

Consider the matrices $\mathbf{X}_1, \dots, \mathbf{X}_m$, where \mathbf{X}_j is an $n_j \times p$ matrix of rank q_j . Let $\mathbf{X} = (\mathbf{X}'_1, \mathbf{X}'_2, \dots, \mathbf{X}'_m)'$ and assume that \mathbf{X} has full column rank p . Denote $N = \sum_{j=1}^m n_j$. Let $\mathbf{W}_1, \dots, \mathbf{W}_m$ be symmetric matrices of full rank, with \mathbf{W}_j having dimension $n_j \times n_j$. Let \mathbf{W} be the block-diagonal matrix with components $\mathbf{W}_1, \dots, \mathbf{W}_m$, i.e., $\mathbf{W} = \bigoplus_{j=1}^m \mathbf{W}_j$. Let \mathbf{J}_j be an $n_j \times N$ matrix consisting of the rows of the identity matrix that correspond to \mathbf{X}_j , so that $\mathbf{J}_j \mathbf{X} = \mathbf{X}_j$. Define the $n_j \times N$ matrix

$$\mathbf{K}_j = \mathbf{J}_j \left(\mathbf{I}_N - \mathbf{X} (\mathbf{X}' \mathbf{W} \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}' \mathbf{W} \right).$$

Question: Under what conditions is \mathbf{X}_j in the span of \mathbf{K}_j , i.e., when does there exist a $N \times p$ matrix \mathbf{Z} such that $\mathbf{K}_j \mathbf{Z} = \mathbf{X}_j$?

My conjecture (or perhaps its more accurate to call it wishful thinking...) is that it is sufficient for $\mathbf{X}_{(j)}$ to have full rank, where $\mathbf{X}_{(j)}$ is the $(N - n_j) \times p$ matrix formed by stacking all of the \mathbf{X}_k where $k \neq j$, i.e., $\mathbf{X}_{(j)} = (\mathbf{X}'_1, \dots, \mathbf{X}'_{j-1}, \mathbf{X}'_{j+1}, \dots, \mathbf{X}'_m)'$.