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## Abstract

We consider the solution of a class of complex symmetric block Toeplitz linear systems, arising from integral equations problems. Algorithms that exploit the Toeplitz structure provide considerable savings on the number of arithmetic operations, compared to the classical Cholesky factorization. We propose a fast Schur algorithm adapted to the *complex symmetric* case. We detail blocked variants, that perform better by a wider use of BLAS3 primitives. We also propose a solver, based on an augmented matrix approach, that allows a substantial decrease in the use of memory, by avoiding an explicit assembly of the Cholesky factor. All algorithms have been implemented and numerical results are included to illustrate the effectiveness of our approach.

## 1 Introduction

The Boundary Element Method (BEM), which is widely used in electromagnetic or acoustic scattering, consists in transforming the original scattering problem, set in an unbounded domain into an integral equation set on the boundary of the scatterer [18]. In many situations, a symmetric formulation of the integral equation is preferred (such as the Electric Field Integral Equation in electromagnetism [3] [8]). The discretisation of such an integral equation *e.g* by Finite Element Methods (FEM) leads to a linear system

$$AX = B,$$

where the coefficients matrix  $A$  of size  $N$  is dense, complex valued, symmetric but non hermitian. It is well known that for a general complex symmetric matrix Cholesky algorithm may break down; hence it is recommended for the complex symmetric matrices to use the Bunch-Kauffman factorization algorithm with diagonal pivoting [7] [23]. Nevertheless, it has been widely observed, although never demonstrated, that for complex symmetric matrices issued from the discretization of Boundary Integral Equations, pivoting is not required: thus, a Cholesky factorization can be used, which substantially speeds up the computation [4]. For very large problems (*e.g*  $N \geq 100000$ ), direct solvers are too costly

and preconditioned iterative algorithms are preferred [9] [10].

Our aim in this paper is to propose a fast direct solver when the coefficients matrix possess an additional block Toeplitz structure. For instance, the numerical analysis of piezo-electric surface acoustic wave (SAW) filters, by a coupled integral equation/finite element formulation [20] leads to a linear system whose coefficients matrix is both complex symmetric and block Toeplitz. This block Toeplitz structure comes from the periodicity of the geometry of the filter.

The concept of displacement structure [15] provides a unifying framework to describe such matrices, whose entries are not independent: a point Toeplitz matrix of size  $N$  can namely be reconstructed from the knowledge of one row and one column, that is its  $N^2$  entries only depend on  $2N$  parameters. Fast direct algorithms for solving

$$T X = B,$$

where  $T$  is Toeplitz, have been proposed in [12] [17]. These algorithms are Schur-type algorithm, that is they are fast procedures, in only  $O(N^2)$  operations, for obtaining the Cholesky factorization of  $T$ , which usually requires  $O(N^3)$  operations. They have been developed and tested in the hermitian case. We refer to [22] for an analysis of stability of these algorithms.

In this article, we derive several variants of Schur-type algorithms adapted to complex symmetric block Toeplitz matrices <sup>1</sup>.

In section 2, we review some definitions about the displacement structure. Then, in Section 3, we propose a fast algorithm with a complexity of  $O(n^2m^3)$  for the Cholesky factorization of a block Toeplitz complex symmetric matrix with  $n \times n$  blocks, each of size  $m \times m$ . The key step consists in putting the generator of  $T$  in proper form, by means of complex orthogonal Householder transforms. In Section 4, we adapt several accumulation techniques to the complex orthogonal case and provide blocked variants of the algorithm, designed to make a wider use of BLAS 3 primitives. We present in Section 5 a fast solver, based on an augmented matrix approach, which does not explicitly assemble the triangular Cholesky factor, and thus is less memory consuming. Finally, we present in Section 6 the results of numerical experiments that demonstrate the efficiency of the algorithms, especially the blocked versions, both in terms of accuracy and execution time.

## 2 Displacement structure

We recall some basic definitions on the displacement structure approach introduced first in [11] for Toeplitz matrices, and presented in a systematic way in [15] and [14]. Since we are mainly interested in symmetric matrices, we present the symmetric case first, and then the modifications that are necessary when dealing with non-symmetric matrices.

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<sup>1</sup>Like Cholesky algorithm for complex symmetric matrices, our algorithm can be subject to breakdown. Nevertheless, for matrices issued from the discretization of BIE, it has never been observed

## 2.1 Symmetric displacement

For a given matrix  $F \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ , we define a symmetric displacement operator by:

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_F : \mathbb{C}^{n \times n} &\rightarrow \mathbb{C}^{n \times n} \\ M &\mapsto \nabla_F(M) = FM + MF^T, \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

or

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_F : \mathbb{C}^{n \times n} &\rightarrow \mathbb{C}^{n \times n} \\ M &\mapsto \nabla_F(M) = M - FMF^T, \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

The operator defined by (1) is called a *Sylvester-type* operator, and the operator defined by (2) a *Stein-type* operator.

For symmetric matrices with a particular structure,  $F$  can be chosen so that  $\nabla_F$  maps these matrices to low-rank matrices.

Moreover,  $\nabla_F(M)$  is called *displacement of  $M$*  and its rank is called  *$\nabla_F$ -displacement rank*.

A *structured* matrix  $M \in \mathbb{C}^n$  (for a certain displacement operator  $\nabla_F$ ) is a matrix for which a  $F$  can be found such that

$$\text{rank}(\nabla_F(M)) \ll n$$

**Example 2.1 (Symmetric block Toeplitz matrix).** A *block Toeplitz matrix* is a matrix whose block entries are constant along the diagonals. If  $T$  is moreover symmetric, it reads:

$$T = \begin{pmatrix} T_0 & T_1^T & \dots & T_{n-1} \\ T_1^T & T_0 & \dots & T_{n-2} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ T_{n-1}^T & T_{n-2}^T & \dots & T_0 \end{pmatrix},$$

where each  $T_k \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times m}$ , and  $T_0 = T_0^T$ .

We choose  $F$  as the block shift matrix:

$$F = Z_n = \begin{pmatrix} 0_m & \dots & 0_m \\ I_m & 0_m & & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \\ 0_m & \dots & I_m & 0_m \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $I_m$  denotes the identity of size  $m$  and  $0_m$  the zero matrix of size  $m$ . The index  $n$  recalls the size of  $Z_n$ :  $n \times n$  blocks. It is omitted whenever its value is obvious. Then, the displacement of  $T$  is

$$\nabla_Z(T) = T - ZTZ^T = \begin{pmatrix} T_0 & T_1 & \dots & T_{n-1} \\ T_1^T & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ T_{n-1}^T & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (3)$$

Its rank is equal to  $2m$ , and it is much smaller than the size  $mn$  of  $T$ .

## 2.2 Generators

The symmetric displacement of a real matrix  $M \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  can be factorized (in a nonunique way) as

$$\nabla_F(M) = A J A^T,$$

where  $A$  is a real matrix, of size  $n \times \alpha$  ( $\alpha = \text{rank}(\nabla_F(M))$ ), and  $J \in \mathbb{R}^{\alpha \times \alpha}$  a symmetric real matrix.

When  $M$  is a complex matrix, its displacement can be factorized (also in a non unique way) as

$$\nabla_F(M) = A A^T, \quad A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times \alpha}$$

**Example 2.2.** For a complex block Toeplitz matrix  $T$ , the displacement  $\nabla_Z(T)$  is factorized by:

$$\nabla_Z(T) = T - Z_n T Z_n^T = A A^T, \quad (4)$$

where the matrix  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{mn \times m}$  is obtained by identification:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} L_0 & 0 \\ T_1 L_0^{-T} & i T_1 L_0^{-T} \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ T_n L_0^{-T} & i T_n L_0^{-T} \end{pmatrix}, \quad (5)$$

and  $L_0$  is the lower Cholesky factor of the first bloc  $T_0$ :

$$L_0 L_0^T = T_0. \quad (6)$$

The matrix  $A$  (or the pair  $A, J$  for real matrices) is called *symmetric generator* of  $M$ .

*Remark 1.* The generator is not unique:

$$\forall Q \in \mathbb{C}^{\alpha \times \alpha}, \quad Q Q^T = I_\alpha, \quad \nabla_F(M) = A A^T = (A Q) (A Q)^T$$

and  $A Q$  is another symmetric generator of  $M$ .

**Definition 2.1.** The symmetric proper generator of  $M$ , associated to the displacement operator  $\nabla_Z$  is the unique matrix  $A$  such that

- $A A^T = \nabla_Z(M)$
- $A_{12} = 0_m$
- $A_{11}$  is lower triangular

*Remark 2.* The generator defined by (5) is in proper form.

### 2.3 The non-symmetric case

The definitions introduced in the last section can be stated in a more general way, for matrices that are not symmetric and not even square.

For two given matrices  $F \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  and  $G \in \mathbb{C}^{p \times p}$ , a (non-symmetric) displacement operator is defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_{F,G} : \mathbb{C}^{n \times p} &\rightarrow \mathbb{C}^{n \times p} \\ M &\mapsto \nabla_{F,G}(M) = FM + MG, \end{aligned}$$

or

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_{F,G} : \mathbb{C}^{n \times p} &\rightarrow \mathbb{C}^{n \times p} \\ M &\mapsto \nabla_{F,G}(M) = M - FMG, \end{aligned}$$

A *structured* matrix is a matrix for which a pair  $(F, G)$  can be found such that

$$\alpha \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{rank}(\nabla_{F,G}(M)) \ll \text{rank}(M).$$

The displacement of  $M$  can then be factorized as:

$$\nabla_{F,G}(M) = AB,$$

where  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times \alpha}$  and  $B \in \mathbb{C}^{\alpha \times p}$ . The pair  $(A, B)$  is called *generator* of  $M$ .

*Remark 3.* Note that these definitions reduce to the symmetric case if we take:

$$n = p, \quad G = F^T, \quad B = A^T.$$

## 3 Fast Cholesky algorithm

In this section, we derive a fast algorithm for the Cholesky factorization of a block Toeplitz matrix,  $T$ . Since  $T$  is only defined by  $n$  block entries (instead of  $n(n+1)/2$ ), each of size  $m^2$ , the complexity of its Cholesky factorization can be reduced from an order of magnitude and a  $n^2$  complexity is expected.

The key point in writing a fast algorithm is to rewrite the classical algorithm in terms of generator updates, thanks to the displacement equation (4), which expresses that the whole matrix can be reconstructed from the knowledge of the generator. The operations needed are thus applied to roughly  $n$  block entries, instead of  $n^2$  and the complexity is decreased.

We refer to [12] and [17], for the derivation of fast Cholesky algorithms for real symmetric block Toeplitz matrices.

### 3.1 Cholesky algorithm

Let  $T$  be a block Toeplitz matrix with  $n \times n$  blocks. Let us set

$$T^{(0)} = T,$$

and define the block Schur complement of order  $k$ ,  $T^{(k)} \in \mathbb{C}^{(n-k).m \times (n-k).m}$  by

$$T^{(k)} = T_{km+1:nm, km+1:nm} - T_{km+1:nm, 1:km} T_{1:km, 1:km}^{-1} T_{km+1:nm, 1:km}^T,$$

or equivalently by recursion from  $T^{(k-1)}$  by

$$T^{(k)} = \begin{matrix} T_{m+1:(n-k)m, m+1:(n-k)m}^{(k-1)} \\ -T_{m+1:(n-k)m, 1:m}^{(k-1)} T_{1:m, 1:m}^{(k-1)-1} T_{m+1:(n-k)m, 1:m}^{(k-1)T} \end{matrix}$$

Cholesky block algorithm consists in computing  $n - 1$  successive block Schur complements of  $T$ , and finally obtain a symmetric factorization of  $T$  as

$$T = L L^T,$$

with  $L$  lower triangular matrix.

We recall the block right-looking version of Cholesky factorization in Algorithm 1. In this algorithm, the function `llt` computes the Cholesky factorization of a complex symmetric matrix in a non-blocked way.

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**Algorithm 1** BLOCK RIGHT-LOOKING CHOLESKY FACTORIZATION

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**Input:** Matrix  $T$  of size  $nm \times nm$

**Output:** Lower Cholesky factor of  $T$ ,  $L$  such that  $T = L L^T$ .

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1: for  $k = 1 : n$  do
2:    $s = (k - 1).m + 1$                                 {Start of block to factorize}
3:    $e = k.m$                                            {End of block to factorize}
4:    $u = e + 1$                                          {Start position for update}
5:   Compute Cholesky factorization of  $T_{s:e, s:e}$ :
      $L_{s:e, s:e} \leftarrow \text{llt}(T_{s:e, s:e})$ 
6:   if  $e < m$  then
7:     Update bottom of block column  $k$ :
      $L_{u:nm, s:e} = T_{u:nm, s:e} / L_{s:e, s:e}$ 
8:     Compute Schur complement  $T^{(k)}$ :
      $T_{u:nm, u:nm} \leftarrow$ 
        $T_{u:nm, u:nm} - L_{u:nm, s:e} L_{u:nm, s:e}^T$ 
9:   end if
10: end for
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### 3.2 Schur complementation and generator recursion

We show that the displacement operator is invertible, that is the whole block matrix  $T$  solution of

$$T - Z T Z^T = A A^T.$$

can be reconstructed from a generator  $A$ .

The next Lemma justifies that the successive Schur complements are themselves structured and satisfy the same kind of displacement equations than  $T$ .

**Lemma 3.1.** *Let  $T$  be a matrix of size  $nm \times nm$ , solution of the homogeneous equation:*

$$T - Z T Z^T = 0_{mn \times mn}.$$

*Then,  $T = 0_{mn \times mn}$ .*

*Proof.* The first block column and the first block row of  $ZT Z^T$  are equal to zero, for all matrix  $T$ . If moreover  $T$  is such that  $\nabla_Z(T) = 0$ , then the first block row and column of  $T$  are bound to be zero. There follows immediately that the rest of the matrix  $T$  has to be zero.  $\square$

**Lemma 3.2.** *Let  $T$  be a complex symmetric block Toeplitz matrix, with  $n \times n$  blocks of size  $m \times m$ . Let us set*

$$T^{(0)} = T.$$

*There exists a sequence of proper generators:*

$$A^{(k)} \in \mathbb{C}^{(n-k) \cdot m \times 2m}, \quad k \in [0 : n-1],$$

*such that:*

$$\forall k \in [0 : n-1], \quad \nabla_{Z_{n-k}}(T^{(k)}) = T^{(k)} - Z_{n-k} T^{(k)} Z_{n-k}^T = A^{(k)} A^{(k)T}. \quad (7)$$

*Moreover, if  $L$  is the lower Cholesky factor of  $T$  such that  $T = L L^T$ , we have:*

$$\forall k \in [0 : n-1], \quad L(km+1 : nm, km+1 : (k+1)m) = A^{(k)}(:, 1 : m). \quad (8)$$

*Proof.* The Lemma is shown by induction.

For  $k = 0$ , the matrix  $T = T^{(0)}$  satisfies the displacement equation

$$\nabla_{Z_n}(T^{(0)}) = A^{(0)} A^{(0)T}, \quad (9)$$

where the proper generator  $A^{(0)} = A$  is defined by (5). Equality (8) for  $k = 0$

$$A^{(0)}(1 : m, :) = L(:, 1 : m), \quad (10)$$

is immediate (by identification) since  $A^{(0)}$  is in proper form.

For the sake of readability, we will now show (7) for  $k = 1$ , instead of justifying that this equation remains true for  $k$ , provided that it is true for  $k - 1$ .

We construct a proper generator  $A^{(1)}$  such that the Schur complement of order 1 satisfies

$$\nabla_{Z_{n-1}}(T^{(1)}) = A^{(1)} A^{(1)T}.$$

Let us partition  $T^{(0)}$  in

$$T^{(0)} = \begin{pmatrix} T_{11} & T_{21}^T \\ T_{21} & T_{22} \end{pmatrix},$$

where we have denoted

$$T_{11} = T_{1:m, 1:m}, \quad T_{21} = T_{1:m, m+1:nm}, \quad T_{22} = T_{m+1:nm, m+1:nm}.$$

We introduce the Cholesky factorization of the first block  $T_{11}$ :

$$T_{11} = L_{11} L_{11}^T = L_{1:m, 1:m} L_{1:m, 1:m}^T.$$

By (10), we have  $L_{11} = A_{1:m,1:m}^{(0)}$ , since  $A^{(0)}$  is in proper form. Since the Schur complement of order 1

$$T^{(1)} = T_{22} - T_{21}^T T_{11}^{-1} T_{21},$$

is given by

$$\begin{pmatrix} I_m & 0 \\ 0 & T^{(1)} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} L_{11} & 0 \\ -T_{12} T_{11}^{-1} & I_{(n-1)m} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} T_{11} & T_{12}^T \\ T_{12} & T_{22} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} L_{11}^{-T} & -T_{11}^{-1} T_{12}^T \\ 0 & I_{(n-1)m} \end{pmatrix},$$

we multiply the displacement equation (9), on the left by the elimination matrix

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} L_{11}^{-1} & 0 \\ -T_{12} T_{11}^{-1} & I_{(n-1)m} \end{pmatrix}$$

and on the right by  $M^T$ . Hence we get:

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{pmatrix} I_m & 0 \\ 0 & T^{(1)} \end{pmatrix} - M Z_n M^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} I_m & 0 \\ 0 & T^{(1)} \end{pmatrix} (M Z_n M^{-1})^T \\ = M A^{(0)} (M A^{(0)})^T. \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

We have

$$M Z_n = Z_n, \quad \text{and} \quad M^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} L_{:,1:m} & 0 \\ & I_{(n-1)m} \end{pmatrix}.$$

So

$$M Z_n M^{-1} = Z_n M^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 0_m & 0 \\ L_{m+1:(n-1)m,1:m} & Z_{n-1} \end{pmatrix}.$$

We compute next

$$M A^{(0)} = \begin{pmatrix} I_m & 0 \\ 0 & A_{m+1:nm,m+1:2m}^{(0)} \end{pmatrix}.$$

By identifying the (2, 2) block term in (11), and remembering (10), we get

$$T^{(1)} - Z_{n-1} T^{(1)} Z_{n-1}^T = a^{(1)} a^{(1)T},$$

with

$$a^{(1)} = (A_{1:(n-1)m,1:m} \quad A_{m+1:nm,m+1:2m}). \quad (12)$$

So,  $T^{(1)}$  satisfies the same kind of displacement equation than  $T^{(0)}$ , with  $Z_n$  replaced by  $Z_{n-1}$ . A symmetric generator of  $T^{(1)}$  is given by (12), but it is not in proper form.

We then compute a (complex) orthogonal transform  $Q$ , such that

$$(a^{(1)} Q)_{1:m,m+1:2m} = 0_m.$$

The symmetric proper generator associated to  $T^{(1)}$  is defined by:

$$A^{(1)} = a^{(1)} Q.$$

Equality (8) is easily obtained by identification from (7), since for all  $k$ , the generator  $A^{(k)}$  is in proper form.  $\square$

### 3.3 Fast factorization algorithm

In this paragraph, we use Lemmas 3.2 and 3.1 to translate Algorithm 1 to its fast equivalent.

Thanks to Lemma 3.2, we know that the successive Schur complements of  $T$  satisfy displacement equations of type:

$$\nabla_{Z_{n-k}}(T^{(k)}) = A^{(k)} A^{(k)T}$$

Thanks to Lemma 3.1, we know that such a displacement equation is uniquely solvable and characterizes matrix  $T^{(k)}$  in a unique way. Moreover, at Schur step number  $k$ , the first block row of the proper generator is equal to the  $k+1$  block row of the Cholesky factor, by (8).

So, instead of computing the sequence of Schur complements  $T^{(k)}$  (classical Cholesky algorithm), we compute the sequence of their proper generators  $A^{(k)}$  (fast Cholesky algorithm), as described in Alg. 2.

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#### Algorithm 2 FAST BLOCK CHOLESKY FACTORIZATION

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**Input:** First block-column of  $T$ , of size  $m \times nm$

**Output:** Lower Cholesky factor of  $T$ ,  $L$  such that  $T = L L^T$ .

- 1: Set up generator  $A$  from formula (5).
  - 2: Initialize  $L$  from  $A$  by  $L_{:,1:m} = A_{:,1:m}$ .
  - 3: **for**  $k = 2 : n$  **do**
  - 4: Determine a generator  $a^{(k)}$  for the  $k^{th}$  Schur complement,  $T^{(k)}$  from formula:
 
$$a^{(k)} = \begin{pmatrix} A_{1:(n-k),m,1:m}^{(k-1)} & A_{m+1:(n-k+1),m,m+1:2m}^{(k-1)} \end{pmatrix}$$
  - 5: Put  $a^{(k)}$  in proper form:  
 Determine  $Q$  complex orthogonal such that:  
 $(a^{(k)} Q)_{1:m,m+1:2m} = 0_{m \times m}$ .  
 Apply  $Q$  to the generator:  $a^{(k)} \leftarrow a^{(k)} Q$ .
  - 6: Store  $k^{th}$  column of Cholesky factor  $L$ :  
 $L_{(k-1).m+1:nm,(k-1).m+1:km} = a_{:,1:m}^{(k)}$
  - 7: **end for**
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## 4 Implementation issues

In this section, we now detail the implementation of the different steps of Algorithm 2.

### 4.1 Generator data structure

We have chosen to store  $A$  the generator of  $T$ , (and hence the sequence of the generators of the successive Schur complements) in two matrices  $A1$  and  $A2$ ,

one for each block column:

$$A1, A2 \in \mathbb{C}^{mn \times m}, \quad A1 \leftarrow A(:, 1 : m), \quad A2 \leftarrow A(:, m + 1 : 2m)$$

This results in Alg. 3 to set up the generator (based on formula (5)).

At each step  $k$ , the determination of a generator of the current Schur comple-

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**Algorithm 3** SETUP GENERATOR:  $(A1, A2) = \text{setup\_gen}(T)$

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- 1:  $A1 = \text{zeros}(mn, m), A2 = \text{zeros}(mn, m)$
  - 2:  $A1 \leftarrow T_{1:mn, 1:m}$
  - 3: Compute the Cholesky factorization of the first block of  $A1$  *in situ*:  
 $A1_{1:m, 1:m} \leftarrow \text{llt}(A1_{1:m, 1:m}) \quad \{\text{Non fast Cholesky factorization}\}$
  - 4:  $A1_{m+1:nm, :} = A1_{m+1:nm, :} / A1_{1:m, 1:m}^T$
  - 5:  $A2_{m+1:nm, :} = i * A1_{m+1:nm, :}$
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ment is based on formula

$$a^{(k)} = \begin{pmatrix} A_{1:(n-k), m, 1:m}^{(k-1)} & A_{m+1:(n-k+1), m, m+1:2m}^{(k-1)} \end{pmatrix},$$

which is the equivalent of (12) for a general  $k$  (not necessary 1). To avoid copy operations, it is achieved through the update of four indexes  $s_1, e_1, s_2$  and  $e_2$  such that

$$a^{(k)} = \begin{pmatrix} A1_{1:e1, :} \\ A2_{s2:e2, :} \end{pmatrix}$$

as shown in Alg. 4

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**Algorithm 4** SET CURRENT GENERATOR:  $(e_1, s_2, e_2) = \text{set\_curr\_gen}(k)$

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- 1:  $e1 = (n - k + 1) * m$
  - 2:  $s2 = (k - 1) * m + 1$
  - 3:  $e2 = n * m$
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## 4.2 Reduction step

In this paragraph, we detail the main step of Algorithm 2, that is the reduction of generator in proper form:

At step  $k$ , the generator  $a^{(k)}$  is defined by two matrices of  $n - k$  blocks of size  $m \times m$  :

$$a^{(k)} = A = \begin{pmatrix} A1_{1:e1, 1:m} & A2_{s2:e2, 1:m} \end{pmatrix}$$

Matrix  $A1$  is lower triangular.

To put  $a^{(k)}$  in proper form, we have to find a complex orthogonal transform  $Q$ , such that

$$(a^{(k)} Q)_{1:m, m+1:2m} = 0_{m \times m}.$$

The transform  $Q$  is computed as a product of  $m$  elementary Householder reflectors.

*Remark 4 (Gram-Schmidt orthogonalization).* Modified Gram-Schmidt (MGS) method ([13] p.232) is an alternative to Householder method to perform the  $QR$  factorization of a square given matrix  $M$ .

But our purpose is slightly different, because the matrix  $A$  is not square: its size is  $m \times 2m$ .

MGS algorithm allows to build a set of  $m$  orthogonal vectors  $Q(1, 1 : 2m) \dots Q(m, 1 : 2m)$  spanning the same space as  $A(1, :), \dots, A(m, :)$ . The matrix  $Q \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times 2m}$  then satisfies

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} A1 & A2 \end{pmatrix} = QR$$

for a triangular matrix  $R \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times m}$ .

But, one can not deduce from  $Q$  in a simple way an orthogonal matrix  $P$ , so that

$$AP = \begin{pmatrix} R & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{and } PP^T = I_{2m},$$

as would be the case for  $A$  square!

That is the reason why we focus now on Householder orthogonalization method.

#### 4.2.1 Householder transforms

The Householder method is the one chosen in LAPACK [1] to achieve the  $QR$  factorization of a matrix (routine `xGEQRF`). We refer to [13] (p.224) for a description. But since we are interested into complex *orthogonal* reflectors (and not *unitary*), we have to adapt the standard algorithm.

To annihilate block  $a_{1:m, m+1:2m}^{(k)}$ , we zero in turn rows  $s_2$  to  $s_2 + m - 1$  of  $A2$  by applying successively  $m$  complex orthogonal Householder elementary reflectors  $H_j$  to  $A$ . Each reflector  $H_j$  is defined through:

$$H_j = I_{2m} - \beta_j x_j x_j^T, \quad j \in [1 : m],$$

where  $\beta_j$  is a complex scalar ( $\beta_j = 2/(x_j^T \cdot x_j)$ ) and  $x_j \in \mathbb{C}^{2m}$  is the Householder vector.

The vector  $x_j$  is chosen in such a way that

$$A(:, j) H_j = \alpha_j e_j,$$

and  $H_j$  leaves the  $j - 1$  previous rows of  $A$  unchanged.

The matrix  $A$  can thus be put in proper form by:

$$A_{1:m, 1:2m} \leftarrow H_1 \dots H_m A_{1:m, 1:2m}.$$

The orthogonal transform  $Q$  is not explicitly formed, it is instead determined in factored form as:

$$Q = H_1 \dots H_{m-1} H_m$$

Let us now detail the determination of the Householder reflector  $H_j$ . We impose that  $x_j(j) = 1$ , hence this term need not be stored. Taking into account the

triangular pattern of  $A1$ , the components of  $x_j$  are then given by

$$x_j(i) = \begin{cases} 0 & 1 \leq i \leq j-1 \\ 1 & i = j \\ 0 & j+1 \leq i \leq m \\ x2(i-m) & m+1 \leq i \leq 2m \end{cases},$$

where  $x2$  is a vector of size  $m$  that contains the significant part of  $x$ , called the *essential* part of  $x$ .

Alg. 5 computes the essential part of  $w$  which reduces to the vector  $x2$ , and the scalars  $\beta$  and  $\alpha$ .

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**Algorithm 5** HOUSEHOLDER VECTOR:  $(x_2, \beta, \alpha) = \text{house\_vec}(A1, A2, j_1, j_2)$

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1: if  $A2_{j_2,:}$  is already zero then
2:    $\beta = 0$ 
3: else
4:   Compute pseudo-norm of  $A_{j,j:2m}$ :
      $\sigma = A2_{j_2,:} \cdot A2_{j_2,:}^T$ 
      $\alpha = (A1_{j_1,j_1}^2 + \sigma)^{1/2}$ 
5:   if  $|A1_{j_1,j_1} + \alpha| \leq |A1_{j_1,j_1} - \alpha|$  then
6:      $z \leftarrow A1_{j_1,j_1} - \alpha$ 
7:   else
8:      $z \leftarrow A1_{j_1,j_1} + \alpha$ 
9:      $\alpha \leftarrow -\alpha$ 
10:  end if
11:   $x2 \leftarrow A2_{j_2,:} / z$ 
12:   $\beta \leftarrow 2z^2 / (\sigma + z^2)$ 
13: end if

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### 4.3 Update of the generator

In the last paragraph, we described how to determine a set of  $m$  Householder reflectors  $(H_j)_{j \in [1:m]}$  such that:

$$a_{1:m,1:2m}^{(k)} H_1 \dots H_m$$

is lower triangular.

Updating the generator consists in applying these transforms to the generator, that is:

$$a^{(k)} \leftarrow a^{(k)} H_1 \dots H_m.$$

#### 4.3.1 Sequential update

A straightforward implementation shown in Alg. 6 consists in applying each reflector in turn to the whole generator. Computations are arranged so that

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**Algorithm 6** SEQUENTIAL REDUCTION:  $(A1, A2) = \text{seq\_reduc}(A1, A2, k)$

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1: for  $j = 1 : m$  do
2:   Determine  $H_j$ :
       $j_1 = j$                                      {row index in A1}
       $j_2 = s2 + j - 1$                              {row index in A2}
       $(x_2, \beta, \alpha) = \text{house\_vec}(A1, A2, j_1, j_2)$ 
3:   Update  $A_{:,j}$ :
       $A1_{j_1,j_1} \leftarrow \alpha, \quad A2_{j_2,:} \leftarrow 0.$ 
4:   Update  $A_{j+1:,j}$ :
       $A_{j+1:,j} \leftarrow A_{j+1:,j} H_j.$ 
5: end for

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matrix  $R$  overwrites matrix  $A1$  and matrix  $X2$  overwrites matrix  $A2$ .

Due to the storage of  $A$  in two different matrices, step 4 of Alg. 6 is performed in the following way for rows  $j + 1 : e1$  of  $A1$  and rows  $s2 + j : e2$  of  $A2$ :

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1:  $u1 = 1 + j$                                      {Start (row) position for update in A1}
2:  $u2 = s2 + j$                                      {Start (row) position for update in A2}
3:  $vec \leftarrow A1_{u1:e1,j} + A2_{u2:e2,:} x_2$       {ZGEMV}
4:  $A1_{u1:e1,j} \leftarrow A1_{u1:e1,j} - \beta_j vec$    {ZAXPY}
5:  $A2_{:,u2:e2} \leftarrow A2_{u2:e2,:} - \beta_j vec x_2^T$  {ZGERU}

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It involves Level 2 BLAS operations: ZGEMV (matrix-vector multiplication) and ZGERU (rank-1 update).

### 4.3.2 Blocked versions

We describe in this paragraph variants of the reduction step, that can employ BLAS Level 3 kernels, and are thus able to achieve better performances than Alg. 6. These variants are based on aggregating the Householder transforms before applying them to the generator. Several techniques exist for performing the aggregation of transforms, respectively based on the  $WY$  representation of Bischof and Van Loan [6], on the storage efficient  $YTY^T$  representation of Schreiber and Van Loan [21] (which is used in LAPACK QR factorization routine `xGEQRF`) or its modification by Puglisi [19].

We present in turn these techniques, adapted to the complex orthogonal case. Our presentation closely follows the review in [5].

A product

$$Q_p = H_1 H_2 \dots H_p$$

of  $p$  Householder reflectors defined by

$$H_j = I_{2m} - \beta_j x_j x_j^T, \quad j \in [1 : p],$$

can be represented as:

$$\begin{aligned}
Q_p &= I_p + X_p Y_p^T && \mathbf{WY1}\text{-way} && [6] \\
Q_p &= I_p + W_p X_p^T && \mathbf{WY2}\text{-way} && [6] \\
Q_p &= I_p + X_p T_p X_p^T && \mathbf{YTY1}\text{-way} && [21] \\
Q_p &= I_p + X_p (T_p^{-1})^{-1} X_p^T && \mathbf{YTY2}\text{-way} && [19] [24]
\end{aligned}$$

Matrix  $X$  always stores the Householder vectors:

$$X_p \in \mathbb{C}^{2m \times p}.$$

Matrices  $Y_j, W_j \in \mathbb{C}^{2m \times j}$  are updated for  $j \in [1 : p]$  by:

$$Y_1 = -\beta_1 x_1, \quad Y_j = [H_j Y_{j-1} \quad -\beta_j x_j], \quad (13)$$

and

$$W_1 = -\beta_1 x_1, \quad W_j = [W_{j-1} \quad -\beta_j Q_{j-1} x_j]. \quad (14)$$

Upper triangular matrix  $T_j \in \mathbb{C}^{j \times j}$  is updated for  $j \in [1 : p]$  by:

$$T_1 = -\beta_1, \quad T_j = \begin{pmatrix} T_{j-1} & -\beta_j T_{j-1} X_{j-1} x_j \\ 0_{1 \times j-1} & -\beta_j \end{pmatrix} \quad (15)$$

In the YTY2 variant, matrix  $T_p^{-1}$  (instead of  $T_p$ ) is computed by

$$T_p^{-1} = \text{triu}(-X_p^T X_p), \quad T_p^{-1}(i, i) \leftarrow T_p^{-1}(i, i)/2, \quad i = [1 : p]. \quad (16)$$

This formula is based on the Woodbury-Morrison formula applied to the orthogonal matrix  $I + YTY^T$ , which yields  $T^{-1} + T^{-T} = -X^T X$  [19].

The general algorithm corresponding to a block reduction is shown in Alg. 7. In this algorithm, the aggregation of the elementary Householder reflectors, and the block updating have to be chosen among the different available methods. The aggregation and update steps are detailed for each method as summarized below:

Method	Aggregate step	Update step
WY1	Alg. 8	Alg. 9
WY2	Alg. 10	Alg. 11
YTY1	Alg. 12	Alg. 13
YTY2	Alg. 14	Alg. 15

In our case, only the lower part of matrix  $X$  needs to be stored, in a  $m \times p$  matrix  $X2$ , since

$$X \in \mathbb{C}^{2m \times p}, \quad X = \begin{bmatrix} I_m \\ X2 \end{bmatrix},$$

and  $X2(:, j)$ , for  $j = 1 : p$ , stores the essential part  $x_2$  of the Householder vector, as computed by Alg. 5.

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**Algorithm 7** BLOCK REDUCTION:  $(A1, A2) = \text{block\_reduc}(A1, A2, k)$

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**Input:**  $p$ : blocking factor

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1: for  $s_b = 1 : p : m$  do
2:    $e_b = \min(s_b + p - 1, m)$            {end position for current bloc}
3:    $u1 = e_b + 1$                          {update position for A1}
4:    $u2 = e_b + s2$                        {update position for A2}
5:    $p_{eff} = \min(p, m - s_b + 1)$        {effective size of the block}
6:   for  $j = 1 : p_{eff}$  do
7:      $j_1 = s_b + j - 1$                  {column index for A1}
8:      $j_2 = s2 + s_b + j - 2$           {column index for A2}
9:     Determine  $H_j$ :
10:     $(X2_{:,j}, \beta, \alpha) = \text{house\_vec}(A1, A2, j_1, j_2)$ 
11:    Update  $A(j, :)$ :
12:     $A1_{j_1, j_1} \leftarrow \alpha, \quad A2_{j_2, :} \leftarrow 0.$ 
13:    Update current block:
14:
15:     $(A1_{j_1+1:e_b, :} \quad A2_{j_2+1:e_b+s2-1, :}) \leftarrow (A1_{j_1+1:e_b, :} \quad A2_{j_2+1:e_b+s2-1, :}) H_j$ 
16:
17:    Aggregate  $H_j$ 
18:  end for
19:  Update  $A1_{u1:e1, :}$  and  $A2_{u2:e2, :}$ :
20:   $(A1, A2) = \text{block\_update}(A1, u1, e1, A2, u2, e2)$ 
21: end for

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**Algorithm 8**  $(Y1, Y2) = \text{wy1\_aggregate}(H_j, j_1, j_2)$  see (13)

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1:
    $Y1_{j_1, j} \leftarrow -\beta$ 
    $Y2_{:, j} \leftarrow -\beta X2_{1:m, j}$ 
    $\text{vec}_{1:j-1} = -\beta X2_{1:m, j}^T Y2_{1:m, 1:j-1}$            {ZGEMV}
    $Y1_{j_1, 1:j-1} \leftarrow Y1_{j_1, 1:j-1} + \text{vec}_{1:j-1}$    {ZAXPY}
    $Y2_{1:m, 1:j-1} \leftarrow Y2_{1:m, 1:j-1} + X2_{1:m, j} \text{vec}_{1:j-1}$  {ZGERU}

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Matrices  $Y$  and  $W$  have the form

$$Y, W \in \mathbb{C}^{2m \times p}, \quad Y = \begin{bmatrix} Y1 \\ Y2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad W = \begin{bmatrix} W1 \\ W2 \end{bmatrix},$$

and  $Y1$  upper triangular,  $W1$  lower triangular.

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**Algorithm 9**  $(A1, A2) = \text{wy1\_update}(A1, u1, e1, A2, u2, e2,)$

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{mat} &= A1_{u1:e1, s_b:e_b} + A2_{u2:e2, 1:m} X2_{1:m, 1:p_{eff}} && \{\text{ZGEMM}\} \\ A1_{u1:e1, s_b:e_b} &\leftarrow A1_{u1:e1, s_b:e_b} + \text{mat}_{:, 1:p_{eff}} Y1_{s_b:e_b, 1:p_{eff}}^T && \{\text{ZTRMM}\} \\ A2_{u2:e2, 1:m} &\leftarrow A2_{u2:e2, 1:m} + \text{mat}_{:, 1:p_{eff}} Y2_{1:m, 1:p_{eff}}^T && \{\text{ZGEMM}\} \end{aligned}$$


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**Algorithm 10**  $(W1, W2) = \text{wy2\_aggregate}(H_j, j_1, j_2)$  see (14)

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$$\begin{aligned} 1: \text{vec}_{1:j-1} &= -\beta X2_{1:m, 1:j-1}^T X2_{1:m, j} && \{\text{ZGEMV}\} \\ &W1_{j_1, j} = -\beta \\ &W2_{:, j} = -\beta X2_{:, j} \\ 2: \text{if } j > 1 \text{ then} \\ 3: &W1_{s_b:j_1-1, j} \leftarrow W1_{s_b:j_1-1, j} \text{vec}_{1:j-1} && \{\text{ZTRMV}\} \\ 4: &W2_{:, j} \leftarrow W2_{:, j} + W2_{1:m, 1:j-1} \text{vec}_{1:j-1} && \{\text{ZGEMV}\} \\ 5: \text{end if} \end{aligned}$$


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**Algorithm 11**  $(A1, A2) = \text{wy2\_update}(A1, u1, e1, A2, u2, e2,)$

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{mat}_{:, 1:p_{eff}} &= A1_{u1:e1, s_b:e_b} W1_{s_b:e_b, 1:p_{eff}} && \{\text{ZTRMM}\} \\ &+ A2_{u2:e2, 1:m} W2_{1:m, 1:p_{eff}} && \{\text{ZGEMM}\} \\ A1_{u1:e1, s_b:e_b} &\leftarrow A1_{u1:e1, s_b:e_b} + \text{mat}_{:, 1:p_{eff}} && \{\text{ZAXPY}\} \\ A2_{u2:e2, 1:m} &\leftarrow A2_{u2:e2, 1:m} + \text{mat}_{:, 1:p_{eff}} X2_{1:m, 1:p_{eff}} && \{\text{ZGEMM}\} \end{aligned}$$


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## 5 Fast direct solver

We have developed fast techniques to compute the Cholesky factorization of a complex symmetric block Toeplitz matrix  $T$ . Since the  $n^2$  block entries of  $T$  are described by the  $2n$  blocks (of size  $m \times m$ ) of the generator, the factorization complexity is reduced by an order of magnitude. But, the Cholesky factor is not structured and its storage requires  $n(n+1)/2$  blocks. If one's aim is to solve the linear system:

$$TX = B,$$

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**Algorithm 12**  $(T) = \text{yty1\_aggregate}(H_j, j_1, j_2)$  see (15)

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$$\begin{aligned}
T(j, j) &= -\beta \\
\text{vec}_{1:j-1} &= -\beta X_{1:m,1:j-1}^T X_{2:1:m,j} \quad \{\text{ZGEMV}\} \\
T_{j,1:j-1} &\leftarrow T_{1:j-1,1:j-1} \text{vec}_{1:j-1} \quad \{\text{ZTRMV}\}
\end{aligned}$$


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**Algorithm 13**  $(A1, A2) = \text{yty1\_update}(A1, u1, e1, A2, u2, e2,)$

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$$\begin{aligned}
\text{mat}_{:,1:p_{eff}} &= A1_{u1:e1,s_b:e_b} + A2_{u2:e2,1:m} X_{2:1:m,1:p_{eff}} \quad \{\text{ZGEMM}\} \\
\text{mat}_{:,1:p_{eff}} &\leftarrow \text{mat}_{:,1:p_{eff}} T_{1:p_{eff},1:p_{eff}} \quad \{\text{ZTRMM}\} \\
A1_{u1:e1,s_b:e_b} &\leftarrow A1_{u1:e1,s_b:e_b} + \text{mat}_{:,1:p_{eff}} \quad \{\text{ZAXPY}\} \\
A2_{u2:e2,1:m} &\leftarrow A2_{u2:e2,1:m} + \text{mat}_{:,1:p_{eff}} X_{2:1:m,1:p_{eff}}^T \quad \{\text{ZGEMM}\}
\end{aligned}$$


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**Algorithm 14**  $(\text{inv}T) = \text{yty2\_aggregate}(H_j, j_1, j_2)$  see (16)

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- 1:  $\text{inv}T(:, :) \leftarrow -\text{triu}(I + X_{2:1:m}^T X_2)$  {\text{ZSYRK}}
- 2: **for**  $j = 1 : p_{eff}$  **do**
- 3:    $\text{inv}T(j, j) \leftarrow \text{inv}T(j, j)/2$
- 4: **end for**

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**Algorithm 15**  $(A1, A2) = \text{yty2\_update}(A1, u1, e1, A2, u2, e2,)$

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$$\begin{aligned}
\text{mat}_{:,1:p_{eff}} &= A1_{u1:e1,s_b:e_b} + A2_{u2:e2,1:m} X_{2:1:m,1:p_{eff}} \quad \{\text{ZGEMM}\} \\
\text{mat}_{:,1:p_{eff}} &\leftarrow \text{mat}_{:,1:p_{eff}} / \text{inv}T_{1:p_{eff},1:p_{eff}} \quad \{\text{ZTRMM}\} \\
A1_{u1:e1,s_b:e_b} &\leftarrow A1_{u1:e1,s_b:e_b} + \text{mat}_{:,1:p_{eff}} \quad \{\text{ZAXPY}\} \\
A2_{u2:e2,1:m} &\leftarrow A2_{u2:e2,1:m} + \text{mat}_{:,1:p_{eff}} X_{2:1:m,1:p_{eff}}^T \quad \{\text{ZGEMM}\}
\end{aligned}$$


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associated to the matrix  $T$ , one can use an alternative method (shown in [17] and [12] for the real case), which avoids the storage of the Cholesky factor. Instead of factoring  $T$  and then solving the linear system by a sequence of backward and forward substitution, we proceed through  $n$  steps of block factorization of an augmented structured matrix. This method is called the augmented matrix approach.

## 5.1 The augmented system

**Lemma 5.1.** *Let  $M \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  be a matrix with complex entries. Then, for  $B \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times nrhs}$ , solving*

$$M X = B,$$

*is equivalent to compute the Schur complement of  $M$  in the augmented matrix*

$$\mathcal{M} \in \mathbb{C}^{2n \times (n+nrhs)}, \quad \mathcal{M} = \begin{pmatrix} M & -B \\ I_n & 0_{n \times nrhs} \end{pmatrix}.$$

*Proof.* The Schur complement of  $M$  in  $\mathcal{M}$  is defined by

$$0_{n \times nrhs} - I_n M^{-1} (-B) = M^{-1} B = X.$$

□

If  $M$  is structured, its associated augmented matrix  $\mathcal{M}$  is also structured. We choose  $M$  as the complex symmetric block Toeplitz matrix  $T$ , with  $n \times n$  blocks of size  $m \times m$ . The augmented matrix  $\mathcal{T}$  is the (non-square) matrix defined by

$$\mathcal{T} = \begin{pmatrix} T & -B \\ I_{nm} & 0_{nm, nrhs} \end{pmatrix} \quad (17)$$

and we have the following Lemma:

**Lemma 5.2.** *The augmented matrix  $\mathcal{T}$  is structured with respect to the (non symmetric) displacement operator*

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_{Z_n^l, Z_n^r} : \mathbb{C}^{2nm \times (n+nrhs)} &\rightarrow \mathbb{C}^{2nm \times (n+nrhs)} \\ M &\mapsto \nabla_{Z_n^l, Z_n^r}(M) = M - Z_n^l M Z_n^r, \end{aligned}$$

*where the (square) matrices  $Z_n^l \in \mathbb{C}^{nm \times nm}$  and  $Z_n^r \in \mathbb{C}^{(nm+nrhs) \times (nm+nrhs)}$  are given by:*

$$Z_n^l = \begin{pmatrix} Z_n & 0_{nm, nm} \\ 0_{nm, nm} & Z_n \end{pmatrix} \quad Z_n^r = \begin{pmatrix} Z_n^T & 0_{nm, nrhs} \\ 0_{nrhs, nm} & 0_{nrhs, nrhs} \end{pmatrix}.$$

*Proof.* The displacement of  $\mathcal{T}$  is given by:

$$\nabla_{Z_n^l, Z_n^r}(\mathcal{T}) = \begin{pmatrix} \nabla_{Z_n}(T) & -B \\ \nabla_{Z_n}(I_{nm}) & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

We have

$$\nabla_{Z_n}(I_{nm}) = \begin{pmatrix} I_m & 0_m & \cdots & 0_m \\ 0_m & 0_m & & \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \\ 0_m & & \cdots & 0_m \end{pmatrix},$$

and its rank is equal to the block size  $m$ .

The displacement rank of  $\mathcal{T}$  is thus equal to the displacement rank of  $T$ , and if  $T$  is structured,  $\mathcal{T}$  is also structured. We recall that the displacement of  $T$  is defined by (3).  $\square$

The displacement of  $\mathcal{T}$  can be factorized as

$$\nabla_{Z_n^l, Z_n^r}(\mathcal{T}) = \mathcal{A}\mathcal{B},$$

where  $\mathcal{A} \in \mathbb{C}^{2nm \times (2m+nrhs)}$  and  $\mathcal{B} \in \mathbb{C}^{(2m+nrhs) \times (nm+nrhs)}$  are constructed by identification:

$$\mathcal{A} = \left( \begin{array}{cc|c} & A & -B \\ \hline L_0^{-T} & i L_0^{-T} & 0_{nm, nrhs} \\ 0_{(n-1)m, m} & 0_{(n-1)m, m} & \end{array} \right) \quad (18)$$

and

$$\mathcal{B} = \left( \begin{array}{c|c} A^T & 0_{nm, nrhs} \\ \hline 0_{nrhs, nm} & I_{nrhs} \end{array} \right), \quad (19)$$

where  $A$  and  $L_0$  are defined in (5) and (6).

We say that  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B})$  is a generator *in proper form* of  $\mathcal{T}$ , associated to the displacement operator  $\nabla_{Z_n^l, Z_n^r}$  if

- $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B} = \nabla_{Z_n^l, Z_n^r}(\mathcal{T})$ ,
- $\mathcal{A}_{12} = \mathcal{B}_{21} = 0_m$ ,
- $\mathcal{A}_{11}$  is lower triangular,
- $\mathcal{B}_{11}$  is upper triangular.

A proper generator is unique.

The next Lemma justifies that the successive block Schur complements of  $\mathcal{T}$ , denoted by  $\mathcal{T}^{(k)}$ ,  $k = [0 : n-1]$ , are structured for the same kind of displacement operator than  $\mathcal{T}$ . It is the equivalent for  $\mathcal{T}$  of Lemma 3.2 for  $T$ .

**Lemma 5.3.** *Let  $\mathcal{T}$  the augmented matrix associated to  $T$  by (17). Let us set*

$$\mathcal{T}^{(0)} = \mathcal{T}.$$

There exists a sequence of proper generators:

$$(\mathcal{A}^{(k)}, \mathcal{B}^{(k)}) \in \mathbb{C}^{(2n-k).m \times 2m} \times \mathbb{C}^{2m \times (n-k).m + nrhs}, \quad k \in [0 : n-1],$$

such that:

$$\begin{aligned} \forall k \in [0 : n-1], \quad \nabla_{Z_{n-k}^l, Z_{n-k}^r}(\mathcal{T}^{(k)}) &= \mathcal{T}^{(k)} - Z_{n-k}^l \mathcal{T}^{(k)} Z_{n-k}^r \\ &= \mathcal{A}^{(k)} \mathcal{B}^{(k)}, \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

where  $Z_{n-k}^l$  and  $Z_{n-k}^r$  are defined by

$$Z_{n-k}^l = Z_{km+1:, km+1}^l, \quad Z_{n-k}^r = Z_{km+1:, km+1}^r.$$

*Proof.* The Lemma is shown by induction. The proof is very similar to that of Lemma 3.2. To simplify the notations, we show the result for  $k = 0$  and deduce that it then remains true for  $k = 1$ .

For  $k = 0$ , the proper generator

$$(\mathcal{A}^{(0)}, \mathcal{B}^{(0)}) = (\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}),$$

is defined by (18) and (19). Since it is in proper form, we have the identity:

$$\mathcal{A}^{(0)}(:, 1 : m) = \mathcal{T}^{(0)}(:, 1 : m), \quad \mathcal{B}^{(0)}(1 : m, :) = \mathcal{T}^{(0)}(1 : m, :). \quad (21)$$

Moreover, since  $T$  is symmetric,

$$\mathcal{A}^{(0)}(1 : nm, 1 : 2m) = \mathcal{B}^{(0)}(1 : 2m, 1 : nm)^T.$$

We now construct the proper generator  $(\mathcal{A}^{(1)}, \mathcal{B}^{(1)})$ , such that the Schur complement of order 1 satisfies:

$$\nabla_{Z_{n-1}^l, Z_{n-1}^r}(\mathcal{T}^{(1)}) = \mathcal{A}^{(1)} \mathcal{B}^{(1)}.$$

Let us partition  $\mathcal{T}^{(0)}$  in:

$$\mathcal{T}^{(0)} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{T}_{11} & \mathcal{T}_{12} \\ \mathcal{T}_{21} & \mathcal{T}_{22} \end{pmatrix},$$

where we have denoted

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{T}_{11} &= \mathcal{T}_{1:m, 1:m}, \quad \mathcal{T}_{12} = \mathcal{T}_{1:m, m+1:nm+nrhs}, \\ \mathcal{T}_{22} &= \mathcal{T}_{m+1:2nm, m+1:nm+nrhs}, \quad \mathcal{T}_{21} = \mathcal{T}_{m+1:2nm, 1:m}, \end{aligned}$$

We introduce the Cholesky factorization of the first block  $\mathcal{T}_{11}$ , which is also the first block of  $T$ :

$$\mathcal{T}_{11} = L_{11} L_{11}^T.$$

We define two (left and right) elimination matrices

$$M_l = \begin{pmatrix} L_{11}^{-1} & 0 \\ -\mathcal{T}_{21} \mathcal{T}_{11}^{-1} & I_{(2n-1).m} \end{pmatrix}, \quad M_r = \begin{pmatrix} L_{11}^{-T} & -\mathcal{T}_{11}^{-1} \mathcal{T}_{12} \\ 0 & I_{(n-1).m+nrhs} \end{pmatrix},$$

such that

$$M_l \mathcal{T}^{(0)} M_r = \begin{pmatrix} I_m & 0_{(n-1), m+nrhs} \\ 0_{(2n-1), m} & \mathcal{T}^{(1)} \end{pmatrix}.$$

By multiplying the displacement equation (20) by  $M_l$  on the left and by  $M_r$  on the right, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} & \begin{pmatrix} I_m & 0_{m \times (n-1), m+nrhs} \\ 0_{(2n-1), m \times m} & \mathcal{T}^{(1)} \end{pmatrix} \\ + & M_l Z_n^l M_l^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} I_m & 0_{m \times (n-1), m+nrhs} \\ 0_{(2n-1), m \times m} & \mathcal{T}^{(1)} \end{pmatrix} M_r^{-1} Z_n^r M_r \\ = & (M_l \mathcal{A}^{(0)}) (\mathcal{B}^{(0)} M_r). \end{aligned} \quad (22)$$

We compute

$$\begin{aligned} M_l Z_n^l M_l^{-1} = Z_n^l M_l^{-1} &= \begin{pmatrix} Z_n^l \begin{pmatrix} L_{11} & \\ \mathcal{T}_{21} & L_{11}^{-T} \end{pmatrix} & 0_{m \times (n-1), m} \\ & Z_{n-1}^l \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} Z_n^l \mathcal{T}^{(0)}(:, 1:m) & 0_{m \times (n-1), m} \\ & Z_{n-1}^l \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} M_r^{-1} Z_n^r M_r &= M_r^{-1} Z_n^r = \begin{pmatrix} Z_n^r (L_{11}^T L_{11}^{-1} \mathcal{T}_{12}) & \\ 0_{(n-1), m \times m} & Z_{n-1}^r \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} Z_n^r \mathcal{T}^{(0)}(1:m, :) & \\ 0_{(n-1), m \times m} & Z_{n-1}^r \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

We also have

$$M^l \mathcal{A}^{(0)} = \begin{pmatrix} I_m & 0_m \\ 0_{(2n-1), m \times m} & \mathcal{A}^{(0)}(m+1:, m+1:) \end{pmatrix}$$

and

$$\mathcal{B}^{(0)} M^r = \begin{pmatrix} I_m & 0_{(n-1), m+nrhs} \\ 0_m & \mathcal{B}_{m+1:, m+1:}^{(0)} \end{pmatrix},$$

since the generator  $(\mathcal{A}^{(0)}, \mathcal{B}^{(0)})$  is in proper form. Identifying the (2, 2) term in (22) leads to:

$$\mathcal{T}^{(1)} - Z_{n-1}^l \mathcal{T}^{(1)} Z_{n-1}^r = a^{(1)} b^{(1)},$$

with

$$a^{(1)} = \left( (Z_n^l \mathcal{T}_{:, 1:m}^{(0)})(m+1:, 1:m) \quad \mathcal{A}^{(0)}(m+1:, m+1: 2m+nrhs) \right)$$

and

$$b^{(1)} = \begin{pmatrix} (\mathcal{T}_{1:m, :}^{(0)} Z_n^r)(1:m, m+1:) \\ \mathcal{B}_{m+1: 2m+nrhs, m+1:}^{(0)} \end{pmatrix}$$

By (21),  $a^{(1)}$  and  $b^{(1)}$  are also directly defined from  $\mathcal{A}^{(0)}$  and  $\mathcal{B}^{(0)}$  by:

$$a^{(1)} = \left( (Z_n^l \mathcal{A}_{:,1:m}^{(0)})(m+1:, 1:m) \quad \mathcal{A}_{m+1:, m+1:2m+nrhs}^{(0)} \right)$$

and

$$b^{(1)} = \left( \begin{array}{c} (\mathcal{B}_{1:m:, :}^{(0)} Z_n^r)(1:m, m+1:) \\ \mathcal{B}_{m+1:2m+nrhs, m+1:}^{(0)} \end{array} \right)$$

The last step of the proof consists in putting the generator  $(a^{(1)}, b^{(1)})$  in proper form.

We construct a transform  $\mathcal{L}$ , such that the pair

$$(a^{(1)} \mathcal{L}, \mathcal{L}^{-1} b^{(1)}) \stackrel{def}{=} (\mathcal{A}^{(1)}, \mathcal{B}^{(1)}), \quad (23)$$

is in proper form.

Let  $Q \in \mathbb{C}^{2m \times 2m}$  be an orthogonal transform such that

$$(a_{:,1:2m}^{(1)} Q)(m+1:2m) = 0_m,$$

defined in a similar way as in the proof of Lemma 3.2. The transform  $\mathcal{L}$  is defined in matrix form by:

$$\mathcal{L} \in \mathbb{C}^{(2m+nrhs) \times (2m+nrhs)}, \quad \mathcal{L} = \begin{pmatrix} Q & -\alpha^{-1} \gamma \\ 0_{nrhs \times 2m} & I_{nrhs} \end{pmatrix},$$

where the blocks  $\alpha$  and  $\gamma$  are defined by:

$$\alpha = a^{(1)}(1:m, 1:m), \quad \gamma = a^{(1)}(2m+1:2m+nrhs, 1:m).$$

When we apply  $\mathcal{L}$  to  $a^{(1)}$ , the block  $a^{(1)}(1:m, m+1:2m)$  is annihilated by the orthogonal transform  $Q$ , whereas the block  $a^{(1)}(2m+1:2m+nrhs, 1:m)$  is annihilated by a simple Gaussian elimination.

Now the inverse of  $\mathcal{L}$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1} \in \mathbb{C}^{(2m+nrhs) \times (2m+nrhs)}, \quad \mathcal{L}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} Q^T & \alpha^{-1} \gamma \\ 0_{nrhs \times 2m} & I_{nrhs} \end{pmatrix},$$

has to be applied to  $b^{(1)}$  from the left (see formula (23)). Note that  $b^{(1)}(2m+1:2m+nrhs, 1:m)$  was already zero!

So, we have constructed a generator in proper form of  $\mathcal{T}^{(1)}$ , which ends the proof by induction.  $\square$

## 5.2 Fast direct solver

The fast direct solver described by Alg. 16 is based on Lemma 3.2. We compute the sequence of the proper generators  $(\mathcal{A}^{(k)}, \mathcal{B}^{(k)})$  of the successive Schur

complements  $\mathcal{T}^{(k)}$ .

Therefore, for  $k = 1 : n - 1$ , we set in proper form the generators:

$$\begin{aligned} a^{(k)} &= \left( (Z_{n-k+1}^l \mathcal{A}_{:,1:m}^{(k-1)})(m+1 :, 1 : m) \quad \mathcal{A}_{m+1:,m+1:2m+nrhs}^{(k-1)} \right) \\ b^{(k)} &= \left( \begin{array}{c} (\mathcal{B}_{1:m,:}^{(k-1)} Z_{n-k+1}^r)(1 : m, m+1 :) \\ \mathcal{B}_{m+1:2m+nrhs,m+1:}^{(k-1)} \end{array} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (24)$$

*Remark 5.* In practice, it is enough to put  $a^{(k)}$  in proper form at each step of the algorithm. The other matrix  $\mathcal{B}^{(k)}$  is deduced from  $\mathcal{A}^{(k)}$  by inspection:

$$\mathcal{B}^{(k)} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{A}^{(k)T}_{1:(n-k).m,1:m} & x \\ \mathcal{A}^{(k)T}_{1:(n-k).m,m+1:2m} & 0_{m \times nrhs} \\ 0_{m \times (n-k).m} & I_{nrhs} \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $x$  is some non-zero, but not important value: it is namely not needed to construct the next generator  $(a^{(k+1)}, b^{(k+1)})$ .

Hence, after  $n$  steps of fast Schur complementation, we get a generator of the solution  $X$  of the linear system:

$$T X = B,$$

and  $X$  is given by:

$$X = A^{(n-1)}(1 : nm, 2m+1 : 2m+nrhs). \quad (25)$$

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**Algorithm 16** FAST DIRECT SOLVER

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**Input:** First block-row of  $T$ , of size  $nm \times m$ ,

Right hand side  $B$ , of size  $nm \times nrhs$

**Output:** Solution  $X$  of  $T X = B$ .

- 1: Set up generator  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B})$  from formula (18) and (19).
  - 2: **for**  $k = 2 : n$  **do**
  - 3: Determine a generator  $(a^{(k)}, b^{(k)})$  for the  $k^{th}$  Schur complement,  $\mathcal{T}^{(k)}$  from formula (24).
  - 4: Put  $(a^{(k)}, b^{(k)})$  in proper form:  
Determine  $Q$  complex orthogonal such that:  
 $(a^{(k)} Q)(1 : m, m+1 : 2m) = 0_{m \times m}$ .  
Apply  $Q$  to the generator:  $a^{(k)} \leftarrow a^{(k)} Q$ .  
Gaussian elimination of  $a_{1:m,2m+1:2m+nrhs}^{(k)}$ .
  - 5: **end for**
  - 6: Get  $X$  from formula (25).
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## 6 Numerical Experiments

We have implemented our algorithms in Fortran90 and performed numerical experiments to investigate the behavior of the different options:

- blocked/unblocked methods
- with/without assembling the Cholesky factor

We compare their efficiency both in terms of accuracy and execution time to the other available algorithms: the classical Cholesky factorization and the Levinson solver for block complex general Toeplitz matrices [2], available from Netlib.

Throughout this section, we adopt the following naming scheme:

- **no\_struct**: non-structured Cholesky method,
- **seq**: structured factorization with non-blocked Householder transforms,
- **wy1, wy2, yty1, yty2**: structured, factorization with blocked Householder transforms, for the corresponding block schemes.
- **levin**: Levinson solver from Netlib

We use Intel fortran compiler `ifc` (version 7.1) and Math Kernel Library optimized implementation of BLAS. Numerical experiments have been performed in double precision arithmetic. The tests were carried out on a bi-processor Intel Pentium 4 XEON, with 2 CPU at 3.05GHz, and a cache size of 512 KB, running Linux.

We consider complex symmetric block-Toeplitz matrices, generated with the BEM-based code `transdper` [20].

### 6.1 Cholesky factorization

We compute the Cholesky factor  $L$  of block-Toeplitz matrices, with blocks of size 20, by structured and non-structured methods. When a blocking scheme is used, the blocking factor ( $p$ ) is chosen equal to the size of the Toeplitz blocks ( $m$ ).

We show on Figure 1 the size of the relative residual

$$R = \frac{\|L L^T - T\|_F}{\|T\|_F}$$

for the different structured approaches, in Frobenius norm. We see that their accuracy slightly depends on the (blocked/unblocked) method for applying Householder transforms, but they all reasonably low.

Nevertheless, when we compare any structured method with the classical Cholesky method, we note that the relative size of the factorization residual obtained via the structured method is significantly higher. This confirms the accuracy results obtained by Kressner in [16], for the real case. But in spite of this, the structured methods give sufficiently accurate factorizations. The execution time is shown on Figure 2.

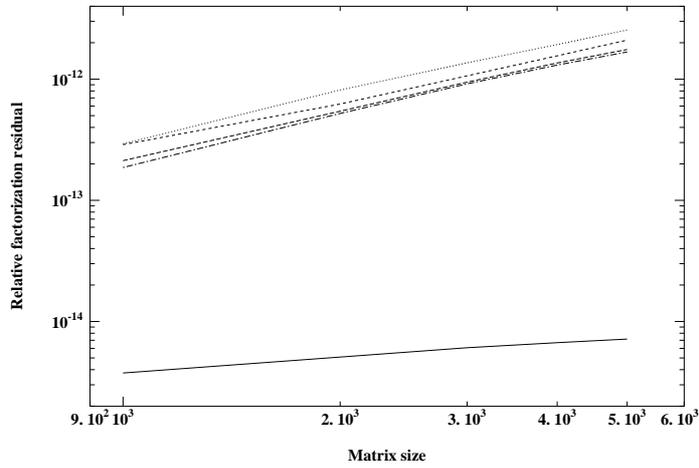


Figure 1: Relative residual of the factorization (Frobenius norm)

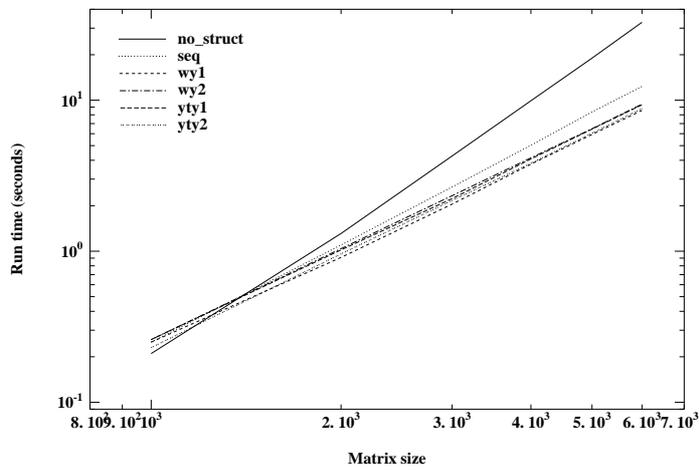


Figure 2: Execution time for the factorization

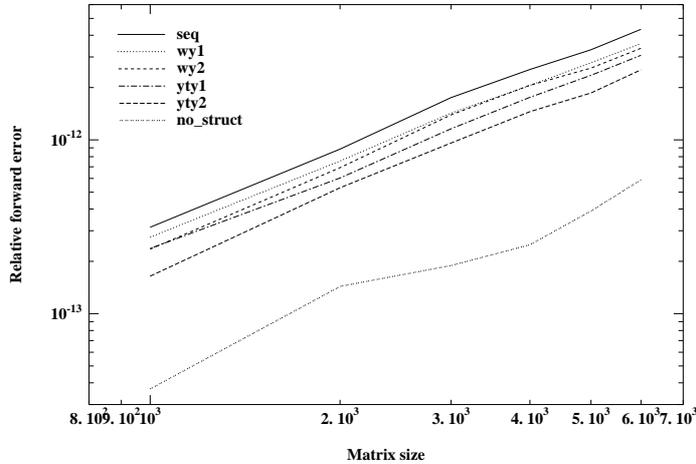


Figure 3: Relative forward error, with forming the Cholesky factor

## 6.2 Solution of the linear system, with an explicit factorization of the coefficients matrix

In this section, we solve linear systems

$$T X = B. \quad (26)$$

associated to Toeplitz matrices of different sizes. We proceed as follows:

- Cholesky factorization of  $T$ , by the various structured/non-structured methods displayed in the last paragraph.
- solution of the system by forward/backward substitutions.

We build a random exact solution  $X_{exact}$  and define the right-handside from  $X_{exact}$  by:

$$B = T X_{exact}.$$

We then present the relative forward error, defined in 2-norm by

$$Ferr = \frac{\|X - X_{exact}\|_2}{\|X_{exact}\|_2},$$

where  $X$  denotes the computed solution of the linear system (26). The matrices we consider have (Toeplitz) blocks of size 20. The blocking factor, used to accumulate the Householder transforms is taken equal to the size of the Toeplitz blocks.

We present on Figure 3 the relative forward error, for each method, structured and non-structured. We see that the accuracy is reasonable, though inferior to the non-structured method. This confirms what we observed on the factorization

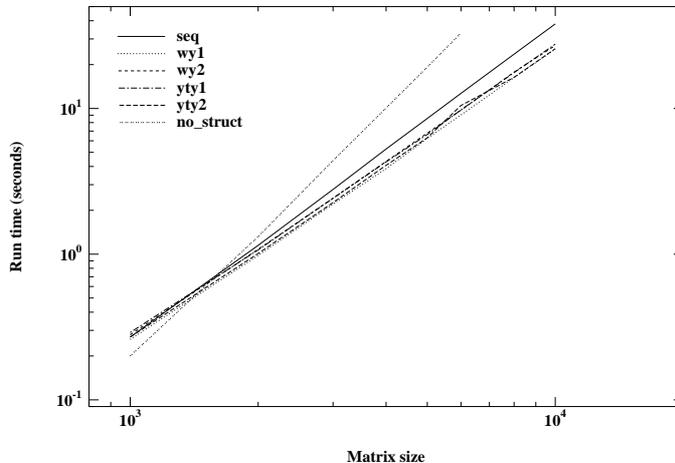


Figure 4: Execution time, with forming the Cholesky factor

residuals, in the last paragraph.

The timing results are shown on Figure 4. The difference in the slopes of the curves corresponding to the structured/non-structured methods represents the difference in the complexity of the algorithms. For sufficiently large systems, the structured methods are clearly faster, especially the blocked implementations. The tests we performed do not show a significant advantage of one of the blocked methods.

### 6.3 Solution of the linear system, without an explicit factorization of the coefficients matrix

In this section, we test the fast solver presented in section 5. This method allows to solve the linear system

$$TX = B,$$

without explicitly forming the Cholesky factor of  $T$ . Different techniques are investigated, corresponding to the way the generator of the augmented system is put in proper form. It is especially attractive when large systems are to be solved, since it only demands a small amount of memory.

We build a random exact solution  $X_{exact}$  and define the right-handside from  $X_{exact}$  by:

$$B = TX_{exact}.$$

The matrices we consider have (Toeplitz) blocks of size 20. The blocking factor, used to accumulate the Householder transforms is taken equal to the size of the Toeplitz blocks.

The relative forward error is shown on Figure 5. It has the same order of magnitude than the error obtained with the solver tested in the last paragraph

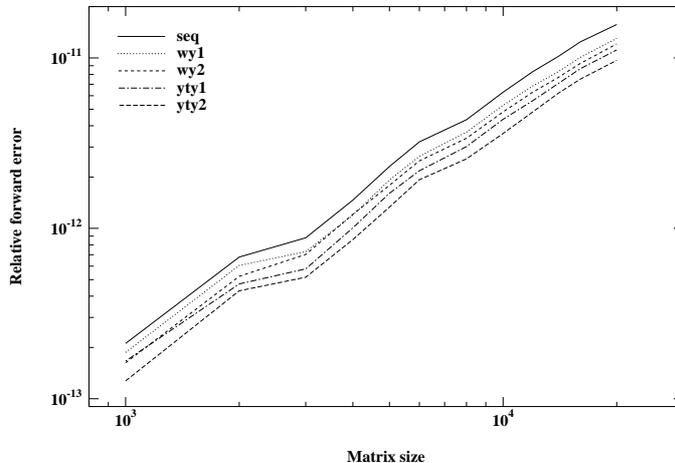


Figure 5: Relative forward error, without forming the Cholesky factor

(with assembling the Cholesky factor, before solving the system). But, since it requires less memory, it has been tested on larger matrices. The timing results are reported on Figure 6. The non-blocked implementation again appears slower than the blocked implementations.

#### 6.4 When is it worth considering the structure of a matrix?

When is a “fast” structured method really faster than a non-structured one? Let us again consider the linear problem:

$$TX = B$$

for a block Toeplitz matrix  $T$  of  $n \times n$  blocks, each of size  $m \times m$ .

When  $n = 1$ , the matrix is in fact only symmetric (not Toeplitz) and the proper way to solve (6.4) is a non-structured Cholesky factorization. We guess that when  $n$  is small, that is the matrix has only a few blocks, a structured method is not very efficient: it is clear on the beginning of Figure 4. On the opposite,  $m = 1$  means that the matrix is point Toeplitz, and that a structured method is probably effective.

We verify numerically this idea on two examples. Therefore, we fix a block size  $m$ , and plot the CPU time required to solve (6.4) by structured and unstructured methods, for different values of  $n$ . We have chosen the structured solvers based on an explicit assembling of the Cholesky factor, to have a fair comparison with the non-structured method. The result for block sizes  $m = 100$ ,  $m = 199$ , and  $m = 451$  is respectively shown on Figures 7, 8 and 9. We recall that the case of blocks of size 20 corresponds to Figure 4. We see that when  $n$  increases, structured methods become attractive. The blocked structured algorithms achieve

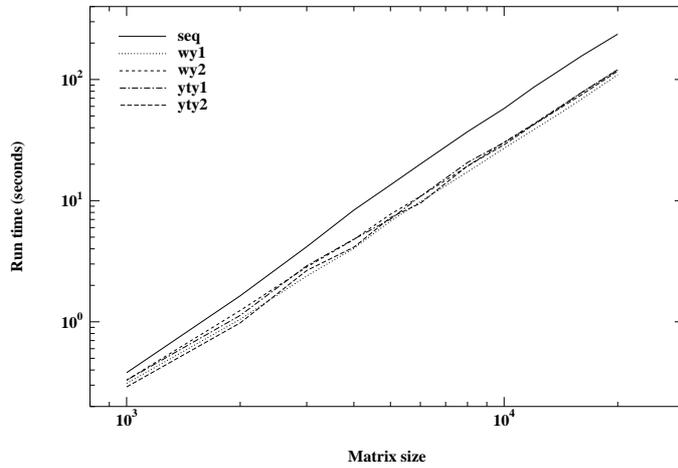


Figure 6: Execution time, without forming the Cholesky factor

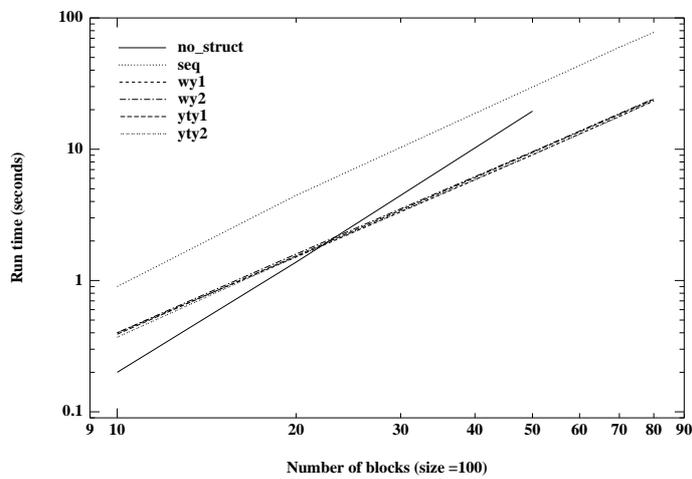


Figure 7: Execution time, matrices with blocks of size 100

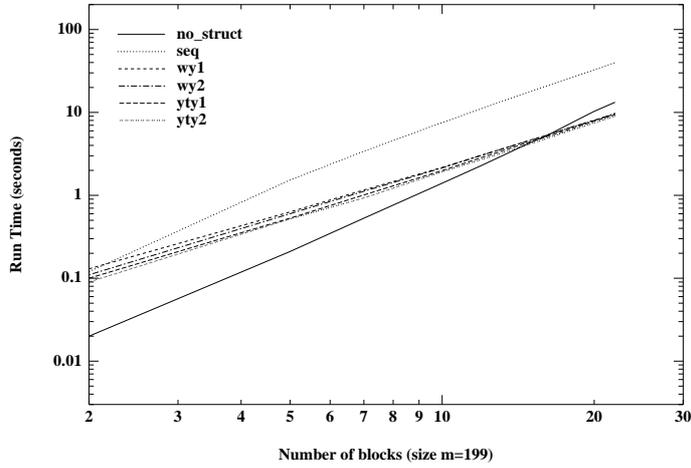


Figure 8: Execution time, matrices with blocks of size 199

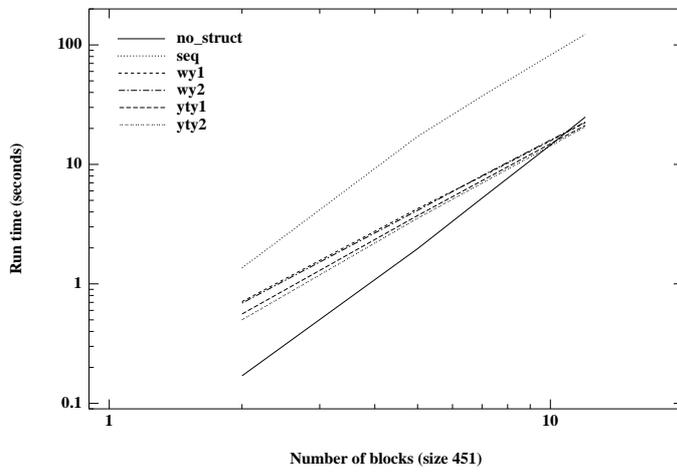


Figure 9: Execution time, matrices with blocks of size 451

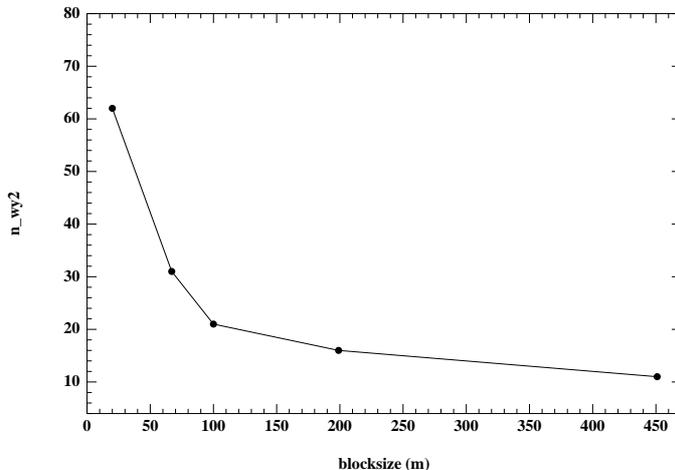


Figure 10: The function  $m \mapsto n_{wy2}(m)$

crossover points at which they beat the non-structured algorithm.

Let us now define, for one of the blocked structured method (for instance *wy2*), the mapping:

$$m \mapsto n_{wy2}(m) = \min\{n, T_{wy2}(n, m) \leq T_{no\_struct}(n, m)\}$$

where  $T_{wy2}(n, m)$  (resp.  $T_{no\_struct}(n, m)$ ) is the CPU time needed to solve the linear system associated to a Toeplitz matrix of  $n \times n$  blocks, each of size  $m \times m$  by the *wy2*-blocked structured method (resp. by the non-structured method). We plot this function on Figure 10, and see that it is decreasing.

## 6.5 Comparison with the general Levinson solver `tgslz`

We compare the solver based on the *yty2*-blocked version of Algorithm 16 (without an explicit assembly of the Cholesky factor) with the structured solver `tgslz` for general block Toeplitz systems [2] available on Netlib. This solver is of Levinson type, that is it is based on a factorization of  $T^{-1}$  (and not  $T$ , as in Schur type algorithms). This solver was previously used in the BEM-based code `transdper` [20]. Note that `tgslz` deals with general matrices whereas the new Schur type algorithm is adapted to symmetric matrices and should therefore be at least twice faster.

Timing results are reported on Figure 11 and on Figure 12. On Figure 11, we have plotted the CPU time required to solve the linear system associated to a block Toeplitz matrix, with  $n$  (variable) blocks of (fixed) size  $m$ . On Figure 12, we consider matrices of  $n$  (fixed) blocks of (variable) size  $m$ . Hence, Figure 11 points out the behaviour of the algorithm with respect to the *number* of blocks  $n$ , whereas Figure 12 points out the behaviour of the algorithm with respect to the *size* of blocks  $m$ . We see on Figure 11 that except for the smallest size of

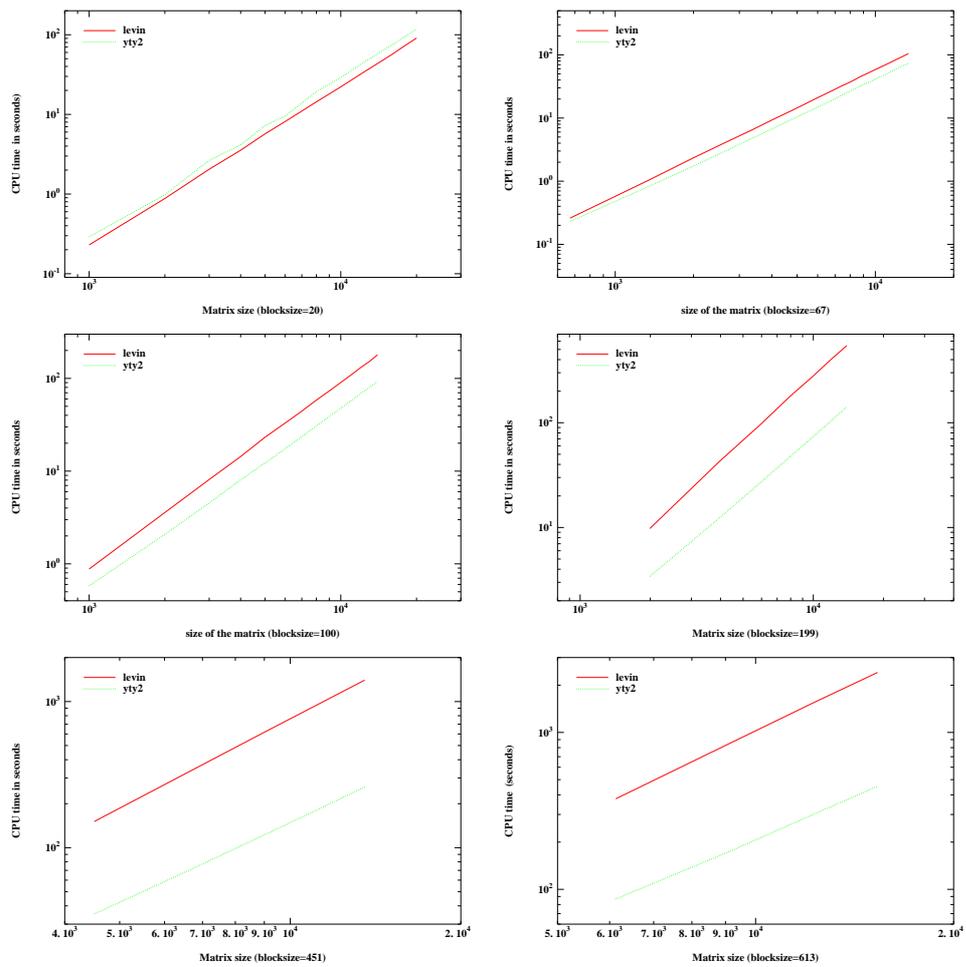


Figure 11: Levinson/symmetric Schur algorithm: Run time w.r.t  $m$  (block size)

$m$	$n$	Relative forward error Levinson algorithm	Relative forward error yty2 – Schur algorithm
67	50	$8.33 \cdot 10^{-13}$	$3.91 \cdot 10^{-12}$
	100	$4.05 \cdot 10^{-12}$	$8.06 \cdot 10^{-12}$
	150	$1.07 \cdot 10^{-11}$	$1.29 \cdot 10^{-11}$
100	50	$6.74 \cdot 10^{-13}$	$2.20 \cdot 10^{-12}$
	100	$3.45 \cdot 10^{-12}$	$5.29 \cdot 10^{-12}$
	140	$7.13 \cdot 10^{-12}$	$8.19 \cdot 10^{-12}$
451	10	$2.54 \cdot 10^{-12}$	$5.10 \cdot 10^{-11}$
	30	$7.26 \cdot 10^{-12}$	$1.27 \cdot 10^{-11}$

Table 1: Levinson/symmetric Schur algorithm: relative forward error

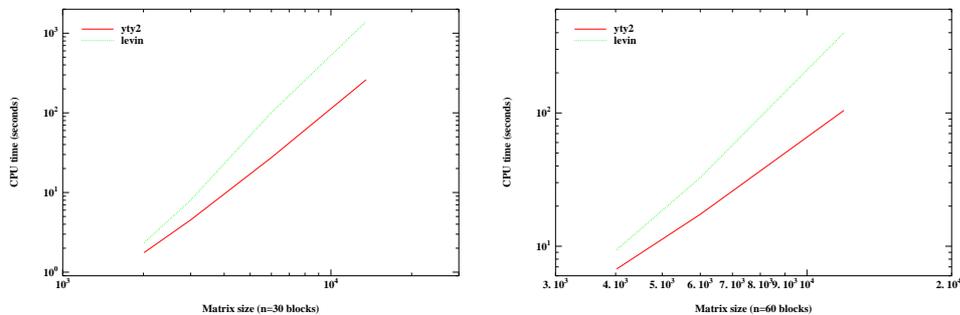


Figure 12: Levinson/symmetric Schur algorithm: Run time w.r.t  $n$  (number of blocks)

blocks, the new algorithm outperforms the old one. The larger the blocksize, the better the new algorithm behaves: it is slower for blocks of size 20, but for blocks of size 451, it is about 5 times faster! The slope of the timing curves are identical: both algorithms have the same dependence with respect to  $n$ . The accuracy remains the same: Table 1 compares the relative forward error for both methods. Figure 12 confirms what we observed on Figure 11: the superiority of our symmetric Schur algorithm becomes obvious when  $m$  increases. This time, the slopes of the timing curves are different: the curve corresponding to our algorithm has a smaller slope, which means that its order with respect to  $m$  is lower than Levinson algorithm's. This explains why Schur algorithm is faster for  $m$  large.

## 7 Conclusions

We proposed fast algorithms for the solution of dense complex symmetric block Toeplitz systems. These linear systems arise for instance in the analysis of electromagnetic radiation and scattering problems by Boundary Element Methods.

Memory and CPU-time requirements by classical direct (Cholesky) method are quite high. Therefore, exploiting the structure of the matrix, when it exists due to a periodic geometry, is very attractive. Our numerical experiments demonstrate the efficiency of fast algorithms both in terms of accuracy and run time for several matrices issued from the discretization of Boundary Integral Equations. Moreover, we believe that Algorithm 16 is particularly interesting, since it avoids an explicit assembly of the Cholesky factor, and thereby demands less memory space. Therefore, using this algorithm for the numerical solution of the discretized BEM problems both allows to consider problems of larger size and to speed up their solution. We also pointed out that blocked algorithms should be preferred since they are significantly faster than their unblocked version.

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