

# *First-Order System Least Squares* *FOSLS*

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Pehlivanov

Povinelli

Shao

Shen

Sonnad

Stevens

Sun

Tsang

**HISTORICAL GAP**

**fast solvers**

&

**uniform performance**

Reynolds number, Lamé constants,...

# *Outline*

no frills

I. Basic FOSLS

II. FOSLS Tools

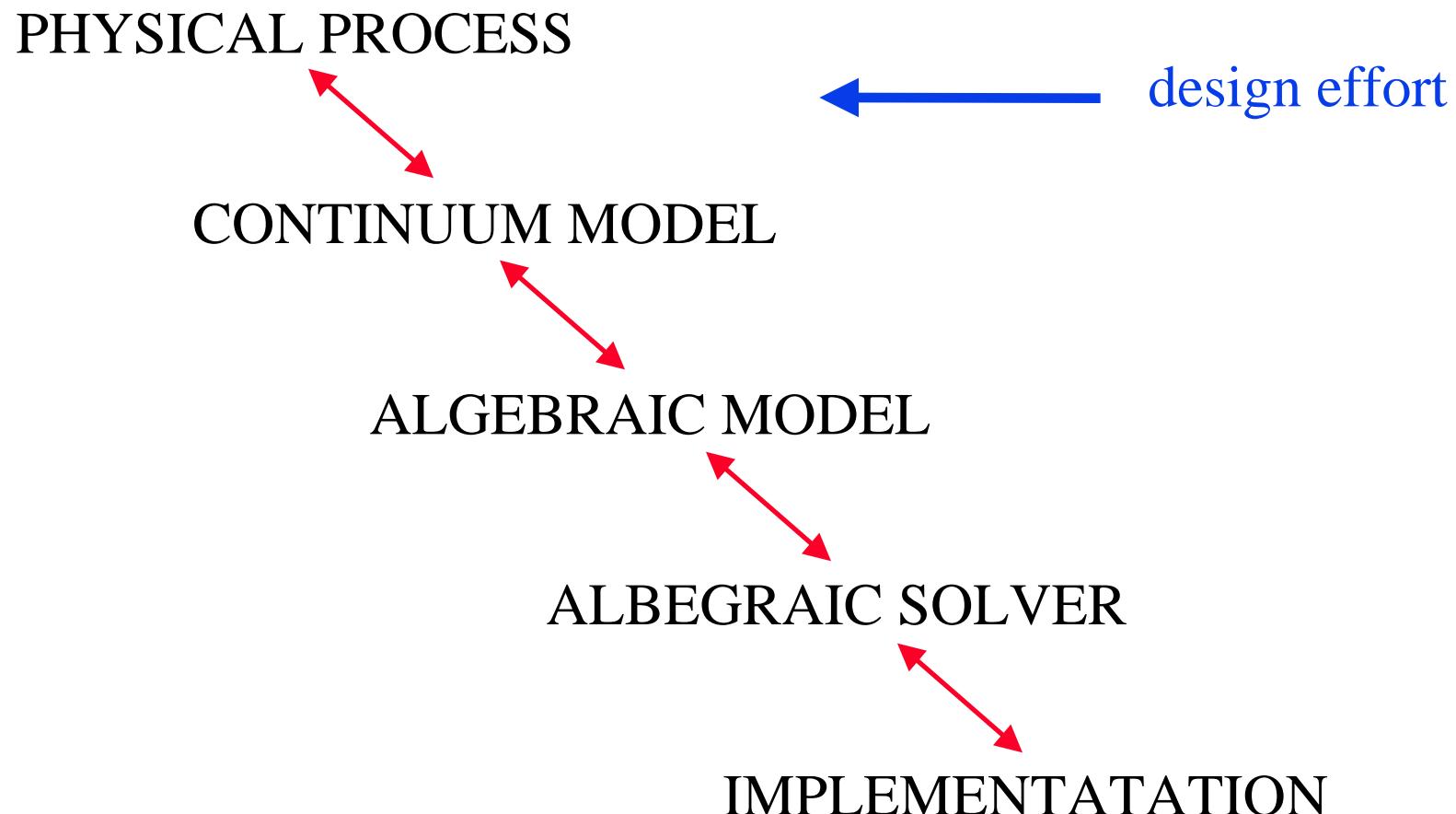
III. Anatomy of FOSLS for C-D

IV. FOSLL\* & Results

V. Concluding Remarks

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# *FOSLoSophy*



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# *My Matrix Grail*

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symmetry

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$$Lx = b, \quad L \text{ general}$$

**Normal Equations:**

$$A = L^T L$$

$$L^T Lx = L^T b$$

**Dual Equations:**

$$A = LL^T$$

$$LL^T y = b$$

# *Dual Matrix Equations*

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dual (ghost) variables

$$x = L^T y$$

$Lx = b$  solvable

solution  $x$        $(L) = Range(L^T)$

$$x = L^T y$$

$$LL^T y = b$$

# *Matrix Minimization Principles*

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“energy” functionals

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$$Lx = b, \quad L \text{ general}$$

**Normal Equations:**

$$\|Lx - b\|^2 = \langle L^T Lx, x \rangle - 2\langle x, L^T b \rangle + \langle b, b \rangle$$

**Dual Equations:**

$$\langle LL^T y, y \rangle - 2\langle y, b \rangle$$

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# *My REAL Matrix Grail*

symmetry & positive definiteness

$$AX = b, \quad A \text{ spd}$$

$$\text{error} = e = x - X$$

**Energy Functional:** solving = minimizing energy error

$$\begin{aligned} F(x) &= \langle Ax, x \rangle - 2\langle x, b \rangle \\ &= \langle A(x-X), x-X \rangle - \langle AX, X \rangle \\ &= \langle Ae, e \rangle + \text{constant} \end{aligned}$$

?nice?

# *My ACTUAL Real Grail*

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spd & nice (elliptic perhaps)

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Let  $L = -\Delta^h$  be a discrete Laplacian.

$A = L^2$        $O(h^{-4})$  condition number!

**TROUBLE!**

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But “no” trouble with  $A = L$ :

minimize  $\langle Ae, e \rangle \sim \|e\|^2 = H^1$  semi-norm  $^2$

$H^1$ -ellipticity      multigrid

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# *Bottom Line*

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**Objective:**

$$L \longrightarrow A \quad \text{spd \& } H^1\text{-elliptic.}$$

**Trouble:**

$$L = (-h)^2 \quad \text{is \ spd \ & } H^2\text{-elliptic!?}$$

**Cure:**

$$\text{Compute } A = L^{1/2} ?!$$

**Solution:**

Get access to the PDE !

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# FOSLS Illustration

$$p'' + ap' = f$$

↑  
second order

ignore boundary

First-Order System:  $u = p'$

$$Lu = u' + au = f$$

FOSLS Functional:

$$F(u; f) = \|Lu - f\|^2$$

$$= (u' + au - f)^2 dx$$

$$\sim (e')^2 dx \quad H^1\text{-ellipticity}$$

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# Multigrid

$$\min F(q^h)$$

**Relaxation :**  $\overset{h}{_i} \quad S^h \quad H^1$

$$F(q^h + \overset{h}{_i}; f) = \min_{\overset{h}{t} \in \mathbf{R}} F(q^h + \overset{h}{t}; f)$$

**Coarsening :**  $S^{2h} \quad S^h$

$$F(q^h + p^{2h}; f) = \min_{q^{2h}} F(q^h + q^{2h}; f)$$

**Optimality (Oswald, Zhang, Bramble, ...):**

homogeneous/bilinear part

$$F(p + e; f) - F(p; f) = E(e) \sim \|e\|_1^2$$

# *Minimization Principle Advantages*

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$$\min F(q)$$

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- sense of optimality
- error monitor  $F(q)$
- monotone:  $T \subset S \quad \min_T F \leq \min_S F$
- continuum functions & subspaces
- approximation theory analysis
- elliptic
  - standard FE & MG with theory
  - final  $H^1$  accuracy

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# *FOSLS Essence*

divide & conquer

**Motivation:** scalar (esp. elliptic) problems are “well” understood  
scalar (elliptic) energy minimization principle

**Plan:** imbue PDE with “nice” energy principle

**Objective:** PDE      loosely coupled scalar equations

**Purpose:** *standard* finite elements and multigrid methods

<b>Approach:</b>	PDE	First Order System	Energy	
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				<b>IV. LL*</b>
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# *Issues*

## FOSLS

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- New variables
- New equations
- New boundary conditions
- Scaling
- Other norms

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# Error Measure

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**Objective:** approximation + *reasonable* error measure

**Ideal:** optimal approximation in the measure

**Reasonable:**

- always accurate values:  $L^2$
- often accurate derivatives:  $H^1$

**Conventional Measure ( $L = \|\cdot\|_0$ ):**

- residual =  $\|Lp-f\|_0 = \|L(p-p^*)\|_0 = \|Le\|_0 = \|e''\|_0$
- oscillatory error     overly large residuals

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# *FOSLS Error Measure*

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for *any* approximation  $\mathbf{w}$   
to the exact solution  $\mathbf{w}^*$

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**Absolute :**

$$\begin{aligned} F(\mathbf{w}; \mathbf{f}) &= \|L\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{f}\|_0^2 = \|L(\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{w}^*)\|_0^2 \\ &\sim \|\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{w}^*\|_1^2 \end{aligned}$$

**Relative :**

$$\frac{F(\mathbf{w}; \mathbf{f})}{F(\mathbf{0}; \mathbf{f})} = \frac{\|L\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{f}\|_0^2}{\|L\mathbf{w}^*\|_0^2} \sim \frac{\|\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{w}^*\|_1^2}{\|\mathbf{w}^*\|_1^2}$$

!!! powerful tool for adaptive refinement !!!

!avoids patch test for nonconforming elements!

# #1: *New Variables*

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reducing order

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**Poisson:**

$$\bullet \quad p = f$$

$$\mathbf{u} = p$$

**CFD/Elasticity:**

$$- \mathbf{u} + \text{Re}(\mathbf{u}^t)^t \mathbf{u} + p = f$$

$$\bullet \mathbf{u} + p = g$$

$$\mathbf{U} = \mathbf{u}^t$$

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## #2: New Equations

good norm equivalence

Poisson :

$$\mathbf{u} - p = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\cdot \mathbf{u} + f = 0$$

$$\times \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}$$

CFD/Elasticity :

$$\mathbf{U} - \mathbf{u}^t = \mathbf{0}$$

$$-\cdot \mathbf{U} + \operatorname{Re} \mathbf{U}^t \mathbf{u} + p = \mathbf{f}$$

$\overbrace{\cdot \mathbf{u} + p = g}^{\begin{array}{l} \text{nonlinearity across} \\ \text{variables only} \end{array}}$

$$\times \mathbf{U} = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\& \quad \operatorname{trace} \mathbf{U} + p = 0$$

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# *Curl Option*

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Poisson system :

$$\mathbf{u} - p = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\cdot \mathbf{u} = f$$

$$\times \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}$$

Div - free error :  $\cdot \mathbf{e} = 0$

$$\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{e} - p = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\cdot (\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{e}) - f = 0$$

$$\times (\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{e}) = \times \mathbf{e}$$

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# #3: New Boundary Conditions

good norms

**Poisson Case:**       $\mathbf{u} = p$

**Neumann:**

$$\mathbf{n} \cdot p = 0$$

$$\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0$$

**Dirichlet:**

$$p = 0$$

$$\mathbf{n} \times \mathbf{u} = 0$$

**Robin/Radiation:**

$$\mathbf{n} \cdot p + p = 0$$

$$\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{u} + p = 0$$

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# *Tangential Boundary Condition*

$y = \text{constant line}$

$$p = 0$$

$$p_x = 0$$

$$p \parallel \mathbf{n}$$

$$\mathbf{n} \times p = 0$$

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## #4: *Preconditioners*

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nonsmooth data or  $L^2$  measure

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ILLUSTRATE WITH POISSON:

$$\mathbf{u} - p = \mathbf{0}$$

$$(-\Delta)^{-\frac{1}{2}}(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} + f) = \mathbf{0}$$

$$(-\Delta)^{-\frac{1}{2}}(\nabla \times \mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{0}$$

$$F_{-1}(\mathbf{u}, p; f) =$$

$$\|\mathbf{u} - p\|_0^2 + \|\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} - f\|_{-1}^2 + \|\nabla \times \mathbf{u}\|_{-1}^2$$

$$F_{-1}(\mathbf{u}, p; 0) \sim \|p\|_0^2 + \|\mathbf{u}\|_0^2$$

# *Inverse Norm*

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Precondition  $L\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{f}$  by  $B = (-\Delta)^{-1/2}$ :

$$BL\mathbf{w} = B\mathbf{f}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\|q\|_{-1}^2 &= \sup_{r \in H^1} \frac{\langle q, r \rangle^2}{\|r\|_1^2} \\ &= \langle (-\Delta)^{-1} q, q \rangle \\ &= \|(-\Delta)^{-1/2} q\|_0^2\end{aligned}$$

direct computation by MG

# #5: *Scaling*

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balanced equivalence

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**Poisson Case:**       $\mathbf{u} = p$

$$F(\mathbf{u}, p; f) =$$

$$\|\mathbf{u} - p\|^2 + (1 - \alpha)(\|\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} + f\|^2 + \|\nabla \times \mathbf{u}\|^2)$$

**Stage I:**

$$F_0(\mathbf{u}; f) = \|\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} + f\|^2 + \|\nabla \times \mathbf{u}\|^2$$

$$F_0(\mathbf{u}; 0) \sim \|\mathbf{u}\|^2$$

**Stage II:**

$$F_1(p; \mathbf{u}) = \|p - \mathbf{u}\|^2$$

$$F_1(p; \mathbf{0}) = \|p\|^2$$

### *III. FOSLS for Convection Diffusion*

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convection-diffusion

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$$-\bullet p + ap_x = f, \quad 0 \leq x, y \leq 1$$

$$p(0, y) = p(1, y) = 0$$

$$p_y(x, 0) = p_y(x, 1) = 0$$

Guide

$$-\bullet p + ap_x = -e^{ax} (e^{-ax} p_x)_x - p_{yy}$$

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# *Convection Diffusion 1-3*

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## #1 : New Variables

$$u = e^{-ax} p_x \quad \text{flux}$$
$$v = \quad p_y$$

## #2 : New Equations

$$-e^{ax} u_x - v_y + f = 0 \quad \text{div}$$

$$e^{ax} u_y - v_x = 0 \quad \text{'curl'}$$

## #3 : New Boundary Conditions

$$p(0, y) = p(1, y) = 0$$

$$v(0, y) = v(1, y) = 0$$

$$v(x, 0) = v(x, 1) = 0$$

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# *Convection Diffusion 5*

*tool #5*

*f = 0 for simplicity*

## First Stage :

$$e^{-ax/2} \times \begin{cases} -e^{ax} u_x - v_y = 0 \\ e^{ax} u_y - v_x = 0 \end{cases}$$

## Troublesome Scaling :

$$\begin{aligned} & \| -e^{ax} u_x - v_y \|^2 + \| e^{ax} u_y - v_x \|^2 \\ &= \| e^{ax} u_x \|^2 + 2 \langle e^{ax} u_x, v_y \rangle + \| v_y \|^2 \\ &+ \| e^{ax} u_y \|^2 - 2 \langle e^{ax} u_y, v_x \rangle + \| v_x \|^2 \end{aligned}$$

decoupled  $u$  &  $v$  ?

# *Convection Diffusion 5*

continued

**Better Scaling :**  $s_{\pm}(x, y) = e^{\pm ax/2}$

$$\begin{aligned} & \| -s_+ u_x - s_- v_y \|^2 + \| s_+ u_y - s_- v_x \|^2 \\ &= \| s_+ u_x \|^2 + 2 \langle u_x, v_y \rangle + \| s_- v_y \|^2 \end{aligned}$$

divided & conquered

$$+ \| s_+ u_y \|^2 - 2 \langle u_y, v_x \rangle + \| s_- v_x \|^2$$

- *uniform* scaled  $H^1$  equivalence
- scaling damps boundary layer behavior
- valid for more general convection term
- Poisson equation for recovering  $p$

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## *More General Form*

$$S_- \sim e^{-ax/2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{u} &= p \\ -\bullet \mathbf{u} + au &= f \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} F_0(\mathbf{u}; f) &= \\ \| S_- [ -\bullet \mathbf{u} + au - f ] \|^2 \\ + \| S_- [ \quad \times \mathbf{u} ] \|^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} F_0(\mathbf{u}; 0) &\sim \\ \| S_- \mathbf{u} \|^2 + \| S_- \mathbf{v} \|^2 \end{aligned}$$

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## *IV. FOSLL \**

*L<sup>2</sup> error minimization*

**Energy Functional:**     $LL^*V = f, \quad U = L^*V$

$$\langle LL^*v, v \rangle - 2 \langle v, f \rangle$$

$$= \langle L^*v, L^*v \rangle - 2 \langle v, LL^*V \rangle \pm \langle V, LL^*V \rangle$$

$$= \langle L^*v, L^*v \rangle - 2 \langle L^*v, L^*V \rangle \pm \langle L^*V, L^*V \rangle$$

$$= \| L^*v - U \|^2 - \text{constant}$$

*precise L<sup>2</sup> error minimization*

# *FOSLL* \*

## theoretical issues

$L$  is a first-order differential operator  
with boundary conditions.

$L^*$  is a first-order differential operator  
with adjoint boundary conditions.

The solution of  $Lu = f$  is in the range of  $L^*$ .

$L^*$  is  $H^1$ -elliptic:  $\| L^*v \| \sim \| v \|$ .

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# *FOSLL\**

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## sample application 2D

### **Problem:**

$$\bullet \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{p} + \mathbf{b} \bullet \mathbf{p} = \mathbf{f}$$

**First-Order System:**  $\mathbf{u} = a^{1/2} \mathbf{p}$

$$\begin{aligned}\bullet a^{1/2} \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{b} \bullet a^{-1/2} \mathbf{u} &= \mathbf{f} \\ \times a^{-1/2} \mathbf{u} &= 0\end{aligned}$$

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# *FOSLL* \*

formal dual *LL*\*  
2D

$$\bullet a^{1/2} + \mathbf{b} \bullet \begin{pmatrix} -a^{1/2} & +\mathbf{b} & a^{-1/2} & \times \end{pmatrix} \frac{w}{z}$$

$$= (\bullet a^{1/2} + \mathbf{b} \bullet)(-\mathbf{b} \bullet a^{-1/2} \times)^* \frac{w}{z}.$$
  
$$\mathbf{b} \bullet a^{-1/2} \times \quad \quad \quad \times a^{-1} \times \quad \quad \quad z$$

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# *FOSLL\* Numerical Example*

two stage

**problem:**

$$\bullet a \cdot p + b \bullet \quad p = f, \quad a = \begin{cases} 1, & x \leq 0.5 \\ , & x > 0.5 \end{cases}$$

**solution:**

$$p = \begin{cases} ((2 - 4)x^2 + (4 - ))\sin(y), & x \leq 0.5 \\ (-6x^2 + 7x - 1)\sin(y), & x > 0.5 \end{cases}$$

**method:**

FE uniform linears & AMG W(1,1) cycles

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# Results

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**fine grids:**  $h=1/128$        $\mathbf{b}^t = (0,0)$  &  $\mathbf{b}^t = (6,9)$

jump	$\ \mathbf{MG}\ $	FE accuracy
1	0.08	$O(h^2)$ for $p$ in $L^2$
10	0.13	$O(h)$ for $p$ in $H^1$
100	0.25	$O(h)$ for $\mathbf{u}$ in $L^2$

**convection scales:**  $= 1$        $\mathbf{b}^t = (6,9)$

$h$	1/4	1/8	1/16	1/32	1/64	1/128
$\ \mathbf{MG}\ $	0.34	0.64	0.51	0.31	0.15	0.08

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# *FOSLS/FOSLL \* Advantages*

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- minimization principle advantages
- systematic once functional is properly posed
- ‘decoupled’ elliptic or “nice” equations in each variable
- avoids LBB/staggering/artificial diffusion/stabilization...
- final  $H^1$  or  $L^2$  accuracy for all variables
- $F$  is its own practical performance measure
- generally excellent numerical performance

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# *FOSLS/FOSLL\* Disadvantages*

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- possibly more variables
  - but possibly smaller grids
- $H^1$  equivalence for FOSLS needs smoothness/regularity
  - but FOSLL\* does not
- conservation is not automatic
  - but can be done
- very tricky to get the functional & spaces just right
  - ✓ new variables & equations + careful scaling

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# *FOSLS Applications*

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various stages of development

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- diffusion-convection
- neutron transport
- Stokes & Navier-Stokes
- elasticity
- electromagnetics
- eigenproblems
  - coupled systems: flow/structure/em/egg
- elliptic grid generation
- boundary functionals
- discontinuities
- highly convective flows
- inverse problems
- time-dependent problems

## FURTHER INFO

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