



# Cholesky-Like Preconditioner for Hodge Laplacians via Heavy Collapsible Subcomplex

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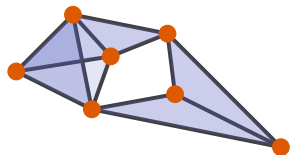
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# Graphs vs Simplicial Complexes

Graph (classical)  
pairwise interactions



**Higher-order Models**  
non-linear relations



hypergraphs, motifs,  
**simplicial complexes**

## Definition

Simplicial complex  $\mathcal{K} = \{\sigma\}$  is a collection of the **nodal simplices**:

- ◇ each interaction in the system is a nodal simplex;
- ◇ each face of a simplex  $\sigma \in \mathcal{K}$  also lies in  $\mathcal{K}$ .

$$\mathcal{K} = \underbrace{\mathcal{V}_0(\mathcal{K})}_{m_0 \text{ nodes}}, \underbrace{\mathcal{V}_1(\mathcal{K})}_{m_1 \text{ edges}}, \underbrace{\mathcal{V}_2(\mathcal{K})}_{m_2 \text{ triangles}}, \dots$$

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# Simplicial Complex and Topology

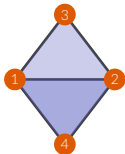
## Boundary operators

### Definition

Topological properties of the simplicial complex  $\mathcal{K}$  are described via **boundary operators**  $B_k$ :

$B_k : \text{simplex } \sigma \longrightarrow \text{boundary (faces) of } \sigma$

$$B_k : C_k \mapsto C_{k-1}, \quad B_k[v_1, \dots, v_{k+1}] = \sum_j (-1)^j [v_1, \dots, v_{j-1}, v_{j+1}, \dots, v_{k+1}]$$



$B_1$	$\begin{matrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{matrix}$	$\begin{matrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{matrix}$	$\begin{matrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{matrix}$	$\begin{matrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{matrix}$	$\begin{matrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{matrix}$
1	-1	-1	-1	0	0
2	1	0	0	-1	-1
3	0	1	0	1	0
4	0	0	1	0	1

$B_2$	$\begin{matrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{matrix}$	$\begin{matrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{matrix}$
12	1	1
13	-1	0
14	0	-1
23	1	0
24	0	1

**Higher-Order Laplacian** :  $L_k = B_k^T B_k + B_{k+1} B_{k+1}^T = L_k^\downarrow + L_k^\uparrow$ .

**Weighted Case**:  $L_k = W_k B_k^T W_{k-1}^{-2} B_k W_k + W_k^{-1} B_{k+1} W_{k+1}^2 B_{k+1}^T W_k^{-1}$ .

## Linear System for Hodge Laplacians

$$\begin{array}{l} L_k \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{f} \\ \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{f} \perp \ker L_k \end{array} \iff \min_{\mathbf{x}} \|L_k \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{f}\|$$

- ◇ inside simplicial dynamics  $\dot{\mathbf{x}} = L_k \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{f}$  (stationary point and implicit integrators)
- ◇ iterative solutions  $\mathbf{x}_l = L_k \mathbf{x}_{l-1}$  for spectrum computations (complex's topology)
- ◇ inside implicit graph neural networks,  $\mathbf{x} = \phi(W\mathbf{x}L_k + B)$
- ◇ projections for **gradient** and **curl** components in **Hodge decomposition**

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### Theorem (Joint k-Laplacian solver)

The least-square problem  $L_k \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{f}$  can be reduced to a sequence of consecutive least-square problems for isolated up-Laplacians. Precisely,  $\mathbf{x}$  is a solution of

$$L_k \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{f} \quad \text{s. t.} \quad \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{f} \perp \ker L_k$$

if and only if it can be written as  $\mathbf{x} = B_k^\top \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{x}_2$ , where:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\mathbf{u}} &= \arg \min_{\mathbf{z}} \|L_{k-1}^\uparrow \mathbf{z} - B_k \mathbf{f}_1\|, \quad \mathbf{u} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{z}} \|L_{k-1}^\uparrow \mathbf{z} - \hat{\mathbf{u}}\|, \\ \mathbf{x}_2 &= \arg \min_{\mathbf{y}} \|L_k^\uparrow \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{f}_2\| \end{aligned}$$

and  $\mathbf{f} = \mathbf{f}_1 + \mathbf{f}_2$  with  $\mathbf{f}_1 = B_k^\top \mathbf{z}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{z}_1 = \arg \min_{\mathbf{z}} \|L_{k-1}^\uparrow \mathbf{z} - B_k \mathbf{f}\|$ .

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### Consequence

Solution of the “whole” Laplacian system  $L_k \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{f}$  can be reduced to solving only up-Laplacian systems  $L_k^\uparrow \mathbf{x} = B_{k+1} W_k^2 B_{k+1}^\top \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{f}$ .

- ◇ both  $L_k$  and  $L_k^\uparrow$  are sparse, so iterative solvers (CGLS, LSMR, etc.) can benefit from fast `matvec` operation;
- ◇ convergence of such methods are determined by the **condition number**  $\kappa_+(L_k^\uparrow)$ ;
- ◇ since all Laplacians are naturally singular, we use  $\kappa_+(L_k^\uparrow) = \frac{\sigma_{\max}^+(L_k^\uparrow)}{\sigma_{\min}^+(L_k^\uparrow)}$

### Problem

In order to reduce  $\kappa_+(L_k^\uparrow)$ , we want to move:

$$\min_{\mathbf{x}} \|L_k^\uparrow \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{f}\| \longrightarrow \min_{\mathbf{x}} \left\| (C^\dagger L_k^\uparrow C^{\top\dagger})(C^\top \mathbf{x}) - C^\dagger \mathbf{f} \right\|$$

such that the transition is bijective and  $C^\dagger$  is cheap.

# Cholesky preconditioner for Simplicial Complexes

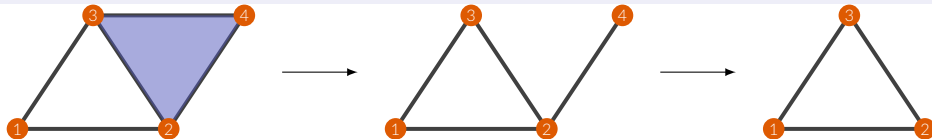
## Weak Collapsibility

### Idea

What are simplicial complexes with **fast** and **efficient** Cholesky multipliers for up-Laplacians  $L_1^\uparrow$ ?

### Definition (Weakly collapsible complex)

A simplicial complex  $\mathcal{K}$  restricted to its 2-skeleton is called **weakly collapsible**, if there exists a collapsing sequence  $\Sigma_1$  such that the simplicial complex  $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{K} \setminus \Sigma_1$  has no simplices of order 2, i.e.  $\mathcal{V}_2(\mathcal{L}) = \emptyset$  and  $L_1^\uparrow(\mathcal{L}) = 0$ .



**Weak collapsibility** can be consistently checked by **GREEDY ALGORITHM** and polynomially solvable ( $\mathcal{O}(m_1)$ ).

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## Lemma (Exact Solver for Collapsible Complexes)

Let the simplicial complex  $\mathcal{K}$  be weakly collapsible through the collapsing sequence  $\Sigma$  and the corresponding sequence of maximal faces  $\mathbb{T}$ . Let the permutation matrices of the two sequences be  $P_\Sigma$  and  $P_\mathbb{T}$ , i.e. such that  $[P_\Sigma]_{ij} = 1 \iff j = \sigma_i$ , and similarly for  $P_\mathbb{T}$ . Then  $C = P_\Sigma \bar{B}_2 P_\mathbb{T}$  is an *exact Cholesky multiplier* for  $P_\Sigma L_1^\uparrow(\mathcal{K}) P_\Sigma^\top$ , i.e.  $P_\Sigma L_1^\uparrow(\mathcal{K}) P_\Sigma^\top = CC^\top$ .

### Idea

Find a weakly collapsible **subcomplex**  $\mathcal{L} \subseteq \mathcal{K}$  and use its Cholesky multiplier  $C$  as preconditioner.

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# Preconditioning by Subcomplex

## How to find the best subcomplex?

### Definition (Subsampling Matrix)

Diagonal matrix  $\Pi$  is called **subsampling matrix** if  $\Pi_{ii} = 1$  only if the  $i$ -th triangle is included in subcomplex  $\mathcal{L}$ .

### Lemma (Optimal Weight Choice)

*Triangles should be sampled in  $\mathcal{L}$  with the same weight as the original  $\mathcal{K}$ .*

### Theorem (Preconditioning by Subcomplex)

Let  $\mathcal{L}$  be a weakly collapsible subcomplex of  $\mathcal{K}$  defined by the subsampling matrix  $\Pi$  and let  $C$  be a Cholesky multiplier of  $L_1^\uparrow(\mathcal{L})$ . Then the conditioning of the symmetrically preconditioned  $L_1^\uparrow$  is given by:

$$\kappa_+ \left( C^\dagger P_\Sigma L_1^\uparrow P_\Sigma^\top C^{\dagger\top} \right) = \left( \kappa_+ \left( (S_1 V_1^\top \Pi)^\dagger S_1 \right) \right)^2 = (\kappa_+(\Pi V_1))^2,$$

where  $V_1$  forms the orthonormal basis on  $\text{im } \bar{B}_2^\top$ .

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# Preconditioning by Subcomplex

## How to find the best weakly collapsible subcomplex?

Preconditioning quality is determined by  $\kappa_+(\Pi V_1)$ :

- ◇ Note that  $\text{im } V_1 = W_2 \text{im } B_2^\top$
- ◇ Rows in  $V_1$  are scaled by the weights of the triangles
- ◇ Multiplication by  $\Pi$  cancels rows in  $V_1$  for the eliminated triangles
- ◇ Good choice of  $\Pi$ : *eliminate triangles with the smallest edges*

### Subcomplex $\mathcal{L}$ should:

1. have the same set of nodes and edges;
2. subsample triangles,  $\mathcal{V}_2(\mathcal{L}) \subseteq \mathcal{V}_2(\mathcal{K})$ ;
3. be weakly collapsible through some collapsing sequence  $\Sigma$  and sequence of maximal faces  $\mathbb{T}$ ;
4. have the same 1-homology as  $\mathcal{K}$ , that is  $\ker L_1(\mathcal{K}) = \ker L_1(\mathcal{L})$  (bijectivity);
5. have the highest possible total weight to improve preconditioning.

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## Heavy Collapsible Subcomplex

**Algorithm 5** HEAVY\_SUBCOMPLEX( $\mathcal{K}, W_2$ ): construction a heavy collapsible subcomplex

**Require:** the original complex  $\mathcal{K}$ , weight matrix  $W_2$

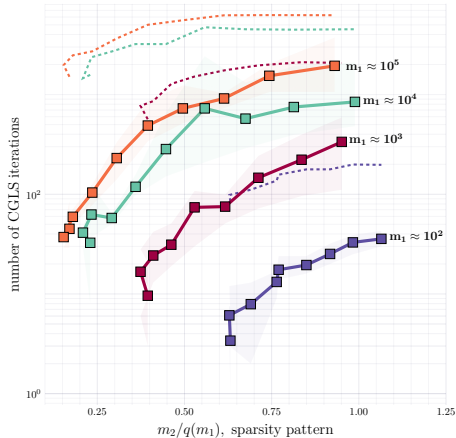
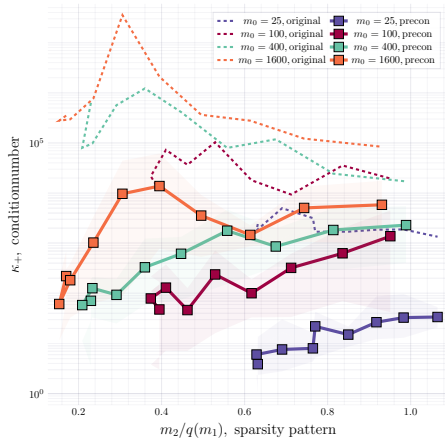
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1:  $\mathcal{L} \leftarrow \emptyset, \mathbb{T} \leftarrow \emptyset$  ▷ initial empty subcomplex
2: while there is unprocessed triangle in  $\mathcal{V}_2(\mathcal{K})$  do
3:    $t \leftarrow \text{nextHeaviestTriangle}(\mathcal{K}, W_2)$  ▷ e.g. iterate through
    $\mathcal{V}_2(\mathcal{K})$  sorted by weight
4:   if  $\mathcal{L} \cup \{t\}$  is weakly collapsible then ▷ run
     GREEDY_COLLAPSE( $\mathcal{L} \cup \{t\}$ ) (Algorithm 4)
5:    $\mathcal{L} \leftarrow \mathcal{L} \cup \{t\}, \mathbb{T} \leftarrow [\mathbb{T} \ t]$  ▷ extend  $\mathcal{L}$  by  $t$ 
6:   end if
7: end while
8: return  $\mathcal{L}, \mathbb{T}, \Sigma$  ▷ here  $\Sigma$  is the collapsing sequence of  $\mathcal{L}$ 
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- ◇ we assume  $\mathcal{K}$  to be sparse,  $m_2 = \mathcal{O}(m_1 \log m_1)$ ;
- ◇  $\mathcal{K}$  has a **disbalanced weight profile** for triangles (e.g. generated minrule), so a dominating heavy subcomplex is more probable;
- ◇ algorithmic complexity of HeCS preconditioning is  $\mathcal{O}(m_1 m_2)$ .

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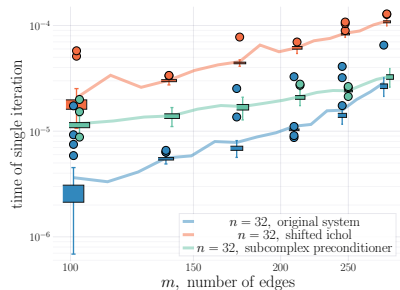
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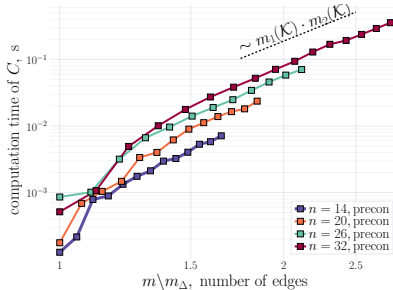
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# Numerical Experiments Timings



(a) Single iteration timing: the average time of `matvec` computation for the original system (blue), shifted `ichol` (orange) and `HeCS` preconditioner (green).



(b) Computation time for the heavy subcomplex preconditioner in case of enriched triangulations on  $m_0$  vertices

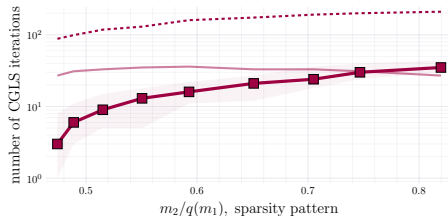
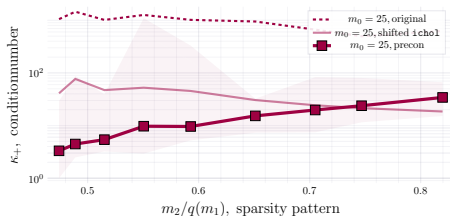
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# HeCS

## Shifted `ichol` comparison

Assuming  $\mathbf{U}$  is an orthogonal basis of  $\ker \mathbf{L}_1^\uparrow$ , one can move to  $\mathbf{L}_1^\uparrow \rightarrow \mathbf{L}_1^\uparrow + \alpha \mathbf{U} \mathbf{U}^\top$ , which can be preconditioned by non-singular methods. Specifically, we use  $\mathbf{C}_\alpha = \text{ichol}(\mathbf{L}_1^\uparrow + \alpha \mathbf{U} \mathbf{U}^\top)$ .



$\mathbf{U}$  can be formed directly using the vectors  $\mathbf{B}_1^\top \mathbf{x}$ ,  $\mathbf{x} \in (\mathbf{1})^\perp$ , when  $\mathcal{K}$  has trivial 0- and 1-homology.

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