Abstract

"Enhancing iterative solution methods for general FEM computations using rigid body modes."

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DIANA is a general finite element software package that can be used to analyze a wide range of problems arising in Civil engineering. The solution of one or more systems of linear equations is a computational intensive part of a finite element analysis.

Iterative solvers have proved to be efficient for solving these systems of equations. However, the convergence of iterative solvers stagnates if there are large stiffness jumps in the underlying model.

The considered remedy is based on the approximate rigid body modes of the model. To identify the approximate rigid body modes in a finite element application we propose a generally applicable method based on element stiffness matrices. These rigid body modes can be used for deflation and coarse grid correction.





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1. Real-life application





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2. Model with elements





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Brick type 1
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4. Analysis



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- Structures
- Geomechanics







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One-dimensional Poisson problem

A 1D problem consisting of soft clay and granite:

$$-\frac{d}{dx}\left(\begin{array}{c} c \\ \frac{du}{dx}\end{array}\right) = f, \quad x \in (0, 20)$$
$$u = 0, \quad x \in \{0, 20\}.$$



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- Preconditioning may improve convergence

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- $\blacktriangleright P \approx K$
- Px = y is easy to solve

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Stiffness matrix of Poisson problem





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CG



Solving the Poisson problem



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Deflation: Apply Π^{\perp}



CG and Deflation



Solving the deflated Poisson problem

Solve the deflated Jacobi preconditioned system:

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Represents "weak coupling" in the model.



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In two-level Additive Schwarz form (dual preconditioning):

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Note: Z needs to have linearly independent vectors

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Switch from deflation to coarse grid correction if

 $\kappa(E) \gg 1.$



The SplittedCube case



- Layer of interface elements splits a cube \Rightarrow two bodies
- ▶ 161.711 degrees of freedom
- Constraints at three planes
- Uniform load on top



Results for SplittedCube case





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Results for SplittedCube case





Results for SplittedCube case





The Geo case



- Eight layers of different materials \Rightarrow two bodies
- ▶ 73.336 degrees of freedom
- Constraints at two planes and all edges
- Pressure load at center



Results for Geo case





Conclusions

Enhancements

- Identify rigid bodies based on element matrices
- Reuse of rigid bodies
- Remove significantly overlapping rigid bodies
- Switch from deflation to coarse grid correction
- Tested on 2572 test problems
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Future research

- (Physics-based) preconditioner for elements with scalar degrees of freedom
- Identify rigid bodies before domain decomposition
- ► Alternative non-symmetric solver: IDR(s)



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Additional slides



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Stiffness jumps in the underlying model





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- Domain decomposition
 - 1. Divide domain Ω into subdomains Ω_i .
 - 2. Compute the local solutions of subdomains Ω_i .
 - 3. Compute the global solution.





Choosing Z

Eigenvectors:

$$Z = \left(\begin{array}{ccc} v_1 & \dots & v_k \end{array}\right).$$

Subdomains:

$$Z_{ij} = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} 1 & \text{if } i \in \Omega_j, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{array} \right.$$

Rigid body modes:
Z is the rigid body modes of the approximate rigid bodies.



Rigid body modes

Consider a one-element rigid body with nodes $\underline{x}_1=(x_1,y_1,z_1)$ and $\underline{x}_2=(x_2,y_2,z_2).$



The coarse matrix

Recall the coarse matrix

$$E = Z^T K Z.$$

- Deflation: $\Pi^{\perp} = I KZE^{-1}Z^{T}$,
- Coarse grid correction: $P_C = I + ZE^{-1}Z^T$.

The condition (quality) of E is

$$\kappa(E) = \|E\| \cdot \|E^{-1}\|.$$

• $\kappa(E) \approx 1$ • $\kappa(E) \approx 10^{16}$

Z needs to have linearly independent vectors

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Condition number of the coarse matrix

The inverse of E is computed by a QR-decomposition:

$$E^{-1} = R^{-1}Q^T,$$

where R^{-1} is explicitly computed.

The condition number $\kappa_2(E)$ is bounded by:

$$\kappa_2(E) \le \kappa_F(E),$$

with

$$\kappa_F(E) = \|E\|_F \|E^{-1}\|_F$$

= $\|QR\|_F \|R^{-1}Q^T\|_F$
= $\|R\|_F \|R^{-1}\|_F.$



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Results for SplittedCube case

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2	$6 \cdot 10^{8}$	229	43.1	1	78.0	n/a	n/a	144	30.7
4	$9 \cdot 10^{8}$	255	35.4	1	47.1	n/a	n/a	151	23.3
8	$3 \cdot 10^{19}$	248	37.5	1	47.9	n/a	n/a	128	23.4



Results for Geo case

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2	$7 \cdot 10^4$	255	10.3	1	11.1	255	10.9	258	10.8
4	$1 \cdot 10^5$	284	9.2	1	7.1	279	10.1	283	9.8
8	$4 \cdot 10^5$	256	9.2	1	6.5	251	10.6	255	9.9



Future research

- Identify rigid bodies before the partitioning
- Specialize the rigid body modes
- Better reuse information in nonlinear iteration loop
 - Eigenvector deflation
 - Optimize the parameter for rigid body reuse
- (Physics-based) preconditioner for models with temperature or pressure
- The non-symmetric iterative solver IDR(s)

