# Matrix assembly by low rank tensor approximation 

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## Overview

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## Motivation

Given a parametrisation of the physical domain $\Omega$ by a regular tensor product B-Spline (or NURBS) function

$$
F: \hat{\Omega} \longrightarrow \Omega
$$

we consider the weak formulation an elliptic equation as a model problem:
Find $u \in H_{0}^{1}(\Omega)$, such that

$$
a(u, v)=(f, v)_{0, \Omega} \forall v \in H_{0}^{1}(\Omega)
$$

where

$$
a(u, v)=\int_{\Omega} \nabla_{x} u(x) \cdot\left(A(x) \nabla_{x} v(x)\right)+c u(x) v(x) \mathrm{d} x .
$$

## Motivation

We consider the 2D-case with $\hat{\Omega}=[0,1]^{2}, A \equiv I$ and $c \equiv 1$. As the discrete space of functions on the parametric domain we choose a tensor spline space

$$
S_{p}(\bar{\Xi})=S_{p_{1}}\left(\bar{\Xi}_{1}\right) \otimes S_{p_{2}}\left(\bar{\Xi}_{2}\right)
$$

with the B -spline basis

$$
\hat{B}_{i, p}(\xi)=\hat{B}_{i_{1}, p_{1}}\left(\xi_{1}\right) \hat{B}_{i_{2}, p_{2}}\left(\xi_{2}\right)
$$

and set the discrete space of functions on the physical domain to be (up to the boundary conditions)

$$
V_{h}:=\operatorname{span}\left\{\hat{B}_{i} \circ F^{-1}\right\}=\operatorname{span}\left\{B_{i}\right\} .
$$

## Motivation

Computing the $L^{2}$-product of the basis elements we get the entries of the mass matrix:

$$
\begin{aligned}
M_{i j} & =\int_{\Omega} B_{i}(x) B_{j}(x) \mathrm{d} x \\
& =\int_{\hat{\Omega}}\left|\operatorname{det} \nabla_{\xi} F(\xi)\right| \hat{B}_{i}(\xi) \hat{B}_{j}(\xi) \mathrm{d} \xi \\
& =\int_{0}^{1} \int_{0}^{1} \omega(\xi) \hat{B}_{i_{1}}\left(\xi_{1}\right) \hat{B}_{j_{1}}\left(\xi_{1}\right) \hat{B}_{i_{2}}\left(\xi_{2}\right) \hat{B}_{j_{2}}\left(\xi_{2}\right) \mathrm{d} \xi_{1} \mathrm{~d} \xi_{2}
\end{aligned}
$$

where $\omega(\xi)=\operatorname{det} \nabla_{\xi} F(\xi)$. Analogously we get for the stiffness matrix

$$
\begin{aligned}
S_{i j} & =\int_{\Omega} \nabla_{x} B_{i} \cdot \nabla_{x} B_{j} \mathrm{~d} x \\
& =\sum_{p, q=1}^{2} \int_{0}^{1} \int_{0}^{1} K_{p q}(\xi) \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_{p}} \hat{B}_{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_{q}} \hat{B}_{j} \mathrm{~d} \xi
\end{aligned}
$$

where $K(\xi)=\left(\operatorname{det} \nabla_{\xi} F\right)\left(\nabla_{\xi} F\right)^{-1}\left(\nabla_{\xi} F\right)^{-T}$.

## Motivation

The complexity of computing the bivariate integrals in $S_{i j}$ and $M_{i j}$ by Gauss quadrature is in $O\left(n^{2} p^{6}\right)$ (if $n=n_{1}=n_{2}$ and $p_{1}=p_{2}$ ). We want to decompose the functions $\omega(\xi)$ and $K_{p q}(\xi)$ into products of univariate functions so we only need to compute univariate integrals where the complexity is $O\left(n p^{3}\right)$.

## Singular value decomposition of a function

Any bivariate continuous function $f \in C([0,1] \times[0,1])$ has a singular value decomposition

$$
f\left(\xi_{1}, \xi_{2}\right)=\sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \sigma_{r} u_{r}\left(\xi_{1}\right) v_{r}\left(\xi_{2}\right)
$$

where $\sigma_{1} \geq \sigma_{2} \geq \ldots \geq 0$ and $\left\{u_{r}\right\}_{r \geq 1}$ and $\left\{v_{r}\right\}_{r \geq 1}$ are $L^{2}((0,1))$-orthonormal systems of continuous functions. The sum converges in $L^{2}((0,1) \times(0,1))$.
The rank $R$-approximation

$$
f_{R}\left(\xi_{1}, \xi_{2}\right)=\sum_{r=1}^{R} \sigma_{r} u_{r}\left(\xi_{1}\right) v_{r}\left(\xi_{2}\right)
$$

is the best approximation of $f$ by a rank $R$ function in the $L^{2}$-norm.

## Singular value decomposition of a function

Lemma
If $f \in H^{s}((0,1) \times(0,1))$, then
(i) the singular values decay like

$$
\sigma_{r} \lesssim r^{-s}
$$

(ii) the approximation error fulfils

$$
\left\|f-f_{R}\right\|_{L^{2}}=\sqrt{\sum_{r=R+1}^{\infty} \sigma_{r}^{2}} \lesssim R^{\frac{1}{2}-s}
$$

Proof.
Griebel, 2011. [4]

## Discrete singular value decomposition

A low rank approximation of the functions $\omega$ and $K_{p q}$ is computed as follows:

1. Project the function $\omega$ or $K_{p q}$ into a suitable spline space.
2. Decompose the coefficient tensor using matrix SVD.
3. Choose the rank $R$ such that the overall approximation error is lower than a given constant $\epsilon$, for example the discretisation error.

## Projection into a spline space

The function $\omega=\operatorname{det} \nabla F$ is a tensor product spline function of higher polynomial degrees $q_{d}=2 p_{d}-1$ and lower smoothness than $F$. We can thus represent it exactly with respect to a B-Spline basis $\left\{\bar{B}_{i}\right\}_{i \leq\left(m_{1}, m_{2}\right)}$.

$$
\omega(\xi)=\Pi \omega(\xi)=\sum_{i_{1}=1}^{m_{1}} \sum_{i_{2}=1}^{m_{2}} \omega_{i_{1} i_{2}} \bar{B}_{i_{1}}\left(\xi_{1}\right) \bar{B}_{i_{2}}\left(\xi_{2}\right)
$$

For the functions $K_{p q}$ we choose a sufficiently refined spline space $\operatorname{span}\left\{\bar{B}_{i}\right\}$ such that

$$
\left\|K_{p q}-\Pi K_{p q}\right\|_{L^{2}(\hat{\Omega})}=\left\|K_{p q}-\sum_{i_{1}=1}^{m_{1}} \sum_{i_{2}=1}^{m_{2}}\left(K_{p q}\right)_{i_{1} i_{2}} \bar{B}_{i_{1}} \bar{B}_{i_{2}}\right\|_{L^{2}(\hat{\Omega})} \leq \epsilon_{\Pi}
$$

## Decomposition of the coefficient tensor

We compute the SVD of the $m_{1} \times m_{2}$ matrix $W=\left(\omega_{i_{1} i_{2}}\right)$, i.e.

$$
W=U \Sigma V^{T}=\sum_{r=1}^{\min \left(m_{1}, m_{2}\right)} \sigma_{r} u_{r} v_{r}^{T}
$$

where $U$ is an orthogonal $m_{1} \times m_{1}$-matrix with columns $u_{r}, V$ is an orthogonal $m_{2} \times m_{2}$-matrix with columns $v_{r}$ and $\Sigma=\operatorname{diag}\left(\sigma_{1}, \ldots, \sigma_{\min \left(m_{1}, m_{2}\right)}\right)$. We assume $\sigma_{1} \geq \ldots \geq \sigma_{\min \left(m_{1}, m_{2}\right)}$.

## Decomposition of the coefficient tensor

The rank- $R$ approximation

$$
W_{R}=\sum_{r=1}^{R} \sigma_{r} u_{r} v_{r}^{T}
$$

is the best approximation of $W$ by a matrix of rank $R$ in the Frobenius norm and fulfils

$$
\left\|W-W_{R}\right\|_{F}=\sqrt{\sum_{r=R+1}^{\min \left(m_{1}, m_{2}\right)} \sigma_{r}^{2}}
$$

## Decomposition of $\omega$

We multiply the decomposed coefficient tensor with the basis of the projection space to get the decomposition

$$
\begin{aligned}
\Pi \omega(\xi) & =\sum_{r=1}^{\min \left(m_{1}, m_{2}\right)} \sigma_{r}\left(\sum_{i_{1}=1}^{m_{1}}\left(u_{r}\right)_{i_{1}} \bar{B}_{i_{1}}\left(\xi_{1}\right)\right)\left(\sum_{i_{2}=1}^{m_{2}}\left(v_{r}\right)_{i_{2}} \bar{B}_{i_{2}}\left(\xi_{2}\right)\right) \\
& =\sum_{r=1}^{\min \left(m_{1}, m_{2}\right)} \mathcal{U}_{r}\left(\xi_{1}\right) \mathcal{V}_{r}\left(\xi_{2}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

## Error estimate for the low rank approximation

Lemma
The rank $R$-approximation

$$
\Lambda_{R} \omega(\xi)=\sum_{r=1}^{R} \mathcal{U}_{r}\left(\xi_{1}\right) \mathcal{V}_{r}\left(\xi_{2}\right)
$$

fulfils

$$
\left\|\Pi \omega-\Lambda_{R} \omega\right\|_{L^{\infty}(\hat{\Omega})} \leq\left\|W-W_{R}\right\|_{F}=\sqrt{\sum_{r=R+1}^{\min \left(m_{1}, m_{2}\right)} \sigma_{r}^{2}}
$$

Thus for a given accuracy $\epsilon_{\Lambda}$ we can choose the smallest rank $R$ such that the approximation error is below $\epsilon_{\Lambda}$.

## Assembly of the matrices

The entries of approximated mass matrix are

$$
M_{i j} \approx \bar{M}_{i j}=\sum_{r=1}^{R} \int_{0}^{1} \mathcal{U}_{r}\left(\xi_{1}\right) \hat{B}_{i_{1}}\left(\xi_{1}\right) \hat{B}_{j_{1}}\left(\xi_{1}\right) \mathrm{d} \xi_{1} \cdot \int_{0}^{1} \mathcal{V}_{r}\left(\xi_{2}\right) \hat{B}_{i_{2}}\left(\xi_{2}\right) \hat{B}_{j_{2}}\left(\xi_{2}\right) \mathrm{d} \xi_{2}
$$

and thus $\bar{M}$ can be written in the Kronecker format

$$
\bar{M}=\sum_{r=1}^{R} X_{r} \otimes Y_{r}
$$

where each $X_{r}$ is a $n_{1} \times n_{1}$ and $Y_{r}$ a $n_{2} \times n_{2}$-matrix containing the univariate integrals.
For the stiffness matrix we can proceed in the same way.

## Computational complexity

We assume $n_{1}=n_{2}=n, m_{1}=m_{2}=m, p_{1}=p_{2}=p$ and $q_{1}=q_{2}=q$.

- The complexity is bounded from below by the number of non-zeros in the matrix, which is $O\left(n^{2} p^{2}\right)$.
- The complexity of computing the matrix SVD up to rank $R$ is $O\left(R m^{2}\right)$.
- For assembling the matrices $X_{r}$ and $Y_{r}$ using univariate element-wise Gauss quadrature the complexity is $O\left(R n p^{3}\right)$
- The complexity for computing the Kronecker sum $\sum_{r=1}^{R} X_{r} \otimes Y_{r}$ is $O\left(R n^{2} p^{2}\right)$.
Since generally $n \gg p$, the overall complexity is dominated by the last step and is thus $O\left(R n^{2} p^{2}\right)$.


## Numerical examples

For the method to be efficient we need to be able to choose the rank low.

Table: Rank values for accuracy $\epsilon_{\Lambda}=\epsilon_{\Pi}=10^{-8}$

|  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $n$ | $2 \times 3$ | $2 \times 3$ | $5 \times 5$ | $8 \times 8$ |
| $p$ | $(1,2)$ | $(1,2)$ | $(4,4)$ | $(7,7)$ |
| $\operatorname{rank}(\omega)$ | 1 | 1 | 7 | 8 |
| $\operatorname{rank}(K)$ | $\left(\begin{array}{cc}1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1\end{array}\right)$ | $\left(\begin{array}{cc}2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1\end{array}\right)$ | $\left(\begin{array}{cc}17 & 17 \\ 17 & 17\end{array}\right)$ | $\left(\begin{array}{cc}14 & 18 \\ 18 & 15\end{array}\right)$ |

## Numerical examples


(a) Quarter annulus, $p=2$

(b) 2nd Coons surface (star), $p=7$

Figure: Comparison of computation times for the stiffness matrix using the decomposition method and an element-wise Gauss method.

## Numerical examples



Figure: Comparison of the $p$-Dependence of the computation times for the stiffness matrix using the decomposition method and an element-wise Gauss method. Computed on the quarter annulus with $400 \times 400=160000$ DOF.

## Generalisation to arbitrary dimensions

- The tensor decomposition method can be generalised to arbitrary dimensions since any $d$-tensor $T \in \mathbb{W}_{\left(n_{1}, \ldots, n_{d}\right)}$ possesses a canonical representation

$$
T=\sum_{r=1}^{R} v_{1}^{r} \otimes v_{2}^{r} \otimes \ldots \otimes v_{d}^{r}
$$

where $v_{k}^{r} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_{k}}$.

- However, the truncation operator

$$
\Lambda_{R} T=\underset{\operatorname{rank}(U) \leq R}{\operatorname{argmin}}\|T-U\|_{2}
$$

leads to a non-linear optimisation problem.

