

# Numerical Methods for Computational Science and Engineering

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## II. Direct Methods for LSE

Solve  $Ax = b$   $A \in \mathbb{K}^{n,n}$ ,  $b \in \mathbb{K}^n$  given  
coefficient matrix  $\xrightarrow{\quad}$  r.h.s vector  $\xleftarrow{\quad}$

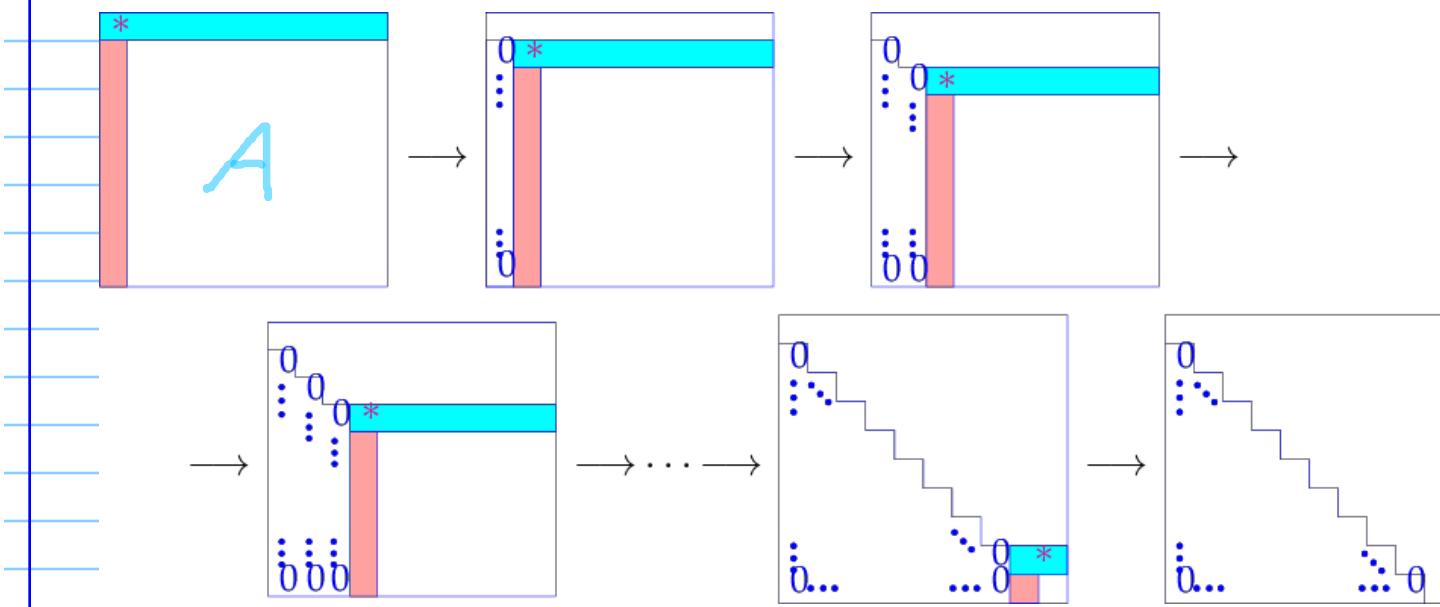
Existence & uniqueness of  $x$ :

- $A$  regular/invertible :  $\exists B \in \mathbb{K}^{n,n} : A \cdot B = I_n$

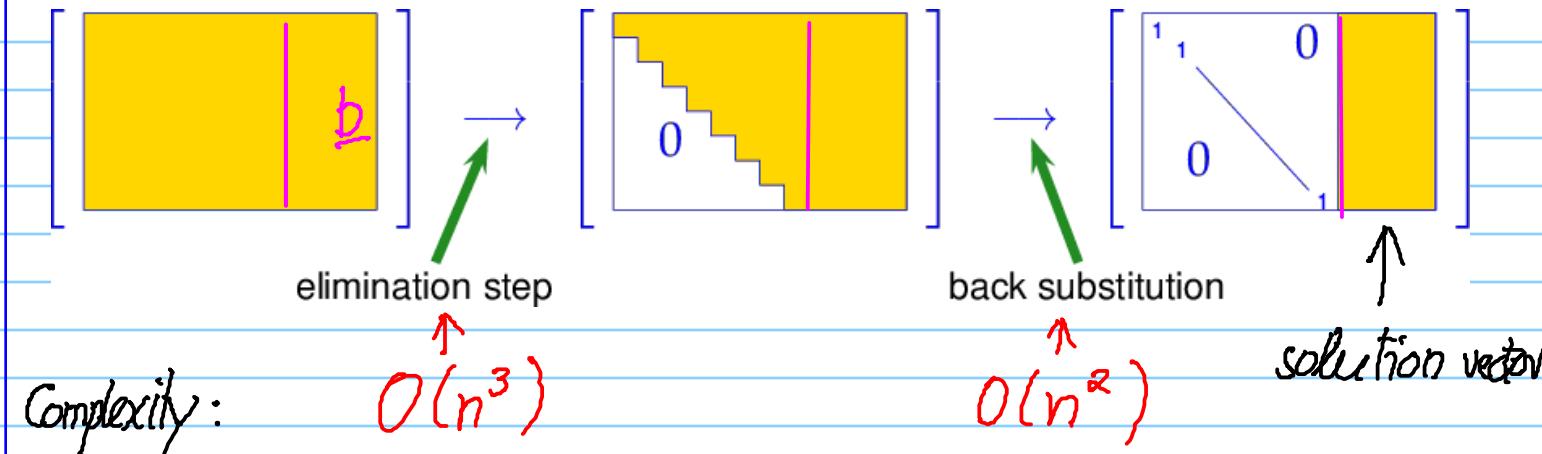
$$\Leftrightarrow \text{Rank}(A) = n \Leftrightarrow \det(A) \neq 0 \Leftrightarrow \text{l.i. columns}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow N(A) := \{x : Ax = 0\} = \{0\}$$

2.3. Gaussian Elimination  $\rightarrow$  L.A.  
Basic algorithm:



$\rightarrow$  row transformations & permutations



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Alternative perspective : LU-decomposition

$$L \cdot M = P A$$

$\hookrightarrow$  row permutation

$$\begin{bmatrix} L & \\ & M & \\ & & A \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A \end{bmatrix}$$

Solving LSE based on LU-decomposition :

① LU-decomposition  $A = LU$ , #elementary operations  $\frac{1}{3}n(n-1)(n+1)O(n^3)$

- $Ax = b$  :
- ② forward substitution, solve  $Lz = b$ , #elementary operations  $\frac{1}{2}n(n-1)O(n^2)$
  - ③ backward substitution, solve  $Ux = z$ , #elementary operations  $\frac{1}{2}n(n-1)O(n^2)$

$$Ax = b \Leftrightarrow L(Mx) = b \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} Lz = b \\ Ux = z \end{cases}$$

Eigen :  $x = A.lu().solve(b)$

[  $A \leftrightarrow n \times n$  matrix,  $B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times l} \Rightarrow x = A^{-1}B$  ]

$$X = A^{-1}B = [A^{-1}(B)_{:,1}, \dots, A^{-1}(B)_{:,l}]$$

$\rightarrow$  multiple r.h.s. : effort  $O(n^3 + n^2l)$

importance of LU-dec. :

C++11 code 2.5.11: Wasteful approach!

```
2 // Setting: N ≫ 1,
3 // large matrix A ∈ ℝn,n
4 for(int j = 0; j < N; ++j){
5     x = A.lu().solve(b);
6     b = some_function(x);
7 }
```

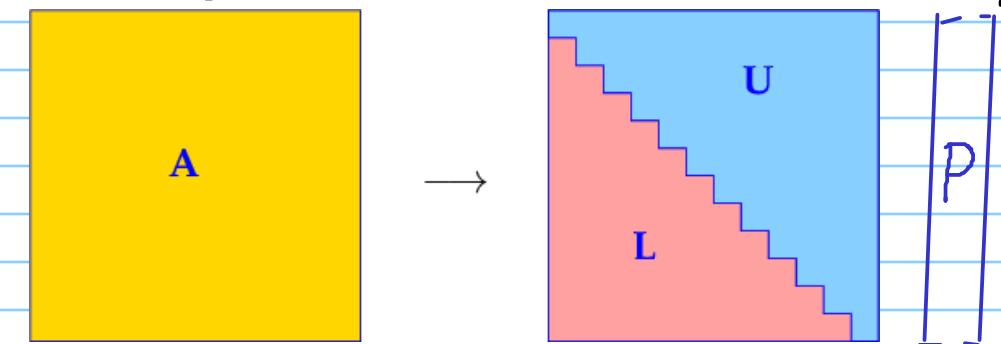
computational effort  $O(Nn^3)$

C++11 code 2.5.12: Smart approach!

```
2 // Setting: N ≫ 1,
3 // large matrix A ∈ ℝn,n
4 auto A_lu_dec = A.lu();
5 for(int j = 0; j < N; ++j){
6     x = A_lu_dec.solve(b);
7     b = some_function(x);
8 }
```

computational effort  $O(n^3 + Nn^2)$

\* Eigen internal in-situ LU by lu()



$\uparrow$  VectorXi

Never contemplate implementing a general solver for linear systems of equations!

If possible, use algorithms from numerical libraries! ( $\rightarrow$  Exp. 2.3.7)

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## 1.6.5. Exploiting structure when solving LSE

Abstract :

**Block elimination**

Recall :

Block matrix multiply

$$\begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} B_{11} & B_{12} \\ B_{21} & B_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11}B_{11} + A_{12}B_{21} & A_{11}B_{12} + A_{12}B_{22} \\ A_{21}B_{11} + A_{22}B_{21} & A_{21}B_{12} + A_{22}B_{22} \end{bmatrix}. \quad (1.3.16)$$

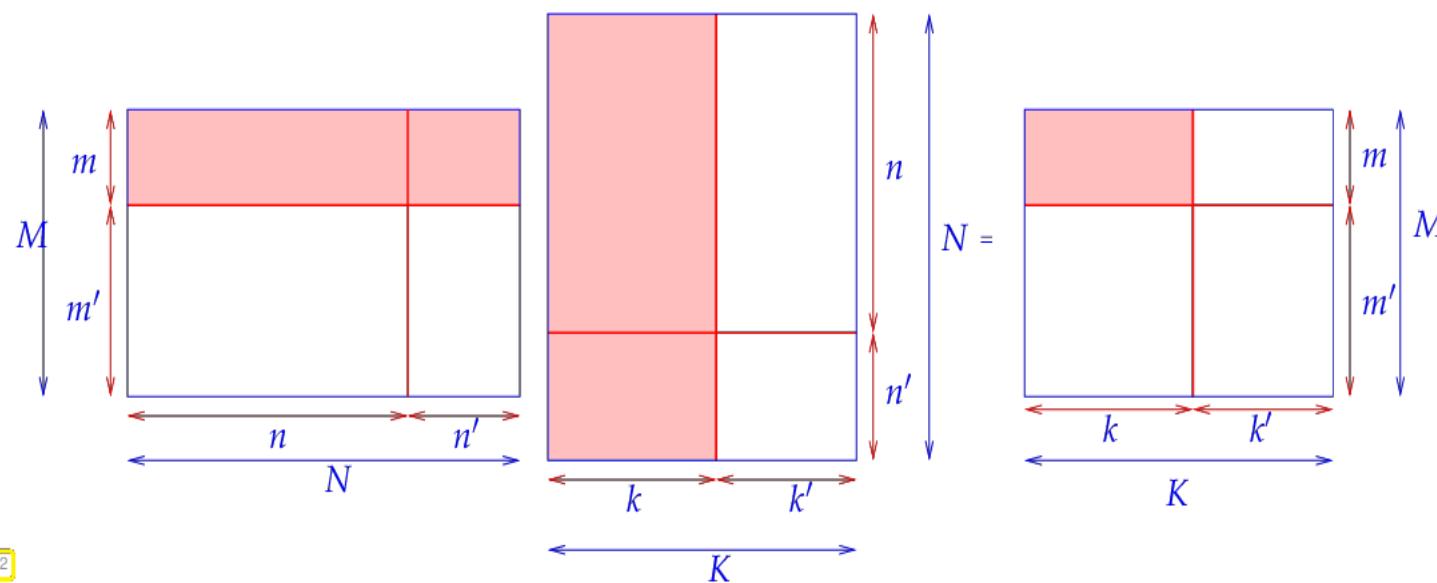


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$$BE : \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A_{11} \in \mathbb{K}^{k,k}, A_{12} \in \mathbb{K}^{k,l}, A_{21} \in \mathbb{K}^{\ell,k}, A_{22} \in \mathbb{K}^{\ell,\ell}, \quad (2.6.3)$$

$$x_1 = A_{11}^{-1}(b_1 - A_{12}x_2)$$

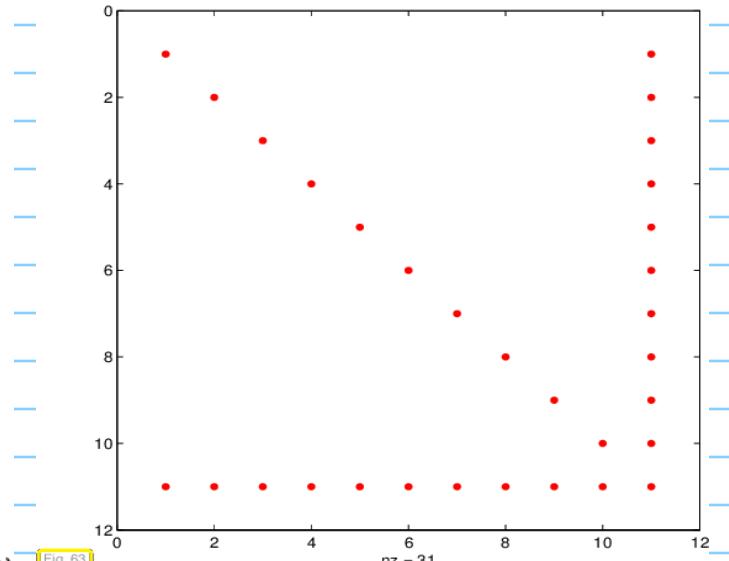
$$\Rightarrow (A_{22} - A_{21}A_{11}^{-1}A_{12})x_2 = b_2 - A_{21}A_{11}^{-1}b_1$$

Schur complement

Useful, if  $A_{11}$  is easy to invert (e.g. diagonal)

Ex : Arrow matrix ( $D \in \mathbb{R}^{n,n}$ )

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & & & & \\ & D & & & \\ & & 0 & & \\ & & & b^\top & \\ & & & & \alpha \end{bmatrix} \quad (2.6.6)$$



$$Ax = b \Leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} D & \subseteq \\ b^\top & \times \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad b \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

C++11 code 2.6.9: Dense Gaussian elimination applied to arrow system

```

2 VectorXd arrowsys_slow(const VectorXd &d, const VectorXd &c, const
3 VectorXd &b, const double alpha, const VectorXd &y){
4     int n = d.size();
5     MatrixXd A(n+1, n+1); A.setZero();
6     A.diagonal().head(n) = d;
7     A.col(n).head(n) = c;
8     A.row(n).head(n) = b;
9     A(n, n) = alpha;
10    return A.lu().solve(y);
}
  
```

$\rightarrow O(n^3)$

full LU-factors

initialize arrow matrix  
[  $O(n^2)$  memory ! ]

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$$\text{BE: } (\alpha - \underline{b}^T \underline{D}^{-1} \underline{c}) \bar{z} = \beta - \underline{b}^T \underline{D}^{-1} \underline{b},$$

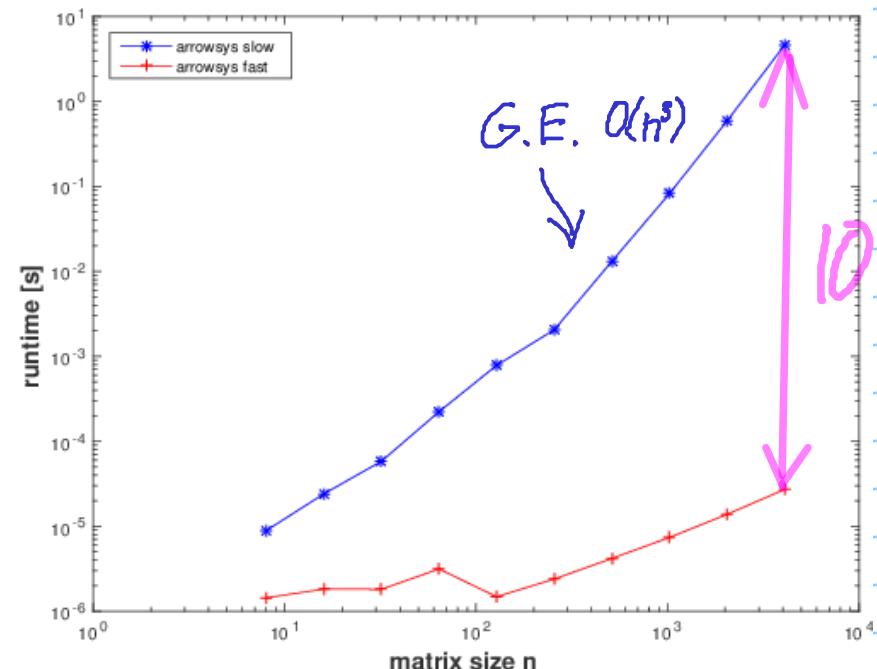
$$\underline{x}_1 = \underline{D}^{-1}(\underline{b}, -\bar{z} \underline{c})$$

C++11 code 2.6.10: Solving an arrow system according to (2.6.8)

```

2 VectorXd arrowsys_fast(const VectorXd &d, const VectorXd &c, const
3   VectorXd &b, const double alpha, const VectorXd &y){
4     int n = d.size();
5     VectorXd z = c.array() / d.array(); // z = D-1c O(n)
6     VectorXd w = y.head(n).array() / d.array(); // w = D-1b O(n)
7     double xi = (y(n) - b.dot(w)) / (alpha - b.dot(z)); O(n)
8     VectorXd x(n+1);
9     x << w - xi*z, xi;
10    return x;
}

```

 $\Rightarrow O(n)$ 

⚠ Possible instability  
• of block elimination

Safe for

- s.p.d. LSE  
 $A = A^T, x^T A x > 0 \forall x \neq 0$

• diagonally dominant  
LSE:

$$|(A)_{ii}| \geq \sum_{j \neq i} |(A)_{ij}| \quad \forall i$$

## Low-rank modification of an LSE

Task:

- Solve  $Ax = \underline{b}$ ,  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n,n}$  regular
- Then solve  $\tilde{A}x = \tilde{\underline{b}}$ :  $A, \tilde{A}$  differ by one entry

$$A, \tilde{A} \in \mathbb{K}^{n,n}: \tilde{a}_{ij} = \begin{cases} a_{ij} & , \text{if } (i,j) \neq (i^*, j^*) , \\ z + a_{ij} & , \text{if } (i,j) = (i^*, j^*) , \end{cases} \quad i^*, j^* \in \{1, \dots, n\}. \quad (2.6.14)$$

$$\tilde{A} = A + z \cdot e_{i^*} e_{j^*}^T. \quad (2.6.15)$$

Example of a  
rank-1-modification

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & z & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

General:  $\tilde{A} = A + \underline{u} \underline{v}^T$ ,

$$\underline{u}, \underline{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\}$$

Trick: Block elimination

$$\begin{bmatrix} A & \underline{u} \\ \underline{v}^T & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{x} \\ \bar{z} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \underline{b} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \xrightarrow{\text{I}} [\bar{z} = \underline{v}^T \tilde{x}] \Rightarrow A \tilde{x} + \underline{u} \underline{v}^T \tilde{x} = \underline{b} \\ \xrightarrow{\text{II}} [\underline{v}^T A^{-1} (\underline{b} - \underline{u} \bar{z}) - \bar{z} = 0] \Rightarrow \bar{z} = \underline{v}^T A^{-1} \underline{b} / (1 + \underline{v}^T A^{-1} \underline{u}) \end{array}$$

$$\tilde{x} = A^{-1}(\underline{b} + \underline{u} \bar{z}) = A^{-1}\left(\underline{b} + \frac{\underline{u} \underline{v}^T A^{-1} \underline{b}}{1 + \underline{v}^T A^{-1} \underline{u}}\right)$$

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$$\tilde{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{b} - \frac{\mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{v}^H(\mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{b}))}{1 + \mathbf{v}^H(\mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{u})}. \quad [ \text{Sherman-Morrison-Woodbury} ] \quad (2.6.23)$$

$\uparrow$   
costs  $O(n^2)$ , if LU-decomposition of  $A$  available  
[triangular solvers]

C++11 code 2.6.24: Solving a rank-1 modified LSE

```

2 // Solving rank-1 updated LSE based on 2.6.23
3 template <class LUDec>
4 VectorXd smw(const LUDec &lu, const MatrixXd &u, const VectorXd &v,
5   const VectorXd &b) {
6   VectorXd z = lu.solve(b); // ←
7   VectorXd w = lu.solve(u); // ←
8   double alpha = 1.0 + v.dot(w);
9   if (std::abs(alpha) < std::numeric_limits<double>::epsilon())
10    throw std::runtime_error("A nearly singular");
11   else return (z - w * v.dot(z) / alpha);
}

```

## 2.7. Sparse linear Systems

→ "most of the entries of  $A = 0$ "

### Notion 2.7.1. Sparse matrix

$\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{K}^{m,n}$ ,  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ , is sparse, if

" "

$$\text{nnz}(\mathbf{A}) := \#\{(i, j) \in \{1, \dots, m\} \times \{1, \dots, n\} : a_{ij} \neq 0\} \ll mn.$$

Example: 'Arrow matrix', diagonal matrix

banded matrix

### 2.7.1. Sparse matrix Storage Formats

Goal : req. memory  $\sim \text{nnz}(A)$

cost (matrix  $\times$  vector)  $\sim \text{nnz}(A)$

Example : COO / triplet format

→ List of triplets  $(i, j, (A)_{ij})$

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```
struct TripletMatrix {
    size_t m, n;           // Number of rows and columns
    vector<size_t> I;     // row indices
    vector<size_t> J;     // column indices
    vector<scalar_t> a;   // values associated with index pairs
};
```

! Repetition of index pair is possible —

C++-code 2.7.7: Matrix  $\times$  vector product  $y = Ax$  in triplet format

$$y = Ax + y$$

```
void multTriplMatvec(const TripletMatrix &A,
                      const vector<scalar_t> &x,
                      vector<scalar_t> &y)
{
    for (size_t l=0; l<A.a.size(); l++) {
        y[A.I[l]] += A.a[l]*x[A.J[l]];
    }
}
```

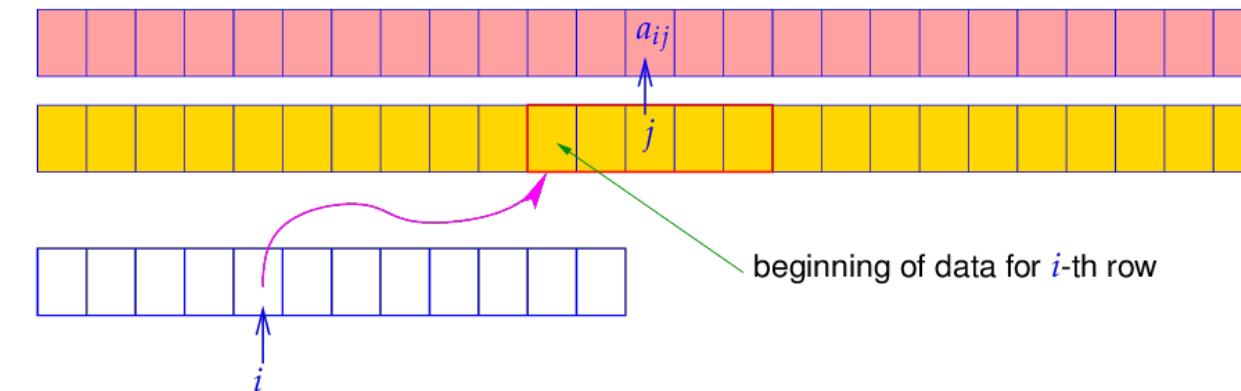
values added up!

Example: Compressed row/column storage: CRS/CCS

$A \in \mathbb{R}^{m,n}$ : CRS

```
vector<scalar_t> val
vector<size_t> col_ind
vector<size_t> row_ptr
size nnz(A) := #{(i,j) ∈ {1,...,n}²,  $a_{ij} \neq 0$ }
size nnz(A)
size  $n+1$  & row_ptr[ $n+1$ ] = nnz(A) + 1
(sentinel value)
```

val[k] =  $a_{ij} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \text{col\_ind}[k] = j, \\ \text{row\_ptr}[i] \leq k < \text{row\_ptr}[i+1], \end{cases} 1 \leq k \leq \text{nnz}(A).$



$A = \begin{bmatrix} 10 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 3 & 9 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 7 & 8 & 7 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 8 & 7 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 8 & 0 & 9 & 9 & 13 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 & 0 & 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

val-vector:

10 2 3 9 3 7 8 7 3...9 13 4 2 -1

col\_ind-array:

1 5 1 2 6 2 3 4 1...5 6 2 5 6

row\_ptr-array:

1 3 6 9 13 17 20

index  
from -1

Start of row #1

CRS : non-zero entries of rows in contiguous memory

### 2.7.3. Sparse Matrices in Eigen

```
#include <Eigen/Sparse>
Eigen::SparseMatrix<int, Eigen::ColMajor> Asp(rows, cols); // CRS
format
Eigen::SparseMatrix<double, Eigen::RowMajor> Bsp(rows, cols); // CRS
format
```

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## Challenge : Efficient Initialization

↳ Just setting entries may involve massive data movement

→ Two-pass initialization from COO format

COO in Eigen :

```
std::vector<Eigen::Triplet<double>> triplets;
// ... fill the std::vector triplets ...
Eigen::SparseMatrix<double, Eigen::RowMajor> spMat(rows, cols);
spMat.setFromTriplets(triplets.begin(), triplets.end());
spMat.makeCompressed();
```

Experiment :

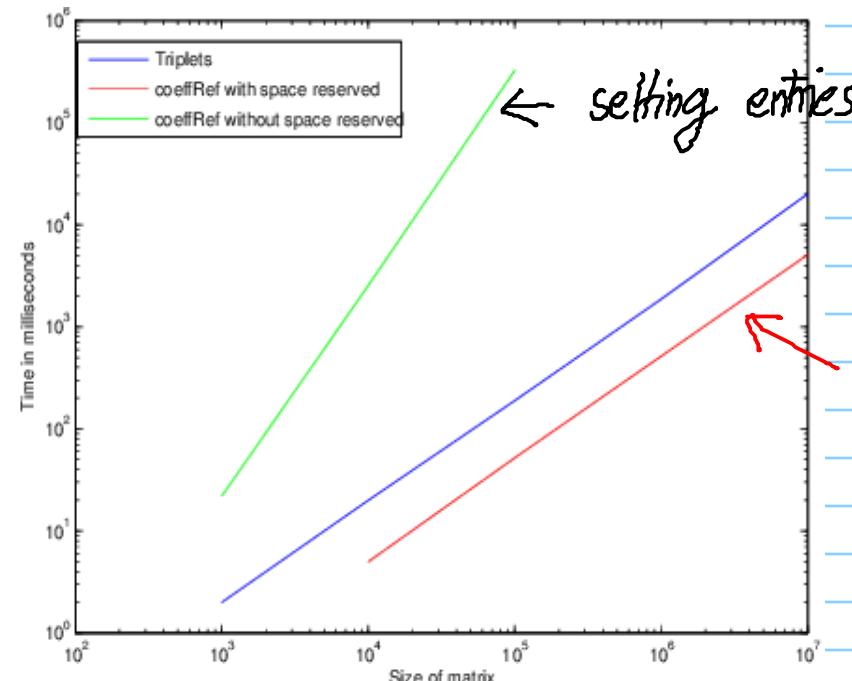


Fig. 75

## Alternative : reserve() & insert()

C++11-code 2.7.21: Accessing entries of a sparse matrix: potentially inefficient!

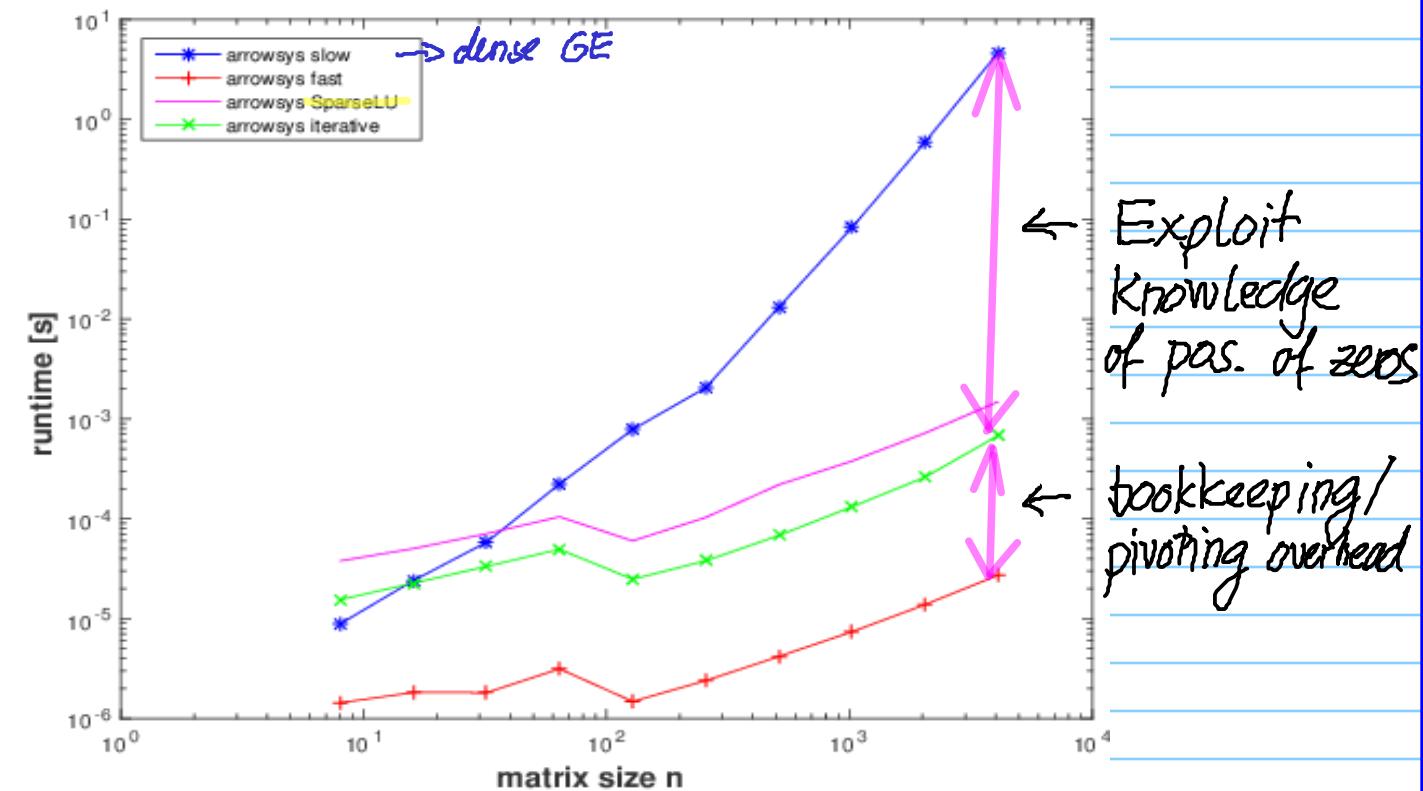
```
1 unsigned int rows, cols, max_no_nnz_per_row;
2 ....
3 SparseMatrix<double, RowMajor> mat(rows, cols);
4 mat.reserve(RowVectorXi::Constant(cols, max_no_nnz_per_row));
5 // do many (incremental) initializations
6 for () {
7     mat.insert(i, j) = value_ij;
8     mat.coeffRef(i, j) += increment_ij;
9 }
10 mat.makeCompressed(); → Create final CRS
```

### 1.7.4. Direct solution of sparse linear systems of Equation

Sparse matrix format ⇒ tells about location of zeros in matrix !

→ important for sparse elimination method

## Example : Arrow matrix



When solving linear systems of equations directly **dedicated sparse elimination solvers** from *numerical libraries* have to be used!

System matrices are passed to these algorithms in sparse storage formats ( $\rightarrow$  2.7.1) to convey information about zero entries.

$\rightarrow$  In practice : cost of sparse solves  
 $\sim O(nnz(A)^\alpha)$ ,  $\alpha \approx 1.5-2.5$

Exploit  
knowledge  
of pos. of zeros

bookkeeping/  
pivoting overhead



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