

## WHEN DOES THE MOORE–PENROSE INVERSE FLIP?

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*Abstract.* In this paper, we give necessary and sufficient conditions for the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ b & d \end{bmatrix}$ , over a  $*$ -regular ring, to have a Moore–Penrose inverse of four different types, corresponding to the four cases where the zero element can stand. In particular, we study the case where the Moore–Penrose inverse of the matrix flips.

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