

# Linear algebra - Solutions to linear systems

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## References

- Handouts
  - Krüger J and Westermann R. Linear algebra Operators for GPU implementation of Numerical Algorithms. Siggraph 2003.
  - Bolz J, Farmer I, Grinspun E, and Schröder P. Sparse Matrix Solvers on the GPU: Conjugate Gradients and Multigrid. Siggraph 2003.

## Function headers

```
enum CL_enum_op = { CL_ADD, CL_MULT, CL_SUB };

void cVecOp(
    CL_enum_op op, float  $\alpha$ , float  $\beta$ , cVec x, cVec y, cVec res
);

void cMatVec (
    CL_enum_op op, cMat A, cVec x, cVec y, cVec res
);

enum CL_enum_cmb = { CL_ADD, CL_MULT, CL_MAX, CL_MIN };

float cVecReduce( CL_enum_cmb cmb, cVec x, cVec y );
void cVecReduce( CL_enum_cmb cmb, cVec x, cVec y, cMat res );
                                     ↑
                                     1x1 matrix
```

## We seek representations of

- Vectors
- Matrices
  - Dense
  - Sparse
    - Unstructured
    - Structured

# Representation

## Vector representation

Texture Resolves were cancelled by vector

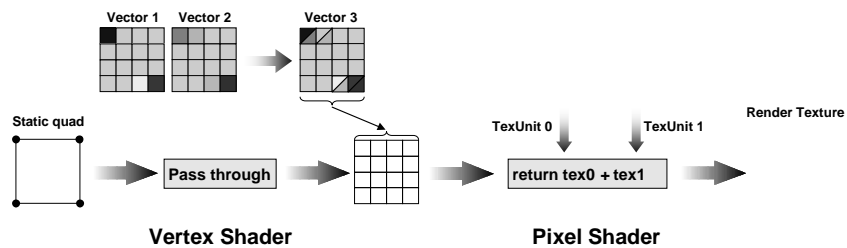
- Per-pixel vs. per-vertex operations
  - 6 gigapixels/second vs. 0.7 gigavertices/second
  - Efficient texture memory cache
  - Texture read-write access



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# Operations

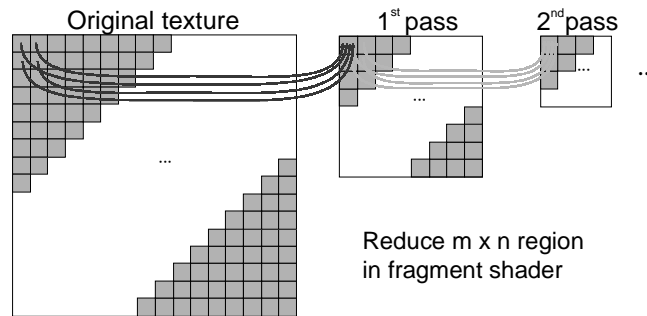
- **Vector-Vector** Operations
  - Reduced to 2D texture operations
  - Coded in pixel shaders
- Example:  $Vector1 + Vector2 \rightarrow Vector3$



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# Operations (reduce)

## Reduce operation for scalar products



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## The "single float" on GPUs

Some operations generate single float values  
*e.g. reduce*



Read-back to main memory is slow

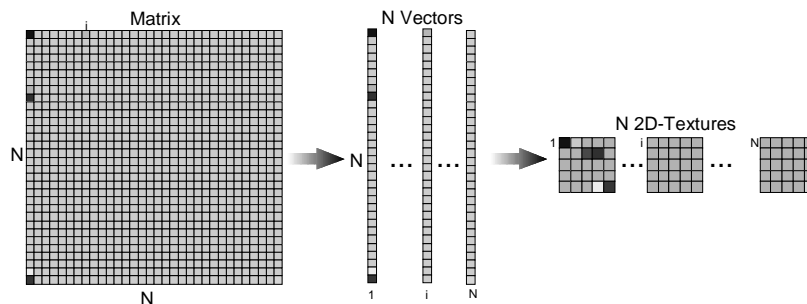
→ Keep single floats on the GPU as 1x1 textures

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## Representation (cont.)

### Dense Matrix representation

- Treat a dense matrix as a set of column vectors
- Again, store these vectors as 2D textures

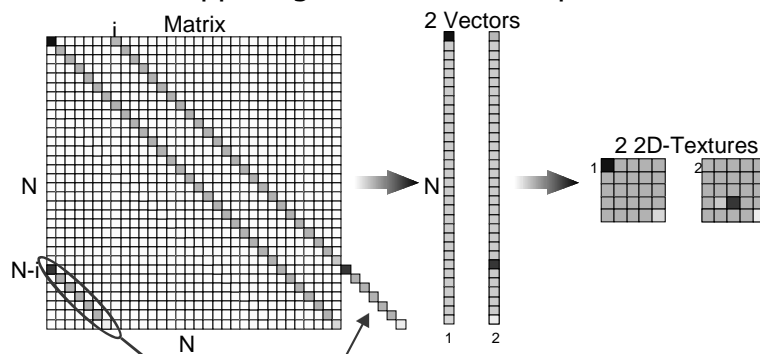


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## Representation (cont.)

### Banded Sparse Matrix representation

- Treat a banded matrix as a set of **diagonal** vectors
- Combine opposing vectors to save space

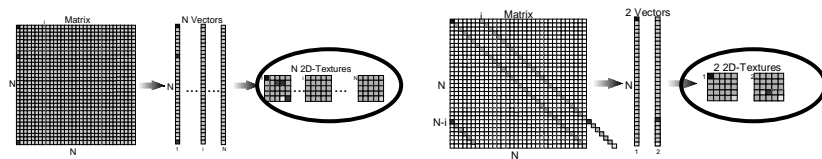


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# Operations (cont.)

## Matrix-Vector Operations

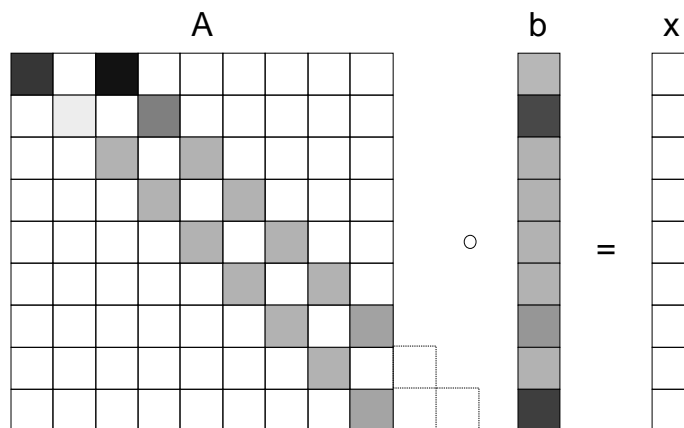
- Split it up into Vector – Vector operations



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# Operations

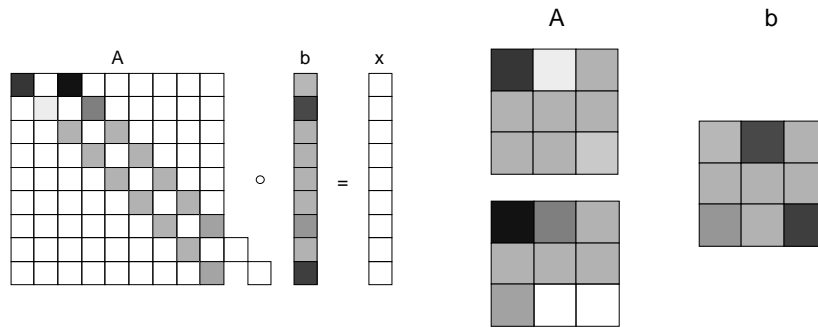
In depth example: *Vector / Banded-Matrix Multiplication*



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# Example (cont.)

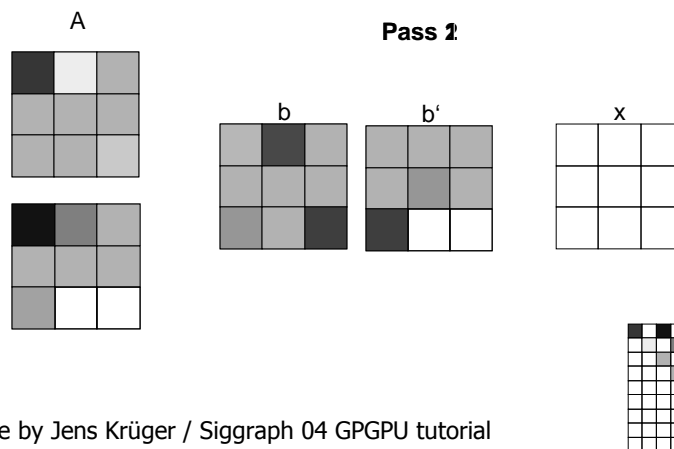
## Vector / Banded-Matrix Multiplication



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# Example (cont.)

Compute the result in 2 Passes:



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# Representation (cont.)

## Unstructured Sparse Matrix representation

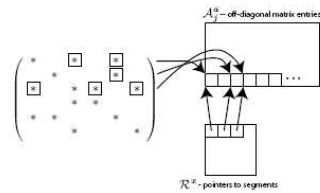


Figure 1: Off-diagonal elements of each row are compacted into segments which are tightly packed into  $A_0^s$ . A pointer to the beginning of each segment is stored in  $R^s$ .

$$j = R^s[i]$$

$$y^{sp}[i] = A_0^s[i] * x^{sp}[i] + \sum_{c=0}^{b_i-1} A_0^s[j+c] * x^{sp}[j+c],$$

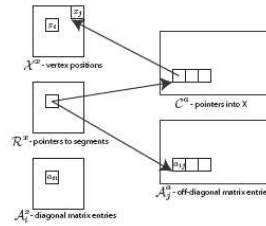


Figure 2: When the fragment program executes on the pixel corresponding to row  $i$ , the window position is used as a texture coordinate to fetch  $x_i$  in  $X^{sp}$  and  $a_{ii}$  in  $A_0^s$ . The window position also identifies the segment pointer in  $R^s$ , which points to the location of non-zero elements  $a_{ij}$  in  $A_0^s$  corresponding to row  $i$ . Finally, using the segment pointer from  $R^s$  we can access entries in  $C^0$  which reveal the addresses of  $x_j$  in  $X^{sp}$  corresponding to non-zero  $a_{ij}$ .

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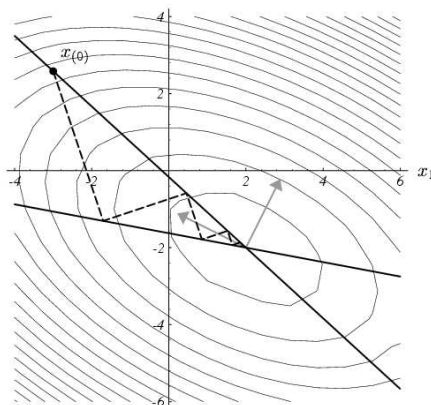
# Solving linear systems

- Large, sparse linear systems of equations  $\mathbf{Ax}=\mathbf{b}$  arise in many practical applications
  - FEM of linear elasticity
  - Fluid dynamics
  - ...
- And many approaches can be used to find  $\mathbf{x}$ 
  - Invert matrix A
  - Gaussian elimination
  - **Conjugate gradient** (Square, symmetric and positive definite A)
  - **Jacobi iteration**
  - **Multigrid**
  - ...

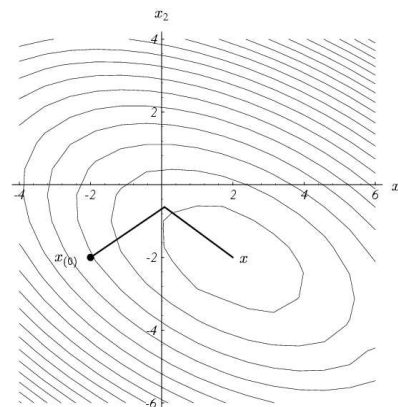
## Conjugate gradient

- A quadratic form is a scalar, quadratic function of a vector:
  - $f(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^T A x - b^T x + c$
- If  $A$  is symmetric and positive definite  $f(x)$  is minimized by the solution to  $Ax = b$ .
  - Since  $f'(x) = Ax - b$  then  $f'(x) = 0 \Rightarrow Ax = b$

## Conjugate gradient



Steepest descent



Conjugate gradient

Image source: Shewchuk JR:

An introduction to the conjugate gradient method without the agonizing pain

# Conjugate gradient

## Unpreconditioned CG

```

1  $p^{(0)} = r^{(0)} = b - Ax^{(0)}$  for some initial guess  $x^{(0)}$ 
2 for  $i \leftarrow 0$  to  $\#itr$ 
3    $\rho_i = r^{(i)\top} r^{(i)}$ 
4    $q^{(i)} = Ap^{(i)}$ 
5    $\alpha_i = \rho_i / p^{(i)\top} q^{(i)}$ 
6    $x^{(i+1)} = x^{(i)} + \alpha_i p^{(i)}$ 
7    $r^{(i+1)} = r^{(i)} - \alpha_i q^{(i)}$ 
8    $\beta_i = r^{(i+1)\top} r^{(i+1)} / \rho_i$ 
9    $p^{(i+1)} = r^{(i+1)} + \beta_i p^{(i)}$ 
10  convergence check

```

## Unpreconditioned GPU-based CG

```

1 clMatVec(CL_SUB, A, x(0), b, r(0)) initial guess x(0)
2 clVecOp(CL_ADD, -1, 0, r(0), NULL, r(0))
3 clVecOp(CL_ADD, 1, 0, r(0), NULL, p(0))
4 for i ← 0 to #itr
5    $\rho_i = \mathbf{clVecReduce}(CL\_ADD, r^{(i)}, r^{(i)})$ 
6   clMatVec(CL_ADD, A, p(i), NULL, q(i))
7    $\alpha_i = \mathbf{clVecReduce}(CL\_ADD, p^{(i)}, q^{(i)})$ 
8    $\alpha_i = \rho_i / \alpha_i$ 
9   clVecOp(CL_ADD, 1,  $\alpha_i$ , x(i), p(i), x(i+1))
10  clVecOp(CL_SUB, 1,  $\alpha_i$ , r(i), q(i), r(i+1))
11   $\beta_i = \mathbf{clVecReduce}(CL\_ADD, r^{(i+1)}, r^{(i+1)})$ 
12   $\beta_i = \beta_i / \rho_i$ 
13  clVecOp(CL_ADD, 1,  $\beta_i$ , r(i+1), p(i), p(i+1))
14  convergence check

```

Image source: Krüger and Westermann:

Linear Algebra Operators for GPU implementation of Numerical Algorithms

# Jacobi iteration

- Choose initial guess:
  - $X^{(0)} = (2, 1, 4)^T$
- Solve each row of the linear system assuming the other variables are correct.
  - $X^{(1)} = (0.57, 2.5, 2.8)^T$
- Converges to the solution  $x = (1, 2, 3)^T$ ?

$$\begin{bmatrix} 7 & -1 & 2 \\ 3 & -8 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 11 \\ -10 \\ 16 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$7x_1^{(1)} - 1(1) + 2(4) = 11$$

$$3(2) - 8x_2^{(1)} + 1(4) = -10$$

$$1(2) + 0(1) + 5x_3^{(1)} = 16$$

## Jacobi iteration

We say that  $A$  is *diagonally dominant* if

$$|a_{ii}| > \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^n |a_{ij}| \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, n$$

If  $A$  is diagonally dominant the Jacobi iteration will converge to the solution of  $Ax=b$

## Jacobi iteration

At the  $(i+1)$ st iteration, the vector  $\mathbf{x}^{(i+1)}$  is calculated by

$$(3) \quad x_j^{(i+1)} = \frac{1}{a_{jj}} \left( - \sum_{\substack{k=1 \\ k \neq j}}^n a_{jk} x_k^{(i)} + b_j \right) \quad j = 1, \dots, n$$

We will have a concrete use of this in our fluid solver in the next lecture.

# Multigrid

- Faster convergence on coarser scale?
  - Relaxation / solve
    - Jacobi iteration
  - Projection operator P
    - Full weighing (as in an averaging reduce operation)
  - Interpolation operator
    - Bi-/tri-linear interpolation

# Multigrid

```

 $\mathbf{u}_h \leftarrow \text{V-Cycle}(\eta_1, \eta_2, \mathbf{v}_h, \mathbf{b}_h)$ 
  If ( CoarsestQ (  $h$  ) )
    Return  $\mathbf{u}_h \leftarrow \text{Solve}(\mathbf{A}_h, \mathbf{v}_h, \mathbf{b}_h)$ 
  Else
     $\mathbf{v}_h \leftarrow \text{Relax}(\eta_1, \mathbf{v}_h, \mathbf{b}_h)$  // pre-smooth
     $\mathbf{b}_{2h} \leftarrow \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{b}_h - \mathbf{A}_h \mathbf{v}_h)$  // project residual
     $\mathbf{v}_{2h} \leftarrow \text{V-Cycle}(\eta_1, \eta_2, \mathbf{0}_{2h}, \mathbf{b}_{2h})$  // recurse
     $\mathbf{v}_h \leftarrow \mathbf{v}_h + \mathbf{S} \mathbf{v}_{2h}$  // interpolate & correct
    Return  $\mathbf{u}_h \leftarrow \text{Relax}(\eta_2, \mathbf{v}_h, \mathbf{b}_h)$  // post-smooth
  
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 $\mathbf{u}_h \leftarrow \text{Relax}(\eta, \mathbf{v}_h, \mathbf{b}_h)$ 
  For (  $i = 0; i < \eta; i = i + 1$  )
     $\mathbf{r} \leftarrow \mathbf{b}_h - \mathbf{A}_h \mathbf{v}_h$ 
     $\mathbf{v}_h \leftarrow \mathbf{v}_h + \omega (\mathbf{A}_h)_{ii}^{-1} \mathbf{r}$ 
  Return  $\mathbf{u}_h \leftarrow \mathbf{v}_h$ 
  
```

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