



---

# Krylov subspace methods for large scale matrix equations

V. Simoncini

Dipartimento di Matematica, Università di Bologna (Italy)

`valeria.simoncini@unibo.it`

## Some matrix equations

- Sylvester matrix equation

$$A\mathbf{X} + \mathbf{X}B + D = 0$$

Eigenvalue pbs, Control, MOR, Assignment pbs, Riccati eqn, (fract) PDEs

## Some matrix equations

- Sylvester matrix equation

$$A\mathbf{X} + \mathbf{X}B + D = 0$$

Eigenvalue pbs, Control, MOR, Assignment pbs, Riccati eqn, (fract) PDEs

- Lyapunov matrix equation

$$A\mathbf{X} + \mathbf{X}A^{\top} + D = 0, \quad D = D^{\top}$$

Stability analysis in Control and Dynamical systems, Signal processing, eigenvalue computations, linear PDEs

## Some matrix equations

- Sylvester matrix equation

$$A\mathbf{X} + \mathbf{X}B + D = 0$$

Eigenvalue pbs, Control, MOR, Assignment pbs, Riccati eqn, (fract) PDEs

- Lyapunov matrix equation

$$A\mathbf{X} + \mathbf{X}A^{\top} + D = 0, \quad D = D^{\top}$$

Stability analysis in Control and Dynamical systems, Signal processing, eigenvalue computations, linear PDEs

- Generalized linear equations

$$A_1\mathbf{X}B_1 + A_2\mathbf{X}B_2 + \dots + A_p\mathbf{X}B_p + D = 0$$

Control, Stochastic PDEs, non-self-adjoint PDEs, ...

## Some matrix equations

- Sylvester matrix equation

$$A\mathbf{X} + \mathbf{X}B + D = 0$$

Eigenvalue pbs, Control, MOR, Assignment pbs, Riccati eqn, (fract) PDEs

- Lyapunov matrix equation

$$A\mathbf{X} + \mathbf{X}A^{\top} + D = 0, \quad D = D^{\top}$$

Stability analysis in Control and Dynamical systems, Signal processing, eigenvalue computations, linear PDEs

- Generalized linear equations

$$A_1\mathbf{X}B_1 + A_2\mathbf{X}B_2 + \dots + A_p\mathbf{X}B_p + D = 0$$

Control, Stochastic PDEs, non-self-adjoint PDEs, ...

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

## Linear systems vs linear matrix equations

Large linear systems:

$$Ax = b, \quad A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$$

- Krylov subspace methods (CG, MINRES, GMRES, BiCGSTAB, etc.)
- Preconditioners: find  $P$  such that

$$AP^{-1}\tilde{x} = b \quad x = P^{-1}\tilde{x}$$

is **easier** and **fast** to solve

## Linear systems vs linear matrix equations

### Large linear systems:

$$Ax = b, \quad A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$$

- Krylov subspace methods (CG, MINRES, GMRES, BiCGSTAB, etc.)
- Preconditioners: find  $P$  such that

$$AP^{-1}\tilde{x} = b \quad x = P^{-1}\tilde{x}$$

is **easier** and **fast** to solve

### Large linear matrix equations:

$$AX + XA^\top + D = 0, \quad D = BB^\top$$

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

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

## Linear systems vs linear matrix equations

### Large linear systems:

$$Ax = b, \quad A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$$

- Krylov subspace methods (CG, MINRES, GMRES, BiCGSTAB, etc.)
- Preconditioners: find  $P$  such that

$$AP^{-1}\tilde{x} = b \quad x = P^{-1}\tilde{x}$$

is **easier** and **fast** to solve

### Large linear matrix equations:

$$AX + XA^\top + BB^\top = 0$$

Kronecker formulation:

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

## Projection-type methods

Given an approximation space  $\mathcal{K}$ ,

$$X \approx X_m \quad \text{col}(X_m) \in \mathcal{K}$$

**Galerkin condition:**  $R := AX_m + X_m A^\top + BB^\top \perp \mathcal{K}$

$$V_m^\top R V_m = 0 \quad \mathcal{K} = \text{Range}(V_m)$$

---

## Projection-type methods

Given an approximation space  $\mathcal{K}$ ,

$$X \approx X_m \quad \text{col}(X_m) \in \mathcal{K}$$

**Galerkin condition:**  $R := AX_m + X_m A^\top + BB^\top \perp \mathcal{K}$

$$V_m^\top R V_m = 0 \quad \mathcal{K} = \text{Range}(V_m)$$

---

Assume  $V_m^\top V_m = I_m$  and let  $X_m := V_m Y_m V_m^\top$ .

**Projected Lyapunov equation:**

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

## Projection-type methods

Given an approximation space  $\mathcal{K}$ ,

$$X \approx X_m \quad \text{col}(X_m) \in \mathcal{K}$$

**Galerkin condition:**  $R := AX_m + X_m A^\top + BB^\top \perp \mathcal{K}$

$$V_m^\top R V_m = 0 \quad \mathcal{K} = \text{Range}(V_m)$$

---

Assume  $V_m^\top V_m = I_m$  and let  $X_m := V_m Y_m V_m^\top$ .

**Projected Lyapunov equation:**

$$\begin{aligned} V_m^\top (AV_m Y_m V_m^\top + V_m Y_m V_m^\top A^\top + BB^\top) V_m &= 0 \\ (V_m^\top AV_m) Y_m + Y_m (V_m^\top A^\top V_m) + V_m^\top BB^\top V_m &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

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

### Enrich space to decrease space dimension

- Extended Krylov subspace

$$\mathcal{K} = \mathcal{K}_m(A, B) + \mathcal{K}_m(A^{-1}, A^{-1}B),$$

that is,  $\mathcal{K} = \text{Range}([B, A^{-1}B, AB, A^{-2}B, A^2, A^{-3}B, \dots,])$

(Druskin & Knizhnerman '98, Simoncini '07)

## More recent options as approximation space

### Enrich space to decrease space dimension

- Extended Krylov subspace

$$\mathcal{K} = \mathcal{K}_m(A, B) + \mathcal{K}_m(A^{-1}, A^{-1}B),$$

that is,  $\mathcal{K} = \text{Range}([B, A^{-1}B, AB, A^{-2}B, A^2, A^{-3}B, \dots,])$

(Druskin & Knizhnerman '98, Simoncini '07)

- Rational Krylov subspace

$$\mathcal{K} = \text{Range}([B, (A - s_1 I)^{-1}B, \dots, (A - s_m I)^{-1}B])$$

usually,  $\{s_1, \dots, s_m\} \subset \mathbb{C}^+$  chosen a-priori

## More recent options as approximation space

### Enrich space to decrease space dimension

- Extended Krylov subspace

$$\mathcal{K} = \mathcal{K}_m(A, B) + \mathcal{K}_m(A^{-1}, A^{-1}B),$$

that is,  $\mathcal{K} = \text{Range}([B, A^{-1}B, AB, A^{-2}B, A^2, A^{-3}B, \dots,])$

(Druskin & Knizhnerman '98, Simoncini '07)

- Rational Krylov subspace

$$\mathcal{K} = \text{Range}([B, (A - s_1 I)^{-1}B, \dots, (A - s_m I)^{-1}B])$$

usually,  $\{s_1, \dots, s_m\} \subset \mathbb{C}^+$  chosen a-priori

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

## 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  $X$ :

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

$\Rightarrow$  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 with at most algebraic multiplicity 1)

$\Rightarrow$  Small scale: Bartel-Stewart type algorithm

(De Teran, Dopico, 2011)

$\Rightarrow$  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 T-Sylvester matrix equations

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

Find:

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

Orthogonality (*Petrov-Galerkin*) condition:

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

(the orthogonality space is different from the approximation space)

Reduced T-Sylvester equation:

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

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

## The selection of $\mathcal{V}_m, \mathcal{W}_m$

Exploit the generalized Schur decomposition:

$$A = WT_A V^\top \quad \text{and} \quad B^\top = WT_B V^\top$$

( $W, V$  orthogonal) from which

$$B^{-\top} A = V T_B^{-1} T_A V^\top \quad \text{and} \quad B^\top V = W T_B$$

$$B^{-\top} A V = V T_B^{-1} T_A \quad \text{and} \quad B^\top V = W T_B$$

Therefore:

$\text{Range}(\mathcal{V}_m) \quad \leftarrow$  good approx to invariant subspaces of  $B^{-\top} A$

$$\text{Range}(\mathcal{W}_m) = B^\top \text{Range}(\mathcal{V}_m)$$

## The selection of $\mathcal{V}_m, \mathcal{W}_m$

Exploit the generalized Schur decomposition:

$$A = WT_A V^\top \quad \text{and} \quad B^\top = WT_B V^\top$$

( $W, V$  orthogonal) from which

$$B^{-\top} A = V T_B^{-1} T_A V^\top \quad \text{and} \quad B^\top V = W T_B$$

$$B^{-\top} A V = V T_B^{-1} T_A \quad \text{and} \quad B^\top V = W T_B$$

Therefore:

$\text{Range}(\mathcal{V}_m) \leftarrow$  good approx to invariant subspaces of  $B^{-\top} A$

$$\text{Range}(\mathcal{W}_m) = B^\top \text{Range}(\mathcal{V}_m)$$

$$\text{Range}(\mathcal{V}_m) = \mathcal{K}_m(B^{-\top} A, B^{-\top} [C_1, C_2]), \quad \text{Range}(\mathcal{W}_m) = B^\top \text{Range}(\mathcal{V}_m)$$

## The selection of $\mathcal{V}_m, \mathcal{W}_m$

$$\text{Range}(\mathcal{V}_m) = \mathcal{K}_m(B^{-\top} A, B^{-\top} [C_1, C_2]), \quad \text{Range}(\mathcal{W}_m) = B^{\top} \text{Range}(\mathcal{V}_m)$$

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

$n = 10^4$ .  $A$  and  $B$ : finite difference discretizations in  $[0, 1]^2$  of

$$a(u) = (-\exp(-xy) u_x)_x + (-\exp(xy) u_y)_y + 100 x u_x + \gamma u$$

$$b(u) = -u_{xx} - u_{yy}, \quad \gamma = 5 \cdot 10^4$$

| $\text{tol} = 10^{-10}$ | 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

All eigenvalues of  $B^{-\top} A$  are well outside the unit circle

## Computational considerations

$n = 10^4$ .  $A$  and  $B$ : finite difference discretizations in  $[0, 1]^2$  of

$$a(u) = (-\exp(-xy) u_x)_x + (-\exp(xy) u_y)_y + 100 x u_x + \gamma u,$$

$$b(u) = -u_{xx} - u_{yy} + 100 x u_x, \quad \gamma = 5 \cdot 10^4$$

| $\text{tol} = 10^{-10}$ | EK   | BK*  | BK-TR* | EK-SYLV* |
|-------------------------|------|------|--------|----------|
| 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

- Significant advances in solving large linear matrix equations
- Multiterm equations require additional efforts

### References:

★ V. S., *Computational methods for linear matrix equations*,  
(Survey) Submitted

available at [www.dm.unibo.it/~simoncin](http://www.dm.unibo.it/~simoncin)

★ Froilan Dopico , Javier Gonzalez, Daniel Kressner and V. S.  
*Projection methods for large T-Sylvester equations*

EPFL-MATHICSE Tech.Rep. 20.2014, April 2014.