

# An Optimal Robin-Type Domain Decomposition Method for Raviart-Thomas Vector Field in Three Dimensions

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## ABSTRACT

In this paper, we present a Robin-type nonoverlapping domain decomposition (DD) preconditioner, which is deduced from the renewal equation of the Robin-Robin iteration method. The unknown variables to be solved in this preconditioned algebraic system are the Robin transmission data on the interface. Through choosing suitable parameter on each subdomain boundary and using the tool of energy estimate, for Raviart-Thomas vector field in three dimensions, we prove that the condition number of the preconditioned system is  $O(1)$ , and the DD method is optimal. I prove the discrete extension theorem in  $H(\text{div})$ . Numerical results are given to illustrate the efficiency of our DD preconditioner.

**Keywords:** Finite Element Method; Robin-Type Domain Decomposition Method; Condition Number Estimate; Raviart-Thomas Vector Field; Optimal

## Introduction

In this paper, we consider the following boundary value problem

$$\begin{cases} -\text{grad}(\text{div}u) + Bu = f \text{ in } \Omega \\ u \cdot n = 0 \text{ in } \Omega \end{cases} \quad (1.1)$$

Given a bounded convex polyhedral domain  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ , we introduce the boundary value problems where  $a \in L^\infty(\Omega)$  is a scalar-valued positive function bounded away from zero, the coefficient matrices  $B + [b_{ij}]$  is symmetric uniformly positive definite with  $b_{ij} \in L^\infty(\Omega)$ ,  $1 \leq i, j \leq n$ , and  $f \in L^2(\Omega)^3$ . The weak formulation of problem (1.1), and the study of the Raviart-Thomas finite elements, as well as our iterative method, require the introduction of an appropriate Hilbert space  $H(\text{div}; \Omega)$ . It is given by

$$H(\text{div}; \Omega) := \{v \in L^2(\Omega)^3 \mid \text{div}v \in L^2(\Omega)\}$$

which equipped with the inner product  $(\cdot, \cdot)_{\text{div}; \Omega}$ ; and the associated graph norm  $\|\cdot\|_{\text{div}; \Omega}$  defined

by

$$(u, v)_{\text{div}; \Omega} := \int_{\Omega} u \cdot v \, dx + \int_{\Omega} \text{div}u \cdot \text{div}v \, dx, \quad \|u\|_{\text{div}; \Omega}^2 = (u, u)_{\text{div}; \Omega}$$

The subspace of vectors in  $H(\text{div}; \Omega)$  with vanishing normal component on  $\partial\Omega$  is denoted by

$H_0(\text{div}; \Omega)$  and it is the appropriate space for the variational formulation of (1.1):

Find  $u \in H_0(\text{div}; \Omega)$  such that

$$a(u, v) = \int_{\Omega} f \cdot v \, dx, \quad v \in H_0(\text{div}; \Omega),$$

where the bilinear form  $a(\cdot, \cdot)$  is given by

$$a(u, v) = \int_{\Omega} (\text{div}u \cdot \text{div}v + Bu \cdot v) \, dx, \quad u, v \in H(\text{div}; \Omega).$$

We associate an energy norm, defined by  $\|\cdot\|_a^2 := a(\cdot, \cdot)$ , with the bilinear form; our associations on the coefficients guarantee that this norm is equivalent to the graph norm. Given a vector  $u \in H(\text{div}; \Omega)$ , it is possible to define its normal component  $u \cdot n$  on the boundary [1].

### LEMMA 1.1.

Let  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^3$  be Lipschitz continuous. Then, the operator  $\gamma_n : C^\infty(\bar{\Omega})^3 \rightarrow C^\infty(\partial\Omega)^3$ , mapping a vector into its normal component on the boundary, can be extended continuously to an operator  $\gamma_n : H(\text{div}; \Omega) \rightarrow H^{-1/2}(\partial\Omega)^3$ . In addition, there exists a continuous lifting operator  $R_n : H^{-1/2}(\partial\Omega) \rightarrow H(\text{div}; \Omega)$ , such that  $\gamma_n(R_n\phi) = \phi$ ,  $\phi \in H^{-1/2}(\partial\Omega)$ . The following Green's formula holds,  $u \in H(\text{div}; \Omega)$  and  $q \in H^1(\Omega)$ ,

$$\int_{\Omega} u \cdot \text{grad} q \, dx + \int_{\Omega} \text{div} u \, q \, dx = \int_{\partial\Omega} u \cdot n \, q \, dS.$$

where the integral on the right hand side is understood as the duality pairing between  $H^{-\frac{1}{2}}(\partial\Omega)$  and  $H^{\frac{1}{2}}(\partial\Omega)$ . We consider finite element discretization's based on the Raviart-Thomas elements. For triangulations made of tetrahedra, the local spaces on a generic tetrahedron  $K$  are defined as

$$D_k(K) := P_{k-1}(K)^n \oplus \times \tilde{P}_{k-1}(K), \quad k \geq 1,$$

where  $x$  is the position vector in  $R^n$  and  $\tilde{P}_{k-1}(K)$  is the space of homogeneous polynomials of

degree  $k-1$  on  $K$ . A function  $u$  in  $D_k(K)$  is uniquely defined by the following degrees of freedom

$$\int_f u \cdot n \, p \, dx, \quad P \in P_{k-1}(f),$$

for each face  $f$  of  $K$ . For  $k > 1$ , we add

$$\int_K u \cdot P \, dx, \quad P \in P_{k-2}(K)$$

It can be proven that the following spaces are well-defined:

$$RT_k^h(\Omega) := \{u \in H(\text{div}; \Omega) \mid u|_K \in D_k(K), K \in \mathcal{T}_h\},$$

$$RT_{k;0}^h(\Omega) := \{u \in H_0(\text{div}; \Omega) \mid u|_K \in D_k(K), K \in \mathcal{T}_h\}$$

The corresponding interpolation operator is denoted by  $\prod_{RT_k}^h$ . When there is no ambiguity,

we simply use the notations  $RT^h(\Omega)$ ,  $RT_0^h(\Omega)$ , and  $\prod_{RT}^h$

For the case  $k = 1$ , the elements of the local space have the simple form

$$D_1(K) = \{u = a + b \times x \mid a \in P_0(K)^3, b \in P_0(K)\}$$

It is immediate to check that the normal components of a vector in  $D_1(K)$  are constant on

each face  $f$ . These values

$$\lambda_f(u) = \frac{1}{|f|} \int_f u \cdot n \, ds, \quad f \subset \partial K,$$

can be taken as the degrees of freedom.

The spaces  $H(\text{curl}; \Omega)$  and  $H(\text{div}; \Omega)$ , and special finite element approximations have been introduced to analyze equations such as (1.1); see [2]. In recent years, a considerable effort has been made to develop optimal or quasi-optimal, scalable preconditioners for these finite element approximations of problems in  $H(\text{curl}; \Omega)$  and  $H(\text{div}; \Omega)$ . Two-level overlapping Schwarz preconditioners for these spaces have been developed for two (see [3]) and three (see [4-10]) dimensions, respectively. Multigrid and multilevel methods are considered in [11-28]. A few papers on the  $H(\text{curl}; \Omega)$  case have proved optimality for a two-subdomain iterative sub structuring preconditioner, combined with Richardson's method, for a low-frequency approximation of time-harmonic Maxwell's equations in three dimensions. In [19] the authors restrict themselves to two dimensions and develop an iterative sub structuring method for the problems in space  $H(\text{curl}; \Omega)$ . In their work the condition number bound is independent of the number of substructures, it is developed locally for one substructure at a time and therefore insensitive to even large changes in the coefficients from one substructure to its neighbors.

Domain decomposition (DD) methods are important tools for solving partial differential equations, especially by parallel computers. In this paper, we shall study a class of nonoverlapping DD method, which is based on using Robin-Robin boundary conditions as transmission conditions on the subdomain interface. There is some iterative Robin-Robin DD method in the literature. This method was first proposed by Lions. Actually, the optimal transmission condition on the interface involves a nonlocal operator, which is not convenient to implement. So, adopting some local approximations to this operator becomes a useful way, which usually result in Robin-type boundary conditions. Some interesting Robin-type transmission conditions are considered in [21] for elliptic problem, and in [23] for the Helmholtz problem, respectively. Higher order approximation is also studied in [9], where they use the Pade approximates to localize the operator. However, the higher of approximation order, the more additional costs it has. The convergence was proved to be  $1-O(h)$  in [16,25]. Then, in [29], Gander, Halpern, and Nataf improved it to be  $1-O(h^{1/2})$  in the case of two subdomains. Later, Qin and Xu gave the convergence rate  $1-O(h^{1/2}H^{1/2})$  in many subdomains. Later, Qin and Xu gave the convergence rate  $1-O(h^{1/2}H^{1/2})$  in many subdomain cases in [30], and further they used the Dirichlet-to-Neumann operator to prove that the convergence rate cannot be improved. A sharp convergent result is also obtained in [31-35]. For the case of arbitrary geometry interface, Liu also got the convergence rate to be  $1-O(h^{1/2})$  in [22]. For the second-order Robin-type transmission condition, the convergence rate was improved to  $1-O(h^{1/4})$  in [36]. Recently, for the two subdomain case, a new two-parameter Robin-Robin DD method was proposed by Chen, Xu, and Zhang in [37]. It is shown that the convergence rate is independent of the mesh size  $h$  without any additional computation. For the discontinuous coefficients problem, the convergence of the optimized Schwarz method was analyzed in [19] for the two subdomains case. In [30,31], the authors introduced some preconditioned systems of the optimized Schwarz method. In [29], the authors present a new Robin-type nonoverlapping domain decomposition (DD) preconditioner, and they have proved the preconditioner is optimal and scalable.

In this paper, we restrict ourselves to three dimensions and develop a preconditioner for equation (1.1). The preconditioner is induced from the Robin-Robin domain decomposition (DD) algorithm. We have proved that the condition bound is independent of  $h$ , so the method is optimal. To analyze the bound of the condition number, it has been necessary to obtain a continuous extension from the trace space of  $H(\text{div}; \Omega)$  into it, which has been constructed in [38]. The outline of this paper is as follows. In section 2, we will describe our Robin-Robin DD algorithm. In section 3, we will describe our preconditioner induced from the renewal equation of the algorithm. In section 4, we will consider its corresponding condition number estimate. The implementation of this new DD algorithm will be discussed in section 5. Finally, some numerical results to verify our theoretical results will be given in the last section.

### Model Problem and DD Algorithm

Problem (2.1) is equivalent to the following coupled problem, the equivalence can be proved

by considering the corresponding variational problems.

$$\begin{cases} -\text{grad}(a_1 \text{div}u_1) + B_1 u_1 = \text{fin}\Omega_1 \\ u_1.n_1 = 0 \text{ on } \partial\Omega_1 \cap \partial\Omega \\ u_1.n_1 = -u_2.n_2 \text{ on } \Gamma \\ a_1 \text{div}u_1 = a_2 \text{div}u_2 \text{ on } \Gamma \\ -\text{grad}(a_2 \text{div}u_2) + B_2 u_2 = \text{fin}\Omega_2 \\ u_2.n_2 \text{ on } \partial\Omega_2 \cap \partial\Omega \end{cases}$$

where the first transmission condition is chosen based on the fact that only the normal components of the finite element functions are continuous across the interelement boundaries, see [39,45]. The transmission conditions of (2.1) is equivalent to the following Robin-Robin boundary conditions:

$$\begin{cases} \gamma_1 u_1.n_1 + a_1 \text{div}u_1 = \gamma_1 u_2.n_2 + a_2 \text{div}u_2 = g_1 \text{ on } \Gamma \\ \gamma_2 u_2.n_2 + a_2 \text{div}u_2 = \gamma_2 u_1.n_1 + a_1 \text{div}u_1 = g_2 \text{ on } \Gamma \end{cases}$$

where we allow  $\gamma_1, \gamma_2$  to any positive constants such that  $\gamma_1 = O(h), \gamma_2 = [o(1)]^{-1}$

Let  $V_{i,0} = H_0(\text{div}; \Omega) | \Omega_i$ , multiply the first equation of (2.1) by  $v_1 \in V_{1,0}$ , and integrate it

over  $\Omega_1$ , we get

$$\int_{\Omega_1} (-\text{grad}(a_1 \text{div}u_1) + B_1 u_1).v_1 dx = \int_{\Omega_1} f.v_1 dx,$$

by parts, with the Green's formula, we get

$$\int_{\Omega_1} a_1 \text{div}u_1 \text{div}v_1 dx + \int_{\Omega_1} B_1 u_1.v_1 dx - \int_{\Gamma} a_1 \text{div}u_1(v_1.n_1) ds = \int_{\Omega_1} f.v_1 dx$$

Using the boundary condition (2.2), we get

$$a_{div}^{(1)}(u_1, v_1) + \gamma_1 (\tilde{u}_1, \tilde{v}_1)_{\Gamma} = (f, v_1)_{\Omega_1} + \left\langle g_1, \tilde{v}_1 \right\rangle_{\Gamma}$$

This way, we get the second variational problem on  $\Omega_2$ :

$$a_{div}^{(1)}(u_2, v_2) + \gamma_2 (\tilde{u}_2, \tilde{v}_2)_{\Gamma} = (f, v_2)_{\Omega_2} + \left\langle g_2, \tilde{v}_2 \right\rangle_{\Gamma}$$

Where

$$a_{div}^{(i)}(u, v) = \int_{\Omega_i} (a_i \text{div}u \text{div}v + B_i u.v) dx, \quad i = 1, 2,$$

$$(f, v_i)_{\Omega_i} = \int_{\Omega_i} f.v_i dx, \quad i = 1, 2,$$

$$\left\langle \tilde{u}, \tilde{v} \right\rangle_{\Gamma} = \int_{\Gamma} \tilde{u}.\tilde{v} ds, \quad \tilde{u} = u.n.$$

**Definition** (The Robin-Robin DD method.) Given  $g_2^0 (= \theta)$  on  $\Gamma$  a serial version domain

decomposition iteration consists the following five steps ( $m=0, 1, \dots$ ):

**a) Solve on  $\Omega_2$  for  $u_{2h}^m$**

$$a_{div}^{(2)}(u_{2h}^m, v_{2h}) + \gamma_2 \left\langle \tilde{u}_{2h}^m, \tilde{v}_{2h} \right\rangle_{\Gamma} = (f, v_{2h})_{\Omega_2} - \left\langle g_2^m, \tilde{v}_{2h} \right\rangle_{\Gamma} \quad \forall v_{2h} \in V_2$$

**b) Update the interface condition on  $\Gamma$ :**

$$g_2^m = -g_1^m + (\gamma_1 + \gamma_2) u_{1h}^m.$$

Get the next iterate by a relaxation:

$$g_2^{m+1} = \theta g_2^m + (1 - \theta) g_2^m.$$

### The Preconditioner Induced from the DD Algorithm

Let  $V_{\Gamma}^{(i)} := \{v_h.n_i | \partial\Omega_i \cap \Gamma\}$ . Define  $E_{ih} : V_{\Gamma}^{(i)} \rightarrow V_{ih}$  as follows:

$$\begin{cases} a_{div}^{(i)}(E_{ih} \tilde{w}_{ih}, v_{ih}) = 0 \quad \forall v_{ih} \in V_{ih}^0 \\ E_{ih} w_{ih}.n_i | \Gamma = \tilde{w}_{ih}, \\ E_{ih} w_{ih}.n_i | \partial\Omega_i \cap \partial\Omega = 0, \end{cases}$$

Where  $\tilde{w}_{ih} = w_h.n_i | \Gamma \in V_{\Gamma}^{(i)}$  and  $E_i \tilde{w}_{ih} \in V_{ih}, i = 1, 2$ . Let  $u_{0ih}$  be the solution of the Dirichlet

problem:

$$\begin{cases} a_{div}^{(i)}(u_{0ih}, v_{ih}) = f(v_{ih}) \in V_{ih}^0, \\ u_{0ih}.n_i | \partial\Omega_i = 0. \end{cases}$$

Define  $S_{ih}$  to be a linear operator on  $V_{\Gamma}$  which satisfies the following equations:

$$V_{\Gamma} \left\langle S_{ih} \tilde{u}_{ih}, \tilde{v}_{ih} \right\rangle_{\Gamma} := a_{div}^{(i)}(E_{ih} \tilde{u}_{ih}, T_{ih} \tilde{v}) \quad \forall \tilde{v}_{ih} \in v_{\Gamma}^{(i)},$$

Where  $T_{ih} : v_{\Gamma}^{(i)} \rightarrow v_{ih}$  is any extension such that  $T_{ih} v_{ih}.n_i | \partial\Omega_i \cap \Gamma = v_{ih}$ . Define  $f_{ih}$  satisfies

$$\left\langle \tilde{f}_{ih}, \tilde{v}_{ih} \right\rangle_{\Gamma} := f(T_{ih} \tilde{v}_{ih}) - a_{div}^{(i)}(u_{0ih}, T_{ih} \tilde{v}_{ih}) \quad \forall v_{ih} \in v_{\Gamma}^{(i)}$$

The definition of  $S_{ih}$  and  $f_{ih}$  is independent of the choice of  $T_{ih}$  for all  $v_{ih} \in v_{\Gamma}^{(i)}$ .

Note that  $E_i w_{ih} + u_{0ih}$  satisfying:

$$\begin{cases} a_{div}^{(i)}(E_i \tilde{w}_{ih} + u_{0ih}, v_{ih}) = f(v_{ih}) \\ (E_i \tilde{w}_{ih} + u_{0ih}).n_i | \partial\Omega_i \cap \tau = \tilde{w}_{ih}, \\ (E_i \tilde{w}_{ih} + u_{0ih}).n_i | \partial\Omega_i \cap \partial\Omega = 0 \end{cases} \quad v_{ih} \in v_{\Gamma}^{(i)}$$

Based on Lax-Milgram theorem the solution of the problem is unique, i.e.

$$u_{ih} = E_{ih} w_{ih} + u_{0ih},$$

so that,

$$h S_{ih} u_{ih}.e_{ih} - h e_{ih}.f_{ih} = a_{div}^{(i)}(E_{ih} u_{ih}.e_{ih}, T_{ih} v_{ih}) - (f(T_{ih} v_{ih}) - a_{div}^{(i)}(u_{0ih}, T_{ih} v_{ih}))$$

$$= a_{div}^{(i)}(E_{ih} u_{ih}.e_{ih} + u_{0ih}, T_{ih} v_{ih}) - f(T_{ih} v_{ih})$$

$$= a_{div}^{(i)}(E_{ih} u_{ih}.e_{ih} + u_{0ih}, v_{ih}) - f(v_{ih}) = a_{div}^{(i)}(u_{ih}, v_{ih}) - f(v_{ih}).$$

Therefore (2.3) and (2.4) are equivalent to

$$\langle (S_{1h} + \gamma_1 I) u_{1h}, v_{1h} \rangle r = \langle f_{1h}, v_{1h} \rangle r + \langle g_1, v_{1h} \rangle r \quad \forall v_{1h} \in V_{1h}$$

$$\langle (S_{2h} + \gamma_2 I) u_{2h}, v_{2h} \rangle r = \langle f_{2h}, v_{2h} \rangle r - \langle g_2, v_{2h} \rangle r \quad \forall v_{2h} \in V_{2h}$$

Because of the of the arbitrariness of  $v_{ih}$ , we obtain

$$(S_{1h} + \gamma_1 I)u_{1h} = f_{1h} + g_1,$$

$$(S_{2h} + \gamma_2 I)u_{2h} = f_{2h} - g_2.$$

The Robin-Robin Iteration is equivalent to

$$\mathbf{u}_{2h}^m = (S_{2h} + \gamma_2 I)^{-1}(\mathbf{f}_{2h} - \mathbf{g}_2^m).$$

$$\mathbf{u}_{1h}^m = (S_{1h} + \gamma_1 I)^{-1}(\mathbf{f}_{1h} + \mathbf{g}_1^m).$$

$$\mathbf{g}_2^m = -\mathbf{g}_1^m + (\gamma_1 + \gamma_2)\mathbf{u}_{1h}^m.$$

$$\mathbf{g}_2^{m+1} = \theta \mathbf{g}_2^m + (1 - \theta)\mathbf{g}_2^m$$

We induce that

$$\mathbf{g}_2^{m+1} = \mathbf{g}_2^m + (1 - \theta)P_r^{-1}(f_r - G\mathbf{g}_2^m),$$

Where

$$P_r^{-1} = (\gamma_2 I - S_{1h})(\gamma_1 I - S_{1h})^{-1},$$

$$G = (\gamma_1 I - S_{1h})(\gamma_2 I - S_{1h})^{-1} - (\gamma_1 I - S_{2h})(\gamma_2 I - S_{2h})^{-1}$$

$$f_r = (\gamma_1 - \gamma_2)(\gamma_1 I - S_{1h})^{-1} \tilde{f}_{1h} - (\gamma_1 + \gamma_2)(\gamma_1 I - S_{2h})^{-1} \tilde{f}_{2h},$$

which shows that the renew equation of the Robin-Robin algorithm is a preconditioned Richardson iteration for the following equation:

$$G\mathbf{g}_2 = f_r,$$

where the preconditioned operator is  $P_r^{-1}$

We notice that

$$[(\gamma_2 I - S_{1h})(\gamma_1 I - S_{1h})^{-1}]^T = (\gamma_2 I - S_{1h})^{-1}$$

In fact,  $[(\gamma_2 I - S_{1h})(\gamma_1 I - S_{1h})^{-1}]^T = (\gamma_1 I - S_{1h})^{-1}(\gamma_2 I - S_{1h})$

$$= (\gamma_1 I - S_{1h})^{-1}((\gamma_1 I - \gamma_2)I - (\gamma_1 I - S_{1h}))$$

$$= (\gamma_1 - \gamma_2)(\gamma_1 I - S_{1h})^{-1} - I$$

$$= (\gamma_1 - \gamma_2)(\gamma_1 I - S_{1h})^{-1} - (\gamma_1 I - S_{1h})^{-1}(\gamma_1 I - S_{1h})$$

$$= -(\gamma_1 I - S_{1h})^{-1}(\gamma_2 I - S_{1h})$$

In the same way,

$$[(\gamma_1 I - S_{2h})(\gamma_2 I - S_{2h})^{-1}]^T = (\gamma_1 I - S_{2h})(\gamma_2 I - S_{2h})^{-1}$$

Thus, the operators  $G$  and  $P_r^{-1}$  are symmetric and  $P_r^{-1}$  is positive definite,  $G$  is also positive

definite will be proved later. Therefore we can use the preconditioned conjugate gradient (PCG)

method to solve the system.

### The Condition Number Estimate

LEMMA 4.1. For the discrete harmonic extension operator  $E_h$ , we have (deduced from Theorem 2.5 in [32], or Lemma A.19 in [7])

$$\forall \tilde{w}_h \in V_\Gamma.$$

LEMMA 4.2: It holds that

$$\left\| \tilde{w}_h \right\|_{-\frac{1}{2}; \partial\Omega} \leq C \left\| E_h \tilde{w}_h \right\|_{div; \Omega},$$

$$\left\| E_h \tilde{w}_h \right\|_{0; T}^2 + H_T^2 \left\| div E_h \tilde{w}_h \right\|_{0; T}^2 \leq C \left\| \tilde{w}_h \right\|_{-\frac{1}{2}; \partial T}^2$$

Proof. The proof is similar to one given in [24, Lemma 4.3]. We will first prove the result for a

substructure  $T$  of unit diameter. Consider a Neumann problem:

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta \phi = 0 & \text{in } T, \\ \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial n} = \tilde{w}_h & \text{on } \partial T \end{cases}$$

Here  $\frac{\partial}{\partial n}$  is the derivative in the direction of the outward normal of  $\partial T$ . Define an extension operator  $H_h \tilde{w}_h := \rho_h u$ , where  $u = \text{grade} \phi$ , and  $\rho_h$  is the interpolant onto the Raviart-Thomas space  $X_h(T)$ , defined by the degrees of freedom of  $X_h$  are given by the averages of the normal components over the faces of the triangulation:

$$\lambda_f(u) := \frac{1}{|f|} \int_f u \cdot n d\mu, f \in F_h$$

Where  $|f|$  is the area of the face  $f$  and the direction of the normal can be fixed arbitrarily for each face, we will show below that they  $\{\lambda_f(u)\}$  are well defined. Using the surjectivity of the map  $\phi \rightarrow \partial \phi$  onto  $H^s(T)$  and a regularity result given in [9, Corollary 23.3], we deduce

$$\left\| \phi \right\|_{\frac{3}{2}+s; T} \leq \left\| \tilde{w}_h \right\|_{s; \partial T}, S < \epsilon_T$$

where  $\epsilon_T$  is strictly positive and depends on  $T$ .

$$\left\| u \right\|_{\frac{1}{2}+s; T} = \left\| \nabla \phi \right\|_{\frac{1}{2}+s; T} \leq \left\| \phi \right\|_{\frac{3}{2}+s; T} \leq \left\| \tilde{w}_h \right\|_{s; \partial T},$$

$$\left\| div u \right\|_{\frac{1}{2}+s; T} = \left\| \Delta \phi \right\|_{\frac{1}{2}+s; T} = \left\| \phi \right\|_{\frac{1}{2}+s; T} \leq \left\| \phi \right\|_{\frac{3}{2}+s; T} \leq \left\| \tilde{w}_h \right\|_{s; \partial T}.$$

They  $\{\lambda_f(u)\}, f \in F_h$  are well defined, since  $u \in H^{\frac{1}{2}+s}(T)$ , with  $s > 0$ , then

$$\left\| E_h \tilde{w}_h \right\|_{div; T}^2 \leq C a_{div}(E_h \tilde{w}_h, E_h \tilde{w}_h)$$

$$\leq C a_{div}(H_h \tilde{w}_h, H_h \tilde{w}_h)$$

$$\leq C \left\| H_h \tilde{w}_h \right\|_{div; T}^2$$

$$= C \left\| \rho_h u \right\|_{div; T}^2$$

$$= C \left\| \rho_h u - u \right\|_{div; T}^2 + \left\| u \right\|_{div; T}^2$$

$$\leq C (\left\| \rho_h u - u \right\|_{div; T}^2 + \left\| u \right\|_{div; T}^2),$$

Where  $a_{div}(u, v) = \int_T (div u div v + u \cdot v) dx$ , and  $R_n$  is the extension of Lemma in [3].

$$\left\| \rho_h u - u \right\|_{div; T}^2 = \left\| \rho_h u - u \right\|_{0; T}^2 + \left\| div(\rho_h u - u) \right\|_{0; T}^2$$

We find that

$$\left\| \rho_h u - u \right\|_{0; T} \leq Ch^{\frac{1}{2}+s} \left\| u \right\|_{\frac{1}{2}+s; T}$$

$$\leq Ch^{\frac{1}{2}+s} \left\| \tilde{w}_h \right\|_{s; \partial T}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq Ch^{\frac{1}{2}+s} h^{-(s-\frac{1}{2})} \|\tilde{w}_h\|_{\frac{1}{2};\partial T} \\ &\leq C \|\tilde{w}_h\|_{\frac{1}{2};\partial T} \text{ and} \\ &\| \text{div}(\rho_h u - u) \|_{0,T}^2 = \sum_{t \in T} \| \text{div}(\rho_h u - u) \|_{0,t}^2 \\ &\sum_{t \in T} \| \text{div}(\rho_h u - \text{div}u) \|_{0,t}^2 \\ &\sum_{t \in T} \| \Pi_h \text{div}u - \text{div}u \|_{0,t}^2, \\ &\| pu \|_{0,t} = \| u - \frac{1}{|t|} \int_t u dx \|_{0,t} \\ &\| P \|_{H^{\frac{1}{2}+s}(t) \rightarrow H^0(t)} \leq \| P \|_{H^0(t) \rightarrow H^0(t)}^{1-\theta} \| P \|_{H^1(t) \rightarrow H^0(t)}^\theta \\ &\| \Pi_h \text{div}u - \text{div}u \|_{0,t} \leq ch_t^{\frac{1}{2}+s} \| \text{div}u \|_{\frac{1}{2}+s,t}. \end{aligned}$$

Where,  $\leq ch_t \| u \|_{1,t}$ ,  
 is the  $L^2$  projection onto the space of constant functions on each fine  $t \in T$ , and  $\Pi_h \cdot \Pi_h \text{div}u = \frac{1}{|t|} \int_t \text{div}u dx, \forall t \in T$ .

$$\begin{aligned} &P : u \rightarrow u - \frac{1}{|t|} \int_t u dx, \\ \text{Let } & \text{ then} \\ &\| pu \|_{0,t} = \| u - \frac{1}{|t|} \int_t u dx \|_{0,t} \\ &\leq 2 \| u \|_{0,t} \text{ and} \\ &\| pu \|_{0,t} = \| u - \frac{1}{|t|} \int_t u dx \|_{0,t} \\ &\leq ch_t \| u \|_{1,t} \\ &\leq ch_t \| u \|_{1,t}, \end{aligned}$$

thus,  
 $\| P \|_{H^0(t) \rightarrow H^0(t)} \leq 2,$   
 $\| P \|_{H^1(t) \rightarrow H^0(t)} \leq Ch_t.$

By interpolation theory, we have

$$\| P \|_{H^{\frac{1}{2}+s}(t) \rightarrow H^0(t)} \leq \| P \|_{H^0(t) \rightarrow H^0(t)}^{1-\theta} \| P \|_{0,t} \leq ch_t^{\frac{1}{2}+s} \| u \|_{\frac{1}{2}+s,t}.$$

$$\frac{1}{2} + s = (1-\theta) \cdot 0 + \theta \cdot 1. \quad \text{i.e.}$$

$$\| P \|_{0,t} \leq ch_t^{\frac{1}{2}+s} \| u \|_{\frac{1}{2}+s,t} \text{ where}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} + s = (1-\theta) \cdot 0 + \theta \cdot 1. \text{ Thus,}$$

$$\| \Pi_h \text{div}u - \text{div}u \|_{0,t} \leq ch_t^{\frac{1}{2}+s} \| \text{div}u \|_{\frac{1}{2}+s,t}.$$

Employing an inverse inequality, we find that for  $s < \epsilon T$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} &\| \text{div}(\rho_h u - u) \|_{0;T}^2 = \sum_{t \in T} ch_t^{2(\frac{1}{2}+s)} \| \text{div}u \|_{\frac{1}{2}+s,t}^2 \\ &\leq ch^{2(\frac{1}{2}+s)} \sum_{t \in T} \| \text{div}u \|_{\frac{1}{2}+s,t}^2 \\ &= ch^{2(\frac{1}{2}+s)} \sum_{t \in T} \| \text{div}u \|_{\frac{1}{2}+s;T}^2 \\ &\leq ch^{2(\frac{1}{2}+s)} ch^{-2(s-\frac{1}{2})} \| \tilde{w}_h \|_{\frac{1}{2};\partial T}^2 \\ &\leq C \| \tilde{w}_h \|_{\frac{1}{2};\partial T}^2 \end{aligned}$$

therefore,  $\| E_h \tilde{w}_h \|_{\text{div};T} \leq C \| \tilde{w}_h \|_{\frac{1}{2};\partial T}$  We now consider a substructure  $T$  of diameter  $H$ , obtained by dilation from a substructure of unit diameter. Using the previous result and by using a scaling argument, we have

$$\| E_h \tilde{w}_h \|_{0;T}^2 + H_T^2 \| \text{div} E_h \tilde{w}_h \|_{0;T}^2 \leq C \| \tilde{w}_h \|_{\frac{1}{2};\partial T}^2$$

**Theorem 4.3.**

$$a_{\text{div}}^{(i)}(E_{ih} \tilde{w}_h; E_{ih} \tilde{w}_h) \leq C \| \tilde{w}_h \|_{0;r}^2, i = 1, 2..$$

Proof:  $\forall \tilde{w}_h \in \mathcal{V}_r$ , we have

$$a_{\text{div}}^{(i)}(E_{ih} \tilde{w}_h; E_{ih} \tilde{w}_h) = a_{\text{div}}^{(i)}(E_{ih} \tilde{w}_h; E_{ih} \tilde{w}_h)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &C \| E_{ih} \tilde{w}_h \|_{\text{div};\Omega_i}^2 \\ &\leq C \| \tilde{w}_h \|_{\frac{1}{2};\Omega_i}^2 \\ &= C (\sup \frac{\langle w_{ih}, \phi \rangle}{\| \phi \|_{\frac{1}{2};\Omega_i}}, \phi \in H_0^{\frac{1}{2}}(\Omega_i), \phi \neq 0 \end{aligned}$$

we find that,  $\forall \phi : \phi \in H_0^{\frac{1}{2}}(\partial\Omega_i), \phi \neq \theta$ , we have,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \tilde{w}_h, \phi \rangle &= \int_{\Omega_i} \tilde{w}_h \phi d\sigma \\ &\leq (\int_{\Omega_i} \tilde{w}_h \phi d\sigma)^{\frac{1}{2}} (\int_{\Omega_i} \phi^2 d\sigma)^{\frac{1}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \| \tilde{w}_{ih} \|_{0; \partial\Omega_i} \| \theta \|_{0; \partial\Omega_i}$$

And

$$\frac{\langle \tilde{w}_{ih}, \phi \rangle}{\| \phi \|_{\frac{1}{2}; \partial\Omega_i}} \leq \frac{\| \tilde{w}_{ih} \|_{0; \partial\Omega_i} \| \phi \|_{0; \partial\Omega_i}}{\| \phi \|_{\frac{1}{2}; \partial\Omega_i}}$$

$$\leq \| \tilde{w}_{ih} \|_{0; \partial\Omega_i}$$

$$\leq \| \tilde{w}_{ih} \|_{0; \tau}$$

$$= \| \tilde{w}_h \|_{0; \tau}$$

Therefore

$$a_{div}^{(i)}(E_{ih} \tilde{w}_h; E_{ih} \tilde{w}_h) \leq C \| \tilde{w}_h \|_{0; \tau}^2, i = 1, 2..$$

**Theorem 4.4.** It holds that

$$\| \tilde{w}_h \|_{0; \tau}^2 \leq Ch^{-1} (a_{div}^{(i)}(E_{ih} \tilde{w}_h; E_{ih} \tilde{w}_h) + a_{div}^{(2)}(E_{2h} \tilde{w}_h; E_{2h} \tilde{w}_h))$$

Proof we find that,

$$\| \tilde{w}_h \|_{0; \tau}^2 = \| \tilde{w}_h \|_{0; \partial\Omega_i}^2$$

$$\| \tilde{w}_h \|_{\frac{1}{2}; \tau}^2 = \| \tilde{w}_h \|_{\frac{1}{2}; \partial\Omega_i}^2$$

$$= \frac{\langle \tilde{w}_h, \tilde{w}_h \rangle}{\| \tilde{w}_h \|_{\frac{1}{2}; \partial\Omega_i}^2}$$

$$\leq \sup \frac{\langle \tilde{w}_h, \phi \rangle}{\| \phi \|_{\frac{1}{2}; \partial\Omega_i}}$$

$$= \| \tilde{w}_h \|_{\frac{1}{2}; \partial\Omega_i}$$

By inverse inequality, we have

$$\| \tilde{w}_h \|_{\frac{1}{2}; \tau} \leq Ch^{-\frac{1}{2}} \| \tilde{w}_h \|_{0; \tau}$$

$$= Ch^{\frac{1}{2}} \| \tilde{w}_h \|_{0; \tau}$$

Combining (4.2), (4.3), and Lemma 4.2, we obtain

$$\| \tilde{w}_h \|_{0; \tau}^2 \leq Ch^{-1} \| \tilde{w}_h \|_{\frac{1}{2}; \partial\Omega_i}^2$$

$$\leq Ch^{-1} \| E_{ih} \tilde{w}_h \|_{div; \Omega_i}^2, i = 1, 2$$

The final result is obtained by summing (4.4) over  $i = 1, 2$

**Theorem 4.5:**

$$a_{div}^{(2)}(E_{2h} \tilde{w}_h, E_{2h} \tilde{w}_h) \leq Ca_{div}^{(1)}(E_{1h} \tilde{w}_h, E_{1h} \tilde{w}_h).$$

Proof. Based on Lemmas 4.1, 4.2, and the equivalence of the energy norm and graph norm, we

have,

$$a_{div}^{(2)}(E_{2h} \tilde{w}_h, E_{2h} \tilde{w}_h) = a_{div}^{(2)}(E_{2h} \tilde{w}_{2h}, E_{2h} \tilde{w}_{2h})$$

$$\leq C \| E_{2h} \tilde{w}_h \|^2_{div; \Omega_2}$$

$$\leq C \| \tilde{w}_{2h} \|^2_{\frac{1}{2}; \partial\Omega_2}$$

$$= C \| \tilde{w}_{2h} \|^2_{\frac{1}{2}; \tau}$$

$$= C \| \tilde{w}_{1h} \|^2_{\frac{1}{2}; \tau}$$

$$\leq C \| E_{1h} \tilde{w}_h \|^2_{div; \Omega_1}$$

$$\leq Ca_{div}^{(1)}(E_{1h} \tilde{w}_{1h}, E_{1h} \tilde{w}_{1h})$$

$$\leq Ca_{div}^{(1)}(E_{1h} \tilde{w}_h, E_{1h} \tilde{w}_h)$$

**LEMMA 4.6.** It holds that

$$\frac{\gamma_1}{\gamma_2} \| \tilde{w}_h \|_{0; \Gamma}^2 + \frac{1}{\gamma_2} a_{div}^{(1)}(E_{1h} \tilde{w}_h, E_{1h} \tilde{w}_h) \leq \left\langle (\gamma_1 I + S_{1h})(\gamma_2 I - S_{1h})(\gamma_2 I - S_{1h})^{-1} \tilde{w}_h, \tilde{w}_h \right\rangle_{\Gamma}$$

$$\leq \frac{\gamma_1}{\gamma_2} \| \tilde{w}_h \|_{0; \Gamma}^2 + \frac{2}{\gamma_2} a_{div}^{(1)}(E_{1h} \tilde{w}_h, E_{1h} \tilde{w}_h) \forall \tilde{w}_h \in V_{\Gamma}.$$

Proof. Define  $\tilde{e}_{1h} := (\gamma_2 I - S_{1h})^{-1} \tilde{w}_{1h}$ , it is easy to check that

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle (\gamma_1 I + S_{1h})(\gamma_2 I + S_{1h})^{-1} \tilde{w}_{1h}, \tilde{w}_{1h} \rangle_{\Gamma} \\ &= \langle (\gamma_1 I + S_{1h})(\gamma_2 I + S_{1h})^{-1} \tilde{w}_{1h}, \tilde{w}_{1h} \rangle_{\Gamma} \\ &= \langle (\gamma_1 I + S_{1h}) \tilde{e}_{1h}, (\gamma_2 I + S_{1h}) \tilde{e}_{1h} \rangle_{\Gamma} \\ &= \gamma_1 \gamma_2 \| \tilde{e}_{1h} \|_{0; \Gamma}^2 + (\gamma_2 - \gamma_1) \langle S_{1h} \tilde{e}_{1h}, \tilde{e}_{1h} \rangle_{\Gamma} - \langle S_{1h} \tilde{e}_{1h}, S_{1h} \tilde{e}_{1h} \rangle_{\Gamma} \end{aligned}$$

$$\| \tilde{w}_h \|_{0; \Gamma}^2 = \| (\gamma_2 I - S_{1h}) \tilde{e}_{1h} \|_{0; \Gamma}^2 = \gamma_2^2 \langle \tilde{e}_{1h}, \tilde{e}_{1h} \rangle_{\Gamma} - 2\gamma_2 \langle S_{1h} \tilde{e}_{1h}, \tilde{e}_{1h} \rangle_{\Gamma} + \langle S_{1h} \tilde{e}_{1h}, S_{1h} \tilde{e}_{1h} \rangle_{\Gamma} \tag{4.7}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & a_{div}^{(1)}(E_{1h} \tilde{w}_h, E_{1h} \tilde{w}_h) \\ &= a_{div}^{(1)}(E_{1h} \tilde{w}_h, E_{1h} \tilde{w}_h) \\ &= a_{div}^{(1)}(E_{1h} ((\gamma_2 I - S_{1h}) \tilde{e}_{1h}), E_{1h} ((\gamma_2 I - S_{1h}) \tilde{e}_{1h})) \\ &= \gamma_2^2 a_{div}^{(1)}(E_{1h} \tilde{e}_{1h}, E_{1h} \tilde{e}_{1h}) - 2\gamma_2 a_{div}^{(1)}(E_{1h} (S_{1h} \tilde{e}_{1h}), E_{1h} \tilde{e}_{1h}) + a_{div}^{(1)}(E_{1h} (S_{1h} \tilde{e}_{1h}), E_{1h} (S_{1h} \tilde{e}_{1h})). \end{aligned} \tag{4.8}$$

Based on the definitions in section 3, we have,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \tilde{e}_{1h}, \tilde{e}_{1h} \rangle_{\Gamma} &= \| \tilde{e}_{1h} \|_{0,\Gamma}^2, \\ \langle S_{1h} \tilde{e}_{1h}, S_{1h} \tilde{e}_{1h} \rangle_{\Gamma} &= \| S_{1h} \tilde{e}_{1h} \|_{0,\Gamma}^2, \\ \langle S_{1h} \tilde{e}_{1h}, \tilde{e}_{1h} \rangle_{\Gamma} &= a_{div}^{(1)}(E_{1h} \tilde{e}_{1h}, T_{1h} \tilde{e}_{1h}) \\ &= a_{div}^{(1)}(E_{1h} \tilde{e}_{1h}, E_{1h} \tilde{e}_{1h}), \\ a_{div}^{(1)}(E_{1h}(S_{1h} \tilde{e}_{1h}), E_{1h} \tilde{e}_{1h}) &= a_{div}^{(1)}(E_{1h} \tilde{e}_{1h}, E_{1h}(S_{1h} \tilde{e}_{1h})) \\ &= \langle S_{1h} \tilde{e}_{1h}, S_{1h} \tilde{e}_{1h} \rangle_{\Gamma} \\ &= \| S_{1h} \tilde{e}_{1h} \|_{0,\Gamma}^2. \end{aligned}$$

Combine (4.6), (4.7), (4.8) with (4.9), (4.10), (4.11), (4.12), we obtain,

$$\begin{aligned} &\langle (\gamma_2 I + S_{1h})(\gamma_2 I - S_{1h})^{-1} \tilde{w}_h, \tilde{w}_h \rangle_{\Gamma} \\ &= \gamma_1 \gamma_2 \| \tilde{e}_{1h} \|_{0,\Gamma}^2 + (\gamma_2 - \gamma_1) a_{div}^{(1)}(E_{1h} \tilde{e}_{1h}, E_{1h} \tilde{e}_{1h}) - \| S_{1h} \tilde{e}_{1h} \|_{0,\Gamma}^2 \\ &= \gamma_2^2 \| \tilde{e}_{1h} \|_{0,\Gamma}^2 - 2\gamma_2 a_{div}^{(1)}(E_{1h} \tilde{e}_{1h}, E_{1h} \tilde{e}_{1h}) + \| S_{1h} \tilde{e}_{1h} \|_{0,\Gamma}^2 \\ &= \gamma_2^2 a_{div}^{(1)}(E_{1h} \tilde{e}_{1h}, E_{1h} \tilde{e}_{1h}) - 2\gamma_2 \| S_{1h} \tilde{e}_{1h} \|_{0,\Gamma}^2 + a_{div}^{(1)}(E_{1h}(S_{1h} \tilde{e}_{1h}), E_{1h}(S_{1h} \tilde{e}_{1h})). \end{aligned}$$

Thus we have,

$$\begin{aligned} &\langle (\gamma_1 I + S_{1h})(\gamma_2 I + S_{1h})^{-1} \tilde{w}_h, \tilde{w}_h \rangle_{\tau} - \left( \frac{\gamma_1}{\gamma_2} \| \tilde{w}_h \|_{0,\tau}^2 + \frac{1}{\gamma_2} a_{div}^{(1)}(E_{1h} \tilde{w}_h, E_{1h} \tilde{w}_h) \right) \\ &\gamma_1 a_{div}^{(1)}(E_{1h} \tilde{e}_{1h}, E_{1h} \tilde{e}_{1h}) + \left( 1 - \frac{\gamma_1}{\gamma_2} \right) \| S_{1h} \tilde{e}_{1h} \|_{0,\tau}^2 - \frac{1}{\gamma_2} a_{div}^{(1)}(E_{1h}(S_{1h} \tilde{e}_{1h}), E_{1h}(S_{1h} \tilde{e}_{1h})) \\ &\geq \frac{\gamma_2 - \gamma_1 - C}{\gamma_2} \| S_{1h} \tilde{e}_{1h} \|_{0,\tau}^2 + \gamma_1 a_{div}^{(1)}(E_{1h} \tilde{e}_{1h}, E_{1h} \tilde{e}_{1h}) \\ &\geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

that is the left part of (4.5). On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned} \| S_{1h} \tilde{e}_{1h} \|_{0,\tau}^2 &= a_{div}^{(1)}(E_{1h}(S_{1h} \tilde{e}_{1h}), E_{1h}(S_{1h} \tilde{e}_{1h})) \\ &\leq a_{div}^{(1)}(E_{1h}(S_{1h} \tilde{e}_{1h}), E_{1h}(S_{1h} \tilde{e}_{1h}))^{\frac{1}{2}} a_{div}^{(1)}(E_{1h}(S_{1h} \tilde{e}_{1h}), E_{1h}(S_{1h} \tilde{e}_{1h}))^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &\leq a_{div}^{(1)}(E_{1h}(S_{1h} \tilde{e}_{1h}), E_{1h}(S_{1h} \tilde{e}_{1h}))^{\frac{1}{2}} C \| S_{1h} \tilde{e}_{1h} \|_{0,\tau}^2 \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} &\| S_{1h} \tilde{e}_{1h} \|_{0,\tau}^2 \leq C a_{div}^{(1)}(E_{1h}(S_{1h} \tilde{e}_{1h}), E_{1h}(S_{1h} \tilde{e}_{1h})) \\ \text{Finally, based on the above inequality, we have} \\ &\frac{\gamma_1}{\gamma_2} \| \tilde{w}_h \|_{0,\tau}^2 + \frac{2}{\gamma_2} a_{div}^{(1)}(E_{1h} \tilde{w}_h, E_{1h} \tilde{w}_h) - \langle (\gamma_1 I + S_{1h})(\gamma_2 I + S_{1h})^{-1} \tilde{w}_h, \tilde{w}_h \rangle_{\tau} \\ &= (\gamma_2 - \gamma_1) a_{div}^{(1)}(E_{1h} \tilde{e}_{1h}, E_{1h} \tilde{e}_{1h}) - \left( 3 - \frac{\gamma_1}{\gamma_2} \right) C a_{div}^{(1)}(E_{1h} \tilde{e}_{1h}, E_{1h} \tilde{e}_{1h}) + \\ &\frac{2}{\gamma_2} a_{div}^{(1)}(E_{1h}(S_{1h} \tilde{e}_{1h}), E_{1h}(S_{1h} \tilde{e}_{1h})) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\geq \left( (\gamma_2 - \gamma_1) - \left( 3 - \frac{\gamma_1}{\gamma_2} \right) C \right) a_{div}^{(1)}(E_{1h} \tilde{e}_{1h}, E_{1h} \tilde{e}_{1h}) + \frac{2}{\gamma_2} a_{div}^{(1)}(E_{1h}(S_{1h} \tilde{e}_{1h}), E_{1h}(S_{1h} \tilde{e}_{1h})) \\ &\geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

In the above inequality, we use the fact that  $(\gamma_2 - \gamma_1) - (3 - \frac{\gamma_1}{\gamma_2})C > 0$  for sufficient small  $h$ . So

we have proved the right part of (4.5).

**LEMMA 4.7.** It holds that

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{\gamma_1}{\gamma_2} \| \tilde{w}_h \|_{0,\tau}^2 - \frac{\gamma_1 + \gamma_2}{\gamma_1^2} a_{div}^{(1)}(E_{2h} \tilde{w}_h, E_{2h} \tilde{w}_h) \leq \langle (\gamma_1 I + S_{1h})(\gamma_2 I + S_{1h})^{-1} \tilde{w}_h, \tilde{w}_h \rangle_{\tau} \\ &\leq \frac{\gamma_1}{\gamma_2} \| \tilde{w}_h \|_{0,\tau}^2 - \frac{\gamma_1 + \gamma_2}{(2 + \delta)\gamma_2^2} a_{div}^{(1)}(E_{2h} \tilde{w}_h, E_{2h} \tilde{w}_h) \quad \forall \tilde{w}_h \in V_r \\ &\delta = \frac{C}{\gamma_2} = \frac{C}{[0(1)]^{-1}} \ll 0 \end{aligned} \tag{4.13}$$

Where,

Proof. Define  $\tilde{e}_{2h} := (\gamma_2 I + S_{1h})^{-1} \tilde{w}_h$ , it is easy to check that

$$\begin{aligned} &\langle (\gamma_1 I + S_{1h})(\gamma_2 I + S_{1h})^{-1} \tilde{w}_h, \tilde{w}_h \rangle_{\tau} \\ &= \langle (\gamma_1 I + S_{1h}) \tilde{e}_{2h}, (\gamma_2 I + S_{1h}) \tilde{e}_{2h} \rangle_{\tau} \\ &= \gamma_1 \gamma_2 \langle \tilde{e}_{2h}, \tilde{e}_{2h} \rangle_{\tau} + (\gamma_1 - \gamma_2) \langle S_{2h} \tilde{e}_{2h}, \tilde{e}_{2h} \rangle_{\tau} - \langle S_{2h} \tilde{e}_{2h}, \tilde{e}_{2h} \rangle_{\tau}, \end{aligned} \tag{4.14}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \| \tilde{w}_h \|_{0,\tau}^2 &= \langle \tilde{w}_h, \tilde{w}_h \rangle_{\tau} \\ &= \langle (\gamma_2 I + S_{2h}) \tilde{e}_{2h}, (\gamma_2 I + S_{2h}) \tilde{e}_{2h} \rangle_{\tau} \end{aligned} \tag{4.15}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \gamma_2^2 \langle \tilde{e}_{2h}, \tilde{e}_{2h} \rangle_{\tau} + 2\gamma_2 \langle S_{2h} \tilde{e}_{2h}, \tilde{e}_{2h} \rangle_{\tau} + \langle S_{2h} \tilde{e}_{2h}, \tilde{e}_{2h} \rangle_{\tau} \\ &a_{div}^2(E_{2h} \tilde{w}_h, E_{2h} \tilde{w}_h) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= a_{div}^2(E_{2h}((\gamma_2 I + S_{2h}) \tilde{e}_{2h}), E_{2h}((\gamma_2 I + S_{2h}) \tilde{e}_{2h})) \\ &= \gamma_2^2 a_{div}^2(E_{2h} \tilde{e}_{2h}, E_{2h} \tilde{e}_{2h}) + 2\gamma_2 a_{div}^2(E_{2h}(S_{2h} \tilde{e}_{2h}), E_{2h} \tilde{e}_{2h}) + a_{div}^2(E_{2h}(S_{2h} \tilde{e}_{2h}), E_{2h}(S_{2h} \tilde{e}_{2h})) \end{aligned}$$

Based on the definitions in section 3, we have,

$$\langle \tilde{e}_{2h}, \tilde{e}_{2h} \rangle_{\tau} = \| \tilde{e}_{2h} \|_{0,\tau}^2 \tag{4.17}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle S_{2h} \tilde{e}_{2h}, \tilde{e}_{2h} \rangle_{\tau} &= a_{div}^2(E_{2h} \tilde{e}_{2h}, T_{2h} \tilde{e}_{2h}) \\ &= a_{div}^2(E_{2h} \tilde{e}_{2h}, E_{2h} \tilde{e}_{2h}) \end{aligned} \tag{4.18}$$

$$\langle S_{2h} \tilde{e}_{2h}, S_{2h} \tilde{e}_{2h} \rangle_{\tau} = \| S_{2h} \tilde{e}_{2h} \|_{0,\tau}^2 \tag{4.19}$$

$$a_{div}^2(E_{2h}(S_{2h} \tilde{e}_{2h}), E_{2h} \tilde{e}_{2h}) = a_{div}^2(E_{2h} \tilde{e}_{2h}, E_{2h}(S_{2h} \tilde{e}_{2h})) \tag{4.20}$$

$$= \langle S_{2h} \tilde{e}_{2h}, S_{2h} \tilde{e}_{2h} \rangle_{\tau}$$

$$= \|s_{2h} \tilde{e}_{2h}\|_{0;\tau}^2$$

Combine (4.14), (4.15), (4.16) with (4.17), (4.18), (4.19), (4.20), we obtain,

$$\langle (\gamma_1 I - s_{2h})(\gamma_2 I + s_{2h})^{-1} \tilde{w}_h, \tilde{w}_h \rangle \tau \tag{4.21}$$

$$= \gamma_1 \gamma_2 \| \tilde{e}_{2h} \|_{0;\tau}^2 + (\gamma_1 - \gamma_2) a_{div}^2(E_{2h} \tilde{e}_{2h}, E_{2h} \tilde{e}_{2h}) - \| s_{2h} \tilde{e}_{2h} \|_{0;\tau}^2$$

$$\| \tilde{w}_h \|_{0;\tau}^2 = \gamma_2^2 \| \tilde{e}_{2h} \|_{0;\tau}^2 + 2\gamma_2 a_{div}^2(E_{2h} \tilde{e}_{2h}, E_{2h} \tilde{e}_{2h}) + \| s_{2h} \tilde{e}_{2h} \|_{0;\tau}^2 \tag{4.22}$$

$$a_{div}^2(E_{2h} \tilde{w}_h, E_{2h} \tilde{w}_h) = \gamma_2^2 a_{div}^2(E_{2h} \tilde{e}_{2h}, E_{2h} \tilde{e}_{2h}) + 2\gamma_2 \| s_{2h} \tilde{e}_{2h} \|_{0;\tau}^2 + a_{div}^2(E_{2h}(s_{2h} \tilde{e}_{2h}), E_{2h}(s_{2h} \tilde{e}_{2h})) \tag{4.23}$$

Applying Lemma 4.3 and (4.21), (4.22), (4.23), we have,

$$\langle (\gamma_1 I - s_{2h})(\gamma_2 I + s_{2h})^{-1} \tilde{w}_h, \tilde{w}_h \rangle \tau - \left( \frac{\gamma_1}{\gamma_2} \| \tilde{w}_h \|_{0;\tau}^2 - \frac{\gamma_1 + \gamma_2}{\gamma_2^2} a_{div}^2(E_{2h} \tilde{w}_h, E_{2h} \tilde{w}_h) \right)$$

$$= \left( (\gamma_1 - \gamma_2) - \frac{\gamma_1}{\gamma_2} \cdot 2\gamma_2 + \frac{\gamma_1 + \gamma_2}{\gamma_2^2} \cdot \gamma_2^2 \right) a_{div}^2(E_{2h} \tilde{e}_{2h}, E_{2h} \tilde{e}_{2h}) + \left( -1 - \frac{\gamma_1}{\gamma_2} \cdot 1 + \frac{\gamma_1 + \gamma_2}{\gamma_2^2} \cdot 2\gamma_2^2 \right)$$

$$\| s_{2h} \tilde{e}_{2h} \|_{0;\tau}^2 + \frac{\gamma_1 + \gamma_2}{\gamma_2^2} a_{div}^2(E_{2h}(s_{2h} \tilde{e}_{2h}), E_{2h}(s_{2h} \tilde{e}_{2h}))$$

$$= \left( 1 + \frac{\gamma_1}{\gamma_2} \right) \| s_{2h} \tilde{e}_{2h} \|_{0;\tau}^2 + \frac{\gamma_1 + \gamma_2}{\gamma_2^2} a_{div}^2(E_{2h}(s_{2h} \tilde{e}_{2h}), E_{2h}(s_{2h} \tilde{e}_{2h}))$$

$\geq 0$   
that is the left part of (4.13). On the other hand, we have

$$\langle (\gamma_1 I - s_{2h})(\gamma_2 I + s_{2h})^{-1} \tilde{w}_h, \tilde{w}_h \rangle \tau - \left( \frac{\gamma_1}{\gamma_2} \| \tilde{w}_h \|_{0;\tau}^2 - \frac{\gamma_1 + \gamma_2}{(2 + \delta)\gamma_2^2} a_{div}^2(E_{2h} \tilde{w}_h, E_{2h} \tilde{w}_h) \right)$$

$$= \left( (\gamma_1 - \gamma_2) - \frac{\gamma_1}{\gamma_2} \cdot 2\gamma_2 + \frac{\gamma_1 + \gamma_2}{(2 + \delta)\gamma_2^2} \cdot \gamma_2^2 \right) a_{div}^2(E_{2h} \tilde{w}_h, E_{2h} \tilde{w}_h) + \left( -1 - \frac{\gamma_1}{\gamma_2} \cdot 1 + \frac{\gamma_1 + \gamma_2}{\gamma_2^2} \cdot 2\gamma_2^2 \right) \| s_{2h} \tilde{e}_{2h} \|_{0;\tau}^2$$

$$= -\frac{1 + \delta}{2 + \delta} (\gamma_1 + \gamma_2) a_{div}^2(E_{2h} \tilde{w}_h, E_{2h} \tilde{w}_h) - \frac{\delta}{2 + \delta} \frac{\gamma_1 + \gamma_2}{\gamma_2^2}$$

$$\| s_{2h} \tilde{e}_{2h} \|_{0;\tau}^2 + \frac{\gamma_1 + \gamma_2}{(2 + \delta)\gamma_2^2} a_{div}^2(E_{2h}(s_{2h} \tilde{e}_{2h}), E_{2h}(s_{2h} \tilde{e}_{2h}))$$

$$\leq 0$$

so we have proved the right part of (4.13). Based on Lemmas 4.6 and 4.7, we have Lemma 4.8.

**LEMMA 4.8.** It holds that

$$\frac{\gamma_1}{\gamma_2} \| \tilde{w}_h \|_{0;\tau}^2 + \frac{1}{\gamma_2} a_{div}^2(E_{1h} \tilde{w}_h, E_{1h} \tilde{w}_h) \leq \langle P_r \tilde{w}_h, \tilde{w}_h \rangle \tau$$

$$\leq \frac{\gamma_1}{\gamma_2} \| \tilde{w}_h \|_{0;\tau}^2 + \frac{2}{\gamma_2} a_{div}^2(E_{1h} \tilde{w}_h, E_{1h} \tilde{w}_h) \forall \tilde{w}_h \in V_r$$

and

$$\frac{1}{\gamma_2} a_{div}^2(E_{1h} \tilde{w}_h, E_{1h} \tilde{w}_h) + \frac{\gamma_1 + \gamma_2}{(2 + \delta)\gamma_2^2} a_{div}^2(E_{2h} \tilde{w}_h, E_{2h} \tilde{w}_h) \leq \langle G \tilde{w}_h, \tilde{w}_h \rangle \tau$$

$$\leq \frac{2}{\gamma_2} a_{div}^2(E_{1h} \tilde{w}_h, E_{1h} \tilde{w}_h) + \frac{\gamma_1 + \gamma_2}{\gamma_2^2} a_{div}^2(E_{2h} \tilde{w}_h, E_{2h} \tilde{w}_h) \forall \tilde{w}_h \in V_r$$

Based on Lemmas 4.2, 4.3 and 4.8, we get the following main result of this paper.

**THEOREM 4.9.** Assume that  $\gamma_1 = O(h), \gamma_2 = [o(1)]^{-1}$  then,

$$C \langle P_r \tilde{w}_h, \tilde{w}_h \rangle \tau \leq \langle G \tilde{w}_h, \tilde{w}_h \rangle \tau \leq C \langle P_r \tilde{w}_h, \tilde{w}_h \rangle \tau$$

### Numerical Results

In this section, the convergence behavior of our new DD method will be checked by some numerical experiments. Consider the problem

$$\begin{cases} grad(divu) + u = f, in \Omega \\ u.n = \theta, on \partial \Omega \end{cases} \tag{5.1}$$

Where,  $\Omega = [-1, 1] \times [-1, 1] \times [-1, 1]$  and the function

$$f = [(1 - \pi^2) \sin(\pi x), (1 - \pi^2) \sin(\pi y), (1 - \pi^2) \sin(\pi z)]^T$$

The exact solution of this problem is  $u = [(\sin(\pi x), \sin(\pi y), \sin(\pi z))]^T$ . The domain  $\Omega$  is divided into 2 subdomains. We set the Robin parameters to be  $\gamma_1 = h, 2h$ ,  $\gamma_2 = 50, 100$  which satisfy the condition of Theorem 4.9. The iteration stops when  $\frac{\|u_{iter} - u_d\|_{l^2}}{\|u_d\|_{l^2}} \leq 10^{-10}$  (Figures 1-4) and (Tables 1-4).

**Table 1:** Iterative number of  $\gamma_1 = h$  and  $\gamma_2 = 100$ .

h	1	1/2	1/4	1/8	1/16	1/32
CG	3	18	66	157	341	684
PCG	2	4	5	5	6	6

**Table 2:** Iterative number of  $\gamma_1 = 2h$  and  $\gamma_2 = 100$ .

h	1	1/2	1/4	1/8	1/16	1/32
CG	3	18	65	157	342	686
PCG	2	4	5	6	6	6

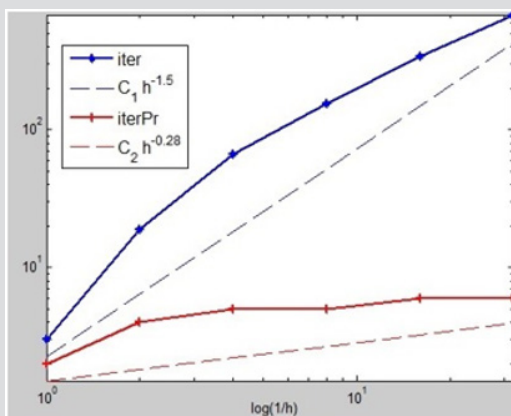
**Table 3:** Iterative number of  $\gamma_1 = h$  and  $\gamma_2 = 50$ .

h	1	1/2	1/4	1/8	1/16	1/32
CG	3	18	66	157	341	684
PCG	2	4	5	5	6	6

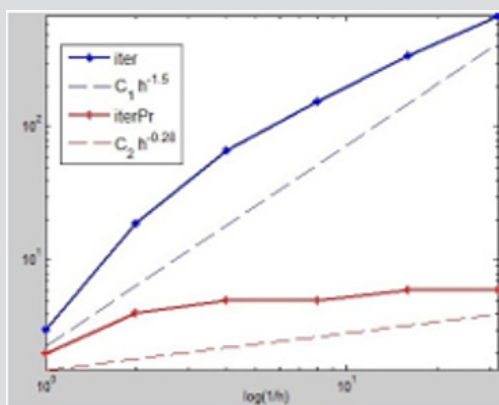


**Table 4:** Iterative number of  $\gamma_1 = 2h$  and  $\gamma_2 = 50$ .

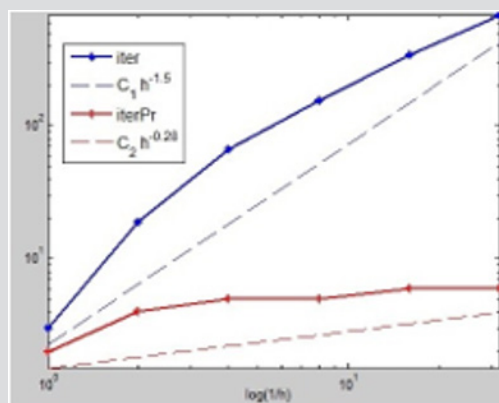
h	1	1/2	1/4	1/8	1/16	1/32
CG	3	18	65	157	342	684
PCG	2	4	5	5	5	6



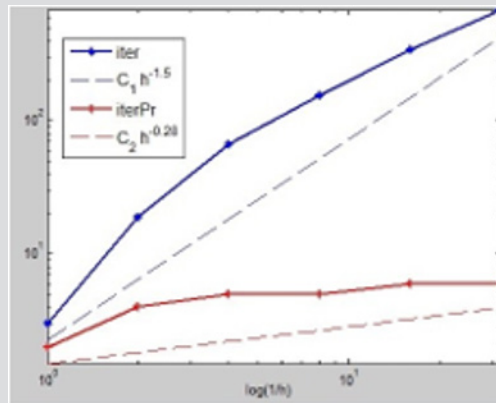
**Figure 1:** The figure describes the case of  $\gamma_1 = h$  and  $\gamma_2 = 100$ , where the ordinate values of these nodes on these polylines are iterative numbers which are the dates from Table 1, while the abscissa values of these nodes are the corresponding  $\log(h)$ . And the red ones describe the calculation processes with our precondition, while the blue ones describe the corresponding processes without our precondition. The dashed lines approximate the slopes of the corresponding polylines.



**Figure 2:** The figure describes the case of  $\gamma_1 = 2h$  and  $\gamma_2 = 100$ , where the ordinate values of these nodes on these polylines are iterative numbers which are the dates from Table 2, while the abscissa values of these nodes are the corresponding  $\log(h)$ . And the red ones describe the calculation processes with our precondition, while the blue ones describe the corresponding processes without our precondition. The dashed lines approximate the slopes of the corresponding polylines.



**Figure 3:** The figure describes the case of  $\gamma_1 = h$  and  $\gamma_2 = 50$ , where the ordinate values of these nodes on these polylines are iterative numbers which are the dates from Table 3, while the abscissa values of these nodes are the corresponding  $\log(h)$ . And the red ones describe the calculation processes with our precondition, while the blue ones describe the corresponding processes without our precondition. The dashed lines approximate the slopes of the corresponding polylines.



**Figure 4:** The figure describes the case of  $\gamma_1 = 2h$  and  $\gamma_2 = 50$ , where the ordinate values of these nodes on these polylines are iterative numbers which are the dates from Table 4, while the abscissa values of these nodes are the corresponding  $\log(h)$ . And the red ones describe the calculation processes with our preconditioner, while the blue ones describe the corresponding processes without our preconditioner. The dashed lines approximate the slopes of the corresponding polylines.

It is seen that as  $h$  decreases, the iteration numbers do not increase, which confirm our theoretical results reflect that our preconditioner is efficient and this preconditioned DD method is optimal.

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