

Theory and Practice for Solving Sparse Rational Linear Systems

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Main difficulty : expression swell and take advantage of sparsity

Motivations

Large linear systems are involved in many mathematical applications

Over finite fields : integers factorization [Odlyzko 1999],
discrete logarithm [Odlyzko 1999 ; Thomé 2003].

Over the integers : number theory [Cohen 1993], group theory [Newman 1972],
integer programming [Aardal, Hurkens, Lenstra 1999].

Rational linear systems are central in recent linear algebra algorithms

- Determinant [Abbott, Bronstein, Mulders 1999 ; Storjohann 2005]
- Smith form [Giesbrecht 1995 ; Eberly, Giesbrecht, Villard 2000]
- Nullspace, Kernel [Chen, Storjohann 2005]

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Some notations in this talk

We will use :

- $\tilde{O}(n^{\lambda_1})$ to describe a complexity of $O(n^{\lambda_1} \log^{\lambda_2} n)$ for any $\lambda_2 > 0$.
- ω to refer to the exponent in the algebraic complexity of matrix multiplication $O(n^\omega)$.
- $\|\dots\|$ to refer to the maximal entries in a matrix or vector.
- \mathbb{F} to refer to a field (e.g. finite fields).

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Remark [Giesbrecht 1997 ; Mulder, Storjohann 2003]

Diophantine solutions with an extra $\log n$ from rational solutions.

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Main operations : **matrix inversion** and **matrix-vector products**

Dense linear system solving into practice

Efficient implementations are available : LinBox 1.1 [www.linalg.org]

- Use tuned BLAS floating-point library for exact arithmetic
 - matrix inversion over prime field [[Dumas, Giorgi, Pernet 2004](#)]
 - BLAS matrix-vector product with CRT over the integers
- Rational number reconstruction
 - half GCD [[Schönage 1971](#)]
 - heuristic using integer multiplication [[NTL library](#)]

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random dense linear system with 3 bits entries

n	500	1000	2000	3000	4000	5000
time	0.6s	4.3s	31.1s	99.6s	236.8s	449.2s

random dense linear system with 20 bits entries

n	500	1000	2000	3000	4000	5000
time	1.8s	12.9s	91.5s	299.7s	706.4s	MT

performances improvement of a factor 10
over NTL's tuned implementation

What does happen when matrices are sparse ?

We consider sparse matrices with $O(n)$ non zero elements
↔ matrix-vector product needs only $O(n)$ operations.

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$$k = \tilde{O}(n)$$

$$\tilde{O}(n \deg f^A \log \|A\|)$$

worst case $\deg f^A = n$ gives a complexity of $\tilde{O}(n^3 \log \|A\|)$

Sparse linear system solving in practice

use of LinBox library on Itanium II - 1.3Ghz, 128Gb RAM

random systems with 3 bits entries and 10 elts/row (plus identity)

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main difference :

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Remark :

n sparse matrix applications is far from level 2 BLAS in practice.

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Our objectives

In practice :

Integrate level 2 and 3 BLAS in integer sparse solver

In theory :

Improve bit complexity of sparse linear system solving

$\implies \tilde{O}(n^\delta)$ bits operations with $\delta < 3$?

Integration of BLAS in sparse solver

Our goals :

- minimize the number of sparse matrix-vector products.
- maximize the number of level 2 and 3 BLAS operations.

↔ **Block Wiedemann algorithm seems to be a good candidate**

Let s be the blocking factor of Block Wiedemann algorithm.
then

- ▶ the number of sparse matrix-vector product is divided by roughly s .
- ▶ order s matrix operations are integrated.

A good candidate : Block Wiedemann

- Replace vector projections by block of vectors projections

$$s \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} u \\ \vdots \\ v \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A^i \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v \\ \vdots \\ v \end{pmatrix} \right\} \leftarrow b \text{ is 1st column of } v$$

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the cost to compute P is :

- ▶ $\tilde{O}(s^3 m)$ field op. [Beckermann, Labahn 1994 ; Kaltofen 1995 ; Thomé 2002],
- ▶ $\tilde{O}(s^\omega m)$ field op. [Giorgi, Jeannerod, Villard 2003].

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Not satisfying : computation of block minpoly. at each steps

How to avoid the computation of the block minimal polynomial?

Our alternative to Block Wiedemann

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↔ block Hankel/Toeplitz structures

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then we can define the block Hankel matrix

$$H = UAV = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 & \alpha_2 & \dots & \alpha_m \\ \alpha_2 & \alpha_3 & \dots & \alpha_{m+1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \alpha_m & \alpha_m & \dots & \alpha_{2m-1} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \alpha_i = uA^i v \in \mathbb{F}^{s \times s}$$

and thus we have $A^{-1} = VH^{-1}U$

Block-Hankel matrix inversion

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[Gohberg, Krupnik 1972, Labahn, Choi, Cabay 1990]

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- Computing inverse formula of H^{-1} reduces to matrix-polynomial multiplication : $\tilde{O}(s^3 m)$ [Giorgi, Jeannerod, Villard 2003].
- Computing $H^{-1}v$ for any vector v reduces to matrix-polynomial/vector-polynomial multiplication : $\tilde{O}(s^2 m)$

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Definition of suitable block projections

Considering $A \in \mathbb{F}^{n \times n}$ non-singular and $n = m \times s$.

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Definition :

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Remark : The same result holds for arbitrary non-singular matrices (Toeplitz preconditioners achieve generic rank profile [Kaltofen, Saunders 1991].)

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Is our new algorithm efficient in practice?

Comparing performances

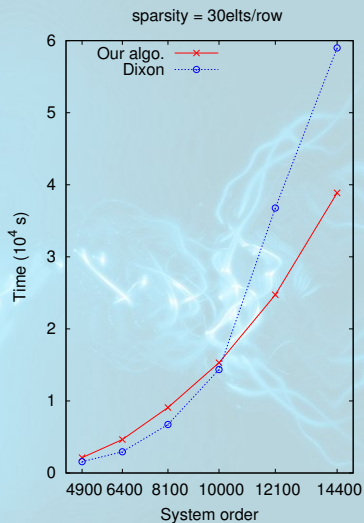
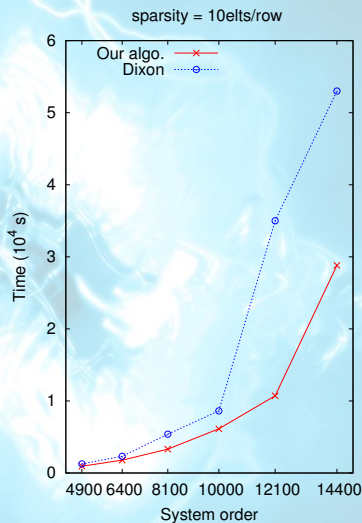
use of LinBox library on Itanium II - 1.3Ghz, 128Gb RAM

random systems with 3 bits entries and 10 elts/row (plus identity)

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CRA-Wied	168s	1 017s	3 857s	11 452s	≈ 28 000s
P-adic-Wied	113s	693s	2 629s	8 034s	≈ 20 000s
Dixon	10s	42s	178s	429s	1 257s
Our algo.	15s	61s	175s	426s	937s

The expected \sqrt{n} improvement is unfortunately amortized by a high constant in the complexity.

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- improve the best known complexity by a factor \sqrt{n} .
- improve efficiency by minimizing sparse matrix operations and maximizing dense block operations.

minor drawback : not taking advantage of low degree minimal polynomial

Our sparse block projections yield other improvement for sparse linear algebra [Eberly, Giesbrecht, Giorgi, Storjohann, Villard - ISSAC'07 submission] :

- sparse matrix inversion over a field in $\tilde{O}(n^{2.27})$ field op.
- integer sparse matrix determinant & Smith form in $\tilde{O}(n^{2.66})$ bit op.

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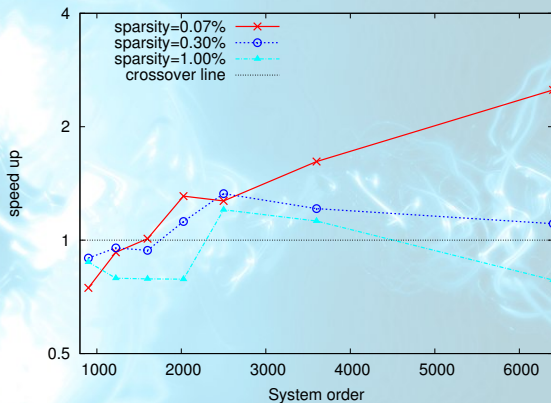
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Questions ?

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