

Advanced Numerical Tools

Reordering Techniques and Iterative Methods

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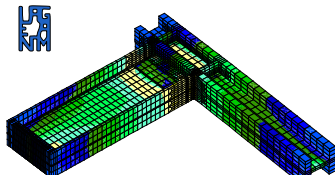
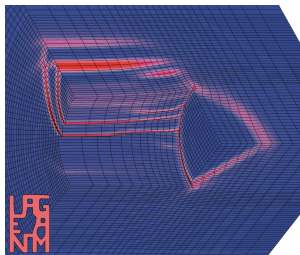


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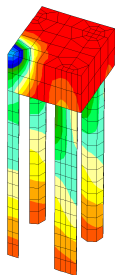
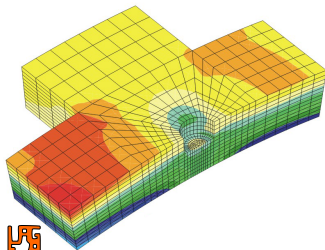
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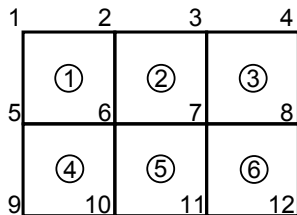
Increasing complexity of studied phenomena (localization, anisotropy, complex 3D geometry) \Rightarrow increasing number of equations



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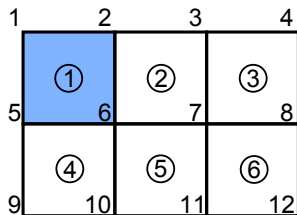
Assembling of global stiffness tangent matrix

Solving $\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ 

Assembling example :

- 6 elements
- 12 nodes
- 1dof/node

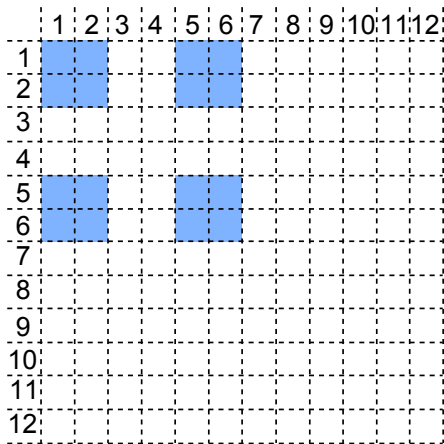
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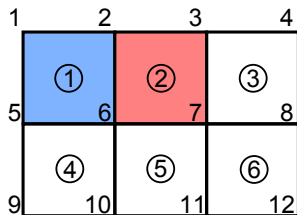
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Global stiffness matrix (12 dofs x 12 dofs) :



(coloured non-zero entries)

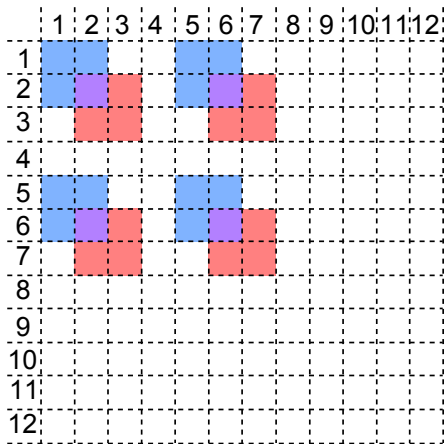
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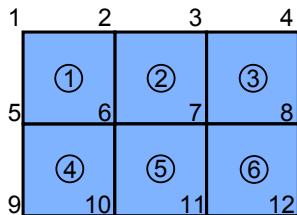
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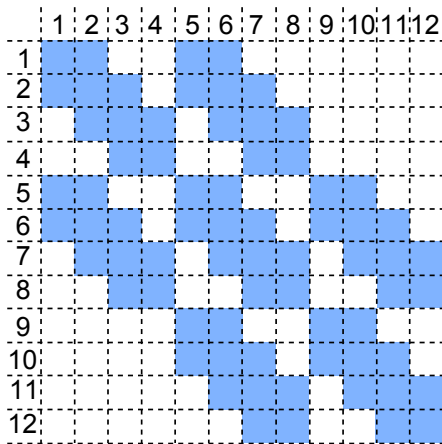
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Properties of the matrix :

- sparse
- potentially symmetric
- potentially band

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Triangular systems

Let's consider the following system $\underline{\mathbf{L}} \cdot \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ ($N = 4$) :

$$\begin{bmatrix} l_{11} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ l_{21} & l_{22} & 0 & 0 \\ l_{31} & l_{32} & l_{33} & 0 \\ l_{41} & l_{42} & l_{43} & l_{44} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{Bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \\ b_4 \end{Bmatrix}$$

- exact solution
- $\sim O(N^2)$ operations
- easy to implement
- forward (L matrix) or backward (U matrix) substitution

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &= \frac{b_1}{l_{11}} \\ x_2 &= \frac{b_2 - l_{21} \cdot x_1}{l_{22}} \\ &\dots \\ x_i &= \frac{b_i - \sum_{k=1}^{i-1} l_{ik} x_k}{l_{ii}} \end{aligned}$$

Gaussian elimination

Let's consider the following system $\underline{\mathbf{A}} \cdot \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ ($n = 4$)

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Gaussian elimination transforms $\underline{\mathbf{A}} \cdot \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ into $\underline{\mathbf{L}} \cdot \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}'$

Gaussian elimination

Elimination of a_{21} :

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & a_{14} \\ 0 & a_{22}^{(2)} & a_{23}^{(2)} & a_{24}^{(2)} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} & a_{34} \\ a_{41} & a_{42} & a_{43} & a_{44} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{Bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2^{(2)} \\ b_3 \\ b_4 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$a_{21}^{(2)} \leftarrow a_{21} - \frac{a_{21}}{a_{11}} \cdot a_{11} = 0 \quad a_{22}^{(2)} \leftarrow a_{22} - \frac{a_{21}}{a_{11}} \cdot a_{12}$$

$$a_{23}^{(2)} \leftarrow a_{23} - \frac{a_{21}}{a_{11}} \cdot a_{13} \quad a_{24}^{(2)} \leftarrow a_{24} - \frac{a_{21}}{a_{11}} \cdot a_{14}$$

$$b_2^{(2)} \leftarrow b_2 - \frac{a_{21}}{a_{11}} \cdot b_1$$

Gaussian elimination

Elimination of a_{31} and a_{41}

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & a_{14} \\ 0 & a_{22}^{(2)} & a_{23}^{(2)} & a_{24}^{(2)} \\ 0 & a_{32}^{(2)} & a_{33}^{(2)} & a_{34}^{(2)} \\ 0 & a_{42}^{(2)} & a_{43}^{(2)} & a_{44}^{(2)} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{Bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2^{(2)} \\ b_3^{(2)} \\ b_4^{(2)} \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$m_{i1} = \frac{a_{i1}}{a_{11}} \quad \text{for } i = 3, 4 \quad \text{and } j = 2, \dots, 4$$

$$a_{ij}^{(2)} \leftarrow a_{ij} - m_{i1} \cdot a_{1j} \quad b_i^{(2)} \leftarrow b_i - m_{i1} \cdot b_1$$

Gaussian elimination

Elimination of a_{32} , a_{42} and a_{43}

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & a_{14} \\ 0 & a_{22}^{(2)} & a_{23}^{(2)} & a_{24}^{(2)} \\ 0 & 0 & a_{33}^{(3)} & a_{34}^{(3)} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & a_{44}^{(4)} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{Bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2^{(2)} \\ b_3^{(3)} \\ b_4^{(4)} \end{Bmatrix}$$

then the remaining upper triangular matrix has to be solved.

- exact solution
- $\sim O(N^3)$ operations
- pivoting if $a_{ii} = 0$ (or $a_{ii} \ll$ for numerical stability)
- best method for dense **A** matrices
- implemented in LAGAMINE for sparse systems (KNSYM= 4)

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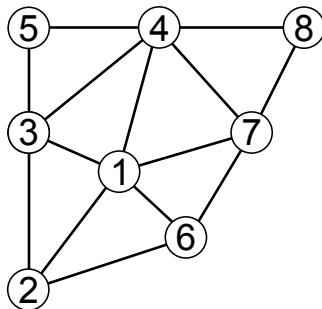
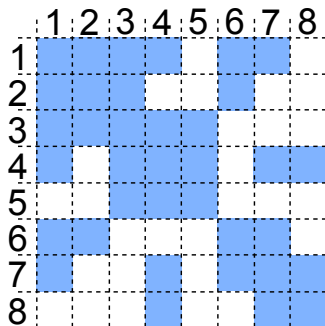
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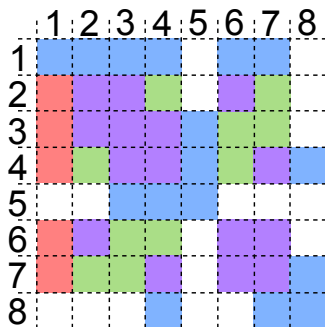


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- red : entries to be cancelled
- green : previously zero entries
- purple : modified entries

$M^1 = 5$ (in red)

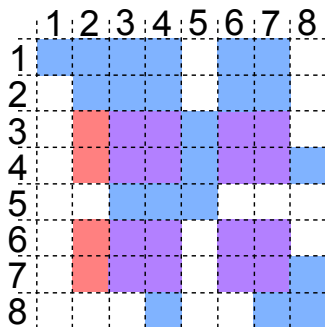
$\Rightarrow 25$ operations (green + purple)

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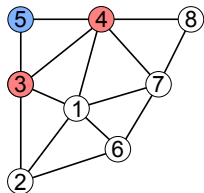
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$M^i = 4$ (in red)

\Rightarrow 16 operations (green + purple)

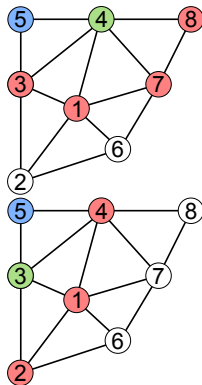
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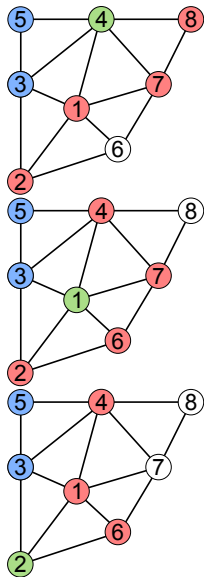
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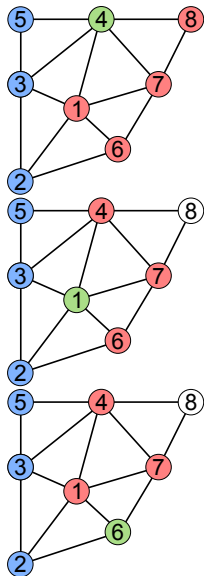
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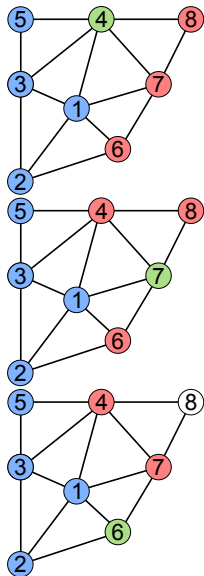
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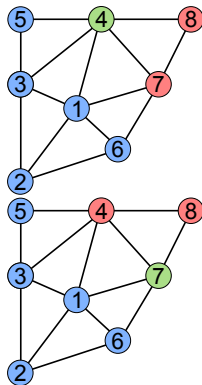
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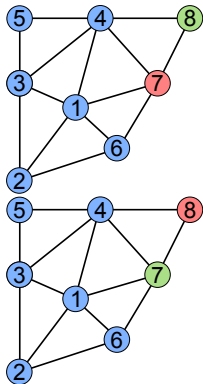
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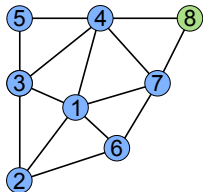
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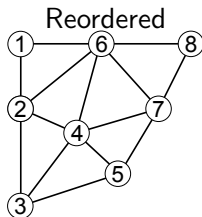
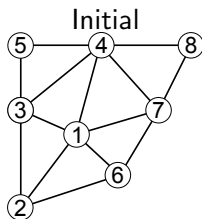
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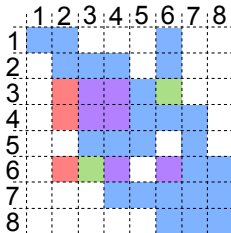
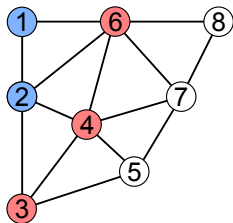
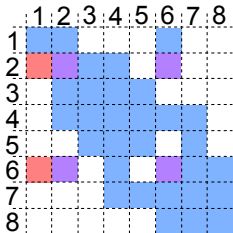
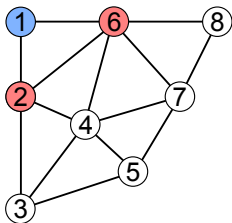
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- 3 Reorder following the sequence of eliminated nodes

Sequence : 5,3,2,1,6,4,7,8

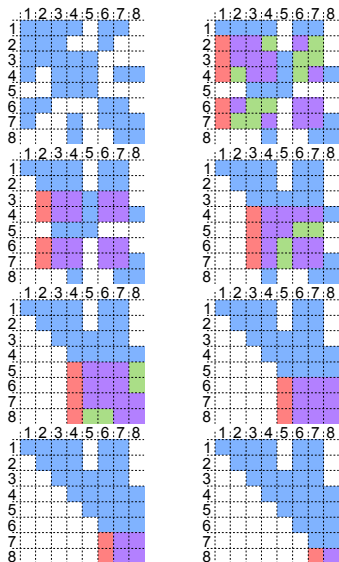
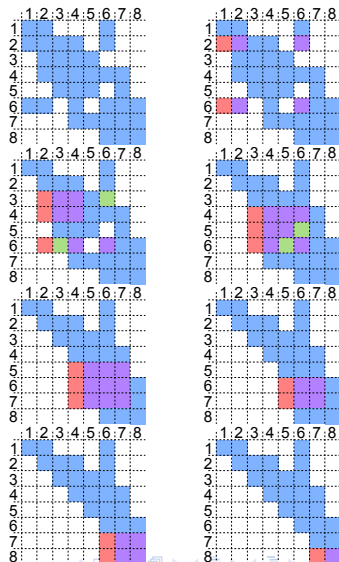


Relation between adjacent nodes and number of operations

Number of adjacent nodes = M^i then minimizing it minimizes σ and cpu time



Comparison between old and new matrices

Without renum $\sigma = 87$ With renum $\sigma = 40$ 

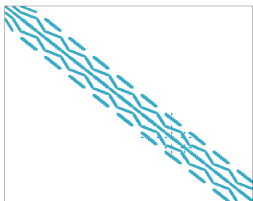
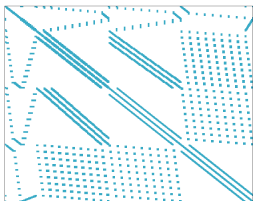
Non zero entries of matrices (before and after renum)

Types of reordering widely used in LAGAMINE :

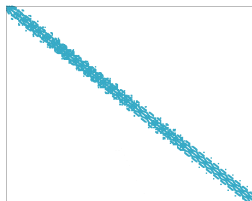
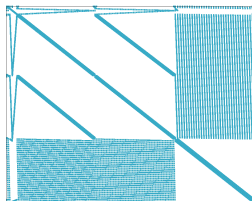
- 1 oil stain (ITYREN= 1)
 - efficient for every mesh ;
 - parameters needed ;
- 2 directional reordering (ITYREN= 2)
 - efficient for rectangular meshes ;
 - need a direction in which the structure has the greatest number of nodes.
- 3 based on Sloan method : improved oil stain (ITYREN= 3)
 - includes algorithm for best start node ;
 - efficient for every mesh ;
 - no parameter needed ;
 - fastest than oil stain (?).

Non zero entries of matrices (before and after renum)

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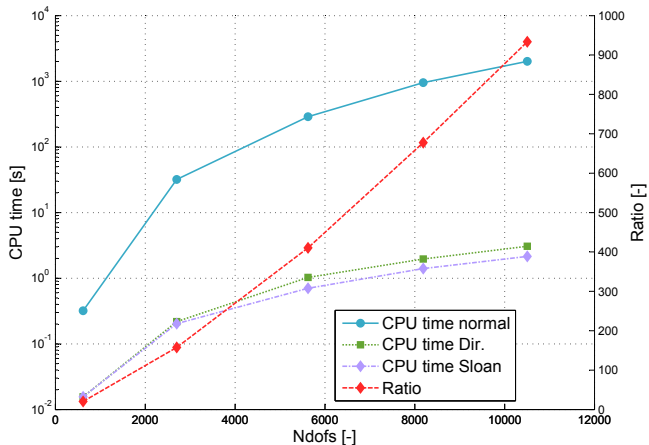


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Example

Oedometer test : with/without reordering (and comparison directional/Sloan)



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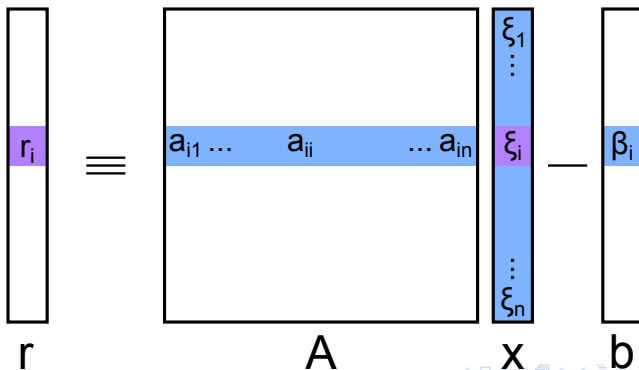
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Example : Jacobi iterations

Principle : finding the new value of $\xi_i^{(k)}$ that annihilates the i -th component of the residual vector $r_i = (\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{x}_k)_i$

$$r_i \equiv a_{ii} \cdot \xi_i^{(k+1)} + \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^n a_{ij} \cdot \xi_j^{(k)} - \beta_i = 0 \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, n$$



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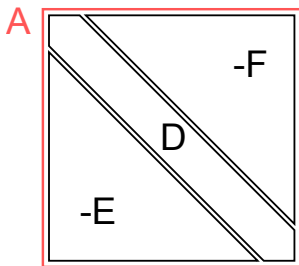
$$r_i \equiv 0 = a_{ii} \cdot \xi_i^{(k+1)} + \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^n a_{ij} \cdot \xi_j^{(k)} - \beta_i$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \xi_i^{(k+1)} = \frac{1}{a_{ii}} \left(\beta_i - \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^n a_{ij} \cdot \xi_j^{(k)} \right) \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, n$$

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$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{D} - \mathbf{E} - \mathbf{F}$$

Rewritten in vector form

$$\mathbf{x}_{k+1} = \mathbf{D}^{-1} \cdot (\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{F}) \cdot \mathbf{x}_k + \mathbf{D}^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{b}$$

where

- \mathbf{D} : diagonal of \mathbf{A}
- $-\mathbf{E}$: lower triangular part of \mathbf{A}
- $-\mathbf{F}$: upper triangular part of \mathbf{A}

Preconditioning

Principle : "preconditioning is a means of transforming the original linear system into one which has the same solution, but which is likely to be easier to solve with an iterative solver" (Saad, 2003)

Preconditioning matrix $\underline{\mathbf{M}}$:

- close to $\underline{\mathbf{A}}$;
- nonsingular ;
- inexpensive to solve linear system $\underline{\mathbf{M}} \cdot \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$.

One of the simplest ways of defining a preconditioner is to perform an *incomplete factorization* of the matrix $\underline{\mathbf{A}}$

$$\underline{\mathbf{A}} = \underline{\mathbf{L}} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{U}} - \underline{\mathbf{R}}$$

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Applied to the left

$$\underline{\mathbf{M}}^{-1} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{A}} \cdot \mathbf{x} = \underline{\mathbf{M}}^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{b}$$

or applied to the right

$$\underline{\mathbf{A}} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{M}}^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{b} \quad \mathbf{x} \equiv \underline{\mathbf{M}}^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{u}$$

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Principle

Building **iteratively** a solution ($\tilde{\mathbf{x}}$)

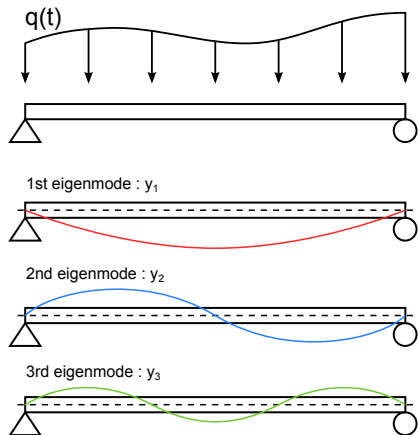
- to the problem $\underline{\mathbf{A}} \cdot \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$
- from an initial guess (\mathbf{x}_0) of the solution
- and a basis of **linearly independent vectors** \mathcal{K}_m
- through the following **linear combination** :

$$\tilde{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{x}_0 + \sum_{i=1}^m y_i \cdot \mathbf{v}_i \quad \mathbf{v}_i \in \mathcal{K}_m$$

The size of the basis, m

- is unknown, *a priori* (iterative concept)
- is much less than N , the number of equations.

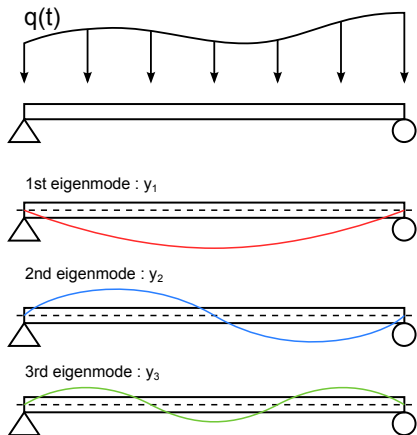
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m decoupled equations to be solved $\ll N$

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and specifically, GMRES uses

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where

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$$\underline{\mathbf{A}} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{r}_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

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$\sim O(m \times n)$ operations !

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4 normalize $\mathbf{v}_{m+1} = \frac{\mathbf{v}_{m+1}}{\|\mathbf{v}_{m+1}\|_2}$

How to compute \mathbf{y} ? How to choose the size of m ?

If $\underline{\mathbf{V}}_m$ is the $n \times m$ matrix describing the basis \mathcal{K}_m then solution is computed as

$$\tilde{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{x}_0 + \underline{\mathbf{V}}_m \cdot \mathbf{y}$$

where \mathbf{y} minimizes

$$\|\mathbf{b} - \underline{\mathbf{A}} \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{x}}\|_2 = \|\mathbf{b} - \underline{\mathbf{A}} \cdot (\mathbf{x}_0 + \underline{\mathbf{V}}_m \cdot \mathbf{y})\|_2 = \|\mathbf{r}_0 - \underline{\mathbf{A}} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{V}}_m \cdot \mathbf{y}\|_2$$

which is a least square problem of size $m \ll N$

Practically the size m of \mathcal{K}_m increases **iteratively** up to achieve a residual

$$\|\mathbf{r}_i\|_2 < \epsilon \cdot \|\mathbf{r}_0\|_2$$

Principle

GMRES method implemented in LAGAMINE (KNSYM = ± 6)

- approached solution (depends on the convergence norm !)
- no need to inverse the global matrix **A**
- best method for very big number of equations
- $\sim O((m + 3 + 1/m) \cdot N + NZ)$ where
 - m is the number of iterations
 - N is the number of unknowns
 - NZ is the number of nonzero terms in **A**
- requires input parameters

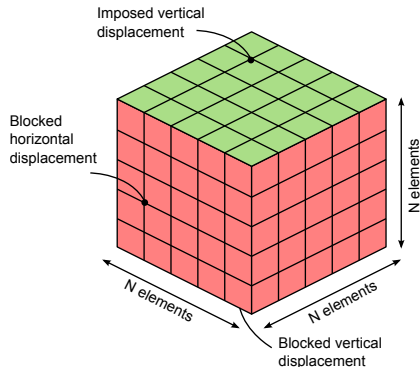
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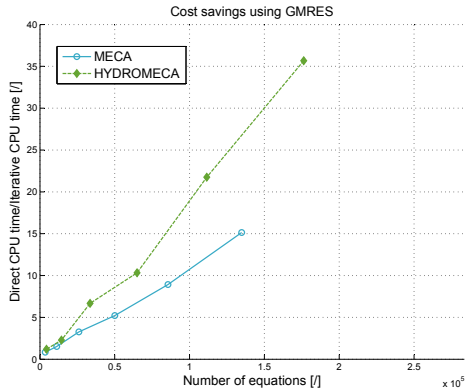
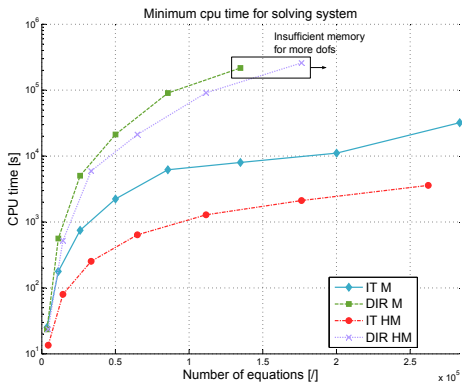
Practical use : oedometer cube

Systematic comparison using a cubic example

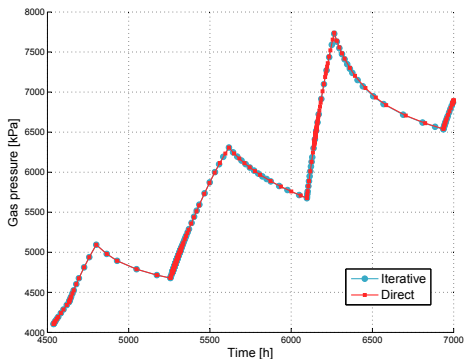
- oedometric boundary conditions
- purely mechanical/hydro-mechanical behaviour
- 8-nodes 3D blocs
- varying mesh size N^3
 $N \in [10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45]$



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Practical use : gas injection



Iterative and direct methods for gas injection : gas pressure at a given point

- global convergence depends on LAGAMINE criteria : PRECU and PRECF identical for both methods
- difference of convergence rate : different time steps

Parameters

Preconditioning parameters : LFIL, **DROPTOL**

The incomplete factorization of LU follows the same steps as the gaussian elimination.

For a given off-diagonal term to be eliminated a_{kl}

$$m_{kl} = \frac{a_{kl}}{a_{kk}}$$
$$a_{kj} \leftarrow a_{kj} - m_{kl} \cdot a_{kj} \quad b_k \leftarrow b_k - m_{kl} \cdot b_k \quad \text{for } j = 1, \dots, n$$

If $|m_{kl}| < \text{DROPTOL}$ nothing is done and $a_{kl} \leftarrow 0$

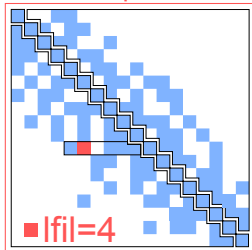
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During the LU factorization process :

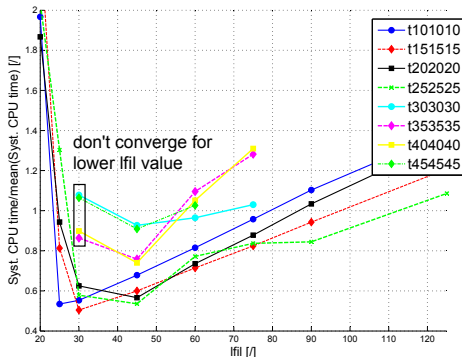
- sort terms of row i of L and U ;
- keep the l_{fil} greatest in L and U ;
- next row.

LU incomplete



5 3

8 6 9



$CPU\ time(lfil_j)$

$$\frac{1}{n} \cdot \sum_{j=lfil_1}^{lfil_n} CPU\ time_j$$

Parameters

Preconditioning parameters : LFIL, DROPTOL

- increasing LFIL
 - increasing memory storage required
 - increasing computational cost for computing the preconditioner
 - increasing computational cost for solving the system
- decreasing LFIL
 - risk of no convergence
 - **risk of instability** during the process (observed for large hydro-mechanical systems)
- increasing DROPTOL
 - conditional decreasing of computational cost
- decreasing DROPTOL
 - conditional increasing of computational cost

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The total number of iterations (n_{its}) is equal to the number of orthogonalization processes already done which is equal

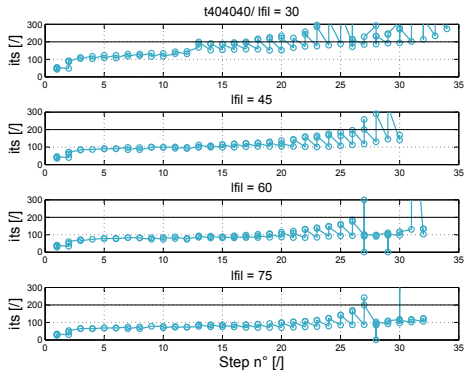
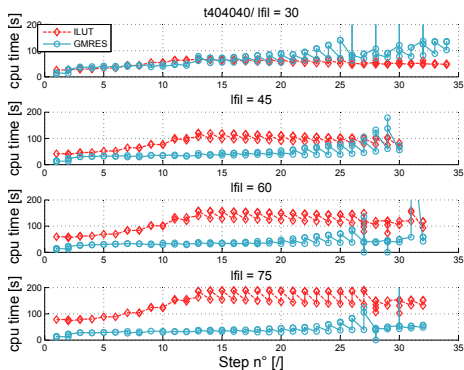
- to the actual size k of the Krylov process if $n_{its} < \text{IM}$;
- to $n_{restart} \times \text{IM} + k$ if $n_{its} > \text{IM}$.

If no convergence occurs after $n_{its} = \text{MAXITS}$

- algorithm crashes and the time step is reduced

Parameters

There is a relationship between the LFIL parameter and the number of iterations necessary to reach convergence



Parameters

Convergence parameters : EPS, RESTOL

The internal iterative process ends if (**relative** convergence)

$$\|\mathbf{r}_i\|_2 < \text{EPS} \cdot \|\mathbf{r}_0\|_2$$

or if (**absolute** convergence)

$$\|\mathbf{r}_i\|_2 < \text{RESTOL}$$

The smaller the EPS the higher the number of iterations to reach convergence!

Example of configurations

RESTOL is imposed to 10^{-40}

NDOFS	TYPE	LFIL	DROPTOL	IM	MAXITS	EPS
283544	cube M	45	10^{-6}	200	500	10^{-5}
220940	gallery M	130	10^{-6}	500	4000	10^{-5}
262236	cube HM	20	10^{-6}	200	500	10^{-5}
752226	loca M	200	10^{-8}	500	1000	10^{-5}

High LFIL with high number of dofs to avoid **instabilities** !

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- Increasing size of systems to be solved as a corollary effect of increasing complexity of modelling
- High degree of sparsity of the systems to be solved leading to specific methods
- Reordering techniques :
 - very efficient
 - coupled with direct solvers
 - available in LAGAMINE
- Iterative methods :
 - approximate solution
 - efficient for very large number of equations
 - much complex algorithms
 - parameters : mix of art and science
 - available in LAGAMINE

