

# An introduction to domain decomposition methods

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First Part: Overview of classical DD methods.

- An overlapping method: the Schwarz method.
- Nonoverlapping/substructuring methods: Dirichlet-Neumann, Neumann-Neumann, FETI methods.
- Dichotomy between overlapping and substructuring DD methods.

Second Part: Additional topics.

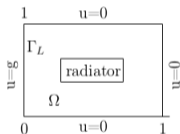
- Scalability and coarse spaces.
- The optimized Schwarz method and applications to multiphysics problems.
- Nonlinear preconditioning using DD methods.

## Exercise session related to this mini-course

**Goal of the exercise session:** In this practical session, you will implement some classical domain decomposition methods to solve a model problem. The goal is to deepen the understanding of how these methods work, analyze their dependence on some parameters (e.g. overlap or Robin/relaxation parameters), verify the convergence results seen in the first lecture, and see how a Krylov method can accelerate convergence.

**Model problem:** Consider a heat diffusion problem posed on a square domain  $\Omega$ . The adimensional temperature is equal to a step function  $g$  on the left edge, which assumes values  $g = 0.3$  if  $0 \leq y \leq 0.5 \wedge 0.9 \leq y \leq 1$  and  $g = 1$  if  $0.5 < y < 0.9$ . On the rest of the boundary the temperature is fixed to zero. Inside the room there is a radiator whose temperature is equal to 50. The radiator is modeled by a source term  $f(x, y) = 50$  if  $(x, y) \in [0.4, 0.6] \times [0.4, 0.6]$  and zero otherwise. We want to find the temperature distribution inside the room described by the equation

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



You are provided with Matlab/Octave scripts which you are partially required to complete.

Codes and exercise sheet available at <https://github.com/vanzantom/>

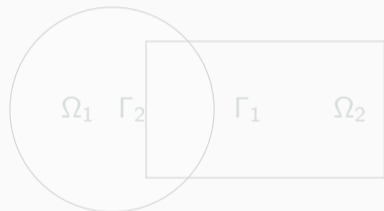
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## Schwarz methods

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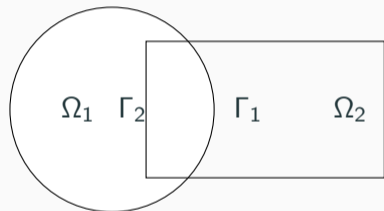
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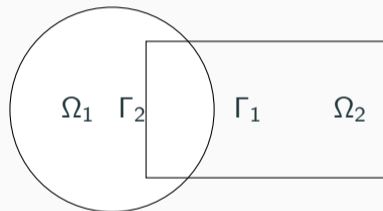
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## Error equation

Let  $\{u_1^n\}_{n \geq 1}$ ,  $\{u_2^n\}_{n \geq 1}$  be sequences of approximations generated by the Schwarz (or any stationary) method.

To study the convergence of  $u_1^n \rightarrow u|_{\Omega_1}$  and  $u_2^n \rightarrow u|_{\Omega_2}$  is sufficient to analyze how the quantities

$$e_1^n := u|_{\Omega_1} - u_1^n, \quad e_2^n := u|_{\Omega_2} - u_2^n,$$

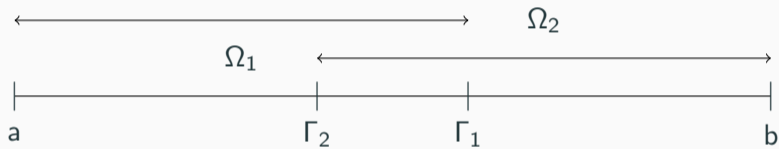
converge to zero  $e_j^n \rightarrow 0$ ,  $j = 1, 2$ .

In our setting, due to linearity,  $e_j^n$  satisfy

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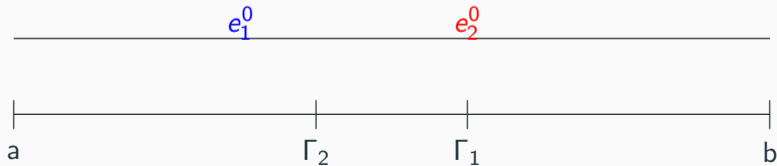
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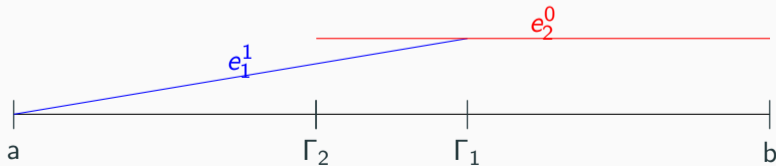
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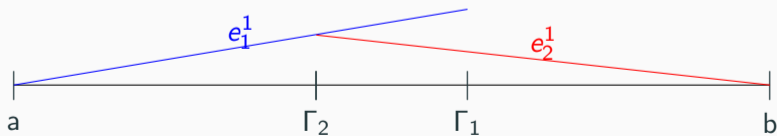
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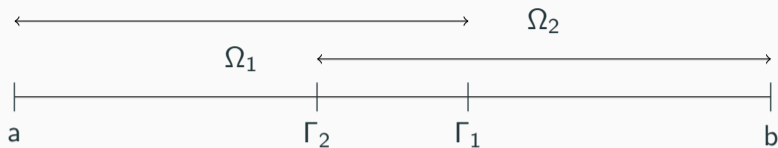
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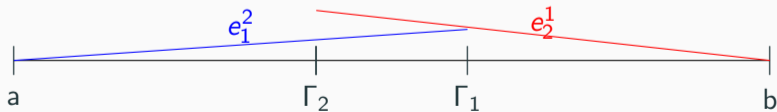
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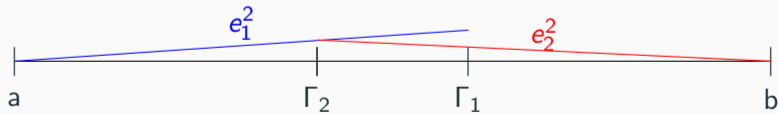
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In the limit  $e_1^n$  and  $e_2^n$  tend to zero as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

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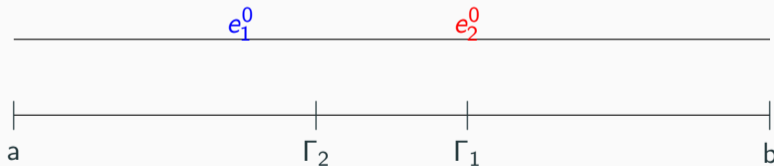
A parallel version was introduced by P.L. Lions in 1989.

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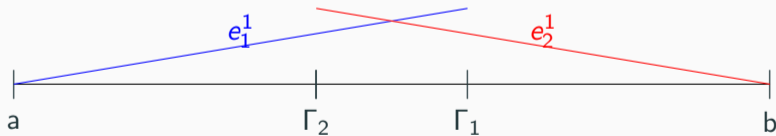




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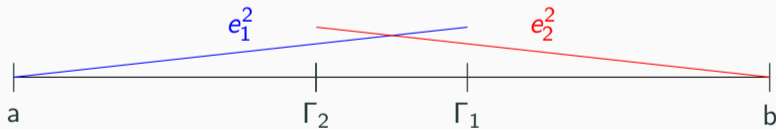
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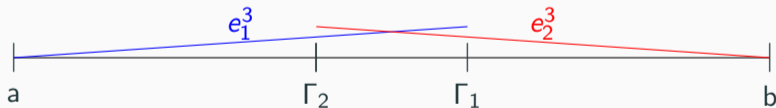
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# Convergence analysis in 1D

Define  $v_{2,1}^n := e_2^n(\Gamma_1)$  and  $v_{1,2}^n := e_1^n(\Gamma_2)$ .

Then,  $e_1^n(x) = v_{2,1}^{n-1} \frac{x-a}{\Gamma_1-a}$  and  $e_2^n(x) = v_{1,2}^{n-1} \frac{b-x}{b-\Gamma_2}$ .

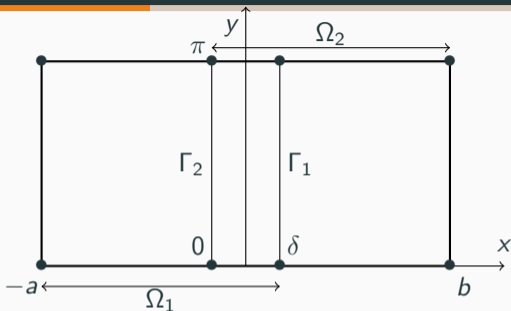
$$\text{Further, } v_{1,2}^n := e_1^n(\Gamma_2) = v_{2,1}^{n-1} \frac{\Gamma_2 - a}{\Gamma_1 - a} = e_2^{n-1}(\Gamma_1) \frac{\Gamma_2 - a}{\Gamma_1 - a} = v_{1,2}^{n-2} \underbrace{\frac{b - \Gamma_1}{b - \Gamma_2} \frac{\Gamma_2 - a}{\Gamma_1 - a}}_{\rho}.$$

$\implies v_{1,2}^n = \rho v_{1,2}^{n-2}$  with  $\rho < 1 \implies$  the Schwarz iterates converge to zero!



- **Conclusion:** the larger the overlap ( $\Gamma_1 - \Gamma_2$ ) the fastest is the contraction!
- **Remark:** The analysis holds for any right hand side  $f$  and boundary condition  $g$  (sufficient to look at the error equation  $e_j^n := u|_{\Omega_j} - u_j^n$ .)

# Convergence analysis in 2D in a simplified geometry



$$\begin{aligned}
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- Expand solutions in Fourier sine series:  $e_j^n(x, y) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \hat{e}_j^n(x, k) \sin(k\pi y)$ .
- Insert expressions into  $-\Delta e = 0$ , we get  $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} (\partial_{xx} - k^2) \hat{e}_j^n(x, k) \sin(k\pi y) = 0$ .
- Due to orthogonality, we can analyze the Schwarz algorithm frequency by frequency.

**Remark:** Same technique can be used to analyze the convergence for specific decompositions into many subdomains.

(Chaouqui et al, *On the scalability of classical one-level domain decomposition methods*, 2018).

$$(\partial_{xx} - k^2) \hat{e}_1^n(x, k) = 0, \quad x \in (-a, \delta), \quad (\partial_{xx} - k^2) \hat{e}_2^n(x, k) = 0, \quad x \in (0, b), \quad (1)$$

$$\hat{e}_1^n(-a, k) = 0, \quad \hat{e}_2^n(b, k) = 0, \quad (2)$$

$$\hat{e}_1^n(\delta, k) = \hat{e}_2^{n-1}(\delta, k), \quad \hat{e}_2^n(0, k) = \hat{e}_1^{n-1}(0, k). \quad (3)$$

Using (1) and (2), subdomain solutions are

$$\hat{e}_1^n(x, k) = A^n(k) \sinh(\pi k(a + x)) \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{e}_2^n(x, k) = B^n(k) \sinh(\pi k(b - x)).$$

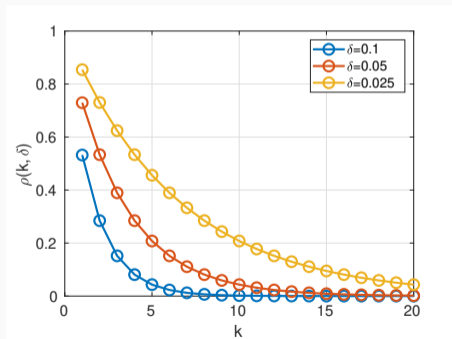
Using (3), we obtain

$$A^n(k) = \underbrace{\frac{\sin(k\pi a)}{\sinh(k\pi b)} \frac{\sinh(k\pi(b - \delta))}{\sinh(k\pi(a + \delta))}}_{\rho(k)} A^{n-2}(k).$$

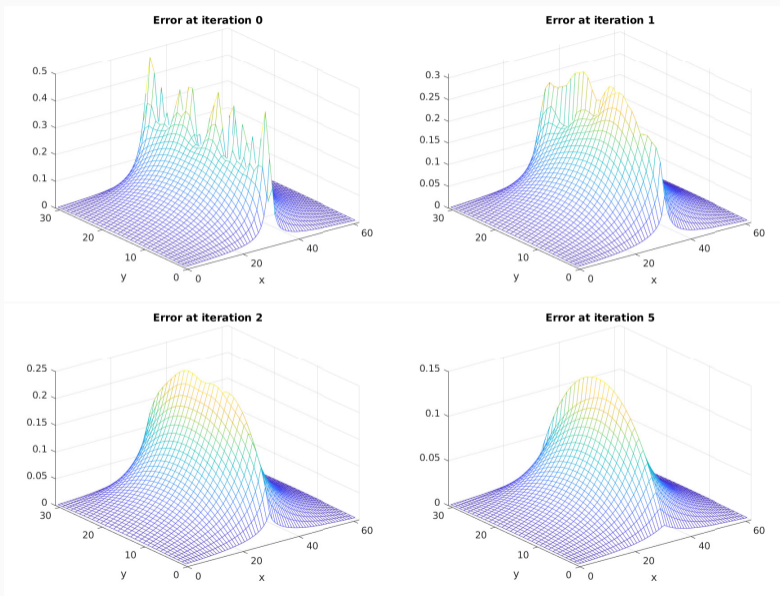
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$$\rho(k, \delta) := \frac{\sin(k\pi a)}{\sinh(k\pi b)} \frac{\sinh(k\pi(b - \delta))}{\sinh(k\pi(a + \delta))}.$$

- The larger is  $\delta$  the faster is the convergence.
- $\rho(k, 0) = 1, \forall k \implies$  the Schwarz method does not convergence without overlap!
- the Schwarz method is an excellent smoother.



# Visualization of the smoothing property





# Generalization to many subdomains and algebraic formulation

Finite element mesh of size  $N_h$ .

$\Omega = \cup_{j=1}^N \Omega_j$ ,  $\Omega_j$  are overlapping subdomains.

$R_j$  are restriction operators to  $\Omega_j$  (imagine boolean matrices in  $\mathbb{R}^{N_{h,i} \times N_h}$ .  $R_j^T$  are prolongation operators.

$\tilde{R}_j$  are weighted restriction operators such that  $\sum_{j=1}^N \tilde{R}_j^T R_j = I$ .

$A_j = R_j A R_j^T$  (local stiffness matrices)

- The discrete equivalent of the parallel Schwarz method is the Restricted Additive Schwarz method (Cai, Sarkis, 1999)

$$\mathbf{u}^n = \mathbf{u}^{n-1} + \sum_{j=1}^N \tilde{R}_j^T A_j^{-1} R_j (\mathbf{f} - A \mathbf{u}^{n-1}), \quad \text{Preconditioner is } M_{RAS}^{-1} := \sum_{j=1}^N \tilde{R}_j^T A_j^{-1} R_j$$

- Additive Schwarz preconditioner (Dryja, Widlund, 1987):  $M_{AS}^{-1} := \sum_{j=1}^N R_j^T A_j^{-1} R_j$ .

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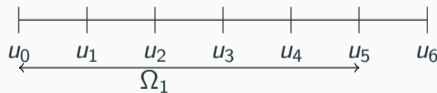
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$$A(I - R_1^\top R_1) \mathbf{u}^{n-1} = (0, 0, 0, -u_5^{n-1}/h^2, x, x)^\top.$$

$$R_1(\mathbf{f} - A(I - R_1^\top R_1)) \mathbf{u}^{n-1} = (f_1, f_2, f_3, f_4 + u_5^{n-1}/h^2)^\top.$$



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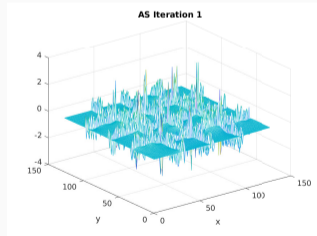
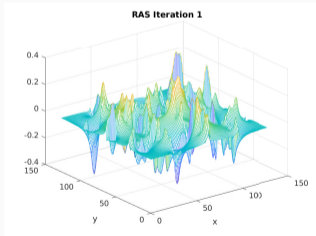
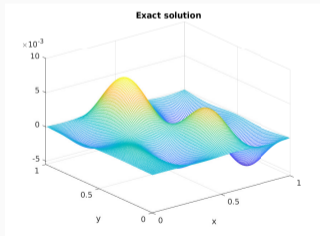
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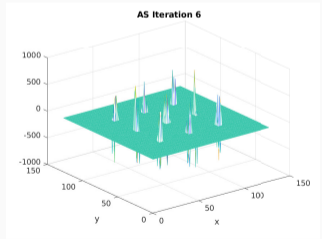
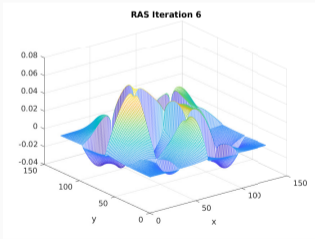
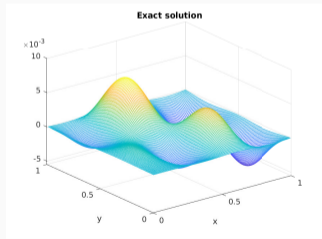
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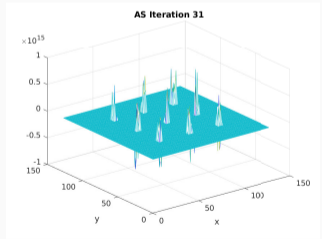
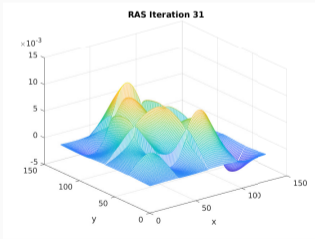
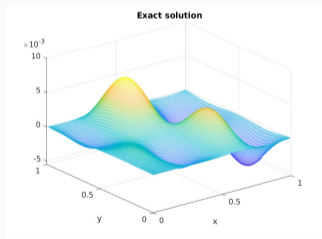
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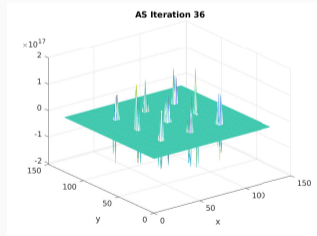
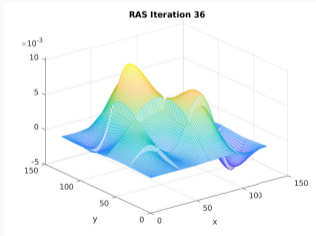
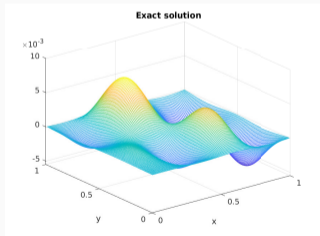


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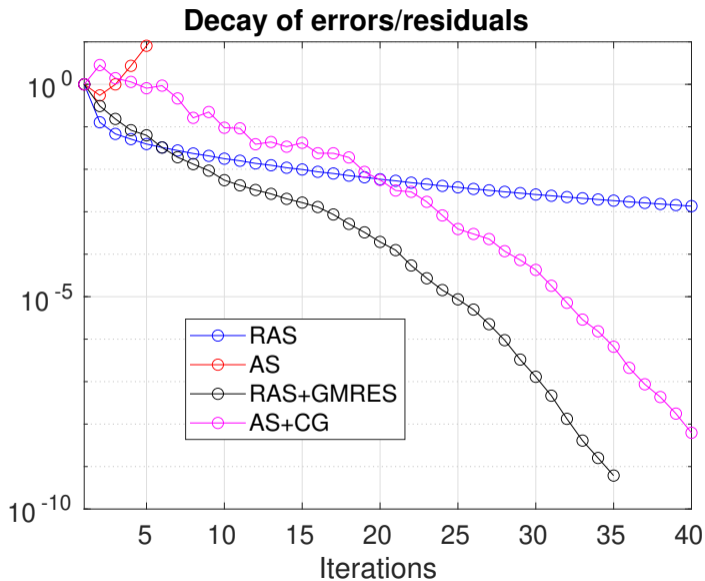


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# Interlude on a condition number/eigenvalue distributions description of convergence

Contrary to common belief, neither a small condition number nor clustered eigenvalues guarantee fast convergence:

$$\text{CG: } \|\mathbf{u}^* - \mathbf{u}_k\|_A \leq \min_{p \in \mathcal{P}_k: p(0)=1} \max_{\lambda_j \in \sigma(A)} |p(\lambda_j)| \|\mathbf{u}^* - \mathbf{u}_0\|_A \leq 2 \left( \frac{\sqrt{\kappa(A)} - 1}{\sqrt{\kappa(A)} + 1} \right)^k \|\mathbf{u}^* - \mathbf{u}_0\|_A.$$

- First CG bound is sharp ( $\exists$  a  $\mathbf{u}_0$  such that bound is attained).
- Second bound is not sharp and sometimes even useless. (E.g.  $N$  small).
- Matrices with same condition number may exhibit very different convergence.
- Having several clustered eigenvalues is not equivalent to have a single eigenvalue.
- Convergence behaviour depends both on  $A$  and on  $\mathbf{u}_0$ .

Extensive discussion on the influence of eigenvalues distribution and condition number on CG/GMRES convergence in Section 5.6/5.7 in [Liesel, Strakos, 2012].

### Theorem (Stationary methods and preconditioned-Krylov methods)

Consider a splitting  $A = M - N$  with  $M$  invertible, the corresponding stationary method, and a Krylov method minimizing the residual applied to the preconditioned system  $M^{-1}A\mathbf{u} = M^{-1}\mathbf{f}$ . Define the corresponding preconditioned residuals as

$$\mathbf{r}_{stat}^n := M^{-1}\mathbf{f} - M^{-1}A\mathbf{u}_{stat}^n \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{r}_{kry}^n := M^{-1}\mathbf{f} - M^{-1}A\mathbf{u}_{kry}^n.$$

Then we have that

$$\|\mathbf{r}_{kry}^n\|_2 \leq \|\mathbf{r}_{stat}^n\|_2 \quad \text{for any } n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

A Krylov method minimizing the residual applied to  $M^{-1}A\mathbf{u} = M^{-1}\mathbf{f}$  can never perform more iterations than a (convergent) stationary iterative method based on  $M$ .

## **Nonoverlapping/Substructuring methods**

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## General idea behind nonoverlapping methods

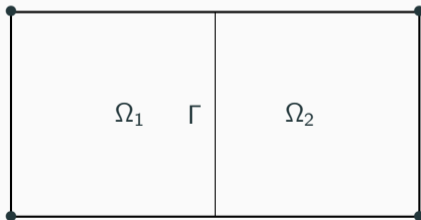
Let  $\Omega = \Omega_1 \cup \Omega_2$ , with  $\Gamma = \partial\Omega_1 \cap \partial\Omega_2$ .

The partial differential equation

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

can be equivalently be formulated as

$$\begin{aligned} -\Delta u_1 &= f && \text{in } \Omega_1, \\ -\Delta u_2 &= f && \text{in } \Omega_2, \\ u_1 &= g && \text{on } \partial\Omega \cap \bar{\Omega}_1, \\ u_2 &= g && \text{on } \partial\Omega \cap \bar{\Omega}_2, \\ u_1 &= u_2 && \text{on } \Gamma, \\ \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial n_1} &= \frac{\partial u_2}{\partial n_1} && \text{on } \Gamma, \end{aligned}$$



$n_1$  being the outward normal vector on  $\Gamma$  from  $\Omega_1$ .

Start from  $u_\Gamma^0$ .

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 \end{array}$$

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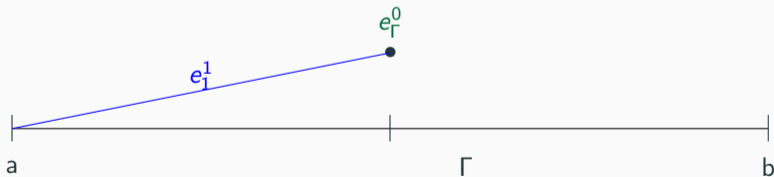


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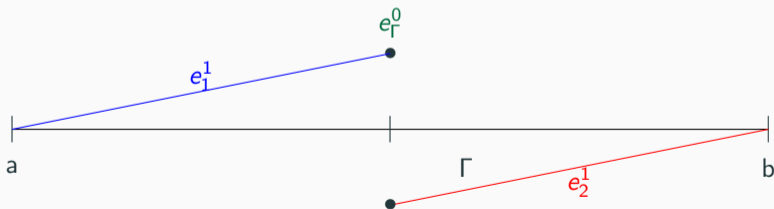


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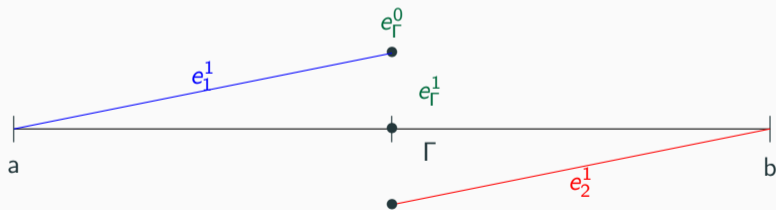


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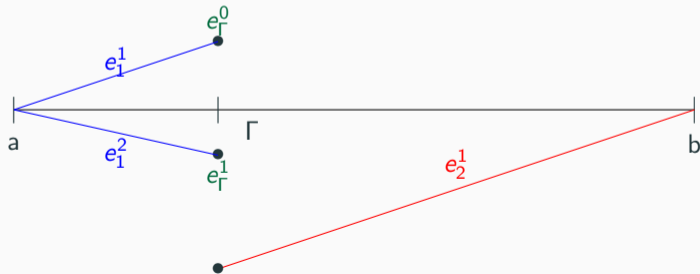


$$e_\Gamma^1 = \frac{1}{2}e_\Gamma^0 + \frac{1}{2}e_{2,\Gamma}^1 = 0 \implies \text{the Dirichlet-Neumann method converges in two iterations!}$$

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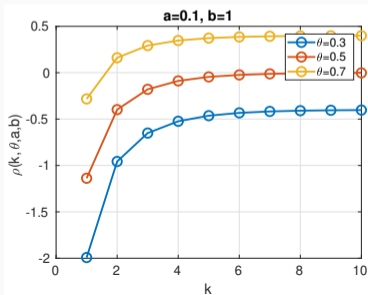
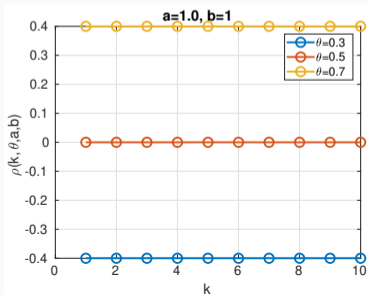
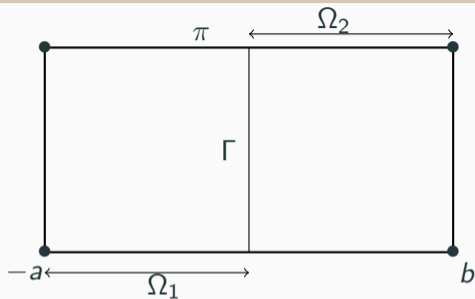
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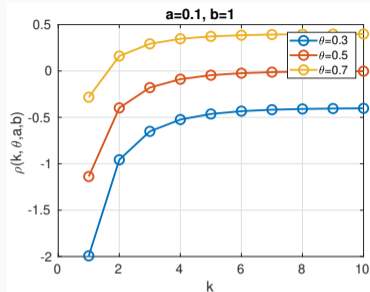
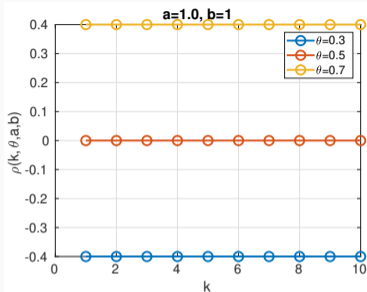


# Convergence analysis in 2D in a simplified geometry

Using Fourier analysis we get

$$\rho(k, \theta, a, b) = \theta - (1 - \theta) \frac{\tanh(k\pi b)}{\tanh(k\pi a)}.$$



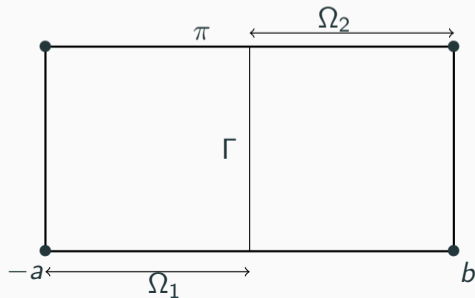


- If  $a = b$ , then  $\rho = 2\theta - 1$ . Hence, convergence in two iterations if  $\theta = \frac{1}{2}$ .
- It may diverge if  $\theta$  is not chosen correctly.
- Convergence is sensible to asymmetry of the domain decomposition.
- If  $\theta = \frac{1}{2}$ , high frequencies convergence very fast  $\implies$  good smoother!
- Not clear how to extend the method to many subdomains decompositions.

Start from  $u_\Gamma^0$ .

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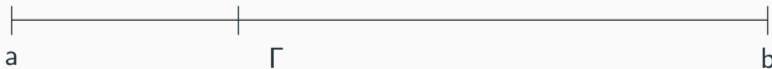
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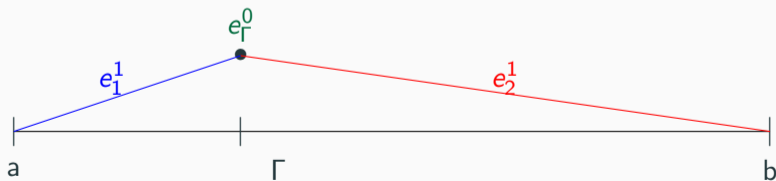


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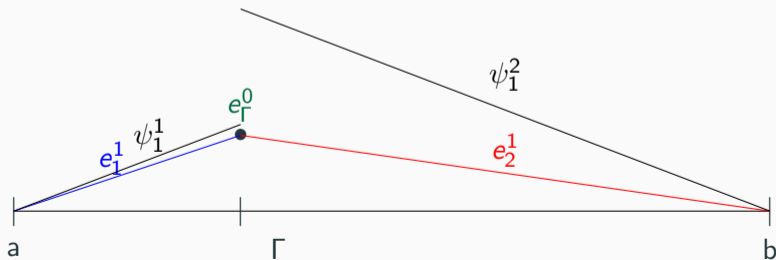


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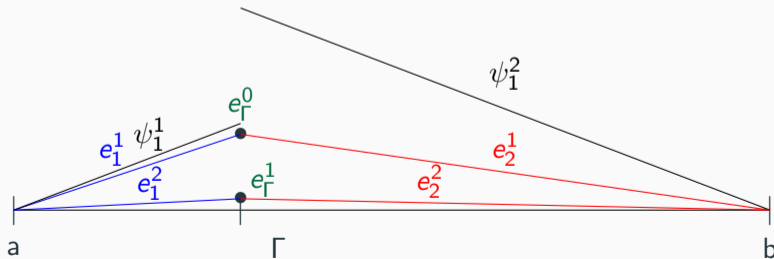


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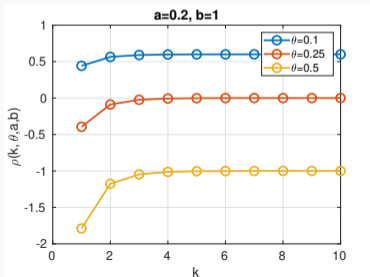
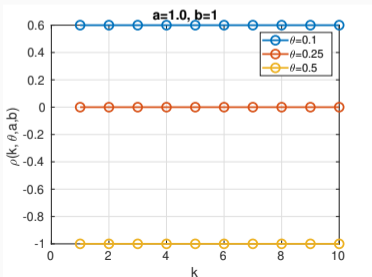


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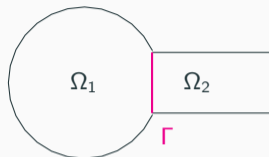
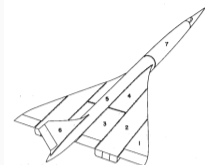
$$\rho(k, \theta, a, b) = 1 - \theta(\tanh(k\pi a) + \tanh(k\pi b))(\coth(k\pi a) + \coth(k\pi b)).$$

- If  $a = b$ ,  $\rho = 1 - 4\theta$ , thus  $\theta = \frac{1}{4}$  leads to convergence in two iterations!
- Choice of  $\theta$  is very delicate if  $a \gg b$  or  $a \ll b$ .
- If  $\theta = \frac{1}{4}$ , the Neumann-Neumann method is a good smoother.
- It may diverge for some values of  $\theta$ !



# Origins of nonoverlapping/substructuring methods and algebraic counterparts

Substructuring methods date back to the works of Cross (1930) and Przemieniecki (1963).



$$\begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & 0 & A_{1\Gamma} \\ 0 & A_{22} & A_{2\Gamma} \\ A_{\Gamma 1} & A_{\Gamma 2} & A_{\Gamma\Gamma} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{u}_1 \\ \mathbf{u}_2 \\ \mathbf{u}_\Gamma \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{f}_1 \\ \mathbf{f}_2 \\ \mathbf{f}_\Gamma \end{pmatrix}$$

Eliminating via Schur complement the interior degrees of freedom  $\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2$ ,

$$S\mathbf{u}_\Gamma = \boldsymbol{\mu},$$

$$S = S_1 + S_2, \text{ with } S_j = A_{\Gamma\Gamma}^j - A_{\Gamma j}(A_{jj})^{-1}A_{j\Gamma},$$

$$\boldsymbol{\mu} = \boldsymbol{\mu}_1 + \boldsymbol{\mu}_2, \boldsymbol{\mu}_j = \mathbf{f}_\Gamma^j - A_{\Gamma j}^j (A_{jj}^j)^{-1} \mathbf{f}_j.$$

**Remark:** A “substructured” system can be obtained at the continuous level using the Steklov-Poincaré operators.

Richardson iteration to solve  $S\mathbf{u}_\Gamma = \boldsymbol{\mu}$ ,

$$\mathbf{u}_\Gamma^n = \mathbf{u}_\Gamma^{n-1} + P (\boldsymbol{\mu} - S\mathbf{u}_\Gamma^{n-1}).$$

- Dirichlet-Neumann is equivalent to choose  $P = S_2^{-1}$
- Neumann-Neumann is equivalent to choose  $P = S_1^{-1} + S_2^{-1}$ .

Both preconditioners satisfy  $\kappa(PS) \leq C$ , with  $C$  independent on  $h$  (see Toselli-Widlund, Quarteroni-Valli).

# Algebraic formulation of the Dirichlet-Neumann method

$$A_{//}^1 \mathbf{u}_1^{n+1} + A_{/\Gamma}^1 \mathbf{u}_\Gamma^n = \mathbf{f}_1, \quad \text{Dirichlet problem in } \Omega_1,$$

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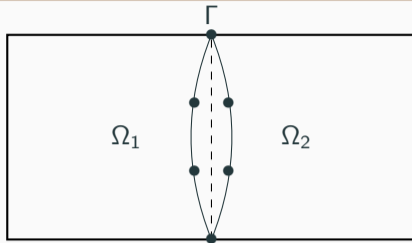
FETI is similar to a Neumann-Neumann method, but the Dirichlet and Neumann solves are inverted.

$$\begin{array}{llll}
 -\Delta u_i^n = f & & \text{in } \Omega_i, & -\Delta \psi_i^n = 0 & \text{in } \Omega_2, \\
 u_i^n = g & & \text{on } \partial\Omega \cap \bar{\Omega}_i, & \psi_i^n = 0 & \text{on } \partial\Omega \cap \bar{\Omega}_2, \\
 \frac{\partial u_i^n}{\partial n_i} = (-1)^{1+i} \lambda_i^{n-1} & & \text{on } \Gamma, & \psi_i^n = u_1^n - u_2^n & \text{on } \Gamma.
 \end{array}$$

Update  $\lambda^n = \lambda^{n-1} - \theta \left( \frac{\psi_1^n}{\partial n_1} + \frac{\psi_2^n}{\partial n_2} \right)$ ,  $\theta \in [0, 1)$ .

$\implies$  Exercise: study the convergence using Fourier analysis.

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Write system as  $\begin{pmatrix} A & B^\top \\ B & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{u} \\ \lambda \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{f} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

FETI corresponds to solve  $BA^{-1}B^\top \lambda = \mu$  with preconditioner  $M = BSB^\top$ , where  $S = S_1 + S_2$ .

At each Krylov iteration

- Multiplication by  $A^{-1}$  requires to solve two Neumann problems.
- Multiplication by  $S$  requires to solve two Dirichlet problems.

More details in Klawoon, *FETI domain decomposition methods for second order partial differential equations*, 2006.

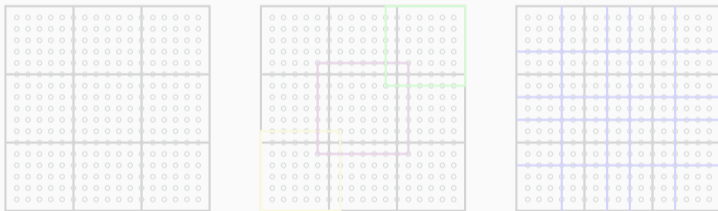
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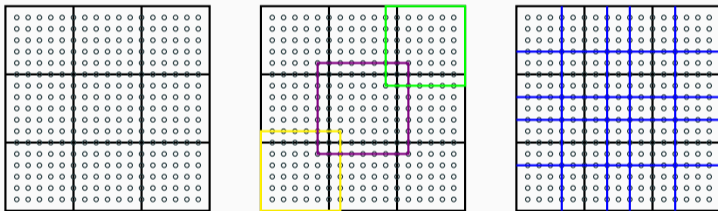
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# Substructuring the RAS method I

Denote the linear operator of the RAS method with  $G^{\text{RAS}}$ , i.e.

$$u^n = u^{n-1} + M^{-1}(f - Au^{n-1}) =: G^{\text{RAS}}(u^{n-1}) \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}^*.$$

Then given a  $v^0 \in \bar{V}$ , we introduce the substructured iterative method

$$v^n = G^{\text{SRAS}}(v^{n-1}) \quad \text{where} \quad G^{\text{SRAS}}(v) := \bar{R}G^{\text{RAS}}(\bar{P}v).$$

**Question:** How are the convergence of the RAS and SRAS method linked?

## Theorem (Equivalence between RAS and SRAS)

*Assume that the operators  $\bar{R}$  and  $\bar{P}$  satisfy the assumptions. Given an initial guess  $u^0 \in V$  and its substructured restriction  $v^0 := \bar{R}u^0 \in \bar{V}$ , define the sequences  $\{u^n\}$  and  $\{v^n\}$  such that*

$$u^n = G^{\text{RAS}}(u^{n-1}), \quad v^n = G^{\text{SRAS}}(v^{n-1}).$$

*Then,  $\bar{R}u^n = v^n$  for every  $n \geq 1$ .*

## Substructuring the RAS method II

Fixed point equation:  $A_s \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{f}_s$ , where  $A_s = I - G$ .

- ✓ Krylov acceleration is cheaper in a substructured form for Krylov methods that do not have short recurrences (e.g. GMRES).
- ✓ Less floating points operations.
- ✓ Less likely to run into memory issues (possibilities to use larger restarting parameters).
- ✓ New ideas and perspective to analyse two-level methods and derive coarse spaces<sup>23</sup>.
- ✓ The substructured parallel Schwarz method can be defined at the continuous level.
- ✗ Equivalence requires exact local solves.

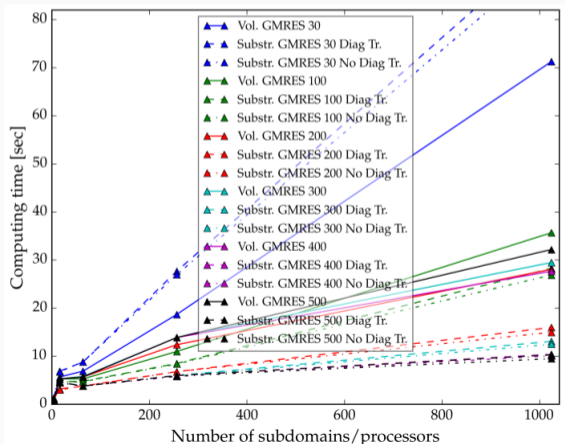
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# Numerical experiment

- $-\Delta u = f$ ,  $f = 1$ ,  $\Omega = (0, 1)^2$ .
- Weak scaling experiment:  $256 \times 256$  nodes per subdomain. One subdomain per core.
- Experiments performed by Serge Van Criekingen, CNRS/IDRIS- Paris-Saclay.



## Scalability and coarse spaces

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We may change *core* with *subdomain*.

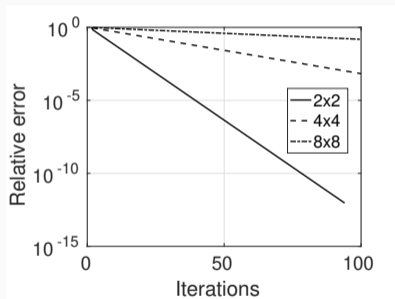
- Strong scalability is not realistic to achieve.
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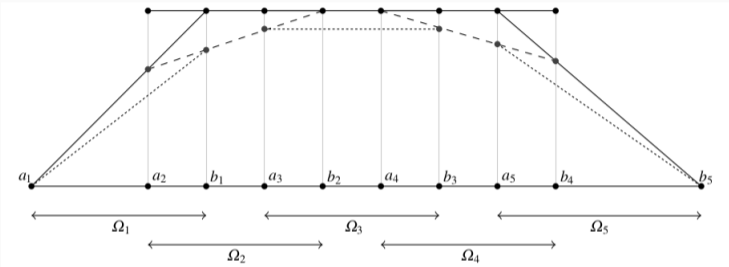
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Convergence of the parallel Schwarz method applied to  $-\Delta u = f$ .



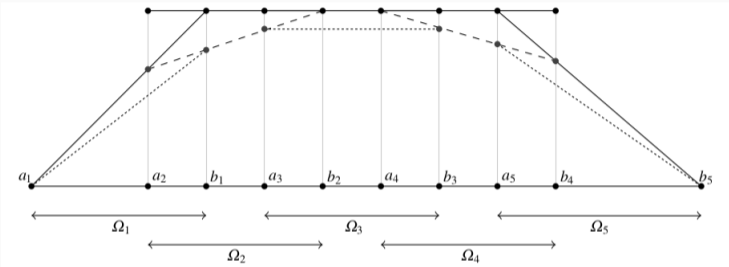
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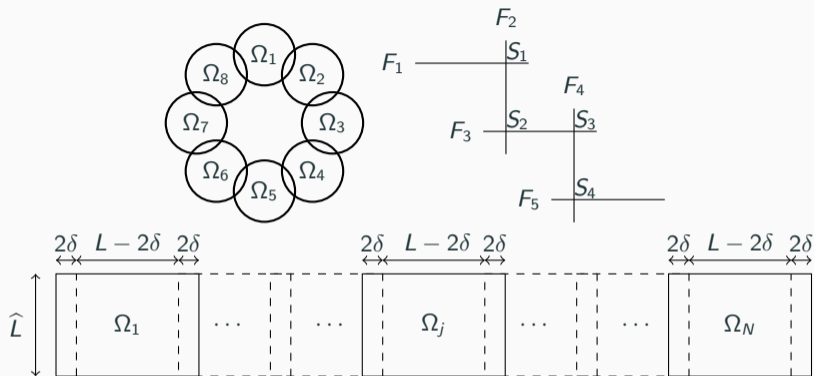
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# 1L DD method may be weakly scalable if special geometries are involved



- Cancés, Maday, Stamm, *Domain decomposition for implicit solvation models*, 2013.
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- Berrone, V., *Weak scalability of domain decomposition methods for discrete fracture networks*, 2023.

Idea: introduce a second level.

Given iteration  $\mathbf{u}^n$ :

$$\mathbf{r}_n = \mathbf{f} - A\mathbf{u}^n.$$

$$\mathbf{r}_c = R\mathbf{r}_n.$$

$$\mathbf{u}_c = A_c^{-1}\mathbf{r}_c.$$

$$\mathbf{u}_n = \mathbf{u}_n + P\mathbf{u}_c.$$

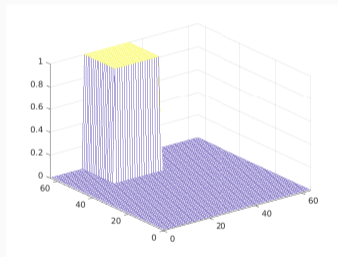
Components:

- Coarse space  $V_c \subset V$ .
- Restriction operator  $R : V \rightarrow V_c$ .
- Prolongator operator  $P : V_c \rightarrow V$ .
- Coarse matrix  $A_c = RAP$ .

Coarse spaces can be constructed *geometrically* (see Hardik's lecture tomorrow!) or *spectrally*.

Choose  $P = [\psi_1, \psi_2, \dots, \psi_N]$  where  $\psi_j$  is a constant function over subdomain  $\Omega_j$  and zero everywhere else.

N. subdomains	4	16	64	128
RAS+Nicolaides	8	26	52	57



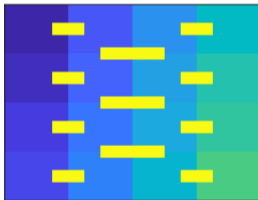
Coarse problem couples all subdomains  $\implies$  inter-subdomains communication!



# A coarse space can provide much more than just scalability

## Remarks:

- A coarse space can make the method nilpotent. Such coarse spaces are called *complete*<sup>5</sup>.
- A coarse space can make a DD method robust w.r.t. jumps in the diffusion coefficient.<sup>6,7</sup>



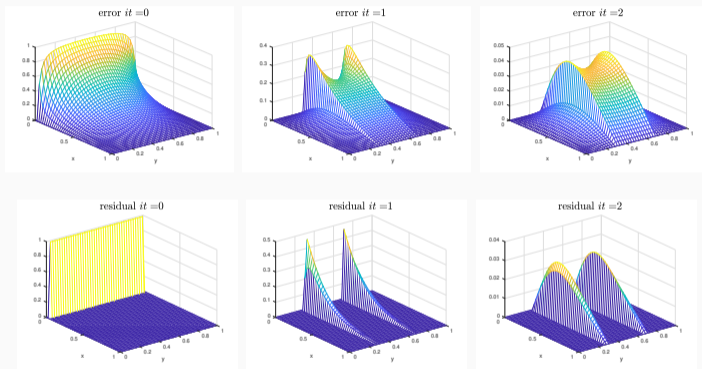
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# How to build efficient coarse spaces

General idea:  $V_C$  should contain the modes that the DD method does not handle efficiently.



The errors are mainly localized in the overlap and “harmonic” everywhere up to the interfaces. The residuals are zero everywhere up to the interfaces. These observations motivated different constructions of coarse space functions.

- SHEM: solves eigenvalue problems along the edges of the domain decompositions and extends harmonically.<sup>8</sup>
- GenEO: solves specific eigenvalues problems inside the subdomains. <sup>9</sup>.
- GDSW: harmonic extension of the restriction of the null space of the Neumann matrix to the edges and vertices. <sup>10</sup>

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<sup>9</sup>Spillane, Dolean, Huaret, Nataf, Pechstein, Scheichl, *Abstract robust coarse spaces for systems of PDEs via generalized eigenvalues problems in the overlap*, Num. Mat., 2014

<sup>10</sup>Dorhmann, Klawonn, Widlund, *A Family of Energy Minimizing Coarse Spaces for Overlapping Schwarz Preconditioners*, DXVII, 2008.

### Theorem (Ciaramella, V., 2022)

Consider the substructured PSM, with  $A = I - G$ . Let  $(\psi_j, \lambda_j)_{j=1}^m$  be eigenpairs of  $G$ . Then, if  $V_c = \text{span}\{\psi_j\}_{j=1}^m$ , then

- $\psi_j \in \text{Kern}(T)$ , where  $T$  is the two-level iteration matrix,  $j = 1, \dots, m$ .
- $\rho(T) = |\lambda_{m+1}|$ .

- Approximate numerically the slowest modes of  $G$ .<sup>11</sup>
- Compute them analytically (if you dare :))<sup>12</sup>

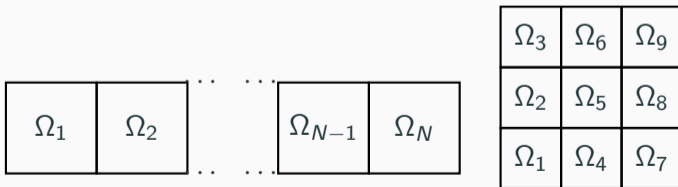
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## Extension to many subdomains case for nonoverlapping methods

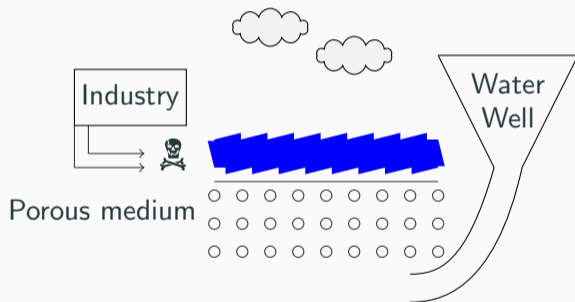
- Definition of the algorithm maybe not be unique (arbitrariness in the Dirichlet-Neumann).
- Neumann problems are not well-posed for floating subdomains (ad-hoc solutions).
- Both Dirichlet-Neumann and Neumann-Neumann are scalable for growing chains of fixed size subdomains (Chaouqui et al., 2018).
- Both Dirichlet-Neumann and Neumann-Neumann are not well-posed at the continuous level in presence of cross-points. (Chaudet-Dumas, Gander, 2022), (Chaudet-Dumas, Gander, 2023).



# Multiphysics problems and the optimized Schwarz method

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# An instance of multiphysics problem



Mathematical model

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{Atmospheric Eq.} \\ \hline \updownarrow \\ \text{Navier-Stokes Eq.} \\ \text{Eq. for the contaminant} \\ \hline \updownarrow \\ \text{Darcy Eq.} \\ \text{Eq. for the contaminant} \end{array}$$

Let  $u_{At}$ ,  $u_{Fl}$ ,  $u_{Pm}$  be the unknowns of the Atmospheric, Fluid and Porous medium problem.

$$\text{Monolithic approach} \quad \begin{pmatrix} A_{At} & C_{At,Fl} & C_{At,Pm} \\ C_{Fl,At} & A_{Fl} & C_{Fl,Pm} \\ C_{Pm,At} & C_{Pm,Fl} & A_{Pm} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_{At} \\ u_{Fl} \\ u_{Pm} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} f_{At} \\ f_{Fl} \\ f_{Pm} \end{pmatrix}$$

A monolithic approach is not always feasible:

- Physical phenomena can have very different time and space scales.
- Linear system has particular structure with blocks of different nature. Need for advanced problem-dependent solvers.



# An instance of iterative decoupled approach

For  $n = 1, 2, \dots$

$$\begin{pmatrix} A_{At} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & A_{Fl} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & A_{Pm} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_{At}^n \\ u_{Fl}^n \\ u_{Pm}^n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & C_{At,Fl} & C_{At,Pm} \\ C_{Fl,At} & 0 & C_{Fl,Pm} \\ C_{Pm,At} & C_{Pm,Fl} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_{At}^{n-1} \\ u_{Fl}^{n-1} \\ u_{Pm}^{n-1} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} f_{At} \\ f_{Fl} \\ f_{Pm} \end{pmatrix}$$

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Spatial decomposition is provided by the physics itself and the number of subdomains is limited.

Natural DD framework involves nonoverlapping subdomain:<sup>13</sup>

Dirichlet-Neumann can be very efficient in a few regimes but it is not robust.

Optimized Schwarz methods are more efficient due to the possibility of optimizing the transmission conditions.

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<sup>13</sup>About overlapping approaches see ICDD method of Discacciati, Gervasio, and Quarteroni, SIAM J. Control Optim. (2013).

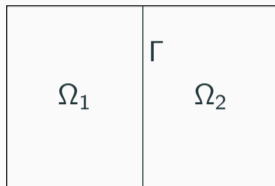
A prototype example: diffusion equation with discontinuous coefficient.

$$-\nu_1 \Delta u_1 = f \quad \text{in } \Omega_1,$$

$$-\nu_2 \Delta u_2 = f \quad \text{in } \Omega_2,$$

$$u_1 = u_2 \quad \text{on } \Gamma,$$

$$\nu_1 \partial_x u_1 = \nu_2 \partial_x u_2 \quad \text{on } \Gamma.$$



Equivalent but more effective transmission conditions:

$$(\nu_1 \partial_x + p_1)u_1 = (\nu_2 \partial_x + p_1)u_2 \quad \text{on } \Gamma,$$

$$(-\nu_2 \partial_x + p_2)u_2 = (-\nu_1 \partial_x + p_2)u_1 \quad \text{on } \Gamma.$$

$$-\nu_1 \Delta u_1^n = f \quad \text{in } \Omega_1, \quad (\nu_1 \partial_x + p_1)u_1^n = (\nu_2 \partial_x + p_1)u_2^{n-1} \quad \text{on } \Gamma$$

$$-\nu_2 \Delta u_2^n = f \quad \text{in } \Omega_2, \quad (-\nu_2 \partial_x + p_2)u_2^n = (-\nu_1 \partial_x + p_2)u_1^{n-1} \quad \text{on } \Gamma.$$

**Remark:** We could use even more general transmission conditions! Laplace-beltrami on the interface, nonlocal operators..

Using Fourier analysis, one obtains the convergence factor

$$\rho(k, p_1, p_2) = \left| \frac{\nu_2 |k| - p_1}{\nu_1 |k| + p_1} \frac{\nu_1 |k| - p_2}{\nu_2 |k| + p_2} \right|.$$

Rescaling  $p_1 = \nu_2 p$  and  $p_2 = \nu_1 q$  for a  $p, q \in \mathbb{R}$ , we solve for

$$(p^*, q^*) := \operatorname{argmin}_{p, q \in \mathbb{R}^+} \max_{k \in [k_{\min}, k_{\max}]} \rho(k, p, q).$$

## Optimized Schwarz methods take advantage of heterogeneities

Define  $\lambda := \frac{\nu_1}{\nu_2}$ , it has been proven [Dubois, Gander, Num. Alg., 2015]

$$\text{If } \lambda \geq 1 \quad \max_{k \in [k_{\min}, k_{\max}]} \rho(k, p^*, q^*) = \frac{1}{\lambda} - \frac{4(\lambda + 1)}{\lambda(\lambda - 1)} \sqrt{\frac{k_{\min}}{\pi}} h^{\frac{1}{2}} + O(h).$$

$$\text{If } \lambda < 1 \quad \max_{k \in [k_{\min}, k_{\max}]} \rho(k, p^*, q^*) = \lambda - \frac{4(\lambda + 1)\lambda}{1 - \lambda} \sqrt{\frac{k_{\min}}{\pi}} h^{\frac{1}{2}} + O(h).$$

- Convergence is faster for  $\lambda \lll 1$  and  $\lambda \ggg 1$ .
- Mesh independent convergence for  $\lambda \neq 1$ .
- Compare with classical Schwarz which needs a coarse space in order to be robust (see yesterday lectures).
- Extension to general second order elliptic PDEs [Gander, V., SISC, 2019].
- Extension to decompositions not aligned with the discontinuities [Gu, Kwok, J. Sci. comp., 2021]

- Fluid-structure problems: [Badia, Nobile, Vergara, 2008], [Badia, Nobile, Vergara, 2009], [Gerardo-Giorda, Nobile, Vergara, 2010]
- Second order PDEs: [Gander-Dubois, 2015], [Gander, V., 2019].
- Wave-diffusion coupling: [Gander, V., 2018], [Chouly, Klein, 2021].
- Ocean-atmosphere coupling: [Lemaire, Blayo, Debreu, 2015], [Thery, Pelletier, Lemaire, Blayo, 2021].
- Electromagnetic problems: [Dolean, Gander, Veneros, Zhang, 2016].
- Stokes-Darcy coupling: [Discacciati, Quarteroni, Valli 2007],[Discacciati, Gerardo Giorda, 2018], [Cao, Gunzburger, He, Wang, 2011,2014], [Gander, V., 2019], [Phuong Hoang, Lee, 2021], [Discacciati, V., 2023]...

# Nonlinear preconditioning

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## What does it mean to “precondition” a nonlinear system?

One possible definition<sup>14</sup>:

*“The nonlinear system is transformed into a new nonlinear system, which has the same solution as the original system. For certain applications the non linearities of the new function are more balanced and, as a result, the (inexact) Newton method converges more rapidly.”*

$$\begin{aligned} G(F(u)) = 0, & & M^{-1}Au = M^{-1}b, & \text{(left prec.),} \\ F(H(y)), \quad u = H^{-1}(y), & & AP^{-1}y = b, \quad Pu = y & \text{(right prec.).} \end{aligned}$$

See also <sup>15</sup> for a review with an historical flavour.

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<sup>14</sup>X.-C. Cai and D. E. Keyes. *Nonlinearly preconditioned inexact Newton algorithms*, 2002

<sup>15</sup>M. J. Gander, *On the origins of linear and nonlinear preconditioning*, 2017

**Question:** How to define the RAS method for nonlinear problems?

**Answer:** Introduce operators  $G_j$  such that  $G_j(u)$  is the solution of

$$R_j F(P_j G_j(u) + (I - P_j R_j)u) = 0.$$

**Sanity check:** If  $F(u) = Au - f$ , then  $G_j(u^{n-1}) = A_j^{-1} R_j(f - A(I - P_j R_j)u^{n-1})$ , i.e. a subdomain solution with right hand side  $f$  and Dirichlet BC. given by  $u^{n-1}$ .

**Definition:** The nonlinear RAS method reads

$$u^n = \sum_{j=1}^N \tilde{P}_j G_j(u^{n-1}), \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}^*.$$

. RASPEN = Restricted Additive Schwarz Preconditioning Exact Newton.

<sup>16</sup>Dolean et al, *Nonlinear Preconditioning: How to Use a Nonlinear Schwarz Method to Precondition Newton's Method*, 2016.

## Stationary iterative methods

### Linear case

$$u^n = u^{n-1} + M^{-1}(f - Au^{n-1})$$

If  $\{u^n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}^*}$  converges, i.e.  $u^n \rightarrow u^*$ , then  $u^*$  satisfies

$$u^* = u^* + M^{-1}(f - Au^*).$$

$$M^{-1}Au^* = M^{-1}f.$$

→ apply a Krylov method!

### Nonlinear case

$$u^n = \sum_{j=1}^N \tilde{P}_j G_j(u^{n-1}).$$

$$u^* = \sum_{j=1}^N \tilde{P}_j G_j(u^*).$$

$$\mathcal{F}(u^*) := u^* - \sum_{j=1}^N \tilde{P}_j G_j(u^*) = 0.$$

→ apply Newton's method!

Suppose you aim to solve  $F(u) = 0$ .

**Question:** How can you use a DD method for a nonlinear problem?

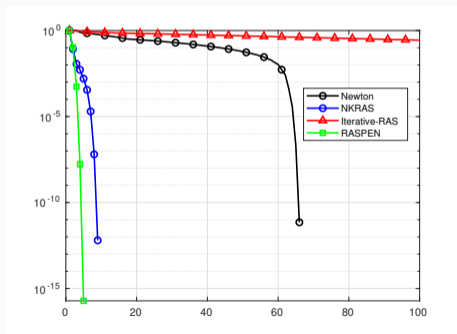
- As a nonlinear iterative method.
- As a preconditioner for the Jacobian system inside a Newton's method (notation Newton-Krylov-DD). Several works from Klawonn et al. (2014,2016).
- As a right preconditioner for Newton's method, e.g. NKS-RAS by Cai et al., (2011,2018).
- As a left preconditioners for Newton's method, e.g. the RASPEN method (2016), the ORASPEN (2020).

# Numerical examples: Forchheimer's equation

$$q(-\lambda(x)u(x)')' = f(x) \quad \text{in } \Omega,$$
$$u(0) = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad u(1) = e,$$

Parameters:

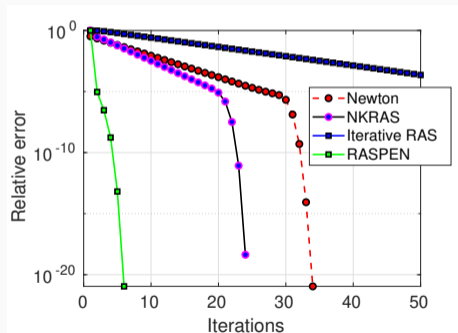
$$q(y) := \text{sign}(y) \frac{-1 + \sqrt{1 + 4|y|}}{2}, \quad \lambda(x) = 2 + \cos(5\pi x), \quad f(x) = 50 \sin(5\pi x)e^x. \quad N_h = 10^3, \quad N = 5,$$
$$\delta = 4h, \quad u^0 = 10^5.$$



# Numerical examples: Nonlinear diffusion equation

$$\begin{aligned} -\nabla \cdot ((1 + u^2)\nabla u) &= 1, & \text{in } (0, 1)^2 =: \Omega, \\ u &= 0, & \text{on } \partial\Omega. \end{aligned}$$

Parameters:  $N_h \approx 10^3$ ,  $N = 4$ ,  $\delta = 4h$ ,  $u^0 = 10^5$ .



# Thank you!

Codes and exercise sheet available at <https://github.com/vanzantom/>

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