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 $\mathcal{A}$ is a matrix with entries in $\{*, 0\}$ (resp. $\{+,-, 0\}$ ). The inertia of a matrix $A$ is the ordered triple $\left(a_{1}, a_{2}, a_{3}\right)$ 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. $\mathcal{A}$ is inertially arbitrary if each nonnegative integer triple $\left(a_{1}, a_{2}, a_{3}\right)$ with $a_{1}+a_{2}+a_{3}=n$ is the inertia of a matrix with nonzero (resp. sign) pattern $\mathcal{A}$. Some observations regarding which inertias $\mathcal{A}$ and $\mathcal{B}$ may allow to guarantee $\mathcal{A} \oplus \mathcal{B}$ is inertially arbitrary are presented. It is shown that there exists non-inertially-arbitrary nonzero (resp. sign) patterns $\mathcal{A}$ and $\mathcal{B}$ such that $\mathcal{A} \oplus \mathcal{B}$ is inertially arbitary.

