

Supplement to
A NONCONFORMING MIXED MULTIGRID METHOD FOR THE
PURE TRACTION PROBLEM IN PLANAR LINEAR ELASTICITY

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This supplement contains the proofs of the theorems stated in §5.

Lemma S.1. *There holds $(\underline{v}^\sharp, q^\sharp) = P_k^{k-1}(\underline{y} - \underline{y}_m, z - z_m)$.*

Proof. Note that $(\underline{v}^\sharp, q^\sharp)$ and $P_k^{k-1}(\underline{y} - \underline{y}_m, z - z_m)$ both belong to $V_{k-1}^\perp \times Q_{k-2}$. Given any $(\underline{v}, q) \in V_{k-1}^\perp \times Q_{k-2}$, it follows from (3.4) and (3.11) that

$$\begin{aligned} B_{k-1} \left((\underline{v}^\sharp, q^\sharp), (\underline{v}, q) \right) &= \left(B_{k-1}^\perp(\underline{v}^\sharp, q^\sharp), (\underline{v}, q) \right)_{k-1} \\ &= \left(I_k^{k-1} B_k(\underline{y} - \underline{y}_m, z - z_m), (\underline{v}, q) \right)_{k-1} \\ &= \left(B_k(\underline{y} - \underline{y}_m, z - z_m), I_{k-1}^k(\underline{v}, q) \right)_k \\ &= B_k \left((\underline{y} - \underline{y}_m, z - z_m), I_{k-1}^k(\underline{v}, q) \right) \\ &= B_{k-1} \left(P_k^{k-1}(\underline{y} - \underline{y}_m, z - z_m), (\underline{v}, q) \right). \end{aligned}$$

The lemma now follows from Proposition 2.7. \square

Let the k th-level relaxation operator R_k be defined by

$$(S.1) \quad R_k := I - \frac{1}{\Lambda_k} (B_k^\perp)^2.$$

(Recall that $\Lambda_k := C h_k^{-4}$ dominates the spectral radius of $(B_k^\perp)^2$.)

Note that by the definition of the mesh-dependent norms we have

$$(S.2) \quad \|R_k(\underline{v}, q)\|_{s,k} \leq \|(\underline{v}, q)\|_{s,k} \quad \forall (\underline{v}, q) \in V_k^\perp \times Q_{k-1} \text{ and } s \in \mathbb{R}.$$

From the smoothing step (4.2), we obtain

$$(S.3) \quad (\underline{y} - \underline{y}_m, z - z_m) = R_k^m(\underline{y} - \underline{y}_0, z - z_0).$$

Combining Lemma S.1 and (S.3), we have the following relation between the initial error and the final error of the two-grid algorithm:

$$(S.4) \quad (\underline{y} - \underline{y}^\sharp, z - z^\sharp) = (I - I_{k-1}^k P_k^{k-1}) R_k^m(\underline{y} - \underline{y}_0, z - z_0).$$

The effect of R_k^m is measured by the following lemma on the smoothing property.

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Lemma S.2 (Smoothing Property). There exists a positive constant C such that

$$(S.5) \quad \|R_k^m(\underline{v}, q)\|_{2,k} \leq C h_k^{-2} m^{-1/2} \|\underline{v}, q\|_{0,k} \quad \forall (\underline{v}, q) \in V_k^\perp \times Q_{k-1}.$$

Proof. Let $0 < \lambda_1 \leq \lambda_2 \leq \dots \leq \lambda_n$ be the eigenvalues of $(B_k^\perp)^2$ and $\boldsymbol{\eta}_i := (\phi_i, \psi_i)$, $1 \leq i \leq n_k$ be the corresponding eigenvectors satisfying the orthonormal relation $(\underline{\eta}_i, \underline{\eta}_j)_k = \delta_{ij}$. We can write $(\underline{v}, q) = \sum_{i=1}^{n_k} \nu_i \underline{\eta}_i$. Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} R_k^m(\underline{v}, q) &= \left(I - \frac{1}{\Lambda_k} (B_k^\perp)^2 \right)^m (\underline{v}, q) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{n_k} \left(1 - \frac{\lambda_i}{\Lambda_k} \right)^m \nu_i \underline{\eta}_i. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} \|R_k^m(\underline{v}, q)\|_{2,k}^2 &= \sum_{i=1}^{n_k} \left(1 - \frac{\lambda_i}{\Lambda_k} \right)^{2m} \lambda_i \nu_i^2 \\ &= \Lambda_k \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{n_k} \left(1 - \frac{\lambda_i}{\Lambda_k} \right)^{2m} \left(\frac{\lambda_i}{\Lambda_k} \right) \nu_i^2 \right\} \\ &= \Lambda_k \left\{ \sup_{0 \leq x \leq 1} (1-x)^{2m} x \right\} \sum_{i=1}^{n_k} \nu_i^2 \\ &\leq C h_k^{-4} m^{-1} \|(\underline{v}, q)\|_{0,k}^2. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

The following lemma on the approximation property measures the effect of the operators $I - I_{k-1}^k P_k^{k-1}$.

Lemma S.3 (Approximation Property). There exists a positive constant C such that for $k > 1$

$$(S.6) \quad \|I - I_{k-1}^k P_k^{k-1}\|_{0,k} \leq C h_k^2 \|(\underline{v}, q)\|_{2,k} \quad \forall (\underline{v}, q) \in V_k^\perp \times Q_{k-1}.$$

Proof. Given $(\underline{v}, q) \in V_k^\perp \times Q_{k-1}$, let $(\underline{\eta}, \tau) = P_k^{k-1}(\underline{v}, q)$. Hence,

$$(S.7) \quad (I - I_{k-1}^k P_k^{k-1})(\underline{v}, q) = (\underline{v} - P_k \underline{\eta}, q - \tau).$$

Recall that $\|(\underline{v} - P_k \underline{\eta}, q - \tau)\|_{2,k}^2 = \|(\underline{v} - P_k \underline{\eta})\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 + \underline{\eta}^2 \|q - \tau\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2$. We shall estimate $h_k \|q - \tau\|_{L^2(\Omega)}$ and $\|\underline{v} - P_k \underline{\eta}\|_{L^2(\Omega)}$ by two duality arguments.

Let $(\underline{v}_k^0, q_k^0) \in V_k^\perp \times Q_{k-1}$ satisfy

$$(S.8) \quad B_k \left((\underline{v}_k^0, q_k^0), (\underline{v}', q') \right) = h_k^2 \int_\Omega (q - \tau) q' dx \quad \forall (\underline{v}', q') \in V_k^\perp \times Q_{k-1},$$

$$\text{and } (\underline{v}_{k-1}^0, q_{k-1}^0) \in V_{k-1}^\perp \times Q_{k-2} \text{ satisfy}$$

$$(S.9) \quad B_{k-1} \left((\underline{v}_{k-1}^0, q_{k-1}^0), (\underline{v}', q') \right) = h_k^2 \int_\Omega (q - \tau) q' dx \quad \forall (\underline{v}', q') \in V_{k-1}^\perp \times Q_{k-2}.$$

It follows from (S.8), (S.9), the definition of $(\underline{\eta}, \tau)$, (3.11), (3.9) and Lemma 3.7 that

$$\begin{aligned} h_k^2 \|q - \tau\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 &= h_k^2 \int_\Omega (q - \tau) q dx - h_k^2 \int_\Omega (q - \tau) \tau dx \\ &= B_k \left((\underline{v}_k^0, q_k^0), (\underline{v}, q) \right) - B_{k-1} \left((\underline{v}_{k-1}^0, q_{k-1}^0), (\underline{v}, q) \right) \\ &= B_k \left((\underline{v}_k^0, q_k^0), (\underline{v}, q) \right) - B_{k-1} \left((\underline{v}_{k-1}^0, q_{k-1}^0), (\underline{v}, q) \right) \\ &= B_k \left((\underline{v}_k^0, q_k^0) - I_{k-1}^k (\underline{v}_{k-1}^0, q_{k-1}^0), (\underline{v}, q) \right) \\ &\leq \|(\underline{v}_k^0, q_k^0) - I_{k-1}^k (\underline{v}_{k-1}^0, q_{k-1}^0)\|_{0,k} \|\underline{v}, q\|_{2,k} \\ &\leq C h_k^3 \|q - \tau\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \|(\underline{v}, q)\|_{2,k}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we have

$$(S.10) \quad h_k \|q - \tau\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \leq C h_k^2 \|(\underline{v}, q)\|_{2,k}.$$

We now turn to the estimate of $\|\underline{v} - P_k \underline{\eta}\|_{L^2(\Omega)}$. Since $\underline{v} - P_k \underline{\eta} \in L^2_{-1}$, there exists a unique $(\underline{\zeta}, \xi) \in H_{-1}^2 \times H^1(\Omega)$ satisfying

$$(S.11) \quad B \left((\underline{\zeta}, \xi), (\underline{v}', q') \right) = \int_\Omega (\underline{v} - P_k \underline{\eta}) \cdot \underline{v}' dx \quad \forall (\underline{v}', q') \in H_{-1}^1(\Omega) \times L^2(\Omega).$$

Let $(\underline{\xi}_k, \xi_k) \in V_k^\perp \times Q_{k-1}$ satisfy

$$(S.12) \quad B \left((\underline{\xi}_k, \xi_k), (\underline{v}', q') \right) = \int_\Omega (\underline{v} - P_k \underline{\eta}) \cdot \underline{v}' dx \quad \forall (\underline{v}', q') \in V_k^\perp \times Q_{k-1},$$

and $(\underline{\xi}_{k-1}, \xi_{k-1}) \in V_{k-1}^\perp \times Q_{k-2}$ satisfy

$$(S.13) \quad B_{k-1} \left((\underline{\xi}_{k-1}, \xi_{k-1}), (\underline{v}', q') \right) = \int_\Omega (\underline{v} - P_k \underline{\eta}) \cdot \underline{v}' dx \quad \forall (\underline{v}', q') \in V_{k-1}^\perp \times Q_{k-2}.$$

The elliptic regularity estimate (1.20) implies that (recall that $\xi = \frac{\lambda}{2\nu} \operatorname{div} \underline{\zeta}$)

$$(S.14) \quad \|\underline{\zeta}\|_{H^2(\Omega)} + \|\xi\|_{H^1(\Omega)} \leq C \|\underline{v} - P_k \underline{\eta}\|_{L^2(\Omega)},$$

and the discretization error estimates in Theorems 2.9 and 2.10 imply that

$$(S.15) \quad \begin{aligned} & \|\zeta_k - \zeta\|_{L^2(\Omega)} + \|\zeta_{k-1} - \zeta\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \\ & + h_k \|P_{k-1}\zeta - \zeta\|_{L^2(\Omega)} + h_k \|\zeta_{k-1} - \zeta\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \\ & \leq C h_k^2 \|\underline{v} - \underline{P}_k \underline{\eta}\|_{L^2(\Omega)}. \end{aligned}$$

The interpolation error estimates (2.30), (2.31) and (S.14) imply that

$$(S.16) \quad \begin{aligned} & \|\Pi_k^\perp \zeta - \zeta\|_{L^2(\Omega)} + \|\Pi_{k-1}^\perp \zeta - \zeta\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \\ & + h_k \|P_{k-1}\zeta - \zeta\|_{L^2(\Omega)} + h_k \|P_{k-2}\zeta - \zeta\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \\ & \leq C h_k^2 \|\underline{v} - \underline{P}_k \underline{\eta}\|_{L^2(\Omega)}. \end{aligned}$$

From the definition of $(\underline{\eta}, \tau)$, (S.12), (S.13) and (3.11) we have

$$\begin{aligned} (S.17) \quad & \|\underline{v} - \underline{P}_k \underline{\eta}\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 \\ & = B_k \left((\zeta_k, \xi_k), (\underline{v}, \underline{q}) \right) - B_k \left((\zeta_k, \xi_k), I_{k-1}^\perp(\underline{\eta}, \tau) \right) \\ & = B_k \left((\zeta_k, \xi_k) - (\Pi_k^\perp \zeta, P_{k-1}\zeta), (\underline{v}, \underline{q}) \right) \\ & + B_k \left((\Pi_k^\perp \zeta, P_{k-1}\zeta) - I_{k-1}^\perp(\Pi_{k-1}^\perp \zeta, P_{k-2}\zeta), (\underline{v}, \underline{q}) \right) \\ & + B_k \left(I_{k-1}^\perp(\Pi_{k-1}^\perp \zeta, P_{k-2}\zeta), (\underline{v}, \underline{q}) \right) - \int_\Omega (\underline{v} - \underline{P}_k \underline{\eta}) \cdot \underline{P}_k \underline{\eta} \, dx \\ & = B_k \left((\zeta_k, \xi_k) - (\Pi_k^\perp \zeta, P_{k-1}\zeta), (\underline{v}, \underline{q}) \right) \\ & + B_k \left((\Pi_k^\perp \zeta, P_{k-1}\zeta) - I_{k-1}^\perp(\Pi_{k-1}^\perp \zeta, P_{k-2}\zeta), (\underline{v}, \underline{q}) \right) \\ & + B_{k-1} \left((\Pi_{k-1}^\perp \zeta, P_{k-2}\zeta) - (\zeta_{k-1}, \xi_{k-1}), P_k^{k-1}(\underline{v}, \underline{q}) \right) \\ & + \int_\Omega (\underline{v} - \underline{P}_k \underline{\eta}) (\underline{\eta} - \underline{P}_k \underline{\eta}) \, dx. \end{aligned}$$

Combining (3.9), (S.15), (S.16), (3.12), Lemma 3.4 (iii), Lemma 3.6, (S.14) and the defi-

nition of $(\underline{\eta}, \tau)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} (S.18) \quad & \|\underline{v} - \underline{P}_k \underline{\eta}\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 \\ & \leq \|(\zeta_k, \xi_k) - (\Pi_k^\perp \zeta, P_{k-1}\zeta)\|_{0,k} \|(\underline{v}, \underline{q})\|_{2,k} \\ & + \|(\Pi_k^\perp \zeta, P_{k-1}\zeta) - I_{k-1}^\perp(\Pi_{k-1}^\perp \zeta, P_{k-2}\zeta)\|_{0,k} \|(\underline{v}, \underline{q})\|_{2,k} \\ & + \|(\Pi_{k-1}^\perp \zeta, P_{k-2}\zeta) - (\zeta_{k-1}, \xi_{k-1})\|_{0,k-1} \|P_k^{k-1}(\underline{v}, \underline{q})\|_{2,k-1} \\ & + \|\underline{v} - \underline{P}_k \underline{\eta}\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \|\underline{\eta} - \underline{P}_k \underline{\eta}\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \\ & \leq C h_k^2 \|\underline{v} - \underline{P}_k \underline{\eta}\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \|(\underline{v}, \underline{q})\|_{2,k} \\ & + \|\underline{v} - \underline{P}_k \underline{\eta}\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \|\underline{\eta} - \underline{P}_k \underline{\eta}\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \\ & \leq C h_k^2 \|\underline{v} - \underline{P}_k \underline{\eta}\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \|(\underline{v}, \underline{q})\|_{2,k} \\ & \leq C h_k^2 \|\underline{v} - \underline{P}_k \underline{\eta}\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \|(\underline{v}, \underline{q})\|_{2,k} \\ & \leq C h_k^2 \|\underline{v} - \underline{P}_k \underline{\eta}\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \|(\underline{v}, \underline{q})\|_{2,k-1} \\ & \leq C m^{-1/2} \|\underline{y} - \underline{P}_k \underline{\eta}\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \|(\underline{v}, \underline{q})\|_{2,k-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$(S.19) \quad \|\underline{v} - \underline{P}_k \underline{\eta}\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \leq C h_k^2 \|(\underline{v}, \underline{q})\|_{2,k}.$$

The lemma now follows from (S.10) and (S.19). \square

The convergence of the two-grid algorithm is obtained by combining the smoothing and approximation properties.

Theorem S.4 (Convergence of the Two-Grid Algorithm). *There exists a positive constant C such that for $k > 1$*

$$(S.20) \quad \|\underline{y} - \underline{y}^\sharp, z - z^\sharp\|_{0,k} \leq C m^{-1/2} \|\underline{y} - \underline{y}_0, z - z_0\|_{0,k},$$

where (\underline{y}, z) solves (4.1), (\underline{y}_0, z_0) is the initial guess, and $(\underline{y}^\sharp, z^\sharp)$ is the output of the two-grid algorithm. Therefore, for m sufficiently large, the two-grid algorithm is a contraction with contraction number bounded away from one, independent of k .

Proof. Using (S.4), Lemmas S.3 and S.2, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|\underline{y} - \underline{y}^\sharp, z - z^\sharp\|_{0,k} &= \|(I - I_k^\perp P_k^{k-1}) R_k^m (\underline{y} - \underline{y}_0, z - z_0)\|_{0,k} \\ &\leq C h_k^2 \|R_k^m (\underline{y} - \underline{y}_0, z - z_0)\|_{2,k} \\ &\leq C m^{-1/2} \|\underline{y} - \underline{y}_0, z - z_0\|_{0,k}. \end{aligned}$$

A perturbation argument then yields the following theorem on the convergence of the k th-level iteration.

Theorem S.5 (Convergence of the k -th-Level Iteration). *There exists a positive constant C such that when the k -th-level iteration is applied to (4.1), we have*

$$(S.21) \quad \|(\underline{y}, z) - MG(k, (\underline{y}_0, z_0), (\underline{w}, r))\|_{0,k} \leq C m^{-1/2} \|(\underline{y} - \underline{y}_0, z - z_0)\|_{0,k},$$

provided that m is chosen to be large enough. Therefore, for m sufficiently large, the k -th-level iteration is a contraction with contraction number bounded away from one, independent of k .

Proof. Let C_* be the maximum of the constants that appear in Lemma 3.4 (i), (3.12) and Theorem S.4. Then (S.21) holds for $C = 2C_*$ and $m \geq 16C_*^6$. The proof is by induction. Since the first-level iteration is a direct solver, (S.21) clearly holds for $k = 1$. Assume (S.21) holds for $k - 1$ ($k > 1$). Then from §4 and the definition of (\underline{y}^*, z^*) ,

$$(S.22) \quad \begin{aligned} & \|(\underline{y}, z) - MG(k, (\underline{y}_0, z_0), (\underline{w}, r))\|_{0,k} \\ & \leq C_* m^{-1/2} \|(\underline{y} - \underline{y}_0, z - z_0)\|_{0,k} + C_* \|(\underline{v}^* - \underline{v}_2, q^* - q_2)\|_{0,k-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Recall that (\underline{v}^*, q^*) is the exact solution of

$$(S.23) \quad \begin{aligned} B_{k-1}^k (\underline{v}, q) &= I_k^{k-1} ((\underline{w}, r) - B_k (\underline{y}_m, z_m)), \\ \text{and } (\underline{v}_2, q_2) &\text{ is the approximate solution of (S.23) obtained by using the } (k-1)\text{-level iteration} \\ &\text{twice with initial guess } (0, 0). \text{ Hence, it follows from the induction hypothesis, Lemma S.1,} \\ &(3.12), (S.3) \text{ and (S.2) that} \end{aligned}$$

$$(S.24) \quad \begin{aligned} \|(\underline{v}^* - \underline{v}_2, q^* - q_2)\|_{0,k-1} &\leq 4C_*^2 m^{-1} \|(\underline{v}^*, q^*)\|_{0,k-1} \\ &= 4C_*^2 m^{-1} \|P_{k-1}^k (\underline{y} - \underline{y}_m, z - z_m)\|_{0,k-1} \\ &\leq 4C_*^3 m^{-1} \|(\underline{y} - \underline{y}_m, z - z_m)\|_{0,k} \\ &= 4C_*^3 m^{-1} \|B_k^n (\underline{y} - \underline{y}_0, z - z_0)\|_{0,k} \\ &\leq 4C_*^3 m^{-1} \|(\underline{y} - \underline{y}_0, z - z_0)\|_{0,k}. \end{aligned}$$

Combining (S.22) and (S.24), we have the condition on m that

$$(S.25) \quad \begin{aligned} & \|(\underline{y}, z) - MGL(k, (\underline{y}_0, z_0), (\underline{w}, r))\|_{0,k} \\ & \leq \left(C_* m^{-1/2} + 4C_*^4 m^{-1} \right) \|(\underline{y} - \underline{y}_0, z - z_0)\|_{0,k} \\ & \leq 2C_* m^{-1/2} \|(\underline{y} - \underline{y}_0, z - z_0)\|_{0,k}. \end{aligned}$$

We finally turn to the convergence of the full multigrid algorithm. First we establish the following lemma.

Lemma S.6. *There exists a positive constant C such that*

$$(S.26) \quad \|(\underline{u}_k, p_k) - I_{k-1}^k (\underline{u}_{k-1}, p_{k-1})\|_{0,k} \leq C h_k^2 \left\{ \|f\|_{L^2(\Omega)} + \sum_{i=1}^n \|g_i\|_{H^{1/2}(\Gamma_i)} \right\}.$$

Here, (\underline{u}_k, p_k) and $(\underline{u}_{k-1}, p_{k-1})$ are the exact solutions of the discretized problem (1.26) corresponding to the triangulations T_k and T_{k-1} , respectively.

Proof. Using (1.20), (1.31), (2.30), (2.31), Theorems 2.9 and 2.10, (3.8) and Lemma 3.4, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \|(\underline{u}_k, p_k) - I_{k-1}^k (\underline{u}_{k-1}, p_{k-1})\|_{0,k} \\ & \leq \|(\underline{u}_k - \Pi_{k-1}^k \underline{u}_k, p_k - P_{k-1} p)\|_{0,k} + \|(\Pi_{k-1}^k \underline{u}_k, P_{k-1} p)\|_{0,k} \\ & \quad + \|I_{k-1}^k (\Pi_{k-1}^k \underline{u}_k - \underline{u}_{k-1}, P_{k-2} p - p_{k-1})\|_{0,k} \\ & \leq C h_k^2 \left\{ \|f\|_{L^2(\Omega)} + \sum_{i=1}^n \|g_i\|_{H^{1/2}(\Gamma_i)} \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad \square$$

Theorem S.7 (Full Multigrid Convergence). *If m is chosen large enough so that the k -th level iteration is a contraction with respect to $\|\cdot\|_{0,k}$ and the parameter r in the full multigrid algorithm is also chosen large enough, then*

$$(S.27) \quad \begin{aligned} & \|(\underline{u}_k - \underline{u}_k^*, p_k)\|_{L^2(\Omega)} + h_k \left(\|\underline{u}_k - \underline{u}_k^*\|_k + \|p_k - p_k^*\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \right) \\ & \leq C h_k^2 \left\{ \|f\|_{L^2(\Omega)} + \sum_{i=1}^n \|g_i\|_{H^{1/2}(\Gamma_i)} \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Here, $(\underline{u}_k^*, p_k^*)$ is the approximate solution of (1.26) obtained from the full multigrid algorithm.

Proof. By Theorem S.5 we can choose m sufficiently large so that the k -th level iteration ($k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$) has a contraction number bounded by δ , where $0 < \delta < 1$ is independent of k .

From the full multigrid algorithm, Lemma S.6 and Lemma 3.4 (i), there exists a positive constant C^* such that

$$(S.28) \quad \begin{aligned} & \|(\underline{u}_k - \underline{u}_k^*, p_k - p_k^*)\|_{0,k} \\ & \leq \delta^r \|(\underline{u}_k, p_k) - I_{k-1}^k (\underline{u}_{k-1}^*, p_{k-1}^*)\|_{0,k} \\ & \leq \delta^r \left\{ \|(\underline{u}_k, p_k) - I_{k-1}^k (\underline{u}_{k-1}^*, p_{k-1}^*)\|_{0,k} \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \|I_{k-1}^k (\underline{u}_{k-1}^* - \underline{u}_{k-1}^*, p_{k-1}^* - p_{k-1}^*)\|_{0,k} \right\} \\ & \leq C^* \delta^r h_k^2 \left\{ \|f\|_{L^2(\Omega)} + \sum_{i=1}^n \|g_i\|_{H^{1/2}(\Gamma_i)} \right\} \\ & \quad + C^* \delta^r \|(\underline{u}_{k-1}^* - \underline{u}_{k-1}^*, p_{k-1}^* - p_{k-1}^*)\|_{0,k}. \end{aligned}$$

Since the first-level iteration is an exact solver, by iterating (S.28) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \|_{\tilde{\mathcal{L}}}(\underline{u}_k - \underline{u}_k^*, p_k - p_k^*) \|_{0,k} \\
 & \leq \left(C^* \delta^r h_k^2 + (C^*)^2 \delta^{2r} h_{k-1}^2 + \dots + (C^*)^{k-1} \delta^{(k-1)r} h_2^2 \right) \\
 & \quad \cdot \left\{ \|f\|_{\tilde{\mathcal{L}}^2(\Omega)} + \sum_{i=1}^n \|g_i\|_{\tilde{H}^{1/2}(\Gamma_i)} \right\} \\
 & = \left(C^* \delta^r + 4(C^*)^2 \delta^{2r} + \dots + 4^{k-2}(C^*)^{k-1} \delta^{(k-1)r} \right) h_k^2 \\
 & \quad \cdot \left\{ \|f\|_{L^2(\Omega)} + \sum_{i=1}^n \|g_i\|_{\tilde{H}^{1/2}(\Gamma_i)} \right\} \\
 & \leq \left(\frac{C^* \delta^r}{1 - 4C^* \delta^r} \right) h_k^2 \left\{ \|f\|_{L^2(\Omega)} + \sum_{i=1}^n \|g_i\|_{\tilde{H}^{1/2}(\Gamma_i)} \right\}
 \end{aligned} \tag{S.29}$$

if $4C^* \delta^r < 1$, or equivalently, if $r \geq |(\ln 4C^*)/(\ln \delta)|$. Therefore, for such choice of r we have by (3.8) that

$$\|_{\tilde{\mathcal{L}}}(\underline{u}_k - \underline{u}_k^*) \|_{L^2(\Omega)} + h_k \|p_k - p_k^*\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \leq Ch_k^2 \left\{ \|f\|_{L^2(\Omega)} + \sum_{i=1}^n \|g_i\|_{\tilde{H}^{1/2}(\Gamma_i)} \right\}. \tag{S.30}$$

The inverse estimate (3.6) then implies

$$\|_{\tilde{\mathcal{L}}}(\underline{u}_k - \underline{u}_k^*) \|_k \leq Ch_k \left\{ \|f\|_{L^2(\Omega)} + \sum_{i=1}^n \|g_i\|_{\tilde{H}^{1/2}(\Gamma_i)} \right\}. \quad \square \tag{S.31}$$