# **BDDC for Higher-Order Discontinuous Galerkin Discretizations**

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**Summary.** The BDDC algorithm is extended to a large class of discontinuous Galerkin (DG) 7 discretizations of second order elliptic problems in two spatial dimensions. An estimate of 8  $C(1 + \log(p^2H/h))^2$  is obtained for the condition number of the preconditioned system where 9 *C* is a constant independent of *p*, *h* or *H*. Numerical simulations are presented which confirm 10 the theoretical results 11

## 1 Introduction

A Balancing Domain Decomposition by Constraints (BDDC) method is presented 13 for the solution of a discontinuous Galerkin (DG) discretization of a second-order 14 elliptic problem in two dimensions. BDDC was originally introduced in [8] for the 15 solution of continuous finite element discretizations. Mandel and Dohrmann [13] 16 later proved a condition number bound of  $\kappa \leq C(1 + \log(H/h))^2$  for preconditioned system of a continuous finite element discretization of second order elliptic problems. Pavarino [15] and Klawonn et al. [11] extended the BDDC algorithm 19 to higher-order finite element methods and proved a condition number bound of 20  $\kappa \leq C(1 + \log(p^2H/h))^2$ . Further analysis of BDDC methods and their connection 21 to FET1 methods has been presented in [12, 14].

While domain decomposition methods have been widely studied for continuous finite element discretizations, relatively little work has been performed for discontinuous Galerkin discretizations. Previous work on domain decomposition methods for DG discretizations include [1, 10] and [9]. This work presents a BDDC 26 method applied to a large class of DG methods considered in the unified analysis 27 of [2]. A key component for the development and analysis of the BDDC algorithm 28 involves presenting the DG discretization as the sum of element-wise "local" bilinear 29 forms. The element-wise perspective leads naturally to the appropriate choice for the 30 subdomain-wise local bilinear forms. Additionally, this perspective enables a connection to be drawn between the DG discretization and a related continuous finite 32 element discretization. As a result of this connection, the condition number bound 33

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for the BDDC preconditioned system for a large class of conservative and consistent 34 DG methods is identical to that for continuous finite element methods. 35

## **2 DG Discretization**

Consider the second order elliptic equation in a domain  $\Omega \subset \mathscr{R}^2$ :

$$-\nabla \cdot (\rho \nabla u) = f \qquad \text{in } \Omega, \qquad u = 0 \qquad \text{on } \partial \Omega \qquad (1)$$

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with positive  $\rho > 0 \in L^{\infty}(\Omega)$ ,  $f \in L^{2}(\Omega)$ . Let the triangulation  $\mathscr{T}$  be a partition of  $\Omega$  38 into triangles or quadrilaterals. In order to simplify the presentation we assume that 39  $\rho$  takes on a constant value,  $\rho_{\kappa}$  on each element  $\kappa$ . Define  $\mathscr{E}$  to be the union of edges 40 of elements  $\kappa$ . Additionally, define  $\mathscr{E}^{i} \subset \mathscr{E}$  and  $\mathscr{E}^{\partial} \subset \mathscr{E}$  to be the set of interior, 41 respectively boundary edges. Note that any edge  $e \in \mathscr{E}^{i}$  is shared by two adjacent 42 elements  $\kappa^{+}$  and  $\kappa^{-}$  with corresponding outward pointing normal vectors  $\mathbf{n}^{+}$  and 43  $\mathbf{n}^{-}$ . Let  $\mathscr{P}^{p}(\kappa)$  denote the space of polynomials of order at most p on  $\kappa$  and define 44 the following finite element space  $W_{h}^{p} := \{w_{h} \in \mathbf{L}^{2}(\Omega) : w_{h}|_{\kappa} \in \mathscr{P}^{p}(\kappa) \quad \forall \kappa \in \Omega\}$ . 45 Note that traces of functions  $u_{h} \in W_{h}^{p}$  are in general double valued on each edge, 46  $e \in \mathscr{E}^{i}$ , with values  $u_{h}^{+}$  and  $u_{h}^{-}$  corresponding to traces from elements  $\kappa^{+}$  and  $\kappa^{-}$  47 respectively. On  $e \in \mathscr{E}^{\partial}$ , associate  $u_{h}^{+}$  with the trace taken from the element,  $\kappa^{+} \in \mathscr{F}_{h}$ , 48 neighbouring e. The weak form of (1) on each element is given by:  $\forall w_{h} \in \mathscr{P}^{p}(\kappa)$ 

$$(\rho \nabla u_h, \nabla w_h)_{\kappa} - \left\langle \rho (u_h^+ - \hat{u}_h) \boldsymbol{n}^+, \nabla w_h^+ \right\rangle_{\partial \kappa} + \left\langle \hat{\boldsymbol{q}}_h, w_h^+ \boldsymbol{n}^+ \right\rangle_{\partial \kappa} = (f, w_h)_{\kappa}$$
(2)

where  $(\cdot, \cdot)_{\kappa} := \int_{\kappa}$  and  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{\partial \kappa} := \int_{\partial \kappa}$ . Superscript <sup>+</sup> is used to explicitly denote values on  $\partial \kappa$ , taken from  $\kappa$ . For all  $w_h \in W_h^p$ ,  $\hat{w}_h = \hat{w}_h(w_h^+, w_h^-)$  is a single valued 51 numerical trace on  $e \in \mathcal{E}^i$ , while  $\hat{w}_h = 0$  for  $e \in \mathcal{E}^\partial$ . Note that  $\hat{u}_h = 0$  on  $e \in \mathcal{E}^\partial$ , corresponds to weakly enforced homogeneous boundary conditions on  $\partial \Omega$ . Similarly 53  $\hat{q} = \hat{q}(\rho^+, \rho^-, \nabla u_h^+, \nabla u_h^-, u_h^+, u_h^-)$  is a single valued numerical flux approximating 54  $q = \rho \nabla u$  on  $e \in \mathcal{E}$ . Summing over all elements gives: 55

$$a(u_h, w_h) = (f, w_h)_{\Omega} \qquad \forall w_h \in W_h^p \tag{3}$$

A key component, required for the development and analysis of the algorithms presented, is to express the global bilinear form  $a(u_h, w_h)$  as the sum of element-wise 57 contributions  $a_{\kappa}(u_h, w_h)$  such that 58

$$a(u_h, w_h) = \sum_{\kappa \in \mathscr{T}} a_{\kappa}(u_h, w_h)$$
(4)

where  $a_{\kappa}(u_h, w_h)$  is a symmetric, positive semi-definite "local bilinear form". In particular, the local bilinear form should have a compact stencil, such that  $a_{\kappa}(u_h, w_h)$  is 60 a function of only  $u_h$ ,  $\nabla u_h$  in  $\kappa$ , and  $u_h^+$ ,  $\nabla u_h^+$  and  $\hat{u}_h$  on  $\partial \kappa$ . The local bilinear form 61 is written as: 62

$$a_{\kappa}(u_{h},w_{h}) = (\rho \nabla u_{h}, \nabla w_{h})_{\kappa} - \left\langle \rho \left( u_{h}^{+} - \hat{u}_{h} \right) \boldsymbol{n}^{+}, \nabla w_{h}^{+} \right\rangle_{\partial \kappa} + \left\langle \hat{\boldsymbol{q}}_{h}^{+}, \left( w_{h}^{+} - \hat{w}_{h} \right) \boldsymbol{n}^{+} \right\rangle_{\partial \kappa} = (\rho \nabla u_{h}, \nabla w_{h})_{\kappa} - \left\langle \rho \left[ u \right]_{h}^{+}, \nabla w_{h}^{+} \right\rangle_{\partial \kappa} + \left\langle \hat{\boldsymbol{q}}_{h}^{+}, \left[ w_{h} \right]_{\kappa}^{+} \right\rangle_{\partial \kappa}$$
(5)

where  $\hat{q}_h^+ = \hat{q}_h^+(\rho^+, \nabla u_h^+, u_h^+, \hat{u}_h)$  is a "local numerical flux". The choice of the 63 numerical trace  $\hat{u}_h$  and flux  $\hat{q}_h$  define the particular DG method considered. Table 1 64 lists the numerical traces and fluxes for the DG methods considered in this paper, 65 while Table 2 lists the corresponding local bilinear forms.

DG Method $\hat{u}_h$ $\hat{\boldsymbol{q}}_h$ $\hat{\boldsymbol{q}}_h^+$	
	t1.1
IP $\{u_h\}$ $-\{\rho \nabla u_h\} + \frac{\eta_e}{h} \{\rho \llbracket u_h \rrbracket^{\pm}\}$ $-\rho^+ \nabla u_h^+ + \frac{\eta_e}{h} \rho^+ \llbracket \rho u_h \rrbracket^+$	t1.2
BR2 $\{u_h\} = -\{\rho \nabla u_h\} + \eta_e \{\rho r_e(\llbracket u_h \rrbracket^{\pm})\} = -\rho^+ \nabla u_h^+ + \eta_e \rho^+ r_e(\llbracket u_h \rrbracket^{\pm})\}$	t1.3
Brezzi $\{u_h\}$ $\{q_h\} + \eta_e \{\rho r_e(\llbracket u_h \rrbracket^{\pm})\}$ $q_h^+ + \eta_e \rho^+ r_e(\llbracket u_h \rrbracket^{\pm})$	t1.4
LDG $\{u_h\} - \beta \cdot \llbracket u_h \rrbracket  \{\boldsymbol{q}_h\} + \beta \llbracket \boldsymbol{q}_h \rrbracket + \frac{2\eta_e}{h} \left\{ \rho \llbracket u_h \rrbracket^{\pm} \right\} \qquad \boldsymbol{q}_h^+ + \frac{\eta_e}{h} \rho^+ \llbracket u_h \rrbracket^+$	t1.5
$\underline{\text{CDG}} \qquad \{u_h\} - \beta \cdot \llbracket u_h \rrbracket \ \left\{ \boldsymbol{q}_h^e \right\} + \beta \llbracket \boldsymbol{q}_h^e \rrbracket + \frac{2\eta_e}{h} \left\{ \rho \llbracket u_h \rrbracket^{\pm} \right\} \qquad \boldsymbol{q}_h^{e+} + \frac{\eta_e}{h} \rho^+ \llbracket u_h \rrbracket^+$	t1.6

 Table 1. Numerical fluxes for different DG methods. (IP: Interior Penalty, BR2: [3], Brezzi: [4], LDG: [5] CDG: [16])

Method  $a_{\kappa}$ 

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IP

BR<sub>2</sub>

Brezzi

LDG

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$(u_h, w_h)$	t2.1
$\sum_{e \in \partial \kappa} \frac{\eta_e}{h_e} \left\langle \rho \left[ \left[ u_h \right] \right]^+, \left[ \left[ w_h \right] \right]^+ \right\rangle_e$	t2.2
$\sum_{e \in \partial \kappa} \eta_e \left( \rho r_e(\llbracket u_h \rrbracket^+), r_e(\llbracket w_h \rrbracket^+) \right)_{\kappa}$	t2.3
$\left(\rho r_{\kappa}(\llbracket u_{h} \rrbracket^{+}), r_{\kappa}(\llbracket w_{h} \rrbracket^{+})\right)_{\kappa} + \sum_{e \in \partial \kappa} \eta_{e} \left(\rho r_{e}(\llbracket u_{h} \rrbracket^{+}), r_{e}(\llbracket w_{h} \rrbracket^{+})\right)_{\kappa}$	t2.4
$+ \left(\rho r_{\kappa}(\llbracket u_{h} \rrbracket^{+}), r_{\kappa}(\llbracket w_{h} \rrbracket^{+})\right)_{\kappa} + \sum_{e \in \partial \kappa} \frac{\eta_{e}}{h_{e}} \left\langle \rho \llbracket u_{h} \rrbracket^{+}, \llbracket w_{h} \rrbracket^{+} \right\rangle_{e}$	t2.5

$$\frac{\text{CDG} \quad g + \sum_{e \in \partial \kappa} \left( \rho r_e(\llbracket u_h \rrbracket^+), r_e(\llbracket w_h \rrbracket^+) \right)_{\kappa} + \sum_{e \in \partial \kappa} \frac{\eta_e}{h_e} \left\langle \rho \llbracket u_h \rrbracket^+, \llbracket w_h \rrbracket^+ \right\rangle_e}{\text{Where } g = \left( \rho \nabla u_h, \nabla w_h \right)_{\kappa} - \left\langle \rho \llbracket u_h \rrbracket^+, \nabla w_h^+ \right\rangle_{\partial \kappa} - \left\langle \rho \nabla u_h, \llbracket w_h \rrbracket^+ \right\rangle_{\partial \kappa}}$$
(2.6)

 Table 2. Elementwise bilinear form for different DG methods

In the definition of the different DG methods,  $\{u_h\} = \frac{1}{2}(u_h^+ + u_h^-)$  and  $[\![u_h]\!] = 67$  $u_h^+ n^+ + u_h^- n^-$  are average and jump operators on  $e \in \mathscr{E}^i$ . Additionally, a second set 68 of jump operators involving the numerical trace  $\hat{u}$  are given by  $[\![u_h]\!]^+ = u_h^+ n^+ + \hat{u}_h n^-$  69 and  $[\![u_h]\!]^- = \hat{u}_h n^+ + u_h^- n^-$ . Define  $\boldsymbol{q}_h = -\rho(\nabla u_h - r_\kappa([\![u_h]\!]^+))$  and  $\boldsymbol{q}_h^e = -\rho(\nabla u_h - 70$  $r_e([\![u]\!]^+))$  where  $r_\kappa(\phi)$  and  $r_e(\phi) \in [\mathscr{P}^p(\kappa)]^n$  are lifting operators defined such that: 71  $(r_\kappa(\phi), \boldsymbol{v}_h)_\kappa = \langle \phi, \boldsymbol{v}_h^+ \rangle_{\kappa}$  and  $(r_e(\phi), \boldsymbol{v}_h)_\kappa = \langle \phi, \boldsymbol{v}_h^+ \rangle_e, \forall \boldsymbol{v}_h \in [\mathscr{P}^p(\kappa)]^n$ . Additionally, 72 on each edge in  $\mathscr{E}$ ,  $\eta_e$  is a penalty parameter, while  $\beta = \frac{1}{2} S_{\kappa^+}^{\kappa^-} n^+ + S_{\kappa^-}^{\kappa^+} n^-$  is a vector 73 where  $S_{\kappa^+}^{\kappa^-} \in \{0,1\}$  is a switch defined, such that  $S_{\kappa^+}^{\kappa^-} + S_{\kappa^-}^{\kappa^+} = 1$ .

Consider using a nodal basis on each element  $\kappa$  to define  $W_h^p$ . Figure 1 shows 75 graphically the nodal degrees of freedom involved in defining the local bilinear form. 76 For the IP, BR2 and Brezzi schemes, the numerical trace  $\hat{u}_h$  on an edge/face depends 77 on both  $u_h^+$  and  $u_h^-$ . Hence the local bilinear form corresponds to all nodal degrees 78 of freedom defining  $u_h$  on  $\kappa$  as well as nodal values on all edge/faces of  $\partial \kappa \cap \mathscr{E}^i$  79

corresponding to the trace of  $u_h$  from elements neighbouring  $\kappa$ . On the other hand, so for the LDG and CDG methods, the numerical trace  $\hat{u}_h$  takes on the value of  $u_h^+$  if so  $S_{\kappa^+}^{\kappa^-} = 0$  or  $u_h^-$  if  $S_{\kappa^+}^{\kappa^-} = 1$ . Hence the local bilinear form corresponds only to degrees so f freedom defining  $u_h$  on  $\kappa$  and nodal values corresponding to the trace of  $u_h$  on so neighbouring elements across edge/faces of  $\partial \kappa \cap \mathscr{E}^i$  for which  $S_{\kappa^+}^{\kappa^-} = 1$ .



Fig. 1. Degrees of freedom involved in "local" bilinear form

The element-wise bilinear form  $a_{\kappa}(u_h, u_h)$  satisfies

$$a_{\kappa}(u_h, u_h) \ge 0 \tag{6}$$

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with  $a_{\kappa}(u_h, u_h) = 0$  iff  $u_h = \hat{u}_h = K$  for some constant *K*. The proof of (6) closely 86 follows the proof of boundedness and stability of the different DG methods presented 87 in [2]. As a result it is possible to show that the bilinear form is equivalent to a 88 quadratic form based on the value of  $u_h$  at the nodes **x**: 89

$$ca_{\kappa}(u_h, u_h) \leq \rho_{\kappa} p^4 h^{n-2} \sum_{\boldsymbol{x}_i, \boldsymbol{x}_j \in \kappa \cup \kappa'} (u_h(\boldsymbol{x}_i) - u_h(\boldsymbol{x}_j))^2 \leq Ca_{\kappa}(u_h, u_h)$$
(7)

where *c* and *C* are constants independent of *h*, *p* and  $\rho$ , while  $\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j$  are the nodes 90 on  $\kappa$  defining the basis for  $u_h$  and nodes on  $\partial \kappa'$  defining a basis for the trace  $u_h^-$  91 from neighbours  $\kappa'$  of  $\kappa$ . Using the quadratic form in (7) a connection may be drawn 92 between the DG discretization a continuous finite element discretization on a subtriangulation (See for example [6] Lemma 4.3). Further details are given in [7].

## **3** Domain Decomposition

Consider a partition of the domain  $\Omega$  into substructures  $\Omega_i$  such that  $\overline{\Omega} = \bigcup_{i=1}^N \overline{\Omega}_i$ . 96 The substructures  $\Omega_i$  are disjoint shape regular polygonal regions of diameter O(H), 97 consisting of a union of elements in  $\mathscr{T}$ . Assume that  $\rho(\mathbf{x})$  takes on a constant value, 98  $\rho_i$ , within each subdomain  $\Omega_i$ . Additionally, assume that each element  $\kappa$  in  $\Omega_i$  with 99 an edge e on  $\partial \Omega_i \cap \partial \Omega_j$  has neighbours only in  $\Omega_i \cup \Omega_j$ .

Define the local interface  $\Gamma_i = \partial \Omega_i \setminus \partial \Omega$  and global interface  $\Gamma$  by  $\Gamma = \bigcup_{i=1}^N \Gamma_i$ . 101 Denote by  $W_{\Gamma}^{(i)}$  the space of discrete nodal values on  $\Gamma_i$  which correspond to degrees 102

of freedom shared between  $\Omega_i$  and neighbouring subdomains  $\Omega_j$ , while  $W_I^{(i)}$  denotes 103 the space of discrete unknowns local to a single substructure  $\Omega_i$ . In particular, note 104 that for the IP, BR2 and Brezzi et al. methods  $W_{\Gamma}^{(i)}$  includes for each edge  $e \in \Gamma_i$  105 degrees of freedom defining two sets of trace values  $u^+$  from  $\kappa^+ \in \Omega_i$  and  $u^-$  for 106  $\kappa^- \in \Omega_j$ . Thus,  $W_I^{(i)}$  corresponds to nodal values strictly interior to  $\Omega_i$  or on  $\partial \Omega_i \setminus \Gamma_i$ . 107 On the other hand, for the CDG and LDG methods  $W_{\Gamma}^{(i)}$  includes for each edge  $e \in \Gamma_i$  108 degrees of freedom defining a single trace value corresponding to either  $u^+$  from 109  $\kappa^+ \in \Omega_i$  if  $S_{\kappa^+}^{\kappa^-} = 0$  or  $u^-$  from  $\kappa^- \in \Omega_j$  if  $S_{\kappa^+}^{\kappa^-} = 1$ . Hence,  $W_I^{(i)}$  corresponds to 110 nodal values interior to  $\Omega_i$  and on  $\partial \Omega_i \setminus \Gamma_i$  as well as nodal values defining  $u^+$  on 111  $e \in \Gamma_i$  for which  $S_{\kappa^+}^{\kappa^-} = 1$ .

Similarly, define  $\hat{W}_{\Gamma}$  as the space of degrees of freedom shared among multiple 113 subdomains and  $W_I$  as the space of degrees of freedom which correspond only to a 114 single subdomain. Note that  $W_I$  is equal to the product space  $W_I := \prod_{i=1}^N W_I^{(i)}$ , while 115 in general  $\hat{W}_{\Gamma} \subset W_{\Gamma} := \prod_{i=1}^N W_{\Gamma}^{(i)}$ . Define local operators  $R_{\Gamma}^{(i)} : \hat{W}_{\Gamma} \to W_{\Gamma}^{(i)}$  which 116 extract the local degrees of freedom on  $\Gamma_i$  from those on  $\Gamma$ . Additionally define a 117 global operator  $R_{\Gamma} : \hat{W}_{\Gamma} \to W_{\Gamma}$  which is formed by a direct assembly of  $R_{\Gamma}^{(i)}$ . The 118 discrete form of (3) is written as: 119

$$\begin{bmatrix} A_{II} & A_{\Gamma I}^T \\ A_{\Gamma I} & A_{\Gamma \Gamma} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_I \\ u_{\Gamma} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_I \\ b_{\Gamma} \end{bmatrix}.$$
(8)

where  $u_I$  and  $u_{\Gamma}$  corresponds to degrees of freedom associated with  $W_I$  and  $\hat{W}_{\Gamma}$  120 respectively. Since the degrees of freedom associated with  $W_I$  are local to a particular 121 substructure they may be locally eliminated to obtain a system 122

$$\hat{S}_{\Gamma}u_{\Gamma} = g_{\Gamma} \tag{9}$$

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where  $\hat{S}_{\Gamma} = A_{\Gamma\Gamma} - A_{\Gamma I} A_{II}^{-1} A_{\Gamma I}^{T}$  and  $g_{\Gamma} = b_{\Gamma\Gamma} - A_{\Gamma I} A_{II}^{-1} b_{\Gamma I}$ .  $\hat{S}_{\Gamma}$  and  $g_{\Gamma}$  may be 123 formed by a direct assembly: 124

$$\hat{S}_{\Gamma} = \sum_{i=1}^{N} R_{\Gamma}^{(i)^{T}} S_{\Gamma}^{(i)} R_{\Gamma}^{(i)} \qquad g_{\Gamma} = \sum_{i=1}^{N} R_{\Gamma}^{(i)^{T}} g_{\Gamma}^{(i)}$$
(10)

where 
$$S_{\Gamma}^{(i)} = A_{\Gamma\Gamma}^{(i)} - A_{\Gamma I}^{(i)} A_{II}^{(i)^{-1}} A_{\Gamma I}^{(i)^{T}}$$
 and  $g_{\Gamma}^{(i)} = b_{\Gamma}^{(i)} - A_{\Gamma I}^{(i)} A_{II}^{(i)^{-1}} b_{I}^{(i)}$ . 125

### 4 BDDC

A BDDC preconditioner is used to solve the Schur complement problem (9). A full 127 description of the BDDC preconditioner is given by Li and Widlund [12]. In order to 128 define the BDDC preconditioner  $W_{\Gamma}^{(i)}$  is reparameterize into two orthogonal spaces 129  $W_{\Pi}^{(i)}$  and  $W_{\Delta}^{(i)}$ . The primal space  $W_{\Pi}^{(i)}$  is the space of discrete unknowns correspond-130 ing to functions with a constant value of  $\hat{u}$  on each edge of substructure  $\Omega_i$ . The 131

dual space,  $W_{\Delta}^{(i)}$  is the space of discrete unknowns corresponding to functions which have zero mean value of  $\hat{u}$  on  $\Gamma_i$ . For continuous finite element discretizations, different primal degrees of freedom such as subdomain corners have also been used, however these are not explored in this work. The BDDC algorithm is implemented using a change of basis as described in [12]. The partially assembled space is defined as  $\tilde{W}_{\Gamma} = \hat{W}_{\Pi} \oplus \left(\Pi_{i=1}^{N} W_{\Delta}^{(i)}\right)$ , where  $\hat{W}_{\Pi}$ , single valued on  $\Gamma$ , is formed by assembling the local primal spaces,  $W_{\Pi}^{(i)}$ . Define additional local operators  $\bar{R}_{\Gamma}^{(i)} : \tilde{W}_{\Gamma} \to W_{\Gamma}^{(i)}$ which extract the degrees of freedom in  $\tilde{W}_{\Gamma}$  corresponding to  $\Gamma_i$ . The global operator  $\bar{R}_{\Gamma} : \tilde{W}_{\Gamma} \to W_{\Gamma}$  is formed by a direct assembly of  $\bar{R}_{\Gamma}^{(i)}$ . Also define the global operator  $\tilde{R}_{\Gamma} : \hat{W}_{\Gamma} \to \tilde{W}_{\Gamma}$ . The partially assembled Schur complement matrix  $\tilde{S}$ , is given by:

$$\tilde{S}_{\Gamma} = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \bar{R}_{\Gamma}^{(i)^{T}} S_{\Gamma}^{(i)} \bar{R}_{\Gamma}^{(i)} \tag{11}$$

The scaled operator  $\tilde{R}_{D,\Gamma}: \hat{W}_{\Gamma} \to \tilde{W}_{\Gamma}$  is obtained by multiplying the entries of  $\tilde{R}_{\Gamma}$  142 corresponding to  $W_{\Delta}^{(i)}$  by  $\delta_i^{\dagger}(x)$ , where  $\delta_i^{\dagger}(x)$  defined for each nodal degree of freedom in  $W_{\Gamma}^{(i)}$  on  $\partial \Omega_i$  and  $\partial \Omega_j$  as  $\delta_i^{\dagger} = \frac{\rho_i^{\gamma}}{\rho_i^{\gamma} + \rho_j^{\gamma}}, \gamma \in [1/2, \infty)$ . The BDDC preconditioner 144  $M_{\text{BDDC}}^{-1}: \hat{W}_{\Gamma} \to \hat{W}_{\Gamma}$  is given by: 145

$$M_{\rm BDDC}^{-1} = \tilde{R}_{D,\Gamma}^T \tilde{S}_{\Gamma}^{-1} \tilde{R}_{D,\Gamma}$$
(12)

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The condition number of the preconditioner operator  $M_{BDDC}^{-1}\hat{S}$  is bounded by 146  $C(1 + \log(p^2H/h))^2$  where *C* is a constant independent of *p*, *h*, *H* or *p*. This is the 147 same condition number bound as obtained by Klawonn et al. [11] for a continuous 148 finite element discretization. Proof of this condition number bound closely follows 149 that presented by Tu [17] for mixed finite element methods, which in turn builds upon 150 the work of [6]. The key idea is to connect the DG discretization to a related continuous finite element discretization on a subtriangulation of  $\mathscr{T}$ . The ability to connect the DG discretization to the continuous finite element discretization is a direct result of (7) (see [6]). The existing theory for continuous finite elements developed in [13, 15] and [11] is then leveraged to obtain the desired condition number bound. 155 Further details are provided in [7].

## 5 Numerical Results

This section presents numerical results using the BDDC preconditioner introduced 158 in Sect. 4. For each numerical experiment the linear system resulting from the DG 159 discretization is solved iteratively using a Preconditioned Conjugate Gradient (PCG) 160 method, starting from zero initial condition until  $l_2$  norm of the residual is decreased 161 by a factor of  $10^{10}$ . The domain  $\Omega = (0, 1)^2$  is partitioned into  $N \times N$  square subdomains  $\Omega_i$  with side lengths H such that  $N = \frac{1}{H}$ . Each subdomain is the union of triangular elements obtained by bisecting squares of side length h. In the first numerical 164

experiment (1) is solved on  $\Omega$  with  $\rho = 1$  and f chosen such that the exact solution is 165 given by  $u = \sin(\pi x) \sin(\pi y)$ . Table 3 shows the number of PCG iteration required to 166 converge varying N,  $\frac{H}{h}$  and p for each of the DG discretization considered. Table 3 167 also gives the Lanczos estimate of the maximum eigenvalue of the preconditioned 168 system. The minimum eigenvalue is bounded below by unity as with continuous 169 finite element methods. As expected the number of iterations is independent of the 170 number of subdomains and only weakly dependent on the number of elements per 171 subdomain or the solution order. 172

$\frac{1}{H}$	$\frac{H}{h}$	р	IP	BR2	Brezzi	LDG	CDG
2			12 (12.1)	15 (12.0)	15 (7.7)	11 (6.1)	12 (5.9)
4			22 (14.3)	27 (14.0)	23 (9.2)	24 (7.4)	24 (7.1)
8	8	4	31 (15.2)	34 (14.8)	30 (9.8)	28 (7.7)	27 (7.5)
16			33 (15.3)	36 (14.9)	32 (9.9)	29 (8.0)	28 (7.8)
32			33 (15.3)	36 (14.9)	32 (9.9)	29 (7.9)	27 (7.7)
	2		25 (10.9)	29 (10.9)	26 (6.9)	23 (5.2)	23 (5.3)
	4		29 (13.0)	34 (12.8)	28 (8.3)	26 (6.4)	25 (6.2)
8	8	4	31 (15.2)	34 (14.8)	30 (9.8)	28 (7.8)	27 (7.5)
	16		33 (17.6)	36 (17.1)	33 (11.5)	29 (9.3)	29 (9.1)
	32		35 (20.2)	38 (19.4)	34 (13.4)	32 (11.0)	31(10.7)
		1	32 (11.1)	36 (13.8)	28 (8.1)	26 (5.9)	25 (5.6)
		2	31 (12.9)	34 (14.1)	29 (8.7)	26 (6.4)	26 (6.3)
8	8	4	31 (15.2)	34 (14.8)	30 (9.8)	28 (7.8)	27 (7.5)
		8	34 (18.4)	37 (16.2)	34 (11.7)	31 (9.9)	32 (9.6)
		16	36 (22.5)	38 (18.6)	38 (14.4)	34 (12.8)	36 (12.2)

Table 3. Iteration count  $(\lambda_{max})$  for BDDC preconditioner using different DG methods

In the second numerical experiment the behaviour of the preconditioner for large 173 jumps in the coefficient  $\rho$  is examined. For this numerical experiment only the CDG 174 discretization is used. The domain is partitioned in a checkerboard pattern with  $\rho = 1$  175 on half of the subdomains and  $\rho = 1,000$  in the remaining subdomains. Initially set 176  $\delta_i^{\dagger} = \frac{1}{2}$ , which corresponds to setting  $\gamma = 0$ , which does not satisfy the assumption 177  $\gamma \in [1/2, \infty)$ . Poor convergence of the BDDC algorithm is seen in Table 4a. Next  $\delta_i^{\dagger}$  178 is set to  $\delta_i^{\dagger} = \frac{\rho_i}{\rho_i + \rho_j}$  which corresponds to  $\gamma = 1$ . With this choice of  $\delta_i^{\dagger}$  the good 179 convergence properties of the BDDC algorithm is recovered as shown in Table 4b. 180

## **6** Conclusions

The BDDC preconditioner has been extended to a large class of DG discretizations 182 for second-order elliptic problems. The condition number of the BDDC preconditioned system is bounded by  $C(1 + \log(p^2H/h))^2$ , with constant *C* independent of 184 p, h, H or the coefficient  $\rho$ . This is the same condition number bound previously 185 proven for continuous finite element methods. Numerical results confirm the theory. 186

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(a) $\delta_i^{\dagger} = \frac{1}{2}, \frac{H}{h} = 8$	(b) $\delta_i^{\dagger} = \frac{\rho_i}{\rho_i + \rho_j}, \frac{H}{h} = 8$
$\frac{1}{H}$	n 2 4 8 16 32
p     2     4     3     10     52       1     51     119     179     215     232	$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$
3 55 133 207 267 316	3 4 7 15 18 19
5 59 153 242 306 361	5 4 7 14 19 20

**Table 4.** Iteration count for BDDC preconditioner using the CDG method with  $\rho = 1$  or 1000.

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