Sparse Matrices


sparse … many elements are zero

dense … few elements are zero

Example Of Sparse Matrices

diagonal

tridiagonal

lower triangular (?)

These are structured sparse matrices.

May be mapped into a 1D array so that a mapping function can be used to locate an element.

Unstructured Sparse Matrices

Airline flight matrix.

- airports are numbered 1 through n
- flight(i,j) = list of nonstop flights from airport i to airport j
- n = 1000 (say)
- n x n array of list references => 4 million bytes
- total number of flights = 20,000 (say)
- need at most 20,000 list references => at most 80,000 bytes

Unstructured Sparse Matrices

Web page matrix.

web pages are numbered 1 through n

web(i,j) = number of links from page i to page j

Web analysis.

authority page … page that has many links to it

hub page … links to many authority pages

Web Page Matrix

- n = 2 billion (and growing by 1 million a day)
- n x n array of ints => 16 * 10^{18} bytes (16 * 10^{9} GB)
- each page links to 10 (say) other pages on average
- on average there are 10 nonzero entries per row
- space needed for nonzero elements is approximately 20 billion x 4 bytes = 80 billion bytes (80 GB)

Representation Of Unstructured Sparse Matrices

Single linear list in row-major order.

scan the nonzero elements of the sparse matrix in row-major order

each nonzero element is represented by a triple

(row, column, value)

the list of triples may be an array list or a linked list (chain)

Single Linear List Example

0 0 3 0 4
0 0 5 7 0
0 0 0 0 0
0 2 6 0 0

list =

row	1	1	2	2	4	4
column	3	5	3	4	2	3
value	3	4	5	7	2	6

Array Linear List Representation

list =

row	1	1	2	2	4	4
column	3	5	3	4	2	3
value	3	4	5	7	2	6

element	0	1	2	3	4	5
row	1	1	2	2	4	4
column	3	5	3	4	2	3
value	3	4	5	7	2	6

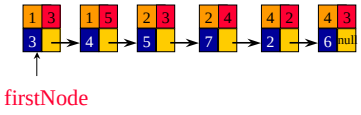
Chain Representation

Node structure.

Single Chain

list =

row	1	1	2	2	4	4
column	3	5	3	4	2	3
value	3	4	5	7	2	6



One Linear List Per Row

0 0 3 0 4
0 0 5 7 0
0 0 0 0 0
0 2 6 0 0

row1 = [(3, 3), (5,4)]
row2 = [(3,5), (4,7)]
row3 = []
row4 = [(2,2), (3,6)]

Array Of Row Chains

Node structure.

Array Of Row Chains

0 0 3 0 4
0 0 5 7 0
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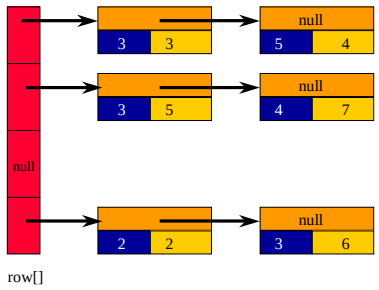
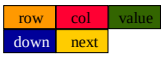


Orthogonal List Representation

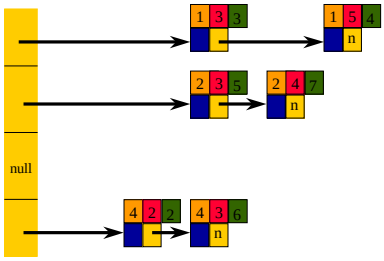
Both row and column lists.

Node structure.



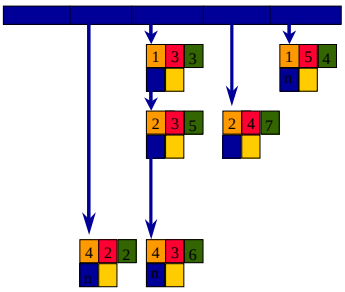
Row Lists

0 0 3 0 4
0 0 5 7 0
0 0 0 0 0
0 2 6 0 0



Column Lists

0 0 3 0 4
0 0 5 7 0
0 0 0 0 0
0 2 6 0 0



Orthogonal Lists

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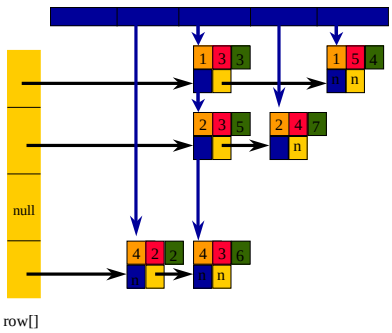
0 0 5 7 0
0 0 0 0 0
0 2 6 0 0



Variations

May use circular lists instead of chains.

Approximate Memory Requirements

500 x 500 matrix with 1994 nonzero elements

2D array 500 x 500 x 4 = 1million bytes
Single Array List 3 x 1994 x 4 = 23,928 bytes
One Chain Per Row 23928 + 500 x 4 = 25,928

Runtime Performance

Matrix Transpose
500 x 500 matrix with 1994 nonzero elements

2D array 210 ms
Single Array List 6 ms
One Chain Per Row 12 ms

Performance

Matrix Addition.
500 x 500 matrices with 1994 and 999 nonzero elements

2D array 880 ms
Single Array List 18 ms
One Chain Per Row 29 ms