

# The Sparse Matrices Package. Sparse Matrix Calculations and a Linear Algebra Package for Sparse Matrices in REDUCE

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## 1 Introduction

A very powerful feature of REDUCE is the ease with which matrix calculations can be performed. This package extends the available matrix feature to enable calculations with sparse matrices. This package also provides a selection of functions that are useful in the world of linear algebra with respect to sparse matrices.

### Loading the Package

The package is loaded by: `load_package sparse;`

## 2 Sparse Matrix Calculations

To extend the the syntax to this class of calculations we need to add an expression type `sparse`.

### 2.1 Sparse Variables

An identifier may be declared a sparse variable by the declaration `SPARSE`. The size of the sparse matrix must be declared explicitly in the matrix

declaration. For example,

```
sparse aa(10,1),bb(200,200);
```

declares **AA** to be a 10 x 1 (column) sparse matrix and **Y** to be a 200 x 200 sparse matrix. The declaration **SPARSE** is similar to the declaration **MATRIX**. Once a symbol is declared to name a sparse matrix, it can not also be used to name an array, operator, procedure, or used as an ordinary variable. For more information see the Matrix Variables section in The REDUCE User's Manual[2].

## 2.2 Assigning Sparse Matrix Elements

Once a matrix has been declared a sparse matrix all elements of the matrix are initialized to 0. Thus when a sparse matrix is initially referred to the message

```
"The matrix is dense, contains only zeros"
```

is returned. When printing out a matrix only the non-zero elements are printed. This is due to the fact that only the non-zero elements of the matrix are stored. To assign the elements of the declared matrix we use the following syntax. Assuming **AA** and **BB** have been declared as sparse matrices, we simply write,

```
aa(1,1):=10;  
bb(100,150):=a;
```

etc. This then sets the element in the first row and first column to 10, or the element in the 100th row and 150th column to **a**.

## 2.3 Evaluating Sparse Matrix Elements

Once an element of a sparse matrix has been assigned, it may be referred to in standard array element notation. Thus **aa(2,1)** refers to the element in the second row and first column of the sparse matrix **AA**.

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### 3 Sparse Matrix Expressions

These follow the normal rules of matrix algebra. Sums and products must be of compatible size; otherwise an error will result during evaluation. Similarly, only square matrices may be raised to a power. A negative power is computed as the inverse of the matrix raised to the corresponding positive power. For more information and the syntax for matrix algebra see the Matrix Expressions section in The REDUCE User's Manual[2].

### 4 Operators with Sparse Matrix Arguments

The operators in the Sparse Matrix Package are the same as those in the Matrix Package with the exception that the `NULLSPACE` operator is not defined. See section Operators with Matrix Arguments in The REDUCE User's Manual[2] for more details.

#### 4.1 Examples

In the examples the matrix  $\mathcal{A}\mathcal{A}$  will be

$$\mathcal{A}\mathcal{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 9 \end{pmatrix}$$

```
det ppp;
```

```
135
```

```
trace ppp;
```

```
18
```

```
rank ppp;
```

```
4
```

```
spmateigen(ppp,eta);
```

```
{eta - 1,1,  
  
  spm(1,1) := arbcomplex(4)$  
  },  
  
{eta - 3,1,  
  
  spm(2,1) := arbcomplex(5)$  
  },  
  
{eta - 5,1,  
  
  spm(3,1) := arbcomplex(6)$  
  },  
  
{eta - 9,1,  
  
  spm(4,1) := arbcomplex(7)$  
  }}
```

## 5 The Linear Algebra Package for Sparse Matrices

This package is an extension of the Linear Algebra Package for REDUCE.[1] These functions are described alphabetically in section 6 of this document and are labelled 6.1 to 6.47. They can be classified into four sections(n.b: the numbers after the dots signify the function label in section 6).

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**Note on examples:**

In the examples the matrix  $\mathcal{A}$  will be

$$\mathcal{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 9 \end{pmatrix}$$

Unfortunately, due to restrictions of size, it is not practical to use “large” sparse matrices in the examples. As a result the examples shown may appear trivial, but they give an idea of how the functions work.

**Notation**

Throughout  $\mathcal{I}$  is used to indicate the identity matrix and  $\mathcal{A}^T$  to indicate the transpose of the matrix  $\mathcal{A}$ .

**6 Available Functions****6.1 spadd\_columns, spadd\_rows**

```
spadd_columns( $\mathcal{A}$ , c1, c2, expr);
```

$\mathcal{A}$      :- a sparse matrix.  
 $c1, c2$  :- positive integers.  
 $expr$    :- a scalar expression.

**Synopsis:**

`spadd_columns` replaces column  $c2$  of  $\mathcal{A}$  by  $expr * \text{column}(\mathcal{A}, c1) + \text{column}(\mathcal{A}, c2)$ .

`spadd_rows` performs the equivalent task on the rows of  $\mathcal{A}$ .

**Examples:**

$$\text{spadd\_columns}(\mathcal{A}, 1, 2, x) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 9 \end{pmatrix}$$

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$$\text{spadd\_rows}(\mathcal{A}, 2, 3, 5) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 25 & 9 \end{pmatrix}$$

**Related functions:**

`spadd_to_columns`, `spadd_to_rows`, `spmultiples_columns`, `spmultiples_rows`.

**6.2 spadd\_rows**

see: `spadd_columns`.

**6.3 spadd\_to\_columns, spadd\_to\_rows**

`spadd_to_columns`( $\mathcal{A}$ , `column_list`, `expr`);

$\mathcal{A}$             :- a sparse matrix.

`column_list` :- a positive integer or a list of positive integers.

`expr`           :- a scalar expression.

**Synopsis:**

`spadd_to_columns` adds `expr` to each column specified in `column_list` of  $\mathcal{A}$ .

`spadd_to_rows` performs the equivalent task on the rows of  $\mathcal{A}$ .

**Examples:**

$$\text{spadd\_to\_columns}(\mathcal{A}, \{1, 2\}, 10) = \begin{pmatrix} 11 & 10 & 0 \\ 10 & 15 & 0 \\ 10 & 10 & 9 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{spadd\_to\_rows}(\mathcal{A}, 2, -x) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -x & -x + 5 & -x \\ 0 & 0 & 9 \end{pmatrix}$$

**Related functions:**

`spadd_columns`, `spadd_rows`, `spmultiples_rows`, `spmultiples_columns`.

## 6.4 spadd\_to\_rows

see: `spadd_to_columns`.

## 6.5 spaugment\_columns, spstack\_rows

`spaugment_columns( $\mathcal{A}$ , column_list);`

$\mathcal{A}$            :- a sparse matrix.

column\_list   :- either a positive integer or a list of positive integers.

### Synopsis:

`spaugment_columns` gets hold of the columns of  $\mathcal{A}$  specified in `column_list` and sticks them together.

`spstack_rows` performs the same task on rows of  $\mathcal{A}$ .

### Examples:

$$\text{spaugment\_columns}(\mathcal{A}, \{1, 2\}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{spstack\_rows}(\mathcal{A}, \{1, 3\}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 9 \end{pmatrix}$$

### Related functions:

`spget_columns`, `spget_rows`, `spsub_matrix`.

## 6.6 spband\_matrix

`spband_matrix(expr_list, square_size);`

expr\_list     :- either a single scalar expression or a list of an odd number of scalar expressions.

square\_size   :- a positive integer.

### Synopsis:

`spband_matrix` creates a sparse square matrix of dimension `square_size`.

### Examples:



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$$\text{spband\_matrix}(\{x, y, z\}, 6) = \begin{pmatrix} y & z & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ x & y & z & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & x & y & z & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & x & y & z & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & x & y & z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & x & y \end{pmatrix}$$

**Related functions:**

`spdiagonal`.

**6.7 spblock\_matrix**

`spblock_matrix(r, c, matrix_list);`

`r, c`           :- positive integers.

`matrix_list`   :- a list of matrices of either sparse or matrix type.

**Synopsis:**

`spblock_matrix` creates a sparse matrix that consists of `r` by `c` matrices filled from the `matrix_list` row wise.

**Examples:**

$$\mathcal{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathcal{C} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathcal{D} = \begin{pmatrix} 22 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{spblock\_matrix}(2, 3, \{\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{D}, \mathcal{D}, \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{B}\}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 5 & 22 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 22 & 0 & 5 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

**6.8 spchar\_matrix**

`spchar_matrix(A, λ);`

`A`   :- a square sparse matrix.

`λ`   :- a symbol or algebraic expression.

**Synopsis:**

`spchar_matrix` creates the characteristic matrix  $\mathcal{C}$  of  $\mathcal{A}$ .

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This is  $C = \lambda * I - A$ .

**Examples:**

$$\text{spchar\_matrix}(A, x) = \begin{pmatrix} x - 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & x - 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & x - 9 \end{pmatrix}$$

**Related functions:**

`spchar_poly`.

## 6.9 `spchar_poly`

`spchar_poly(A, λ)`;

$A$  :- a sparse square matrix.

$\lambda$  :- a symbol or algebraic expression.

**Synopsis:**

`spchar_poly` finds the characteristic polynomial of  $A$ .

This is the determinant of  $\lambda * I - A$ .

**Examples:**

$$\text{spchar\_poly}(A, x) = x^3 - 15 * x^2 - 59 * x - 45$$

**Related functions:**

`spchar_matrix`.

## 6.10 `spcholesky`

`spcholesky(A)`;

$A$  :- a positive definite sparse matrix containing numeric entries.

**Synopsis:**

`spcholesky` computes the cholesky decomposition of  $A$ .

It returns  $\{\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{U}\}$  where  $\mathcal{L}$  is a lower matrix,  $\mathcal{U}$  is an upper matrix,  $A = \mathcal{L}\mathcal{U}$ , and  $\mathcal{U} = \mathcal{L}^T$ .

**Examples:**

$$\mathcal{F} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 9 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{cholesky}(\mathcal{F}) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sqrt{5} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sqrt{5} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

**Related functions:**

`splu_decom`.

### 6.11 `spcoeff_matrix`

`spcoeff_matrix({lin_eqn1, lin_eqn2, ..., lin_eqnn});`

`lin_eqn1, lin_eqn2, ..., lin_eqnn` :- linear equations. Can be of the form *equation = number* or just *equation*.

**Synopsis:**

`spcoeff_matrix` creates the coefficient matrix  $\mathcal{C}$  of the linear equations.

It returns  $\{\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{B}\}$  such that  $\mathcal{C}\mathcal{X} = \mathcal{B}$ .

**Examples:**

`spcoeff_matrix({y - 20*w = 10, y - z = 20, y + 4 + 3*z, w + x + 50}) =`

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -20 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} y \\ w \\ z \\ x \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 10 \\ 20 \\ -4 \\ 50 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

### 6.12 `spcol_dim`, `sprow_dim`

`column_dim(A);`

$A$  :- a sparse matrix.

**Synopsis:**

`spcol_dim` finds the column dimension of  $A$ .

`sprow_dim` finds the row dimension of  $\mathcal{A}$ .

**Examples:**

`spcol_dim(A) = 3`

### 6.13 spcompanion

`spcompanion(poly, x);`

`poly` :- a monic univariate polynomial in `x`.

`x` :- the variable.

**Synopsis:**

`spcompanion` creates the companion matrix  $\mathcal{C}$  of `poly`.

This is the square matrix of dimension `n`, where `n` is the degree of `poly` w.r.t. `x`.

The entries of  $\mathcal{C}$  are:  $\mathcal{C}(i,n) = -\text{coeffn}(\text{poly},x,i-1)$  for  $i = 1 \dots n$ ,  $\mathcal{C}(i,i-1) = 1$  for  $i = 2 \dots n$  and the rest are 0.

**Examples:**

$$\text{spcompanion}(x^4 + 17 * x^3 - 9 * x^2 + 11, x) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & -11 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 9 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -17 \end{pmatrix}$$

**Related functions:**

`spfind_companion`.

### 6.14 spcopy\_into

`spcopy_into(A, B, r, c);`

`A, B` :- matrices of type `sparse` or `matrix`.

`r, c` :- positive integers.

**Synopsis:**

`spcopy_into` copies matrix  $\mathcal{A}$  into  $\mathcal{B}$  with  $\mathcal{A}(1,1)$  at  $\mathcal{B}(r,c)$ .

**Examples:**

$$\mathcal{G} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{spcopy\_into}(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{G}, 1, 2) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 9 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

**Related functions:**

`spaugment_columns`, `spextend`, `spmatrix_augment`, `spmatrix_stack`, `spstack_rows`, `spsub_matrix`.

**6.15 spdiagonal**

`spdiagonal({mat1, mat2, ..., matn});*`

`mat1, mat2, ..., matn` :- each can be either a scalar expr or a square matrix of sparse or matrix type.

**Synopsis:**

`spdiagonal` creates a sparse matrix that contains the input on the diagonal.

**Examples:**

$$\mathcal{H} = \begin{pmatrix} 66 & 77 \\ 88 & 99 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{spdiagonal}(\{\mathcal{A}, x, \mathcal{H}\}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 9 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & x & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 66 & 77 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 88 & 99 \end{pmatrix}$$

**Related functions:**

`spjordan_block`.

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\*The {}'s can be omitted.

## 6.16 spextend

```
spextend( $\mathcal{A}$ , r, c, expr);
```

$\mathcal{A}$  :- a sparse matrix.

r,c :- positive integers.

expr :- algebraic expression or symbol.

### Synopsis:

`spextend` returns a copy of  $\mathcal{A}$  that has been extended by  $r$  rows and  $c$  columns. The new entries are made equal to `expr`.

### Examples:

$$\text{spextend}(\mathcal{A}, 1, 2, 0) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 9 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

### Related functions:

`spcopy_into`, `spmatrix_augment`, `spmatrix_stack`, `sremove_columns`, `sremove_rows`.

## 6.17 spfind\_companion

```
spfind_companion( $\mathcal{A}$ , x);
```

$\mathcal{A}$  :- a sparse matrix.

x :- the variable.

### Synopsis:

Given a sparse companion matrix, `spfind_companion` finds the polynomial from which it was made.

### Examples:

$$\mathcal{C} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & -11 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 9 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -17 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{spfind\_companion}(\mathcal{C}, x) = x^4 + 17 * x^3 - 9 * x^2 + 11$$

**Related functions:**

`spcompanion`.

**6.18 `spget_columns`, `spget_rows`**

`spget_columns(A, column_list);`

$\mathcal{A}$  :- a sparse matrix.

$c$  :- either a positive integer or a list of positive integers.

**Synopsis:**

`spget_columns` removes the columns of  $\mathcal{A}$  specified in `column_list` and returns them as a list of column matrices.

`spget_rows` performs the same task on the rows of  $\mathcal{A}$ .

**Examples:**

$$\text{spget\_columns}(\mathcal{A}, \{1, 3\}) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 9 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\text{spget\_rows}(\mathcal{A}, 2) = \left\{ (0 \ 5 \ 0) \right\}$$

**Related functions:**

`spaugment_columns`, `spstack_rows`, `spsub_matrix`.

**6.19 `spget_rows`**

see: `spget_columns`.

**6.20 `spgram_schmidt`**

`spgram_schmidt({vec1, vec2, ..., vecn});`

`vec1, vec2, ..., vecn` :- linearly independent vectors. Each vector must be written as a list of predefined sparse (column) matrices, eg: `sparse a(4,1);`, `a(1,1):=1;`

**Synopsis:**

`spgram_schmidt` performs the `gram_schmidt` orthonormalisation on the input vectors.

It returns a list of orthogonal normalised vectors.

**Examples:**

Suppose `a,b,c,d` correspond to sparse matrices representing the following lists:-  $\{\{1,0,0,0\},\{1,1,0,0\},\{1,1,1,0\},\{1,1,1,1\}\}$ .

`spgram_schmidt(\{\{a\},\{b\},\{c\},\{d\}\}) = \{\{1,0,0,0\},\{0,1,0,0\},\{0,0,1,0\},\{0,0,0,1\}\}`

**6.21 sphermitian\_tp**

`sphermitian_tp(A)`;

`A` :- a sparse matrix.

**Synopsis:**

`sphermitian_tp` computes the hermitian transpose of `A`.

**Examples:**

$$\mathcal{J} = \begin{pmatrix} i+1 & i+2 & i+3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & i & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{sphermitian\_tp}(\mathcal{J}) = \begin{pmatrix} -i+1 & 0 & 0 \\ -i+2 & 0 & -i \\ -i+3 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

**Related functions:**

`tp†`.

**6.22 sphessian**

`sphessian(expr,variable_list)`;

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<sup>†</sup>standard reduce call for the transpose of a matrix - see REDUCE User's Manual[2].



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`expr`            :- a scalar expression.  
`variable_list` :- either a single variable or a list of variables.

**Synopsis:**

`spessian` computes the hessian matrix of `expr` w.r.t. the variables in `variable_list`.

**Examples:**

$$\text{spessian}(x * y * z + x^2, \{w, x, y, z\}) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & z & y \\ 0 & z & 0 & x \\ 0 & y & x & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

**6.23 spjacobian**

`spjacobian(expr_list, variable_list);`

`expr_list`       :- either a single algebraic expression or a list of algebraic expressions.

`variable_list` :- either a single variable or a list of variables.

**Synopsis:**

`spjacobian` computes the jacobian matrix of `expr_list` w.r.t. `variable_list`.

**Examples:**

$$\text{spjacobian}(\{x^4, x * y^2, x * y * z^3\}, \{w, x, y, z\}) =$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 4 * x^3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & y^2 & 2 * x * y & 0 \\ 0 & y * z^3 & x * z^3 & 3 * x * y * z^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

**Related functions:**

`spessian`, `df`<sup>‡</sup>.

**6.24 spjordan\_block**

`spjordan_block(expr, square_size);`

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<sup>‡</sup>standard reduce call for differentiation - see REDUCE User's Manual[2].

`expr`        :- an algebraic expression or symbol.  
`square_size` :- a positive integer.

**Synopsis:**

`spjordan_block` computes the square jordan block matrix  $\mathcal{J}$  of dimension `square_size`.

**Examples:**

$$\text{spjordan\_block}(x,5) = \begin{pmatrix} x & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & x & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & x & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & x & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & x \end{pmatrix}$$

**Related functions:**

`spdiagonal`, `spcompanion`.

**6.25 splu\_decom**

`splu_decom(A)`;

$\mathcal{A}$  :- a sparse matrix containing either numeric entries or imaginary entries with numeric coefficients.

**Synopsis:**

`splu_decom` performs LU decomposition on  $\mathcal{A}$ , ie: it returns  $\{\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{U}\}$  where  $\mathcal{L}$  is a lower diagonal matrix,  $\mathcal{U}$  an upper diagonal matrix and  $\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{L}\mathcal{U}$ .

**caution:**

The algorithm used can swap the rows of  $\mathcal{A}$  during the calculation. This means that  $\mathcal{L}\mathcal{U}$  does not equal  $\mathcal{A}$  but a row equivalent of it. Due to this, `splu_decom` returns  $\{\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{U}, \text{vec}\}$ . The call `spconvert(A,vec)` will return the sparse matrix that has been decomposed, ie:  $\mathcal{L}\mathcal{U} = \text{spconvert}(\mathcal{A}, \text{vec})$ .

**Examples:**

$$\mathcal{K} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 9 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{lu} := \text{splu\_decom}(\mathcal{K}) = \left\{ \left( \begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 9 \end{array} \right), \left( \begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right), [1\ 2\ 3] \right\}$$

$$\text{first lu} * \text{second lu} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 9 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{convert}(\mathcal{K}, \text{third lu}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 9 \end{pmatrix}$$

**Related functions:**

`spcholesky`.

**6.26 `spmake_identity`**

`spmake_identity(square_size);`

`square_size` :- a positive integer.

**Synopsis:**

`spmake_identity` creates the identity matrix of dimension `square_size`.

**Examples:**

$$\text{spmake\_identity}(4) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

**Related functions:**

`spdiagonal`.

**6.27 `spmatrix_augment`, `spmatrix_stack`**

`spmatrix_augment({mat1, mat2, ..., matn});`<sup>§</sup>

`mat1, mat2, ..., matn` :- matrices.

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<sup>§</sup>The {}'s can be omitted.

**Synopsis:**

`spmatrix_augment` joins the matrices in `matrix_list` together horizontally.

`spmatrix_stack` joins the matrices in `matrix_list` together vertically.

**Examples:**

$$\text{spmatrix\_augment}(\{\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}\}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & 0 & 0 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 9 & 0 & 0 & 9 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{spmatrix\_stack}(\{\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}\}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 9 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 9 \end{pmatrix}$$

**Related functions:**

`spaugment_columns`, `spstack_rows`, `spsub_matrix`.

**6.28 matrixp**

```
matrixp(test_input);
```

`test_input` :- anything you like.

**Synopsis:**

`matrixp` is a boolean function that returns `t` if the input is a matrix of type `sparse` or `matrix` and `nil` otherwise.

**Examples:**

```
matrixp(A) = t
```

```
matrixp(doodlesackbanana) = nil
```

**Related functions:**

`squarep`, `symmetricp`, `sparsematp`.

## 6.29 spmatrix\_stack

see: `spmatrix_augment`.

## 6.30 spminor

```
spminor( $\mathcal{A}$ , r, c);
```

$\mathcal{A}$  :- a sparse matrix.

r, c :- positive integers.

### Synopsis:

`spminor` computes the (r,c)'th minor of  $\mathcal{A}$ .

### Examples:

$$\text{spminor}(\mathcal{A}, 1, 3) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

### Related functions:

`spremove_columns`, `spremove_rows`.

## 6.31 spmult\_columns, spmult\_rows

```
spmult_columns( $\mathcal{A}$ , column_list, expr);
```

$\mathcal{A}$  :- a sparse matrix.

column\_list :- a positive integer or a list of positive integers.

expr :- an algebraic expression.

### Synopsis:

`spmult_columns` returns a copy of  $\mathcal{A}$  in which the columns specified in `column_list` have been multiplied by `expr`.

`spmult_rows` performs the same task on the rows of  $\mathcal{A}$ .

### Examples:

$$\text{spmult\_columns}(\mathcal{A}, \{1, 3\}, x) = \begin{pmatrix} x & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 9 * x \end{pmatrix}$$

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$$\text{spm}(\mathcal{A}, 2, 10) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 50 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 9 \end{pmatrix}$$

**Related functions:**

`spadd_to_columns`, `spadd_to_rows`.

**6.32 spmult\_rows**

see: `spmultiples`.

**6.33 sppivot**

`sppivot(A, r, c);`

$\mathcal{A}$  :- a sparse matrix.

$r, c$  :- positive integers such that  $\mathcal{A}(r, c) \neq 0$ .

**Synopsis:**

`sppivot` pivots  $\mathcal{A}$  about its  $(r, c)$ 'th entry.

To do this, multiples of the  $r$ 'th row are added to every other row in the matrix.

This means that the  $c$ 'th column will be 0 except for the  $(r, c)$ 'th entry.

**Related functions:**

`sprows_pivot`.

**6.34 sppseudo\_inverse**

`sppseudo_inverse(A);`

$\mathcal{A}$  :- a sparse matrix.

**Synopsis:**

`sppseudo_inverse`, also known as the Moore-Penrose inverse, computes the pseudo inverse of  $\mathcal{A}$ .

**Examples:**

$$\mathcal{R} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 9 & 0 & 7 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{sppseudo\_inverse}(\mathcal{R}) = \begin{pmatrix} -0.26 & 0.11 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0.33 & 0 \\ 0.25 & -0.05 \end{pmatrix}$$

**Related functions:**

spsvd.

**6.35 spremove\_columns, spremove\_rows**

`spremove_columns(A, column_list);`

$\mathcal{A}$             :- a sparse matrix.

`column_list` :- either a positive integer or a list of positive integers.

**Synopsis:**

`spremove_columns` removes the columns specified in `column_list` from  $\mathcal{A}$ .

`spremove_rows` performs the same task on the rows of  $\mathcal{A}$ .

**Examples:**

$$\text{spremove\_columns}(\mathcal{A}, 2) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 9 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{spremove\_rows}(\mathcal{A}, \{1, 3\}) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 5 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

**Related functions:**

spminor.

**6.36 spremove\_rows**

see: `spremove_columns`.

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### 6.37 sprow\_dim

see: spcolumn\_dim.

### 6.38 sprows\_pivot

```
sprows_pivot(A,r,c,{row_list});
```

$A$  :- a sparse matrix.

$r,c$  :- positive integers such that  $\mathcal{A}(r,c) \neq 0$ .

$row\_list$  :- positive integer or a list of positive integers.

#### Synopsis:

`sprows_pivot` performs the same task as `sppivot` but applies the pivot only to the rows specified in `row_list`.

#### Related functions:

`sppivot`.

### 6.39 sparsematp

```
sparsematp(A);
```

$A$  :- a matrix.

#### Synopsis:

`sparsematp` is a boolean function that returns `t` if the matrix is declared sparse and `nil` otherwise.

#### Examples:

```
L:= mat((1,2,3),(4,5,6),(7,8,9));
```

```
sparsematp(A) = t
```

```
sparsematp(L) = nil
```

#### Related functions:

`matrixp`, `symmetricp`, `squarep`.



## 6.40 squarep

```
squarep( $\mathcal{A}$ );
```

$\mathcal{A}$  :- a matrix.

### Synopsis:

`squarep` is a boolean function that returns `t` if the matrix is square and `nil` otherwise.

### Examples:

$$\mathcal{L} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

```
squarep( $\mathcal{A}$ ) = t
```

```
squarep( $\mathcal{L}$ ) = nil
```

### Related functions:

`matrixp`, `symmetricp`, `sparsematp`.

## 6.41 spstack\_rows

see: `spaugment_columns`.

## 6.42 spsub\_matrix

```
spsub_matrix( $\mathcal{A}$ , row_list, column_list);
```

$\mathcal{A}$  :- a sparse matrix.

`row_list`, `column_list` :- either a positive integer or a list of positive integers.

### Synopsis:

`spsub_matrix` produces the matrix consisting of the intersection of the rows specified in `row_list` and the columns specified in `column_list`.

### Examples:

$$\text{spsub\_matrix}(\mathcal{A}, \{1, 3\}, \{2, 3\}) = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 9 \end{pmatrix}$$

**Related functions:**

`spaugment_columns`, `spstack_rows`.

**6.43 `spsvd` (singular value decomposition)**

`spsvd(A)`;

$A$  :- a sparse matrix containing only numeric entries.

**Synopsis:**

`spsvd` computes the singular value decomposition of  $A$ .

It returns  $\{U, \Sigma, V\}$  where  $A = U \Sigma V^T$  and  $\Sigma = \text{diag}(\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n)$ .  $\sigma_i$  for  $i = (1 \dots n)$  are the singular values of  $A$ .

$n$  is the column dimension of  $A$ .

**Examples:**

$$Q = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{svd}(Q) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1.0 & 0 \\ 0 & 5.0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

**6.44 `spswap_columns`, `spswap_rows`**

`spswap_columns(A, c1, c2)`;

$A$  :- a sparse matrix.

$c1, c2$  :- positive integers.

**Synopsis:**

`spswap_columns` swaps column  $c1$  of  $A$  with column  $c2$ .

`spswap_rows` performs the same task on 2 rows of  $A$ .

**Examples:**

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$$\text{spswap\_columns}(\mathcal{A}, 2, 3) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 9 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

**Related functions:**

`spswap_entries`.

### 6.45 `swap_entries`

```
spswap_entries( $\mathcal{A}$ , {r1,c1}, {r2,c2});
```

$\mathcal{A}$            :- a sparse matrix.

r1,c1,r2,c2   :- positive integers.

**Synopsis:**

`spswap_entries` swaps  $\mathcal{A}(r1,c1)$  with  $\mathcal{A}(r2,c2)$ .

**Examples:**

$$\text{spswap\_entries}(\mathcal{A}, \{1, 1\}, \{3, 3\}) = \begin{pmatrix} 9 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

**Related functions:**

`spswap_columns`, `spswap_rows`.

### 6.46 `spswap_rows`

see: `spswap_columns`.

### 6.47 `symmetricp`

```
symmetricp( $\mathcal{A}$ );
```

$\mathcal{A}$    :- a matrix.

**Synopsis:**

`symmetricp` is a boolean function that returns `t` if the matrix is symmetric and `nil` otherwise.

**Examples:**

$$\mathcal{M} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

`symmetriccp(A) = t`

`symmetriccp(M) = nil`

**Related functions:**

`matrixp`, `squarep`, `sparsematp`.

## 7 Fast Linear Algebra

By turning the `fast_la` switch on, the speed of the following functions will be increased:

<code>spadd_columns</code>	<code>spadd_rows</code>	<code>spaugment_columns</code>	<code>spcol_dim</code>
<code>spcopy_into</code>	<code>spmake_identity</code>	<code>spmatrix_augment</code>	<code>spmatrix_stack</code>
<code>spminor</code>	<code>spmult_column</code>	<code>spmult_row</code>	<code>sppivot</code>
<code>spremove_columns</code>	<code>spremove_rows</code>	<code>sprows_pivot</code>	<code>squarep</code>
<code>spstack_rows</code>	<code>spsub_matrix</code>	<code>spswap_columns</code>	<code>spswap_entries</code>
<code>spswap_rows</code>	<code>symmetricp</code>		

The increase in speed will be insignificant unless you are making a significant number (i.e: thousands) of calls. When using this switch, error checking is minimised. This means that illegal input may give strange error messages. Beware.

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The `spgram_schmidt` code comes from Karin Gatermann's Symmetry package[4] for REDUCE.

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