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# On the numerical solution of large-scale linear matrix equations

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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:

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

$\Rightarrow$   $X$  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)

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

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-Ortí<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

Let  $B = b$  (vector). Main consideration (see, e.g., Li, Wright 2000)

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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

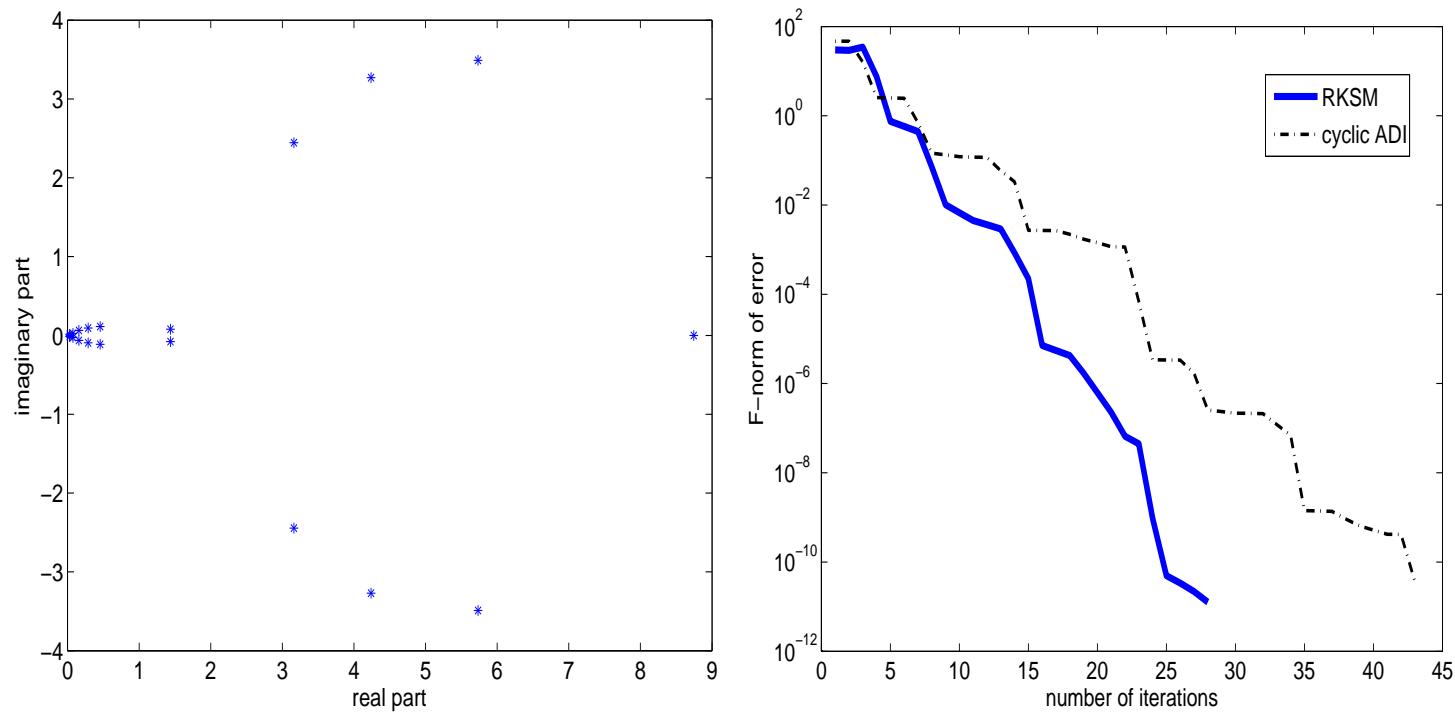
$$s_j = -\bar{\lambda}_j$$

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

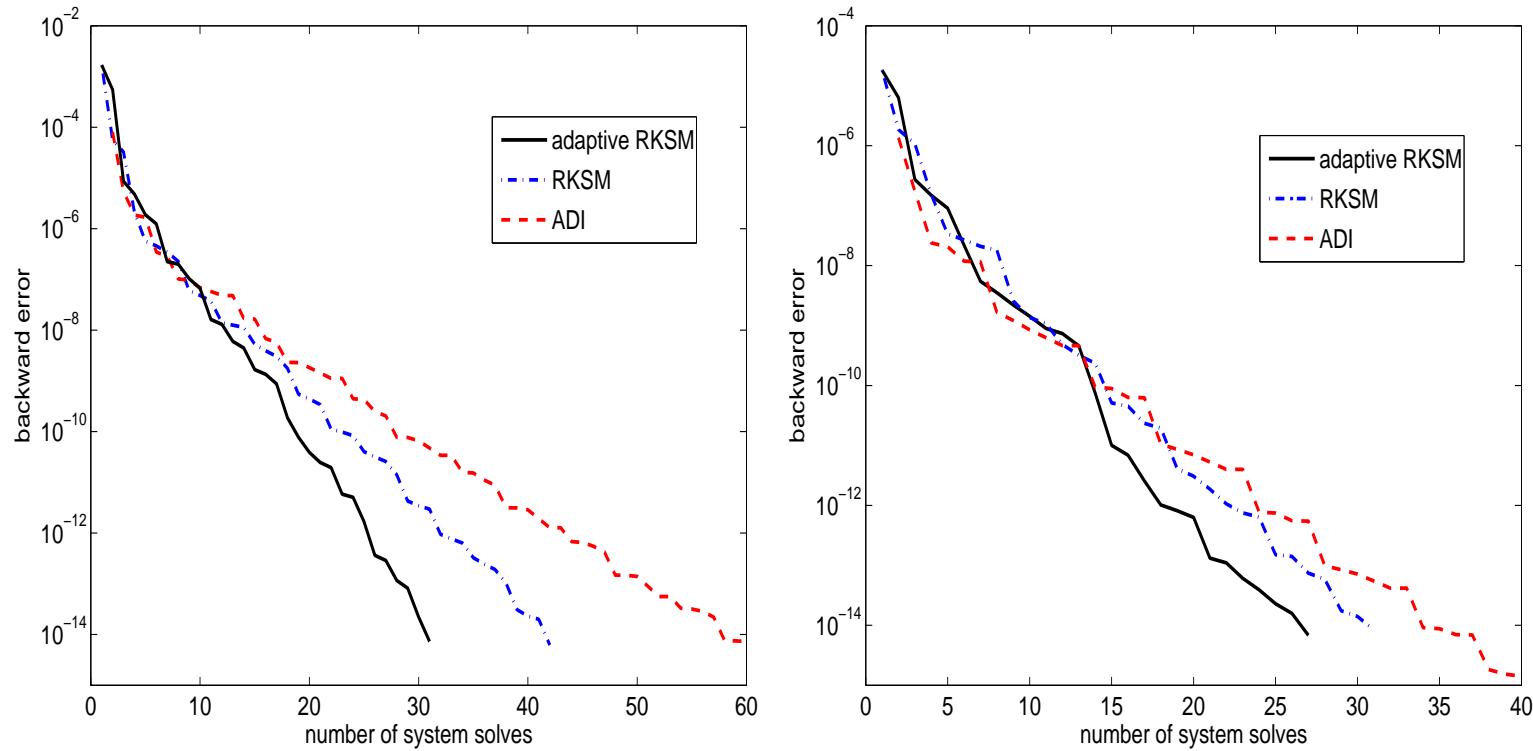
## Typical behavior of ADI and generic RKSM for the same poles

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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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, ...)

## 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, ...)

## The $\top$ -Sylvester matrix equations

Solve for  $X$ :

$$AX + X^\top B = C, \quad (*)$$

- ⇒ A unique solution exists for any  $C \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  iff  $A - \lambda B^\top$  is regular and  $\text{spec}(A, B^\top) \setminus \{1\}$  is reciprocal free (with 1 having at most algebraic multiplicity 1)
- ⇒ Small scale: Bartel-Stewart type algorithm  
(De Teran, Dopico, 2011)
- ⇒ If  $X_0$  is the unique solution to the *Sylvester* eqn

$$AXA^\top - B^\top XB = C - C^\top A^{-1}B$$

then  $X_0$  is the unique solution to  $(*)$

## The large scale $\top$ -Sylvester matrix equations

$$AX + X^\top B = C_1 C_2^\top, \quad C_1, C_2 \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times r}, \quad r \ll n$$

Find:

$$X \approx X_m = \mathcal{V}_m Y_m \mathcal{W}_m^\top \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$$

Orthogonality (*Petrov-Galerkin*) condition:

$$\mathcal{W}_m^\top (AX_m + X_m^\top B - C_1 C_2^\top) \mathcal{W}_m = 0$$

(the orthogonality space is different from the approximation space)

Reduced  $\top$ -Sylvester equation:

$$(\mathcal{W}_m^\top A \mathcal{V}_m) Y_m + Y_m^\top (\mathcal{V}_m^\top B \mathcal{W}_m) = (\mathcal{W}_m^\top C_1)(\mathcal{W}_m^\top C_2)^\top$$

Key issue: Choice of  $\mathcal{V}_m, \mathcal{W}_m$

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Algorithmic considerations:

- $\text{Range}(\mathcal{W}_m) = \mathcal{K}_m(AB^{-\top}, [C_1, C_2])$  so that

$$\text{Range}(C_1) \cup \text{Range}(C_2) \subset \text{Range}(\mathcal{W}_m)$$

- If  $C_1 = C_2$  then

$$\text{Range}(\mathcal{V}_m) = \mathcal{K}_m(B^{-\top} A, B^{-\top} C_1)$$

- The role of  $A$  and  $B$  can be reversed

$$(A \rightarrow B^{\top}, B \rightarrow A^{\top}, C_1 \leftrightarrow C_2)$$

Remark: Enriched spaces can be used...

## Computational considerations

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$\text{tol} = 10^{-10}$	EK	BK	BK-TR	EK-SYLV
iterations	8	83	8	8
dim. approx. space	32	166	16	32
time (seconds)	1.7	58.1	0.7	2.4

BK-TR: Standard Krylov subspace, roles of  $A$  and  $B$  reversed

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iterations	29	100	100	100
dim. approx. space	116	200	200	400
time (seconds)	10.9	70.7	63.8	521.2

eigenvalues of  $B^{-\top} A$  are now located inside *and* outside the unit circle

## Conclusions

- Large advances in solving really large linear matrix equations
- Matrix equation challenges rely on strength and maturity of linear system solvers

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