Distributed-memory BLR Factorization for Large-Scale System's and Applications

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Objective of this work: reduce the cost of sparse direct solverswhile maintaining their numerical reliability



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Introduction

Multifrontal Factorization with Nested Dissection



3D problem complexity

- ightarrow Flops: $\mathcal{O}\left(n^{2}
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 - George. Nested dissection of a regular finite element mesh, SIAM J. Numer. Anal., 1973.



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Find a good comprise between complexity and performance

- Easy to handle numerical pivoting
- $\circ~$ No global order between blocks \Rightarrow flexible data distribution
- $\circ~$ Small blocks \Rightarrow can fit on single shared-memory node



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3D Seismic Modeling Helmholtz equation Single complex (c) arithmetic Unsymmetric LU factorization Required accuracy: $\varepsilon = 10^{-3}$ Credits: SEISCOPE

matrix	n	nnz	flops	storage
10Hz	17M	446M	2.6 PF	0.7 TB
15Hz	58M	1523M	29.6 PF	3.7 TB
20Hz	130M	3432M	150.0 PF	11.0 TB
Full-Rank statistics				

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- Experiments on matrices 10Hz and 15Hz are done on the eos supercomputer at the CALMIP center of Toulouse (grant P0989):
 - Two Intel(r) 10-cores Ivy Bridge @ 2,8 GHz
 - Peak per core is 22.4 GF/s
 - 64 GB memory per node
 - Infiniband FDR interconnect
- 2. Experiments on matrix 20Hz are done on the occigen supercomputer at the CINES center of Montpellier:
 - Two Intel(r) 12-cores Haswell @ 2,6 GHz
 - Peak per core is 41.6 GF/s
 - 128 GB memory per node
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- Volume of CB messages can be reduced by compressing the CB
 - © Reduces communications and memory consumption
 - Increases operation count unless assembly is done in LR

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Performance impact of CB compression

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The memory challenge



Memory consumption on matrix 15Hz: **factors + active memory** (**CB + active front**)



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- Storage for the active front becomes critical Theo Mary (contact: theo.mary@manchester.ac.uk)

Conclusion

Summary: a distributed-memory BLR solver...

...to reduce time to solution

- On 58 millions problem, $6 \times$ time gains on 900 cores
- Much room left for improvement (30× flops potential!)

...to reduce memory consumption

- On 58 millions problem, 40% memory gains on 900 cores
- Thanks to CB compression: $25\% \rightarrow 40\%$
- Also much room left for improvement (80% gain in sequential!)

...to solve larger problems

- 130 millions problem on 2400 cores in less than an hour
- What do we need to go one order of magnitude larger?

Perspectives

Improving the memory scalability

- Active front becomes dominant and limits memory scalability:
 - Switch to fully-structured (matrix-free) implementation?
 - Panel by panel allocation and compression
- Memory aware mappings: map critical fronts on more processes to improve memory scalability

Improving the load balance

- How to deal with the unpredictability of low-rank compression?
- Can we do more than heuristics?
- Dynamic scheduling and asynchronicity will be important

Improving the asymptotic complexity

• Multilevel BLR format: add just a few more levels

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Software

• MUMPS 5.1.2



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