Field-Scale Petroleum Reservoir Simulation

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Petroleum Reservoir Simulation



Upstream Oil Industry: Finding and developing hydrocarbon deposits

- Finding nearly horizontal and major fault surfaces
 - Determining detailed stratigraphic layers, faults, pinch-outs, ...
 - Generating reservoir characterization geomodel ($10^6 \sim 10^8$ cells)
- Oescribing reservoir heterogeneity at multiple scales
- Solution Upscaling reservoir grids and properties ($10^4 \sim 10^6$ cells)
- Sinding fluid properties: PVT, relative permeability, ...
 - Reservoir initialization
 - Dynamic flow simulation (production forecast & development planning)
 - History matching
 - Calibrating model parameters



Multiscale in Nature



Geomodeling of subsurface flows mainly focus on the larger scales, driven by the available measurement and by computation limitations



- Important for several situations, e.g.
 - Highly heterogenous reservoirs
 - IOR / EOR processes
 - Unconventional oil / gas reservoirs
 - IS CO₂ sequestration
 - Nuclear waste handling
- Questions to consider:
 - Which heterogeneities matter most?
 - How many scales to model/upscale?
 - Which scales to focus on?
 - How to best construct model grids?

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Phase Behavior: Black Oil



- The black oil model is based on simple interpolation of PVT properties as a function of pressure
- Water is modeled explicitly together with two hydrocarbon components, an oil phase and a gas phase
- At standard pressure and temperature, hydrocarbon components are divided into a gas component and an oil component in a stock tank
- No mass transfer occurs between the water phase and the oil/gas phases



Classical Black Oil Model



Mass conservation (saturated & under-saturated):

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\phi \rho_w S_w \right) = -\nabla \cdot \left(\rho_w \mathbf{u}_w \right) + Q_W$$
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\phi \rho_{oO} S_o \right) = -\nabla \cdot \left(\rho_{oO} \mathbf{u}_o \right) + Q_O$$
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\phi \rho_g S_g + \phi \rho_{oG} S_o \right) = -\nabla \cdot \left(\rho_g \mathbf{u}_g + \rho_{oG} \mathbf{u}_o \right) + Q_G$$

2 Darcy's law and other constitutive equations:

$$\mathbf{u}_{j} = -\frac{kk_{rj}}{\mu_{j}} (\nabla P_{j} - \rho_{j} \mathfrak{g} \nabla z), \quad j = o, g, w$$
$$P_{o} - P_{w} = P_{cow}, \quad P_{g} - P_{o} = P_{cgo}$$
$$S_{o} + S_{g} + S_{w} = 1$$

Well constraints + B.C. + I.C.

PDE properties of the black oil model [Trangenstein, Bell 1986]

Well Models

Peaceman's well model

$$Q_j^{(w)} = \mathbf{WI}_j^{(w)} \left(P_{\mathsf{bh}}^{(w)} - P_j - \rho_j \mathfrak{g}(z_{\mathsf{bh}}^{(w)} - z) \right)$$

- Suitable for vertical wells
- 1D radial flow
- Steady-state
- Single-phase
- Polygonal partition: Palagi's well model

Simulating modern complex wells

- Horizontal wells
- Complex wells

Treatment of complex wells

- Multi-segment well model
- Drift-flux model
- Frictional resistance model





Black oil model

Enhanced Oil Recovery



Peak oil theory, Hubbert 1956





Source: Rystad Energy, Morgan Stanley Commodity Research estimates

EOR techniques: recovery ratio $20\%-40\% \implies 30\%-60\%$

- ✓ Gas injection: miscible flooding, commonly used
- \bowtie Thermal injection: steam, fire, ... \Longrightarrow Energy equation, ...
- Provide the second seco
- More complicated well models

Environment Impact: Produce brine with toxic and radioactive substances!

Phase Behavior: Compositional



Liquid Phase

Aqueous Phase

Vapor Phase

EOS compositional fluid

- In reservoirs containing light oil, the hydrocarbon composition affects fluid properties a lot
- A compositional model is based on a thermodynamically-consistent model such as an equation of state (EOS)
- Each hydrocarbon component (arbitrary number) is handled separately
- More unknowns than the black oil model:
 ξ_j is the molar density of phase j; x_{ij} is the molar fraction of comp i in phase j;
 N_i is the overall molar density of comp i

General Compositional Model

$$\begin{split} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \Big(\phi \sum_{j=1}^{n_p} x_{ij} \xi_j S_j \Big) + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{F}_i &- \sum_{j=1}^{n_p} S_j r_{ij} = Q_i, \qquad i = 1: n_c \\ \mathbf{F}_i &= \sum_{j=1}^{n_p} \Big(x_{ij} \xi_j \mathbf{u}_j - S_j \mathbf{D}_j \nabla (\xi_j x_{ij}) \Big), \qquad i = 1: n_c \\ \mathbf{u}_j &= -\frac{k k_{rj}}{\mu_j} (\nabla P_j - \gamma_j \nabla z), \qquad j = 1: n_p \\ P_1 - P_j &= P_{c1j}, \qquad j = 2: n_p \\ \sum_{j=1}^{n_p} S_j &= 1, \\ \sum_{i=1}^{n_c} x_{ij} &= 1, \qquad j = 1: n_p \\ f_{ij} &= f_{i1}, \qquad i = 1: n_c, \ j = 2: n_p \end{split}$$

[Collins, Nghiem, Li, Grabenstetter 1992; Qiao, Li, Johns, Xu 2014, 2015; ...]



Unconventional Oil/Gas



Sources: U.S. Energy Information Administration and U.S. Geological Survey.

Unconventional oil/gas: not strictly defined (technologies and economy)

- Examples: Tight oil/gas, shale oil/gas, heavy oil, oil sands, gas hydrate
- Different models for different development conditions / technologies:
 - Non-Darcy and non-Newtonian effects
 - Multiscale fractures, adsorption/desorption
 - Knudsen diffusion
 - Fluid-structure interactions: fractures formation and propagation

[Garipov, Karimi-Fard, Tchelepi 2016]

Large-Scale Simulation



Challenges in petroleum reservoir simulation

- Modeling and discretization
 - Unconventional reservoirs and their modeling
 - Multiscale, heterogeneous, and anisotropic
 - Large number of grid cells with a lot of inactive cells
 - Complicated production requirements and well models
- Nonlinear and linear solvers
 - Nonlinear algebraic equations for flash calculation
 - Nonlinear coupling between pressure and non-pressure variables
 - Large ill-conditioned linear system to solve
 - Non-symmetric (sometimes indefinite) Jacobian systems for FIM
- Uncertainty and reliability

Why do we need lager computers for reservoir simulation?

- Need to solve fine-scale problems ($1M \sim 1B$ grid cells)
- Need to simulate a long period of time ($40 \sim 60$ years)
- Have many problems to solve $(10^2 \sim 10^3 \text{ repetitions})$

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Multiscale Geological Modeling



Multiscale geomodeling represents the flow and rock properties at several scales within a petroleum reservoir

- Combination of stratigraphy (study of rock layers and layering), sedimentology (study of sedimentary rocks), and interpretation of measured data
 - Seismic resolution: 10m, large region
 - Well-log resolution: 1cm~10cm, only vicinity of wells
 - Well core resolution: X-ray, CT-scan, electron microscopes, ...
 - Geomodels are generally strongly under-determined!
- Representative elementary volumes (REV): petrophyscial flow properties (porosity and permeability) are constant on some intervals of scale
 - 10m~50m in horizontal direction
 - 10cm~10m in vertical direction
- Estimating effective or equivalent flow and rock properties $(\phi, k, ...)$
 - using geological concepts and processes
 - using analytical or numerical methods

Upscaling Methods



- Motivation: Creating simple models that produce flow scenarios in close correspondence with those obtained by simulations directly on geomodels
- Practice: Inducing increasing more detail into the geomodel (too large to simulate), with only one upscaling step being explicitly performed
- Performance: Difficult to design a robust upscaling that gives reliable results



Figure: Heidrum field example. 1. pore-scale $(50\mu m^3)$ to lithofacies $(0.05m \times 0.3m \times 0.3m)$; 2. lithofacies to geomodel $(80m \times 1 km \times 3 km)$ of a sector; 3. geomodel to reservoir simulation model $(200m \times 3 km \times 5 km)$. [Ringrose, Martinius, Alvestad 2008]

[Renard, de Marsily 1997; Barker, Thibeau 1997; Ekran, Aaasen 2000; Pickup, et al. 2005]

Comparison of Upscaled Models



Effect of water injection. Left: 70K grid cells; Right: 1.1M grid cells.

[Wu, Xu, Z, et al. 2013]



Case Study: Coarse and Fine Models





[Li, Wu, Li, Z, et al. 2016]

Challenges in Fractured Reservoirs







http://www.geoexpro.com/articles/2017/01/hiding-in-the-basement

Carbonate Fractured-Cavity Reservoirs





- Fractures are the most abundant visible features in the upper crust
- Fractures occur in preferential directions, determined by the direction of regional stress
- Naturally fractured reservoirs, induced fractures in tight / shale reservoirs
- Multiscale: range of scale from micro cracks to mile long features
- It is important to distinguish between open and healed fractures

Natural and Hydraulic Fractures

Fracture-1

F(1,2) Fracture-2

F(2.1)



- Oual continuum model: matrix-fractures, simple
 - DPDP [Warren, Root 1963; Blaskovich, et al. 1983]
 - Well developed, connected, without localized anisotropy
 - Regard fractures as part of the pore volume
 - No flow occurs between matrix blocks

2 Equivalent porous media model: generalization of DCMs

- Representative elementary volume
- Multiple INteraction Continua: [Wu, Pruess 1988]

Discrete fracture model (DFM): large-scale / isolated fractures

- Representing fracture aperture / shape / direction explicitly
- How multi-phase fluid flows inside the fracture network?
- Flow-geomachanics coupling [Karimi-Fard, et al. 2004]
- Unstructured grid / high computational cost \implies EDFM
- Mixed discrete-continuum model:
 - Based on discrete fracture network analysis
 - Modeling reservoirs with multiscale fractures
 - Transportation between discrete and continuum parts

Multiscale Methods for Pressure Equation



Multiscale methods

- Model physical phenomena on coarse grids while using small-scale features that impact the coarse-grid solution in a systematic way
- Incorporate subgrid information by utilising solutions of local flow problems to build a set of equations on a coarser scale

Localized multiscale basis methods

- MsFEM/MsMFEM [Hou, Wu 1997; Chen, Hou 2002]
- MsFVM [Jenny, Lee, Tchelepi 2003]
- Heterogeneous multiscale method [E, Engquist 2003; E, Ming, Zhang 2005]
- Petro-Galerkin MsFEM to reduce cell resonance error [Hou, Wu, Zhang 2004]
- MsFEM using limited global info [Efendiev, Ginting, Hou, Ewing 2006]
- MsFEM for high-contrast problems [Efendiev, Galvis, Wu 2011; Owhadi, Zhang 2011]
- FE-MsFEM using penalty method for the interface [Deng, Wu 2014]
- Brief survey with numerical experiments [Aarnes, Kippe, Lie, Rustad 2007]

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Multiscale Finite Element Method

A model problem: Find $p \in H_0^1(\Omega)$, such that

$$-\nabla \cdot (\alpha(x)\nabla p) = f,$$

where $\alpha(x)$ is a heterogenous field with possibly high-contrast coefficient

Multiscale finite element: Construct a nodal (local) finite element basis $\{\psi_{\tau,i}\}$ on $\tau \in \mathcal{T}_h$ such that

$$-\nabla \cdot (\alpha(x)\nabla \psi_{\tau,i}) = 0 \quad \text{in } \tau,$$

and appropriate boundary conditions (e.g. equal to standard FE basis functions) hold on the element boundary $\partial \tau$.

Theorem (H^1 -error estimate)

For the two-scale problem with $\alpha(x/\varepsilon)$ ($\varepsilon < h$), MsFEM satisfies that

 $||p - p_h||_1 \lesssim h||f||_0 + h^{-1/2} \varepsilon^{1/2}$

- The idea goes back to the generalized FEM [Babuška, Caloz, Osborn 1994]
- If $\varepsilon \sim h$, the resonance effect [Hou, Wu, Cai 1999]
- Oversampling methods [Hou, Wu 1997]





Multiscale Hybrid Finite Element Method



A weak formulation: Find $p \in V = H^1(\mathcal{T}_h), \lambda \in \Lambda = H^{-\frac{1}{2}}(\mathcal{E}_h)$ such that

$$a_h[p,\lambda;\,q,\mu] = F(q,\mu), \quad q \in V, \mu \in \Lambda$$

with $a_h[p, \lambda; q, \mu] := (\alpha \nabla p, \nabla q)_{\mathcal{T}_h} + (\lambda n, [q])_{\mathcal{E}_h} + (\mu n, [p])_{\mathcal{E}_h}$ and $F(q, \mu) := (f, q)_{\mathcal{T}_h}$. Space decomposition: $V = V_0 \oplus W$, with $W = V \cap L_0^2(\mathcal{T}_h)$ and V_0 is p.w. const We can divide the weak formulation as the two following parts:

$$a_h[p,\lambda; q_0,\mu] = F(q_0,\mu), \qquad \forall q_0 \in V_0, \mu \in \Lambda; \tag{1}$$

$$a_h[p,\lambda; q_w, 0] = F(q_w, 0), \qquad \forall q_w \in W.$$
(2)

Static Condensation: In order to approximate (2), on each $\tau \in \mathcal{T}_h$, we solve

$$\begin{split} a_h[p^f + p^{\lambda}, \lambda; \, q_w, 0] &= (f, q_w), \quad \forall \, q_w \in W(\tau), \\ \text{where } p^f \in W \text{ and } p^{\lambda} \in W \\ a_h[p^f, 0; \, q_w, 0] &= (\alpha \nabla p^f, \nabla q_w)_{\tau} = (f, q_w), \qquad \forall \, q_w \in W(\tau); \\ a_h[p^{\lambda}, \lambda; \, q_w, 0] &= (\alpha \nabla p^{\lambda}, \nabla q_w)_{\tau} + (\lambda n \cdot n_{\tau}, q_w)_{\partial \tau} = 0, \qquad \forall \, q_w \in W(\tau). \end{split}$$

Global problem: Find $\overline{p} \in V_0$ and $\lambda \in \Lambda$ such that the equation (1) holds.

[Harder, Paredes, Valentin 2013; Araya, et al. 2013; Devloo, Teng, Z 2017]

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Why Gridding Is Challenging





Different length scales:

- Vertical grid size ~ 10 cm-1m
- Horizontal grid size $\sim 10m-100m$
- Fractures $\sim 1 \text{cm} 10 \text{m}$

- $\bullet \ \ Well \ radius \sim 1 cm$
- $\bullet~$ Well length $\sim 100m$

Pictures from Saudi Aramco and Schlumberger

Grid Partitions for Reservoir Simulation





- Cartesian block-centered grids
 - CNOOC: SOCF (2009.12–2011.6)
 - Easy for implementation
 - Multiple-domain, local refinement
 - Difficult to simulate fault/dip
- Orner-point grids
 - PetroChina: HiSim (2011.1–2015.12)
 - A type of hexahedral grid
 - Logically still structured
 - Difficult to compute flux accurately
- S Unstructured grids (PEBI and beyond)
 - PennSim (2013.1–2016.12) \Longrightarrow ExSim
 - Voronoi, 2.5D
 - Better description of faults and wells
 - Incompatible with structured seismic data
 - Challenges in discretizations and solvers

Subdivision and Triangulation



Subdivision and (conforming) triangulation

- Subdivision (partition) of Ω : $\cup_i \tau_i = \overline{\Omega}$ and $\operatorname{int} \tau_i \cap \operatorname{int} \tau_j = \emptyset$ (if $i \neq j$)
- Triangulation: A subdivision in which no vertex lies in the interior of any edge
- Find a triangulation $\mathcal{T}(\mathbb{P})$ of a set of sites (points) $\mathbb{P} := \{p_1, \dots, p_n\}$
- An important problem in computational geometry with MANY applications

What is a "good" triangulation?

- Need to give mathematical conditions on "good" and "bad"
- Need to give algorithms to generate a good triangulation



Angle Conditions and Approximation



- Minimal angle condition: $\exists \alpha_{\min} > 0, \ \alpha_{\tau} \ge \alpha_{\min}, \ \forall \tau \in \mathcal{T}_h, \ h \to 0$
 - P_2 -FEM for Poisson $||u u_h||_1 \lesssim h^2 / \sin \alpha_{\min}$ [Zlámal 1968; Zenisek 1969]
 - Similar estimate for the fourth-order clamped plane problem
 - Inscribed ball condition or $|\tau| \ge Ch^d$ [Ciarlet 1978; Lin, Lin 2003]
- Maximal angle condition: $\exists \alpha_{\max} < \pi, \ \alpha_{\tau} \le \alpha_{\max}, \ \forall \tau \in \mathcal{T}_h, \ h \to 0$
 - Minimal angle cond. \Rightarrow maximal angle cond. \Rightarrow essential for convergence
 - Interpolation error $||u I_h u||_{1,\infty} \lesssim h |u|_{2,\infty}$ [Synge 1957]
 - Sufficient for convergence of P₁-FEM [Feng 1965; Babuška, Aziz 1976]



$$A_1 = (-h, 0), A_2 = (h, 0), A_3 = (0, h^5)$$

 $u(x) = x_1^2, \ \|u - I_h u\|_1^2 \ge h^{-6} \cdot \frac{1}{2} (2h) h^5 = 1$

Large interpolation error [Strang, Fix 1973]

- Nonobtuse condition: $\alpha_{\tau} \leq \pi/2, \ \forall \tau \in \mathcal{T}_h$
 - Obtuse triangles can destroy the discrete maximum principle $f \ge 0 \Rightarrow u_h \ge 0$
 - Nonobtuse simplicial triangulations yields diagonally dominant stiffness matrices

Angle Conditions and Stiffness Matrix



• Eigenvalues of stiffness matrix on quasi-uniform meshes:

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$$h^d \lesssim \lambda(A) \lesssim h^{d-2} \implies \operatorname{cond}(A) \sim h^{-2}$$

- Element size and shape affect matrix conditioning:
 - Smallest eigenvalue: Not strongly affected by element shape [Fried 1972]:

$$\lambda_{\min}(A) \sim \min_{\tau \in \mathcal{T}_h} |\tau|$$

- Largest eigenvalue: Can be arbitrarily large by a single bad-shaped element:

$$\max_{\tau \in \mathcal{T}_h} \lambda_{\max}^{\tau} \le \lambda_{\max}(A) \le m \max_{\tau \in \mathcal{T}_h} \lambda_{\max}^{\tau}$$

where m is the maximum number of elements meeting at a single vertex

- If an angle of τ approaches zero, λ_{\max}^{τ} goes to infinity

• Small angles can ruin matrix conditioning:

- Small angles \implies ill-conditioned linear systems [Xu 1989; Shewchuk 2002]
- A mesh with only a small number of bad elements will typically impose only a few large eigenvalues
- Krylov subspace iterative methods can work around a few bad eigenvalues; but need to be careful if restarting is used

Delaunay Triangulation



Delaunay triangulation

• Many possible partitions; but which one is better? How to check?

Delaunay triangulation: a triangulation $\mathcal{T}(\mathbb{P})$ such that no point in \mathbb{P} is inside the circum-hypersphere of any simplex



Properties of Delaunay triangulation

- Maximize the minimal angles
- The Delaunay triangulation contains at most $\mathcal{O}(n^{\lceil d/2 \rceil})$ simplexes
- The union of all simplexes in the triangulation is the convex hull of the points

Algorithms for Delaunay Triangulation



Empty circle (sphere) condition





Lawson's flip algorithm



- Lawson flip algorithm terminates in finite steps
- Provides a constructive proof for the existence of Delaunay triangulation
- Sequential algorithms: [Su, Drysdale 1996]
 - Incremental algorithms
 - Divide-and-conquer algorithms
 - Fortune's sweepline algorithms
 - Convex hull based algorithms: lift-and-project

Voronoi Diagram

Voronoi Diagram

- Voronoi cell (of p_k) = { $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$: $||x p_k|| \le ||x p_j||, \forall j \ne k$ }
- An edge of Voronoi diagram is equidistant to the two nearest sites
- Dual graph of the Delaunay triangulation



Generating Voronoi diagram

- Bowyer-Watson algorithm via Delaunay triangulation: $\mathcal{O}(n \log n)$ to $\mathcal{O}(n^2)$
- Fortune's algorithm: $\mathcal{O}(n \log n)$
- Lloyd's algorithm and k-means clustering

Dynamic demo of Voronoi diagram. https://bl.ocks.org/mbostock/4060366



Adaptive Mesh Refinement



Red-green refinement, longest edge bisection, and newest vertex bisection







Mesh after 15 iterations









Mesh after 15 iterations

[Chen, Z 2010]

Gridding Techniques

Adaptive mesh

Adaptive Mesh and Nonlinear Approximation





Approximate $f(x) = x^{1/2}$. Left: Solution and error; Right: Adaptive algorithm.
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Fully Implicit Discretization

Set of equations and unknowns



- FIM or SS discretization [Douglas, Peaceman, Rachford 1959]
- Primary equations: n_c mass conservation laws + volume balance:

$$V^{\text{fluid}}(P, N_1, \dots, N_{n_c}) = V^{\text{pore}}(P)$$

- Secondary equations: phase equilibrium, density, relative permeability, ...
- Primary unknowns: $\vec{X} := (P, N_1, \dots, N_{n_c})^T \quad \longleftarrow$ More variables!
- Secondary unknowns: $\vec{Y} := (x_{11}, \ldots, x_{n_c n_p}, S_1, \ldots, S_{n_p})^T$

Discrete linear equations (no reaction term)

• Update the primary unknowns (Backward Euler + FVM + Newton)

$$\begin{split} \Psi_0 &:= V^{\text{pore}} - V^{\text{fluid}} = 0\\ \Psi_i &:= \frac{N_i^{n+1} - N_i^n}{\Delta t} + \sum_s F_{i,s}^{n+1} - Q_i^{n+1} = 0, \quad i = 1: n_c \end{split}$$

• Jacobian matrix
$$J := \frac{d\vec{\Psi}}{d\vec{X}} = \frac{\partial\vec{\Psi}}{\partial\vec{X}} + \frac{\partial\vec{\Psi}}{\partial\vec{Y}}\frac{\partial\vec{Y}}{\partial\vec{X}} \quad \longleftarrow \text{ More expensive!}$$

Simplified Oil-Water Two-Phase Model



In order to introduce IMPES/IMPEC, we give a simplified model

Mass conservation (assuming incompressibility):

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\phi \rho_w S_w \right) = -\nabla \cdot \left(\rho_w \mathbf{u}_w \right) + Q_W$$
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\phi \rho_o S_o \right) = -\nabla \cdot \left(\rho_o \mathbf{u}_o \right) + Q_O$$

Ourcy's law and constitutive equations:

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{u}_{\alpha} &= -\frac{kk_{r\alpha}}{\mu_{\alpha}} (\nabla P_{\alpha} - \rho_{\alpha} \mathfrak{g} \nabla z), \quad \alpha = o, w\\ S_o + S_w &= 1\\ P_o - P_w &= \mathbf{0} \quad \text{(for simplicity)} \end{split}$$

Well constraints + B.C. + I.C.





IMPES/IMPEC Discretization



Implicit pressure / explicit saturation (concentration)

- Separate computation of pressure from that of saturation or concentration [Sheldon, Zondek, Cardwell 1959; Stone, Garder 1961; Collins, et al. 1992]
- Two-phase classical IMPES: Define the total velocity $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}_o + \mathbf{u}_w$ and then

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = \frac{Q_w}{\rho_w} + \frac{Q_o}{\rho_o}$$
$$\mathbf{u} = -k \left[\left(\frac{k_{rw}}{\mu_w} + \frac{k_{ro}}{\mu_o} \right) \nabla P - \left(\frac{k_{rw}}{\mu_w} \rho_w + \frac{k_{ro}}{\mu_o} \rho_o \right) \mathfrak{g} \nabla z \right]$$

- Obtaining an equation for pressure: $-\nabla \cdot (\alpha \nabla P) = Q$
- Updating saturation/concentration with explicit time-marching

Pros & Cons and Variants

- The linear system to solve is SPD: solver-friendly
- \bowtie Not as stable as FIM \Longrightarrow requires small time stepsize Δt
 - Other improvements: Smaller Δt for saturation update; used in Newton iterations; adaptive scheme; ...

Galerkin Method

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Model problem and its weak form

$$\begin{cases} -\nabla \cdot \nabla p &= f, \quad \Omega\\ p &= 0, \quad \partial \Omega \end{cases} \implies p \in V : \ a[p,q] = (f,q), \ \forall q \in V \end{cases}$$

where $V := H_0^1(\Omega)$ and

$$a[p,q] := -\int_{\Omega} (\nabla \cdot \nabla p) q \, dx = \int_{\Omega} \nabla p \cdot \nabla q \, dx - \int_{\partial \Omega} (\nabla p \cdot \mathbf{n}) \, q \, dS = (\nabla p, \nabla q)$$

Galerkin approximation: Choose a finite dimensional space $V_N \subset V$, such that

$$p_N \in V_N$$
: $a[p_N, q_N] = (f, q_N), \quad \forall q_N \in V_N$

Galerkin orthogonality: $a[p - p_N, q_N] = 0, \quad \forall q_N \in V_N$

Theorem (Quasi-optimality property)

If the bilinear form $a[\cdot, \cdot]$ is continuous and coercive, then we have

 $\|p - p_N\|_1 \lesssim \|p - q_N\|_1, \quad \forall q_N \in V_N$

Finite Element Method

Piecewise linear finite element



Let $V_N = \text{span}\{\psi_1, \dots, \psi_N\}$ be the space of continuous p.w. linear polynomials on a quasi-uniform triangulation and $p_h = \sum_{j=1}^N P_j \psi_j$. Then we have



Forming a linear algebraic system

We then need to solve a linear equation for $\vec{P} = (P_1, \dots, P_N)^T$

$$A\vec{P} = \vec{R}, \quad ext{with} \ A_{ij} = a[\psi_j, \psi_i] \ ext{and} \ \vec{R} = \left((f, \psi_1), \dots, (f, \psi_N)\right)^T$$

[Hrennikoff 1941; Courant 1943; Feng 1965; Ciarlet 1978; ...]

Finite Volume Method

Model problem and its primitive form

$$\begin{cases} -\nabla \cdot \nabla p &= f, \quad \Omega \\ p &= 0, \quad \partial \Omega \end{cases} \implies \int_{\partial \omega} F(p) \, dS = \int_{\omega} f \, dx, \quad \forall \, \omega \subset \Omega \end{cases}$$

where $F(p) := -\nabla p \cdot \mathbf{n}$ is the flux across the volume boundary $\partial \omega$. It is also called the surface integral from.

Classical finite volume method

- Partition the domain Ω into control volumes $\omega_i \subset \Omega$
- Choose an approximation space of p in each control volume
- Approximate boundary flux F(p) by an numerical flux $\tilde{F}(p_h)$

$$\frac{1}{|\omega_i|}\int_{\partial\omega_i}\tilde{F}(p_h)\,dS = \frac{1}{|\omega_i|}\int_{\omega_i}f\,dx, \ \forall\,\omega_i\subset\Omega$$

On orthogonal grids: $F_e(p) \approx \frac{p_h|_{\tau_{\text{in}}} - p_h|_{\tau_{\text{out}}}}{|c_{\text{in}} - c_{\text{out}}|} =: \tilde{F}_e(p_h)$

Centered difference method on irregular grids [Heinrich 1987; LeVeque 2002]



Cell-Centered and Vertex-Centered FVM



Mesh and dual mesh



(a) Mesh and dual mesh of cell-centered FVM

Choices of control volume



(b) Mesh and dual mesh of vertex-centered FVM



- Type A: c_{τ} = barycenter of τ , commonly used for equilateral triangles
- Type B: c_{τ} = middle point of longest edge of τ , better for right triangles
- Type C: c_{τ} = circumcenter of τ , for a Delaunay triangulation (its dual mesh is a Voronoi diagram)

Box methods [Bank, Rose 1987; Hackbusch 1989]

Space discretization

Control-Volume Finite Element Method





$$V_{\mathcal{D}} := \{ v \in L^2(\Omega) : v|_{\omega_i} = \text{const}, \ \forall \, \omega_i \in \mathcal{D} \}.$$

Now we choose $p \in V_N$ and $q \in V_D$. In this case, we have the bilinear form

$$\bar{a}[p,q] := -\sum_{e \in \mathcal{E}(\mathcal{D})} \int_{e} (\nabla p \cdot \mathbf{n}_{e}) \left[q\right] dS$$

Control-volume finite element method

Find $p_h \in V_N$, such that $\bar{a}[p_h, q] = (f, q), \quad \forall q \in V_D$

Choose the standard basis functions for $V_{\mathcal{D}}$: $\chi_i(x) = 1, x \in \omega_i; \chi_i(x) = 0, x \notin \omega_i$

$$\bar{A}\vec{P} = \vec{R}$$
, with $\bar{A}_{ij} = \bar{a}[\psi_j, \chi_i] = -\int_{\partial\omega_i} \nabla\psi_j \cdot \mathbf{n} \, dS$ and $R_i = \int_{\omega_i} f \, dx$

Special case: If $\partial \omega \cap \partial \tau$ contains the middle points of edges, then $\bar{A} = A$.

Error estimate: $||p - p_h||_1 \leq h(||p||_2 + ||f||_0)$



Mixed Finite Element Method

Model problem and its mixed form

$$\begin{cases} -\nabla \cdot \nabla p &= f, \ \Omega \\ p &= 0, \ \partial \Omega \end{cases} \implies \begin{cases} \mathbf{u} - \nabla p &= 0, \ \Omega \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} &= f, \ \Omega \\ p &= 0, \ \partial \Omega \end{cases}$$

Weak form of the mixed problem: Find $(\mathbf{u}, p) \in H(\operatorname{div}, \Omega) \times L^2(\Omega)$ such that

$$\begin{cases} \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} \, dx + \int_{\Omega} p \, \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} \, dx &= 0, \qquad \forall \, \mathbf{v} \in H(\operatorname{div}, \Omega) \\ \int_{\Omega} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} \, q \, dx &= \int_{\Omega} f q \, dx, \quad \forall \, q \in L^2(\Omega) \end{cases}$$

Mixed finite element and algebraic system

- More variables and more difficult to analyze / to solve
- Need to solve a saddle-point type algebraic system

$$\left(\begin{array}{cc}A & B^T\\B & \end{array}\right)\left(\begin{array}{c}\vec{U}\\\vec{P}\end{array}\right) = \left(\begin{array}{c}\vec{0}\\\vec{R}\end{array}\right)$$

 Hybridization and static condensation → Schur complement → reduce system size [Brezzi 1973; Crouzeix, Raviart 1973; Falk, Osborn 1980; ...]



Discontinuous Galerkin Method



Complications of continuous Galerkin methods

- Mesh generation: How to handle meshes with hanging nodes
- Approximation functions: P^k used on triangles and Q^k used on quadrilaterals; complicate to construct C^1 conforming elements

Broken (discontinuous) Sobolev spaces

• \mathcal{T}_h is a shape-regular quasi-uniform (conforming or not) triangulation of Ω

•
$$H^k(\mathcal{T}_h) := \{ v \in L^2(\Omega) : v |_{\tau} \in H^k(\tau), \forall \tau \in \mathcal{T}_h \}$$

DG formulations:

Assume $p \in H^2(\Omega) \cap H^1_0(\Omega)$ and test the model equation with discontinuous q

$$\sum_{\tau \in \mathcal{T}_h} \int_{\tau} \nabla p \cdot \nabla q \, dx - \sum_{\tau \in \mathcal{T}_h} \int_{\partial \tau} (\nabla p \cdot \mathbf{n}_e) q \, dS = \int_{\Omega} f q \, dx, \quad \forall q \in H_0^1(\mathcal{T}_h)$$
$$\Longrightarrow \sum_{\tau \in \mathcal{T}_h} \int_{\tau} \nabla p \cdot \nabla q \, dx - \sum_{e \in \mathcal{E}_h} \int_e \mathbf{n}_e \cdot \{\nabla p\}[q] \, dS = \int_{\Omega} f q \, dx, \quad \forall q \in H_0^1(\mathcal{T}_h)$$

[Reed, Hill 1973; Lesaint, Raviart 1974; ...]

Interior Penalty DG Method

Problems with the previous weak form

- No guarantee on the well-posedness \implies enforce continuity in a weaker sense
- No symmetry in the weak formulation \implies symmetrization

Introduce interior penalty

•
$$J_h^{\sigma}(p,q) := \sum_{e \in \mathcal{E}_h} \int_e \sigma[p][q] \, dS, \quad p,q \in H^1(\mathcal{T}_h); \qquad \sigma = \alpha h_e^{-1}$$

• DG norm
$$|||v|||_{\mathrm{DG}} := \left(|v|_{H^1(\mathcal{T}_h)} + J_h^{\sigma}(v,v)\right)^{1/2}$$

Examples of IPDG methods

•
$$a_h^i[p,q] := \sum_{\tau \in \mathcal{T}_h} \int_{\tau} \nabla p \cdot \nabla q \, dx - \sum_{e \in \mathcal{E}_h} \int_e \mathbf{n}_e \cdot \{\nabla p\}[q] \, dS + J_h^{\sigma}(p,q)$$

• $a_h^s[p,q] := \sum_{\tau \in \mathcal{T}_h} \int_{\tau} \nabla p \cdot \nabla q \, dx - \sum_{e \in \mathcal{E}_h} \int_e (\mathbf{n}_e \cdot \{\nabla p\}[q] + \mathbf{n}_e \cdot \{\nabla q\}[p]) \, dS + J_h^\sigma(p,q)$

•
$$a_h^n[p,q] := \sum_{\tau \in \mathcal{T}_h} \int_{\tau} \nabla p \cdot \nabla q \, dx - \sum_{e \in \mathcal{E}_h} \int_e (\mathbf{n}_e \cdot \{\nabla p\}[q] - \mathbf{n}_e \cdot \{\nabla q\}[p]) \, dS + J_h^\sigma(p,q)$$

• IIPG, SIPG, NIPG [Dawson, Sun, Wheeler 2004; Wheeler 1978; Rivière, Wheeler, Girault 1999]

Error estimate: $|||p - p_h|||_{DG} \leq h|p|_2$



Weak Galerkin Method

Problems with the DG methods

- Complicate finite element formulations
- More unknowns than the continuous Galerkin methods

Weak Galerkin approximation

• Use discontinuous approximation functions:

$$W_h := \left\{ v = \{v_0, v_b\} : v_0|_{\tau} \in P_j(\tau), \ v_b|_e \in P_l(e), \ v_b|_{\partial\Omega} = 0 \right\}$$

• Keep the simple weak form as the continuous Galerkin methods:

Find $p_h \in W_h$ s.t. $(\nabla_w p_h, \nabla_w q_h) + \sigma(p_h, q_h) = (f, v), \quad \forall q_h \in W_h$

• Define weak gradient $\nabla_w v \in [P_r(\tau)]^d$:

$$(\nabla_w v, \mathbf{w})_{\tau} := -(v_0, \nabla \cdot \mathbf{w})_{\tau} + \int_{\partial \tau} v_b \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{n} \, dS, \quad \forall \, \mathbf{w} \in [P_r(\tau)]^d$$

• For example, $(P_j(\tau), P_l(e), [P_r(\tau)]^d) = (P_1(\tau), P_0(e), [P_0(\tau)]^d)$

[Wang, Ye 2013]



Weak Galerkin Finite Element Method

WG finite element formulation

Define a bilinear form

$$a_{w}[p_{h}, q_{h}] := (\nabla_{w} p_{h}, \nabla_{w} q_{h}) + \sum_{\tau} \frac{\alpha}{h_{\tau}} (p_{h,0} - p_{h,b}, q_{h,0} - q_{h,b})_{\partial \tau}$$

Find $p_h = \{p_{h,0}, p_{h,b}\} \in W_h$ such that

$$a_w[p_h, q_h] = (f, q_h), \quad \forall q_h \in W_h$$

Theorem (Error Estimate)

The WG solution
$$p_h \in (P_1(\tau), P_0(e), [P_0(\tau)]^d)$$
 satisfies that
$$h |||Q_h p - p_h||| + ||Q_h p - p_h||_0 \lesssim h^2 ||p||_2$$

Implementation of WG finite element method: Static condensation

() Local problem: Fix $p_{h,b}$ and solve for $p_{h,0}$ such that

$$a_w[p_h, q_h] = (f, q_h), \quad \forall q_h = \{q_{h,0}, 0\} \in W_h$$

2 Global problem: Solve $p_{h,b}$ such that

$$a_w[p_h, q_h] = (f, q_h), \quad \forall q_h = \{0, q_{h,b}\} \in W_h$$

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Linear Algebraic Solvers



Given a sparse matrix $A \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$ and $f \in \mathbb{R}^N$, solve Au = f!

In many applications, it takes most of the simulation time!

- General purpose direct solvers: Gaussian Elimination, ...
 - Robust, exact, multiple right-hand sides, ...
 - Black Box ⇒ Many packages available: PARDISO, MUMPS, SPOOLES, SuiteSparse (CHOLMOD/UMFPACK), SuperLU, WSMP, H2Lib, ...
 - Memory: Require explicit matrices, need more RAM for decomposition
 - Computation: General $\mathcal{O}(N^3)$, banded $\mathcal{O}(N^2)$, nested dissection $\mathcal{O}(N^{1.5})$ [George 1973; Duff, Erisman, Reid 1986; Demmel 1997]
- *H*-matrix, data-sparsity, low-rank approximation: [Hackbush 1999; Chandrasekharan, Gu, Lyons 2005; Xia, Chandrasekharan, Gu, Li 2009, 2010; Ho, Greengard 2012; Schmitz, Ying 2012; ...]
- Specialized methods: FFT, ...



Iterative Solution Methods



Pros:

- Optimal cost is possibly: $\mathcal{O}(N|\log N|^{\sigma})$ operations
- Adjustable accuracy with good initial guess in practice
- Matrix-free operations can be used
- Singular or nearly singular problems

Cons:

- Problem-dependence: require different methods for different problems
- Robustness: (arguably) biggest disadvantage in practice
- Optimality: optimal algorithm or fastest algorithm?
- Implementation: difficult if not impossible to make efficient software Goals:

convergence, robustness, optimality, efficiency, scalability, reliability

Convergence of Krylov Subspace Methods

• Conjugate gradient method for Au = f $\frac{\|u - u^m\|_A}{\|u - u^0\|_A} \le 2\left(\frac{\sqrt{\kappa(A)} - 1}{\sqrt{\kappa(A)} + 1}\right)^m (m \ge 1), \quad \kappa(A) := \frac{\lambda_{\max}(A)}{\lambda_{\min}(A)}$

Onvergence rate by effective condition number [Axelsson 2003]

$$\frac{\|u - u^m\|_A}{\|u - u^0\|_A} \le 2C \left(\frac{\sqrt{\kappa_{\text{eff}}(A)} - 1}{\sqrt{\kappa_{\text{eff}}(A)} + 1}\right)^{m - m_0} (m \ge m_0)$$

- decomposition: $\sigma(A) = \sigma_{\text{bad}}(A) \cup \sigma_{\text{eff}}(A)$ with m_0 entries in $\sigma_{\text{bad}}(A)$
- effective condition number $\kappa_{\text{eff}}(A) := \max \sigma_{\text{eff}} / \min \sigma_{\text{eff}}$
- constant $C := \max_{\lambda \in \sigma_{\text{eff}}(A)} \prod_{\mu \in \sigma_{\text{bad}}(A)} \left| 1 \frac{\lambda}{\mu} \right|$
- C < 1 if σ_{bad} are isolated large eigenvalues; $C \leq |\kappa(A) 1|^{m_0}$ in general

Preconditioning:

- Incomplete factorizations: ILUk, ILUt, ILUtp, ...
- Domain decomposition methods: RAS, FETI, BDDC, ...
- Multilevel preconditioners: AMG, GAMG, GMG, ...



Simulation and Preconditioning





Preconditioned Krylov Methods in Hilbert Space



- What about more general problems with $A: X \to X' \supset X$?
 - Need an SPD operator $B: X' \to X$ to make KSM's to work
 - If A is SPD, then $\langle\cdot,\cdot\rangle_A:=\langle A\cdot,\cdot\rangle$ defines an inner-product and

 $\langle BAx,y\rangle_A=\langle ABAx,y\rangle=\langle Ay,BAx\rangle=\langle Ax,BAy\rangle=\langle x,BAy\rangle_A$

- BA is SPD in terms of $\langle A\cdot,\cdot\rangle$ or $\langle B^{-1}\cdot,\cdot\rangle$
- Convergence estimate of CG holds true with $\kappa(BA)$

Ind a natural (canonical) preconditioner for continuous problem

- Bilinear form a : X × X → ℝ is symmetric and bounded, and it satisfies the inf-sup condition inf_{x∈X} sup_{y∈X} a[x,y]/||x||x||y||x ≥ γ > 0
- For $f \in X'$, let $B : X' \to X$ be a Riesz operator $(Bf, y)_X = \langle f, y \rangle$
- Then $BA: X \to X$ is symmetric in $(\cdot, \cdot)_X$ and $\kappa(BA) \leq C_a/\gamma!$
 - $||BA|| \le \sup_{x \in X} \frac{(BAx, x)_X}{||x||_X^2} = \sup_{x \in X} \frac{|a[x, x]|}{||x||_X^2} \le C_a$
 - $\|(BA)^{-1}\|^{-1} = \inf_{x \in X} \frac{\|BAx\|_X}{\|x\|_X} = \inf_{x \in X} \sup_{y \in X} \frac{a[x,y]}{\|x\|_X \|y\|_X} \ge \gamma$

[Mardal, Winther 2011]

Construction of Preconditioners



- What does a "natural" preconditioner look like?
 - $A: H_0^1(\Omega) \to H^{-1}(\Omega), \langle Au, v \rangle := a[u, v] = \int_{\Omega} (\alpha(x) \nabla u) \cdot \nabla v \, dx$
 - Kernel $\alpha(x) \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$ satisfies $\gamma |\xi|^2 \leq \xi^T \alpha(x) \, \xi \leq C_a |\xi|^2$
 - Define $B = (-\Delta)^{-1} : H^{-1}(\Omega) \to H^1_0(\Omega) \implies \kappa(BA) \le C_a/\gamma < \infty$
 - Stokes problem: $a[(u,p),(v,q)] := \langle \nabla u, \nabla v \rangle + \langle p, \nabla \cdot v \rangle + \langle q, \nabla \cdot u \rangle$

•
$$A: [H_0^1(\Omega)]^d \times L_0^2(\Omega) \to [H^{-1}(\Omega)]^d \times L_0^2(\Omega)$$

 $\Longrightarrow B = \operatorname{diag}[(-\Delta)^{-1}, \dots, (-\Delta)^{-1}, I] \Longrightarrow \operatorname{Block} \operatorname{Trig} \operatorname{Precond}, \dots$

- 2 Solve a discrete problem \implies Employ a stable discretization
 - Stable discretization, i.e., $\inf_{x \in X_h} \sup_{y \in X_h} \frac{a[x,y]}{\|x\|_X \|y\|_X} \ge \gamma_1 > 0$
 - Condition number can be bounded $\kappa(B_hA_h) \leq C_a/\gamma_1$
- Source a cheap spectral-equivalent preconditioner
 - Discretization, grid generation/adaptation, parallelization, ...
 - $\bullet\,$ Example: need components like $(-\Delta)^{-1}$ when solving Stokes, Darcy, ...

Multilevel Iterative Methods



Examples of multilevel algorithms

• Quick Sort, FFT, FMM, GMG, AMG, H-Matrix, H²-Matrix, ...

Multigrid V-cycle



Key gradients for multilevel iterative methods

- Construct multilevel hierarchy in an efficient way
- Find effective (and cheap) smoothers for each level
- Find good coarser level solvers (nested iterations)

Multigrid Method



Performance comparison: GMG vs AMG

Solution Method	FMG	GMG-PCG	CA-PCG	UA-PCG
Number of Iterations	_	5	6	12
Wall Time (sec)	0.143	0.251	1.57 (<mark>0.87</mark>)	1.50 (<mark>0.26</mark>)

Table: Solving 2D Poisson's equation using multigrid methods (Five-point stencil, FASP 1.8.3, DOF = 1M, TOL = 10^{-6} , Macbook Pro 13', gcc-4.9.3, -O2)

Methods based on PDE and/or discretization information

- Using connectivity information from coefficient matrix (AMG)
- Using an extended matrix (Jacobi = BPX, GS = MG V-cycle) \bigcirc
- Using an auxiliary grid or discretization \bigcirc
- Using coarsening based on the finest grid F
- Block preconditioners for coupled PDEs F

Must plan ahead of time: meshing, linearization, discretization, ...

Method of Subspace Corrections

Divide and conquer

- Space decomposition: $V = \sum_{i=1}^{n} V_i$
- Subspace correction: $e_i \approx A_i^{-1} P_i (f Au)$

$$u \leftarrow u + e_i, \ i = 1:n$$

(Successive subspace corrections, GS)

Some examples and generalizations

 $u \leftarrow u + \sum_{i=1}^{n} e_i$

- BPX preconditioner [Bramble, Pasciak, Xu 1990]
- SIAM Review [Xu 1992]
- Fictitious domain method [Nepomnyaschikh 1992]
- Auxiliary space method [Xu 1996]
- Nonlinear equations [Tai, Xu 2002]
- H(div), H(curl) solvers [Hiptmair, Xu 2007]



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Linear Solution Methods for FIM

Solve the Jacobian system:

$$J\,u=r$$

Decoupling Step:

$$\tilde{J} u = \tilde{r}$$

where

$$\tilde{J} := DJ$$
 and $\tilde{r} := Dr$

Solution Step: Solve the preprocessed linear equation by a Krylov space method (e.g. GMRES or BiCGstab) with a multi-stage preconditioner

Difficulties in solving the Jacobian system:

- Fully-coupled, large, non-symmetric, ill-conditioned
- Usually takes more than 80% of the computing time

Now we consider linear algebraic solvers for the FIM discretization!



Multistage Preconditioners for FIM

Define subspaces:

$$V = V_P + V_N$$

A two-stage preconditioner: Given u_0 , $Bu_0 := u_2$, where

$$u_1 = u_0 + \prod_P \tilde{J}_{PP}^{-1} \Pi_P^* (\tilde{r} - \tilde{J} u_0)$$

$$u_2 = u_1 + \prod_N \tilde{J}_{NN}^{-1} \Pi_N^* (\tilde{r} - \tilde{J} u_1)$$

- Form subspaces according to physical properties
- Choose appropriate solvers for each subspace
- Example: CPR-type preconditioners [Wallis 1983]
- A decoupling stage is necessary before the solution stage
- Decouple different unknowns (P and N) effectively
- Obtain a reasonable pressure equation \tilde{J}_{PP}
- How to choose the decoupling (D) and preconditioning (B)?



Decoupling Strategies for FIM



$$J = \frac{1}{\Delta t} \begin{bmatrix} V_P^{\text{pore}} - V_P^{\text{fluid}} & \cdots & -V_{n_c}^{\text{fluid}} \\ 0 & 1 & & \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \\ 0 & & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ -\nabla \cdot (T_1 \nabla \circ) - \nabla \cdot (\vec{\beta}_{1P} \circ) & -\nabla \cdot (\vec{\beta}_{11} \circ) & \cdots & -\nabla \cdot (\vec{\beta}_{1n_c} \circ) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ -\nabla \cdot (T_{n_c} \nabla \circ) - \nabla \cdot (\vec{\beta}_{n_c P} \circ) & -\nabla \cdot (\vec{\beta}_{n_c 1} \circ) & \cdots & -\nabla \cdot (\vec{\beta}_{n_c n_c} \circ) \end{bmatrix}$$

Decoupling methods [Lacroix, Vassilevski, Wheeler 2001; ...]

$$\tilde{J} = DJ = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{J}_{PP} & \tilde{J}_{PN} \\ \tilde{J}_{NP} & \tilde{J}_{NN} \end{bmatrix}$$
 as a pre-processor

- Cheap to apply and give an easy-to-solve pressure equation
- Make \tilde{J}_{PN} (sometimes \tilde{J}_{NP} as well) not dominant
- Solution: $I B\tilde{J}$ reduces to 0 as $\Delta t \to 0$, which is invalid for J

Analytic Decoupling Methods: Basic Idea



$$\begin{split} \tilde{J}_{ANL} &= \frac{1}{\Delta t} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_P & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &+ \begin{pmatrix} -\nabla \cdot (\tilde{T} \nabla \circ) + \vec{\beta}_1 \cdot (\nabla \circ) - \sum_{i=1}^{n_c} V_{ti} \nabla \cdot (\vec{\beta}_{iP} \circ) & -\sum_i V_{ti} \nabla \cdot (\vec{\beta}_{i1} \circ) & \dots & -\sum_i V_{ti} \nabla \cdot (\vec{\beta}_{in_c} \circ) \\ & -\nabla \cdot (T_1 \nabla \circ) - \nabla \cdot (\vec{\beta}_{1P} \circ) & -\nabla \cdot (\vec{\beta}_{11} \circ) & \dots & -\nabla \cdot (\vec{\beta}_{1n_c} \circ) \\ & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ & -\nabla \cdot (T_{n_c} \nabla \circ) - \nabla \cdot (\vec{\beta}_{n_c P} \circ) & -\nabla \cdot (\vec{\beta}_{n_c 1} \circ) & \dots & -\nabla \cdot (\vec{\beta}_{n_c n_c} \circ) \end{pmatrix} \end{split}$$

where $\alpha_P, \vec{\beta}_1, \vec{\beta}_{ik}, \vec{\beta}_{iP}$ are knowns.

- We know the underlying equations we are solving
- A multigrid friendly system can be formed
- Becomes diagonally dominant as Δt goes to 0



Analytic Decoupling Methods: Matrix Form

Decoupling in matrix form:

Consider the decomposition J = A + F. Let

$$A := \frac{1}{\Delta t} \begin{bmatrix} A_{PP} & A_{PN} \\ A_{NP} & A_{NN} \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } D^{\text{ANL}} := \begin{bmatrix} I & X \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix}$$

such that

$$D^{\text{ANL}}A = \frac{1}{\Delta t} \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{A}_{PP} & 0\\ A_{NP} & A_{NN} \end{bmatrix} \Longrightarrow \tilde{J} = D^{\text{ANL}}J = \frac{1}{\Delta t} \begin{bmatrix} V_P^{\text{pore}} - V_P^{\text{fluid}} & 0\\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix} + \cdots$$

General comments and advantages

- \square Note that our A is in a very special form
 - Closely related to the IMPES discretization (eliminate *N*-terms)
 - Black oil model ⇒ True-IMPES decoupling method [Coats 1999]
 - Giving "good" pressure equations that work well with multigrid

• We have
$$I - B\tilde{J} \to 0$$
 as $\Delta t \to 0$



Algebraic Decoupling Methods



$$D^{\text{ABF}} := \begin{bmatrix} \operatorname{diag}(J_{PP}) & \operatorname{diag}(J_{PN}) \\ \operatorname{diag}(J_{NP}) & \operatorname{diag}(J_{NN}) \end{bmatrix}^{-1}$$

Eigenvalues clustered around 1, but the pressure equations difficult to solve



- There are several algebraic decoupling methods (Householder, Quasi-IMPES, CPR, ...) that are equivalent to ABF up to a scaling
- We have $I B\tilde{J} \to 0$ as $\Delta t \to 0$, which does not hold for J
- More stable and take less iterations if the pressure is approximated well

[Qiao, Wu, Xu, Z 2017]

Numerical Validation: Relation b/w D/B



Pressure equations from ABF are difficult for AMG \implies Different solvers

Comparison of two preconditioners

- Method-I: Use one AMG V-cycle as a pressure solver
- Method-II: Use AMG preconditioned GMRES as a pressure solver

No	Model	DAYS	GRID	
1	Black-oil	900	9026	
2	Black-oil	900	900026	
3	Black-oil	15096	241474	
4	Black-oil	15096	241471	
5	Black-oil	15616	466913	
6	Black-oil	10653	143786	
7	Black-oil	9100	46825	
8	Black-oil	11868	46574	
9	Two-phase	5233	45156	
10	Two-phase	4408	208842	
11	Two-phase	21427	89339	
12	Two-phase	2000	1094422	
13	Two-phase	2000	10944220	
14	Two-phase	19753	89048	
15	Two-phase	708	51623	
16	Two-phase	1825	104013	



Wall time by Method-I / Method-I

[Li, Wu, Z, et al. 2017; Li 2017, Thesis]

Convergence and Robustness



No	Name	Properties				Ecl100		HiSim	
No Nume		Model	# Total Cells	# Active Cells	Peroid (day)	Newton	Time (min)	Newton	Time (min)
1	SPE10-2	Two-phase	1122000	1094422	2000			295	41.82
2	SPE9-9k	Black-oil	9000	9000	900	339	0.12	269	0.20
3	SPE1	CO2 flooding	300	300	3656	536	0.04	445	0.08
4	SPE2	Three-phase coning	150	150	900	209	0.01	538	0.14
5	SPE10-3	Black-oil	1122000	1094422	2000			1462	354.12
6	SPE6	Dual porosity	100	100	7300	306	0.01	322	0.02
7	DPSP	Dual porosity	60984	40294	360	545	2.64	116	0.81
8	SPE7	Horizontal wells	488	488	1500	120	0.01	75	0.02
9	Voliatle	Extended black-oil	2100	2100	0.694			67	0.03
10	Zaoyuan	Field test (black-oil)	417480	143786	10653	3302	105.49	5204	66.20
11	Jidong	Field test (black-oil)	335664	154598	10587	1091	139.69	161	4.41
12	Chengbei	Field test (black-oil)	1646500	585123	2191	1971	155.57	420	28.47
13	Daqing1	Field test (black-oil)	1453248	466913	15616			5227	338.00
14	Daqing2	Field test (black-oil)	847895	241474	15096	8562	92.46	3072	88.05
15	SPE10-10M	Two-phase (large-scale)	11220000	10944220	2000			592	962.12
16	SPE9-9M	Black-oil (large-scale)	9000000	9000000	900			2460	10932.81

Tested by the Research Institute of Petroleum Exploration and Development, PetroChina (2015): Dell E5-2690 v2 CPU@3.0GHz, 200GB DDR3, Windows 7/VS2010/Intel Fortran Compiler 2015, HiSim 2.0, ECL 2012

Decoupling Strategies, Revisited



- Can we combine advantages of analytical and algebraic decouplings?
 - Cheap to compute; do no spoil outer iterations
 - Obtain an easy-to-solve pressure equation
 - Keep the asymptotic behavior $I-B\tilde{J}\rightarrow 0$ as $\Delta t\rightarrow 0$
- A semi-analytical decoupling method: [Qiao, Wu, Xu, Z 2017]

$$D^{\mathrm{SEM}} := \begin{bmatrix} D_{PP}^{\mathrm{ANL}} & D_{PN}^{\mathrm{ANL}} \\ D_{NP}^{\mathrm{ABF}} & D_{NN}^{\mathrm{ABF}} \end{bmatrix}$$

Test Problem	Matrix1		Matrix2			
Decoupling method	ABF	ANL	SEM	ABF	ANL	SEM
Number of iterations	3	3	3	7	7	7
Total AMG iterations	5	6	6	97	27	32
Average AMG iterations	1.67	2	2	13.86	3.86	4.57
Test Problem	Matrix3		Matrix4			
Decoupling method	ABF	ANL	SEM	ABF	ANL	SEM
Number of iterations	7	8	6	6	6	4
Total AMG iterations	111	32	25	73	25	18
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Numerical Comparison of Decoupling Methods



First iteration

Second iteration

Numerical comparison for the SPE10 benchmark

Method Time Ster		Nonlinear	Linear	AMG	Linear Solver
Wiceliou	Time Steps	Iterations	Iterations	Iterations	Time (s)
ABF	60	352	2505	37235	7756
Analytical	57	332	2209	16212	3149
Semi-analytical	56	320	1338	13813	2464

[Qiao, Wu, Xu, Z 2017]



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Solution Algorithm Flow Chart



Need a scalable parallel linear algebraic solver to make it work!

[Guan, Qiao, Zhang, Z, et al. 2015]



Introduction to PennSim





[Qiao 2016, Thesis]

Numerical Validation: SPE 1





Figure: SPE 1 reservoir

Figure: Production well pressure

- Three dimensional, three phase, gas injection
- IMPEC: 3815 time steps, 4.0 seconds
- FIM: 75 time steps, 0.76 seconds

Now we consider linear algebraic solvers for the FIM discretization!

Numerical Validation: Field Test



- Real data from an European field (60K corner-point grid)
- Qualitatively matches the results of commercial software
- Simulate five-year period (PennSim~3hr, ECL100~6hr)
- Cost only half of the CPU time compared with ECL100



Multilevel Solver Software



- How to handle a complicated PDE (system)?
 - Provide blockwise iterative methods and general preconditioners
 - Use mapping properties to construct a good preconditioner
 - Reduction: precond PDE systems \implies precond model problems
 - Use an auxiliary problem for preconditioning
- Bow to choose a discretization?
 - Using a uniformly stable discretization is important
 - Using a solver-friendly discretization
- How to handle discretizations on unstructured mesh?
 - To improve efficiency of the SETUP phase of multilevel methods
 - Use sparsity pattern or entries of coefficient matrices
 - Use an auxiliary structured (or semi-structured) grid

Need to plan ahead of time!



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Preliminary Tests: AMG (Sequential)



Test Device: Intel Core i5 2.6GHz, 8GB RAM, gcc 4.9.2 -O2 Benchmark: FASP 1.7.0, hypre 2.10.0b, AGMG 3.2.0 (default parameters)

Problem	DOF	RS-V-CG	UA-NA-CG	hypre	AGMG
2D 5pt	1M	1.79	1.43	1.96	1.73
2D 5pt	4M	8.71	6.04	8.45	6.61
2D 9pt	1M	1.82	2.07	2.25	2.24
2D 9pt	4M	7.63	8.39	8.88	9.42
3D 7pt	$\frac{1}{4}M$	1.05	0.37	1.83	0.43
3D 7pt	2M	10.86	3.28	19.04	3.71
3D 27pt	$\frac{1}{4}M$	2.09	0.94	3.26	1.79
3D 27pt	2M	20.0	8.53	34.54	20.29

Table: Computing time (seconds) of the AMG-preconditioned conjugate gradient method. We solve the 2D/3D Poisson equation with one processing core. Stopping criteria: relative residual is less than 10^{-6} .

Preliminary Tests: AMG (OpenMP)



Test Device: Intel Xeon X5675 3.07GHz (6 cores), 24GB RAM, gcc 4.4.6

-O2	DOF	NT=1	NT=2	NT=4	NT=8	NT=12
2D 5pt	1M	2.12s	$\times 1.43$	$\times 1.74$	$\times 1.90$	$\times 1.89$
2D 5pt	4M	9.51s	$\times 1.47$	$\times 1.80$	$\times 2.00$	$\times 2.00$
3D 7pt	2M	9.86s	$\times 1.50$	$\times 1.89$	$\times 2.15$	$\times 2.20$
3D 7pt	16M	90.66s	$\times 1.50$	$\times 1.90$	$\times 2.20$	$\times 2.29$
-O0	DOF	NT=1	NT=2	NT=4	NT=8	NT=12
-O0 2D 5pt	DOF 1M	NT=1 6.36s	NT=2 ×1.54	NT=4 ×2.15	NT=8 ×2.60	NT=12 ×2.62
-O0 2D 5pt 2D 5pt	DOF 1M 4M	NT=1 6.36s 27.14s	NT=2 ×1.54 ×1.56	NT=4 ×2.15 ×2.22	NT=8 ×2.60 ×2.70	NT=12 ×2.62 ×2.70
-O0 2D 5pt 2D 5pt 3D 7pt	DOF 1M 4M 2M	NT=1 6.36s 27.14s 31.00s	NT=2 ×1.54 ×1.56 ×1.59	NT=4 ×2.15 ×2.22 ×2.25	NT=8 ×2.60 ×2.70 ×2.87	NT=12 ×2.62 ×2.70 ×3.07

Table: Computing time (seconds) of the classical AMG method. We solve the 2D/3D Poisson equation with OpenMP. Stopping criteria: relative residual is less than 10^{-6} .

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Obtain Good Parallel Performance



Keys to Good Parallel Performance

extent of parallelism, granularity of partition, locality of computation

The Amdahl's Law

• The parallel speedup is limited by the time needed for sequential portions

$$\operatorname{speedup}(p) = \frac{\operatorname{time}(1)}{\operatorname{time}(p)} = \frac{\operatorname{time}(1)}{\operatorname{Seq} + \operatorname{Par}/p} \leq \frac{\operatorname{time}(1)}{\operatorname{Seq}}$$

• If 20% of the execution time is sequential, then the max speedup is 5!

A HPC Paradox (G. Wittum)

- Assumption that algorithm complexity is $E_0 = \mathcal{O}(N^q), \ q \ge 1$
- We want to buy a computer $\alpha \gg 1$ times larger (faster) than the old one
- We wish to solve problems of size α times larger than the original
- The new computer then needs computing time proportional to

$$E_1 = \mathcal{O}(\alpha^q N^q) = \alpha^q E_0 = \alpha^{q-1} \alpha E_0 \ge \alpha E_0$$

• Weak scalability $\implies E_1 = \alpha E_0 \implies q = 1$ (optimal algorithm)

The Moore's Law







Now imagine that those 1.3 billion people could fit onstage in the original music hall. That's the scale of Moore's Law.

Challenges to Keep Up With the Moore's Law:

- Instruction-level parallelism (ILP) wall: availability of enough parallel instructions for a multi-core chip
- Power wall: the chip's overall temperature and power consumption

Dynamic Power = $K \cdot (\text{Capacitive Load}) \cdot (\text{Voltage})^2 \cdot (\text{Frequency})$

• Memory wall: bandwidth/latency of the channel b/w CPU and RAM [Waldrop 2016, Nature]

Parallel Implementation Where HPC is heading

Communication-Avoiding Algorithms



- Avoid communication (data movement) to save time \implies Redesign algorithms
- Linear algebra, LAPACK/ScaLAPACK, ... J. Demmel and collaborators



Whatever Has Been Done Can Be Outdone





Obstacles to scalable simulation

- Model complexity
- Extreme concurrency
- Multiple levels of parallelism
- Complex memory hierarchies
- More costly data movement
- Hardware failures and soft error

- Optimization: Improve cooling, find hot spots, reduce power leakage
- Less transistors \Longrightarrow lower frequency \Longrightarrow more processing cores
- Scalable, power-aware, resilient parallel algorithms and software

Numerical tests

Strong Scaling Tests Using OpenMP



FASP preconditioner

	1st			2nd		3nd			4nd			
N_T	#It	Time	Speedup									
1	32	31.34	_	34	32.79	_	34	32.77	_	32	31.49	_
2	32	17.72	1.77	34	18.48	1.77	34	18.46	1.78	32	17.68	1.78
4	32	13.44	2.33	34	13.19	2.49	34	13.14	2.49	32	12.60	2.50
8	33	11.02	2.84	34	11.20	2.93	34	11.18	2.93	32	10.80	2.91

CPR preconditioner

	1st			2nd		3nd			4nd			
N_T	#It	Time	Speedup									
1	45	39.01	-	45	38.90	-	43	37.36	-	42	36.56	_
2	45	21.95	1.78	45	21.90	1.78	43	21.00	1.78	42	20.67	1.77
4	45	15.42	2.53	45	15.44	2.52	44	15.19	2.46	42	14.56	2.51
8	45	13.12	2.97	45	13.09	2.97	44	12.86	2.90	42	12.35	2.96
12	45	13.19	2.96	45	13.18	2.95	43	12.66	2.95	42	11.93	3.07

Block triangular preconditioner

	1st		2nd		3nd			4nd				
N_T	#It	Time	Speedup									
1	49	41.69	_	49	41.48	—	48	40.96	_	44	37.75	_
2	49	23.42	1.78	48	22.93	1.81	48	22.87	1.79	44	21.25	1.78
4	49	16.67	2.50	49	16.62	2.50	48	16.30	2.51	44	15.37	2.46
8	49	14.30	2.91	48	13.94	2.98	48	13.91	2.95	44	12.92	2.92
12	48	14.00	2.98	48	13.99	2.97	47	13.58	3.02	44	12.99	2.91

Multicore performance of FASP, CPR, and BTP preconditioners for SPE10 three-phase problems

[Feng, Shu, Xu, Z 2014a]

GMG Tests Using CUDA



CPU: AMD 2.8GHz 8-core (using a single core), gcc 4.4.6–O2 GPU: NVIDIA GTX480 480 cores 1.5GB RAM (\$485), nvcc 4.1–O2

DOF	FFTW	FMG(1,2)	CUFFT	FMG(1,2)
1M	0.260	0.108	0.0110	0.0088
4M	2.020	0.452	0.0408	0.0257
16M	6.650	1.830	0.1364	0.0917

Table: Kernel time (seconds) in 2D case

Some observations

- $15 \times \sim 18 \times$ speed-up compared with single-thread CPU version (2/3D)
- Speedup of GMG is not as good as FFT (almost $50 \times$)
- GMG on GPU: 15GFlops, only 10% of peak performance
- Bottleneck: Visiting coarse level spaces
- Solution: BPX + Redundant Basis Formulation

SpMV Tests Using CUDA

- Based on heterogenous architecture, we developed a parallel solver for the black-oil model
- Numerical results show reasonable speedup for "easy-to-parallel" parts: Minimizing amount of time for code-tuning



[Li, Wu, Xu, Z 2015]



Strong Scaling Tests on Tianhe-2



Problem	Size	# Nodes	# Processes	Efficiency	Total time (s)	Solver time(s)	# Newton	# Linear
		40	960		888	583.205	76	614
CDC1 refine	75M colle	60	1440	94%	631	425.531	76	631
SPEI-refine	75ivi celis	80	1920	89%	497	341.551	76	688
		100	2400	68%	520	367.979	87	958
		80	1920		1294	899.789	81	884
		100	2400	118%	878	609.921	82	818
SPE1-refine	150M cells	120	2880	108%	802	566.173	84	860
		160	3840	95%	678	472.916	92	907
		200	4800	84%	614	438.111	100	1095
SPE9-refine		32	768		1953	1079.351	133	277
	90M cells	128	3072	86%	567	307.249	148	525
		256	6144	64%	381	241.309	148	525

SPE1 and SPE9 benchmark problems first refined and then tilted. Tested on the Tianhe-2 cluster, Guangzhou: 2nd in the Top500 list (2017), 3.12M cores (32K CPUs), 1.408PB RAM, Rmax 33.86PFlops, Rpeak 54.90PFlops, Peak Power 17.8MW/hr.

[Guan, Qiao, Zhang, Z, et al. 2015]

Weak Scaling Tests on Tianhe-2



# CPU Cores	24	48	96	192	384	768	1536
# Grid Block	3M	6M	12M	24M	48M	96M	192M
# Linear Iterations	723	724	726	727	723	725	715
Total CPU Time (s)	2741	2838	2846	2907	2711	2881	3026



[Guan, Qiao, Zhang, Z, et al. 2015]

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Summary

Future work

Models of Interest



Immiscible displacement, water flooding

- ✓ Two-phase flow model: WO, OG
- ✓ Black oil model (three-phase flow) / volatile oil model
- Compositional model
 - Non-isothermal flow: energy conservation
 - Chemical flooding: polymer, foam, surfactant, alkaline, ...
 - Fractured reservoirs: DPDP, MINC, DFM, ... (multiscale)
- Flow-Geomechanic coupling (Biot)
- ➡ Multiscale modeling?
 - Carbonate fractured-cavity reservoirs
 - Darcy-NS coupling (Brinkman)





Miscible displacement, gas flooding

Ongoing Work I



- Design robust, optimal, and resilient solvers
 - Improve robustness [Qiao 2016; Li 2017]
 - Different reservoir models
 - Different mesh types
 - Different discretizations
 - Why the semi-analytic decoupling works?
 - Improve resilience [Cui, Xu, Zhang 2017]
 - Less overhead when no error occurs
 - Convergence rate does not deteriorate when error occurs
- Sentance scalability of MPI, OpenMP, and CUDA versions
 - Improve scalability of the CUDA version [Feng 2014; Li 2017]
 - SpMV
 - Block ILU
 - Algebraic multigrid
 - Improve scalability of the MPI version [Guan, et al. 2015]
 - Improve scalability of linear solvers
 - Hierarchical parallelization

Ongoing Work I



- S Handle natural and hydraulic fractured reservoirs
 - (Embedded) discrete fracture model
 - Aperture distribution
 - Flow and geomechanic coupling, Biot model
 - Weak Galerkin method, virtual element method
 - Structured / unstructured polyhedral grids
 - Local mesh refinement
- Improve model parameters (input data)
 - Remove noise from input data
 - Garbage in garbage out (lack of data / imprecise data)
 - Deep Learning
 - Quantify uncertainty
 - Global and local quantities (e.g. production rate v.s. well location)
 - History matching
 - Data-physics

Quantifying Uncertainty

Uncertainty v.s. Error



- Lack of knowledge? Types: aleatoric (statistical) and epistemic (systematic)
- Sources of uncertainty: model, measurements, initial/boundary conditions
- "All models are wrong, but some are useful" [George Box] ⇒ V&V
- Where does uncertainty make a big difference (compared with error)?

Uncertainty quantification: SIAM/ASA-joint conference on UQ 2012

- Predict model responses with quantified and reduced uncertainties
 - Identification and characterization
 - Provide a structure of the structure of
 - Inverse propagation
 - Sensitivity analysis
- Difficulties when applied in petroleum reservoir simulation
 - Curse of dimensionality
 - Identifiability issue: Combinations of uncertainties yield the same prediction
 - "... an uncertain input parameter will lead not only to an uncertain solution but to an uncertain error ..." [Trucano 2004]

Forward Uncertainty Propagation



Model problem and uncertainty propagation

$$y = \mathcal{F}(x) \implies Y = \mathcal{F}(X)$$
, where X is a random variable

- Polynomial Chaos Expansion: represent a random variable of interest as a polynomial expansion of another random variable ξ with distribution ρ
- $\{\psi_j\}$ are the orthogonal polynomials w.r.t. $(\cdot, \cdot)_{\rho}$
 - We have $\psi_0 = 1$ and $E(\psi_j) = 0, \, j = 1, 2, ...$
 - Variance of ψ_j is $(\psi_j, \psi_j)_{\rho}$ and covariance $(\psi_i, \psi_j)_{\rho} = 0$ if $i \neq j$
 - A few possible choices, for example:
 Uniform [-1, 1] ⇒ Legendre; Gamma [0, ∞) ⇒ Laguerre; Normal ⇒ Hermite

Non-intrusive UP with PCE

• Suppose
$$X \approx \sum_{j=0}^{m} x_j \psi_j(\xi)$$
 and $Y \approx \sum_{j=0}^{m} y_j \psi_j(\xi)$

•
$$\sum_{j=0}^{m} y_j \psi_j(\xi) = \mathcal{F}\left(\sum_{j=0}^{m} x_j \psi_j(\xi)\right) \Longrightarrow y_k = \frac{\left(\mathcal{F}\left(\sum_{j=0}^{m} x_j \psi_j(\xi)\right), \psi_k\right)_{\rho}}{(\psi_k, \psi_k)_{\rho}}$$

• Need to compute the integral: $\int_{\Omega} \mathcal{F}(\sum_{j=0}^{m} x_j \psi_j(\xi)) \psi_k(\xi) \rho(\xi) d\xi$

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