

Practical work : A simple geometric multigrid method with python

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Introduction

The aim of this practical work is to implement a really simple multigrid method for the 1D Poisson problem.

$$\begin{aligned} -u''(x) &= f(x) \quad 0 < x < 1 \\ u(0) &= u(1) = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (1) \quad \Omega_h \quad \begin{array}{c} 0 \qquad \qquad h \qquad \qquad 1 \\ \hline x_0 \quad x_1 \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad x_n \end{array}$$

1 Technical information

You can work on your personal laptop, the only thing you need is python with the standard scientific libraries : numpy, scipy, matplotlib. If needed, you can use the virtual machine at <https://rep.mines-paristech.fr/home>.

1.1 Available documentation

This practical work make use of python packages, the documentation is online.

2 Required work

2.1 Model problem

1. Discretize problem (1) using classical finite differences with a constant length step $h = 1/n$ (n being the number of segments). It leads to the linear system :

$$\mathbf{A} \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{f} \quad (2)$$

To fix the idea, we will use $n = 64$ in the following (but feel free to use a lower value for debugging).

2. Complete the `laplace` function in order to create the operator \mathbf{A} .

2.2 Smoother

We recall that multigrid algorithm make use of stationary iterative methods such as smoothers.

1. The preconditioner for Jacobi over relaxation (JOR) is $\mathbf{M} = \frac{1}{\omega} \text{diag}(\mathbf{A})$, $0 < \omega \leq 1$
Complete the `JOR` function.
2. The preconditioner for Successive Over Relaxation (SOR) is $\mathbf{M} = \frac{1}{\omega} \text{diag}(\mathbf{A}) - \mathbf{E}$ where $(-\mathbf{E})$ is the strict lower triangular part of \mathbf{A} and $0 < \omega < 2$. Complete the `SOR` function.

Algorithm 1: Stationary iterative method

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Initial guess  $\mathbf{u}_0$ 
for  $i = 0$  to convergence do
     $\mathbf{r}_i = \mathbf{f} - \mathbf{A}\mathbf{u}_i$ 
     $\mathbf{z}_i = \mathbf{M}^{-1}\mathbf{r}_i$ 
     $\mathbf{u}_{i+1} = \mathbf{u}_i + \mathbf{z}_i$ 
end
```

3. The use of a null right-hand-side and a custom initial guess gives some insights about the convergence of the method. Can you explain why ?
4. Plot few first approximate solutions with a high frequency initial guess $\mathbf{u}_0(x) = \sin(k_h \pi x)$.
5. Do the same thing for a low frequency initial guess $\mathbf{u}_0(x) = \sin(k_l \pi x)$ and draw some conclusions.

2.3 Restriction & prolongation

We consider the standard coarsening $H = 2h$.

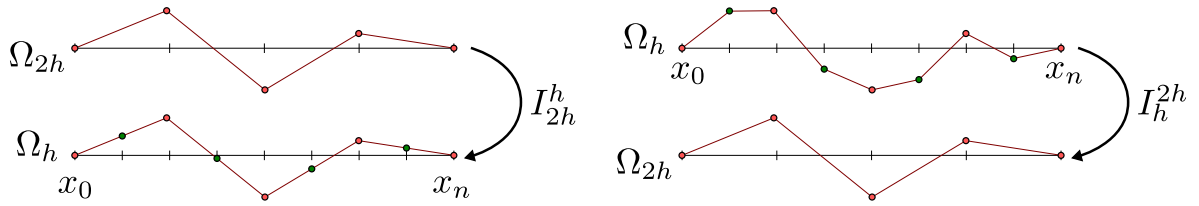


Figure 1: Classical injection and linear interpolation operators

1. The classical restriction is injection. As described in Figure 1, with the injection operator I_h^{2h} , the value of a coarse node is directly the value of the corresponding fine node. Complete the **injection** function.
2. The classical prolongation is linear interpolation. Complete the **interpolation** function.

2.4 Two-grid algorithm

1. Complete the function **tgcy**c according to Algorithm 2 in order to get a working Two-grid cycle.
2. Replace the coarse grid solve by 3 iterations of smoothing. Is the convergence really affected ?
3. Adapt **tgcy**c to get a V-cycle according to Algorithm 3.

Algorithm 2: Two-grid cycle $\mathbf{u}_{k+1}^h = TGCYC(\mathbf{u}_k^h, \mathbf{A}^h, \mathbf{f}^h, \nu_1, \nu_2)$

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// Presmoothing
Compute  $\bar{\mathbf{u}}_k^h$  by applying  $\nu_1(\geq 0)$  steps of the smoothing procedure to  $\mathbf{u}_k^h$  :
 $\bar{\mathbf{u}}_k^h = \text{Smooth}^{\nu_1}(\mathbf{u}_k^h, \mathbf{A}^h, \mathbf{f}^h)$ 
// Coarse grid correction (CGC)
Compute the defect  $\bar{\mathbf{d}}_k^h = \mathbf{f}^h - \mathbf{A}^h \bar{\mathbf{u}}_k^h$ 
Restrict the defect  $\bar{\mathbf{d}}_k^H = \mathbf{I}_h^H \bar{\mathbf{d}}_k^h$ 
Solve on  $\Omega^H$   $\mathbf{A}^H \hat{\mathbf{v}}_k^H = \bar{\mathbf{d}}_k^H$ 
Interpolate the correction  $\hat{\mathbf{v}}_k^h = \mathbf{I}_H^h \hat{\mathbf{v}}_k^H$ 
Update the approximation  $\mathbf{u}_{k,afterCGC}^h = \bar{\mathbf{u}}_k^h + \hat{\mathbf{v}}_k^h$ 
// Postsmoothing
Compute  $\mathbf{u}_{k+1}^h$  by applying  $\nu_2(\geq 0)$  steps of the smoothing procedure to  $\mathbf{u}_{k,afterCGC}^h$  :
 $\mathbf{u}_{k+1}^h = \text{Smooth}^{\nu_2}(\mathbf{u}_{k,afterCGC}^h, \mathbf{A}^h, \mathbf{f}^h)$ 

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Algorithm 3: Multigrid cycle $\mathbf{u}_{k+1}^h = MGCYC(\ell, \mathbf{u}_k^\ell, \mathbf{A}^\ell, \mathbf{f}^\ell, \nu_1, \nu_2)$

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Apply  $\nu_1(\geq 0)$  presmoothing steps to  $\mathbf{u}_k^\ell$  :  $\bar{\mathbf{u}}_k^\ell = \text{Smooth}^{\nu_1}(\mathbf{u}_k^\ell, \mathbf{A}^\ell, \mathbf{f}^\ell)$ 
// Coarse grid correction (CGC)
Compute the defect  $\bar{\mathbf{d}}_k^\ell = \mathbf{f}^\ell - \mathbf{A}^\ell \bar{\mathbf{u}}_k^\ell$ 
Restrict the defect  $\bar{\mathbf{d}}_k^{\ell-1} = \mathbf{I}_\ell^{\ell-1} \bar{\mathbf{d}}_k^\ell$ 
// Compute an approx. sol.  $\hat{\mathbf{v}}_k^{\ell-1}$  of the defect eq. on  $\Omega^{\ell-1}$ 
if  $\ell = 1$  then Use a direct solver  $\mathbf{A}^{\ell-1} \hat{\mathbf{v}}_k^{\ell-1} = \bar{\mathbf{d}}_k^{\ell-1}$ 
else
    | Perform one grid cycle using the zero grid function as a first approximation
    |  $\hat{\mathbf{v}}_k^{\ell-1} = MGCYC(\ell-1, 0, \mathbf{A}^{\ell-1}, \bar{\mathbf{d}}_k^{\ell-1}, \nu_1, \nu_2)$ 
end
Interpolate the correction  $\hat{\mathbf{v}}_k^\ell = \mathbf{I}_{\ell-1}^\ell \hat{\mathbf{v}}_k^{\ell-1}$ 
Update the approximation  $\mathbf{u}_{k,afterCGC}^\ell = \bar{\mathbf{u}}_k^\ell + \hat{\mathbf{v}}_k^\ell$ 
Apply  $\nu_2(\geq 0)$  postsmoothing steps to  $\mathbf{u}_{k,afterCGC}^\ell$  :  $\mathbf{u}_{k+1}^\ell = \text{Smooth}^{\nu_2}(\mathbf{u}_{k,afterCGC}^\ell, \mathbf{A}^\ell, \mathbf{f}^\ell)$ 

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