

Simply Extension to Quadrilateral Element of Three Field Hu-Washizu 2D Elasticity Formulation Based on Biorthogonal Systems

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Abstract

New quadrilateral mixed finite element based on modified Hu-Washizu formulation are presented. Hu-Washizu is a three field formulation where the unknowns are: displacement, stress and strain. The stability and consistency of the element are obtained by adding different types of bubble functions at the displacement field. Different types of bubble functions are successfully investigated and analyzed. In order to obtain an efficient discretization scheme, we use a pair of finite element bases forming a biorthogonal system for the strain and stress. The biorthogonality relation allows us to statically condense out the strain and stress from the saddle-point system leading to a symmetric and positive-definite system. The strain and stress can be recovered in a post-processing step simply by inverting a diagonal matrix. Numerical examples prove the efficiency and the stability of the elements in the case of incompressible limit and distorted meshes. The extension at the 3D case is straightforward.

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1. Introduction

In the linear and non-linear elasticity when the Lamé constant λ tends to infinity the standard finite element exhibit some problem of convergence may be locking phenomena. In this context mixed formulations are used to solve this inconvenient. One of the most popular mixed formulation adopted is the Hellinger-Raisner formulation, in that we describe the problem using with variables the stresses and the displacements. This type of formulation requires the fulfillment of the inf-sup condition as described in D.Boffi et al. (2013). For the Hellinger-Reissner formulation many elements are created such as D.N.Arnold and R.Winther (2002) for triangle elements and D.N.Arnold and G.Awanou (2005) for quadrilateral. Another type of formulation is the Hu-Washizu formulation (see H.Hu (1955); K.Washizu (1982)) that it was a three-field formulation. This was first introduced by B.M.Fraeijs de Veubeke (1951). One examples of Hu-Washizu formulation applied at linear and non-linear elasticity using quadrilaterals and hexahedra are reported in E.P. Kasper and R.L. Taylor (2000,?). In B.P.Lamichhane et al. (2006) are showed that the modify Hu-Washizu formulation are able to obtaining uniform convergence of the finite nelement approximation in the nearly incompressible regime in the case of quadrilateral elements. The goal of this work is to present an extension using the quadrilateral elements of the modified three-field formulation Hu-Washizu presented in B.P.Lamichhane (2009). In accordance to B.P.Lamichhane et al. (2013) we adopt the idea to create a biorthogonal system between the stresses and strains. This assumption is essentially for the static condensation of the stresses and strains for obtain a linear system in the only unknown displacement field. In order to ensure the stability of the element we enrich the space of displacement field with different type of bubble functions in accordance to W.Bai (1997); B.P.Lamichhane (2015) for the Stokes problem. In W.Bai (1997) we adopt two bubble functions to stabilize the element, while in B.P.Lamichhane (2015) use one single bubble function.

The structure of the papers are the following: first of all in Section 2 we recall the basic equations of linear elastic problem, in Section 3 we briefly recall the modified Hu-Washizu formulations, Section 4 we develop the finite element spaces. Finally in Section 5 we report some examples using the studied element and in Section 6 the conclusions of the work are detailed.

36 2. Linear elastic continuum problem

37 In this section we briefly recovery the equations governing the linear elas-
38 tic problem. The equilibrium equation is:

$$-\operatorname{div}(\boldsymbol{\sigma}) = \mathbf{f} , \quad (1)$$

39 while in small deformation is:

$$\mathbf{d} = \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}(\mathbf{u}) = \frac{1}{2}(\nabla \mathbf{u} + \nabla \mathbf{u}^T) . \quad (2)$$

40 In the case of linear elasticity we have:

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma} = \lambda \operatorname{tr}(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}) \mathbf{I} + 2\mu \boldsymbol{\varepsilon} \quad (3)$$

41 where μ and λ are the Lamé constant. By some algebra one obtains:

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda(\varepsilon_{11} + \varepsilon_{22}) & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda(\varepsilon_{11} + \varepsilon_{22}) \end{pmatrix} + 2\mu \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon_{11} & \varepsilon_{12} \\ \varepsilon_{12} & \varepsilon_{22} \end{pmatrix} , \quad (4)$$

42 and rearranging the equation (4):

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma} = \begin{pmatrix} (\lambda + 2\mu)\varepsilon_{11} + \lambda \varepsilon_{22} & 2\mu \varepsilon_{12} \\ 2\mu \varepsilon_{12} & (\lambda + 2\mu) \varepsilon_{22} + \lambda \varepsilon_{11} \end{pmatrix} . \quad (5)$$

43 3. Briefly introduction to modify Hu-Washizu

44 We define the trial variables: $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}(\mathbf{u})$, \mathbf{d} and $\boldsymbol{\sigma}$, while the test variables are:
45 $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}(\mathbf{v})$, \mathbf{e} and $\boldsymbol{\tau}$.

$$- \int_{\Omega} \operatorname{div}(\mathbf{C} : \mathbf{d})) \cdot \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{f} \quad (6)$$

$$a((\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{d}), (\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{e})) + b((\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{e}), \boldsymbol{\sigma}) = l(\mathbf{v}) \quad (7)$$

$$b((\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{d}), \boldsymbol{\tau}) = 0 \quad (8)$$

46 where:

$$a((\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{d}), (\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{e})) = \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{d} : (\mathbf{C} : \mathbf{e}) dx + \alpha \int_{\Omega} (\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}(\mathbf{u}) - \mathbf{d}) : (\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}(\mathbf{v}) - \mathbf{e}) dx \quad (9)$$

$$b((\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{d}), \boldsymbol{\tau}) = \int_{\Omega} (\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}(\mathbf{u}) - \mathbf{d}) : \boldsymbol{\tau} dx . \quad (10)$$

47 The modify weak formulation of the problem is:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \alpha \int_{\Omega} (\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}(\mathbf{u}) - \mathbf{d}) : \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}(\mathbf{v}) \, dx + \int_{\Omega} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}(\mathbf{v}) : \boldsymbol{\sigma} \, dx = \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{f} \cdot \mathbf{v} \, dx \\ \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{d} : \mathbf{C} \mathbf{e} \, dx - \alpha \int_{\Omega} (\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}(\mathbf{u}) - \mathbf{d}) : \mathbf{e} \, dx - \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{e} : \boldsymbol{\sigma} \, dx = 0 \\ \int_{\Omega} (\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}(\mathbf{u}) - \mathbf{d}) : \boldsymbol{\tau} \, dx = 0 \end{array} \right. \quad (11)$$

48 by rearranging:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \alpha \int_{\Omega} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}(\mathbf{u}) : \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}(\mathbf{v}) \, dx - \alpha \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{d} : \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}(\mathbf{v}) \, dx + \int_{\Omega} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}(\mathbf{v}) : \boldsymbol{\sigma} \, dx & = \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{f} \cdot \mathbf{v} \, dx \\ -\alpha \int_{\Omega} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}(\mathbf{u}) : \mathbf{e} \, dx + \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{d} : \mathbf{C} \mathbf{e} \, dx + \alpha \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{d} : \mathbf{e} \, dx - \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{e} : \boldsymbol{\sigma} \, dx & = 0 \\ \int_{\Omega} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}(\mathbf{u}) : \boldsymbol{\tau} \, dx - \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{d} : \boldsymbol{\tau} \, dx & = 0 \end{array} \right. \quad (12)$$

49 It is possible to rewrite the system in equation (12) in matrix form in the
50 following way:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \alpha \mathbf{A} & -\alpha \mathbf{B} & \mathbf{W} \\ -\alpha \mathbf{B}^T & \mathbf{K} + \alpha \mathbf{M} & -\mathbf{D} \\ \mathbf{W}^T & -\mathbf{D}^T & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}_u \\ \mathbf{x}_d \\ \mathbf{x}_\sigma \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{b}_f \\ \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix}, \quad (13)$$

51 where $\mathbf{A} = \int_{\Omega} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}(\mathbf{u}) : \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}(\mathbf{v})$, $\mathbf{B} = \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{d} : \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}(\mathbf{v})$, $\mathbf{W} = \int_{\Omega} \boldsymbol{\sigma} : \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}(\mathbf{v})$, $\mathbf{K} = \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{C} \mathbf{e} :$
52 \mathbf{d} , $\mathbf{M} = \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{e} : \mathbf{d}$, $\mathbf{D} = \int_{\Omega} \boldsymbol{\sigma} : \mathbf{e}$. \mathbf{D} is a diagonal matrix. Using this property
53 it is possible condense statically \mathbf{x}_d and \mathbf{x}_σ , and we obtain the following
54 system in the only unknown \mathbf{x}_u :

$$[\alpha \mathbf{A} - \alpha (\mathbf{B} \mathbf{D}^{-1} \mathbf{W}^{-T} + \mathbf{W} \mathbf{D}^{-1} \mathbf{B}^T) + \mathbf{W} \mathbf{D}^{-1} (\mathbf{K} + \alpha \mathbf{M}) \mathbf{D}^{-1} \mathbf{W}^T] \mathbf{x}_u = \mathbf{b}_f \quad (14)$$

55 4. Finite element discretization

56 We consider a quasi-uniform triangulation \mathcal{T}_h of the polygonal domain
57 Ω consists of simply, either quadrilateral or hexahedral. We take into ac-
58 count of standard bilinear finite element space $K_h \subset H^1(\Omega)$ defined on the
59 triangulation \mathcal{T}_h , where:

$$K_h := \{v \in C^0(\Omega) : v|_T \in \mathcal{Q}_1(T), T \in \mathcal{T}_h\}, \quad K_h^0 = K_h \cap H_0^1(\Omega), \quad (15)$$

60 and the space of bubble functions

$$B_h := \left\{ b_T \in H^1(T) : b_T|_{\partial T} = 0 \text{ and } \int_T b_T dx > 0, T \in \mathcal{T}_h \right\}, \quad (16)$$

61 and we define the spaces for strain and displacement as $\mathbf{S}_h := [K_h]^{2 \times 2}$ and
 62 $\mathbf{V}_h := [K_h^0 \oplus B_h]^2$. In the next section we discuss the different choosing of
 63 bubble functions. For the discrete stress space we use:

$$\mathbf{M}_h := \left\{ \boldsymbol{\tau}_h \in [M_h]^{2 \times 2} : \int_{\Omega} \boldsymbol{\tau}_h : \mathbf{1} dx = 0 \right\} \subset \mathbf{S}_0, \quad (17)$$

64 and let $\{\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n\}$ and $\{\mu_1, \dots, \mu_n\}$ the n the basis functions for the space
 65 V_h and M_h respectively, we construct the functions μ_i using the following
 66 biorthogonality property between the space V_h and M_h :

$$\int_{\Omega} \mu_i \phi_j dx = c_j \delta_{ij}, \quad c_j \neq 0, \quad 1 \leq i, j \leq n, \quad (18)$$

67 where δ_{ij} is Kronecker symbol, and c_j is a scaling factor which can be
 68 chosen to be proportion al to the area of support of ϕ_j . The local ba-
 69 sis function of K_h and M_h for the reference square element (see figure 1)
 70 $\hat{T} := \{(\xi, \eta) : -1 \leq \xi \leq 1, -1 \leq \eta \leq 1\}$ are:

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_1 &= \frac{1}{4}(1 - \xi)(1 - \eta), & \phi_2 &= \frac{1}{4}(1 + \xi)(1 - \eta), \\ \phi_3 &= \frac{1}{4}(1 + \xi)(1 + \eta), & \phi_4 &= \frac{1}{4}(1 - \xi)(1 + \eta). \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

71 and

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_1 &= 1 - 3\xi - 3\eta + 9\xi\eta, & \mu_2 &= 1 + 3\xi - 3\eta - 9\xi\eta, \\ \mu_3 &= 1 + 3\xi + 3\eta + 9\xi\eta, & \mu_4 &= 1 - 3\xi + 3\eta + 9\xi\eta. \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

72 It is important to observe that the global basis functions of the space M_h are
 73 not continuous.

74 4.1. Bubble functions

75 In this section we detail the different choosing of the bubble functions.
 76 Addition of the bubble functions is essential to create a stable space. we
 77 have four types of bubbles. In the first two cases we use a modification of
 78 the standard bubble function ,that is for the reference element:

$$b_T(\xi, \eta) = (1 - \xi^2)(1 - \eta^2), \quad (21)$$

79 while in the next two, we add to the standard bubble function another one.

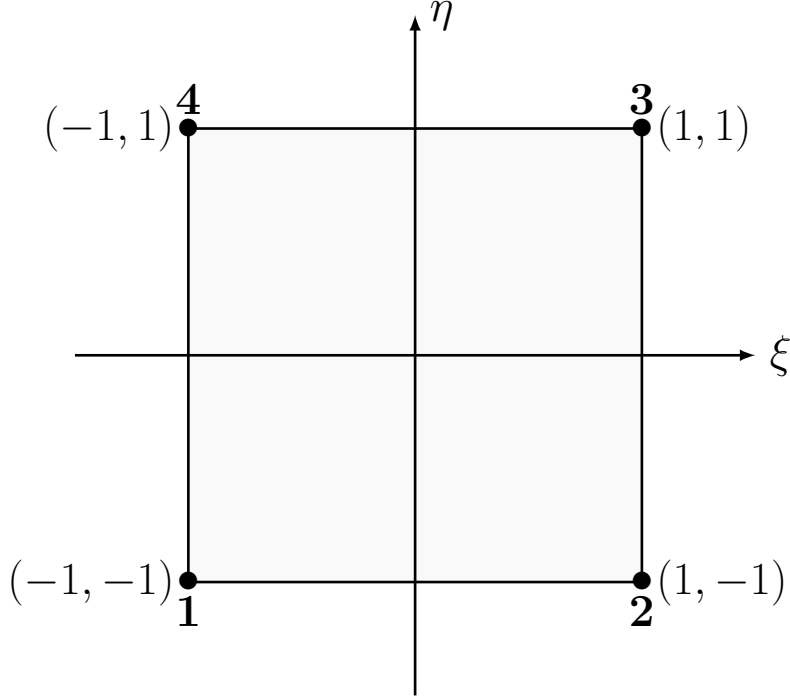


Figure 1: Reference Element

80 *4.1.1. One Bubble function (type 1)*

81 As a first choice of bubble function we use:

$$\hat{b}_T(\xi, \eta) = c_T \cdot \phi_T(\xi, \eta) \cdot b_T(\xi, \eta), \quad (22)$$

82 where c_T is a coefficient in order to obtain $\hat{b}_T(\xi_g, \eta_g) = 1$ (where \mathbf{g} is the
 83 centroid of the elements), ϕ_K is the standard bilinear basis function corre-
 84 sponding to the lower-left corner of the square T . In the case of reference
 85 square element we obtain:

$$\hat{b}_T(\xi, \eta) = (1 - \xi)(1 - \eta)(1 - \xi^2)(1 - \eta^2). \quad (23)$$

86 *4.1.2. One Bubble function (type 2)*

87 The second choice of bubble function we take:

$$\hat{b}_T(\xi, \eta) = c_T \cdot (a + b\xi + c\eta) \cdot b_T(\xi, \eta), \quad (24)$$

88 where $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$ and $a, b, c \neq 0$. For simplicity we set $a = b = c = 1$ and we
 89 obtain for the reference square:

$$\hat{b}_T(\xi, \eta) = (1 + \xi + \eta)(1 - \xi^2)(1 - \eta^2) . \quad (25)$$

90 4.1.3. Two Bubble functions

91 Using two bubble functions, where the first is the standard bubble func-
 92 tion and the second bubble is a modification of the standard bubble:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{b}_{T1}(\xi, \eta) &= b_T , \\ \hat{b}_{T2}(\xi, \eta) &= c_T \cdot (a\xi + b\eta) \cdot b_T , \end{aligned} \quad (26)$$

93 where $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ and $a^2 + b^2 \neq 0$. For the sake of simplicity we adopt $a = b = 1$.
 94 One obtains:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{b}_{T1}(\xi, \eta) &= (1 - \xi^2)(1 - \eta^2) , \\ \hat{b}_{T2}(\xi, \eta) &= (\xi + \eta)(1 - \xi^2)(1 - \eta^2) . \end{aligned} \quad (27)$$

95 4.1.4. Two Bubble functions, which one mixed

96 As a finally choice of bubbles we use a standard bubble function plus one
 97 mixed bubble function for the two components of displacement.

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{b}_{T1}(\xi, \eta) &= b_T , \\ \hat{b}_{T2,\xi}(\xi, \eta) &= (\nabla \phi_1)_\xi \cdot b_T , \\ \hat{b}_{T2,\eta}(\xi, \eta) &= (\nabla \phi_1)_\eta \cdot b_T , \end{aligned} \quad (28)$$

98 where $(\nabla \phi_1)_i$ is i -th component of the gradient of the first shape function ϕ .
 99 In this way we have as shape function for the displacement using the mixed
 100 bubble function the vector $\left[\hat{b}_{T2,x}(x, y), \hat{b}_{T2,y}(x, y) \right]$.

101 5. Numerical example

102 In this section we report some examples using the presented formulation
 103 to proven the good behaviour.

104 *5.1. Square problem*

105 First example is a unit square domain with homogeneous Dirichlet bound-
 106 ary conditions. This benchmark problem is analyzed in S.C. Brenner (1993).
 107 The Lamé constant are fix to $\lambda = 123$ and $\mu = 79.3$. By imposition of the
 108 previously exact solution one obtain for the body force f

$$f_1 = \beta \left(\pi^2 (4 \sin(\pi y) (-1 + 2 \cos(2\pi x)) - \cos(\pi(x+y)) + A \sin(\pi x) \sin(\pi y)) \right) \quad (29)$$

109 The exact solution is

$$u_1 = \cos(\pi x) \sin(2\pi y), \quad u_2 = \sin(\pi x) \cos(\pi y). \quad (30)$$

110 The problem is study using two type of mesh: first of all using a square mesh
 111 and before using a trapezoidal mesh. The two types of mesh are shown in
 112 figures 2(a) and 2(b). Figures 3(a), 3(b), 4(a) and 4(b) shown the error in
 113 norm L^2 in the case of regular mesh for the different types of bubble functions
 114 used and types of coefficient α . All types of element converge in a good way.
 115 In Figures 5(a), 5(b), 6(a) and 6(b) we report the previously results in the
 case of trapezoidal meshes.

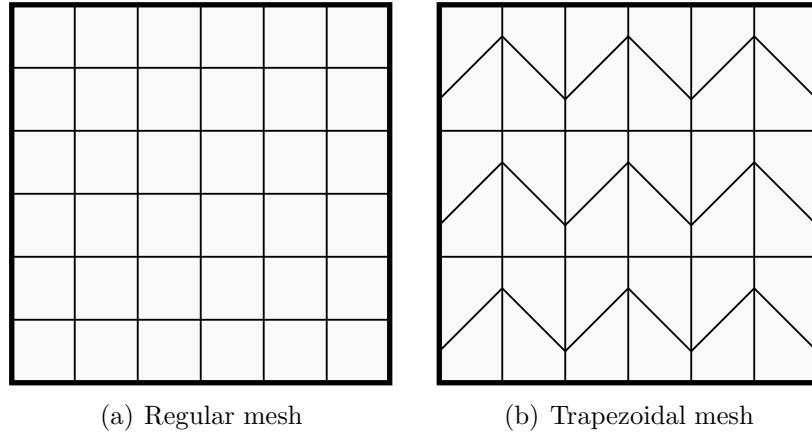
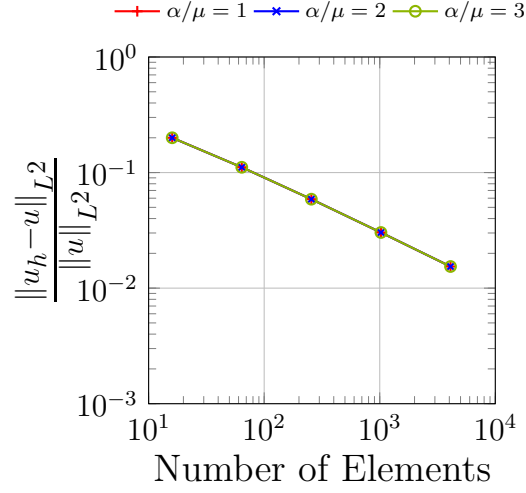


Figure 2: Square Problem

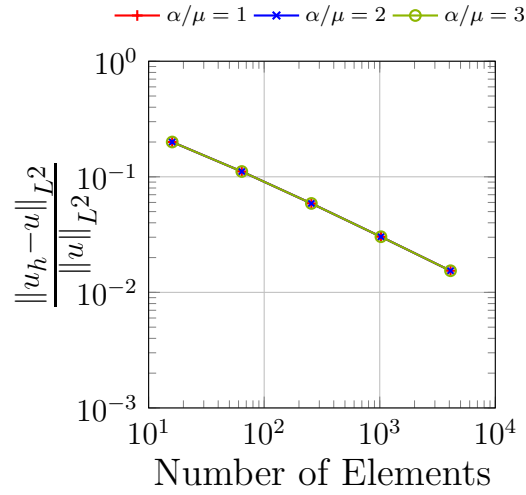
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117 *5.2. Cantilever beam problem*

118 Now we consider the beam with length $L = 10$ and height $l = 2$ as we
 119 shown in figure 9. The Young modulus is set equal to $E = 1500$ and the



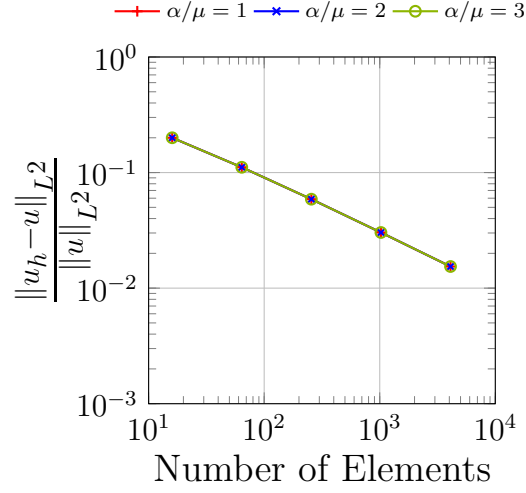
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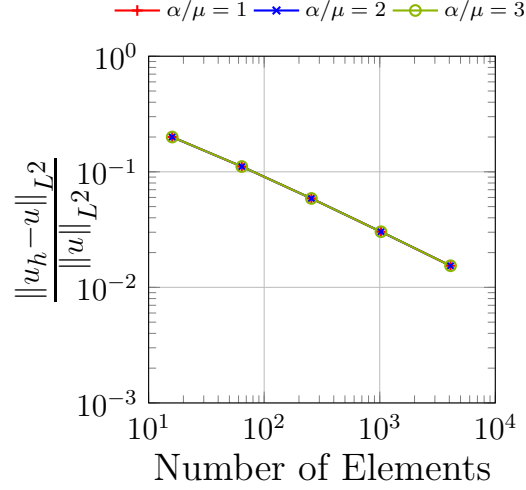
(b) type 2

Figure 3: The relative error vs. the number of elements measured relative to the L^2 norm (Case one bubble function and regular mesh)

120 Poisson $\nu = 0.4999$ and subjected to a distributed load as in figure 9 with



(a) Case two bubble function

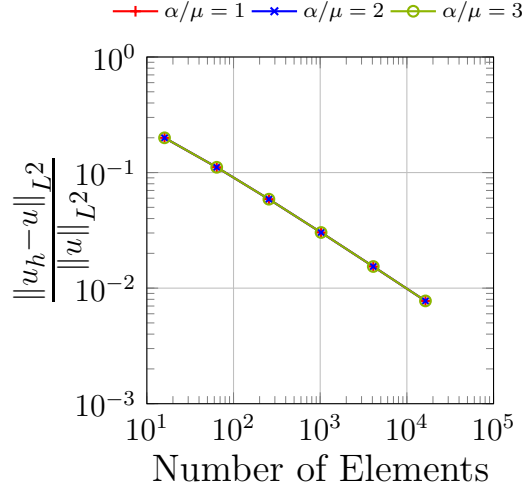


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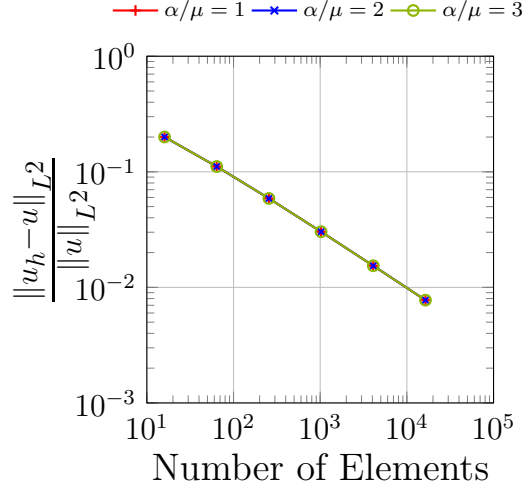
Figure 4: The relative error versus the number of elements measured relative to the L^2 norm (regular mesh)

121 $f = 300$. The exact solution is:

$$\begin{aligned} u(x, y) &= \frac{2f}{El}(1 - \nu^2)x \left(\frac{l}{2} - y \right), \\ v(x, y) &= \frac{f}{El} \left[x^2 + \frac{\nu}{10^1 - \nu} (y^2 - ly) \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (31)$$



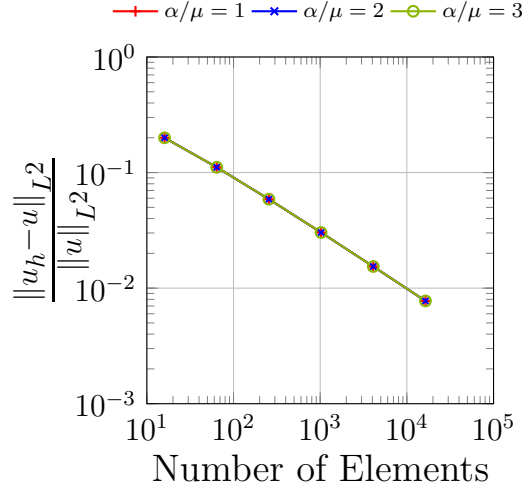
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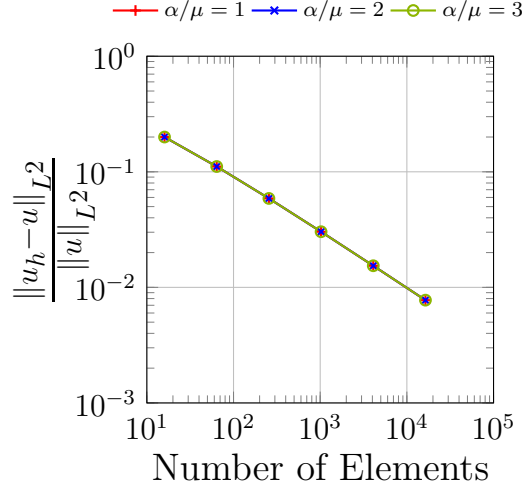
(b) type 2

Figure 5: The relative error vs. the number of elements measured relative to the L^2 norm (Case one bubble function and Trapezoidal mesh)

122 We use to model the beam two types of mesh: regular and trapezoidal as
 123 in the previously example (see figures 2(a) and 2(b)). we shown in figures
 124 12(a), 12(b), 13(a) and 13(b) the L^2 -norm error for different types of bubble
 125 functions used in the case of $\alpha/\mu := 1, 2, 3$, while in figures 12(a), 12(b),



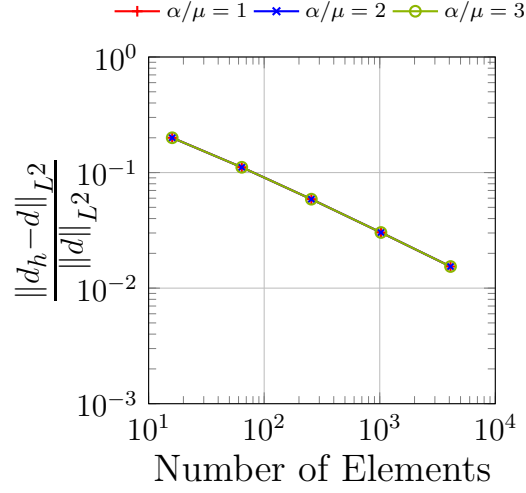
(a) Case two bubble function



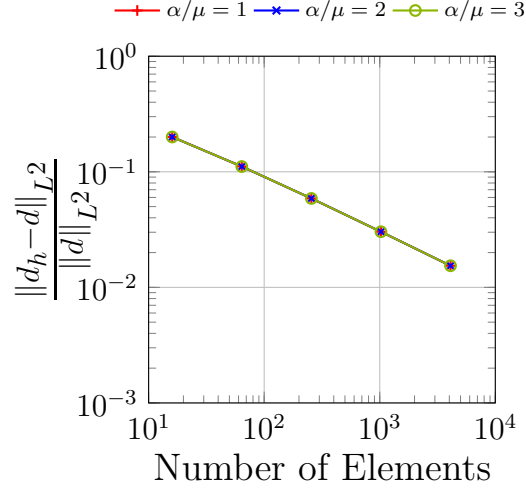
(b) Case two bubble function of which one mixed

Figure 6: The relative error vs. the number of elements measured relative to the L^2 norm (Case one bubble function and Trapezoidal mesh)

126 13(a) and 13(b) the same plots using trapezoidal meshes. In the all cases
 127 the elements distorted have a good behaviour respect to the regular mesh.



(a) Case regular mesh

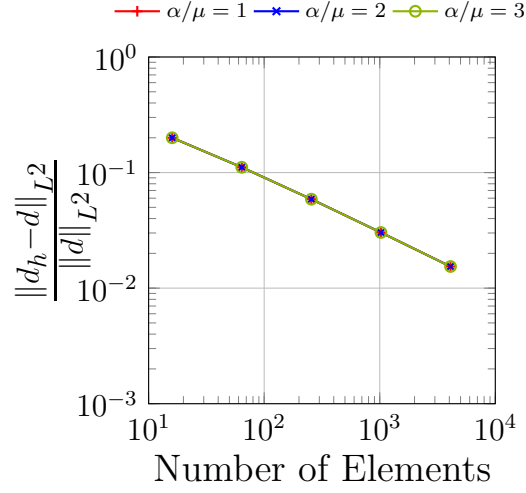


(b) Case trapezoidal mesh

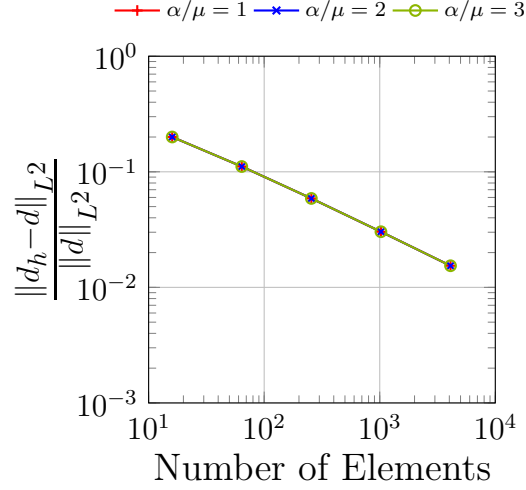
Figure 7: The relative error of strain \mathbf{d}_{xx} vs. the number of elements (Case of two bubble functions)

128 5.3. Cook's membrane

129 The final example is the Cook's membrane. That is a typical benchmark
 130 and consist of a beam with vertex: $(0, 0)$, $(48, 44)$, $(48, 60)$ and $(0, 44)$. The
 131 left vertical edge is clamped and the right vertical edge subjected to the



(a) Case regular mesh



(b) Case trapezoidal mesh

Figure 8: The relative error of strain \mathbf{d}_{xx} vs. the number of elements (Case of two bubble functions, which one mixed)

vertical distributed forces with resultant $F = 100$ as it shown in figure 14.
 The material properties are taken to be $E = 250$ and $\nu = 0.4999$, so that a
 nearly incompressible response is obtained. We report in figures 15(a), 15(b),
 15(c) and 15(d) the vertical displacement of the point A versus the number

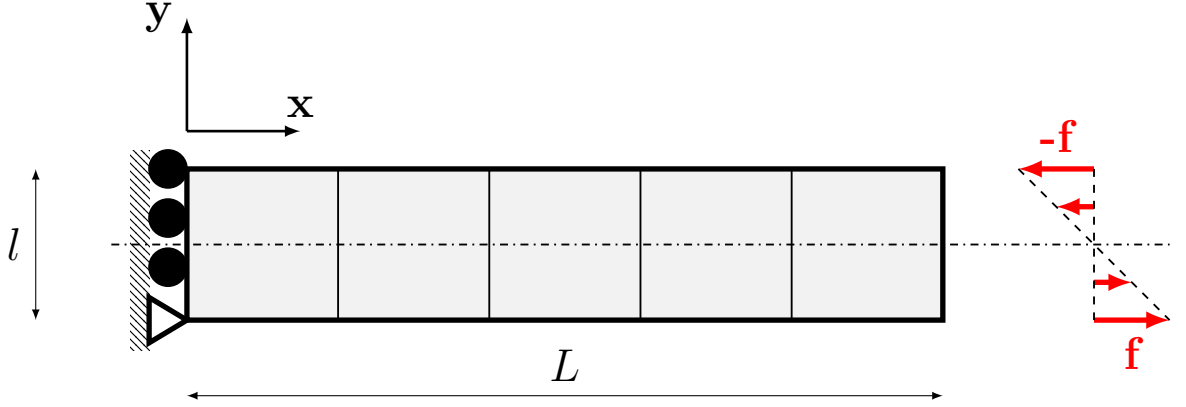


Figure 9: Beam cantilever geometry

136 of element per side for different choosing of the parameter $\alpha = \{1, \mu, 2\mu, 3\mu\}$.
 137 All elements return different behaviour using different coefficients α . In the
 138 case of $\alpha = 1$, figure 15(a), the obtained results completely not converge to
 139 the reference solution.

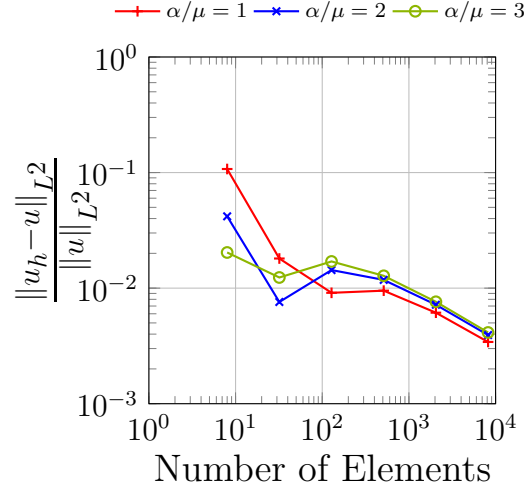
140 6. Conclusions

141 We present a new family of quadrilaterals mixed finite elements based on a
 142 modified Hu-Washizu formulation. We test the different types of enrichment
 143 and confirm the robustness of all elements created. Uniform convergence
 144 are archived in the incompressible regime. We study the robustness of the
 145 elements in the case of trapezoidal meshes. The extension to the 3D case
 146 using hexahedra is straightforward.

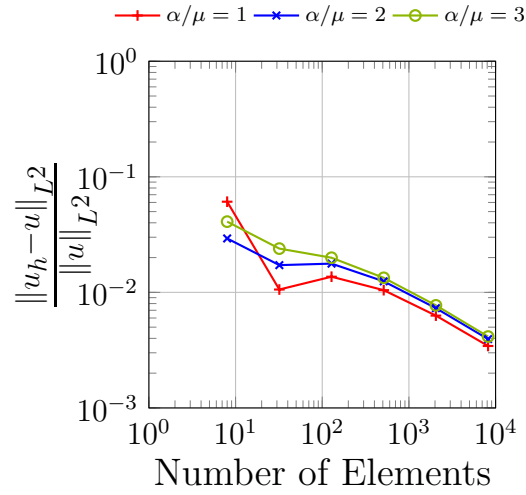
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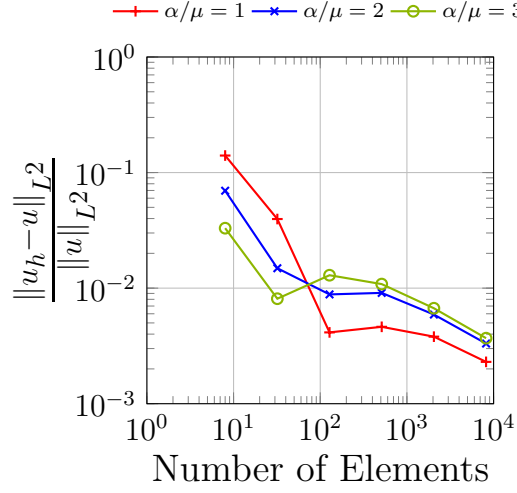
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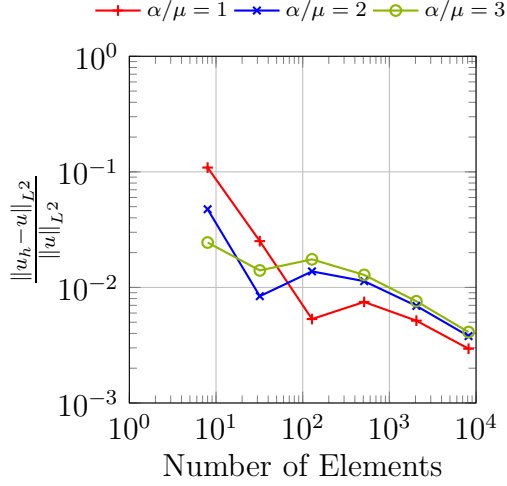
(b) Type 2

Figure 10: Beam Cantilever: the relative error vs. the number of elements measured relative to the L^2 norm (regular mesh)

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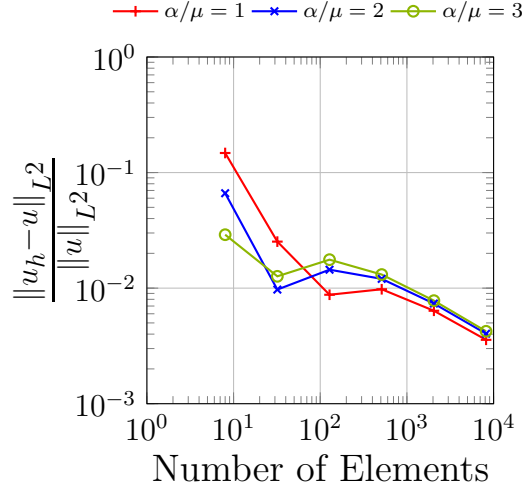
(a) Case two bubble function



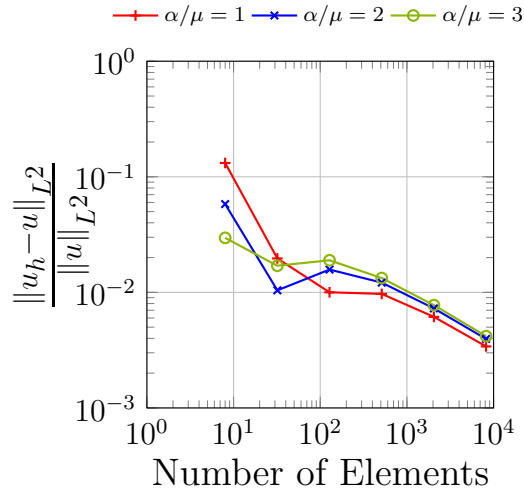
(b) Case two bubble function of which one mixed

Figure 11: Beam Cantilever: the relative error vs. the number of elements measured relative to the L^2 norm (regular mesh)

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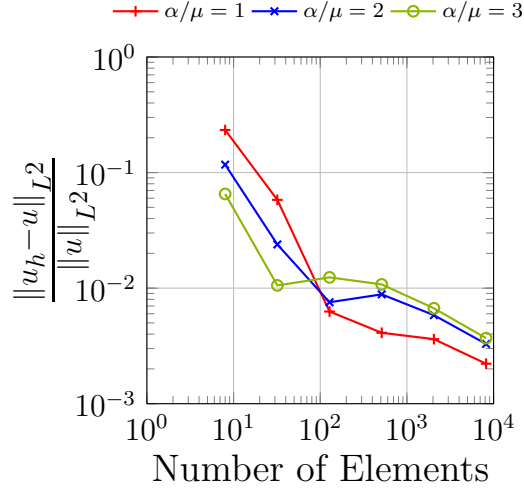


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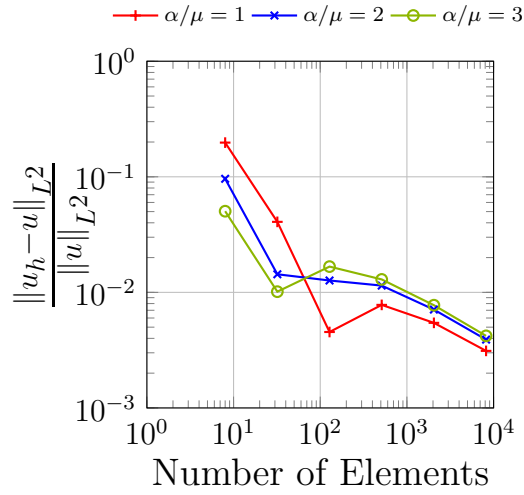
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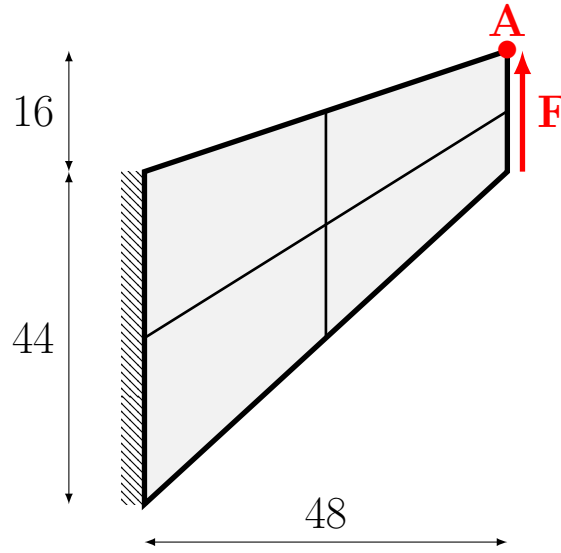
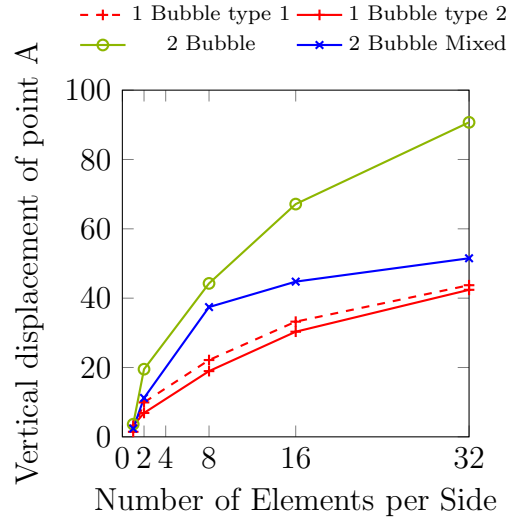


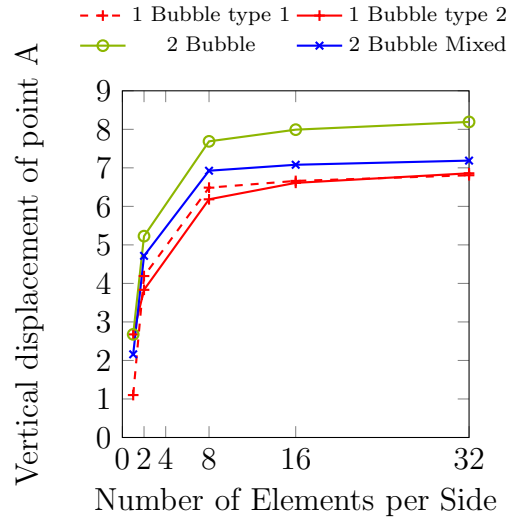
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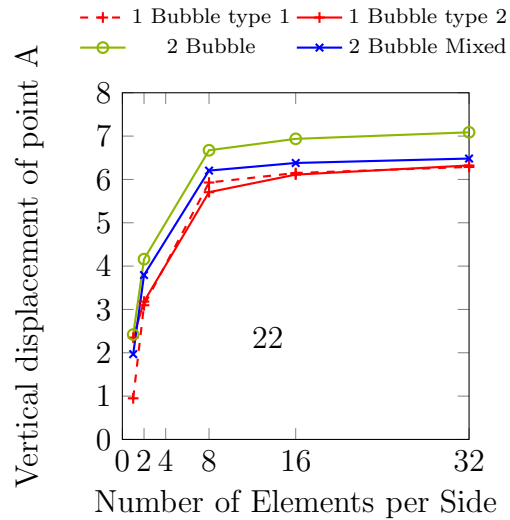
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