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Context

PaStiX library

- Sparse direct solver with supernodal method
- Right-looking scheduling strategy
- Block low-rank support:
 - Large blocks are compressed into a low-rank form
 - Similar global behavior to the full-rank solver
 - Minimal Memory strategy to save memory
 - Just-In-Time strategy to reduce time-to-solution

Objective of this talk: study low-rank clustering strategies to enhance blocks compressibility



Symbolic Factorization

General approach

- 1. Build a partition with the nested dissection process
- 2. Compress information on data blocks
- 3. Compute the block elimination tree using the block quotient graph



From full-rank to low-rank



Full-rank algorithm

- For each column-block / supernode:
 - 1. Factorize the diagonal block (POTRF/GETRF)
 - 2. Solve off-diagonal blocks in the current column (TRSM)
 - 3. Update the trailing matrix (GEMM)

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From full-rank to low-rank



Just-In-Time algorithm

- For each column-block / supernode:
 - 1. Factorize the diagonal block (POTRF/GETRF)
 - 2. Compress off-diagonal blocks
 - 3. Solve low-rank off-diagonal blocks in the current column (TRSM)
 - 4. Update the trailing matrix (LR2FR)
- Reduce the time to solution
- Memory peak is as large as full-rank

From full-rank to low-rank



Minimal Memory algorithm

- Compress all off-diagonal blocks
- For each column-block / supernode:
 - 1. Factorize the diagonal block (POTRF/GETRF)
 - 2. Solve low-rank off-diagonal blocks in the current column (TRSM)
 - 3. Update the trailing matrix (LR2LR)
- Reduce the memory peak of the solver
- LR2LR updates may be too costly for *small* cases



Performance of RRQR/Just-In-Time





Performance of RRQR/Minimal Memory



Factorization time





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Scalability of *Minimal Memory* strategy on Laplacian matrices



128GB of memory

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- Up to 8M unknowns in full-rank
- Up to 36M unknowns with $\tau = 10^{-4}$

Up to what limit?

- 96 cores machine with 3TB of memory
- $100 \times 100 \times 100 K$ mesh
- Full-rank would have required 11TB of memory
- With $\tau = 10^{-4}$:
 - Only 2TB of memory for the coefficients
 - Less than 6 hours to factorize
 - 10^{-8} solution with 15 iterations of iterative refinement

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Can we reduce the number of those problematic updates?





Block Low-Rank clustering techniques



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Clustering techniques: existing solutions

• Supernode reordering techniques (supernodal)



 $8\times8\times8$ Laplacian partitioned using SCOTCH and Reordering clustering on the first separator



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- Supernode reordering techniques (supernodal)
- k-way partitioning (dense, multifrontal)



 $8\times8\times8$ Laplacian partitioned using SCOTCH and k-way clustering on the first separator



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How to take benefit from both algorithms?

Pre-selection to detect uncompressible vertices

- Pre-select unknowns that represent close interactions and will not be compressible
- Idea of Boundary Distance Low-Rank (BDLR) introduced by Darve et al.
- For instance, pre-select interactions between a father and its direct children
- Hypothesis similar to ILU(k) factorizations







How to take benefit from both algorithms?

Hierarchical Interpolative Factorization for Elliptic Operators: Differential Equations, Kenneth L. Ho and Lexing Ying, 2014.



FIGURE 4.2. Active DOFs at each level ℓ of HIF-DE in 3D.



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New heuristic based on projections

ComputeProjections(nblvl, distp, width)

Lets consider a supernode and the nblvl levels below in the elimination tree, with the constraint that nodes are issued from nested dissection, and not from minimum-fill as it happens at the bottom of the elimination tree.

- Each vertex of the separator being clustered is pre-selected iff it is a neighbor to one of the children at a distance distp
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- Ensure that this number if low wrt to the total number of vertices of a separator: $#selected < \alpha \sqrt{n}$
- Ensure that it creates at least two non-connected components





Proposed algorithm for the clustering of supernodes

Projections are performed on separators of size larger than $16 \times MAX_BLOCKSIZE$, to obtain at least four large connected subparts that will be split into four parts using kway.



Example - 80^3 Laplacian matrix





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Numerical Experiments

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Experimental setup

Architecture

- 2 INTEL Xeon E5 2680v3 at 2.50 GHz (24 threads)
- 128 GB

Matrices

- 33 square matrices from the SuiteSparse Matrix Collection
- real or complex
- $50K \le N \le 5M$
- $nb_{ops} > 1TFlops$

Solver

- PASTIX solver with SCOTCH ordering
- Static scheduling



Parameters

BLR solver

- Tolerance τ: absolute parameter (normalized for each block)
- Compression method is RRQR
- Compression strategy: Minimal Memory or Just-In-Time
- Blocking sizes: between 128 and 256 in following experiments

Pre-selection

- Graphs are reconnected using distance 1 in the Halo
- Selected vertices are obtained with ComputeProjections(3, 1, 1)
- Projections are performed on supernodes of size larger than 16 times the blocking size parameters.
- K-way is configured to get partition fitting the blocking size parameters
- Connected components smaller than the minimal size for low-rank compression are merged into the pre-selected vertices set.



Performance profile of the factorization time – *Minimal Memory*





Performance profile of the memory consumption – *Minimal Memory*





Performance profile of the factorization time – Just-In-Time





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Performance profile of the memory consumption – *Just-In-Time*





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PASTIX 6.1.0

http://gitlab.inria.fr/solverstack/pastix

- Support shared memory with different schedulers:
 - sequential
 - static scheduler
 - ► PARSEC/STARPU runtime systems with experimental GPU support
- Low-rank support
- Cholesky, LDL and LU factorizations
- GMRES, CG, BiCG iterative refinements

Thank you.

