

Low-rank techniques for integrating large Sylvester-like equations with Parareal

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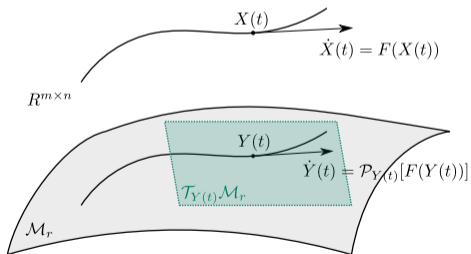
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Original problem

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{X}(t) &= F(X(t)), \quad t \in [0, T] \\ X(0) &= X_0 \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}.\end{aligned}$$

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Question: Can we solve efficiently the DLRA in parallel in time?



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Part 1: Parallel-in-time integration of DLRA



Low-rank Parareal: Definition

Definition (Low-rank Parareal [Carrel et al.,])

Choose a *coarse rank* q and a *fine rank* r such that $q < r$. The low-rank Parareal algorithm iterates

$$\text{(Initial value)} \quad Y_0^k = Y_0,$$

$$\text{(Initial approximation)} \quad Y_{n+1}^0 = \psi_q^h \circ \mathcal{T}_q(Y_n^0),$$

$$\text{(Iteration)} \quad Y_{n+1}^{k+1} = \psi_r^h \circ \mathcal{T}_r(Y_n^k) + \psi_q^h \circ \mathcal{T}_q(Y_n^{k+1}) - \psi_q^h \circ \mathcal{T}_q(Y_n^k),$$

where ψ_r^h is the solution of the DLRA of rank r at time h , and \mathcal{T}_r is the orthogonal projection onto \mathcal{M}_r . The notations ψ_q^h and \mathcal{T}_q are similar but apply to rank q .

Remark: The rank of each iteration is at most $r + 2q$.



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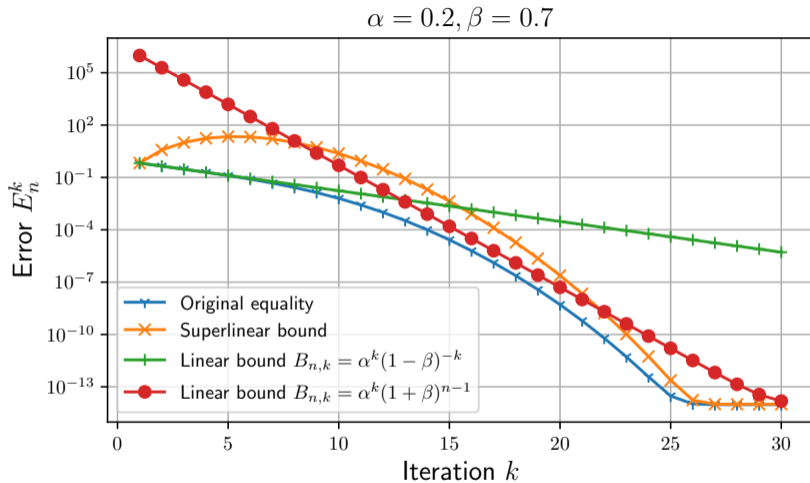


Figure: Comparison of the bounds

Lyapunov equation

$$\dot{X}(t) = AX(t) + X(t)A^T + CC^T,$$

where

- $t \in [0, T]$
- $X(0) = X_0$ is low-rank.
- $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ is sparse.
- $C \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times \ell}$ is a tall matrix.

If A is the 1D discrete Laplacian, this equation models a 2D heat problem.

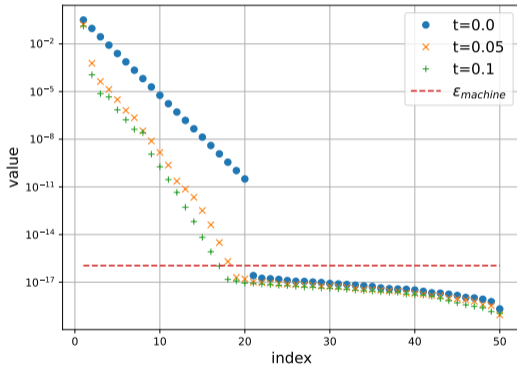
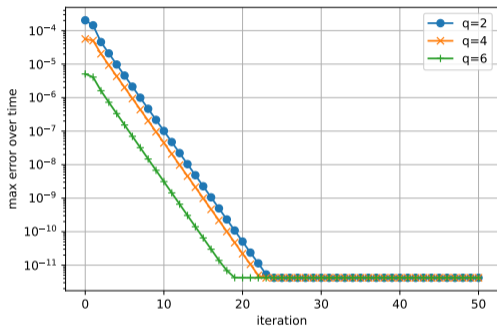


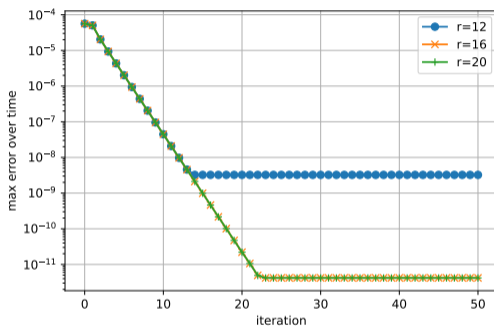
Figure: Singular values of the reference solution.



Low-rank Parareal: numerical results



(a) Several coarse ranks q with fine rank $r = 16$.



(b) Several fine ranks r with coarse rank $q = 4$.

Figure: Convergence of the error of low-rank Parareal for the Lyapunov ODE with $n = 100$ and $T = 2.0$. Influence of the coarse and fine ranks.



Low-rank Parareal: conclusion and challenges

Conclusion:

- Low-rank Parareal is the first parallel-in-time integrator for DLRA
- Linear and superlinear bounds
- Good behavior on the heat equation

Links:

- Preprint on arXiv: <https://doi.org/10.48550/arXiv.2203.08455>
- Code on GitHub: <https://github.com/BenjaminCarrel/Low-rank-Parareal>

Question:

How DLRA is solved?

Current DLRA solvers are not robust to stiffness!

Part 2: A new robust-to-stiffness DLRA integrator



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Final solution: $\tilde{Y}(t) \approx V_k \tilde{Y}_k(t) W_k^T$ where $\tilde{Y}_k(t) \in \mathbb{R}^{2kr \times 2kr}$



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$$\begin{cases} \tilde{Y}_k(t) = V_k^T A V_k \tilde{Y}_k(t) + \tilde{Y}_k(t) W_k^T B W_k + V_k^T \mathcal{P}_{Y_0} [\mathcal{G}(Y_0)] W_k \\ \tilde{Y}_k(0) = V_k^T Y_0 W_k \end{cases}$$

Final solution: $\tilde{Y}(t) \approx V_k \tilde{Y}_k(t) W_k^T$ where $\tilde{Y}_k(t) \in \mathbb{R}^{2kr \times 2kr}$



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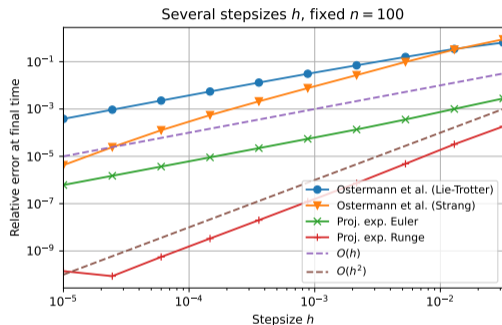
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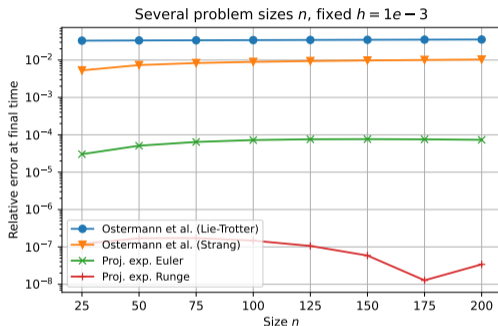
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Projected exponential methods: Numerical results



(a) Global error comparison



(b) Robust-to-stiffness property

Figure: PERK 1 and 2 applied to the Riccati equation and comparison with Ostermann et al.



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Appendix: Rational Krylov error bound

Lemma (Approximation of the exponential by rational Krylov [Güttel, 2013])

Let V_k be the orthogonal matrix given by the basis of the rational Krylov space $\mathcal{RK}_k(A, b)$. Then, $\forall M > 0, \exists C_M, \forall k > M$,

$$\left\| e^{hA}b - V_k e^{hH_k} V_k^T b \right\| \leq C_M \left(\frac{1}{R} \right)^k \|b\|, \quad R = \exp \left(\frac{\pi^2}{4 \log(2/\delta)} \right),$$

where $\delta = \sqrt{\frac{\lambda_{\min}(A)}{\lambda_{\max}(A)}}$.



Projected exponential Runge–Kutta (PERK)

Definition (PERK [C., Vandereycken])

The *projected exponential Runge–Kutta* method with s stages is defined by

$$\begin{aligned}G_{nj} &= \mathcal{P}_{Y_{nj}} [\mathcal{G}(Y_{nj})], \\Y_{ni} &= \mathcal{T}_r \left(e^{c_i h \mathcal{L}_S}(Y_n) + h \sum_{j=1}^s a_{ij}(h \mathcal{L}_S)(G_{nj}) \right), \\Y_{n+1} &= \mathcal{T}_r \left(e^{h \mathcal{L}_S}(Y_n) + h \sum_{i=1}^s b_i(h \mathcal{L}_S)(G_{ni}) \right),\end{aligned}$$

where the operators $a_{ij}(h \mathcal{L}_S)$, $b_i(h \mathcal{L}_S)$, and the coefficients c_i are the same as for exponential methods.

Remark: The most expensive computations come from $a_{ij}(h \mathcal{L}_S)$ and $b_i(h \mathcal{L}_S)$.



Appendix: Left and right Krylov spaces

For the Sylvester operator $\mathcal{L}_S = A \otimes I + I \otimes B$, we have shown that the Krylov space

$$\mathcal{K}_k(\mathcal{L}_S, \text{vec}([X_0, \mathcal{P}_{X_0} [\mathcal{G}(X_0)]]))$$

is a subset of

$$\mathcal{K}_k(A \otimes I, \text{vec}([X_0, \mathcal{P}_{X_0} [\mathcal{G}(X_0)]])) + \mathcal{K}_k(I \otimes B, \text{vec}([X_0, \mathcal{P}_{X_0} [\mathcal{G}(X_0)]])),$$

which correspond to the left and the right Krylov spaces.