

# Some computational results for $\mathbf{P}_1 - P_1$ and $\mathbf{P}_2 - P_1$ Trace FEM for the surface Stokes problem

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# 1 Preliminaries

**1.1 Bilinear forms and matrices.** We set  $n_{\mathbf{A}}$  to be the number of velocity d.o.f. and  $n_{\mathbf{S}}$  to be the number of pressure d.o.f. Vector stiffness, divergence, pressure mass, normal stabilization, and full stabilization matrices resulting from Trace FEM discretization of the surface Stokes problem [2] are defined via

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle \mathbf{A} \vec{\mathbf{u}}, \vec{\mathbf{v}} \rangle &\approx \int_{\Gamma} \left( 2 E_{s,\Gamma}(\mathbf{u}) : E_{s,\Gamma}(\mathbf{v}) + \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} + \tau (\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{n}_{\Gamma}) (\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n}_{\Gamma}) \right) ds \\
 &\quad + \rho_u \int_{\Omega_h^{\Gamma}} \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial \mathbf{n}_{\Gamma}} \cdot \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial \mathbf{n}_{\Gamma}} dx, \quad \mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_{\mathbf{A}} \times n_{\mathbf{A}}}, \\
 \langle \mathbf{B} \vec{\mathbf{u}}, \vec{\mathbf{q}} \rangle &\approx \int_{\Gamma} \nabla_{\Gamma} q \cdot \mathbf{u} ds, \quad \mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_{\mathbf{S}} \times n_{\mathbf{A}}}, \\
 \langle \mathbf{M}_0 \vec{\mathbf{p}}, \vec{\mathbf{q}} \rangle &\approx \int_{\Gamma} p q ds, \quad \mathbf{M}_0 \in \mathbb{R}^{n_{\mathbf{S}} \times n_{\mathbf{S}}}, \\
 \langle \mathbf{C}_n \vec{\mathbf{p}}, \vec{\mathbf{q}} \rangle &\approx \rho_p \int_{\Omega_h^{\Gamma}} \frac{\partial p}{\partial \mathbf{n}_{\Gamma}} \frac{\partial q}{\partial \mathbf{n}_{\Gamma}} dx, \quad \mathbf{C}_n \in \mathbb{R}^{n_{\mathbf{S}} \times n_{\mathbf{S}}}, \\
 \langle \mathbf{C}_{\text{full}} \vec{\mathbf{p}}, \vec{\mathbf{q}} \rangle &\approx \rho_p \int_{\Omega_h^{\Gamma}} \nabla p \cdot \nabla q dx, \quad \mathbf{C}_{\text{full}} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_{\mathbf{S}} \times n_{\mathbf{S}}},
 \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

respectively. We use notations as in [2], in particular,  $\Omega_h^{\Gamma}$  is the domain consisting of tetrahedra cut by the surface  $\Gamma := \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^3 : \phi(\mathbf{x}) = 0\}$ . Here  $\vec{\mathbf{u}}$  denotes a vector of d.o.f. corresponding to a FE interpolant  $\mathbf{u}$  (analogously for  $\vec{\mathbf{p}}$  and  $p$ ). See (5) and (6) for the computational details. Mesh-dependent parameters  $\tau$ ,  $\rho_u$ , and  $\rho_p$  are chosen to be proportional to some power of  $h :=$  the typical mesh size for tetrahedra from  $\Omega_h^{\Gamma}$ .  $\Gamma$  is chosen either as the unit sphere or torus,  $\Gamma = \Gamma_{\text{sph}}$  or  $\Gamma = \Gamma_{\text{tor}}$  (see Figure 1). The background domain is chosen as a cube  $\Omega := (-5/3, 5/3)^3$ .

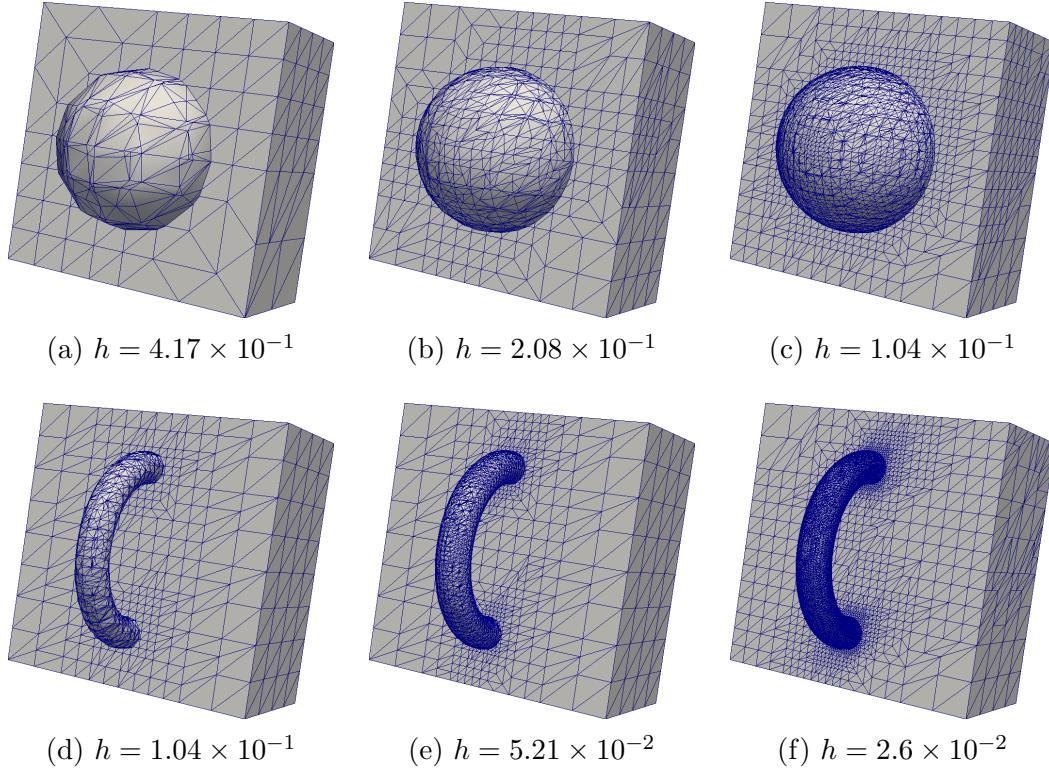


Figure 1: Cutaway of the bulk mesh and  $\Gamma_h$  for  $\ell = 1, 2, 3$  for  $\Gamma_{\text{sph}}$  (top) and  $\Gamma_{\text{tor}}$  (bottom)

To build the initial triangulation, we divide  $\Omega$  into  $2^3$  cubes and further tessellate each cube into 6 tetrahedra. Then the mesh is gradually refined towards the surface, and  $\ell \in \mathbb{N}$  denotes the level of refinement, with the mesh size  $h_\ell = \frac{5}{3} 2^{-\ell}$ ; see Figure 1 for the illustration of the bulk meshes and the induced mesh on the embedded surface for three consecutive refinement levels.

**1.2 Quadratures for bilinear forms.** We denote by  $P_h^n \subset \bar{P}_h^n$  spaces of continuous and discontinuous nodal  $P_n$  interpolants defined on  $\Omega_h^\Gamma$ , respectively. For a function  $f$ ,  $I_h^n(f) \in P_h^n$  is the corresponding interpolant; we will use the notation  $f_h^n$  to emphasize that  $f_h^n \in P_h^n$  and  $f_h^n$  approximates  $f$  in some sense, but  $I_h^n(f) \neq f_h^n$ .

We set

$$\Gamma_h^n := \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^3 : (I_h^n(\phi))(\mathbf{x}) = 0\}, \quad (2)$$

$$\mathbf{n}_{\Gamma_h^n} = \frac{\nabla I_h^n(\phi)}{\|\nabla I_h^n(\phi)\|} \notin \bar{P}_h^m \text{ for any } m \text{ if } n > 1. \quad (3)$$

Note that  $\Gamma_h^n$  is a continuous piecewise  $P_n$  surface in  $\Omega_h^\Gamma$ , and  $\Gamma_h^n \neq I_h^n(\Gamma)$ . The unit normal  $\mathbf{n}_{\Gamma_h^n}$  is not a rational function; it is continuous in  $T \in \Omega_h^\Gamma$  and discontinuous on faces. We also define

$$\Gamma_{h/m}^{2 \rightarrow 1} := \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^3 : (I_{h/m}^1(I_h^2(\phi)))(\mathbf{x}) = 0\}. \quad (4)$$

Note that  $I_{h/2}^1(I_h^2(\phi)) = I_{h/2}^1(\phi)$  (since in order to build both  $I_{h/2}^1$  and  $I_h^2$  the same values of  $\phi$  are used), and  $I_{h/m}^1(I_h^2(\phi)) \neq I_{h/m}^1(\phi)$  for  $m > 2$ . Thus we have  $\Gamma_{h/2}^{2 \rightarrow 1} = \Gamma_{h/2}^1$ , and  $\Gamma_{h/m}^{2 \rightarrow 1} \neq \Gamma_{h/m}^1$  for  $m > 2$ . We refer to Figures 2 and 3.

We implemented two options for the matrix assembly (1). The first one is

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \mathbf{A} \vec{\mathbf{u}}, \vec{\mathbf{v}} \rangle &= \int_{\Gamma_{h/m}^{2 \rightarrow 1}}^5 (2 E_{s, \Gamma_h^2}(\mathbf{u}) : E_{s, \Gamma_h^2}(\mathbf{v}) + \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} + \tau (\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{n}_{\Gamma_h^2})(\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n}_{\Gamma_h^2})) \, ds \\ &\quad + \rho_u \int_{\Omega_h^\Gamma} \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial \mathbf{n}_{\Gamma_h^2}} \cdot \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial \mathbf{n}_{\Gamma_h^2}} \, d\mathbf{x}, \quad \mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_A \times n_A}, \\ \langle \mathbf{B} \vec{\mathbf{u}}, \vec{\mathbf{q}} \rangle &= \int_{\Gamma_{h/m}^{2 \rightarrow 1}}^5 \nabla_{\Gamma_h^2} q \cdot \mathbf{u} \, ds, \quad \mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_S \times n_A}, \\ \langle \mathbf{M}_0 \vec{\mathbf{p}}, \vec{\mathbf{q}} \rangle &= \int_{\Gamma_{h/m}^{2 \rightarrow 1}}^5 p q \, ds, \quad \mathbf{M}_0 \in \mathbb{R}^{n_S \times n_S}, \\ \langle \mathbf{C}_n \vec{\mathbf{p}}, \vec{\mathbf{q}} \rangle &= \rho_p \int_{\Omega_h^\Gamma} \frac{\partial p}{\partial \mathbf{n}_{\Gamma_h^2}} \frac{\partial q}{\partial \mathbf{n}_{\Gamma_h^2}} \, d\mathbf{x}, \quad \mathbf{C}_n \in \mathbb{R}^{n_S \times n_S}, \\ \langle \mathbf{C}_{\text{full}} \vec{\mathbf{p}}, \vec{\mathbf{q}} \rangle &= \rho_p \int_{\Omega_h^\Gamma} \nabla p \cdot \nabla q \, d\mathbf{x}, \quad \mathbf{C}_{\text{full}} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_S \times n_S}. \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

- $\int_{\Gamma_{h/m}^{2 \rightarrow 1}}^5 \cdot \, ds$  denotes a composite quadrature rule that is exact for  $\bar{P}_h^5(\Gamma_{h/m}^{2 \rightarrow 1})$ , i.e. this quadrature is exact for piecewise polynomials up to degree 5 on each triangular patch  $\gamma \in \Gamma_{h/m}^{2 \rightarrow 1}$ ,
- $\int_{\Omega_h^\Gamma}^5 \cdot \, d\mathbf{x}$  denotes a composite quadrature rule that is exact for  $\bar{P}_h^5(\Omega_h^\Gamma)$ , i.e. this quadrature is exact for piecewise polynomials up to degree 5 on each tetrahedron  $T \in \Omega_h^\Gamma$ ,
- $E_{s, \Gamma_h^2}$  and  $\nabla_{\Gamma_h^2}$  are defined as their continuous analogues with  $\mathbf{n}_\Gamma$  in  $\mathbf{P}_\Gamma$  replaced with  $\mathbf{n}_{\Gamma_h^2}$ .

The second option is

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle \mathbf{A} \vec{\mathbf{u}}, \vec{\mathbf{v}} \rangle &= \int_{\Gamma_{h/m}^{2 \rightarrow 1}}^5 \left( 2 E_{s, \Gamma_{h/m}^{2 \rightarrow 1}}(\mathbf{u}) : E_{s, \Gamma_{h/m}^{2 \rightarrow 1}}(\mathbf{v}) + \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} + \tau (\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{n}_{\Gamma_h^2}) (\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n}_{\Gamma_h^2}) \right) ds \\
&\quad + \rho_u \int_{\Omega_h^\Gamma} \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial \mathbf{n}_{\Gamma_h^2}} \cdot \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial \mathbf{n}_{\Gamma_h^2}} d\mathbf{x}, \quad \mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_A \times n_A}, \\
\langle \mathbf{B} \vec{\mathbf{u}}, \vec{\mathbf{q}} \rangle &= \int_{\Gamma_{h/m}^{2 \rightarrow 1}}^5 \nabla_{\Gamma_{h/m}^{2 \rightarrow 1}} q \cdot \mathbf{u} ds, \quad \mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_S \times n_A}, \\
\langle \mathbf{M}_0 \vec{\mathbf{p}}, \vec{\mathbf{q}} \rangle &= \int_{\Gamma_{h/m}^{2 \rightarrow 1}}^5 p q ds, \quad \mathbf{M}_0 \in \mathbb{R}^{n_S \times n_S}, \\
\langle \mathbf{C}_n \vec{\mathbf{p}}, \vec{\mathbf{q}} \rangle &= \rho_p \int_{\Omega_h^\Gamma} \frac{\partial p}{\partial \mathbf{n}_{\Gamma_h^2}} \frac{\partial q}{\partial \mathbf{n}_{\Gamma_h^2}} d\mathbf{x}, \quad \mathbf{C}_n \in \mathbb{R}^{n_S \times n_S}, \\
\langle \mathbf{C}_{\text{full}} \vec{\mathbf{p}}, \vec{\mathbf{q}} \rangle &= \rho_p \int_{\Omega_h^\Gamma} \nabla p \cdot \nabla q d\mathbf{x}, \quad \mathbf{C}_{\text{full}} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_S \times n_S}.
\end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

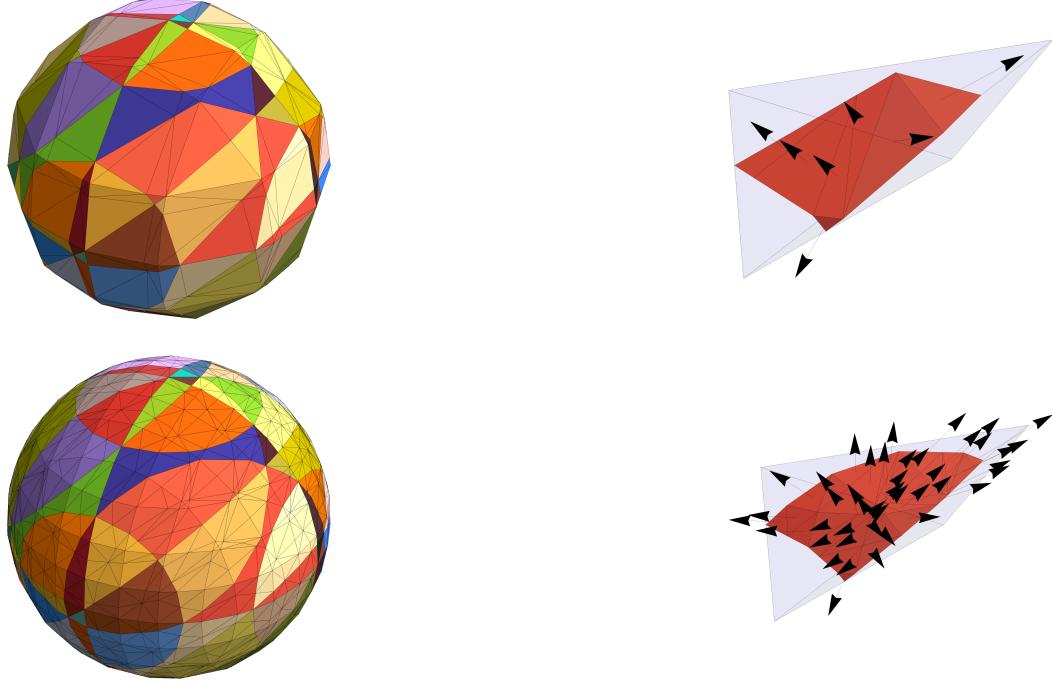


Figure 2:  $\Gamma = \Gamma_{\text{sph}}$ ,  $\phi(\mathbf{x}) = \|\mathbf{x}\|^2 - 1$ ,  $h = 8.33 \times 10^{-1}$ . Top-left: triangular patches  $\gamma \in \Gamma_{h/2}^{2 \rightarrow 1} = \Gamma_{h/2}^1$  (different color corresponds to a different tetrahedron  $T \in \Omega_h^\Gamma$ ). Top-right: a patch  $\gamma$  and its normals. Bottom-left and bottom-right: same for  $\Gamma_{h/4}^{2 \rightarrow 1} = \Gamma_{h/4}^1$ . **Note that since  $\phi \in P^2$ , we have that  $\Gamma_{h/m}^{2 \rightarrow 1} = \Gamma_{h/m}^1 \rightarrow \Gamma$  as  $m \rightarrow \infty$  even for fixed  $h$**

For both formulations (5) and (6) the loading vectors for moments and continuity equations are approxi-

mated as

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{f}_i &= \int_{\Gamma_{h/m}^{2 \rightarrow 1}}^5 \mathbf{f} \cdot \boldsymbol{\phi}_i \, ds, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n_{\mathbf{A}}, \\ \mathbf{g}_i &= - \int_{\Gamma_{h/m}^{2 \rightarrow 1}}^5 g \phi_i \, ds, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n_{\mathbf{S}},\end{aligned}\tag{7}$$

respectively. Here  $\boldsymbol{\phi}_i$  and  $\phi_i$  are vector and scalar Lagrange basis functions defined on  $\Omega_h^\Gamma$ .



Figure 3:  $\Gamma = \Gamma_{\text{sph}}$ ,  $\phi(\mathbf{x}) = \|\mathbf{x}\|^{1/2} - 1$ ,  $h = 8.33 \times 10^{-1}$ . Left: triangular patches  $\gamma \in \Gamma_{h/2}^1$  (different color corresponds to a different tetrahedron  $T \in \Omega_h^\Gamma$ ). Right: same for  $\Gamma_{h/4}^{2 \rightarrow 1} \neq \Gamma_{h/4}^1$ . **Note that since  $\phi \notin \bar{P}_h^2$ , we have that  $\Gamma_{h/m}^{2 \rightarrow 1} \neq \Gamma_{h/m}^1$  for  $m > 2$ , and  $\Gamma_{h/m}^{2 \rightarrow 1} \rightarrow \Gamma_h^2 \neq \Gamma$  as  $m \rightarrow \infty$  for fixed  $h$**

As in [1], we refer to (1) as **inconsistent formulation**. We also consider the same formulation as in (1) but with the first term  $\mathbf{A}_s$  in the definition of  $\mathbf{A}$  changed as

$$\langle \mathbf{A}_s \vec{\mathbf{u}}, \vec{\mathbf{v}} \rangle \approx \int_{\Gamma} 2(E_{s,\Gamma}(\mathbf{u}) - (\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{n}_{\Gamma}) \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma}) : (E_{s,\Gamma}(\mathbf{v}) - (\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n}_{\Gamma}) \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma}) \, ds, \tag{8}$$

where the shape operator is defined as  $\mathbf{H}_{\Gamma} := \nabla_{\Gamma} \mathbf{n}_{\Gamma} := \mathbf{P}_{\Gamma} \nabla \mathbf{n}_{\Gamma}^e \mathbf{P}_{\Gamma}$ ,  $\mathbf{H}_{\Gamma} : \mathcal{O}(\Gamma) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ . We refer to (8) as **consistent formulation**.

Similarly to (5) and (6), we consider two discretizations of (8):

$$\langle \mathbf{A}_s \vec{\mathbf{u}}, \vec{\mathbf{v}} \rangle = \int_{\Gamma_{h/m}^{2 \rightarrow 1}}^5 2(E_{s,\Gamma_h^2}(\mathbf{u}) - (\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{n}_{\Gamma_h^2}) \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_h^2}) : (E_{s,\Gamma_h^2}(\mathbf{v}) - (\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n}_{\Gamma_h^2}) \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_h^2}) \, ds \tag{9}$$

and

$$\langle \mathbf{A}_s \vec{\mathbf{u}}, \vec{\mathbf{v}} \rangle = \int_{\Gamma_{h/m}^{2 \rightarrow 1}}^5 2(E_{s,\Gamma_{h/m}^{2 \rightarrow 1}}(\mathbf{u}) - (\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{n}_{\Gamma_{h/m}^{2 \rightarrow 1}}) \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_{h/m}^{2 \rightarrow 1}}) : (E_{s,\Gamma_{h/m}^{2 \rightarrow 1}}(\mathbf{v}) - (\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n}_{\Gamma_{h/m}^{2 \rightarrow 1}}) \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_{h/m}^{2 \rightarrow 1}}) \, ds. \tag{10}$$

Note that  $\mathbf{n}_{\Gamma} = \nabla \phi / \|\nabla \phi\|$  is defined in  $\mathcal{O}(\Gamma)$ , so  $\nabla \mathbf{n}_{\Gamma}$  makes sense and

$$\nabla \mathbf{n}_{\Gamma} = \left( \mathbf{I} - \frac{\nabla \phi \nabla \phi^T}{\|\nabla \phi\|^2} \right) \frac{\nabla^2 \phi}{\|\nabla \phi\|} = \mathbf{P}_{\Gamma} \frac{\nabla^2 \phi}{\|\nabla \phi\|}.$$

If  $\mathbf{n}_{\Gamma} = \mathbf{n}_{\Gamma}^e$ , one gets

$$\mathbf{H}_{\Gamma} = \mathbf{P}_{\Gamma} \frac{\nabla^2 \phi}{\|\nabla \phi\|} \mathbf{P}_{\Gamma}. \tag{11}$$

Thus we define  $\mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_h^2}$  to be as in (11) but with  $\phi$  replaced with  $I_h^2(\phi)$ , i.e.

$$\mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_h^2} := \mathbf{P}_{\Gamma_h^2} \frac{\nabla^2 I_h^2(\phi)}{\|\nabla I_h^2(\phi)\|} \mathbf{P}_{\Gamma_h^2}. \quad (12)$$

Indeed, computation of  $\mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_h^2}$  requires Hessians of shape functions.

Depending on the choice of  $\phi$ , we may or may not have  $\mathbf{n}_\Gamma = \mathbf{n}_\Gamma^e$ . Note that the choice  $\phi = d$  is sufficient for this, but not necessary. Consider this choices of  $\phi$  for  $\Gamma_{\text{sph}}$ :

1.  $\phi_1(\mathbf{x}) = \|\mathbf{x}\| - 1 = d(\mathbf{x})$ ,  $\nabla\phi_1/\|\nabla\phi_1\| = \mathbf{n}_\Gamma^e$ ,
2.  $\phi_2(\mathbf{x}) = \|\mathbf{x}\|^2 - 1 \in P^2$ ,  $\nabla\phi_2/\|\nabla\phi_2\| = \nabla\phi_1/\|\nabla\phi_1\| = \mathbf{n}_\Gamma^e$ ,
3.  $\phi_3(\mathbf{x}) = e^{\phi_2(\mathbf{x})} x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 1$ ,  $\nabla\phi_3/\|\nabla\phi_3\| \neq \mathbf{n}_\Gamma^e$ , i.e.  $\nabla\phi_3/\|\nabla\phi_3\| = \mathbf{n}_\Gamma$  only on  $\Gamma_{\text{sph}}$ .

As for the case 2: note that if  $\phi$  is piecewise quadratic in  $\Omega_h^\Gamma$  and defines a normal that is equal to its extension, then  $\mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_h^2} = \mathbf{H}_\Gamma$ , i.e. the approximation is **exact**.

For the approach (6), there is also an option to approximate  $\mathbf{H}$  as  $\mathbf{P}_{\Gamma_{h/m}^{2 \rightarrow 1}} \frac{\nabla^2 I_h^2(\phi)}{\|\nabla I_h^2(\phi)\|} \mathbf{P}_{\Gamma_{h/m}^{2 \rightarrow 1}}$  since we build  $\mathbf{P}_{\Gamma_{h/m}^{2 \rightarrow 1}}$  anyway. We chose to use (12) for both (5) and (6).

**1.3 Error computation.** Note that  $\mathbb{H}^1(\Gamma)$ -error (for e.g.  $\mathbf{P}_2 - P_1$  FE) can be cheaply approximated as  $\langle \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{A}_s \mathbf{w} \rangle^{1/2}$ ,  $\mathbf{w}$  := vector of d.o.f. corresponding to  $\mathbf{P}_h^2$  interpolant  $I_h^2(\mathbf{u}^e) - \mathbf{u}_h$ ,  $\mathbf{A}_s$  := matrix corresponding to the first term of  $\mathbf{A}$  in (6). Thus the errors are approximated as

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_h\|_{\mathbb{H}^1(\Gamma)} &= \|I_h^k(\mathbf{u}^e) - \mathbf{u}_h\|_{\mathbb{H}^1(\Gamma_{h/m}^{2 \rightarrow 1})} + O(h^k), \\ \|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_h\|_{\mathbb{L}^2(\Gamma)} &= \|I_h^k(\mathbf{u}^e) - \mathbf{u}_h\|_{\mathbb{L}^2(\Gamma_{h/m}^{2 \rightarrow 1})} + O(h^{k+1}), \\ \|p - p_h\|_{\mathbb{L}^2(\Gamma)} &= \|I_h^1(p^e) - p_h\|_{\mathbb{L}^2(\Gamma_{h/m}^{2 \rightarrow 1})} + O(h^2) \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

for  $m > 1$ . Here  $k = 1$  for  $\mathbf{P}_1 - P_1$  FEM and  $k = 2$  for  $\mathbf{P}_2 - P_1$ . For consistent penalty approach matrix  $\mathbf{A}_s$  is computed as in (9) or (10).

## 2 Convergence results

**2.1 Manufactured solution.** We solve model problem from [2, p. 20],  $\Gamma = \Gamma_{\text{sph}}$ <sup>1</sup>. We set

$$\tilde{\mathbf{u}}(x, y, z) := (-z^2, y, x)^T, \quad \tilde{p}(x, y, z) := xy^2 + z, \quad \phi(\mathbf{x}) := \|\mathbf{x}\|^2 - 1. \quad (14)$$

The exact solution on the unit sphere is chosen as

$$\mathbf{u} := \mathbf{P}_\Gamma \tilde{\mathbf{u}}^e, \quad p := \tilde{p}^e. \quad (15)$$

Thus we have  $\int_\Gamma p \, d\mathbf{x} = 0$ ,  $p \equiv p^e$ ,  $\mathbf{u} \equiv \mathbf{u}^e$  in  $\mathcal{O}(\Gamma)$ , and  $\mathbf{u}$  is a tangential field. Note that for our choice of  $\phi$  in (14) we have

$$\mathbf{n}_{\Gamma_h^2} = \mathbf{n}_\Gamma^e \text{ in } \mathcal{O}(\Gamma), \quad \Gamma_{h/m}^{2 \rightarrow 1} = \Gamma_{h/m}^1, \quad \mathbf{n}_{\Gamma_{h/m}^{2 \rightarrow 1}} = \mathbf{n}_{\Gamma_{h/m}^1} \text{ on } \Gamma, \quad (16)$$

and

$$\mathbf{n}_{\Gamma_{h/m}^1} \rightarrow \mathbf{n}_\Gamma, \quad \Gamma_{h/m}^1 \rightarrow \Gamma \quad (17)$$

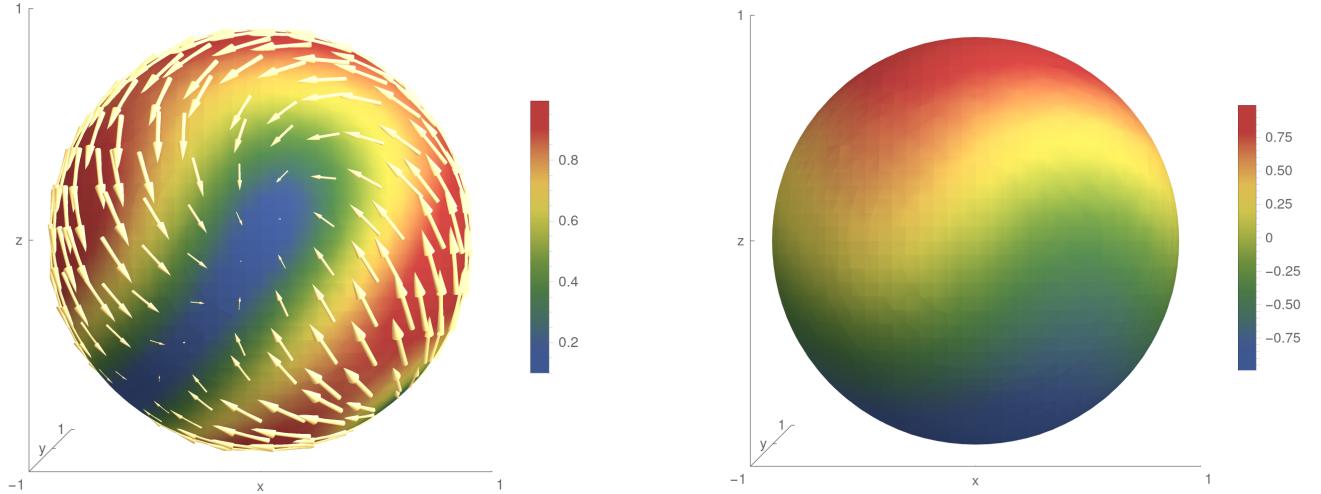


Figure 4: Exact velocity solution (Left) and pressure solution (Right) as in (15)

as one increases  $m$  **even for fixed  $h$** .

We have

$$\mathbf{n}_{\Gamma_{\text{sph}}}(\mathbf{x}) = \|\mathbf{x}\|^{-1} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{n}_{\Gamma_{\text{sph}}}^e(\mathbf{x}), \quad (18)$$

$$\mathbf{P}_{\Gamma_{\text{sph}}}(\mathbf{x}) = \|\mathbf{x}\|^{-2} \begin{pmatrix} y^2 + z^2 & -xy & -xz \\ -xy & x^2 + z^2 & -yz \\ -xz & -yz & x^2 + y^2 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{P}_{\Gamma_{\text{sph}}}^e(\mathbf{x}), \quad (19)$$

$$\mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_{\text{sph}}}(\mathbf{x}) = \|\mathbf{x}\|^{-3} \begin{pmatrix} y^2 + z^2 & -xy & -xz \\ -xy & x^2 + z^2 & -yz \\ -xz & -yz & x^2 + y^2 \end{pmatrix} \neq \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_{\text{sph}}}^e(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{P}_{\Gamma_{\text{sph}}}(\mathbf{x}). \quad (20)$$

We consider two choices for virtual refinement:  $m \propto h^{-1/2}$  and  $m \propto h^{-1}$ . The first choice assures  $h^3$ -accurate approximation of  $\Gamma$  and  $h^{3/2}$  accurate approximation of the normal vector, whereas the second choice assures  $h^4$ - and  $h^2$ -approximations. We refer to Figure 5.

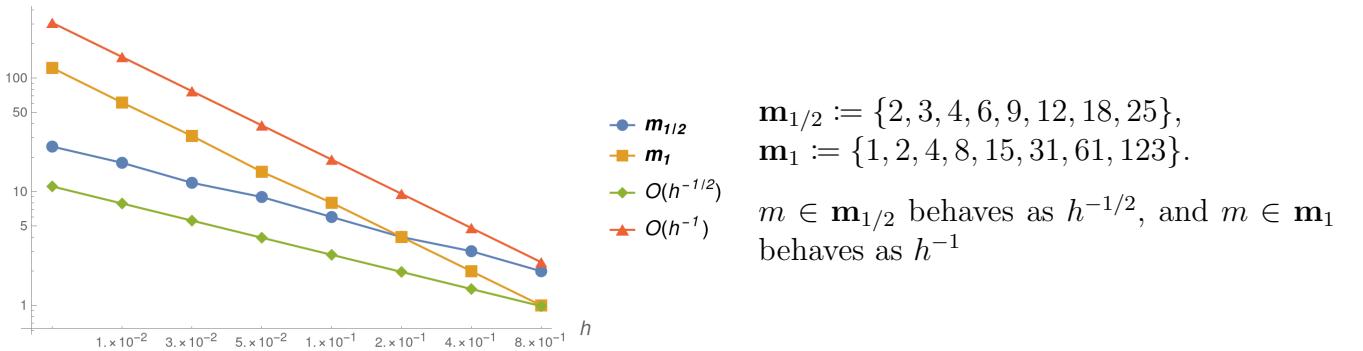


Figure 5: Virtual refinement parameter  $m$  for  $\Gamma_{h/m}^{2 \rightarrow 1}$

<sup>1</sup>In [2] they use  $\mathbf{u} := \mathbf{P} \tilde{\mathbf{u}}$ , i.e.  $\mathbf{u} \neq \mathbf{u}^e$ . I prefer  $\mathbf{u} \equiv \mathbf{u}^e$  as in [1].

Table 1: Errors for normals and shape operator,  $\Gamma = \Gamma_{\text{sph}}$ . Please see (16) and (17)

$m \in \mathbf{m}_{1/2}$ as in Figure 5					
$h$	$\ \mathbf{n}_\Gamma^e - \mathbf{n}_{\Gamma_h^2}\ _{\mathbb{L}^2(\Gamma_{h/m}^1)}$	$\ \mathbf{n}_\Gamma^e - \mathbf{n}_{\Gamma_{h/m}^1}\ _{\mathbb{L}^2(\Gamma_{h/m}^1)}$	Order	$\ \mathbf{H}_\Gamma^e - \mathbf{H}_{\Gamma_h^2}\ _{\mathbb{L}^2(\Gamma_{h/m}^1)}$	Order
$8.3 \times 10^{-1}$	$8.1 \times 10^{-16}$	$6.4 \times 10^{-1}$		$2.3 \times 10^{-1}$	
$4.2 \times 10^{-1}$	$1.1 \times 10^{-15}$	$2. \times 10^{-1}$	1.7	$2.5 \times 10^{-2}$	3.2
$2.1 \times 10^{-1}$	$2.3 \times 10^{-15}$	$7.6 \times 10^{-2}$	1.4	$3.5 \times 10^{-3}$	2.8
$1. \times 10^{-1}$	$5.2 \times 10^{-15}$	$2.5 \times 10^{-2}$	1.6	$3.9 \times 10^{-4}$	3.2
$5.2 \times 10^{-2}$	$9.3 \times 10^{-15}$	$8.4 \times 10^{-3}$	1.6	$4.3 \times 10^{-5}$	3.2
$2.6 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.9 \times 10^{-14}$	$3.1 \times 10^{-3}$	1.4	$6.1 \times 10^{-6}$	2.8
$1.3 \times 10^{-2}$	$3.6 \times 10^{-14}$	$1. \times 10^{-3}$	1.6	$6.8 \times 10^{-7}$	3.2

**2.2  $P_2 - P_1$  Trace FEM.** Next we compare inconsistent and consistent Trace FEM penalty formulations.

**2.2.1 Inconsistent penalty formulation.** We use the normal stabilization matrix  $\mathbf{C}_n$ . We stick to the approach (5), so with (16) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle \mathbf{A} \vec{\mathbf{u}}, \vec{\mathbf{v}} \rangle &= \int_{\Gamma_{h/2}^1} \left( 2 E_{s,\Gamma}(\mathbf{u}) : E_{s,\Gamma}(\mathbf{v}) + \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} + \tau (\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{n}_\Gamma) (\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n}_\Gamma) \right) ds \\
 &\quad + \rho_u \int_{\Omega_h^\Gamma} \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial \mathbf{n}_\Gamma} \cdot \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial \mathbf{n}_\Gamma} d\mathbf{x}, \quad \mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_A \times n_A}, \\
 \langle \mathbf{B} \vec{\mathbf{u}}, \vec{\mathbf{q}} \rangle &= \int_{\Gamma_{h/2}^1} \nabla_\Gamma q \cdot \mathbf{u} ds, \quad \mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_S \times n_A}, \\
 \langle \mathbf{M}_0 \vec{\mathbf{p}}, \vec{\mathbf{q}} \rangle &= \int_{\Gamma_{h/2}^1} p q ds, \quad \mathbf{M}_0 \in \mathbb{R}^{n_S \times n_S}, \\
 \langle \mathbf{C}_n \vec{\mathbf{p}}, \vec{\mathbf{q}} \rangle &= \rho_p \int_{\Omega_h^\Gamma} \frac{\partial p}{\partial \mathbf{n}_\Gamma} \frac{\partial q}{\partial \mathbf{n}_\Gamma} d\mathbf{x}, \quad \mathbf{C}_n \in \mathbb{R}^{n_S \times n_S}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{21}$$

Table 2: Convergence results.  $\tau = h^{-2}$ ,  $\rho_u = h$ ,  $\rho_p = h$ . Matrices are assembled as in (21)

$m \in \mathbf{m}_{1/2}$ as in Figure 5						
$h$	$\ \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_h\ _{\mathbb{H}^1}$	Order	$\ \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_h\ _{\mathbb{L}^2}$	Order	$\ p - p_h\ _{\mathbb{L}^2}$	Order
$8.3 \times 10^{-1}$	3.		1.8		2.1	
$4.2 \times 10^{-1}$	1.8	$7.4 \times 10^{-1}$	$9.1 \times 10^{-1}$	$9.7 \times 10^{-1}$	1.7	$2.7 \times 10^{-1}$
$2.1 \times 10^{-1}$	$7. \times 10^{-1}$	1.4	$3.4 \times 10^{-1}$	1.4	$6.9 \times 10^{-1}$	1.3
$1. \times 10^{-1}$	$2. \times 10^{-1}$	1.8	$9.9 \times 10^{-2}$	1.8	$2. \times 10^{-1}$	1.8
$5.2 \times 10^{-2}$	$5.2 \times 10^{-2}$	1.9	$2.6 \times 10^{-2}$	1.9	$5.2 \times 10^{-2}$	1.9
$2.6 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.3 \times 10^{-2}$	2.	$6.5 \times 10^{-3}$	2.	$1.3 \times 10^{-2}$	2.
$1.3 \times 10^{-2}$	$3.3 \times 10^{-3}$	2.	$1.6 \times 10^{-3}$	2.	$3.3 \times 10^{-3}$	2.

$h$	$\ \mathbf{u}_h \cdot \mathbf{n}\ _{\mathbb{L}^2}$	Order	Outer iterations	Residual norm
$8.33 \times 10^{-1}$	1.8		24	$6.2 \times 10^{-9}$
$4.17 \times 10^{-1}$	$9.2 \times 10^{-1}$	$9.4 \times 10^{-1}$	31	$5.4 \times 10^{-9}$
$2.08 \times 10^{-1}$	$3.5 \times 10^{-1}$	1.4	30	$9.8 \times 10^{-9}$
$1.04 \times 10^{-1}$	$9.9 \times 10^{-2}$	1.8	27	$7.8 \times 10^{-9}$
$5.21 \times 10^{-2}$	$2.6 \times 10^{-2}$	1.9	26	$8.3 \times 10^{-9}$
$2.6 \times 10^{-2}$	$6.5 \times 10^{-3}$	2.	26	$9.6 \times 10^{-9}$
$1.3 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.6 \times 10^{-3}$	2.	35	$7. \times 10^{-9}$

For statistics: using 64 CPUs, computation of the meshlevel 3 ( $h = 2.08 \times 10^{-1}$ ) takes  $\sim 1$  minute, meshlevel 4 takes  $\sim 7$  minutes, meshlevel 5 takes  $\sim 50$  minutes, meshlevel 6 takes 4.8 hours, and meshlevel 7 takes  $\sim 21.3$  hours.

**2.2.2 Consistent penalty formulation.** We consider the same formulation as in (21), but with the first term  $\mathbf{A}_s$  in the definition of  $\mathbf{A}$  changed according to (9). Thus with (16) we have

$$\langle \mathbf{A}_s \vec{\mathbf{u}}, \vec{\mathbf{v}} \rangle = \int_{\Gamma_{h/m}^1}^5 2(E_{s,\Gamma}(\mathbf{u}) - (\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{n}_\Gamma) \mathbf{H}_\Gamma) : (E_{s,\Gamma}(\mathbf{v}) - (\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n}_\Gamma) \mathbf{H}_\Gamma) ds. \quad (22)$$

Table 3: Convergence results.  $\tau = h^{-2}$ ,  $\rho_u = h^{-1}$ ,  $\rho_p = h$ ,  $\mathbf{C}_\star = \mathbf{C}_{\text{full}}$ . Matrices are assembled as in (21)–(22)

$m \in \mathbf{m}_{1/2}$ as in Figure 5						
$h$	$\ \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_h\ _{\mathbb{H}^1}$	Order	$\ \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_h\ _{\mathbb{L}^2}$	Order	$\ p - p_h\ _{\mathbb{L}^2}$	Order
$8.3 \times 10^{-1}$	1.6		$7.8 \times 10^{-1}$		1.3	
$4.2 \times 10^{-1}$	$6.9 \times 10^{-1}$	1.2	$3.9 \times 10^{-1}$	1.	$8.1 \times 10^{-1}$	$6.3 \times 10^{-1}$
$2.1 \times 10^{-1}$	$2.4 \times 10^{-1}$	1.5	$1.3 \times 10^{-1}$	1.6	$3.1 \times 10^{-1}$	1.4
$1. \times 10^{-1}$	$8.1 \times 10^{-2}$	1.6	$3.6 \times 10^{-2}$	1.8	$1.1 \times 10^{-1}$	1.5
$5.2 \times 10^{-2}$	$2.4 \times 10^{-2}$	1.8	$9.5 \times 10^{-3}$	1.9	$3.2 \times 10^{-2}$	1.7
$2.6 \times 10^{-2}$	$6.5 \times 10^{-3}$	1.9	$2.4 \times 10^{-3}$	2.	$8.8 \times 10^{-3}$	1.9
$1.3 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.8 \times 10^{-3}$	1.8	$6.1 \times 10^{-4}$	2.	$2.5 \times 10^{-3}$	1.8

$h$	$\ \mathbf{u}_h \cdot \mathbf{n}\ _{\mathbb{L}^2}$	Order	Outer iterations	Residual norm
$8.33 \times 10^{-1}$	$3.5 \times 10^{-1}$		15	$1.3 \times 10^{-9}$
$4.17 \times 10^{-1}$	$5.4 \times 10^{-2}$	2.7	21	$3.5 \times 10^{-9}$
$2.08 \times 10^{-1}$	$4.9 \times 10^{-3}$	3.4	27	$5.5 \times 10^{-9}$
$1.04 \times 10^{-1}$	$5. \times 10^{-4}$	3.3	29	$5.8 \times 10^{-9}$
$5.21 \times 10^{-2}$	$4.9 \times 10^{-5}$	3.4	29	$5.1 \times 10^{-9}$
$2.6 \times 10^{-2}$	$5. \times 10^{-6}$	3.3	28	$8.4 \times 10^{-9}$
$1.3 \times 10^{-2}$	$5.9 \times 10^{-7}$	3.1	34	$9.1 \times 10^{-9}$

Table 4: Convergence results.  $\tau = h^{-2}$ ,  $\rho_u = h^{-1}$ ,  $\rho_p = h$ ,  $\mathbf{C}_\star = \mathbf{C}_n$ . Matrices are assembled as in (21)–(22)

$m \in \mathbf{m}_{1/2}$ as in Figure 5						
$h$	$\ \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_h\ _{\mathbb{H}^1}$	Order	$\ \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_h\ _{\mathbb{L}^2}$	Order	$\ p - p_h\ _{\mathbb{L}^2}$	Order
$8.3 \times 10^{-1}$	1.2		$4.8 \times 10^{-1}$		$4.2 \times 10^{-1}$	
$4.2 \times 10^{-1}$	$3.7 \times 10^{-1}$	1.8	$6.1 \times 10^{-2}$	3.	$1.1 \times 10^{-1}$	2.
$2.1 \times 10^{-1}$	$9.2 \times 10^{-2}$	2.	$5.8 \times 10^{-3}$	3.4	$2.5 \times 10^{-2}$	2.1
$1. \times 10^{-1}$	$2.2 \times 10^{-2}$	2.1	$5.6 \times 10^{-4}$	3.4	$6.3 \times 10^{-3}$	2.
$5.2 \times 10^{-2}$	$5.4 \times 10^{-3}$	2.	$5.2 \times 10^{-5}$	3.4	$1.7 \times 10^{-3}$	1.8
$2.6 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.4 \times 10^{-3}$	2.	$5.4 \times 10^{-6}$	3.3	$5.3 \times 10^{-4}$	1.7
$1.3 \times 10^{-2}$	$3.5 \times 10^{-4}$	2.	$6.9 \times 10^{-7}$	3.	$1.8 \times 10^{-4}$	1.6

$h$	$\ \mathbf{u}_h \cdot \mathbf{n}\ _{\mathbb{L}^2}$	Order	Outer iterations	Residual norm
$8.33 \times 10^{-1}$	$3.4 \times 10^{-1}$		26	$7.3 \times 10^{-9}$
$4.17 \times 10^{-1}$	$5.3 \times 10^{-2}$	2.7	33	$4.8 \times 10^{-9}$
$2.08 \times 10^{-1}$	$4.9 \times 10^{-3}$	3.4	31	$6. \times 10^{-9}$
$1.04 \times 10^{-1}$	$5. \times 10^{-4}$	3.3	27	$8.3 \times 10^{-9}$
$5.21 \times 10^{-2}$	$4.9 \times 10^{-5}$	3.4	26	$8.6 \times 10^{-9}$
$2.6 \times 10^{-2}$	$5. \times 10^{-6}$	3.3	26	$7.5 \times 10^{-9}$
$1.3 \times 10^{-2}$	$5.9 \times 10^{-7}$	3.1	34	$8. \times 10^{-9}$

$m \in \mathbf{m}_1$ as in Figure 5						
$h$	$\ \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_h\ _{\mathbb{H}^1}$	Order	$\ \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_h\ _{\mathbb{L}^2}$	Order	$\ p - p_h\ _{\mathbb{L}^2}$	Order
$8.3 \times 10^{-1}$	2.2		$6.4 \times 10^{-1}$		$7.4 \times 10^{-1}$	
$4.2 \times 10^{-1}$	$3.8 \times 10^{-1}$	2.5	$6.1 \times 10^{-2}$	3.4	$1.2 \times 10^{-1}$	2.6
$2.1 \times 10^{-1}$	$9.2 \times 10^{-2}$	2.1	$5.8 \times 10^{-3}$	3.4	$2.5 \times 10^{-2}$	2.2
$1. \times 10^{-1}$	$2.2 \times 10^{-2}$	2.1	$5.6 \times 10^{-4}$	3.4	$6.1 \times 10^{-3}$	2.1
$5.2 \times 10^{-2}$	$5.3 \times 10^{-3}$	2.	$5.2 \times 10^{-5}$	3.4	$1.6 \times 10^{-3}$	1.9
$2.6 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.3 \times 10^{-3}$	2.	$5.2 \times 10^{-6}$	3.3	$4.1 \times 10^{-4}$	2.
$1.3 \times 10^{-2}$	$3.4 \times 10^{-4}$	2.	$6. \times 10^{-7}$	3.1	$1. \times 10^{-4}$	2.

$h$	$\ \mathbf{u}_h \cdot \mathbf{n}\ _{\mathbb{L}^2}$	Order	Outer iterations	Residual norm
$8.33 \times 10^{-1}$	$4.5 \times 10^{-1}$		26	$2.6 \times 10^{-9}$
$4.17 \times 10^{-1}$	$5.3 \times 10^{-2}$	3.1	33	$5.1 \times 10^{-9}$
$2.08 \times 10^{-1}$	$4.9 \times 10^{-3}$	3.4	31	$6. \times 10^{-9}$
$1.04 \times 10^{-1}$	$5. \times 10^{-4}$	3.3	27	$7.3 \times 10^{-9}$
$5.21 \times 10^{-2}$	$4.9 \times 10^{-5}$	3.4	25	$6.4 \times 10^{-9}$
$2.6 \times 10^{-2}$	$5. \times 10^{-6}$	3.3	26	$4.3 \times 10^{-9}$
$1.3 \times 10^{-2}$	$5.8 \times 10^{-7}$	3.1	34	$7.8 \times 10^{-9}$

For statistics: using 80 CPUs, computation of the meshlevel 7 ( $h = 1.3 \times 10^{-2}$ ) takes  $\sim 27$  hours with  $m = 18$  (computation also involves errors for normals and the shape operator).

Table 6: Convergence results.  $\tau = h^{-2}$ ,  $\rho_u = h^{-1}$ ,  $\rho_p = 1$ ,  $\mathbf{C}_\star = \mathbf{C}_n$ . Matrices are assembled as in (21)–(22)

$m \in \mathbf{m}_{1/2}$ as in Figure 5						
$h$	$\ \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_h\ _{\mathbb{H}^1}$	Order	$\ \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_h\ _{\mathbb{L}^2}$	Order	$\ p - p_h\ _{\mathbb{L}^2}$	Order
$8.3 \times 10^{-1}$	1.3		$5. \times 10^{-1}$		$4.9 \times 10^{-1}$	
$4.2 \times 10^{-1}$	$3.8 \times 10^{-1}$	1.7	$6.7 \times 10^{-2}$	2.9	$1.5 \times 10^{-1}$	1.7
$2.1 \times 10^{-1}$	$1. \times 10^{-1}$	1.9	$8.6 \times 10^{-3}$	3.	$5. \times 10^{-2}$	1.5
$1. \times 10^{-1}$	$2.4 \times 10^{-2}$	2.1	$1.3 \times 10^{-3}$	2.7	$1.2 \times 10^{-2}$	2.
$5.2 \times 10^{-2}$	$5.6 \times 10^{-3}$	2.1	$1.8 \times 10^{-4}$	2.9	$2.1 \times 10^{-3}$	2.6
$2.6 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.4 \times 10^{-3}$	2.	$2.3 \times 10^{-5}$	3.	$4.1 \times 10^{-4}$	2.4
$1.3 \times 10^{-2}$	$3.4 \times 10^{-4}$	2.	$2.9 \times 10^{-6}$	3.	$1. \times 10^{-4}$	2.

$h$	$\ \mathbf{u}_h \cdot \mathbf{n}\ _{\mathbb{L}^2}$	Order	Outer iterations	Residual norm
$8.33 \times 10^{-1}$	$3.4 \times 10^{-1}$		25	$5.1 \times 10^{-9}$
$4.17 \times 10^{-1}$	$5.3 \times 10^{-2}$	2.7	33	$3.3 \times 10^{-9}$
$2.08 \times 10^{-1}$	$4.9 \times 10^{-3}$	3.4	32	$1. \times 10^{-8}$
$1.04 \times 10^{-1}$	$5. \times 10^{-4}$	3.3	29	$8.3 \times 10^{-9}$
$5.21 \times 10^{-2}$	$4.9 \times 10^{-5}$	3.4	27	$4.7 \times 10^{-9}$
$2.6 \times 10^{-2}$	$5. \times 10^{-6}$	3.3	26	$5.1 \times 10^{-9}$
$1.3 \times 10^{-2}$	$5.9 \times 10^{-7}$	3.1	34	$8.5 \times 10^{-9}$

Table 7: Convergence results.  $\tau = h^{-2}$ ,  $\rho_u = h^{-1}$ ,  $\rho_p = h^{-1}$ ,  $\mathbf{C}_\star = \mathbf{C}_n$ . Matrices are assembled as in (21)–(22)

$m \in \mathbf{m}_{1/2}$ as in Figure 5						
$h$	$\ \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_h\ _{\mathbb{H}^1}$	Order	$\ \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_h\ _{\mathbb{L}^2}$	Order	$\ p - p_h\ _{\mathbb{L}^2}$	Order
$8.3 \times 10^{-1}$	1.3		$5.2 \times 10^{-1}$		$5.6 \times 10^{-1}$	
$4.2 \times 10^{-1}$	$4. \times 10^{-1}$	1.7	$8.7 \times 10^{-2}$	2.6	$2. \times 10^{-1}$	1.5
$2.1 \times 10^{-1}$	$1.3 \times 10^{-1}$	1.6	$2.1 \times 10^{-2}$	2.1	$1.2 \times 10^{-1}$	$7.6 \times 10^{-1}$
$1. \times 10^{-1}$	$5.2 \times 10^{-2}$	1.3	$7.5 \times 10^{-3}$	1.5	$6.4 \times 10^{-2}$	$9.1 \times 10^{-1}$
$5.2 \times 10^{-2}$	$2. \times 10^{-2}$	1.4	$2.6 \times 10^{-3}$	1.5	$2.6 \times 10^{-2}$	1.3
$2.6 \times 10^{-2}$	$6.3 \times 10^{-3}$	1.7	$7.7 \times 10^{-4}$	1.7	$8.5 \times 10^{-3}$	1.6
$1.3 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.8 \times 10^{-3}$	1.8	$2.1 \times 10^{-4}$	1.9	$2.4 \times 10^{-3}$	1.8

$h$	$\ \mathbf{u}_h \cdot \mathbf{n}\ _{\mathbb{L}^2}$	Order	Outer iterations	Residual norm
$8.33 \times 10^{-1}$	$3.4 \times 10^{-1}$		25	$3.1 \times 10^{-9}$
$4.17 \times 10^{-1}$	$5.3 \times 10^{-2}$	2.7	31	$5.5 \times 10^{-9}$
$2.08 \times 10^{-1}$	$4.9 \times 10^{-3}$	3.4	33	$4.4 \times 10^{-9}$
$1.04 \times 10^{-1}$	$5. \times 10^{-4}$	3.3	31	$1. \times 10^{-8}$
$5.21 \times 10^{-2}$	$4.9 \times 10^{-5}$	3.4	31	$3.7 \times 10^{-9}$
$2.6 \times 10^{-2}$	$5. \times 10^{-6}$	3.3	28	$9.8 \times 10^{-9}$
$1.3 \times 10^{-2}$	$5.9 \times 10^{-7}$	3.1	34	$9.6 \times 10^{-9}$

### 3 Inf-sup stability: pressure Schur complement generalized eigenvalues

3.1 Solution description. We define matrices

$$\mathbf{C}_0 := \mathbf{0}, \quad \mathbf{M}_n := \mathbf{M}_0 + \mathbf{C}_n, \quad \mathbf{M}_{\text{full}} := \mathbf{M}_0 + \mathbf{C}_{\text{full}}. \quad (23)$$

We are interested in (generalized) extreme eigenvalues of the pressure Schur complement matrices

$$\mathbf{S}_0 := \mathbf{B} \mathbf{A}^{-1} \mathbf{B}^T, \quad \mathbf{S}_n := \mathbf{S}_0 + \mathbf{C}_n, \quad \mathbf{S}_{\text{full}} := \mathbf{S}_0 + \mathbf{C}_{\text{full}}, \quad (24)$$

i.e. in solving

$$\mathbf{S}_\star \mathbf{x} = \lambda \mathbf{M}_\star \mathbf{x}, \quad (25)$$

where “ $\star$ ” stands for “0,” “ $n$ ,” or “full.” We denote by  $0 = \lambda_1 < \lambda_2 \leq \dots \leq \lambda_{n_s} = O(1)$  the spectrum of (25).

Computing  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$  in (24) becomes troublesome already for  $h = 5.21 \times 10^{-2}$  ( $n_A = 32736$  for  $\mathbf{u} \in \mathbf{P}_1$  FE space): although  $\mathbf{A}$  is sparse,  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$  is dense and consumes 8.5+ GB in double-precision arithmetic. A quick research showed that **Mathematica** has no built-in matrix-free eigenvalue routines. **Intel MKL**’s FEAST algorithm for computing (generalized) eigenvalues in an interval is suitable for matrix-free implementations; however, it requires some expensive operations to be implemented (e.g. matrix-matrix multiplications  $\mathbf{Y} \leftarrow \mathbf{S}_\star \mathbf{X}$ ,  $\mathbf{Y} \leftarrow \mathbf{M}_\star \mathbf{X}$  and approximating the action of inverses in the form  $\mathbf{y} \leftarrow (\sigma \mathbf{M}_\star - \mathbf{S}_\star)^{-1} \mathbf{x}$ ).

Taking this into account, instead of (25) we consider a perturbed<sup>2</sup> problem

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{B}^T \\ \mathbf{B} & -\mathbf{C}_\star \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathcal{A}_\star :=} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} \\ \mathbf{y} \end{bmatrix} = \mu \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \epsilon \mathbf{A} & \\ & \mathbf{M}_\star \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathcal{M}_\star^\epsilon :=} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} \\ \mathbf{y} \end{bmatrix} \quad (26)$$

with  $0 < \epsilon \ll 1$ . For  $\mathcal{A}_0$  and  $\mathcal{M}_0^\epsilon$  we have

$$\mu = -\lambda + o(1) \quad \text{or} \quad \epsilon^{-1} + \lambda + o(1), \quad \epsilon \rightarrow 0. \quad (27)$$

This makes it easy to pick only “correct” eigenvalues. To ease the computation further we replace the  $(1, 1)$ -block of  $\mathcal{M}_\star^\epsilon$  with  $\epsilon \mathbf{I}$ .

To make sure that results are consistent we solve (26) for  $\epsilon = 10^{-5}$  and  $\epsilon = 10^{-6}$ ; for the coarse mesh levels we also check that the dense solver for (25) and the iterative one for (26) give solutions that coincide in finite precision. See Table 8.

Table 8: Eigenvalues differences: dense solver for (25) and the iterative solver for (26). Corresponding eigenvalues are denoted as  $\{\lambda_i\}$  and  $\{\lambda_i^\mu\}$ . Results are shown for consistent  $\mathbf{P}_2 - P_1$ ,  $\tau = h^{-2}$ ,  $\rho_u = h^{-1}$ ,  $\rho_p = h$ ,  $m \in \mathbf{m}_{1/2}$  as in Figure 5

$h$	$\Gamma = \Gamma_{\text{sph}}$					
	$\mathbf{S}_0$		$\mathbf{S}_n$		$\mathbf{S}_{\text{full}}$	
	$ \lambda_2 - \lambda_2^\mu $	$ \lambda_{n_s} - \lambda_{n_s}^\mu $	$ \lambda_2 - \lambda_2^\mu $	$ \lambda_{n_s} - \lambda_{n_s}^\mu $	$ \lambda_2 - \lambda_2^\mu $	$ \lambda_{n_s} - \lambda_{n_s}^\mu $
$8.33 \times 10^{-1}$	$1.22 \times 10^{-7}$	$5.97 \times 10^{-6}$	$4.28 \times 10^{-7}$	$2.09 \times 10^{-7}$	$1.05 \times 10^{-6}$	$1.5 \times 10^{-7}$
$4.17 \times 10^{-1}$	$5.14 \times 10^{-9}$	$1.2 \times 10^{-5}$	$8.74 \times 10^{-7}$	$4.72 \times 10^{-6}$	$9.25 \times 10^{-6}$	$3.06 \times 10^{-6}$
$2.08 \times 10^{-1}$	$1.06 \times 10^{-8}$	$4.15 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.05 \times 10^{-6}$	$4.34 \times 10^{-5}$	$7.1 \times 10^{-6}$	$2.8 \times 10^{-5}$

**3.2 Dependency of the spectrum on the mesh size.** Here we test inconsistent  $\mathbf{P}_1 - P_1$  and consistent  $\mathbf{P}_2 - P_1$  approaches.

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<sup>2</sup>The majority of generalized eigenvalue solvers require left-hand-side matrix to be Hermitian and right-hand-side matrix to be Hermitian **positive definite**; that’s why we need to introduce  $\epsilon > 0$ .

Table 9: Spectrum of (25) for inconsistent  $\mathbf{P}_1 - P_1$ ,  $\tau = h^{-2}$ ,  $\rho_u = h$ ,  $\rho_p = h$ ,  $m \equiv 2$

$\Gamma = \Gamma_{\text{sph}}$								
$h$	$n_{\mathbf{A}}$	$n_{\mathbf{S}}$	$\mathbf{S}_0$		$\mathbf{S}_n$		$\mathbf{S}_{\text{full}}$	
			$\lambda_2$	$\lambda_{n_{\mathbf{S}}}$	$\lambda_2$	$\lambda_{n_{\mathbf{S}}}$	$\lambda_2$	$\lambda_{n_{\mathbf{S}}}$
$8.33 \times 10^{-1}$	153	51	$1.32 \times 10^{-2}$	1.42	$7.48 \times 10^{-1}$	1.13	$9.58 \times 10^{-1}$	1.06
$4.17 \times 10^{-1}$	570	190	$5.12 \times 10^{-3}$	1.04	$5.77 \times 10^{-1}$	1.	$8.54 \times 10^{-1}$	1.
$2.08 \times 10^{-1}$	1992	664	$4.4 \times 10^{-3}$	$7.93 \times 10^{-1}$	$3.87 \times 10^{-1}$	1.	$6.71 \times 10^{-1}$	1.
$1.04 \times 10^{-1}$	8292	2764	$2.01 \times 10^{-3}$	$7.79 \times 10^{-1}$	$2.19 \times 10^{-1}$	1.	$5.82 \times 10^{-1}$	1.
$5.21 \times 10^{-2}$	32736	10912	$6.04 \times 10^{-5}$	$9.81 \times 10^{-1}$	$1.17 \times 10^{-1}$	1.	$5.37 \times 10^{-1}$	1.
$2.6 \times 10^{-2}$	131592	43864	$3.53 \times 10^{-5}$	$8.67 \times 10^{-1}$	$5.72 \times 10^{-2}$	1.	$5.16 \times 10^{-1}$	1.
$1.3 \times 10^{-2}$	525864	175288	$2.16 \times 10^{-6}$	$7.34 \times 10^{-1}$	$2.84 \times 10^{-2}$	1.	$5.04 \times 10^{-1}$	1.

$\Gamma = \Gamma_{\text{tor}}$								
$h$	$n_{\mathbf{A}}$	$n_{\mathbf{S}}$	$\mathbf{S}_0$		$\mathbf{S}_n$		$\mathbf{S}_{\text{full}}$	
			$\lambda_2$	$\lambda_{n_{\mathbf{S}}}$	$\lambda_2$	$\lambda_{n_{\mathbf{S}}}$	$\lambda_2$	$\lambda_{n_{\mathbf{S}}}$
$2.08 \times 10^{-1}$	972	324	$5.04 \times 10^{-2}$	4.93	$2.84 \times 10^{-1}$	1.35	$3.64 \times 10^{-1}$	1.19
$1.04 \times 10^{-1}$	4740	1580	$2.99 \times 10^{-3}$	3.83	$1.58 \times 10^{-1}$	1.02	$3.35 \times 10^{-1}$	1.01
$5.21 \times 10^{-2}$	19704	6568	$1.11 \times 10^{-3}$	5.45	$7.73 \times 10^{-2}$	1.01	$3.25 \times 10^{-1}$	1.
$2.6 \times 10^{-2}$	80808	26936	$1.2 \times 10^{-4}$	5.42	$3.07 \times 10^{-2}$	1.01	$3.21 \times 10^{-1}$	1.
$1.3 \times 10^{-2}$	327036	109012	$1.77 \times 10^{-5}$	5.23	$1.18 \times 10^{-2}$	1.01	$3.16 \times 10^{-1}$	1.

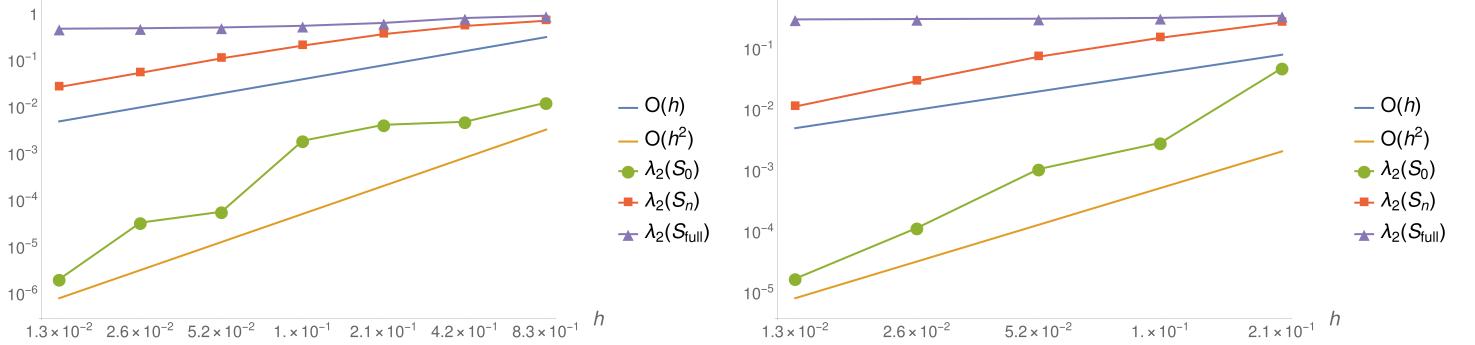


Figure 6: Log-log plot of  $\lambda_2$  for Table 9. Left:  $\Gamma = \Gamma_{\text{sph}}$ , right:  $\Gamma = \Gamma_{\text{tor}}$

Table 10: Spectrum of (25) for consistent  $\mathbf{P}_2 - P_1$ ,  $\tau = h^{-2}$ ,  $\rho_u = h^{-1}$ ,  $\rho_p = h$ ,  $m \in \mathbf{m}_{1/2}$  as in Figure 5

$\Gamma = \Gamma_{\text{sph}}$								
$h$	$n_{\mathbf{A}}$	$n_{\mathbf{S}}$	$\mathbf{S}_0$		$\mathbf{S}_n$		$\mathbf{S}_{\text{full}}$	
			$\lambda_2$	$\lambda_{n_{\mathbf{S}}}$	$\lambda_2$	$\lambda_{n_{\mathbf{S}}}$	$\lambda_2$	$\lambda_{n_{\mathbf{S}}}$
$8.33 \times 10^{-1}$	789	51	$2.33 \times 10^{-1}$	1.07	$6.3 \times 10^{-1}$	1.	$8.81 \times 10^{-1}$	1.
$4.17 \times 10^{-1}$	3276	190	$4.72 \times 10^{-2}$	$6.97 \times 10^{-1}$	$5.29 \times 10^{-1}$	1.	$7.64 \times 10^{-1}$	1.
$2.08 \times 10^{-1}$	11718	664	$7.93 \times 10^{-2}$	$6.7 \times 10^{-1}$	$5.09 \times 10^{-1}$	1.	$6.39 \times 10^{-1}$	1.
$1.04 \times 10^{-1}$	48762	2764	$3.71 \times 10^{-2}$	$6.69 \times 10^{-1}$	$5.03 \times 10^{-1}$	1.	$5.73 \times 10^{-1}$	1.
$5.21 \times 10^{-2}$	193086	10912	$1.81 \times 10^{-3}$	$6.68 \times 10^{-1}$	$4.98 \times 10^{-1}$	1.	$5.36 \times 10^{-1}$	1.
$2.6 \times 10^{-2}$	775998	43864	$6.65 \times 10^{-4}$	$6.65 \times 10^{-1}$	$4.92 \times 10^{-1}$	1.	$5.17 \times 10^{-1}$	1.

$\Gamma = \Gamma_{\text{tor}}$								
$h$	$n_{\mathbf{A}}$	$n_{\mathbf{S}}$	$\mathbf{S}_0$		$\mathbf{S}_n$		$\mathbf{S}_{\text{full}}$	
			$\lambda_2$	$\lambda_{n_{\mathbf{S}}}$	$\lambda_2$	$\lambda_{n_{\mathbf{S}}}$	$\lambda_2$	$\lambda_{n_{\mathbf{S}}}$
$2.08 \times 10^{-1}$	5580	324	$2.15 \times 10^{-1}$	$9.56 \times 10^{-1}$	$3.12 \times 10^{-1}$	1.	$3.4 \times 10^{-1}$	1.
$1.04 \times 10^{-1}$	28116	1580	$1.59 \times 10^{-2}$	$7.6 \times 10^{-1}$	$3.21 \times 10^{-1}$	1.	$3.35 \times 10^{-1}$	1.
$5.21 \times 10^{-2}$	116592	6568	$1.31 \times 10^{-3}$	$7.48 \times 10^{-1}$	$3.21 \times 10^{-1}$	1.	$3.26 \times 10^{-1}$	1.
$2.6 \times 10^{-2}$	477708	26936	$1.9 \times 10^{-4}$	$7.42 \times 10^{-1}$	$3.2 \times 10^{-1}$	1.	$3.22 \times 10^{-1}$	1.

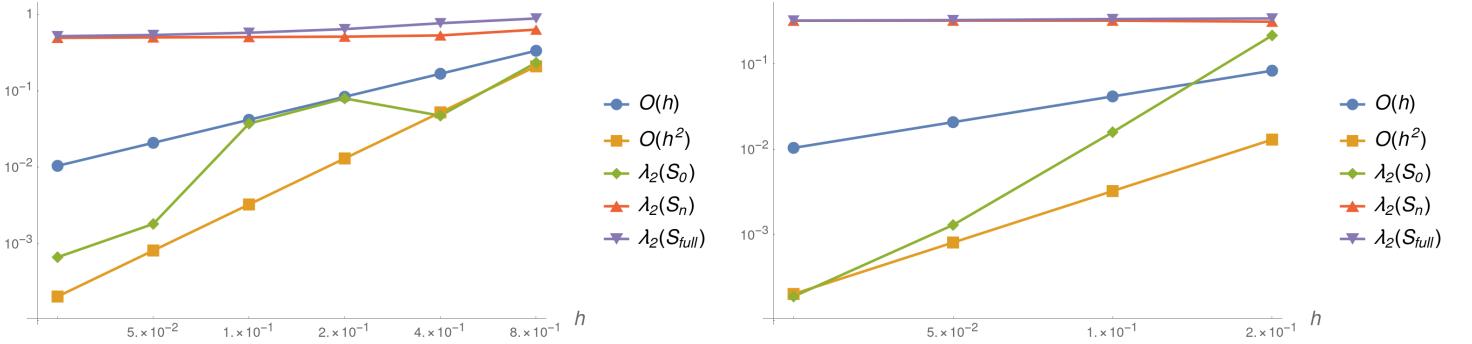


Figure 7: Log-log plot of  $\lambda_2$  for Table 10. Left:  $\Gamma = \Gamma_{\text{sph}}$ , right:  $\Gamma = \Gamma_{\text{tor}}$

**3.3 Sensitivity of the spectrum to levelset shifts.** In this section we investigate the sensitivity of the spectrum to levelset shifts

$$\Gamma \mapsto \Gamma + \alpha \mathbf{s} \quad (28)$$

for some  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $\mathbf{s} \in \mathbb{R}^3$ ,  $\|\mathbf{s}\| = 1$ . We refer to Figure 8.

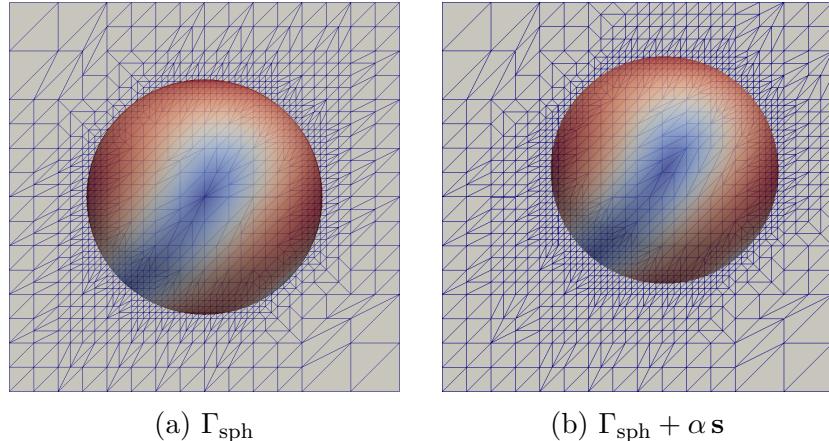


Figure 8:  $\|\mathbf{u}_h\|$  on the unit sphere (left) and the shifted unit sphere (right). Here  $\mathbf{s} = (1, 1, 1)^T / \sqrt{3}$ ,  $\alpha = 0.4$ , and  $h = 5.21 \times 10^{-2}$

Table 11: Spectrum of (25) for perturbed levelset  $\Gamma + \alpha \mathbf{s}$  for consistent  $\mathbf{P}_2 - P_1$ ,  $\tau = h^{-2}$ ,  $\rho_u = h^{-1}$ ,  $\rho_p = h$ ,  $m \in \mathbf{m}_{1/2}$  as in Figure 5. Here  $\mathbf{s} = (1, 1, 1)^T / \sqrt{3}$ ,  $h = 1.04 \times 10^{-1}$

Surface	$\mathbf{S}_0$		$\mathbf{S}_n$		$\mathbf{S}_{\text{full}}$	
	$\lambda_2$	$\lambda_{n_s}$	$\lambda_2$	$\lambda_{n_s}$	$\lambda_2$	$\lambda_{n_s}$
$\Gamma_{\text{sph}} + 0.0 \mathbf{s}$	$3.714 \times 10^{-2}$	$6.69 \times 10^{-1}$	$5.03 \times 10^{-1}$	1.	$5.731 \times 10^{-1}$	1.
$\Gamma_{\text{sph}} + 0.1 \mathbf{s}$	$1.313 \times 10^{-3}$	$6.87 \times 10^{-1}$	$5.03 \times 10^{-1}$	1.	$5.733 \times 10^{-1}$	1.
$\Gamma_{\text{sph}} + 0.2 \mathbf{s}$	$1.248 \times 10^{-3}$	$6.7 \times 10^{-1}$	$5.03 \times 10^{-1}$	1.	$5.73 \times 10^{-1}$	1.
$\Gamma_{\text{sph}} + 0.3 \mathbf{s}$	$1.036 \times 10^{-2}$	$6.72 \times 10^{-1}$	$5.031 \times 10^{-1}$	1.	$5.73 \times 10^{-1}$	1.
$\Gamma_{\text{sph}} + 0.4 \mathbf{s}$	$5.315 \times 10^{-4}$	$6.72 \times 10^{-1}$	$5.031 \times 10^{-1}$	1.	$5.731 \times 10^{-1}$	1.

Surface	$\mathbf{S}_0$		$\mathbf{S}_n$		$\mathbf{S}_{\text{full}}$	
	$\lambda_2$	$\lambda_{n_s}$	$\lambda_2$	$\lambda_{n_s}$	$\lambda_2$	$\lambda_{n_s}$
$\Gamma_{\text{tor}} + 0.00 \mathbf{s}$	$1.591 \times 10^{-2}$	$7.6 \times 10^{-1}$	$3.208 \times 10^{-1}$	1.	$3.348 \times 10^{-1}$	1.
$\Gamma_{\text{tor}} + 0.05 \mathbf{s}$	$9.204 \times 10^{-3}$	1.14	$3.207 \times 10^{-1}$	1.	$3.353 \times 10^{-1}$	1.
$\Gamma_{\text{tor}} + 0.10 \mathbf{s}$	$3. \times 10^{-3}$	1.91	$3.189 \times 10^{-1}$	1.	$3.349 \times 10^{-1}$	1.
$\Gamma_{\text{tor}} + 0.15 \mathbf{s}$	$8.67 \times 10^{-3}$	1.02	$3.208 \times 10^{-1}$	1.	$3.354 \times 10^{-1}$	1.
$\Gamma_{\text{tor}} + 0.20 \mathbf{s}$	$6.683 \times 10^{-3}$	3.04	$3.208 \times 10^{-1}$	1.	$3.353 \times 10^{-1}$	1.

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