Two-parameter TSCSP method for solving complex symmetric system of linear equations

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Abstract. We introduce a two-parameter version of the two-step scale-splitting iteration method, called TTSCSP, for solving a broad class of complex symmetric system of linear equations. We present some conditions for the convergence of the method. An upper bound for the spectral radius of the method is presented and optimal parameters which minimize this bound are given. Inexact version of the TTSCSP iteration method (ITTSCSP) is also presented. Some numerical experiments are reported to verify the effectiveness of the TTSCSP iteration method and the numerical results are compared with those of the TSCSP, the SCSP and the PMHSS iteration methods. Numerical comparison of the ITTSCSP method with the inexact version of TSCSP, SCSP and PMHSS are presented. We also compare the numerical results of the BiCGSTAB method in conjunction with the TTSCSP and the ILU preconditioners.

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1 Introduction

Consider the system of linear equations of the form

\[ Au = (W + iT)u = b, \]

where \( W, T \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} \), \( u = x + iy \) and \( b = p + iq \), such that the vectors \( x, y, p \) and \( q \) are in \( \mathbb{R}^n \) and \( i = \sqrt{-1} \). We assume that the matrices \( W \) and \( T \) are symmetric positive semidefinite matrices with at least one least one of them, e.g., \( W \), is positive definite. Systems of the form (1) arise in many important problems in scientific computing and engineering applications. For example, numerical solution of the Helmholtz equation and time-dependent PDEs [11], diffuse optical tomography [1], algebraic eigenvalue problems [15, 20], molecular scattering [16], structural dynamics [12] and lattice quantum chromodynamics [13].

In recent years, there have been many works for solving Eq. (1), and several iterative methods have been presented in the literature. For example, based on the Hermitian and skew-Hermitian splitting (HSS) of the matrix \( A \), Bai et al. in [7] introduced the Hermitian/skew-Hermitian splitting (HSS) method to solve non-Hermitian positive definite
system of linear equations. Next, Bai et al. presented a modified version of the HSS iterative method say (MHSS) [3] to solve systems of the form (1). Then, a preconditioned version of the MHSS iteration method, called PMHSS, was presented by Bai et al. in [5].

Let

\[ A = H + S, \]

(2)

be the Hermitian/Skew-Hermitian (HS) splitting of the matrix \( A \), where

\[ H = \frac{1}{2}(A + A^H) = W, \quad S = \frac{1}{2}(A - A^H) = iT, \]

with \( A^H \) being the conjugate transpose of \( A \). Let also \( V \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} \) be a symmetric positive definite. Then, the PMHSS iteration method can be described as follows.

**The PMHSS method:** Let \( u^{(0)} \in \mathbb{C}^n \) be an initial guess. For \( k = 0, 1, 2, \ldots \), until \( \{u^{(k)}\} \) converges, compute \( u^{(k+1)} \) according to the following sequence:

\[
\begin{align*}
(\alpha V + W)u^{(k + \frac{1}{2})} &= (\alpha V - iT)u^{(k)} + b, \\
(\alpha V + T)u^{(k+1)} &= (\alpha V + iT)u^{(k + \frac{1}{2})} - ib,
\end{align*}
\]

(3)

where \( \alpha \) is a given positive constant.

When the matrix \( V \) is equal to the identity matrix, then the PMHSS iteration method reduces to MHSS. In [5], it has been proved that the PMHSS iteration converges unconditionally to the unique solution of the complex symmetric system (1) for any initial guess. Numerical implementation presented in [5] show that a Krylov subspace iteration method such as generalized minimal residual (GMRES) [17] in conjunction with the resulting PMHSS preconditioner is very efficient to solve the system (1). In particular, both the PMHSS iteration method and the MHSS-preconditioned GMRES show mesh-size-independent and parameter-insensitive convergence behaviour (see [5]).

In [2], Axelsson and Kucherov showed that it is possible to avoid complex arithmetic by rewriting Eq. (1) to several real-valued forms. Among them, we consider the following real-form

\[ Au = \begin{bmatrix} W & -T \\ T & W \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} p \\ q \end{bmatrix}. \]

(4)

Under our hypotheses, it can be easily proved that the matrix \( A \) is nonsingular. Benzi and Bertaccini in [10] investigated several block preconditioners for real equivalent formulations of complex linear systems when the coefficient matrix \( A \) is complex symmetric. Bai et al. in [4] presented a preconditioned modified Hermitian and skew-Hermitian splitting iteration method for solving and preconditioning of the system (4). Bai et al. in [9], applied the generalized successive overrelaxation (GSOR) method for augmented linear systems. Recently, using the idea of [9], Salkuyeh et al. in [18] solved the system (4) by the generalized successive overrelaxation (GSOR) iterative method. This method can be written as follows.

**The GSOR iteration method:** Let \( (x^{(0)}; y^{(0)}) \in \mathbb{R}^n \) be an initial guess. For \( k = 0, 1, 2, \ldots \), until \( \{(x^{(k)}; y^{(k)})\} \) converges, compute \( (x^{(k+1)}; y^{(k+1)}) \) according to the
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The following sequence

\[
\begin{align*}
W x^{(k+1)} &= (1 - \alpha)W x^{(k)} + \alpha T y^{(k)} + \alpha p, \\
W y^{(k+1)} &= -\alpha T x^{(k+1)} + (1 - \alpha)W y^{(k)} + \alpha q,
\end{align*}
\]  

(5)

where \( \alpha \) is a given positive constant.

In [18], it has been shown that if \( W \) and \( T \) are symmetric positive definite and symmetric, respectively, then the GSOR method is convergent. Recently, using the matrix splitting

\[
A = \frac{1}{\alpha - i} \left[ (\alpha W + T) - i(W - \alpha T) \right],
\]

Hezari et al. in [14] presented the Scale-Splitting (SCSP) iteration method for solving \((1)\) which can be described as follows.

The SCSP iteration method: Let \( u^{(0)} \in \mathbb{C}^n \) be an initial guess. For \( k = 0, 1, 2, \ldots \), until \( \{u^{(k)}\} \) converges, compute \( u^{(k+1)} \) according to the following sequence

\[
(\alpha W + T)u^{(k+1)} = i(W - \alpha T)u^{(k)} + (\alpha - i)b,
\]

(6)

where \( \alpha \) is a given positive constant.

It can be seen that the SCSP iteration method is equivalent to the matrix splitting iteration method induced by the splitting defined through the additive block diagonal (ABD) preconditioner introduced and discussed by Bai et al. in [6]. At each iteration of the SCSP iteration method, it is required to solve a linear system with coefficient matrix \( \alpha W + T \). In [14] it was proved that if \( W \) and \( T \) are symmetric positive semidefinite matrices satisfying \( \text{null}(W) \cap \text{null}(T) = \{0\} \), then the SCSP iteration method is convergent provided that

\[
\begin{align*}
\frac{1 - \mu_{\min}}{1 + \mu_{\min}} < \alpha < \frac{1 + \mu_{\max}}{\mu_{\max} - 1}, & \quad \text{for } \mu_{\max} > 1, \\
\frac{1 - \mu_{\min}}{1 + \mu_{\min}} < \alpha, & \quad \text{for } \mu_{\max} \leq 1,
\end{align*}
\]

where \( \mu_{\min} \) and \( \mu_{\max} \) are the smallest and largest generalized eigenvalues of the matrix pair \((W, T)\), respectively. Recently, using the idea of the SCSP iteration method, Salkuyeh in [19] presented a two-step Scale-Splitting (TSCSP) for solving Eq. (1) which is algorithmically described in the following form (see also [22]).

The TSCSP iteration method: Let \( u^{(0)} \in \mathbb{C}^n \) be an initial guess. For \( k = 0, 1, 2, \ldots \), until \( \{u^{(k)}\} \) converges, compute \( u^{(k+1)} \) according to the following sequence

\[
\begin{align*}
(\alpha W + T)u^{(k+1)} &= i(W - \alpha T)u^{(k)} + (\alpha - i)b, \\
(W + \alpha T)u^{(k+1)} &= i(\alpha W - T)u^{(k+\frac{1}{2})} + (1 - \alpha i)b,
\end{align*}
\]

(7)

where \( \alpha > 0 \).
Theoretical analysis in [19] indicate that if the matrices $W$ and $T$ are symmetric positive definite, then the TSCSP iteration method unconditionally converges. Numerical results presented in [19] show that the TSCSP iteration method outperforms the PMHSS, the GSOR, the SCSP iteration methods. When $\alpha = 1$, the TSCSP iteration method reduces to the ABD iteration method [6]. In this paper we present a two parameter TSCSP iteration method to solve the system (1) and analyze its convergence properties.

In the PMHSS, the GSOR, the SCSP and TSCSP iteration methods it is required to solve some subsystems with symmetric positive definite coefficient matrices. These systems can be solved exactly by using the Cholesky factorization of the coefficient matrices or inexactly by the conjugate gradient (CG) iteration method or its preconditioned version (PCG).

The remainder of the paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, the TTSCSP iteration method is established and the convergence of the method is discussed. Inexact version of the TTSCSP method is studied in Section 3. Section 4 is devoted to some numerical experiments to show the effectiveness of TTSCSP. Finally, some concluding remarks are given in Section 5.

2 The TTSCSP iteration method

In this section, we derive a new version of the TSCSP iteration method that was initially proposed in [19]. The new method will be referred to as two-parameter TSCSP (TTSCSP) iteration method or, in brief, the TTSCSP iteration method. To this end, let $\alpha > 0$. By multiplying $(\alpha - i)$ through both sides of the complex system (1) we obtain the following equivalent system

$$(\alpha - i)Au = (\alpha - i)b,$$  \hspace{1cm} (8)

where $i = \sqrt{-1}$. The latter equation results in the following system of fixed-point equation

$$(\alpha W + T)u = i(W - \alpha T)u + (\alpha - i)b.$$  \hspace{1cm} (9)

Next, we multiply both sides of Eq. (1) by $(1 - \beta i)$ with $\beta > 0$ to obtain the equivalent system

$$(1 - \beta i)Au = (1 - \beta i)b.$$  \hspace{1cm} (10)

It can be alternatively rewritten as the following system of fixed-point equations

$$(W + \beta T)u = i(\beta W - T)u + (1 - \beta i)b.$$  \hspace{1cm} (11)

Now, by alternately iterating between the two systems of fixed-point equations (9) and (11), we can establish the following TTSCSP iteration method for solving the complex symmetric linear system (1).

The TTSCSP iteration method: Let $u^{(0)} \in \mathbb{C}^n$ be an initial guess. For $k = 0, 1, 2, \ldots$, until $\{u^{(k)}\}$ converges, compute $u^{(k+1)}$ according to the following sequence

$$\begin{align*}
(\alpha W + T)u^{(k+\frac{1}{2})} &= i(W - \alpha T)u^{(k)} + (\alpha - i)b, \\
(W + \beta T)u^{(k+1)} &= i(\beta W - T)u^{(k+\frac{1}{2})} + (1 - \beta i)b,
\end{align*}$$  \hspace{1cm} (12)
where $\alpha$ and $\beta$ are positive numbers.

It is mentioned that when $\alpha = \beta$, the TTSCSP method reduces to the TSCSP method. The two subsystems of each iterate of the TTSCSP method require to solve the systems with coefficient matrices $\alpha W + T$ and $W + \beta T$. If $W$ and $T$ are symmetric positive definite and symmetric positive semidefinite, respectively, then coefficient matrix of two subsystems, $\alpha W + T$ and $W + \beta T$, are symmetric positive definite. Therefore, the two subsystems of iteration method can be exactly solved by Cholesky factorization. This is very costly and impractical for large real problems. To improve the computing efficiency of TTSCSP, we can inexactly solve the involving subsystems by CG or PCG.

The TTSCSP iteration method can be reformulated as the form

$$u^{(k+1)} = G_{\alpha, \beta}u^{(k)} + C_{\alpha, \beta},$$

where

$$G_{\alpha, \beta} = (W + \beta T)^{-1}(T - \beta W)(\alpha W + T)^{-1}(W - \alpha T),$$

and

$$C_{\alpha, \beta} = (\alpha + \beta)(W + \beta T)^{-1}(W - iT)(\alpha W + T)^{-1}b.$$ 

Setting

$$M = \frac{1}{\alpha + \beta}(\alpha W + T)(W - iT)^{-1}(W + \beta T),$$

$$N = \frac{1}{\alpha + \beta}(T - \beta W)(W - iT)^{-1}(W - \alpha T),$$

we have $A = M - N$ and $G_{\alpha, \beta} = M^{-1}N$. Therefore, the matrix

$$Q = (\alpha W + T)(W - iT)^{-1}(W + \beta T),$$

can be used as a preconditioner (TTSCSP preconditioner) for the system (1).

In the sequel, we prove that under suitable conditions, the TTSCSP iteration method converges to the unique solution of system (1). To establish the convergence of the TTSCSP iteration method, the following theorem is presented.

**Theorem 1.** Let $W \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ be symmetric positive definite and $T \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ be symmetric positive semidefinite and

$$0 \leq \mu_1 \leq \cdots \leq \mu_r < 1 \leq \mu_{r+1} \leq \cdots \leq \mu_n,$$

be the eigenvalues of $S = W^{-\frac{1}{2}}TW^{-\frac{1}{2}}$. Then, the TTSCSP iteration method is convergent, i.e., $\rho(G_{\alpha, \beta}) < 1$, if $\alpha$ and $\beta$ satisfy

$$\frac{1 - \mu_1}{1 + \mu_1} < \alpha < \frac{\mu_1 + 1}{\mu_n - 1} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\mu_n - 1}{\mu_n + 1} < \beta < \frac{1 + \mu_1}{1 - \mu_1}. $$

(15)
Proof. Let

\[ \hat{G}_{\alpha,\beta} = (I + \beta S)^{-1} (S - \beta I)(\alpha I + S)^{-1} (I - \alpha S), \]

where \( S = W^{-\frac{1}{2}}TW^{-\frac{1}{2}} \). It is easy to see that \( G_{\alpha,\beta} = W^{-\frac{1}{2}}\hat{G}_{\alpha,\beta}W^{\frac{1}{2}} \). Hence, the matrices \( G_{\alpha,\beta} \) and \( \hat{G}_{\alpha,\beta} \) are similar and their eigenvalues are the same. Since the matrices \( W \) and \( T \) are symmetric positive definite and symmetric positive semidefinite, respectively, then the eigenvalues of \( S \) are nonnegative. Therefore, we have

\[ \rho(G_{\alpha,\beta}) = \rho(\hat{G}_{\alpha,\beta}) \]

\[ = \rho((I + \beta S)^{-1} (S - \beta I)(\alpha I + S)^{-1} (I - \alpha S)) \]

\[ = \max_{\mu_j \in \sigma(S)} |\lambda(\alpha, \beta, \mu_j)|. \]

where

\[ \lambda(\alpha, \beta, \mu_j) = \frac{(\mu_j - \beta)(1 - \alpha \mu_j)}{(1 + \beta \mu_j)(\alpha + \mu_j)}. \]

(16)

Then, we have

\[ |\lambda(\alpha, \beta, \mu_j)| = \left| \frac{\mu_j - \beta}{1 + \beta \mu_j} \right| \frac{1 - \alpha \mu_j}{\alpha + \mu_j}, \]

and to get \( |\lambda(\alpha, \beta, \mu_j)| < 1 \), it is enough to have

\[ \left| \frac{\mu_j - \beta}{1 + \beta \mu_j} \right| < 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{1 - \alpha \mu_j}{\alpha + \mu_j} < 1. \]

(17)

The left inequality in (17) is equivalent to the following inequalities

\[ \beta(1 - \mu_j) < 1 + \mu_j, \]

(18)

\[ \beta(\mu_j + 1) > \mu_j - 1. \]

(19)

For \( \mu_j \geq 1 \), these inequalities hold true if and only if

\[ \beta > \frac{\mu_j - 1}{\mu_j + 1}, \]

(20)

and for \( 0 < \mu_j < 1 \), the inequalities (18) and (19) hold if and only if

\[ \beta < \frac{1 + \mu_j}{1 - \mu_j}. \]

(21)

Hence, from Eqs. (20) and (21) it is enough to set

\[ \frac{\mu_n - 1}{\mu_n + 1} = \max_{\mu_j \geq 1} \frac{\mu_j - 1}{\mu_j + 1} < \beta \leq \min_{\mu_j < 1} \frac{1 + \mu_j}{1 - \mu_j} = \frac{1 + \mu_1}{1 - \mu_1}. \]

In a similar manner the condition for the parameter \( \alpha \) can be obtained. It should be mentioned that if \( \mu_1 = 0 \) then form (22) it can be deduced that \( \beta < \alpha \). Therefore, if \( \mu_j = 0 \) for some \( j \), then

\[ |\lambda(\alpha, \beta, \mu_j)| = |\lambda(\alpha, \beta, 0)| = \left| \frac{\beta}{\alpha} \right| < 1. \]
Remark 1. If $0 \leq \mu_1 \leq \cdots \leq \mu_n \leq 1$, then from Eqs. (18) and (19) the sufficient conditions for the convergence of the TTSCSP iteration method reduce to

$$\alpha > \frac{1 - \mu_1}{1 + \mu_1} \quad \text{and} \quad \beta < \frac{1 + \mu_1}{1 - \mu_1},$$

and if $1 \leq \mu_1 \leq \cdots \leq \mu_n$, then again using (18) and (19) the sufficient convergence conditions reduce to

$$\alpha < \frac{\mu_n + 1}{\mu_n - 1} \quad \text{and} \quad \beta > \frac{\mu_n - 1}{\mu_n + 1},$$

In general it is difficult to find the optimal values of the parameters $\alpha$ and $\beta$. In the sequel, we obtain the parameters which minimize the upper bound $\rho(G_{\alpha, \beta})$. To do so, it follows from Eq. (16) that

$$\rho(G_{\alpha, \beta}) = \max_{\mu_j \in \sigma(S)} |\lambda(\alpha, \beta, \mu_j)| = \max_{\mu_j \in \sigma(S)} \left| \frac{(\mu_j - \beta)(1 - \alpha \mu_j)}{(1 + \beta \mu_j)(\alpha + \mu_j)} \right| \leq \max_{\mu_j \in \sigma(S)} \left| \frac{\mu_j - \beta}{1 + \beta \mu_j} \right| \cdot \max_{\mu_j \in \sigma(S)} \left| \frac{1 - \alpha \mu_j}{\alpha + \mu_j} \right| =: \sigma(\alpha, \beta).$$

The next theorem presents the parameters $\alpha$ and $\beta$ which minimize $\sigma(\alpha, \beta)$.

**Theorem 2.** Let all the assumptions of Theorem 1 hold and

$$(\alpha^*, \beta^*) = \arg\min_{\alpha, \beta > 0} \sigma(\alpha, \beta).$$

Then

$$\alpha^* = \frac{\gamma + \sqrt{\gamma^2 + \eta^2}}{\eta} \quad \text{and} \quad \beta^* = \frac{1}{\alpha^*},$$

where $\eta = \mu_1 + \mu_n$ and $\gamma = 1 - \mu_1 \mu_n$.

Proof. Let

$$f_\mu(\alpha) = \frac{1 - \alpha \mu}{\alpha + \mu}, \quad \text{and} \quad g_\mu(\beta) = \frac{\mu - \beta}{1 + \beta \mu}.$$}

Obviously, we have

$$(\alpha^*, \beta^*) = \arg\min_{\alpha, \beta > 0} \left\{ \max_{\mu \in \sigma(S)} |f_\mu(\alpha)|, \max_{\mu \in \sigma(S)} |g_\mu(\beta)| \right\} = \left( \arg\min_{\alpha > 0} \max_{\mu \in \sigma(S)} |f_\mu(\alpha)|, \arg\min_{\beta > 0} \max_{\mu \in \sigma(S)} |g_\mu(\beta)| \right).$$

Therefore, we can independently obtain the values of $\alpha^*$ and $\beta^*$ via

$$\alpha^* = \arg\min_{\alpha > 0} \max_{\mu \in \sigma(S)} |f_\mu(\alpha)| \quad \text{and} \quad \beta^* = \arg\min_{\beta > 0} \max_{\mu \in \sigma(S)} |g_\mu(\beta)|.$$}

To compute the values of $\alpha^*$ and $\beta^*$, we first study some properties of the function $f_\mu(\alpha)$. This function passes through the points $(0, 1/\mu)$ and $(1/\mu, 0)$ and has two asymptotes $\alpha = -\mu$ and $y = -\mu$. We have

$$\frac{d}{d\alpha} f_\mu(\alpha) = -\frac{1 + \mu^2}{(\alpha + \mu)^2} < 0,$$
Figure 1: Graph of $f_\mu(\alpha)$ for $\mu = \mu_1, \mu_2, \mu_3$ where $\mu_1 < \mu_2 < \mu_3$.

which shows that the function $f_\mu(\alpha)$ is strictly decreasing. Figure 1 displays the function $|f_\mu(\alpha)|$ for $\mu = \mu_1, \mu_2, \mu_3$, where $\mu_1 < \mu_2 < \mu_3$. As seen the optimal values of $\alpha$ are obtained by intersecting the functions $|f_\mu_1(\alpha)|$ and $|f_\mu_3(\alpha)|$. Therefore, in general $\alpha^*$ satisfies the relation

$$
\frac{1 - \alpha^* \mu_1}{\alpha^* + \mu_1} = -\frac{1 - \alpha^* \mu_n}{\alpha^* + \mu_n},
$$

which gives the following two values for $\alpha^*$:

$$
\alpha_1^* = \frac{1 - \mu_1 \mu_n + \sqrt{(1 - \mu_1 \mu_n)^2 + (\mu_1 + \mu_n)^2}}{\mu_1 + \mu_n},
$$

$$
\alpha_2^* = \frac{1 - \mu_1 \mu_n - \sqrt{(1 - \mu_1 \mu_n)^2 + (\mu_1 + \mu_n)^2}}{\mu_1 + \mu_n}
$$

Since, $\alpha_2^*$ is not positive we deduce that $\alpha^* = \alpha_1^*$. In a similar way, the optimum value of the parameter $\beta$ can be found.

Other sufficient conditions for the convergence of the TTSCSP iteration are given in the next theorem.

**Theorem 3.** Let $W \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ be symmetric positive definite and $T \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ be symmetric positive semidefinite and $0 = \mu_1 = \cdots = \mu_s - 1 < \mu_s \leq \cdots \leq \mu_n$ be the eigenvalues of $S = W^{-\frac{1}{2}}TW^{-\frac{1}{2}}$. Then, the TTSCSP iteration method is convergent if $\alpha$ and $\beta$ satisfy

$$
0 < \beta < \alpha, \quad \alpha > \frac{1}{2}(\frac{1}{\mu_s} - \mu_s) \quad \text{and} \quad \beta > \frac{1}{2}(\mu_n - \frac{1}{\mu_n})
$$

(22)
Proof. Similar to Theorem 1 we consider the two case \( \mu_j = 0 \) and \( \mu_j \neq 0 \). If \( \mu_j = 0 \), then \(|\lambda(\alpha, \beta, \mu_j)| = \beta/\alpha\). Therefore, a necessary condition for the convergence of the TTSCSP iteration method is \( \beta < \alpha \).

Now, we assume that \( \mu_j \neq 0 \). In this case, we have

\[
|\lambda(\alpha, \beta, \mu_j)| = \frac{(\beta - \mu_j)(\alpha - \frac{1}{\mu_j})}{(\beta + \frac{1}{\mu_j})(\alpha + \mu_j)} = \frac{|\beta - \mu_j|}{\beta + \frac{1}{\mu_j}} \cdot \frac{|\alpha - \frac{1}{\mu_j}|}{\alpha + \mu_j}
\]

and to get \(|\lambda(\alpha, \beta, \mu_j)| < 1\), it is enough to have

\[
\frac{|\alpha - \frac{1}{\mu_j}|}{\alpha + \mu_j} < 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{|\beta - \mu_j|}{\beta + \frac{1}{\mu_j}} < 1.
\]

(23)

The left inequality in (23) holds if and only if

\[
\alpha > \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 - \frac{\mu_j}{\mu_s} \right) := h(\mu_j).
\]

Since, the function \( h(t) \) for \( t \geq 0 \) is a decreasing, this inequality holds true if we choose the parameter \( \alpha \) such a way that

\[
\alpha > \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 - \frac{\mu_s}{\mu_s} \right).
\]

(24)

Similarly, the right inequality in (23) holds if we choose the parameter \( \beta \) from the relation

\[
\beta > \frac{1}{2} \left( \mu_n - \frac{1}{\mu_n} \right).
\]

(25)

Therefore proof is complete.

Corollary 1. Let both of the matrices \( W \) and \( T \) be symmetric positive definite. Then, the TTSCSP iteration method is convergent if \( \alpha > 0 \) and \( \beta > 0 \) satisfy

\[
\alpha > \frac{1}{2} (\mu_1 - \mu_1) \quad \text{and} \quad \beta > \frac{1}{2} (\mu_n - \frac{1}{\mu_n}).
\]

Proof. Since, both of the matrices \( W \) and \( T \) are symmetric positive definite, we deduce that the matrix \( S \) is symmetric positive definite and as a result we have \( \mu_1 > 0 \). Therefore, from the proof of Theorem 1 the desired result is obtained.

\( \square \)

3 Inexact TTSCSP

For computing \( u^{(k+1)} \) from (12), we should solve two subsystems with the coefficient matrices \( \alpha W + T \) and \( W + \beta T \), which are very costly. To improve the implementation of the TTSCSP iteration method, we can employ an iteration method for solving the two subproblems. Since \( \alpha W + T \) and \( W + \beta T \) are positive definite, we can solve the two subsystems by CG.

In this section, we study inexact version of the TTSCSP (ITTSCSP) iteration method where the subsystems are solved inexactly by the CG method. The subsystems involving
the TTSCSP iteration method are solved by the PCG method such that the relative residual norms are less than \( \epsilon_k > 0 \) and \( \eta_k > 0 \), respectively. To do so, letting

\[
\tilde{u}^{(k+\frac{1}{2})} = \tilde{u}^{(k)} + \tilde{z}^{(k)},
\]

and then substituting it in the first subsystem yields

\[(\alpha W + T)\tilde{z}^{(k)} = (\alpha - \beta) r^{(k)}, \quad (26)\]

where \( r^{(k)} = b - Au^{(k)} \). In the same way, letting

\[
\tilde{u}^{(k+1)} = \tilde{u}^{(k+\frac{1}{2})} + \tilde{z}^{(k+\frac{1}{2})},
\]

the second subsystem can be written as

\[(W + \beta T)\tilde{z}^{(k+\frac{1}{2})} = (1 - \beta) r^{(k+\frac{1}{2})}, \quad (27)\]

where \( r^{(k+\frac{1}{2})} = b - Au^{(k+\frac{1}{2})} \). In the ITTSCSP algorithm, we inexactly solve systems (26) and (27) by the CG method. The resulting algorithm is summarized as follows.

**The Inexact TTSCSP (ITTSCSP) iteration method**

1. Choose an initial guess \( u^{(0)} \) and compute \( r^{(0)} = b - Au^{(0)} \)
2. For \( k = 0, 1, 2, \ldots \) until convergence, Do
3. Compute \( r^{(k)} = b - Au^{(k)} \) and set \( \tilde{r}^{(k)} = (\alpha - \beta) r^{(k)} \)
4. Solve \( (\alpha W + T)\tilde{z}^{(k)} = \tilde{r}^{(k)} \) by the CG method to compute the approximate solution \( \tilde{z}^{(k)} \) satisfying \( \|\tilde{r}^{(k)} - (\alpha W + T)\tilde{z}^{(k)}\|_2 \leq \epsilon_k \|\tilde{r}^{(k)}\|_2 \)
5. \( u^{(k+\frac{1}{2})} := u^{(k)} + \tilde{z}^{(k)} \)
6. Compute \( r^{(k+\frac{1}{2})} = b - Au^{(k+\frac{1}{2})} \) and set \( \tilde{r}^{(k+\frac{1}{2})} = (1 - \beta) r^{(k+\frac{1}{2})} \)
7. Solve \( (\alpha W + T)\tilde{z}^{(k+\frac{1}{2})} = \tilde{r}^{(k+\frac{1}{2})} \) by the CG method to compute the approximate solution \( \tilde{z}^{(k+\frac{1}{2})} \) satisfying \( \|\tilde{r}^{(k+\frac{1}{2})} - (W + \beta T)\tilde{z}^{(k+\frac{1}{2})}\|_2 \leq \eta_k \|\tilde{r}^{(k+\frac{1}{2})}\|_2 \)
8. \( u^{(k+1)} := u^{(k+\frac{1}{2})} + \tilde{z}^{(k+\frac{1}{2})} \)
9. EndDo

In the sequel we discuss the convergence of the ITTSCSP method. If \( \beta \) is a positive constant, then \( W + \beta T \) is nonsingular. In the case, we define the vector norm \( \|x\| = \|(W + \beta T)x\|_2 \) for all \( x \in \mathbb{C}^n \) and the matrix norm \( \|X\| = \|(W + \beta T)X(W + \beta T)^{-1}\|_2 \) for all \( X \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n} \). Hereafter, for a nonsingular matrix \( X \), let \( \kappa(X) \) be the spectral condition number of \( X \).

**Lemma 1.** (see [8]) Let \( W \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} \) be symmetric positive definite, \( T \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} \) be symmetric positive semidefinite and \( \alpha, \beta > 0 \).

(i) If \( y^{(\tau_k)} \) is the \( \tau_k \)th approximate solution generated by the \( \tau_k \)th step of the CG iteration for solving the Hermitian positive definite system of linear equations \( (\alpha W + T)y = b \), then

\[\|y^{(\tau_k)} - y^*\|_2 \leq \sigma_{h_1}(\alpha, \tau_k)\|y^{(0)} - y^*\|_2,\]
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where \( y^* = (\alpha W + T)^{-1}b \) is the exact solution, \( y^{(0)} \) is an initial guess and

\[
\sigma_{h_1}(\alpha, \tau_k) \equiv 2 \left( \frac{\sqrt{\kappa(\alpha W + T)} - 1}{\sqrt{\kappa(\alpha W + T)} + 1} \right)^{\tau_k}.
\]

(ii) If \( y^{(\nu_k)} \) is the \( \nu_k \)th approximate solution generated by the \( \nu_k \)th step of the CG iteration for solving the Hermitian positive definite system of linear equations \((W + \beta T)y = b\). Then

\[
\|y^{(\nu_k)} - y^*\| \leq \sigma_{h_2}(\beta, \nu_k)\|y^{(0)} - y^*\|_2,
\]

where \( y^* = (W + \beta T)^{-1}b \) is the exact solution, \( y^{(0)} \) is an initial guess and

\[
\sigma_{h_2}(\beta, \nu_k) \equiv 2 \left( \frac{\sqrt{\kappa(W + \beta T)} - 1}{\sqrt{\kappa(W + \beta T)} + 1} \right)^{\nu_k}.
\]

Lemma 2. Let \( W \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} \) be symmetric positive definite, \( T \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} \) be symmetric positive semidefinite and \( \alpha, \beta > 0 \). Suppose that \( S = W^{-\frac{1}{2}}TW^{-\frac{1}{2}} \) and \( \mu_1 \leq \mu_2 \leq \cdots \leq \mu_n \) are the eigenvalues of the matrix \( S \). Then

\[
\bar{\sigma} := \|(\beta W - T)(\alpha W + T)^{-1}(W - \alpha T)(W + \beta T)^{-1}\|_2
\]

\[
= \|W^{-\frac{1}{2}}(\beta I - S)(\alpha I + S)^{-1}(I - \alpha S)(I + \beta S)^{-1}W^{-\frac{1}{2}}\|_2 \leq \sqrt{\kappa(W)\rho(G_{\alpha, \beta})},
\]

\[
r := \|W + \beta T\|_2(\|W + \beta T\|_2)^{-1} = \kappa(W + \beta T),
\]

\[
c_h(\alpha) := \|(\alpha W + T)^{-1}(W - \alpha T)\|_2 = \|W^{-\frac{1}{2}}(\alpha I + S)^{-1}(I - \alpha S)W^{-\frac{1}{2}}\|_2
\]

\[
\leq \sqrt{\kappa(W)} \max_{\mu_i \in \sigma(S)} \left| \frac{1 - \alpha \mu_i}{\alpha + \mu_i} \right| \leq \sqrt{\kappa(W)} \max \left\{ \frac{1 - \alpha \mu_1}{\alpha + \mu_1}, \frac{\alpha \mu_n - 1}{\alpha + \mu_n} \right\},
\]

\[
c_s(\beta) := \|(W + \beta T)^{-1}(W - \beta T)\|_2 = \|W^{-\frac{1}{2}}(\beta I - S)^{-1}(I + \beta S)^{-1}(I - \beta S)W^{-\frac{1}{2}}\|_2
\]

\[
\leq \sqrt{\kappa(W)} \max_{\mu_i \in \sigma(S)} \left| \frac{1 - \alpha \mu_i}{\alpha + \mu_i} \right| \leq \sqrt{\kappa(W)} \max \left\{ \frac{\beta - \mu_1}{1 + \beta \mu_1}, \frac{\mu_n - \beta}{1 + \beta \mu_n} \right\}.
\]

Proof. The proof is straightforward and is omitted. \( \square \)

Theorem 4. Let \( W \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} \) be symmetric positive definite, \( T \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} \) be symmetric positive semidefinite and \( \{\tau_k\} \) and \( \{\nu_k\} \) be two sequences of positive integers. If the iterative sequence \( \{u^{(k)}\} \) is generated by the ITTSCSP iteration from an initial guess \( u^{(0)} \), then it holds that

\[
\|u^{(k+1)} - u^*\| \leq (\sigma + \epsilon(\alpha, \beta, \tau_k, \nu_k))\|u^{(k)} - u^*\|,
\]

where \( u^* \in \mathbb{C}^n \) is the exact solution of the system of linear equations (1),

\[
\epsilon(\alpha, \beta, \tau_k, \nu_k) = (1 + r c_h(\alpha))(\sigma_{h_1} c_s(\beta) + \sigma_{h_2} \sigma_{h_2} (1 + c_s(\beta))) + r \sigma_{h_2} c_h(\alpha)(1 + c_s(\beta)),
\]

(28)

with \( \sigma_{h_1}(\alpha, \tau_k) \) and \( \sigma_{h_2}(\beta, \nu_k) \) being defined as in Lemma 1 and \( r, c_h(\alpha) \) and \( c_s(\beta) \) are defined in Lemma 2. Therefore, if there exists a non-negative constant \( \sigma^{ittscsp}(\alpha) \in [0, 1] \) such that

\[
\sigma + \epsilon(\alpha, \beta, \tau_k, \nu_k) \leq \sigma^{ittscsp}, \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \ldots,
\]

then the iterative sequence \( u^{(k)} \) converges to \( u^* \in \mathbb{C}^n \) with a convergence factor being at most \( \sigma^{ittscsp} \).
Proof. The proof is similar to that of Theorem 4.1 in [8] and omitted here. □

Remark 1. Assume that $\bar{\sigma} < 1$. From Eq. (28) we see that for large enough values of $\tau_k$ and $\nu_k$ we have

$$\bar{\sigma} + \epsilon(\alpha, \beta, \tau_k, \nu_k) < 1,$$

which guarantees the convergence of the ITTSCSP iteration method. In particular, if

$$\rho(\mathcal{G}_{\alpha,\beta}) < \frac{1}{\sqrt{\kappa(W)}},$$

the convergence of the method is guaranteed.

4 Numerical experiments

We use three test problems from [3, 5] to illustrate the feasibility and effectiveness of the TTSCSP iteration method and its inexact version for solving the complex system (1). To do so, we compare the numerical results of the TTSCSP iteration method with those of the PMHSS, the SCSP, the TSCSP methods. Numerical comparisons of the inexact version of these algorithms are also performed. Further, we apply the TTSCSP preconditioner to accelerate the convergence of the the BiCGSTAB [21] iteration method for system (1). Hereafter, the BiCGSTAB method with the TTSCSP preconditioner is denoted by BiCGSTAB-TTSCSP. To show the effectiveness of the preconditioner, numerical results of the BiCGSTAB method are compared with those of the preconditioned BiCGSTAB in conjunction with the TTSCSP preconditioner (with the optimal values of the parameters and $\alpha = \beta = 1$) and the modified incomplete LU (ILU) factorization computed via (in MATLAB notation)

$$[L,U] = \text{ilu}(A, \text{struct}('milu','row','droptol',1e-2));$$

for solving the system (1). For this purpose, we use the bicgstab command of MATLAB with right reconditioning. In the implementation of the TTSCSP preconditioner the systems with the coefficient matrices $\alpha W^T$ and $W + \beta T$ are solved using the Cholesky factorization of these matrices.

Numerical results are compared in terms of both the number of iterations and the CPU time (in seconds) which are, respectively, denoted by “Iter” and “CPU” in the tables. In the tables a † (resp., ‡) means that the method fails to converge in 500 iterations (resp., because of memory limitation). Iter in the BiCGSTAB method may be an integer plus 0.5, indicating convergence half way through an iteration. In all the tests, we use a zero vector as an initial guess and stopping criterion

$$\frac{\|b - Au^{(k)}\|_2}{\|b\|_2} < 10^{-6},$$

is always used, where $u^{(k)} = x^{(k)} + iy^{(k)}$. For all the methods (exact versions), we apply the sparse Cholesky factorization incorporated with the symmetric approximate minimum degree reordering [17] for solving the subsystems. To do so, we have used the symamd.m
command of MATLAB. In all the inexact version of the algorithms we apply the preconditioned CG (PCG) iteration method in conjunction with the modified incomplete Cholesky factorization with dropping tolerance $10^{-2}$ as the preconditioner for solving the subsystems. In the MATLAB notation the preconditioner can be computed using the following command

\[
\text{LC} = \text{ichol}(C, \text{struct}('\text{michol}', 'on', '\text{type}', 'ict', '\text{droptol}', 1e-2));
\]

where $C$ is a given symmetric positive definite matrix. For the inexact iteration methods, the stopping criterion for the PCG iteration method is $10^{-2}$. All runs are implemented in MATLAB R2014b with a Laptop with 2.40 GHz central processing unit (Intel(R) Core(TM) i7-5500), 8 GB memory and Windows 10 operating system.

| Method       | $m$   | 32   | 64   | 128  | 256  | 512  | 1024  |
|--------------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| TTSCSP       | $\alpha_{opt}$ | 0.33 | 0.30 | 0.30 | 0.30 | 0.30 | 0.30  |
|              | $\beta_{opt}$  | 1.1  | 1.1  | 1.1  | 1.1  | 1.1  | 1.1   |
|              | Iter     | 4    | 4    | 4    | 4    | 4    | 4     |
|              | CPU      | 0.01 | 0.02 | 0.13 | 0.60 | 3.49 | 18.34 |
| TSCSP        | $\alpha_{opt}$ | 0.46 | 0.46 | 0.46 | 0.46 | 0.46 | 0.46  |
|              | Iter     | 7    | 7    | 7    | 7    | 7    | 7     |
|              | CPU      | 0.01 | 0.03 | 0.16 | 0.84 | 5.25 | 28.01 |
| SCSP         | $\alpha_{opt}$ | 0.65 | 0.65 | 0.65 | 0.65 | 0.65 | 0.65  |
|              | Iter     | 9    | 9    | 9    | 9    | 9    | 9     |
|              | CPU      | 0.02 | 0.03 | 0.11 | 0.51 | 3.49 | 15.93 |
| PMHSS        | $\alpha_{opt}$ | 1.36 | 1.35 | 1.05 | 1.05 | 1.05 | 1.05  |
|              | Iter     | 21   | 21   | 21   | 21   | 20   | 20    |
|              | CPU      | 0.02 | 0.05 | 0.35 | 1.84 | 11.90 | 64.19 |
| BiCGSTAB     | Iter     | 39   | 58   | 78.5 | 120.5 | 164  | 218.5 |
|              | CPU      | 0.04 | 0.07 | 0.18 | 0.92 | 7.64 | 38.44 |
| BiCGSTAB-ILU | Iter     | 5.5  | 6.5  | 8.0  | 10.5 | 12.5 | 15.5  |
|              | CPU      | 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.06 | 0.22 | 1.54 | 7.25  |
| BiCGSTAB-TTSCSP | $\alpha_{opt}$ | 0.33 | 0.30 | 0.30 | 0.30 | 0.30 | 0.30  |
|              | $\beta_{opt}$ | 1.10 | 1.10 | 1.10 | 1.10 | 1.10 | 1.10  |
|              | Iter     | 2    | 2    | 2    | 2    | 2    | 2     |
|              | CPU      | 0.02 | 0.05 | 0.17 | 0.85 | 5.76 | 29.08 |
| BiCGSTAB-TTSCSP $\alpha = \beta = 1$ | Iter | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 |
|              | CPU      | 0.01 | 0.02 | 0.16 | 0.78 | 5.80 | 29.00 |

**Example 1.** See [3, 5] Consider the system of linear equations

\[
[(K + \frac{3 - \sqrt{3}}{\tau}) + i(K + \frac{3 + \sqrt{3}}{\tau}I)]x = b,
\]

(29)
Table 2: Numerical results of ITTSCSP, ITSCSP, ISCSP and IPMHSS for Example 1 with \( \tau = h \).

| Method   | \( m \) | 32  | 64  | 128 | 256 | 512 | 1024 | 2048 |
|----------|--------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|
| ITTSCSP  | \( \alpha_{opt} \) | 0.34 | 0.34 | 0.34 | 0.34 | 0.34 | 0.34 | 0.34 |
|          | \( \beta_{opt} \) | 1.12 | 1.12 | 1.12 | 1.12 | 1.12 | 1.12 | 1.12 |
|          | Iter    | 4    | 4    | 4    | 4    | 4    | 4    | 4    |
|          | CPU     | 0.04 | 0.05 | 0.09 | 0.31 | 1.79 | 7.77 | 42.20 |
| ITSCSP   | \( \alpha_{opt} \) | 0.46 | 0.46 | 0.46 | 0.46 | 0.46 | 0.46 | 0.46 |
|          | Iter    | 7    | 7    | 7    | 7    | 7    | 7    | 7    |
|          | CPU     | 0.04 | 0.06 | 0.13 | 0.52 | 2.74 | 12.88 | 67.79 |
| ISCSP    | \( \alpha_{opt} \) | 0.65 | 0.65 | 0.65 | 0.65 | 0.65 | 0.65 | 0.65 |
|          | Iter    | 9    | 9    | 9    | 9    | 9    | 9    | 9    |
|          | CPU     | 0.04 | 0.05 | 0.09 | 0.35 | 1.90 | 7.93 | 38.91 |
| IPMHSS   | \( \alpha_{opt} \) | 1.36 | 1.35 | 1.05 | 1.05 | 1.05 | 1.05 | 1.07 |
|          | Iter    | 21   | 21   | 21   | 20   | 20   | 20   | 20   |
|          | CPU     | 0.07 | 0.15 | 0.42 | 1.78 | 10.79 | 43.72 | 211.59 |

where \( \tau \) is the time step-size and \( K \) is the five-point centered difference matrix approximating the negative Laplacian operator \( \Delta \) with homogeneous Dirichlet boundary conditions, on a uniform mesh in the unit square \([0, 1] \times [0, 1]\) with the mesh-size \( h = 1/(m + 1) \). The matrix \( K \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} \) possesses the tensor-product form \( K = I \otimes V_m + V_m \otimes I \), with \( V_m = h^{-2} \text{tridiag}(-1, 2, -1) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m} \). Hence, \( K \) is an \( n \times n \) block-tridiagonal matrix, with \( n = m^2 \). We take

\[
W = K + \frac{3 - \sqrt{3}}{\tau} I, \quad \text{and} \quad T = K + \frac{3 + \sqrt{3}}{\tau} I
\]

and the right-hand side vector \( b \) with its \( j \)th entry \( b_j \) being given by

\[
b_j = \frac{(1 - i)j}{\tau(j + 1)^2}, \quad j = 1, 2, \ldots, n.
\]

In our tests, we take \( \tau = h \) and \( \tau = 500h \). Furthermore, we normalize coefficient matrix and right-hand side by multiplying both by \( h^2 \).

**Example 2.** (See [3, 5]) Consider the system of linear equations (1) as following

\[
[(\omega^2 M + K) + i(\omega C_V + C_H)] = b,
\]

where \( M \) and \( K \) are the inertia and the stiffness matrices, \( C_V \) and \( C_H \) are the viscous and the hysteretic damping matrices, respectively, and \( \omega \) is the driving circular frequency. We take \( C_H = \mu K \) with \( \mu \) a damping coefficient, \( M = I, C_V = 10 I \), and \( K \) the five-point centered difference matrix approximating the negative Laplacian operator with homogeneous Dirichlet boundary conditions, on a uniform mesh in the unit square \([0, 1] \times [0, 1]\) with the mesh-size \( h = 1/(m + 1) \). The matrix \( K \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} \) possesses the tensor-product
Table 3: Numerical results of TTSCSP, TSCSP, SCSP and PMHSS for Example 1 with $\tau = 500h$

| Method     | $m$   | 32     | 64     | 128    | 256    | 512    | 1024   |
|------------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
|            | $\alpha_{opt}$ | 0.37   | 0.49   | 0.58   | 0.63   | 0.65   | 0.66   |
| TTSCSP     | $\beta_{opt}$  | 1.00   | 1.00   | 1.00   | 1.00   | 1.00   | 1.00   |
|            | Iter      | 2      | 2      | 2      | 2      | 2      | 2      |
|            | CPU       | 0.01   | 0.02   | 0.10   | 0.49   | 2.83   | 13.71  |
| TSCSP      | $\alpha_{opt}$ | 0.94   | 0.94   | 0.94   | 0.94   | 0.94   | 0.94   |
|            | Iter      | 2      | 2      | 2      | 2      | 3      |        |
|            | CPU       | 0.01   | 0.02   | 0.10   | 0.50   | 2.97   | 16.78  |
| SCSP       | $\alpha_{opt}$ | 0.98   | 0.99   | 0.99   | 0.99   | 0.99   | 0.99   |
|            | Iter      | 3      | 3      | 3      | 4      | 5      |        |
|            | CPU       | 0.01   | 0.02   | 0.07   | 0.37   | 2.19   | 12.10  |
| PMHSS      | $\alpha_{opt}$ | 0.91   | 0.91   | 0.91   | 0.91   | 0.91   | 0.91   |
|            | Iter      | 20     | 20     | 20     | 20     | 20     |        |
|            | CPU       | 0.01   | 0.05   | 0.34   | 1.84   | 14.45  | 71.53  |
| BiCGSTAB   | Iter      | 62.5   | 117.5  | 220.5  | 414.5  | 483.0  | $\uparrow$ |
|            | CPU       | 0.04   | 0.10   | 0.46   | 3.06   | 23.63  |        |
| BiCGSTAB-ILU | Iter     | 11.5   | 18.0   | 24.0   | 35.5   | 48.0   | 59.5   |
|            | CPU       | 0.03   | 0.04   | 0.11   | 0.57   | 5.36   | 24.74  |
| BiCGSTAB-TTSCSP | $\alpha_{opt}$ | 0.37   | 0.49   | 0.58   | 0.63   | 0.65   | 0.65   |
|            | $\beta_{opt}$  | 1.00   | 1.00   | 1.00   | 1.00   | 1.00   | 1.00   |
|            | Iter      | 1.0    | 1.0    | 1.0    | 1.0    | 1.0    | 1.0    |
|            | CPU       | 0.02   | 0.04   | 0.14   | 0.72   | 4.52   | 22.03  |
| BiCGSTAB-TTSCSP $\alpha = \beta = 1$ | Iter | 1.0    | 1.0    | 1.0    | 1.0    | 1.0    | 1.0    |
|            | CPU       | 0.01   | 0.02   | 0.10   | 0.53   | 3.81   | 18.40  |

form $K = I \otimes V_m + V_m \otimes I$, with $V_m = h^{-2}\text{tridiag}(-1, 2, -1) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$. Hence, $K$ is an $n \times n$ block-tridiagonal matrix, with $n = m^2$. In addition, we set $\mu = 0.02$, $\omega = \pi$, and the right-hand side vector $b$ to be $b = (1 + i)A_1$, with $1$ being the vector of all entries equal to 1. As before, we normalize the system by multiplying both sides through by $h^2$.

Example 3. (See [3, 5]) Consider the system of linear equations (1) as following

$$T = I \otimes V + V \otimes I$$

and

$$W = 10(I \otimes V_c + V_c \otimes I) + 9(e_1e_m^T + e_m(e_1^T) \otimes I),$$

where $V = \text{tridiag}(-1, 2, -1) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$, $V_c = V - e_1e_m^T - e_m(e_1^T) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$ and $e_1$ and $e_m$ are the first and last unit vectors in $\mathbb{R}^m$, respectively. We take the right-hand side vector $b$ to be $b = (1 + i)A_1$, with $1$ being the vector of all entries equal to 1. Here $T$ and $W$ correspond to the five-point centered difference matrices approximating the negative
Table 4: Numerical results of ITTSCSP, ITSCSP, ISCSP and IPMHSS for Example 1 with \( \tau = 500h \).

| Method     | \( m \) | 32   | 64   | 128  | 256  | 512  | 1024 | 2048 |
|------------|--------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| ITTSCSP    | \( \alpha_{opt} \) | 0.85 | 0.85 | 0.85 | 0.85 | 0.85 | 0.85 | 0.85 |
|            | \( \beta_{opt} \) | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 |
|            | Iter   | 2    | 2    | 2    | 2    | 2    | 2    | 3    |
|            | CPU    | 0.03 | 0.04 | 0.11 | 0.44 | 4.40 | 23.35| 189.71|
| ITSCSP     | \( \alpha_{opt} \) | 0.94 | 0.94 | 0.94 | 0.94 | 0.94 | 0.94 | 0.94 |
|            | Iter   | 2    | 2    | 2    | 2    | 3    | 3    | 3    |
|            | CPU    | 0.03 | 0.05 | 0.10 | 0.43 | 7.70 | 45.96| 233.25|
| ISCSP      | \( \alpha_{opt} \) | 0.99 | 0.99 | 0.99 | 0.99 | 0.99 | 0.99 | 0.99 |
|            | Iter   | 3    | 3    | 3    | 4    | 4    | 5    | 5    |
|            | CPU    | 0.03 | 0.04 | 0.09 | 0.49 | 6.07 | 40.13| 204.43|
| IPMHSS     | \( \alpha_{opt} \) | 0.91 | 0.91 | 0.91 | 0.91 | 0.91 | 0.91 | 0.91 |
|            | Iter   | 20   | 20   | 20   | 20   | 20   | 20   | 20   |
|            | CPU    | 0.06 | 0.25 | 1.20 | 6.69 | 69.52| 389.97|

Laplacian operator with homogeneous Dirichlet boundary conditions and periodic boundary conditions, respectively, on a uniform mesh in the unit square \([0, 1] \in [0, 1]\) with the mesh-size \( h = 1/(m + 1) \).

Numerical results for Examples 1-3 are listed in Tables 1-8. In Tables 1, 3, 5 and 7 the numerical results of the exact version of the iteration methods are presented and those of the inexact versions are given in Tables 2, 4, 6 and 8. For the PMHSS, the SCSP, the TSCSP and the TTSCSP iteration methods, the optimal value of \( \alpha (\alpha_{opt}) \) were found experimentally and are the ones resulting in the least numbers of iterations. In Table 6, for \( m \geq 64 \), the \texttt{ict} function of MATLAB encounters a nonpositive pivot during the computation of the inexact Cholesky factorization. Therefore, we have used a smaller value of the dropping tolerance (\texttt{droptol}) which have been presented in the table.

As the numerical results show for all the examples, the TTSCSP iteration method often outperforms the other methods in terms of both the number of iterations and the CPU time.

From Tables 1, 2, 3 and 4 we see that, for Example 1, the iteration counts with TTSCSP and ITTSCSP are the same and with problem size remain almost constant. From the CPU time of view, we observe that the ITTSCSP iteration method is superior to the TTSCSP iteration method for large problems. On the other hand, the optimal values of the parameters remain constant for both of the TTSCSP and ITTSCSP iteration methods. Almost all of these comments can be posed for Example 2.

Numerical results for Example 3 show that the iteration counts with the TTSCSP and the ITTSCSP iterations growth moderately with problem size. Also, this table show the optimal value of the parameter \( \alpha \) remains almost constant with problem size for both of the TTSCSP and the ITTSCSP methods, whereas the optimal value of the parameter \( \alpha \)
From Tables 1, 3, 5 and 7 we see that the TTSCSP preconditioner, both with the optimal values of the parameters and $\alpha = \beta = 1$, is very effective in reducing the number of iterations of the BiCGSTAB iteration method as well as the CPU time. Moreover, there is not any significant difference between the numerical results of the TTSCSP preconditioner with the optimal values of the parameters and $\alpha = \beta = 1$. In Examples 2 and 3, for $m = 1024$, we observe that the BiCGSTAB method does not converge in 500 iterations, whereas the preconditioned BiCGSTAB method with the TTSCSP preconditioner converges only in 3.5 and 5.5 iterations, respectively. In Example 1 we see that the iteration counts of the BiCGSTAB with the TTSCSP preconditioner remain constant with the problem size, those of Example 2 decreases, and those of Example 3 increases by 0.5.

From Tables 1 and 3 we see that the iteration counts of the BiCGSTAB method with the TTSCSP preconditioner is always less than that of with the ILU preconditioner for...
Table 6: Numerical results of ITTSCSP, ITSCSP, ISCSP and IPMHSS for Example 2.

| Method       | \(m\) | 32 | 64 | 128 | 256 | 512 | 1024 | 2048 |
|--------------|-------|----|----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|
| ITTSCSP      | \(\alpha_{opt}\) | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.42 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
|              | \(\beta_{opt}\)  | 0.12 | 0.09 | 0.09 | 0.09 | 0.09 | 0.09 | 0.09 |
|              | Iter   | 9 | 9 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 |
|              | CPU    | 0.05 | 0.10 | 0.31 | 1.56 | 12.21 | 64.88 | 397.67 |
| ITSCSP       | \(\alpha_{opt}\) | 0.1 | 0.08 | 0.07 | 0.07 | 0.07 | 0.06 | 0.06 |
|              | Iter   | 23 | 27 | 25 | 24 | 24 | 23 | 22 |
|              | CPU    | 0.09 | 0.25 | 0.89 | 5.63 | 48.31 | 242.39 | 1335.77 |
| ISCSP        | \(\alpha_{opt}\) | 1.35 | 1.37 | 1.39 | 1.43 | 1.45 | 1.46 | 1.47 |
|              | Iter   | 38 | 38 | 37 | 35 | 34 | 33 | 32 |
|              | CPU    | 0.07 | 0.16 | 0.54 | 2.82 | 21.81 | 121.12 | 633.45 |
| IPMHSS       | \(\alpha_{opt}\) | 0.78 | 0.82 | 0.75 | 0.77 | 0.82 | 0.94 |       |
|              | Iter   | 36 | 37 | 38 | 38 | 38 | 39 | ‡ |
|              | CPU    | 0.13 | 0.41 | 1.65 | 9.91 | 75.90 | 497.06 |       |
|              | droptol | 1e-2 | 5e-3 | 1e-3 | 5e-4 | 1e-5 | 1e-5 |       |
both of the parameters \(\tau = h\) and \(\tau = 500h\). However, the CPU time of the BiCGSTAB with the TTSCSP preconditioner is always less than that of with the ILU preconditioner when \(\tau = 500h\), and the result is opposite for \(\tau = h\). From Tables 5 and 7 we see that the ILU preconditioner outperforms the TTSCSP preconditioner for Examples 2 and 3 from both the CPU time point of view and the number of iterations. Nevertheless, the TTSCSP preconditioner has a main advantages over the ILU preconditioner. In the implementation of the TTSCSP preconditioner two systems with the coefficient matrices \(\alpha W + T\) and \(W + \beta T\) should be solved. If these systems are solved inexactly by using the CG method, then there is not any additional matrix to store, however, in the ILU preconditioning the ILU factors of the matrix \(A\) should be stored.

Using the TTSCSP and the ILU preconditioners for the BiCGSTAB iteration method result in faster solution times than using TTSCSP as a stationary method for some problems. However, the BiCGSTAB method needs additional operations such as inner products. Inner products require global communication on parallel computers and they are a parallel bottleneck on current multicore architectures. Therefore, it may be better to apply the TTSCSP method as a stationary method for solving the system in some cases.

## 5 Conclusion

We have established and analyzed a two-parameter TSCSP iteration (TTSCSP) method for solving an important class of complex symmetric system of linear equations \((W + iT)u = b\), where \(W\) is symmetric positive definite and \(T\) is symmetric positive semidefinite. Sufficient conditions for the convergence of the method have also been presented. An upper bound for the spectral radius of the iteration matrix along with the parameters which minimize this
Table 7: Numerical results of TTSCSP, TSCSP, SCSP and PMHSS for Example 3.

| Method          | m   | 32  | 64  | 128 | 256 | 512 | 1024 |
|-----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|
| TTSCSP          | $\alpha_{opt}$ | 0.72 | 0.48 | 0.32 | 0.23 | 0.16 | 0.12 |
|                 | $\beta_{opt}$  | 0.2  | 0.2  | 0.2  | 0.2  | 0.2  | 0.2  |
|                 | Iter          | 6    | 8    | 10   | 12   | 14   | 15   |
|                 | CPU           | 0.01 | 0.05 | 0.20 | 1.82 | 15.05| 86.96|
| TSCSP           | $\alpha_{opt}$ | 0.23 | 0.23 | 0.23 | 0.23 | 0.16 | 0.11 |
|                 | Iter          | 13   | 13   | 13   | 13   | 16   | 23   |
|                 | CPU           | 0.02 | 0.07 | 0.36 | 1.91 | 17.16| 128.41|
| SCSP            | $\alpha_{opt}$ | 1.92 | 1.44 | 1.15 | 1.02 | 0.96 | 0.93 |
|                 | Iter          | 15   | 25   | 40   | 59   | 78   | 94   |
|                 | CPU           | 0.02 | 0.06 | 0.50 | 3.69 | 39.21| 235.17|
| PMHSS           | $\alpha_{opt}$ | 0.42 | 0.57 | 0.78 | 0.73 | 0.76 | 0.81 |
|                 | Iter          | 30   | 30   | 30   | 30   | 31   | 32   |
|                 | CPU           | 0.03 | 0.11 | 0.73 | 3.83 | 30.55| 169.04|
| BiCGSTAB        | Iter          | 51.5 | 99.5 | 196.5| 378  | †    | †    |
|                 | CPU           | 0.04 | 0.09 | 0.42 | 2.77 |      |      |
| BiCGSTAB-ILU    | Iter          | 0.5  | 0.5  | 0.5  | 0.5  | 0.5  | 0.5  |
|                 | CPU           | 0.02 | 0.02 | 0.03 | 0.06 | 0.21 | 0.92 |
| BiCGSTAB-TTSCSP | $\alpha_{opt}$ | 0.72 | 0.48 | 0.32 | 0.23 | 0.16 | 0.12 |
|                 | $\beta_{opt}$  | 0.20 | 0.20 | 0.20 | 0.20 | 0.20 | 0.20 |
|                 | Iter          | 3.0  | 3.5  | 4.0  | 4.5  | 5.0  | 5.5  |
|                 | CPU           | 0.03 | 0.06 | 0.33 | 1.82 | 15.37| 84.19|
| BiCGSTAB-TTSCSP | Iter          | 3.5  | 3.5  | 3.5  | 3.5  | 3.5  | 3.5  |
| $\alpha = \beta = 1$ | CPU | 0.01 | 0.04 | 0.27 | 1.45 | 11.38| 57.97|

Numeral results show that the TTSCSP method is superior to the other methods in terms of both the iteration counts and the CPU time. Numerical comparisons of the inexact TTSCSP (ITTSCSP) with ISCSP, ITSCSP and IPMHSS methods have also been presented which show the superiority of the ITTSCSP to the other methods. Numerical results show that the BiCGSTAB method in conjunction with the TTSCSP preconditioner is very effective for solving $(W + iT)u = b$.

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Table 8: Numerical results of ITTSCSP, ITSCSP, ISCSP and IPMHSS for Example 3.

| Method   | m  | 32 | 64 | 128 | 256 | 512 | 1024 | 2048 |
|----------|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|
| ITTSCSP  | $\alpha_{opt}$ | 1.10 | 0.53 | 0.35 | 0.22 | 0.16 | 0.12 | 0.10 |
|          | $\beta_{opt}$  | 0.16 | 0.16 | 0.16 | 0.16 | 0.15 | 0.15 |     |
|          | Iter          | 6    | 8   | 11  | 14  | 17  | 19   | 21   |
|          | CPU           | 0.04 | 0.09 | 0.35 | 2.42 | 23.76 | 128.66 | 847.67 |
| ITSCSP   | $\alpha_{opt}$ | 0.19 | 0.18 | 0.17 | 0.16 | 0.15 | 0.11 | 0.08 |
|          | Iter          | 16   | 16  | 17  | 17  | 24  | 34   |      |
|          | CPU           | 0.07 | 0.15 | 0.54 | 2.84 | 24.91 | 223.65 | 1270.78 |
| ISCSP    | $\alpha_{opt}$ | 1.9  | 1.38 | 1.16 | 1.05 | 1.00 | 0.98 | 0.96 |
|          | Iter          | 15   | 25  | 41  | 70  | 108 | 150  | 182  |
|          | CPU           | 0.04 | 0.12 | 0.65 | 5.49 | 71.12 | 495.23 | 3484.17 |
| IPMHSS   | $\alpha_{opt}$ | 0.33 | 0.42 | 0.54 | 0.65 | 0.71 | 0.9  | 1.2  |
|          | Iter          | 30   | 30  | 30  | 31  | 32  | 33   | 38   |
|          | CPU           | 0.1  | 0.26 | 1.05 | 5.78 | 51.62 | 270.88 | 1596.2 |

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