

Introduction to multigrid methods. Application of Schwarz domain decomposition methods as smoothers.

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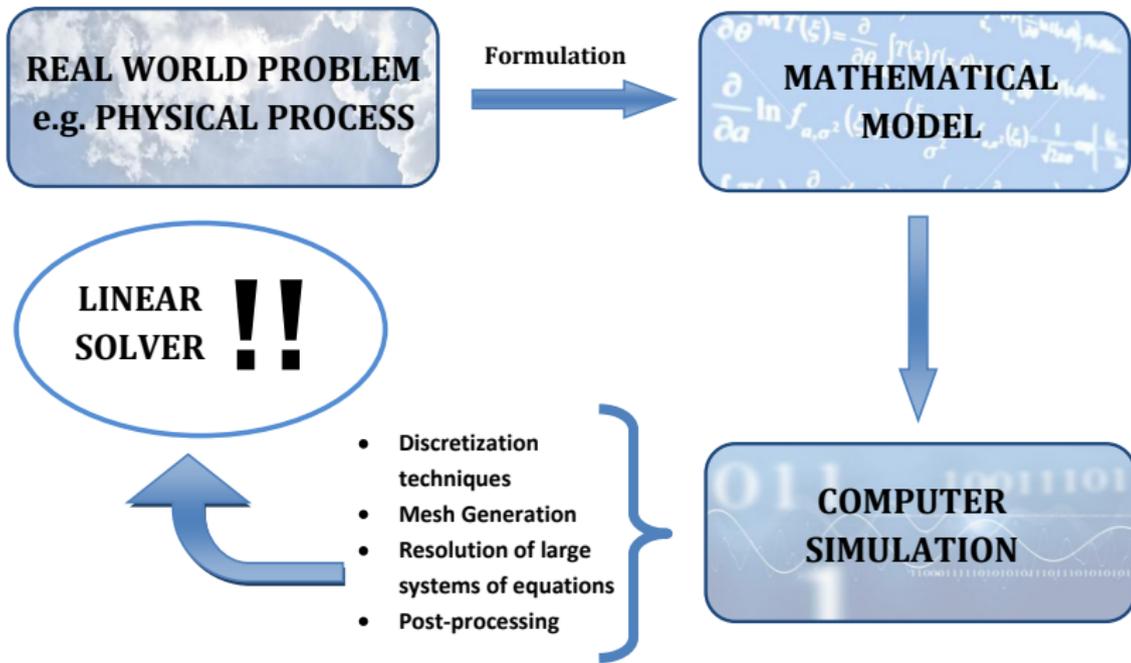


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- Motivation
- Introduction to Multigrid (MG) methods
- Deterioration of the MG convergence
 - High-order discretizations
 - Saddle-point type problems
- Schwarz domain decomposition methods as smoothers
 - Multiplicative
 - Additive
 - Restricted Additive
- Numerical examples:
 - High-order discretization for Poisson
 - Saddle-point type problems: Biot's model

Motivation



Numerical Simulation: Solution of systems of equations

NUMERICAL SIMULATION OF PDE MODELS



DISCRETIZATION of PDEs



EFFICIENT SOLUTION OF LARGE SYSTEMS OF EQUATIONS

Desirable properties

- Robust convergence with respect to the discretization and physical parameters.
- Efficiency.

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Computational cost of Gaussian elimination / LU: $\mathcal{O}(N^3)$

$\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$	$N = 2^{20}$ $\approx 1.0 \times 10^6$	$N = 2^{24}$ $\approx 1.6 \times 10^7$	$N = 2^{28}$ $\approx 2.6 \times 10^8$	$N = 2^{32}$ $\approx 4.3 \times 10^9$
CPU time	3.8 sec	4.4 hrs	2.0 yrs	83.4 c

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Efficiency means (nearly) optimal computational complexity
 $\mathcal{O}(N \log^\alpha N)$, $\alpha = 0, 1$

CLASSICAL ITERATIVE METHODS:

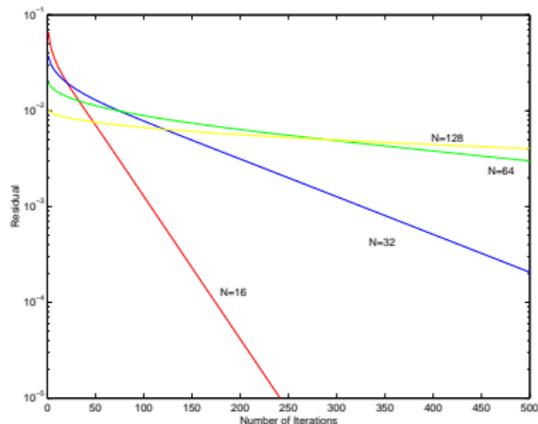
- Jacobi, Gauss-Seidel, etc. . .
- each iteration is cheap: computational cost is $\mathcal{O}(N)$ (sparse \mathbf{A})
- converges if and only if $\rho < 1$
($\rho \equiv$ spectral radius of the iteration matrix)

Solution of large systems of equations: GS Convergence.

$$-\Delta u = f \text{ on } [0, 1] \times [0, 1] \xrightarrow{\text{FE/FV/FD discretization}} \mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$$

$$\rho = 1 - \mathcal{O}(h^2)$$

	$N = 16$	$N = 32$	$N = 64$	$N = 128$
it (ρ)	241 (0.9662)	833 (0.9910)	2938 (0.9977)	10405 (0.9994)



Basic linear iterative method

- may converge slowly and the convergence speed may depend on N

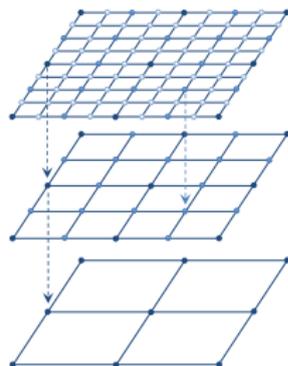
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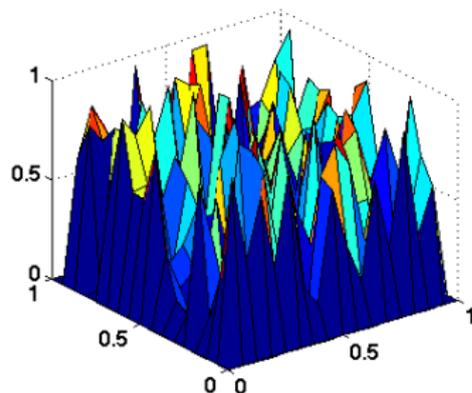
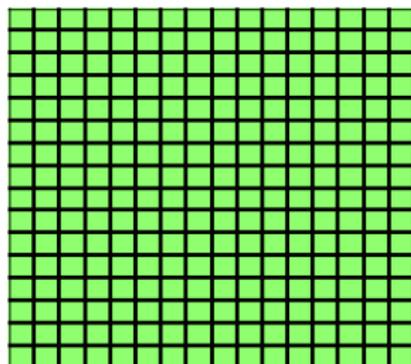
MULTIGRID METHODS

- **Robust:** Convergence independent of the discretization parameters
- **Efficient:** Optimal computational cost



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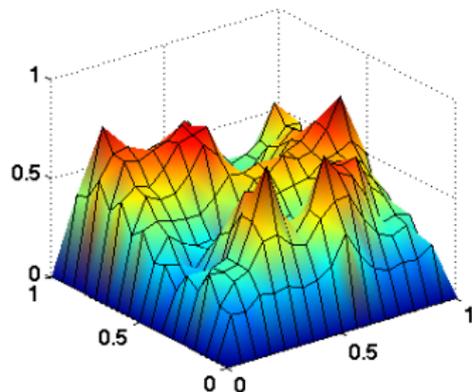
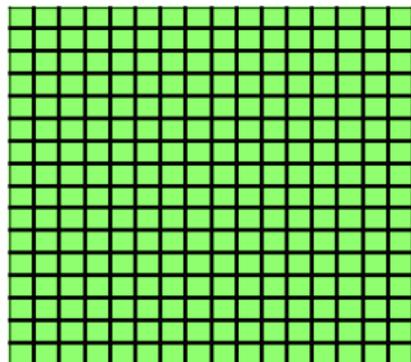
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Initial error: $\mathbf{e}^0 = \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}^0$

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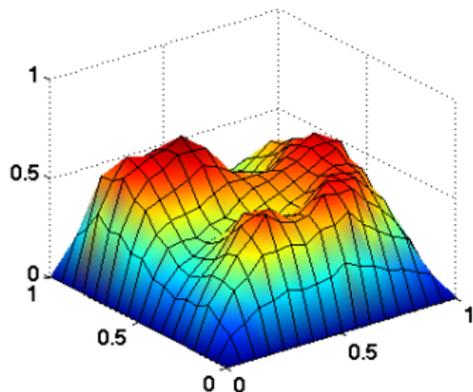
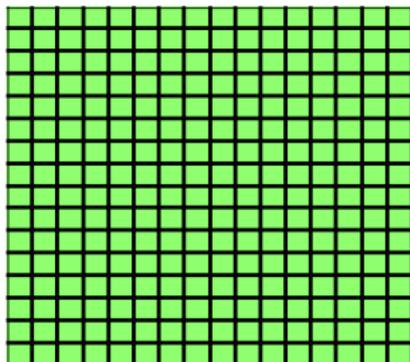
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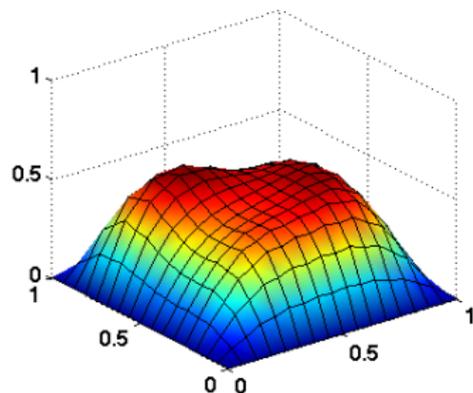
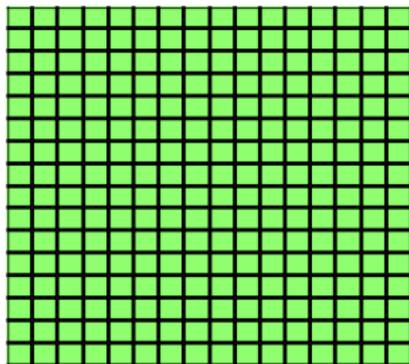
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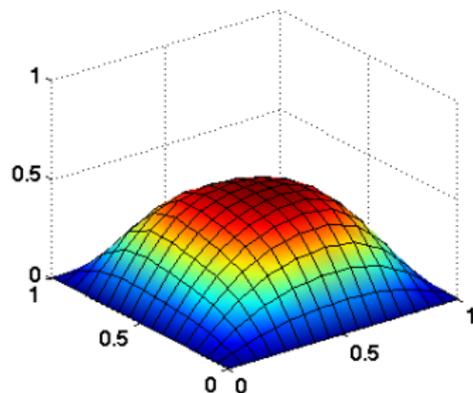
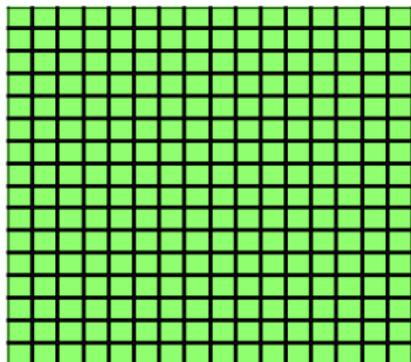
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Error after 5 steps of Gauss-Seidel

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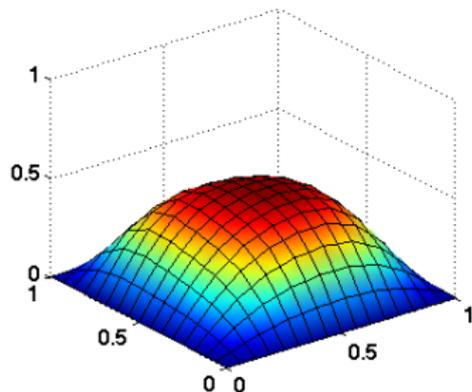
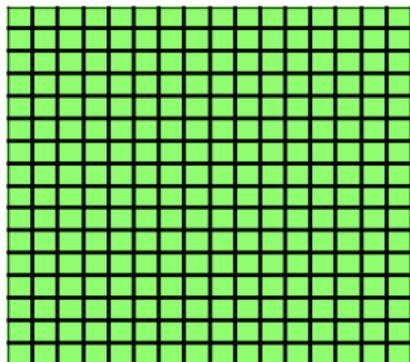
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Error after 10 steps Gauss-Seidel

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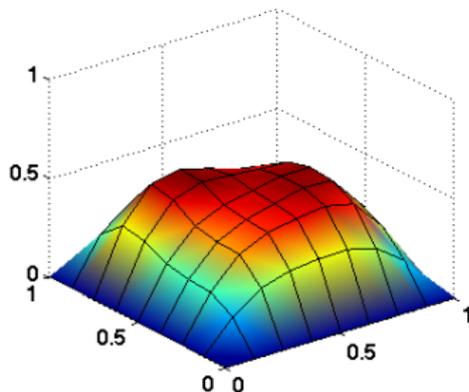
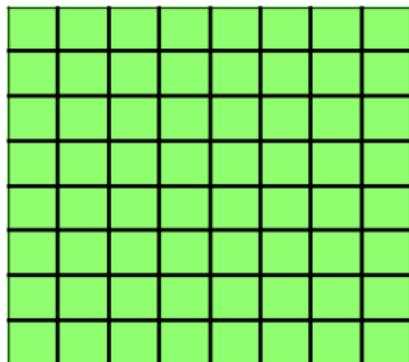
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Error after 20 steps Gauss-Seidel

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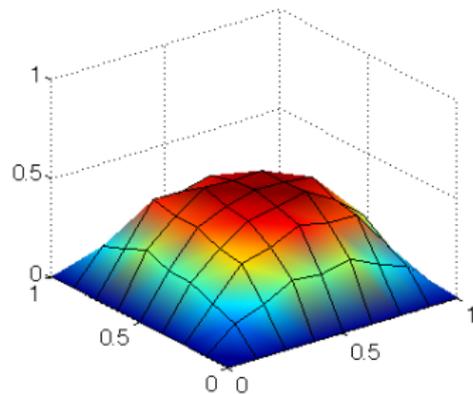
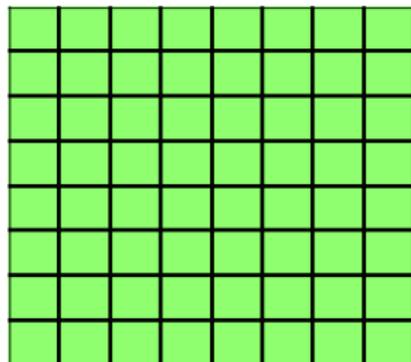
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Go to coarse level (after 5 steps Gauss-Seidel)

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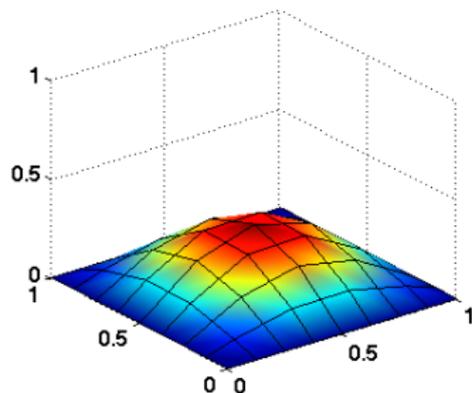
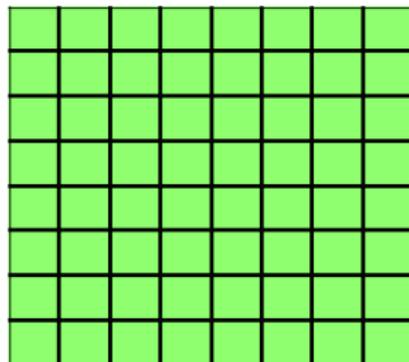
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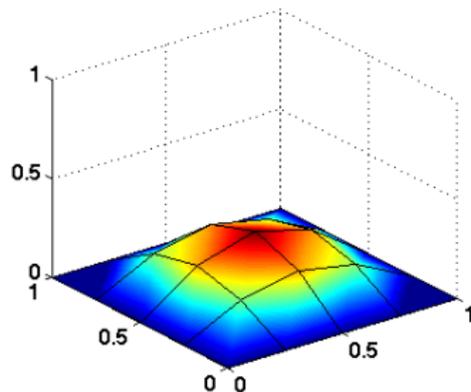
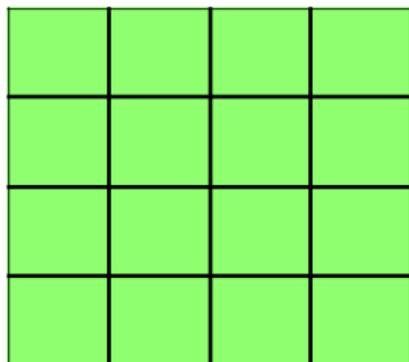
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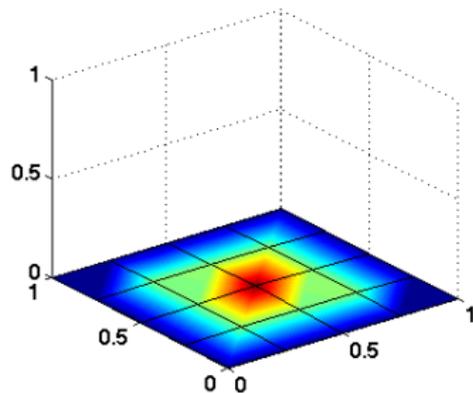
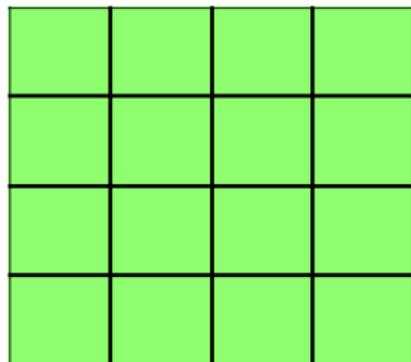
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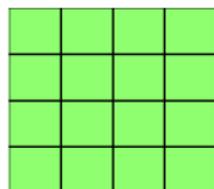
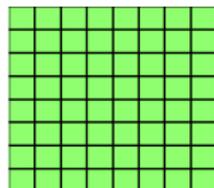
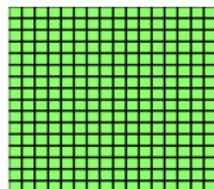


Error after coarse grid correction

Geometric Multigrid Method: $-\Delta u = f \implies \mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$

Two main components:

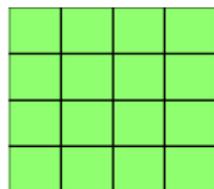
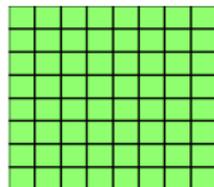
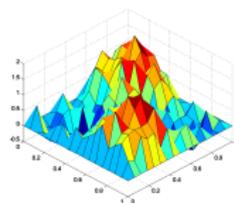
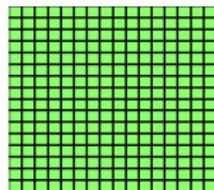
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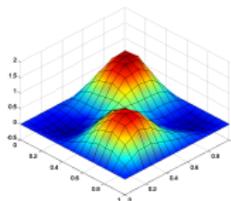
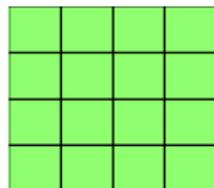
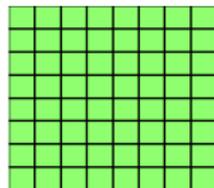
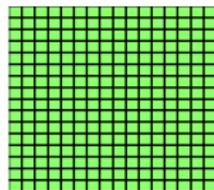
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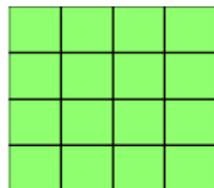
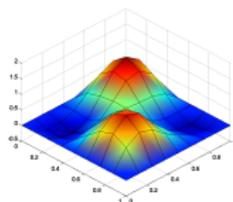
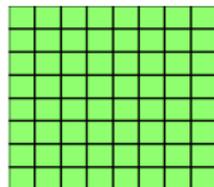
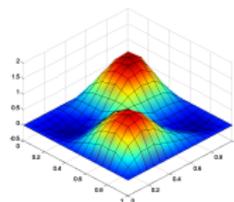
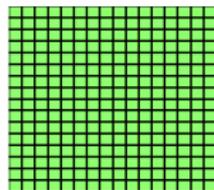
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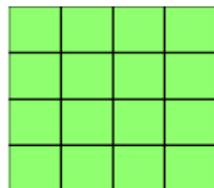
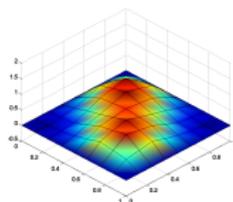
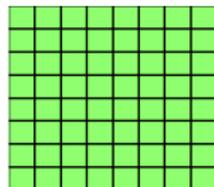
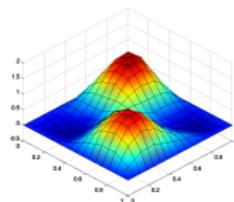
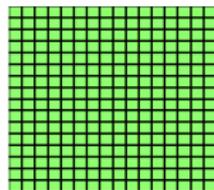
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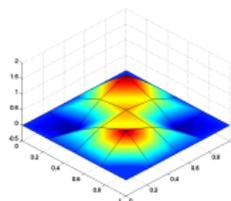
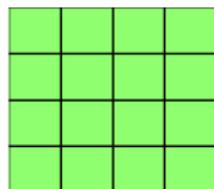
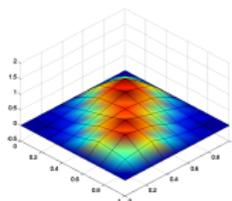
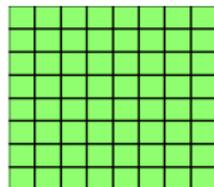
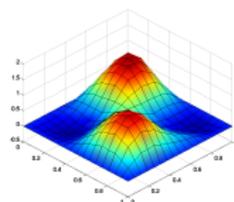
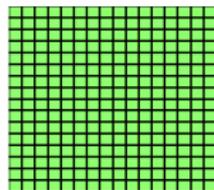
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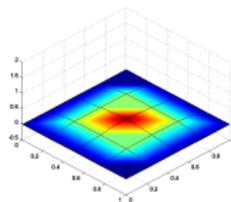
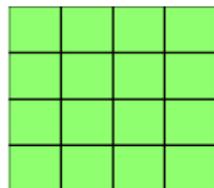
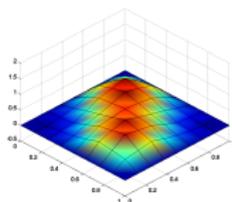
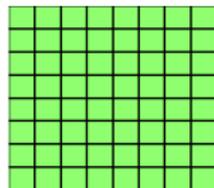
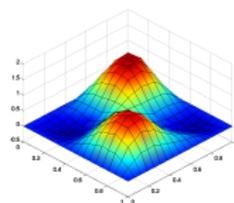
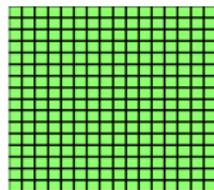
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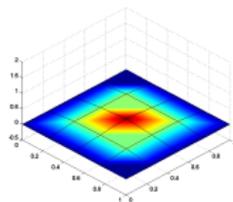
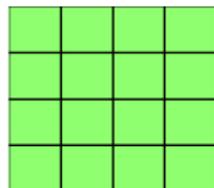
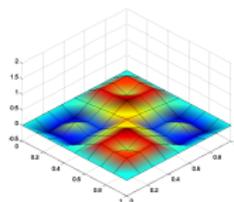
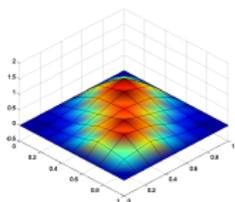
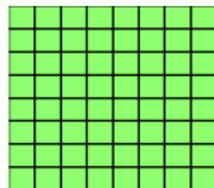
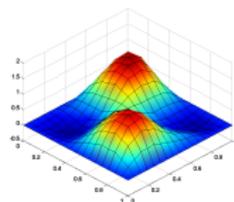
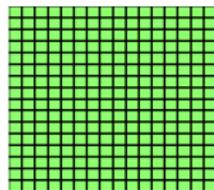
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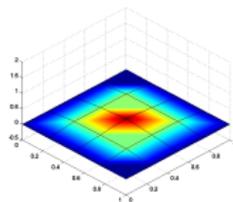
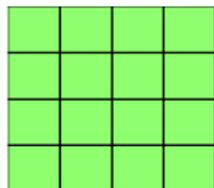
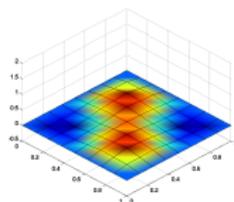
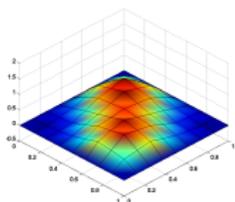
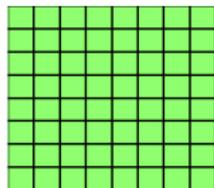
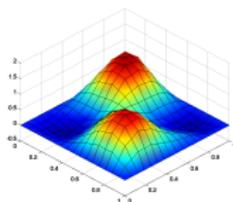
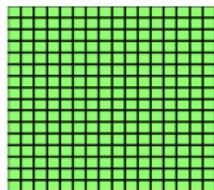
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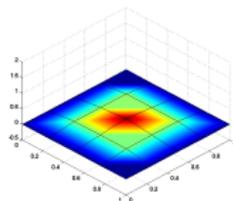
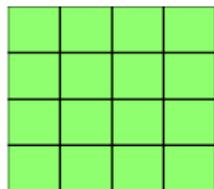
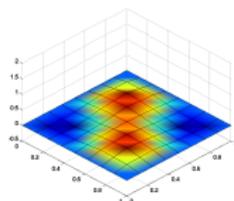
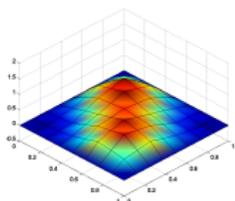
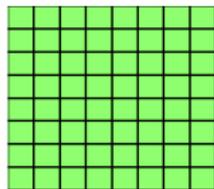
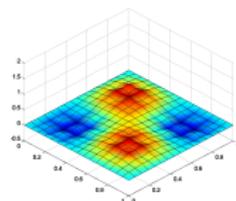
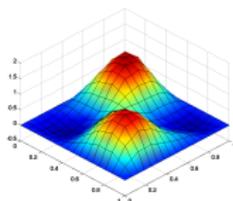
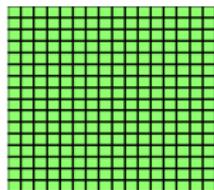
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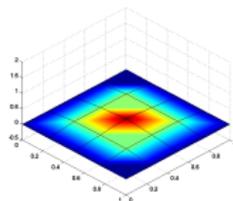
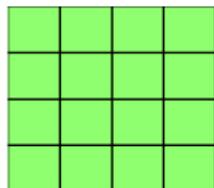
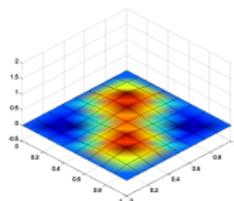
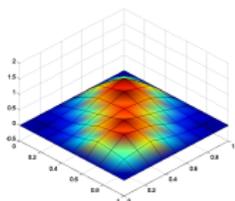
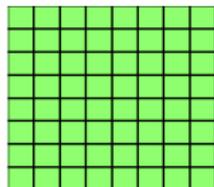
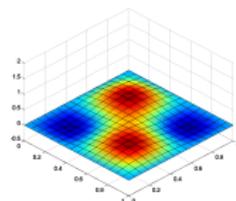
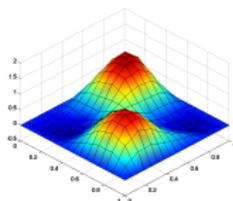
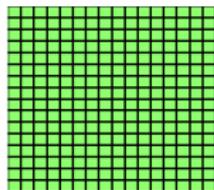
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Consider the weighted Jacobi iteration:

$$u^{j+1} = R_\omega u^j + \omega D^{-1}f, \quad R_\omega = (1-\omega)I + \omega D^{-1}(L+U), \quad A = D - L - U,$$

$$R_\omega = I - \omega D^{-1}A = I - \frac{\omega}{2}A \Rightarrow$$

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For $0 < \omega \leq 1$, $|\lambda_k(R_\omega)| < 1$, $\lambda_1(R_\omega) = 1 - 2\omega \sin^2 \left(\frac{\pi}{2n} \right) \approx 1 - \frac{\omega\pi^2 h^2}{2}$.

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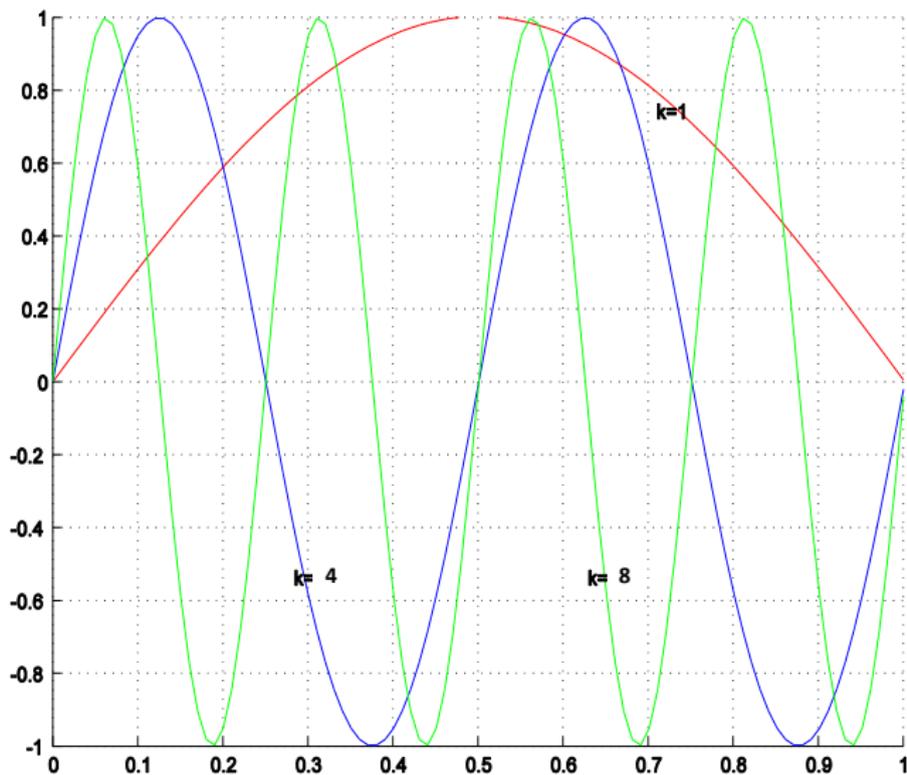
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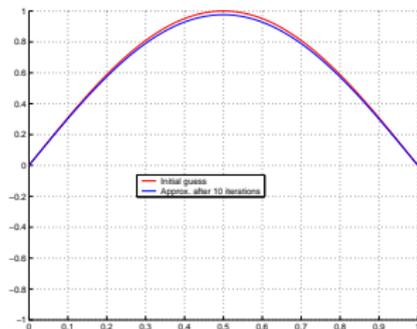
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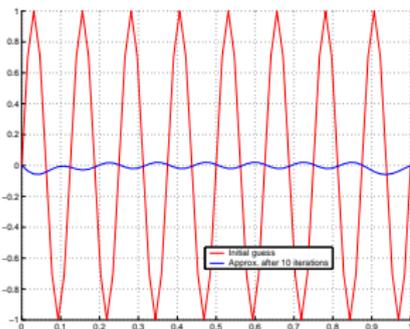
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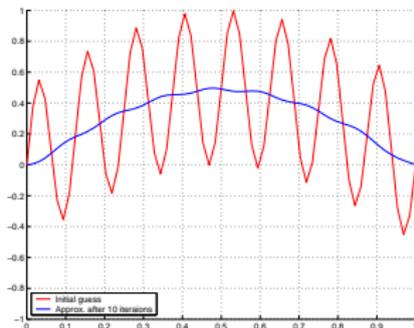
Smoothing property. ($n=32$).



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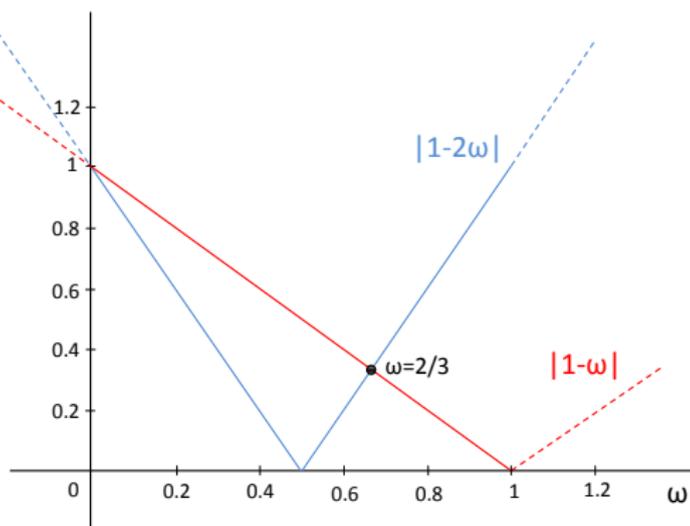
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Smoothing factor for weighted Jacobi

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$$\mu(\omega) = \max\{|1 - \omega|, |1 - 2\omega|\} = \begin{cases} 1, & \omega = 1, \\ 1/3, & \omega = 2/3. \end{cases}$$



Modes on the coarse grid

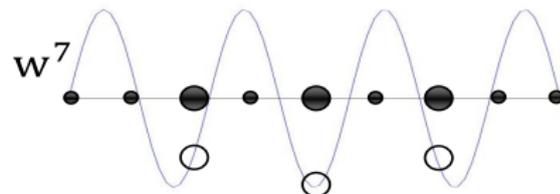
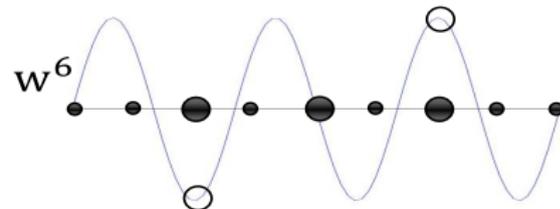
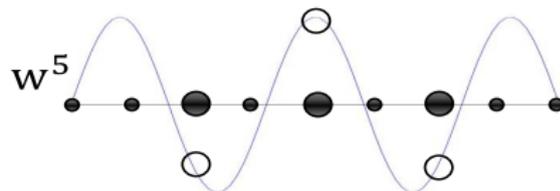
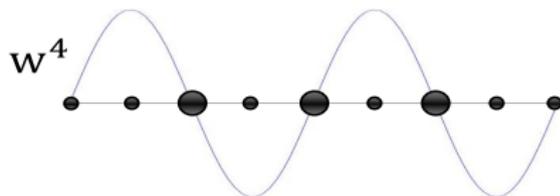
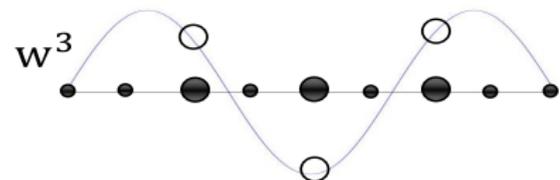
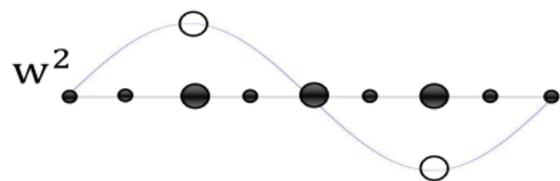
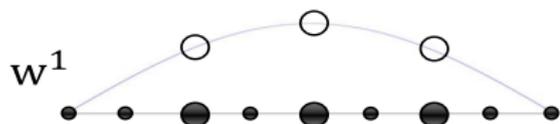
- Low frequency: k th mode on Ω_h is the k th mode on Ω_{2h} :

$$w_{h,2j}^k = \sin\left(\frac{2jk\pi}{n}\right) = \sin\left(\frac{jk\pi}{n/2}\right) = w_{2h,j}^k, \quad 1 \leq k < n/2.$$

A low-frequency looks more oscillatory on Ω_{2h} .

- The $k = n/2$ mode on Ω_h becomes the zero vector on Ω_{2h} .
- When $k > n/2$: the k th mode on Ω_h becomes the $(n - k)$ th mode on $\Omega_{2h} \Rightarrow$ **aliasing of frequencies**: high frequencies are not visible on the Ω_{2h} grid.

Aliasing of frequencies



ALIASING EFFECT

Coarse grid correction

Discrete linear elliptic boundary value problem: $L_h u_h = f_h$, in Ω_h

Let u_h^m be an approximation of the solution u_h , then:

- Error: $e_h^m = u_h - u_h^m$
- Defect or residual: $r_h^m = f_h - L_h u_h^m$



Defect equation:
 $L_h e_h^m = r_h^m$

Let Ω_H be a coarser grid ($H > h$) $\Rightarrow L_H \widehat{e}_H^m = r_H^m$

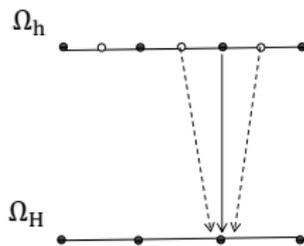
Transfer operators between Ω_h and Ω_H are considered:

- Restriction operator:

$$I_h^H : G(\Omega_h) \rightarrow G(\Omega_H)$$

- Interpolation operator:

$$I_H^h : G(\Omega_H) \rightarrow G(\Omega_h)$$



Coarse grid correction, $u_h^m \rightarrow u_h^{m+1}$

- Compute the defect:
- Restrict the defect:
- Solve exactly the defect equation on Ω_H :
- Interpolate the correction:
- Compute a new approximation:

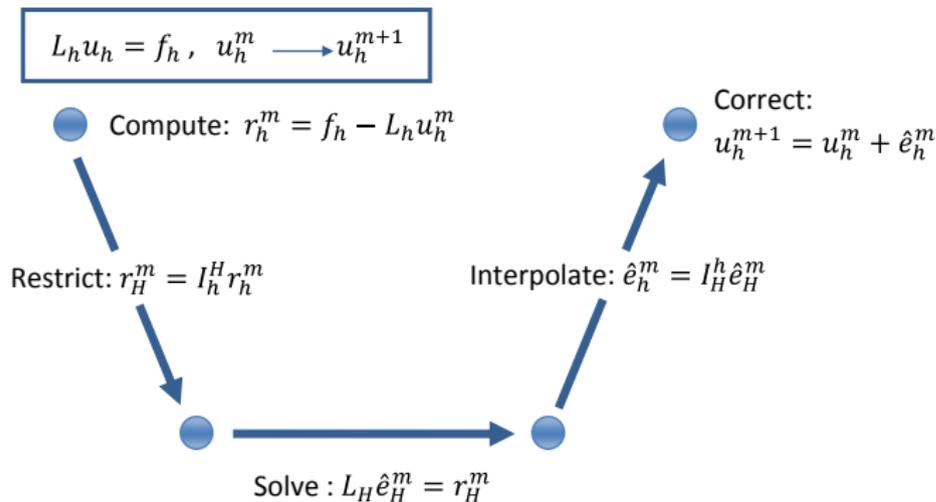
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$$\hat{e}_h^m = I_H^h \hat{e}_H^m$$

$$u_h^{m+1} = u_h^m + \hat{e}_h^m$$



Two-grid cycle, $u_h^m \rightarrow u_h^{m+1}$

- **Pre-smoothing:**

- $u_h^m \rightarrow \bar{u}_h^m$, by applying ν_1 steps of a given smoothing procedure.

$$\bar{u}_h^m = S_h^{\nu_1}(u_h^m)$$

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- **Post-smoothing:**

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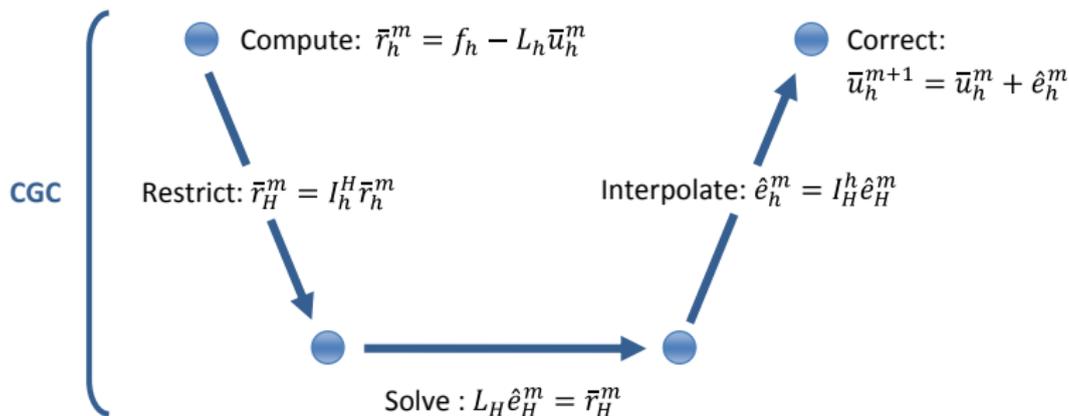
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Two-grid cycle

$$L_h u_h = f_h, \quad u_h^m \longrightarrow u_h^{m+1}$$

Pre-smoothing (ν_1): $\bar{u}_h^m = S_h^{\nu_1} u_h^m$

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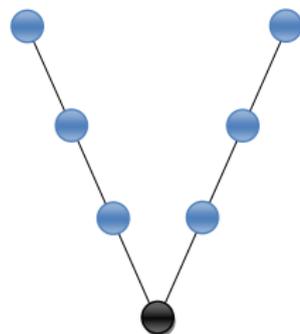
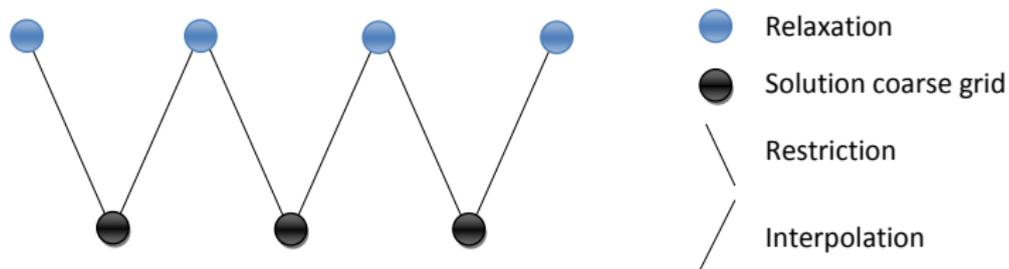


Two-grid iteration operator: $M_h^H = S_h^{\nu_2} [I_h - I_H^h (L_H)^{-1} I_h^H L_h] S_h^{\nu_1}$

Linear multigrid: $u_k^{m+1} = MG(k, \gamma, L_k, f_k, u_k^m, \nu_1, \nu_2)$

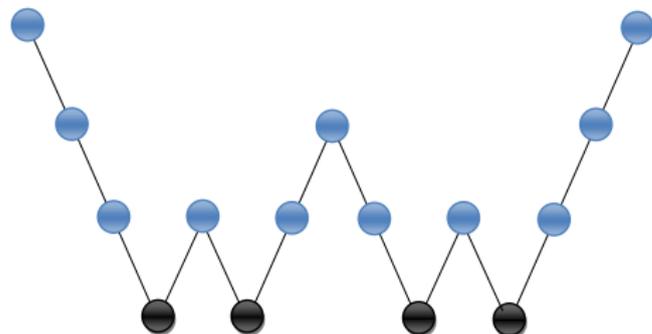
- **Pre-smoothing.** Compute \bar{u}_k^m by applying $\nu_1 (\geq 0)$ smoothing steps to u_k^m .
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 - Restrict the defect. $\bar{r}_{k-1}^m = I_k^{k-1} \bar{r}_k^m$.
 - Compute an approximate solution \hat{e}_{k-1}^m of the defect equation on Ω_{k-1} , $L_{k-1} \hat{e}_{k-1}^m = \bar{r}_{k-1}^m$ by:
 - If $k = 1$, use a direct or fast iterative solver.
 - If $k > 1$, perform $\gamma \geq 1$ iterations using the zero grid function as a first approximation.
$$\hat{e}_{k-1}^m = MG(k-1, \gamma, L_{k-1}, \bar{r}_{k-1}^m, 0_{k-1}, \nu_1, \nu_2)$$
 - Interpolate the correction. $\hat{e}_k^m = I_{k-1}^k \hat{e}_{k-1}^m$.
 - Correction: $\bar{u}_k^{m+1} = \bar{u}_k^m + \hat{e}_k^m$.
- **Post-smoothing.** Compute u_k^{m+1} by applying $\nu_2 (\geq 0)$ smoothing steps to \bar{u}_k^{m+1} .

Type of cycles in multigrid



V-cycle

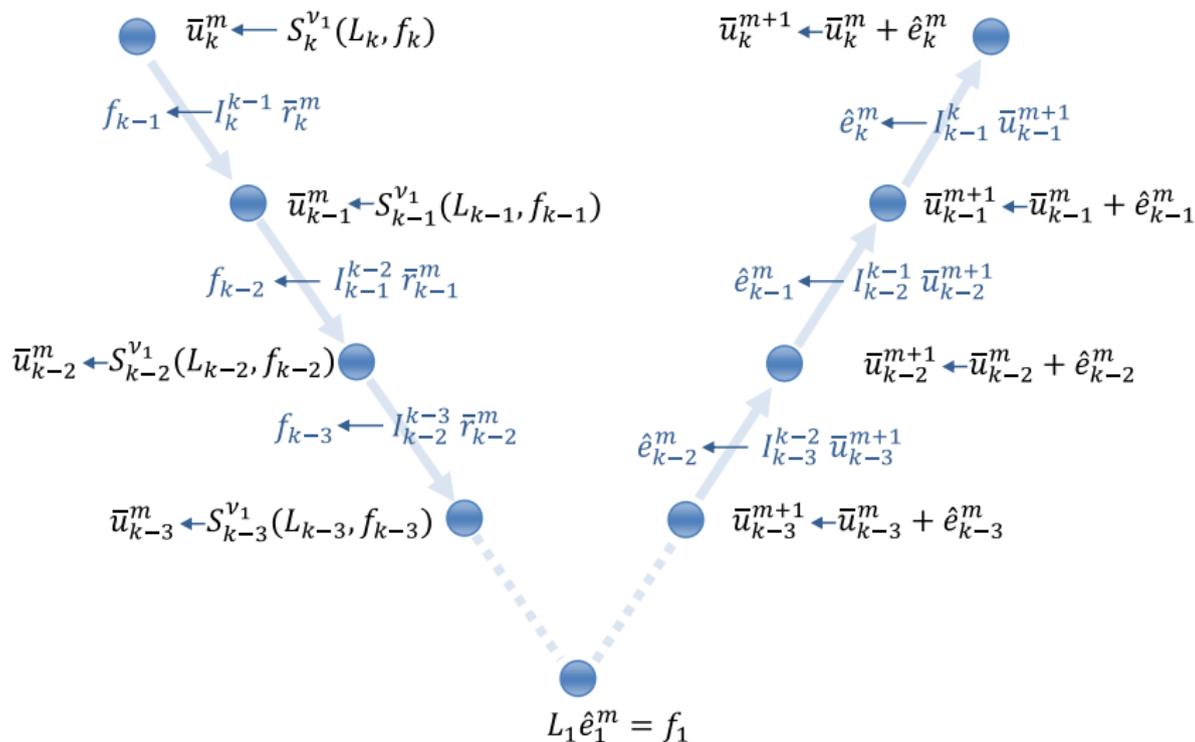
$$\gamma=1$$



W-cycle

$$\gamma=2$$

V-cycle

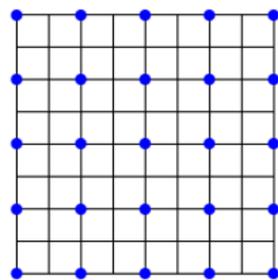


Components of multigrid

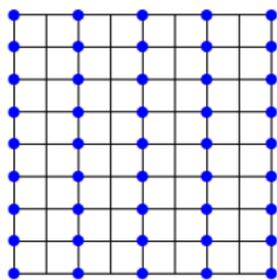
The following individual components of the multigrid method have to be specified:

- The smoothing procedure.
- The numbers ν_1, ν_2 of smoothing steps.
- The coarse grid Ω_H .
- The fine-to-coarse restriction operator I_h^H .
- The coarse grid operator L_H .
- The coarse-to-fine interpolation operator I_H^h .

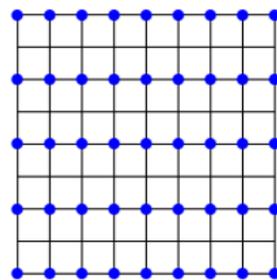
The coarse grid Ω_H and the coarse grid operator L_H



Standard coarsening



x-semi coarsening



y-semi coarsening

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- DCA (Direct coarse approximation): the direct analog of L_h on the coarse grid Ω_H .
 - GCA (Galerkin coarse approximation, $L_H = I_h^H L_h I_H^h$): discontinuous coefficients. Algebraic multigrid methods.

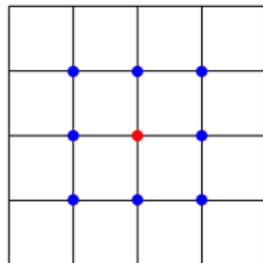
The transfer operators I_h^H and I_H^h

Restriction operator:

We denote the operator by using a stencil $[]$:

Full weighting (FW) operator is frequently used:

$$\frac{1}{16} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



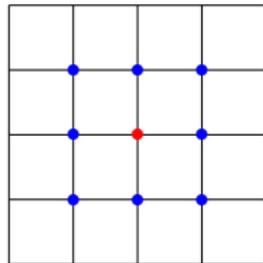
Centered over a coarse point (●) it shows what fractions of the neighboring (●) fine points value is contributed to the value at the coarse point.

Prolongation operator:

We denote the operator by using a stencil $[]$:

Bilinear interpolation is frequently used:

$$\frac{1}{4} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

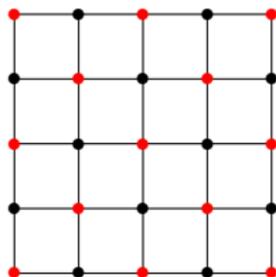


Centered over a coarse-point (●) it shows what fraction of the coarse points value is contributed to neighboring fine points (●).

The smoothing procedure

- Classical iterative methods: Jacobi, Gauss-Seidel, ...
- Take into account:
 - Ordering in which we visit the grid points: Lexicographic order, pattern color, ...
 - Pointwise or blockwise (with or without overlapping) smoother.
 - Damping or relaxation parameter.

Example: Gauss-Seidel Red-Black. (A grid point (x_i, y_j) is red/black if $(i + j)$ is odd/even).



Numerical experiment: Model problem

Model problem: Discrete Poisson equation in 2D with Dirichlet boundary conditions.

Let Ω be the unit square, $\Omega = (0, 1)^2 \subset \mathbb{R}^2$.

Model Problem

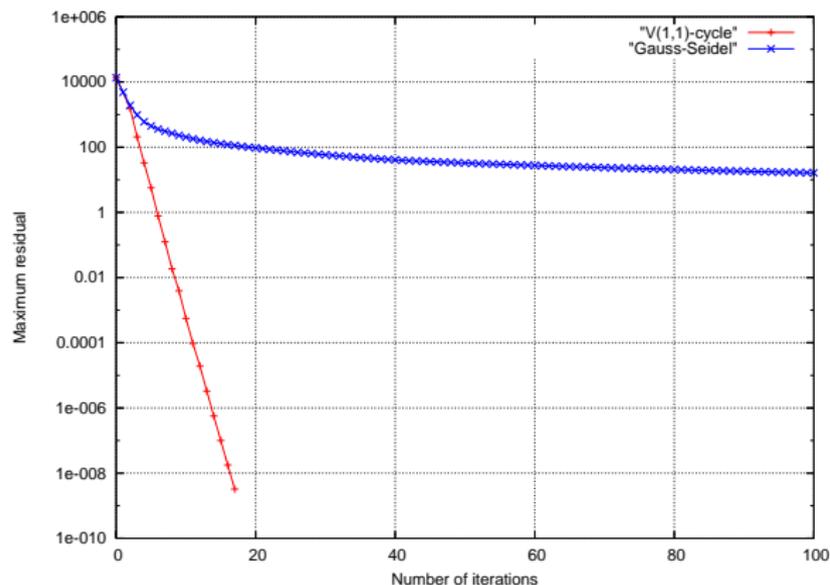
$$\begin{aligned}L_h u_h(x, y) &= f_h(x, y), & (x, y) \in \Omega_h, \\u_h(x, y) &= 0, & (x, y) \in \partial\Omega_h,\end{aligned}$$

where L_h is the standard 5-point approximation of the operator $-\Delta$, given by

$$L_h u_h(x, y) = \frac{1}{h^2} \begin{bmatrix} & -1 & \\ -1 & 4 & -1 \\ & -1 & \end{bmatrix}_h u_h(x, y).$$

Numerical experiment: Iterative Methods vs Multigrid

Convergence of a lexicographic Gauss-Seidel against a Multigrid method with the same iterative method as smoother.



Grid: 64×64

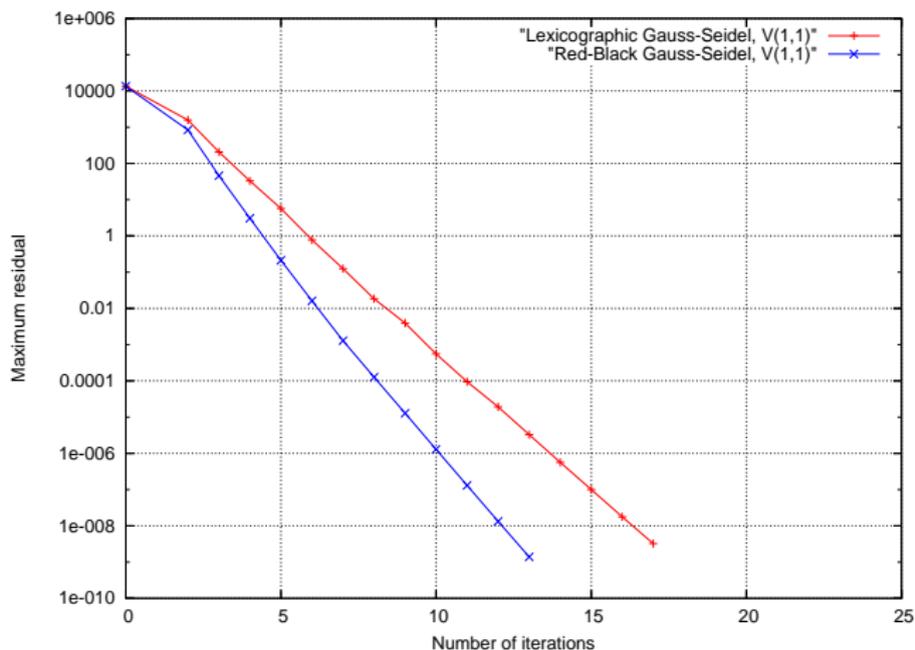
Multigrid features:

- 6 grid levels.
- FW and linear interpolation.
- Smoother: Lexicographic Gauss-Seidel.

Numerical experiment: Influence of the smoother

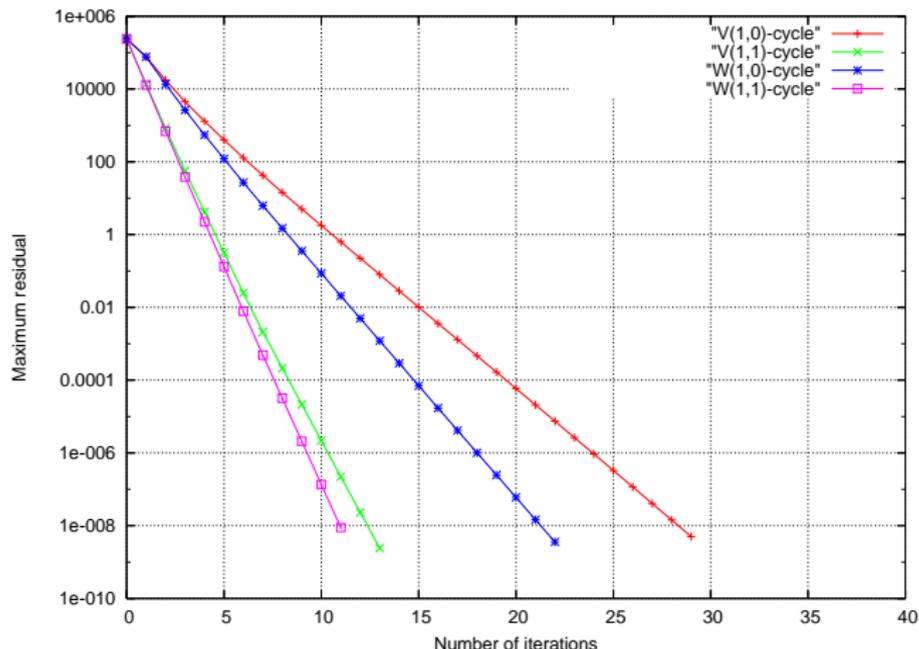
Lexicographic Gauss-Seidel vs Red-Black Gauss-Seidel.

V(1,1)-cycle, Grid: 64×64



Numerical experiment: Influence of the type of cycle

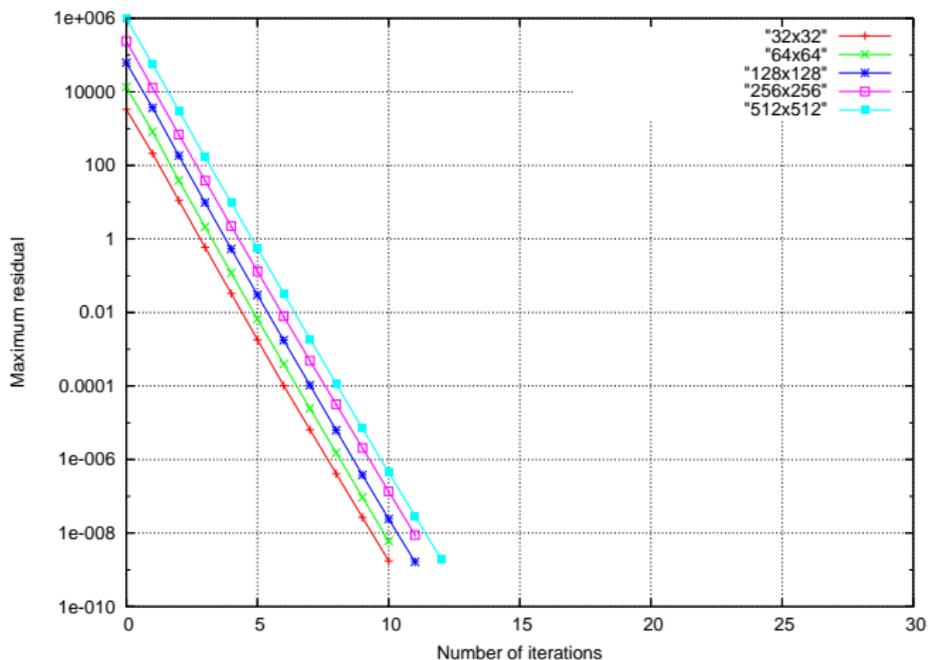
Multigrid convergence for different types of cycles: V-cycle, W-cycle, with different number of pre- and post- smoothing steps.



- Grid: 64×64 , (6 grid levels)
- FW and linear interpolation.
- Smoother: Red-Black Gauss-Seidel.

Numerical experiment: h-independent convergence

V(1,1)-multigrid convergence for Red-Black Gauss-Seidel with different numbers of refinement levels.



Numerical experiment: Numerical efficiency of Multigrid

CPU-time and number of iterations necessary to reach a stopping criterion of $\|r^m\| \leq 10^{-10} \|r^0\|$ with Red-Black smoother, for different cycles and different grids.

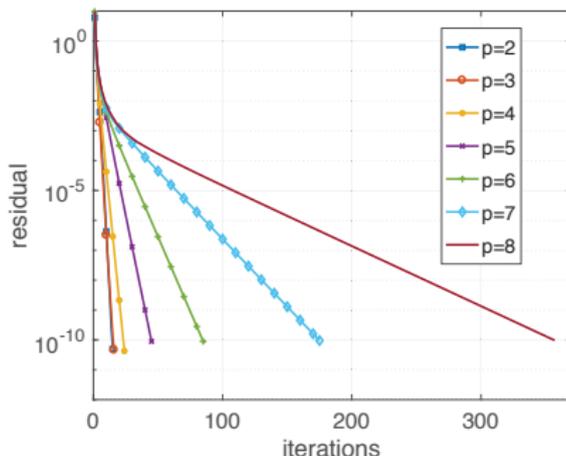
Cycle \ grid	128×128	256×256	512×512	1024×1024
V(1,0)	21 (< 1'')	21 (1'')	21 (5'')	21 (20'')
V(1,1)	9 (< 1'')	9 (1'')	9 (3'')	9 (12'')
V(2,1)	8 (< 1'')	8 (1'')	8 (4'')	8 (15'')
V(2,2)	7 (< 1'')	7 (1'')	7 (3'')	7 (15'')
F(1,0)	16 (< 1'')	16 (2'')	16 (4'')	16 (19'')
F(1,1)	9 (< 1'')	9 (1'')	9 (4'')	9 (14'')
F(2,1)	7 (< 1'')	7 (1'')	7 (3'')	7 (15'')
F(2,2)	7 (< 1'')	7 (1'')	7 (4'')	7 (17'')

Deterioration of the performance of “standard” multigrid

HIGH-ORDER DISCRETIZATIONS

- Condition number of the system matrix grows exponentially with the polynomial degree
- Naive application of multigrid methods results in an important deterioration of the convergence when the polynomial degree is increased.

Multigrid based
on Gauss-Seidel smoother



- Need of smoothers **robust with respect to the polynomial degree**

SADDLE-POINT TYPE PROBLEMS

$$\begin{pmatrix} A & B^T \\ B & -C \end{pmatrix}, \text{ where } C = 0 \text{ or } C \text{ is very small.}$$

Some examples:

- Stokes' problem in fluid dynamics
- Porous media problems: Biot's model for example

Point-wise smoothers does not work properly

Block-wise smoothers - Schwarz DD methods

- Splitting of the grid into blocks of unknowns
- One smoothing step consists of solving local problems on each block one-by-one either in a Jacobi-type or Gauss-Seidel-type manner.

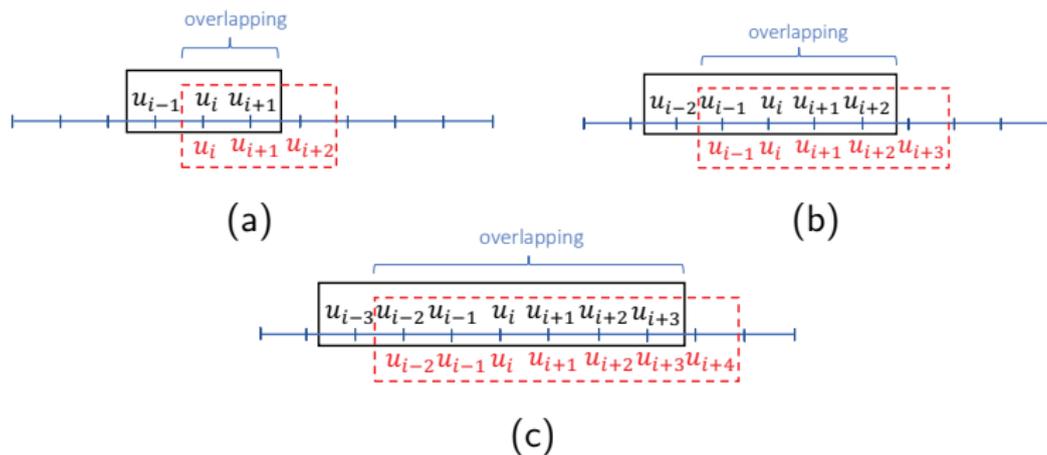


Figure: Splittings of a one-dimensional grid into: (a) blocks of three points, (b) blocks of five points and (c) blocks of seven points, all of them with maximum overlapping among the blocks.

Schwarz domain decomposition methods

- For every block of unknowns B_i , the corresponding local problem is set as follows: Let u_{B_i} be the vector with unknowns involved in block B_i , δu_{B_i} the local corrections and r_{B_i} the local defect. Then, every local system is given by

$$A^{B_i} \delta u_{B_i} = r_{B_i}, \quad (1)$$

where A^{B_i} is the local matrix corresponding to block B_i .

- The construction of local matrices A^{B_i} is carried out by means of a projection operator V_{B_i} from the vector of unknowns u to the vector of unknowns involved in the block B_i :

$$A^{B_i} = V_{B_i} A V_{B_i}^T.$$

- One iteration of these smoothers consists of a loop over all the blocks such that the corresponding local systems (1) are solved.

Multiplicative Schwarz methods

- Multiplicative Schwarz methods make use of the most recent updates of u .
- For every local system the defect is obtained after a global update of u with the previous local corrections.

Algorithm 1: $u^{m+1} = \text{Multiplicative}(A, u^m, b, M_B, N_B, s_B)$

for $i = 1 : N_B$ **do**

$$B_i \leftarrow M_B(i, :)$$

Indices of the unknowns involved in B_i .

$$V_i = 0_{s_B \times n}$$

Construction of projection operator V_i .

$$V_i(:, B_i) = I_{s_B}$$

$$A^{B_i} \leftarrow V_i A V_i^T$$

Construction of local matrix.

$$r_{B_i} \leftarrow V_i(b - Au^m)$$

Construction of local defect.

$$A^{B_i} \delta u_{B_i} = r_{B_i}$$

Solve the local system.

$$u^{m+1} = u^m + V_i^T \delta u_{B_i}$$

Local correction of u .

Additive Schwarz methods

- Additive Schwarz methods solve all the local systems by using the same global defect.
- The approximation is corrected at once by addition of all the local corrections.

Algorithm 2: $u^{m+1} = \text{Additive}(A, u^m, b, M_B, N_B, s_B, \omega)$

$r \leftarrow (b - Au^m)$ *Initial residual.*

for $i = 1 : N_B$ **do**

$B_i \leftarrow M_B(i, :)$ *Indices of the unknowns involved in B_i .*

$V_i = 0_{s_B \times n}$

$V_i(:, B_i) = I_{s_B}$ *Construction of projection operator V_i .*

$A^{B_i} \leftarrow V_i A V_i^T$ *Construction of local matrix.*

$r_{B_i} \leftarrow V_i r$ *Construction of local defect.*

$A^{B_i} \delta u_{B_i} = r_{B_i}$ *Solve the local system.*

$u^{m+1} = u^m + \sum_{i=1}^{N_B} V_i^T \omega \delta u_{B_i}$ *Global correction of u .*

Restrictive additive Schwarz methods

- Restrictive additive Schwarz methods omit multiple local corrections of the same grid point.

Algorithm 3: $u^{m+1} = \text{Restrictive}(A, u^m, b, M_B, N_B, s_B, \omega, ov)$

$r \leftarrow (b - Au^m)$ *Initial residual.*

for $i = 1 : N_B$ **do**

$B_i \leftarrow M_B(i, :)$ *Indices of the unknowns involved in B_i .*

$V_i = 0_{s_B \times n}$

$\tilde{V}_i = 0_{s_B \times n}$ *Auxiliary projection operator \tilde{V}_i .*

$V_i(:, B_i) = I_{s_B}$ *Construction of projection operator V_i .*

$\tilde{V}_i(:, B_i(1 : s_B - ov)) = I_{s_B - ov}$ *ov is overlapping among blocks.*

$A^{B_i} \leftarrow V_i A V_i^T$ *Construction of local matrix.*

$r_{B_i} \leftarrow V_i r$ *Construction of local defect.*

$A^{B_i} \delta u_{B_i} = r_{B_i}$ *Solve the local system.*

$u^{m+1} = u^m + \sum_{i=1}^{N_B} \tilde{V}_i^T \omega \delta u_{B_i}$ *Global correction of u .*

Poisson equation: Multiplicative Schwarz smoothers

First, let us consider the 2D Poisson problem defined in $\Omega = (0, 1)^2$ with dirichlet boundary conditions in $\partial\Omega$:

$$\begin{aligned} -\Delta u &= f, & \text{in } \Omega, \\ u &= 0, & \text{on } \partial\Omega, \end{aligned}$$

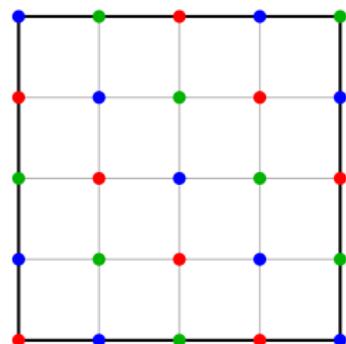
- High-order finite elements with polynomial degree k .

For this problem, 9(3 × 3)– 25(5 × 5)– and 49(7 × 7)–point multiplicative Schwarz smoothers are considered:

	9p Schwarz	25p Schwarz	49p Schwarz
$k = 2$	0.099	0.066	0.050
$k = 3$	0.214	0.067	0.051
$k = 4$	0.455	0.145	0.053
$k = 5$	0.703	0.262	0.119
$k = 6$	0.872	0.440	0.165
$k = 7$	0.955	0.657	0.325
$k = 8$	0.982	0.807	0.440

Poisson equation: Multiplicative Schwarz smoothers

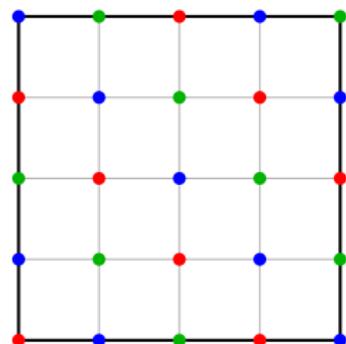
Coloured multiplicative Schwarz relaxations - Improved convergence



Poisson equation: Multiplicative Schwarz smoothers

Coloured multiplicative Schwarz relaxations - Improved convergence

Behavior of the multigrid method based on coloured multiplicative Schwarz smoothers: for a mesh of size 512×512 , we display the number of $V(1,0)$ -multigrid iterations together with the CPU times necessary to reduce the initial residual in a factor of 10^{-8}



k	9p-Sch		c-9p-Sch		25p-Sch		c-25p-Sch		49p-Sch		c-49p-Sch	
	it	cpu	it	cpu	it	cpu	it	cpu	it	cpu	it	cpu
2	8	1.29	4	0.68	7	4.89	4	2.88	6	14.21	3	7.46
3	8	2.13	4	0.99	6	5.60	4	4.02	6	17.80	3	9.30
4	14	4.66	7	2.40	7	8.38	4	5.08	6	22.40	4	15.56
5	19	17.26	17	10.40	9	17.83	4	6.09	6	39.96	3	14.69
6	31	21.53	40	28.40	11	20.01	5	9.33	7	39.90	3	16.06
7	60	48.04	112	98.70	15	34.32	9	21.80	9	60.44	3	17.15
8	88	105.62	254	310.55	22	71.19	15	48.87	11	88.17	4	26.01

Choice of block size depending on the polynomial degree

Poisson equation: Multiplicative Schwarz smoothers

Robust behavior with respect to mesh size h :

Proposed strategy for different grids with mesh-sizes from 128×128 to 1024×1024 and various spline degrees ranging from $k = 2$ to $k = 8$ in order to show the good scalability of the solver. Again, we use V -cycles with one pre-smoothing step and no post-smoothing steps

Grid	Color 9p Schwarz						Color 25p Schwarz				Color 49p Schwarz			
	$k = 2$		$k = 3$		$k = 4$		$k = 5$		$k = 6$		$k = 7$		$k = 8$	
	it	cpu	it	cpu	it	cpu	it	cpu	it	cpu	it	cpu	it	cpu
128^2	4	0.06	4	0.10	7	0.22	4	0.62	5	0.99	3	2.22	4	3.35
256^2	4	0.21	4	0.29	7	0.69	4	1.40	5	2.86	3	6.03	4	9.24
512^2	4	0.68	4	0.99	7	2.40	4	6.09	5	9.33	3	17.15	4	26.01
1024^2	4	2.60	4	3.80	7	9.13	3	16.49	5	33.05	3	53.69	4	80.74

Poisson equation: Additive Schwarz smoothers

Additive Schwarz smoother:

Multigrid method based on V(1,1)-cycles using additive Schwarz methods as smoothers with maximum overlapping. In this problem, we consider $9(3 \times 3)$ -, $25(5 \times 5)$ - and $49(7 \times 7)$ -point additive Schwarz smoothers.

	9p ad Schwarz $\omega = 1/9$	25p ad Schwarz $\omega = 1/25$	49p ad Schwarz $\omega = 1/49$
$k = 2$	0.22	0.11	0.06
$k = 3$	0.48	0.27	0.17
$k = 4$	0.72	0.45	0.29
$k = 5$	—	0.62	0.43
$k = 6$	—	0.76	0.56
$k = 7$	—	0.85	0.67
$k = 8$	—	0.96	0.78

Poisson equation: Additive Schwarz smoothers

Element-based Additive Schwarz Smoother

- Size of the blocks is $k = (p + 1)^2$
- Minimum overlapping $ov = 1$ is assumed in both directions
- two smoothing steps

	$k = 2$	$k = 3$	$k = 4$	$k = 5$	$k = 6$	$k = 7$	$k = 8$
AS	0.15	0.21	0.25	0.31	0.36	0.40	0.43
RAS	0.15	0.21	0.25	0.31	0.36	0.40	0.43

Poisson equation: Additive Schwarz smoothers

In order to achieve a determined performance for the solver, we show the asymptotic convergence factors obtained by using $W(1,0)$, $W(1,1)$, $W(2,1)$ and $W(2,2)$ cycles of this approach:

k	$W(1,0)$	$W(1,1)$	$W(2,1)$	$W(2,2)$
2	0.40	0.15	0.06	0.02
3	0.45	0.21	0.09	0.04
4	0.50	0.25	0.13	0.06
5	0.56	0.31	0.18	0.10
6	0.60	0.36	0.21	0.13
7	0.63	0.40	0.25	0.16
8	0.66	0.43	0.28	0.19

Moreover, the asymptotic convergence factors obtained by applying V -cycles were substantially similar to the ones obtained with W -cycles.

Saddle-Point problem: Biot's model

Equilibrium equation: $\operatorname{div} \boldsymbol{\sigma}' - \alpha \nabla p = \rho \mathbf{g}$, in Ω ,

Hooke's law: $\boldsymbol{\sigma}' = \lambda \operatorname{tr}(\boldsymbol{\epsilon}) \mathbf{I} + 2\mu \boldsymbol{\epsilon}$, in Ω ,

Compatibility equation: $\boldsymbol{\epsilon}(\mathbf{u}) = \frac{1}{2}(\nabla \mathbf{u} + \nabla \mathbf{u}^t)$, in Ω .

Darcy's law: $\mathbf{q} = -\frac{\kappa}{\eta_f} (\nabla p - \rho_f \mathbf{g})$, in Ω ,

Continuity equation: $\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\frac{1}{M} p + \alpha \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} \right) + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{q} = f$, in Ω .

- λ and μ : Lamé coefficients
- α : Biot-Willis constant and M : Biot modulus
- κ : Permeability tensor and ρ : bulk density
- η_f : viscosity of the fluid and ρ_f : density of the fluid phase
- \mathbf{u} : displacement vector and p : pore pressure
- $\boldsymbol{\sigma}'$ and $\boldsymbol{\epsilon}$: effective stress and strain tensors.
- f : a forced fluid extraction or injection process and \mathbf{g} : gravity vector

Saddle-Point problem: Two field formulation for Biot

Two-field (displacement-pressure) formulation

$$\begin{aligned} -\nabla(\lambda + \mu)\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} - \nabla \cdot \mu \nabla \mathbf{u} + \alpha \nabla p &= \rho \mathbf{g}, \\ \frac{1}{M} \frac{\partial p}{\partial t} + \alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}) - \nabla \cdot \left(\frac{1}{\mu_f} K (\nabla p - \rho_f \mathbf{g}) \right) &= f. \end{aligned}$$

We complete the formulation of this problem with the following boundary conditions:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{u} &= \mathbf{0}, & \frac{K}{\mu_f} (\nabla p - \rho_f \mathbf{g}) \cdot \mathbf{n} &= 0, & \text{on } \Gamma_c, \\ p &= 0, & \boldsymbol{\sigma}' \cdot \mathbf{n} &= \mathbf{0}, & \text{on } \Gamma_t, \end{aligned}$$

where \mathbf{n} is the unit outward normal to the boundary and $\partial\Omega = \Gamma_t \cup \Gamma_c$. Also, we consider the initial condition

$$\left(\frac{1}{M} p + \alpha \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} \right) (\mathbf{x}, 0) = 0, \quad \text{on } \Omega.$$

Saddle-Point problem: Variational formulation

Let us introduce the variational spaces

$$\mathbf{V} = \{\mathbf{u} \in H^1(\Omega)^n \mid \mathbf{u}|_{\Gamma_c} = \mathbf{0}\}, \quad Q = \{p \in H^1(\Omega) \mid p|_{\Gamma_t} = 0\}.$$

Then, the variational formulation is given as follows

Variational formulation

For each $t \in (0, T)$, find $(\mathbf{u}(t), p(t)) \in \mathbf{V} \times Q$ such that:

$$a(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) - \alpha(p, \operatorname{div} \mathbf{v}) = (\rho \mathbf{g}, \mathbf{v}), \forall \mathbf{v} \in \mathbf{V},$$

$$\alpha(\operatorname{div} \partial_t \mathbf{u}, q) + \frac{1}{M}(\partial_t p, q) + b(p, q) = (f, q) + (\mathbf{K} \mu_f^{-1} \rho_f \mathbf{g}, \nabla q), \forall q \in Q$$

where the bilinear forms $a(\cdot, \cdot)$ and $b(\cdot, \cdot)$ are given by

$$a(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) = 2 \int_{\Omega} \mu \boldsymbol{\epsilon}(\mathbf{u}) : \boldsymbol{\epsilon}(\mathbf{v}) d\Omega + \int_{\Omega} \lambda \operatorname{div} \mathbf{u} \operatorname{div} \mathbf{v} d\Omega,$$

$$b(p, q) = \int_{\Omega} \frac{\mathbf{K}}{\mu_f} \nabla p \cdot \nabla q d\Omega.$$

Saddle-Point problem: Discrete scheme

- Implicit Euler scheme for discretization in time
- Taylor-Hood elements (\mathbf{V}_h, Q_h) for discretization in space.

Fully discretized scheme at time t_m

Find $(\mathbf{u}_h^m, p_h^m) \in \mathbf{V}_h \times Q_h$ such that

$$a(\mathbf{u}_h^m, \mathbf{v}_h) - \alpha(p_h^m, \operatorname{div} \mathbf{v}_h) = (\rho \mathbf{g}, \mathbf{v}_h), \quad \forall \mathbf{v}_h \in \mathbf{V}_h,$$

$$\alpha(\operatorname{div} \bar{\partial}_t \mathbf{u}_h^m, q_h) + \frac{1}{M}(\bar{\partial}_t p_h^m, q_h) + b(p_h^m, q_h) = (f_h^m, q_h) + (\mathbf{K} \mu_f^{-1} \rho_f \mathbf{g}, \nabla q_h), \quad \forall q_h \in Q_h,$$

where $\bar{\partial}_t \mathbf{u}_h^m := (\mathbf{u}_h^m - \mathbf{u}_h^{m-1})/\tau$, $\bar{\partial}_t p_h^m := (p_h^m - p_h^{m-1})/\tau$,

After discretization, for solving the problem on each time step we have the following saddle point problem

$$\begin{bmatrix} E & B^T \\ -B & \tau C + \frac{1}{M} M_p \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{u}^m \\ p^m \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{g}^m \\ f^m \end{bmatrix}.$$

Saddle-Point problem: Schwarz smoother

SCHWARZ TYPE SMOOTHER for Biot:

- Blocks consists of one pressure unknown and all the velocity unknowns that are connected to it.
- Local system of size 51×51 and 76×76 for two-dimensional and three-dimensional problems

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κ	$W(1, 0)$	$W(1, 1)$	$W(2, 1)$	$W(2, 2)$
1	0.49	0.22	0.11	0.06
10^{-3}	0.49	0.21	0.11	0.06
10^{-6}	0.49	0.21	0.11	0.06
10^{-9}	0.65	0.42	0.27	0.18
10^{-12}	0.72	0.52	0.56	0.28
10^{-15}	0.72	0.52	0.56	0.28

Table: Asymptotic convergence factors considering natural weights for the Q2 – Q1 discretization on the unit square domain.

Saddle-Point problem: Schwarz smoother

We can find the optimal weights that provide a robust monolithic multigrid method based on the 51–point additive Schwarz smoother:

- $w_u^{opt} = 0.09$ for displacements at vertices and edges
- $w_u^{opt} = 0.22$ for displacements at interior points
- $w_p^{opt} = 1.02$ for pressure

κ	$W(1, 0)$	$W(1, 1)$	$W(2, 1)$	$W(2, 2)$
1	0.58	0.34	0.19	0.11
10^{-3}	0.58	0.34	0.19	0.11
10^{-6}	0.58	0.34	0.19	0.11
10^{-9}	0.58	0.34	0.19	0.11
10^{-12}	0.60	0.36	0.21	0.13
10^{-15}	0.60	0.36	0.21	0.13

Table: Asymptotic convergence factors considering optimal weights w_u^{opt} and w_p^{opt} for the $Q2 - Q1$ discretization on the unit square domain.

Saddle-Point problem: Schwarz smoother

Furthermore, we compared the performance of V -cycles and W -cycles:

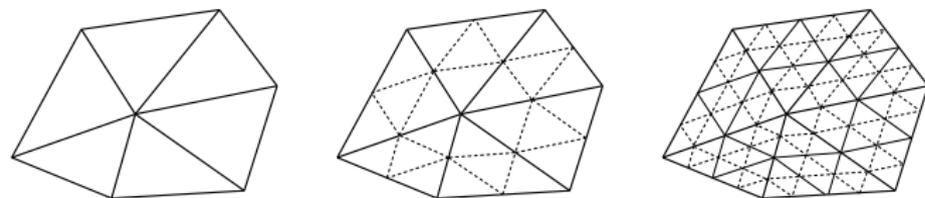
κ	Smoothing steps (ν_1, ν_2)							
	(1, 0)		(1, 1)		(2, 1)		(2, 2)	
	V	W	V	W	V	W	V	W
1	39	40	20	20	13	14	10	10
10^{-3}	40	40	20	20	14	13	10	10
10^{-6}	39	40	20	20	13	14	10	10
10^{-9}	40	40	23	20	14	13	10	10
10^{-12}	50	43	40	22	18	15	12	12
10^{-15}	50	45	40	23	18	15	12	12

Table: Number of iterations using the optimal weights w_u^{opt} , w_p^{opt} .

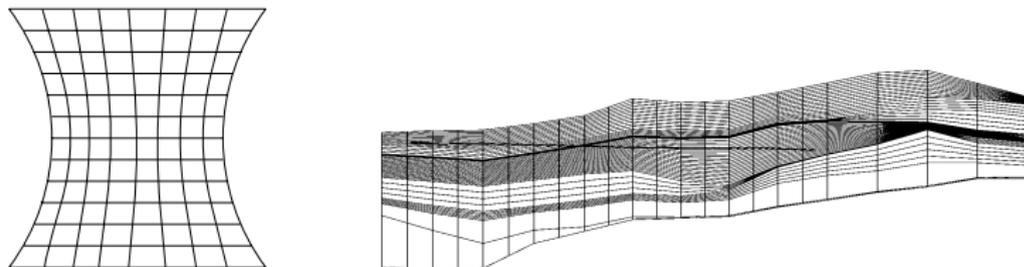
We conclude that V -cycles are also robust with respect to κ when applying $V(2, 1)$ or $V(2, 2)$ -cycles yielding a similar number of iterations than W -cycles.

Extension to complex domains

- SEMI-STRUCTURED GRIDS



- LOGICALLY RECTANGULAR GRIDS



- ISOGEOMETRIC ANALYSIS (IGA)

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