

Acceleration strategies and applications

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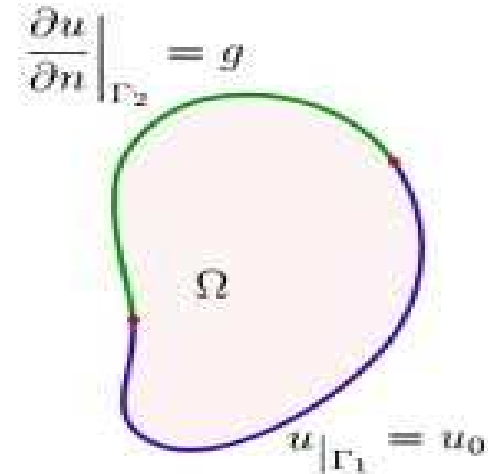
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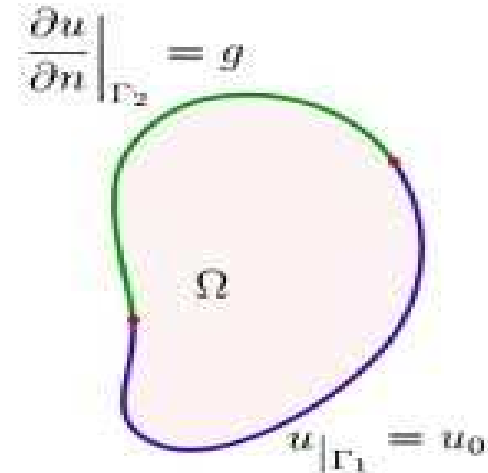
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equipped with *boundary* conditions, that is, for (x, y) on Γ , e.g.:

Dirichlet conditions: $u(x, y) = \phi(x, y)$

Neumann conditions: $\frac{\partial u}{\partial \mathbf{n}} = 0 \quad (\nabla u \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0)$

Cauchy conditions: $\frac{\partial u}{\partial \mathbf{n}} + \alpha(x, y)u(x, y) = \gamma(x, y)$

Note: possibly mixed conditions on parts of the domain

(e.g., $\Gamma = \Gamma_1 \cup \Gamma_2$, with Dirichlet cond. on Γ_1 , Neumann cond on Γ_2)

Some common elliptic operators

More general,

$$Lu = f, \quad L = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(a_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(a_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right)$$

(or, more compactly, $L = \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{a} \cdot \nabla)$)

In case of an anisotropic and inhomogeneous medium. In general

$$Lu = \nabla \cdot (\mathbb{A} \nabla) u, \quad \mathbb{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$$

\mathbb{A} : tensor acting on both components of ∇

The (steady-state) convection diffusion equation:

$$-\nabla \cdot (\mathbf{a} \cdot \nabla) u + \mathbf{b} \cdot \nabla u = f$$

the magnitude of the vector \mathbf{b} is a measure of non-selfadjointness of the equation.

Finite difference: basic approximations

$$\frac{du}{dx} = \frac{u(x+h) - u(x)}{h} - \frac{h}{2} \frac{d^2u(x)}{dx^2} + O(h^2), \quad h \rightarrow 0$$
$$\frac{du}{dx} = \frac{u(x) - u(x-h)}{h} + \frac{h}{2} \frac{d^2u(x)}{dx^2} + O(h^2), \quad h \rightarrow 0$$

Centered approximation: Combining these two approximations,

$$\frac{du}{dx} = \frac{u(x+h) - u(x-h)}{2h} + O(h^2), \quad h \rightarrow 0$$

second order accuracy!

⇒ Two-point stencils

Some common elliptic operators

Approximating the second derivative:

$$\frac{d^2 u}{dx^2} = \frac{u_x(x+h) - u_x(x)}{h}, \quad h > 0, h \rightarrow 0$$

Combining forward and backward approximation of u_x ,

$$\frac{d^2 u}{dx^2} = \frac{u(x+h) - 2u(x) + u(x-h)}{h^2} + O(h^2), \quad h \rightarrow 0$$

⇒ **Three-point stencil**

More general second order operator:

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left(a(x) \frac{du}{dx} \right) = \frac{a_{i+\frac{1}{2}}(u_{i+1} - u_i) - a_{i-\frac{1}{2}}(u_i - u_{i-1})}{h^2} + O(h^2), \quad h \rightarrow 0$$

where $u_{i+1} = u(x+h)$, $a_{i+\frac{1}{2}} = a(x + \frac{1}{2}h)$, etc.

Difference schemes for the 2D Laplace operator

Using h_1 in x -direction and h_2 in y -direction,

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta u &\equiv u_{xx} + u_{yy} \\ &\approx \frac{u(x + h_1, y) - 2u(x, y) + u(x - h_1, y)}{h_1^2} \\ &\quad + \frac{u(x, y + h_2) - 2u(x, y) + u(x, y - h_2)}{h_2^2}\end{aligned}$$

that is, for $h_1 = h_2 = h$,

$$\Delta u \approx \frac{1}{h^2} (u(x + h, y) + u(x - h, y) + u(x, y + h) + u(x, y - h) - 4u(x, y))$$

Actual implementation. 1D

Consider the 1D problem

$$\begin{aligned} -u''(x) &= f(x), & x \in (0, 1), \\ u(0) &= u(1) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Discretization of interval $[0, 1]$ with $n + 2$ nodes:

$$x_i = ih, i = 0, 1, \dots, n + 1$$

Note: $h = \frac{1}{n+1}$

Note: Dirichlet b.c., $u(0) = u(x_0)$ and $u(1) = u(x_{n+1})$ known

Write $u(x_i) \equiv u_i$. Then the *discrete* version of the diff.equation is

$$-u_{i-1} + 2u_i - u_{i+1} = h^2 f_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, n$$

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$$(-u_{i-1} + 2u_i - u_{i+1}) = h^2 f_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, n$$

Collecting all i 's, we obtain $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{f}$ with

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & & & & & & & \\ -1 & 2 & -1 & & & & & & \\ & -1 & 2 & -1 & & & & & \\ & & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & & & & \\ & & & -1 & 2 & -1 & & & \\ & & & & -1 & 2 & & & \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{f} = \begin{bmatrix} f_0 + u(0) \\ f_1 \\ \vdots \\ f_n \\ f_{n+1} + u(1) \end{bmatrix}$$

Neumann boundary conditions

Assume: $u'(0) = 0$. Therefore $u(x_1) - u(x_0) = 0 \Leftrightarrow u(x_0) = u(x_1)$

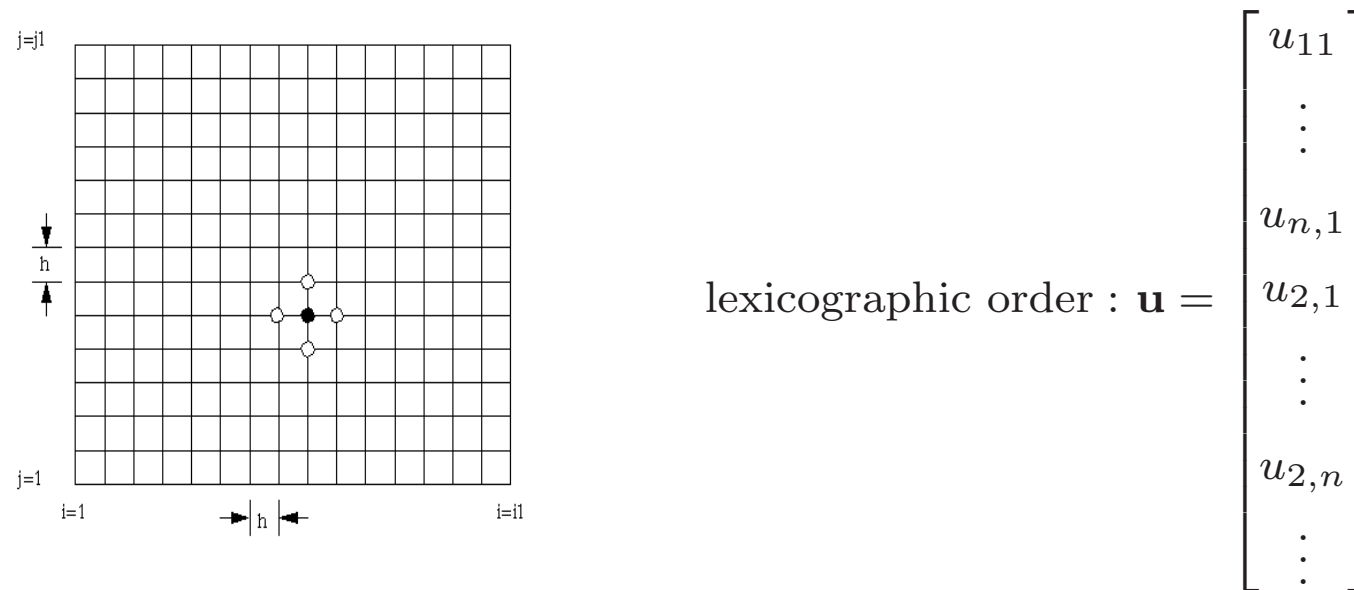
In the generic equation $\frac{1}{h^2} (-u_{i-1} + 2u_i - u_{i+1}) = f_i$, $i = 1, \dots, n$

For $i = 1$ we obtain $\frac{1}{h^2} (-u_1 + 2u_1 - u_2) = \frac{1}{h^2} (u_1 - u_2)$

Therefore,

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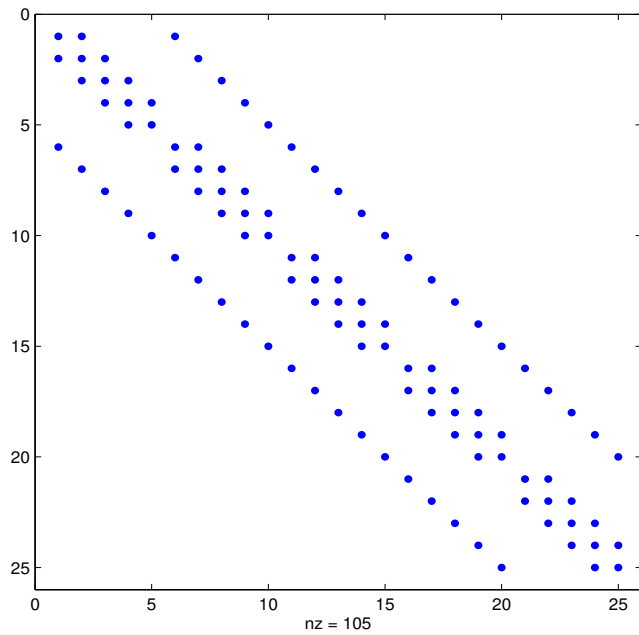
Actual implementation. Poisson equation in a square



So that: $A = \begin{bmatrix} \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \dots & \underbrace{-1}_{i,j-1} & 0 & \dots & \underbrace{-1}_{i-1,j} & \underbrace{4}_{i,j} & \underbrace{-1}_{i+1,j} & \dots & 0 & \underbrace{-1}_{i,j+1} & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \end{bmatrix}$

2D Poisson equation. The coefficient matrix

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$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{A}\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{f}$$

Spectral properties of discretized operators in 2D

M : “mass” matrix, discretization of 0-order operator

A : “diffusion” matrix, discretization of self-adjoint 2nd-order operator

- Finite Differences: n nodes each direction, $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n^2 \times n^2}$, $h = \frac{1}{n-1}$

$$M = I, \quad \kappa(M) = 1$$

A such that $ch^2 \leq \lambda_i(A) \leq C$, $\kappa(A) = O(\frac{1}{h^2})$ (c, C constants)

- Finite Elements:

M such that $ch^2 \leq \lambda_i(M) \leq Ch^2$, $\kappa(M) = C/c$ (c, C constants)

A such that $ch \leq \lambda_i(A) \leq \frac{1}{h}C$, $\kappa(A) = O(\frac{1}{h^2})$ (c, C constants)

Finite Differences: n nodes each direction, $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n^2 \times n^2}$, $h = \frac{1}{n-1}$

n	λ_{\min}	λ_{\max}	κ
10	1.6203e-01	7.8380e+00	4.8374e+01
20	4.4677e-02	7.9553e+00	1.7806e+02
30	2.0523e-02	7.9795e+00	3.8881e+02
40	1.1737e-02	7.9883e+00	6.8062e+02
50	7.5867e-03	7.9924e+00	1.0535e+03
60	5.3036e-03	7.9947e+00	1.5074e+03
70	3.9151e-03	7.9961e+00	2.0424e+03

Structured and Sparse matrices

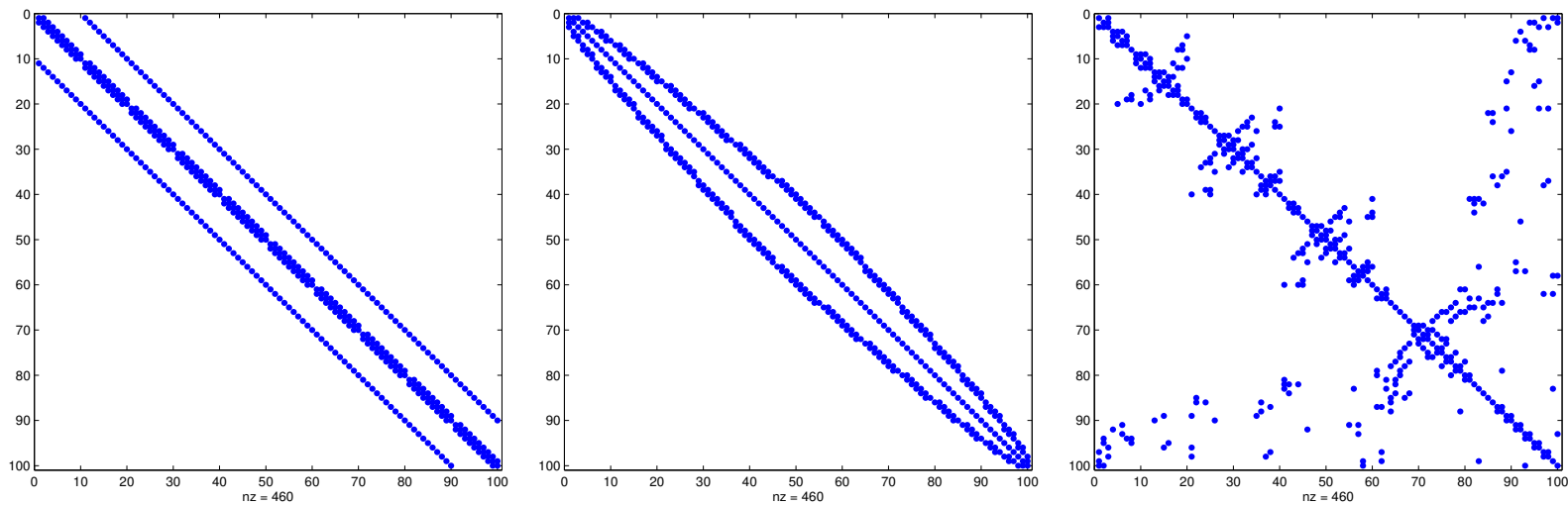
Finite Difference/Element discretization of 1D operator: **banded matrices**

⇒ Exploiting banded structure with banded solvers

However: higher degree operators and general domains determine matrices with different structure ⇒ **Sparse matrices**

Sparse matrices. I

Matrices stemming from discretizations have special pattern:



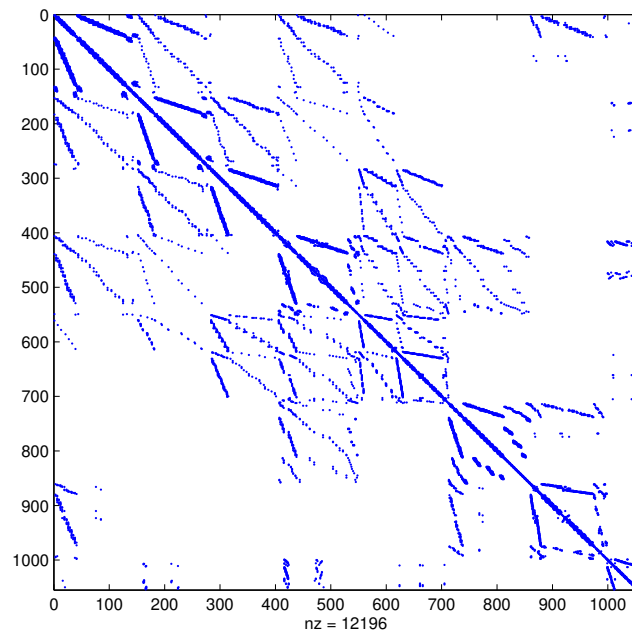
Same matrix, different ordering of the unknowns

large dimensions, only low percentage of nonzero elements per row

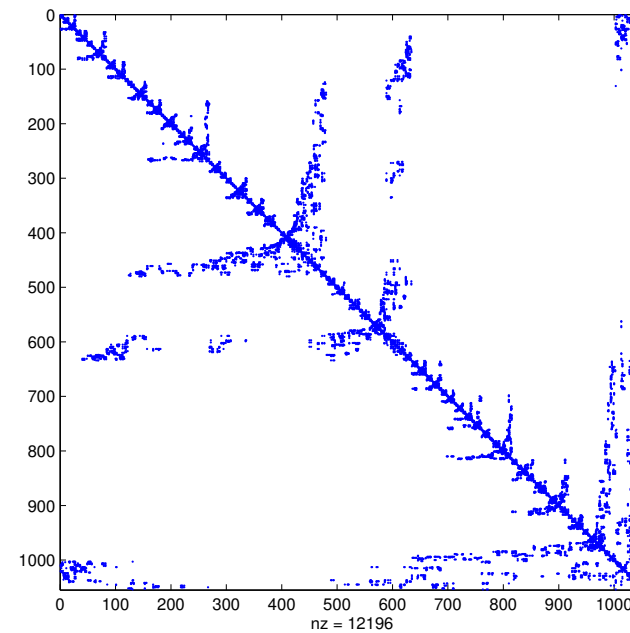
Sparse matrices. An Example

Matrix market. matrix CAN_1072 (structure problem in aircraft design)

Original sparsity pattern



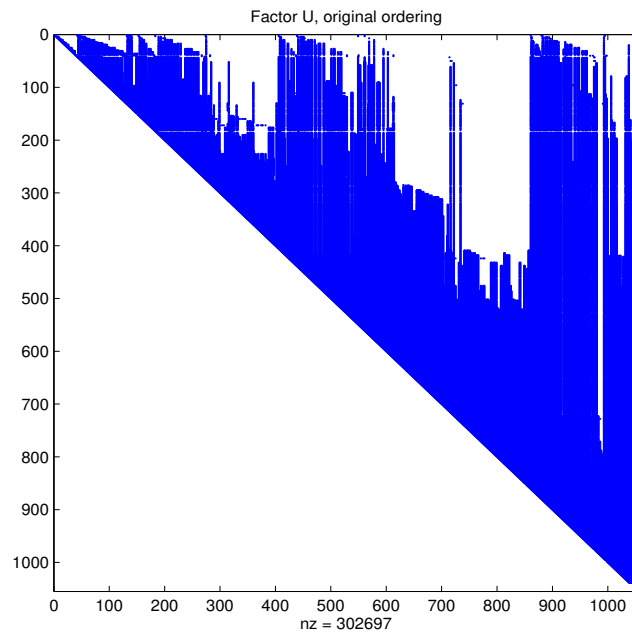
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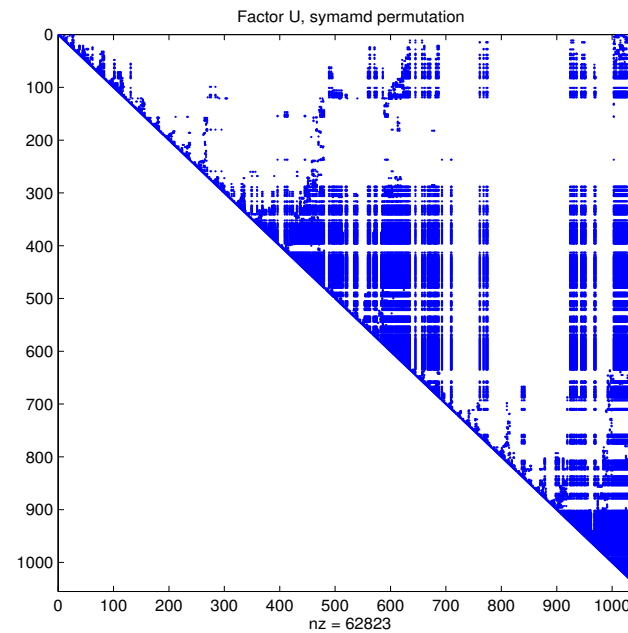
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Factor U in LU factorization $A = LU$:

A with original sparsity pattern



A with symamd reordering



Solution methods for large matrices

Discretization of 2D and 3D problems leads to **large** matrices A
(size $O(10^k)$, $k = 5 - 8$)

\Rightarrow (Optimized) LU decomposition too expensive

- Iterative methods: Projection-type methods (*)
- Geometric multigrid methods
- Algebraic multigrid methods
- Problem-related optimized methods

Discretization and linear system solves

A symmetric and positive definite.

CG: Number of iterations k depends on $\text{cond}(A) := \frac{\lambda_{\max}(A)}{\lambda_{\min}(A)}$

A 2D Poisson operator:

number of nodes per dimension	cond(A)	# its tol = 10^{-10}
2^3	32.16	10
2^4	116.46	31
2^5	440.69	66
2^6	1711.17	132

Stopping criterion: $r_k := b - Ax_k$ small enough in some norm

Preconditioning techniques

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- ...

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hoping that:

$\Rightarrow \mathcal{P} \approx A$ then $\mathcal{P}^{-1} \approx A^{-1}$ so that $\mathcal{P}^{-1}A \approx I$

$\Rightarrow \mathcal{P}^{-1}$ cheap to apply (via $y \leftarrow \mathcal{P}^{-1}v$), that is, solving

$$\mathcal{P}y = v$$

is far less expensive than $Ax = b$

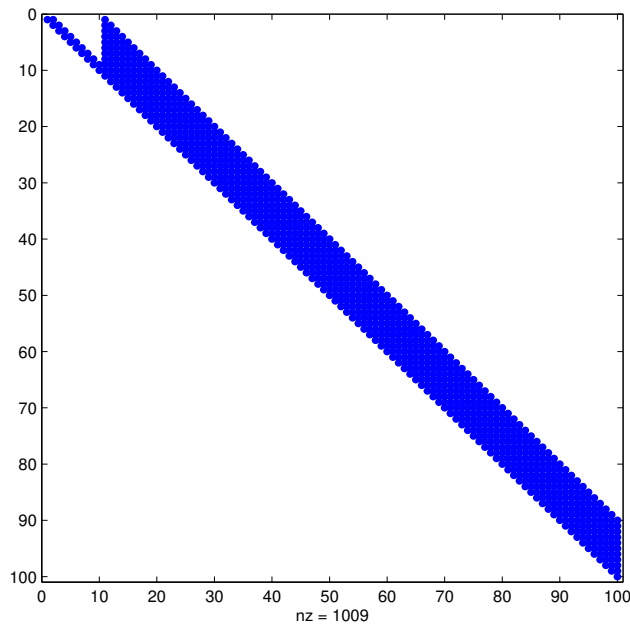
★ Example: $\mathcal{P} = \text{diag}(A)$: cheap, but little effective....

An example: Cholesky incomplete decomposition

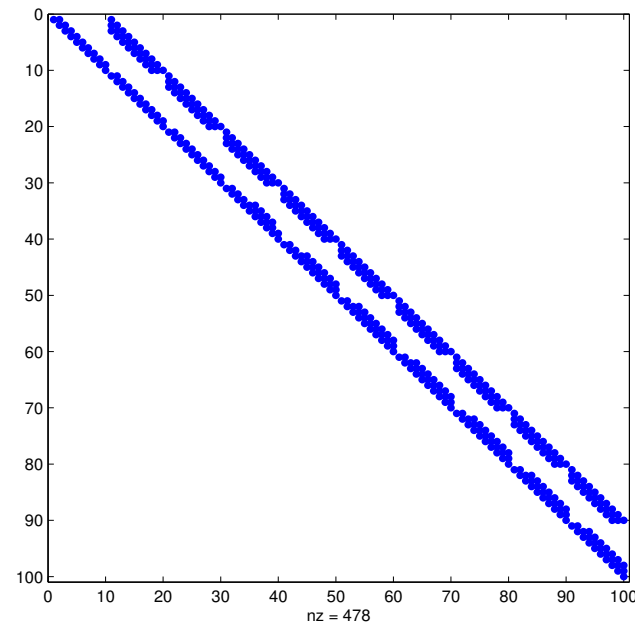
A sym.pos.def. $A = LL^T \approx L_0L_0^T$

L_0 obtained from L by threshold chopping (element values below `tol` zeroed out)

L Original



approximation L_0



A corresponds to the Poisson operator, and `tol` = 10^{-2}

A possible strategy for incomplete LU

(ILUT, Algorithm 10.6, Saad)

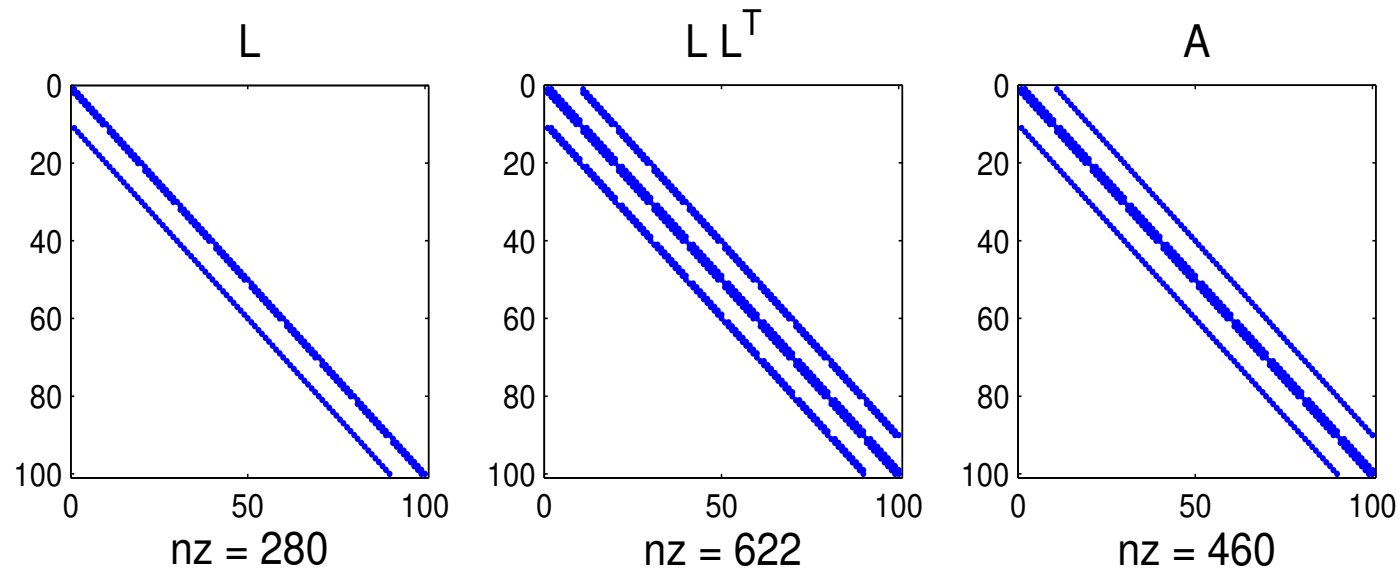
A $n \times n$, "threshold dropping" strategy

1. for $i = 1 \dots n$ do
2. $w = a_{i,:}$ (with $w = (w_1, \dots, w_n)$)
3. for $k = 1 \dots i - 1$ and $w_k \neq 0$ do
4. $w_k := w_k / a_{k,k}$
5. Apply the "dropping rule" to w_k
6. If $w_k \neq 0$, $w := w - w_k u_{k,:}$, end
7. endfor
8. Apply the "dropping rule" to the row w
9. $l_{i,1:i-1} = w_{1:i-1}$, $u_{i,i:n} = w_{i:n}$
10. endfor

zero threshold: ILU(0) and CHOLINC(0)

$A \approx LU$ such that L and U have the same sparsity pattern as A

$$(\text{nnz}(L + U - \text{speye}(\text{size}(A))) = \text{nnz}(A))$$



...also other strategies...

THEOREM. If A is a P -matrix, then there exists an incomplete factorization of A with fixed zero sparsity pattern, such that $A = LU - R$ with LU non-singular

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Practical preconditioning strategies

- LU-type approx decomposition of A : $\rightarrow Pv = U^{-1}L^{-1}v$
- Algebraic multigrid (approximate representation of A on smaller version of the matrix - recursive procedure)
- Geometric multigrid (operator and domain dependent)
- Functional approximation of the underlying operator

A comparison :
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Algebraic Multigrid (AMG)

Consider the original system

$$A_h u^h = f^h \quad (\star)$$

The error vector is split in two parts: an *oscillatory* component (high freq.) and a *regular* component (smooth, low freq.)

A Multigrid (or multilevel) type method for a linear system is made of two ingredients:

- A smoothing step of the oscillatory portion:
usually a few iterations of a classical method (e.g., Jacobi, Gauss-Seidel)

- A correction on a coarser grid for the smooth part

The system (\star) is approximated by a system on a coarser grid:

A^H, f^H such that

$$A_H = I_h^H A_h I_H^h, \quad f^H = I_h^H f^h$$

Conceptually similar to a Galerkin projection type procedure:

I_h^H : restriction operator, full rank

I_H^h : prolongation operator, full rank

with

$$I_h^H = (I_H^h)^T \quad (\text{transposition})$$

Remark: *Geometric* Multigrid uses the physical grid. *Algebraic* Multigrid use the matrix elements

(matrix indexes \equiv grid nodes)

Algebraic Multigrid (AMG)

General procedure (on two grids):

1. Perform n_1 steps of smoothing (e.g., Jacobi) on $A_h u^h = f^h$
2. Compute the residual $r^h = f^h - A_h u^h \equiv A e^h$
3. Project (restrict) to the coarse grid $r^H = I_h^H r^h$
4. Solve on coarse grid: $A_H e^H = r^H$
5. Add (prolong) $u^h := u^h + I_H^h e^H$
6. Take n_2 steps of smoothing on $A_h u^h = f^h$

Algebraic Multigrid (AMG). The coarse grid

Determine A_H from A_h , A_H is a subset of the rows/columns of A_h
(strong connection among the elements of A_H)

DEF. Let $\theta \in (0, 1]$ be a fixed threshold. The variable u_i *strongly* depends on the variable u_j if

$$-a_{ij} \geq \theta \max_{k \neq i} \{-a_{ik}\}$$

\Rightarrow non-diagonal positive elements have a weak connection

The following steps should be taken (where: node= pair of indexes)

1. Define a “strength” matrix (A_f) by eliminating the weak connections
2. Choose an independent set of strong nodes of A_f
3. Add possible nodes to have a correct prolongation operator

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In our context:

$$P^{-1}Av = \lambda v \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad Av = \lambda Pv$$

so that

$$\lambda = \frac{(v, Av)}{(v, Pv)}, \quad \min_{x \neq 0} \frac{(x, Ax)}{(x, Px)} \leq \lambda \leq \max_{x \neq 0} \frac{(x, Ax)}{(x, Px)}$$

\Rightarrow The spectral interval of the preconditioned problems **does not** depend on the problem dimension (or on the grid!)

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Saddle point linear systems

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- Computational Fluid Dynamics (Elman, Silvester, Wathen 2005)
- Elasticity problems
- Mixed (FE) formulations of II and IV order elliptic PDEs
- Linearly Constrained Programs
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- Image restoration
- ... **Survey:** Benzi, Golub and Liesen, Acta Num 2005

The problem. Simplifications

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To make things simple:

- ★ A symmetric positive (semi)definite
- ★ B^T tall, possibly rank deficient
- ★ C symmetric positive (semi)definite

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$$\mathcal{A} = \begin{bmatrix} A & B^T \\ B & O \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} 0 < \lambda_n \leq \dots \leq \lambda_1 \quad \text{eigs of } A \\ 0 < \sigma_m \leq \dots \leq \sigma_1 \quad \text{sing. vals of } B \end{array}$$

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A nonsingular , B full rank

(other hypotheses are possible)

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EXAMPLE:

$$\mathcal{A} = \begin{bmatrix} I & U^T \\ U & O \end{bmatrix}, \quad UU^T = I, \quad \lambda_i(I) = 1 \forall i, \sigma_j(U) = 1, \forall j$$

$$\sigma(\mathcal{A}) \subset \left\{ \frac{1}{2}(1 - \sqrt{5}) \right\} \cup \left[1, \frac{1}{2}(1 + \sqrt{5}) \right]$$

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This implies (details omitted) that

$$\min_y \|r_0 - \mathcal{A} V_k y\| \Leftrightarrow \min_y \|e_1 \beta_0 - \underline{H}_k y\|$$

with $\underline{H}_k = V_{k+1}^* \mathcal{A} V_k$ tridiagonal, so that

$$x_{k+1} = x_k + q_k \eta_k$$

(for some q_k, η_k) short-term recurrence, MINRES

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A more practical choice:

$$\mathcal{P} = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{A} & 0 \\ 0 & \tilde{S} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{spd.} \quad \tilde{A} \approx A \quad \tilde{S} \approx BA^{-1}B^T$$

eigs in $[-a, -b] \cup [c, d], \quad a, b, c, d > 0$

Still an Indefinite Problem \Rightarrow MINRES

Giving up symmetry ...

- Change the preconditioner: *Mimic the LU factors*

$$\mathcal{A} = \begin{bmatrix} I & O \\ BA^{-1} & I \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A & B^T \\ O & BA^{-1}B^T + C \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \mathcal{P} \approx \begin{bmatrix} A & B^T \\ O & BA^{-1}B^T + C \end{bmatrix}$$

- Change the preconditioner: *Mimic the Structure*

$$\mathcal{A} = \begin{bmatrix} A & B^T \\ B & -C \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \mathcal{P} \approx \mathcal{A}$$

- Change the matrix: *Eliminate indef.* $\mathcal{A}_- = \begin{bmatrix} A & B^T \\ -B & C \end{bmatrix}$

- Change the matrix: *Regularize* ($C = 0$)

$$\mathcal{A} \Rightarrow \mathcal{A}_\gamma = \begin{bmatrix} A & B^T \\ B & -\gamma W \end{bmatrix} \text{ or } \mathcal{A}_\gamma = \begin{bmatrix} A + \frac{1}{\gamma} B^T W^{-1} B & B^T \\ B & O \end{bmatrix}$$

Application of the preconditioners. 1

At each iteration of CG, MINRES or GMRES, compute $y = \mathcal{P}^{-1}z$, that is solve

$$\mathcal{P} \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathcal{P} = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{A} & 0 \\ 0 & \tilde{S} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{that is} \quad \text{Solve } \tilde{A}y_1 = z_1, \quad \tilde{S}y_2 = z_2.$$

$$\mathcal{P} = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{A} & B^T \\ 0 & \tilde{S} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{that is} \quad \text{Solve } \tilde{S}y_2 = z_2, \quad \tilde{A}y_1 = z_1 - B^T y_2.$$

Application of the preconditioners. 2

Indefinite preconditioner:

$$\mathcal{P} = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{A} & B^T \\ B & -\tilde{S} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ B\tilde{A}^{-1} & I \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{A} & 0 \\ 0 & -\hat{S} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I & \tilde{A}^{-1}B^T \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix} = \mathcal{P}_1 \mathcal{D} \mathcal{P}_2$$

with $\hat{S} = \tilde{S} + B\tilde{A}^{-1}B^T$

(In practice \hat{S} is an approximation to this quantity)

Application of the indefinite preconditioner:

$$\mathcal{P}y = z \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \mathcal{P}_1 \underbrace{\mathcal{D} \mathcal{P}_2 y}_{=z_1} = z$$

$$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{=z_2}$$