# Smoothed Aggregation Multigrid for Slowly Mixing Markov Chains 

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## 1. Simple Markov Chain Example

- start in one state with probability 1 : what is the stationary probability vector after $\infty$ number of steps?

$$
B=\left[\begin{array}{ccccc}
0 & 1 / 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\
1 / 2 & 1 / 3 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\
0 & 1 / 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\
1 / 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0
\end{array}\right]
$$

$$
\mathbf{x}_{i+1}=B \mathbf{x}_{i}
$$

- stationary probability:
$B \mathbf{x}=\mathbf{x} \quad\|\mathbf{x}\|_{1}=1$


$$
\mathbf{x}^{T}=[2 / 196 / 194 / 196 / 191 / 19]
$$

## 2. Problem Statement

$$
B \mathrm{x}=\mathrm{x} \quad\|\mathrm{x}\|_{1}=1 \quad x_{i} \geq 0 \forall i
$$

- $B$ is column-stochastic

$$
0 \leq b_{i j} \leq 1 \forall i, j \quad \mathbf{1}^{T} B=\mathbf{1}^{T}
$$

- $B$ is irreducible (every state can be reached from every other state in the directed graph)

$$
\exists!\mathrm{x}: \quad B \mathrm{x}=\mathrm{x} \quad\|\mathrm{x}\|_{1}=1 \quad x_{i}>0 \forall i
$$


(no probability sinks!)

## 3. Power Method

$B \mathrm{x}=\mathrm{x} \quad$ or $\quad(I-B) \mathrm{x}=0$ or $A \mathrm{x}=0$

- largest eigenvalue of $B: \quad \lambda_{1}=1$
- power method: $\mathbf{x}_{i+1}=B \mathbf{x}_{i}$
- convergence factor: $\left|\lambda_{2}\right|$
- convergence is very slow when

$$
\begin{gathered}
\left|\lambda_{2}\right| \approx 1 \\
\text { (slowly mixing Markov chain) }(\text { JAC, GS also slow) }
\end{gathered}
$$

## 4. Aggregation for Markov Chains

$$
\begin{aligned}
B_{c} \mathbf{x}_{c} & =\mathbf{x}_{c} \\
b_{c, I J} & =\frac{\sum_{j \in J} x_{j}\left(\sum_{i \in I} b_{i j}\right)}{\sum_{j \in J} x_{j}}
\end{aligned}
$$



$$
B_{c}=Q^{T} B \operatorname{diag}(\mathbf{x}) Q \operatorname{diag}\left(Q^{T} \mathbf{x}\right)^{-1}
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& x_{c, I}=\sum_{i \in I} x_{i} \\
& \mathbf{x}_{c}=Q^{T} \mathbf{x}
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
Q=\left[\begin{array}{lll}
1 & 0 & 0 \\
1 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 1 & 0 \\
0 & 1 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 1
\end{array}\right]
$$

(Krieger, Horton, ... 1990s)

## 5. Error Equation

- error equation - coarse grid correction:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \mathrm{x}=\operatorname{diag}\left(\mathrm{x}_{i}\right) \mathrm{e}_{i} \\
& A \operatorname{diag}\left(\mathrm{x}_{i}\right) \mathrm{e}_{i}=0
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
Q^{T} A \operatorname{diag}\left(\mathrm{x}_{i}\right) Q \mathbf{e}_{c}=0
$$

$$
A_{c} \mathbf{e}_{c}=0
$$

$$
R=Q^{T} \quad P=\operatorname{diag}\left(\mathbf{x}_{i}\right) Q
$$

$$
A_{c}=R A P
$$

$$
\mathbf{x}_{i+1}=P \mathbf{e}_{c}
$$

## Error Equation

- important properties of $A_{c}$ :

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
\mathrm{x}=\operatorname{diag}\left(\mathbf{x}_{i}\right) \mathrm{e}_{i} & \text { (1) } \mathbf{1}_{c}^{T} A_{c}=0 \quad \forall \mathbf{x}_{i} \\
A \operatorname{diag}\left(\mathbf{x}_{i}\right) \mathrm{e}_{i}=0 & \text { (since } \left.\mathbf{1}_{c}^{T} R=\mathbf{1}^{T} \text { and } \mathbf{1}^{T} A=0\right) \\
& \\
Q^{T} A \operatorname{diag}\left(\mathbf{x}_{i}\right) Q \mathbf{e}_{c}=0 & \text { (2) } A_{c} \mathbf{1}_{c}=0 \quad \text { for } \mathrm{x}_{\mathrm{i}}=\mathrm{x} \\
A_{c} \mathbf{e}_{c}=0 & A_{c}\left(\operatorname{diag}\left(P^{T} \mathbf{1}\right)\right)^{-1} \\
& =R(I-B) P\left(\operatorname{diag}\left(P^{T} \mathbf{1}\right)\right)^{-1} \\
R=Q^{T} \quad P=\operatorname{diag}\left(\mathbf{x}_{i}\right) Q & =R\left(\begin{array}{l}
\text { a }
\end{array}\right. \\
A_{c}=R A P & =I_{c}-B_{c}
\end{array}
$$

## 6. Multilevel Aggregation Algorithm

Algorithm: Multilevel Adaptive Aggregation method (V-cycle)
$\mathrm{x}=\mathrm{AM}-\mathrm{V}\left(A, \mathrm{x}, \nu_{1}, \nu_{2}\right)$

## begin

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \mathbf{x} \leftarrow \operatorname{Relax}(A, \mathbf{x}) \quad \nu_{1} \text { times } \\
& \text { build } Q \text { based on } \mathbf{x} \text { and } A \quad(Q \text { is rebuilt every level and cycle) } \\
& R=Q^{T} \text { and } P=\operatorname{diag}(\mathbf{x}) Q \\
& A_{c}=R A P \\
& \mathbf{x}_{c}=\operatorname{AM} V\left(A_{c} \operatorname{diag}\left(P^{T} 1\right)^{-1}, P^{T} 1, \nu_{1}, \nu_{2}\right) \quad \text { (coarse-level solve) } \\
& \mathbf{x}=P\left(\operatorname{diag}\left(P^{T} \mathbf{1}\right)\right)^{-1} \mathbf{x}_{c} \quad(\text { coarse-level correction }) \\
& \mathbf{x} \leftarrow \operatorname{Relax}(A, \mathbf{x}) \quad \nu_{2} \text { times }
\end{aligned}
$$

end
(Krieger, Horton 1994, but no good

## 7. Well-posedness: Singular M-matrices

- singular M-matrix:

$$
A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} \text { is a singular M-matrix } \Leftrightarrow
$$

$$
A=\left[\begin{array}{lllll}
+ & - & - & - & - \\
- & + & - & - & - \\
- & - & + & - \\
- & - & + & - \\
- & - & - & - & +
\end{array}\right]
$$

$\exists B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}, b_{i j} \geq 0 \forall i, j: A=\rho(B) I-B$

- our $A=I-B$ is a singular M-matrix on all levels
(1) Irreducible singular $M$-matrices have a unique solution to the problem $A \mathbf{x}=0$, up to scaling. All components of $\mathbf{x}$ have strictly the same sign (i.e., scaling can be chosen s.t. $x_{i}>0 \forall i$ ). (This follows directly from the Perron-Frobenius theorem.)
(3) Irreducible singular $M$-matrices have nonpositive off-diagonal elements, and strictly positive diagonal elements ( $n>1$ ).
(4) If $A$ has a strictly positive element in its left or right nullspace and the off-diagonal elements of $A$ are nonpositive, then $A$ is a singular M-matrix (see also [21]).


## Well-posedness: Unsmoothed Method

THEOREM 3.1 (Singular M-matrix property of AM coarse-level operators). $A_{c}$ is an irreducible singular M-matrix on all coarse levels, and thus has a unique right kernel vector $\mathbf{e}_{c}$ with strictly positive components (up to scaling) on all levels.

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { (1) } \mathbf{1}_{c}^{T} A_{c}=0 \quad \forall \mathbf{x}_{i} \\
& \text { (since } \left.\mathbf{1}_{c}^{T} R=\mathbf{1}^{T} \text { and } \mathbf{1}^{T} A=0\right) \quad A=\left[\begin{array}{ccccc}
+ & - & - & - & - \\
- & + & - & - \\
- & + & - & - \\
- & - & + & - \\
- & - & - & +
\end{array}\right]
\end{aligned}
$$

Theorem 3.2 (Fixed-point property of AM V-cycle). Exact solution $\mathbf{x}$ is a fixed point of the AM V-cycle.
(2) $A_{c} \mathbf{1}_{c}=0 \quad$ for $\mathrm{x}_{\mathrm{i}}=\mathrm{x}$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& A_{c} \mathbf{e}_{c}=0 \\
& \mathbf{x}_{i+1}=P \mathbf{e}_{c}
\end{aligned}
$$

## 8. We Need 'Smoothed Aggregation'...

(Vanek, Mandel, and Brezina, Computing, 1996)


$$
Q=\left[\begin{array}{lll}
1 & 0 & 0 \\
1 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 1 & 0 \\
0 & 1 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 1
\end{array}\right]
$$

after relaxation:

coarse grid correction with Q:


$$
Q_{s}=\left[\begin{array}{ccc}
\times & 0 & 0 \\
\times & \times & 0 \\
\times & \times & 0 \\
0 & \times & \times \\
0 & \times & \times
\end{array}\right]
$$

coarse grid correction with $Q_{s}: \circ$

## Smoothed Aggregation

$$
A=D-(L+U)
$$

- smooth the columns of $P$ with weighted Jacobi:

$$
P_{s}=(1-w) \operatorname{diag}\left(\mathbf{x}_{i}\right) Q+w D^{-1}(L+U) \operatorname{diag}\left(\mathbf{x}_{i}\right) Q
$$

- smooth the rows of $R$ with weighted Jacobi:

$$
R_{s}=R(1-w)+R w(L+U) D^{-1}
$$

## Smoothed Aggregation

- smoothed coarse level operator:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& A_{c s}=R_{s}(D-(L+U)) P_{s} \quad \mathbf{1}_{c}^{T} A_{c s}=0 \quad \forall \mathbf{x}_{i}, \\
& =R_{s} D P_{s}-R_{s}(L+U) P_{s} \quad A_{c s} \mathbf{1}_{c}=0 \quad \text { for } \mathbf{x}_{\mathrm{i}}=\mathbf{x}
\end{aligned}
$$

- problem: $A_{c s}$ is not a singular M-matrix (signs wrong)
- solution: lumping approach on $S$ in

$$
A=\left[\begin{array}{lllll}
+ & - & - & - & - \\
- & + & - & - & - \\
- & - & + & - & - \\
- & - & - & + & - \\
- & - & - & - & +
\end{array}\right]
$$

$$
A_{c s}=S-G \quad \hat{A}_{c s}=\hat{S}-G
$$

## Smoothed Aggregation

$$
A_{c s}=S-G \quad \hat{A}_{c s}=\hat{S}-G
$$

- we want as little lumping as possible
- only lump 'offending' elements (i,j):

$$
\begin{aligned}
& A=\left[\begin{array}{lllll}
+ & - & - & - & - \\
- & + & - & - \\
- & - & + & - & - \\
- & - & + & - \\
- & - & - & +
\end{array}\right]
\end{aligned}
$$

(we consider both off-diagonal signs and reducibility here!)

- for 'offending' elements ( $i, j$ ), add $S_{\{i, j, j}$ to $S$ :

$$
S_{\{i, j\}}=\begin{gathered}
i \\
j
\end{gathered}\left[\begin{array}{ccccc}
\ddots & i & & j & \vdots \\
& & \vdots & \\
\cdots & \beta_{\{i, i,\}} & \cdots & -\beta_{\{i, j\}} & \cdots \\
& \vdots & & \vdots & \\
\ldots & -\beta_{\{i, j\}} & \ldots & \beta_{\{i, j\}} & \ldots
\end{array}\right] \begin{aligned}
& s_{i j}-g_{i j}-\beta_{\{i, j\}}<0 \\
& s_{j i}-g_{j i}-\beta_{\{i, j\}}<0 \\
& \text { conserves both row and } \\
& \text { column sums }
\end{aligned}
$$

## 9. Lumped Smoothed Method is Well-posed

Theorem 4.1 (Singular M-matrix property of lumped SAM coarse-level operators). $\hat{A}_{c s}$ is an irreducible singular M-matrix on all coarse levels, and thus has a unique right kernel vector $\mathbf{e}_{c}$ with strictly positive components (up to scaling) on all levels.

Theorem 4.2 (Fixed-point property of lumped SAM V-cycle). Exact solution $\mathbf{x}$ is a fixed point of the SAM $V$-cycle (with lumping).

$$
\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{1}_{c}^{T} \hat{A}_{c s}=0 & \forall \mathbf{x}_{i}, \\
\hat{A}_{c s} \mathbf{1}_{c}=0 & \text { for } \mathbf{x}_{\mathrm{i}}=\mathbf{x}
\end{aligned} \quad A=\left[\begin{array}{ccccc}
+ & - & - & - \\
- & + & - & - \\
- & + & - & - \\
- & - & + & - \\
- & - & -
\end{array}\right]
$$

## 10. Numerical Results: Test Problems

- uniform chain

- birth-death chain



## Test Problems

- uniform 2D lattice

- anisotropic 2D lattice



## Test Problems

- tandem queueing network


FIG. 5.6. Tandem queueing network.


FIG. 5.7. Graph for tandem queueing network.

## 11. Numerical Results: Geometric Aggregation (size 3)

| $n$ | $\gamma_{\text {res }}$ | iter | $C_{\text {op }}$ | levels |
| ---: | :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 27 | 0.66 | 32 | 1.32 | 2 |
| 81 | 0.87 | 85 | 1.43 | 3 |
| 243 | 0.95 | $>100$ | 1.47 | 4 |
| 729 | 0.98 | $>100$ | 1.49 | 5 |
| TABLE 5.1 |  |  |  |  |

Uniform chain. G-AM with $V$-cycles and size-three aggregates. (No smoothing.)

| $n$ | $\gamma_{\text {res }}$ | iter | $C_{\text {op }}$ | levels | $R_{\text {lump }}$ |
| ---: | :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 27 | 0.27 | 13 | 1.32 | 2 | 0 |
| 81 | 0.27 | 13 | 1.43 | 3 | 0 |
| 243 | 0.27 | 13 | 1.47 | 4 | 0 |
| 729 | 0.27 | 13 | 1.49 | 5 | 0 |
| 2187 | 0.27 | 13 | 1.50 | 6 | 0 |
| 6561 | 0.27 | 13 | 1.50 | 7 | 0 |

Uniform chain. $G$-SAM with $V$-cycles and size-three aggregates. (Smoothing with lumping.)


## Numerical Results: Geometric Aggregation (size 3)

| $n$ | $\gamma_{\text {res }}$ | iter | $C_{o p}$ | levels |
| ---: | :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 27 | 0.66 | 33 | 1.32 | 2 |
| 81 | 0.88 | 95 | 1.43 | 3 |
| 243 | 0.95 | $>100$ | 1.47 | 4 |
| 729 | 0.97 | $>100$ | 1.49 | 5 |
| TABLE 5.3 |  |  |  |  |

Birth-death chain $(\mu=0.96) . G$-AM with $V$-cycles and size-three aggregates. (No smoothing.)

| $n$ | $\gamma_{\text {res }}$ | iter | $C_{\text {op }}$ | levels | $R_{\text {lump }}$ |
| ---: | :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 27 | 0.27 | 13 | 1.32 | 2 | 0 |
| 81 | 0.27 | 12 | 1.43 | 3 | 0 |
| 243 | 0.26 | 13 | 1.47 | 4 | 0 |
| 729 | 0.24 | 12 | 1.49 | 5 | 0 |
| TABLE 5.4 |  |  |  |  |  |

Birth-death chain $(\mu=0.96) . G$-SAM with $V$-cycles and size-three aggregates. (Smoothing with lumping.)


## Numerical Results: Geometric Aggregation (3x3)



| $n$ | $\gamma_{\text {res }}$ | iter | $C_{\text {op }}$ | levels |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 64 | 0.71 | 43 | 1.11 | 2 |
| 100 | 0.85 | 72 | 1.17 | 3 |
| 169 | 0.86 | 85 | 1.15 | 3 |
| 400 | 0.89 | $>100$ | 1.13 | 3 |
| 900 | 0.95 | $>100$ | 1.12 | 4 |
| TABLE 5.9 |  |  |  |  |

Uniform 2D lattice. $G$-AM with $V$-cycles and size-three aggregates. (No smoothing.)

| $n$ | $\gamma_{\text {res }}$ | iter | $C_{\text {op }}$ | levels | $R_{\text {lump }}$ | $\gamma_{\text {res }}$ | iter | $C_{\text {op }}$ | levels | $R_{\text {lump }}$ |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 64 | 0.49 | 22 | 1.17 | 2 | 0 | 0.39 | 17 | 1.34 | 2 | 0 |
| 100 | 0.52 | 23 | 1.25 | 3 | 0 | 0.41 | 18 | 1.57 | 3 | 0 |
| 169 | 0.52 | 23 | 1.23 | 3 | 0 | 0.42 | 18 | 1.51 | 3 | 0 |
| 400 | 0.56 | 25 | 1.21 | 3 | $1.72 \mathrm{e}-03$ | 0.44 | 19 | 1.48 | 3 | $5.64 \mathrm{e}-03$ |
| 900 | 0.56 | 25 | 1.21 | 4 | $7.58 \mathrm{e}-04$ | 0.44 | 18 | 1.48 | 4 | $2.47 \mathrm{e}-03$ |
| 1600 | 0.59 | 26 | 1.23 | 4 | 0 | 0.44 | 19 | 1.51 | 4 | 0 |
| 2500 | 0.59 | 26 | 1.22 | 4 | 0 | 0.45 | 19 | 1.48 | 4 | 0 |
| 4900 | 0.59 | 26 | 1.22 | 4 | 0 | 0.44 | 19 | 1.50 | 4 | 0 |
| 6724 | 0.58 | 26 | 1.23 | 5 | $9.78 \mathrm{e}-04$ | 0.44 | 19 | 1.53 | 5 | $4.08 \mathrm{e}-03$ |

Uniform 2D lattice. G-SAM with $V$-cycles (left) and $W$-cycles (right), using three-by-three aggregates. (Smoothing with lumping.)

## Numerical Results: Geometric Aggregation (3x3)



| $n$ | $\gamma_{\text {res }}$ | iter | $C_{o p}$ | levels |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 64 | 1.00 | $>100$ | 1.11 | 2 |
| 100 | 0.92 | $>100$ | 1.17 | 3 |
| 169 | 0.95 | $>100$ | 1.15 | 3 |
| 400 | 0.98 | $>100$ | 1.13 | 3 |
| 900 | 0.99 | $>100$ | 1.12 | 4 |
| 1600 | 0.99 | $>100$ | 1.13 | 4 |

Anisotropic $2 D$ lattice $(\epsilon=1 e-6) . G$-AM with $V$-cycles and three-by-three aggregates. (No smoothing.)

| $n$ | $\gamma_{\text {res }}$ | iter | $C_{\text {op }}$ | levels | $R_{\text {lump }}$ |
| ---: | :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 64 | 1.00 | $>100$ | 1.17 | 2 | 0 |
| 100 | 1.00 | $>100$ | 1.25 | 3 | 0 |
| 169 | 0.93 | $>100$ | 1.23 | 3 | 0 |
| 400 | 0.97 | $>100$ | 1.21 | 3 | 0 |
| 900 | 0.99 | $>100$ | 1.21 | 4 | 0 |
| 1600 | 0.99 | $>100$ | 1.23 | 4 | 0 |

Anisotropic 2D lattice $(\epsilon=1 e-6) . \quad G$-SAM with $V$-cycles and three-by-three aggregates.
(Smoothing with lumping.)

## Numerical Results: Geometric Aggregation (3x3)

|  | $n$ | $\gamma_{\text {res }}$ | iter | $C_{\text {op }}$ | levels |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 121 | 0.90 | >100 | 1.20 | 3 |
| O | 256 | 0.91 | >100 | 1.19 | 3 |
|  | 676 | 0.93 | $>100$ | 1.18 | 3 |
|  | 1681 | 0.95 | >100 | 1.19 | 4 |

Tandem queueing network. G-AM with $V$-cycles and three-by-three aggregates. (No smoothing.)

| $n$ | $\gamma_{\text {res }}$ | iter | $C_{\text {op }}$ | levels | $R_{\text {lump }}$ | $\gamma_{\text {res }}$ | iter | $C_{\text {op }}$ | levels | $R_{\text {lump }}$ |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 121 | 0.40 | 19 | 1.26 | 3 | $5.39 \mathrm{e}-03$ | 0.29 | 14 | 1.60 | 3 | $1.42 \mathrm{e}-02$ |
| 256 | 0.44 | 19 | 1.28 | 3 | $2.43 \mathrm{e}-02$ | 0.33 | 14 | 1.60 | 3 | $3.90 \mathrm{e}-02$ |
| 676 | 0.44 | 19 | 1.26 | 3 | $1.53 \mathrm{e}-03$ | 0.33 | 14 | 1.56 | 3 | $2.47 \mathrm{e}-03$ |
| 1681 | 0.46 | 20 | 1.27 | 4 | $1.20 \mathrm{e}-03$ | 0.32 | 14 | 1.61 | 4 | $1.89 \mathrm{e}-03$ |
| 3721 | 0.48 | 20 | 1.28 | 4 | $6.61 \mathrm{e}-03$ | 0.33 | 14 | 1.63 | 4 | $1.14 \mathrm{e}-02$ |

Tandem queueing network. G-SAM with $V$-cycles (left) and $W$-cycles (right), using three-bythree aggregates. (Smoothing with lumping.)

## 12. Numerical Results: Algebraic Aggregation

- error equation: $A \operatorname{diag}\left(\mathrm{x}_{i}\right) \mathrm{e}_{i}=0$
- use strength of connection in $A \operatorname{diag}\left(\mathrm{x}_{i}\right)$
- define row-based strength (determine all states that strongly influence a row's state, similar to AMG)
- state that has largest value in $\mathbf{x}_{i}$ is seed point for new aggregate, and all unassigned states influenced by it join its aggregate
- repeat
(our Google SISC paper 2008)


## Numerical Results: Algebraic Aggregation

| $n$ | $\gamma_{\text {res }}$ | iter | $C_{\text {op }}$ | levels |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 27 | 0.75 | 43 | 1.71 | 3 |
| 81 | 0.87 | 87 | 1.85 | 4 |
| 243 | 0.96 | $>100$ | 1.96 | 6 |
| 729 | 0.99 | $>100$ | 1.98 | 7 |

TABLE 6.1
Uniform chain. A-AM with $V$-cycles and distance-one aggregation. (No smoothing.)

| $n$ | $\gamma_{\text {res }}$ | iter | $C_{\text {op }}$ | levels | $R_{\text {lump }}$ | $\gamma_{\text {res }}$ | iter | $C_{\text {op }}$ | levels | $R_{\text {lump }}$ |
| ---: | :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 27 | 0.20 | 10 | 2.03 | 3 | $2.50 \mathrm{e}-02$ | 0.32 | 13 | 1.30 | 2 | 0 |
| 81 | 0.18 | 10 | 2.68 | 4 | $4.34 \mathrm{e}-02$ | 0.34 | 14 | 1.42 | 3 | 0 |
| 243 | 0.19 | 10 | 2.78 | 5 | $4.75 \mathrm{e}-02$ | 0.34 | 13 | 1.50 | 4 | 0 |
| 729 | 0.24 | 11 | 3.41 | 7 | $5.69 \mathrm{e}-02$ | 0.30 | 12 | 1.51 | 5 | $6.08 \mathrm{e}-04$ |
| 2187 | 0.27 | 11 | 3.75 | 8 | $6.06 \mathrm{e}-02$ | 0.27 | 11 | 1.50 | 6 | $2.03 \mathrm{e}-04$ |
| 6561 | 0.31 | 12 | 4.03 | 9 | $6.39 \mathrm{e}-02$ | 0.25 | 11 | 1.50 | 7 | 0 |

Uniform chain. A-SAM with V-cycles using distance-one aggregation (left) and distance-two aggregation (right). (Smoothing with lumping.)


## Numerical Results: Algebraic Aggregation



| $n$ | $\gamma_{\text {res }}$ | iter | $C_{o p}$ | levels |
| ---: | :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 64 | 0.55 | 27 | 1.78 | 4 |
| 100 | 0.61 | 31 | 2.07 | 5 |
| 169 | 0.67 | 38 | 1.98 | 6 |
| 400 | 0.79 | 55 | 2.08 | 7 |
| 900 | 0.86 | 79 | 2.01 | 8 |
| 1600 | 0.89 | $>100$ | 2.08 | 9 |

Anisotropic 2D lattice $(\epsilon=1 e-6)$. A-AM with $V$-cycles and distance-one aggregation. (No smoothing.)

| $n$ | $\gamma_{\text {res }}$ | iter | $C_{\text {op }}$ | levels | $R_{\text {lump }}$ |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 64 | 0.40 | 18 | 1.76 | 3 | 0 |
| 100 | 0.32 | 14 | 1.99 | 3 | $2.18 \mathrm{e}-03$ |
| 169 | 0.32 | 14 | 2.04 | 4 | $2.48 \mathrm{e}-03$ |
| 400 | 0.33 | 14 | 2.63 | 5 | $2.37 \mathrm{e}-03$ |
| 900 | 0.33 | 14 | 2.92 | 5 | $1.41 \mathrm{e}-03$ |
| 1600 | 0.33 | 14 | 2.99 | 6 | $1.20 \mathrm{e}-03$ |
| 2500 | 0.33 | 14 | 3.41 | 7 | $1.43 \mathrm{e}-03$ |
| 4900 | 0.33 | 13 | 3.77 | 7 | $6.79 \mathrm{e}-04$ |
| 6724 | 0.33 | 13 | 3.90 | 7 | $4.93 \mathrm{e}-04$ |
| TABLE 6.13 |  |  |  |  |  |

Anisotropic 2D lattice ( $\epsilon=1 e-6$ ). A-SAM with $V$-cycles and distance-two aggregation. (Smoothing with lumping.)

## Numerical Results: Algebraic Aggregation



| $n$ | $\gamma_{\text {res }}$ | iter | $C_{o p}$ | levels |
| ---: | :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 121 | 0.75 | 39 | 1.89 | 4 |
| 256 | 0.88 | 82 | 2.35 | 7 |
| 676 | 0.95 | $>100$ | 3.28 | 14 |
| 1681 | 0.93 | $>100$ | 4.79 | 20 |
| TABLE 6.14 |  |  |  |  |

Tandem queueing network. A-AM with $V$-cycles and distance-one aggregation. (No smoothing.)

| $n$ | $\gamma_{\text {res }}$ | iter | $C_{\text {op }}$ | levels | $R_{\text {lump }}$ |
| ---: | :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 121 | 0.38 | 18 | 2.04 | 3 | $1.44 \mathrm{e}-01$ |
| 256 | 0.39 | 19 | 2.27 | 4 | $1.13 \mathrm{e}-01$ |
| 676 | 0.48 | 21 | 2.47 | 4 | $9.09 \mathrm{e}-02$ |
| 1681 | 0.47 | 21 | 2.85 | 5 | $8.22 \mathrm{e}-02$ |
| 3721 | 0.42 | 21 | 3.20 | 5 | $7.46 \mathrm{e}-02$ |

Tandem queueing network. A-SAM with $V$-cycles and distance-two aggregation. (Smoothing with lumping.)

## Conclusions

- SAM: algorithm for stationary vector of slowly mixing Markov chains with near-optimal complexity
- smoothing is essential
- pretty good convergence results
- good theoretical framework (well-posedness)
- are there other ways for choosing $R_{s}, P_{s}$, lumping?
- no theory yet on optimal convergence (nonsymmetric matrices)
- Questions?


## Smoothed Aggregation

$$
\begin{gathered}
A_{c s}=S-G \quad \hat{A}_{c s}=\hat{S}-G \\
s_{i j}-g_{i j}-\beta_{\{i, j\}}<0 \\
s_{j i}-g_{j i}-\beta_{\{i, j\}}<0
\end{gathered} \quad A=\left[\begin{array}{ccccc}
+ & - & - & - & - \\
- & + & - & - \\
- & - & - \\
- & - & + \\
- & - & - & +
\end{array}\right]
$$

- for 'offending' elements ( $i, j$ ), choose $\eta \in(0,1]$ s.t.

$$
\begin{aligned}
& s_{i j}-g_{i j}-\beta_{\{i, j\}}^{(1)}=-\eta g_{i j} \\
& s_{j i}-g_{j i}-\beta_{\{i, j\}}^{(2)}=-\eta g_{j i}
\end{aligned}
$$

- $\eta=1$ means lump full value of offending elements of $S\left(\hat{s}_{i j}=0\right)$


## 1. Simple Markov Chain Example

- 5 states
- each outgoing edge same probability (random walk on directed graph)



## Principle of Multigrid (for PDEs)

$$
-u_{x x}-u_{y y}=f(x, y) \quad A x=b
$$









- high-frequency error is removed by relaxation (weighted Jacobi, GaussSeidel, ...)
- low-frequency-error needs to be removed by coarse-grid correction


## Multigrid Hierarchy: V-cycle



- multigrid V -cycle:
- relax (=smooth) on successively coarser grids
- transfer error using restriction $\left(R=P^{T}\right)$ and interpolation $(P)$
- $W=O(n)$


## Smoothed Aggregation

$$
\begin{aligned}
& A_{c s}=R_{s}(D-(L+U)) P_{s} \\
& =R_{s} D P_{s}-R_{s}(L+U) P_{s} \\
& A=\left[\begin{array}{lllll}
+ & - & - & - & - \\
- & + & - & - & - \\
- & - & + & - & - \\
- & - & + & - \\
- & - & - & +
\end{array}\right] \\
& A_{c s}=S-G \quad \hat{A}_{c s}=\hat{S}-G
\end{aligned}
$$

- we want to retain crucial properties

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
\mathbf{1}_{c}^{T} \hat{A}_{c s}=0 & \forall \mathbf{x}_{i}, \\
\hat{A}_{c s} \mathbf{1}_{c}=0 & \text { for } \mathbf{x}_{\mathrm{i}}=\mathbf{x}
\end{array}
$$

- we can lump to diagonal in symmetric way, conserving both row and column sums


## Numerical Results: Geometric Aggregation (size 3)

| $n$ | $\gamma_{\text {res }}$ | iter | $C_{\text {op }}$ | levels |
| ---: | :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 54 | 0.86 | 75 | 1.43 | 3 |
| 162 | 0.95 | $>100$ | 1.47 | 4 |
| 486 | 0.97 | $>100$ | 1.49 | 5 |
| 1458 | 0.98 | $>100$ | 1.50 | 6 |
| TABLE 5.5 |  |  |  |  |

Uniform chain with two weak links $(\epsilon=0.001)$. G-AM with $V$-cycles and size-three aggregates. The two weak links occur between aggregates at all levels. (No smoothing.)

| $n$ | $\gamma_{\text {res }}$ | iter | $C_{\text {op }}$ | levels | $R_{\text {lump }}$ |
| ---: | :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 54 | 0.26 | 12 | 1.43 | 3 | 0 |
| 162 | 0.27 | 13 | 1.47 | 4 | 0 |
| 486 | 0.27 | 13 | 1.49 | 5 | 0 |
| 1458 | 0.27 | 13 | 1.50 | 6 | 0 |
| 4374 | 0.27 | 13 | 1.50 | 7 | 0 |
| TABLE 5.6 |  |  |  |  |  |

Uniform chain with two weak links $(\epsilon=0.001)$. G-SAM with $V$-cycles and size-three aggregates. The two weak links occur between aggregates at all levels. (Smoothing with lumping.)


## Numerical Results: Geometric Aggregation (size 3)

| $n$ | $\gamma_{\text {res }}$ | iter | $C_{\text {op }}$ | levels |
| ---: | :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 27 | 1.00 | $>100$ | 1.32 | 2 |
| 81 | 1.00 | $>100$ | 1.43 | 3 |
| 243 | 0.98 | $>100$ | 1.47 | 4 |
| 729 | 0.98 | $>100$ | 1.49 | 5 |
| TABLE 5.7 |  |  |  |  |

Uniform chain with two weak links $(\epsilon=0.001)$. G-AM with $V$-cycles and size-three aggregates. The two weak links occur inside an aggregate on the finest level. (No smoothing.)

| $n$ | $\gamma_{\text {res }}$ | iter | $C_{\text {op }}$ | levels | $R_{\text {lump }}$ |
| ---: | :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 27 | 1.00 | $>100$ | 1.32 | 2 | 0 |
| 81 | 1.00 | $>100$ | 1.43 | 3 | 0 |
| 243 | 1.00 | $>100$ | 1.47 | 4 | 0 |
| 729 | 1.00 | $>100$ | 1.49 | 5 | 0 |
| TABLE 5.8 |  |  |  |  |  |

Uniform chain with two weak links $(\epsilon=0.001) . G$-SAM with $V$-cycles and size-three aggregates. The two weak links occur inside an aggregate on the finest level. (Smoothing with lumping.)


## Numerical Results: effect of $\eta$

| $n$ | $\gamma_{\text {res }}$ | iter | $C_{\text {op }}$ | levels |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 27 | 0.75 | 43 | 1.71 | 3 |
| 81 | 0.87 | 87 | 1.85 | 4 |
| 243 | 0.96 | $>100$ | 1.96 | 6 |
| 729 | 0.99 | $>100$ | 1.98 | 7 |
| TABLE 6.1 |  |  |  |  |

Uniform chain. A-AM with V-cycles and distance-one aggregation. (No smoothing.)

| $n$ | $\gamma_{\text {res }}$ | iter | $C_{o p}$ | levels | $\gamma_{\text {res }}$ | iter | $C_{o p}$ | levels |
| ---: | :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 27 | 0.20 | 10 | 2.03 | 3 | 0.19 | 10 | 2.03 | 3 |
| 81 | 0.27 | 11 | 2.69 | 4 | 0.25 | 11 | 2.59 | 4 |
| 243 | 0.32 | 12 | 3.33 | 6 | 0.32 | 12 | 3.33 | 6 |
| 729 | 0.51 | 14 | 3.73 | 8 | 0.64 | 17 | 3.75 | 8 |
| 2187 | 0.75 | 21 | 3.95 | 9 | 0.77 | 24 | 3.94 | 9 |
| TABLE 6.3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Uniform chain. A-SAM with $V$-cycles using distance-one aggregation, lumping only the offdiagonal elements of $R_{s} D P_{s}$ that cause nonnegative off-diagonal elements of $A_{c s}$. Lumping their full value ( $\eta=1$, left), and part of their value ( $\eta=0.75$, right).

## Numerical Results: effect of $\eta$

| $n$ | $\gamma_{\text {res }}$ | iter | $C_{o p}$ | levels | $\gamma_{\text {res }}$ | iter | $C_{o p}$ | levels |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 27 | 0.19 | 10 | 2.03 | 3 | 0.19 | 10 | 1.96 | 3 |
| 81 | 0.19 | 10 | 2.51 | 4 | 0.20 | 10 | 2.61 | 4 |
| 243 | 0.24 | 11 | 2.96 | 5 | 0.22 | 11 | 3.20 | 5 |
| 729 | 0.37 | 12 | 3.63 | 7 | 0.29 | 12 | 3.29 | 6 |
| 2187 | 0.44 | 14 | 3.84 | 8 | 0.28 | 12 | 3.35 | 7 |
| TABLE 6.4 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Uniform chain. A-SAM with $V$-cycles using distance-one aggregation, lumping part of the value of the off-diagonal elements of $R_{s} D P_{s}$ that cause nonnegative off-diagonal elements of $A_{c s}$ : $\eta=0.25$, left, and, $\eta=0.1$, right.

| $n$ | $\gamma_{\text {res }}$ | iter | $C_{o p}$ | levels | $\gamma_{\text {res }}$ | iter | $C_{o p}$ | levels |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 27 | 0.20 | 10 | 2.03 | 3 | 0.20 | 10 | 2.03 | 3 |
| 81 | 0.18 | 10 | 2.68 | 4 | 0.18 | 10 | 2.71 | 4 |
| 243 | 0.19 | 10 | 2.78 | 5 | 0.20 | 10 | 3.03 | 5 |
| 729 | 0.24 | 11 | 3.41 | 7 | 0.24 | 11 | 3.50 | 7 |
| 2187 | 0.27 | 11 | 3.75 | 8 | 0.26 | 11 | 3.81 | 8 |
| TABLE 6.5 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Uniform chain. A-SAM with $V$-cycles using distance-one aggregation, lumping part of the value of the off-diagonal elements of $R_{s} D P_{s}$ that cause nonnegative off-diagonal elements of $A_{c s}$ : $\eta=0.01$, left, and, $\eta=1 e-6$, right.

## Numerical Results: Algebraic Aggregation

| $n$ | $\gamma_{\text {res }}$ | iter | $C_{\text {op }}$ | levels |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 27 | 0.75 | 50 | 1.71 | 3 |
| 81 | 0.87 | 92 | 1.85 | 4 |
| 243 | 0.96 | $>100$ | 1.96 | 6 |
| 729 | 0.97 | $>100$ | 1.99 | 8 |
| TABLE 6.6 |  |  |  |  |

Birth-death chain ( $\mu=0.96$ ). A-AM with $V$-cycles and distance-one aggregation. (No smoothing.)

| $n$ | $\gamma_{\text {res }}$ | iter | $C_{\text {op }}$ | levels | $R_{\text {lump }}$ |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 27 | 0.27 | 12 | 1.32 | 2 | 0 |
| 81 | 0.35 | 15 | 1.43 | 3 | 0 |
| 243 | 0.35 | 15 | 1.47 | 4 | 0 |
| 729 | 0.35 | 15 | 1.49 | 5 | 0 |

Birth-death chain $(\mu=0.96)$. A-SAM with $V$-cycles and distance-two aggregation. (Smoothing with lumping.)

## Numerical Results: Algebraic Aggregation

| $n$ | $\gamma_{\text {res }}$ | iter | $C_{\text {op }}$ | levels |
| ---: | :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 64 | 0.73 | 41 | 1.73 | 3 |
| 100 | 0.80 | 56 | 1.83 | 4 |
| 169 | 0.85 | 77 | 1.85 | 4 |
| 400 | 0.89 | $>100$ | 1.96 | 6 |
| 900 | 0.96 | $>100$ | 1.96 | 6 |
| TABLE 6.10 |  |  |  |  |

Uniform 2D lattice. $A$-AM with $V$-cycles and distance-one aggregation. (No smoothing.)

| $n$ | $\gamma_{\text {res }}$ | iter | $C_{\text {op }}$ | levels | $R_{\text {lump }}$ |
| ---: | :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 64 | 0.42 | 18 | 1.30 | 3 | 0 |
| 100 | 0.45 | 19 | 1.26 | 3 | $3.46 \mathrm{e}-03$ |
| 169 | 0.44 | 18 | 1.33 | 3 | $9.47 \mathrm{e}-03$ |
| 400 | 0.47 | 20 | 1.46 | 4 | $9.27 \mathrm{e}-03$ |
| 900 | 0.46 | 18 | 1.59 | 4 | $1.72 \mathrm{e}-02$ |
| 1600 | 0.48 | 19 | 1.60 | 4 | $1.16 \mathrm{e}-02$ |
| 2500 | 0.48 | 19 | 1.67 | 5 | $1.44 \mathrm{e}-02$ |
| 4900 | 0.48 | 18 | 1.75 | 5 | $1.21 \mathrm{e}-02$ |
| 6724 | 0.49 | 18 | 1.76 | 5 | $1.36 \mathrm{e}-02$ |

Uniform 2D lattice. A-SAM with $V$-cycles and distance-two aggregation. (Smoothing with lumping.)

## 4. Aggregation for Markov Chains

- form three coarse, aggregated states

$$
\begin{aligned}
& x_{c, I}=\sum_{i \in I} x_{i} \\
& \mathbf{x}_{c}^{T}=\left[\begin{array}{lll}
8 / 19 & 10 / 19 & 1 / 19
\end{array}\right]
\end{aligned}
$$


$B_{c} \mathbf{x}_{c}=\mathbf{x}_{c}$

$$
b_{c, I J}=\frac{\sum_{j \in J} x_{j}\left(\sum_{i \in I} b_{i j}\right)}{\sum_{j \in J} x_{j}}
$$

$$
B_{c}=\left[\begin{array}{ccc}
1 / 4 & 3 / 5 & 0 \\
5 / 8 & 2 / 5 & 1 \\
1 / 8 & 0 & 0
\end{array}\right]
$$

(Simon and Ando, 1961)

## 5. Error Equation

- multiplicative correction: error equation, coarse level error equation, and coarse grid correction

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \mathbf{x}=\operatorname{diag}\left(\mathbf{x}_{i}\right) \mathbf{e}_{i} \\
& A \operatorname{diag}\left(\mathbf{x}_{i}\right) \mathbf{e}_{i}=0 \\
& Q^{T} A \operatorname{diag}\left(\mathbf{x}_{i}\right) Q \mathbf{e}_{c}=0 \\
& A_{c} \mathbf{e}_{c}=0 \\
& R=Q^{T} \quad P=\operatorname{diag}\left(\mathbf{x}_{i}\right) Q \\
& A_{c}=R A P
\end{aligned}
$$

## 5. Error Equation

- error equation - coarse grid correction:

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
\mathbf{x}=\operatorname{diag}\left(\mathbf{x}_{i}\right) \mathbf{e}_{i} & \mathbf{x}_{i+1}=P \mathbf{e}_{c} \\
A \operatorname{diag}\left(\mathbf{x}_{i}\right) \mathrm{e}_{i}=0 & \mathbf{x}_{c}=\operatorname{diag}\left(P^{T} 1\right) \mathbf{e}_{c} \\
Q^{T} A \operatorname{diag}\left(\mathbf{x}_{i}\right) Q \mathbf{e}_{c}=0 & A_{c}\left(\operatorname{diag}\left(P^{T} 1\right)\right)^{-1} \mathbf{x}_{c}=0 \\
A_{c} \mathbf{e}_{c}=0 & \\
R=Q^{T} \quad P=\operatorname{diag}\left(\mathbf{x}_{i}\right) Q & \mathbf{x}_{i+1}=P\left(\operatorname{diag}\left(P^{T} \mathbf{1}\right)\right)^{-1} \mathbf{x}_{c} \\
A_{c}=R A P &
\end{array}
$$

## Numerical Results: Algebraic Aggregation

| $n$ | $\gamma_{\text {res }}$ | iter | $C_{o p}$ | levels |
| ---: | :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 54 | 0.83 | 67 | 1.86 | 4 |
| 162 | 0.93 | $>100$ | 1.91 | 5 |
| 486 | 0.96 | $>100$ | 1.98 | 7 |
| 1458 | 0.97 | $>100$ | 1.99 | 9 |
| TABLE 6.8 |  |  |  |  |

Uniform chain with two weak links $(\epsilon=0.001)$. A-AM with $V$-cycles and distance-one aggregation. (No smoothing.)

| $n$ | $\gamma_{\text {res }}$ | iter | $C_{\text {op }}$ | levels | $R_{\text {lump }}$ |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 54 | 0.33 | 14 | 1.51 | 3 | 0 |
| 162 | 0.33 | 13 | 1.50 | 4 | $5.51 \mathrm{e}-03$ |
| 486 | 0.34 | 13 | 1.50 | 5 | 0 |
| 1458 | 0.29 | 12 | 1.49 | 6 | $3.07 \mathrm{e}-04$ |
| 4374 | 0.27 | 11 | 1.50 | 7 | $3.05 \mathrm{e}-04$ |

Uniform chain with two weak links $(\epsilon=0.001)$. A-SAM with $V$-cycles and distance-two aggregation. (Smoothing with lumping.)


