

Introduction to Parallel-in-Time methods

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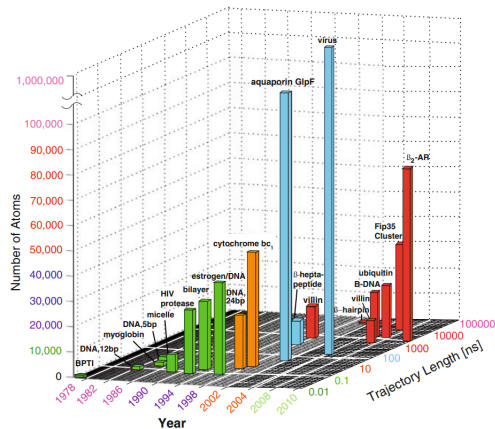
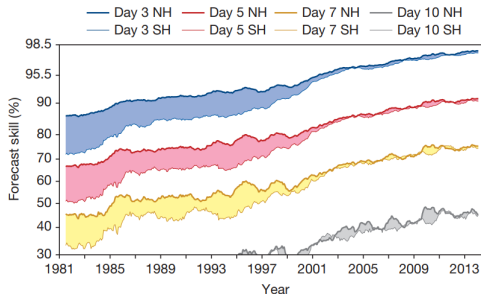
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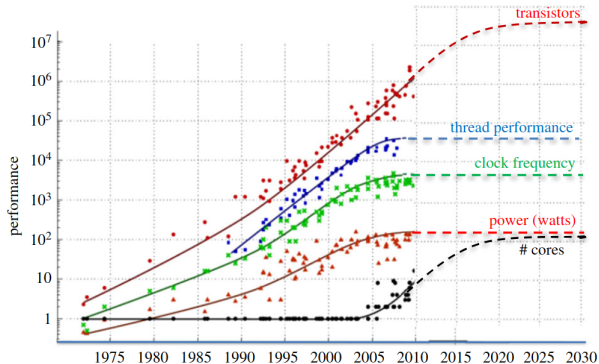
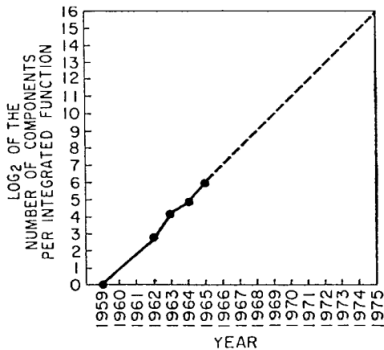
Challenges in numerical simulations of differential equations

1 Introduction

- Trade-off between accuracy, stability and computational cost
- Limited computational resources
- **Need for more efficient computational approaches**



- End of Moore's law ¹? $\Rightarrow$ performance gains via parallelism ²

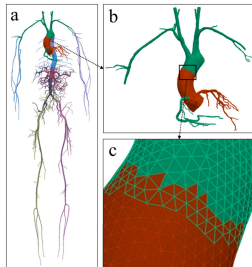
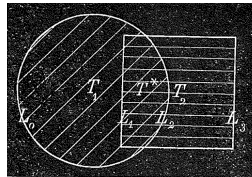
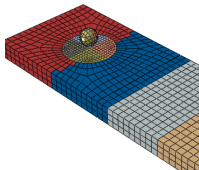
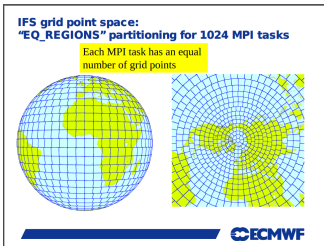


¹ Moore, "Cramming more components onto integrated circuits" (1965).

² Shalf, "The future of computing beyond Moore's Law" (2020).

Figures: Moore (1965), Shalf (2020)

- Schwarz Domain Decomposition methods (DDM)¹: 1870
- Schwarz methods in parallel computing²: 1980s
- Well established methods, operational use



¹ Schwarz, "Über einen Grenzübergang durch alternierendes Verfahren" (1870).

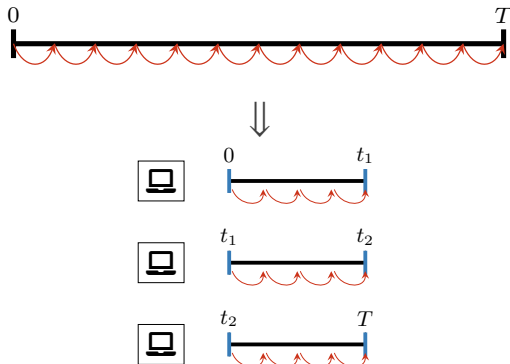
² P. L. Lions, "On the Schwarz Alternating Method I" (1988).

Figures: Schwarz (1870); Mozdzyński (2012); Abaqus (2016); Qin et al. (2023)

Parallel-in-Time (PinT) methods

1 Introduction

- Saturation of parallel gains: how to overcome scalability limit?
- Is it possible to compute time steps in parallel?
- Causality principle?



- Relatively recent development: first ideas in 1964¹

Parallel Methods for Integrating Ordinary Differential Equations

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This paper is dedicated to the proposition that, in order to take full advantage for real-time computations of highly parallel computers as can be expected to be available in the near future, much of numerical analysis will have to be recast in a more "parallel" form. By this is meant that serial algorithms ought to be replaced by algorithms which consist of several subtasks which can be computed without knowledge of the results of the other subtasks. As an example, a method is proposed for "parallelizing" the numerical integration of an ordinary differential equation, which process, by all standard methods, is entirely serial.

Introduction

For the last 20 years, one has tried to speed up numerical computation mainly by providing ever faster computers. First, this was achieved by improvements in hardware. Today, as it appears that one is getting closer to the maximal speed of electronic components, the emphasis is put on improving the logical organization of computers, allowing certain operations to be performed in parallel or at least in overlapping time intervals. In order to achieve this, designers are quite willing to introduce considerable redundancy in hardware and to use methods (for instance for performing arithmetic operations) which are inefficient as far as the ratio (time)/(cost) is concerned, as long as the total time is minimized.

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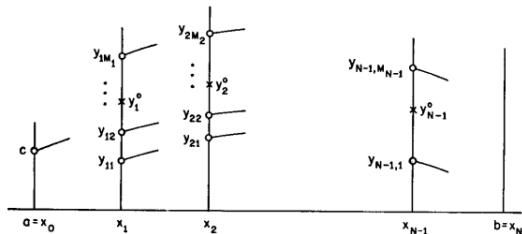


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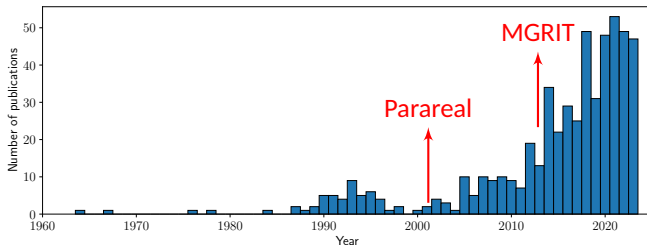
¹ Nievergelt, "Parallel methods for integrating ordinary differential equations" (Dec. 1964).
Figure: Nievergelt (1964)

Parallel-in-Time (PinT) methods

1 Introduction

- Increasing interest since 1990s, 2000s
- Three classes of PinT methods¹: parallelization across
 - **the time** – the problem – the space
- Review: “50 years of Time Parallel Time Integration” (M. Gander)²

Number of publications on PinT per year [parallel-in-time.org]



¹ Bellen and Zennaro, “Parallel algorithms for initial-value problems for difference and differential equations” (May 1989).

² M. J. Gander, “50 Years of Time Parallel Time Integration” (2015).

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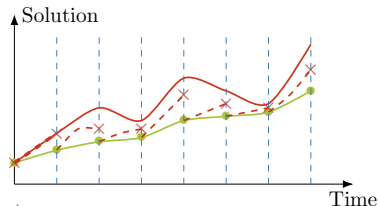
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Parallelization across the time or across the steps

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- Parallelization of the temporal domain
- Iterative predictor-corrector algorithms
 - **Fine scheme**: accurate and expensive $\implies$ computed in parallel
 - **Coarse scheme**: less accurate and less expensive $\implies$ computed sequentially
- **Parareal**¹: two-level with arbitrary schemes
- **MGRIT**²: multi-level with arbitrary schemes
- **PFASST**³: multi-level using spectral deferred correction (SDC)



¹ J.-L. Lions, Maday, and Turinici, "Résolution d'EDP par un schéma en temps "pararéel"" (Apr. 2001).

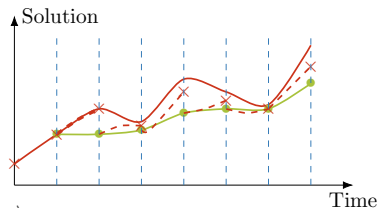
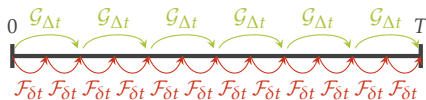
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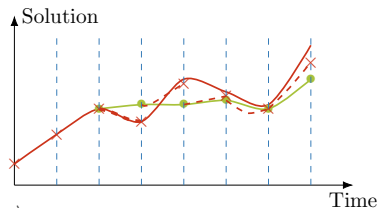
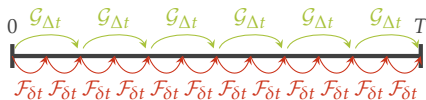
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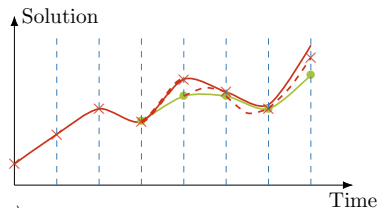
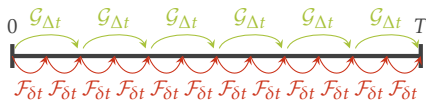
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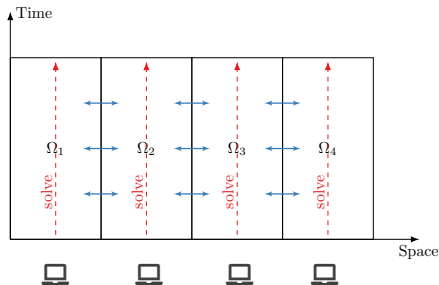
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Parallelization across the problem or across the system

2 Classification of parallel-in-time methods

- Parallelization of the spatial domain
- Iterative methods: Schwarz Waveform Relaxation Methods (SWR)¹:
 - **Independent integrations** in each subdomain
 - **Communication** between subdomains in time windows
- Derivation and approximation of optimal interface conditions²
- Length of time windows and overlap between subdomains

$$\begin{cases} (u_i^k)_t + L(u_i^k) = f, & x \in \Omega_i, 0 < t \leq T \\ u_i^k(0, x) = u_0(x), & x \in \Omega_i \\ \mathcal{B}_{ij}(u_i^k) = \mathcal{B}_{ij}(u_j^{k-1}), & x \in \Gamma_{ij}, 0 < t \leq T \end{cases}$$



¹ Lelarasmee, Ruehli, and Sangiovanni-Vincentelli, "The Waveform Relaxation Method for Time-Domain Analysis of Large Scale Integrated Circuits" (July 1982).

² M. Gander, Halpern, and F., "Optimal convergence for overlapping and non-overlapping Schwarz waveform relaxation" (1999).

Parallelization across the method

2 Classification of parallel-in-time methods

- Direct (non-iterative) solvers
- Example: Nievergelt (1964)¹
 - Compute $y_0^0 = c, y_1^0, \dots, y_N^0$ using a coarse solver;
 - Define starting points $y_{i,1}, \dots, y_{i,M_i}, M_0 = 1$, around each y_i^0 and compute accurate trajectories $y_{i,1}(x), \dots, y_{i,M_i}(x)$ along $[x_i, x_{i+1}]$ (in parallel)
 - Starting from $Y_1 = y_{0,1}(x_1)$, find $y_{i,j}$ and $y_{i,j+1}$ containing Y_i and linearly interpolate their respective trajectories to obtain Y_{i+1} .

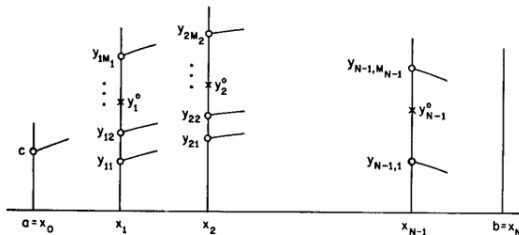


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Figure: Nievergelt (1964)

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- Direct (non-iterative) solvers
- Example: ParaDiag¹
 - Diagonalization of the “all-at-once” time-stepping matrix B :

$$\frac{\mathbf{u}_{n+1} - \mathbf{u}_n}{\Delta t_n} = L\mathbf{u}_n + \mathbf{f}_n, \quad n = 0, \dots, N_{\Delta t} - 1, \quad \mathbf{u}_n \in \mathbb{R}^{N_{\Delta x}}$$

can be written as $(B \otimes I_{N_{\Delta x}} - I_{N_{\Delta t}} \otimes L)\mathbf{U} = (I_{N_{\Delta x}} \otimes I_{N_{\Delta t}})\mathbf{f}$, $\mathbf{U} \in \mathbb{R}^{N_{\Delta t} \times N_{\Delta x}}$

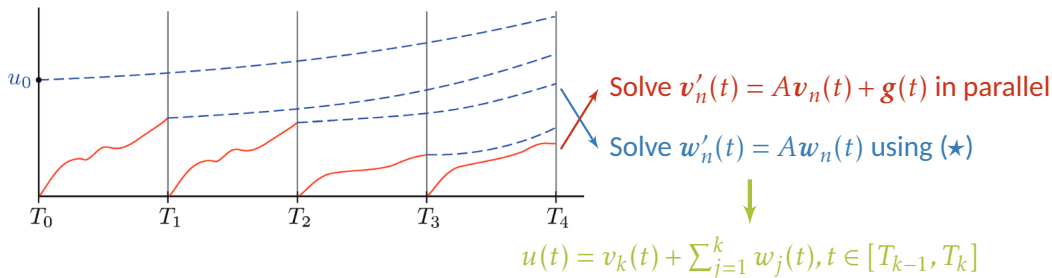
$$B = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\Delta t_0} & & & & \\ -\frac{1}{\Delta t_1} & \frac{1}{\Delta t_1} & & & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & & \\ & & & -\frac{1}{\Delta t_{N_{\Delta t}-1}} & \frac{1}{\Delta t_{N_{\Delta t}-1}} \end{pmatrix}$$

- If B is **diagonalizable**, then we have $N_{\Delta t}$ independent linear systems.
- All time step sizes must be different!

Parallelization across the method

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- Direct (non-iterative) solvers
- Example: ParaExp¹
 - For linear problems $\mathbf{u}'(t) = A\mathbf{u}(t) + \mathbf{g}(t)$
 - Based on the efficient and accurate computation of the matrix exponential e^{tA} (★)
 - Decompose the problem into inhomog. + homog.

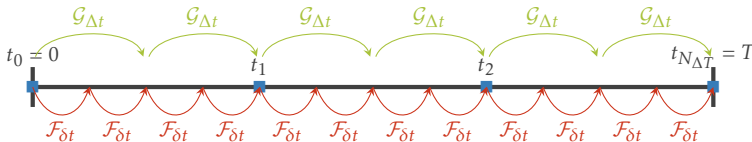


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The Parareal method

3 The Parareal method

- Initially formulated for linear problems¹
- Rewritten to a simpler form and extended to nonlinear problems²
- Solve $\frac{du}{dt}(t) = F(u(t)), u(0) = u_0$
- Divide the temporal domain into $N_{\Delta T}$ time slices $[t_0, t_1], \dots, [t_{N_{\Delta T}-1}, t_{N_{\Delta T}}]$
- Iteratively compute approximations U_n^k to $u(t_n)$
- Define:
 - a coarse solver (propagator) $\mathcal{G}_{\Delta t}(U, t_n, t_{n+1})$ (e.g., using $\Delta t \leq \Delta T$);
 - a fine solver (propagator) $\mathcal{F}_{\delta t}(U, t_n, t_{n+1})$ (e.g., using $\delta t < \Delta t$)



¹ J.-L. Lions, Maday, and Turinici, "Résolution d'EDP par un schéma en temps "pararéel"" (Apr. 2001).

² Baffico et al., "Parallel-in-time molecular-dynamics simulations" (Nov. 2002).

- Initialization of the algorithm: serial integration of $\mathcal{G}_{\Delta t}$:

$$U_{n+1}^0 = \mathcal{G}_{\Delta t}(U_n^0, t_n, t_{n+1}), \quad n = 0, \dots, N_{\Delta T} - 1$$

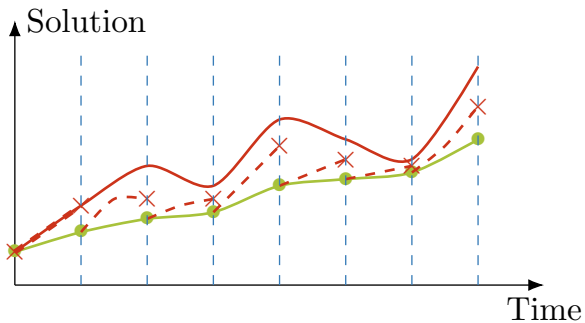
- In each iteration:

$$U_{n+1}^{k+1} = \underbrace{\mathcal{G}_{\Delta t}(U_n^{k+1}, t_n, t_{n+1})}_{\text{prediction}} + \underbrace{\mathcal{F}_{\delta t}(U_n^k, t_n, t_{n+1}) - \mathcal{G}_{\Delta t}(U_n^k, t_n, t_{n+1})}_{\text{correction}}, \quad n = 0, \dots, N_{\Delta T} - 1$$

- Serial **coarse prediction** (depends on $k + 1$)
- Parallel **fine corrections** (depend only on k)

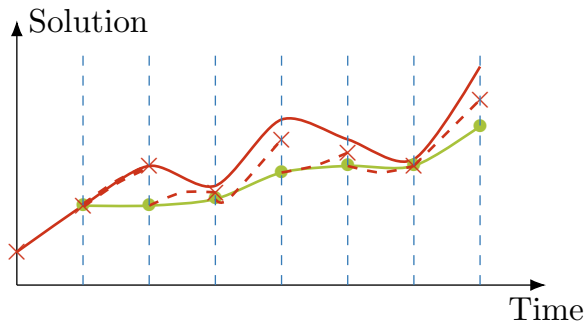
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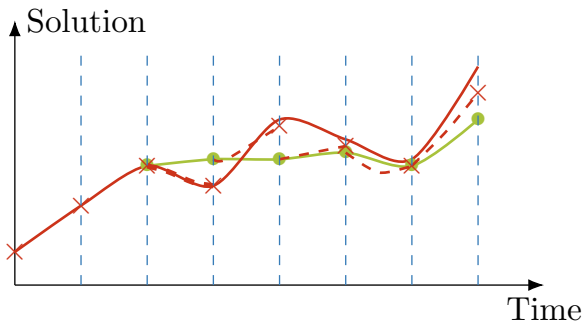
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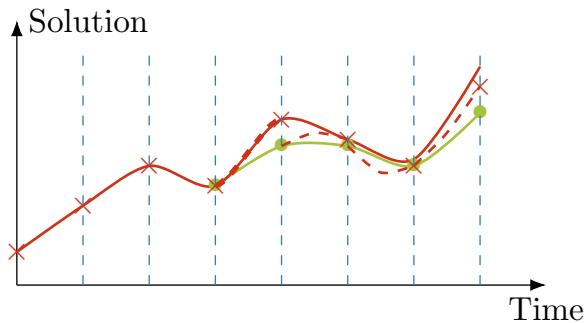
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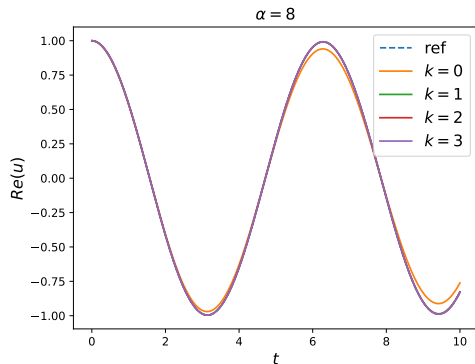
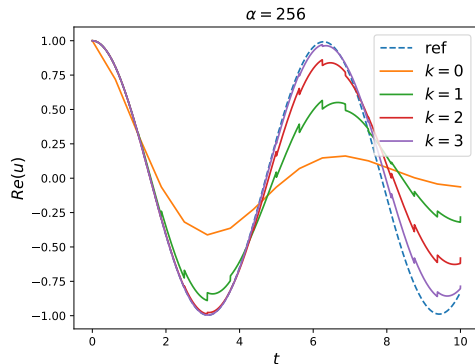
Example of application of Parareal¹

3 The Parareal method

$$\begin{cases} u'(t) = -iu(t), & 0 < t \leq T = 10 \\ u(0) = 1 \end{cases}$$

- $\mathcal{F}_{\delta t}, \mathcal{G}_{\Delta t}$: backward Euler
- $\Delta T = \frac{T}{16}, \delta t = \frac{\Delta T}{256}, \Delta t = \alpha \delta t, \alpha \geq 2$

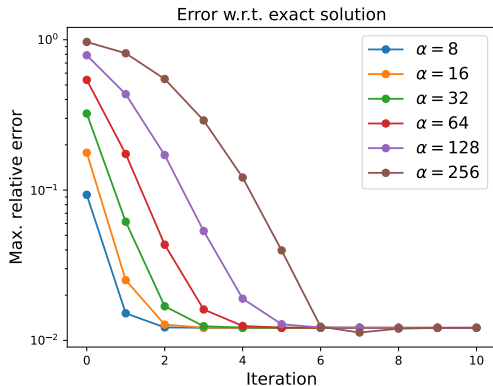
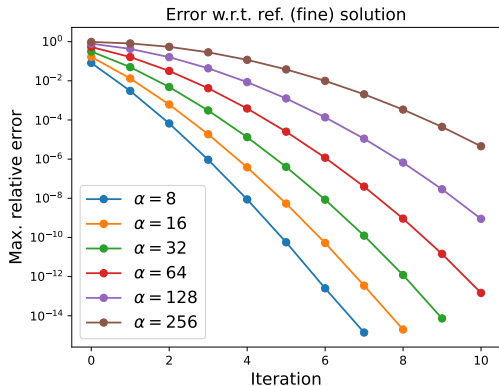
Solution at $t = T$:



Example of application of Parareal¹

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- The convergence speed depends on: ΔT , Δt , δt ; the problem; $\mathcal{F}_{\delta t}$, $\mathcal{G}_{\Delta t}$, ...
- The accuracy of Parareal is limited by $\mathcal{F}_{\delta t}$

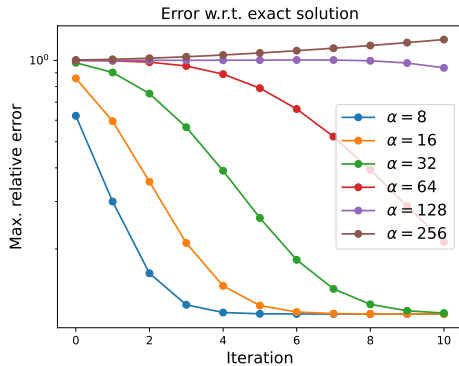
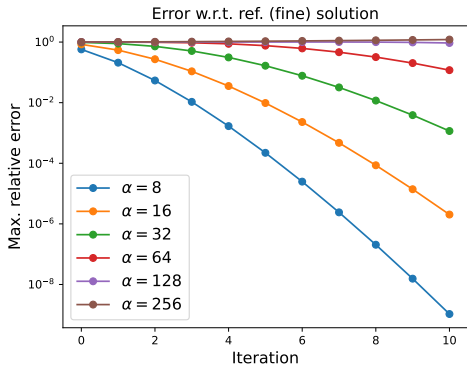


Example of application of Parareal: what if T is larger?¹

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- $T \leftarrow 10T$, same time step sizes

Relative errors:

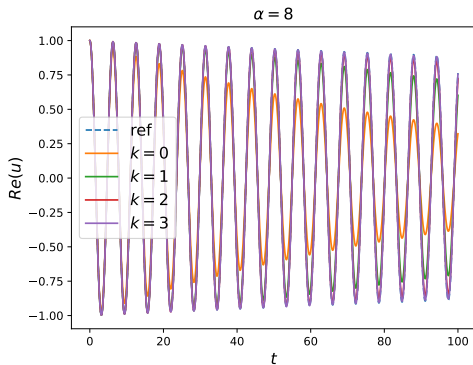
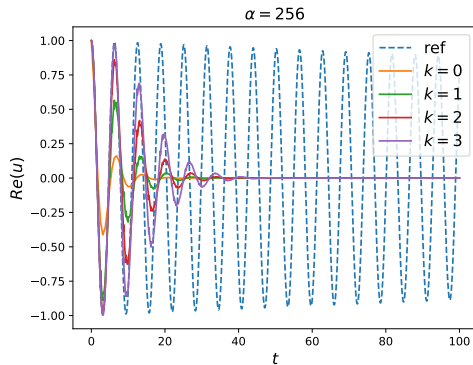


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What is a coarse propagator?

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- $\Delta t > \delta t$ is not mandatory!
- The **coarse propagator** $\mathcal{G}_{\Delta t}$ can be defined by:
 - A larger time step size
 - and/or a coarser spectral resolution
 - and/or a lower-order method
 - and/or a simplified model
 - ...
- **Key points:** the coarse propagator should be:
 - substantially cheaper than the fine propagator
 - still relatively accurate
 - stable

Pros and cons of Parareal (and other predictor-corrector iterative PinT methods)

3 The Parareal method

- Pros:
 - Non-intrusive and flexible: $\mathcal{F}_{\delta t}$ and $\mathcal{G}_{\Delta t}$ are arbitrary;
 - Simple formulation with several interpretations;
 - Relatively simple implementation;
 - Easy-to-use open-source libraries: XBraid¹, PyMGRIT², LibPFASST³, PyPFASST⁴.
- Cons:
 - Accuracy is limited by $\mathcal{F}_{\delta t}$;
 - Fast convergence is required for parallel efficiency;
 - Complex task scheduling may be required for parallel efficiency;
 - Unsolved issues when applied to some problems (hyperbolic ones).

¹ <https://github.com/XBraid/xbraid>

² <https://github.com/pymgrit/pymgrit>

³ <https://github.com/libpfasst/LibPFASST>

⁴ <https://github.com/memmett/PyPFASST>

- If $\mathcal{F}_{\delta t}$ is linear, then

$$U_0 = u_0$$

$$U_{n+1} = \mathcal{F}_{\delta t}(U_n, t_n, t_{n+1}), \quad n = 0, \dots, N_{\Delta T} - 1$$

can be written as

$$A_f \mathbf{U} := \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ -\mathcal{F}_{\delta t} & 1 & & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & -\mathcal{F}_{\delta t} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} U_0 \\ \vdots \\ U_{N_{\Delta T}} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} u_0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} =: \mathbf{f}$$

and similarly to $\mathcal{G}_{\Delta t} \implies A_c \mathbf{U} = \mathbf{f}$.

- The fine system can be solved iteratively using a fixed point method

$$A_f \mathbf{U} = \mathbf{f} \implies B \mathbf{U}^{k+1} = C \mathbf{U}^k + \mathbf{f}, \quad A_f = B - C$$

- Defining

$$B = A_c, \quad C = A_c - A_f$$

we have

$$A_c \mathbf{U}^{k+1} = (A_c - A_f) \mathbf{U}^k + \mathbf{f} \implies \mathbf{U}^{k+1} = (I - A_c^{-1} A_f) \mathbf{U}^k + A_c^{-1} \mathbf{f}$$

which is equivalent to the Parareal iteration.

- The convergence depends on the spectral radius of $(I - A_c^{-1} A_f)$.

Interpretation of Parareal as a multiple shooting method in time

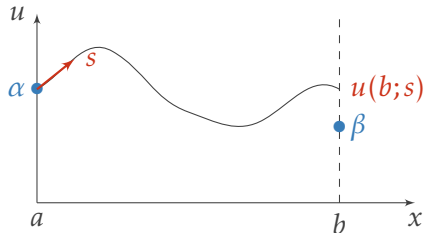
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The shooting method in space:

- Solve a BVP by replacing it by an IVP with unknown initial condition $u'(a) = s$:

$$\begin{cases} u'' = f(x, u, u'), & a < x < b \\ u(a) = \alpha \\ u(b) = \beta \end{cases} \implies \begin{cases} u'' = f(x, u, u'), & a < x < b \\ u(a) = \alpha \\ u'(a) = s \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

- Find the zero of $F(s) := u(x = b; s) - \beta$ using Newton: $s^{(k+1)} = s^{(k)} - \frac{F(s^{(k)})}{F'(s^{(k)})}$



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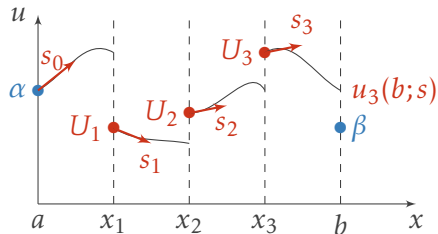
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The multiple shooting method in space:

- Divide $[a, b]$ in N intervals and define in each $[x_i, x_{i+1}]$ the IVP

$$\begin{cases} u_i'' = f(x, u_i, u_i'), & x_i < x < x_{i+1} \\ u_i(x_i) = U_i \\ u'(x_i) = s_i \end{cases}$$

- Unknowns: $\mathbf{U} := (U_0, \dots, U_{N-1})^T$, $\mathbf{s} := (s_0, \dots, s_{N-1})^T$



Interpretation of Parareal as a multiple shooting method in time

3 The Parareal method

The multiple shooting method in space:

- We want to find the zeros of

$$F_{i+1}(\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{s}) := u_i(x_{i+1}; U_i, s_i) - U_{i+1}, \quad i = 0, \dots, N-2$$

$$F_N(\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{s}) := u_{n-1}(b; U_{N-1}, s_{N-1}) - \beta,$$

$$\hat{F}_{i+1}(\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{s}) := u'_i(x_{i+1}; U_i, s_i) - s_{i+1}, \quad i = 0, \dots, N-2$$

- Newtons's method applied to $\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{s}) := (F_1, \dots, F_N, \hat{F}_1, \dots, \hat{F}_{N-1})^T = \mathbf{0}$:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{U}^{(k+1)} \\ \mathbf{s}^{(k+1)} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{U}^{(k)} \\ \mathbf{s}^{(k)} \end{pmatrix} - [J_{\mathbf{F}}(\mathbf{U}^{(k)}, \mathbf{s}^{(k)})]^{-1} \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{U}^{(k)}, \mathbf{s}^{(k)})$$

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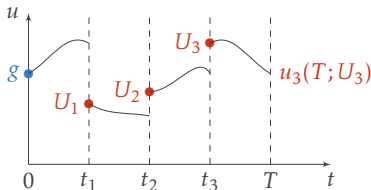
The multiple shooting method in time¹

- Divide $[0, T]$ in $N_{\Delta T}$ intervals and define smaller IVPs:

$$\begin{cases} u' = f(u), & 0 < t < T \\ u(0) = g \end{cases} \implies \begin{cases} u'_n = f(u_n), & t_n < t < t_{n+1} \\ u_n(t_n) = U_n \end{cases},$$

for $n = 0, \dots, N_{\Delta T} - 1$, with U_n unknown.

- Let $u_n(t; U_n)$ be the solution of the IVP in $[t_n, t_{n+1}]$ and $\mathbf{U} := (U_0, \dots, U_{N_{\Delta T}-1})^T$.



Interpretation of Parareal as a multiple shooting method in time

3 The Parareal method

- We want to find the zeros of

$$\begin{aligned} F_{n+1}(\mathbf{U}) &:= u_n(t_{n+1}; U_n) - U_{n+1}, & n = 0, \dots, N_{\Delta T} - 1 \\ F_0(\mathbf{U}) &:= g - U_0 \end{aligned}$$

- Newton's method applied to $\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{U}) := (F_0, \dots, F_{N_{\Delta T}})^T$: $\mathbf{U}^{k+1} = \mathbf{U}^k - J_{\mathbf{F}}^{-1}(\mathbf{U}^k) \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{U}^k)$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} U_0^{k+1} = g \\ U_{n+1}^{k+1} = u_n(t_{n+1}; U_{n+1}^k) + \frac{\partial u_n}{\partial U_n}(t_{n+1}, U_n^k)(U_{n+1}^{k+1} - U_n^k) \end{cases}$$

- Considering the approximations

$$\begin{aligned} u_n(t_{n+1}; U_{n+1}^k) &= \mathcal{F}_{\delta t}(U_n^k, t_n, t_{n+1}), \\ \frac{\partial u_n}{\partial U_n}(t_{n+1}; U_n^k) &= \frac{\mathcal{G}_{\Delta t}(U_n^{k+1}, t_n, t_{n+1}) - \mathcal{G}_{\Delta t}(U_n^k, t_n, t_{n+1})}{U_n^{k+1} - U_n^k} \end{aligned}$$

we obtain the Parareal method.

A first convergence result of Parareal

3 The Parareal method

$$U_{n+1}^{k+1} = \underbrace{\mathcal{G}_{\Delta t}(U_n^{k+1}, t_n, t_{n+1})}_{\text{prediction}} + \underbrace{\mathcal{F}_{\delta t}(U_n^k, t_n, t_{n+1}) - \mathcal{G}_{\Delta t}(U_n^k, t_n, t_{n+1})}_{\text{correction}}, \quad n = 0, \dots, N_{\Delta T} - 1$$

- **Theorem¹:**

Let $u_{\text{ref},n} = \mathcal{F}_{\delta t}(u_0, 0, t_n)$ be the fine serial solution at $t = t_n$. Then, the Parareal solution satisfies $u_n^k = u_{\text{ref},n} \quad \forall n \leq k$, i.e., each iteration yields exact convergence at one time slice (at least).

- **Corollary:**

If there are $N_{\Delta T}$ time slices, the Parareal method converges to the fine serial solution **in at most $N_{\Delta T}$ iterations.**

$\implies$ Parareal converges to the fine solution in a finite number of iterations.

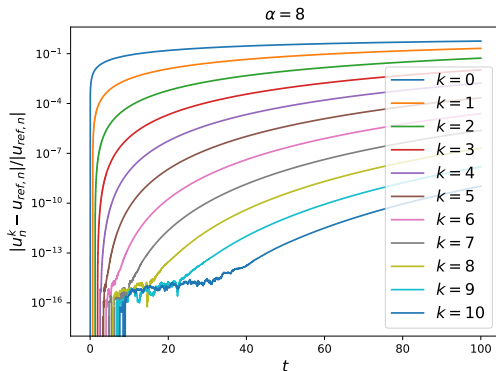
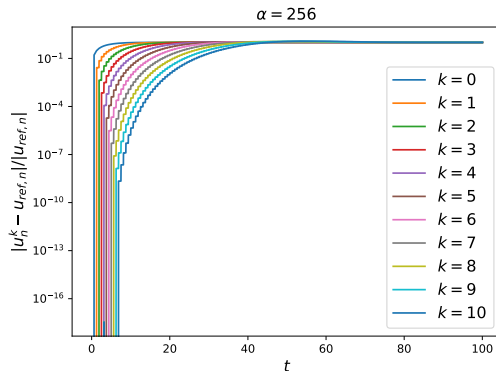
A first convergence result of Parareal¹

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- $\mathcal{F}_{\delta t}, \mathcal{G}_{\Delta t}$: backward Euler
- $\Delta T = \frac{T}{160}, \delta t = \frac{\Delta T}{256}, \Delta t = \alpha \delta t, \alpha \geq 2$

Error vs time at each iteration:



A first convergence result of Parareal

3 The Parareal method

- Parareal converges in a finite number of iterations ($N_{\Delta T}$)
- However:

$$\text{Cost (time) of an iteration} \geq \text{Cost}(\mathcal{G}_{\Delta t}) + \frac{\text{Cost}(\mathcal{F}_{\delta t})}{N_{\Delta T}}$$

$$\implies \text{Cost of } N_{\Delta T} \text{ iterations} > \text{Cost}(\mathcal{F}_{\delta t})$$

- **Therefore: convergence should be obtained in $\ll N_{\Delta T}$ iterations (at least approximately) in order to**

$$\text{Speedup} := \frac{T_{\text{ref}}}{T_{\text{parareal}}} > 1$$

(using $N_{\Delta T}$ parallel processors)

- Number of fine and coarse time steps: $N_{\delta t} = T/\delta t$, $N_{\Delta t} = T/\Delta t$
- Cost of one fine or coarse time step: τ_f , τ_c
- Cost of the fine serial simulation: $T_{\text{ref}} = N_{\delta t} \tau_f$
- Cost of the coarse serial prediction: $T_c = N_{\Delta t} \tau_c$
- Cost of the fine parallel prediction: $T_f = \frac{N_{\delta t}}{N_{\Delta T}} \tau_f$
- **Speedup** after iteration k :

$$S = \frac{T_{\text{ref}}}{T_c + k(T_c + T_f)} = \frac{1}{(k+1) \frac{N_{\Delta t}}{N_{\delta t}} \frac{\tau_c}{\tau_f} + \frac{k}{N_{\Delta T}}}$$

Goal: $S > 1$ (ideally: $S \gg 1$)

- Speedup:

$$S = \frac{1}{(k+1) \frac{N_{\Delta t}}{N_{\Delta T}} \frac{\tau_c}{\tau_f} + \frac{k}{N_{\Delta T}}}$$

- Parallel efficiency:

$$\mathcal{E} = \frac{S}{N_{\text{proc}}} \xrightarrow{N_{\text{proc}}=N_{\Delta T}} \mathcal{E} = \frac{1}{(k+1)N_{\Delta T} \frac{N_{\Delta t}}{N_{\Delta T}} \frac{\tau_c}{\tau_f} + k}$$

Bounds on S and $\mathcal{E}$:

1. $S < \frac{N_{\Delta T}}{k}, \mathcal{E} < \frac{1}{k} \implies k$ should be smaller than $N_{\Delta T}$
2. $S < \frac{1}{k+1} \frac{N_{\delta t}}{N_{\Delta t}} \frac{\tau_f}{\tau_c}, \mathcal{E} < \frac{1}{k+1} \frac{1}{N_{\Delta T}} \frac{N_{\delta t}}{N_{\Delta t}} \frac{\tau_f}{\tau_c} \implies \mathcal{G}_{\Delta t}$ should be much less expensive than $\mathcal{F}_{\delta t}$

These bounds are conflicting: accuracy of $\mathcal{G}_{\Delta t}$ vs convergence speed

Example of application of Parareal: convergence vs computational time¹

3 The Parareal method

- $\mathcal{F}_{\delta t}, \mathcal{G}_{\Delta t}$: backward Euler
- $\Delta T = \frac{T}{160}, \delta t = \frac{\Delta T}{256}, \Delta t = \alpha \delta t, \alpha \geq 2,$
 $N_{\text{proc}} = 16$
- Ref. simulation (serial $\mathcal{F}_{\delta t}$) ≈ 0.75 s (it's a very small problem $\implies$ no speedup!).

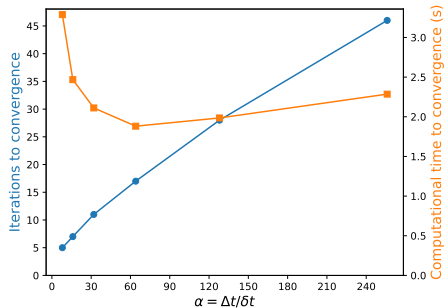


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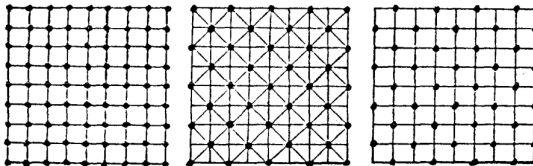
Multigrid Reduction (in space)

4 Multigrid Reduction in Time (MGRIT)

- The MultiGrid Reduction In Time (MGRIT) is a multilevel PinT approach inspired on spatial multigrid (MGR)

MGR¹:

- Iterative solution of linear systems arising from the discretization of spatial-dependent problems.
- Hierarchy of grids:
 - Fine grids: few iterations of a chosen linear system solver (e.g., Gauss-Seidel)
 - Coarse grids: computation of correction terms



Multigrid Reduction (in space)

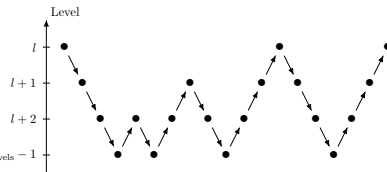
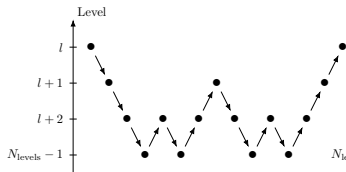
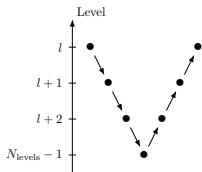
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$$\begin{cases} \Delta u(x) = f(x), & x \in \Omega \\ u(x) = g(x), & x \in \partial\Omega \end{cases} \implies AU = f$$

- Consider two grids:
 - Fine grid, with mesh size $h \implies A_f U_f = f_f$
 - Coarse grid, with mesh size $ph, p > 1 \implies A_c U_c = f_c$
- Steps of the **Full Approximation Scheme (FAS)**:
 1. Relaxation or smoothing on the fine grid: do a few iterations on $A_f U_f = f_f$ and compute the residual $r_f := f_f - A_f \tilde{U}_f$
 2. Restrict the residual to the coarse grid: $r_c := R r_f$
 3. Solve (approximately) $A_c e_c = r_c$ to obtain the coarse grid error e_c :
 4. Prolong the error to the fine grid: $e_f := P e_c$
 5. Correct the fine grid solution: $U_f \leftarrow U_f + e_f$ (initial guess for Step 1).
- Using a hierarchy of grids, **Step 3 can be done recursively**.

Parameters defining the spatial MGR

- Number of levels;
- Mesh coarsening;
- Amount of relaxation on each level (number of iterations of the solver)
- Relaxation strategy: V-cycles, W-cycles, F-cycles



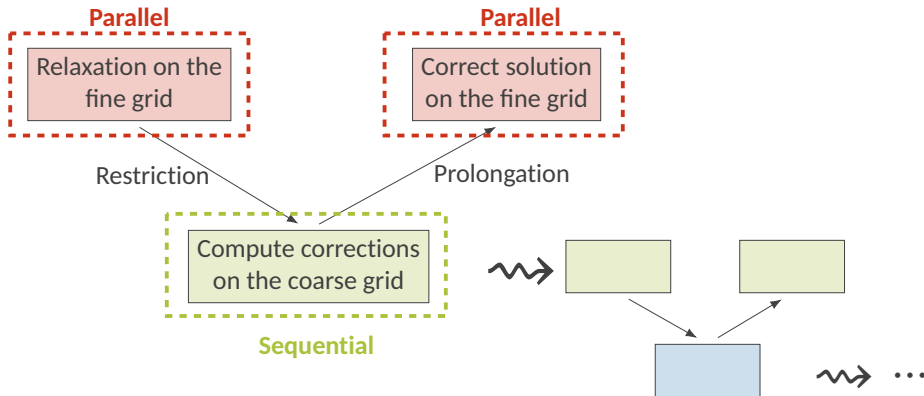
Concepts and vocabulary from MGR are transposed to the spatial domain:

- Grids: temporal grids
- Relaxation: time integration using an approximate scheme
- Amount of relaxation: number of time steps to be computed
- Restriction/interpolation between temporal grids
- V-cycles, W-cycles, F-cycles

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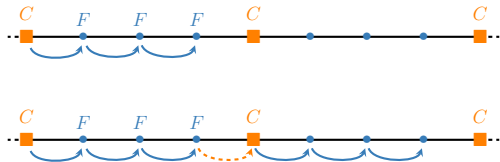
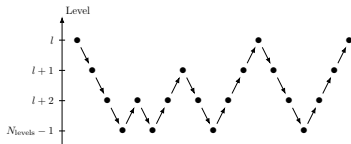
- The solution is iteratively improved using the Full Approximation Scheme (FAS):



Multigrid Reduction in Time (MGRIT)

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- Several parameters to be set, e.g., :
 - Number of levels;
 - Time-stepping scheme in each level: $\phi_0, \phi_1, \dots, \phi_{N_{\text{levels}}-1}$;
 - Coarsening factor between levels: $\Delta t_{l+1} = m_c \Delta t_l$;
 - Relaxation strategy (cycle type);
 - Amount of relaxation: F, FCF, FCFCF, $\dots$, $F(\text{CF})^{N_{\text{relax}}}$



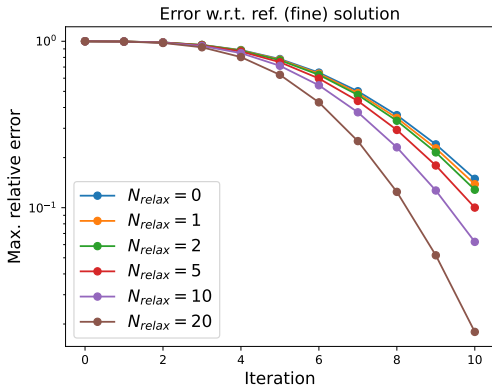
- MGRIT with 2 levels and $N_{\text{relax}} = 0 \implies$ Parareal

Example of application of MGRIT¹: N_{relax}

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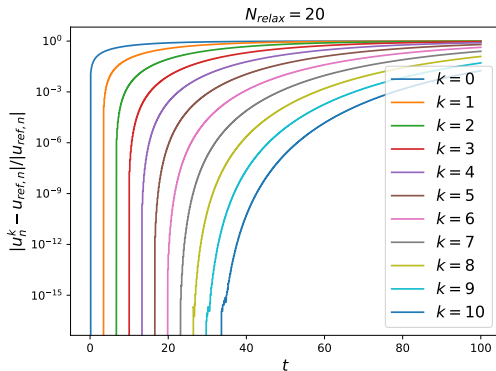
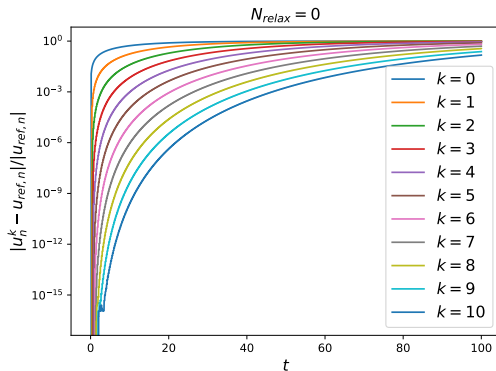


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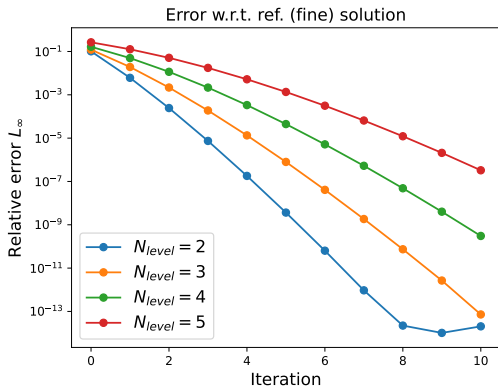


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Parallel Full Approximation Scheme in Space and Time (PFASST)¹

5 Parallel Full Approximation Scheme in Space and Time (PFASST)

Three main ingredients:

- Time-stepping scheme on each level: Spectral Deferred Correction (SDC)
 - Iterative method (on each time step) based on Gaussian quadrature
 - Increasing order across iterations
- Multilevel structure based on the Full Approximation Scheme (FAS)
 - Solve the problem on coarser, cheaper levels
- Predictor-corrector parallel-in-time algorithm:
 - Apply the SDC iterative procedure in several time steps simultaneously

Spectral Deferred Corrections (SDC)¹

5 Parallel Full Approximation Scheme in Space and Time (PFASST)

- Solve $u_t = f(u)$ in $[t_n, t_{n+1}]$ using Gauss-Lobato quadrature:
 - Define $t_n = t_{n,0} < \dots < t_{n,M} = t_{n+1}$
 - Approximate

$$u(t_{n,m+1}) = u(t_{n,m}) + \int_{t_{n,m}}^{t_{n,m+1}} f(u(s))ds \implies U_{n,m+1} = U_{n,m} + \sum_{j=1}^M q_{m,j} f(U_{n,j})$$

- u is unknown at the quadrature nodes $\implies$ start from an initial guess and apply corrections iteratively:

$$U_{n,m+1}^{k+1} = U_{n,m}^{k+1} + \sum_{j=1}^M q_{m,j} f(U_{n,j}^k) + \Delta t_m [f(U_{n,m+1}^{k+1}) - f(U_{n,m+1}^k)]$$

- After k iterations, the solution has accuracy $\mathcal{O}(\Delta t^k)$

Temporal parallelization of SDC

5 Parallel Full Approximation Scheme in Space and Time (PFASST)

- SDC is serial across the time steps: the iterations are performed in each time step $[t_n, t_{n+1}]$ before moving to the next one.
- PFASST computes the SDCs simultaneously in several time steps: a few SDC iterations are performed and the (not yet converged) solution at t_n is used as initial solution for $[t_n, t_{n+1}]$.
- PFASST uses multiple levels as in MGRIT, with a correction procedure based on FAS.
- Good parallel efficiency results (*e.g.*, for the heat equation):

2nd-/2nd-order			2nd-/4th-order			4th-/4th-order		
N_p	Speedup	Efficiency	N_p	Speedup	Efficiency	N_p	Speedup	Efficiency
1	0.8	—	1	0.9	—	1	0.7	—
2	1.2	60.0 %	2	1.4	70.0 %	2	1.0	—
4	2.1	53.5 %	4	2.6	65.0 %	4	1.9	47.5 %
8	3.5	43.5 %	8	4.6	57.5 %	8	3.2	40.0 %
16	5.6	35.0 %	12	5.9	49.2 %	12	4.6	38.3 %
32	8.6	26.9 %	24	7.2	30.0 %	24	6.6	27.5 %

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Warmup: Parareal for a real / complex ODE¹

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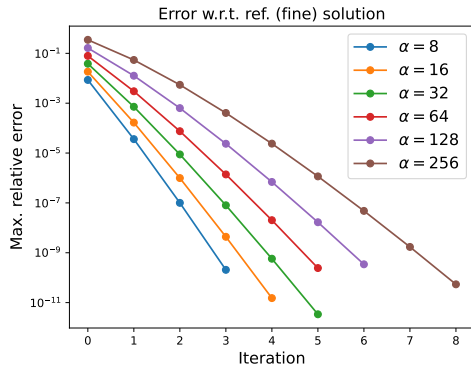
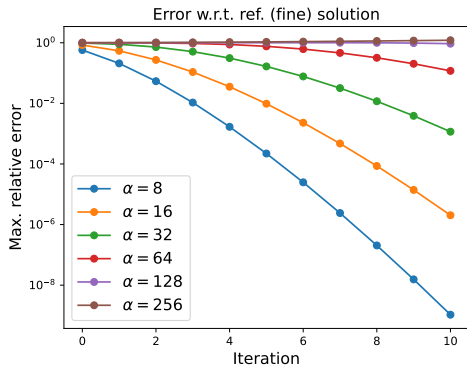
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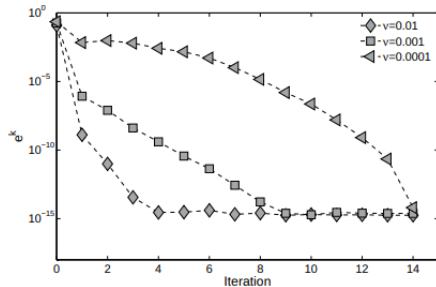
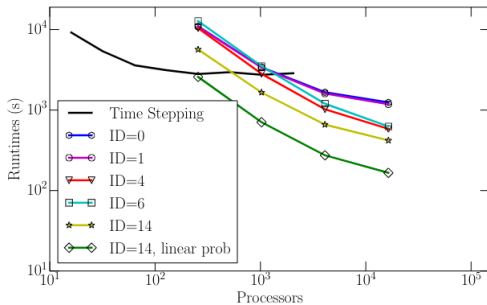
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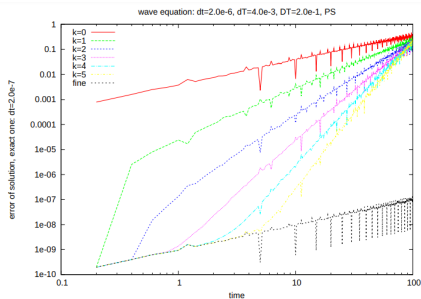
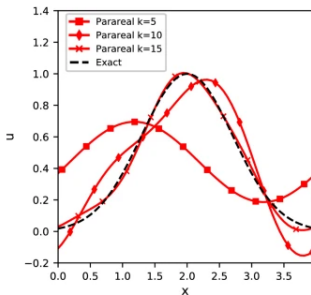
$a = -0.1$



- Predictor-corrector PinT methods are successfully applied to parabolic, diffusive problems
 - Convergence + stability + speedup
- Examples: thermodynamics, chemical diffusion, Navier-Stokes with small Re , finance,...



- Stability and convergence issues when applied to simple hyperbolic problems
- Discouraged application to more complex advection-dominated problems
- Why?¹
 - Mismatch of discrete phase speeds
 - Mainly on high wavenumbers

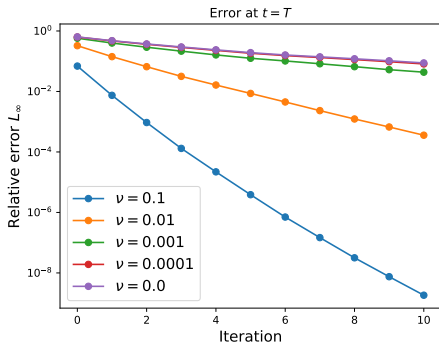


¹ Ruprecht, "Wave propagation characteristics of Parareal" (June 2018).
Figures: Ruprecht (2018); Dai and Maday (2013)

Example: convergence of Parareal for hyperbolic vs parabolic¹

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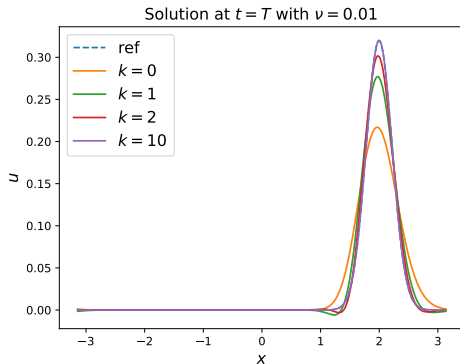
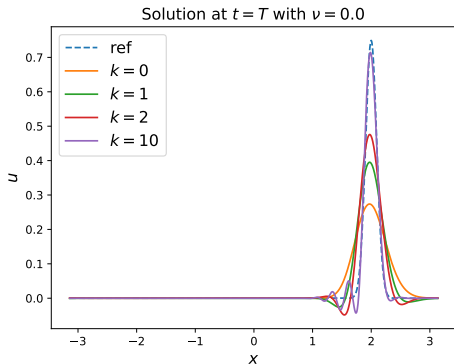
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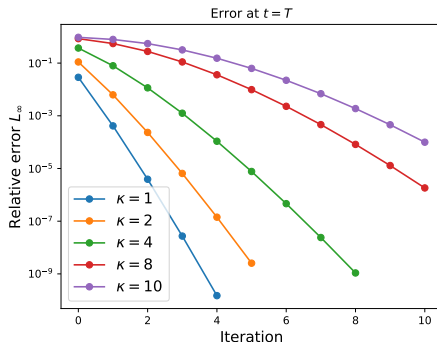
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Example: convergence of Parareal depending on the wavenumber¹

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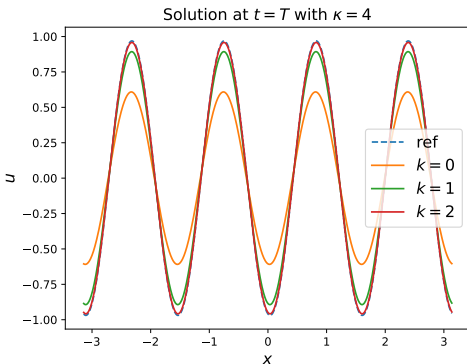
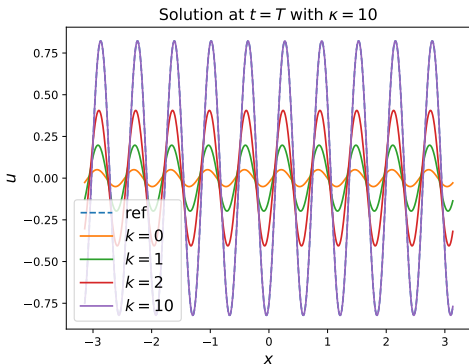


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- Consider the Dahlquist's test equation:

$$u'(t) = au(t), \quad u(0) = u_0, \quad a \in \mathbb{C} \quad (2)$$

- The stability function $A = A(a\Delta t)$ of a given time-stepping scheme defines the stability region $\{a\Delta t \text{ s.t. } |A(a\Delta t)| \leq 1\}$
- We want to express u_n^k as

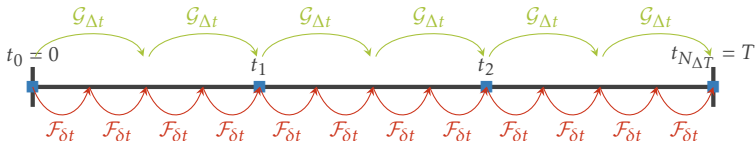
$$u_n^k = A_{\text{parareal}} u_0$$

where $A_{\text{parareal}} = A_{\text{parareal}}(a, n, k, \mathcal{F}_{\delta t}, \mathcal{G}_{\Delta t}, \delta t, \Delta t, \Delta T)$ is the **stability function of Parareal**

Linear stability analysis of Parareal¹

7 Some stability and convergence results

- Assume $\Delta T/\delta t, \Delta T/\Delta t \in \mathbb{N}$
- Define the stability functions:
 - $A_f = A_f(a\delta t)$: stability function of $\mathcal{F}_{\delta t}$ (for advancing one fine time step);
 - $A_c = A_c(a\Delta t)$: stability function of $\mathcal{G}_{\Delta t}$ (for advancing one coarse time step);
 e.g., (forward Euler, backward Euler): $A_f = (1 + a\delta t)$, $A_f = (1 - a\delta t)^{-1}$
- Define $\tilde{A}_f = A_f^{\Delta T/\delta t}$ and $\tilde{A}_c = A_c^{\Delta T/\Delta t}$
 such that $u_{n+1} = \tilde{A}_f u_n$ and $u_{n+1} = \tilde{A}_c u_n$



- Replacing in the Parareal iteration:

$$u_n^k = \tilde{A}_c u_{n-1}^k + (\tilde{A}_f - \tilde{A}_c) u_{n-1}^{k-1}$$

- The recurrence relation leads to

$$A_{\text{parareal}} = \sum_{i=0}^k \binom{n}{i} (\tilde{A}_f - \tilde{A}_c)^i \tilde{A}_c^{n-i}$$

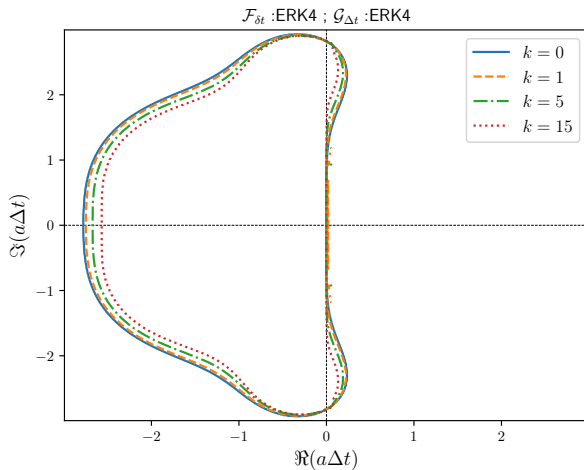
- This stability analysis can be extended to (linearized) nonlinear problems:

$$u'(t) = Lu + N(u) \implies u'(t) = Lu + \tilde{N}u, \quad L, \tilde{N} \in \mathbb{C}$$

Linear stability analysis of Parareal for $u'(t) = au$

7 Some stability and convergence results

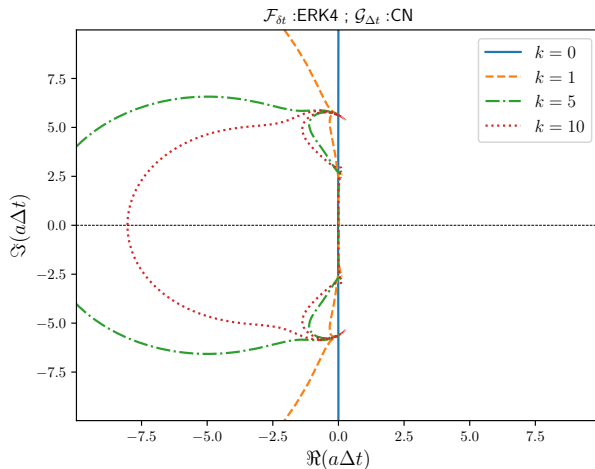
- Example: $n = 100$; $\Delta t = 2\delta t$; $\mathcal{F}_{\delta t} = \mathcal{G}_{\Delta t} = \text{ERK4}$



Linear stability analysis of Parareal for $u'(t) = au$

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- Example: $n = 100$; $\Delta t = 2\delta t$; $\mathcal{F}_{\delta t} = \text{ERK4}$; $\mathcal{G}_{\Delta t} = \text{Crank-Nicolson}$



Linear stability analysis of the two-level MGRIT

7 Some stability and convergence results

- This stability study can be extended to the two-level MGRIT with arbitrary relaxation N_{relax} ¹:
- Two-level MGRIT with $N_{\text{relax}} \equiv \text{Parareal with } N_{\text{relax}} + 1 \text{ time slices computed by } \mathcal{F}_{\delta t}$ per iteration²:

$$u_{n+1}^{k+1} = \mathcal{G}_{\Delta t}(U_n^{k+1}) + \mathcal{F}_{\delta t}^{N_{\text{relax}}+1}(U_{n-N_{\text{relax}}}^k) - \mathcal{G}_{\Delta t}\mathcal{F}_{\delta t}^{N_{\text{relax}}}(U_{n-N_{\text{relax}}}^k)$$

- Recurrence relation:

$$A_{\text{MGRIT}} = \sum_{i=0}^{\lfloor k/(N_{\text{relax}}+1) \rfloor} \binom{n - iN_{\text{relax}}}{i} (\tilde{A}_f^{N_{\text{relax}}}(\tilde{A}_f - \tilde{A}_c))^i \tilde{A}_c^{n-i(N_{\text{relax}}+1)}$$

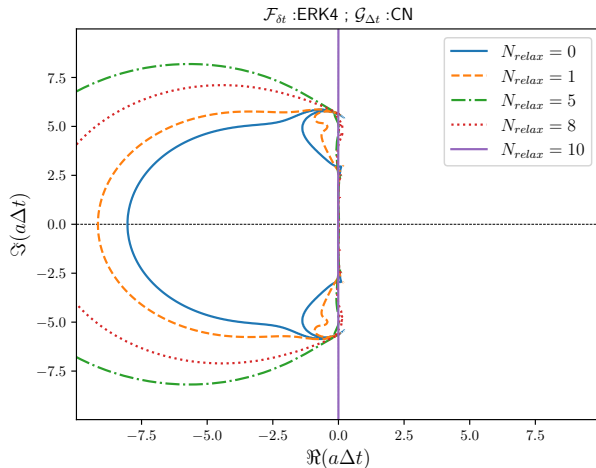
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- Example: $n = 100$; $\Delta t = 2\delta t$; $\mathcal{F}_{\delta t} = \text{ERK4}$; $\mathcal{G}_{\Delta t} = \text{CN}$; $k = 10$



Convergence of the Parareal method

7 Some stability and convergence results

- Consider the Dahlquist test equation: $u'(t) = au(t), u(0) = u_0$
- $\mathcal{F}_{\delta t}$ is the exact propagator: $\mathcal{F}_{\delta t}(u, 0, t) = u_0 e^{at}$
- **Theorem¹**: if $\mathcal{G}_{\Delta t}$ is the explicit or the implicit Euler method, then

$$|U_n^k - u(t_n)| \leq c_k \Delta t^k$$

i.e., at iteration k , the Parareal method has order k .

- **Theorem²**: Let $\mathcal{G}_{\Delta t}$ be a p -th order method in its region of absolute stability and $T < \infty$. Then

$$\max_{1 \leq n \leq N_{\Delta T}} |u_n^k - u(t_n)| \leq \frac{(CT)^k}{k!} \Delta t^{pk} \max_{1 \leq n \leq N_{\Delta T}} |u_n^0 - u(t_n)|$$

i.e., at iteration k , Parareal has order pk .

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Convergence of the Parareal method¹

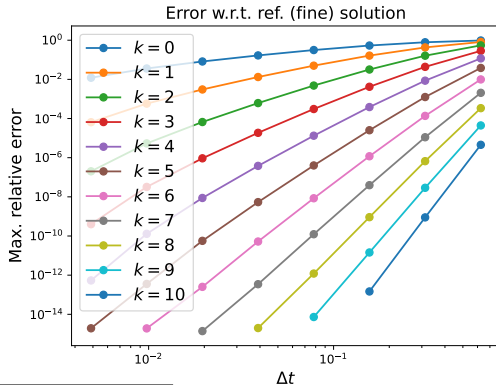
7 Some stability and convergence results

$$\begin{cases} u'(t) = -iu(t), & 0 < t \leq T = 10 \\ u(0) = 1 \end{cases}$$

• $\mathcal{F}_{\delta t}, \mathcal{G}_{\Delta t}$: backward Euler

• $\Delta T = \frac{T}{16}, \delta t = \frac{\Delta T}{256}, \Delta t = \alpha \delta t, \alpha \geq 2$

Error at $t = T$:



Convergence of Parareal applied to PDEs

7 Some stability and convergence results

- Theorem¹:** Consider the heat or the advection equation in one spatial dimension:

$$u_t = u_{xx}, \quad u_t = u_x, \quad x \in \Omega = \mathbb{R}, T < \infty, \quad u(0, x) \in L^2(\Omega)$$

$\mathcal{F}_{\delta t}$ is the exact propagator and $\mathcal{G}_{\Delta t}$ is a stable one-step method. Then:

$$\max_{1 \leq n \leq N_{\Delta T}} \|u(t_n) - U_n^k\|_2 \leq \frac{\beta_s^k}{k!} \prod_{j=1}^k (N_{\Delta T} - j) \max_{1 \leq n \leq N_{\Delta T}} \|u(t_n) - U_n^0\|_2$$

where β_s depends only on $\mathcal{G}_{\Delta t}$.

Heat equation ($\beta_s = \gamma_s$)

	Backward Euler	Trapezoidal rule	SDIRK	Radau IIA
γ_s	0.2036321888	1	0.1717941220	0.0634592650
γ_l	0.2984256075	∞	0.2338191487	0.0677592165

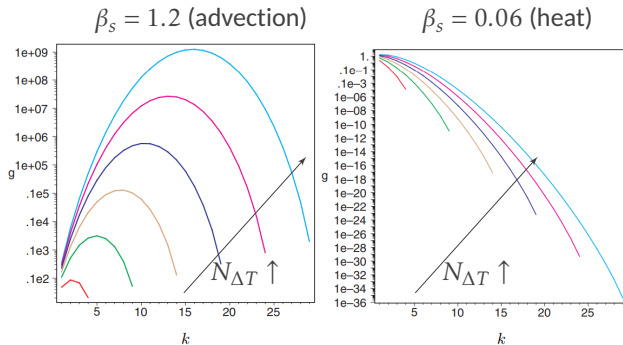
Advection equation ($\beta_s = \alpha_s$)

	Backward Euler	Trapezoidal rule	SDIRK	Radau IIA
α_s	1.224353426	2	1.185652097	1.362526017
α_l	1.632645559	∞	∞	2.231320732

Order of convergence of Parareal

7 Some stability and convergence results

- The convergence factor is bounded by the function $g(\beta, k, N) := \frac{\beta^k}{k!} \prod_{j=1}^k (N_{\Delta T} - j)$



- Similar conclusions in the MGRIT framework with arbitrary N_{levels} , N_{relax} , cycling strategy¹.

¹ Hessenthaler et al., "Multilevel Convergence Analysis of Multigrid-Reduction-in-Time" (Jan. 2020).
Figure: M. J. Gander and Vandewalle (2007)

Main conclusions

- Through iterations:
 - The convergence order of Parareal increases
 - but its stability degrades!
- Stability and convergence are more critical for purely hyperbolic problems:
 - Monotone convergence cannot be ensured in general
 - The stability regions move away from the imaginary axis
- Stability and convergence can be improved by:
 - Adding diffusion $\implies$ affects accuracy
 - Increasing N_{relax} , reducing Δt , ... $\implies$ affects speedup

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- How to overcome stability and convergence issues?

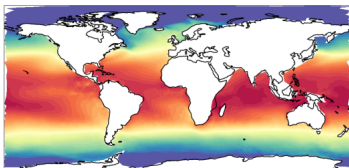
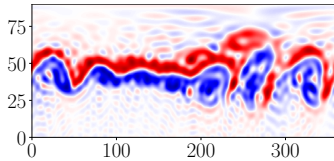
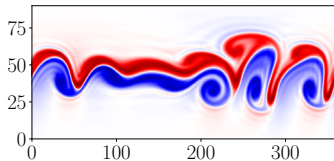
- Adding diffusion?

“Twelve Ways To Fool The Masses When Giving Parallel-In-Time Results”¹

Way 4. *If you are not completely thrilled about the speedup because the number of iterations K is too high, try adding more diffusion. You might have to experiment a little to find just the right amount.*

- Parametrization
 - Choice of time-stepping schemes

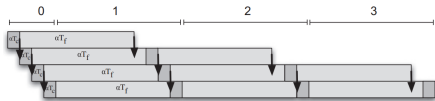
- Towards the temporal parallelization of operational models?



Towards better parallel performance

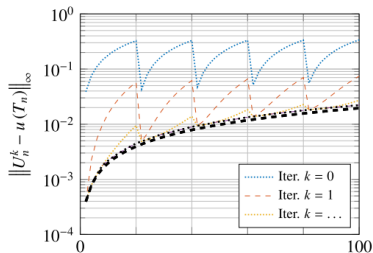
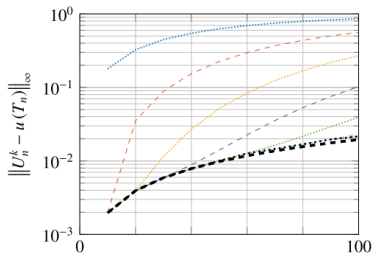
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- Improved parallel task scheduling, reducing idleness¹



$$S = \frac{1}{(k+1) \frac{N_{\Delta t}}{N_{\delta t}} \frac{\tau_c}{\tau_f} + \frac{k}{N_{\Delta t}}} \Rightarrow S = \frac{1}{\left(\frac{k}{N_{\Delta t}} + 1\right) \frac{N_{\Delta t}}{N_{\delta t}} \frac{\tau_c}{\tau_f} + \frac{k}{N_{\Delta T}}}$$

- Windowing: improve convergence speed vs achievable speedup²



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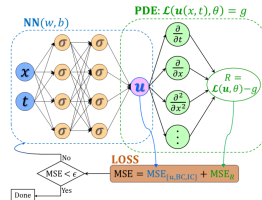
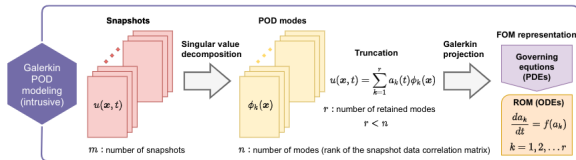
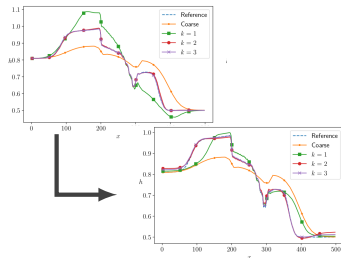
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Figures: Aubanel (2011); Nielsen, Brunner, and Hesthaven (2018)

Model reduction / Machine Learning in PinT

8 Some research topics

- The fine dynamics cannot be represented by coarsening traditional schemes
- Introduce the fine dynamics in $\mathcal{G}_{\Delta t}$ using:
 - Reduced-order models (POD, EIM, RB, ...) ¹
 - Machine Learning techniques (PINN) ²
- Challenges:
 - Construction of efficient models
 - Efficient computation

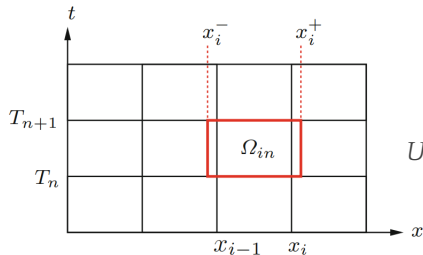


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Figures: Caldas Steinstraesser (2021); Ahmed et al. (2021); Meng et al. (2020)

- The temporal parallelization is seen as a complement to the spatial one
- PinT + DDM
 - Parareal with $\mathcal{F}_{\delta t}, \mathcal{G}_{\Delta t} = \text{Schwarz WR}^1$
 - Schwarz embedded in the Parareal iteration: Parareal Schwarz WR^2
 - Convergence depends on T , interface conditions, overlapping size.



$$\begin{aligned}
 u_{i,n}^{k+1} &= \mathcal{F}_{\delta t}(U_{i,n}^k, t_n, t, \mathcal{B}_i^\pm u_{i\pm 1,n}^k) \\
 U_{i,n+1}^{k+1} &= u_{i,n}^{k+1}(\cdot, t_{n+1}) + \mathcal{G}_{\Delta t}(U_{i,n}^{k+1}, t_n, t_{n+1}, \mathcal{B}_i^\pm u_{i\pm 1,n}^{k+1}) \\
 &\quad - \mathcal{G}_{\Delta t}(U_{i,n}^k, t_n, t_{n+1}, \mathcal{B}_i^\pm u_{i\pm 1,n}^k)
 \end{aligned}$$

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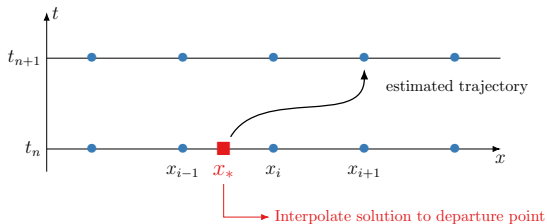
Figure: M. J. Gander, Jiang, and Li (2013)

- Parallelization of weather/climate models?
- Are **well-established time stepping schemes** in atmospheric modeling suitable as coarse schemes in PinT (Parareal and MGRIT)?
 - Eulerian implicit-explicit (**IMEX**) (MPAS/NCAR, NUMA/NPS/NRL)
 - Semi-Lagrangian semi-implicit (**SL-SI-SETTLS**) (IFS/ECMWF, GFS/NCEP/NOAA)
- How much artificial (hyper-)viscosity ∇^q ?
- Shallow water equations on the rotating sphere

$$U^{n+1} = F_I^{\Delta t/2} \left(F_E^{\Delta t} \left(F_I^{\Delta t/2} (U^n) \right) \right)$$

Linear terms: implicit

Nonlinear terms: explicit

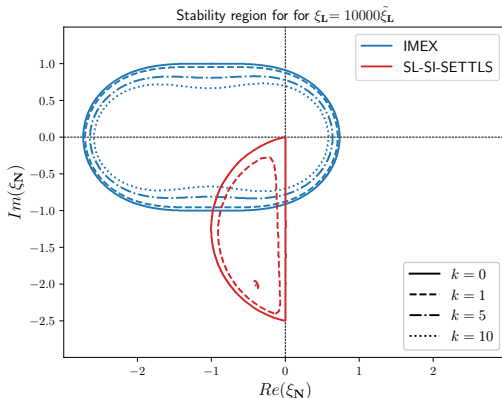


- Stability of Parareal along iterations

Fine scheme: IMEX;

Coarse scheme: IMEX, SL-SI-SETTLS;

$n = 100, m_c = 2$



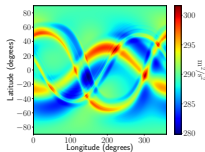
PinT for atmospheric circulation models¹

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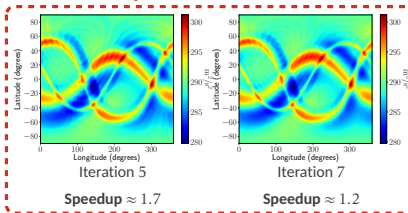
- Numerical simulations: Parareal/MGRIT using as coarse scheme:
 - SL-SI-SETTLS: strong instabilities; requires large, low-order viscosity
 - IMEX: high-order viscosity only on the coarsest levels is sufficient; speedup > 1

Using $N_{\text{proc}} = 64$:

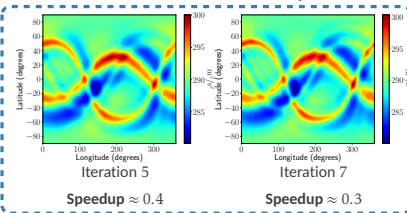
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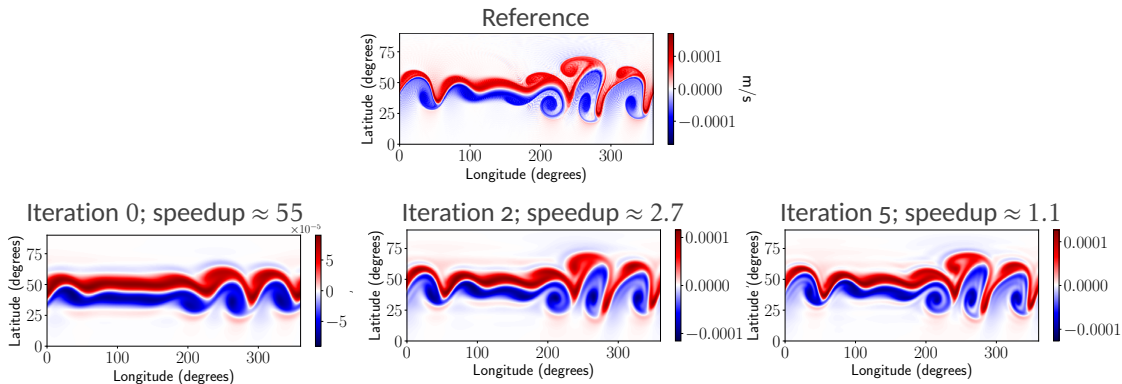
IMEX, $q = 6$



SL-SI-SETTLS, $q = 2$



The unstable jet test case¹ using Parareal, $\mathcal{F}_{\delta t} = \mathcal{G}_{\Delta t} = \text{IMEX}$, ∇^4 only in $\mathcal{G}_{\Delta t}$, $N_{\text{proc}} = 64$



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The scripts for the simulations using pyMGRIT are available in
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