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A matrix equation method for solving PDE-constrained optimization problems

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PDE-constrained optimization problems arise in a broad number of applications. The resulting large-scale saddle-point systems are challenging to solve and acquiring a full solution is often infeasible. We present a new framework to find a low-rank approximation to the solution by reformulating the system into a system of Sylvester-like matrix equations. These matrix equations are subsequently projected onto a small subspace via rational Krylov-subspace iterations and we obtain a reduced problem by imposing a Galerkin condition on its residual. In our presentation we discuss implementation details and dependence on the problem parameters. Numerical experiments will illustrate the performance of the new strategy.

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