# A GOLUB-KAHAN DAVIDSON METHOD FOR ACCURATELY COMPUTING A FEW SINGULAR TRIPLETS OF LARGE SPARSE MATRICES \*

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5 Abstract. Obtaining high accuracy singular triplets for large sparse matrices is a significant 6challenge, especially when searching for the smallest triplets. Due to the difficulty and size of these 7 problems, efficient methods must function iteratively, with preconditioners, and under strict memory constraints. In this research, we present a Golub-Kahan Davidson method (GKD), which satisfies 8 9 these requirements and includes features such as soft-locking with orthogonality guarantees, an inner 10 correction equation similar to Jacobi-Davidson, locally optimal +k restarting, and the ability to 11 find real zero singular values in both square and rectangular matrices. Additionally, our method 12 achieves full accuracy while avoiding the augmented matrix, which often converges slowly for the 13smallest triplets due to the difficulty of interior eigenvalue problems. We describe our method in detail, including implementation issues that arise. Our experimental results confirm the efficiency 14 15 and stability of our method over the current implementation of PHSVDS in the PRIMME software package.

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19 **1. Introduction.** Assuming a large sparse matrix,  $A \in \Re^{m,n}$  with  $m \ge n$ , the 20 economy size singular value decomposition (SVD) is given by

21 (1.1) 
$$A = \mathbf{U} \mathbf{\Sigma} \mathbf{V}^T,$$

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where  $\mathbf{U} \in \Re^{m,n}$  and  $\mathbf{V} \in \Re^{n,n}$  are orthonormal bases and  $\Sigma = diag(\sigma_1, \ldots, \sigma_n) \in \Re^{n,n}$  with  $\sigma_1 \leq \sigma_2 \leq \cdots \leq \sigma_n$  is a diagonal matrix containing the singular values of A. The singular triplets of A are defined as  $(\mathbf{u}_i, \sigma_i, \mathbf{v}_i)$ , where bold face differentiates from search space vectors in this paper. When using inexact arithmetic, we have the left and right singular value residuals, defined as  $r_u = A^T u - \sigma v$  and  $r_v = Av - \sigma u$  respectively.

This decomposition has become increasingly important and is frequently used in fields like statistics for principal component analysis [14], computer science for image compression [23] and web search clustering [21], and genomics for expression data processing [2]. More specifically, finding the smallest singular triplets is useful for total least squares problems and the determination of the effective rank of a matrix [9], and for variance reduction of inverse operators [7].

Additionally, finding high accuracy solutions is crucial when running in a single or 34 low precision environment. In single precision, matrix multiplication can only provide 1.2E-7||A|| of accuracy, and in practice this bound is optimistic for iterative solvers 36 due to accumulated error. Despite this limitation, single-precision calculations have 38 become increasingly important for deep learning applications [11] which are often resistant to errors and therefore require less than full double precision. Reducing 39 the precision of matrix vector multiplications can provide speed ups on CPUs due to 40 increased vectorization, and GPUs can obtain speedups of 2x-4x [32]. In addition, 41 using single precision cuts the storage requirements in half. Specifically, the use of 42

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43 single precision calculations is encouraged by Advanced Micro Devices (AMD) for 44 OpenCL applications [1], and half precision, which can only provide 1E-3||A|| digits 45 of accuracy, has been growing in popularity on NVIDIA's GPUs [18].

When the matrix A is large enough, it can be inefficient to compute the SVD 46with dense methods. Furthermore, applications often require only a few of the largest 47or smallest singular values and vectors. These considerations have lead to the use of 48 iterative algorithms like Golub-Kahan-Lanczos (GKL) also known as Lanczos bidiag-49onalization [8]. However, when the solution requires many iterations, it may be in-50feasible to store all the GKL vectors necessary for full or partial reorthogonalization. To solve this, restarted versions of GKL that limit the maximum basis size, such as IRLBA [4], have been developed. Additionally, other methods have emerged, such as 53 54Jacobi-Davidson (JDSVD) [12], the Preconditioned Hybrid SVD method (PHSVDS) [31], and the Preconditioned Locally Minimal Residual method (PLMR\_SVD) [28]. These methods can use the more advanced +k (also known as locally optimal) restart-56 ing and can take advantage of preconditioning, which can provide significant speedups for difficult problems. 58

In general without preconditioning or +k restarting, these methods build Krylov spaces on the normal equations matrix  $C = A^T A$  or on the augmented matrix,

61 (1.2) 
$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & A^T \\ A & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

We denote a k-dimensional Krylov space on a square matrix A with initial vector  $v_1$ by  $K_k(A, v_1) = span\{v_1, Av_1, \dots, A^{k-1}v_1\}$  and  $\|\cdot\|$  denotes the Euclidean norm.

Frequently, methods that build their search space with B, like JDSVD and 64 PLMR\_SVD, are able to achieve accuracy of  $||r_B|| < O(||A||\epsilon_{mach})$  when searching 65 for the smallest singular triplets, where  $\epsilon_{mach}$  is the working machine precision and 66  $r_B = [r_u; r_v]$  is the eigenvalue residual on B. However, B has singular values  $\pm \sigma_i$  [22], 67 so searching for the smallest singular triplets is a highly interior eigenvalue problem 68 that can converge slowly. Worse, when A is rectangular, the spectrum of B contains 69 m-n zero eigenvalues that are not in the spectrum of A. Therefore, methods on 70B are unable to distinguish real zero singular values of A within the spectrum when 71 $m \neq n$ . 72

Alternatively, methods that build  $K_k(C, v_1)$  explicitly are only able to achieve accuracy  $O(||C||\epsilon_{mach}) = O(||A||^2\epsilon_{mach})$  for the eigenvalue residual on  $C, r_C$ . Additionally,  $r_C$  is equivalent to a scaling of  $r_u$ , as seen in equation 1.3.

76 (1.3) 
$$r_C = A^T A v - \sigma^2 v = \sigma (A^T u - \sigma v) = \sigma r_u.$$

Thus, if  $\sigma_1 \neq 0$ , the norm of the singular value residual when searching for the smallest singular value cannot be better than  $O(||A||\kappa(A)\epsilon_{mach})$ , where  $\kappa(A) = \frac{\sigma_n}{\sigma_1}$ is the condition number of A. Despite the squaring of the spectrum, these methods usually converge faster than methods on B, both in theory and in practice, due to the extremal problem they solve. Furthermore, these methods are often able to find real zero singular values of A, as the corresponding eigenproblem on C does not introduce extraneous zero eigenvalues.

In this work, we introduce a Golub-Kahan Davidson method (GKD), which keeps the convergence of methods on C, but attains the full accuracy of methods on B. Specifically, we define full accuracy to be  $\sqrt{\|r_u\|^2 + \|r_v\|^2} < \|A\|\epsilon_{mach}$ . First, we discuss related methods such as GKL, JDSVD, PLMR\_SVD and PHSVDS, followed by a detailed description of our method including implementation details. Lastly, we 89

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1.1. Related Work. GKL [16] builds two vector bases, one for the right space 91  $K_k(A^T A, v_1)$  and one for the left space  $K_k(AA^T, Av_1)$ . It builds the second basis while computing the first one without additional matrix vector multiplications (matvecs). 93 More importantly, it avoids directly multiplying vectors with  $A^T A$  and thus avoids 94the numerical problems associated with working on C. This is done by keeping two 95 orthogonal spaces, U and V, where the last vector of V,  $v_k$ , is used to expand U as 96  $u_k = Av_k$  and the last vector of U,  $u_k$ , is used to expand V as  $v_{k+1} = A^T u_k$ . These 97 new vectors are orthonormalized to the previous ones in their corresponding bases and 98 the coefficients from this process are used to create the bidiagonal projection matrix 99  $U^T AV$ . GKL solves the smaller singular value problem on this projection matrix to 100 approximate the singular triplets. 101

While GKL is considered to be one of the most accurate and effective algorithms 102 for finding small singular triplets, the standard version is unrestarted and cannot 103 104 be preconditioned. Therefore, GKL tends to be computationally slow for poorly separated triplets of large matrices. Many restarted versions have been developed 105[5, 4, 13] but use primarily implicit or thick restarting [29] and thus are unable to 106 maintain the convergence of the unrestarted method. Locally optimal (also known 107as +k) restarting uses vectors from successive iterations in a way similar to a non-108 linear conjugate gradient and has been shown to converge similarly to an unrestarted 109 110 method for both eigenvalue [15, 27, 26] and singular value problems [31].

SVDIFP [17] implements an inner-outer method where the inner one builds a preconditioned Krylov space  $K_k(M(C - \rho_i I), x_i)$ , where M is a preconditioner for C and  $(x_i, \rho_i)$  is the approximate right singular vector and value at the *i*-th step of the outer iteration. SVDIFP is able to avoid numerical problems, at least for the right singular vectors, by using a two sided projection similarly to GKL. SVDIFP's structure, however, does not allow for many of the optimization techniques of Davidson-type methods which can significantly improve convergence [31].

JDSVD [12] works on *B* by using two independent subspaces rather than one. It is an inner outer method that expands both spaces by solving a Jacobi-Davidson type correction equation on *B*. Without preconditioning, restarting, or solving the correction equation, the JDSVD outer method builds subspaces that span the following Krylov spaces:

123 (1.4) 
$$U_k = K_{\frac{k}{2}}(AA^T, u_1) \oplus K_{\frac{k}{2}}(AA^T, Av_1), \quad V_k = K_{\frac{k}{2}}(A^TA, v_1) \oplus K_{\frac{k}{2}}(A^TA, A^Tu_1).$$

These spaces are similar to the ones used in GKL, but crucially, each space is the sum 124 of two different spaces of half dimension. This allows JDSVD to take advantage of 125126 initial guesses for both the left and right singular vectors. However, it also means that the outer solver in JDSVD requires twice as many matvecs to build a space of equal 127Krylov dimension. Furthermore, if we choose initial vectors that satisfy  $v_1 = A^T u_1$ , 128 the outer iteration of JDSVD becomes wasteful as it builds the same space as a GKL 129with half the dimension (in this case the spaces  $K_{\frac{k}{2}}(A^TA, v_1)$  and  $K_{\frac{k}{2}}(A^TA, A^Tu_1)$  in 130(1.4) differ only by one vector). This is also true of eigensolvers on B as seen below, 131

132 (1.5) 
$$B^{2} \begin{bmatrix} v \\ Av \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & A^{T} \\ A & 0 \end{bmatrix}^{2} \begin{bmatrix} v \\ Av \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A^{T}Av \\ AA^{T}(Av) \end{bmatrix}$$

The inner correction equation used in JDSVD often allows for faster convergence than standard eigenvalue methods on B while maintaining the ability to converge to full accuracy. Despite these benefits, it can still suffer from the same issues as other eigenmethods on B.

PHSVDS [31] exploits the different advantages of eigenmethods on B and C by 137 utilizing each in a two-stage method. The first stage can use any state-of-the-art 138eigensolver on C, which gives it fast convergence until either the user tolerance is met 139 or until switching to a second stage using an eigensolver on B is necessary to reach 140 the remaining user tolerance. Switching to an eigensolver on B after a fully converged 141 first stage can effectively utilize good initial guesses from the first stage on C, and 142 thus PHSVDS can avoid resolving the entire accuracy on an indefinite problem. Its 143 implementation in PRIMME can use any of the two near-optimal eigensolvers, GD+k 144or JDQMR. This two-stage approach has been shown to be faster than eigensolvers 145 146 on B alone, and typically has better performance than other SVD methods.

147 While PHSVDS has shown significant improvements, it is still limited by the 148 speed of eigensolvers on B when the matrix is ill-conditioned. It converges quite well 149 for problems that do not need to switch stages, but eigensolvers on C cannot converge 150 to high accuracy if the smallest singular value is nearly 0. Once it switches to the 151 second stage on B, a significant slowdown occurs associated with interior problems 152 and methods based on the augmented matrix. We see later than GDK converges with 153 the near-optimal speed of GD+k on C down to  $O(||A||\epsilon_{mach})$ .

PLMR\_SVD [28] is a recent method based on a stationary iteration that uses two separate four-term recurrences to build the following spaces,

$$span\{v^{(i)}, r_u^{(i)}, P(A^T r_v^{(i)} - \sigma r_u^{(i)}), v^{(i-1)}\}$$
$$span\{u^{(i)}, r_v^{(i)}, P(A r_u^{(i)} - \sigma r_v^{(i)}), u^{(i-1)}\},$$

where  $v^{(i)}$  and  $u^{(i)}$  are the *i*-th approximations of the right and left singular vectors respectively, and  $r_v^{(i)} = P(Av^{(i)} - \sigma u^{(i)})$  and  $r_u^{(i)} = P(A^T u^{(i)} - \sigma v^{(i)})$  are their preconditioned right and left residuals respectively. Without a preconditioner, PLMR\_SVD is equivalent to GD+1 with a 3-vector basis (or LOBPCG) on *B*. There may be additional benefits to building the spaces separately, but PLMR\_SVD lacks the subspace acceleration present in GD+k and JDSVD, which can provide superlinear convergence.

**2. Main Contribution.** In the following section, we describe the proposed method, GKD, in detail, especially focusing on the selection of approximate singular triplets from our subspaces and the implementation of our restarting method. Additionally, we discuss error accumulations that occur due to restarting and the mitigation strategy required to ensure reliable performance for high accuracy calculations. Finally, we extend GKD to an inner-outer method that solves a Jacobi-Davidson correction equation.

**2.1.** Algorithm. Our algorithm is designed to mimic the numeric nature of GKL 167 by keeping two orthonormal bases for the right and left space, V and Q respectively, 168 which are built without multiplying directly with  $A^T A$ . Instead, we build Q such 169that AV = QR is the economy QR factorization of AV. Then, we extend V with 170a left residual based on a Galerkin extraction from R. Without preconditioning or 171+k restarting, this process is identical to GKL, building the right and left spaces 172 $K_q(A^T A, v_1)$  and  $K_q(AA^T, Av_1)$  after q iterations or 2q matvecs. Since both the 173extraction of approximate triplets through the SVD of R and the expansion of the 174spaces avoid a direct multiplication with C, we avoid the squaring of the norm and 175176condition number that occurs with eigensolvers on C.

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Specifically, we extract approximate singular triplets from these spaces using a 177 Rayleigh-Ritz procedure that is adapted for the SVD. Given search spaces  $\mathcal{Q} \subset \mathbb{R}^m$ 178and  $\mathcal{V} \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ , we can determine approximations  $(u, \sigma, v)$  with the following two 179Galerkin conditions on the right and left residuals 1.90

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$$\begin{array}{c} Av - \sigma u \perp \mathcal{Q}, \\ A^T u - \sigma v \perp \mathcal{V}. \end{array}$$

182 Since  $u \in \mathcal{Q}$  and  $v \in \mathcal{V}$ , we can write u = Qx and v = Vy, where Q and V form k-dimensional orthonormal bases of  $\mathcal{Q}$  and  $\mathcal{V}$  respectively. Additionally,  $AV = QR \Rightarrow$ 183  $Q^T A V = R$ , which allows us to rewrite the conditions as follows: 184

185 (2.2) 
$$Q^T A V y = \sigma Q^T Q x \Rightarrow R y = \sigma x$$
$$V^T A^T Q x = \sigma V^T V y \Rightarrow R^T x = \sigma y.$$

Therefore, solving the singular value decomposition on R with singular triplets  $(x, \sigma, y)$ 186 satisfies both constraints and provides approximations to the singular triplets of A. 187

To expand the right search space, we take the approximations from the above 188 Rayleigh-Ritz extraction and use them to form the left residual  $r_u = A^T u - \sigma v$ . Then, 189 we can choose to expand V with this  $r_u$  directly, or with the preconditioned residual 190 $Pr_u$ , where P is a suitable preconditioner for  $A^T A$  or for  $A^T A - \sigma I$ , if available. 191

We expand the left space Q with  $Av_{i+1}$  instead of a preconditioned right residual. 192This differentiates the method from JDSVD with the goal of producing a faster con-193194verging outer method. Specifically, from (1.3) the left residual  $r_u$  is colinear with the residual  $r_C$  of the Generalized Davidson (GD) method [20] on the matrix C, which is 195also colinear with the new GKL direction for V. In addition, the Rayleigh-Ritz on C196used by GD gives the same answer as (2.2), 197

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$$V^T A^T A V y = \sigma y \Rightarrow R^T R y = \sigma y,$$

so, in exact arithmetic, GKD is equivalent to GD solving the eigenproblem on  $A^{T}A$ . 199 Without preconditioning or restarting, it is also equivalent to GKL and thus it is twice 200as fast as JDSVD if the latter is used only as an outer method. By construction, GKD 201 has similar numerical properties as GKL, whereas the accuracy of GD is limited by 202working directly on  $A^T A$ . GKD can also be used with thick and +k restarting, which 203 in exact arithmetic makes it equivalent to GD+k on C, the first stage method of 204 205 PHSVDS, but without the numerical limitations. Algorithm 2.1 shows the restarted and preconditioned version of GKD when seeking one singular triplet. Although 206the orthogonalization of step 13 can be avoided without preconditioning [24], it is 207needed for high accuracy and in our more general method that allows for flexible 208 preconditioning. Furthermore, the algorithm can be extended to find more than one 209 singular triplets by using soft or hard locking. A block version is similarly possible. 210

2.2. Restarting and Locking. Our restart procedure takes the current best 211212approximations to the s singular triplets closest to the user specified target,  $\tilde{\sigma}$ , and uses them together with those from the +k restarting to compress V, Q and R down to 213214 dimension s + k. The steps for building the restarted V follow closely the description in [26] and are shown in lines 1-7 of Algorithm 2.2. 215

The simplest method to restart Q and R, without recomputing the QR factoriza-216tion of the restarted AVt, is to set them as  $Q\tilde{Q}$  and  $\tilde{R}$  respectively, where  $Rt = \tilde{Q}\tilde{R}$ 217is the QR factorization of Rt with  $t = [Y_1, v_{new}]$  from line 6 of Algorithm 2.2. This 218

Algorithm 2.1 GKD Iteration

1: Define target  $\tilde{\sigma}$ , initial vector  $v_1$ , max basis size q, tolerance  $\delta$ , preconditioner P, and i = 12: Build  $V = [v_1], Q = [\frac{Av_1}{\|Av_1\|}]$ , and  $R = \|Av_1\|$ 3: while  $\sqrt{\|r_u\|^2 + \|r_v\|^2} > \|A\|\delta \, \mathbf{do}$ while i < q do 4: 5: Compute SVD of RChoose the singular triplet  $(x, \sigma_r, y)$  of R nearest to the target  $\tilde{\sigma}$ 6: Save  $v_{old} = y$  for +k restarting 7: Set u = Q(:, 1:i)x, v = V(:, 1:i)y8: Compute left residual:  $r_u = A^T u - \sigma_r v$ 9:  $V(:, i+1) = Pr_u$ 10: Orthogonalize V(:, i + 1) against V(:, 1 : i)11: Q(:, i+1) = AV(:, i+1)12:13: Orthogonalize Q(:, i + 1) against Q and update R(:, i + 1)14:i = i + 1end while 15:call Algorithm 2.2 to restart 16: 17: end while

## Algorithm 2.2 Restart Procedure

1: Define restart size s and target  $\tilde{\sigma}$ 

- 2: Compute SVD of  $R = X \Sigma_r Y^T$
- 3: Choose s singular triplets of R closest to  $\tilde{\sigma}$  (called  $(X_1, \Sigma_r^{(1)}, Y_1)$ )
- 4: Save the remaining singular triplets from the SVD of R,  $(X_2, \Sigma_r^{(2)}, Y_2)$
- 5:  $v_{new} \leftarrow \text{Orthogonalize saved } + \mathbf{k} \text{ vectors } [v_{old}; 0] \text{ from main iteration against } Y_1$
- 6:  $t = [Y_1, v_{new}]$
- 7: V = Vt
- 8: if Reset criteria is met then
- 9: Reorthogonalize V and build Q and R such that AV = QR
- 10: else

11: QR factorize 
$$\Sigma_r^{(2)} Y_2^T v_{old} = \tilde{Q}\tilde{R}$$
  
12: Set  $Q = Q[X_1 X_2 \tilde{Q}]$  and  $R = \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_r^{(1)} & 0\\ 0 & \tilde{R} \end{bmatrix}$ 

13: end if

can introduce numerical error of magnitude  $O(||R||\epsilon_{mach})$ , which can be as large as  $O(||A||\epsilon_{mach})$ . Although this error is acceptable for a single QR factorization, the error accumulates over many restarts causing the factorization not to correspond to the actual AV and eventually causing loss of convergence. It is possible to intelligently compute Q and R to avoid direct multiplications with R through the already available SVD of R as seen below,

(2.3)  
$$AVt = QRt = Q \begin{bmatrix} X_1 & X_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_r^{(1)} & 0 \\ 0 & \Sigma_r^{(2)} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & Y_2^T v_{old} \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= Q \begin{bmatrix} X_1 & X_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \Sigma_r^{(2)} Y_2^T v_{old} \end{bmatrix}.$$

From (2.3), the new Q and R can be obtained with minimal effort by performing a 226 QR factorization  $\Sigma_r^{(2)} Y_2^T v_{old} = \tilde{Q}\tilde{R}$ . The restarted Q and R are given in Line 12 227 of Algorithm 2.2. This strategy has better numerical behavior because we separate 228 the space of small singular values that are kept in thick restarting  $(X_1)$  from the 229 +k restarting space which has correction directions over the entire singular space 230 (including those of large magnitude). By explicitly decoupling  $\Sigma_r^{(1)}$  and  $\tilde{R}$  in R. 231 any errors in  $\tilde{R}$  do not affect the ability of the algorithm to compute the smallest 232233 eigenvectors and they only affect the correction directions. Moreover, as the +kalgorithm typically uses only k = 1 previous vectors, no errors are expected. 234

To accurately find many singular triplets, we implement two versions of locking. The first, hard-locking, locks singular vectors out of the search space explicitly once the required user tolerance is reached. At every iteration, we orthogonalize the vector added to V against the locked right singular vectors, as well as the previous vectors in V. In practice, the vectors added to Q do not require orthogonalization against the locked left singular vectors. The second, soft-locking, merely flags converged singular triplets while leaving them in the basis.

It is known that hard locking can cause stagnation in some rare cases or when 242the number of locked vectors is large. This is caused by the error still present in the 243locked vectors, which may contain critical directions for other singular triplets [25]. 244 We have not seen any matrices in this paper that exhibit this behavior. However, 245soft-locking can provide left and right singular vectors that are orthogonal to ma-246 chine precision, while hard-locking only obtains left singular vectors orthogonal up to 247 $O(||A||\delta)$ . Therefore, we present only soft-locking results in this paper. We intend to 248address the issues with hard-locking more thoroughly in the future. 249

250 **2.3. Resetting.** Since AV = QR, the right residual  $r_v = Av - \sigma u$  should be 251 zero throughout our procedure,

252 (2.4) 
$$r_v = Av - \sigma u = AVy - Q(\sigma x) = AVy - QRy = (AV - QR)y = 0.$$

Generally, this means we can avoid the extra matrix-vector multiplication (or storage for AV) necessary to compute  $r_v$ . In practice though,  $||r_v||$  cannot be better than  $O(||A||\epsilon_{mach})$  due to the multiplication AV when computing the left space. Worse,  $||r_v||$  grows as  $O(\sqrt{\text{numRestarts}}||A||\epsilon_{mach})$ , which has also been noticed in [30]. Therefore, our method must calculate  $||r_v||$  explicitly when  $||r_u|| < ||A||\delta$ , where  $\delta$  is the user selected tolerance. This ensures we meet the convergence criteria of Algorithm 2.1.

The errors we observe in  $r_v$  may grow large enough to exceed the user tolerance, 260which would make convergence impossible. These errors come from two main sources. 261262The first source is from the loss of orthogonality of V, and the second is the loss of accuracy of the QR factorization of AV. We have found experimentally that both of 263 these errors can impede or halt convergence as the SVD of R no longer corresponds 264to the singular triplets in A. We note that this issue is rare and only occurs when 265 $\delta \approx \epsilon_{mach} \sqrt{\text{numRestarts.}}$  To correct these errors, we implement a resetting procedure 266 that reorthogonalizes V, and rebuilds Q and R directly from a newly computed AV. 267It is critical to only reset sparingly, as rebuilding Q and R from scratch takes 268

s + k matvecs to obtain AV and a full QR factorization. Additionally, resetting can cause an increase in the residual norm by a factor of  $\kappa(A)$ , which may require a few iterations to reduce back to its previous level. In order to track the errors mentioned above, we have devised two inexpensive criteria that help to avoid unnecessary resets. From (2.4), we can estimate errors in the QR factorization directly from the norm of



FIG. 1. Demonstrating the need for resetting on lshp3025 (||A|| = 7) with GKD (q = 35, s = 15,  $\delta = 1E-14$ , and k = 1).

the right residual. We choose to reset when  $||r_u|| < 1.25 ||r_v||$ , as the errors in the QRfactorization directly impact the convergence of  $r_u$ . Experimentally, we have found a few cases where the small 25% buffer between  $r_u$  and  $r_v$  is needed to detect potential stagnation.

The error in the orthogonality of V may also cause failures to converge. Therefore, 278we estimate how large  $||E|| = ||V^T V - I||$  can be before it begins to affect convergence. 279Based on the Galerkin conditions, we should have solved the equivalent eigenproblem, 280  $R^T R y = V^T A^T A V y = \sigma^2 V^T V y$ . In practice, we solve  $R^T R y = V^T A^T A V y = \sigma^2 y$ 281 regardless of the orthonormality of V. Therefore, we obtain a Ritz vector and Ritz 282 value that will not converge to a 0 residual for the original problem, since  $V^T V \neq I$ . 283However, the Ritz pair produced by our inexact Galerkin can be considered as a Ritz 284pair of an exact Galerkin condition applied to the nearby generalized eigenproblem 285 $A^T A V y = \sigma^2 M V y$  where  $M = V (V^T V)^{-2} V^T$  as seen below, 286

287 (2.5) 
$$V^T A^T A V y = \sigma^2 V^T M V y = \sigma^2 V^T V (V^T V)^{-2} V^T V y = \sigma^2 y .$$

In order to correctly monitor and maintain convergence, the residual we use for expansion,  $r_C = \sigma r_u = A^T A v - \sigma^2 v$ , should not drift too far from this exact residual,  $r_E = A^T A v - \sigma^2 V (V^T V)^{-2} V^T v$ , where v = V y. Assuming ||E|| < 1, we have

(2.6)  
$$\begin{aligned} \|r_E - r_C\| &= \sigma^2 \|Vy - V(V^T V)^{-1}y\| \\ &\leq \sigma^2 \|V\| \|I - (V^T V)^{-1}\| = \sigma^2 \|V\| \|I - (I+E)^{-1}\| \\ &\leq \sigma^2 (1+\|E\|) \|(I+E)^{-1}\| \|E\| \\ &\leq \sigma^2 (1+\|E\|) \left\|I + \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} E^i\right\| \|E\| \\ &= \sigma^2 \|E\| + O(\sigma^2 \|E\|^2). \end{aligned}$$

Since we want  $r_u = r_C/\sigma$  to converge to tolerance  $||A||\delta$ , we limit the distance  $||r_E - r_C|| < ||A||\delta\sigma$ . Thus, from (2.6), we perform a reset when  $||E|| \ge ||A||\delta/\sigma$ . In practice we have noticed only a few situations where this criteria caused a reset.

To demonstrate this problem, we ran lshp3025, a problem from the SuiteSparse Matrix Collection [6], which requires thousands of restarts before convergence. Prop-

erties of this problem can be found in Table 1. The criteria outlined in the previous 297298 paragraphs combine to avoid the stagnation seen in Fig. 1. Due to the very low tolerance of 1E-14 = 50 \*  $\epsilon_{mach}$ , approximately 2,500 restarts or 35,000 matvecs may 299cause the reset criteria to be met. It is clear our criteria is somewhat conservative, 300 as resets occur approximately every 40,000 matvecs, even when the method is able to 301 converge without it. However, without resetting, the method completely stagnates at 302 around 110,000 matvecs. Moreover, with or without resets, we observe convergence 303 to the first 8 smallest singular values in a similar number of matvecs (110,000), even 304 though adding resets should increase the overall number of matvecs. This indicates 305 the increased stability of the method also can improve performance slightly. 306

2.4. Inner Solver. Inner-outer solvers like JDSVD and the JDQMR implemen-307 308 tation in PRIMME utilize extra matvecs inside of an inner solver as a refinement step to improve the convergence speed of the outer iterations. By solving a related linear 309 system, these methods can provide a significant speedup in time for problems that 310 have a relatively inexpensive matrix-vector multiplication. Furthermore, solving this 311 312 linear system can reduce the residual of the solution without requiring the expansion of the outer basis. Consequently, the number of orthogonalizations as well as the 313 314 number restarts are reduced, which avoids their associated error and resets. This is particularly critical for problems that require a significant number of iterations. 315

GKD can be extended to a Jacobi-Davidson variant, GKJD, that expands the subspace V by the approximate solution of the correction equation

318 (2.7) 
$$(I - vv^T)(A^T A - \sigma^2 I)(I - vv^T)t = -r_u$$

instead of applying a preconditioner at line 10 of Algorithm 2.1. Here, and for the 319 remainder of this section,  $\sigma$  without a subscript denotes the shift used for the inner 320 solver, which may be different than the user specified target  $\tilde{\sigma}$  or the current approx-321 imate singular value. As before,  $\sigma_i$  will denote the *i*th singular value. The inner 322 equation can also utilize a preconditioner, improving convergence further. In par-323 324 ticular, our inner solver is based on the symmetric Quasi-Minimal Residual method (QMRs) used in PRIMME's JDQMR. QMRs can utilize indefinite preconditioners and 325 326 solve indefinite systems which may occur when  $\sigma$  lies in the interior of the spectrum.

In order to avoid over utilizing the inner method when convergence is poor or the correction equation does not match the desired singular values, or under utilizing the inner method when convergence is good, extra steps must be taken. Due to the smooth convergence of QMRs, we can include dynamic stopping conditions based on estimated eigenvalue residuals to stop the linear solve in a near-optimal way. We have adopted the same QMRs solver and dynamic criteria used in PRIMME's JDQMR [26].

Our inner solver for (2.7) works directly on  $A^T A - \sigma^2 I$  so its numerical stability 333 needs to be justified. As with an outer iteration on  $A^T A$ , no numerical issues are 334 expected when  $\sigma$  is in the largest part of the spectrum, but when seeking the small-335 est part, singular values below  $O(||A|| \sqrt{\epsilon_{mach}})$  will become indistinguishable when 336 337 squared. However, the solution of the inner correction equation still provides useful directions even when a few singular values of A are below  $O(||A|| \sqrt{\epsilon_{mach}})$ . The reason 338 is well understood numerically and it is why inverse iteration works well despite a 339 nearly singular linear system [22, sec. 4.3]. 340

Assume there are k singular values below the noise level, i.e.,  $\sigma_k \leq ||A|| \sqrt{\epsilon_{mach}} < \sigma_{k+1}$ , and a shift  $\sigma \leq ||A|| \sqrt{\epsilon_{mach}}$ . If we ignore the projectors for simplicity, the numerically computed solution of (2.7),  $\tilde{t}$ , satisfies

344 (2.8) 
$$\tilde{t} = t + \mathbf{V}(\Sigma^2 - \sigma^2)^{-1} \mathbf{V}^T E \tilde{t},$$

where the backward error satisfies  $||E|| \leq ||A^T A||\epsilon_{mach}$ . Therefore, the relative forward error is a vector  $\frac{\tilde{t}-t}{||\tilde{t}||} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \mathbf{v}_i c_i$  with the coefficients satisfying

347 (2.9) 
$$|c_i| = \frac{|\mathbf{v}_i^T E \tilde{t}|}{|\sigma_i^2 - \sigma^2| \|\tilde{t}\|} \le \frac{\|A\|^2 \epsilon_{mach}}{|\sigma_i^2 - \sigma^2|}.$$

For i > k, we have  $\sigma_i \ge \sigma_{k+1} > ||A|| \sqrt{\epsilon_{mach}}$ , and thus  $|c_i| = O(\frac{||A||^2}{\sigma_i^2} \epsilon_{mach}) < 1$ . As the separation increases,  $\sigma_{k+1} \gg ||A|| \sqrt{\epsilon_{mach}}$ , we have  $c_i \ll 1$  and the errors in the  $v_i, i > k$ , directions become negligible. For  $i \le k$ , we have  $|\sigma_i^2 - \sigma^2| < ||A||^2 \epsilon_{mach}$  and thus the corresponding  $c_i$  could blow up. In practice, calculations at the noise level of the arithmetic will limit  $c_i = O(1)$  but either way these  $\mathbf{v}_i, i \le k$ , directions dominate the correction vector.

The behavior is similar when the backward error is at the level of the residual 354norm at which we solve (2.7), i.e.,  $||E|| \leq ||A||^2 \theta$ , for some tolerance  $\theta$ . Typically we 355 ask for a residual norm reduction relative to  $||r_u||$  but this can be translated to a  $\theta$ . 356 Then, the  $|c_i|$  in (2.9) have the same bounds as above only multiplied by  $\theta/\epsilon_{mach}$ . 357 Since the approximate solution has  $||t|| = O(\theta)$ , the effect of the noise error is larger. 358 We can view the noise of the numerically computed correction t as the application 359 of a low pass filter with the diagonal matrix  $diag(c_i)$ , where the i < k singular 360 components dominate the result. Clearly, the inner iteration cannot differentiate 361 between these k smallest singular directions which look like a multiplicity. However, 362 the Rayleigh Ritz of the outer method has no problems approximating these singular 363 vectors as long as their k-dimensional space is sufficiently represented in the outer 364 365search space.

If the outer method in GKJD has a restart size  $s \ge k$  and the gap  $\sigma_{k+1}/\sigma_k$  is large, then the filter ensures that all  $\mathbf{v}_i, i = 1, \ldots, k$ , will be approximated well after kouter iterations. As the gap narrows, the filter boosts also directions of larger singular values up to  $\sigma_f$ , where  $\frac{||A||^2}{\sigma_f^2} \epsilon_{mach}$  starts to become negligible. Therefore, the outer method may take more than k iterations, although convergence depends on the gaps in the "filtered"  $\sigma_1, \ldots, \sigma_f$  spectrum, which has much smaller spread than the entire spectrum.

The situation is similar if the restart size s < k and  $\sigma_{k+1}/\sigma_k$  is large, since the search space cannot capture all small singular vectors, so convergence will occur based on the perceived gaps after the implicit application of the filter. In the extreme case of  $s \ll k$  and/or very small spectral gaps, we can expect the method to be slow. However, in such ill-conditioned problems, no better algorithmic options exist without a preconditioner.

Figures 2 and 3 show examples of how GKJD with dynamic stopping conditions for the inner iteration can converge even when several singular values are below  $\|A\|\sqrt{\epsilon_{mach}}$ . They also show that GKJD is competitive and sometimes faster than GKD in terms of matrix-vector products, in addition to the benefit of a less expensive iteration. The matrices have a specified spectrum  $\Sigma$  and random left and right singular vectors.

In Figure 2 the matrix has 16 singular values below  $||A|| \sqrt{\epsilon_{mach}}$  but we limit GKD and GKJD to a restart size of only 15. Even with this limitation, GKJD is able to converge to the smallest singular triplet with relative accuracy of 1E-14, and it does so three times faster than GKD. Additionally, with only a few extra outer iterations, GKJD can find 14 of the smallest singular values.

390 The difference seen between GKD and GKJD is due to the large number of



FIG. 2. Convergence of GKD and GKJD when there are more SVs below  $\sqrt{\epsilon_{mach}}$  than the MaxBasisSize (q = 35, s = 15).

FIG. 3. Convergence of GKJD on a problem with 20 SVs below  $\sqrt{\epsilon_{mach}}$  in single precision with varying minimum restart sizes. (Maximum Matvecs = 75,000, q = 50)

restarts for GKD and their associated error. As the errors caused by restarts grows above the relative tolerance within approximately 2,000 restarts (40,000 matvecs), GKD may have numerical issues and not converge although this behavior is sensitive to the choice of random orthonormal bases U and V. Since GKJD performs orders of magnitude fewer outer iterations, it is not affected by this source of error heavily and therefore is not sensitive to the random left and right singular spaces. With a marginally less strict tolerance, GKD does not exhibit this behavior.

In Figure 3 we consider an example where the matrix has 20 singular values 398 below the  $||A|| \sqrt{\epsilon_{mach}}$  threshold. We use single precision arithmetic, which allows for 399 relatively larger spectral gaps that make convergence tractable. We search for the 400smallest singular value with a maximum basis size of 50, the dynamic inner stopping 401 criteria, and a tolerance of 1E-5 for all tests while varying the restart size used by 402 the GKD and GKJD. We see that smaller restart sizes do not impede convergence of 403 404 GKJD and only slow it down by less than a factor of two. However, the effects of a small restart size are much more severe on GKD, which is unable to converge to 405the desired tolerance within 75,000 matvecs for restart sizes less than 10. This shows 406 that GKJD is able to rebuild the space lost during restarting much more quickly than 407GKD, as the inner equation can sufficiently filter out directions corresponding to the 408 409 unwanted portions of the spectrum.

## 410 **3. Benefits over PHSVDS.**

**3.1.** Avoiding the Augmented Problem. As mentioned earlier, methods on 411 B often exhibit problems due to the interior nature of the spectrum that they work on. 412 In order to demonstrate these issues, Figure 4 shows convergence on the problem A 413 = diag([1e-10, 2e-10, 5e-10, 1e-9, 3e-9, 1e-8, 1e-6, 1e-4, 1:1000]). First, this problem 414 is very poorly conditioned ( $\kappa(A) = 1E13$ ) and since the 6 smallest singular values 415416 are below 1E-8, the first stage of PHSVDS is unable to distinguish them from zero. Second, because the spectrum is reflected across 0 for the augmented problem, it is 417 very difficult to converge only to the positive part of the spectrum. 418

In searching for 3 singular values to a user tolerance of 1E-14, PHSVDS took more than 4 times more matvecs, but more importantly, it missed 5 smaller singular



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FIG. 4. Convergence of PHSVDS on a poorly conditioned problem ( $\kappa(A) = 1E+13$ )

FIG. 5. Stagnations caused by a failure to fully converge in the first stage of PHSVDS  $(\kappa = 1.1E+4)$ 

values as the third converged value was 1e-4. Even worse, the vectors that were 421returned for left and right spaces were not orthogonal, as  $\|Q^T Q - I\| \approx \|V^T V - I\| \approx$ 422 6E-5. Therefore, the true residuals after orthogonalization did not meet the full user 423 tolerance. Comparatively, GKD converges to all 6 of the smallest singular values and 424 did so with fully orthogonal left and right vectors. As we can see from the figure, the 425convergence for GKD is fairly smooth, converging to each of the six singular values 426 below 1E-8 before finishing. This is a vast improvement over the second stage of 427 428 PHSVDS, which exhibits irregular convergence with large spikes in the left residual and long stagnations. 429

**3.2.** Switching Problems. One of the biggest practical advantages of GKD 430 over PHSVDS or any two stage algorithm is that it avoids the need to switch. For 431 PHSVDS, choosing the right time to switch is crucial so as to give the best possible 432initial guesses to the second stage in order to avoid excessive use of the second stage 433 on B. However, if an overly optimistic bound is used, it may cause stagnations in the 434 first stage before switching. In general, it can be difficult to converge down to the 435 theoretical limit for the first stage in practice, and determining the minimum constant 436above the theoretical limit that works for every problem is most likely impossible. 437 Worse, preconditioning can increase this difficulty as it can cause errors that are 438 difficult to account for within the switching criteria. 439

Specifically, we found these switching issues to occur when testing PHSVDS on 440 LargeRegFile (another matrix from the SuiteSparse Collection [6]) with Block Jacobi 441 442 preconditioning and  $\delta = 1\text{E}-12$ . It is clear from the highlighted portions of Figure 5 that PHSVDS is unable to meet the convergence criteria for the first stage. In fact, 443 444 while the case shown in Figure 5 is able to reach the criteria eventually, most cases like this stagnate completely. For example, the same problem (LargeRegFile) when 445 solved with an inner solver (JDQMR) is never able to meet the first stage convergence 446 criteria. Since GKD never requires switching methods, we can avoid these problems 447 entirely and provide more reliable convergence. 448

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**3.3. Space and Time Comparisons.** For computations on large matrices, it is important to consider the convergence rate, the space requirements, and the total work that the algorithm requires. Therefore, we provide a short comparison of the latter between our method and PHSVDS before presenting numerical results in Section 4.

GKD requires storage for two spaces, V and Q that are  $n \times q$  and  $m \times q$  respectively 453where q is the maximum basis size. In the PRIMME implementation of PHSVDS, 454 a similar same space is required to store the resulting left and right singular vector 455approximations. However, the first stage of PHSVDS requires a working memory 456 set of two spaces of size  $n \times q$ , for V and  $A^T A V$ . Therefore, for square matrices, 457the working space required for the first stage of PHSVDS is equivalent to GKD. For 458very tall and skinny matrices  $(n \ll m)$ , the first stage of PHSVDS uses a reduced 459460 memory footprint for most of the computation, but only if the user can guarantee that switching to the second stage will not be required. Otherwise, the second stage 461 of PHSVDS will require two spaces of dimension  $(m+n) \times q$ . This corresponds to 462 double the storage requirement of GKD. For very large problems, this might force the 463 user to reduce the max basis size in order to store the bases in memory. 464

In terms of execution cost, GKD performs two orthogonalizations per iteration, 465 466 one for V and one for Q, while the first stage of PHSVDS performs only one orthogonalization for V. Therefore, with low required accuracy where the second stage is 467 not involved, PHSVDS is more efficient per step computationally. For robustness, 468 primme\_svds implements the second stage of PHSVDS using refined extraction which 469requires two orthogonalizations on vectors of dimension m+n and thus has double the 470 471 orthogonalization cost of GKD. Additionally, these vectors of size m + n incur more error in dot product computations, so baseline calculations will not be as accurate. 472 When using low precision calculations (single or half), these errors become even more 473 important to avoid if possible. 474

4. Numerical Results. To verify our algorithm's performance, we utilized the 475476 same matrices given in the original PHSVDS publication [31] as well as three matrices with dimension larger than one million from [30]. These matrices are publicly available 477 through the SuiteSparse Matrix Collection [6] and represent real world applications. 478 These problems are quite difficult for iterative solvers and are used to stress test 479the capabilities of GKD and PHSVDS. Since these matrices are sparse, we provide 480their dimensions and the number of non-zero entries of A, nnz(A), as well as the 481 norm of A, ||A||, the condition number of A,  $\kappa(A)$ , and the gap ratio for  $\sigma_1$ ,  $\gamma_1 =$ 482  $(\sigma_2 - \sigma_1)/(\sigma_n - \sigma_2).$ 483

The matrices listed in Table 1 and Table 2 are listed from least to most difficult (left to right) as generally their condition numbers increase, and the gap ratios for their smallest singular values decrease. It should be noted that none of these matrices are particularly poorly conditioned, and do not require the second stage in PHSVDS to improve the singular vector estimates more than a few orders of magnitude. Therefore, the benefits we would expect to gain on very poorly conditioned problems are significantly larger.

We restrict GKD and PRIMME's PHSVDS Matlab interface, primme\_svds, to a maximum basis size of 35 vectors, a minimum restart size of 15 vectors and a user tolerance of  $\delta = 1$ E-14 for the smaller matrices and  $\delta = 1$ E-12 for the larger ones. We also enforce one retained vector from the previous iteration (for +1 restarting) except for the three large cases, where we enforce +2 restarting. Additionally, we choose to soft lock converged triplets, but due to the interior nature of the augmented method in primme\_svds, we are unable to set soft-locking for the second stage while searching for

| Matrix                                   | pde2961     | dw2048     | fidap4     | jagmesh8   | wang3      | lshp3025 |  |  |
|--|-------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|----------|--|--|
| dimension                                | 2961        | 2048       | 1601       | 1141       | 26064      | 3025     |  |  |
| nnz(A)                                   | 14585       | 10114      | 31837      | 7465       | 77168      | 120833   |  |  |
| $\kappa(A)$                              | 9.5E + 2    | 5.3E + 3   | 5.2E + 3   | $5.9E{+4}$ | $1.1E{+4}$ | 2.2E + 5 |  |  |
| A  | $1.0E{+1}$  | $1.0E{+}0$ | $1.6E{+}0$ | 6.8E + 0   | 2.7E-1     | 7.0E + 0 |  |  |
| $\gamma_1$                               | 8.2E-3      | 2.6E-3     | 1.5E-3     | 1.7E-3     | 7.4E-5     | 1.8E-3   |  |  |
|  |             |            | TABLE 1    |            |            |          |  |  |
| Basic Properties of Square Matrices      |             |            |            |            |            |          |  |  |
| <b>NT</b> ( 1                            | 111050      | 1          | 1 4 4      | 1.1.11     | ,          | 1 1 10   |  |  |
| Matrix                                   | well1850    | Ip_ganges  | deter4     | plddb      | cn         | Ip_bnl2  |  |  |
| rows                                     | 1850        | 1309       | 3235       | 3049       | 3700       | 2324     |  |  |
| columns                                  | 712         | 1706       | 9133       | 5069       | 8291       | 4486     |  |  |
| nnz(A)                                   | 8755        | 6937       | 19231      | 10839      | 24102      | 14996    |  |  |
| $\kappa(A)$                              | $1.1E{+}2$  | $2.1E{+}4$ | 3.7E + 2   | $1.2E{+}4$ | 2.8E + 3   | 7.8E + 3 |  |  |
| A  | $1.8E{+}0$  | 4.0E + 0   | $1.0E{+1}$ | $1.4E{+}2$ | 7.6E + 2   | 2.1E + 2 |  |  |
| $\gamma_1$                               | 3.0E-3      | 1.1E-1     | 1.1E-1     | 4.2E-3     | 1.6E-3     | 7.1E-3   |  |  |
|  |             |            | Table 2    |            |            |          |  |  |
| Basic Properties of Rectangular Matrices |             |            |            |            |            |          |  |  |
|  |             |            |            |            |            |          |  |  |
|  | Matrix      | sls        | Rucci1     | Largel     | RegFile    |          |  |  |
|  | rows        | 1,748,122  | 1,977,88   | 35 2,11    | 1,154      |          |  |  |
|  | columns     | 62,729     | 109,900    | ) 801      | ,374       |          |  |  |
|  | nnz(A)      | 6,804,304  | 7,791,16   | 68 4,94    | 4,201      |          |  |  |
|  | $\kappa(A)$ | 1.3E + 3   | 6.7E + 3   | 3 1.1      | E+4        |          |  |  |
|  | $\ A\ $     | 1.3E + 3   | 7.0E + 0   | ) 3.1      | E+3        |          |  |  |
|  | $\gamma_1$  | 8E-7       | 5E-5       | 3I         | E-7        |          |  |  |
|  |             |            | Table 3    |            |            |          |  |  |

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the smallest singular triplets. It should be noted that hard-locking generally improves performance for our method when searching for more than one singular value, but does not provide the same orthogonality guarantees and is subject to the numerical issues mentioned earlier.

4.1. Unpreconditioned Results. We compare GD+k (implemented as the 502 default MIN\_MATVECS method in primme\_svds) against GKD, and the JDQMR 503method (MIN\_TIME in primme\_svds) against GKJD. As shown in Figure 6, GKD and 504GKJD require fewer matrix-vector multiplications than their primme\_svds counter-505parts for all matrices. Also, the matrices that show the largest benefits are lshp3025, 506wang3, jagmesh8, and lp\_ganges. As expected, these correspond to the matrices that 507 required more significant use of the second stage in primme\_svds, due to their larger 508  $\kappa(A).$ 509

For most cases, we see a slight drop off in performance when searching for the 51010 smallest singular values, but this is mostly caused by different implementations of 511soft-locking. Since primme\_svds uses two stages, the first stage soft locks each vector 512at a tolerance above the user specified tolerance. However, since they are soft-locked, 513the first stage of primme\_svds can improve the initial guesses to the second stage in 514some cases, since it leaves the estimated singular triplets in the basis while converging to other vectors. To check this, we ran GKD using a pseudo two-stage implementation 517 that mimics the primme\_svds behavior. This was done by converging to all 10 singular values to a higher tolerance first  $(\kappa(A) ||A|| \epsilon_{mach})$ , before converging to the full user 518 tolerance. In this case, GKD can further improve performance for soft-locking over 519 primme\_svds. 520

521 For rectangular matrices, we also tested whether our method could find a true



![](_page_14_Figure_2.jpeg)

FIG. 7. Large-Scale Unpreconditioned Results. Required matvecs for GKD, GD+k, GKJD and JDQMR are shown in the table. Note that for sls, GKJD finds 3 of the singular values with multiplicity 14 while JDQMR finds only 2.

522 zero singular value by appending one extra column to the matrix equal to the first 523 column. GKD is able to find the real zero in all cases. primme\_svds will not return 524 this numerically zero value, as outlined in its documentation, since its second stage 525 has no way to distinguish real zeros from the null space created by the augmented 526 matrix.

527 For the large scale matrices, Figure 6 shows a fairly even performance between primme\_svds and GKD/GKJD. This is expected as the tolerance is higher (tol = 5281E-12) than the small cases, and therefore primme\_svds only uses the second stage 529sparingly. The biggest difference is seen for sls and for the inner-outer methods 530 531(JDQMR/GKJD), where the high multiplicity (14) at the second smallest singular value causes issues with convergence. Specifically, JDQMR only converges to two of 532these numerically equal singular values before finding five converged triplets, while 533 GKJD is able to recognize the higher multiplicity and spends extra iterations finding 534a third. We also note that the number of matvecs for GKD/GKJD are significantly 536 smaller than the numbers for SLEPc's implementation of LBD reported in [30].

In general, iterative methods may have trouble finding multiplicities or may converge out of order causing the methods to miss directions [19]. This is especially true for Krylov solvers which, in exact arithmetic, are unable to find more than one eigenvector corresponding to a multiplicity. In order to solve this problem, many algorithms including PHSVDS can utilize a block solver where the block size approximates the degree of the multiplicity [5, 3, 10]. Additionally, multiple initial guesses

![](_page_15_Figure_1.jpeg)

![](_page_15_Figure_2.jpeg)

FIG. 8. Similar performance can be achieved with a relatively small basis size even when searching for 100 values.

FIG. 9. IRLBA wastes matrix vector multiplications building a full basis without checking convergence.

543 can be used to reduce the likelihood of initial vectors being deficient in the invariant 544 space of the multiplicity. Both of these ideas would be simple extensions that could 545 be added to GKD to improve robustness.

4.2. Single Precision Results. In order to demonstrate the versatility of our method, we ran tests in single precision looking for the largest 10 or 100 singular values of matrices to tolerance  $\delta = 1\text{E-4}$ . Although much less taxing on the solver, these kinds of requirements are common in many SVD applications. We compare our results to IRLBA (which is the default method in MATLAB's svds for largest singular values). Since we are looking for low accuracy, we omit results from PRIMME since it would use only the first stage which is equivalent to GKD.

Figures 8 and 9 report results on Rucci1. We also ran these tests on sls and LargeRegFile, but convergence was achieved in too few iterations (requiring only one restart) so all methods were similar. We vary the maximum basis size to understand how GKD compares when the user has more or less space than IRLBA uses as a default. When searching for 100 singular triplets, we choose basis sizes close to 100 to mimic the situation where space is at a premium and only a small number of extra vectors can be stored. For 10 singular triplets, we show how IRLBA compares to GKD when the basis size is much larger than the number for desired triplets.

Figure 8 shows that both IRLBA and GKD provide fairly similar results for 100 singular values. GKD performs better in the most extreme memory limitation as it can selectively target the desired values when building its space. However, when there is more room to build a Krylov space, this targeting is no longer required.

Figure 9 shows increased advantages of GKD when fewer singular values are needed. For 10 singular values, the standard version of IRLBA defaults to a maximum basis size of 30. In some cases, the system may have additional space for a larger basis size which can improve convergence. However, since IRLBA generally only checks convergence after a full basis is built, a larger basis size can limit how often IRLBA performs these checks. This allows GKD to outperform IRLBA, even though they obtain nearly identical performance for smaller basis sizes.

**4.3.** Preconditioned Results. We provide a preconditioner for the small matrices built using Matlab's ILU with the ilutp factorization, a drop-tolerance of 1E-3,

![](_page_16_Figure_1.jpeg)

FIG. 10. Preconditioned Results with an ILU Preconditioner for finding the smallest and 10 smallest singular triplets.

![](_page_16_Figure_3.jpeg)

FIG. 11. Large-Scale Results with Block Jacobi Preconditioner (block size=600 on  $A^TA$ ) for the 5 smallest singular triplets. Required matvecs for GKD,GD+k, GKJD and JDQMR are shown in the table.

574and a pivot threshold of 1.0. Our results show the significant benefit of an effective preconditioner, as all of the small problems required less than 150 matvecs when searching for one singular value with GKD. However, these preconditioners sometimes 576 caused significant issues for primme\_svds, as it was unable to converge for lshp3025 577when searching for the 10 smallest singular values, and exhibited significant difficulty 578 converging to 10 singular values for wang3, jagmesh8 and fidap4. Specifically, when 579searching for 10 singular values, wang3 requires 12x more matvecs for JDQMR, and 580jagmesh8 requires 56x and 14x more matvecs for GD+k and JDQMR respectively. 581These issues are caused by primme\_svds' switching issues mentioned earlier. 582

For the three large matrices, ILU becomes significantly more expensive, so we 583use a Block-Jacobi preconditioner, inverting exactly diagonal blocks of  $A^T A$  each 584of size 600. This is relatively inexpensive to compute and it is also parallelizable. 585 Again, we see a significant decrease in matvecs as all three problems required less 586 than 15% of the matvecs needed for the unpreconditioned cases. For Rucci1 the 587 convergence differences between our methods and primme\_svds are negligible, but for 588 589 sls and LargeRegFile, GKD and GKJD provide significant improvements in speed and robustness. Again, as seen earlier in Figure 5, primme\_svds' switching criteria 590591are too stringent for preconditioned cases, which causes slowdowns for GD+k on LargeRegFile. Worse, primme\_svds' JDQMR suffers stagnations that cause failures 592 to converge when preconditioned on sls and LargeRegFile. 593

The 80% improvement on sls over GD+k comes from primme\_svds being unable to separate the directions corresponding to the large degree multiplicity. During addi-

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tional testing, we found the number of matvecs required to find the 5 smallest singular 596 597values with primme\_svds is only marginally less than the number required to find 10. Since primme\_svds is unable to appropriately separate the directions corresponding to 598the multiplicity, it converges to all 10 values concurrently. However, GKD is able to 599 distinguish these directions and converge smoothly for each one individually, provid-600 ing a substantial improvement. Testing GKD to converge to 10 values as well, we still 601 found an improvement over primme\_svds, however the gap between the two methods 602 was significantly reduced. 603

5. Conclusions. We have presented GKD, a new method for finding the small-604 605 est singular triplets of large sparse matrices to full accuracy. Our method works iteratively, under limited memory, with preconditioners, while including features such 606 as soft-locking with orthogonality guarantees, +k restarting, and the ability to find 607 real zero singular values in both square and rectangular matrices. Additionally, GKJD 608 adds a Jacobi-Davidson inner solver for the  $A^T A$  correction equation into GKD, which 609 can lower execution time when the matrix-vector multiplication operation is inexpen-610 611 sive and can reduce the errors caused by restarting. Both of these methods have shown to be more reliable and efficient than PHSVDS, and thus over other SVD methods, 612 for nearly all cases. 613

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