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Gaussian elimination with sparsity

A sparse, $PA = LU$, are L, U also sparse?

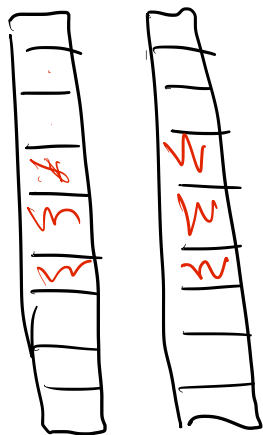
$PAQ = LU$ P, Q permutation

$$Ax = b \Rightarrow \underbrace{PAQ}_{LU} Q^T x = Pb \quad Q^T x = y \quad x = Qy$$

choosing Q to encourage sparsity in L, U
"sparse direct"

Compressed sparse column (CSC)

values rows



col ptr



4 column 2
7 in indices
4 to 6

$$y = Ax$$
$$y = \sum_j A(:, j) x_j$$

$O(\underline{nnz}(A))$

A

$$\begin{pmatrix} x & x & x & x & x \\ x & & & & \\ x & & & & \\ x & & & & \\ x & & & & \end{pmatrix}$$

first step: $L(2:5, 1) = A(2:5, 1) / A(1, 1)$

$$A(2:5, 2:5) = \underline{L(2:5, 1)} \underline{A(1, 2:5)}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x & x & x & x & x \\ x & & & & \\ x & & & & \\ x & & & & \\ x & & & & \end{pmatrix}$$

$$L(2:5, 1) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & & \\ & 1 & & & \\ & & 1 & & \\ & & & 1 & \\ & & & & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A(1, 2:5) = (0 \ 0 \ 0 \ x)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & x & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x & & & & \\ & x & & & \\ & & \dots & & \\ & & & \dots & \\ x & & & & x \end{pmatrix}$$

L

$$\begin{pmatrix} x & & & & \\ & x & & & \\ & & \dots & & \\ & & & \dots & \\ & & & & x \end{pmatrix}$$

U

$$\begin{aligned} & \dim \text{null}(L) + \dim \text{null}(U) \\ &= \dim \text{null}(A) \end{aligned}$$

Matrices \Leftrightarrow graphs

$$\text{Graph} = (V, E)$$

$$V = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$$

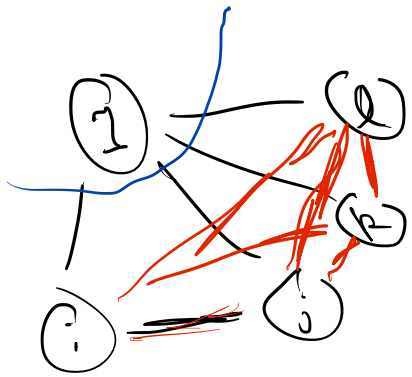
$E =$ set of pairs of vertices
edges

$$A_{ij} = \begin{cases} 0 & (i,j) \notin E \\ \neq 0 & (i,j) \in E \end{cases}$$

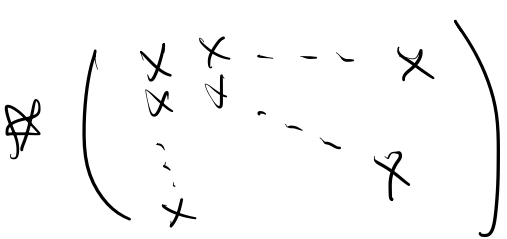
symmetric matrices
 \Leftrightarrow undirected graphs

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & A_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

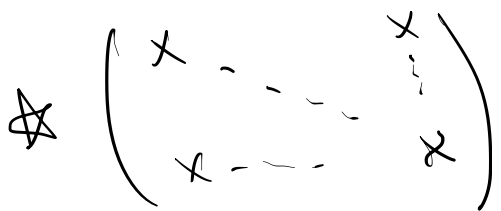
where do we get fill-in?



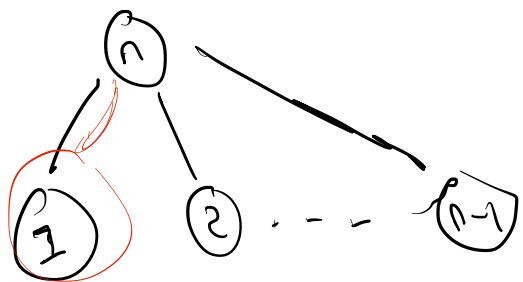
any pair of neighbors
of node 1 gets filled in
(equiv. add edges to graph)



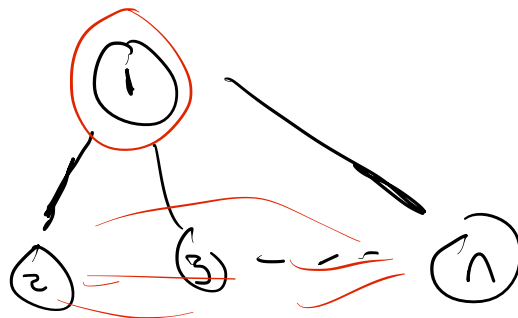
first node is neighbors with everyone



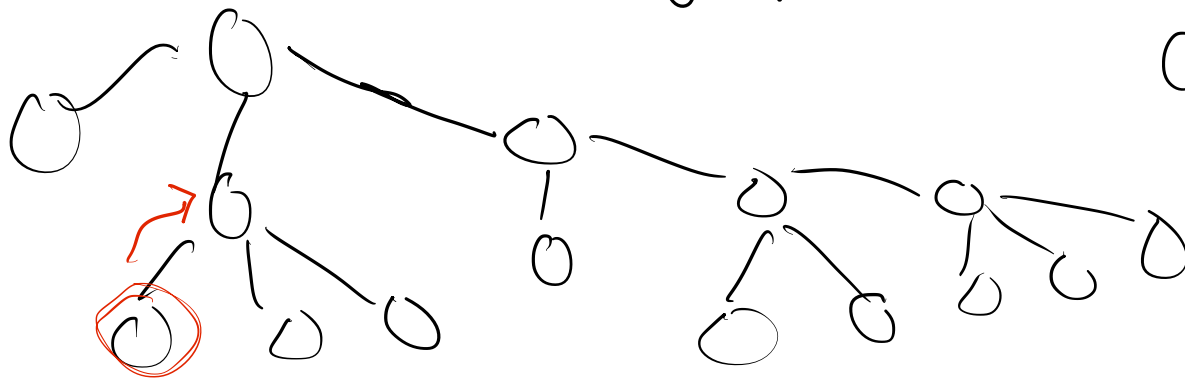
first node is only neighbors with one other node



tree



Fact: no fill-in when graph is a tree, go leaves up



Cost: $O(n)$ time
to solve
 $Ax = b$

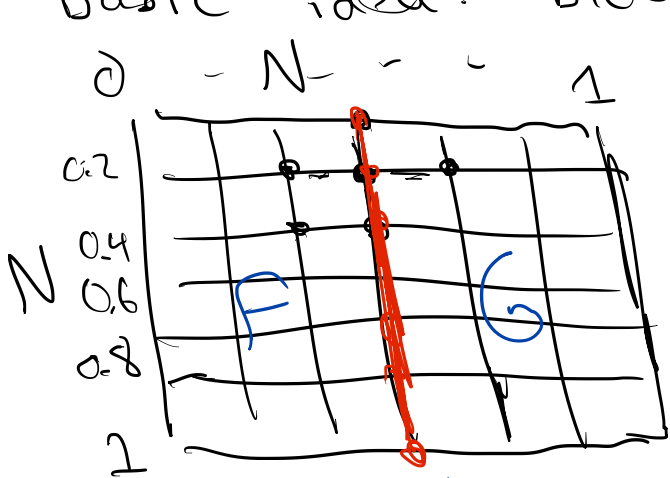
Most graphs are not trees

One heuristic: go by increasing degree
degree = # of neighbors at node

Nested dissection

Basic idea: block structure of tree

$$A_{ij} \quad i = (0.4, 0.6) \\ j = (0.6, 0.8)$$



A is $N^2 \times N^2$

indices of A : points on mesh

non-zeros: Adjacent points

$$nz(A) = O(N^2)$$

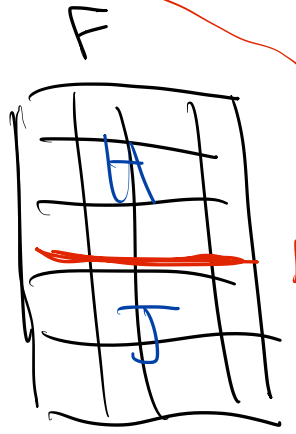
vertex^H separator: $O(N)$ points

$$O(N^2)$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} A_{FF} & 0 & A_{FH} \\ 0 & A_{GG} & A_{GH} \\ A_{HF} & A_{HG} & A_{HH} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A_{FF} \approx L_F U_F$$

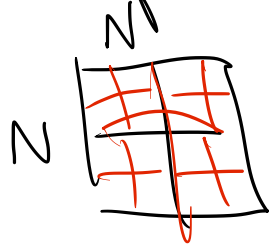
$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} L_F U_F & 0 & L_F^{-1} A_{FH} \\ 0 & A_{GG} & A_{GH} \\ \underline{A_{HF} U_F^{-1}} & A_{HG} & \underline{A_{HH} - A_{HF} A_{FF}^{-1} A_{FH}} \end{pmatrix}$$



$$A_{FF} =$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} A_{HH} & 0 & A_{MH} \\ 0 & A_{JJ} & A_{JM} \\ A_{HM} & A_{MJ} & A_{MM} \end{pmatrix}$$

Key concept: vertex separator much smaller than blocks
Can prove: 2D meshes $\Rightarrow O(N^3)$ instead of $O(N^6)$



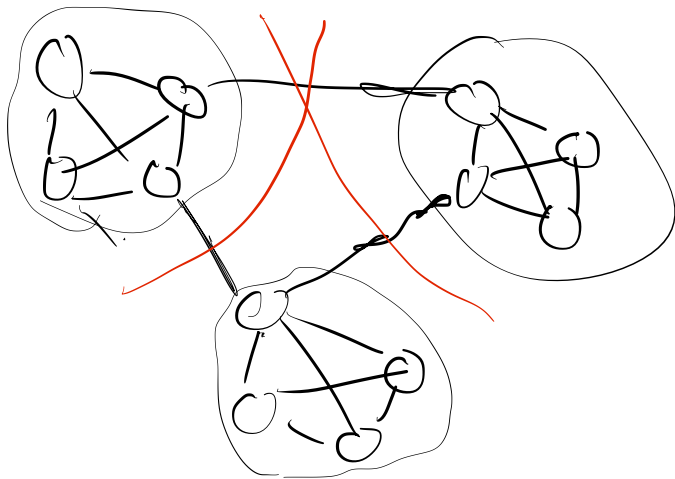
$$O(n^3) \quad n = N^2 \quad O(n^{3/2})$$

How do we find good separators?

① Physics / geometry (meshes)

② Graph partitioning

can do this with
eigenvectors!



$$\begin{bmatrix} m_1 & & \\ & m_2 & \\ & & \ddots \\ & & & m_n \end{bmatrix}$$