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# THE ASSOCIATED SCHUR COMPLEMENTS OF $M = \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{bmatrix}$

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### Abstract

Let  $S_1 = A - BD^{\dagger}C$  and  $S_2 = D - CA^{\dagger}B$  be the associated Schur complements of  $M = \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{bmatrix}$ . In this paper, we derive necessary and sufficient conditions for  $S_1 = 0$  imply  $S_2 = 0$  by using generalized inverses of matrices and singular value decompositions.

# 1 Introduction

Let  $A \in \mathbb{C}_r^{m \times n}, B \in \mathbb{C}_s^{m \times q}, C \in \mathbb{C}_t^{p \times n}$  and  $D \in \mathbb{C}_k^{p \times q}$ . Consider the matrix

$$M = \left[ \begin{array}{cc} A & B \\ C & D \end{array} \right] \tag{1}$$

and let

$$S_1 = A - BD^{\dagger}C$$
 and  $S_2 = D - CA^{\dagger}B$  (2)

be the associated Schur complements.

In [2], the following problem was given:

**Problem 1**: Let *M* be the matrix in (1) with Schur complements (2). When does  $S_1 = 0$  imply  $S_2 = 0$ ?

In this paper, we derive necessary and sufficient conditions for  $S_1 = 0$  imply  $S_2 = 0$  by using generalized inverses of matrices and singular value decomposition.

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**Lemma 1.** Let 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X_{11} & X_{12} \\ X_{21} & X_{22} \end{bmatrix}^{\dagger} = 0$$
 with appropriate sizes, then:  
 $X_{12} = 0$  and  $X_{22} = 0$ .

**Proof.** Substituting  $\begin{bmatrix} \hat{X}_{11} & \hat{X}_{12} \\ \hat{X}_{21} & \hat{X}_{22} \end{bmatrix} := \begin{bmatrix} X_{11} & X_{12} \\ X_{21} & X_{22} \end{bmatrix}^{\dagger}$  into  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X_{11} & X_{12} \\ X_{21} & X_{22} \end{bmatrix}^{\dagger} = 0$  leads to the equivalences  $\hat{X}_{21} = 0$  and  $\hat{X}_{22} = 0$ .

Because 
$$\begin{bmatrix} X_{11} & X_{12} \\ X_{21} & X_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{X}_{11} & \hat{X}_{12} \\ \hat{X}_{21} & \hat{X}_{22} \end{bmatrix}^{\dagger} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{X}_{11} & \hat{X}_{12} \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^{\dagger}$$
, we drive  $\begin{bmatrix} X_{11} & X_{12} \\ X_{21} & X_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} X_{11} & 0 \\ X_{21} & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  
,  $X_{12} = 0$  and  $X_{22} = 0$ .  $\Box$ 

i.e.,  $X_{12} = 0$  and  $X_{22} = 0$ .

**Lemma 2.** Let A, B, C, D, M,  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  be the same as in Problem 1. Suppose  $S_1 = 0 \text{ and } S_2 = 0.$  Then

$$\left(BD^{\dagger}C\right)^{\dagger} = C^{\dagger}DB^{\dagger}.$$
(3)

**Proof.** Let the singular value decomposition (SVD)[3] of A, B, C and D be

$$U_{A}^{*}AV_{A}^{*} = \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{A} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} r \\ m-r \end{bmatrix} U_{B}^{*}BV_{B}^{*} = \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{B} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} s \\ m-s \end{bmatrix},$$

$$U_{C}^{*}CV_{C}^{*} = \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{C} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} t \\ p-t \end{bmatrix} U_{D}^{*}DV_{D}^{*} = \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{D} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} k \\ p-k \end{bmatrix},$$

$$t = n-t \qquad k = q-k \qquad (4)$$

in which  $\Sigma_A, \Sigma_B, \Sigma_C$  and  $\Sigma_D$  are positive diagonal matrices, and  $U_A, U_B, U_C, U_D$ ,  $V_A, V_B, V_C$  and  $V_D$  are unitary matrices with appropriate sizes.

Substituting (4) into  $S_1 = 0$  leads to

$$U_B^* U_A \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_A & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} V_A V_C^* = \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_B & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} V_B V_D^* \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_D^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} U_D^* U_C \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_C & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$
$$U_B^* U_A \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_A & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} V_A V_C^* = \begin{bmatrix} \widetilde{A} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \overset{s}{m-s}, \qquad (5)$$
$$t \quad n-t$$

and

$$\left(U_B^*U_A \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_A & 0\\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} V_A V_C^* \right)^{\dagger} = V_C V_A^* \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_A^{-1} & 0\\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} U_A^* U_B = \begin{bmatrix} \left(\widetilde{A}\right)^{-1} & 0\\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$
 (6)

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Substituting (4) into  $S_2 = 0$  leads to

$$U_{C}^{*}U_{D}\begin{bmatrix}\Sigma_{D} & 0\\ 0 & 0\end{bmatrix}V_{D}V_{B}^{*} = \begin{bmatrix}\Sigma_{C} & 0\\ 0 & 0\end{bmatrix}V_{C}V_{A}^{*}\begin{bmatrix}\Sigma_{A}^{-1} & 0\\ 0 & 0\end{bmatrix}U_{A}^{*}U_{B}\begin{bmatrix}\Sigma_{B} & 0\\ 0 & 0\end{bmatrix}.$$
 (7)

Then from (4)-(7),

$$C^{\dagger}DB^{\dagger}$$

$$= V_{C}^{*} \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{C}^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} U_{C}^{*} U_{D} \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{D} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} V_{D} V_{B}^{*} \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{B}^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} U_{B}^{*}$$

$$= V_{C}^{*} \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{C}^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{C} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} V_{C} V_{A}^{*} \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{A}^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} U_{A}^{*} U_{B} \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{B} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{B}^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} U_{B}^{*}$$

$$= V_{C}^{*} \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} V_{C} V_{A}^{*} \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{A}^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} U_{A}^{*} U_{B} \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} U_{B}^{*}$$

$$= V_{C}^{*} \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{A} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} U_{B}^{*}$$

$$= V_{C}^{*} V_{C} V_{A}^{*} \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{A}^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} U_{A}^{*} U_{B} U_{B}^{*}$$

$$= A^{\dagger}.$$
(8)

Applying (8) and  $S_1 = A - C^{\dagger}DB^{\dagger} = 0$  gives (3).

**Lemma 3.** [6] Let  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$ ,  $B \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times p}$  and  $C \in \mathbb{C}^{p \times q}$  be given, and let M = ABC if  $R(B) \subseteq R(A)$  and  $R(B^*) \subseteq R(C)$ , then

$$r\left(M^{\dagger} - C^{\dagger}B^{\dagger}A^{\dagger}\right) = r\left[\begin{array}{c}B\\BCC^{*}\end{array}\right] + r\left[\begin{array}{c}B&A^{*}AB\end{array}\right] - 2r\left(B\right).$$

In particular,

$$(ABC)^{\dagger} = C^{\dagger}B^{\dagger}A^{\dagger}$$

if and only if

$$R(A^*AB) \subseteq R(B)$$
 and  $R((BCC^*)^*) \subseteq R(B^*)$ .

**Lemma 4.** Let B, C and D be the same as in Problem 1. Then the equalities  $(I - CC^{\dagger}) D = 0, D (I - B^{\dagger}B) = 0$  and (3) holds if and only if

$$r\begin{bmatrix}B\\D\end{bmatrix} = r(B), r\begin{bmatrix}C&D\end{bmatrix} = r(C) \text{ and } r\begin{bmatrix}D\\DB^*B\end{bmatrix} + r\begin{bmatrix}D&CC^*D\end{bmatrix} = 2r(D)$$
(9)

**Proof.** It is well know that the equalities  $(I - CC^{\dagger}) D = 0$  and  $D(I - B^{\dagger}B) = 0$  holds if and only if

$$R(D^*) \subseteq R(B^*)$$
 and  $R(D) \subseteq R(C)$  (10)

if and only if

$$r\begin{bmatrix}B\\D\end{bmatrix} = r(B) \text{ and } r\begin{bmatrix}C&D\end{bmatrix} = r(C),$$
 (11)

and the equalities  $R\left(D^*\right) \subseteq R\left(B^{\dagger}\right)$  and  $R\left(D\right) \subseteq R\left(\left(C^{\dagger}\right)^*\right)$  holds if and only if

$$R(D^*) \subseteq R(B^*)$$
 and  $R(D) \subseteq R(C)$  (12)

and

$$0 = r \begin{bmatrix} D^{\dagger} \\ D^{\dagger}CC^{*} \end{bmatrix} + r \begin{bmatrix} D^{\dagger} & B^{*}BD^{\dagger} \end{bmatrix} - 2r (D^{\dagger})$$
$$= r \begin{bmatrix} D^{*} \\ D^{*}CC^{*} \end{bmatrix} + r \begin{bmatrix} D^{*} & B^{*}BD^{*} \end{bmatrix} - 2r (D)$$
$$= r \begin{bmatrix} D \\ DB^{*}B \end{bmatrix} + r \begin{bmatrix} D & CC^{*}D \end{bmatrix} - 2r (D).$$
(13)

Applying Lemma 3 and (10-13) to (9) gives  $(I - CC^{\dagger}) D = 0$ ,  $D(I - B^{\dagger}B) = 0$  and (3) holds if and only if

$$r \begin{bmatrix} B \\ D \end{bmatrix} = r(B), r \begin{bmatrix} C & D \end{bmatrix} = r(C) \text{ and } r \begin{bmatrix} D^{\dagger} \\ D^{\dagger}CC^{*} \end{bmatrix} + r \begin{bmatrix} D^{\dagger} & B^{*}BD^{\dagger} \end{bmatrix} = 2r(D^{\dagger})$$

holds if and only if

$$r\begin{bmatrix}B\\D\end{bmatrix} = r(B), r\begin{bmatrix}C&D\end{bmatrix} = r(C) \text{ and } r\begin{bmatrix}D\\DB^*B\end{bmatrix} + r\begin{bmatrix}D&CC^*D\end{bmatrix} = 2r(D).$$

## 2 Main Result

**Theorem 1.** Let  $A, B, C, D, M, S_1$  and  $S_2$  be the same as in Problem 1. Suppose  $S_1 = 0$ . Then the following conditions are equivalent:

- 1)  $S_2 = 0;$
- 2)  $(I CC^{\dagger}) D = 0, D (I B^{\dagger}B) = 0 \text{ and } (BD^{\dagger}C)^{\dagger} = C^{\dagger}DB^{\dagger};$ 3)  $r \begin{bmatrix} B \\ D \end{bmatrix} = r (B), r \begin{bmatrix} C & D \end{bmatrix} = r (C) \text{ and } r \begin{bmatrix} D \\ DB^{*}B \end{bmatrix} + r \begin{bmatrix} D & CC^{*}D \end{bmatrix} = 2r (D).$

**Proof.** Suppose  $S_2 = 0$ , i.e.,  $D = CA^{\dagger}B$ .

Multiply  $D = CA^{\dagger}B$  from the left-hand (right-hand) side in  $CC^{\dagger}(B^{\dagger}B)$ , then

$$CC^{\dagger}DB^{\dagger}B = CC^{\dagger}CA^{\dagger}BB^{\dagger}B$$
$$= CA^{\dagger}B$$
$$= D.$$
(14)

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Then

$$D\left(I - B^{\dagger}B\right) = 0, \tag{15}$$

and

$$\left(I - CC^{\dagger}\right)D = 0. \tag{16}$$

Applying (15), (16) and Lemma 2 gives 2).

Conversely, denote 
$$V_B V_D^* \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_D^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} U_D^* U_C := \begin{bmatrix} \widetilde{D} & \widetilde{D}_{12} \\ \widetilde{D}_{21} & \widetilde{D}_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} t \\ p-t \end{bmatrix}$$
, then  
 $s \quad q-s$ 

$$V_B V_D^* \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_D & 0\\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} U_D^* U_C = \left( V_B V_D^* \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_D^{-1} & 0\\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} U_D^* U_C \right)^{\dagger *} \\ = \left( \begin{bmatrix} \widetilde{D} & \widetilde{D}_{12}\\ \widetilde{D}_{21} & \widetilde{D}_{22} \end{bmatrix}^{\dagger} \right)^*.$$
(17)

Applying (11) and (12) gives the equivalences

$$\left(U_D \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_D & 0\\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} V_D V_B^* \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0\\ 0 & I_B \end{bmatrix} V_B \right)^* = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0\\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = (I - B^{\dagger}B) D^*,$$

and

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & I_B \end{bmatrix} V_B V_D^* \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_D & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} U_D^* U_C = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & I_B \end{bmatrix} \left( \begin{bmatrix} \widetilde{D} & \widetilde{D}_{12} \\ \widetilde{D}_{21} & \widetilde{D}_{22} \end{bmatrix}^\dagger \right)^*. \quad (18)$$

Substituting Lemma 1 into (18) leads to the equivalences

$$\tilde{D}_{21} = 0, \tilde{D}_{22} = 0.$$

Similarly, we can show

$$\widetilde{D}_{12} = 0.$$

Then:

$$V_B V_D^* \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_D^{-1} & 0\\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} U_D^* U_C = \begin{bmatrix} \widetilde{D} & \widetilde{D}_{12}\\ \widetilde{D}_{21} & \widetilde{D}_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \widetilde{D} & 0\\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$
 (19)

Substituting (5) and (19) into (7) gives

$$\begin{bmatrix} \widetilde{A} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_B \widetilde{D} \Sigma_C & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$
 (20)

Substituting (4) into  $\left(BD^{\dagger}C\right)^{\dagger}$  and  $C^{\dagger}DB^{\dagger}$  leads to

$$(BD^{\dagger}C)^{\dagger} = \left( U_B \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_B & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} V_B V_D^* \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_D^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} U_D^* U_C \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_C & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} V_C \right)^{\dagger}$$
$$= V_C^* \left( \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_B & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} V_B V_D^* \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_D^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} U_D^* U_C \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_C & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right)^{\dagger} U_B^*$$
(21)

and

$$C^{\dagger}DB^{\dagger} = V_{C}^{*} \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{C}^{-1} & 0\\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} U_{C}^{*}U_{D} \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{D} & 0\\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} V_{D}V_{B}^{*} \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{B}^{-1} & 0\\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} U_{B}^{*}.$$
 (22)

Applying (21), (22) and  $(BD^{\dagger}C)^{\dagger} - C^{\dagger}DB^{\dagger} = 0$  gives

$$\begin{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_B & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} V_B V_D^* \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_D^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} U_D^* U_C \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_C & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{pmatrix}^{\dagger} - \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_C^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} U_C^* U_D$$

$$\times \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_D & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} V_D V_B^* \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_B^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \left( \Sigma_B \widetilde{D} \Sigma_C \right)^{\dagger} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_C^{-1} \widetilde{D}^{\dagger} \Sigma_B^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= 0$$

i.e.,

$$\Sigma_C^{-1} \widetilde{D}^{\dagger} \Sigma_B^{-1} = \left( \Sigma_C \widetilde{D} \Sigma_B \right)^{\dagger}.$$
 (23)

Substituting (4), (19) and (20) into  $S_2 = D - CA^{\dagger}B$  leads to

$$U_{C}^{*}S_{2}V_{B}^{*}$$

$$= U_{C}^{*}U_{D} \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{D} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} V_{D}V_{B}^{*} - \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{C} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} V_{C}V_{A}^{*} \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{A}^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} U_{A}^{*}U_{B} \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{B} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{D}^{\dagger} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{C} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{A}^{\dagger} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{B} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{D}^{\dagger} - \Sigma_{C}\tilde{A}^{\dagger}\Sigma_{B} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$
(24)

Substituting (20) and (23) into (24) gives

$$\widetilde{D}^{\dagger} - \Sigma_C \widetilde{A}^{\dagger} \Sigma_B = \widetilde{D}^{\dagger} - \Sigma_C \left( \Sigma_B \widetilde{D} \Sigma_C \right)^{\dagger} \Sigma_B = 0$$

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and

$$U_C^* S_2 V_B^* = 0$$

i.e.,  $S_2 = 0$ .

The equivalence of 2) and 3) is based on Lemma 4.  $\Box$ 

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