Proof that $\widetilde{\mathbf{X}}_2'\widetilde{\mathbf{X}}_2$ on p. 73 is invertible

The proof is as follows. It suffices to show that $\widetilde{\mathbf{X}}_2$ $(n \times K_2)$ is of full column rank. Suppose not. Then there exists a K_2 -dimensional non-zero vector $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$ such that $\widetilde{\mathbf{X}}_2 \boldsymbol{\alpha} = \mathbf{0}$. Since $\widetilde{\mathbf{X}}_2 = \mathbf{M}_1 \mathbf{X}_2$, we have:

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{0} &= \widetilde{\mathbf{X}}_2 \boldsymbol{\alpha} = \mathbf{X}_2 \boldsymbol{\alpha} - \mathbf{X}_1 (\mathbf{X}_1' \mathbf{X}_1)^{-1} \mathbf{X}_1' \mathbf{X}_2 \boldsymbol{\alpha} \\ &= \mathbf{X}_2 \boldsymbol{\alpha} + \mathbf{X}_1 \boldsymbol{\gamma} \quad (\text{where } \boldsymbol{\gamma} \equiv -(\mathbf{X}_1' \mathbf{X}_1)^{-1} \mathbf{X}_1' \mathbf{X}_2 \boldsymbol{\alpha}) \\ &= \mathbf{X} \boldsymbol{\pi} \quad (\text{where } \boldsymbol{\pi} \equiv \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\gamma} \\ \boldsymbol{\alpha} \end{bmatrix}). \end{split}$$

Since X is of full column rank and since π is a non-zero vector, this is a contradiction.