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<td>the $\ell$-th domain</td>
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Chapter 1

Introduction

This chapter introduces the general context of domain decomposition methods. The main contributions and the outline of this thesis are presented respectively in section 1.3 and in section 1.4. The publications are available in section 1.5. We briefly present in section 1.6 the finite element library FEEL++ used for implementation of numerical methods and preconditioners studied in this work. The notion of scalability is introduced in section 1.7.

Ce chapitre introduit le contexte général des méthodes de décomposition de domaine. Les principales contributions et le plan de cette thèse sont présentés respectivement dans la section 1.3 et dans la section 1.4. Les publications sont disponibles dans la section 1.5. Nous présentons brièvement la librairie élément fini FEEL++ utilisée pour la mise en oeuvre des méthodes numériques et préconditionneurs étudiés dans ce travail. La notion de scalabilité est introduite dans la section 1.7.

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1.1 English version

In scientific computing, tremendous progress in the design and availability of parallel computers over the last decades have allowed large scale simulations for complex scientific and engineering applications. The investigation of efficient and robust numerical methods adapted to modern computer architectures is a major challenge.

For solving very large sparse linear system, direct methods [Dav06; DER86] or iterative methods [Saa03] can be used. Direct methods are robust and accurate for general nonsingular problems, but they scale poorly with the problem size in terms of time and memory complexity, especially for problems resulting from the discretization of Partial Differential Equations (PDEs) in three-dimensional space. In contrast, iterative methods require less storage and fewer operations than direct methods, but their performance depends strongly on the spectral properties of the linear system. The preconditioning techniques can improve the efficiency and the robustness of these methods.

The term preconditioning refers to transformation of the original linear system into another linear system with the same solution, but with more favorable properties for iterative solver. A preconditioner is a matrix that affects such a transformation. In general, the preconditioning aims to improve the spectral properties of the matrix associated with the linear system.

Domain decomposition methods are one of the most common paradigms to compute the solution of large scale problems arising from the discretization of Partial Differential Equations (PDEs) in many applications, for example multiscale simulations on massively parallel computer architectures. They combine the strength of both direct and iterative methods, known as hybrid methods, for constructing scalable and robust preconditioners. The central idea of these methods consists in reducing the large problem into a collection of smaller problems, each of which is easier to solve computationally than the original problem, and most or all of which can be solved independently and concurrently. Domain decomposition methods can be categorized mainly into two classes, namely overlapping methods and nonoverlapping or iterative substructuring methods.

In this thesis we investigate a numerical and computational framework for domain decomposition methods (overlapping and nonoverlapping). In the class of overlapping domain decomposition methods, we are interested in Schwarz methods [Gan08] introduced by H. A. Schwarz [Sch70] in the original form, known as alternating Schwarz method, to establish the existence of a solution to the Poisson problem with prescribed boundary conditions in a complex domain. In the class of nonoverlapping domain decomposition methods, we focus mainly on the mortar finite element method, a nonconforming approach of domain decomposition methods introduced in [BMP93a]. The main feature of this method is that the continuity condition at the interfaces between subdomains is ensured in the weak form, i.e. the jump
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of the finite element solution on the interfaces should be $L^2$-orthogonal to a chosen finite element space on the interfaces. Thus, it allows to combine different discretizations and/or methods in different subdomains, which considerably increases the flexibility of this method. We deal with two mortar finite element formulations: the first one is the original formulation [BMP93a] in which the weak matching condition is directly taken into account in the approximation space. This formulation, known as the mortar method with constrained space, leads to a symmetric, positive and definite system allowing the use of efficient preconditioners. In the second formulation, introduced in [Bel99], the weak matching condition is achieved by introducing a Lagrange multiplier. The Lagrange multiplier space should be chosen such that the Ladyzhenskaya-Babuska-Brezzi inf-sup condition is satisfied. The algebraic linear system arising from this formulation is of saddle-point type, symmetric and indefinite. For such formulation problems, iterative methods are known to be less efficient than for symmetric positive definite systems, see [BGL05]. The efficiency of the iterative method to solve the algebraic system with a large scaled matrix depends heavily on the preconditioner used.

This thesis considers the substructuring approach, proposed in [BPS86] in the framework of conforming domain decomposition and extended to nonconforming domain decomposition and a general class of finite elements of any order in [BP07; BP04; Ber+14]. This approach consists in considering a suitable splitting of the nonconforming discretization space in terms of “interior”, “edge” and “vertex” degrees of freedom and then using the related block-Jacobi type preconditioners. In the same class of domain decomposition methods, we briefly discuss three-field method introducing in [BM94] and its numerical implementation.

1.2 Version française

En calcul scientifique, d’énormes progrès dans la conception et la disponibilité d’ordinateurs parallèles au cours des dernières décennies ont permis la réalisation de grandes simulations pour des applications scientifiques et d’ingénierie complexes. L’investigation de méthodes numériques efficaces, robustes et adaptées aux architectures modernes d’ordinateurs est un défi majeur.

Pour résoudre un très grand système linéaire creux, les méthodes directes [Dav06 ; DER86] ou les méthodes itératives [Saa03] peuvent être utilisées. Les méthodes directes sont robustes et précises en général pour des problèmes non singuliers, mais elles passent mal à l’échelle avec la taille du problème en termes de complexité en temps et en espace mémoire, en particulier pour des problèmes provenant de la discrétisation d’Équations aux Dérivées Partielles (EDPs) en trois dimensions d’espace. En revanche, les méthodes itératives nécessitent moins de stockage en mémoire et moins d’opérations que les méthodes directes, mais leur performance dépend fortement des propriétés spectrales du système linéaire. Les techniques de préconditionnement peuvent améliorer l’efficacité et la robustesse de ces méthodes.

Le terme préconditionnement se réfère à la transformation du système linéaire original
en un autre système linéaire ayant la même solution, mais avec des propriétés plus favorables pour le solver itératif. Un préconditionneur est une matrice qui applique une telle transformation. En général, le préconditionnement vise à améliorer les propriétés spectrales de la matrice associées au système linéaire.

Les méthodes de décomposition de domaine sont un des paradigmes les plus courants pour calculer la solution de très grands problèmes provenant d’applications différentes, par exemple les simulations multi-échelles sur des architectures massivement parallèles. L’idée centrale de ces méthodes consiste à réduire le grand problème en une collection de petits problèmes dont chacun est plus facile à résoudre que le problème original. Les méthodes de décomposition de domaine peuvent être catégorisées principalement en deux classes, à savoir les méthodes de décomposition de domaine avec recouvrement et celles sans recouvrement, aussi appelées les méthodes de sous-structuration.

Dans cette thèse nous étudions un framework numérique et de calcul pour les méthodes de décomposition de domaine (avec et sans recouvrement). Dans la classe des méthodes de décomposition de domaine avec recouvrement, nous nous intéressons aux méthodes de Schwarz [Gan08] introduite par H. A. Schwarz [Sch70] dans la forme originale connue sous le nom de l’algorithme de Schwarz alterné, afin d’étudier l’existence d’une solution au problème de Poisson homogène avec des conditions aux limites imposées dans un domaine de calcul complexe. Dans la classe des méthodes de décomposition de domaine sans recouvrement, nous nous focalisons principalement sur la méthode mortar (aussi appelée la méthode des éléments finis joints), une méthode de décomposition de domaine non conforme introduite dans [BMP93a]. La principale attractivité de cette méthode est que la condition de continuité aux interfaces entre sous-domaines est traitée sous forme faible, c’est à dire le saut de la solution élément fini aux interfaces doit être $L^2$-orthogonal à un espace élément fini défini sur les interfaces. Cela permet de combiner des discrétisations différentes et/ou des méthodes d’approximation différentes dans des sous-domaines différents, ce qui accroit considérablement la flexibilité de cette méthode. Nous traitons deux formulations mortar : la première est la formulation mortar originale [BMP93a] dans laquelle la condition de continuité faible est directement prise en compte dans l’espace d’approximation. Cette formulation connue sous le nom de la formulation mortar avec espace contraint conduit à un système linéaire symétrique, défini et positif permettant l’utilisation des préconditionneurs efficaces. Dans la seconde formulation mortar introduite dans [Bel99], la condition de continuité faible est réalisée en introduisant un multiplicateur de Lagrange. L’espace de multiplicateur de Lagrange doit être bien choisi de telle sorte que la propriété inf-sup de Ladyzhenskaya-Babuska-Brezzi soit satisfaite. Le système algébrique linéaire provenant de cette discrétisation est de type point-selle, symétrique et in-défini. Pour de tels problèmes, les méthodes itératives sont connues pour être moins efficaces que pour les systèmes symétriques, définis et positifs, voir [BGL05]. L’efficacité de la méthode iterative pour résoudre un système algébrique linéaire de grande taille depend fortement du préconditionneur utilisé.
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Cette thèse considère l’approche par sous-structuration proposée dans [BPS86] dans le framework sur les méthodes de décomposition de domaine conformes et étendue à celles non conformes et à une classe générale d’éléments finis d’ordre arbitraire dans [BP07; BP04; Ber+14]. Cette approche consiste à considérer une décomposition appropriée de l’espace de discrétisation non conforme en termes de degrés de liberté “interieurs”, ceux sur les “arêtes” et ceux sur les “sommets” et à utiliser des préconditionneurs de type bloc-Jacobi associés. Dans cette même classe de méthodes de décomposition de domaine sans recouvrement, nous discutons brièvement de la méthode three-field introduite par F. Brezzi in [BM94] et de son implémentation numérique.

1.3 Contributions

This thesis aims at the development and the analysis of a generic computational framework for domain decomposition methods and preconditioners in Feel++ programming environment. The domain decomposition methods surveyed in this work include the mortar finite element method, Schwarz methods and three-field method. This thesis contributes to the field of high-performance computing by implementing these methods and preconditioners on massively parallel computer architectures.

1.4 Outline

The body of this dissertation is organized into three parts plus the appendices collecting the essential results used in this thesis. The part I (Chapters 2 to 5) investigates a wide range of domain decomposition methods with a special emphasis placed on mortar element method. The part II (Chapters 6 to 7) develops a generic and flexible implementation framework for various numerical methods described in part I. The part III (Chapters 8 to 9) summarizes the numerical experiments supporting the theoretical results and the scalability property of the parallel numerical algorithms discussed in this work.

Part I

Chapter 2 reviews domain decomposition methods including overlapping methods and substructuring methods. In section 2.1, we recall the Schwarz additive and multiplicative algorithms with different artificial boundary conditions namely Dirichlet-Dirichlet, Dirichlet-Neumann, Neumann-Neumann and Robin-Robin. We introduce in section 2.2 the general concept of mortar element method, specially the hybrid formulation using Lagrange multipliers and the formulation with constrained space. In section 2.3, we handle the basic formulation of the three-field method. Finally, we remind The FETI method in section 2.4.

Chapter 3 is devoted to the mortar element method with constrained space for two-dimensional problems. We first introduce the model problem and the basic notations in section 3.1. We define the functional settings in section 3.2. The discretization aspects including the technical
tools required for the construction and the analysis of the substructuring preconditioners for this method are presented in section 3.3. We remind the discrete formulation and the mortar correction operator respectively in section 3.5 and in section 3.6. Finally, we analyze the convergence properties supporting the theoretical estimates in section 3.7.

Chapter 4 deals with the substructuring preconditioners for mortar element method in two-dimensional space. We consider the substructuring approach in section 4.1. We investigate in section 4.2 the vertex block of the preconditioner and emphasize its fundamental role for the good scaling properties of the preconditioners. The algebraic forms for the realization of the preconditioners and discrete Steklov-Poincaré operator are available in section 4.3.

Chapter 5 studies the mortar element method with Lagrange multipliers. We introduce the hybrid formulation for mortar element method in section 5.1. A special computational framework for this method is discussed in section 5.2. Finally, we analyze the convergence properties in accordance with the theoretical results.

**Part II**

Chapter 6 covers the implementation aspects of the substructuring preconditioners described in Chapter 4. In section 6.1, we define some basic ingredients required for Feel++ implementation. The section 6.2 emphasizes the crucial role of the linear interpolation operator for domain decomposition framework in Feel++. We discuss the geometric and algebraic framework for the realization of the preconditioners in section 6.3. The code design illustrating the robustness and the flexibility of our parallel codes is summarized in section 6.6.

Chapter 7 develops an implementation framework for Schwarz methods, three-field method and mortar element method with Lagrange multipliers. In section 7.1, we discuss two communication approaches for Schwarz methods in Feel++, namely explicit and seamless communications. The section 7.2 briefly presents the assembly of jump matrices in the classical three-field formulation. The section 7.3 handles a special parallel implementation of mortar element method with Lagrange multipliers in 2D and 3D based on the duplication of data at the interfaces between subdomains, in order to reduce the interprocess communications. The Feel++ codes showing the flexibility of the library and in particular its ability to handle domain decomposition methods are reported.

**Part III**

Chapter 8 summarizes the numerical results for substructuring preconditioners for \( h-p \) mortar element method, introduced and analyzed in Chapter 4. We define the problem settings and the computational platforms for all numerical simulations achieved. In section 8.1, we consider the conforming domain decompositions using linear elements and high-order elements. We solve the Schur complement system, the algebraic representation of the Steklov-Poincaré operator defined in Chapter 3, preconditioned by the substructuring preconditioners proposed.
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in Chapter 4. The numerical results for the examination and validation of the mathematical properties of substructuring preconditioners are reported. In section 8.2, we run the same set of experiments carried out in section 8.1, but by considering nonconforming domain decompositions. The section 8.3 is dedicated to the large scale simulations with Discontinuous Galerkin coarse preconditionner. The section 8.4 analyzes the performance and scalability of the parallel implementation on large scale computer architectures.

Chapter 9 analyzes a framework for basic numerical results for Schwarz methods, three-field method, and mortar element method with Lagrange multipliers. Some numerical experiments for Schwarz methods using explicit and seamless communication approach are presented in section 9.1. A few tests for three-field method in two and three dimensional space are given in section 9.2. The section 9.3 is centered on the scalability and performance analysis of a parallel implementation of mortar element method with Lagrange multipliers in three-dimensional space.

1.5 Publications

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1.6 Feel++ Library

The numerical implementation of various domain decomposition methods and preconditioners presented in this thesis has been done using Feel++ library. We present in this section a short extract from [Pru+12b] dedicated to Feel++.

Feel++, Finite Element Embedded Language in C++ [Pru+12b; Pru07; Pru06] is a C++ library for partial differential equation resolution using generalized Galerkin methods such as the finite element method, the $h$-$p$ finite element method and the spectral element method. It aims at bringing the scientific community a tool for the implementation of advanced numerical methods and high-performance computing.

Two main aspects in the design of the library are to (i) have the syntax, semantics of the library very close to mathematics, and (ii) have a small manageable library that makes use wherever possible of established libraries (for linear system solves, for instance). While the first point at creating a high-level language powerful enough to describe solution strategies in a simple way, the second aspect with the maintenance of the code delegating some procedures to frequently maintained third party libraries.

Feel++ relies on a so-called domain specific embedded language (DSEL) designed to closely match the Galerkin mathematical framework. In computer science, DS(EL)s are used to partition complexity and in our case the DSEL splits low level mathematics and computer science on one side leaving the Feel++ developer to enhance them and high-level mathematics as well as physical applications to the other side which are left to the Feel++ user. This enables using Feel++ for teaching purposes, solving complex problems with multiple physics and scales or rapid prototyping of new methods, schemes or algorithms. The goal is always to hide (ideally all) technical details behind software layers, providing only the relevant components required by the user or programmer and enforce the mathematical language computationally between the users be they physicists, mathematicians, computer scientists, engineers or
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students. The DSEL approach has advantages over generating a specific external language: (i) interpreter/compiler construction complexities can be ignored, (ii) libraries can concurrently be used which is often not the case of specific languages which would have to also develop their own libraries and library system, (iii) DSELS inherit the capabilities of the host language (e.g. C++).

The DSEL on Feel++ provides access to powerful tools, yet simple and seamless interface, such as interpolation and the clear translation of a wide range of variational formulations into the variational embedded language. Combined with this robust engine, lie also state of the art arbitrary order finite elements including handling high-order geometrical approximations, high-order quadrature formulas and robust nodal configuration sets. The tools at the user’s disposal grant the flexibility to implement numerical methods that cover a large combination of choices from meshes, function spaces or quadrature points using the same integrated language and control at each stage of the solution process the numerical approximations.

Feel++ uses advanced C++ (e.g. template meta-programming) and in particular the latest standard C++11 that provides very useful additions such as type inference auto and decltype keywords. Feel++ also uses the essential Boost C++ libraries [Kor11]. The data structures of Feel++ can be customized with respect to MPI communicators. The linear algebra is handled by PETSc library [Bal+04].

1.7 Scalability Analysis

In the context of High-Performance Computing (HPC), the scalability expresses the gain of solving large problems on parallel computers. The performance of a parallel computer depends on a wide number of factors [HRP93] affecting the scalability of a parallel algorithm.

From [HRP93], some basic metrics affecting the scalability of a parallel computer for a parallel algorithm are given by:

- **Machine size** — the number of processing units employed in a parallel computer. The computational power is a function of machine size.

- **Clock rate** — the clock rate refers to the frequency of a CPU.

- **Problem size** — the amount of computational workload used for solving a given problem. The problem size is directly proportional to the sequential execution time.

- **CPU time** — the CPU time (in seconds) elapsed in the execution of a given program on a parallel computer with \( n \) processing units. It is the parallel execution time.

- **I/O demand** — the input/output demands when running the program.

- **Memory capacity** — the amount of main memory (in bytes) used in the execution of a program. The memory demand is affected by the problem size, the algorithms and the data structures used.
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- Communication overhead — the amount of time elapsed in interprocess communications, synchronization and remote memory access.
- Computer cost — the total cost of hardware and software resources required to carry out the execution of a program.

The Scalability analysis expresses the ability of a given parallel algorithm to best exploit a parallel computer architecture. The notion of scalability is related to the notions of speedup and efficiency. We introduce below the notion of strong scalability (speedup) and the weak scalability (efficiency).

### 1.7.1 Speedup

The measure of speedup was used to determine the quality of parallel algorithm running on a parallel computational platform. The speedup is defined as the time to run a problem of size $n$ on one processor, divided by the time it takes to run the same problem using $p$ processors. Generally speaking, let $T_1$ be the sequential execution time on one processor and $T_p$ be the parallel execution time on $p$ processors. The speedup is written

$$S_p = \frac{T_1}{T_p}.$$

Note that in speedup analysis, the problem size remains fixed but the number of processing units are increased.

### 1.7.2 Efficiency

The efficiency is defined by

$$E_p = \frac{S_p}{p}.$$

The best possible efficiency is $E_p = 1$. It is reached when the speedup is linear, i.e. $S_p = p$. Note that in efficiency analysis, the problem size assigned to each core remains constant and additional processing units are used for solving a larger problem.
Part I

Numerical Methods
Chapter 2

Review of Domain Decomposition Methods

A Generic numerical framework for domain decomposition methods is studied. Schwarz methods, mortar finite element method, three-field method and feti method are recalled respectively in section 2.1, section 2.2, section 2.3 and section 2.4. We provide a convergence analysis for Schwarz, three-field and mortar element methods with respect to mesh size and polynomial order using Feel++.

Un framework générique pour les méthodes de décomposition de domaine est étudié. Les méthodes de Schwarz, la méthode des éléments finis mortar, la méthode three-field et la méthode feti sont rappelées respectivement dans la section 2.1, section 2.2, section 2.3 et dans la section 2.4. Nous présentons une analyse de convergence pour les méthodes de Schwarz, la méthode three-field et la méthode des éléments finis mortar en fonction de la taille caractéristique du maillage et de l’ordre polynomial en utilisant Feel++.

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2.1 Schwarz Methods

The original form of Schwarz iterative procedure, known as the alternating Schwarz method was introduced by H. A. Schwarz [Sch70] to establish the existence of a solution to the elliptic boundary value problem (2.1) on the union of two subdomains $\Omega = \Omega_1 \cup \Omega_2$, as in Figure 2.1.

\[
-\Delta u = f \quad \text{in} \quad \Omega, \quad u = g \quad \text{on} \quad \partial\Omega.
\] (2.1)

![Figure 2.1: Overlapping partition for alternating Schwarz method](image)

This method begins by selecting an initial guess $u_0^0$, and then define iteratively for $n \geq 0$, two sequences $u_1^{n+1}$ and $u_2^{n+1}$ solutions of

\[
-\Delta u_1^{n+1} = f \quad \text{in} \quad \Omega_1 \\
u_1^{n+1} = g \quad \text{on} \quad \partial\Omega_1 \cap \partial\Omega \\
u_1^{n+1} = u_2^n \quad \text{on} \quad \partial\Omega_1 \cap \overline{\Omega}_2
\]

and

\[
-\Delta u_2^{n+1} = f \quad \text{in} \quad \Omega_2 \\
u_2^{n+1} = g \quad \text{on} \quad \partial\Omega_2 \cap \partial\Omega \\
u_2^{n+1} = u_1^{n+1} \quad \text{on} \quad \partial\Omega_2 \cap \overline{\Omega}_1
\] (2.2)

We present a generic computational framework for the extension of the algorithm (2.2) for more general cases including overlapping and nonoverlapping Schwarz methods (conforming and nonconforming grids). The framework main objectives consist in (i) reproducing and comparing easily several of methods of the literature (ii) developing a teaching and research programming environment (iii) providing the methods at the functional level or at the algebraic level.

2.1.1 Schwarz Methods at the Continuous Level

Let $\Omega$ be a domain of $\mathbb{R}^d$, $d = 1, 2, 3$, and $\partial\Omega$ its boundary. We look for $u$ the solution of the problem:

\[
Lu = f \quad \text{in} \quad \Omega, \quad u = g \quad \text{on} \quad \partial\Omega
\] (2.3)
where \( L \) is a linear partial differential operator, and \( f \) and \( g \) are given functions. Let \( \Omega_i (i = 1, \ldots, N, N \in \mathbb{N}, N \geq 2) \) the subdomain partitions of \( \Omega \) such that \( \overline{\Omega} = \bigcup_{i=1}^{N} \Omega_i \) and \( \Gamma_{ij} = \partial \Omega_i \cap \Omega_j \) the interface between neighboring subdomains \( \Omega_i \) and \( \Omega_j \). Let \( \mathcal{V}_\Omega \) be the set of neighboring subdomains of \( \Omega \). In the case of nonoverlapping subdomains, \( \Gamma_{ij} = \Gamma_{ji} \). Let \( \mathcal{V}_\Omega \) be the set of neighboring subdomains of \( \Omega \). We are interested in the overlapping and nonoverlapping Schwarz methods [QV99; BBG04] as solver with the general nonmatching grids and arbitrary number of subdomains. The generic Schwarz additive algorithm is given by (2.4) where \( u_0^i \) is known on \( \Gamma_{ij}, j \in \mathcal{V}_\Omega, k \geq 1 \) the Schwarz iteration index and \( C_i \) is a partial differential operator.

\[ Lu_i^k = f \text{ in } \Omega_i, \quad u_i^k = g \text{ on } \partial \Omega_i \setminus \Gamma_{ij}, \quad C_i u_i^k = C_i u_j^{k-1} \text{ on } \Gamma_{ij} \quad (2.4) \]

The algorithm (2.4) extends easily to the multiplicative version of Schwarz methods and to different types of artificial boundary conditions such as Dirichlet-Dirichlet (DD), Dirichlet-Neumann (DN), Neumann-Neumann (NN) and Robin-Robin (RR) [QV99; BBG04] according to the choice of the operator \( C_i \) that is assumed linear in our case. The above algorithm can also adapt to relaxation techniques [QV99] necessary for the convergence of some types of interface conditions such as DN and NN without overlap.

### 2.1.2 One-level Schwarz Methods

In general, Schwarz methods are used as a preconditioner for a Krylov subspace method. We consider the following algebraic linear system arising from the discretization of (2.3)

\[ Au = f \quad (2.5) \]

A fixed point method for (2.5) is given by : for a given \( u^0 \), we look for

\[ u^{n+1} = u^n + M^{-1}(f - Au^n). \quad (2.6) \]

We group the unknowns into subsets, \( u_j = R_j u, j = 1, \ldots, J \), where \( R_j \) are rectangular matrices such that each entry \( u_i \) of the vector \( u \) is contained in at least one \( u_j \), see [SGT07]. For each subdomain, the local matrix is defined by \( A_j = R_j A R_j^T \).

The classical multiplicative Schwarz method (MSM) is a preconditioner for (2.6) where \( M \) is defined as

\[ M^{-1}_{MSM} = \left[ I - \prod_{j=1}^{J} \left( I - R_j^T A_j^{-1} R_j A \right) \right] \quad (2.7) \]

The classical additive Schwarz method (ASM) is a preconditioner for (2.6) where \( M \) is defined as
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\[ M_{ASM}^{-1} = \sum_{j=1}^{J} R_j^T A_j^{-1} R_j. \] (2.8)

From [SGT07], the additive Schwarz iteration (2.6), (2.8) does not correspond to the classical iteration per subdomain and does not converge in general.

The restricted additive Schwarz method (RAS) introduced in [CS99], allowing to correct this problem, is a preconditioner for (2.6) defined by

\[ M_{RAS}^{-1} = \sum_{j=1}^{J} \tilde{R}_j^T A_j^{-1} R_j, \] (2.9)

where \( \tilde{R}_j \) is the prolongation operator corresponding to a nonoverlapping decomposition.

2.1.3 Two-level Schwarz Methods

In the literature [TW04; QV99], it is well-known that the one-level methods do not scale with the number of subdomain. Achieving a good scalability property requires a coarse space correction [Nat+11].

We consider a coarse mesh \( T^H \) on the domain \( \Omega \) and a finite element space of continuous, piecewise linear functions on \( T^H \). Let \( R_0 \) be the matrix representation of linear interpolation from the coarse grid to fine grid. The coarse matrix \( A_C \) is derived from the global matrix \( A \) by the relation \( A_C = R_0^T A R_0 \). A two-level restricted additive Schwarz (RAS2) is a two step preconditioner for (2.6). The iterations are given by

\[
\begin{align*}
  u^{n+1/2} &= u^n + \sum_{j=1}^{J} \tilde{R}_j^T A_j^{-1} R_j (f - A u^n), \\
u^{n+1} &= u^{n+1/2} + R_0^T A_0^{-1} R_0 (f - A u^{n+1/2}).
\end{align*}
\] (2.10) (2.11)

The development of the scalable Schwarz methods is an active field, for example [Jol+12] proposes a strategy that scales over up to several thousands subdomains for scalar diffusion problems and linear elasticity. For in-depth investigations on overlapping Schwarz methods, we refer the reader to [BBG04; TW04; Lio88; EZ98; CN98; CGL01].

2.1.4 Convergence Analysis

We summarize in Figure 2.2 the convergence analysis for a one-level additive Schwarz method (see section 7.1 for more details) by choosing the analytic solution \( g = \sin(\pi x) \cos(\pi y) \). We plot the relative \( L^2 \) error \( \|u - u_h\|_{L^2} \) as a function of the characteristic mesh size \( h \) for different
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polynomial orders from $P_1$ to $P_5$. The artificial boundary condition is Dirichlet-Dirichlet and the number of subdomains is equal to 128.

The Figure 2.2 shows that our framework verifies the best convergence properties in accordance with the finite element theoretical results. The implementation and the numerical experiments of the Schwarz methods described in this section are available respectively in section 7.1 and section 9.1.

![Figure 2.2: Convergence analysis for additive Schwarz Method in 2D](image)
2.2 Mortar Element Method

Introduced in the early nineties by Bernardi, Maday and Patera [BMP94] as a tool to couple spectral and finite element method for the solution of second-order elliptic Partial Differential Equations (PDEs), the mortar method has been quickly extended to treat many different application fields [AP95; BBM01; Pru98; BB94; Pen04; PS08]. It appears to be well suited for parallel implementation and to the coupling of many different approximation spaces. The method has gained a wide popularity, since it offers the possibility to use different, non matching, possibly heterogeneous discretizations in different regions of the domain of definition of the problem at hand.

The mortar approximations involve the weak continuity constraints on the space. Two different approaches can be used to ensure these weak constraints. The original mortar formulation [BMP93b] can be seen as a nonconforming finite element approximation since the weak continuity constraints are directly taken into account in the approximation space. This approach leads to a symmetric positive definite problem. Another mortar formulation introduced in [Bel99] achieves the weak continuity constraints as Lagrange multipliers, leading to a saddle point problem, which is symmetric and indefinite. In either case, efficient iterative methods are essential for the overall performance of the method.

However, in order to make such technique more competitive for real life applications, one has to deal with the problem of the efficient solution of the associated linear system of equations. The design of efficient preconditioners for such linear system is then a fundamental task. Different approaches were considered in the literature: iterative substructuring [AMW99], additive Schwarz with overlap [KW06], FETI-DP [DDP06; Kim07; KL05] and BDDC [KW06].

A thorough investigation of the mortar element method is available in the remainder of this thesis. We will focus mainly on the formulation with constrained space, see chapter 3. We propose the substructuring preconditioners for the $h-p$ version of such a formulation in chapter 4.
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2.3 Three-field Method

The three-field method was inspired by the so-called hybrid finite element formulation for elasticity, see for example [Ton70], and has been introduced in the domain decomposition context by F. Brezzi and L.D. Marini [BM94].

The three-field formulation is a nonconforming domain decomposition method for the resolution of second-order elliptic boundary value problems. In this formulation, an independent variable is introduced to represent the trace of the global finite element solution on the skeleton of the domain decomposition. The Lagrange multipliers are used to enforce the weak continuity constraints on the skeleton. In the remainder of this section, we refer to [BFM08].

2.3.1 Three-field Formulation

Let $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$, $d = 2, 3$, be a convex polygonal domain. We will consider the following problem: given $f \in L^2(\Omega)$, find $u$ satisfying

$$- \sum_{i,j=1}^{d} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left( a_{ij}(x) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \right) + a_0(x)u = f \quad \text{in} \quad \Omega, \quad u = 0 \quad \text{on} \quad \partial \Omega. \quad (2.12)$$

We assume that for almost all $x \in \Omega$ we have $0 \leq a_0(x) \leq R$ and that the matrix $a(x) = (a_{ij}(x))_{i,j=1,...,d}$, is symmetric positive definite, with smallest eigenvalue $\geq \alpha > 0$ and largest eigenvalue $\leq \alpha'$, $\alpha, \alpha'$ independent of $x$.

In order to discretize the problem, we consider a decomposition of $\Omega$ as the union of $L$ subdomains $\Omega_\ell$,

$$\Omega = \bigcup_{\ell=1}^{L} \Omega_\ell. \quad (2.13)$$

We set $\Gamma_\ell = \partial \Omega_\ell$, $\Sigma = \bigcup_\ell \Gamma_\ell$ being the skeleton of the decomposition. The functional setting for the three-field domain decomposition method is given by the following spaces:

$$V = \prod_{\ell=1}^{L} V^\ell, \quad \text{with} \quad V^\ell = H^1(\Omega_\ell) \quad (2.14)$$

$$\Lambda = \prod_{\ell=1}^{L} \Lambda^\ell, \quad \text{with} \quad \Lambda^\ell = H^{-1/2}(\partial \Omega_\ell) \quad (2.15)$$

$$\Phi = \left\{ \varphi \in L^2(\Sigma) : \text{there exists} \ u \in H^1_0(\Omega), \ u|\Sigma = \varphi \right\} \quad (2.16)$$

These functional spaces are respectively equipped with the norms [BM94].
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\[ \| u \|_V = \left( \sum_{\ell} \| u_\ell \|_{H^1(\Omega_\ell)}^2 \right)^{1/2}, \quad \| \lambda \|_\Lambda = \left( \sum_{\ell} \| \lambda_\ell \|_{H^{-1/2}(\partial \Omega_\ell)}^2 \right)^{1/2}, \]  

(2.17)

and

\[ \| \phi \|_\Phi = \inf_{u \in H^1_0(\Omega)} \| u \|_{H^1(\Omega)} \simeq \left( \sum_{\ell} \| \phi_\ell \|_{H^{1/2}(\partial \Omega_\ell)}^2 \right)^{1/2} \]  

(2.18)

Let \( a^\ell : H^1(\Omega_\ell) \times H^1(\Omega_\ell) \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \) denote the bilinear form corresponding to the linear operator considered

\[ a^\ell(u, v) = \int_{\Omega_\ell} \left( \sum_{i,j=1}^d a_{ij}(x) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \frac{\partial v}{\partial x_j} + a_0(x) uv \right) dx. \]  

(2.19)

Under the assumptions made on the matrix \( a(x) = (a_{ij}(x))_{i,j=1,\ldots,d} \) and on \( a_0 \), the bilinear forms \( a^\ell \) are uniformly \( H^1(\Omega_\ell) \)-continuous and semidefinite. More precisely, there exists positive constants \( R_1 \) and \( R_2 \) independent of \( \ell \) and \( H_\ell \) such that for all \( u, v \in H^1(\Omega_\ell) \)

\[ R_1 \| u \|_H^2(\Omega_\ell) \leq a^\ell(u, v), \quad |a^\ell(u, v)| \leq R_2 \| u \|_{H^1(\Omega_\ell)} \| v \|_{H^1(\Omega_\ell)} \]  

The three-field formulation of (2.12) reads:

**Problem 2.3.1.** find \((u, \lambda, \phi) \in V \times \Lambda \times \Phi\) such that

\[
\begin{align*}
\int_{\partial \Omega_\ell} u^\ell \lambda^\ell \ ds & = \int_{\Omega_\ell} f^\ell \ dx \quad \forall \ v^\ell \in H^1(\Omega_\ell) \\
\int_{\partial \Omega_\ell} u^\ell \mu^\ell \ ds & = \int_{\partial \Omega_\ell} \mu^\ell \phi^\ell \ ds \quad \forall \ \mu^\ell \in H^{-1/2}(\partial \Omega_\ell) \\
\sum_{\ell} \int_{\partial \Omega_\ell} \lambda^\ell \psi \ ds & = 0 \quad \forall \ \psi \in \Phi
\end{align*}
\]  

(2.20)

From [BM94], the problem (2.20) admits a unique solution \((u, \lambda, \varphi) \in V \times \Lambda \times \Phi\) where \( u \) is the solution of (2.12) and such that

\[ \lambda^\ell = \frac{\partial u^\ell}{\partial \nu^\ell} \text{ on } \Gamma_\ell, \quad \varphi = u \text{ on } \Sigma, \]  

(2.21)

where \( \nu^\ell \) denotes the outer conormal derivative to the subdomain \( \Omega_\ell \).
The problem 2.3.1 can be discretized by a Galerkin method. Let \( \mathcal{T}_u^\ell \) be a regular triangulation of \( \Omega_\ell \) with mesh size \( h_\ell^u \) and let \( \mathcal{T}_\lambda^\ell \) be the decomposition of \( \Gamma_\ell \) with mesh size \( h_\ell^\lambda \) induced by \( \mathcal{T}_u^\ell \) and \( \mathcal{T}_\varphi \) the decomposition of \( \Sigma \) with mesh size \( h_\ell^\varphi \). Let \( V_h^\ell \subseteq V^\ell \) and \( \Lambda_h^\ell \subseteq \Lambda^\ell \) two finite element subspaces verifying

\[
\begin{align*}
V_h^\ell &\subseteq \left\{ v \in C^0(\Omega_\ell) : v|_T \in \mathcal{P}_p(T), \ \forall \ T \in \mathcal{T}_u^\ell \right\}, \\
\Lambda_h^\ell &\subseteq \left\{ \mu \in L^2(\Gamma_\ell) : \mu|_I \in \mathcal{P}_p(I), \ \forall \ I \in \mathcal{T}_\lambda^\ell \right\}, \\
\Phi_h &\subseteq \left\{ \psi \in C^0(\Sigma) : \psi|_J \in \mathcal{P}_p(J), \ \forall \ J \in \mathcal{T}_\varphi \right\},
\end{align*}
\]

where \( \mathcal{P}_p(T) \), \( \mathcal{P}_p(I) \) and \( \mathcal{P}_p(J) \) are the spaces of polynomials of order at most \( p \) on, respectively \( T \), \( I \) and \( J \). We denote the functions of the nodal bases of the discrete spaces \( V_h^\ell \), \( \Lambda_h^\ell \) and \( \Phi_h \) by \( u_{\ell,i} \), \( \lambda_{\ell,i} \) and \( \varphi_i \) respectively so that

\[
\begin{align*}
V_h^\ell &= \text{span} \{ u_{\ell,i}, \ i = 1, \ldots, N_u^\ell \}, \\
\Lambda_h^\ell &= \text{span} \{ \lambda_{\ell,i}, \ i = 1, \ldots, N_\lambda^\ell \}, \\
\Phi_h &= \text{span} \{ \varphi_i, \ i = 1, \ldots, N_\varphi \}.
\end{align*}
\]

Finally we set

\[
V_h = \prod_{\ell=1}^L V_h^\ell, \quad \Lambda_h = \prod_{\ell=1}^L \Lambda_h^\ell.
\]

We consider the following problem

**Problem 2.3.2.** find \( (u_h, \lambda_h, \varphi_h) \in V_h \times \Lambda_h \times \Phi_h \) such that

\[
\begin{align*}
\left\{ \begin{array}{l}
\int_{\Gamma_\ell} u_h^\ell \lambda_h^\ell \, ds = \int_{\Omega_\ell} f v_h^\ell \, dx \quad \forall v_h^\ell \in V_h^\ell \\
\int_{\Gamma_\ell} u_h^\ell \mu_h^\ell \, ds = \int_{\Gamma_\ell} \mu_h^\ell \varphi_h \, ds = 0 \quad \forall \mu_h^\ell \in \Lambda_h^\ell \\
\sum_{\ell} \int_{\Gamma_\ell} \lambda_h^\ell \psi_h \, ds = 0 \quad \forall \psi_h \in \Phi
\end{array} \right.
\end{align*}
\]

The existence, uniqueness and stability of the solution of (2.29) rely on the validity of suitable inf-sup conditions [BM94]. The discrete bilinear operators associated to the subdomain \( \Omega_\ell \) are represented on the previous nodal basis equations (2.25) to (2.27) by
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\[ A_\ell = (a_{i,j}^\ell), \quad a_{i,j}^\ell := a^\ell(u_{\ell,j}, u_{\ell,i}) \]
\[ B_\ell = (b_{i,j}^\ell), \quad b_{i,j}^\ell := \int_{\Gamma_\ell} u_{\ell,j}\lambda_{\ell,i} \, ds \]
\[ C_\ell = (c_{i,j}^\ell), \quad c_{i,j}^\ell := \int_{\Gamma_\ell} \varphi_j\lambda_{\ell,i} \, ds \]

and the discrete bilinear operators globally defined on \( \Omega \) are given by

\[ A = \begin{pmatrix} A_1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & A_L \end{pmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} B_1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ B_L \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{and} \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} C_1, C_2, \ldots, C_L \end{bmatrix}. \]

(2.30)

In view of this notation, the linear system arising from (2.29) reads as follows

\[
\begin{pmatrix} A & B^T & 0 \\ B & 0 & C^T \\ 0 & C & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_h \\ \lambda_h \\ \varphi_h \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} f_h \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}
\]

(2.31)

where \( u_h, \lambda_h \) and \( \varphi_h \) are the vectors of the coefficients of \( u_h, \lambda_h \) and \( \varphi_h \) in the bases chosen for \( V_h, \Lambda_h \) and \( \Phi_h \) respectively.

2.3.2 Convergence Analysis

We present in Figure 2.3 the convergence analysis of the three-field method described above by choosing the analytic solution \( g = \sin(\pi x) \cos(\pi y) \) in two-dimensional space. We plot the relative \( L^2 \) error \( \| u - u_h \|_{L^2} \) as a function of the characteristic mesh size \( h \) for different polynomial orders from \( P_1 \) to \( P_4 \).

\[ \begin{align*}
10^{-2} & \quad 10^{-4} \\
10^{-6} & \quad 10^{-8} \\
10^{-10} & \quad 10^{-12} \\ \h & \quad 10^{-1} \\
\end{align*} \]

\[ \text{Figure 2.3 : Convergence analysis for three-field Method in 2D} \]

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The Figure 2.3 shows that our framework confirms the best convergence properties expected by the theoretical results. The implementation and the numerical experiments of the three-field formulation described in this section are available respectively in section 7.2 and in section 9.2.
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2.4 Feti Method

The Finite Element Tearing and Interconnecting (FETI) method, introduced by Francois-Xavier Roux in [FR91], is a nonoverlapping domain decomposition method using Lagrange multipliers to ensure the continuity of the finite element solution across the subdomain interfaces. Originally, this method was used to solve second order, self-adjoint elliptic equations and it was later been extended to many other problems, e.g., time-dependent problems [FCM95]. In the remainder of this section, we refer to [Ste99, Chapter 5].

2.4.1 Feti Algorithm

We consider the Poisson equation with dirichlet and Neumann boundary conditions

\[
\begin{cases}
  -\Delta u = f & \text{in } \Omega \\
  u = 0 & \text{on } \partial\Omega_D \\
  \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} = 0 & \text{on } \partial\Omega_N
\end{cases}
\]

(2.32)

The finite element mesh is partitioned along mesh lines into \( L \) nonoverlapping subdomains \( \Omega_i \subset \Omega, \ i = 1, \ldots, L \). Since the finite element mesh is conforming, the boundary nodes of the subdomains match across the interface. A subdomain \( \Omega_i \) is said to be floating if \( \partial\Omega_i \cap \partial\Omega_D = \emptyset \), and nonfloating otherwise. Because of the Neumann boundary conditions, the local problems are indefinite in floating subdomains.

For each \( \Omega_i \), let \( K_i \) and \( \hat{f}_i \) be the local stiffness matrix and right hand side, respectively. As in other substructuring methods, the first step of the FETI method consists in eliminating the interior subdomain variables. If \( K_i \) is written using blocks obtained by ordering the interior nodes first, and the boundary nodes last, then

\[
K_i = \begin{pmatrix}
K_{II,i} & K_{IB,i} \\
K_{BI,i} & K_{BB,i}
\end{pmatrix}
\]

(2.33)

where \( K_{BI,i} \) is the transpose matrix of \( K_{IB,i} \). Similarly,

\[
\hat{f}_i = \begin{pmatrix}
\hat{f}_{I,i} \\
\hat{f}_{B,i}
\end{pmatrix}
\]

The Schur complement matrix \( S^{(i)} \) and the corresponding right hand side \( f_i \) are given by

\[
S^{(i)} = K_{BB,i} - K_{BI,i}K_{II,i}^{-1}K_{IB,i}, \quad f_i = \hat{f}_{B,i} - K_{BI,i}K_{II,i}^{-1}\hat{f}_{I,i}
\]

Let \( S = \text{diag}_i S^{(i)} \) be a block--diagonal matrix, and let \( f \) be the vector \([f_1, \ldots, f_L]\). We denote by \( u_i \) the vector of nodal values on \( \partial\Omega_i \) and by \( u \) the vector \([u_1, \ldots, u_L]\).
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If \( \Omega_i \) is floating subdomain, then \( S^{(i)} \) is a singular matrix and its kernel is generated by a vector \( Z_i \) which is equal to 1 at the nodes of \( \partial \Omega_i \) and vanishes at all the other interface nodes. Let \( Z \) consisting of all the column vectors \( Z_i \). Then

\[
\text{Ker} S = \text{Range} Z. \tag{2.34}
\]

Let \( B \) be the matrix of constraints which measures the jump of a given vector \( u \) across the interface; \( B \) will also be referred to as the Lagrange multiplier matrix. Each row of the matrix \( B \) is associated to two matching nodes across the interface, and has values 1 and \(-1\), respectively at the two nodes, and zero entries everywhere else. A finite element function with corresponding vector values \( u \) is continuous if and only if \( Bu = 0 \).

For a method without redundant constraints and multipliers, the number of pointwise continuity conditions required at crosspoints, i.e., the points that belong to the closure of more than two subdomains, and therefore the number of corresponding rows in the matrix \( B \), is one less than the number of the subdomains meeting at the crosspoint. There exist several different ways of choosing which conditions to enforce at a crosspoint, all of them resulting in algorithms with similar properties. An alternative suggested in [RF97] is to connect all the degrees of freedom at the crosspoints by Lagrange multipliers and use a special scaling, resulting in a method with redundant multipliers.

Let \( W_i \) be the space of the degrees of freedom associated with \( \partial \Omega_i \setminus \partial \Omega_D \), and let \( W \) be the direct sum of all spaces \( W_i \). If \( U = \text{Range} B \) is the space of the Lagrange multipliers, then

\[
S : W \to W, \quad B : W \to U.
\]

By introducing Lagrange multipliers \( \lambda \) for the constraint \( Bu = 0 \), we obtain a saddle point Schur formulation of (2.32),

\[
Su + B^t \lambda = f \quad Bu = 0, \tag{2.35}
\]

where \( B^t \) denote the transpose of \( B \).

2.4.2 Algebraic Formulation

In the FETI method, the primal variable \( u \) is eliminated from (2.32) and the resulting equation for the dual variable \( \lambda \) is solved by a projected conjugate gradient method. We note that \( S \) is singular if there exists at least one floating subdomains among the subdomains \( \Omega_i, \ i = 1, \ldots, N \). Let \( S^\dagger : W \to W \) be the pseudo-inverse of \( S \), such that \( S^\dagger b \in \text{Range} S \), for any \( b \perp \text{Ker} S \). A solution for the first equation in (2.32) exists if and only if

\[
f - B^t \lambda \perp \text{Ker} S. \tag{2.36}
\]

If (2.36) is satisfied, then
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\[ u = S^\dagger (f - B^\dagger \lambda) + Z_\alpha, \]  

(2.37)

where \( Z_\alpha \) is an element of \( \text{Ker} S = \text{Range} Z \); see (2.34) to be determined. Let \( G = BZ \). Substituting (2.37) into the second equation in (2.35), it follows that

\[ BS^\dagger B^\dagger \lambda = BS^\dagger f + G_\alpha \]  

(2.38)

An important role in the FETI algorithm is played by \( V \subset U \) defined by \( V = \text{Ker} G^t \). In other words,

\[ V = \text{Ker} G^t \perp \text{Range} G = B\text{Range} Z = B\text{Ker} S. \]  

(2.39)

Let \( P = I - G(G^tG)^{-1}G^t \) be the projection onto \( V \). Since \( P(G_\alpha) = 0 \), if \( P \) is applied to (2.38), then

\[ PBS^\dagger B^\dagger \lambda = PBS^\dagger f. \]  

(2.40)

From [Ste01], \( G^t G \) is nonsingular, by using the fact that

\[ \text{Ker} B \cap \text{Range} Z = \text{Ker} B \cap \text{Ker} S = \emptyset. \]

We now return to the necessary condition (2.36). From (2.34), we obtain that (2.36) is equivalent to \( f - B^\dagger \lambda \perp \text{Range} Z \), which leads to

\[ Z^t (f - B^\dagger \lambda) = 0, \]

and therefore to

\[ G^t \lambda = Z^t f. \]  

(2.41)

Let \( F = BS^\dagger B^\dagger, d = BS^\dagger f, \) and \( e = Z^t f \). We concluded that we have to solve the dual problem (2.40) for \( \lambda \), subject to the constraint (2.41); with the new notations,

\[
\begin{align*}
P F \lambda & = P d; \quad (2.42) \\
G^t \lambda & = e \quad (2.43)
\end{align*}
\]

After that an approximate solution for \( \lambda \) is found, the primal variable \( u \) can be obtained as follows: Solving for \( \alpha \) in (2.38),

\[ \alpha = (G^t G)^{-1} G^t (F \lambda - d). \]
Then $u$ can be obtained from (2.37) after solving a Neumann or a mixed boundary problem on each floating and nonfloating subdomain, respectively, corresponding to a vector multiplication by $S^\dagger$.

The main part of the FETI algorithm consists of solving (2.42) for the dual variable $\lambda$, which is done by a projected conjugate gradient (PCG) method. Since $\lambda$ must also satisfy the constraint (2.43), let

$$\lambda_0 = G(G^tG)^{-1}e$$

(2.44)

be the initial approximation. Then $G^t\lambda_0 = e$ and $\lambda - \lambda_0 \in \text{Ker}G^t = V$. If all the increments $\lambda_k - \lambda_{k-1}$, i.e. the search directions, are in $V$, then (2.43) will be satisfied.

One possible preconditioner for (2.42) is of the form $PM$, where

$$M = BSB^t.$$ (2.45)

When a vector multiplication by $M$ is performed, $N$ independent Dirichlet problems have to be solved at each iteration step. Therefore, $M$ is known as the Dirichlet preconditioner. We note that the Schur complement matrix $S$ is never computed explicitly, since only the action of $S$ on a vector is needed.

From [MT96], the condition number of this FETI method has a condition number which grows polylogarithmically with the number of nodes in each subdomain,

$$\kappa(PMPF) \leq C\left(1 + \log\left(\frac{H}{h}\right)\right)^3,$$

where $C$ is a positive constant independent of $h$, $H$. If there are no crosspoints in the partition of $\Omega$, then the bound improves to $(1 + \log(H/h))^2$.

We reminded the classical FETI method in this section. In the remainder of this thesis, this method will not be subject of an advanced survey. See [Jol14] for more details on FETI method and its implementation in Feel++.

**2.5 Conclusion**

We conducted in this chapter a generic review of domain decomposition methods. We review various domain decomposition methods including overlapping domain decomposition methods (Schwarz methods) and substructuring domain decomposition methods (mortar element method, three-field method and FETI method). The theoretical investigation presented in this chapter, except for FETI method, will be followed by implementation aspects and numerical simulations in the next chapters.
Chapter 3

Mortar Element Method with Constrained Space in 2D

This chapter investigates the mortar finite element method with constrained space [BMP93a]. The basic notations, functional settings and the description of the mortar method are given. Some technical tools required in the construction and analysis of the substructuring preconditioners [Ber+14] are recalled.


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3.1 Model Problem

We focus, for simplicity, on the following simple model problem, even if the results of this work can be easily extended to a more general situation. Let \( \Omega \in \mathbb{R}^2 \) be a polygonal domain and a given \( f \in L^2(\Omega) \); then we find \( u \) satisfying

\[
- \sum_{i,j=1}^{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left( a_{ij}(x) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \right) = f \quad \text{in} \quad \Omega, \quad u = 0 \quad \text{on} \quad \partial \Omega. \tag{3.1}
\]

We assume that for almost all \( x \in \Omega \) the matrix \( a(x) = (a_{ij}(x))_{i,j=1,2} \) is symmetric positive definite, with smallest eigenvalue \( \lambda_{\text{min}} \) and largest eigenvalue \( \lambda_{\text{max}} \) satisfying

\[
\lambda_{\text{min}} \geq \alpha > 0, \quad \lambda_{\text{max}} \leq \alpha', \quad \alpha, \alpha' \text{ independent of } x.
\]

In order to discretize the above problem we start by considering a decomposition of \( \Omega \) as the union of \( L \) subdomains \( \Omega_\ell \),

\[
\Omega = \bigcup_{\ell=1,...,L} \Omega_\ell. \tag{3.2}
\]

which, for simplicity, we assume to be quadrangles.

In the following we will employ the notation \( A \lesssim B \) (resp. \( A \gtrsim B \)) to say that the quantity \( A \) is bounded from above (resp. from below) by \( cB \), with a constant \( c \) independent of \( \ell \), of the \( H_\ell \)'s, the diameter of the subdomain \( \Omega_\ell \), as well as of any mesh size parameter and of the polynomial degree \( p_\ell \). The expression \( A \simeq B \) will stand for \( A \lesssim B \lesssim A \).

We assume that each subdomain \( \Omega_\ell \) satisfies the following assumption : there exists orientation preserving bilinear mappings \( B_\ell : [0,1]^2 \rightarrow \Omega_\ell \) such that there exist a constant \( H_\ell \) with

\[
H_\ell^{-1} |J(B_\ell)| \lesssim 1, \quad H_\ell |J(B_\ell^{-1})| \lesssim 1
\]

where \( J \) denotes the Jacobian matrix and where \( H_\ell \) is the diameter of the subdomain \( \Omega_\ell \).

We set

\[
\Gamma_\ell = \partial \Omega_n \cap \partial \Omega_\ell, \quad S = \bigcup \Gamma_\ell
\]

and we denote by \( \gamma_\ell^{(i)} (i = 1, \ldots, 4) \) the \( i \)-th side of the \( \ell \)-th domain :

\[
\partial \Omega_\ell = \bigcup_{i=1}^{4} \gamma_\ell^{(i)}.
\]
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For each subdomain \( \Omega_{\ell} \), let \( x_{\ell}^i , i = 1, \ldots, 4 \) be the vertices of the subdomain, which we assume to be ordered consecutively, so that each segment \( \gamma_{\ell}^{(i)} = [x_{\ell}^i , x_{\ell}^{i+1}] \) (for notational simplicity we also introduce the notation \( x_5 = x_1 \)).

Here we deal with the case of a geometrically conforming decomposition: each edge \( \gamma_{\ell}^{(i)} \) coincides with \( \Gamma_{\ell n} \) for some \( n \).

3.2 Functional Spaces

Let us at first introduce the necessary functional setting. For \( \hat{\Omega} \) any domain in \( \mathbb{R}^d \), \( d = 1, 2 \) we introduce the following unscaled norms and seminorms (with \( 0 < s < 1 \)):

\[
\| \hat{u} \|_{0, \hat{\Omega}}^2 = \int_{\hat{\Omega}} |\hat{u}|^2, \quad |\hat{u}|_{1, \hat{\Omega}}^2 = \int_{\hat{\Omega}} |\nabla u|^2, \quad |\hat{u}|_{s, \hat{\Omega}} = \int_{\hat{\Omega}} dx \int_{\hat{\Omega}} dy \frac{|\hat{u}(x) - \hat{u}(y)|^2}{|x-y|^{d+2s}}.
\]

We then introduce the following suitably scaled norms and seminorms: for two-dimensional entities

\[
\| u \|_{H^s(\Omega_{\ell})}^2 = H_{\ell}^{-2} \int_{\Omega_{\ell}} |u|^2 dx + \int_{\Omega_{\ell}} |\nabla u|^2 dx, \quad |u|_{H^1(\Omega_{\ell})}^2 = \int_{\Omega_{\ell}} |\nabla u|^2 dx, \quad (3.4)
\]

and for one dimensional entities

\[
|\eta|_{H^s(\partial\Omega_{\ell})}^2 = H_{\ell}^{2s-1} \int_{\partial\Omega_{\ell}} \int_{\partial\Omega_{\ell}} \frac{|\eta(x) - \eta(y)|^2}{|x-y|^{2s+1}} dx dy, \quad s \in (0, 1) \quad (3.5)
\]

\[
\| \eta \|_{H^s(\partial\Omega_{\ell})}^2 = |\eta|_{H^s(\partial\Omega_{\ell})}^2 + H_{\ell}^{-1} \int_{\partial\Omega_{\ell}} |\eta|^2 ds, \quad s \in (0, 1). \quad (3.6)
\]

Remark that the above norms are defined in such a way that they are scaling invariant, that is they are preserved when \( \Omega_{\ell} \) is rescaled to the reference domain \([0, 1]^2\).

In the following for \( \gamma_{\ell}^{(i)} \) edge of \( \Omega_{\ell} \) we will also make explicit use of the spaces \( H_0^s(\gamma_{\ell}^{(i)}) \) and \( H^{1/2}_0(\gamma_{\ell}^{(i)}) \), which are defined as the subspaces of those functions \( \eta \) of \( H^s(\gamma_{\ell}^{(i)}) \) (resp. \( H^{1/2}(\gamma_{\ell}^{(i)}) \)) such that the function \( \hat{\eta} \) defined as \( \hat{\eta} = \eta \) on \( \gamma_{\ell}^{(i)} \) and \( \hat{\eta} = 0 \) on \( \partial\Omega \setminus \gamma_{\ell}^{(i)} \) belongs to \( H^s(\partial\Omega) \) (resp. to \( H^{1/2}(\partial\Omega) \)). The spaces \( H_0^s(\gamma_{\ell}^{(i)}) \) and \( H^{1/2}_0(\gamma_{\ell}^{(i)}) \) are endowed with the norms

\[
\| \eta \|_{H_0^s(\gamma_{\ell}^{(i)})} = \| \hat{\eta} \|_{H^s(\gamma_{\ell}^{(i)})}, \quad \| \eta \|_{H^{1/2}_0(\gamma_{\ell}^{(i)})} = \| \hat{\eta} \|_{H^{1/2}(\gamma_{\ell}^{(i)})}.
\]

Let the spaces \( X \) and \( T \) be defined as
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\[ X = \prod_{\ell} \{ u_{\ell} \in H^1(\Omega_{\ell}) \mid u_{\ell} = 0 \text{ on } \partial \Omega \cap \partial \Omega_{\ell} \}, \quad T = \prod_{\ell} H^{1/2}(\partial \Omega_{\ell}), \quad (3.7) \]

where \( H^{1/2}(\Omega_{\ell}) \) is defined by

\[ H^{1/2}(\partial \Omega_{\ell}) = H^{1/2}(\partial \Omega_{\ell}) \quad \text{if } \partial \Omega_{\ell} \cap \partial \Omega = \emptyset \]

and

\[ H^{1/2}(\partial \Omega_{\ell}) = \{ \eta \in H^{1/2}(\partial \Omega_{\ell}), \eta|_{\partial \Omega_{\ell} \cap \partial \Omega} \equiv 0 \} \sim H^{1/2}_0(\partial \Omega_{\ell} \setminus \partial \Omega) \]

otherwise.

### 3.3 Discretizations

We consider for each \( \ell \) a family \( K_{\ell} \) of compatible quasi-uniform shape regular decompositions of \( \Omega_{\ell} \), each made of open elements \( K \) (triangular or quadrilateral) depending on a parameter \( h_{\ell} > 0 \). We let \( V_{h_{\ell}} \subset H^1(\Omega_{\ell}) \) be a finite element space defined on the decomposition \( K_{\ell} \) and satisfying an homogeneous boundary condition on \( \partial \Omega \cap \partial \Omega_{\ell} \). We assume that for some integers \( p_{\ell}, p'_{\ell} \) with \( 1 \leq p_{\ell} \leq p'_{\ell} \) we have

\[ V_{h_{\ell}} = \left\{ v \in C^0(\bar{\Omega}_{\ell}) \mid \text{s.t. } v|_K \in P_{p_{\ell}}(K), K \in K_{\ell} \right\} \cap H^1_0(\Omega_{\ell}), \]

where \( P_{p_{\ell}}(K) \) stands for the space of polynomials of degree at most \( p_{\ell} \). We set

\[ T^e_{h_{\ell}} = V^e_{h_{\ell}}|_{\partial \Omega_{\ell}}, \quad (3.8) \]

and, for each edge \( \gamma_{\ell}^{(i)} \) of the subdomain \( \Omega_{\ell} \), we define

\[ T^e_{\ell,i} = \left\{ \eta : \eta \text{ is the trace on } \gamma_{\ell}^{(i)} \text{ of some } u_{\ell} \in V^e_{h_{\ell}} \right\} \quad (3.9) \]

\[ T^0_{\ell,i} = \left\{ \eta \in T^e_{\ell,i} : \eta = 0 \text{ at the vertices of } \gamma_{\ell}^{(i)} \right\}. \quad (3.10) \]

Finally, we set

\[ X_h = \prod_{\ell=1}^L V^e_{h_{\ell}} \subset X, \quad T_h = \prod_{\ell=1}^L T^e_{h_{\ell}} \subset T. \quad (3.11) \]
On $X$ and $T$ we introduce the following broken norm and semi-norm:

$$\|u\|_{X} = \left( \sum_{\ell} \|u\|_{1,\Omega_{\ell}}^{2} \right)^{1/2}, \quad \|u\|_{X} = \left( \sum_{\ell} |u|_{1,\Omega_{\ell}}^{2} \right)^{1/2}, \quad (3.12)$$

$$\|\eta\|_{T} = \left( \sum_{\ell} \|\eta\|_{1/2,\partial\Omega_{\ell}}^{2} \right)^{1/2}, \quad |\eta|_{T} = \left( \sum_{\ell} |\eta|_{1/2,\partial\Omega_{\ell}}^{2} \right)^{1/2}. \quad (3.13)$$

The spaces considered satisfy classical direct and inverse inequalities, see e.g. [BS94; Can+06; Sch98]. In view of the scaling (3.4), the direct inequalities take the following form: for $0 \leq s < r \leq p_{\ell} + 1$

$$\inf_{\eta_{h} \in \mathcal{T}_{\ell,i}} |\eta - \eta_{h}|_{H^{s}(\gamma_{m})} \lesssim p_{\ell}^{2} \left( \frac{h_{\ell}}{H_{\ell}} \right)^{r-s} |\eta|_{H^{r}(\gamma_{m})} \quad \forall \eta \in H^{r}(\gamma_{m}) \quad (3.14)$$

while the inverse inequalities take the form for all $\eta \in \mathcal{T}_{\ell,i}$ and for all $s, r$ such that $0 \leq s < r \leq 1$

$$\|\eta\|_{H^{r}(\gamma_{m})} \lesssim p_{\ell}^{2(r-s)} \left( \frac{h_{\ell}}{H_{\ell}} \right)^{s-r} \|\eta\|_{H^{s}(\gamma_{m})}, \quad |\eta|_{H^{r}(\gamma_{m})} \lesssim p_{\ell}^{2(r-s)} \left( \frac{h_{\ell}}{H_{\ell}} \right)^{s-r} |\eta|_{H^{s}(\gamma_{m})}, \quad (3.16)$$

and for all $\eta \in \mathcal{T}_{0,i}$ and for all $s, r \neq 1/2$ such that $0 \leq s < r \leq 1$

$$\|\eta\|_{H_{0}^{s}(\gamma_{m})} \lesssim p_{\ell}^{2(r-s)} \left( \frac{h_{\ell}}{H_{\ell}} \right)^{s-r} \|\eta\|_{H_{0}^{s}(\gamma_{m})}, \quad |\eta|_{H_{0}^{s}(\gamma_{m})} \lesssim p_{\ell}^{2(r-s)} \left( \frac{h_{\ell}}{H_{\ell}} \right)^{s-r} |\eta|_{H_{0}^{s}(\gamma_{m})}, \quad (3.17)$$

once again with constants independent of $r, s$. For $s = 1/2$ or $r = 1/2$ (3.17) holds with $H_{0}^{s}$ (resp. $H_{0}^{1/2}$) replaced by $H_{0}^{1/2}$.

In the following it will be convenient to introduce the following notation:

$$H = H_{\ell^{*}}, \quad h = h_{\ell^{*}}, \quad p = p_{\ell^{*}}$$

with

$$\ell^{*} = \arg \max_{\ell} \frac{H_{\ell}p_{\ell}^{2}}{h_{\ell}}, \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{p} = \max_{\ell} p_{\ell}. \quad (3.18)$$
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3.4 Classical Bounds

With the chosen scaling, several classical bounds hold with constants independent of $H_\ell$. In particular we have:

**Trace bound**

For all $u \in H^1(\Omega_\ell)$ we have, see [LM72]
\[
\|u\|_{H^{1/2}(\partial\Omega_\ell)} \lesssim \|u\|_{H^1(\Omega_\ell)}, \quad |u|_{H^{1/2}(\partial\Omega_\ell)} \lesssim |u|_{H^1(\Omega_\ell)}.
\] (3.18)

**Injection of $H^s$ in $L^\infty$ for $s > 1/2$**

For all $\eta \in H^s(\gamma)$, $s > 1/2$, $\gamma$ being either $\gamma_\ell^{(i)}$ or $\partial\Omega_\ell$,
\[
\|\eta\|_{L^\infty(\gamma)} \lesssim \frac{1}{\sqrt{2s-1}}\|\eta\|_{H^s(\gamma)}.
\] (3.19)

**Poincaré type inequalities**

for all $\eta \in H^s_0(\gamma_\ell^{(i)})$ it holds that
\[
\|\eta\|_{H^s(\gamma_\ell^{(i)})} \lesssim |\eta|_{H^s_0(\gamma_\ell^{(i)})}
\] (3.20)

and for all $\eta$ with $\int_\gamma \eta = 0$, $\gamma$ being either $\gamma_\ell^{(i)}$ or $\partial\Omega_\ell$, it holds that
\[
\|\eta\|_{H^s(\gamma)} \lesssim |\eta|_{H^s(\gamma)}.
\] (3.21)

**Injection of $H^s$ in $H^s_0$ for $s < 1/2$**

We recall that for $s < 1/2$ the spaces $H^s(\gamma_\ell^{(i)})$ and $H^s_0(\gamma_\ell^{(i)})$ coincide as sets and have equivalent norms. However, the constants in the norm equivalence goes to infinity as $s$ tends to $1/2$. For all $\varphi \in H^s(\gamma_\ell^{(i)})$ the following bound can be shown, see [BF11]: for $\beta \in \mathbb{R}$ arbitrary it holds that
\[
|\varphi|_{H^s_0(\gamma_\ell^{(i)})} \lesssim \frac{1}{1/2-s}\|\varphi - \beta\|_{H^{1/2}(\gamma_\ell^{(i)})} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{1/2-s}}|\beta|.
\] (3.22)

If $\varphi$ is linear, the bound (3.22) can be improved to
\[
|\varphi|_{H^s_0(\gamma_\ell^{(i)})} \lesssim \frac{1}{\sqrt{1/2-s}}(\|\varphi - \beta\|_{H^{1/2}(\gamma_\ell^{(i)})} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{1/2-s}}|\beta|).
\] (3.23)
Technical tools

We now revise some technical tools that will be required in the construction and analysis of our preconditioner. We observe the following result, that corresponds to the $hp$-version of [Ber03, Lemma 3.1] and of [BPS86, Lemma 3.4], see e.g. [GC96] for the proof.

**Lemma 3.4.1.** The following bounds hold:

- for all $\xi \in T_h^\ell$ and $\gamma$ being either $\gamma^{(i)}_\ell$ or $\partial\Omega_\ell$, it holds

\[
\|\xi\|_{L^\infty(\gamma)}^2 \lesssim \left( 1 + \log \left( \frac{H_0 p_h^2}{h_\ell} \right) \right) \|\xi\|_{H^{1/2}(\gamma)}^2.
\] (3.24)

- for all $\xi \in T_h^\ell$ such that $\xi(P) = 0$ for some $P \in \gamma$, $\gamma$ being either $\gamma^{(i)}_\ell$ or $\partial\Omega_\ell$, it holds

\[
\|\xi\|_{L^\infty(\gamma)}^2 \lesssim \left( 1 + \log \left( \frac{H_0 p_h^2}{h_\ell} \right) \right) |\xi|_{H^{1/2}(\gamma)}^2.
\] (3.25)

- for all $\xi \in T_h^\ell$, letting $x_\ell^i$ and $x_\ell^{i+1}$ denote the two extrema of the segment $\gamma^{(i)}_\ell$, we have

\[
(\xi(x_\ell^i) - \xi(x_\ell^{i+1}))^2 \lesssim \left( 1 + \log \left( \frac{H_0 p_h^2}{h_\ell} \right) \right) |\xi|_{H^{1/2}(\gamma^{(i)}_\ell)}^2.
\] (3.26)

- for all $\xi \in T_{\ell,i}^0$ it holds

\[
\|\xi\|_{H^{1/2}_{00}(\gamma^{(i)}_\ell)}^2 \lesssim \left( 1 + \log \left( \frac{H_0 p_h^2}{h_\ell} \right) \right)^2 |\xi|_{H^{1/2}(\gamma^{(i)}_\ell)}^2.
\] (3.27)

- for all $\zeta_L \in H^{1/2}(\partial\Omega_\ell)$, $\zeta_L$ linear on each edge of $\Omega_\ell$, we have

\[
|\zeta_L|_{H^{1/2}(\partial\Omega_\ell)}^2 \lesssim \sum_{i=1}^4 (\zeta_L(x_\ell^i) - \zeta_L(x_\ell^{i+1}))^2.
\] (3.28)

The following result is a generalization to the $h$-$p$ version of Lemmas 3.2, 3.4 and 3.5 of [BPS86].

**Lemma 3.4.2.** Let $\xi \in T_h^\ell$ such that $\xi(x_\ell^i) = 0$, $i = 1, \ldots, 4$, and let $\zeta_L \in H^{1/2}(\partial\Omega_\ell)$, $\zeta_L$ linear on each edge of $\Omega_\ell$. Then it holds

\[
\sum_{i=1}^4 \|\xi\|_{H^{1/2}_{00}(\gamma^{(i)}_\ell)}^2 \lesssim \left( 1 + \log \left( \frac{H_0 p_h^2}{h_\ell} \right) \right)^2 \|\xi + \zeta_L\|_{H^{1/2}(\partial\Omega_\ell)}^2.
\] (3.29)
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Lemma 3.4.3. Let $\sigma : \mathbb{R}^L \times \mathbb{R}^L \to \mathbb{R}$ be defined as

$$\sigma(\alpha, \beta) = \sum_{\ell,n; |\Gamma_{\ell n}| > 0} (\alpha_\ell - \alpha_n)(\beta_\ell - \beta_n). \quad (3.30)$$

For $\eta \in T$ let $\bar{\eta}$ be defined by

$$\bar{\eta} = (\bar{\eta}_\ell)_{\ell=1}^{\ldots,L}, \quad \bar{\eta}^\ell = |\partial \Omega_\ell|^{-1} \int_{\Omega_\ell} \eta^\ell \quad (3.31)$$

Then, if $\eta \in T$ verifies

$$\int_{\gamma_m} [\eta] = 0, \quad \forall m = (\ell, i) \in I, \quad (3.32)$$

we have

$$\sigma(\bar{\eta}, \bar{\eta}) \lesssim \left( 1 + \log \left( \frac{H_p^2}{h} \right) \right) |\eta|_T^2. \quad (3.33)$$

See section E in Appendices for the proof of Lemma 3.4.3.

3.5 Mortar Problem

Let $a_X : X \times X \to \mathbb{R}$ be a composite bilinear form defined as follows:

$$a_X(u, v) = \sum_{\ell} \int_{\Omega_\ell} \sum_{i,j} a_{ij}(x) \frac{\partial u_\ell}{\partial x_i} \frac{\partial v_\ell}{\partial x_j} \, dx. \quad (3.34)$$

The bilinear form $a_X$ is clearly not coercive on $X$. In order to obtain a well posed problem, we will consider proper subspaces of $X$, consisting of functions satisfying a suitable weak continuity constraint.

According to the mortar method, for defining such weak continuity constraint, we start by choosing for each segment $\Gamma_{\ell,\ell'} = \gamma_{(i)}^{(i)} = \gamma_{(i')}^{(i')}$, one side (for example $\ell$) to be the master side, while the other side to be the ‘multiplier side” (in the usual terminology these are called “non mortars” or “slave sides”). More precisely, we choose an index set $I \subset \{1, \ldots, L\} \times \{1, \ldots, 4\}$ such that,

$$S = \bigcup_{(\ell, i) \in I} \gamma_{(i)}^{(i)}, \quad (\ell_1, i_1), (\ell_2, i_2) \in I, \quad (\ell_1, i_1) \neq (\ell_2, i_2) \implies \gamma_{(i_1)}^{(i_1)} \cap \gamma_{(i_2)}^{(i_2)} = \emptyset. \quad (3.35)$$

Furthermore we will denote by $I^* \subset \{1, \ldots, L\} \times \{1, \ldots, 4\}$ the index-set corresponding to “trace sides” (“mortars” or “master sides” in the usual terminology), which is defined in such a way that $I^* \cap I = \emptyset$ and $S = \bigcup_{(\ell, i) \in I^*} \gamma_{(i)}^{(i)}$. 

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For each \( m = (\ell, i) \in I \), let \( a_0 = x_\ell^i < a_1 < \ldots < a_{M-1} < a_M = x_\ell^{i+1} \) denotes the one dimensional mesh induced on \( \gamma_m \) by the two dimensional mesh \( K_\ell \). Let \( e_i = (a_{i-1}, a_i) \) and let the finite dimensional multiplier space \( M^m_h \) on \( \gamma_m \), be defined as

\[
M^m_h = \{ v \in C^0(\gamma_m), \ v|_{e_i} \in P_{pr}(e_i), i \neq 1, M, \ v|_{e_1} \in P_{pr-1}(e_1), \ v|_{e_M} \in P_{pr-1}(e_M) \}. \tag{3.36}
\]

Remark that \( \dim(M^m_h) = \dim(T^0_m) \).

We set :

\[
M_h = \{ \eta \in H^{-1/2}(S), \ \forall m \in I \ \eta|_{\gamma_m} \in M^m_h \} \sim \prod_{m \in I} M_m. \tag{3.37}
\]

The constrained approximation and trace spaces \( X_h \) and \( T_h \) are then defined as follows :

\[
X_h = \{ v_h \in X_h, \int_S [v_h]\lambda \ ds = 0, \ \forall \lambda \in M_h \} \tag{3.38}
\]

\[
T_h = \{ \eta \in T_h, \int_S [\eta]\lambda \ ds = 0, \ \forall \lambda \in M_h \}. \tag{3.39}
\]

where, on \( \gamma^{(i)}_\ell = \gamma^{(j)}_\ell, (\ell, i) \in I \), we set \( [\eta] = \eta_\ell - \eta_n \).

We can now introduce the following discrete problem :

**Problem 3.5.1.** Find \( u_h \in X_h \) such that for all \( v_h \in X_h \)

\[
a_X(u_h, v_h) = \int_\Omega f v_h \ dx. \tag{3.40}
\]

It is known that Problem 3.5.1 admits a unique solution \( u_h \) which satisfies the following error estimate, see [BSS00].

**Theorem 3.5.1.** Assume that the exact solution \( u \in H^1(\Omega) \) of the problem 3.5.1 is such that \( u_h \in H^{\tau_\ell}(\Omega_\ell) \), \( \tau_\ell \geq 1 \). Then, for any \( \varepsilon > 0 \) there exists \( C(\varepsilon) > 0 \) such that the solution \( u_h \) of (3.1) satisfies

\[
\|u - u_h\|_X \leq C(\varepsilon) \sum_{\ell=1}^L \frac{h^{p_\ell - 1}}{p_\ell^{\tau_\ell - 1} \tau_\ell^{p_\ell}} \left( \|u_h\|_{H^{\tau_\ell}(\Omega_\ell)} + \|f_\ell\|_{L^2(\Omega_\ell)} \right)
\]

where \( \eta_\ell = \min(\tau_\ell, p_\ell + 1) \).
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3.6 Mortar Correction Operator

For all $m = (\ell, i) \in I$ (\(\gamma^{(i)}_{\ell}\) slave side), we let $\pi_m : L^2(\gamma_m) \to T^0_m$ be the bounded projector defined as

$$\int_{\gamma_m} (\eta - \pi_m \eta) \lambda = 0, \quad \forall \lambda \in M_m. \quad (3.41)$$

The projection $\pi_m$ is well defined and satisfies (see [SS00; SS98])

**Theorem 3.6.1.** For $m = (\ell, i) \in I$ it holds:

$$\|\pi_m \eta\|_{L^2(\gamma_m)} \lesssim p^\frac{1}{2}_\ell \|\eta\|_{L^2(\gamma_m)} \quad \forall \eta \in L^2(\gamma_m) \quad (3.42)$$

$$\|\pi_m \eta\|_{H^1(\gamma_m)} \lesssim p^\frac{1}{4}_\ell \|\eta\|_{H^1(\gamma_m)} \quad \forall \eta \in H^1_0(\gamma_m). \quad (3.43)$$

**Remark 3.6.2.** The problem of whether (3.42) and (3.43) are optimal was studied in [SS98], where, through an eigenvalue analysis the dependence on $p$ to the power $1/2$ and $1$ of the norm of the projector appearing in (3.42) and (3.43) were confirmed. This dependence does not seem to affect the asymptotic rate of the error, which, as observed in [SS98] seems to be only slightly suboptimal (loss of a factor $C(\varepsilon)p^\varepsilon$ for $\varepsilon$ arbitrarily small). In [BSS00] this good behavior of the error was proven, for sufficiently smooth solutions, thanks to an interpolation argument.

By space interpolation and using the Poincaré inequality we immediately get the following corollary

**Corollary 3.6.3.** For all $0 < s < 1$, $s \neq 1/2$, for all $\eta \in H^s_0(\gamma_m)$ we have

$$|\pi_m \eta|_{H^s_0(\gamma_m)} \lesssim p^\frac{1+s}{4}_\ell |\eta|_{H^s_0(\gamma_m)}, \quad (3.44)$$

uniformly in $s$. For all $\eta \in H^{1/2}_{00}(\gamma_m)$ we have

$$|\pi_m \eta|_{H^{1/2}_{00}(\gamma_m)} \lesssim p^\frac{3}{4}_\ell |\eta|_{H^{1/2}_{00}(\gamma_m)}. \quad (3.45)$$

We now define a global linear operator

$$\pi_h : \prod_{\ell=1}^L L^2(\partial \Omega_\ell) \longrightarrow \prod_{\ell=1}^L L^2(\partial \Omega_\ell)$$

as follows: for $\eta = (\eta_\ell)_{\ell=1,\ldots,L} \in \Pi L^2(\partial \Omega_\ell)$, we set $\pi_h(\eta) = (\eta^*_\ell)_{\ell=1,\ldots,L}$, where $\eta^*_\ell \in T^h_\ell$ is defined on multiplier sides as $\pi_m$ applied to the jump of $\eta$, while it is set identically zero on trace sides and on the external boundary $\partial \Omega$ : on $\gamma_m = \gamma^{(i)}_{\ell} = \gamma^{(j)}_{n}, (\ell, i) \in I, (n, j) \in I^* (\ell$ slave side)

$$\eta^*_\ell|_{\gamma_m} = \pi_m([\eta]|_{\gamma_m}), \quad \eta^*_n|_{\gamma_m} = 0,$$

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and for all $\ell$

$$\eta^*_\ell = 0 \text{ on } \partial \Omega_\ell \cap \partial \Omega.$$ 

The following bound holds

**Lemma 3.6.4.** For all $\eta = (\eta_\ell)_{\ell=1,\ldots,L} \in T$ and for all $\alpha = (\alpha_\ell)_{\ell=1,\ldots,L}$, $\alpha_\ell$ constant in $\Omega_\ell$, it holds

$$|(I_d - \pi_h)(\eta)|^2_T \lesssim \hat{p}^{3/2} \left( 1 + \log \left( \frac{Hp^2}{h} \right) \right)^2 \|\eta - \alpha\|_T^2 + \hat{p}^{3/2} \left( 1 + \log \left( \frac{Hp^2}{h} \right) \right) \sigma(\alpha, \alpha).$$

(3.46)

where we recall that the bilinear form $\sigma$ is defined in (3.30).

If, in addition, each $\eta_\ell$ is linear on each $\gamma_\ell^{(i)}$, then the bound can be improved to

$$|(I_d - \pi_h)(\eta)|^2_T \lesssim \hat{p}^{3/2} \left( 1 + \log \left( \frac{Hp^2}{h} \right) \right) (\|\eta - \alpha\|_T + \sigma(\alpha, \alpha)).$$

(3.47)

**Corollary 3.6.5.** Let $\eta \in T$ and let $\bar{\eta} = (\bar{\eta}_\ell)_{\ell=1,\ldots,L}$ be defined by (3.31). Then

$$|\pi_h(\eta)|^2_T \lesssim \hat{p}^{3/2} \left( 1 + \log \left( \frac{Hp^2}{h} \right) \right) \|\eta\|_T^2 + \hat{p}^{3/2} \left( 1 + \log \left( \frac{Hp^2}{h} \right) \right) \sigma(\bar{\eta}, \bar{\eta}).$$

See section E in Appendices for the proof of Lemma 3.6.4.

### 3.7 Convergence Analysis

We analyze the convergence properties of the mortar finite element method described in this chapter in accordance with the theoretical error estimations for finite element method [EG04; Can+06]. We report in Figure 3.1 and Figure 3.2 the $L^2$-norm error $\|u - u_h\|_{L^2}$ and $H^1$-norm error $\|u - u_h\|_{H^1}$ as a function of the characteristic mesh size $h$ in logarithmic axis for different Lagrange polynomial orders $p = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$. We conduct this convergence analysis by considering conforming domain decompositions (see Figure 3.1) and nonconforming domain decompositions (see Figure 3.2). The number of subdomains is equal to 64 fixed. The chosen analytical solution is $\sin(15\pi x) \sin(10\pi y)$.
3.1.1. P1 mortar FEM

3.1.2. P2 mortar FEM

3.1.3. P3 mortar FEM

3.1.4. P4 mortar FEM

3.1.5. P5 mortar FEM

**Figure 3.1**: Convergence analysis with conforming domain decompositions for $p = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$
3.2.1. P1 mortar FEM

3.2.2. P2 mortar FEM

3.2.3. P3 mortar FEM

3.2.4. P4 mortar FEM

3.2.5. P5 mortar FEM

**Figure 3.2**: Convergence analysis with nonconforming domain decompositions for $p = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$

The plots in Figure 3.1 and in Figure 3.2 show that the convergence properties ($L^2$ and $H^1$) of our mortar finite element framework are consistent with the finite element theoretical error estimations for both conforming and nonconforming domain decompositions. These
convergence results clearly indicate that this framework properly supports the linear finite elements and the high-order finite elements.

3.8 Conclusion

In this chapter, we studied the $h$-$p$ mortar element method with constrained space, previously introduced briefly in chapter 2. We reminded the mortar formulation including the functional settings, the discretization aspects and the mortar correction operator. As we recalled in chapter 2, the efficient preconditioners are essential for solving the linear system arising from this discretization. For this purpose, we revised in this chapter some technical tools that will be required in the construction and analysis of our proposed substructuring preconditioners which will be presented in chapter 4.

The theoretical results discussed in this chapter will be followed by the numerical implementation in chapter 6 and the numerical simulations supporting the mathematical properties in chapter 8. The scalability analysis including the speedup and the efficiency of the parallel algorithms will be also available in the same chapter.
The construction of the substructuring preconditioners for \( h-p \) mortar finite element method is analyzed. The substructuring approach, whose the main idea was proposed in [BP04] for the case of linear finite elements, is considered in section 4.1. Particular emphasis is placed on the vertex block of the preconditioners in section 4.2. The algebraic forms for the realization of the preconditioners and discrete Steklov-Poincaré operator are given in section 4.3.

La construction des préconditionneurs par sous-structuration pour la méthode des éléments finis \( h-p \) mortar est analysée. L’approche de sous-structuration, dont l’idée a été proposée dans [BP04] pour le cas des éléments finis linéaires est considérée dans la section 4.1. Une attention particulière est placée sur le bloc vertex des préconditionneurs dans la section 4.2. Les formes algébriques pour la réalisation des préconditionneurs et de l’opérateur Steklov-Poincaré discret sont données dans la section 4.3.

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In this chapter, we deal with the construction of preconditioners for the $h$-$p$ mortar finite element method. We start by considering the approach proposed in the framework of conforming domain decomposition by J.H. Bramble, J.E. Pasciak and A.H. Schatz [BPS86], which has already been extended to the $h$ version of the Mortar method by Achdou, Maday, Widlund [AMW99]. In doing this we will extend to the $h$-$p$ version some tools that are common to the analysis of a wide range of substructuring preconditioners. This approach consists in considering a suitable splitting of the nonconforming discretization space in terms of “interior”, “edge” and “vertex” degrees of freedom and then using the related block-Jacobi type preconditioners.

While the “interior” and the “edge” blocks can be treated essentially as in the conforming case, the treatment of the vertex block deserves some additional considerations.

In fact, a problem that, in our opinion, has not until now been tackled in a satisfactory way for the mortar method, is the design of the coarse vertex block of the preconditioner, which is responsible for the good scaling properties of the preconditioners considered. Indeed, when building preconditioners for the Mortar method we have to deal with the fact that the coarse space depends on the fine discretization, via the action of the “mortar projection operator”. Moreover, the design of such block is further complicated by the presence of multiple degrees of freedom at each cross point (we recall, in fact, that in the definition of the mortar method, continuity at cross points is not required). The solution considered in [AMW99] is to use as a coarse preconditioner the vertex block of the Schur complement. This is clearly not efficient, since it implies actually assembling at least a block of the Schur complement (which is a task that we would like to avoid) and, for a high number of subdomains, it is definitely not practically feasible. Here we propose two different coarse preconditioners. The first one is the vertex block of the Schur complement for a fixed auxiliary order one mesh with a small number of degrees of freedom per subdomain. This idea was presented in [BP04] for the case of linear finite elements. We combine it, here, with a suitable balancing between vertex and edge component, yielding a better estimate for the condition number of the preconditioned matrix. This alternative makes it possible to avoid the need of recomputing the coarse block of the preconditioner when refining the mesh. It still demands assembling a Schur complement matrix (though starting from a coarse mesh) and it is therefore quite expensive, at least when considering a large number of subdomains. In order to be able to tackle this kind of configuration, and obtain a feasible, scalable method even in a massively parallel environment we propose here, as a further alternative, to build the coarse preconditioner by giving up weak continuity and use, as a coarse preconditioner, a (non consistent) Discontinuous Galerkin type interior penalty method defined on the coarse mesh whose elements are the (quadrangular) subdomains. This approach turns out to be quite efficient even for a very large number of subdomains, as we show in the numerical tests section.

By applying the theoretical approach first presented in [Ber04], that allows to provide a much more general analysis than [BPS86; AMW99], we are able to prove, for both choices of the coarse preconditioner, a condition number bound for the preconditioned matrix of the
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\[ \text{Cond}(P^{-1}S) \lesssim p^{3/2}(1 + \log \left(\frac{Hp^2}{h}\right)^2) , \]

where $H$, $h$ and $p$ are the subdomain mesh-size, the fine mesh-size and the polynomial order respectively, see Corollary 4.2.2 and Theorem 4.2.5. The numerical experiments seem, however, to indicate that this bound might not be optimal. The condition number appears to behave in a polylogarithmic way, and there is no numerical evidence of the presence of the factor $p^{3/2}$. The same kind of behavior, loss of a power of $p$ in the theoretical estimate that does not appear in the numerical tests, was observed also for the first error estimates for the $h$-$p$ mortar method. Such estimate was then improved by applying an interpolation argument [BSS00] that, unfortunately, cannot be applied for the type of bound that we are considering.

The factor $p^{3/2}$ in the theoretical estimate derives from the boundedness estimates for the mortar projector, which were shown to be sharp in [SS98]. We observe that the norm of such projection operator also comes into play in the analysis of other preconditioners (like, for instance, the FETI method) so that a generalization of the related theoretical estimates to the $h$-$p$ version would also suffer of the loss of a factor $p^{3/2}$.

4.1 Substructuring Approach

The main idea of substructuring preconditioners consists in distinguishing three types of degrees of freedom: interior degrees of freedom (corresponding to basis functions vanishing on the skeleton and supported on one sub-domain), edge degrees of freedom, and vertex degrees of freedom. Then, we can split the functions $u \in X_h$ as the sum of three suitably defined components: $u = u^0 + u^E + u^V$ and, when expressed in a basis related to such a splitting, substructuring preconditioners can be written in a block diagonal form.

Consequently, given any discrete function $w = (w_\ell)_{\ell=1,...,L} \in X_h$ we can split it in a unique way as the sum of an interior function $w^0 \in X^0_h$ and a discrete lifting, performed subdomain-wise of its trace $\eta(w) = (w^\ell|_{\Gamma_\ell})_{\ell=1,...,L}$ which for notational simplicity we denote by $R_h(w)$ (rather than $R_h(\eta(w))$):

\[ w = w^0 + R_h(w), \quad w^0 \in X^0_h, \]

with $R_h(w) = (R_h^\ell(w_\ell))_{\ell=1,...,L}, R_h^\ell(w_\ell)$ being the unique element in $\mathcal{V}_h^\ell$ satisfying

\[ R_h^\ell(w_\ell) = w_\ell \text{ on } \Gamma_\ell, \quad a_\ell(R_h^\ell(w_\ell), v_\ell^\ell) = 0, \quad \forall v_\ell^\ell \in \mathcal{V}_h^\ell \cap H^1_0(\Omega_\ell). \]

Thus the spaces $X_h$ of unconstrained functions and $X_h$ of constrained functions can be split as direct sums of an interior and of a (respectively unconstrained or constrained) trace component:

\[ X_h = X^0_h \oplus R_h(T_h), \quad X_h = X^0_h \oplus R_h(T_h). \quad (4.1) \]
We can easily verify that $a_X : X_h \times X_h \to \mathbb{R}$ satisfies
\[
a_X(w, v) = a_X(u^0, v^0) + a_X(R_h(w), R_h(v)) := a_X(w^0, v^0) + s(\eta(w), \eta(v)),
\]
where the discrete Steklov-Poincaré operator $s : T_h \times T_h \to \mathbb{R}$ is defined by
\[
s(\xi, \eta) := \sum_\ell a_\ell(R^\ell_h(\xi), R^\ell_h(\eta)).
\]
Finally, it is well known that
\[
\|R^\ell_h(\eta)\|_{H^1(\Omega_\ell)} \simeq \|\eta\|_{1/2, \partial \Omega_\ell},
\]
see [BS94; SS00], whence
\[
\|R_h(\eta)\|_X \simeq \|\eta\|_T,
\]
\[
|R_h(\eta)|_X \simeq |\eta|_T.
\]
The following result for the Steklov–Poincaré operator follows easily from the definition of $s(\cdot, \cdot)$, the continuity and coercivity of $a_X(\cdot, \cdot)$ and (4.5).

**Corollary 4.1.1.** For all $\xi \in T_h$, it holds
\[
s(\xi, \xi) \simeq |\xi|_T^2.
\]

The problem of preconditioning the matrix $A$ associated to the discretization of $a_X$, reduces to finding good preconditioners for the matrices $A_0$ and $S$ corresponding respectively to the bilinear forms $a_X$ restricted to $X^0_h$ and $s$. Here we concentrate only on the discrete Steklov-Poincaré operator $s$ assuming to have good preconditioners for the stiffness matrix $A_0$.

We start by observing that the space of constrained skeleton functions $T_h$ can be further split as the sum of vertex and edge functions. More specifically, if we denote by $\mathcal{L}$ the space
\[
\mathcal{L} = \{(\eta_\ell)_{\ell=1,\ldots,L} : \eta_\ell \in C^0(\partial \Omega_\ell) \text{ is linear on each edge of } \Omega_\ell\},
\]
then we can define the space of constrained vertex functions as
\[
T^V_h = (I_d - \pi_h) \mathcal{L}.
\]
We observe that $\mathcal{L} \subset T_h$, which yields $T^V_h \subset T_h$.

We then introduce the space of constrained edge functions $T^E_h \subset T_h$ defined by
\[
T^E_h = \{\eta = (\eta_\ell)_{\ell=1,\ldots,L} \in T_h, \eta_\ell(x^\ell_i) = 0, i = 1, \ldots, 4\}
\]
and we can easily verify that
\[ \mathcal{T}_h = \mathcal{T}_h^V \oplus \mathcal{T}_h^E. \] (4.10)

Moreover it is quite simple to check that a function in \( \mathcal{T}_h^E \) is uniquely defined by its value on trace edges, the value on multiplier edges being forced by the constraint.

It will be useful in the following to introduce the linear interpolation operator \( \Lambda : T_h \to \mathcal{L} \) defined as
\[
\Lambda \eta = (\Lambda^\ell \eta)_{\ell=1,\ldots,L}, \quad \Lambda^\ell \eta(x^\ell_i) = \eta(x^\ell_i), \; i = 1, \ldots, 4.
\]
For \( \eta \in \mathcal{T}_h \) we observe that \( (1 - \pi_h)\Lambda \eta \in \mathcal{T}_h^V \) and \( \eta - (1 - \pi_h)\Lambda \eta \in \mathcal{T}_h^E \). The following Lemma holds [GC96].

**Lemma 4.1.2.** For all \( \eta = (\eta^\ell)_\ell \in T_h \), it holds
\[
|\Lambda \eta|_T^2 \lesssim \left( 1 + \log \left( \frac{H_p^2}{h} \right) \right) |\eta|_T^2, \quad \|\Lambda \eta\|_T^2 \lesssim \left( 1 + \log \left( \frac{H_p^2}{h} \right) \right) \|\eta\|_T^2. \tag{4.11}
\]

The preconditioner that we consider is built by introducing bilinear forms:
\[
b^E : \mathcal{T}_h^E \times \mathcal{T}_h^E \to \mathbb{R}, \quad b^V : \mathcal{T}_h^V \times \mathcal{T}_h^V \to \mathbb{R}.
\]

Let us start by introducing the bilinear form relative to the edges: for any trace side \( \gamma_{\ell,i} \), \( m = (\ell, i) \in I^* \), let \( b_{\ell,i} : T^0_{\ell,i} \times T^0_{\ell,i} \to \mathbb{R} \) be a symmetric bilinear form satisfying for all \( \eta \in T^0_{\ell,i} \)
\[
b_{\ell,i}(\eta, \eta) \simeq \|\eta\|_{H^{1/2}_0(\gamma_{\ell,i})}^2. \tag{4.12}
\]

Then, the edge block diagonal global bilinear form \( b^E : \mathcal{T}_h^E \times \mathcal{T}_h^E \to \mathbb{R} \) here considered is defined by
\[
b^E(\eta, \xi) = \sum_{(\ell,i) \in I^*} b_{\ell,i}(\eta^\ell, \xi^\ell). \tag{4.13}
\]

Applying Lemma 3.4.2 we easily get
\[
b^E(\eta^E, \eta^E) \lesssim \left( 1 + \log \left( \frac{H_p^2}{h} \right) \right)^2 s(\eta, \eta). \tag{4.14}
\]

Moreover, using the fact that \( \eta^E \) verifies the weak continuity constraint and that \( \eta^E \) vanishes at the cross points we immediately get that for \( m = (\ell, i) \in I \) and \( k = (n, k) \in I^* \), we have
\[
|\eta^E|_{H^{1/2}_0(\gamma^i)} = \pi_m(\eta^E_{\gamma^i}) \simeq \hat{p}^{3/2} |\eta^E|_{H^{1/2}_0(\gamma^i)}.
\]
which allows us to write
\[
|\eta^E|^2 \lesssim \sum_{m=(\ell,i) \in I^*} |\eta^E_{H^0(I)}|^2 \lesssim \hat{p}^{3/2} \sum_{m=(\ell,i) \in I^*} |\eta^E_{H^0(I)}|^2 \lesssim \hat{p}^{3/2} b_E(\eta^E, \eta^E).
\]
(4.15)

\[
\lesssim \hat{p}^{3/2} \sum_{m=(\ell,i) \in I^*} |\eta^E_{H^0(I)}|^2 \lesssim \hat{p}^{3/2} b_E(\eta^E, \eta^E).
\]
(4.16)

The construction of the vertex block of the preconditioner in the mortar method framework is not standard, since we need to take into account the weak continuity constraint. In the P1 framework Achdou [AMW99], Maday and Widlund propose to use
\[
b^V(\eta^V, \zeta^V) = s(\eta^V, \zeta^V).
\]
(4.17)

This choice immediately yields the bound
\[
s(\eta, \eta) \lesssim b^V(\eta^V, \eta^V) + \hat{p}^{3/2} b_E(\eta^E, \eta^E).
\]

Let us bound $b^V(\eta^V, \eta^V)$ in terms of $s(\eta, \eta)$. Let $\bar{\eta} = (\bar{\eta}_t)_{t=1,...,L}$ be defined as in (3.31). Using Lemma 3.6.4 (and in particular (3.47)) we can write
\[
b^V(\eta^V, \eta^V) \lesssim |(1 - \pi_h)\Lambda\eta|^2 \lesssim \hat{p}^{3/2} \left(1 + \log \left(\frac{H^2}{\hat{p}^2} h^2\right)\right) \left(\|\Lambda(\eta - \bar{\eta})\|_T^2 + \sigma(\bar{\eta}, \bar{\eta})\right).
\]

(4.19)

(where we used that $\Lambda\bar{\eta} = \bar{\eta}$). We now use a Poincaré inequality, Lemma 4.1.2 and Lemma 3.4.3, and obtain
\[
b^V(\eta^V, \eta^V) \lesssim \hat{p}^{3/2} \left(1 + \log \left(\frac{H^2}{\hat{p}^2} h^2\right)\right)^2 |\eta|^2_T.
\]

Then we have
\[
b^V(\eta^V, \eta^V) + \hat{p}^{3/2} b_E(\eta^E, \eta^E) \lesssim \hat{p}^{3/2} \left(1 + \log \left(\frac{H^2}{\hat{p}^2} h^2\right)\right)^2 s(\eta, \eta).
\]

This bound would suggest to choose, as a preconditioner for the matrix $S$, the matrix $P_0$ corresponding to the bilinear form
\[
s_0(\eta, \zeta) = b^V(\eta^V, \zeta^V) + \hat{p}^{3/2} b_E(\eta^E, \zeta^E).
\]

With this choice we would have the bound
\[
\text{Cond}(P_0^{-1}S) \lesssim \hat{p}^{3/2} \left(1 + \log \left(\frac{H^2}{\hat{p}^2} h^2\right)\right)^2.
\]
(4.18)
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4.2 Vertex Block of the Preconditioner

Building the vertex block of the preconditioner according to (4.17) for fine meshes turns out to be quite expensive, since it implies assembling at least a portion of the Schur complement matrix $S$. In the present section we propose two more efficient alternatives.

4.2.1 A Coarse Vertex Block Preconditioner

The first option that we considered is to build the vertex block of the preconditioner using a fixed auxiliary coarse mesh, independent of the space discretisation and of the polynomial degree. This idea was presented in [BP04] for the case of $P_1$ finite elements. We combine it here with a suitable balancing between vertex and edge component, yielding a better estimate for the condition number of the preconditioned matrix.

Let $n_c$ be a fixed small integer. We build coarse auxiliary quasi-uniform triangular meshes $K_\delta$ with mesh size $\delta \leq h_\ell = H_\ell \geq h$. We do not assume that $K_\delta$ and $K_h$ are nested. We define the coarse auxiliary $P_1$ discretization spaces $V_\delta \subset H^1(\Omega_\ell) \cap C^0(\bar{\Omega}_\ell)$ by

$$V_\delta = \{ v \in C^0(\bar{\Omega}_\ell) \text{ s.t. } v|_K \in P_1(K), \ K \in T_\delta \} \cap H^1_0(\Omega_\ell).$$

For each $m = (\ell, i) \in I$ we also consider the corresponding auxiliary multiplier space $M_\delta^m \subset L^2(\gamma_m)$, defined analogously to (3.36).

The spaces $X_\delta$, $M_\delta$, $X_h$ and $T_\delta$, $T_h$ are built starting from the $V_\delta$’s and the $M_h^m$’s in the same way as the spaces $X_h$, $M_h$, $X_h$ and $T_h$, $T_h$ by using definitions similar to (3.8), (3.9) (3.10) (3.37), (3.38).

Analogously to $\pi_h$ we can define the operator $\pi_\delta : \prod_{\ell=1}^L L^2(\partial\Omega_\ell) \rightarrow T_\delta$. Using Lemma 3.6.4 we obtain for all $\eta \in T$ and $\alpha = (\alpha_\ell)_{\ell=1,...,L} \in T$, with $\alpha_\ell$ constant,

$$|(I - \pi_\delta)\eta|_T^2 \lesssim (1 + \log(n_c))^2 \|\eta - \alpha\|_T^2 + (1 + \log(n_c)) \sigma(\alpha, \alpha),$$

(4.19)

and for $\eta \in \mathcal{L}$

$$|(I - \pi_\delta)\eta|_T^2 \lesssim (1 + \log(n_c)) \|\eta - \alpha\|_T^2 + \sigma(\alpha, \alpha)).$$

(4.20)

Moreover, Lemma 4.1.2 yields that for all $\eta \in T_\delta$

$$|\Lambda\eta|_T^2 \lesssim (1 + \log(n_c)) |\eta|_T^2.$$

(4.21)

Analogously to $R_\ell^h$, we can define a local coarse lifting operator $R_\delta^\ell$. By standard arguments it verifies, for all $\eta \in T_\delta$,
\[ \| R_\delta \eta \|_X \simeq \| \eta \|_T, \quad | R_\delta \eta |_X \simeq | \eta |_T. \]  
(4.22)

We define the vertex block of the preconditioner \( b^V_1 : \mathcal{T}^V_h \times \mathcal{T}^V_h \to \mathbb{R} \) as
\[
b^V_1(\eta^V, \xi^V) := \sum_\ell \int_{\Omega_\ell} a(\mathbf{x}) \nabla (R^\delta_\ell (1 - \pi_\delta) \Lambda \eta^V) : \nabla (R^\delta_\ell (1 - \pi_\delta) \Lambda \xi^V). \]
(4.23)

The second preconditioner we propose is then :
\[
s_1 : \mathcal{T}_h \times \mathcal{T}_h \to \mathbb{R},
\]
\[
s_1(\eta, \xi) = b^E(\eta^E, \xi^E) + \left( 1 + \log \left( \frac{H p^2}{h} \right) \right) b^V_1(\eta^V, \xi^V). \]  
(4.24)

Remark that \((1 - \pi_\delta) \Lambda \mathcal{T}^V_h = \mathcal{T}^V_\delta\). In view of this identity it is not difficult to realize that computing the vertex block of this preconditioner only implies assembling the Schur complement matrix for an auxiliary mortar problem corresponding to the coarse discretization. This is then independent of the mesh size \( h \).

The following theorem holds :

**Theorem 4.2.1.** For all \( \eta \in \mathcal{T}_h \) we have :
\[
\bar{p}^{-3/2} s(\eta, \eta) \lesssim s_1(\eta, \eta) \lesssim \left( 1 + \log \left( \frac{H p^2}{h} \right) \right)^2 s(\eta, \eta). \]  
(4.25)

See section E in Appendices for the proof of Theorem 4.2.1.

Let \( S \) and \( P_1 \) be the matrices obtained by discretizing respectively \( s \) and \( s_1 \) then, by using the lower and upper bounds for the eigenvalues of \( P_1^{-1} S \) given by Theorem 4.2.1, we obtain :

**Corollary 4.2.2.** The condition number of the preconditioned matrix \( P_1^{-1} S \) satisfies :
\[
\text{Cond}(P_1^{-1} S) \lesssim \bar{p}^{3/2} \left( 1 + \log \left( \frac{H p^2}{h} \right) \right)^2.
\]  
(4.26)

### 4.2.2 A Discontinuous Galerkin Vertex Block Preconditioner

As a further alternative, we propose to construct the vertex block of the preconditioner, by completely giving up weak continuity and by replacing it with a Discontinuous Galerkin interior penalty method as coarse problem.
More precisely, letting $\mathcal{H}_\ell : H^{1/2}(\partial \Omega_\ell) \to H^1(\Omega_\ell)$ denotes the harmonic lifting, we set

\begin{align*}
b^V_\ast(\eta_\ell^V, \zeta_\ell^V) &= \sum_\ell a_\ell(\mathcal{H}_\ell \Lambda_\ell \eta_\ell^V, \mathcal{H}_\ell \Lambda_\ell \zeta_\ell^V), \quad (4.27) \\
b^V_\vert(\eta^V, \eta^V) &= \sum_{m \in I} |\gamma_m|^{-1} \int_{\gamma_m} ||[\Lambda \eta]|^2. \quad (4.28)
\end{align*}

Then, as vertex block of the preconditioner, we consider :

\begin{equation}
b^V_2(\eta, \eta) = \beta b^V_\ast(\eta_\ell^V, \eta_\ell^V) + \gamma b^V_\vert(\eta_\ell^V, \eta_\ell^V) \tag{4.29}
\end{equation}

with $\beta, \gamma > 0$ constant.

The global preconditioner is then assembled as follow :

\begin{equation}
s_2(\eta, \eta) = b^E(\eta^E, \eta^E) + \left( 1 + \log \left( \frac{H \rho^2}{h} \right) \right) b^V_2(\eta^V, \eta^V). \tag{4.30}
\end{equation}

We have the following theorem.

**Theorem 4.2.3.** For all $\eta \in T_h$ we have :

\begin{equation}
\hat{p}^{-3/2} s(\eta, \eta) \lesssim s_2(\eta, \eta) \lesssim \left( 1 + \log \left( \frac{H \rho^2}{h} \right) \right)^2 s(\eta, \eta). \tag{4.31}
\end{equation}

See section E in Appendices for the proof of Theorem 4.2.3.

**Remark 4.2.4.** We observe that if the $\Omega_\ell$’s are rectangles, for $\eta \in \Sigma$ we have that $\mathcal{H}_\ell \eta_\ell$ is the $Q_1$ function (polynomial of degree $\leq 1$ in each of the two unknowns) coinciding with $\eta_\ell$ at the four vertices of $\Omega_\ell$. The local matrix corresponding to the block $b^V_1$ can then be replaced by the elementary Q1 stiffness matrix for the problem considered.

Let $S$ and $P_2$ be the matrices obtained by discretizing respectively $s$ and $\hat{s}$ then, by using the lower and upper bounds for the eigenvalues of $P_2^{-1}S$ given by Theorem 4.2.3, we obtain :

**Corollary 4.2.5.** The condition number of the preconditioned matrix $P_2^{-1}S$ satisfies :

\begin{equation}
\text{Cond}(P_2^{-1}S) \lesssim \hat{p}^{3/2} \left( 1 + \log \left( \frac{H \rho^2}{h} \right) \right)^2. \tag{4.32}
\end{equation}
4.3 Algebraic Forms

We start by deriving the matrix form of the discrete Steklov-Poincaré operator $s$ defined in (4.3). Let us assume that the nodes are numbered as interior degrees of freedom first (grouped subdomain-wise), then degrees of freedom associated to nodes that lives on master edges, the degrees of freedom corresponding to the crosspoints of the subdomains and finally the degrees of freedom corresponding to slave edges.

We let $n_I, n_E, n_V$ and $n_S$ be the number of interior, master edge, crosspoints and slave edge degrees of freedom, respectively, and set $n$ the number of degree of freedom, i.e. $n = n_E + n_V$.

With this notation, the vector of unknown $u$, the matrix $A$ and the vector $F$ associated respectively to the discretization of $a_X$ and of $\int_\Omega f \, dx$ can be written as :

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} A_{II} & A_{IB} \\ A_{BI} & A_{BB} \end{pmatrix}, \quad u = \begin{pmatrix} u_I \\ u_B \end{pmatrix}, \quad F = \begin{pmatrix} f_I \\ f_B \end{pmatrix}$$  \tag{4.33}

where $u_I$ represents the unknown component associated to interior nodes and $u_B$ the unknown component associated to boundary nodes. The local Schur complement system is written

$$\Sigma u_B = g_B, \quad \Sigma = -A_{BI}A_{II}^{-1}A_{IB} + A_{BB} \quad \text{and} \quad g_B = f_B - A_{BI}A_{II}^{-1}f_I$$  \tag{4.34}

4.3.1 Constraint Matrix

From the mortar condition, it follows that the interior nodes of the slave edges are not associated with genuine degrees of freedom in the finite element space. Indeed, the value of those coefficients corresponding to basis functions “living” on slave edges is uniquely determined by the remaining coefficients through the jump condition, and can be eliminated from the global vector $u_B = (u_V, u_B, u_S)^T$ of the local Schur complemant system (4.34). The mortar condition is given by

$$C_S u_S = C_H u_H - C_V u_V.$$  \tag{4.35}

The constrained coefficients $u_S$ are uniquely determined through the condition (4.35), i.e.

$$u_S = C_S^{-1}C_H u_H - C_S^{-1}C_V u_V = Q_H u_H + Q_V u_V$$  \tag{4.36}

where $Q_H = C_S^{-1}C_H$ and $Q_V = -C_S^{-1}C_V$. The entries of the mass matrices $C_S, C_H$ and $C_V$ are given by
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\[ c_{i,j} := \int_{\gamma_m} [\phi_j] \lambda_i \, ds \]

with \( \lambda_i \in M_h \) and \( \phi_j \) corresponding to the different nodal basis functions associated with the slave side, the master side and with the cross-points. More specifically, we have

\[ C_S : \quad c_{i,j}^S = \int_{\gamma_m} [\phi_j] \lambda_i \, ds \quad i, j = 1, 2, \ldots, n_S \]

\[ C_M : \quad c_{i,j}^M = \int_{\gamma_m} [\phi_j] \lambda_i \, ds \quad i = 1, 2, \ldots, n_S \quad j = 1, 2, \ldots, n_M \]

\[ C_V : \quad c_{i,j}^V = \int_{\gamma_m} [\phi_j] \lambda_i \, ds \quad i = 1, 2, \ldots, n_S \quad j = 1, 2, \ldots, n_V. \]

We note that \( C_S \) is a square matrix whereas \( C_M \) and \( C_V \) are rectangular matrices. The Figure 4.1 shows the profile of the test basis functions \( \lambda_i \) (see Figure 4.1.1.) and the trial basis functions \( \phi_i \) in P2 finite element approximation (see Figure 4.1.2.).

\[ \text{Figure 4.1 : Second-order basis functions for mortar finite element method} \]

Remark 4.3.1. The test basis functions in Figure 4.1.1. contain the mortar modifications, i.e. the basis functions are \( P_k \) polynomials on all the interior elements, whereas they are \( P_{k-1} \) polynomials on the extremal elements. The trial basis functions in Figure 4.1.2. are the standard Lagrange polynomials.

From (4.36), the solution vector \( \mathbf{u}_B \) of (4.34) can be written

\[ \mathbf{u}_B = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{u}_V \\ \mathbf{u}_M \\ Q_{M\mathbf{u}_M} + Q_{V\mathbf{u}_V} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} I_V & 0 \\ 0 & I_M \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{u}_V \\ \mathbf{u}_M \end{pmatrix} = Q \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{u}_V \\ \mathbf{u}_M \end{pmatrix} \]

(4.37)

From (4.37), the system (4.34) becomes
The Schur complement $S$ represents the matrix form of the Steklov-Poincaré operator $s(\cdot, \cdot)$ defined in (4.3).

In order to implement the preconditioner introduced in this chapter, we need to represent algebraically the splitting of the trace space given by (4.10). As defined in (4.7), we consider the space $\mathcal{L}$ of functions that are linear on each subdomain edge, and introduce the matrix representation of the injection of $\mathcal{L}$ into $T$.

Let $\Xi = \{x_i, i = 1, \ldots, n_{V}, n_{V} + 1, \ldots, n_{V} + n_{E}\}$ be the set of edge and vertex nodes. For any vertex node $x_j, j = 1, \ldots, n_{V}$, let $\phi_j(\cdot)$ be the piecewise polynomial that is linear on each subdomain edge and that satisfies $\phi_j(x_k) = \delta_{j,k}, j, k = 1, \ldots, n_{V}$. Let $R_V \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n_{V}}$ be the matrix realizing the linear interpolation of vertex values and let $R \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ be the matrix defined as

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ I_e \end{pmatrix} R_V$$

(4.39)

Let now $\hat{S}$ be the matrix obtained after applying the change of basis corresponding to switching from the standard nodal basis to the basis related to the splitting (4.10), that is

$$\hat{S} = R^T S R = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{S}_{VV} & \hat{S}_{VE} \\ \hat{S}_{EV} & \hat{S}_{EE} \end{pmatrix}$$

(4.40)

From now on, we focus on finding efficient preconditioners for the transformed Schur complement system

$$\hat{S}\hat{u} = \hat{g}, \quad \hat{u} = R^{-1} u \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{g} = R^T g$$

(4.41)

The preconditioner for $\hat{S}$ will be of block-Jacobi type: one block for the master edges and another one for the vertices.

For the edge block of the preconditioner, we deal with the matrix counterpart of (4.13). In the literature, it is possible to find different ways to build bilinear forms $b^E(\cdot, \cdot)$ that satisfy (4.13)-(4.12). The choice followed here for defining $b^E(\cdot, \cdot)$ is the one proposed in [BPS86] and it is based on an equivalence result for the $H^{1/2}_{00}$ norm, see [BW86] and [Ant+14] for a detailed description of its construction.

For $\eta^E \in T^0_{\ell, i}$ we denote by $\eta^E$ its vector representation. Then, it can be verified that, for each $\gamma^{(i)}_{\ell, i} \subset \partial \Omega_{\ell}$, we have (see [BW86] pag. 1110 and [Dry82])
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\[
(l_0^{1/2} \eta^E, \eta^E)_\gamma^{(i)} = \eta^T \hat{K}_E \eta^E
\]

where \( \hat{K}_E = M_E^{-1/2} (M^{-1/2}_E R_E M^{-1/2}_E) M^{-1/2}_E \) and \( M_E \) and \( R_E \) are the mass and stiffness matrices associated to the discretization of the operator \(-d^2/ds^2 (in T_\gamma^{(i)}) \) with homogeneous Dirichlet boundary conditions at the extrema \( a \) and \( b \) of \( \gamma^{(i)} \). Thus, the edge block of the preconditioner can be written as:

\[
P_E = \begin{pmatrix}
\hat{K}_{E_1} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & \hat{K}_{E_2} & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & \ddots & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & \hat{K}_{E_n}
\end{pmatrix}
\]

(4.42)

with one block for each mortar edge where \( M \) is the number of mortar edges.

**Remark 4.3.2.** \( \hat{K}_E \) can be approximated as the square root of \( h R_E \). The computation of the square root of a matrix can be quite expensive. Therefore, we use the Lanczos Algorithm for SVD (Singular Value Decomposition) to compute the matrix square root \( R_E^{1/2} \).

The preconditioner \( P \) that we propose is obtained as the matrix counterpart of (4.30) and of (4.24) defined by

\[
P = \begin{pmatrix}
P_V \\
P_E
\end{pmatrix}
\]

(4.43)

where \( P_V \) and \( P_E \) are the vertex and edge blocks of the preconditioner respectively.

### 4.3.2 Preconditioner \( P_1 \)

Concerning the vertex block of our preconditioner, following subsection 4.2.1, we introduce a coarse auxiliary mesh in each subdomain made up of \( 3 \times 3 \) elements and we fix the polynomial order \( p = 1 \).

Let now consider the associated Schur complement system and let \( \hat{S}^c \) be the matrix obtained after applying the change of basis, that is

\[
\hat{S}^c = \begin{pmatrix}
\hat{S}^c_{VV} & \hat{S}^c_{VE} \\
\hat{S}^c_{EV} & \hat{S}^c_{EE}
\end{pmatrix}
\]

(4.44)

The preconditioner \( P_1 \), described in section 4.2.1, can then be written as:
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\[
P_1 = \begin{pmatrix}
P_c^v & 0 \\
0 & P_E
\end{pmatrix}
\]  \hspace{1cm} (4.45)

where \( P_c^v = \left( 1 + \log \left( \frac{H_p^2}{h} \right) \right) \tilde{S}_{vv}^c \).

### 4.3.3 Preconditioner \( P_2 \)

Let \( P_* \) and \( P_\| \) be the matrix counterparts respectively of (4.27) and of (4.28) in section 4.2.2 and let \( P_{DG}^v = \left( 1 + \log \left( \frac{H_p^2}{h} \right) \right) \left( \beta P_* + \gamma P_\| \right) \). Then the new preconditioner we propose writes:

\[
P_2 = \begin{pmatrix}
P_c^v & 0 \\
0 & P_E
\end{pmatrix}
\]  \hspace{1cm} (4.46)

### 4.4 Conclusion

In this chapter, we analyzed the substructuring preconditioners for \( h-p \) mortar finite element method described in chapter 3. We introduced the general concept of the substructuring approach of domain decomposition methods. We focused on the preconditioning of the discrete Steklov-Poincaré operator defined on the skeleton. We proposed two vertex block preconditioners, responsible for the good scaling properties of the preconditioners considered. The main contribution of this chapter was the construction of a coarse preconditioner based on the Discontinuous Galerkin type interior penalty method defined on the coarse mesh. We proved that the condition number of the preconditioned Schur complement system behaves in a polylogarithmic way. A parallel implementation framework for the preconditioners will be developed in chapter 6. The numerical results to be presented in the chapter 8 will conform the optimality and the efficiency of the preconditioners for very large number of subdomains. The strong and weak scalability analyzed in the same chapter will indicate the performance of our parallel algorithms on large scale computer architectures.
Chapter 5

Mortar Element Method with Lagrange Multipliers

We discuss the domain decomposition method based on an approximation by the mortar finite element method with Lagrange multipliers proposed in [Bel99]. The hybrid formulation is reminded in section 5.1. A computational framework already proposed in [Sam+12a] is emphasized in section 5.2. The convergence analysis is presented in section 5.3.

Nous discutons la méthode de décomposition de domaine basée sur une approximation par la méthode des éléments finis mortar avec multiplicateurs de Lagrange proposée dans [Bel99]. La formulation hybride est rappelée dans la section 5.1. Un framework de calcul déjà proposé dans [Sam+12a] est souligné dans la section 5.2. L’analyse de convergence est présentée dans la section 5.3.

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5.1 Hybrid Formulation for Mortar Element Method

Let $\Omega$ be a bounded domain of $\mathbb{R}^d$, $d = 2, 3$. We consider the following Dirichlet boundary value problem: find $u$ satisfying

$$-\Delta u = f \quad \text{in} \quad \Omega, \quad u = g \quad \text{on} \quad \partial\Omega,$$

where $f \in L^2(\Omega)$ and $g \in H^{1/2}(\partial\Omega)$ are given functions. We consider a decomposition of $\Omega$ as the union of $L$ subdomains $\Omega_\ell$,

$$\Omega = \bigcup_{\ell=1}^{L} \Omega_\ell. \quad (5.2)$$

We assume that the domain decomposition (5.2) is geometrically conforming which means that if $\Gamma_{\ell n} := \Omega_\ell \cap \Omega_n$ $(\ell \neq n) \neq \emptyset$, then $\Gamma_{\ell n}$ must either be a common vertex of $\Omega_\ell$ and $\Omega_n$, or a common edge, or a common face if $d = 3$. Note that $\Gamma_{\ell n} = \Gamma_{n\ell}$. The usual variational formulation of (5.1) reads

**Problem 5.1.1.** Find $u \in H^1_g(\Omega)$ such that

$$\int_{\Omega} \nabla u \cdot \nabla v \, dx = \int_{\Omega} f v \, dx \quad \forall v \in H^1_0(\Omega). \quad (5.3)$$

We define two product spaces:

$$V = \prod_{\ell=1}^{L} H^1(\Omega_\ell), \quad \Lambda = \prod_{\ell=1}^{L} \prod_{0 \leq n < \ell} \left( H^{1/2}(\Gamma_{\ell n}) \right). \quad (5.4)$$

The space $\Lambda$ will be a trial space for the weak continuity conditions on the interfaces. We introduce the bilinear forms $a : V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $b : V \times \Lambda \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and the linear functional $f : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$:

$$a(u, v) = \sum_{\ell=1}^{L} a_\ell(u, v), \quad a_\ell(u, v) = \int_{\Omega_\ell} \nabla u_\ell \cdot \nabla v_\ell \, dx, \quad (5.5)$$

$$b(\lambda, v) = \sum_{\ell=1}^{L} \sum_{n=0}^{L} b_{\ell n}(\lambda, v), \quad b_{\ell n}(\lambda, v) = \langle \lambda_{\ell n}, v_\ell \rangle|_{\Gamma_{\ell n}}, \quad (5.6)$$

$$f(v) = \sum_{\ell=1}^{L} \int_{\Omega_\ell} f v_\ell \, dx, \quad (5.7)$$
where $\lambda_{\ell n} = -\lambda_{n \ell} \langle \cdot , \cdot \rangle_{\Gamma_{\ell n}}$ stands for the duality product between $\left( H^{1/2}(\Gamma_{\ell n}) \right)'$ and $H^{1/2}(\Gamma_{\ell n})$. The mortar formulation with Lagrange multipliers reads as

**Problem 5.1.2.** Find $(u, \lambda) \in V \times \Lambda$ such that $\forall (v, \mu) \in V \times \Lambda$

\[
a(u, v) + b(\lambda, v) = f(v), \quad (5.8)
\]

\[
b(\mu, u) = 0. \quad (5.9)
\]

If $u$ and $\lambda$ denote the vectors of the components of $u$ and $\lambda$ the discrete system associated to the problem 5.1.2 is equivalent to the following saddle-point system :

\[
A \begin{pmatrix} u \\ \lambda \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} f \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (5.10)
\]

with

\[
A = \begin{pmatrix} A & B^T \\ B & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad A = \begin{pmatrix} A_1 & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix}, \quad B^T = \begin{pmatrix} B_1^T \\ \vdots \\ B_L^T \end{pmatrix}
\]

$A_\ell, \ell = 1, \ldots, L$, corresponds to the stiffness matrix in the subdomain $\Omega_\ell$ and $B_\ell$ denotes the matrix associated to the discrete form of the mortar weak continuity constraint in the subdomain $\Omega_\ell$.

### 5.2 Computational Framework

We want to solve the saddle-point algebraic linear system (5.10) using an iterative Krylov subspace method in parallel. Finding a good preconditioner for such problems is a delicate issue as the matrix $A$ is indefinite and any preconditioning matrix $P$ acting on the jump matrices $B_{\ell n}$ would involve communications.

A survey on block diagonal and block triangular preconditioners for this type of saddle-point system (5.10) can be found in [BGL05; ESW05]. The matrix $A$ arising in saddle-point problems is known to be spectrally equivalent to the block diagonal matrix :

\[
P = \begin{pmatrix} A & 0 \\ 0 & -S \end{pmatrix} \quad (5.11)
\]

where $S$ is the Schur complement $-BA^{-1}B^T$, see [MGW00]. While not being an approximate inverse of $A$, the matrix $P$ is an ideal preconditioner. Indeed it can be shown that
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\[ P(X) = X(X-1)(X^2-X-1) \] is an annihilating polynomial of the matrix \( T = P^{-1}A \). Therefore, assuming \( T \) non-singular, the matrix \( T \) has only three eigenvalues \( \{1, (1 \pm \sqrt{5})/2\} \). Thus an iterative solver using the Krylov subspaces constructed with \( T \) would converge within three iterations. In practice, computing the inverse of the exact preconditioner \( P \) is too expensive. Instead, one would rather look for an inexact inverse \( \hat{P}^{-1} \). When applying the preconditioner, the inexact inverse \( \hat{P}^{-1} \) would be determined following an iterative procedure for solving the linear system \( P\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y} \). It requires a class of iterative methods qualified as flexible inner-outer preconditioned solvers [Saa93] or inexact inner-outer preconditioned solvers [GY99].

The outer iterations for solving the main problem involve inner iterations for computing an inexact and non-constant preconditioner. Finding the relevant convergence parameters to this inner iterative procedure is a critical issue. On one hand, \( \hat{P}^{-1} \) has to be computed in few iterations: the total number of iterations including the inner iterations should be less than without preconditioner. On the other hand for ensuring the stability of the outer iterations, it would be preferable to solve the inner iterations with as much accuracy as possible in order to keep an almost constant preconditioner. We refer the reader to [CMZ12] and references therein for theoretical results and experimental assessment with respect to the influence of the perturbation to the preconditioner. In this context, the choice a good preconditioner for solving the inner iterations can have a significant impact on the convergence of the outer iterations.

The outer iterations will be carried out with a Flexible Preconditioned Biconjugate Gradient Stabilized Method (fbicgstab) [Saa03] and the Flexible Preconditioned Generalized Minimal Residual Method with restart \( m \) (fgmres(\( m \)) [Saa93].

Algorithm 5.1. fbicgstab : Solve \( Ax = b \)

1: \( r_0 = b - Ax_0 \)  # initialize the residual \( r_0 \)
2: \( \tilde{r}_0 = r_0 \)
3: \( p_0 = r_0 \)
4: \( v_0 = r_0 \)
5: \( \rho_0 = \alpha = \omega_0 = 1 \)
6: for \( j = 0, 1, \ldots, \text{maxiter} \) do
7:   \( \rho_{j+1} = (\tilde{r}_0, r_j) \)
8:   \( \beta = (\rho_{j+1}/\rho_j) \times (\alpha/\omega_j) \)
9:   \( p_{j+1} = r_j + \beta(p_j - \omega_j v_j) \)
10: solve \( P\tilde{p} = p_{j+1} \)  # apply the preconditioner \( P \)
11: \( v_{j+1} = Ap \)
12: \( \alpha = \rho_{j+1}/(\tilde{r}_0, v_{j+1}) \)
13: \( s = r_j - \alpha v_{j+1} \)
14: solve \( P\tilde{s} = s \)
15: \( t = s \)
16: \( \omega_{j+1} = (t, s)/(t, t) \)
17: \( x_{j+1} = x_j + \alpha \tilde{p} + \omega \tilde{s} \)
18: \( r_{j+1} = s - \omega_{j+1} t \)
19: end for

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Algorithm 5.2. fgmres(m) : Solve $Ax = b$

1: for $k = 1, 2, \ldots, \text{maxiter}$ do
2: $r_0 = b - Ax_0$ \hspace{1em} # initialize the residual $r_0$
3: $\beta = \|r_0\|_2$
4: $v_1 = r_0/\beta$
5: $p = \beta e_1$
6: for $j = 0, 1, \ldots, m$ do
7: solve $Pz_j = v_j$ \hspace{1em} # apply the preconditioner $P$
8: $w = Az_j$
9: for $i = 1, 2, \ldots, j$ do
10: $h_{i,j} = (w, v_i)$
11: $w = w - h_{i,j}v_i$
12: end for
13: $h_{j+1,j} = \|w\|_2$
14: $v_{j+1} = w/h_{j+1,j}$
15: for $i = 1, 2, \ldots, j - 1$ do
16: $h_{i,j} = c_i h_{i,j} + s_i h_{i+1,j}$
17: $h_{i+1,j} = -s_i h_{i,j} + c_i h_{i+1,j}$
18: end for
19: $\gamma = \sqrt{h_{j,j}^2 + h_{j+1,j}^2}$
20: $c_j = h_{j,j}/\gamma$; \hspace{1em} $s_j = h_{j+1,j}/\gamma$
21: $h_{j,j} = \gamma$; \hspace{1em} $h_{j+1,j} = 0$
22: $p_j = c_j p_j$; \hspace{1em} $p_{j+1} = -s_j p_j$
23: if $|p_{j+1}| \leq \varepsilon$ then
24: exit loop
25: end if
26: end for
27: $Z^m \leftarrow [z_1 \cdots z_m]$
28: $H^m \leftarrow (h_{i,j})_{1 \leq i \leq j+1, 1 \leq j \leq m}$
29: $y = \text{Argmin}_q \|p - H^m q\|_2$
30: $x = x_0 + Z^m y$
31: if $|p_{j+1}| \leq \varepsilon$ then
32: exit loop
33: else
34: $x_0 = x$
35: end if
36: end for

Regarding the preconditioning we will focus on two approximations of $P$:
\[
\mathcal{P}_I = \begin{pmatrix} A & 0 \\ 0 & I \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{P}_S = \begin{pmatrix} A & 0 \\ 0 & -\hat{S} \end{pmatrix}
\] (5.12)

In the first preconditioner the exact inverse of \(\mathcal{P}_I\) is computed at each iteration using the \((I)LU\) factorization of the block diagonal matrix \(A\). This preconditioner only acts on the diagonal blocks \(A_\ell\). As a result, solving the linear system \(\mathcal{P}_Ix = y\) does not involve any communication between the subdomains. However, since \(\mathcal{P}_I\) does not act on the jump matrices \(B_{\ell n}\), it is very likely to become less effective as the number of subdomains increases. In the second preconditioner the exact inverse of the block diagonal matrix \(A\) is also computed so that the exact Schur complement \(S = -BA^{-1}B^T\) is readily available. Instead of taking \(S\) we choose an approximation \(\hat{S}\) such that \(x = \hat{S}^{-1}y\) is an approximate solution to the linear system \(Sx = y\) following an iterative procedure. This inner procedure is also carried out with a bicgstab algorithm preconditioned with the diagonal of \(S\) (Jacobi preconditioner \(M_J\)) or with \(M_S^{-1} = BAB^T\).

**Remark 5.2.1.** The Krylov methods fbicgstab and fgmres\((m)\) presented respectively in Algorithm 5.1. and Algorithm 5.2. are both adapted to our saddle-point problem, but the only major difference between these methods is that fbicgstab presents sometimes breakdowns unlike fgmres\((m)\).

### 5.3 Convergence Analysis

We summarize in Table 1 and Table 2 the behavior of \(L_2\) and \(H^1\) errors of the numerical solution relative to the analytical solution \(g = \sin(\pi x) \cos(\pi y) \cos(\pi z)\) in 3D, see (5.1). The tests are performed in the case of nonconforming decompositions where the characteristic mesh size in subdomain \(\Omega_\ell\) is \(h_{\Omega_\ell} = h + \delta_\ell\), \(\ell = 1, \ldots, L\), with \(\delta_\ell = 0.001\) the small perturbation. All the tests are achieved with 2, 4, 8 and 16 number of subdomains. We denote by \(u\) the exact solution of our problem and \(u_h^N\) the discrete solution obtained by using the characteristic mesh size equal to \(h\) and the piecewise polynomials of degree less than or equal to \(N\). We denote \(\| \cdot \|_0\) the \(L^2\)-norm and \(\| \cdot \|_1\) the \(H^1\)-norm.

**Table 1 :** \(L^2\)-convergence analysis for hybrid mortar finite element formulation

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Table 2: $H^1$-convergence analysis for hybrid mortar finite element formulation

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5.1.1. $L^2$ convergence analysis

5.1.2. $H^1$ convergence analysis

Figure 5.1: Convergence analysis for polynomial orders $p = 1, 2, 3$

The convergence results reported in Table 1, Table 2 and the plots in Figure 5.1 show that the mortar formulation presented in this chapter satisfies the convergence properties certified by the finite element theoretical estimations.

5.4 Conclusion

We discussed in this chapter the mortar finite element method with Lagrange multipliers. We recalled the hybrid formulation leading to a saddle-point type linear system, symmetric and infinite. We handled a computational framework, already proposed in [Sam+12a] for efficient solving of such a linear system. The parallel implementation and the numerical experiments including strong and weak scalability analysis for the mortar formulation studied in this chapter will be presented respectively in section 7.3 and in chapter 9.3.
Part II

Numerical Implementation
Chapter 6
Substructuring Preconditioners in 2D

This chapter deals with the implementation of the substructuring preconditioners for \( h-p \) mortar element finite method described in chapter 4. The external libraries needed for the implementation are presented in section 6.1. The interpolation operator framework for domain decomposition methods is briefly introduced in section 6.2. The parallel implementation and the code design are presented respectively in section 6.3 and in section 6.6.

Ce chapitre traite la mise en oeuvre des préconditionneurs par sous-structuration pour la méthode des éléments finis \( h-p \) mortar décrits dans le chapitre 4. Les librairies externes nécessaires pour la mise en œuvre sont présentées dans la section 6.1. Un framework d’opérateurs d’interpolation pour les méthodes de décomposition de domaine est brièvement introduit dans la section 6.2. La mise en œuvre en parallèle et la conception du code de calcul sont présentées respectivement dans la section 6.3 et dans la section 6.6.

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Chapter 6. Substructuring Preconditioners in 2D

6.1 Essential Ingredients

The implementation of numerical methods described in this thesis has been performed using Feel++ library, introduced in section 1.6, and the Message Passing Interface (MPI) library [Sni+96]. For the parallel computing, the interprocess communications are handled implicitly and/or explicitly using Boost.MPI and Boost.Serialization [Kor11].

We use PETSc library [Bal+04] for sparse linear algebra, such as matrices, vectors, numerical solvers, and related algorithms. The Eigen library [G+10] involves in dense linear algebra, such as the computation of matrix square root, the condition number estimates from conjugate gradient coefficients.

Feel++ uses Gmsh [GR09] to generate meshes in one, two and three dimensional spaces.

6.1.1 MPI

MPI is a standardized message-passing system for distributed-memory in parallel computing. The MPI standards provide portable, efficient, and flexible library routines for writing message-passing programs in the Fortran, C, and C++ programming languages.

We deal with two different approaches for MPI communications for domain decomposition framework in Feel++, namely explicit communications and seamless communications. In the first approach, the interprocess communications are handled explicitly and independently of Feel++, whereas in the second one, they are managed directly by Feel++. In this second approach, the parallelism is fully transparent.

6.1.2 PETSc

The Portable, Extensible Toolkit for Scientific Computation is a large suite of data structures and routines providing parallel, efficient application programs for the solution of problems in scientific computation, especially the solution of Partial Differential Equations (PDEs). All of its features are directly usable with the programming language C. The PETSc package is designed around two main concepts, namely data encapsulation and software layering.

In the explicit communication approach introduced in section 6.1.1, we use PETSc sequentially even though the code is parallel. It requires explicitly sending and receiving complex data structures such as trace mesh data structures, elements of function space (traces), PETSc vectors.

6.1.3 Gmsh

Gmsh [GR09] is a three-dimensional finite element mesh generator with a build-in Computer-aided design (CAD) engine and post-processor. It aims to provide a fast, light and user-friendly meshing tool with parametric input and advanced visualization capabilities. There exists four
main modules in Gmsh: geometry, mesh, solver and post-processing. All instructions are prescribed either interactively using the graphical user interface (GUI) or in text files.

6.2 Linear Interpolation Operator

In the context of domain decomposition methods, the interpolation operator is a crucial tool. It allows the transfer of information between adjacent meshes (with overlapping or not, conforming or not) at subdomain interfaces.

We are interested in the algebraic representation of the linear interpolation operator, more precisely the associated matrix. Let $X_h$ and $Y_h$ be two function spaces defined respectively on meshes $T_h^1$ and $T_h^2$. The interpolation operator $I_{X_h \rightarrow Y_h}$ from $X_h$ to $Y_h$ is defined as

\[ I_{X_h \rightarrow Y_h} : X_h \rightarrow Y_h, \quad u \mapsto v = I_{X_h \rightarrow Y_h}(u). \]

$I_{X_h \rightarrow Y_h}(u) \in Y_h$ is called the interpolant of $u \in X_h$. Let $A$ be the algebraic representation matrix of $I_{X_h \rightarrow Y_h}$. The application of $I_{X_h \rightarrow Y_h}$ to an element $u \in X_h$ is equivalent to the simple matrix-vector multiplication $Au$. In addition, $A$ is a sparse matrix and its coefficients are independent of $u$. This feature is particularly interesting since it enables to apply the matrix $A$ as many times as necessary without having to rebuild it.

The interpolation operator is based on two fundamental tools namely localization tool using a kd-tree data structure for fast localization and the inverse geometrical transformation, see [Cha13; Pru+12a].

In Feel++, the operator interpolation is defined as

\begin{verbatim}
// define two function spaces Xh and Yh
auto Xh = Pch<2>(mesh1);
auto Yh = Pch<3>(mesh2);
// define linear interpolation operator from Xh to Yh
auto opI = opInterpolation(_domainSpace=Xh,_imageSpace=Yh);
\end{verbatim}

In Listing 6.1, the matrix $A$ is computed and stored in opI. The interpolant $v \in Y_h$ of $u \in X_h$ is computed as follows

\begin{verbatim}
// project the function \(\cos(\pi x)\sin(\pi y)\) on Xh
auto u = vf::project(_space=Xh,_expr=cos(pi*Px())*sin(pi*Py()));
// define an element v of Yh
auto v = Yh->element();
// compute the interpolant v of u
opI->apply(u,v);
\end{verbatim}
Remark 6.2.1. Other options of linear interpolation operator are available, for example the possibility to interpolate on a subspace, the boundary or a portion of the boundary of the image space.

In the remainder of this part dedicated to the implementation aspects of various numerical methods presented in previous chapters, the linear interpolation operator will play an essential role.

6.3 Parallel Implementation

The parallel implementation is performed using Feel++ library and the Message Passing Interface (MPI) library. We use the explicit communication approach introduced above for the interprocess communications. The explicit sending and receiving of complex data structures such as mesh data structures and elements of function space (traces) are handled by using Boost.MPI and Boost.Serialization.

Boost.MPI

Boost.MPI is a C++ layer on top of MPI allowing for simpler mpi usage in particular most standard C++ containers can be sent or received without having to do anything.

Listing 6.3 : Send and receive data structures

```cpp
mpi::communicator world;
std::vector<double> x(100);
// do something with x
// send x from 0 to 1 with tag == 1
if ( world.rank() == 0 ) world.send( 1, 1, x );
if ( world.rank() == 1 ) world.recv( 0, 1, x );
```

Boost.Serialization

Boost.Serialization provides a simple interface to serialize data structures, used typically to archive data structures (persistence) but also by Boost.MPI to send and receive complex data structures.

Listing 6.4 : Example using Boost.Serialization

```cpp
class A {  
public:
  std::vector<double> x,y,z;
  template<class Archive>
  void save( Archive & ar, const unsigned int /*version*/ ) const {
    ar & x; ar & y; ar & z;  
  }
  template<class Archive>
  void load( Archive & ar, const unsigned int /*version*/ ) {
    ar & x; ar & y; ar & z;  
  }
  BOOST_SERIALIZATION_SPLIT_MEMBER() 
};
```
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MPI Communicators

We define three different types of MPI communicators: (i) a global communicator for interprocess communications between subdomains (e.g. Figure 6.1.1.) (ii) the local communicator (sub-communicator) that activates only the subdomain within (e.g. Figure 6.1.2.) (iii) the subgroup communicator for interprocess communications between selected subgroups responsible for the parallel solution of the coarse preconditioner defined in (4.29), see Figure 6.4.

![Figure 6.1: MPI Communicators](image)

One interesting aspect of the parallel implementation of the $h$-$p$ mortar finite element method is the absence of communication at cross-points (in 2D and 3D) and cross-edges (in 3D), which reduces significantly the interprocess communications between subdomains, and therefore the computational cost.

6.3.1 Geometric Framework

6.3.1.1 Polygonal Domain

We describe in this section the domain decomposition and the mesh generation for the mortar finite element discretization. First, we consider a geometrical discretization $\Omega_h^\ell$ of $\Omega_\ell$, $\Omega_h^\ell \subset \Omega_\ell$. Let $T_h^\ell$ be a finite collection of nonempty, disjoint open simplices or hypercubes forming a partition of $\Omega_h^\ell$ such that $h_\ell = \max_{K \in T_h^\ell} \{ h^K_\ell \}$, with $h^K_\ell$ denoting the diameter of the element $K \in T_h^\ell$. Note that in the case of nonconforming domain decomposition, $h_\ell \neq h_k$ for $\ell \neq k$. The mesh $T_h^\ell$ is generated independently and sequentially in each subdomain $\Omega_\ell$, which means that it does not require communication. FEEL++ mesh data structure is defined through the type of geometrical entities (simplex or hypercube) and the geometrical transformation associated. The mesh entities (elements, faces, edges, nodes) are indexed either by their ids, corresponding to the process id to which they belong, their markers or their location. FEEL++ uses Boost.Multi-index to retrieve pairs of iterators over the containers of the entities depending on the usage context and the pairs of iterators are then turned into a range to be manipulated by the tools for submesh generation, the interpolation, the integration and the projection. The mesh data structure allows us to determine the neighboring subdomains as well as edge (in 2D and 3D) and face (in 3D) shared by neighboring subdomains.
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Listing 6.5: Local mesh generation

```plaintext
auto mesh = createGMSHMesh( 
    _mesh=new mesh_type(CommSelf),
    _prefix="fine",
    _update=MESH_CHECK|MESH_UPDATE_FACES|MESH_UPDATE_EDGES,
    _desc=domain(
        _name="localmesh",
        _addmidpoint=false,
        _usenames=false,
        _shape="Hypercube",
        _dim=Dim,
        _h=(isMaster)?hsize1:hsize2,
        _convex=convex,
        _xmin=xmin,
        _xmax=xmax,
        _ymin=ymin,
        _ymax=ymax,
        _zmin=zmin,
        _zmax=zmax,
        _substructuring=true
    ),
    _structured=(grid=="fine")?structured:2,
    _partitions=CommSelf.localSize(),
    _worldcomm=CommSelf);
```

In Listing 6.5, the communicator CommSelf is purely local, see Figure 6.1.2. Two different mesh characteristic sizes $h_{size1}$ and $h_{size2}$ are used according respectively to master and slave subdomains in order to process nonconforming meshes. The parameter convex represents the type of elements which can be simplex or hypercube.

**Remark 6.3.1.** The number of mesh files to generate is equal to the number of subdomains. Writing these files on the disk is very expensive for large number of subdomains and heavily penalizes the Input/Output (IO) filesystem on computational platforms. Thanks to the recent advances in Feel++, a new feature that consists in generating mesh files directly in memory without writing to disk is available. This feature is of an utmost importance for the achieving of very large simulations on parallel computing platforms.

### 6.3.1.2 Complex Domain

We discuss the extension of the polygonal domain decomposition presented in section 6.3.1.1 to the general computational domain. Let $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ be a bounded domain. First, we generate the coarse mesh $T^H$ as in Figure 6.2 with hypercube elements (for the regularity at subdomain interfaces). Each element of the coarse mesh is considered as a subdomain of the domain decomposition. In our strategy of parallelization, only one subdomain is assigned to each processing unit. The coarse mesh $T^H$ is loaded by all the processing units and each subdomain extracts its corresponding element $K$ using the keyword createSubmesh(elementId), where `elementId` means the id of the element in the coarse mesh $T^H$. The generation of the fine mesh $T^K_h$ is made locally in subdomain $K$ using the Gmsh interface of Feel++. For the parallel resolution of the Discontinuous Galerkin coarse problem, the coarse mesh $T^H$ is partitioned by using the graph partitioner Metis or Chaco.
6.3.1.3 Trace Meshes

In the mortar finite formulation method, the assembly of transfer matrices $C_H$ and $C_S$ presented in section 4.3.1 requires the exchange of trace mesh data structures between neighboring subdomains. We extract the trace meshes locally in each subdomain by using the Feel++ submesh generation tool, the so-called createSubmesh [Cha13]. The global MPI communicator is used for the swap of extracted trace meshes between master and slave subdomains.

**Algorithm 6.3.** Local extraction of trace meshes

Require: mesh  # input local mesh

1. for $f \in$ interfaces do
2.   tracemesh[$f$] ← createSubmesh(mesh,$f$)  # extraction of trace mesh
3. end for

---

**Listing 6.6 :** Communications for exchange of trace meshes

```cpp
std::vector<mpi::request> reqs;
for (std::string const & face : interface_flags )
{
    const int pid = procid;
    const int npid = neighborProc(face);

    auto req1 = comm.isend(pid,pid,*{trace_send[face]});
    auto req2 = comm.irecv(npid,npid,*{trace_recv[face]});

    reqs.push_back(req1);
    reqs.push_back(req2);
}
mpi::wait_all(reqs.begin(),reqs.end());
```
6.3.2 Algebraic Framework

The Algebraic representations are handled using a so-called backend which is a wrapper class that encapsulates several algorithms as well as data structures like vectors and matrices. It provides all the algebraic data structure behind function spaces, operators and forms. In the case of linear functionals, the representation is a vector and, in the case of linear operators and bilinear forms, the representation is a matrix. The backend abstraction allows to write code that is independent of the libraries used in the assembly process or to solve the linear systems involved, thus hiding all the details of that algebraic part under the hood of the backend.

In this work, we use two backends that provide an interface to PETSc for sparse matrices and Eigen for dense matrices which will be used in particular for storing the edge block preconditioners and the tridiagonal matrix associated with the Lanczos algorithm to estimate the condition number using the conjugate gradient coefficients.

Our purpose is to solve the reduced Schur complement system (4.41) preconditioned by the substructuring preconditioners presented in chapter 4. Traditionally, the Schur complement matrix is almost never assembled explicitly, since its expression depends on the local inverse matrices, see (4.34). We use the common technique that consists in computing the action of the Schur complement matrix \( \hat{S} \) on a vector, only needed for the use of Krylov subspace method [Saa03] for solving the linear system (4.41). This technique is generally known as “shell” or “matrix-free” operations.

6.3.2.1 Index Sets for Substructuring

The principle of the substructuring approach is to consider a nonoverlapping splitting of the nonconforming discretization space in terms of interior, edge and vertex degrees of freedom. At the algebraic level, this consists in considering a nonoverlapping partition of the unknowns of local algebraic linear system into subsets corresponding to interior, edge and vertex unknowns. In our implementation strategy, we first consider the nonoverlapping splitting of the unknown \( \mathbf{u} \) of the local Schur complement system (4.33) into \( \mathbf{u}_I \) and \( \mathbf{u}_B \) respectively the unknown components associated to interior nodes and the boundary nodes. Let \( IS_I \) and \( IS_B \) be the index sets representing the location of interior nodes \( \mathbf{u}_I \) and boundary nodes \( \mathbf{u}_B \) in the global solution vector \( \mathbf{u} \). \texttt{FEEL++} provides a feature, the so-called markerToDof allowing to extract the degrees of freedom from geometric entity (vertex, edge, surface) markers. From the keyword “substructuring” of \texttt{FEEL++}, we can mark the entities during the mesh generation. This information is stored in \texttt{FEEL++} mesh data structures and it is available after creating the function spaces.

The index sets \( IS_I \) and \( IS_B \) are essential for the extraction of submatrices \( A_{II}, A_{IB}, A_{BI} \) and \( A_{BB} \) needed for the local Schur complement system, see (4.33) and (4.34). These submatrices are extracted by using the \texttt{FEEL++} function, the so-called createSubmatrix, a interface for the \texttt{MatCreateSubMatrix} function of \texttt{PETSc}. The input parameters required for this function include the index sets for rows and columns corresponding to the submatrices in the initial
Listing 6.7: Extraction of submatrices

```cpp
// define local function space
auto Xh = Pch<2>(mesh);
// define index sets
auto IS_I = Xh->dof()->markerToDof("Interior");
auto IS_B = Xh->dof()->markerToDof("Boundary");
// create submatrices $A_{II}$, $A_{IB}$ and $A_{BB}$ from the global matrix $A$
auto AI = createSubmatrix(A,IS_I,IS_I);
auto AIB = createSubmatrix(A,IS_I,IS_B);
// create the transpose matrix $A_{BI}$ of $A_{IB}$ without assembly
auto ABI = transpose(AIB,MATRIX_TRANSPOSE_UNASSEMBLED);
auto AB = createSubmatrix(A,IS_B,IS_B);
```

Remark 6.3.2. In Listing 6.7, we do not require the assembled transpose matrix $A_{BI}$ of $A_{IB}$ but rather the ability to do the multiplication of $A_{BI}$ on a vector. This feature allows to gain a lot in terms of storage and operations.

The next step is the definition of the index sets $IS_V$ and $IS_E$ representing the location of vertex nodes $u_V$ and edge nodes $u_E$ in the solution vector $u_B$ of the Schur complement system (4.34). This decomposition is needed for the application of mortar constraint, see (4.37) and (4.38).

### 6.3.2.2 Application of the Schur Complement Matrix

The operation $\tilde{v} = \widehat{S}\tilde{u}$ can be performed in the following steps:

1. $w = R\tilde{u}$
2. $x = Qw$
3. $y = \Sigma x$
4. $z = Q^T y$
5. $\tilde{v} = R^T z$

**Algorithm 6.4.** Application of the Schur complement $\widehat{S}$

**Require:** $\tilde{u}, \tilde{v}$

1. $w \leftarrow R\tilde{u}$  # no communication
2. $x \leftarrow Qw$  # require communications from master to slave
3. $y \leftarrow \Sigma x$  # no communication
4. $z \leftarrow Q^T y$  # require communications from slave to master
5. $\tilde{v} \leftarrow R^T z$  # no communication
6. return $\tilde{v}$  # return output vector

The vectors $x$ and $z$ in the Algorithm 6.4. are given by

$$x = \begin{pmatrix} w_v \\ w_H \\ Q_vw_v + Q_Hw_H \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad z = \begin{pmatrix} y_v + Q_v^T y_S \\ y_H + Q_H^T y_S \end{pmatrix},$$

(6.1)
where 
\[ Q_h w_h = C^{-1}_h C_w w_h \] and 
\[ Q^T_V y_S = C^{-1}_V C^T_V y_S. \]

![Figure 6.3: MPI communications for transfer matrix-vector multiplication](image)

The terms in color in (6.1) are those requiring interprocess communications between neighboring subdomains, see Figure 6.3.

### 6.3.2.3 Application of the Constraint Matrix \( Q \)

The application of the constraint matrix \( Q \) implies the operations 
\[ Q_h w_h = C^{-1}_h C_w w_h \] and 
\[ Q^T_V y_S = C^{-1}_V C^T_V y_S, \] see (6.1). The interpolation from local function space to trace function spaces is needed in these operations since \( C_V \) and \( y_S \) do not live on the same mesh. Let \( \mathcal{I}_{S_h \rightarrow T^K_h} \) be the interpolation operator from the Schur function space \( S_h \) to trace function space \( T_h \) and let \( \mathcal{I}^*_{T^K_h \rightarrow S_h} \) be the adjoint operator of \( \mathcal{I}_{S_h \rightarrow T^K_h}, K = \{M,S\}, \) depending on whether the side is master or slave.

**Algorithm 6.5. Compute of \( C^{-1}_h C_w w_h \)**

**Require:** \( w_h, C_h, C \)  
1: \( x \leftarrow \mathcal{I}_{S_h \rightarrow T^K_h}(w_h) \) # apply interpolation operator  
2: \( y \leftarrow C_h x \) # apply \( C_h \)  
3: Solve \( C_S z = y \) # use direct solver  
4: \( v_S \leftarrow \mathcal{I}^*_{T^K_h \rightarrow S_h}(z) \) # apply inverse interpolation operator  
5: return \( v_S \) # return output vector

**Listing 6.8: Interpolation operators**

```plaintext
// operator interpolation \( \mathcal{I}_{S_h \rightarrow T^K_h}, K = \{M,S\} \)
opI = opInterpolation(_domainSpace=Sh,
_imageSpace=Th,
_range=elements(Th->mesh()),
_backend=M_backend);
```

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// operator interpolation transpose $I_{K^h \rightarrow S_h}$, $K = \{M, S\}$
opI->matPtr()->transpose(opMATTRANS, MATRIX_TRANSPOSE_UNASSEMBLED);

Remark 6.3.3. As in remark 6.3.2, the transpose opMATTRANS of the matrix associated to the linear interpolation operator opI in Listing 6.8 is not assembled explicitly but only its action on a vector is required.

6.3.2.4 Application of the Change of Basis Matrix $R$

The application of the change of basis matrix defined in (4.39) is done locally for each subdomain as

$$R \begin{pmatrix} u_v \\ u_E \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ u_E \end{pmatrix} + R_v \begin{pmatrix} u_v \\ u_E \end{pmatrix} \tag{6.2}$$

The matrix-vector multiplication in (6.2) does not require communication and involves mainly the action of the matrix $R_v$ on a given vector. Given as the matrix $R_v$ is the algebraic representation of the piecewise polynomial linear interpolation operator from a coarse mesh (with two simplex elements) to the local mesh, its construction is done by using Feel++ linear interpolation framework discussed in section 6.2.

Listing 6.9: Construction of the matrix $R_v$

```cpp
// Schur function space
auto Sh = Pch<2>(tracemesh);
// function space defined on the coarse mesh with two simplex elements
auto Ch = Pch<1>(coarsemesh);
// operator interpolation $I_{G_h \rightarrow S_h}$
opI = opInterpolation( _domainSpace=Ch,
    _imageSpace=Sh,
    _range=elements(Sh->mesh()),
    _backend=M_backend);
// matrix $R_v$ associated to opI
auto Rv = opI->matPtr();
```

6.3.2.5 Application of the Preconditioner $P$

The substructuring preconditioner $P$ is applied locally for each subdomain, see Algorithm 6.6.. The matrix-vector multiplication $P_E u_E$ is a purely local operation performed homogeneously for each subdomain. This operations do not require communication (see Algorithm 6.7.) since the block preconditioners $K_{E_j}$, $j = 1, \ldots, M$, are thoroughly independent, see (4.42).
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Algorithm 6.6. Application of the preconditioner $P$

Require: $u, v$  
1: $v_{V} \leftarrow P_{V} u_{V}$  
2: $v_{E} \leftarrow P_{E} u_{E}$  
3: return $v$  

Algorithm 6.7. Application of the edge block preconditioner $P_{E}$

Require: $u_{E}, v_{E}$  
1: for $i = 1, \ldots, M$ do  
2: $v_{E_i} \leftarrow \hat{K}_{E_i} u_{E_i}$  
3: end for  
4: return $v_{E}$  

6.3.2.6 Vertex Block Preconditioner

We develop two different implementations of the vertex block preconditioner $P_{DG}^{V}$. In the first one, we solve the coarse problem sequentially on a master process using the Discontinuous Galerkin (DG) formulation in FEEL++ (see Listing 6.12). Each subdomain retrieves its contribution on its processor rank through the MPI communications for the local application of the coarse component of the substructuring preconditioner. In the second approach, we solve the coarse problem in parallel on a group of master processes (see Figure 6.4.1). The communications are handled explicitly inside subgroups (see Figure 6.4.2) and implicitly between master processes (see Figure 6.4.1).

Let $nmp$ be the number of selected processors for solving the coarse problem in parallel. First, we load the coarse mesh sequentially one processor, for example the process rank 0 and we partition it into $nmp$ partitions by using the mesh partitioner Metis or Chaco from Gmsh. We select for example the first element id in each partition as master processes. On the master process ranks, we define a master MPI communicator from the global MPI communicator by using Boost.MPI group, a interface allowing the creation of communicators for subgroups of processors, as shown Listing 6.10. Let $\text{masterRanks}$ be the iterator range of master ranks and let $\text{worldcomm}$ the global MPI communicator, see Figure 6.1.1.

Listing 6.10 : Construction of master communicator

```cpp
// define a group including only master processes
auto masterGroup = worldcomm().group().include(masterRanks.begin(),masterRanks.end());
// define a master communicator
auto masterComm = mpi::communicator(worldcomm,masterGroup);
```
Analogously, we define a subcommunicator that activates only the processes within each partition, see Listing 6.11. Let subRanks be the iterator range of process ranks activated in the partition.

**Listing 6.11**: Construction of subgroup communicators

```c++
// define a group including only subgroup processes
auto subGroup = worldcomm().group().include(subRanks.begin(),subRanks.end());
// define a subgroup communicator
auto subComm = mpi::communicator(worldcomm,subGroup);
```

We design the Discontinuous Galerkin formulation assigned to the master processes and fully supported by Feel++.

**Listing 6.12**: Discontinuous Galerkin formulation in Feel++

```c++
// define coarse mesh in parallel on master processes
auto mesh = loadMesh( _mesh=new Mesh<Hypercube<2>>, 
                      _partitions=masterComm.globalSize(), 
                      _worldcomm=masterComm );

// define DG function space of piecewise linear polynomials
auto Vh = Pdh<1>( mesh, true );
auto u = Vh->element();
auto v = Vh->element();

// assemble DG problem
auto dgform = form2( _trial=Vh, _test=Vh,
                     _pattern=size_type(Pattern::EXTENDED) );
dgform += integrate(_range=elements(mesh),
                    _expr=\beta \nabla u \cdot \nabla v ); // \int_{\Omega} \beta \nabla u \cdot \nabla v 
dgform += integrate( internalfaces( mesh ),
                    + \gamma*( trans( jumpt( idt( u ) ) )*jump( id( v ) ) )/hFace() ); // \gamma[u,v]/h
```

The application of the coarse DG preconditioner defined in Listing 6.12 is performed in three steps and requires collective communications (gather and scatter) in each subgroup, see Figure 6.4.2. These communications enable the vertex data from the fine grid to the coarse grid and vice versa thanks to the simple pattern of the table of degrees of freedom of Discontinuous Galerkin problems.

The first step consists in sending the solution vector of each subgroup process to the subgroup master process by using Boost.MPI gather, see Listing 6.13.

**Listing 6.13**: Communications from subgroup processes to subgroup master process

```c++
// subgroup master process
int subMasterRank = subGroup.masterRank();
// sending the solution vectors to subgroup master processes
if (subGroup.rank()==subMasterRank)
{
    mpi::gather(subGroup, inputvec, 4, gathervec, subMasterRank);
}
```
The second step is dedicated to the resolution of the coarse DG problem in parallel using a direct solver, for example *mumps*, see Listing 6.14.

**Listing 6.14**: Solve DG problem in parallel

```cpp
// solve DG problem using direct solver mumps
dgform.solve(_solution=scattervec,
    _rhs=gathervec,
    _pcfactormatsolverpackage=''mumps'' );
```

The last step consists in sending the DG problem solution vector from subgroup master process to each subgroup process by using Boost.MPI *scatter*, see 6.15.

**Listing 6.15**: Communications from subgroup master process to subgroup processes

```cpp
// receive subgroup process contributions from subgroup master process
if (subGroup.rank()==subMasterRank)
{
    mpi::scatter(subGroup, scattervec, outvec, 4, subMasterRank);
}
else
{
    mpi::scatter(subGroup, outputvec, 4, subMasterRank);
}
```

**Figure 6.4**: MPI communications for vertex block preconditioner $P^V_D$

**Remark 6.3.4.** The parallel implementation of the vertex block preconditioner $P^V_D$ will improve the load balancing and therefore the performance of our preconditioner on very large
scale architectures since the coarse problem size is four times the number of subdomains (number of cores) in two-dimensional space.

6.3.2.7 Condition Number Estimate

We solve the transformed Schur complement system (4.41) by using the Preconditioned Conjugate Gradient (PCG) method [Saa03]. The condition number of the (preconditioned) Schur complement matrix is estimated from the (preconditioned) conjugate gradient coefficients by using the relationship between Lanczos technique and the PCG method, see [GV96] for more details.

**Algorithm 6.8.** PCG algorithm for Schur complement system (4.41)

1: Compute $r_0 = \hat{g} - \hat{S}x_0$  \# initialize the residual $r_0$
2: for $i = 1, 2, \ldots$ maxiter do
3: solve $Pz_{i-1} = r_{i-1}$ \# apply the preconditioner $P$
4: $\rho_{i-1} = (r_{i-1}, z_{i-1})$
5: if $i = 1$ then
6: $p_1 = z_0$
7: else
8: $\beta_{i-1} = \frac{\rho_{i-1}}{\rho_{i-2}}$
9: $p_i = z_{i-1} + \beta_{i-1}p_{i-1}$
10: end if
11: $q_i = \hat{S}p_{i-1}$
12: $\alpha_i = \frac{\rho_{i-1}}{(p_i, q_i)}$
13: $x_i = x_{i-1} + \alpha_i p_i$
14: $r_i = r_{i-1} + \alpha_i q_i$
15: check convergence; continue if necessary
16: end for

The central idea of the conjugate gradient method is to construct the minimum error solution in $\hat{S}$-norm over the Krylov space $K_i = \text{span}\{r_0, \hat{S}r_0, \ldots, \hat{S}r_{i-1}\}$, see Algorithm 6.8. A rich literature devoted to the iterative Krylov subspace method is available in [Saa03].

The Lanczos algorithm [GV96] applied to the matrix $\hat{S}$ constructs a tridiagonal matrix $T$ whose smallest and largest eigenvalues converge to the smallest and largest eigenvalues of $\hat{S}$ respectively denoted by $\lambda_{\text{min}}(\hat{S})$ and $\lambda_{\text{max}}(\hat{S})$. Let $T_m$ be the tridiagonal matrix associated with the $m$-th step of the Lanczos algorithm [Saa03, p. 214-215, Algorithm 6.15]. $T_m$ is defined by $T_m = \text{tridiag}[\eta_i^m, \delta_i^m, \eta_{i+1}^m]$. The coefficients $\eta_i^m$ and $\delta_i^m$ are functions of conjugate gradient coefficients $\alpha_i$ and $\beta_i$ defined in Algorithm 6.8. The tridiagonal matrix entries $\eta_i^m$ and $\delta_i^m$ are defined by
\[ \eta^m_{i+1} = \frac{\sqrt{\beta_i}}{\alpha_i} \quad \text{and} \quad \delta^m_{i+1} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\alpha_i} & \text{for } i = 0 \\ \frac{1}{\alpha_i} + \frac{\beta_{i-1}}{\alpha_{i-1}} & \text{for } i > 0 \end{cases} \]

This technique to obtain condition number estimate is valid for the preconditioned conjugate gradient method (see Algorithm 6.8.), i.e., if we apply the Lanczos algorithm to the preconditioned matrix \( P^{-1}S \), the extremal eigenvalues of the tridiagonal matrix \( T_m \) converge to the extremal eigenvalues of \( P^{-1}S \). An estimation of the condition number \( \kappa(P^{-1}S) \) of the preconditioned Schur complement matrix is defined by

\[ \kappa(P^{-1}S) = \frac{\lambda_{\text{max}}(P^{-1}S)}{\lambda_{\text{min}}(P^{-1}S)}, \]

where \( \lambda_{\text{min}}(P^{-1}S) \) and \( \lambda_{\text{max}}(P^{-1}S) \) are estimated respectively by smallest and largest eigenvalues of the Lanczos tridiagonal matrix \( T_m \).

In our implementation, the symmetric \( m \)-dimensional Lanczos tridiagonal matrix \( T_m \) is stored in dense format. We compute its smallest and largest eigenvalues by using the Eigen [G+10] library.

### 6.4 Notes on Implementation in 3D

The extension of the substructuring preconditioners for two-dimensional mortar finite element method presented in this thesis to three-dimensional problems is an ongoing work. The principal ingredients which are under development include the construction of the mortar projector and the coarse grid operator on the wirebasket (the union of the edges and vertices). The construction of the mortar projection operator is almost done for first-order approximation \( (p = 1) \) and its extension to any polynomial order is a highly technical task which is in progress. Other points required for the realization of the preconditioners in three-dimensional space are available: the (i) construction of the Schur complement system and (ii) the efficient computation of matrix square root, essential for the face block preconditioning.

### 6.5 Complexity Analysis

#### 6.5.1 Data Structure

For our parallel implementation, we chose the non-clusterization strategy, i.e. one subdomain per processing unit. The data related to each subdomain, e.g. local mesh, local function space, local stiffness matrix, local linear interpolation operator are stored in the local memory. The
assembly of the transfer matrix $C^h$ requires the exchange of trace meshes between neighboring subdomains. The exchange of trace solutions is needed for the application of the constraint matrix $Q$ and its transpose $Q^T$. These shared data are copied between processing units and therefore increase the memory complexity.

### 6.5.2 Communication

One of interesting points of the mortar finite element method is that continuity at the cross-points (in 2D and 3D) and the cross-edges (in 3D) is not required. In the implementation view point, this means that there is no communication between neighboring subdomains through the cross-points, which significantly reduces the time complexity. Solving and the application of the coarse grid preconditioner have a significant effect on the communication cost. In this framework, the size of the coarse problem is four times the number of processing units (number of subdomains), that can be solved in sequential or in parallel depending on the configurations, specially the number of processing units employed for solving the overall problem. The main rule we have adopted is that the communications should not be too many compared with the workload in order to not adversely affect the computational cost. Indeed, we have the ability to intuitively choose the suitable number of processing units for solving the coarse grid problem.

### 6.5.3 Load Balancing

The load balancing has a great influence on the performance of a parallel algorithm. The mortar finite element method naturally involves imbalance since the master and the slave subdomains are not handled in the same way, e.g. the assembly of transfer matrix $C^h$. The solution of the coarse grid problem adds another source of imbalance since it is performed on a selection of processing units among all resources dedicated to the overall problem. An equilibrated mortar approach introduced in [JMN13] and based on Schwarz type methods with Robin interface conditions can improve the load balancing.

### 6.5.4 Synchronization

The synchronization manages the sequence of work and the tasks execution for parallel algorithms. It is an important factor that can affect the performance of a parallel application. The process synchronization point is a point where all processing units must arrive before starting at the same time a given task. In our framework, this feature is used mostly in the compute of inner products in the Krylov subspace iterations.

### 6.5.5 Scalability

The concept of scalability was introduced in section 1.7.
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6.6 Code Design

For the numerical implementation of the methodology described in chapter 3 and in chapter 4, we developed the code in C++11. Without going into detailed descriptions, we will just give a brief overview to the four main classes defined in the implementation code: class Subdomain, class LocalProblemBase, class LocalProblem and class Mortar.

6.6.1 Class Subdomain

It is a virtual class, from which the class LocalProblemBase is derived. This class handles the domain decomposition (one subdomain per processor core) and provides all the ids of the neighboring subdomains from the different edges. It also provides the following main methods:

- \( \text{xmin} \): returns the minimum length of the subdomain in X-direction
- \( \text{xmax} \): returns the maximum length of the subdomain in X-direction
- \( \text{ymin} \): returns the minimum length of the subdomain in Y-direction
- \( \text{ymax} \): returns the maximum length of the subdomain in Y-direction
- \( \text{zmin} \): returns the minimum length of the subdomain in Z-direction
- \( \text{zmax} \): returns the maximum length of the subdomain in Z-direction
- \( \text{isInterior} \): return true or false depending on whether the current subdomain is an interior subdomain or not
- \( \text{isOnBoundary} \): return true or false depending on whether the current subdomain is on boundary or not
- \( \text{isMaster} \): return true or false depending on whether the current subdomain is a master subdomain or not
- \( \text{isSlave} \): return true or false depending on whether the current subdomain is a slave subdomain or not

Listing 6.16: Class Subdomain

```cpp
template<int Dim>
class Subdomain
{
  public:
    /*
     * @param pid process id for the current subdomain
     * @param nx number of subdomain in X-direction
     * @param ny number of subdomain in Y-direction
     */
```

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```cpp
@param nz number of subdomain in Z-direction
@param vm variables map for options
*/

// constructor
Subdomain( int pid, int nx, int ny, int nz, po::variables_map const& vm );

// virtual destructor
virtual ~Subdomain();
```

6.6.2 Class LocalProblemBase

This class is derived from class Subdomain and allows the shell construction of the constrained Schur complement system (4.38), the transformed Schur complement system (4.41) and the change of basis operators (4.39). It provides the following main methods:

- **createMesh**: create the local meshes (fine and coarse). The exchange of trace meshes between neighboring subdomain is also performed in this function
- **createFunctionSpaces**: create the local function spaces (fine, coarse, traces and mortar)
- **interpolation**: create interpolation operators (i) from domain space to trace space (ii) from domain space to coarse space
- **createIndices**: create indices corresponding to the decomposition \( u = u^0 + u^E + u^V \). This indices are used for the extraction of submatrices needed for the construction Schur complement system and substructuring preconditioners
- **assembleProblem**: assemble local stiffness matrix \( A \), local right hand side vector \( F \) and the transfer matrices \( C_m, C_s \) and \( C_v \)
- **schurComplement**: create shell operator for the Schur complement system (4.34)
- **switchingMatrix**: apply the switching matrix \( Q \), see (4.38)
- **switchingMatrixTrans**: apply the switching matrix transpose \( Q^T \), see (4.38)
- **multVector**: create shell operator for the constraint Schur complement system (4.38)
- **rightHandSide**: create shell operator for the right hand side corresponding to the constraint Schur complement system (4.38)
- **referenceVertexPrecondApply**: apply the reference coarse preconditioner (4.17)
- **changeBasis**: apply the change of basis operator \( R \), see (4.39)
- **changeBasisTrans**: apply the change of basis operator transpose (4.40)
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Listing 6.17: Class LocalProblemBase

```cpp
template<int Dim, int Order>
class LocalProblemBase: public Subdomain<Dim> {
    public:
    /*
     * @param pid process id for the current subdomain
     * @param nx number of subdomain in X-direction
     * @param ny number of subdomain in Y-direction
     * @param nz number of subdomain in Z-direction
     * @param vm variables map for options
     * @param worldcomm mpi communicator
     * @param grid fine/coarse grid
     */
    // constructor
    LocalProblemBase(int pid, int nx, int ny, int nz, po::variables_map const & vm,
                     WorldComm const & worldcomm, std::string grid="fine")
    :
        Subdomain<Dim>( pid, nx, ny, nz, vm )
    {}
};
```

6.6.3 Class LocalProblem

This class is derived from class LocalProblemBase and allows the shell construction of the substructuring preconditioners $P_0$, $P_1$ and $P_2$ described in chapter 4, the parallel/sequential assembly of the Discontinuous Galerkin coarse preconditioners presented in section 4.2.2. The solvers (CG, BICGSTAB, MINRES) used for solving the (preconditioned) Schur complement system are implemented in this class. The class LocalProblemBase provides the methods for the post processing operations which are (i) the resolution of the local linear system with the Schur complement solution as boundary conditions (ii) the compute of the numerical errors ($L^2$ and $H^1$) (iii) the exporting of the numerical results. The main methods are

- `schurMatrixPrecond`: apply the substructuring preconditioner
- `vertexPrecondApply`: apply the coarse preconditioner
- `vertexDGPrecondApply`: apply the DG coarse preconditioner in sequential
- `vertexParallelDGPrecondApply`: apply the DG coarse preconditioner in parallel
- `solve`: solve the (preconditioned) Schur complement system
- `l2Error`: compute the numerical $L^2$ error
- `h1Error`: compute the numerical $H^1$ error
- `exportResults`: export the numerical results
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Listing 6.18: Class LocalProblem

```cpp
template<int Dim, int Order>
class LocalProblem: public LocalProblemBase<Dim, Order> {
    public:
        /*
        @param pid process id for the current subdomain
        @param nx number of subdomain in X-direction
        @param ny number of subdomain in Y-direction
        @param nz number of subdomain in Z-direction
        @param vm variables map for options
        @param worldcomm mpi communicator
        @param cs coarse Schur complement for preconditioner
        */

        // constructor
        LocalProblem( int i, int nx, int ny, int nz, po::variables_map const& vm,
            WorldComm const& worldcomm, coarseproblem_ptrtype cs ) :
            LocalProblemBase<Dim,Order>( i, nx, ny, nz, vm, worldcomm ) {}
    }
};
```

6.6.4 Class Mortar

This class is derived from class LocalProblem and the class Simget of FEEL++. It mainly provides methods for automatic convergence analysis (in \(h\), in \(H\) and in \(p\)) and automatic scalability analysis (strong and weak). The main methods are

- `convergenceStudy`: exports data files for automatic convergence analysis
- `strongScalingStudy`: exports data files for automatic strong scalability analysis
- `weakScalingStudy`: exports data files for automatic weak scalability analysis

Listing 6.19: Class Mortar

```cpp
template<int Dim, int Order>
class Mortar: public std::map<int, boost::shared_ptr<LocalProblem<Dim,Order> > >,
    public Simget {
    public:

        // constructor
        Mortar() :
            Simget() {}
    }
};
```
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Listing 6.20: Main function

```cpp
int main(int argc, char ** argv )
{
    // use Feel namespace
    using namespace Feel;

    // Initialize Feel++ Environment
    Environment env( _argc=argc,
                     _argv=argv,
                     _desc=makeOptions(),
                     _about=about(_name=''mortar'',
                                  _author=''Abdoulaye Samake'",
                                  _email=''abdoulaye.samake@imag.fr'') );

    // create an application
    Application app;

    // instanciate Mortar in 2D
    app.add( new Mortar<2,FEELPP_ORDER>() );

    // run the application
    app.run();
}
```

6.7 Conclusion

In this chapter, we introduced the numerical implementation of the substructuring preconditioners for mortar element method in two dimensional space, previously described in chapter 4. We first recalled the essential ingredients including MPI, PETSc and Gmsh. We placed a special emphasis on linear interpolation operator which is a crucial tool for domain decomposition methods in Feel++. We presented two different MPI communication approaches namely explicit and seamless approach. For the first approach, we introduced Boost.MPI and Boost.Serialization that provide a simple interface for MPI usage. We discussed a generic geometric and algebraic framework for mortar discretization and the construction and analysis of the substructuring preconditioners. This implementation will be followed by the numerical experiments supporting the theoretical properties of the preconditioners and the performance of our parallel algorithms in chapter 6.
Chapter 7

Generic Implementation Framework

This chapter discusses the implementation aspects for schwarz methods in section 7.1, three-field method in section 7.2 and mortar element method with lagrange multipliers in section 7.3.

Ce chapitre aborde les aspects de mise en œuvre des méthodes de schwarz dans la section 7.1, de la méthode three-field dans la section 7.2 et de la méthode des éléments finis mortar avec multiplicateurs de lagrange dans la section 7.3.

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7.1 Schwarz Methods

In this section, we discuss two different approaches for Schwarz methods in FEEL++ using explicit communications (see section 7.1.1) and seamless communications (see section 7.1.2). In the first approach, we deal with different types of Schwarz methods (Additive, Multiplicative, with(out) Relaxation) with different artificial boundary conditions (DD, DN, NN, RR) while having the ability to process (non-)conforming meshes as well as being able to control the size of the overlap between neighboring subdomains. In the second approach, we use the parallel data structures of FEEL++ and the algebraic domain decomposition framework provided by PETSc.

7.1.1 Explicit Communication Approach

Schwarz methods are used as solvers and the communications are handled explicitly. We use PETSc sequentially even though the code is parallel using MPI communicators. It requires explicitly sending and receiving complex data structures such as mesh data structures and elements of functions space (traces). A sequential interpolation operator is also used to make the transfer between the grids (overlapping or not, conforming or not). In this case each subdomain creates locally its mesh and its function space, the matrices and vectors associated to the discretization process are completely local.

The variational formulation of the problem (2.4) in the simplest form ($L := -\Delta$) in the subdomain $\Omega_i$ at iteration number $k$ using Nitsche’s method [Nit71] for applying weakly the Dirichlet-Dirichlet artificial boundary conditions ($C_i = C_j = Id$, $j \in V_{\Omega_i}$) is given by: find $u_k^i \in H^1(\Omega_i)$ such that

$$a(u_k^i, v) = l(v) \ \forall v \in H^1(\Omega_i)$$

where

$$a(u_k^i, v) := \int_{\Omega_i} \nabla u_k^i \cdot \nabla v + \int_{\partial \Omega_i} -\frac{\partial u_k^i}{\partial n} v - \frac{\partial v}{\partial n} u_k^i + \frac{\gamma}{h} u_k^i v$$

and

$$l(v) := \int_{\Omega_i} f v + \int_{\partial \Omega_i \setminus \Gamma_{ij}} \left( -\frac{\partial v}{\partial n} + \frac{\gamma}{h} v \right) g + \sum_{j \in V_{\Omega_i}} \int_{\Gamma_{ij}} \left( -\frac{\partial v}{\partial n} + \frac{\gamma}{h} v \right) u_k^{j-1}$$

with $\gamma$ a penalization parameter and $h$ the maximum mesh size.

Other variants of artificial boundary conditions such as Dirichlet-Neumann ($C_i = Id$, $C_j = \partial/\partial n$, $j \in V_{\Omega_i}$), Neumann-Neumann ($C_i = C_j = \partial/\partial n$, $j \in V_{\Omega_i}$) and Robin-Robin ($C_i = C_j = (\partial/\partial n) + Id$, $j \in V_{\Omega_i}$) are also treated. In the above variational formulation, only the terms colored in red in (7.2) requires communications between neighboring subdomains for each Schwarz iteration and interpolation between the grids. Note that the assembly of the other terms of the variational formulation is done once and is purely local.

The listing 7.1 illustrates some aspects of Schwarz algorithm using the FEEL++ language.

Listing 7.1 : FEEL++ snippet code for parallel Schwarz algorithm

```
// Create local mesh and function space on subdomain number i
```

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**auto** mesh = createGMSHMesh(_mesh=mesh_type, ...);
**auto** Xh = space_type::New(mesh);
std::vector<mpi::request> reqs; // vector of Boost.MPI requests
for(int j=0, j<Nneighbors, ++j){
    // Extract trace mesh on interface number j
    trace_mesh_send[j]=mesh->trace(markedfaces(mesh,j));
    // Exchange trace mesh with neighbor subdomain number j
    **auto** req1=comm.isend( j,i,trace_mesh_send[j] );
    **auto** req2=comm.irecv( j,j,trace_mesh_recv[j] );
    reqs.push_back(req1); reqs.push_back(req2);
} mpi::wait_all(reqs.begin(), reqs.end()); // wait all requests
for(int j=0, j<Nneighbors, ++j){
    // Create trace function space for interface number j
    TXh[j] = trace_space_type::New(trace_mesh_recv[j]);
    // Create interpolation operator from Xh to TXh[j]
    opI[j]=operatorInterpolation(Xh,TXh[j]);
}

while(!convergence) { // Schwarz iterations
    reqs.clear();
    for(int j=0, j<Nneighbors, ++j){
        // Non conforming interpolation for interface number j
        opI[j]->apply(solution,trace_solution_send[j]);
        // Exchange trace solution with neighbor subdomain number j
        **auto** req1=comm.isend( j,i,trace_solution_send[j] );
        **auto** req2=comm.irecv( j,j,trace_solution_recv[j] );
        reqs.push_back(req1); reqs.push_back(req2);
    } mpi::wait_all(reqs.begin(), reqs.end()); // wait all requests
    // Update right hand side for each schwarz iteration
    for(int j=0, j<Nneighbors, ++j){
        form1( _test=Xh,_vector=F ) +=
            integrate(elements(trace_mesh_send[j]),
            -grad(v)*N()*idv(trace_solution_recv[j])
            +penaldir*idv(trace_solution_recv[j])*id(v)/hFace());
    }
solve(); }

7.1.2 Seamless Communication Approach

Here we consider the domain decomposition methods with seamless communications in FEEL++. We provide a parallel data framework: we start with automatic mesh partitioning using Gmsh (Chaco/Metis) — adding information about ghost cells with communication between neighbor partition; — then FEEL++ data structures are parallel such as meshes, (elements of) function spaces — create a parallel degrees of freedom table with local and global views; — and finally we use the PETSc Krylov subspace solvers (KSP) coupled with PETSc preconditioners such as Block-Jacobi, ASM, GASM. The last preconditioner is an additive variant of the Schwarz alternating method for the case of many subregion, see [BBG04]. For each sub-preconditioners (in the subdomains), PETSc allows to choose in the wide range of sequential preconditioners such, ilu, jacobi, ml.

To illustrate this, we perform a strong scalability test with a Laplace problem in 3D using P3 Lagrange elements (about 8 Millions degrees of freedom). The listing 7.2 corresponds to the code that allowed us to realize this test.
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Listing 7.2: Laplacian Solver in parallel
/* Create parallel function space and some associated elements */
auto Xh = space_type::New( _mesh=mesh );
/* Create the parallel matrix and vector of linear system */
auto A = backend()->newMatrix( _test=Xh, _trial=Xh );
auto F = backend()->newVector(Xh);
/* Parallel assembly of the right hand side */
form1( _test=Xh, _vector=F ) =
    integrate( _range=elements( mesh ), _expr=f*id( v ) )
/* Parallel assembly of the global matrix */
form2( _test=Xh, _trial=Xh, _matrix=A ) =
    integrate( _range=elements( mesh ), _expr=gradt(u)*trans( grad(v) ) );
/* Apply Dirichlet boundary conditions strongly */
form2( _test=Xh, _trial=Xh, _matrix=A ) +=
    on( _range=boundaryfaces(mesh), _element=u, _rhs=F, _expr=g );
/* solve system using PETSc parallel solvers/preconditioners */
backend()->solve( _matrix=A, _solution=u, _rhs=F );

7.2 Three-field Method

In Listing 7.3, we display the terms corresponding to the jump matrices $B_1, C_1, B_2$ and $C_2$ in (2.31).

Listing 7.3: Assembly of the jump terms in global matrix
typedef meshes<msh1_t,tr1_t,tr_t,tr2_t,msh2_t> mesh_type;
typedef bases<PSet1,PSet1,PSet3,PSet2,PSet2> basis_t;
typedef FunctionSpace< mesh_type, basis_t > space_type;
auto mesh = fusion::make_vector(msh1,t_msh1,t_msh,t_msh2,msh2);
auto Xh = space_type::New( mesh );
auto u = Xh->element();
auto u1 = u.element<0>();
auto mu1 = u.element<1>();
auto mu = u.element<2>();
auto mu2 = u.element<3>();
auto u2 = u.element<4>();

// Initialize the bilinear form associated to the global matrix A
auto A = backend->newMatrix( _trial=Xh, _test=Xh );
form2( _trial=Xh, _test=Xh, _matrix=A );

// Assembly the stiffness terms in $\Omega_1$
form2( _trial=Xh, _test=Xh, _matrix=A ) +=
    integrate( elements(Xh->template mesh<0>()), grad(u1)*trans( grad(u1) ) );

// Assembly the stiffness terms in $\Omega_2$
form2( _trial=Xh, _test=Xh, _matrix=A ) +=
    integrate( elements(Xh->template mesh<4>()), grad(u2)*trans( grad(u2) ) );

// Add the jump terms in the global matrix A
form2( _trial=Xh, _test=Xh, _matrix=A ) +=

7.3 Mortar Element Method with Lagrange Multipliers

The parallel implementation is designed using the Message Passing Interface (MPI) and Feel++ libraries. The objective of the parallel implementation is to minimize the amount of communications with respect to the parallel operations involved in the linear solver, namely matrix-vector products and dot products. One of interests of this mortar parallel implementation is that there’s no communication at cross-points (in 2D and 3D) and cross-edges (in 3D), which reduces considerably communications between subdomains.

Assuming a constant number of internal dofs in each subdomain, it is rather straightforward to bind a subdomain to each process. Each process would own its subdomain mesh $T_{\ell}$, functional space $X_{h\ell}$, stiffness matrix $A_{\ell}$ and unknown $u_{\ell}$. Regarding the mortars, the choice is less obvious. In order to decrease the amount of communications in the matrix-vector products, we have used technique developed in [Abd+99] which consists in duplicating the data at the interfaces between subdomains. If $\Gamma_{\ell n}$ is such an interface, then the Lagrange multiplier vector $\lambda_{\ell n}$ and its associated trace mesh $T_{h\ell,n}$ and trace space $M_{h\ell,n}$ are stored in both the processors dealing $\Omega_{\ell}$ and $\Omega_{n}$. Although the data storage is increased a little bit, the communications will be reduced significantly.

As an example, consider the splitting of the unit square into four little squares, as in Figure 7.1, where the dash rectangles denote clusters and the bold segments correspond to the mortar interfaces. Note, that when neighboring subdomains belong to different clusters, there

\begin{verbatim}
integrate( elements(Xh->template mesh<2>()), idt(u1)*id(mu1)+id(u1)*idt(mu1)
    +idt(mu)*id(mu1)+idt(mu1)*id(mu)
    +idt(u2)*id(mu2)-id(u2)*idt(mu2)
    +idt(mu)*id(mu2)-idt(mu2)*id(mu));
\end{verbatim}
are two copies of the mortar interface variables stored in different clusters. Consider the interfaces as shown in the picture. The matrix $A$ has the following form:

$$
A = \begin{pmatrix}
A_1 & B_{15}^T & B_{16}^T & 0 & 0 \\
A_2 & B_{25}^T & 0 & B_{27}^T & 0 \\
A_3 & 0 & B_{36}^T & 0 & B_{38}^T \\
A_4 & 0 & 0 & B_{47}^T & B_{48}^T
\end{pmatrix}
$$

(7.3)

Let us consider the matrix-vector multiplication procedure with the matrix $A$ and the vector $(u, \lambda)$, where $u$ and $\lambda$ have the following component-wise representation, according to the decomposition and the enumeration in Figure 7.1.1: $u = (u_1^T, u_2^T, u_3^T, u_4^T)^T$ and $\lambda = (\lambda_5^T, \lambda_6^T, \lambda_7^T, \lambda_8^T)^T$. The resulting vector $(v, \mu) = A \cdot (u, \lambda)$ can be computed as

$$
\begin{pmatrix}
v_1^{(1)} \\
v_2^{(2)} \\
v_3^{(3)} \\
v_4^{(4)} \\
\mu_5^{(1,2)} \\
\mu_6^{(1,3)} \\
\mu_7^{(2,3)} \\
\mu_8^{(3,4)}
\end{pmatrix} =
\begin{pmatrix}
A_1 u_1^{(1)} + B_{15}^T \lambda_5^{(1)} + B_{16}^T \lambda_6^{(1)} \\
A_2 u_2^{(2)} + B_{25}^T \lambda_5^{(2)} + B_{27}^T \lambda_7^{(2)} \\
A_3 u_3^{(3)} + B_{36}^T \lambda_6^{(3)} + B_{38}^T \lambda_8^{(3)} \\
A_4 u_4^{(4)} + B_{47}^T \lambda_7^{(4)} + B_{48}^T \lambda_8^{(4)} \\
B_{15} u_1^{(1)} + B_{25} u_2^{(2)} \\
B_{16} u_1^{(1)} + B_{36} u_3^{(3)} \\
B_{27} u_2^{(2)} + B_{47} u_4^{(4)} \\
B_{38} u_3^{(3)} + B_{48} u_4^{(4)}
\end{pmatrix}
$$

(7.4)

where the upper indices denote the cluster (the processor), in which this variable is stored. Two upper indices mean that this variable is stored in both processors. Note that $\lambda_i^{(\ell)} \equiv \lambda_i^{(n)}$ and so far we need communications only when computing $\mu_i$. For example

**Figure 7.2**: Communications for jump matrix-vector multiplication
\[ \mu_6 = \mu_6^{(1)} + \mu_6^{(3)}, \quad \mu_6^{(1)} = B_{16}u_1 \text{ and } \mu_6^{(3)} = B_{36}u_3. \]

**Figure 7.3**: Communications for parallel matrix-vector multiplication

We see that \( \mu_6^{(1)} \) and \( \mu_6^{(3)} \) are computed in parallel, and then should be interchanged and summed, see the representations in Figure 7.3 and more explicitly in Figure 7.2.
The Algorithm 7.9. represents the general case of the parallel matrix-vector multiplication for the saddle-point matrix $A$ for the arbitrary number of subdomains.

### 7.4 Conclusion

In this chapter, we first discussed a Feel++ implementation framework for Schwarz methods including seamless and explicit MPI communication approach. We handled different variants of Schwarz methods namely additive and multiplicative algorithms and different artificial boundary conditions such as Dirichlet-Dirichlet, Dirichlet-Neumann, Neumann-Neumann and Robin-Robin. Then, we briefly interested in the assembly of jump matrices in the three-field formulation. Finally, we considered a special parallel implementation of mortar finite element method with Lagrange multipliers in 2D and 3D based on the duplication of data at the interfaces between subdomains in order to reduce the communications. We presented some Listings illustrating the flexibility of Feel++ for domain decomposition methods.
Part III

Numerical Experiments
Chapter 8

Substructuring Preconditioners in 2D

This chapter summarizes the numerical results for substructuring preconditioners for $h$-$p$ mortar element method introduced in chapter 4. The numerical experiments for conforming and nonconforming domain decompositions are presented respectively in section 8.1 and 8.2. Some results obtained with large number of processor cores are given in section 8.3. The scalability analysis including strong and weak scalability is available in section 8.4.

Ce chapitre résume les résultats numériques pour les préconditionneurs par sous-structuration pour la méthode des éléments finis $h$-$p$ mortar introduits dans le chapitre 4. Les expérimentations numériques pour les méthodes de décomposition de domaine conforme et non conforme sont présentées respectivement dans la section 8.1 et 8.2. Quelques résultats obtenus avec un très grand nombre de processeurs sont donnés dans la section 8.3. L’analyse de scalabilité comprenant la scalabilité forte et faible est disponible dans la section 8.4.

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In this chapter, we analyze the properties of the preconditioners previously proposed in chapter 4 and investigated numerically in chapter 6. We perform a $p$-, $H$- and $h$-convergence study and the scalability analysis of our parallel algorithms. We consider the model problem

$$-\Delta u = f \quad \text{in } \Omega = ]0, 1[^2, \quad u = 0 \quad \text{on } \partial \Omega$$  \hspace{1cm} (8.1)

Unless otherwise stated, for all the following simulations we set $f = 1$. We consider the geometrically conforming domain decomposition and we split the domain $\Omega$ in $N = 4^\ell$ subdomains, $\ell > 1$, with simplex or hypercube elements.

The simulations were partly performed at MesoCentre@Strasbourg on hpc-login. MesoCentre is a supercomputer with 288 compute nodes interconnected by an infiniband QDR network. The system is Scientific Linux based on Intel Xeon Ivy Bridge processors with 16 cores and 64 GB of RAM running at 2.6 Ghz. MesoCentre has a theoretical peak performance of 70 TFLOP/s. The simulations on a large number of cores, more than or equal to 1024, were done on Curie at the TGCC, a TIER-0 system which is part of PRACE. Curie has 5040 B510 bullx nodes and for each node a 2 Eight-Core Intel processors Sandy Bridge cadenced at 2.7 GHz with 64 GB.

We present the numerical results including the theoretical properties and the performance of the parallel implementation of substructuring preconditioners for $h$-$p$ mortar element method proposed in chapter 4. the numerical tests relate the following three preconditioners $P_0$, $P_1$ and $P_2$ for the transformed Schur complement system (4.41). All the tests presented relate to $\beta = 1/10$ and $\gamma = 2$. The relative tolerance of the Preconditioned Conjugate Gradient(PCG) solver is set to $10^{-6}$.

We report the condition number estimate of the preconditioned Schur complement matrix $\kappa(\hat{P}^{-1}\hat{S})$ where $\hat{P}$ is one of the preconditioners $P_0$, $P_1$ or $P_2$, the number of iterations and the following two ratios :

$$R_2 = \frac{\kappa(\hat{P}^{-1}\hat{S})}{\left(1 + \log \left(\frac{H^2p^2}{h}\right)\right)^2} \quad \text{and} \quad R_{2p} = \frac{R_2}{p^{3/2}}$$  \hspace{1cm} (8.2)

where $H$ is the coarse mesh-size, $h$ the fine mesh-size and $p$ the polynomial order.

8.1 Conforming Domain Decompositions

We split the domain $\Omega$ in $N = 4^\ell$ subdomains, $\ell = 2, 3, 4$, with $n \times n$ mesh in each subdomain. These results were obtained on a sequence of triangular grids like the ones shown in Figure 8.1. The example in Figure 8.1 relate to the first three levels of refinements for unstructured triangular grids on a subdomain partition made of four squares.
8.1.1 Linear Elements

In the first set of experiments, we consider the piecewise linear elements \((p = 1)\), and we report the condition number estimate of the (preconditioned) Schur complement matrix \(\kappa(P^{-1}\hat{S})\), the number of iterations required by the PCG solver and the ratio \(R_2\) when varying the number of subdomains \(N\) and the number of elements \(n\) of the fine mesh.

8.1.1.1 Unpreconditioned Schur Complement

We report in Table 3 and Table 4 respectively the number of iterations required for solving the transformed Schur complement system (4.41) and the condition number estimate \(\kappa(\hat{S})\).

### Table 3: Unpreconditioned Schur complement - number of iterations for \(p = 1\)

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### Table 4: Unpreconditioned Schur complement - \(\kappa(\hat{S})\) for \(p = 1\)

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In Table 3 and Table 4, we observe that the number of iterations and the condition number estimate increase significantly with the number of subdomains (number of processor cores) $N$ and with $n = H/h$. These results support the requirement to use an efficient preconditioner for solving such a linear system, as explained in previous chapters.

8.1.1.2 Preconditioned Schur Complement

We report in Table 5 the ratio $R_2$ and the number of iterations required for solving the transformed Schur complement system (4.41) preconditioned by $P_0$, $P_1$ and $P_2$.

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As the theoretical estimates (4.18), (4.26) and (4.32), the Table 5 shows that for $n = H/h$ fixed, the ratio $R_2$ remains constant. The same behavior is observed for the number of iterations.

8.1.2 Second-order Elements

We consider the second-order elements ($p = 2$), and we report the condition number estimate of the (preconditioned) Schur complement matrix $\kappa(P^{-1}\hat{S})$, the number of iterations required by the PCG solver and the ratio $R_2$ when varying the number of subdomains $N$ and the number of elements $n$ of the fine mesh.

8.1.2.1 Unpreconditioned Schur Complement

We report in Table 6 and Table 7 respectively the number of iterations required for solving the transformed Schur complement system (4.41) and the condition number estimate $\kappa(\hat{S})$. 

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| Table 6: Unpreconditioned Schur complement - number of iterations for $p = 2$ |
|-----------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| $N \setminus n$ | 5    | 10   | 20   | 40   | 80   | 160  |
| 16              | 66   | 90   | 114  | 164  | 256  | 373  |
| 64              | 87   | 123  | 167  | 229  | 330  | 507  |
| 256             | 110  | 138  | 196  | 272  | 356  | 533  |

| Table 7: Unpreconditioned Schur complement - $\kappa(\tilde{S})$ for $p = 2$ |
|-----------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| $N \setminus n$ | 5    | 10   | 20   | 40   | 80   | 160  |
| 16              | 1.75e+2 | 3.96e+2 | 9.42e+2 | 2.25e+3 | 5.34e+3 | 1.25e+4 |
| 64              | 2.87e+2 | 4.73e+2 | 1.07e+3 | 2.55e+3 | 5.43e+3 | 1.42e+4 |
| 256             | 9.36e+2 | 1.01e+3 | 1.26e+3 | 2.65e+3 | 6.23e+3 | 1.46e+4 |

In Table 6 and Table 7, we observe that the number of iterations and the condition number estimate increase significantly with the number of subdomains $N$ and with $n = H/h$. The Table 7 shows that $\kappa(\tilde{S})$ is growing faster than in the case of linear elements presented in section 8.1.1.1. These results support the requirement to use an efficient preconditioner for solving such a linear system.

8.1.2.2 Preconditioned Schur Complement

We report in Table 8 the ratio $R_2$ and the number of iterations required for solving the transformed Schur complement system (4.41) preconditioned by $P_0$, $P_1$ and $P_2$.

| Table 8: Ratio $R_2$ and number of iterations (between parenthesis) for $p = 2$ |
|-----------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| $N \setminus n$ | 5    | 10   | 20   | 40   | 80   | 160  |
| $P_0$           | 16   | 1.51 (26) | 1.32 (27) | 1.20 (29) | 1.12 (30) | 1.06 (30) | 1.02 (30) |
| 64              | 1.50 (25) | 1.30 (27) | 1.18 (27) | 1.09 (29) | 1.07 (31) | 0.99 (32) |
| 256             | 1.43 (22) | 1.26 (24) | 1.15 (26) | 1.06 (28) | 1.03 (30) | 0.98 (31) |
| $P_1$           | 16   | 1.56 (27) | 1.33 (27) | 1.22 (28) | 1.17 (30) | 1.14 (31) | 1.13 (32) |
| 64              | 1.55 (25) | 1.33 (27) | 1.20 (28) | 1.13 (30) | 1.11 (32) | 1.10 (33) |
| 256             | 1.48 (22) | 1.28 (24) | 1.16 (25) | 1.11 (29) | 1.09 (31) | 1.08 (30) |
| $P_2$           | 16   | 1.47 (23) | 1.33 (26) | 1.23 (29) | 1.18 (31) | 1.14 (32) | 1.12 (33) |
| 64              | 1.54 (22) | 1.42 (25) | 1.32 (28) | 1.25 (31) | 1.21 (33) | 1.17 (35) |
| 256             | 1.57 (21) | 1.44 (23) | 1.34 (26) | 1.27 (28) | 1.23 (32) | 1.19 (33) |
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In accordance with the theoretical estimates (4.18), (4.26) and (4.32), the Table 8 shows that for \( n = H/h \) fixed, the ratio \( R_2 \) remains constant. We observe the same behavior for the number of iterations.

### 8.1.3 Third-order Elements

The third-order elements \((p = 3)\) is considered in this experiments, and we report the condition number estimate of the (preconditioned) Schur complement matrix \( \kappa(P^{-1}\hat{S}) \), the number of iterations required by the PCG solver and the ratio \( R_2 \) when varying the number of subdomains \( N \) and the number of elements \( n \) of the fine mesh.

#### 8.1.3.1 Unpreconditioned Schur Complement

We report in Table 9 and Table 10 respectively the number of iterations required for solving the transformed Schur complement system (4.41) and the condition number estimate \( \kappa(\hat{S}) \).

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**Table 9** : Unpreconditioned Schur complement - number of iterations for \( p = 3 \)

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**Table 10** : Unpreconditioned Schur complement - \( \kappa(\hat{S}) \) for \( p = 3 \)

In Table 9 and Table 10, we observe that the number of iterations and the condition number estimate increase significantly with the number of subdomains \( N \) and with \( n = H/h \). The Table 9 shows that \( \kappa(\hat{S}) \) is growing faster than in the case of linear and second-order elements presented respectively in section 8.1.1.1 and in section 8.1.2.1. These results support the requirement to use an efficient preconditioner for solving such a linear system.

#### 8.1.3.2 Preconditioned Schur Complement

We report in Table 11 the ratio \( R_2 \) and the number of iterations required for solving the transformed Schur complement system (4.41) preconditioned by \( P_0, P_1 \) and \( P_2 \).
Table 11: Ratio $R_2$ and number of iterations (between parenthesis) for $p = 3$

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As the theoretical estimates (4.18), (4.26) and (4.32) and similarly to the results obtained with the linear elements ($p = 1$) and the second-order elements ($p = 2$) presented respectively in 8.1.1.2 and 8.1.2.2, the Table 11 shows that for $n = H/h$ fixed, the ratio $R_2$ remains constant. We observe the same behavior for the number of iterations.

### 8.1.4 Fourth-order Elements

The simulations are performed using the fourth-order elements ($p = 4$), and we report the condition number estimate of the (preconditioned) Schur complement matrix $\kappa(P^{-1}\hat{S})$, the number of iterations required by the PCG solver and the ratio $R_2$ when varying the number of subdomains $N$ and the number of elements $n$ of the fine mesh.

#### 8.1.4.1 Unpreconditioned Schur Complement

We report in Table 12 and Table 13 respectively the number of iterations required for solving the transformed Schur complement system (4.41) and the condition number estimate $\kappa(\hat{S})$. These results support the use of preconditioners for an efficient solution of the Schur complement system.

Table 12: Unpreconditioned Schur complement - number of iterations for $p = 4$

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8.1.4.2 Preconditioned Schur Complement

We report in Table 14 the ratio $R_2$ and the number of iterations required for solving the transformed Schur complement system (4.41) preconditioned by $P_0, P_1$ and $P_2$.

Table 14 : Ratio $R_2$ and number of iterations (between parenthesis) for $p = 4$

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Similarly to the results obtained with the linear elements ($p = 1$), the second-order elements ($p = 2$) and the third-order elements ($p = 3$) presented respectively in 8.1.1.2, 8.1.2.2 and 8.1.3.2, the Table 14 shows that for $n = H/h$ fixed, the ratio $R_2$ remains constant. The same behavior is valid for the number of iterations.

8.1.5 Fifth-order Elements

We consider the fifth-order elements ($p = 5$), and we report the condition number estimate of the (preconditioned) Schur complement matrix $\kappa(P^{-1}\hat{S})$, the number of iterations required by the PCG solver and the ratio $R_2$ when varying the number of subdomains $N$ and the number of elements $n$ of the fine mesh.
8.1.5.1 Unpreconditioned Schur Complement

We report in Table 15 and Table 16 respectively the number of iterations required for solving the transformed Schur complement system (4.41) and the condition number estimate $\kappa(\hat{S})$. These results motivate the need to use the preconditioning techniques for an efficient solution of such a linear system.

**Table 15**: Unpreconditioned Schur complement - number of iterations for $p = 5$

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**Table 16**: Unpreconditioned Schur complement - $\kappa(\hat{S})$ for $p = 5$

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8.1.5.2 Preconditioned Schur Complement

We report in Table 17 the ratio $R_2$ and the number of iterations required for solving the transformed Schur complement system (4.41) preconditioned by $P_0$, $P_1$ and $P_2$.

**Table 17**: Ratio $R_2$ and number of iterations (between parenthesis) for $p = 5$

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As the theoretical estimates (4.18), (4.26) and (4.32), the Table 17 clearly indicates that for \( n = H/h \) fixed, the ratio \( R_2 \) remains constant. The same properties are observed for the number of iterations.

8.1.6 Dependence on Number of Subdomains

To analyze the dependence of the substructuring preconditioners in coarse mesh-size \( H \), we plot in figures Figure 8.2 to Figure 8.6 the number of iterations required for solving the linear system (4.41) preconditioned by \( \hat{P} \in \{ P_0, P_1, P_2 \} \), the condition number \( \kappa(\hat{P}^{-1}\hat{S}) \) and the ratio \( R_2 \) as a function of number of subdomains (number of processor cores) \( N \) for \( H/h = 80 \). The simulations are performed with linear elements \( (p = 1) \) and high-order elements \( (2 \leq p \leq 5) \).

In accordance with the theoretical estimates (4.18), (4.26) and (4.32), for each polynomial order \( p = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 \), a logarithmic growth is clearly observed for all the preconditioners \( P_0 \), \( P_1 \) and \( P_2 \). These results remain valid for other values of \( H/h \) as reported in tables Table 5, Table 8, Table 11, Table 14 and Table 17.

**Figure 8.2**: Behavior in number of subdomains for \( p = 1 \) and \( H/h = 80 \)

8.2.1. Preconditioner \( P_0 \)  
8.2.2. Preconditioner \( P_1 \)  
8.2.3. Preconditioner \( P_2 \)

**Figure 8.3**: Behavior in number of subdomains for \( p = 2 \) and \( H/h = 80 \)

8.3.1. Preconditioner \( P_0 \)  
8.3.2. Preconditioner \( P_1 \)  
8.3.3. Preconditioner \( P_2 \)
Figure 8.4: Behavior in number of subdomains for \( p = 3 \) and \( H/h = 80 \)

Figure 8.5: Behavior in number of subdomains for \( p = 4 \) and \( H/h = 80 \)

Figure 8.6: Behavior in number of subdomains for \( p = 5 \) and \( H/h = 80 \)
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8.1.7 Dependence on Polynomial Order

To study the dependence on $p$, we report the condition number estimate of the preconditioned system as a function of $p$ with $H/h$ constant. Let the function $\lambda$ be defined as

$$
\lambda(p) = p^{3/2} \left( 1 + \log \left( \frac{Hp^2}{h} \right) \right)^2.
$$

In Figure 8.7, Figure 8.8 and Figure 8.9, we plot the condition number of the transformed Schur system preconditioned by $P_0$, $P_1$ and $P_2$.

**Figure 8.7**: $\kappa(\hat{P}^{-1}\hat{S})$ as a function of $p$ with #of subdomains=16 and $H/h = 80$

**Figure 8.8**: $\kappa(\hat{P}^{-1}\hat{S})$ as a function of $p$ with #of subdomains=64 and $H/h = 80$
The Figure 8.7, Figure 8.8 and Figure 8.9 show that, for increasing values of $p$, our preconditioners behaves similarly to the linear case $p = 1$. To highlight the dependence on $p$ of our preconditioners, we report in Table 18 the ratio $R_2$ for $H/h = 80$ fixed and increasing values of the polynomial order $p$. We clearly do not see the factor $\hat{p}^{3/2}$ which appears in the theoretical estimates (4.18), (4.26) and (4.32) (which, we recall, stems the mortar projector operator) since for fixed $H$, the ratio $R_2$ does not depend on this factor as shown Table 18. Indeed, the numerical results seem to show an even better behavior than the polylogarithmic dependence on $Hp^2/h$.

**Table 18**: Ratio $R_2$ and number of iterations (between parenthesis) for $H/h = 80$

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8.1.8 Conclusion

The numerical results presented in this section dedicated to the confirming domain decompositions support the mathematical properties including the $p$-, $H$- and $h$-convergence of substructuring preconditioners for $h$-$p$ mortar finite element method. These results hold for linear elements ($p = 1$) and high order elements ($2 \leq p \leq 5$).

8.2 Nonconforming Domain Decompositions

The tests performed until now deal with decomposition with matching grid (though the solution is non conforming, due to the lack of continuity at the cross points). We now turn to the numerical results for nonconforming decompositions. As in section 8.1, we split the domain $\Omega$ in $N = 4^\ell$, $\ell = 2, 3, 4$ but now we take quasuniform meshes with two different mesh sizes: $h_{\text{fine}} = 1/(2n)$ and $h_{\text{coarse}} = 1/n$. We deliberately choose embedded grids (see Figure 8.10) in order to ensure exact numerical integration for the constraints. On the interface, the master subdomains are chosen to be the ones corresponding to the coarser mesh.

![Figure 8.10: Nonconforming domain decompositions with unstructured meshes](image)

8.2.1 Linear Elements

We start as in section 8.1 with the linear finite elements ($p = 1$). We report the condition number estimate of the (preconditioned) Schur complement matrix $\kappa(P^{-1}\hat{S})$, the number of

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iterations required by the PCG solver and the ratio $R_2$ when varying the number of subdomains $N$ and the number of elements $n$ of the fine mesh.

### 8.2.1.1 Unpreconditioned Schur Complement

We report in Table 20 and Table 21 respectively the number of iterations required for solving the transformed Schur complement system $(4.41)$ and the condition number estimate $\kappa(S)$.

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As for the conforming domain decompositions with linear elements presented in section 8.1, we observe that the number of iterations and the condition number estimate increase significantly with the number of subdomains (number of processing units) $N$ and with $n = H/h$. These results support the requirement to use an efficient preconditioner for solving such a linear system, as explained in previous chapters.

### 8.2.1.2 Preconditioned Schur Complement

We report in Table 22 the ratio $R_2$ and the number of iterations required for solving the transformed Schur complement system $(4.41)$ preconditioned by $P_0$, $P_1$ and $P_2$. 
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### Table 22: Ratio $R_2$ and number of iterations (between parenthesis) for $p = 1$

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As the theoretical estimates (4.18), (4.26) and (4.32), the Table 22 shows that for $n = H/h$ fixed, the ratio $R_2$ remains constant. The same behavior is observed for the number of iterations.

#### 8.2.2 Second-order Elements

We consider the second-order elements ($p = 2$), and we report the condition number estimate of the (preconditioned) Schur complement matrix $\kappa(P^{-1}\hat{S})$, the number of iterations required by the PCG solver and the ratio $R_2$ when varying the number of subdomains $N$ and the number of elements $n$ of the fine mesh.

##### 8.2.2.1 Unpreconditioned Schur Complement

We report in Table 23 and Table 24 respectively the number of iterations required for solving the transformed Schur complement system (4.41) and the condition number estimate $\kappa(\hat{S})$.

### Table 23: Unpreconditioned Schur complement - number of iterations for $p = 2$

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### Table 24: Unpreconditioned Schur complement - $\kappa(\hat{S})$ for $p = 2$

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In Table 23 and Table 24, we observe that the number of iterations and the condition number estimate increase significantly with the number of subdomains $N$ and with $n = H/h$. The Table 7 shows that $\kappa(\hat{S})$ is growing faster than in the case of linear elements presented in section 8.2.1.1. These results support the requirement to use an efficient preconditioner for solving such a linear system.

#### 8.2.2.2 Preconditioned Schur Complement

We report in Table 25 the ratio $R_2$ and the number of iterations required for solving the transformed Schur complement system (4.41) preconditioned by $P_0$, $P_1$ and $P_2$.

#### Table 25: Ratio $R_2$ and number of iterations (between parenthesis) for $p = 2$

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In accordance with the theoretical estimates (4.18), (4.26) and (4.32), the Table 25 shows that for $n = H/h$ fixed, the ratio $R_2$ remains constant. We observe the same behavior for the number of iterations.

#### 8.2.3 Third-order Elements

The third-order elements ($p = 3$) is considered in this experiments, and we report the condition number estimate of the (preconditioned) Schur complement matrix $\kappa(P^{-1}\hat{S})$, the number of it-
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iterations required by the PCG solver and the ratio $R_2$ when varying the number of subdomains $N$ and the number of elements $n$ of the fine mesh.

8.2.3.1 Unpreconditioned Schur Complement

We report in Table 9 and Table 10 respectively the number of iterations required for solving the transformed Schur complement system (4.41) and the condition number estimate $\kappa(\hat{S})$.

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Table 27: Unpreconditioned Schur complement - $\kappa(\hat{S})$ for $p = 3$

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In Table 9 and Table 10, we observe that the number of iterations and the condition number estimate increase significantly with the number of subdomains $N$ and with $n = H/h$. The Table 9 shows that $\kappa(\hat{S})$ is growing faster than in the case of linear and second-order elements presented respectively in section 8.1.1.1 and in section 8.1.2.1. These results support the requirement to use an efficient preconditioner for solving such a linear system.

8.2.3.2 Preconditioned Schur Complement

We report in Table 28 the ratio $R_2$ and the number of iterations required for solving the transformed Schur complement system (4.41) preconditioned by $P_0$, $P_1$ and $P_2$. 

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Table 28: Ratio $R_2$ and number of iterations (between parenthesis) for $p = 3$

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As the theoretical estimates (4.18), (4.26) and (4.32) and similarly to the results obtained with the linear elements ($p = 1$) and the second-order elements ($p = 2$) presented respectively in 8.2.1.2 and 8.2.2.2, the Table 28 shows that for $n = H/h$ fixed, the ratio $R_2$ remains constant. We observe the same behavior for the number of iterations.

8.2.4 Fourth-order Elements

The simulations are performed using the fourth-order elements ($p = 4$), and we report the condition number estimate of the (preconditioned) Schur complement matrix $\kappa(P^{-1}\hat{S})$, the number of iterations required by the PCG solver and the ratio $R_2$ when varying the number of subdomains $N$ and the number of elements $n$ of the fine mesh.

8.2.4.1 Unpreconditioned Schur Complement

We report in Table 29 and Table 30 respectively the number of iterations required for solving the transformed Schur complement system (4.41) and the condition number estimate $\kappa(\hat{S})$. These results support the use of preconditioners for an efficient solution of the Schur complement system.

Table 29: Unpreconditioned Schur complement - number of iterations for $p = 4$

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8.2.4.2 Preconditioned Schur Complement

We report in Table 31 the ratio $R_2$ and the number of iterations required for solving the transformed Schur complement system (4.41) preconditioned by $P_0$, $P_1$ and $P_2$.

### Table 31: Ratio $R_2$ and number of iterations (between parenthesis) for $p = 4$

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Similarly to the results obtained with the linear elements ($p = 1$), the second-order elements ($p = 2$) and the third-order elements ($p = 3$) presented respectively in 8.2.1.2, 8.2.2.2 and 8.2.3.2, the Table 31 shows that for $n = H/h$ fixed, the ratio $R_2$ remains constant. The same behavior is valid for the number of iterations.

8.2.5 Fifth-order Elements

We consider the fifth-order elements ($p = 5$), and we report the condition number estimate of the (preconditioned) Schur complement matrix $\kappa(P^{-1}\tilde{S})$, the number of iterations required by the PCG solver and the ratio $R_2$ when varying the number of subdomains $N$ and the number of elements $n$ of the fine mesh.
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8.2.5.1 Unpreconditioned Schur Complement

We report in Table 32 and Table 33 respectively the number of iterations required for solving the transformed Schur complement system (4.41) and the condition number estimate $\kappa(\hat{S})$. These results motivate the need to use the preconditioning techniques for an efficient solution of such a linear system.

**Table 32**: Unpreconditioned Schur complement - number of iterations for $p = 5$

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**Table 33**: Unpreconditioned Schur complement - $\kappa(\hat{S})$ for $p = 5$

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8.2.5.2 Preconditioned Schur Complement

We report in Table 34 the ratio $R_2$ and the number of iterations required for solving the transformed Schur complement system (4.41) preconditioned by $P_0$, $P_1$ and $P_2$.

**Table 34**: Ratio $R_2$ and number of iterations (between parenthesis) for $p = 5$

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As the theoretical estimates (4.18), (4.26) and (4.32), the Table 34 shows that for \( n = H/h \) fixed, the ratio \( R_2 \) remains constant. The same properties are observed for the number of iterations.

### 8.2.6 Dependence on Number of Subdomains

To analyze the dependence of the substructuring preconditioners in coarse mesh-size \( H \), we plot in figures Figure 8.11 to Figure 8.15 the number of iterations required for solving the linear system (4.41) preconditioned by \( \tilde{P} \in \{ P_0, P_1, P_2 \} \), the condition number \( \kappa(\tilde{P}^{-1}\tilde{S}) \) and the ratio \( R_2 \) as a function of number of subdomains (number of processor cores) \( N \) for \( H/h = 80 \). The simulations are performed with linear elements \( (p = 1) \) and high-order elements \( (2 \leq p \leq 5) \).

**Figure 8.11** : Behavior in number of subdomains for \( p = 1 \) and \( H/h = 80 \)

**Figure 8.12** : Behavior in number of subdomains for \( p = 2 \) and \( H/h = 80 \)
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8.13.1. Preconditioner $P_0$  
8.13.2. Preconditioner $P_1$  
8.13.3. Preconditioner $P_2$

**Figure 8.13**: Behavior in number of subdomains for $p = 3$ and $H/h = 80$

8.14.1. Preconditioner $P_0$  
8.14.2. Preconditioner $P_1$  
8.14.3. Preconditioner $P_2$

**Figure 8.14**: Behavior in number of subdomains for $p = 4$ and $H/h = 80$

8.15.1. Preconditioner $P_0$  
8.15.2. Preconditioner $P_1$  
8.15.3. Preconditioner $P_2$

**Figure 8.15**: Behavior in number of subdomains for $p = 5$ and $H/h = 80$

In accordance with the theoretical estimates (4.18), (4.26) and (4.32), for each polynomial order $p = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$, a logarithmic growth is clearly observed for all the preconditioners $P_0$, $P_1$, and $P_2$. 

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P_1 and P_2. These results remain valid for other values of H/h as reported in tables Table 22, Table 25, Table 28, Table 31 and Table 34.

### 8.2.7 Dependence on Polynomial Order

As in section 8.1.7 devoted to the conforming domain decompositions, we study the dependence on \( p \) by reporting the condition number estimate of the preconditioned system as a function of \( p \) with \( H/h \) constant. Let the function \( \lambda \) be defined as

\[
\lambda(p) = p^{3/2} \left(1 + \log \left(\frac{H_p^2}{h}\right)\right)^2
\]

In Figure 8.16, Figure 8.17 and Figure 8.18 below, we plot the condition number of the Schur system preconditioned by P_0, P_1 and P_2.

**Figure 8.16**: \( \kappa(\hat{P}^{-1}\hat{S}) \) as a function of \( p \) with #of subdomains=16 and \( H/h = 80 \)

**Figure 8.17**: \( \kappa(\hat{P}^{-1}\hat{S}) \) as a function of \( p \) with #of subdomains=64 and \( H/h = 80 \)
The Figure 8.16, Figure 8.17 and Figure 8.18 show that, for increasing values of $p$, our preconditioners behaves similarly to the linear case $p = 1$. To highlight the dependence on $p$ of our preconditioners, we report in Table 35 the ratio $R_2$ for $H/h = 80$ fixed and increasing values of the polynomial order $p$. We clearly do not see the factor $p^{3/2}$ which appears in the theoretical estimates (4.18), (4.26) and (4.32) (which, we recall, stems the mortar projector operator) since for fixed $H$, the ratio $R_2$ does not depend on this factor as shown Table 35. Indeed, the numerical results seem to show an even better behavior than the polylogarithmic dependence on $H p^2/h$.

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8.2.8 Conclusion

As the results related to the conforming domain decompositions discussed in section 8.1, the numerical results presented in this section dedicated to the nonconforming domain decompositions support the mathematical properties including the $p$, $H$- and $h$-convergence of the substructuring preconditioners for $h$-$p$ mortar element method. These results hold for both linear elements ($p = 1$) and high order elements ($2 \leq p \leq 5$).

8.3 Large Scale Simulations

We present the numerical results for large number of subdomains obtained with the Discontinuous Galerkin coarse preconditioner $P_2$ for conforming domain decompositions. We report the condition number estimate $\kappa(\hat{\mathbf{S}})$, the number of iterations required by PCG solver and the ratio $R_2$ as a function of $p$ for $H/h = 80$ fixed and for increasing number of subdomains $N$. We plot the number of degrees of freedom as a function of $p$ for $H/h = 80$ with 4096, 16384, 22500 and 40000 subdomains.

**Table 36**: $\kappa(\hat{\mathbf{S}})$ and number of iterations (between parenthesis) for $H/h = 80$

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**Table 37**: Ratio $R_2$ and number of iterations (between parenthesis) for $H/h = 80$

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The Table 37 shows that the behavior observed in the analysis of the dependence on $p$ of our preconditioner $P_2$ in section 8.1 for the medium number of subdomains (from 16 to 256).
holds for very large number of subdomains, i.e. the numerical results seem to show an even better behavior than the polylogarithmic dependence on $H p^2/h$.

In Table 37, for fixed $H/h$ and $p$, the ratio $R_2$ seems to be slightly decreasing rather than constant. We believe that there are different causes for this behavior. First of all the problem chosen has a quite regular solution which, for a large number of subdomains, is already well approximated at the coarse level. Moreover, as the coarse mesh becomes finer and finer and the polynomial degree increases, round-off errors might become more significant and they might pollute the numerical results. This issue will be investigated in a forthcoming paper [Sam+14].

\begin{figure}[h]
\centering
\includegraphics[width=\textwidth]{condition_number.png}
\caption{Condition number of the preconditioned system as a function of $p$ with 16, 64, 256, 1024, 4096, 16384, 22500, 40000 subdomains and $H/h = 80$}
\end{figure}


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8.4 Scalability Analysis

In this section, we analyze the performance and the scalability of our parallel algorithms for solving the Schur complement system (4.41) preconditioned by the substructuring preconditioner $P_2$ introduced in chapter 4. For this end, we perform the strong and weak scalability experiments, already introduced in section 1.7. The simulations were achieved on Curie, a Tier-0 computational platform for PRACE, previously described at the beginning of this chapter. The tests are carried out with first-order and high-order mortar finite element approximations.

8.4.1 Strong Scalability

To measure the speedup of the preconditioner $P_2$, we perform the strong scalability analysis for $p = 1, 2, 3, 4$. We consider the conforming domain decompositions with simplex elements, as in Figure 8.1. We compute the time required for solving the Schur complement system (4.41) preconditioned by $P_2$ when increasing the number of processor cores, while maintaining the overall problem size constant. We perform the experiments by using 256, 1024, 2048, 4096 and 16384 processor cores, depending to the polynomial order used.

For the first-order mortar approximation ($p = 1$), see Figure 8.20.1., the total number of unknowns is approximately equal to 30 millions and we use respectively 256, 1024, 2048 and 4096 processor cores for solving the system. Until 2048 cores, we obtain a nice speedup relative to 256 cores. We observe a deterioration of the speedup from 4096 cores, more precisely, the speedup relative to 256 cores is 13.45 while the linear speedup is 16. This deterioration is mainly caused by the low workload in the subdomains while the interprocess communications significantly increase.

For the second-order mortar approximation ($p = 2$), see Figure 8.20.2., the total number of unknowns is about 122 millions and the simulations are performed using respectively 1024, 2048 and 4096 processor cores. A good speedup is obtained, as shown the plots in Figure 8.20.2.. More specifically, using 4096 cores, the speedup relative to 1024 cores is 4.31 while the linear speedup is 4. This over-linearity of our speedup is due to the use of direct solver for the solution of local problems although the workload becomes small in subdomains.

For the third-order mortar approximation ($p = 3$), see Figure 8.20.3., the total number of unknowns is roughly equal to 273 millions and the experiments are achieved using respectively 1024, 2048, 4096, 8192 processor cores. Using 8192 cores, the speedup relative to 1024 cores is 7.44, which is near to the linear speedup equal to 8.

For the fourth-order mortar approximation ($p = 4$), see Figure 8.20.4., the total number of degree of freedom varies between 485 and 486 millions and the simulations are realized using respectively 2048, 4096 and 16384 processor cores. Using 16384 cores, the speedup relative to 2048 cores is 6.20 whereas the linear speedup is 8. The principal reason of this deterioration of the speedup is a significant increase by about 5 millions of the number of unknowns between 2048 and 16384 cores.
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8.4.2 Weak Scalability

To evaluate the efficiency of the preconditioner $P_2$ using the Discontinuous Galerkin interior penalty method as coarse problem, we perform the weak scalability analysis with the same problem settings as for the results reported in Table 37 and in Figure 8.19. We consider the first-order and high-order mortar finite element approximations and the conforming domain decompositions with simplex elements, as in Figure 8.1. We are interested in the computational time required for solving the Schur complement system (4.41) preconditioned by $P_2$ when increasing the number of processor cores, while maintaining the local problem size constant. The experiments are achieved by using 1024, 4096, 16384, 22500 and 40000 processor cores.

For the fourth-order mortar approximation ($p = 4$), the number of degrees of freedom per subdomain is approximately equal to 120000. Using 1024 cores, the total number of unknowns is approximately equal to 122 millions and the system is solved in 121.98s. Employing 40000
cores, we reach about 5 billions of unknowns and the system is solved in 132.88s, i.e. with an efficiency relative to 1024 cores equal to 92%, as shown Figure 8.21.4.

For the third-order mortar approximation \( (p = 3) \), the number of degrees of freedom per subdomain is about 67000. Using 1024 cores, the total number of unknowns is approximately equal to 68 millions and the system is solved in 64.30s. Employing 40000 cores, the number of unknowns of the overall problem is roughly equal to 3 billions and the system is solved in 68.80s, i.e. with an efficiency relative to 1024 cores equal to 93.46%, as shown Figure 8.21.3.

For the second-order mortar approximation \( (p = 2) \), the number of degrees of freedom per subdomain is approximately equal to 30000. Using 1024 cores, the total number of unknowns is about 30 millions and the system is solved in 26.41s. Employing 40000 cores, the number of unknowns of the global problem is roughly equal to 1.2 billions and the system is solved in 29.02s, i.e. with an efficiency relative to 1024 cores equal to 91%, as shown Figure 8.21.2.

For the first-order mortar approximation \( (p = 1) \), the number of degrees of freedom per subdomain is roughly equal to 7400. Using 1024 cores, the total number of unknowns is about 7.5 millions and the system is solved in 6.38s. Employing 40000 cores, the number of unknowns of the global problem is approximately equal to 300 millions and the system is solved in 7.11s, i.e. with an efficiency relative to 1024 cores equal to 89.73%, as shown Figure 8.21.1.

To highlight the efficiency of our parallel algorithms, we summarize in Table 38 the efficiency relative to 1024 processor cores for increasing values of polynomial order \( p = 1, 2, 3, 4 \).

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<td>4,096</td>
<td>92.73%</td>
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<td>40,000</td>
<td>89.73%</td>
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8.21.1. First-order approximation

8.21.2. Second-order approximation

8.21.3. Third-order approximation

8.21.4. Fourth-order approximation

Figure 8.21: Weak scalability analysis for $p = 1, 2, 3, 4$

The efficiency analysis shows that the preconditioner $P_2$ scales well on large scale computer architectures.

The resolution of the coarse problem at each PCG iteration has a significant effect on the computational cost. The number of degrees of freedom of the coarse problem is four times the number of subdomains and it is solved in parallel on three number of processor cores in this weak scalability study. When we further increase the number of cores, for example reaching hundreds of thousands of processors, the resolution of the coarse grid problem in parallel on more cores will be essential, since it will become particularly consequent in term of size.

The coarse grid problem being responsible of the scalability for large number of subdomains, the construction, analysis and the implementation of the Discontinuous Galerkin coarse problem was decisive for the performance of our parallel algorithms.
8.5 Scalability Analysis on Medium Scale Architectures

In this section, we analyze the performance and the scalability on medium scale architectures (from 16 to 256 processor cores) of our parallel algorithms for solving the Schur complement system (4.41) preconditioned by the substructuring preconditioner $P_2$. We consider the same problem settings as for the scalability analysis on large scale architectures presented in section 8.4 and the experiments are carried out with first-order and high-order mortar finite element approximations. The simulations were achieved at MesoCentre@Strasbourg on hpc-login, a supercomputer previously described at the beginning of this chapter.

8.5.1 Strong Scalability

We compute the time required for solving the Schur complement system (4.41) preconditioned by $P_2$ when increasing the number of processor cores, while maintaining the overall problem size constant. We perform the experiments by using 16, 64 and 256 processor cores for increasing values of polynomial order $p = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$. We obtain a nice speedup relative to...
16 cores for all mortar finite element approximations considered, as shown Figure 8.23. The over-linearity observed in the speedup analysis is due to the use of direct solver for the solution of local problems although the subdomains become smaller.

**Figure 8.23**: Strong scalability analysis
8.5.2 Weak Scalability

We compute the time required for solving the Schur complement system \((4.41)\) preconditioned by \(P_2\) when increasing the number of processor cores, while maintaining the local problem size constant. We perform the experiments by using 16, 64 and 256 processor cores for increasing values of polynomial order \(p = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\).

![Graphs showing weak scalability analysis for different polynomial orders](image)

**Figure 8.24**: Weak scalability analysis
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The efficiency analysis shows that the preconditionner $P_2$ scales well on medium scale computer architectures for all mortar finite element approximations considered, $p = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$ as shown figure 8.24.

8.6 Conclusion

In this chapter, we presented the numerical experiments for substructuring preconditioners for $h$-$p$ mortar element method in different configurations, including conforming and non-conforming domain decompositions, linear and high-order finite elements. The mathematical properties of three different substructuring preconditioners proposed in this work were analyzed by performing a $p$-, $H$- and $h$-convergence study. The number of iterations required for the Preconditioned Conjugate Gradient (PCG) method for solving the preconditioned Schur complement system, the condition number estimate and the ratio between the condition number estimate and its bound for the preconditioned matrix were reported for each preconditioner considered. As the theoretical results, a logarithmic growth was observed for all preconditioners surveyed with conforming and nonconforming domain decompositions and the linear finite elements. Indeed, in the case of high-order elements, the numerical results indicated an even better behavior than the polylogarithmic dependence on $H p^2 / h$ and the main reasons for this behavior were discussed. To evaluate the performance of our parallel algorithms, the strong and weak scalability were analyzed with the Discontinuous Galerkin coarse grid preconditioner. The best scalability (strong and weak) properties were obtained on medium scale computational platforms (from 16 to 256 processor cores on hpc-login) and on large scale computer architectures (from 1024 to 40.000 processor cores on Curie). These scalability results hold for linear finite elements ($p = 1$) and for high-order finite elements ($2 \leq p \leq 5$).
Chapter 9

Collecting Framework for Numerical Results

This chapter presents the some numerical results for Schwarz and three-field methods described previously in this thesis and summarizes some results for mortar element formulation using Lagrange multipliers. The numerical experiments for Schwarz methods in parallel and for three-field method are given respectively in section 9.1 and in section 9.2. The numerical results for mortar element method with Lagrange multipliers including the strong and weak scalability analysis are summarized in section 9.3.

Ce chapitre présente quelques résultats numériques des méthodes de Schwarz et de three-field décrites précédemment dans cette thèse et résume quelques résultats pour la méthode des éléments finis mortar utilisant les multiplicateurs de Lagrange. Les expériences numériques pour les méthodes de Schwarz en parallèle et celles pour la méthode three-field sont données respectivement dans la section 9.1 et dans la section 9.2. Les résultats numériques pour la méthode mortar avec multiplicateurs de Lagrange comprenant l’analyse de scalabilité forte et faible sont résumés dans la section 9.3.

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9.1 Numerical Results for Schwarz Methods

To illustrate our implementation of Schwarz methods, we consider the problem (2.3) over a partition over the domain $\Omega = [0, 1]^2$ into 128 overlapping subdomains (16 subdomains in x-axis direction and 8 subdomains in y-axis direction) with non-matching meshes. The Dirichlet boundary condition is given by and $u = g(x, y) = 0$ on $\partial \Omega$ and the chosen source term is written $f(x, y) = \exp(-10xy) \cos(\frac{3\pi}{8}) \sin(xy)$.

9.1.1. First Schwarz iteration

9.1.2. Solution at convergence

Figure 9.1: Numerical solutions obtained by parallel additive Schwarz algorithm in 2D on 128 processor cores (1 subdomain/processor core)

The numerical solutions in Figure 9.1 are obtained using $P_2$ Lagrange elements. The tolerance of the numerical solver is fixed to $1 \times 10^{-7}$. The characteristic mesh size is 0.01 in each subdomain and the size of the overlap is 0.02. The grids may be nonconforming. The number of Schwarz iterations to convergence is 130 and the relative $L^2$ error $\|u - u_h\|_{L^2}$ is $1.164901 \times 10^{-6}$.

The speedup displayed in Table 39 corresponds to the assembly plus the solve times. We can see that the scaling is good except for the last configuration where the local problems are too small.

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<td>8,192</td>
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Table 39: Strong scalability analysis for Schwarz methods
9.2 Numerical Results for Three-field Method

We present in numerical solutions corresponding to partition of $\Omega$ into two nonoverlapping subdomains $\Omega_1$ and $\Omega_2$ with the following configurations (i) $g(x, y) = \sin(\pi x) \cos(\pi y)$ is the exact solution (ii) $f(x, y) = 2\pi^2 g$ is the right hand side of the equation (iii) $P_2$, $P_1$ and $P_3$ approximations respectively in $\Omega_1$, $\Omega_2$ and $\Gamma$ (iv) we set $h_{\Omega_1} = 0.03$, $h_{\Omega_2} = 0.02$ and $h_{\Gamma} = 0.01$ in 2D (v) we set $h_{\Omega_1} = 0.05$, $h_{\Omega_2} = 0.07$ and $h_{\Gamma} = 0.02$ in 3D.

Table 40 summarizes several error quantities for both problems studied and the global solution $u_h$ defined on $\Omega$ as $u_h = u_{1,h}$ on $\Omega_1$ and $u_h = u_{2,h}$ on $\Omega_2$. Let $e_{0,i,h} = \|u_{i,h} - g\|_{0,\Omega_i}$ be the $L^2$-error norm in subdomain $\Omega_i$ and let $e_{1,i,h} = \|u_{i,h} - g\|_{1,\Omega_i}$ be the $H^1$-error norm in subdomain $\Omega_i$, $i = 1, 2$. We denote by $e_{0,\Gamma,h} = \|\lambda_h - g\|_{0,\Gamma}$ the $L^2$-error norm at subdomain interface $\Gamma$ and by $e_{1,h}^\Gamma$ the $H^1$-error norm in $\Omega$.

![9.2.1. Exact solution in 2D](image1)

![9.2.2. Numerical solution in 2D](image2)

![9.2.3. Exact solution in 3D](image3)

![9.2.4. Numerical solution in 3D](image4)

**Figure 9.2:** Numerical solutions for three-field method in 2D and 3D

**Table 40:** Numerical results for three-field method in 2D and 3D

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9.3 Numerical Results for Mortar Element Method with Lagrange Multipliers

We present in this section the numerical results for parallel implementation of mortar element method using Lagrange multipliers described in chapter 5 and investigated in implementation viewpoint in section 7.3. We consider the problem (5.1) in 3D with the chosen analytical solution \( g = \sin(\pi x) \cos(\pi y) \cos(\pi z) \) and \( f = -\Delta g = 3\pi^2 g \) the corresponding source term. The problem is solved in the parallelepiped \( \Omega = [0, L_x] \times [0, L_y] \times [0, L_z] \), \( L_x, L_y, L_z > 0 \). The following numerical results are obtained using \( P_2 \) finite element approximations. The tolerance of the Krylov solver is \( \varepsilon = 10^{-7} \).

The simulations have been performed at Leibniz Supercomputing Centre (LRZ) on SuperMUC. SuperMUC is the Tier-0 supercomputer with 155,656 processor cores in 9400 compute nodes which provides resource to PRACE via the German Gauss Centre. The system is an IBM System x iDataPlex based on Intel Sandy Bride EP processors. SuperMUC has a peak performance of 3.2 PFLOP/s consisting of 18 islands, each combining 512 compute nodes with 16 physical cores and 32 GB per node. The nodes are connected by a non-blocking fat tree, based on Infiniband FDR10.

9.3.1 Strong Scalability Analysis

We analyze the strong scalability results corresponding to the partition of the global domain \( \Omega \) into \( L_x \times L_y \times L_z \) subdomains (1 subdomain per core) with the fixed lengths \( L_x = L_y = L_z = 1 \). We plot in Figure 9.3.1 the absolute solve time and the total time as a function of number of processor cores in logarithmic axis. In Figure 9.3.2., we present the speedup and ideal speedup as a function of number of cores. The total number of degrees of freedom is approximately equal to 500000 and all the measured timings are expressed in seconds.

![Figure 9.3: Strong scalability analysis](image-url)
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We obtain a nice speedup related to the total computational time and to the solver time, as shown Figure 9.3.2.

### 9.3.2 Weak Scalability Analysis

We present the weak scalability results corresponding to the partition of the global domain $\Omega$ into $L_x \times L_y \times L_z$ subdomains (1 subdomain per processor) with $L_x \times L_y \times L_z = \#\text{of cores}$. We plot in Figure 9.4.1. the absolute solve time and total time as a function of the number of cores in logarithmic axis. In Figure 9.4.2., we present the efficiency relative to four cores as a function of the number of cores. We denote by $E_p$ the efficiency relative to four cores for the total time on $p$ cores and by $ES_p$ the efficiency relative to four cores for the solver time on $p$ cores. The total number of degrees of freedom is approximately equal to 30000 per subdomain and all the measured timings are expressed in seconds.

![Figure 9.4: Weak scalability analysis](image)

The strong and weak scalability analysis presented in Figure 9.3 and Figure 9.4 clearly show that our parallel computational framework for solving the algebraic linear system of saddle-point type arising from the discretization of mortar finite element method with Lagrange multipliers in 2D and 3D perform well on the small size computer architectures.

### 9.4 Conclusion

We summarized in this chapter the numerical simulations for Schwarz methods, three-field method and mortar element method with Lagrange multipliers. These results confirm the theoretical properties of these methods described in the part I and investigated in the implementation view point in part II. Regarding the mortar finite element method with Lagrange...
multipliers, the scalability analysis (strong and weak scalability) supports the best performance property of our parallel algorithms.
Conclusion

The significant advances in terms of large numerical simulations for complex scientific and engineering problems have always been related to major levels reached by the technologies of high-performance computing. The numerical methods able to best exploit these modern computational platforms are challenging and booming research topics in the field of scientific computing, specifically domain decomposition methods. In this thesis, we investigated a numerical and computational framework for diverse domain decomposition methods and preconditioners.

In the Part I devoted to the numerical methods, we first reviewed the overlapping Schwarz methods and the iterative substructuring methods such as the mortar finite element method, the three-field method and the FETI method. The classical formulations for these methods were recalled and we reported the convergence analysis supporting the theoretical estimates. The main subject discussed in this work was the mortar finite element method, for which we introduced two different formulations. The first one was the original mortar finite element formulation, in which the mortar weak matching condition is directly taken into account in the approximation space. One of our principal motivations for this formulation is that it lead to a sparse, positive and definite linear system allowing the use of efficient preconditioners. The substructuring preconditioners for this mortar formulation in the $h$-$p$ finite element framework have been handled. A particular emphasis was placed on the construction and the analysis of the coarse grid preconditioner and its fundamental role for the good scaling properties. We analyzed two variants of coarse preconditioner, whose the first one is an improved version of a coarse preconditioner already existing in the literature. The second is our main proposed version based on a Discontinuous Galerkin interior penalty method as coarse problem. The second mortar formulation studied in work was the approach using Lagrange multiplier for ensure the mortar weak continuity constraints. The algebraic linear system of saddle-point type arising from such a formulation was revised. For solving this indefinite saddle-point linear system, the block diagonal preconditioners involving the local preconditioners for subdomains and the algebraic Schur complement on the Lagrange multiplier were analyzed.

In the Part II dedicated to the implementation of various numerical methods and preconditioners described in Part I, we developed an implementation framework for the substructuring preconditioners and the Schur complement system, the algebraic representation of the Steklov-Poincaré operator in two dimensional space. We defined some basic ingredients re-
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quired for FEEL++ implementation and emphasized the crucial role of the linear interpolation operator for domain decomposition framework in FEEL++. The geometric and algebraic aspects for the realization of the preconditioners were studied and the code design illustrating the genericity and the flexibility of our parallel algorithms was summarized. In the same part, the implementation of Schwarz methods, three-field method and mortar element method with Lagrange multipliers was surveyed. The Schwarz and three-field methods were considered in the purpose to establish a teaching and research programming environment in FEEL++ for a wide range of these methods.

In the Part III centered on the numerical experiments, the numerical results for various numerical methods and preconditioners investigated in Part I and in Part II are summarized. First, the problem settings and the computational platforms for all numerical simulations for substructuring preconditioners achieved were defined. We presented the results related to the substructuring preconditioners in different configurations, including conforming and non-conforming domain decompositions, linear and high-order finite elements. The mathematical properties of three different substructuring preconditioners proposed in this work were analyzed by performing a $p$, $H$- and $h$-convergence study. The number of iterations required for the Preconditioned Conjugate Gradient (PCG) method for solving the preconditioned Schur complement system, the condition number estimates and the ratio between the condition number estimates and its bound for the preconditioned matrix were reported for each preconditioner considered. As the theoretical results, a logarithmic growth was observed for all preconditioners surveyed with conforming and nonconforming domain decompositions and the linear finite elements. Indeed, in the case of high-order elements, the numerical results indicated an even better behavior than the polylogarithmic dependence on $H p^2 / h$ and the main reasons for this behavior were discussed. To evaluate the performance of our parallel algorithms, the strong and weak scalability were analyzed with the Discontinuous Galerkin coarse grid preconditioner. The best scalability (strong and weak) properties were obtained on medium scale computational platforms (from 16 to 256 processor cores) and on large scale computer architectures (from 1024 to 40,000 processor cores). These scalability results hold for linear finite elements ($p = 1$) and high-order finite elements ($p = 2, 3, 4, 5$). In the same part, some basic numerical results for Schwarz methods including seamless and explicit communication approach, and for three-field method were presented. Regarding the mortar finite element method with Lagrange multipliers, the three-dimensional simulations performed on SuperMUC, a Tier-0 supercomputer for PRACE located at Leibniz Supercomputing Centre (LRZ) were exposed. These simulations include the strong and weak scalability analysis showing the best performance properties of our parallel algorithms.

Ongoing work and Perspectives

The goal we have set ourselves is to extend the framework for substructuring preconditioners for $h$-$p$ mortar finite element method presented in this work to harder problems and complex computational domains. The long-term objective would be to extend the current parallel
implementation framework for this mortar method and preconditioners to hybrid computer architectures GPU/GPGPU in Feel++ programming environment.

**Extension to Complex Domains**

The numerical simulations presented in the Chapter 8 dedicated to the substructuring preconditioners are obtained with conforming and nonconforming domain decompositions of polygonal computational domains in two-dimensional space. The work is underway to extend our implementation to complex domains, for which the necessary ingredients are already available in Feel++. The main idea is to generate the coarse mesh with hypercube elements from an arbitrary computational domain, with a particular attention for the regularity along the element interfaces. The implementation details of this extension have already been discussed in section 6.3 of this dissertation.

**Implementation in 3D**

In the literature dedicated to the preconditioning techniques, particular difficulties are related to the three-dimensional problems. We are currently working to extend our implementation to three-dimensional preconditioner framework for mortar finite element method. This work requires some developments in Feel++, especially in the table of degrees of freedom for taking into account the mortar conditions for the processing of the cross-points and cross-edges across the subdomain interfaces.

**Extension to Multiscale Problems**

Multiscale problems are prevalent in industrial applications. A simple model of such problems is the diffusion equation with highly heterogeneous coefficients, which is used for example for predicting the presence of oil and gas in a porous medium. The extension of our preconditioner framework to these problems is an interesting perspective of this work.
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This appendices collect the essential results used in this thesis. In section A, the Sobolev spaces are recalled. The finite element approximations are reviewed in section B. A theoretical framework for the solution of algebraic linear systems is given in section C. Fast algorithms for the computing of matrix square root proposed in [HHT08] are available in section D. A special emphasis is placed on the proofs of theorems and lemmas proposed in this thesis, specifically for the mortar element method with constrained space and the substructuring preconditioners in section E. Some tools in FEEL++ for domain decomposition methods, especially for the substructuring preconditioners are presented in section H. The Aitken acceleration procedure of Schwarz methods is reminded in section I. Some numerical results for substructuring preconditioners are available in section J.

Ces appendices collectionnent les résultats essentiels utilisés dans cette thèse. Dans la section A, les espaces de Sobolev sont rappelés. Les approximations par éléments finis sont révisées dans la section B. Un framework théorique pour la résolution des systèmes linéaires algébriques est donné dans la section C. Les algorithmes rapides de calcul de la racine carrée de matrice proposés dans [HHT08] sont disponibles dans la section D. Un accent particulier est mis sur les preuves des théorèmes et des lemmes proposés dans cette thèse, spécifiquement pour la méthode des éléments finis mortar avec espace contraint et les préconditionneurs par sous-structuration dans la section E. Quelques outils dans FEEL++, pour les méthodes de décomposition de domaine, particulièrement pour les préconditionneurs par sous-structuration sont présentés dans la section H. La procédure d’accélération Aitken des méthodes de Schwarz est rappelée dans la section I. Quelques résultats numériques pour les préconditionneurs par sous-structuration sont disponibles dans la section J.
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A Sobolev Spaces

Sobolev spaces are essential tools in solving elliptic partial differential equations. Using the variational formulation of the PDE, the existence of a generalized solution in the appropriate Sobolev space can be established by using variational methods, in particular the Lax-Milgram lemma. Regularity results are also expressed by bounding the Sobolev norm of the solution of the PDE in terms of the Sobolev norm of the boundary data and the right hand side. For a description of the general spaces and their properties, see [AF03; MS11].

Let \( \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d, \ d = \{1, 2, 3\} \), be a bounded domain with smooth boundary. The space \( L^2(\Omega) \) is defined as the space of square integrable functions,

\[
L^2(\Omega) = \left\{ u : \|u\|_{L^2(\Omega)} = \left( \int_{\Omega} (|u|^2 \, dx) \right)^{1/2} < \infty \right\}.
\]

Let \( k \) be a positive integer. The Sobolev space \( H^k(\Omega) \) is the Hilbert space of functions with weak derivatives of all orders less than and equal to \( k \) in the space \( L^2(\Omega) \). In particular, the inner product on \( H^1(\Omega) \) is

\[
(u,v)_{H^1(\Omega)} = \int_{\Omega} uv \, dx + \int_{\Omega} \nabla u \cdot \nabla v \, dx.
\]

The \( H^1 \)-seminorm and norm of \( u \in H^1(\Omega) \) are respectively,

\[
|u|^2 = \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u|^2 \, dx \quad \text{and} \quad \|u\|_{H^1(\Omega)} = |u|^2 + \|u\|_{L^2(\Omega)}.
\]

Of particular interest for domain decomposition methods is the scaled norm obtained by dilation of a domain of unit diameter,

\[
\|u\|_{H^1(\Omega)}^2 = |u|_{H^1(\Omega)}^2 + \frac{1}{\text{diam}(\Omega)^2} \|u\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2, \tag{A.1}
\]

where \( \text{diam}(\Omega) \) is the diameter of \( \Omega \).

The Sobolev spaces can also be defined as the closure of \( C^\infty(\Omega) \) in the corresponding norm, e.g., \( H^1(\Omega) \) is the closure of \( C^\infty(\Omega) \) with respect to \( \|\cdot\|_{H^1(\Omega)} \). Let \( C^\infty_0(\Omega) \subset C^\infty(\Omega) \) be the set of smooth functions with compact support. The subspace \( H^1_0(\Omega) \subset H^1(\Omega) \) is the closure of \( C^\infty(\Omega) \) with respect to \( \|\cdot\|_{H^1(\Omega)} \) and consists of all the functions from \( H^1(\Omega) \) which vanish on \( \partial \Omega \) in the \( L^2 \) sense.

Trace Theorems

The trace theorems are results concerning the restriction of elements of Sobolev spaces on a domain to the boundary of the domain. Their duals are the extension theorems. The following
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trace theorem will be useful later on; see [AF03] for the general theory.

**Theorem A.1.** If $\Omega$ is a Lipschitz domain and $u \in H^s(\Omega), \ 1/2 < s \leq 1$, then

$$\gamma_0u = u_{|\partial\Omega} \in H^{s-1/2}(\partial\Omega).$$

Moreover, the restriction operator from $H^s(\Omega)$ to $H^{s-1/2}(\partial\Omega)$ is onto and continuous,

$$\|\gamma_0u\|_{H^{s-1/2}(\partial\Omega)} \leq C(s, \Omega) \|u\|_{H^s(\Omega)}.$$

The next theorem is a variant of Theorem A.1 for functions in $H^1(\Omega)$. We consider the norms given by (A.1), such that the dependence of the constants on the domain $\Omega$ can be specified.

**Theorem A.2.** If $\Omega$ is a Lipschitz domain, then

$$|u|^2_{H^{1/2}(\partial\Omega)} \leq C|u|_{H^1(\Omega)}$$

and

$$\|u\|^2_{L^2(\partial\Omega)} \leq C \left( \text{diam}(\Omega)|u|^2_{H^1(\Omega)} + \frac{1}{\text{diam}(\Omega)^2} \|u\|^2_{L^2(\Omega)} \right).$$

**Poincaré and Friedrichs Inequalities**

The Poincaré and Friedrichs inequalities provide simple equivalent norms for spaces like $H^1_0$ and $H^1$, and are used to derive convergence and condition number estimates for finite element methods. They can be proven using the Rellich compactness theorem and the completeness of Sobolev spaces, see [Cia78]. We are interested in formulations of the inequalities specifying the dependence of the constants on the domain $\Omega$. Let $\widehat{\Omega} \subset \mathbb{R}^d, \ d = \{2, 3\}$ be a reference Lipschitz domain of unit diameter and let $\Omega$ be a domain of diameter $\text{diam}(\Omega)$ obtained by a uniform dilation of $\widehat{\Omega}$.

**Theorem A.3** (Poincaré Inequality). There exists a constant $C$ that depends only on $\widehat{\Omega}$ such that

$$\|u\|^2_{L^2(\Omega)} \leq C \left( \text{diam}(\Omega)^2 |u|^2_{H^1(\Omega)} + \frac{1}{c^2\text{diam}(\Omega)^d} \int_{\Omega} u \, dx \right)^2, \ \forall u \in H^1(\Omega)$$

**Theorem A.4** (Friedrichs Inequality). Let $c > 0$ and let $\Lambda \subset \partial\Omega$ such that $c\mu(\partial\Omega) \leq \mu(\Lambda)$, where $\mu$ is the Lebesgue measure. Then,

$$\|u\|^2_{L^2(\Omega)} \leq C \left( \text{diam}(\Omega)^2 |u|^2_{H^1(\Omega)} + \frac{1}{c^2\text{diam}(\Omega)^{d-2}} \int_{\Lambda} u \, d\sigma \right)^2$$

where $C$ is a constant that does not depend on $u$, $\Omega$, $\Lambda$, or $c$. 

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B  Finite Element Approximations

Triangulations

Let $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$, $d = 2, 3$, be a bounded polygonal or polyhedral domain with Lipschitz continuous boundary. A triangulation (or, equivalently mesh) is a nonoverlapping partitions of $\Omega$ into elements. We consider meshes consisting of triangles or affinely mapped rectangles in two dimensions, and of tetrahedra or affinely mapped parallelepipeds in three dimensions. More precisely, let the reference triangle (tetrahedron) have vertices $(0, 0)$, $(0, 1)$, $(1, 1)$ or $((0, 0, 0), (0, 0, 1), (0, 1, 0), (1, 0, 0)$, respectively. The reference square and cube are $(-1, 1)^d$. Throughout of this monograph, a reference element $\hat{K}$ is one of the four regions defined above and elements are always open sets. An affine mapping from $\hat{K}$ onto an element $K$ is defined by

$$F_K : \hat{K} \rightarrow K, \quad F_K(x) = B_K x + b_K,$$

with $B_K$ a linear mapping and $b_K$ a constant vector. We define a family of triangulations $T_h$, $h > 0$:

**Definition B.1.** Let $h > 0$. A family of triangulations of $\Omega$ is a partition of $\Omega$

$$T_h = \{ K = F_K(\hat{K}) \},$$

such that, $\bigcup_{K \in T_h} K = \overline{\Omega}$; $K \cap K' = \emptyset$ if $K \neq K'$; $\hat{K}$ is a reference element and $F_K$ is an affine mapping; $h = \max_{K \in T_h} h_K$, $h_K = \text{diam}(K)$. $h$ is called the diameter of of $T_h$. The family $T_h$ is called geometrically conforming (briefly, conforming), if the intersection between the closure of two different elements is either empty, a vertex, an edge, or a face that is common to both elements.

We consider particular triangulations.

**Definition B.2.** A family of triangulations $T_h$ is called shape-regular if there exists a constant independent of $h$, such that $h_K \leq C \rho_K$, $K \in T_h$, where $\rho_K$ is the radius of the largest circle or sphere containing $K$. The ratio $h_K / \rho_K$ is called the aspect ratio of $K$.

**Definition B.3.** A family of triangulations $T_h$ is called quasi-uniform if it is shape-regular and if there exists a constant independent of $h$, such that $h_K \geq Ch$, $K \in T_h$.

Finite Element Spaces

Given an open set $D \subset \mathbb{R}^d$, $d = 1, 2, 3$, we now define some polynomial spaces. Let $P_k(D)$, $k \geq 0$, be the set of polynomials of total degree at most $k$ defined on $D$, and let $P_k(D)^d$ for $d = 2, 3$, be the set of vector of $\mathbb{R}^d$, the components of which belong to $P_k(D)$. In addition, let $Q_k(D)$ be the set of polynomials of degree at most $k$ in each variable. Let $T_h$ be a conforming triangulation. We have the following result, cf., e.g., [QV08, Pr. 3.2.1].

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**Lemma B.4.** A function \( u : \Omega \to \mathbb{R} \) belongs to \( H^1(\Omega) \) if and only if the restriction of \( u \) to every \( K \in \mathcal{T}_h \) belongs to \( H^1(K) \), and for each common face(or edge in two dimensions) \( \overline{f} = \overline{K_1} \cap \overline{K_2} \), we have \( u|_{K_1} = u|_{K_2} \), on \( f \).

Finite element spaces of continuous, piecewise polynomial functions are therefore contained in \( H^1(\Omega) \). For \( k \geq 1 \), we define (see [QV08, Sect. 3.2])

\[
V^h = V^h_k(\Omega) := \left\{ u \in C^0(\Omega), u|_K \in \mathbb{P}_k(K), K \in \mathcal{T}_h \right\}, \quad V^h_0 = V^h_{k,0}(\Omega) := V^h_k(\Omega) \cap H^1_0(\Omega),
\]

if \( \mathcal{T}_h \) consists of triangles or tetrahedra, and

\[
V^h = V^h_k(\Omega) := \left\{ u \in C^0(\Omega), u|_K \in \mathbb{Q}_k(K), K \in \mathcal{T}_h \right\}, \quad V^h_0 = V^h_{k,0}(\Omega) := V^h_k(\Omega) \cap H^1_0(\Omega),
\]

if \( \mathcal{T}_h \) is made of affinely mapped rectangles or parallelepipeds.

For a fixed polynomial degree \( k \), the set of Lagrangian basis functions \( \phi^h_i \) associated to a set of nodes \( \{P_i\} \) of the triangulation can be introduced. The degree of freedom are then the values of a function at these nodes. We have

\[
u(x) = \sum_i u(P_i) \phi^h_i(x), \quad u \in V^h,
\]

and the basis functions are uniquely defined by \( \phi_i(P_j) = \delta_{ij} \).

There is of course a one-to-one correspondence between functions in \( V^h \) and vectors of degrees of freedom. Throughout this monograph, we use the same notation of finite element functions \( u \) and vectors of degrees of freedom, and for finite element spaces and spaces of vectors of degrees of freedom. The support of the nodal basis function \( \phi^h_i \) is contained in the union of the elements that share the node \( P_i \). A scaling argument allows us to prove the following property; see [QV08, Prop. 3.4.1].

**Lemma B.5.** Let \( \phi^h_i \) be a basis function associated to a node of \( K \in \mathcal{T}_h \). Then there exists constants independent of \( h_K \), and \( h \), such that

\[
c_1 h^d_K \leq \| \phi^h_i \|_{L^2(K)}^2 \leq C_1 h^d_K
\]

\[
c_2 h^{d-2}_K \leq |\phi^h_i|_{H^1(K)}^2 \leq C_2 h^{d-2}_K
\]

\[
c_2 h^{d-2}_K \leq |\phi^h_i|_{H^{1/2}(K)}^2 \leq C_2 h^{d-2}_K
\]

where \( C_1 \) is independent of the aspect ratio of \( K \).

A nodal interpolation operator \( I^h = I^h_K \) can be defined for functions that are continuous in \( \overline{\Omega} \) by

\[
I^h u = \sum_i u(P_i) \phi^h_i, \quad u \in C^0(\overline{\Omega})
\]

Error estimates can be found; see [QV08, Sect. 3.4.1].
Lemman B.6. Given a mesh $T_h$, for $u \in H^s(\Omega)$ and $K \in T_h$, $\frac{d}{2} < s \le k + 1$, $0 \le m \le s$, there exists a constant, depending on $m$, $s$ and the aspect ratio of $K$, such that,
\[
|u - I_h^k u|_{H^m(K)} \le C h^{s-m} |u|_{H^s(K)}.
\]
If $T_h$ is conforming and shape-regular, we have
\[
|u - I_h^k u|_{H^m(K)} \le C h^{s-m} |u|_{H^s(K)}.
\]
We also need some finite element spaces that consist of discontinuous functions and are conforming in $L^2(\Omega)$. For $k \ge 0$, see [QV08, Sect. 3.2],
\[
Q_h^k = Q_h^k(\Omega) := \left\{ u \in L^2(\Omega) \ | \ u_{|K} \in P_k(K), \ K \in T_h \right\},
\]
\[
Q_h^0 = Q_h^0(\Omega) := Q_h^1(\Omega) \cap L^2_0(\Omega),
\]
if $T_h$ is made of triangles or tetrahedra, and an analogous definition holds if $T_h$ is made of rectangles or parallelepipeds.

Positive Definite Problems
Let $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$, $d = 2, 3$, be a Lipschitz region of unit diameter. We consider a general second order elliptic scalar partial differential equation involving the operator : find $u \in H^1_0(\Omega)$ such that
\[
-\sum_{i,j=1}^d \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left( a_{ij}(x) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \right) = f \quad \text{in} \ \Omega, \quad u = 0 \quad \text{on} \ \partial \Omega. \tag{B.1}
\]
The weak form of (B.1) is given by : find $u \in H^1_0(\Omega)$ such that
\[
a(u, v) = (f, v), \quad v \in H^1_0(\Omega) \tag{B.2}
\]
where $a(u, v) = \sum_{i,j=1}^d \int_{\Omega} a_{ij}(x) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_j} \frac{\partial v}{\partial x_i} \, dx$ and $(f, v) = \int_{\Omega} f v \, dx$.

We consider the finite element spaces $V^k = V^k_0(\Omega)$ and $V^0_h = V^h_0(\Omega)$, defined in section . Given the variational formulation (B.2), we consider a conforming approximation in the subspace $V^h_0$ : find $u \in V^h_0$, such that,
\[
a(u_h, v_h) = (f, v_h), \quad v_h \in V^h_0. \tag{B.3}
\]
The well-posedness of (B.3) is ensured by the Lax-Milgram Lemma, see [QV08].
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**Theorem B.7.** Let $\mathcal{T}_h$ be a conforming triangulation of $\Omega$ and $k \geq 1$. Then, the problem (B.3) is well-posed: there exists a unique solution such that

$$
\|u_h\|_{H^1(\Omega)} \leq C_1 \|f\|_{H^{-1}(\Omega)}, \quad \|u_h\|_a \leq C_2 \|f\|_{H^{-1}(\Omega)}
$$

where $\| \cdot \|$ is the norm associated to the bilinear form $a(\cdot, \cdot)$. The finite element solution satisfies

$$
a(u - u_h, v_h) = 0, \quad v_h \in V_0^h \tag{B.4}
$$

If the mesh $\mathcal{T}_h$ is shape-regular, we have

$$
|u - u_h|_{H^1(\Omega)} \leq Ch^{s-1}|u|_{H^s(\Omega)}, \quad \frac{n}{2} < s \leq k + 1
$$

and if, in addition $\Omega$ is convex

$$
\|u - u_h\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \leq C h^s |u|_{H^s(\Omega)}.
$$

**C Solution of Algebraic Linear Systems**

We consider the solution of linear systems

$$
Au = b \tag{C.1}
$$

with $u, b \in \mathbb{R}^n$, and $A$ an $n \times n$, real, invertible matrix. We use the notation $\langle u, v \rangle = u^t v$, for $u, v \in \mathbb{R}^n$.

**Eigenvalues and Condition Number**

We recall that, given matrix $A \in \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n$, its eigenvalues $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ and eigenvectors $u \in \mathbb{C}^n \setminus \{0\}$ are solution of

$$
Au = \lambda u.
$$

The set of eigenvalues of $A$, also called spectrum, is denoted by $\sigma(A)$. The spectrum radius $\rho(A)$ is defined as

$$
\rho(A) := \max_{\lambda \in \sigma(A)} \{ |\lambda| \}.
$$

Given a matrix norm $\| \cdot \|$, we define the condition number of an invertible matrix $A$ by

$$
\kappa(A) := \| A \| \| A^{-1} \|.
$$

In the same way, given a second matrix $M$, we can consider the generalized eigenproblem
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\[ Au = \lambda Mu. \]

A matrix \( A \) is said positive definite if all its eigenvalues have positive real part or, equivalently, if \( u^T Au \) has positive real part for \( u \in \mathbb{C}\setminus\{0\} \). We note that in this case

\[ u^T Au = u^T \frac{A + A^T}{2} > 0, \quad u \in \mathbb{R}^n\setminus\{0\}. \tag{C.2} \]

If in addition \( A \) is symmetric, then its eigenvalues are real and strictly positive. Throughout this section, we make use of the following property.

**Lemma C.1.** Let \( A \) and \( M \) be two symmetric, positive definite matrices of order \( n \). For an arbitrary matrix \( B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} \), let

\[ \|B\|_A := \sup_{u \in \mathbb{R}^n} \frac{\|Bu\|_A}{\|u\|_A}, \]

with \( \|u\|_A := u^T Au \), and similarly for \( \|B\|_M \). Then,

1. The following eigenvalue problems have the same \( n \) eigenvalues

   \[ Au = \lambda Mu, \tag{C.3} \]
   \[ M^{-1}Au = \lambda u, \tag{C.4} \]
   \[ (M^{-1/2}AM^{-1/2})u = \lambda u, \tag{C.5} \]
   \[ (A^{1/2}M^{-1}A^{1/2})u = \lambda u. \tag{C.6} \]

   They are all real and strictly positive.

The smallest and largest eigenvalues of the problems above satisfy

\[ \lambda_{\text{min}} = \inf_{u \in \mathbb{R}^n} \frac{u^T Au}{u^T Mu}, \quad \lambda_{\text{max}} = \sup_{u \in \mathbb{R}^n} \frac{u^T Au}{u^T Mu}. \tag{C.8} \]

We have

\[ \|M^{-1}A\|_A = \|M^{-1}A\|_M = \lambda_{\text{max}} = \rho(M^{-1}A), \]

\[ \|(M^{-1}A)^{-1}\|_A = \|(M^{-1}A)^{-1}\|_M = 1/\lambda_{\text{min}}, \]

and thus

\[ \kappa_A(M^{-1}A) = \kappa_2(M^{-1/2}AM^{-1/2}) = \lambda_{\text{max}}/\lambda_{\text{min}}. \]

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We have
\[(u^t Au \geq cu^t Mu, \ u \in \mathbb{R}^n) \longrightarrow \lambda_{\min} \geq c.\]

Analogously,
\[(u^t Au \leq Cu^t Mu, \ u \in \mathbb{R}^n) \longrightarrow \lambda_{\max} \leq C,\]

and thus
\[\kappa_A(M^{-1}A) \leq C/c.\]

We use the notation
\[\kappa M^{-1}A = \kappa_A M^{-1}A = \kappa_M M^{-1}A.\]

We note that since \(M^{-1}A\) is not symmetric, its norm \(\|M^{-1}A\|_2\) is not in general equal to the largest eigenvalue. However, \(M^{-1}A\) is symmetric with respect to the scalar product induced by \(A\) and \(M\).

The Lemma C.1 allows to prove the following corollary. It basically ensures that a good preconditioner of a good preconditioner remains a good preconditioner.

**Corollary C.2.** Let \(A\), \(B\), and \(C\) be three positive definite symmetric matrices. Then,
\[\kappa(C^{-1}A) \leq \kappa(C^{-1}B)\kappa(B^{-1}C).\]

D Algorithms for Matrix Square Root

The edge block of substructuring preconditioners described in chapter 6 involves the square root of matrices, see (4.42). As explained above, we use the Preconditioned Conjugate Gradient (PCG) method for solving the Schur complement system (4.41). Then, each iteration of PCG requires the solution of the system
\[\hat{K}_E z = g, \quad \hat{K}_E = M_E^{1/2} \left(M_E^{-1/2} R_E M_E^{-1/2}\right)^{1/2} M_E^{1/2}.\] (D.1)

We can work with the lumped mass matrix \(M_{E,L}\) instead of \(M_E\), hence in (D.1) we can substitute \(M_E = (m_{ij})\) with \(M_{E,L}\) defined as
\[M_{E,L} = \text{diag}(m_{ii}^L), \quad m_{ii}^L = \sum_{ij} m_{ij}.\] (D.2)

Therefore we may compute \(\hat{K} = M_{E,L}^{1/2} R_E M_{E,L}^{1/2}\) and then \(\hat{K}_E = \hat{K}^{1/2}\).

**Remark D.1.** When high order fem are used, the process of mass-lumping (D.2) may produce singular matrices. More specifically, the process of the mass-lumping can be applied to the two-dimensional case (i.e. when the interface is a face) when linear elements are used. For
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quadratic finite elements, the above procedure would generate a singular mass matrix $M_{E,L}$. An alternative diagonalization strategy consists in using the matrix

$$\hat{M} = \text{diag}(\hat{m}_{ii}), \quad \hat{m}_{ii} = \frac{m_{ii}}{\sum_j m_{jj}}.$$  \hfill (D.3)

In the one-dimensional case (i.e. the interface is an edge), for linear and quadratic finite elements, matrices $\hat{M}$ and $M_{E,L}$ coincide, while they differ for cubic elements. Note that $\hat{M}$ is non-singular also for Lagrangian finite elements of high order, while it can turn out to be singular when using non-lagrangian finite elements, for instance when using hierarchical basis, see [Qua10] for more details.

In the case of use of lagrangian basis functions, we consider the standard lumped mass matrix $M_{E,L}$ defined in (D.2). Then we compute $\tilde{\mathbf{K}}^{1/2}$ once, before the application of PCG, by using standard technique such as sqrt in EIGEN [G+10] library. Otherwise we may apply the technique proposed in [HHT08] and compute, for each PCG iteration, the action $\tilde{\mathbf{K}}^{-1/2}$ that is

$$z = \tilde{\mathbf{K}}^{-1/2}g.$$  \hfill (D.4)

The technique proposed in [HHT08] is based on combining contour integrals evaluated by periodic trapezoid rule with conformal maps involving Jacobi elliptic functions. This procedure is particularly effective when the matrix $\mathbf{K}$ is such that the systems of equations $(zI - \mathbf{K}) = b$ can be solved efficiently by sparse direct methods. An example is the matrix associated to the finite element discretization of the Laplacian in 2D or 3D, that is our case.

The procedure is iterative and requires an approximation of the minimum and maximum eigenvalues of $\mathbf{K}$ and the solution of $N$ systems of equations with matrix $(zI - \mathbf{K})$. $N$ has to be chosen depending on the accuracy wanted.

E Proofs of Theorems and Lemmas

Proof of Lemma 3.4.3. For each edge $\Gamma_{\ell n}$ we introduce the constant

$$\bar{\eta}_{\ell,n} = \frac{1}{|\Gamma_{\ell n}|} \int_{\Gamma_{\ell n}} \eta_{\ell} = \frac{1}{|\Gamma_{\ell n}|} \int_{\Gamma_{\ell n}} \eta_{n},$$

(the last identity is a consequence of (3.32)). For $\gamma_{\ell}^{(i)} = \Gamma_{\ell n}$ we also introduce the notation $\bar{\eta}_{\ell}^{(i)} = \bar{\eta}_{\ell,n}$. We have

$$\sigma(\eta, \bar{\eta}) = \sum_{\ell,n: |\Gamma_{\ell n}|>0} |\bar{\eta}_{\ell} - \eta_{\ell,n} - (\bar{\eta}_{n} - \bar{\eta}_{\ell,n})|^2 \lesssim \sum_{\ell} \sum_{n: |\Gamma_{\ell n}|>0} |\bar{\eta}_{\ell} - \bar{\eta}_{\ell,n}|^2$$

$$= \sum_{\ell} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{E}_{\ell}} |\bar{\eta}_{\ell} - \bar{\eta}_{\ell}^{(i)} + \eta(x_{\ell}^{(i)}) - \eta(x_{\ell}^{(i)})|^2$$

$$\lesssim \sum_{\ell} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{E}_{\ell}} |\eta(x_{\ell}^{(i)}) - \bar{\eta}_{\ell}|^2 + \sum_{\ell} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{E}_{\ell}} |\eta(x_{\ell}^{(i)}) - \eta_{\ell}^{(i)}|^2,$$
where, for each $\ell$, we let $E_\ell = \{ i : \gamma^{(i)}_\ell \text{ is an interior edge} \}$.

We have

$$|\bar{\eta}_\ell - \eta(x^\ell_i)|^2 \lesssim \|\eta - \bar{\eta}_\ell\|^2_{L^\infty(\Gamma_\ell)}.$$  

We observe that $\int_{\partial\Omega_\ell} \eta_\ell - \bar{\eta}_\ell = 0$, which, since $\eta_\ell - \bar{\eta}_\ell \in C^0(\partial\Omega_\ell)$, implies that $\eta_\ell - \bar{\eta}_\ell$ vanishes at some point of $\partial\Omega_\ell$. We can then apply bound (3.25), which yields

$$|\bar{\eta}_\ell - \eta(x^\ell_i)|^2 \lesssim \left(1 + \log \left(\frac{H^2_p}{h}\right)\right) |\eta_\ell|_1^{1/2}.$$  

The term $|\eta_\ell(x^\ell_i) - \bar{\eta}_\ell^{(i)}|^2$ is bound analogously. The thesis is obtained since the cardinality of the set $E_\ell$ is bounded. \qed

**Proof of Lemma 3.6.4.** We have

$$|\pi_h(\eta)|_T^2 \lesssim \sum_{m=(\ell,i) \in I} |\pi_m([\eta])|_{H^{1/2}(\gamma_m)}^2$$  

(E.1)

$$\lesssim \sum_{m=(\ell,i) \in I} H^2_p \, p^4 \, h^{-2\varepsilon} \, |\pi_m([\eta])|_{H^{1/2}(\gamma_m)}^2$$  

$$\lesssim \tilde{p}^{3/2} \sum_{m=(\ell,i) \in I} h^{-2\varepsilon} \, H^2_p \, p^4 \, [\eta]_{H^{1/2}(\gamma_m)}^2.$$  

We now observe that, for $m = (\ell, i) \in I$, $\gamma^{(i)}_\ell = \Gamma_{\ell,n}$ we have (see (3.22))

$$|[\eta]|_{H^{1/2}(\gamma_m)} \lesssim \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} |[\eta - \alpha]|_{H^{1/2}(\gamma_m)}^2 + \frac{1}{\varepsilon} |\alpha_\ell - \alpha_n|^2.$$  

(E.2)

Then we obtain

$$|\pi_h(\eta)|_T^2 \lesssim \tilde{p}^{3/2} \, \frac{H^2_p \, p^{4\varepsilon}}{h^{2\varepsilon}} \left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} \sum_{m=(\ell,i) \in I} |[\eta - \alpha]|_{H^{1/2}(\gamma_m)}^2 + \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \sigma(\alpha, \alpha)\right).$$  

Observing that, for $\gamma_m = \Gamma_{\ell,n}$ it holds that

$$|[\eta - \alpha]|_{H^{1/2}(\gamma_m)}^2 \leq |\eta_\ell - \alpha_\ell|_{H^{1/2}(\gamma_m)}^2 + |\eta_n - \alpha_n|_{H^{1/2}(\gamma_m)}^2,$$

by choosing $\varepsilon = 1/\log(H^2_p/h)$, we get

$$|\pi_h(\eta)|_T^2 \lesssim \tilde{p}^{3/2} \left(1 + \log \left(\frac{H^2_p}{h}\right)\right)^2 |\eta - \alpha|^2_T + \tilde{p}^{3/2} \left(1 + \log \left(\frac{H^2_p}{h}\right)\right) \sigma(\alpha, \alpha).$$

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The bound (3.46) follows easily by observing that

\[ |(Id - \pi_h(\eta))|^2_T \lesssim |\eta|^2_T + |\pi_h(\eta)|^2_T = |\eta - \alpha|^2_T + |\pi_h(\eta)|^2_T \lesssim \|\eta - \alpha\|^2_T + |\pi_h(\eta)|^2_T. \]

The bound (3.47) is obtained by observing that, if each \( \eta_\ell \) is linear on each \( \gamma_\ell \), thanks to (3.23), the bound (E.2) can be improved to

\[ |||\eta|||_{H^{1/2}(\gamma_m)}^2 \leq \frac{1}{\varepsilon} (|||\eta - \alpha|||_{H^{1/2}(\gamma_m)}^2 + |\alpha - \alpha_n|^2) \]

Proof of Theorem 4.2.1. By using (4.15) we get

\[ s(\eta, \eta) \lesssim |\eta|_{E}^2_T + |\eta|_{V}^2_T \lesssim \hat{p}^{3/2} b_{E}(\eta_{E}, \eta_{E}) + |\eta|_{V}^2_T. \quad \text{(E.3)} \]

Concerning \( |\eta|_{V}^2_T \), let \( \eta_{\delta} = (1 - \pi_\delta) \Lambda \eta \). We have \( \eta_{\delta} = (1 - \pi_h) \Lambda \eta_{\delta} \). We introduce \( \tilde{\eta} = (\tilde{\eta}_\ell)_{\ell=1,...,L} \in T \) with \( \tilde{\eta}_\ell \) constant on \( \partial\Omega_\ell \) defined as

\[ \tilde{\eta}_\ell = |\partial\Omega_\ell|^{-1} \int_{\partial\Omega_\ell} \eta_{\delta}^V. \]

Using Lemma 3.4.3 and (4.21), as well as (3.21), we have \( (\Lambda \tilde{\eta} = \tilde{\eta}) \)

\[ |\eta|_{V}^2_T = |(Id - \pi_h) \Lambda \eta_{\delta}^V|_{T}^2 \lesssim \hat{p}^{3/2} \left( 1 + \log \left( \frac{H \rho^2}{h} \right) \right) \left( |||\Lambda (\eta_{\delta}^V - \tilde{\eta})|||_{T}^2 + \sigma(\tilde{\eta}, \tilde{\eta}) \right) \]

\[ \lesssim \hat{p}^{3/2} \left( 1 + \log \left( \frac{H \rho^2}{h} \right) \right) \left( 1 + \log(n_c) \right) \left( |||\eta_{\delta}^V - \tilde{\eta}||_{T}^2 + |\eta_{\delta}^V|_{T}^2 \right) \]

\[ \lesssim \hat{p}^{3/2} \left( 1 + \log \left( \frac{H \rho^2}{h} \right) \right) \left( 1 + \log(n_c) \right) |\eta_{\delta}^V|_{T}^2 \]

where the last bound holds since \( n_c \) is a constant independent of \( h, p, \) and \( H \). Then we have

\[ s(\eta, \eta) \lesssim |\eta|_{E}^2_T + |\eta|_{V}^2_T \lesssim \hat{p}^{3/2} b_{E}(\eta_{E}, \eta_{E}) + \hat{p}^{3/2} \left( 1 + \log \left( \frac{H \rho^2}{h} \right) \right) b_{V}(\eta_{V}, \eta_{V}) = \hat{p}^{3/2} s_1(\eta, \eta), \]

that is the first part of the theorem.

\[ s(\eta, \eta) \lesssim \left( 1 + \log \left( \frac{H \rho^2}{h} \right) \right)^2 \hat{s}(\eta, \eta). \]
Let us now bound $s_1(\eta, \eta)$ in terms of $s(\eta, \eta)$. We have, for $\tilde{\eta}$ defined by (3.31),
\[
b_1 V(\eta^V, \eta^V) \lesssim |(Id - \pi_\delta)\Lambda \tilde{\eta}|_T^2 \lesssim (1 + \log(n_c)) (||\Lambda(\eta - \tilde{\eta})||_T^2 + \sigma(\tilde{\eta}, \tilde{\eta}))
\\lesssim (1 + \log(n_c)) \left(1 + \log \left(\frac{H \rho^2}{h}\right)\right)|\eta|_T^2 \lesssim \left(1 + \log \left(\frac{H \rho^2}{h}\right)\right) s(\eta, \eta),
\]
where we used (4.20) and (3.21).

Thanks to (4.14) and the definition of (4.24) we get that
\[
s_1(\eta, \eta) = b E(\eta^E, \eta^E) + \left(1 + \log \left(\frac{H \rho^2}{h}\right)\right) b V(\eta^V, \eta^V) \lesssim \left(1 + \log \left(\frac{H \rho^2}{h}\right)\right)^2 s(\eta, \eta)
\]
that concludes the proof of the Theorem 4.2.1.

\[
\text{Proof of Theorem 4.2.3. Thanks to Lemma 4.1.2 we have}
\]
\[
b_* V(\eta^V, \eta^V) \lesssim \left(1 + \log \left(\frac{H \rho^2}{h}\right)\right)|\eta|_T^2.
\]

Let us then bound $b_1 V(\eta^V, \eta^V)$. For each slave side $\gamma_m$ with $\gamma_m = \Gamma_{\ell n}$ we introduce the constant
\[
\tilde{\eta}_m = \frac{1}{|\gamma_m|} \int_{\gamma_m} \eta^V = \frac{1}{|\gamma_m|} \int_{\gamma_m} \eta^N
\]
(the last identity is a consequence of the weak continuity constraint). For $\gamma_m = \gamma^{(i)}_{\ell} = \gamma^{(j)}_{n}$, we also introduce the notation $\tilde{\eta}^{(i)}_{\ell} = \tilde{\eta}^{(j)}_{n} = \tilde{\eta}_m$.

Letting $a_m$ and $b_m$ denote the two extrema of $\gamma_m$ we can write
\[
b_1 V(\eta^V, \eta^V) = \sum_{m \in I} |\gamma_m|^{-1} \int_{\gamma_m} ||\Lambda\eta||_T^2 \simeq \sum_{m \in I} (||\Lambda\eta||_T(a_m)^2 + ||\Lambda\eta||_T(b_m)^2).
\]
Observing that for $(\ell, i), (n, j)$ such that $\gamma_m = \gamma^{(i)}_{\ell} = \gamma^{(j)}_{n}$ and for $x \in \tilde{\gamma}_m$ we have that
\[
||\Lambda\eta||_T(x)^2 = |\eta_{\ell}(x) - \eta_{n}(x)|^2 = |\eta_{\ell}(x) - \tilde{\eta}^{(i)}_{\ell} - (\eta_{n}(x) - \tilde{\eta}^{(j)}_{n})|^2 \lesssim |\eta_{\ell}(x) - \tilde{\eta}^{(i)}_{\ell}|^2 + |\eta_{n}(x) - \tilde{\eta}^{(j)}_{n}|^2,
\]
we immediately obtain that
\[
b_1 V(\eta^V, \eta^V) \lesssim \sum_{\ell} \sum_{i=1}^4 |\eta(x^{\ell}_i) - \tilde{\eta}^{(i)}_{\ell}|^2.
\]
Now, reasoning as in the proof of Lemma 3.4.3 we obtain

$$|\eta(x^\ell_i) - \bar{\eta}(i)|^2 \lesssim \left(1 + \log\left(\frac{Hp^2}{h}\right)\right) |\eta|_{H^{1/2}(\partial\Omega)}^2.$$ 

Putting all together we obtain

$$b_V^\ast (\eta^V, \eta^V) \lesssim \left(1 + \log\left(\frac{Hp^2}{h}\right)\right) s(\eta, \eta).$$

(E.4)

Combining (E.4), (4.14) with (4.30), we obtain

$$\hat{s}(\eta, \eta) \lesssim \left(1 + \log\left(\frac{Hp^2}{h}\right)\right)^2 s(\eta, \eta).$$

Let us now bound $s(\eta, \eta)$. We let $\bar{\eta} \in L^2(\Sigma)$ denote the (single valued) function assuming the value $\bar{\eta}_m$ on $\gamma_m$ for $m \in I$. We have

$$s(\eta, \eta) \lesssim |\eta^V|_{T}^2 + |\eta^E|_{T}^2.$$ 

Let us now consider $s(\eta^V, \eta^V)$. We have

$$s(\eta^V, \eta^V) = |\eta^V|_{T}^2 = |(1 - \pi_h)\Lambda\eta|_{T}^2 = |\Lambda\eta|_{T}^2 + |\pi_h\Lambda\eta|_{T}^2.$$ 

We bound the two terms on the right hand side separately. We have (see [BPS86])

$$|\Lambda\eta|_{T}^2 \lesssim \sum_{\ell} |H_{\ell}\Lambda\eta|_{H^{1/2}(\Omega_\ell)}^2 \lesssim b_V^\ast (\eta^V, \eta^V).$$

As far as the second term is concerned, we can write

$$|\pi_h(\Lambda\eta)|_{T}^2 \lesssim \sum_{m=(\ell,i) \in I} |\pi_m([\Lambda\eta])|_{H^{1/2}(\gamma_m)}^2.$$ 

(E.5)

$$\lesssim \sum_{m=(\ell,i) \in I} H_{\ell}^2p^2h_{\ell}^{-2} |\pi_m([\Lambda\eta])|_{H^{1/2}_{00}(\gamma_m)}^2$$ 

$$\lesssim \hat{p}^{3/2} \sum_{m=(\ell,i) \in I} h_{\ell}^{-2} H_{\ell}^2p^3\|\Lambda\eta\|_{H^{1/2}_{00}(\gamma_m)}^2$$ 

$$\lesssim \hat{p}^{3/2} \sum_{m=(\ell,i) \in I} \frac{H_{\ell}^2p^3}{h_{\ell}^2} \|\Lambda\eta\|_{H^{1/2}_{00}(\gamma_m)}^2$$ 

$$\lesssim \hat{p}^{3/2} \left(1 + \log\left(\frac{Hp^{3/2}}{h}\right)\right) \sum_{m=(\ell,i) \in I} \|\Lambda\eta\|_{H^{1/2}_{00}(\gamma_m)}^2.$$
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Now we have (recall that \( \| \cdot \|_{L^2(\Gamma)} \) is the scaled \( L^2 \) norm)

\[
\| [\Lambda \eta] \|_{H^{1/2-\varepsilon}(\gamma_m)}^2 \lesssim \| [\Lambda \eta] \|_{L^2(\gamma_m)}^2 + \| [\Lambda \eta] \|_{H^{1/2}(\gamma_m)}^2 \lesssim |\gamma_m|^{-1} \| [\Lambda \eta] \|_{L^2(\gamma_m)},
\]

where the last inverse type inequality is obtained by a scaling argument and using the linearity of \( \Lambda \eta \) on \( \gamma_m \).

Combining the bounds on the two contributions we obtain

\[
s(\eta^V, \eta^V) \lesssim \hat{p}^{3/2} \left( 1 + \log \left( \frac{H_p^2}{h} \right) \right) b^V (\eta^V, \eta^V).
\]

which finally yields

\[
s(\eta, \eta) \lesssim \hat{p}^{3/2} s(\eta, \eta).
\]

\[ \square \]

**F A Two Domain Overlapping Schwarz Method**

We consider the following laplacian boundary value problem

\[
\begin{cases}
-\Delta u = f & \text{in } \Omega \\
u = g & \text{on } \partial \Omega
\end{cases}
\]

(F.1)

where \( \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d \), \( d = 2, 3 \) and \( g \) is the dirichlet boundary value.

**Schwarz Algorithms**

The Schwarz overlapping multiplicative algorithm with dirichlet interface conditions for this problem on two subdomains \( \Omega_1 \) and \( \Omega_2 \) at \( n^{th} \) iteration is given by

\[
\begin{cases}
-\Delta u_1^n = f & \text{in } \Omega_1 \\
u_1^n = g & \text{on } \partial \Omega_1^{ext} \\
u_1^n = u_2^{n-1} & \text{on } \Gamma_1
\end{cases}
\quad \text{and} \quad
\begin{cases}
-\Delta u_2^n = f & \text{in } \Omega_2 \\
u_2^n = g & \text{on } \partial \Omega_2^{ext} \\
u_2^n = u_1^n & \text{on } \Gamma_2
\end{cases}
\]

(F.2)

**Variational Formulations**

\[
\int_{\Omega_i} \nabla u_i \cdot \nabla v = \int_{\Omega_i} f v \quad \forall v, \ i = 1, 2.
\]
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Listing F.1 : Example with 2 subdomains

```cpp
template<Expr>
void
localProblem(element_type& u, Expr expr)
{
    // Assembly of the right hand side $\int_\Omega \underline{f} \underline{v}$
    auto F = backend->newVector(Xh);
    form1( _test=Xh, _vector=F, _init=true ) =
        integrate( elements(mesh), f*id(v) );
    F->close();

    // Assembly of the left hand side $\int_\Omega \nabla u \cdot \nabla v$
    auto A = backend->newMatrix( Xh, Xh );
    form2( _test=Xh, _trial=Xh, _matrix=A, _init=true ) =
        integrate( elements(mesh), grad(u)*trans(grad(v)) );
    A->close();

    // Apply the dirichlet boundary conditions
    form2( Xh, Xh, A ) +=
        on( markedfaces(mesh, "Dirichlet") ,u,F,g);

    // Apply the dirichlet interface conditions
    form2( Xh, Xh, A ) +=
        on( markedfaces(mesh, "Interface") ,u,F,expr);

    // solve the linear system $A\underline{u} = F$
    backend->solve(_matrix=A, _solution=u, _rhs=F );
}

unsigned int cpt = 0;
double tolerance = 1e-8;
double maxIterations = 20;
double l2erroru_1 = 1.;
double l2erroru_2 = 1;

// Iteration loop
while( (l2erroru_1+l2erroru_2) > tolerance && cpt <= maxIterations )
{
    // call the localProblem on the first subdomain $\Omega_1$
    localProblem(u_1, idv(u_2));
    // call the localProblem on the first subdomain $\Omega_2$
    localProblem(u_2, idv(u_1));

    // compute L2 errors on each subdomain
    L2erroru_1 = L2Error(u_1);
    L2erroru_2 = L2Error(u_2);

    // increment the counter
    ++cpt;
}
```
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Numerical Results in 2D

The numerical results presented in the following table correspond to the partition of the global domain $\Omega$ in two subdomains $\Omega_1$ and $\Omega_2$ (see Figure F.1) and the following configuration:

1. $g(x, y) = \sin(\pi x) \cos(\pi y)$: the exact solution

2. $f(x, y) = 2\pi^2 g$: the right hand side of the equation

3. $P_2$ approximation: the lagrange polynomial order

4. $h_{size} = 0.02$: the mesh size

5. $tol = 1e-9$: the tolerance

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Figure F.1: Geometry in 2D

Table F.1: $L^2$ errors in $\Omega_1$ and $\Omega_2$
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F.2.1. First iteration  
F.2.2. 10th iteration

\textbf{Figure F.2} : Isovalues of solution in 2D

G  \hspace{1em} \textbf{Eigenmodes of Dirichlet to Neumann Operator}

\textbf{Problem Description and Variational Formulation}

We consider at the continuous level the Dirichlet-to-Neumann (DtN) map on Ω, denoted by \( \text{DtN}_Ω \).

Let \( u : Γ \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \),

\[ \text{DtN}_Ω(u) = \kappa \frac{\partial v}{n} \bigg|_Γ \]

where \( v \) satisfies

\[ \begin{align*}
\mathcal{L}(v) & := (\eta - \text{div}(\kappa \nabla))v = 0 \quad \text{dans} \quad Ω, \\
v & = u \quad \text{sur} \quad Γ 
\end{align*} \]  \hspace{1em} (G.1)

where Ω is a bounded domain of \( \mathbb{R}^d \) (d=2 or 3), and Γ its border, \( \kappa \) is a positive diffusion function which can be discontinuous, and \( \eta \geq 0 \). The eigenmodes of the Dirichlet-to-Neumann operator are solutions of the following eigenvalues problem

\[ \text{DtN}_Ω(u) = \lambda \kappa u \]  \hspace{1em} (G.2)

To obtain the discrete form of the DtN map, we consider the variational form of (G.1). Let’s define the bilinear form \( a : H^1(Ω) \times H^1(Ω) \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \),

\[ a(w, v) := \int_Ω \eta vw + \kappa \nabla w \cdot \nabla v. \]

With a finite element basis \( \{ \phi_k \} \), the coefficient matrix of a Neumann boundary value problem in Ω is

\[ A_{kl} := \int_Ω \eta \phi_k \phi_l + \kappa \nabla \phi_k \cdot \nabla \phi_l. \]
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A variational formulation of the flux reads

\[ \int_{\Gamma} \kappa \frac{\partial v}{\partial n} \phi_k = \int_{\Omega} \eta v \phi_k + \kappa \nabla v \cdot \nabla \phi_k \quad \forall \phi_k. \]

So the variational formulation of the eigenvalue problem (G.2) reads

\[ \int_{\Omega} \eta v \phi_k + \kappa \nabla v \cdot \nabla \phi_k = \lambda \int_{\Gamma} \kappa v \phi_k \quad \forall \phi_k. \quad \text{(G.3)} \]

Let \( B \) be the weighted mass matrix

\[ (B)_{kl} = \int_{\Gamma} \kappa \phi_k \phi_l \]

The compact form of (G.3) is

\[ Av = \lambda Bv \quad \text{(G.4)} \]

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Listing G.1: Eigenvalue solver

```cpp
// Assembly of the right hand side \( B = \int_{\Gamma} \kappa v w \)
auto B = backend->newMatrix( _test=Xh, _trial=Xh ) ;
form2( _test=Xh, _trial=Xh, _matrix=B, _init=true );
for ( int const & marker : flags )
{
    form2( _test=Xh, _trial=Xh, _matrix=B ) +=
        integrate( markedfaces(mesh,marker), \kappa*\id(u)*\id(v) );
}
B->close();

// Assembly of the left hand side \( A = \int_{\Omega} \eta w + \kappa \nabla v \cdot \nabla w \)
auto A = backend->newMatrix( Xh, Xh ) ;
form2( _test=Xh, _trial=Xh, _matrix=A, _init=true ) =
    integrate( elements(mesh), \kappa*\gradt(u)*trans(\grad(v))
        + \nu*\id(u)*\id(v) );
A->close();

// eigenvalue solver options
int nev = doption("solvereigen-nev");
int ncv = doption("solvereigen-ncv");
// definition of the eigenmodes
SolverEigen<double>::eigenmodes_type modes;
// solve the eigenvalue problem \( Av = \lambda Bv \)
modes= eigs( _matrixA=A,
    _matrixB=B,
    _nev=nev,
    _ncv=ncv,
    _transform=SINVERT,
    _spectrum=SMALLEST_MAGNITUDE,
    _verbose = true );
```

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Figure G.1: Three eigenmodes

The numerical solutions in Figure G.1 correspond to the following configuration:

1. $P_2$ approximation: the Lagrange polynomial order
2. $h = 0.02$: the mesh size
3. $\mu = \kappa = 1$

H Tools in Feel++: trace and lift

Trace of trace and lift of lift operations are needed in the construction of a substructuring preconditioner e.g., for the mortar method presented above in this thesis, which we are currently developing in 2D and 3D. Let $\Omega$ be a domain of $\mathbb{R}^3$, $\Sigma \subset \partial \Omega$ an open and nonempty subset and $\Gamma := \partial \Sigma$. We also recall that the trace space of $V := H^1(\Omega)$ on $\Sigma$ is denoted by $H^{1/2}(\Sigma)$ and the trace space of $W := H^{1/2}(\Sigma)$ on $\Gamma$ is indicated by $\Lambda := H^{1/2}_\Sigma(\Gamma)$ that is the trace space of trace space of $V$ on $\Gamma$. It is necessary in this part to be able to manipulate the objects of real dimension equal to $d$ and topological dimension ranging from 1 to $d$ back and forth. Let $u \in V$, first we compute $v = u|_\Sigma \in W$ the trace of $u$ and then $w = v|_\Gamma \in \Lambda$ the trace of $v$ that is also the trace of trace of $u$. Reciprocally let $w \in \Lambda$. The extension of $w$ by its mean $c := \frac{1}{|\Gamma|} \int_\Gamma w$ in $W$ is given by $v \in W$ such that $v = w$ on $\Gamma$ and $v = c$ in $\Sigma$. Now we compute the harmonic extension of $v$ in $V$ that is given by $u \in V$ such that $-\Delta u = 0$ in $\Omega$ and $u = v$ on $\Sigma$.

Listing H.1: Trace of trace and lift and lift implementation

```cpp
auto Xh = space_type::New(mesh);
// trace function space associated to trace(mesh)
auto TXh = trace_space_type::New(mesh->trace(markedfaces(mesh,marker)));
// trace function space associated to trace(trace(mesh))
auto TTXh = trace_trace_space_type::New(TXh->mesh()->trace(markedfaces(mesh,marker)));
auto TTXh = trace_trace_space_type::New(TXh->mesh()->trace(markedfaces(mesh,marker)));
```
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```cpp
// Let g be an function given on 3D mesh
auto g = sin(pi*(2*Px()+Py()+1.)/4)*cos(pi*(Py()-1./4));
/* trace and trace of trace of g */
// trace of g on the 2D trace mesh
auto trace_g = vf::project( TXh, elements(TXh->mesh()), g );
// trace of g on the 1D trace_trace_mesh
auto trace_trace_g = vf::project( TTXh, elements(TTXh->mesh()), g);
/* lift and lift of lift of trace_trace_g */
// extension of trace_trace_g by zero on 2D trace mesh
auto zero_extension = vf::project( TXh, boundaryfaces(TXh->mesh()),
                                     idv(trace_trace_g));
// extension of trace_trace_g by the mean of trace.trace.g on trace.mesh
auto const_extension = vf::project( TXh, boundaryfaces(TTXh->mesh()),
                                     idv(trace_trace_g)-mean);
const_extension += vf::project( TXh, elements(TXh->mesh()), cst(mean) );
// harmonic extension of const_extension on 3D mesh
auto op_lifit = operatorLift(Xh);
auto glift = op_lifit->lift(_range=markedfaces(mesh,marker),
                          _expr=idv(const_extension));
```

**Figure H.1:** Volume and wirebasket
I Aitken Acceleration

Let \( \Omega \) be a domain of \( \mathbb{R}^d \), \( d = 1, 2, 3 \), and \( \partial \Omega \) its boundary. We look for \( u \) the solution of the problem :

\[
\begin{aligned}
L u &= f \quad \text{in} \quad \Omega \\
\quad u &= g \quad \text{on} \quad \partial \Omega
\end{aligned}
\]

where \( L \) is a partial differential operator, and the functions \( f \) and \( g \) are given. For the sake of exposition we refer to the case of a domain \( \Omega \) partitioned into two subdomains \( \Omega_1 \) and \( \Omega_2 \) such that \( \Omega = \Omega_1 \cup \Omega_2 \). We denote \( \Gamma_1 := \partial \Omega_1 \cap \Omega_2 \) and \( \Gamma_2 := \partial \Omega_2 \cap \Omega_1 \), in the case of two overlapping subdomains, and \( \Gamma := \partial \Omega_1 \cap \partial \Omega_2 \), in the case of two nonoverlapping subdomains. The norm of \( H^1(\Phi) \) will be denoted by \( \| \cdot \|_{1,\Phi} \), while \( \| \cdot \|_{0,\Phi} \) will indicate the norm of \( L^2(\Phi) \) for all nonempty subset \( \Phi \subseteq \Omega \).

First we are interested in the overlapping and nonoverlapping Schwarz methods [QV99]. The overlapping multiplicative Schwarz algorithm with Dirichlet interface conditions at \((k + 1)\)th iteration, \( k \geq 0 \), is given by (I.2) where \( u_0^2 \) is known on \( \Gamma_1 \). The additive version of this algorithm is obtained by changing the interface condition \( u_{2}^{k+1} = u_{1}^{k+1} \) on the second subdomain \( \Omega_2 \) to \( u_{2}^{k+1} = u_{1}^{k} \) in the second system of (I.2).

\[
\begin{aligned}
L u_1^{k+1} &= f \quad \text{in} \quad \Omega_1 \\
\quad u_1^{k+1} &= g \quad \text{on} \quad \partial \Omega_1 \setminus \Gamma_1 \\
\quad u_1^{k+1} &= u_2^k \quad \text{on} \quad \Gamma_1 \\
L u_2^{k+1} &= f \quad \text{in} \quad \Omega_2 \\
\quad u_2^{k+1} &= g \quad \text{on} \quad \partial \Omega_2 \setminus \Gamma_2 \\
\quad u_2^{k+1} &= u_1^{k+1} \quad \text{on} \quad \Gamma_2
\end{aligned}
\]

The nonoverlapping Schwarz algorithm with Dirichlet and Neumann interface conditions at \((k + 1)\)th iteration, \( k \geq 0 \), are given by

\[
\begin{aligned}
L u_1^{k+1} &= f \quad \text{in} \quad \Omega_1 \\
\quad u_1^{k+1} &= g \quad \text{on} \quad \partial \Omega_1 \setminus \Gamma \\
\quad u_1^{k+1} &= \lambda^k \quad \text{on} \quad \Gamma \\
L u_2^{k+1} &= f \quad \text{in} \quad \Omega_2 \\
\quad u_2^{k+1} &= g \quad \text{on} \quad \partial \Omega_2 \setminus \Gamma \\
\quad \frac{\partial u_2^{k+1}}{\partial n} &= \frac{\partial u_1^{k+1}}{\partial n} \quad \text{on} \quad \Gamma
\end{aligned}
\]

where \( \lambda^k := \theta u_{2l}^{k+1} + (1 - \theta) \lambda^k \), \( \theta \) being a positive acceleration parameter which can be computed for example by an Aitken procedure, see listing I.2, and \( \lambda^0 \) is given on \( \Gamma \). The additive Schwarz method requires generally more iterations than the multiplicative method and is naturally parallelizable. The generalization of these algorithms to many subdomains is immediate.

**Listing I.1**: Fixed point algorithm using Aitken acceleration for (I.2) and (I.3)

```c
enum DDMethod { DD = 0, /*Dirichlet-Dirichlet*/ 
    DN = 1 /*Dirichlet-Neumann*/ ; 
}
```

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auto accel = aitken(_space=Xh2);
accel.initialize(_residual=residual,_currentElt=lambda);

double maxIteration = 20;
while(!accel.isFinished() && accel.nIterations() < maxIteration)
{
  // call the localProblem on the first subdomain \( \Omega_1 \)
  localProblem(u1, idv(u2), DDMethod::DD);
  lambda = u2;
  // call the localProblem on the first subdomain \( \Omega_2 \)
  if(ddmethod == DDMethod::DD)
    localProblem(u2, idv(u1), DDMethod::DD);
  else
    localProblem(u2, gradv(u1)*N(), DDMethod::DN);
  residual = u2 - lambda;
  u2 = accel.apply(_residual=residual,_currentElt=u2);
  ++accel;
}

The numerical solutions in Figure I.1 correspond to the partition of \( \Omega \) into two subdomains \( \Omega_1 \) and \( \Omega_2 \) and the following configuration: (i) \( g(x,y) = \sin(\pi x) \cos(\pi y) \) is the exact solution (ii) \( f(x,y) = 2\pi^2 g \) is the right hand side of the equation (iii) we use \( P_2 \) Lagrange approximation (iv) we use the maximal number of iteration equal to 10.

Table Table I.1 summarizes The \( L^2 \) and \( H^1 \) errors for both problems studied.

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I.1.1. Geometry

I.2

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I.1.2. Numerical solution

Figure I.1: Overlapping and nonoverlapping Schwartz methods in 2D

Listing I.2: Local problems for (3.40) and (6.1)

```cpp
template<Expr> void localProblem(element_type& u, Expr expr, DDMethod ddmethod)
{
    auto Xh = u.functionSpace();
    auto mesh = Xh->mesh();
    auto v = Xh->element();
    auto F = M_backend->newVector(Xh);
    auto A = M_backend->newMatrix(Xh, Xh);

    // Assembly of the right hand side \int_Ω f v
    form1( _test=Xh, _vector=F ) = integrate( elements(mesh), f*id(v) );

    // Assembly of the left hand side \int_Ω \nabla u \cdot \nabla v
    form2( _test=Xh, _trial=Xh, _matrix=A ) =
        integrate( elements(mesh), gradt(u)*trans(grad(v)) );

    // Add Neumann contribution
    if( ddmethod == DDMethod::DN )
        form1( _test=Xh, _vector=F ) += integrate( markedfaces(mesh,"Interface"), _expr=expr*id(v) );
    else if( ddmethod == DDMethod::DD )
        form2( Xh, Xh, A ) += on( markedfaces(mesh,"Interface"), u,F,expr);

    // Apply the Dirichlet boundary conditions
    form2( Xh, Xh, A ) += on( markedfaces(mesh, "Dirichlet"), u,F,g);

    // Apply the Dirichlet interface conditions
    // solve the linear system A u = F
    M_backend->solve(_matrix=A, _solution=u, _rhs=F );
}
```

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J Some Results for Substructuring Preconditioners

We present some numerical results related to the set of experiments presented in section 8.1 and in section 8.2 respectively for conforming and nonconforming domain decompositions.

We report the number of iterations required for solving the linear system (4.41) preconditioned by \( \hat{P} \in \{ P_0, P_1, P_2 \} \), the condition number \( \kappa(\hat{P}^{-1}\hat{S}) \) when varying the number of subdomains \( N \) and the number of elements \( n \) of the fine mesh.

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**Table J.3**: Condition number and number of iterations (between parenthesis) for $p = 3$

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Domain Decomposition 186

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Abstract

This thesis investigates domain decomposition methods, commonly classified as either overlapping Schwarz methods or iterative substructuring methods relying on nonoverlapping subdomains. We mainly focus on the mortar finite element method, a nonconforming approach of substructuring method involving weak continuity constraints on the approximation space. We introduce a finite element framework for the design and the analysis of the substructuring preconditioners for an efficient solution of the linear system arising from such a discretization method. Particular consideration is given to the construction of the coarse grid preconditioner, specifically the main variant proposed in this work, using a Discontinuous Galerkin interior penalty method as coarse problem. Other domain decomposition methods, such as Schwarz methods and the so-called three-field method are surveyed with the purpose of establishing a generic teaching and research programming environment for a wide range of these methods. We develop an advanced computational framework dedicated to the parallel implementation of numerical methods and preconditioners introduced in this thesis. The efficiency and the scalability of the preconditioners, and the performance of parallel algorithms are illustrated by numerical experiments performed on large scale parallel architectures.

Keywords: domain decomposition, mortar finite element method, substructuring preconditioner, high-performance computing.

Résumé

Cette thèse étudie les méthodes de décomposition de domaine généralement classées soit comme des méthodes de Schwarz avec recouvrement ou des méthodes par sous-structuration s’appuyant sur des sous-domaines sans recouvrement. Nous nous focalisons principalement sur la méthode des éléments finis joints, aussi appelée la méthode mortar, une approche non conforme des méthodes par sous-structuration impliquant des contraintes de continuité faible sur l’espace d’approximation. Nous introduisons un framework élément fini pour la conception et l’analyse des préconditionneurs par sous-structuration pour une résolution efficace du système linéaire provenant d’une telle méthode de discrétisation. Une attention particulière est accordée à la construction du préconditionneur grille grossière, notamment la principale variante proposée dans ce travail utilisant la méthode de Galerkin Discontinue avec pénalisation intérieure comme problème grossier. D’autres méthodes de décomposition de domaine, telles que les méthodes de Schwarz et la méthode dite three-field sont étudiées dans l’objectif d’établir un environnement de programmation générique d’enseignement et de recherche pour une large gamme de ces méthodes. Nous développons un framework de calcul avancé et dédié à la mise en œuvre parallèle des méthodes numériques et des préconditionneurs introduits dans cette thèse. L’efficacité et la scalabilité des préconditionneurs, ainsi que la performance des algorithmes parallèles sont illustrées par des expériences numériques effectuées sur des architectures parallèles à très grande échelle.