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# A tighter M-eigenvalue localization set for partially symmetric tensors and its an application

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**Abstract:** In this paper, a new M-eigenvalue inclusion set for a partially symmetric tensor is provided. It is proved that the new set is tighter than some existing M-eigenvalue inclusion sets. Based on the obtained results, an upper bound of the largest M-eigenvalue is given and a modified WQZ-algorithm is established which guarantees the generated converges to the largest M-eigenvalue of the tensor faster.

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## 1. Introduction

Let  $m$  and  $n$  be two positive integers with  $m \geq 2$  and  $n \geq 2$ ,  $[n] = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ ,  $\mathbb{R}$  be the set of all real numbers,  $\mathbb{R}^n$  be the set of all  $n$ -dimensional real vectors. Let  $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m) \in \mathbb{R}^m$  and  $y = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . If a fourth-order tensor  $\mathcal{A} = (a_{ijkl}) \in \mathbb{R}^{[m] \times [n] \times [m] \times [n]}$  satisfies the properties

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

then we call  $\mathcal{A}$  a partially symmetric tensor.

It is well know that the tensor of the elastic modulus of elastic materials is just partially symmetrical [11]. And the components of a fourth-order partially symmetric tensor  $\mathcal{A}$  can be regarded as the coefficients of the following biquadratic homogeneous polynomial optimization problem [6, 19]:

$$\begin{aligned} \max f(x, y) &\equiv \mathcal{A}xyxy \equiv \sum_{i,k \in [m]} \sum_{j,l \in [n]} a_{ijkl} x_i y_j x_k y_l, & (1.1) \\ \text{s.t. } &x^\top x = 1, \quad y^\top y = 1. \end{aligned}$$

The optimization problem plays a great role in the analysis of nonlinear elastic materials and the entanglement problem in quantum physics [5, 6, 8, 9, 26]. To solve the problem, we would establish a new version based on the following definition:

**Definition 1.1.** [11, 20, 21] Let  $\mathcal{A} = (a_{ijkl}) \in \mathbb{R}^{[m] \times [n] \times [m] \times [n]}$  be a partially symmetric tensor. If there are  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}^m \setminus \{0\}$  and  $y \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\}$  such that

$$\mathcal{A} \cdot yxy = \lambda x, \quad \mathcal{A}xyx = \lambda y, \quad x^\top x = 1, \quad y^\top y = 1, \quad (1.2)$$

where

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

then we call  $\lambda$  an  $M$ -eigenvalue of  $\mathcal{A}$ ,  $x$  and  $y$  the left and right  $M$ -eigenvectors associated with  $\lambda$ , respectively. Let  $\sigma(\mathcal{A})$  be the set of all  $M$ -eigenvalues of  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\lambda_{\max}(\mathcal{A})$  be the largest  $M$ -eigenvalue of  $\mathcal{A}$ , i.e.,

$$\lambda_{\max}(\mathcal{A}) = \max\{|\lambda| : \lambda \in \sigma(\mathcal{A})\}.$$

In 2009, Wang, Qi and Zhang [24] pointed out that Problem (1.1) is equivalently transformed into calculating the largest  $M$ -eigenvalue of a fourth-order partially symmetric tensor. Based on this, Wang et al. [24] presented an algorithm (WQZ-algorithm) to find the largest  $M$ -eigenvalue of a fourth-order partially symmetric tensor.

**WQZ-algorithm** [24, Algorithm 4.1]:

**Initial step:** Input  $\mathcal{A} = (a_{ijkl}) \in \mathbb{R}^{[m] \times [n] \times [m] \times [n]}$  and unfold it into a matrix  $A = (A_{st}) \in \mathbb{R}^{[mn] \times [mn]}$  by mapping  $A_{st} = a_{ijkl}$  with  $s = n(i-1) + j$ ,  $t = n(k-1) + l$ .

Substep 1: Take

$$\tau = \sum_{1 \leq s \leq t \leq mn} |A_{st}|, \quad (1.3)$$

and set

$$\bar{\mathcal{A}} = \tau \mathcal{I} + \mathcal{A}, \quad (1.4)$$

where  $\mathcal{I} = (\delta_{ijkl}) \in \mathbb{R}^{[m] \times [n] \times [m] \times [n]}$  with  $\delta_{ijkl} = 1$  if  $i = k$  and  $j = l$ , otherwise,  $\delta_{ijkl} = 0$ . Then unfold  $\bar{\mathcal{A}} = (\bar{a}_{ijkl}) \in \mathbb{R}^{[m] \times [n] \times [m] \times [n]}$  into a matrix  $\bar{A} = (\bar{A}_{st}) \in \mathbb{R}^{[mn] \times [mn]}$ .

Substep 2: Compute the unit eigenvector  $w = (w_i)_{i=1}^{mn} \in \mathbb{R}^{mn}$  of matrix  $\bar{A}$  associated with its largest eigenvalue, and fold vector  $w$  into the matrix  $W = (W_{ij}) \in \mathbb{R}^{[m] \times [n]}$  in the following way:

$$W_{ij} = w_k,$$

set  $i = \lceil k/n \rceil$ ,  $j = (k-1) \bmod n + 1$ ,  $\forall k = 1, 2, \dots, mn$ .

Substep 3: Compute the singular vectors  $u_1$  and  $v_1$  corresponding to the largest singular value  $\sigma_1$  of the matrix  $W$ . Specifically, the singular value decomposition of  $W$  is

$$W = U^T \Sigma V = \sum_{i=1}^r \sigma_i u_i v_i^T,$$

where  $\sigma_1 \geq \sigma_2 \geq \dots \geq \sigma_r$  and  $r$  is the rank of  $W$ .

Substep 4: Take  $x_0 = u_1$ ,  $y_0 = v_1$ , and let  $k = 0$ .

**Iterative step:** Execute the following procedures alternatively until certain convergence criterion is satisfied and output  $x^*, y^*$  :

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{x}_{k+1} &= \bar{\mathcal{A}} \cdot y_k x_k y_k, & x_{k+1} &= \frac{\bar{x}_{k+1}}{\|\bar{x}_{k+1}\|}, \\ \bar{y}_{k+1} &= \bar{\mathcal{A}} x_{k+1} y_k x_{k+1}, & y_{k+1} &= \frac{\bar{y}_{k+1}}{\|\bar{y}_{k+1}\|}, \\ k &= k + 1.\end{aligned}$$

**Final step:** Output the largest M-eigenvalue of the tensor  $\mathcal{A}$ :

$$\lambda_{\max}(\mathcal{A}) = f(x^*, y^*) - \tau,$$

where

$$f(x^*, y^*) = \sum_{i,k \in [m]} \sum_{j,l \in [n]} \bar{a}_{ijkl} x_i^* y_j^* x_k^* y_l^*,$$

and the associated M-eigenvectors:  $x^*, y^*$ .

The M-eigenvalues of tensors have a close relationship with the strong ellipticity condition in elasticity theory, which guarantees the existence of the solution to the fundamental boundary value problems of elastostatics [3, 5, 16]. However, when the dimensions  $m$  and  $n$  of tensors are large, it is not easy to calculate all M-eigenvalues. Thus, the problem of M-eigenvalue localization have attracted the attention of many researchers and many M-eigenvalue localization sets are given; see [2, 4, 13–15, 17, 18, 23, 27].

For this, Wang, Li and Che [23] presented the following M-eigenvalue localization set for a partially symmetric tensor:

**Theorem 1.1.** [23, Theorem 2.2] *Let  $\mathcal{A} = (a_{ijkl}) \in \mathbb{R}^{[m] \times [n] \times [m] \times [n]}$  be a partially symmetric tensor. Then*

$$\sigma(\mathcal{A}) \subseteq \mathcal{H}(\mathcal{A}) = \bigcup_{i \in [m]} \bigcap_{k \in [m], k \neq i} \mathcal{H}_{i,k}(\mathcal{A}),$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{H}_{i,k}(\mathcal{A}) &= \left[ \widehat{\mathcal{H}}_{i,k}(\mathcal{A}) \cup (\overline{\mathcal{H}}_{i,k}(\mathcal{A}) \cap \Gamma_i(\mathcal{A})) \right], \\ \widehat{\mathcal{H}}_{i,k}(\mathcal{A}) &= \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| \leq R_i(\mathcal{A}) - R_i^k(\mathcal{A}), |z| \leq R_k^k(\mathcal{A})\}, \\ \overline{\mathcal{H}}_{i,k}(\mathcal{A}) &= \{z \in \mathbb{C} : (|z| - (R_i(\mathcal{A}) - R_i^k(\mathcal{A}))) (|z| - R_k^k(\mathcal{A})) \leq R_i^k(\mathcal{A})(R_k(\mathcal{A}) - R_k^k(\mathcal{A}))\}, \\ R_i(\mathcal{A}) &= \sum_{k \in [m]} \sum_{j,l \in [n]} |a_{ijkl}|, \quad R_i^k(\mathcal{A}) = \sum_{j,l \in [n]} |a_{ijkl}|.\end{aligned}$$

From the set  $\mathcal{H}(\mathcal{A})$  in Theorem 1.1, we can obtain an upper bound of the largest M-eigenvalue  $\lambda_{\max}(\mathcal{A})$ , which can be taken as a parameter  $\tau$  in WQZ-algorithm. From Example 2 in [15], it can be seen that the smaller the upper bound of  $\lambda_{\max}(\mathcal{A})$ , the faster WQZ-algorithm converges. In view of this, this paper intends to provide a smaller upper bound based on a new inclusion set and take this new upper bound as a parameter  $\tau$  to make WQZ-algorithm converges to  $\lambda_{\max}(\mathcal{A})$  faster.

The remainder of this paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, we provide an M-eigenvalue localization set for a partially symmetric tensor  $\mathcal{A}$  and prove that the new set is tighter than some

existing M-eigenvalue localization sets. In Section 3, based on the new set, we provide an upper bound for the largest M-eigenvalue of  $\mathcal{A}$ . As an application, in order to make the sequence generated by WQZ-algorithm converge to the largest M-eigenvalue of  $\mathcal{A}$  faster, we replace the parameter  $\tau$  in WQZ-algorithm with the upper bound. In Section 4, we conclude this article.

## 2. A shaper M-eigenvalue localization set of a fourth-order partially symmetric tensor

In this section, we provide a new M-eigenvalue localization set of a fourth-order partially symmetric tensor and prove that the new M-eigenvalue localization set is tighter than that in Theorem 1.1, i.e., Theorem 2.2 in [23]. Before that, the following conclusion in [1, 25] is needed.

**Lemma 2.1.** Let  $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)^\top \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $y = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)^\top \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Then

a) If  $\|x\|_2 = 1$ , then  $|x_i| |x_j| \leq \frac{1}{2}$  for  $i, j \in [n], i \neq j$ ;

b)  $\left(\sum_{i \in [n]} x_i y_i\right)^2 \leq \sum_{i \in [n]} x_i^2 \sum_{i \in [n]} y_i^2$ .

**Theorem 2.1.** Let  $\mathcal{A} = (a_{ijkl}) \in \mathbb{R}^{[m] \times [n] \times [m] \times [n]}$  be a partially symmetric tensor. Then

$$\sigma(\mathcal{A}) \subseteq \Upsilon(\mathcal{A}) = \bigcup_{i \in [m]} \bigcap_{s \in [m], s \neq i} \Upsilon_{i,s}(\mathcal{A}),$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \Upsilon_{i,s}(\mathcal{A}) &= [\widehat{\Upsilon}_{i,s}(\mathcal{A}) \cup (\widetilde{\Upsilon}_{i,s}(\mathcal{A}) \cap \overline{\Upsilon}_{i,s}(\mathcal{A}))], \\ \widehat{\Upsilon}_{i,s}(\mathcal{A}) &= \{z \in \mathbb{R} : |z| < \widetilde{r}_i^s(\mathcal{A}), |z| < r_s^s(\mathcal{A})\}, \\ \widetilde{\Upsilon}_{i,s}(\mathcal{A}) &= \{z \in \mathbb{R} : (|z| - \widetilde{r}_i^s(\mathcal{A}))(|z| - r_s^s(\mathcal{A})) \leq r_i^s(\mathcal{A})\widetilde{r}_s^s(\mathcal{A})\}, \\ \overline{\Upsilon}_{i,s}(\mathcal{A}) &= \{z \in \mathbb{R} : |z| < \widetilde{r}_i^s(\mathcal{A}) + r_i^s(\mathcal{A})\}, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \widetilde{r}_t^s(\mathcal{A}) &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k \in [m], k \neq s} \sum_{j, l \in [n], j \neq l} |a_{tjkl}| + \sum_{k \in [m], k \neq s} \sqrt{\sum_{l \in [n]} a_{tkl}^2}, \\ r_t^s(\mathcal{A}) &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j, l \in [n], j \neq l} |a_{tjst}| + \sqrt{\sum_{l \in [n]} a_{tllst}^2}, \quad t \in [m]. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Let  $\lambda$  be an M-eigenvalue of  $\mathcal{A}$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}^m \setminus \{0\}$  and  $y \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\}$  be its left and right M-eigenvectors, respectively. Then  $x^\top x = 1$ . Let  $|x_t| = \max_{i \in [m]} |x_i|$ . Then  $0 < |x_t| \leq 1$ . For any given  $s \in [m]$  and  $s \neq t$ , by the  $t$ -th equation of (1.2), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda x_t &= \sum_{k \in [m]} \sum_{j, l \in [n]} a_{tjkl} y_j x_k y_l \\ &= \sum_{\substack{k \in [m], \\ k \neq s}} \sum_{\substack{j, l \in [n], \\ j \neq l}} a_{tjkl} y_j x_k y_l + \sum_{\substack{k \in [m], \\ k \neq s}} \sum_{l \in [n]} a_{tkl} y_l x_k y_l + \sum_{\substack{j, l \in [n], \\ j \neq l}} a_{tjst} y_j x_s y_l + \sum_{l \in [n]} a_{tllst} y_l x_s y_l. \end{aligned}$$

Taking the modulus of the above equation and using the triangle inequality and Lemma 2.1, one has

$$\begin{aligned}
|\lambda||x_t| &\leq \sum_{\substack{k \in [m], \\ k \neq s}} \sum_{\substack{j, l \in [n], \\ j \neq l}} |a_{tjkl}| |y_j| |x_k| |y_l| + \sum_{\substack{k \in [m], \\ k \neq s}} \sum_{l \in [n]} |a_{tkl}| |y_l| |x_k| |y_l| + \sum_{\substack{j, l \in [n], \\ j \neq l}} |a_{tjst}| |y_j| |x_s| |y_l| + \sum_{l \in [n]} |a_{tstl}| |y_l| |x_s| |y_l| \\
&\leq \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\substack{k \in [m], \\ k \neq s}} \sum_{\substack{j, l \in [n], \\ j \neq l}} |a_{tjkl}| |x_t| + \sum_{\substack{k \in [m], \\ k \neq s}} \sum_{l \in [n]} |a_{tkl}| |y_l| |x_t| + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\substack{j, l \in [n], \\ j \neq l}} |a_{tjst}| |x_s| + \sum_{l \in [n]} |a_{tstl}| |y_l| |x_s| \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\substack{k \in [m], \\ k \neq s}} \sum_{\substack{j, l \in [n], \\ j \neq l}} |a_{tjkl}| |x_t| + |x_t| \sum_{\substack{k \in [m], \\ k \neq s}} \left( \sum_{l \in [n]} |a_{tkl}| |y_l| \right) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\substack{j, l \in [n], \\ j \neq l}} |a_{tjst}| |x_s| + |x_s| \sum_{l \in [n]} |a_{tstl}| |y_l| \\
&\leq \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\substack{k \in [m], \\ k \neq s}} \sum_{\substack{j, l \in [n], \\ j \neq l}} |a_{tjkl}| |x_t| + |x_t| \sum_{\substack{k \in [m], \\ k \neq s}} \left( \sqrt{\sum_{l \in [n]} |a_{tkl}|^2} \sqrt{\sum_{l \in [n]} |y_l|^2} \right) \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\substack{j, l \in [n], \\ j \neq l}} |a_{tjst}| |x_s| + |x_s| \sqrt{\sum_{l \in [n]} |a_{tstl}|^2} \sqrt{\sum_{l \in [n]} |y_l|^2} \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\substack{k \in [m], \\ k \neq s}} \sum_{\substack{j, l \in [n], \\ j \neq l}} |a_{tjkl}| |x_t| + |x_t| \sum_{\substack{k \in [m], \\ k \neq s}} \sqrt{\sum_{l \in [n]} a_{tkl}^2} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\substack{j, l \in [n], \\ j \neq l}} |a_{tjst}| |x_s| + |x_s| \sqrt{\sum_{l \in [n]} a_{tstl}^2} \\
&= \left( \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\substack{k \in [m], \\ k \neq s}} \sum_{\substack{j, l \in [n], \\ j \neq l}} |a_{tjkl}| + \sum_{\substack{k \in [m], \\ k \neq s}} \sqrt{\sum_{l \in [n]} a_{tkl}^2} \right) |x_t| + \left( \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\substack{j, l \in [n], \\ j \neq l}} |a_{tjst}| + \sqrt{\sum_{l \in [n]} a_{tstl}^2} \right) |x_s| \\
&= \widetilde{r}_t^s(\mathcal{A}) |x_t| + r_t^s(\mathcal{A}) |x_s|,
\end{aligned}$$

i.e.,

$$(|\lambda| - \widetilde{r}_t^s(\mathcal{A})) |x_t| \leq r_t^s(\mathcal{A}) |x_s|. \quad (2.1)$$

By (2.1), we have  $(|\lambda| - \widetilde{r}_t^s(\mathcal{A})) |x_t| \leq r_t^s(\mathcal{A}) |x_t|$ , which leads to that  $|\lambda| \leq \widetilde{r}_t^s(\mathcal{A}) + r_t^s(\mathcal{A})$ , i.e.,  $\lambda \in \overline{\Upsilon}_{t,s}(\mathcal{A})$ .

If  $|x_s| > 0$ , then by the  $s$ -th equation of (1.2), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\lambda x_s &= \sum_{k \in [m]} \sum_{j, l \in [n]} a_{sjkl} y_j x_k y_l \\
&= \sum_{\substack{k \in [m], \\ k \neq s}} \sum_{\substack{j, l \in [n], \\ j \neq l}} a_{sjkl} y_j x_k y_l + \sum_{\substack{k \in [m], \\ k \neq s}} \sum_{l \in [n]} a_{stkl} y_l x_k y_l + \sum_{\substack{j, l \in [n], \\ j \neq l}} a_{sjst} y_j x_s y_l + \sum_{l \in [n]} a_{stsl} y_l x_s y_l.
\end{aligned}$$

Taking the modulus of the above equation and using the triangle inequality and Lemma 2.1 yield

$$\begin{aligned}
|\lambda||x_s| &\leq \sum_{\substack{k \in [m], \\ k \neq s}} \sum_{\substack{j, l \in [n], \\ j \neq l}} |a_{sjkl}| |y_j| |x_k| |y_l| + \sum_{\substack{k \in [m], \\ k \neq s}} \sum_{l \in [n]} |a_{stkl}| |y_l| |x_k| |y_l| + \sum_{\substack{j, l \in [n], \\ j \neq l}} |a_{sjst}| |y_j| |x_s| |y_l| + \sum_{l \in [n]} |a_{stsl}| |y_l| |x_s| |y_l| \\
&\leq \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\substack{k \in [m], \\ k \neq s}} \sum_{\substack{j, l \in [n], \\ j \neq l}} |a_{sjkl}| |x_t| + \sum_{\substack{k \in [m], \\ k \neq s}} \sum_{l \in [n]} |a_{stkl}| |y_l| |x_t| + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\substack{j, l \in [n], \\ j \neq l}} |a_{sjst}| |x_s| + \sum_{l \in [n]} |a_{stsl}| |y_l| |x_s| \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\substack{k \in [m], \\ k \neq s}} \sum_{\substack{j, l \in [n], \\ j \neq l}} |a_{sjkl}| |x_t| + |x_t| \sum_{\substack{k \in [m], \\ k \neq s}} \left( \sum_{l \in [n]} |a_{stkl}| |y_l| \right) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\substack{j, l \in [n], \\ j \neq l}} |a_{sjst}| |x_s| + |x_s| \sum_{l \in [n]} |a_{stsl}| |y_l|
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\substack{k \in [m], \\ k \neq s}} \sum_{\substack{j, l \in [n], \\ j \neq l}} |a_{sjkl}| |x_t| + |x_t| \sum_{\substack{k \in [m], \\ k \neq s}} \left( \sqrt{\sum_{l \in [n]} |a_{slkl}|^2} \sqrt{\sum_{l \in [n]} |y_l|^2} \right) \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\substack{j, l \in [n], \\ j \neq l}} |a_{sjst}| |x_s| + |x_s| \sqrt{\sum_{l \in [n]} |a_{slst}|^2} \sqrt{\sum_{l \in [n]} |y_l|^2} \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\substack{k \in [m], \\ k \neq s}} \sum_{\substack{j, l \in [n], \\ j \neq l}} |a_{sjkl}| |x_t| + |x_t| \sum_{\substack{k \in [m], \\ k \neq s}} \sqrt{\sum_{l \in [n]} a_{slkl}^2} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\substack{j, l \in [n], \\ j \neq l}} |a_{sjst}| |x_s| + |x_s| \sqrt{\sum_{l \in [n]} a_{slst}^2} \\
&= \left( \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\substack{k \in [m], \\ k \neq s}} \sum_{\substack{j, l \in [n], \\ j \neq l}} |a_{sjkl}| + \sum_{\substack{k \in [m], \\ k \neq s}} \sqrt{\sum_{l \in [n]} a_{slkl}^2} \right) |x_t| + \left( \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\substack{j, l \in [n], \\ j \neq l}} |a_{sjst}| + \sqrt{\sum_{l \in [n]} a_{slst}^2} \right) |x_s| \\
&= \widetilde{r}_t^s(\mathcal{A}) |x_t| + r_s^s(\mathcal{A}) |x_s|,
\end{aligned}$$

i.e.,

$$(|\lambda| - r_s^s(\mathcal{A})) |x_s| \leq \widetilde{r}_t^s(\mathcal{A}) |x_t|. \quad (2.2)$$

When  $|\lambda| \geq \widetilde{r}_t^s(\mathcal{A})$  or  $|\lambda| \geq r_s^s(\mathcal{A})$ , multiplying (2.1) and (2.2) and eliminating  $|x_t| |x_s| > 0$ , we have

$$(|\lambda| - \widetilde{r}_t^s(\mathcal{A})) (|\lambda| - r_s^s(\mathcal{A})) \leq r_t^s(\mathcal{A}) \widetilde{r}_s^s(\mathcal{A}), \quad (2.3)$$

which implies that

$$\lambda \in (\widetilde{\Upsilon}_{t,s}(\mathcal{A}) \cap \overline{\Upsilon}_{t,s}(\mathcal{A})). \quad (2.4)$$

When  $|\lambda| < \widetilde{r}_t^s(\mathcal{A})$  and  $|\lambda| < r_s^s(\mathcal{A})$ , it holds that

$$\lambda \in \widehat{\Upsilon}_{t,s}(\mathcal{A}). \quad (2.5)$$

It follows from (2.4) and (2.5) that

$$\lambda \in \left[ \widehat{\Upsilon}_{t,s}(\mathcal{A}) \cup (\widetilde{\Upsilon}_{t,s}(\mathcal{A}) \cap \overline{\Upsilon}_{t,s}(\mathcal{A})) \right] = \Upsilon_{t,s}(\mathcal{A}). \quad (2.6)$$

If  $|x_s| = 0$  in (2.1), then  $|\lambda| \leq \widetilde{r}_t^s(\mathcal{A})$ . When  $|\lambda| = \widetilde{r}_t^s(\mathcal{A})$ , then (2.3) holds and consequently, (2.4) holds. When  $|\lambda| < \widetilde{r}_t^s(\mathcal{A})$ , if  $|\lambda| \geq r_s^s(\mathcal{A})$ , then (2.3) and (2.4) hold. If  $|\lambda| < r_s^s(\mathcal{A})$ , then (2.5) holds. Hence, (2.6) holds. By the arbitrariness of  $s \in [m]$ , and  $s \neq t$ , we have

$$\lambda \in \bigcap_{t \neq s} \Upsilon_{t,s}(\mathcal{A}) \subseteq \bigcup_{t \in [m]} \bigcap_{t \neq s} \Upsilon_{t,s}(\mathcal{A}),$$

therefore, the assertion is proved.  $\square$

Next, we give the relationship between the localization set  $\mathcal{H}(\mathcal{A})$  given in Theorem 1.1 and the set  $\Upsilon(\mathcal{A})$  given in Theorem 2.1.

**Theorem 2.2.** Let  $\mathcal{A} = (a_{ijkl}) \in \mathbb{R}^{[m] \times [n] \times [m] \times [n]}$  be a partially symmetric tensor. Then

$$\Upsilon(\mathcal{A}) \subseteq \mathcal{H}(\mathcal{A}).$$

*Proof.* For any  $i, s \in [m]$  and  $i \neq s$ , it holds that

$$\bar{r}_i^s(\mathcal{A}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\substack{k \in [m], \\ k \neq s}} \sum_{\substack{j, l \in [n], \\ j \neq l}} |a_{ijkl}| + \sum_{\substack{k \in [m], \\ k \neq s}} \sqrt{\sum_{l \in [n]} a_{ilk}^2} \leq \sum_{\substack{k \in [m], \\ k \neq s}} \sum_{j, l \in [n]} |a_{ijkl}| = R_i(\mathcal{A}) - R_i^s(\mathcal{A}); \quad (2.7)$$

and

$$r_i^s(\mathcal{A}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\substack{j, l \in [n], \\ j \neq l}} |a_{ijsl}| + \sqrt{\sum_{l \in [n]} a_{ilsl}^2} \leq \sum_{j, l \in [n]} |a_{ijsl}| = R_i^s(\mathcal{A}). \quad (2.8)$$

Let  $z \in \Upsilon(\mathcal{A})$ . By Theorem 2.1, there is an index  $i \in [m]$  such that for any  $s \in [m]$ ,  $i \neq s$ ,  $z \in \Upsilon_{i,s}(\mathcal{A})$ , which means that  $z \in \widehat{\Upsilon}_{i,s}(\mathcal{A})$ , or  $z \in \widetilde{\Upsilon}_{i,s}(\mathcal{A})$  and  $z \in \overline{\Upsilon}_{i,s}(\mathcal{A})$ .

Let  $z \in \widehat{\Upsilon}_{i,s}(\mathcal{A})$ , i.e.,  $|z| < \bar{r}_i^s(\mathcal{A})$  and  $|z| < r_s^s(\mathcal{A})$ . By (2.7) and (2.8), we have  $|z| \leq R_i(\mathcal{A}) - R_i^s(\mathcal{A})$  and  $|z| \leq R_s^s(\mathcal{A})$ , therefore,  $z \in \widehat{\mathcal{H}}_{i,s}(\mathcal{A})$ .

Let  $z \in \widetilde{\Upsilon}_{i,s}(\mathcal{A})$  and  $z \in \overline{\Upsilon}_{i,s}(\mathcal{A})$ , i.e.,

$$(|z| - \bar{r}_i^s(\mathcal{A}))(|z| - r_s^s(\mathcal{A})) \leq r_i^s(\mathcal{A})\bar{r}_s^s(\mathcal{A}), \quad (2.9)$$

and

$$|z| < \bar{r}_i^s(\mathcal{A}) + r_i^s(\mathcal{A}). \quad (2.10)$$

By (2.7), (2.8) and (2.10), one has  $|z| < \bar{r}_i^s(\mathcal{A}) + r_i^s(\mathcal{A}) \leq R_i(\mathcal{A})$ , which means that  $z \in \Gamma_i(\mathcal{A})$ . When  $|z| \geq R_i(\mathcal{A}) - R_i^s(\mathcal{A})$  and  $|z| \geq R_s^s(\mathcal{A})$ , by (2.7), (2.8) and (2.9), we have

$$|z| - \bar{r}_i^s(\mathcal{A}) \geq |z| - (R_i(\mathcal{A}) - R_i^s(\mathcal{A})) \geq 0, \quad |z| - r_s^s(\mathcal{A}) \geq |z| - R_s^s(\mathcal{A}) \geq 0,$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} (|z| - (R_i(\mathcal{A}) - R_i^s(\mathcal{A}))) (|z| - R_s^s(\mathcal{A})) &\leq (|z| - \bar{r}_i^s(\mathcal{A})) (|z| - r_s^s(\mathcal{A})) \\ &\leq r_i^s(\mathcal{A})\bar{r}_s^s(\mathcal{A}) \leq R_i^s(\mathcal{A})(R_s(\mathcal{A}) - R_s^s(\mathcal{A})), \end{aligned}$$

i.e.,

$$(|z| - (R_i(\mathcal{A}) - R_i^s(\mathcal{A}))) (|z| - R_s^s(\mathcal{A})) \leq R_i^s(\mathcal{A})(R_s(\mathcal{A}) - R_s^s(\mathcal{A})), \quad (2.11)$$

which means that  $z \in \overline{\mathcal{H}}_{i,s}(\mathcal{A})$ . Thus, whether  $R_i(\mathcal{A}) - R_i^s(\mathcal{A}) \leq |z| \leq R_s^s(\mathcal{A})$  or  $R_s^s(\mathcal{A}) \leq |z| \leq R_i(\mathcal{A}) - R_i^s(\mathcal{A})$ , (2.11) also holds. When  $|z| \leq R_i(\mathcal{A}) - R_i^s(\mathcal{A})$  and  $|z| \leq R_s^s(\mathcal{A})$ , it follows that  $z \in \widehat{\mathcal{H}}_{i,s}(\mathcal{A})$ . i.e.,

$$z \in \left[ \widehat{\mathcal{H}}_{i,s}(\mathcal{A}) \cup (\overline{\mathcal{H}}_{i,s}(\mathcal{A}) \cap \Gamma_i(\mathcal{A})) \right] = \mathcal{H}_{i,s}(\mathcal{A}).$$

From the arbitrariness of  $s \in [m]$ , and  $s \neq i$ , we have

$$z \in \bigcap_{s \in [m], s \neq i} \mathcal{H}_{i,s}(\mathcal{A}) \subseteq \bigcup_{i \in [m]} \bigcap_{s \in [m], s \neq i} \mathcal{H}_{i,s}(\mathcal{A}),$$

i.e.,  $z \in \mathcal{H}(\mathcal{A})$ . Therefore,  $\Upsilon(\mathcal{A}) \subseteq \mathcal{H}(\mathcal{A})$ .  $\square$

In order to show the validity of the set  $\Upsilon(\mathcal{A})$  given in Theorem 2.1, we present a running example.

**Example 1.** Let  $\mathcal{A} = (a_{ijkl}) \in \mathbb{R}^{[2] \times [2] \times [2] \times [2]}$  be a partially symmetric tensor with entries

$$\begin{aligned} a_{1111} &= 1, & a_{1112} &= 2, & a_{1121} &= 2, & a_{1212} &= 3, \\ a_{1222} &= 5, & a_{1211} &= 2, & a_{1122} &= 4, & a_{1221} &= 4, \\ a_{2111} &= 2, & a_{2112} &= 4, & a_{2121} &= 3, & a_{2122} &= 5, \\ a_{2211} &= 4, & a_{2212} &= 5, & a_{2221} &= 5, & a_{2222} &= 6. \end{aligned}$$

By Theorem 1.1, we have

$$\mathcal{H}(\mathcal{A}) = \bigcup_{i \in [m]} \bigcap_{k \in [m], k \neq i} \mathcal{H}_{i,k}(\mathcal{A}) = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| \leq 29.4765\}.$$

By Theorem 2.1, we have

$$\Upsilon(\mathcal{A}) = \bigcup_{i \in [m]} \bigcap_{s \in [m], s \neq i} \Upsilon_{i,s}(\mathcal{A}) = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| \leq 20.0035\}.$$

It is easy to see that  $\Upsilon(\mathcal{A}) \subseteq \mathcal{H}(\mathcal{A})$  and all M-eigenvalues are in  $[-20.0035, 20.0035]$ . In fact, all different M-eigenvalues of  $\mathcal{A}$  are  $-1.2765, 0.0710, 0.1242, 0.2765, 0.3437$  and  $15.2091$ .

### 3. A sharp upper bound for the M-spectral radius of a partially symmetric tensor

In this section, based on the set in Theorem 2.1, we provide an upper bound for the largest M-eigenvalue of a fourth-order partially symmetric tensor  $\mathcal{A}$ . As an application, we apply the upper bound as a parameter  $\tau$  to the WQZ-algorithm to make the sequence generated by the WQZ-algorithm converges to the largest M-eigenvalue of  $\mathcal{A}$  faster.

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $\mathcal{A} = (a_{ijkl}) \in \mathbb{R}^{[m] \times [n] \times [m] \times [n]}$  be a partially symmetric tensor. Then

$$\rho(\mathcal{A}) \leq \Omega(\mathcal{A}) = \max_{i \in [m]} \min_{s \in [m], i \neq s} \Omega_{i,s}(\mathcal{A}),$$

where

$$\Omega_{i,s}(\mathcal{A}) = \max \left\{ \min\{\tilde{r}_i^s(\mathcal{A}), r_s^s(\mathcal{A})\}, \min\{\tilde{r}_i^s(\mathcal{A}) + r_i^s(\mathcal{A}), \widehat{\Omega}_{i,s}(\mathcal{A})\} \right\},$$

and

$$\widehat{\Omega}_{i,s}(\mathcal{A}) = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \tilde{r}_i^s(\mathcal{A}) + r_s^s(\mathcal{A}) + \sqrt{(r_s^s(\mathcal{A}) - \tilde{r}_i^s(\mathcal{A}))^2 + 4r_i^s(\mathcal{A})\tilde{r}_s^s(\mathcal{A})} \right\}.$$

*Proof.* By Theorem 2.1 and  $\rho(\mathcal{A}) \in \sigma(\mathcal{A})$ , it follows that there exists an index  $i \in [m]$  such that for any  $s \in [m]$  and  $s \neq i$ ,  $\rho(\mathcal{A}) \in \widehat{\Upsilon}_{i,s}(\mathcal{A})$ , or  $\rho(\mathcal{A}) \in (\widetilde{\Upsilon}_{i,s}(\mathcal{A}) \cap \overline{\Upsilon}_{i,s}(\mathcal{A}))$ . If  $\rho(\mathcal{A}) \in \widehat{\Upsilon}_{i,s}(\mathcal{A})$ , that is,  $\rho(\mathcal{A}) < \tilde{r}_i^s(\mathcal{A})$  and  $\rho(\mathcal{A}) < r_s^s(\mathcal{A})$ , then

$$\rho(\mathcal{A}) < \min\{\tilde{r}_i^s(\mathcal{A}), r_s^s(\mathcal{A})\}. \quad (3.1)$$



If  $\rho(\mathcal{A}) \in (\widetilde{Y}_{i,s}(\mathcal{A}) \cap \overline{Y}_{i,s}(\mathcal{A}))$ , that is,

$$\rho(\mathcal{A}) < \widetilde{r}_i^s(\mathcal{A}) + r_i^s(\mathcal{A}) < \min\{\widetilde{r}_i^s(\mathcal{A}) + r_i^s(\mathcal{A})\}, \quad (3.2)$$

and

$$(\rho(\mathcal{A}) - \widetilde{r}_i^s(\mathcal{A}))(\rho(\mathcal{A}) - r_i^s(\mathcal{A})) \leq r_i^s(\mathcal{A})\widetilde{r}_i^s(\mathcal{A}). \quad (3.3)$$

Solving Inequality (3.3), we have

$$\rho(\mathcal{A}) \leq \widehat{\Omega}_{i,s}(\mathcal{A}) \leq \min\{\widehat{\Omega}_{i,s}(\mathcal{A})\}. \quad (3.4)$$

Combining (3.2) and (3.4), we have

$$\rho(\mathcal{A}) \leq \min\{\widetilde{r}_i^s(\mathcal{A}) + r_i^s(\mathcal{A}), \widehat{\Omega}_{i,s}(\mathcal{A})\}. \quad (3.5)$$

Hence, by (3.1) and (3.5), we have

$$\rho(\mathcal{A}) \leq \max\left\{\min\{\widetilde{r}_i^s(\mathcal{A}), r_i^s(\mathcal{A})\}, \min\{\widetilde{r}_i^s(\mathcal{A}) + r_i^s(\mathcal{A}), \widehat{\Omega}_{i,s}(\mathcal{A})\}\right\} = \Omega_{i,s}(\mathcal{A}).$$

Furthermore, by the arbitrariness of  $s$ , we have

$$\rho(\mathcal{A}) \leq \min_{s \in [m], i \neq s} \Omega_{i,s}(\mathcal{A}).$$

Since we do not know which  $i$  is appropriate to  $\rho(\mathcal{A})$ , we can only conclude that

$$\rho(\mathcal{A}) \leq \max_{i \in [m]} \min_{s \in [m], i \neq s} \Omega_{i,s}(\mathcal{A}).$$

This proof is complete. □

**Remark 3.1.** In Theorem 3.1, we obtain an upper bound  $\Omega(\mathcal{A})$  for the largest  $M$ -eigenvalue of a fourth order partially symmetric tensor  $\mathcal{A}$ . Now, we take  $\Omega(\mathcal{A})$  as the parameter  $\tau$  in WQZ-algorithm to obtain a modified WQZ-algorithm. That is, the only difference between WQZ-algorithm and the modified WQZ-algorithm is the selection of  $\tau$ , in particular,  $\tau = \sum_{1 \leq s \leq t \leq mn} |A_{st}|$  in WQZ-algorithm and  $\tau = \Omega(\mathcal{A})$  in the modified WQZ-algorithm.

Next, we take  $\Omega(\mathcal{A})$  and some existing upper bounds of the largest  $M$ -eigenvalue as  $\tau$  in WQZ-algorithm to calculate the largest  $M$ -eigenvalue of a fourth-order partially symmetric tensor  $\mathcal{A}$ .

**Example 2.** Consider the tensor  $\mathcal{A}$  in Example 4.1 of [24], where

$$\mathcal{A}(:, :, 1, 1) = \begin{bmatrix} -0.9727 & 0.3169 & -0.3437 \\ -0.6332 & -0.7866 & 0.4257 \\ -0.3350 & -0.9896 & -0.4323 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\mathcal{A}(:, :, 2, 1) = \begin{bmatrix} -0.6332 & -0.7866 & 0.4257 \\ 0.7387 & 0.6873 & -0.3248 \\ -0.7986 & -0.5988 & -0.9485 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A}(:, :, 3, 1) &= \begin{bmatrix} -0.3350 & -0.9896 & -0.4323 \\ -0.7986 & -0.5988 & -0.9485 \\ 0.5853 & 0.5921 & 0.6301 \end{bmatrix}, \\ \mathcal{A}(:, :, 1, 2) &= \begin{bmatrix} 0.3169 & 0.6158 & -0.0184 \\ -0.7866 & 0.0160 & 0.0085 \\ -0.9896 & -0.6663 & 0.2559 \end{bmatrix}, \\ \mathcal{A}(:, :, 2, 2) &= \begin{bmatrix} -0.7866 & 0.0160 & 0.0085 \\ 0.6873 & 0.5160 & -0.0216 \\ -0.5988 & 0.0411 & 0.9857 \end{bmatrix}, \\ \mathcal{A}(:, :, 3, 2) &= \begin{bmatrix} -0.9896 & -0.6663 & 0.2559 \\ -0.5988 & 0.0411 & 0.9857 \\ 0.5921 & -0.2907 & -0.3881 \end{bmatrix}, \\ \mathcal{A}(:, :, 1, 3) &= \begin{bmatrix} -0.3437 & -0.0184 & 0.5649 \\ 0.4257 & 0.0085 & -0.1439 \\ -0.4323 & 0.2559 & 0.6162 \end{bmatrix}, \\ \mathcal{A}(:, :, 2, 3) &= \begin{bmatrix} 0.4257 & 0.0085 & -0.1439 \\ -0.3248 & -0.0216 & -0.0037 \\ -0.9485 & 0.9857 & -0.7734 \end{bmatrix}, \\ \mathcal{A}(:, :, 3, 3) &= \begin{bmatrix} -0.4323 & 0.2559 & 0.6162 \\ -0.9485 & 0.9857 & -0.7734 \\ 0.6301 & -0.3881 & -0.8526 \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

By (1.3), we have  $\tau = \sum_{1 \leq s \leq t \leq 9} |A_{st}| = 23.3503$ . By Corollary 1 of [17], we have

$$\rho(\mathcal{A}) \leq 16.6014.$$

By Theorem 3.5 of [23], we have

$$\rho(\mathcal{A}) \leq 15.4102.$$

By Corollary 2 of [17], we have

$$\rho(\mathcal{A}) \leq 14.5910.$$

By Corollary 1 of [15], where  $S_m = S_n = 1$ , we have

$$\rho(\mathcal{A}) \leq 13.8844.$$

By Corollary 2 of [15], where  $S_m = S_n = 1$ , we have

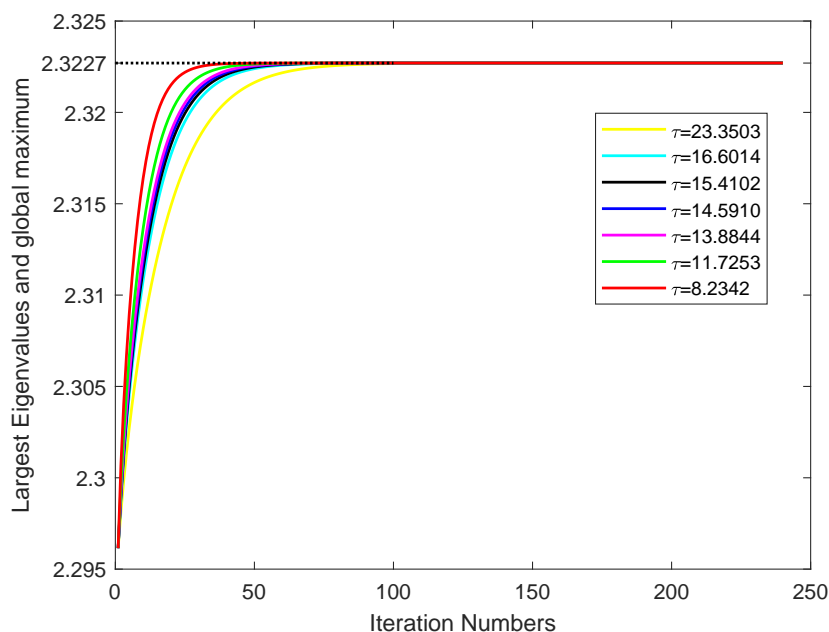
$$\rho(\mathcal{A}) \leq 11.7253.$$

By Theorem 3.1, we have

$$\rho(\mathcal{A}) \leq 8.2342.$$

From [24], it can be seen that  $\lambda_{\max}(\mathcal{A}) = 2.3227$ .

Taking  $\tau = 23.3503, 16.6014, 15.4102, 14.5910, 13.8844, 11.7253$  and  $8.2342$  respectively, numerical results obtained by the WQZ-algorithm are shown in Figure 1.



**Figure 1.** Numerical results for the WQZ-algorithm with different  $\tau$ .

Numerical results in Figure 1 shows that :

1) When we take  $\tau = 8.2342$ , the sequence more rapidly converges to the largest M-eigenvalue  $\lambda_{\max}(\mathcal{A})$  than taking  $\tau = 23.3503, \tau = 16.6014, \tau = 15.4102, \tau = 14.5910, \tau = 13.8844$  and  $\tau = 11.7253$ , respectively.

2) When we take  $\tau = 23.3503, 16.6014, 15.4102, 14.5910, 13.8844, 11.7253$  and  $8.2342$ , the WQZ-algorithm can get the largest M-eigenvalue  $\lambda_{\max}(\mathcal{A})$  after finite iterations. However, under the same stopping criterion, if we take  $\tau = 23.3503, 16.6014, 15.4102, 14.5910, 13.8844$  and  $11.7253$ , it can be seen that the WQZ-algorithm needs more iterations to obtain the largest M-eigenvalue, and when  $\tau = 8.2342$ , WQZ-algorithm can obtain the largest M-eigenvalue  $\lambda_{\max}(\mathcal{A})$  faster.

3) The choice of the parameter  $\tau$  in WQZ-algorithm has a significant impact on the convergence speed of the WQZ-algorithm. When  $\tau$  is larger, the convergence speed of WQZ-algorithm is slower. When  $\tau$  is smaller and  $\tau$  is greater than the largest M-eigenvalue, the WQZ-algorithm converges faster. In other words, the faster the largest M-eigenvalue can be obtained.

4) The numerical result of the upper bound of the M-spectral radius obtained by Theorem 3.1 is of great help to the WQZ-algorithm. Therefore, it shows that the results we get have a certain effect.  $\square$

Now, we consider a real elasticity tensor, which is derived from the study of self-anisotropic materials [10] for explanation.

In anisotropy materials, the components of the tensor of elastic moduli  $C = (c_{ijkl}) \in \mathbb{R}^{[3] \times [3] \times [3] \times [3]}$  satisfy the following symmetry:

$$c_{ijkl} = c_{jikl} = c_{ijlk} = c_{jilk}, \quad c_{ijkl} = c_{klij}, \quad \forall 1 \leq i, j, k, l \leq 3,$$

which is also called an elasticity tensor. After a lot of research, we know that there are many anisotropic materials, of which crystal is one of its typical examples. We classify from the crystal homologues [22], the elasticity tensor  $C = (c_{ijkl}) \in \mathbb{R}^{[3] \times [3] \times [3] \times [3]}$  of some crystals for trigonal system, such as  $CaCO_3$  and  $HgS$  also satisfy

$$\begin{aligned} c_{1112} &= c_{2212} = c_{3323} = c_{3331} = c_{3312} = c_{2331} = 0, \\ c_{2222} &= c_{1111}, c_{3131} = c_{2323}, c_{2233} = c_{1133}, c_{2223} = -c_{1123}, \\ c_{2231} &= -c_{1131}, c_{3112} = \sqrt{2}c_{1123}, c_{2312} = -\sqrt{2}c_{1131}, c_{1212} = c_{1111} - c_{1122}. \end{aligned}$$

This shows that the triangular system of anisotropic materials has only 7 elasticities. In fact,  $CaMg(CO_3)_2$ -dolomite and  $CaCO_3$ -calcite have similar crystal structures, in which the atoms along any triplet are alternated with magnesium and calcium. In [22], we can know that the elasticity tensor of  $CaMg(CO_3)_2$ -dolomite is as follows.

$$\begin{aligned} c_{2222} &= c_{1111} = 196.6, c_{3131} = c_{2323} = 83.2, c_{2233} = c_{1133} = 54.7, c_{2223} = -c_{1123} = 31.7, \\ c_{2231} &= -c_{1131} = -25.3, c_{3112} = 44.8, c_{2312} = -35.84, c_{1212} = 132.2, c_{3333} = 110, \\ c_{1122} &= 64.4. \end{aligned}$$

Next, we transform the elastic tensor  $C$  into a partially symmetric tensor  $\mathcal{A}$  through the following double mapping, and the M-eigenvalue of  $\mathcal{A}$  after transformation is the same as the M-eigenvalue of  $C$  [7, 12]:

$$a_{ijkl} = a_{ikjl}, \quad 1 \leq i, j, k, l \leq 3.$$

In order to illustrate the validity of the results we obtained, we take the above-mentioned partial symmetry tensor of the  $CaMg(CO_3)_2$ -dolomite elasticity tensor transformation as an example.

**Example 3.** Consider the tensor  $\mathcal{A}_2 = (a_{ijkl}) \in \mathbb{R}^{[3] \times [3] \times [3] \times [3]}$  in Example 3 of [17], where

$$\begin{aligned} a_{2222} &= a_{1111} = 196.6, a_{3311} = a_{2233} = 83.2, a_{2323} = a_{3232} = a_{1313} = a_{3131} = 54.7, \\ a_{2223} &= a_{2232} = -a_{1213} = -a_{2131} = -31.7, a_{3333} = 110, a_{1212} = a_{2121} = 64.4, \\ a_{1122} &= 132.2, a_{2321} = a_{1232} = -a_{1311} = -a_{1131} = -25.3, a_{3112} = a_{1321} = 44.8, \\ a_{2132} &= a_{1223} = -35.84, \end{aligned}$$

and other  $a_{ijkl} = 0$ .

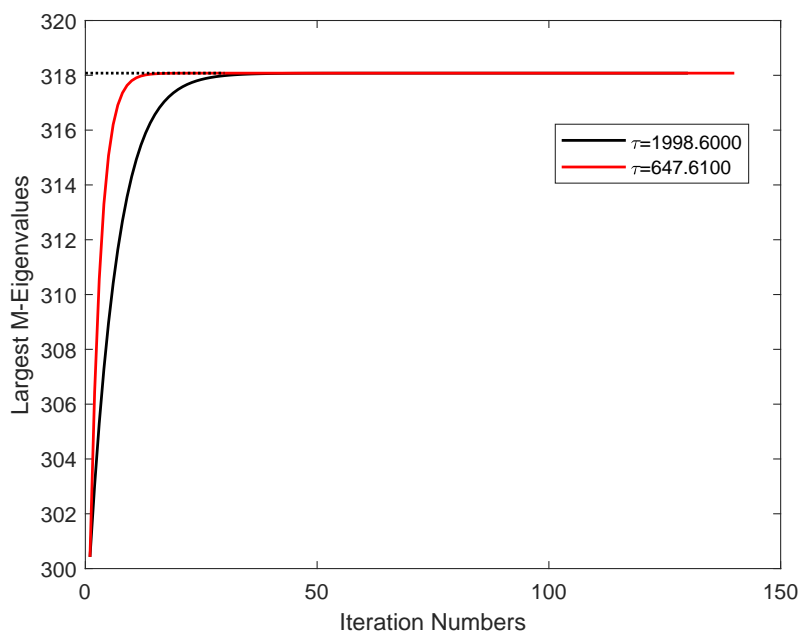
The data results of Example 2 show that the upper bound of the largest M-eigenvalue in Theorem 3.1 is sharper than the existing results. Here, we only calculate the upper bound of the largest M-eigenvalue of  $\mathcal{A}_2$  by Theorem 3.1, and use it as the parameter  $\tau$  in the WQZ-algorithm to calculate the largest M-eigenvalue of  $\mathcal{A}_2$ . Here, in order to distinguish different values of  $\tau$ , we calculate the result by Theorem 3.1 and record it as  $\tau_2$ , that is, WQZ-algorithm  $\tau = \tau_2$ .

By Theorem 3.1, we can get  $\tau_2 = 647.6100$ .

By Eq (1.3), we can get

$$\tau = \sum_{1 \leq s \leq t \leq 9} |A_{st}| = 1998.6000.$$

In the WQZ-algorithm, when we take  $\tau = 1998.6000$  and  $647.6100$  respectively, the numerical results we get are shown in Figure 2.



**Figure 2.** Numerical results for the WQZ-algorithm with different  $\tau$ .

As we can see in Figure 2, in the WQZ-algorithm, when we regard  $\tau_2$  as  $\tau$ , it makes the convergence sequence in the WQZ-algorithm converges faster than  $\tau = \sum_{1 \leq s \leq t \leq 9} |A_{st}|$ , so that the largest M-eigenvalue can be calculated faster. That is to say, in this article, the result we provide as the parameter  $\tau$  in the WQZ-algorithm can speed up the convergence speed, so that the largest M-eigenvalue can be calculated quickly.  $\square$

#### 4. Conclusions

In this paper, we first in Theorem 2.1 provided an M-eigenvalue localization set  $\Upsilon(\mathcal{A})$  for a fourth-order partially symmetric tensor  $\mathcal{A}$ , and then proven that the set  $\Upsilon(\mathcal{A})$  is tighter than the set  $\mathcal{H}(\mathcal{A})$  in Theorem 2.2 of [23]. Secondly, based on the set  $\Upsilon(\mathcal{A})$ , we derived an upper bound for the M-spectral radius of  $\mathcal{A}$ . As an application, we took the upper bound of the M-spectral radius as a parameter  $\tau$  in the WQZ-algorithm to make the sequence generated by this algorithm converge to the largest M-eigenvalue of  $\mathcal{A}$  faster. Finally, two numerical examples are given to show the effectiveness of the set  $\Upsilon(\mathcal{A})$  and the upper bound  $\Omega(\mathcal{A})$ .

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