Parallel implementation of block circulant type preconditioner for all-at-once systems of linear time-depdent PDEs

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Background

- Parallel solvers for time-dependent PDEs on modern systems
 - Spatial parallelism is exhausted on massively parallel envirs.
 - Extracts temporal parallelism by solving all time steps at once.

⇒ Parallel-in-Time approaches / All-at-once approaches





Existing works

- Some powerful parallel-in-time methods
 - Comprehensive survey papers [Gander, 2015] [Ong and Schroder, 2020]
 - Multilevel-base: Parareal [Lions et al., 2001] / MGRIT [Falgout et al., 2014]
 - + Good parallel performance for parabolic problems.
 - Difficulty in selecting an appropriate coarse-grid operator for hyperoblic problems.
 - Diagonalization-base: Block ciruclant (BC) prec. [McDonalds et al., 2016] Block ε-ciruclant (BEC) prec. [Lin et al., 2021]
 - + Independent convergence for spatial mesh-size and time-step width, introducing a weight parameter *ε*.
 - Assumption to use the same linear time integrator for all steps.



Overview of this work

- Motivation and Aim
 - Still not many parallel evaluations of BEC (Parallel results for the same context ParaDiag [Gander *et al.*, 2021][Caklovic *et al.*, 2023])
 - What is the parallel performance compared to classical time stepping or multigrid-based?
 - \Rightarrow This work investigates parallel performance of BEC prec.
- Novelty and Originality
 - Memory-distributed space-time parallelization of BEC prec. with FFTW,Trilinos/Epetra,Aztec00,ML libraries
 - Evaluate three types of implementations of FFT parts.
 - Compared with the sequential time-stepping method and multigrid reduction in time (MGRIT).



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All-at-once systems for time-dependent PDEs

Time-dependent PDEs / time-stepping

$$u_t(x,t) = a\Delta u(x,t) + f(x,t) \quad (x,t) \in \Omega \times (0,T]$$
$$M\left(\frac{u_i - u_{i-1}}{\Delta t}\right) + Ku_i = f_i \quad (i = 1,\dots,n_t)$$

$$n_x$$
: Spatial DoFs $M \in \mathbb{R}^{n_x \times n_x}$: Mass matrix $K \in \mathbb{R}^{n_x \times n_x}$: Stiffness matrix n_t : Number of time steps $\Delta t \in \mathbb{R}$: Time-step widthBackward Euler scheme

• All-at-once system with $A_0 = M + \Delta t K$ and $A_1 = -M$



$\Rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ has a block Toeplitz structure with the same time integrator



Block circulant type preconditioners

• Block circulant (BC) preconditioner [McDonalds et al., 2016]



*P*_{BC} has a block circulant
structure.
⇒*P*⁻¹_{BC} *A* is diagonalizable

when \mathcal{A} is not.

- Independent convergence for the number of time steps.
- Block *ε*-circulant (BEC) preconditioner [Lin *et al.*, 2021]



- Introduces a parameter ϵ .
- Independent convergence for the number of time steps and spatial mesh size with sufficiently small ε.



Three-step procedure of BEC precond.

$$= \left[(D_{\epsilon}^{-1} \mathcal{F}_{n_t}^*) \otimes I_{n_x} \right] \text{ blockdiag}(B_0, B_1, \dots, B_{n_t-1}) \left[(\mathcal{F}_{n_t} D_{\epsilon}) \otimes I_{n_x} \right],$$

where $B_k = \lambda_k^{(\epsilon)} M + \Delta t K \in \mathbb{C}^{n_x \times n_x}, \quad (k = 0, 1, \dots, n_t - 1)$

Three-step procedure of BEC precond. $\mathbf{z} = \mathcal{P}_{BEC}^{-1} \mathbf{y}$

- **1** Compute $\tilde{\mathbf{y}} = [(\mathcal{F}_{n_t} D_{\epsilon}) \otimes I_{n_x}] \mathbf{y}$ FFT part
- **2** Solve $B_k \tilde{z}_k = \tilde{y}_k$ for \tilde{z}_k $(k = 0, 1, ..., n_t 1)$ Complex solver part

3 Compute
$$\mathbf{z} = \left[(D_{\epsilon}^{-1} \mathcal{F}_{n_t}^*) \otimes I_{n_x} \right] \hat{\mathbf{z}}$$



FFT part

Implementation of FFT parts (1/4)



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Implementation of FFT parts (2/4)

- Straightforward parallel 1D-FFTs
 - Space-time parallel data distribution
 - Space and time communicators



- Parallel 1D-FFTs with local_Nx: FFTW [Frigo, 2005] / FFTE [Takahashi, 2001]
 - all-to-all communication on time_comm for each parallel 1D-FFT



Implementation of FFT parts (3/4)

- Redistributed sequential FFTs
 - Reassign temporal parallelism $(\frac{N_t}{P_t}, \frac{N_x}{P_x}) \rightarrow (N_t, \frac{N_x}{P_x P_t})$
 - all-to-all communication at once on time_comm





Implementation of FFT parts (4/4)

• Parallel tests for the (n_t, n_x) data array



- Same operation in the precond. step



- Straightforward parallel 1D-FFTs with FFTW
- Straightforward parallel 1D-FFTs with FFTE
- Redistributed sequential FFTs with FFTW (used in this work)



Implementation of complex solver parts (1/1)

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- Spatial-sized complex system with $B_k = \lambda_k^{(\epsilon)} M + \Delta t K$
 - Solves complex-valued systems (future work)
 - Solves equivalent 2×2 real-valued systems [Day and Heroux et al., 2001]



▷ SA-AMG preconditioned GMRES solver w/ML,AztecOO in Trilinos.



BEC-GMRES: BEC preconditioned GMRES



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Numerical experiments

- Aim: To investigate strong-scaling peformance
- Problem settings
 - These refer to Examples 1 and 3 in [Lin et al., 2021]
 - Discretization matrices are generated with IFISS [Elman et al., 2014]
 - (1) 2D diffusion

$$u_t(x, y, t) = 10^{-5} \Delta u(x, y, t)$$

$$u(x,y,t) = 0$$
 on $\partial \Omega$

$$u(x, y, 0) = x(x - 1)y(y - 1)$$



(2) 2D convection-diffusion

$$u_t(x,y,t) = \frac{1}{200}\Delta u - \overrightarrow{w} \cdot u$$

$$u(x, y, t) = (1 - \exp(-10t))\phi(x, y)$$
 on $\partial\Omega$

$$u(x, y, 0) = 0$$





Numerical experiments

- Measurement environment
 - Wisteria/BDEC-01 Odyssey system: Fujitsu A64FX cluster
 - Flat MPI mode: Fujitsu MPI and Compiler v4.9.0 with
 - -std=c++17 -Nclang -Ofast -mcpu=a64fx -march=armv8-a -fPIC
 - FFTW3 v3.3.9 and Epetra, AztecOO, ML in Trilinos v14.5
- Solver settings
 - > Time-stepping: Sequential time-stepping method
 - » MGRIT: multigrid reduction in time
 - A coarsening factor m=4 and number of levels L=3
 - BEC-GMRES: BEC preconditioned GMRES solver
 - A weighted parameter $\epsilon = \min(0.5, 0.5\Delta t)$



Parallel result: (1) diffusion

- **Problem settings:** $N_x \times N_t = (2^7 + 1)^2 \times 2^{10} \mid \Omega = [0, 1]^2$ and T = 1
 - ⇒ Time-stepping stagnates at 32 parallelism.
 - \Rightarrow MGRIT and BEC-GMRES achieve good scaling.



Number of parallelism



Parallel result: (2) convection-diffusion

- Problem settings: $N_x \times N_t = (2^7 + 1)^2 \times 2^{10} \mid \Omega = [-1, 1]^2$ and T = 1
 - $\Rightarrow\,$ Increased time due to increased MGRIT iterations.
 - ⇒ BEC-GMRES still has good convergence and scaling.



- For BEC-GMRES with $P_x = 16$
- Much of the time is spent on complex solver parts.

Number of parallelism



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Conlusion

- BEC-GMRES achieves good temporal-parallelism scaling performance up to maximum temporal parallelism.
 - Redistributed sequential FFTs is stable and faster.
 - This solver may be a more promising solver than the multigrid-based methods, especially for hyperbolic problems.
 - The dominant runtime is for solving 2×2 real-valued equivalent equations.
- Future works
 - Purely complex solvers with Tpetra, Belos, MueLu stacks
 - Application to explicit time integration schemes
 - Towards more complicated problems / nonlinear problems

