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Solutions of a class of singular linear systems of difference equations. Part 2

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ABSTRACT

We extend results of Campbell of the linear systems of differential equations $A \dot{x} + Bx = f$ when A and B are rectangular, and results of Kanan of solution of a class of singular linear systems of difference equations $Ax_{n+1} + Bx_n = f_n$ when A and B are square, to such systems of difference equations when A and B are rectangular. Explicit solutions of the last one are derived for several cases. One such is, when the matrix $(\lambda A + B)$ is one-to-one, another case is when such matrix is onto, for a scalar $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$. Also, explicit solutions are derived for the case that A is onto, and for the case that B is onto.

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1. INTRODUCTION

For many applications it is necessary to solve the linear systems of difference equations

$$Ax_{n+1} + Bx_n = f_n, \quad n \geq 0$$

when A and B are rectangular matrices, x_n is a column vector and f_n is an arbitrary function.

The system of difference equations is called over-determined if $A, B \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times r}$ and $m > r$. This means that, more equations than unknowns. And it is called under-determined if $A, B \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times r}$ and $r > m$, this means that, more unknowns than equations.

In this paper, we extend results of Campbell on linear systems of differential equations with singular coefficients [1], and results of Kanan [2] to the linear systems of difference equations when the coefficients matrices are rectangular. So we will use the Moore-Penrose generalized inverse of the matrices [3-7], and the Drazin inverse the matrices [8-10]. For some concepts and studies of linear singular difference systems you can see [11-22].

We shall consider an important special case of each type. That is, for each case, the general solution will be given.

We will investigate the equation $A x_{n+1} + B x_n = f_n$ when the matrix $\lambda A + B$ is one-to-one and when it is onto. Also, we will consider the case when A is one-to-one and when it is onto. The same thing for the matrix B . We give closed form solutions for the homogenous equations and for the nonhomogeneous equation, when the matrix $\lambda A + B$ is one-to-one, and when it is onto. Also, we give closed form solutions of $A x_{n+1} + B x_n = f_n$ for the case A is onto, and for the case B is onto.

Throughout this paper, $\mathbb{C}^{m \times r}$ is the set of $m \times r$ complex matrices. The range of A is denoted by $R(A)$, the null space of A is denoted by $\mathcal{N}(A)$. A^* is the transposed conjugate complex of A . The conjugate of λ is denoted by $\bar{\lambda}$. The Trace of A is denoted by $Tr(A)$. I is an identity matrix, O is a zero matrix such that $O^0 = I$.

2. PRELIMINARIES

In this section, we introduce some of basic concepts that are important to understand our proofs in the next section.

Definition 2.1. Let $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times m}$. The Drazin inverse of A is the unique matrix $A^D \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times m}$ satisfies the following conditions:

$$(i) \quad A^D A A^D = A^D,$$

$$(ii) \quad A A^D = A^D A,$$

$$(iii) \quad A^{k+1} A^D = A^k,$$

where $k = Ind(A)$ is called the index of A , it is the smallest non-negative integer such that

$$rank(A^k) = rank(A^{k+1}).$$

Note that A^D always exists, and $A^D = A^{-1}$ for $Ind(A) = 0$. Properties, algorithms for computing A^D can be found in [9, 10].

Definitions 2.2. If $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times r}$, then $A^\dagger \in \mathbb{C}^{r \times m}$ is unique, and it is called the Moore-Penrose generalized inverse of A if it satisfies the following condition

$$(1) \quad AA^\dagger A = A,$$

$$(2) \quad A^\dagger AA^\dagger = A^\dagger,$$

$$(3) \quad (AA^\dagger)^* = AA^\dagger,$$

$$(4) \quad (A^\dagger A)^* = A^\dagger A.$$

Properties, algorithms for computing A^\dagger can be found in [5].

Definition 2.3. A vector $c \in \mathbb{C}^r$ is called a consistent initial condition for the difference equation $A x_{n+1} + B x_n = f_n$, if the initial value problem $A x_{n+1} + B x_n = f_n, x_0 = c, n = 1, 2, \dots$, possesses at least one solution for x_n .

Proposition 2.1. Suppose that $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times r}$.
Then

$$R(A) = N(A^*)^\perp.$$

Lemma 2.1. [2] The homogeneous difference equation $A x_{n+1} + B x_n = \mathbf{0}$ is tractable if and only if there exist a scalar $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ such that $(\lambda A + B)^{-1}$ exists.

Theorem 2.1. [2] Suppose that $A x_{n+1} + B x_n = \mathbf{0}$, with $rank(A) = 1$ and $Tr(A) \neq 0$, is tractable.

Then the general solution is given by

$$x_n = \begin{cases} -(I + K)q, & \text{if } n = 0 \\ (\hat{A}^D \hat{B})^n q, & \text{if } n = 1, 2, 3, \dots \end{cases}$$

where $q \in \mathbb{C}^m$,

$$K = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{-(Tr(A) - a_{11})}{Tr(A)} & \frac{a_{12}}{Tr(A)} & \dots & \frac{a_{1m}}{Tr(A)} \\ \frac{a_{21}}{Tr(A)} & \frac{-(Tr(A) - a_{22})}{Tr(A)} & \dots & \frac{a_{2m}}{Tr(A)} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \frac{a_{m1}}{Tr(A)} & \dots & \dots & \frac{-(Tr(A) - a_{mm})}{Tr(A)} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times m},$$

$$\hat{A}_\lambda = (\lambda A + B)^{-1} A = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{a}_{11} & \hat{a}_{12} & \dots & \hat{a}_{1m} \\ \hat{a}_{21} & \hat{a}_{22} & \dots & \hat{a}_{2m} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \hat{a}_{m1} & \hat{a}_{m2} & \dots & \hat{a}_{mm} \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\hat{B}_\lambda = (\lambda A + B)^{-1} B.$$

3. THE MAIN RESULTS

In this section, we extend results of Campbell [1] on linear systems of differential equations $A \dot{x} + Bx = f_n$ in the case A and B are rectangular matrices, and results of Kanan [2] to the linear systems of difference equations $A x_{n+1} + Bx_n = f_n$, $n \geq 0$, when A and B are rectangular.

In this section, let $A, B \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times r}$, so $\lambda A + B$ is singular. Let λ is a scalar in \mathbb{C} . We define

$$P = (\lambda A + B)(\lambda A + B)^\dagger,$$

when $\lambda A + B$ is one-to-one, and

$$P = (\lambda A + B)^\dagger(\lambda A + B),$$

when $\lambda A + B$ is onto, where $(\lambda A + B)^\dagger$ is the Moore-Penrose generalized inverse of the matrix $\lambda A + B$.

Theorem 3.1. Suppose that $A x_{n+1} + Bx_n = \mathbf{0}$, $n \geq 0$, where $A, B \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times r}$.

Then $A x_{n+1} + Bx_n = \mathbf{0}$, $n \geq 0$, is tractable if and only if $\lambda A + B$ is one-to-one for some a scalar $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$.

Proof. The first direct is proven in Theorem 3.4 in [2].

Suppose now that $\lambda A + B$ is one-to-one for some a $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$. We know that every solution of $A x_{n+1} + Bx_n = \mathbf{0}$ is a solution of $\hat{A}x_{n+1} + \hat{B}x_n = \mathbf{0}$. Since $\lambda\hat{A} + \hat{B} = I$, the latter equation is tractable, therefor $A x_{n+1} + Bx_n = \mathbf{0}$ is tractable.

Theorem 3.2. Suppose $\lambda A + B$ is one-to-one for some a scalar $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$. Then all solutions of $A x_{n+1} + Bx_n = \mathbf{0}$ where $A, B \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times r}$, are given by

$$x_n = (-\hat{A}^D \hat{B})^n q, \quad n \geq 0, \tag{1}$$

where

$$\hat{A} = (\lambda A + B)^\dagger A, \quad \hat{B} = (\lambda A + B)^\dagger B,$$

and q must satisfy

$$q = \hat{A}\hat{A}^D q \text{ and } [I - (\lambda A + B)(\lambda A + B)^\dagger] A \hat{A}^D (-\hat{A}^D \hat{B})^n q = \mathbf{0}, \quad n \geq 0. \tag{2}$$

Proof. Suppose that $\lambda A + B$ is one-to-one. So by Theorem 3.1 $A x_{n+1} + Bx_n = \mathbf{0}$ is tractable, then $\hat{A}x_{n+1} + \hat{B}x_n = \mathbf{0}$ is tractable. If x_n is a solution of $A x_{n+1} + Bx_n = \mathbf{0}$ then x_n is a solution of $\hat{A}x_{n+1} + \hat{B}x_n = \mathbf{0}$. Since $\hat{A}\hat{B} = \hat{B}\hat{A}$ and $\lambda\hat{A} + \hat{B} = I$. Hence by Theorem 2.1 (replacing $(I + K)$ by $\hat{A}\hat{A}^D$) we have

$$x_n = \begin{cases} \hat{A}\hat{A}^D q, & \text{if } n = 0 \\ (-\hat{A}^D\hat{B})^n q, & \text{if } n = 1, 2, 3, \dots \end{cases},$$

or

$$x_n = (-\hat{A}^D\hat{B})^n q, \text{ where } q = \hat{A}\hat{A}^D q.$$

By substitute from x_n in $A x_{n+1} + Bx_n = \mathbf{0}$ we get

$$A(-\hat{A}^D\hat{B})^{n+1} q + B(-\hat{A}^D\hat{B})^n \hat{A}\hat{A}^D q = \mathbf{0},$$

or

$$(-A\hat{A}^D\hat{B}\hat{A}\hat{A}^D + B\hat{A}\hat{A}^D)(-\hat{A}^D\hat{B})^n q = \mathbf{0}.$$

Thus

$$(-A\hat{A}^D\hat{B} + B\hat{A}\hat{A}^D)(-\hat{A}^D\hat{B})^n q = \mathbf{0}$$

or

$$(B\hat{A} + A\hat{B})\hat{A}^D(-\hat{A}^D\hat{B})^n q = \mathbf{0}.$$

But

$$\begin{aligned} A\hat{B} &= A(\lambda A + B)^\dagger B \\ &= A(\lambda A + B)^\dagger (\lambda A + B) - A(\lambda A + B)^\dagger \lambda A \\ &= A - \lambda A(\lambda A + B)^\dagger A \\ &= A - (\lambda A + B)(\lambda A + B)^\dagger A + B(\lambda A + B)^\dagger A \\ &= [I - (\lambda A + B)(\lambda A + B)^\dagger] A + B\hat{A}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} &(B\hat{A} + A\hat{B})\hat{A}^D(-\hat{A}^D\hat{B})^n q \\ &= (B\hat{A} - [I - (\lambda A + B)(\lambda A + B)^\dagger] A - B\hat{A})\hat{A}^D(-\hat{A}^D\hat{B})^n q \\ &= -[I - (\lambda A + B)(\lambda A + B)^\dagger] A\hat{A}^D(-\hat{A}^D\hat{B})^n q = \mathbf{0}. \end{aligned}$$

Corollary 1. If $\lambda A + B$ is one-to-one, and $\mathcal{N}(\bar{\lambda}A^* + B^*) = \mathcal{N}(A^*) \cap \mathcal{N}(B^*)$, then all solutions of $A x_{n+1} + Bx_n = \mathbf{0}$ are given by

$$x_n = (-\hat{A}^D \hat{B})^n A \hat{A}^D q.$$

where q is an arbitrary vector.

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} R(\lambda A + B)^\perp &= \mathcal{N}(\bar{\lambda}A^* + B^*) \\ &= \mathcal{N}(A^*) \cap \mathcal{N}(B^*). \end{aligned}$$

But from Proposition 2.1

$$R(A) \perp \mathcal{N}(A^*)^\perp,$$

so that

$$R(A) \subseteq R(\lambda A + B)^\perp.$$

Thus

$$[I - (\lambda A + B)(\lambda A + B)^\dagger] A \hat{A}^D (-\hat{A}^D \hat{B})^n q = 0, \quad n \geq 0,$$

for all $q \in R(A \hat{A}^D)$.

Theorem 3.3. Suppose $\lambda A + B$ is one-to-one, and $A x_{n+1} + Bx_n = f_n$ is consistent. Then all solutions of such equation are given by

$$x_n = (-\hat{A}^D \hat{B})^n A \hat{A}^D q + A^D \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (-\hat{A}^D \hat{B})^{n-i-1} \hat{f}_i + (I - \hat{A} \hat{A}^D) \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} (-\hat{A} \hat{B}^D)^i \hat{B}^D \hat{f}_{n+i}, \quad (3)$$

where

$$\hat{A} = (\lambda A + B)^\dagger A, \quad \hat{B} = (\lambda A + B)^\dagger B, \quad k = \text{Ind}(\hat{A}), \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{f}_n = (\lambda A + B)^\dagger f_n.$$

Proof. Let

$$P = (\lambda A + B)(\lambda A + B)^\dagger.$$

then $A x_{n+1} + Bx_n = f_n$ is equivalent to

$$PA x_{n+1} + PBx_n = f_n, \quad (4)$$

$$(I - P)(A x_{n+1} + Bx_n) = (I - P)f_n. \quad (5)$$

But (4) is equivalent to

$$\hat{A}x_{n+1} + \hat{B}x_n = \hat{f}_n, \tag{6}$$

since $(\lambda A + B)^\dagger P = (\lambda A + B)^\dagger$. The equation (6) is consistent by Theorem 2.1 and uniquely determines x_n . Thus $(I - P)f_n$ is determined by (5).

Note that $Ax_{n+1} + Bx_n = f_n$ is consistent if and only if (5) satisfied, where x_n given by (3). We can use (5) by several ways. For example, in Lemma 2.1 f_n was given as zero and (5) was used to determine the consistent initial conditions. On the other hand view x_0 as given and use (5) to determine the consistent f_n , as in the following corollary.

Corollary 2. If $\lambda A + B$ is one-to-one, and $A, B \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times r}$, then there exists f_n for which $Ax_{n+1} + Bx_n = f_n$ is inconsistent.

In the following, we discuss the special cases, when A is one-to-one, and when B is one-to-one. The next theorem gives the necessary and sufficient conditions for the solutions x_n of the initial value problem to be unique.

Theorem 3.4. The equation

$$Ax_{n+1} + Bx_n = \mathbf{0}, \quad x_0 = c, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots,$$

has unique solutions for all x_0 if and only if A is one-to-one ($A^\dagger A = I$) and $R(B) \subseteq R(A)$, ($AA^\dagger B = B$).

Proof. Assume that $Ax_{n+1} + Bx_n = \mathbf{0}$ has unique solutions for all x_0 . Then by (2), $\hat{A}^\dagger \hat{B} x_0 = x_0$ for all x_0 . From this we get

$$\hat{A} = (\lambda A + B)^\dagger A,$$

hence A is one-to-one. Now, to prove that $AA^\dagger B = B$. If we multiply $Ax_{n+1} + Bx_n = \mathbf{0}$ by AA^\dagger we get

$$AA^\dagger A x_{n+1} + AA^\dagger Bx_n = \mathbf{0},$$

or

$$A x_{n+1} + A A^\dagger Bx_n = \mathbf{0}.$$

So, every solution of $Ax_{n+1} + Bx_n = \mathbf{0}$ also satisfies $Ax_{n+1} + AA^\dagger Bx_n = \mathbf{0}$. Thus $A^\dagger A Bx_n = Bx_n$ for all solutions x_n . Hence $A^\dagger A B = B$.

Conversely, assume A is one-to-one. This means that $A^\dagger A = I$. Also, assume $A^\dagger A B = B$. Then x_n is a solution of $Ax_{n+1} + Bx_n = \mathbf{0}$ if and only if x is a solution of $Ax_{n+1} + A^\dagger Bx_n = \mathbf{0}$. However $Ax_{n+1} + A^\dagger Bx_n = \mathbf{0}$ has unique solutions for all x_0 .

Theorem 3.5. Suppose $\lambda A + B$ is one-to-one, where A and B are rectangular, and

$$\mathcal{N}(\bar{\lambda}A^* + B^*) = \mathcal{N}(A^*) \cap \mathcal{N}(B^*).$$

Then $Ax_{n+1} + Bx_n = f_n$ is consistent if and only if

$$[I - (\lambda A + B)(\lambda A + B)^\dagger] f_n = \mathbf{0}.$$

Proof. Suppose that $\lambda A + B$ is one-to-one and $\mathcal{N}(\bar{\lambda}A^* + B^*) = \mathcal{N}(A^*) \cap \mathcal{N}(B^*)$. We can see that $(\lambda A + B)(\lambda A + B)^\dagger$ is the identity on $R(\lambda A + B)$. But

$$\begin{aligned} R(\lambda A + B) &= \mathcal{N}(\bar{\lambda}A^* + B^*)^\perp \\ &= (\mathcal{N}(A^*) \cap \mathcal{N}(B^*))^\perp \supseteq R(A) \cup R(B). \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$(\lambda A + B)(\lambda A + B)^\dagger A = A,$$

and

$$(\lambda A + B)(\lambda A + B)^\dagger B = B.$$

Hence for any x_n , if we take $f_n = Ax_{n+1} + Bx_n$ we get

$$(\lambda A + B)(\lambda A + B)^\dagger f_n = f_n.$$

We can note that, if $(\lambda A + B)(\lambda A + B)^\dagger f_n = f_n$ then $Ax_{n+1} + Bx_n = f_n$ is equivalent to $\hat{A}x_{n+1} + \hat{B}x_n = \hat{f}_n$. Since $\hat{A}x_{n+1} + \hat{B}x_n = \hat{f}_n$ is consistent, so $Ax_{n+1} + Bx_n = f_n$ is consistent.

New, we discuss the case when $\lambda A + B$ is onto. Thus, note that

$$P = (\lambda A + B)^\dagger(\lambda A + B),$$

so $Ax_{n+1} + Bx_n = f_n$ becomes

$$APx_{n+1} + BPx_n = f_n - A(I - P)x_{n+1} - B(I - P)x_n,$$

or equivalently

$$\begin{aligned} A(\lambda A + B)^\dagger[(\lambda A + B)x_n] + B(\lambda A + B)^\dagger[(\lambda A + B)x_n] &= f_n - A(I - P)x_{n+1} - \\ &B(I - P)x_n. \end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

But

$$A(\lambda A + B)^\dagger[(\lambda A + B)x_n] + [B(\lambda A + B)^\dagger] = I,$$

so, (7) in terms of $(\lambda A + B)x_n$ is a differential equation, that it has a solution.

Theorem 3.6. Suppose A is one-to-one. Then $A x_{n+1} + Bx_n = f_n$ is consistent if and only if f_n is of the form

$$f_n = AA^\dagger h_n \oplus (I - AA^\dagger)B g_n \tag{8}$$

where h_n is an arbitrary function, and

$$g_n = (-A^\dagger B)^n + A^\dagger \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (-A^\dagger B)^{n-i-1} h_i \tag{9}$$

q an arbitrary consistent. Conversely, if f_n has the form (8), then g_n given in (9) is general solution of $A x_{n+1} + Bx_n = f_n$.

Proof. Assume that A is one-to-one. Then multiplying $A x_{n+1} + Bx_n = f_n$ by A^\dagger , then by $I - AA^\dagger$ we get

$$x_{n+1} + A^\dagger Bx_n = A^\dagger f_n, \tag{10}$$

$$(I - AA^\dagger)Bx_n = (I - AA^\dagger)f_n, \tag{11}$$

so, $A x_{n+1} + Bx_n = f_n$ is equivalent to the last pair of equations. We can choose $AA^\dagger f_n$ to be arbitrary, we say $AA^\dagger h_n$. From (10) x_n is determined uniquely in terms of $A^\dagger f_n$. Then $(I - AA^\dagger)f_n$ results from substituting x_n into (11).

We can get a similar result if B is one-to-one.

Theorem 3.7. Suppose B is one-to-one. Then $A x_{n+1} + Bx_n = f_n$ is consistent if and only if f is of the form

$$f_n = BB^\dagger h_n + (I - BB^\dagger)A g_{n+1} \tag{12}$$

where h_n is arbitrary and

$$g_n = [-(B^\dagger A)^D]^n (B^\dagger A)^D (B^\dagger A) q + (B^\dagger A)^D \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} [-(B^\dagger A)^D]^{n-i-1} B^\dagger h_n + [I - (B^\dagger A)^D (B^\dagger A)] \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} (-B^\dagger A)^i B^\dagger h_{n+i}, \tag{13}$$

where $k = \text{Ind}(B^\dagger A)$, q an arbitrary constant. Conversely, if f_n has the form (12) then g_n in (13) is the general solution.

Proof. Suppose B is one-to-one. By the similar way in Theorem 3.6 then $A x_{n+1} + Bx_n = f_n$ is equivalent to the pair

$$B^\dagger Ax_{n+1} + x_n = B^\dagger f_n, \tag{14}$$

and

$$(I - BB^\dagger)Ax_{n+1} = (I - BB^\dagger)f_n, \tag{15}$$

$BB^\dagger f_n$ can be chosen arbitrary, we say $BB^\dagger h_n$. Then (14) uniquely determines x_n given (12). Substituting x_n into (15) gives $(I - BB^\dagger)f_n$.

The next theorem gives closed form solutions when $\lambda A + B$ is onto, under some conditions.

Theorem 3.8. Suppose $\lambda A + B$ is onto, and f_n is n -times differentiable. Let

$$g_n = f_n - A[I - (\lambda A + B)^\dagger(\lambda A + B)]h_{n+1} - B[I - (\lambda A + B)^\dagger(\lambda A + B)]h_n,$$

where h_n is an arbitrary and $(n + 1)$ -time differentiable vector valued function. Then all solutions of $A x_{n+1} + Bx_n = f_n$ are given by

$$x_n = (\lambda A + B)^\dagger \left[(-\hat{A}^D \hat{B})^n \hat{A} \hat{A}^D q + \hat{A}^D \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (-\hat{A}^D \hat{B})^{n-i-1} g_n + (I - \hat{A}^D \hat{A}) \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} (-\hat{A} \hat{B}^D)^i \hat{B}^D \hat{g}_{n+i} \right] + [I - (\lambda A + B)^\dagger (\lambda A + B)]h_n$$

where q an arbitrary constant vector, $k = \text{Ind}(\hat{A})$, and

$$\hat{A} = A(\lambda A + B)^\dagger, \hat{B} = B(\lambda A + B)^\dagger.$$

The next theorem comes from Theorem 3.8 by set $\lambda = 0$ and noting that $\hat{B} = I$, and $\hat{A} = AB^\dagger$.

Theorem 3.9. Suppose B is onto, then all solutions of $A x_{n+1} + Bx_n = f_n$ are given by

$$x_n = B^\dagger [(-AB^\dagger)^D)^n (AB^\dagger) (AB^\dagger)^D q + (AB^\dagger)^D \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (-AB^\dagger)^D)^{n-i-1} g_n] + [I - (AB^\dagger)^D (AB^\dagger)] \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} (-AB^\dagger)^i \hat{g}_{n+i} + [I - B^\dagger B]h_n.$$

Theorem 3.10. Suppose A is onto, then all solutions of $A x_{n+1} + Bx_n = f_n$ are given by

$$x_n = A^\dagger [(-BA^\dagger)^n q + \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (-BA^\dagger)^{n-i-1} g_i] + [I - A^\dagger A]h_n,$$

where h_n is an arbitrary function, and $g_n = f_n - B[I - A^\dagger A]h_n$.

Proof. Assume A is onto. We can rewrite $A x_{n+1} + Bx_n = f_n$ as

$$(A x_{n+1}) + BA^\dagger(Ax_n) = f_n - B[I - A^\dagger A]x_n. \quad (16)$$

Setting $[I - A^\dagger A]x_n$ arbitrary, we can solve uniquely for Ax_n , $A^\dagger Ax_n = x_n$ to get (16).

4. CONCLUSION

Our study showed the importance of the matrix $\lambda A + B$ in explicating the solutions of the linear system of difference equations $A x_{n+1} + Bx_n = f_n$, where A and B are rectangular. All solutions of such system was given for the cases: $\lambda A + B$ is one-to-one, $\lambda A + B$ is onto, A is onto and B is onto, we hope that this study can be applied to linear systems with nonconstant coefficients.

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