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**Multilevel Preconditioners for Nonselfadjoint or Indefinite  
 Orthogonal Spline Collocation Problems**

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We develop and study symmetric multilevel preconditioners for the computation of the orthogonal spline collocation (OSC) solution of a Dirichlet boundary value problem (BVP) with a nonselfadjoint or an indefinite operator. The OSC solution is sought in the space of piecewise Hermite bicubic spline functions defined on a uniform partition. We consider an additive and a multiplicative multilevel preconditioners that are used with the preconditioned conjugate gradient (PCG) method. Our results and algorithms are closely related to those in [1], [2], [3], and [4]. Let  $\Omega$  be a unit square  $(0, 1) \times (0, 1)$  with the boundary  $\partial\Omega$ , and let  $x = (x_1, x_2)$ . We consider a BVP

$$Lu \equiv \sum_{i,j=1}^2 a_{ij}(x)u_{x_i x_j} + \sum_{i=1}^2 b_i(x)u_{x_i} + c(x)u = f(x), \quad x \in \Omega, \quad u = 0 \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega. \quad (1)$$

Operator  $L$  could be non-selfadjoint or indefinite in  $L^2$  inner product. We assume that the principal part of  $L$  satisfies the uniform ellipticity condition and that BVP (1) has a unique solution in  $H^2(\Omega)$ . Let  $\pi_0$  be a uniform coarsest rectangular partition of  $\Omega$ . We obtain a set of partitions  $\{\pi_k\}_{k=0}^K$  by standard coarsening, and let  $V_0 \subset V_1 \subset \dots \subset V_K \equiv V_h$  be the set of corresponding nested spaces of piecewise Hermite bicubics that vanish on  $\partial\Omega$ . Let  $\sum$  denote the 2-D composite Gauss quadrature corresponding to partition  $\pi_h$  with 4 nodes in each element. Let  $\mathcal{G}_h$  denote the corresponding set of Gauss points. The OSC discretization of BVP (1) is defined by

$$u_h \in V_h, \quad Lu_h(\xi) = f(\xi), \quad \xi \in \mathcal{G}_h, \quad (2)$$

and it can be written as the operator equation  $L_h u_h = f_h$  in the Hilbert space  $V_h$  with the inner product  $(v, w)_h = \sum v w$ . Let  $\{\psi_{k,j}\}_{j=1}^{N_k}$  be the standard finite element basis of  $V_k$  consisting of products of one-dimensional value and slope basis functions. Using the space decomposition

$$V_h = V_0 + \sum_{k=1}^J \sum_{j=1}^{N_k} V_{k,j}, \quad V_{k,j} = \text{span}(\psi_{k,j}),$$

we define and study multilevel additive  $B_a$  and multiplicative  $B_m$  preconditioners for solving the normal equation  $L_h^* L_h u_h = L_h^* f_h$ , where  $L_h^*$  is the adjoint to  $L_h$ . The implementation of  $B_a$  and  $B_m$  is based on relationships between basis functions for two consecutive partitions and the implementation of  $B_m$  is similar to that for V(1,1)-cycle with the Gauss-Seidel smoothing. A problem on the coarsest partition is assumed sufficiently small, and it is solved exactly. The computational cost of the preconditioning algorithms is  $O(N_K)$ . The following is our main result. There are positive independent of  $h$  and  $K$  constants  $\alpha_a, \beta_a, \alpha_m$ , and  $\beta_m$ , such that

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_a (B_a v, v)_h &\leq (L_h^* L_h v, v)_h \leq \beta_a (B_a v, v)_h, \quad v \in V_h, \\ \alpha_m (B_m v, v)_h &\leq (L_h^* L_h v, v)_h \leq \beta_m (B_m v, v)_h, \quad v \in V_h. \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

To obtain this result, we prove the key assumptions in the general theory of Schwarz methods formulated in [4] and use the inequalities (see [2])

$$C^{-1} \|v\|_{H^2(\Omega)}^2 \leq a_h(v, v) \leq C \|\Delta v\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2, \quad v \in V_h.$$

In the following table, we present results of our numerical computations; that is, the ratios of spectral constants in (3), the convergence factor  $\bar{\rho}$ , which is the geometric mean of consecutive residual ratios, and the CPU time. Under *Additive* and *Multiplicative*, we list results for Poisson's equation, and under *General* – results for a PDE with a general nonselfadjoint and indefinite operator  $L$  with the coefficients

$$\begin{aligned} a_{11}(x) &= e^{x_1 x_2}, \quad a_{12}(x) = 0.5/(1 + x_1 + x_2), \quad a_{22}(x) = e^{-x_1 x_2}, \\ b_1(x) &= x_2 e^{x_1 x_2} + 10 \cos[\pi(x_1 + x_2)], \quad b_2(x) = -x_1 e^{-x_1 x_2} + 50 \sin(2\pi x_1 x_2), \\ c(x) &= 50[1 + 1/(1 + x_1 + x_2)]. \end{aligned}$$

$J$	<i>Additive</i>			<i>Multiplicative</i>			<i>General</i>		
	$\beta_a/\alpha_a$	$\bar{\rho}$	$t(s)$	$\beta_m/\alpha_m$	$\bar{\rho}$	$t(s)$	$\beta_m/\alpha_m$	$\bar{\rho}$	$t(s)$
3	3.883	0.072	0.19	1.367	0.005	0.18	925.2	0.094	0.33
4	4.490	0.101	0.59	1.435	0.007	0.90	515.2	0.096	1.80
5	5.016	0.125	2.13	1.476	0.008	3.87	457.5	0.121	8.44
6	5.488	0.142	9.13	1.500	0.009	16.45	402.4	0.166	42.67
7	5.845	0.156	49.93	1.515	0.009	73.43	381.4	0.202	199.40
8	6.162	0.168	278.10	1.524	0.009	334.60	377.3	0.224	995.60

problems are solved by PCG with the multilevel additive and the multiplicative preconditioners for Poisson's equation and with the multiplicative preconditioner for the general equation. We set  $\pi_0 = \Omega$  and reduce the relative residual to less than  $10^{-12}$ . The numerical results demonstrate the efficiency of our preconditioning algorithms.

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