

## An iterative algorithm to compute the Bott-Duffin inverse and generalized Bott-Duffin inverse

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**Abstract.** Let  $L$  be a subspace of  $C^n$  and  $P_L$  be the orthogonal projector of  $C^n$  onto  $L$ . For  $A \in C^{n \times n}$ , the generalized Bott-Duffin (B-D) inverse  $A_{(L)}^{(\dagger)}$  is given by  $A_{(L)}^{(\dagger)} = P_L(AP_L + P_{L^\perp})^\dagger$ . In this paper, by defined a non-standard inner product, a finite formulae is presented to compute Bott-Duffin inverse  $A_{(L)}^{(-1)} = P_L(AP_L + P_{L^\perp})^{-1}$  and generalized Bott-Duffin inverse  $A_{(L)}^{(\dagger)} = P_L(AP_L + P_{L^\perp})^\dagger$  under the condition  $A$  is  $L$ -zero (i.e.,  $AL \cap L^\perp = \{0\}$ ). By this iterative method, when taken the initial matrix  $X_0 = P_L A^* P_L$ , the Bott-duffin inverse  $A_{(L)}^{(-1)}$  and generalized Bott-duffin inverse  $A_{(L)}^{(\dagger)}$  can be obtained within a finite number of iterations in absence of roundoff errors. Finally a given numerical example illustrates that the iterative algorithm dose converge.

### 1. Introduction

The Bott-Duffin (B-D) inverse was first introduced by Bott and Duffin in their famous paper [2]. Many properties and applications of the B-D inverse have been developed in [1, 11]. Later, Chen in his paper [5] defined the generalized B-D inverse of a square matrix and gave some properties and applications. Wang and Wei in [10] and Wei and Xu in [12] discussed the perturbation theory for the B-D inverse and showed the B-D condition number  $\mathcal{K}_{BD}(A) = \|A\| \cdot \|A_{(L)}^{(-1)}\|$  to be minimum in the inequality of error analysis and the perturbation bound of the solution of the constrained system. Recently, in [6], Liu et al. use the projection methods, which is an applications of the generalization of the Bott-Duffin inverse, for solving sparse linear systems. Chen et al. in [3, 4], Xue and Chen in [13], and Zhang et al. in [14], established the perturbation theory of the generalized B-D inverse  $A_{(L)}^\dagger$  under  $L$ -zero matrices, presented the expression of  $A_{(L)}^\dagger$  and point the  $A_{(L)}^\dagger$  under  $L$ -zero matrices popularize that in [5].

The authors also did some works on the computation of generalized inverses. In [8], the authors gave a full-rank representation and the minor of the generalized inverse  $A_{T,S}^{(2)}$ . In [9], they obtain a representation of  $A_{T,S}^{(2)}$  based on Gaussian elimination. Until now, we could not see using finite iterative algorithm to compute the B-D inverse and generalized B-D inverse. In this paper, we will first introduce a non-standard inner product and then develop a finite iterative formulae for the the Bott-duffin inverse  $A_{(L)}^{(-1)}$  and generalized

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Bott-duffin inverse  $A_{(L)}^{(\dagger)}$ . In the end of the paper, a numerical example demonstrate that the iterative method is quite efficient.

## 2. Notations and preliminaries

Throughout the paper, let  $C^{n \times n}$  (resp.  $C^{m \times n}$ ) denote the set of all  $n \times n$  (resp.  $m \times n$ ) matrices over  $C$ .  $L$  is a subspace of  $C^n$  and  $P_L$  is the orthogonal projector onto  $L$ . For any  $A \in C^{n \times n}$ , we write  $R(A)$  for its range,  $N(A)$  for its nullspace.  $A^*$  and  $r(A)$  stand for the conjugate transpose and the rank of  $A$ , respectively. Recall that the Bott-Duffin inverse of  $A \in C^{n \times n}$  is the matrix by  $A_{(L)}^{(-1)} = P_L(AP_L + P_{L^\perp})^{-1} = (P_LAP_L)^\dagger$  when  $AP_L + P_{L^\perp}$  is nonsingular. The generalized Bott-Duffin inverse of  $A$  is  $A_{(L)}^{(\dagger)} = P_L(AP_L + P_{L^\perp})^\dagger$ . When  $A$  is  $L$ -zero  $A_{(L)}^{(\dagger)} = (P_LAP_L)^\dagger$ .

Let  $L$  be a subspace of  $C^n$ , The restricted conjugate transpose on  $L$  of a complex matrix  $A$  is defined as  $A_L^* = P_LA^*P_L$ . In the same way, in the space  $C^{n \times n}$ , a restricted inner product on the subspace  $L$  is defined as  $\langle A, B \rangle_L = \langle P_LAP_L, B \rangle = \text{tr}(P_LA^*P_LB)$  for all  $A, B \in C^{n \times n}$ , which is called non-standard inner product. Then the restricted norm on  $L$  of a matrix  $A$  generated by this inner product is the Frobenius norm of the matrix  $P_LAP_L$  denoted by  $\|A\|_L$ .

For a complex matrix  $A \in C^{m \times n}$ , the Moore-Penrose inverse  $A^\dagger$  is defined to be unique solution of the following four Penrose equations

$$(1) AXA = A, \quad (2) XAX = X, \quad (3) (AX)^* = AX, \quad (4) (XA)^* = XA.$$

A matrix  $X$  is called  $\{i, j, \dots, k\}$  inverse of  $A$  if it satisfies  $(i), (j), \dots, (k)$  from among the equations (1) – (4).

The  $\{2\}$  inverse of a matrix  $A \in C^{m \times n}$  with range  $T$  and nullspace  $S$  is defined as following:

Let  $A \in C^{m \times n}$  be of rank  $r$ ,  $T$  be a subspace of  $C^n$  of dimension  $s \leq r$  and  $S$  be a subspace of  $C^m$  of dimension  $m - s$ . If  $X$  satisfies  $XAX = X$ ,  $R(X) = T$  and  $N(X) = S$ , then  $X$  is called the generalized inverse  $A_{T,S}^{(2)}$  of  $A$ . When  $s = r$ ,  $A_{T,S}^{(2)} = A_{T,S}^{(1,2)}$ .

In this paper the following Lemmas are needed in what follows:

**Lemma 2.1.** ([1]) Let  $A \in C^{m \times n}$  be of rank  $r$ , any two of the following three statements imply the third:

$$\begin{aligned} X &\in A\{1\} \\ X &\in A\{2\} \\ \text{rank}A &= \text{rank}X. \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 2.2.** ([1]) Let  $A \in C^{n \times n}$ ,  $L$  be a subspace of  $C^n$ . If  $AP_L + P_{L^\perp}$  is nonsingular, then

$$\begin{aligned} (1) A_{(L)}^{(-1)} &= (AP_L)_{L,L^\perp}^{(1,2)} = (P_LA)_{L,L^\perp}^{(1,2)} = (P_LAP_L)_{L,L^\perp}^{(1,2)}, \\ (2) (A_{(L)}^{(-1)})_{(L)}^{(-1)} &= P_LAP_L. \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 2.3.** ([4]) Let  $L$  be a subspace of  $C^n$  with  $\dim L = k \leq r(A)$  and let the columns of  $n \times k$  matrix  $U$  form an orthogonal basis for  $L$ . The following statements are equivalent:

$$\begin{aligned} (1) AL \cap L^\perp &= \{0\}, \text{ i.e., } A \text{ is } L\text{-zero}; \\ (2) N(A) \cap L &= N(AL), \text{ i.e., } N(P_LAP_L) = N(AP_L); \\ (3) A_{(L)}^{(\dagger)} &= (P_LAP_L)^\dagger = (P_LAP_L)_{R(P_LA^*P_L), N(P_LA^*P_L)}^{(1,2)}; \\ (4) r(AU) &= r(U^*AU). \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 2.4.** ([1]) Let  $L$  and  $M$  be complementary subspaces of  $C^n$ , the projector  $P_{L,M}$  has the following properties

$$\begin{aligned} (1) P_{L,M}A &= A \text{ if and only if } R(A) \subset L, \\ (2) AP_{L,M} &= A \text{ if and only if } N(A) \supset M. \end{aligned}$$

Throughout the paper, we assume that  $AP_L + P_{L^\perp}$  is nonsingular or  $AL \cap L^\perp = \{0\}$  (i.e.,  $A$  is  $L$ -zero). About the restricted inner product on subspace  $L$ , we have the following property.

**Lemma 2.5.** Let  $L$  be the subspace of  $C^n$ ,  $A, B \in C^{n \times n}$ , then we have:

$$\langle A, B \rangle_L = \langle A, P_L B P_L \rangle = \langle P_L A P_L, B P_L \rangle = \overline{\langle B, A \rangle_L} = \langle B^*, P_L A^* P_L \rangle .$$

According to the definition and the properties of inner product, the above equalities are right.

**3. Iterative method for computing  $A_{(L)}^{(+)}$  and  $A_{(L)}^{(-)}$**

In this section we first introduce an iterative method to obtain a solution of the matrix equation  $P_L A X A P_L = P_L A P_L$ , where  $A \in C^{n \times n}$ . We then show that if  $A P_L + P_{L^\perp}$  is nonsingular or  $A P_L + P_{L^\perp}$  is singular but  $A$  is  $L$ -zero, then for any initial matrix  $X_0$  with  $R(X_0) \subset P_L A^*$ , the matrix sequence  $\{X_k\}$  generated by the iterative method converges to its a solution within at most  $n^2$  iteration steps in absence of the roundoff errors. We also show that if let the initial matrix  $X_0 = P_L A^* P_L$ , then the solution  $X^*$  obtained by the iterative method is the generalized Bott-Duffin inverse  $A_{(L)}^{(+)}$ .

First we present the iteration method for solving the matrix equation  $P_L A X A P_L = P_L A P_L$ , the iteration method as follows:

**Algorithm 3.1:**

1. Input matrices  $A \in C^{n \times n}$ ,  $P_L \in C^{n \times n}$  and  $X_0 \in C^{n \times n}$  with  $R(X_0) \subset R(P_L A^*)$ ;
2. Calculate

$$R_0 = A - A X_0 A; \quad P_0 = A(R_0)_L^* A; \quad k := 0.$$

3. If  $P_L R_k = 0$ , then stop; otherwise,  $k := k + 1$ ;
4. Calculate

$$\begin{aligned} X_k &= X_{k-1} + \frac{\|R_{k-1}\|_L^2}{\|P_{k-1}\|_L^2} (P_{k-1})_L^* A; \\ R_k &= A - A X_k A = R_{k-1} - \frac{\|R_{k-1}\|_L^2}{\|P_{k-1}\|_L^2} A (P_{k-1})_L^* A; \\ P_k &= A(R_k)_L^* A + \frac{\|R_k\|_L^2}{\|R_{k-1}\|_L^2} P_{k-1}; \end{aligned}$$

5. Goto step 3.

About Algorithm 3.1, we have the following basic properties.

**Theorem 3.2.** In Algorithm 3.1, if we take the initial matrix  $X_0 = A_L^*$ , then the sequences  $\{X_k\}$  and  $\{P_k\}$  generalized by it such that

- (1)  $R(X_k) \subset R(P_L A^* P_L)$ ,  $N(X_k) \supset N(P_L A^* P_L)$  and  $R(P_k) \subset R(A P_L)$ ,  $N(P_k) \supset N(P_L A)$ ;
- (2) if  $P_L R_k P_L = 0$ ,  $A P_L + P_{L^\perp}$  is singular and  $A$  is  $L$ -zero, then  $X_k = A_{(L)}^{(+)}$ ;
- (3) if  $P_L R_k P_L = 0$  and  $A P_L + P_{L^\perp}$  is nonsingular, then  $X_k = A_{(L)}^{(-)}$ .

*Proof.* (1) To prove the conclusion, we use the induction.

When  $s = 0$ , we have  $X_0 = A_L^* = P_L A^* P_L$  and  $P_0 = A(R_0)_L^* A = A P_L R_0^* P_L A$ . This implies the conclusion is right.

When  $s = 1$ , we have

$$X_1 = X_0 + \frac{\|R_0\|_L^2}{\|P_0\|_L^2} P_L A^* P_L R_0 P_L A^* P_L = P_L A^* P_L \left( P_L + \frac{\|R_0\|_L^2}{\|P_0\|_L^2} P_L R_0 P_L A^* P_L \right) = \left( P_L + \frac{\|R_0\|_L^2}{\|P_0\|_L^2} P_L A^* P_L R_0 P_L \right) P_L A^* P_L$$

and

$$P_1 = AP_L R_1^* P_L A + \frac{\|R_1\|_L^2}{\|R_0\|_L^2} P_0 = AP_L \left( P_L R_1^* P_L A + \frac{\|R_1\|_L^2}{\|R_0\|_L^2} P_L R_0^* P_L A \right) = \left( AP_L R_1^* P_L + \frac{\|R_1\|_L^2}{\|R_0\|_L^2} AP_L R_0^* P_L \right) P_L A.$$

Assume that conclusion holds for all  $s$  ( $0 < s < k$ ). Then there exist matrices  $U, V, W$ , and  $Y$  such that  $X_s = P_L A^* P_L U = V P_L A^* P_L$  and  $P_s = AP_L W = Y P_L A$ .

Further, we have that

$$X_{s+1} = X_s + \frac{\|R_s\|_L^2}{\|P_s\|_L^2} P_L P_s^* P_L = P_L A^* P_L \left( U + \frac{\|R_s\|_L^2}{\|P_s\|_L^2} Y^* P_L \right) = \left( V + \frac{\|R_s\|_L^2}{\|P_s\|_L^2} P_L W^* \right) P_L A^* P_L$$

and

$$P_{s+1} = AP_L R_{s+1}^* P_L A + \frac{\|R_{s+1}\|_L^2}{\|R_s\|_L^2} P_s = AP_L \left( P_L R_{s+1}^* P_L A + \frac{\|R_{s+1}\|_L^2}{\|R_s\|_L^2} W \right) = \left( AP_L R_{s+1}^* P_L + \frac{\|R_{s+1}\|_L^2}{\|R_s\|_L^2} Y \right) P_L A.$$

This implies that  $R(X_{s+1}) \subset R(P_L A^* P_L)$  and  $N(X_{s+1}) \supset N(P_L A^* P_L)$ , and  $R(P_{s+1}) \subset R(AP_L)$  and  $N(P_{s+1}) \supset N(P_L A)$ .

By the principle of induction, the conclusion holds for all  $k = 0, 1, \dots$

(2) According to Algorithm 3.1 and the results in (1), we know that, if  $P_L R_k P_L = 0$ , then we have  $X_k \in (P_L A P_L)\{1\}$ . This implies  $r(X_k) \geq r(P_L A P_L)$ , then by the conclusion of (1), we can easy get  $r(X_k) = r(P_L A P_L)$ . From Lemma 2.1 we know  $X_k \in (P_L A P_L)\{1, 2\}$  with range  $R(P_L A^* P_L)$  and null space  $N(P_L A^* P_L)$ . If  $AP_L + P_{L^\perp}$  is singular and  $A$  is  $L$ -zero, by Lemma 2.3 we know  $X_k = A_{(L)}^{(t)}$ .

(3) If  $AP_L + P_{L^\perp}$  is nonsingular, then  $r(P_L A P_L) = r(AP_L) = \dim L$ . It is not difficult to deduce  $R(P_L A) = R(P_L) = L$  and  $N(A^* P_L) = L^\perp$ . This means  $X_k \in (P_L A P_L)\{1, 2\}$  with range  $L$  and null space  $L^\perp$ . By Lemma 2.2,  $X_k = A_{(L)}^{(-1)}$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.3.** Let  $\tilde{X}$  be an solution of matrix equation  $P_L A X A P_L = P_L A P_L$  with  $R(\tilde{X}) \subset L$  and  $N(\tilde{X}) \subset L^\perp$ , then for any initial matrix  $X_0$  with  $R(X_0) \subset L$  and  $N(X_0) \subset L^\perp$ , the sequences  $\{X_i\}$ ,  $\{R_i\}$  and  $\{P_i\}$  generalized by Algorithm 3.1 satisfy  $\langle P_i, P_L(\tilde{X} - X_i)^* P_L \rangle_L = \|R_i\|_L^2, (i = 0, 1, 2, \dots)$ .

*Proof.* First by Lemma 2.4 and the properties of  $\tilde{X}$ , we have  $P_L \tilde{X} P_L = \tilde{X}$ .

Next we prove the conclusion by induction. By Algorithm 3.1 and Lemma 2.4, when  $i = 0$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \langle P_0, P_L(\tilde{X} - X_0)^* P_L \rangle_L &= \langle P_L P_0 P_L, P_L(\tilde{X} - X_0)^* P_L \rangle \\ &= \langle P_0, P_L(\tilde{X} - X_0)^* P_L \rangle \\ &= \langle AP_L R_0^* P_L A, (\tilde{X} - X_0)^* \rangle \\ &= \langle P_L R_0^* P_L, A^*(\tilde{X} - X_0)^* A^* \rangle \\ &= \langle R_0^*, P_L A^*(\tilde{X} - X_0)^* A^* P_L \rangle \\ &= \langle R_0^*, P_L R_0^* P_L \rangle = \|R_0\|_L^2. \end{aligned}$$

And when  $i = 1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \langle P_1, P_L(\tilde{X} - X_1)^* P_L \rangle_L &= \langle P_L P_1 P_L, P_L(\tilde{X} - X_1)^* P_L \rangle \\ &= \langle P_1, P_L(\tilde{X} - X_1)^* P_L \rangle \\ &= \langle P_1, (\tilde{X} - X_1)^* \rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \left\langle AP_L R_1^* P_L A + \frac{\|R_1\|_L^2}{\|R_0\|_L^2} P_0, (\tilde{X} - X_1)^* \right\rangle \\
 &= \langle AP_L R_1^* P_L A, (\tilde{X} - X_1)^* \rangle + \frac{\|R_1\|_L^2}{\|R_0\|_L^2} \langle P_0, (\tilde{X} - X_1)^* \rangle \\
 &= \langle P_L R_1^* P_L, R_1^* \rangle + \frac{\|R_1\|_L^2}{\|R_0\|_L^2} \langle P_0, (\tilde{X} - X_0)^* \rangle - \frac{\|R_1\|_L^2}{\|P_0\|_L^2} \langle P_0, (P_L P_0^* P_L)^* \rangle \\
 &= \|R_1\|_L^2.
 \end{aligned}$$

Assume that the conclusion holds for  $i = s (s > 0)$ , that  $\langle P_s, P_L(\tilde{X} - X_s)^* P_L \rangle_L = \|R_s\|_L^2$ , then  $i = s + 1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle P_{s+1}, P_L(\tilde{X} - X_{s+1})^* P_L \rangle_L &= \langle P_L P_{s+1} P_L, P_L(\tilde{X} - X_{s+1})^* P_L \rangle \\
 &= \langle P_{s+1}, P_L(\tilde{X} - X_{s+1})^* P_L \rangle \\
 &= \langle P_{s+1}, (\tilde{X} - X_{s+1})^* \rangle \\
 &= \left\langle AP_L R_{s+1}^* P_L A + \frac{\|R_{s+1}\|_L^2}{\|R_s\|_L^2} P_s, (\tilde{X} - X_{s+1})^* \right\rangle \\
 &= \langle AP_L R_{s+1}^* P_L A, (\tilde{X} - X_{s+1})^* \rangle + \frac{\|R_{s+1}\|_L^2}{\|R_s\|_L^2} \langle P_s, (\tilde{X} - X_{s+1})^* \rangle \\
 &= \langle P_L R_{s+1}^* P_L, R_{s+1}^* \rangle + \frac{\|R_{s+1}\|_L^2}{\|R_s\|_L^2} \langle P_s, (\tilde{X} - X_s)^* \rangle - \frac{\|R_{s+1}\|_L^2}{\|P_s\|_L^2} \langle P_s, P_L P_s P_L \rangle \\
 &= \|R_{s+1}\|_L^2.
 \end{aligned}$$

By the principle of induction, the conclusion  $\langle P_i, P_L(\tilde{X} - X_i)^* P_L \rangle_L = \|R_i\|_L^2$  holds for all  $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots \square$   
**Remark 1.** From Theorem 2.3 we know that if  $P_L R_i P_L \neq 0$ , then  $P_L P_i P_L \neq 0$ . This result shows that if  $P_L R_i P_L \neq 0$ , then Algorithm 3.1 can not be terminated.

**Theorem 3.4.** For the sequences  $\{R_i\}$  and  $\{P_i\}$  generated by Algorithm 3.1 with the  $X_0 = P_L A^* P_L$ , if there exists a positive number  $k$  such that  $R_i \neq 0$  for all  $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, k$ , then we have

$$\langle R_i, R_j \rangle_L = 0, \quad \langle P_i, P_j \rangle_L = 0, \quad (i \neq j, i, j = 0, 1, \dots, k).$$

*Proof.* According to Lemma 2.5, we know that  $\langle A, B \rangle_L = \overline{\langle B, A \rangle_L}$  holds for all matrices  $A$  and  $B$  in  $C^{n \times n}$ , so we only need prove the conclusion hold for all  $0 \leq i < j \leq k$ . Using induction and two steps are required.

Step1. Show that  $\langle R_i, R_{i+1} \rangle_L = 0$  and  $\langle P_i, P_{i+1} \rangle_L = 0$  for all  $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, k$ . To prove this conclusion, we also use induction. According to Lemma 2.5 and Algorithm 3.1, when  $i = 0$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle R_0, R_1 \rangle_L = \langle P_L R_0 P_L, R_1 \rangle &= \left\langle P_L R_0 P_L, R_0 - \frac{\|R_0\|_L^2}{\|P_0\|_L^2} AP_L P_0^* P_L A \right\rangle \\
 &= \langle P_L R_0 P_L, R_0 \rangle - \frac{\|R_0\|_L^2}{\|P_0\|_L^2} \langle P_L R_0 P_L, AP_L P_0^* P_L A \rangle \\
 &= \|R_0\|_L^2 - \frac{\|R_0\|_L^2}{\|P_0\|_L^2} \langle A^* P_L R_0 P_L A^*, P_L P_0^* P_L \rangle \\
 &= \|R_0\|_L^2 - \frac{\|R_0\|_L^2}{\|P_0\|_L^2} \langle P_0^*, P_L P_0^* P_L \rangle \\
 &= \|R_0\|_L^2 - \frac{\|R_0\|_L^2}{\|P_0\|_L^2} \|P_0\|_L^2 = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle P_0, P_1 \rangle_L &= \langle P_L P_0 P_L, P_1 \rangle = \left\langle P_L P_0 P_L, A P_L R_1^* P_L A + \frac{\|R_1\|_L^2}{\|R_0\|_L^2} P_0 \right\rangle \\
 &= \langle P_L P_0 P_L, A P_L R_1^* P_L A \rangle + \frac{\|R_1\|_L^2}{\|R_0\|_L^2} \langle P_L P_0 P_L, P_0 \rangle \\
 &= \langle A^* P_L P_0 P_L A^*, P_L R_1^* P_L \rangle + \frac{\|R_1\|_L^2}{\|R_0\|_L^2} \|P_0\|_L^2 \\
 &= \frac{\|P_0\|_L^2}{\|R_0\|_L^2} \langle (R_0 - R_1)^*, P_L R_1^* P_L \rangle + \frac{\|R_1\|_L^2}{\|R_0\|_L^2} \|P_0\|_L^2 = 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

Assume that conclusion holds for all  $i \leq s (0 < s < k)$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle R_s, R_{s+1} \rangle_L &= \langle P_L R_s P_L, R_{s+1} \rangle \\
 &= \left\langle P_L R_s P_L, R_s - \frac{\|R_s\|_L^2}{\|P_s\|_L^2} A P_L P_s^* P_L A \right\rangle \\
 &= \langle P_L R_s P_L, R_s \rangle - \frac{\|R_s\|_L^2}{\|P_s\|_L^2} \langle P_L R_s P_L, A P_L P_s^* P_L A \rangle \\
 &= \|R_s\|_L^2 - \frac{\|R_s\|_L^2}{\|P_s\|_L^2} \langle A^* P_L R_s P_L A^*, P_L P_s^* P_L \rangle \\
 &= \|R_s\|_L^2 - \frac{\|R_s\|_L^2}{\|P_s\|_L^2} \left\langle \left( P_s - \frac{\|R_s\|_L^2}{\|R_{s-1}\|_L^2} P_{s-1} \right)^*, P_L P_s^* P_L \right\rangle \\
 &= \|R_s\|_L^2 - \frac{\|R_s\|_L^2}{\|P_s\|_L^2} \|P_s\|_L^2 = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle P_s, P_{s+1} \rangle_L &= \langle P_L P_s P_L, P_{s+1} \rangle = \left\langle P_L P_s P_L, A P_L R_{s+1}^* P_L A + \frac{\|R_{s+1}\|_L^2}{\|R_s\|_L^2} P_s \right\rangle \\
 &= \langle A^* P_L P_s P_L A^*, P_L R_{s+1}^* P_L \rangle + \frac{\|R_{s+1}\|_L^2}{\|R_s\|_L^2} \langle P_L P_s P_L, P_s \rangle \\
 &= \frac{\|P_s\|_L^2}{\|R_s\|_L^2} \langle (R_s - R_{s+1})^*, P_L R_{s+1}^* P_L \rangle + \frac{\|R_{s+1}\|_L^2}{\|R_s\|_L^2} \|P_s\|_L^2 \\
 &= -\frac{\|P_s\|_L^2}{\|R_s\|_L^2} \|R_{s+1}\|_L^2 + \frac{\|R_{s+1}\|_L^2}{\|R_s\|_L^2} \|P_s\|_L^2 = 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

By the principle of induction,  $\langle R_i, R_{i+1} \rangle_L = 0$ , and  $\langle P_i, P_{i+1} \rangle_L = 0$ , hold for all  $i = 0, 1, \dots, k$ .

Step2. Assume that  $\langle R_i, R_{i+l} \rangle_L = 0$ , and  $\langle P_i, P_{i+l} \rangle_L = 0$ , hold for all  $0 \leq i \leq k$  and  $1 < l < k$ , show that  $\langle R_i, R_{i+l+1} \rangle_L = 0$ , and  $\langle P_i, P_{i+l+1} \rangle_L = 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle R_i, R_{i+l+1} \rangle_L &= \langle P_L R_i P_L, R_{i+l+1} \rangle = \left\langle P_L R_i P_L, R_{i+l} - \frac{\|R_{i+l}\|_L^2}{\|P_{i+l}\|_L^2} A P_L P_{i+l}^* P_L A \right\rangle \\
 &= -\frac{\|R_{i+l}\|_L^2}{\|P_{i+l}\|_L^2} \langle P_L R_i P_L, A P_L P_{i+l}^* P_L A \rangle \\
 &= -\frac{\|R_{i+l}\|_L^2}{\|P_{i+l}\|_L^2} \langle A^* P_L R_i P_L A^*, P_L P_{i+l}^* P_L \rangle.
 \end{aligned}$$

If  $i = 0$ , we have  $A^*P_L R_0 P_L A^* = P_0^*$ . Then the above equation becomes

$$-\frac{\|R_{i+1}\|_L^2}{\|P_{i+1}\|_L^2} \langle A^*P_L R_i P_L A^*, P_L P_{i+1}^* P_L \rangle = -\frac{\|R_i\|_L^2}{\|P_i\|_L^2} \langle P_0^*, P_L P_i^* P_L \rangle = 0.$$

If  $i \geq 1$ , we have

$$-\frac{\|R_{i+1}\|_L^2}{\|P_{i+1}\|_L^2} \langle A^*P_L R_i P_L A^*, P_L P_{i+1}^* P_L \rangle = -\frac{\|R_{i+1}\|_L^2}{\|P_{i+1}\|_L^2} \left\langle P_i - \frac{\|R_i\|_L^2}{\|R_{i-1}\|_L^2} P_{i-1}, P_L P_{i+1} P_L \right\rangle = 0$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \langle P_i, P_{i+1} \rangle_L &= \langle P_L P_i P_L, P_{i+1} \rangle = \left\langle P_L P_i P_L, AP_L R_{i+1}^* P_L A + \frac{\|R_{i+1}\|_L^2}{\|R_{i+1}\|_L^2} P_{i+1} \right\rangle \\ &= \langle P_L P_i P_L, AP_L R_{i+1}^* P_L A \rangle + \frac{\|R_{i+1}\|_L^2}{\|R_{i+1}\|_L^2} \langle P_L P_i P_L, P_{i+1} \rangle \\ &= \langle A^*P_L P_i P_L A^*, P_L R_{i+1}^* P_L \rangle \\ &= \frac{\|P_i\|_L^2}{\|R_i\|_L^2} \langle (R_{i+1} - R_i)^*, P_L R_{i+1}^* P_L \rangle = 0. \end{aligned}$$

From step 1 and step 2, we have by principle induction that  $\langle R_i, R_j \rangle_L = 0$ , and  $\langle P_i, P_j \rangle_L = 0$ , hold for all  $i, j = 0, 1, \dots, k, i \neq j$ .  $\square$

**Remark 2.** Theorem 3.4 implies that, for an initial matrix  $X_0 = P_L A^* P_L$ , since the  $R_0, R_1, \dots$  are orthogonal each other, based on restricted inner product on subspace  $L$ , in the finite dimension matrix space  $C^{n \times n}$ , it is certain there exists a positive number  $k \leq n^2$  such that  $\|R_k\|_L = 0$ . Then by Theorem 2.2, the Bott-duffin inverse  $A_{(L)}^{(-1)}$  and generalized Bott-duffin inverse  $A_{(L)}^{(+)}$  can be obtained within at most  $n^2$  iteration steps.

### 4. Numerical examples

In this section, we will give some numerical examples to illustrate our results. All the tests are performed by MATLAB6.1 and the initial iterative matrices are chosen as  $X_0 = P_L A^* P_L$ . Because of the influence of the error of roundoff, we regard the matrix  $P_L A P_L$  as zero matrix if  $\|A\|_L < 10^{-10}$ .

**Example 3.1.** Given matrices  $A$  and  $L$  as follows.

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, L = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

If we set

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{2}{3} \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{2}{3} \end{pmatrix},$$

then  $r(AU) = r(U^*AU) = 1$  so that  $A$  is  $L$ -zero by Lemma 2.3. By computing

$$P_L = UU^* = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{17}{18} & \frac{2}{9} & \frac{1}{18} \\ \frac{2}{9} & \frac{1}{9} & -\frac{2}{9} \\ \frac{1}{18} & -\frac{2}{9} & \frac{17}{18} \end{pmatrix}, P_L A^* P_L = \frac{1}{81} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{187}{2} & 22 & \frac{11}{2} \\ 2 & 1 & -2 \\ \frac{7}{2} & -14 & \frac{119}{2} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Using Algorithm 3.1 and iterate 3 steps, we have  $X_3$  as follow:

$$X_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0.57894736842105 & 0.13622291021672 & 0.03405572755418 \\ 0.05263157894737 & 0.01238390092879 & 0.00309597523220 \\ 0.36842105263158 & 0.08668730650155 & 0.02167182662539 \end{pmatrix}$$

with

$$\|R_3\|_L^2 = \|A - AX_3A\|_L^2 = 9.830326866758750 \times 10^{-32}$$

On other hand, by computing, we obtain that

$$A_{(L)}^{(+)} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{11}{19} & \frac{44}{323} & \frac{11}{323} \\ \frac{1}{19} & \frac{4}{323} & \frac{1}{323} \\ \frac{7}{19} & \frac{28}{323} & \frac{7}{322} \end{pmatrix}$$

Then from the above data, we can find that the iterative sequence  $\{X_k\}$  converges to  $A_{(L)}^{(+)}$ .

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