Primal methods of iterative substructuring

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Overlapping DD methods

- Idea goes back to Hermann Schwarz (1870) – for solution of Dirichlet problem on ‘general’ domain – split domain into two simple subdomains with known analytical solution

- Nowadays known as **Alternating Schwarz Method**
- Multiplicative correction by subdomain problems

- $\Omega_1, \Omega_2 \ldots$ subdomains
- $\delta \ldots$ size of overlap
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\[ u^0 \quad u^{1} \quad u^{3/2} \]

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instead of serial setting, solve problems on both subdomains independently

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\[-\triangle u_1^{k+1} = f \text{ on } \Omega_1,\]
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2. Get new solution by addition

\[u^{k+1} = u_1^{k+1} + u_2^{k+1}\]
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![Diagram](image.png)

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\end{bmatrix}
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Reduced (Schur complement) problem

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  $$
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A note on dual methods

- DD methods based on Schur complement with respect to interface are called **primal DD methods** – they formulate the interface problem in *primal* unknowns.

- But another approach exists: disconnect the subdomains completely and enforce continuity at interface weakly by *Lagrange multipliers* $\lambda$

  ![Diagram showing the interface with Lagrange multipliers]

  This represents adding constraints of the type

  $$u_k^1 = u_k^2 \quad \text{or} \quad u_k^1 - u_k^2 = 0$$

  where $u_k$ represents an unknown at the interface.
A note on dual methods

Lead to the saddle point problem with matrix of constraints $B$

$$
\begin{bmatrix}
\bar{A} & B^T \\
B & 0
\end{bmatrix}
\begin{bmatrix}
\bar{u} \\
\lambda
\end{bmatrix} =
\begin{bmatrix}
\bar{f} \\
0
\end{bmatrix}
$$

- we can eliminate all primal unknowns (parallel) and get

$$B\bar{A}^{-1}B^T\lambda = B\bar{A}^{-1}\bar{f}$$

- another interface problem – now for dual unknowns – dual DD methods (FETI/TFETI, FETI-DP, ...)

- almost the same size as the Schur complement

- solved by an iterative method for $\lambda$ (same tricks as before)

- when solved for $\lambda$, primal unknowns are recovered (in parallel) from $\bar{A}\bar{u} = \bar{f} - B^T\lambda$

- may involve factorization of singular subdomain matrices – $\bar{A}^{-1}$ replaced by $\bar{A}^+$ [Brzobohatý et al. 2011]
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Recall the reduced problem

\[ Su_Γ = g \]

that is solved by a Krylov subspace method.

- While \( \kappa(S) = O(1/Hh) \) is quite nice conditioning, it is not sufficient for large problems – a **preconditioner** \( M \approx S^{-1} \) needed – the best we can do these days is

\[ \kappa(MS) \leq C(1 + \log(H/h))^2 \]

- Convergence independent of number of subdomains and size of the problem, depends only on ratio of subdomain size \( H \) and element size \( h \)

- \( M \) is realized in parallel by a domain decomposition method
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still neither \((S^i)^{-1}\) nor \(S^i\) are formed explicitly – instead, 
\[ z^i_\Gamma = (S^i)^{-1} r^i_\Gamma \] is found by solving discrete Neumann problem

\[
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### Neumann–Neumann method

\[ S^{-1} \approx \sum_{i=1}^{N} R^i D^i (S^i)^+ D^i R^{i^T} \]

- [De Roeck, Le Tallec (1991)]
- \( D^i \) ... weights; \( \sum_{i=1}^{N} R^i D^i R^{i^T} = I \)
- one-level method
- convergence deteriorates for growing number of subdomains \( N \) – the approximation of the original problem by preconditioner worsens
- lack of mechanism for propagation of boundary conditions from the physical boundary to subdomains inside
- such mechanism of global correction needed for optimal preconditioning! – **coarse problem**
Some history of DD preconditioners

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**FETI-DP**

- Finite Element Tearing and Interconnecting - **Dual Primal**
- [Farhat et al. (2000)]
- Functions in FETI and BDD have spikes at corners of subdomains – make these unknowns **primal** and add them to the coarse problem – solved as continuous
- Important advantage: no floating subdomains – no singular subdomain matrices – can use robust existing sparse direct solvers!
DD preconditioners with constraints

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- Balancing Domain Decomposition based on Constraints
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Function spaces in BDDC

- $U \subset \tilde{W} \subset W$
  - continuous at all nodes
  - continuous at selected corners
  - no continuity at interface

- enough constraints to fix floating subdomains, i.e. rigid body modes eliminated from the space
- continuity at corners, and of averages (arithmetic or weighted) over edges or faces considered
- $a(\cdot, \cdot)$ symmetric positive definite form on $\tilde{W}$
- corresponding matrix $\tilde{A}$ symmetric positive definite, almost block diagonal structure, larger dimension than $A$
Virtual mesh

original mesh of the problem

corresponds to space $U$

mesh disconnected at interface

corresponds to space $\tilde{W}$
The abstract BDDC preconditioner

### Variational form

\[ M_{\text{BDDC}} : r \mapsto u = Ew, \quad w \in \tilde{W} \]

\[ a(w, z) = \langle r, Ez \rangle, \quad \forall z \in \tilde{W} \]

### Matrix form

\[ \tilde{A} w = E^T r \]

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The coarse space in BDDC

In implementation, space $\tilde{W}$ is decomposed into $\tilde{W}_\Delta$ of independent subdomain spaces and energy-orthogonal coarse space $\tilde{W}_\Pi$

$$\tilde{W} = \tilde{W}_\Delta \oplus \tilde{W}_\Pi.$$

Local energy minimization problems

On each subdomain – coarse degrees of freedom – basis functions $\psi^i$ – prescribed values of coarse degrees of freedom, minimal energy elsewhere,

$$\begin{bmatrix}
A^i & C^{iT} \\
C^i & 0
\end{bmatrix}
\begin{bmatrix}
\psi^i \\
\Lambda^i
\end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix}
0 \\
I
\end{bmatrix}.$$

- $A^i$ ... local subdomain stiffness matrix
- $C^i$ ... matrix of constraints – selects unknowns into coarse degrees of freedom

Matrix of coarse problem $A_C$ assembled from local matrices $A_{Ci} = \psi^{iT} A^i \psi^i = -\Lambda^i$. 
The coarse space in BDDC

subdomain problems (independent)

coarse problem (global)
One step of BDDC

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1. Distribution of residual

subdomain problems

for \( i = 1, \ldots, N \)

\[
    r^i = E^i r^{(k)}_{\Gamma}
\]

(global) coarse problem

\[
    r_C = \sum_{i=1}^{N} R^i_C \psi_i^T E^i r^{(k)}_{\Gamma}
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2. Correction of solution

\[
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\( A_C u_C = r_C \)

3. Combination of subdomain and coarse corrections

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Multilevel extension

- Global coarse problem eventually becomes a bottleneck of parallel processing for very large problems – solve only *approximately* e.g. by
  - several multigrid cycles – [Klawonn, Rheinbach (2010)] (hybrid FETI-DP)
  - by one iteration of BDDC – *Three-level BDDC*
  - recursive application of BDDC – *Multilevel BDDC*

- BDDC is especially suitable for multilevel extension because the coarse problem has the same structure as the original FE problem (unlike in most other DD methods)

- Apply BDDC with subdomains playing the role of elements

A basis function from $\widetilde{W}_\Pi$ is energy minimal subject to given values of coarse degrees of freedom on the substructure. The function is discontinuous across the interfaces between the substructures but the values of coarse degrees of freedom on the different substructures coincide.
Multilevel BDDC

Local problems and the coarse problem actually solved are in colour.
mathematical efficiency worsens with each additional level

**Theorem [Mandel, Sousedík, Dohrmann (2008)]**

The condition number bound $\kappa(M_{BDDC}S) \leq \omega$ of Multilevel BDDC is given by

$$\kappa(M_{BDDC}S) \leq \omega = \prod_{\ell=1}^{L-1} \omega_{\ell}, \quad \omega_{\ell} = \sup_{w_{\ell} \in \tilde{W}_{\ell}} \frac{\|(I - E_{\ell})w_{\ell}\|_a^2}{\|w_{\ell}\|_a^2}.$$
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1st level

2nd level

3rd level

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**BDDCML solver library**

- current version 1.3
- library in Fortran 95 + MPI library
- built on top of MUMPS direct solver (both serial and parallel)
- parallel PCG and BICGSTAB (for overlapping vectors)
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- \( \| \cdot \|_a^2 = a(\cdot, \cdot) = \langle S \cdot, \cdot \rangle \) ... energy norm on space \( \tilde{W} \)
- \( S \) – Schur complement with respect to interface
- \( E \) is the operator of projection

\[ E : \tilde{W} \rightarrow U, \quad \text{Range}(E) = U \]
### Generalized eigenvalue problem

The operator norm $\omega$ corresponds to the largest eigenvalue of

$$(I - E)^T S (I - E) w = \lambda S w.$$ 

Select $k$ largest eigenvalues and corresponding eigenvectors $\lambda_i, w_i, i = 1, \ldots, k$ and define a row of a matrix $D$ for each of them as

$$d_i = w_i^T (I - E)^T S (I - E),$$

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} d_1 \\ d_2 \\ \vdots \\ d_k \end{bmatrix}.$$
Redefine space

\[ \tilde{W} = \left\{ w \in \tilde{W}^{\text{init}} : \; Dw = 0 \right\}. \]

Functions from \( \tilde{W} \) are \( \left\{(I - E)^T S (I - E)\right\} \)-orthogonal to \( k \) eigenvectors that spoil the condition number the most.

**Theorem (Mandel, Sousedík, Šístek (online in 2011))**

The abstract BDDC preconditioner based on \( \tilde{W} \) satisfies

\[ \kappa = \frac{\lambda_{\text{max}}(M_{\text{BDDC}}S)}{\lambda_{\text{min}}(M_{\text{BDDC}}S)} \leq \omega_D = \lambda_{k+1}. \]

Localization of the generalized eigenproblem

Because the solution of the global generalized eigenvalue problem would be prohibitively expensive, solve a number of small eigenproblems localized to pairs of adjacent subdomains.

Subdomains $\Omega_i$ and $\Omega_j$ are called *adjacent*, if they share a face. They form a *pair* denoted by $ij$ and $\mathcal{A}$ denotes the set of all such pairs.

**Local eigenproblem for $ij$-pair**

$$(I - E_{ij})^T S_{ij} (I - E_{ij}) w_{ij} = \lambda_{ij} S_{ij} w_{ij}$$

**Definition**

Heuristic *indicator of the condition number* $\tilde{\omega}$ is defined as

$$\tilde{\omega} = \max_{ij \in \mathcal{A}} \lambda_{ij}^{max}.$$  

**Positive side effect** – recognizes troublesome faces $\Rightarrow$ do not add constraints where they are not necessary, i.e. ‘adaptivity’.
Adaptive selection of constraints

Algorithm

To generate constraints that will guarantee that the condition number indicator \( \tilde{\omega} \leq \tau \) for a given target value \( \tau \):

Consider arithmetic averages on all edges as initial constraints.

For all faces \( \mathcal{F}_{ij} \)

1. **Compute the largest local eigenvalues and corresponding eigenvectors, until the first \( m_{ij} \) is found such that \( \lambda_{m_{ij}} \leq \tau \), put \( k = 1, \ldots, m_{ij} - 1 \).**

2. **Compute the constraint weights** \( d_{ij} = \begin{bmatrix} d_i^j & d_j^i \end{bmatrix} \) as

\[
 d_{ij}^k = w_{ij}^k (I - E_{ij})^T S_{ij} (I - E_{ij}) .
\]

3. **Take one block, e.g., \( d_i^j \) and keep nonzero weights for the face \( \mathcal{F}_{ij} \).**

4. **Add this row to local matrices of constraints \( C_i \) and \( C_j \).**
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Parallel layout – the main issue

- independent distribution of subdomains and their pairs may lead to difficult communication pattern
- solve eigenproblems in rounds with size of number of processes
- within each round, first determine communication pattern, then perform LOBPCG iterations

![Diagram showing parallel layout of local eigenproblems with communication pattern marked for two of them.]

An example of a possible parallel layout of local eigenproblems with communication pattern marked for two of them.
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**IBM SP6**

Location: CINECA, Italy
Architecture: IBM P6-575 Infiniband Cluster
Processor Type: IBM Power6, 4.7 GHz
Computing Cores: 5376
Computing Nodes: 168
RAM: 21 TB (128 GB/node)
access gained through the *HPC Europa 2* project

[Image: graphics from CINECA website]
Elasticity analysis of geocomposite

- problem of geocomposite provided by Prof. Blaheta and Dr. Starý (Institute of Geonics of AS CR)
- cubic sample, edge 75 mm
- 11.8M linear tetrahedral elements, 6.1M unknowns
- arithmetic averages on edges and faces
- required precision . . . relative residual $= \frac{\|\text{res}\|}{\|g\|} < 10^{-6}$

material distribution  displacement
## Strong scaling for geocomposite problem

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## Darwin

| Location: University of Cambridge, UK |
| Architecture: Dell PowerEdge 1950 1U Cluster |
| Processor Type: Intel Xeon 5100 (Woodcrest), 2 cores, 3.0 GHz |
| Computing Cores: 2048 |
| Computing Nodes: 512 (2 CPUs each) |
| RAM: 4096 GB (2 GB/core) |

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graphics from website of High Performance Computing Services of University of Cambridge
Weak scaling for Stokes flow in 3D cavity

- full Taylor–Hood finite elements
- comparison of PETSc (built-in ASM + BiCGstab) and BDDCML (BDDC + BiCGstab)
- partitions by METIS
- size of subdomain problems $\sim 50k$

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Adaptive BDDC

**Fox**

Location: CTU Supercomputing Centre, Prague  
Architecture: SGI Altix UV  
Processor Type: Intel Xeon 2.67GHz  
Computing Cores: 72  
Computing Nodes: 12  
RAM: 576 GB (8 GB/core)  

Image courtesy of SGI
Elasticity analysis of cube with stiff rods

- nonlinear elasticity with St. Venant–Kirchhoff constitutive law
- domain of unit cube with nine stiff rods with Young modulus $E_2$, remaining material of variable $E_1$, with $E_2/E_1$ called contrast
- loaded by own weight
- $32^3$, $64^3$, and $128^3$ tri-linear cubic elements, $2^3$ and $4^3$ subdomains, four tested cases:
  1. 8 subdomains, $H/h = 16$,
  2. 8 subdomains, $H/h = 32$,
  3. 64 subdomains, $H/h = 16$,
  4. 64 subdomains, $H/h = 32$.
- required precision . . . relative residual $= \frac{\|\text{res}\|}{\|g\|} < 10^{-6}$
- number of computed eigenpairs set to 10 or 15
- maximum number of LOBPCG iterations limited by 15
- tolerance on residual in LOBPCG set to $10^{-9}$
- LOBPCG preconditioned by local BDDC [Sousedík 2010]
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Example of division.

Deformed shape (magnified) coloured by magnitude of displacement.
32^3 \text{ elems, } H/h = 16 \text{ (top left), } 64^3 \text{ elems, } H/h = 16 \text{ (top right), } 64^3 \text{ elems, } H/h = 32 \text{ (bot. left), } 128^3 \text{ elems, } H/h = 32 \text{ (bot. right)
Number of iterations vs. contrast

- adaptive av., 10 eigv.
- adaptive av., 15 eigv.
- arithmetic av.

32³ elems, $H/h = 16$ (top left), 64³ elems, $H/h = 16$ (top right),
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And chapters on DD are present in many other FEM as well as LA books.