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Quadratic properties of least-squares solutions of linear matrix equations with statistical applications. (English) [Zbl 1417.15018](#)

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Summary: Assume that a quadratic matrix-valued function $\psi(X) = Q - X'PX$ is given and let $\mathcal{S} = \{X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m} \mid \text{trace}[(AX - B)'(AX - B)] = \min\}$ be the set of all least-squares solutions of the linear matrix equation $AX = B$. In this paper, we first establish explicit formulas for calculating the maximum and minimum ranks and inertias of $\psi(X)$ subject to $X \in \mathcal{S}$, and then derive from the formulas the analytic solutions of the two optimization problems $\psi(X) = \max$ and $\psi(X) = \min$ subject to $X \in \mathcal{S}$ in the Löwner partial ordering. As applications, we present a variety of results on equalities and inequalities of the ordinary least squares estimators of unknown parameter vectors in general linear models.

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- 15B57 Hermitian, skew-Hermitian, and related matrices
- 62J05 Linear regression; mixed models
- 62H12 Estimation in multivariate analysis

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