

A generalized Llewellyn Thomas algorithm for solving banded cyclic/periodic matrices:

Banded matrices can arise from finite difference methods, eg. :

$$a_j z_{j-1} + b_j z_j + c_j z_{j+1} = d_j$$

for a 3-point difference equation or

$$a_j z_{j-2} + b_j z_{j-1} + c_j z_j + d_j z_{j+1} + e_j z_{j+2} = f_j$$

for a 5-point formula.

A periodic version of a banded matrix can come from periodic boundary conditions. In these cases, none of the coefficients above are zero, whereas in a “regular” banded matrix, the boundary conditions make the off diagonal terms 0.

For the first example, the three (m=3) point equation  $a_j z_{j-1} + b_j z_j + c_j z_{j+1} = d_j$  can be written as a cyclic or periodic version of the tridiagonal matrix with non-zero out of band elements:

$$\begin{bmatrix} b_1 & c_1 & . & .. & . & 0 & a_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 & .. & . & . & 0 \\ . & . & . & .. & a_{n-1} & b_{n-1} & c_{n-1} \\ c_n & 0 & . & .. & 0 & a_n & b_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ . \\ . \\ . \\ z_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} d_1 \\ . \\ . \\ . \\ d_n \end{bmatrix} \text{ i.e. tridiagonal except for two off-diagonal terms.}$$

The system can be solved in  $O[n]$  with the following algorithm. Starting with the 1st and nth equations and working inwards to the 2nd and n-1st and so on, for the jth pair of equations we can write:  
for  $j: \{2,3,4,...\} \ 1 < j < n/2$

$$\begin{bmatrix} b_j & 0 \\ 0 & b_{n-j+1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z_j \\ z_{n-j+1} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} a_j & 0 \\ 0 & c_{n-j+1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z_{j-1} \\ z_{n-j+2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} d_j \\ d_{n-j+1} \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} c_j & 0 \\ 0 & a_{n-j+1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z_{j+1} \\ z_{n-j} \end{bmatrix}$$

which we rewrite as

$$\begin{bmatrix} b_j & 0 \\ 0 & b_{n-j+1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z_j \\ z_{n-j+1} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} a_j & 0 \\ 0 & c_{n-j+1} \end{bmatrix} \left( \tilde{A}_{j-1} \begin{bmatrix} z_j \\ z_{n-j+1} \end{bmatrix} + \vec{v}_{j-1} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} d_j \\ d_{n-j+1} \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} c_j & 0 \\ 0 & a_{n-j+1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z_{j+1} \\ z_{n-j} \end{bmatrix}$$

for  $j: \{1,2,3,4,...\} \ 0 < j < n/2$

$$\text{defining } \begin{bmatrix} z_{j-1} \\ z_{n-j+2} \end{bmatrix} = \left( \tilde{A}_{j-1} \begin{bmatrix} z_j \\ z_{n-j+1} \end{bmatrix} + \vec{v}_{j-1} \right) \text{ for } j: \{2,3,4,...\} \ 1 < j < n/2$$

then we have

$$\begin{bmatrix} b_j & 0 \\ 0 & b_{n-j+1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z_j \\ z_{n-j+1} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} a_j & 0 \\ 0 & c_{n-j+1} \end{bmatrix} \left( \tilde{A}_{j-1} \begin{bmatrix} z_j \\ z_{n-j+1} \end{bmatrix} + \vec{v}_{j-1} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} d_j \\ d_{n-j+1} \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} c_j & 0 \\ 0 & a_{n-j+1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z_{j+1} \\ z_{n-j} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{and } \tilde{A}_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \vec{v}_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ for } j=1 \text{ because at } j=1:$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} b_1 & 0 \\ 0 & b_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ z_n \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & 0 \\ 0 & c_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z_n \\ z_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} d_1 \\ d_n \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} c_1 & 0 \\ 0 & a_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z_2 \\ z_{n-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

Each pair is solved for in terms of the inner next pair of values. Using the first equation with  $j=1$  yields the result for the second equation for  $j=2$  by solving a 2x2 system of equations. Using the matrix  $A_1$  and vector  $v_1$ , the process is iterated repeatedly almost  $n/2$  times, solving for all the  $A_j$  and  $v_j$ .

At the center of the matrix we have to solve either a 2x2 system of equations if  $n$  is even or a 3x3 system if  $n$  is odd. If  $n$  is even the final equation becomes, with  $j=n/2$ :

$$\begin{bmatrix} b_{n/2} & 0 \\ 0 & b_{n/2+1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z_{n/2} \\ z_{n/2+1} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} a_{n/2} & 0 \\ 0 & c_{n/2+1} \end{bmatrix} \left\{ \tilde{A}_{n/2-1} \begin{bmatrix} z_{n/2} \\ z_{n/2+1} \end{bmatrix} + \vec{v}_{n/2-1} \right\} = \begin{bmatrix} d_{n/2} \\ d_{n/2+1} \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} c_{n/2} & 0 \\ 0 & a_{n/2+1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z_{n/2+1} \\ z_{n/2} \end{bmatrix}$$

which is a 2x2 system solvable for the middle two second derivatives.

If  $n$  is odd, the middle term is included:

$$\begin{bmatrix} b_j & c_j & 0 \\ a_{j+1} & b_{j+1} & c_{j+1} \\ 0 & a_{j+2} & b_{j+2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z_j \\ z_{j+1} \\ z_{j+2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} d_j \\ d_{j+1} \\ d_{j+2} \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} a_j & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & c_{j+2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z_{j-1} \\ 0 \\ z_{j+3} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} z_{j-1} \\ z_{j+3} \end{bmatrix} = \tilde{A}_{j-1} \begin{bmatrix} z_j \\ z_{j+2} \end{bmatrix} + \vec{v}_{j-1}, j = \frac{(n-1)}{2}$$

With

$$\begin{bmatrix} z_{j-1} \\ 0 \\ z_{j+3} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z_{j-1} \\ z_{j+3} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \tilde{A}_{j-1} \begin{bmatrix} z_j \\ z_{j+2} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \vec{v}_{j-1} \quad \text{then}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} b_j & c_j & 0 \\ a_{j+1} & b_{j+1} & c_{j+1} \\ 0 & a_{j+2} & b_{j+2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z_j \\ z_{j+1} \\ z_{j+2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} d_j \\ d_{j+1} \\ d_{j+2} \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} a_j & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & c_{j+2} \end{bmatrix} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \tilde{A}_{j-1} \begin{bmatrix} z_j \\ z_{j+2} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \vec{v}_{j-1} \right\}$$

or, writing the components of  $\tilde{A}_{j-1}$  explicitly:

$$\begin{bmatrix} b_j + a_j A_{j-1}^{11} & c_j & a_j A_{j-1}^{12} \\ a_{j+1} & b_{j+1} & c_{j+1} \\ c_{j+2} A_{j-1}^{21} & a_{j+2} & b_{j+2} + c_{j+2} A_{j-1}^{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z_j \\ z_{j+1} \\ z_{j+2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} d_j - a_j v_{j-1}^1 \\ d_{j+1} \\ d_{j+2} - c_{j+2} v_{j-1}^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

We can then solve for all of the  $z_j$  by back substitution using  $\begin{bmatrix} z_{j-1} \\ z_{n-j+2} \end{bmatrix} = \left\{ \tilde{A}_{j-1} \begin{bmatrix} z_j \\ z_{n-j+1} \end{bmatrix} + \vec{v}_{j-1} \right\}$

Similarly, the m=5 point scheme  $a_j z_{j-2} + b_j z_{j-1} + c_j z_j + d_j z_{j+1} + e_j z_{j+2} = f_j$  results in

$$\begin{bmatrix} c_1 & d_1 & e_1 & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & a_1 & b_1 \\ b_2 & c_2 & d_2 & e_2 & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & a_2 \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ e_{n-1} & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & a_{n-1} & b_{n-1} & c_{n-1} & d_{n-1} \\ d_n & e_n & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & a_n & b_n & c_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ z_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f_1 \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ f_n \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{with 6 off-diagonal non-zero elements.}$$

We can then write, for any set of 4 equations j:

$$\begin{bmatrix} c_j & d_j & 0 & 0 \\ b_{j+1} & c_{j+1} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & c_{n-j} & d_{n-j} \\ 0 & 0 & b_{n-j+1} & c_{n-j+1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z_j \\ z_{j+1} \\ z_{n-j} \\ z_{n-j+1} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} a_j & b_j & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a_{j+1} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e_{n-j} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & d_{n-j} & e_{n-j+1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z_{j-2} \\ z_{j-1} \\ z_{n-j+2} \\ z_{n-j+3} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f_j \\ f_{j+1} \\ f_{n-j} \\ f_{n-j+1} \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} e_j & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ d_{j+1} & e_{j+1} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a_{n-j} & b_{n-j} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & a_{n-j+1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z_{j+2} \\ z_{j+3} \\ z_{n-j-2} \\ z_{n-j-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

where we can define

$$\begin{bmatrix} z_{j-2} \\ z_{j-1} \\ z_{n-j+2} \\ z_{n-j+3} \end{bmatrix} = \tilde{A}_{j-1} \begin{bmatrix} z_j \\ z_{j+1} \\ z_{n-j} \\ z_{n-j+1} \end{bmatrix} + \vec{v}_{j-1} \quad \text{as before for } j: \{3, 5, 7, \dots\} \quad j > 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{A}_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \vec{v}_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{for } j=1.$$

and then

$$\begin{bmatrix} c_j & d_j & 0 & 0 \\ b_{j+1} & c_{j+1} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & c_{n-j} & d_{n-j} \\ 0 & 0 & b_{n-j+1} & c_{n-j+1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z_j \\ z_{j+1} \\ z_{n-j} \\ z_{n-j+1} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} a_j & b_j & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a_{j+1} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e_{n-j} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & d_{n-j} & e_{n-j+1} \end{bmatrix} \left( \tilde{A}_j \begin{bmatrix} z_j \\ z_{j+1} \\ z_{n-j} \\ z_{n-j+1} \end{bmatrix} + \vec{v}_j \right) \\ = \begin{bmatrix} f_j \\ f_{j+1} \\ f_{n-j} \\ f_{n-j+1} \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} e_j & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ d_{j+1} & e_{j+1} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a_{n-j} & b_{n-j} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & a_{n-j+1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z_{j+2} \\ z_{j+3} \\ z_{n-j-2} \\ z_{n-j-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

We then have either 5, 6 or 7 rows left after iterating the recurrence relations: for example with 6 rows with  $j = n/2 - 2$  ?  $(n-1)/2$  we have:

$$\begin{bmatrix} c_j & d_j & e_j & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ b_{j+1} & c_{j+1} & d_{j+1} & e_{j+1} & 0 & 0 \\ a_{j+2} & b_{j+2} & c_{j+2} & d_{j+2} & e_{j+2} & 0 \\ 0 & a_{n-j-1} & b_{n-j-1} & c_{n-j-1} & d_{n-j-1} & e_{n-j-1} \\ 0 & 0 & a_{n-j} & b_{n-j} & c_{n-j} & d_{n-j} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & a_{n-j+1} & b_{n-j+1} & c_{n-j+1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z_j \\ z_{j+1} \\ z_{j+2} \\ z_{j+3} \\ z_{j+4} \\ z_{j+5} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f_j \\ f_{j+1} \\ f_{j+2} \\ f_{j+3} \\ f_{j+4} \\ f_{j+5} \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} a_j & b_j & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a_{j+1} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & e_{n-j} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & d_{n-j} & e_{n-j+1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z_{j-2} \\ z_{j-1} \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ z_{n-j+2} \\ z_{n-j+3} \end{bmatrix}$$

but

$$\begin{bmatrix} z_{j-2} \\ z_{j-1} \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ z_{n-j+2} \\ z_{n-j+3} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z_{j-2} \\ z_{j-1} \\ z_{n-j+2} \\ z_{n-j+3} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \left( \tilde{A}_{j-1} \begin{bmatrix} z_j \\ z_{j+1} \\ z_{j+2} \\ z_{j+3} \end{bmatrix} + \vec{v}_{j-1} \right)$$

and so

$$= \begin{bmatrix} f_j \\ f_{j+1} \\ f_{j+2} \\ f_{j+3} \\ f_{j+4} \\ f_{j+5} \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} a_j & b_j & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a_{j+1} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & e_{n-j} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & d_{n-j} & e_{n-j+1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \left\{ \tilde{A}_{j-1} \begin{bmatrix} z_j \\ z_{j+1} \\ z_{j+2} \\ z_{j+3} \end{bmatrix} + \vec{v}_{j-1} \right\}$$

$$\text{and } \begin{bmatrix} a_j & b_j & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a_{j+1} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & e_{n-j} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & d_{n-j} & e_{n-j+1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_j & b_j & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a_{j+1} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e_{n-j} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & d_{n-j} & e_{n-j+1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

We can workout similar formulae for 5 and 7 rows left, with:

$$\begin{bmatrix} c_j & d_j & e_j & 0 & 0 \\ b_{j+1} & c_{j+1} & d_{j+1} & e_{j+1} & 0 \\ a_{(n+1)/2} & b_{(n+1)/2} & c_{(n+1)/2} & d_{(n+1)/2} & e_{(n+1)/2} \\ 0 & a_{n-j} & b_{n-j} & c_{n-j} & d_{n-j} \\ 0 & 0 & a_{n-j+1} & b_{n-j+1} & c_{n-j+1} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{with 5 rows}$$

and

$$\begin{bmatrix} c_j & d_j & e_j & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ b_{j+1} & c_{j+1} & d_{j+1} & e_{j+1} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ a_{j+2} & b_{j+2} & c_{j+2} & d_{j+2} & e_{j+2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a_{(n+1)/2} & b_{(n+1)/2} & c_{(n+1)/2} & d_{(n+1)/2} & e_{(n+1)/2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a_{n-j-1} & b_{n-j-1} & c_{n-j-1} & d_{n-j-1} & e_{n-j-1} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & a_{n-j} & b_{n-j} & c_{n-j} & d_{n-j} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & a_{n-j+1} & b_{n-j+1} & c_{n-j+1} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{with 7 rows}$$

Writing more generally, if we write the first equation corresponding to the 3 point formula

$$\begin{bmatrix} b_j & 0 \\ 0 & b_{n-j+1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z_j \\ z_{n-j+1} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} a_j & 0 \\ 0 & c_{n-j+1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z_{j-1} \\ z_{n-j+2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} d_j \\ d_{n-j+1} \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} c_j & 0 \\ 0 & a_{n-j+1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z_{j+1} \\ z_{n-j} \end{bmatrix}$$

as

$$\tilde{C}_{jj} \vec{z}_{jj} + \tilde{S}_{jj} \vec{z}_{jj-1} = \vec{b}_{jj} - \tilde{P}_{jj} \vec{z}_{jj+1} \quad \text{and defining} \quad KU = \frac{(m-1)}{2}$$

where  $\vec{z}_{jj}$  is understood to be the corresponding vector with length  $2 KU$  (or  $m-1$ ) defined as

$$(z_j, z_{j+1} \dots z_{j+(m-3)/2}, z_{n-j+1-(m-3)/2} \dots z_{n-j}, z_{n-j+1}) = (z_j, z_{j+1} \dots z_{j+KU-1}, z_{n-j+2-KU} \dots z_{n-j}, z_{n-j+1})$$

with  $\vec{b}_{jj}$  defined similarly so that  $\tilde{C}_{jj}, \tilde{S}_{jj}, \tilde{P}_{jj}, \vec{b}_{jj} \vec{z}_{jj}$  are defined for  $jj$  every  $j KU$  apart.

Substituting  $\tilde{A}_{jj}$  and  $\vec{v}_{jj}$  defined as:

$$\vec{z}_{jj-1} = \tilde{A}_{jj-1} \vec{z}_{jj} + \vec{v}_{jj-1}$$

results in the second equation as

$$\left[ \tilde{C}_{jj} + \tilde{S}_{jj} \tilde{A}_{jj-1} \right] \vec{z}_{jj} + \tilde{S}_{jj} \vec{v}_{jj-1} = \vec{b}_{jj} - \tilde{P}_{jj} \vec{z}_{jj+1}$$

Using the definition of  $\tilde{A}_{jj}$  and  $\vec{v}_{jj}$  and the second equation we can recognize the recurrence relations:

$$\tilde{A}_{jj} = - \left[ \tilde{C}_{jj} + \tilde{S}_{jj} \tilde{A}_{jj-1} \right]^{-1} \tilde{P}_{jj}$$

$$\vec{v}_{jj} = \left[ \tilde{C}_{jj} + \tilde{S}_{jj} \tilde{A}_{jj-1} \right]^{-1} \left[ \vec{b}_{jj} - \tilde{S}_{jj} \vec{v}_{jj-1} \right]$$

which are solved every  $jj$ , reducing the number of equations by  $(m-1)$  each iteration with

$\tilde{A}_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & I_{(m-1)/2} \\ I_{(m-1)/2} & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  an  $(m-1) \times (m-1)$  circular permutation matrix and  $I_{(m-1)/2}$  the  $(m-1)/2 \times (m-1)/2$  identity matrix.

At the center of the system matrix, if  $\text{modulo}(n, m-1) = 0$ , then  $\vec{z}_{jj+1} = \tilde{A}_0 \vec{z}_{jj}$  (recognizing that the final  $\tilde{A}_{j-1} = \{ \tilde{A}_0 \}^{-1}$  )

so that the final inner values are given by

$\vec{z}_{jj} = \left[ \tilde{C}_{jj} + \tilde{P}_{jj} \tilde{A}_0 + \tilde{S}_{jj} \tilde{A}_{jj-1} \right]^{-1} \left[ \vec{b}_{jj} - \tilde{S}_{jj} \vec{v}_{jj-1} \right]$  for the last  $2*(m-1)$  values. More generally, if  $\text{modulo}(n, m-1) = p \neq 0$ , we have  $m-1+p$  rows left. The central rows can be written

$$\vec{z}_L = \{ z_j, z_{j+1}, \dots, z_{m-1+p} \} \text{ with } j = (n-m-p+2)/2$$

We can then state that these central values are given by:

$$\vec{z}_L = \left[ \tilde{C}_L + \tilde{P}_L \tilde{A}_0 + \tilde{I}_0^* \tilde{S}_{jj} \tilde{A}_{jj-1} \tilde{I}_0^{*T} \right]^{-1} \left[ \vec{b}_L - \tilde{I}_0^* \tilde{S}_{jj} \vec{v}_{jj-1} \right] \text{ or}$$

$$\vec{z}_L = \left[ \tilde{C}_{jjL} + \tilde{I}_0^* \tilde{S}_{jj} \tilde{A}_{jj-1} \tilde{I}_0^{*T} \right]^{-1} \left[ \vec{b}_L - \tilde{I}_0^* \tilde{S}_{jj} \vec{v}_{jj-1} \right]$$

where  $\tilde{C}_{jjL} = \tilde{C}_L + \tilde{P}_L \tilde{A}_0$  and  $\vec{b}_L$  consists of the last  $2*KU+p$  inner values.

$\tilde{I}_0^*$  is an  $(m-1) \times (m-1+p)$  matrix composed of the  $(m-1) \times (m-1)$  identity matrix with  $p = \text{modulo}(n, m-1)$  extra zero rows. Note we use the fact that  $\tilde{I}_0^* \tilde{I}_0^{*T} = I_{m-1+p}$  that for the central rows where

$$j = (n-m-p+2)/2: \quad \tilde{I}_0^* \vec{z}_L = \tilde{I}_0^* \{ z_j, z_{j+1}, \dots, z_{j+m-1+p} \}^T = \tilde{I}_0^* \vec{z}_j = \tilde{I}_0^* \{ z_j, z_{j+1}, \dots, z_{j+(m-3)/2}, 0, 0, \dots, 0, z_{n-j+1-(m-3)/2}, \dots, z_{n-j}, z_{n-j+1} \}^T$$

In general, then, the algorithm consists of computing the matrix and vector every  $(m-1)$  sets of rows with

$$\tilde{A}_{jj} = - \left[ \tilde{C}_{jj} + \tilde{S}_{jj} \tilde{A}_{jj-1} \right]^{-1} \tilde{P}_{jj}$$

$$\vec{v}_{jj} = [\tilde{C}_{jj} + \tilde{S}_{jj} \tilde{A}_{jj-1}]^{-1} [\vec{b}_{jj} - \tilde{S}_{jj} \vec{v}_{jj-1}]$$

for n/(m-1) number of times. (integer division)

then computing the m-1+p central values needing only  $\tilde{A}_{jj-1}$  and  $\vec{v}_{jj-1}$

$$\vec{z}_L = [\tilde{C}_L + \tilde{P}_L \tilde{A}_0 + \tilde{I}_0^* \tilde{S}_{jj} \tilde{A}_{jj-1} \tilde{I}_0^{*T}]^{-1} [\vec{b}_L - \tilde{I}_0^* \tilde{S}_{jj} \vec{v}_{jj-1}]$$

or

$$\vec{z}_L = [\tilde{C}_{jjL} + \tilde{I}_0^* \tilde{S}_{jj} \tilde{A}_{jj-1} \tilde{I}_0^{*T}]^{-1} [\vec{b}_L - \tilde{I}_0^* \tilde{S}_{jj} \vec{v}_{jj-1}]$$

where  $\tilde{C}_{jjL} = \tilde{C}_L + \tilde{P}_L \tilde{A}_0$  and  $\vec{b}_L$  consists of the last 2\*KU+p inner values.

where  $\tilde{I}_0^*$  is an (m-1) x (m-1+p) matrix composed of the (m-1) x (m-1) identity matrix with p=modulo(n,m-1) extra central zero rows, and  $\tilde{A}_0$  is the (m-1) x (m-1) circular permutation matrix composed of the identity matrix from above.

Once the center values are known the stored matrices  $\tilde{A}_{jj}$  and vectors  $\vec{v}_{jj}$  are used for back substitution using  $\vec{z}_{jj-1} = \tilde{A}_{jj-1} \vec{z}_{jj} + \vec{v}_{jj-1}$ .

In general, an m-point equation, with m-odd, can be written:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{i=m} AB(i, j) * z_{i+j-(m+1)/2} = b_j \quad \text{in contrast with} \quad \sum_{i=1}^m a_{ij} z_{i+j} = b_j$$

or

$$\sum_{i=-(m-1)/2}^{i=(m-1)/2} AB((m+1)/2+i, j) * z_{i+j} = b_j$$

where the AB matrix is m x n, with n the number of points, similar to the general LAPACK band matrix (<https://www.netlib.org/lapack/lug/node124.html>) notation:

$$AB(KU+1+i-j, j) = a_{ij} \text{ with } KU = (m-1)/2$$

or, generalizing when we allow wrapping the periodic coefficients

$$AB(2*KU+2-\text{mod}(N+KU+1+i-j, N), i) = a_{ij} \text{ with } KU = (m-1)/2$$

In the nonperiodic banded matrix, the coefficients AB(i,j)=0 when i+j-(m+1)/2 is < 1 or > n. With the above definition of AB[i,j] we have the square (i x k) for each j matrices:

$$\tilde{C}_{jj} = \begin{cases} AB[KU+k-i+1, j+i-1] & \forall i, k \{1, 2, \dots, KU\} \\ AB[KU+k-i+1, n-2*KU+i-j+1] & \forall i, k \{KU+1, \dots, 2*KU\} \\ else & 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\tilde{S}_{jj} = \begin{cases} AB[1+k-i, j+i-1] & \forall i, k \{1, 2, \dots, KU\} \\ AB[2*KU+1+k-i, n-2*KU+i-j] & \forall i, k \{KU+1, \dots, 2*KU\} \\ else & 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\tilde{P}_{jj} = \begin{cases} AB[2*KU+1+k-i, j+i-1] & \forall i, k \{1, 2, \dots, KU\} \\ AB[1+k-i, n-2*KU+i-j] & \forall i, k \{KU+1, \dots, 2*KU\} \\ else & 0 \end{cases}$$

The last C<sub>jj</sub> and P<sub>jj</sub> are (m-1+p) x (m-1+p), which means the last  $\tilde{A}_0$  is also (m-1+p) x (m-1+p). In combination we define C<sub>jL</sub>

$$\tilde{C}_{jjL} = \tilde{C}_L + \tilde{P}_L \tilde{A}_0 = \begin{cases} AB[KU+1+k-i, j+i-1] & \forall i, k \{1, 2, \dots, 2*KU+p\} \\ else & 0 \end{cases}$$

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