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On the efficient solution of large-scale algebraic Riccati equations with banded data

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The numerical solution of the algebraic Riccati matrix equation

$$(1) \quad A^T X + X A - X S X + Q = 0,$$

where $A, S, Q \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$, is an interesting and still challenging task especially when the problem dimension is very large, say $n > 10^4$, as the dense solution X cannot be stored and a memory-saving approximation has to be sought.

A vast portion of the literature focuses on the case of low-rank S and Q and many, diverse solution schemes have been developed to tackle this kind of equations. See, e.g., [1] and the references therein. In particular, the so-called low-rank methods compute a low-rank approximation to the exact solution X in order to moderate the memory requirements of the adopted algorithm.

By exploiting novel results about the solution of Lyapunov equations with non low-rank right-hand side [2,3], a Newton iteration for (1) with a rank-structured Q has been recently proposed [4]. However, also in such a scheme the matrix S is still supposed to be low-rank.

In this talk we consider Riccati equations with banded, full-rank coefficient matrices A, S and Q and, by taking inspiration from some early results by Incertis [5], a fresh solution procedure that efficiently computes memory-saving approximate solutions is proposed. In particular, the structure of the computed solution \hat{X} depends on some properties of the matrices A and Q and we can represent \hat{X} in terms of either a banded matrix or a banded plus low-rank matrix maintaining a very low storage demand of the overall solution process.

Several numerical results are reported to illustrate the potential of the discussed method.

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