Dennis C. Smolarski Implementing Chebyshev Iteration on Parallel Architectures: Some Preliminary Results

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One of the known bottlenecks to parallel scalability of Krylov subspace algorithms is the need for inner products. For this reason, Chebyshev iteration has often been mentioned, but rarely studied, as an optimal Krylov subspace algorithm for parallel architectures since it does not require the inner products if the iterative parameters are known.

In this paper, we consider Chebycode, a hybrid Chebyshev algorithm developed by Howard Elman, Steve Ashby, and Tom Manteuffel, that estimates iterative parameters by means of variants of the power method. A parallel F90+MPI implementation of this algorithm was recently developed by Ryan Szypowski and we have been employing this algorithm in conjunction with sparse, parallel approximate inverse preconditioners in radiation transport simulations. We present some preliminary results on the scalability and effectiveness of this method in comparison with other Krylov subspace algorithms.