#### Parallel preconditioning for time-dependent PDEs and PDE control

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## Symmetric/self-adjoint

VS

# Nonsymmetric/non-selfadjoint

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For almost all need *preconditioning* 

Preconditioner **P** such that

$$\mathbf{P}^{-1}\mathbf{B}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{P}^{-1}\mathbf{b}^{\mathbf{n}}$$

has much faster convergence with the appropriate iterative method than Bx = b.

**Iterative methods:** Bx = c,  $B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ 

From  $x_0$  generate  $\{x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_k, \ldots\}$  using one matrix  $\times$  vector product at each iteration:

 $Br, B(Br), \ldots, B^k r, \ldots$ 

 $\Rightarrow$  Krylov subspace methods:

$$\label{eq:rk} \begin{split} \mathsf{r}_k = \mathsf{p}_k(\mathsf{B})\mathsf{r}_0, \qquad \mathsf{r}_k = \mathsf{c} - \mathsf{B}\mathsf{x}_k, \quad \mathsf{p}_k \in \Pi_k, \mathsf{p}_k(0) = 1 \\ \text{so if } \mathsf{B} = \mathsf{X} \Lambda \mathsf{X}^{-1} \text{ then} \end{split}$$

 $\|\mathbf{r}_{k}\| \leq \|\mathbf{X}\| \|\mathbf{p}_{k}(\Lambda)\| \|\mathbf{X}^{-1}\| \|\mathbf{r}_{0}\|$ 

and if  $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{B}^{\mathsf{T}}$  so that  $\mathbf{X}^{-1} = \mathbf{X}^{\mathsf{T}}$  then this bound on convergence in  $\|\cdot\|_2$  depends only eigenvalues

Well distributed (clustered) eigenvalues  $\Rightarrow$  fast convergence for symmetric matrices.

#### **Nonsymmetric matrices: GMRES**

• Eigenvalue/eigenvector bound:

 $\|\boldsymbol{r}_k\|/\|\boldsymbol{r}_0\| \leq \|\boldsymbol{X}\| \; \|\boldsymbol{X}^{-1}\| \; \min_{\boldsymbol{p}\in \Pi_k, \boldsymbol{p}(0)=1} \; \max_j \; |\boldsymbol{p}(\lambda_j)|$ 

• Field of Values bound:

$$\begin{split} \mathsf{W}(\mathsf{B}) &= \{ x^*\mathsf{B}x/x^*x; x \neq 0 \} \\ \| \mathsf{r}_k \| / \| \mathsf{r}_0 \| &\leq 2 \min_{p \in \Pi_k, p(0) = 1} \max_{z \in \mathsf{W}(\mathsf{B})} | p(z) | \end{split}$$

• Pseudospectral bound:

$$\Lambda_{\epsilon}(\mathsf{B}) = \{ \mathsf{z} \in \mathbb{C} : \|(\mathsf{z}\mathsf{I} - \mathsf{B})^{-1}\| > \epsilon^{-1} \}$$
$$\|\mathsf{r}_{\mathsf{k}}\|/\|\mathsf{r}_{\mathsf{0}}\| \leq \mathcal{L}(\partial\Lambda_{\epsilon})/2\pi\epsilon \min_{\mathsf{p}\in\mathsf{\Pi}_{\mathsf{k}},\mathsf{p}(\mathsf{0})=1} \max_{\mathsf{z}\in\Lambda_{\epsilon}(\mathsf{B})} |\mathsf{p}(\mathsf{z})|$$

#### **Krylov subspace methods**

So difference between symmetric and non-symmetric problems arises because of convergence guarantees:

- for symmetric matrices: descriptive convergence bounds based on eigenvalues ⇒ a priori estimates of iterations for acceptable convergence; good preconditioning *guarantees* fast convergence.
- for nonsymmetric matrices: by contrast, to date there are no generally applicable and descriptive convergence bounds even for GMRES; for any of the other nonsymmetric methods without a minimisation property, convergence theory is extremely limited ⇒ no good a priori way to identify what are the desired qualities of a preconditioner

A major theoretical difficulty, but heuristic ideas abound!

#### **2 Theorems:** Bx = c

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then for minimum residual methods (MINRES ), iterates  $x_k$ ,

$$\|c - Bx_k\|_H \le \min_{p \in \Pi_k, p(0) = 1} \max_j \|p(\lambda_j)\| \|c - Bx_0\|_H$$

 $\lambda_j \in \mathbb{R}$ : eigenvalues of B (not HB)

and if B is also positive definite in  $\langle\cdot,\cdot\rangle_H$  (Conjugate Gradients) then

$$\|x - x_k\|_{HB} \le \min_{p \in \Pi_k, p(0) = 1} \max_j \|p(\lambda_j)\| \|x - x_0\|_{HB}$$

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makes sense because there exists such and H if and only if B is diagonalisable and has real eigenvalues.

#### **2 Theorems:** Bx = c

Given any nonincreasing positive sequence  $f(0) \ge f(1) \ge \cdots \ge f(n-1) > 0$  there exists  $B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ and  $c \in \mathbb{R}^n$  with  $||c - Bx_0|| = f(0)$  such that  $f(k) = ||c - Bx_k||, k = 1, \cdots, n-1$ , where  $x_k$  is the iterate at step k of the GMRES algorithm applied to Bx = c, with initial iterate  $x_0$ . Moreover, the matrix B can be chosen to have any eigenvalues.

Greenbaum, Ptak & Strakos (1996)

#### **To summarise**

- for a symmetric system convergence of iterative methods can be bounded only in terms of eigenvalues
- badly distributed eigenvalues can give you bad convergence of iterative methods, but for nonsymmetric systems even with good eigenvalues one can get arbitrarily bad convergence.

Consequence:

- preconditioning for symmetric systems is well-founded: clustering eigenvalues guarantees fast convergence.
- preconditioning for nonsymmetric systems must generally be heuristic unless the preconditioner endows symmetry

#### **Nonsymmetric problems**

$$\mathcal{L}u=f$$

where

$$\langle \mathcal{L} u, v 
angle 
eq \langle u, \mathcal{L} v 
angle$$

 $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  is any inner product

Classic examples:

- convection-diffusion (or most odd/even derivative problems)
- time-dependent problems

(since 
$$\langle u_t,v
angle=-\langle u,v_t
angle$$
.)

#### **Time-dependent problems: ODEs**

$$y'=ay+f, \qquad y(t_0)=y_0,$$

discretise: e.g.

$$rac{\mathrm{y}^{k+1}-\mathrm{y}^k}{ au}= heta a\mathrm{y}^{k+1}+(1- heta)a\mathrm{y}^k+f^k, \hspace{1em}\mathrm{y}^0=y_0,$$

$$k=0,1,\ldots,\ell$$
 with  $\ell au=T$  gives



where the  $\ell \times \ell$  coefficient matrix B is

$$\begin{bmatrix} b & & & & \\ c & b & & & \\ & c & b & & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & & c & b \end{bmatrix},$$

$$b=1-a heta au$$
 ,  $c=-1-a(1- heta) au$  .

i.e. *B* is a bidiagonal Toeplitz matrix.

Now use *Pestana & W, 2015*: If **B** is a real Toeplitz matrix then



is the real symmetric (Hankel) matrix

Thus MINRES can be robustly applied to **BY** — it is symmetric but generally indefinite — and its convergence will depend only on eigenvalues.

BUT preconditioning? – needs to be symmetric and positive definite for MINRES

Fortunately it is well known that many Toeplitz matrices are well approximated by related circulant matrices, C (*Strang, 1986, Chan, 1988, Chan, 1989, Tyrtishnikov, 1996/7*) which are diagonalised by an FFT in  $O(n \log n)$  work:  $C = F^* \Lambda F$ ,

For many symmetric Toeplitz matrices we have that the Strang or Optimal (Chan) circulant **C** satisfy

#### $\mathbf{C}^{-1}\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{I} + \mathbf{R} + \mathbf{E}$

where **R** is of small rank and **E** is of small norm

 $\Rightarrow$ eigenvalues clustered around 1 except for a few outliers

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 $\Rightarrow$  guaranteed fast convergence because MINRES convergence only depends on eigenvalues which are clustered around  $\pm 1$  except for few outliers!

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For the ODE problem (au = 0.2, a = -0.3, heta = 0.8):

l	$\kappa(B)$	Iterations
10	10.474	4
100	30.852	4
1000	33.887	4

#### **Multistep method: BDF2**

$$rac{\mathrm{y}^{k+1}-rac{4}{3}\mathrm{y}^k+rac{1}{3}\mathrm{y}^{k-1}}{ au}=rac{2}{3}a\mathrm{y}^{k+1}+rac{2}{3}f^{k+1},$$

with  $y^0 = y_0$  and  $y^{-1} = y_{-1}$  leads to the monolithic or all-at-once system



where the coefficient matrix B is

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 - \frac{2}{3}a\tau & & & \\ -\frac{4}{3} & 1 - \frac{2}{3}a\tau & & \\ \frac{1}{3} & -\frac{4}{3} & 1 - \frac{2}{3}a\tau & & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & \frac{1}{3} & -\frac{4}{3} & 1 - \frac{2}{3}a\tau \end{bmatrix}$$

Same approach:

l	$\kappa(B)$	Iterations
10	29.33	6
100	67.49	6
1000	67.67	6

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Thus we have *proved* and observed fast convergence for

$$|\mathsf{C}|^{-1}\mathsf{B}\mathsf{Y}\mathsf{y} = |\mathsf{C}|^{-1}\mathsf{f}.$$

To observe if it is more generally

### Krylov friendly (Tim Kelley),

we try GMRES simply for

$$\mathbf{C}^{-1}\mathbf{B}\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{C}^{-1}\mathbf{f}$$

and find it is quicker.

#### **PDEs: diffusion problem**

 $egin{array}{rcl} u_t&=&\Delta u+f& ext{in }\Omega imes(0,T],&\Omega\subset\mathbb{R}^2 ext{ or }\mathbb{R}^3,\ u&=&g& ext{on }\partial\Omega,\ u(x,0)&=&u_0(x)& ext{ at }t=0 \end{array}$ 

Discretize - finite elements, mesh size h, and n spatial dofs:

$$Mrac{\mathrm{u}_k-\mathrm{u}_{k-1}}{ au}+K\mathrm{u}_k=\mathrm{f}_k, \quad k=1,\ldots,\ell,$$

or

$$\mathcal{A}_{BE} \mathrm{x} := \left[egin{array}{ccc} A_0 & & & \ A_1 & A_0 & & \ & \ddots & \ddots & \ & & A_1 & A_0 \end{array}
ight] \left[egin{array}{c} \mathrm{u}_1 \ \mathrm{u}_2 \ \mathrm{i} \ \mathrm{u}_\ell \end{array}
ight] = \left[egin{array}{ccc} M \mathrm{u}_0 + au \mathrm{f}_1 \ au \mathrm{f}_2 \ \mathrm{i} \ \mathrm{i} \ \mathrm{u}_\ell \end{array}
ight],$$

where  $A_0 = M + au K$  is symmetric positive definite and  $A_1 = -M$  is symmetric.

We use the block circulant preconditioner

$$\mathcal{P}_{BE} := \left[ egin{array}{cccc} A_0 & & A_1 \ A_1 & A_0 & & \ & \ddots & \ddots & \ & & \ddots & \ddots & \ & & A_1 & A_0 \end{array} 
ight]$$

Theorem (McDonald, Pestana & W, 2018)

 $\mathcal{P}_{BE}^{-1}\mathcal{A}_{BE}$  is diagonalisable, has  $(\ell - 1)n$  eigenvalues of 1 and *n* eigenvalues which cluster around 1 for small *h*.



Figure 0: The eigenvalues of  $\mathcal{P}_{BE}^{-1}\mathcal{A}_{BE}$ , n = 81,  $\ell = 10$  and  $\tau = 0.1$ .

#### **Kronecker Product form**

 $\Sigma = \left[egin{array}{cccc} 0 & & & \ 1 & 0 & & \ & \ddots & \ddots & \ & & 1 & 0 \end{array}
ight], \quad C = \left[egin{array}{ccccc} 0 & & & 1 \ 1 & 0 & & \ & 1 & 0 \end{array}
ight] = U\Lambda U^*, \ & & \ddots & \ddots & \ & & 1 & 0 \end{array}
ight]$ 

then

$$egin{array}{rcl} \mathcal{A}_{BE} &=& I_\ell \otimes A_0 + \Sigma \otimes A_1, \ \mathcal{P}_{BE} &=& I_\ell \otimes A_0 + C \otimes A_1, \end{array}$$

and using  $(W \otimes X)(Y \otimes Z) = (WY \otimes XZ)$ 

 $\mathcal{P}_{BE} = I_\ell \otimes A_0 + C \otimes A_1 = (U \otimes I_n) [I_\ell \otimes A_0 + \Lambda \otimes A_1] (U^* \otimes I_n)$ 

SO

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so  $\mathcal{P}_{BE}^{-1}r$  requires

- multiplication of r by  $U \otimes I_n$  and  $U^* \otimes I_n$ ; parallel over n processors?
- inversion of the block diagonal matrix  $I_{\ell} \otimes A_0 + \Lambda \otimes A_1$ : easier if  $A_i$  are symmetric as for diffusion, but could use AMG when  $A_i$  are non symmetric.

lead to fast parallel execution?

#### **Heat Equation**

Times (seconds) for solving  $\mathcal{P}^{-1}\mathcal{A}U = \mathcal{P}^{-1}b$  with GMRES (tol = 10<sup>-5</sup>). *p* is the number of processors.

l	$\boldsymbol{n}$	p = 1	p=2	p=4	p=8	p=16	p=32
	320	77.72	29.26	15.32	8.95	5.11	3.34
768	<b>512</b>	152.64	57.54	32.71	17.52	11.54	6.69
	<b>768</b>	245.47	97.77	50.81	30.71	16.66	9.65
	320	146.67	54.68	28.40	17.059	10.35	6.07
1024	<b>512</b>	265.22	107.07	60.86	34.13	20.40	11.75
	<b>768</b>	459.12	198.94	101.23	55.85	28.55	16.12
	320	325.14	124.67	63.64	39.78	22.74	13.06
1440	<b>512</b>	646.81	239.65	123.44	72.44	40.95	22.50
	<b>768</b>	979.85	432.46	215.77	114.99	59.80	32.41
1440	1568	2119.91	815.93	431.13	218.24	118.62	63.30

$$(63.30 \times 32 = 2025.6)$$

#### **Wave Equation**

Times (seconds) for solving  $\mathcal{R}_{BD2}^{-1}\mathcal{C}_{BD2}U = \mathcal{R}_{BD2}^{-1}b_{BD2}$ with GMRES (tol = 10<sup>-5</sup>). p is the number of processors.

l	$\boldsymbol{n}$	p = 1	p=2	p=4	p=8	p = 16	p=32
	320	79.07	31.29	16.20	9.53	6.11	4.36
768	512	163.68	61.33	34.33	19.76	11.54	7.09
	<b>768</b>	251.37	100.99	53.14	27.31	14.64	11.09
	320	153.37	53.39	30.47	20.99	12.38	7.39
1024	512	287.23	119.72	65.84	39.81	23.23	12.08
	<b>768</b>	497.12	222.93	115.24	60.84	32.46	18.01
	320	328.17	125.71	65.64	41.70	23.32	14.21
1440	512	680.15	243.53	124.65	73.92	41.42	24.51
	<b>768</b>	960.33	434.46	211.01	115.95	60.54	35.12
1440	1568	2211.97	820.21	444.31	230.42	122.63	68.10

 $(68.10 \times 32 = 2179.2)$ 

In a similar manner for multistep methods:



 $\mathcal{P} = (U \otimes I_n) \mathcal{G}(U^* \otimes I_n),$ 

where  $\mathcal{G} = \operatorname{diag}(G_1, \ldots, G_\ell)$  and  $G_j = \sum_{i=0}^p \lambda_j^i A_i$ .

Can use

$$\mathcal{Y}:=\left[egin{array}{ccc} & I_n \ & \cdot & \ & I_n \end{array}
ight]=Y{\otimes}I_n, \ Y=\left[egin{array}{ccc} & 1 \ & \cdot & \ & 1 \end{array}
ight]$$
 as before

to symmetrize any block Toeplitz matrix with symmetric blocks and use a SPD absolute value preconditioner as before.

When  $A_i$  are not symmetric (e.g. convection-diffusion problems) GMRES/FGMRES are necessary

Theory: MINRES for  $|\mathcal{P}|^{-1}\mathcal{YA}$  guaranteed to converge in a number of iterations independent of  $\ell$ 

Practice:

- very few MINRES itertions required
- GMRES with  $\mathcal{P}$  does better, but no guarantee!
- AMG (AGMG Y. Notay) also few iterations

#### Numerics: Heat Eqn, Backwards Euler

n	l	DoF	GMRES $\mathcal{P}^{-1}\mathcal{A}$	MINRES $ \mathcal{P} ^{-1}\mathcal{YA}$	FGMRES $\mathcal{P}_{MG}^{-1}\mathcal{A}$
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	$2^{12}$	1183744	3	18	7
	$2^{14}$	4734976	3	16	7
1089	$2^4$	17424	3	10	8
	$2^6$	69696	3	13	8
	$\mathbf{2^8}$	278784	3	14	8
	$2^{10}$	1115136	3	18	8
	$2^{12}$	4460544	3	20	7
	$2^{14}$	17842176	3	19	6
4225	$2^4$	67600	3	10	15
	$2^6$	270400	3	11	16
	$\mathbf{2^8}$	1081600	3	13	16
	$2^{10}$	4326400	3	18	16
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#### **Numerics: Convection-diffusion, BE**

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#### Control

#### Minimise

$$\frac{1}{2} \int_0^T \int_{\Omega_1} \left( y(\mathbf{x}, t) - \bar{y}(\mathbf{x}, t) \right)^2 dx dt + \frac{\beta}{2} \int_0^T \int_{\Omega_2} \left( u(\mathbf{x}, t) \right)^2 dx dt$$

subject to

$$y_t - \nabla^2 y = u$$
 in  $\Omega \times [0, T]$ 

with boundary conditions y = 0 on  $\partial \Omega$  and initial condition  $y(x, 0) = y_0(x)$ .

Adjoint PDE:

$$-p_t - \nabla^2 p = y - \bar{y}$$

with p = 0 on  $\partial\Omega$ ,  $p(x,T) = y(x,T) - \bar{y}(x,T)$ .

Backwards Euler in time, Galerkin finite elements in space

Discretise, Optimize  $\Rightarrow$  saddle point system

$$\begin{bmatrix} M & 0 & K^T \\ 0 & \beta M & -M \\ K & -M & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y \\ u \\ p \end{bmatrix} = r.h.s$$

where K is the discrete forward differential operator and  $K^T$  its adjoint

Main issue for time-dependent PDE is that *K* is monolithic as above, so *all* time steps values  $y_1, y_2, ..., y_N$  are involved:



SO

$$\begin{bmatrix} \underline{M} & 0 & -\underline{K}^T \\ 0 & \beta \underline{M} & \underline{M} \\ -\underline{K} & \underline{M} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{y} \\ \mathbf{u} \\ \mathbf{p} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \underline{M} \mathbf{y} \\ 0 \\ d \end{bmatrix}$$

is a very large dimensional system, but matrix × vector multiplication easy and block preconditioning ideas apply...

Main issue: approximation of the Schur complement

$$\underline{KM}^{-1}\underline{K}^T + \frac{1}{\beta}\underline{M}$$

via the Pearson matching idea

$$\frac{1}{\beta}\underline{M} + \underline{K}\underline{M}^{-1}\underline{K}^{T}$$
$$= -\frac{2}{\sqrt{\beta}}\underline{K} + \left(\underline{K} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{\beta}}\underline{M}\right)\underline{M}^{-1}\left(\underline{K} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{\beta}}\underline{M}\right)^{T}$$

So we need to approximate  $\underline{K} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{\beta}}\underline{M}$ , (similarly its transpose) and we use the above monolithic ideas

(Pearson & W (2010), Schoberl & Zulehner (2007))

#### **Numerics: Heat Control**

h	l	DoF	GMRES iterations
$2^{-4}$	20	17340	16
$2^{-5}$	20	65340	17
$2^{-6}$	20	253500	17
$2^{-7}$	20	998460	18
$2^{-8}$	20	3962940	16
$2^{-5}$	20	65340	17
$2^{-5}$	40	130680	19
$2^{-5}$	60	196020	21
$2^{-5}$	80	261360	21
$2^{-5}$	100	326700	21

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