



# The Iterative Solution of Systems from PDE Constrained Optimization: An Overview

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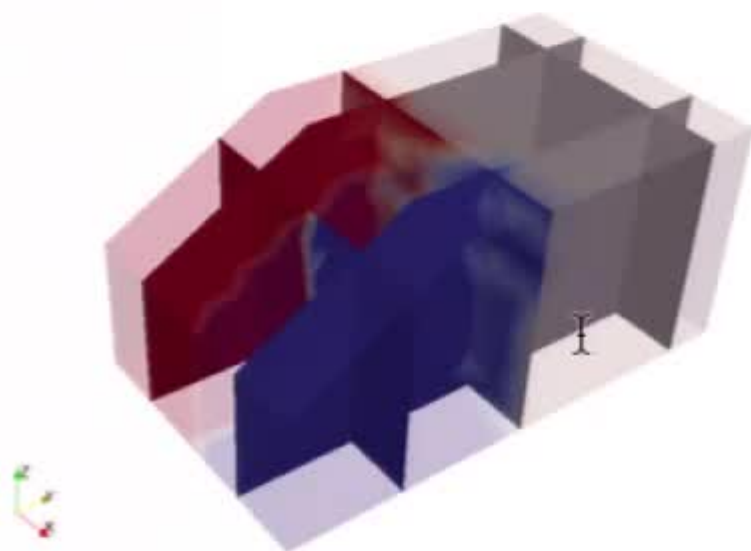
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Alright to turn the central heating  
down a notch dear?



## How does this work?



**y**: temperature (state)

**u**: control

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

$$\text{s.t. } \mathcal{L}\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{u})$$

$$\mathbf{u}_l \leq \mathbf{u} \leq \mathbf{u}_u$$

$$\mathbf{y}_l \leq \mathbf{y} \leq \mathbf{y}_u$$

## The 'mother problem'

$$\min_{y,u} \frac{1}{2} \|y - \hat{y}\|_{L_2(\Omega_1)}^2 + \frac{\beta}{2} \|u\|_{L_2(\Omega_2)}^2$$

$$\text{s.t.} \quad -\nabla^2 y = \begin{cases} u, & \text{for } x \in \Omega_2 \\ 0, & \text{for } x \in \Omega \setminus \Omega_2, \end{cases}$$

$$y = f \text{ on } \partial\Omega$$

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

$$\text{s.t.} \quad K\mathbf{y} = \hat{Q}\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{f}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \beta Q_u & 0 & -\hat{Q}^T \\ 0 & Q_y & K^T \\ -\hat{Q} & K & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{u} \\ \mathbf{y} \\ \mathbf{p} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{b} \\ \mathbf{f} \end{bmatrix}$$



## The linear system

$$\begin{bmatrix} \beta Q_u & 0 & -\hat{Q}^T \\ 0 & Q_y & K^T \mathbb{I} \\ -\hat{Q} & K & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{u} \\ \mathbf{y} \\ \mathbf{p} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{b} \\ \mathbf{f} \end{bmatrix}$$

The linear system is:

- ▶ symmetric, but indefinite
- ▶ very large scale
- ▶ sparse

Solve with a Krylov subspace method.

# Preconditioning

$$\begin{bmatrix} \beta Q_u & 0 & -\hat{Q}^T \\ 0 & Q_y & K^T \\ -\hat{Q} & K & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{saddle point system}$$

Ideal preconditioner:

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} \beta Q_u & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & Q_y & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{\beta} \hat{Q} Q_u^{-1} \hat{Q}^T + K^T Q_y^{-1} K \end{bmatrix}$$

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Approximating  $\begin{bmatrix} \beta Q_u & 0 \\ 0 & Q_y \end{bmatrix}$

The diagonal is a good approximation to the mass matrix: e.g., if we have a 3D tetrahedral mesh of P1 elements we have

$$\exists \lambda(D^{-1}Q) \in [1/2, 5/2].$$

[Wathen, 1987]

Can do better – Chebyshev semi-iteration applied to relaxed Jacobi.

[Wathen, R., 2008] , [R., Dollar, Wathen, 2008]

Approximating  $\frac{1}{\beta} \hat{Q} Q_u^{-1} \hat{Q}^T + K^T Q_y^{-1} K$

Approximation 1:  $S \approx K^T Q_y^{-1} K$

Eigenvalues of the preconditioned system satisfy:

$$\lambda = 1,$$

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

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

( $h$  mesh size,  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2$  constants)

[R., Dollar, Wathen, 2008]

Approximating  $\frac{1}{\beta} \hat{Q} Q_u^{-1} \hat{Q}^T + K^T Q_y^{-1} K$

Approximation 2:  $S \approx (K^T + L^T) Q_y^{-1} (K + L)$ , where

$$L^T = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\beta}} \hat{Q} Q_u^{-1/2} Q_y^{1/2}$$

Eigenvalues of the preconditioned system satisfy:

$$\frac{1}{2} \leq \lambda \leq 1$$

[Pearson, Wathen, 2011]

## Control constraints

To make the problem a little harder...

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{y,u} \quad & \frac{1}{2} \|y - \hat{y}\|_{L_2(\Omega_1)}^2 + \frac{\beta}{2} \|u\|_{L_2(\Omega_2)}^2 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & -\nabla^2 y = u \text{ in } \Omega_2 \\ & y = f \text{ on } \partial\Omega \\ & u_l \leq u \leq u_u \end{aligned}$$

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Can be solved using an active set method (semi-smooth Newton).

Linear system at each step looks like:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \beta Q_u & 0 & -\hat{Q}^T \\ 0 & Q_y & K^T \\ -\hat{Q} & K & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{u} \\ \mathbf{y} \\ \mathbf{p} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mu_k \\ \mathbf{b} \\ \mathbf{f} \end{bmatrix}$$

[Stoll, Wathen, 2012]

## State constraints

$$\min_{y,u} \frac{1}{2} \|y - \hat{y}\|_{L_2(\Omega_1)}^2 + \frac{\beta}{2} \|u\|_{L_2(\Omega_2)}^2 + \frac{1}{2\epsilon} \|\max\{0, y - y_u\}\|_{L_2(\Omega)}^2 + \frac{1}{2\epsilon} \|\min\{0, y - y_l\}\|_{L_2(\Omega)}^2$$

s.t.  $-\nabla^2 y = u$  in  $\Omega_2$   
 $y = f$  on  $\partial\Omega_2$

Need to solve a linear system of the form

$$\begin{bmatrix} \beta Q_u & 0 & -\hat{Q}^T \\ 0 & Q_y + \epsilon^{-1} G_{\mathcal{A}} Q_y G_{\mathcal{A}} & K^T \\ -\hat{Q} & K & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u \\ y \\ p \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{z} \\ \mathbf{f} \end{bmatrix}$$

where  $G$  is a projection onto the active set  $\mathcal{A}$

[Ito, Kunisch, 2003] , [Pearson, Stoll, Wathen, 2014]



## Time-dependent problems

$$\min_{y,u} \frac{1}{2} \int_0^T \int_{\Omega_1} (y - \hat{y})^2 dxdt + \frac{\beta}{2} \int_0^T \int_{\Omega_2} u^2 dxdt$$

$$\text{s.t.} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{I} \\ y_t - \Delta y = \begin{cases} u, & \text{for } (\mathbf{x}, t) \in \Omega_2 \times [0, T], \\ 0, & \text{for } (\mathbf{x}, t) \in \Omega \setminus \Omega_2 \times [0, T], \end{cases} \\ y = g, \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega, \\ y = y_0, \quad \text{at } t = 0, \end{array}$$



## Other norms?

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{y,u} \quad & \frac{1}{2} \|y - \hat{y}\|_{L_2(\Omega_1)}^2 + \frac{\beta}{2} \|u\|_{\mathcal{H}_1(\Omega_2)}^2 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & -\nabla^2 y = u \text{ in } \Omega_2 \\ & y = f \text{ on } \partial\Omega \end{aligned}$$

## Time-dependent formulation

$$\min_{y,u} \frac{1}{2} \int_0^T \int_{\Omega_1} (y - \bar{y})^2 dxdt + \frac{\beta}{2} \int_0^T \int_{\Omega_2} u^2 dxdt + \frac{\beta}{2} \int_0^T \int_{\Omega_2} (\nabla u)^2 dxdt$$

$$y_t - \nabla^2 y = \begin{cases} u, & \text{for } (\mathbf{x}, t) \in \Omega_2 \times [0, T], \\ 0, & \text{for } (\mathbf{x}, t) \in \Omega \setminus \Omega_2 \times [0, T], \end{cases}$$

$$y = g, \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega,$$

$$y = y_0, \quad \text{at } t = 0,$$

## The linear system

$$\begin{bmatrix} \tau \mathcal{M}_y & 0 & -\mathcal{K}^T \\ 0 & \tau \beta (\mathcal{M}_u + \mathcal{K}_u) & \tau \widehat{\mathcal{M}} \\ -\mathcal{K} & \tau \widehat{\mathcal{M}} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{y} \\ \mathbf{u} \\ \mathbf{p} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \tau \widehat{\mathbf{b}} \\ 0 \\ \mathbf{d} \end{bmatrix}$$

where  $\mathcal{K}_u = \text{blkdiag}(1/2K_u, K_u, \dots, K_u, 1/2K_u)$ ,  $K_u$  is a Neumann Laplacian.





Approximation to

$$S = \tau^{-1} \mathcal{K} \mathcal{M}_y^{-1} \mathcal{K} + \tau \beta^{-1} \widehat{\mathcal{M}} (\mathcal{M}_u + \mathcal{K}_u)^{-1} \widehat{\mathcal{M}}^T.$$

Look for a (non-symmetric) approximation

$$\hat{S} = \tau^{-1} (\mathcal{K} + \mathcal{L}_1) \mathcal{M}_y^{-1} (\mathcal{K} + \mathcal{L}_2)^T$$

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Look for a (non-symmetric) approximation

$$\hat{S} = \tau^{-1} \left( \mathcal{K} + \frac{\tau}{\sqrt{\beta}} \widehat{\mathcal{M}} (\mathcal{M}_u + \mathcal{K}_u)^{-1} \mathcal{M}_y \right) \mathcal{M}_y^{-1} \left( \mathcal{K} + \frac{\tau}{\sqrt{\beta}} \widehat{\mathcal{M}} \right)^T$$

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$$\hat{S} = \tau^{-1} \left( \mathcal{K} + \frac{\tau}{\sqrt{\beta}} \widehat{\mathcal{M}} (\mathcal{M}_u + \mathcal{K}_u)^{-1} \mathcal{M}_y \right) \mathcal{M}_y^{-1} \left( \mathcal{K} + \frac{\tau}{\sqrt{\beta}} \widehat{\mathcal{M}} \right)^T$$

Solving a system with  $\mathcal{K} + \frac{\tau}{\sqrt{\beta}} \widehat{\mathcal{M}} (\mathcal{M}_u + \mathcal{K}_u)^{-1} \mathcal{M}_y \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{f}$  is equivalent to solving

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{K} & \widehat{\mathcal{M}} \\ \mathcal{M}_y & -\frac{\sqrt{\beta}}{\tau} (\mathcal{M}_u + \mathcal{K}_u) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{u} \\ * \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{f} \\ \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Treat this as a sub-problem.

Approximating a solve with 
$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{K} & \widehat{\mathcal{M}} \\ \mathcal{M}_y & -\frac{\sqrt{\beta}}{\tau} (\mathcal{M}_u + \mathcal{K}_u) \end{bmatrix}$$

Recall this involves the solution of diagonal blocks of the form

$$\begin{bmatrix} Q_u + \tau K & \widehat{Q} \\ \mathbb{I} & Q_y & -\frac{\sqrt{\beta}}{\tau} (Q_u + K_u) \end{bmatrix}$$

Approximate this by a **simple iteration** of the form

$$\mathbf{x}_{k+1} = \mathbf{x}_k + \omega W^{-1} \mathbf{r}_k$$

where  $W = \begin{bmatrix} \widehat{M + \tau K} & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{\sqrt{\beta}}{\tau} (\widehat{M}_u + K_u) \end{bmatrix}$



## Numerical results

Example:

$$\hat{y} = \exp(-64((x_0 - 0.5)^2 + (x_1 - 0.5)^2)),$$

$\Omega = [0, 1]^2$ ,  $\tau = 0.05$ . In the preconditioner  $\omega = 0.1$ , 10 steps of simple iteration taken. Outer tolerance is  $10^{-6}$ .

| DoF    | I                 |                   |                   |
|--------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|        | $\beta = 10^{-2}$ | $\beta = 10^{-4}$ | $\beta = 10^{-6}$ |
|        | # it(t)           | # it(t)           | # it(t)           |
| 1089   | 13(35.1)          | 13(35.2)          | 22(57.3)          |
| 4225   | 13(112.6)         | 15(128.8)         | 22(184.8)         |
| 16641  | 15(462.3)         | 15(462.2)         | 25(756.1)         |
| 66049  | 17(1442.6)        | 20(1691.4)        | 31(2578.7)        |
| 263169 | 19(4928.3)        | 22(5843.9)        | 34(8368.3)        |

[Barker, R., Stoll, to appear]

