

Preconditioning Techniques for Systems of PDEs using Algebraic Tools

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Motivation and goal of the project

Motivation : Solving systems of PDEs

- ◇ Many **numerical simulations** rely on solving linear or non-linear **systems of PDEs**
 - ◇ **Non-linear** : fixed-point or Newton-types methods \rightsquigarrow **linear**
 - ◇ **Direct numerical methods** only when **small numbers of unknowns** (important memory requirement and computational cost)
- ⇒ For **large scale problems**: **iterative (Krylov) methods**
- ◇ They use preconditioners: **domain decomposition methods**

Motivation : Solving systems of PDEs

◇ Methods well-understood and efficient for **scalar symmetric equations** (Laplacian, biLaplacian)

◇ To some extent for scalar non-symmetric equations (convection-diffusion)

◇ But **poor performances and lack robustness** for symmetric and non-symmetric **systems** (fluid mechanics,...)

⇒ The study of iterative solvers for systems of PDEs is an under developed subject

Goal of the SADDLES project

- ◇ **Aim:** building new robust and efficient solvers (domain decomposition methods and preconditioners) for some well-known linear systems of PDEs (elasticity, Stokes, Oseen,...)
 - ◇ **Tool:** algebraic methods developed in constructive algebra, D -modules and symbolic computation
- ⇒ **General principle:**
- Uncouple the equations (Smith normal form) to get a set of independent scalar PDEs
 - Use the known efficient numerical techniques dedicated to scalar PDEs

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Smith normal form and domain decomposition algorithms

Methodology

- ◇ Linear systems of PDEs in the whole plane \mathbb{R}^d with $d = 2, 3$:

$$\mathcal{L}_d(\vec{w}) = \vec{g} \quad \text{in } \mathbb{R}^d, \quad |\vec{w}(\vec{x})| \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{for } |\vec{x}| \rightarrow \infty,$$

with right hand-side \vec{g} and \mathcal{L}_d represents for example the linear elasticity, Stokes or Oseen operator in dimension d .

- ◇ Write it as

$$A_d \hat{w} = \hat{G}$$

where $A_d \in D^{q \times q}$ with D a ring of partial differential operators

Example: linear elasticity problem in \mathbb{R}^d

- ◇ **Linear elasticity system of PDEs** given by $\mathcal{E}_d(\vec{u}) = \vec{g}$ where

$$\mathcal{E}_d = -\mu \Delta - (\lambda + \mu) \nabla \operatorname{div}$$

↪ for $d = 2$, the system can be written $A_2 \hat{w} = \hat{G}$ with

$$A_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -\mu \Delta - (\lambda + \mu) dx^2 & -(\lambda + \mu) dx dy \\ -(\lambda + \mu) dx dy & -\mu \Delta - (\lambda + \mu) dy^2 \end{bmatrix} \in D^{2 \times 2},$$

with $D = \mathbb{R}(\lambda, \mu)[dx, dy]$.

Example: Oseen and Stokes problems in \mathbb{R}^d

- ◇ **Oseen system of PDEs** given by $\mathcal{O}_d(\vec{w}) = \mathcal{O}_d(\vec{v}, q) = \vec{g}$ with

$$\mathcal{O}_d(\vec{v}, q) = (-\nu \Delta \vec{v} + c \vec{v} + \vec{b} \cdot \nabla \vec{v} + \nabla q, \nabla \cdot \vec{v})$$

where $\vec{b} = (b_j)_{1 \leq j \leq d}$ is the convection velocity.

- ◇ $\vec{b} = 0 \rightsquigarrow$ **Stokes problem** given by $\mathcal{S}_d(\vec{w}) = \mathcal{S}_d(\vec{v}, q) = \vec{g}$ with

$$\mathcal{S}_d(\vec{v}, q) = (-\nu \Delta \vec{v} + c \vec{v} + \nabla q, \nabla \cdot \vec{v}).$$

\rightsquigarrow for $d = 2$, the Stokes system can be written $A_2 \hat{w} = \hat{G}$ with

$$A_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -\nu \Delta + c & 0 & dx \\ 0 & -\nu \Delta + c & dy \\ dx & dy & 0 \end{bmatrix} \in D^{3 \times 3},$$

with $D = \mathbb{R}(\nu, c)[dx, dy]$.

Smith normal form

◇ $D = k[s]$, k field (e.g., \mathbb{Q} , \mathbb{R} , \mathbb{C}) : euclidian ring.

Theorem. $\forall A \in D^{q \times p}$, $\exists E \in GL_q(D)$, $F \in GL_p(D)$:

$$A = E S F, \text{ with } S = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 & 0 & \dots & \dots & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \alpha_2 & \ddots & & \vdots & & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & \alpha_r & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & \dots & \dots & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & & & & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & \dots & \dots & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in D^{q \times p},$$

where $\alpha_1 | \alpha_2 | \dots | \alpha_r \neq 0$ et $\alpha_i \in D$, $i = 1, \dots, r$.

◇ The matrices E and F are not unique!

Examples: linear elasticity and Stokes 2D

◇ Linear elasticity problem in 2D:

$$A_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -\mu \Delta - (\lambda + \mu) dx^2 & -(\lambda + \mu) dx dy \\ -(\lambda + \mu) dx dy & -\mu \Delta - (\lambda + \mu) dy^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

↪ Smith normal form w.r.t. dx : $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \Delta^2 \end{bmatrix}$

◇ Stokes problem in 2D:

$$A_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -\nu \Delta + c & 0 & dx \\ 0 & -\nu \Delta + c & dy \\ dx & dy & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

↪ Smith normal form w.r.t. dx : $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \Delta L_2 \end{bmatrix}, L_2 = -\nu \Delta + c.$

Uncoupling the equations

- ◇ Consider a linear system of PDEs written as $A_d \vec{w} = \vec{G}$ with $A_d \in D^{q \times q}$ with D a ring of partial differential operators
- ◇ Smith normal form of A_d w.r.t. 1 direction: $E_d, F_d \in \text{GL}_q(D)$:

$$A_d = E_d S_d F_d \Rightarrow A_d \vec{w} = \vec{G} \Leftrightarrow S_d (F_d \vec{w}) = E_d^{-1} \vec{G}.$$

- ◇ S_d diagonal \Rightarrow scalar equations in the Smith variables $F_d \vec{w}$

\Rightarrow We have uncoupled the equations to get a set of independent scalar PDEs

Domain decomposition method for the Δ^2 operator

◇ **Problem:** find $\phi : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$\begin{cases} \Delta^2 \phi = g \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^2, \\ |\phi(\vec{x})| \rightarrow 0 \text{ for } |\vec{x}| \rightarrow \infty \end{cases}$$

where g is a given right hand side.

◇ **Domain** $\Omega = \mathbb{R}^2$ decomposed into $\Omega_1 = \mathbb{R}^- \times \mathbb{R}$, $\Omega_2 = \mathbb{R}^+ \times \mathbb{R}$

◇ **Interface** $\Gamma = \{0\} \times \mathbb{R}$, $(\vec{n}_i)_{i=1,2}$ the outward normal of $(\Omega_i)_{i=1,2}$.

◇ Choose **initial values** ϕ_1^0 and ϕ_2^0 such that:

$$\phi_1^0 = \phi_2^0, \quad \Delta \phi_1^0 = \Delta \phi_2^0, \text{ on } \Gamma$$

Algorithm (optimal) for the Δ^2 operator

◇ **Correction step:** compute the corrections $(\tilde{\phi}_i^{n+1})_{i=1,2}$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \Delta^2 \tilde{\phi}_1^{n+1} = 0 \text{ in } \Omega_1 \\ \lim_{|\bar{x}| \rightarrow \infty} |\tilde{\phi}_1^{n+1}| = 0 \\ \frac{\partial \tilde{\phi}_1^{n+1}}{\partial \bar{n}_1} = \gamma_1^n \text{ on } \Gamma \\ \frac{\partial \Delta \tilde{\phi}_1^{n+1}}{\partial \bar{n}_1} = \gamma_2^n \text{ on } \Gamma \end{array} \right. \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \Delta^2 \tilde{\phi}_2^{n+1} = 0 \text{ in } \Omega_2 \\ \lim_{|\bar{x}| \rightarrow \infty} |\tilde{\phi}_2^{n+1}| = 0 \\ \frac{\partial \tilde{\phi}_2^{n+1}}{\partial \bar{n}_2} = \gamma_1^n \text{ on } \Gamma \\ \frac{\partial \Delta \tilde{\phi}_2^{n+1}}{\partial \bar{n}_2} = \gamma_2^n \text{ on } \Gamma \end{array} \right.$$

where $\gamma_1^n = -\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial \phi_1^n}{\partial \bar{n}_1} + \frac{\partial \phi_2^n}{\partial \bar{n}_2} \right)$ and $\gamma_2^n = -\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial \Delta \phi_1^n}{\partial \bar{n}_1} + \frac{\partial \Delta \phi_2^n}{\partial \bar{n}_2} \right)$.

◇ **Updating step:** update $(\phi_i^{n+1})_{i=1,2}$ by solving the local problems

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \Delta^2 \phi_1^{n+1} = g \text{ in } \Omega_1 \\ \lim_{|\bar{x}| \rightarrow \infty} |\phi_1^{n+1}| = 0 \\ \phi_1^{n+1} = \phi_1^n + \delta_1^{n+1} \text{ on } \Gamma \\ \Delta \phi_1^{n+1} = \Delta \phi_1^n + \delta_2^{n+1} \text{ on } \Gamma \end{array} \right. \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \Delta^2 \phi_2^{n+1} = g \text{ in } \Omega_2 \\ \lim_{|\bar{x}| \rightarrow \infty} |\phi_2^{n+1}| = 0 \\ \phi_2^{n+1} = \phi_2^n + \delta_1^{n+1} \text{ on } \Gamma \\ \Delta \phi_2^{n+1} = \Delta \phi_2^n + \delta_2^{n+1} \text{ on } \Gamma \end{array} \right.$$

where $\delta_1^{n+1} = \frac{1}{2}(\tilde{\phi}_1^{n+1} + \tilde{\phi}_2^{n+1})$ and $\delta_2^{n+1} = \frac{1}{2}(\Delta \tilde{\phi}_1^{n+1} + \Delta \tilde{\phi}_2^{n+1})$.

Role of algebraic computations

- ◇ **Observations** on existing algorithms:
 - They use the Smith variables provided by the F given by the computer algebra system \rightsquigarrow not necessarily the simpler one
 - The interface conditions are reduced by hand calculations
 - ◇ **Ameliorations** using algebraic tools:
 - Find Smith variables as simple as possible
 - Use eliminations techniques to reduce automatically the interface conditions
- ⇒ Final algorithm that can be used for practical computations

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Relevant Smith variables

Statement of the general problem

- ◇ Let $R \in D^{q \times q}$ where D is a ring of partial differential operators
- ◇ **Smith normal form of R** w.r.t. one direction: $E, F \in \text{GL}_q(D)$ s.t.

$$R = E S F, \quad S = \begin{pmatrix} I_r & 0 \\ 0 & S_2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad S_2 = \text{diag}(d_{r+1}, \dots, d_q).$$

- ◇ E, F not unique! **We want to find a F as simple as possible**

A completion problem

- ◇ Let $M = D^{1 \times q} / (D^{1 \times q} R)$ be the left D -module associated to R
- ◇ Let $F = \begin{pmatrix} F_1 \\ F_2 \end{pmatrix}$ so that $R = E S F \Leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} F_1 \\ S_2 F_2 \end{pmatrix} = E^{-1} R$.
- ◇ $S_2 = \text{diag}(d_{r+1}, \dots, d_q) \Rightarrow$ The rows of F_2 must be elements of M annihilated by a partial differential operators d_i .
- \rightsquigarrow The possible F_2 's can be found by computing a family of generators of the $\text{Ann}_M(d_i)$, $i = r + 1, \dots, q$.
- \Rightarrow For each choice for F_2 , we are reduced to the completion problem of finding (if it exists) F_1 such that:

$$F_1 = \Lambda R, \quad F = \begin{pmatrix} F_1 \\ F_2 \end{pmatrix} \text{ unimodular.}$$

A solution to the completion problem

◇ **Necessary conditions:**

- The rows of F_2 must be linearly independent
- There must exist E_2 such that $S_2 F_2 = E_2 R$.

◇ **Theorem:** let Q_2 be a minimal parametrization of F_2 .

If $\text{coker}_D(\cdot F_2)$ is a free left D -module, then Q_2 admits a left inverse

T . If there exists Z and Λ such that $T = \begin{pmatrix} -Z & \Lambda \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} F_2 \\ R \end{pmatrix}$,

then $F_1 = T + Z F_2$ is a solution to the completion problem.

◇ **All the computations can be done using OREMODULES**

↪ We provide an implementation

Example: elasticity 3D

- ◇ Consider the **elastostatic equations (Navier-Stokes in \mathbb{R}^3)**:

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} -(\lambda + \mu) dx^2 - \mu \Delta & -dx dy (\lambda + \mu) & -dx dz (\lambda + \mu) \\ -dx dy (\lambda + \mu) & -(\lambda + \mu) dy^2 - \mu \Delta & -dy dz (\lambda + \mu) \\ -dx dz (\lambda + \mu) & -dy dz (\lambda + \mu) & -(\lambda + \mu) dz^2 - \mu \Delta \end{bmatrix}$$

with $\Delta = dx^2 + dy^2 + dz^2$

- ◇ Let $D = \mathbb{Q}(\lambda, \mu)[dx, dy, dz]$ and $M = D^{1 \times 3} / (D^{1 \times 3} R)$

- ◇ Its Smith normal form w.r.t. dx is $S = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \Delta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \Delta^2 \end{pmatrix}$.

Example: elasticity 3D

- ◇ The 2nd (resp. 3rd) row of $F \in GL_3(D)$ satisfying $R = E S F$ with $E \in GL_3(D)$ must belong to $\text{Ann}_M(\Delta)$ (resp. $\text{Ann}_M(\Delta^2)$).
- ◇ Families of generators of $\text{Ann}_M(\Delta)$ and $\text{Ann}_M(\Delta^2)$ are given by the rows of the following matrices F_2 and F_3

$$F_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -dz \mu & 0 & dx \mu \\ -dy \mu & dx \mu & 0 \\ 2 dx \mu + dx \lambda & dy \lambda + 2 dy \mu & dz \lambda + 2 dz \mu \\ 0 & -dz \mu & dy \mu \end{bmatrix}$$

$$F_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 2\mu^2 + \lambda\mu & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2\mu^2 + \lambda\mu & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2\mu^2 + \lambda\mu \end{bmatrix}$$

Example: elasticity 3D

◇ **Choosing** the 4th row of F_2 (resp. the 3rd row of F_3) as 2nd (resp. 3rd) row of F

◇ **Completion problem**: find $F_1 \in D^{1 \times 3}$ such that $F_1 = \Lambda R$ for some $\Lambda \in D^{1 \times 3}$ and $F = \begin{pmatrix} F_1 \\ F_{23} \end{pmatrix}$ is unimodular where

$$F_{23} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -dz \mu & dy \mu \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

◇ Our Maple implementation **succeeds**: we get

$$F = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\frac{dy \, dx}{dy^2 + dz^2} & -\frac{dx (dy^2 \lambda + 2 dz^2 \lambda + dx^2 \lambda + 3 dz^2 \mu + 2 dy^2 \mu + 2 dx^2 \mu)}{(\lambda + \mu)(dy^2 + dz^2) dz} \\ 0 & -dz \mu & dy \mu \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Example: elasticity 3D

- ◇ **Choosing** the 3rd row of F_2 (resp. the 1st row of F_3) as 2nd (resp. 3rd) row of F
- ◇ **Completion problem**: find $F_1 \in D^{1 \times 3}$ such that $F_1 = \Lambda R$ for some $\Lambda \in D^{1 \times 3}$ and $F = \begin{pmatrix} F_1 \\ F_{23} \end{pmatrix}$ is unimodular where

$$F_{23} := \begin{bmatrix} 2 dx \mu + dx \lambda & dy \lambda + 2 dy \mu & dz \lambda + 2 dz \mu \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- ◇ Our Maple implementation **fails**.
- ◇ The choice made for F_{23} is not a good one.

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Reduction of interface conditions

Algorithm (optimal) for the Δ^2 operator

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Problem

- ◇ In the algorithm: we have
 - Equations in the domain Ω ;
 - Interface conditions on Γ
- ◇ **First idea** to reduce the interface conditions: gather all the equations and compute a Gröbner basis
- ◇ **Problem**: the independent variables do not play the same role since the border of the interface is defined by $x = 0$
 - ↪ The interface conditions cannot be differentiated w.r.t. x

Our method

- ◇ **Algorithm to reduce the interface conditions:**
 1. Compute a Gröbner basis of the equations inside the domain for a relevant monomial order;
 2. Compute the normal forms of the interface conditions w.r.t. the latter Gröbner basis;
 3. Write this normal forms in a jet space in the variable x ;
 4. Perform linear algebra manipulations to simplify the normal forms.

- ◇ **All the computations can be done using OREMODULES**
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Conclusion

- ◇ Algebraic computations can help in designing practical algorithms for solving linear systems of PDEs
- ◇ Calculations obtained using our implementations can be found at

<http://www-math.unice.fr/~dolean/saddles/>

Perspectives

- ◇ Implement the whole numerical algorithm using our algebraic preconditionners for the elasticity, Stokes and Oseen systems
- ◇ Formulation of the domain decomposition method with an algebraic analysis point of view
- ◇ Study of the discrete case