



Approximate factoring of the inverse

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Let $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ be large, sparse and nonsingular matrix.

Let \mathcal{W} and \mathcal{V}_1 be sparse matrix subspaces of $\mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ with nonsingular elements of \mathcal{V}_1 being readily invertible.

To approximately factor A into product WV_1^{-1} , consider

$$AW \approx V_1, \tag{1}$$

with non-zero matrices $W \in \mathcal{W}$ and $V_1 \in \mathcal{V}_1$ regarded as variables **both**.

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Define a linear operator $L : \mathcal{W} \mapsto \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ as

$$W \mapsto LW = (I - P_1)AW, \quad (2)$$

where P_1 denotes orthogonal projection on $\mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ onto \mathcal{V}_1 .

If W is in the nullspace of L , then $AWV_1^{-1} = I$ is a factorization of the inverse with $V_1 = P_1AW = AW$.

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With these, we have $AW \approx V_1 = P_1AW$ if and only if $(I - P_1)AW \approx 0$.

This leads to optimality criterion

$$\min_{W \in \mathcal{W}, \|W\|_F=1} \|(I - P_1)AW\|_F, \tag{3}$$

for generating approximate factors W and V_1 in terms of the singular values of the linear map (2).

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To solve the minimization problem (3), we need approximately compute the smallest singular values of the linear operator (2).

Adjoint operator of L is

$$P_{\mathcal{W}}A^*(I - P_1) : \mathbb{C}^{n \times n} \rightarrow \mathcal{W},$$

where $P_{\mathcal{W}}$ denotes orthogonal projection on $\mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ onto \mathcal{W} .

We numerically approximate the smallest eigenpairs of

$$W \mapsto L^*LW = P_{\mathcal{W}}A^*(I - P_1)AW.$$

To this end, we apply power method to operator

$$\alpha I - P_{\mathcal{W}}A^*(I - P_1)A \text{ on } \mathcal{W},$$

where $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}^+$ is chosen as $\alpha = r\|A\|_2^2$, $1/2 < r \leq 3/4$.

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Power method for computing approximate factors

- 1: Set $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}^+$ and choose an initial factor $W \in \mathcal{W}$
- 2: **repeat**
- 3: $M = (I - P_1)AW$
- 4: $N = P_{\mathcal{W}}A^*M$
- 5: $W := \alpha W - N$
- 6: $W := W / \|W\|_F$
- 7: **until** stopped

Once the iteration is stopped V_1 is acquired by computing
 $V_1 = P_1AW$.

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Let \mathcal{W} and \mathcal{V}_1 be standard matrix subspaces, i.e., the sparsity patterns of \mathcal{W} and \mathcal{V}_1 determine their dimension.

Then projectors P_1 and $P_{\mathcal{W}}$ can be regarded as acting columnwise and the whole algorithm is **readily parallelizable**.

Denote by w_j the j th column of W and by $(I - P_1)_j$, $(I - P_{\mathcal{W}})_j$ and $P_{\mathcal{W},j}$ projections of the j th column.

To have $m_j = (I - P_1)_j A w_j$, only entries appearing in the *complement* of \mathcal{V}_1 on the j th column have to be computed.

To have $n_j = P_{\mathcal{W},j} A^* m_j$, only entries appearing on the j th column of \mathcal{W} have to be computed.

Finally $\alpha w_j - n_j$ overwrites w_j

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Let \mathcal{W} and \mathcal{V}_1 be standard matrix subspaces.

Assume $\text{nz}(A) = O(k_1 n)$, $\text{nz}(\mathcal{W}) = O(k_2 n)$ and
 $\text{nz}(\mathcal{V}_1) = O(k_3 n)$ with $k_1, k_2, k_3 \ll n$.

Then one iteration round requires $O((2k_1 + 5)k_2 n)$ operations.

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Sparsity structures for subspaces \mathcal{W} and \mathcal{V}_1 can be adaptively constructed with numerical dropping.

Dropping leads to sparsity structures that greatly differ from the sparsity structures of A , A^* or A^*A .

Let $v \in \mathbb{C}^n$ with the entries v_j . Numerically drop entries by

- relative tolerance τ . Store only entries v_j for which $|v_j| \geq \tau_j = \tau \|v\|_2$ holds.
- count p . Store only the p largest elements of v .

Usually $\tau \approx 1e - 5$ and $p \approx 10$.

Numerical dropping can be computationally expensive.

Power method for computing approximate factors

- 1: Let $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}^+$ and $W = [w_1, \dots, w_n] \in \mathcal{W}$
- 2: **repeat**
- 3: **for all** columns $j = 1, \dots, n$ **in parallel do**
- 4: $m_j = (I - P_1)_j A w_j$
- 5: Find large entries of $(I - P_{\mathcal{W}})_j A^* m_j$, update \mathcal{W}
- 6: $n_j := P_{\mathcal{W}^j} A^* m_j$
- 7: $w_j := \alpha w_j - n_j$
- 8: Apply numerical dropping to w_j and update \mathcal{W}
- 9: **end for**
- 10: $W := W / \|W\|_F$
- 11: **until** stopped
- 12: Compute $V_1 = P_1 A W$ and apply numerical dropping to V_1

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We iteratively solve the preconditioned linear system

$$AMy = b \text{ with } x = My, \quad (4)$$

with $b \in \mathbb{C}^n$ and matrix $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ that is large and sparse. With approximate factors, we have $M = WV_1^{-1}$.

Right-hand side is $b = \hat{b} / \|\hat{b}\|_2$ where $\hat{b} = (1, 1, \dots, 1)$. Initial guess was set as $x_0 = (0, 0, \dots, 0)$.

Iteration was considered converged when

$$\frac{\|b - Ax_m\|_2}{\|b\|_2} \leq 10^{-6}.$$

Subspace \mathcal{V}_1 was chosen to be a set of block diagonal matrices with blocksize k .

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Let A to be the sherman2 from Matrix Market arising in oil reservoir simulation having $n = 1080$, $\text{nz}(A) = 23094$ and $\kappa(A) = 1.4E + 12$.

Use GMRES(30) to solve the preconditioned linear system (4).

Determine the sparsity pattern of \mathcal{W} using numerical dropping with $\tau = 1e - 10$ and $p = 10$ and initial guess $W_0 = I$.

Choose \mathcal{V}_1 as the set of block diagonal matrices with blocksize $k = 72$. Use numerical dropping with $\tau = 1e - 10$ and $p = 15$.

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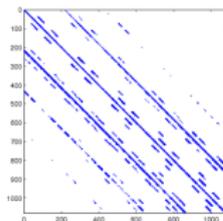
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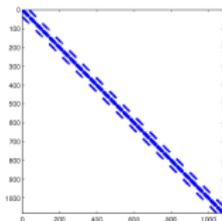
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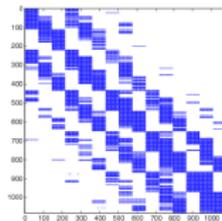
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(b) V_1



(c) WV_1^{-1}

Figure: Sparsity patterns of the factors W and V_1 and the preconditioner WV_1^{-1} after 5 iterations. Number of nonzeros $\text{nz}(W) = 9204$, $\text{nz}(V_1) = 12190$ and $\text{nz}(WV_1^{-1}) = 198837$.

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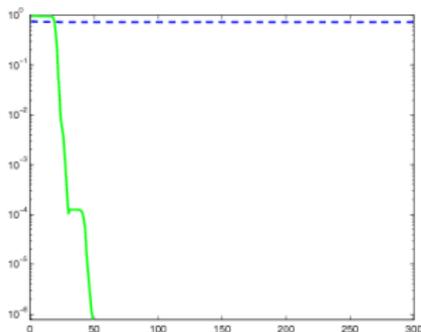
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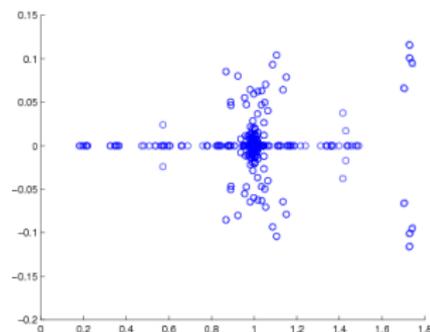
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(b)

Figure: (a) Convergence of GMRES(30) with SPAI(0.3) having $\text{nz}(M) = 21336$ (dashed line) and approximate factors algorithm (solid line). (b) The spectrum of the preconditioned matrix AWV_1^{-1} .

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Let A to be the saylor4 matrix from Matrix Market arising in petroleum engineering simulation having $n = 3564$ with $\text{nz}(A) = 22316$ and $\kappa(A) = 1E + 2$.

Use GMRES(20) to solve the preconditioned linear system (4).

Determine the sparsity pattern of \mathcal{W} using numerical dropping with $\tau = 1e - 5$ and $p = 10$ and initial guess $W_0 = I$.

Choose \mathcal{V}_1 as the set of block diagonal matrices with blocksize $k = 198$. Use numerical dropping with $\tau = 1e - 5$ and $p = 20$.

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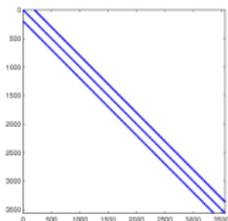
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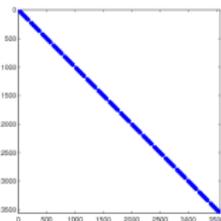
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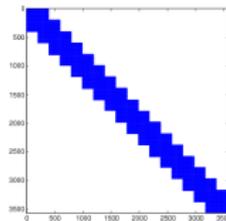
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(c) WV_1^{-1}

Figure: Sparsity patterns of the factors W and V_1 and the preconditioner WV_1^{-1} after 5 iterations. Number of nonzeros $\text{nz}(W)=26482$, $\text{nz}(V_1)=15626$ and $\text{nz}(WV_1^{-1})=2009304$

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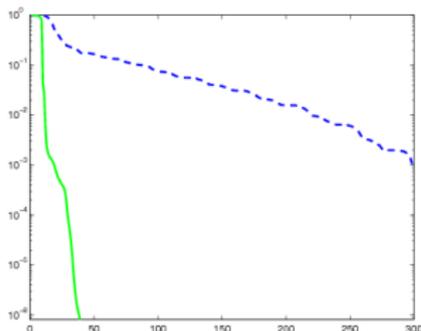
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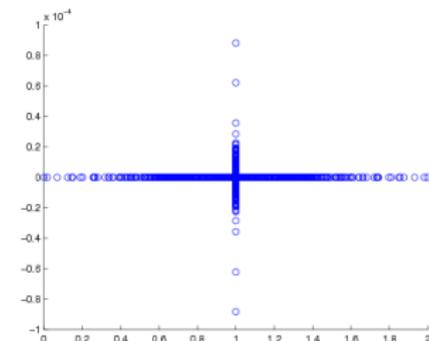
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Figure: (a) Convergence of GMRES(20) with SPAI(0.1) using 10 refinements and 10 new non-zeroes per refinement having $\text{nz}(M) = 202343$ (dashed line) and approximate factors algorithm (solid line). (b) The spectrum of the preconditioned matrix AWW_1^{-1} .

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Consider the partial differential equation

$$-u_{xx} - u_{yy} + \tau(xu_x + yu_y) + \eta u = f, \quad (5)$$

on unit square $\Omega = (0, 1) \times (0, 1)$ with Dirichlet boundary conditions on $\partial\Omega$. Choose $\tau = 10$ and $\eta = -100$.

Use centered differences with n gridpoints in both directions.

After discretization $A = H + V$, with $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n^2 \times n^2}$ where H and V correspond to x - and y -directions on the grid.

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Let \mathcal{W} be determined by the sparsity pattern of A^2 and \mathcal{V}_1 by the sparsity pattern of H^2 (\mathcal{V}_1 is block diagonal with pentadiagonal blocks of size n). Let initial guess $W_0 = I$.

Use FGMRES(30) preconditioned with GMRES(10)-SPAI or GMRES(10)-AF to solve the linear system (4).

$n \times n$	$\text{nz}(A)$	$\text{nz}(M)$	$\text{nz}(W) + \text{nz}(V_1)$	SPAI	AF
16×16	1216	7834	4196	16	19
32×32	4992	22513	17604	22	22
64×64	20224	83418	72068	51	30
128×128	81408	295121	291588	49	30
256×256	326656	1326396	1172996	121	64

Table: Iteration counts of FGMRES(30) for discretized (5) preconditioned with GMRES(10)-SPAI and GMRES(10)-AF.

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- Approximate factors can be computed by using the power method to have preconditioners of the form WV_1^{-1} .
- To have preconditioners of good quality, about 5 to 10 iterations of the power method seems to suffice.
- Preconditioners can be dense and are nearly optimal.
- Choice of subspaces \mathcal{W} and \mathcal{V}_1 is very important (and challenging) for obtaining a good preconditioner.
- Good sparsity structures for \mathcal{W} and \mathcal{V}_1 can be computed by using approximate factors algorithm with numerical dropping.



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