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# COMPLEXITY AND MEMORY REQUIREMENTS OF AN ALGORITHM FOR SOLVING SADDLE-POINT LINEAR SYSTEMS WITH SINGULAR BLOCKS * 

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#### Abstract

The paper deals with fast solution of large saddle-point systems arising in waveletGalerkin discretizations of separable elliptic PDEs. The periodized orthonormal compactly supported wavelets of the tensor product type together with the fictitious domain method are used. A special structure of matrices makes possible to use the fast Fourier transform that determines the complexity of the algorithm. Numerical experiments confirm theoretical results.


## 1. Formulation of the problem

We shall propose a fast method for finding a pair $(\mathbf{u}, \boldsymbol{\lambda}) \in \mathbb{R}^{n} \times \mathbb{R}^{m}$ that solves the linear system of algebraic equations called the saddle-point system [1], [2]:

$$
\left(\begin{array}{cc}
\mathbf{A} & \mathbf{B}^{\top}  \tag{1}\\
\mathbf{B} & \mathbf{0}
\end{array}\right)\binom{\mathbf{u}}{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}=\binom{\mathbf{f}}{\mathbf{g}},
$$

where the $n \times n$ matrix $\mathbf{A}$ is symmetric positive semi-definite, the $m \times n$ matrix $\mathbf{B}$ has full row-rank and the vectors $\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g}$ are of the order $n, m$, respectively. We shall be interested especially in systems (1) with $n$ large, A singular, $\mathbf{B}$ sparse and $m$ much smaller than $n$. Moreover we shall assume that the defect of $\mathbf{A}$, i.e. $l=n-\operatorname{rank} \mathbf{A}$, is much smaller than $m$.

## 2. Model PDE problem

Let $\omega$ be a bounded domain in $\mathbb{R}^{2}$ with a smooth boundary $\partial \omega$. We shall consider the following model problem:

$$
\begin{align*}
-\Delta u+c u & =f \quad \text { in } \omega,  \tag{2}\\
u & =g \quad \text { on } \partial \omega, \tag{3}
\end{align*}
$$

where $f, g$ are sufficiently smooth functions defined on $\omega, \partial \omega$, respectively, and $c \geq 0$ is a given constant. We imbed $\omega$ in a larger rectangular domain $\Omega$ so that $\bar{\omega} \subset \Omega$ and denote by $\partial \Omega$ the boundary of $\Omega$. On $\Omega$, we shall solve (2), (3) by means of

[^0]the fictitious domain method with the boundary Lagrange multipliers; see [4]. We replace (2), (3) by the following saddle-point problem:
\[

\left.$$
\begin{array}{l}
\text { Find }(u, \lambda) \in H_{p e r}^{1}(\Omega) \times H^{-1 / 2}(\partial \omega) \text { such that }  \tag{4}\\
a_{\Omega}(u, v)=\int_{\Omega} \tilde{f} v d x+\langle\lambda, v\rangle \quad \forall v \in H_{p e r}^{1}(\Omega), \\
\langle\mu, u-g\rangle=0 \quad \forall \mu \in H^{-1 / 2}(\partial \omega),
\end{array}
$$\right\}
\]

where $H_{p e r}^{1}(\Omega)$ denotes the subset of functions from $H^{1}(\Omega)$ that are periodic on the opposite sides of the rectangle $\partial \Omega, H^{-1 / 2}(\partial \omega)$ is dual to $H^{1 / 2}(\partial \omega)$ with the duality pairing denoted by $\langle\cdot, \cdot\rangle, f \in L^{2}(\Omega)$ extends $f$ from $\omega$ onto $\Omega$ and $a_{\Omega}(v, w)=$ $\int_{\Omega}(\nabla v \cdot \nabla w+c v w) d x$.

It is well-known that (4) has a unique solution $(u, \lambda)$ and that the restriction of $u$ on $\omega$ is a solution to a weak formulation of (2), (3); see [4].

We introduce $H_{p e r}^{1}(\Omega)$ because we discretize (4) by the periodized orthogonal compactly supported wavelets of the tensor product type; see [3]. After discretization, we obtain the saddle-point linear system (1). The diagonal block $\mathbf{A}$ is singular if $c=0$ and non-singular if $c>0$. Since we use the tensor product basis functions on the rectangular domain $\Omega$, we can represent $\mathbf{A}$ using the Kronecker product as

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathbf{A}=\mathbf{A}_{x} \otimes \mathbf{I}_{y}+\mathbf{I}_{x} \otimes \mathbf{A}_{y}, \tag{5}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $\mathbf{I}_{x}, \mathbf{I}_{y}$ and $\mathbf{A}_{x}, \mathbf{A}_{y}$ are of the order $n_{x}, n_{y}$, respectively, and $n=n_{x} n_{y}$. Here, $\mathbf{A}_{x}, \mathbf{A}_{y}$ are circulant matrices because of the presence of the periodic boundary condition on $\partial \Omega$. For more details about $\mathbf{A}$ and $\mathbf{B}$, we refer to [6]

## 3. Algorithm

Let us consider an $n \times l$ matrix $\mathbf{N}$ whose columns span the null-space of $\mathbf{A}$ and denote by $\mathbf{A}^{\dagger}$ a generalized inverse to $\mathbf{A}$. The first component $\mathbf{u}$ of the solution to (1) is given by

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathbf{u}=\mathbf{A}^{\dagger}\left(\mathbf{f}-\mathbf{B}^{\top} \boldsymbol{\lambda}\right)+\mathbf{N} \boldsymbol{\alpha} \tag{6}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $\boldsymbol{\alpha} \in \mathbb{R}^{l}$. Inserting (6) into the second equation in (1) and using the orthogonality $\mathbf{f}-\mathbf{B}^{\top} \boldsymbol{\lambda} \perp \operatorname{Ker} \mathbf{A}$, we obtain

$$
\left(\begin{array}{cc}
\mathbf{C} & \mathbf{D}^{\top}  \tag{7}\\
\mathbf{D} & 0
\end{array}\right)\binom{\lambda}{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}=\binom{\mathrm{p}}{\mathbf{q}}
$$

where $\mathbf{C}=\mathbf{B A}^{\dagger} \mathbf{B}^{\top}, \mathbf{p}=\mathbf{B} \mathbf{A}^{\dagger} \mathbf{f}-\mathbf{g}, \mathbf{D}=-\mathbf{N}^{\top} \mathbf{B}^{\top}, \mathbf{q}=-\mathbf{N}^{\top} \mathbf{f}$. Assume that $\mathbf{C}$ is positive definite. Then we can eliminate $\boldsymbol{\lambda}$ from (7) so that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\boldsymbol{\lambda}=\mathbf{C}^{-1}\left(\mathbf{p}-\mathbf{D}^{\top} \boldsymbol{\alpha}\right), \tag{8}
\end{equation*}
$$

and

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathbf{E} \alpha=\mathbf{r} \tag{9}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $\mathbf{E}=\mathbf{D C}^{-1} \mathbf{D}^{\top}$ is positive definite and $\mathbf{r}=\mathbf{D C}^{-1} \mathbf{p}-\mathbf{q}$.

## Algorithm 2.1 (General Scheme)

Step 1.a: Assembly $\mathbf{D}=-\mathbf{N}^{\top} \mathbf{B}^{\top}$.
Step 1.b: Assembly $\mathbf{p}=\mathbf{B A}^{\dagger} \mathbf{f}-\mathbf{g}$.
Step 1.c: Assembly $\mathbf{q}=-\mathbf{N}^{\top} \mathbf{f}$.
Step 1.d: Solve the linear systems $\mathbf{C X}=\mathbf{D}^{\top}$ by the conjugate gradients.
Step 1.e: $\quad$ Solve the linear system $\mathbf{C x}=\mathbf{p}$ by the conjugate gradients.
Step 1.f: Assembly $\mathbf{E}=\mathbf{D X}$.
Step 1.g: Assembly $\mathbf{r}=\mathbf{D x}-\mathbf{q}$.
Step 1.h: Solve the linear system $\mathbf{E} \boldsymbol{\alpha}=\mathbf{r}$.
Step 2: $\quad$ Assembly $\boldsymbol{\lambda}=\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{X} \boldsymbol{\alpha}$.
Step 3: $\quad$ Assembly $\mathbf{u}=\mathbf{A}^{\dagger}\left(\mathbf{f}-\mathbf{B}^{\top} \boldsymbol{\lambda}\right)+\mathbf{N} \boldsymbol{\alpha}$.

Computational costs are determined above all by the steps 1.a, 1.d and 1.e. Let us point out that $\mathbf{C}$ is not assembled. The matrix-vector products $\mathbf{C} \boldsymbol{\mu}$ in the conjugate gradients iterations are computed by succesively evaluating the term $\mathbf{B}\left(\mathbf{A}^{\dagger}\left(\mathbf{B}^{\top} \boldsymbol{\mu}\right)\right)$. Assuming that the conjugate gradients terminate after $m$ iterations and denoting by $n_{A^{\dagger}}$ the number of floating point operations (flops) involved by the matrix-vector products $\mathbf{A}^{\dagger} \mathbf{v}$ and $\mathbf{N}^{\top} \mathbf{v}$, the computational costs of the algorithm are $\mathcal{O}\left((l+2) m n_{A^{\dagger}}\right)$ flops.

## 4. Fast implementation

We can utilize properties of circulant matrices and the Kronecker product in order to obtain a fast implementation of Algorithm 2.1.

A matrix $\mathbf{A}_{x}$ is called circulant if each column is a cyclic shift of the column above to the bottom, i.e. if $\mathbf{a}_{x}=\left(a_{1}, \ldots, a_{n_{x}}\right)^{\top}$ is the first column of $\mathbf{A}_{x}$ then the $j$-th column $\mathbf{a}_{x}^{j}, 2 \leq j \leq n_{x}$, is given by $\mathbf{a}_{x}^{j}=\left(a_{n_{x}-j+2}, \ldots, a_{n_{x}}, a_{1}, \ldots, a_{n_{x}-j+1}\right)^{\top}$. It is well-known that the spectral decompositon of $\mathbf{A}_{x}$ can be expressed by the discrete Fourier transform (DFT) matrix $\mathbf{F}_{x}$ so that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathbf{A}_{x}=\mathbf{F}_{x}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{x} \mathbf{F}_{x} \tag{10}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $\boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{x}=\operatorname{diag}\left(\widehat{\mathbf{a}}_{x}\right)$ and $\widehat{\mathbf{a}}_{x}=\mathbf{F}_{x} \mathbf{a}_{x}$; see [5]. In other words, the eigenvalues of $\mathbf{A}_{x}$ are entries of the DFT of $\mathbf{a}_{x}$ and the corresponding eigenvectors are columns of $\mathbf{F}_{x}^{-1}$. If $n_{x}$ is a power of two, then the matrix-vector products $\mathbf{A}_{x}^{\dagger} \mathbf{v}_{x}$ can be evaluated by $\mathcal{O}\left(n_{x} \log _{2} n_{x}\right)$ flops so that

$$
\mathbf{A}_{x}^{\dagger} \mathbf{v}_{x}:=\operatorname{ifft}\left(\boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{x}^{\dagger} \mathrm{fft}\left(\mathbf{v}_{x}\right)\right)
$$

where fft and ifft denote the fast Fourier transform and its inverse, respectively. Moreover, the $n_{x} \times l_{x}$ matrix $\mathbf{N}_{x}$ whose columns span the null-space of $\mathbf{A}_{x}$ can be identified with the columns of $\mathbf{F}_{x}^{-1}$ corresponding to the positions of vanishing entries of $\widehat{\mathbf{a}}_{x}$. To this end, we introduce the operation ind $\widehat{\mathbf{a}}_{x}$,

$$
\boldsymbol{\alpha}_{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{l_{x}} \quad \Longleftrightarrow \quad \mathbf{v}_{\boldsymbol{\alpha}_{x}}:=\operatorname{ind}_{\widehat{\mathbf{a}}_{x}}\left(\boldsymbol{\alpha}_{x}\right) \in \mathbb{R}^{n_{x}}
$$

so that the entries of $\boldsymbol{\alpha}_{x}$ are put in $\mathbf{v}_{\boldsymbol{\alpha}_{x}}$ onto the positions of zeros in $\widehat{\mathbf{a}}_{x}$ and the remaining entries of $\mathbf{v}_{\boldsymbol{\alpha}_{x}}$ vanish. Let us denote by ind $\widehat{\mathbf{a}}_{\boldsymbol{a}}^{-1}$ the reverse operation to ind $\widehat{\mathbf{a}}_{x}$. It is easy to verify that

$$
\begin{align*}
& \mathbf{N}_{x} \boldsymbol{\alpha}_{x}:=\mathbf{F}_{x}^{-1} \operatorname{ind}_{\widehat{\mathbf{a}}_{x}}\left(\boldsymbol{\alpha}_{x}\right),  \tag{11}\\
& \mathbf{N}_{x}^{\top} \mathbf{v}_{x}:=\operatorname{ind}_{\widehat{\mathbf{a}}_{x}}^{-1}\left(\mathbf{F}_{x}^{-1} \mathbf{v}_{x}\right), \tag{12}
\end{align*}
$$

so that the matrix-vector products $\mathbf{N}_{x} \boldsymbol{\alpha}_{x}$ and $\mathbf{N}_{x}^{\top} \mathbf{v}_{x}$ can be evaluated again by $\mathcal{O}\left(n_{x} \log _{2} n_{x}\right)$ flops.

Let us return to $\mathbf{A}$ of the form (5). Substituting (10) and the analogous formula for $\mathbf{A}_{y}$, we obtain after simple manipulations

$$
\mathbf{A}=\mathbf{F}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\Lambda} \mathbf{F},
$$

where $\mathbf{F}=\mathbf{F}_{x} \otimes \mathbf{F}_{y}, \boldsymbol{\Lambda}=\boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{x} \otimes \mathbf{I}_{y}+\mathbf{I}_{x} \otimes \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{y}$ with $\boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{x}=\operatorname{diag}\left(\widehat{\mathbf{a}}_{x}\right), \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{y}=\operatorname{diag}\left(\widehat{\mathbf{a}}_{y}\right)$ and $\widehat{\mathbf{a}}_{x}=\mathbf{F}_{x} \mathbf{a}_{x}, \widehat{\mathbf{a}}_{y}=\mathbf{F}_{y} \mathbf{a}_{y}$, respectively. Since $\mathbf{F}$ is the 2 D DFT matrix and $\boldsymbol{\Lambda}$ is diagonal, the matrix-vector products $\mathbf{A}^{\dagger} \mathbf{v}$ can be evaluated by $\mathcal{O}\left(n \log _{2} n\right)$ flops so that

$$
\mathbf{A}^{\dagger} \mathbf{v}:=\operatorname{ifft2d}\left(\mathbf{\Lambda}^{\dagger} \mathrm{fft2d}(\mathbf{v})\right)
$$

where $\mathrm{fft2d}$ and ifft2d denote the 2D FFT and its inverse, respectively. Moreover, since $\mathbf{N}=\mathbf{N}_{x} \otimes \mathbf{N}_{y}$, formulas analogous to (11), (12) are valid and the matrix-vector products $\mathbf{N} \boldsymbol{\alpha}$ and $\mathbf{N}^{\top} \mathbf{v}$ can be performed again by means of $\mathcal{O}\left(n \log _{2} n\right)$ flops.

Theorem 4.1 [7] Algorithm 2.1 for solving (1) with A singular of the form (5) and with $\mathbf{B}$ sparse requires $\mathcal{O}\left((l+2) m n \log _{2} n\right)$ flops.

Theorem 4.2 Algorithm 2.1 for solving (1) with A singular of the form (5) and with $\mathbf{B}$ sparse requires a memory space for (at most) $3 n+k m$ floating point numbers, where $k$ denotes the maximal number of non-vanishing entries in rows of $\mathbf{B}$.

Proof. Memory requirements are determined by $\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{u}$ and by the diagonal of $\boldsymbol{\Lambda}^{\dagger}$ (it keeps information of $\mathbf{A}$ ). Since we assume $n \gg m \gg l$, the memory requirements of the other matrices and vectors are not significant. Moreover, these matrices and vectors can be stored in the memory reserved for $\mathbf{u}$ because $\mathbf{u}$ is computed in the last step of the algorithm.

## 5. Numerical experiments

Let us consider the problem (4) with $\omega=\left\{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^{2}:(x / 0.2)^{2}+(y / 0.3)^{2} \leq 1\right\}$, $f(x, y)=1$ on $\langle-0.5,0.5\rangle \times\langle-0.5,0.5\rangle$ and $f(x, y)=0$ elsewhere, $g \equiv 0$ and $\Omega=$ $\langle-1,1\rangle \times\langle-1,1\rangle$.

Numerical experiments are performed by Matlab 6 on Pentium(R)4, 3GHz with 512MB RAM; see Tab.1. If $c=0$, then $\mathbf{A}$ is singular with the defect $l=1$ so that two runs of the conjugate gradient method in Algorithm 2.1 are computed. The relative tolerance terminating the conjugate gradient method is $10^{-4}$ in all cases.

|  |  | $c=1$ |  | $c=0$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $n$ | $m$ | time | CG steps | time | CG steps |
| 1024 | 64 | 0.03 | 13 | 0.06 | $10+16$ |
| 2048 | 88 | 0.05 | 17 | 0.08 | $14+21$ |
| 4096 | 128 | 0.06 | 17 | 0.13 | $13+21$ |
| 8192 | 180 | 0.17 | 23 | 0.30 | $20+29$ |
| 16384 | 256 | 0.28 | 21 | 0.48 | $18+25$ |
| 32768 | 360 | 0.67 | 27 | 1.20 | $25+33$ |
| 65536 | 512 | 2.27 | 27 | 5.58 | $25+33$ |
| 131072 | 716 | 7.22 | 35 | 15.17 | $33+43$ |
| 262144 | 1024 | 14.72 | 34 | 29.33 | $29+38$ |
| 524288 | 1432 | 35.70 | 45 | 73.41 | $43+53$ |
| 1048576 | 2048 | 65.56 | 41 | 133.75 | $38+49$ |
| 2097152 | 2868 | 173.53 | 54 | 347.41 | $50+62$ |
| 4194304 | 4096 | 337.95 | 48 | 655.00 | $42+57$ |

Tab. 1: CPU time (in seconds) and the conjugate gradients steps.

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