# Hierarchical interpolative factorization 

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## Introduction

Problem:

$$
a(x) u(x)+b(x) \int_{\Omega} K(\|x-y\|) c(y) u(y) d \Omega(y)=f(x)
$$

- $a, b, c, f$ are given; $u$ is unknown
- $K$ is related to the Green's function of an elliptic PDE
- $\Omega$ is a quasi-2D or 3D domain
- Discretize via Nyström, collocation, Galerkin, etc.
- Dense (structured) linear system $A x=b$

Goal: fast and accurate algorithms for the discrete operator

- Fast matrix-vector multiplication
- Fast solver, good preconditioner
- Linear or nearly linear complexity


## Previous work

Matrix-vector multiplication provided by FMM

- Related: treecode, panel clustering, $\mathcal{H}$-matrices, etc.

However, fast solvers have been much harder to come by

- Iterative methods
- Number of iterations can be large
- Inefficient for multiple right-hand sides
- $\mathcal{H}$-matrices
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- HSS matrices/skeletonization
- Small constants, optimal in quasi-1D
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Recently:

- Linear-time solver in 2D by Corona/Martinsson/Zorin
- A few other ideas floating around...

Hierarchical interpolative factorization

- Skeletonization + recursive dimensional reduction
- Same basic idea as CMZ but in a different linear algebraic framework
- Explicit matrix sparsification, generalized LU decomposition
- Extends to 3D, complex geometry, etc.

Tools: Schur complement, interpolative decomposition, skeletonization

## Schur complement

Let

$$
A=\left[\begin{array}{ccc}
A_{p p} & A_{p q} & \\
A_{q p} & A_{q q} & A_{q r} \\
& A_{r q} & A_{r r}
\end{array}\right] .
$$

(Think of $A$ as a sparse matrix.) If $A_{p p}$ is nonsingular, define

$$
R_{p}^{*}=\left[\begin{array}{ccc}
I & & \\
-A_{q p} A_{p p}^{-1} & & \\
& & I
\end{array}\right], \quad S_{p}=\left[\begin{array}{ccc}
I & -A_{p p}^{-1} A_{p q} & \\
& I & \\
& & I
\end{array}\right]
$$

so that

$$
R_{p}^{*} A S_{p}=\left[\begin{array}{ccc}
A_{p p} & & \\
& * & A_{q r} \\
& A_{r q} & A_{r r}
\end{array}\right] .
$$

- DOFs $p$ have been eliminated
- Interactions involving $r$ are unchanged

If $A_{:, q}$ is numerically low-rank, then there exist

- redundant ( $\check{q}$ ) and skeleton ( $\hat{q}$ ) columns partitioning $q=\check{q} \cup \hat{q}$
- an interpolation matrix $T_{q}$ with $\left\|T_{q}\right\|$ small
such that

$$
A_{:, \check{q}} \approx A_{:, \hat{q}} T_{q} .
$$

- Essentially an RRQR written slightly differently
- Can be computed adaptively to any specified precision
- Fast randomized algorithms are available

Interactions between separated regions are low-rank.

## Skeletonization

- Use ID + Schur complement to eliminate redundant DOFs
- Let $A=\left[\begin{array}{ll}A_{p p} & A_{p q} \\ A_{q p} & A_{q q}\end{array}\right]$ with $A_{p q}$ and $A_{q p}$ low-rank
- Apply ID to $\left[\begin{array}{c}A_{q p} \\ A_{p q}^{*}\end{array}\right]:\left[\begin{array}{c}A_{q \check{p}} \\ A_{\hat{p} q}^{*}\end{array}\right] \approx\left[\begin{array}{c}A_{q \hat{p}} \\ A_{\hat{p} q}^{*}\end{array}\right] T_{p} \Longrightarrow \begin{gathered}A_{q \check{p}} \approx A_{q \hat{p}} T_{p} \\ A_{\check{p} q} \approx T_{p}^{*} A_{\hat{p} q}\end{gathered}$
- Reorder $A=\left[\begin{array}{lll}A_{\check{\rho} \check{\rho}} & A_{\breve{\rho} \hat{\rho}} & A_{\check{\rho} q} \\ A_{\hat{\rho} \check{\rho}} & A_{\hat{\rho} \hat{\rho}} & A_{\hat{\rho} q} \\ A_{q \check{\rho}} & A_{q \hat{\rho}} & A_{q q}\end{array}\right]$, define $Q_{p}=\left[\begin{array}{ccc}1 & & \\ -T_{p} & 1 & \\ & & I\end{array}\right]$
- Sparsify via ID: $Q_{p}^{*} A Q_{p} \approx\left[\begin{array}{ccc}* & * & \\ * & A_{\hat{p} \hat{p}} & A_{\hat{p} q} \\ & A_{q \hat{p}} & A_{q q}\end{array}\right]$
- Schur complement: $R_{p}^{*} Q_{p}^{*} A Q_{p} S_{p} \approx\left[\begin{array}{cccc}* & & \\ & * & A_{\hat{p} q} \\ & A_{q \hat{p}} & A_{q q}\end{array}\right]$

Algorithm: recursive skeletonization

Build quadtree/octree.
for each level $\ell=0,1,2, \ldots, L$ do
Let $C_{\ell}$ be the set of all cells on level $\ell$.
for each cell $c \in C_{\ell}$ do
Skeletonize remaining DOFs in $c$.

## end for

end for

## RS in 2D: level 0

|  |
| :---: |
|  |  |
|  |  |
|  |  |
|  |  |
|  |  |
|  |  |

domain

## matrix

## RS in 2D: level 1


domain
matrix

## RS in 2D: level 2



## RS in 2D: level 3



## RS in 3D: level 0



## RS in 3D: level 1


domain

## RS in 3D: level 2


domain

## RS analysis

- Skeletonization operators:

$$
U_{\ell}=\prod_{c \in C_{\ell}} Q_{c} R_{c}, \quad V_{\ell}=\prod_{c \in C_{\ell}} Q_{c} S_{c}
$$

- Block diagonalization:

$$
D \approx U_{L-1}^{*} \cdots U_{0}^{*} A V_{0} \cdots V_{L-1}
$$

- Generalized LU decomposition:

$$
\begin{aligned}
A & \approx U_{0}^{-*} \cdots U_{L-1}^{-*} D V_{L-1}^{-1} \cdots V_{0}^{-1} \\
A^{-1} & \approx V_{0} \cdots V_{L-1} D^{-1} U_{L}^{*} \cdots U_{0}^{*}
\end{aligned}
$$

- Fast direct solver or preconditioner


## RS analysis

The cost is determined by the skeleton size.

|  | 1 D | 2 D | 3 D |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Skeleton size | $\mathcal{O}(\log N)$ | $\mathcal{O}\left(N^{1 / 2}\right)$ | $\mathcal{O}\left(N^{2 / 3}\right)$ |
| Factorization cost | $\mathcal{O}(N)$ | $\mathcal{O}\left(N^{3 / 2}\right)$ | $\mathcal{O}\left(N^{2}\right)$ |
| Solve cost | $\mathcal{O}(N)$ | $\mathcal{O}(N \log N)$ | $\mathcal{O}\left(N^{4 / 3}\right)$ |

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Question: How to reduce the skeleton size in 2D and 3D?

- Skeletons cluster near cell interfaces
- Exploit skeleton geometry by skeletonizing along interfaces
- Dimensional reduction

Algorithm: hierarchical interpolative factorization in 2D

Build quadtree.
for each level $\ell=0,1,2, \ldots, L$ do
Let $C_{\ell}$ be the set of all cells on level $\ell$.
for each cell $c \in C_{\ell}$ do
Skeletonize remaining DOFs in $c$.
end for
Let $C_{\ell+1 / 2}$ be the set of all edges on level $\ell$.
for each cell $c \in C_{\ell+1 / 2}$ do
Skeletonize remaining DOFs in $c$.
end for
end for

## HIF in 2D: level 0


domain

## HIF in 2D: level $1 / 2$


domain
matrix

## HIF in 2D: level 1


domain
matrix

## HIF in 2D: level $3 / 2$



matrix

## HIF in 2D: level 2



HIF in 2D: level $5 / 2$


HIF in 2D: level 3


RS vs. HIF in 2D


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Algorithm: hierarchical interpolative factorization in 3D

Build octree.
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Let $C_{\ell}$ be the set of all cells on level $\ell$.
for each cell $c \in C_{\ell}$ do
Skeletonize remaining DOFs in $c$.
end for
Let $C_{\ell+1 / 3}$ be the set of all faces on level $\ell$.
for each cell $c \in C_{\ell+1 / 3}$ do
Skeletonize remaining DOFs in $c$.
end for
Let $C_{\ell+2 / 3}$ be the set of all edges on level $\ell$.
for each cell $c \in C_{\ell+2 / 3}$ do
Skeletonize remaining DOFs in $c$.
end for
end for

## HIF in 3D: level 0



HIF in 3D: level $1 / 3$

domain

HIF in 3D: level $2 / 3$

domain

HIF in 3D: level 1

domain

HIF in 3D: level 4/3

domain

## HIF in 3D: level $5 / 3$


domain

## HIF in 3D: level 2


domain


RS


HIF

## HIF analysis

- 2 D :

$$
\begin{aligned}
A & \approx U_{0}^{-*} U_{1 / 2}^{-*} \cdots U_{L-1 / 2}^{-*} D V_{L-1 / 2}^{-1} \cdots V_{1 / 2}^{-1} V_{0}^{-1} \\
A^{-1} & \approx V_{0} V_{1 / 2} \cdots V_{L-1 / 2} D^{-1} U_{L-1 / 2}^{*} \cdots U_{1 / 2}^{*} U_{0}^{*}
\end{aligned}
$$

- 3D:

$$
\begin{aligned}
A & \approx U_{0}^{-*} U_{1 / 3}^{-*} U_{2 / 3}^{-*} \cdots U_{L-1 / 3}^{-*} D V_{L-1 / 3}^{-1} \cdots V_{2 / 3}^{-1} V_{1 / 3}^{-1} V_{0}^{-1} \\
A^{-1} & \approx V_{0} V_{1 / 3} V_{2 / 3} \cdots V_{L-1 / 3} D^{-1} U_{L-1 / 3}^{*} \cdots U_{2 / 3}^{*} U_{1 / 3}^{*} U_{0}^{*}
\end{aligned}
$$

Skeleton size: $\quad \mathcal{O}(\log N)$
Factorization cost: $\quad \mathcal{O}(N)$
Solve cost: $\quad \mathcal{O}(N)$

## Numerical results in 2D

First-kind volume integral equation on a square with

$$
K(r)=-\frac{1}{2 \pi} \log r .
$$

| $\epsilon$ | $N$ | \| $\hat{\text { 人 }}$ \| | $m_{f}$ (GB) | $t_{f}(\mathrm{~s})$ | $t_{\text {a/s }}(\mathrm{s})$ | $e_{a}$ | $e_{s}$ | $n_{i}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $10^{-3}$ | $256{ }^{2}$ | 19 | $9.8 \mathrm{e}-2$ | $1.0 \mathrm{e}+1$ | 1.6e-1 | 1.8e-04 | 1.1e-2 | 8 |
|  | $512^{2}$ | 20 | $3.8 \mathrm{e}-1$ | $4.3 \mathrm{e}+1$ | $6.3 \mathrm{e}-1$ | $1.6 \mathrm{e}-04$ | $1.6 \mathrm{e}-2$ | 8 |
|  | $1024^{2}$ | 20 | $1.5 \mathrm{e}+0$ | $1.8 \mathrm{e}+2$ | $2.6 \mathrm{e}+0$ | $2.1 \mathrm{e}-04$ | 1.4e-2 | 9 |
|  | $2048{ }^{2}$ | 21 | $6.1 \mathrm{e}+0$ | $7.5 \mathrm{e}+2$ | 1.1e+1 | $2.2 \mathrm{e}-04$ | 3.4e-2 | 9 |
| $10^{-6}$ | $256{ }^{2}$ | 85 | $3.0 \mathrm{e}-1$ | $2.7 \mathrm{e}+1$ | 1.2e-1 | $2.0 \mathrm{e}-07$ | 1.6e-5 | 3 |
|  | $512{ }^{2}$ | 99 | $1.3 \mathrm{e}+0$ | $1.3 \mathrm{e}+2$ | 5.0e-1 | $1.3 \mathrm{e}-07$ | $2.3 \mathrm{e}-5$ | 3 |
|  | $1024^{2}$ | 115 | $5.4 \mathrm{e}+0$ | $5.9 \mathrm{e}+2$ | $2.1 \mathrm{e}+0$ | $2.5 \mathrm{e}-07$ | $3.4 \mathrm{e}-5$ | 3 |
| $10^{-9}$ | $256{ }^{2}$ | 132 | $4.4 \mathrm{e}-1$ | $4.5 \mathrm{e}+1$ | 1.2e-1 | $7.8 \mathrm{e}-11$ | $1.3 \mathrm{e}-8$ | 2 |
|  | $512{ }^{2}$ | 155 | $1.8 \mathrm{e}+0$ | $2.1 \mathrm{e}+2$ | $4.9 \mathrm{e}-1$ | $1.1 \mathrm{e}-10$ | 1.6e-8 | 2 |
|  | $1024^{2}$ | 181 | $7.5 \mathrm{e}+0$ | $9.7 \mathrm{e}+2$ | $2.0 \mathrm{e}+0$ | $1.8 \mathrm{e}-10$ | 3.1e-8 | , |

## Numerical results in 3D

Second-kind boundary integral equation on a sphere with

$$
K(r)=\frac{1}{4 \pi r} .
$$

| $\epsilon$ | $N$ | \| $\hat{c} \mid$ | $m_{f}$ (GB) | $t_{f}(\mathrm{~s})$ | $t_{\text {a/s }}(\mathrm{s})$ | $e^{2}$ | $e_{s}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $10^{-3}$ | 20480 | 201 | $1.4 \mathrm{e}-1$ | $9.8 \mathrm{e}+0$ | 3.8e-2 | 7.2e-4 | 7.1e-4 |
|  | 81920 | 307 | $5.6 \mathrm{e}-1$ | $5.0 \mathrm{e}+1$ | 1.8e-1 | $1.8 \mathrm{e}-3$ | $1.8 \mathrm{e}-3$ |
|  | 327680 | 373 | $2.1 \mathrm{e}+0$ | $2.2 \mathrm{e}+2$ | $7.5 \mathrm{e}-1$ | 3.8e-3 | 3.7e-3 |
|  | 1310720 | 440 | $8.1 \mathrm{e}+0$ | $8.9 \mathrm{e}+2$ | $3.2 \mathrm{e}+0$ | 9.7e-3 | 9.5e-3 |
| $10^{-6}$ | 20480 | 497 | $5.2 \mathrm{e}-1$ | $6.3 \mathrm{e}+1$ | 5.3e-2 | 1.1e-7 | 1.1e-7 |
|  | 81920 | 841 | $2.1 \mathrm{e}+0$ | 4.1e+2 | 2.4e-1 | 2.3e-7 | 2.3e-7 |
|  | 327680 | 1236 | $8.2 \mathrm{e}+0$ | $2.3 \mathrm{e}+3$ | $1.0 \mathrm{e}+0$ | 1.2e-6 | $1.2 \mathrm{e}-6$ |

## Numerical results in 3D

First-kind volume integral equation on a cube with

$$
K(r)=\frac{1}{4 \pi r} .
$$

| $\epsilon$ | $N$ | $\|\hat{c}\|$ | $m_{f}$ | $t_{f}$ | $t_{a / s}$ | $e_{a}$ | $e_{s}$ | $n_{i}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $10^{-2}$ | $16^{3}$ | $32^{3}$ | 51 | $1.5 \mathrm{e}-2$ | $1.5 \mathrm{e}+0$ | $1.5 \mathrm{e}-2$ | $6.0 \mathrm{e}-3$ | $2.8 \mathrm{e}-2$ |
|  | $64^{3}$ | 65 | $1.7 \mathrm{e}-1$ | $2.1 \mathrm{e}+1$ | $1.5 \mathrm{e}-1$ | $9.0 \mathrm{e}-3$ | $5.7 \mathrm{e}-2$ | 14 |
|  |  | 1.7 | $2.8 \mathrm{e}+2$ | $1.4 \mathrm{e}+0$ | $1.3 \mathrm{e}-2$ | $1.3 \mathrm{e}-1$ | 17 |  |
| $10^{-3}$ | $16^{3}$ | 92 | $4.3 \mathrm{e}-2$ | $2.7 \mathrm{e}+0$ | $9.6 \mathrm{e}-3$ | $2.2 \mathrm{e}-4$ | $1.0 \mathrm{e}-3$ | 6 |
|  | $32^{3}$ | 171 | $4.1 \mathrm{e}-1$ | $4.8 \mathrm{e}+1$ | $5.9 \mathrm{e}-2$ | $4.0 \mathrm{e}-4$ | $2.0 \mathrm{e}-3$ | 8 |
|  | $64^{3}$ | 364 | $4.2 \mathrm{e}+0$ | $8.8 \mathrm{e}+2$ | $5.7 \mathrm{e}-1$ | $7.1 \mathrm{e}-4$ | $2.4 \mathrm{e}-3$ | 8 |
| $10^{-4}$ | $16^{3}$ | 182 | $6.1 \mathrm{e}-2$ | $3.1 \mathrm{e}+0$ | $7.2 \mathrm{e}-3$ | $1.2 \mathrm{e}-5$ | $1.2 \mathrm{e}-4$ | 4 |
|  | $32^{3}$ | 360 | $7.7 \mathrm{e}-1$ | $1.5 \mathrm{e}+2$ | $8.6 \mathrm{e}-2$ | $2.8 \mathrm{e}-5$ | $2.3 \mathrm{e}-4$ | 5 |
|  | $64^{3}$ | 793 | $9.1 \mathrm{e}+0$ | $3.5 \mathrm{e}+3$ | $9.1 \mathrm{e}-1$ | $5.7 \mathrm{e}-5$ | $3.6 \mathrm{e}-4$ | 5 |

## Conclusions

- Linear-time algorithm for integral operators in 2D and 3D
- Fast matrix-vector multiplication
- Fast direct solver at high accuracy, preconditioner otherwise
- Main novelties:
- Dimensional reduction by alternating between cells, faces, and edges
- Matrix factorization via new linear algebraic formulation
- Explicit elimination of DOFs, no nested hierarchical operations
- Can be viewed as adaptive numerical upscaling
- Extensions: $A^{1 / 2}, \log \operatorname{det} A, \operatorname{diag} A^{-1}$ (plus others?)
- High accuracy in 3D still challenging, may require new ideas
- Similar methods for sparse differential operators
- Skeletonize dense Schur complements in multifrontal
- Preserving sparsity is key

