

Solving Linear Systems

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M is $n \times n$ sparse matrix over some field.

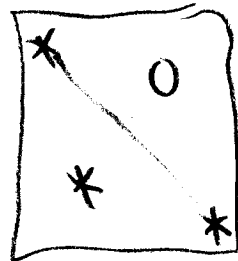
$$w = \# \text{ nonzero elements} = O(n) \quad w = w(M)$$

Goal: given M, b solve $Mx = b$

- 1) Direct Methods
- 2) Iterative Methods
- 3) Hybrid Methods

Direct Methods

Suppose L is lower triangular a $L =$



Claim $Lx = b$ can be solved in $O(w(L))$
by back substitution

pf $l_{11}x_1 = b_1 \Rightarrow x_1 = b_1/l_1$ if $l_1 \neq 0$

solve
$$\begin{pmatrix} l_{22} & 0 \\ * & l_{nn} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} = b'$$

Suppose $M = LU$ L lower tri
 U upper tri

Then to solve $LUx = b$ in $O(w(L) + w(U))$ time.

Alg solve $LY = b$
 solve $UX = Y$

Computing an LU decomposition
 (Cholesky Decomposition)

Gaussian Elimination - Pivoting

$$\text{Suppose } M = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

subtract row 1 from 2 & 3

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Goal: subtract row 2 from row 3
 stuck!

Consider $L^{-1} = L_1^{-1} \cdots L_{n-1}^{-1}$

Claim: if $L_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ a_1 & 1 & & \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \\ a_{n-1} & & & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ then $L_1^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ -a_1 & 1 & & \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \\ -a_{n-1} & & & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

if $L_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & 1 & & \\ & 0 & b_1 & \\ & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \\ & 0 & b_{n-2} & \\ & & & & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

then $L_1^{-1} L_2^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ -a_1 & 1 & & \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \\ -a_{n-1} & -b_{n-2} & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

Claim $L^{-1} = nI - L_1 - \cdots - L_{n-1}$

$$M = L^{-1} u$$

When can we pick any pivot order?

Answer Symmetric positive definite (important case)

ie 1) Symmetric $M^T = M$

2) Positive definite ie $x \neq 0 \Rightarrow x^T A x > 0$

ie eigenvalues of $A > 0$

Ex If M is spd then $\text{Diagonal}(M) > 0$
and stays positive under Gaussian elimination.

Goal: Pick pivot order to minimize $(w(k))$
for spd matrices

Def Graph of $M^{n \times n} \equiv (V, E) = G$

$$V = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$$

$$(v_i, v_j) \in E \text{ if } M_{ij} \neq 0$$

G is undirected

Schur complement

Suppose $L_1 M = \begin{pmatrix} a & * & - & * \\ 0 & \boxed{M_1} \\ \vdots & \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$$L_1 M L_1^T = \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 & - & 0 \\ 0 & \boxed{M_1} \\ \vdots & \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

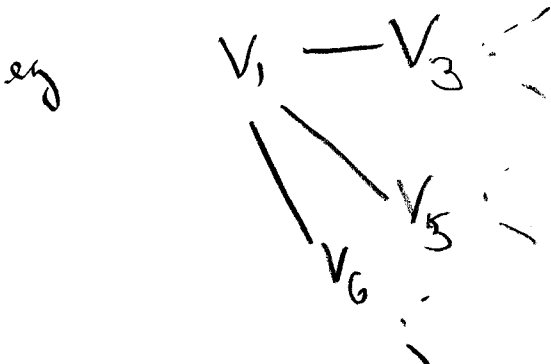
$$(L_1 M L_1^T)^T = (L_1^T)^T M^T L_1^T = L_1 M L_1^T$$

$$\Rightarrow M_1^T = M_1$$

Def $M_1 \equiv$ Schur Complement

Question Graph(M_1)?

$G = \text{Graph}(M)$



$$M = \begin{pmatrix} * & 0 & * & 0 & * & * & 0 \\ 0 & * & 0 & ? & & & \\ 0 & 0 & * & \cdot & & & \\ 0 & * & 0 & & & & \\ 0 & * & 0 & & & & \end{pmatrix}$$

$$L, M = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{matrix} - & \begin{pmatrix} * & 0 & * & 0 & * & * \\ 0 & & & & & \\ 0 & & * & * & * & * \\ 0 & & * & * & * & * \\ 0 & & * & * & * & * \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

possibly new edges in M'

$E(3,5)$ new $E(3,1) \& E(1,5)$
 $E(3,6)$ new $E(3,1) \& E(1,6)$

Graph theoretic view of pivoting

$\text{pivot}(V_i) \equiv$ 1) Make a clique of $\text{Neig}(V_i)$
 2) remove V_i and its edges

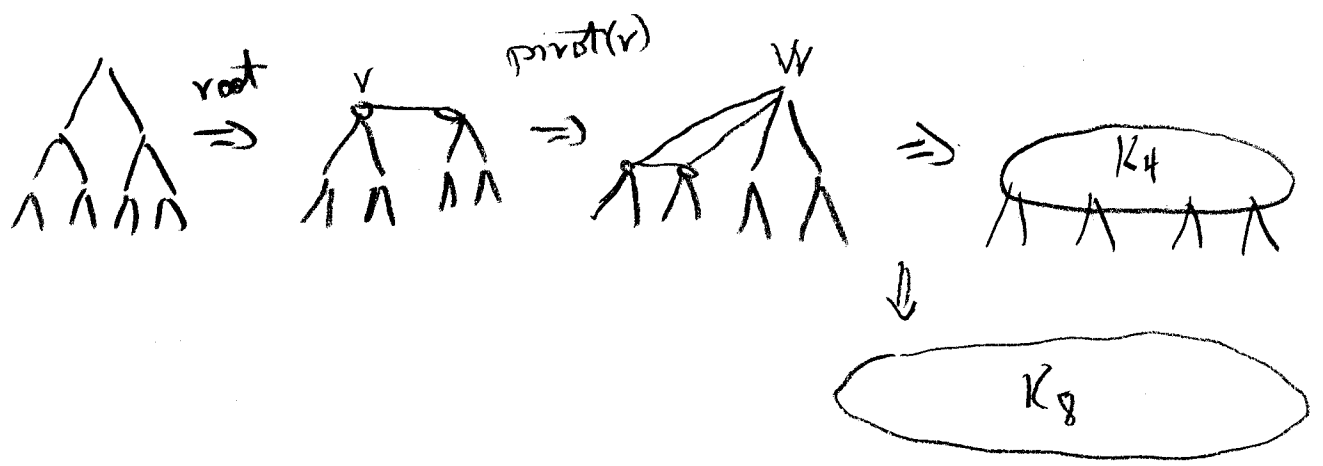
Fill \equiv edges added at step 1

Cost of $\text{pivot}(V_i)$ $\equiv O(d_i^2)$ where
 $d_i^2 \equiv$ degree of V_i at pivot-time.

Pivot Strategy

EG $G \equiv$ balanced binary tree

1) Consider pivoting from root to leaves



Fill $\equiv \Omega(n^2)$ we get clique on leaves
 $K_{n/2}$

Work the work to pivot $K_{n/2}$ on leaves
 $\Omega(n^3)$

2) Consider pivoting: leaves to root

note All pivots are on degree one nodes!

- i) no fill
- a) $O(n)$ work



Perfect Elimination

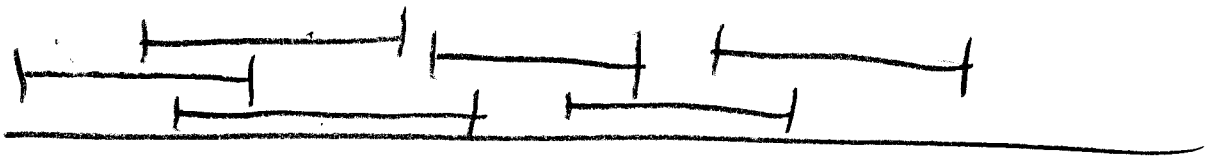
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Def A perfect elimination order is one with no fill.

Note Trees have perfect elim orders

Def G is an interval graph if

- 1) each vertex corresponds to an interval
- 2) $(v_i, v_j) \in E$ if $I_i \cap I_j \neq \emptyset$

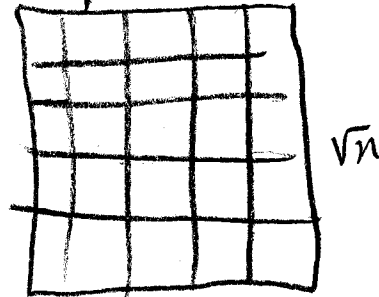


Fact Interval graph has a perfect elim order.

Note If I has left most right end point then $Neig(I)$ is a clique.

Pivot Strategies for Sq Mesh

Input $AX=b$ where A is $n \times n$

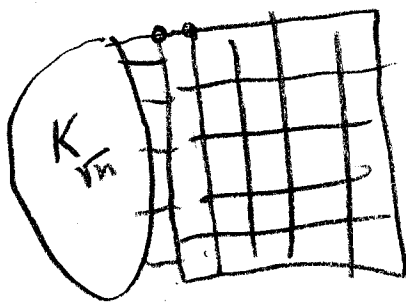


Known: Fill (Mesh) = $\Theta(n \log n)$

Work (Mesh) = $\Theta(n^{3/2})$

Try: One column at a time

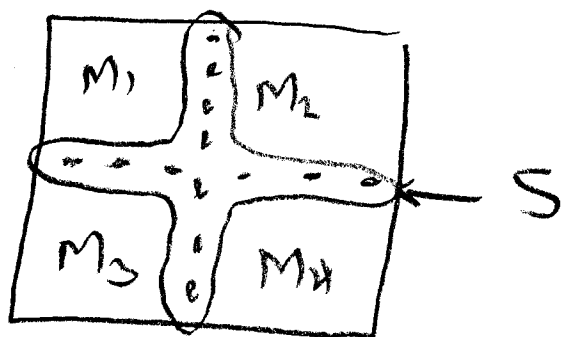
After first column



Each column will be a clique $\Omega(n^{3/2})$ fill

$\Omega(n^2)$ work.

Try Nested Dissection



$$\text{Pivot}(M) = (\text{Pivot}(M_1), \text{Pivot}(M_2), \text{Pivot}(M_3), \\ \text{Pivot}(M_4), S)$$

Goal: Bd Fill & work for ND!

View of Fill for Planar Graphs

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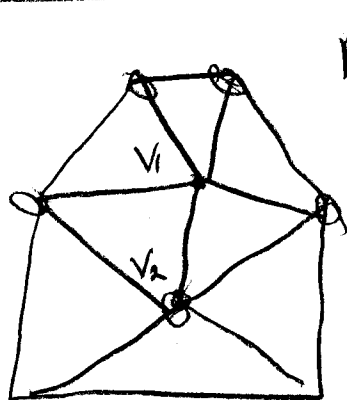
Input: 1) Triangulated planar graph G
2) Pivot strategy v_1, \dots, v_n

Two Views: 1) $G_i \equiv G \setminus \{v_1, \dots, v_i\}$

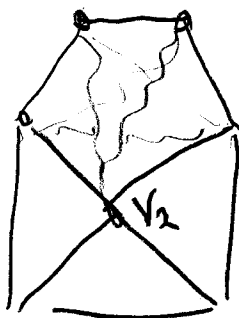
2) $F_i \equiv G$ after pivot v_1, \dots, v_i

View of elimination - Pivot (v_i)

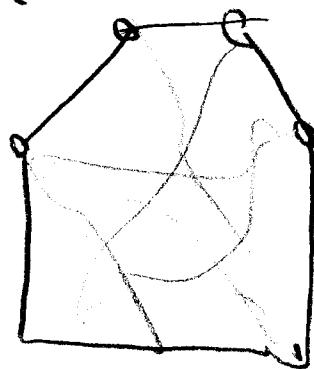
Given G_{i-1} 1) remove v_i from G_{i-1} , forming new faces
2) Form a clique out of vertices on a face.



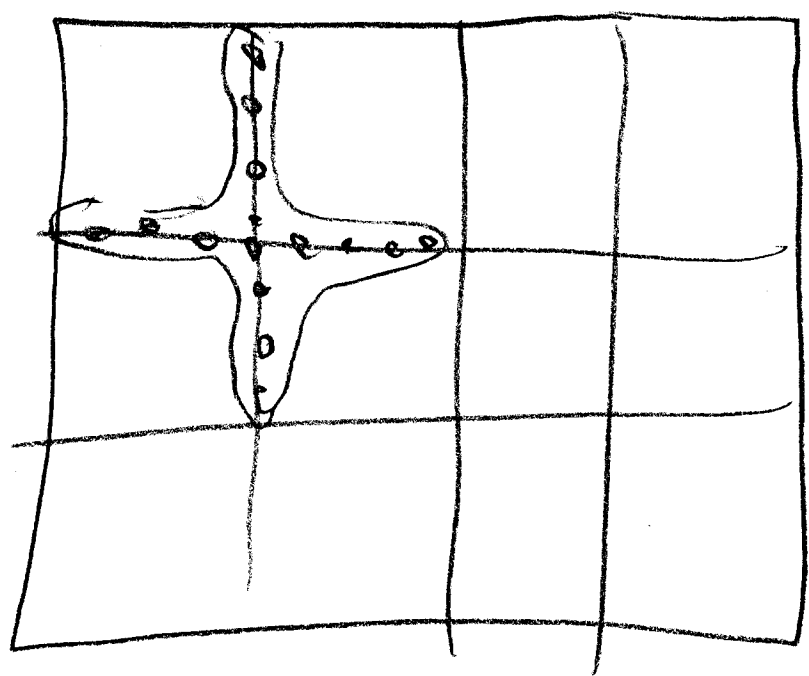
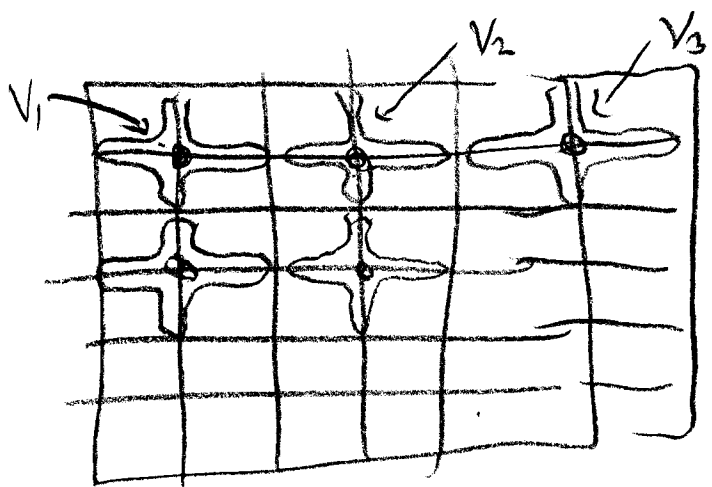
Pivot (v_1)



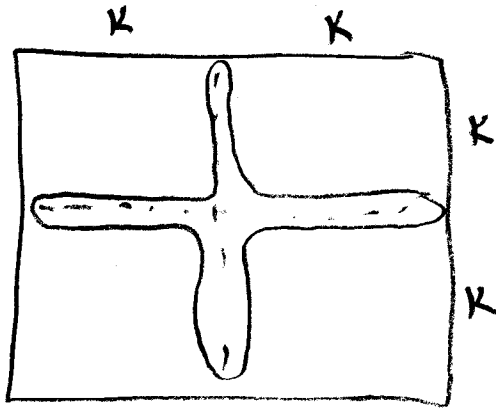
Pivot (v_2)



Analysis of pivoting on crosses for S_q Mesh



Removing Crosses of Size $2K \times 2K$



View pivot of a cross in 2 steps

- 1) Pivot horizontal part
- 2) Pivot out vertical part.

Computing the Fill for some K

$$\# \text{ crosses} = \left(\frac{\sqrt{n}}{2K} \right)^2 = \frac{n}{4K^2}$$

- 1) Initially the faces are size $4K$.

The first pivot will form a new face from two faces

This fill = $(3K)^2$ and $\frac{n}{2K^2}$ faces

The remaining pivots have no fill

$$\text{Fill}_H = \left(\frac{n}{2K^2} \right) (3K)^2 = \frac{9}{2}n$$

2) Initially faces have size $6K$.

Only the first pivot per vertical part has fill.

$$\text{Fill}_V = \left(\frac{n}{4K^2} \right) (4K)^2 = 4n$$

∴ Total fill $\sum_{i=1}^{\log n} \frac{17}{2} n \approx \frac{17}{2} n \log n = O(n \log n)$

The Work for ND

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$$1) (\# \text{ crosses}) (\# \text{ pivots}) \frac{(\text{face size})^3}{2}$$

$$\left(\frac{n}{4k^2}\right) (2k) \left(\frac{(2k)^3}{2}\right) \leq \frac{49}{4} nk = cnk$$

$$2) \left(\frac{n}{4k^2}\right) (2k) \left(\frac{(16k)^3}{2}\right) = cnk$$

$$\text{Total Work} \left(\sum_{i=1}^{\log n} cn 2^i \right) = O(n^{3/2})$$

$$k = 2^{i/2}$$

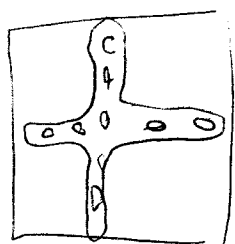
Block Gaussian Elimination

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$$\begin{pmatrix} I & 0 \\ -BA^{-1} & I \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A & B^T \\ B & C \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} A & B^T \\ 0 & C - BA^{-1}B^T \end{pmatrix}$$

Schur complement $D = C - BA^{-1}B^T$

Pivot-out crosses



$A^{4k \times 4k}$

B has only $8k$ nonzero rows

| Alg | work | time |
|---------------------|----------|-----------------------------|
| 1) compute A^{-1} | $O(k^2)$ | $O(\frac{1}{2}k)$ |
| 2) BA^{-1} | $O(k^2)$ | $O(\frac{1}{2}k)$ |
| 3) $(BA^{-1})B^T$ | $O(k^2)$ | $O(\frac{1}{2}k)$ |
| | $O(k^2)$ | $O(\frac{1}{2}k)$ per cross |

Work per level

$$\left(\frac{n}{4k^2}\right) c k^\alpha = c k^{\alpha-2} n$$

$$k = 2^l$$

$$\text{Total Work } \sum_{i=1}^{\log n} c n (2^l)^{\alpha-2} = c n (\log n)^{\alpha-2} = c n^{\alpha/2}$$