# CONVERGENCE OF TWO-STAGE MULTISPLITTING AND ILU-MULTISPLITTING METHODS WITH PREWEIGHTING 

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#### Abstract

In this paper, we study convergence of both two-stage multisplitting method with preweighting and ILU-multisplitting method with preweighting for solving a linear system.


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## 1. Introduction

In this paper, we consider two-stage multisplitting and ILU-multisplitting methods with preweighting for solving a linear system of the form

$$
\begin{equation*}
A x=b, \quad x, b \in \mathbb{R}^{n}, \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ is a monotone matrix or an H-matrix.
For a vector $x \in \mathbb{R}^{n}, x \geq 0(x>0)$ denotes that all components of $x$ are nonnegative (positive), and $|x|$ denotes the vector whose components are the absolute values of the corresponding components of $x$. For two vectors $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^{n}$, $x \geq y(x>y)$ means that $x-y \geq 0(x-y>0)$. These definitions carry immediately over to matrices. For a square matrix $A, \operatorname{diag}(A)$ denotes a diagonal matrix whose diagonal part coincides with the diagonal part of $A$. Let $\rho(A)$ denote the spectral radius of a square matrix $A$.

A matrix $A=\left(a_{i j}\right) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ is called a Z-matrix if $a_{i j} \leq 0$ for $i \neq j$. A matrix $A=\left(a_{i j}\right) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ is called monotone if $A$ is nonsingular and $A^{-1} \geq 0$. A matrix $A=\left(a_{i j}\right) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ is called an $M$-matrix if it is a monotone Z-matrix.

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The comparison matrix $\langle A\rangle=\left(\alpha_{i j}\right)$ of a matrix $A=\left(a_{i j}\right)$ is defined by

$$
\alpha_{i j}=\left\{\begin{array}{rl}
\left|a_{i j}\right| & \text { if } i=j \\
-\left|a_{i j}\right| & \text { if } i \neq j
\end{array} .\right.
$$

A matrix $A$ is called an $H$-matrix if $\langle A\rangle$ is an $M$-matrix.
A representation $A=M-N$ is called a splitting of $A$ if $M$ is nonsingular. A splitting $A=M-N$ is called regular if $M^{-1} \geq 0$ and $N \geq 0$, the first type weak regular if $M^{-1} \geq 0$ and $M^{-1} N \geq 0$, and the second type weak regular if $M^{-1} \geq 0$ and $N M^{-1} \geq 0$. A splitting $A=M-N$ is called convergent if $\rho\left(M^{-1} N\right)<1$. It is well known that if $A=M-N$ is the first type weak regular splitting of A, then $\rho\left(M^{-1} N\right)<1$ if and only if $A^{-1} \geq 0$ [10]. A splitting $A=M-N$ is called an $H$-compatible splitting of $A$ if $\langle A\rangle=\langle M\rangle-|N|$. It was shown in [5] that if $A$ is an $H$-matrix and $A=M-N$ is an $H$-compatible splitting of $A$, then $\rho\left(M^{-1} N\right)<1$. A collection of triples $\left(M_{k}, N_{k}, E_{k}\right), k=1,2, \ldots, \ell$, is called a multisplitting of $A$ if $A=M_{k}-N_{k}$ is a splitting of $A$ for $k=1,2, \ldots, \ell$, and $E_{k}^{\prime} \mathrm{s}$ are nonnegative diagonal matrices such that $\sum_{k=1}^{\ell} E_{k}=I$.

This paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, we study convergence of twostage multisplitting methods with preweighting for solving the linear system (1). In Section 3, we study convergence of ILU-multisplitting method with preweighting for solving the linear system (1).

## 2. Two-stage multisplitting method with preweighting

In this section, we study convergence of two-stage multisplitting method with preweighting. Let $\left(M_{k}, N_{k}, E_{k}\right), k=1,2, \cdots, \ell$, be a multisplitting of A. Given a parameter $\lambda \in[0,1]$ and an initial vector $x_{0}$, the corresponding multisplitting iteration method (depending on $\lambda$ ) for solving the linear system (1) is [8]

$$
\begin{align*}
x_{i+1} & =H_{\lambda} x_{i}+G_{\lambda} b \\
& =x_{i}+G_{\lambda}\left(b-A x_{i}\right), i=0,1,2, \cdots \tag{2}
\end{align*}
$$

where

$$
\begin{equation*}
G_{\lambda}=\sum_{k=1}^{\ell} E_{k}^{\lambda} M_{k}^{-1} E_{k}^{1-\lambda} \text { and } H_{\lambda}=I-G_{\lambda} A \tag{3}
\end{equation*}
$$

Here, $E_{k}{ }^{\lambda}$ denotes the diagonal matrix obtained from $E_{k}$ by replacing all diagonal entries by their $\lambda$-th power when $\lambda \neq 0$, and $E_{k}{ }^{0}:=I$.

The case $\lambda=1$ is called the multisplitting method with postweighting which is usually called the multisplitting method and has been extensively studied in the literature, see $[2,3,4,7,9,11,13,14]$. The case $\lambda=0$ is called the multisplitting method with preweighting. In certain situations, it was shown that $\rho\left(H_{\lambda}\right)$ is an increasing function of $\lambda$, which means that preweighting technique yields the fastest method [12].

If $\lambda=0$ in (3), then $H_{0}=I-\sum_{k=1}^{\ell} M_{k}^{-1} E_{k} A$ is an iteration matrix for the multisplitting method with preweighting. If $\lambda=1$ in (3), then $H_{1}=$
$I-\sum_{k=1}^{\ell} E_{k} M_{k}^{-1} A$ is an iteration matrix for the multisplitting method with postweighting. By simple calculation, one obtains

$$
\begin{aligned}
& H_{0}^{T}=A^{T}\left(I-\sum_{k=1}^{\ell} E_{k}\left(M_{k}^{T}\right)^{-1} A^{T}\right)\left(A^{T}\right)^{-1} \\
& I-\sum_{k=1}^{\ell} E_{k}\left(M_{k}^{T}\right)^{-1} A^{T}=\sum_{k=1}^{\ell} E_{k}\left(M_{k}^{T}\right)^{-1} N_{k}^{T} .
\end{aligned}
$$

Let $\hat{H}_{1}=\sum_{k=1}^{\ell} E_{k}\left(M_{k}{ }^{T}\right)^{-1} N_{k}{ }^{T}$. Then it can be seen that $H_{0}{ }^{T}$ is similar to $\hat{H}_{1}$. It follows that

$$
\rho\left(H_{0}\right)=\rho\left(H_{0}^{T}\right)=\rho\left(\hat{H}_{1}\right)
$$

Notice that $\hat{H}_{1}$ is an iteration matrix for the multisplitting method corresponding to a multisplitting $\left(M_{k}{ }^{T}, N_{k}{ }^{T}, E_{k}\right), k=1,2, \cdots, \ell$, of $A^{T}$. Hence, convergence results for multisplitting method with postweighting carry over to those for multisplitting method with preweighitng. In other words,

$$
\rho\left(H_{0}\right)<1 \text { if and only if } \rho\left(\hat{H}_{1}\right)<1
$$

The multisplitting method with preweighting associated with a multisplitting $\left(M_{k}, N_{k}, E_{k}\right), k=1,2, \cdots, \ell$, of $A$ for solving the linear system (1) is as follows:

## Algorithm 1: Multisplitting method with preweighting

Given an initial vector $x_{0}$
For $i=0,1, \ldots$, until convergence
For $k=1$ to $\ell$ \{parallel execution\}

$$
\begin{aligned}
M_{k} y_{k} & =E_{k}\left(b-A x_{i}\right) \\
x_{i+1}=x_{i} & +\sum_{k=1}^{\ell} y_{k}
\end{aligned}
$$

The big advantage of Algorithm 1 is that the loop $k$ can be executed completely in parallel by different processors. When the linear systems in Algorithm 1 are also solved iteratively in each processor using the splittings $M_{k}=F_{k}-G_{k}$, one obtains the following two-stage multisplitting method with preweighting.

## Algorithm 2: Two-stage multisplitting method with preweighting

 Given an initial vector $x_{0}$For $i=0,1, \ldots$, until convergence
For $k=1$ to $\ell$ \{parallel execution\}

$$
\begin{aligned}
& y_{k, 0}=x_{i-1} \\
& \text { For } j=1 \text { to } s \\
& \quad F_{k} y_{k, j}=G_{k} y_{k, j-1}+E_{k}\left(b-A x_{i}\right) \\
& x_{i+1}=x_{i}+\sum_{k=1}^{\ell} y_{k, s}
\end{aligned}
$$

Now we further consider two-stage multisplitting method with preweighting (Algorothm 2). For $k=1,2, \cdots, \ell$, let

$$
\begin{aligned}
& T_{k}=\left(F_{k}^{-1} G_{k}\right)^{p}+\sum_{j=0}^{p-1}\left(F_{k}^{-1} G_{k}\right)^{j} F_{k}^{-1} N_{k} \\
& P_{k}=\sum_{j=0}^{p-1}\left(F_{k}^{-1} G_{k}\right)^{j} F_{k}^{-1}=\left(I-\left(F_{k}^{-1} G_{k}\right)^{p}\right) M_{k}^{-1}
\end{aligned}
$$

If $\rho\left(F_{k}^{-1} G_{k}\right)<1$ or $\rho\left(T_{k}\right)<1$ for $k=1,2, \cdots, \ell$, then

$$
A=B_{k}-B_{k} T_{k},
$$

where $B_{k}=P_{k}^{-1}=M_{k}\left(I-\left(F_{k}^{-1} G_{k}\right)^{p}\right)^{-1}$. Hence, two-stage multisplitting method with preweighting (Algorithm 2) can be written as

$$
x_{i+1}=H_{0} x_{i}+G_{0} b, i=0,1,2 \ldots,
$$

where

$$
\begin{equation*}
G_{0}=\sum_{k=1}^{\ell} B_{k}^{-1} E_{k} \text { and } H_{0}=I-G_{0} A=I-\sum_{k=1}^{\ell}{B_{k}}^{-1} E_{k} A \tag{4}
\end{equation*}
$$

Form equation (4), one obtains

$$
H_{0}^{T}=I-A^{T} \sum_{k=1}^{\ell} E_{k}\left(B_{k}^{-1}\right)^{T}=A^{T}\left(I-\sum_{k=1}^{\ell} E_{k}\left(B_{k}^{-1}\right)^{T} A^{T}\right) A^{-T}
$$

Let $\tilde{H}_{1}=I-\sum_{k=1}^{\ell} E_{k}\left(B_{k}^{-1}\right)^{T} A^{T}$. Then $H_{0}{ }^{T}$ is similar to $\tilde{H}_{1}$. Hence,

$$
\rho\left(H_{0}\right)=\rho\left(H_{0}^{T}\right)=\rho\left(\tilde{H}_{1}\right) .
$$

By simple calculation, one obtains

$$
\begin{aligned}
\left(B_{k}^{-1}\right)^{T} & =\left(\sum_{j=0}^{p-1}\left(F_{k}^{-1} G_{k}\right)^{j} F_{k}^{-1}\right)^{T}=\sum_{j=0}^{p-1}\left(F_{k}^{-T} G_{k}^{T}\right)^{j} F_{k}^{-T} \\
\tilde{H}_{1} & =\sum_{k=1}^{\ell} E_{k}\left(\left(F_{k}^{-T} G_{k}^{T}\right)^{p}+\sum_{j=0}^{p-1}\left(F_{k}^{-T} G_{k}^{T}\right)^{j} F_{k}^{-T} N_{k}^{T}\right) .
\end{aligned}
$$

From these equalities, it can be seen that the matrix $\tilde{H}_{1}$ is an iteration matrix of two-stage multisplitting method corresponding to outer splittings $A^{T}=M_{k}{ }^{T}-$ $N_{k}{ }^{T}$ and inner splittings $M_{k}{ }^{T}=F_{k}{ }^{T}-G_{k}{ }^{T}$ for $k=1,2, \ldots, \ell$.

The following theorem show the well known result for convergence of twostage multisplitting method with postweighting when $A$ is a monotone matrix.

Theorem 2.1 ([9]). Let $A^{-1} \geq 0, A=M_{k}-N_{k}$ be a regular splitting of $A$ and $M_{k}=F_{k}-G_{k}$ be the first type weak regular splitting of $M_{k}$ for $k=1,2 \ldots, \ell$. Then $\rho\left(H_{1}\right)<1$, where

$$
H_{1}=\sum_{k=1}^{\ell} E_{k} T_{k} \text { and } T_{k}=\left(F_{k}^{-1} G_{k}\right)^{p}+\sum_{j=0}^{p-1}\left(F_{k}^{-1} G_{k}\right)^{j} F_{k}^{-1} N_{k}
$$

The following lemma provides a convergence result of two-stage multisplitting method corresponding to outer splittings $A^{T}=M_{k}^{T}-N_{k}^{T}$ and inner splittings $M_{k}^{T}=F_{k}^{T}-G_{k}^{T}$ for $k=1,2, \ldots, \ell$.

Lemma 2.2. Let $A^{-1} \geq 0, A=M_{k}-N_{k}$ be a regular splitting of $A$ and $M_{k}=F_{k}-G_{k}$ be the second type weak regular splitting of $M_{k}$ for $k=1,2 \ldots, \ell$. Then $\rho\left(\tilde{H}_{1}\right)<1$, where

$$
\tilde{H}_{1}=\sum_{k=1}^{\ell} E_{k}\left(\left(F_{k}^{-T} G_{k}^{T}\right)^{p}+\sum_{j=0}^{p-1}\left(F_{k}^{-T} G_{k}^{T}\right)^{j} F_{k}^{-T} N_{k}^{T}\right)
$$

Proof. Since $A=M_{k}-N_{k}$ is a regular splitting, we easily obtain that for $k=1,2, \ldots, \ell$,

$$
A^{T}=M_{k}^{T}-N_{k}^{T}, \quad\left(M_{k}^{T}\right)^{-1}=\left(M_{k}^{-1}\right)^{T} \geq 0 \text { and } N_{k}^{T} \geq 0
$$

Hence, $A^{T}=M_{k}^{T}-N_{k}^{T}$ is a regular splitting. Since $M_{k}=F_{k}-G_{k}$ is the first type weak regular splitting for $k=1,2, \ldots, \ell$,

$$
\begin{gathered}
M_{k}^{T}=F_{k}^{T}-G_{k}^{T}, \quad\left(F_{k}^{T}\right)^{-1}=\left(F_{k}^{-1}\right)^{T} \geq 0 \\
\left(F_{k}^{T}\right)^{-1} G_{k}^{T}=\left(F_{k}^{-1}\right)^{T} G_{k}^{T}=\left(G_{k} F_{k}^{-1}\right)^{T} \geq 0
\end{gathered}
$$

Hence, $M_{k}^{T}=F_{k}^{T}-G_{k}^{T}$ is the first type weak regular splitting. Notice that $\tilde{H}_{1}$ is an iteration matrix of two-stage multisplitting method corresponding to outer splittings $A^{T}=M_{k}^{T}-N_{k}^{T}$ and inner splittings $M_{k}^{T}=F_{k}^{T}-G_{k}{ }^{T}$ for $k=1,2, \ldots, \ell$. From Theorem 2.1, $\rho\left(\tilde{H}_{1}\right)<1$.

The following theorem provides a convergence result of two-stage multisplitting method with preweighting when $A$ is a monotone matrix.

Theorem 2.3. Let $A^{-1} \geq 0, A=M_{k}-N_{k}$ be a regular splitting of $A$ and $M_{k}=$ $F_{k}-G_{k}$ be the second type weak regular splitting of $M_{k}$ for $k=1,2 \ldots, \ell$. Then $\rho\left(H_{0}\right)<1$, where $H_{0}=I-\sum_{k=1}^{\ell} B_{k}^{-1} E_{k} A$ and $B_{k}=M_{k}\left(I-\left(F_{k}^{-1} G_{k}\right)^{p}\right)^{-1}$. Proof. Let $\tilde{H}_{1}=I-\sum_{k=1}^{\ell} E_{k}\left(B_{k}{ }^{-1}\right)^{T} A^{T}$. Since $\tilde{H}_{1}$ is similar to $H_{0}{ }^{T}, \rho\left(\tilde{H}_{1}\right)=$ $\rho\left(H_{0}\right)$. From Lemma 2.2, $\rho\left(\tilde{H}_{1}\right)<1$. Therefore, $\rho\left(H_{0}\right)<1$.

Note that if $A=M-N$ is a regular splitting, then $A=M-N$ is the second type weak regular splitting. Hence, the following corollary is obtained.

Corollary 2.4. Let $A^{-1} \geq 0$. If $A=M_{k}-N_{k}$ and $M_{k}=F_{k}-G_{k}$ are regular splittings for $k=1,2 \ldots, \ell$, then $\rho\left(H_{0}\right)<1$, where

$$
H_{0}=I-\sum_{k=1}^{\ell} B_{k}^{-1} E_{k} A \text { and } B_{k}=M_{k}\left(I-\left(F_{k}^{-1} G_{k}\right)^{p}\right)^{-1}
$$

The following theorem show the well known result for convergence of twostage multisplitting method with postweighting when $A$ is an $H$-matrix.

Theorem 2.5 ([1]). Let $A$ be an $H$-matrix. If $A=M_{k}-N_{k}$ and $M_{k}=F_{k}-G_{k}$ are $H$-compatible splittings for $k=1,2 \ldots, \ell$, then $\rho\left(H_{1}\right)<1$, where

$$
H_{1}=\sum_{k=1}^{\ell} E_{k} T_{k} \text { and } T_{k}=\left(F_{k}^{-1} G_{k}\right)^{p}+\sum_{j=0}^{p-1}\left(F_{k}^{-1} G_{k}\right)^{j} F_{k}^{-1} N_{k}
$$

Lemma 2.6. Let $A$ be an $H$-matrix. If $A=M_{k}-N_{k}$ and $M_{k}=F_{k}-G_{k}$ are $H$-compatible splittings for $k=1,2 \ldots, \ell$, then $\rho\left(\tilde{H}_{1}\right)<1$, where

$$
\tilde{H}_{1}=\sum_{k=1}^{\ell} E_{k}\left(\left(F_{k}^{-T} G_{k}^{T}\right)^{p}+\sum_{j=0}^{p-1}\left(F_{k}^{-T} G_{k}^{T}\right)^{j} F_{k}^{-T} N_{k}^{T}\right) .
$$

Proof. Since $A=M_{k}-N_{k}$ is an $H$-compatible splitting, we easily obtain that for $k=1,2, \ldots, \ell$,

$$
\left\langle A^{T}\right\rangle=\langle A\rangle^{T}=\left(\left\langle M_{k}\right\rangle-\left|N_{k}\right|\right)^{T}=\left\langle M_{k}\right\rangle^{T}-\left|N_{k}\right|^{T}=\left\langle M_{k}^{T}\right\rangle-\left|N_{k}^{T}\right|
$$

Hence, $A^{T}=M_{k}^{T}-N_{k}^{T}$ is an $H$-compatible splitting. Since $M_{k}=F_{k}-G_{k}$ is $H$-compatible splitting for $k=1,2, \ldots, \ell$,

$$
\left\langle M_{k}^{T}\right\rangle=\left\langle M_{k}\right\rangle^{T}=\left(\left\langle F_{k}\right\rangle-\left|G_{k}\right|\right)^{T}=\left\langle F_{k}\right\rangle^{T}-\left|G_{k}\right|^{T}=\left\langle F_{k}^{T}\right\rangle-\left|G_{k}^{T}\right| .
$$

Hence, $M_{k}^{T}=F_{k}^{T}-G_{k}^{T}$ is $H$-compatible splitting. Notice that $\tilde{H}_{1}$ is an iteration matrix of two-stage multisplitting method corresponding to outer splittings $A^{T}=M_{k}^{T}-N_{k}^{T}$ and inner splittings $M_{k}^{T}=F_{k}^{T}-G_{k}^{T}$ for $k=1,2, \ldots, \ell$. From Theorem 2.5, $\rho\left(\tilde{H}_{1}\right)<1$.

The following theorem provides a convergence result of two-stage multisplitting method with preweighting when $A$ is an $H$-matrix.

Theorem 2.7. Let $A$ be an $H$-matrix. If $A=M_{k}-N_{k}$ and $M_{k}=F_{k}-G_{k}$ are $H$-compatible splittings for $k=1,2 \ldots, \ell$, then $\rho\left(H_{0}\right)<1$, where $H_{0}=$ $I-\sum_{k=1}^{\ell} B_{k}^{-1} E_{k} A$ and $B_{k}=M_{k}\left(I-\left(F_{k}^{-1} G_{k}\right)^{p}\right)^{-1}$.
Proof. Let $\tilde{H}_{1}=I-\sum_{k=1}^{\ell} E_{k}\left(B_{k}{ }^{-1}\right)^{T} A^{T}$. Since $\tilde{H}_{1}$ is similar to $H_{0}{ }^{T}, \rho\left(\tilde{H}_{1}\right)=$ $\rho\left(H_{0}\right)$. From Lemma 2.6, $\rho\left(\tilde{H}_{1}\right)<1$. Therefore, $\rho\left(H_{0}\right)<1$.

## 3. Convergence of ILU-multisplitting method with preweighting

In this section, we study convergence of ILU-multisplitting method with preweighting. Let $S_{n}$ denote the set of all pairs of indices of off-diagonal matrix entries, that is,

$$
S_{n}=\{(i, j) \mid i \neq j, 1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq n\} .
$$

The following theorem shows the existence of the ILU factorization for an $H$ matrix $A$.

Theorem 3.1 ([6]). Let $A$ be an $n \times n H$-matrix. Then, for every zero pattern set $Q \subset S_{n}$, there exist a unit lower triangular matrix $L=\left(l_{i j}\right)$, an upper triangular matrix $U=\left(u_{i j}\right)$, and a matrix $N=\left(n_{i j}\right)$, with $l_{i j}=u_{i j}=0$ if $(i, j) \in Q$ and $n_{i j}=0$ if $(i, j) \notin Q$, such that $A=L U-N$. Moreover, the factors $L$ and $U$ are also $H$-matrices.

In Theorem 3.1, $A=L U-N$ is called an $I L U$ factorization of $A$ corresponding to a zero pattern set $Q \subset S_{n}$. The following theorem shows the relations between the ILU factorization of an $H$-matrix $A$ and its comparison matrix $\langle A\rangle$.

Theorem 3.2 ([15]). Assume that $A$ is an $n \times n H$-matrix. Let $A=L U-N$ and $\langle A\rangle=\tilde{L} \tilde{U}-\tilde{N}$ be the ILU factorizations of $A$ and $\langle A\rangle$ corresponding to a zero pattern set $Q \subset S_{n}$, respectively. Then each of the following holds:
(a) $\left|L^{-1}\right| \leq \tilde{L}^{-1}$,
(b) $\left|U^{-1}\right| \leq \tilde{U}^{-1}$,
(c) $|N| \leq \tilde{N}$,
(d) $\left|(L U)^{-1} N\right| \leq(\tilde{L} \tilde{U})^{-1} \tilde{N}$.

Let $A$ be an $n \times n H$-matrix and $A=L_{k} U_{k}-N_{k}$ be the ILU-factorizations of $A$ corresponding to a zero pattern set $Q_{k} \subset S_{n}, k=1,2, \cdots, \ell$. Then $\left(L_{k} U_{k}, N_{k}, E_{k}\right), k=1,2, \cdots, \ell$, is a multisplitting of $A$. Given an initial vector $x_{0}$, the corresponding multisplitting method with preweighting for solving $A x=b$ is

$$
x_{i+1}=H_{0} x_{i}+G_{0} b, \quad i=0,1,2, \cdots
$$

where

$$
G_{0}=\sum_{k=1}^{\ell}\left(L_{k} U_{k}\right)^{-1} E_{k} \text { and } H_{0}=I-G_{0} A
$$

The following theorem provides a convergence result of ILU-multisplitting method with preweighting when $A$ is an $H$-matrix.
Theorem 3.3. Let $A$ be an $n \times n H$-matrix and $A=L_{k} U_{k}-N_{k}$ be the ILU factorizations of $A$ corresponding to a zero pattern set $Q_{k} \subset S_{n}, k=1,2, \cdots, \ell$. Then $\rho\left(H_{0}\right)<1$, where $H_{0}=I-\sum_{k=1}^{\ell}\left(L_{k} U_{k}\right)^{-1} E_{k} A$.
Proof. Let $\langle A\rangle=\tilde{L}_{k} \tilde{U}_{k}-\tilde{N}_{k}$ be the ILU factorizations of $\langle A\rangle$ corresponding to a zero pattern set $Q_{k} \subset S_{n}$ for $k=1,2, \cdots, \ell$. Then for $k=1,2, \cdots, \ell$,

$$
\left\langle A^{T}\right\rangle=\tilde{U}_{k}^{T} \tilde{L}_{k}^{T}-\tilde{N}_{k}^{T}
$$

Since $\tilde{L}_{k}^{-1} \geq 0, \tilde{U}_{k}^{-1} \geq 0$ and $\tilde{N}_{k} \geq 0,\langle A\rangle=\tilde{L}_{k} \tilde{U}_{k}-\tilde{N}_{k}$ is a regular splitting of $\langle A\rangle$ and $\left\langle A^{T}\right\rangle=\tilde{U}_{k}^{T} \tilde{L}_{k}^{T}-\tilde{N}_{k}^{T}$ is also a regular splitting of $\left\langle A^{T}\right\rangle$ for each $k=1,2, \cdots, \ell$. Let $\tilde{H}_{1}=I-\sum_{k=1}^{\ell} E_{k}\left(\tilde{U}_{k}^{T} \tilde{L}_{k}^{T}\right)^{-1}\left\langle A^{T}\right\rangle$. Notice that $\tilde{H}_{1}$ is an iteration matrix for the multisplitting method corresponding to a multisplitting $\left(\tilde{U}_{k}^{T} \tilde{L}_{k}^{T}, \tilde{N}_{k}^{T}, E_{k}\right), k=1,2, \cdots, \ell$, of $\left\langle A^{T}\right\rangle$. Since $\left\langle A^{T}\right\rangle^{-1} \geq 0$,

$$
\begin{equation*}
\rho\left(\tilde{H}_{1}\right)<1 . \tag{5}
\end{equation*}
$$

Let $\hat{H}_{1}=I-\sum_{k=1}^{\ell} E_{k}\left(U_{k}{ }^{T} L_{k}{ }^{T}\right)^{-1} A^{T}$. Then $\hat{H}_{1}$ is similar to $H_{0}{ }^{T}$. Hence, $\rho\left(H_{0}\right)=\rho\left(\hat{H}_{1}\right)$. From Theorem 3.2, one obtains

$$
\left|L_{k}^{-1}\right| \leq{\tilde{L_{k}}}^{-1},\left|U_{k}^{-1}\right| \leq \tilde{U}_{k}^{-1},\left|N_{k}\right| \leq \tilde{N}_{k}
$$

for $k=1,2, \cdots, \ell$. Using these inequalities,

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left|\hat{H}_{1}\right|=\left|\sum_{k=1}^{\ell} E_{k}\left(U_{k}^{T} L_{k}^{T}\right)^{-1} N_{k}^{T}\right| \leq \sum_{k=1}^{\ell} E_{k}\left(\tilde{U}_{k}^{T} \tilde{L}_{k}^{T}\right)^{-1} \tilde{N}_{k}^{T}=\tilde{H}_{1} \tag{6}
\end{equation*}
$$

From (5) and (6), $\rho\left(\hat{H}_{1}\right)<1$. Hence, $\rho\left(H_{0}\right)<1$ is obtained.

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