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# Matrix equation techniques for a class of PDE problems with data uncertainty

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- (Stochastic) PDEs
- Inverse problems and optimization
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### A sample of these methodologies on different problems:

- Control problem with stochastic parameters
- PDEs on uniform discretizations
- Stochastic PDE

## A class of generalized Lyapunov equations

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

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

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- 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  $\mathbf{X}$  sym positive semi-def then

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

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(Shank & Simoncini & Szyld, 2016)

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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

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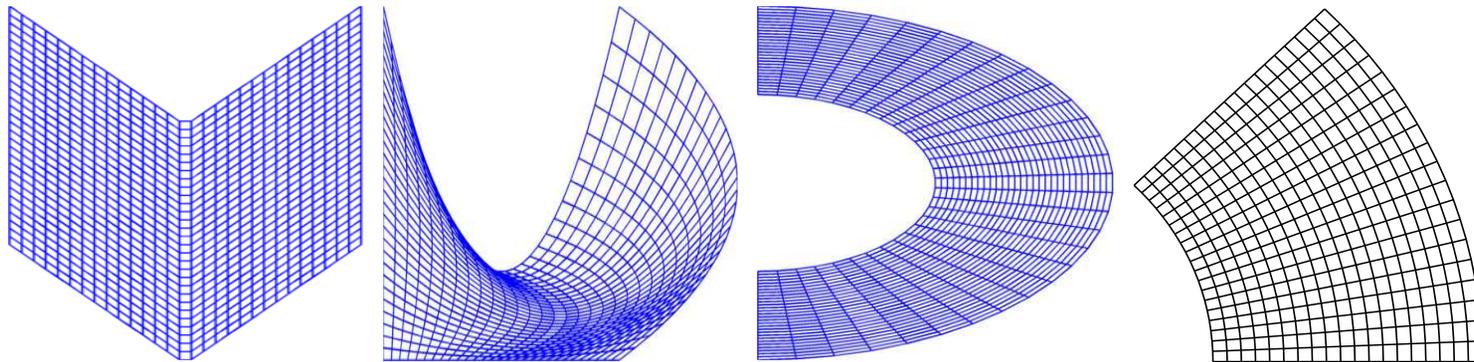
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More than finite differences and rectangular domains!

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### Some very classical domains



⇒ FD w/transfinite interpolation, Isogeometric Analysis, etc.

See, e.g., some recent works of Sangalli & Tani

## 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:

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

$$\Leftrightarrow \mathcal{A}\mathbf{U} + \mathbf{U}\mathcal{B} = F$$

$\epsilon$	$n_x$	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)

- 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

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**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  $V(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = \frac{1}{\sigma^2} C(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}')$

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

## Stochastic Galerkin discretization. The SPDE-practitioner approach.

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  $\leq p$

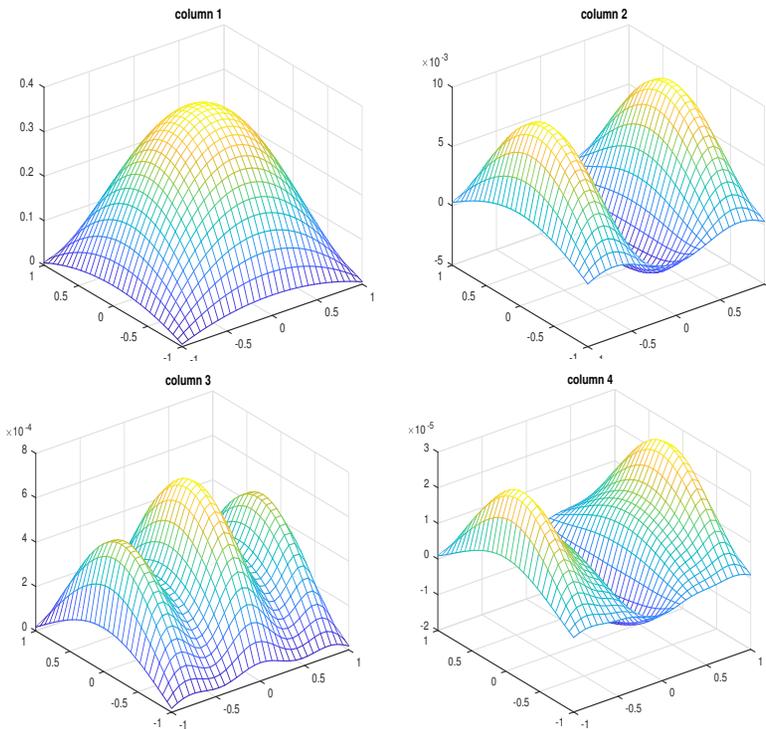
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**Solution strategy.** Conjecture:

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

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

## Matrix Galerkin approximation of the deterministic part.

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 !

(Powell & Silvester & Simoncini 2017)

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)
12 89%	2	91	15	9.9	165	89	47.8	30.0 (8)
	3	455	18	12.2	201	196	61.6	175.0 (10)
	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)
20 93%	2	231	16	9.4	281	206	111.0	94.7 (8)
	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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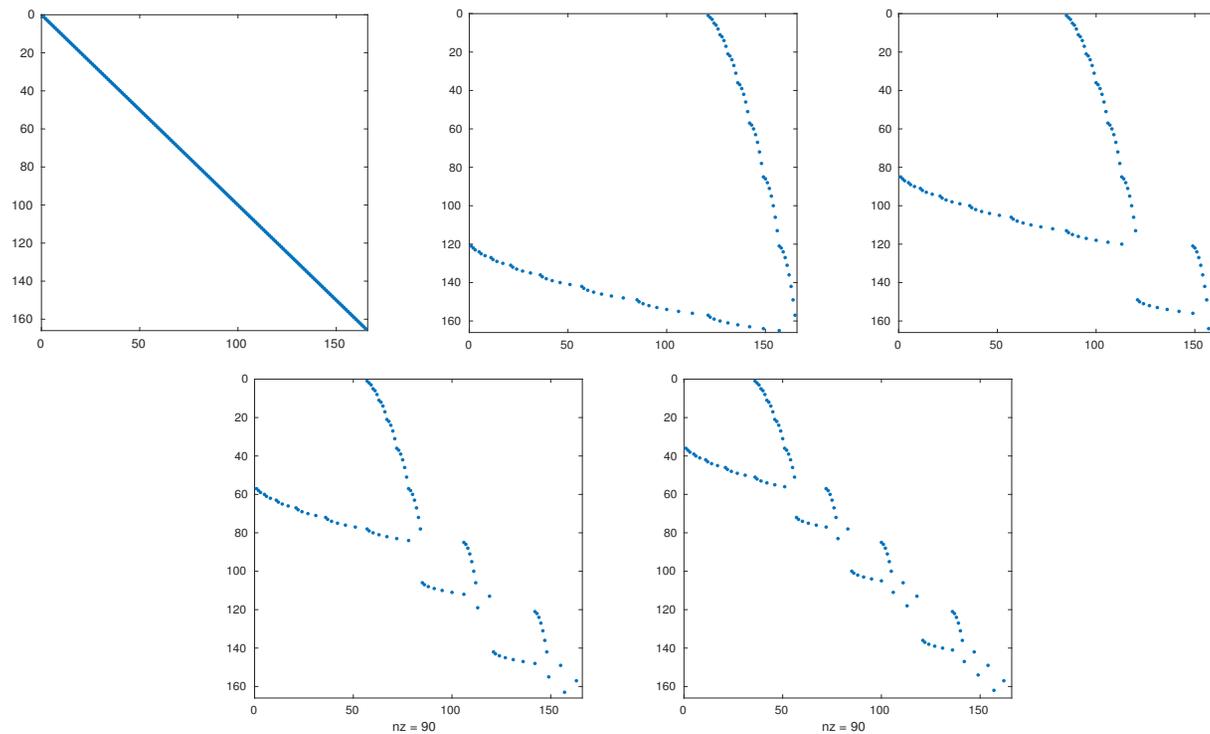
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- $G_i$  sym of size  $n_\xi = \frac{(m+p)!}{m!p!}$  with only two nonzeros per row
- Eigenvalues are known and bounded (symmetric to the origin, many zeros)
- $G_0 = I$ , and  $G_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, m$  are permutation-similar to the same block-diagonal matrix  $G^*$  with  $\binom{M-1+p}{p}$  diagonal blocks.
- Each of these blocks is a leading principal submatrix of a certain known  $(p+1) \times (p+1)$  matrix

(Powell & Elman 2009, Ernst & Ullmann 2010)

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where

$\mathbf{w}_1$  eigvecs of largest block (leading eigenvalues)

$\mathbf{w}_2$  eigvecs of next largest blocks

etc.

(Locatelli & Simoncini, work in progress)

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

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

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