



## New Formulae of the Drazin Inverse of Anti-Triangular Complex Block Matrices

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**Abstract.** Let  $E, F \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ . If  $EF^iE = 0$  for all  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ , we give the explicit representation of the Drazin inverse of the block complex matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} E & I \\ F & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ . We thereby solve a wider kind of singular differential equations posed by Campbell [S.L. Campbell, The Drazin inverse and systems of second order linear differential equations, Linear & Multilinear Algebra, 14(1983), 195–198].

### 1. Introduction

Let  $A$  be a  $n \times n$  complex matrix. The Drazin inverse of  $A$  is the unique  $n \times n$  matrix  $A^D$  satisfying the following equations

$$AA^D = A^D A, A^D = A^D A A^D, A^k = A^{k+1} A$$

for some  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . The Drazin index  $i(A)$  is the smallest  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  satisfying  $\text{rank}(A^k) = \text{rank}(A^{k+1})$ . The Drazin inverse was extensively applied to many fields, such as Markov chains, differential equations, cryptography, control theory, etc (see [1–3, 7–9, 12, 13]).

Let  $E, F$  be  $n \times n$  complex matrices and  $I$  be the identity matrix, and let  $M = \begin{pmatrix} E & I \\ F & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ . As is well known, the solutions to singular systems of differential equations is determined by the representation of the Drazin inverse of the preceding matrix  $M$  (see [1, 2]). In [1, Theorem 3.2], Bu et al. investigated the Drazin inverse of the preceding matrix  $M$  under the condition  $EF = FE$ . Alternatively, Xu et al. obtained a new expression of the Drazin inverse  $M^D$  under the same condition (see [10, Theorem 3.8]). In [4, Theorem 2.2], Cvetković-Ilić considered the Drazin inverse of  $M$  under the condition  $EFE = 0, EF^2 = 0$ . We refer the reader [7, 10, 11, 14] for much progress made in the representation of the block complex matrix  $M$ .

The motivation of this paper is to further study the representation of the Drazin inverse of this complex matrix  $M$ . If  $EF^iE = 0$  for all  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ , we shall give the explicit representation of the Drazin inverse of the block

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complex matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} E & I \\ F & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ . Evidently, this provides a new class of singular differential equations which is solved.

Throughout the paper,  $\mathbb{C}$  stands for the field of all complex numbers. Let  $\mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  be the algebra of all  $n \times n$  complex matrices.  $\mathbb{N}$  denotes the set of all natural numbers. Let  $A$  be a  $2 \times 2$  block complex matrix. We always write it by  $(A_{ij})$  where  $i, j = 1, 2$ .

## 2. Main results

We begin with the following elementary result.

**Lemma 2.1.** *Let*

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} A & 0 \\ C & B \end{pmatrix} \text{ or } \begin{pmatrix} B & C \\ 0 & A \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$$

Then

$$M^D = \begin{pmatrix} A^D & 0 \\ Z & B^D \end{pmatrix}, \text{ or } \begin{pmatrix} B^D & Z \\ 0 & A^D \end{pmatrix},$$

where

$$Z = \sum_{i=0}^m (B^D)^{i+2} CA^i A^\pi + \sum_{i=0}^m B^i B^\pi C (A^d)^{i+2} - B^D C A^D,$$

and  $m \geq i(A) + i(B) - 1$ .

*Proof.* For any  $s \geq i(A)$  and  $t \geq i(B)$ , we have  $A^s A^\pi = 0$  and  $B^t B^\pi = 0$ . The result follows by [5, Lemma 1.1].  $\square$

**Lemma 2.2.** *Let  $P, Q \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ . If  $PQ^i P = 0$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , then*

$$\begin{aligned} (P + Q)^D &= (I + U)P^D + Q^D(I + U) + P^D V Q + Q^D W Q \\ &\quad + V Q Q^D + W Q Q^D + U P^D V Q + \sum_{i=0}^m U P^i P^\pi (Q^D)^{i+1}, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} U &= \sum_{i=0}^m (Q^D)^{i+1} P^{i+1} P^\pi + \sum_{i=0}^m Q^{i+1} Q^\pi (P^D)^{i+1} - Q Q^D P P^D, \\ V &= \sum_{i=0}^m (P^D)^{i+1} Q^i Q^\pi + \sum_{i=0}^m P^{i+1} P^\pi (Q^D)^{i+2} - P P^D Q^D, \\ W &= U V + \sum_{i+l+j=m-2} [(Q^D)^{k-i} P^{l+1} Q^j Q^\pi + Q^{i+1} Q^\pi P^{l+1} (Q^D)^{k+1-j}] \\ &\quad - \sum_{i=0}^m [(Q^D)^{i+1} P^{i+1} (V + Q^D) + (U + Q Q^D) P^{i+1} (Q^D)^{i+2}], \end{aligned}$$

and  $m \geq i(P) + 2i(Q)$ .

*Proof.* This is obvious by [6, Theorem 2.3.1].  $\square$

We now come to the main result of this paper.

**Theorem 2.3.** *Let  $E, F \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  and  $M = \begin{pmatrix} E & I \\ F & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ . If  $F E E^i F = 0$  for all  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ , then*

$$M^D = \begin{pmatrix} E\Gamma + \Lambda & E\Delta + \Xi \\ F\Gamma & F\Delta \end{pmatrix},$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
\Gamma &= F^D + (E^D)^2 + \sum_{i=0}^m [E^{2i+2} E^\pi (F^D)^{i+2} + E^{2i+1} E^\pi (F^D)^{i+2} E] - E E^D F^D \\
&- E^D F^D E + \sum_{i=0}^m [(E^D)^{2i+4} F^{i+1} + (E^D)^{2i+5} F^{i+1} E] - (E^D)^2 F F^D \\
&- (E^D)^3 F F^D E + \sum_{i=0}^m (F^D)^{i+2} E^{2i+2} E^\pi - F^D E E^D \\
&+ \sum_{i=0}^m F^{i+1} F^\pi (E^D)^{2i+4} - F F^D (E^D)^2 + \eta + \kappa + \phi + \chi, \\
\Delta &= (E^D)^3 + \sum_{i=0}^m E^{2i+1} E^\pi (F^D)^{i+2} - E^D F^D + \sum_{i=0}^m (E^D)^{2i+5} F^{i+1} \\
&- (E^D)^3 F F^D + \sum_{i=0}^m [(F^D)^{i+2} E^{2i+1} - (F^D)^{i+2} E^{2i+2} E^D] - F^D E^D \\
&+ \sum_{i=0}^m F^{i+1} F^\pi (E^D)^{2i+5} - F F^D (E^D)^3 + \theta + \varsigma + \varphi + \omega, \\
\Lambda &= F^D E + \sum_{i=0}^m (F^D)^{i+2} E^{2i+3} E^\pi - F^D E^2 E^D \\
&+ \sum_{i=0}^m [F^{i+1} - F^{i+2} F^D] (E^D)^{2i+3} - F F^D E^D, \\
\Sigma &= F^D + \sum_{i=0}^m [(F^D)^{i+2} E^{2i+2} - (F^D)^{i+2} E^{2i+3} E^D] - F^D E E^D \\
&+ \sum_{i=0}^m [F^{i+1} - F^{i+2} F^D] (E^D)^{2i+4} - F F^D (E^D)^2; \\
\eta &= \sum_{i+l+j=m-1} (Q^D)^{m+2-i} [(E^D)^{2m-2i+4} F^{l+1} E^{2j+2} E^\pi + (E^D)^{2m-2i+5} F^{l+1} E^{2j+3} E^\pi] \\
&- \sum_{i=0}^m [\gamma_i + \varepsilon_i + (E^D)^{2i+4} F^{i+1} E E^D + (E^D)^{2i+5} F^{i+1} E^2 E^D + (E^D)^2 F^{i+1} (E^D)^{2i+2} \\
&+ (E^D)^3 F^{i+1} (E^D)^{2i+1}] + \alpha, \\
\theta &= \sum_{i+l+j=m-1} (Q^D)^{m+2-i} [(E^D)^{2m-2i+4} F^{l+1} E^{2j+1} E^\pi + (E^D)^{2m-2i+5} F^{l+1} E^{2j+2} E^\pi] \\
&- \sum_{i=0}^m [\delta_i + \zeta_i + (E^D)^{2i+4} F^{i+1} E^D + (E^D)^{2i+5} F^{i+1} E E^D + (E^D)^2 F^{i+1} (E^D)^{2i+3} \\
&+ (E^D)^3 F^{i+1} (E^D)^{2i+2}] + \beta; \\
\alpha &= \left[ \sum_{i=0}^m [(E^D)^{2i+4} F^{i+1} + (E^D)^{2i+5} F^{i+1} E] - (E^D)^2 F F^D - (E^D)^3 F F^D E \right] \\
&\quad \left[ \sum_{i=0}^m [(F^D)^{i+1} E^{2i+1} - (F^D)^{i+1} E^{2i+2} E^D + F^{i+1} F^\pi (E^D)^{2i+3}] - F F^D E^D \right] \\
&+ \left[ \sum_{i=0}^m (E^D)^{2i+5} F^{i+1} - (E^D)^3 F F^D \right] \left[ \sum_{i=0}^m [(F^D)^{i+1} E^{2i+3} E^\pi + F^{i+1} (E^D)^{2i+1} \right. \\
&\quad \left. - F^{i+2} F^D (E^D)^{2i+1}] - F F^D E^2 E^D \right], \\
\beta &= \left[ \sum_{i=0}^m [(E^D)^{2i+4} F^{i+1} + (E^D)^{2i+5} F^{i+1} E] - (E^D)^2 F F^D - (E^D)^3 F F^D E \right] \\
&\quad \left[ \sum_{i=0}^m [(F^D)^{i+1} E^{2i+1} - (F^D)^{i+1} E^{2i+2} E^D + F^{i+1} F^\pi (E^D)^{2i+3}] - F F^D E^D \right] \\
&+ \left[ \sum_{i=0}^m (E^D)^{2i+5} F^{i+1} - (E^D)^3 F F^D \right] \left[ \sum_{i=0}^m [(F^D)^{i+1} E^{2i+2} - (F^D)^{i+1} E^{2i+3} E^D \right. \\
&\quad \left. + F^{i+1} (E^D)^{2i+2} - F^{i+2} F^D (E^D)^{2i+2}] - F F^D E E^D \right];
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\kappa &= \sum_{i+l+j=m-1} \left[ E^{2i+2} E^\pi F^{l+1} (E^D)^{2m+4-2j} + (E^{2i+1} - E^{2i+2} E^D) F^{l+1} (E^D)^{2m+3-2j} \right] \\
&- \sum_{i=0}^m \left[ \sigma_i + \lambda F^{i+1} (E^D)^{2i+4} + \mu F^{i+1} (E^D)^{2i+3} + (E^D)^{2i+2} F^{i+1} (E^D)^2 \right. \\
&\quad \left. + (E^D)^{2i+3} F^{i+1} E^D + E E^D F^{i+1} (E^D)^{2i+4} + E^D F^{i+1} (E^D)^{2i+3} \right] + \xi, \\
\zeta &= \sum_{i+l+j=m-1} \left[ E^{2i+2} E^\pi F^{l+1} (E^D)^{2m+5-2j} + (E^{2i+1} - E^{2i+2} E^D) F^{l+1} (E^D)^{2m+4-2j} \right] \\
&- \sum_{i=0}^m \left[ \tau_i + \lambda F^{i+1} (E^D)^{2i+5} + \mu F^{i+1} (E^D)^{2i+4} + (E^D)^{2i+2} F^{i+1} (E^D)^3 \right. \\
&\quad \left. + (E^D)^{2i+3} F^{i+1} (E^D)^2 + E E^D F^{i+1} (E^D)^{2i+5} + E^D F^{i+1} (E^D)^{2i+4} + \rho; \right]
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\gamma_i &= (E^D)^{2i+4} F^{i+1} \left[ \sum_{j=0}^m \left( (F^D)^{j+1} E^{2j+2} E^\pi + F^{j+1} F^\pi (E^D)^{2j+2} \right) - FF^D E E^D \right] \\
&+ (E^D)^{2i+5} F^{i+1} \left[ \sum_{j=0}^m \left( (F^D)^{j+1} E^{2j+3} E^\pi + F^{j+1} (E^D)^{2j+1} - F^{j+2} F^D (E^D)^{2j+1} \right) \right. \\
&\quad \left. - FF^D E^2 E^D \right], \\
\delta_i &= (E^D)^{2i+4} F^{i+1} \left[ \sum_{j=0}^m \left( (F^D)^{j+1} E^{2j+1} - (F^D)^{j+1} E^{2j+2} E^D + F^{j+1} F^\pi (E^D)^{2j+3} \right) \right. \\
&\quad \left. - FF^D E^D \right] + (E^D)^{2i+5} F^{i+1} \left[ \sum_{j=0}^m \left[ (F^D)^{j+1} E^{2j+2} - (F^D)^{j+1} E^{2j+3} E^D \right. \right. \\
&\quad \left. \left. + F^{j+1} (E^D)^{2j+2} - F^{j+2} F^D (E^D)^{2j+2} \right] - FF^D E E^D \right];
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\varepsilon_i &= \left[ \sum_{j=0}^m (E^D)^{2j+4} F^j - (E^D)^2 F^D \right] F^{i+2} (E^D)^{2i+2} \\
&+ \left[ \sum_{j=0}^m (E^D)^{2j+5} F^j - (E^D)^3 F^D \right] F^{i+2} (E^D)^{2i+1}, \\
\zeta_i &= \left[ \sum_{j=0}^m (E^D)^{2j+4} F^j - (E^D)^2 F^D \right] F^{i+2} (E^D)^{2i+3} \\
&+ \left[ \sum_{j=0}^m (E^D)^{2j+5} F^j - (E^D)^3 F^D \right] F^{i+2} (E^D)^{2i+2};
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\xi &= \lambda \left[ \sum_{i=0}^m F^{i+1} F^\pi (E^D)^{2i+4} - FF^D (E^D)^2 \right] \\
&+ \mu \left[ \sum_{i=0}^m (F^{i+1} - F^{i+2} F^D) (E^D)^{2i+3} - FF^D E^D \right] \\
\rho &= \lambda \left[ \sum_{i=0}^m F^{i+1} F^\pi (E^D)^{2i+5} - FF^D (E^D)^3 \right] \\
&+ \mu \left[ \sum_{i=0}^m (F^{i+1} - F^{i+2} F^D) (E^D)^{2i+4} - FF^D (E^D)^2 \right];
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\lambda &= \sum_{i=0}^m \left[ (E^D)^{2i+2} F^{i+1} F^\pi + (E^D)^{2i+3} F^{i+1} E - (E^D)^{2i+3} F^{i+2} F^D E \right] \\
&+ \sum_{i=0}^m E^{2i+2} E^\pi (F^D)^{i+1} - E E^D F F^D + \sum_{i=0}^m E^{2i+1} E^\pi (F^D)^{i+1} E - E^D F F^D E, \\
\mu &= \sum_{i=0}^m (E^D)^{2i+3} F^{i+1} F^\pi + \sum_{i=0}^m E^{2i+1} E^\pi (F^D)^{i+1} - E^D F F^D;
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\phi &= \left[ \sum_{i=0}^m \left( E^{2i+2} E^\pi (F^D)^{i+2} + E^{2i+1} E^\pi (F^D)^{i+2} E \right) - EE^D F^D - E^D F^D E \right] \\
&\quad \left[ \sum_{i=0}^m \left( (F^D)^{i+1} E^{2i+2} E^\pi + F^{i+1} F^\pi (E^D)^{2i+2} \right) - FF^D EE^D \right] \\
&+ \left[ \sum_{i=0}^m E^{2i+1} E^\pi (F^D)^{i+2} - E^D F^D \right] \left[ \sum_{i=0}^m \left( (F^D)^{i+1} E^{2i+3} E^\pi + F^{i+1} (E^D)^{2i+1} \right. \right. \\
&\quad \left. \left. - F^{i+2} F^D (E^D)^{2i+1} \right) - FF^D E^2 E^D \right], \\
\varphi &= \left[ \sum_{i=0}^m \left( E^{2i+2} E^\pi (F^D)^{i+2} + E^{2i+1} E^\pi (F^D)^{i+2} E \right) - EE^D F^D - E^D F^D E \right] \\
&\quad \left[ \sum_{i=0}^m \left( (F^D)^{i+1} E^{2i+1} - (F^D)^{i+1} E^{2i+2} E^D + F^{i+1} F^\pi (E^D)^{2i+3} \right) - FF^D E^D \right] \\
&+ \left[ \sum_{i=0}^m E^{2i+1} E^\pi (F^D)^{i+2} - E^D F^D \right] \left[ \sum_{i=0}^m \left( (F^D)^{i+1} E^{2i+2} - (F^D)^{i+1} E^{2i+3} E^D \right. \right. \\
&\quad \left. \left. + F^{i+1} (E^D)^{2i+2} - F^{i+2} F^D (E^D)^{2i+2} \right) - FF^D EE^D \right]; \\
\chi &= \left[ \sum_{i=0}^m \left( (E^D)^{2i+2} F^{i+1} F^\pi + (E^D)^{2i+3} F^{i+1} E - (E^D)^{2i+3} F^{i+2} F^D E \right) \right] \\
&\quad \left[ (E^D)^2 + \sum_{i=1}^m F^i (E^D)^{2i+2} \right] + \left[ \sum_{i=0}^m (E^D)^{2i+3} F^{i+1} F^\pi \right] \left[ \sum_{i=1}^m F^i (E^D)^{2i+1} \right], \\
\omega &= \left[ \sum_{i=0}^m \left( (E^D)^{2i+2} F^{i+1} F^\pi + (E^D)^{2i+3} F^{i+1} E - (E^D)^{2i+3} F^{i+2} F^D E \right) \right] \\
&\quad \left[ (E^D)^3 + \sum_{i=1}^m F^i (E^D)^{2i+3} \right] + \left[ \sum_{i=0}^m (E^D)^{2i+3} F^{i+1} F^\pi \right] \left[ \sum_{i=1}^m F^i (E^D)^{2i+2} \right]; \\
m &= i(E) + 2i(F) + 1.
\end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Clearly, we have

$$M^2 = \begin{pmatrix} E^2 + F & E \\ FE & F \end{pmatrix} = P + Q,$$

where

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} F & 0 \\ FE & F \end{pmatrix}, Q = \begin{pmatrix} E^2 & E \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

In light of Lemma 2.1, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
P^D &= \begin{pmatrix} F^D & 0 \\ X & F^D \end{pmatrix}, P^\pi = \begin{pmatrix} F^\pi & 0 \\ -FX & F^\pi \end{pmatrix}; \\
Q^D &= \begin{pmatrix} (E^D)^2 & (E^D)^3 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, Q^\pi = \begin{pmatrix} E^\pi & -E^D \\ 0 & I \end{pmatrix}.
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
X &= \sum_{i=0}^{2i(F)-1} [F^\pi F^{i+1} E (F^D)^{i+2} + (F^D)^{i+1} EF^i F^\pi] \\
&= F^D E.
\end{aligned}$$

For any  $i \geq 2$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
P^i &= \begin{pmatrix} F^i & 0 \\ X_i & F^i \end{pmatrix}, X_1 = FE, X_i = X_{i-1} F + F^i E; \\
(P^D)^i &= \begin{pmatrix} (F^D)^i & 0 \\ Y_i & (F^D)^i \end{pmatrix}, Y_1 = F^D E, Y_i = F^D Y_{i-1}; \\
Q^i &= \begin{pmatrix} E^{2i} & E^{2i-1} \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, (Q^D)^i = \begin{pmatrix} (E^D)^{2i} & (E^D)^{2i+1} \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.
\end{aligned}$$

Since  $FE^iF = 0$  for all  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ , we verify that

$$X_i = F^i E, Y_i = (F^D)^i E.$$

We easily check that

$$\begin{aligned} PQ^i P &= \begin{pmatrix} F & 0 \\ FE & F \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} E^{2i} & E^{2i-1} \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} F & 0 \\ FE & F \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} FE^{2i} & FE^{2i-1} \\ FE^{2i+1} & FE^{2i} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} F & 0 \\ FE & F \end{pmatrix} \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

for all  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ . In view of Lemma 2.2,

$$\begin{aligned} (M^2)^D &= (P + Q)^D \\ &= P^D + Q^D + UP^D + Q^D U + P^D V Q + Q^D W Q \\ &\quad + V Q Q^D + W Q Q^D + U P^D V Q + \sum_{i=0}^m U P^i P^\pi (Q^D)^{i+1}, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} U &= \sum_{i=0}^m \left[ (Q^D)^{i+1} P^{i+1} P^\pi + Q^{i+1} Q^\pi (P^D)^{i+1} \right] - Q Q^D P P^D, \\ V &= \sum_{i=0}^m \left[ (P^D)^{i+1} Q^i Q^\pi + P^{i+1} P^\pi (Q^D)^{i+2} \right] - P P^D Q^D, \\ W &= UV + \sum_{i+j=m-1} \left[ (Q^D)^{m+1-i} P^{l+1} Q^j Q^\pi + Q^{i+1} Q^\pi P^{l+1} (Q^D)^{m+2-j} \right] \\ &\quad - \sum_{i=0}^m \left[ (Q^D)^{i+1} P^{i+1} (V + Q^D) + (U + Q Q^D) P^{i+1} (Q^D)^{i+2} \right], \\ m &= i(E) + 2i(F) + 1 \geq i(P) + 2i(Q). \end{aligned}$$

We compute that

$$UP^D = \sum_{i=0}^m Q^{i+1} Q^\pi (P^D)^{i+2} - Q Q^D P P^D,$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} &Q^{i+1} Q^\pi (P^D)^{i+2} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} E^{2i+2} & E^{2i+1} \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} E^\pi & -E^D \\ 0 & I \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} (F^D)^{i+2} & 0 \\ (F^D)^{i+2} E & (F^D)^{i+2} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} E^{2i+2} E^\pi (F^D)^{i+2} + E^{2i+1} E^\pi (F^D)^{i+2} E & E^{2i+1} E^\pi (F^D)^{i+2} \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \\ &Q Q^D P P^D \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} E^2 & E \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} (E^D)^2 & (E^D)^3 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} F^D & 0 \\ F^D E & F^D \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} E E^D F^D + E^D F^D E & E^D F^D \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} (UP^D)_{11} &= \sum_{i=0}^m [E^{2i+2} E^\pi (F^D)^{i+2} + E^{2i+1} E^\pi (F^D)^{i+2} E] - E E^D F^D - E^D F^D E, \\ (UP^D)_{12} &= \sum_{i=0}^m E^{2i+1} E^\pi (F^D)^{i+2} - E^D F^D, \\ (UP^D)_{21} &= 0, \\ (UP^D)_{22} &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Also we see that

$$Q^D U = \sum_{i=0}^m (Q^D)^{i+2} P^{i+1} P^\pi - Q^D P P^D,$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (Q^D)^{i+2} P^{i+1} P^\pi \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} (E^D)^{2i+4} & (E^D)^{2i+5} \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} F^{i+1} & 0 \\ F^{i+1}E & F^{i+1} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} F^\pi & 0 \\ -FF^D E & F^\pi \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} (E^D)^{2i+4} F^{i+1} + (E^D)^{2i+5} F^{i+1}E & (E^D)^{2i+5} F^{i+1} \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} F^\pi & 0 \\ -FF^D E & F^\pi \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} (E^D)^{2i+4} F^{i+1} + (E^D)^{2i+5} F^{i+1}E & (E^D)^{2i+5} F^{i+1} \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \\
 & Q^D P P^D \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} (E^D)^2 & (E^D)^3 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} F & 0 \\ FE & F \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} F^D & 0 \\ F^D E & F^D \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} (E^D)^2 F + (E^D)^3 F E & (E^D)^3 F \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} F^D & 0 \\ F^D E & F^D \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} (E^D)^2 F F^D + (E^D)^3 F F^D E & (E^D)^3 F F^D \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned}
 (Q^D U)_{11} &= \sum_{i=0}^m [(E^D)^{2i+4} F^{i+1} + (E^D)^{2i+5} F^{i+1}E] - (E^D)^2 F F^D - (E^D)^3 F F^D E, \\
 (Q^D U)_{12} &= \sum_{i=0}^m (E^D)^{2i+5} F^{i+1} - (E^D)^3 F F^D, \\
 (Q^D U)_{21} &= 0, \\
 (Q^D U)_{22} &= 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

Clearly, we have

$$P^D V Q = \sum_{i=0}^m (P^D)^{i+2} Q^{i+1} Q^\pi - P^D Q Q^D,$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (P^D)^{i+2} Q^{i+1} Q^\pi \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} (F^D)^{i+2} & 0 \\ (F^D)^{i+2} E & (F^D)^{i+2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} E^{2i+2} & E^{2i+1} \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} E^\pi & -E^D \\ 0 & I \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} (F^D)^{i+2} & 0 \\ (F^D)^{i+2} E & (F^D)^{i+2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} E^{2i+2} E^\pi & E^{2i+1} - E^{2i+2} E^D \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} (F^D)^{i+2} E^{2i+2} E^\pi & (F^D)^{i+2} E^{2i+1} - (F^D)^{i+2} E^{2i+2} E^D \\ (F^D)^{i+2} E^{2i+3} E^\pi & (F^D)^{i+2} E^{2i+2} - (F^D)^{i+2} E^{2i+3} E^D \end{pmatrix} \\
 & P^D Q Q^D \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} F^D & 0 \\ F^D E & F^D \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} E E^D & E^D \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} F^D E E^D & F^D E^D \\ F^D E^2 E^D & F^D E E^D \end{pmatrix}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned}
 (P^D V Q)_{11} &= \sum_{i=0}^m (F^D)^{i+2} E^{2i+2} E^\pi - F^D E E^D, \\
 (P^D V Q)_{12} &= \sum_{i=0}^m [(F^D)^{i+2} E^{2i+1} - (F^D)^{i+2} E^{2i+2} E^D] - F^D E^D, \\
 (P^D V Q)_{21} &= \sum_{i=0}^m (F^D)^{i+2} E^{2i+3} E^\pi - F^D E^2 E^D, \\
 (P^D V Q)_{22} &= \sum_{i=0}^m [(F^D)^{i+2} E^{2i+2} - (F^D)^{i+2} E^{2i+3} E^D] - F^D E E^D.
 \end{aligned}$$

We observe that

$$\begin{aligned}
Q^D W Q &= Q^D U V Q + \sum_{i+l+j=m-1} (Q^D)^{m+2-i} P^{l+1} Q^{j+1} Q^\pi - \sum_{i=0}^m [(Q^D)^{i+2} P^{i+1} V Q \\
&\quad + Q^D U P^{i+1} (Q^D)^{i+1} + (Q^D)^{i+2} P^{i+1} Q Q^D + Q^D P^{i+1} (Q^D)^{i+1}], \\
V Q &= \sum_{i=0}^m [(P^D)^{i+1} Q^{i+1} Q^\pi + P^{i+1} P^\pi (Q^D)^{i+1}] - P P^D Q Q^D, \\
&= \begin{pmatrix} (P^D)^{i+1} Q^{i+1} Q^\pi \\ (F^D)^{i+1} E & (F^D)^{i+1} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} E^{2i+2} & E^{2i+1} \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} E^\pi & -E^D \\ 0 & I \end{pmatrix} \\
&= \begin{pmatrix} (F^D)^{i+1} E^{2i+2} E^\pi & (F^D)^{i+1} E^{2i+1} - (F^D)^{i+1} E^{2i+2} E^D \\ (F^D)^{i+1} E^{2i+3} E^\pi & (F^D)^{i+1} E^{2i+2} - (F^D)^{i+1} E^{2i+3} E^D \end{pmatrix} \\
&= \begin{pmatrix} P^{i+1} P^\pi (Q^D)^{i+1} \\ F^{i+1} & 0 \\ F^{i+1} E & F^{i+1} \\ F^{i+1} & 0 \\ F^{i+1} E & F^{i+1} \\ F^{i+1} F^\pi (E^D)^{2i+2} & F^{i+1} F^\pi (E^D)^{2i+3} \\ F^{i+1} (E^D)^{2i+1} - F^{i+2} F^D (E^D)^{2i+1} & F^{i+1} (E^D)^{2i+2} - F^{i+2} F^D (E^D)^{2i+2} \end{pmatrix}, \\
P P^D Q^D &= \begin{pmatrix} F F^D & 0 \\ F F^D E & F F^D \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} (E^D)^2 & (E^D)^3 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\
&= \begin{pmatrix} F F^D (E^D)^2 & F F^D (E^D)^3 \\ F F^D E^D & F F^D (E^D)^2 \end{pmatrix}, \\
P P^D Q Q^D &= \begin{pmatrix} F F^D (E^D)^2 & F F^D (E^D)^3 \\ F F^D E^D & F F^D (E^D)^2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} E^2 & E \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\
&= \begin{pmatrix} F F^D E E^D & F F^D E^D \\ F F^D E^2 E^D & F F^D E E^D \end{pmatrix}.
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned}
(V Q)_{11} &= \sum_{i=0}^m [(F^D)^{i+1} E^{2i+2} E^\pi + F^{i+1} F^\pi (E^D)^{2i+2}] - F F^D E E^D, \\
(V Q)_{12} &= \sum_{i=0}^m [(F^D)^{i+1} E^{2i+1} - (F^D)^{i+1} E^{2i+2} E^D + F^{i+1} F^\pi (E^D)^{2i+3}] - F F^D E^D, \\
(V Q)_{21} &= \sum_{i=0}^m [(F^D)^{i+1} E^{2i+3} E^\pi + F^{i+1} (E^D)^{2i+1} - F^{i+2} F^D (E^D)^{2i+1}] - F F^D E^2 E^D, \\
(V Q)_{22} &= \sum_{i=0}^m [(F^D)^{i+1} E^{2i+2} - (F^D)^{i+1} E^{2i+3} E^D + F^{i+1} (E^D)^{2i+2} - F^{i+2} F^D (E^D)^{2i+2}] \\
&\quad - F F^D E E^D.
\end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$Q^D U V Q = (Q^D U)(V Q) = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & \beta \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha &= \left[ \sum_{i=0}^m [(E^D)^{2i+4}F^{i+1} + (E^D)^{2i+5}F^{i+1}E] - (E^D)^2FF^D - (E^D)^3FF^DE \right] \\ &\quad \left[ \sum_{i=0}^m \left( (F^D)^{i+1}E^{2i+1} - (F^D)^{i+1}E^{2i+2}E^D + F^{i+1}F^\pi(E^D)^{2i+3} \right) - FF^DE^D \right] \\ &+ \left[ \sum_{i=0}^m (E^D)^{2i+5}F^{i+1} - (E^D)^3FF^D \right] \left[ \sum_{i=0}^m \left( (F^D)^{i+1}E^{2i+3}E^\pi + F^{i+1}(E^D)^{2i+1} \right. \right. \\ &- \left. \left. F^{i+2}F^D(E^D)^{2i+1} \right) - FF^DE^2E^D \right], \\ \beta &= \left[ \sum_{i=0}^m [(E^D)^{2i+4}F^{i+1} + (E^D)^{2i+5}F^{i+1}E] - (E^D)^2FF^D - (E^D)^3FF^DE \right] \\ &\quad \left[ \sum_{i=0}^m \left( (F^D)^{i+1}E^{2i+1} - (F^D)^{i+1}E^{2i+2}E^D + F^{i+1}F^\pi(E^D)^{2i+3} \right) - FF^DE^D \right] \\ &+ \left[ \sum_{i=0}^m (E^D)^{2i+5}F^{i+1} - (E^D)^3FF^D \right] \left[ \sum_{i=0}^m \left( (F^D)^{i+1}E^{2i+2} - (F^D)^{i+1}E^{2i+3}E^D \right. \right. \\ &+ \left. \left. F^{i+1}(E^D)^{2i+2} - F^{i+2}F^D(E^D)^{2i+2} \right) - FF^DEE^D \right];\end{aligned}$$

Moreover, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\left( (Q^D)^{m+2-i}P^{l+1}Q^{j+1}Q^\pi \right)_{11} &= (E^D)^{2m-2i+4}F^{l+1}E^{2j+2}E^\pi + (E^D)^{2m-2i+5}F^{l+1}E^{2j+3}E^\pi, \\ \left( (Q^D)^{m+2-i}P^{l+1}Q^{j+1}Q^\pi \right)_{12} &= (E^D)^{2m-2i+4}F^{l+1}E^{2j+1}E^\pi + (E^D)^{2m-2i+5}F^{l+1}E^{2j+2}E^\pi, \\ \left( (Q^D)^{m+2-i}P^{l+1}Q^{j+1}Q^\pi \right)_{21} &= 0, \\ \left( (Q^D)^{m+2-i}P^{l+1}Q^{j+1}Q^\pi \right)_{22} &= 0.\end{aligned}$$

We easily see that

$$\begin{aligned}(Q^D)^{i+2}P^{i+1} &= \begin{pmatrix} (E^D)^{2i+4} & (E^D)^{2i+5} \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} F^{i+1} & 0 \\ F^{i+1}E & F^{i+1} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} (E^D)^{2i+4}F^{i+1} + (E^D)^{2i+5}F^{i+1}E & (E^D)^{2i+5}F^{i+1} \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \\ P^{i+1}(Q^D)^{i+1} &= \begin{pmatrix} F^{i+1} & 0 \\ F^{i+1}E & F^{i+1} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} (E^D)^{2i+2} & (E^D)^{2i+3} \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} F^{i+1}(E^D)^{2i+2} & F^{i+1}(E^D)^{2i+3} \\ F^{i+1}(E^D)^{2i+1} & F^{i+1}(E^D)^{2i+2} \end{pmatrix}.\end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned}\left( (Q^D)^{i+2}P^{i+1}QQ^D \right)_{11} &= (E^D)^{2i+4}F^{i+1}EE^D + (E^D)^{2i+5}F^{i+1}E^2E^D, \\ \left( (Q^D)^{i+2}P^{i+1}QQ^D \right)_{12} &= (E^D)^{2i+4}F^{i+1}E^D + (E^D)^{2i+5}F^{i+1}EE^D, \\ \left( (Q^D)^{i+2}P^{i+1}QQ^D \right)_{21} &= 0, \\ \left( (Q^D)^{i+2}P^{i+1}QQ^D \right)_{22} &= 0; \\ \left( Q^D P^{i+1} (Q^D)^{i+1} \right)_{11} &= (E^D)^2F^{i+1}(E^D)^{2i+2} + (E^D)^3F^{i+1}(E^D)^{2i+1}, \\ \left( Q^D P^{i+1} (Q^D)^{i+1} \right)_{12} &= (E^D)^2F^{i+1}(E^D)^{2i+3} + (E^D)^3F^{i+1}(E^D)^{2i+2}, \\ \left( Q^D P^{i+1} (Q^D)^{i+1} \right)_{21} &= 0, \\ \left( Q^D P^{i+1} (Q^D)^{i+1} \right)_{22} &= 0.\end{aligned}$$

Moreover, we have

$$(Q^D)^{i+2}P^{i+1}VQ = \left[ (Q^D)^{i+2}P^{i+1} \right] [VQ] = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma_i & \delta_i \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}\gamma_i &= (E^D)^{2i+4}F^{i+1} \left[ \sum_{j=0}^m \left( (F^D)^{j+1}E^{2j+2}E^\pi + F^{j+1}F^\pi(E^D)^{2j+2} \right) - FF^D E E^D \right] \\ &\quad + (E^D)^{2i+5}F^{i+1} \left[ \sum_{j=0}^m \left( (F^D)^{j+1}E^{2j+3}E^\pi + F^{j+1}(E^D)^{2j+1} - F^{j+2}F^D(E^D)^{2j+1} \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - FF^D E^2 E^D \right], \\ \delta_i &= (E^D)^{2i+4}F^{i+1} \left[ \sum_{j=0}^m \left( (F^D)^{j+1}E^{2j+1} - (F^D)^{j+1}E^{2j+2}E^D + F^{j+1}F^\pi(E^D)^{2j+3} \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - FF^D E^D \right] + (E^D)^{2i+5}F^{i+1} \left[ \sum_{j=0}^m \left[ (F^D)^{j+1}E^{2j+2} - (F^D)^{j+1}E^{2j+3}E^D \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. + F^{j+1}(E^D)^{2j+2} - F^{j+2}F^D(E^D)^{2j+2} \right] - FF^D E E^D \right];\end{aligned}$$

Also we have

$$Q^D U P^{i+1} (Q^D)^{i+1} = [Q^D U][P^{i+1} (Q^D)^{i+1}] = \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon_i & \zeta_i \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}\varepsilon_i &= \left[ \sum_{j=0}^m (E^D)^{2j+4}F^j - (E^D)^2F^D \right] F^{i+2}(E^D)^{2i+2} \\ &\quad + \left[ \sum_{j=0}^m (E^D)^{2j+5}F^j - (E^D)^3F^D \right] F^{i+2}(E^D)^{2i+1}, \\ \zeta_i &= \left[ \sum_{j=0}^m (E^D)^{2j+4}F^j - (E^D)^2F^D \right] F^{i+2}(E^D)^{2i+3} \\ &\quad + \left[ \sum_{j=0}^m (E^D)^{2j+5}F^j - (E^D)^3F^D \right] F^{i+2}(E^D)^{2i+2};\end{aligned}$$

Therefore we compute that

$$Q^D W Q = \begin{pmatrix} \eta & \theta \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}\eta &= \sum_{i+l+j=m-1} (Q^D)^{m+2-i} \left[ (E^D)^{2m-2i+4}F^{l+1}E^{2j+2}E^\pi + (E^D)^{2m-2i+5}F^{l+1}E^{2j+3}E^\pi \right] \\ &\quad - \sum_{i=0}^m \left[ \gamma_i + \varepsilon_i + (E^D)^{2i+4}F^{i+1}EE^D + (E^D)^{2i+5}F^{i+1}E^2E^D + (E^D)^2F^{i+1}(E^D)^{2i+2} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + (E^D)^3F^{i+1}(E^D)^{2i+1} \right] + \alpha, \\ \theta &= \sum_{i+l+j=m-1} (Q^D)^{m+2-i} \left[ (E^D)^{2m-2i+4}F^{l+1}E^{2j+1}E^\pi + (E^D)^{2m-2i+5}F^{l+1}E^{2j+2}E^\pi \right] \\ &\quad - \sum_{i=0}^m \left[ \delta_i + \zeta_i + (E^D)^{2i+4}F^{i+1}E^D + (E^D)^{2i+5}F^{i+1}EE^D + (E^D)^2F^{i+1}(E^D)^{2i+3} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + (E^D)^3F^{i+1}(E^D)^{2i+2} \right] + \beta;\end{aligned}$$

Further, we get

$$\begin{aligned}(VQQ^D)_{11} &= \sum_{i=0}^m F^{i+1}F^\pi(E^D)^{2i+4} - FF^D(E^D)^2, \\ (VQQ^D)_{12} &= \sum_{i=0}^m F^{i+1}F^\pi(E^D)^{2i+5} - FF^D(E^D)^3, \\ (VQQ^D)_{21} &= \sum_{i=0}^m \left[ F^{i+1} - F^{i+2}F^D \right] (E^D)^{2i+3} - FF^D E^D, \\ (VQQ^D)_{22} &= \sum_{i=0}^m \left[ F^{i+1} - F^{i+2}F^D \right] (E^D)^{2i+4} - FF^D(E^D)^2.\end{aligned}$$

We now compute

$$\begin{aligned} WQQ^D &= UVQQ^D + \sum_{i+l+j=m-1} Q^{i+1}Q^\pi P^{l+1}Q(Q^D)^{m+3-j} \\ &\quad - \sum_{i=0}^m [(Q^D)^{i+1}P^{i+1}(V+Q^D)QQ^D + (U+QQ^D)P^{i+1}(Q^D)^{i+2}] \\ &= UVQQ^D + \sum_{i+l+j=m-1} Q^{i+1}Q^\pi P^{l+1}(Q^D)^{m+2-j} - \sum_{i=0}^m [(Q^D)^{i+1}P^{i+1}VQQ^D \\ &\quad + UP^{i+1}(Q^D)^{i+2} + (Q^D)^{i+1}P^{i+1}Q^D + QQ^D P^{i+1}(Q^D)^{i+2}]. \end{aligned}$$

One checks that  $UP^\pi = \sum_{i=0}^m (Q^D)^{i+1}P^{i+1}P^\pi$  and so

$$\begin{aligned} (UP^\pi)_{11} &= \sum_{i=0}^m [(E^D)^{2i+2}F^{i+1}F^\pi + (E^D)^{2i+3}F^{i+1}E - (E^D)^{2i+3}F^{i+2}F^DE], \\ (UP^\pi)_{12} &= \sum_{i=0}^m (E^D)^{2i+3}F^{i+1}F^\pi, \\ (UP^\pi)_{21} &= 0, \\ (UP^\pi)_{22} &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} (UPP^D)_{11} &= \sum_{i=0}^m E^{2i+2}E^\pi(F^D)^{i+1} - EE^DFF^D + \sum_{i=0}^m E^{2i+1}E^\pi(F^D)^{i+1}E - E^DFF^DE, \\ (UPP^D)_{12} &= \sum_{i=0}^m E^{2i+1}E^\pi(F^D)^{i+1} - E^DFF^D, \\ (UPP^D)_{21} &= 0, \\ (UPP^D)_{22} &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$U = UP^\pi + UPP^D = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & \mu \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda &= \sum_{i=0}^m [(E^D)^{2i+2}F^{i+1}F^\pi + (E^D)^{2i+3}F^{i+1}E - (E^D)^{2i+3}F^{i+2}F^DE] \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=0}^m E^{2i+2}E^\pi(F^D)^{i+1} - EE^DFF^D + \sum_{i=0}^m E^{2i+1}E^\pi(F^D)^{i+1}E - E^DFF^DE, \\ \mu &= \sum_{i=0}^m (E^D)^{2i+3}F^{i+1}F^\pi + \sum_{i=0}^m E^{2i+1}E^\pi(F^D)^{i+1} - E^DFF^D. \end{aligned}$$

It follows that

$$UVQQ^D = U(VQQ^D) = \begin{pmatrix} \xi & \rho \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \xi &= \lambda \left[ \sum_{i=0}^m F^{i+1}F^\pi(E^D)^{2i+4} - FF^D(E^D)^2 \right] + \mu \left[ \sum_{i=0}^m (F^{i+1} - F^{i+2}F^D)(E^D)^{2i+3} - FF^DE^D \right] \\ \rho &= \lambda \left[ \sum_{i=0}^m F^{i+1}F^\pi(E^D)^{2i+5} - FF^D(E^D)^3 \right] + \mu \left[ \sum_{i=0}^m (F^{i+1} - F^{i+2}F^D)(E^D)^{2i+4} - FF^D(E^D)^2 \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Moreover, we have

$$\begin{aligned} (Q^{i+1}Q^\pi P^{l+1}(Q^D)^{m+2-j})_{11} &= E^{2i+2}E^\pi F^{l+1}(E^D)^{2m+4-2j} + (E^{2i+1} - E^{2i+2}E^D)F^{l+1}(E^D)^{2m+3-2j}, \\ (Q^{i+1}Q^\pi P^{l+1}(Q^D)^{m+2-j})_{12} &= E^{2i+2}E^\pi F^{l+1}(E^D)^{2m+5-2j} + (E^{2i+1} - E^{2i+2}E^D)F^{l+1}(E^D)^{2m+4-2j}, \\ (Q^{i+1}Q^\pi P^{l+1}(Q^D)^{m+2-j})_{21} &= 0, \\ (Q^{i+1}Q^\pi P^{l+1}(Q^D)^{m+2-j})_{22} &= 0, \end{aligned}$$

$$(Q^D)^{i+1}P^{i+1} = \begin{pmatrix} (E^D)^{2i+2} & (E^D)^{2i+3} \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} F^{i+1} & 0 \\ F^{i+1}E & F^{i+1} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} (E^D)^{2i+2}F^{i+1} + (E^D)^{2i+3}F^{i+1}E & (E^D)^{2i+3}F^{i+1} \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$(Q^D)^{i+1}P^{i+1}VQQ^D = [(Q^D)^{i+1}P^{i+1}][VQQ^D] = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_i & \tau_i \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

where

$$\sigma_i = (E^D)^{2i+2}F^{i+2} \left[ \sum_{j=0}^m F^j F^\pi (E^D)^{2j+4} - F^D (E^D)^2 \right] + (E^D)^{2i+3}F^{i+2} \left[ \sum_{j=0}^m (F^j - F^{j+1}F^D)(E^D)^{2j+3} - F^D E^D \right],$$

$$\tau_i = (E^D)^{2i+2}F^{i+2} \left[ \sum_{j=0}^m F^j F^\pi (E^D)^{2j+5} - F^D (E^D)^3 \right] + (E^D)^{2i+3}F^{i+2} \left[ \sum_{j=0}^m (F^j - F^{j+1}F^D)(E^D)^{2j+4} - F^D (E^D)^2 \right],$$

$$\begin{aligned} (UP^{i+1}(Q^D)^{i+2})_{11} &= \lambda F^{i+1}(E^D)^{2i+4} + \mu F^{i+1}(E^D)^{2i+3}, \\ (UP^{i+1}(Q^D)^{i+2})_{12} &= \lambda F^{i+1}(E^D)^{2i+5} + \mu F^{i+1}(E^D)^{2i+4}, \\ (UP^{i+1}(Q^D)^{i+2})_{21} &= 0, \\ (UP^{i+1}(Q^D)^{i+2})_{22} &= 0; \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} ((Q^D)^{i+1}P^{i+1}Q^D)_{11} &= (E^D)^{2i+2}F^{i+1}(E^D)^2 + (E^D)^{2i+3}F^{i+1}E^D, \\ ((Q^D)^{i+1}P^{i+1}Q^D)_{12} &= (E^D)^{2i+2}F^{i+1}(E^D)^3 + (E^D)^{2i+3}F^{i+1}(E^D)^2, \\ ((Q^D)^{i+1}P^{i+1}Q^D)_{21} &= 0, \\ ((Q^D)^{i+1}P^{i+1}Q^D)_{22} &= 0; \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (QQ^D P^{i+1}(Q^D)^{i+2})_{11} &= EE^D F^{i+1}(E^D)^{2i+4} + E^D F^{i+1}(E^D)^{2i+3}, \\ (QQ^D P^{i+1}(Q^D)^{i+2})_{12} &= EE^D F^{i+1}(E^D)^{2i+5} + E^D F^{i+1}(E^D)^{2i+4}, \\ (QQ^D P^{i+1}(Q^D)^{i+2})_{21} &= 0, \\ (QQ^D P^{i+1}(Q^D)^{i+2})_{22} &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore we obtain

$$WQQ^D = \begin{pmatrix} \kappa & \varsigma \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \kappa &= \sum_{i+l+j=m-1} [E^{2i+2}E^\pi F^{l+1}(E^D)^{2m+4-2j} + (E^{2i+1} - E^{2i+2}E^D)F^{l+1}(E^D)^{2m+3-2j}] \\ &- \sum_{i=0}^m [\sigma_i + \lambda F^{i+1}(E^D)^{2i+4} + \mu F^{i+1}(E^D)^{2i+3} + (E^D)^{2i+2}F^{i+1}(E^D)^2 \\ &+ (E^D)^{2i+3}F^{i+1}E^D + EE^D F^{i+1}(E^D)^{2i+4} + E^D F^{i+1}(E^D)^{2i+3}] + \xi, \\ \varsigma &= \sum_{i+l+j=m-1} [E^{2i+2}E^\pi F^{l+1}(E^D)^{2m+5-2j} + (E^{2i+1} - E^{2i+2}E^D)F^{l+1}(E^D)^{2m+4-2j}] \\ &- \sum_{i=0}^m [\tau_i + \lambda F^{i+1}(E^D)^{2i+5} + \mu F^{i+1}(E^D)^{2i+4} + (E^D)^{2i+2}F^{i+1}(E^D)^3 \\ &+ (E^D)^{2i+3}F^{i+1}(E^D)^2 + EE^D F^{i+1}(E^D)^{2i+5} + E^D F^{i+1}(E^D)^{2i+4} + \rho]. \end{aligned}$$

Further, we obtain

$$UP^D VQ = (UP^D)(VQ) = \begin{pmatrix} \phi & \varphi \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}\phi &= \left[ \sum_{i=0}^m \left( E^{2i+2} E^\pi (F^D)^{i+2} + E^{2i+1} E^\pi (F^D)^{i+2} E \right) - EE^D F^D - E^D F^D E \right] \\ &\quad \left[ \sum_{i=0}^m \left( (F^D)^{i+1} E^{2i+2} E^\pi + F^{i+1} F^\pi (E^D)^{2i+2} \right) - FF^D EE^D \right] \\ &+ \left[ \sum_{i=0}^m E^{2i+1} E^\pi (F^D)^{i+2} - E^D F^D \right] \left[ \sum_{i=0}^m \left( (F^D)^{i+1} E^{2i+3} E^\pi + F^{i+1} (E^D)^{2i+1} \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. - F^{i+2} F^D (E^D)^{2i+1} \right) - FF^D E^2 E^D \right], \\ \varphi &= \left[ \sum_{i=0}^m \left( E^{2i+2} E^\pi (F^D)^{i+2} + E^{2i+1} E^\pi (F^D)^{i+2} E \right) - EE^D F^D - E^D F^D E \right] \\ &\quad \left[ \sum_{i=0}^m \left( (F^D)^{i+1} E^{2i+1} - (F^D)^{i+1} E^{2i+2} E^D + F^{i+1} F^\pi (E^D)^{2i+3} \right) - FF^D E^D \right] \\ &+ \left[ \sum_{i=0}^m E^{2i+1} E^\pi (F^D)^{i+2} - E^D F^D \right] \left[ \sum_{i=0}^m \left( (F^D)^{i+1} E^{2i+2} - (F^D)^{i+1} E^{2i+3} E^D \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. + F^{i+1} (E^D)^{2i+2} - F^{i+2} F^D (E^D)^{2i+2} \right) - FF^D EE^D \right].\end{aligned}$$

Obviously, we have

$$\sum_{i=0}^m UP^i P^\pi (Q^D)^{i+1} = (UP^\pi) \left[ Q^D + \sum_{i=1}^m P^i (Q^D)^{i+1} \right].$$

Also we see that

$$\begin{aligned}Q^D + \sum_{i=1}^m P^i (Q^D)^{i+1} &= \begin{pmatrix} (E^D)^2 & (E^D)^3 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \sum_{i=1}^m \begin{pmatrix} F^i & 0 \\ F^i E & F^i \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} (E^D)^{2i+2} & (E^D)^{2i+3} \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} (E^D)^2 + \sum_{i=1}^m F^i (E^D)^{2i+2} & (E^D)^3 + \sum_{i=1}^m F^i (E^D)^{2i+3} \\ \sum_{i=1}^m F^i (E^D)^{2i+1} & \sum_{i=1}^m F^i (E^D)^{2i+2} \end{pmatrix}.\end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\sum_{i=0}^m UP^i P^\pi (Q^D)^{i+1} = \begin{pmatrix} \chi & \omega \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}\chi &= \left[ \sum_{i=0}^m \left( (E^D)^{2i+2} F^{i+1} F^\pi + (E^D)^{2i+3} F^{i+1} E - (E^D)^{2i+3} F^{i+2} F^D E \right) \right] \\ &\quad \left[ (E^D)^2 + \sum_{i=1}^m F^i (E^D)^{2i+2} \right] + \left[ \sum_{i=0}^m (E^D)^{2i+3} F^{i+1} F^\pi \right] \left[ \sum_{i=1}^m F^i (E^D)^{2i+1} \right], \\ \omega &= \left[ \sum_{i=0}^m \left( (E^D)^{2i+2} F^{i+1} F^\pi + (E^D)^{2i+3} F^{i+1} E - (E^D)^{2i+3} F^{i+2} F^D E \right) \right] \\ &\quad \left[ (E^D)^3 + \sum_{i=1}^m F^i (E^D)^{2i+3} \right] + \left[ \sum_{i=0}^m (E^D)^{2i+3} F^{i+1} F^\pi \right] \left[ \sum_{i=1}^m F^i (E^D)^{2i+2} \right].\end{aligned}$$

Accordingly, we derive

$$(M^2)^D = \begin{pmatrix} \Gamma & \Delta \\ \Lambda & \Xi \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $\Gamma, \Delta, \Lambda$  and  $\Xi$  are given as in (\*) by direct computation. Therefore

$$\begin{aligned}M^D &= M(M^D)^2 \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} E & I \\ F & 0 \end{pmatrix} (M^2)^D \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} E & I \\ F & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \Gamma & \Delta \\ \Lambda & \Xi \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} E\Gamma + \Lambda & E\Delta + \Xi \\ F\Gamma & F\Delta \end{pmatrix},\end{aligned}$$

as asserted.  $\square$

This following example illustrates that Theorem 2.3 is valid even  $EF^2 \neq 0$ . (see [4, Theorem 2.2]).

**Example 2.4.** Let  $M = \begin{pmatrix} E & I \\ F & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{C}^{16 \times 16}$ , where

$$E = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, F = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{C}^{8 \times 8}.$$

Then  $FEF = 0$  and  $FE^2 = 0$ , while  $FE \neq 0$  and  $EF^2 \neq 0$ . Construct  $P$  and  $Q$  as in Theorem 2.3. Since  $E^2 = 0$  and  $F^3 = 0$ , we prove that  $P$  and  $Q$  are nilpotent. We check that

$$\begin{aligned} PQ^2 &= \begin{pmatrix} F & 0 \\ FE & F \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} E^4 & E^3 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = 0, \\ PQP &= \begin{pmatrix} F & 0 \\ FE & F \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} E^2 & E \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} F & 0 \\ FE & F \end{pmatrix} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

In light of Lemma 2.2,  $M^2 = P + Q$  is nilpotent. Therefore  $M$  is nilpotent, i.e.,  $M^D = 0$ .

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