


Welcome to Ma 221! Lecture 15, Sep 27

Last time: Sturm-Liouville \rightarrow
tridiagonal 

Poisson's Eqn (Elliptic PDEs)

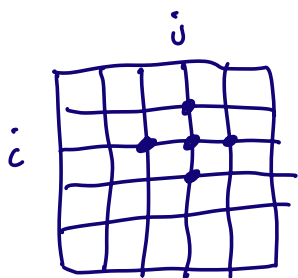
$$(*) \quad \frac{\partial^2 u(x,y)}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u(x,y)}{\partial y^2} + q(x,y) \cdot u(x,y) = r(x,y)$$

on square $[x,y] \in [0,1]^2$

discretize as before: 2D mesh

$$[x(i), y(j)] = [i h, j h] \quad h = \frac{1}{N+1}$$

approx (*) as before: $u(i-1, j) - 2u(i, j) + u(i+1, j)$
 $+ u(i, j-1) - 2u(i, j) + u(i, j+1)$



16 unknowns 4x4 mesh

General Sparse Matrices:

Importance of choosing order
of rows + cols to do LU, or Cholesky
possibilities: $A = PLU$, $P_r L U P_c$, $P L L^T P^T$

Best case choice of P (or P_r and P_c)

cost can drop from $O(n^3) \rightarrow O(n)$

memory " " " $O(n^2) \rightarrow O(n)$

Choosing Best P or $P_r + P_o$: NP-complete
exponential cost

\Rightarrow use heuristics

Graph Theory:

Def: A weighted undirected graph G
is a collection of 3 sets (V, E, W)

V = vertices (aka nodes)

E = edges connecting pairs of vertices

(u, v) , undirected means

$(u, v) = (v, u)$

(u, u) allowed

W = weight (number) for each edge

V = one row/col per vertex

E = locations of non zeros

$(u, v) \in E \Rightarrow A(u, v)$ non zero

undirected \Rightarrow symmetric

$(u, u) \Leftrightarrow$ diagonal

W = values of nonzeros

To choose perm P given matrix,
build graph, choose order for vertices
permute matrix accordingly

(example: 2D mesh of bridge)

Data Structures for sparse Matrices

Goal: only store and compute on nonzeros
(ignore cancellation)

Simplest: COO: Coordinate Format

List of all nonzeros + locations

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 7 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 8 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{COO}(A) = ((2,1,1), (7,1,3), (5,1,5), (1,2,2) \dots)$$

any order of entries legal

Better: CSR Compressed Sparse Row = 3 arrays

val: array of nonzeros in each row,
from row 1 to n, left to right

$$\text{val} = [2, 7, 5, 1, 4, 3, 8]$$

colIndex: array of columns in which
each nonzero lies

$$\text{col-index} = [1, 3, 5, 2, 3, 5, 3]$$

row-begin = pointers to start of each row

$$= [1, 4, 7, 8] \quad \leftarrow \text{one past end}$$

saves ^{up to} $\frac{1}{3}$ memory vs COO

Analogous: CSC = compressed sparse column

How to pick best (cheapest) order
of rows, cols for LU?

Goals: minimize time + memory

Ordering impacts stability of GE,
not Cholesky: start with "easy" rows!
Cholesky (don't worry about stability)
Thm: Still NP-complete, still need
heuristics

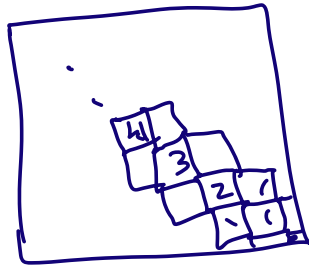
RCM = Reverse Cuthill-McKee
= Breadth-First-Search, backwards

Def: A path in a graph from v_1 to v_k
is a sequence of edges $(v_1, v_2), (v_2, v_3), \dots$
 (v_{k-1}, v_k)

Def: Distance from v_1 to v_k is length
(# edges) in shortest path.

RCM: ① pick any starting vertex,
call it root
② compute distances from root
to all other $v \in V$, $\text{dist}(v)$,
 $\text{dist}(\text{root}) = 0$
distance from root to all its
immediate neighbors is 1, etc
③ order vertices in reverse of
order visited
 $\text{cost} = O(\# \text{nonzeros})$

Fact: vertices at distance k from root can only be connected to vertices at distance $k-1, k$ or $k+1$
 \Rightarrow matrix block tridiagonal



Matlab: symrcm

Next time: MD = minimum Degree
ND = nested dissection