



Spectral properties of preconditioned saddle point linear systems

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- Computational Fluid Dynamics (Elman, Silvester, Wathen 2005)
- Elasticity problems
- Mixed (FE) formulations of II and IV order elliptic PDEs
- Linearly Constrained Programs
- Linear Regression in Statistics
- Image restoration
- ... **Survey:** Benzi, Golub and Liesen, Acta Num 2005

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Hypotheses:

- ★ $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ (non-)symmetric
- ★ $B^\top \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$ tall, $m \leq n$
- ★ C symmetric positive (semi)definite

More hypotheses later...

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- To predict convergence behavior of the iterative solver

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$$\|b - \mathcal{M}x_{2k}\| \leq 2 \left(\frac{\sqrt{ad} - \sqrt{bc}}{\sqrt{ad} + \sqrt{bc}} \right)^k \|b - \mathcal{M}x_0\|$$

Note: more general but less tractable bounds available

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Idea: write $r_{2k} = b - \mathcal{M}x_{2k} = q_{2k}(\mathcal{M})r_0$, $q_{2k} \in \mathbb{P}_{2k}^{(0)}$

$$\|r_{2k}\| = \min_{q_{2k} \in \mathbb{P}_{2k}^{(0)}} \|q_{2k}(\mathcal{M})r_0\| \leq \min_{q_k \in \mathbb{P}_k^{(0)}} \|q_k(\mathcal{M}^2)r_0\| \leq \dots$$

Fischer et al. '98

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e.g.

$$\mathcal{M} = \begin{bmatrix} I & U^\top \\ U & O \end{bmatrix}, \quad UU^\top = I$$

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A more practical choice:

$$\mathcal{P} = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{A} & 0 \\ 0 & \tilde{S} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{spd.} \quad \tilde{A} \approx A \quad \tilde{S} \approx BA^{-1}B^\top$$

eigs in $[-a, -b] \cup [c, d]$, $a, b, c, d > 0$

Still an Indefinite Problem, but possibly much easier to solve

Symmetric and indefinite A

$$\mathcal{M} = \begin{bmatrix} A & B^\top \\ B & O \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} \lambda_n \leq \dots \leq \lambda_1 \\ 0 < \sigma_m \leq \dots \leq \sigma_1 \\ A \text{ pos.def. on Ker}(B) \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{eigs of } A \\ \text{sing. vals of } B \end{array}$$

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If $m = n$, $\Gamma = \frac{1}{2}(\lambda_n + \sqrt{\lambda_n^2 + 4\sigma_m^2})$

Gould & Simoncini, SIMAX to appear

Indefinite A , $C = 0$. Cont'd

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Letting $\alpha_0 > 0$ be s.t. $\frac{u^\top Au}{u^\top u} > \alpha_0$, $u \in \text{Ker}(B)$

$$\Gamma \geq \begin{cases} \frac{\alpha_0 \sigma_m^2}{|\alpha_0 \lambda_n - \|A\|^2 - \sigma_m^2|} & \text{if } \alpha_0 + \lambda_n \leq 0 \\ \frac{\alpha_0 \lambda_n - \|A\|^2 - \sigma_m^2}{2(\alpha_0 + \lambda_n)} + \sqrt{\left(\frac{\alpha_0 \lambda_n - \|A\|^2 - \sigma_m^2}{2(\alpha_0 + \lambda_n)} \right)^2 + \frac{\alpha_0 \sigma_m^2}{\alpha_0 + \lambda_n}} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Sharpness of the bounds

Ex.1. $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ -3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, B^\top = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0.1 \end{bmatrix} \mu(\mathcal{M}) = \{-1.5441, 0.0014257, 4.5427\}$

Ex.2. $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0.01 & 3 \\ 3 & -0.01 \end{bmatrix}, B = [0, 3] \mu(\mathcal{M}) = \{-4.2452, 5.0 \cdot 10^{-3}, 4.2402\}$

Ex.3. $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -4 & 0 \\ -4 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, B^\top = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \mu(\mathcal{M}) = \{-4.3528, -0.22974, 0.22974, 2, 4.3528\}$

case	λ_n	λ_1	α_0	σ_m, σ_1	\mathcal{I}^-	\mathcal{I}^+
Ex.1	-1.5414	4.5414	1.0	0.1	[-1.5478, -0.0022]	[0.0004, 4.5436]
Ex.2	-3.0000	3.0000	0.01	3	[-4.8541, -1.8541]	[4.9917 · 10⁻³ , 4.8541]
Ex.3	-4.1231	4.1231	2.0	1	[-4.3528, -0.22974]	[0.0762, 4.3528]

Augmenting the (1,1) block

Equivalent formulation ($C = 0$):

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Condition on τ for definiteness of $A + \tau B^\top B$:

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$$\frac{1}{\sigma_m^2} \left(\frac{\|A\|^2}{\alpha_0} - \lambda_n \right) = 100.33$$

for $\tau = 100 \rightarrow A + \tau B^\top B$ is indefinite

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Assume “good” τ is taken.

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Spectral intervals for (1,1) spd may be obtained

“Regularized” problem

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Warning: for A indefinite, conditions on C required:

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{singular!}$$

Note: Perturbation results yield spectral bounds assuming $\lambda_{\max}^C < \Gamma$

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More accurate result:

If $\lambda_{\max}^C < \frac{\alpha_0 \sigma_m^2}{\|A\|^2 - \lambda_n \alpha_0}$, then $\mu(\mathcal{M}_C) \subset \mathcal{I}^- \cup \mathcal{I}^+$ with

$$\mathcal{I}^- = \left[\frac{1}{2} \left(\lambda_n - \lambda_{\max}^C - \sqrt{(\lambda_n + \lambda_{\max}^C)^2 + 4\sigma_1^2} \right), \frac{1}{2} \left(\lambda_1 - \sqrt{(\lambda_1)^2 + 4\sigma_m^2} \right) \right] \subset \mathbb{R}^-$$

$$\mathcal{I}^+ = \left[\Gamma_C, \frac{1}{2} \left(\lambda_1 + \sqrt{(\lambda_1)^2 + 4\sigma_1^2} \right) \right] \subset \mathbb{R}^+,$$

$$\text{For } m = n, \quad \Gamma_C = \frac{1}{2} \left(\lambda_n - \lambda_{\max}^C + \sqrt{(\lambda_n + \lambda_{\max}^C)^2 + 4\sigma_m^2} \right)$$

more complicated (but explicit!) estimate for $m < n$

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An example:

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Related results: Bai, Ng, Wang ('09) qualitatively similar bound based on $B^\top C^{-1} B, A + B^\top C^{-1} B$ (no full rank hyp. on B)

Bai (tech.rep.'09)

Application to practical block diagonal preconditioners

Indefinite A (and $C = 0$). Indefinite preconditioner:

Let $\mathcal{P}_{\pm} = \text{blkdiag}(A, \pm\tilde{S})$ with A, \tilde{S} nonsingular. Then

$$\mu(\mathcal{P}_{\pm}^{-1}\mathcal{M}) \subset \left\{ 1, \frac{1}{2}(1 + \sqrt{1 + 4\xi}), \frac{1}{2}(1 - \sqrt{1 + 4\xi}) \right\} \subset \mathbb{C},$$

ξ : (possibly complex) eigenvalues of $(BA^{-1}B^{\top}, \pm\tilde{S})$

Application to ideal block diagonal preconditioners

Indefinite A , $C \neq 0$. Indefinite preconditioner:

Let $\mathcal{P}_+ = \text{blkdiag}(A, C + BA^{-1}B^\top)$. Then

$$\mu(\mathcal{P}_+^{-1}\mathcal{M}) \subset \left\{ 1, \frac{1}{2}(1 \pm \sqrt{5}), \frac{1}{2\theta}(\theta - 1 \pm \sqrt{(1 - \theta)^2 + 4\theta^2}) \right\} \subset \mathbb{R}.$$

θ finite eigs of $(C + BA^{-1}B^\top, C)$

Similar (but complex) results for $\mathcal{P}_- = \text{blkdiag}(A, -C - BA^{-1}B^\top)$

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Indefinite A , **Definite** preconditioner, $C = 0$:

$$\mathcal{P}(\tau) = \begin{bmatrix} P_A & \\ & P_C \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{aligned} P_A &\approx P_A(\tau) = A + \tau B^\top B \\ P_C &\approx P_C(\tau) = B(A + \tau B^\top B)^{-1} B^\top \end{aligned}$$

- Definite preconditioner on definite problem:

$\mathcal{P}(\tau)^{-1} \mathcal{M}(\tau)$ has eigenvalues

$$1, \frac{1}{2}(1 + \sqrt{5}), \frac{1}{2}(1 - \sqrt{5})$$

with multiplicity $n - m$, m and m , respectively.

General nonsymmetric problem

$$\mathcal{M} = \begin{bmatrix} F & B^\top \\ B & -\beta C \end{bmatrix} \quad F \text{ nonsymmetric}$$

Preconditioning strategies (other alternatives are possible):

$$\mathcal{P}_{tr} = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{F} & B \\ \pm \tilde{C} & \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathcal{P}_d = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{F} & \\ \pm \tilde{C} & \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{with } \tilde{C} > 0$$

- $\tilde{F} \approx F$
- $\tilde{F} \approx F + B^\top \tilde{C}^{-1} B$ (augmentation block preconditioning)

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Augmentation block preconditioning

★ Appealing for F singular

For $+\tilde{C}$:

$\mathcal{M}\mathcal{P}_d^{-1}$, $\mathcal{M}\mathcal{P}_{tr}^{-1}$ have clusters in \mathbb{C}^- and \mathbb{C}^+

\Rightarrow **Indefinite matrix** \Rightarrow Elman's bound not applicable

Analysis of clusters:

- Schötzau & Greif '06 (F sym)
- Cao '07

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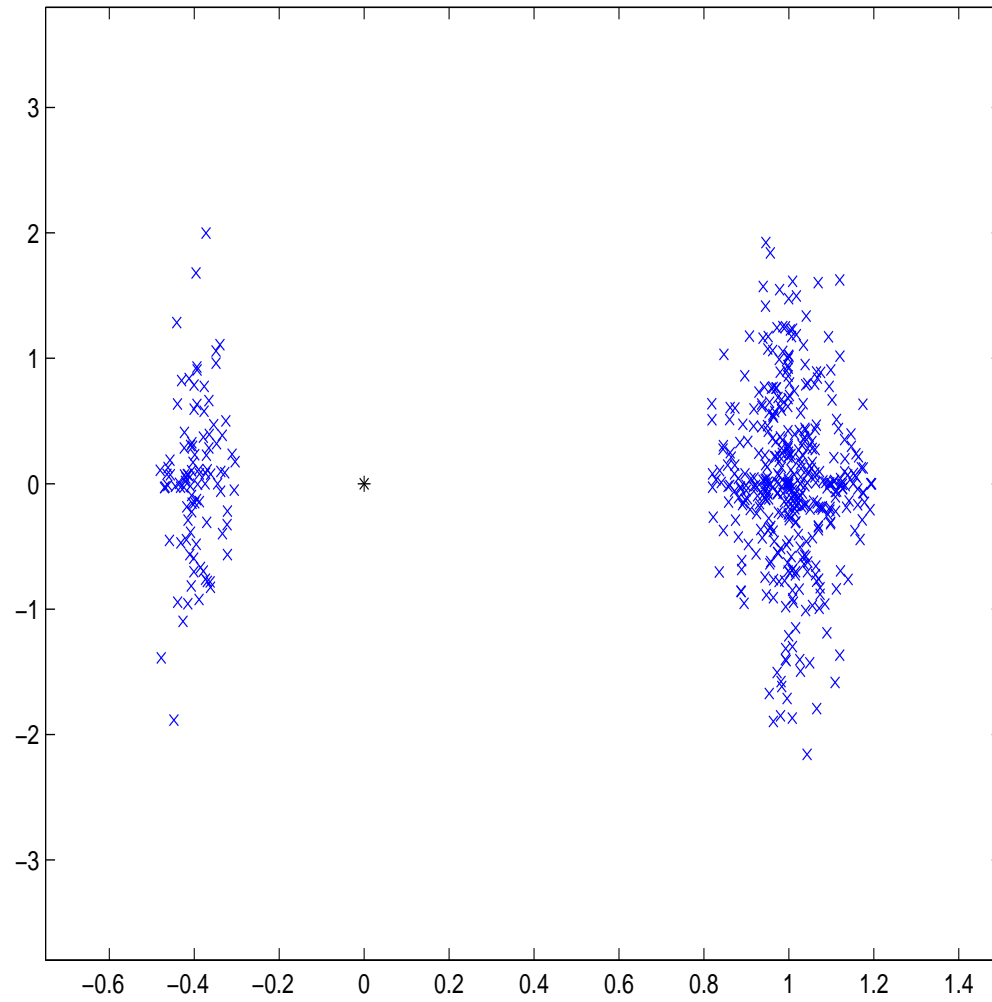
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For \mathcal{M} non-normal indefinite :

- In theory, complete stagnation is possible;
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GMRES: Nonstagnation condition (Simoncini & Szyld, '08)

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Then

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Condition very suitable for preconditioned saddle point matrices

Nonstagnation condition revisited. Grcar tech.rep'89

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\Rightarrow In Simoncini & Szyld '08: $\phi_2(\lambda) = \lambda^2$

\Rightarrow Here: $\phi_2(\lambda) = \lambda(\lambda - \alpha)$, $\alpha = \max\{0, \lambda_+(H) + \lambda_-(H)\}$

($\lambda_+(H), \lambda_-(H)$: pos/neg eigs closest to zero)

Example. Navier-Stokes problem

IFISS Package (Elman, Ramage, Silvester)

“Flow over a step”. Uniform grid, Q1-P0 elements

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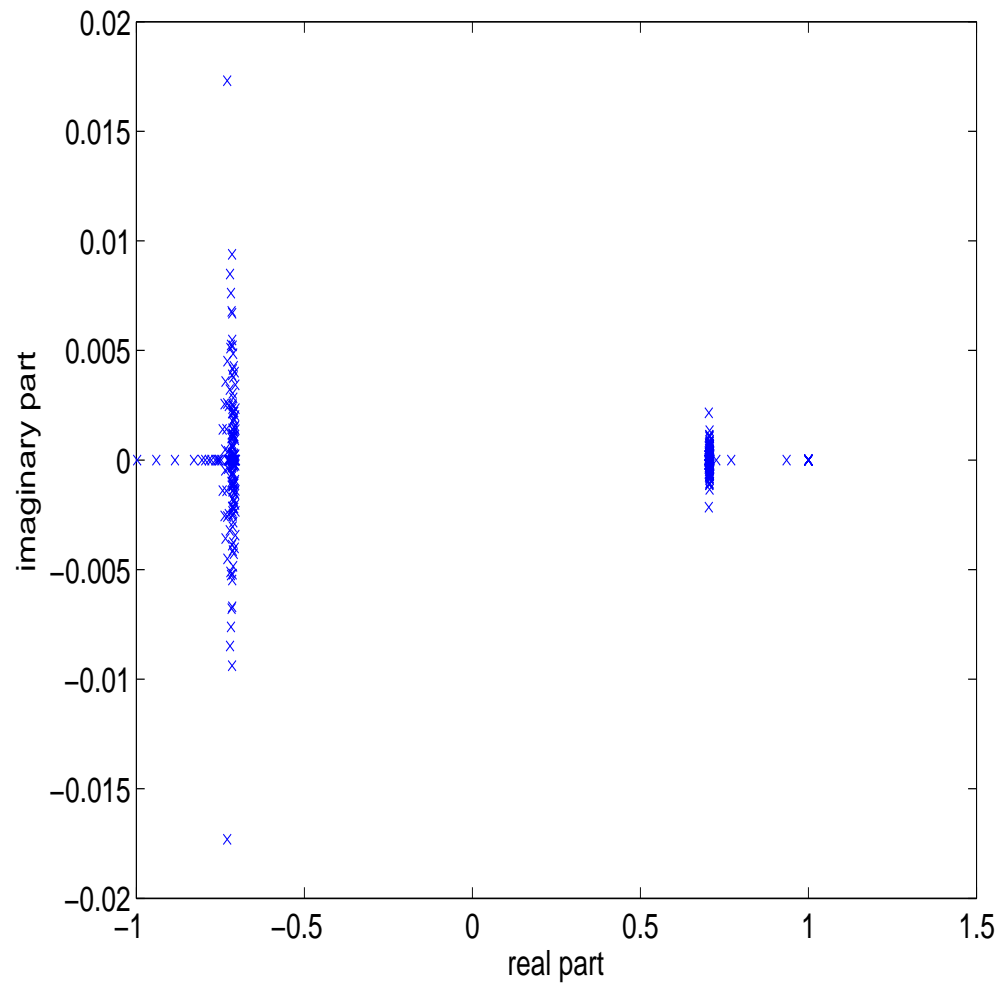
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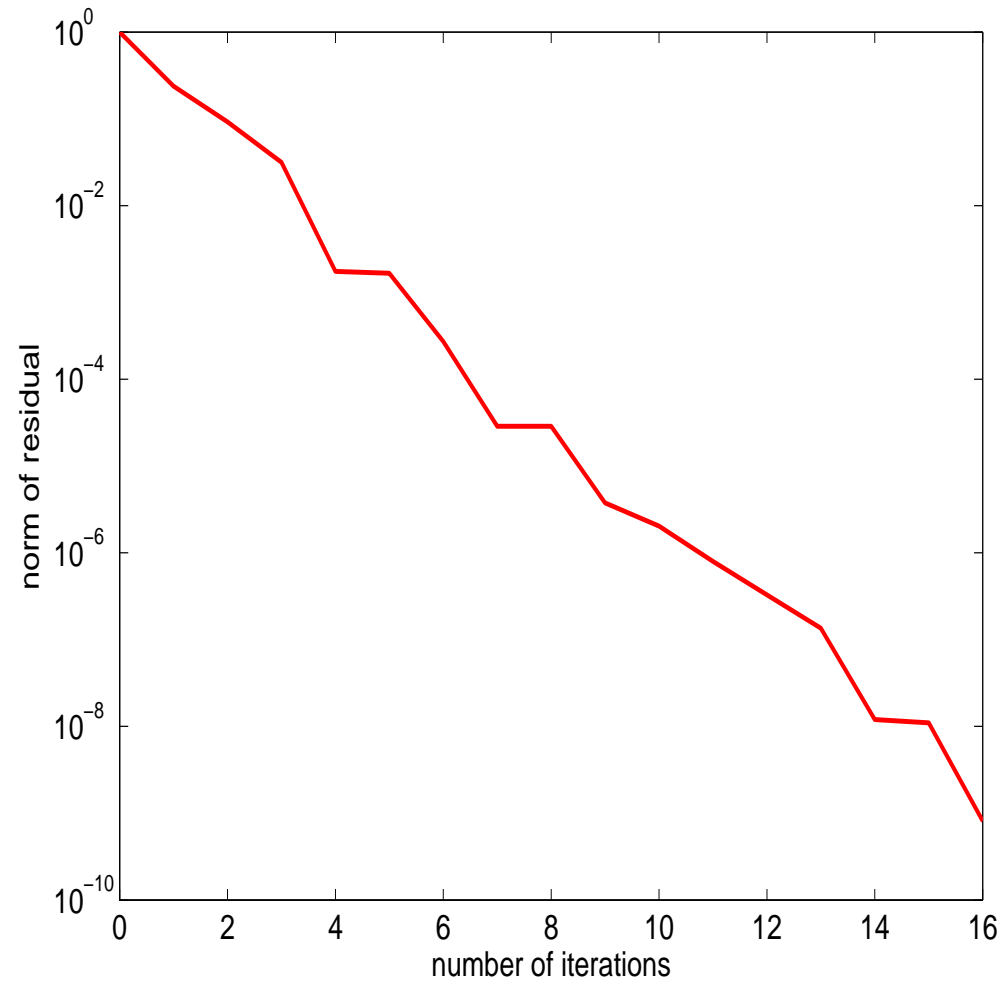
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Spectrum of $\mathcal{M}P_{tr, aug}^{-1}$



GMRES Convergence history



Mesh independence

$$P_{tr, aug} \quad (2,2) \text{ block: } \tilde{C} = \beta C + BF^{-1}B^T,$$

n	m	$\lambda_{\min}(H)$	$\lambda_{\max}(S^T S, \phi_2(H))$	α	# its
418	176	-3.8091	0.9672	0	14
1538	704	-3.7057	0.9662	0	15
5890	2816	-3.6710	0.9660	0	13

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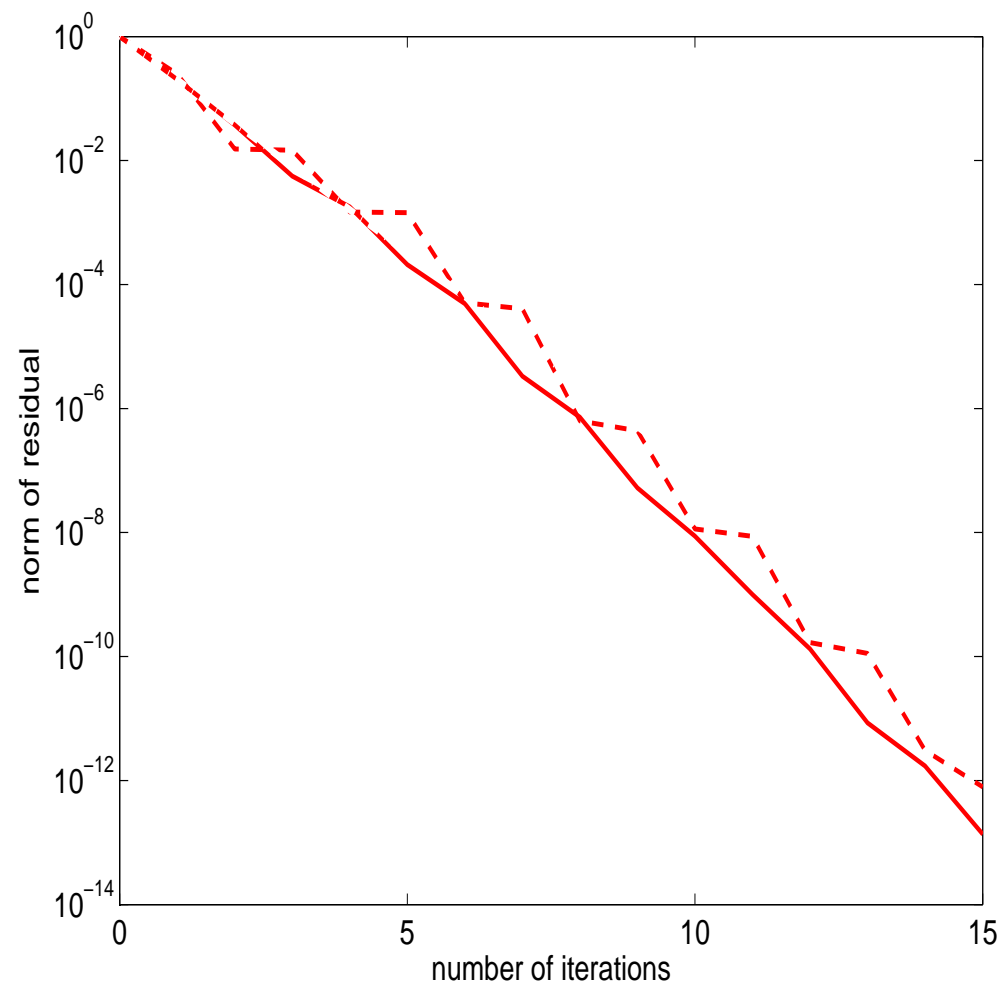
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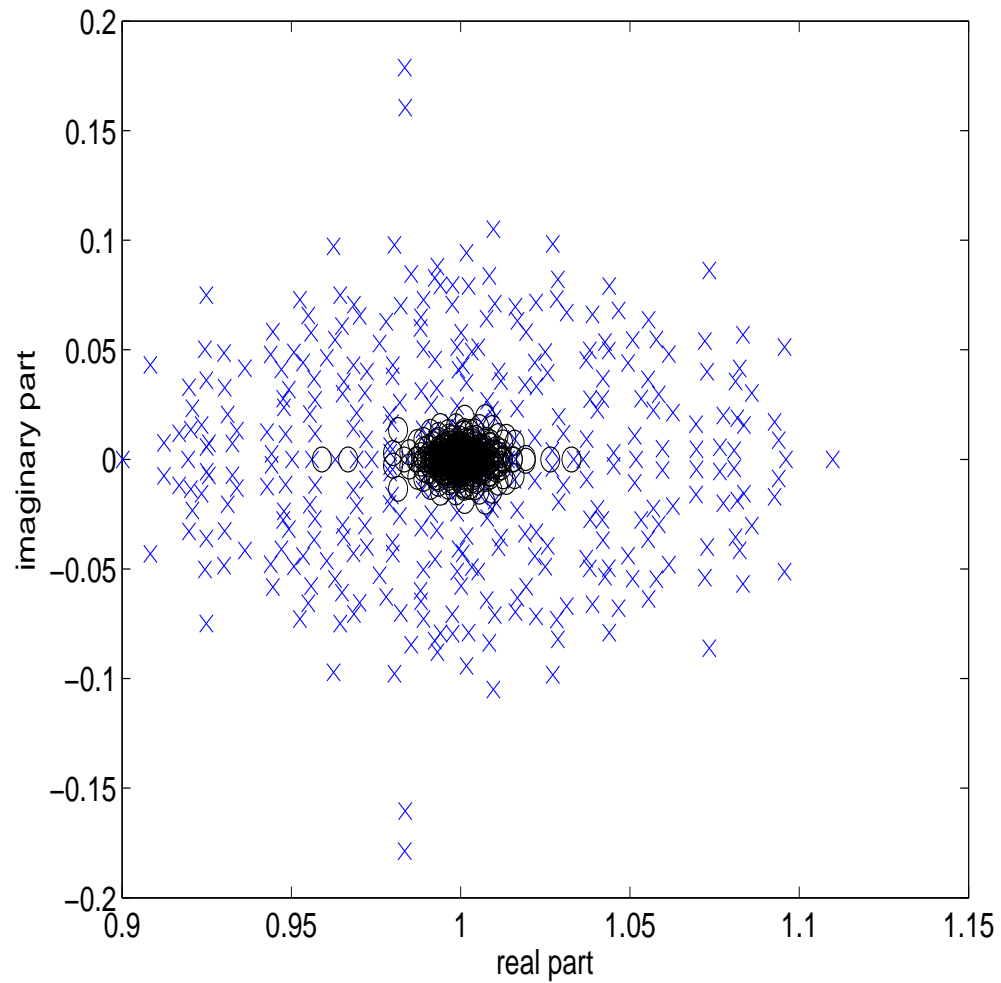
Should $\mathcal{MP}_{tr,+}^{-1}$ be discarded?

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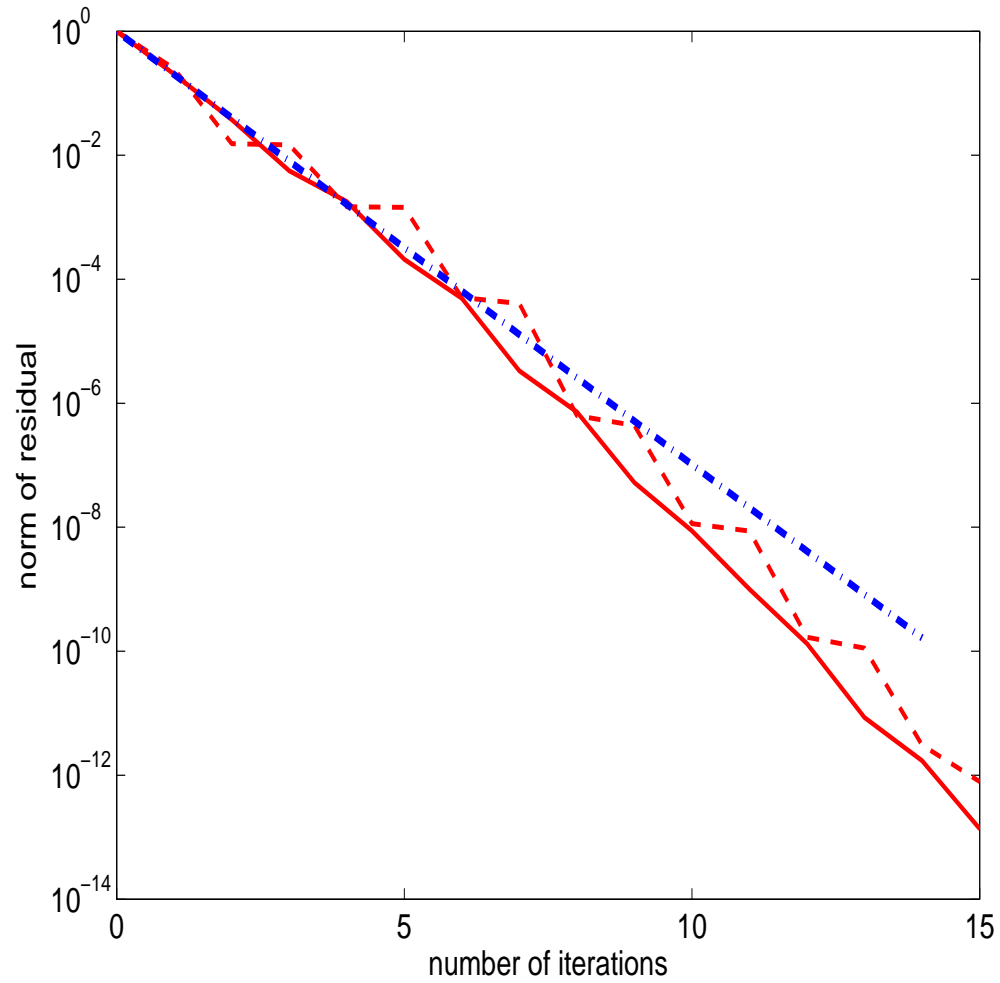
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