

Lecture 2: The Mechanics of 4D-Var

Outline

- The conjugate gradient algorithm
- Preconditioning
- Covariance modeling

The Conjugate Gradient Algorithm (cgradient.h & congrad.F)

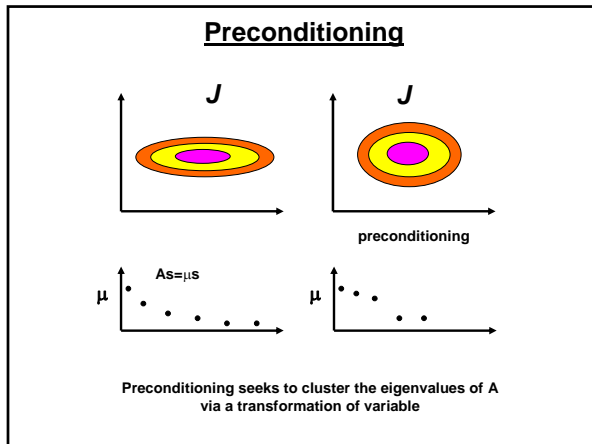
Recall the incremental cost function:

$$J = \frac{1}{2} \delta \mathbf{z}^T \mathbf{D}^{-1} \delta \mathbf{z} + \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{G} \delta \mathbf{z} - \mathbf{d})^T \mathbf{R}^{-1} (\mathbf{G} \delta \mathbf{z} - \mathbf{d})$$
$$= \frac{1}{2} \delta \mathbf{z}^T (\mathbf{D}^{-1} + \mathbf{G}^T \mathbf{R}^{-1} \mathbf{G}) \delta \mathbf{z} - \delta \mathbf{z}^T \mathbf{G}^T \mathbf{R}^{-1} \mathbf{d} + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{d}^T \mathbf{R}^{-1} \mathbf{d}$$

At the minimum of J we have $\partial J / \partial \delta \mathbf{z} = \mathbf{0}$

$$\underbrace{(\mathbf{D}^{-1} + \mathbf{G}^T \mathbf{R}^{-1} \mathbf{G}) \delta \mathbf{z} - \mathbf{G}^T \mathbf{R}^{-1} \mathbf{d}} = \mathbf{0}$$

i.e. solve $\mathbf{A} \delta \mathbf{z} = \mathbf{b}$



Preconditioning

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i.e. solve $\mathbf{A} \delta \mathbf{z} = \mathbf{b}$

Minimize:

$$J = \frac{1}{2} \delta \mathbf{z}^T \mathbf{A} \delta \mathbf{z} - \delta \mathbf{z}^T \mathbf{b} + c$$

Introduce a new variable: $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{A}^{1/2} \delta \mathbf{z}$

$$J = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{v} - \mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{A}^{-T/2} \mathbf{b} + c$$

At the minimum: $\partial J / \partial \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v} - \mathbf{A}^{-T/2} \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{0}$

Preconditioning

Recall the incremental cost function:

$$J = \frac{1}{2} \delta \mathbf{z}^T \mathbf{D}^{-1} \delta \mathbf{z} + \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{G} \delta \mathbf{z} - \mathbf{d})^T \mathbf{R}^{-1} (\mathbf{G} \delta \mathbf{z} - \mathbf{d})$$

Introduce a new variable: $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{D}^{-1/2} \delta \mathbf{z}$

$$J(\mathbf{v}) = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{v} + \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{G} \mathbf{D}^{1/2} \mathbf{v} - \mathbf{d})^T \mathbf{R}^{-1} (\mathbf{G} \mathbf{D}^{1/2} \mathbf{v} - \mathbf{d})$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{v}^T (\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{D}^{1/2} \mathbf{G}^T \mathbf{R}^{-1} \mathbf{G} \mathbf{D}^{1/2}) \mathbf{v} - \mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{D}^{1/2} \mathbf{G}^T \mathbf{R}^{-1} \mathbf{d} + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{d}^T \mathbf{R}^{-1} \mathbf{d}$$

At the minimum of J we have $\partial J / \partial \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$

$$(\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{D}^{1/2} \mathbf{G}^T \mathbf{R}^{-1} \mathbf{G} \mathbf{D}^{1/2}) \mathbf{v} - \mathbf{D}^{1/2} \mathbf{G}^T \mathbf{R}^{-1} \mathbf{d} = \mathbf{0}$$

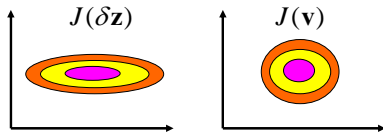
i.e. solve $\tilde{\mathbf{A}} \mathbf{v} = \tilde{\mathbf{b}}$ then $\delta \mathbf{z} = \mathbf{D}^{1/2} \mathbf{v}$

Preconditioning

Solve $\tilde{\mathbf{A}}\mathbf{v} = \tilde{\mathbf{b}}$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{A}} = (\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{D}^{1/2} \mathbf{G}^T \mathbf{R}^{-1} \mathbf{G} \mathbf{D}^{1/2})$$

Has eigenvalues
clustered around 1



The Conjugate Gradient Algorithm

cgradient.h in v-space to minimize $J(\mathbf{v})$

$$\hat{\mathbf{v}}_k = \mathbf{v}_k + \tau_k \mathbf{h}_k$$

trial step

$$\hat{\mathbf{g}}_k = \mathbf{D}^{T/2} \partial J / \partial \delta \hat{\mathbf{z}}_k$$

gradient @ trial step

$$\alpha_k = -\tau_k \mathbf{h}_k^T \mathbf{g}_k / (\mathbf{h}_k^T (\hat{\mathbf{g}}_k - \mathbf{g}_k))$$

optimum step

$$\mathbf{v}_{k+1} = \mathbf{v}_k + \alpha_k \mathbf{h}_k$$

new starting point

$$\mathbf{g}_{k+1} = \mathbf{g}_k + (\alpha_k / \tau_k) (\hat{\mathbf{g}}_k - \mathbf{g}_k)$$

gradient @ new point

$$\beta_{k+1} = \mathbf{g}_{k+1}^T \mathbf{g}_{k+1} / \mathbf{g}_k^T \mathbf{g}_k$$

$$\mathbf{h}_{k+1} = -\mathbf{g}_{k+1} + \beta_{k+1} \mathbf{h}_k$$

new descent direction

$$\delta \mathbf{z}_{k+1} = \mathbf{D}^{1/2} \mathbf{v}_{k+1}$$

project into state-space

The Lanczos Connection

Gain (primal form):

$$\mathbf{K} = \mathbf{D}^{1/2} (\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{D}^{T/2} \mathbf{G}^T \mathbf{R}^{-1} \mathbf{G} \mathbf{D}^{1/2})^{-1} \mathbf{D}^{T/2} \mathbf{G}^T \mathbf{R}^{-1}$$

Practical gain matrix:

$$\tilde{\mathbf{K}}_k = \mathbf{D}^{1/2} \mathbf{V}_k \mathbf{T}_k^{-1} \mathbf{V}_k^T \mathbf{D}^{T/2} \mathbf{G}^T \mathbf{R}^{-1}$$

Useful for diagnostic applications (Lecture 5)
(The Lanczos vectors are in ADJname)

Covariance Modeling

Recall the incremental cost function:

$$J = \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \delta \mathbf{z}^T \mathbf{D}^{-1} \delta \mathbf{z}}_{J_b} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{G} \delta \mathbf{z} - \mathbf{d})^T \mathbf{R}^{-1} (\mathbf{G} \delta \mathbf{z} - \mathbf{d})}_{J_o}$$

At the minimum of J we have $\partial J / \partial \delta \mathbf{z} = \mathbf{0}$

$$\partial J / \partial \delta \mathbf{z} = \mathbf{D}^{-1} \delta \mathbf{z} + \mathbf{G}^T \mathbf{R}^{-1} (\mathbf{G} \delta \mathbf{z} - \mathbf{d})$$

where $\mathbf{D} = \text{diag}(\mathbf{B}_x, \mathbf{B}_b, \mathbf{B}_f, \mathbf{Q})$

Covariance Modeling

\mathbf{B}_x = initial condition *prior* (or background) error covariance matrix

\mathbf{B}_f = surface forcing *prior* error covariance matrix

\mathbf{B}_b = open boundary condition *prior* error covariance matrix

\mathbf{Q} = *prior* model error covariance matrix

Each covariance matrix is factorized according to:

$$\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{K}_b \mathbf{\Sigma} \mathbf{C} \mathbf{\Sigma}^T \mathbf{K}_b^T$$

\mathbf{C} = univariate correlation matrix

$\mathbf{\Sigma}$ = diagonal matrix of error standard deviations

\mathbf{K}_b = multivariate balance operator

Correlation Models

\mathbf{C} is further factorized as:

$$\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{A} \mathbf{L}_v^{1/2} \mathbf{L}_h^{1/2} \mathbf{W}^{-1} \mathbf{L}_h^{T/2} \mathbf{L}_v^{T/2} \mathbf{\Lambda}^T$$

\mathbf{W} = diagonal matrix of grid box volumes

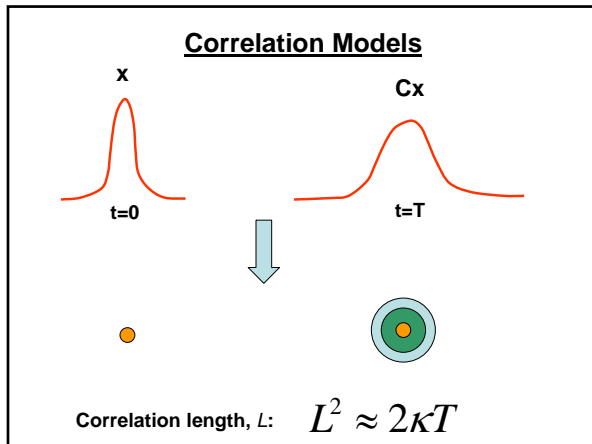
\mathbf{L}_h = horizontal correlation function model

\mathbf{L}_v = vertical correlation function model

$\mathbf{\Lambda}$ = matrix of normalization coefficients

\mathbf{L}_h and \mathbf{L}_v are based on solutions of 2D and 1D pseudo diffusion equations respectively:

$$\partial \eta / \partial t - \kappa_h \nabla^2 \eta = 0 \quad \partial \eta / \partial t - \kappa_v \partial^2 \eta / \partial z^2 = 0$$



Covariance Modeling

$$\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{\Lambda} \mathbf{L}_v^{1/2} \mathbf{L}_h^{1/2} \mathbf{W}^{-1} \mathbf{L}_h^{T/2} \mathbf{L}_v^{T/2} \mathbf{\Lambda}^T$$

$\mathbf{\Lambda}$ ensures that the range of \mathbf{C} is ± 1 .

Suppose that \mathbf{x} is divided into a balanced and unbalanced contribution: $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}_b + \mathbf{x}_u$

Examples of balance: geostrophy, hydrostatic

$$(\mathbf{B}_x)_u = \mathbf{\Sigma} \mathbf{\Sigma}^T$$

$$\mathbf{B}_x = \mathbf{K}_b (\mathbf{B}_x)_u \mathbf{K}_b^T$$

The Balance Operator

(define BALANCE_OPERATOR)

Following Weaver et al (2005):

$\delta \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \delta T \\ \delta S \\ \delta \zeta \\ \delta \mathbf{u} \\ \delta \mathbf{v} \end{bmatrix}$ <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">Total state vector increments</p>	$\delta \hat{\mathbf{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} \delta T \\ \delta S_u \\ \delta \zeta_u \\ \delta \mathbf{u}_u \\ \delta \mathbf{v}_u \end{bmatrix}$ <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">Unbalanced state vector increments (except for δT)</p>	$(\mathbf{B}_x)_u = \langle \delta \hat{\mathbf{x}} \delta \hat{\mathbf{x}}^T \rangle$ $\delta \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{K}_b \delta \hat{\mathbf{x}}$ $\mathbf{B}_x = \langle \delta \mathbf{x} \delta \mathbf{x}^T \rangle$ $= \mathbf{K}_b \langle \delta \hat{\mathbf{x}} \delta \hat{\mathbf{x}}^T \rangle \mathbf{K}_b^T$ $= \mathbf{K}_b (\mathbf{B}_x)_u \mathbf{K}_b^T$
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The Balance Operator

$\delta S = \mathbf{K}_{ST} \delta T + \delta S_u$ *T-S relation*
 $\delta \zeta = \mathbf{K}_{\zeta \rho} \delta \rho + \delta \zeta_u$ *Level of no motion or elliptic eqn*
 $\delta u = \mathbf{K}_{up} \delta p + \delta u_u$ *Geostrophic balance*
 $\delta v = \mathbf{K}_{vp} \delta p + \delta v_u$ *Geostrophic balance*
 $\delta \rho = \mathbf{K}_{\rho T} \delta T + \mathbf{K}_{\rho S} \delta S$ *Linear equation of state*
 $\delta p = \mathbf{K}_{p\rho} \delta \rho + \mathbf{K}_{p\zeta} \delta \zeta$ *Hydrostatic balance*

The Balance Operator

$\delta \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{K}_b \delta \hat{\mathbf{x}}$

$$\mathbf{K}_b = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{K}_{ST} & \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{K}_{\zeta T} & \mathbf{K}_{\zeta S} & \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{K}_{uT} & \mathbf{K}_{uS} & \mathbf{K}_{u\zeta} & \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{K}_{vT} & \mathbf{K}_{vS} & \mathbf{K}_{v\zeta} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I} \end{pmatrix}$$

The Balance Operator

\mathbf{K}_{ST} from *prior* (background) T-S relationship

$$\delta S_b = \gamma \frac{\partial S}{\partial z} \Big|_s \frac{\partial z}{\partial T} \Big|_T \delta T$$

$$\gamma = \begin{cases} 0 \\ 1 \end{cases} \text{ depending on mixed layer}$$

The Balance Operator

$$\mathbf{K}_b = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{K}_{ST} & \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{K}_{\zeta T} & \mathbf{K}_{\zeta S} & \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{K}_{uT} & \mathbf{K}_{uS} & \mathbf{K}_{u\zeta} & \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{K}_{vT} & \mathbf{K}_{vS} & \mathbf{K}_{v\zeta} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I} \end{pmatrix}$$

The Balance Operator

$$\mathbf{K}_{\zeta T} = \mathbf{K}_{\zeta\rho} \left(\mathbf{K}_{\rho T} + \mathbf{K}_{\rho S} \mathbf{K}_{ST} \right) \left. \vphantom{\mathbf{K}_{\zeta T}} \right\} \delta\rho = \rho_0 (-\alpha\delta T + \beta\delta S)$$

$$\mathbf{K}_{\zeta S} = \mathbf{K}_{\zeta\rho} \mathbf{K}_{\rho S}$$

Either:

$$(i) \quad \delta\zeta_b = - \int_{z_r}^0 \delta\rho / \rho_0 dz \quad (\text{level of no motion } z_r)$$

$$(ii) \quad \nabla(h\nabla\delta\zeta_b) = -\nabla \int_{-h}^0 \int_z^0 \delta\rho / \rho_0 dz' dz + \dots$$

(define ZETA_ELLIPTIC)

The Balance Operator

$$\mathbf{K}_b = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{K}_{ST} & \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{K}_{\zeta T} & \mathbf{K}_{\zeta S} & \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{K}_{uT} & \mathbf{K}_{uS} & \mathbf{K}_{u\zeta} & \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{K}_{vT} & \mathbf{K}_{vS} & \mathbf{K}_{v\zeta} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I} \end{pmatrix}$$

The Balance Operator

$$\mathbf{K}_{uT} = \mathbf{K}_{up} (\mathbf{K}_{p\rho} + \mathbf{K}_{p\zeta} \mathbf{K}_{\zeta\rho}) (\mathbf{K}_{\rho T} + \mathbf{K}_{\rho S} \mathbf{K}_{ST})$$

$$\mathbf{K}_{uS} = \mathbf{K}_{up} (\mathbf{K}_{p\rho} + \mathbf{K}_{p\zeta} \mathbf{K}_{\zeta\rho}) \mathbf{K}_{\rho S}$$

$$\mathbf{K}_{u\zeta} = \mathbf{K}_{up} \mathbf{K}_{p\zeta}$$

$\mathbf{K}_{p\rho}$ hydrostatic balance

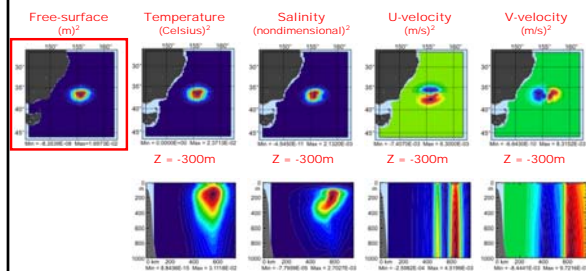
\mathbf{K}_{up} geostrophic balance

$\mathbf{K}_{p\zeta}$ free-surface contribution to ρ

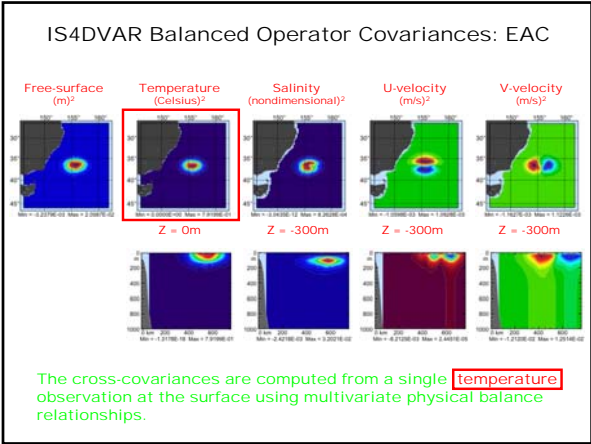
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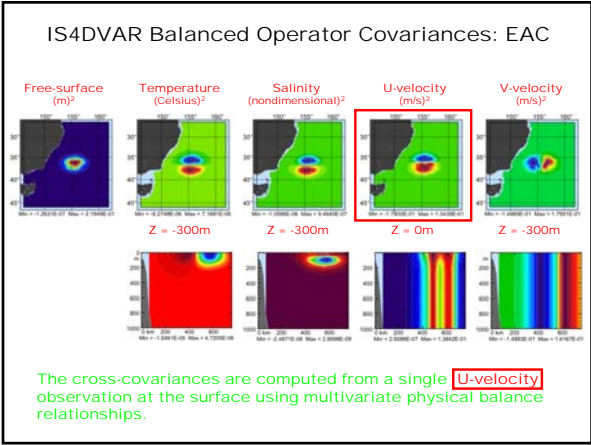
$$\mathbf{B}_x = \mathbf{K}_b (\mathbf{B}_x)_u \mathbf{K}_b^T = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{B}_{TT} & \mathbf{B}_{ST}^T & \mathbf{B}_{\zeta T}^T & \mathbf{B}_{uT}^T & \mathbf{B}_{vT}^T \\ \mathbf{B}_{ST} & \mathbf{B}_{SS} & \mathbf{B}_{\zeta S}^T & \mathbf{B}_{uS}^T & \mathbf{B}_{vS}^T \\ \mathbf{B}_{\zeta T} & \mathbf{B}_{\zeta S} & \mathbf{B}_{\zeta\zeta} & \mathbf{B}_{u\zeta}^T & \mathbf{B}_{v\zeta}^T \\ \mathbf{B}_{uT} & \mathbf{B}_{uS} & \mathbf{B}_{u\zeta} & \mathbf{B}_{uu} & \mathbf{B}_{vu}^T \\ \mathbf{B}_{vT} & \mathbf{B}_{vS} & \mathbf{B}_{v\zeta} & \mathbf{B}_{vu} & \mathbf{B}_{vv} \end{pmatrix}$$

IS4DVAR Balanced Operator Covariances: EAC



The cross-covariances are computed from a single **sea surface height** observation using multivariate physical balance relationships.





Initial condition prior:

$$\mathbf{B}_x = \mathbf{K}_b \Sigma_x \mathbf{C}_x \Sigma_x^T \mathbf{K}_b^T$$

Surface forcing prior:

$$\mathbf{B}_f = \Sigma_f \mathbf{C}_f \Sigma_f^T \quad \text{No balance}$$

Open boundary condition prior:

$$\mathbf{B}_b = \Sigma_b \mathbf{C}_b \Sigma_b^T \quad \text{No balance}$$

Model error prior:

$$\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{K}_b \Sigma_q \mathbf{C}_q \Sigma_q^T \mathbf{K}_b^T$$

Preconditioning Again

General form of the *prior* error covariance matrix:

$$\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{K}_b \Sigma \mathbf{C} \Sigma^T \mathbf{K}_b^T$$

Introduce a new variable:

$$\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{U}^{-1} \delta \mathbf{z}$$

where

$$\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{U} \mathbf{U}^T$$

$$\mathbf{U} = \mathbf{K}_b \Sigma \mathbf{C}^{1/2}$$

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trial step

$$\hat{\mathbf{g}}_k = \mathbf{C}^{T/2} \Sigma^T \mathbf{K}_b^T \partial J / \partial \delta \hat{\mathbf{z}}_k$$

gradient @ trial step

$$\alpha_k = -\tau_k \mathbf{h}_k^T \hat{\mathbf{g}}_k / (\mathbf{h}_k^T (\hat{\mathbf{g}}_k - \mathbf{g}_k))$$

optimum step

$$\mathbf{v}_{k+1} = \mathbf{v}_k + \alpha_k \mathbf{h}_k$$

new starting point

$$\mathbf{g}_{k+1} = \mathbf{g}_k + (\alpha_k / \tau_k) (\hat{\mathbf{g}}_k - \mathbf{g}_k)$$

gradient @ new point

$$\beta_{k+1} = \mathbf{g}_{k+1}^T \mathbf{g}_{k+1} / \mathbf{g}_k^T \mathbf{g}_k$$

$$\mathbf{h}_{k+1} = -\mathbf{g}_{k+1} + \beta_{k+1} \mathbf{h}_k$$

new descent direction

$$\delta \mathbf{z}_{k+1} = \mathbf{K}_b \Sigma \mathbf{C}^{1/2} \mathbf{v}_{k+1}$$

project into state-space

The Lanczos Connection

Gain (primal form):

$$\mathbf{K} = \mathbf{K}_b \Sigma \mathbf{C}^{1/2} (\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{D}^{T/2} \mathbf{G}^T \mathbf{R}^{-1} \mathbf{G} \mathbf{D}^{1/2})^{-1} \mathbf{C}^{T/2} \Sigma^T \mathbf{K}_b^T \mathbf{G}^T \mathbf{R}^{-1}$$

Practical gain matrix:

$$\tilde{\mathbf{K}}_k = \mathbf{K}_b \Sigma \mathbf{C}^{1/2} \mathbf{V}_k \mathbf{T}_k^{-1} \mathbf{V}_k^T \mathbf{C}^{T/2} \Sigma^T \mathbf{K}_b^T \mathbf{G}^T \mathbf{R}^{-1}$$

Useful for diagnostic applications (Lecture 5)
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Issues, Things to do, & Coming Soon

- Relax horizontal homogeneity and isotropy of L_x and L_y correlation lengths.
- Include temporal correlations (there is some implicit time corr. already in $\delta\mathbf{f}(t)$, $\delta\mathbf{b}(t)$, & $\boldsymbol{\eta}(t)$).
- Elliptic solver for free-surface balance:
 - cannot handle islands at the moment
 - add additional boundary condition option
- Cannot assimilate obs right at the open boundary.
- Div and curl of $\delta\boldsymbol{\tau}$ are not constrained.
- No restart option for 4D-Var.

Summary

- Lanczos formulation of CG: cgradient.h
- Lanczos vectors saved in ADJname
- Covariance models using diffusion operators:
 - define VCONVOLUTION
 - define IMPLICIT_VCONV, etc
- Multivariate balance operator:

\mathbf{K}_b - tl_balance.F
 \mathbf{K}_b^* - ad_balance.F
 $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$ - tl_variability.F
 $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^*$ - ad_variability.F
 $\mathbf{C}^{1/2}$ - tl_convolution.F
 $\mathbf{C}^{*1/2}$ - ad_convolution.F

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