# Project 1: Batch LDLt factorization for batch linear systems

Assuming a large number of  $d \times d$  ( $d \le 1024$ ) symmetric and positive definite matrices  $(A_n)_{1 \le n \le N}$ , students have to optimize LDLt factorization to solve various linear systems associated to  $(A_n)_{1 \le n \le N}$  at the same time

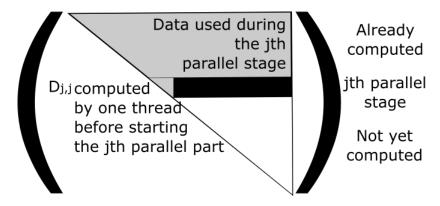
For any kernel myK that batch computes problems of dimension d, we launch it using the syntax myK<<<numBlocks, threadsPerBlock>>>(...); with threadsPerBlock is multiple of d but smaller than 1024 and numBlocks is an arbitrary sufficiently big number. Explain why the indices

```
int tidx = threadIdx.x%d;
int Qt = (threadIdx.x-tidx)/d;
int gbx = Qt + blockIdx.x*(blockDim.x/d);
are important in the definition of myK.
```

Let us start with  $d \le 64$ . This exercise is the continuation of the LDLt exercise studied in the Chapter 2 of the lecture notes. Here, we develop another version that involves a bigger number of threads. Indeed, calling this new kernel is performed in the main function by

```
LDLt_max_k<<<NB,d*minTB,minTB*((d*d+d)/2+d)*sizeof(float)>>>(AGPU, YGPU, d);
```

This new version requires d collaborative threads per linear system that perform a row after row computation. In fact, as shown on the figure below,



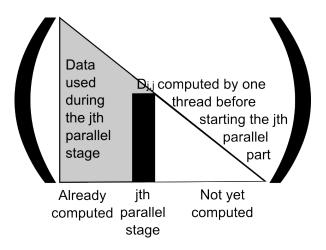
for a fixed value of j, the different coefficients  $\{L_{i,j}\}_{j+1 \leq i \leq d}$  can be computed by at most d-j independent threads. Thus,  $\{L_{i,1}\}_{2 \leq i \leq d}$  involves the biggest number of possible independent threads equal to d-1. In this collaborative version, we use the maximum d-1 threads +1 additional thread that is involved in the copy from global to shared and in the solution of the system after factorization. This makes d threads for the collaborative version and one of these threads is also involved in the computation  $D_{j,j}$  which needs a synchronization before calculating  $L_{i,j}$ .

From the paragraph above make sure that you understand what is written in the following code

```
// Perform the LDLt factorization
for(i=n; i>0; i--){
  if(tidx==0){
   for(k=n; k>i; k--){
   sA[nt+n2-i*(i+1)/2] -= sA[nt+n2-k*(k+1)/2]*
          sA[nt+n2-k*(k+1)/2+k-i]*
          sA[nt+n2-k*(k+1)/2+k-i];
  }
  }
  __syncthreads();
  if(tidx < i-1){
   sA[nt+n2-i*(i+1)/2+tidx+1] /= sA[nt+n2-i*(i+1)/2];
   for(k=n; k>i; k--){
   sA[nt+n2-i*(i+1)/2+tidx+1] -= sA[nt+n2-k*(k+1)/2]*
           sA[nt+n2-k*(k+1)/2+k-i]*
           sA[nt+n2-k*(k+1)/2+tidx+1+k-i]/
            sA[nt+n2-i*(i+1)/2];
  }
    _syncthreads();
```

Define this new kernel LDLt\_max\_k.

Now, write another kernel LDLt\_max\_col\_k that performs the same computations as LDLt\_max\_k but on columns instead of rows as shown on the figure below.



For  $d \leq 64$ , compare the execution time of LDLt\_max\_col\_k and of LDLt\_max\_k. For  $64 < d \leq 1024$  explain and perform the needed adaptations then compare both kernels.

## Project 2: Batch merge path sort

The goal of this subject is to implement a batch version of the merging sort presented in [1].

#### Algorithm 1 Sequential Merge Path

```
Require: A and B are two sorted arrays
Ensure: M is the merged array of A and B with |M| = |A| + |B|
  procedure MERGEPATH (A, B, M)
     j = 0 and i = 0
     while i + j < |M| do
        if i \geq |A| then
            M[i+j]=B[j]

    ▶ The path goes right

            j = j + 1
        else if j \ge |B| or A[i] < B[j] then
            M[i+j]=A[i]
                                                                                    \triangleright The path goes down
            i = i + 1
        else
            M[i+j]=B[j]
            j = j + 1
                                                                                     ▶ The path goes right
        end if
     end while
  end procedure
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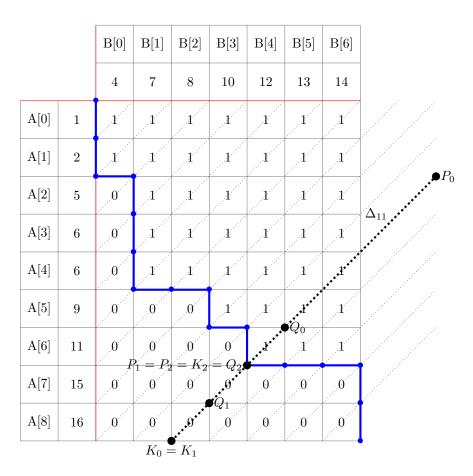


Figure 1: An example of merge path procedure

We start with the merge path algorithm. Let A and B be two ordered arrays (increasing order), we want to merge them in an M sorted array. The merge of A and B is based on a path that starts at the top-left corner of the  $|A| \times |B|$  grid and arrives at the down-right corner. The sequential merge path is given by Algorithm 1 and an example is provided in Figure 1.

Each point of the grid has a coordinate  $(i,j) \in [0,|A|] \times [0,|B|]$ . The merge path starts from the point (i,j) = (0,0) on the left top corner of the grid. If A[i] < B[j] the path goes down else it goes right. The array  $[0,|A|-1] \times [0,|B|-1]$  of boolean values A[i] < B[j] is not important in the algorithm. However, it shows clearly that the merge path is a frontier between ones and zeros.

**Algorithm 2** Merge path (Indexes of n threads are 0 to n-1)

```
Require: A and B are two sorted arrays
Ensure: M is the merged array of A and B with |M| = |A| + |B|
  for each thread in parallel do
      i=index of the thread
      if i > |A| then
         K = (i - |A|, |A|)
                                                                                        ▶ Low point of diagonal
         P = (|A|, i - |A|)
                                                                                       ▶ High point of diagonal
      else
         K = (0, i)
         P = (i, 0)
      end if
      while True do
         offset = abs(K_y - P_y)/2
         Q = (K_x + offset, K_y - offset)
         if Q_y \geq 0 and Q_x \leq B and
            (Q_y = |A| \text{ or } Q_x = 0 \text{ or } A[Q_y] > B[Q_x - 1]) \text{ then}
            if Q_x = |B| or Q_y = 0 or A[Q_y - 1] \le B[Q_x] then
                if Q_y < |A| and (Q_x = |B|) or A[Q_y] \le B[Q_x] then
                    M[i] = A[Q_y]
                                                                                                  \triangleright Merge in M
                    M[i] = B[Q_x]
                end if
                Break
             else
                K = (Q_x + 1, Q_y - 1)
             end if
             P = (Q_x - 1, Q_y + 1)
         end if
      end while
  end for
```

To parallelize the algorithm, the grid has to be extended to the maximum size equal to  $\max(|A|, |B|) \times \max(|A|, |B|)$ . We denote  $K_0$  and  $P_0$  respectively the low point and the high point of the ascending diagonals  $\Delta_k$ . On GPU, each thread  $k \in [0, |A| + |B| - 1]$  is responsible of at least one diagonal. It finds the intersection of the merge path and the diagonal  $\Delta_k$  with a binary search described in Algorithm 2.

Using the merge path algorithm, write a code that batch sorts various arrays  $\{M_i\}_{1 \leq i \leq N}$  at the same time. These arrays have the same size d. The students have to associate only one block per array. They should start with  $d \leq 1024$  then generalize the procedure for larger d.

### Project 3: Parallel Cyclic and Householder reductions

Parallel cyclic reduction (PCR) is an alternative method to Thomas algorithm for the resolution of tridiagonal linear systems. It is stable for diagonally dominant matrices or symmetric and positive definite matrices and its implementation on GPUs is presented in [3]. First, the students have to implement and compare Thomas algorithm to PCR for tridiagonal systems. We refer to [2] and to Project 5 for a fair description of Thomas algorithm. Using Thomas method, write a kernel that solves various tridiagonal systems  $(d \le 1024)$  at the same time, one system per block. Do the same thing for PCR then compare both methods.

Detailed in [2], Householder reduction is a stable method that provides a tridiagonal decomposition of any symmetric matrix. Assuming a large number of  $d \times d$  ( $d \le 1024$ ) symmetric and positive definite matrices  $(A_n)_{1 \le n \le N}$ , the students have to combine Householder and PCR to batch solve linear systems associated to  $(A_n)_{1 \le n \le N}$ . Thus, the combination of Householder and PCR can be used as an alternative to LDLt presented in Project 2.

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```

Let us start with the implementation of PCR applied to the following tridiagonal system

$$\begin{pmatrix}
b_1 & c_1 \\
a_2 & b_2 & c_2 & 0 \\
& a_3 & b_3 & \ddots \\
& & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots \\
& 0 & & \ddots & \ddots & c_{d-1} \\
& & & & a_d & b_d
\end{pmatrix}
\begin{pmatrix}
z_1 \\
z_2 \\
\vdots \\
z_d
\end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix}
y_1 \\
y_2 \\
\vdots \\
y_d
\end{pmatrix}.$$
(1)

One way of solving this system is to use the Cyclic Reduction (CR) that involves a forward phase of elimination then a backward phase to recover the whole solution. CR is sketched in the following figure.

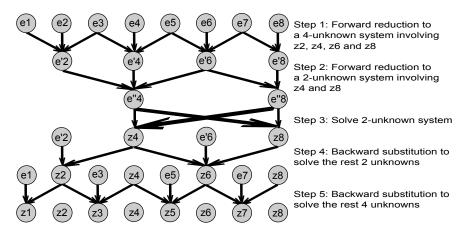


Figure 2: CR when d = 8.

However CR is not perfect for GPUs and a better alternative is to use PCR. Indeed, as shown on the figure bellow, PCR involves only a forward phase that consumes better the GPU resources

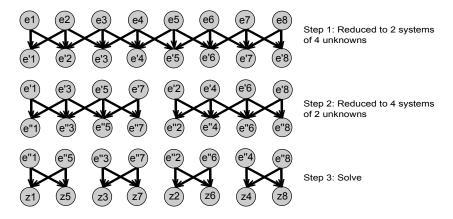


Figure 3: PCR when d = 8.

Using the index P = (d / 2 + (d % 2))\*(tidx % 2) + (int)tidx / 2; explain why we can resolve systems of any size. Your explanations can be based on the operations sketched below.

Write a code that batch resolve tridiagonal systems of any size  $d \leq 1024$  using the PCR algorithm.

Without going through the details of Householder tridiagonalization that can be found in [2], the basic ingredient is the Householder matrix H whose expression, for some vector u different from the zero vector, is given by

$$H = I - uu^t/b, \quad b = u^t u/2. \tag{2}$$

Considering one matrix A among  $(A_n)_{1 \leq n \leq N}$ , the idea then is to choose the right vectors  $u_d, ..., u_3$  associated to  $H_d, ..., H_3$ . The product of these matrices yields to the orthogonal matrix  $Q = H_dH_{d-1}...H_3$  and their successive applications on A provide:  $U = Q^tAQ = H_3^t...H_d^tAH_d...H_3$ .

The first stage is to compute the tridiagonal form U through successive zeroing of the columns of matrix  $A = (a_{i,j})_{i,j=1,\ldots,d}$ . This stage is processed at each step  $i = d, \ldots, 3$  beginning by the vector

$$u_i^t = (a_{i,1}, ..., a_{i,i-1} \pm \sqrt{\sigma}, 0, ..., 0), \quad \sigma = \sqrt{a_{i,1}^2 + ... + a_{i,i-1}^2},$$
 (3)

then calculating the intermediary variables

$$b_i = \frac{u_i^t u_i}{2}, \quad p_i = \frac{U_{i+1} u_i}{b_i} \quad B_i = \frac{u_i^t p_i}{2b_i} \quad q_i = p_i - B_i u_i$$
(4)

which allow us to set

$$U = U_3 \text{ with } U_i = U_{i+1} - q_i u_i^t - u_i q_i^t \text{ and } U_{d+1} = A.$$
 (5)

Now that we have the tridiagonal form U, the second stage is to compute the orthogonal matrix Q defined by  $Q = H_d H_{d-1} ... H_3$ . Besides, we remind that a Householder matrix  $H_i$  is completely specified by  $u_i$ . Consequently, during the first stage, the nonzero components of  $u_i$  are stored in the ith row of the memory space allocated for A and  $u_i/b_i$  in the ith column. Thus, the computation of Q is performed in the second stage using  $Q = Q_d$  and the induction

$$Q_i = H_i Q_{i-1} \text{ for } i = 4, ..., d \text{ with } Q_3 = H_3.$$
 (6)

By definition,  $Q_i$  is an identity matrix in the last i rows and columns and only its elements up to row and column i-1 need to be computed. These then overwrite  $u_i$  and  $u_i/b_i$  stored in A in the first stage.

As far as the first stage is concerned, in addition to the  $d \times d$  memory space allocated for A we need 2d+1 extra memory space. The latter space is used to store the diagonal and the off-diagonal plus 1 value needed for the synchronization between phases where only one thread can be used and the other phases. Also, since  $p_i$  is of size i its components can be stored temporarily in the place of undetermined elements of the off-diagonal. Regarding  $q_i$ , it overwrites  $p_i$  in the off-diagonal.

Let us now take a look at the multi-threaded parts of the collaborative version. For the second stage, we can use i-1 collaborative threads that need synchronization only when the calculation of  $Q_i$  is finished. As for the first stage, the computations of  $p_i$  and  $q_i$  in (4) and the induction performed in (5) are all parallelized using i-1 threads. The other parts of this stage are executed using only one thread.

For instance, the code

is parallelized using

```
if (tidx <= I){
    h = sAds[nt1 + Qt];
    sAds[nt + tidx*n + i] = sAds[nt + i*n + tidx] / h; //Store u/b in the ith column of A.
    g = 0.0f; //Form an element of A·u in g.
    for (k = 0; k <= tidx; k++)
        g += sAds[nt + tidx*n + k] * sAds[nt + i*n + k];
    for (k = tidx + 1; k <= I; k++)
        g += sAds[nt + k*n + tidx] * sAds[nt + i*n + k];
    sAds[nt + n2 + n + tidx] = g / h; //Form element of p in temporarily unused
}
```

Implement a batch GPU version of the Householder tridiagonalization then use it with PCR for the solution of linear systems associated to symmetric positive definite matrices.

### Project 4: Nested Monte Carlo and inference

Based on a nested Monte Carlo, the students have to simulate the price process F(t, x, j) of a bullet option then train a Neural Network (NN) or at least a linear regression how to infer F(t, x, j) for specific values taken by the triplet (t, x, j).

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The price of a bullet option F(t, x, j) = e^{-r(T-t)}E(X | S_t = x, I_t = j), X = (S_T - K)_+ 1_{\{I_T \in [P_1, P_2]\}} with I_t = \sum_{T_i \le t} 1_{\{S_{T_i} \le B\}} and
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- K, T are respectively the contract's strike and maturity
- $T_0 = 0 < T_1 < ... < T_M = T = T_{M+1}$  is a predetermined schedule
- barrier B should be bigger than  $S I_T$  times  $\in \{P_1, ..., P_2\} \subset \{0, ..., M\}$
- r is the risk-free rate and  $\sigma$  is the volatility used in the Black & Scholes model

$$dS_t = S_t r dt + S_t \sigma dW_t, \quad S_0 = x_0.$$

The first step in this work is to make nested the Monte Carlo simulation developed in this course. Using nested Monte Carlo allows to simulate the value of F(t,x,j) for various possible values of (t,x,j) instead of having only the simulation of  $F(0,x_0,0)$  in a standard Monte Carlo. In addition to Monte Carlo code already given, the students have also to use the new RNG.cu and RNG.h files that prepare sufficient number of random number genrators for nested Monte Carlo.

Once the nested Monte Carlo code allows to simulate various realizations of  $F(T_k, x, j)$  for  $(k, x, j) \in \{0, 1, ..., M\} \times \mathbb{R}_+ \times \{0, 1, ..., \min(k, P_2)\}$ , students should use these simulations to train on GPU a NN capable of generating learned realizations of the price F that have the same distribution as the one simulated by nested Monte Carlo.

# Project 5: PDE simulation of bullet options

The students have to implement and compare Thomas algorithm to PCR for tridiagonal systems. Then, they have to simulate a PDE of a bullet option using Crank-Nicolson scheme based on either Thomas or PCR.

We refer to [3] and to Project 3 for a fair description of PCR. Regarding Thomas algorithm, as described in [2], it allows to solve tridiagonal systems:

$$\begin{pmatrix} b_{1} & c_{1} & & & & & \\ a_{2} & b_{2} & c_{2} & & 0 & & & \\ & a_{3} & b_{3} & \ddots & & & & \\ & & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & & \\ & & 0 & & \ddots & \ddots & c_{n-1} \\ & & & & a_{n} & b_{n} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} z_{1} \\ z_{2} \\ \vdots \\ z_{n} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} y_{1} \\ y_{2} \\ \vdots \\ y_{n} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(7)$$

using a forward phase

$$c_1' = \frac{c_1}{b_1}, \ y_1' = \frac{y_1}{b_1}, \ c_i' = \frac{c_i}{b_i - a_i c_{i-1}'}, \ y_i' = \frac{y_i - a_i y_{i-1}'}{b_i - a_i c_{i-1}'} \text{ when } i = 2, ..., n$$
(8)

then a backward one

$$z_n = y'_n, \ z_i = y'_i - c'_i z_{i+1} \text{ when } i = n - 1, ..., 1.$$
 (9)

Using Thomas method, write a kernel that solves various tridiagonal systems ( $d \le 1024$ ) at the same time, one system per block. Do the same thing for PCR then compare both methods.

Let  $u(t, x, j) = e^{r(T-t)} F(t, e^x, j)$  where F is the price of a bullet option  $F(t, x, j) = e^{-r(T-t)} E(X | S_t = x, I_t = j)$ ,  $X = (S_T - K)_+ 1_{\{I_T \in [P_1, P_2]\}}$  with  $I_t = \sum_{T_i \leq t} 1_{\{S_{T_i} \leq B\}}$  and

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- r is the risk-free rate and  $\sigma$  is the volatility used in the Black & Scholes model

$$dS_t = S_t r dt + S_t \sigma dW_t, \quad S_0 = x_0.$$

u(t,x,j) is then the solution of the PDE

$$\frac{1}{2}\sigma^2\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}(t,x,j) + \mu\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(t,x,j) = -\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(t,x,j)$$
 with:  $\mu = r - \frac{\sigma^2}{2}$ 

. The final and boundary conditions are:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} \bullet \ u(T,x,j) & = & \max(e^x - K,0) \text{ for any } (\mathbf{x},\,\mathbf{j}) \\ \bullet \ u(t,\log[K/3],j) & = & \min=0 \\ \bullet \ u(t,\log[3K],j) & = & \max=2K \end{array}$$

From now on we use notations  $u_t(x,j) = u(t,x,j)$  and  $u_{k,i} = u(t_k,x_i,j)$ . Following Crank Nicolson scheme, we get

$$q_u u_{k,i+1} + q_m u_{k,i} + q_d u_{k,i-1} = p_u u_{k+1,i+1} + p_m u_{k+1,i} + p_d u_{k+1,i-1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} q_u &= -\frac{\sigma^2 \Delta t}{4 \Delta x^2} - \frac{\mu \Delta t}{4 \Delta x}, \quad q_m = 1 + \frac{\sigma^2 \Delta t}{2 \Delta x^2}, \quad q_d = -\frac{\sigma^2 \Delta t}{4 \Delta x^2} + \frac{\mu \Delta t}{4 \Delta x} \\ p_u &= \frac{\sigma^2 \Delta t}{4 \Delta x^2} + \frac{\mu \Delta t}{4 \Delta x}, \quad p_m = 1 - \frac{\sigma^2 \Delta t}{2 \Delta x^2}, \quad p_d = \frac{\sigma^2 \Delta t}{4 \Delta x^2} - \frac{\mu \Delta t}{4 \Delta x} \end{aligned}$$

Noticing that:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{M} \mathbb{1}_{\{S_{T_i} < B\}} = \begin{cases} \sum_{i=1}^{M-1} \mathbb{1}_{\{S_{T_i} < B\}} & \text{if } S_{T_M} \ge B\\ \\ \sum_{i=1}^{M-1} \mathbb{1}_{\{S_{T_i} < B\}} + 1 & \text{if } S_{T_M} < B. \end{cases}$$

Therefore we obtain the following backward induction:

for any 
$$t \in [T_M, T[,$$
  $u_t(x, j) = \mathbb{E}[(S_T - K)_+ | S_t = x]$ 

for any  $t \in [T_{M-1}, T_M[$ ,

$$u_t(x,j) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{E}[(S_T - K)_+ \mathbb{1}_{\{S_{T_M} \ge B\}} \mid S_t = x] & \text{if } j = P_2 \\ \mathbb{E}[(S_T - K)_+ \mid S_t = x] & \text{if } j \in [P_1, P_2 - 1] \\ \mathbb{E}[(S_T - K)_+ \mathbb{1}_{\{S_{T_M} < B\}} \mid S_t = x] & \text{if } j = P_1 - 1 \end{cases}$$

for any  $t \in [T_{M-k-1}, T_{M-k}], k = M-1, ..., 1,$ 

$$u_{t}(x,j) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{E}[u_{T_{M-k}}(S_{T_{M-k}}, P_{2})\mathbb{1}_{\{S_{T_{M-k}} \geq B\}} \mid S_{t} = x] & \text{if } j = P_{2} \\ \mathbb{E}[u_{T_{M-k}}(S_{T_{M-k}}, P_{k}^{1})\mathbb{1}_{\{S_{T_{M-k}} < B\}} \mid S_{t} = x] & \text{if } j = P_{k}^{1} - 1 \\ \mathbb{E}\begin{bmatrix} u_{T_{M-k}}(S_{T_{M-k}}, j)\mathbb{1}_{\{S_{T_{M-k}} \geq B\}} \\ +u_{T_{M-k}}(S_{T_{M-k}}, j + 1)\mathbb{1}_{\{S_{T_{M-k}} < B\}} \end{bmatrix} S_{t} = x \end{cases}$$
 if  $j \in [P_{k}^{1}, P_{2} - 1]$  (10)

with  $P_k^1 = max(P_1 - k, 0)$ .

The figure below shows an example of how PDE's backward resolution algorithm (with M = 10,  $P_1 = 3$ ,  $P_2 = 8$ ) is deployed with time on the x-axis and the set of values of  $I_t$  in the ordinate. Write the pricing code and compare the execution time when using either Thomas or PCR.

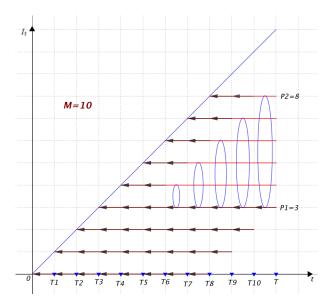


Figure 4: Backward induction scheme

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