**MICHAEL CAVERS**, University of Regina, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, Regina, SK S4S 0A2, Canada *Reducible inertially arbitrary matrix patterns* 

An *n* by *n* nonzero (resp. sign) pattern A is a matrix with entries in  $\{*, 0\}$  (resp.  $\{+, -, 0\}$ ). The inertia of a matrix *A* is the ordered triple  $(a_1, a_2, a_3)$  of nonnegative integers where  $a_1$  (resp.  $a_2$  and  $a_3$ ) is the number of eigenvalues of *A* with positive (resp. negative and zero) real part. A is inertially arbitrary if each nonnegative integer triple  $(a_1, a_2, a_3)$  with  $a_1 + a_2 + a_3 = n$  is the inertia of a matrix with nonzero (resp. sign) pattern A. Some observations regarding which inertias A and B may allow to guarantee  $A \oplus B$  is inertially arbitrary are presented. It is shown that there exists non-inertially-arbitrary nonzero (resp. sign) patterns A and B such that  $A \oplus B$  is inertially arbitrary.