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# Indefinite Preconditioners for PDE-constrained optimization problems

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## The problem

$$\begin{bmatrix} A & B^T \\ B & -C \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f \\ g \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathcal{A}x = b$$

Hypotheses:

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

More hypotheses later on specific problems...

Computational Algebraic Aspects:

Elman, Silvester, Wathen 2005 (book)

Benzi, Golub and Liesen, Acta Num 2005

## Constraint (Indefinite) Preconditioner

$$\mathcal{P} = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{A} & \tilde{B}^T \\ \tilde{B} & -\tilde{C} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ \tilde{B}\tilde{A}^{-1} & I \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{A} & 0 \\ 0 & -S \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I & \tilde{A}^{-1}\tilde{B} \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix}$$

with  $\tilde{C} = S - B\tilde{A}^{-1}B^T$  for some  $S$ .

Assume  $\tilde{B} = B$ .

For particular choices of  $\tilde{A}, \tilde{C}$ , all eigs of  $\mathcal{A}\mathcal{P}^{-1}$  are **real and positive**

(under certain conditions, variants of the CG method can be used)

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Many contributions ( Bai, Bergamaschi, Cao, Dollar, Durazzi, Ewing, Gondzio, Gould, Herzog, Keller, Lazarov, Lu, Lukšan, Ng, Perugia, Rozložník, Ruggiero, Sachs, Schilders, Schöberl, Vassilevski, Venturin, Vlček, Wang, Wathen, Zilli, Zulehner, ...)

## The Magnetostatic problem

(3D) Maxwell equations:  $\operatorname{div} \mathbf{B} = 0 \quad \operatorname{curl} \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{J}$

Constitutive law:  $\mathbf{B} = \mu \mathbf{H}$

( $\mathbf{B}$  displ. field;  $\mathbf{H}$  magn. field;  $\mu$  magn. perm.;  $\mathbf{J}$  current dens.)

*Constrained quadratic programming formulation:*

$$\min \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} \mu^{-1} |\mathbf{B} - \mu \mathbf{H}|^2 dx$$

with  $\mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{n} = f_B \quad \text{on } \Gamma_B \quad \text{and} \quad \operatorname{div} \mathbf{B} = 0$   
 $\mathbf{H} \wedge \mathbf{n} = \mathbf{f}_H \quad \text{on } \Gamma_H \quad \operatorname{curl} \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{J}$

## Magnetostatic problem: Algebraic Saddle-Point problem

$$\begin{bmatrix} A & B^T \\ B & -C \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f \\ g \end{bmatrix}$$

2D:  $A$  pos.def. on  $\text{Ker}(B)$

$B$  full row rank,  $C = 0$

3D:  $A$  pos.def. on  $\text{Ker}(B)$ ,  $B$  rank deficient  $C$  semidefinite matrix

$\text{Range}(C)$ ,  $\text{Range}(B)$  complementary spaces

$BB^T + C$  sym. positive definite

$A$  zero-order operator,  $B$  first-order operator

## Magnetostatic problem: Indefinite Preconditioning

$C = 0$ . After scaling, **Exact** preconditioner:

$$\mathcal{P} = \begin{bmatrix} I & B^T \\ B & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ B & I \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & -H \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I & B^T \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix}}_{H = BB^T}$$

Weyr canonical form  $(\hat{B}^T = B^T H^{-\frac{1}{2}})$

$$A\mathcal{P}^{-1}\mathcal{X} = \mathcal{X} \begin{bmatrix} I_{n-m} + \Theta & & \\ & I_m & I_m \\ & & I_m \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathcal{X} = \left[ \begin{array}{c|c|c} \hat{X} & \hat{B}^T & (A - I)^{-1} \hat{B}^T \\ 0 & 0_m & B(A - I)^{-1} \hat{B}^T \end{array} \right]$$

where  $(A - I)(I - \hat{B}^T \hat{B})\hat{X} = \hat{X}\Theta$  partial eigenvalue decomposition,  
associated with its nonzero eigenvalues

All real and positive eigenvalues:  $\{1\} \cup \{1 + \theta_i\}$

## Magnetostatic problem: Indefinite Preconditioning

Inexact Indefinite preconditioning:

$$\mathcal{P}_{\text{inex}} = \begin{bmatrix} I_n & 0 \\ B & I_m \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I_n & 0 \\ 0 & -H_{\text{inex}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I_n & B^T \\ 0 & I_m \end{bmatrix}, \quad BB^T + C \approx H_{\text{inex}} \text{ spd}$$

$$\mathcal{A}\mathcal{P}_{\text{inex}}^{-1} = \mathcal{A}\mathcal{P}^{-1} + \mathcal{E}, \quad \mathcal{E} \text{ rank-}m$$

with

$$\|\mathcal{E}\| \leq \|\mathcal{A}\| \left\| \begin{bmatrix} B^T \\ -I_m \end{bmatrix} H^{-\frac{1}{2}} \right\| \max_{i=1,\dots,m} |\lambda_i(HH_{\text{inex}}^{-1}) - 1|$$

## Inexact Indefinite Preconditioning. On the choice of $H_{\text{inex}}$

- If  $H_{\text{inex}} > 0$  is such that  $H - H_{\text{inex}}$  has  $k \leq m$  zero eigenvalues, then  $\mathcal{AP}_{\text{inex}}^{-1}$  retains  $2k$  unit eigenvalues with geometric multiplicity  $k$ .
- First order perturbation of (multiple) unit eigenvalue:

$$\lambda(\mathcal{AP}_{\text{inex}}^{-1}) \approx \lambda(\mathcal{AP}^{-1}) + \xi^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

Assume  $A - I < 0$ . Then  $\xi$  real. If  $H - H_{\text{inex}} \leq 0$  then  $\xi \leq 0$

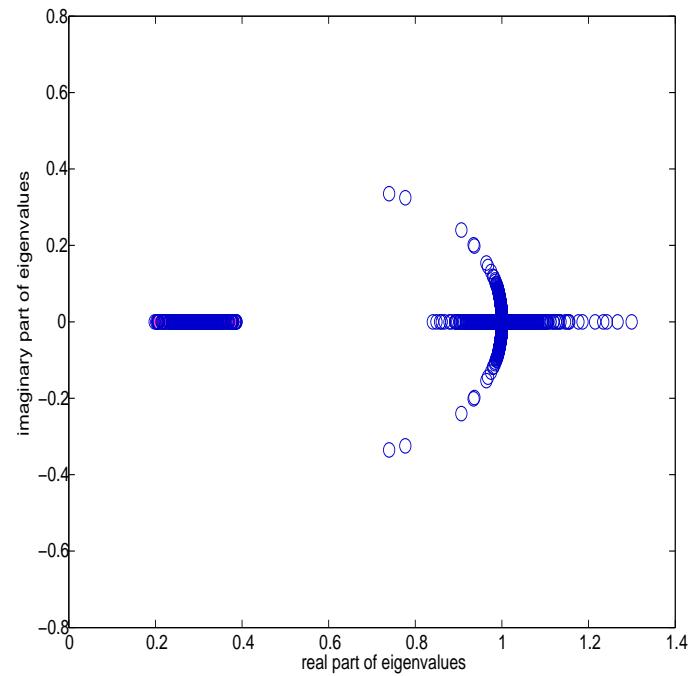


- 1) Spectral approximation matters
  - 2) Sign of approximation matters
- $\Rightarrow \xi$  independent of meshsize

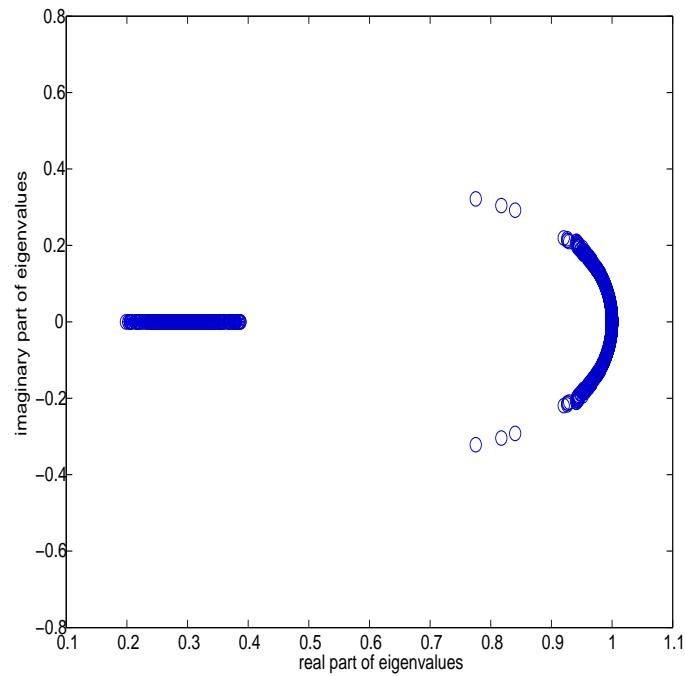
## Inexact Indefinite Preconditioning. On the choice of $H_{\text{inex}}$

### Spectrum of $\mathcal{AP}_{\text{inex}}^{-1}$

Incomplete Choleski ( $\text{tol}=1e-3$ )



AMG preconditioning



## The Stokes problem

Minimize

$$J(u) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u|^2 dx - \int_{\Omega} f \cdot u dx$$

subject to  $\nabla \cdot u = 0$  in  $\Omega$

Lagrangian:  $\mathcal{L}(u, p) = J(u) + \int_{\Omega} p \nabla \cdot u dx$

Optimality condition on discretized Lagrangian leads to:

$$\begin{bmatrix} A & B^T \\ B & -C \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

*A* second-order operator, *B* first-order operator, *C* zero-order operator

Thanks to Walter Zulehner

## The Stokes problem. Inexact constraint preconditioning

$$\mathcal{P}_{\text{inex}} = \begin{bmatrix} I_n & 0 \\ B\tilde{A}^{-1} & I_m \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{A} & 0 \\ 0 & -H_{\text{inex}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I_n & \tilde{A}^{-1}B^T \\ 0 & I_m \end{bmatrix}$$

with  $H = B\tilde{A}^{-1}B^T + C \approx H_{\text{inex}} \text{ spd}$

First order spectral perturbation of simple eigenvalues:

$$|\lambda(\mathcal{AP}_{\text{inex}}) - \lambda(\mathcal{AP}^{-1})| \approx c\kappa(\tilde{A}^{-1}A - I)^{\frac{1}{2}} \max_{j=1,\dots,m} |\lambda_j(HH_{\text{inex}}^{-1}) - 1|$$

(for  $\tilde{A}^{-1}A - I$  definite)

$\Rightarrow$  Spectrum independent of mesh parameter

(for judicious choices of  $\tilde{A}, H_{\text{inex}}$ )

## The Stokes problem. Inexact constraint preconditioning

Selection of  $\tilde{A}$ ,  $H_{\text{inex}}$ :

$$\tilde{A} = \text{AMG}(A), \quad H_{\text{inex}} = Q \text{ (pressure mass matrix)}$$

IFISS 3.1 (Elman, Ramage, Silvester):

Flow over a backward facing step

Stable Q2-Q1 approximation

( $C = 0$ )

stopping tolerance:  $10^{-6}$

$n$	$m$	# it.
1538	209	18
5890	769	18
23042	2945	18
91138	11521	17
362498	45569	17

## Constrained Optimal Control Problem. A “toy” problem.

Let  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $d = 2, 3$ . Given  $\hat{u}$  (*desired state*) in  $\hat{\Omega} \subseteq \Omega$ , find  $u$ :

$$\begin{aligned} & \min_{u,f} \frac{1}{2} \|u - \hat{u}\|_{L_2(\hat{\Omega})}^2 + \beta \|f\|_{L_2(\Omega)}^2 \\ \text{s.t. } & -\nabla^2 u = f \quad \text{in } \Omega \end{aligned}$$

with  $u = \hat{u}$  on  $\partial\Omega$ . Lagrangian of discretized problem:

$$\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{u}, \boldsymbol{\lambda}) = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{u}^T \bar{M} \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}^T M \hat{\mathbf{u}} + \frac{1}{2} \|\hat{\mathbf{u}}\|^2 + \beta \mathbf{f}^T M \mathbf{f} + \boldsymbol{\lambda}^T (K \mathbf{u} - M \mathbf{f} - \mathbf{d})$$

$K$  stiffness matrix. First order optimality condition yields:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2\beta M & 0 & -M \\ 0 & \bar{M} & K^T \\ -M & K & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{f} \\ \mathbf{u} \\ \boldsymbol{\lambda} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \mathbf{b} \\ \mathbf{d} \end{bmatrix}$$

$\bar{M}$  could be singular (depending on where  $\hat{u}$  is defined)

## Dimension reduction

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2\beta M & 0 & -M \\ 0 & \bar{M} & K^T \\ -M & K & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{f} \\ \mathbf{u} \\ \lambda \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \mathbf{b} \\ \mathbf{d} \end{bmatrix}$$

that is,  $2\beta\mathbf{f} = \lambda$ . Therefore

$$\begin{bmatrix} \bar{M} & K^T \\ K & -\frac{1}{2\beta}M \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{u} \\ \lambda \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{b} \\ \mathbf{d} \end{bmatrix}$$

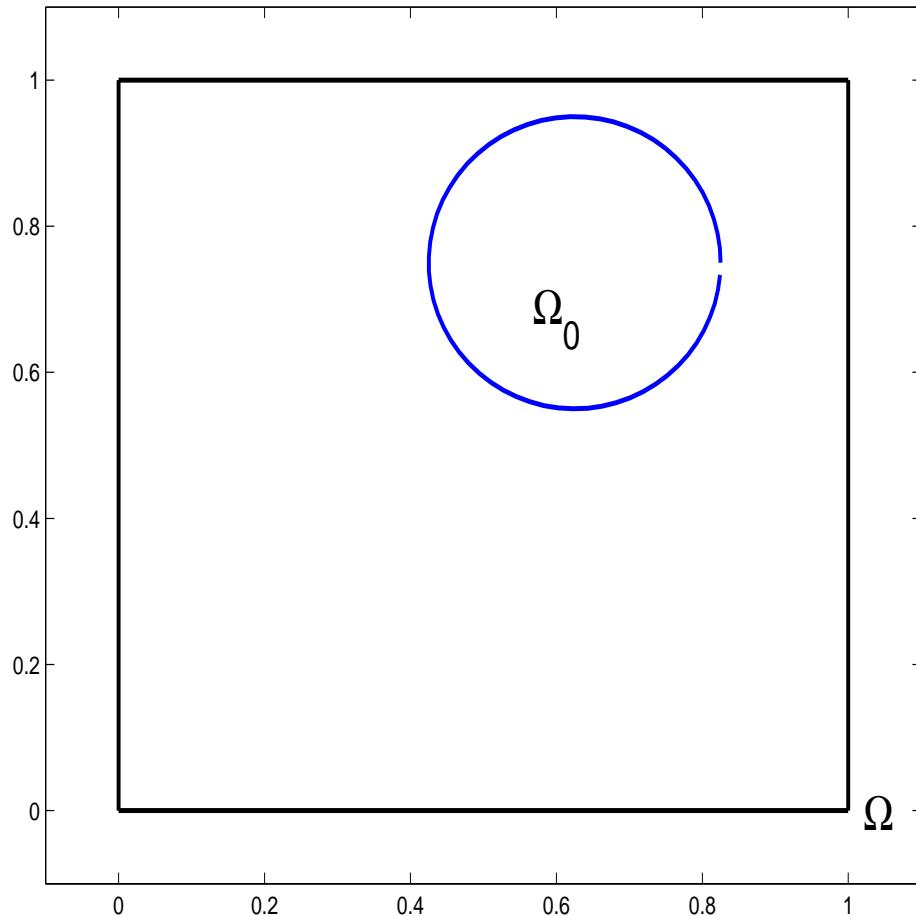
with  $\bar{M} = \bar{M}^T \geq 0$ ,  $K = K^T$  square,  $M = M^T > 0$

## Indefinite Preconditioning strategy

$$\mathcal{P} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \tilde{K} \\ \tilde{K} & -\frac{1}{2\beta}M \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathcal{P}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{K}^{-1}C\tilde{K}^{-1} & \tilde{K}^{-1} \\ \tilde{K}^{-1} & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \tilde{K} \approx K$$

- If  $\tilde{K} = K$ , then  $\lambda_i(\mathcal{A}\mathcal{P}^{-1}) = 1 + \eta$ ,  $0 \leq \eta \leq \frac{c}{\beta}$   
(independent of meshsize)
- If  $\tilde{K}$  spectrally equivalent to  $K$ , still independence of meshsize

## Numerical results: 2D and 3D



2D:  $\hat{u}(x, y) = 2$  in  $\Omega_0$  and  $\hat{u}(x, y) = 0$  on  $\partial\Omega$  (undefined elsewhere)

Data thanks to Sue H. Thorne, RAL, UK

## Numerical results

$\bar{M}$  singular,  $\tilde{K} =_{\text{AMG}} (K)$

2D:

	$\beta = 10^{-5}$	$\beta = 10^{-2}$
$n$	# it.	# it.
961	10	3
3969	10	3
16129	10	3
65025	10	3
261121	10	4

3D:

	$\beta = 10^{-5}$	$\beta = 10^{-2}$
$n$	# it.	# it.
343	8	3
3375	9	3
29791	9	3
250047	9	3

## Final considerations

- “Plain” use of Indefinite (constraint) preconditioning should **not** be discouraged
- Interplay between Solvers and Preconditioners is crucial
- Preconditioning strategies for Saddle Point systems largely expanding topic  
(also: block diagonal/triangular, augmented, projected CG, etc...)

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