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# Computational methods for large-scale linear matrix equations: recent advances

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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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Kronecker formulation:

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

$$\mathcal{K} = \mathcal{K}_m(A, B) = \text{Range}([B, AB, \dots, A^{m-1}B])$$

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

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

$$X_m = V_m Y_m V_m^\top$$

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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:

**low-rank approx in the problem space.** Some examples:

- Control problem
- PDEs on uniform discretizations
- Stochastic PDE

## A class of generalized Lyapunov equations

$$AX + XA^T + \sum_{j=1}^m N_j X N_j^T + BB^T = 0$$

- \*  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  nonsing
- \*  $N_j \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  low rank
- \*  $B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times \ell}$ ,  $\ell \ll n$

### Typical applications:

- Model order reduction of bilinear control systems
- Linear parameter-varying systems
- Stability analysis of linear stochastic differential equations

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Assuming that  $(A, B)$  is controllable and  $X$  sym positive semi-def then

$$\text{spec}(A) \subset \mathbb{C}^-, \quad \rho(\mathcal{M}^{-1}\mathcal{N}) < 1$$

**Stationary iteration:**

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(Shank & Simoncini & Szyld, 2016)

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In practice:

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Challenges:

- **Inexact** solves of Lyapunov equation at each step  $k$
- **Increase** of  $B_k$ 's rank
- **Computational cost** of Lyapunov solves
- **Memory** effective stopping criterion

## Matrix equations in PDEs

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**Discretization:**  $U_{i,j} \approx u_{x_i, y_j}$ , with  $(x_i, y_j)$  interior nodes, so that  $h$ : meshsize

$$u_{xx}(x_i, y_j) \approx \frac{U_{i-1,j} - 2U_{i,j} + U_{i+1,j}}{h^2} = \frac{1}{h^2} [1, -2, 1] \begin{bmatrix} U_{i-1,j} \\ U_{i,j} \\ U_{i+1,j} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$u_{yy}(x_i, y_j) \approx \frac{U_{i,j-1} - 2U_{i,j} + U_{i,j+1}}{h^2} = \frac{1}{h^2} [U_{i,j-1}, U_{i,j}, U_{i,j+1}] \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

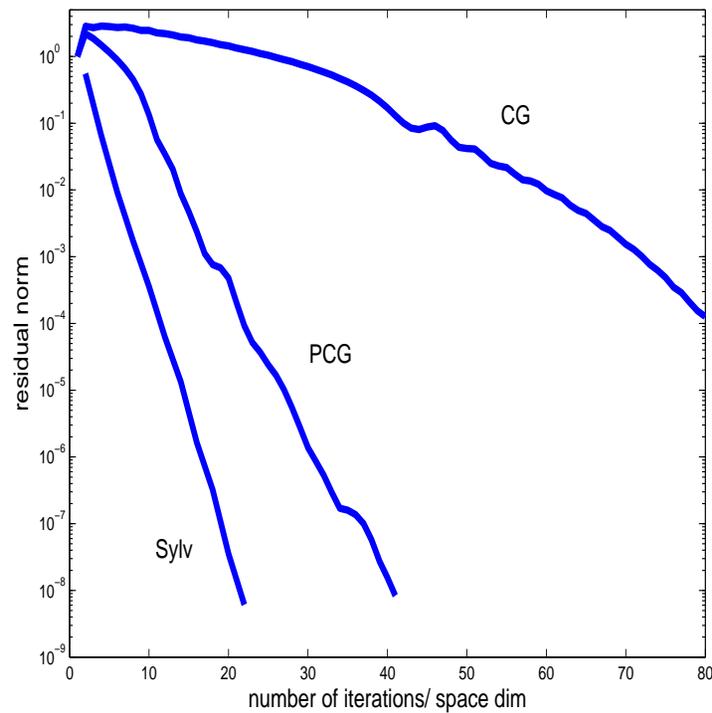
$$T\mathbf{U} + \mathbf{U}T = F, \quad b = \text{vec}(F)$$

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CG for  $Ax = b$  vs Iterative solver for  $(I \otimes T + T \otimes I)U + UT = F$

$$T \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}, \quad A \in \mathbb{R}^{n^3 \times n^3}, \quad n = 50$$



	CG	PCG	Matrix Eqn solver
Elapsed Time	2.91	0.56	0.08

## A 3D convection-diffusion equation

$-\epsilon\Delta u + \mathbf{w} \cdot \nabla u = 1$ , in  $\Omega = (0, 1)^3$ , with convection term

$$\mathbf{w} = (x \sin x, y \cos y, e^{z^2-1})$$

Sylvester equation:

$$[I \otimes (T_1 + \Phi_1 B_1) + (T_2 + \Psi_2 B_2)^\top \otimes I] \mathbf{U} + \mathbf{U} (T_3 + B_3 \Upsilon_3) = \mathbf{11}^\top$$

$\epsilon$	$n_x$	FGMRES+AGMG CPU time (# its)	GMRES+MI20 CPU time (# its)	Sylv Solver CPU time (# its)
0.0050	100	8.0207 (15)	9.7207 ( 7)	0.5677 (22)
0.0010	100	7.6815 (14)	9.4935 ( 7)	0.5446 (22)
0.0005	100	7.3914 (14)	9.6274 ( 7)	0.5927 (24)

- Also for more general, separable coeff., operators on uniform grids
- If not separable coeff., use as preconditioner

(Palitta & Simoncini 2016)

... A classical approach

Matrix formulation is not new...

- Bickley & McNamee, 1960: Early literature on difference equations
- Wachspress, 1963: Model problem for ADI algorithm
- Ellner & Wachspress (1980's): interplay between the matrix and vector formulations (via preconditioning)

Novel solvers for matrix equations allow faster convergence

## 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.  $\sigma$ : 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<sup>a</sup>  $\mathcal{X}_h \times S_p$

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

$\mathbf{x}$ : 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

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

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<sup>a</sup> $S_p$  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 Gradesyk, 2004)

## Matrix Galerkin approximation of the deterministic part. 1

Approximation space  $\mathcal{K}_k$  and basis matrix  $V_k$ :  $\mathbf{X} \approx X_k = V_k Y$

$$V_k^\top R_k = 0, \quad R_k := K_0 X_k + K_1 X_k G_1 + \dots + K_m X_k G_m - \mathbf{f}_0 \mathbf{g}_0^\top$$

### Computational challenges:

- Generation of  $\mathcal{K}_k$  involved  $m + 1$  different matrices  $\{K_r\}$  !
- Matrices  $K_r$  have different spectral properties
- $n_x, n_\xi$  so large that  $X_k, R_k$  should not be formed !

Joint project with Catherine Powell, David Silvester, Univ. Manchester

Example 2.  $-\nabla \cdot (a\nabla u) = 1$ ,  $D = (-1, 1)^2$ . KL expansion.

$\mu = 1$ ,  $\xi_r \sim U(-\sqrt{3}, \sqrt{3})$  and  $C(\vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2) = \sigma^2 \exp\left(-\frac{\|\vec{x}_1 - \vec{x}_2\|_1}{2}\right)$ ,  $n_x = 65,025$ ,

$\sigma = 0.3$

$m$	$p$	$n_\xi$	$k$	inner its	$n_k$ $\mathcal{K}_k$	rank $\tilde{\mathbf{X}}$	time secs	CG time (its)
8 87%	2	45	17	9.8	128	45	32.1	13.4 (8)
	3	165	21	12.2	160	129	41.4	56.6 (10)
	4	495	24	14.5	183	178	51.1	197.0 (12)
	5	1,287	27	16.9	207	207	64.0	553.0 (13)
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	4	1,820	21	15.0	236	236	86.4	821.0 (12)
	5	6,188	25	18.6	281	281	188.0	3070.0 (13)
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	3	1,771	23	12.3	399	399	197.0	845.0 (10)
	4	10,626	26	15.4	454	454	556.0	Out of Mem

% of variance integral of  $a$

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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, Tyrtyshnikov, and many more...

## Conclusions

Multiterm (Kron) linear equations is the new challenge

- 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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