

# Direct Methods

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$$Ax=b$$

Direct methods - black box

LAPACK - dense matrices

Sparse matrices - Sparskit, PetSc

All Gaussian Elimination (G.E.)

$$A=LU, \quad A=FF^T \text{ Cholesky (A SPD)}$$

A symm. indefinite

$$\text{Bunch-Kaufman: } A=PLDL^TP^T \quad D\text{-block diagonal with } 1 \times 1 + 2 \times 2 \text{ blocks}$$

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$$C = \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{\varepsilon} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{\varepsilon} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{matrix} n \\ m \end{matrix} \begin{pmatrix} A & B^T \\ B & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} I & 0 \\ BA^{-1} & I \end{pmatrix} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} A & 0 \\ 0 & -BA^{-1}B^T \end{pmatrix}}_{\substack{n \text{ pos eig.} \\ m \text{ neg eig. if } A \text{ is SPD}}} \begin{pmatrix} I & A^{-1}B^T \\ 0 & I \end{pmatrix}$$

↑  
LDL<sup>T</sup> decomp.

$$x = L^{-T}(D^{-1}(L^{-1}b))$$

What if  $\varepsilon$  small?

$C = \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  - just a permuted identity, nearly perfectly conditioned.

but when we decompose  $\rightarrow$  poor condition numbers

$D$  is not something we want to invert

This is why we allow  $D$  to have  $2 \times 2$  blocks (Bunch-Kaufman).

typically follow

$$Ax=b$$

$$A=LU$$

$$\underbrace{LU}_{y}x=b$$

$$\begin{cases} Ly=b \\ Ux=y \end{cases}$$

## 1) a few flavors

LU  
 $LDL^T$ ,  $LTL^T$  (Asen)  
 $FF^T$

2) Pivoting: swap rows to keep largest elt. in diagonal (pivot)  $\rightarrow$  partial pivoting (GEPP - not stable)

: complete pivoting, swapping rows + columns

Take  $A \rightarrow U$

swapping rows  $\rightarrow$  relabel RHS  
cols  $\rightarrow$  relabel unknowns

: rook pivoting, hybrid b/w complete + partial.

Symmetric Permutations:

$$Ax = b$$

$$(P^T A P)(P^T x) = P^T b \rightarrow \text{important for pre-ordering for sparse matrices}$$

$$\tilde{A} \tilde{x} = \tilde{b}$$

3) order of ops in G.E.

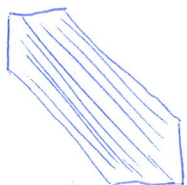
- eg KTS order

(see, eg. Saad Ch 10).

- significant in ILU factorizations.

## Sparse Matrices

- narrow-banded



no fill, but if mtrx is sparse w/in the band, then there is fill w/in the band

- arrow matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} \text{diag} & & 0 \\ 0 & \text{diag} & \\ & & \ddots \end{pmatrix}$$

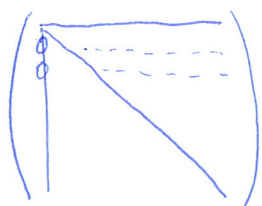
$$P = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & & \\ & 1 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ 1 & & & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$PAP^T = \begin{pmatrix} \text{diag} & & \\ & \text{diag} & \\ & & \ddots \end{pmatrix}$$

Which one is better for GE?

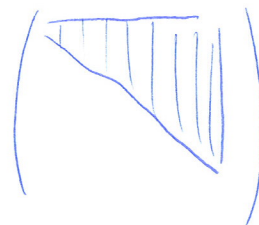
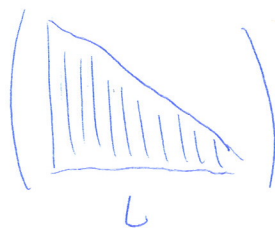
↳ PAPT is better

for A get fill in L, U

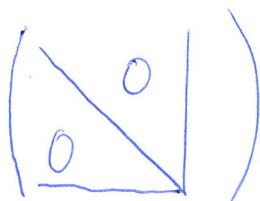


b.d

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$O(n^3)$



good

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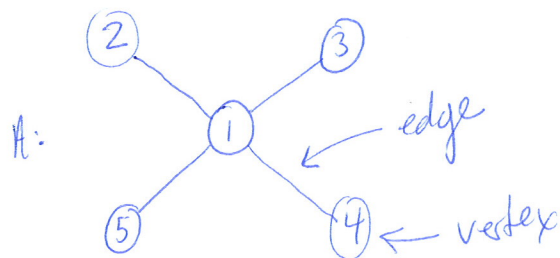
$O(n)$

L

U

RCM, AMD

Graph of a matrix



$a_{14}, a_{41}$

$a_{12}, a_{21}$

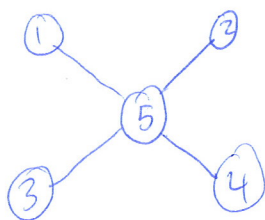
$a_{13}, a_{31}$

$a_{15}, a_{51}$

all non zero.

(Structurally symmetric)

PAPT



← Symmetric permutation is equivalent to relabelling nodes

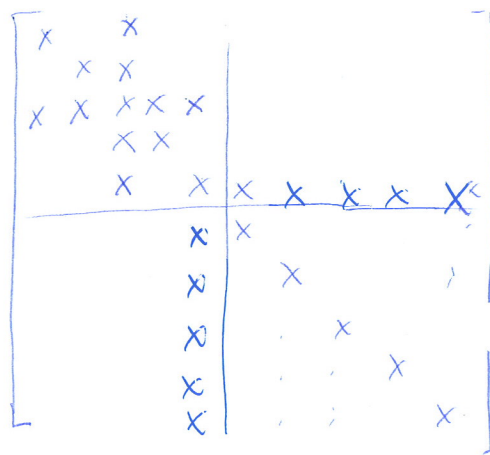
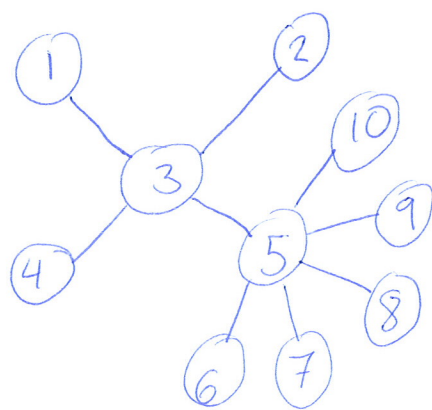
degree of a node: number of nodes connected to the node

We want (maybe) to order nodes w/ lowest degree first.

Orderings -

- ① Try to reduce bandwidth
- ② Try to see how to order nodes so that the fill is reduced
- ③ Try to "cut" graphs into 2, recursively

BFS: breadth first search.



1) Locally, do the best we can

level set   level set   level set   level set

1, 3, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10.

reverse the order

RCM: 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 2, 3, 1

