### Sparse linear solvers: iterative methods and preconditioning

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- Most matrices arising from real applications are sparse.
- A 1M-by-1M submatrix of the web connectivity graph, constructed from an archive at the Stanford WebBase.



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- GHS class: Car surface mesh, n = 100196, nnz(A) = 544688





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Semiconductor simulation matrix from Steve Hamm, Motorola, Inc. circuit with no parasitics, n = 105676, nnz(A) = 513072





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# Sparse linear solvers

#### Direct methods of factorization

- For solving Ax = b, least squares problems
  - $\Box$  Cholesky, LU, QR,  $LDL^{T}$  factorizations
- Limited by fill-in/memory consumption and scalability

### Iterative solvers

- For solving Ax = b, least squares,  $Ax = \lambda x$ , SVD
- When only multiplying A by a vector is possible
- Limited by accuracy/convergence

## Hybrid methods

As domain decomposition methods

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## Krylov subspace methods

Solve Ax = b by finding a sequence  $x_1, x_2, ..., x_k$  that minimizes some measure of error over the corresponding spaces

$$x_0 + \mathcal{K}_i(A, r_0), \quad i = 1, ..., k$$

#### They are defined by two conditions:

- 1. Subspace condition:  $x_k \in x_0 + \mathcal{K}_k(A, r_0)$
- 2. Petrov-Galerkin condition:  $r_k \perp \mathscr{L}_k$

$$\iff (r_k)^t y = 0, \ \forall \ y \in \mathscr{L}_k$$

#### where

- x<sub>0</sub> is the initial iterate, r<sub>0</sub> is the initial residual,
- $\mathcal{K}_k(A, r_0) = span\{r_0, Ar_0, A^2r_0, ..., A^{k-1}r_0\}$  is the Krylov subspace of dimension k,
- $\mathscr{L}_k$  is a well-defined subspace of dimension k.

# One of Top Ten Algorithms of the 20th Century

From SIAM News, Volume 33, Number 4: Magnus Hestenes, Eduard Stiefel, and Cornelius Lanczos, all from the Institute for Numerical Analysis at the National Bureau of Standards, initiate the development of Krylov subspace iteration methods.

- Russian mathematician Alexei Krylov writes first paper, 1931.
- Lanczos introduced an algorithm to generate an orthogonal basis for such a subspace when the matrix is symmetric.
- Hestenes and Stiefel introduced CG for SPD matrices.

Other Top Ten Algorithms: Monte Carlo method, decompositional approach to matrix computations (Householder), Quicksort, Fast multipole, FFT.

# Choosing a Krylov method



All methods (GMRES, CGS,CG...) depend on SpMV (or variations...) See www.netlib.org/templates/Templates.html for details

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# Conjugate gradient (Hestenes, Stieffel, 52)

A Krylov projection method for SPD matrices where L<sub>k</sub> = K<sub>k</sub>(A, r<sub>0</sub>).
 Finds x\* = A<sup>-1</sup>b by minimizing the quadratic function

$$\phi(x) = \frac{1}{2}(x)^t A x - b^t x$$
  
$$\nabla \phi(x) = A x - b = 0$$

After j iterations of CG,

$$||x^* - x_j||_A \le 2||x - x_0||_A \left(\frac{\sqrt{\kappa(A)} - 1}{\sqrt{\kappa(A)} + 1}\right)^j,$$

where  $x_0$  is starting vector,  $||x||_A = \sqrt{x^T A x}$  and  $\kappa(A) = |\lambda_{max}(A)|/|\lambda_{min}(A)|$ .

## Conjugate gradient

Computes A-orthogonal search directions by conjugation of the residuals

$$\begin{cases} p_1 = r_0 = -\nabla \phi(x_0) \\ p_k = r_{k-1} + \beta_k p_{k-1} \end{cases}$$
(1)

At k-th iteration,

$$x_k = x_{k-1} + \alpha_k p_k = \operatorname{argmin}_{x \in x_0 + \mathcal{K}_k(A, r_0)} \phi(x)$$

where  $\alpha_k$  is the step along  $p_k$ .

CG algorithm obtained by imposing the orthogonality and the conjugacy conditions

$$r_k^T r_i = 0$$
, for all  $i \neq k$ ,  
 $p_k^T A p_i = 0$ , for all  $i \neq k$ .

#### Algorithm 1 The CG Algorithm

1:	$r_0 = b - Ax_0$ , $\rho_0 =   r_0  _2^2$ , $p_1 = r_0$ , $k = 1$
2:	while ( $\sqrt{ ho_k} > \epsilon   b  _2$ and $k < k_{max}$ ) do
3:	if $(k \neq 1)$ then
4:	$\beta_k = (r_{k-1}, r_{k-1})/(r_{k-2}, r_{k-2})$
5:	$p_k = r_{k-1} + \beta_k p_{k-1}$
6:	end if
7:	$\alpha_k = (r_{k-1}, r_{k-1})/(Ap_k, p_k)$
8:	$x_k = x_{k-1} + \alpha_k \boldsymbol{p}_k$
9:	$r_k = r_{k-1} - \alpha_k A p_k$
10:	$\rho_k =   \mathbf{r}_k  _2^2$
11:	k = k + 1
12:	end while

## Challenge in getting efficient and scalable solvers

• A Krylov solver finds  $x_{k+1}$  from  $x_0 + \mathcal{K}_{k+1}(A, r_0)$  where

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- Finds best solution x<sub>k+1</sub> as linear combination of [x<sub>1</sub>,...,x<sub>k</sub>]

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- Improve the performance of sparse matrix-vector product.
- Improve the performance of collective communication.
- Change numerics reformulate or introduce Krylov subspace algorithms to:
  - reduce communication,
  - □ increase arithmetic intensity compute sparse matrix-set of vectors product.
- Use preconditioners to decrease the number of iterations till convergence.

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# Iterative solvers that reduce communication

#### Communication avoiding based on s-step methods

- Unroll k iterations, orthogonalize every k steps.
- A factor of O(k) less messages and bandwidth in sequential.
- A factor of O(k) less messages in parallel (same bandwidth).

### Enlarged Krylov methods

- Decrease the number of iterations to decrease the number of global communication.
- Increase arithmetic intensity.

Other approaches available in the litterature, but not presented here.

To avoid communication, unroll k-steps, ghost necessary data,

- generate a set of vectors W for the Krylov subspace  $\mathcal{K}_k(A, r_0)$ ,
- (A)-orthogonalize the vectors using a communication avoiding orthogonalization algorithm (e.g. TSQR(W)).

#### References

- Van Rosendale '83, Walker '85, Chronopoulous and Gear '89, Erhel '93, Toledo '95, Bai, Hu, Reichel '91 (Newton basis), Joubert and Carey '92 (Chebyshev basis), etc.
- Recent references: G. Atenekeng, B. Philippe, E. Kamgnia (to enable multiplicative Schwarz preconditioner), J. Demmel, M. Hoemmen, M. Mohiyuddin, K. Yellick (to minimize communication, next slides), Carson, Demmel, Knight (CA and other Krylov solvers, preconditioners)

# **CA-GMRES**

GMRES: find x in  $span\{b, Ab, ..., A^kb\}$  minimizing  $||Ax - b||_2$ Cost of k steps of standard GMRES vs new GMRES

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Standard GMRES
 for i=1 to k
  w = A \cdot v(i-1)
  MGS(w, v(0),...,v(i-1))
  update v(i), H
 endfor
 solve LSQ problem with H
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Communication-avoiding GMRES W = [v, Av, A<sup>2</sup>v, ..., A<sup>k</sup>v] [Q,R] = TSQR(W) ... "Tall Skinny QR" Build H from R, solve LSQ problem

Sequential: #words\_moved = O(nnz) from SpMV + O(k·n) from TSQR Parallel: #messages = O(1) from computing W + O(log p) from TSQR

- Generate the set of vectors {Ax, A<sup>2</sup>x,...A<sup>k</sup>x} in parallel
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- Shaded triangles represent data computed redundantly





# Matrix Powers Kernel (contd)

Ghosting works for structured or well-partitioned unstructured matrices, with modest surface-to-volume ratio.

- Parallel: block-row partitioning based on (hyper)graph partitioning,
- Sequential: top-to-bottom processing based on traveling salesman problem.



# Challenges and research opportunities

Length of the basis k is limited by

- Size of ghost data
- Loss of precision

Preconditioners: lots of recent work

- Highly decoupled preconditioners: Block Jacobi
- Hierarchical, semiseparable matrices (M. Hoemmen, J. Demmel)
- CA-ILU0, deflation (Carson, Demmel, Knight)



# Performance

- Speedups on Intel Clovertown (8 cores), data from [Demmel et al., 2009]
- Used both optimizations:
  - sequential (moving data from DRAM to chip)
  - parallel (moving data between cores on chip)



# Performance (contd)



# Enlarged Krylov methods [Grigori et al., 2014a]

- Partition the matrix into t domains
- split the residual  $r_{k-1}$  into t vectors corresponding to the t domains,



generate t new basis vectors, obtain an enlarged Krylov subspace

$$\mathscr{K}_{t,k}(A, r_0) = span\{T_s(r_0), AT_s(r_0), A^2T_s(r_0), ..., A^{k-1}T_s(r_0)\}$$

• search for the solution of the system Ax = b in  $\mathcal{K}_{t,k}(A, r_0)$ 

## Properties of enlarged Krylov subspaces

• The Krylov subspace  $\mathcal{K}_k(A, r_0)$  is a subset of the enlarged one

$$\mathcal{K}_k(A, r_0) \subset \mathscr{K}_{t,k}(A, r_0)$$

■ For all *k* < *k*<sub>max</sub> the dimensions of *ℋ*<sub>t,k</sub> and *ℋ*<sub>t,k+1</sub> are strictly increasing by some number *i*<sub>k</sub> and *i*<sub>k+1</sub> respectively, where

 $t\geq i_k\geq i_{k+1}\geq 1.$ 

• The enlarged subspaces are increasing subspaces, yet bounded.

 $\mathscr{K}_{t,1}(A, r_0) \subsetneq ... \subsetneq \mathscr{K}_{t,k_{max}-1}(A, r_0) \subsetneq \mathscr{K}_{t,k_{max}}(A, r_0) = \mathscr{K}_{t,k_{max}+q}(A, r_0), \forall q > 0$ 

## Properties of enlarged Krylov subspaces: stagnation

• Let 
$$\mathcal{K}_{p_{max}} = \mathcal{K}_{p_{max}+q}$$
 and  $\mathscr{K}_{t,k_{max}} = \mathscr{K}_{t,k_{max}+q}$  for  $q > 0$ . Then  
 $k_{max} \leq p_{max}$ .

• The solution of the system Ax = b belongs to the subspace  $x_0 + \mathscr{K}_{t,k_{max}}$ .

Defined by the subspace  $\mathscr{K}_{t,k}$  and the following two conditions:

- 1. Subspace condition:  $x_k \in x_0 + \mathscr{K}_{t,k}$
- 2. Orthogonality condition:  $r_k \perp \mathscr{K}_{t,k}$
- At each iteration, the new approximate solution x<sub>k</sub> is found by minimizing φ(x) = ½(x)<sup>t</sup>Ax − b<sup>t</sup>x over x<sub>0</sub> + ℋ<sub>t,k</sub>:

$$\phi(x_k) = \min\{\phi(x), \forall x \in x_0 + \mathscr{K}_{t,k}(A, r_0)\}$$

# Convergence analysis

### Given

- A is an SPD matrix,  $x^*$  is the solution of Ax = b
- $||\overline{e}_k||_A = ||x^* \overline{x}_k||_A$  is the  $k^{th}$  error of CG
- $||e_k||_A = ||x^* x_k||_A$  is the  $k^{th}$  error of enlarged methods
- CG converges in  $\overline{K}$  iterations

### Result

Enlarged Krylov methods converge in K iterations, where  $K \leq \overline{K} \leq n$ .

$$||e_k||_A = ||x^* - x_k||_A \le ||\overline{e}_k||_A$$

# LRE-CG: Long Recurrence Enlarged CG

- Use the entire basis to approximate the new solution
- Q<sub>k</sub> = [W<sub>1</sub>W<sub>2</sub>...W<sub>k</sub>] is an n × tk matrix containing the basis vectors of *K*<sub>t,k</sub>
- At each k<sup>th</sup> iteration, approximate the solution as

$$x_k = x_{k-1} + Q_k \alpha_k$$

such that

$$\phi(x_k) = \min\{\phi(x), \forall x \in x_0 + \mathscr{K}_{t,k}\}$$

• Either  $x_k$  is the solution, or t new basis vectors and the new approximation  $x_{k+1} = x_k + Q_{k+1}\alpha_{k+1}$  are computed.

## SRE-CG: Short recurrence enlarged CG

- By A-orthonormalizing the basis vectors  $Q_k = [W_1, W_2, \dots, W_k]$ , we obtain a short recurrence enlarged CG.
- Given that  $Q_{k-1}^t r_{k-1} = 0$ , we obtain the recurrence relations:

$$\alpha_k = W_k^t r_{k-1},$$
  

$$x_k = x_{k-1} + W_k \alpha_k,$$
  

$$r_k = r_{k-1} - A W_k \alpha_k,$$

•  $W_k$  needs to be A-orthormalized only against  $W_{k-1}$  and  $W_{k-2}$ .

# SRE-CG Algorithm

#### Algorithm 2 The SRE-CG algorithm

**Input:** A, b,  $x_0$ ,  $\epsilon$ ,  $k_{max}$ **Output:**  $x_k$ , the approximate solution of the system Ax = b1:  $r_0 = b - Ax_0$ ,  $\rho_0 = ||r_0||_2^2$ , k = 12: while  $(\sqrt{\rho_{k-1}} > \epsilon ||b||_2$  and  $k < k_{max}$ ) do if k = 1 then 3: Let  $W_1 = T(r_0)$ , A-orthonormalise its vectors 4: 5: else 6: Let  $W_{k} = AW_{k-1}$ A-orthonormalise  $W_k$  against  $W_{k-1}$  and  $W_{k-2}$  if k > 27: A-orthonormalise the vectors of  $W_k$ 8: end if g٠  $\alpha_k = (W_k^t r_{k-1})$ 10:  $x_k = x_{k-1} + W_k \alpha_k$ 11: 12:  $r_{k} = r_{k-1} - AW_{k}\alpha_{k}$ 13:  $\rho_k = ||r_k||_2^2$ k = k+114. 153 ...end while

#### Cost of $\bar{k}$ iterations of CG is:

Total Flops	$\approx$	$2nnz\cdot ar{k}/t + 4nar{k}/t$
# words	$\approx$	$O(\bar{k})$ (from SpMV)
# messages	$\approx$	$2 \text{ k} \log(t) + O(k)$ (from SpMV)

#### Cost of k iterations of SRE-CG is:

Total Flops	$\approx$	$2nnz \cdot k + O(ntk)$
# words	$\approx$	$kt^2 log(t) + O(k)$ (from SpMV)
# messages	$\approx$	klog(t) + O(k) (from SpMV)

Ideally, SRE-CG converges t times faster ( $k = \bar{k}/t$ )  $\Rightarrow$  SRE-CG has a factor of  $\bar{k}/k$  less global communication. Block Krylov methods (O'Leary 1980): solve systems with multiple rhs

$$AX = B$$
,

by searching for an approximate solution  $X_k \in X_0 + \mathscr{K}_k(A, R_0)$ ,

$$\mathscr{K}_k(A, R_0) = block - span\{R_0, AR_0, A^2R_0, ..., A^{k-1}R_0\}.$$

 coopCG (Bhaya et al, 2012): solve one system by starting with t different initial guesses, equivalent to solving

$$AX = b * ones(1, t)$$

where  $X_0$  is a block-vector containing the *t* initial guesses.

Algorithm 3 Classic CG	Algorithm 4 ECG(Odir)
1: $r_0 = b - Ax_0$ 2: $p_1 = \frac{r_0}{\sqrt{r_t^4 Ar_0}}$ 3: while $  r_{k-1}  _2 > \varepsilon   b  _2$ do 4: $\alpha_k = p_k^t r_{k-1}$ 5: $x_k = x_{k-1} + p_k \alpha_k$ 6: $r_k = r_{k-1} - Ap_k \alpha_k$ 7: $p_{k+1} = r_k - p_k (p_k^t Ar_k)$ 8: $p_{k+1} = \frac{\rho_{k+1}}{\sqrt{\rho_{k+1}^t A\rho_{k+1}}}$ 9: end while	$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$

EK-CG based on Orthodir (Lanczos formula) [Ashby et al., 1990]

• More stable than Orthomin [OLeary., 1980],  

$$P_{k+1} = R_k - P_k(P_k^t A R_k).$$

#### Algorithm 5 Classic CG

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# messages per iteration O(1) from SpMV + O(log P) from dot prod + norm

#### 

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O(1) from SpMV +
O(log P) from BCGS + A-ortho

# Test cases: boundary value problem

3D Skyscraper Problem - SKY3D

$$\begin{aligned} -\operatorname{div}(\kappa(x)\nabla u) &= f \text{ in } \Omega \\ u &= 0 \text{ on } \partial\Omega_D \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} &= 0 \text{ on } \partial\Omega_N \end{aligned}$$



discretized on a 3D grid , where

 $\kappa(x) = \begin{cases} 10^3 * ([10 * x_2] + 1), if [10 * x_i] = 0 \mod(2), i = 1, 2, 3, \\ 1, & otherwise. \end{cases}$ 

### 3D Anisotropic layers - ANI3D

- $\Omega$  divided into 10 layers parallel to z = 0, of size 0.1
- in each layer, the coefficients are constants ( $\kappa_x$  equal to 1, 10<sup>2</sup> or 10<sup>4</sup>,  $\kappa_y = 10\kappa_x$ ,  $\kappa_z = 1000\kappa_x$ ).

# Test cases (contd)

### Linear elasticity 3D problem

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{div}(\sigma(u)) + f &= 0 & \text{on } \Omega, \\ u &= u_D & \text{on } \partial \Omega_D, \\ \sigma(u) \cdot n &= g & \text{on } \partial \Omega_N, \end{aligned}$$



Figure : The distribution of Young's modulus

- $u \in \mathbb{R}^d$  is the unknown displacement field, f is some body force.
- Young's modulus *E* and Poisson's ratio  $\nu$  take two values,  $(E_1, \nu_1) = (2 \cdot 10^{11}, 0.25)$ , and  $(E_2, \nu_2) = (10^7, 0.45)$ .
- Cauchy stress tensor  $\sigma(u)$  is given by Hooke's law, defined by E and  $\nu$ .

#### Matrices

Generated with FreeFem++.

matrix	n(A)	nnz(A)	Description
SKY3D	8000	53600	Skyscraper
ANI3D	8000	53600	Anisotropic Layers
ELAST3D	11253	373647	Linear Elasticity P1 FE

# Convergence of different CG versions

	CG		SRE	E-CG
Pa	lter Err		lter	Err
SK	Y3D			
8	902	1E-5	211	1E-5
16	902	1E-5	119	9E-6
32	902	1E-5	43	4E-6
A	ANI3D			
2	4187	4e-5	875	7e-5
4	4146	4e-5	673	8e-5
8	4146	4e-5	449	1e-4
16	4146	4e-5	253	2e-4
32	4146	4e-5	148	2e-4
64	4146	4e-5	92	1e-4
ELAST3D				
2	1098	1e-7	652	1e-7
4	1098	1e-7	445	1e-7
8	1098	1e-7	321	8e-8
16	1098	1e-7	238	4e-8
32	1098	1e-7	168	5e-8
64	1098	1e-7	116	1e-8

# Comparison with PETSc

- $\blacksquare$  Run on MeSU (UPMC cluster)  $\rightarrow$  24 cpus by node
- Compiled with Intel Suite 15, Petsc 3.7.4
- Results from [Grigori and Tissot, 2017]



# Detailed profiling (source slide O. Tissot)



- Ela400 on 96 cores
- Orthodir ECG(12)
- Around 50% of the time spent in applying the preconditioner
- Around 30% of the time spent in Sparse Matrix-Matrix

Method	iter	time (s)	time/iter
ECG(12)	318	1.3	$4.1 imes10^{-3}$
PETSc	5198	3.3	$6.3 imes10^{-4}$

Table : Comparison with PETSc PCG. PETSc iteration is 6.5 times faster than ECG(12) one. MKL-Pardiso has a strange behaviour with multiple rhs n our experiments: 1 rhs solve is 3 times faster than 2 rhs solve.

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