Augmented Lagrangian Preconditioners For Incompressible Flow Problems

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We describe a few variants of the augmented Lagrangian (AL) preconditioner proposed in [1] for saddle point systems arising from finite element discretizations of the Oseen problem. The original preconditioner was designed for steady problems discretized by means of LBB-stable elements. In this talk we will discuss both steady and unsteady problems and the extension of AL-based preconditioning to the case where the incompressible NavierStokes equations are discretized using stabilized finite elements. We will assess the robustness and electiveness of dilerent versions of the preconditioner as functions of the discretization parameter h, time step Δt , and viscosity ν .

Finally, we will report on the performance of the proposed preconditioners on 3D unstructured finite element discretizations of blood flow problems from cardiovascular modelling.

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