



On preconditioning PDE-constrained optimization problems with control constraints

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subject to

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Key quantities:

- ν : parameter of control term in objective function
- (1): PDE \rightarrow mesh parameter h
- (1): Convection term β
- $u_a \leq u \leq u_b$: box constraints on control

Solution strategy

Using

$$\xi - \max\{0, \xi + (u - u_b)\} - \min\{0, \xi + (u_a - u)\} = 0$$

⇒ Semi-smooth Newton iteration with active set strategy

$$F(y, u, p, \mu) = 0, \quad F'(y, u, p, \mu) = \begin{pmatrix} M & \cdot & L^T & \cdot \\ \cdot & \nu M & -M & I \\ L & -M & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \chi_{\mathcal{A}} & \cdot & \chi_{\mathcal{I}} \end{pmatrix}$$

(in the proper spaces)

$\chi_{\mathcal{A}}$ diagonal, $(\chi_{\mathcal{A}})_{ii} = 1$ if $i \in \mathcal{A}$ (set of active indices for the control)

Note: L convection-diffusion operator, M inner product operator

The discrete problem

Newton iteration for the discrete problem leads to:

$$\begin{bmatrix} M & \cdot & L^T & \cdot \\ \cdot & \nu M & -M & P_{\mathcal{A}^k}^T \\ L & -M & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & P_{\mathcal{A}^k} & \cdot & \cdot \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y^{k+1} \\ u^{k+1} \\ p^{k+1} \\ \mu_{\mathcal{A}^k}^{k+1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} My_d \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ P_{\mathcal{A}_b^k} u_b + P_{\mathcal{A}_a^k} u_a \end{bmatrix} \Leftrightarrow J_k x^{k+1} = b^k$$

$k = 1, 2, \dots$, where

$$\mathcal{A}^k = \mathcal{A}_b^k \cup \mathcal{A}_a^k$$

$$\mathcal{A}_b^k = \{i \mid \mu_i^k + (u_i^k - (u_b)_i) > 0\}, \quad \mathcal{A}_a^k = \{i \mid \mu_i^k + ((u_a)_i - u_i^k) < 0\}$$

and $P_{\mathcal{C}}$ rectangular matrix of rows of $\chi_{\mathcal{C}}$ belonging to the indices in \mathcal{C}

Note: dependence on mesh parameter omitted

State-of-the-art approaches. Herzog and Sachs, 2010

$$J_k = \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} M & \cdot & L^T & \cdot \\ \cdot & \nu M & -M & P_{\mathcal{A}^k}^T \\ L & -M & \cdot & \cdot \\ \hline \cdot & P_{\mathcal{A}^k} & \cdot & \cdot \end{array} \right] = \begin{bmatrix} A & B_k^T \\ B_k & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Preconditioner:

$$\mathcal{K} = \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ B_k \hat{A}^{-1} & I \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \hat{A} & B_k^T \\ 0 & -\hat{S} \end{bmatrix}$$

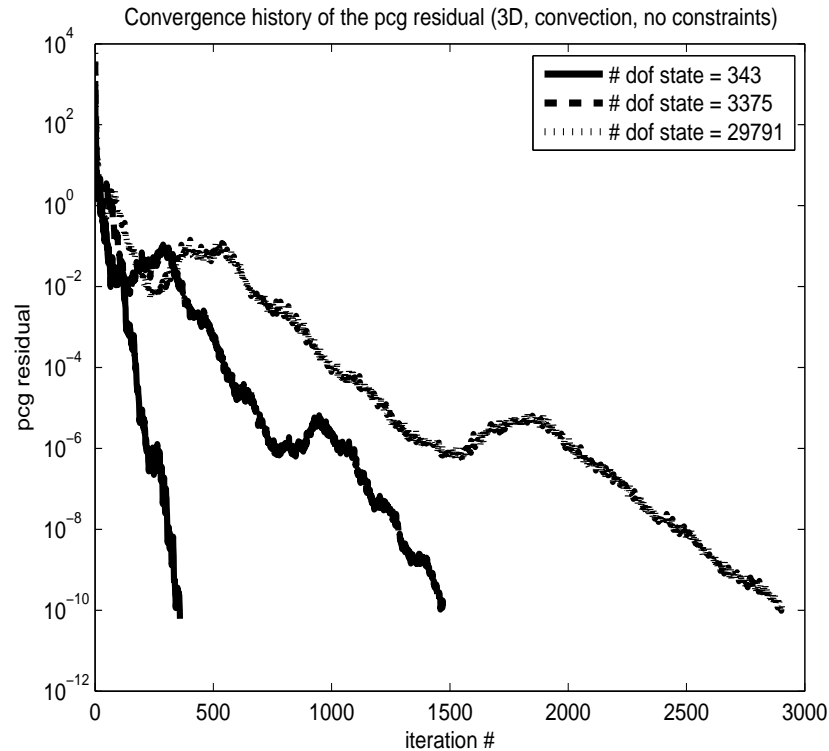
where $\hat{A}(\sigma) \approx A$ and $\hat{S}(\sigma, \tau) \approx S$ and are block diagonal

(from Schöberl and Zulehner 2007)

\Rightarrow PCG in non-standard inner product

A 3D numerical experiment from Herzog and Sachs, 2010

Here $\beta = (1000, 0, 0)$, $\nu = 10^{-2}$ First step of Newton ($\mathcal{A} = \emptyset$)



Problems reported in estimating preconditioner parameters σ , τ

Mesh dependence and (not shown) dependence on ν

Thanks to Roland Herzog for the codes!

State-of-the-art approaches. Stoll and Wathen, 2012

Reduction approach:

$$\begin{bmatrix} M & \cdot & -K^T \\ \cdot & \nu M^{\mathcal{A}_k, \mathcal{A}_k} & M^{\mathcal{A}_k, :} \\ -K & M^{:, \mathcal{A}_k} & \cdot \end{bmatrix}$$

(here K symmetric stiffness matrix, M diagonal)

Bramble-Pasciak preconditioner \mathcal{K} in the inner product \mathcal{H} :

$$\mathcal{K} = \begin{bmatrix} A_0 & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & A_1 & \cdot \\ -K & M & -S_0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathcal{H} = \begin{bmatrix} M - A_0 & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \nu M - A_1 & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & S_0 \end{bmatrix}$$

with $S_0 = \widehat{K} M^{-1} \widehat{K}^T \approx K M^{-1} K^T + \nu^{-1} M$ true Schur complement

(preconditioner projected in the reduced space)

A 3D numerical experiment (Stoll and Wathen, 2010)

(n, ν)	Newton	$|\mathcal{A}_a| + |\mathcal{A}_b|$	PCG	
	it		# its	CPU
$(3375, 10^{-2})$	0	0	14	1.22
	1	741+2114	15	1.38
	3	188+2292	14	1.22
$(29791, 10^{-2})$	0	0	16	12.55
	1	6257+ 17298	20	4.79
	3	3729+ 19166	15	3.49
$(3375, 10^{-4})$	...	...	...	...
	8	947 + 2340	20	1.76
	9	987 + 2380	17	1.48
	10	987 + 2364	15	1.33
$(29791, 10^{-4})$	...	...	...	...
	13	10089+ 19670	22	5.30
	15	10121+ 19622	22	5.34
	16	10121+ 19590	16	3.92
$(3375, 10^{-6})$	...	...	...	...
	13	849 + 2300	136	12.17
	15	937 + 2340	99	8.92
$(29791, 10^{-6})$	...	...	...	...
	15	6544 + 21310	182	40.62
	17	6800 + 22068	135	30.46
	18	7353 + 22398	49	11.02

State-of-the-art approaches. Pearson and Wathen, 2012

Same problem as in Stoll-Wathen, but **without bound constraints**

$$\begin{bmatrix} M & \cdot & -K^T \\ \cdot & \nu M & M \\ -K & M & \cdot \end{bmatrix}$$

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with $\widehat{S}_0 = (K + \frac{1}{\sqrt{\nu}}M)M^{-1}(K + \frac{1}{\sqrt{\nu}}M) \approx KM^{-1}K^T + \nu^{-1}M = S$

$\text{eig}(\widehat{S}_0^{-1}S) \subseteq [\frac{1}{2}, 1] \Rightarrow$ independence of ν

$(K + \frac{1}{\sqrt{\nu}}M) \approx (K + \widehat{\frac{1}{\sqrt{\nu}}M}) \Rightarrow$ independence of h

A different approach for the general setting

$$J_k = \left[\begin{array}{cc|cc} M & \cdot & L^T & \cdot \\ \cdot & \nu M & -M & P_{\mathcal{A}^k}^T \\ \hline L & -M & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & P_{\mathcal{A}^k} & \cdot & \cdot \end{array} \right] = \begin{bmatrix} A & B_k^T \\ B_k & \cdot \end{bmatrix}$$

Consider the following usual “constraint” preconditioner:

$$\mathcal{K}_k = \begin{pmatrix} I & \cdot \\ B_k A^{-1} & I \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A & \cdot \\ \cdot & -\widehat{S}_k \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} I & A^{-1} B_k^T \\ \cdot & I \end{pmatrix}, \quad \widehat{S}_k \approx S_k = B_k A^{-1} B_k^T$$

where the Schur complement S_k is

$$S_k = \frac{1}{\nu} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{S}_0 & -P_{\mathcal{A}^k}^T \\ -P_{\mathcal{A}^k} & \mathbf{S}_{2,k} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{aligned} \mathbf{S}_0 &= \nu L M^{-1} L^T + M \\ \mathbf{S}_{2,k} &= P_{\mathcal{A}^k} M^{-1} P_{\mathcal{A}^k}^T \quad \text{diag.} \end{aligned}$$

Constraint preconditioner - Factorized Schur complement matrix

Schur Complement matrix

$$S_k = \frac{1}{\nu} \begin{bmatrix} I & -\Pi_k M P_{\mathcal{A}^k}^T \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbb{S}_k & 0 \\ 0 & \mathcal{S}_{2,k} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ -P_{\mathcal{A}^k} M \Pi_k & I \end{bmatrix}$$

where $\Pi_k = P_{\mathcal{A}^k}^T P_{\mathcal{A}^k}$ is a diagonal projection matrix, and

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{S}_k &= \nu L^T M^{-1} L + M - \Pi_k M \Pi_k \\ &\approx (\sqrt{\nu} L + (I - \Pi_k) M)^T M^{-1} (\sqrt{\nu} L + (I - \Pi_k) M) \\ &= \mathbb{S}_k + \sqrt{\nu} (L(I - \Pi_k) + (I - \Pi_k) L^T) =: \widehat{\mathbb{S}}_k \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{eig}(\widehat{\mathbb{S}}_k^{-1} \mathbb{S}_k) \subseteq [\frac{1}{2}, 1] \quad (\text{for } L \text{ nonsym coercive, } \mathcal{A} = \emptyset)$$

(à la Pearson-Wathen)

Overall constraint preconditioner

$$\mathcal{K}_k = \begin{pmatrix} I & \cdot \\ B_k A^{-1} & I \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A & \cdot \\ \cdot & -\hat{S}_k \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} I & A^{-1} B_k^T \\ \cdot & I \end{pmatrix},$$

with

$$\hat{S}_k = \frac{1}{\nu} \begin{bmatrix} I & -\Pi_k M P_{\mathcal{A}^k}^T \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \hat{S}_k & 0 \\ 0 & P_{\mathcal{A}^k} M^{-1} P_{\mathcal{A}^k}^T \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ -P_{\mathcal{A}^k} M \Pi_k & I \end{bmatrix}$$

and

$$\hat{S}_k = (\sqrt{\nu} L + (I - \Pi_k) M)^T M^{-1} (\sqrt{\nu} L + (I - \Pi_k) M)$$

A 3D numerical experiment

From Herzog and Sachs, 2010:

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$$0 \leq u \leq 2.5 \quad \text{a.e. in } \Omega$$

with $\Omega = [-1, 1]^3 \subset \mathbb{R}^3$

$\beta = (\beta, 0, 0)$, $\beta \in \{10, 100, 1000\}$

$\nu \in \{10^{-8}, 10^{-6}, 10^{-4}, 10^{-2}\}$

and $y_d = 1$ for $|x_1| \leq 0.5$ and $y_d = -2$ elsewhere

A 3D numerical experiment. Final Newton iteration.

$$\beta = (10, 0, 0)$$

(n, ν)	Newton it	$ \mathcal{A}_a + \mathcal{A}_b $	PGMRES		nonlin res
			avg # its	tot CPU	
$(3375, 10^{-2})$	3	2687	10	1.52	9.20e-19
$(29791, 10^{-2})$	3	22459	10	13.79	3.17e-19
$(3375, 10^{-4})$	12	600+ 2763	17	6.99	3.97e-17
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$(29791, 10^{-6})$	36	6838+ 22953	41	456.78	5.00e-09
$(3375, 10^{-8})$	18	604+ 2763	68	41.42	4.75e-14
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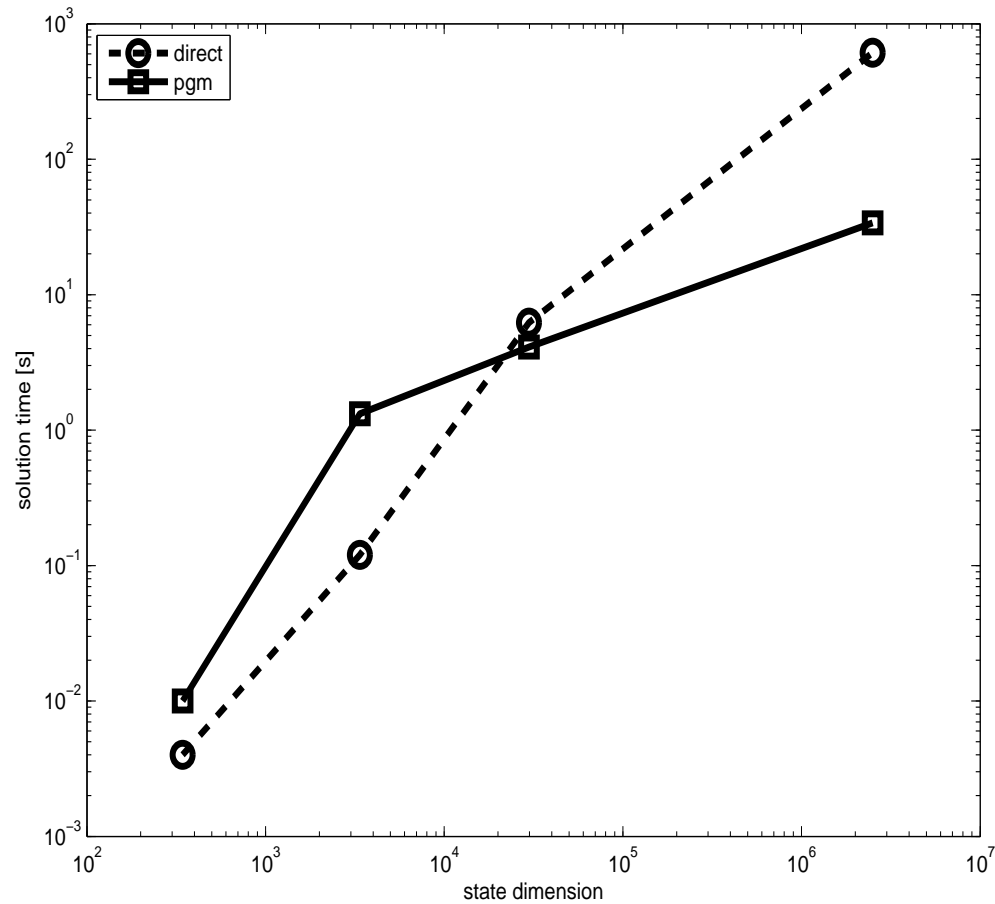
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$(29791, 10^{-2})$	1	29543	4	-	3.31e-17
$(3375, 10^{-4})$	1	3375	8	0.63	3.38e-15
$(29791, 10^{-4})$	1	29543	9	-	4.06e-15
$(3375, 10^{-6})$	3	4+3371	13	1.23	7.89e-09
$(29791, 10^{-6})$	3	1093+28698	13	-	6.85e-09
$(3375, 10^{-8})$	7	3375	27	6.26	1.14e-12
$(29791, 10^{-8})$	7	1093+28698	29	-	6.58e-09

- : not reported (apparent problem with multigrid solver)

Sort of “sanity check”

Iterative vs direct (sparse) solution



here $\beta = 10$, $\nu = 10^{-2}$, no control box constraints

Ongoing analysis

★ Claim: for $\mathcal{A} \neq \emptyset$,

$$\text{eig}(\widehat{\mathbb{S}}_k^{-1}\mathbb{S}_k) \subseteq [\frac{1}{2}, \gamma] \quad \text{with} \quad \gamma = \mathcal{O}(1)$$

independent of h, β (numerical evidence), with possible mild dependence on ν

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★ Sparsity constraints, e.g., $\|u\|_{L^1(\Omega)}$ instead of (or in addition to) $\|u\|_{L^2(\Omega)}$