# Generalized Inverse Matrix Construction for Code Based Cryptography

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#### Abstract

The generalized inverses of systematic non-square binary matrices have applications in mathematics, channel coding and decoding, navigation signals, machine learning, data storage and cryptography such as the McEliece and Niederreiter public-key cryptosystems. A systematic non-square  $(n-k) \times k$  matrix H, n > k, has  $2^{k \times (n-k)}$  different generalized inverse matrices. This paper presents an algorithm for generating these matrices and compares it with two well-known methods, i.e. Gauss-Jordan elimination and Moore-Penrose methods. A random generalized inverse matrix construction method is given which has a lower execution time than the Gauss-Jordan elimination and Moore-Penrose approaches.

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#### 1 Introduction

The generalized inverse of a systematic binary matrix is used for decoding in all applications of error-correcting codes including digital communication [1], navigation signals [2], data storage systems [3] and coding theory [4] in cryptography. Generalized inverse matrices can be obtained using Gauss-Jordan elimination [5] and Moore-Penrose pseudoinverse (MPP) techniques [6] [7].

A matrix is invertible if it has full rank. A non-square matrix A with m rows and n columns where n > m is full rank if it is a full row rank matrix, where the rows are linearly independent.

Gauss-Jordan elimination is used to solve linear systems Ax = b by employing row reduction operations to transform augmented matrices [A|b] to row-echelon form (REF). This technique also provides a reduced row-echelon form (RREF) where the leading coefficient in each row is the only non-zero element entry in its column. Gauss-Jordan elimination uses an augmented matrix to construct the nullspace of the matrix A [8] and its associated vectors that lead to the generalized inverse of full rank matrices.

The Moore-Penrose technique provides a single pseudoinverse matrix, where the multiplication of the matrix and its pseudoinverse approximately equal the identity matrix. The MPP can provide a pseudoinverse for any matrix. This technique is a useful tool for application with data analysis, optimization, neural network and machine learning applications [9].

Non-square binary matrices are used in error-correction coding, code-based cryptography and decoding algorithms [10] [11]. This present paper introduces an efficient algorithm for calculating all the generalized inverses of a binary matrix. A simplified algorithm is also given to construct a random generalized inverse matrix with lower processing time in comparison with Moore-Penrose and Gauss-Jordan methods.

#### **1.1** Binary Linear Block Codes

In modern communication systems, redundant bits are added to a message sequence to detect and correct errors introduced by a noisy channel. The encoder assigns a binary codeword  $\boldsymbol{c} = (c_1, c_2, ..., c_n)$  to a message  $\boldsymbol{m} = (m_1, m_2, ..., m_k)$ . For a k-tuple message  $\boldsymbol{m}$ , there are  $2^k$  distinct messages and thus codewords. The set of all  $2^k$ codewords is referred to a C(n, k) block code. The length of a C(n, k) block code is shown by n and k denoting dimension where  $k \leq n$ .

The channel encoder adds redundancy in the binary information sequence to the transmitted codewords, so each codeword has n - k redundant bits more than the message associated with it. The message can scramble, permute and change the bits in the corresponding codeword [12]. These redundant bits are used by the channel decoder at the receiver's end to detect and correct errors having occurred over a noisy channel.

A C(n, k) code is linear when its codewords form a k-dimensional vector subspace of the *n*-tuple vector space. Therefore, there are k linearly independent codewords  $\boldsymbol{g}_1, \boldsymbol{g}_2, ..., \boldsymbol{g}_k$  that are settled as the rows of the generator matrix. The systematic form of generator matrix G in linear code is given by

$$G_{k \times n} = (I_k | P_{k \times (n-k)}), \tag{1}$$

where  $I_k$  is the  $k \times k$  identity matrix and  $P_{k \times (n-k)}$  is called the parity matrix. This can be written as

$$G = \begin{pmatrix} | p_{1,1} & p_{1,2} & p_{1,3} & \cdots & p_{1,(n-k)} \\ | p_{2,1} & p_{2,2} & p_{2,3} & \cdots & p_{2,(n-k)} \\ I_k & | p_{3,1} & p_{3,2} & p_{3,3} & \cdots & p_{3,(n-k)} \\ | \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ | p_{k,1} & p_{k,2} & p_{k,3} & \cdots & p_{k,(n-k)} \end{pmatrix}$$

A parity check matrix H is an  $(n - k) \times n$  matrix, such that  $GH^T = \mathbf{0}$  where  $^T$  denotes transpose, so H is a basis of the dual space of  $C_{n,k}$ . Thus, H generates the dual code  $C^{\perp}(n,k)$  with  $2^{n-k}$  codewords. This matrix can be employed to determine if a particular vector is a codeword. The H matrix can also be used for decoding algorithms [11]. A systematic parity check matrix has the form

$$H_{(n-k)\times n} = (P_{(n-k)\times k}^T | I_{n-k}).$$
(2)

which can be expressed as

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} p_{1,1} & p_{2,1} & p_{3,1} & \cdots & p_{k,1} & | \\ p_{1,2} & p_{2,2} & p_{3,2} & \cdots & p_{k,2} & | \\ p_{1,3} & p_{2,3} & p_{3,3} & \cdots & p_{k,3} & | & I_{n-k} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & | \\ p_{1,(n-k)} & p_{2,(n-k)} & p_{3,(n-k)} & \cdots & p_{k,(n-k)} & | \end{pmatrix},$$

denote the generalized inverse of this matrix as

$$H_{n\times(n-k)}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{1,1} & a_{1,2} & a_{1,3} & \cdots & a_{1,(n-k)} \\ a_{2,1} & a_{2,2} & a_{2,3} & \cdots & a_{2,(n-k)} \\ a_{3,1} & a_{3,2} & a_{3,3} & \cdots & a_{3,(n-k)} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{n,1} & a_{n,2} & a_{n,3} & \cdots & a_{n,(n-k)} \end{pmatrix},$$
(3)

so that  $H_{(n-k)\times n}H_{n\times(n-k)}^{-1}=I_{n-k}$ , which can be expressed as

$$\begin{pmatrix} p_{1,1} & p_{2,1} & p_{3,1} & \cdots & p_{k,1} & | \\ p_{1,2} & p_{2,2} & p_{3,2} & \cdots & p_{k,2} & | \\ p_{1,3} & p_{2,3} & p_{3,3} & \cdots & p_{k,3} & | & I_{n-k} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & | \\ p_{1,(n-k)} & p_{2,(n-k)} & p_{3,(n-k)} & \cdots & p_{k,(n-k)} & | \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} a_{1,1} & a_{1,2} & a_{1,3} & \cdots & a_{1,(n-k)} \\ a_{2,1} & a_{2,2} & a_{2,3} & \cdots & a_{2,(n-k)} \\ a_{3,1} & a_{3,2} & a_{3,3} & \cdots & a_{3,(n-k)} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ a_{n,1} & a_{n,2} & a_{n,3} & \cdots & a_{n,(n-k)} \end{pmatrix} = I_{n-k}.$$

$$(4)$$

## 2 Generalized Inverse Matrix Construction

The matrix  $H^{-1}$  has n-k columns, each of which can have  $2^k$  different values, so the number of matrices is  $2^{k \times (n-k)}$ [13]. The *i*-th column of  $H^{-1}$  belongs to a column set  $Z_i$  which contains  $2^k$  vectors of length n

$$Z_{i} = \begin{cases} z_{1,1} & z_{1,2} & z_{1,3} & \cdots & z_{1,2^{k}} \\ z_{2,1} & z_{2,2} & z_{2,3} & \cdots & z_{2,2^{k}} \\ z_{3,1} & z_{3,2} & z_{3,3} & \cdots & z_{3,2^{k}} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ z_{k,1} & z_{k,2} & z_{k,3} & \cdots & z_{k,2^{k}} \\ - & - & - & - & - & - & - \\ z_{(k+1),1} & z_{(k+1),2} & z_{(k+1),3} & \cdots & z_{(k+1),2^{k}} \\ z_{(k+2),1} & z_{(k+2),2} & z_{(k+2),3} & \cdots & z_{(k+2),2^{k}} \\ z_{(k+3),1} & z_{(k+3),2} & z_{(k+3),3} & \cdots & z_{(k+3),2^{k}} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ z_{n,1} & z_{n,2} & z_{n,3} & \cdots & z_{n,2^{k}} \end{cases}$$

$$(5)$$

This set can be divided into two subsets,  $Z_i^1$  and  $Z_i^2$ , where  $Z_i^1$  contains rows 1 to k and  $Z_i^2$  contains rows k + 1 to n, so that

$$Z_{i}^{1} = \begin{cases} z_{1,1} & z_{1,2} & z_{1,3} & \cdots & z_{1,2^{k}} \\ z_{2,1} & z_{2,2} & z_{2,3} & \cdots & z_{2,2^{k}} \\ z_{3,1} & z_{3,2} & z_{3,3} & \cdots & z_{3,2^{k}} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ z_{k,1} & z_{k,2} & z_{k,3} & \cdots & z_{k,2^{k}} \end{cases}^{k},$$

$$Z_{i}^{2} = \begin{cases} z_{(k+1),1} & z_{(k+1),2} & z_{(k+1),3} & \cdots & z_{(k+1),2^{k}} \\ z_{(k+2),1} & z_{(k+2),2} & z_{(k+2),3} & \cdots & z_{(k+2),2^{k}} \\ z_{(k+3),1} & z_{(k+3),2} & z_{(k+3),3} & \cdots & z_{(k+3),2^{k}} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ z_{n,1} & z_{n,2} & z_{n,3} & \cdots & z_{n,2^{k}} \end{cases}^{k},$$

$$(6)$$

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 $Z^1_i$  contains all  $2^k$  possible binary vectors from all zeros to all ones. For example, if k=3 then  $Z^1_i$  contains the eight binary vectors of length 3

$$Z_i^1 = \begin{cases} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{cases}$$

For  $Z_i^2$ , the value of  $z_{(k+b),d}$ ,  $1 \le b \le n-k, 1 \le d \le 2^k$ , is determined as follows. Multiplication of H by a column of  $Z_1$  must satisfy

$$\begin{pmatrix} p_{1,1} & p_{2,1} & \cdots & p_{k,1} & | \\ p_{1,2} & p_{2,2} & \cdots & p_{k,2} & | & I_{n-k} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & | \\ p_{1,(n-k)} & p_{2,(n-k)} & \cdots & p_{k,(n-k)} & | \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} z_{1,d} \\ z_{2,d} \\ \vdots \\ z_{k,d} \\ ---- \\ z_{(k+1),d} \\ z_{(k+2),d} \\ \vdots \\ z_{n,d} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (8)$$

Thus, for b = 1 the result is 1, and otherwise, it is 0.

so, if b = 1

$$z_{(k+1),d} = 1 + p_{1,1}z_{1,d} + p_{2,1}z_{2,d} + \dots + p_{k,1}z_{k,d}, 1 \le d \le 2^k,$$

and if  $b \neq 1$ 

$$z_{(k+b),d} = p_{1,b}z_{1,d} + p_{2,b}z_{2,d} + \dots + p_{k,b}z_{k,d}, 1 \le d \le 2^k.$$

The columns of  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  satisfy

$$\begin{pmatrix} p_{1,1} & p_{2,1} & \cdots & p_{k,1} & | \\ p_{1,2} & p_{2,2} & \cdots & p_{k,2} & | & I_{n-k} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & | \\ p_{1,(n-k)} & p_{2,(n-k)} & \cdots & p_{k,(n-k)} & | \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} z_{1,d} \\ z_{2,d} \\ \vdots \\ z_{k,d} \\ ---- \\ z_{(k+1),d} \\ z_{(k+2),d} \\ \vdots \\ z_{n,d} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (9)$$

so for b = 2

$$z_{(k+2),d} = 1 + p_{1,2}z_{1,d} + p_{2,2}z_{2,d} + \dots + p_{k,2}z_{k,d}, 1 \le d \le 2^k,$$

and for  $b \neq 2$ 

$$z_{(k+b),d} = p_{1,b}z_{1,d} + p_{2,b}z_{2,d} + \dots + p_{k,b}z_{k,d}, 1 \le d \le 2^k.$$

Similarly, the columns of  $\mathbb{Z}_{n-k}$  must satisfy

$$\begin{pmatrix} p_{1,1} & p_{2,1} & \cdots & p_{k,1} & | & \\ p_{1,2} & p_{2,2} & \cdots & p_{k,2} & | & I_{n-k} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & | & \\ p_{1,(n-k)} & p_{2,(n-k)} & \cdots & p_{k,(n-k)} & | & \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} z_{1,d} \\ z_{2,d} \\ \vdots \\ z_{k,d} \\ --- \\ z_{(k+1),d} \\ z_{(k+2),d} \\ \vdots \\ z_{n,d} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (10)$$

so for b = n - k the result is 1 and for  $b \neq n - k$  the result is 0. Thus if b = n - k

$$z_{(k+(n-k)),d} = z_{n,d} = 1 + p_{1,(n-k)}z_{1,d} + p_{2,(n-k)}z_{2,d} + \dots + p_{k,(n-k)}z_{k,d}, 1 \le d \le 2^k,$$

and if  $b \neq n-k$ 

$$z_{(k+b),d} = p_{1,b}z_{1,d} + p_{2,b}z_{2,d} + \dots + p_{k,b}z_{k,d}, 1 \le d \le 2^{\kappa}.$$

#### 2.1 Example

Let n = 6 and k = 3 with

$$G = (I_k | P_{k \times (n-k)}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

and

$$H = (P^T | I_{n-k}) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

Thus,  $H^{-1}$  has n - k = 3 columns and there are three column sets  $Z_1, Z_2$  and  $Z_3$  available  $(1 \le i \le n - k)$  with a total of  $2^{k \times (n-k)} = 2^{3 \times 3} = 512$  possible matrices. The sets  $Z_i^1$  and  $Z_i^2$  are defined as follows.  $Z_i^1$  is common for all i and is given by

$$Z_i^1 = \begin{cases} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{cases},$$

and  $Z_i^2$  can be expressed as

$$Z^{2} = \begin{cases} z_{(k+1),1} & z_{(k+1),2} & z_{(k+1),3} & z_{(k+1),4} & z_{(k+1),5} & z_{(k+1),6} & z_{(k+1),7} & z_{(k+1),8} \\ z_{(k+2),1} & z_{(k+2),2} & z_{(k+2),3} & z_{(k+2),4} & z_{(k+2),5} & z_{(k+2),6} & z_{(k+2),7} & z_{(k+2),8} \\ z_{(k+3),1} & z_{(k+3),2} & z_{(k+3),3} & z_{(k+3),4} & z_{(k+3),5} & z_{(k+3),6} & z_{(k+3),7} & z_{(k+3),8} \end{cases} \right\}.$$

Combining  $Z_i^1$  and  $Z_i^2$  gives

$$Z_i = \begin{cases} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ --- & --- & --- & --- & --- & --- \\ z_{4,1} & z_{4,2} & z_{4,3} & z_{4,4} & z_{4,5} & z_{4,6} & z_{4,7} & z_{4,8} \\ z_{5,1} & z_{5,2} & z_{5,3} & z_{5,4} & z_{5,5} & z_{5,6} & z_{5,7} & z_{5,8} \\ z_{6,1} & z_{6,2} & z_{6,3} & z_{6,4} & z_{6,5} & z_{6,6} & z_{6,7} & z_{6,8} \end{cases} \right\}.$$

For i = 1, we have

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ - \\ z_{4,1} \\ z_{5,1} \\ z_{6,1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

 $\mathbf{SO}$ 

$$z_{41} = 1 + (0)(0) + (1)(0) + (1)(0) = 1,$$
  

$$z_{51} = (1)(0) + (1)(0) + (0)(0) = 0,$$
  

$$z_{61} = (1)(0) + (0)(0) + (1)(0) = 0.$$

The elements of  $Z_1^2$  are

$$\begin{aligned} z_{4,d} &= 1 + p_{1,1}z_{1,d} + p_{2,1}z_{2,d} + p_{3,1}z_{3,d}, \\ z_{5,d} &= p_{1,2}z_{1,d} + p_{2,2}z_{2,d} + p_{3,2}z_{3,d}, \\ z_{6,d} &= p_{1,3}z_{1,d} + p_{2,3}z_{2,d} + p_{3,3}z_{3,d}, \end{aligned}$$

 $\mathbf{SO}$ 

$$Z_1 = \begin{cases} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ --- & --- & --- & --- & --- & --- \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{cases} \right\}.$$

#### The elements of $Z_2^2$ are

$$\begin{aligned} z_{4,d} &= p_{1,1}z_{1,d} + p_{2,1}z_{2,d} + p_{3,1}z_{3,d}, \\ z_{5,d} &= 1 + p_{1,2}z_{1,d} + p_{2,2}z_{2,d} + p_{3,2}z_{3,d}, \\ z_{6,d} &= p_{1,3}z_{1,d} + p_{2,3}z_{2,d} + p_{3,3}z_{3,d}, \end{aligned}$$

 $\mathbf{SO}$ 

	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	
-	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	
	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	
$Z_2 = \langle$					 1 1				<b>}</b> .
	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	
	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	
	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	

The elements of  $Z_3^2$  are given by

 $\begin{aligned} z_{4,d} &= p_{1,1}z_{1,d} + p_{2,1}z_{2,d} + p_{3,1}z_{3,d}, \\ z_{5,d} &= p_{1,2}z_{1,d} + p_{2,2}z_{2,d} + p_{3,2}z_{3,d}, \\ z_{6,d} &= 1 + p_{1,3}z_{1,d} + p_{2,3}z_{2,d} + p_{3,3}z_{3,d}, \end{aligned}$ 

 $\mathbf{SO}$ 

	0 0 0	1 0 0	0 1 0	1 1 0	$egin{array}{c} 0 \ 0 \ 1 \end{array}$	1 0 1	0 1 1	1
$Z_3 = \langle$		 0	 1	 1	$\begin{array}{c} \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{array}$	 1	 0	0
	0	1	1	0	0		1	
	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1

Selecting columns from each column set  $Z_1, Z_2, Z_3$  in order gives  $2^{k \times (n-k)} = 2^9 = 512$  $H^{-1}$  matrices which satisfy  $HH^{-1} = I_{n-k}$ .

#### 2.2 Random Generalized inverse Matrix Construction

An generalized inverse matrix  $H^{-1}$  can be divided into two parts,  $A_1$  and  $A_2$ , where  $A_1$  consists of rows 1 to k and  $A_2$  consists of rows k + 1 to n

$$H_{n\times(n-k)}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{1,1} & a_{1,2} & a_{1,3} & \cdots & a_{1,(n-k)} \\ a_{2,1} & a_{2,2} & a_{2,3} & \cdots & a_{2,(n-k)} \\ a_{3,1} & a_{3,2} & a_{3,3} & \cdots & a_{3,(n-k)} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{k,1} & a_{k,2} & a_{k,3} & \cdots & a_{k,(n-k)} \\ ---- & --- & --- & --- \\ a_{(k+1),1} & a_{(k+1),2} & a_{(k+1),3} & \cdots & a_{(k+1),(n-k)} \\ a_{(k+2),1} & a_{(k+2),2} & a_{(k+2),3} & \cdots & a_{(k+2),(n-k)} \\ a_{(k+3),1} & a_{(k+3),2} & a_{(k+3),3} & \cdots & a_{(k+3),(n-k)} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ a_{n,1} & a_{n,2} & a_{n,3} & \cdots & a_{n,(n-k)} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} A_1 \\ - \\ A_2 \end{pmatrix}.$$
(11)

A random generalized inverse matrix  $H^{-1}$  can be constructed by selecting a random  $A_1$  and constructing the corresponding matrix  $A_2$ . For example, if n = 20 and k = 12, then  $A_1$  contains n - k = 8 random binary vectors of length 12 such as

$$A_{1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Hence, the elements of  $A_2$  are

$$A_{2} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{(k+1),1} & a_{(k+1),2} & a_{(k+1),3} & \cdots & a_{(k+1),(n-k)} \\ a_{(k+2),1} & a_{(k+2),2} & a_{(k+2),3} & \cdots & a_{(k+2),(n-k)} \\ a_{(k+3),1} & a_{(k+3),2} & a_{(k+3),3} & \cdots & a_{(k+3),(n-k)} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{n,1} & a_{n,2} & a_{n,3} & \cdots & a_{n,(n-k)} \end{pmatrix},$$
(12)

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where

$$a_{(k+b),d} = \sum_{i=1}^{k} p_{ib} a_{id}, (b \neq d),$$

and

$$a_{(k+b),d} = 1 + \sum_{i=1}^{k} p_{ib}a_{id}, (b=d).$$

In general, this can be expressed as

$$a_{(k+b),d} = 2^{|b-d|} \mod 2 + \sum_{i=1}^{k} p_{ib} a_{id}.$$
 (13)

For example,  $a_{(k+1),1}$  in  $A_2$  is given by

$$a_{(k+1),1} = 1 + p_{11}a_{11} + p_{21}a_{21} + \dots + p_{k1}a_{k1}.$$

The result in matrix form to construct  $A_2$  is shown as follows.

Let 
$$B_1 = P_{(n-k) \times k}^T$$
 and  $B_2 = I_{n-k}$ , so  
 $HH^{-1} = \left(B_1 | B_2\right) \times \begin{pmatrix} A_1 \\ - \\ A_2 \end{pmatrix} = I_{n-k},$   
 $= B_1 A_1 + B_2 A_2 = I_{n-k},$   
 $A_2 = B_1 A_1 + I_{n-k},$  (14)

so  $A_2 = B_1 A_1 + I_{n-k}$  and then

$$HH^{-1} = \left(B_1|B_2\right) \times \begin{pmatrix}A_1\\-\\A_2\end{pmatrix} = \left(B_1|B_2\right) \times \left(\frac{A_1}{B_1A_1 + I_{n-k}}\right),$$
$$= B_1A_1 + B_2(B_1A_1 + I_{n-k}) = B_1A_1 + B_1A_1 + I_{n-k} = I_{n-k}.$$

The next section provides the analysis of the proposed algorithm for constructing a random generalized inverse matrix.

#### 2.3 Construction Comparison and Analysis

In this section, the processing time of Moore-Penrose pseudoinverses and the proposed method for constructing random generalized inverse matrices are compared.

The computation time is given in Table 1 for several parameter values. As an example, the processing time required to construct the random generalized inverse of H matrix with  $524 \times 1568$  would be 594 millisecond using the proposed method, compared with 2172 milliseconds using the Moore-Penrose pseudoinverse.

Matrix size	Moore-Penrose	Proposed (ms)		
	(ms)			
k = 213, n = 500	94	16		
k = 524, n = 1568	2172	594		
k = 768, n = 2048	5109	2368		
k = 1024, n = 2896	14735	5211		

Table 1: Processing time

An algorithm's computational efficiency depends on the number of arithmetic operations, algorithm complexity and the amount of resources, including time and memory, needed to run the algorithm.

Solving a system of n equations with n variables using Gauss-Jordan row elimination requires approximately  $(2n^3 + 3n^2 - 5n)/3$  arithmetic operations to achieve the row echelon form (REF) [14], and  $(n^3+3/2n^2-5/2n)$  arithmetic operations to form RREF which is about fifty percent more than the number of REF arithmetic operations. Hence, the number of arithmetic operations that Gauss-Jordan elimination required to form RREF for a parity check matrix H with  $(n - k) \times n$  index would be  $(n - k)^3 + 3/2(n - k)^2 - 5/2(n - k)$ .

After performing RREF, Gauss-Jordan needs to solve a system of linear equations using the null-space approach to find the set of associated vectors. Therefore, not all the augmented matrices can form RREF, known as inconsistent matrices. When RREF is formed, additional n(n - k - 1) arithmetic operations need to construct a generalized inverse matrix.

There are many different choices of row combinations to perform Gauss-Jordan row elimination on large-size matrices, and finding an optimum choice of linear combinations is NP-hard [15]. In fact, there are numerous different execution sequences and therefore time complexity is exponential [15].

Moore-Penrose requires  $(n - k)^2(2n - 1)$  arithmetic operations to construct a fullrank  $HH^T$  and approximately  $(n - k)(2n^2 - 2nk - n)$  arithmetic operations, exclude determinant, to construct  $H^T[HH^T]^{-1}$  of a parity check matrix H. The algorithm is less complex than Gauss-Jordan, and in fact, it is faster than the Guass-Jordan elimination algorithm.

The number of arithmetic operations the proposed method requires to construct a random generalized inverse would equal the number of operations to build  $A_2 = B_1A_1 + I_{n-k}$ , which would be  $(2k-1)(n-k)^2 + (n-k)$ . Therefore, the multiplication of  $B_1$  with index  $(n-k) \times k$  and  $A_1$  with index  $k \times (n-k)$  required  $(2k-1)(n-k)^2$  number of arithmetic operations.

The arithmetic computation is given in Table 2 for Gauss-Jordan elimination, Moore-Penrose, and the proposed algorithm for constructing a random non-square binary generalized inverse matrix. The introduced method provides optimum choices to construct a random generalized inverse matrix with less processing time and complexity than Moore-Penrose and Gauss-Jordan elimination methods.

Gauss-Jordan	Moore-Penrose	Proposed		
Elimination				
$(n-k)^3+3/2(n-k)^2-$	$(n-k)^2(4n-1) -$	$(2k-1)(n-k)^2+(n-k)$		
5/2(n-k)+n(n-k-1)	n(n-k)			

 Table 2: Computational Cost

#### 2.4 Key change interval comparison

Based on the security key management, it is recommended to increase the system security by changing the keys in shorter time intervals. Every time that a new key is selected, the generator matrix and its associated parity-check matrix will be replaced, the Gauss-Jordan elimination method ought to transform the H matrix to RREF and find out the associated vectors to construct a random generalized inverse matrix. For instance, finding the optimum choice of linear combinations of an H matrix with 1280 rows (n = 2048, k = 768) to form RREF is time-consuming and may affect the performance of the system applications. The Moore-Penrose pseudoinverse also is slower than the proposed method. In fact, any time matrix H changes, the proposed algorithm can construct a random generalized inverse matrix with less complexity

and lower processing time. This fact could make the proposed algorithm a suitable candidate for any system that requires changing the key (including the code-based public key with G and H matrices) periodically in a shorter time interval.

### 3 Conclusion

This paper considered the construction of all H generalized inverse matrices of a nonsquare  $(n \neq k)$  matrix H. The matrix  $H^{-1}$  has n - k columns. The paper proposes a column set  $Z_i$  where  $1 \leq i \leq n - k$ . The "i" column of  $H^{-1}$  belongs to a column set  $Z_i$  that contains  $2^k$  vectors. It also divides the column set  $Z_i$  into two subsets which simplifies the calculation of all  $2^k$  vectors and leads to the construction of all the  $2^{k \times (n-k)}$  generalized inverse matrices.

Furthermore, the random generalized inverse matrix construction method presented, introduces matrix  $A_1$  and  $A_2$ , where  $A_1$  consists of n - k binary vectors. In simple term, the elements of the matrix  $A_1$  can be selected on a random basis and the matrix  $A_2$  can be constructed using a simplified proposed equation  $A_2 = B_1A_1 + I_{n-k}$ . In fact, the proposed approach provides a shorter processing time to construct a random generalized inverse matrix that can be suitable for applications that demand new keys to be generated periodically in shorter interval times.

Considering the restricted applicability of Moore-Penrose and Gauss-Jordan methods, the approach introduced in the present paper may have superiority over previous methods regarding computational simplicity and generality. In fact, it offers a shorter processing time, and computational simplicity and might be a suitable approach to providing better performance if a system demands changing or generating the keys periodically for any reason including enhancing the system security.

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