Lecture-03

Sparse Matrix and its representations

A matrix is a two-dimensional data object made of m rows and n columns, therefore having total m x n values. If most of the elements of the matrix have **0 value**, then it is called a sparse matrix.

Why to use Sparse Matrix instead of simple matrix ?

- **Storage:** There are lesser non-zero elements than zeros and thus lesser memory can be used to store only those elements.
- **Computing time:** Computing time can be saved by logically designing a data structure traversing only non-zero elements..

Example:

0 0 3 0 4
0 0 5 7 0
0 0 0 0 0
0 2 6 0 0

Representing a sparse matrix by a 2D array leads to wastage of lots of memory as zeroes in the matrix are of no use in most of the cases. So, instead of storing zeroes with non-zero elements, we only store non-zero elements. This means storing non-zero elements with **triples- (Row, Column, value).**

Sparse Matrix Representations can be done in many ways following are two common representations:

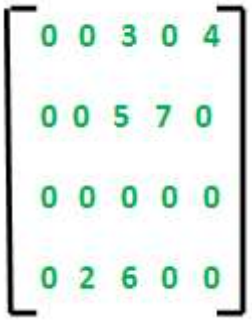
1. Array representation
2. Linked list representation

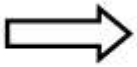
Method 1: Using Arrays

```
#include<stdio.h>
 int main()
{
    // Assume 4x5 sparse matrix
    int sparseMatrix[4][5] =
    {
        {0 , 0 , 3 , 0 , 4 },
        {0 , 0 , 5 , 7 , 0 },
        {0 , 0 , 0 , 0 , 0 },
        {0 , 2 , 6 , 0 , 0 }
    };

    int size = 0;
    for (int i = 0; i < 4; i++)
        for (int j = 0; j < 5; j++)
            if (sparseMatrix[i][j] != 0)
                size++;
     int compactMatrix[3][size];
     // Making of new matrix
```

```
    int k = 0;
    for (int i = 0; i < 4; i++)
        for (int j = 0; j < 5; j++)
            if (sparseMatrix[i][j] != 0)
            {
                compactMatrix[0][k] = i;
                compactMatrix[1][k] = j;
                compactMatrix[2][k] = sparseMatrix[i][j];
                k++;
            }
     for (int i=0; i<3; i++)
    {
        for (int j=0; j<size; j++)
            printf("%d ", compactMatrix[i][j]);
         printf("\n");
    }
    return 0;
}
```





Row	0	0	1	1	3	3
Column	2	4	2	3	1	2
Value	3	4	5	7	2	6