# Communication-Avoiding Krylov Subspace Methods in Theory and Practice

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### Why Avoid "Communication"?

- Algorithms have two costs: computation and communication
  - Communication : moving data between levels of memory hierarchy (sequential), between processors (parallel)



 On today's computers, communication is expensive, computation is cheap, in terms of both time and energy!

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- Avoiding communication will be essential for applications at exascale!

### Krylov Subspace Methods

- General class of iterative solvers: used for linear systems, eigenvalue problems, singular value problems, least squares, etc.
- Examples: Lanczos/Conjugate Gradient (CG), Arnoldi/Generalized Minimum Residual (GMRES), Biconjugate Gradient (BICG), BICGSTAB, GKL, LSQR, etc.
- Projection process onto the expanding Krylov subspace

$$\mathcal{K}_m(A, r_0) = \operatorname{span}\{r_0, Ar_0, A^2r_0, \dots, A^{m-1}r_0\}$$

- In each iteration,
  - Add a dimension to the Krylov subspace  $\mathcal{K}_m$
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Dependencies between communication-bound kernels in each iteration limit performance!





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- Resurgence of interest in recent years due to growing problem sizes; growing relative cost of communication

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#### **Outer loop** *k***: Communication step**

#### Expand solution space s dimensions at once

• Compute "basis matrix"  $Y_k$  with columns spanning

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- Requires reading A/communicating vectors only once
  - Using "matrix powers kernel"

#### **Orthogonalize all at once**

 Compute/store block of inner products between basis vectors in Gram matrix:

$$G_k = Y_k^T Y_k$$

Communication cost of one global reduction

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- We have applied a similar analysis to upper bound the maximum attainable accuracy in finite precision CA-KSMs

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- We can implement an analogous strategy for CA-CG and CA-BICG based on derived bound on deviation of residuals
  - Estimating quantities in bound has negligible cost → residual replacement strategy does not asymptotically increase communication or computation!





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Do the same statements hold for CA-Lanczos?

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$$A\hat{V}_m = \hat{V}_m\hat{T}_m + \hat{\beta}_{m+1}\hat{v}_{m+1}e_m^T + \delta\hat{V}_m$$

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# The Amplification Term $\Gamma$

- Roundoff errors in CA variant follow same pattern as classical variant, but amplified by factor of  $\Gamma$  or  $\Gamma^2$ 
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- A loose bound for the amplification term:

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- What we really need:  $|||\mathcal{Y}||y'|||_2 \leq \Gamma ||\mathcal{Y}y'||_2$  to hold for the computed basis  $\mathcal{Y}$  and coordinate vector y' in every bound.
- Tighter bound on Γ possible; requires some light bookkeeping
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- Take-away: we can use this bound on Γ to design a better algorithm!
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## **Future Directions**

Broad research agenda: Design methods for large-scale problems that optimize performance subject to application-specific numerical constraints

#### New Algorithms/Applications

- Application of communication-avoiding ideas and solvers to new computational science domains
- Design of new high-performance preconditioners
- Finite-Precision Analysis
  - Bounds on stability and convergence for other Krylov methods (particularly in the nonsymmetric case)
  - Extension of "Backwards-like" error analyses

#### • Improving Usability

- Automating parameter selection via "numerical auto-tuning"
- Integration into high-performance libraries

# Thank you! Happy Birthday, Jim!

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