



## TIGHTER EIGENVALUE LOCALIZATION SETS FOR FOURTH-ORDER PARTIALLY SYMMETRIC TENSOR AND ITS APPLICATIONS\*

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**Abstract:** M-eigenvalues of the fourth-order partially symmetric tensors play an important role in the analysis of nonlinear elastic materials. In this paper, M-identity tensor is introduced to establish some new eigenvalue localization sets for fourth-order partially symmetric tensor. It is revealed that the new eigenvalue localization sets are tighter than some existing results. Numerical examples demonstrate the effectiveness of the results obtained. As applications, some bound estimations for the M-spectral radius and some checkable sufficient conditions for the positive definiteness of the fourth-order partially symmetric tensor are obtained based on the new eigenvalue localization sets.

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# 1 Introduction

Considering the following homogeneous polynomial optimization problems

$$\begin{cases} \max f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \mathcal{A}\mathbf{x}\mathbf{x}\mathbf{y}\mathbf{y} = \sum_{i,k \in [m]} \sum_{j,l \in [n]} a_{ijkl} x_i x_k y_j y_l, \\ \text{s.t. } \mathbf{x}^{\mathrm{T}}\mathbf{x} = 1, \ \mathbf{y}^{\mathrm{T}}\mathbf{y} = 1, \\ \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^m, \ \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n, \end{cases}$$
(1.1)

where  $[m] = \{1, 2, ..., m\}$  and  $[n] = \{1, 2, ..., n\}$ , the coefficients  $a_{ijkl}$  are invariant under the following property

$$a_{ijkl} = a_{kjil} = a_{ilkj} = a_{klij}, \ i, k \in [m], j, l \in [n].$$

In this sense,  $\mathscr{A} = (a_{ijkl}) \in \mathbb{R}^{[m] \times [n] \times [n] \times [n]}$  is called a fourth-order partially symmetric tensor. To obtain the optimal solution of (1.1), Han et al. [4] introduced the following definition.

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**Definition 1.1.** Let  $\mathscr{A} = (a_{ijkl}) \in \mathbb{R}^{[m] \times [n] \times [n] \times [n]}$  be a partially symmetric real tensor. If there is  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^m$ ,  $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , such that

$$\begin{cases} \mathscr{A} \cdot yxy = \lambda x, \\ \mathscr{A} xyx \cdot = \lambda y, \\ \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x} = 1, \\ \mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{y} = 1, \end{cases}$$

where

$$(\mathscr{A} \cdot yxy)_i = \sum_{k \in [m]} \sum_{j,l \in [n]} a_{ijkl} y_j x_k y_l,$$
$$(\mathscr{A} xyx \cdot)_l = \sum_{i,k \in [m]} \sum_{j \in [n]} a_{ijkl} x_i y_j x_k,$$

then  $\lambda$  is called an M-eigenvalue of  $\mathscr{A}$ , and  $\mathbf{x}$ ,  $\mathbf{y}$  is called the left and right eigenvectors with respect to the M-eigenvalues.

Denote  $\sigma_M(\mathscr{A})$  as the set of all M-eigenvalues of  $\mathscr{A}$ . Then, the M-spectral radius of  $\mathscr{A}$  is denoted by  $\rho_M(\mathscr{A}) = max\{|\lambda| : \lambda \in \sigma_M(\mathscr{A})\}$ . Note that  $f_{\mathscr{A}}(x, y)$  is positive definite if and only if M-eigenvalues of  $\mathscr{A}$  are positive [10]. There are some works on fourth-order partially symmetric tensor have been implemented [2,3,7,12–14,16–18]. Due to the complexity of the tensor eigenvalue problem [6,9], it is not easy to calculate all M-eigenvalues. Hence, some researchers turned to investigating the inclusion sets of M-eigenvalue, Che et al. [1] proposed a Gershgorin-type M-inclusion set for fourth-order partially symmetric tensors. He et al. [5] presented some new M-eigenvalue inclusion sets for fourth-order partially symmetric tensors and gave some veritable sufficient conditions of the M-positive definiteness.

In this paper, we present some M-eigenvalue localization sets with m parameter to locate all M-eigenvalues of fourth-order partially symmetric tensors. It is revealed that the new eigenvalue localization sets are tighter than some existing results [5,8]. Numerical examples demonstrate the effectiveness of the results obtained. As applications, we present some checkable sufficient conditions for the positive definiteness and establish some bound estimations for the M-spectral radius of the fourth-order partially symmetric tensor.

## 2 Tighter Eigenvalue Localization Sets

In this section, tighter eigenvalue localization sets with parameter for fourth-order partially symmetric tensors are demonstrated.

To continue, we need the following definitions and technical results.

**Theorem 2.1** ([8]). Let  $\mathscr{A} = (a_{ijkl}) \in \mathbb{R}^{[m] \times [n] \times [n]}$  be a partially symmetric tensor. If  $\lambda$  is an M-eigenvalue of  $\mathscr{A}$ , then

$$\lambda \in \Gamma_1(\mathscr{A}) = \{ z \in \mathbb{R} : |z| \le \min\{ \max_{1 \le i \le m} \{ R_i(\mathscr{A}) \}, \ \max_{1 \le l \le n} \{ C_l(\mathscr{A}) \} \} \},$$

where

$$R_i(\mathscr{A}) = \sum_{k=1}^m \sum_{j,l=1}^n |a_{ijkl}|, \ C_l(\mathscr{A}) = \sum_{i,k=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n |a_{ijkl}|.$$

**Theorem 2.2** ([8]). Let  $\mathscr{A} = (a_{ijkl}) \in \mathbb{R}^{[m] \times [n] \times [n]}$  be a partially symmetric tensor. If  $\lambda$  is an M-eigenvalue of  $\mathscr{A}$ , then

$$\lambda\in\Theta(\mathscr{A})=U(\mathscr{A})\bigcap V(\mathscr{A}),$$

where

$$U(\mathscr{A}) = \bigcup_{s,p=1,s\neq p}^{m} \{z \in \mathbb{R} : (|z| - \sum_{j,l=1}^{n} |a_{pjpl}|)|z| \le (R_p(\mathscr{A}) - \sum_{j,l=1}^{n} |a_{pjpl}|)R_s(\mathscr{A})\},\$$

and

$$V(\mathscr{A}) = \bigcup_{t,q=1, t \neq q}^{n} \{ z \in \mathbb{R} : (|z| - \sum_{i,k=1}^{m} |a_{iqkq}|) |z| \le (C_q(\mathscr{A}) - \sum_{i,k=1}^{m} |a_{iqkq}|) C_t(\mathscr{A}) \}.$$

**Theorem 2.3** ([5]). Let  $\mathscr{A} = (a_{ijkl}) \in \mathbb{R}^{[m] \times [n] \times [n]}$  be a partially symmetric tensor. If  $\lambda$  is an M-eigenvalue of  $\mathscr{A}$ , then

$$\lambda \in \Delta(\mathscr{A}) = \Delta_1(\mathscr{A}) \bigcap \Delta_2(\mathscr{A}),$$

where

$$\Delta_1(\mathscr{A}) = \left(\bigcup_{i,k\in[m],i\neq k} \{z\in\mathbb{R}: (|z|-r_i^i(\mathscr{A}))(|z|-r_k^k(\mathscr{A})) \le r_i(\mathscr{A})r_k(\mathscr{A})\}\right)$$
$$\bigcup \left(\bigcup_{i\in[m]} \{z\in\mathbb{R}: |z|\le r_i^i(\mathscr{A})\}\right),$$

$$\Delta_{2}(\mathscr{A}) = \left(\bigcup_{j,l \in [n], j \neq l} \{ z \in \mathbb{R} : (|z| - c_{l}^{l}(\mathscr{A}))(|z| - c_{j}^{j}(\mathscr{A})) \le c_{l}(\mathscr{A})c_{j}(\mathscr{A}) \} \right)$$
$$\bigcup \left(\bigcup_{l \in [n]} \{ z \in \mathbb{R} : |z| \le c_{l}^{l}(\mathscr{A}) \} \right),$$

$$\begin{aligned} r_i^i(\mathscr{A}) &= \sum_{j,l=1,j\neq l}^n |a_{ijil}| + \tau_i, \ \tau_i &= \max_{l\in[n]} \{|a_{ilil}|\}, \\ r_i(\mathscr{A}) &= \sum_{k=1,k\neq i}^m \sum_{j,l=1,j\neq l}^n |a_{ijkl}| + \eta_i, \ \eta_i &= \max_{l\in[n]} \{\sum_{k=1,k\neq i}^m |a_{ilkl}|\}, \\ c_l^l(\mathscr{A}) &= \sum_{i,k=1,i\neq k}^m |a_{ilkl}| + \nu_l, \ \nu_l &= \max_{i\in[m]} \{|a_{ilil}|\}, \\ c_l(\mathscr{A}) &= \sum_{i,k=1,i\neq k}^m \sum_{j=1,j\neq l}^n |a_{ijkl}| + \varsigma_l, \ \varsigma_l &= \max_{i\in[m]} \{\sum_{j=1,j\neq l}^m |a_{ijil}|\}. \end{aligned}$$

Motivated by [11], we begin our work by introducing the definition of M-identity tensor. **Definition 2.4.** We call  $\mathscr{F}_M \in \mathbb{R}^{[m] \times [n] \times [n]}$  an M-identity tensor, if its entries are

$$(\mathscr{F}_M)_{ijkl} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } i = k, j = l, \\ 0, & otherwise, \end{cases}$$

where  $i, k \in [m], j, l \in [n]$ .

Now we are in a position to exhibit our results.

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**Theorem 2.5.** Let  $\mathscr{A} = (a_{ijkl}) \in \mathbb{R}^{[m] \times [n] \times [n]}$  be a partially symmetric tensor, and  $\mathscr{F}_M$ an M-identity tensor. For any  $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \ldots, \alpha_m)^T \in \mathbb{R}^m$  and  $\beta = (\beta_1, \ldots, \beta_n)^T \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , if  $\lambda$ is the M-eigenvalue of  $\mathscr{A}$ , then

$$\lambda \in \Gamma(\mathscr{A}) = \{ z \in \mathbb{R} : |z - b_{\pi}| \le G_{\pi}(\mathscr{A}) \},\$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} G_{\pi}(\mathscr{A}) &= \min\{\max_{1 \leq i \leq m} \{\mathrm{D}_{i}(\mathscr{A})\}, \ \max_{1 \leq l \leq n} \{\mathrm{F}_{l}(\mathscr{A})\}\}, \\ b &= \{ \alpha, \beta \mid \min\{\max_{1 \leq i \leq m} \{\mathrm{D}_{i}(\mathscr{A})\}, \ \max_{1 \leq l \leq n} \{\mathrm{F}_{l}(\mathscr{A})\}\}\}, \\ \pi &= \{ i, l \mid \min\{\max_{1 \leq i \leq m} \{\mathrm{D}_{i}(\mathscr{A})\}, \ \max_{1 \leq l \leq n} \{\mathrm{F}_{l}(\mathscr{A})\}\}\}, \\ D_{i}(\mathscr{A}) &= \sum_{k=1}^{m} \sum_{j,l=1}^{n} |a_{ijkl} - \alpha_{i}(\mathscr{F}_{M})_{ijkl}|, \\ F_{l}(\mathscr{A}) &= \sum_{i,k=1}^{m} \sum_{j=1}^{n} |a_{ijkl} - \beta_{l}(\mathscr{F}_{M})_{ijkl}|. \end{aligned}$$

Proof. Assume that  $\lambda$  is an M-eigenvalue of  $\mathscr{A}$ ,  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^m$  and  $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  are the corresponding nonzero left and right M-eigenvectors. Let

$$|x_t| = \max_{1 \le i \le m} \{ |x_i| \}, \ |y_s| = \max_{1 \le l \le n} \{ |y_l| \}.$$

Since  $\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x} = 1$  and  $\mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{y} = 1$ , one has

$$\mathscr{A} \cdot yxy = \lambda x = \lambda(\mathscr{F}_M) \cdot yxy, \ \mathscr{A}xyx \cdot = \lambda y = \lambda(\mathscr{F}_M)xyx \cdot .$$

Noting the *t*th equation of  $\mathscr{A} \cdot yxy = \lambda x = \lambda(\mathscr{F}_M) \cdot yxy$ , it yields

$$\sum_{k=1}^{m} \sum_{j,l=1}^{n} \lambda(\mathscr{F}_M)_{tjkl} y_j x_k y_l = \sum_{k=1}^{m} \sum_{j,l=1}^{n} a_{tjkl} y_j x_k y_l$$

Hence, for any  $\alpha_t$ , it follows that

$$(\lambda - \alpha_t)x_t = \sum_{k \in [m], j, l \in [n]} (\lambda - \alpha_t)(\mathscr{F}_M)_{tjkl}y_j x_k y_l$$
  
$$= \sum_{k \in [m], j, l \in [n]} (a_{tjkl} - \alpha_t(\mathscr{F}_M)_{tjkl})y_j x_k y_l.$$
 (2.1)

From (2.1), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} |\lambda - \alpha_t| |x_t| &= |\sum_{\substack{k \in [m], j, l \in [n]}} (\lambda - \alpha_t) (\mathscr{F}_M)_{tjkl} y_j x_k y_l| \\ &\leq \sum_{\substack{k \in [m], j, l \in [n]}} |a_{tjkl} - \alpha_t (\mathscr{F}_M)_{tjkl}| |x_t|. \end{aligned}$$

Furthermore,

$$|\lambda - \alpha_t| \le \sum_{k \in [m], j, l \in [n]} |a_{tjkl} - \alpha_t(\mathscr{F}_M)_{tjkl}| = D_t(\mathscr{A}) \le \max_{1 \le i \le m} \{D_i(\mathscr{A})\}.$$
(2.2)

Similarly, from

$$\sum_{i,k=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n \lambda(\mathscr{F}_M)_{ijks} x_i y_j x_k = \sum_{i,k=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ijks} x_i y_j x_k,$$

for any  $\beta_s$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} (\lambda - \beta_s) y_s &= \sum_{\substack{i,k \in [m], j \in [n]}} (\lambda - \beta_s) (\mathscr{F}_M)_{ijks} x_i y_j x_k \\ &= \sum_{\substack{i,k \in [m], j \in [n]}} (a_{ijks} - \beta_s (\mathscr{F}_M)_{ijks}) x_i y_j x_k. \end{aligned}$$

Moreover,

$$\begin{aligned} |\lambda - \beta_s| |y_s| &= |\sum_{\substack{i,k \in [m], j \in [n]}} (\lambda - \beta_s) (\mathscr{F}_M)_{ijks} x_i y_j x_k| \\ &\leq \sum_{\substack{i,k \in [m], j \in [n]}} |a_{ijks} - \beta_s (\mathscr{F}_M)_{ijks}| |y_s|, \end{aligned}$$

which means

$$|\lambda - \beta_s| \le \sum_{i,k \in [m], j \in [n]} |a_{ijks} - \beta_s(\mathscr{F}_M)_{ijks}| = F_s(\mathscr{A}) \le \max_{1 \le l \le n} \{F_l(\mathscr{A})\}.$$
(2.3)

From (2.2) and (2.3), we have

$$|z - b_{\pi}| \le G_{\pi}(\mathscr{A}),$$

which implies that  $\lambda \in \Gamma(\mathscr{A})$ , and the desired result holds.

**Theorem 2.6.** Let  $\mathscr{A} = (a_{ijkl}) \in \mathbb{R}^{[m] \times [n] \times [n]}$  be a partially symmetric tensor, and  $\mathscr{F}_M$ an M-identity tensor. For any  $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \ldots, \alpha_m)^T \in \mathbb{R}^m$  and  $\beta = (\beta_1, \ldots, \beta_n)^T \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , if  $\lambda$ is the M-eigenvalue of  $\mathscr{A}$ , then

$$\lambda \in \Lambda(\mathscr{A}) = U_1(\mathscr{A}) \bigcap U_2(\mathscr{A}),$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} U_1(\mathscr{A}) &= \bigcup_{s \neq p, s, p=1}^m \{ z \in \mathbb{R} : (|z - \alpha_p| - D_p^p(\mathscr{A})) | z - \alpha_s | \le (D_p(\mathscr{A}) - D_p^p(\mathscr{A})) D_s(\mathscr{A}) \}, \\ U_2(\mathscr{A}) &= \bigcup_{t \neq q, t, q=1}^n \{ z \in \mathbb{R} : (|z - \beta_q| - F_q^q(\mathscr{A})) | z - \beta_t | \le (F_q(\mathscr{A}) - F_q^q(\mathscr{A})) F_t(\mathscr{A}) \}, \\ D_p^p(\mathscr{A}) &= \sum_{j, l=1}^n |a_{pjpl} - \alpha_p(\mathscr{F}_M)_{pjpl}|, \\ F_q^q(\mathscr{A}) &= \sum_{i, k=1}^m |a_{iqkq} - \beta_q(\mathscr{F}_M)_{iqkq}|. \end{aligned}$$

Proof. Assume that  $\lambda$  is an M-eigenvalue of  $\mathscr{A}$ ,  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^m$  and  $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  are the corresponding nonzero left and right M-eigenvectors. Let

$$|x_p| \ge |x_s| \ge \max_{k \ne p, s, 1 \le k \le m} \{|x_k|\}, \ |y_q| \ge |y_t| \ge \max_{k \ne q, t, 1 \le k \le m} \{|y_k|\}.$$

Since  $\mathscr{A} \cdot yxy = \lambda x = \lambda(\mathscr{F}_M) \cdot yxy, \ \mathscr{A}xyx \cdot = \lambda y = \lambda(\mathscr{F}_M)xyx \cdot$ 

$$\begin{aligned} (\lambda - \alpha_p) x_p &= \sum_{\substack{k \in [m], j, l \in [n] \\ p \neq k \in [m], j \in [n] \\ p \neq k \in [m], j \in [m], j \in [n] \\ p \neq k \in [m], j \in [n], j \in [n] \\ p \neq k \in [m], j \in [n] \\ p \neq k \in [m], j \in [n], j \in [n] \\ p \neq k \in [m], j \in [n], j \in [n] \\ p \neq k \in [m], j \in [n], j \in [n] \\ p \neq k \in [m], j \in [n], j \in [n], j \in [n], j \in [n] \\ p \neq k \in [m], j \in [n], j \in [n],$$

which implies

$$|\lambda - \alpha_p||x_p| \le \sum_{j,l \in [n]} |a_{pjpl} - \alpha_p(\mathscr{F}_M)_{pjpl})||x_p| + (D_p(\mathscr{A}) - D_p^p(\mathscr{A}))|x_s|.$$

Therefore, we have

$$(|\lambda - \alpha_p| - D_p^p(\mathscr{A}))|x_p| \le (D_p(\mathscr{A}) - D_p^p(\mathscr{A}))|x_s|.$$
(2.4)

From Theorem 2.1, one has

$$|\lambda - \alpha_s| |x_s| \le D_s(\mathscr{A}) |x_p|. \tag{2.5}$$

If  $|x_s| > 0$ , multiplying (2.4) with (2.5), we have

$$(|\lambda - \alpha_p| - D_p^p(\mathscr{A}))|\lambda - \alpha_s| \le (D_p(\mathscr{A}) - D_p^p(\mathscr{A}))D_s(\mathscr{A}).$$

If  $|x_s| = 0$ , then  $|\lambda - \alpha_p| - D_p^p(\mathscr{A}) \leq 0$ . Therefore, we have  $\lambda \in U_1(\mathscr{A})$ . Similarly, for any  $\beta_q$ , we obtain

$$|\lambda - \beta_q||y_q| \leq \sum_{i,k \in [m]} |a_{iqkq} - \beta_q(\mathscr{F}_M)_{iqkq})||y_q| + (F_q(\mathscr{A}) - F_q^q(\mathscr{A}))|y_t|.$$

Therefore, we have

$$(|\lambda - \beta_q| - F_q^q(\mathscr{A}))|y_q| \le (F_q(\mathscr{A}) - F_q^q(\mathscr{A}))|y_t|.$$
(2.6)

From Theorem 2.1, it holds

$$|\lambda - \beta_t| |y_t| \le F_t(\mathscr{A}) |y_q|. \tag{2.7}$$

If  $|y_t| > 0$ , multiplying (2.6) with (2.7), we have

$$(|\lambda - \beta_t| - F_q^q(\mathscr{A}))|\lambda - \beta_t| \le (F_q(\mathscr{A}) - F_q^q(\mathscr{A}))F_t(\mathscr{A}).$$

If  $|y_t| = 0$ , then  $|\lambda - \beta_q| - F_q^q(\mathscr{A}) \leq 0$ . Therefore, we have  $\lambda \in U_2(\mathscr{A})$ . From  $\lambda \in U_1(\mathscr{A})$  and  $\lambda \in U_2(\mathscr{A})$ , we obtain  $\lambda \in U_1(\mathscr{A}) \bigcap U_2(\mathscr{A})$ , and the desired result follows. 

**Theorem 2.7.** Let  $\mathscr{A} = (a_{ijkl}) \in \mathbb{R}^{[m] \times [n] \times [n]}$  be a partially symmetric tensor, and  $\mathscr{F}_M$ an M-identity tensor. For any  $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \ldots, \alpha_m)^T \in \mathbb{R}^m$  and  $\beta = (\beta_1, \ldots, \beta_n)^T \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , if  $\lambda$ is the M-eigenvalue of  $\mathscr{A}$ , then

$$\lambda \in \Phi(\mathscr{A}) = \Phi_1(\mathscr{A}) \bigcap \Phi_2(\mathscr{A}),$$

where

$$\Phi_{1}(\mathscr{A}) = (\bigcup_{\substack{i,k\in[m],i\neq k\\ i\in[m]}} \{z\in\mathbb{R}: (|z-\alpha_{i}|-X_{i}^{i}(\mathscr{A}))(|z-\alpha_{k}|-X_{k}^{k}(\mathscr{A})) \leq X_{i}(\mathscr{A})X_{k}(\mathscr{A})\})$$
$$\bigcup (\bigcup_{i\in[m]} \{z\in\mathbb{R}: |z-\alpha_{i}|\leq X_{i}^{i}(\mathscr{A})\}),$$

$$\begin{split} \Phi_{2}(\mathscr{A}) &= (\bigcup_{\substack{j,l \in [n], j \neq l \\ l \in [n]}} \{z \in \mathbb{R} : (|z - \beta_{l}| - Y_{l}^{l}(\mathscr{A})))(|z - \beta_{j}| - Y_{j}^{j}(\mathscr{A})) \leq Y_{l}(\mathscr{A})Y_{j}(\mathscr{A})\} \\ & \bigcup_{l \in [n]} \{z \in \mathbb{R} : |z - \beta_{l}| \leq Y_{l}^{l}(\mathscr{A})\}), \\ X_{i}^{i}(\mathscr{A}) &= \sum_{j,l=1, j \neq l}^{n} |a_{ijil}| + \varepsilon_{i}, \ \varepsilon_{i} = \max_{l \in [n]} \{|a_{ilil} - \alpha_{i}(\mathscr{F})_{ilil}|\}, \\ X_{i}(\mathscr{A}) &= \sum_{k=1, k \neq i}^{m} \sum_{j,l=1, j \neq l}^{n} |a_{ijkl}| + \xi_{i}, \ \xi_{i} = \max_{l \in [n]} \{\sum_{k=1, k \neq i}^{m} |a_{ilkl}|\}, \\ Y_{l}^{l}(\mathscr{A}) &= \sum_{i, k=1, i \neq k}^{m} |a_{ilkl}| + \delta_{l}, \ \delta_{l} = \max_{i \in [m]} \{|a_{ilil} - \beta_{l}(\mathscr{F})_{ilil}|\}, \\ Y_{l}(\mathscr{A}) &= \sum_{i, k=1, i \neq k}^{m} \sum_{j=1, j \neq l}^{n} |a_{ijkl}| + \omega_{l}, \ \omega_{l} = \max_{i \in [m]} \{\sum_{j=1, j \neq l}^{m} |a_{ijil}|\}. \end{split}$$

Proof. Assume that  $\lambda$  is an M-eigenvalue of  $\mathscr{A}$ ,  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^m$  and  $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  are the corresponding nonzero left and right M-eigenvectors. Let

$$|x_p| \ge |x_s| \ge \max_{k \ne p, s, 1 \le k \le m} \{|x_k|\}, \ |y_q| \ge |y_t| \ge \max_{k \ne q, t, 1 \le k \le n} \{|y_k|\}.$$

For any  $\alpha_p$ , it follows from

$$\mathscr{A} \cdot yxy = \lambda x = \lambda \mathscr{F}_M \cdot yxy, \ \mathscr{A}xyx \cdot = \lambda y = \lambda \mathscr{F}_M xyx \cdot$$

that

$$(\lambda - \alpha_p)x_p = \sum_{k \in [m], j, l \in [n]} (\lambda - \alpha_p)(\mathscr{F}_M)_{pjkl}y_j x_k y_l$$
  
$$= \sum_{k=1}^m \sum_{j, l=1, j \neq l}^n (\lambda - \alpha_p)(\mathscr{F}_M)_{pjkl}y_j x_k y_l + \sum_{k=1}^m \sum_{l=1}^n (\lambda - \alpha_p)(\mathscr{F}_M)_{plkl} x_k y_l^2$$
  
$$= \sum_{k=1}^m \sum_{j, l=1, j \neq l}^n (a_{pjkl} - \alpha_p(\mathscr{F}_M)_{pjkl})y_j x_k y_l + \sum_{k=1}^m \sum_{l=1}^n (a_{plkl} - \alpha_p(\mathscr{F}_M)_{plkl}) x_k y_l^2.$$
  
(2.8)

From (2.8), it reduces that

$$\begin{aligned} |\lambda - \alpha_{p}||x_{p}| &\leq \sum_{k=1}^{m} \sum_{j,l=1,j\neq l}^{n} |a_{pjkl} - \alpha_{p}(\mathscr{F}_{M})_{pjkl}||y_{j}||x_{k}||y_{l}| \\ &+ \sum_{k=1}^{m} \sum_{l=1}^{n} |a_{plkl} - \alpha_{p}(\mathscr{F}_{M})_{plkl}||x_{k}||y_{l}^{2}| \\ &+ \sum_{l=1}^{n} |a_{plpl} - \alpha_{p}(\mathscr{F}_{M})_{plpl}||x_{p}||y_{l}^{2}| \\ &+ \sum_{k=1,k\neq p}^{m} \sum_{l=1}^{n} |a_{plkl} - \alpha_{p}(\mathscr{F}_{M})_{plkl}||x_{k}||y_{l}^{2}| \\ &\leq (\sum_{j,l=1,j\neq l}^{n} |a_{pjpl} - \alpha_{p}(\mathscr{F}_{M})_{pjpl}| \\ &+ \sum_{l=1}^{n} |a_{plpl} - \alpha_{p}(\mathscr{F}_{M})_{plpl}|)|x_{p}| \\ &+ (\sum_{k=1,k\neq p}^{m} \sum_{j,l=1,j\neq l}^{n} |a_{pjkl} - \alpha_{p}(\mathscr{F}_{M})_{pjkl}| \\ &+ \sum_{k=1,k\neq p}^{m} \sum_{l=1}^{n} |a_{plkl} - \alpha_{p}(\mathscr{F}_{M})_{plkl}|)|x_{s}| \\ &\leq X_{p}^{m}(\mathscr{A})|x_{p}| + X_{p}(\mathscr{A})|x_{s}|. \end{aligned}$$

Then, (2.9) can be rewritten as

$$(|\lambda - \alpha_p| - X_p^p(\mathscr{A}))|x_p| \le X_p(\mathscr{A})|x_s|.$$
(2.10)

Meanwhile,

$$(|\lambda - \alpha_s| - X_s^s(\mathscr{A}))|x_s| \le X_s(\mathscr{A})|x_p|.$$

$$(2.11)$$

If  $|\lambda - \alpha_p| - X_p^p(\mathscr{A}) \leq 0$ , then  $|\lambda - \alpha_p| \leq X_p^p(\mathscr{A})$ . If  $|\lambda - \alpha_p| - X_p^p(\mathscr{A}) > 0$ , multiplying (2.10) with (2.11), then we have

$$(|\lambda - \alpha_p| - X_p^p(\mathscr{A}))(|\lambda - \alpha_s| - X_s^s(\mathscr{A})) \le X_p(\mathscr{A})X_s(\mathscr{A}).$$

Thus, we obtain  $\lambda \in \Phi_1(\mathscr{A})$ . Next, we will prove  $\lambda \in \Phi_2(\mathscr{A})$ . Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned} |\lambda - \beta_{q}||y_{q}| &\leq \sum_{i,k=1,i\neq k}^{m} |a_{iqkq} - \beta_{q}(\mathscr{F}_{M})_{iqkq}||x_{i}||y_{q}||x_{k}| \\ &+ \sum_{i,k=1,i\neq k}^{m} \sum_{j=1,j\neq q}^{n} |a_{ijkq} - \beta_{q}(\mathscr{F}_{M})_{ijkq}||x_{i}||y_{j}||x_{k}| \\ &+ \sum_{i=1}^{m} |a_{iqiq} - \beta_{q}(\mathscr{F}_{M})_{iqiq}||x_{i}^{2}||y_{q}| + \sum_{i=1}^{m} \sum_{j=1,j\neq q}^{n} |a_{ijiq} - \beta_{q}(\mathscr{F}_{M})_{ijiq}||x_{i}^{2}||y_{j}| \\ &\leq Y_{q}^{q}(\mathscr{A})|y_{q}| + Y_{q}(\mathscr{A})|y_{t}|. \end{aligned}$$

$$(2.12)$$

(2.12) means

$$(|\lambda - \beta_q| - Y_q^q(\mathscr{A}))|y_q| \le Y_q(\mathscr{A})|y_t|.$$
(2.13)

Meanwhile,

$$(|\lambda - \beta_t| - Y_t^t(\mathscr{A}))|y_t| \le Y_t(\mathscr{A})|y_q|.$$

$$(2.14)$$

If  $|\lambda - \beta_q| - Y_q^q(\mathscr{A}) \leq 0$ , then  $|\lambda - \beta_q| \leq Y_q^q(\mathscr{A})$ . If  $|\lambda - \beta_q| - Y_q^q(\mathscr{A}) > 0$ , multiplying (2.13) with (2.14), then we have

$$(|\lambda - \beta_q| - Y_q^q(\mathscr{A}))(|\lambda - \beta_t| - Y_t^t(\mathscr{A})) \le Y_q(\mathscr{A})Y_t(\mathscr{A}).$$

Thus, we obtain  $\lambda \in \Phi_2(\mathscr{A})$ . Furthermore,  $\lambda \in \Phi(\mathscr{A}) = \Phi_1(\mathscr{A}) \bigcap \Phi_2(\mathscr{A})$ . And the proof is completed.

The following conclusion exhibits the relationship between  $\Phi(\mathscr{A})$ ,  $\Lambda(\mathscr{A})$  and  $\Gamma(\mathscr{A})$ .

**Corollary 2.8.** Let  $\mathscr{A} = (a_{ijkl}) \in \mathbb{R}^{[m] \times [n] \times [n] \times [n]}$  be a partially symmetric tensor, and  $\mathscr{F}_M$  an M-identity tensor. For any  $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \ldots, \alpha_m)^T \in \mathbb{R}^m$  and  $\beta = (\beta_1, \ldots, \beta_n)^T \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , if  $\lambda$  is the M-eigenvalue of  $\mathscr{A}$ , then  $\lambda \in \Phi(\mathscr{A}) \subseteq \Lambda(\mathscr{A}) \subseteq \Gamma(\mathscr{A})$ .

Proof. By Theorem 2.5 and Theorem 2.6, it is sufficient to prove  $\Lambda(\mathscr{A}) \subseteq \Gamma(\mathscr{A})$ . For any  $\lambda \in \Lambda(\mathscr{A})$ , without loss of generality, there exists  $t \in [m]$ , such that  $\lambda \in U_1(\mathscr{A})$ , for all  $s \neq t$ ,  $(|\lambda - \alpha_t| - D_t^t(\mathscr{A}))|\lambda - \alpha_s| \leq (D_t(\mathscr{A}) - D_t^t(\mathscr{A}))D_s(\mathscr{A})$ . We now break up the argument into two cases.

Case 1. If  $(D_t(\mathscr{A}) - D_t^t(\mathscr{A}))D_s(\mathscr{A}) = 0$ , then

$$(|\lambda - \alpha_t| - D_t^t(\mathscr{A}))|\lambda - \alpha_s| \le 0.$$

Hence, we have  $|\lambda - \alpha_t| \leq D_t^t(\mathscr{A})$  or  $\lambda = \alpha_s$ . Case 2. If  $(D_t(\mathscr{A}) - D_t^t(\mathscr{A}))D_s(\mathscr{A}) > 0$ , then

$$\frac{|\lambda - \alpha_t| - D_t^t(\mathscr{A})}{D_t(\mathscr{A}) - D_t^t(\mathscr{A})} \cdot \frac{|\lambda - \alpha_s|}{D_s(\mathscr{A})} \le 1,$$

which implies that  $\frac{|\lambda - \alpha_t| - D_t^t(\mathscr{A})}{D_t(\mathscr{A}) - D_t^t(\mathscr{A})} \leq 1$  or  $\frac{|\lambda - \alpha_s|}{D_s(\mathscr{A})} \leq 1$ . If there exists  $q \in [n]$ , such that  $\lambda \in U_2(\mathscr{A})$ , for all  $p \neq q$ ,  $(|\lambda - \beta_q| - F_q^q(\mathscr{A}))|\lambda - \beta_p| \leq (F_q(\mathscr{A}) - F_q^q(\mathscr{A}))F_p(\mathscr{A})$ . Similarly, we break up the argument into two cases. Case 1. If  $(F_q(\mathscr{A}) - F_q^q(\mathscr{A}))F_p(\mathscr{A}) = 0$ , then

$$(|\lambda - \beta_q| - F_q^q(\mathscr{A}))|\lambda - \beta_p| \le 0.$$

Hence, we have  $|\lambda - \beta_q| \leq F_q^q(\mathscr{A})$  or  $\lambda = \beta_p$ . Case 2. If  $(F_q(\mathscr{A}) - F_q^q(\mathscr{A}))F_p(\mathscr{A}) > 0$ , then

$$\frac{|\lambda - \beta_q| - F_q^q(\mathscr{A})}{F_q(\mathscr{A}) - F_q^q(\mathscr{A})} \cdot \frac{|\lambda - \beta_p|}{F_p(\mathscr{A})} \le 1,$$

which implies that  $\frac{|\lambda - \beta_q| - F_q^q(\mathscr{A})}{F_q(\mathscr{A}) - F_q^q(\mathscr{A})} \leq 1$  or  $\frac{|\lambda - \beta_p|}{F_p(\mathscr{A})} \leq 1$ . Hence, we have  $\lambda \in \Gamma(\mathscr{A})$ .

Next, we prove  $\Phi(\mathscr{A}) \subseteq \Lambda(\mathscr{A})$ . For any  $\lambda \in \Lambda(\mathscr{A})$ , we have  $\lambda \in \Phi_1(\mathscr{A}) \cap \Phi_2(\mathscr{A})$ . If  $\lambda \in \Phi_1(\mathscr{A})$ , then  $|\lambda - \alpha_p| \leq X_p^p(\mathscr{A})$ , or  $(|\lambda - \alpha_p| - X_p^p(\mathscr{A}))(|\lambda - \alpha_k| - X_k^k(\mathscr{A})) \leq X_p(\mathscr{A})X_k(\mathscr{A})$ . We break up the argument into two cases.

Case 1. From  $|\lambda - \alpha_p| \leq X_p^p(\mathscr{A})$ , then

$$X_p^p(\mathscr{A}) \le \sum_{p,k=1}^m |a_{plkl} - \alpha_p(\mathscr{F}_M)_{plkl}|,$$

which means

$$|\lambda - \alpha_p| \le \sum_{p,k=1}^m |a_{plkl} - \alpha_p(\mathscr{F}_M)_{plkl}|.$$

Then,

$$(|\lambda - \alpha_p| - D_p^p(\mathscr{A}))|\lambda - \alpha_s| \le 0 \le (D_p(\mathscr{A}) - D_p^p(\mathscr{A}))D_s(\mathscr{A}).$$

Hence, we have  $\Phi_1(\mathscr{A}) \subseteq U_1(\mathscr{A})$ . Case 2. From  $|\lambda - \alpha_p| > X_p^p(\mathscr{A}), X_p(\mathscr{A})X_k(\mathscr{A}) \neq 0$ , one has

$$\frac{|\lambda - \alpha_p| - X_p^p(\mathscr{A})}{X_p(\mathscr{A})} \cdot \frac{|\lambda - \alpha_k| - X_k^k(\mathscr{A})}{X_k(\mathscr{A})} \le 1.$$
  
From (2.10), we have  $\frac{|\lambda - \alpha_p| - X_p^p(\mathscr{A})}{X_p(\mathscr{A})} \le 1.$  If  $\frac{|\lambda - \alpha_k| - X_k^k(\mathscr{A})}{X_k(\mathscr{A})} \le 1$ , then  
 $|\lambda - \alpha_k| \le X_k^k(\mathscr{A}) + X_k(\mathscr{A}) \le D_k(\mathscr{A}).$  (2.15)  
 $|\lambda - \alpha_p| - D_p^p(\mathscr{A}) \le X_p(\mathscr{A}) \le D_p(\mathscr{A}) - D_p^p(\mathscr{A}).$  (2.16)

$$|\lambda - \alpha_p| - D_p^p(\mathscr{A}) \le X_p(\mathscr{A}) \le D_p(\mathscr{A}) - D_p^p(\mathscr{A}).$$
(2.16)

Multiplying (2.15) with (2.16), we obtain  $\lambda \in U_1(\mathscr{A})$ . If  $\frac{|\lambda - \alpha_k| - X_k^k(\mathscr{A})}{X_k(\mathscr{A})} > 1$ , then

$$\frac{|\lambda - \alpha_k|}{X_k^k(\mathscr{A}) + X_k(\mathscr{A})} \le \frac{|\lambda - \alpha_k| - X_k^k(\mathscr{A})}{X_k(\mathscr{A})}$$

Furthermore,

$$\frac{|\lambda - \alpha_p| - D_p^p(\mathscr{A})}{D_p(\mathscr{A}) - D_p^p(\mathscr{A})} \cdot \frac{|\lambda - \alpha_k|}{D_k(\mathscr{A})} \leq \frac{|\lambda - \alpha_p| - X_p^p(\mathscr{A})}{X_p(\mathscr{A})} \cdot \frac{|\lambda - \alpha_k|}{X_k^k(\mathscr{A}) + X_k(\mathscr{A})} \leq \frac{|\lambda - \alpha_p| - X_p^p(\mathscr{A})}{X_p(\mathscr{A})} \cdot \frac{|\lambda - \alpha_k| - X_k^k(\mathscr{A})}{X_k(\mathscr{A})}$$

which implies that  $\lambda \in U_1(\mathscr{A})$ . Thus,  $\Phi_1(\mathscr{A}) \subseteq U_1(\mathscr{A})$ . Similarly, if  $\lambda \in \Phi_2(\mathscr{A})$ , we also have  $\Phi_2(\mathscr{A}) \subseteq U_2(\mathscr{A})$ . Hence, we have  $\Phi(\mathscr{A}) \subseteq \Lambda(\mathscr{A})$ . The proof is completed. 

Remark 2.9. It is clear that Theorem 2.5, 2.6 and Theorem 2.7 reduce to Theorem 2.1, 2.2 and Theorem 2.3, if one takes  $\alpha = 0$ ,  $\beta = 0$ , respectively.

Now, we present the following examples to illustrate the M-eigenvalue inclusion sets in Theorem 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.5, 2.6 and 2.7.

**Example 2.10** ([11]). Consider the following partially symmetric tensor  $\mathscr{A} = (a_{ijkl}) \in$  $(\mathbb{R})^{[2]\times[2]\times[2]\times[2]}$  defined by

$$a_{ijkl} = \begin{cases} a_{1111} = 20, \ a_{1122} = a_{1221} = 1, \ a_{1212} = 8; \\ a_{2222} = 10, \ a_{2112} = a_{2211} = 1, \ a_{2121} = 7; \\ a_{ijkl} = 0, \ otherwise. \end{cases}$$

The results are presented in the table, let  $\alpha = \beta = (14, 8.5)^T$ .

Table 1. The comparis	on of inclusion interval
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Reference	Inclusion interval
Theorem 2.1	[-29,29]
Theorem 2.2	[-28.4081, 28.4081]
Theorem 2.3	[-20, 20.3852]
Theorem 2.5	[0,28]
Theorem 2.6	[0.7154, 26.5539]
Theorem $2.7$	[5.4385, 20.3852]

By computation, its M-eigenvalues are 8, 20, 10, 8.9659, 7, 9.9815. Obviously, from Table 1, we obtain that the above results contain all the eigenvalues, and the new eigenvalue localization sets are tighter than some existing results [5,8].

**Example 2.11.** Consider the following partially symmetric tensor  $\mathscr{A} = (a_{ijkl}) \in (\mathbb{R})^{[2] \times [2] \times [2] \times [2] \times [2]}$  defined by

$$a_{ijkl} = \begin{cases} a_{1111} = 2, \ a_{1211} = 3, \ a_{2111} = 6, \ a_{1121} = 6, \ a_{1112} = 3, \ a_{1212} = 2; \\ a_{2212} = 10, \ a_{1222} = 10, \ a_{2222} = 5; \\ a_{ijkl} = 0, \ otherwise. \end{cases}$$

Let  $\alpha = (2, 3)^T$ ,  $\beta = (1, 3)^T$  the results are revealed in the Table 2.

Table 2. The comparison of inclusion interval

Reference	Inclusion interval
Theorem 2.1	[-26, 26]
Theorem 2.2	[-24, 24]
Theorem 2.3	[-16.3246, 16.3246]
Theorem 2.5	[-20, 24]
Theorem 2.6	[-19.1615, 24]
Theorem 2.7	$\left[-12.6119, 16.3246 ight]$

By calculation, we can obtain that the M-eigenvalue of the fourth order partially symmetric tensor are -7.6841, 13.8616, -4.2541, 6.6751. From the above Table 2, it can be seen that our result range includes all eigenvalues and is more accurate.

**Remark 2.12.** If  $\alpha = \beta = (2, 0)^T$ , the result of Theorem 2.6 is  $\lambda \in [-20.5853, 22.7617]$ . Obviously, we can get different results by choosing different parameters  $\alpha$ , we can find the appropriate parameter  $\alpha$  to make the M-eigenvalue inclusion intervals for fourth-order partially symmetric tensor tighter.

## 3 Applications

As applications, we obtain some bound estimations on the spectral radius of a fourthorder partially symmetric tensor, and take these bounds as the parameter in the WQZalgorithm [15] to show a more superior result. Finally, we introduce some checkable sufficient conditions for the M-positive definiteness of the fourth-order partially symmetric tensor.

From Theorem 2.5, 2.6 and 2.7, we propose three bound estimations on the spectral radius of nonnegative fourth-order partially symmetric tensors.

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**Corollary 3.1.** Let  $\mathscr{A} = (a_{ijkl}) \in \mathbb{R}^{[m] \times [n] \times [n] \times [n]}$  be a partially symmetric tensor, and  $\mathscr{F}_M$  an M-identity tensor. Then, for real vector  $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \ldots, \alpha_m)^T \in \mathbb{R}^m$  and  $\beta = (\beta_1, \ldots, \beta_n)^T \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , such that  $\rho(\mathscr{A}) \leq b_\pi + G_\pi(\mathscr{A})$ .

**Corollary 3.2.** Let  $\mathscr{A} = (a_{ijkl}) \in \mathbb{R}^{[m] \times [n] \times [n] \times [n]}$  be a partially symmetric tensor, and  $\mathscr{F}_M$  an *M*-identity tensor. Then, for real vector  $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \ldots, \alpha_m)^T \in \mathbb{R}^m$  and  $\beta = (\beta_1, \ldots, \beta_n)^T \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , such that  $\rho(\mathscr{A}) \leq \min\{P_1(\mathscr{A}), P_2(\mathscr{A})\},$ where  $P_1(\mathscr{A}) = \max\{\frac{1}{2}(\alpha_n + D^p(\mathscr{A}) + \alpha_n + \Delta^{1/2})\}.$ 

$$\Delta_{s,p} = (\alpha_s + \alpha_p + D_p^p(\mathscr{A}))^2 - 4(\alpha_p \alpha_s + \alpha_s D_p^p(\mathscr{A}) + D_s(\mathscr{A}) D_p^p(\mathscr{A}) - D_p(\mathscr{A}) D_s(\mathscr{A})),$$

$$P_2(\mathscr{A}) = \max_{t,q \in [n], t \neq q} \{ \frac{1}{2} (\beta_q + F_q^q(\mathscr{A}) + \beta_t + \Delta_{t,q}^{1/2}) \},$$

$$\Delta_{t,q} = (\beta_t + \beta_q + F_q^q(\mathscr{A}))^2 - 4(\beta_q \beta_t + \beta_t F_q^q(\mathscr{A}) + F_t(\mathscr{A}) F_q^q(\mathscr{A}) - F_q(\mathscr{A}) F_t(\mathscr{A})).$$

**Corollary 3.3.** Let  $\mathscr{A} = (a_{ijkl}) \in \mathbb{R}^{[m] \times [n] \times [n] \times [n]}$  be a partially symmetric tensor, and  $\mathscr{F}_M$  an M-identity tensor. Then, for real vector  $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \ldots, \alpha_m)^T \in \mathbb{R}^m$  and  $\beta = (\beta_1, \ldots, \beta_n)^T \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , such that  $\rho(\mathscr{A}) \leq \min\{Q_1(\mathscr{A}), Q_2(\mathscr{A})\}$ , where

$$\begin{split} Q_1(\mathscr{A}) &= \max_{i,k \in [m], k \neq i} \{ \frac{1}{2} (\alpha_i + X_i^i(\mathscr{A}) + \alpha_k + X_k^k(\mathscr{A}) + \Delta_{i,k}^{1/2}) \}, \\ \Delta_{i,k} &= (\alpha_i + X_i^i(\mathscr{A}) + \alpha_k + X_k^k(\mathscr{A}))^2 \\ &- 4 (\alpha_i \alpha_k + X_i^i(\mathscr{A}) X_k^k(\mathscr{A}) + \alpha_k X_i^i(\mathscr{A}) + \alpha_i X_k^k(\mathscr{A}) - X_i(\mathscr{A}) X_k(\mathscr{A})), \\ Q_2(\mathscr{A}) &= \max_{j,l \in [n], j \neq l} \{ \frac{1}{2} (\beta_l + Y_l^l(\mathscr{A}) + \beta_j + Y_j^j(\mathscr{A}) + \Delta_{j,l}^{1/2}) \}, \\ \Delta_{j,l} &= (\beta_l + Y_l^l(\mathscr{A}) + \beta_j + Y_j^j(\mathscr{A}))^2 \\ &- 4 (\beta_l \beta_j + Y_l^l(\mathscr{A}) Y_j^j(\mathscr{A}) + \beta_l Y_j^j(\mathscr{A}) + \beta_j Y_l^l(\mathscr{A}) - Y_l(\mathscr{A}) Y_j(\mathscr{A})). \end{split}$$

Now, we give an example to show a more superior result by choosing these bounds as the parameter in WQZ-algorithm [15].

**Example 3.4.** Let the fourth-order partially symmetric tensor  $\mathscr{A}$  satisfy:

$$\begin{split} \mathscr{A}(:,:,1,1) &= \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} -0.9727 & 0.3169 & -0.3437 \\ -0.6332 & -0.7866 & 0.4257 \\ -0.3350 & -0.9896 & -0.4323 \end{array} \right], \\ \mathscr{A}(:,:,2,1) &= \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} -0.6332 & -0.7866 & 0.4257 \\ 0.7387 & 0.6873 & -0.3248 \\ -0.7986 & -0.5988 & -0.9485 \end{array} \right], \\ \mathscr{A}(:,:,3,1) &= \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} -0.3350 & -0.9896 & -0.4323 \\ -0.7986 & -0.5988 & -0.9485 \\ 0.5853 & 0.5921 & 0.6301 \end{array} \right], \\ \mathscr{A}(:,:,1,2) &= \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 0.3169 & 0.6158 & -0.0184 \\ -0.7866 & 0.0160 & 0.0085 \\ -0.9896 & -0.6663 & 0.2559 \end{array} \right], \end{split}$$

$$\begin{split} \mathscr{A}(:,:,2,2) &= \begin{bmatrix} -0.7866 & 0.0160 & 0.0085\\ 0.6873 & 0.5160 & -0.0216\\ -0.5988 & 0.0411 & 0.9857 \end{bmatrix}, \\ \mathscr{A}(:,:,3,2) &= \begin{bmatrix} -0.9896 & -0.6663 & 0.2559\\ -0.5988 & 0.0411 & 0.9857\\ 0.5921 & -0.2907 & -0.3881 \end{bmatrix}, \\ \mathscr{A}(:,:,1,3) &= \begin{bmatrix} -0.3437 & -0.0184 & 0.5649\\ 0.4257 & 0.0085 & -0.1439\\ -0.4323 & 0.2559 & 0.6162 \end{bmatrix}, \\ \mathscr{A}(:,:,2,3) &= \begin{bmatrix} 0.4257 & 0.0085 & -0.1439\\ -0.3248 & -0.0216 & -0.0037\\ -0.9485 & 0.9857 & -0.7734 \end{bmatrix}, \\ \mathscr{A}(:,:,3,3) &= \begin{bmatrix} -0.4323 & 0.2559 & 0.6162\\ -0.9485 & 0.9857 & -0.7734\\ 0.6301 & -0.3881 & -0.8526 \end{bmatrix}. \end{split}$$



Figure 1: Analysis of convergence of WQZ algorithm for different parameters.

According to the WQZ-algorithm, we have  $\sum_{1 \leq s \leq t \leq mn} |A_{st}| = 23.3503$ . According to Example 2 in the literature [8], we have  $\rho(\mathscr{A}) \leq 16.6014$ ,  $\rho(\mathscr{A}) \leq 14.5910$ ,  $\rho(\mathscr{A}) \leq 12.9822$ . Let  $\alpha = \beta = (-0.18, 0.3587, -0.2)^T$ . By Corollary 3.1, we have  $\rho(\mathscr{A}) \leq 16.2014$ . By Corollary 3.2, we have  $\rho(\mathscr{A}) \leq 14.8826$ . By Corollary 3.3, we have  $\rho(\mathscr{A}) \leq 11.5123$ . From Figure 1, when taking  $\tau = 11.5123$ , the sequence has more rapidly convergence in WQZ-algorithm.

Next, we introduce some checkable sufficient conditions for the M-positive definiteness of the fourth-order partially symmetric tensor.

**Theorem 3.5.** Let  $\mathscr{A} = (a_{ijkl}) \in \mathbb{R}^{[m] \times [n] \times [n]}$  be a partially symmetric tensor, and  $\mathscr{F}_M$  be an M-identity tensor. If there exists a positive real vector  $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \ldots, \alpha_m)^T \in \mathbb{R}^m$  or  $\beta = (\beta_1, \ldots, \beta_n)^T \in \mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $b_\pi > G_\pi(\mathscr{A})$ , then  $\mathscr{A}$  is positive definite.

*Proof.* Suppose on the contrary that  $\lambda \leq 0$ . From Theorem 2.5, there exists  $i = p \in [m]$ , such that  $|\lambda - b_{\pi}| = |\lambda - \alpha_p| \leq G_{\pi}(\mathscr{A}) = D_p(\mathscr{A})$ . Furthermore,  $\alpha_p > 0$  and  $\lambda \leq 0$ ,

$$\alpha_p \le |\lambda - \alpha_p| \le D_p(\mathscr{A}),$$

or there exists  $l = q \in [n]$ , such that  $|\lambda - b_{\pi}| = |\lambda - \beta_q| \leq G_{\pi}(\mathscr{A}) = F_q(\mathscr{A})$ . Furthermore,  $\beta_q > 0$  and  $\lambda \leq 0$ ,

$$\beta_q \le |\lambda - \beta_q| \le F_q(\mathscr{A}).$$

We have  $b_{\pi} \leq G_{\pi}(\mathscr{A})$ , which contradicts the conditions. Therefore, we have  $\lambda > 0$ , and then  $\mathscr{A}$  is M-positive definite.

**Theorem 3.6.** Let  $\mathscr{A} = (a_{ijkl}) \in \mathbb{R}^{[m] \times [n] \times [n]}$  be a partially symmetric tensor, and  $\mathscr{F}_M$  be an M-identity tensor. If there exists a positive real vector  $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \ldots, \alpha_m)^T \in \mathbb{R}^m$  and  $s \neq p$  such that

$$(\alpha_p - D_p^p(\mathscr{A}))\alpha_s > (D_p(\mathscr{A}) - D_p^p(\mathscr{A}))D_s(\mathscr{A}),$$

or a positive real vector  $\beta = (\beta_1, \dots, \beta_n)^T \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $t \neq q$  such that

$$(\beta_q - F_q^q(\mathscr{A}))\beta_t > (F_q(\mathscr{A}) - F_q^q(\mathscr{A}))F_t(\mathscr{A}),$$

then  $\mathscr{A}$  is positive definite.

*Proof.* Suppose on the contrary that  $\lambda \leq 0$ . From Theorem 2.6, there exists  $i = p \in [m]$ , such that

$$(|\lambda - \alpha_p| - D_p^p(\mathscr{A}))|\lambda - \alpha_s| \le (D_p(\mathscr{A}) - D_p^p(\mathscr{A}))D_s(\mathscr{A}).$$

Moreover,  $\alpha_p > 0$  and  $\lambda \leq 0$ 

$$(\alpha_p - D_p^p(\mathscr{A}))\alpha_s \le (|\lambda - \alpha_p| - D_p^p(\mathscr{A}))|\lambda - \alpha_s| \le (D_p(\mathscr{A}) - D_p^p(\mathscr{A}))D_s(\mathscr{A}),$$

which contradicts the conditions. Therefore, we have  $\lambda > 0$ , and then  $\mathscr{A}$  is M-positive definite. The second conclusion can be obtained similarly.

**Theorem 3.7.** Let  $\mathscr{A} = (a_{ijkl}) \in \mathbb{R}^{[m] \times [n] \times [n]}$  be a partially symmetric tensor, and  $\mathscr{F}_M$  be an *M*-identity tensor. For any  $i, k \in [m], k \neq i, j, l \in [n], j \neq l$ , if there exists a positive real vector  $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \ldots, \alpha_m)^T \in \mathbb{R}^m$  such that

$$\alpha_i > X_i^i(\mathscr{A}),$$

$$(\alpha_i - X_i^i(\mathscr{A}))(\alpha_k - X_k^k(\mathscr{A})) > X_i(\mathscr{A})X_k(\mathscr{A}),$$

or a positive real vector  $\beta = (\beta_1, \dots, \beta_n)^T \in \mathbb{R}^n$  such that

$$\beta_l > Y_l^l(\mathscr{A}),$$
$$(\beta_l - Y_l^l(\mathscr{A}))(\beta_j - Y_j^j(\mathscr{A})) > Y_l(\mathscr{A})Y_j(\mathscr{A}),$$

then,  $\mathscr{A}$  is M-positive definite.

*Proof.* Suppose on the contrary that  $\lambda \leq 0$ , From Theorem 2.7,  $\lambda \in \Phi_1(\mathscr{A})$ ,

$$(|\lambda - \alpha_i| - X_i^i(\mathscr{A}))(|\lambda - \alpha_k| - X_k^k(\mathscr{A})) \le X_i(\mathscr{A})X_k(\mathscr{A}), \ |\lambda - \alpha_i| \le X_i^i(\mathscr{A}).$$

Further, it follows from  $\alpha_i \geq 0$ ,

$$X_{i}(\mathscr{A})X_{k}(\mathscr{A}) \geq (|\lambda - \alpha_{i}| - X_{i}^{i}(\mathscr{A}))(|\lambda - \alpha_{k}| - X_{k}^{k}(\mathscr{A}))$$
  
$$\geq (\alpha_{i} - X_{i}^{i}(\mathscr{A}))(\alpha_{k} - X_{k}^{k}(\mathscr{A})), X_{i}^{i}(\mathscr{A})$$
  
$$\geq |\lambda - \alpha_{i}|$$
  
$$\geq \alpha_{i},$$

which contradicts the conditions. Therefore, we have  $\lambda > 0$ , and then  $\mathscr{A}$  is M-positive definite. The second conclusion can be obtained similarly.

The following examples reveal that Theorem 3.5, 3.6 and 3.7 can judge the M-positive definiteness of the fourth-order partially symmetric tensor.

**Example 3.8.** Consider the following partially symmetric tensor  $\mathscr{A} = (a_{ijkl}) \in (\mathbb{R})^{[2] \times [2] \times [2] \times [2]}$  defined by

$$a_{ijkl} = \begin{cases} a_{1111} = 10, \ a_{1221} = a_{1122} = -0.5, \ a_{1212} = 4; \\ a_{2121} = 5, \ a_{2112} = a_{2211} = -0.5, \ a_{2222} = 3; \\ a_{ijkl} = 0, \ otherwise. \end{cases}$$

Set  $\alpha = (8, 4)^T$ . According to Theorem 3.5, we have  $\alpha_1 = 8 > R_1(\mathscr{A}, \alpha_1) = 4$ ,  $\alpha_2 = 4 > R_2(\mathscr{A}, \alpha_2) = 3$  then,  $\mathscr{A}$  is positive definite. Or set  $\beta = (6, 3)^T$ . According to Theorem 3.6, we have  $F_1^1(\mathscr{A}) = 5$ ,  $F_2^2(\mathscr{A}) = 1$ ,  $F_1(\mathscr{A}) = 6$ ,  $F_2(\mathscr{A}) = 2$ , then  $\mathscr{A}$  is positive definite. By calculation, the M-eigenvalue of  $\mathscr{A}$  are 4, 10, 5, 3, 0.028, 2.972 and all of them are positive, which verifies the validity of Theorem 3.5 and Theorem 3.6.

**Example 3.9.** Consider the following partially symmetric tensor  $\mathscr{A} = (a_{ijkl}) \in (\mathbb{R})^{[2] \times [2] \times [2] \times [2]}$  defined by

$$a_{ijkl} = \begin{cases} a_{1111} = a_{1212} = 1.1, \ a_{1222} = -1; \\ a_{2121} = a_{2222} = 1, \ a_{2212} = -1; \\ a_{ijkl} = 0, \ otherwise. \end{cases}$$

Set  $\alpha = (1.1, 1)^T$ . According to Theorem 3.3, we have

$$\alpha_1 = 1.1 > X_1^1(\mathscr{A}) = 0, \ \alpha_2 = 1 > X_2^2(\mathscr{A}) = 0,$$
$$(\alpha_1 - X_1^1(\mathscr{A}))(\alpha_2 - X_2^2(\mathscr{A})) = 1.1 > X_1(\mathscr{A})X_2(\mathscr{A}) = 1.$$

Then,  $\mathscr{A}$  is M-positive definite. By calculation, the M-eigenvalue of  $\mathscr{A}$  are 0.0488, 1.1, 2.0512, which verifies the validity of Theorem 3.7.

### 4 Conclusion

In this paper, M-identity tensor is introduced to establish some new eigenvalue localization sets for fourth-order partially symmetric tensor. It is revealed that the new eigenvalue localization sets are tighter than some existing results. As applications, some bound estimations for the M-spectral radius and some checkable sufficient conditions for the positive definiteness of the fourth-order partially symmetric tensor are obtained based on the new eigenvalue localization sets.

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