

# Optimal Solvers for Elliptic Optimal Control Problems

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## Part 1: Motivating Examples

**Optimal stationary boundary temperature:** Heating of a body  $\Omega$  by a controlled boundary temperature  $u$  to reach the desired temperature  $y^d$

$$\inf_{y,u} J(y, u) = \frac{1}{2} \|y - y^d\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 + \frac{\alpha}{2} \|u\|_{L^2(\Gamma)}^2 \quad (\text{P})$$

subject to state equation

$$-\Delta y = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega$$

$$y = u \quad \text{on } \Gamma,$$

and control constraints

$$a \leq u \leq b \quad \text{on } \Gamma$$

**Optimal stationary heat source:** The body  $\Omega$  is heated e.g. by microwaves. The goal is to find  $u$  that minimizes the distance of  $y$  and  $y^d$

$$\inf_{y,u} J(y,u) = \frac{1}{2} \|y - y^d\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 + \frac{\alpha}{2} \|u\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 \quad (\text{P1})$$

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## Notation and data

- $J$  is the objective functional and  $y^d$  is the desired state
- $\alpha > 0$  is regularization parameter
- Optimal control problems with linear state equation and quadratic objective functional called **linear-quadratic**
- (P) is a linear-quadratic elliptic boundary control Problem
- (P1) is a linear-quadratic elliptic distributed control Problem

## Part 2: Existence and Uniqueness of optimal control problem

- Problem P1: Defining **the control- to- state map**  $G : u \rightarrow y$  from  $L^2(\Omega)$  to  $H_0^1(\Omega)$ , a linear and bounded operator which assigns to a control  $u \in L^2(\Omega)$  the unique solution  $y = y(u)$  of the state equation, writing the state  $y = Gu$
- introduce **the reduced objective functional**

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## Theorem

*The reduced optimal control problem has a unique optimal solution  $(y, u) \in H_0^1(\Omega) \times L^2(\Omega)$  .*

## Proof

Direct method of the calculus of variations (minimizing sequence) .

## Part 3: Optimize first, then discretize

## Theorem

Let  $(y, u) \in H_0^1(\Omega) \times L^2(\Omega)$  be the optimal solution of Problem P1. Then, there exists an adjoint state  $p \in H_0^1(\Omega)$  as a weak solution of

$$-\Delta p = y - y^d \quad \text{in } \Omega$$

$$p = 0 \quad \text{on } \Omega$$

and the control equation

$$p + \alpha u = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega.$$

## Finite Element Approximation of Distributed Control Problem

Let  $\mathcal{T}_h := \mathcal{T}_h(\Omega)$  be a shape-regular, quadrilateral triangulation and let

$$V_h := \{v_h \in C(\Omega) \mid v_h|_T \in Q_1(T), T \in \mathcal{T}_h(\Omega), \mid v_h|_\Gamma = 0\}$$

be the FE space of continuous piecewise linear finite elements. Then a possible FE approximation of (P1) is as follows:

$$\inf J(y_h, u_h) := \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} |y_h - y^d|^2 dx + \frac{\alpha}{2} \int_{\Omega} |u_h|^2 dx$$

subject to

$$a(y_h, v_h) = (u_h, v_h), \quad \forall v_h \in V_h$$

## Optimality Conditions for the FE Distributed Control Problem

there exists an adjoint state  $p_h \in V_h$  such that the triple  $(y_h, u_h, p_h)$  satisfies the following optimality conditions,

$$a(y_h, v_h) = (u_h, v_h), \quad \forall v_h \in V_h$$

$$a(p_h, v_h) = (y_h - y^d, v_h), \quad \forall v_h \in V_h$$

$$(u_h, v_h) = -\alpha^{-1}(p_h, v_h) \quad \forall v_h \in V_h$$

## The discrete KKT system

$$\begin{pmatrix} A_h & 0 & -M_h \\ -M_h & A_h & 0 \\ 0 & M_h & \alpha M_h \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} y_h \\ p_h \\ u_h \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -y_h^d \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

## A Reduced KKT system

If we substitute  $u$  in the state equation by means of the control equation according to  $u = -\alpha^{-1} p_h$ , the discrete KKT system can be stated as

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## The integral equation method

We introduce the operator  $\mathcal{A} : y \mapsto (-\Delta y)$  and the adjoint operator  $\mathcal{A}^* : p \mapsto (-\Delta p)$ . The KKT system reads in the following form:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A} u &= y && \text{in } \Omega \\ \mathcal{A}^* p &= y - y^d && \text{in } \Omega \\ u &= -\alpha^{-1} p && \text{in } \Omega. \end{aligned}$$

The last equation can be reformulated by the first two equations to the fixed point equation

$$\begin{aligned} u &= (-\alpha^{-1} \mathcal{A}^{-*} \mathcal{A}^{-1}) u - (-\alpha^{-1} \mathcal{A}^{-*}) y^d \\ &= \mathcal{K} u + q \end{aligned}$$

which we can rewrite it in the compact form as follows:

$$(\mathcal{I} - \mathcal{K})u = q.$$

Based on this compact form, we formulate the following fixed point iteration:

$$u^n := \mathcal{K}u^{n-1} + q, \quad n \in \mathcal{N},$$

## Part 4: Numerical results

## Example

$$u = \sin(3\pi x_1) \sin(3\pi x_2)$$

$$y = \sin(3\pi x_1) \sin(3\pi x_2)$$

$$p = -\alpha \sin(3\pi x_1) \sin(3\pi x_2)$$

We get the corresponding desired state as

$$y^d = 18\pi^2 \alpha \sin(3\pi x_1) \sin(3\pi x_2) + \sin(3\pi x_1) \sin(3\pi x_2).$$

**Table:** Comparison of iterations to solve Example 1. with different values of  $\alpha$  and different mesh sizes for tolerance of  $1E - 12$  for Multigrid with different smoother (A Reduced KKT system)

smoother	level \ $\alpha$	1	1E-02	1E-04	1E-08	1E-12
Jacobi(0.5)	6	7	7	9	div.	div.
	7	6	6	7	10	div.
	8	5	5	5	7	div.
	9	4	4	4	5	div.
Gaus Seidel	6	5	5	6	div.	div.
	7	5	5	6	div.	div.
	8	5	5	5	27	div.
	9	6	6	6	9	div.
SSOR(0.5)	6	7	7	8	div.	div.
	7	6	6	7	div.	div.
	8	6	6	6	10	div.
	9	6	6	6	8	div.

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smoother	Preconditioner	level \ $\alpha$	1	1E-02	1E-04	1E-08	1E-12
BICGSTAB	SSOR(1.5)	6	7	8	19	div.	div.
		7	8	10	10	163	div.
		8	8	8	9	28	div.
		9	8	8	9	26	div.
	SSOR(0.5)	6	4	5	7	39*	div.
		7	5	5	6	16	div.
		8	5	5	6	10	41
		9	5	5	5	8	29
GMRES(30)	SSOR(0.5)	6	4	4	7	9*	9*
		7	5	5	6	8	9
		8	5	5	5	7	10
		9	5	5	5	7	10

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BICGSTAB	SSOR(0.5)	6	4	5	9	div	div
		7	5	6	8	137	div.
		8	5	5	6	13	div.
		9	5	6	7	9	div.
GMRES(30)	SSOR(0.5)	6	4	4	7	98*	104*
		7	5	5	6	35	767
		8	5	5	5	11	1106
		9	5	5	5	7	23



**Table:** Comparison of iterations to solve Example 1. with different values of  $\alpha$  at different grid level for tolerance of  $1E - 12$  with different solver (integral equation)

solver	level \ $\alpha$	1	1E-02	1E-04	1E-08	1E-12
BICGSTAB	6	2	2	2	576*	-
	7	2	2	2	1281	-
	8	2	2	2	2318	-
	9	2	2	2	2429	-
GMRES	6	2	2	4	3*	3*
	7	2	2	3	7	8
	8	2	2	3	4	4
	9	2	2	4	4	4

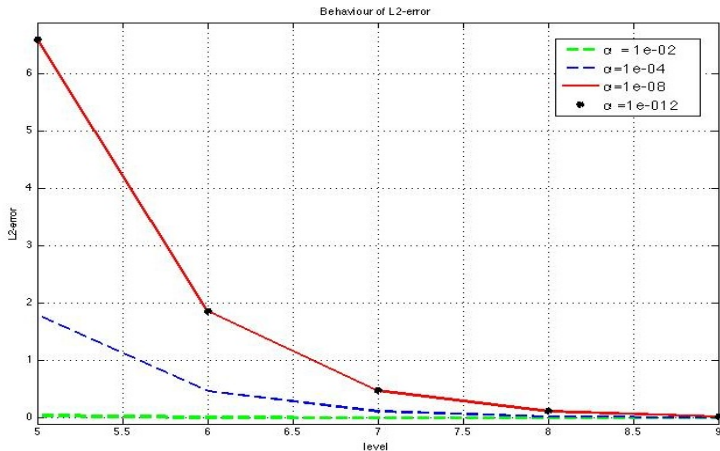


Figure: Example 1: Change in L2-error with level for different values of  $\alpha$

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