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**1.** Introduction. Consider the  $\mathbb{R}$ -linear system

$$\kappa z + M\bar{z} = b,\tag{1.1}$$

where  $\kappa \in \mathbb{C}, z, b \in \mathbb{C}^n, M \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  and  $\bar{z}$  denotes the conjugate of z. We use  $\mathcal{M}_{\kappa}z = (\kappa I + M\tau)z$  to denote the left-hand side, where I denotes the identity matrix whose dimension is clear from the context and  $\tau z = \bar{z}$  is the conjugation operator on  $\mathbb{C}^n$ . Such  $\mathbb{R}$ -linear systems arise in the inverse problem of reconstructing an unknown electric conductivity in the unit disc from boundary measurements [18, 14, 1], especially in the numerical discretization of the  $\mathbb{R}$ -linear Beltrami equation [11] and the  $\bar{\partial}$ -equation [13]. For theoretical analysis of general  $\mathbb{R}$ -linear operators  $\mathcal{A} = M + N\tau$  where  $M, N \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ , we refer to [6, 9, 10, 12].

By rewriting (1.1) as an equivalent real formulation of doubled size for its real and imaginary parts, any standard Krylov subspace method [16, 21] can de used to solve the problem. Equivalent real formulations of a  $\mathbb{C}$ -linear (complex linear) system have been considered by several researchers, see, for example, [7, 2, 4, 3]. Recently, the  $\mathbb{R}$ -linear GMRES (RL-GMRES) method [6] was proposed for solving (1.1), which avoids using an equivalent real formulation. In this paper, we investigate RL-GMRES through the equivalent real formulation of (1.1).

Huhtanen and Perämäki [11] considered preconditioning techniques for the  $\mathbb{R}$ -linear system (1.1). By the right preconditioner  $\bar{\kappa}I - M\tau$ , they obtained the  $\mathbb{C}$ -linear system

$$|\kappa|^2 w - M\overline{M}w = b. \tag{1.2}$$

If (1.2) is solved, then z can be readily obtained by  $z = \bar{\kappa}w - M\bar{w}$ . In this paper, we show that RL-GMRES applied to (1.1) is faster than GMRES [17] applied to (1.2) in terms of matrix-vector products, namely, RL-GMRES requires fewer matrix-vector products; see Remark 3.10.

The paper is organized as follows. In section 2 we discuss equivalent real formulations of (1.1). Spectral properties of the equivalent real formulations of the  $\mathbb{R}$ linear operator  $\mathcal{M}_{\kappa}$  are studied. In section 3 we review RL-GMRES and investigate it through the equivalent real formulation. In section 4 we report numerical experiments confirming our theoretical results. In the last section we present our conclusions.

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**2. Equivalent real formulations.** Write  $\kappa = \alpha + i\beta$ , z = x + iy, b = c + idand M = A + iB, where  $i = \sqrt{-1}$ ,  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $x, y, c, d \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $A, B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ . The  $\mathbb{R}$ -linear system (1.1) admits several  $2n \times 2n$  equivalent real formulations. We list four representative ones in (2.1)-(2.4), and call them R1 to R4, respectively.

R1 formulation.

$$\left( \begin{bmatrix} A & -B \\ B & A \end{bmatrix} + \alpha \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & -I \end{bmatrix} + \beta \begin{bmatrix} 0 & I \\ I & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) \begin{bmatrix} x \\ -y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c \\ d \end{bmatrix}.$$
(2.1)

R2 formulation.

$$\left( \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ B & -A \end{bmatrix} + \alpha \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix} + \beta \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -I \\ I & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c \\ d \end{bmatrix}.$$
(2.2)

R3 formulation.

$$\left( \begin{bmatrix} B & A \\ A & -B \end{bmatrix} + \alpha \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -I \\ I & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \beta \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix} \right) \begin{bmatrix} x \\ -y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} d \\ c \end{bmatrix}.$$
(2.3)

R4 formulation.

$$\left( \begin{bmatrix} B & -A \\ A & B \end{bmatrix} + \alpha \begin{bmatrix} 0 & I \\ I & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \beta \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & -I \end{bmatrix} \right) \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} d \\ c \end{bmatrix}.$$
(2.4)

For notational simplicity, let

$$\mathbf{M}_{1} = \begin{bmatrix} A & -B \\ B & A \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{M}_{2} = \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ B & -A \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{M}_{3} = \begin{bmatrix} B & A \\ A & -B \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{M}_{4} = \begin{bmatrix} B & -A \\ A & B \end{bmatrix},$$
(2.5)

and

$$\mathbf{I} = \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{J} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -I \\ I & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{E} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & I \\ I & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{F} = \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & -I \end{bmatrix}.$$
(2.6)

Let  $\|\cdot\|$  denote the Euclidean vector norm or the associated induced matrix norm. We have

$$\|\mathbf{M}_1\| = \|\mathbf{M}_2\| = \|\mathbf{M}_3\| = \|\mathbf{M}_4\| = \|M\|.$$
(2.7)

Let  $\mathbf{R}_1$  to  $\mathbf{R}_4$  denote the matrices associated with the four formulations. We have

$$\mathbf{R}_1 = \mathbf{M}_1 + \alpha \mathbf{F} + \beta \mathbf{E}, \qquad \mathbf{R}_2 = \mathbf{M}_2 + \alpha \mathbf{I} + \beta \mathbf{J}, \tag{2.8}$$

$$\mathbf{R}_3 = \mathbf{M}_3 + \alpha \mathbf{J} + \beta \mathbf{I}, \qquad \mathbf{R}_4 = \mathbf{M}_4 + \alpha \mathbf{E} + \beta \mathbf{F}. \tag{2.9}$$

**2.1. Spectral properties.** Let  $\sigma(M)$  denote the spectrum of M,  $\overline{\sigma(M)}$  the set of complex conjugates of the elements of  $\sigma(M)$  and  $\overline{M}$  the componentwise complex conjugate of M. The matrix  $M\overline{M}$  is important in our analysis. Its spectrum,  $\sigma(\overline{M}M)$ , is symmetric with respect to the real axis, i.e., if  $\mu \in \sigma(\overline{M}M)$ , then  $\overline{\mu} \in \sigma(\overline{M}M)$ . Moreover, the eigenvalues  $\mu$  and  $\overline{\mu}$  are of the same multiplicity. The matrix  $\overline{M}M$  is similar to  $M\overline{M}$ . We refer the reader to [8, Section 4.6] for the proofs of these properties.

LEMMA 2.1. Let  $\mathbf{M}_1, \mathbf{M}_2, \mathbf{M}_3, \mathbf{M}_4$  and  $\mathbf{J}$  be the matrices in (2.5) and (2.6). Assume  $\sigma(M\overline{M}) = \{\mu_i, i = 1, \dots, m\}$ . Then we have the following facts: (1)  $\sigma(\mathbf{M}_1) = \sigma(M) \cup \overline{\sigma(M)}, \ \sigma(\mathbf{M}_4) = -\mathrm{i}\sigma(M) \cup \mathrm{i}\overline{\sigma(M)}.$  Minimal residual methods for solving a class of  $\mathbb R\text{-linear systems}$ 

(2) If  $\lambda \in \sigma(\mathbf{M}_2)$ , then  $-\lambda, \bar{\lambda}, -\bar{\lambda} \in \sigma(\mathbf{M}_2)$ . (3) If  $\lambda \in \sigma(\mathbf{M}_3)$ , then  $-\lambda, \bar{\lambda}, -\bar{\lambda} \in \sigma(\mathbf{M}_3)$ . (4)  $\sigma(\mathbf{M}_2) = \sigma(\mathbf{J}\mathbf{M}_2) = \sigma(\mathbf{M}_3) = \sigma(\mathbf{J}\mathbf{M}_3) = \{\pm\sqrt{\mu_i}, i = 1, \dots, m\}.$ 

*Proof.* See Proposition 5.1(a)(b) of [7] and Section 1.1 of [4].  $\Box$ 

LEMMA 2.2. Let  $\omega \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $\mathbf{M}_1, \mathbf{M}_2, \mathbf{M}_3, \mathbf{M}_4, \mathbf{E}, \mathbf{J}$  be the matrices in (2.5) and (2.6). Assume  $\sigma(M\overline{M}) = \{\mu_i, i = 1, \dots, m\}$ . Then we have the following facts:

- (1)  $\sigma(\mathbf{M}_1 + \omega \mathbf{E}) = \sigma(\mathbf{M}_1 \omega \mathbf{E}), \ \sigma(\mathbf{M}_4 + \omega \mathbf{E}) = \sigma(\mathbf{M}_4 \omega \mathbf{E}).$
- (2)  $\sigma(\mathbf{M}_2 + \omega \mathbf{J}) = \sigma(\mathbf{M}_2 \omega \mathbf{J}) = \sigma(\mathbf{M}_3 + \omega \mathbf{J}) = \sigma(\mathbf{M}_3 \omega \mathbf{J}) = \{\pm \sqrt{\mu_i \omega^2}, i = 1, \dots, m\}.$

*Proof.* By  $-\mathbf{J}\mathbf{J} = \mathbf{I}$ ,  $-\mathbf{J}(\mathbf{M}_1 + \omega \mathbf{E})\mathbf{J} = \mathbf{M}_1 - \omega \mathbf{E}$ , and  $-\mathbf{J}(\mathbf{M}_4 + \omega \mathbf{E})\mathbf{J} = \mathbf{M}_4 - \omega \mathbf{E}$ , (1) is obvious. Let

$$\mathbf{S} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \begin{bmatrix} I & -\mathrm{i}I \\ -\mathrm{i}I & I \end{bmatrix}. \tag{2.10}$$

By a straightforward calculation, we have

$$\mathbf{S}(\mathbf{M}_2 + \omega \mathbf{J})^2 \mathbf{S}^* = \begin{bmatrix} \overline{M}M - \omega^2 I & 0\\ 0 & M\overline{M} - \omega^2 I \end{bmatrix},$$
(2.11)

and

$$(\mathbf{M}_2 + \omega \mathbf{J})^2 = (\mathbf{M}_2 - \omega \mathbf{J})^2 = \mathbf{M}_2^2 - \omega^2 \mathbf{I}.$$
 (2.12)

By (2.11), (2.12), Lemma 2.1 (4) and  $\sigma(M\overline{M}) = \sigma(\overline{M}M)$ , we have

$$\sigma(\mathbf{M}_2 + \omega \mathbf{J}) = \sigma(\mathbf{M}_2 - \omega \mathbf{J}) = \{\pm \sqrt{\mu_i - \omega^2}, i = 1, \dots, m\}.$$

Similarly,

$$\sigma(\mathbf{M}_3 + \omega \mathbf{J}) = \sigma(\mathbf{M}_3 - \omega \mathbf{J}) = \{\pm \sqrt{\mu_i - \omega^2}, i = 1, \dots, m\}.$$

We obtain (2).  $\Box$ 

THEOREM 2.3. Let  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\mathbf{R}_2, \mathbf{R}_3$  be the matrices in (2.8) and (2.9). Assume  $\sigma(M\overline{M}) = \{\mu_i, i = 1, ..., m\}$ . Then we have the following facts:

- (1)  $\sigma(\mathbf{R}_2) = \{\alpha \pm \sqrt{\mu_i \beta^2}, i = 1, ..., m\}$  is symmetric with respect to the point  $(\alpha, 0)$  and the real axis.
- (2)  $\sigma(\mathbf{R}_3) = \{\beta \pm \sqrt{\mu_i \alpha^2}, i = 1, \dots, m\}$  is symmetric with respect to the point  $(\beta, 0)$  and the real axis.

*Proof.* (1) and (2) are direct results of Lemma 2.2 (2) and the eigenvalues come in conjugate pairs for real matrices.  $\Box$ 

**3.**  $\mathbb{R}$ -linear GMRES. In this section, we investigate the  $\mathbb{R}$ -linear GMRES for solving (1.1) through the R2 formulation (2.2). Let

$$\mathcal{K}_i(\mathcal{M}_\kappa, b) := \operatorname{span}\{b, \mathcal{M}_\kappa b, \dots, \mathcal{M}_\kappa^{i-1}b\} \subset \mathbb{C}^n,$$

denote the *i*th Krylov subspace generated by  $\mathcal{M}_{\kappa}$  and  $b \in \mathbb{C}^n$ . Define  $\phi : \mathbb{C}^n \to \mathbb{R}^{2n}$  by

$$\phi(z) = \left[ \begin{array}{c} \operatorname{Re}(z) \\ \operatorname{Im}(z) \end{array} \right].$$

Let

$$\mathcal{K}_i^{\mathbb{R}}(\mathbf{R}_2,\phi(b)) := \operatorname{span}^{\mathbb{R}}\{\phi(b),\mathbf{R}_2\phi(b),\ldots,\mathbf{R}_2^{i-1}\phi(b)\} \subset \mathbb{R}^{2n},$$

denote the *i*th Krylov subspace generated by  $\mathbf{R}_2$  and  $\phi(b) \in \mathbb{R}^{2n}$ . Here and in the sequel, the notation "span<sup> $\mathbb{R}$ </sup>{ $\cdots$ }" denotes the space of all real linear combinations of the vectors in braces. We list some important properties of the Krylov subspaces  $\mathcal{K}_i(\mathcal{M}_{\kappa}, b)$  and  $\mathcal{K}_i^{\mathbb{R}}(\mathbf{R}_2, \phi(b))$  in the following lemma. The proof is easy, and is therefore omitted here.

LEMMA 3.1. Let  $\mathcal{M}_{\kappa} = \kappa I + M\tau$ ,  $b \in \mathbb{C}^n$ ,  $\mathbf{R}_2$  and  $\mathbf{J}$  be the matrices in (2.8) and (2.6). Then we have the following facts:

- (1)  $\mathcal{K}_i(\mathcal{M}_\kappa, b) = \operatorname{span}\{b, M\tau b, \dots, (M\tau)^{i-1}b\};$
- (2)  $\mathcal{K}_i(\mathcal{M}_{\kappa}, b) \subseteq \mathcal{K}_{i+1}(\mathcal{M}_{\kappa}, b);$
- (3)  $\mathcal{M}_{\kappa}(\mathcal{K}_{i}(\mathcal{M}_{\kappa}, b)) \subseteq \mathcal{K}_{i+1}(\mathcal{M}_{\kappa}, b);$
- (4)  $\mathcal{K}_{i}^{\mathbb{R}}(\mathbf{R}_{2},\phi(b)) \subset \phi(\mathcal{K}_{i}(\mathcal{M}_{\kappa},b)), \mathbf{J}\mathcal{K}_{i}^{\mathbb{R}}(\mathbf{R}_{2},\phi(b)) \subset \phi(\mathcal{K}_{i}(\mathcal{M}_{\kappa},b));$
- (5)  $\phi(\mathcal{K}_i(\mathcal{M}_\kappa, b)) = \mathcal{K}_i^{\mathbb{R}}(\mathbf{R}_2, \phi(b)) + \mathbf{J}\mathcal{K}_i^{\mathbb{R}}(\mathbf{R}_2, \phi(b));$
- (6)  $\operatorname{span}\{b\} + \mathcal{M}_{\kappa}(\mathcal{K}_{i}(\mathcal{M}_{\kappa}, b)) = \mathcal{K}_{i+1}(\mathcal{M}_{\kappa}, b);$
- (7)  $\operatorname{span}^{\mathbb{R}}\{\phi(b), \mathbf{J}\phi(b)\} + \mathbf{R}_2\phi(\mathcal{K}_i(\mathcal{M}_\kappa, b)) = \phi(\mathcal{K}_{i+1}(\mathcal{M}_\kappa, b));$
- (8) There is a positive integer m such that

$$\dim(\mathcal{K}_i(\mathcal{M}_{\kappa}, b)) = \begin{cases} i, & 1 \le i \le m, \\ m, & i \ge m+1, \end{cases}$$

$$\dim(\phi(\mathcal{K}_i(\mathcal{M}_{\kappa}, b))) = \begin{cases} 2i, & 1 \le i \le m, \\ 2m, & i \ge m+1, \end{cases}$$

where "dim" denotes dimension.

We remark that  $\mathbf{R}_2\phi(\mathcal{K}_i(\mathcal{M}_\kappa, b))$  is a linear subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^{2n}$  and  $\mathcal{M}_\kappa(\mathcal{K}_i(\mathcal{M}_\kappa, b))$ is an  $\mathbb{R}$ -linear subspace of  $\mathbb{C}^n$ . We can generate the Arnoldi basis of  $\mathcal{K}_i(\mathcal{M}_\kappa, b)$  by the Arnoldi process [16, 21].

Let  $z_0$  be the initial guess and  $r_0 = b - \mathcal{M}_{\kappa} z_0$  the corresponding residual. The *i*th iterate,  $z_i$ , determined by RL-GMRES satisfies

$$\|b - \mathcal{M}_{\kappa} z_i\| = \min_{w \in z_0 + \mathcal{K}_i(\mathcal{M}_{\kappa}, r_0)} \|b - \mathcal{M}_{\kappa} w\|, \qquad z_i \in z_0 + \mathcal{K}_i(\mathcal{M}_{\kappa}, r_0).$$

Let  $\widetilde{I}_i$  denote the  $i \times i$  identity matrix augmented with the row of zeros as the last row and  $e_1$  the first column of the identity matrix with appropriate dimension. Let  $H_{i+1,i}$  be the upper Hessenberg matrix generated in the Arnoldi process (see step 2 of Algorithm 1 below). The *i*th iterate  $z_i$  satisfies

$$\|b - \mathcal{M}_{\kappa} z_i\| = \min_{s \in \mathbb{C}^i} \left\| \|r_0\| e_1 - \kappa \widetilde{I}_i s - H_{i+1,i} \overline{s} \right\|.$$

The minimal problem

$$\min_{s \in \mathbb{C}^i} \left\| \|r_0\| e_1 - \kappa \widetilde{I}_i s - \widetilde{H}_{i+1,i} \overline{s} \right\|$$

can be solved by employing the  $\mathbb{R}$ -linear QR decomposition [6]. The work and storage of RL-GMRES (as a function of the number of iterations) are comparable to those of GMRES. We give the details of RL-GMRES in Algorithm 1.

### Algorithm 1: $\mathbb{R}$ -linear GMRES

1. Compute  $r_0 = b - \mathcal{M}_{\kappa} z_0$ ,  $z_0$  is the initial guess 2. Generate the Arnoldi basis and the matrix  $H_{i+1,i}$ :  $v_1 = r_0/||r_0||$ ; for j = 1, 2, ..., do  $w = M \bar{v}_j$ for i = 1 to j do  $h_{ij} = v_i^* w$   $w = w - h_{ij} v_i$ end for  $h_{j+1,j} = ||w||$   $v_{j+1} = w/h_{j+1,j}$ Solve the minimal problem  $\min_{s \in \mathbb{C}^i} \left\| ||r_0|| e_1 - \kappa \tilde{I}_i s - H_{i+1,i} \bar{s} \right\|$  for sSet  $z_i = z_0 + V_i s$  and  $r_i = b - \mathcal{M}_{\kappa} z_i$ Exit if satisfied end for

For notational simplicity, in the sequel, we choose the initial guess to be  $z_0 = 0$ . In step 2 of Algorithm 1, application of *i* steps of the Arnoldi process with starting vector *b* yields the Arnoldi decomposition

$$\mathcal{M}_{\kappa}V_{i} = V_{i+1}(\kappa \widetilde{I}_{i} + H_{i+1,i}), \qquad (3.1)$$

where  $V_i = [v_1, v_2, \ldots, v_i]$  and  $V_i^* V_i = I$ . The columns of  $V_i$  form an orthonormal basis of the Krylov subspace  $\mathcal{K}_i(\mathcal{M}_{\kappa}, b)$ ; see [6, Theorem 3.1].

We say that the Arnoldi process (3.1) breaks down at step m if  $h_{m+1,m} = 0$ . Similar to that of GMRES, the exact solution is determined by RL-GMRES when breakdown occurs. However, the proof is not trivial because in general  $\mathcal{M}_{\kappa}(\mathcal{K}_i(\mathcal{M}_{\kappa}, b))$  is not a  $\mathbb{C}$ -linear subspace of  $\mathbb{C}^n$ . When  $h_{m+1,m} = 0$ ,

$$\mathcal{M}_{\kappa}V_m = V_m(\kappa I + H_m),$$

where  $H_m$  is the leading  $m \times m$  submatrix of  $H_{m+1,m}$ . We have

$$\dim(\mathcal{K}_{m+1}(\mathcal{M}_{\kappa}, b)) = \dim(\mathcal{K}_m(\mathcal{M}_{\kappa}, b)) = m,$$

and

$$\dim(\phi(\mathcal{K}_{m+1}(\mathcal{M}_{\kappa}, b))) = \dim(\phi(\mathcal{K}_m(\mathcal{M}_{\kappa}, b))) = 2m.$$
(3.2)

If  $\mathbf{R}_2$  is nonsingular, then it follows from dim $(\mathbf{R}_2\phi(\mathcal{K}_m(\mathcal{M}_\kappa, b))) = 2m, (3.2)$  and (7) of Lemma 3.1 that

span<sup>$$\mathbb{R}$$</sup>{ $\phi(b), \mathbf{J}\phi(b)$ }  $\subseteq \mathbf{R}_2\phi(\mathcal{K}_m(\mathcal{M}_\kappa, b)).$ 

Therefore,

$$\operatorname{span}\{b\} \subseteq \mathcal{M}_{\kappa}(\mathcal{K}_m(\mathcal{M}_{\kappa}, b)).$$
(3.3)

It follows from (3.3) that

$$\|r_m\| = \|b - \mathcal{M}_{\kappa} z_m\| = 0.$$

This is referred to as a *benign* breakdown.

In the sequel,  $\mathbb{P}_i$  denotes the set of all complex polynomials of degree at most i, and  $\mathbb{P}_i^{\mathbb{R}}$  denotes the subset of  $\mathbb{P}_i$  of polynomials with real coefficients. The RL-GMRES process chooses the coefficients of  $p_{i-1} \in \mathbb{P}_{i-1}$  to minimize the norm of the residual  $r_i = b - \mathcal{M}_{\kappa}(p_{i-1}(\mathcal{M}_{\kappa})b)$ . The proof of the following proposition is obvious.

PROPOSITION 3.2. Let **J** and  $\mathbf{R}_2$  be the matrices in (2.6) and (2.8), and  $r_i$  be the ith residual of RL-GMRES applied to (1.1). Then

$$\|r_i\| = \min_{w \in \mathcal{K}_i(\mathcal{M}_\kappa, b)} \|b - \mathcal{M}_\kappa w\| = \min_{\phi(w) \in \phi(\mathcal{K}_i(\mathcal{M}_\kappa, b))} \|\phi(b) - \mathbf{R}_2 \phi(w)\|$$
(3.4)

$$= \min_{p_1, p_2 \in \mathbb{P}_{i-1}^{\mathbb{R}}} \|\phi(b) - \mathbf{R}_2 p_1(\mathbf{R}_2)\phi(b) - \mathbf{R}_2 \mathbf{J} p_2(\mathbf{R}_2)\phi(b)\|.$$
(3.5)

Let  $r_i^{\mathbb{R}}$  be the *i*th residual of GMRES applied to (2.2), we have

$$\|r_i^{\mathbb{R}}\| = \min_{u \in \mathcal{K}_i^{\mathbb{R}}(\mathbf{R}_2, \phi(b))} \|\phi(b) - \mathbf{R}_2 u\|.$$
(3.6)

By (3.4) and (3.6), RL-GMRES can be viewed as an augmented GMRES method. At step *i*, the subspace  $\mathbf{J}\mathcal{K}_{i}^{\mathbb{R}}(\mathbf{R}_{2},\phi(b))$  is added. It follows from  $\mathcal{K}_{i}^{\mathbb{R}}(\mathbf{R}_{2},\phi(b)) \subseteq \phi(\mathcal{K}_{i}(\mathcal{M}_{\kappa},b))$  that

$$\|r_i\| \le \|r_i^{\mathbb{R}}\|. \tag{3.7}$$

This inequality implies that RL-GMRES applied to (1.1) is better than GMRES applied to (2.2). See also Proposition 3.6 of [6]. A sufficient condition for GMRES applied to (2.2) having the same performance as RL-GMRES applied to (1.1) is given in Proposition 3.3. The proof of this proposition is obvious.

PROPOSITION 3.3. If  $\mathcal{K}_{i+1}^{\mathbb{R}}(\mathbf{R}_2,\phi(b))\perp\mathbf{R}_2\mathbf{J}\mathcal{K}_i^{\mathbb{R}}(\mathbf{R}_2,\phi(b))$  then  $||r_i|| = ||r_i^{\mathbb{R}}||$ .

Similar to the GMRES approximation problem [20, p.269], we can define the RL-GMRES approximation problem

Find 
$$p_{i-1} \in \mathbb{P}_{i-1}$$
 such that  $||b - \mathcal{M}_{\kappa}(p_{i-1}(\mathcal{M}_{\kappa})b)|| = \text{minimum}.$  (3.8)

Theorem 3.4.

- (1) RL-GMRES is scale-invariant, i.e., if  $\mathcal{M}_{\kappa}$  is changed to  $\omega \mathcal{M}_{\kappa}$  for  $\omega \neq 0 \in \mathbb{C}$ , and b is changed to  $\omega b$ , the residuals  $\{r_i\}$  change to  $\{\omega r_i\}$ .
- (2) RL-GMRES is invariant under unitary similarity transformations, i.e., if  $\mathcal{M}_{\kappa}$  is changed to  $U\mathcal{M}_{\kappa}U^*$  for some unitary matrix U, and b is changed to Ub, the residuals  $\{r_i\}$  change to  $\{Ur_i\}$ .

*Proof.* By (1) of Lemma 3.1, for any  $p_{i-1} \in \mathbb{P}_{i-1}$ , there exist  $\tilde{p}_{i-1}, \hat{p}_{i-1}, q_{i-1} \in \mathbb{P}_{i-1}$  such that  $p_{i-1}(\omega \mathcal{M}_{\kappa})(\omega b) = \tilde{p}_{i-1}(\omega \mathcal{M}_{\tau})(\omega b) = \hat{p}_{i-1}(\mathcal{M}_{\tau})b = q_{i-1}(\mathcal{M}_{\kappa})b$ . Then (1) is readily proved from (3.8). The proof of (2) is easy.  $\Box$ 

In view of Theorem 3.4 (1) and Proposition 3.2, if one matrix of the set

$$\{\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}_2 + \tilde{\alpha}\mathbf{I} + \tilde{\beta}\mathbf{J} : \tilde{\alpha}, \tilde{\beta} \in \mathbb{R}, \tilde{\alpha}^2 + \tilde{\beta}^2 = |\kappa|^2\}$$

has desirable properties for GMRES convergence rate, then RL-GMRES applied to (1.1) has speedy convergence rate (see Example 2 of section 4). Here  $\tilde{\alpha} + i\tilde{\beta} = e^{i\vartheta}(\alpha + i\beta), \ \vartheta \in [0, 2\pi), \ \widetilde{\mathbf{M}}_2 = \Theta \mathbf{M}_2, \ \mathrm{and} \ \Theta = \cos \vartheta \mathbf{I} + \sin \vartheta \mathbf{J}.$ 

Let  $\mathcal{N} = P + Q\tau$ , where  $P, Q \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ . We have

$$\mathcal{M}_{\kappa}\mathcal{N} = (\kappa I + M\tau)(P + Q\tau) = (\kappa P + M\overline{Q}) + (\kappa Q + M\overline{P})\tau.$$

To use RL-GMRES, the preconditioned  $\mathbb{R}$ -linear operator  $\mathcal{M}_{\kappa}\mathcal{N}$  should preserve the form  $\omega I + N\tau$ , i.e.,  $\kappa P + M\overline{Q} = \omega I$ . On the other hand, if  $\kappa Q + M\overline{P} = 0$  then the preconditioned  $\mathbb{R}$ -linear operator  $\mathcal{M}_{\kappa}\mathcal{N} = \kappa P + M\overline{Q}$ . Simplest options for choosing P are diagonal matrices. Choosing  $P = \bar{\kappa}I$  and Q = -M, we have the linear system (1.2) with  $z = (\bar{\kappa}I - M\tau)w$ .

To compare RL-GMRES applied to (1.1) with GMRES applied to (1.2), we need the following lemma which describes the shift-invariance property [19] of Krylov subspaces.

LEMMA 3.5. For any  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ ,  $\rho \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,

$$\mathcal{K}_i^{\mathbb{R}}(A + \rho I, x) = \mathcal{K}_i^{\mathbb{R}}(A, x),$$

*i.e.*, any  $u = p_{i-1}(A + \rho I)x$  with  $p_{i-1} \in \mathbb{P}_{i-1}^{\mathbb{R}}$  can be expressed as  $u = \tilde{p}_{i-1}(A)x$ , where  $\tilde{p}_{i-1}(\zeta) = p_{i-1}(\zeta + \rho).$ 

In the following proposition, the residual norms of RL-GMRES applied to (1.1)and GMRES applied to (1.2) are expressed by the equivalent real formulations.

PROPOSITION 3.6. Let  $\mathbf{M}_2$ ,  $\mathbf{I}$  be the matrices in (2.5)-(2.6),  $\kappa = |\kappa|e^{i\theta}$ ,  $\Theta =$  $\cos\theta \mathbf{I} - \sin\theta \mathbf{J}, \ \mathbf{M} = \Theta \mathbf{M}_2 \ and \ b_{\theta} = e^{-i\theta}b.$ (1) Let  $r_i^{G}$  be the *i*th residual of GMRES applied to (1.2). Then,

$$\|r_{i}^{\mathbf{G}}\| = \min_{p_{1}, p_{2} \in \mathbb{P}_{i-1}^{\mathbb{R}}} \|\phi(b_{\theta}) - (\mathbf{M}^{2} - |\kappa|^{2}\mathbf{I})p_{1}(\mathbf{M}^{2})\phi(b_{\theta}) - (\mathbf{M}^{2} - |\kappa|^{2}\mathbf{I})p_{2}(\mathbf{M}^{2})\phi(\mathbf{i}b_{\theta})\|.$$

(2) Let  $r_i$  be the *i*th residual of RL-GMRES applied to (1.1). Then,

$$\|r_i\| = \min_{p_1, p_2 \in \mathbb{P}_{i-1}^{\mathbb{R}}} \|\phi(b_\theta) - (\mathbf{M} + |\kappa|\mathbf{I})p_1(\mathbf{M})\phi(b_\theta) - (\mathbf{M} + |\kappa|\mathbf{I})p_2(\mathbf{M})\phi(\mathbf{i}b_\theta)\|$$

*Proof.* (1) Let  $C = |\kappa|^2 I - M\overline{M}$ , **S** be the matrix in (2.10) and  $\mathbf{C} = \begin{bmatrix} \overline{C} & 0\\ 0 & C \end{bmatrix}$ . τı

$$\begin{split} \|r_{i}^{\mathrm{G}}\| &= \min_{p_{i-1} \in \mathbb{P}_{i-1}} \|b - Cp_{i-1}(C)b\| = \min_{p_{i-1} \in \mathbb{P}_{i-1}} \|b_{\theta} - Cp_{i-1}(C)b_{\theta}\| \\ &= \min_{p_{1}, p_{2} \in \mathbb{P}_{i-1}^{\mathbb{R}}} \|b_{\theta} - Cp_{1}(C)b_{\theta} - \mathrm{i}Cp_{2}(C)b_{\theta}\| \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \min_{p_{1}, p_{2} \in \mathbb{P}_{i-1}^{\mathbb{R}}} \left\| \left[ \frac{\overline{b_{\theta}} - \overline{C}p_{1}(\overline{C})\overline{b_{\theta}} + \mathrm{i}\overline{C}p_{2}(\overline{C})\overline{b_{\theta}}}{b_{\theta} - Cp_{1}(C)b_{\theta} - \mathrm{i}Cp_{2}(C)b_{\theta}} \right] \right\| \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \min_{p_{1}, p_{2} \in \mathbb{P}_{i-1}^{\mathbb{R}}} \left\| \left[ \frac{\overline{b_{\theta}} - \overline{C}p_{1}(\overline{C})\overline{b_{\theta}} + \mathrm{i}\overline{C}p_{2}(\overline{C})\overline{b_{\theta}}}{-\mathrm{i}b_{\theta} - Cp_{1}(C)(-\mathrm{i}b_{\theta}) - \mathrm{i}Cp_{2}(C)(-\mathrm{i}b_{\theta})} \right] \right\| \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \min_{p_{1}, p_{2} \in \mathbb{P}_{i-1}^{\mathbb{R}}} \left\| \left[ \frac{\overline{b_{\theta}}}{-\mathrm{i}b_{\theta}} \right] - \left[ \frac{\overline{C}p_{1}(\overline{C})\overline{b_{\theta}}}{Cp_{1}(C)(-\mathrm{i}b_{\theta})} \right] + \left[ \frac{\overline{C}p_{2}(\overline{C})\mathrm{i}\overline{b_{\theta}}}{Cp_{2}(C)(-b_{\theta})} \right] \right\| \\ &= \min_{p_{1}, p_{2} \in \mathbb{P}_{i-1}^{\mathbb{R}}} \left\| \mathbf{S}\phi(b_{\theta}) - \mathbf{C}p_{1}(\mathbf{C})\mathbf{S}\phi(b_{\theta}) - \mathbf{C}p_{2}(\mathbf{C})\mathbf{S}\phi(\mathrm{i}b_{\theta}) \right\| \\ &= \min_{p_{1}, p_{2} \in \mathbb{P}_{i-1}^{\mathbb{R}}} \left\| \phi(b_{\theta}) - (\mathbf{M}^{2} - |\kappa|^{2}\mathbf{I})p_{1}(\mathbf{M}^{2})\phi(b_{\theta}) - (\mathbf{M}^{2} - |\kappa|^{2}\mathbf{I})p_{2}(\mathbf{M}^{2})\phi(\mathrm{i}b_{\theta}) \right\|. \end{split}$$

The last equality holds due to (2.11)-(2.12), Lemma 3.5 and  $\mathbf{M}_2^2 = \mathbf{M}^2$ .

(2) Note that  $\mathbf{M} + |\kappa|\mathbf{I}$  is the coefficient matrix of the R2 formulation of the following  $\mathbb{R}$ -linear system

$$|\kappa|z + e^{-\mathrm{i}\theta}M\bar{z} = e^{-\mathrm{i}\theta}b.$$

Then the result follows from Theorem 3.4 (1), Proposition 3.2, Lemma 3.5,  $\mathbf{JM} = -\mathbf{MJ}$  and  $\mathbf{J}\phi(b_{\theta}) = \phi(\mathbf{i}b_{\theta})$ .  $\Box$ 

For the case of  $\kappa = 0$ , (1.1) and (1.2) reduce to

$$M\bar{z} = b, \tag{3.9}$$

and

$$-M\overline{M}w = b, (3.10)$$

respectively. By Proposition 3.6, we immediately obtain the following corollary.

COROLLARY 3.7. Let  $r_i$  and  $r_i^{G}$  be the *i*th residual of RL-GMRES applied to (3.9) and the *i*th residual of GMRES applied to (3.10), respectively. Then,  $||r_{2i}|| \leq ||r_i^{G}||$ .

Actually, the inequality  $||r_{2i}|| \leq ||r_i^{G}||$  holds for any  $\kappa \in \mathbb{C}$ . To prove this, we need the following lemma.

LEMMA 3.8. Let **M** and **I** be the matrices in Proposition 3.6. Then, for any  $p \in \mathbb{P}_{i-1}^{\mathbb{R}}$ , there exists a polynomial  $\tilde{p} \in \mathbb{P}_{2i-1}^{\mathbb{R}}$  satisfying

$$(\mathbf{M} + |\kappa|\mathbf{I})\tilde{p}(\mathbf{M}) = (\mathbf{M}^2 - |\kappa|^2\mathbf{I})p(\mathbf{M}^2).$$

*Proof.* Note that for any  $p \in \mathbb{P}_{i-1}^{\mathbb{R}}$ , there exists a polynomial  $\tilde{p} \in \mathbb{P}_{2i-1}^{\mathbb{R}}$  such that

$$\tilde{p}(\mathbf{M}) = (\mathbf{M} - |\kappa|\mathbf{I})p(\mathbf{M}^2).$$
(3.11)

Multiplying both sides of (3.11) by  $\mathbf{M} + |\kappa| \mathbf{I}$ , we complete the proof.

THEOREM 3.9. Let  $r_i$  and  $r_i^{G}$  be the *i*th residual of RL-GMRES applied to (1.1) and the *i*th residual of GMRES applied to (1.2), respectively. Then,

$$||r_{2i}|| \leq ||r_i^{\rm G}||.$$

*Proof.* This is a direct result of Proposition 3.6 and Lemma 3.8.

REMARK 3.10. By Theorem 3.9, RL-GMRES applied to (1.1) requires fewer matrix-vector products than GMRES applied to (1.2) (Note that GMRES applied to (1.2) requires two matrix-vector products every iteration, and for z an extra matrixvector product is required). See the numerical experiments in section 4.

REMARK 3.11. We can prove Theorem 3.9 through a different approach by the shift-invariance property of Krylov subspaces and the minimal residual property of RL-GMRES and GMRES; see [5, 15].

4. Numerical experiments. In this section, we report numerical results of two examples. Throughout, the computation is performed in MATLAB 2008a on a laptop with 2.26G CPU and 4GB memory.

**4.1. Example 1.** The matrix M used in this example is a randomly chosen complex tridiagonal matrix of dimension n = 200. The right-hand side b is a randomly chosen complex vector. The matrix M and the right-hand side b are generated by the following MATLAB codes.

```
n = 200 ;
d1 = rand(n,1)+i*rand(n,1);
d2 = rand(n-1,1)+i*rand(n-1,1);
d3 = rand(n-1,1)+i*rand(n-1,1);
M = diag(d1)+diag(d2,-1)+diag(d3,1);
b = rand(n,1)+i*rand(n,1);
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FIG. 4.1. Example 1. Convergence history for GMRES applied to (3.10) and RL-GMRES applied to (3.9).

We compare RL-GMRES applied to (3.9) with GMRES applied to (3.10). The initial guess is set to be the zero vector and the iteration stops if the number of matrix-vector products is 150. Note that GMRES applied to (3.10) requires two matrix-vector products every iteration and RL-GMRES requires only one. We have tested this example many times and Figure 4.1 shows the typical convergence history of these methods. The curve of RL-GMRES applied to (3.9) is below the curve of GMRES applied to (3.10), which illustrates Corollary 3.7.

**4.2. Example 2.** In this example, we consider an  $\mathbb{R}$ -linear system arising from the inverse problem of reconstructing an unknown electric conductivity [1, 11]. More precisely, we need to solve the  $\mathbb{R}$ -linear integral equation

$$u + (\bar{\nu}_1 \mathcal{I}_1 + \bar{\nu}_2 \mathcal{I}_2)\bar{u} = \bar{\nu}_3, \tag{4.1}$$

defined in the rectangle  $\Omega = [-1, 1)^2$ . The integral operators  $\mathcal{I}_1$  and  $\mathcal{I}_2$  are defined as follows, for  $f \in C_0^{\infty}(\mathbb{C})$ ,

$$\mathcal{I}_1 f(\xi) = -\frac{1}{\pi} \lim_{\varepsilon \to 0} \int_{|\zeta - \xi| > \varepsilon} \frac{f(\zeta)}{(\zeta - \xi)^2} \mathrm{d}\zeta_1 \mathrm{d}\zeta_2, \quad \mathcal{I}_2 f(\xi) = -\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{\mathbb{C}} \frac{f(\zeta)}{\zeta - \xi} \mathrm{d}\zeta_1 \mathrm{d}\zeta_2,$$

where  $\zeta = \zeta_1 + i\zeta_2$ . We remark that  $\mathcal{I}_1$  (Beurling transform) is a singular integral operator and  $\mathcal{I}_2$  (Cauchy transform) is a weakly singular integral operator.

The numerical discretization of (4.1) on uniform  $n \times n$  grids results in  $\mathbb{R}$ -linear systems of the form

$$z + (D_1 T_1 + D_2 T_2)\bar{z} = b, (4.2)$$

where  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  are diagonal matrices, and  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  are block-Toeplitz-Toeplitzblock (BTTB) matrices. More precisely,  $T_1$  is complex symmetric and has the structure

$$T_{1} = -\frac{1}{\pi} \begin{bmatrix} M_{1} & M_{2} & \cdots & M_{n-1} & M_{n} \\ M_{2}^{T} & M_{1} & M_{2} & \cdots & M_{n-1} \\ \vdots & M_{2}^{T} & M_{1} & \ddots & \vdots \\ M_{n-1}^{T} & \cdots & \ddots & \ddots & M_{2} \\ M_{n}^{T} & M_{n-1}^{T} & \cdots & M_{2}^{T} & M_{1} \end{bmatrix},$$

where  $M_k = (m_{ij}^k), i, j, k = 1, ..., n$  are Toeplitz matrices with

$$m_{ij}^{k} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{(j-i+(k-1)i)^{2}}, & k \neq 1 \text{ or } i \neq j, \\ 0, & k=1 \text{ and } i=j \end{cases}$$

The matrix  $T_2$  is complex skew-symmetric and has the structure

$$T_{2} = -\frac{h}{\pi} \begin{bmatrix} N_{1} & N_{2} & \cdots & N_{n-1} & N_{n} \\ -N_{2}^{T} & N_{1} & N_{2} & \cdots & N_{n-1} \\ \vdots & -N_{2}^{T} & N_{1} & \ddots & \vdots \\ -N_{n-1}^{T} & \cdots & \ddots & \ddots & N_{2} \\ -N_{n}^{T} & -N_{n-1}^{T} & \cdots & -N_{2}^{T} & N_{1} \end{bmatrix},$$

where h = 2/n,  $N_k = (n_{ij}^k)$ , i, j, k = 1, ..., n are Toeplitz matrices with

$$n_{ij}^{k} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{j - i + (k - 1)i}, & k \neq 1 \text{ or } i \neq j, \\ 0, & k = 1 \text{ and } i = j. \end{cases}$$

Let  $\nu_1(\zeta) = -\exp(-i(k\zeta + \bar{k}\bar{\zeta}))\frac{1-\varphi(\zeta)}{1+\varphi(\zeta)}, \ \nu_2(\zeta) = -i\bar{k}\nu_1(\zeta), \ \nu_3(\zeta) = -\nu_2(\zeta),$ 

where  $k \in \mathbb{C}$  is a parameter, and the piecewise continuous conductivity  $\varphi(\zeta)$  in the unit square is

$$\varphi(\zeta) = \begin{cases} 3, & |\zeta + 0.3i| < 0.3, \\ 0.3, & |\zeta + 0.4 - 0.3i| < 0.3 \text{ or } |\zeta - 0.4 - 0.3i| < 0.3, \\ 1, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

We have  $M = D_1T = D_1(T_1 + ikT_2)$ . The multiplication by M consists of a multiplication by the BTTB matrix T followed by a diagonal matrix  $D_1$ , which can be obtained in  $\mathcal{O}(n^2 \log n)$  operations by FFT. We compare the performance of RL-GMRES applied to (1.1) with GMRES applied to (1.2). The initial guess is set to be the zero vector and the iteration stops if  $||b - z_i - M\bar{z}_i||/||b|| \leq 10^{-12}$  (RL-GMRES) or  $||b - |\kappa|^2 w_i + M\overline{M}w_i||/||b|| \leq 10^{-12}$  (GMRES).

We plot in Figure 4.2 the eigenvalues of the matrices  $I - M\overline{M}$  and  $\mathbf{R}_2$  arising from the numerical discretization on a  $64 \times 64$  grid. The spectral radius of  $M\overline{M}$ ,  $\rho(M\overline{M}) \approx 0.3509 < 1$ . It is obvious that  $\sigma(I - M\overline{M})$  is located in the right-half plane. By Theorem 2.3,  $\sigma(\mathbf{R}_2)$  is located in the right-half plane. See Figure 4.2. Table 4.1 shows the numbers of matrix-vector products of RL-GMRES applied to (1.1) and GMRES applied to (1.2) for numerical discretizations of (4.1) on uniform  $N \times N$  grids. We observe that both RL-GMRES and GMRES converge fast and RL-GMRES is slightly faster than GMRES in terms of matrix-vector products.

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FIG. 4.2. Example 2. Eigenvalues of  $I - M\overline{M}$  (left) and  $\mathbf{R}_2$  (right)

#### TABLE 4.1

Example 2. Number of matrix-vector products of RL-GMRES applied to (1.1) and GMRES applied to (1.2) for numerical discretizations of (4.1) on uniform  $n \times n$  grids.

| Method   | $64 \times 64$ | $128 \times 128$ | $256 \times 256$ | $512 \times 512$ |
|----------|----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| RL-GMRES | 26             | 24               | 24               | 23               |
| GMRES    | 27             | 27               | 25               | 25               |

5. Conclusions. We have analyzed  $\mathbb{R}$ -linear GMRES for (1.1) through the equivalent real formulation (2.2). We have proved that RL-GMRES applied to the  $\mathbb{R}$ -linear system (1.1) is faster than GMRES applied to the related  $\mathbb{C}$ -linear system (1.2) in terms of matrix-vector products. For many challenging  $\mathbb{R}$ -linear systems such that  $||M|| \gg |\kappa|$  (see [1]), efficient preconditioning techniques are being considered.

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