# Class of Preconditioners for Discontinuous Galerkin Approximations of Elliptic Problems

Paola F. Antonietti<sup>1</sup> and Blanca Ayuso<sup>2</sup>

- <sup>1</sup> Dipartimento di Matematica, Università di Pavia, via Ferrata 7, 27100 Pavia, Italy. paola.antonietti@unipv.it
- <sup>2</sup> Istituto di Matematica Applicata e Tecnologie Informatiche-CNR,via Ferrata 7, 27100 Pavia, Italy. blanca@imati.cnr.it

**Summary.** We present a class of Schwarz preconditioners for discontinuous Galerkin approximations of elliptic problems. We provide a unified framework for the construction and analysis of two-level methods which share the features of the classical Schwarz techniques for conforming finite element discretizations. Numerical experiments confirming the theoretical results are also included.

## 1 Introduction

Domain decomposition (DD) methods provide powerful preconditioners for the iterative solution of the large algebraic linear systems of equations that arise in finite element approximations of partial differential equations. Many DD algorithms can conveniently be described and analyzed as Schwarz methods, and, if on the one hand a general theoretical framework has been previously developed for classical conforming discretizations (see, e.g., [7]), on the other hand, only few results can be found for discontinuous Galerkin (DG) approximations (see, e.g., [6, 4, 2, 1]). Based on discontinuous finite element spaces, DG methods have become increasing popular thanks to their great flexibility for providing discretizations on matching and non-matching grids and their high degree of locality. In this paper we present and analyze, in the unified framework based on the *flux formulation* proposed in [3], a class of Schwarz preconditioners for DG approximations of second order elliptic problems. Schwarz methods for a wider class of DG discretizations are studied in [2, 1]. The issue of preconditioning non-symmetric DG approximations is also discussed. Numerical experiments to asses the performance of the proposed preconditioners and validate our convergence results are presented.

# 2 Discontinuous Galerkin Methods for Elliptic Problems

We consider the following model problem

$$-\Delta u = f \quad \text{in } \Omega, \quad u = 0 \quad \text{on } \partial \Omega,$$
(1)

where  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ , d = 2, 3, is a convex polygon or polyhedron and f a given function in  $L^2(\Omega)$ . Let  $\mathcal{T}_h$  be a shape-regular quasi-uniform partition of  $\Omega$ into disjoint open elements T (with diameter  $h_T$ ), where each T is the affine image of a fixed master element  $\hat{T}$ , i.e.,  $T = F_T(\hat{T})$ , and where  $\hat{T}$  is either the open unit d-simplex or the d-hypercube in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ , d = 2, 3. We define the mesh size h by  $h = \max_{T \in \mathcal{T}_h} h_T$ . We denote by  $\mathscr{E}^I$  and  $\mathscr{E}^B$  the sets of all interior and boundary faces of  $\mathcal{T}_h$ , respectively, and set  $\mathscr{E} = \mathscr{E}^I \cup \mathscr{E}^B$ . For a given approximation order  $\ell_h \geq 1$ , we define the discontinuous finite element spaces  $V_h = \{v \in L^2(\Omega) : v |_T \circ F_T \in \mathcal{M}^{\ell_h}(\hat{T}) \ \forall T \in \mathcal{T}_h\}$  and  $\Sigma_h = [V_h]^d$ , where  $\mathcal{M}^{\ell_h}(\hat{T})$  is either the space of polynomials of degree at most  $\ell_h$  on  $\hat{T}$ , if  $\hat{T}$  is the reference d-simplex, or the space of polynomials of degree at most  $\ell_h$  in each variable on  $\hat{T}$ , if  $\hat{T}$  is the reference d-hypercube.

For any internal face  $e \in \mathscr{E}^I$  shared by two adjacent elements  $T^{\pm}$  with outward normal unit vectors  $\mathbf{n}^{\pm}$ , we define the jump and *weighted* average operators, with  $\delta \in [0, 1]$ , by:

$$\llbracket \boldsymbol{\tau} \rrbracket = \boldsymbol{\tau}^+ \cdot \mathbf{n}^+ + \boldsymbol{\tau}^- \cdot \mathbf{n}^-, \qquad \llbracket v \rrbracket = v^+ \mathbf{n}^+ + v^- \mathbf{n}^-, \qquad e \in \mathscr{E}^I, \\ \llbracket \boldsymbol{\tau} \rrbracket_{\delta} = \delta \boldsymbol{\tau}^+ + (1 - \delta) \boldsymbol{\tau}^-, \qquad \llbracket \mathbf{v} \rrbracket_{\delta} = \delta \mathbf{v}^+ + (1 - \delta) \mathbf{v}^-, \qquad e \in \mathscr{E}^I,$$
(2)

where  $\tau^{\pm}$  and  $v^{\pm}$  denote the traces on  $\partial T^{\pm}$  taken from the interior of  $T^{\pm}$  of the (regular enough) functions  $\tau$  and v. On a boundary face  $e \in \mathscr{E}^B$ , we set

 $\llbracket \boldsymbol{\tau} \rrbracket = \boldsymbol{\tau} \cdot \mathbf{n}, \quad \llbracket v \rrbracket = v \, \mathbf{n}, \quad \{ \!\!\{ \boldsymbol{\tau} \} \!\!\}_{\delta} = \boldsymbol{\tau} \;, \quad \{ \!\!\{ v \} \!\!\}_{\delta} = v, \quad e \in \mathscr{E}^B.$ (3)

For  $\delta = 1/2$  we write  $\{\!\!\{\cdot\}\!\!\}$  in lieu of  $\{\!\!\{\cdot\}\!\!\}_{1/2}$ .

The DG discretization based on the flux formulation proposed in [3] is defined by introducing an auxiliary variable  $\boldsymbol{\sigma} = \nabla u$  and rewriting problem (1) as a first order system of equations. Further elimination of  $\boldsymbol{\sigma}$ , gives the *primal formulation* of DG methods:

find 
$$u_h \in V_h$$
 such that  $A_h(u_h, v_h) = \int_{\Omega} f v_h \, \mathrm{d}x \qquad \forall v_h \in V_h$ . (4)

Adopting the convention  $\int_{\mathscr{E}} v_h \, \mathrm{d}s = \sum_{e \in \mathscr{E}} \int_e v_h \, \mathrm{d}s, A_h(\cdot, \cdot)$  is given by

$$A_{h}(u_{h},v_{h}) = \int_{\Omega} \nabla_{h} u_{h} \cdot \nabla_{h} v_{h} \, \mathrm{d}x + \int_{\mathscr{E}} \left[ \left[ \widehat{u} - u_{h} \right] \right] \cdot \left\{ \nabla_{h} v_{h} \right\} \, \mathrm{d}s + \int_{\mathscr{E}^{I}} \left\{ \left[ \widehat{u} - u_{h} \right] \right\} \left[ \nabla_{h} v_{h} \right] \, \mathrm{d}s - \int_{\mathscr{E}} \left\{ \left[ \widehat{\sigma} \right] \right\} \cdot \left[ v_{h} \right] \, \mathrm{d}s - \int_{\mathscr{E}^{I}} \left[ \left[ \widehat{\sigma} \right] \right] \left\{ v_{h} \right\} \, \mathrm{d}s \,, \quad (5)$$

where  $\hat{u}$  and  $\hat{\sigma}$  are the scalar and vector numerical fluxes and  $\nabla_h$  denotes the elementwise application of the operator  $\nabla$ . By defining the numerical fluxes  $\hat{u}$  and  $\hat{\sigma}$  as suitable linear combinations of averages and jumps of  $u_h$  and  $\sigma_h$ ,

we obtain different DG methods (see Table 1 for the choices considered in this work). The stability is achieved by penalizing the jumps of  $u_h$  over each face  $e \in \mathscr{E}$ . Therefore,  $A_h(\cdot, \cdot)$  contains the stabilization term  $\mathcal{S}^h(\cdot, \cdot)$  defined by

$$\mathcal{S}^{h}(u,v) = \sum_{e \in \mathscr{E}} \int_{e} \alpha \, h_{e}^{-1} \, \llbracket u \rrbracket \cdot \llbracket v \rrbracket \, \mathrm{d}s \quad \forall \ u,v \in V_{h} \,,$$

where  $h_e$  is the diameter of the face  $e \in \mathscr{E}$ . Here  $\alpha \geq 1$  is a parameter (independent of the mesh size) that, for all but the LDG and NIPG methods, has to be chosen large enough to ensure the coercivity of the bilinear form. From now on, we drop the subindex h from the finite element functions. In matrix notation, problem (4) is written as the linear system  $\mathbf{Au} = \mathbf{f}$ .

 Table 1. Numerical fluxes on interior faces.

Method	$\widehat{u}(u_h)$	$\widehat{oldsymbol{\sigma}}(oldsymbol{\sigma}_h,u_h)$	Symmetry
SIPG	$\{\!\{u_h\}\!\}$	$\{\!\!\{ \nabla_h u_h \}\!\!\} - \alpha h_e^{-1} \llbracket u_h \rrbracket$	Yes
$SIPG(\delta)$	$\{\!\!\{u_h\}\!\!\}_{(1-\delta)}$	$\{\!\!\{  abla_h u_h \}\!\!\}_{\delta} - lpha h_e^{-1} \llbracket u_h  rbracket$	Yes
NIPG	$\{\!\!\{u_h\}\!\!\} + [\![u_h]\!] \cdot \mathbf{n}_T$	$\left\{\!\left\{  abla_{h}u_{h} ight\}\!\right\} - lphah_{e}^{-1}\left[\!\left[u_{h} ight]\!\right]$	No
IIPG	$\{\!\!\{u_h\}\!\!\} + 1/2 [\![u_h]\!] \cdot \mathbf{n}_T$	$\{\!\!\{ \nabla_h u_h \}\!\!\} - \alpha h_e^{-1} \llbracket u_h \rrbracket$	No
LDG	$\{\!\!\{u_h\}\!\!\} - \boldsymbol{\beta} \cdot [\![u_h]\!]$	$\{\!\!\{\boldsymbol{\sigma}_h\}\!\!\} + \boldsymbol{\beta} \cdot [\![\boldsymbol{\sigma}_h]\!] - \boldsymbol{\alpha} h_e^{-1} [\![\boldsymbol{u}_h]\!]$	Yes

*Remark 1.* The results we present here apply to more general elliptic equations with possibly smooth variable coefficients, and remain valid for more general partitions (non necessarily matching).

## 3 Non-Overlapping Schwarz Methods

We consider three level of *nested* partitions of the domain  $\Omega$  satisfying the previous assumptions: a subdomain partition  $\mathcal{T}_{N_s}$  made of  $N_s$  non-overlapping subdomains  $\Omega_i$ , a coarse partition  $\mathcal{T}_H$  (with mesh size H) and a fine partition  $\mathcal{T}_h$  (with mesh size h). For each subdomain  $\Omega_i \in \mathcal{T}_{N_s}$  we denote by  $\mathscr{E}_i$  the set of all faces of  $\mathscr{E}$  belonging to  $\overline{\Omega}_i$ , and set  $\mathscr{E}_i^I = \{e \in \mathscr{E}_i : e \subset \Omega_i\}, \mathscr{E}_i^B = \{e \in \mathscr{E}_i : e \subset \partial \Omega_i \cap \partial \Omega\}$ . The set of all (internal) faces belonging to the skeleton of the subdomain partition will be denoted by  $\Gamma$ , i.e.,  $\Gamma = \bigcup_{i=1}^{N_s} \Gamma_i$  with  $\Gamma_i = \{e \in \mathscr{E}_i^I : e \subset \partial \Omega_i\}$ . For  $i = 1, \ldots, N_s$ , we define the local spaces by  $V_h^i = \{u \in L^2(\Omega_i) : v |_T \circ F_T \in \mathcal{M}^{\ell_h}(\widehat{T}) \ \forall T \in \mathcal{T}_h, T \subset \Omega_i\}$  and  $\Sigma_h^i = [V_h^{i]d}$ , and the *prolongation* operators  $R_i^T : V_h^i \longrightarrow V_h$  as the classical inclusion operators from  $V_h^i$  to  $V_h$ . For vector-valued functions  $R_i^T$  is defined componentwise. We observe that  $V_h = R_1^T V_h^1 \oplus \ldots \oplus R_{N_s}^T V_h^{N_s}$  and  $\Sigma_h = R_1^T \Sigma_h^1 \oplus \cdots \oplus R_{N_s}^T \Sigma_h^{N_s}$ . The restriction operators  $R_i$ , are defined as the transpose of  $R_i^T$  with respect to the  $L^2$ -inner product.

Local solvers: we consider the DG approximation of the problem:

$$-\Delta u_i = f|_{\Omega_i}$$
 in  $\partial \Omega_i$ ,  $u_i = 0$  on  $\Omega_i$ .

In view of (5), the local bilinear forms  $A_i: V_h^i \times V_h^i \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are defined by

$$\begin{aligned} A_i(u_i, v_i) &= \int_{\Omega_i} \nabla_h u_i \cdot \nabla_h v_i \, \mathrm{d}x + \int_{\mathscr{E}_i} \left[ \widehat{u}_i - u_i \right] \cdot \left\{ \nabla_h v_i \right\} \, \mathrm{d}s \\ &+ \int_{\mathscr{E}_i^I} \left\{ \widehat{u}_i - u_i \right\} \left[ \nabla_h v_i \right] \, \mathrm{d}s - \int_{\mathscr{E}_i} \left\{ \widehat{\boldsymbol{\sigma}}_i \right\} \cdot \left[ v_i \right] \, \mathrm{d}s - \int_{\mathscr{E}_i^I} \left[ \widehat{\boldsymbol{\sigma}}_i \right] \left\{ v_i \right\} \, \mathrm{d}s, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\hat{u}_i$  and  $\hat{\sigma}_i$  are the *local* numerical fluxes. On  $e \in \mathscr{E}_i^I$ ,  $\hat{u}_i$  and  $\hat{\sigma}_i$  are defined as the numerical fluxes  $\hat{u}$ ,  $\hat{\sigma}$  of the global DG method on interior faces, and on  $e \in \mathscr{E}_i^B \cup \Gamma_i$  as  $\hat{u}$  and  $\hat{\sigma}$  on boundary faces. Note that, each  $e \in \Gamma_i$  is a boundary face for the local partition but an interior face for the global partition. From the definition of  $A_i(\cdot, \cdot)$ , and taking into account the different definition (2)-(3) of the average operator on interior and boundary faces (implying that  $\{\!\!\{R_i^T v_i\}\!\!\}_{\delta} = \delta v_i$  but  $\{\!\!\{v_i\}\!\!\}_{\delta} = v_i$  on  $e \in \Gamma_i$ ), it follows that we are using approximate local solvers, that is,  $A_h(R_i^T u_i, R_i^T u_i) \leq \omega A_i(u_i, u_i)$ , with  $\omega \neq 1$ .

Coarse solver: for all  $u_0, v_0 \in V_h^0 = \{v_H \in L^2(\Omega) : v_H|_T \in \mathcal{M}^{\ell_H}(T) \ \forall T \in \mathcal{T}_H\}$ , with  $0 \leq \ell_H \leq \ell_h$ , the coarse solver  $A_0 : V_h^0 \times V_h^0 \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is defined by  $A_0(u_0, v_0) = A_h(R_0^T u_0, R_0^T v_0)$ , where  $R_0^T$  is the classical injection operator.

*Remark 2.* We notice that, in all the previously proposed Schwarz methods (see, e.g., [6, 4]) *exact* local solvers were employed.

#### 3.1 Schwarz Methods: Variational and Algebraic Formulations

For  $i = 0, ..., N_s$ , and for all  $v_i \in V_h^i$ , we define the projection operators  $\widetilde{P}_i : V_h \longrightarrow V_h^i$  by  $A_i(\widetilde{P}_i u, v_i) = A_h(u, R_i^T v_i)$  and set  $P_i = R_i^T \widetilde{P}_i : V_h \longrightarrow V_h$ . The additive and multiplicative Schwarz operators we consider are defined by

$$P_{ad} = \sum_{i=0}^{N_s} P_i, \quad P_{mu} = I - (I - P_{N_s})(I - P_{N_s-1}) \cdots (I - P_0),$$

respectively, where  $I : V_h \longrightarrow V_h$  is the identity operator. We also define the error propagation operator  $E_{N_s} = (I - P_{N_s})(I - P_{N_s-1}) \cdots (I - P_0)$  and observe that  $P_{mu} = I - E_{N_s}$ . The Schwarz methods can be written as the product of a suitable preconditioners, namely  $\mathbf{B}_{ad}$  or  $\mathbf{B}_{mu}$ , and  $\mathbf{A}$ . In fact, for  $i = 0, \ldots, N_s$ , it is straightforward to note that the matrix representation of the projection operators  $P_i$ , is given by  $\mathbf{P}_i = \mathbf{R}_i^T \mathbf{A}_i^{-1} \mathbf{R}_i \mathbf{A}$ . Then,

$$\mathbf{P}_{ad} = \sum_{i=0}^{N_s} \mathbf{P}_i = \mathbf{B}_{ad} \mathbf{A}, \quad \mathbf{P}_{mu} = \mathbf{I} - (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_{N_s}) \cdots (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_0) = \mathbf{B}_{mu} \mathbf{A}.$$

The additive Schwarz operator  $P_{ad}$  is symmetric for all symmetric DG approximations, while, the multiplicative operator  $P_{mu}$  is non symmetric (see [1] for a symmetrized version). Therefore, suitable iterative methods have to be used for solving the resulting linear systems: for the former case we use the *conjugate gradient* method while for the latter case we use the *generalized minimal residual* (GMRES) linear solver.

### 4 Convergence Results

In this section we present the convergence results for the proposed two-level Schwarz methods. We refer to [2, 1] for their proofs and further discussions on the convergence analysis. In what follows  $N_c$  denotes the maximum number of adjacent subdomains a given subdomain can have, and C is a positive constant independent of the mesh size.

**Theorem 1.** Let  $A_h(\cdot, \cdot)$  be the bilinear form of a symmetric DG method given in Table 1. Then, the condition number of  $P_{ad}$ ,  $\kappa(P_{ad})$ , satisfies

$$\kappa(P_{\rm ad}) \le C \,\alpha \,\frac{H}{h} (1 + \omega(1 + N_c)) \,. \tag{6}$$

Remark 3. Note that Theorem 1 shows that  $\kappa(P_{\rm ad})$  depends linearly on the penalty parameter  $\alpha$ .

The multiplicative operator is non-symmetric and in Theorem 2, we show that the energy norm of the error propagation operator is strictly less than one.

**Theorem 2.** Let  $A_h(\cdot, \cdot)$  be the bilinear form of a symmetric DG method given in Table 1. Then, there exists  $\tilde{\alpha} > 0$  such that if  $\alpha \geq \tilde{\alpha}$ 

$$\|E_{N_s}\|_A^2 = \sup_{\substack{u \in V_h \\ u \neq 0}} \frac{A_h(E_{N_s}u, E_{N_s}u)}{A_h(u, u)} \le 1 - \frac{2 - \omega}{C \alpha \left(1 + 2 \omega^2 (N_c + 1)^2\right)} \frac{h}{H} < 1.$$

Theorem 2 also guarantees that the multiplicative Schwarz method can be accelerated with the GMRES linear solver (see [5]).

Remark 4. As in the classical Schwarz theory, our convergence result for  $P_{mu}$  relies upon the hypothesis that  $\omega \in (0, 2)$ . Since we are using approximate local solvers, we need a technical assumption on the size of the penalty parameter to guarantee  $\omega \in (0, 2)$ . Nevertheless, we wish to stress that the assumed size of  $\widetilde{\alpha}$  is moderate (see [1] for details).

Remark on Schwarz methods for the non-symmetric NIPG and IIPG approximations. In Table 2, we numerically demonstrate that the minimum eigenvalue of the symmetric part of the additive and multiplicative operators, denoted by  $\lambda_{\min}(P_{ad})$  and  $\lambda_{\min}(P_{mu})$ , respectively, might be negative. As a consequence, the [5] GMRES convergence theory cannot be applied to explain the observed optimal performance of the proposed preconditioners (see Sect. 5).

**Table 2.** NIPG method  $(\alpha = 1) : \ell_h = \ell_H = 1, N_s = 16$ , Cartesian grids. Minimum eigenvalue of the symmetric part of  $P_{ad}$  (left) and  $P_{mu}$  (right).

$H\downarrow \ h \rightarrow$	$h_0$	$h_0/2$	$h_{0}/4$	$h_{0}/8$	$H\downarrow h \rightarrow$	$h_0$	$h_{0}/2$	$h_{0}/4$	$h_0/8$
$H_0$	0.06	-0.16	-0.31	-0.40	$H_0$	0.16	-0.09	-0.27	-0.38
$H_{0}/2$	0.64	0.01	-0.26	-0.40	$H_0/2$	1.00	0.01	-0.21	-0.38
$H_0/4$	-	0.63	-0.02	-0.27	$H_0/4$	-	1.00	0.09	-0.20
$H_0/8$	-	-	0.62	-0.05	$H_0/8$	-	-	1.00	-0.03
	(a) 2	$\lambda_{\min}(P_{a})$	<sub>1d</sub> )			(b) λ	$\Lambda_{\min}(P_n)$	<i>nu</i> )	

### **5** Numerical Results

We take  $\Omega = (0,1) \times (0,1)$  and we choose f so that the exact solution of problem (1) (with non-homogeneous boundary conditions) is given by  $u(x, y) = \exp(xy)$ . The subdomain partitions consist of  $N_s$  squares,  $N_s = 4, 16$ (see Fig. 1 for  $N_s = 4$ ). We consider both matching and non-matching Cartesian grids (see Fig. 1 where the initial coarse and fine non-matching grids are depicted. The corresponding matching grids are obtained by gluing together all the elements that have at least a hanging-node). We denote by  $H_0$  and  $h_0$  the corresponding initial coarse and fine mesh sizes, respectively, and we consider n successive global uniform refinements of these initial grids so that the resulting mesh sizes are  $H_n = H_0/2^n$  and  $h_n = h_0/2^n$ , with n = 0, 1, 2, 3. The tolerance is set to  $10^{-9}$ .



**Fig. 1.** Sample of a  $N_s = 4$  subdomain partition of  $\Omega = (0, 1) \times (0, 1)$  with the initial coarse (left) and fine (right) non-matching meshes.

We first address the scalability of the proposed additive Schwarz method, i.e., the independence of the convergence rate of the number of subdomains. In Table 3 we compare the condition number estimates for the SIP method ( $\alpha = 10$ ) with  $\ell_h = \ell_H = 1$  obtained on non-matching Cartesian grids (see Fig. 1) with  $N_s = 4, 16$ . As stated in Theorem 1, our preconditioner seems to be insensitive on the number of subdomains, and the expected convergence rates are clearly achieved.

$H\downarrow \ h \rightarrow$	$h_0$	$h_0/2$	$h_0/4$	$h_0/8$	$H\downarrow h \rightarrow$	$h_0$	$h_0/2$	$h_0/4$	
$H_0$	31.4	65.9	137.2	277.8	$H_0$	29.3	63.3	133.9	2
$H_{0}/2$	6.3	32.8	67.1	137.0	$H_{0}/2$	6.1	31.5	65.5	1
$H_0/4$	-	6.3	33.0	67.1	$H_0/4$	-	6.4	32.8	
$H_0/8$	-	-	6.4	33.0	$H_0/8$	-	-	6.4	
$\kappa(\mathbf{A})$	4.3e3	1.7e4	7.0e4	2.8e5	$\kappa(\mathbf{A})$	4.3e3	1.7e4	7.0e4	2

Table 3. SIPG method ( $\alpha = 10$ ):  $\ell_h = \ell_H = 1$ , non-matching Cartesian grids.

In Table 4 we compare the GMRES iteration counts obtained with our additive and multiplicative Schwarz methods. More precisely, the results reported in Table 4 have been obtained on Cartesian grids with the LDG method ( $\alpha = 1, \beta = (0.5, 0.5)^T$ ), by using  $\ell_h = 2, \ell_H = 1$  and  $N_s = 16$ . The crosses in the last row of Table 4 mean that the GMRES fails to converge due to its large memory requirements. In both cases we observe optimal convergence rates (we note however, that for the multiplicative preconditioner, the hypothesis on the size of  $\alpha$  required in Theorem 2 is not satisfied).

Table 4. LDG method ( $\alpha = 1, \beta = (0.5, 0.5)^T$ ):  $\ell_h = 2, \ell_H = 1$ , Cartesian grids.

$H\downarrow \ h \rightarrow$	$h_0$	$h_0/2$	$h_0/4$	$h_0/8$	$H\downarrow \ h\rightarrow$	$h_0$	$h_{0}/2$	$h_{0}/4$	$h_{0}/8$
$H_0$	49	68	95	128	$H_0$	22	30	40	53
$H_{0}/2$	33	46	64	88	$H_0/2$	14	17	23	32
$H_0/4$	-	33	47	65	$H_0/4$	-	12	16	21
$H_0/8$	-	-	34	48	$H_0/8$	-	-	10	13
$\#\mathrm{iter}(\mathbf{A})$	112	210	403	х	$\# iter(\mathbf{A})$	112	210	403	х
(a) $\mathbf{B}_{ad}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{B}_{ad}\mathbf{f}$ : $N_s = 16$					(b) <b>B</b> <sub>m</sub>	$_{u}\mathbf{Au} =$	$= \mathbf{B}_{mu}$	f: $N_s =$	= 16

Finally, we present some numerical computations carried out with the non-symmetric NIPG method ( $\alpha = 1$ ). In Table 5 we compared the GM-RES iteration counts obtained with  $\ell_h = \ell_H = 1$  on Cartesian grids and by preconditioning with the proposed additive and multiplicative Schwarz preconditioners. Clearly, the GMRES applied to the preconditioned systems

converges in a finite number of steps and, as in the symmetric case, the iteration counts remain unchanged whenever we decrease both the fine and the coarse mesh keeping their ratio constant. In all the cases addressed, the multiplicative Schwarz method seems to be approximately twice faster than the additive preconditioner.

**Table 5.** NIPG ( $\alpha = 1$ ): GMRES iteration counts,  $\ell_h = \ell_H = 1$ , Cartesian grids.

$H\downarrow \ h \rightarrow$	$h_0$	$h_0/2$	$h_{0}/4$	$h_0/8$	$H\downarrow \ h \rightarrow$	$h_0$	$h_{0}/2$	$h_{0}/4$	$h_0/8$
$H_0$	25	26	29	36	$H_0$	12	13	16	20
$H_0/2$	14	21	24	28	$H_0/2$	1	9	11	14
$H_{0}/4$	-	14	20	23	$H_0/4$	-	1	8	10
$H_0/8$	-	-	14	19	$H_0/8$	-	-	1	7
$\# iter(\mathbf{A})$	33	61	117	227	$\#$ iter $(\mathbf{A})$	33	61	117	227

(a) 
$$\mathbf{B}_{ad}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{B}_{ad}\mathbf{f}$$
:  $N_s = 16$  (b)  $\mathbf{B}_{mu}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{B}_{mu}\mathbf{f}$ :  $N_s = 16$ 

# References

- P.F. Antonietti and B. Ayuso. Multiplicative Schwarz methods for discontinuous Galerkin approximations of elliptic problems. Technical report, IMATI-CNR 10-PV, 2006. Submitted to Math. Model. Numer. Anal.
- [2] P.F. Antonietti and B. Ayuso. Schwarz domain decomposition preconditioners for discontinuous Galerkin approximations of elliptic problems: non-overlapping case. *Math. Model. Numer. Anal.*, 41(1):21–54, 2007.
- [3] D.N. Arnold, F. Brezzi, B. Cockburn, and L.D. Marini. Unified analysis of discontinuous Galerkin methods for elliptic problems. *SIAM J. Numer. Anal.*, 39(5):1749–1779, 2001/02.
- [4] S.C. Brenner and K. Wang. Two-level additive Schwarz preconditioners for  $C^0$  interior penalty methods. *Numer. Math.*, 102(2):231–255, 2005.
- [5] S.C. Eisenstat, H.C. Elman, and M.H. Schultz. Variational iterative methods for nonsymmetric systems of linear equations. *SIAM J. Numer. Anal.*, 20(2):345–357, 1983.
- [6] X. Feng and O.A. Karakashian. Two-level additive Schwarz methods for a discontinuous Galerkin approximation of second order elliptic problems. *SIAM J. Numer. Anal.*, 39(4):1343–1365, 2001.
- [7] A. Toselli and O.B. Widlund. Domain Decomposition Methods— Algorithms and Theory, volume 34 of Springer Series in Computational Mathematics. Springer-Verlag, Berlin, 2005.