### An Introduction to Fast Multipole Methods

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### Fast Multipole Methods

• Computational simulation is becoming an accepted paradigm for scientific discovery.

□ Many simulations involve several million variables

- Most large problems boil down to solution of linear system or performing a matrix-vector product
- Regular product requires  $O(N^2)$  time and  $O(N^2)$  memory
- The FMM is a way to
  - accelerate the products of particular dense matrices with vectors
     Do this using O(N) memory
- FMM achieves product in O(N) or  $O(N \log N)$  time and memory
- Combined with iterative solution methods, can allow solution of problems hitherto unsolvable

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### Matrix vector product

 $s_1 = m_{11} x_1 + m_{12} x_2 + \dots + m_{1d} x_d$   $s_2 = m_{21} x_1 + m_{22} x_2 + \dots + m_{2d} x_d$ ...

$$s_n = m_{n1} x_1 + m_{n2} x_2 + \dots + m_{nd} x_d$$

• Matrix vector product is identical to a sum

$$s_i = \sum_{j=1}^d m_{ij} x_j$$

• So algorithm for fast matrix vector products is also a fast summation algorithm

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• *d* products and sums per line

- N lines
- Total *Nd* products and *Nd* sums to calculate *N* entries
- Memory needed is *NM* entries

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# Linear Systems

• Solve a system of equations

#### Mx = s

- *M* is a  $N \times N$  matrix, *x* is a *N* vector, *s* is a *N* vector
- Direct solution (Gauss elimination, LU Decomposition, SVD, ...) all need O(N<sup>3</sup>) operations
- Iterative methods typically converge in k steps with each step needing a matrix vector multiply O(N<sup>2</sup>)
  if properly designed, k<< N</li>
- A fast matrix vector multiplication algorithm requiring *O*(*N* log *N*) operations will speed all these algorithms

# Is this important?

• Argument:

☐ Moore's law: Processor speed doubles every 18 months

☐ If we wait long enough the computer will get fast enough and let my inefficient algorithm tackle the problem

- Is this true?
   Yes for algorithms with same asymptotic complexity
   No!! For algorithms with different asymptotic complexity
- For a million variables, we would need about 16 generations of Moore's law before a  $O(N^2)$  algorithm is comparable with a O(N) algorithm
- Similarly, clever problem formulation can also achieve large savings.

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# Memory complexity

• Sometimes we are not able to fit a problem in available memory

Don't care how long solution takes, just if we can solve it

• To store a  $N \times N$  matrix we need  $N^2$  locations

**GB** RAM =  $1024^3$  =1,073,741,824 bytes

 $\square => \text{largest } N \text{ is } 32,768$ 

- "Out of core" algorithms copy partial results to disk, and keep only necessary part of the matrix in memory
   Extremely slow
- FMM allows reduction of memory complexity as well
   *□Elements of the matrix required for the product can be generated as needed*

Can solve much larger problems (e.g., 10<sup>7</sup> variables on a PC)

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- Grand challenge problems in large numbers of variables
- Simulation of physical systems
  - Electromagnetics of complex systems
    - Stellar clusters
  - □ Protein folding
  - Acoustics
  - Turbulence
- Learning theory
  - □ Kernel methods
  - □Support Vector Machines
- Graphics and Vision Light scattering ...

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- General problems in these areas can be posed in terms of millions (10<sup>6</sup>) or billions (10<sup>9</sup>) of variables
- Recall Avogadro's number (6.022 141 99 × 10<sup>23</sup> molecules/mole
- Job of modeling is to find symmetries and representations that reduce the size of the problem
- Even after state of art modeling, problem size may be large

### Dense and Sparse matrices

- Operation estimates are for dense matrices.
   Majority of elements of the matrix are *non-zero*
- However in many applications matrices are *sparse*
- A sparse <u>matrix</u> (or <u>vector</u>, or <u>array</u>) is one in which most of the elements are zero.
  - □ If storage space is more important than access speed, it may be preferable to store a sparse matrix as a list of (index, value) pairs.
  - □ For a given sparsity structure it may be possible to define a fast matrix-vector product/linear system algorithm

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#### • Can compute

_	$a_1$	0	0	0	0	$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \end{bmatrix}$		$a_1x_1$
	0	$a_2$	0	0	0	$x_2$	=	$a_2x_2$
	0	0	<i>a</i> <sub>3</sub>	0	0	<i>x</i> <sub>3</sub>		<i>a</i> <sub>3</sub> <i>x</i> <sub>3</sub>
	0	0	0	$a_4$	0	<i>x</i> <sub>4</sub>		$a_4x_4$
	0	0	0	0	<i>a</i> 5	<i>x</i> <sub>5</sub>		<i>a</i> <sub>5</sub> <i>x</i> <sub>5</sub>

In 5 operations instead of 25 operations

• Sparse matrices are not our concern here

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## Structured matrices

- Fast algorithms have been found for many dense matrices
- Typically the matrices have some "structure"
- Definition:
   A dense matrix of order N × N is called structured if its entries depend on only O(N) parameters.
- Most famous example the fast Fourier transform

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### **Fourier Matrices**

A Fourier matrix of order n is defined as the following

$$F_{n} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 \\ 1 & \omega_{n} & \omega_{n}^{2} & \cdots & \omega_{n}^{n-1} \\ 1 & \omega_{n}^{2} & \omega_{n}^{4} & \cdots & \omega_{n}^{2(n-1)} \\ \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ 1 & \omega_{n}^{n-1} & \omega_{n}^{2(n-1)} & \cdots & \omega_{n}^{(n-1)(n-1)} \end{bmatrix}$$

where

$$\omega_n = e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{n}},$$

is an nth root of unity.

FFT presented by Cooley and Tukey in 1965, but invented several times, including by Gauss (1809) and Danielson & Lanczos (1948)

### FFT and IFFT

The discrete Fourier transform of a vector x is the product  $F_n x$ .

The inverse discrete Fourier transform of a vector x is the product  $F_n^*x$ .

Both products can be done efficiently using the fast Fourier transform (FFT) and the inverse fast Fourier transform (IFFT) in  $O(n \log n)$  time.

The FFT has revolutionized many applications by reducing the complexity by a factor of almost n

Can relate many other matrices to the Fourier Matrix

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{Circulant Matrices} \\ C_n &= C(x_1, ..., x_n) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_n & x_{n-1} & \cdots & x_2 \\ x_2 & x_1 & x_n & \cdots & x_3 \\ x_3 & x_2 & x_1 & \cdots & x_4 \\ \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ x_n & x_{n-1} & x_{n-2} & \cdots & x_1 \end{bmatrix} \\ \\ \text{Toeplitz Matrices} \\ T_n &= T(x_{-n+1}, \cdots, x_0, ..., x_{n-1}) = \begin{bmatrix} x_0 & x_1 & x_2 & \cdots & x_{n-1} \\ x_{-1} & x_0 & x_1 & \cdots & x_{n-2} \\ x_{-2} & x_{-1} & x_0 & \cdots & x_{n-3} \\ \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ x_{-n+1} & x_{-n+2} & x_{-n+3} & \cdots & x_0 \end{bmatrix} \\ \\ \text{Hankel Matrices} \\ H_n &= H(x_{-n+1}, \cdots, x_0, \cdots, x_{n-1}) = \begin{bmatrix} x_{-n+1} & x_{-n+2} & x_{-n+3} & \cdots & x_0 \\ x_{-n+2} & x_{-n+3} & x_{-n+4} & \cdots & x_1 \\ x_{-n+3} & x_{-n+4} & x_{-n+5} & \cdots & x_2 \\ \cdots & \dots & \cdots & \dots & \dots \\ x_0 & x_1 & x_2 & \cdots & x_{n-1} \end{bmatrix} \\ \\ \\ \text{Vandermonde Matrices} \\ V &= V(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 \\ x_0 & x_1 & \cdots & x_{n-1} \\ x_0 & x_1 & \cdots & x_{n-1} \\ \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ x_0^{n-1} & x_1^{n-1} & \cdots & x_{n-1}^{n-1} \end{bmatrix} \\ \\ \\ \\ \text{CSCAMM FAM04: 04/19/2004} \\ \end{aligned}$$

## **Structured Matrices**

- (usually) these matrices can be diagonalized by the Fourier matrix
- Product of diagonal matrix and vector requires O(N) operations
- So complexity is the cost of FFT (O (N log N)) + product (O(N))
- Order notation

Only keep leading order term (asymptotically important)So complexity of the above is O (*N* log *N*)

Structured Matrix algorithms are "brittle"
 FFT requires uniform sampling
 Slight departure from uniformity breaks factorization

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# **Fast Multipole Methods (FMM)**

- Introduced by Rokhlin & Greengard in 1987
- Called one of the 10 most significant advances in computing of the 20<sup>th</sup> century
- Speeds up matrix-vector products (sums) of a particular type

$$s(x_j) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \alpha_i \phi(x_j - x_i), \quad \{s_j\} = [\Phi_{ji}]\{\alpha_i\}.$$

- Above sum requires O(MN) operations.
- For a given precision  $\varepsilon$  the FMM achieves the evaluation in O(M+N) operations.
- Edelman: "FMM is all about adding functions"
   Talk on Tuesday, next week

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### Is the FMM a structured matrix algorithm?

- FFT and other algorithms work on structured matrices
- What about FMM ?
- Speeds up matrix-vector products (sums) of a particular type

$$s(\mathbf{y}_j) = \sum_{i=1}^N a_i \phi(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}_j)$$
$$s = \Phi \mathbf{a} \qquad \{s_j\} = [\Phi_{ji}]\{\alpha_i\}.$$

- Above sum also depends on O(N) parameters  $\{x_i\}, \{y_i\}, \phi$
- FMM can be thought of as working on "loosely" structured matrices

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- Can accelerate matrix vector products
   Convert O(N<sup>2</sup>) to O(N log N)
- However, can also accelerate linear system solution
   □Convert O(N<sup>3</sup>) to O(kN log N)
   □For some iterative schemes can guarantee k ≤ N
  - In general, goal of research in iterative methods is to reduce value of k
  - □Well designed iterative methods can converge in very few steps
  - Active research area: design iterative methods for the FMM

### A very simple algorithm

- Not FMM, but has some key ideas
- Consider

$$S(x_i) = \sum_{j=1}^{N} \alpha_j (x_i - y_j)^2$$
  $i=1, ..., M$ 

- Naïve way to evaluate the sum will require MN operations
- Instead can write the sum as

 $S(x_{i}) = (\sum_{j=1}^{N} \alpha_{j}) x_{i}^{2} + (\sum_{j=1}^{N} \alpha_{j} y_{j}^{2}) - 2x_{i} (\sum_{j=1}^{N} \alpha_{j} y_{j})$ 

□ Can evaluate each bracketed sum over *j* and evaluate an expression of the type

$$S(x_i) = \beta x_i^2 + \gamma - 2x_i \delta$$

 $\Box$  Requires O(M+N) operations

- Key idea use of analytical manipulation of series to achieve faster summation
- May not always be possible to simply factorize matrix entries

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#### Approximate evaluation

- FMM introduces another key idea or "philosophy"
  In scientific computing we almost never seek exact answers
  At best, "exact" means to "machine precision"
- So instead of solving the problem we can solve a "nearby" problem that gives "almost" the same answer
  - ☐ If this "nearby" problem is much easier to solve, and we can bound the error analytically we are done.
- In the case of the FMM
  - Express functions in some appropriate functional space with a given basis
  - □ Manipulate series to achieve approximate evaluation
  - Use analytical expression to bound the error
- FFT is exact ... FMM can be arbitrarily accurate

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# Approximation Algorithms

• Computer science approximation algorithms

Approximation algorithms are usually directed at reducing complexity of exponential algorithms by performing approximate computations

Here the goal is to reduce polynomial complexity to linear order

Connections between FMM and CS approximation algorithms are not much explored

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### Tree Codes

- Idea of approximately evaluating matrix vector products preceded FMM
- Tree codes (Barnes and Hut, 1986)
- Divides domain into regions and use approximate representations
- Key difference: lack error bounds, and automatic ways of adjusting representations
- Perceived to be easier to program



• Fast nonuniform Fourier transform

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#### **Integral Equation**

- FMM is often used in integral equations
- What is an integral equation?

$$\int k(x,y)u(x)dx + au(y) = f(y)$$

$$\int k(x,y)u(x)dx = f(y)$$

- Function *k*(*x*,*y*) is called the kernel
- Integral equations are typically solved by "quadrature"
   Quadrature is the process of approximately evaluating an integral
- If we can write

$$\int k(x,y)u(x)dx = \sum_{j=1}^{N} k(x_j,y)u(x_j)w_j$$

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#### **FMM-able Matrices**

 $\mathbf{v} = \Phi \mathbf{u},$ 

$$\Phi = \begin{pmatrix} \Phi(\mathbf{y}_{1}, \mathbf{x}_{1}) & \Phi(\mathbf{y}_{1}, \mathbf{x}_{2}) & \dots & \Phi(\mathbf{y}_{1}, \mathbf{x}_{N}) \\ \Phi(\mathbf{y}_{2}, \mathbf{x}_{1}) & \Phi(\mathbf{y}_{2}, \mathbf{x}_{2}) & \dots & \Phi(\mathbf{y}_{2}, \mathbf{x}_{N}) \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \Phi(\mathbf{y}_{M}, \mathbf{x}_{1}) & \Phi(\mathbf{y}_{M}, \mathbf{x}_{2}) & \dots & \Phi(\mathbf{y}_{M}, \mathbf{x}_{N}) \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$X = \{\mathbf{x}_{1}, \mathbf{x}_{2}, \dots, \mathbf{x}_{N}\}, \quad \mathbf{x}_{i} \in \mathbb{R}^{d}, \quad i = 1, \dots, N,$$

$$Y = \{\mathbf{y}_{1}, \mathbf{y}_{2}, \dots, \mathbf{y}_{M}\}, \quad \mathbf{y}_{j} \in \mathbb{R}^{d}, \quad j = 1, \dots, M.$$

$$v_{j} = \sum_{i=1}^{N} u_{i} \Phi(\mathbf{y}_{j}, \mathbf{x}_{i}), \quad j = 1, \dots, M.$$

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# Factorization Problem:

Usually there is no factorization available that provides a uniform approximation of the kernel in the entire computational domain.
So we have to construct a patchwork-quilt of overlapping approximations, and manage this.

•Need representations of functions that allow this

•Need data structures for the management

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# Five Key Stones of FMM

- Representation and Factorization
- Error Bounds and Truncation
- Translation
- Space Partitioning
- Data Structures

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# **Iterative Methods**

- To solve linear systems of equations;
- Simple iteration methods;
- Conjugate gradient or similar methods;
- We use Krylov subspace methods:
  Parameters of the method;
  Preconditioners;
  Research is ongoing.
- Efficiency critically depends on efficiency of the matrix-vector multiplication.

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# Example of Multipole and Local expansions (3D Laplace)



$$\Phi\left(\mathbf{y}_{j}, \mathbf{x}_{i}\right) = \sum_{n=0}^{p-1} \sum_{m=-n}^{n} C_{n}^{m} S_{n}^{m} \left(\mathbf{y}_{j} - \mathbf{x}_{*}\right) + Error(p),$$

$$\Phi\left(\mathbf{y}_{j}, \mathbf{x}_{i}\right) = \sum_{n=0}^{p-1} \sum_{m=-n}^{n} D_{n}^{m} R_{n}^{m} \left(\mathbf{y}_{j} - \mathbf{x}_{*}\right) + Error(p),$$

$$S_{n}^{m}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{(-1)^{n} i^{|m|}}{\alpha_{n}^{m}} \sqrt{\frac{4\pi}{2n+1}} \frac{1}{r^{n+1}} Y_{n}^{m}(\theta, \varphi),$$

$$R_{n}^{m}(\mathbf{r}) = i^{-|m|} \alpha_{n}^{m} \sqrt{\frac{4\pi}{2n+1}} r^{n} Y_{n}^{m}(\theta, \varphi),$$

$$\alpha_{n}^{m} = \alpha_{n}^{-m} = \frac{(-1)^{n}}{\sqrt{(n-m)!(n+m)!}}.$$

**Spherical Harmonics:** 

$$W_n^m(\theta,\varphi) = (-1)^m \sqrt{\frac{2n+1}{4\pi} \frac{(n-|m|)!}{(n+|m|)!}} P_n^{|m|}(\cos\theta) e^{im\varphi}$$



 $R_{2} = \min\{/\mathbf{x}_{*2} - \mathbf{x}_{*1}/-R_{c}/\mathbf{x}_{i} - \mathbf{x}_{*1}/, r_{c}/\mathbf{x}_{i} - \mathbf{x}_{*2}/\}$ CSCAMM FAM04: 04/19/2004 © Duraiswami & Gumerov, 2003-2004



S|R-translation Operators for 3D Laplace and Helmholtz equations

$$\Phi(\mathbf{y}) = \sum_{n=0}^{p-1} \sum_{m=-n}^{n} C_n^m S_n^m (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x}_{*1}) + Error.$$
  
$$\Phi(\mathbf{y}) = \sum_{n=0}^{p-1} \sum_{m=-n}^{n} D_n^m R_n^m (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x}_{*2}) + Error.$$

$$S_n^m(\mathbf{y}-\mathbf{x}_{*1}) = \sum_{n'=0}^{p-1} \sum_{m'=-n'}^{n'} (S|R)_{n'n}^{m'm}(\mathbf{x}_{*2}-\mathbf{x}_{*1})R_{n'}^{m'}(\mathbf{y}_j-\mathbf{x}_{*2}) + Error.$$

$$D_n^m(\mathbf{y}-\mathbf{x}_{*1}) = \sum_{n'=0}^{p-1} \sum_{m'=-n'}^{n'} (S|R)_{nn'}^{mm'}(\mathbf{x}_{*2}-\mathbf{x}_{*1})C_{n'}^{m'}(\mathbf{y}_j-\mathbf{x}_{*2}) + Error.$$

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# Complexity of Translation

- For 3D Laplace and Helmholtz series have  $p^2$  terms;
- Translation matrices have  $p^4$  elements;
- Translation performed by direct matrix-vector multiplication has complexity  $O(p^4)$ ;
- Can be reduced to  $O(p^3)$ ;
- Can be reduced to  $O(p^2 \log^2 p)$ ;
- Can be reduced to  $O(p^2)$  (?).

## Week 2: Representations

- **Gregory Beylkin** (University of Colorado) <u>"Separated</u> <u>Representations and Fast Adaptive Algorithms in Multiple</u> <u>Dimensions"</u>
- Alan Edelman (MIT) <u>"Fast Multipole: It's All About Adding</u> <u>Functions in Finite Precision"</u>
- Vladimir Rokhlin (Yale University) <u>"Fast Multipole Methods in</u> Oscillatory Environments: Overview and Current State of <u>Implementation</u>"
- Ramani Duraiswami (University of Maryland) <u>"An Improved</u> <u>Fast Gauss Transform and Applications"</u>
- Eric Michielssen (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign) <u>"Plane Wave Time Domain Accelerated Integral Equation</u> <u>Solvers"</u>

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### Week 2: Data Structures

- **David Mount** (University of Maryland) <u>"Data</u> <u>Structures for Approximate Proximity and Range</u> <u>Searching"</u>
- Alexander Gray (Carnegie Mellon University) <u>"New</u> <u>Lightweight N-body Algorithms"</u>
- Ramani Duraiswami (University of Maryland) <u>"An</u> <u>Improved Fast Gauss Transform and Applications"</u>

# Week 2: Applications

- **Nail Gumerov** (University of Maryland) <u>"Computation of 3D Scattering from Clusters</u> of Spheres using the Fast Multipole Method"
- Weng Chew (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign) <u>"Review of Some Fast</u> <u>Algorithms for Electromagnetic Scattering"</u>
- Leslie Greengard (Courant Institute, NYU) <u>"FMM Libraries for Computational Electromagnetics"</u>
- **Qing Liu** (Duke University) <u>"NUFFT, Discontinuous Fast Fourier Transform, and Some Applications"</u>
- Eric Michielssen (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign) <u>"Plane Wave Time</u> <u>Domain Accelerated Integral Equation Solvers"</u>
- **Gregory Rodin** (University of Texas, Austin) "Periodic Conduction Problems: Fast Multipole Method and Convergence of Integral Equations and Lattice Sums"
- Stephen Wandzura (Hughes Research Laboratories) <u>"Fast Methods for Fast Computers"</u>
- **Toru Takahashi** (Institue of Physical and Chemical Research (RIKEN), Japan) <u>"Fast</u> Computing of Boundary Integral Equation Method by a Special-purpose Computer"
- **Ramani Duraiswami** (University of Maryland) <u>"An Improved Fast Gauss Transform</u> and Applications"

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# **Tree Codes:**

- Atsushi Kawai (Saitama Institute of Technology) <u>"Fast</u> Algorithms on GRAPE Special-Purpose Computers"
- Walter Dehnen (University of Leicester) <u>"falcON: A</u> Cartesian FMM for the Low-Accuracy Regime"
- **Robert Krasny** (University of Michigan) <u>"A Treecode</u> <u>Algorithm for Regularized Particle Interactions"</u>
- Derek Richardson (University of Maryland)
   "pkdgrav: A Parallel k-D Tree Gravity Solver for N Body Problems"