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# TP: Alternating and Parallel Schwarz methods Année scolaire 2024–2025

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#### 1 Introduction

In this TP, you will focus on the preconditioning techniques and implement alternating and parallel Schwarz methods to solve a model problem. The goal is to deepen the understanding of Schwarz methods, and analyze their dependence on algorithmic parameters (e.g., overlap).

### Model problem

Consider a heat diffusion problem posed on a square domain  $\Omega$ . The boundary  $\partial\Omega$  is decomposed into the left part  $\Gamma_L$ , the right part  $\Gamma_R$ , as well as  $\partial\Omega\setminus\Gamma_L\setminus\Gamma_R$  the top and bottom part. We set the temperature to be equal to 0 on all parts of the boundary, i.e., gl=gr=0. Inside the room, there is a radiator whose temperature is equal to 50. The radiator is modeled by a source term f(x,y)=50 if  $(x,y)\in[0.0,1.0]\times[0.4,0.6]$  and zero otherwise.

We want to find the temperature distribution inside the room described by the following equation:

$$\begin{split} -\Delta u &= f, & \text{in } \Omega, \\ u &= gl, & \text{on } \Gamma_L, \\ u &= gr, & \text{on } \Gamma_R, \\ u &= 0, & \text{on } \partial \Omega \setminus \Gamma_L \setminus \Gamma_R. \end{split} \tag{1}$$

The script Problem.m provides a discretization of the model problem.

## 2 Preconditioning

Get familiar with scripts exla.m, exlb.m, exlc.m, which solves the model problem from the Problem.m class. Solve the model problem for a fixed discretization and plot the solution.

Tasks:

• In the script exla.m, we study the behavior of the model problem while increasing the resolution of our discretization. To this aim, discretize the problem with increasing N and compute the condition number of the assembled stifness matrix. Study how the condition number changes with the increasing problem resolution.

```
for i = 1: size(Ns, 2)
  N = Ns(i);
  problem = Problem(N, N, global_domain_start, global_domain_end);

% Extract mesh size
  hs(i) = problem.h;

% Compute condition number of the stifness matrix
  condition_numbers(i) = % ....
end
```

• In the script ex1b.m, we solve the model problem using pcg function of Matlab. Documentation of pcg function can be found online. To do so, please complete function solve\_cg in Problem.m script. What can you observe regarding the convergence as the problem size increases?

```
function [u, iter] = solve_cg(obj)
  % Solve the boundary value problem represented by A and force
  % term f using matlab's cg solver
  obj.f(1:obj.Ny, 1) = obj.f(1:obj.Ny, 1) + obj.gl / obj.h^2;
  obj.f(1:obj.Ny, end) = obj.f(1:obj.Ny, end) + obj.gr / obj.h^2;

% Define tolerance
  tol=1e-10;
  maxit=size(obj.A,1);

% Call PCG solver with no preconditioner
  [u,~,~,iter] = % ....

u = reshape(u, obj.Ny, obj.Nx);
  u = [obj.gl u obj.gr];
end
```

• In the script exlc.m, we solve the model problem using pcg function with incomplete Cholesky preconditioner (ichol function). To do so, please complete function solve\_pcg in Problem.m script. Compare the convergence of preconditioned and non-preconditioned variants. What do you observe?

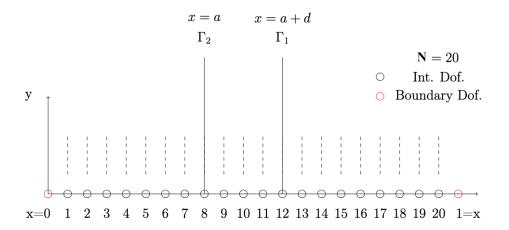


Figure 1: Sketch of the decomposition of  $\Omega$  into  $\Omega_1$  and  $\Omega_2$ .

```
function [u, iter] = solve_pcg(obj)
    % Solve the boundary value problem represented by A and force
    % term f using matlab's preconditioned cg solver
    obj.f(1:obj.Ny, 1) = obj.f(1:obj.Ny, 1) + obj.gl / obj.h^2;
    obj.f(1:obj.Ny, end) = obj.f(1:obj.Ny, end) + obj.gr / obj.h^2;

% Define tolerance
    tol=le-10;
    maxit=size(obj.A,1);

% Get Cholesky preconditioner
    M = % ....

% Call pcg solver with preconditioner M
    [u,~,~,iter] = % .....

u = reshape(u, obj.Ny, obj.Nx);
    u = [obj.gl u obj.gr];
end
```

## 3 Alternating Schwarz method

We will use script ex2.m to test the alternating Schwarz method.

- Study script ex2.m and understand the decomposition of domain  $\Omega$  into  $\Omega_1$  and  $\Omega_2$ . Note that the domain is split only in the x-direction, as depicted in Figure 1.
- Implement alternating Schwarz method as part of *alternating\_Schwarz* function. The three main steps are:
  - Solve the first subproblem with the correctly prescribed interface/boundary condition.

- Solve the second subproblem with the correctly prescribed interface/boundary condition.
- Construct global iterations by merging together solutions obtained from subdomain solves. Pay attention to overlapping region, where the subdomain solutions have to be averaged.

To solve each subproblem, you can utilize one of solve functions from Problem.m class. Reminder: The interface condition for each subdomain is prescribed using the solution obtained by solving another subdomain.

```
function [error, residual, iter, u_global] = alternating_Schwarz(params, )
    problem global, u global_exact, problem_subdomain1, )
    problem subdomain2, u1, u2, overlap size)
iter=0;
converged=false;
error=zeros(params.maxiter,1);
residual=zeros(params.maxiter,1);
% Additive Schwarz solver
while converged==false
  iter = iter+1;
  %% Solve on the first subdomain
  % Assign correct BC conditions
  problem_subdomain1.gr = % ...
  % Solve
  u1 = % ...
  %% Solve on the second subdomain
  % Assign correct BC conditions
  problem_subdomain2.gl = % ...
  % Solve
  u2 = % ...
  % Construct global iterate by merging together subdomain contributions
  % Pay attention to the overlapping part!!!
  u global= % ...
  % compute error and residual between iterate and exact solution
  error(iter+1)=problem global.compute error(u global exact, u global);
  residual(iter)=problem_global.compute_residual(u_global);
  fprintf('it: %d || r || %d || e || %d \n', iter, residual(iter), )
        error(iter));
  if(iter > params.maxiter || residual(iter) < params.atol)</pre>
      converged=true;
  end
end
end
```

- Run the script with different sizes of overlap and interface positions. Enable plotting, i.e., set params.plt=1, and study how the iterates evolve. What is the influence of the overlap on the convergence, and why?
- Check that, asymptotically, the observed error decrease is as predicted by the following theoretical convergence factor:

$$\rho := \max_{k \in [\pi, N\pi]} \frac{\sinh(k\beta)}{\sinh(k(1-\beta))} \frac{\sinh(k(1-\alpha))}{\sinh(k\alpha)},$$

where  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are the location of  $\Gamma_1$  and  $\Gamma_2$ , respectively.

To do so, implement the required formula in ex2.m script. What do you observe?

```
%=== Verify the convergence factor
figure(2);
% Plot error
semilogy(error alternating)
hold on
% Location on the boundary of \Omega_2
beta=a*problem global.h;
% Location on the boundary of \Omega 1
alpha=(a+d)*problem global.h;
k=(1:N)*pi;
% Convergence factor predicted by the theory
rho= % ...
iters=1:1:iters_alternating+1;
% Plot theoretical convergence rate
semilogy(iters,rho.^iters,'r')
grid on
xlabel('Iterations');
ylabel('Error');
legend('Error','Theoretical decay')
title('Alternating Schwarz method')
```

## 4 Alternating vs. Parallel Schwarz method

We will use script ex3.m to compare the alternating and parallel Schwarz method. We consider same decomposition of  $\Omega$  as for alternating Schwarz method implemented in previous step. **Tasks:** 

- Implement parallel Schwarz method as part of *parallel\_Schwarz* function. The three main steps are:
  - Solve the first subproblem with the correctly prescribed interface/boundary condition.

- Solve the second subproblem with the correctly prescribed interface/boundary condition.
- Construct global iterations by merging together solutions obtained from subdomain solves. Pay attention to overlapping region, where the subdomain solutions have to be averaged.

To solve each subproblem, you can utilize one of the solve functions from Problem.m class. Reminder: The interface condition for each subdomain is prescribed using the solution obtained by solving another subdomain.

```
function [error, residual, iter, u_global] = parallel_Schwarz(params, )
    problem global, u global_exact, problem_subdomain1, )
    problem subdomain2, u1, u2, overlap size)
iter=0;
converged=false;
error=zeros(params.maxiter,1);
residual=zeros(params.maxiter,1);
% Parallel Schwarz solver
while converged==false
  iter = iter+1;
  %% Solve on the first subdomain
  % Assign correct BC conditions
  problem subdomain1.gr = % ...
  % Solve the first subproblem
  u1n = % ...
  %% Solve on the second subdomain
  % Assign correct BC conditions
  problem subdomain2.gl = % ...
  % Solve the second subproblem
  u2n = % ...
  u1=u1n;
  u2=u2n;
  % Construct global iterate by merging together subdomain contributions
  % Pay attention to the overlapping part!!!
  u_global= % ...
  % compute error and residual between iterate and exact solution
  error(iter+1)=problem global.compute error(u global exact, u global);
   residual(iter)=problem_global.compute_residual(u_global);
  fprintf('it: %d || r || %d || e || %d \n', iter, residual(iter), )
        error(iter)):
  if(iter > params.maxiter || residual(iter) < params.atol)</pre>
      converged=true;
  end
end
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end
```

- Run the script with different sizes of overlap and interface positions. Enable plotting, i.e., set params.plt=1, and study how the iterates evolve. What is the influence of the overlap on the convergence, and why?
- Compare the convergence speed and performance of the alternating and parallel Schwarz methods. What do you observe and why?