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INVERSION OF QUASI-TRIANGULAR MATRICES

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1. INTRODUCTION

In the paper [4] the following results were proved:

Let \mathbf{A} be a square matrix of order $n \geq r$ over a field of characteristic zero, divided into blocks $\alpha_{i,k}$ of the type $(n_i \times n_k)$,

$$\sum_{i=1}^r n_i = \sum_{k=1}^r n_k = n.$$

Let further be

$$(1,1) \quad \begin{aligned} \mathbf{A}_1 &= \alpha_{1,1} \\ \mathbf{A}_2 &= \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_{1,1} & \alpha_{1,2} \\ \alpha_{2,1} & \alpha_{2,2} \end{bmatrix} \\ &\vdots \\ \mathbf{A}_{r-1} &= \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_{1,1} & \cdots & \alpha_{1,r-1} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \alpha_{r-1,1} & \cdots & \alpha_{r-1,r-1} \end{bmatrix} \\ \mathbf{A}_r &= \mathbf{A}. \end{aligned}$$

Let us define matrices $\mathbf{Z}_{i,k}^{(p)}$ for $i, k, p = 1, \dots, r$ in the following way:

$$(1,2) \quad \begin{aligned} 1. \quad \mathbf{Z}_{i,k}^{(1)} &= \alpha_{i,k} \\ 2. \quad \mathbf{Z}_{i,k}^{(p)} &= \mathbf{Z}_{i,k}^{(p-1)} - \mathbf{Z}_{i,p-1}^{(p-1)} \mathbf{Z}_{p-1}^{-1} \mathbf{Z}_{p-1,k}^{(p-1)} \end{aligned}$$

for $p = 2, \dots, r$, where $\mathbf{Z}_{p,p}^{(p)} = \mathbf{Z}_p$.

For matrices \mathbf{Z}_p we have

Theorem 1,1. *The matrices \mathbf{A}_p are regular iff \mathbf{Z}_p are regular for $p = 1, 2, \dots, r$. (For the proof, see [4].)*

Let us introduce $V_{i,k}^{(p)}$ as the set of subsequences of the sequence $(i, i + 1, \dots, p - 1, p, p - 1, \dots, k + 1, k)$ which have the following properties:

1. The first element is i , the last is k .
2. Each two neighboring elements in any of the subsequences are different.

Theorem 1,2. *Let the matrices (1,1) be regular; let $\mathbf{A}^{-1} = [\beta_{i,k}]$ be a partitioned matrix conformal to \mathbf{A} . Then we have*

$$\beta_{i,k} = \sum (-1)^{1+m(j_1, \dots, j_s)} \mathbf{Z}_{j_1}^{-1} \mathbf{Z}_{j_1, j_2}^{(q_1)} \mathbf{Z}_{j_2}^{-1} \dots \mathbf{Z}_{j_{s-1}, j_s}^{(q_{s-1})} \mathbf{Z}_{j_s}^{-1},$$

$$(i = j_1, j_2, \dots, j_s = k) \in V_{i,k}^{(r)}$$

$$q_t = \min(j_t, j_{t+1}), \quad t = 1, \dots, s - 1$$

where $m(j_1, \dots, j_s)$ is the number of the elements of the sequence ($i = j_1, \dots, j_s = k$). (For the proof, see [4].)

In this paper, formulas for the blocks of the inverse matrix to a quasi-triangular matrix $\mathbf{A} = [\alpha_{i,k}]$ where $\alpha_{i,k} = 0$ for $i > k$, are showed. M. FIEDLER achieved in [2] the same results.

2. RESULTS

Theorem 2,1. *Let the matrices (1,1) be regular; let $\alpha_{i,k} = 0$ for $i > k$. Then we have*

$$(2,1) \quad \mathbf{Z}_{i,k}^{(p)} = \alpha_{i,k} \text{ for } i \geq p, k \geq p, p \geq 2.$$

Proof. By induction

1. $p = 2$

$$\mathbf{Z}_{i,k}^{(2)} = \mathbf{Z}_{i,k}^{(1)} - \mathbf{Z}_{i,1}^{(1)} \mathbf{Z}_1^{-1} \mathbf{Z}_{1k}^{(1)}.$$

By the assumption it is $i \geq 2$, thus $\mathbf{Z}_{i,1}^{(1)} = \alpha_{i,1} = 0$ and $\mathbf{Z}_{i,k}^{(2)} = \mathbf{Z}_{i,k}^{(1)} = \alpha_{i,k}$.

2. Let us suppose that (2,1) is true for p .

$$\text{Then } \mathbf{Z}_{i,k}^{(p+1)} = \mathbf{Z}_{i,k}^{(p)} - \mathbf{Z}_{i,p}^{(p)} \mathbf{Z}_p^{-1} \mathbf{Z}_{p,k}^{(p)}.$$

By the assumption it is $i \geq p + 1$, thus $\mathbf{Z}_{i,p}^{(p)} = \alpha_{i,p} = 0$ and $\mathbf{Z}_{i,k}^{(p+1)} = \mathbf{Z}_{i,k}^{(p)} = \alpha_{i,k}$.

Note. By lemma 2,1 in [4] we have $\mathbf{Z}_{i,k}^{(p)} = 0$ for $i < p$, $\mathbf{Z}_{i,k}^{(p)} = 0$ for $k < p$.

Theorem 2,2. *The matrices \mathbf{A}_p are regular iff $\alpha_{p,p}$ are regular for $p = 1, 2, \dots, r$.*

Proof. The assertion is a corollary of Theorems 1,1 and 2,1.

Theorem 2,3. *Let the matrices (1,1) be regular, let $\alpha_{i,k} = 0$ for $i > k$. Let $\mathbf{A}^{-1} = [\beta_{i,k}]$ be a partitioned matrix conformal to \mathbf{A} . Then we have*

$$(2,2) \quad \beta_{i,k} = \sum (-1)^{1+m} \alpha_{j_1, j_1}^{-1} \alpha_{j_1, j_2}^{-1} \alpha_{j_2, j_2}^{-1} \dots \alpha_{j_{s-1}, j_s}^{-1} \alpha_{j_s, j_s}^{-1}$$

$$(i = j_1, j_2, \dots, j_s = k) \in V_{i,k}^{(k)}$$

for $i \leq k$ where m is the number of terms of the sequence ($i = j_1, j_2, \dots, j_s = k$)

$$(2,3) \quad \beta_{i,k} = 0 \text{ for } i > k.$$

Proof. We prove the assertion (2,2). Let $i \leq k$. By Theorem 1,2 it is

$$\beta_{i,k} = \sum (-1)^{m+1} \mathbf{Z}_{j_1}^{-1} \dots \mathbf{Z}_{j_s}^{-1}.$$

From Theorem 2,1 we get

$$(2,4) \quad \beta_{i,k} = \sum_{V^{(r)}_{i,k}} (-1)^{m+1} \alpha_{j_1, j_1}^{-1} \alpha_{j_1, j_2} \alpha_{j_2, j_2}^{-1} \dots \alpha_{j_s, j_s}^{-1}.$$

From the definition of $V_{i,k}^{(p)}$ it is obvious that $V_{i,k}^{(k)} \subset V_{i,k}^{(r)}$ for $r \geq k$. Since $\alpha_{j_t, j_{t+1}} = 0$ for $j_t > j_{t+1}$, the only non-zero terms of the sum (2,4) correspond to the increasing sequences. Thus, it is sufficient to summarize over all sequences from $V_{i,k}^{(k)}$.

To prove (2,3) it is sufficient to note that no sequence from $V_{i,k}^{(r)}$ is increasing; thus $\beta_{i,k} = 0$.

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Souhrn

INVERZE KVAZITRIANGULÁRNÍCH MATIC

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V článku je uvedena metoda inverze kvazitriangulárních matic, rozdělených na $r \times r$ bloků.

Věta. *Nechť matice (1,1) jsou regulární, necht' $\alpha_{i,k} = 0$ pro $i > k$. Necht' $\mathbf{A}^{-1} = [\beta_{i,k}]$ je bloková matice konformní s \mathbf{A} . Potom platí (2,2), (2,3).*

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