## Balancing Inexactness in Matrix Computations

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## HPLMXP

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## Mixed precision in NLA

- BLAS: cuBLAS, MAGMA, [Agullo et al. 2009], [Abdelfattah et al., 2019], [Haidar et al., 2018]
- Iterative refinement:
- Long history: [Wilkinson, 1963], [Moler, 1967], [Stewart, 1973], ...
- More recently: [Langou et al., 2006], [C., Higham, 2017], [C., Higham, 2018], [C., Higham, Pranesh, 2020], [Amestoy et al., 2021]
- Matrix factorizations: [Haidar et al., 2017], [Haidar et al., 2018], [Haidar et al., 2020], [Abdelfattah et al., 2020]
- Eigenvalue problems: [Dongarra, 1982], [Dongarra, 1983], [Tisseur, 2001], [Davies et al., 2001], [Petschow et al., 2014], [Alvermann et al., 2019]
- Sparse direct solvers: [Buttari et al., 2008]
- Orthogonalization: [Yamazaki et al., 2015]
- Multigrid: [Tamstorf et al., 2020], [Richter et al., 2014], [Sumiyoshi et al., 2014], [Ljungkvist, Kronbichler, 2017, 2019]
- (Preconditioned) Krylov subspace methods: [Emans, van der Meer, 2012], [Yamagishi, Matsumura, 2016], [C., Gergelits, Yamazaki, 2021], [Clark, 2019], [Anzt et al., 2019], [Clark et al., 2010], [Gratton et al., 2020], [Arioli, Duff, 2009], [Hogg, Scott, 2010]


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\(n=100, \lambda_{1}=10^{-3}, \lambda_{n}=1\)
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## Mixed Precision Sparse Approximate Inverse Preconditioners

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Benefits: Highly parallelizable
But construction can still be costly, esp. for large-scale problems [Gao, Chen, He, 2021], [Chao, 2001], [Benzi, Tůma, 1999], [He, Yin, Gao, 2020]

## SPAI Preconditioners in Low Precision

What is the effect of using low precision in SPAI construction?

Notes and assumptions:

- We will assume that the SPAI construction is performed in some precision $u_{f}$
- We will denote quantities computed in finite precision with hats
- In our application, we want a left preconditioner, so we will run the algorithm on $A^{T}$ and set $M \leftarrow M^{T}$.
- We will assume that the QR factorization of the submatrix of $A^{T}$ is computed fully using HouseholderQR/TSQR


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Resulting bounds for $\widehat{M}$ :

$$
\left\|I-A^{T} \widehat{M}^{T}\right\|_{F} \leq 2 \sqrt{n} \varepsilon, \quad\|I-\widehat{M} A\|_{\infty} \leq 2 n \varepsilon
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In this case, we obtain the bound

$$
\|I-\widehat{M} A\|_{\infty} \leq n\left(\varepsilon+n^{7 / 2} u_{f} \kappa_{\infty}(A)\right)
$$

$\rightarrow$ If $\kappa_{\infty}(A) \gg \varepsilon u_{f}^{-1}$, then computed $\widehat{M}$ with same sparsity structure as $M$ can be of much lower quality.

## Iterative Refinement for $A x=b$

3-precision iterative refinement [C. and Higham, 2018]
$u_{f}=$ factorization precision, $u=$ working precision, $u_{r}=$ residual precision

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$u_{s}$ is the effective precision of the solve, with $u \leq u_{s} \leq u_{f}$

## GMRES-Based Iterative Refinement

- Observation [Rump, 1990]: if $\hat{L}$ and $\widehat{U}$ are computed LU factors of $A$ in precision $\boldsymbol{u}_{f}$, then

$$
\kappa_{\infty}\left(\widehat{U}^{-1} \hat{L}^{-1} A\right) \approx 1+\kappa_{\infty}(A) u_{f},
$$

even if $\kappa_{\infty}(A) \gg u_{f}^{-1}$.
GMRES-IR [C. and Higham, SISC 39(6), 2017]

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- Existing analyses of GMRES-IR assume we use full LU factors
- In practice, often want to use approximate preconditioners (ILU, SPAI, etc.)
- [Amestoy et al., 2022]
- Analysis of block low-rank (BLR) LU within GMRES-IR
- Analysis of use of static pivoting in LU within GMRES-IR
- [C., Khan, 2022]
- Analysis of sparse approximate inverse (SPAI) preconditioners within GMRES-IR


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$$
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Compared to GMRES-IR with full LU factorization, in general expect slower convergence, but much sparser preconditioner.

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## Ongoing and Future Work

- Incorporate mixed-precision storage of $\widehat{M}$ and adaptive-precision SpMV to apply $\widehat{M}$ using the work of [Graillat et al., 2002]
- Theoretical analysis of incomplete factorization preconditioners in mixed precision
- Experimental work shows that half precision works well in practice [Scott, Tůma, 2023]


## Mixed Precision Randomized Preconditioners

## Our setting

Let $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ be a symmetric positive semidefinite matrix. Want to solve

$$
(A+\mu I) x=b
$$

where $\mu \geq 0$ is set so that $A+\mu I$ is positive definite.

Assume $A$ has rapidly decreasing eigenvalues or cluster of large eigenvalues.

Many applications, e.g., ridge regression.

## Limited Memory Preconditioners

Want to solve using PCG using spectral limited memory preconditioner [Gratton, Sartenaer, Tshimanga, 2011], [Tshimanga et al., 2008]:

$$
\begin{aligned}
P & =I-U U^{T}+\frac{1}{\alpha+\mu} U(\Theta+\mu I) U^{T} \\
P^{-1} & =I-U U^{T}+(\alpha+\mu) U(\Theta+\mu I)^{-1} U^{T}
\end{aligned}
$$

where columns of $U \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times k}$ are $\boldsymbol{k}$ approximate eigenvectors of $A$ and $U^{T} U=I$, © is diagonal with approximations to eigenvalues of $A$, and $\alpha \geq 0$.

Used in data assimilation [Laloyaux et al., 2018], [Mogensen, Alonso Balmaseda, Weaver, 2012], [Moore et al., 2011], [Daužickaité, Lawless, Scott, van Leeuwen, 2021]

## Randomized Nyström Approximation

Want to compute a rank- $k$ approximation $A \approx U \Theta U^{T}$ via the randomized Nyström method.

Nyström approximation:

$$
A_{N}=(A Q)\left(Q^{T} A Q\right)^{+}(A Q)^{T}
$$

where $Q$ is an $n \times k$ test matrix (random projection).

In the case that $A$ is very large, matrix-matrix products with $A$ are the bottleneck.

This motivates the single-pass version of the Nyström method.

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Expected value bound [Frangella, Tropp, Udell, 2021]:

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## Summary and Takeaway

- To efficiently use modern exascale machines, we need to use mixed precision hardware
- Understanding the interaction and balance of errors from finite precision and sources of algorithmic approximation is thus crucial
- Careful analysis will reveal not only limitations, but opportunities!


## Thank You!

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