

Iterative solution of spatial network models by subspace decomposition

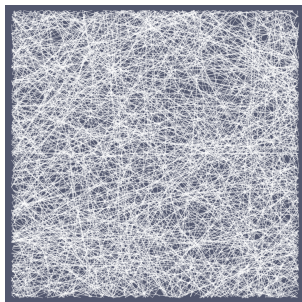
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Motivation: simulation of paper/paperboard



- A simplified spatial network model: $Ku = f$, where u is displacement and f is applied force
- K is ill-conditioned (geometry and material data variation), direct solver used by Fraunhofer
- The goal is to develop and analyze an iterative solver

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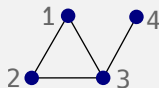
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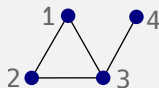
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- Let M be diagonal with $M_{xx} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{y \sim x} |x - y|$, $|v|_M = (Mv, v)^{1/2}$
- $|v|_L$ corresponds to the H^1 semi-norm in P1-FEM and M to the lumped mass matrix (L^2 -norm)

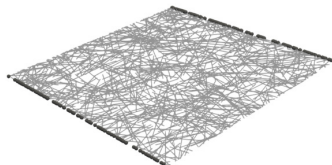
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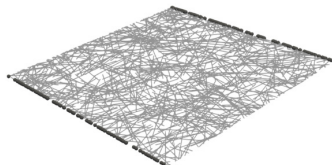
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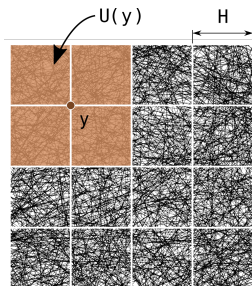


$$(Kv, v) = \sum_{(x,y) \in \mathcal{E}} \gamma_{xy} \frac{(v(x) - v(y))^2}{|x - y|}, \quad \alpha \leq \gamma_{xy} \leq \beta$$

- 1D diffusion model on network with continuity and Kirchhoff flux constraint in junctions with P1-FEM

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Geometric coarsening



- \mathcal{T}_H is a mesh of squares
- \hat{V}_H is Q1-FEM with basis $\{\varphi_y\}_y$
- $V_H \subset \hat{V}_H$ satisfy the boundary conditions
- Clément type interpolation operator

$$\mathcal{I}_{HV} = \sum_{\text{free DoFs } y} \bar{v}_{U(y)} \varphi_y \in V_H$$

Lemma (Stability and approximability of \mathcal{I}_H)

For all $v \in V$ and for $H > R_0$,

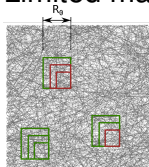
$$H^{-1} |v - \mathcal{I}_{HV}|_M + |\mathcal{I}_{HV}|_L \leq C |v|_L,$$

where $C = C_d \mu \sqrt{\sigma}$.

Network homogeneity and connectivity

Let $B_H(x)$ be a box at x of side length $2H$, with $H \geq R_0$.

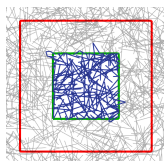
1 Limited mass variation



$$1 \leq \frac{\max_x |1|_{M, B_H(x)}^2}{\min_x |1|_{M, B_H(x)}^2} \leq \sigma(R_0)$$

2 The Poincaré-type inequality

$$|v - \bar{v}|_{M, B_H} \leq \mu(R_0) H |v|_{L, B_{H+R_0}}, \quad \forall v \in \hat{V}$$



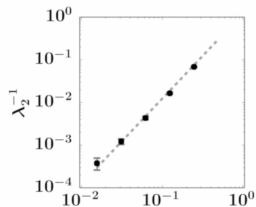
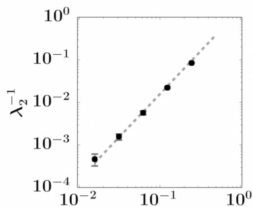
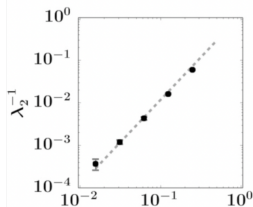
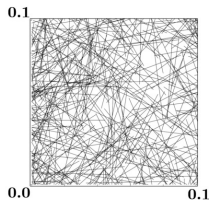
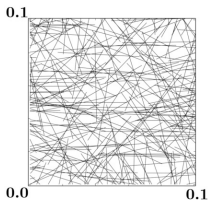
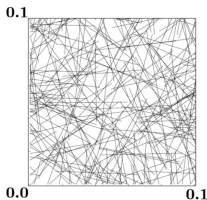
Algebraic connectivity:^a

$$L' \phi = \lambda M' \phi, \quad \lambda_1 = 0, \quad \lambda_2 = (\mu H)^{-2}.$$

^aCheeger 1970, Fiedler 1973,
Chung, Spectral graph theory, AMS, 1997

Example: Connectivity $\lambda_2^{-1/2} \approx \mu H$

Finite length fibers $r = 0.05$ and $|1|_M^2 = 1000$, $\Omega = [0, 1]^2$



H varies from 2^{-2} to 2^{-6} . Here $R_0 \sim 2^{-6}$.

Subspace decomposition preconditioner¹

Let $V_0 = V_H$ and

$$V_j = V(U(y_j)), \quad j = 1, \dots, m.$$

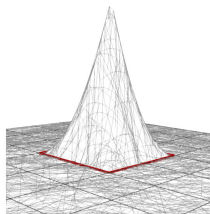
Define projections $P_j : V \rightarrow V_j$ by

$$(KP_j v, v_j) = (Kv, v_j), \quad \forall v_j \in V_j \subset V.$$

We add the projections to form

$$P = P_0 + P_1 + \dots + P_m.$$

- $BKu = Bf$, with preconditioner $P = BK$
- Preconditioned conjugate gradient method.
- Semi-iterative: direct method on decoupled problems



¹Kornhuber & Yserentant, MMS, 2016

Convergence analysis

Lemma (Spectral bound of P)

For $H > 2R_0$ it holds

$$C_1^{-1}|v|_K^2 \leq (Kv, v) \leq C_2|v|_K^2, \quad \forall v \in V,$$

where $C_1 = C_d\beta\alpha^{-1}\sigma\mu^2$ and $C_2 = C_d$.

Interpolation bound is a crucial component of the proof.

Theorem (Convergence of PCG)

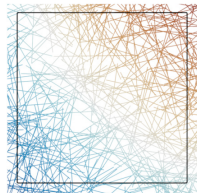
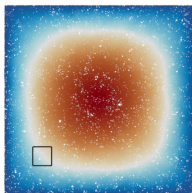
With $\kappa = C_1 C_2$ and $H > 2R_0$ it holds

$$|u - u^{(\ell)}|_K \leq 2 \left(\frac{\sqrt{\kappa} - 1}{\sqrt{\kappa} + 1} \right)^\ell |u - u^{(0)}|_K.$$

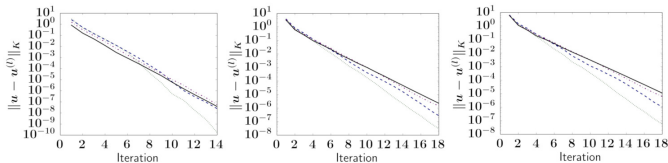
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Example: Convergence graph Laplacian

$$Ku = M1, (Kv, v) = \sum_{x \sim y} \gamma_{xy} \frac{((v(x) - v(y))^2}{|x - y|}, u|_{\partial\Omega} = 0, |1|_M^2 = 1000.$$

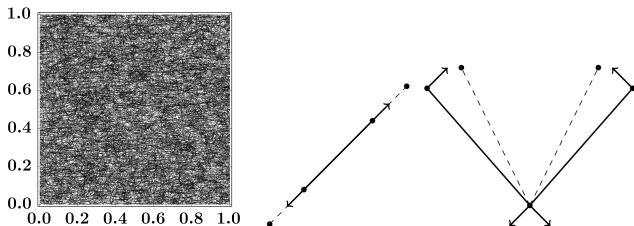


Grid $\gamma = 1$ (left), rand $\gamma = 1$ (center), rand $\gamma \in U([0.1, 1])$ (right)



— $H = 1/4$ - - - $H = 1/8$ - · - · $H = 1/16$ — $H = 1/32$

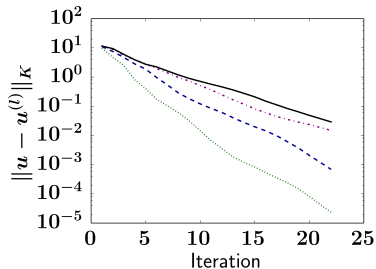
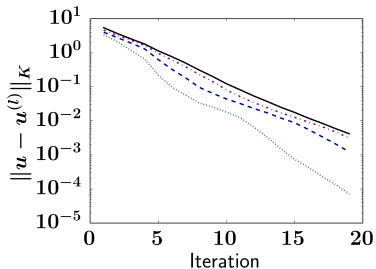
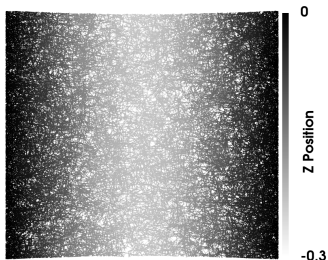
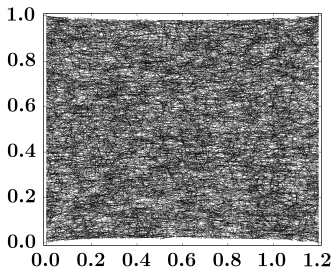
Example: A fibre network model²



- $2 \cdot 10^4$ fibres, biased angle (x-axis), length 0.05, $3 \cdot 10^5$ nodes.
- Two forces in the model: edge extension and angular deviation.
- Find displacement u : $Ku = f$ (tensile, distributed load)
- DD with $H = 1/4, 1/8, 1/16, 1/32$.

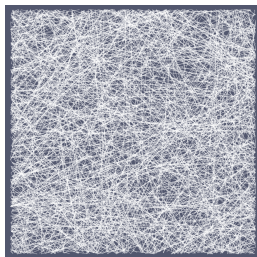
²Görtz et. al. *Network models for predicting structural properties of paper*, Nordic Pulp and Paper 2022

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- Efficient preconditioner when network resembles a homogeneous material on coarse scales $H > 2R_0$
- Direct solver on fine scales (localized, in parallel)
- Poincaré type inequality plays a crucial role in the analysis
- Algebraic coarsening algorithms are useful (cardboard)

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