

## CHARACTERIZATIONS OF A CLASS OF MATRICES AND PERTURBATION OF THE DRAZIN INVERSE\*

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**Abstract.** Given a singular square matrix  $A$  with index  $r$ ,  $\text{ind}(A) = r$ , we establish several characterizations in the Drazin inverse framework of the class of matrices  $B$ , which satisfy the conditions  $\mathcal{N}(B^s) \cap \mathcal{R}(A^r) = \{0\}$  and  $\mathcal{R}(B^s) \cap \mathcal{N}(A^r) = \{0\}$  with  $\text{ind}(B) = s$ , where  $\mathcal{N}(A)$  and  $\mathcal{R}(A)$  denote the null space and the range space of a matrix  $A$ , respectively. We give explicit representations for  $B^D$  and  $BB^D$  and upper bounds for the errors  $\|B^D - A^D\|/\|A^D\|$  and  $\|BB^D - AA^D\|$ . In a numerical example we show that our bounds are better than others given in the literature.

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**1. Introduction and preliminaries.** Let  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  be any complex square matrix of order  $n$  with  $\text{ind}(A) = r$ , where  $\text{ind}(A)$ , the *index of*  $A$ , is the smallest nonnegative integer  $r$  such that  $\text{rank } A^r = \text{rank } A^{r+1}$ . Let  $\mathcal{R}(A)$  and  $\mathcal{N}(A)$  denote the range space of  $A$  and the null space of  $A$ , respectively. In our development we consider matrices  $B \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ , which satisfy the following condition for some positive integer  $s$ :

$$(C_s) \quad \mathcal{R}(B^s) \cap \mathcal{N}(A^r) = \{0\} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{N}(B^s) \cap \mathcal{R}(A^r) = \{0\}.$$

A particular case is when the matrix  $B$  satisfies

$$(1.1) \quad \mathcal{R}(B^s) = \mathcal{R}(A^r) \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{N}(B^s) = \mathcal{N}(A^r).$$

The class of perturbation matrices  $B$  related to  $A$  by the condition (1.1), which is equivalent to the fact that both matrices have equal eigenprojection at zero,  $B^\pi = A^\pi$  with  $A^\pi = I - AA^D$ , were characterized in [4]. The Drazin inverse of  $B$  satisfying (1.1) is given by the formula  $B^D = (I + A^D(B - A))^{-1}A^D$ . This latter formula was given in [15] for  $B = A + E$ , where  $E = AA^DEAA^D$  and  $E$  sufficiently small.

The first and third authors gave in [5] characterizations of the matrices  $B$  related to  $A$  by the condition that, involving the eigenprojections at zero,  $I - (B^\pi - A^\pi)^2$  is nonsingular. Therein, it was proved that  $B^D = (I + A^D(B - A) + S)^{-1}A^D(I - S)$  where  $S = B^\pi - A^\pi$  and an upper bound for  $\|B^D - A^D\|/\|A^D\|$  was given in terms of  $\|A^D(B - A)\|$  and  $\|B^\pi - A^\pi\|$ .

The continuity of the Drazin inverse was studied in [1, 2, 3, 11]. In [2], Campbell and Meyer established that if  $A_j$  converges to  $A$ , then  $A_j^D$  converges to  $A^D$  if and only if  $\text{rank } A_j^{r_j} = \text{rank } A^r$  for all sufficiently large  $j$ , where  $r_j = \text{ind}(A_j)$ . Recently, the perturbation of the Drazin inverse was studied by several authors, and upper bounds for the relative error  $\|B^D - A^D\|/\|A^D\|$  were given under certain conditions [4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16].

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In this paper, in section 2 we prove that, for a matrix  $B$  with  $\text{ind}(B) = s$ , the fact that  $B$  satisfies condition  $(C_s)$  is equivalent to that  $I - (B^\pi - A^\pi)^2$  is nonsingular. We establish several new characterizations of the matrices which satisfy condition  $(C_s)$ . In terms of matrix rank, this class of matrices is characterized by the condition  $\text{rank } A^r = \text{rank } B^s = \text{rank } A^r B^s A^r$  whenever  $s = \text{ind}(B)$ .

In section 3 we study further characterizations for the class  $(C_1)$ , giving a representation of matrices  $B \in (C_1)$  such that  $\text{ind}(B) = 1$ , with respect to the core-nilpotent block form of the matrix  $A$ . We mention that the perturbation of the group inverse is a case of special interest due to its application to stability of Markov chains [3, 10].

In section 4 we extend the characterizations for the group inverse to the general case of perturbations satisfying condition  $(C_s)$ . We give an expression for the index 1-nilpotent decomposition of the matrices  $B \in (C_s)$ ,  $\text{ind}(B) = s$ , which will be the main tool in the development of perturbation results.

Finally, in section 5 we give an explicit representation of  $B^D$ , and we derive upper bounds for the errors  $\|B^D - A^D\|/\|A^D\|$  and  $\|BB^D - AA^D\|$  in terms of norms involving the powers  $B^s - A^s$ . In a numerical example we compare our bounds with others given recently in [13, 14].

In relation to the study of the continuity of the Drazin inverse, we can say that if  $A_j$  converges to  $A$  and  $\text{rank } A_j^{r_j} = \text{rank } A^r A_j^{r_j} A^r = \text{rank } A^r$  for all sufficiently large  $j$ , where  $r_j = \text{ind}(A_j)$ , then an explicit representation for  $A_j^D$  and an explicit error bound of  $\|A_j^D - A^D\|/\|A^D\|$  are provided.

We recall that the *Drazin inverse* of  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  is the unique matrix  $A^D \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  satisfying the relations

$$A^D A A^D = A^D, \quad A A^D = A^D A, \quad A^{l+1} A^D = A^l \quad \text{for all } l \geq r,$$

where  $r = \text{ind}(A)$ . If  $A$  is nonsingular, then  $\text{ind}(A) = 0$  and the solution to the above equations is  $A^D = A^{-1}$ . The case when  $\text{ind}(A) = 1$ , i.e.,  $\text{rank } A = \text{rank } A^2$ , the Drazin inverse is called the *group inverse* of  $A$  and is denoted by  $A^\sharp$ .

We denote by  $O$  a null matrix. Each  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  with  $\text{ind}(A) = r$  has a unique *index 1-nilpotent decomposition* (see [1, Theorem 11, Chapter 4]),

$$(1.2) \quad A = C_A + N_A, \quad \text{ind}(C_A) = 1, \quad C_A N_A = N_A C_A = O, \quad N_A^r = O.$$

Moreover, we have  $A^k = C_A^k + N_A^k$  for all integers  $k \geq 1$ , and  $A^D = C_A^\sharp$ .

The following lemma gives a condition for the existence of the group inverse of a partitioned matrix and a formula for its computation (see [3, Theorems 7.7.5 and 7.7.7]).

LEMMA 1.1. *Let  $M = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix}$  be square with  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{d \times d}$  nonsingular and denote  $\Psi = I + A^{-1} B C A^{-1}$ . Then*

$$(i) \quad \text{rank } M = \text{rank } A \iff D = C A^{-1} B.$$

*In this case, for all integers  $k \geq 1$ ,  $M^k$  may be partitioned as*

$$(1.3) \quad M^k = \begin{bmatrix} I \\ C A^{-1} \end{bmatrix} (A \Psi)^{k-1} A \begin{bmatrix} I & A^{-1} B \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$(ii) \quad \text{If } \text{rank } M = \text{rank } A, \text{ then } \text{ind}(M) = 1 \iff \Psi \text{ is nonsingular.}$$

*In this case, the group inverse of  $M$  is given by*

$$(1.4) \quad M^\# = \begin{bmatrix} I \\ CA^{-1} \end{bmatrix} (\Psi A \Psi)^{-1} [I \quad A^{-1}B].$$

Let  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  with  $\text{ind}(A) = r$ . The *eigenprojection of  $A$  corresponding to the eigenvalue 0*, denoted by  $A^\pi$ , is the uniquely determined projector such that  $\mathcal{R}(A^\pi) = \mathcal{N}(A^r)$  and  $\mathcal{N}(A^\pi) = \mathcal{R}(A^r)$ .

If  $\text{ind}(A) = r > 0$ , then there exists a nonsingular matrix  $P$  such that we can write  $A$  in the *core-nilpotent block form*

$$(1.5) \quad A = P \begin{pmatrix} A_1 & O \\ O & A_2 \end{pmatrix} P^{-1} \quad A_1 \in \mathbb{C}^{d \times d} \text{ nonsingular, } d = \text{rank } A^r, \quad A_2^r = O.$$

By [3, Theorem 7.2.1], relative to the form (1.5), the Drazin inverse of  $A$  and the eigenprojection of  $A$  at zero are given by

$$A^D = P \begin{pmatrix} A_1^{-1} & O \\ O & O \end{pmatrix} P^{-1}, \quad A^\pi = I - AA^D = P \begin{pmatrix} O & O \\ O & I \end{pmatrix} P^{-1}.$$

The case when  $\text{ind}(A) = 1$  is equivalent to having  $A_2 = O$  in (1.5), and so  $A^\pi A = AA^\pi = O$ . Moreover, we have  $\mathcal{N}(A^\pi) = \mathcal{R}(A)$  and  $\mathcal{R}(A^\pi) = \mathcal{N}(A)$ .

LEMMA 1.2. *Let  $A, C \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  with  $\text{ind}(A) = r$  and  $C$  nonsingular. Then*

$$I - A^\pi + CA^\pi C^{-1}A^\pi \text{ is nonsingular} \iff I - A^\pi + C^{-1}A^\pi CA^\pi \text{ is nonsingular}.$$

*Proof.* Write

$$C = P \begin{pmatrix} C_{11} & C_{12} \\ C_{21} & C_{22} \end{pmatrix} P^{-1} \quad \text{and} \quad C^{-1} = P \begin{pmatrix} X_{11} & X_{12} \\ X_{21} & X_{22} \end{pmatrix} P^{-1},$$

where  $C_{11}, X_{11}$ , and  $A_1$  as in (1.5) are the same size. Then

$$I - A^\pi + CA^\pi C^{-1}A^\pi = P \begin{pmatrix} I & C_{12}X_{22} \\ O & C_{22}X_{22} \end{pmatrix} P^{-1},$$

$$I - A^\pi + C^{-1}A^\pi CA^\pi = P \begin{pmatrix} I & X_{12}C_{22} \\ O & X_{22}C_{22} \end{pmatrix} P^{-1}.$$

Hence, since  $C_{22}X_{22}$  is nonsingular  $\iff X_{22}C_{22}$  is nonsingular, the equivalence given in this lemma follows.  $\square$

The following lemma is concerned with the rank of a product of matrices (see [17, sec. 2.4]).

LEMMA 1.3. *Let  $A, B, C \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ . Then*

$$(1.6) \quad \text{rank } AB = \text{rank } B - \dim(\mathcal{R}(B) \cap \mathcal{N}(A)),$$

$$(1.7) \quad \text{rank } ABC \geq \text{rank } AB + \text{rank } BC - \text{rank } B.$$

**2. Characterizations of matrices satisfying condition  $(C_s)$ .** First, for a matrix  $B$  with  $\text{ind}(B) = s$  we establish the equivalence among condition  $(C_s)$  and conditions involving the matrix rank, and other conditions expressed in terms of the eigenprojections at zero.

**THEOREM 2.1.** *Let  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ ,  $\text{ind}(A) = r$ . Then the following statements on  $B \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  with  $\text{ind}(B) = s$  are equivalent:*

- (a)  $B$  satisfies condition  $(C_s)$ .
- (b)  $\text{rank } B^s = \text{rank } A^r = \text{rank } A^r B^s = \text{rank } B^s A^r$ .
- (c)  $\text{rank } B^s = \text{rank } A^r = \text{rank } A^r B^s A^r$ .
- (d)  $\text{rank } B^s = \text{rank } A^r$ ,  $I - A^\pi + B^\pi A^\pi$  is nonsingular.
- (e)  $I - (B^\pi - A^\pi)^2$  is nonsingular.
- (f)  $I - B^\pi - A^\pi$  is nonsingular.

*Proof.* (a)  $\Rightarrow$  (b). From the space decomposition  $\mathbb{C}^n = \mathcal{R}(A^r) \oplus \mathcal{N}(A^r) = \mathcal{R}(B^s) \oplus \mathcal{N}(B^s)$  and the conditions  $\mathcal{N}(B^s) \cap \mathcal{R}(A^r) = \{0\}$  and  $\mathcal{R}(B^s) \cap \mathcal{N}(A^r) = \{0\}$ , it is clear that  $\text{rank } B^s = \text{rank } A^r$ . Moreover, using Lemma 1.3, identity (1.6), we get

$$\text{rank } A^r B^s = \text{rank } B^s - \dim \mathcal{R}(B^s) \cap \mathcal{N}(A^r)$$

and

$$\text{rank } B^s A^r = \text{rank } A^r - \dim \mathcal{R}(A^r) \cap \mathcal{N}(B^s).$$

Hence,  $\text{rank } A^r B^s = \text{rank } B^s$  and  $\text{rank } B^s A^r = \text{rank } A^r$ . So, (b) is proved.

(b)  $\Rightarrow$  (c). Applying Lemma 1.3, formula (1.7), we get

$$\text{rank } A^r B^s A^r \geq \text{rank } A^r B^s + \text{rank } B^s A^r - \text{rank } B^s.$$

Hence  $\text{rank } A^r B^s A^r \geq \text{rank } B^s$ . We also have  $\text{rank } A^r B^s A^r \leq \text{rank } A^r = \text{rank } B^s$ , so we conclude that  $\text{rank } A^r B^s A^r = \text{rank } B^s$ .

(c)  $\Rightarrow$  (d). From condition  $\text{rank } A^r B^s A^r = \text{rank } A^r = \text{rank } B^s$ , using Lemma 1.3, identity (1.6), we easily derive  $\mathcal{R}(A^r) \cap \mathcal{N}(B^s) = \{0\}$  and  $\mathcal{N}(A^r) \cap \mathcal{R}(B^s) = \{0\}$ . Now, let  $(I - A^\pi + B^\pi A^\pi)x = 0$ . Then  $(I - A^\pi)x = -B^\pi A^\pi x$ . From this latter relation it follows that  $(I - A^\pi)x \in \mathcal{R}(A^r) \cap \mathcal{N}(B^s)$ , and thus  $(I - A^\pi)x = 0$ . Further, we also have  $B^\pi A^\pi x = 0$ . Hence  $A^\pi x \in \mathcal{R}(B^s) \cap \mathcal{N}(A^r)$  and, consequently,  $A^\pi x = 0$ . Therefore  $x = 0$ , and  $I - A^\pi + B^\pi A^\pi$  is nonsingular.

(d)  $\Rightarrow$  (e). Since  $I - (B^\pi - A^\pi)^2 = (I - A^\pi + B^\pi A^\pi)(I - B^\pi + A^\pi B^\pi)$ , we have to prove that  $I - B^\pi + A^\pi B^\pi$  is nonsingular. We write the core-nilpotent block forms, as in (1.5),  $A = P \begin{pmatrix} A_1 & O \\ O & A_2 \end{pmatrix} P^{-1}$  and  $B = Q \begin{pmatrix} B_1 & O \\ O & B_2 \end{pmatrix} Q^{-1}$  with  $A_1$  and  $B_1$  nonsingular matrices. We note that  $A_1$  and  $B_1$  have the same size because  $\text{rank } B^s = \text{rank } A^r$ . Moreover,  $(Q^{-1} B^\pi Q = \begin{pmatrix} O & Q \\ O & I \end{pmatrix}) = P^{-1} A^\pi P$  and, thus,  $B^\pi = Q P^{-1} A^\pi P Q^{-1}$ . Hence  $I - A^\pi + B^\pi A^\pi = I - A^\pi + Q P^{-1} A^\pi P Q^{-1} A^\pi$ . So  $I - A^\pi + Q P^{-1} A^\pi P Q^{-1} A^\pi$  is nonsingular, and by Lemma 1.2 we conclude that  $P Q^{-1} (I - B^\pi + A^\pi B^\pi) Q P^{-1} = I - A^\pi + P Q^{-1} A^\pi Q P^{-1} A^\pi$  is also nonsingular.

(e)  $\Rightarrow$  (f). Let  $(I - B^\pi - A^\pi)x = 0$ . Then  $(I - B^\pi + A^\pi)x = 2A^\pi x$ , and hence  $(I + B^\pi - A^\pi)(I - B^\pi + A^\pi)x = 2B^\pi A^\pi x = 0$ . So, we have  $(I - (B^\pi - A^\pi)^2)x = 0$ . This implies that  $x = 0$ , and therefore  $I - B^\pi - A^\pi$  is nonsingular.

(f)  $\Rightarrow$  (a). This equivalence follows from [7, Theorem 1.2], applying the equivalence of (iii) and (iv) given therein with the projectors  $I - A^\pi$  and  $B^\pi$ .  $\square$

The next lemma gives properties that are needed in what follows.

**LEMMA 2.2.** *Let  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ ,  $\text{ind}(A) = r$ . If  $B \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  with  $\text{ind}(B) = s$  satisfies condition  $(C_s)$ , then*

- (i) for any integer  $l \geq s$ ,  $I + (A^D)^l(B^l - A^l)$  is nonsingular.
- (ii)  $I - (I + (A^D)^s(B^s - A^s))^{-1}A^\pi - A^\pi(I + (B^s - A^s)(A^D)^s)^{-1}$  is nonsingular.

*Proof.* (i) Let  $l \geq s$  and  $(I + (A^D)^l(B^l - A^l))x = 0$ . Then,  $A^\pi x = -(A^D)^l B^l x = 0$ . Hence,  $x \in \mathcal{N}(A^\pi) = \mathcal{R}(A^r)$  and  $B^l x \in \mathcal{N}((A^D)^l) = \mathcal{N}(A^r)$ . Since  $\mathcal{R}(B^l) = \mathcal{R}(B^s)$ , then  $B^l x \in \mathcal{R}(B^s) \cap \mathcal{N}(A^r)$ . So,  $B^l x = 0$ . Therefore,  $x \in \mathcal{N}(B^l) \cap \mathcal{R}(A^r)$ , and thus  $x = 0$ . So,  $I + (A^D)^l(B^l - A^l)$  is nonsingular.

(ii) Let  $x - (I + (A^D)^s(B^s - A^s))^{-1}A^\pi x - A^\pi(I + (B^s - A^s)(A^D)^s)^{-1}x = 0$ . Then  $(I + (A^D)^s(B^s - A^s))^{-1}(A^D)^s B^s x = A^\pi(I + (B^s - A^s)(A^D)^s)^{-1}x$ . From this identity and the fact that  $(I + (A^D)^s(B^s - A^s))^{-1}(A^D)^s = (A^D)^s(I + (B^s - A^s)(A^D)^s)^{-1}$ , we conclude that  $(I + (A^D)^s(B^s - A^s))^{-1}(A^D)^s B^s x = 0$  and  $A^\pi(I + (B^s - A^s)(A^D)^s)^{-1}x = 0$ . Therefore,  $(A^D)^s B^s x = 0$  and so  $B^s x \in \mathcal{R}(B^s) \cap \mathcal{N}(A^r)$ . Thus,  $B^s x = 0$ . Moreover, since  $(I + (B^s - A^s)(A^D)^s)^{-1}x \in \mathcal{R}(A^r)$ ,  $(I + (B^s - A^s)(A^D)^s)^{-1}x = A^r y$  for some  $y$ . This implies that  $x = B^s(A^D)^s A^r y$ , and so  $x \in \mathcal{R}(B^s) \cap \mathcal{N}(B^s)$ . Hence,  $x = 0$  because  $\text{ind}(B) = s$ . So, (ii) is proved.  $\square$

In the following theorem, we will derive a formula for the eigenprojection of  $B$  at zero,  $B^\pi$ .

**THEOREM 2.3.** *Let  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ ,  $\text{ind}(A) = r$ . If  $B \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  with  $\text{ind}(B) = s$  satisfies condition  $(\mathcal{C}_s)$ , then*

$$B^\pi = -(I + (A^D)^s(B^s - A^s))^{-1}A^\pi X^{-1} = -X^{-1}A^\pi(I + (B^s - A^s)(A^D)^s)^{-1},$$

where

$$X = I - (I + (A^D)^s(B^s - A^s))^{-1}A^\pi - A^\pi(I + (B^s - A^s)(A^D)^s)^{-1}.$$

*Proof.* From Lemma 2.2 we know that  $I + (A^D)^s(B^s - A^s)$  and  $X$  are nonsingular. Using that  $A^\pi(I + (A^D)^s(B^s - A^s))^{-1} = A^\pi = (I + (B^s - A^s)(A^D)^s)^{-1}A^\pi$ , it is easily checked that

$$\begin{aligned} & X(I + (A^D)^s(B^s - A^s))^{-1}A^\pi \\ (2.1) \quad &= -A^\pi(I + (B^s - A^s)(A^D)^s)^{-1}(I + (A^D)^s(B^s - A^s))^{-1}A^\pi \\ &= A^\pi(I + (B^s - A^s)(A^D)^s)^{-1}X. \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$(2.2) \quad (I + (A^D)^s(B^s - A^s))^{-1}A^\pi X^{-1} = X^{-1}A^\pi(I + (B^s - A^s)(A^D)^s)^{-1}.$$

Let  $Q = -(I + (A^D)^s(B^s - A^s))^{-1}A^\pi X^{-1}$ . We observe that

$$\mathcal{R}(Q) = \mathcal{R}((I + (A^D)^s(B^s - A^s))^{-1}A^\pi)$$

because  $X$  is nonsingular. Let us show that  $Q$  is the projector with  $\mathcal{N}(Q) = \mathcal{R}(B^s)$  and  $\mathcal{R}(Q) = \mathcal{N}(B^s)$ . First, using (2.2) and (2.1) we see that

$$Q^2 = X^{-1}A^\pi(I + (B^s - A^s)(A^D)^s)^{-1}(I + (A^D)^s(B^s - A^s))^{-1}A^\pi X^{-1} = Q.$$

Now, let us assume that  $x \in \mathcal{N}(B^s)$ . Then  $A^\pi x + (A^D)^s B^s x = A^\pi x$ . From this relation it follows that  $x = (A^\pi + (A^D)^s B^s)^{-1}A^\pi x$  and, thus,  $x \in \mathcal{R}(Q)$ . Conversely, assuming  $x \in \mathcal{R}(Q)$  we get  $(A^\pi + (A^D)^s B^s)x = A^\pi y$  for some  $y \in \mathbb{C}^n$ . Hence  $(A^D)^s B^s x = A^\pi(y - x)$ . Then  $(A^D)^s B^s x = 0$ . Therefore,  $B^s x \in \mathcal{R}(B^s) \cap \mathcal{N}(A^r)$ . So  $B^s x = 0$ . Consequently,  $\mathcal{R}(Q) = \mathcal{N}(B^s)$ .

By (2.2) we have that  $\mathcal{N}(Q) = \mathcal{N}(X^{-1}A^\pi(I + (B^s - A^s)(A^D)^s)^{-1})$ . Hence it follows that  $\mathcal{N}(Q) = \mathcal{N}(A^\pi(I + (B^s - A^s)(A^D)^s)^{-1})$  because  $X$  is nonsingular. Let us assume that  $x \in \mathcal{N}(Q)$ . Then

$$A^\pi(A^\pi + B^s(A^D)^s)^{-1}x = (I - B^s(A^D)^s(A^\pi + B^s(A^D)^s)^{-1})x = 0.$$

Hence,  $x = B^s A^D(A^\pi + B^s(A^D)^s)^{-1}x$ , and thus  $x \in \mathcal{R}(B^s)$ . Since  $\mathcal{N}(Q) \subseteq \mathcal{R}(B^s)$ , and  $\mathbb{C}^n = \mathcal{R}(Q) \oplus \mathcal{N}(Q) = \mathcal{R}(B^s) \oplus \mathcal{N}(B^s)$  because  $\text{ind}(B) = s$ , we conclude that  $\mathcal{N}(Q) = \mathcal{R}(B^s)$ . So we have  $B^\pi = Q$ , which is the desired result.  $\square$

**3. The class  $(\mathcal{C}_1)$ .** We shall first give further characterizations of matrices  $B$  satisfying condition  $(\mathcal{C}_1)$  and  $\text{ind}(B) = 1$ . We obtain a representation of  $B$  with respect to the core-nilpotent block form of the matrix  $A$ .

**THEOREM 3.1.** *Let  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ ,  $\text{ind}(A) = r$ . Then the following conditions on  $B \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  are equivalent:*

- (a)  $B$  satisfies condition  $(\mathcal{C}_1)$  and  $\text{ind}(B) = 1$ .
- (b)  $B(I + A^D(B - A))^{-1}A^\pi = O$ ,  $I + A^D(B - A)$  and  $I + (A^D)^2(B^2 - A^2)$  are nonsingular.
- (c) Relative to the core-nilpotent block form of  $A$  in (1.5),  $B$  has the following representation:

$$(3.1) \quad B = P \begin{pmatrix} B_{11} & B_{12} \\ B_{21} & B_{21}B_{11}^{-1}B_{12} \end{pmatrix} P^{-1},$$

where  $B_{11}$  and  $I + B_{11}^{-1}B_{12}B_{21}B_{11}^{-1}$  are nonsingular.

- (d)  $\text{rank } B = \text{rank } A^r$ ,  $I + A^D(B - A)$  and  $I + (A^D)^2(B^2 - A^2)$  are nonsingular.

*Proof.* (a)  $\Rightarrow$  (b). Since  $\text{ind}(B) = 1$ , from Lemma 2.2(i) we get that  $I + A^D(B - A)$  and  $I + (A^D)^2(B^2 - A^2)$  are nonsingular. Finally, using that  $BB^\pi = O$  and applying Theorem 2.3, we conclude that  $B(I + A^D(B - A))^{-1}A^\pi = O$ .

(b)  $\Rightarrow$  (c). Write

$$B = P \begin{pmatrix} B_{11} & B_{12} \\ B_{21} & B_{22} \end{pmatrix} P^{-1}.$$

We compute

$$I + A^D(B - A) = P \begin{pmatrix} A_1^{-1}B_{11} & A_1^{-1}B_{12} \\ O & I \end{pmatrix} P^{-1}.$$

Hence  $B_{11}$  is nonsingular because  $I + A^D(B - A)$  is nonsingular. We have

$$I + (A^D)^2(B^2 - A^2) = P \begin{pmatrix} A_1^{-2}(B_{11}^2 + B_{12}B_{21}) & A_1^{-2}(B_{11}B_{12} + B_{12}B_{22}) \\ O & I \end{pmatrix} P^{-1}.$$

Thus,  $B_{11}^2 + B_{12}B_{21}$  is nonsingular because  $I + (A^D)^2(B^2 - A^2)$  is nonsingular. On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned} B(I + A^D(B - A))^{-1}A^\pi &= P \begin{pmatrix} B_{11} & B_{12} \\ B_{21} & B_{22} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} B_{11}^{-1}A_1 & -B_{11}^{-1}B_{12} \\ O & I \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} O & O \\ O & I \end{pmatrix} P^{-1} \\ &= P \begin{pmatrix} O & O \\ O & -B_{21}B_{11}^{-1}B_{12} + B_{22} \end{pmatrix} P^{-1}. \end{aligned}$$

From the assumption  $B(I + A^D(B - A))^{-1}A^\pi = O$  it follows that  $B_{22} = B_{21}B_{11}^{-1}B_{12}$ .

(c)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (d). From the representation (3.1), applying Lemma 1.1, it follows that  $\text{rank } B = \text{rank } B_{11} = \text{rank } A^r$ . The rest is easily seen.

Conversely, write

$$B = P \begin{pmatrix} B_{11} & B_{12} \\ B_{21} & B_{22} \end{pmatrix} P^{-1}.$$

Since  $I + A^D(B - A)$  and  $I + (A^D)^2(B^2 - A^2)$  are nonsingular, arguing as in the proof of (b)  $\Rightarrow$  (c), we get that  $B_{11}$  and  $I + B_{11}^{-1}B_{12}B_{21}B_{11}^{-1}$  are nonsingular. Finally, from  $\text{rank } B = \text{rank } A^r$  we obtain that  $\text{rank } B = \text{rank } B_{11}$ , and hence by Lemma 1.1(i) we conclude that  $B_{22} = B_{21}B_{11}^{-1}B_{12}$ .

(c)  $\Rightarrow$  (a). Assume that  $B$  has the block representation (3.1). By Lemma 1.1(i), (ii), we conclude that  $\text{rank } B = \text{rank } B_{11} = \text{rank } A^r$  and  $\text{ind}(B) = 1$ . On the other hand,

$$\text{rank } A^r B A^r = \text{rank } P \begin{pmatrix} A_1^r B_{11} A_1^r & O \\ O & O \end{pmatrix} P^{-1} = \text{rank } A_1^r B_{11} A_1^r = \text{rank } A^r.$$

Hence, in view of Theorem 2.1 (a) $\Leftrightarrow$ (c), we conclude that  $B$  satisfy condition  $(\mathcal{C}_1)$ .  $\square$

*Remark 3.2.* Conditions (b) and (d) in the above theorem can be replaced by the following symmetrical conditions:

(b')  $A^\pi(I + (B - A)A^D)^{-1}B = O$ ,  $I + (B - A)A^D$  and  $I + (B^2 - A^2)(A^D)^2$  are nonsingular.

(d')  $\text{rank } B = \text{rank } A^r$ ,  $I + (B - A)A^D$  and  $I + (B^2 - A^2)(A^D)^2$  are nonsingular.

Next, we state the following compact representation for  $B$  and  $B^\sharp$ .

**LEMMA 3.3.** *Let  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ ,  $\text{ind}(A) = r$  and let  $B \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ ,  $\text{ind}(B) = 1$ , satisfying condition  $(\mathcal{C}_1)$ . Then we have the representation*

$$(3.2) \quad B = P \begin{bmatrix} I \\ S \end{bmatrix} B_1 [I \quad T] P^{-1},$$

where  $B_1$  and  $I + TS$  are nonsingular. According to this expression, the group inverse of  $B$  can be represented in the form

$$(3.3) \quad B^\sharp = P \begin{bmatrix} I \\ S \end{bmatrix} [(I + TS)B_1(I + TS)]^{-1} [I \quad T] P^{-1}.$$

*Proof.* By Theorem 3.1 (c),

$$B = P \begin{pmatrix} B_{11} & B_{12} \\ B_{21} & B_{21}B_{11}^{-1}B_{12} \end{pmatrix} P^{-1},$$

where  $B_{11}$  and  $I + B_{11}^{-1}B_{12}B_{21}B_{11}^{-1}$  are nonsingular. By denoting  $B_1 = B_{11}$ ,  $T = B_{11}^{-1}B_{12}$ , and  $S = B_{21}B_{11}^{-1}$  we get the representation (3.2). Now, applying formula (1.4) given in Lemma 1.1, we obtain the representation for  $B^\sharp$ .  $\square$

**4. The class  $(\mathcal{C}_s)$ .** Next, based on Theorem 3.1, we establish the following new characterizations of  $B$  satisfying condition  $(\mathcal{C}_s)$ .

**THEOREM 4.1.** *Let  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ ,  $\text{ind}(A) = r$ . Then the following conditions on  $B \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  are equivalent:*

(a)  $B$  satisfies condition  $(\mathcal{C}_s)$  and  $\text{ind}(B) = s$ .

- (b) For the smallest positive integer  $s$  such that  $B^s(I+(A^D)^s(B^s-A^s))^{-1}A^\pi = O$ ,  $I+(A^D)^s(B^s-A^s)$  and  $I+(A^D)^{s+1}(B^{s+1}-A^{s+1})$  are nonsingular.
- (c) The index 1-nilpotent decomposition of  $B$  has the following representation relative to the core-nilpotent block form of  $A$  in (1.5),

$$(4.1) \quad B = C_B + N_B = P \begin{bmatrix} I \\ S \end{bmatrix} B_1 [I \quad T] P^{-1} + P \begin{bmatrix} T \\ -I \end{bmatrix} B_2 [S \quad -I] P^{-1},$$

where  $B_1$  and  $I + TS$  are nonsingular and  $B_2(I + ST)$  is nilpotent of index  $s$ .

- (d) For the smallest positive integer  $s$  such that  $\text{rank } B^s = \text{rank } A^r$ ,  $I+(A^D)^s(B^s-A^s)$  and  $I+(A^D)^{s+1}(B^{s+1}-A^{s+1})$  are nonsingular.

*Proof.* If  $\text{ind}(B) = s$  and  $B$  satisfies condition  $(C_s)$ , then  $s$  is the smallest positive integer such that  $B^s$  satisfies condition  $(C_1)$  and  $\text{ind}(B^s) = 1$ . Moreover, we observe that for any  $k \geq s$ ,  $I+(A^D)^k(B^k-A^k)$  is nonsingular if and only if  $I+A^D(B^k-A)$  is nonsingular. So, applying Theorem 3.1 with  $B^s$ , it follows the equivalence between condition (a) and the following:

- (b') For the smallest positive integer  $s$  such that  $B^s(I+(A^D)^s(B^s-A^s))^{-1}A^\pi = O$ ,  $I+(A^D)^s(B^s-A^s)$  and  $I+(A^D)^{2s}(B^{2s}-A^{2s})$  are nonsingular.

We now note that conditions (b') and (b) are equivalent.

A similar device proves the equivalence between conditions (a) and (d) in this theorem. Applying Theorem 3.1 with  $B^s$  we get the equivalence of (a) and the following:

- (d') For the smallest positive integer  $s$  such that  $\text{rank } B^s = \text{rank } A^r$ , we have that  $I+(A^D)^s(B^s-A^s)$  and  $I+(A^D)^{2s}(B^{2s}-A^{2s})$  are nonsingular.

Finally, we note that conditions (d') and (d) are equivalent.

Now, we will prove the equivalence between (a) and (c). Suppose  $B = C_B + N_B$  is the index 1-nilpotent decomposition (1.2) of  $B$ . We know that if  $s$  is the index of  $B$ , then  $\mathcal{N}(C_B) = \mathcal{N}(B^s)$  and  $\mathcal{R}(C_B) = \mathcal{R}(B^s)$ . Hence if  $B$  satisfies condition  $(C_s)$ , then  $C_B$  satisfies condition  $(C_1)$  and  $\text{ind}(C_B) = 1$ . By Lemma 3.3 it follows that

$$(4.2) \quad C_B = P \begin{bmatrix} I \\ S \end{bmatrix} B_1 [I \quad T] P^{-1},$$

where  $B_1$  and  $I + TS$  are nonsingular. We observe that  $I + ST$  is also nonsingular. Now, write

$$N_B = P \begin{pmatrix} N_{11} & N_{12} \\ N_{21} & N_{22} \end{pmatrix} P^{-1}.$$

Since  $C_B N_B = N_B C_B = O$ , by direct computations it follows that  $N_{11} = T N_{22} S$ ,  $N_{12} = -T N_{22}$ , and  $N_{21} = -N_{22} S$ . So,

$$(4.3) \quad N_B = P \begin{bmatrix} T \\ -I \end{bmatrix} B_2 [S \quad -I] P^{-1},$$

where we have renamed  $B_2 = N_{22}$ . Thus, for every positive integer  $k$ ,

$$(4.4) \quad N_B^k = P \begin{bmatrix} T \\ -I \end{bmatrix} (B_2(I + ST))^k B_2 [S \quad -I] P^{-1}.$$

Condition  $N_B^s = O$  implies that  $(B_2(I + ST))^s = O$ . Therefore,  $B_2(I + ST)$  is nilpotent of index  $s$ . Hence, from (4.2) and (4.3) we get the representation (4.1).

Conversely, assume that we have the splitting  $B = C_B + N_B$ , where  $C_B$  and  $N_B$  have the representation given by (4.1). Clearly  $C_B N_B = N_B C_B = O$ . Moreover, by Theorem 3.1, equivalence between (a) and (c), it follows that  $C_B$  satisfies condition  $(\mathcal{C}_1)$  and  $\text{ind}(C_B) = 1$ . Using (4.4), we see that  $N_B^s = O$ . So  $B = C_B + N_B$  is the core-nilpotent decomposition of  $B$  and  $\text{ind}(B) = s$ . Since  $\mathcal{R}(B^s) = \mathcal{R}(C_B)$  and  $\mathcal{N}(B^s) = \mathcal{N}(C_B)$ , we conclude that  $\mathcal{R}(B^s) \cap \mathcal{N}(A^r) = \{0\}$  and  $\mathcal{N}(B^s) \cap \mathcal{R}(A^r) = \{0\}$ . Thus  $B \in (\mathcal{C}_s)$  and  $\text{ind}(B) = s$ .  $\square$

*Remark 4.2.* Conditions (b) and (d) in Theorem 4.1 can be replaced by the corresponding symmetrical conditions, as expressed in Remark 3.2.

**COROLLARY 4.3.** *Let  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ ,  $\text{ind}(A) = r$ . Then the following statements about  $B \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  with  $\text{ind}(B) = s$  are equivalent:*

- (a)  $B$  satisfies condition  $(\mathcal{C}_s)$ .
- (b)  $I + (A^D)^s(B^s - A^s)$  is nonsingular and  $B^s(I + (A^D)^s(B^s - A^s))^{-1}A^\pi = O$ .
- (c)  $\text{rank } B^s = \text{rank } A^r$  and  $I + (A^D)^s(B^s - A^s)$  is nonsingular.

*Proof.* (a) $\Leftrightarrow$ (b). This equivalence follows from the equivalence (a) $\Leftrightarrow$ (b) established in Theorem 4.1 if we show that, under assumption  $\text{ind}(B) = s$ , the condition (b) in this theorem implies that  $I + (A^D)^{s+1}(B^{s+1} - A^{s+1})$  is nonsingular. First, we observe that  $\mathcal{N}(B^s) = \mathcal{N}(B^{s+1})$  because  $\text{ind}(B) = s$ . Now, since  $A^\pi + (A^D)^s B^s$  is nonsingular, then  $\mathcal{N}(A^\pi) \cap \mathcal{N}(B^s) = \{0\}$ . From  $B^s(I + (A^D)^s(B^s - A^s))^{-1}A^\pi = O$  it follows that  $B^s = B^s(I + (A^D)^s(B^s - A^s))^{-1}(A^D)^s B^s$ . So, we see that  $\mathcal{N}((A^D)^{s+1}B^{s+1}) = \mathcal{N}((A^D)^s B^{s+1}) \subseteq \mathcal{N}(B^{s+1})$ . Thus  $A^\pi + (A^D)^{s+1}B^{s+1}$  is nonsingular because  $\mathcal{N}(A^\pi) \cap \mathcal{N}(B^{s+1}) = \{0\}$ .

(a) $\Leftrightarrow$ (c). This equivalence follows from the equivalence (a) $\Leftrightarrow$ (d) established in Theorem 4.1. The details are omitted.  $\square$

Next, we give a representation for the powers of  $B$ .

**LEMMA 4.4.** *Let  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ ,  $\text{ind}(A) = r$  and let  $B \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ ,  $\text{ind}(B) = s$ , satisfying condition  $(\mathcal{C}_s)$ . Then, for all integer  $k \geq 1$ , we have the representation*

$$B^k = P \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} I \\ S \end{bmatrix} (B_1(I + TS))^{k-1} B_1 \begin{bmatrix} I & T \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} T \\ -I \end{bmatrix} (B_2(I + ST))^{k-1} B_2 \begin{bmatrix} S & -I \end{bmatrix} \right\} P^{-1},$$

where  $B_1$  and  $I + TS$  are nonsingular and  $B_2(I + ST)$  is nilpotent of index  $s$ .

*Proof.* The formula for the powers  $B^k$  can be derived from the representation (4.1), using the formula (1.3) of Lemma 1.1 and the formula (4.4).  $\square$

**5. Perturbation results.** In this section we give an explicit representation of  $B^D$  and we derive perturbation bounds of the Drazin inverse and the eigenprojection at zero.

**THEOREM 5.1.** *Let  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ ,  $\text{ind}(A) = r > 0$  and let  $B \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ ,  $\text{ind}(B) = s$ , satisfying condition  $(\mathcal{C}_s)$ . Denote  $E_1 = E = B - A$  and  $E_s = B^s - A^s$ . Assume that  $I + A^D E$  is nonsingular. Then*

$$(5.1) \quad \begin{aligned} B^D = & \Phi_1^{-1} \left( A^D + A^D \Psi_{ss}^{-1} \Phi_s^{-1} (A^D)^s E_s A^\pi (I - A^\pi E_s (A^D)^s \tilde{\Phi}_s^{-1}) + A^\pi E_s (A^D)^s \tilde{\Phi}_s^{-1} \Psi_{1s}^{-1} \right. \\ & \left. \times (A^D - \Phi_1^{-1} A^D E A^D - \Phi_1^{-1} A^D (\Psi_{ss} - I) \Psi_{ss}^{-1}) (I + \Phi_s^{-1} (A^D)^s E_s A^\pi) \right), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\Phi_i = I + (A^D)^i E_i$ ,  $\tilde{\Phi}_i = I + E_i (A^D)^i$ , and  $\Psi_{is} = I + \Phi_i^{-1} (A^D)^i E_i A^\pi E_s (A^D)^s \tilde{\Phi}_s^{-1}$  for  $i = 1$  and  $i = s$ . If  $\max\{\|A^D E\|, \|(A^D)^s E_s\|, \|E_s (A^D)^s\|\} < 1$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}
 (5.2) \quad & \frac{\|B^D - A^D\|}{\|A^D\|} \\
 & \leq \frac{\|A^D E\|}{1 - \|A^D E\|} + \frac{\|(A^D)^s E_s A^\pi\| \|\Psi_{ss}^{-1}\|}{(1 - \|A^D E\|)(1 - \|(A^D)^s E_s\|)} \left(1 + \frac{\|A^\pi E_s (A^D)^s\|}{1 - \|E_s (A^D)^s\|}\right) \\
 & \quad + \frac{\|A^\pi E_s (A^D)^s\| \|\Psi_{1s}^{-1}\|}{(1 - \|A^D E\|)(1 - \|E_s (A^D)^s\|)} \left(1 + \frac{\|(A^D)^s E_s A^\pi\|}{1 - \|(A^D)^s E_s\|}\right) \\
 & \quad \times \left(1 + \frac{\|A^D E\|}{1 - \|A^D E\|} + \frac{\|(A^D)^s E_s A^\pi\| \|A^\pi E_s (A^D)^s\| \|\Psi_{ss}^{-1}\|}{(1 - \|A^D E\|)(1 - \|E_s (A^D)^s\|)(1 - \|(A^D)^s E_s\|)}\right).
 \end{aligned}$$

Furthermore, if

$$\max\{\|A^D E\|, \|(A^D)^s E_s\|, \|E_s (A^D)^s\|\} < \frac{1}{1 + \sqrt{\|A^\pi\|}},$$

then we have the following upper bounds for  $i = 1$  and  $i = s$ :

$$(5.3) \quad \|\Psi_{is}^{-1}\| \leq \frac{(1 - \|(A^D)^i E_i\|)(1 - \|E_s (A^D)^s\|)}{(1 - \|(A^D)^i E_i\|)(1 - \|E_s (A^D)^s\|) - \|(A^D)^i E_i\| \|A^\pi E_s (A^D)^s\|}.$$

*Proof.* From Theorem 4.1(c), we have that the index 1-nilpotent decomposition of  $B$  is given by  $B = C_B + N_B$ , with  $C_B = P \begin{bmatrix} I \\ S \end{bmatrix} B_1 \begin{bmatrix} I & T \end{bmatrix} P^{-1}$  and  $N_B = P \begin{bmatrix} T \\ -I \end{bmatrix} B_2 \begin{bmatrix} S & -I \end{bmatrix} P^{-1}$ , where  $B_1$  and  $I + TS$  are nonsingular and  $B_2(I + ST)$  is nilpotent of index  $s$ . Hence, applying Lemma 3.3, formulae (3.3), we obtain

$$(5.4) \quad B^D = C_B^\sharp = P \begin{bmatrix} I \\ S \end{bmatrix} [(I + TS)B_1(I + TS)]^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} I & T \end{bmatrix} P^{-1}.$$

Furthermore, we can write  $E = B - A$  as

$$(5.5) \quad E = P \begin{pmatrix} B_1 + TB_2S - A_1 & B_1T - TB_2 \\ SB_1 - B_2S & SB_1T + B_2 - A_2 \end{pmatrix} P^{-1}.$$

In view of this latter representation we get

$$(5.6) \quad I + A^D E = P \begin{pmatrix} A_1^{-1}(B_1 + TB_2S) & A_1^{-1}(B_1T - TB_2) \\ O & I \end{pmatrix} P^{-1}.$$

From the assumption that  $I + A^D E$  is nonsingular, it follows that  $B_1 + TB_2S$  is nonsingular. Using (5.6) and (5.4) we obtain

$$(5.7) \quad (I + A^D E)B^D = P \begin{pmatrix} A_1^{-1}(I + TS)^{-1} & A_1^{-1}(I + TS)^{-1}T \\ S((I + TS)B_1(I + TS))^{-1} & S((I + TS)B_1(I + TS))^{-1}T \end{pmatrix} P^{-1}.$$

By denoting  $\Phi_1 = I + A^D E$ , in view of (5.6) we obtain

$$(5.8) \quad \Phi_1^{-1} = P \begin{pmatrix} (B_1 + TB_2S)^{-1}A_1 & -(B_1 + TB_2S)^{-1}(B_1T - TB_2) \\ O & I \end{pmatrix} P^{-1}.$$

Utilizing the representations of the powers of  $B$  given in Lemma 4.4, we write  $E_s = B^s - A^s$  as

$$E_s = P \begin{pmatrix} (B_1(I + TS))^{s-1}B_1 - A_1^s & (B_1(I + TS))^{s-1}B_1T \\ S(B_1(I + TS))^{s-1}B_1 & S(B_1(I + TS))^{s-1}B_1T - A_2^s \end{pmatrix} P^{-1}.$$

By denoting  $\Phi_s = I + (A^D)^s E_s$  and  $\tilde{\Phi}_s = I + E_s(A^D)^s$  we get

$$(5.9) \quad \begin{aligned} \Phi_s^{-1} &= P \begin{pmatrix} B_1^{-1}((B_1(I + TS))^{(s-1)})^{-1}A_1^s & -T \\ O & I \end{pmatrix} P^{-1}, \\ \tilde{\Phi}_s^{-1} &= P \begin{pmatrix} A_1^s B_1^{-1}((B_1(I + TS))^{(s-1)})^{-1} & O \\ -S & I \end{pmatrix} P^{-1}, \end{aligned}$$

and, hence,

$$\Phi_s^{-1}(A^D)^s = (A^D)^s \tilde{\Phi}_s^{-1} = P \begin{pmatrix} B_1^{-1}((B_1(I + TS))^{(s-1)})^{-1} & O \\ O & O \end{pmatrix} P^{-1}.$$

Furthermore,

$$(5.10) \quad \Phi_s^{-1}(A^D)^s E_s A^\pi = P \begin{pmatrix} O & T \\ O & O \end{pmatrix} P^{-1}, \quad A^\pi E_s (A^D)^s \tilde{\Phi}_s^{-1} = P \begin{pmatrix} O & O \\ S & O \end{pmatrix} P^{-1}.$$

Let  $\Psi_{is} = I + \Phi_i^{-1}(A^D)^i E_i A^\pi E_s (A^D)^s \tilde{\Phi}_s^{-1}$  for  $i = 1$  and  $i = s$ . Using (5.10) we see that

$$(5.11) \quad \Psi_{ss}^{-1} = P \begin{pmatrix} (I + TS)^{-1} & O \\ O & I \end{pmatrix} P^{-1},$$

and, using (5.5), (5.6), and (5.10) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi_{1s} &= P \left[ \begin{pmatrix} I & O \\ O & I \end{pmatrix} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \begin{pmatrix} I - (B_1 + TB_2S)^{-1}A_1 & (B_1 + TB_2S)^{-1}(B_1T - TB_2) \\ O & O \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} O & O \\ S & O \end{pmatrix} \right] P^{-1} \\ &= P \begin{pmatrix} (B_1 + TB_2S)^{-1}B_1(I + TS) & O \\ O & I \end{pmatrix} P^{-1}, \end{aligned}$$

and, thus,

$$(5.12) \quad \Psi_{1s}^{-1} = P \begin{pmatrix} (I + TS)^{-1}B_1^{-1}(B_1 + TB_2S) & O \\ O & I \end{pmatrix} P^{-1}.$$

Now, let us introduce

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Sigma_1 &= A^D + A^D \Psi_{ss}^{-1} \Phi_s^{-1} (A^D)^s E_s A^\pi (I - A^\pi E_s (A^D)^s \tilde{\Phi}_s^{-1}), \\
 \Omega &= A^D - \Phi_1^{-1} A^D E A^D - \Phi_1^{-1} A^D (\Psi_{ss} - I) \Psi_{ss}^{-1}, \\
 \Sigma_2 &= A^\pi E_s (A^D)^s \tilde{\Phi}_s^{-1} \Psi_{1s}^{-1} \Omega (I + \Phi_s^{-1} (A^D)^s E_s A^\pi).
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{5.13}$$

In order to verify identity (5.1) we will see that the matrix representation of  $\Sigma_1 + \Sigma_2$  is equal to the right-hand side of (5.7). We compute

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Sigma_1 &= P \left[ \begin{pmatrix} A_1^{-1} & O \\ O & O \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} O & A_1^{-1} (I + TS)^{-1} T \\ O & O \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} I & O \\ -S & I \end{pmatrix} \right] P^{-1} \\
 &= P \begin{pmatrix} A_1^{-1} (I + TS)^{-1} & A_1^{-1} (I + TS)^{-1} T \\ O & O \end{pmatrix} P^{-1}.
 \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, utilizing (5.5), (5.8), and (5.11) we see that

$$\Omega = P \begin{pmatrix} (B_1 + TB_2S)^{-1} (I + TS)^{-1} & O \\ O & O \end{pmatrix} P^{-1},$$

and, hence, using (5.12), we get

$$\Psi_{1s}^{-1} \Omega = P \begin{pmatrix} (I + TS)^{-1} B_1^{-1} (I + TS)^{-1} & O \\ O & O \end{pmatrix} P^{-1}.$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Sigma_2 &= P \begin{pmatrix} O & O \\ S & O \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} (I + TS)^{-1} B_1^{-1} (I + TS)^{-1} & O \\ O & I \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} I & T \\ O & I \end{pmatrix} P^{-1} \\
 &= P \begin{pmatrix} O & O \\ S(I + TS)^{-1} B_1^{-1} (I + TS)^{-1} & S(I + TS)^{-1} B_1^{-1} (I + TS)^{-1} T \end{pmatrix} P^{-1}.
 \end{aligned}$$

In view of these expressions of  $\Sigma_1$  and  $\Sigma_2$  we conclude the proof of the first part. From the identity  $B^D - A^D + A^D E (B^D - A^D + A^D) = \Sigma_1 - A^D + \Sigma_2$ , taking norms we obtain

$$\|B^D - A^D\| \leq \|A^D E\| \|B^D - A^D\| + \|A^D E\| \|A^D\| + \|\Sigma_1 - A^D\| + \|\Sigma_2\|.$$

Since  $\max\{\|A^D E\|, \|(A^D)^s E_s\|, \|E_s (A^D)^s\|\} < 1$ , we have

$$\|B^D - A^D\| \leq \frac{\|A^D\| \|A^D E\| + \|\Sigma_1 - A^D\| + \|\Sigma_2\|}{1 - \|A^D E\|}
 \tag{5.14}$$

and

$$\|\Phi_s^{-1}\| \leq \frac{1}{1 - \|(A^D)^s E_s\|} \quad \text{and} \quad \|\tilde{\Phi}_s^{-1}\| \leq \frac{1}{1 - \|E_s (A^D)^s\|}.
 \tag{5.15}$$

Taking norms in (5.13), and using these upper bounds, we get

$$\|\Sigma_1 - A^D\| \leq \frac{\|A^D\| \| (A^D)^s E_s A^\pi \| \| \Psi_{ss}^{-1} \|}{1 - \|(A^D)^s E_s\|} \left( 1 + \frac{\|A^\pi E_s (A^D)^s\|}{1 - \|E_s (A^D)^s\|} \right)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \|\Sigma_2\| &\leq \frac{\|A^D\| \|A^\pi E_s(A^D)^s\| \|\Psi_{1s}^{-1}\|}{1 - \|E_s(A^D)^s\|} \left( 1 + \frac{\|(A^D)^s E_s A^\pi\|}{1 - \|(A^D)^s E_s\|} \right) \\ &\quad \times \left( 1 + \frac{\|A^D E\|}{1 - \|A^D E\|} + \frac{\|(A^D)^s E_s A^\pi\| \|A^\pi E_s(A^D)^s\| \|\Psi_{ss}^{-1}\|}{(1 - \|A^D E\|)(1 - \|E_s(A^D)^s\|)(1 - \|(A^D)^s E_s\|)} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Substituting these upper bounds of  $\|\Sigma_1 - A^D\|$  and  $\|\Sigma_2\|$  in (5.14) we conclude the proof of (5.2). Finally, if  $\max\{\|A^D E\|, \|(A^D)^s E_s\|, \|E_s(A^D)^s\|\} < \frac{1}{1 + \sqrt{\|A^\pi\|}}$ , then

$$\|\Psi_{is} - I\| \leq \frac{\|(A^D)^i E_i\| \|A^\pi E_s(A^D)^s\|}{(1 - \|(A^D)^i E_i\|)(1 - \|E_s(A^D)^s\|)} < 1, \quad i = 1, s.$$

Hence, it follows that

$$\|\Psi_{is}^{-1}\| \leq \frac{(1 - \|(A^D)^i E_i\|)(1 - \|E_s(A^D)^s\|)}{(1 - \|(A^D)^i E_i\|)(1 - \|E_s(A^D)^s\|) - \|(A^D)^i E_i\| \|A^\pi E_s(A^D)^s\|}, \quad i = 1, s.$$

This completes the proof.  $\square$

*Remark 5.2.* If we denote  $\delta_{is} = (1 - \|(A^D)^i E_i\|)(1 - \|E_s(A^D)^s\|) - \|(A^D)^i E_i\| \|A^\pi E_s(A^D)^s\|$ , then the upper bounds (5.3), for  $i = 1$  and  $i = s$ , can be expressed as

$$\|\Psi_{is}^{-1}\| \leq 1 + \frac{\|(A^D)^i E_i\| \|A^\pi E_s(A^D)^s\|}{\delta_{is}} = 1 + O(\|E\|^2),$$

where in the last identity we have taken into account that  $\|E_s\| = O(\|E\|)$  (see [11]).

Substituting this in (5.2) we get that the upper bound of  $\|B^D - A^D\|$  up to the first order of  $\|E\|$ , has the following expression

$$\begin{aligned} (5.16) \quad \frac{\|B^D - A^D\|}{\|A^D\|} &\leq \frac{\|A^D E\|}{1 - \|A^D E\|} + \frac{\|(A^D)^s E_s A^\pi\|}{(1 - \|A^D E\|)(1 - \|(A^D)^s E_s\|)} \\ &\quad + \frac{\|A^\pi E_s(A^D)^s\|}{(1 - \|A^D E\|)(1 - \|E_s(A^D)^s\|)} + O(\|E\|^2). \end{aligned}$$

In the following corollary we show that the matrices satisfying condition (1.1), or equivalently  $B^\pi = A^\pi$ , are a particular case of the matrices satisfying condition  $(C_s)$ .

**COROLLARY 5.3.** *Let  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ ,  $\text{ind}(A) = r > 0$ , and let  $B \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$   $\text{ind}(B) = s$  satisfying condition  $(C_s)$ . Denote  $E = B - A$ . If  $A^\pi E A^D = A^D E A^\pi$ , then we have  $B^D = (I + A^D E)^{-1} A^D$ . Further, if  $\|A^D E\| < 1$ , then*

$$(5.17) \quad \frac{\|B^D - A^D\|}{\|A^D\|} \leq \frac{\|A^D E\|}{1 - \|A^D E\|}.$$

*Proof.* We have that  $E$  has the representation (5.5) given in the proof of Theorem 5.1. From condition  $A^\pi E A^D = A^D E A^\pi$  it follows that

$$B_1 T = T B_2 \quad \text{and} \quad S B_1 = B_2 S.$$

Using these relations we get that

$$S(B_1(I + TS))^s = B_2(I + ST)S(B_1(I + TS))^{s-1} = \dots = (B_2(I + ST))^s S.$$

Applying that  $B_2(I + ST)$  is nilpotent of index  $s$  and  $B_1(I + TS)$  is nonsingular we obtain that  $S = O$ . Analogously, we can see that  $T = O$ . Thus, expression (5.6) takes the form

$$I + A^D E = P \begin{pmatrix} A_1^{-1} B_1 & O \\ O & I \end{pmatrix} P^{-1}.$$

Clearly  $I + A^D E$  is nonsingular. In view of (5.4) we get

$$B^D = P \begin{pmatrix} B_1^{-1} & O \\ O & O \end{pmatrix} P^{-1} = (I + A^D E)^{-1} A^D.$$

Hence, we get that  $B^\pi = A^\pi$  and the upper bound (5.17).  $\square$

**THEOREM 5.4.** *Let  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ ,  $\text{ind}(A) = r > 0$ , and let  $B \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ ,  $\text{ind}(B) = s$ , satisfying condition  $(\mathcal{C}_s)$ . Denote  $E_s = B^s - A^s$ . If  $\max\{\|(A^D)^s E_s\|, \|E_s (A^D)^s\|\} < 1$ , then*

$$(5.18) \quad \begin{aligned} \|B^\pi - A^\pi\| &\leq \frac{\|(A^D)^s E_s A^\pi\|}{1 - \|(A^D)^s E_s\|} \\ &+ \frac{\|A^\pi E_s (A^D)^s\| \|\Psi_{ss}^{-1}\|}{(1 - \|(A^D)^s E_s\|)(1 - \|E_s (A^D)^s\|)} \left(1 + \frac{\|(A^D)^s E_s A^\pi\|}{1 - \|(A^D)^s E_s\|}\right), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\Psi_{ss} = I + (I + (A^D)^s E_s)^{-1} (A^D)^s E_s A^\pi E_s (A^D)^s (I + E_s (A^D)^s)^{-1}$ .

If  $\max\{\|(A^D)^s E_s\|, \|E_s (A^D)^s\|\} < \frac{1}{1 + \sqrt{\|A^\pi\|}}$ , then an upper bound of  $\|\Psi_{ss}^{-1}\|$  is given by (5.3).

*Proof.* From Theorem 2.3 we have

$$(5.19) \quad B^\pi + (A^D)^s E_s B^\pi = -A^\pi X^{-1},$$

where  $X = I - (I + (A^D)^s E_s)^{-1} A^\pi - A^\pi (I + E_s (A^D)^s)^{-1}$ . Utilizing the expressions of  $\Phi_s^{-1}$  and  $\tilde{\Phi}_s^{-1}$  given in the proof of Theorem 5.1 by (5.9), we can represent

$$X = P \begin{pmatrix} I & T \\ S & -I \end{pmatrix} P^{-1} \quad \text{and} \quad X^{-1} = P \begin{pmatrix} (I + TS)^{-1} & (I + TS)^{-1} T \\ S(I + TS)^{-1} & -I + S(I + TS)^{-1} T \end{pmatrix} P^{-1}.$$

Thus,

$$-A^\pi X^{-1} = A^\pi + P \begin{pmatrix} O & O \\ -S(I + TS)^{-1} & -S(I + TS)^{-1} T \end{pmatrix} P^{-1}.$$

Hence, in view of the representations (5.10) and (5.11) we may write

$$-A^\pi X^{-1} = A^\pi - A^\pi E_s (A^D)^s \tilde{\Phi}_s^{-1} \Psi_{ss}^{-1} (I + \Phi_s^{-1} (A^D)^s E_s A^\pi).$$

Substituting the latter identity in (5.19) we obtain

$$B^\pi - A^\pi = -(A^D)^s E_s (B^\pi - A^\pi + A^\pi) - A^\pi E_s (A^D)^s \tilde{\Phi}_s^{-1} \Psi_{ss}^{-1} (I + \Phi_s^{-1} (A^D)^s E_s A^\pi).$$

Taking norms

$$\begin{aligned} \|B^\pi - A^\pi\| &\leq \|(A^D)^s E_s\| \|B^\pi - A^\pi\| + \|(A^D)^s E_s A^\pi\| \\ &+ \|A^\pi E_s (A^D)^s\| \|\tilde{\Phi}_s^{-1}\| \|\Psi_{ss}^{-1}\| (1 + \|\Phi_s^{-1}\| \|(A^D)^s E_s A^\pi\|). \end{aligned}$$

TABLE 5.1  
Comparison of upper bounds of  $\|BB^D - AA^D\|_2$ .

	Exact value	[13, Thm. 5], (15)	(5.18)
$B = A + E_1$	$9.99 \times 10^{-10}$	$1.00 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.00 \times 10^{-9}$
$B = A + E_2$	$1.85 \times 10^{-9}$	$2.74 \times 10^{-5}$	$2.74 \times 10^{-9}$

TABLE 5.2  
Comparison of upper bounds of  $\|B^D - A^D\|_2/\|A^D\|_2$ .

	$B = A + E_1$	$B = A + E_2$
Exact Value	$1.12 \times 10^{-10}$	$3.44 \times 10^{-11}$
[13, Thm. 1], (1)	0.7649	0.9008
[13, Thm. 4], (6)	$1.00 \times 10^{-5} + O(\ E\ ^2)$	$2.73 \times 10^{-5} + O(\ E\ ^2)$
(5.20)+(5.18)	$3.41 \times 10^{-9}$	$6.88 \times 10^{-9}$
(5.2)	$2.41 \times 10^{-9}$	$4.15 \times 10^{-9}$
(5.16)	$2.41 \times 10^{-9} + O(\ E\ ^2)$	$4.15 \times 10^{-9} + O(\ E\ ^2)$

TABLE 5.3  
Comparison of upper bounds of  $\|B^D - A^D\|_F/\|A^D\|_F$ .

	Exact value	[14, Thm. 4.1], (4.1)	(5.2)
$B = A + E_1$	$1.14 \times 10^{-10}$	$8.39 \times 10^{-5}$	$2.42 \times 10^{-9}$
$B = A + E_2$	$3.47 \times 10^{-11}$	$8.39 \times 10^{-5}$	$4.15 \times 10^{-9}$

Since  $\max\{\|(A^D)^s E_s\|, \|E_s(A^D)^s\|\} < 1$ , regrouping in  $\|B^\pi - A^\pi\|$  and substituting  $\|\Phi_s^{-1}\|$  and  $\|\tilde{\Phi}_s^{-1}\|$  by the upper bounds (5.15), we get (5.18).  $\square$

*Remark 5.5.* If  $\max\{\|A^D E\|, \|(A^D)^s E_s\|, \|E_s(A^D)^s\|\} < \frac{1}{1 + \sqrt{\|A^\pi\|}}$ , as we have seen in Remark 5.2, the upper bound of  $\|B^\pi - A^\pi\|$  up to the first order of  $\|E\|$  has the following expression:

$$\|B^\pi - A^\pi\| \leq \frac{\|(A^D)^s E_s A^\pi\|}{1 - \|(A^D)^s E_s\|} + \frac{\|A^\pi E_s (A^D)^s\|}{(1 - \|(A^D)^s E_s\|)(1 - \|E_s(A^D)^s\|)} + O(\|E\|^2).$$

*Remark 5.6.* In [5, Theorem 3.1 and Remark 3.3], under assumption  $\Delta + \|A^D E\| < 1$ , where  $\Delta$  is an upper bound of  $\|B^\pi - A^\pi\|$ , the following estimation of the Drazin inverse was given:

$$(5.20) \quad \frac{\|B^D - A^D\|}{\|A^D\|} \leq \frac{\|A^D E\| + 2\Delta}{1 - \|A^D E\| - \Delta}.$$

*Example 5.7.* In Table 5.1 we compare the upper bound for  $\|B^\pi - A^\pi\|_2$  derived in Theorem 5.4 with the upper bound given in [13, Theorem 5]. The upper bounds for  $\|B^D - A^D\|_2/\|A^D\|_2$  given in Theorem 5.1, Remark 5.2, and Remark 5.6, replacing  $\Delta$  in (5.20) by the upper bound given in (5.18), are compared in Table 5.2 with the upper bounds given in [13]. Let

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{100} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad E_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \epsilon & 0 & \epsilon & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \epsilon & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad E_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \epsilon & \epsilon & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \epsilon & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $\epsilon = 10^{-9}$ . We have  $\text{ind}(A) = \text{ind}(A + E_i) = 2$  and  $\text{rank } A^2 = \text{rank}(A + E_i)^2 = \text{rank } A^2(A + E_i)^2 A^2 = 3$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ . By Theorem 2.1 we have that  $B = A + E_i$  satisfies condition  $(\mathcal{C}_2)$ .

In Table 5.3 we compare the upper bound (5.2) using the Frobenius norm with the upper bound given in [14], formula (4.1). That formula is based on the separation of matrices  $\text{sep}_F(C, N)$ , with  $C$  and  $N$  being the matrices in the following Schur decomposition,

$$Q^H A Q = \begin{bmatrix} C & G \\ O & N \end{bmatrix},$$

where  $Q$  is a unitary matrix,  $C$  is nonsingular, and  $N$  is nilpotent of index  $\text{ind}(A)$ . In this example  $\text{sep}_F(C, N) = 1.42 \times 10^{-4}$ .

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