

## ADAPTIVE GALERKIN FRAME METHODS FOR SOLVING OPERATOR EQUATIONS

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*In this paper we use frames to construct corresponding trial spaces for an adaptive Galerkin scheme and design an algorithm in order to give an adaptive approximation solution to operator equations. We describe construction, prove error estimates for the resulting scheme and then investigate computational complexity. The adaptive Galerkin method that we analyze in this paper will iteratively produces finite sets  $\Lambda_j \subset \Lambda$ ,  $j \in \mathbb{N}$  and the Galerkin approximations  $u_{\Lambda_j}$  to  $u$  of the Subspaces  $S_{\Lambda_j} = \text{span}(\{\varphi_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \Lambda_j})$ . The error of this approximation is  $O(\#\Lambda_j^{-s})$ , (for some  $s > 0$ ) in the energy norm, where  $(\varphi_\lambda)_{\lambda \in \Lambda_j} \subset H$ , is a frame for a separable Hilbert space  $H$  and  $\#\Lambda_j$ , denotes the cardinality of  $\Lambda_j$ .*

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### 1. Introduction

Assume that  $H$  is a separable Hilbert space with dual  $H^*$ ,  $\Lambda$  is a countable set of indices and  $\Psi = (\psi_\lambda)_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \subset H$  is a frame for  $H$ . This means that there exist constants  $0 < A \leq B < \infty$  such that

$$A\|f\|_H^2 \leq \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda} |\langle f, \psi_\lambda \rangle|^2 \leq B\|f\|_H^2, \quad \forall f \in H, \quad (1)$$

or equivalently (by the Riesz mapping),

$$A\|f\|_{H^*}^2 \leq \|f(\Psi)\|_{\ell_2}^2 \leq B\|f\|_{H^*}^2, \quad \forall f \in H^*, \quad (2)$$

where  $f(\Psi) = (f(\psi_\lambda))_{\lambda \in \Lambda} = (\langle f, \psi_\lambda \rangle)_{\lambda \in \Lambda}$ . Our problem is to find  $u \in H$ , such that

$$Lu = f, \quad (3)$$

where  $L: H \rightarrow H^*$  is a symmetric, positive definite and bounded invertible linear operator. For example, we can consider a linear differential operator in variational form. In [2, 3], an iterative adaptive method for solving this system has been developed by wavelet bases.

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For an index set  $\tilde{\Lambda} \subset \Lambda$ ,  $(\psi_\lambda)_{\lambda \in \tilde{\Lambda}}$  is called a *frame sequence* if it is a frame for its closed span. We assume that  $(\psi_\lambda)_{\lambda \in \tilde{\Lambda}}$  is a frame sequence with bounds  $A, B$ , for all finite index sets  $\tilde{\Lambda} \subset \Lambda$ . The adaptive Galerkin method that we analyze in this paper will iteratively produce finite sets  $\Lambda_j \subset \Lambda$ ,  $j \in \mathbb{N}$ , and the Galerkin approximation  $u_{\Lambda_j}$  to  $u$  of the subspaces  $S_{\Lambda_j} = \text{span}(\{\psi_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \Lambda_j})$ , with error  $O(\#\Lambda_j^{-s})$  (for some  $s > 0$ ) in the energy norm, where  $\#\Lambda_j$  denotes the cardinality of  $\Lambda_j$ . For the frame  $\Psi$ , let  $T: \ell_2(\Lambda) \rightarrow H$  be the *synthesis operator*

$$T((c_\lambda)_\lambda) = \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda} c_\lambda \psi_\lambda$$

and let  $T^*: H \rightarrow \ell_2(\Lambda)$  (or  $T^*: H^* \rightarrow \ell_2(\Lambda)$ ) be the *analysis operator*

$$T^*(f) = (\langle f, \psi_\lambda \rangle)_\lambda.$$

Also let  $S = TT^*: H \rightarrow H$  be the frame operator  $S(f) = \sum_{\lambda} \langle f, \psi_\lambda \rangle \psi_\lambda$ .

Note that  $T$  is surjective,  $T^*$  is injective,  $T^*$  is the adjoint of  $T$  and because of (1) or (2)  $T$  is bounded, in fact we have

$$\|T\| = \|T^*\| \leq \sqrt{B}. \quad (4)$$

It was shown in [1] that, for the frame  $(\psi_\lambda)_{\lambda \in \Lambda}$ ,  $S$  is a positive invertible operator satisfying  $AI_H \leq S \leq BI_H$  and  $B^{-1}I_H \leq S^{-1} \leq A^{-1}I_H$ . Also, the sequence

$$\tilde{\Psi} = (\tilde{\psi}_\lambda)_{\lambda \in \Lambda} = (S^{-1}\psi_\lambda)_{\lambda \in \Lambda}$$

is a frame (called the *canonical dual frame*) for  $H$  with bounds  $B^{-1}, A^{-1}$ . Every  $f \in H$  has the expansion

$$f = \sum_{\lambda} \langle f, \tilde{\psi}_\lambda \rangle \psi_\lambda = \sum_{\lambda} \langle f, \psi_\lambda \rangle \tilde{\psi}_\lambda$$

Since  $\text{Ker}(T) = \text{Ran}(T^*)^\perp$  we have  $\ell_2(\Lambda) = \text{Ran}(T^*) \oplus \text{Ker}(T)$ . Thus the orthogonal projection  $Q$  of a sequence  $(c_\lambda)_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \in \ell_2(\Lambda)$  onto the  $\text{Ran}(T^*)$  is given by

$$Q(c_\lambda)_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \in \ell_2(\Lambda) = (\langle \sum_{\lambda} c_\lambda S^{-1}\psi_\lambda, \psi_j \rangle)_{j \in \Lambda},$$

that is,  $Q = T^*S^{-1}T: \ell_2(\Lambda) \rightarrow \ell_2(\Lambda)$ . For more details see [1].

Since  $L$  is bounded invertible, (3) has a unique solution  $u$  for any  $f \in H$  and

$$\|Lu\|_{H^*} \cong \|u\|_H, \quad u \in H,$$

where  $a \cong b$  means that, there are constants  $d_1, d_2$  such that  $d_1 a \leq b \leq d_2 a$ . Also the bilinear form  $a$  defined by

$$a(u, v) = \langle Lu, v \rangle$$

is symmetric, positive definite and *elliptic* in the sense that

$$a(u, v) \equiv \|v\|_H^2. \quad (5)$$

It follows that  $H$  is a Hilbert space with respect to the inner product  $a$  with an equivalent energy norm  $\|\cdot\|_a^2 = a(\cdot, \cdot)$ .

## 2. The Equivalent $\ell_2$ -Problem

Let  $\Psi = (\psi_\lambda)_{\lambda \in \Lambda}$  be a frame for  $H$  with bounds  $A$  and  $B$ , and  $\tilde{\Psi} = (\tilde{\psi}_\lambda)_{\lambda \in \Lambda} = (S^{-1}\psi_\lambda)_{\lambda \in \Lambda}$  be its canonical dual frame. For the infinite matrix  $G$  defined by

$$G_{i,j} = \langle L\psi_j, \psi_i \rangle,$$

where  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  denotes the  $(H^*, H)$  duality product, we have the following theorem, in which  $T$  and  $T^*$  are as defined in section 1.

**Theorem 2.1.** The matrix  $G$  defines a bounded linear operator from  $\ell_2(\Lambda)$  to  $\ell_2(\Lambda)$  with  $\|G\|_{\ell_2(\Lambda) \rightarrow \ell_2(\Lambda)} \leq B\|L\|_{H \rightarrow H^*}$ .

As an operator on  $\ell_2(\Lambda)$  we have  $G = T^*LT$ . Also  $G$  as a map from  $Ran(T^*)$  into itself is bounded and invertible.

**Proof.** By definition of  $G$ , for a sequence  $C \in \ell_2(\Lambda)$  we have

$$= \langle \sum_k c_k L\psi_k, \psi_j \rangle = \langle L \sum_k c_k \psi_k, \psi_j \rangle = \langle LTC, \psi_j \rangle$$

using (4) we have :

$$\begin{aligned} \|GC\|^2 &= \sum_j |\langle LTC, \psi_j \rangle|^2 \\ &\leq B\|LTC\|_{H^*}^2 \leq B\|L\|^2 \|TC\|_H^2 \\ &\leq B^2 \|L\|^2 \|C\|_{\ell_2(\Lambda)}^2. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\|G\| \leq B\|L\|.$$

Let  $C \in Ran(T^*)$ , then  $c_\lambda = \langle u, \psi_\lambda \rangle$  for some  $u \in H$ . Also

$$\begin{aligned} (GC)_j &= \sum_\lambda \langle L\psi_\lambda, \psi_j \rangle \langle u, \psi_\lambda \rangle \\ &= \sum_\lambda \langle u, \psi_\lambda \rangle \langle L\psi_\lambda, \psi_j \rangle = \langle LSu, \psi_j \rangle, \end{aligned}$$

where  $S$  is the frame operator. This means that  $G$  maps  $Ran(T^*)$  into  $Ran(T^*)$  with  $(\langle u, \psi_\lambda \rangle)_\lambda \rightarrow (\langle LSu, \psi_\lambda \rangle)_\lambda$ .

Let  $v \in H^*$ , since  $L$  and  $S$  are surjective, so there exists  $u \in H$  such that  $LSu = v$ , thus  $G$  maps  $(\langle u, \psi_\lambda \rangle)_{\lambda}$  to  $(\langle v, \psi_\lambda \rangle)_{\lambda}$ .

Also since  $L$  and  $S$  are injective, if  $\langle LSu, \psi_\lambda \rangle = \langle Lsv, \psi_\lambda \rangle$ , for every  $\lambda \in \Lambda$  then, because of completeness of the frame  $\Psi$ ,  $Lu = Lv$ , therefore  $u = v$ , and  $\langle u, \psi_\lambda \rangle = \langle v, \psi_\lambda \rangle$  for all  $\lambda \in \Lambda$ , i.e.;  $G$  is injective.

Consider  $M = G|_{\text{Ran}(T^*)}$ , then the equation (3) takes the following form:

There exists  $U \in \text{Ran}(T^*)$  such that  $u = TU$  (in terms of the canonical dual frame  $\tilde{\Psi}$  we have  $U = (\langle u, \tilde{\psi}_\lambda \rangle)_{\lambda \in \Lambda}$ ), then  $T^*LTU = T^*f$ , that is

$$MU = F, \quad (6)$$

where  $F = T^*f$ . The solution  $U$  to (6) gives the solution  $u$  to (3).

The matrix  $M$  is symmetric and positive definite. We define its associated bilinear form  $a$  by

$$a(V, W) = \langle MV, W \rangle_{\ell_2(\Lambda)}$$

with the associated norm

$$\|V\|^2 = a(V, V), \quad \forall V \in \ell_2(\Lambda).$$

From (5) and frame condition (1), we obtain  $\|V\| \cong \|V\|_{\ell_2(\Lambda)}$ . Thus there exist constants  $c_1, c_2$  such that

$$c_1 \|V\|_{\ell_2(\Lambda)}^2 \leq \|V\|^2 \leq c_2 \|V\|_{\ell_2(\Lambda)}^2, \quad (7)$$

therefore

$$c_1 \|V\|_{\ell_2(\Lambda)} \leq \|MV\|_{\ell_2(\Lambda)} \leq c_2 \|V\|_{\ell_2(\Lambda)}. \quad (8)$$

Now from (7) and (8) we have

$$\frac{c_1}{\sqrt{c_2}} \|V\| \leq \|MV\|_{\ell_2(\Lambda)} \leq \frac{c_2}{\sqrt{c_2}} \|V\|. \quad (9)$$

For a tolerance  $\varepsilon > 0$  and a vector  $V \in \ell_2(\Lambda)$  let  $V_N$  be the vector obtained by replacing all but the  $N$  largest coefficients in modulus of  $V$  by zeros, for the smallest  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$\|V - V_N\|_{\ell_2(\Lambda)} \leq \varepsilon,$$

$V_N$  is called the best  $N$ -term approximation for  $V$ . Now let  $V = (v_\lambda)_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \in \ell_2(\Lambda)$ , for each  $n \geq 1$  let  $v_n^*$  be the  $n$ -th largest of the numbers

$|v_\lambda|$  and  $V^* = (v_n^*)_{n=1}^\infty$ . For each  $0 < \tau < 2$  we let  $\ell_\tau^\omega(\Lambda)$  denote the collection of all vectors  $V \in \ell_2(\Lambda)$  for which

$$|V|_{\ell_\tau^\omega(\Lambda)} = \sup_{n \geq 1} \{n^{\frac{1}{\tau}} v_n^*\}$$

is finite. This expression defines a quasi norm for  $\ell_\tau^\omega(\Lambda)$ . Defining

$$\|V\|_{\ell_\tau^\omega(\Lambda)} = |V|_{\ell_\tau^\omega(\Lambda)} + \|V\|_{\ell_2(\Lambda)},$$

then there exists a constant  $c_\tau$  such that

$$\|V + W\|_{\ell_\tau^\omega(\Lambda)} \leq c_\tau (\|V\|_{\ell_\tau^\omega(\Lambda)} + \|W\|_{\ell_\tau^\omega(\Lambda)}). \quad (10)$$

Also

$$\sup_N N^s \|V - V_N\|_{\ell_2(\Lambda)} \cong \|V\|_{\ell_\tau^\omega(\Lambda)}$$

and there exists a constant  $C$  such that

$$\|V - V_N\|_{\ell_2(\Lambda)} \leq C \|V\|_{\ell_\tau^\omega(\Lambda)} N^{-s}, \quad N \in \mathbb{N} \quad (11)$$

for each  $s > 0$  such that  $\tau = (\frac{1}{2} + s)^{-1}$ . One can see [2,4,5] for further details on the quasi-Banach spaces  $\ell_\tau^\omega(\Lambda)$ .

### 3. The Galerkin Algorithm

In this section we construct an adaptive Galerkin algorithm to give an adaptive approximation to solution  $U$  of (6), for  $U \in \ell_\tau^\omega(\Lambda)$  (for some  $s > 0$  and  $\tau = (\frac{1}{2} + s)^{-1}$ ). We recall that  $MU = F$  where  $F = T^*f$  with this in mind we note that our algorithm generated nested finite sets  $\Lambda_j$ ,  $j \in \mathbb{N}$  and the approximate Galerkin solution  $U_{\Lambda_j}$  to  $U$  such that

$$\|U - U_{\Lambda_j}\| \prec (\#\Lambda_j)^{-s},$$

where  $a \prec b$  means that there exists a constant  $d$  such that  $a \leq bd$ . Let  $S_\Gamma = \text{span}\{\psi_\gamma : \gamma \in \Gamma\}$  for  $\Gamma \subset \Lambda$ . The approximate Galerkin solution  $u_\Gamma$  from  $S_\Gamma$  is defined by conditions  $a(u_\Gamma, v) = \langle f, v \rangle$ ,  $v \in S_\Gamma$ , that is equivalent to

$$M_\Gamma U_\Gamma = P_\Gamma F, \quad (12)$$

where  $M = (m_{\gamma,\eta})_{\gamma,\eta \in \Gamma}$  and  $P_\Gamma$  is the orthogonal projector from  $\ell_2(\Lambda)$  onto  $\ell_2(\Gamma)$ . Let  $R_\Gamma = MU - MU_\Gamma = F - MU_\Gamma$  be the residual associated to  $\Gamma$  and  $0 < \alpha < 1$  be the fixed real number. Following [2] we introduce the following routines at our disposal.

**GALERKIN:**  $[\Gamma] \rightarrow U_\Gamma$

Solve the finite system of (12) for the finite set  $\Gamma$  and find the approximate Galerkin solution  $U_\Gamma$  to  $U$ .

**GROW:**  $[\Gamma, U_\Gamma] \rightarrow \bar{\Gamma}$

by taking the  $N$  largest coefficients of  $R_\Gamma$  in absolute value, denote by  $\Gamma_N$  the set of these indices, find the smallest integer  $N$  such that

$$C \|R_\Gamma\|_{\ell_\tau^\omega(\Lambda)} N^{-s} \leq (1 - \alpha) \|R_\Gamma\|_{\ell_2(\Lambda)} \quad (13)$$

and define  $\bar{\Gamma} = \Gamma \cup \Gamma_N$ .

In order the algorithm **SOLVE** to meet our goal, we need some assumptions.

**Assumption 1.** Assume that the matrix  $M$  is  $s$ -compressible in the sense that for each  $j \in \mathbb{N}$  there exist constants  $\alpha_j$  and  $\beta_j$  and a matrix  $M_j$  having at most

$\alpha_j 2^j$  nonzero entries per column, such that  $\|M - M_j\| \leq \beta_j$ ,

where  $(\alpha_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$  is summable and for any  $s' < s$ ,  $(\beta_j 2^{sj'})_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$  is summable.

**Proposition 3.1.** The  $s$ -compressible matrix  $M$  maps  $\ell_\tau^\omega(\Lambda)$  bonded into itself

for  $\tau = (\frac{1}{2} + s)^{-1}$ .

**Proof.** See[2].

Since  $U, U_\Gamma \in \ell_\tau^\omega(\Lambda)$  so by Proposition.3.1.  $R_\Gamma \in \ell_\tau^\omega(\Lambda)$ . From (11) we have

$$\|R_\Gamma - R_{\Gamma_N} R_\Gamma\|_{\ell_2(\Lambda)} \leq C \|R_\Gamma\|_{\ell_\tau^\omega(\Lambda)} N^{-s},$$

we may assume that  $C \geq 1$ . This inequality and (13) give

$$\|R_\Gamma - R_{\Gamma_N} R_\Gamma\|_{\ell_2(\Lambda)} \leq (1 - \alpha) \|R_\Gamma\|_{\ell_2(\Lambda)},$$

therefore

$$\|P_{\bar{\Gamma}} R_\Gamma\|_{\ell_2(\Lambda)} \geq \alpha \|R_\Gamma\|_{\ell_2(\Lambda)}. \quad (14)$$

Also because of (13)

$$N^{-s} \leq \frac{(1 - \alpha) \|R_\Gamma\|_{\ell_2(\Lambda)}}{C \|R_\Gamma\|_{\ell_\tau^\omega(\Lambda)}}.$$

Since  $N$  is the smallest integer that satisfies (13) we have

$$N \geq \left( \frac{C \|R_\Gamma\|_{\ell_\tau^\omega(\Lambda)}}{(1-\alpha) \|R_\Gamma\|_{\ell_2(\Lambda)}} \right)^{\frac{1}{s}} \geq (N-1).$$

So for  $N \geq 2$ ,

$$N \leq \left( \frac{C \|R_\Gamma\|_{\ell_\tau^\omega(\Lambda)}}{(1-\alpha) \|R_\Gamma\|_{\ell_2(\Lambda)}} \right)^{\frac{1}{s}} + 1 \leq 2 \left( \frac{C \|R_\Gamma\|_{\ell_\tau^\omega(\Lambda)}}{(1-\alpha) \|R_\Gamma\|_{\ell_2(\Lambda)}} \right)^{\frac{1}{s}}.$$

Hence for a constant  $q_1$

$$\#(\bar{\Gamma} - \Gamma) = N \leq q_1 \left( \frac{\|R_\Gamma\|_{\ell_\tau^\omega(\Lambda)}}{\|R_\Gamma\|_{\ell_2(\Lambda)}} \right)^{\frac{1}{s}}. \quad (15)$$

**Lemma 3.2.** The output  $\bar{\Gamma}$  of **GROW** satisfies

$$\|U - U_{\bar{\Gamma}}\| \leq \theta \|U - U_\Gamma\| \quad \text{where } \theta = (1 - \alpha^2 (\frac{c_1}{c_2})^3)^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

**Proof.** From (9) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|U_{\bar{\Gamma}} - U_\Gamma\| &\geq \frac{c_1^{\frac{1}{2}}}{c_2} \|M(U_{\bar{\Gamma}} - U_\Gamma)\|_{\ell_2(\Lambda)} \geq \frac{c_1^{\frac{1}{2}}}{c_2} \|M(U_{\bar{\Gamma}} - U_\Gamma)\|_{\ell_2(\bar{\Gamma})} \\ &= \frac{c_1^{\frac{1}{2}}}{c_2} \|M(U_{\bar{\Gamma}} - U_\Gamma)\|_{\ell_2(\bar{\Gamma})} = \frac{c_1^{\frac{1}{2}}}{c_2} \|P_{\bar{\Gamma}} R_\Gamma\|_{\ell_2(\Lambda)} \\ &\geq \alpha \frac{c_1^{\frac{1}{2}}}{c_2} \|R_\Gamma\|_{\ell_2(\Lambda)} = \alpha \frac{c_1^{\frac{1}{2}}}{c_2} \|M(U - U_\Gamma)\|_{\ell_2(\Lambda)}, \end{aligned}$$

where the last inequality obtains from (14), therefore by (9)

$$\|U_{\bar{\Gamma}} - U_\Gamma\| \geq \alpha \left( \frac{c_1}{c_2} \right)^{\frac{3}{2}} \|U - U_\Gamma\|. \quad (16)$$

Now because of orthogonality of the Galerkin solutions with respect to the energy inner product,

$$\|U - U_\Gamma\|^2 = \|U - U_{\bar{\Gamma}}\|^2 + \|U_\Gamma - U_{\bar{\Gamma}}\|^2,$$

then by (16)

$$\|U - U_{\bar{\Gamma}}\|^2 = \|U - U_\Gamma\|^2 - \|U_\Gamma - U_{\bar{\Gamma}}\|^2$$

$$\leq \|U - U_\Gamma\|^2 - \alpha^2 \left(\frac{c_1}{c_2}\right)^3 \|U - U_\Gamma\|^2 = \|U - U_\Gamma\|^2 \left(1 - \alpha^2 \left(\frac{c_1}{c_2}\right)^3\right),$$

hence

$$\|U - U_{\bar{\Gamma}}\| \leq \|U - U_\Gamma\| \left(1 - \alpha^2 \left(\frac{c_1}{c_2}\right)^3\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

Now we are ready to present our algorithm.

**SOLVE**  $[\varepsilon, M, F] \rightarrow [\Lambda_\varepsilon, U_{\Lambda_\varepsilon}]$

(i)  $\Lambda_0 = \phi$ ,  $R_{\Lambda_0} = F$ ; (ii) while  $\theta^j \|F\|_{\ell_2(\Lambda)} \frac{c_2^{\frac{1}{2}}}{c_1} > \varepsilon$ .

(ii,1) **GALERKIN**:  $[\Lambda_j] \rightarrow U_{\Lambda_j}$ . (ii,2) **GROW**:  $[\Lambda_j, U_{\Lambda_j}] \rightarrow \Lambda_{j+1}$

(ii,3)  $j \rightarrow j+1$ . (iii)  $\Lambda_\varepsilon = \Lambda_{j+1}$ ,  $U_{\Lambda_\varepsilon} = U_{\Lambda_{j+1}}$ .

**Theorem 3.3.** The output  $U_{\Lambda_\varepsilon}$  of the algorithm satisfies

$$\|U - U_{\Lambda_\varepsilon}\| \leq \varepsilon.$$

**Proof.** Using Lemma.3.2 for  $\Lambda_j$  and  $\Lambda_{j+1}$

$$\|U - U_{\Lambda_{j+1}}\| \leq \theta \|U - U_{\Lambda_j}\|, \quad (17)$$

repeatedly

$$\|U - U_{\Lambda_\varepsilon}\| \leq \theta^k \|U\|, \quad (18)$$

for a constant  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Combining this with (9) we have

$$\|U - U_{\Lambda_\varepsilon}\| \leq \theta^k \|U\| \leq \theta^k \frac{c_2^{\frac{1}{2}}}{c_1} \|F\|_{\ell_2(\Lambda)} \leq \varepsilon.$$

**Assumption 2.** Assume that  $U \in \ell_\tau^\omega(\Lambda)$ ,  $\tau = (\frac{1}{2} + s)^{-1}$  and the inverse matrices  $M_{\Lambda_j}^{-1}$  are uniformly bounded on  $\ell_\tau^\omega(\Lambda)$ , i.e.; there exists a constant  $C_0$  such that

$$\|M_{\Lambda_j}^{-1}\|_{\ell_\tau^\omega(\Lambda)} \leq C_0, \quad j \in \mathbb{N}.$$

**Theorem 3.4.** The outputs  $U_{\Lambda_j}$  and  $\Lambda_j$  in step (ii) in the algorithm **SOLVE** satisfy



$$\|U - U_{\Lambda_j}\| \prec (\#\Lambda_j)^{-s}.$$

**Proof.** Since  $U \in \ell_\tau^\omega(\Lambda)$  then by Proposition.3.1  $F \in \ell_\tau^\omega(\Lambda)$ . Therefore

$$\|P_{\Lambda_j} F\|_{\ell_\tau^\omega(\Lambda)} \leq \|F\|_{\ell_\tau^\omega(\Lambda)} \leq \|M\|_{\ell_\tau^\omega(\Lambda)} \|U\|_{\ell_\tau^\omega(\Lambda)},$$

combining this inequality with **Assumption 2** and (12) we obtain

$$\|U_{\Lambda_j}\|_{\ell_\tau^\omega(\Lambda)} = \|U_{\Lambda_j}\|_{\ell_\tau^\omega(\Lambda_j)} \leq C_0 \|P_{\Lambda_j} F\|_{\ell_\tau^\omega(\Lambda)} \leq \|M\|_{\ell_\tau^\omega(\Lambda)} C_0 \|U\|_{\ell_\tau^\omega(\Lambda)},$$

hence

$$\begin{aligned} \|R_{\Lambda_j}\|_{\ell_\tau^\omega(\Lambda)} &\leq \|M\|_{\ell_\tau^\omega(\Lambda)} \|U - U_{\Lambda_j}\|_{\ell_\tau^\omega(\Lambda)}, \\ &\leq \|M\|_{\ell_\tau^\omega(\Lambda)} c_\tau (\|U\|_{\ell_\tau^\omega(\Lambda)} + \|U_{\Lambda_j}\|_{\ell_\tau^\omega(\Lambda)}) \leq \|M\|_{\ell_\tau^\omega(\Lambda)} c_\tau \|U\|_{\ell_\tau^\omega(\Lambda)} (1 + C_0 \|M\|_{\ell_\tau^\omega(\Lambda)}), \end{aligned}$$

where the second inequality takes from (10). Thus the residuals  $R_{\Lambda_j}$  are uniformly

bounded, that means there exists a constant  $q_2$  such that  $\|R_{\Lambda_j}\|_{\ell_\tau^\omega(\Lambda)} \leq q_2$ .

This inequality with (15) and (9) give

$$\begin{aligned} \#\Lambda_j &\leq \#\Lambda_{j-1} + q_1 q_2^{\frac{1}{s}} \|M(U - U_{\Lambda_{j-1}})\|_{\ell_2(\Lambda)}^{-\frac{1}{s}} \\ &\leq \#\Lambda_{j-1} + q_1 q_2^{\frac{1}{s}} \left(\frac{c_1}{\sqrt{c_2}}\right)^{-\frac{1}{s}} \|U - U_{\Lambda_{j-1}}\|_{\ell_2(\Lambda)}^{-\frac{1}{s}}. \end{aligned}$$

Then by (17)

$$\begin{aligned} \#\Lambda_j \|U - U_{\Lambda_j}\|_{\ell_2(\Lambda)}^{\frac{1}{s}} &\leq (\#\Lambda_{j-1} + q_1 q_2^{\frac{1}{s}} \left(\frac{c_1}{\sqrt{c_2}}\right)^{-\frac{1}{s}} \|U - U_{\Lambda_{j-1}}\|_{\ell_2(\Lambda)}^{-\frac{1}{s}}) (\theta^{\frac{1}{s}} \|U - U_{\Lambda_{j-1}}\|_{\ell_2(\Lambda)}^{\frac{1}{s}}) \\ &= \theta^{\frac{1}{s}} (\#\Lambda_{j-1} \|U - U_{\Lambda_{j-1}}\|_{\ell_2(\Lambda)}^{\frac{1}{s}} + q_1 q_2^{\frac{1}{s}} \left(\frac{c_1}{\sqrt{c_2}}\right)^{-\frac{1}{s}}), \end{aligned}$$

iterating the procedure, we have

$$\#\Lambda_j \|U - U_{\Lambda_j}\|_{\ell_2(\Lambda)}^{\frac{1}{s}} \leq \#\Lambda_1 \|U - U_{\Lambda_1}\|_{\ell_2(\Lambda)}^{\frac{1}{s}} \theta^{\frac{j-1}{s}} + q_3 \sum_{i=1}^{j-1} \theta^{\frac{i}{s}}, \quad (19)$$

where  $q_3 = q_1 q_2^{\frac{1}{s}} \left(\frac{c_1}{\sqrt{c_2}}\right)^{-\frac{1}{s}}$ . Also using (15) and (9) for  $\Lambda_0$  and  $\Lambda_1$  give

$$\#\Lambda_1 \|U - U_{\Lambda_1}\|_{\ell_2(\Lambda)}^{\frac{1}{s}} \leq \#\Lambda_0 + q_1 \|R_{\Lambda_0}\|_{\ell_\tau^\omega(\Lambda)}^{\frac{1}{s}} \|M(U - U_{\Lambda_0})\|_{\ell_\tau^\omega(\Lambda)}^{-\frac{1}{s}}$$

$$\leq q_1 \|MU\|_{\ell_T(\Lambda)}^{-\frac{1}{s}} \|F\|_{\ell_T^\theta(\Lambda)}^{\frac{1}{s}},$$

this inequality with Proposition 3.1 induce

$$\#\Lambda_1 \|U - U_{\Lambda_1}\|_{\ell_T^\theta(\Lambda)}^{\frac{1}{s}} \prec \|F\|_{\ell_T^\theta(\Lambda)}^{\frac{1}{s}},$$

hence by (19) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \#\Lambda_j \|U - U_{\Lambda_j}\|_{\ell_T^\theta(\Lambda)}^{\frac{1}{s}} &\leq \#\Lambda_1 \|U - U_{\Lambda_1}\|_{\ell_T^\theta(\Lambda)}^{\frac{1}{s}} + kq_3 \\ &\prec \|U\|_{\ell_T^\theta(\Lambda)}^{\frac{1}{s}} + q_3, \end{aligned}$$

where  $k$  is the constant in (18). Thus

$$\|U - U_{\Lambda_j}\|_{\ell_T^\theta(\Lambda)} \prec (\#\Lambda_j)^{-s} (\|U\|_{\ell_T^\theta(\Lambda)}^{\frac{1}{s}} + q_3)^s.$$

That means

$$\|U - U_{\Lambda_j}\|_{\ell_T^\theta(\Lambda)} \prec (\#\Lambda_j)^{-s}.$$

## 6. Conclusions

In this paper we have used frames instead of Riesz bases, in order to give an adaptive algorithm for the numerical solution of an operator equation. The scheme is based on approximated iterations of the Galerkin method. Using frames instead of Riesz bases does not spoil the optimal convergence of the Galerkin method. Convergence and computational complexity can be theoretically proved and numerically verified.

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