

# Grad Seminar

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*\*Undergraduates welcomed\**

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### **“LINEAR SYSTEMS: SUMMER RESEARCH SPONSORED BY A NATIONAL LAB”**

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#### **ABSTRACT:**

Multiple methods are available in the literature to solve a linear system. They are generally classified in two categories, direct methods and iterative methods. In this work, we focus on solving a sparse linear system  $Ax = b$ , where  $A$  is symmetric, positive definite. In this case, forward and backward triangular solve can be used after the Cholesky decomposition of matrix  $A$  (i.e.  $A = LL^T$ ) has been computed. In this work, we explore the use of Block Low-Rank Compression (BLR) in the left-looking Cholesky algorithm. To this end, we investigate sorting the updaters to a certain target block during the factorization process and its impact on rank growth. We compare the results with a regular factorization process without sorting the updates to see the growth of the rank of the target block.

#### **PREVIOUS SCHOOLS:**

Central Department of Mathematics, Tribhuvan University, Nepal

#### **INTERESTS :**

I love music. Life without music is so insipid. I enjoy talking to the people. Traveling to adventurous places is my major interest.