

Welcome to Ma 221! (Feb 22)

GE + Cholesky on sparse matrices

How to pick order of rows/cols  
to minimize memory / #flaps

Cholesky easier: stable for all orders

GE: trickier

Cholesky: RCM, MD last time

today: nested dissection (ND)

use Graph language:

vertices = rows and cols

edges = nonzero locations

weights = nonzero values

ND: Bisect vertices into 3 sets

$$V = V_1 \cup V_2 \cup V_s \quad (\text{disjoint})$$

↑  
separator

①  $|V_1| \approx |V_2|$

②  $|V_s|$  much smaller

③ no edges from  $V_1$  to  $V_2$

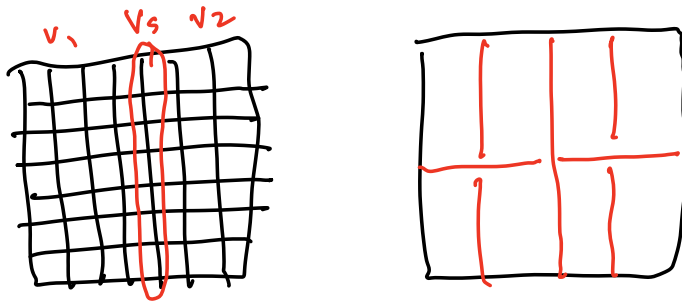
Order vertices in  $V_1$  first, then  $V_2$

then  $V_3$

$$A = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} v_1 & v_2 & v_3 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & 0 & A_{13} \\ 0 & A_{22} & A_{23} \\ A_{31} & A_{32} & A_{33} \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix} \Rightarrow L = \begin{bmatrix} L_{11} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & L_{22} & 0 \\ L_{31} & L_{32} & L_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A_{11} = L_{11} L_{11}^T, \quad A_{22} = L_{22} L_{22}^T$$

apply bisection recursively to  $A_{11}, A_{22}$



Apply to  $7 \times 7$  mesh

Thm (George, Hoffman/Martin/Rose,  
Gilbert/Tarjan, 70s-80s)

Any ordering for Cholesky on  
 $n \times n$  mesh does  $\Omega(n^3)$  flops

Attained by nested dissection

Applies to planar graphs

(drawable on paper without  
edges crossing)

Thm (Ballard, D., Holtz, Schwarz, 2009)

# words moved between main memory  
and cache for LU or Cholesky is

$$\Omega\left(\frac{\#flops}{\sqrt{M}}\right) \quad M = \text{cache size}$$

For Cholesky on  $n \times n$  mesh,  $\Omega\left(\frac{n^3}{\sqrt{M}}\right)$

Thm (David, D., Grigori, Peyronnet, 2010)

Attainable by ND, done "carefully"  
bottle neck is last (largest) separator

Contrast with bandsolver:

$$\#flops = O(\text{bw}^2 \cdot \text{dimension}) = n^4 \text{ for 2D mesh}$$

(more algorithms for ND in CS267)

What about 3D meshes?  $n \times n \times n$   
mesh

ND still good idea

$$\text{dimension} = n^3$$

dense Cholesky costs  $O(n^9)$

band Cholesky costs  $O(n^7)$

ND costs  $O(n^6)$

## Steps of Sparse Cholesky

Choose ordering (RCM, MD, ND, ...)

Build data structure for A and L

Perform factorization

Contrast to GE with pivoting:  
partial pivoting could cause large  
fill in, or rebuilding data structure  
at every step

① Threshold Pivoting: among pivot  
choices at each step, pick one  
within a factor of 2 or 3 (user's  
choice) of largest, with least  
fill in

② Static Pivoting (SuperLU-Dist)

① reorder and scale A to make  
diagonal as large as possible

Thm: For any nonsingular A  
there is a perm P  
and 2 diagonal  $D_1, D_2$  s.t.

$$B = D_1 \cdot A \cdot P \cdot D_2$$

$|B(i,i)|=1$  and  $|B(i,j)|\leq 1$   $i\neq j$

② Reorder rows and columns of  $B$  using same techniques as for Cholesky, keeps  $|B(i,i)|=1$   
 $|B(i,j)|\leq 1$   $i\neq j$

Build data structures for  $B, L$

③ During factorization, if a prospective pivot is tiny make it bigger (rare).

Changes  $A$  to  $A + \text{rank 1 matrix}$

Can solve  $A$  using factorization for  $A + \text{low rank}$  using

Sherman-Morrison, GMRES

from Chap 6 (iterative refinement)

Lots of algorithms, software,

Survey of available software, link on web page.

# Structured Matrices

("data sparse")

could be dense, depend on  $O(n)$   
parameters

Many Structures (depends on physics, ...)

Look at one common case:

Examples: Vandermonde:  $V(i,j) = x_i^{j-1}$   
Cauchy :  $C(i,j) = \frac{1}{x_i + y_j}$   
Toeplitz :  $T(i,j) = x_{i-j}$   
constant along diagonals  
Hankel :  $H(i,j) = x_{i+j}$

Eg:  $Vz = b$  means  $\sum_{j=1}^n x_i^{j-1} z_j = b_i$   
 $\Rightarrow$  polynomial interpolation  
 $O(n^2)$  using Newton Interpolation  
similar trick works for  $V^T z = b$

Eg Multiplying  $Tz$  same as  
convolution, use FFT

Eg: Solving  $Cx = b$ , arises in  
rational interpolation

Common structure of all these  $X$

$$AX + XB = \text{low rank, for some simple } A, B$$

Det: this rank called  
"displacement rank"

Ex: Vandermonde  $V$

$$D = \text{diag}(x_1, \dots, x_n)$$

$$D \cdot V = V \text{ "shifted left"}$$

$$V \cdot P = V \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{bmatrix} = V \text{ "shifted left"}$$

$$D \cdot V - V \cdot P = \text{zero except last column} \\ = \text{rank } 1$$

Ex: Toeplitz  $T$

$$P \cdot T - T \cdot P = T \text{ shifted down}$$

$$- T \text{ shifted left}$$

$$= \text{nonzero only in}$$

$$\text{first row, last column}$$

$$= \text{rank } 2$$

Ex: Cauchy  $C$

$$\text{diag}(x_1, \dots, x_n) \cdot C + C \cdot \text{diag}(y_1, \dots, y_n) \\ = \text{all ones} = \text{rank } 1$$

Thm (Kailath et al) There are  $O(n^2)$  solvers if displacement rank is  $O(1)$   
(stability not guaranteed)

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### Chap 3: Least Squares

Ex: polynomial fitting.

given sample points  $(y_i, b_i), i=1:m$

find "best" polynomial  $p(y)$  of fixed degree to minimize  $\sum_{i=1}^m (p(y_i) - b_i)^2$

minimize  $\|Ax - b\|$

$A(i,j) = y_i^{j-1}$ ,  $x$  are coeffs of  $p$

$p(y) = x_1 + x_2 y + x_3 y^2 + \dots + x_j y^{j-1}$

(polyfit3)

Standard notation!

$\arg \min_x \|Ax - b\|_2$   $A^{m \times n}$   $m > n$

$m > n$  means overdetermined  
don't expect  $Ax = b$  exactly



Other variants (all in LAPACK)

Constrained LS:  $\operatorname{argmin}_x \|Ax - b\|_2$   
s.t.  $x = Bx = y$

where  $\# \text{rows}(B) \leq \# \text{cols}(A) \leq$   
 $\# \text{rows}(A) + \# \text{rows}(B)$

answer unique if  $A, B$  full rank

Weighted LS  $\operatorname{argmin}_x \|y\|_2$  s.t.  
 $b = Ax + By$

if  $B = I$ :  $y = b - Ax$ , standard LS

if  $B$  square, nonsingular  $\operatorname{argmin}_x \|B^T(Ax - b)\|_2$

Underdetermined:  $\# \text{rows}(A) < \# \text{cols}(A)$

or if  $A$  not full column rank  $\Rightarrow$

space of solutions (add any  $z$  s.t.  $Az = 0$   
to a solution, get another)

To make solution unique:

$\operatorname{argmin}_x \|x\|_2$  s.t.  $Ax = b$

Ridge Regression (Lecture 1):

$\operatorname{argmin}_x \|Ax - b\|_2^2 + \lambda \|x\|_2^2$

$\lambda > 0$  tuning parameter

always unique solution if  $\lambda > 0$

Total Least Squares:

$$\operatorname{argmin}_{x: (A+E)x=b+r} \|[E, r]\|_2$$

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Algorithms for overdetermined LS  
(all used in different cases)

Solve Normal Equations (NE)

$$A^T A x = A^T b \quad (\text{real case})$$

$A^T A$  spd.  $\Rightarrow$  Cholesky

fastest in dense case (fewest flops,  
least comm.)

not stable if  $A$  ill-conditioned

Use QR decomposition  $A^{m \times n} = Q \cdot R$

$Q^{m \times n}$  orthonormal columns

$R^{n \times n}$  upper triangular

Gram-Schmidt - unstable if  $A$  ill-cond

Householder - stable ( $x = A \setminus b$  in Matlab)

blocked Householder - reduces comm.

(possible to get QR via NE,

called Cholesky QR, fast, but can be

as unstable as NE)

SVD: most "complete" solution  
gives condition number, error  
bounds, works in rank-deficient  
case, expensive

Convert to a square linear system,  
matrix contains  $A, A^T$ , allows  
exploitation of sparsity (also possible  
to do sparse QR) (see Q 3.3)

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Normal Equations:

Thm:  $A$  full column rank then  
solution of  $A^T A x = A^T b$  (NE)  
minimizes  $\|Ax - b\|_2$

pf: Assume  $x$  satisfies NE

$\|A(x+e) - b\|_2^2$  - show minimized at  $e=0$

$$= (A(x+e) - b)^T (A(x+e) - b)$$

$$= (Ax + Ae - b)^T (Ax + Ae - b)$$

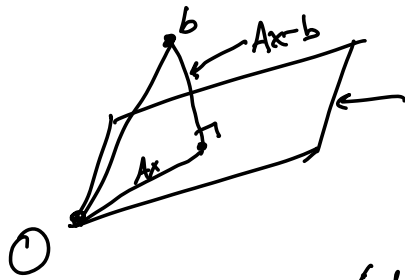
$$= (\underline{Ax - b} + \underline{Ae})^T (\underline{Ax - b} + \underline{Ae})$$

$$= (\underline{Ax - b})^T (\underline{Ax - b}) + (\underline{Ae})^T (\underline{Ae})$$

$$+ 2 \underline{e^T A^T (Ax - b)} = 0 \text{ by NE}$$

$$= \|Ax - b\|_2^2 + \|Ae\|_2^2$$

$$\geq \|Ax - b\|_2^2 \text{ minimized at } e=0$$



all vectors  $A \cdot y$

$$Ax - b \perp Ay \quad \forall y$$

$$(Ay)^T (Ax - b) = 0 \quad \forall y$$

$$y^T (A^T)(Ax - b) = 0 \quad \forall y$$

$$y^T \underbrace{(A^T Ax - A^T b)}_{=0} = 0 \quad \forall y$$