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Raviart-Thomas enriched Scott-Vogelius finite element methods for the Navier-Stokes equations

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ABSTRACT

This talk concerns finite element methods for the incompressible Navier–Stokes problem. Structural properties of importance are the continuity requirement, the inf-sup stability and the divergence constraint, which are challenging to obtain simultaneously. Traditional finite element methods do not satisfy the divergence constraint exactly with the exception of the Scott–Vogelius finite element methods, i.e., P_k - P_{k-1} pairs, which are in general only stable on some special meshes such as barycentric refined meshes. The talk discusses a new approach which stabilizes the Scott–Vogelius elements by enriching the velocity space with some specially chosen Raviart–Thomas functions on arbitrary shape-regular meshes, such that the divergence-free property is maintained. Starting with the Stokes equations, the inf-sup stability, the convergence analysis and the pressure-robustness property of the newly proposed element is shown. Also a reduced version of the method with lower numerical costs, equivalent to a P_k - P_0 discretisation, is demonstrated. In the final part the new approach is extended to the Navier–Stokes problem, where also the convection-robustness property is of importance and suitable discretizations of the nonlinear term are discussed.

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