

# Cholesky Factorization

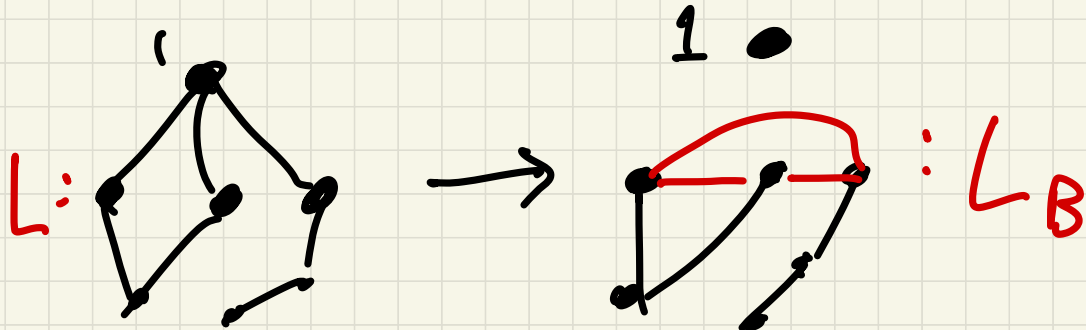
## & Intro to Conjugate Gradient

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Lecture 11





$$L_B = L(2:n, 2:n) - \frac{1}{L(1,1)} L(2:n, 1) \cdot L(1, 2:n)$$

The diagram shows the matrix operation for  $L_B$ . A square matrix with the first row and column shaded is equal to the same matrix with the first row and column removed, minus a product of a row vector and a column vector, scaled by  $\frac{1}{L(1,1)}$ .

$L_B$  is Laplacian

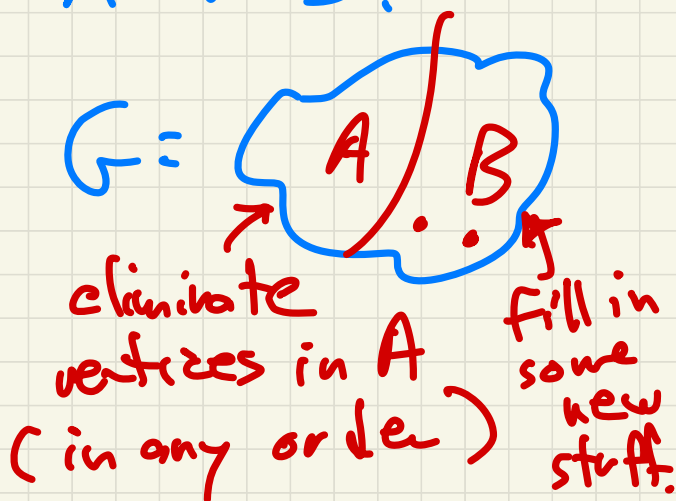
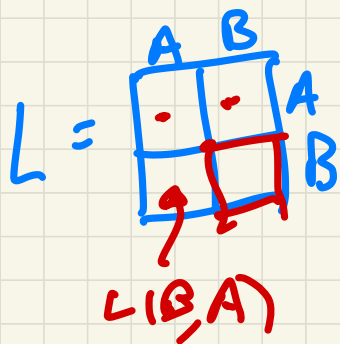
If  $i(1) = 0$  then  $Lv = i \Rightarrow L_B v_B = i_B$

where  $v_B = v(2:n)$

$i_B = i(2:n)$

$L_B$  is an equivalent network to  $L$  on vertices  $2:n$ .

Let  $B \subseteq V$  be any set of "boundary" vertices, and  $A = V - B$ . "interior"



Get:

$$L_B = L(B,B) - L(B,A)L(A,A)^{-1}L(A,B)$$

$L_B$  is equivalent to  $L$  on the vertices of  $B$ .

Note: If  $G$  is connected and

$|A| \leq n-1$ , then  $L(A,A)$  is nonsingular.

DEF:

$L_B$  is called the Schur complement of  $A$  in  $L$ .  
(or "on  $B$ ")

Theorem: If  $L_V = i$

and  $i(A) = 0$  then  $L_B^V(B) = i(B)$ .

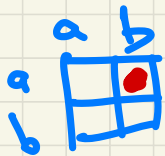
The effective resistance in  $B$  is the same:

$$R_L^{\text{eff}}(a, b) = R_{L_B}^{\text{eff}}(a, b) \text{ for all } a, b \in B.$$

Notice that

$$\text{if } B = \{a, b\}$$

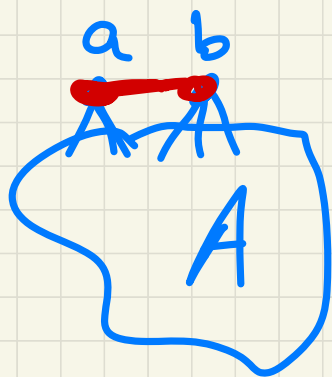
then  $L_B$  is  $2 \times 2$



and

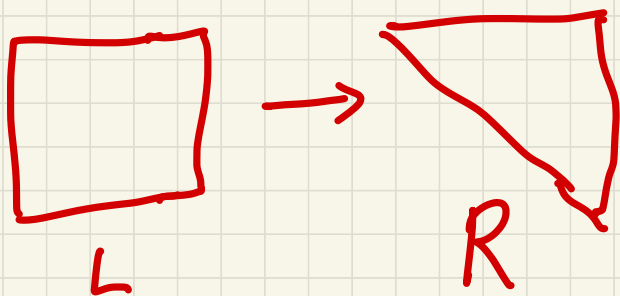
$L_B(1, 2)$  is

$$\frac{-1}{R_{\text{eff}}(a, b)}.$$



# Cholesky factorization to solve

$$Lv = i \text{ for } v.$$



$$Lv = i \rightarrow Rv = \hat{i}$$

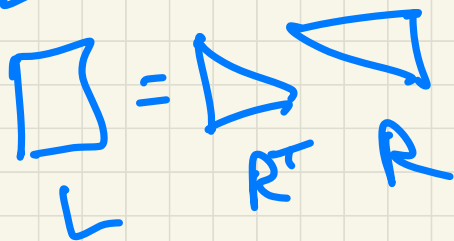
← apply the GE steps to  $\hat{i}$ .

Then can find  $v$  by back-substitution.  
(find  $v(n)$ , then  $v(n-1)$ , ...,  $v(1)$ )

This gives a way to solve symmetric positive semidefinite linear systems.

Can also use GE to factor

$$L = R^T R \text{ for upper triangular } R.$$



"Cholesky factorization"

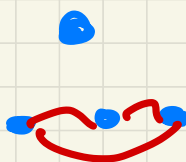
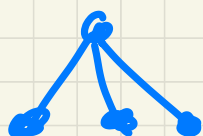
If  $L = R^T R$ , to solve  $Lv = i$

① solve  $R^T y = i$   $\Delta \mathbb{I} = \mathbb{I}$

② solve  $Rv = y$   $\nabla \mathbb{I} = \mathbb{I}$

then  $R^T R v = R^T y = i$ .

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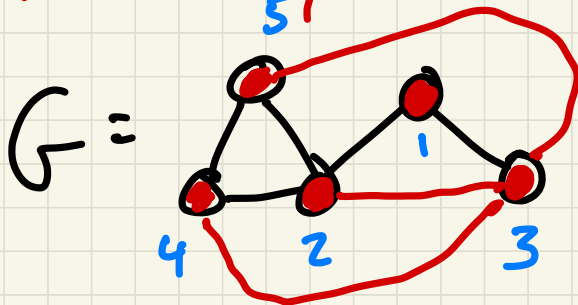


What's the nonzero structure  
of  $R$ ?

(the graph of  $R^T + R$ )

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# Cholesky graph game

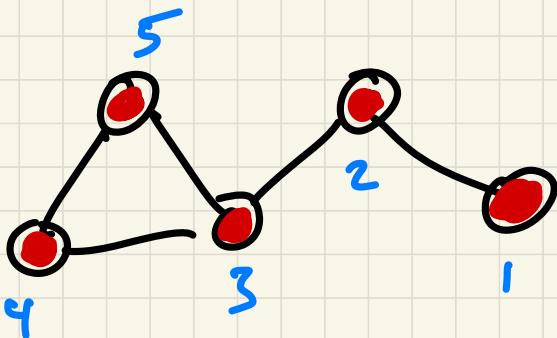


matrix:  $L_G$

For each vertex in turn:

- ① mark the vertex "eliminated"
- ② add edges between all its unmarked neighbours.

Added edges are called "fill"  
and the result is the graph of  $R + R^T$ .



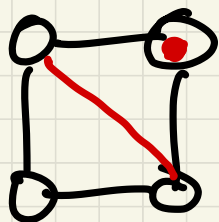
Play the game  
in a different  
order  $\Rightarrow$   
different fill.

matrix:  $P^T L_G P$

for a permutation  
matrix  $P$ .

Problem: Given a graph, what order gives the least fill?

(nonzero in general)



This is NP-hard.

But it's very relevant to solving big sparse linear systems.

① (Parter): If  $G$  is a tree, there is an ordering with no added fill.

Proof: there must be a vertex of degree 1. eliminate it first.

② The  $\sqrt{n}$ -by- $\sqrt{n}$  grid graph with  $n$  vertices has an ordering with  $O(n \log n)$  fill (George, "Nested dissection").

③ Every  $n$ -vertex planar graph has an ordering with  $O(n \log n)$  fill. (Lipton/Tarjan) ... LONG STORY.



Solving  $Ax=b$  (symmetric  $A$ )  
today: positive definite  $A \succ 0$

GE is a "direct method"

Iterative methods for  $Ax=b$ .

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Find  $x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots$  converge to  $x$ .

**CONJUGATE GRADIENT.**

(closely related to Lanczos)

Krylov subspace:  $\text{span}(b, Ab, A^2b, \dots, A^t b)$   
 $= K_{t+1}(b)$

Is  $x$  in  $K_{t+1}(b)$  for some  $t$ ?

An element of  $K_{t+1}(b)$  looks like

$$\beta_0 b + \beta_1 Ab + \beta_2 A^2 b + \dots + \beta_t A^t b.$$

(some scalars  $\beta_k$ )

$$\beta_0 b + \dots + \beta_t A^t b = p(A) b \quad \text{where } Ax = b$$

$$\text{where } p(z) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 z + \beta_2 z^2 + \dots + \beta_t z^t.$$

$$\text{Want } p(A) b = x.$$

$$\text{Want } p(A) Ax = x.$$

$$\text{Want } (I - p(A)A)x = 0.$$

$$\text{So let } q(z) = (1 - zp(z))$$

$$\text{Suppose } q(z) = \sum_{k=1}^{t+1} \gamma_k z^k$$

$$\text{Want: } q(0) = 1 \text{ and } q(A)x = 0.$$

$$q(z) = \sum_{k=1}^{t+1} \gamma_k z^k \quad \text{want } q(A)x=0. \quad A x = b$$

Suppose  $AW = \Lambda W$ ,  $Aw_i = \lambda_i w_i$   
 $W^T W = I$  for  $i=1, 2, \dots, n$ .

Write  $x$  in evcc basis as

$$x = \sum_{i=1}^n d_i w_i \quad (\text{where } d_i = w_i^T x)$$

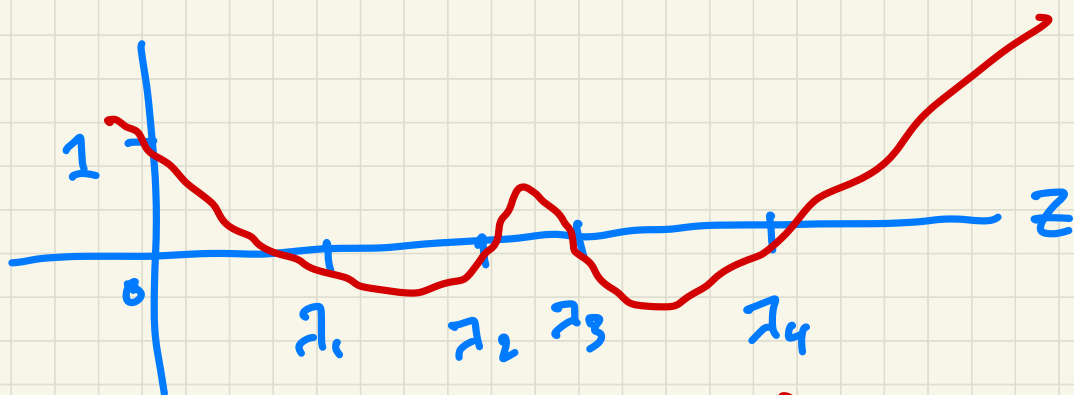
$$q(A)x = \sum_{k=1}^{t+1} \gamma_k A^k x = \sum_{k=1}^{t+1} \gamma_k A^k \sum_{i=1}^n d_i w_i$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^{t+1} \gamma_k \sum_{i=1}^n d_i \lambda_i^k w_i$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \sum_{k=1}^{t+1} \gamma_k \lambda_i^k \right) d_i w_i = \sum_{i=1}^n q(\lambda_i) d_i w_i$$

so if  $q(0)=1$  and  $q(\lambda_i)=0$  for all  $i$ ,  
 then  $q(A)x=0$ .

So  $g(z)$  needs to go through the  $n+1$  points  $(0,1), (z_1,0), (z_2,0) \dots (z_n,0)$  which is possible if degree is  $n$ .



The  $g$  I want exists if  $t \geq n$ .  
 $\Rightarrow p$  exists in  $K_{t+1}$ .

$$g(z) = 1 - zp(z).$$

How do we get that  $g$ ?

Next time...

