# On The Solution of Discrete-Time Linear Operator Equations

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## ABSTRACT

In this paper, we introduce and discuss the existence and uniqueness of the solution of discrete-time Sylvester and Lyapunov operator equations. And, we study the nature of these operator equations for special types of operators.

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### **1-Introduction**

An operator equation of the form L(X) = W,

is said to be an operator equation, where L and W are known operators define on a Hilbert space H, and X is the unknown operator that must be determined.

In the above operator equation, if the operator L is linear then this equation is called linear operator equation, otherwise, it is a non-linear operator equation.

Linear operator equations are very important in control theory and many other branches of engineering,[2].

Many authors studied the operator equation foe example Golden J. in 1978 studied the existence and uniqueness of the solution for the linear operator equation of the form

AX + XB = Q, where *A*, *B* and *Q* are known operators define on a Hilbert space *H*, and *X* is the unknown operator that must be determine, [6].

Bahatia and Rosenthal. in 1997 illustrate, the importance of the study of the previous linear operator equation,[2]. Also, in 2001 Bahatia studied a special type of linear operator equations of the form

 $A^*X + XA + tA^*XA^{1/2} = W$ , where A and W are known operators defined on H, t is any scalar and X is the unknown operator,[1].

In 2005 Emad A.K. studied a special type of linear operator equations (Lyapunov equation) of the form  $A^*X + XA = W$ , where A and W are known operators defined on H and  $A^*$  is the adjoint of A, X is the unknown operator, [5].

## 2. Some Types of Linear Operator Equations:

In this section some types of linear operator equations are introduced:

I. Continuous and discrete-time Sylvester operator equations:

 $AX \pm XB = \alpha C, \qquad \dots (1)$  $AXB \pm X = \alpha C \qquad \dots (2)$ 

II. Continuous and discrete-time Lyapunov operator equations:  $A^*X - XA = \alpha C$  ... (3)

 $A^*XA - X = \alpha C \quad \dots \quad (4)$ 

where A, B and C are given operators defined on a Hilbert space H, X is an operator that must be determined,  $\alpha$  is any scalar, and  $A^*$  is adjoint of the operator A, [1].

In general these linear operator equations may have one solution, infinite set of solutions or no solution.

# **3.** The Existences and Uniqueness of The Solution of The Discrete-Time Operator Equations:

Existence and uniqueness of the solution of eq.'s(2) and (4), when **B** is an invertible operator in eq.(2) and **A** is an invertible operator in eq.(4) are studied, [4].

The discrete-time Sylvester equation can be transform to continuous-time Sylvester equation as follows:

Multiply eq. (2) from the right by  $B^{-1}$ , then eq.(2) becomes:

$$AX \pm XB^{-1} = \alpha CB^{-1}$$

Let  $CB^{-1} = W$ , the above equation becomes:

$$AX \pm XB^{-1} = \alpha W \qquad \dots (5)$$

Also, the discrete-time Lyapunov operator equation can be transform to continuous-time operator equation as follows: Multiply eq.(4) from the right by  $A^{-1}$ , then eq.(4) becomes:

$$A^*X - XA^{-1} = \alpha W$$
, ...(6)

Recall that, the spectrum of the operator  $A \equiv \sigma(A) = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C}; (A - \lambda I) \text{ is not invertible} \}$  and B(H) is the Banach space of all bounded linear operators defined on the Hilbert space.[3].

**Corollary (3.2),[4]:** 

If A and B are operators in B(H), and  $B^{-1}$  exist, such that  $\sigma(A) \cap \sigma(B^{-1}) = \emptyset,$ then the equation operator  $AX - XB^{-1} = \alpha W$ , has a unique solution X, for every operator W.

**Corollary (3.3)**[4]:

If A and B are operators in B(H), and  $B^{-1}$  exist, such that  $\sigma(A) \cap \sigma(-B^{-1}) = \emptyset$ , then the operator equation  $AX + XB^{-1} = \alpha W$ , has a unique solution X, for every operator W.

**Corollary (3.4), [4]:** 

an operator in B(H),  $A^{-1}$ exist such If Α that  $\sigma(A^*) \cap \sigma(A^{-1}) = \emptyset$ , then eq.(6) has a unique solution X, for every operator W.

**Proposition (3.5):** consider eq.(6), if  $\sigma(A^*) \cap \sigma(A^{-1}) = \emptyset$ , then the operator [A\*  $\begin{bmatrix} -\alpha W \\ A^{-1} \end{bmatrix}$  is defined on  $H_1 \oplus H_2$  is similar to the operator 0 [*A*\*  $\begin{bmatrix} A^* & 0 \\ 0 & A^{-1} \end{bmatrix}$ **Proof:** 

Since  $\sigma(A^*) \cap \sigma(A^{-1}) = \emptyset$ , then by Sylvester-Rosenblum theorem, eq.(6), has a unique solution .Also  $\begin{bmatrix} I & X \\ o & I \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A^* & 0 \\ 0 & A^{-1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A^* & -\alpha W \\ 0 & A^{-1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I & X \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix}$ But  $\begin{bmatrix} I & X \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix}$  is invertible, so  $\begin{bmatrix} A^* & 0 \\ 0 & A^{-1} \end{bmatrix}$  is similar to  $\begin{bmatrix} A^* & -\alpha W \\ 0 & A^{-1} \end{bmatrix}$ . the converse of the above proposition is not true in general.

# 4. The Nature of The Solution for the Discrete-Time Lyapunov Operator Equation.

In this section, we study the nature of the solution for special types of the linear operator equation, namely the discrete-time Lyapunov equation.

Remarks (4.1):

- 1. If  $A, A^{-1}$  and W are self-adjoint operators, then eq.(6), may or may not have a solution Moreover, if it has a solution then it may be non self-adjoint.
- 2. Consider eq.(6), if W is self-adjoint operator, then it is not necessarily that  $X = X^*$ .
- 3. If  $A, A^{-1}$  and W are skew-adjoint operators, then eq.(6) has no

#### Solution.

These remarks can be easily be observed in matrices. Remarks (4.2):

- **1.** If *A* and *W* are normal operators, then the solution *X* is not necessarily normal operator.
- 2. If *W* is normal operator and *A* is any operator, then it is not necessarily that the solution *X* is normal operator.

**Putnam- Fugled Theorem (4.3):** 

Assume that  $M, N, T \in B(H)$ , where M and N are normal. If MT = TN then  $M^*T = TN^*$ .

Proof: see [7].

Recall that, an operator *M* is said to be dominant if  $||(T - Z)^* x|| \le M_x ||(T - Zx)||$ , for all  $Z \in \sigma(T)$  and  $x \in H$ , [3]. Also, an operator *M* is called *M*- hyponormal operator if  $||(T - Z)^* x|| \le M ||(T - Z)x||$ , for all  $Z \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $x \in H$ ,[3]. Theorem (4.4),[7]:

Let *M* be dominant operator and  $N^*$  is an *M*-hyponormal operator. Assume that MT = TN for some  $T \in B(H)$  then  $M^*T = TN^*$ .

Let *A* and *B* be tow operators that satisfy Putnam-Fugled condition. The operator equation AX - XB = C has a solution *X* if and only if  $\begin{bmatrix} A & 0 \\ 0 & B \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} A & C \\ 0 & B \end{bmatrix}$  are similar operator on  $H_1 \bigoplus H_2$ . According to above theorems, we have the following corollaries:

**Corollary (4.6):** 

If A is normal operator and  $A^{-1}$  exists then operator equation  $A^*X + XA^{-1} = \alpha W$  has a solution if and only if  $\begin{bmatrix} A^* & 0 \\ 0 & -A^{-1} \end{bmatrix}$  is similar to  $\begin{bmatrix} A^* & -\alpha W \\ 0 & -A^{-1} \end{bmatrix}$ .

Corollary (4.7):

If A and B are normal operators and  $B^{-1}$  exists then the operator equation  $AX - XB^{-1} = \alpha W$  has a solution if and only if  $\begin{bmatrix} A & 0 \\ 0 & -B^{-1} \end{bmatrix}$  is similar to  $\begin{bmatrix} A & -\alpha W \\ 0 & -B^{-1} \end{bmatrix}$ .

The following corollaries follows directly from theorem (4.4).

Corollary (4.8):

If A is a dominant or M-hyponormal operator and  $A^{-1}$  exists, then the operator equation  $A^*X + XA^{-1} = \alpha W$  has a solution if and only if  $\begin{bmatrix} A^* & 0 \\ 0 & -A^{-1} \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} A^* & -\alpha W \\ 0 & -A^{-1} \end{bmatrix}$  are similar operator on  $H_1 \oplus H_2$ .

Corollary (4.9):

If A and B are dominant or M-hyponormal operators and  $B^{-1}$  exists. Then the operator equation  $AX - XB^{-1} = \alpha W$  has a solution if  $\begin{bmatrix} A & 0 \\ 0 & -B^{-1} \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} A & -\alpha W \\ 0 & -B^{-1} \end{bmatrix}$  are similar operators on  $H_1 \bigoplus H_2$ .

**Proposition (4.10):** 

Consider eq.(6), if A is an orthogonal operator,  $A^{-1}$  exists and W is also an orthogonal operator, and the solution X of eq.(6) is unique then this solution is orthogonal.

**Proof:** 

**Consider the operator equation:** 

 $A^*X + XA^{-1} = W$ 

then  $(A^*X + XA^{-1})^* = W^*$ 

Since W is an orthogonal operator  $(W^* = W^{-1})$  implies that  $W = (W^{-1})^*$ .

$$X^*A + (A^{-1})^*X^* = W^*$$
  
[X\*A + (A^{-1})\*X\* = W\*]^{-1}

Since A is an orthogonal operator  $(A^* = A^{-1})$ 

 $A^{-1}(X^*)^{-1} + (X^*)^{-1}A^* = (W^*)^{-1}$   $A^*(X^*)^{-1} + (X^*)^{-1}A^{-1} = W$ then  $(X^*)^{-1} = X$ , So  $X^* = X^{-1}$ .

Therefore, X is an orthogonal operator.

#### **Proposition** (4.11):

Consider eq.(6), if A is unitary operator and W is orthogonal operator and the solution of eq.(6) is unique then this solution is orthogonal operator.

#### **Proof:**

Consider the following linear operator equation:  $A^*X + XA^{-1} = W$   $(A^*X + XA^{-1})^* = W^*$   $X^*A + (A^{-1})^*X^* = W^*$   $(X^*A + (A^{-1})^*X^*)^{-1} = (W^*)^{-1}$ ,  $A^{-1}(X^*)^{-1} + (X^*)^{-1}[(A^{-1})^*]^{-1} = (W^*)^{-1}$ ,

Since A is unitary operator (every orthogonal operator is a unitary) then  $A^* = A^{-1}$ .

So 
$$A^*(X^*)^{-1} + (X^*)^{-1}A^{-1} = (W^*)^{-1}$$

Since eq. (6) has a unique solution, then  $X = (X^*)^{-1} = (X^{-1})^*$ . therefore  $X^* = X^{-1}$ ,

implies that *X* is an orthogonal operator.

#### **Remark (4.12):**

If *A* is a skew-adjoint and *W* is self –adjoint and the operator equation  $A^*X + XA^{-1} = W$  has only one solution, then this solution is not necessarily a skew- adjoint or self- adjoint. Remark (4.13):

If A and W are skew-adjoint operators, the

operator equation  $A^*X + XA^{-1} = W$  has only one solution then this solution is not necessarily self-adjoint.

These remarks can be easily seen in matrices.

## **5-Conclusion:**

In this paper conclude :

-The nature of the solution depend on the known operators .

-The existences and uniqueness of the operator equation depend on (for special cases) the type known operator (dominant operator, *M*-hyponormal operator, normal operator,...).

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