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## A CHARACTERIZATION OF STRONG REGULARITY OF INTERVAL MATRICES\*

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Abstract. As the main result of this paper it is proved that an interval matrix  $[A_c - \Delta, A_c + \Delta]$ is strongly regular if and only if the matrix inequality  $M(I - |I - RA_c| - |R|\Delta) \ge I$  has a solution, where M and R are real square matrices and M is nonnegative. Several consequences of this result are drawn.

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