

# Preconditioning PDE-constrained Optimization Problems

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# PDE-constrained Optimization

General problem:

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

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

subject to

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

where  $\mathcal{L}$  represents a partial differential operator

can also include:

bounds on the control (via a primal-dual active set strategy):

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

(*Hintermueller, Ito & Kunisch (2002)*)

bounds on the state (via Moreau-Yoshida regularization):

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

(*Herzog & Sachs (2009)*)

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  $\Omega$ ,  $\mathbf{y} = \hat{\mathbf{y}}$  on  $\partial\Omega$

Discretisation: finite elements

$$\mathbf{y}_h = \sum y_j \phi_j, \quad \mathbf{y} = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)^T$$

$$\mathbf{u}_h = \sum u_j \phi_j, \quad \mathbf{u} = (u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)^T$$

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

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

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

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

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

in usual saddle point form

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

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  $\hat{A}$ ,  $\hat{S} \Rightarrow$  3 / 2 clusters

⇒ fast convergence

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} &= [ K \ -M ] \begin{bmatrix} M^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\beta}M^{-1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} K^T \\ -M \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{\beta}M + KM^{-1}K^T = \frac{1}{\beta}M + S_1 \end{aligned}$$

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$$= \frac{1}{\beta}M + KM^{-1}K^T = \frac{1}{\beta}M + S_1$$

$$= -\frac{2}{\sqrt{\beta}}K + \left(K + \frac{1}{\sqrt{\beta}}M\right)M^{-1}\left(K + \frac{1}{\sqrt{\beta}}M\right)^T = -\frac{2}{\sqrt{\beta}}K + S_2$$

Eigenvalues:

$$\lambda(S_1^{-1}S) \in [1 + ch^4/\beta, 1 + C/\beta], \quad \lambda(S_2^{-1}S) \in [1/2, 1]$$

So choose  $\widehat{S} = S_1$  for all except small  $\beta$  or  $\widehat{S} = S_2$  for all  $\beta$

(Pearson & W (2010), Schoberl & Zulehner (2007))

Hence (with  $\widehat{S} = \textcolor{blue}{S}_1$ ) 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  $\nu$  of  $\mathcal{P}^{-1}\mathcal{A}$

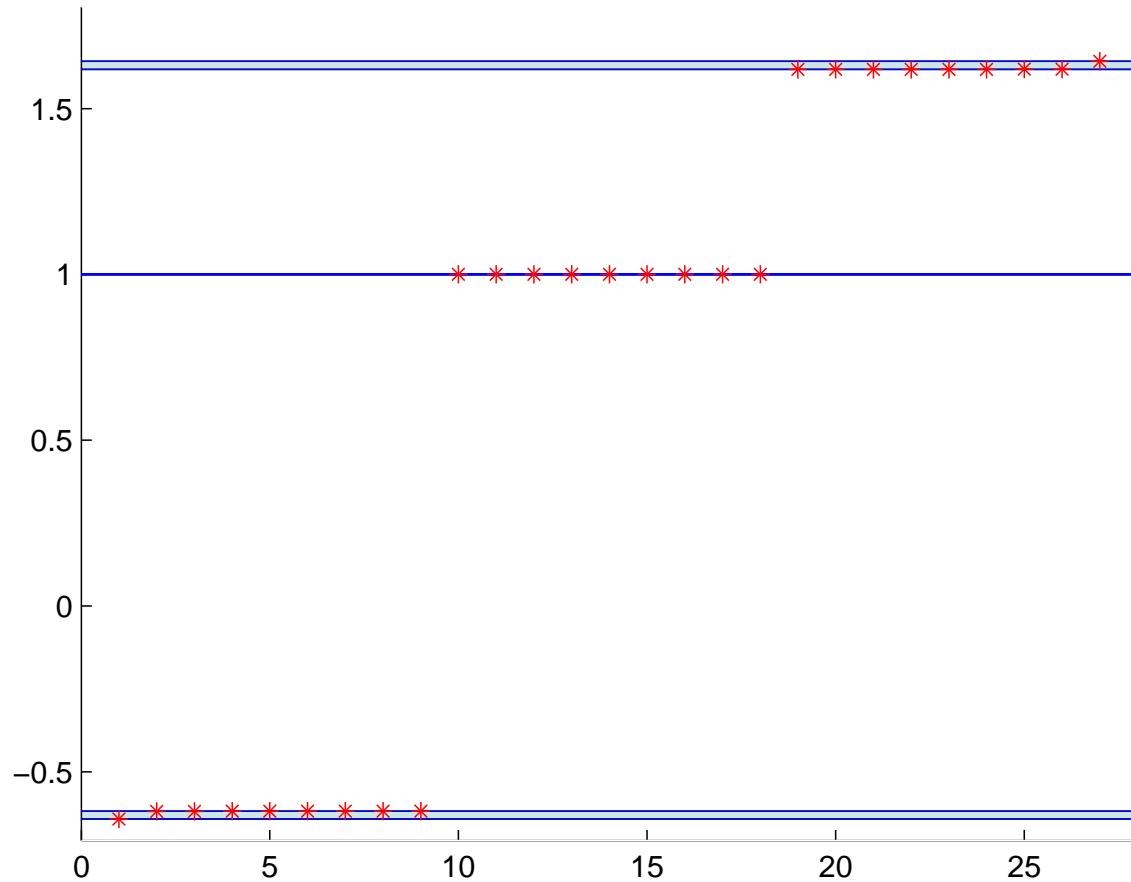
$$\nu = \textcolor{blue}{1},$$

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

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

where  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2$  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

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

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

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

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:

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

does *not* imply that

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

or indeed that

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

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

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so  $\widehat{M}$ ? :  $T_{20}(D^{-1}M)$  : Chebyshev (semi-) iterations

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

- geometric multigrid: relaxed Jacobi smoothing, standard grid transfers  
→  $\mathcal{P}_{MG}$
- algebraic multigrid: `HSL` routine `HSL_MI20`  
(Boyle, Mihajlovic & Scott (2007))  
→  $\mathcal{P}_{AMG}$

In our examples  $\widehat{K}$  is the action of 2 V-cycles

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

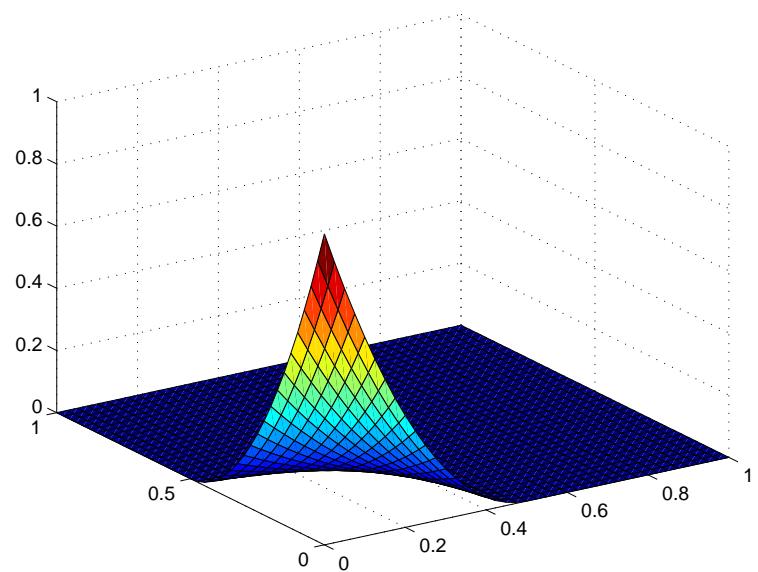
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Q1 (bilinear) finite elements,  $\beta = 10^{-2}$

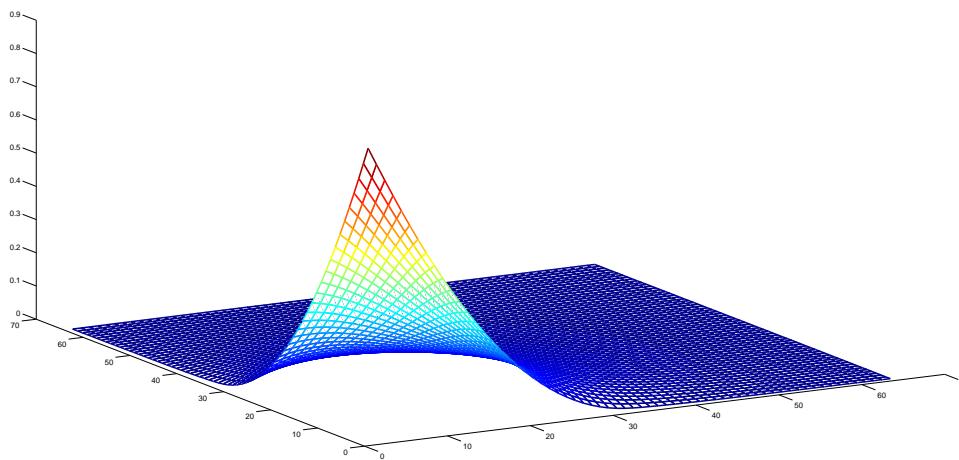
$\hat{\mathbf{y}}$ :



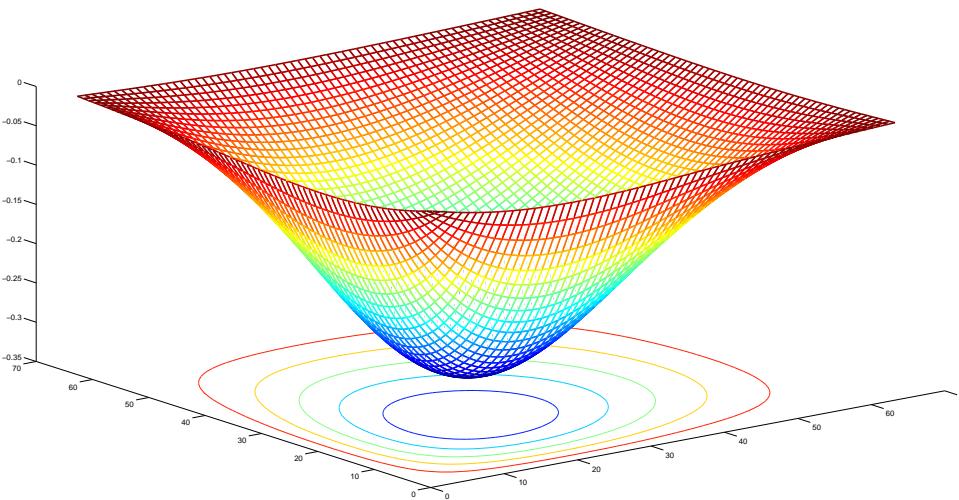
## CPU times (MINRES iterations) in 2D, tol $10^{-6}$

$h$	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)

State:



Control:



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$2^{-3}$	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	—	297 (9)	230 (10)

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$h$	Approximation $S = \textcolor{blue}{S_1}$				Approximation $S = \textcolor{red}{S_2}$			
	$10^{-1}$	$10^{-3}$	$10^{-5}$	$10^{-7}$	$10^{-1}$	$10^{-3}$	$10^{-5}$	$10^{-7}$
$2^{-2}$	8	12	26	28	10	14	—	—
$2^{-3}$	8	12	42	130	10	16	14	—
$2^{-4}$	8	12	48	272	12	17	15	13
$2^{-5}$	10	14	49	341	12	18	16	16

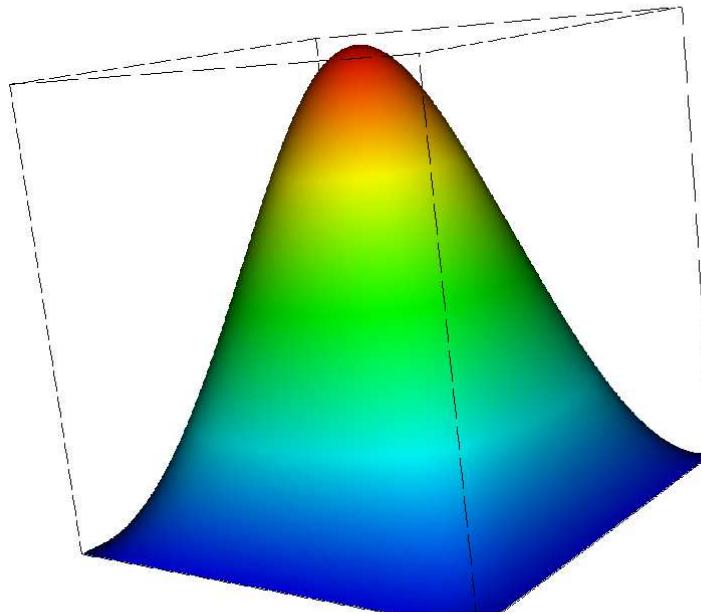
With bound constraints: an active set strategy (or projected gradient)  $\Rightarrow$  an outer nonlinear loop

MINRES solution: Number of AMG V-cycles for Laplacian  
in 2D, tol  $10^{-6}$

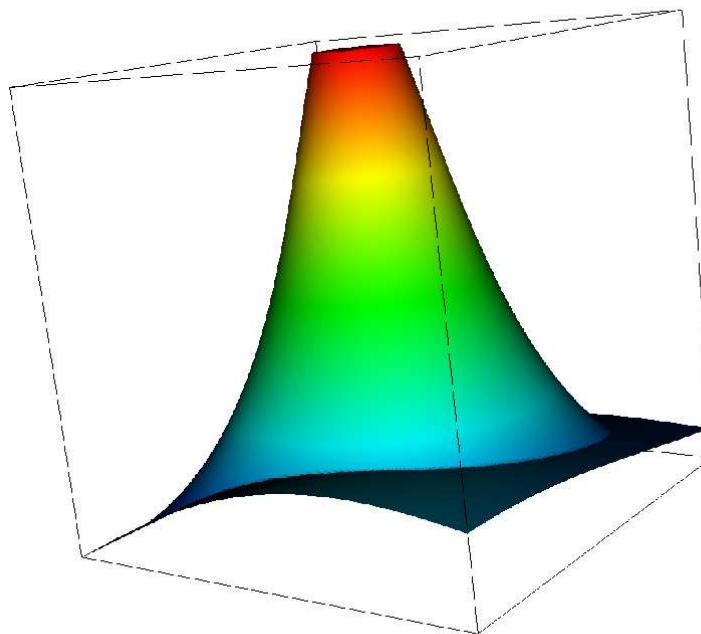
$h$	3n	PDE solve	Unconstrained Control prob	Bound-constrained Control prob
$2^{-2}$	27	4	40	68(2)
$2^{-3}$	147	4	40	104(3)
$2^{-4}$	675	4	40	160(4)
$2^{-5}$	2883	6	40	160(4)
$2^{-6}$	11907	6	44	180(4)
$2^{-7}$	48387	6	48	240(5)
$2^{-8}$	195075	6	48	280(5)
$2^{-9}$	783363	6	56	320(5)

energy: unconstrained  $\searrow 1.483 \times 10^{-3}$   
bound constrained  $\searrow 1.732 \times 10^{-3}$

State:

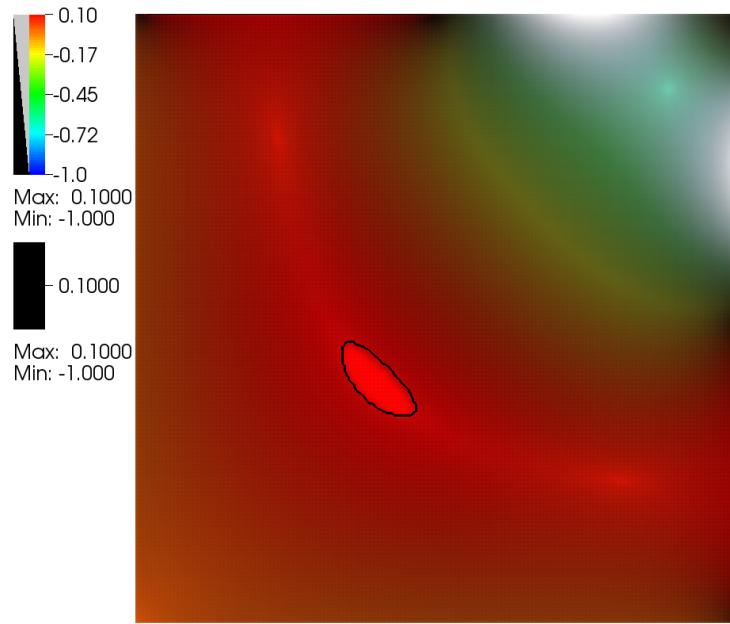


Control:

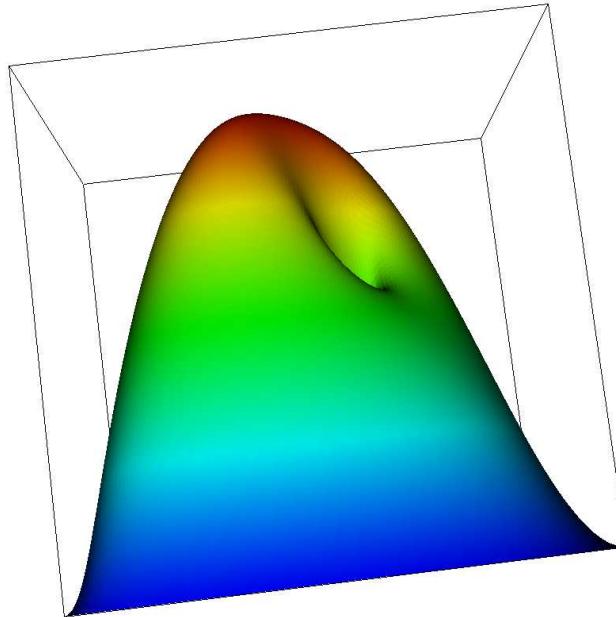


# State constraints

State:



Control:



# Stokes Control

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

subject to

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

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

Mixed finite elements for (forward) Stokes problem:

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

## 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  $\Rightarrow$

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

Schur Complement:

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

and again ignore 2nd term for moderate  $\beta$  (or use  $\textcolor{red}{S}_2$ )

So overall block diagonal preconditioner requires:

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

and 2 Stokes approximations

Stokes preconditioners:

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

and

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

on left and right respectively where  $\widehat{\underline{K}}$  is multigrid cycles for each discrete scalar Laplacian as before

(*Silvester & W (1993), Klawonn (1998), Elman, Silvester & W (2005)*)

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

It takes 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.

# Time-dependent problems

$$\frac{1}{2} \int_0^T \int_{\Omega_1} (y(x, t) - \bar{y}(x, t))^2 dx dt + \frac{\beta}{2} \int_0^T \int_{\Omega_2} (u(x, t))^2 dx dt$$

subject to

$$y_t - \nabla^2 y = u \quad \text{in } \Omega \times [0, T]$$

with boundary conditions  $y = 0$  on  $\partial\Omega$  and initial condition  $y(x, 0) = y_0(x)$ .

Adjoint PDE:

$$-p_t - \nabla^2 p = y - \bar{y}$$

with  $p = 0$  on  $\partial\Omega$ ,  $p(x, T) = y(x, T) - \bar{y}(x, T)$ .

Backwards Euler in time, Galerkin finite elements in space

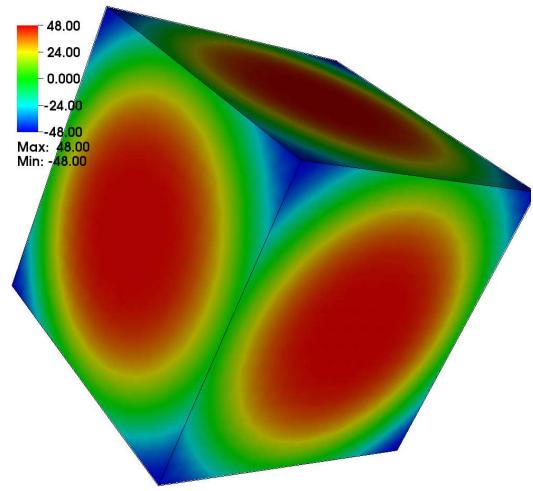
Main issue now is that differential operator is  $\underline{K}$  where all time step values  $y_1, y_2, \dots, y_N$  are involved:

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} M + \tau K & & & & \\ -M & M + \tau K & & & \\ & -M & M + \tau K & & \\ & & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & & -M & M + \tau K \end{bmatrix}}_{\underline{K}} \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \\ \vdots \\ y_N \end{bmatrix}$$

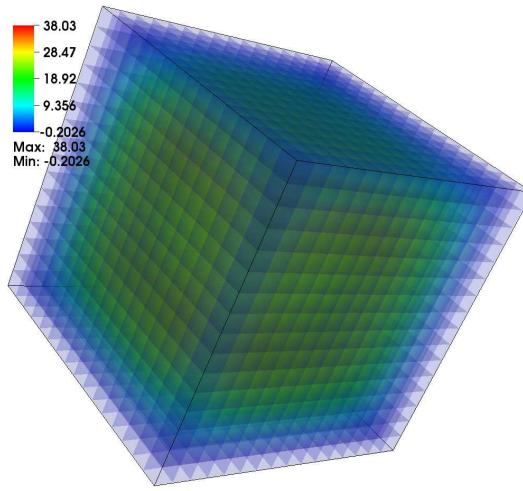
so

$$\begin{bmatrix} \underline{M} & 0 & -\underline{K}^T \\ 0 & \beta \underline{M} & \underline{M} \\ -\underline{K} & \underline{M} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{y} \\ \mathbf{u} \\ \mathbf{p} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \underline{M}\mathbf{y} \\ 0 \\ d \end{bmatrix}.$$

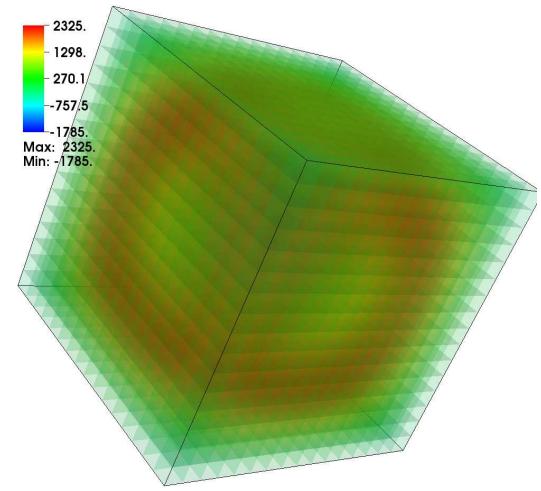
is an even larger system, but similar ideas go through...



Desired state



State



Control

Solution at 15th time step,  $\beta = 10^{-4}$

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