

A brief Report on the article “Locally stabilized P_1 -nonconforming quadrilateral and hexahedral finite element methods for the Stokes equations ”

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Abstract: This paper is concerned with a locally stabilized nonconforming finite element method for the stationary incompressible Stokes problems. The authors consider a locally stabilized finite element method and adopt the P_1 -nonconforming quadrilateral and hexahedral elements for the approximation of both velocity and pressure variables. They investigated numerically stabilized method based on an existing lowest equal-order nonconforming pair and the standard finite element method based on the same pair for the two and three dimensional Stokes equations. The article is a complement of some previous works in a sense that it demonstrates the high efficiency of the locally pressure-projection stabilized methods and illustrates the flexibility of the definition of pressure-projection operator. Optimal error estimates are derived in the energy norm and L^2 -norm for the velocity and L^2 -norm for the pressure.

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1 Some knowledge

1. The paper is concerned with a locally stabilized nonconforming finite element method for the stationary incompressible Stokes problems.
2. It is known when the finite element method is applied to solve the Stokes equations, the finite element spaces for the velocity and pressure must satisfy the discrete inf-sup condition.
3. Several successful finite element spaces satisfying the discrete inf-sup condition have been proposed and used. [The article under review presents a nice review on these finite element spaces satisfying the discrete inf-sup condition](#)

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