

We are revisiting the 2D Stokes sphere problem, but this time we use the Schur complement approach to solve the Stokes system, Because there are viscosity contrasts in the domain, it is advisable to use the Preconditioned Conjugate Gradient as presented in Section ?? (see **solver\_pcg**).

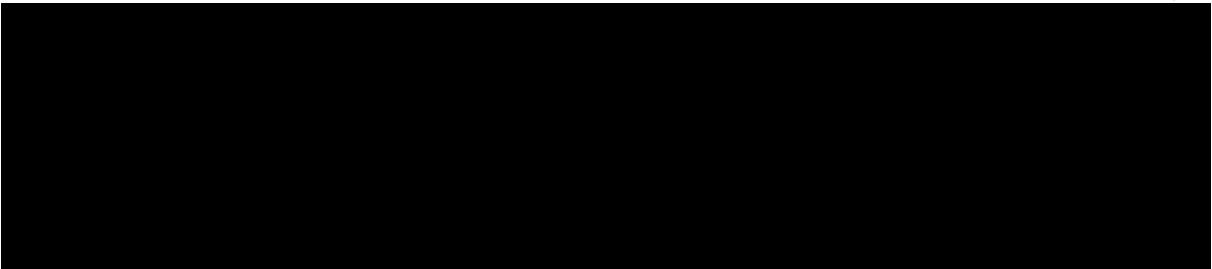


Rather interestingly the pressure checkerboard modes are not nearly as present as in Section ?? which uses a full matrix approach.

Looking at the discretisation errors for velocity and pressure, we of course recover the same rates and values as in the full matrix case.



Finally, for each experiment the normalised residual (see **solver\_cg**) was recorded. We see that all things equal the resolution has a strong influence on the number of iterations the solver must perform to reach the required tolerance. This is one of the manifestations of the fact that the  $Q_1 \times P_0$  element is not a stable element: the condition number of the matrix increases with resolution. We will see that this is not the case of stable elements such as  $Q_2 \times Q_1$ .



**features**

- $Q_1 \times P_0$  element
- incompressible flow
- mixed formulation
- Schur complement approach
- isothermal
- isoviscous
- analytical solution