

## THE EIGENVALUE DISTRIBUTION OF SCHUR COMPLEMENTS OF NONSTRICTLY DIAGONALLY DOMINANT MATRICES AND GENERAL $H$ -MATRICES\*

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**Abstract.** The paper studies the eigenvalue distribution of Schur complements of some special matrices, including nonstrictly diagonally dominant matrices and general  $H$ -matrices. Zhang, Xu, and Li [Theorem 4.1, The eigenvalue distribution on Schur complements of  $H$ -matrices. *Linear Algebra Appl.*, 422:250–264, 2007] gave a condition for an  $n \times n$  diagonally dominant matrix  $A$  to have  $|J_{R_+}(A)|$  eigenvalues with positive real part and  $|J_{R_-}(A)|$  eigenvalues with negative real part, where  $|J_{R_+}(A)|$  ( $|J_{R_-}(A)|$ ) denotes the number of diagonal entries of  $A$  with positive (negative) real part. This condition is applied to establish some results about the eigenvalue distribution for the Schur complements of nonstrictly diagonally dominant matrices and general  $H$ -matrices with complex diagonal entries. Several conditions on the  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  and the subset  $\alpha \subseteq N = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  are presented so that the Schur complement  $A/\alpha$  of  $A$  has  $|J_{R_+}(A)| - |J_{R_+}^\alpha(A)|$  eigenvalues with positive real part and  $|J_{R_-}(A)| - |J_{R_-}^\alpha(A)|$  eigenvalues with negative real part, where  $|J_{R_+}^\alpha(A)|$  ( $|J_{R_-}^\alpha(A)|$ ) denotes the number of diagonal entries of the principal submatrix  $A(\alpha)$  of  $A$  with positive (negative) real part.

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