Zen and the Art of High Performance Parallel Computing

FORTRAN Version for the Cray T3D/E

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Chapter 1

Introduction

For the moment, just read

R. van de Geijn, "Using PLAPACK," The MIT Press, 1997[1]

[1] http://www.cs.utexas.edu/users/plapack/using.html

Chapter 2

Hey, I Just Want to Solve My $#%#$ Problem

Basic assumption: the reader already has used MPI in the past.

2.1 A simple driver

The sample program given in Fig. 2.1–2.4 shows how to initialize MPI and PLAPACK, create a problem to be solved, and call various PLAPACK routines to solve them.

> **Go directly to Section 2.2 if you really just want to know how to distribute your problem to the processors, call PLAPACK, and get the answer back!**

We highlight some of the more interesting parts of the code:

Header files

Our sample routine includes header files for both MPI and PLAPACK.

```
5          include "mpif.h"
6          include "PLAf.h"
```

Declarations

MPI and PLAPACK is object based, which means that many details of groups of processors, matrices and vectors are hidden in *opaque objects* (datastructures to which a program doesn't have direct access). In essence, a matrix or vector is given a handle (integer that uniquely identifies it). By giving this handle to inquiry routines, information about the matrices or vectors can be extracted.

We will discuss declaration and initialization of objects as the are used.

Initialize MPI

A simple call initialized MPI.

```
54         CALL MPI_INIT( IERROR )
```

Initialize PLAPACK

PLAPACK requires matrices to be distributed to logical two-dimensional meshed of nodes. To facilitate this, the initialization routine for PLAPACK requires an MPI communication with a two-dimensional topology as an argument. Consider the statements

```
10         INTEGER COMM

27         COMM = MPI_COMM_NULL

41         CALL PLA_COMM_1D_TO_2D_RATIO_F ( MPI_COMM_WORLD, 1.0E00, COMM,
42        &     IERROR )
43         CALL PLA_INIT_F( COMM, IERROR )
```

A communicator is an opaque object that contains all information that describes the processors (nodes) being used. In Fortran, a variable that will access a communicator is declared as an integer, and initialized to `MPI_COMM_NULL`, a constant declared in `mpif.h`. The group of all processors being used is given by the communicator `MPI_COMM_WORLD`. The routine

```
PLA_COMM_1D_TO_2D_RATIO_F( COMM_1D, RATIO, COMM_2D )
```

creates a 2D communicator `COMM_2D` from 1D communicator `COMM_1D` with a ratio of rows to columns of approximately `RATIO` (a 64 bit floating point number). Thus, the above statements initializes PLAPACK with a 2D communicator for a mesh of nodes that is roughly square.

Get problem parameters

Our sample program will require two inputs from the user: the problem size `SIZE`, and the distribution block size `NB_DISTR`. At this moment, the reader need not concern him/herself too much with the distribution block size, other than that if it is too big, load-imbalance will result, and if it is too small, communication overhead will increase.

We suggest trying distribution block sizes like $8, 16, 24, 32, 48, 64$.

After processor with rank 0 reads the parameters, they are broadcast to all processors.

```
47         CALL MPI_COMM_RANK( MPI_COMM_WORLD, ME, IERROR )
48         if ( ME .EQ. 0 ) THEN
49            PRINT *, "-- enter matrix size, distr. block size:"
50            READ  *, SIZE, NB_DISTR
51         ENDIF
52
53         CALL MPI_BCAST( SIZE,     1, MPI_INTEGER, 0, MPI_COMM_WORLD,
54        &     IERROR )
55         CALL MPI_BCAST( NB_DISTR, 1, MPI_INTEGER, 0, MPI_COMM_WORLD,
56        &     IERROR )
```

Create template and objects

When using PLAPACK, one doesn't directly specify how matrices and vectors are distributed. Rather, one creates a "template" that discribes matrix and vector distribution. When creating matrices and vectors, one subsequently indicates alignment to this template. A typical user who just wants to solve a problem need not concern her/himself with this. The first parameter passed to `PLA_TEMP_CREATE_F` indicates the distribution block size to be used (see

Section 2.1). The second paramater indicates whether indixing will start with 0 (as is customary in C) or 1 (as is customary in FORTRAN). A datastructure that encodes the distribution is returned in the third parameter. Thus the following statements declare and initialize a template.

```
14        INTEGER TEMPL

28        TEMPL = 0

60        CALL PLA_TEMP_CREATE_F( NB_DISTR, 0, TEMPL, IERROR )
```

Since we intend to solve the problem $Ax = b$, we must next create "linear algebra objects" in which to store the data related to A, x, and b. An matrix object to store `SIZE` $\times$ `SIZE` matrix A is created by indicating the datatype, the row and column dimensions, the template for distribution, and the row and column alignments to the template. A datastructure describing the distributed matrix is returned in the last parameter. Vectors x and b are created similarly.

```
18        INTEGER A, X, B, B_NORM, MINUS_ONE, ZERO, ONE

25        INTEGER DATATYPE

29        A = 0
30        X = 0
31        B = 0
32        B_NORM = 0
33        MINUS_ONE = 0
34        ZERO = 0
35        ONE = 0

64        DATATYPE = MPI_REAL

68        CALL PLA_MATRIX_CREATE_F(  DATATYPE, SIZE, SIZE, TEMPL,
69       &                           PLA_ALIGN_FIRST, PLA_ALIGN_FIRST,
70       &                           A, IERROR )
71
72        CALL PLA_MVECTOR_CREATE_F( DATATYPE, SIZE, 1,
73       &                           TEMPL, PLA_ALIGN_FIRST,
74       &                           X, IERROR )
75
76        CALL PLA_MVECTOR_CREATE_F( DATATYPE, SIZE, 1,
77       &                           TEMPL, PLA_ALIGN_FIRST,
78       &                           B, IERROR )
```

Note: *Vectors x and b are created as "multivectors" (panels of equally sized vectors) rather than vectors. In a recent rewrite of PLAPACK, it was decided that vectors are special cases of multivectors, and much of the infrastructure was streamlined. Unfortunately, on rare occasion, we now run into problems with vectors, and thus it is much safer to create vectors as multivectors of width one.*

Create a few constants we will need

Frequently when call PLAPACK "Global BLAS" (parallel BLAS operations), we need to pass in scaling constants, which are often $-1, 0$, or 1. The following routine creates multiscalar objects duplicated on all nodes with those values.

```
18          INTEGER  ... , MINUS_ONE, ZERO, ONE

82          CALL PLA_CREATE_CONSTANTS_CONF_TO_F( A, MINUS_ONE, ZERO, ONE,
83         &     IERROR )
```

Create a problem to solve

We conveniently hide the filling of objects A, x, and b in a subroutine, an example of which is described in Section 2.2

```
87          CALL CREATE_PROBLEM_F( A, X, B )
```

Factor the matrix

In solving $Ax = b$, we will first compute the Cholesky factorization $A \rightarrow LL^T$ where L is lower triangular. The routine PLA_CHOL_F overwrites the lower triangular portion of A with L. Since one is often interested in performance of parallel algorithms, we start timing before the factorization.

```
91          CALL MPI_BARRIER( MPI_COMM_WORLD, IERROR )
92          TIME = MPI_WTIME( )

96          CALL PLA_CHOL_F( PLA_LOWER_TRIANGULAR, A, INFO );
```

Solve the problem

If the Cholesky factorization completes successfully (`info` $\neq 0$), $Ax = b$ is solved by observing that $LL^T x = b$ so that one can first solve $Ly = b$ followed by $L^T x = y$. In the following section of code, we call the PLAPACK Global BLAS routine for solving a triangular system of equations PLA_TRSV_F. It is the Cholesky factorization together with the triangular solves that are of interest, and thus we stop timing after these solves.

```
98          IF ( INFO .NE. 0 ) THEN
99             PRINT *, "Nonpositive definite matrix detected"
100         ELSE

104            CALL PLA_TRSV_F( PLA_LOWER_TRIANGULAR, PLA_NO_TRANSPOSE,
105        &                    PLA_NONUNIT_DIAG, A, B, IERROR )

109            CALL PLA_TRSV_F( PLA_LOWER_TRIANGULAR, PLA_TRANSPOSE,
110        &                    PLA_NONUNIT_DIAG, A, B, IERROR )

114            CALL MPI_BARRIER( MPI_COMM_WORLD, IERROR )
115            TIME = MPI_WTIME() - TIME
```

Report performance

Computation of the Cholesky factorization of an $n \times n$ dense matrix requires approximately

$$\frac{1}{3}n^3$$

operations. Thus, the number of MFLOPS (Millions of floating point operations) performed per second by our algorithm is given by

$$\frac{1}{3}\mathtt{size}^3/\mathtt{time} * 10^{-6}$$

Finally, the performance per processor, in MFLOPS/sec per processor, is given by the formula

$$\frac{1}{3}\mathtt{size}^3/\mathtt{time} * 10^{-6}/\mathtt{nprocs}$$

```
119           IF ( ME .EQ. 0 ) THEN
120              CALL MPI_COMM_SIZE(MPI_COMM_WORLD, NPROCS, IERROR )
121
122              OPERATION_COUNT = 1.0/3.0 * SIZE * SIZE * SIZE
123
124              PRINT *, "N =", SIZE, "TIME =", TIME, "MFLOPS/node =",
125       &           OPERATION_COUNT / TIME * 1.0e-6 / NPROCS
126           ENDIF
```

Report the answer

It is a curious fact that often people compute an answer because they are actually interested in it. (Some of us just care about performance.) We hide the extraction of the answer in subroutine PROCESS_ANSWER_F discussed in detail in Section 2.3.

```
132           CALL PROCESS_ANSWER_F( B )
```

Check accuracy

Once b has been overwritten by a computed approximation to x, we can check how accurate our answer is by computing $||b - x||_2$.

```
137           CALL PLA_AXPY_F( MINUS_ONE, X, B, IERROR )

141           CALL PLA_MSCALAR_CREATE_F( DATATYPE,
142       &                              PLA_ALL_ROWS, PLA_ALL_COLS,
143       &                              1, 1, TEMPL, B_NORM, IERROR )

145           CALL PLA_NRM2_F ( B, B_NORM, IERROR )

149           IF ( ME .EQ. 0 ) THEN
150              CALL PLA_OBJ_GET_LOCAL_CONTENTS_F(
151       &           B_NORM, PLA_NO_TRANS, DUMMY, DUMMY,
152       &           B_NORM_VALUE, 1, 1, IERROR )
153              PRINT *, "||(computed x) - x ||_2 = ", B_NORM_VALUE
154           ENDIF
155        ENDIF
```

Clean up the environment

When creating linear algebra objects, the underlying infrastructure creates space to store the information. The following calls release that space. Similarly, the template is released. Finally, PLAPACK and MPI are finalized.

```
159         CALL PLA_OBJ_FREE_F( A, IERROR )
160         CALL PLA_OBJ_FREE_F( X, IERROR )
161         CALL PLA_OBJ_FREE_F( B, IERROR )
162         CALL PLA_OBJ_FREE_F( B_NORM, IERROR )
163         CALL PLA_OBJ_FREE_F( MINUS_ONE, IERROR )
164         CALL PLA_OBJ_FREE_F( ZERO, IERROR )
165         CALL PLA_OBJ_FREE_F( ONE, IERROR )

169         CALL PLA_TEMP_FREE_F( TEMPL, IERROR )

173         CALL PLA_FINALIZE_F(IERROR )
174         CALL MPI_FINALIZE( IERROR )
```

2.2 Building a problem

The sample program given in Fig. 2.5–2.7 shows how to build a linear system to be solved by the previously discussed driver. Again, we step through this sample code:

Subroutine to build problem

The driver routine discussed above passes three linear algebra objects to this routine: `A`, `x`, and `b`. The first is assumed to be a matrix object, while the others are multivectors of width one. The subroutine creates A, x, and b such that $Ax = b$.

```
1           SUBROUTINE CREATE_PROBLEM_F( A, X, B )
```

Some useful information

To generate the problem, we need the dimension of matrix A, which equals the lengths of vectors x and b. Also, each processor will compute part of the total matrix, and thus we must extract the node index and the total number of nodes involved in the computation. Since we use static allocation for the local arrays that will be used to fill the matrix and vectors, we prescribe a maximum size of the problem that can be solved, `MAX_SIZE`, which can be changed in the declarations of this routine.

```
41          CALL PLA_OBJ_GLOBAL_LENGTH_F( A, SIZE, IERROR )
42          IF ( SIZE .GT. MAX_SIZE ) THEN
43             PRINT *, "SIZE > MAX_SIZE IN CREATE_PROBLEM_F"
44             STOP
45          ENDIF
46
47          CALL MPI_COMM_RANK( MPI_COMM_WORLD, ME, IERROR )
48          CALL MPI_COMM_SIZE( MPI_COMM_WORLD, NPROCS, IERROR )
```

Initializing A and x

The PLAPACK Application Interface (API) builds a matrix or vector by adding to the existing values in the objects. Thus, we start by initializing A, x, and b to equal zero.

```
50          CALL PLA_OBJ_SET_TO_ZERO_F( A, IERROR )
51          CALL PLA_OBJ_SET_TO_ZERO_F( X, IERROR )
52          CALL PLA_OBJ_SET_TO_ZERO_F( B, IERROR )
```

Application Interface activation

The PLAPACK Application Interface uses one-sided communication to perform the communication necessary to scatter data to global objects. Since this interface only requires a standard compliant MPI(-1) implementation, under the covers the API uses a mechanism that transparently sends messages and polls for their arrival. The current PLAPACK implementation uses the Managed Message-Passing Interface (MMPI) developed by Carter Edwards at the University of Texas at Austin [**?**]. To start this mechanism, we initiate the API with a call to `PLA_API_BEGIN_F`.

```
58          CALL PLA_API_BEGIN_F( IERROR )
```

Upon completion, we leave the API mode by calling `PLA_API_END_F`.

```
110         CALL PLA_API_END_F( IERROR )
```

Caution: *There are limitations on the kinds of operations that can be performed while in API active mode. See* Using PLAPACK *[**?**].*

Opening and closing objects

Before accessing a linear algebra object using the API, it must be opened using a call to `PLA_OBJ_API_OPEN_F`.

```
62              CALL PLA_OBJ_API_OPEN_F( A, IERROR )
63              CALL PLA_OBJ_API_OPEN_F( X, IERROR )
```

Once all contributions to a linear algebra object have been submitted (as discussed below), the object is close by a call to `PLA_OBJ_API_CLOSE_F()`.

```
105         CALL PLA_OBJ_API_CLOSE_F( X, IERROR )
106         CALL PLA_OBJ_API_CLOSE_F( A, IERROR )
```

Caution: *Contributions to a linear algebra object can NOT assumed to actually have been written until a call to* `PLA_OBJ_API_CLOSE_F` *or* `PLA_OBJ_API_SYNC_F` *has been made.*

Submitting data to the objects

We now give an example that builds a random matrix. Let A be $n \times n$ and partition A by columns:

$$A = \left(\begin{array}{c|c|c|c} a_1 & a_2 & \cdots & a_n \end{array} \right)$$

The following code generates the columns on the different nodes in a round-robin fashion. In other words, column a_i is generated by node $(i-1) \bmod p$ where p equals the number of processors in the mesh. Once computed, a column is submitted to the global matrix by a call to `PLA_API_AXPY_MATRIX_TO_GLOBAL_F`, with calling sequence

```
PLA_API_AXPY_MATRIX_TO_GLOBAL( M, N, ALPHA, A_LOCAL, LDA_LOCAL,
                               A_GLOBAL, I, J )
```

where M, and N are the dimension of the local matrix being submitted, ALPHA is a scaling factor, A_LOCAL is the address where the local matrix starts, with local leading dimension LDA_LOCAL. The global matrix to which this contribution is to be added is given by A_GLOBAL, an object handle, and I and J given the index of the upper-right-hand corner of the submatrix of the global matrix to which the local contribution is to be added. Thus, the operation performed (using MATLAB-like syntax) is

```
A_GLOBAL( I:I+M-1,J:J+N-1 ) =
             ALPHA * A_LOCAL + A_GLOBAL( I:I+M-1,J:J+N-1 );
```

Notice: whether indexing starts at 0 or 1 for the local array is completely independent of PLAPACK. Whether the global indexing (used for A_GLOBAL) starts at 0 or 1 depends on how the template was created for object A_GLOBAL.

Contributions from each processor will be generated using a random number generator. To ensure that the random numbers on each processor are not repeated on other processors, we seed the random number generator differently on each processor.

```
67            CALL SEED_RANDOM( ME * 1793 )
```

The following code generates columns ME+1, ME+NPROCS+1, ME+2*NPROCS+1, ... on processor with index ME.

```
71            DO J=ME+1, SIZE, NPROCS


89            ENDDO
```

Within this loop, in local array Z_COL we generate a column of random numbers. By adding the matrix size to the Jth element, we ensure that the matrix is diagonally dominant, and thus positive definite.

```
75               DO I=1, SIZE
76                  IF ( MPI_REAL .EQ. DATATYPE ) THEN
77                     CALL REAL_RANDOM( Z_COL( I ) )
78                  ELSE
79                     PRINT *, "DATATYPE UNKNOWN"
80                     STOP
81                  ENDIF
82               ENDDO
83               Z_COL( J ) = Z_COL( J ) + SIZE
```

Once the column is created, it is submitted to addition to the global matrix A:

```
87               CALL PLA_API_AXPY_MATRIX_TO_GLOBAL_F(
88        &            SIZE, 1, 1.0E00, Z_COL, SIZE, A, 0, J-1, IERROR )
89
```

Notice: *a call to* PLA_API_AXPY_MATRIX_TO_GLOBAL_F *is a one-sided call. It submits a contribution to the global matrix. The data is passed to the global matrix asynchronously, and cannot be assumed to have been added until a call to* PLA_OBJ_API_CLOSE_F *or* PLA_OBJ_API_SYNC_F *has been made.*

In our example, node 0 computes a solution vector, reusing the allocated space locA and submits it similarly to a global vector x .

```
90            IF ( ME .EQ. 0 ) THEN
91               DO I=1, SIZE
92                  IF ( MPI_REAL .EQ. DATATYPE ) THEN
93                     CALL REAL_RANDOM( Z_COL( I ) )
94                  ELSE
95                     PRINT *, "DATATYPE UNKNOWN"
96                     STOP
97                  ENDIF
98               ENDDO
99               CALL PLA_API_AXPY_VECTOR_TO_GLOBAL_F(
100      &            SIZE, 1.0E00, Z_COL( 1 ), 1, X, 0, IERROR )
101           ENDIF
```

Computing $b = Ax$

```
114       CALL PLA_CREATE_CONSTANTS_CONF_TO_F( A, MINUS_ONE, ZERO, ONE,
115      &     IERROR )
116       CALL PLA_SYMV_F( PLA_LOWER_TRIANGULAR, ONE, A, X, ZERO, B,
117      &     IERROR )
```

Clean up the environment

```
121       CALL PLA_OBJ_FREE_F( MINUS_ONE, IERROR )
122       CALL PLA_OBJ_FREE_F( ZERO, IERROR )
123       CALL PLA_OBJ_FREE_F( ONE, IERROR )
```

2.3 Getting the Answer

In the previous section, we showed how the PLAPACK Application Interface can be used to fill a matrix or vector using one-sided communication. In this section, we show how it can be used similarly to extract information from global matrices or vectors. The example in Fig. 2.8–2.9 shows how node 0 extracts the contents of global vector `x` to a local buffer after which it is "processed". In this example, this means the first and last entry are printed.

2.4 Putting it all together

In this section, we show how to intall PLAPACK, the solver library, and the tutorial. While we use the Cray T3E as an example, installation on other systems should be similar to this case.

Installing PLAPACK

- Obtain the latest PLAPACK release via anonymous ftp:

```
% ftp ftp.cs.utexas.edu
Name (ftp.cs.utexas.edu:u20009): anonymous
Password:
ftp> cd pub/plapack/R?.?
ftp> ls
ftp> bin
ftp> get plapackR??.t3e.tar.Z
```

```
ftp> quit
221 Goodbye.
```

- Uncompress and un-"tar":

```
% uncompress plapackR??.t3e.tar.Z
% tar -xf plapackR??.t3e.tar
```

- This creates a new directory `PLAPACK`:

```
% cd PLAPACK
% ls
```

Modifying the Makefile

Makefiles can be highly platform specific. To keep one from having to worry about these specifics, all platform specific definitions have been consolidated into the file `Make.include`, which is included in subsequent makefiles. Since a lot of the definitions are relative to the PLAPACK root directory, `Make.include` must be modified so that the first line identifies this root directory.

- Find out the path to the PLAPACK root directory:

```
~/PLAPACK & pwd
/home/utexas/cs/u20009/PLAPACK
```

- Using your favorite editor, enter `Make.include` and modify the first lines:

```
# Top level PLAPACK directory.
PLAPACK_ROOT = /home/utexas/cs/u20009/PLAPACK
```

Installing the solver library

PLAPACK is billed as an infrastructure for building parallel linear algebra libraries. Thus, while we have created a few solvers, we consider these to be separate from PLAPACK itself. Thus, one must obtain the solver package separately:

- From the PLAPACK root directory, obtain the solver package, uncompress, and un-"tar":

```
~/PLAPACK % ftp ftp.cs.utexas.edu
Name (ftp.cs.utexas.edu:u20009): anonymous
Password:
ftp> cd pub/plapack/SOLVERS/R?.?
ftp> bin
ftp> get solversR??.tar.Z
ftp> quit
~/PLAPACK % uncompress solversR??.tar.Z
~/PLAPACK % tar -xf solversR??.tar
```

  This creates a subdirectory `SOLVERS`.

- Within the solver subdirectory, build the solver library:

```
~/PLAPACK % cd SOLVERS
~/PLAPACK/SOLVERS % make
```

Notice: the makefiles are set up so that all should work *as long as SOLVERS is a subdirectory of the PLAPACK root directory*.

- The above operations automatically create a library `libPLAPACK_SOLVERS.a` in the PLAPACK root directory.

Installing the FORTRAN interface

At this moment in time, the FORTRAN interface is *not* part of the basic release. The best way to get the FORTRAN interface is to install the example given below.

Examples

The examples given in this chapter can be installed as follows:

```
~/PLAPACK % ftp ftp.cs.utexas.edu
Name (ftp.cs.utexas.edu:u20009): anonymous
Password:
ftp> cd pub/plapack/EXAMPLES/
ftp> bin
ftp> get Tutorial.tar.Z
ftp> quit
~/PLAPACK % uncompress Tutorial.tar.Z
~/PLAPACK % tar -xf Tutorial.tar.Z
```

This will create a directory `Tutorial`. Next, perform the following commands

```
~/PLAPACK % cd Tutorial
~/PLAPACK/Tutorial % cd chol/FORTRAN_T3E/Chapter2
~/PLAPACK/Tutorial/chol/FORTRAN_T3E/Chapter2 % make
~/PLAPACK/Tutorial/chol/FORTRAN_T3E/Chapter2 % mpprun -n 4 Chol_driver.x
 -- enter matrix size, distr. block size:
4000 24
 N = 4000 TIME = 22.329607248306274 MFLOPS/node = 238.84581909687964
 First computed entry: -0.9227325475840108
 Last  computed entry: -0.24082651448829032
 ||(computed x) - x ||_2 =  2.30562461007449614E-14
```

Notice that `mpprun` is the Cray specific command for executing an MPI program. The `-n 4` option indicates four nodes are to be created. The problem size created by the driver is 200×200, which is distributed using a template blocking size of 24.

```
1          PROGRAM MAIN
2
3          implicit none
4
5          include "mpif.h"
6          include "PLAf.h"
7     C
8     C MPI_Comm
9     C
10         INTEGER COMM
11    C
12    C PLA_Template
13    C
14         INTEGER TEMPL
15    C
16    C PLA_Obj
17    C
18         INTEGER A, X, B, B_NORM, MINUS_ONE, ZERO, ONE
19    C
20         REAL OPERATION_COUNT, B_NORM_VALUE, TIME
21         INTEGER IERROR, SIZE, NB_DISTR, ME, NPROCS, DUMMY, INFO
22    C
23    C MPI_Datatype
24    C
25         INTEGER DATATYPE
26
27         COMM = MPI_COMM_NULL
28         TEMPL = 0
29         A = 0
30         X = 0
31         B = 0
32         B_NORM = 0
33         MINUS_ONE = 0
34         ZERO = 0
35         ONE = 0
36
37         CALL MPI_INIT( IERROR )
38    C
39    C Initialize PLAPACK
40    C
41         CALL PLA_COMM_1D_TO_2D_RATIO_F ( MPI_COMM_WORLD, 1.0E00, COMM,
42        &     IERROR )
43         CALL PLA_INIT_F( COMM, IERROR )
```

Figure 2.1: A simple driver routine for testing the Cholesky factorization.

```
C
C Get problem size and distribution block size and broadcast
C
      CALL MPI_COMM_RANK( MPI_COMM_WORLD, ME, IERROR )
      if ( ME .EQ. 0 ) THEN
         PRINT *, "-- enter matrix size, distr. block size:"
         READ  *, SIZE, NB_DISTR
      ENDIF

      CALL MPI_BCAST( SIZE,     1, MPI_INTEGER, 0, MPI_COMM_WORLD,
     &     IERROR )
      CALL MPI_BCAST( NB_DISTR, 1, MPI_INTEGER, 0, MPI_COMM_WORLD,
     &     IERROR )
C
C Create object distribution template
C
      CALL PLA_TEMP_CREATE_F( NB_DISTR, 0, TEMPL, IERROR )
C
C Set the datatype : MPI_REAL   ON CRAY
C Set the datatype : MPI_DOUBLE_PRECISION O/W
      DATATYPE = MPI_REAL
C
C Create objects for problem to be solved
C
      CALL PLA_MATRIX_CREATE_F(  DATATYPE, SIZE, SIZE, TEMPL,
     &                           PLA_ALIGN_FIRST, PLA_ALIGN_FIRST,
     &                           A, IERROR )

      CALL PLA_MVECTOR_CREATE_F( DATATYPE, SIZE, 1,
     &                           TEMPL, PLA_ALIGN_FIRST,
     &                           X, IERROR )

      CALL PLA_MVECTOR_CREATE_F( DATATYPE, SIZE, 1,
     &                           TEMPL, PLA_ALIGN_FIRST,
     &                           B, IERROR )
C
C Create duplicated scalar constants with same datatype and template as A
C
      CALL PLA_CREATE_CONSTANTS_CONF_TO_F( A, MINUS_ONE, ZERO, ONE,
     &     IERROR )
C
C Create a problem to be solved: A x = b
C
      CALL CREATE_PROBLEM_F( A, X, B )
```

Figure 2.2: A simple driver routine for testing the Cholesky factorization, Part 2.

```
88  C
89  C Start timing
90  C
91        CALL MPI_BARRIER( MPI_COMM_WORLD, IERROR )
92        TIME = MPI_WTIME( )
93  C
94  C Factor A -> L L^T overwriting lower triangular portion of A with L
95  C
96        CALL PLA_CHOL_F( PLA_LOWER_TRIANGULAR, A, INFO );
97
98        IF ( INFO .NE. 0 ) THEN
99           PRINT *, "Nonpositive definite matrix detected"
100       ELSE
101 C
102 C Solve L y = b, overwriting b with y
103 C
104          CALL PLA_TRSV_F( PLA_LOWER_TRIANGULAR, PLA_NO_TRANSPOSE,
105     &                     PLA_NONUNIT_DIAG, A, B, IERROR )
106 C
107 C Solve trans(L) x = y (=b), overwriting b with x
108 C
109          CALL PLA_TRSV_F( PLA_LOWER_TRIANGULAR, PLA_TRANSPOSE,
110     &                     PLA_NONUNIT_DIAG, A, B, IERROR )
111 C
112 C Stop timing
113 C
114          CALL MPI_BARRIER( MPI_COMM_WORLD, IERROR )
115          TIME = MPI_WTIME() - TIME
116 C
117 C Report performance
118 C
119          IF ( ME .EQ. 0 ) THEN
120             CALL MPI_COMM_SIZE(MPI_COMM_WORLD, NPROCS, IERROR )
121
122             OPERATION_COUNT = 1.0/3.0 * SIZE * SIZE * SIZE
123
124             PRINT *, "N =", SIZE, "TIME =", TIME, "MFLOPS/node =",
125     &           OPERATION_COUNT / TIME * 1.0e-6 / NPROCS
126          ENDIF
127 C
128 C Process the answer.  As an example, this routine brings
129 C result x (stored in b) to processor 0 and prints first and
130 C last entry
131 C
132          CALL PROCESS_ANSWER_F( B )
```

Figure 2.3: A simple driver routine for testing the Cholesky factorization, Part 3.

```
C
C Check answer by overwriting b <- b - x (where b holds computed
C approximation to x)
C
         CALL PLA_AXPY_F( MINUS_ONE, X, B, IERROR )
C
C Create 1x1 multiscalars to hold 2-norm of b - x
C
         CALL PLA_MSCALAR_CREATE_F( DATATYPE,
     &                              PLA_ALL_ROWS, PLA_ALL_COLS,
     &                              1, 1, TEMPL, B_NORM, IERROR )
C
         CALL PLA_NRM2_F ( B, B_NORM, IERROR )
C
C Report norm of b - x
C
         IF ( ME .EQ. 0 ) THEN
            CALL PLA_OBJ_GET_LOCAL_CONTENTS_F(
     &           B_NORM, PLA_NO_TRANS, DUMMY, DUMMY,
     &           B_NORM_VALUE, 1, 1, IERROR )
            PRINT *, "||(computed x) - x ||_2 = ", B_NORM_VALUE
         ENDIF
       ENDIF
C
C Free the linear algebra objects
C
       CALL PLA_OBJ_FREE_F( A, IERROR )
       CALL PLA_OBJ_FREE_F( X, IERROR )
       CALL PLA_OBJ_FREE_F( B, IERROR )
       CALL PLA_OBJ_FREE_F( B_NORM, IERROR )
       CALL PLA_OBJ_FREE_F( MINUS_ONE, IERROR )
       CALL PLA_OBJ_FREE_F( ZERO, IERROR )
       CALL PLA_OBJ_FREE_F( ONE, IERROR )
C
C Free the template
C
       CALL PLA_TEMP_FREE_F( TEMPL, IERROR )
C
C Finalize PLAPACK and MPI
C
       CALL PLA_FINALIZE_F(IERROR )
       CALL MPI_FINALIZE( IERROR )

       STOP
       END
```

Figure 2.4: A simple driver routine for testing the Cholesky factorization, Part 4.

```
1          SUBROUTINE CREATE_PROBLEM_F( A, X, B )
2     C
3     C Compute random A and x and let b = A x.
4     C
5     C
6          IMPLICIT NONE
7
8          INCLUDE "mpif.h"
9          INCLUDE "PLAf.h"
10    C
11    C PLA_Obj Parameters
12    C
13         INTEGER A, X, B
14    C
15    C PLA_Obj Local
16    C
17         INTEGER MINUS_ONE, ZERO, ONE
18    C
19    C Maximum matrix dimension (length of column)
20    C
21         INTEGER MAX_SIZE
22         PARAMETER ( MAX_SIZE = 10000 )
23    C
24         INTEGER SIZE, ME, NPROCS, I, J, IERROR
25         REAL Z_COL( MAX_SIZE )
26    C
27    C MPI_Datatype
28    C
29         INTEGER DATATYPE
30    C
31    C Initialize objects to NULL
32    C
33         MINUS_ONE = 0
34         ZERO = 0
35         ONE  = 0
36
37
38    C
39    C Extract dimension of A
40    C
41         CALL PLA_OBJ_GLOBAL_LENGTH_F( A, SIZE, IERROR )
42         IF ( SIZE .GT. MAX_SIZE ) THEN
43            PRINT *, "SIZE > MAX_SIZE IN CREATE_PROBLEM_F"
44            STOP
45         ENDIF
46
```

Figure 2.5: A sample subroutine for creating a symmetric positive definite matrix A and vectors x and b s.t. $Ax = b$.

```
47          CALL MPI_COMM_RANK( MPI_COMM_WORLD, ME, IERROR )
48          CALL MPI_COMM_SIZE( MPI_COMM_WORLD, NPROCS, IERROR )
49
50          CALL PLA_OBJ_SET_TO_ZERO_F( A, IERROR )
51          CALL PLA_OBJ_SET_TO_ZERO_F( X, IERROR )
52          CALL PLA_OBJ_SET_TO_ZERO_F( B, IERROR )
53
54          CALL PLA_OBJ_DATATYPE_F( A, DATATYPE, IERROR )
55    C
56    C Enter Application Interface mode
57    C
58          CALL PLA_API_BEGIN_F( IERROR )
59    C
60    C Open objects A and x for read/write
61    C
62             CALL PLA_OBJ_API_OPEN_F( A, IERROR )
63             CALL PLA_OBJ_API_OPEN_F( X, IERROR )
64    C
65    C Seed the random number generator
66    C
67             CALL SEED_RANDOM( ME * 1793 )
68    C
69    C Columns are computed by processors in a round-robin fashion
70    C
71             DO J=ME+1, SIZE, NPROCS
72    C
73    C Fill column j with random numbers
74    C
75                DO I=1, SIZE
76                   IF ( MPI_REAL .EQ. DATATYPE ) THEN
77                      CALL REAL_RANDOM( Z_COL( I ) )
78                   ELSE
79                      PRINT *, "DATATYPE UNKNOWN"
80                      STOP
81                   ENDIF
82                ENDDO
83                Z_COL( J ) = Z_COL( J ) + SIZE
84    C
85    C Submit the column to the global matrix
86    C
87                CALL PLA_API_AXPY_MATRIX_TO_GLOBAL_F(
88           &            SIZE, 1, 1.0E00, Z_COL, SIZE, A, 0, J-1, IERROR )
89             ENDDO
```

Figure 2.6: A sample subroutine for creating a symmetric positive definite matrix A and vectors x and b s.t. $Ax = b$, Part 2.

```
90            IF ( ME .EQ. 0 ) THEN
91               DO I=1, SIZE
92                  IF ( MPI_REAL .EQ. DATATYPE ) THEN
93                     CALL REAL_RANDOM( Z_COL( I ) )
94                  ELSE
95                     PRINT *, "DATATYPE UNKNOWN"
96                     STOP
97                  ENDIF
98               ENDDO
99               CALL PLA_API_AXPY_VECTOR_TO_GLOBAL_F(
100      &            SIZE, 1.0E00, Z_COL( 1 ), 1, X, 0, IERROR )
101           ENDIF
102   C
103   C Close the objects
104   C
105         CALL PLA_OBJ_API_CLOSE_F( X, IERROR )
106         CALL PLA_OBJ_API_CLOSE_F( A, IERROR )
107   C
108   C Leave Application Interface mode
109   C
110         CALL PLA_API_END_F( IERROR )
111   C
112   C Compute b = A x by performing a matrix-vector multiplication
113   C
114         CALL PLA_CREATE_CONSTANTS_CONF_TO_F( A, MINUS_ONE, ZERO, ONE,
115        &     IERROR )
116         CALL PLA_SYMV_F( PLA_LOWER_TRIANGULAR, ONE, A, X, ZERO, B,
117        &     IERROR )
118   C
119   C Free the temporary objects
120   C
121         CALL PLA_OBJ_FREE_F( MINUS_ONE, IERROR )
122         CALL PLA_OBJ_FREE_F( ZERO, IERROR )
123         CALL PLA_OBJ_FREE_F( ONE, IERROR )
124
125         RETURN
126         END
```

Figure 2.7: A sample subroutine for creating a symmetric positive definite matrix A and vectors x and b s.t. $Ax = b$, Part 3.

```
1          SUBROUTINE PROCESS_ANSWER_F( X )
2
3          IMPLICIT NONE
4
5          INCLUDE "mpif.h"
6          INCLUDE "PLAf.h"
7     C
8     C PLA_OBJ
9     C
10         INTEGER X
11    C
12         INTEGER SIZE, ME, I, IERROR
13    C
14         REAL D_ONE
15         PARAMETER ( D_ONE = 1.0 )
16    C
17         INTEGER MAX_SIZE
18         PARAMETER ( MAX_SIZE = 10000 )
19    C
20         REAL SOLUTION( MAX_SIZE )
21    C
22    C MPI Datatype
23    C
24         INTEGER DATATYPE
25
26         CALL PLA_OBJ_DATATYPE_F( X, DATATYPE, IERROR )
27         CALL PLA_OBJ_GLOBAL_LENGTH_F( X, SIZE, IERROR )
28         IF ( SIZE .GT. MAX_SIZE ) THEN
29            PRINT *, "SIZE too large in process_answer_f"
30            STOP
31         ENDIF
32    C
33    C   What is my rank in the communicator?
34    C
35         CALL MPI_COMM_RANK( MPI_COMM_WORLD, ME, IERROR )
36    C
37    C   Begin Application Interface Mode
38    C
39         CALL PLA_API_BEGIN_F( IERROR )
40    C
41    C     Open object x for read/write mode
42    C
43            CALL PLA_OBJ_API_OPEN_F( X, IERROR )
44
```

Figure 2.8: A sample subroutine for processing the answer of the solve.

```
45              IF ( ME .EQ. 0 ) THEN
46  C
47  C Initialize solution to zero
48  C
49                 IF ( DATATYPE .EQ. MPI_COMPLEX ) THEN
50                    DO I=1, SIZE
51                       SOLUTION( I ) = ( 0.0E00, 0.0E00 )
52                    ENDDO
53                 ELSE IF ( DATATYPE .EQ. MPI_REAL ) THEN
54                    DO I=1, SIZE
55                       SOLUTION( I ) = 0.0E00
56                    ENDDO
57                 ELSE
58                    PRINT *, "Datatype unknown in process_answer"
59                 ENDIF
60  C
61  C Initiate extraction of contents of x to local buffer
62  C
63                 CALL PLA_API_AXPY_GLOBAL_TO_VECTOR_F(
64       &              SIZE, D_ONE, X, 0, SOLUTION, 1, IERROR )
65              ENDIF
66
67  C
68  C Wait until data actually arrives
69  C
70              CALL PLA_OBJ_API_SYNC_F( X, IERROR )
71
72              IF ( ME .EQ. 0 ) THEN
73                 PRINT *, "First computed entry:", SOLUTION( 1 )
74                 PRINT *, "Last  computed entry:", SOLUTION( SIZE )
75              ENDIF
76  C
77  C Close object x
78  C
79           CALL PLA_OBJ_API_CLOSE_F( X, IERROR )
80  C
81  C Exit API mode
82  C
83         CALL PLA_API_END_F( IERROR )
84
85         RETURN
86         END
```

Figure 2.9: A sample subroutine for processing the answer of the solve, Part 2.

Chapter 3

Zen and the Art of Optimizing the Sequential Cholesky Factorization

The Cholesky factorization of an $n \times n$ matrix A is given by

$$A \rightarrow LL^T$$

where A is symmetric positive definite and L is lower triangular. We will discuss implementation of two approaches to computing this factorization, sometimes known as the right-looking and left-looking variants.

3.1 Algorithms

3.1.1 Right-looking variant

The right-looking algorithm for implementing this operation can be described by partitioning the matrices

$$A = \left(\begin{array}{c|c} \alpha_{11} & \star \\ \hline a_{21} & A_{22} \end{array}\right) \quad \text{and} \quad L = \left(\begin{array}{c|c} \lambda_{11} & 0 \\ \hline l_{21} & L_{22} \end{array}\right)$$

where α_{11} and λ_{11} are scalars. As a result, a_{21} and l_{21} are vectors of length $n-1$, and A_{22} and L_{22} are matrices of size $(n-1) \times (n-1)$. The $\star$ indicates the symmetric part of A, which will not be updated. Now,

$$A = \left(\begin{array}{c|c} a_{11} & \star \\ \hline a_{21} & A_{22} \end{array}\right) = \left(\begin{array}{c|c} \lambda_{11} & 0 \\ \hline l_{21} & L_{22} \end{array}\right) \left(\begin{array}{c|c} \lambda_{11} & l_{21}^T \\ \hline 0 & L_{22}^T \end{array}\right) = \left(\begin{array}{c|c} \lambda_{11}^2 & \star \\ \hline \lambda_{11} l_{21} & l_{21} l_{21}^T + L_{22} L_{22}^T \end{array}\right)$$

From this we derive the equations

$$\begin{array}{rcl} \lambda_{11} & = & \sqrt{\alpha_{11}} \\ l_{21} & = & a_{21} / \lambda_{11} \\ A_{22} - l_{21} l_{21}^T & = & L_{22} L_{22}^T \end{array}$$

An algorithm for computing the Cholesky factorization is now given by

1. Partition $A = \left(\begin{array}{c|c} a_{11} & \star \\ \hline a_{21} & A_{22} \end{array}\right)$

2. $\alpha_{11} \leftarrow \lambda_{11} = \sqrt{\alpha_{11}}$
3. $a_{21} \leftarrow l_{21} = a_{21}/\lambda_{11}$
4. $A_{22} \leftarrow A_{22} - l_{21} l_{21}^T$
5. continue recursively with A_{22}

Note 3.1.1 *Only the upper or lower triangular part of a symmetric matrix needs to be stored, and the above algorithm only updates the lower portion of the matrix with the result L. As a result, in the step $A_{22} \leftarrow A_{22} - l_{21} l_{21}^T$ only the lower portion of A_{22} is updated, which is typically referred to as a* symmetric rank-1 update.

One question that may be asked about the above algorithm is what is stored in the matrix after k steps. We answer this by partitioning

$$A = \left(\begin{array}{c|c} A_{TL} & \star \\ \hline A_{BL} & A_{BR} \end{array}\right) = \left(\begin{array}{c|c} L_{TL} & 0 \\ \hline L_{BL} & L_{BR} \end{array}\right)$$

where A_{TL} and L_{TL} are $k \times k$. Here "TL" , "BL", and "BR" stand for "Top-Left", "Bottom-Left", and "Bottom-Right", respectively. As seen before

$$A = \left(\begin{array}{c|c} A_{TL} & \star \\ \hline A_{BL} & A_{BR} \end{array}\right) = \left(\begin{array}{c|c} L_{TL} & 0 \\ \hline L_{BL} & L_{BR} \end{array}\right) \left(\begin{array}{c|c} L_{TL}^T & L_{BL}^T \\ \hline 0 & L_{BR}^T \end{array}\right) = \left(\begin{array}{c|c} L_{TL} L_{TL}^T & \star \\ \hline L_{BL} L_{TL}^T & L_{BL} L_{BL}^T + L_{BR} L_{BR}^T \end{array}\right)$$

so that

$$\begin{array}{rcl} A_{TL} & = & L_{TL} L_{TL}^T \\ A_{BL} & = & L_{BL} L_{TL}^T \\ A_{BR} & = & L_{BR} L_{BR}^T + L_{BL} L_{BL}^T \end{array}$$

It can be easily verified that the above algorithm has the effect that after k steps

- A_{TL} has been overwritten by L_{TL},
- A_{BL} has been overwritten by L_{BL}, and
- A_{BR} has been overwritten by $A_{BR} - L_{BL} L_{BL}^T$.

Thus, the matrix with which the algorithm is continued at each step is the submatrix $A_{BR}$and to complete the Cholesky factorization, it suffices to compute the factorization of the updated A_{BR}. This motivates the algorithm given in Fig. 3.1.

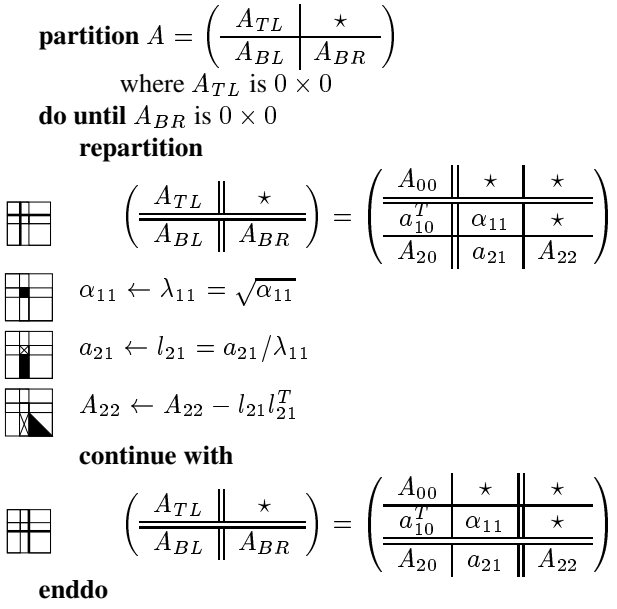


Figure 3.1: Right-looking variant of the Cholesky factorization algorithm.

3.2 Sequential Implementation: No Frills

3.2.1 Right-looking Variant

Implementation

A naieve approach to implementing the described right-looking algorithm is to implement the individual operations as loops of the data. Thus, in the algorithm in Fig. 3.1, the outer-most loop keeps track of the subproblem yet to be factored. Inside of this loop, there is a second loop that implements the scaling of $a_{21} \leftarrow a_{21}/\alpha_{11}$ and a double loop that implements the symmetric rank-1 update $A_{22} \leftarrow A_{22} - a_{21}a_{21}^T$. This is illustrated in Fig. 3.2, with the algorithm already given in Fig. 3.1 and the algorithm that exposes the loops explicitely presented on the left and right, respectively. In that figure, we also present simple FORTRAN and C codes.

partition $A = \left(\begin{array}{c|c} A_{TL} & \star \\ \hline A_{BL} & A_{BR} \end{array}\right)$
where A_{TL} is 0×0
do until A_{BR} is 0×0
repartition

$$\left(\begin{array}{c|c} A_{TL} & \star \\ \hline A_{BL} & A_{BR} \end{array}\right) = \left(\begin{array}{c|c|c} A_{00} & \star & \star \\ \hline a_{10}^T & \alpha_{11} & \star \\ \hline A_{20} & a_{21} & A_{22} \end{array}\right)$$

$\alpha_{11} \leftarrow \lambda_{11} = \sqrt{\alpha_{11}}$

$a_{21} \leftarrow l_{21} = a_{21}/\lambda_{11}$

$A_{22} \leftarrow A_{22} - l_{21} l_{21}^T$

continue with

$$\left(\begin{array}{c|c} A_{TL} & \star \\ \hline A_{BL} & A_{BR} \end{array}\right) = \left(\begin{array}{c|c|c} A_{00} & \star & \star \\ \hline a_{10}^T & \alpha_{11} & \star \\ \hline A_{20} & a_{21} & A_{22} \end{array}\right)$$

enddo

(a) Original right-looking algorithm

for $j = 1, n$

$\alpha_{j,j} = \sqrt{\alpha_{j,j}}$

for $i = j+1, n$

$\alpha_{i,j} = \alpha_{i,j}/\alpha_{j,j}$

endfor

for $k = j+1, n$

for $i = k, n$

$\alpha_{i,k} = \alpha_{i,k} - \alpha_{i,j}\alpha_{k,j}$

endfor

endfor

enddo

(b) Reformulation using triply nested loops.

```
SUBROUTINE CHOL_RIGHT_0( N, A, LDA )
INTEGER N, LDA
DOUBLE PRECISION A( LDA, * )

DO J=1,N
  A(J,J) = SQRT(A(J,J))
  DO I=J+1,N
    A(I,J) = A(I,J)/A(J,J)
  ENDDO
  DO K=J+1,N
    DO I=K,N
      A(I,K) = A(I,K)-A(I,J)*A(K,J)
    ENDDO
  ENDDO
ENDDO

RETURN
END
```

(c) FORTRAN implementation

```
#include <math.h>

#define A(i,j) a[ ((j)-1)*(lda)+(i)-1 ]

void chol_right_0
             (int n, double *a, int lda)
{
  int i, j;

  for (j=1; j<=n; j++){
    A(j,j) = dsqrt( A(j,j) );
    for (i=j+1;i<=n;i++)
      A(i,j) = A(i,j)/A(j,j);
    for (k=j+1;j<=n;j++)
      for (i=k;i<=n;i++)
        A(i,k) = A(i,k)-A(i,j)*A(k,j);
  }
  return;
}
```

(d) C implementation

Figure 3.2: Right-looking Cholesky factorization implemented using triply nested loops.

3.3 Sequential Implementation: Level 1 BLAS

3.3.1 Right-looking Variant

How the algorithm given above is implemented can greatly affect the performance of the code. To attain portability and some level of performance, LINPACK implements such algorithms using *vector-vector* operations. These vector-vector operations are commonly used and highly optimized versions are provided by most vendors as part of the (Level-1) Basic Linear Algebra Subprograms [**?**].

3.3.1.1 Implementation

Clearly, the square-root operation performed is merely an operation on a scalar. The scaling of the rest of the first column, $a_{21} \leftarrow a_{21}/\lambda_{11}$ is an operation on a vector. For this, the (Level-1) Basic Linear Algebra Subprograms provide the routine $\square$`SCAL`, where chosing $\square$ equal to {`S`,`D`,`C`,`Z`} allows one to specify Single, Double, Complex or double complex (Z) arithmetic. Finally, there are a number of ways of implementing the symmetric rank-1 update $A_{22} \leftarrow A_{22} - l_{21} l_{21}^T$: To derive a vector-vector implementation, one can partition A_{22} by columns and l_{21} elementwise:

$$A_{22} = \left(\begin{array}{c|c|c|c} a_1^{(22)} & a_2^{(22)} & \cdots & a_{n-1}^{(22} \end{array} \right) \quad \text{and} \quad l_{21} = \left(\begin{array}{c} \lambda_1^{(21)} \\ \hline \lambda_2^{(21)} \\ \hline \vdots \\ \hline \lambda_{n-1}^{(21)} \end{array} \right)$$

Then the symmetric rank-1 update becomes

$$\begin{array}{rcl} A_{22} - l_{21} l_{21}^T & = & \left(\begin{array}{c|c|c|c} a_1^{(22)} & a_2^{(22)} & \cdots & a_{n-1}^{(22} \end{array} \right) - l_{21} \left(\begin{array}{c|c|c|c} \lambda_1^{(21)} & \lambda_2^{(21)} & \cdots & \lambda_{n-1}^{(21)} \end{array} \right) \\ & = & \left(\begin{array}{c|c|c|c} a_1^{(22)} - \lambda_1^{(21)} l_{21} & a_2^{(22)} - \lambda_2^{(21)} l_{21} & \cdots & a_{n-1}^{(22} - \lambda_{n-1}^{(21)} l_{21}) \end{array} \right) \end{array}$$

In other words, each column of A_{22} is updated by subtracting a multiple of l_{21}. This operation is commonly called an $\square$`AXPY` operation, for scalar Alpha times vector X Plus vector Y. The double precision version of this operation (`DAXPY`) is a frequently used computational kernel provided as part of the Level-1 BLAS. Notice that if only the lower triangular portion of A_{22} is to be updated, only part of each column is updated. In Fig. 3.4 (a), we give the original right-looking algorithm. In (b) of that figure, we give a "MATLAB"-like algorithm that replaces the loop that scales a_{21} and the innermost loop of the symmetric rank-1 update by vector-vector operations. FORTRAN and C implementations are given in (c) and (d).

partition $A = \left(\begin{array}{c|c} A_{TL} & \star \\ \hline A_{BL} & A_{BR} \end{array}\right)$
where A_{TL} is 0×0
do until A_{BR} is 0×0
repartition

$$\left(\begin{array}{c|c} A_{TL} & \star \\ \hline A_{BL} & A_{BR} \end{array}\right) = \left(\begin{array}{c|c|c} A_{00} & \star & \star \\ \hline a_{10}^T & \alpha_{11} & \star \\ \hline A_{20} & a_{21} & A_{22} \end{array}\right)$$

$\alpha_{11} \leftarrow \lambda_{11} = \sqrt{\alpha_{11}}$

$a_{21} \leftarrow l_{21} = a_{21}/\lambda_{11}$

$A_{22} \leftarrow A_{22} - l_{21} l_{21}^T$

continue with

$$\left(\begin{array}{c|c} A_{TL} & \star \\ \hline A_{BL} & A_{BR} \end{array}\right) = \left(\begin{array}{c|c|c} A_{00} & \star & \star \\ \hline a_{10}^T & \alpha_{11} & \star \\ \hline A_{20} & a_{21} & A_{22} \end{array}\right)$$

enddo

(a) Original right-looking algorithm

for $j = 1, n$

$\alpha_{j,j} = \sqrt{\alpha_{j,j}}$

$\alpha_{j+1:n,j} = \alpha_{j+1:n,j} / \alpha_{j,j}$

for $k = j+1, n$

$\alpha_{k:n,k} = \alpha_{k:n,k} - \alpha_{k,j} \alpha_{k:n,j}$

endfor

enddo

(b) Algorithm reformulated to use vector operations in the inner-most loops

```
      SUBROUTINE CHOL_RIGHT_1( N, A, LDA )
      INTEGER N, LDA
      DOUBLE PRECISION A( LDA, * )

      DO J=1,N
        A(J,J)=SQRT(A(J,J))
        CALL DSCAL(N-J,1.0D00/A(J,J),A(J+1,J),1)
        DO K=J+1,N
          CALL DAXPY(N-J+1,-A(K,J),A(K,J),1,
     $                              A(K,K),1)
        ENDDO
      ENDDO

      RETURN
      END
```

(c) FORTRAN implementation

```
#include <math.h>

#define A(i,j) a[ ((j)-1)*(lda)+(i)-1 ]

void chol_right_1
             (int n, double *a, int lda)
{
  int i, j, k, nmj, nmkp1, i1=1;
  double Ajj_inv, min_Akj;

  for (j=1; j<=n; j++){
    A(j,j) = dsqrt( A(j,j) );
    Ajj_inv = 1.0d00/A(j,j);
    dscal(&nmj,&Ajj_inv,&A(j+1,j),&i1);
    for (k=j+1;j<=n;j++){
      nmkp1 = n-k+1;
      min_Akj = -A(k,j);
      daxpy(&nmkp1,&min_Akj,&A(k,j),&i1,
                            &A(k,k),&i1 );
    }
  }
  return;
}
```

(d) C implementation

Figure 3.3: Right-looking Cholesky factorization implemented using doubly nested loops and vector-vector operations.

3.4 Sequential Implementation: Level 2 BLAS

3.4.1 Right-looking Variant

3.4.1.1 Implementation

partition $A = \left(\begin{array}{c|c} A_{TL} & \star \\ \hline A_{BL} & A_{BR} \end{array}\right)$
where A_{TL} is 0×0
do until A_{BR} is 0×0
repartition

$$\left(\begin{array}{c\|c} A_{TL} & \star \\ \hline\hline A_{BL} & A_{BR} \end{array}\right) = \left(\begin{array}{c\|c\|c} A_{00} & \star & \star \\ \hline\hline a_{10}^T & \alpha_{11} & \star \\ \hline A_{20} & a_{21} & A_{22} \end{array}\right)$$

$\alpha_{11} \leftarrow \lambda_{11} = \sqrt{\alpha_{11}}$

$a_{21} \leftarrow l_{21} = a_{21}/\lambda_{11}$

$A_{22} \leftarrow A_{22} - l_{21}l_{21}^T$

continue with

$$\left(\begin{array}{c\|c} A_{TL} & \star \\ \hline\hline A_{BL} & A_{BR} \end{array}\right) = \left(\begin{array}{c\|c\|c} A_{00} & \star & \star \\ \hline\hline a_{10}^T & \alpha_{11} & \star \\ \hline\hline A_{20} & a_{21} & A_{22} \end{array}\right)$$

enddo

(a) Original right-looking algorithm

for $j = 1, n$

$\alpha_{j,j} = \sqrt{\alpha_{j,j}}$

$\alpha_{j+1:n,j} = \alpha_{j+1:n,j}/\alpha_{j,j}$

$\alpha_{j+1:n,j+1:n} = \alpha_{j+1:n,j+1:n} - \alpha_{j+1:n,j}\alpha_{j+1:n,j}^T$

enddo

(b) Algorithm reformulated to use symmetric rank-1 update. (Notice: only lower triangular part of A is updated.)

```
      SUBROUTINE CHOL_RIGHT_2( N, A, LDA )
      INTEGER N, LDA
      DOUBLE PRECISION A( LDA, * )

      DO J=1,N
        A(J,J) = SQRT(A(J,J))
        CALL DSCAL(N-J,1.0D00/A(J,J),A(J+1,J),1)
        CALL DSYR("Lower triang",
     $            N-J,-1.0D00,A(J+1,J),1,
     $                        A(J+1,J+1),LDA)
      ENDDO

      RETURN
      END
```

(c) FORTRAN implementation

```
#include <math.h>

#define A(i,j) a[ ((j)-1)*(lda)+(i)-1 ]

void chol_right_2
             (int n, double *a, int lda)
{
  int i, j, k, nmj, i1=1;
  double Ajj_inv, dneg1=-1.0d00;

  for (j=1; j<=n; j++){
    A(j,j) = dsqrt( A(j,j) );
    Ajj_inv = 1.0d00/A(j,j);
    dscal(&nmj,&Ajj_inv,&A(j+1,j),&i1);
    dsyr("Lower triang",
         &nmj,&dneg1,&A(j+1,j),&i1,
                     &A(j+1,j+1),&lda );
  }
  return;
}
```

(d) C implementation

Figure 3.4: Right-looking Cholesky factorization implemented using matrix-vector operations.

3.5 Sequential Implementation: Level 3 BLAS

3.5.1 Right-looking Variant

3.5.1.1 Implementation

While the Level-1 and Level-2 BLAS operations represent a useful set of kernels and vendors generally provide highly optimized implementations, there is an inherent limitation in the performance they can attain. Vector-vector operations provided by the Level-1 BLAS perform $O(n)$ operations on $O(n)$ data, where n equals the length of the vectors involved. As a result, they require the same order of magnitude memory operations as floating point operations. Since in current microprocessors memory operations are typically considerably slower than floating point operations, they become an inherent bottleneck. Adding a cache to the memory hierarchy does not generally provide any relieve, since there tends to be no data reuse in these operations.

Although there is an opportunity for data reuse in the matrix-vector operations provided by the Level-2 BLAS, these operations perform $O(n^2)$ operations on $O(n^2)$ data [1], where n now equals the matrix dimension. Thus memory operations can, and often will, still become a bottleneck.

Observe that when performing a matrix-matrix operation, $O(n^3)$ operations are performed on $O(n^2)$ data, where n equals the dimensions of the matrix. Thus, there is an opportunity to bring (parts of) the matrices into fast cache memory and perform (a part of) the matrix-matrix multiplication before returning the result to main memory. Thus, matrix-matrix operations, given by Level-3 BLAS, can in theory and practice achieve near-peak performance.

Given the derivation of the matrix-vector operation (`syr`) algorithm given in Section **??**, it is not difficult to derive a matrix-matrix based operation, as we show next. We purposely follow the discussion in Section **??**.

The level-3 BLAS right-looking algorithm for implementing this operation can be described by partitioning the matrices

$$A = \left(\begin{array}{c|c} A_{11} & \star \\ \hline A_{21} & A_{22} \end{array}\right) \quad \text{and} \quad L = \left(\begin{array}{c|c} L_{11} & 0 \\ \hline L_{21} & L_{22} \end{array}\right)$$

where A_{11} and L_{11} are now $b \times b$, where $b << n$ (say 32 or 64). Now,

$$A = \left(\begin{array}{c|c} A_{11} & \star \\ \hline A_{21} & A_{22} \end{array}\right) = \left(\begin{array}{c|c} L_{11} & 0 \\ \hline L_{21} & L_{22} \end{array}\right)\left(\begin{array}{c|c} L_{11}^T & L_{21}^T \\ \hline 0 & L_{22}^T \end{array}\right) = \left(\begin{array}{c|c} L_{11}L_{11}^T & \star \\ \hline L_{21}L_{11}^T & L_{21}L_{21}^T + L_{22}L_{22}^T \end{array}\right)$$

From this we derive the equations

$$\begin{array}{rcl} L_{11} & = & \text{Cholesky factor of } A_{11} \\ L_{21} & = & A_{21}L_{11}^{-1} \\ A_{22} - L_{21}L_{21}^T & = & L_{22}L_{22}^T \end{array}$$

A blocked algorithm for computing the Cholesky factorization is now given by

1. Partition $A = \left(\begin{array}{c|c} A_{11} & \star \\ \hline A_{21} & A_{22} \end{array}\right)$
2. $A_{11} \leftarrow L_{11} = \text{Chol. fact.}(A_{11})$
3. $A_{21} \leftarrow L_{21} = A_{21}L_{11}^{-T}$
4. $A_{22} \leftarrow A_{22} - L_{21}L_{21}^T$
5. continue recursively with A_{22}

[1] Notice: multiplying an $n \times n$ matrix times a vector requires approximately $2n^2$ floating point operations and approximately n^2 memory operations

Note 3.5.1 *In the step $A_{22} \leftarrow A_{22} - L_{21}L_{21}^T$ only the lower portion of A_{22} is updated, which is typically referred to as a* symmetric rank-k update*, where k here equals b.*

Partitioning

$$A = \left(\begin{array}{c|c} A_{TL} & \star \\ \hline A_{BL} & A_{BR} \end{array}\right) = \left(\begin{array}{c|c} L_{TL} & 0 \\ \hline L_{BL} & L_{BR} \end{array}\right)$$

where A_{TL} and L_{TL} are $k \times k$. Here "TL" , "BL", and "BR" stand for "Top-Left", "Bottom-Left", and "Bottom-Right", respectively. As seen before

$$A = \left(\begin{array}{c|c} A_{TL} & \star \\ \hline A_{BL} & A_{BR} \end{array}\right) = \left(\begin{array}{c|c} L_{TL} & 0 \\ \hline L_{BL} & L_{BR} \end{array}\right)\left(\begin{array}{c|c} L_{TL}^T & L_{BL}^T \\ \hline 0 & L_{BR}^T \end{array}\right) = \left(\begin{array}{c|c} L_{TL}L_{TL}^T & \star \\ \hline L_{BL}L_{TL}^T & L_{BL}L_{BL}^T + L_{BR}L_{BR}^T \end{array}\right)$$

so that

$$\begin{array}{rcl} A_{TL} & = & L_{TL}L_{TL}^T \\ A_{BL} & = & L_{BL}L_{TL}^T \\ A_{BR} & = & L_{BR}L_{BR}^T + L_{BL}L_{BL}^T \end{array}$$

It can be easily verified that the above algorithm has the effect that if the recursion has proceed so that the factorization left to be done involves only A_{BR},

- A_{TL} has been overwritten by L_{TL},
- A_{BL} has been overwritten by L_{BL}, and
- A_{BR} has been overwritten by $A_{BR} - L_{BL}L_{BL}^T$.

This motivates the formulation of the algorithm given in Fig. 3.6.

$$A = \left(\begin{array}{c|c} A_{TL} & \star \\ \hline A_{BL} & A_{BR} \end{array}\right) \quad \text{and} \quad L = \left(\begin{array}{c|c} L_{TL} & 0 \\ \hline L_{BL} & L_{BR} \end{array}\right)$$

Assume A_{TL} and A_{BL} have been overwritten by L_{TL} and L_{BL} respectively, and A_{BR} has been overwritten by $A_{BR}^{\rm new} = A_{BR} - L_{BL}L_{BL}^T$ so that only the Cholesky factorization of $A_{BR}^{\rm new}$ needs to be computed.

$$A_{BR}^{\rm new} = \left(\begin{array}{c|c} \alpha_{11} & \star \\ \hline a_{21} & A_{22} \end{array}\right) \quad \text{and} \quad L_{BR} = \left(\begin{array}{c|c} \lambda_{11} & 0 \\ \hline l_{21} & L_{22} \end{array}\right)$$

where α_{11} and λ_{11} are scalars. Then

$$\begin{array}{rcl} A_{BR}^{\rm new} & = & \left(\begin{array}{c|c} \alpha_{11} & \star \\ \hline a_{21} & A_{22} \end{array}\right) \\ & = & \left(\begin{array}{c|c} \lambda_{11}^2 & \star \\ \hline \lambda_{11} l_{21} & l_{21}l_{21}^T + L_{22}L_{22}^T \end{array}\right) = L_{BR}L_{BR}^T \end{array}$$

From this we derive the equations

$$\begin{array}{rcl} \lambda_{11} & = & \sqrt{\alpha_{11}} \\ l_{21} & = & a_{21}/\lambda_{11} \\ A_{22} - l_{21}l_{21}^T & = & L_{22}L_{22}^T \end{array}$$

The above motivation yields the algorithm

partition $A = \left(\begin{array}{c|c} A_{TL} & \star \\ \hline A_{BL} & A_{BR} \end{array}\right)$
where A_{TL} is 0×0
do until A_{BR} is 0×0

repartition

$$\left(\begin{array}{c|c} A_{TL} & \star \\ \hline A_{BL} & A_{BR} \end{array}\right) = \left(\begin{array}{c|c|c} A_{00} & \star & \star \\ \hline a_{10}^T & \alpha_{11} & \star \\ \hline A_{20} & a_{21} & A_{22} \end{array}\right)$$

$\alpha_{11} \leftarrow \lambda_{11} = \sqrt{\alpha_{11}}$

$a_{21} \leftarrow l_{21} = a_{21}/\lambda_{11}$

$A_{22} \leftarrow A_{22} - l_{21}l_{21}^T$

continue with

$$\left(\begin{array}{c|c} A_{TL} & \star \\ \hline A_{BL} & A_{BR} \end{array}\right) = \left(\begin{array}{c|c|c} A_{00} & \star & \star \\ \hline a_{10}^T & \alpha_{11} & \star \\ \hline A_{20} & a_{21} & A_{22} \end{array}\right)$$

enddo

$$A_{BR}^{\rm new} = \left(\begin{array}{c|c} A_{11} & \star \\ \hline A_{21} & A_{22} \end{array}\right) \quad \text{and} \quad L_{BR} = \left(\begin{array}{c|c} L_{11} & 0 \\ \hline L_{21} & L_{22} \end{array}\right)$$

where A_{11} and L_{11} are of size $b \times b$. Then

$$\begin{array}{rcl} A_{BR}^{\rm new} & = & \left(\begin{array}{c|c} A_{11} & \star \\ \hline A_{21} & A_{22} \end{array}\right) \\ & = & \left(\begin{array}{c|c} L_{11}L_{11}^T & \star \\ \hline L_{21}L_{11}^T & L_{21}L_{21}^T + L_{22}L_{22}^T \end{array}\right) = L_{BR}L_{BR}^T \end{array}$$

From this we derive the equations

$$\begin{array}{rcl} A_{11} & = & L_{11}L_{11}^T \\ L_{21}L_{11}^T & = & A_{21} \\ A_{22} - L_{21}L_{21}^T & = & L_{22}L_{22}^T \end{array}$$

The above motivation yields the algorithm

partition $A = \left(\begin{array}{c|c} A_{TL} & \star \\ \hline A_{BL} & A_{BR} \end{array}\right)$
where A_{TL} is 0×0
do until A_{BR} is 0×0
determine block size b
repartition

$$\left(\begin{array}{c|c} A_{TL} & \star \\ \hline A_{BL} & A_{BR} \end{array}\right) = \left(\begin{array}{c|c|c} A_{00} & \star & \star \\ \hline A_{10} & A_{11} & \star \\ \hline A_{20} & A_{21} & A_{22} \end{array}\right)$$

where A_{11} is $b \times b$

$A_{11} \leftarrow L_{11} = \text{Chol. fact.}(A_{11})$

$A_{21} \leftarrow L_{21} = A_{21}L_{11}^{-T}$

$A_{22} \leftarrow A_{22} - L_{21}L_{21}^T$

continue with

$$\left(\begin{array}{c|c} A_{TL} & \star \\ \hline A_{BL} & A_{BR} \end{array}\right) = \left(\begin{array}{c|c|c} A_{00} & \star & \star \\ \hline A_{10} & A_{11} & \star \\ \hline A_{20} & A_{21} & A_{22} \end{array}\right)$$

enddo

Figure 3.5: Similarity in the derivation of a Level-2 (*left*) and Level-3 (*right*) BLAS based right-looking Cholesky factorization.

partition $A = \left(\begin{array}{c|c} A_{TL} & \star \\ \hline A_{BL} & A_{BR} \end{array}\right)$
where A_{TL} is 0×0
do until A_{BR} is 0×0
determine block size b
repartition

$$\left(\begin{array}{c|c} A_{TL} & \star \\ \hline A_{BL} & A_{BR} \end{array}\right) = \left(\begin{array}{c|c|c} A_{00} & \star & \star \\ \hline A_{10} & A_{11} & \star \\ \hline A_{20} & A_{21} & A_{22} \end{array}\right)$$

where A_{11} is $b \times b$

$A_{11} \leftarrow L_{11} = \text{Chol. fact.}(A_{11})$

$A_{21} \leftarrow L_{21} = A_{21} L_{11}^{-T}$

$A_{22} \leftarrow A_{22} - L_{21} L_{21}^T$

continue with

$$\left(\begin{array}{c|c} A_{TL} & \star \\ \hline A_{BL} & A_{BR} \end{array}\right) = \left(\begin{array}{c|c|c} A_{00} & \star & \star \\ \hline A_{10} & A_{11} & \star \\ \hline A_{20} & A_{21} & A_{22} \end{array}\right)$$

enddo

(a) Original right-looking algorithm

for $j = 1, n, nb$
determine block size b
$\alpha_{j:j+b-1,j:j+b-1} \leftarrow \lambda_{j:j+b-1,j:j+b-1}$
$= \text{Chol. fact.}(\alpha_{j:j+b-1,j:j+b-1})$
$\alpha_{j+b:n,j:j+b-1} = \alpha_{j+b:n,j:j+b-1} \lambda_{j:j+b-1,j:j+b-1}^{-T}$
$\alpha_{j+b:n,j+b:n} = \alpha_{j+b:n,j+b:n} -$
$\alpha_{j+b:n,j:j+b-1} \alpha_{j+b:n,j+b-1}^T$
enddo

(b) Algorithm reformulated to use matrix-matrix operations

```
      SUBROUTINE CHOL_RIGHT_3( N, NB, A, LDA )
      INTEGER N, LDA, NB, JB
      DOUBLE PRECISION A( LDA, * )

      DO J=1,N,NB
        JB=MIN(NB,N-J+1)
        CALL CHOL_RIGHT_2(JB,A(J,J),LDA)
        IF (J+JB.LE.N) THEN
          CALL DTRSM("Right","Lower triang",
     $           "Trans","Nonunit",
     $           N-J-JB+1,JB,1.0D00,A(J,J),LDA,
     $                           A(J+JB,J),LDA)
          CALL DSYRK("Low. tri-
     ang","No trans",
     $        N-J-JB+1,JB,-
     1.0D00,A(J+JB,J),LDA,
     $                 1.0D00,A(J+JB,J+JB),LDA )
        ENDIF
      ENDDO
      RETURN
      END
```

(c) FORTRAN implementation

```
void chol_right_3
     (int n, int nb, double *a, int lda)
{
  int j, jb, nmjmjbp1;
  double d1=1d00, dneg1=-1.0d00;

  for (j=1; j<=n; j+=jb){
    jb=min(nb,n-j+1);
    chol_right_2(jb,&A(j,j),lda);
    if (j+jb<n){
      nmjmjbp1=n-j-jb+1;
      dtrsm("Right","Lower triang",
            "Trans","Nonunit",
            &nmjmjbp1,&jb,&d1,&A(j,j),&lda,
            &A(j+jb,j),&lda);
      dsyrk("Lower triang","No trans",
            &nmjmjbp1,&jb,&dneg1,&A(j+jb,j),
            &lda,&d1,&A(j+jb,j+jb),&lda);
    }
  }
  return;
}
```

(d) C implementation

Figure 3.6: Blocked right-looking Cholesky factorization implemented using level-3 BLAS.

3.6 Performance

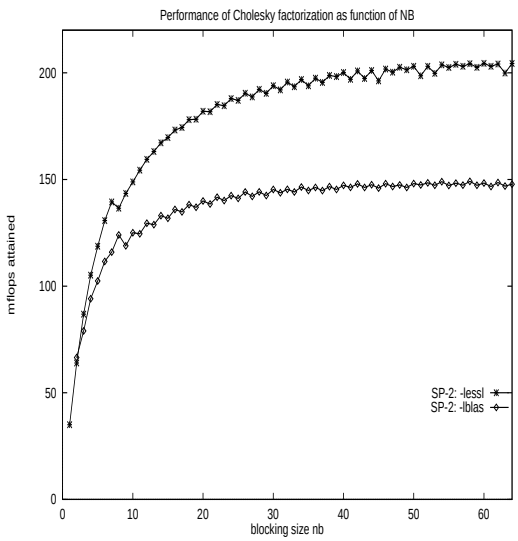


Figure 3.7: Performance as a function of the blocking size nb. The reported performance was attained on one node of an IBM SP-2. Two different BLAS libraries were linked: the "-lblas" library and the more highly optimized "-lessl" library.

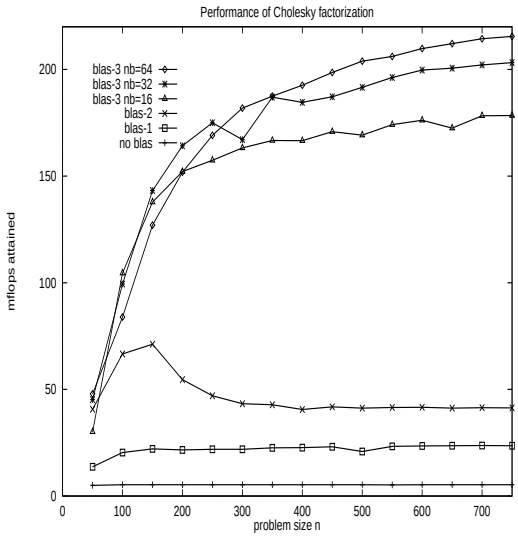


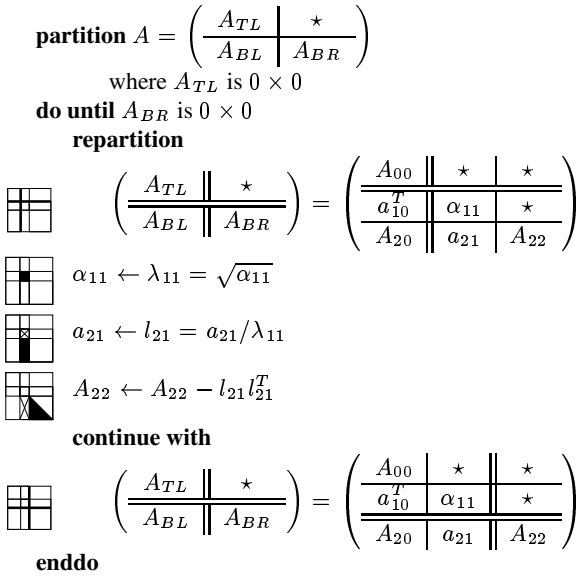
Figure 3.8: Performance of the Cholesky factorization with different levels of optimization. The reported performance was attained on one node of an IBM SP-2, using the -lessl library.

Chapter 4

PLAPACK Cholesky Factorization, Part I

Let us reconsider the algorithm in Fig. 3.1, which we repeated in subsequent figures claiming this to be a natural way of expressing the algorithm. We now also claim that the MATLAB M-script like implementations, as well as the FORTRAN and C implementations, reflect this algorithm rather poorly. Indeed, the abundance of indices make these codes, despite the fact that they are rather short, difficult to read. If it is already difficult to recognize the algorithm in the sequential implementations, one can imagine what would happen if one has to also keep track of the processors on which the matrix is discributed, how the matrix is distributed, etc.

Let us see how to code if we assume that all information about matrices and vectors has been hidden in *opaque objects*, as illustated below:




```
PLA_Obj_view_all( A, &ABR );

while ( TRUE ) {
  PLA_Obj_global_length(ABR, &size);
  if (0 == size) break;

  PLA_Obj_split_4(ABR, 1, 1, &A11, &A12,
                             &A21, &ABR);

  PLA_Sqrt(A11);

  PLA_Inv_scal(A11, A21);
  PLA_Syr(PLA_LOW_TRIAN, PLA_NO_TRANS,
          minus_one, A21, one, ABR);
}
```

Figure 4.1: Right-looking variant of the Cholesky factorization algorithm, and how one may wish to encode it.

The code on the right is almost identical to PLAPACK code for this algorithm. Notice that the algorithm as we claim it is naturally expressed can be easily recognized in the implementation, even if a reader has never seen PLAPACK

code before.

In subsequent sections, we will discuss the basic PLAPACK implementations of this algorithm, and how to progressively optimize to attain extremely high performance on a wide range of distributed memory parallel architectures.

4.1 A Parallel Level-2 BLAS Based Implementation

A complete implementation of a PLAPACK level-2 BLAS right-looking variant of the Cholesky factorization is given in Fig. 4.2. The primary part of the code is given in lines 19–34. Notice that this is essentially the same as was given in Fig. 4.1 except that the view of the current diagonal element, `A11`, is cast to be a multiscalar (indeed, it is really a scalar) and a check is made for make sure no square root of a negative number is encountered. The casting of `A11` is required since the first parameter passed to `PLA_Inv_scal` must be a multiscalar. Also, at this time, the `PLA_Syr` routine cannot take a view of a matrix as input for the vector being used for the symmetric rank-1 update. Thus, we use a call to `PLA_Syrk`, the symmetric rank-k update, with one of operands of unit width.

A common parameter passed to PLAPACK global and local BLAS routines are the constants "0", "1", and/or "-1". Since these must be passed as multiscalar objects, a typical routine starts by creating those objects. We have introduced a new utility routine

```
PLA_Create_constants_conf_to( PLA_Obj Obj_in, PLA_Obj *minus_one,
                              PLA_Obj *zero,  PLA_Obj *one )
```

which creates the appropriate objects using the same datatype and template as were used to create input object `Obj_in`. Passing in a `NULL` for an output parameter indicates that object need not be created. The remainder of the code is concerned with declarations and the freeing of temporary views.

Note 4.1.1 *This code has a clear shortcoming in that only the node that owns the current diagonal element α_{11} will determine that a square-root of a negative number is to be taken, and thus only that node will recognize an error condition. Rather than fixing this problem now, we will show how to fix it in the ultimate implementation.*

Note 4.1.2 *The performance of this implementation on a 4×4 configuration of the Cray T3E is given in Fig. 4.5. Notice that the maximum performance is less than 2 MFLOPS/sec per node on a machine with a peak performance in the 450 MFLOPS/sec per node range... Thus, there is considerable room for improvement!*

```
1   #include "PLA.h"
2   #include "mpi.h"
3
4   Chol_right_level2( PLA_Obj A, int *info )
5   {
6     int       size;
7     PLA_Obj   ABR        = NULL,            A11         = NULL,
8                                             A21         = NULL,
9               one        = NULL,            minus_one   = NULL;
10
11    /* Create usual duplicated scalar constants with same datatype and
12       template as A */
13    PLA_Create_constants_conf_to( A, &minus_one, NULL, &one );
14
15    /* Initially the active part of A, ABR, is all of A */
16    PLA_Obj_view_all( A, &ABR );
17
18    while ( TRUE ) {
19      /* Determine size of current panel */
20      PLA_Obj_global_length( ABR , &size );
21      if ( 0 == size ) break;
22
23      PLA_Obj_split_4( ABR, 1, 1,    &A11, PLA_DUMMY,
24                                     &A21, &ABR );
25
26      PLA_Obj_objtype_cast( A11, PLA_MSCALAR );
27
28      *info = PLA_Sqrt( A11 );
29      if ( *info != 0 ) break;
30
31      PLA_Inv_scal( A11, A21 );
32      /* Note: this should be a call to Syr !!! */
33      PLA_Syrk( PLA_LOW_TRIAN, PLA_NO_TRANS, minus_one, A21, one, ABR );
34    }
35
36    PLA_Obj_free( &ABR );         PLA_Obj_free( &A11 );
37    PLA_Obj_free( &A21 );         PLA_Obj_free( &one );
38    PLA_Obj_free( &minus_one );
39  }
40
41
```

Figure 4.2: Basic level-2 BLAS based right-looking Cholesky factorization.

```
1   #include "mpi.h"
2   #include "PLA.h"
3
4   int PLA_Sqrt( PLA_Obj A )
5   {
6     int length, width, info = 0;
7     MPI_Datatype datatype;
8
9     PLA_Obj_local_length( A, &length );
10    PLA_Obj_local_width ( A, &width );
11
12    if ( length == 1 && width == 1 ) {
13      PLA_Obj_datatype( A, &datatype );
14      if ( datatype == MPI_DOUBLE ) {
15        double *buf;
16
17        PLA_Obj_local_buffer( A, (void **) &buf );
18        if ( *buf < 0.0 ) info = -1;
19        else *buf = sqrt( *buf );
20      }
21      else if ( datatype == MPI_FLOAT ) {
22        float *buf;
23
24        PLA_Obj_local_buffer( A, (void **) &buf );
25        if ( *buf < 0.0 ) info = -1;
26        else *buf = sqrt( (double) *buf );
27      }
28      else info = -1;
29    }
30
31    return info;
32  }
```

Figure 4.3: Utility routine to take square root.

4.2 A Parallel Level-3 BLAS Based Implementation

In Fig. 4.4 we give a complete implementation of a basic PLAPACK level-3 BLAS right-looking Cholesky factorization. Notice that lines 17–31 are essentially identical to those given in Fig. 4.2 except that again a check is added for detecting an encounter of a square-root of a negative number. This routine calls the previously discussed level-2 implementation.

```
1   #include "PLA.h"
2   #include "mpi.h"
3
4   Chol_right_1( PLA_Obj A, int nb_alg, int *info )
5   {
6     int       size;
7     PLA_Obj   ABR             = NULL,     A11             = NULL,
8               A21             = NULL,
9               one             = NULL,     minus_one       = NULL;
10
11    /* Create usual duplicated scalar constants */
12    PLA_Create_constants_conf_to( A, &minus_one, NULL, &one );
13
14    /* View ABR = A */
15    PLA_Obj_view_all( A, &ABR );
16
17    while ( TRUE ) {
18      /* Determine size of current panel */
19      PLA_Obj_global_length( ABR , &size );
20      if ( 0 == ( size = min( size, nb_alg ) ) ) break;
21
22      PLA_Obj_split_4( ABR, size, size,    &A11, PLA_DUMMY,
23                                           &A21, &ABR );
24
25      Chol_right_level2( A11, info );
26      if ( *info != 0 ) break;
27
28      PLA_Trsm( PLA_SIDE_RIGHT, PLA_LOW_TRIAN, PLA_TRANS, PLA_NONUNIT_DIAG,
29                one, A11, A21 );
30      PLA_Syrk( PLA_LOW_TRIAN, PLA_NO_TRANS, minus_one, A21, one, ABR );
31    }
32
33    PLA_Obj_free( &ABR );        PLA_Obj_free( &A11 );
34    PLA_Obj_free( &A21 );
35    PLA_Obj_free( &one );        PLA_Obj_free( &minus_one );
36  }
```

Figure 4.4: Basic level-3 BLAS based right-looking Cholesky factorization.

Note 4.2.1 *This code continues to have a clear shortcoming in that only the node that owns the current diagonal element α_{11} will determine that a square-root of a negative number is to be taken, and thus only that node will recognize an error condition.*

Note 4.2.2 *Fig. 4.5 shows that performance is improved considerably when compared against the level 2 implementation. This is primarily due to the fact that the bulk of the computation is now performed using level-3 BLAS.*

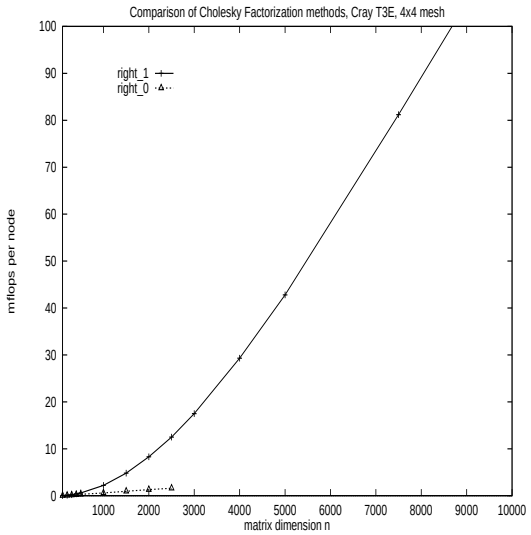


Figure 4.5: Performance of the basic level-2 and level-3 based PLAPACK implementations on a 16 processor configuration of the Cray T3E. A distribution block size of 64 and algorithmic block size of 128 was used to collect this data.

Note 4.2.3 *Looking ahead to Fig. 4.8, we see that performance is still not all that impressive: the code only attains around 100 MFLOPS/sec per node even for very large problem sizes on a machine with a peak performance in the 450 MFLOPS/sec per node range.*

4.3 Factoring A_{11} Local on One Node

As noted in Note 4.2.3, performance of the level-3 based implementation is not particularly impressive, although much better than the level-2 based implemention. The good news is that at least it appears that as the problem size increasing, better performance can be expected.

The primary reason why the level-3 based algorithm does not reach high performance quickly is that it calls the level-2 based parallel algorithm, which inherently communicates a very large number of messages. In addition, many communications performed as part of this smaller factorization are repeated in the global triangular solve with multiple right-hand-side operation performed by `PLA_Trsm`. In turn, many communications performed by `PLA_Trsm` are repeated for the symmetric rank-k update `PLA_Syrk`.

One observation is that if the distribution block size is reasonable and the size of the current diagonal matrix A_{11} is small enough, the matrix to be factored by the level-2 BLAS based implementation is owned entirely by one node, and thus a sequential algorithm can be called on that node to factor that subproblem. This results in no communication being required during the factorization of A_{11}.

To facilitate this, one must first determine how large A_{11} can be while guaranteeing that it exists on one node. PLAPACK provides the routine `PLA_Obj_split_size`. Turning to the code in Fig. 4.6 we see that the determination of the current block size previously accomplished by

```
19        PLA_Obj_global_length( ABR , &size );
20        if ( 0 == ( size = min( size, nb_alg ) ) ) break;
```

in Fig. 4.4 is replaced by

```
20        PLA_Obj_split_size( ABR, PLA_SIDE_LEFT, &size_left, &dummy );
21        PLA_Obj_split_size( ABR, PLA_SIDE_TOP,  &size_top,  &dummy );
22        if ( 0 == ( size = min( min( size_top, size_left ), nb_alg ) ) ) break;
```

The first call determines how many rows of the current view `ABR` can be split off while guaranteeing that those rows exist within one row on nodes. Similarly, the second call determines how many columns of the current view `ABR` can be split off while guaranteeing that those rows exist within one row on nodes. The size of A_{11} is then determined to be the smallest of these two values and the algorithmic block size.

Once it is guaranteed that A_{11} exists on one node, the call to `PLA_Chol_right_0` can be replaced by a call to `PLA_Local_chol` which performs a sequential Cholesky factorization on the node that owns A_{11}. Other than this, the code is essentially identical.

Note 4.3.1 *This code continues to have a clear shortcoming in that only the node that owns the current diagonal element α_{11} will determine that a square-root of a negative number is to be taken, and thus only that node will recognize an error condition.*

Note 4.3.2 *Fig.* **??** *shows that performance is now more acceptable impressive: the code attains better than half of peak for very large problem sizes.*

Note 4.3.3 *Expain subtlety in* `PLA_Obj_split_size` *functionality.*

```
1   #include "PLA.h"
2   #include "mpi.h"
3
4   Chol_right_2( PLA_Obj A, int nb_alg, int *info )
5   {
6     int       size,                       size_top,
7               size_left,                  dummy;
8     PLA_Obj   ABR             = NULL,     A11             = NULL,
9               A21             = NULL,
10              one             = NULL,     minus_one       = NULL;
11
12    /* Create usual duplicated scalar constants */
13    PLA_Create_constants_conf_to( A, &minus_one, NULL, &one );
14
15    /* View ABR = A */
16    PLA_Obj_view_all( A, &ABR );
17
18    while ( TRUE ) {
19      /* Determine size of current panel */
20      PLA_Obj_split_size( ABR, PLA_SIDE_LEFT, &size_left, &dummy );
21      PLA_Obj_split_size( ABR, PLA_SIDE_TOP,  &size_top,  &dummy );
22      if ( 0 == ( size = min( min( size_top, size_left ), nb_alg ) ) ) break;
23
24      PLA_Obj_split_4( ABR, size, size,    &A11, PLA_DUMMY,
25                                           &A21, &ABR );
26
27      *info = PLA_Local_chol( PLA_LOWER_TRIANGULAR, A11 );
28      if ( *info != 0 ) break;
29
30      PLA_Trsm( PLA_SIDE_RIGHT, PLA_LOW_TRIAN, PLA_TRANS, PLA_NONUNIT_DIAG,
31                one, A11, A21 );
32      PLA_Syrk( PLA_LOW_TRIAN, PLA_NO_TRANS, minus_one, A21, one, ABR );
33    }
34
35    PLA_Obj_free( &ABR );        PLA_Obj_free( &A11 );
36    PLA_Obj_free( &A21 );
37    PLA_Obj_free( &one );        PLA_Obj_free( &minus_one );
38  }
39
40
```

Figure 4.6: Factoring A_{11} Local on One Node

4.4 Updating A_{21} on One Column of Nodes

A next optimization comes from the recognition that if A_{11} exists within one node, then A_{21} exists within one column of nodes. Since the update of individual rows of A_{21} is only dependent upon that row and A_{11}, it suffices to communication A_{11} to all nodes within the same column of nodes as the node that owns A_{11}, after which local triangular solves can commence to update A_{21}.

The first step is to communication A_{11} to all nodes in the same column of nodes. This is accomplished by first casting `A11` to become a multiscalar (owned by one node):

```
30        PLA_Obj_objtype_cast( A11, PLA_MSCALAR );
```

After this, a `duplicated` multiscalar that inherits all attributes of `A11` except is duplicated to all rows within the column that owns A_{11} is created:

```
31        PLA_Mscalar_create_conf_to( A11, PLA_ALL_ROWS, PLA_INHERIT, &A11_dup );
```

Finally, the duplication is accomplished by copying from `A11` to `A11_dup`.

```
32        PLA_Copy( A11, A11_dup );
```

Now all nodes in the appropriate column own the data required to perform the local triangular solve with multiple right-hand-sides:

```
34        PLA_Local_trsm( PLA_SIDE_RIGHT, PLA_LOW_TRIAN, PLA_TRANS, PLA_NONUNIT_DIAG,
35                        one, A11_dup, A21 );
```

The complete code is given in Fig. 4.7.

Note 4.4.1 *This code continues to have a clear shortcoming in that only the node that owns the current diagonal element α_{11} will determine that a square-root of a negative number is to be taken, and thus only that node will recognize an error condition.*

Note 4.4.2 *Fig. 4.8 shows that performance continues to improve. However, the improvement in not nearly as dramatic, since not much communication was being performed by the global* `PLA_Trsm`.

```
1   #include "PLA.h"
2   #include "mpi.h"
3
4   void Chol_right_3( PLA_Obj A, int nb_alg, int *info )
5   {
6     int       size,                       size_top,
7               size_left,                  dummy;
8     PLA_Obj   ABR             = NULL,     A11             = NULL,
9               A21             = NULL,     A11_dup         = NULL,
10              one             = NULL,     minus_one       = NULL,
11              zero            = NULL;
12
13    /* Create usual duplicated scalar constants */
14    PLA_Create_constants_conf_to( A, &minus_one, &zero, &one );
15
16    /* View ABR = A */
17    PLA_Obj_view_all( A, &ABR );
18
19    while ( TRUE ) {
20      /* Determine size of current panel */
21      PLA_Obj_split_size( ABR, PLA_SIDE_LEFT, &size_left, &dummy );
22      PLA_Obj_split_size( ABR, PLA_SIDE_TOP,  &size_top,  &dummy );
23      if ( 0 == ( size = min( min( size_top, size_left ), nb_alg ) ) ) break;
24
25      PLA_Obj_split_4( ABR, size, size,    &A11, PLA_DUMMY,
26                                           &A21, &ABR );
27
28      *info = PLA_Local_chol( PLA_LOWER_TRIANGULAR, A11 );
29      if ( *info != 0 ) break;
30
31      PLA_Obj_objtype_cast( A11, PLA_MSCALAR );
32      PLA_Mscalar_create_conf_to( A11, PLA_ALL_ROWS, PLA_INHERIT, &A11_dup );
33      PLA_Copy( A11, A11_dup );
34
35      PLA_Local_trsm( PLA_SIDE_RIGHT, PLA_LOW_TRIAN, PLA_TRANS, PLA_NONUNIT_DIAG,
36                one, A11_dup, A21 );
37
38      PLA_Syrk( PLA_LOW_TRIAN, PLA_NO_TRANS, minus_one, A21, one, ABR );
39    }
40
41    PLA_Obj_free( &ABR );        PLA_Obj_free( &A11 );
42    PLA_Obj_free( &A21 );        PLA_Obj_free( &A11_dup );
43    PLA_Obj_free( &one );        PLA_Obj_free( &minus_one );
44  }
```

Figure 4.7: Updating A_{21} on One Column of Nodes

4.5 Performance

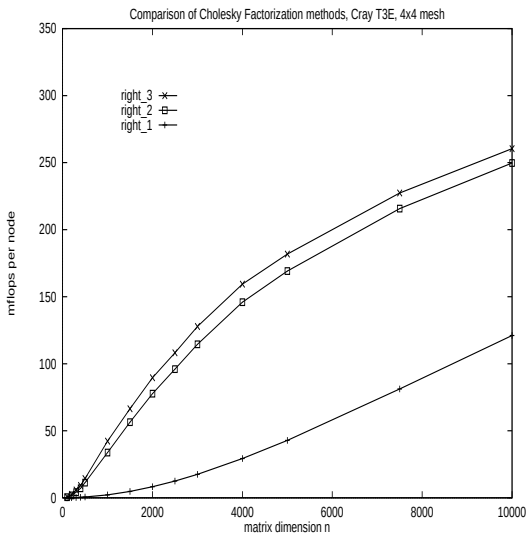


Figure 4.8: Performance of various PLAPACK implementations on a 16 processor configuration of the Cray T3E. A distribution block size of 64 and algorithmic block size of 128 was used to collect this data.

Chapter 5

PLAPACK Cholesky Factorization: You too can beat ScaLAPACK performance

Heck, I wanna fly

5.1 Factoring the Current Panel Using All Nodes

5.2 For Speed Fanatics Only

5.3 Performance

```
1   PLA_Chol_right_4( PLA_Obj A, int nb_alg, int *info )
2   {
3     int       size;
4     PLA_Obj   ABL             = NULL,     ABR             = NULL,
5               A1              = NULL,     A1_mv           = NULL,
6               A1_mv_cur       = NULL,     A21             = NULL,
7               one             = NULL,     minus_one       = NULL;
8
9     /* Create usual duplicated scalar constants */
10    PLA_Create_constants_conf_to( A, &minus_one, NULL, &one );
11
12    /* Initially partition A = / ATL    |    *   \  where
13                               \ ABL    | A11_BR /  ATL is 0x0  */
14    PLA_Obj_split_4( A, 0, 0,    PLA_DUMMY, PLA_DUMMY,
15                                 &ABL,      &ABR );
16
17    /* Create a multivector to hold current panel */
18    PLA_Mvector_create_conf_to( ABL, nb_alg, &A1_mv );
19
20    while ( TRUE ) {
21      /* Determine size of current panel */
22      PLA_Obj_global_length( ABR, &size );
23      if ( 0 == ( size = min( size, nb_alg ) ) ) break;
24
25      /* Split off current panel */
26      PLA_Obj_vert_split_2( ABR, size, &A1, PLA_DUMMY );
27      /* Size the workspace for the multivector copy of A1 */
28      PLA_Obj_vert_split_2( A1_mv, size,       &A1_mv_cur, PLA_DUMMY );
29
30      /* Copy A1 to A1_mv, factor the current panel, and place back in A1 */
31      PLA_Copy( A1, A1_mv_cur );
32      PLA_Chol_mv( A1_mv_cur, info );
33      PLA_Copy( A1_mv_cur, A1 );
34      if ( *info != 0 ) break;
35
36      PLA_Obj_split_4( ABR, size, size,    PLA_DUMMY, PLA_DUMMY,
37                                           &A21,      &ABR );
38      PLA_Syrk_new( PLA_LOW_TRIAN, PLA_NO_TRANS, minus_one, A21, one, ABR );
39
40      /* Update view of A1_mv */
41      PLA_Obj_horz_split_2( A1_mv, size,   PLA_DUMMY,
42                                           &A1_mv );
43    }
44
45    PLA_Obj_free( &ABL );        PLA_Obj_free( &ABR );
46    PLA_Obj_free( &A1 );         PLA_Obj_free( &A1_mv );
47    PLA_Obj_free( &A1_mv_cur );  PLA_Obj_free( &A21 );
48    PLA_Obj_free( &one );        PLA_Obj_free( &minus_one );
49  }
```

Figure 5.1: Factoring the Current Panel Using All Nodes

```
1   int PLA_Chol_mv( PLA_Obj Ap, int *info )
2   {
3     int       size,            dummy;
4     PLA_Obj   A11    = NULL,                      L11    = NULL,
5               A21    = NULL,
6               A11_BL = NULL,   A11_BR = NULL,     L11_BL = NULL,   L11_BR = NULL,
7               A11_10 = NULL,   A11_11 = NULL,     L11_10 = NULL,   L11_11 = NULL,
8               A11_20 = NULL,   A11_21 = NULL,
9               A11_R1 = NULL,                      L11_R1 = NULL,
10              one = NULL,      minus_one = NULL;
11
12    PLA_Create_constants_conf_to( Ap, &minus_one, NULL, &one );
13
14    PLA_Obj_global_width( Ap, &size );
15    PLA_Obj_horz_split_2( Ap, size,        &A11,
16                                         &A21 );
17
18    PLA_Mscalar_create_conf_to( A11, PLA_ALL_ROWS, PLA_ALL_COLS, &L11 );
19
20    PLA_Obj_split_4( A11, 0, 0,    PLA_DUMMY, PLA_DUMMY,
21                                   &A11_BL,   &A11_BR    );
22    PLA_Obj_split_4( L11, 0, 0,    PLA_DUMMY, PLA_DUMMY,
23                                   &L11_BL,   &L11_BR    );
24
```

Figure 5.2: Factoring the Current Panel Using All Nodes.

```
25    while ( TRUE ) {
26      PLA_Obj_split_size( A11_BL, PLA_SIDE_TOP, &size, &dummy );
27      PLA_Obj_horz_split_2( A11_BL, size,         &A11_10,
28                                                  &A11_20 );
29      PLA_Obj_split_4     ( A11_BR, size, size,   &A11_11,  PLA_DUMMY,
30                                                  &A11_21,  &A11_BR );
31      PLA_Obj_horz_split_2( L11_BL, size,         &L11_10,
32                                                  PLA_DUMMY );
33      PLA_Obj_split_4     ( L11_BR, size, size,   &L11_11,   PLA_DUMMY,
34                                                  PLA_DUMMY, &L11_BR    );
35
36      PLA_Local_syrk( PLA_LOW_TRIAN, PLA_NO_TRANS,
37                      minus_one, A11_10, one, A11_11 );
38
39      PLA_Obj_view_all( A11_10, &A11_R1 );
40      PLA_Obj_view_shift( A11_R1,       0,
41                                  0,        size,
42                                        0 );
43      PLA_Obj_view_all( L11_10, &L11_R1 );
44      PLA_Obj_view_shift( L11_R1,       0,
45                                  0,        size,
46                                        0 );
47      PLA_Obj_objtype_cast( A11_R1, PLA_MSCALAR );
48
49      PLA_Copy( A11_R1, L11_R1 );
50
51      *info = PLA_Local_chol( L11_11 );
52
53      PLA_Local_copy( L11_11, A11_11 );
54
55      if ( *info != 0 ) break;
56
57      PLA_Local_gemm( PLA_NO_TRANS, PLA_TRANS, minus_one, A11_20, L11_10, one, A11_21 );
58      PLA_Local_trsm( PLA_SIDE_RIGHT, PLA_LOW_TRIAN, PLA_TRANS, PLA_NONUNIT_DIAG,
59                      one, L11_11, A11_21 );
60
61      PLA_Obj_view_shift( A11_BL,         size,
62                                    0,          size,
63                                          0 );
64      PLA_Obj_view_shift( L11_BL,         size,
65                                    0,          size,
66                                          0 );
67    }
68
69    if ( *info == 0 )
70      PLA_Local_trsm( PLA_SIDE_RIGHT, PLA_LOW_TRIAN, PLA_TRANS, PLA_NONUNIT_DIAG,
71                      one, L11, A21 );
72
73    < free temporary views >
74    return( PLA_SUCCESS );
75  }
```

Figure 5.3: Factoring the Current Panel Using All Nodes (continued.

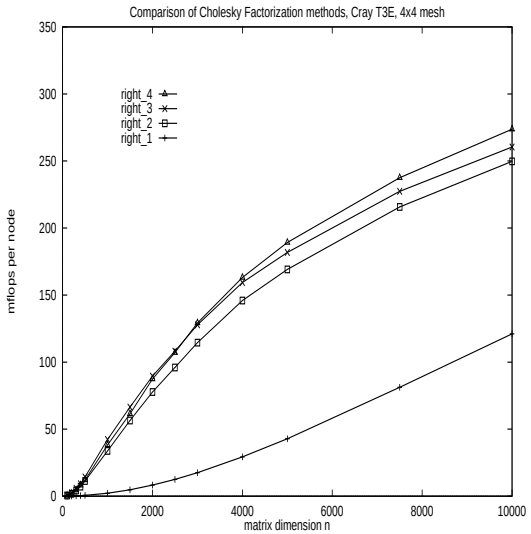


Figure 5.4: Performance of ??? PLAPACK implementations on a 16 processor configuration of the Cray T3E. A distribution block size of 64 and algorithmic block size of 128 was used to collect this data.

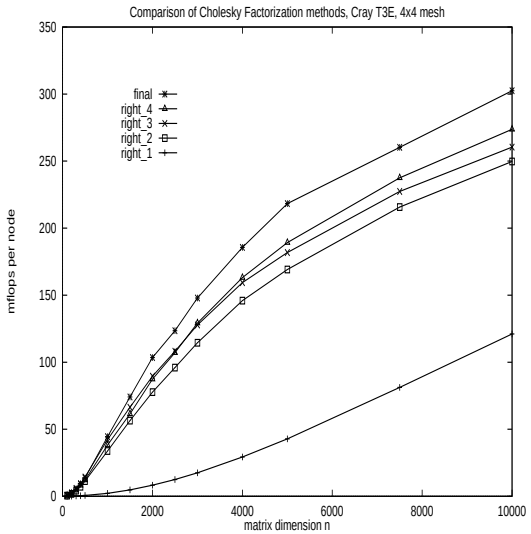


Figure 5.5: Performance of ??? PLAPACK implementations on a 16 processor configuration of the Cray T3E. A distribution block size of 64 and algorithmic block size of 128 was used to collect this data.