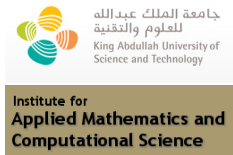


# Efficient Augmented Lagrangian-type Preconditioning for the Oseen Problem using Grad-Div Stabilization

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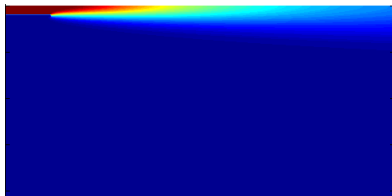
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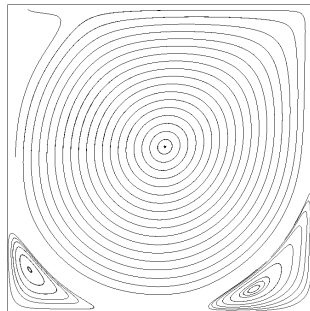
# Setting

- Stationary, incompressible flow problems
- Need: efficient and robust linear solvers
- Examples:



Laminar flames  
(chemically reacting)

(source: F. Bisetti/KAUST)



Lid-driven cavity  
(prototype)

# Grad-Div based Preconditioning

- Numerical analysis has two subfields:

## Error Analysis

Error estimates  
Stabilization methods

## Numerical Linear Algebra

Solvers  
Preconditioners

- Problem: often treated separately

↪ Here: use Grad-Div stabilization to get efficient linear algebra



[Heister and Rapin.](#)

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# Introduction

## Incompressible Navier-Stokes equations (instationary, nonlinear)

Find velocity  $\mathbf{u}$  and pressure  $p$  in domain  $\Omega$  with

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} - \nu \Delta \mathbf{u} + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} + \nabla p = f,$$
$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0$$

Time discretization and linearization gives

## Oseen Problem (stationary, linear)

$$c\mathbf{u} - \nu \Delta \mathbf{u} + (\mathbf{b} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} + \nabla p = f,$$
$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0$$

(viscosity  $\nu$ , reaction coefficient  $c$ , convection  $\mathbf{b}$ )

↪ Of interest:  $c \ll 1$ ,  $\nu \ll 1$ ,  $\|\mathbf{b}\| \sim 1$  (convection dominated)

# Introduction: Linear System

- Inf-sup stable finite element discretization, here Taylor-Hood  $Q_{k+1}$ - $Q_k$  Lagrange elements<sup>1</sup>
- Gives linear saddle point problem:

$$\begin{pmatrix} A & B^T \\ B & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u \\ p \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} f \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Krylov subspace method (flexible GMRES)
- Need preconditioner  $P$ :

$$\begin{pmatrix} A & B^T \\ B & 0 \end{pmatrix} P^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} v \\ q \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} f \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad P^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} v \\ q \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} u \\ p \end{pmatrix}$$

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<sup>1</sup>tensor-product polynomials of order  $k + 1$  for the velocity and  $k$  for the pressure

# Grad-Div Stabilization

$$\begin{aligned} \text{find } (\mathbf{u}, p) \in \mathbf{V} \times Q &:= [H_0^1(\Omega)]^d \times L_*^2(\Omega) \text{ with} \\ (\nu \nabla \mathbf{u}, \nabla \mathbf{v}) + ((\mathbf{b} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} + c \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) + (\gamma \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}, \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}) - (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}, p) &= (\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{v}) \\ (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}, q) &= 0 \\ \text{for all } (\mathbf{v}, q) \in \mathbf{V} \times Q. \end{aligned}$$

Grad-Div:

- Vanishes in the continuous case
- Discretized: penalty term for the divergence
- Why? Incompressibility
- How to choose parameter  $\gamma_K$  on each cell  $K$ ?

# Parameter Design: a-priori Analysis

## Theorem (Olshanskii, Lube, Heister, Löwe)

Given a sufficiently smooth continuous solution  $(\mathbf{u}, p)$ , the optimal error is obtained with the choice:

$$\gamma_K \sim \max \left\{ \frac{|p|_{H^k(K)}}{|\mathbf{u}|_{H^{k+1}(\tilde{K})}} - \nu, 0 \right\} \text{ on each cell } K.$$



Olshanskii, Lube, Heister, and Löwe.

Grad-div stabilization and subgrid pressure models for the incompressible Navier-Stokes equations.

*Computer Methods in Applied Mechanics and Engineering*, 198(49-52):3975 – 3988, 2009.

# Parameter Design: In Practice

## Parameter Design

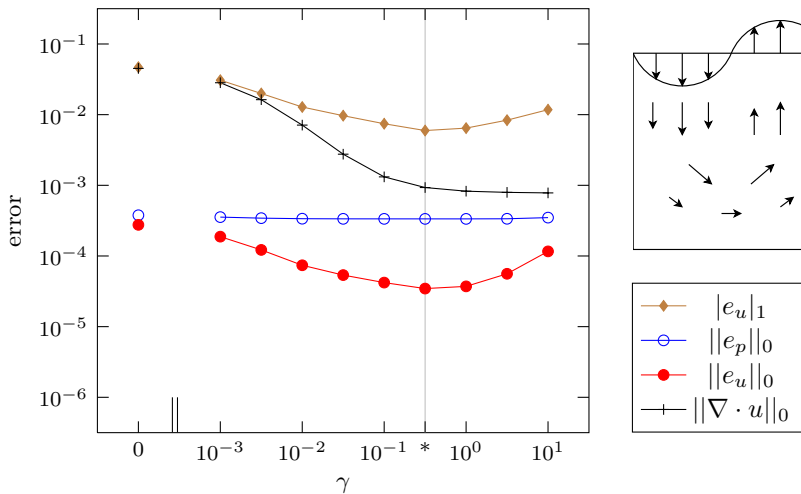
$$\gamma_K \sim \max \left\{ \frac{|p|_{H^k(K)}}{|\mathbf{u}|_{H^{k+1}(\tilde{K})}} - \nu, 0 \right\} \text{ on each cell } K.$$

- Evaluating  $\gamma_K$  is hard: non-linear, missing regularity, high order derivatives ...
- For example  $f = 0$ ,  $k = 1$  gives  $\gamma_K \sim \nu + C\|b\|_K$
- Often used: constant models  $\gamma_K = \gamma$  (homogeneous flows)
- Experiments:  $\gamma \in [0.1, 1]$  often good, better than  $\gamma = 0$
- **From now on:**  $\gamma_K = \gamma$



# Parameter Design: an Example

Problem 1,  $\nu=1e-3$



# Grad-Div Stabilization

## Theorem (Heister, Rapin)

Let  $\Pi$  be the  $L^2$  orthogonal projector into pressure space  $Q_h$ .

Define the fluctuation operator  $\kappa := Id - \Pi$ .

With velocity basis functions  $(\varphi_i)$  we have:

$$\begin{aligned}(\nabla \cdot \varphi_j, \nabla \cdot \varphi_i) &= (\Pi(\nabla \cdot \varphi_j), \Pi(\nabla \cdot \varphi_i)) + (\kappa(\nabla \cdot \varphi_j), \kappa(\nabla \cdot \varphi_i)) \\ &= (B^T M_p^{-1} B)_{ij} + \text{Stab}\end{aligned}$$

first part:

- does not change solution, because  $Bu = 0$
- algebraic influence
- known: **augmented Lagrangian**



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second part:

- changes the solution
- “projection stabilization”
- adds dissipation on some scales
- vanishes for  $h \rightarrow 0$

# Augmented Lagrangian Preconditioner

- Add  $\gamma B^T M_p^{-1} B$  to  $A$ :

$$\begin{pmatrix} A + \gamma B^T M_p^{-1} B & B^T \\ B & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u \\ p \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} f \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Use Schur complement based block preconditioner
- Efficient approximation of Schur complement possible
- Problem: handling  $A + \gamma B^T M_p^{-1} B$  numerically

↪ Here: Grad-Div instead of  $\gamma B^T M_p^{-1} B$



Benzi and Olshanskii.

An Augmented Lagrangian-Based Approach to the Oseen Problem.  
*SIAM J. Sci. Comput.*, 28:2095–2113, 2006.

# The Preconditioner

- Discretized Oseen problem (with Grad-Div in  $A$ ):

$$\begin{pmatrix} A & B^T \\ B & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u \\ p \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} f \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Krylov method with block triangular preconditioner:

$$P^{-1} := \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{A} & B^T \\ 0 & \tilde{S} \end{pmatrix}^{-1}$$

with approximations for  $A$ , and Schur complement

$$S = -BA^{-1}B^T$$

(see Elman, Silvester, Wathen)

# Schur Complement

- Approximate Schur complement:

$$\begin{aligned} S^{-1} &= - (BA^{-1}B^T)^{-1} \\ &= - \left( B [\nu L_u + N + cM_u + \gamma B^T M_p^{-1} B + \gamma Stab]^{-1} B^T \right)^{-1} \\ &= - \left( B [\nu L_u + N + cM_u + \gamma Stab]^{-1} B^T \right)^{-1} - \gamma M_p^{-1} \\ &\approx -\nu M_p^{-1} - cL_p^{-1} - \gamma M_p^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

( $L_u, L_p$ : Laplacian,  $M_u, M_p$ : mass matrices)

- Neglect convection term  $N$   
 $\rightsquigarrow$  good approximation, if  $\nu + c + \gamma \gtrsim \|b\|$

# Summary

## Augmented Lagrangian:

- Add  $\gamma B^T M_p^{-1} B$  to  $A$
- Does not change solution
- Free choice for  $\gamma$
- Assembly: hard, dense matrix

both:

- Schur complement:

$$S^{-1} \approx -(\nu + \gamma)M_p^{-1} - cL_p^{-1}$$

- Increasing  $\gamma$ :
  - improves approximation quality of  $S$
  - makes solving for  $A$  harder
- Large enough  $\gamma$ : iteration numbers independent of  $h$ ,  $\nu$ , order

## Grad-Div preconditioner:

- Add Grad-Div to  $A$ , which is  $\gamma B^T M_p^{-1} B + \gamma Stab$
- Changes solution
- No free choice for  $\gamma$
- Easy to assemble, sparse

# Dependency on $h$ , Element Order, and Viscosity

Number of Iterations:

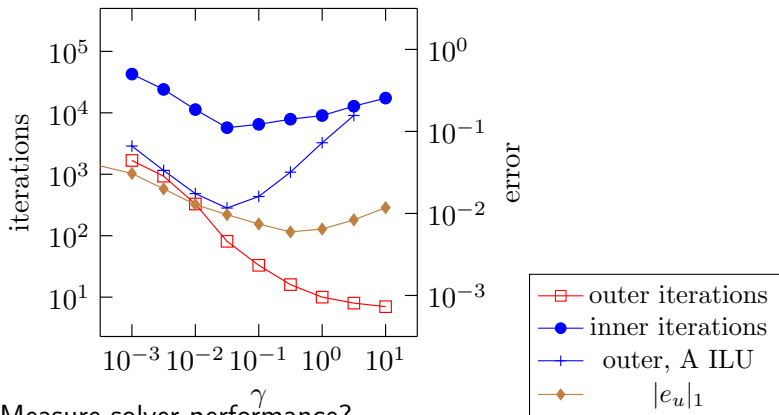
h: \ $\nu$ :		$\gamma=1.0$			$\gamma=0.31$			$\gamma=0.1$		
		1e-1	1e-3	1e-5	1e-1	1e-3	1e-5	1e-1	1e-3	1e-5
Q2Q1	1/16	13	13	13	19	19	20	28	38	38
	1/64	13	12	12	18	19	19	27	37	37
Q3Q2	1/16	13	13	13	19	20	20	29	38	38
	1/64	13	12	12	18	19	19	27	36	37
Q4Q3	1/16	13	13	13	19	20	20	28	37	38
	1/64	13	12	13	18	19	19	27	36	36

(high numbers due to very small stopping criterion: rel. res.  $1e-10$ )

- As expected: dependent on  $\gamma$
- Independent of  $h$ , element order,  $\nu$  (this is really good!)

# Solver vs. Accuracy: a Tradeoff

Problem 1,  $\nu=1e-3$



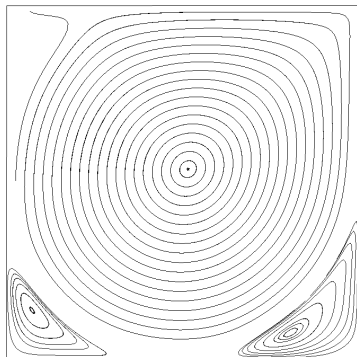
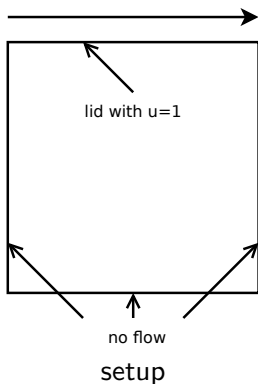
Measure solver performance?

- total number of inner iterations (GMRES + ILU)
- or inner with just an ILU for  $A$
- or factorization? (independent of  $\gamma$ )



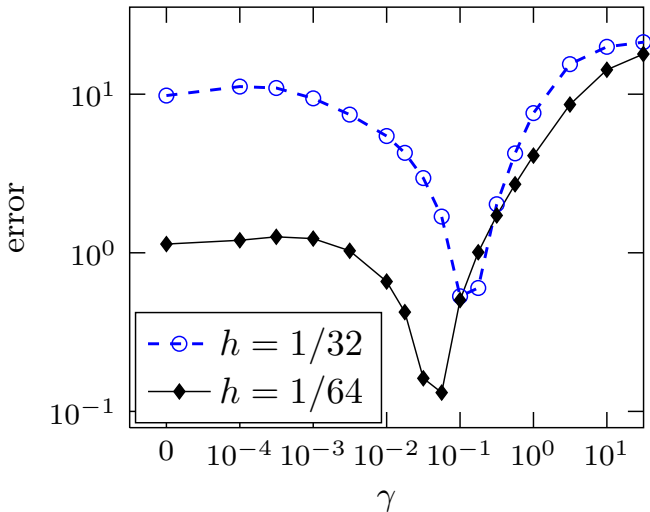
# Lid-driven Cavity

- Popular benchmark
- Stationary solutions if below critical Reynolds number
- Here: treat as stationary Navier-Stokes (nonlinear iteration!), no wall adapted meshes



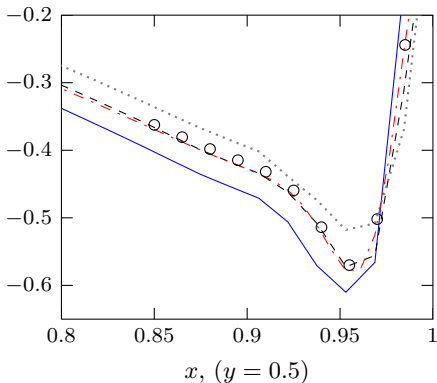
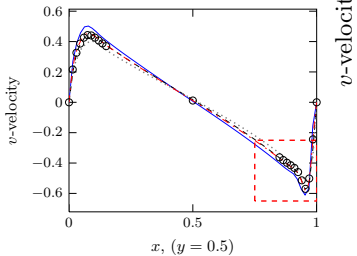
streamlines

# Lid-driven Cavity and Grad-Div Stabilization



(error in the minimum of the stream function,  $Re = 5000$ )

# Lid-driven Cavity



○ reference    —  $\gamma = 0.0$     - - -  $\gamma = 0.1$     ·····  $\gamma = 1.0$     - · - · refined,  $\gamma = 0$

# Lid-driven Cavity

$\nu$	Grad-Div	$h = 1/32$			$h = 1/64$		
		PCD	GD	#nonlinear	PCD	GD	#nonlinear
1e-2	$\gamma = 0$	13	18	15	13	18	15
	$\gamma = 0.1$	17	<b>4</b>	15	16	<b>5</b>	15
1e-3	$\gamma = 0$	44	342	34	42	511	29
	$\gamma = 0.1$	91	<b>6</b>	31	109	<b>8</b>	29
2e-4	$\gamma = 0$	4822	-	104	1031	-	49
	$\gamma = 0.1$	1064	<b>7</b>	40	1249	<b>8</b>	43

- PCD: state of the art preconditioner (Elman, Silvester, Wathen)
- Number of non-linear and average number of linear iterations per non-linear step
- Regular mesh;  $Re = 100$ ,  $Re = 1000$  and  $Re = 5000$
- Optimal  $\gamma$  from the error point of view, always  $\gamma = 0.1$

# Implementation and Parallelization

easy:

- Grad-div stabilization is just another term in the PDE
- Block preconditioner consists of matrix multiplications and inner solvers
- Schur complement can be assembled
- No difficulties with boundary conditions
- Also no difficulties in parallel (no mat-mat needed)

# Disadvantages

- Mostly useful for stationary problems
- Needs Grad-div stabilization
- Solving for  $A$
- Good parameter  $\gamma$ ? Compromise?
- Equal-order elements



source: <http://sparklette.net/>

## Equal order elements?

- Algebraic term in the splitting

$$(\nabla \cdot u, \nabla \cdot v) = (\Pi(\nabla \cdot u), \Pi(\nabla \cdot v)) + (\kappa(\nabla \cdot u), \kappa(\nabla \cdot v))$$

does no longer vanish:

$$\gamma B^T M_p^{-1} B u = \gamma B^T M_p^{-1} C p \neq 0$$

because of the (2,2)-block from stabilization  $C$

↪ that means Grad-Div gives feedback from pressure?

- Possible with Augmented Lagrangian
- Not easy with the Grad-Div preconditioner: ☹
- Also: theory gives  $\gamma_{EO} = h \cdot \gamma$ , too small to be useful?

- “Just a different discretization of Augmented Lagrangian”?
- Competitive(?) alternative to known preconditioners
- Uses and profits from Grad-div stabilization
- Detects regime (diffusion/reaction/convection dominant)
- Implementation/parallelization is easy

**Thanks for your attention!**

