Numerical analysis and a-posteriori error control for a new nonconforming quadrilateral linear finite element

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- 1. Introduction of the \tilde{P}_1 -element
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- 3. Dual-weighted a-posteriori error-control



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$$u_{m_1} + u_{m_3} = u_{m_2} + u_{m_4} \quad \Rightarrow \qquad \exists ! u \in \mathcal{P}_1 : u(m_i) = u_{m_i}$$



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$$\tilde{P}_1(\mathbb{T}) := \left\{ v : \Omega \to \mathbb{R} \mid v \mid_T \in \mathcal{P}_1(T) \; \forall \; T \in \mathbb{T} \land v \text{cont. w.r.t. } F_\Gamma \right\}$$

$$F_\Gamma(v) = v(m_\Gamma) \text{ (continuity constraint)}$$

\tilde{P}_1 basis function $\Phi_{(0,0)}$





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 $||u-u_h||_0 \leq Ch^2 ||u||_2$, if $g \in H_{\frac{1}{2}}(\partial\Omega), f \in L_2(\Omega)$



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 - fix one arbitrary coefficient per boundary component
 - compute recursively the coefficients on the boundary according to (*)















comparison with other elements

Test problem:
$$-\Delta u = 10$$
, $u|_{\partial\Omega} = 0$

$$||e_h||_{l_2} := ||u - u_h||_{l_2} := \left(\frac{1}{N}\sum_{i=1}^N |u(v_i) - u_h(v_i)|^2\right)^{1/2}$$

NEL	$ e_h $	$_{l_2}, Q_1$	red.	$ e_h $	$_{l_2}, ilde{Q}_1$	red.	$ e_h $	l_2, \tilde{P}_1	red.
60	4.18	10^{-2}	-	6.24	10^{-2}	-	4.07	10^{-2}	-
240	1.62	10^{-2}	2.58	2.58	10^{-2}	2.42	1.96	10^{-2}	2.08
960	5.69	10^{-3}	2.85	8.10	10^{-3}	3.19	6.04	10^{-3}	3.25
3840	1.96	10^{-3}	2.90	2.59	10^{-3}	3.13	1.81	10^{-3}	3.34
15360	6.57	10^{-4}	2.98	8.31	10^{-4}	3.12	5.40	10^{-4}	3.35



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remark:

- on tensor product grids : Lemma even holds for *linear* functions
- with implicit boundary treatment: error of boundary treatment can be $\mathcal{O}(h^3)$





 L_2 -error of computation of u = x + 1 and reduction rates of the error

NEL	implicit		red.	explicit		red.
68	1.96	10^{-4}	-	3.74	10^{-3}	-
272	2.30	10^{-5}	8.52	1.86	10^{-3}	2.01
1088	2.79	10^{-6}	8.24	9.29	10^{-4}	2.00
4352	3.44	10^{-7}	8.11	4.64	10^{-4}	2.00
17408	4.28	10^{-8}	8.04	2.32	10^{-4}	2.00
69632	5.32	10^{-9}	8.05	1.16	10^{-4}	2.00



matrix structure



- ${}_{igoplus}$ standard treatment via elimination (in rows only) in Q_1 and $ilde{Q}_1$ (left)
- \tilde{P}_1 with explicit boundary treatment (middle)
- \tilde{P}_1 with implicit boundary treatment (right)



iterative solvers for \tilde{P}_1

problem : implicit boundary treatment affects solver behaviour

example : "square in the channel", $u(x, y) = x(x - 1)(1 - y)y^2 \sin(x + 2y)$, solver: BiCGStab

NEL	ILU(0)	ILU(0) sort	ILU(1)	ILU(1) sort
68	28	15	12	10
272	63	24	24	17
1088	171	46	48	26
4352	539	110	100	49
17408	2743	1060	292	97
69632	>10000	> 10000	1149	236



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observation: checkerboard oscillation of the pressure

problem: \tilde{P}_1 does not fulfill Korn's inequality (analogous to the \tilde{Q}_1 -case according to Knobloch)



fast matrix assembly

advantage:

- extremely fast matrix assembly possible: 1-point Gauss rule exact
 - nonparametric transformation for \tilde{P}_1 as fast as parametric one

NEL	$ ilde{P}_1^{par}$, G_1	$ ilde{P}_1^{\sf par}$, G_2	$ ilde{P}_1$, G_1	$ ilde{P}_1$, G_2	$ ilde{Q}_1^{\sf par}$, G_2	$ ilde Q_1$, G_2
133,120	1.5 s	2.3	1.6	2.4	2.4	3.1
532,480	6.0 s	9.4	6.5	9.6	9.7	12.3
2,129,920	24.7 s	37.4	25.5	38.6	38.9	48.2

remark:

- for \tilde{Q}_1 : 2 × 2-Gauss rule necessary
- for Douglas-element (enhanced \tilde{Q}_1): even 3×3 -Gauss necessary!



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$$= \left| \sum_{T \in \mathbb{T}} (\underbrace{-\Delta u}_{=f} + \Delta u_h, z - z_h)_T - \frac{1}{2} ([\partial_n u_h], z - z_h)_{\partial T} \right|$$



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$$|J(e_h)| = \left| \sum_{T \in \mathbb{T}} \left\{ (f + \underbrace{\Delta u_h^N}_{=0}, z - z_h^C)_T - \frac{1}{2} ([\partial_{\mathfrak{n}} u_h^N], z - z_h^C)_{\partial T} - \frac{1}{2} ([u_h^N], \partial_{\mathfrak{n}} z)_{\partial T} \right\} + a_h (e_h, z_h^C) \right|$$



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• $\forall u_h^N \in \tilde{P}_1(\mathbb{T}) : \Delta u_h^N = 0$

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 \Rightarrow error estimation:

$$|J(e_h)| \approx \eta(e_h) := \left| \sum_{T \in \mathbb{T}} (f, z_I - z_h^C)_T - \frac{1}{2} ([\partial_{\mathfrak{n}} u_h^N], z_I - z_h^C)_{\partial T} \right|$$

numerical test I

"square in a channel", analytical solution, point error in (0.35, 0.5)



NEL	$ J^r_{(0.35,0)} $	$_{0.5)}(e_h) $	$\eta($	I_{eff}	
68	1.97	10^{-4}	2.13	10^{-3}	10.8
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numerical test II

DFG-benchmark-grid "cylinder in channel", $-\Delta u = 10, u|_{\partial\Omega} = 0$, $J(\varphi) = \int_{\partial\Omega_c} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \mathfrak{n}} ds$



NEL	$ J_{\Gamma}(e_h) $		$\eta(e_h)$		$I_{\rm eff}$
520	4.52	10^{-2}	1.13	10^{-1}	2.50
2080	2.34	10^{-2}	1.53	10^{-2}	0.65
8320	1.14	10^{-2}	2.96	10^{-3}	2.61
33280	5.16	10^{-3}	1.75	10^{-3}	3.39



conclusion

advantages of \tilde{P}_1

- simplest nonconforming quadrilateral element
- optimal approximation order
- very fast matrix assembly (for parametric and non-parametric trafo)
- fast solvers possible
- rigorous a-posteriori error control

open problems

- 🔹 multigrid
- stabilization for mixed formulation problems (CFD)
 - realistic applications

