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# Research Article **Discussion for** H-Matrices and It's Application

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Nonsingular *H*-matrices and positive stable matrices play an important role in the stability of neural network system. In this paper, some criteria for nonsingular *H*-matrices are obtained by the theory of diagonally dominant matrices and the obtained result is introduced into identifying the stability of neural networks. So the criteria for nonsingular *H*-matrices are expanded and their application on neural network system is given. Finally, the effectiveness of the results is illustrated by numerical examples.

# 1. Introduction

The research on data mining based on neural networks has a great significance. Recently, as one kind of artificial neural networks, Hopfield neural network is used for association rules mining and remarkable results are obtained. Nonsingular H-matrices and positive stable matrices play an important role in the stability of neural network system. However, it is rather difficult in practice to determine whether a matrix is a nonsingular H-matrix or not. Therefore, it is of a great theoretical and practical value to study the numerical methods for judging the nonsingular *H*-matrices, to provide the concise and practical criteria. Up to now, within the scope of the field, many researchers have done a lot of indepth studies and acquired some very valuable results in many respects, such as nonsingular H-matrix properties and criteria (see [1-9]). In this paper, some criteria for nonsingular H-matrices are obtained by the theory of diagonally dominant matrices and the obtained result is introduced into identifying the stability of neural networks. So the criteria for nonsingular *H*-matrices are expanded and their application on neural network system is given. Effectiveness of the results is illustrated by numerical examples. For convenience, we are dealing with nonsingular H-matrices, calling them shortly *H*-matrices.

Next, we will introduce some notations.

Let  $N = \{1, 2, ..., n\}$ , and let  $M = \{(i, j) \mid i \neq j; i, j \in N\}$ .  $C^{n,n}$  denotes the set of all *n* by *n* complex matrices:  $R_i(A) = \sum_{j \neq i} |a_{ij}|$  and  $C_i(A) = \sum_{j \neq i} |a_{ji}|$  (for all  $i \in N$ ). If  $|a_{ii}| \ge (>)R_i(A)$  (for all  $i \in N$ ), then A is said to be a (strictly) diagonally dominant matrix and is denoted by  $A \in D_0$  ( $A \in D$ ); if  $|a_{ii}a_{jj}| \ge (>)R_i(A)R_j(A)$  (for all  $(i, j) \in M$ ), then A is said to be a (strictly) double diagonally dominant matrix and is denoted by  $A \in DD_0$  ( $A \in DD$ ). It is well known that an equivalent definition of H-matrices is given by demanding that there exist positive numbers  $x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n$ such that  $x_i |a_{ii}| > \sum_{j \ne i} x_j |a_{ij}|$  (for all  $i \in N$ ); that is, there exists a positive diagonal matrix  $X = \text{diag}(x_1, \ldots, x_n)$  such that  $AX \in D$  (see [1]). So, we always assume that  $|a_{ii}| \ne 0$  (for all  $i \in N$ ).

# 2. Definitions and Lemmas

It is learned that the class of  $\alpha$ -double diagonally dominant matrices play a central role in identifying *H*-matrices. So, we will start with its definition and some background results.

Definition 1 (see [2]). Let  $A = (a_{ij}) \in C^{n,n}$ ; if there exists some  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ , satisfying

$$\begin{aligned} \left| a_{ii}a_{jj} \right| &\geq (>) \left[ R_i(A) R_j(A) \right]^{\alpha} \left[ C_i(A) C_j(A) \right]^{1-\alpha} \\ & (\forall (i, j) \in M), \end{aligned}$$
(1)

then *A* is called a (strictly)  $\alpha$ -double diagonally dominant matrix and is denoted by  $A \in DD(\alpha_0)$  ( $A \in DD(\alpha)$ ).

**Lemma 2** (see [2]). Let  $A = (a_{ij}) \in C^{n,n}$ ; if  $A \in DD(\alpha)$ , then A is an H-matrix.

**Lemma 3** (see [3]). Let  $A = (a_{ij}) \in C^{n,n}$ , if there exists some  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ , satisfying

and, for every  $(i, j) \in M$  with  $|a_{ii}a_{jj}| = [R_i(A)R_j(A)]^{\alpha} \times [C_i(A)C_j(A)]^{1-\alpha}$ , there exists a nonzero elements chain  $a_{i_0i_1}, a_{i_1i_2}, \ldots, a_{i_rj_0}$  or  $a_{j_0j_1}, a_{j_1j_2}, \ldots, a_{j_ri_0}$  such that  $i_0 = i$  or  $i_0 = j, j_0 \in J(A)$ , where

$$J(A) = \left\{ i \left| a_{ii}a_{jj} \right| > \left[ R_i(A) R_j(A) \right]^{\alpha} \left[ C_i(A) C_j(A) \right]^{1-\alpha},$$
  
$$(i, j) \in M \right\} \neq \emptyset,$$
(3)

then A is an H-matrix.

Let S(A) denote the set of all circuits of length  $p \ge 2$  in  $\Gamma(A)$ (directed graph of the matrix A). Recall that a circuit in  $\Gamma(A)$  is an ordered sequence  $\gamma$  of vertices  $i_1, i_2, \ldots, i_p, i_{p+1} = i_1 \ (p \ge 1)$ , where  $i_1, i_2, \ldots, i_p$  are all distinct and  $e_{i_j i_{j+1}} \ (j = 1, 2, \ldots, p)$  are arcs of  $\Gamma(A)$ . Let E(A) denote the set of all arcs.

**Lemma 4** (see [4]). Let A be an irreducible complex matrix. Suppose there exists some  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ , satisfying

$$\begin{vmatrix} a_{ii}a_{jj} \end{vmatrix} \ge \left[ R_i(A) R_j(A) \right]^{\alpha} \left[ C_i(A) C_j(A) \right]^{1-\alpha} \left( \forall (i, j) \in M \right).$$

$$(4)$$

If there exists some arc  $e_{i_*j_*} \in E(A)$  and  $(i_*, j_*) \in M$  such that

$$\left|a_{i_{*}i_{*}}a_{j_{*}j_{*}}\right| > \left[R_{i_{*}}(A)R_{j_{*}}(A)\right]^{\alpha}\left[C_{i_{*}}(A)C_{j_{*}}(A)\right]^{1-\alpha}, \quad (5)$$

then A is an H-matrix.

## 3. Criteria for *H*-Matrices

In the rest of the paper, we will use the notations:

$$M_{1} = \left\{ (i, j) \mid R_{i} (A) R_{j} (A) < \left| a_{ii} a_{jj} \right| < C_{i} (A) C_{j} (A) \right\};$$

$$M_{2} = \left\{ (i, j) \mid C_{i} (A) C_{j} (A) < \left| a_{ii} a_{jj} \right| < R_{i} (A) R_{j} (A) \right\};$$

$$M_{3} = \left\{ (i, j) \mid \left| a_{ii} a_{jj} \right| \ge C_{i} (A) C_{j} (A) > R_{i} (A) R_{j} (A) \right\};$$

$$M_{4} = \left\{ (i, j) \mid \left| a_{ii} a_{jj} \right| \ge R_{i} (A) R_{j} (A) > C_{i} (A) C_{j} (A) \right\};$$

$$M_{5} = \left\{ (i, j) \mid \left| a_{ii} a_{jj} \right| > R_{i} (A) R_{j} (A) = C_{i} (A) C_{j} (A) \right\};$$

$$M_{0} = \left\{ (i, j) \mid \left| a_{ii} a_{jj} \right| \le R_{i} (A) R_{j} (A) = C_{i} (A) C_{j} (A) \right\};$$

$$\left| a_{ii} a_{jj} \right| \le C_{i} (A) C_{j} (A) \right\}.$$
(6)

It is obvious to deduce that  $M = M_1 \cup M_2 \cup M_3 \cup M_4 \cup M_5 \cup M_0$ .

Let

$$\alpha_{st} = \frac{|a_{ss}a_{tt}|}{R_s(A)R_t(A)}, \qquad \beta_{st} = \frac{C_s(A)C_t(A)}{|a_{ss}a_{tt}|},$$

$$\gamma_{st} = \frac{C_s(A)C_t(A)}{R_s(A)R_t(A)}, \qquad \gamma_{st} = \alpha_{st}\beta_{st},$$

$$\forall (s,t) \in M_1;$$

$$x_{ij} = \frac{|a_{ii}a_{jj}|}{C_i(A)C_j(A)}, \qquad y_{ij} = \frac{R_i(A)R_j(A)}{|a_{ii}a_{jj}|},$$

$$z_{ij} = \frac{R_i(A)R_j(A)}{C_i(A)C_j(A)}, \qquad z_{ij} = x_{ij}y_{ij},$$

$$\forall (i, j) \in M_2.$$

$$(7)$$

It is obvious to observe

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_{st} &> \alpha_{st} > 1, \qquad \gamma_{st} > \beta_{st} > 1; \\ z_{ij} &> x_{ij} > 1, \qquad z_{ij} > y_{ij} > 1. \end{aligned}$$

The following are our main results. First, we give an equivalent representation for strictly  $\alpha$ -double diagonally dominant matrices.

**Lemma 5.** Let  $A = (a_{ij}) \in C^{n,n}$ ; then  $A \in DD(\alpha)$  if and only if  $M_0 = \emptyset$  and for any  $(s, t) \in M_1$ ,  $(i, j) \in M_2$ , satisfying

$$\log_{\gamma_{si}}\beta_{st} + \log_{z_{ii}}\gamma_{ij} < 1.$$
(9)

*Proof. Sufficiency.* From inequality (9), for any  $(s, t) \in M_1$ ,  $(i, j) \in M_2$ , it follows that

$$\log_{z_{ii}} y_{ij} < 1 - \log_{\gamma_{st}} \beta_{st}.$$
 (10)

Recalling that  $\gamma_{st} > \beta_{st} > 1$ , for any  $(s, t) \in M_1$ , we have  $0 < \log_{\gamma_{st}} \beta_{st} < 1$ . So there exists some positive number  $\varepsilon$  such that

$$0 < \log_{\gamma_{st}} \beta_{st} + \varepsilon < 1, \tag{11}$$

$$\log_{z_{ij}} y_{ij} < 1 - \left( \log_{\gamma_{st}} \beta_{st} + \varepsilon \right).$$
(12)

Let  $\alpha = \log_{\gamma_{st}} \beta_{st} + \varepsilon$ ; it is easy to see  $0 < \alpha < 1$  and  $\log_{\gamma_{st}} \beta_{st} < \alpha$ ; that is,

$$\beta_{st} < \left(\alpha_{st}\beta_{st}\right)^{\alpha}.$$
 (13)

By both ends of inequality (13) multiplied by  $\beta_{st}^{-\alpha}$ , we have  $\alpha_{st}^{\alpha} > \beta_{st}^{1-\alpha}$ ; that is,

$$\left[\frac{\left|a_{ss}a_{tt}\right|}{R_{s}\left(A\right)R_{t}\left(A\right)}\right]^{\alpha} > \left[\frac{C_{s}\left(A\right)C_{t}\left(A\right)}{\left|a_{ss}a_{tt}\right|}\right]^{1-\alpha}.$$
 (14)

The inequality above implies that

$$|a_{ss}a_{tt}| > [R_s(A)R_t(A)]^{\alpha}[C_s(A)C_t(A)]^{1-\alpha}.$$
 (15)

By inequality (12) again, for any  $(i, j) \in M_2$ , it is obvious that  $\log_{z_{ii}} y_{ij} < 1 - \alpha$ ; that is,

$$y_{ij} < \left(x_{ij}y_{ij}\right)^{1-\alpha}.$$
 (16)

By both ends of inequality (16) multiplied by  $y_{ij}^{\alpha-1}$ , we have  $x_{ij}^{1-\alpha} > y_{ij}^{\alpha}$ ; that is,

$$\left[\frac{\left|a_{ii}a_{jj}\right|}{C_{i}(A)C_{j}(A)}\right]^{1-\alpha} > \left[\frac{R_{i}(A)R_{j}(A)}{\left|a_{ii}a_{jj}\right|}\right]^{\alpha}.$$
 (17)

The inequality above implies that

$$\left|a_{ii}a_{jj}\right| > \left[R_{i}\left(A\right)R_{j}\left(A\right)\right]^{\alpha}\left[C_{i}\left(A\right)C_{j}\left(A\right)\right]^{1-\alpha}.$$
 (18)

Moreover, for any  $(l,m) \in M_3 \cup M_4 \cup M_5$ , and any  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ , it is obvious that

$$|a_{ll}a_{mm}| > [R_l(A)R_m(A)]^{\alpha} [C_l(A)C_m(A)]^{1-\alpha}.$$
 (19)

Recalling that  $M_0 = \emptyset$ , for any  $(i, j) \in M_1 \cup M_2 \cup M_3 \cup M_4 \cup M_5 = M$ , there exists some  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$  such that

$$\left|a_{ii}a_{jj}\right| > \left[R_{i}\left(A\right)R_{j}\left(A\right)\right]^{\alpha}\left[C_{i}\left(A\right)C_{j}\left(A\right)\right]^{1-\alpha}.$$
 (20)

Therefore, we have  $A \in DD(\alpha)$  by Definition 1.

*Necessity.* Suppose  $A \in DD(\alpha)$ ; then  $M_0 = \emptyset$ , and, for any  $(s,t) \in M_1$ , there exists some  $\alpha \in [0,1]$  such that

$$|a_{ss}a_{tt}| > [R_s(A)R_t(A)]^{\alpha} [C_s(A)C_t(A)]^{1-\alpha}; \quad (21)$$

that is,

$$\left[\frac{\left|a_{ss}a_{tt}\right|}{R_{s}\left(A\right)R_{t}\left(A\right)}\right]^{\alpha} > \left[\frac{C_{s}\left(A\right)C_{t}\left(A\right)}{\left|a_{ss}a_{tt}\right|}\right]^{1-\alpha}.$$
(22)

Then by the notations of  $\alpha_{st}$  and  $\beta_{st}$ , we have  $\beta_{st}^{1-\alpha} < \alpha_{st}^{\alpha}$ . Furthermore, by both ends of the inequality multiplied by  $\beta_{st}^{\alpha}$ , we get  $\beta_{st} < (\alpha_{st}\beta_{st})^{\alpha} = \gamma_{st}^{\alpha}$ . Therefore, it can be seen that

$$\log_{\gamma_{st}}\beta_{st} < \log_{\gamma_{st}}\gamma_{st}^{\alpha} = \alpha.$$
(23)

Following a similar argument for any  $(i, j) \in M_2$ , we have

$$\log_{z_{ij}} y_{ij} < \log_{z_{ij}} z_{ij}^{1-\alpha} = 1 - \alpha.$$
 (24)

Combining inequalities (23) and (24), we obtain inequality (9). The proof is completed.  $\hfill \Box$ 

As its application, some new practical criteria for *H*-matrices are obtained.

**Theorem 6.** Let  $A = (a_{ij}) \in C^{n,n}$ ,  $M_0 = \emptyset$ , and, for any  $(s, t) \in M_1$ ,  $(i, j) \in M_2$ , satisfying

$$\log_{\gamma_{st}}\beta_{st} + \log_{z_{ii}}y_{ij} < 1; \tag{25}$$

then A is an H-matrix.

*Proof.* By Lemma 5, we obtain 
$$A \in DD(\alpha)$$
, and further using Lemma 2, we conclude that *A* is an *H*-matrix.

**Theorem 7.**  $A = (a_{ij}) \in C^{n,n}$  is an *H*-matrix if A satisfies either of the conditions:

(1) 
$$M_0 \cup M_1 = \emptyset$$
  
(2)  $M_0 \cup M_2 = \emptyset$ 

*Proof.* (1) Suppose  $M_0 \cup M_1 = \emptyset$ ; then, for any  $(i, j) \in M_2$ , by  $0 < \log_{z_{ij}} y_{ij} < 1$ , there exists some positive number  $\varepsilon$ , such that

$$0 < \log_{z_{ii}} y_{ij} + \varepsilon < 1. \tag{26}$$

Let  $\alpha = 1 - (\log_{z_{ij}} y_{ij} + \varepsilon) \subset (0, 1)$ ; then we have  $\log_{z_{ij}} y_{ij} < 1 - \alpha$ , which implies that

$$|a_{ii}a_{jj}| > [R_i(A)R_j(A)]^{\alpha} [C_i(A)C_j(A)]^{1-\alpha}.$$
 (27)

For any  $(l, m) \in M_3 \cup M_4 \cup M_5$ , and any  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ , it is obvious that

$$a_{ll}a_{mm} | > [R_l(A)R_m(A)]^{\alpha} [C_l(A)C_m(A)]^{1-\alpha}.$$
 (28)

Next, similarly as in the proof of Sufficiency of Lemma 5, we conclude that *A* is an *H*-matrix.

(2) Suppose  $M_0 \cup M_2 = \emptyset$ ; then for any  $(s, t) \in M_1$ , by  $0 < \log_{\gamma_{st}} \beta_{st} < 1$ , there exists some positive number  $\varepsilon$  such that

$$0 < \log_{\nu_{et}} \beta_{st} + \varepsilon < 1.$$
<sup>(29)</sup>

Let  $\alpha = \log_{\gamma_{st}} \beta_{st} + \varepsilon \in (0, 1)$ ; then we have  $\log_{\gamma_{st}} \beta_{st} < \alpha$ , which implies that

$$|a_{ss}a_{tt}| \ge [R_s(A)R_t(A)]^{\alpha} [C_s(A)C_t(A)]^{1-\alpha}.$$
 (30)

Similarly, we conclude that *A* is an *H*-matrix.  $\Box$ 

**Theorem 8.** Let  $A = (a_{ij}) \in C^{n,n}$ ,  $M_0 = \emptyset$ , and, for any  $(s, t) \in M_1$ ,  $(i, j) \in M_2$ , satisfying

$$\log_{\gamma_{st}}\beta_{st} + \log_{z_{ii}}y_{ij} \le 1.$$
(31)

*If, for every pair of indices*  $(s, t) \in M_1$ ,  $(i, j) \in M_2$  *with* 

$$\log_{\gamma_{st}}\beta_{st} + \log_{z_{ij}}\gamma_{ij} = 1, \tag{32}$$

there exists two nonzero elements chains  $a_{s_0s_1}, a_{s_1s_2}, \ldots, a_{s_ht_0}$ or  $a_{t_0t_1}, a_{t_1t_2}, \ldots, a_{t_ks_0}$  and  $a_{i_0i_1}, a_{i_1i_2}, \ldots, a_{i_pj_0}$  or  $a_{j_0j_1}, a_{j_1j_2}, \ldots, a_{j_qi_0}$  with  $s_0 = s$  or  $s_0 = t$ ,  $t_0 \in G(A)$  and  $i_0 = i$  or  $i_0 = j$ ,  $j_0 \in G(A)$ , where

$$G(A) = \left\{ i \mid \log_{\gamma_{st}} \beta_{st} + \log_{z_{ij}} y_{ij} < 1, \ (i, j) \in M_2 \right\} \neq \emptyset,$$
(33)

then A is an H-matrix.

*Proof.* Similarly as in the proof of Sufficiency of Lemma 5 combined with inequality (31), we can prove that for any  $(s,t) \in M_1$ , and  $(i, j) \in M_2$ , there exists some  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} \left|a_{ss}a_{tt}\right| &\geq \left[R_{s}\left(A\right)R_{t}\left(A\right)\right]^{\alpha}\left[C_{s}\left(A\right)C_{t}\left(A\right)\right]^{1-\alpha};\\ \left|a_{ii}a_{jj}\right| &\geq \left[R_{i}(A)R_{j}(A)\right]^{\alpha}\left[C_{i}\left(A\right)C_{j}\left(A\right)\right]^{1-\alpha}. \end{aligned}$$
(34)

Moreover, for any  $(l, m) \in M_3 \cup M_4 \cup M_5$ , and any  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ , it is obvious that

$$|a_{ll}a_{mm}| > [R_l(A)R_m(A)]^{\alpha} [C_l(A)C_m(A)]^{1-\alpha}.$$
 (35)

Recalling that  $G(A) \neq \emptyset$ , we conclude that there exists some  $(s, t) \in M_1$ ,  $(i, j) \in M_2$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} \left|a_{ss}a_{tt}\right| &> \left[R_{s}\left(A\right)R_{t}\left(A\right)\right]^{\alpha}\left[C_{s}\left(A\right)C_{t}\left(A\right)\right]^{1-\alpha};\\ \left|a_{ii}a_{jj}\right| &> \left[R_{i}\left(A\right)R_{j}\left(A\right)\right]^{\alpha}\left[C_{i}\left(A\right)C_{j}\left(A\right)\right]^{1-\alpha}. \end{aligned}$$

$$(36)$$

By equality (32), we know that, for every pair of indices  $(s,t) \in M_1$ ,  $(i, j) \in M_2$  with

$$\begin{vmatrix} a_{ss}a_{tt} \end{vmatrix} = \left[ R_s(A) R_t(A) \right]^{\alpha} \left[ C_s(A) C_t(A) \right]^{1-\alpha}; \left| a_{ii}a_{jj} \right| = \left[ R_i(A) R_j(A) \right]^{\alpha} \left[ C_i(A) C_j(A) \right]^{1-\alpha},$$
(37)

there exists two nonzero elements chains  $a_{s_0s_1}, a_{s_1s_2}, \ldots, a_{s_ht_0}$ or  $a_{t_0t_1}, a_{t_1t_2}, \ldots, a_{t_ks_0}$  and  $a_{i_0i_1}, a_{i_1i_2}, \ldots, a_{i_pj_0}$  or  $a_{j_0j_1}, a_{j_1j_2}, \ldots, a_{j_qi_0}$  with  $s_0 = s$  or  $s_0 = t, t_0 \in J'(A)$  and  $i_0 = i$  or  $i_0 = j, j_0 \in J'(A)$ , where

$$J'(A) = \left\{ i \left| a_{ii}a_{jj} \right| > \left[ R_i(A) R_j(A) \right]^{\alpha} \left[ C_i(A) C_j(A) \right]^{1-\alpha},$$
$$(i, j) \in M_2 \right\} \neq \emptyset.$$
(38)

By Lemma 3, it follows that A is an H-matrix.  $\Box$ 

Similarly as in the proof of Theorem 8, we can obtain the following result.

**Theorem 9.** Let  $A = (a_{ij}) \in C^{n,n}$ ,  $M_0 = \emptyset$ , and, for any  $(s, t) \in M_1$ ,  $(i, j) \in M_2$ , satisfying

$$\log_{\gamma_{st}}\beta_{st} + \log_{z_{ii}}\gamma_{ij} \le 1.$$
(39)

If, for every pair of indices  $s \in L_1$ ,  $i \in L_2$ , there exists two nonzero elements chains  $a_{s_0s_1}, a_{s_1s_2}, \ldots, a_{s_ht_0}$  or  $a_{t_0t_1}, a_{t_1t_2}, \ldots, a_{t_ks_0}$  and  $a_{i_0i_1}, a_{i_1i_2}, \ldots, a_{i_pj_0}$  or  $a_{j_0j_1}, a_{j_1j_2}, \ldots, a_{j_qi_0}$  with  $s_0 = s \text{ or } s_0 = t \text{ and } i_0 = i \text{ or } i_0 = j \text{ such that } t_0, j_0 \in N \setminus (L_1 \cup L_2) \neq \emptyset$ , where

$$L_{1} = \left\{ s \mid \log_{\gamma_{st}} \beta_{st} + \log_{z_{ij}} y_{ij} = 1, \ (s,t) \in M_{1} \right\};$$

$$L_{2} = \left\{ i \mid \log_{\gamma_{st}} \beta_{st} + \log_{z_{ij}} y_{ij} = 1, \ (i,j) \in M_{2} \right\},$$
(40)

then A is an H-matrix.

**Theorem 10.** Let A be an irreducible complex matrix,  $M_0 = \emptyset$ , and, for any  $(s, t) \in M_1$ ,  $(i, j) \in M_2$ , satisfying

$$\log_{\gamma_{st}}\beta_{st} + \log_{z_{ii}}\gamma_{ij} \le 1.$$

$$(41)$$

If there exists some arc  $e_{i_*j_*} \in E(A)$  and  $(i_*,j_*) \in M_2$  such that

$$\log_{\gamma_{st}}\beta_{st} + \log_{z_{i_*j_*}} y_{i_{i_*j_*}} < 1,$$
(42)

then A is an H-matrix.

*Proof.* With the same argument as in the proof of Theorem 8, we can obtain that, for any  $(i, j) \in M_1 \cup M_2 \cup M_3 \cup M_4 \cup M_5 = M$ , there exists some  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$  such that

$$\left|a_{ii}a_{jj}\right| \ge \left[R_{i}\left(A\right)R_{j}\left(A\right)\right]^{\alpha}\left[C_{i}\left(A\right)C_{j}\left(A\right)\right]^{1-\alpha}.$$
(43)

By inequality (42), we know that there exists some arc  $e_{i_*j_*} \in E(A)$  and  $(i_*, j_*) \in M_2$  such that

$$\left|a_{i_{*}i_{*}}a_{j_{*}j_{*}}\right| > \left[R_{i_{*}}(A)R_{j_{*}}(A)\right]^{\alpha}\left[C_{i_{*}}(A)C_{j_{*}}(A)\right]^{1-\alpha}.$$
(44)

Recalling that A is irreducible, it follows that A is an H-matrix by Lemma 4.  $\Box$ 

#### 4. Algorithm and Program

Algorithm for Theorem 6.

- (1) Input matrix A;
- (2) calculate  $R_i(A)$  and  $C_i(A)$  (for all  $i \in N$ ) (denoted in the Introduction of the paper);
- (3) define indices  $M_1$ ,  $M_2$ , and  $M_0$ ;
- (4) if  $M_0 \neq \emptyset$ , then the criterion is invalid;
- (5) if  $M_0 = \emptyset$ , then calculate  $\alpha_{ij}$ ,  $\beta_{ij}$ ,  $\gamma_{ij}$  (for all  $(i, j) \in M_1$ ) and  $x_{ij}$ ,  $y_{ij}$ ,  $z_{ij}$  (for all  $(i, j) \in M_2$ );
- (6) calculate and verify the condition of Theorem 6. If the condition is satisfied, then output "*A* is an *H*-matrix."

We write the related program by the above algorithm using MATLAB Software. All the results are calculated by MATLAB 7.0. The procedures are shown in Procedure 1.

### **5. Numerical Examples**

Example 1. Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3.3 & -0.5 & -0.5 & -0.4 & -0.1 \\ -0.5 & 2.5 & -1 & -1 & -0.5 \\ -2.2 & -0.5 & 3 & -0.5 & 0 \\ -1 & -0.3 & -0.5 & 10 & -1 \\ -0.5 & -1.2 & 0 & -1 & 10 \end{bmatrix}.$$
 (45)

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A=input("please input a matrix")
M1=[];M2=[];M6=[];F=[];B=[];
n=size(A,1);RA=zeros(n,1);CA=zeros(n,1);
for k=1:n
    A=abs(A);
    RA(k) = [sum(A(k,:)) - A(k,k)];
    CA(k) = [sum(A(:,k)) - A(k,k)];
end
for i=1:n-1
    for j=i+1:n
    RR=RA(i)*RA(j);
    aa=abs(A(i,i)*A(j,j));
    CC=CA(i)*CA(j);
    if RR<aa&aa<CC
       M1=[M1;i,j];
       alpha=aa/RR;beta=CC/aa;gamma=alpha*beta;
       F=[F,alpha,beta,gamma];
    elseif CC<aa&aa<RR
       M2=[M2;i,j];
       x=aa/CC;y=RR/aa;z=x*y;
       B=[B,x,y,z];
    elseif RR>=aa&CC>=aa
       M6=1;break;
       Show="the criterion is invalid";
       end
    end
end
if M6==1
    "the criterion is invalid";
    elseif size(M1,1)==0|size(M2,1)==0
       "A is an H-matrix"
       else
          k1=size(F,1);k2=size(B,1);
          for i=1:k1
          F2(i)=log(F(i,2))/log(F(i,3));
          end
          for i=1:k2
          B2(i)=log(B(i,2))/log(B(i,3));
          end
          if max(B2)+max(F2)<1
           show="A is an H-matrix"
       end
end
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Then we have

$$R_{1}(A) = 1.5, \qquad R_{2}(A) = 3, \qquad R_{3}(A) = 3.2,$$

$$R_{4}(A) = 2.8, \qquad R_{5}(A) = 2.7;$$

$$C_{1}(A) = 4.2, \qquad C_{2}(A) = 2.5, \qquad C_{3}(A) = 2,$$

$$C_{4}(A) = 2.9, \qquad C_{5}(A) = 1.6;$$

$$|a_{11}| = 3.3, \qquad |a_{22}| = 2.5, \qquad |a_{33}| = 3,$$

$$|a_{44}| = 10, \qquad |a_{55}| = 10.$$
(46)

But, we notice  $|a_{22}| = 2.5 = C_2(A) < R_2(A) = 3$ . The condition does not satisfy either Theorem 2 or Theorem 3 in [5], so we cannot obtain that *A* is an *H*-matrix.

According to the notations of this paper, we have

$$M_1 = \{(1,2)\}, \qquad M_2 = \{(2,3)\}, \qquad M_0 = \emptyset.$$
 (47)

By calculating, we obtain

$$\log_{y_{12}}\beta_{12} = 0.2846; \qquad \log_{z_{23}}y_{23} = 0.3784, \qquad (48)$$

and then

$$\log_{\gamma_{12}}\beta_{12} + \log_{z_{23}}y_{23} = 0.2846 + 0.3784 = 0.6630 < 1.$$
(49)

It satisfies the condition of Theorem 6, and then A is an H-matrix.

We consider the following Hopfield type continuous neural networks:

$$C_{i}\frac{du_{i}}{dt} = -\frac{u_{i}}{R_{i}} + \sum_{j=1}^{5}T_{ij}g_{j}\left(u_{j}\left(t-\tau\right)\right) + I_{i} \quad (i = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5),$$
(50)

where,

$$g_{i}(u_{i}) > 0, \quad u_{i} \neq 0, \ 0 < g_{i} \le 1,$$

$$g_{i}(\pm\infty) = \pm 1, \quad C_{i} = 1 \quad (i = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5);$$

$$R_{1} = \frac{1}{4.3}, \quad R_{2} = \frac{1}{3.5}, \quad R_{3} = \frac{1}{4}, \quad R_{4} = R_{5} = \frac{1}{11};$$

$$\left(T_{ij}\right)_{5\times5} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0.5 & 0.5 & -0.4 & 0.1 \\ 0.5 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 0.5 \\ 2.2 & -0.5 & 1 & 0.5 & 0 \\ -1 & 0.3 & -0.5 & 1 & -1 \\ 0.5 & -1.2 & 0 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$
(51)

Notice that  $\operatorname{diag}(1/R_1, 1/R_2, 1/R_3, 1/R_4, 1/R_5) - (|T_{ij}|)_{5\times 5} = A$  is an *H*-matrix, and then *A* is a nonsingular *M*-matrix, which ensures existence, uniqueness, and global exponential stability of the equilibrium point of the above neural networks by [10].

Example 2. Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 & 0.5 \\ 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 0.5 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$
 (52)

By calculating, we have

$$M_2 = \{(2,3)\}, \qquad M_1 = M_0 = \emptyset.$$
 (53)

It satisfies the condition (1) of Theorem 7, and then A is an H-matrix.

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