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This thesis deals with an adaptation of hierarchical matrix (\mathcal{H} -matrix) techniques in iterative methods for solving the Poisson equation, which is a representative of partial differential equations. The research examines different iterative techniques and ordering strategies in Gauss-Seidel method which are easy to implement on a computer. The \mathcal{H} -matrix techniques allows an efficient treatment of a dense matrix. This treatment will lead to less memory utilizations.

Three types of finite-difference approximations in the form of the full-sweep (FS), half-sweep (HS) and quarter-sweep (QS) approaches are considered in this research. An extension of this approach where a faster convergence rate can be achieved is by grouping the iteration points into a single iteration unit. Implemented with the finite-difference schemes mentioned above, this approach produces Explicit Group (EG), Explicit Decoupled Group (EDG) and Modified Explicit Group (MEG) methods. All of these iterative methods are yet to be implemented with \mathcal{H} -matrix.

The construction of an \mathcal{H} -matrix relies on a hierarchical partitioning of the dense matrix. To set up this partitioning, a so-called admissibility condition must be satisfied. Two types of admissibility conditions namely the *weak* admissibility and *standard* admissibility will be considered in this research. This will produce two different \mathcal{H} -matrix structures, \mathcal{H}_W - and \mathcal{H}_S -matrices, which consists of different memory utilizations.

The main objective of this thesis is to develop an adaptation of the \mathcal{H} -matrix structures with the iterative method. Both of these structures will be compared with each other. The \mathcal{H}_W -matrix should produce a more accurate solution with a faster execution time and utilizes less memory when compared to the \mathcal{H}_S -matrix.



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Tesis ini berkaitan dengan adaptasi teknik matriks hierarki (\mathcal{H} -matriks) dalam kaedah lelaran untuk menyelesaikan persamaan Poisson, yang mewakili persamaan pembezaan separa. Kajian ini mengkaji teknik lelaran yang berbeza dan strategi susunan dalam kaedah Gauss-Seidel yang mudah untuk dilaksanakan pada komputer. Teknik-teknik \mathcal{H} -matriks membolehkan pergolakkan yang cekap kepada matriks padat. Pergolakkan ini akan membawa kepada penggunaan memori yang kurang.

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Pembinaan sebuah \mathcal{H} -matriks bergantung kepada pembahagian hierarki matriks padat. Untuk menyediakan pembahagian ini, satu keadaan yang dipanggil syarat kebolehterimaan mesti berpuas hati. Terdapat dua jenis syarat kebolehterimaan iaitu kebolehterimaan *lemah* dan kebolehterimaan *biasa* akan dipertimbangkan dalam kajian ini. Ini akan menghasilkan dua struktur \mathcal{H} -matriks yang berbeza, matriks-matriks \mathcal{H}_W - dan \mathcal{H}_S -, yang terdiri daripada

penggunaan memori yang berbeza.

Objektif utama tesis ini adalah untuk membangunkan adaptasi daripada struktur \mathcal{H} -matriks dengan kaedah lalaran. Kedua-dua struktur akan dibandingkan antara satu sama lain. \mathcal{H}_W -matriks akan menghasilkan penyelesaian yang lebih tepat dengan masa pelaksanaan yang lebih cepat dan kurang menggunakan memori apabila dibandingkan dengan \mathcal{H}_S -matriks.



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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

AOR	Accelerated Over-Relaxation
EDG	Explicit Decoupled Group
EG	Explicit Group
FS	Full Sweep
GS	Gauss-Seidel
HS	Half Sweep
HZL	Horizontal-Zebra-Line
IADE	Iterative Alternating Decomposition Explicit
MEDG	Modified EDG
MEG	Modified Explicit Group
MSOR	Modified SOR
NA	Natural
OMEG	Octo MEG
QS	Quarter Sweep
RB	Red-Black
Rtd51h	Rotated Five Point
SOR	Successive Over-Relaxation
Std51h	Standard Five Point 1h
Std52h	Standard Five Point 2h



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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Overview

In mathematical modeling of many physical phenomena, a greater number of processes can be represented through Partial Differential Equations (PDEs), particularly the Poisson equation, which involve functions of several variables. Generally, the Poisson equation is very complicated to solve analytically, hence numerical methods are applied. The operational speed of modern computers makes it possible to obtain a fast approximate solutions, taking into account a satisfactory computational error. For such equations, the theory of numerical methods has become one of the most sought-after research areas of modern science.

In 1998, Hackbush and his colleagues introduced a hierarchical (\mathcal{H} -)matrix technique. This technique acts as an efficient treatment of dense matrices as it stores them in a special data-sparse way in the sense that these matrices are described by only few data. This treatment will eventually reduce the memory utilization of the matrices. In the up coming chapter we will discuss more on the fundamentals of \mathcal{H} -matrix and how it is constructed.

1.2 Problem Statement

Many scientific problems, involving the Poisson equation, occur in fast and real time applications. Fast solutions with minimal absolute error require big sizes of discretization which in return requires a large-capacity computational memory. One of the earlier methods when solving the PDEs, in particular the Poisson equation, is using the finite-difference approximation where the full-sweep (FS) point iterative method was considered as a foundation for newer iterative methods. Recent research then discovered the half-sweep (HS) point, quarter-sweep (QS) point, Explicit Group (EG), Explicit Decoupled Group (EDG), and Modified Explicit Group (MEG) iterative methods. All of these methods were also studied with the basic Gauss-Seidel (GS) scheme. However, none of these methods have been applied with \mathcal{H} -matrix. This shows that there is a high demand in improving the performance of the methods for solving the Poisson equation but not many researches are concern about the memory utilization.

1.3 Objectives

The primary objective of this thesis is to propose a more data-sparse algorithms, which will outstrip the existing methods by memory utilizations. The objective is accomplished through research on the \mathcal{H} -matrix technique. This technique will be adapted to all of the point and group iterative methods mentioned above. The performance of the new algorithms comprises such characteristics as accuracy, computational time and memory utilization.

1.4 Research Scope

The thesis is focusing on adapting the \mathcal{H} -matrix technique onto the iterative method. The solution domain will be discretize using the finite difference approximations and solved using the FS point, HS point, QS point, EG, EDG and MEG iterative methods based on GS scheme. This thesis will only consider domains with group cases which is why the discretized domain for EG and EDG iterative methods will be of the same size. This will differ from the discretized domain for MEG iterative method. The discretized domain for point iterative methods will follow their respective group iterative methods according to their sweeping approach. This will be explained further in the upcoming chapters. In the following literature, it will show that there are two types of \mathcal{H} -matrix structures that can be constructed. Both of these structures will be adapted on all of the mentioned points and group iterative methods.

1.5 Research Methodology

In order to develop a new adaptive \mathcal{H} -matrix on iterative methods for solving the Poisson equation, there are several research methodology steps to follow, which are

1. Literature review on:

- the Poisson equation and general theory of PDEs;
- point and group iterative methods;
- the fundamentals of \mathcal{H} -matrix.

2. Implementation of the recent methods on the solution of Poisson equation and on \mathcal{H} -matrix for benchmarking, such as:

- FS, HS and QS point iterative methods;
- EG, EDG and MEG iterative methods;

- different ordering strategies for all of the methods mentioned above;
 - an \mathcal{H} -matrix structure proposed by Börm et al. (2003) (\mathcal{H}_S).
3. Constructing the \mathcal{H} -matrix structures with respect to:
 - standard admissibility conditions which will result in an \mathcal{H}_S -matrix;
 - weak admissibility conditions which will result in an \mathcal{H}_W -matrix.
 4. Proposed a new algorithm for adapting an \mathcal{H}_W -matrix structure with:
 - FS point and EG iterative methods;
 - HS point and EDG iterative methods;
 - QS point and MEG iterative methods.
 5. Implementation of different ordering strategies with the new algorithm.
 6. Experiments to benchmark the new method with the iterative methods and \mathcal{H}_S -matrix studied in Step 2 with different grid sizes.

The (\mathcal{H}_S -) and (\mathcal{H}_W -) notation will be further explained in the next chapter. The computer hardware, software and initial values that will be used to conduct the experiments is shown in Table 1.1.

Figure 1.1 shows the research methodology framework of this thesis.

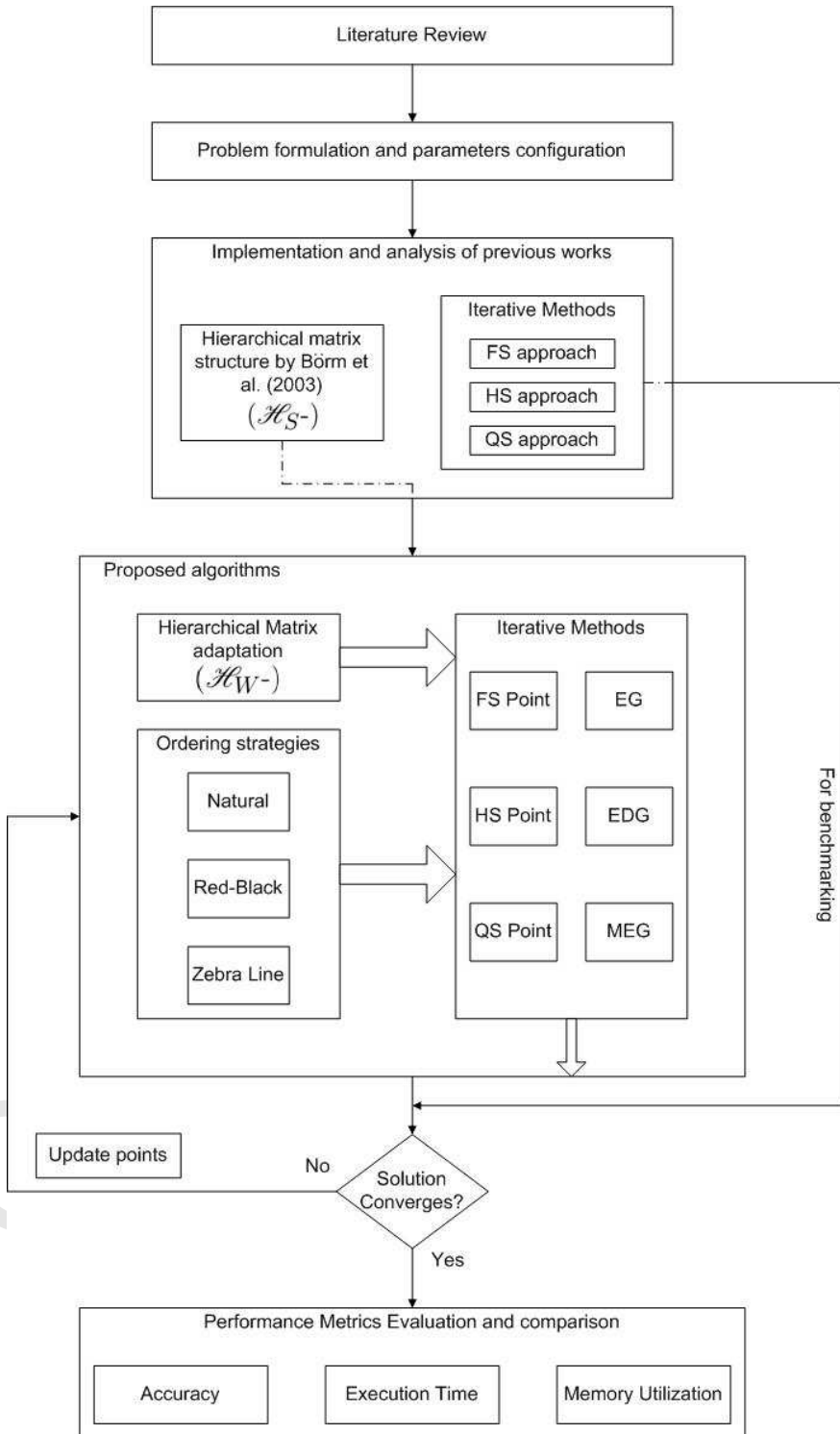


Figure 1.1: The research methodology framework.

Table 1.1: The computer hardware, software and initial values used to conduct the experiments.

Test Problem	The Poisson equation: $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = (x^2 + y^2)e^{xy}, \quad (x, y) \in \Omega = [0, 1] \times [0, 1],$ subject to the Dirichlet boundary conditions and satisfying the exact solution $u(x, y) = e^{xy}$.
Hardware	Intel(R) Core(TM)2 Duo, 3.16 GHz CPU, 4.00 GB(RAM), 32-bit OS, Windows 7.
Software	Matlab R2011a, 32-bit, for Windows.
Matrix Sizes	$n = 16, 32, 64, 128$ for FS point, HS point, EG and EDG iterative methods. $n = 17, 33, 65, 129$ for QS point and MEG iterative methods.
Performance metrics	Total memory cost: Measured at computer's task manager Execution time: Time taken for new method to converge, measured in MATLAB software. Accuracy: Average absolute error = $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n u_{i,j} - e_{i,j} $, where $e_{i,j}$ is the exact solution.
Error tolerance	$\varepsilon = 10^{-10}$ which is similar to researches in Othman et al. (2000) and Othman and Abdullah (2000b).

1.6 Thesis Structure

The remaining chapters of this thesis are organized as follows. Chapter 2 presents the Poisson equation and the approximate solution of it. An introduction to point and group iterative methods to solve the discrete Poisson equation is given. Moreover, the fundamentals of \mathcal{H} -matrix technique are also considered. Recent research related to these subjects of this thesis is reviewed and analyzed at the end of the chapter.

Chapter 3 is devoted to the derivation and formulation of the FS GS and EG GS iterative methods and their \mathcal{H} -matrix adaptations. Several ordering strategies are applied with the new method. To benchmark the new method, an experimental comparison with the mentioned point iterative methods is given. An experiment to determine the optimal ordering strategy is conducted and discussed.

The derivation of the HS GS and EDG GS iterative methods with their \mathcal{H} -matrix adaptations is given in Chapter 4. The chapter is then continued with description and comparison of different ordering strategies. In the experi-

mental part of this chapter, the new method is compared with the mentioned group iterative methods. The results are presented and the performance of the method is evaluated.

Chapter 5 is focused on the derivation of the QS GS and MEG GS iterative method with their \mathcal{H} -matrix adaptations. The chapter is then continued with description and comparison of different ordering strategies. An experiment to determine the optimal ordering strategy is conducted and discussed.

Finally, conclusions and recommendations for future research are given in Chapter 6.



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