

**Problem** (POW 2015-17). Let  $H$  be an  $N \times N$  positive definite matrix and  $G = H^{-1}$ . Let  $H'$  be  $(N - 1) \times (N - 1)$  matrix obtained by removing the  $N$ -th row and the column of  $H$ , i.e.,  $H'_{ij} = H_{ij}$  for any  $i, j = 1, 2, \dots, N - 1$ . Let  $G' = (H')^{-1}$ . Prove that

$$G_{ij} - G'_{ij} = \frac{G_{iN}G_{Nj}}{G_{NN}}$$

**Proof.**  $\delta_{ij}$  : Kronecker delta,  $i, j = 0, 1, \dots, n - 1$

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k \leq n-1} H'_{ik} \left( G_{kj} - \frac{G_{kN}G_{Nj}}{G_{NN}} \right) \\ &= \sum_{k \leq n-1} H_{ik}G_{kj} - \frac{G_{Nj}}{G_{NN}} \sum_{k \leq n-1} H_{ik}G_{kN} \\ &= (\delta_{ij} - H_{iN}G_{Nj}) - \frac{G_{Nj}}{G_{NN}}(\delta_{iN} - H_{iN}G_{NN}) \\ &= \delta_{ij} - \frac{G_{Nj}}{G_{NN}}\delta_{iN} \\ &= \delta_{ij} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$G'_{ij} = ((H')^{-1})_{ij} = G_{ij} - \frac{G_{iN}G_{Nj}}{G_{NN}}$$

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