroups and quantales

- *J. Ignjatović, M. Ćirić, Moore-Penrose equations in involutive residuated semigroups and involutive quantales, FILOMAT 31:2 (2017) 183–196.*

a similar methodology