



**A tutorial on:  
Iterative methods for Sparse Matrix Problems**

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## **PROJECTION METHODS**

# One-dimensional projection processes

**Steepest descent** – Problem:  $Ax = b$ , with  $A$  SPD

► **Define:**  $f(x) = \frac{1}{2}\|x - x^*\|_A^2 = \frac{1}{2}(A(x - x^*), (x - x^*))$

**Note:** 1.  $f(x) = \frac{1}{2}(Ax, x) - (b, x) + \text{constant}$

2.  $\nabla f(x) = Ax - b \rightarrow$  ‘descent’ direction =  $b - Ax \equiv r$

**Idea:** take a step of the form  $x_{new} = x + \alpha r$  which minimizes  $f(x)$ .

**Best**  $\alpha = (r, r)/(Ar, r)$ .

**Iteration:**

$$\begin{aligned} r &\leftarrow b - Ax, \\ \alpha &\leftarrow (r, r)/(Ar, r) \\ x &\leftarrow x + \alpha r \end{aligned}$$

► Can show: convergence guaranteed if  $A$  is SPD.

## Residual norm steepest descent: Now $A$ is arbitrary

- Minimize instead:  $f(x) = \frac{1}{2}\|b - Ax\|_2^2$  in direction  $-\nabla f$ .

$$-\nabla f(x) = A^T(b - Ax) = A^T r.$$

**Iteration:**

$$\begin{aligned} r &\leftarrow b - Ax, d = A^T r \\ \alpha &\leftarrow \|d\|_2^2 / \|Ad\|_2^2 \\ x &\leftarrow x + \alpha d \end{aligned}$$

- Important Note: equivalent to usual steepest descent applied to normal equations  $A^T Ax = A^T b$ .
- Converges under the condition that  $A$  is nonsingular.
- But convergence can be very slow

## Minimal residual iteration:

Assume  $A$  is positive definite ( $A + A^T$  is SPD).

➤ The objective function is still  $\frac{1}{2}\|b - Ax\|_2^2$ , but the direction of search is  $r = b - Ax$  instead of  $-\nabla f(x)$

Iteration:

$$\begin{aligned} r &\leftarrow b - Ax, \\ \alpha &\leftarrow (Ar, r) / (Ar, Ar) \\ x &\leftarrow x + \alpha r \end{aligned}$$

- Each step minimizes  $f(x) = \|b - Ax\|_2^2$  in direction  $r$ .
- Converges under the condition that  $A + A^T$  is SPD.

- Common feature of these techniques:  $x_{new} = x + \alpha d$ , where  $d$  = a certain direction.
- $\alpha$  is defined to optimize a certain quadratic function.
- Equivalent to determining  $\alpha$  by an orthogonality constraint.

In MR:

**Example**

$$x(\alpha) = x + \alpha d, \text{ with } d = b - Ax.$$

$$\min_{\alpha} \|b - Ax(\alpha)\|_2 \text{ reached iff } b - Ax(\alpha) \perp r$$

- One-dimensional projection methods – can we generalize to  $m$ -dimensional techniques?

# General Projection Methods

Initial Problem:

$$b - Ax = 0$$

Given two subspaces  $K$  and  $L$  of  $\mathbb{R}^N$  define the *approximate problem*:

$$\text{Find } \tilde{x} \in K \text{ such that } b - A\tilde{x} \perp L$$

➤ Leads to a small linear system ('projected problems') This is a basic projection step. Typically: sequence of such steps are applied

➤ With a nonzero initial guess  $x_0$ , the approximate problem is

**Find  $\tilde{x} \in x_0 + K$  such that  $b - A\tilde{x} \perp L$**

**Write  $\tilde{x} = x_0 + \delta$  and  $r_0 = b - Ax_0$ . Leads to a system for  $\delta$ :**

**Find  $\delta \in K$  such that  $r_0 - A\delta \perp L$**

## Matrix representation:

Let

- $V = [v_1, \dots, v_m]$  a basis of  $K$  &
- $W = [w_1, \dots, w_m]$  a basis of  $L$

Then letting  $x$  be the approximate solution  $\tilde{x} = x_0 + \delta \equiv x_0 + Vy$  where  $y$  is a vector of  $\mathbb{R}^m$ , the Petrov-Galerkin condition yields,

$$W^T(r_0 - AVy) = 0$$

and therefore

$$\tilde{x} = x_0 + V[W^T AV]^{-1}W^T r_0$$

**Remark:** In practice  $W^T AV$  is known from algorithm and has a simple structure [tridiagonal, Hessenberg,..]

# Prototype Projection Method

## Until Convergence Do:

1. Select a pair of subspaces  $K$ , and  $L$ ;
2. Choose bases  $V = [v_1, \dots, v_m]$  for  $K$  and  $W = [w_1, \dots, w_m]$  for  $L$ .
3. Compute

$$r \leftarrow b - Ax,$$

$$y \leftarrow (W^T AV)^{-1} W^T r,$$

$$x \leftarrow x + Vy.$$

## *Two important particular cases.*

1.  $L = AK$  . then  $\|b - A\tilde{x}\|_2 = \min_{z \in K} \|b - Az\|_2$   
→ class of minimal residual methods: CR, GCR, ORTHOMIN, GMRES, CGNR, ...
2.  $L = K$  → class of Galerkin or orthogonal projection methods.

When  $A$  is SPD then

$$\|x^* - \tilde{x}\|_A = \min_{z \in K} \|x^* - z\|_A.$$

# One-dimensional projection processes

$$K = \text{span}\{d\}$$

**and**

$$L = \text{span}\{e\}$$

Then  $\tilde{x} \leftarrow x + \alpha d$  and Petrov-Galerkin condition  $r - A\delta \perp e$  yields

$$\alpha = \frac{(r, e)}{(Ad, e)}$$

(I) Steepest descent:  $K = \text{span}(r)$ ,  $L = K$

(II) Residual norm steepest descent:  $K = \text{span}(A^T r)$ ,  $L = AK$

(III) Minimal residual iteration:  $K = \text{span}(r)$ ,  $L = AK$

# Krylov Subspace Methods

**Principle:** Projection methods on Krylov subspaces:

$$K_m(A, v_1) = \text{span}\{v_1, Av_1, \dots, A^{m-1}v_1\}$$

- probably the most important class of iterative methods.
- many variants exist depending on the subspace  $L$ .

**Simple properties of  $K_m$**  . Let  $\mu = \text{deg. of minimal polynomial of } v$

- $K_m = \{p(A)v \mid p = \text{polynomial of degree } \leq m - 1\}$
- $K_m = K_\mu$  for all  $m \geq \mu$ . Moreover,  $K_\mu$  is invariant under  $A$ .
- $\dim(K_m) = m$  iff  $\mu \geq m$ .

# Arnoldi's Algorithm

- **Goal:** to compute an orthogonal basis of  $K_m$ .
- **Input:** Initial vector  $v_1$ , with  $\|v_1\|_2 = 1$  and  $m$ .

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**For**  $j = 1, \dots, m$  **do**

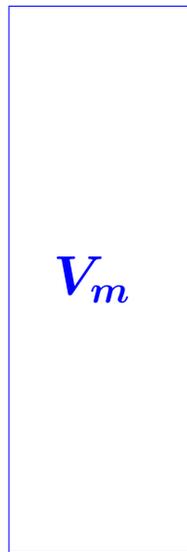
- **Compute**  $w := Av_j$
- **for**  $i = 1, \dots, j$ , **do** 
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} h_{i,j} := (w, v_i) \\ w := w - h_{i,j}v_i \end{array} \right.$$
- $h_{j+1,j} = \|w\|_2$  **and**  $v_{j+1} = w/h_{j+1,j}$

# Result of orthogonalization process

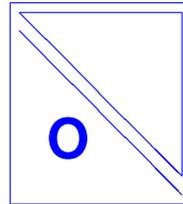
1.  $V_m = [v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m]$  orthonormal basis of  $K_m$ .

2.  $AV_m = V_{m+1}\overline{H}_m$

3.  $V_m^T AV_m = H_m \equiv \overline{H}_m$  — last row.



$\overline{H}_m =$



# Arnoldi's Method ( $L_m = K_m$ )

- Petrov-Galerkin condition when  $L_m = K_m$ , shows:

$$\mathbf{x}_m = \mathbf{x}_0 + \mathbf{V}_m \mathbf{H}_m^{-1} \mathbf{V}_m^T \mathbf{r}_0$$

- Select  $v_1 = r_0 / \|r_0\|_2 \equiv r_0 / \beta$  in Arnoldi's algorithm, then:

$$\mathbf{x}_m = \mathbf{x}_0 + \beta \mathbf{V}_m \mathbf{H}_m^{-1} \mathbf{e}_1$$

Equivalent  
algorithms:

- \* FOM [YS, 1981] (above formulation)
- \* Young and Jea's ORTHORES [1982].
- \* Axelsson's projection method [1981].

# Minimal residual methods ( $L_m = AK_m$ )

- When  $L_m = AK_m$ , we let  $W_m \equiv AV_m$  and obtain:

$$x_m = x_0 + V_m[W_m^T AV_m]^{-1} W_m^T r_0$$

- Use again  $v_1 := r_0 / (\beta := \|r_0\|_2)$  and:  $AV_m = V_{m+1} \bar{H}_m$

$$x_m = x_0 + V_m[\bar{H}_m^T \bar{H}_m]^{-1} \bar{H}_m^T \beta e_1 = x_0 + V_m y_m$$

where  $y_m$  minimizes  $\|\beta e_1 - \bar{H}_m y\|_2$  over  $y \in \mathbb{R}^m$ . Hence, (Generalized Minimal Residual method (GMRES) [Saad-Schultz, 1983]):

$$x_m = x_0 + V_m y_m \quad \text{where} \quad y_m : \min_y \|\beta e_1 - \bar{H}_m y\|_2$$

Equivalent methods:

- Axelsson's CGLS
- Orthomin (1980)
- Orthodir
- GCR

# Restarting and Truncating

**Difficulty:** As  $m$  increases, storage and work per step increase fast.

**First remedy:** Restarting. Fix the dimension  $m$  of the subspace

## ALGORITHM : 1. Restarted GMRES (resp. Arnoldi)

1. Start/Restart: **Compute**  $r_0 = b - Ax_0$ , **and**  $v_1 = r_0 / (\beta := \|r_0\|_2)$ .
2. Arnoldi Process: **generate**  $\bar{H}_m$  **and**  $V_m$ .
3. **Compute**  $y_m = H_m^{-1} \beta e_1$  (FOM), **or**  
 $y_m = \operatorname{argmin} \|\beta e_1 - \bar{H}_m y\|_2$  (GMRES)
4.  $x_m = x_0 + V_m y_m$
5. **If**  $\|r_m\|_2 \leq \epsilon \|r_0\|_2$  **stop else set**  $x_0 := x_m$  **and go to 1.**

## *Second remedy: Truncate the orthogonalization*

The formula for  $v_{j+1}$  is replaced by

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$$h_{j+1,j}v_{j+1} = Av_j - \sum_{i=j-k+1}^j h_{ij}v_i$$

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→ each  $v_j$  is made orthogonal to the previous  $k$   $v_i$ 's.

→  $x_m$  still computed as  $x_m = x_0 + V_m H_m^{-1} \beta e_1$ .

→ It can be shown that this is again an oblique projection process.

➤ **IOM (Incomplete Orthogonalization Method)** = replace orthogonalization in FOM, by the above truncated (or 'incomplete') orthogonalization.



**Result:** Can update  $x_m$  at each step:

$$x_m = x_{m-1} + \zeta_m p_m$$

**Note:** Several existing pairs of methods have a similar link: they are based on the LU, or other, factorizations of the  $H_m$  matrix

- CG-like formulation of IOM called DIOM [Saad, 1982]
- ORTHORES(k) [Young & Jea '82] equivalent to DIOM(k)
- SYMMLQ [Paige and Saunders, '77] uses LQ factorization of  $H_m$ .
- Can add partial pivoting to LU factorization of  $H_m$

# The Symmetric Case: Observation

**Observe:** When  $A$  is real symmetric then in Arnoldi's method:

$$H_m = V_m^T A V_m$$

must be symmetric. Therefore

**THEOREM.** When Arnoldi's algorithm is applied to a (real) symmetric matrix then the matrix  $H_m$  is symmetric tridiagonal.

In other words:

1)  $h_{ij} = 0$  for  $|i - j| > 1$

2)  $h_{j,j+1} = h_{j+1,j}$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, m$

► We can write

$$H_m = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 & \beta_2 & & & \\ & \beta_2 & \alpha_2 & \beta_3 & \\ & & \beta_3 & \alpha_3 & \beta_4 \\ & & & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ & & & & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ & & & & & \beta_m & \alpha_m \end{pmatrix} \quad (1)$$

The  $v_i$ 's satisfy a three-term recurrence [Lanczos Algorithm]:

$$\beta_{j+1}v_{j+1} = Av_j - \alpha_jv_j - \beta_jv_{j-1}$$

→ simplified version of Arnoldi's algorithm for sym. systems.

**Symmetric matrix + Arnoldi → Symmetric Lanczos**

# The Lanczos algorithm

## ALGORITHM : 2. Lanczos

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1. Choose an initial vector  $v_1$  of norm unity.

Set  $\beta_1 \equiv 0, v_0 \equiv 0$

2. For  $j = 1, 2, \dots, m$  Do:

3.  $w_j := Av_j - \beta_j v_{j-1}$

4.  $\alpha_j := (w_j, v_j)$

5.  $w_j := w_j - \alpha_j v_j$

6.  $\beta_{j+1} := \|w_j\|_2$ . If  $\beta_{j+1} = 0$  then Stop

7.  $v_{j+1} := w_j / \beta_{j+1}$

8. EndDo

# Lanczos algorithm for linear systems

## ➤ Usual orthogonal projection method setting:

- $L_m = K_m = \text{span}\{r_0, Ar_0, \dots, A^{m-1}r_0\}$
- **Basis**  $V_m = [v_1, \dots, v_m]$  of  $K_m$  generated by the Lanczos algorithm

## ➤ Three different possible implementations.

(1) Arnoldi-like; (2) Exploit tridigonal nature of  $H_m$  (DIOM); (3) Conjugate gradient.

.... following what was done for DIOM..

# The Conjugate Gradient Algorithm (A S.P.D.)

- Note: the  $p_i$ 's are  $A$ -orthogonal
- The  $r_i$ 's are orthogonal.
- And we have  $x_m = x_{m-1} + \xi_m p_m$

So there must be an update of the form:

1.  $p_m = r_{m-1} + \beta_m p_{m-1}$
2.  $x_m = x_{m-1} + \xi_m p_m$
3.  $r_m = r_{m-1} - \xi_m A p_m$

## ALGORITHM : 3 . *Conjugate Gradient*

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**Start:**  $r_0 := b - Ax_0, p_0 := r_0.$

**Iterate:** *Until convergence do,*

$$\alpha_j := (r_j, r_j) / (Ap_j, p_j)$$

$$x_{j+1} := x_j + \alpha_j p_j$$

$$r_{j+1} := r_j - \alpha_j Ap_j$$

$$\beta_j := (r_{j+1}, r_{j+1}) / (r_j, r_j)$$

$$p_{j+1} := r_{j+1} + \beta_j p_j$$

**EndDo**

- $r_j = \text{scaling} \times v_{j+1}$ . The  $r_j$ 's are orthogonal.
- The  $p_j$ 's are  $A$ -conjugate, i.e.,  $(Ap_i, p_j) = 0$  for  $i \neq j$ .

## **METHODS BASED ON LANCZOS BIORTHOGONALIZATION**

## ALGORITHM : 4. Lanczos Bi-Orthogonalization

1. **Choose two vectors**  $v_1, w_1$  **such that**  $(v_1, w_1) = 1$ .
2. **Set**  $\beta_1 = \delta_1 \equiv 0, w_0 = v_0 \equiv 0$
3. **For**  $j = 1, 2, \dots, m$  **Do:**
4.  $\alpha_j = (Av_j, w_j)$
5.  $\hat{v}_{j+1} = Av_j - \alpha_j v_j - \beta_j v_{j-1}$
6.  $\hat{w}_{j+1} = A^T w_j - \alpha_j w_j - \delta_j w_{j-1}$
7.  $\delta_{j+1} = |(\hat{v}_{j+1}, \hat{w}_{j+1})|^{1/2}$ . **If**  $\delta_{j+1} = 0$  **Stop**
8.  $\beta_{j+1} = (\hat{v}_{j+1}, \hat{w}_{j+1}) / \delta_{j+1}$
9.  $w_{j+1} = \hat{w}_{j+1} / \beta_{j+1}$
10.  $v_{j+1} = \hat{v}_{j+1} / \delta_{j+1}$
11. **EndDo**

- **Extension of the symmetric Lanczos algorithm**
- **Builds a pair of biorthogonal bases for the two subspaces**

$$\mathcal{K}_m(A, v_1) \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{K}_m(A^T, w_1)$$

- **Different ways to choose  $\delta_{j+1}, \beta_{j+1}$  in lines 7 and 8.**

Let

$$T_m = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 & \beta_2 & & & & \\ \delta_2 & \alpha_2 & \beta_3 & & & \\ & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & & \\ & & & & \delta_{m-1} & \alpha_{m-1} & \beta_m \\ & & & & & \delta_m & \alpha_m \end{pmatrix} \cdot$$

- **$v_i \in \mathcal{K}_m(A, v_1)$  and  $w_j \in \mathcal{K}_m(A^T, w_1)$ .**

If the algorithm does not break down before step  $m$ , then the vectors  $v_i, i = 1, \dots, m$ , and  $w_j, j = 1, \dots, m$ , are biorthogonal, i.e.,

$$(v_j, w_i) = \delta_{ij} \quad 1 \leq i, j \leq m .$$

Moreover,  $\{v_i\}_{i=1,2,\dots,m}$  is a basis of  $\mathcal{K}_m(A, v_1)$  and  $\{w_i\}_{i=1,2,\dots,m}$  is a basis of  $\mathcal{K}_m(A^T, w_1)$  and

$$AV_m = V_m T_m + \delta_{m+1} v_{m+1} e_m^T,$$

$$A^T W_m = W_m T_m^T + \beta_{m+1} w_{m+1} e_m^T,$$

$$W_m^T AV_m = T_m .$$

# The Lanczos Algorithm for Linear Systems

## ALGORITHM : 5. *Lanczos Alg. for Linear Systems*

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1. **Compute**  $r_0 = b - Ax_0$  **and**  $\beta := \|r_0\|_2$
  2. **Run**  $m$  **steps of the nonsymmetric Lanczos Algorithm i.e.,**
  3. **Start with**  $v_1 := r_0/\beta$ , **and any**  $w_1$  **such that**  
 $(v_1, w_1) = 1$
  4. **Generate the pair of Lanczos vectors**  $v_1, \dots, v_m$ ,  
**and**  $w_1, \dots, w_m$
  5. **and the tridiagonal matrix**  $T_m$  **from Algorithm ??.**
  6. **Compute**  $y_m = T_m^{-1}(\beta e_1)$  **and**  $x_m := x_0 + V_m y_m$ .
- **BCG can be derived from the Lanczos Algorithm similarly to CG**

## ALGORITHM : 6. *BiConjugate Gradient (BCG)*

1. **Compute**  $r_0 := b - Ax_0$ .
2. **Choose**  $r_0^*$  **such that**  $(r_0, r_0^*) \neq 0$ ;  
**Set**  $p_0 := r_0, p_0^* := r_0^*$
3. **For**  $j = 0, 1, \dots$ , **until convergence Do**:,
  4.  $\alpha_j := (r_j, r_j^*) / (Ap_j, p_j^*)$
  5.  $x_{j+1} := x_j + \alpha_j p_j$
  6.  $r_{j+1} := r_j - \alpha_j Ap_j$
  7.  $r_{j+1}^* := r_j^* - \alpha_j A^T p_j^*$
  8.  $\beta_j := (r_{j+1}, r_{j+1}^*) / (r_j, r_j^*)$
  9.  $p_{j+1} := r_{j+1} + \beta_j p_j$
  10.  $p_{j+1}^* := r_{j+1}^* + \beta_j p_j^*$
11. **EndDo**

# Quasi-Minimal Residual Algorithm

➤ Recall relation from the lanczos algorithm:  $AV_m = V_{m+1}\bar{T}_m$  with  $\bar{T}_m = (m + 1) \times m$  tridiagonal matrix  $\bar{T}_m = \begin{pmatrix} T_m \\ \delta_{m+1}e_m^T \end{pmatrix}$ .

➤ Let  $v_1 \equiv \beta r_0$  and  $x = x_0 + V_m y$ . Residual norm  $\|b - Ax\|_2$  equals

$$\|r_0 - AV_m y\|_2 = \|\beta v_1 - V_{m+1} \bar{T}_m y\|_2 = \|V_{m+1} (\beta e_1 - \bar{T}_m y)\|_2$$

➤ Column-vectors of  $V_{m+1}$  are not  $\perp$  ( $\neq$  GMRES).

➤ But: reasonable idea to minimize the function  $J(y) \equiv \|\beta e_1 - \bar{T}_m y\|_2$

➤ Quasi-Minimal Residual Algorithm (Freund, 1990).

# Transpose-Free Variants

- BCG and QMR require a matrix-by-vector product with  $A$  and  $A^T$  at each step. The products with  $A^T$  do not contribute directly to  $x_m$ .
- They allow to determine the scalars ( $\alpha_j$  and  $\beta_j$  in BCG).
- QUESTION: is it possible to bypass the use of  $A^T$ ?
- Motivation: in nonlinear equations,  $A$  is often not available explicitly but via the Frechet derivative:

$$J(u_k)v = \frac{F(u_k + \epsilon v) - F(u_k)}{\epsilon} .$$

# Conjugate Gradient Squared

\* Clever variant of BCG which avoids using  $A^T$  [Sonneveld, 1984].

In BCG:

$$r_i = \rho_i(A)r_0$$

where  $\rho_i =$  polynomial of degree  $i$ .

In CGS:

$$r_i = \rho_i^2(A)r_0$$

► Define :

$$r_j = \phi_j(A)r_0,$$

$$p_j = \pi_j(A)r_0,$$

$$r_j^* = \phi_j(A^T)r_0^*,$$

$$p_j^* = \pi_j(A^T)r_0^*$$

**Scalar  $\alpha_j$  in BCG is given by**

$$\alpha_j = \frac{(\phi_j(A)r_0, \phi_j(A^T)r_0^*)}{(A\pi_j(A)r_0, \pi_j(A^T)r_0^*)} = \frac{(\phi_j^2(A)r_0, r_0^*)}{(A\pi_j^2(A)r_0, r_0^*)}$$

► Possible to get a recursion for the  $\phi_j^2(A)r_0$  and  $\pi_j^2(A)r_0$ ?

$$\phi_{j+1}(t) = \phi_j(t) - \alpha_j t \pi_j(t),$$

$$\pi_{j+1}(t) = \phi_{j+1}(t) + \beta_j \pi_j(t)$$

► Square these equalities

$$\phi_{j+1}^2(t) = \phi_j^2(t) - 2\alpha_j t \pi_j(t) \phi_j(t) + \alpha_j^2 t^2 \pi_j^2(t),$$

$$\pi_{j+1}^2(t) = \phi_{j+1}^2(t) + 2\beta_j \phi_{j+1}(t) \pi_j(t) + \beta_j^2 \pi_j^2(t)^2.$$

► Problem: ...  
.. Cross terms

**Solution:** Let  $\phi_{j+1}(t)\pi_j(t)$ , be a third member of the recurrence.

For  $\pi_j(t)\phi_j(t)$ , note:

$$\begin{aligned}\phi_j(t)\pi_j(t) &= \phi_j(t) (\phi_j(t) + \beta_{j-1}\pi_{j-1}(t)) \\ &= \phi_j^2(t) + \beta_{j-1}\phi_j(t)\pi_{j-1}(t).\end{aligned}$$

**Result:**

$$\begin{aligned}\phi_{j+1}^2 &= \phi_j^2 - \alpha_j t (2\phi_j^2 + 2\beta_{j-1}\phi_j\pi_{j-1} - \alpha_j t \pi_j^2) \\ \phi_{j+1}\pi_j &= \phi_j^2 + \beta_{j-1}\phi_j\pi_{j-1} - \alpha_j t \pi_j^2 \\ \pi_{j+1}^2 &= \phi_{j+1}^2 + 2\beta_j\phi_{j+1}\pi_j + \beta_j^2\pi_j^2.\end{aligned}$$

**Define:**

$$r_j = \phi_j^2(A)r_0, \quad p_j = \pi_j^2(A)r_0, \quad q_j = \phi_{j+1}(A)\pi_j(A)r_0$$

## Recurrences become:

$$r_{j+1} = r_j - \alpha_j A (2r_j + 2\beta_{j-1}q_{j-1} - \alpha_j A p_j),$$

$$q_j = r_j + \beta_{j-1}q_{j-1} - \alpha_j A p_j,$$

$$p_{j+1} = r_{j+1} + 2\beta_j q_j + \beta_j^2 p_j.$$

Define auxiliary vector  $d_j = 2r_j + 2\beta_{j-1}q_{j-1} - \alpha_j A p_j$

➤ Sequence of operations to compute the approximate solution, starting with  $r_0 := b - Ax_0$ ,  $p_0 := r_0$ ,  $q_0 := 0$ ,  $\beta_0 := 0$ .

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1.  $\alpha_j = (r_j, r_0^*) / (A p_j, r_0^*)$

2.  $d_j = 2r_j + 2\beta_{j-1}q_{j-1} - \alpha_j A p_j$

3.  $q_j = r_j + \beta_{j-1}q_{j-1} - \alpha_j A p_j$

4.  $x_{j+1} = x_j + \alpha_j d_j$

5.  $r_{j+1} = r_j - \alpha_j A d_j$

6.  $\beta_j = (r_{j+1}, r_0^*) / (r_j, r_0^*)$

7.  $p_{j+1} = r_{j+1} + \beta_j (2q_j + \beta_j p_j)$ .

➤ **one more auxiliary vector,  $u_j = r_j + \beta_{j-1}q_{j-1}$ . So**

$$d_j = u_j + q_j,$$

$$q_j = u_j - \alpha_j A p_j,$$

$$p_{j+1} = u_{j+1} + \beta_j(q_j + \beta_j p_j),$$

➤ **vector  $d_j$  is no longer needed.**

## ALGORITHM : 7. *Conjugate Gradient Squared*

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1. **Compute**  $r_0 := b - Ax_0$ ;  $r_0^*$  *arbitrary*.
2. **Set**  $p_0 := u_0 := r_0$ .
3. **For**  $j = 0, 1, 2 \dots$ , *until convergence Do*:
4.      $\alpha_j = (r_j, r_0^*) / (Ap_j, r_0^*)$
5.      $q_j = u_j - \alpha_j Ap_j$
6.      $x_{j+1} = x_j + \alpha_j(u_j + q_j)$
7.      $r_{j+1} = r_j - \alpha_j A(u_j + q_j)$
8.      $\beta_j = (r_{j+1}, r_0^*) / (r_j, r_0^*)$
9.      $u_{j+1} = r_{j+1} + \beta_j q_j$
10.     $p_{j+1} = u_{j+1} + \beta_j(q_j + \beta_j p_j)$
11. **EndDo**

► **Note:** no matrix-by-vector products with  $A^T$  but two matrix-by-vector products with  $A$ , at each step.

**Vector:**  $\longleftrightarrow$  **Polynomial in BCG :**

$$q_i \longleftrightarrow \bar{r}_i(t)\bar{p}_{i-1}(t)$$

$$u_i \longleftrightarrow \bar{p}_i^2(t)$$

$$r_i \longleftrightarrow \bar{r}_i^2(t)$$

where  $\bar{r}_i(t)$  = residual polynomial at step  $i$  for BCG, .i.e.,  $r_i = \bar{r}_i(A)r_0$ ,  
and  $\bar{p}_i(t)$  = conjugate direction polynomial at step  $i$ , i.e.,  $p_i = \bar{p}_i(A)r_0$ .

# *BCGSTAB (van der Vorst, 1992)*

➤ In CGS: residual polynomial of BCG is squared. ➤ bad behavior in case of irregular convergence.

➤ Bi-Conjugate Gradient Stabilized (BCGSTAB) = a variation of CGS which avoids this difficulty. ➤ Derivation similar to CGS.

➤ Residuals in BCGSTAB are of the form,

$$r'_j = \psi_j(A)\phi_j(A)r_0$$

in which,  $\phi_j(t)$  = BCG residual polynomial, and ..

➤ ..  $\psi_j(t)$  = a new polynomial defined recursively as

$$\psi_{j+1}(t) = (1 - \omega_j t)\psi_j(t)$$

$\omega_i$  chosen to 'smooth' convergence [steepest descent step]

## ALGORITHM : 8. **BCGSTAB**

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1. **Compute**  $r_0 := b - Ax_0$ ;  $r_0^*$  *arbitrary*;
2.  $p_0 := r_0$ .
3. **For**  $j = 0, 1, \dots$ , **until convergence Do**:
4.      $\alpha_j := (r_j, r_0^*) / (Ap_j, r_0^*)$
5.      $s_j := r_j - \alpha_j Ap_j$
6.      $\omega_j := (As_j, s_j) / (As_j, As_j)$
7.      $x_{j+1} := x_j + \alpha_j p_j + \omega_j s_j$
8.      $r_{j+1} := s_j - \omega_j As_j$
9.      $\beta_j := \frac{(r_{j+1}, r_0^*)}{(r_j, r_0^*)} \times \frac{\alpha_j}{\omega_j}$
10.     $p_{j+1} := r_{j+1} + \beta_j (p_j - \omega_j Ap_j)$
11. **EndDo**

## **PRECONDITIONING**

# Preconditioning – Basic principles

**Basic idea** is to use the Krylov subspace method on a modified system such as

$$M^{-1}Ax = M^{-1}b.$$

- The matrix  $M^{-1}A$  need not be formed explicitly; only need to solve  $Mw = v$  whenever needed.
- Consequence: fundamental requirement is that it should be easy to compute  $M^{-1}v$  for an arbitrary vector  $v$ .

# Left, Right, and Split preconditioning

**Left preconditioning:**  $M^{-1}Ax = M^{-1}b$

**Right preconditioning:**  $AM^{-1}u = b$ , with  $x = M^{-1}u$

**Split preconditioning:**  $M_L^{-1}AM_R^{-1}u = M_L^{-1}b$ , with  $x = M_R^{-1}u$

[Assume  $M$  is factored:  $M = M_L M_R$ . ]

# Preconditioned CG (PCG)

- Assume:  $A$  and  $M$  are both SPD.
- Applying CG directly to  $M^{-1}Ax = M^{-1}b$  or  $AM^{-1}u = b$  won't work because coefficient matrices are not symmetric.
- Alternative: when  $M = LL^T$  use split preconditioner option
- Second alternative: Observe that  $M^{-1}A$  is self-adjoint wrt  $M$  inner product:

$$(M^{-1}Ax, y)_M = (Ax, y) = (x, Ay) = (x, M^{-1}Ay)_M$$

# Preconditioned CG (PCG)

## ALGORITHM : 9 . *Preconditioned Conjugate Gradient*

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1. **Compute**  $r_0 := b - Ax_0$ ,  $z_0 = M^{-1}r_0$ , **and**  $p_0 := z_0$
2. **For**  $j = 0, 1, \dots$ , **until convergence Do**:
3.      $\alpha_j := (r_j, z_j) / (Ap_j, p_j)$
4.      $x_{j+1} := x_j + \alpha_j p_j$
5.      $r_{j+1} := r_j - \alpha_j Ap_j$
6.      $z_{j+1} := M^{-1}r_{j+1}$
7.      $\beta_j := (r_{j+1}, z_{j+1}) / (r_j, z_j)$
8.      $p_{j+1} := z_{j+1} + \beta_j p_j$
9. **EndDo**

**Note**  $M^{-1}A$  is also self-adjoint with respect to  $(\cdot, \cdot)_A$ :

$$(M^{-1}Ax, y)_A = (AM^{-1}Ax, y) = (x, AM^{-1}Ay) = (x, M^{-1}Ay)_A$$

- **Can obtain a similar algorithm**
- **Assume that  $M =$  Cholesky product  $M = LL^T$ .**

**Then, another possibility: Split preconditioning option, which applies CG to the system**

$$L^{-1}AL^{-T}u = L^{-1}b, \text{ with } x = L^T u$$

- **Notation:  $\hat{A} = L^{-1}AL^{-T}$ . All quantities related to the preconditioned system are indicated by  $\hat{\cdot}$ .**

## **ALGORITHM : 10. CG with Split Preconditioner**

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1. **Compute**  $r_0 := b - Ax_0$ ;  $\hat{r}_0 = L^{-1}r_0$ ; **and**  $p_0 := L^{-T}\hat{r}_0$ .
  2. **For**  $j = 0, 1, \dots$ , **until convergence Do**:
  3.      $\alpha_j := (\hat{r}_j, \hat{r}_j) / (Ap_j, p_j)$
  4.      $x_{j+1} := x_j + \alpha_j p_j$
  5.      $\hat{r}_{j+1} := \hat{r}_j - \alpha_j L^{-1}Ap_j$
  6.      $\beta_j := (\hat{r}_{j+1}, \hat{r}_{j+1}) / (\hat{r}_j, \hat{r}_j)$
  7.      $p_{j+1} := L^{-T}\hat{r}_{j+1} + \beta_j p_j$
  8. **EndDo**
- **The  $x_j$ 's produced by the above algorithm and PCG are identical (if same initial guess is used).**

# *Flexible accelerators*

**Question:** What can we do in case  $M$  is defined only approximately? i.e., if it can vary from one step to the other.?

## **Applications:**

- Iterative techniques as preconditioners: Block-SOR, SSOR, Multi-grid, etc..
- Chaotic relaxation type preconditioners (e.g., in a parallel computing environment)
- Mixing Preconditioners – mixing coarse mesh / fine mesh preconditioners.

## ALGORITHM : 11 . GMRES – No preconditioning

1. Start: **Choose**  $x_0$  **and a dimension**  $m$  **of the Krylov subspaces.**

2. Arnoldi process:

- **Compute**  $r_0 = b - Ax_0$ ,  $\beta = \|r_0\|_2$  **and**  $v_1 = r_0/\beta$ .

- **For**  $j = 1, \dots, m$  **do**

- **Compute**  $w := Av_j$

- **for**  $i = 1, \dots, j$ , **do**  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} h_{i,j} := (w, v_i) \\ w := w - h_{i,j}v_i \end{array} \right\}$  ;

- $h_{j+1,1} = \|w\|_2$ ;  $v_{j+1} = \frac{w}{h_{j+1,1}}$

- **Define**  $V_m := [v_1, \dots, v_m]$  **and**  $\bar{H}_m = \{h_{i,j}\}$ .

3. Form the approximate solution: **Compute**  $x_m = x_0 + V_m y_m$  **where**  
 $y_m = \operatorname{argmin}_y \|\beta e_1 - \bar{H}_m y\|_2$  **and**  $e_1 = [1, 0, \dots, 0]^T$ .

4. Restart: **If satisfied stop, else set**  $x_0 \leftarrow x_m$  **and goto** 2.

## ALGORITHM : 12. **GMRES – (right) Preconditioning**

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**1. Start: Choose  $x_0$  and a dimension  $m$**

**2. Arnoldi process:**

- **Compute  $r_0 = b - Ax_0$ ,  $\beta = \|r_0\|_2$  and  $v_1 = r_0/\beta$ .**

- **For  $j = 1, \dots, m$  do**

- **Compute  $z_j := M^{-1}v_j$**

- **Compute  $w := Az_j$**

- **for  $i = 1, \dots, j$ , do :  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} h_{i,j} := (w, v_i) \\ w := w - h_{i,j}v_i \end{array} \right\}$**

- **$h_{j+1,1} = \|w\|_2$ ;  $v_{j+1} = w/h_{j+1,1}$**

- **Define  $V_m := [v_1, \dots, v_m]$  and  $\bar{H}_m = \{h_{i,j}\}$ .**

**3. Form the approximate solution:  $x_m = x_0 + M^{-1}V_m y_m$  where  $y_m = \operatorname{argmin}_y \|\beta e_1 - \bar{H}_m y\|_2$  and  $e_1 = [1, 0, \dots, 0]^T$ .**

**4. Restart: If satisfied stop, else set  $x_0 \leftarrow x_m$  and goto 2.**

## ALGORITHM : 13. *GMRES – variable preconditioner*

1. Start: **Choose**  $x_0$  **and a dimension**  $m$  **of the Krylov subspaces.**

2. Arnoldi process:

- **Compute**  $r_0 = b - Ax_0$ ,  $\beta = \|r_0\|_2$  **and**  $v_1 = r_0/\beta$ .

- **For**  $j = 1, \dots, m$  **do**

- **Compute**  $z_j := M_j^{-1}v_j$  ; **Compute**  $w := Az_j$ ;

- **for**  $i = 1, \dots, j$ , **do:**  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} h_{i,j} := (w, v_i) \\ w := w - h_{i,j}v_i \end{array} \right\}$ ;

- $h_{j+1,1} = \|w\|_2$ ;  $v_{j+1} = w/h_{j+1,1}$

- **Define**  $Z_m := [z_1, \dots, z_m]$  **and**  $\bar{H}_m = \{h_{i,j}\}$ .

3. Form the approximate solution: **Compute**  $x_m = x_0 + Z_m y_m$  **where**  
 $y_m = \operatorname{argmin}_y \|\beta e_1 - \bar{H}_m y\|_2$  **and**  $e_1 = [1, 0, \dots, 0]^T$ .

4. Restart: **If satisfied stop, else set**  $x_0 \leftarrow x_m$  **and goto 2.**

# Properties

- $x_m$  minimizes  $b - Ax_m$  over  $\text{Span}\{Z_m\}$ .
- If  $Az_j = v_j$  (i.e., if preconditioning is 'exact' at step  $j$ ) then approximation  $x_j$  is exact.
- If  $M_j$  is constant then method is  $\equiv$  to Right-Preconditioned GM-RES.

## Additional Costs:

- Arithmetic: none.
- Memory: Must save the additional set of vectors  $\{z_j\}_{j=1,\dots,m}$

## Advantage: Flexibility

# Standard preconditioners

- Simplest preconditioner:  $M = \text{Diag}(A)$  ➤ poor convergence.
- Next to simplest: SSOR  $M = (D - \omega E)D^{-1}(D - \omega F)$
- Still simple but often more efficient: ILU(0).
- ILU(p) – ILU with level of fill p – more complex.
- Class of ILU preconditioners with threshold
- Class of approximate inverse preconditioners
- Class of Multilevel ILU preconditioners: Multigrid, Algebraic Multigrid, M-level ILU, ..

# *An observation. Introduction to Preconditioning*

- Take a look back at basic relaxation methods: Jacobi, Gauss-Seidel, SOR, SSOR, ...
- These are iterations of the form  $x^{(k+1)} = Mx^{(k)} + f$  where  $M$  is of the form  $M = I - P^{-1}A$ . For example for SSOR,

$$P_{SSOR} = (D - \omega E)D^{-1}(D - \omega F)$$

- SSOR attempts to solve the equivalent system

$$P^{-1}Ax = P^{-1}b$$

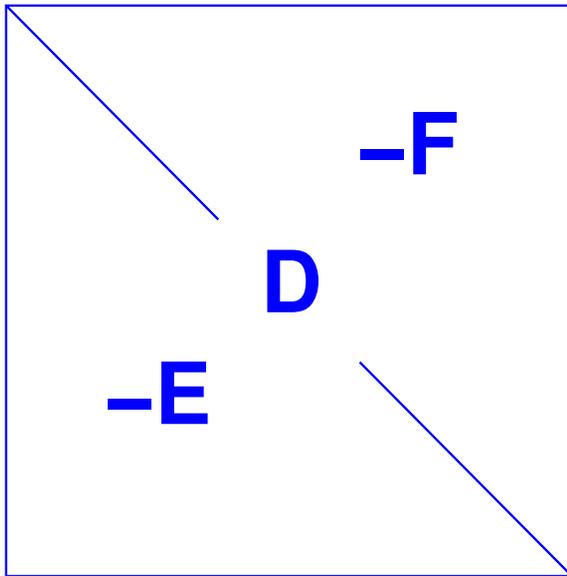
where  $P \equiv P_{SSOR}$  by the fixed point iteration

$$x^{(k+1)} = \underbrace{(I - P^{-1}A)}_M x^{(k)} + P^{-1}b \quad \text{instead of} \quad x^{(k+1)} = (I - A)x^{(k)} + b$$

In other words:

**Relaxation Scheme**  $\iff$  **Preconditioned Fixed Point Iteration**

# The SOR/SSOR preconditioner



## ➤ SOR preconditioning

$$M_{SOR} = (D - \omega E)$$

## ➤ SSOR preconditioning

$$M_{SSOR} = (D - \omega E)D^{-1}(D - \omega F)$$

➤  $M_{SSOR} = LU$ ,  $L$  = lower unit matrix,  $U$  = upper triangular. One solve with  $M_{SSOR} \approx$  same cost as a MAT-VEC.

- **$k$ -step SOR (resp. SSOR) preconditioning:**

$k$  steps of SOR (resp. SSOR)

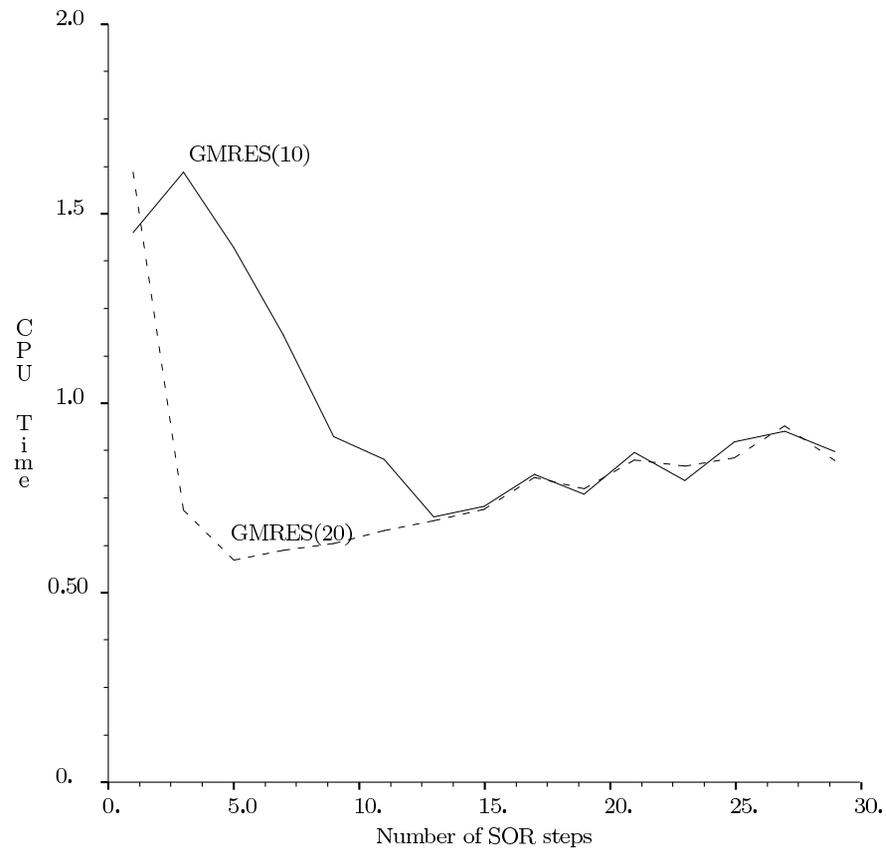
- **Questions: Best  $\omega$ ? For preconditioning can take  $\omega = 1$**

$$M = (D - E)D^{-1}(D - F)$$

**Observe:  $M = LU + R$  with  $R = ED^{-1}F$ .**

- **Best  $k$ ?  $k = 1$  is rarely the best. Substantial difference in performance.**

# Iteration times versus $k$ for SOR( $k$ ) preconditioned GMRES



# *ILU(0) and IC(0) preconditioners*

➤ **Notation:**  $NZ(X) = \{(i, j) \mid X_{i,j} \neq 0\}$

➤ **Formal definition of ILU(0):**

$$\begin{aligned} A &= LU + R \\ NZ(L) \cup NZ(U) &= NZ(A) \\ r_{ij} &= 0 \text{ for } (i, j) \in NZ(A) \end{aligned}$$

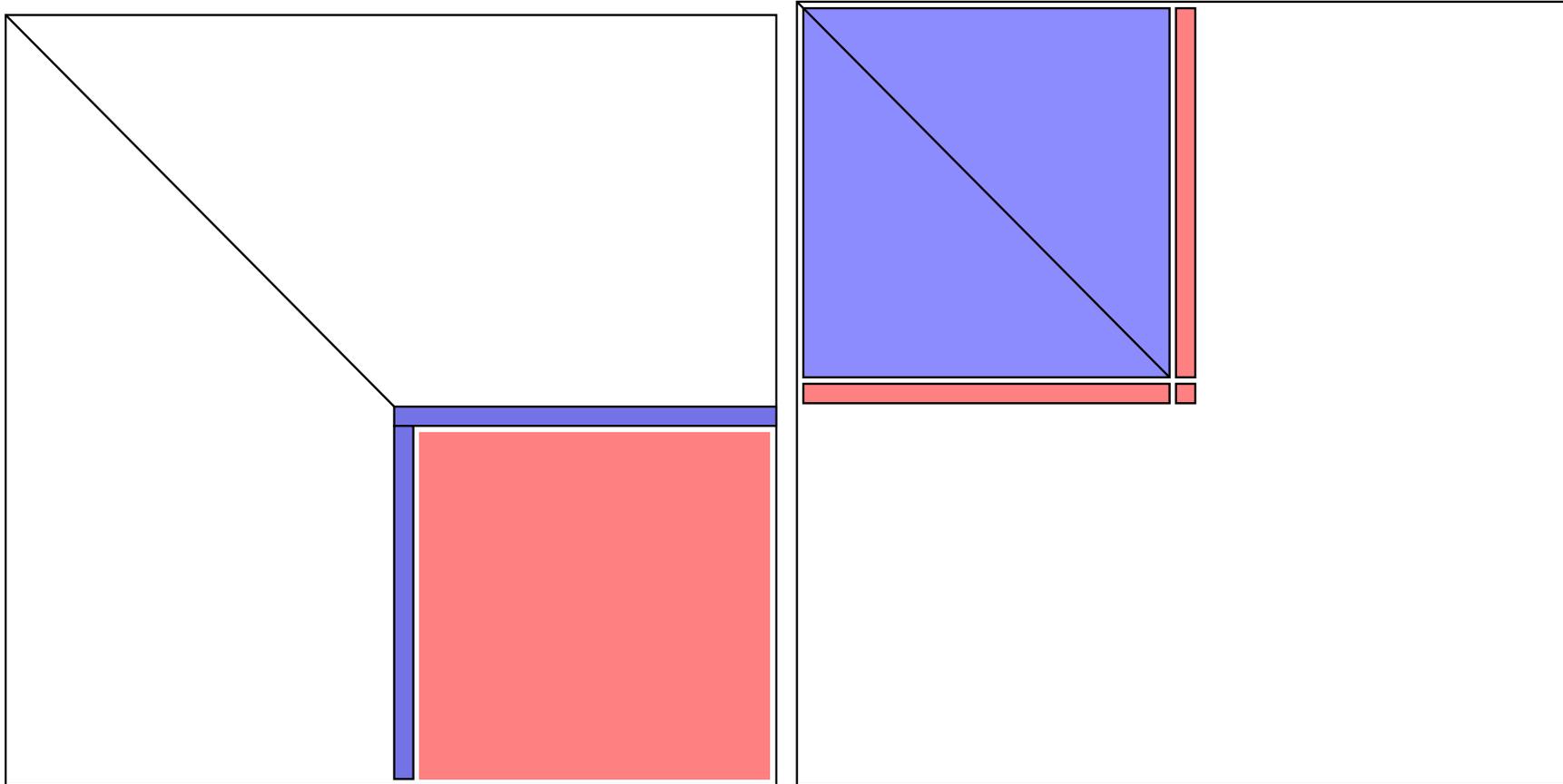
➤ **This does not define  $ILU(0)$  in a unique way.**

**Constructive definition: Compute the LU factorization of  $A$  but drop any fill-in in  $L$  and  $U$  outside of  $\text{Struct}(A)$ .**

➤ **ILU factorizations are often based on  $i, k, j$  version of GE.**

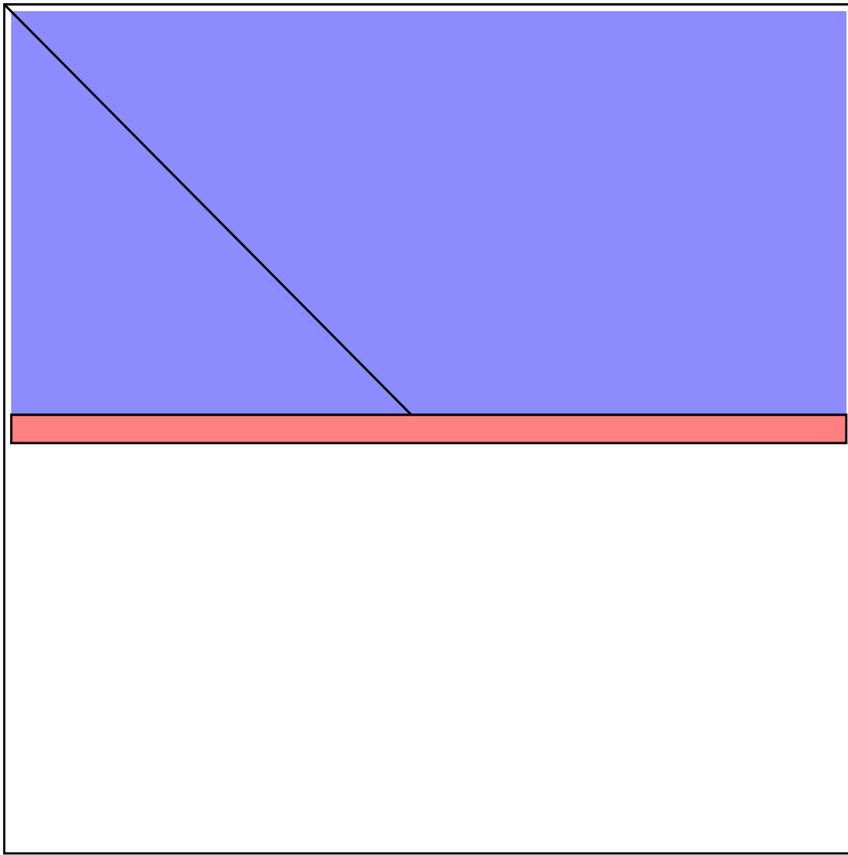
# *What is the IKJ version of GE?*

Different computational patterns for gaussian elimination

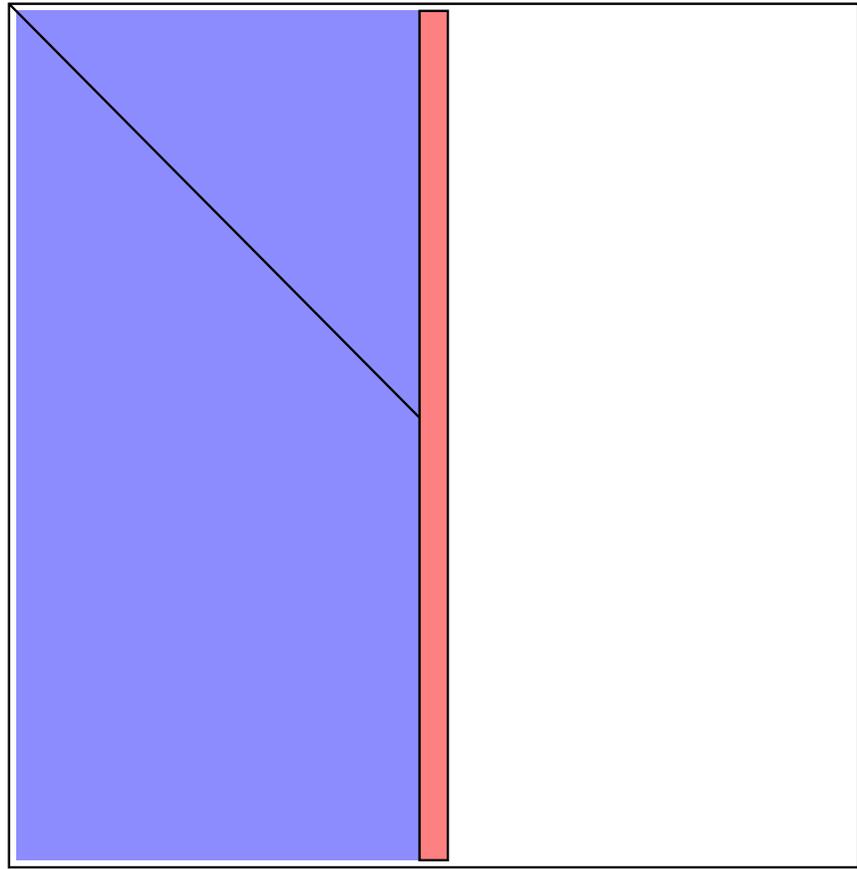


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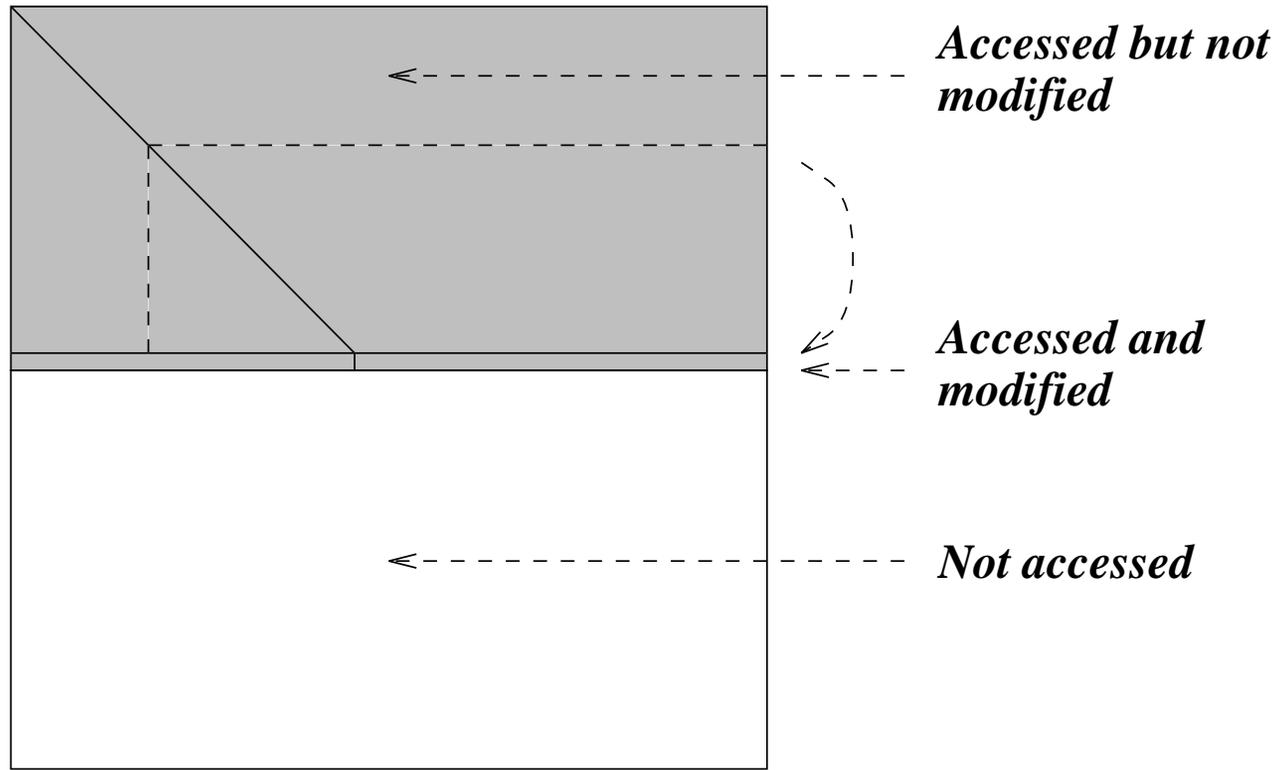
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## ALGORITHM : 14. Gaussian Elimination – IKJ Variant

1. **For**  $i = 2, \dots, n$  **Do**:
2.     **For**  $k = 1, \dots, i - 1$  **Do**:
3.          $a_{ik} := a_{ik} / a_{kk}$
4.         **For**  $j = k + 1, \dots, n$  **Do**:
5.              $a_{ij} := a_{ij} - a_{ik} * a_{kj}$
6.         **EndDo**
7.     **EndDo**
8. **EndDo**



# *ILU(0) – zero-fill ILU*

## ALGORITHM : 15. *ILU(0)*

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**For**  $i = 1, \dots, N$  **Do:**

**For**  $k = 1, \dots, i - 1$  **and if**  $(i, k) \in NZ(A)$  **Do:**

**Compute**  $a_{ik} := a_{ik} / a_{kj}$

**For**  $j = k + 1, \dots$  **and if**  $(i, j) \in NZ(A)$ , **Do:**

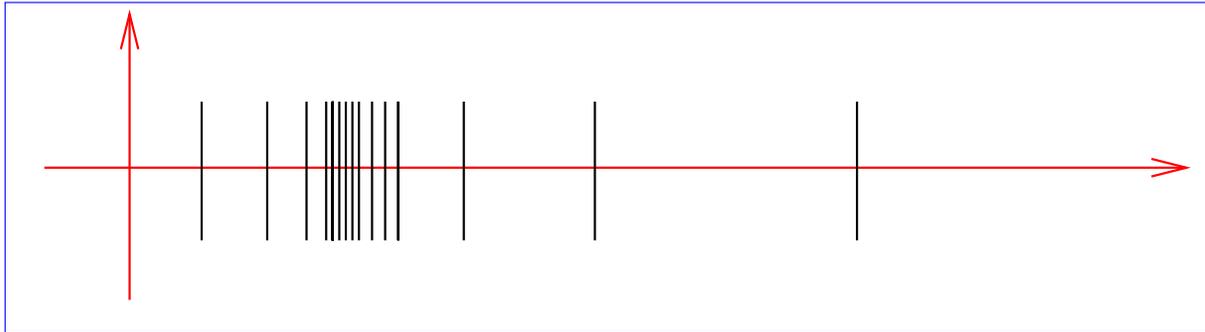
**compute**  $a_{ij} := a_{ij} - a_{ik}a_{k,j}$ .

**EndFor**

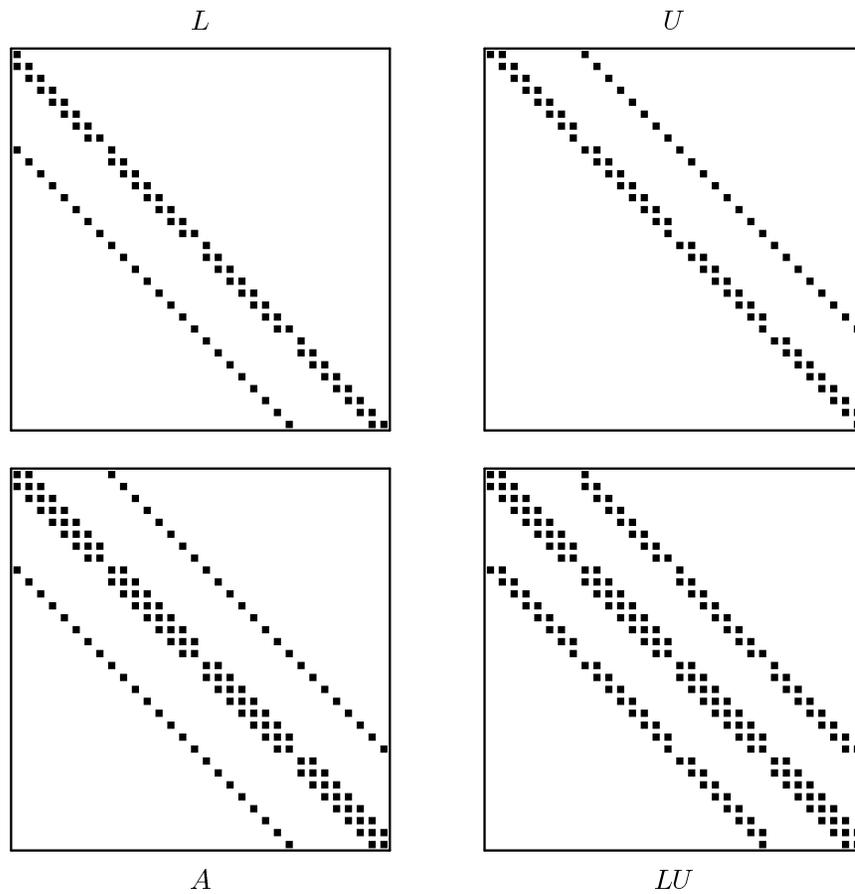
**EndFor**

➤ **When  $A$  is SPD then the ILU factorization = Incomplete Cholesky factorization – IC(0). Meijerink and Van der Vorst [1977].**

## Typical eigenvalue distribution of preconditioned matrix

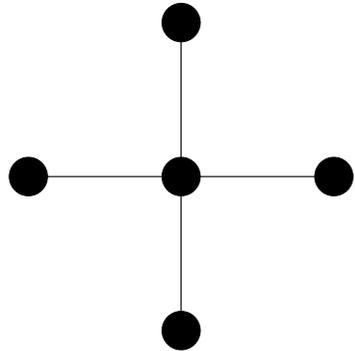


# Pattern of $ILU(0)$ for 5-point matrix

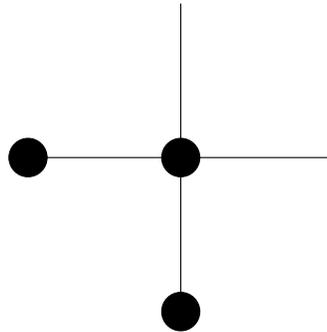


# Stencils and ILU factorization

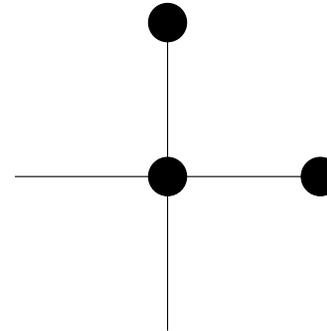
## Stencils of $A$ and the $L$ and $U$ parts of $A$ :



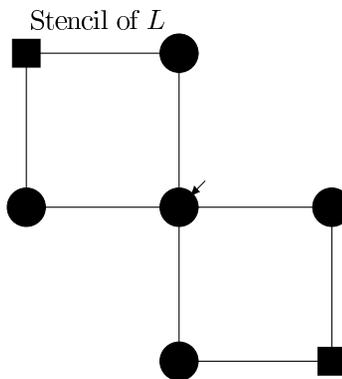
Stencil of  $A$



Stencil of  $L$



Stencil of  $U$



■ Fill-ins

# Higher order ILU factorization

- Higher accuracy incomplete Cholesky: for regularly structured problems, IC( $p$ ) allows  $p$  additional diagonals in  $L$ .
- Can be generalized to irregular sparse matrices using the notion of level of fill-in [Watts III, 1979]

- Initially  $Lev_{ij} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } a_{ij} \neq 0 \\ \infty & \text{for } a_{ij} == 0 \end{cases}$
- At a given step  $i$  of Gaussian elimination:

$$Lev_{kj} = \min\{Lev_{kj}; Lev_{ki} + Lev_{ij} + 1\}$$

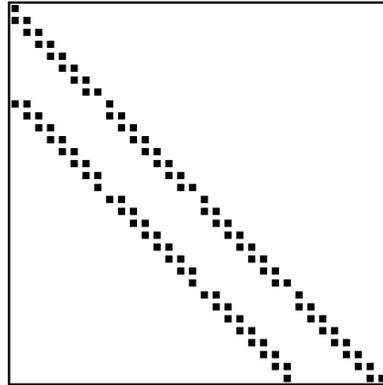
➤ **ILU( $p$ ) Strategy = drop anything with level of fill-in exceeding  $p$ .**

**\* Increasing level of fill-in usually results in more accurate ILU and...**

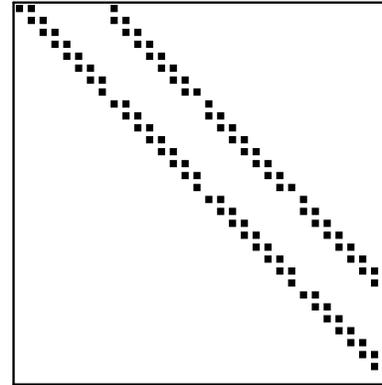
**\* ...typically in fewer steps and fewer arithmetic operations.**

# ILU(1)

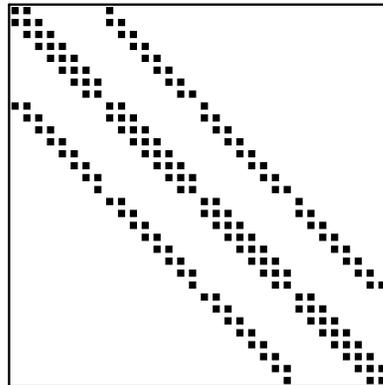
$L_1$



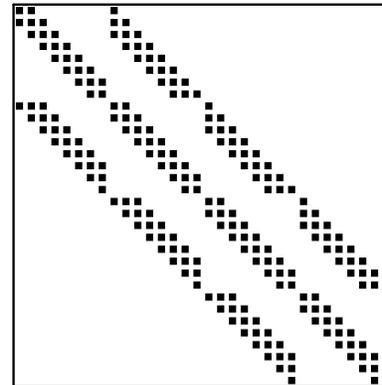
$U_1$



Augmented  $A$



$L_1U_1$



## ALGORITHM : 16. *ILU(p)*

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**For**  $i = 2, N$  **Do**

**For each**  $k = 1, \dots, i - 1$  **and if**  $a_{ij} \neq 0$  **do**

**Compute**  $a_{ik} := a_{ik} / a_{jj}$

**Compute**  $a_{i,*} := a_{i,*} - a_{ik} a_{k,*}$

**Update the levels of**  $a_{i,*}$

**Replace any element in row**  $i$  **with**  $lev(a_{ij}) > p$  **by zero.**

**EndFor**

**EndFor**

- The algorithm can be split into a symbolic and a numerical phase. Level-of-fill ➤ in Symbolic phase

## *ILU with threshold – generic algorithms*

ILU(p) factorizations are based on structure only and not numerical values ➤ potential problems for non M-matrices.

➤ One remedy: ILU with threshold – (generic name ILUT.)

**Two broad approaches:**

**First approach** [derived from direct solvers]: use any (direct) sparse solver and incorporate a dropping strategy. [Munksgaard (?), Osterby & Zlatev, Sameh & Zlatev[90], D. Young, & al. (Boeing) etc...]

## **Second approach** : [derived from 'iterative solvers' viewpoint]

1. use a (row or column) version of the  $(i, k, j)$  version of GE;
2. apply a drop strategy for the element  $l_{ik}$  as it is computed;
3. perform the linear combinations to get  $a_{i*}$ . Use full row expansion of  $a_{i*}$ ;
4. apply a drop strategy to fill-ins.

## *ILU with threshold: $ILUT(k, \epsilon)$*

- Do the  $i, k, j$  version of Gaussian Elimination (GE).
  - During each  $i$ -th step in GE, discard any pivot or fill-in whose value is below  $\epsilon \|row_i(A)\|$ .
  - Once the  $i$ -th row of  $L + U$ , (L-part + U-part) is computed retain only the  $k$  largest elements in both parts.
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- Advantages: controlled fill-in. Smaller memory overhead.
  - Easy to implement –
  - Can be made quite inexpensive.