

Multigrid Preconditioners for Linear Systems Arising in PDE Constrained Optimization

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Abstract model problem

Original abstract problem:

$$\begin{cases} \text{minimize} & J(y, u) = \frac{1}{2}\|y - y_d\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 + R(u, y), \\ \text{subj. to} & u \in U_{ad} \subset U, \quad y \in Y_{ad} \subset Y = L^2(\Omega), \\ & e(y, u) = 0. \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

- U_{ad} and Y_{ad} – sets of admissible controls resp. states (convex, closed, non-empty).
- Ex.: $U_{ad} = \{u \in U : \underline{u} \leq u \leq \bar{u}\}$, $Y_{ad} = \{y \in Y : \underline{y} \leq y \leq \bar{y}\}$.
- Equality constraint is a well-posed PDE:
for all $u \in U$ there is a unique $y \in Y$ (depending continuously on u), so that

$$e(y, u) = 0, \quad K(u) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} y.$$

Reduced problem: If $Y_{ad} = Y$

$$\begin{cases} \text{minimize} & \hat{J}(u) = \frac{1}{2}\|K(u) - y_d\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 + \frac{\beta}{2}\|Lu\|^2, \\ \text{subj. to} & u \in U_{ad} \subset U, \quad L = I \text{ or } \nabla. \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

Background: linear PDE, no control constraints

- Assume K is a linear smoothing operator (e.g., solution operator of elliptic PDE).
- Discretization of problem (2) is equivalent to the regularized normal equations

$$G_h u \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (\beta I + K_h^* \cdot K_h)u = K_h^* \pi_h y_d.$$

- Two-grid preconditioner:

$$T_h = G_{2h} \pi_{2h} + \beta(I - \pi_{2h}). \quad (3)$$

Theorem 1 (Drăgănescu, Dupont 2004) For h sufficiently small and $u \in V_h$

$$1 - C \frac{h^p}{\beta} \leq \frac{\langle (T_h)^{-1} u, u \rangle}{\langle (G_h)^{-1} u, u \rangle} \leq 1 + C \frac{h^p}{\beta},$$

where p is the order of the discrete method.

A. Semi-linear elliptic PDE, no control constraints

Optimal control problem:

$$\begin{cases} \text{minimize} & \frac{1}{2}\|y - y_d\|^2 + \frac{\beta}{2}\|u\|^2, \\ \text{subj. to} & -\Delta y + \alpha y^3 = u, \quad u \in L^2(\Omega). \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

- K is twice differentiable \Rightarrow use Newton's method – mesh independent number of iterations:

$$u_{n+1} = u_n - \text{Hessian}^{-1} \text{gradient}.$$

- *Grid-sequencing* used to obtain good initial guess.
- *Adjoint methods* used to obtain gradients and the Hessian-vector multiplication:

$$\text{Linearization : } L = L(u) = -\Delta + 3y^2(u),$$

$$\text{Gradient : } \nabla_u \hat{J}(u) = (L^*)^{-1}(y(u) - y_d) + \beta u,$$

$$\text{Hessian : } G(u) = (L^*)^{-1}(1 - 6K(u)Q(u))L^{-1} + \beta I,$$

$$\text{where : } Q(u) = (L^*)^{-1}(K(u) - y_d).$$

- Proposed two grid preconditioner:

$$T_h = G_{2h}(\pi_{2h} u) \pi_{2h} + \beta(I - \pi_{2h}).$$

Theorem 2 (Drăgănescu, Saraswat 2011) On a quasi-uniform mesh and under usual elliptic regularity assumptions

$$\|(G_h(u) - T_h(u))v\| \leq Ch^2 \|v\|, \quad \forall v \in L^2(\Omega),$$

with C independent of h .

Numerical results:

- Approximation order $O(h^2)$ confirmed by “in-vitro” experiments.
- Two-dimensional, “in-vivo” experiments: $\alpha = 1, \beta = 10^{-4}$;
showing: no. T_h -PCG iterations (no. unpreconditioned CG iterations):

iterate N	16	32	64	128
1	7 (12)	6 (12)	4 (12)	4 (12)
2	7 (11)	5 (11)	4 (11)	4 (11)
3	4 (5)	3 (5)	2 (6)	1 (6)

B. Linear elliptic PDE, box-constraints on controls

Discrete optimal control problem: If $U_{ad} = \{u \in U : \underline{u} \leq u \leq \bar{u}\}$ in (2), solve

$$\begin{cases} \text{minimize} & \frac{1}{2}\|K_h u - y_{d,h}\|_h^2 + \frac{\beta}{2}\|u\|_h^2 \\ \text{subj. to} & u \in V_h, \quad \underline{u}_h(P) \leq u(P) \leq \bar{u}_h(P), \quad \forall \text{node } P, \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

where discrete norms have diagonal mass matrices (mass-lumping).

Optimization algorithms (outer iteration):

- Interior point methods (IPM), semi-smooth Newton methods (active-set type strategies).
- Each requires solving one/two linear systems at each outer iteration.

B 1. Interior point methods

- At each outer iteration we have U, V diagonal, positive; assume $\text{diag}(U^{-1}V)$ represents a relatively smooth function λ .
- Need to invert matrices of the form:

$$\underbrace{(\beta I + U^{-1}V + K^T K)}_{D_{\beta+\lambda}} = (D_{\beta+\lambda} + K^T K) = A^{-1}(\underbrace{I + AK^T K A}_{G=G_h})A^{-1}, \quad A = D_{\sqrt{1/(\beta+\lambda)}},$$

where D_μ is the multiplication operator with the function μ (or a diagonal matrix with diagonal μ).

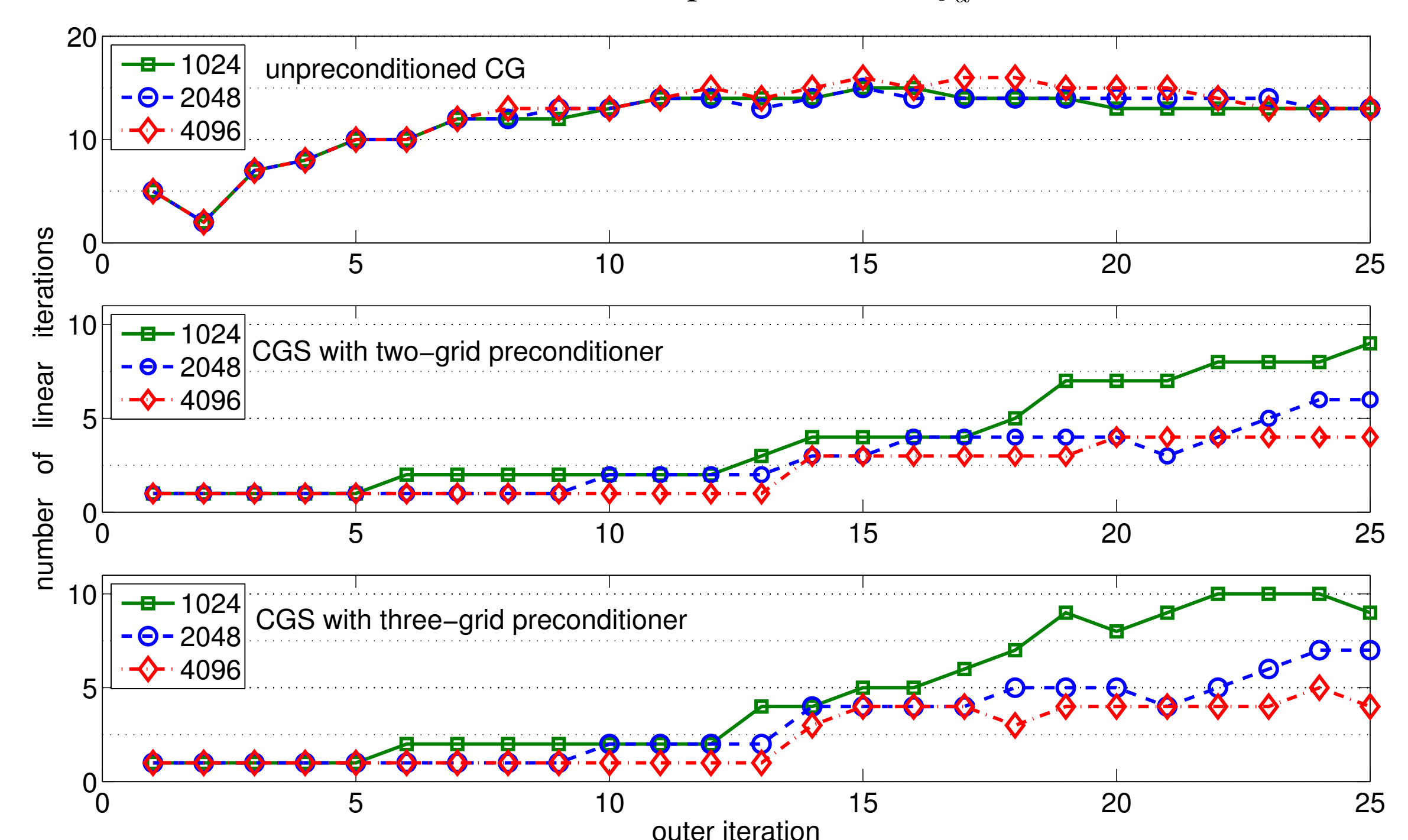
- Define preconditioner for G_h as in (3) with $\beta = 1$.

Theorem 3 (Drăgănescu, Petra 2010) On a uniform grid, if $\lambda_h = \text{interpolate}(\lambda)$,

$$\rho(I - T_h^{-1}G_h) \leq Ch^2 \|(\beta + \lambda)^{-\frac{1}{2}}\|_{W_\infty^2}.$$

Numerical results:

- Approximation order $O(h^2)$ confirmed by “in-vitro” experiments.
- Tested with linear 2D-elliptic, 1D parabolic PDEs.
- Below: results with initial value control of parabolic PDE, y_d is the end-time state.



B 2. Semi-smooth Newton methods (SSNM)

- The SSNM produces a sequence of sets $(\mathcal{A}_k, \mathcal{I}_k)_{k=1,2,\dots}$ that approximate the exact active/inactive sets $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{I})$.
- The reduced system at each SSNM iteration has the form

$$G^{\mathcal{I}} u_{\mathcal{I}} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (\beta I + K^{\mathcal{I}} K)^{\mathcal{I}\mathcal{I}} u_{\mathcal{I}} = b_{\mathcal{I}}.$$

where \mathcal{I} is the current guess at the inactive set.

- Similar preconditioning as in (3); challenge is to find a coarse space $V_{2h}^{\mathcal{I}} \subset V_h^{\mathcal{I}}$.

$$T_h = \beta(I - \pi_{2h}^{\mathcal{I}}) + G_h^{\mathcal{I}} \pi_{2h}^{\mathcal{I}}.$$

Theorem 4 (Drăgănescu 2011) On a uniform mesh

$$\rho(I - T_h^{-1}G_h) \leq C\beta^{-1} \left(h^2 + \sqrt{\mu_h^{\text{in}}} \right), \quad (6)$$

where μ_h^{in} is the Lebesgue measure of the set $\partial_n \Omega_h^{\text{in}}$, denoting the numerical boundary the inactive domain relative to the coarse grid.

- Preconditioner is expected to be of suboptimal quality:

$$\rho(I - T_h^{-1}G_h) \leq Ch^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

C. Stokes control

Optimal control problem constrained by the Stokes system:

$$\begin{cases} \text{minimize} & \frac{\gamma}{2}\|\bar{u} - \bar{u}_d\|^2 + \frac{\gamma}{2}\|p - p_d\|^2 + \frac{\beta}{2}\|f - \bar{f}_0\|^2 \\ \text{subj. to} & -\nu\Delta\bar{u} + \nabla p = \bar{f}, \\ & \text{div } \bar{u} = 0, \quad \bar{u}|_{\Omega} = \bar{0} \end{cases} \quad (7)$$

- Hessian of reduced functional (matrix of reduced KKT system):

$$G_h = \beta I + \gamma_u U_h^* U_h + \gamma_p P_h^* P_h,$$

where U_h, P_h are the solution operators (velocity resp. pressure as function of force).

- The proposed two-grid preconditioner is defined as in (3).

Theorem 5 (Drăgănescu, Soane 2011) If standard finite element approximations

$$\|(U - U_h)(f)\| \leq Ch^p \|f\|, \quad \|(P - P_h)(f)\| \leq Ch^q \|f\|$$

hold, and under standard regularity assumptions,

$$\rho(I - T_h^{-1}G_h) \leq \frac{C}{\beta} (\gamma_u h^p + \gamma_p h^q),$$

with C independent of h, β , provided the coarsest grid is sufficiently fine.