



Computational methods for large-scale matrix
equations:
recent advances and applications

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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:

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

\Rightarrow \mathbf{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

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

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Early contributions: Saad '90, Jaimoukha & Kasenally '94, for

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In both cases, for $\text{Range}(V_m) = \mathcal{K}$, **projected Lyapunov equation:**

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Bilinear systems of matrix equations

Find $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times n_2}$ and $\mathbf{P} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n_2}$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} A_1 \mathbf{X} + \mathbf{X} A_2 + B^T \mathbf{P} &= F_1 \\ B \mathbf{X} &= F_2 \end{aligned}$$

with $A_i \in \mathbb{R}^{n_i \times n_i}$, $B \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n_1}$, $F_1 \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times n_2}$, $F_2 \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n_2}$, $m \leq n_1$

Emerging matrix formulation of different application problems

- Constraint control
- Mixed formulations of stochastic diffusion problems
- Discretized deterministic/stochastic (Navier-)Stokes equations
- ...

An example. Mixed FE formulation of stochastic Galerkin diffusion pb

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For $\ell = 1$ we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} K_0 \mathbf{X} G_0 + K_1 \mathbf{X} G_1 + B_0^T \mathbf{P} G_0 &= 0, \\ B_0 \mathbf{X} G_0 &= F \end{aligned}$$

The bilinear case. Computational strategies

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Kronecker formulation (monolithic):

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{A} & \mathcal{B}^T \\ \mathcal{B} & \mathcal{O} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} \\ \mathbf{p} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f_1 \\ f_2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathcal{A} = I \otimes A_1 + A_2^T \otimes I, \quad \mathcal{B} = B \otimes I$$

with $\mathbf{x} = \text{vec}(\mathbf{X})$, $\mathbf{p} = \text{vec}(\mathbf{P})$, $f_1 = \text{vec}(F_1)$ and $f_2 = \text{vec}(F_2)$

Extremely rich literature from saddle point algebraic linear systems

Problem: Coefficient matrix has size $(n_1 n_2 + m n_2) \times (n_1 n_2 + m n_2)$

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★ Derive numerical strategies that directly work with the matrix equations:

- Small scale: Null space method
- Small and medium scale: Schur complement method
(also directly applicable to trilinear case)
- Large scale: Iterative method for low rank $F_i, i = 1, 2$

“Small and medium scale” actually means “Large scale” for the Kronecker form!

Large scale problem. Iterative method. 1/3

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Rewrite as

$$\begin{bmatrix} A_1 & B^T \\ B & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{X} \\ \mathbf{P} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} I_{n_1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{X} \\ \mathbf{P} \end{bmatrix} A_2 = \begin{bmatrix} F_1 \\ F_2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \mathcal{M} \mathbf{Z} + \mathcal{D}_0 \mathbf{Z} A_2 = F$$

with

$$\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{D}_0 \in \mathbb{R}^{(n_1+m) \times (n_1+m)}$$

$$A_2 \in \mathbb{R}^{n_2 \times n_2} \text{ nonsingular}$$

\mathcal{D}_0 highly singular

If F low rank, exploit projection-type strategies for Sylvester equations

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with F low rank. We rewrite the matrix equation as a Sylvester equation:

$$\mathbf{Z}A_2^{-1} + \mathcal{M}^{-1}\mathcal{D}_0\mathbf{Z} = \hat{F}$$

with $\hat{F} = \mathcal{M}^{-1}FA_2^{-1}$ of low rank if F is of low rank, $\hat{F} = \hat{F}_\ell \hat{F}_r^T$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{Z} \approx \tilde{\mathbf{Z}}_k = V_k \mathbf{Z}_k W_k^T$$

with $\text{Range}(V_k), \text{Range}(W_k)$ appropriate approximation spaces of small dimensions

Large scale problem. Iterative method. 3/3

Galerkin-Projection method

$$\mathbf{Z}A_2^{-1} + \mathcal{M}^{-1}\mathcal{D}_0\mathbf{Z} = \widehat{F}_l\widehat{F}_r^T \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathbf{Z} \approx \widetilde{\mathbf{Z}}_k = V_k\mathcal{Z}_k W_k^T$$

Choice of V_k, W_k . A possible strategy:

- $W_k = \mathbb{E}\mathbb{K}_k(A_2^{-T}, \widehat{F}_r)$, Extended Krylov subspace
- $V_k = K_k(\mathcal{M}^{-1}\mathcal{D}_0, \widehat{F}_l) \cup K_k((\mathcal{M}^{-1}\mathcal{D}_0 + \sigma I)^{-1}, \widehat{F}_l)$
Augmented Krylov subspace, $\sigma \in \mathbb{R}$
(see, e.g., Shank & Simoncini, 2013)

Note: \mathcal{M} has size $(n_1 + m) \times (n_1 + m)$

(Compare with $(n_1n_2 + mn_2) \times (n_1n_2 + mn_2)$ of the Kronecker form)

Numerical experiments

$$A_1 \mathbf{X} - \mathbf{X} A_2 + B^T \mathbf{P} = 0, \quad \text{vs} \quad \mathcal{A} \mathbf{z} = f$$

$$B \mathbf{X} = F_2$$

$$A_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_1 = -u_{xx} - u_{yy}, \quad F_2 \text{ rank-1}$$

$$A_2 \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_1 = -(e^{-10xy} u_x)_x - (e^{10xy} u_y)_y + 10(x+y)u_x$$

$$B = \text{bidiag}(-1, \underline{1}) \in \mathbb{R}^{(n_2 - n_1) \times n_2}, \quad \text{params: tol} = 10^{-6}, \sigma = 10^{-2}$$

n_1	n_2	size(\mathcal{A})	Monolithic Elapsed Time	Matrix eqns Elapsed Time
400	100	79,000	6.9769e-02	3.1523e-02 (4)
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1600	400	1272,000	1.1319e+00	7.8018e-02 (4)
2500	625	3109,375	3.1212e+00	1.5282e-01 (5)
3600	900	6453,000	1.0210e+01	2.8053e-01 (5)
4900	1225	11,962,125	3.7699e+01	1.4754e+00 (5)

Monolithic: direct solver (iterative not competitive)

Numerical experiments. 1D stochastic Stokes problem.

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where $\nu = \nu_0 + \nu_1 \xi(\omega)$ uncertain viscosity, ξ random variable

Then

$$A_x \mathbf{X} G_0 \nu_0 + A_x \mathbf{X} G_1 \nu_1 + B_x^T \mathbf{P} G_0 = F_1, \quad B_x \mathbf{X} = F_2$$

with $G_0 = I$. This corresponds to

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- n_2 could be much larger, $n_2 = O(10^3)$
- Memory requirements are limited, $\tilde{\mathbf{Z}} = Z_1 Z_2^T$ of very low rank

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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, and **many** others...)

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Alternative approaches:

- Projection onto rich approximation space
- Compression to two-term matrix equation
- Splitting strategy towards two-term matrix equation
- ...

PDEs on uniform grids and separable coeffs

$$-\varepsilon \Delta u + \phi_1(x)\psi_1(y)u_x + \phi_2(x)\psi_2(y)u_y + \gamma_1(x)\gamma_2(y)u = f \quad (x, y) \in \Omega$$

$\phi_i, \psi_i, \gamma_i, i = 1, 2$ sufficiently regular functions + b.c.

Problem discretization by means of a tensor basis

Multiterm linear equation:

$$-\varepsilon T_1 \mathbf{U} - \varepsilon \mathbf{U} T_2 + \Phi_1 B_1 \mathbf{U} \Psi_1 + \Phi_2 \mathbf{U} B_2^\top \Psi_2 + \Gamma_1 \mathbf{U} \Gamma_2 = F$$

Finite Diff.: $\mathbf{U}_{i,j} = \mathbf{U}(x_i, y_j)$ approximate solution at the nodes

PDEs with random inputs

Stochastic steady-state diffusion eqn: Find $u : D \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ s.t. \mathbb{P} -a.s.,

$$\begin{cases} -\nabla \cdot (a(\mathbf{x}, \omega) \nabla u(\mathbf{x}, \omega)) = f(\mathbf{x}) & \text{in } D \\ u(\mathbf{x}, \omega) = 0 & \text{on } \partial D \end{cases}$$

f : deterministic;

a : random field, linear function of finite no. of real-valued random variables $\xi_r : \Omega \rightarrow \Gamma_r \subset \mathbb{R}$

Common choice: truncated Karhunen–Loève (KL) expansion,

$$a(\mathbf{x}, \omega) = \mu(\mathbf{x}) + \sigma \sum_{r=1}^m \sqrt{\lambda_r} \phi_r(\mathbf{x}) \xi_r(\omega),$$

$\mu(\mathbf{x})$: expected value of diffusion coef. σ : std dev.

$(\lambda_r, \phi_r(\mathbf{x}))$ eigs of the integral operator \mathcal{V} wrto $V(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = \frac{1}{\sigma^2} C(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}')$

$(\lambda_r \searrow \quad C : D \times D \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ covariance fun. })$

Discretization by stochastic Galerkin

Approx with space in tensor product form^a $\mathcal{X}_h \times S_p$

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}, \quad \mathbf{A} = G_0 \otimes K_0 + \sum_{r=1}^m G_r \otimes K_r, \quad \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{g}_0 \otimes \mathbf{f}_0,$$

\mathbf{x} : expansion coef. of approx to u in the tensor product basis $\{\varphi_i \psi_k\}$

$K_r \in \mathbb{R}^{n_x \times n_x}$, FE matrices (sym)

$G_r \in \mathbb{R}^{n_\xi \times n_\xi}$, $r = 0, 1, \dots, m$ Galerkin matrices associated w/ S_p (sym.)

\mathbf{g}_0 : first column of G_0

\mathbf{f}_0 : FE rhs of deterministic PDE

$$n_\xi = \dim(S_p) = \frac{(m+p)!}{m!p!} \Rightarrow \boxed{n_x \cdot n_\xi} \text{ huge}$$

^a S_p set of multivariate polyn of total degree $\leq p$

The matrix equation formulation

$$(G_0 \otimes K_0 + G_1 \otimes K_1 + \dots + G_m \otimes K_m) \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{g}_0 \otimes \mathbf{f}_0$$

transforms into

$$K_0 \mathbf{X} G_0 + K_1 \mathbf{X} G_1 + \dots + K_m \mathbf{X} G_m = F, \quad F = \mathbf{f}_0 \mathbf{g}_0^\top$$

$$(G_0 = I)$$

Solution strategy. Conjecture:

- $\{K_r\}$ from trunc'd Karhunen–Loève (KL) expansion

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$$\mathbf{X} \approx \tilde{X} \text{ low rank, } \tilde{X} = X_1 X_2^T$$

(Possibly extending results of Grasedyck, 2004)

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- Linear systems with complex tensor structure

$$\mathcal{A}\mathbf{x} = b \quad \text{with} \quad \mathcal{A} = \sum_{j=1}^k I_{n_1} \otimes \cdots \otimes I_{n_{j-1}} \otimes A_j \otimes I_{n_{j+1}} \cdots \otimes I_{n_k}.$$

Dolgov, Grasedyck, Khoromskij, Kressner, Oseledets, Tobler, Tyrtysnikov, and many more...

Conclusions

Large-scale (Multiterm) linear equations are a new computational tool

- Great advances in solving really large linear matrix equations
- Second order (matrix) challenges rely on strength and maturity of linear system solvers
- Low-rank tensor formats is the new generation of approximations

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