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# Computational methods for large-scale matrix equations: recent advances

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**Focus: All or some of the matrices are large (and possibly sparse)**

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Time-invariant linear system:

$$\mathbf{x}'(t) = A\mathbf{x}(t) + B\mathbf{u}(t), \quad \mathbf{x}(0) = x_0$$

Closed form solution:

$$X = \int_0^\infty e^{-tA} B B^\top e^{-tA^\top} dt$$

$\Rightarrow X$  symmetric semidef.

see, e.g., Antoulas '05, Benner '06

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- No preconditioning - to preserve symmetry
- $X$  is a large, dense matrix  $\Rightarrow$  low rank approximation

$$X \approx \tilde{X} = ZZ^\top, \quad Z \text{ tall}$$

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Kronecker formulation:

$$(A \otimes I + I \otimes A)x = b \quad x = \text{vec}(X)$$

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Early contributions: Saad '90, Jaimoukha & Kasenally '94, for

$$\mathcal{K} = \mathcal{K}_m(A, B) = \text{Range}([B, AB, \dots, A^{m-1}B])$$

## More recent options as approximation space

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In both cases, for  $\text{Range}(V_m) = \mathcal{K}$ , **projected Lyapunov equation:**

$$(V_m^\top A V_m) Y_m + Y_m (V_m^\top A^\top V_m) + V_m^\top B B^\top V_m = 0$$

$$X_m = V_m Y_m V_m^\top$$



## Rational Krylov Subspaces. A long tradition...

In general,

$$K_m(A, B, \mathbf{s}) = \text{Range}([(A-s_1I)^{-1}B, (A-s_2I)^{-1}B, \dots, (A-s_mI)^{-1}B])$$

- Eigenvalue problems (Ruhe, 1984)
- Model Order Reduction (transfer function evaluation)
- In Alternating Direction Implicit iteration (ADI) for linear matrix equations

## Rational Krylov Subspaces in MOR. Choice of poles.

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cf. General discussion in Antoulas, 2005.

### Many contributions:

- Gallivan, Grimme, Van Dooren (1996–, ad-hoc poles)
- Penzl (1999-2000, ADI shifts - preprocessing, Ritz values)
- ....
- Sabino (2006 - tuning within preprocessing)
- IRKA – Gugercin, Antoulas, Beattie (2008)
- Druskin, Lieberman, Simoncini, Zaslavski (adaptive greedy procedure)
- Güttel, Knizhnerman (black-box for matrix functions)
- ....

## Alternating Direction Implicit iteration (ADI) - Wachspress

(see, e.g., Li 2000, Penzl 2000)

$$X_0 = 0, X_j = -2p_j(A + p_j I)^{-1} B B^\top (A + p_j I)^{-\top} \quad j = 1, \dots, \ell \\ + (A + p_j I)^{-1} (A - p_j I) X_{j-1} (A - p_j I)^\top (A + p_j I)^{-\top}$$

with

$$\phi_\ell(t) = \prod_{j=1}^{\ell} (t - p_j), \quad \{p_1, \dots, p_\ell\} = \operatorname{argmin} \max_{t \in \Lambda(A)} \left| \frac{\phi_\ell(t)}{\phi_\ell(-t)} \right|$$

**Implementation aspects:** Benner, Saak, Quintana-Ortì<sup>2</sup>, ....

Convergence depends on choice of poles  $\{p_j\}$

More advanced approach: Galerkin-Projection Accelerated ADI (Benner, Saak, tr 2010)

## ADI and Rational Krylov subspaces

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### Equivalence between ADI and RKSM:

ADI coincides with the Galerkin solution  $X_m$  in Rational Krylov space if and only if

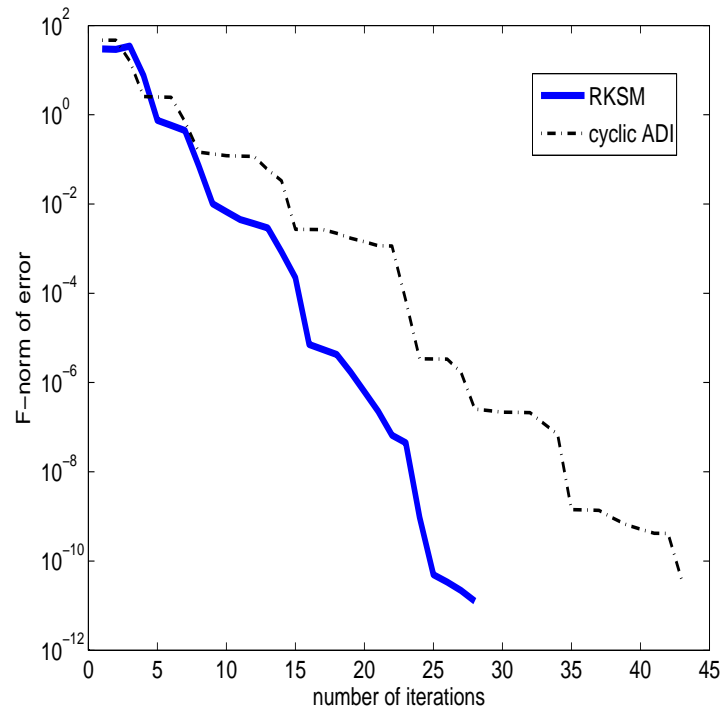
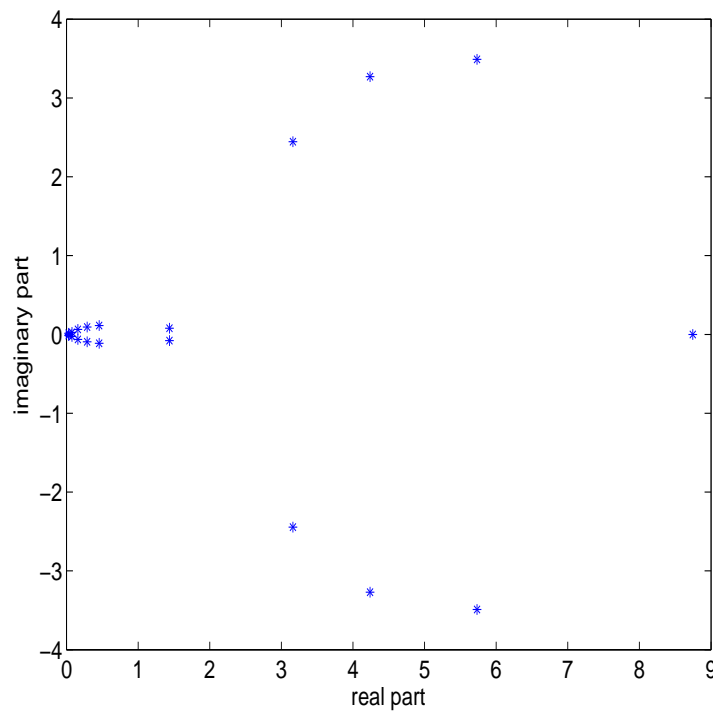
$$s_j = -\bar{\lambda}_j$$

where  $\lambda_j = \text{eigs}(V_m^* A V_m)$  Ritz values (suitably ordered)

Druskin, Knizhnerman, S. '11, Beckermann '11, Flagg '09, Gugercin, Flagg '12

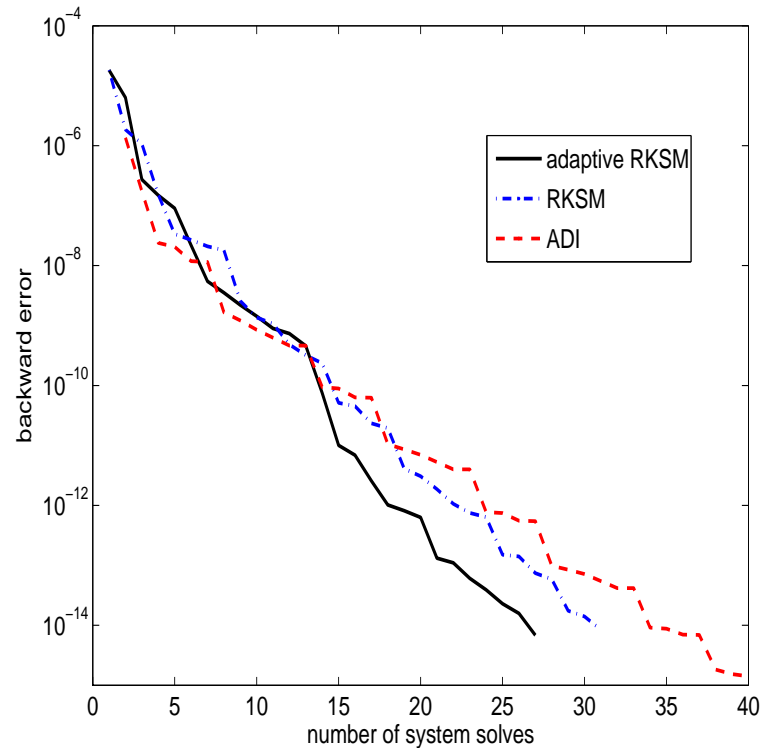
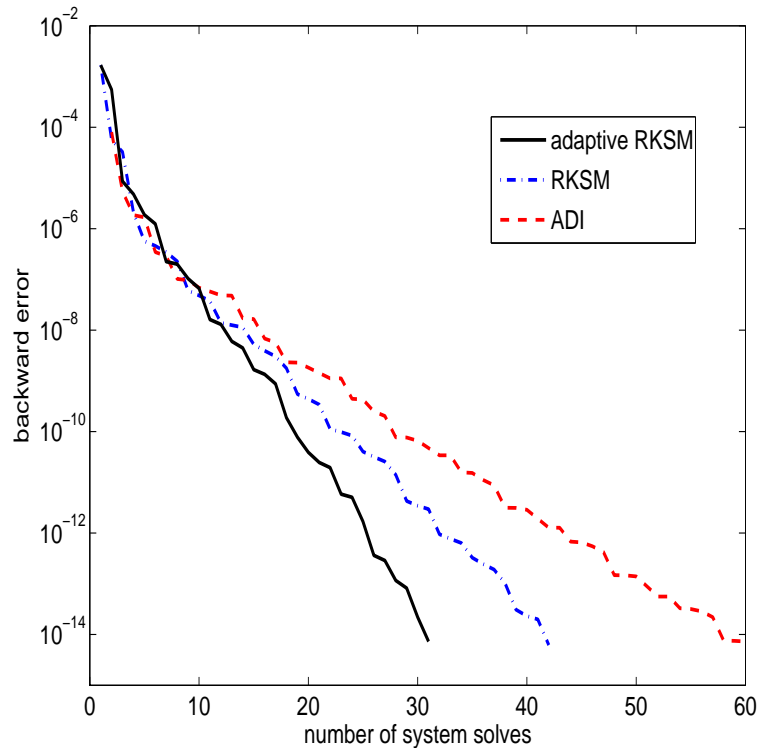
## Typical behavior of ADI and generic RKSM for the same poles

Operator:  $L(u) = -\Delta u + (50xu_x)_x + (50yu_y)_y$  on  $[0, 1]^2$



Same non-optimal 20 poles, repeated cyclically.

## Expected performance (from Oberwolfach Collection)



Left: rail problem,  $A$  symmetric.

Right: flow\_meter\_model\_v0.5 problem,  $A$  nonsymmetric.

ADI and RKSM use 10 non-optimal poles cyclically (computed a-priori with lyapack, Penzl 2000)

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Equivalent to a “Petrov-Galerkin” condition on residual matrix

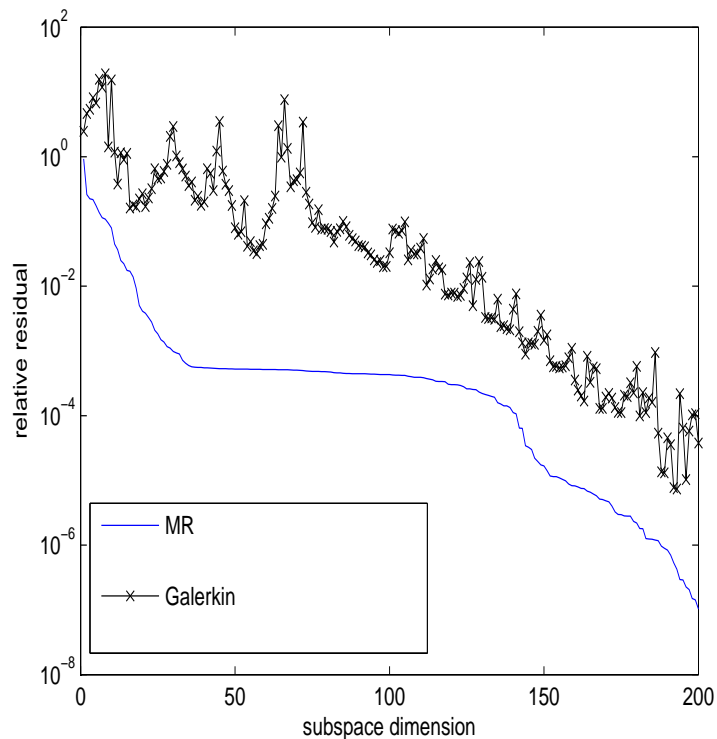
Hu-Reichel (1992), Jaimoukha-Kasenally (1994), Lin-Simoncini (2013)



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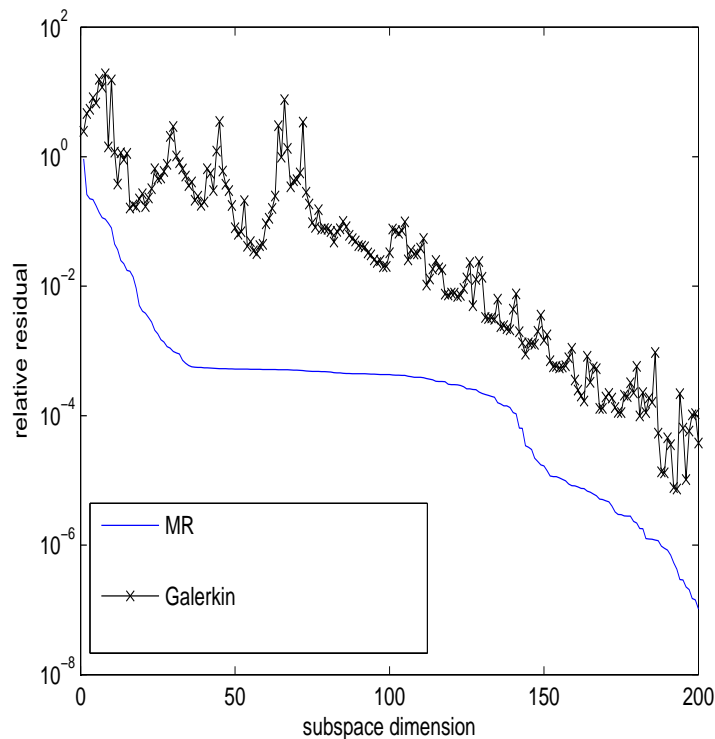
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Cause: Origin close or inside field of values of  $A$

## The numerical solution of the minimum residual problem

If  $V_m$  is such that  $AV_m = \check{V}_{m+1}\underline{H}_m$  and  $B = V_1R_B$

( $V_m, \check{V}_{m+1}$  with orth.columns,  $\underline{H}_m = [H_m; h]$ )

Then

$$\min_{Y_m} \|AV_m Y_m V_m^\top + V_m Y_m V_m^\top A^\top + BB^\top\|_F$$

is equivalent to

$$\min_{Y_m} \|\underline{H}_m Y \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} I \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} Y \underline{H}_m^\top + \begin{bmatrix} R_B R_B^\top & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}\|_F$$

$\Rightarrow$  Reduced *matrix* least squares problem

## The numerical solution of the matrix least squares problem

$$Y_m^{MR} = \arg \min_{Y_m} \left\| \underline{H}_m Y \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} I \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} Y \underline{H}_m^\top + \begin{bmatrix} R_B R_B^\top & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\|_F$$

### Numerical solution strategies:

(Lin-Simoncini, '13)

- Kronecker formulation  $O(m^4)$ :  $\min_y \|e_1 \beta_0^2 + \mathcal{H}y\|,$

$$\mathcal{H} = \underline{H} \otimes \underline{I} + \underline{I} \otimes \underline{H}$$

- Revise Kronecker formulation to exploit structure,  $O(m^3)$
- Iterative method for normal matrix equation:

$$\underline{H}^\top \underline{H} \underline{Y} + \underline{Y} \underline{H}^\top \underline{H} + \underline{H} \underline{Y} \underline{H} + \underline{H}^\top \underline{Y} \underline{H}^\top = C_{NE}$$

Computational Cost comparable to that of Galerkin method

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**Main device:** Kronecker formulation

$$(B_1^\top \otimes A_1 + \dots + B_\ell^\top \otimes A_\ell) x = c$$

Iterative methods: matrix-matrix multiplications and rank truncation

(Benner, Breiten, Bouhamidi, Chehab, Damm, Grasedyck, Jbilou, Kressner, Matthies, Onwunta, Raydan, Stoll, Tobler, Zander, ...)

## Bilinear systems of linear matrix equation

$$A_1X + YB_1 = C_1$$

$$A_2X + YB_2 = C_2$$

...very few numerical procedures available.

A “special” case: **Constrained Sylvester equation**

$$A_1X + XA_2 - YC = 0$$

$$XB = 0 \tag{1}$$

$(X, Y)$  unknown matrices

(1) constraint

## Constrained Sylvester equation

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$$X B = 0$$

Typically:  $B$  low column rank,  $C$  low row rank

**New formulation: unconstrained Sylvester eqn** (Shank-Simoncini '13)

For *any*  $Y_2 \neq 0$ , matrix  $X$  solves the linear matrix equation

$$A_1 X + X A_2 (I - P) \Pi = Y_2 Q_2^T C \Pi$$

while  $Y = [Y_1, Y_2]$ , with  $Y_1 = X A_2 U_1 R^{-1}$ , where

$P$ : projector onto  $\text{Range}(B)$  and orthogonal to  $\text{Range}(C^T C B)$

$\Pi$ : orth. projector onto  $\text{null}(B^\top)$

$U_1$ : spans  $B$

$R$ : such that  $C U_1 = [Q_1, Q_2][R; 0]$



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- $\hat{A}_2$  singular and not explicitly available!

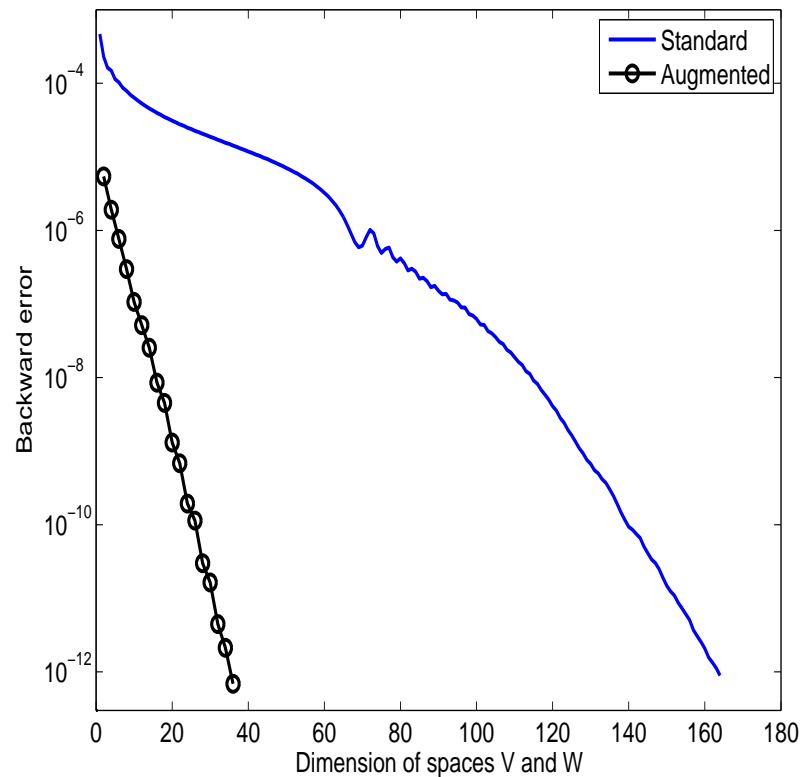
For building a rational Krylov subspace, one would have to apply

$$(\hat{A}_2 + \sigma I)^{-1} = (A_2 (I - P) \Pi + \sigma I)^{-1}$$

which is not available...

⇒ effective alternatives lead to “augmented” methods

## A sample plot



Convergence history of standard and augmented Krylov solvers

$A_2$ : FLOW dataset,  $n = 9669$ ,  $A_1$ : Laplace operator,  $n = 9604$

## Other related matrix equations

More “exotic” linear matrix equations

- Sylvester-like

$$BX + f(X)A = C$$

typically (but not only!)

$$f(X) = \bar{X}, \quad f(X) = X^\top, \quad \text{or} \quad f(X) = X^*$$

(Bevis, Braden, Byers, Chiang, De Terán, Dopico, Duan, Feng, Guillery, Hall, Hartwig, Ikramov, Kressner, Montealegre, Reyes, Schröder, Vorntsov, Watkins, Wu, ...)

## Conclusions

- Large advances in solving really large linear matrix equations
- Second order (matrix) challenges rely on strength and maturity of linear system solvers

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