Parallel Implementation of Multilevel BDDC Method

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Variational setting

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- $a(\cdot, \cdot)$ symmetric positive definite form on U
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 angle$ is inner product on U
- U is finite dimensional space (typically finite element functions)

Matrix form

 $u \in U : Au = f$

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Function spaces in BDDC



- enough constraints to fix floating subdomains, i.e. rigid body modes eliminated from the space
- continuity at *corners*, and of averages (arithmetic or weighted) over *edges* or *faces* considered
- $a(\cdot, \cdot)$ symmetric positive definite form on W
- corresponding matrix A symmetric positive definite, almost block diagonal structure, larger dimension than A

Virtual mesh







original mesh of the problem

corresponds to space U

mesh disconnected at interface

corresponds to space \widetilde{W}

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The abstract BDDC preconditioner

Variational form

$$M_{BDDC}: r \longmapsto u = Ew, \quad w \in \widetilde{W}$$
$$a(w, z) = \langle r, Ez \rangle, \quad \forall z \in \widetilde{W}$$

Matrix form

$$\widetilde{A}w = E^{T}r$$
$$M_{BDDC}r = Ew$$

Condition number bound [Mandel, Dohrmann (2003)]

$$\kappa = \frac{\lambda_{\max}(M_{BDDC}A)}{\lambda_{\min}(M_{BDDC}A)} \le \omega = \sup_{w \in \widetilde{W}} \frac{\|(I-E)w\|_a^2}{\|w\|_a^2}$$

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The coarse space in BDDC

In implementation, space \widetilde{W} is decomposed into \widetilde{W}_{Δ} of **independent subdomain spaces** and energy-orthogonal **coarse** space \widetilde{W}_{Π}

 $\widetilde{\mathit{W}} = \widetilde{\mathit{W}}_{\Delta} \oplus \widetilde{\mathit{W}}_{\Pi}.$

On each subdomain – coarse degrees of freedom – basis functions Ψ^i – prescribed values of coarse degrees of freedom, minimal energy elsewhere,

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc} \mathcal{A}^i & \mathcal{C}^{iT} \\ \mathcal{C}^i & \mathbf{0} \end{array}\right] \left[\begin{array}{c} \Psi^i \\ \Lambda^i \end{array}\right] = \left[\begin{array}{c} \mathbf{0} \\ I \end{array}\right].$$

- Aⁱ ... local subdomain stiffness matrix
- Cⁱ ... matrix of constraints selects unknowns into coarse degrees of freedom

Matrix of coarse problem A_C assembled from local matrices $A_{Ci} = \Psi^{iT} A^i \Psi^i = -\Lambda^i.$

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Multilevel extension

- global coarse problem eventually becomes a bottleneck of parallel processing for very large problems – solve only approximately e.g. by
 - several multigrid cycles [Klawonn, Rheinbach (2010)] (for FETI-DP)
 - by one iteration of BDDC Three-level BDDC
 - recursive application of BDDC Multilevel BDDC
- BDDC is especially suitable for multilevel extension because the coarse problem has the same structure as the original FE problem (unlike in most other DD methods)
- apply BDDC with subdomains playing the role of elements



A basis function from W_{Π} is energy minimal subject to given values of coarse degrees of freedom on the substructure. The function is discontinuous across the interfaces between the substructures but the values of coarse degrees of freedom on the different substructures coincide.

Multilevel BDDC

U 11 $U_{I1} \subset U_1$ \widetilde{W}_1 level 1 \subset $\widetilde{W}_{\Pi 1}$ \oplus $\widetilde{W}_{\Delta 1}$ \widetilde{W}_2 level 2 U_{12} \subset U_2 \subset $\widetilde{W}_{\Pi 2} \oplus$ $\widetilde{W}_{\Lambda 2}$ Ш ÷ ÷ Ш $U_{lL-1} \subset U_{L-1} \subset \widetilde{W}_{l-1}$ level L-1 $\widetilde{W}_{\Pi L-1}$ $\widetilde{W}_{\Lambda I-1}$ \oplus

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Local problems and the coarse problem actually solved are in colour.

Condition number bound

mathematical efficiency worsens with each additional level

Theorem [Mandel, Sousedík, Dohrmann (2008)] The condition number bound $\kappa(M_{BDDC}A) \leq \omega$ of Multilevel BDDC is given by

$$\kappa(M_{BDDC}A) \leq \omega = \prod_{\ell=1}^{L-1} \omega_{\ell} , \qquad \omega_{\ell} = \sup_{w_{\ell} \in \widetilde{W}_{\ell}} \frac{\|(I - E_{\ell}) w_{\ell}\|_{a}^{2}}{\|w_{\ell}\|_{a}^{2}}.$$

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Parallel implementation

BDDCML solver library

- http://www.math.cas.cz/~sistek/software/bddcml.html
- Fortran 95 + MPI library
- built on top of MUMPS direct solver (both serial and parallel)
- parallel PCG and BICGSTAB (for overlapping vectors)



Numerical results

IBM SP6 Location: CINECA, Italy Architecture: IBM P6-575 Infiniband Cluster Processor Type: IBM Power6, 4.7 GHz Computing Cores: 5376 Computing Nodes: 168 RAM: 21 TB (128 GB/node) access gained through the *HPC Europa 2* project



graphics from CINECA website <□><10>→10

Elasticity analysis of geocomposite

- problem of geocomposite by Prof. Blaheta and Dr. Starý (Institute of Geonics of AS CR)
- cubic sample, edge 75 mm
- 11.8M linear tetrahedral elements, 6.1M unknowns
- arithmetic averages on edges and faces
- required precision ... relative residual = $\frac{\|res\|}{\|g\|} < 10^{-6}$



material distribution



displacement

Strong scaling for geocomposite problem

number of procs	64	128	256	512	1024		
2 levels (1024/1), 46 PCG its, cond. ~50							
set-up phase (sec)	61.0	37.7	25.7	23.2	39.5		
iterations (sec)	22.3	19.9	27.8	44.9	97.5		
3 levels (1024/128/1), 56 PCG its, cond. ~79							
set-up phase (sec)	49.5	29.0	18.4	12.6	11.0		
iterations (sec)	28.5	22.6	16.7	14.7	13.2		
4 levels (1024/128/16/1), 131 PCG its, cond. \sim 568							
set-up phase (sec)	49.4	28.6	17.8	12.3	9.1		
iterations (sec)	60.6	33.2	21.2	15.4	11.8		

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Stokes flow in 3D cavity

- serendipity Taylor–Hood finite elements
- ▶ $32 \times 32 \times 32 = 32.8$ k elements, 457k unknowns
- $64 \times 64 \times 64 = 262k$ elements, 3.5M unknowns



division into 64 subdomains

streamlines in z = 0 plane

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Strong scaling for Stokes flow in 3D cavity

• 64×64×64 elements, H/h = 8

number of procs	64	128	256	512		
2 levels (512/1), 9 BICGSTAB its						
set-up phase (sec)	27.0	14.2	7.9	4.8		
iterations (sec)	5.8	4.2	5.3	8.7		
3 levels (512/8/1), 11 BICGSTAB its						
set-up phase (sec)	26.9	14.0	7.6	4.2		
iterations (sec)	6.0	3.3	1.9	1.2		

▶ $32 \times 32 \times 32$ elements, H/h = 8

number of procs	64				
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set-up phase (sec)	3.7				
iterations (sec)	2.5				

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