

Iterative linear solvers for PDE-constrained optimization involving fluid flow

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Let $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ be symmetric and positive definite

$$\min_x \frac{1}{2}x^T A x - x^T b$$

equivalent to solving

$$Ax = b$$

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$$\text{Lagrangian: } \mathcal{L}(x, \lambda) = \frac{1}{2}x^T A x - x^T b + (Bx - c)^T \lambda$$

λ : Lagrange multipliers.

$$\begin{array}{ll} \min_x & \Rightarrow \quad Ax + B^* \lambda = b \\ \max_\lambda & \Rightarrow \quad Bx = c \end{array}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} A & B^T \\ B & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ \lambda \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b \\ c \end{bmatrix}$$

(Benzi, Golub & Liesen (2005))

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Mixed finite elements/MAC finite difference approximation:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \underline{K} & B^T \\ B & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{y} \\ p \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{u} \\ g \end{bmatrix}, \quad \underline{K} = \begin{bmatrix} K & 0 \\ 0 & K \end{bmatrix} \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^2$$

K : discrete Laplacian

$$\begin{bmatrix} \underline{K} & B^T \\ B & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

is symmetric indefinite \rightarrow MINRES Krylov subspace iterative solver (*Paige & Saunders (1975)*)

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Block diagonal/triangular preconditioners:

based on observation (*Murphy, Golub & W (2000), Korzak(1999)*)

$$\begin{bmatrix} A & B^T \\ B & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

preconditioned by

- $\begin{bmatrix} A & 0 \\ 0 & S \end{bmatrix}$ has 3 distinct eigenvalues $(1, \frac{1}{2} \pm \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2})$
- $\begin{bmatrix} A & B^T \\ 0 & S \end{bmatrix}$ has 2 distinct eigenvalues

where $S = BA^{-1}B^T$ (Schur Complement)

⇒ MINRES /GMRES terminates in 3 / 2 iterations

⇒ want approximations \hat{A} , \hat{S} ⇒ 3 / 2 clusters

⇒ fast convergence

For **Stokes problem**:

$A = \underline{K}$ is discrete Laplacians: use $\hat{A} =$ **multigrid cycles**

- geometric multigrid: relaxed Jacobi smoothing, standard grid transfers
- algebraic multigrid: HSL routine HSL_MI20
(*Boyle, Mihajlovic & Scott (2007)*)

\hat{S} for Stokes problem:

Babuska-Brezzi stability \Rightarrow Schur Complement spectrally equivalent to the finite element identity matrix, the mass matrix, M ie. the Gram matrix of the finite element basis functions $\{\phi_j, j = 1, \dots, n\}$ in $L_2(\Omega)$, $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$:

$$BA^{-1}B^T \approx \nabla \cdot (\nabla^2)^{-1} \nabla \approx Id \rightarrow M$$

Specifically $\exists \gamma > 0, \Gamma \leq \sqrt{d}$ such that

$$\gamma \leq \frac{x^T BA^{-1}B^T x}{x^T M x} \leq \Gamma$$

where $M = \{m_{i,j}\}, m_{i,j} = \int_{\Omega} \phi_i \phi_j$

(Bank, Welfert & Yserentant ('90), Silvester & W ('94), Griffiths ('95))

Mass matrix is effectively preconditioned by its diagonal
 $D = \text{diag}(M)$ (W (1987))

eg. for Q1 (bilinear) elements in 2-dimensions (rectangles)
eigenvalues of $D^{-1}M$ all in $[1/4, 9/4]$

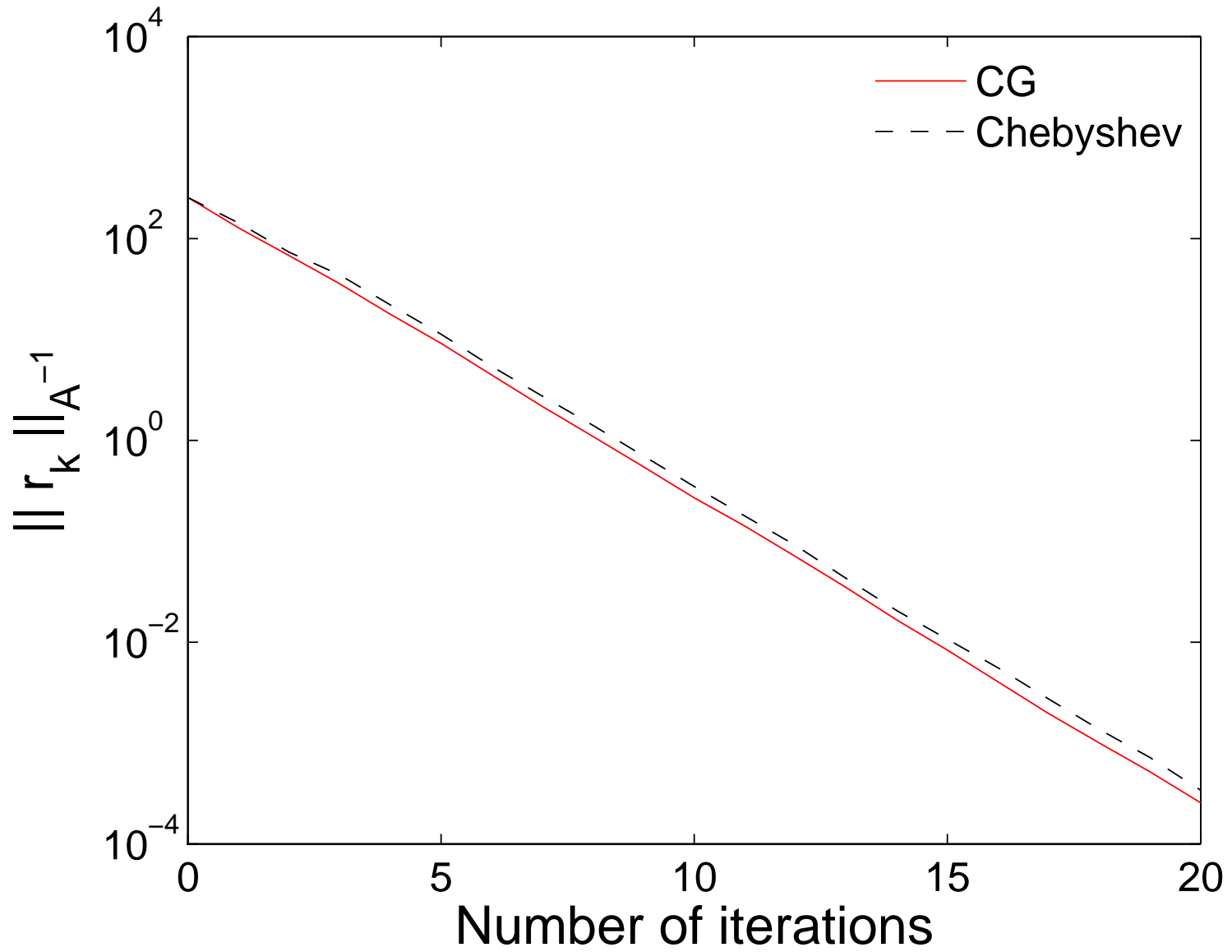
eg. for Q1 (trilinear) finite elements in 3-dimensions (bricks)
eigenvalues of $D^{-1}M$ all in $[1/8, 27/8]$

independently of mesh size h (ie. independently of discrete problem dimension)

Could use $\hat{S} = D$ but better a few iterations of a diagonally preconditioned iteration for M :

- diagonally scaled **Conjugate Gradients**: leads to a nonlinear preconditioner
- diagonally scaled **Chebyshev (semi-)iteration**: is linear and we have precise eigenvalue inclusion intervals

(W & Rees (2008))



For Stokes problem:

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{A} & 0 \\ 0 & \hat{S} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A_{AMG} & 0 \\ 0 & T_{20}(D^{-1}M) \end{bmatrix}$$

Here: Q2-Q1 mixed finite element (Taylor-Hood),

$\hat{A} = A_{AMG}$: 1 AMG V-cycle

h	Iterations	CPU time (s)
2^{-2} (187)	19	0.015
2^{-3} (659)	24	0.073
2^{-4} (2,467)	26	0.082
2^{-5} (9,539)	28	0.21
2^{-6} (37,507)	29	3.80
2^{-7} (148,739)	29	15.5

PDE-constrained Optimization

General problem:

Given $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ or \mathbb{R}^3 , $\hat{y} \in L_2(\Omega)$ as some desired state
then for some (regularisation) parameter β

$$\min_{y, u} \frac{1}{2} \|y - \hat{y}\|_{L_2(\Omega)}^2 + \frac{\beta}{2} \|u\|_{L_2(\Omega)}^2$$

subject to

$$\mathcal{L}y = u \quad \text{in } \Omega, \quad y = \hat{y} \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega$$

where \mathcal{L} represents a partial differential operator

can also include simple bounds on the control:

$$\underline{u} \leq u \leq \bar{u}$$

and even bounds on the state (via Moreau-Yoshida
regularization)

$$\underline{y} \leq y \leq \bar{y}$$

also boundary control. . .

Simple sample problem:

desirable \hat{y} , controllable body force u

$$\min_{y,u} \frac{1}{2} \|y - \hat{y}\|_{L_2(\Omega)}^2 + \frac{\beta}{2} \|u\|_{L_2(\Omega)}^2$$

subject to

$$-\nabla^2 y = u \quad \text{in } \Omega, \quad y = \hat{y} \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega$$

$$\min_{\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{u}} \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{y} - \hat{\mathbf{y}}\|^2 + \frac{\beta}{2} \|\mathbf{u}\|^2$$

subject to $-\nabla^2 \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{u}$ in Ω , $\mathbf{y} = \hat{\mathbf{y}}$ on $\partial\Omega$

Discretisation: finite elements

$$\mathbf{y}_h = \sum \mathbf{y}_j \phi_j, \quad \mathbf{y} = (\mathbf{y}_1, \mathbf{y}_2, \dots, \mathbf{y}_n)^T$$

$$\mathbf{u}_h = \sum \mathbf{u}_j \phi_j, \quad \mathbf{u} = (\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \dots, \mathbf{u}_n)^T$$

$$\min_{\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{u}} \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{M} \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{b} + \frac{\beta}{2} \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{M} \mathbf{u}$$

subject to $\mathbf{K} \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{M} \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{d}$

$\mathbf{M} = \{m_{i,j}\}$, $m_{i,j} = \int_{\Omega} \phi_i \phi_j$ — mass matrix

$\mathbf{K} = \{k_{i,j}\}$, $k_{i,j} = \int_{\Omega} \nabla \phi_i \cdot \nabla \phi_j$ — stiffness matrix

as before

so, Lagrangian:

$$\frac{1}{2}y^T M y + y^T b + \frac{\beta}{2}u^T M u + \lambda^T (K y - M u - d)$$

stationarity \Rightarrow **Saddle point system**

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

Note $B = \begin{bmatrix} K & -M \end{bmatrix}$ and $A = \begin{bmatrix} M & 0 \\ 0 & \beta M \end{bmatrix}$

in usual saddle point form

$$\begin{bmatrix} A & B^T \\ B & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Recall $B = \begin{bmatrix} K & -M \end{bmatrix}$ and $A = \begin{bmatrix} M & 0 \\ 0 & \beta M \end{bmatrix}$

so \hat{S} ? $S = BA^{-1}B^T$ (Schur Complement)

$$\begin{aligned} &= \begin{bmatrix} K & -M \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} M^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\beta}M^{-1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} K^T \\ -M \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{\beta}M + KM^{-1}K^T \end{aligned}$$

Unless approx $\beta < 10^{-6}$ dominant part is $\hat{S} = KM^{-1}K^T$

Hence preconditioner for

$$\mathcal{A} = \begin{bmatrix} M & 0 & K^T \\ 0 & \beta M & -M \\ K & -M & 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ is } \mathcal{P} = \begin{bmatrix} M & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \beta M & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & KM^{-1}K^T \end{bmatrix}$$

Eigenvalues ν of $\mathcal{P}^{-1}\mathcal{A}$

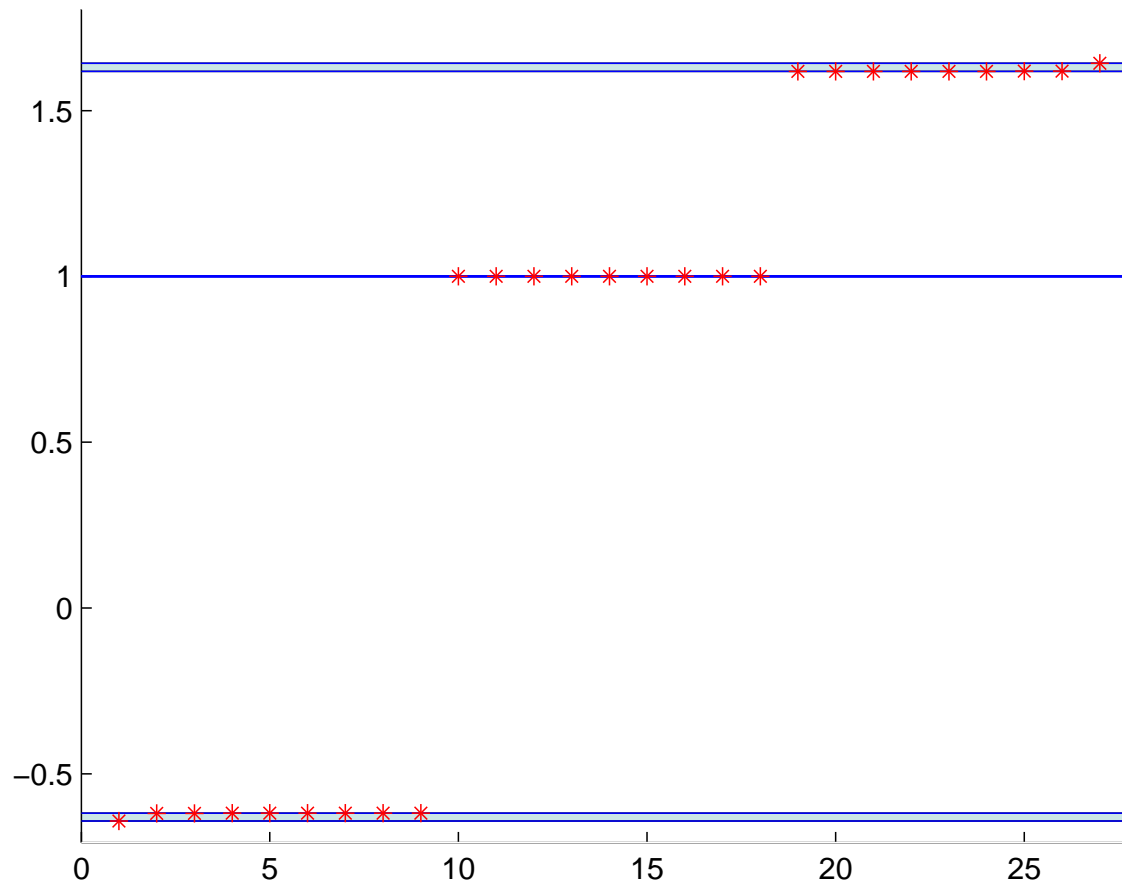
$$\nu = 1,$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \sqrt{5 + \frac{2\alpha_1 h^4}{\beta}} \right) \leq \nu \leq \frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \sqrt{5 + \frac{2\alpha_2}{\beta}} \right)$$

$$\text{or } \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \sqrt{5 + \frac{2\alpha_2}{\beta}} \right) \leq \nu \leq \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \sqrt{5 + \frac{2\alpha_1 h^4}{\beta}} \right),$$

where α_1, α_2 are positive constants independent of h .

$$\mathcal{P} = \begin{bmatrix} M & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \beta M & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & KM^{-1}K^T \end{bmatrix}, \quad \beta = 10^{-2}$$



But

$$\mathcal{P} = \begin{bmatrix} M & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \beta M & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & K M^{-1} K^T \end{bmatrix}$$

still expensive to use in practice so employ **approximations**

$$\widehat{M} \simeq M \quad \text{and} \quad \widehat{K} \simeq K$$

giving

$$\mathcal{P} = \begin{bmatrix} \widehat{M} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \beta \widehat{M} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \widehat{K} M^{-1} \widehat{K}^T \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \widehat{A} & 0 \\ 0 & \widehat{S} \end{bmatrix}$$

Important subtlety:

$$\widehat{K} \simeq K$$

does *not* imply that

$$\widehat{K} M^{-1} \widehat{K}^T \simeq K M^{-1} K^T$$

or indeed that

$$\widehat{K} \widehat{K}^T \simeq K K^T$$

without further conditions which are satisfied in this case
(*Braess & Peisker (1986)*)

$$\mathcal{P} = \begin{bmatrix} \widehat{M} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \beta \widehat{M} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \widehat{K} M^{-1} \widehat{K}^T \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \widehat{A} & 0 \\ 0 & \widehat{S} \end{bmatrix}$$

so \widehat{M} ?: $T_{20}(D^{-1}M)$ as before

For $\mathcal{L} = -\nabla^2$, K is a discrete Laplacian: use **multigrid cycles** as before

In our examples:

\widehat{K} is the action of **2 V-cycles**

\widehat{M} is the action of **20 Chebyshev semi-iterative steps**

Example problem: $\Omega = [0, 1]^d$, $d = 2, 3$

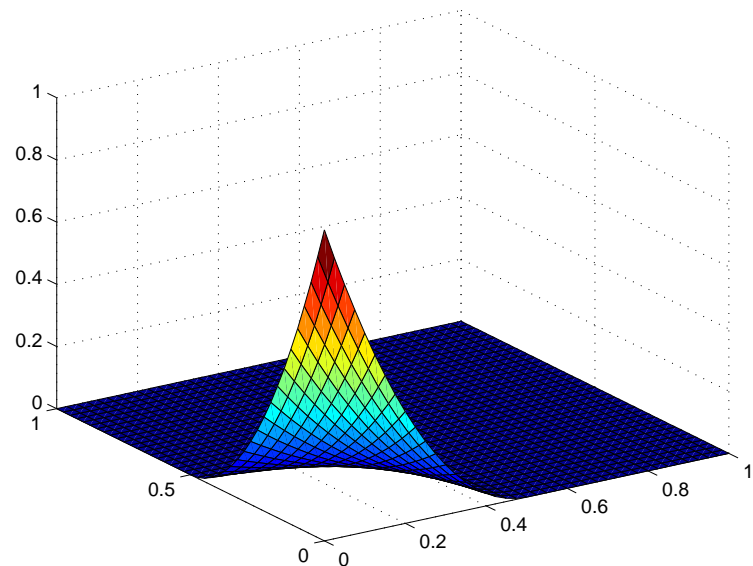
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Q1 (bilinear) finite elements, $\beta = 10^{-2}$

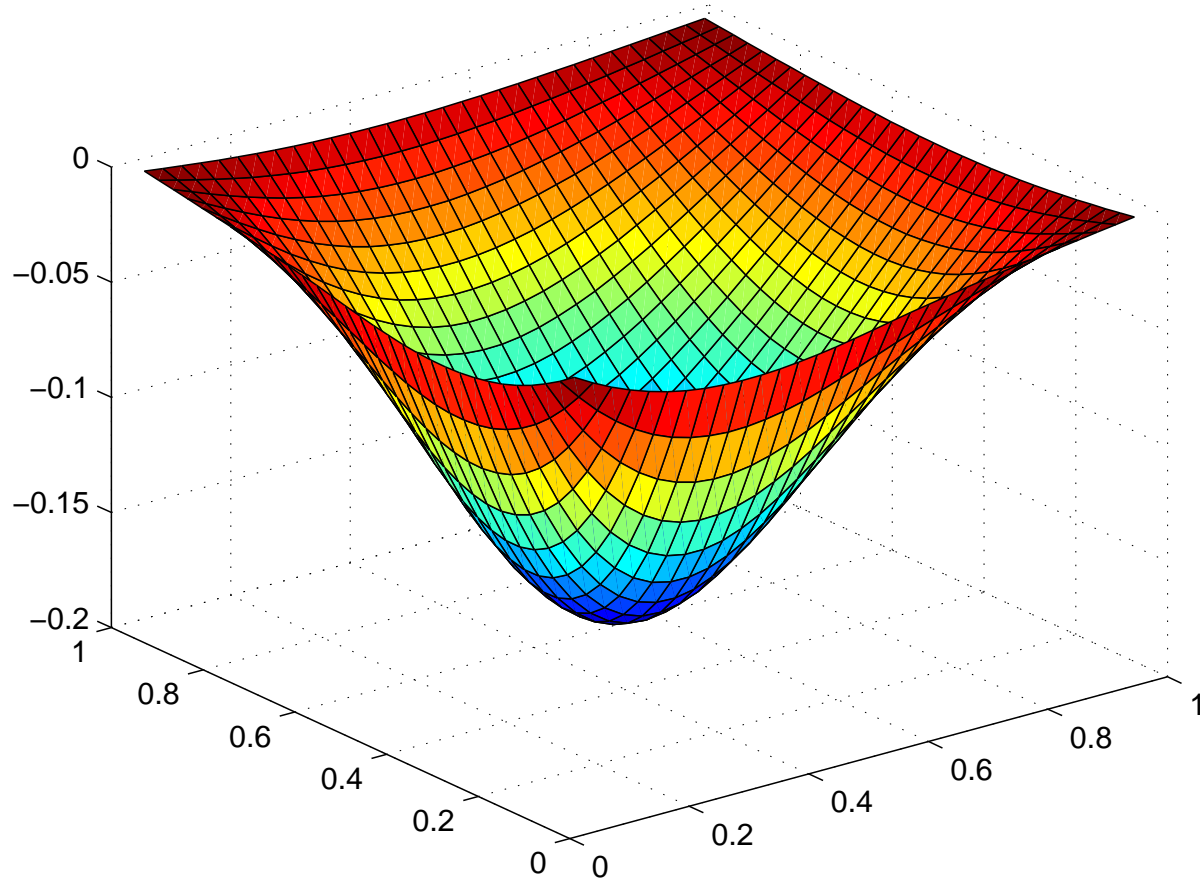
\hat{y} :



CPU times (MINRES iterations) in 2D, tol 10^{-6}

h	3n	backslash	MINRES (\mathcal{P}_{AMG})	MINRES (\mathcal{P}_{MG})
2^{-2}	27	0.0003	0.02 (7)	0.13 (7)
2^{-3}	147	0.002	0.03 (9)	0.16 (9)
2^{-4}	675	0.01	0.05 (9)	0.21 (9)
2^{-5}	2883	0.08	0.14 (9)	0.41 (9)
2^{-6}	11907	0.46	0.61 (9)	1.29 (9)
2^{-7}	48387	3.10	2.61 (9)	5.09 (9)
2^{-8}	195075	15.5	15.0 (11)	23.6 (9)
2^{-9}	783363	—	75.6 (11)	136 (9)

Control:



CPU times (MINRES iterations) in 3D, tol 10^{-6}

h	3n	backslash	MINRES (\mathcal{P}_{AMG})	MINRES (\mathcal{P}_{MG})
2^{-2}	81	0.001	0.02 (7)	0.14 (8)
2^{-3}	1029	0.013	0.13 (9)	0.26 (8)
2^{-4}	10125	25.1	1.89 (8)	1.69 (8)
2^{-5}	89373	—	22.1 (8)	15.9 (8)
2^{-6}	750141	—	—	230 (10)

Stokes Control

$$\min_{\mathbf{y}, p, \mathbf{u}} \frac{1}{2} \|\vec{\mathbf{y}} - \hat{\mathbf{y}}\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 + \frac{1}{2} \|p - \hat{p}\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 + \frac{\beta}{2} \|\mathbf{u}\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2$$

$$\text{subject to} \quad \begin{aligned} -\nabla^2 \vec{\mathbf{y}} + \nabla p &= \mathbf{u} \\ \nabla \cdot \vec{\mathbf{y}} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$\vec{\mathbf{y}}$: velocity, p : pressure.

Mixed finite elements for (forward) Stokes problem:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \underline{K} & B^T \\ B & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{y} \\ p \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{u} \\ g \end{bmatrix}, \quad \underline{K} = \begin{bmatrix} K & 0 \\ 0 & K \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{in } \mathbb{R}^2$$

Cost functional

$$\frac{1}{2}y^T M_y y - y^T b + \frac{1}{2}p^T M_p p - p^T d + \frac{\beta}{2}u^T M_u u$$

combined with constraint via the Lagrangian \Rightarrow

$$\begin{bmatrix} M_y & 0 & 0 & \underline{K} & B^T \\ 0 & M_p & 0 & B & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \beta M_u & -M_u & 0 \\ \underline{K} & B^T & -M_u & 0 & 0 \\ B & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y \\ p \\ u \\ \lambda \\ \mu \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b \\ d \\ 0 \\ h \\ k \end{bmatrix} .$$

Schur Complement:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \underline{K} & B^T \\ \underline{B} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} M_y^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & M_p^{-1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \underline{K} & B^T \\ \underline{B} & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{1}{\beta} M_u$$

and again ignore 2nd term for moderate β

So overall block diagonal preconditioner requires:

$\widehat{M}_y, \widehat{M}_p, \widehat{M}_u \rightarrow$ Chebyshev

and 2 Stokes approximations

Stokes preconditioners:

$$\widehat{\begin{bmatrix} \underline{K} & B^T \\ B & 0 \end{bmatrix}} = \begin{bmatrix} \widehat{\underline{K}} & 0 \\ B & \widehat{M}_p \end{bmatrix}$$

and

$$\widehat{\begin{bmatrix} \underline{K} & B^T \\ B & 0 \end{bmatrix}} = \begin{bmatrix} \widehat{\underline{K}} & B^T \\ 0 & \widehat{M}_p \end{bmatrix}$$

on left and right respectively where $\widehat{\underline{K}}$ is multigrid cycles for each discrete scalar Laplacian as before
(*Silvester & W (1993), Klawonn (1998)*)

Gives symmetric Schur complement approximation

Here: Q2-Q1 mixed finite elements for cavity flow

4 AMG V-cycles to approx each K

20 Chebyshev semi-iterations for each M

h	Iterations	CPU time (s)
2^{-2} (344)	26	0.48
2^{-3} (1,512)	31	1.05
2^{-4} (6,344)	33	3.69
2^{-5} (25,992)	33	18.0
2^{-6} (105,224)	34	84.2
2^{-7} (423,432)	34	342

recall: 29 MINRES iterations for forward Stokes solve (but only 1 AMG V-cycle) \Rightarrow approx 10 times more work to solve the control problem than a single PDE solve.

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