



Analysis of Estimators for Stokes Problem Using a Mixed Approximation

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ABSTRACT: In this work, we introduce the steady Stokes equations with a new boundary condition, generalizes the Dirichlet and the Neumann conditions. Then we derive an adequate variational formulation of Stokes equations. It includes algorithms for discretization by mixed finite element methods. We use a block diagonal preconditioners for Stokes problem. We obtain a faster convergence when applying the preconditioned MINRES method. Two types of a posteriori error indicator are introduced and are shown to give global error estimates that are equivalent to the true discretization error. In order to evaluate the performance of the method, the numerical results are compared with some previously published works or with others coming from commercial code like Adina system.

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1. Introduction

This paper describes a numerical solution of Stokes equations with a new boundary condition. This condition generalizes the known conditions, especially the Dirichlet and the Neumann conditions. We use the discretization by mixed finite element (MFE) method. The idea of mixed finite element is to approximate simultaneously the piezometric head and the velocity. This approximation gives velocity throughout the field and the normal component of the velocity is continuous across the inter-element boundaries. Moreover, with the mixed formulation, the velocity

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is defined with the help of Raviart Thomas basis functions [1, 2, 3] and, therefore, a simple integration over the element gives the corresponding streamlines. This method was widely used for the prediction of the behavior of fluid in the hydrocarbons tank.

A wealth of literature on solving saddle point systems exists, much of it related to particular applications. Perhaps the most comprehensive work is the survey by Benzi, Golub and Liesen [10], which considers conditions under which the matrix formulation is solvable and block diagonal preconditioners but which has a focus on linear algebra. The conditions for a unique solution can be found in [23] or, in the substantial area of PDEs, in Babuska [32] and Brezzi [36]. Stokes problems also arise in a natural way when the (unsteady) Navier-Stokes equations are simplified using classical operator splitting techniques [39].

A posteriori error analysis in problems related to fluid dynamics is a subject that has received a lot of attention during the last decades. In the conforming case there are several ways to define error estimators by using the residual equation. Ainsworth and Oden [5] and Verfurth [6] give a general overview. In the specific case of the Stokes and Navier-Stokes equations governing the steady flow of a viscous incompressible fluid, the work of Bank and Welfert [7], Verfurth [8] and Oden and Ainsworth [4, 5] laid the basic foundation for the mathematical analysis of practical methods. Other works for the stationary Navier-Stokes problem have been introduced in [6, 9, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25].

The plan of the paper is as follows. The model problem is described in section 2, followed by the discretization by mixed finite element method in section 3. A block diagonal preconditioners for Stokes problems is described in section 4 . Section 5 shows the methods of a posteriori error estimator of the computed solution and numerical experiment is described in section 6.

2. Model problem

We will consider the model of viscous incompressible flow in an idealized, bounded, connected domain in \mathbb{R}^2 ,

$$\nabla^2 \vec{u} + \nabla p = \vec{f} \text{ in } \Omega, \quad (2.1)$$

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{u} = 0 \text{ in } \Omega. \quad (2.2)$$

The boundary value problem which is posed on two dimensional domains Ω , is defined as:

$$C_\beta : \beta \vec{u} + (\nabla \vec{u} - pI) \vec{n} = \vec{g} \text{ in } \Gamma =: \partial\Omega. \quad (2.3)$$

We also assume that Ω has a polygonal boundary Γ , so \vec{n} that is the usual outward pointing normal. The vector field \vec{u} is the fluid velocity, p is the pressure field, ∇ is the gradient, $\nabla \cdot$ is the divergence operator, the functional \vec{f} in the space $[L^2(\Omega)]^2$, \vec{g} in the space $[L^2(\Gamma)]^2$, the pressure p in the space $L^2(\Omega)$ and β is a nonzero bounded continuous function defined on $\partial\Omega$.

Remark 2.1

If β is strictly positive constant such that $\beta \succ 1$ then C_β , is the Dirichlet boundary condition and if $\beta \prec 1$ then the C_β , is the Neumann boundary condition. For this, β is called the Dirichlet coefficient.

We set

$$V = H_0^1(\Omega) \times H_0^1(\Omega), \quad (2.4)$$

and

$$W = \{q \in L^2(\Omega) : \int_{\Omega} q(x) dx = 0\}. \quad (2.5)$$

Let the bilinear forms $a : V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $b : V \times W \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $d : W \times W \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$a(\vec{u}, \vec{v}) = \int_{\Omega} \nabla \vec{u} \cdot \nabla \vec{v} dx + \int_{\Gamma} \beta \vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}, \quad (2.6)$$

$$b(\vec{v}, q) = - \int_{\Omega} (q \nabla \cdot \vec{v}) dx, \quad d(p, q) = \int_{\Omega} p q dx. \quad (2.7)$$

These inner products induce norms on V and W denoted by $\|\cdot\|_V$ and $\|\cdot\|_W$ respectively.

$$\|\vec{u}\|_V = a(\vec{u}, \vec{u})^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad \forall \vec{u} \in V, \quad (2.8)$$

$$\|q\|_W = d(q, q)^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad \forall q \in W. \quad (2.9)$$

Given the continuous functional $l : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$l(\vec{v}) = \int_{\Omega} \vec{f} \cdot \vec{v} dx + \int_{\partial\Omega} \vec{g} \cdot \vec{v} dx. \quad (2.10)$$

The weak formulation of the Stokes flow problem (2.1)-(2.2)-(2.3) is then:

Find $(\vec{u}, p) \in V \times W$ such that

$$a(\vec{u}, \vec{v}) + b(\vec{v}, p) = l(\vec{v}), \quad (2.11)$$

$$b(\vec{u}, q) = 0, \quad (2.12)$$

for all $(\vec{v}, q) \in V \times W$.

3. Finite element approximation

Let P be a regular partitioning of the domain Ω into the union of N subdomains K such that

- $N < \infty$,
- $\bar{\Omega} = \cup_{K \in P} \bar{K}$,

- $K \cap J$ is empty whenever $K \neq J$,
- each K is a convex Lipschitzian domain with piecewise smooth boundary ∂K .

The common boundary between subdomains K and J is denoted by: $\Gamma_{KJ} = \partial K \cap \partial J$.

For any $K \in P$, ω_K is of rectangles sharing at least one edge with element K . We let $\varepsilon_h = \cup_{K \in P} \varepsilon(K)$ denotes the set of all edges split into interior and boundary edges, $\varepsilon_h = \varepsilon_{h,\Omega} \cup \varepsilon_{h,\Gamma}$, where $\varepsilon_{h,\Omega} = \{E \in \varepsilon_h : E \subset \Omega\}$ and $\varepsilon_{h,\Gamma} = \{E \in \varepsilon_h : E \subset \partial\Omega\}$.

The finite element subspaces X^h and M^h are constructed in the usual manner so that the inclusion $X^h \times M^h \subset V \times W$ holds.

The mixed finite element approximation to (2.11)-(2.12) is then :

Find $(\vec{u}_h, p_h) \in X^h \times M^h$ such that

$$a(\vec{u}_h, \vec{v}_h) + b(\vec{v}_h, p_h) = l(\vec{v}_h), \quad (3.1)$$

$$b(\vec{u}_h, q_h) = 0, \quad (3.2)$$

for all $(\vec{v}_h, q_h) \in X^h \times M^h$.

To define the corresponding linear algebra problem, we use a set of vector-valued basis functions $\{\vec{\varphi}_j\}$, so that

$$\vec{u}_h = \sum_{j=1}^{n_u} u_j \vec{\varphi}_j + \sum_{j=n_u+1}^{n_u+n_\partial} u_j \vec{\varphi}_j, \quad (3.3)$$

and we fix the coefficients $u_j : j = n_u + 1, \dots, n_u + n_\partial$, so that the second term interpolates the boundary data on $\partial\Omega_D$.

We introduce a set of pressure basis functions $\{\Psi_k\}$ and set

$$p_h = \sum_{k=1}^{n_p} p_k \Psi_k, \quad (3.4)$$

where n_u and n_p are the numbers of velocity and pressure basis functions, respectively.

We obtain a system of linear equations

$$\begin{pmatrix} A & B^T \\ B & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} U \\ P \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} f \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (3.5)$$

The matrix A is the vector Laplacian matrix and B is the divergence matrix

$$A = [a_{ij}], \quad a_{ij} = \int_{\Omega} \nabla \vec{\varphi}_i : \nabla \vec{\varphi}_j + \int_{\partial\Omega} \beta \vec{\varphi}_i \cdot \vec{\varphi}_j, \quad (3.6)$$

$$B = [b_{kj}], \quad b_{kj} = - \int_{\Omega} \Psi_k \nabla \cdot \vec{\varphi}_j, \quad (3.7)$$

for i and $j = 1, \dots, n_u$ and $k = 1, \dots, n_p$.

The right-hand side vector f in (3.5) is

$$f = [f_i], \quad f_i = \int_{\Omega} \vec{f} \cdot \vec{\varphi}_i + \int_{\partial\Omega} \vec{g} \cdot \vec{\varphi}_i, \quad (3.8)$$

for $i = 1, \dots, n_u$ and $k = 1, \dots, n_p$.

We use the iterative methods Minimum Residual Method (MINRES) for solving the symmetric system.

4. Block diagonal preconditioners

We use a fast and robust linear solvers for stabilized mixed approximations of the Stokes equations (2.1)-(2.2)-(2.3). The resulting discrete Stokes system is the saddle-point system [9]

$$\begin{pmatrix} A & B^T \\ B & -C \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} U \\ P \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} f \\ g \end{pmatrix}, \quad (4.1)$$

Where the vectors U, P are discretized representations of \vec{u}, p , with f, g taking into account the source term \vec{f} as well as nonhomogeneous boundary conditions. The matrix C is the zero matrix when a stable finite element discretization $Q_2 - Q_1$ Taylor-Hood element is used, and is the stabilization matrix otherwise.

We assume that A is symmetric positive definite, which is the case when a Dirichlet condition is imposed on at least part of the boundary. The matrix C is always positive semi definite.

For consistency with the continuous Stokes system the matrix B should satisfy $\mathbf{1} \in \text{null}(B^T)$ in the case of enclosed flow (see [9, Chapter 3]). Let

$$\mathcal{D} = \begin{bmatrix} A & B^T \\ B & -C \end{bmatrix}, \quad (4.2)$$

where $\mathcal{D} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ is symmetric positive definite as above, $C \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$ is symmetric positive semi definite, $B \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ with $m \leq n$ and $\text{rank}(B) = r \leq m$.

We suppose that the negative Schur complement of \mathcal{D} ,

$$S = BA^{-1}B^T + C, \quad (4.3)$$

has rank p . Then under these conditions \mathcal{D} has n positive eigenvalues, p negative eigenvalues and $m - p$ zero eigenvalues [10].

Let the block diagonal preconditioner for \mathcal{D}

$$\mathbf{P}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} A & 0 \\ 0 & H \end{bmatrix}, \quad (4.4)$$

where $H \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ is a symmetric positive definite approximation to the Schur complement S . In the case where $H = S$ and $C = 0$, B must be full rank for S , and

hence \mathbf{P}_1 , to be invertible, and the eigenvalues of the preconditioned system are given by [11, 12]

$$\lambda(\mathbf{P}_1^{-1}\mathcal{D}) \in \left\{1, \frac{1}{2}(1 \pm \sqrt{5})\right\}, \quad (4.5)$$

and in the case where the approximation of S (or indeed A) is inexact the preconditioner is frequently found to be extremely effective also. When the condition on C is weakened to allow the matrix to be symmetric positive semi-definite, and we have [13, 14]

$$\lambda(\mathbf{P}_1^{-1}\mathcal{D}) \in \left[1, \frac{1}{2}(1 - \sqrt{5})\right] \cup \left[1, \frac{1}{2}(1 + \sqrt{5})\right]. \quad (4.6)$$

We consider situations where the Schur complement could be singular, and we construct an inexact approximation H which is invertible.

For the Stokes equations, the approximate Schur complement is either the mass matrix associated with the pressure approximation space [9]

$$Q = [m_{p,ij}], \quad m_{p,ij} = \int_{\Omega} \Psi_i \cdot \Psi_j, \quad (4.7)$$

or an approximation. Common approximations of Q are its diagonal [14, 16], a lumped version [17], or a Chebyshev semi-iteration method applied to Q (see [18, 40]).

Instead of taking $S \approx H$, we incorporate a scaling constant $\alpha > 0$ such that

$$\mathbf{P}_{\alpha} = \begin{bmatrix} A & 0 \\ 0 & \alpha H \end{bmatrix}, \quad (4.8)$$

as a potential preconditioner for \mathcal{D} . We explain why setting a large value of α can significantly improve the performance of the iterative solver when a stabilized mixed approximation is employed.

We order the eigenvalues of $\mathbf{P}_{\alpha}^{-1}\mathcal{D}$ from smallest to largest, so that

$$\lambda_1 \leq \dots \leq \lambda_p < 0 < \lambda_{m+1} \leq \dots \leq \lambda_{m+n}, \quad (4.9)$$

where $p = \text{rank}(S) \leq m$, S is in (4.3), $\text{diag}(F)$ is the diagonal of $F \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$.

We have the MINRES convergence bounds [9]

$$\frac{\|r_k\|_{\mathbf{P}_{\alpha}^{-1}}}{\|r_0\|_{\mathbf{P}_{\alpha}^{-1}}} \leq \min_{p \in P_k, p(0)=1} \max_{\lambda \in \sigma(\mathbf{P}_{\alpha}^{-1}\mathcal{D})} |p(\lambda)| \leq \min_{p \in P_k, p(0)=1} \max_{\lambda \in [-a, -b] \cup [c, d]} |p(\lambda)|, \quad (4.10)$$

where P_k is the set of polynomials of at most degree k and $\sigma(\mathbf{P}_{\alpha}^{-1}\mathcal{D}) \subset [-a, -b] \cup [c, d]$ is the set of nonzero eigenvalues of $\mathbf{P}_{\alpha}^{-1}\mathcal{D}$.

If $a-b = d-c$, we have

$$\frac{\|r_{2k}\|_{\mathbf{P}_{\alpha}^{-1}}}{\|r_0\|_{\mathbf{P}_{\alpha}^{-1}}} \leq 2\eta^k, \quad \eta = \frac{\sqrt{ad} - \sqrt{bc}}{\sqrt{ad} + \sqrt{bc}}. \quad (4.11)$$

This bound can be pessimistic, it will still provide some insight into the effect of α on preconditioned MINRES convergence.

For stable finite element discretizations $Q_2 - Q_1$ of the Stokes equation there exists an inf-sup constant γ , and a constant Υ resulting from the boundedness of B , such that

$$\gamma^2 \leq \frac{P^T B A^{-1} B^T P}{P^T Q P} \leq \Upsilon^2, \quad \forall P \in \mathbb{R}^m \setminus \{0\}. \quad (4.12)$$

For an unstable discretization only the upper bound holds, and a lower bound is assumed as follows :

$$\gamma^2 \leq \frac{P^T (B A^{-1} B^T + C) P}{P^T Q P}, \quad \frac{P^T B A^{-1} B^T P}{P^T Q P} \leq \Upsilon^2, \quad \forall P \in \mathbb{R}^m \setminus \{0\}. \quad (4.13)$$

Theorem 4.1. *We suppose that (4.12) holds. For the Stokes equations, we use a discretization by $Q_2 - Q_1$ elements in \mathbb{R}^2 . Then, the eigenvalues of $\mathbf{P}_\alpha^{-1} \mathcal{D}$ are contained in $[-a, -b] \cup \{0\} \cup [c, d]$ where, if $H = Q$,*

$$2a = \sqrt{1 + \frac{4\phi}{\alpha}} - 1, \quad 2b = \sqrt{1 + \frac{4\gamma^2}{\alpha}} - 1, \quad c = 1, \quad 2d = 1 + \sqrt{1 + \frac{4\phi}{\alpha}}. \quad (4.14)$$

and, if $H = \text{diag}(Q)$ we have

$$2a = \sqrt{1 + \frac{9\phi}{\alpha}} - 1, \quad 2b = \sqrt{1 + \frac{\gamma^2}{\alpha}} - 1, \quad c = 1, \quad 2d = 1 + \sqrt{1 + \frac{9\phi}{\alpha}}. \quad (4.15)$$

Where, γ is the inf-sup constant, while $\phi = 1$ if Dirichlet conditions are imposed on the whole boundary and $\phi = 2$ otherwise.

Proof. Same steps of the prof of Lemma 4.1 in [38].

Theorem 4.2. *We suppose that (4.13) holds. For the Stokes equations, we use a discretization by $Q_1 - P_0$ or $Q_1 - Q_1$ elements in \mathbb{R}^2 . Then, the eigenvalues of $\mathbf{P}_\alpha^{-1} \mathcal{D}$ are contained in $[-a, -b] \cup \{0\} \cup [c, d]$ where, if $H = Q$,*

$$\begin{aligned} 2a &= \sqrt{\left(1 - \frac{1}{\alpha}\right)^2 + \frac{4\phi}{\alpha}} - \left(1 - \frac{1}{\alpha}\right), \quad 2b = \sqrt{1 + \frac{4\gamma^2}{\alpha}} - 1, \quad c = 1, \\ 2d &= 1 + \sqrt{1 + \frac{4\phi}{\alpha}}. \end{aligned} \quad (4.16)$$

Alternatively, for $Q_1 - Q_1$ elements if $H = \text{diag}(Q)$ then, assuming that $\lambda_p = \frac{-0.25}{\alpha}$,

$$\begin{aligned} 2a &= \sqrt{\left(1 - \frac{9}{4\alpha}\right)^2 + \frac{9\phi}{\alpha}} - \left(1 - \frac{9}{4\alpha}\right), \quad b = \frac{0.25}{\alpha}, \quad c = 1, \\ 2d &= 1 + \sqrt{1 + \frac{9\phi}{\alpha}}. \end{aligned} \quad (4.17)$$

Where, γ is as in (4.13) while $\phi = 2$ if Dirichlet conditions are imposed on the whole boundary and $\phi = 3$ otherwise.

Proof. Same steps of the prof of Theorem 4.1.

5. Analysis of estimators

In this section, we propose two types of a posteriori error indicator : the local Poisson problem estimator and the residual error estimator. Which are shown to give global error estimates.

Theorem 5.1. *We have*

$$\sup_{(\vec{v}, q) \in V \times W} \frac{a(\vec{w}, \vec{v}) + d(s, q)}{\|\vec{v}\|_V + \|q\|_W} \geq \frac{1}{2}(\|\vec{w}\|_V + \|s\|_W), \quad (5.1)$$

for all $(\vec{w}, s) \in V \times W$.

Proof . Let $(\vec{w}, q) \in V \times W$, we have

$$\sup_{(\vec{v}, q) \in V \times W} \frac{a(\vec{w}, \vec{v}) + d(s, q)}{\|\vec{v}\|_V + \|q\|_W} \geq \frac{a(\vec{w}, \vec{w}) + d(s, 0)}{\|\vec{w}\|_V + \|0\|_W} = \|\vec{w}\|_V, \quad (5.2)$$

and we have

$$\sup_{(\vec{v}, q) \in V \times W} \frac{a(\vec{w}, \vec{v}) + d(s, q)}{\|\vec{v}\|_V + \|q\|_W} \geq \frac{a(\vec{w}, \vec{0}) + d(s, s)}{\|\vec{0}\|_V + \|s\|_W} = \|s\|_W. \quad (5.3)$$

We gather (5.2) and (5.3) to get (5.1).

Let $(\vec{e}, E) \in V \times W$ be the error in the finite element approximation, $\vec{e} = \vec{u} - \vec{u}_h$ and $E = p - p_h$ and define $(\vec{\phi}, \psi) \in V \times W$ to be the Ritz projection of the modified residuals

$$a(\vec{\phi}, \vec{v}) + d(\psi, q) = a(\vec{e}, \vec{v}) + b(\vec{v}, E) + b(\vec{e}, q), \quad (5.4)$$

for all $(\vec{v}, q) \in V \times W$.

Theorem 5.2. *There exist positive constants K_1 and K_2 such that*

$$K_1(\|\vec{\phi}\|_V^2 + \|\psi\|_W^2) \leq \|\vec{u} - \vec{u}_h\|_V^2 + \|p - p_h\|_W^2 \leq K_2(\|\vec{\phi}\|_V^2 + \|\psi\|_W^2). \quad (5.5)$$

Proof. See Ainsworth, M., and Oden, J. [5].□

The local velocity space on each subdomain $K \in P$ is

$$V_K = \{\vec{v} \in H^1(K) \times H^1(K) : \vec{v} = \vec{0} \text{ on } \partial\Omega \cap \partial K\}, \quad (5.6)$$

and the pressure space is

$$W_K = L^2(K). \quad (5.7)$$

Let the bilinear forms $a_K : V_K \times V_K \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $b_K : V_K \times W_K \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, and $d_K : W_K \times W_K \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$,

$$a_K(\vec{u}, \vec{v}) = \int_K \nabla \vec{u} \cdot \nabla \vec{v} + \int_{\Gamma \cap K} \beta \vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}, \quad (5.8)$$

$$b_K(\vec{v}, q) = - \int_K q(\nabla \cdot \vec{v}) \, dx, \quad d_K(p, q) = \int_K p \, q \, dx. \quad (5.9)$$

Given the continuous functional $l_K : V_K \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$l_K(\vec{v}) = \int_K \vec{f} \cdot \vec{v} \, dx + \int_{\Gamma \cap K} \vec{g} \cdot \vec{v}. \quad (5.10)$$

Hence for $\vec{v}, \vec{w} \in V$ and $q \in W$ we have

$$a(\vec{v}, \vec{w}) = \sum_{K \in P} a_K(\vec{v}_K, \vec{w}_K), \quad b(\vec{v}, q) = \sum_{K \in P} b_K(\vec{v}_K, q_K). \quad (5.11)$$

The velocity space $V(P)$ is defined by

$$V(P) = \prod_{K \in P} V_K. \quad (5.12)$$

and the broken pressure space $W(P)$ is defined by

$$W(P) = \{q \in \prod_{K \in P} W_K : \int_{\Omega} q(x) \, dx = 0\}. \quad (5.13)$$

Examining the previous notations reveals that

$$W(P) = W. \quad (5.14)$$

We consider the space of continuous linear functional τ on $V(P) \times W(P)$ that vanish on the space $V \times W$.

Therefore, let $H(\text{div}, \Omega)$ denote the space

$$H(\text{div}, \Omega) = \{A \in L^2(\Omega)^{2 \times 2} : \text{div}(A) \in L^2(\Omega)^2\}, \quad (5.15)$$

equipped with norm

$$\|A\|_{H(\text{div}, \Omega)} = \{\|A\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 + \|\text{div} A\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2\}^{\frac{1}{2}}. \quad (5.16)$$

Theorem 5.3. *A continuous linear functional τ on the space $V(P) \times W(P)$ vanishes on the space $V \times W$ if and only if there exists $A \in H(\text{div}, \Omega)$ such that*

$$\tau[(\vec{v}, q)] = \sum_{K \in P} \oint_{\partial K} \vec{n}_K \cdot A \cdot \vec{v}_K \, ds, \quad (5.17)$$

where \vec{n}_K denotes the unit outward normal vector on the boundary of K .

Proof. See Ainsworth, M., and Oden, J. [4]. \square

It will be useful to introduce the stresslike tensor $\sigma(\vec{v}, q)$ formally defined to be

$$\sigma_{ij}(\vec{v}, q) = \nu \frac{\partial v_i}{\partial x_j} - q \delta_{ij}, \quad (5.18)$$

Where δ_{ij} is the Kronecker symbol.

In order to define the value of the normal component of the stress on the interelement boundaries it is convenient to introduce notations for the jump on Γ_{KJ} :

$$[[\vec{v} \cdot \sigma(\vec{v}_h, q_h)]] = \vec{n}_K \cdot \sigma(\vec{v}_{h,K}, q_{h,K}) + \vec{n}_J \cdot \sigma(\vec{v}_{h,J}, q_{h,J}). \quad (5.19)$$

An averaged normal stress on Γ_{KJ} is defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \vec{n}_K \cdot \sigma(\vec{v}_h, q_h) \rangle &= \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_{KJ}^{(1)} & 0 \\ 0 & \alpha_{KJ}^{(2)} \end{pmatrix} \vec{n}_K \cdot \sigma(\vec{v}_{h,K}, q_{h,K}) \\ &+ \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_{JK}^{(1)} & 0 \\ 0 & \alpha_{JK}^{(2)} \end{pmatrix} \vec{n}_K \cdot \sigma(\vec{v}_{h,J}, q_{h,J}), \end{aligned} \quad (5.20)$$

where $\alpha_{KJ}^{(i)} : \Gamma_{KJ} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ are smooth polynomial functions. Naturally, the stress should be continuous then it is required that the averaged stress coincide with this value. On Γ_{KJ} , we have

$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha_{KJ}^{(1)} & 0 \\ 0 & \alpha_{KJ}^{(2)} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_{JK}^{(1)} & 0 \\ 0 & \alpha_{JK}^{(2)} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (5.21)$$

The notation $[[\cdot]]$ is used to define jumps in the elements of $V(P)$ between subdomains. We define

$$[[\vec{v}]] = \begin{cases} V_K - V_J, & K > J, \\ V_J - V_K, & K < J, \end{cases} \quad (5.22)$$

and

$$[[\vec{n}]] = \begin{cases} \vec{n}_K - \vec{n}_J, & K > J, \\ \vec{n}_J - \vec{n}_K, & K < J. \end{cases} \quad (5.23)$$

For $\vec{v} \in V(P)$, we have

$$\sum_{K \in P} \oint_{\partial K} \vec{n}_K \cdot \sigma(\vec{u}_h, p_h) \cdot \vec{v} ds = \sum_{\Gamma_{KJ}} \int_{\Gamma_{KJ}} \langle \vec{n}_K \cdot \sigma(\vec{u}_h, p_h) \rangle \cdot [[\vec{v}]] ds. \quad (5.24)$$

Lemma 1. There exists $\hat{\mu} \in H(\text{div}, \Omega)$ such that

$$\hat{\mu}[(\vec{w}, q)] = \sum_{\Gamma_{KJ}} \int_{\Gamma_{KJ}} \langle \vec{n}_K \cdot \sigma(\vec{u}_h, q_h) \rangle \cdot [[\vec{w}]] ds, \quad (5.25)$$

for all $(\vec{w}, q) \in V(P) \times W(P)$.

Proof. The right-hand side of equation (5.25) vanishes on $V \times W$. Applying theorem 5.3, we obtain (5.25).

We define the linear functional $R : V(P) \times W(P) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by

$$\begin{aligned} R[(\vec{w}, q)] &= \sum_{K \in P} \{l_k(\vec{w}) - a_K(\vec{u}_h, \vec{w}) - b_K(\vec{w}, p_h) - b_K(\vec{u}_h, q)\} \\ &+ \oint_{\partial K} \vec{n}_K \cdot \sigma(\vec{u}_h, p_h) \cdot \vec{w}_K ds - \hat{\mu}[(\vec{w}, q)], \end{aligned} \quad (5.26)$$

for all $(\vec{w}, q) \in V(P) \times W(P)$.

For $(\vec{w}, q) \in V \times W$, we obtain

$$R[(\vec{w}, q)] = a(\vec{\phi}, \vec{w}) + d(\psi, q). \quad (5.27)$$

Let the lagrangian functional $L : V(P) \times W(P) \times H(\text{div}, \Omega) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$L[(\vec{w}, q), \mu] = \frac{1}{2} \{a(\vec{w}, \vec{w}) + d(q, q)\} - R[(\vec{w}, q)] - \mu[(\vec{w}, q)], \quad (5.28)$$

So that

$$\sup_{\mu \in H(\text{div}, \Omega)} L[(\vec{w}, q), \mu] = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} \{a(\vec{w}, \vec{w}) + d(q, q)\} - R[(\vec{w}, q)] & \text{if } (\vec{w}, q) \in V \times W, \\ = + \infty & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \quad (5.29)$$

and, for $(\vec{w}, q) \in V \times W$,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} \{a(\vec{w}, \vec{w}) + d(q, q)\} - R[(\vec{w}, q)] &= \frac{1}{2} \{a(\vec{w}, \vec{\phi}, \vec{w} - \vec{\phi}) + d(q - \psi, q - \psi) - \\ &\quad a(\vec{\phi}, \vec{\phi}) - d(\psi, \psi)\} \\ &\geq -\frac{1}{2} \{a(\vec{\phi}, \vec{\phi}) + d(\psi, \psi)\} \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} (\|\vec{\phi}\|_V^2 + \|\psi\|_W^2). \end{aligned} \quad (5.30)$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} -\frac{1}{2} (\|\vec{\phi}\|_V^2 + \|\psi\|_W^2) &= \inf_{(\vec{w}, q) \in V(P) \times W(P)} \sup_{\mu \in H(\text{div}, \Omega)} L[(\vec{w}, q), \mu] \\ &= \sup_{\mu \in H(\text{div}, \Omega)} \inf_{(\vec{w}, q) \in V(P) \times W(P)} L[(\vec{w}, q), \mu] \\ &\geq \inf_{(\vec{w}, q) \in V(P) \times W(P)} L[(\vec{w}, q), \mu] \end{aligned} \quad (5.31)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sum_{K \in P} \inf_{\vec{w}_K \in V_K} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} a(\vec{w}_K, \vec{w}_K) - l_k(\vec{w}_K) + a_K(\vec{u}_h, \vec{w}_K) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + b_K(\vec{w}_K, p_h) - \oint_{\partial K} \vec{n}_K \cdot \sigma(\vec{u}_h, p_h) \cdot \vec{w}_K ds \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \frac{1}{2} d_K(\nabla \cdot \vec{u}_h, \nabla \cdot \vec{u}_h) \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (5.32)$$

Using (5.31), we obtain:

Theorem 5.4. Let $J_K : V_K \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a quadratic functional

$$\begin{aligned} J_K(\vec{w}_K) &= \frac{1}{2} a(\vec{w}_K, \vec{w}_K) - l_k(\vec{w}_K) + a_K(\vec{u}_h, \vec{w}_K) + b_K(\vec{w}_K, p_h) \\ &\quad - \oint_{\partial K} \vec{n}_K \cdot \sigma(\vec{u}_h, p_h) \cdot \vec{w}_K ds. \end{aligned} \quad (5.33)$$

Then

$$\|\vec{\phi}\|_V^2 + \|\psi\|_W^2 \leq \sum_{K \in \mathcal{P}} \{-2 \inf_{\vec{w}_K \in V_K} J_K(\vec{w}_K) + d_K(\nabla \cdot \vec{u}_{h,K}, \nabla \cdot \vec{u}_{h,K})\}. \quad (5.34)$$

We have the problems on each subdomain

$$\inf_{\vec{w}_K \in V_K} J_K(\vec{w}_K). \quad (5.35)$$

Suppose that the minimum exists, then the minimising element is characterized by finding $\vec{\phi}_K \in V_K$ such that (see M. Ainsworth and J. Oden [5])

$$a(\vec{\phi}_K, \vec{v}) = l_K(\vec{v}) - a_K(\vec{u}_h, \vec{v}) - b_K(\vec{v}, p_h) + \oint_{\partial K} \langle \vec{n}_K \cdot \sigma(\vec{u}_h, p_h), \vec{v} \rangle ds \quad (5.36)$$

for all $\vec{v} \in V_K$.

The necessary and sufficient conditions for the existence of a minimum are that the data satisfy the following equilibration condition:

$$0 = l_K(\vec{\theta}) - a_K(\vec{u}_h, \vec{\theta}) - b_K(\vec{\theta}, p_h) + \oint_{\partial K} \langle \vec{n}_K \cdot \sigma(\vec{u}_h, p_h), \vec{\theta} \rangle ds, \quad (5.37)$$

for all $\vec{\theta} \in \text{Ker}[a, V_K]$,

where

$$\text{Ker}[a, V_K] = \{ \vec{\theta} \in V_K : a_K(\vec{w}, \vec{\theta}) = 0 \text{ for all } \vec{w} \in V_K \}. \quad (5.38)$$

When the subdomain K lies on the boundary $\partial\Omega$ the local problem (5.35) will be subject to a homogeneous Dirichlet condition on a portion of their boundaries and thus will be automatically well posed. However, elements away from the boundary are subject to pure Neumann conditions and the null space of the operator $a(\cdot, \cdot)$ will contain the rigid motions

$$\text{Ker}[a, V_K] = \text{Span}\{ \vec{\theta}_1, \vec{\theta}_2 \}, \quad (5.39)$$

$$\text{where } \vec{\theta}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \vec{\theta}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (5.40)$$

We construct data which satisfy the condition (5.36). We define

$$\begin{pmatrix} \lambda_{KJ}^{(1)} & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_{KJ}^{(2)} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_{JK}^{(1)} & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_{JK}^{(2)} \end{pmatrix} - \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (5.41)$$

Using (5.18), we obtain

$$\begin{pmatrix} \lambda_{KJ}^{(1)} & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_{KJ}^{(2)} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_{JK}^{(1)} & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_{JK}^{(2)} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (5.42)$$

The averaged interelement stress may be rewritten

$$\langle \vec{n}_K \cdot \sigma(\vec{w}_h, q_h) \rangle = \langle \vec{n}_K \cdot \sigma(\vec{v}_h, q_h) \rangle_{\frac{1}{2}} + [[\vec{n} \cdot \sigma(\vec{v}_h, q_h)]] \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_{KJ}^{(1)} & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_{KJ}^{(2)} \end{pmatrix}, \quad (5.43)$$

where $\langle \vec{n}_K \cdot \sigma(\vec{v}_h, q_h) \rangle_{\frac{1}{2}}$ denotes the interelement averaged stress obtained using the symmetrical weighting corresponding to $\alpha = \frac{1}{2}$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} l_K(\vec{\theta}) - a_K(\vec{u}_h, \vec{\theta}) - b_K(\vec{\theta}, p_h) + \oint_{\partial K} \langle \vec{n}_K \cdot \sigma(\vec{u}_h, p_h) \rangle \cdot \vec{\theta} ds \\ = - \sum_{J \in P} \int_{\Gamma_{KJ}} [[\vec{n} \cdot \sigma(\vec{v}_h, p_h)]] \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_{KJ}^{(1)} & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_{KJ}^{(2)} \end{pmatrix} \vec{\theta} \cdot ds, \end{aligned} \quad (5.44)$$

for all $\vec{\theta} \in Ker[a, V_K]$.

Let $\{X_A\}$ be chosen so that: $Span \{X_A\} \times Span\{X_A\} \subset X$ and

$$\sum_A X_A(x) = 1. \quad (5.45)$$

For example, one might choose the piecewise bilinear pyramid functions associated with interior nodes in the partition. The relation (5.44) must hold at all points x contained in elements which do not interest the boundary of the domain.

The functions $\lambda_{KJ}^{(k)} : \Gamma_{KJ} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ are chosen to be of the form

$$\lambda_{KJ}^{(k)}(s) = \sum_A \lambda_{KJ,A}^{(k)} X_A(s), \quad (5.46)$$

where $\lambda_{KJ,A}^{(k)}$ are constants to be determined. Owing the constraint (5.44), it is required that

$$\lambda_{KJ,A}^{(k)} + \lambda_{JK,A}^{(k)} = 0, \quad (5.47)$$

for each A.

Lemma 2. Suppose that for each X_A the constants $\{\lambda_{KJ,A}^{(k)}\}$ satisfy

$$- \sum_{J \in P} \lambda_{KJ,A}^{(k)} \rho_{KJ,A}^{(k)} = b_{K,A}^{(k)}, \quad (5.48)$$

for $k=1, 2$, where

$$\begin{aligned} b_{K,A}^{(k)} = l_K(X_A \vec{\theta}_k) - a_K(\vec{u}_h, X_A \vec{\theta}_k) - b_K(X_A \vec{\theta}_k, p_h) \\ + \oint_{\partial K} X_A(s) \langle \vec{n}_K \cdot \sigma(\vec{u}_h, p_h) \rangle \cdot \vec{\theta}_k ds, \end{aligned} \quad (5.49)$$

and

$$\rho_{KJ,A}^{(k)} = \int_{\Gamma_{KJ}} [[\vec{n} \cdot \sigma(\vec{u}_h, p_h)]] \cdot \vec{\theta}_k ds. \quad (5.50)$$

Then

$$0 = l_K(\vec{\theta}) - a_K(\vec{u}_h, \vec{\theta}) - b_K(\vec{\theta}, p_h) + \oint_{\partial K} \langle \vec{n}_K \cdot \sigma(\vec{u}_h, p_h) \rangle \cdot \vec{\theta} ds, \quad (5.51)$$

for all $\vec{\theta} \in \text{Ker}[a, V_K]$.

Proof. The result follows immediately by using (5.46), (5.44) and (5.40).

Summarizing and incorporating the results of section 5 we have

Theorem 5.5. *There exists a constant $C > 0$ such that*

$$\|\vec{u} - \vec{u}_h\|_V^2 + \|p - p_h\|_W^2 \leq C \sum_{K \in P} \eta_K^2, \quad (5.52)$$

where

$$\eta_K = \{a_K(\vec{\phi}_K, \vec{\phi}_K) + d_K(\nabla \cdot \vec{u}_h, \nabla \cdot \vec{u}_h)\}^{\frac{1}{2}}. \quad (5.53)$$

□

We define the global error estimator η_p by

$$\eta_p = \left(\sum_{K \in P} \eta_K^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}. \quad (5.54)$$

We define the stress jump across edge or face E adjoining elements T and K

$$[[\nabla \vec{u}_h - p_h \vec{I}]] = ((\nabla \vec{u}_h - p_h \vec{I})|_T - (\nabla \vec{u}_h - p_h \vec{I})|_K) \vec{n}_{E,K},$$

where $\vec{n}_{E,K}$ is the outward pointing normal.

We define the equidistributed stress jump operator

$$\vec{R}_E^* = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} [[\nabla \vec{u}_h - p_h \vec{I}]] & \text{if } E \in \varepsilon_{h,\Omega}, \\ \vec{g} - [\beta \vec{u}_h + (\nabla \vec{u}_h - p_h \vec{I}) \vec{n}] & \text{if } E \in \varepsilon_{h,\Gamma}, \end{cases} \quad (5.55)$$

and the interior residuals

$$\vec{R}_K = \{ \vec{f} + \nabla^2 \vec{u}_h - \nabla p_h \}_K, \quad (5.56)$$

and

$$R_K = \{ \nabla \cdot \vec{u}_h \}_K. \quad (5.57)$$

The element contribution $\eta_{r,K}$ of the residual error estimator is given by

$$\eta_{r,K}^2 = h_K^2 \|\vec{R}_K\|_{0,K}^2 + \|R_K\|_{0,K}^2 + \sum_{E \in \partial K} h_E \|\vec{R}_E^*\|_{0,E}^2, \quad (5.58)$$

and the global residual error estimator η_r is given by

$$\eta_r = (\sum_{K \in P} \eta_{r,K}^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

Theorem 5.6. *The estimator $\eta_{r,K}$ is equivalent to the η_K estimator : there exist positive constants c_1 and C_2 such that*

$$c_1 \eta_K \leq \eta_{r,K} \leq C_2 \eta_K. \quad (5.59)$$

Proof. Same steps of the prof of Theorem 3.9 in [15].

Theorem 5.7. *There exist positive constant C' such that*

$$\|\vec{u} - \vec{u}_h\|_V^2 + \|p - p_h\|_W^2 \leq C' \sum_{K \in P} \eta_{r,K}^2. \quad (5.60)$$

6. Numerical simulation

Example 1 In this section some numerical results of calculations with finite element Method and ADINA system will be presented. Using our solver, we run the test problem driven cavity flow [31, 33, 34, 35, 40, 41, 42].

This is a classic test problem used in fluid dynamics, known as driven-cavity flow. It is a model of the flow in a square cavity with the lid moving from left to right. Let the computational model:

$\{y = 1, -1 \leq x \leq 1/u_x = 1\}$ a leaky cavity.

The streamlines are computed from the velocity solution by solving the Poisson equation numerically subject to a zero Dirichlet boundary condition.

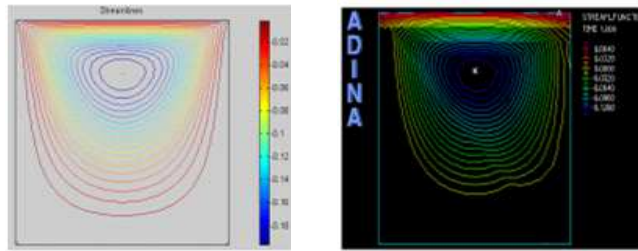


Figure 1: Uniform streamline plot with MFE (left), and uniform streamline plot computed with ADINA system (right) using $Q_2 - Q_1$ approximation, a 64×64 square grid.

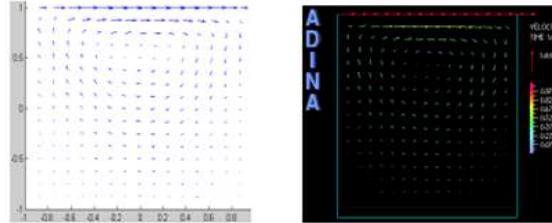


Figure 2: Velocity vectors solution by MFE (left) associated with a 64×64 square grid, $Q_2 - Q_1$ approximation and velocity vectors solution (right) computed with ADINA system.

Table 1: Results for the cavity problem solved with $Q_1 - Q_1$ finite elements, for a range of values of h and α

α	h						
	2^{-2}	2^{-3}	2^{-4}	2^{-5}	2^{-6}	2^{-7}	2^{-8}
1	21	31	35	38	40	41	43
2	18	27	30	33	35	36	37
3	18	25	29	31	33	34	36
4	18	25	28	30	32	33	34
5	17	23	28	30	31	33	33
6	17	23	28	30	30	33	33
7	17	23	28	29	31	31	33
8	17	23	26	29	31	32	32
9	17	22	26	29	31	32	32
10	17	22	26	29	30	32	33
20	17	22	27	28	29	31	32
40	16	23	26	29	30	33	32
60	16	23	28	39	31	32	33
80	16	24	27	29	32	33	34
100	16	23	27	28	32	33	33

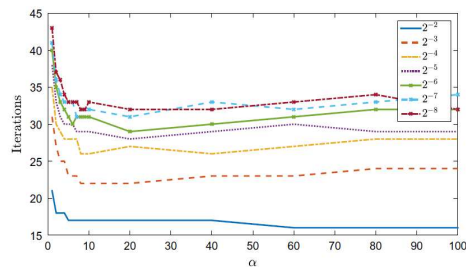


Figure 3: Representation of the effect of α on the MINRES iteration count for the cavity problem.

Figure 1 shows the uniform streamline by MFE associated with a 64×64 square grid, $Q_2 - Q_1$ approximation. The particles in the body of the fluid move in a circular trajectory. Table 1 present the iteration numbers for MINRES solution of the leaky cavity problem using stabilized $Q_1 - Q_1$ elements on a uniform mesh. We observe that when α is increased, the iteration numbers clearly decrease, and there is hence a considerable benefit to applying the scaled preconditioner. This is observed for all values of mesh parameter tested. We present these results pictorially in Figure 3.

The results, in Fig. 4, clearly show that increasing α reduces η , but that as we increase α beyond about 10, η decreases much more slowly. In other words, as α is increased beyond this point, we would not anticipate a further significant reduction in iteration numbers for our preconditioned solver. This therefore motivates a value of α equal to roughly 10, as this choice essentially achieves the optimal predicted convergence rate, while at the same time ensuring that the negative eigenvalues of $\mathbf{P}_\alpha^{-1}\mathcal{D}$ are far from zero.

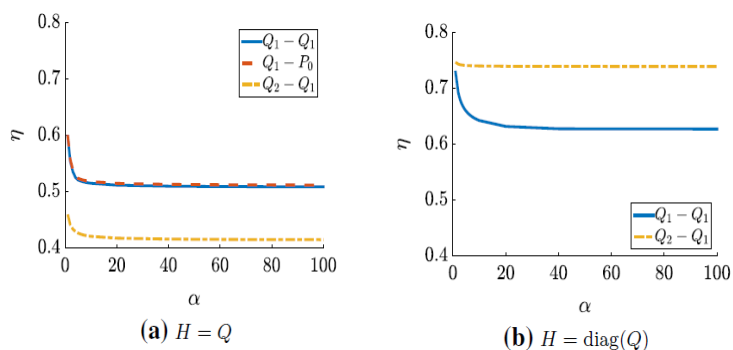


Figure 4: Fig. 4. η for the cavity problem, with a mesh parameter of 2^{-6} .

Table 2: η_r is the residual error estimator and η_p is the local Poisson problem error estimator for leaky driven cavity.

grid	$\ \vec{u} - \vec{u}_h\ _V$	η_r	η_p
8×8	8.704739×10^{-2}	1.720480×10^0	9.722432×10^{-1}
16×16	3.115002×10^{-2}	1.084737×10^0	5.052819×10^{-1}
32×32	9.545524×10^{-3}	5.919904×10^{-1}	2.782035×10^{-1}
64×64	2.676623×10^{-3}	3.160964×10^{-1}	1.220784×10^{-1}

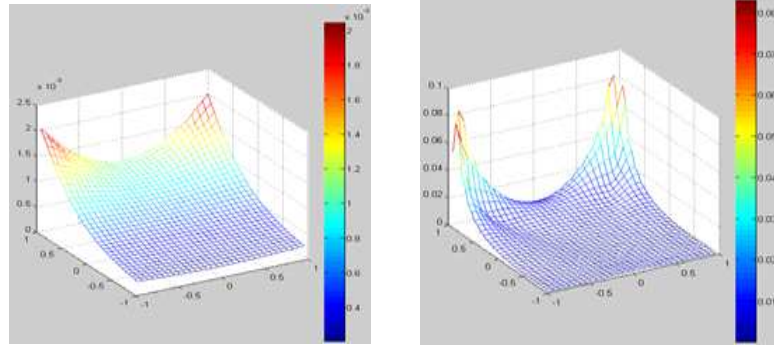


Figure 5: Fig. 5. local Poisson problem error estimator η_p (left) and residual error estimator η_r (right) for leaky driven cavity, with 64×64 square grid.

The computational results of Figure 4 and Table 2 suggest that all two estimators seem to be able to correctly indicate the structure of the error.

Example 2 It's a test problem with an exact solution is solved in order to compare the affectivity of two error estimation strategies: the residual estimator η_r and the Poisson estimators η_p . The latter approach is frequently used and is generally considered by practitioners to be one the best error estimation strategies in terms of its simplicity and reliability, especially when used as a refinement indicator in a self-adaptive refinement setting. This analytic test problem is associated with the following solution of the Stokes equation system:

$$u_x = 20xy^3; \quad u_y = 20x^4 - 5y^4 \quad \text{and} \quad p = 60x^2y - 20y^3 + \text{constant}. \quad (6.1)$$

It is a simple model of colliding flow, and a typical solution of streamline is illustrated in Figure 6. To solve this problem numerically, the finite element interpolant of the velocity in (6.1) is specified everywhere on Ω . The Dirichlet boundary condition for the stream function calculation is the interpolant of the exact stream function: $\psi(x, y) = 5xy^4 - x^5$.

Let $\beta \gg 1$ and $\vec{g} = (20\beta xy^3; \beta(20x^4 - 5y^4))$ on Γ .

The flow problem is solved on a square domain $]-1, 1[\times]-1, 1[$ using a nested sequence of uniformly refined square grids.

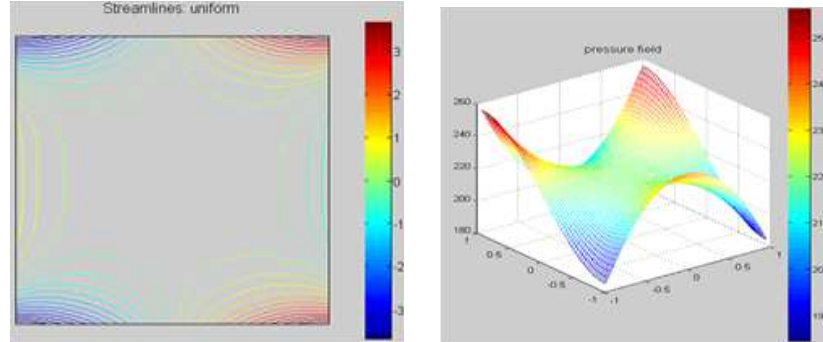


Figure 6: Fig. 6. Uniform streamline plot (left) and pressure plot (right) for the flow by MFE associated with a 64×64 square grid.

To interpret the results that are presented some notation will be needed:

$$e = \sqrt{\|\vec{u} - \vec{u}_h\|_V^2 + \|P - P_h\|_{0,\Omega}^2}, \quad (6.2)$$

$$e_T = \sqrt{\|\vec{u} - \vec{u}_h\|_{V,T}^2 + \|P - P_h\|_{0,T}^2}, \quad (6.3)$$

$$e_{\omega_T} = \sqrt{\|\vec{u} - \vec{u}_h\|_{V,\omega_T}^2 + \|P - P_h\|_{0,\omega_T}^2}. \quad (6.4)$$

Figure 6 shows the streamline and pressure plots, and figure 7 shows the estimated error η_T associated with 64×64 square grid.

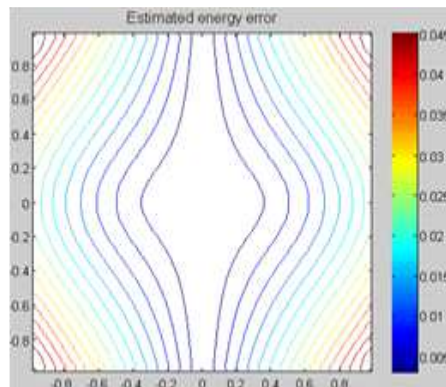


Figure 7: Fig. 7. Estimated error η_T associated with 64×64 square grid.

Table 3: Comparison of error estimator effectivity

<i>Grid</i>	e	$\frac{e}{\eta_r}$	$\frac{e}{\eta_p}$
8×8	1.4433e+000	3.1206e - 001	1.1916e + 000
16×16	7.7582e -001	3.0597e -001	1.0234e + 001
32×32	3.9279e -001	2.9134e -001	9.2872e - 001
64×64	1.9692e -001	2.9082e -001	9.1723e - 001

Looking at Table 3, we see that the global error e is decreasing and $\frac{e}{\eta_p}$ is very close to 1, $\frac{e}{\eta_r}$ is very close to $\frac{1}{3}$, then the Poisson problem estimator η_p provides the most accurate estimate of the global error and the local estimates η_T is quantitatively close to the exact error and the estimates η_r is about three times larger than exact error.

We see that the local error estimator $\eta_{G,T}(\eta_{G,T} = \eta_T \text{ or } \eta_{r,T})$ satisfied

$$e \leq C_\Omega \eta_G \text{ and } \eta_G = \left(\sum_{T \in P} \eta_{G,T}^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}, \quad (6.5)$$

$$\eta_{G,T} \leq C \left(\sum_{T' \in P} \{ \|\bar{e}\|_{V,T'}^2 + \|\varepsilon\|_{0,T'}^2 \} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}. \quad (6.6)$$

Here, the generic constant C_Ω is independent of the mesh size and the exact solution but may depend on the domain and the element aspect ration.

Then the estimators $\eta_{G,T}$ is likely to be effective if it is used to drive an adaptive refinement process.

In general, if an error estimator is to be efficient then the constant on the right hand side of (6.6) should be bounded. An estimate of this constant (e.g $\max_{T \in T_h} \frac{\eta_{G,T}}{e_{\omega_T}}$) is provided in Table 4, where we also estimate this constant for the exact error (e.g $\max_{T \in P} \frac{e_T}{e_{\omega_T}}$).

Table 4: Comparison of affectivity indices

<i>Grid</i>	e	$\max_{T \in T_h} \frac{e_T}{e_{\omega_T}}$	$\max_{T \in T_h} \frac{\eta_{r,T}}{e_{\omega_T}}$	$\max_{T \in T_h} \frac{\eta_T}{e_{\omega_T}}$
8×8	1.4433e+000	5.8923e-001	2.1659e+000	6.2529e - 001
16×16	7.7582e -001	6.1997e -001	2.2577e +000	5.5183e - 001
32×32	3.9279e -001	5.9143e-001	2.2743e +000	5.3152e - 001
64×64	1.9692e -001	5.3092e -001	2.2162e +000	6.3092e - 001

From the Table 4, $\max_{T \in P} \frac{\eta_{r,T}}{e_{\omega_T}}$, and $\max_{T \in T_h} \frac{\eta_T}{e_{\omega_T}}$, seem to be bounded. In addition $\max_{T \in T_h} \frac{\eta_T}{e_{\omega_T}}$, is close to $\max_{T \in T_h} \frac{e_T}{e_{\omega_T}}$.

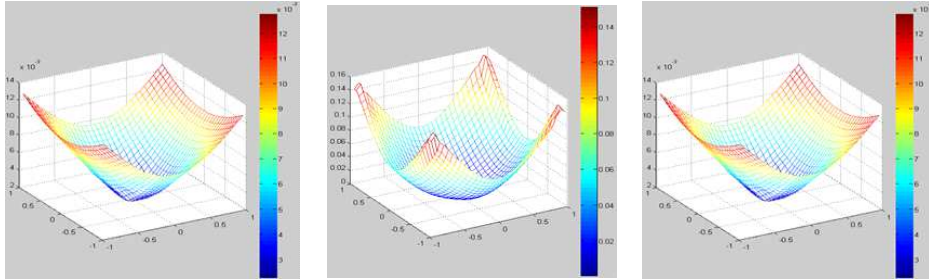


Figure 8: Fig. 8. Exact error e_T (left), estimator $\eta_{r,T}$ (middle) and the estimator η_T (right) for the test problem with 64×64 square grid.

The local affectivity indices $\frac{\eta_{G,T}}{e_{\omega_T}}$ will be bounded above and below across the whole domain, so that elements with large errors can be singled out for local mesh refinement. This is assessed in Figure 9. Looking at the distribution of these indices it is clear that the our two estimators give a very different picture. Once again, η_T is closely aligned with the exact error but $\eta_{r,T}$ is not.

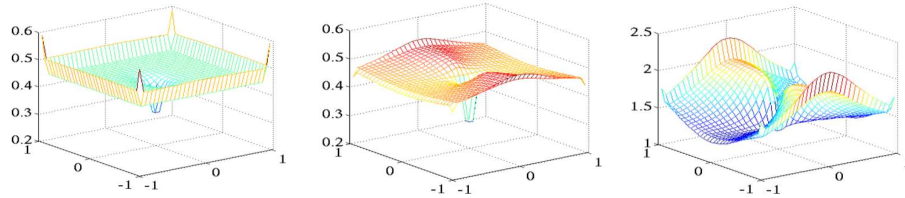


Figure 9: Fig. 9. Exact affectivity $\frac{e_T}{e_{\omega_T}}$ (left), estimator affectivity $\frac{\eta_T}{e_{\omega_T}}$ (middle) and estimator affectivity $\frac{\eta_{r,T}}{e_{\omega_T}}$ (right) with a 64×64 square grid.

7. Conclusion

We were interested in this work in the numeric solution for steady incompressible Stokes Equations with a new boundary condition. We use a discretization by mixed finite element methods. We use a block diagonal preconditioners and the preconditioned MINRES method for Stokes problem. We observe that when α is increased, the iteration numbers clearly decrease, and there is hence a considerable benefit to applying the scaled preconditioner. We obtain a faster convergence. Two types of a posteriori error indicator are introduced and are shown to give global error estimates that are equivalent to the true discretization error. The computational results suggest that all two estimators seem to be able to correctly indicate the structure of the error.

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