

# A new ParaDiag time-parallel time integration method



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# Differential problem and all-at-once discretization

We consider

$$\begin{cases} u_t &= \mathcal{L}(u) + f, \quad \text{in } \Omega \times (0, T], \\ u &= g, \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega, \\ u(0) &= u_0, \end{cases}$$

$\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $d = 1, 2, 3$ ,  $\mathcal{L}$  linear differential operator w/ **only** space derivatives

## All-at-once

$$(B \otimes M + I_\ell \otimes K)\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{f}$$

- $B \in \mathbb{R}^{\ell \times \ell}$ ,  $\ell$  n. of time steps
- $K, M \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  stiffness and mass matrices
- $\mathbf{u} = \text{vec}([u_1, \dots, u_\ell])$ ,  $\mathbf{f} = \text{vec}([f_1, \dots, f_\ell]) \in \mathbb{R}^{n\ell}$

# ParaDiag: a quite straightforward idea

$$(B \otimes M + I_\ell \otimes K)\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{f}$$

- ① Diagonalize  $B = V\Sigma V^{-1}$ ,  $\Sigma = \text{diag}(\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_\ell)$

$$(V \otimes I_n)(\Sigma \otimes M + I_\ell \otimes K)(V^{-1} \otimes I_n)\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{f}$$

- ② If  $\tilde{\mathbf{u}} = (V^{-1} \otimes I_n)\mathbf{u}$  and  $\tilde{\mathbf{f}} = (V^{-1} \otimes I_n)\mathbf{f}$ , solve

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 M + K & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \sigma_\ell M + K \end{bmatrix}}_{\Sigma \otimes M + I_\ell \otimes K} \tilde{\mathbf{u}} = \tilde{\mathbf{f}}$$

- ③ Retrieve  $\mathbf{u} = (V \otimes I_n)\tilde{\mathbf{u}}$

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# Backward Differentiation Formulas (BDFs)

For the initial value problem

$$\begin{cases} \dot{y} = f(t, y) \\ y(t_0) = y_0 \end{cases}$$

a BDF of order  $s$  is given by

$$y_n - \sum_{i=1}^s \alpha_i y_{n-i} = \tau \beta f(t_n, y_n)$$

$\tau$  time step size,  $t_i = t_0 + i\tau$ ,  $\alpha_i = \alpha_i(s)$ ,  $\beta = \beta(s) \in \mathbb{R}$  (known)

- Implicit methods
- Stable with order  $s \leq 6$

# Backward Differentiation Formulas (BDFs)

A BDF of order  $s$  leads to

$$B = \frac{1}{\tau\beta} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & & & \\ -\alpha_1 & \ddots & & & & \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & & & \\ -\alpha_s & & \ddots & \ddots & & \\ 0 & \ddots & & \ddots & & \\ \vdots & \ddots & & & \ddots & \\ 0 & \cdots & -\alpha_s & \cdots & -\alpha_1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

which is **not** diagonalizable!

# Backward Euler & ParaDiag

Let's focus on  $s = 1$ : Backward Euler

$$B = \frac{1}{\tau} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & \\ -1 & \ddots & & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Backward Euler & ParaDiag

ParaDiag state-of-the-art strategies

- Different  $\tau_j$  at each  $t_j$ ,

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 1/\tau_1 & & & \\ -1/\tau_2 & 1/\tau_2 & & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & -1/\tau_\ell & 1/\tau_\ell \end{bmatrix}$$

diagonalizable but very ill-conditioned eigenvector matrix [**Maday, Rønquist, 2008**], [**Gander et al, 2016**]

# Backward Euler & ParaDiag

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- Hybryd time discretization

$$B = \frac{1}{\tau} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1/2 & & & \\ -1/2 & 0 & 1/2 & & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & -1/2 & 0 & 1/2 \\ & & & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

works well [**Liu et al, 2021**] but not very *flexible*: we'd like to have an effective approach for a **class** of time integrators!

# Backward Euler & ParaDiag

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- Iterative solution of

$$(B \otimes M + I_\ell \otimes K)\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{f}$$

and confine ParaDiag to the preconditioning step only

$$\mathcal{P} = C \otimes M + I_\ell \otimes K$$

$C$  diagonalizable approximation to  $B$  [Bertaccini, 2000],  
[McDonald, Pestana, Wathen, 2018], ...

$$B = \frac{1}{\tau} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & \\ -1 & \ddots & & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\frac{1}{\tau} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & -1 \\ -1 & \ddots & & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_C + \frac{1}{\tau} e_1 e_\ell^T$$

# Backward Euler & ParaDiag: our novel strategy

$M = I$  (FD) for sake of simplicity,  $C = F^{-1}\Pi F$ ,  $F$  FFT

$$\begin{aligned} (B \otimes I_n + I_\ell \otimes K)\mathbf{u} &= \mathbf{f} \\ \Downarrow \\ (C \otimes I_n + \frac{1}{\tau} e_1 e_\ell^T \otimes I_n + I_\ell \otimes K)\mathbf{u} &= \mathbf{f} \\ \Downarrow \\ (\Pi \otimes I_n + \frac{1}{\tau} F e_1 e_\ell^T F^{-1} \otimes I_n + I_\ell \otimes K)\tilde{\mathbf{u}} &= \tilde{\mathbf{f}} \\ \tilde{\mathbf{u}} := (F \otimes I)\mathbf{u}, \quad \tilde{\mathbf{f}} &= (F \otimes I)\mathbf{f} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\left( \underbrace{\Pi \otimes I_n + I_\ell \otimes K}_{=P} + \underbrace{\left( \frac{1}{\tau} F e_1 \otimes I_n \right) \left( F^{-T} e_\ell \otimes I_n \right)^T}_{=MN^T} \right) \tilde{\mathbf{u}} = \tilde{\mathbf{f}}$$

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**SMW**

$$\tilde{\mathbf{u}} = P^{-1} \tilde{\mathbf{f}} - P^{-1} M (I + N^T P^{-1} M)^{-1} N^T P^{-1} \tilde{\mathbf{f}}$$

then

$$\mathbf{u} = (F^{-1} \otimes I) \tilde{\mathbf{u}}$$

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$$\tilde{\mathbf{u}} = P^{-1}\tilde{\mathbf{f}} - P^{-1}M(I + N^T P^{-1}M)^{-1}N^T P^{-1}\tilde{\mathbf{f}}$$

- $\mathbf{f} = \text{vec}([f_1, \dots, f_\ell])$ ,  $\tilde{\mathbf{f}} = (F \otimes I)\mathbf{f} = \text{vec}([f_1, \dots, f_\ell]F^T)$
- $P$  is block diagonal,  $P^{-1}\tilde{\mathbf{f}}$  in parallel but  $P^{-1}M$  is too expensive
- Exploit the Kronecker structure of  $M = 1/\tau \mathbf{1} \otimes I_n$  and  
 $N = F^{-T} e_\ell \otimes I_n$

$$N^T \text{vec}(Y) = Y F^{-T} e_\ell \quad M \text{vec}(X) = \text{vec}(1/\tau X \mathbf{1}^T)$$

- Main issue:  $(I + N^T P^{-1}M)^{-1}$

## Backward Euler & ParaDiag: our novel strategy

If  $\Pi = \text{diag}(\pi_1, \dots, \pi_\ell)$ , and  $F^{-T} e_\ell = (\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_\ell)^T$

$$I + N^T P^{-1} M = I + \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \gamma_i ((1 - \pi_i) I + \tau K)^{-1}$$

we need to solve

$$\underbrace{\left( I + \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \gamma_i ((1 - \pi_i) I + \tau K)^{-1} \right)}_{=: J_\ell} x = b$$

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Galerkin w/ Krylov subspace  $\mathcal{K}_m(K, b) = \text{span}\{b, K, b, \dots, K^{m-1}b\}$

- $V_m = [v_1, \dots, v_m] \in \mathbf{R}^{n \times m}$  w/ orthonormal columns s.t.  
 $\text{range}(V_m) = \mathcal{K}_m(K, b)$
- $x_m = V_m y_m$
- Compute  $y_m \in \mathbb{R}^m$  by imposing

$$r_m \perp \mathcal{K}_m(K, b), \quad r_m = J_\ell x_m - b$$
$$\Downarrow$$
$$\left( I_m + \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \gamma_i (I_m - t_{m+1,m} V_m^T h_i e_m^T) M_i \right) y_m = \theta e_1$$

$$\theta = \|b\|, \quad M_i = ((1 - \pi_i)I + \tau T_m)^{-1}, \quad T_m = V_m^T K V_m,$$
$$t_{m+1,m} = v_{m+1}^T K V_m, \quad h_i = ((1 - \pi_i)I + \tau K)^{-1} v_{m+1}$$

# Backward Euler & ParaDiag: our novel strategy

$$(B \otimes I_n + I_\ell \otimes K)\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{f}$$

- ① Compute

$$\text{vec}([z_1, \dots, z_\ell]) = (\Pi \otimes I_n + I_\ell \otimes K)^{-1} \text{vec}([f_1, \dots, f_\ell] F^T)$$

in parallel

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- ⑤ Set  $\mathbf{u} = \text{vec}(([z_1, \dots, z_\ell] - [w_1, \dots, w_\ell]) F^{-T})$

# Backward Euler & ParaDiag: our novel strategy

Algorithmic considerations ( $m$  number of Galerkin iterations)

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This can get expensive!

## $\alpha$ -acceleration

Given  $\alpha > 0$ , we can write

$$B = C_\alpha + \alpha e_1 e_\ell^T, \quad C_\alpha = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & -\alpha \\ -1 & \ddots & & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{\ell \times \ell}$$

$C_\alpha$  is a  $\alpha$ -circulant matrix and can be diagonalized by the *scaled* FFT

$$C_\alpha = D_\alpha^{-1} F^{-1} \Pi_\alpha F D_\alpha, \quad D_\alpha = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & \alpha^{1/\ell} & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & \alpha^{(\ell-1)/\ell} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \Pi_\alpha = \alpha^{1/\ell} \Pi$$

# Backward Euler & ParaDiag: $\alpha$ -accelerated strategy

$$(B \otimes I_n + I_\ell \otimes K)\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{f}$$

- ➊ Compute

$$\text{vec}([z_1, \dots, z_\ell]) = (\Pi_{\alpha} \otimes I_n + I_\ell \otimes K)^{-1} \text{vec}([f_1, \dots, f_\ell] D_{\alpha} F^T)$$

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Big issue:  $\kappa(FD_\alpha) = \alpha^{-(\ell-1)/\ell}$

## Numerical examples

$$\begin{cases} u_t - \nu \Delta u + \vec{w} \cdot \nabla u = 0, & \text{in } \Omega \times (0, 1], \quad \Omega := (0, 1)^2 \\ u = g(x, y), & \text{on } \partial\Omega \\ u_0 = u(x, y, 0) = g(x, y) & \text{if } (x, y) \in \partial\Omega \\ u_0 = u(x, y, 0) = 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- $\nu = 1/20$
- $\vec{w} = (2y(1 - x^2), -2x(1 - y^2))$
- $g(1, y) = g(x, 0) = g(x, 1) = 0, g(0, y) = 1$
- $K$  obtained by IFIGS<sup>i</sup>

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<sup>i</sup>cd\_testproblem, n. 4 with the default setting

# Numerical examples

$$(B \otimes M + I_\ell \otimes K)\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{f}, \quad B = C + \frac{1}{\tau} e_1 e_\ell^T$$

Competitors:

- GMRES preconditioned by  $\mathcal{P} = C \otimes M + I_\ell \otimes K$  (right preconditioning),  $\epsilon = 10^{-8}$  (same threshold for Galerkin)
- Ev-Int, an interpolation scheme that depends on two parameters:  $r$  (#Pint) and  $\rho > 0$  [**Kressner et al. (2023)**]<sup>ii</sup>

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<sup>ii</sup>It is suggested to use  $r = 2$  and  $\rho = 5 \cdot 10^{-4}$

## Numerical examples

$n$	$\ell$	$\nu$	Us ( $\alpha = 10^{-4}$ )			GMRES			Ev-Int		
			#PinT	Rel.	Res.	#PinT	Rel.	Res.	#PinT	Rel.	Res.
16 384	32	$10^{-1}$	3	8.41e-11		5	8.02e-13		2	7.26e-11	
		$10^{-2}$	3	6.98e-12		5	7.28e-12		2	1.24e-11	
		$10^{-3}$	3	2.77e-12		5	2.13e-10		2	7.22e-11	
	64	$10^{-1}$	3	1.74e-11		5	1.12e-13		2	3.72e-11	
		$10^{-2}$	3	1.42e-12		5	1.31e-12		2	4.19e-12	
		$10^{-3}$	3	7.41e-13		5	9.42e-12		2	1.99e-11	
	128	$10^{-1}$	3	1.20e-11		5	4.51e-14		2	2.30e-11	
		$10^{-2}$	3	1.01e-12		5	4.24e-13		2	2.23e-12	
		$10^{-3}$	3	3.99e-13		5	1.88e-12		2	8.11e-12	

Table: Advection-Diffusion equation: results for different values of  $\ell$ , and  $\nu$ .

## Numerical examples

$\bar{n}$	$\ell$	$\nu$	#PinT = 2		#PinT = 1	
			Us ( $\alpha = 10^{-4}$ )	Ev-Int	Us ( $\alpha = 10^{-6}$ )	Ev-Int
32	10 <sup>-1</sup>	10 <sup>-1</sup>	8.44e-11	7.26e-11	1.87e-8	8.95e-6
		10 <sup>-2</sup>	6.97e-12	1.24e-11	3.97e-8	1.98e-5
		10 <sup>-3</sup>	3.14e-12	7.22e-11	5.88e-8	2.94e-5
	10 <sup>-1</sup>	10 <sup>-1</sup>	1.76e-11	3.72e-11	1.09e-8	5.45e-6
		10 <sup>-2</sup>	1.43e-12	4.19e-12	2.45e-8	1.22e-5
		10 <sup>-3</sup>	8.43e-13	1.99e-11	3.99e-8	1.99e-5
	10 <sup>-1</sup>	10 <sup>-1</sup>	1.20e-11	2.30e-11	8.23e-9	3.55e-6
		10 <sup>-2</sup>	1.01e-12	2.23e-12	1.59e-8	7.96e-6
		10 <sup>-3</sup>	4.30e-13	8.11e-12	2.79e-8	1.39e-5

**Table:** Advection-Diffusion equation: results for different values of  $\ell$ , and  $\nu$  by fixing #PinT.

# Conclusions

- New solution framework for ParaDiag w/ BDFs but it can be generalized to different time integrators (e.g., Runge-Kutta)
- Competitive w.r.t. state-of-the-art approaches

## Not shown here

- Numerical study on the impact of  $\alpha$
- Detailed derivation of the scheme for BDFs of order  $s > 1$ 
  - Same exact procedure but  $J_\ell$  is now a  $s \times s$  block matrix
  - Galerkin needs to take into account this structure

**Reference:** *A new ParaDiag time-parallel time integration method*  
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# Wave equation - 1D

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} = c^2 u_{xx}, & \text{in } \Omega \times (0, T], \\ u = 0, & \text{on } \partial\Omega, \\ u(0) = 0, \\ u_t(0) = \exp(-100(x - 1/2)^2) \end{cases}$$

$$\|U_{march} - U_{par}\|_F / \|U_{march}\|_F = \mathcal{O}(10^{-8}) \quad \text{w/ 2 PinT}$$

## Wave equation - 2D

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} = c^2 \Delta u, & \text{in } \Omega \times (0, T], \\ u = 0, & \text{on } \partial\Omega, \\ u(0) = 0, \\ u_t(0) = \exp(-100(x - 1/2)^2 - 100(y - 1/2)^2) \end{cases}$$

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# Wave equation w/ viscoelastic dumping - 1D

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} = c^2 u_{xx} + g u_{txx}, & \text{in } \Omega \times (0, T], \\ u = 0, & \text{on } \partial\Omega, \\ u(0) = \sin(\pi x), \\ u_t(0) = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\|U_{march} - U_{par}\|_F / \|U_{march}\|_F = \mathcal{O}(10^{-7}) \quad \text{w/ 2 PinT}$$

## Wave equation w/ viscoelastic dumping - 2D

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} = c^2 u_{xx} + g \Delta u_t, & \text{in } \Omega \times (0, T], \\ u = 0, & \text{on } \partial\Omega, \\ u(0) = \sin(\pi(x+y)), \\ u_t(0) = 0 \end{cases}$$

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