



Krylov subspace solvers and indefinite
preconditioning
of saddle point algebraic linear systems

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The problem. The setting

$$\begin{bmatrix} A & B^T \\ B & -C \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f \\ g \end{bmatrix}$$

- Iterative solution by means of Krylov subspace methods
- Structural properties. Focus for this talk:
 - ★ A symmetric positive (semi)definite or indefinite
 - ★ B^T tall or square nonsing
 - ★ C symmetric positive (semi)definite

Distributed optimal control for time-periodic parabolic equations

Problem: Find the state $y(x, t)$ and the control $u(x, t)$ that minimize the cost functional

$$J(y, u) = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^T \int_{\Omega} |y(x, t) - y_d(x, t)|^2 dx dt + \frac{\nu}{2} \int_0^T \int_{\Omega} |u(x, t)|^2 dx dt$$

subject to the time-periodic parabolic problem

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} y(x, t) - \Delta y(x, t) &= u(x, t) && \text{in } \Omega \times (0, T), \\ y(x, t) &= 0 && \text{on } \partial\Omega \times (0, T), \\ y(x, 0) &= y(x, T) && \text{in } \Omega, \\ u(x, 0) &= u(x, T) && \text{in } \Omega. \end{aligned}$$

Here $y_d(x, t)$ is a given target (or desired) state and $\nu > 0$ is a cost or regularization parameter.

Time-harmonic solution

Assume that y_d is time-harmonic: $y_d(x, t) = y_d(x)e^{i\omega t}$, $\omega = \frac{2\pi k}{T}$

Then there exists a time-periodic solution

$y(x, t) = y(x)e^{i\omega t}$, $u(x, t) = u(x)e^{i\omega t}$, where $y(x), u(x)$ solve:

Minimize

$$\frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} |y(x) - y_d(x)|^2 dx + \frac{\nu}{2} \int_{\Omega} |u(x)|^2 dx$$

subject to

$$\begin{aligned} i\omega y(x) - \Delta y(x) &= u(x) && \text{in } \Omega, \\ y(x) &= 0 && \text{on } \partial\Omega \end{aligned}$$

Discrete version:

$$\frac{1}{2}(y - y_d)^* M(y - y_d) + \frac{\nu}{2} u^* M u, \quad \text{subject to} \quad i\omega M y + K y = M u$$

M, K real mass and stiffness matrices.

Solution of the discrete problem

Solution using Lagrange multipliers gives

$$\begin{bmatrix} M & 0 & K - i\omega M \\ 0 & \nu M & -M \\ K + i\omega M & -M & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y \\ u \\ p \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} My_d \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Elimination of the control ($\nu Mu = Mp$) yields:

$$\begin{bmatrix} M & K - i\omega M \\ K + i\omega M & -\frac{1}{\nu} M \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y \\ p \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} My_d \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Zulehner, 2011 (for $\omega = 0$); Kolmbauer and Kollmann, 2012

Solving the saddle point linear system

After simple scaling,

$$\begin{bmatrix} M & \sqrt{\nu} (K - i\omega M) \\ \sqrt{\nu} (K + i\omega M) & -M \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{\nu}} p \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} My_d \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{A}x = b$$

Ideal (**Real**) Block diagonal Preconditioner:

$$\mathcal{P} = \begin{bmatrix} M + \sqrt{\nu} (K + \omega M) & 0 \\ 0 & M + \sqrt{\nu} (K + \omega M) \end{bmatrix}$$

- **Performance.** Accurate estimates for the spectral intervals:

$$\text{spec}(\mathcal{P}^{-1}\mathcal{A}) \subseteq \left[-1, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right] \cup \left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, 1\right]$$

- **Robustness.** Convergence of MINRES bounded independently of the mesh, frequency and regularization parameters (h, ω, ν)

Distributed optimal control for the time-periodic Stokes equations. I

The problem.

Find the velocity $u(x, t)$, the pressure $p(x, t)$, and the force $f(x, t)$ that minimize the cost functional

$$J(u, f) = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^T \int_{\Omega} |u(x, t) - u_d(x, t)|^2 dx dt + \frac{\nu}{2} \int_0^T \int_{\Omega} |f(x, t)|^2 dx dt$$

subject to the time-periodic Stokes problem

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \mathbf{u}(x, t) - \Delta \mathbf{u}(x, t) + \nabla p(x, t) &= \mathbf{f}(x, t) && \text{in } \Omega \times (0, T), \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}(x, t) &= 0 && \text{in } \Omega \times (0, T), \\ \mathbf{u}(x, t) &= 0 && \text{on } \partial\Omega \times (0, T), \\ \mathbf{u}(x, 0) &= \mathbf{u}(x, T) && \text{in } \Omega, \\ p(x, 0) &= p(x, T) && \text{in } \Omega, \\ \mathbf{f}(x, 0) &= \mathbf{f}(x, T) && \text{in } \Omega. \end{aligned}$$

Distributed optimal control for the time-periodic Stokes equations. II

Similar solution strategy (time-harmonic solution, Lagrange multipliers, scaling) leads to a familiar structure:

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc|cc} \mathbf{M} & 0 & \sqrt{\nu}(\mathbf{K} - i\omega \mathbf{M}) & -\sqrt{\nu}\mathbf{D}^T \\ 0 & 0 & -\sqrt{\nu}\mathbf{D} & 0 \\ \hline \sqrt{\nu}(\mathbf{K} + i\omega \mathbf{M}) & -\sqrt{\nu}\mathbf{D}^T & -\mathbf{M} & 0 \\ -\sqrt{\nu}\mathbf{D} & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{u} \\ p \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{\nu}}\mathbf{w} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{\nu}}r \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{M}\mathbf{u}_d \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

(new setting for $\omega \neq 0$)

Optimal preconditioning technique

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Ideal real Block diagonal preconditioner:

$$\mathcal{P} = \begin{bmatrix} P & & & \\ & S & & \\ & & P & \\ & & & S \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{aligned} P &= M + \sqrt{\nu}(K + \omega M), \\ S &= \nu D(M + \sqrt{\nu}(K + \omega M))^{-1} D^T \end{aligned}$$

- **Performance.** Accurate estimates for the spectral intervals:

$$\text{spec}(\mathcal{P}^{-1}\mathcal{A}) \subseteq \left[-\frac{1}{2}(1 + \sqrt{5}), -\phi \right] \cup \left[\phi, \frac{1}{2}(1 + \sqrt{5}) \right], \quad \phi = 0.306\dots$$

- **Robustness.** Convergence of MINRES bounded independently of the mesh, frequency and regularization parameters (h, ω, ν)

An example for the time-periodic Stokes constraint

$\omega \backslash \nu$	10^{-8}	10^{-6}	10^{-4}	10^{-2}	10^0	10^2	10^4	10^6
10^{-2}	58	58	61	48	32	22	20	20
10^0	58	58	61	48	36	32	32	32
10^2	58	57	66	62	62	62	62	62
10^4	48	56	60	60	60	60	60	60
10^6	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
10^8	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16

(Taylor-Hood pair of FE spaces (P2-P1))

final tolerance: $\text{tol}=10^{-12}$

Practical block diagonal preconditioning

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Practical case:

$$S^{-1} \approx (1 + \omega\sqrt{\nu})M_p^{-1} + \omega\sqrt{\nu}K_p^{-1}$$

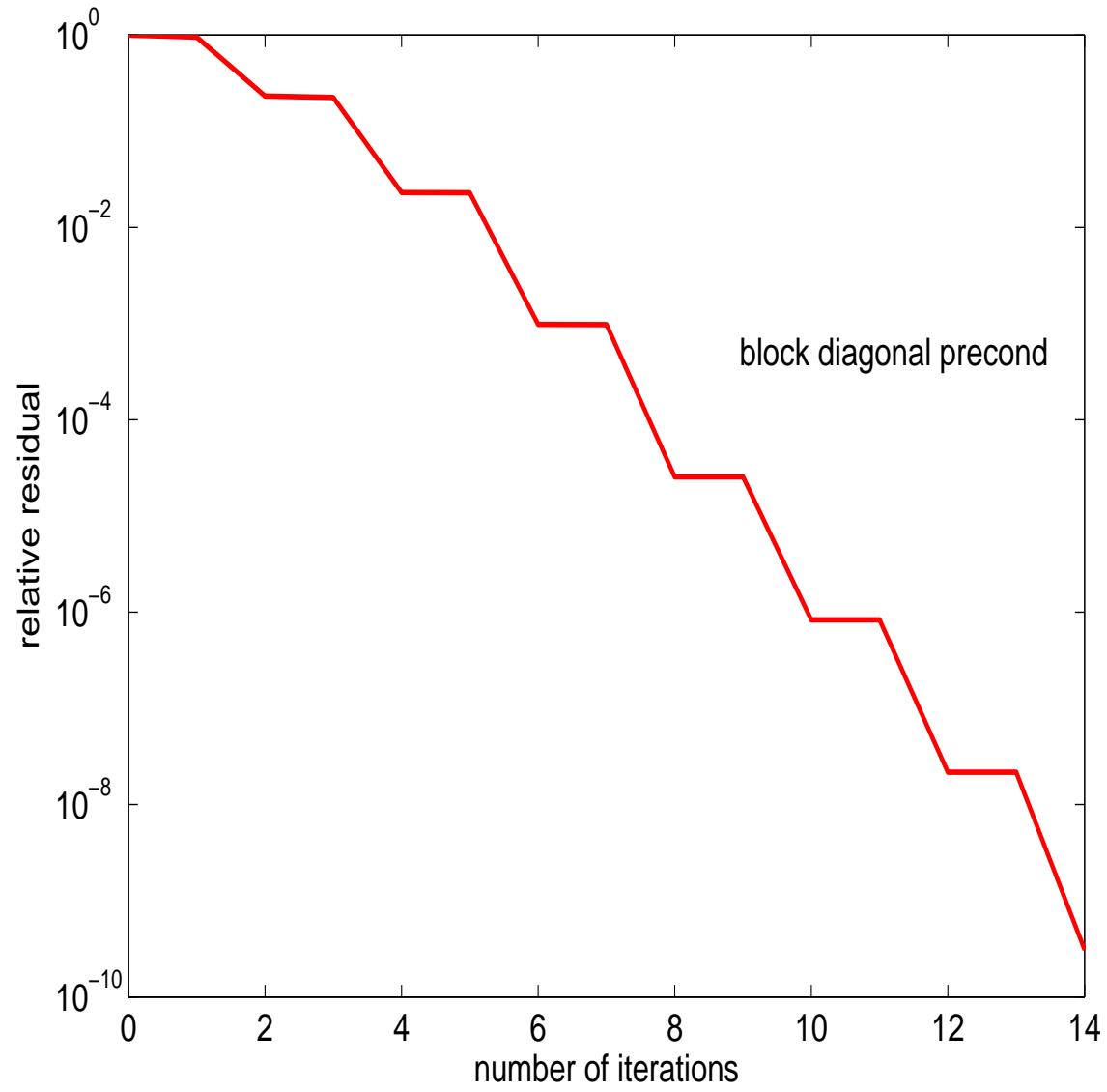
(Cahout-Charbard preconditioner)

with M_p , K_p the mass matrix and the discretized negative Laplacian in the finite element space for the pressure

$\Rightarrow M_p$, K_p then replaced by, e.g., Multigrid versions

(Mardal, Winther, Bramble, Pasciak, Olshanskii, Peters, Reusken, ...)

Convergence history. Staircase behavior



Explanation of the Staircase behavior

Both matrices have the form:

$$\mathcal{A} = \begin{bmatrix} A & B^* \\ B & -A \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{C}^{2n \times 2n},$$

with: $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ symmetric and semidefinite

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Consequence: $\text{spec}(\mathcal{A})$ is symmetric with respect to the origin,

and $\text{spec}(\mathcal{A}) \subseteq [-b, -a] \cup [a, b]$

\Rightarrow MINRES roughly makes progress only at even iterations

Attempts to bypass quasi-stagnation. The time-periodic parabolic case

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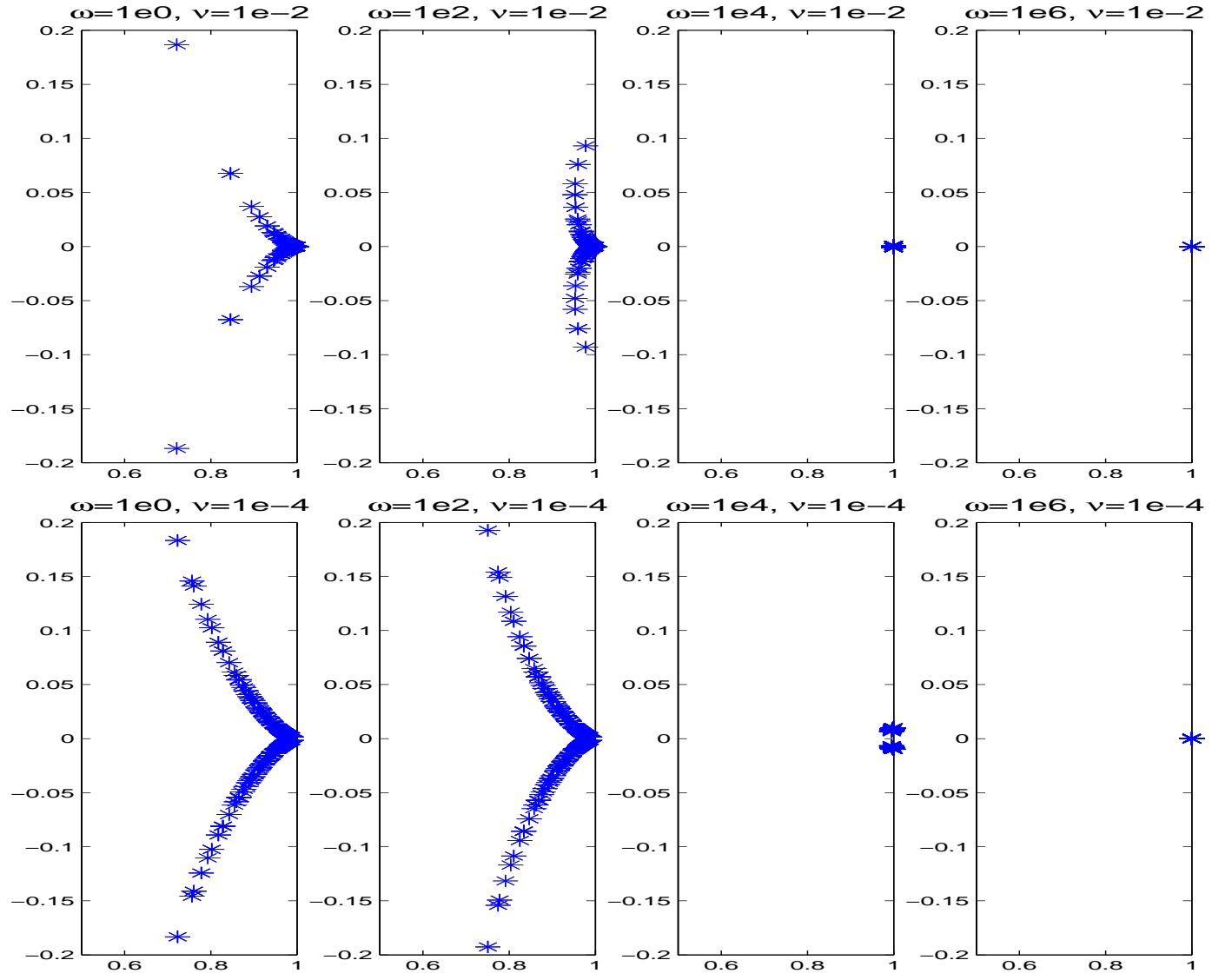
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Spectral independence wrto parameters: It holds that

$$\text{spec}(\mathcal{A}\mathcal{P}^{-1}) \subset [\frac{1}{2}, 1) \times [-1, 1] \subset \mathbb{C}^+$$

- * The actual rectangle may be much smaller, depending on ν, ω
- * Mesh independence in the spectral pattern

Spectral pattern



Spectral properties

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Eigenvectors:

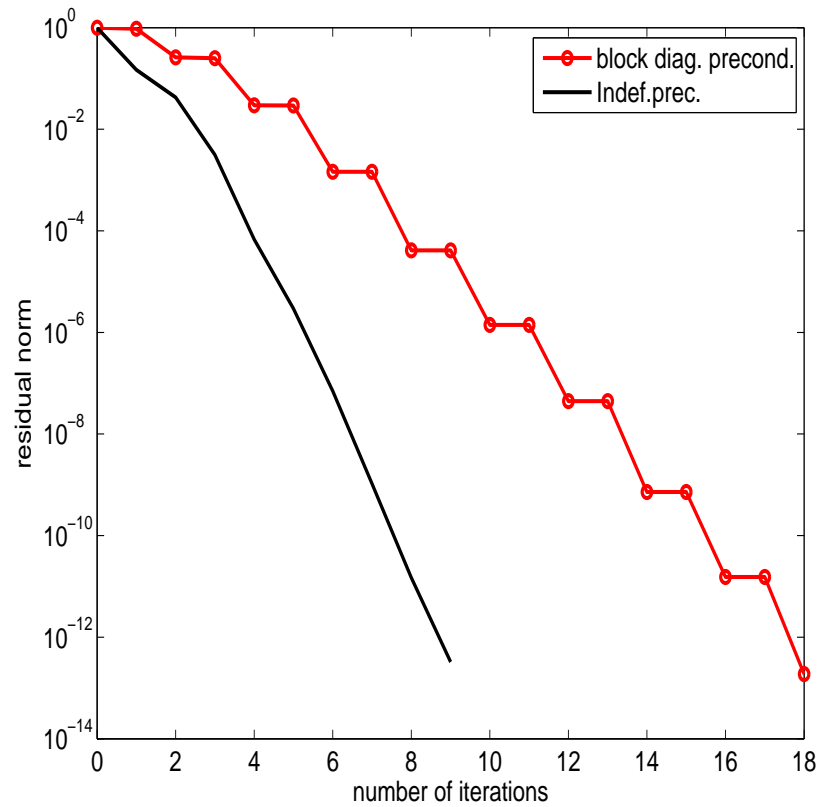
Let $M^{-1}K = X_0\Lambda X_0^{-1}$. An eigenvector basis of $\mathcal{P}^{-1}\mathcal{A}$ is given by

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} X_0 & 0 \\ 0 & X_0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I & I \\ \frac{1}{2}I + i\Gamma_+ & \frac{1}{2}I + i\Gamma_- \end{bmatrix}$$

where $\Gamma_{\pm} = \text{diag}(\omega\sqrt{\nu} \pm \sqrt{\Re(\lambda) + \frac{3}{4} + \omega^2\nu})$

A numerical example. Time-periodic parabolic pb.

$$\omega = 1, \nu = 10^{-2}, n = 3482(=\text{size}(K))$$



MINRES vs GMRES

Number of iterations. Time-periodic parabolic pb.

Block diagonal preconditioner: MINRES # its

$\omega \backslash \nu$	10^{-12}	10^{-10}	10^{-8}	10^{-6}	10^{-4}	10^{-2}	10^0
0	15	27	29	30	28	18	12
1	15	27	29	30	28	18	14
10^2	15	27	29	32	36	30	28
10^6	13	15	16	16	16	16	16
10^8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8

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10^8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8

Block indefinite preconditioner: GMRES # its

$\omega \backslash \nu$	10^{-12}	10^{-10}	10^{-8}	10^{-6}	10^{-4}	10^{-2}	10^0
0	16	32	42	32	17	9	6
1	16	32	42	32	17	9	6
10^2	16	32	42	32	16	8	5
10^6	12	7	4	3	3	2	2
10^8	3	3	2	2	2	2	1

Similar results with CGSTAB(ℓ)

Application to optimal control for the time-periodic Stokes equations

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc|cc} \mathbf{M} & 0 & \sqrt{\nu}(\mathbf{K} - i\omega \mathbf{M}) & -\sqrt{\nu}\mathbf{D}^T \\ 0 & 0 & -\sqrt{\nu}\mathbf{D} & 0 \\ \hline \sqrt{\nu}(\mathbf{K} + i\omega \mathbf{M}) & -\sqrt{\nu}\mathbf{D}^T & -\mathbf{M} & 0 \\ -\sqrt{\nu}\mathbf{D} & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \begin{bmatrix} \underline{\mathbf{u}} \\ \underline{p} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{\nu}}\underline{\mathbf{w}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{\nu}}\underline{r} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{M}\underline{\mathbf{u}}_d \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Some reordering

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Matrix of the type

$$\begin{bmatrix} A & B^T \\ B & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{with } A \text{ Hermitian indefinite}$$

Indefinite preconditioning for the time-periodic Stokes equations

$$\begin{bmatrix} A & B^T \\ B & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{with } A \text{ Hermitian indefinite}$$

Typically,

$$\mathcal{P}_{\text{indef}} = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{A} & B^T \\ B & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \tilde{A} \approx A$$

(Bramble, Dollar, Ewing, Golub, Gould, Keller, Krzyzanowski, Lazarov, Lu, Murphy, Luksan, Pasciak, Perugia, Pestana, Rozloznic, Schilders, Schoeberl, Vassilevski, Vlcek, Wathen, Zulehner,...)

We can take:

$$\tilde{A} \equiv \mathcal{P} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{M} + \sqrt{\nu}(\mathbf{K} - i\omega\mathbf{M}) & \\ \mathbf{M} + \sqrt{\nu}(\mathbf{K} + i\omega\mathbf{M}) & -\mathbf{M} \end{bmatrix}$$

Number of iterations. Time-periodic Stokes pb.

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1	31	52	62	60	62	48	36
10^2	31	52	62	60	68	64	62
10^6	22	32	34	34	34	34	34
10^8	16	16	16	16	16	16	16

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Similar results with CGSTAB(ℓ)

A simpler indefinite strategy

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc|cc} \mathbf{M} & \sqrt{\nu}(\mathbf{K} - i\omega \mathbf{M}) & 0 & -\sqrt{\nu}\mathbf{D}^T \\ \sqrt{\nu}(\mathbf{K} + i\omega \mathbf{M}) & -\mathbf{M} & -\sqrt{\nu}\mathbf{D}^T & 0 \\ \hline 0 & -\sqrt{\nu}\mathbf{D} & 0 & 0 \\ -\sqrt{\nu}\mathbf{D} & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \begin{bmatrix} \underline{\mathbf{u}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{\nu}}\underline{\mathbf{w}} \\ \underline{p} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{\nu}}\underline{r} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{M}\underline{\mathbf{u}}_d \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Preconditioner

$$P_{\text{indef}} = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{\mathbf{A}} & B^T \\ B & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

with

$$\tilde{\mathbf{A}} \equiv \mathcal{P}_b = \begin{bmatrix} & \mathbf{M} + \sqrt{\nu}(\mathbf{K} - i\omega\mathbf{M}) \\ \mathbf{M} + \sqrt{\nu}(\mathbf{K} + i\omega\mathbf{M}) & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix}$$

⇒ Clustered eigenvalues, parameters independent (proof)

⇒ well-conditioned eigenvectors - robust (proof)

Current issues

- Implement and analyze *inexact* preconditioners: use M_p , K_p in

$$S^{-1} \approx (1 + \omega\sqrt{\nu})M_p^{-1} + \omega\sqrt{\nu}K_p^{-1}$$

- Explore real version of the whole problem

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