

Iterative Helmholtz Solvers

Multigrid for Helmholtz: Towards Convergence

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Aim and Impact

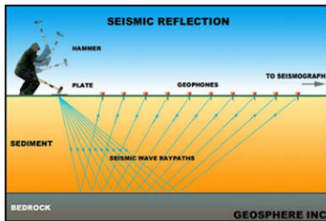
- Joint-work with Professor **Kees Vuik**
- **Contribute** to broad research on Helmholtz solvers
- Understand **convergence/divergence** behavior
- **Improve** convergence properties

Introduction - The Helmholtz Equation

- **Inhomogeneous** Helmholtz equation + BC's

$$(-\nabla^2 - k^2) u(\mathbf{x}) = f(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{x} \in \Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$$

- k is the **wave number**: $k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda}$
- Practical applications in **seismic and medical imaging**



Introduction - Numerical Model

- Start with **analytical** 1D model problem

$$\begin{aligned} -\frac{d^2 u}{dx^2} - k^2 u &= \delta\left(x - \frac{1}{2}\right), \\ u(0) &= 0, u(1) = 0, \\ x \in \Omega &= [0, 1] \subseteq \mathbb{R}, \end{aligned}$$

- Discretization using **second-order** FD with at least 10 gpw
- We obtain a **linear system** $A\hat{u} = f$

$$A = \frac{1}{h^2} \text{tridiag}[-1 \quad 2 - (kh)^2 \quad -1],$$

- A is **real, symmetric, normal, indefinite** and **sparse**
- Using Radiation BC's A becomes **non-Hermitian**

Multigrid - Challenges

- Oscillations cause ineffective **coarse** grid (phase-lead)
- Low-frequency error not **eliminated**
- Near-zero **eigenvalues**
- Some **remedies** so far:

Wave-ray multigrid - constant k

Dispersion correction - constant k + coarse resolution restriction

GMRES smoothing - level-dep. + 'manually' optimized param.

Complex stretched grids - level-dep.

- Our approach: **h.o.** intergrid transfer operators
- Background from work on **deflation**

Background - Two-Level Deflation

- Projection principle: solve $PAu = Pf$

$$\tilde{P} = AQ \text{ where } Q = ZE^{-1}Z^T \text{ and } E = Z^T AZ,$$
$$P = I - \tilde{P}, Z \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}, m < n$$

- Columns of Z span **deflation** subspace
- Inter-grid vectors from **multigrid** as deflation vectors
- Apply P as a **preconditioner**: solve $PA\hat{u} = Pf$

Background - Two-Level Deflation

Figure: Restricted & interpolated eigenvectors (left $kh = 0.625$, right $k^3 h^2 = 0.625$)

- Deflation space spanned by **linear approximation** basis vectors
- Transfer coarse-fine grid \Rightarrow interpolation error
- Measure effect by **projection error E**

$$E(kh) = \|(I - P)\phi_{j_{\min}, h}\|^2,$$

$$P = Z(Z^T Z)^{-1} Z^T$$

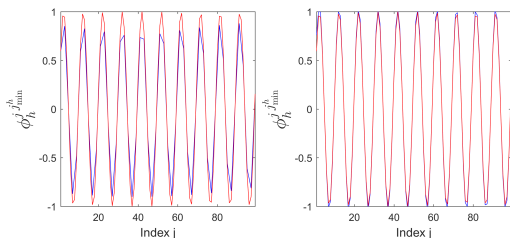


Table: Projection error

k	$E(0.625)$	$E(0.3125)$
10^2	0.8818	0.1006
10^3	9.2941	1.0062
10^4	92.5772	10.0113
10^5	926.135	100.1382
10^6	9261.7129	1001.3818

Background - Our Approach

- Higher-order deflation vectors
- Rational quadratic Bezier curve \Rightarrow one control-point
- This scheme results in close to wave number independent convergence
- But what about multigrid?

Multigrid - 1D

- Constant wave number using **Dirichlet** BC
- Construct **two-level V(1,1)-cycle** + weighted **Jacobi** smoothing

Table: Two-grid spectral radius

k	Quadratic Bezier		Linear	
	$kh = 0.625$	$kh = 0.3125$	$kh = 0.625$	$kh = 0.3125$
50	0.2436	0.2852	1.290	0.9217
100	0.2441	0.2076	3.325	1.0225
250	0.2443	0.1538	5.4108	21.5327
500	0.2443	0.1354	15.5047	21.5327
1000	0.2443	0.1350	27.7478	21.5327

- As expected: original multigrid setup (linear) **diverges**
- H.o. scheme gives spectral radius **strictly** < 1
- Analogous to projection error **strictly** < 1 for deflation!

Multigrid - 1D

- Constant wave number using **Dirichlet** BC
- weighted **Jacobi** smoothing

Table: Number of iterations

k	Two-level Deflation		Two-grid V(1,1)-cycle	
	$kh = 0.625$	$kh = 0.3125$	$kh = 0.625$	$kh = 0.3125$
10^2	9	9	10	8
10^3	9	9	10	8
10^4	9	9	10	9
10^5	9	9	11	12

- Both schemes close to **wave number independent** convergence

Multigrid - 2D

- Constant wave number using Sommerfeld BC
- Construct two-level V(1,1)-cycle

k	ω -Jacobi		Gaus-Seidel	
	$kh = 0.625$	$kh = 0.3125$	$kh = 0.625$	$kh = 0.3125$
50	14	14	6	5
100	14	14	6	5
250	14	14	6	5
500	14	14	6	5

- Both cases wave number independence
- Still exact solve on second-level \Rightarrow memory constraints
- Can we create a deeper V-cycle?

Multigrid - 2D

- Constant wave number using Sommerfeld BC
- Three-grid cycle with $kh_{\text{coarsest}} = 2.5 \approx \frac{2\pi}{2.5}$

Figure: V-cycle

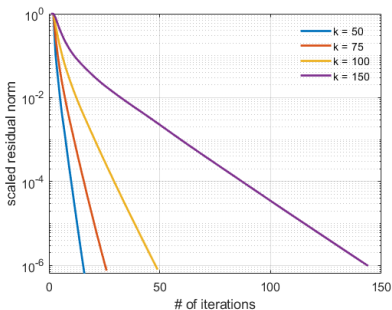
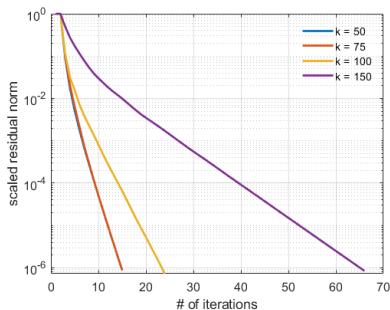


Figure: F-cycle



- Convergence no longer wave number independent
- Deeper cycle diverges
- Remedy: use coarsening on CSL (S. Cools)

Multigrid - 2D

- Constant wave number using **Sommerfeld BC**

Table: Number of V- ($\gamma = 1$) and W-cycles ($\gamma = 2$) for constant k using a stopping tolerance of 10^{-5} and ν denotes the number of ω -**Jacobi** smoothing steps.

	$k = 50$		$k = 100$		$k = 150$		$k = 200$		$k = 250$	
	$N = 6724$		$N = 26244$		$N = 57600$		$N = 102400$		$N = 160000$	
	$N_D = 8$		$N_D = 8$		$N_D = 4$		$N_D = 8$		$N_D = 4$	
γ	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2
$\nu = 4$	58	58	104	108	155	159	209	213	267	271
$\nu = 5$	58	58	104	104	150	166	194	229	238	287
$\nu = 6$	55	58	99	102	139	167	183	222	226	283
$\nu = 7$	53	60	97	101	136	163	179	219	221	280
$\nu = 8$	53	60	95	104	131	161	178	212	218	277

- Coarsening + w -Jacobi smoothing on **CSL** (shift = 0.7)
- No **level-dependent** parameters!
- **Linear** interpolation **diverges** ($k = 50, \gamma = 1$)
- **What about heterogeneous problems?**

Multigrid - 2D

Figure: $k(x, y)$

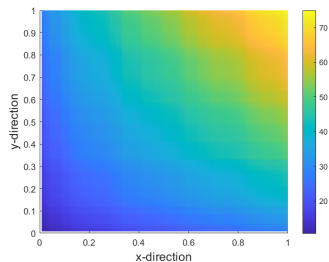


Figure: $u(x, y)$

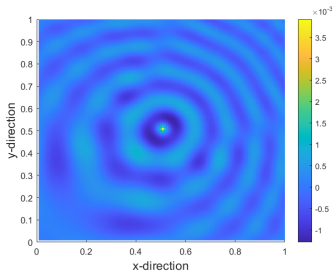


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 ν denotes the number of ω -Jacobi smoothing steps.

	$(k_1, k_2) = (10, 50)$		$(k_1, k_2) = (10, 75)$	
γ	1	2	1	2
$\nu = 4$	69	66	98	90
$\nu = 5$	66	66	90	90
$\nu = 6$	68	66	124	96
$\nu = 7$	71	67	145	95
$\nu = 8$	74	69	159	96

Multigrid - 2D

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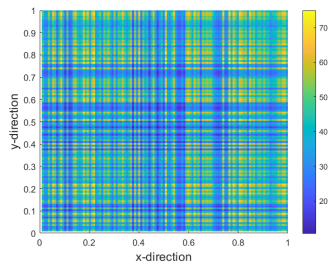


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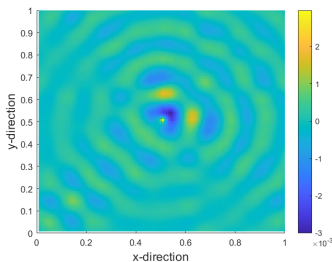


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	$(k_1, k_2) = (10, 50)$		$(k_1, k_2) = (10, 75)$	
γ	1	2	1	2
$\nu = 4$	123	108	139	128
$\nu = 5$	112	110	129	128
$\nu = 6$	112	114	128	130
$\nu = 7$	116	116	131	133
$\nu = 8$	123	123	135	137

Multigrid - Status-quo

- Current setup works for **non-constant** wavenumbers
- No level-dependent parameters
- Convergence using **standard** w -Jacobi smoothing
- **Full coarsening** until size coarse system $< 10 \times 10$
- Iteration number grows with **wavenumber**
- **Can we reduce number of iterations using GMRES smoothing?**
(H. Elman, S. Cools)

Multigrid - 2D

- Constant wave number using Sommerfeld BC

Table: Number of V- ($\gamma = 1$) and W-cycles ($\gamma = 2$) for constant k using tol. 10^{-5} . ν denotes the number of GMRES(3) smoothing steps.

	$k = 50$		$k = 100$		$k = 150$		$k = 200$		$k = 250$	
	$N = 6724$		$N = 26244$		$N = 57600$		$N = 102400$		$N = 160000$	
	$N_D = 8$		$N_D = 8$		$N_D = 4$		$N_D = 8$		$N_D = 4$	
γ	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2
$\nu = 1$	37	36	68	67	99	98	132	131	162	161
$\nu = 2$	29	29	53	53	78	78	104	104	128	128
$\nu = 3$	24	24	45	45	67	67	89	89	112	112
$\nu = 4$	22	22	40	40	59	59	78	78	98	98
$\nu = 5$	20	20	36	36	53	53	71	71	88	88

- Coarsening + GMRES(3) smoothing on CSL (shift = 0.7)
- Number of iterations scale linearly with k
- Linear interpolation 199 iterations ($k = 50, \gamma = 1$)

Multigrid - 2D

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γ	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2
$\nu = 1$	14	7	24	10	39	19	51	24	64	29
$\nu = 2$	8	5	13	7	22	10	28	13	34	16
$\nu = 3$	6	5	10	6	16	9	20	10	24	12
$\nu = 4$	6	5	8	5	12	7	15	9	18	10
$\nu = 5$	5	5	7	5	11	7	13	8	15	9

- Coarsening + GMRES(3) smoothing on CSL (shift = k^{-1})
- Iteration count with $\gamma = 2$ close to k -independent
- Linear interpolation 248 iterations ($k = 50, \gamma = 1$)

Conclusion

- H.o. intergrid vectors for **deflation**
- Apply similar approach to **multigrid**
- Converges until coarse system **negative definite**
- Fix using **CSL** for coarsening and smoothing
- Result: **level-independent** convergent V-cycle
- No **restrictions** to coarse grid resolution
- Some **challenges** remain:
 - What about fully Dirichlet BC's?
 - For better iteration numbers \Rightarrow GMRES smoothing

What's next?

- Future work on **h.o. intergrid** operators
- Assess quality of different **smoothers**
- Provide analysis and **theory**
- Investigate more **heterogeneous** and **3D** models
- Investigate performance as a **preconditioner**

References

- Upcoming articles: multilevel deflation and convergent multigrid methods for the Helmholtz equation.
- Further reading



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