# Numerical Methods of Linear Algebra for Sparse Matrices 

## Graph representations of sparse matrices. Storage

 schemes for sparse matrices
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# Structures and graph representations of sparse matrices 

Types of sparse matrices
Graph representations
Permutations and reordering

## Definition of a sparse matrix

- A sparse matrix is a matrix which has very few nonzero elements.
- Example of sparse matrix: 64 elements, 52 zero elements and 12 nonzero elements (18\%)

$$
\left(\begin{array}{cccccccc}
1.0 & 0 & 5.0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 3.0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 11.0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 9.0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 6.0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 7.0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
2.0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 10.0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 8.0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 4.0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 12.0
\end{array}\right)
$$

## Types of sparse matrices

- Structured: nonzero entries form a regular pattern
- Unstructured: nonzero entries are located irregularly
- Example: final element grid and corresponding sparse



## Graph representations of sparse matrices

- Vertices $V=\left\{v_{1}, v_{2}, \ldots, v_{n}\right\}$
- Edges $\left(v_{i}, v_{j}\right) \in E, E \subseteq V \times V$
- Adjacency graph $G=(V, E)$ for matrix $A \in C^{m \times n}$

V - set of n unknowns, E - set of binary relations
$a_{i j} \neq 0 \Leftrightarrow \exists(i, j)$ : equation i includes unknown j

- Pattern of sparse matrix $P_{A}=\left\{(i, j) \mid a_{i j} \neq 0\right\}$

Patterns for undirected and directed graphs


## Permutations and reordering

- Permutation of length $n$

$$
\{1,2, \ldots, n\} \Rightarrow \pi=\{\mathrm{i} 1, \mathrm{i} 2, \ldots, \mathrm{in}\}
$$

- Row $\pi$-permutation

$$
A_{\pi,^{*}}=\left\{a_{\pi(i), j}\right\} \quad A \in C^{n \times m} ; \quad i=1, n ; \quad \mathrm{j}=1, \mathrm{~m}
$$

- Column $\pi$-permutation

$$
A_{*, \pi}=\left\{a_{i, \pi(j)}\right\} \quad A \in C^{n \times m} ; \quad i=1, n ; \quad \mathrm{j}=1, \mathrm{~m}
$$

- Interchange matrix $P_{i j}$ : identity matrix with interchanged rows i and j
- Permutation matrix $P_{\pi}$ : the identity matrix with its rows (or columns) permuted


## Permutations and reordering

- $\pi$-permutation
$A_{\pi, *}=P_{\pi} A ; \quad P_{\pi}=\left\{P_{i_{n}, j_{n}}, P_{i_{n-1}, j_{n-1}}, \ldots . P_{i_{1}, j_{1}}\right)$
$A_{*, \pi}=A Q_{\pi} ; \quad Q_{\pi}=\left\{P_{i_{1}, j_{1}}, P_{i_{2}, j_{2}}, \ldots, P_{i_{n-1}, j_{n-1}}, P_{i_{n}, j_{n}}\right)$
$A_{*, \pi}=\left\{a_{i, \pi(j)}\right\} \quad A \in C^{n \times m} ; \quad i=1, n ; \quad \mathrm{j}=1, \mathrm{~m}$
- $P_{\pi}$ and $Q_{\pi}$ are unitary matrices

$$
P_{\pi} Q_{\pi}=I ; \quad Q_{\pi}=P_{\pi}^{-1}
$$

## Example of permutation

- Permutation $\pi=\{1,3,2,4\}$

$$
A=\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
a_{11} & 0 & a_{13} & 0 \\
0 & a_{22} & a_{23} & a_{24} \\
a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} & 0 \\
0 & a_{42} & 0 & a_{44}
\end{array}\right)
$$

- Columns 2, 3 are permuted
- Rows 2, 3 are permuted
$\left(\begin{array}{cccc}a_{11} & a_{13} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a_{23} & a_{22} & a_{24} \\ a_{31} & a_{33} & a_{32} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a_{42} & a_{44}\end{array}\right)\left(\begin{array}{l}x_{1} \\ x_{3} \\ x_{2} \\ x_{4}\end{array}\right)=\left(\begin{array}{l}b_{1} \\ b_{2} \\ b_{3} \\ b_{4}\end{array}\right) \quad\left(\begin{array}{cccc}a_{11} & a_{13} & 0 & 0 \\ a_{31} & a_{33} & a_{32} & 0 \\ 0 & a_{23} & a_{22} & a_{24} \\ 0 & 0 & a_{42} & a_{44}\end{array}\right)\left(\begin{array}{l}x_{1} \\ x_{3} \\ x_{2} \\ x_{4}\end{array}\right)=\left(\begin{array}{l}b_{1} \\ b_{3} \\ b_{2} \\ b_{4}\end{array}\right)$


## Relations with adjacency graph

- A lot of fill-ins during Gaussian elimination


- No fill-ins during Gaussian elimination




## Examples of reordering: standard and reverse Cuthill-McKee



## Storage schemes and algorithms of matrix-by-vector multiplication for sparse matrices

Coordinate format
Compressed sparse row format (CRS)
Compressed sparse column format (CRC)
Modified sparse row format (MSR)
Modified sparse column format (MSC)
Diagonal format (DIAG)
Ellpack-Itpack

## Coordinate format (COO)

$$
A=\left(\begin{array}{ccccc}
1 . & 0 . & 0 . & 2 . & 0 . \\
3 . & 4 . & 0 . & 5 . & 0 . \\
6 . & 0 . & 7 . & 8 . & 9 . \\
0 . & 0 . & 10 . & 11 . & 0 . \\
0 . & 0 . & 0 . & 0 . & 12 .
\end{array}\right)
$$



Nz - number of nonzero elements, n - number of rows AA - nonzero entries
JR - row indices
JC - column indices

## Compressed Sparse Row (CSR)

$A=\left(\begin{array}{ccccc}1 . & 0 . & 0 . & 2 . & 0 . \\ 3 . & 4 . & 0 . & 5 . & 0 . \\ 6 . & 0 . & 7 . & 8 . & 9 . \\ 0 . & 0 . & 10 . & 11 . & 0 . \\ 0 . & 0 . & 0 . & 0 . & 12 .\end{array}\right) \quad A \in C^{m \times n} \quad \begin{aligned} & \\ & \mathrm{Nz}=12 \\ & \mathrm{~m}=5 \\ & \mathrm{n}=5 \\ & \end{aligned}$

| R1: 2(1) |  |  | R2: 3(3) |  |  | R3: 4(6) |  |  | R4: 2 (10) |  |  | R5: 1(12) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| AA | 1. | 2. | 3. | 4. | 5. | 6. | 7. | 8. | 9. | 10. | 11. |  |  | Nz |
| JA | 1 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 5 | Nz |
| IA | 1 | 3 | 6 | 10 | 12 | 13 | m+ |  |  | A(m+ | 1) |  |  | +Nz |

Nz - number of nonzero elements, m - number of rows
AA - nonzero entries by rows,
JA - column indices; IA - pointers to the descriptions of rows Description of i-th row: from IA(i) to IA(i+1)-1 Number of nonzero elements in i-th row: IA(i+1)-IA(i)

## Compressed Sparse Column (CSC)

$A=\left(\begin{array}{ccccc}1 . & 0 . & 0 . & 2 . & 0 . \\ 3 . & 4 . & 0 . & 5 . & 0 . \\ 6 . & 0 . & 7 . & 8 . & 9 . \\ 0 . & 0 . & 10 . & 11 . & 0 . \\ 0 . & 0 . & 0 . & 0 . & 12 .\end{array}\right)$

$$
A \in C^{m \times n} \quad \begin{aligned}
& \mathrm{Nz}=12 \\
& \mathrm{~m}=5 \\
& \mathrm{n}=5
\end{aligned}
$$



Nz - number of nonzero elements, n - number of columns
AA - nonzero entries by columns,
JA - row indices; IA - pointers to the descriptions of columns Description of i-th column: from IA(i) to IA(i+1)-1 Number of nonzero elements in i-th column: IA(i+1)-IA(i)

## Modified Sparse Row (MSR)

$$
A=\left(\begin{array}{ccccc}
1 . & 0 . & 0 . & 2 . & 0 . \\
3 . & 4 . & 0 . & 5 . & 0 . \\
6 . & 0 . & 7 . & 8 . & 9 . \\
0 & 0 & 10 & 11 & 0 .
\end{array} \quad A \in C^{n \times n} \quad \begin{array}{l}
\mathrm{Nz}=12 \\
\mathrm{n}=5
\end{array}\right.
$$

## Modified Sparse Column (MSC)

$$
A=\left(\begin{array}{ccccc}
1 . & 0 . & 0 . & 2 . & 0 . \\
3 . & 4 . & 0 . & 5 . & 0 . \\
6 . & 0 . & 7 . & 8 . & 9 . \\
0 . & 0 . & 10 . & 11 . & 0 . \\
0 . & 0 . & 0 . & 0 . & 12 .
\end{array}\right) \quad A \in C^{n \times n} \quad \begin{aligned}
& \mathrm{NZ}=12 \\
& \mathrm{n}=5 \\
&
\end{aligned}
$$



From 1 to $n+1$ :
pointers to columns

From $\mathrm{n}+2$ to $\mathrm{Nz}+1$ :
row indices

Nz - number of nonzero elements, n - size of matrix AA - nonzero entries: main diagonal and nondiagonal elements by columns
JA - pointers to columns and row indices

## Diagonal format (DIAG)



DIAG $=$| $*$ | 1. | 2. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 3. | 4. | 5. |
| 6. | 7. | 8. |
| 9. | 10. | $*$ |
| 11 | 12. | $*$ |



## $\operatorname{DIAG}(\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{j}) \leftarrow \mathbf{a}(\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{i}+\operatorname{IOFF}(\mathrm{j}))$

Nd - number of diagonals, n - size of matrix
DIAG - 2D array [1..n,1..Nd], its columns contain diagonals of the matrix IOFF - array [1..Nd], contains offsets of diagonals with respect to the main diagonal

## Ellpack-Itpack format

$$
A=\left(\begin{array}{ccccc}
1 . & 0 . & 2 . & 0 . & 0 . \\
3 . & 4 . & 0 . & 5 . & 0 . \\
0 . & 6 . & 7 . & 0 . & 8 . \\
0 . & 0 . & 9 . & 10 . & 0 . \\
0 . & 0 . & 0 . & 11 . & 12 .
\end{array}\right) \quad A \in C^{n \times m} \quad \begin{aligned}
& \text { Nmax=3 } \\
& \mathrm{n}=5
\end{aligned}
$$



Row numbers

Nmax - maximal number of nozero elements per row, n - number of rows COEFF - 2D array [1..n,1..Nmax], its rows contain nonzero entries by rows JCOEFF - 2D array [1..n,1..Nmax], its rows contain column positions of nonzero entries

## Algorithms for matrix-by-vector multiplication

- CSR format

N - number of rows, $\mathrm{Ax}=\mathrm{z}$
IA - pointers of rows, JA - column indices
for $i=1: N$
$z(i)=0$
for $j=I A(i): I A(i+1)-1$
$z(i)=z(i)+x(J A(j)) * A A(j)$
end
end

## Algorithms for matrix-by-vector multiplication (continue)

- CSC format

N - number of rows, M - number of columns, $\mathrm{Ax}=\mathrm{z}$
IA - pointers of columns, JA - row indices

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { for } i=1: N \\
& z(i)=0 \\
& \text { end } \\
& \text { for } j=1: M \\
& \text { for } i=I A(j): I A(j+1)-1 \\
& z(J A(i))=z(J A(i))+x(j) * A A(i) \\
& \text { end } \\
& \text { end }
\end{aligned}
$$

## Summary

- Sparse matrix can be represented by its adjacency graph
- Permutations and reordering are used to reduce fill-ins in Direct solution methods
- Storage schemes for sparse matrices are aimed at representing only the nonzero elements
- The matrix-by-vector product is an important operation required in almost all iterative solution methods

