



# On the modification of the preconditioned AOR iterative method for linear system

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## Abstract

In this paper, we will present a modification of the preconditioned AOR-type method for solving the linear system. A theorem is given to show the convergence rate of modification of the preconditioned AOR methods that can be enlarged than the convergence AOR method.

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## 1 Introduction

Consider the linear system as the following

$$Ax = b, \tag{1.1}$$

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where  $A = (a_{ij})$  is an  $n \times n$  square and nonsingular matrix and  $x$  and  $b$  are  $n$ -dimensional vectors. The linear system appears in many scientific problems [1-13]. So the problem of solving Eq.(1.1) is important in numerical linear algebra. When the condition number of  $A$  is very large, the system of Eq.(1.1) is ill-posed and small changes in elements of  $A$  can make large changes to the obtained response. To eliminate the recent issue, a preconditioned technique would be useful. Kohno *et al.* in [4] have been considered a preconditioner  $P_\alpha = I + S_\alpha$ , where  $S_\alpha$  is given by

$$S_\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\alpha_1 a_{12} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\alpha_2 a_{23} & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \ddots & -\alpha_{n-1} a_{n-1,n} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (1.2)$$

and  $\alpha_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, n - 1$ , are nonnegative real numbers. Kotakemorie *et al.* in [2] proposed  $P_\beta = I + \beta U$  as the preconditioned matrix, where  $\beta$  is a positive real number. Wu *et al.* presented preconditioned AOR iterative methods with two different preconditioners in [12], Also these preconditioned methods presented by Kohno *et al.* in [4] and Kotakemori in [5]. Gauss type preconditioning methods for nonnegative matrices and M-matrix linear systems are applied by Zhang in [14] . A new preconditioned AOR method for Z-matrices presented in [11] by Wang *et al.* as the following

$$P_\beta = I + K_\beta = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ -\beta_1 a_{12} & 1 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -\beta_2 a_{23} & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & -\beta_{n-1} a_{n-1,n} & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (1.3)$$

where  $\beta_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, n - 1$  are nonnegative real numbers. In this paper, we will present the preconditioned AOR iterative method with

$$P_{\alpha\beta} = I + S_{\alpha\beta} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\alpha_1 a_{12} & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ -\beta_1 a_{12} & 1 & -\alpha_2 a_{23} & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -\beta_2 a_{23} & 1 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \ddots & 1 & -\alpha_{n-1} a_{n-1,n} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & -\beta_{n-1} a_{n-1,n} & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (1.4)$$

where  $\alpha_i, \beta_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, n - 1$ , are nonnegative real numbers. We will show that the rate of convergence of this preconditioned can be faster than the rate of convergence of the AOR method.

## 2 Preliminaries

For solving the linear system Eq.(1.1), if we split A into  $A = M - N$  with the non-singular matrix M, the basic iterative method can be expressed with

$$x^{(i+1)} = M^{-1}Nx^{(i)} + M^{-1}b, \quad i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, \quad (2.1)$$

at which iterative method is convergent to the unique solution  $x = A^{-1}b$  for each initial value  $x^{(0)}$  if and only if  $\rho(M^{-1}N) < 1$ .

For simplicity, we let  $A = I - L - U$  where I is the identity matrix,  $-L, -U$  are strictly lower and strictly upper triangular part of A, respectively.

**Definition 2.1.** The accelerated over-relaxation AOR method is

$$x^{(i+1)} = L_{\sigma,\omega}x^{(i)} + (I - \sigma L)^{-1}\omega b, \quad i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, \quad (2.2)$$

where

$$L_{\sigma,\omega} = (I - \sigma L)^{-1}[(1 - \omega)I + (\omega - \sigma)L + \omega U], \quad (2.3)$$

is iteration matrix and  $\sigma, \omega$  are real parameters with  $\omega \neq 0$ , [3].

The original system Eq.(1.1) may be transform into the preconditioned

form as follows

$$PAx = Pb. \quad (2.4)$$

Then the corresponding basic iterative method can be defined by

$$x^{(i+1)} = M_p^{-1}N_px^{(i)} + M_p^{-1}Pb, \quad i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, \quad (2.5)$$

where  $PA = M_p - N_p$  is a splitting of  $PA$ .

**Definition 2.2.**

- (i) A matrix  $A$  is a  $Z$ -matrix if  $a_{ij} \leq 0$ ,  $i, j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ,  $i \neq j$ , [13].
- (ii) A nonsingular  $Z$ -matrix is called an  $M$ -matrix if  $A^{-1} \geq 0$ , [7,13].

**Definition 2.3.** If  $A$  be a real matrix,  $A = M - N$  is called a splitting of  $A$  if  $M$  be a nonsingular matrix. The splitting is called  $M$ -splitting if and only if  $M$  is an  $M$ -matrix and  $N \geq 0$ , [12].

**Lemma 2.1.** Let  $A \geq 0$

- (i) If  $\alpha x \leq Ax$  for some positive vector  $x$ ,  $x \neq 0$ , then  $\alpha \leq \rho(A)$ .
- (ii) If  $Ax \leq \beta x$  for some positive vector  $x$ , then  $\rho(A) \leq \beta$ . Moreover, if  $A$  is irreducible and if  $0 \neq \alpha x \leq Ax \leq \beta x$  for some nonnegative vector, then  $\alpha \leq \rho(A) \leq \beta$ , and  $x$  is a positive vector [10].

**Lemma 2.2.** let  $A = M - N$  be an  $M$ -splitting of  $A$  then  $\rho(M^{-1}N) < 1$  if and only if  $A$  is a nonsingular  $M$ -matrix [5].

**Lemma 2.3.** Let  $A$  be a  $Z$ -matrix, then  $A$  is a nonsingular  $M$ -matrix if and only if there is a positive vector  $x$  such that  $Ax \gg 0$ , [1].

**3 AOR method with the modification of the preconditioner  $I + S_{\alpha\beta}$**

In this section, we consider a preconditioned form

$$P_{\alpha\beta}Ax = P_{\alpha\beta}b, \quad (3.1)$$

with the preconditioner  $P_{\alpha\beta} = I + S_{\alpha\beta}$ , i.e.,

$$A_{\alpha\beta}x = b_{\alpha\beta}, \quad (3.2)$$

where  $A_{\alpha\beta} = P_{\alpha\beta}A$  and  $b_{\alpha\beta} = P_{\alpha\beta}b$ .

We use the AOR method for solving Eq.(3.2) and have the corresponding preconditioned AOR iterative method with the following iterative matrix

$$\bar{L}_{\sigma,\omega} = (D_{\alpha\beta} - \sigma L_{\alpha\beta})^{-1}[(1 - \omega)D_{\alpha\beta} + (\omega - \sigma)L_{\alpha\beta} + \omega U_{\alpha\beta}], \quad (3.3)$$

where  $D_{\alpha\beta}$  is diagonal matrix and  $-L_{\alpha\beta}$ ,  $-U_{\alpha\beta}$  are strictly lower and strictly upper triangular matrices which are obtained by splitting  $A_{\alpha\beta}$ , respectively. The main result is given as follows:

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $A = [a_{ij}]$  is an  $n \times n$  nonsingular Z-matrix, assume that  $0 \leq \sigma \leq \omega \leq 1$ ,  $\omega \neq 0$  and  $\alpha_i, \beta_i \in [0, 1]$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n - 1$ ,

(i) If  $\rho(L_{\sigma,\omega}) < 1$ , then

$$\rho(\bar{L}_{\sigma,\omega}) \leq \rho(L_{\sigma,\omega}) < 1.$$

(ii) Let  $A$  be irreducible, let

$$a_{i,i+1}a_{i+1,i} < 1, i = 1, 2, \dots, n - 1,$$

then

$$\rho(\bar{L}_{\sigma,\omega}) = \rho(L_{\sigma,\omega}) < 1,$$

or

$$\rho(\bar{L}_{\sigma,\omega}) \geq \rho(L_{\sigma,\omega}) > 1.$$

**Proof:** Let

$$\begin{aligned}
M &= \frac{1}{\omega}(I - \sigma L), \\
N &= \frac{1}{\omega}[(1 - \omega)I + (\omega - \sigma)L + \omega U], \\
E_{\alpha\beta} &= \frac{1}{\omega}(D_{\alpha\beta} - \sigma L_{\alpha\beta}), \\
F_{\alpha\beta} &= \frac{1}{\omega}[(1 - \omega)D_{\alpha\beta} + (\omega - \sigma)L_{\alpha\beta} + \omega U_{\alpha\beta}], \\
M_{\alpha\beta} &= \frac{1}{\omega}(I + S_{\alpha\beta})(I - \sigma L), \\
N_{\alpha\beta} &= \frac{1}{\omega}(I + S_{\alpha\beta})[(1 - \omega)I + (\omega - \sigma)L + \omega U],
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\sigma, \omega$  are defined in definition Eq.(2.1),  $-L, -U$  are strictly lower and strictly upper triangular part of  $A$ , respectively.  $D_{\alpha\beta}, -L_{\alpha\beta}, -U_{\alpha\beta}$  are the diagonal, strictly lower and strictly upper triangular matrices obtained from  $A_{\alpha\beta}$ , respectively.

Then, we have

$$A = M - N, \quad A_{\alpha\beta} = E_{\alpha\beta} - F_{\alpha\beta} = M_{\alpha\beta} - N_{\alpha\beta}.$$

- (i) Obviously, since  $A$  is a nonsingular  $Z$ -matrix and  $\omega \neq 0, 0 \leq \sigma \leq \omega \leq 1$ , then  $M = \frac{1}{\omega}(I - \sigma L)$  is a nonsingular  $M$ -matrix and  $N \geq 0$ , then  $A$  can be splitted as an  $M$ -splitting as the following

$$A = M - N = \frac{1}{\omega}(I - \sigma L) - \frac{1}{\omega}[(1 - \omega)I + (\omega - \sigma)L + \omega U].$$

If  $\rho(L_{\sigma, \omega}) < 1$ , it implies of Lemma 2.2, that  $A$  is a nonsingular  $M$ -matrix, then by using Lemma 2.3 there is a positive vector  $x$  such that  $Ax \geq 0$ , hence we have  $A_{\alpha\beta}x = (I + S_{\alpha\beta})Ax \geq 0$ . Similarly,  $A_{\alpha\beta}$  is also a nonsingular  $M$ -matrix. The entries of  $A_{\alpha\beta}$  are

$$\begin{aligned}
\bar{a}_{ij} &= a_{ij} - \alpha_i a_{i,i+1} a_{i+1,j} - \beta_{i-1} a_{i-1,i} a_{i-1,j} \quad \text{for } 1 < i < n, \\
\bar{a}_{ij} &= a_{ij} - \alpha_i a_{i,i+1} a_{i+1,j} \quad \text{for } i = 1, \\
\bar{a}_{ij} &= a_{ij} - \beta_{i-1} a_{i-1,i} a_{i-1,j} \quad \text{for } i = n.
\end{aligned} \tag{3.4}$$

The entries of matrix  $D_{\alpha\beta} = \text{diag}(\bar{d}_{11}, \bar{d}_{22}, \dots, \bar{d}_{nn})$  are

$$\begin{aligned}
\bar{d}_{ii} &= 1 - \alpha_i a_{i,i+1} a_{i+1,j} - \beta_{i-1} a_{i-1,i} a_{i-1,j} \quad \text{when } 1 < i < n, \\
\bar{d}_{ii} &= 1 - \alpha_i a_{i,i+1} a_{ij} \quad \text{for } i = 1, \\
\bar{d}_{ii} &= 1 - \beta_{i-1} a_{i-1,i} a_{i-1,j} \quad \text{for } i = n.
\end{aligned} \tag{3.5}$$

let  $A_{\alpha\beta}$  be a nonsingular  $M$ -matrix, so  $\bar{d}_{ii} > 0$ . So  $D_{\alpha\beta}$  is an invertible positive diagonal matrix. We know that  $L_{\alpha\beta} \geq 0$ , this implies that  $E_{\alpha\beta}$  can be a  $Z$ -matrix. Suppose  $\sigma D_{\alpha\beta}^{-1} L_{\alpha\beta} \geq 0$  is a strictly lower triangular matrix it yields  $\rho(\sigma D_{\alpha\beta}^{-1} L_{\alpha\beta}) = 0 < 1$ , we have  $(I - \sigma D_{\alpha\beta}^{-1} L_{\alpha\beta})^{-1} \geq 0$ , then

$$E_{\alpha\beta} = (I - \sigma D_{\alpha\beta}^{-1} L_{\alpha\beta})^{-1} D_{\alpha\beta}^{-1} \geq 0. \tag{3.6}$$

Therefore  $E_{\alpha\beta}$  is a nonsingular  $M$ -matrix.

Obviously, we know that  $U_{\alpha\beta}$  and  $F_{\alpha\beta} \geq 0$ . Hence, we prove that  $A_{\alpha\beta} = E_{\alpha\beta} - F_{\alpha\beta}$  is an  $M$ -splitting. Using Lemma 2.2, it yields  $\rho(\bar{L}_{\sigma,\omega}) = \rho(E_{\alpha\beta}^{-1} F_{\alpha\beta}) < 1$ , since  $A_{\alpha\beta} = E_{\alpha\beta} - F_{\alpha\beta}$  and  $A = M - N$  are both  $M$ -splitting and  $M_{\alpha\beta}^{-1} N_{\alpha\beta} = M^{-1} N$ , therefore, both splitting  $A_{\alpha\beta} = E_{\alpha\beta} - F_{\alpha\beta}$  and  $A_{\alpha\beta} = M_{\alpha\beta} - N_{\alpha\beta}$  are nonnegative.

On the other hand, let  $D_{\alpha\beta} - L_{\alpha\beta} = I - L - S_{\alpha\beta} L$ ,  $L_{\alpha\beta} = D_{\alpha\beta} - I + L + S_{\alpha\beta} L$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
M_{\alpha\beta} - E_{\alpha\beta} &= \frac{1}{\omega} (I + S_{\alpha\beta})(I - \sigma L) - \frac{1}{\omega} (D_{\alpha\beta} - \sigma L_{\alpha\beta}) \\
&= \frac{1}{\omega} (I + S_{\alpha\beta} - \sigma L - \sigma S_{\alpha\beta} L - D_{\alpha\beta} + \sigma L_{\alpha\beta}) \\
&= \frac{1}{\omega} [I + S_{\alpha\beta} - \sigma L - \sigma S_{\alpha\beta} L - D_{\alpha\beta} + \sigma(D_{\alpha\beta} - I + L + S_{\alpha\beta} L)] \\
&= \frac{1}{\omega} [(1 - \sigma)(I - D_{\alpha\beta}) + S_{\alpha\beta}] \geq 0.
\end{aligned} \tag{3.7}$$

So

$$A_{\alpha\beta}^{-1} M_{\alpha\beta} - A_{\alpha\beta}^{-1} E_{\alpha\beta} = A_{\alpha\beta}^{-1} (M_{\alpha\beta} - E_{\alpha\beta}) \geq 0,$$

then we get

$$A_{\alpha\beta}^{-1} M_{\alpha\beta} \geq A_{\alpha\beta}^{-1} E_{\alpha\beta} \geq 0,$$

we have  $\rho(E_{\alpha\beta}^{-1} F_{\alpha\beta}) \leq \rho(M_{\alpha\beta}^{-1} N_{\alpha\beta})$ , [8]. That is

$$\rho(\bar{L}_{\sigma,\omega}) \leq \rho(L_{\sigma,\omega}) < 1.$$

(ii) Let  $A = I - L - U$  be irreducible. Suppose

$$\begin{aligned}
L_{\sigma,\omega} &= (I - \sigma L)^{-1}[(1 - \omega)I + (\omega - \sigma)L + \omega U] \\
&= (1 - \omega)I + \omega(1 - \sigma)L + \omega U + H,
\end{aligned} \tag{3.8}$$

with

$$H = (I - \sigma L)^{-1}\sigma L[\omega(1 - \sigma)L + \omega U] \geq 0.$$

$L_{\sigma,\omega}$  is a nonnegative and irreducible matrix. There exists a positive vector  $x$ , such that [10]

$$L_{\sigma,\omega} = \vartheta x,$$

where  $\rho(L_{\sigma,\omega})$  is denoted by  $\vartheta$ . Using Eq.(3.8), we obtain the identity as the following

$$[(1 - \omega)I + (\omega - \sigma)L + \omega U]x = \vartheta(I - \sigma L)x. \tag{3.9}$$

By manipulating Eq.(3.9), we get

$$[(1 - \omega - \vartheta)I + (\omega - \sigma + \vartheta\sigma)L + \omega U]x = 0, \tag{3.10}$$

and

$$(\vartheta - 1)(I - \sigma L)x = \omega(L + U - I)x. \tag{3.11}$$

Let  $S_{\alpha\beta} L = D_1 + L_1$ ,  $S_{\alpha\beta} U = D_2 + U_1$ , where  $D_1, L_1$ , are the diagonal and lower triangular parts of  $S_{\alpha\beta} L$  and  $D_2, U_1$  are the diagonal and upper triangular parts of  $S_{\alpha\beta} U$ , respectively.

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned}
A_{\alpha\beta} &= D_{\alpha\beta} - L_{\alpha\beta} - U_{\alpha\beta} \\
&= (I - L - S_{\alpha\beta} L) - (U - S_{\alpha\beta} + S_{\alpha\beta} U)
\end{aligned} \tag{3.12}$$

$$= (I - D_1 - D_2) - (L + L_1) - (U - S_{\alpha\beta} + U_1), \tag{3.13}$$

where

$$D_{\alpha\beta} = I - D_1 - D_2, \quad L_{\alpha\beta} = L + L_1, \quad U_{\alpha\beta} = U - S_{\alpha\beta} + U_1.$$

By Eqs.(3.10) and (3.11), we have



$$\begin{aligned}
\bar{L}_{\sigma,\omega}x - \vartheta x &= (D_{\alpha\beta} - \sigma L_{\alpha\beta})^{-1}[(1 - \omega)D_{\alpha\beta} + (\omega - \sigma)L_{\alpha\beta} + \omega U_{\alpha\beta} - \vartheta(D_{\alpha\beta} - \sigma L_{\alpha\beta})]x \\
&= (D_{\alpha\beta} - \sigma L_{\alpha\beta})^{-1}[(1 - \omega - \vartheta)(I - D_1 - D_2) + (\omega - \sigma + \sigma\vartheta)(L + L_1) + \\
&\quad \omega(U - S_{\alpha\beta} + U_1)]x \\
&= (D_{\alpha\beta} - \sigma L_{\alpha\beta})^{-1}\{[(1 - \omega - \vartheta) + (\omega - \sigma - \sigma\vartheta)L + \omega U] \\
&\quad + [-(1 - \omega - \sigma)(D_1 + D_2) + (\omega - \sigma + \sigma\vartheta)L_1 + \omega(U_1 - S_{\alpha\beta})]\}x \\
&= (D_{\alpha\beta} - \sigma L_{\alpha\beta})^{-1}[(\vartheta - 1)(D_1 + D_2) + \omega(D_1 + D_2) + \sigma(\vartheta - 1)L_1 + \omega L_1 \\
&\quad + \omega(U_1 - S_{\alpha\beta})]x \\
&= (D_{\alpha\beta} - \sigma L_{\alpha\beta})^{-1}[(\vartheta - 1)(D_1 + D_2) + \sigma(\vartheta - 1)L_1 + \omega(S_{\alpha\beta}(L + U) - S_{\alpha\beta})]x \\
&= (D_{\alpha\beta} - \sigma L_{\alpha\beta})^{-1}[(\vartheta - 1)(D_1 + D_2) + \sigma(\vartheta - 1)L_1 + (\vartheta - 1)S_{\alpha\beta}(I - \sigma L)]x \\
&= (D_{\alpha\beta} - \sigma L_{\alpha\beta})^{-1}[(\vartheta - 1)(1 - \sigma)D_1 + (\vartheta - 1)D_2 + (\vartheta - 1)S_{\alpha\beta}]x,
\end{aligned}$$

here  $0 \leq \sigma < 1$ ,  $S_{\alpha\beta} \geq 0$ ,  $D_1, D_2 \geq 0$ . Using Eq.(3.6), we have  $D_{\alpha\beta} - \sigma L_{\alpha\beta}$  is an  $M$ -matrix.

If  $\vartheta < 1$ , then  $\bar{L}_{\sigma,\omega}x - \vartheta x \leq 0$ , so  $\bar{L}_{\sigma,\omega}x \leq \vartheta x$ . By using Lemma 2.1, we get

$$\rho(\bar{L}_{\sigma,\omega}) \leq \rho(L_{\sigma,\omega}) < 1.$$

If  $\vartheta > 1$ , then  $\bar{L}_{\sigma,\omega}x - \vartheta x \geq 0$ , so  $\bar{L}_{\sigma,\omega}x \geq \vartheta x$ . By using Lemma 2.1, we get

$$\rho(\bar{L}_{\sigma,\omega}) \geq \rho(L_{\sigma,\omega}) > 1.$$

**Corollary 3.1.** Let  $A = [a_{ij}] \in R^{n \times n}$  be a nonsingular  $M$ -matrix. Suppose that

$$0 \leq \alpha_i \leq 1, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n - 1,$$

then for  $\omega \neq 0$ ,  $0 \leq \sigma \leq \omega \leq 1$ , it yields

$$\rho(\bar{L}_{\sigma,\omega}) \leq \rho(L_{\sigma,\omega}) < 1.$$

**Remark 3.1.** We have given some inequalities of spectral radius of iteration matrices. The spectral radius of the AOR method also depends upon the choice of the parameters  $\alpha_i, \beta_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, n - 1$ .

**Example 3.1.** Let the coefficient matrix  $A$  of Eq.(1.1) is given by

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

If we choose  $\omega = 1$  and  $\sigma = 0.5$ , We get  $\rho(L_{0.5,1}) = 0.70$ . By choosing  $\alpha_1 = \frac{1}{2}, \beta_1 = \frac{1}{3}$ , we get  $\rho(\bar{L}_{0.5,1}) = 0.57$ . It shows that  $\rho(\bar{L}_{0.5,1}) \leq \rho(L_{0.5,1})$ .

**Example 3.2.** Let the coefficient matrix  $A$  of Eq.(1.1) is given by

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ -\frac{1}{2} & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

If we choose  $\omega = 1$  and  $\sigma = 0.6$ , we get  $\rho(L_{0.6,1}) = 0.75$ . By choosing  $\alpha_1 = \beta_1 = 0$ ,  $\alpha_2 = 1$ ,  $\beta_2 = \frac{1}{2}$ , we get  $\rho(\bar{L}_{0.6,1}) = 0.62$ . It shows that  $\rho(\bar{L}_{0.6,1}) \leq \rho(L_{0.6,1})$ .

**Example 3.3.** Let the coefficient matrix  $A$  of Eq.(1.1) is given by

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -0.2 & -0.1 & -0.4 & -0.2 \\ -0.2 & 1 & -0.3 & -0.1 & -0.6 \\ -0.3 & -0.2 & 1 & -0.1 & -0.6 \\ -0.1 & -0.1 & -0.1 & 1 & -0.01 \\ -0.2 & -0.3 & -0.4 & -0.3 & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

If we choose  $\omega = 1$  and  $\sigma = 0.5$ , we get  $\rho(L_{0.5,1}) = 0.97$ . By choosing  $\alpha_1 = \beta_1 = 0$ ,  $\alpha_2 = \alpha_3 = \frac{1}{3}$ ,  $\beta_2 = \beta_3 = \frac{1}{7}$ ,  $\alpha_4 = \beta_4 = 0$ , we get  $\rho(\bar{L}_{0.5,1}) = 0.90$ . It shows that  $\rho(\bar{L}_{0.5,1}) \leq \rho(L_{0.5,1})$ .

Let the coefficient matrix  $A$  of Eq.(1.1) is given by

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -0.4 & -0.1 & 0 & -0.2 & -0.1 \\ -0.05 & 1 & -0.1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -0.05 & 1 & -0.45 & -0.1 & -0.2 \\ -0.1 & -0.1 & -0.1 & 1 & -0.2 & -0.25 \\ 0 & -0.1 & 0 & -0.05 & 1 & -0.1 \\ -0.25 & -0.15 & -0.1 & 0 & -0.1 & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

If we choose  $\omega = 1$  and  $\sigma = 0.5$ , we get  $\rho(L_{0.5,1}) = 0.45$ .

If we choose  $\omega = 1$  and  $\sigma = 0.6$ , we get  $\rho(L_{0.6,1}) = 0.43$ .

By choosing  $\alpha_i = \beta_i = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, 5$ , we get  $\rho(\bar{L}_{0.5,1}) = 0.35$  and

$$\rho(\bar{L}_{0.6,1}) = 0.33.$$

By choosing  $\alpha_i = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\beta_i = \frac{1}{3}$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, 5$ , we get  $\rho(\bar{L}_{0.5,1}) = 0.35$  and  $\rho(\bar{L}_{0.6,1}) = 0.34$ . It implies that  $\rho(\bar{L}_{0.5,1}) \leq \rho(L_{0.5,1})$  and  $\rho(\bar{L}_{0.6,1}) \leq \rho(L_{0.6,1})$ .

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