

3-D FETI-DP preconditioners for composite finite element-discontinuous Galerkin methods

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1 Introduction

In this paper a Nitsche-type discretization based on discontinuous Galerkin (DG) method for an elliptic three-dimensional problem with discontinuous coefficients is considered. The problem is posed on a polyhedral region Ω which is a union of N disjoint polyhedral subdomains Ω_i of diameter $O(H_i)$ and we assume that this partition is geometrically conforming. Inside each subdomain, a conforming finite element space on a quasiuniform triangulation with mesh size $O(h_i)$ is introduced. Large discontinuities on the coefficients and nonmatching meshes are allowed to occur only across $\partial\Omega_i$. In order to deal with the nonconformity of the FE spaces across subdomain interfaces, a discrete problem is formulated using the symmetric interior penalty DG method only on the subdomain interfaces. For solving the resulting discrete system, FETI-DP type of methods are designed and fully analyzed. This paper extends the 2-D results in [2] to 3-D problems.

2 Differential and discrete problems

Consider the following problem: Find $u_{ex}^* \in H_0^1(\Omega)$ such that

$$a(u_{ex}^*, v) = f(v) \quad \text{for all } v \in H_0^1(\Omega), \quad (1)$$

where

$$a(u, v) := \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\Omega_i} \rho_i(x) \nabla u \cdot \nabla v dx \quad \text{and} \quad f(v) := \int_{\Omega} f v dx.$$

To simplify the presentation, we assume that $\rho_i(x)$ is equal to positive constant ρ_i .

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We now consider the discrete problem associated to (1). Let $X_i(\Omega_i)$ be the regular finite element (FE) space of piecewise linear and continuous functions in Ω_i and define

$$X(\Omega) = \prod_{i=1}^N X_i(\Omega_i) \equiv X_1(\Omega_1) \times X_2(\Omega_2) \times \cdots \times X_N(\Omega_N).$$

We note that we do not assume that the functions in $X_i(\Omega_i)$ vanish on $\partial\Omega_i \cap \partial\Omega$.

Let us denote $\bar{F}_{ij} := \partial\Omega_i \cap \partial\Omega_j$ as a face of $\partial\Omega_i$ and $\bar{F}_{ji} := \partial\Omega_j \cap \partial\Omega_i$ as a face of $\partial\Omega_j$. In spite of the common face F_{ij} and F_{ji} being geometrically the same, they will be treated separately since we consider different triangulations on $\bar{F}_{ij} \subset \partial\Omega_i$ with a mesh parameter h_i and on $\bar{F}_{ji} \subset \partial\Omega_j$ with a mesh parameter h_j . We denote the interior h_i -nodes of F_{ij} and the h_j -nodes of F_{ji} by F_{ijh} and F_{jih} , respectively.

Let us denote by \mathcal{F}_i^0 the set of indices j of Ω_j which has a common face F_{ji} with Ω_i . To take into account also of these faces of Ω_i which belong to $\partial\Omega$, we introduce a set of indices \mathcal{F}_i^∂ to refer these faces. The set of indices of all faces of Ω_i is denoted by $\mathcal{F}_i := \mathcal{F}_i^0 \cup \mathcal{F}_i^\partial$. A discrete problem is obtained by a composite FE/DG method, see [1], is of the form: *Find* $u^* = \{u_i^*\}_{i=1}^N \in X(\Omega)$ where $u_i \in X_i(\Omega_i)$, such that

$$a_h(u^*, v) = f(v) \quad \text{for all } v = \{v_i\}_{i=1}^N \in X(\Omega), \quad (2)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} a_h(u, v) &:= \sum_{i=1}^N a'_i(u, v), \quad f(v) := \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\Omega_i} f v_i dx, \\ a'_i(u, v) &:= \{a_i(u, v) + p_i(u, v)\} + s_i(u, v) \equiv \{d_i(u, v)\} + s_i(u, v), \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} a_i(u, v) &:= \int_{\Omega_i} \rho_i \nabla u_i \cdot \nabla v_i dx, \\ p_i(u, v) &:= \sum_{j \in \mathcal{F}_i} \int_{F_{ij}} \frac{\delta}{l_{ij}} \frac{\rho_i}{h_{ij}} (u_j - u_i)(v_j - v_i) ds, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$s_i(u, v) := \sum_{j \in \mathcal{F}_i} \int_{F_{ij}} \frac{1}{l_{ij}} \left(\rho_i \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial n} (v_j - v_i) + \rho_i \frac{\partial v_i}{\partial n} (u_j - u_i) \right) ds.$$

Here, when $j \in \mathcal{F}_i^0$, we set $l_{ij} = 2$ and let $h_{ij} := 2h_i h_j / (h_i + h_j)$, i.e., the harmonic average of h_i and h_j . When $j \in \mathcal{F}_i^\partial$, we denote the boundary faces $F_{ij} \subset \partial\Omega_i$ by $F_{i\partial}$ and set $l_{i\partial} = 1$ and $h_{i\partial} = h_i$, and on the artificial face $F_{ji} \equiv F_{\partial i}$, we set $u_\partial = 0$ and $v_\partial = 0$. The partial derivative $\frac{\partial}{\partial n}$ denotes the outward normal derivative on $\partial\Omega_i$ and δ is the sufficiently large penalty parameter. For details on accuracy and well-posedness, see [2, 1] and references there in. In particular, we show that exists positive constants γ_0 and γ_1 , which do not depend on the ρ_i , h_i and H_i , such that

$$\gamma_0 a_h(u, u) \leq \sum_{i=1}^N d_i(u, u) \leq \gamma_1 a_h(u, u) \quad \text{for all } u \in X(\Omega).$$

3 Schur complement systems and discrete harmonic extensions

This section is similar to Section 3 in [2] with a few natural changes when passing from the 2-D to the 3-D case, and we refer to that for more details.

- Define the sets $\Omega'_i, \bar{\Gamma}_i, \Gamma'_i, I_i, \Gamma, \Gamma', I$ and Ω' by

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega'_i &= \bar{\Omega}_i \cup \{\cup_{j \in \mathcal{F}_i^0} \bar{F}_{ji}\}, \quad \Gamma_i = \overline{\partial\Omega_i \setminus \partial\Omega}, \quad \Gamma'_i = \Gamma_i \cup \{\cup_{j \in \mathcal{F}_i^0} \bar{F}_{ji}\}, \\ \Gamma &= \bigcup_{i=1}^N \Gamma_i, \quad \Gamma' = \prod_{i=1}^N \Gamma'_i, \quad I_i = \Omega'_i \setminus \Gamma'_i, \quad I = \prod_{i=1}^N I_i \quad \text{and} \quad \Omega' = \prod_{i=1}^N \Omega'_i. \end{aligned}$$

- Define the space $W_i(\Omega'_i)$ by

$$W_i(\Omega'_i) = X_i(\Omega_i) \times \prod_{j \in \mathcal{F}_i^0} X_i(\bar{F}_{ji}), \quad \text{where } X_i(\bar{F}_{ji}) = X_j(\Omega_j)|_{\bar{F}_{ji}}.$$

A function $u_i \in W_i(\Omega'_i)$ will be represented as

$$u_i = \{(u_i)_i, \{(u_i)_j\}_{j \in \mathcal{F}_i^0}\},$$

where $(u_i)_i := u_i|_{\bar{\Omega}_i}$ (u_i restricted to $\bar{\Omega}_i$) and $(u_i)_j := u_i|_{\bar{F}_{ji}}$ (u_i restricted to \bar{F}_{ji}).

- For the definition of the discrete harmonic extension operators \mathcal{H}_i^l and \mathcal{H}_i (elimination of I_i variables) with respect to the bilinear forms a_i^l and a_i , see [2].
- The matrices A_i^l and S_i^l are defined by

$$a_i^l(u_i, v_i) = \langle A_i^l u_i, v_i \rangle \quad u_i, v_i \in W_i(\Omega'_i), \quad a_i^l(u_i, v_i) = \langle S_i^l u_i, v_i \rangle \quad u_i, v_i \in W_i(\Gamma'_i).$$

- $W_i(\Gamma'_i) \subset W_i(\Omega'_i)$ denotes the \mathcal{H}_i^l -discrete harmonic functions.
- Define $W(\Omega') = \prod_{i=1}^N W_i(\Omega'_i)$ and $W(\Gamma') = \prod_{i=1}^N W_i(\Gamma'_i)$.
- Let the subspace $\hat{W}(\Omega') \subset W(\Omega')$ consist of functions $u = \{u_i\}_{i=1}^N \in W(\Omega')$ which are continuous on Γ , that is, for all $1 \leq i \leq N$ satisfy

$$(u_i)_i(x) = (u_j)_i(x) \quad \text{for all } x \in \bar{F}_{ij} \quad \text{for all } j \in \mathcal{F}_i^0$$

and

$$(u_i)_j(x) = (u_j)_j(x) \quad \text{for all } x \in \bar{F}_{ji} \quad \text{for all } j \in \mathcal{F}_i^0.$$

We note that $\hat{W}(\Omega')$ can be identified to $X(\Omega)$.

- $\hat{W}(\Gamma')$ denotes the subspace of $\hat{W}(\Omega')$ of \mathcal{H}_i^l -discrete harmonic functions.
- The rest of Section 3 in [2] remains the same for 3-D problems. In particular, by eliminating the interior variables I from the system (2), we obtain

$$\hat{S}u_\Gamma^* = g_\Gamma. \quad (4)$$

We note that \hat{S} can be assembled from S_i^l , i.e., $\hat{S} = \sum_{i=1}^N R_{\Gamma'}^T S_i^l R_{\Gamma'}$, where $R_{\Gamma'}$ is the restriction operator from Γ to Γ'_i .

4 FETI-DP with corners, average edges and faces constraints

We now design a FETI-DP method for solving (4). We follow to the abstract approach described in pages 160-167 in [3].

Let us define the set of indices \mathcal{E}_i^0 of pairs (j, k) of Ω_j and Ω_k , $j \neq k$, for which $\bar{E}_{ijk} := \partial F_{ij} \cap \partial F_{ik}$, for $j, k \in \mathcal{F}_i^0$, is an edge of $\partial\Omega_i$. In spite of the common edges E_{ijk} , E_{jik} , and E_{kij} being geometrically the same, we treat them separately since we consider different triangulations on $E_{ijk} \subset \partial\Omega_i$ with a mesh parameter h_i , $E_{jik} \subset \partial\Omega_j$ with a mesh parameter h_j and $E_{kij} \subset \partial\Omega_k$ with a mesh parameter h_k . We denote the interior edge nodes of these triangulations by E_{ijkh} , E_{jikh} and E_{kijh} , respectively.

Let us introduce the nodal points associated to the corner unknowns by

$$\mathcal{V}_i := \{\cup_{(j,k) \in \mathcal{E}_i^0} \partial E_{ijk}\} \text{ and } \mathcal{V}_i' := \{\mathcal{V}_i \cup \{\cup_{(j,k) \in \mathcal{E}_i^0} \partial E_{jik} \cup \partial E_{kij}\}\}.$$

We say that $u = \{u_i\}_{i=1}^N \in W(\Omega')$ is continuous at the corners \mathcal{V}_i if

$$(u_i)_i(x) = (u_j)_i(x) = (u_k)_i(x) \quad \text{at all } x \in \mathcal{V}_i.$$

Definition 1. (Subspaces $\tilde{W}(\Omega')$ and $\tilde{W}(\Gamma')$). The $\tilde{W}(\Omega')$ consists of functions $u = \{u_i\}_{i=1}^N \in W(\Omega')$ for which, for all $1 \leq i \leq N$, the following conditions are satisfied:

- At all corners \mathcal{V}_i , u is continuous.
- On all edges E_{ijk} for $(j, k) \in \mathcal{E}_i^0$

$$(\bar{u}_i)_{i, E_{ijk}} = (\bar{u}_j)_{i, E_{ijk}} = (\bar{u}_k)_{i, E_{ijk}}.$$

- On all faces F_{ij} for $j \in \mathcal{F}_i^0$

$$(\bar{u}_i)_{i, F_{ij}} = (\bar{u}_j)_{i, F_{ij}},$$

where

$$(\bar{u}_i)_{i, E_{ijk}} = \frac{1}{|E_{ijk}|} \int_{E_{ijk}} (u_i)_i ds, \quad (\bar{u}_j)_{i, F_{ij}} = \frac{1}{|F_{ij}|} \int_{F_{ij}} (u_j)_i ds.$$

The $\tilde{W}(\Gamma')$ denotes the subspace of $\tilde{W}(\Omega')$ of functions which are discrete harmonic in the sense of \mathcal{H}_i' . It is easy to see that $\tilde{W}(\Gamma') \subset \tilde{W}(\Omega') \subset W(\Gamma')$.

Let \tilde{A} be the stiffness matrix which is obtained by assembling the matrices A_i' for $1 \leq i \leq N$, from $W(\Omega')$ to $\tilde{W}(\Omega')$. We represent $u \in \tilde{W}(\Omega')$ as $u = (u_I, u_{\Pi}, u_{\Delta})$ where the subscript I refers to the interior degrees of freedom at the nodal points on I , the Π refers to the degrees of freedom at the corners $\{\mathcal{V}_i\}_{i=1}^N$ and edges and faces averages, and the Δ refers to the remaining degrees of freedom, i.e., the nodal values on $\{\Gamma_i' \setminus \mathcal{V}_i'\}_{i=1}^N$ with edges and faces average equal to zero. For details on \tilde{A} , see (4.5) in [2], and its Schur complement \tilde{S} (after eliminating the I and Π degrees of freedom from \tilde{A}), see (4.6) in [2].

A vector $u \in \tilde{W}(\Gamma')$ can uniquely be represented by $u = (u_{\Pi}, u_{\Delta})$, therefore, we can represent

$$\tilde{W}(\Gamma') = \hat{W}_\Pi(\Gamma') \times W_\Delta(\Gamma'),$$

where $\hat{W}_\Pi(\Gamma')$ refers to the Π -degrees of freedom of $\tilde{W}(\Gamma')$ while $W_\Delta(\Gamma')$ to the Δ -degrees of freedom of $\tilde{W}(\Gamma')$. The vector space $W_\Delta(\Gamma')$ can be decomposed as

$$W_\Delta(\Gamma') = \prod_{i=1}^N W_{i,\Delta}(\Gamma'_i),$$

where the local space $W_{i,\Delta}(\Gamma'_i)$ refers to the degrees of freedom associated to the nodes of $\Gamma'_i \setminus \mathcal{V}'_i$ for $1 \leq i \leq N$ with zero averages on F_{ij} and F_{ji} , for $i \in \mathcal{F}_i^0$, and on E_{ijk} , E_{jik} and E_{kij} , for $(j,k) \in \mathcal{E}_i^0$.

The jump operator $B_\Delta : W_\Delta(\Gamma') \rightarrow U_r$

$$B_\Delta = (B_\Delta^{(1)}, B_\Delta^{(2)}, \dots, B_\Delta^{(N)})$$

is defined as follows. Each $B_\Delta^{(i)}$ maps $W_\Delta(\Gamma')$ to $U_{i,r}$ (jumps on edges and faces), where $v_i = B_\Delta^{(i)} u_\Delta$ is defined by:

- For each face F_{ij} for $j \in \mathcal{F}_i^0$, let

$$v_i(x) = (u_{i,\Delta})_i(x) - (u_{j,\Delta})_i(x) \quad \text{for all } x \in F_{ijh}.$$

- For each edge E_{ijk} for $(j,k) \in \mathcal{E}_i^0$, let $v_i = \{v_{i,1}, v_{i,2}\}$, where

$$v_{i,1}(x) = (u_{i,\Delta})_i(x) - (u_{j,\Delta})_i(x) \quad \text{for all } x \in E_{ijkh},$$

$$v_{i,2}(x) = (u_{i,\Delta})_i(x) - (u_{k,\Delta})_i(x) \quad \text{for all } x \in E_{ijkh}.$$

Let $U_r = (U_{1,r}, \dots, U_{N,r})$ where $U_{i,r}$ is the range of $B_\Delta^{(i)}$, and note that the $U_{i,r}$ also has zero average on edges and faces. The space U_r will also be denoted as the space of Lagrange multipliers. We note that by setting $B_\Delta^{(i)} u_\Delta = 0$, we have one constraint for each node on F_{ijh} and two constraints for each node on E_{ijkh} . The saddle point problem is defined as in [2], except that here we replace \hat{W}_Δ by U_r , and the problem (4) is reduced to: Find $u_\Delta^* \in W_\Delta(\Gamma')$ and $\lambda^* \in U_r$ such that

$$\begin{cases} \tilde{S} u_\Delta^* + B_\Delta^T \lambda^* = \tilde{g}_\Delta \\ B_\Delta u_\Delta^* = 0. \end{cases}$$

Hence, it reduces to

$$F \lambda^* = g, \tag{5}$$

where

$$F := B_\Delta \tilde{S}^{-1} B_\Delta^T, \quad g := B_\Delta \tilde{S}^{-1} \tilde{g}_\Delta.$$

4.1 Dirichlet Preconditioner

We now define the FETI-DP preconditioner for F , see (5). Let $S'_{i,\Delta}$ be the Schur complement of S'_i restricted to $W_{i,\Delta}(\Gamma'_i) \subset W_i(\Gamma'_i)$, and define $S'_\Delta = \text{diag}\{S'_{i,\Delta}\}_{i=1}^N$.

Let us introduce diagonal scaling matrices $D_i : U_{i,r} \rightarrow U_{i,r}$, for $1 \leq i \leq N$ as follows. For $\beta \in [1/2, \infty)$, define the diagonal entry of D_i by:

- For each face F_{ij} for $j \in \mathcal{F}_i^0$, let

$$D_i(x) = \rho_j^\beta (\rho_i^\beta + \rho_j^\beta)^{-1} =: \gamma_{ji} \quad \text{for all } x \in F_{ijh}.$$

- For each edge E_{ijk} for $(j,k) \in \mathcal{E}_i^0$, let $D_i = \{D_{i,1}, D_{i,2}\}$, where

$$D_{i,1}(x) = \rho_j^\beta (\rho_i^\beta + \rho_j^\beta + \rho_k^\beta)^{-1} =: \gamma_{jik} \quad \text{for all } x \in E_{ijkh},$$

$$D_{i,2}(x) = \rho_k^\beta (\rho_i^\beta + \rho_j^\beta + \rho_k^\beta)^{-1} =: \gamma_{kij} \quad \text{for all } x \in E_{ijkh}.$$

We now introduce $B_{D,\Delta} : U_r \rightarrow U_r$ by $B_{D,\Delta} = (D_1 B_\Delta^{(1)}, \dots, D_N B_\Delta^{(N)})$ and the operator $P_\Delta : W_\Delta(\Gamma') \rightarrow W_\Delta(\Gamma')$ by $P_\Delta := B_{D,\Delta}^T B_\Delta$. We can check that for $u_\Delta = \{u_{i,\Delta}\}_{i=1}^N \in W_\Delta(\Gamma')$, that $v_\Delta := P_\Delta u_\Delta$ satisfies:

$$(v_{i,\Delta})_i = \gamma_{ji} [(u_{i,\Delta})_i - (u_{j,\Delta})_i] \quad \text{on } F_{ijh}, \quad (6)$$

$$(v_{j,\Delta})_i = \gamma_{j} [(u_{j,\Delta})_i - (u_{i,\Delta})_i] \quad \text{on } F_{ijh}, \quad (7)$$

$$(v_{i,\Delta})_i = \gamma_{jik} [(u_{i,\Delta})_i - (u_{j,\Delta})_i] + \gamma_{kij} [(u_{i,\Delta})_i - (u_{k,\Delta})_i] \quad \text{on } E_{ijkh}, \quad (8)$$

$$(v_{j,\Delta})_i = \gamma_{jik} [(u_{j,\Delta})_i - (u_{i,\Delta})_i] + \gamma_{kij} [(u_{j,\Delta})_i - (u_{k,\Delta})_i] \quad \text{on } E_{ijkh}, \quad (9)$$

$$(v_{k,\Delta})_i = \gamma_{ijk} [(u_{k,\Delta})_i - (u_{i,\Delta})_i] + \gamma_{jik} [(u_{k,\Delta})_i - (u_{j,\Delta})_i] \quad \text{on } E_{ijkh}. \quad (10)$$

We note from [(6) - (7)] that on F_{ijh} it holds

$$[(v_{i,\Delta})_i - (v_{j,\Delta})_i] = [(u_{i,\Delta})_i - (u_{j,\Delta})_i], \quad (11)$$

and from [(8) - (9)] + [(8) - (10)] that on E_{ijkh} it holds

$$[(v_{i,\Delta})_i - (v_{j,\Delta})_i] + [(v_{i,\Delta})_i - (v_{k,\Delta})_i] = [(u_{i,\Delta})_i - (u_{j,\Delta})_i] + [(u_{i,\Delta})_i - (u_{k,\Delta})_i],$$

and it follows that $B_\Delta P_\Delta = B_\Delta$ and $P_\Delta^2 = P_\Delta$.

In the FETI-DP method, the preconditioner M^{-1} is defined as follows:

$$M^{-1} = B_D S'_\Delta B_D^T = \sum_{i=1}^N D_i B_\Delta^{(i)} S'_{i,\Delta} (B_\Delta^{(i)})^T D_i.$$

The main result of this paper is the following:

Theorem 1. *For any $\lambda \in U_r$, it holds that*

$$\langle M\lambda, \lambda \rangle \leq \langle F\lambda, \lambda \rangle \leq C(1 + \log \frac{H}{h})^2 \langle M\lambda, \lambda \rangle,$$

where C is a positive constant independent of h_i , H_i , λ and the jumps of ρ_i . Here and below, $\log(\frac{H}{h}) := \max_{i=1}^N \log(\frac{H_i}{h_i})$.

Proof. Using the same algebraic arguments as in [2], it reduces to Lemma 1. The proof of Lemma 1 for the 3-D case is new and given with details below.

Lemma 1. *For any $u_\Delta \in W_\Delta(\Gamma')$, it holds that*

$$\|P_\Delta u_\Delta\|_{S'_\Delta}^2 \leq C(1 + \log \frac{H}{h})^2 \|u_\Delta\|_{\tilde{S}}^2, \quad (12)$$

where C is a positive constant independent of h_i , H_i , u_Δ and the jumps of ρ_i .

Proof. Given $u_\Delta \in W_\Delta(\Gamma')$, let $u = (u_\Pi, u_\Delta) \in \tilde{W}(\Gamma')$ be the solution of

$$\langle \tilde{S}u_\Delta, u_\Delta \rangle = \min \langle S'w, w \rangle =: \langle S'u, u \rangle, \quad (13)$$

where the minimum is taken over $w = (w_\Pi, w_\Delta) \in \tilde{W}(\Gamma')$ such that $w_\Pi \in \hat{W}_\Pi(\Gamma')$ and $w_\Delta = u_\Delta$. Hence, we can replace $\|u_\Delta\|_{\tilde{S}}$ in (12) by $\|u\|_{S'}$.

Let us represent the u defined above as $\{u_i\}_{i=1}^N \in W(\Gamma')$ where $u_i \in W_i(\Gamma'_i)$. Let $v \in \tilde{W}(\Gamma')$ be equal to $P_\Delta u_\Delta$ at the Δ -nodes and equal to zero at the Π -nodes, i.e., $v = 0$ on \mathcal{V}'_i for $1 \leq i \leq N$ and zero average on faces and edges. Let us represent v as $\{v_i\}_{i=1}^N \in W(\Gamma')$, where $v_i \in W_i(\Gamma'_i)$. We have

$$\|P_\Delta u_\Delta\|_{S'_\Delta}^2 = \|v\|_{S'}^2 = \sum_{i=1}^N \|v_i\|_{S'_i}^2$$

in view of the definition of $S'_{i,\Delta}$ and S_Δ , see (4.18), (3.5) and (4.6) in [2]. Hence, to prove the lemma it remains to show that

$$\sum_{i=1}^N \|v_i\|_{S'_i}^2 \leq C(1 + \log \frac{H}{h})^2 \|u\|_{S'}^2$$

since by (13) we obtain (12). By Corollary 3.2 in [2] we need to show

$$\sum_{i=1}^N \tilde{d}_i(v_i, v_i) \leq C(1 + \log \frac{H}{h})^2 \sum_{i=1}^N \tilde{d}_i(u_i, u_i),$$

where, see (2.9) in [2], $\tilde{d}_i(v_i, v_i) = d_i(\mathcal{H}_i v_i, \mathcal{H}_i v_i)$ and

$$\tilde{d}_i(v_i, v_i) = \rho_i \|\nabla(\mathcal{H}_i v_i)\|_{L^2(\Omega_i)}^2 + \sum_{j \in \mathcal{F}_i} \frac{\rho_i \delta}{l_{ij} h_{ij}} \|(v_i)_i - (v_i)_j\|_{L^2(F_{ij})}^2. \quad (14)$$

Here, $(v_i)_i = (\mathcal{H}_i v_i)_i$ and $(u_i)_i = (\mathcal{H}_i u_i)_i$ inside of the subdomains Ω_i .

To estimate the terms of the right-hand side (RHS) of (14) we represent $(v_i)_i$ as

$$(v_i)_i = \sum_{F_{ij} \subset (\partial\Omega_i \setminus \partial\Omega)} \theta_{F_{ij}}(v_i)_i + \sum_{E_{ijk} \subset \partial\Omega_i} \theta_{E_{ijk}}(v_i)_i \quad (15)$$

and \mathcal{H}_i is discrete harmonic on Ω_i . Here, $\theta_{F_{ij}}(v_i)_i := I^{h_i}(\vartheta_{F_{ij}}(v_i)_i)$ and $\theta_{E_{ijk}}(v_i)_i := I^{h_i}(\vartheta_{E_{ijk}}(v_i)_i)$, where $\vartheta_{F_{ij}}$ and $\vartheta_{E_{ijk}}$ are the standard face and edge cutoff functions and I^{h_i} the finite element interpolator. We note that we do not have any vertex terms in (15) since $(v_i)_i = 0$ on \mathcal{V}_i . From now on, we denote $\nabla(\mathcal{H}_\ell w_\ell)_\ell$ by $\nabla(w_\ell)_\ell$ for $\ell = i, j, k$ and $w = v, u$. Hence, using (15), we have

$$\|\nabla(v_i)_i\|_{L^2(\Omega_i)}^2 \leq C \left\{ \sum_{j \in \mathcal{F}_i^0} \|\theta_{F_{ij}}(v_i)_i\|_{H_0^{1/2}(F_{ij})}^2 + \sum_{(j,k) \in \mathcal{E}_i^0} \|\theta_{E_{ijk}}(v_i)_i\|_{L^2(E_{ijk})}^2 \right\} \quad (16)$$

by well-known estimates, see [3]. Note that (16) is also valid for substructures Ω_i which intersect $\partial\Omega$ by using the same arguments as for the 2-D case; see [2]. Using (6), $(\bar{u}_i)_{i,F_{ij}} = (\bar{u}_j)_{i,F_{ij}}$ and Lemma 4.26 in [3], we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_i \|\theta_{F_{ij}}(v_i)_i\|_{H_0^{1/2}(F_{ij})}^2 &= \rho_i \gamma_{ji}^2 \|\theta_{F_{ij}}[(u_i)_i - (u_j)_i]\|_{H_0^{1/2}(F_{ij})}^2 \\ &\leq C \rho_i \gamma_{ji}^2 (1 + \log \frac{H_i}{h_i})^2 |(u_i)_i - (u_j)_i|_{H^{1/2}(F_{ij})}^2. \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

Let $Q_{i,F_{ij}}$ be the L^2 -projection onto $X_i(F_{ij})$, the restriction of $X_i(\Omega_i)$ on \bar{F}_{ij} . Using the triangle and inverse inequalities, and the $H^{1/2}$ - and L^2 -stability of the $Q_{i,F_{ij}}$ projection, we have

$$\begin{aligned} &|(u_i)_i - (u_j)_i|_{H^{1/2}(F_{ij})}^2 \\ &\leq C \{ |Q_{i,F_{ij}}[(u_i)_i - (u_j)_j]|_{H^{1/2}(F_{ij})}^2 + |Q_{i,F_{ij}}[(u_j)_j - (u_j)_i]|_{H^{1/2}(F_{ij})}^2 \\ &\leq C \{ |(u_i)_i|_{H^1(\Omega_i)}^2 + |(u_j)_j|_{H^1(\Omega_j)}^2 + \frac{1}{h_i} \|(u_j)_j - (u_j)_i\|_{L^2(F_{ij})}^2 \}. \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

Substituting (18) into (17) and using $\rho_i \gamma_{ji}^2 \leq \min\{\rho_i, \rho_j\}$ if $\beta \in [1/2, \infty)$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} &\rho_i \|\theta_{F_{ij}}(v_i)_i\|_{H_0^{1/2}(F_{ij})}^2 \leq \\ &\leq C (1 + \log \frac{H_i}{h_i})^2 \{ \rho_i |(u_i)_i|_{H^1(\Omega_i)}^2 + \rho_j |(u_j)_j|_{H^1(\Omega_j)}^2 + \frac{\rho_j}{h_i} \|(u_j)_j - (u_j)_i\|_{L^2(F_{ij})}^2 \} \\ &\leq C (1 + \log \frac{H_i}{h_i})^2 \{ \tilde{d}_i(u_i, u_i) + \tilde{d}_j(u_j, u_j) \}. \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

We now estimate the second term of (16). Using (8), we have

$$\rho_i \|\theta_{E_{ijk}}(v_i)_i\|_{L^2(E_{ijk})}^2 \leq 2\rho_i \{ \gamma_{jik}^2 \|(u_i)_i - (u_j)_i\|_{L^2(E_{ijk})}^2 + \gamma_{kij}^2 \|(u_i)_i - (u_k)_i\|_{L^2(E_{ijk})}^2 \}.$$

Using $(\bar{u}_i)_{i,E_{ijk}} = (\bar{u}_j)_{i,E_{ijk}}$ and Lemma 4.17 in [3], and the same arguments given in (18), and $\rho_i \gamma_{jik}^2 \leq \min\{\rho_i, \rho_j\}$ for $\beta \in [1/2, \infty)$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \rho_i \gamma_{jik}^2 \|(u_i)_i - (u_j)_i\|_{L^2(E_{ijk})}^2 \leq C(1 + \log \frac{H_i}{h_i}) \rho_i \gamma_{jik}^2 |(u_i)_i - (u_j)_i|_{H^{1/2}(F_{ij})}^2 \quad (20) \\ & \leq C(1 + \log \frac{H_i}{h_i}) \{ \rho_i |(u_i)_i|_{H^1(\Omega_i)}^2 + \rho_j |(u_j)_j|_{H^1(\Omega_i)}^2 + \frac{\rho_j}{h_i} \|(u_j)_j - (u_j)_i\|_{L^2(F_{ij})}^2 \} \\ & \leq C(1 + \log \frac{H_i}{h_i}) \{ \tilde{d}_i(u_i, u_i) + \tilde{d}_j(u_j, u_j) \} \end{aligned}$$

and similarly

$$\rho_i \gamma_{kij}^2 \|(u_i)_i - (u_k)_i\|_{L^2(E_{ijk})}^2 \leq C(1 + \log \frac{H_i}{h_i}) \{ \tilde{d}_i(u_i, u_i) + \tilde{d}_k(u_k, u_k) \}. \quad (21)$$

Hence, by adding (20) and (21), we obtain

$$\rho_i \|\theta_{E_{ijk}}(v_i)_i\|_{L^2(E_{ijk})}^2 \leq C(1 + \log \frac{H_i}{h_i}) \{ \tilde{d}_i(u_i, u_i) + \tilde{d}_j(u_j, u_j) + \tilde{d}_k(u_k, u_k) \}. \quad (22)$$

Substituting (19) and (22) into (16), we get

$$\rho_i \|\nabla(v_i)_i\|_{L^2(\Omega_i)}^2 \leq C(1 + \log \frac{H_i}{h_i})^2 \{ \tilde{d}_i(u_i, u_i) + \tilde{d}_j(u_j, u_j) + \tilde{d}_k(u_k, u_k) \}. \quad (23)$$

We now estimate the second term of the RHS of (14). Note that $(v_i)_i$ and $(v_i)_j$ are defined on different meshes. In addition, the nodal values of $(v_i)_i(x)$, are defined by different formulas if a node x belongs to F_{ijh} or to $E_{ijkh} \subset \partial F_{ij}$, see (6) and (8). The same holds for $(v_i)_j(x)$. These issues must be taken into account when estimating the second terms of the RHS of (14). We have

$$\begin{aligned} \|(v_i)_i - (v_i)_j\|_{L^2(F_{ij})}^2 & \leq 2\{ \|(v_i)_i - Q_{i,F_{ij}}(v_i)_i\|_{L^2(F_{ij})}^2 + \|(v_i)_j - Q_{i,F_{ij}}(v_i)_j\|_{L^2(F_{ij})}^2 \} \\ & \equiv 2\{I + II\}. \end{aligned} \quad (24)$$

Using (15) and that $w_i = \theta_{F_{ij}} w_i + \theta_{\partial F_{ij}} w_i$ for $w_i \in X_i(\Omega_i)|_{F_{ij}}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} I & \leq C\{ \|\theta_{F_{ij}}[(v_i)_i - Q_{i,F_{ij}}(v_i)_i]\|_{L^2(F_{ij})}^2 + \|\theta_{\partial F_{ij}}[(v_i)_i - Q_{i,F_{ij}}(v_i)_i]\|_{L^2(F_{ij})}^2 \} \\ & \equiv C\{I_{F_{ij}} + I_{\partial F_{ij}}\}. \end{aligned} \quad (25)$$

To estimate $I_{F_{ij}}$, we first represent $(v_i)_j = \theta_{F_{ji}}(v_i)_j + \theta_{\partial F_{ji}}(v_i)_j$ to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} I_{F_{ij}} & \leq 2\{ \|\theta_{F_{ij}}\{ (v_i)_i - Q_{i,F_{ij}} \theta_{F_{ji}}(v_i)_j \}\|_{L^2(F_{ij})}^2 + \|\theta_{F_{ij}} Q_{i,F_{ij}} \theta_{\partial F_{ji}}(v_i)_j\|_{L^2(F_{ij})}^2 \} \\ & \equiv 2\{I_{F_{ij}}^{(1)} + I_{F_{ij}}^{(2)}\}. \end{aligned} \quad (26)$$

Using (6) and (7), we have

$$I_{F_{ij}}^{(1)} \leq C\gamma_{ji}^2 \|\theta_{F_{ij}}\{[(u_i)_i - (u_j)_i] - \mathcal{Q}_{i,F_{ij}}\theta_{F_{ji}}[(u_i)_j - (u_j)_j]\}\|_{L^2(F_{ij})}^2$$

and by adding and subtracting $\theta_{F_{ij}}\mathcal{Q}_{i,F_{ij}}\theta_{\partial F_{ji}}[(u_i)_j - (u_j)_j]$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} I_{F_{ij}}^{(1)} &\leq C\gamma_{ji}^2 \{\|\theta_{F_{ij}}\{[(u_i)_i - (u_j)_i] - \mathcal{Q}_{i,F_{ij}}[(u_i)_j - (u_j)_j]\}\|_{L^2(F_{ij})}^2 + \\ &\quad + \|\theta_{F_{ij}}\mathcal{Q}_{i,F_{ij}}\theta_{\partial F_{ji}}[(u_i)_j - (u_j)_j]\|_{L^2(F_{ij})}^2\} \\ &\leq C\gamma_{ji}^2 \{\|(u_i)_i - \mathcal{Q}_{i,F_{ij}}(u_i)_j\|_{L^2(F_{ij})}^2 + \|(u_j)_i - \mathcal{Q}_{i,F_{ij}}(u_j)_j\|_{L^2(F_{ij})}^2 + \\ &\quad + \sum_{E_{jik} \subset \partial F_{ji}} h_j \|(u_i)_j - (u_j)_j\|_{L^2(E_{jik})}^2\} \leq C\gamma_{ji}^2 \{\|(u_i)_i - (u_i)_j\|_{L^2(F_{ij})}^2 + \\ &\quad + \|(u_j)_i - (u_j)_j\|_{L^2(F_{ij})}^2 + h_j(1 + \log \frac{H_j}{h_j}) \|(u_i)_j - (u_j)_j\|_{H^{1/2}(F_{ji})}^2\} \\ &\leq C\gamma_{ji}^2 \{\|(u_i)_i - (u_i)_j\|_{L^2(F_{ij})}^2 + \|(u_j)_i - (u_j)_j\|_{L^2(F_{ij})}^2 + \\ &\quad + (1 + \log \frac{H_j}{h_j})(h_j|(u_i)_i|_{H^1(\Omega_i)}^2 + h_j|(u_j)_j|_{H^1(\Omega_j)}^2 + \|(u_i)_i - (u_i)_j\|_{L^2(F_{ij})}^2)\}, \end{aligned} \quad (27)$$

where we have used the L^2 -stability of $\mathcal{Q}_{i,F_{ij}}$ and $\theta_{F_{ji}}$, the constraint $(\bar{u}_i)_{j,E_{jik}} = (\bar{u}_j)_{j,E_{jik}}$ and Lemma 4.17 in [3]. For the last inequality of (27), we have used a similar argument as in (18).

To estimate $I_{F_{ij}}^{(2)}$, first note that

$$I_{F_{ij}}^{(2)} \leq Ch_j \|(v_i)_j\|_{L^2(\partial F_{ji})}^2 \leq Ch_j \sum_{E_{jik} \subset \partial F_{ji}} \|(v_i)_j\|_{L^2(E_{jik})}^2 \quad (28)$$

and using the definition of $(v_j)_i$, see (9), we have

$$\|(v_i)_j\|_{L^2(E_{jik})}^2 \leq 2\{\gamma_{jik}^2 \|(u_i)_j - (u_j)_j\|_{L^2(E_{jik})}^2 + \gamma_{kij}^2 \|(u_i)_j - (u_k)_j\|_{L^2(E_{jik})}^2\}. \quad (29)$$

The first term of the RHS of (29) is estimated as in (20) while the second term as

$$\begin{aligned} h_j \|(u_i)_j - (u_k)_j\|_{L^2(E_{jik})}^2 &\leq 2h_j \{\|(u_i)_j - (u_j)_j\|_{L^2(E_{jik})}^2 + \|(u_j)_j - (u_k)_j\|_{L^2(E_{jik})}^2\} \\ &\leq C(1 + \log \frac{H_j}{h_j}) \{h_j|(u_i)_i|_{H^1(\Omega_i)}^2 + h_j|(u_j)_j|_{H^1(\Omega_j)}^2 + \|(u_i)_j - (u_i)_i\|_{L^2(F_{ji})}^2 \\ &\quad + h_j|(u_k)_k|_{H^1(\Omega_j)}^2 + \|(u_k)_j - (u_k)_k\|_{L^2(F_{jk})}^2\}. \end{aligned} \quad (30)$$

Substituting (29) and (30) into (28) and adding with (27), see (26), we obtain

$$\frac{\rho_i \delta}{l_{ij} h_{ij}} I_{F_{ij}} \leq C(1 + \log \frac{H}{h}) \left\{ \frac{h_j}{h_{ij}} \tilde{d}_i(u_i, u_i) + \frac{h_j}{h_{ij}} \tilde{d}_j(u_j, u_j) + \sum_{E_{ijk} \subset \partial F_{ij}} \frac{h_j}{h_{ij}} \tilde{d}_k(u_k, u_k) \right\}.$$

We now estimate $I_{\partial F_{ij}}$, see (25). Note that $(\bar{v}_i)_{j,F_{ji}} = 0$ implies a zero average of $\mathcal{Q}_{i,F_{ij}}(v_i)_j$ on F_{ij} . We also have $(\bar{v}_j)_{i,F_{ji}} = 0$. Using previous arguments, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
I_{\partial F_{ij}} &\leq Ch_i \|(v_i)_i - \mathcal{Q}_{i,F_{ij}}(v_i)_j\|_{L^2(\partial F_{ij})}^2 \\
&\leq Ch_i \{ \|(v_i)_i\|_{L^2(\partial F_{ij})}^2 + \|\mathcal{Q}_{i,F_{ij}} \boldsymbol{\theta}_{F_{ji}}(v_i)_j\|_{L^2(\partial F_{ij})}^2 + \|\mathcal{Q}_{i,F_{ij}} \boldsymbol{\theta}_{\partial F_{ji}}(v_i)_j\|_{L^2(\partial F_{ij})}^2 \} \\
&\leq C \sum_{E_{ijk} \subset \partial F_{ij}} \{ h_i \|(v_i)_i\|_{L^2(E_{ijk})}^2 + h_i \|\mathcal{Q}_{i,F_{ij}} \boldsymbol{\theta}_{F_{ji}}(v_i)_j\|_{L^2(E_{ijk})}^2 + h_j \|(v_i)_j\|_{L^2(E_{ijk})}^2 \} \\
&\equiv C \sum_{E_{ijk} \subset \partial F_{ij}} \{ I_{E_{ijk}}^{(1)} + I_{E_{ijk}}^{(2)} + I_{E_{ijk}}^{(3)} \}. \tag{31}
\end{aligned}$$

It is not hard to see, using the same argument as previously, that

$$\begin{aligned}
I_{E_{ijk}}^{(1)} &= h_i \|\gamma_{jik}[(u_i)_i - (u_j)_j] + \gamma_{kij}[(u_i)_i - (u_k)_k]\|_{L^2(E_{ijk})}^2 \tag{32} \\
&\leq C(1 + \log \frac{H_i}{h_i}) \{ \gamma_{jik}^2 (h_i |(u_i)_i|_{H^1(\Omega_i)}^2 + h_i |(u_j)_j|_{H^1(\Omega_j)}^2 + \|(u_j)_j - (u_j)_i\|_{L^2(F_{ij})}^2) \\
&\quad + \gamma_{kij}^2 (h_i |(u_i)_i|_{H^1(\Omega_i)}^2 + h_i |(u_k)_k|_{H^1(\Omega_k)}^2 + \|(u_k)_k - (u_k)_i\|_{L^2(F_{ik})}^2) \},
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
I_{E_{ijk}}^{(2)} &\leq Ch_i \gamma_{ji}^2 \|\mathcal{Q}_{i,F_{ij}} \boldsymbol{\theta}_{F_{ji}}[(u_j)_j - (u_i)_i]\|_{L^2(E_{ijk})}^2 \tag{33} \\
&\leq Ch_i \gamma_{ji}^2 \{ \|\mathcal{Q}_{i,F_{ij}}[(u_j)_j - (u_i)_i]\|_{L^2(E_{ijk})}^2 + \|\mathcal{Q}_{i,F_{ij}} \boldsymbol{\theta}_{\partial F_{ji}}[(u_j)_j - (u_i)_i]\|_{L^2(E_{ijk})}^2 \} \\
&\leq C \gamma_{ji}^2 \{ h_i (1 + \log \frac{H_i}{h_i}) |(u_j)_j - (u_i)_i|_{H^{1/2}(F_{ji})}^2 + h_j \|(u_j)_j - (u_i)_i\|_{L^2(E_{ijk})}^2 \} \\
&\leq C \gamma_{ji}^2 (h_i + h_j) (1 + \log \frac{H}{h}) |(u_j)_j - (u_i)_i|_{H^{1/2}(F_{ji})}^2 \\
&\leq C \gamma_{ji}^2 (h_i + h_j) (1 + \log \frac{H}{h}) \{ |(u_i)_i|_{H^1(\Omega_i)}^2 + |(u_j)_j|_{H^1(\Omega_j)}^2 + \frac{1}{h_i} \|(u_i)_i - (u_i)_j\|_{L^2(F_{ij})}^2 \},
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
I_{E_{ijk}}^{(3)} &\leq Ch_j \{ \|\gamma_{jik}[(u_i)_j - (u_j)_j] + \gamma_{kij}[(u_i)_j - (u_k)_k]\|_{L^2(E_{ijk})}^2 \leq C(1 + \log \frac{H_j}{h_j}) * \\
&\quad \{ (\gamma_{jik}^2 + \gamma_{jik}^2) (h_j |(u_i)_i|_{H^1(\Omega_i)}^2 + h_j |(u_j)_j|_{H^1(\Omega_j)}^2 + \|(u_i)_i - (u_i)_j\|_{L^2(F_{ij})}^2) \\
&\quad + \gamma_{kij}^2 (h_j |(u_i)_i|_{H^1(\Omega_i)}^2 + h_j |(u_k)_k|_{H^1(\Omega_k)}^2 + \|(u_k)_k - (u_k)_j\|_{L^2(F_{jk})}^2) \}. \tag{34}
\end{aligned}$$

Substituting (32), (33) and (34) into (31), we obtain

$$\frac{\rho_i \delta}{l_{ij} h_{ij}} I_{\partial F_{ij}} \leq C(1 + \log \frac{H}{h}) \{ \frac{h_i + h_i}{h_{ij}} (\tilde{d}_i(u_i, u_i) + \tilde{d}_j(u_j, u_j)) + \sum_{E_{ijk} \subset \partial F_{ij}} \frac{h_{jk}}{h_{ij}} \tilde{d}_k(u_k, u_k) \}.$$

It remains to estimate II in (24). Using a L^2 -projection property, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
II &\leq Ch_i |(v_i)_j|_{H^{1/2}(F_{ji})}^2 \leq C \{ h_i |\boldsymbol{\theta}_{F_{ji}}(v_i)_j|_{H^{1/2}(F_{ji})}^2 + h_i |\boldsymbol{\theta}_{\partial F_{ji}}(v_i)_j|_{H^{1/2}(F_{ji})}^2 \} \\
&\equiv C \{ II_{F_{ji}} + II_{\partial F_{ji}} \}. \tag{35}
\end{aligned}$$

Using similar arguments as above, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} II_{F_{ji}} &\leq Ch_i \left(1 + \log \frac{H_j}{h_j}\right)^2 \gamma_{ji}^2 |(u_i)_j - (u_j)_j|_{H^{1/2}(F_{ji})}^2 \\ &\leq C \left(1 + \log \frac{H_j}{h_j}\right)^2 \gamma_{ji}^2 \{h_i |(u_i)_i|_{H^1(\Omega_i)}^2 + h_i |(u_j)_j|_{H^1(\Omega_j)}^2 + \frac{h_i}{h_j} \|(u_i)_i - (u_i)_j\|_{L^2(F_{ji})}^2\}, \end{aligned} \quad (36)$$

$$II_{\partial F_{ji}} \leq C \frac{h_i}{h_j} \|\theta_{\partial F_{ji}}(v_i)_j\|_{L^2(F_{ji})}^2 \leq Ch_i \sum_{E_{jik} \subset \partial F_{ji}} \|(v_i)_j\|_{L^2(E_{jik})}^2, \quad (37)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} h_i \|(v_i)_j\|_{L^2(E_{jik})}^2 &\leq C \left(1 + \log \frac{H_j}{h_j}\right) \{(\gamma_{jik} + \gamma_{kij}) * \\ & (h_i |(u_i)_i|_{H^1(\Omega_i)}^2 + h_i |(u_j)_j|_{H^1(\Omega_j)}^2 + \frac{h_i}{h_j} \|(u_i)_j - (u_i)_i\|_{L^2(F_{ji})}^2) \\ & + \gamma_{kij} (h_i |(u_k)_k|_{H^1(\Omega_k)}^2 + h_i |(u_j)_j|_{H^1(\Omega_j)}^2 + \frac{h_i}{h_j} \|(u_k)_j - (u_k)_k\|_{L^2(F_{jk})}^2)\}. \end{aligned} \quad (38)$$

Substituting (38) into (37) and adding (36), see (35), we obtain

$$\frac{\rho_i \delta}{l_{ij} h_j} II \leq C \left(1 + \log \frac{H_j}{h_j}\right) \left\{ \frac{h_i}{h_{ij}} \tilde{d}_i(u_i, u_i) + \frac{h_i}{h_{ij}} \tilde{d}_j(u_j, u_j) + \sum_{E_{ijk} \subset \partial F_{ij}} \frac{h_{jk}}{h_{ij}} \frac{h_i}{h_j} \tilde{d}_k(u_k, u_k) \right\}.$$

The proof is complete.

Remark 1. The proof of Lemma 1 also works with minor modifications when $\bar{F}_{ij} = \partial\Omega_i \cap \partial\Omega_j$ is an union of faces, also, for FETI-DP with corner and average face constraints only, or with corner and edge constraints only.

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