

Efficient computation of $\frac{\partial H}{\partial m}$ tensor for a 27-points stencil with mass lumping

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First, we shall introduce some terminology. When we discretize the domain, each point relates itself with its 27 neighbours. In [Figure 1](#) we show a 2D example for the sake of simplicity, but this is easily extended to the 3D case.

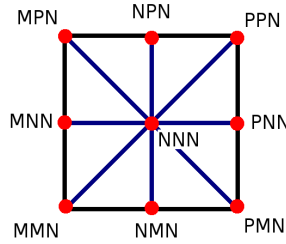


Figure 1: *Illustration of the stencil nomenclature in 2D. The 3D extension is trivial from this scheme.*

Here we denote the coefficient that relates $u_{(i,j,k)}$ with itself by $NNN_{(i,j,k)}$. The coefficient that relates $u_{(i,j,k)}$ with its neighbour to the right (traditionally written as $u_{(i+1,j,k)}$) here is denoted by $PNN_{(i,j,k)}$. Each point has its own stencil which relates the central point to its neighbours; therefore the point $u_{(i+1,j,k)}$ as well has a coefficient $NNN_{(i+1,j,k)}$ associated with itself, and the coefficient that relates $u_{(i+1,j,k)}$ with its left neighbour is $MNN_{(i+1,j,k)}$. Notice that $MNN_{(i+1,j,k)} \neq NNN_{(i,j,k)}$ although they are related to the same point $u_{i,j,k}$. That being said, M stands for a -1 and P stands for $+1$, while N stands for ± 0 in the mnemonics in [Figure 1](#), the first letter representing the x direction, the second representing y and the last representing z (e.g. $MNP_{(i,j,k)}$ is the coefficient that relates the point $u_{(i,j,k)}$ to the point $u_{(i-1,j,k+1)}$). Later, each of these 27-points stencils will form a different line in the matrix.

In the basic 7-points stencil, the media parameter appears only in the NNN coefficients and nowhere else. What the mass lumping does (according to my understanding - which is pretty basic to be honest) is to “spray” the media parameter around. For instance, for the point $u_{(i,j,k)}$, the weight of the mass in the $NNN_{(i,j,k)}$ coefficient is scaled (based on a previously chosen constant

wm_1) and every stencil referring to the point $u_{(i,j,k)}$ will also receive a “part” of the media parameter. That is:

- $NNN_{(i,j,k)}$ receives $wm_1 \times m(i, j, k)$
- $MNN_{(i+1,j,k)}$ receives $wm_2 \times m(i, j, k)$
- $PNN_{(i-1,j,k)}$ receives $wm_2 \times m(i, j, k)$

and so on. From another perspective, the following also holds:

- $NNN_{(i,j,k)}$ receives $wm_1 \times m(i, j, k)$
- $MNN_{(i,j,k)}$ receives $wm_2 \times m(i-1, j, k)$
- $PNN_{(i,j,k)}$ receives $wm_2 \times m(i+1, j, k)$

The weight wm_2 is applied to direct neighbours (e.g. MNN , NPN , etc), the weight wm_3 is used for diagonal neighbours (e.g. MMN , NMP , etc) and the weight wm_4 is used for the corners in the 3D stencil (e.g. MMP , PMP , etc).

Let us first define the tensor $\frac{\partial H}{\partial m} \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n} n$ using MATLAB notation as

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial m}(:, :, i) = \frac{\partial H}{\partial m_i} \quad (1)$$

where each $\frac{\partial H}{\partial m_i} \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ is a matrix. Then

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial m} u = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial H}{\partial m_1} u & \frac{\partial H}{\partial m_2} u & \dots & \frac{\partial H}{\partial m_n} u \end{bmatrix} \quad (2)$$

and each $\frac{\partial H}{\partial m_i} u \in \mathbb{C}^n$ is a vector. In the 7-points stencil, each $\frac{\partial H}{\partial m_i}$ is a matrix whose the only non-zero lies in the i -th row and the i -th column. In the 27-points stencil with mass lumping, however, $\frac{\partial H}{\partial m_i}$ is a matrix with 27 non-zeros. Luckily, all of these non-zeros are located in the i -th column. If e_i is the i -th vector of the canonical base, then the non-zero pattern of the vector $H e_i$ and that of $\frac{\partial H}{\partial m_i} e_i$ is identical (although the values are not the same). With that

being said, we infer that it should be possible to store the tensor $\frac{\partial H}{\partial m}$ using exactly the storage requirement as H .

Knowing that the matrix $\frac{\partial H}{\partial m_i}$ contains exactly one non-zero column, we write

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial m_i} u = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \dots & a_{(1,i)} & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & a_{(2,i)} & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & a_{(n,i)} & \dots & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ \vdots \\ u_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{(1,i)} \\ a_{(2,i)} \\ \vdots \\ a_{(n,i)} \end{bmatrix} u_i$$

Letting a_i denote the non-zero column of $\frac{\partial H}{\partial m_i}$, then

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial m} u = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 u_1 & a_2 u_2 & \dots & a_n u_n \end{bmatrix}. \quad (3)$$

It might as well be useful to write this as

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial m} u = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & \dots & a_n \end{bmatrix} * \text{diag}(u) \quad (4)$$

This matrix has exactly the same non-zero pattern as H , and thus, requires exactly the same storage. We can further compute

$$u^H \frac{\partial H}{\partial m} w = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{u}_1 a_1^H \\ \bar{u}_2 a_2^H \\ \dots \\ \bar{u}_n a_n^H \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \\ \vdots \\ w_n \end{bmatrix}$$

Since the non-zero pattern of $\frac{\partial H}{\partial m} u$ is the same as H , we can compute the above product by simply performing

$$\begin{aligned} dHt &= \text{conj}(H \text{transp}(dH, idx)) \\ udHw &= \text{conj}(u) * H \text{mvp}(dHt, idx, w); \end{aligned}$$

or equivalently:

$$\begin{aligned} ud &= \text{spdiags}(u, 0, n, n); \\ dH &= H \text{2sparse}(dH, idx); \\ udHw &= (dH * ud)' * w; \end{aligned}$$

which looks more straightforward but should take some few extra flops.

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