Lecture 19: The Inexact
Newton-Krylov Algorithm

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# Today

Iterative linear algebra

Convergence

Inexact Newton-Krylov

Summary

Case studies

Porous medium equation

#### Newton's method + iterative linear solver

- We now have 2 levels of iteration
  - ► An outer iteration for the nonlinear system:

    Newton's Method
  - An inner iteration for the linear system at each nonlinear step:
     Preconditioned Krylov-subspace iterations
- It is important to consider the effect of approximate solution of the (inner) linear system on the (outer) nonlinear system solution

## Convergence control

- Iterative solution of the linear system is approximate
  - We monitor the residual norm  $R_i = ||\mathbf{r}_i||$
- ► The Newton iteration is also approximate
  - We monitor the nonlinear function norm  $F_k = ||\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{U}_k)||$
- ▶ While F<sub>k</sub> is large we do not require R<sub>i</sub> to be completely converged
  - ► We require sufficient accuracy
- We do not have this flexibility with direct solution

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## The Inexact Newton-Krylov Algorithm

- k = 0
- Specify or compute U<sub>0</sub>
- $\qquad \qquad \textbf{Compute } \mathbf{F}_0 = \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{U}_0)$
- ▶ While  $|\mathbf{F}_k| > Tol$ 
  - ightharpoonup Compute  $J_k = J(U_k)$
  - ightharpoonup Assemble preconditioner matrix  $\mathbf{M}_k$
  - ▶ Solve  $\mathbf{J}_k \delta_k = -\mathbf{F}_k$  to tolerance  $tol = \eta_k \|\mathbf{F}_k\|$  using Krylov-subspace iterative method and preconditioner  $\mathbf{M}_k$
  - Update  $\mathbf{U}_{k+1} = \mathbf{U}_k + \delta_k$
  - ► Compute  $\mathbf{F}_{k+1} = \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{U}_{k+1})$
  - ▶ k = k + 1

## Convergence of residuals: exact vs. inexact Newton

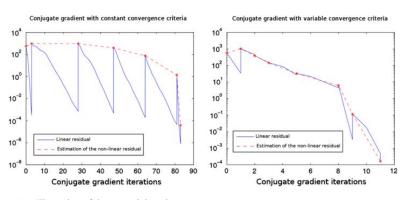


Figure 1. Illustration of the oversolving phenomenon.

## Summary

#### The combination of:

- Newton's method;
- inexact solution of the linear system;
- preconditioned Krylov-subspace iterative techniques;
- matrix-permutation algorithms;
- approximate matrix factoring algorithms;

enables the efficient solution of very large, sparse, highly-nonlinear systems

## Case study: Porous-medium equation

u(x, y) represents concentration of some property

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( g(u) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( g(u) \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) = 0$$

where

$$g(u) = 1 + \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}\right)^2$$

Defined on a spatial region  $\Omega$  with boundary conditions  $u = U_1(x,y)$  on boundary  $\partial \Omega$ 

# Spatial approximation

- ► A linear triangular finite element method is used (equivalent to FDM in 1-D)
- The resulting Jacobian is sparse and symmetric positive definite and can be approximated analytically

### Numerical method

- A Newton-Krylov solution strategy
- Preconditioned Conjugate Gradient iterations for the Jacobian system
- A state-of-the-art multigrid preconditioner<sup>1</sup>
   was tested for the CG iterations

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Recall idea of using multiple levels of discrete grids to find initial conditions, can also be used here to generate efficient preconditioners

Case studies

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# Timing results

Equations	Newton	Sparse direct	CG iterations
N	iterations	Time (s)	Time (s)
9 <sup>2</sup>	10	0.9	0.1
17 <sup>2</sup>	12	21.6	0.6
$33^{2}$	13	382.6	2.7
65 <sup>2</sup>	15	-	12.7
129 <sup>2</sup>	17	-	57.1
$257^{2}$	19	-	261.6