

## Generalizations of Diagonal Dominance for Matrices and Its Applications\*

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In [1] Feingold and Varga discussed the block diagonal dominance of matrices and its applications. In this paper we give the definition of the generalized block diagonally dominant matrix and whose determinations and applications, these results generalize and improve corresponding results of [1]—[4], respectively.

Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix with complex entries, which is partitioned in the following manner:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} & \cdots & A_{1N} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} & \cdots & A_{2N} \\ \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ A_{N1} & A_{N2} & \cdots & A_{NN} \end{bmatrix} \quad (1)$$

where the diagonal submatrices  $A_{ii}$  are square of order  $n_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq N$ .

**Definition 1** Suppose  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  is partitioned as in (1). If diagonal submatrices  $A_{ii}$  are nonsingular,  $1 \leq i \leq N$ , and if

$$(\|A_{jj}^{-1}\|)^{-1} \geq \sum_{\substack{k=1 \\ k \neq j}}^N \|A_{jk}\|, \quad (1 \leq j \leq N), \quad (2)$$

then  $A$  is block diagonally dominant, relative to the partitioning (1), denoted as  $A \in G_0$ . If strict inequality in (2) is valid for all  $1 \leq j \leq N$ , then  $A$  is block strictly diagonally dominant, relative to the partitioning (1), denoted as  $A \in G$ . If strict inequality in (2) is valid for at least one  $j$  ( $1 \leq j \leq N$ ) and  $B = (\|A_{ij}\|)_{N \times N}$  is an irreducible matrix, then  $A$  is block irreducible diagonally dominant, relative to the partitioning (1), denoted as  $A \in I$ .

**Definition 2** Let  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  be partitioned as in (1). If there exists a positive diagonal matrix  $D$  of order  $n$  such that  $B = AD \in G_0$ ,  $D = \text{diag}\{D_1, D_2, \dots, D_N\}$ , where  $D_i$  are positive diagonal matrices of order  $n_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq N$ , then  $A$  is called generalized block diagonally dominant, relative to the partitioning (1), denoted as  $A \in G_0^*$ . In particular, if  $B = AD \in G$ , then  $A$  is called generalized block strictly diago-

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nally dominant, relative to the partitioning (1), denoted as  $A \in G^*$ .

Clearly, if  $D=I$  then definition 2 becomes definition 1, if all  $A_{ii}$  are  $1 \times 1$  matrices and  $\|x\|=|x|$ , then definition (2) becomes definition of generatized diagonally dominant matrix, In [1] it is proved that, if  $A \in G \cup I$ , then  $\det A \neq 0$ . Clearly if  $A \in G^*$  then  $\det A \neq 0$ . But  $A \in G^*$  does not imply that  $A \in G \cup I$ . For instance, consider the case  $n=4, N=2$  of

$$A = \left[ \begin{array}{cc|cc} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{3} & 0 & \frac{2}{3} & 0 \\ \hline 0 & \frac{2}{3} & 0 & \frac{1}{3} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

where we choose the vector norms  $\|x\|_\infty = \max_j |x_j|$ . In this case,

$$(\|A_{11}^{-1}\|_\infty)^{-1} = (\|A_{22}^{-1}\|_\infty)^{-1} = \frac{1}{3} < \frac{2}{3} = \|A_{12}\|_\infty = \|A_{21}\|_\infty,$$

so  $A \notin G \cup I$ . But take  $D = \text{diag}\{3, 1, 1, 3\}$ , then  $B = AD$  satisfies

$$(\|B_{11}^{-1}\|_\infty)^{-1} = (\|B_{22}^{-1}\|_\infty)^{-1} = 1 > \frac{2}{3} = \|B_{12}\|_\infty = \|B_{21}\|_\infty,$$

so  $A \in G^*$ , thus  $A$  is nonsingular.

Let  $A \in \mathbf{C}^{n \times n}$  be partitioned as in (1). Denote

$$\mu(A) = \left[ \begin{array}{cccc} (\|A_{11}^{-1}\|)^{-1} & -\|A_{12}\| & \cdots & -\|A_{1N}\| \\ -\|A_{21}\| & (\|A_{22}^{-1}\|)^{-1} & \cdots & -\|A_{2N}\| \\ \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ -\|A_{N1}\| & -\|A_{N2}\| & \cdots & (\|A_{NN}^{-1}\|)^{-1} \end{array} \right] \quad (3)$$

**Lemma 1** Let  $A \in \mathbf{C}^{n \times n}$  be partitioned as in (1). If  $\mu(A)$  is an  $M$ -matrix, then  $A \in G^*$ , and  $\det A \neq 0$ .

**Lemma 2** Let  $A \in \mathbf{C}^{n \times n}$  be partitioned as in (1). If there exists a positive diagonal matrix  $D = \text{diag}\{D_1, \dots, D_N\}$  such that  $AD \in G$ , where  $D_i = d_i I_{n_i}$ ,  $d_i > 0$  ( $1 \leq i \leq N$ ), then there exists at least one  $1 \leq j \leq N$  such that

$$(\|A_{jj}^{-1}\|)^{-1} > \sum_{\substack{k=1 \\ k \neq j}} \|A_{jk}\|.$$

**Proof** Obviously,  $D \neq dI$ ,  $d > 0$ , if  $A \notin G$ . Without loss of generality assume

$$d_1 = \max_i d_i > \min_i d_i = d_N$$

If for all  $1 \leq j \leq N$ ,  $(\|A_{jj}^{-1}\|)^{-1} \leq \sum_{k \neq j} \|A_{jk}\|$ , then  $B = AD$  satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} (\|B_{NN}^{-1}\|)^{-1} &= (\|(A_{NN}D_N)^{-1}\|)^{-1} = d_N (\|A_{NN}^{-1}\|)^{-1} \\ &\leq d_N \sum_{k \neq N} \|A_{Nk}\| \leq \sum_{k \neq N} \|A_{Nk}\| d_k \\ &= \sum_{k \neq N} \|A_{Nk}D_k\| = \sum_{k \neq N} \|B_{Nk}\|, \end{aligned}$$

this contradicts the assumption  $B = AD \in G$ .

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**Theorem 1** Let  $A \in \mathbf{C}^{n \times n}$  be partitioned as in (1). If

$$(\|A_{ii}^{-1}\| \|A_{jj}^{-1}\|)^{-1} > (\sum_{k \neq i} \|A_{ik}\|) (\sum_{k \neq j} \|A_{jk}\|), \quad (1 \leq i, j \leq N, i \neq j)$$

then  $A \in G^*$ .

**Proof** By assumptions there exists at most one  $1 \leq i \leq N$  such that

$$(\|A_{ii}^{-1}\|)^{-1} \leq \sum_{k \neq i} \|A_{ik}\|.$$

So without loss of generality assume that

$$(\|A_{11}^{-1}\|)^{-1} \leq \sum_{k \neq 1} \|A_{1k}\|, \quad (\|A_{jj}^{-1}\|)^{-1} > \sum_{k \neq j} \|A_{jk}\|, \quad (1 < j \leq N).$$

Since

$$(\|A_{11}^{-1}\| \|A_{jj}^{-1}\|)^{-1} > (\sum_{k \neq 1} \|A_{1k}\|) (\sum_{k \neq j} \|A_{jk}\|), \quad (1 < j \leq N)$$

there exists a positive number  $\varepsilon$  such that

$$\|A_{11}^{-1}\| (\sum_{k \neq 1} \|A_{1k}\|) + \varepsilon < \min_{1 < j \leq N} \{ (\|A_{jj}^{-1}\|)^{-1} / (\sum_{k \neq j} \|A_{jk}\|) \}.$$

Denote  $d_i = \|A_{11}^{-1}\| (\sum_{k \neq 1} \|A_{1k}\|) + \varepsilon$ , and let  $D = \text{diag}\{d_1 I_{n_1}, I_{n_2}, \dots, I_{n_r}\}$ . Then  $B = AD$  satisfies

$$(\|B_{11}^{-1}\|)^{-1} = (\|(A_{11} D_1)^{-1}\|)^{-1} = (\|A_{11}^{-1}\|)^{-1} d_1 > \sum_{k \neq 1} \|A_{1k}\| = \sum_{k \neq 1} \|B_{1k}\|,$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\|B_{jj}^{-1}\|)^{-1} &= (\|A_{jj}^{-1}\|)^{-1} > d_1 \cdot (\sum_{k \neq j} \|A_{jk}\|) \\ &\geq d_1 \|A_{j1}\| + \sum_{\substack{k > 1 \\ k \neq j}} \|A_{jk}\| = \sum_{k \neq j} \|B_{jk}\|, \quad (1 < j \leq N). \end{aligned}$$

So that  $B = AD \in G$ , and  $A \in G^*$ .

We denote

$$N^* = \{1, 2, \dots, N\},$$

$$J = \{i \in N^* \mid (\|A_{ii}^{-1}\|)^{-1} > \sum_{k \neq i} \|A_{ik}\|\},$$

$$\mathbf{Z}^{n \times n} = \{A = (a_{ij}) \in \mathbf{R}^{n \times n} \mid a_{ij} \leq 0, i \neq j\}.$$

By Lemma 2 if there exists  $D = \text{diag}\{d_1 I_{n_1}, \dots, d_N I_{n_N}\}$  such that  $AD \in G$ , where  $d_i > 0$  ( $1 \leq i \leq N$ ), then  $J \neq \emptyset$ .

**Lemma 3** Suppose  $A = (a_{ij}) \in \mathbf{R}^{n \times n}$  is an  $M$ -matrix. Let  $L(U)$  be any unit lower (upper) triangular matrix, if  $LA$  ( $UA$ )  $\in \mathbf{Z}^{n \times n}$ , then  $LA(UA)$  is also an  $M$ -matrix.

**Lemma 4** ([5]) Suppose  $A \begin{bmatrix} A_1 & B_1 \\ 0 & C_1 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbf{Z}^{n \times n}$ , where  $A_1$  and  $C_1$  are square

matrices. Then  $A$  is an  $M$ -matrix iff  $A_1$  and  $C_1$  are  $M$ -matrices.

**Theorem 2** Let  $A \in \mathbf{C}^{n \times n}$  be partitioned as in (1). If  $A$  satisfies:

1)  $J \neq \emptyset$ ,  $\{i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_k\} = N^* - J$ ;

$$2) \quad A_k = \begin{bmatrix} (\|A_{i_1 i_1}^{-1}\|)^{-1} & -\|A_{i_1 i_2}\| & \dots & -\|A_{i_1 i_k}\| \\ -\|A_{i_2 i_1}\| & (\|A_{i_2 i_2}^{-1}\|)^{-1} & \dots & -\|A_{i_2 i_k}\| \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ -\|A_{i_k i_1}\| & -\|A_{i_k i_2}\| & \dots & (\|A_{i_k i_k}^{-1}\|)^{-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

is an  $M$ -matrix:

$$3) \min_{j \in J} a_j = a > \beta = \max_{s \in N^* - J} \beta_s, \text{ where}$$

$$a_j = \frac{(\|A_{jj}^{-1}\|)^{-1} - \sum_{\substack{t \in J \\ t \neq j}} \|A_{jt}\|}{\sum_{t \in J} \|A_{it}\|}, \quad P_k = \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{t \in J} \|A_{i_1 t}\| \\ \sum_{t \in J} \|A_{i_2 t}\| \\ \vdots \\ \sum_{t \in J} \|A_{i_k t}\| \end{bmatrix},$$

$\beta_s = (A_k^{-1} P_k)_s$  denotes the  $s$ -th component of  $A_k^{-1} P_k$ . When  $\sum_{t \in J} \|A_{jt}\| = 0$  take  $a_j = +\infty$ . Then  $A \in G^*$ .

**Proof** If  $J = N^*$  then conclusion holds. So that suppose  $N^* - J \neq \emptyset$  and without loss of generality suppose  $i_1 = 1, \dots, i_k = k$  ( $k \geq 1$ ). Moreover Let  $\mu(A)$  be partitioned as in the following manner:

$$\mu(A) = \begin{bmatrix} A_k & A_1 \\ A_2 & A_{n-k} \end{bmatrix}, \quad (4)$$

where  $A_k$  and  $A_{n-k}$  are squares of order  $k$  and  $n-k$ , respectively. Construct unit lower triangular matrix

$$L = \begin{bmatrix} I_k & 0 \\ -A_2 A_k^{-1} & I_{n-k} \end{bmatrix} \geq 0, \text{ as } A_2 \leq 0, A_k^{-1} \geq 0$$

then

$$L\mu(A) = \begin{bmatrix} A_k & A_1 \\ 0 & A_{n-k} - A_2 A_k^{-1} A_1 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbf{Z}^{n \times n}$$

Denote by  $e_{n-k} = (1, \dots, 1)^T$  a column vector of order  $n-k$ , then by assumption 3) we deduce that

$$(A_{n-k} - A_2 A_k^{-1} A_1) e_{n-k} = A_{n-k} e_{n-k} + A_2 A_k^{-1} P_k > 0.$$

Thus  $A_{n-k} - A_2 A_k^{-1} A_1 \in \mathbf{Z}^{(n-k) \times (n-k)}$  and is strictly diagonally dominant matrix, so that  $A_{n-k} - A_2 A_k^{-1} A_1$  is an  $M$ -matrix. Again by assumption 2) and Lemma 4  $L\mu(A)$  is an  $M$ -matrix. By Lemma 3 and [5] and notice that  $L\mu(A) \in \mathbf{Z}^{n \times n}$ ,  $\mu(A)$  is also an  $M$ -matrix. Therefore there exists a positive diagonal matrix  $D = \text{diag}\{d_1, \dots, d_N\}$  such that  $\mu(A)D$  is strictly diagonally dominant. Moreover let  $D = \text{diag}\{d_1 I_{n_1}, d_2 I_{n_2}, \dots, d_N I_{n_N}\}$ , then  $AD \in G$ , i. e.,  $A \in G^*$ .

Similarly, we can prove the following.

**Theorem 3** Let  $A \in \mathbf{C}^{n \times n}$  be partitioned as in (1). If  $A$  satisfies:

- 1)  $J \neq \emptyset$ ,  $N^* - J = \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$ ;
- 2)  $\min_{j \in N^* - J} \hat{a}_j = \hat{a} > \hat{\beta} = \max_{s \in J} \beta_s$ , where

$$A_{n-k} = \begin{bmatrix} (\|A_{k+1, k+1}^{-1}\|)^{-1} & -\|A_{k+1, k+2}\| & \cdots & -\|A_{k+1, N}\| \\ -\|A_{k+2, k+1}\| & (\|A_{k+2, k+2}^{-1}\|)^{-1} & \cdots & -\|A_{k+2, N}\| \\ \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ -\|A_{N, k+1}\| & -\|A_{N, k+2}\| & \cdots & (\|A_{NN}^{-1}\|)^{-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$a_j = \frac{(\|A_{jj}^{-1}\|)^{-1} - \sum_{\substack{t \leq k \\ t \neq j}} \|A_{jt}\|}{\sum_{t > k} \|A_{jt}\|} \quad \hat{P} = \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{t \leq k} \|A_{k+1, t}\| \\ \sum_{t \leq k} \|A_{k+2, t}\| \\ \vdots \\ \sum_{t \leq k} \|A_{N, t}\| \end{bmatrix}$$

$\hat{\beta}_s = (A_{n-k}^{-1} \hat{P})_s$ , denotes  $s$ -th component of  $A_{n-k}^{-1} \hat{P}$ . Then  $A \in G^*$ .

**Lemma 5** Let  $A \in \mathbf{C}^{n \times n}$  be partitioned as in (1). If  $A \in G_0$  and  $J \neq \emptyset$ , and for  $i \notin J$  there exists a nonzero element chain  $A_{i i_1} \neq 0, A_{i_1 i_2} \neq 0, \dots, A_{i_{l-1} i_l} \neq 0$  such that  $j \in J$ . Then  $A \in G^*$ .

**Proof** Without loss of generality we suppose  $\{1, 2, \dots, k\} = N^* - J, k \geq 1$ , and let  $\mu(A)$  be partitioned as in (4). Obviously,  $A_1 \neq 0$ , so that  $A$  is diagonally dominant with nonzero element chains,  $A_k$  is an  $M$ -matrix ([2]). By similar proof of Theorem 2 we show that matrix  $A_{n-k} - A_2 A_k^{-1} A_1$  is also an  $M$ -matrix, By assumption  $A_k e_k = -A_1 e_{n-k}$ , so that  $e_k = -A_k^{-1} A_1 e_{n-k}$ . Thus

$$(A_{n-k} - A_2 A_k^{-1} A_1) e_{n-k} = A_{n-k} e_{n-k} - A_2 A_k^{-1} A_1 e_{n-k} = A_{n-k} e_{n-k} + A_2 e_k > 0.$$

Notice that the least  $n-k$  rows of  $\mu(A)$  are strictly diagonally dominant, so that  $A_{n-k} - A_2 A_k^{-1} A_1 \in \mathbf{Z}^{(n-k) \times (n-k)}$  and is an  $M$ -matrix.

**Corollary** Let  $A \in \mathbf{C}^{n \times n}$  be partitioned as in (1). If  $A \in I$ , then  $A \in G^*$ .

**Theorem 4** Let  $A \in \mathbf{C}^{n \times n}$  be partitioned as in (1). If  $A \in G_0$ , then there exists a  $D = \text{diag}\{d_1 I_{n_1}, d_2 I_{n_2}, \dots, d_N I_{n_N}\}$ ,  $d_i > 0, i \in N^*$  such that  $AD \in G$  iff for each  $i \notin J$  there exists a nonzero element chain  $A_{i i_1} \neq 0, A_{i_1 i_2} \neq 0, \dots, A_{i_{l-1} i_l} \neq 0$  such that  $j \in J$ .

The proof of necessity is similar to Lemma 3, 4 in [2].

**Lemma 6** Let  $A \in \mathbf{C}^{n \times n}$  be block irreducible and partitioned as in (1). If  $A$  satisfies assumptions 1), 2) of Theorem

3) either  $\min_{j \in J} a_j \geq \max_{s \in N^* - J} \beta_s$ , when  $\max_{j \in J} a_j > \min_{j \in J} a_j$  or  $\min_{j \in J} a_j > \max_{s \in N^* - J} \beta_s$ , when  $\max_{j \in J} a_j = \min_{j \in J} a_j$ , where definitions of  $a_j$  and  $\beta_s$  are as in 3) of Theorem 2. Then  $A \in G^*$ .

**Proof** Without loss of generality, assume that  $J = \{k+1, \dots, N\}$  and  $k \geq 1$ ,  $a_{k+1} = \max_{j \in J} a_j > \min_{j \in J} a_j$ . Let  $D_1 = \text{diag}\{\beta_1 I_{n_1}, \beta_2 I_{n_2}, \dots, \beta_k I_{n_k}, I_{n_{k+1}}, \dots, I_{n_N}\}$ . Then we can prove that  $B = AD_1 \in I$  by similar proof of Theorem 2. Again by Lemma 5 there exists a positive diagonal matrix  $D_2$  such that  $BD_2 \in G$ . Denote  $D = D_1 D_2$ , then  $AD \in G$ , i.e.,  $A \in G^*$ .



and let  $D = \text{diag}\{I_{n_1}, a_2^{(N-1)}I_{n_2}, a_3^{(N-2)}I_{n_3}, \dots, a_{N-1}^{(2)}I_{n_{N-1}}, a_N^{(1)}I_{n_N}\}$  then  $B = AD$  satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} (\|B_{11}^{-1}\|)^{-1} &= (\|A_{11}^{-1}\|)^{-1} > (\|A_{11}^{-1}\|)^{-1} a_1^{(N-1)} = \sum_{j>1} \|A_{1j}\| a_j^{(N-j+1)} = \sum_{j>1} \|B_{1j}\|, \\ (\|B_{ii}^{-1}\|)^{-1} &= (\|A_{ii}^{-1}\|)^{-1} a_i^{(N-i+1)} > (\|A_{ii}^{-1}\|)^{-1} a_i^{(N-i)} \\ &= \sum_{j>i} \|A_{ij}\| a_j^{(N-j+1)} + \sum_{j<i} \|A_{ij}\| \\ &\geq \sum_{j>i} \|A_{ij}\| a_j^{(N-j+1)} + \sum_{\substack{j<i \\ j \neq 1}} \|A_{ij}\| a_j^{(N-j+1)} + \|A_{i1}\| \\ &= \sum_{j \neq i} \|B_{ij}\|, \end{aligned} \quad (1 < i \leq N).$$

Thus  $B = AD \in G$ , i.e.,  $A \in G^*$ .

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## 矩阵块对角占优性的推广及应用

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### 摘 要

在本文中, 我们给出了一类块对角占优矩阵的定义, 讨论了块对角占优矩阵的判定及应用, 相应的结果改进和推广了[1]—[4]中的若干结论.