VEM ALLOWING SMALL EDGES FOR THE ACOUSTIC PROBLEM*

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Abstract. In this paper we propose and analyze a virtual element method to approximate the natural frequencies of the acoustic eigenvalue problem with polygonal meshes that allow the presence of small edges. With the aid of a suitable seminorm that depends on the stabilization of the small edges method, we prove convergence and error estimates for the eigenfrequencies and eigenfunctions of the problem, supporting our analysis on the compact operators theory. We report some numerical tests that allows us to assess the performance of the method and the accuracy on the approximation.

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1. Introduction. Numerical methods for the acoustic problem has been a matter of study from several years due the importance of the knowledge of the natural frequencies of fluids with acoustic properties. The acoustic phenomenon is well established from the physical point of view, where in [27] it is possible to find a complete description of the meaning of the physical interpretation of the acoustic system when we are in presence of fluids that may produce for instance, internal dissipation, or inviscid fluids. When dissipative fluids are considered, naturally, the eigenvalue problem that emerge is non-linear and the analysis for this type of problem is not direct. We refer to [8, 18] where it is possible to find the functional treatment of such problems. On the other hand, fluids that not have presence of dissipative properties lead to linear eigenvalue problems, where the literature related to the numerical approximation of the solution of the acoustic system is abundant, not only on what concerns to numerical methods, but also on the different formulations of the systems of partial differential equations.

Regarding to the virtual element method (VEM), the applications to solve eigenvalue problems are well documented on the literature for different nature of partial differential equations and the spectral problems associated to them. We refer, for instance, to [13, 15, 14, 22, 21, 25, 24, 26] where the VEM have shown, on its conforming and non-conforming versions, the accuracy in the approximation of the solutions of eigenvalue problems related to second and fourth order eigenvalue problems, elasticity and Stokes eigenvalue problems, mixed formulations, etc. In particular, we refer to [7, 20] where the displacement formulation of the acoustic eigenvalue problem has been considered, involving VEM spaces to discretize the space H(div). All these references and the references therein, operate under the classic assumptions of [5] for the polygonal meshes which consists in star-shaped polygons and the sides of these polygons are not allowed to be too small. This last condition has been relaxed on [6]

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for the two dimensional Laplace source problem and extended in [12] for polyhedral allowing small faces leading to an important advance on the study of VEM but, for the best of our knowledge, is only available for second order elliptic problems involving the discretization of H^1 spaces. In this sense, the new approach of small edges have emerged as an excellent tool to approximate the solutions of eigenvalue problems as is presented in [3, 19, 23]. This is precisely what motivates our work in order to continue with our research program on the applications of the VEM allowing for small edges on spectral problems. In the present case we focus on the acoustic eigenvalue problem in its pressure formulation. Despite to the fact that in [19] the Laplace operator has been already studied with the VEM allowing small edges as in our present case, we have to precise some difference: in one hand, we need to stabilize every bilinear form for the acoustic problem which for the Steklov problem is no needed. On the other hand, since the left-hand side of our discrete problem is not stable, it is not possible to relate the H^1 norm and the seminorm introduced in [6], implying that the convergence analysis in H¹ norm for the solution operators must be analyzed with different techniques compared with [19], where now, the discrete coercivity is no longer needed for the analysis. Let us remark that the choice of the pressure formulation for the acoustic problem is precisely since the variational formulation demands to seek the pressure on the space H^1 and according to the classic regularity for the pure-Neumann Laplace problem, the small edges approach can be used according to [6]. Moreover, since the elasticity equations on its source and spectral problems have been already studied with the VEM allowing small edges (see [2, 3]), the analysis of the acoustic problem with a VEM allowing for small edges opens the gate to analyze numerically a more challenging problem as the elastoacustic problem which we can describe as a formulation depending on the displacement of the solid and the pressure of the fluid (see [9] for instance).

The outline of our papers is as follows: In Section 2 we present the problem under consideration. This includes the bilinear forms, functional spaces, regularity of the eigenfunctions, the solution operator and the corresponding spectral characterization. Section 3 states the virtual element method, where the definitions and assumptions on the mesh are presented. With the aim of develop a small edges method, we introduce a suitable norm depending on the stabilization term, which is taking in an appropriate way for the small edges scheme. With the discrete bilinear forms we introduce the discrete eigenvalue problem and the discrete solution operator in order to perform the analysis of well posedness, spectral convergence and the derivation of error estimates. We end the paper in Section 4 reporting a series of numerical tests to assess the performance of the method, in order to confirm the theoretical results.

2. The model problem. Let Ω be an open and bounded bidimensional domain with Lipschitz boundary $\partial \Omega$. The classic acoustic problem is: Find $\omega \in \mathbb{R}$, the displacement u and the pressure p on a domain $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$, such that

(2.1)
$$\begin{cases} \nabla p - \omega^2 \rho \boldsymbol{u} = \boldsymbol{0} & \text{in } \Omega \\ p + \rho c^2 \operatorname{div} \boldsymbol{u} = \boldsymbol{0} & \text{in } \Omega \\ \boldsymbol{u} \cdot \boldsymbol{n} = \boldsymbol{0} & \text{on } \partial \Omega, \end{cases}$$

where ρ is the density, c is the sound speed, and **n** is the outward unitary vector. Now, using the second equation of (2.1) we can eliminate the displacement in order to obtain a problem depending only on the pressure. This problem consists into find the pressure p and the frequency ω such that

(2.2)
$$\begin{cases} c^2 \operatorname{div} \left(\frac{1}{\rho} \nabla p\right) + \frac{\omega^2}{\rho} p = 0 \text{ in } \Omega, \\ \nabla p \cdot \boldsymbol{n} = 0 \text{ on } \partial \Omega, \end{cases}$$

A variational formulation for (2.2) is: Find $\omega \in \mathbb{R}$ and $0 \neq p \in \mathrm{H}^{1}(\Omega)$ such that

$$c^{2} \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{\rho} \nabla p \cdot \nabla v = \omega^{2} \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{\rho} p v \quad \forall v \in \mathrm{H}^{1}(\Omega).$$

Let us define the bilinear forms $a : \mathrm{H}^{1}(\Omega) \times \mathrm{H}^{1}(\Omega) \to \mathbb{R}$ and $b : \mathrm{H}^{1}(\Omega) \times \mathrm{H}^{1}(\Omega) \to \mathbb{R}$, which are given by

$$a(q,v) := c^2 \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{\rho} \nabla q \cdot \nabla v \quad \text{and} \quad b(q,v) := \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{\rho} qv \quad \forall q, v \in \mathrm{H}^1(\Omega).$$

With a shift argument and setting $\lambda := \omega^2 + 1$, we arrive to the following problem: Find $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ and $0 \neq p \in H^1(\Omega)$ such that

(2.3)
$$\widehat{a}(p,v) = \lambda b(p,v) \quad \forall v \in \mathrm{H}^{1}(\Omega)$$

where the bilinear form $\hat{a}: \mathrm{H}^{1}(\Omega) \times \mathrm{H}^{1}(\Omega) \to \mathbb{R}$ is defined for all $q, v \in \mathrm{H}^{1}(\Omega)$ by

$$\widehat{a}(q,v) := a(q,v) + b(q,v)$$

It is easy to check that $\hat{a}(\cdot, \cdot)$ is coercive in $\mathrm{H}^{1}(\Omega)$. This allows us to introduce the solution operator $T: \mathrm{H}^{1}(\Omega) \to \mathrm{H}^{1}(\Omega)$, defined by $Tf = \tilde{p}$, where $\tilde{p} \in \mathrm{H}^{1}(\Omega)$ is the solution of the corresponding associated source problem: Find $\tilde{p} \in \mathrm{H}^{1}(\Omega)$ such that

(2.4)
$$\widehat{a}(\widetilde{p}, v) = b(f, v) \quad \forall v \in \mathrm{H}^{1}(\Omega).$$

The regularity results that we need for our purposes are the ones related to the Laplace problem with pure null boundary conditions. This regularity is stated in the following lemma (see [25, Lemma 2.2] and [16]).

LEMMA 2.1. There exists $r_{\Omega} > 1/2$ such that the following results hold:

1. For all $f \in H^1(\Omega)$ and for all $r \in (1/2, r_{\Omega})$ the solution \hat{p} of (2.4) satisfies $\hat{p} \in H^{1+s}(\Omega)$ with $s := \min\{r, 1\}$. Moreover, there exists a constant C > 0 such that

$$\|\widetilde{p}\|_{1+s} \le C \|f\|_{1,\Omega};$$

2. If p is an eigenfunction of problem (2.3) with eigenvalue λ , for all $r \in (1/2, r_{\Omega})$ there hold that $p \in \mathrm{H}^{1+r}(\Omega)$ and also, there exists a constant C > 0, depending on λ , such that

$$||p||_{1+r} \le C ||p||_{1,\Omega}$$

In virtue of Lemma 2.1, the solution operator T results to be compact due the compact inclusion of $\mathrm{H}^{1+s}(\Omega)$ onto $\mathrm{H}^1(\Omega)$ and self-adjoint with respect to $\widehat{a}(\cdot, \cdot)$. We observe that $(\lambda, p) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathrm{H}^1(\Omega)$ solves (2.3) if and only if $(\mu, p) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathrm{H}^1(\Omega)$ is an eigenpair of T, with $\mu := 1/\lambda$. Finally, since we have the additional regularity for the eigenfunctions, the following spectral characterization of T holds.

LEMMA 2.2 (Spectral Characterization of T). The spectrum of T satisfies $sp(T) = \{0,1\} \cup \{\mu_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$, where $\{\mu_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a sequence of real and positive eigenvalues that converge to zero, according to their respective multiplicities.

3. The virtual element method. Let us now introduce the ingredients to establish the virtual element method for the eigenvalue problem (2.3). First we recall the mesh construction and the assumptions considered in [5] for the virtual element method. Let $\{\mathcal{T}_h\}_h$ be a sequence of decompositions of Ω into polygons which we denote by E. Let us denote by h_E the diameter of the element E and h the maximum of the diameters of all the elements of the mesh, i.e., $h := \max_{E \in \Omega} h_E$. Moreover, for simplicity, in what follows we assume that κ and γ are piecewise constant with respect to the decomposition \mathcal{T}_h , i.e., they are piecewise constants for all $E \in \mathcal{T}_h$ (see for instance [6]).

For the analysis of the VEM, we will make as in [5] the following assumption: there exists a positive real number ρ such that, for every $E \in \mathcal{T}_h$ and for every \mathcal{T}_h ,

• A1. For all meshes \mathcal{T}_h , each polygon $E \in \mathcal{T}_h$ is star-shaped with respect to a ball of radius greater than or equal to ρh_E .

For any simple polygon E we define

$$\widetilde{V}_h^E := \{ v_h \in \mathrm{H}^1(E) : \Delta v_h \in \mathbb{P}_1(E), v_h|_{\partial E} \in C^0(\partial E), v_h|_e \in \mathbb{P}_1(e) \ \forall e \in \partial E \}.$$

Now, in order to choose the degrees of freedom for \widetilde{V}_h^E we define

• \mathcal{V}_E^h : the value of w_h at each vertex of E,

as a set of linear operators from \widetilde{V}_h^E into \mathbb{R} . In [1] it was established that \mathcal{V}_E^h constitutes a set of degrees of freedom for the space \widetilde{V}_h^E .

On the other hand, we define the projector $\Pi^{\nabla,E}$: $\widetilde{V}_h^E \longrightarrow \mathbb{P}_1(E) \subseteq \widetilde{V}_h^E$ for each $v_h \in \widetilde{V}_h^E$ as the solution of

$$\int_{E} (\nabla \Pi^{\nabla, E} v_h - \nabla v_h) \cdot \nabla q_1 = 0 \quad \forall q_1 \in \mathbb{P}_1(E), \qquad \overline{\Pi^{\nabla, E} v_h} = \overline{v_h},$$

where for any sufficiently regular function v, we set $\overline{v} := |\partial E|^{-1} \int_{\partial E} v$. We observe that the term $\Pi^{\nabla, E} v_h$ is well defined and computable from the degrees of freedom of v given by \mathcal{V}_E^h , and in addition the projector $\Pi^{\nabla, E}$ satisfies the identity $\Pi^{\nabla, E}(\mathbb{P}_1(E)) = \mathbb{P}_1(E)$ (see for instance [1]).

We are now in position to introduce our local virtual space

$$V_h^E := \left\{ v_h \in \widetilde{V}_h^E : \int_E \Pi^{\nabla, E} v_h p_1 = \int_E v_h p_1, \quad \forall p_1 \in \mathbb{P}_1(E) \right\}.$$

Now, since $V_h^E \subset \widetilde{V}_h^E$, the operator $\Pi^{\nabla,E}$ is well defined on V_h^E and computable only on the basis of the output values of the operators in \mathcal{V}_E^h . In addition, due to the particular property appearing in definition of the space V_h^E , it can be seen that $\forall p_1 \in \mathbb{P}_1(E)$ and $\forall v_h \in V_h^E$ the term $(v_h, p_1)_{0,E}$ is computable from $\Pi^{\nabla,E}v_h$, and hence the $L^2(E)$ -projector operator $\Pi^E : V_h^E \to \mathbb{P}_1(E)$ defined by

$$\int_E \Pi^E v_h p_1 = \int_E v_h p_1 \qquad \forall p_1 \in \mathbb{P}_1(E),$$

depends only on the values of the degrees of freedom of v_h . Actually, it is easy to check that the projectors $\Pi^{\nabla, E}$ and Π^E are the same operators on the space V_h^E (see [1] for further details).

Finally, for every decomposition \mathcal{T}_h of Ω into simple polygons E we define the global virtual space

(3.1)
$$V_h := \left\{ v \in \mathrm{H}^1(E) : \ v|_E \in V_h^E \quad \forall E \in \mathcal{T}_h \right\},$$

and the global degrees of freedom are obtained by collecting the local ones, with the nodal and interface degrees of freedom corresponding to internal entities counted only once those on the boundary are fixed to be equal to zero in accordance with the ambient space $H_0^1(\Omega)$.

3.1. Discrete bilinear forms. In order to propose the discrete counterparts of $a(\cdot, \cdot)$ and $b(\cdot, \cdot)$, we split these forms as follows

$$a(q,v) = \sum_{E \in \mathcal{T}_h} a^E(q,v), \quad b(q,v) = \sum_{E \in \mathcal{T}_h} b^E(q,v).$$

Now, for each polygon $E \in \mathcal{T}_h$, we introduce the following symmetric and semipositive definite bilinear form $S^E : V_h \times V_h \to \mathbb{R}$ as follows:

$$S^{E}(q_{h}, v_{h}) := h_{E} \int_{\partial E} \partial_{s} q_{h} \partial_{s} v_{h} \quad \forall q_{h}, v_{h} \in V_{h}^{E},$$

where ∂_s denotes a derivative along the edge. Then, we define the local discrete bilinear form $a_h^E(\cdot, \cdot) : V_h \times V_h \to \mathbb{R}$ by

$$a_{h}^{E}(q_{h}, v_{h}) := a^{E}(\Pi^{\nabla, E}q_{h}, \Pi^{\nabla, E}v_{h}) + S^{E}(q_{h} - \Pi^{\nabla, E}q_{h}, v_{h} - \Pi^{\nabla, E}v_{h}),$$

for all $q_h, v_h \in V_h^E$.

Now, we introduce the following discrete semi-norm (see [6] for details)

$$\|v\|_E^2 := a^E \left(\Pi^{\nabla, E} v, \Pi^{\nabla, E} v \right) + S^E (v - \bar{v}, v - \bar{v}) \qquad \forall v \in V_h^E + \mathcal{V}^E,$$

where $\mathcal{V}^E \subseteq \mathrm{H}^1(E)$ is a subspace of sufficiently regular functions for $S^E(\cdot, \cdot)$ to make sense.

For any sufficiently regular functions, we introduce the following global semi-norms

$$|||v|||^2 := \sum_{E \in \mathcal{T}_h} |||v|||_E^2, \qquad |v|_{1,h}^2 := \sum_{E \in \mathcal{T}_h} ||\nabla v||_{0,E}^2.$$

According to [6, Lemma 3.1] the existence of positive constants C_1, C_2, C_3 , independent of h but depending on the polygon E, such that

(3.2)
$$C_1 |||v|||_E^2 \le a_h^E(v,v) \le C_2 |||v|||_E^2 \quad \forall v \in V_h^E$$

(3.3)
$$a_h^E(v,v) \le C_3(|||v|||^2 + |v|_{1,E}^2) \quad \forall v \in V_h^E.$$

In addition, it holds

(3.4)
$$a^E(v,v) \le C_4 ||v||_E^2 \quad \forall v \in V_h^E,$$

(3.5)
$$|||p_1|||_E^2 \le C_5 a^E(p_1, p_1) \quad \forall p_1 \in \mathbb{P}_1(E),$$

where C_4 and C_5 are positive constants independent of h but depending on the polygon E. On the other hand, to introduce the local discrete counterpart of $b^E(q_h, v_h)$, we consider any symmetric and semi-positive definite bilinear form $S_0^E: V_h^E \times V_h^E \to \mathbb{R}$ satisfying

$$b_0 b^E(v_h, v_h) \le S_0^E(v_h, v_h) \le b^1 b^E(v_h, v_h) \quad \forall v_h \in V_h^E,$$

where b_0, b^1 are two positive constants. Then, we define for each polygon E the local (and computable) bilinear form $b_h^E : V_h^E \times V_h^E \to \mathbb{R}$ by

$$b_{h}^{E}(q_{h}, v_{h}) = b^{E}(\Pi^{E}q_{h}, \Pi^{E}v_{h}) + S_{0}^{E}(q_{h} - \Pi^{E}q_{h}, v_{h} - \Pi^{E}v_{h}) \quad \forall q_{h}, v_{h} \in V_{h}^{E}.$$

We remark that the discrete bilinear form $b_h^E(\cdot, \cdot)$ satisfies the classical properties of consistency and stability. Then, the global discrete bilinear forms $a_h(\cdot, \cdot)$ and $b_h(\cdot, \cdot)$ are be expressed componentwise as follows

$$a_{h}(q_{h}, v_{h}) := \sum_{E \in \mathcal{T}_{h}} a_{h}^{E}(q_{h}, v_{h}), \quad b_{h}(q_{h}, v_{h}) := \sum_{E \in \mathcal{T}_{h}} b_{h}^{E}(q_{h}, v_{h}),$$
$$\widehat{a}_{h}(q_{h}, v_{h}) := \sum_{E \in \mathcal{T}_{h}} a_{h}^{E}(q_{h}, v_{h}) + b_{h}^{E}(q_{h}, v_{h}).$$

3.2. Spectral discrete problem. Now we introduce the VEM discretization of problem (2.3). To do this task, we require the global space V_h defined in (3.1) together with the assumptions introduced in Section 3.

Setting $\lambda_h := \omega_h^2 + 1$, the spectral problem reads as follows: Find $\lambda_h \in \mathbb{R}$ and $0 \neq p_h \in V_h$ such that

(3.6)
$$\widehat{a}_h(p_h, v_h) = \lambda_h b_h(p_h, v_h) \quad \forall v_h \in V_h$$

It is possible to prove that $\hat{a}_h(\cdot, \cdot)$ is V_h -coercive. Indeed, for $v_h \in V_h$, using (3.2) and (3.4) we have

$$\hat{a}_{h}(v_{h}, v_{h}) = \sum_{E \in \mathcal{T}_{h}} a_{h}^{E}(v_{h}, v_{h}) + b_{h}^{E}(v_{h}, v_{h})$$

$$\geq \sum_{E \in \mathcal{T}_{h}} C_{1} |||v_{h}|||_{E}^{2} + \min\{b_{0}(E), 1\}b^{E}(v_{h}, v_{h})$$

$$\geq \min\left\{\min_{E \in \mathcal{T}_{h}} \{C_{1}(E)C_{4}(E)^{-1}\}, b_{0}(E), 1\}\sum_{E \in \mathcal{T}_{h}} a^{E}(v_{h}, v_{h}) + b^{E}(v_{h}, v_{h}) \geq \underline{C} ||v_{h}||_{1,\Omega}^{2},$$

$$\lim_{E \in \mathcal{T}_{h}} \widehat{C}(v_{h}, v_{h}) = \sum_{E \in \mathcal{T}_{h}} \widehat{C}(v_{h}, v_{h}) + b^{E}(v_{h}, v_{h}) \geq \underline{C} ||v_{h}||_{1,\Omega}^{2},$$

where $\underline{C} := C(\rho, c) \min \left\{ \min_{E \in \mathcal{T}_h} \{C_1(E)C_4(E)^{-1}\}, b_0(E), 1 \right\}$ and $C(\rho, c)$ is a positive constant depending on the density and sound speed of the fluid. Moreover, thanks to (3.4), we obtain for every $w_h \in V_h$:

$$(3.7) \quad |||w_h|||^2 + ||w_h||_{0,\Omega}^2 \ge \sum_{E \in \mathcal{T}_h} C_4^{-1} a^E(w_h, w_h) + ||w_h||_{0,E}^2$$
$$\ge c^2 \rho^{-1} \min_{E \in \mathcal{T}_h} \{C_4(E)^{-1}, 1\} \left(|w_h|_{1,\Omega}^2 + ||w_h||_{0,\Omega}^2 \right) = C_1^* ||w_h||_{1,\Omega}^2,$$

where $C_1^* := c^2 \rho^{-1} \min_{E \in \mathcal{T}_h} \{ C_4(E)^{-1}, 1 \}.$

On the other hand, the coercivity of $\hat{a}_h(\cdot, \cdot)$ allows us to introduce the discrete solution operator $T_h: V_h \to V_h$ defined by $f_h \mapsto T_h f_h := \tilde{p}_h$, where $\tilde{p}_h \in V_h$ is the solution of the discrete load problem

$$\widehat{a}_h(\widetilde{p}_h, v_h) = b_h(f_h, v_h) \quad \forall v_h \in V_h.$$

Let us remark that T_h is well defined due to the Lax-Milgram's lemma and selfadjoint with respect to $\hat{a}_h(\cdot, \cdot)$. Moreover, it is easy to check that $(\lambda_h, p_h) \in \mathbb{R} \times V_h$ solves (3.6) if and only if $(\mu_h, p_h) \in \mathbb{R} \times V_h$ is an eigenpair of T_h with $\mu_h := 1/\lambda_h$.

Finally, we present the spectral characterization of \mathbf{T}_h .

LEMMA 3.1 (Spectral characterization of T_h). The spectrum of T_h consists in $M_h := \dim(V_h)$ positive and real eigenvalues with a certain multiplicity.

On the other hand, we also have the following well known approximation result for polynomials in star-shaped domain (see for instance [11]).

LEMMA 3.2. If the assumption A1 is satisfied, then there exists a constant C, depending only on k and γ , such that for every \tilde{s} with $0 \leq \tilde{s} \leq k$ and for every $v \in \mathrm{H}^{1+\tilde{s}}(E)$, there exists $v_{\pi} \in \mathbb{P}_{k}(E)$ such that

$$\|v - v_{\pi}\|_{0,E} + h_E \|v - v_{\pi}\|_{1,E} \le C h_E^{1+\widetilde{s}} \|v\|_{1+\widetilde{s},E}$$

Finally, we have the following result, that provides the existence of an interpolant operator on the virtual space (see [25, Proposition 4.2]).

LEMMA 3.3. Under the assumption A1, for each \tilde{s} with $0 < \tilde{s} \leq 1$, there exist $\hat{\sigma}$ and a constant C, depending only on k, such that for every $v \in \mathrm{H}^{1+\tilde{s}}(\Omega)$, there exists $v_I \in V_h$ that satisfies

$$\begin{split} |v - v_I|_{1+t,E} &\leq C h_E^{\widetilde{s}-t} |v|_{1+\widetilde{s},E} \qquad 0 \leq t \leq \min\{\widehat{\sigma}, \widetilde{s}\}, \\ \|v - v_I\|_{0,E} &\leq C h_E |v|_{1+\widetilde{s},E} \,. \end{split}$$

As a direct consequence of the above two lemmas, standard results on spectral approximation can be used (see [10, 17]). Observe that the operator T_h is not well defined for any source $f \in H^1(\Omega)$ since $b_h(\cdot, \cdot)$ is a stabilized bilinear form. This implies that the classical theory of compact operators cannot be employed directly. Inspired in [24], in order to fix it and taking adventage of the compactness of T, we introduce the operator $P_h : L^2(\Omega) \to V_h \hookrightarrow H^1(\Omega)$ defined by the following property: $b(P_hu - u, v_h) = 0$ for every $v_h \in V_h$. Is easy to check that $||P_hu||_{0,\Omega} \leq ||u||_{0,\Omega}$. Now, we define the operator $\widehat{T}_h : H^1(\Omega) \to V_h$, which is well-defined for any source $f \in H^1(\Omega)$. Moreover, the spectra of T_h and \widehat{T}_h coincide, and the same for the eigenfunctions of T_h and \widehat{T}_h . The first task is to prove the convergence in norm of \widehat{T}_h to T. We begin with the following result.

LEMMA 3.4. There exists a constant C > 0 independent of h such that for all $f \in H^1(\Omega)$, the following estimate holds

$$||(T - T_h)f||_{1,\Omega} \le Ch^s ||f||_{1,\Omega}$$

where s is the regularity index given by Lemma 2.1.

Proof. Let $f \in H^1(\Omega)$ be such that $\tilde{p} := Tf$ and $\tilde{p}_h := \tilde{T}_h f$. Let $\tilde{p}_I \in V_h$ be the interpolant of $\tilde{p} \in H^1(\Omega)$ given by Lemma 3.3. From the triangle inequality we have

$$\|(T-\widehat{T}_h)f\|_{1,\Omega} = \|\widetilde{p}-\widetilde{p}_h\|_{1,\Omega} \le \|\widetilde{p}-\widetilde{p}_I\|_{1,\Omega} + \|\widetilde{p}_I-\widetilde{p}_h\|_{1,\Omega}.$$

We observe that the first term on the inequality above is immediately controlled by using Lemma 3.3, obtaining $\|\tilde{p} - \tilde{p}_I\|_{1,\Omega} \leq Ch^s \|f\|_{1,\Omega}$. For the second term, we invoke the V_h -coercivity of $\hat{a}_h(\cdot, \cdot)$, defining $v_h := \tilde{p}_I - \tilde{p}_h$ and using (3.2) we have

$$\begin{split} \|\|v_{h}\|\|^{2} + \|v_{h}\|_{0,\Omega}^{2} &\leq \sum_{E \in \mathcal{T}_{h}} C_{1}^{-1} a_{h}^{E}(v_{h}, v_{h}) + b^{E}(v_{h}, v_{h}) \\ &\leq C \max_{E \in \mathcal{T}_{h}} \{C_{1}(E)^{-1}, 1\} \widehat{a}_{h}(v_{h}, v_{h}) = \max_{E \in \mathcal{T}_{h}} \{C_{1}(E)^{-1}, 1\} \left(\widehat{a}_{h}(\widetilde{p}_{I}, v_{h}) - \widehat{a}_{h}(\widetilde{p}_{h}, v_{h}) \right) \\ &= \max_{E \in \mathcal{T}_{h}} \{C_{1}(E)^{-1}, 1\} \left(\underbrace{\widehat{a}_{h}(\widetilde{p}_{I} - \widetilde{p}_{\pi}, v_{h}) - \widehat{a}(\widetilde{p} - \widetilde{p}_{\pi}, v_{h})}_{(\mathrm{II})} + \underbrace{b(f, v_{h}) - b_{h}(P_{h}f, v_{h})}_{(\mathrm{II})} \right), \end{split}$$

where in the last equality we have used the consistency property for $\hat{a}_h(\cdot, \cdot)$. Now, we need to estimate the contributions on the right-hand side. For (I), using triangle inequality, (3.2) and Cauchy-Schwarz inequality, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathbf{I}) &\leq \sum_{E \in \mathcal{T}_{h}} |\widehat{a}_{h}^{E}(\widetilde{p}_{I} - \widetilde{p}_{\pi}, v_{h}) - \widehat{a}^{E}(\widetilde{p} - \widetilde{p}_{\pi}, v_{h})| \\ &\leq \sum_{E \in \mathcal{T}_{h}} |a_{h}^{E}(\widetilde{p}_{I} - \widetilde{p}_{\pi}, v_{h}) - a^{E}(\widetilde{p} - \widetilde{p}_{\pi}, v_{h})| + |b_{h}^{E}(\widetilde{p}_{I} - \widetilde{p}_{\pi}, v_{h}) - b^{E}(\widetilde{p} - \widetilde{p}_{\pi}, v_{h})| \\ &\leq \sum_{E \in \mathcal{T}_{h}} c^{2} \rho^{-1} C_{2}(E) ||\widetilde{p}_{I} - \widetilde{p}_{\pi} ||_{E} ||v_{h}||_{E} + c^{2} \rho^{-1} |\widetilde{p} - \widetilde{p}_{\pi}|_{1,E} |v_{h}|_{1,E} \\ &+ \rho^{-1} b_{1} ||\widetilde{p}_{I} - \widetilde{p}_{\pi} ||_{0,\Omega} ||v_{h}||_{0,\Omega} + \rho^{-1} ||\widetilde{p} - \widetilde{p}_{\pi} ||_{0,\Omega} ||v_{h}||_{0,\Omega} \\ &\leq \sum_{E \in \mathcal{T}_{h}} c^{2} \rho^{-1} C_{2}(E) ||\widetilde{p}_{I} - \widetilde{p}_{\pi} ||_{E} ||v_{h}||_{E} + c^{2} \rho^{-1} \sqrt{C_{4}} |\widetilde{p} - \widetilde{p}_{\pi}|_{1,E} ||v_{h}||_{E} \\ &+ \rho^{-1} b_{1} ||\widetilde{p}_{I} - \widetilde{p}_{\pi} ||_{0,\Omega} ||v_{h}||_{0,\Omega} + \rho^{-1} ||\widetilde{p} - \widetilde{p}_{\pi} ||_{0,\Omega} ||v_{h}||_{0,\Omega} \\ &\leq C_{2}^{*} \left(||\widetilde{p}_{I} - \widetilde{p}_{\pi} ||| + |\widetilde{p} - \widetilde{p}_{\pi}|_{1,h} + ||\widetilde{p}_{I} - \widetilde{p}_{\pi}||_{0,\Omega} \right)^{1/2}, \end{aligned}$$

where C_2^\ast is a positive constant given by

$$C_2^* := \max_{E \in \mathcal{T}_h} \left\{ c^2 \rho^{-1} C_2(E), c^2 \rho^{-1} \sqrt{C_4(E)}, \rho^{-1} b_1(E), \rho^{-1} \right\}.$$

On the other hand, using the definition of $||\!|\!|\cdot|\!|\!|$ we obtain

$$\begin{split} \|\|\widetilde{p} - \widetilde{p}_{I}\|\|^{2} &= \sum_{E \in \mathcal{T}_{h}} \left[a^{E} (\Pi^{\nabla, E} (\widetilde{p} - \widetilde{p}_{I}), \Pi^{\nabla, E} (\widetilde{p} - \widetilde{p}_{I})) \right. \\ &+ S^{E} (\widetilde{p} - \widetilde{p}_{I} - \overline{\widetilde{p} - \widetilde{p}_{I}}, \widetilde{p} - \widetilde{p}_{I} - \overline{\widetilde{p} - \widetilde{p}_{I}}) \right] \\ &= \sum_{E \in \mathcal{T}_{h}} c^{2} \rho^{-1} |\Pi^{\nabla, E} (\widetilde{p} - \widetilde{p}_{I})|_{1, E}^{2} + S^{E} (\widetilde{p} - \widetilde{p}_{I}, \widetilde{p} - \widetilde{p}_{I}) \\ &= \sum_{E \in \mathcal{T}_{h}} c^{2} \rho^{-1} |\Pi^{\nabla, E} (\widetilde{p} - \widetilde{p}_{I})|_{1, E}^{2} + h_{E} |\widetilde{p} - \widetilde{p}_{I}|_{1, \partial E}^{2} \\ &\leq \sum_{E \in \mathcal{T}_{h}} c^{2} \rho^{-1} |\widetilde{p} - \widetilde{p}_{I}|_{1, E}^{2} + h_{E} |\widetilde{p} - \widetilde{p}_{I}|_{1, \partial E}^{2} \leq \max\{c^{2} \rho^{-1}, 1\} \sum_{E \in \mathcal{T}_{h}} h_{E}^{2s} |\widetilde{p}|_{1+s, E}^{2} \\ &\leq \max\{c^{2} \rho^{-1}, 1\} h^{2s} |\widetilde{p}|_{1+s, \Omega}^{2} \end{split}$$

where in the last inequality we have used a scaled trace inequality. Hence, we obtain

$$\||\widetilde{p} - \widetilde{p}_I|\| \le \max\{c\rho^{-1/2}, 1\}h^s |\widetilde{p}|_{1+s,\Omega}.$$

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The same arguments can be used for $\||\widetilde{p} - \widetilde{p}_{\pi}\||$, obtaining

$$\||\widetilde{p} - \widetilde{p}_{\pi}|| \le \max\{c\rho^{-1/2}, 1\}h^s |\widetilde{p}|_{1+s,\Omega}.$$

On the other hand, using Lemma 3.2 we obtain $|\tilde{p} - \tilde{p}_{\pi}|_{1,h} \leq Ch^s |\tilde{p}|_{1+s,\Omega}$. Then, using triangle inequality and the previous estimates, we conclude for (I) that

(I)
$$\leq C_3^* h^s |\widetilde{p}|_{1+s,\Omega} \left(|||v_h|||^2 + ||v_h||_{0,\Omega}^2 \right)^{1/2}, \quad C_3^* := \max\{c\rho^{-1/2}, 1\}C_2^*.$$

Now, for (II) we have

$$\begin{aligned} |(\mathrm{II})| &\leq \sum_{E \in \mathcal{T}_{h}} |b^{E}(P_{h}f, v_{h}) - b^{E}_{h}(P_{h}f, v_{h})| \\ &= \sum_{E \in \mathcal{T}_{h}} |b^{E}(P_{h}f - f_{\pi}, v_{h}) - b^{E}_{h}(P_{h}f - f_{\pi}, v_{h})| \\ &\leq \rho^{-1} \max_{E \in \mathcal{T}_{h}} \{b_{1}(E), 1\} \|P_{h}f - f_{\pi}\|_{0,\Omega} \|v_{h}\|_{0,\Omega} \\ &\leq \rho^{-1} \max_{E \in \mathcal{T}_{h}} \{b_{1}(E), 1\} (\|f - f_{I}\|_{0,\Omega} + \|f - f_{\pi}\|_{0,\Omega}) \left(\|v_{h}\|^{2} + \|v_{h}\|^{2}_{0,\Omega}\right)^{1/2} \\ &\leq \rho^{-1} \max_{E \in \mathcal{T}_{h}} \{b_{1}(E), 1\} h^{s} \|f\|_{1,\Omega} \left(\|v_{h}\|^{2} + \|v_{h}\|^{2}_{0,\Omega}\right)^{1/2} \end{aligned}$$

where we have used Lemmas 3.3, 3.2, and the best approximation property for P_h . Therefore, using Lemma 2.1 we obtain

(3.8)
$$\|v_h\|^2 + \|v_h\|_{0,\Omega}^2 \le C_4^* h^s \|f\|_{1,\Omega} \left(\|v_h\|^2 + \|v_h\|_{0,\Omega}^2 \right)^{1/2},$$

where $C_4^* := \max_{E \in \mathcal{T}_h} \{C_3^*, \rho^{-1}b_1(E), \rho^{-1}\}$ and hence, combining the previous estimate with (3.7), we obtain $\|v_h\|_{1,\Omega} \leq C_4^* C_1^{*-1/2} h^s \|f\|_{1,\Omega}$. Finally, defining the constant $\mathcal{C} := \max\{C_4^* C_1^{*-1/2}, 1\}$, we conclude the proof.

Remark 3.5. Let us remark that (3.8) will be useful to derive the double order of convergence for eigenvalues.

From the previous Lemma, we can conclude the convergence in norm for \hat{T}_h to T as $h \to 0$. This is a key ingredient in order to obtain error estimates for eigenvalues and eigenfunctions.

We present as a consequence of the above, that the proposed method does not introduce spurious eigenvalues. In practical terms, this implies that isolated parts of $\operatorname{sp}(T)$ are approximated by isolated parts of $\operatorname{sp}(\widehat{T}_h)$ (see [17]). This is contained in the following result.

THEOREM 3.6. Let $G \subset \mathbb{C}$ be an open set containing $\operatorname{sp}(T)$. Then, there exists $h_0 > 0$ such that $\operatorname{sp}(\widehat{T}_h) \subset G$ for all $h < h_0$.

Let us remark that the spectra of T_h and \widehat{T}_h coincide. According to this, let μ be an isolated eigenvalue if T with multiplicity m and let \mathcal{E} be its associated eigenspace. Then, there exist m eigenvalues $\mu_h^{(1)}, \ldots, \mu_h^{(m)}$ of T_h , repeated according to their respective multiplicities that converge to μ . Now, let \mathcal{E}_h be the direct sum of the associated eigenspaces of $\mu_h^{(1)}, \ldots, \mu_h^{(m)}$. With these definitions at hand, now we focus on the analysis of error estimates. **3.3.** Error estimates. Now our task is to obtain error estimates for the approximation of the eigenvalues and eigenfunctions. With this goal in mind, first we need to recall the definition of the gap $\hat{\delta}$ between two closed subspaces \mathcal{X} and \mathcal{Y} of $\mathrm{H}^{1}(\Omega)$:

$$\widehat{\delta}(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}) := \max\{\delta(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}), \delta(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y})\},\$$

where $\delta(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}) := \sup_{x \in \mathcal{X}: \|x\|_{1,\Omega} = 1} \left\{ \inf_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} \|x - y\|_{1,\Omega} \right\}.$

The following result provides an error estimate for the eigenfunctions and eigenvalues.

THEOREM 3.7. The following estimates hold

$$\widehat{\delta}(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{E}_h) \le \mathcal{C}h^r, \quad |\mu - \mu_h^{(i)}| \le \mathcal{C}h^r, \quad i = 1, \dots, m,$$

where r is given in Lemma 2.1.

Proof. Thanks to Lemma 3.4, the proof is a direct consequence of the compact operators theory of Babuška-Osborn (see [4, Theorems 7.1 and 7.3]).

Let us observe that Theorem 3.7 is a result with a preliminary error estimate for the eigenvalues. However, it is possible to improve the order of convergence for the eigenvalues as we prove on the following result.

THEOREM 3.8. The following estimate holds

$$|\lambda - \lambda_h^{(i)}| \le \mathcal{K}h^{2r},$$

where $\mathcal{K} > 0$ is a constant independent of h and r is given in Lemma 2.1.

Proof. Let $(\lambda_h^{(i)}, p_h) \in \mathbb{R} \times V_h$ be a solution of (3.6) with $\|p_h\|_{1,\Omega} = 1$. According to Theorem 3.4, there exists a solution $(\lambda, p) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathrm{H}^1(\Omega)$ of the eigenvalue problem (2.3) such that $\|p - p_h\|_{1,\Omega} \leq Ch^r$.

From the symmetry of the bilinear forms and the facts that $\hat{a}(p,v) = \lambda b(p,v)$ for all $v \in H^1(\Omega)$ (cf.(2.3)) and $\hat{a}_h(p_h, v_h) = \lambda_h^{(i)} b(p_h, v_h)$ for all $v_h \in V_h$ (cf.(3.6)), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{a}(p-p_h, p-p_h) - \lambda b(p-p_h, p-p_h) &= \widehat{a}(p_h, p_h) - \lambda b(p_h, p_h) \\ &= \left[\widehat{a}(p_h, p_h) - \widehat{a}_h(p_h, p_h)\right] - \left(\lambda - \lambda_h^{(i)}\right) b(p_h, p_h), \end{aligned}$$

from which we obtain the following identity:

$$\begin{aligned} (\lambda_h^{(i)} - \lambda)b(p_h, p_h) &= \underbrace{\widehat{a}(p - p_h, p - p_h) - \lambda b(p - p_h, p - p_h)}_{T_1} \\ &+ \underbrace{[\widehat{a}_h(p_h, p_h) - \widehat{a}(p_h, p_h)]}_{T_2} + \underbrace{\lambda_h^{(i)}[b(p_h, p_h) - b_h(p_h, p_h)]}_{T_3} \end{aligned}$$

Now our task is to estimate the contributions T_1 , T_2 and T_3 of the right-hand side. For the term T_1 we invoking Lemma 3.4 in order to obtain

(3.9)
$$|T_1| \leq Cc^2 \rho^{-1} ||p - p_h||_{1,\Omega}^2 + ||p - p_h||_{0,\Omega}^2$$

 $\leq \max\{c^2 \rho^{-1}, 1\} ||p - p_h||_{1,\Omega}^2 \leq C^2 \max\{c^2 \rho^{-1}, 1\} h^{2r}.$

The estimate for T_2 is obtained as follows

$$\begin{aligned} |T_{2}| &\leq \sum_{E \in \mathcal{T}_{h}} |\widehat{a}_{h}^{E}(p_{h}, p_{h}) - \widehat{a}^{E}(p_{h}, p_{h})| \\ &= \sum_{E \in \mathcal{T}_{h}} |\widehat{a}_{h}^{E}(p_{h} - p_{\pi}, p_{h} - p_{\pi}) - \widehat{a}^{E}(p_{h} - p_{\pi}, p_{h} - p_{\pi})| \\ &\leq \sum_{E \in \mathcal{T}_{h}} c^{2} \rho^{-1} C_{2}(E) |||p_{h} - p_{\pi}||_{E}^{2} + c^{2} \rho^{-1} |p_{h} - p_{\pi}|_{1,E}^{2} + \rho^{-1} \max\{b_{1}^{E}, 1\} ||p_{h} - p_{\pi}||_{0,\Omega}^{2} \\ &\leq C_{5}^{*} \sum_{E \in \mathcal{T}_{h}} \left(||p - p_{I}||_{E}^{2} + ||p_{h} - p_{I}||_{E}^{2} + ||p - p_{\pi}||_{E}^{2} + |p - p_{\pi}||_{1,E}^{2} \\ &+ |p - p_{h}|_{1,E}^{2} + ||p_{h} - p_{I}||_{0,\Omega}^{2} + ||p - p_{I}||_{0,\Omega}^{2} + ||p - p_{\pi}||_{0,\Omega}^{2} \right), \end{aligned}$$

where $C_5^* := \max_{E \in \mathcal{T}_h} \{ c^2 \rho^{-1} C_2(E), c^2 \rho^{-1}, \rho^{-1} b_1(E), \rho^{-1} \}$. Now, invoking (3.8) and Lemmas 3.2, 3.3 and 3.4, we obtain

(3.10)
$$|T_2| \le C_6^* h^{2r}, \quad C_6^* := C_5^* \max\{C_3^{*2}, \mathcal{C}^2, \rho^{-1}, 1\}.$$

On the other hand, using approximation properties for Π , we obtain for T_3

(3.11)
$$|T_3| \le \max_{E \in \mathcal{T}_h} \{b_1(E)\} \|p_h - \Pi p_h\|_{0,\Omega}^2 \le \max_{E \in \mathcal{T}_h} \{b_1(E)\} \mathcal{C}h^{2r}.$$

Finally, using the fact that $\lambda_h^{(i)} \to 0$ as $h \to 0$, we obtain

$$b_h(p_h, p_h) = \frac{\widehat{a}_h(p_h, p_h)}{\lambda_h^{(i)}} \ge \frac{\underline{C} \|p_h\|_{1,\Omega}^2}{\lambda_h^{(i)}} \ge \widetilde{C} > 0.$$

Therefore, gathering (3.9), (3.10) and (3.11) and defining

$$\mathcal{K} := \max\left\{ \mathcal{C}^2 \max\{c^2 \rho^{-1}, 1\}, C_6^*, \max_{E \in \mathcal{T}_h} \{b_1(E)\} \mathcal{C} \right\},\$$

we conclude the proof.

3.4. Error estimates in L^2 norm. In the present subsection we establish error estimates for eigenfunctions in L^2 norm. We begin this subsection with the following result, where a classical duality argument has been used.

LEMMA 3.9. Let $f \in \mathcal{E}$ be such that $\tilde{p} := Tf$ and $\tilde{p}_h := \hat{T}_h f$. Then, the following estimate holds

$$\|\widetilde{p} - \widetilde{p}_h\|_{0,\Omega} \le \mathcal{J}h^{\widetilde{r}+s} \|f\|_{1,\Omega}$$

where \mathcal{J} is a positive constant independent of h, and \tilde{r} is given by Lemma 2.1.

Proof. Let us consider the following auxiliarly problem: Find $q \in \mathrm{H}^1(\Omega)$ such that

(3.12)
$$\widehat{a}(q,v) = b(\widetilde{p} - \widetilde{p}_h, v) \quad \forall v \in \mathrm{H}^1(\Omega).$$

Observe that this problem is well-posed and there exists \tilde{r} as in Lemma 2.1, such that

$$|q|_{1+\widetilde{r},\Omega} \le C \|\widetilde{p} - \widetilde{p}_h\|_{0,\Omega}$$

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Now, testing (3.12) with $v := \tilde{p} - \tilde{p}_h$, we obtain the following identity

$$\begin{split} \|\widetilde{p} - \widetilde{p}_h\|_{0,\Omega}^2 &= b(\widetilde{p} - \widetilde{p}_h, \widetilde{p} - \widetilde{p}_h) = \widehat{a}(q, \widetilde{p} - \widetilde{p}_h) \\ &= \widehat{a}(q - q_I, \widetilde{p} - \widetilde{p}_h) + \widehat{a}(q_I, \widetilde{p} - \widetilde{p}_h) \\ &= \underbrace{\widehat{a}(q - q_I, \widetilde{p} - \widetilde{p}_h)}_{B_1} + \underbrace{b(f, q_I) - b_h(P_h f, q_I)}_{B_2} + \underbrace{\widehat{a}_h(q_I, \widetilde{p}_h) - \widehat{a}(q_I, \widetilde{p}_h)}_{B_3}. \end{split}$$

Then, we need to estimate the contributions on the right-hand side of the above equation. To estimate B_1 , we invoke Lemma 3.4 and Lemma 3.3 in order to obtain

(3.13)
$$|B_1| \le c^2 \rho^{-1} |\widetilde{p} - \widetilde{p}_h|_{1,\Omega} |q - q_I|_{1,\Omega} \le c^2 \rho^{-1} \mathcal{C} h^{\widetilde{r}+s} ||f||_{1,\Omega} |q|_{1+\widetilde{r},\Omega}.$$

For B_2 , using error estimates for Π and triangle inequality, we obtain

$$(3.14) |B_2| = |b(P_h f, q_I) - b_h(P_h f, q_I)| \le \max_{E \in \mathcal{T}_h} \{b_1(E), 1\} \rho^{-1} ||f - \Pi f||_{0,\Omega} ||q_I - \Pi q_I||_{0,\Omega} \le \max_{E \in \mathcal{T}_h} \{b_1(E), 1\} \rho^{-1} h^s ||f||_{1,\Omega} (||q - q_I||_{0,\Omega} + ||q - \Pi q||_{0,\Omega} + ||\Pi(q - q_I)||_{0,\Omega}) \le \max_{E \in \mathcal{T}_h} \{b_1(E), 1\} \rho^{-1} h^{\widetilde{r}+s} ||f||_{1,\Omega} |q|_{1+\widetilde{r},\Omega}.$$

Finally, for B_3 we invoke (3.2) and (3.4) in order to obtain

$$(3.15) |B_{3}| \leq \sum_{E \in \mathcal{T}_{h}} |\widehat{a}_{h}^{E}(\widetilde{p}_{h}, q_{I}) - \widehat{a}^{E}(\widetilde{p}_{h}, q_{I})| \\ = \sum_{E \in \mathcal{T}_{h}} |\widehat{a}_{h}^{E}(\widetilde{p}_{h} - p_{\pi}, q_{I} - q_{\pi}) - \widehat{a}^{E}(\widetilde{p}_{h} - p_{\pi}, q_{I} - q_{\pi})| \\ \leq C_{7}^{*} \sum_{E \in \mathcal{T}_{h}} ||q_{I} - q_{\pi}||_{E} ||\widetilde{p}_{h} - p_{\pi}||_{E} + ||\widetilde{p}_{h} - p_{\pi}||_{0,\Omega} ||q_{\pi} - q_{I}||_{0,\Omega} \\ \leq C_{7}^{*} [(||q - q_{I}|| + ||q - q_{\pi}||) (||\widetilde{p} - \widetilde{p}_{I}|| + ||\widetilde{p}_{h} - \widetilde{p}_{I}|| + ||\widetilde{p} - p_{\pi}||) \\ + (||\widetilde{p} - \widetilde{p}_{I}||_{0,\Omega} + ||\widetilde{p}_{I} - \widetilde{p}_{h}||_{0,\Omega} + ||\widetilde{p} - p_{\pi}||_{0,\Omega}) (||q - q_{I}||_{0,\Omega} + ||q - q_{\pi}||_{0,\Omega})]$$

where $C_7^* := c^2 \rho^{-1} \max_{E \in \mathcal{T}_h} \{C_2(E), C_4(E), b_1(E), 1\}$. Hence, using (3.8), we conclude that $|B_3| \leq \hat{C}h^{\tilde{\tau}+s} ||f||_{1,\Omega} |q|_{1+\tilde{\tau},\Omega}$, where the constant \hat{C} is defined by

$$\widehat{C} := \max\{C_7 \sqrt{C_4^*} \max\{c^2 \rho^{-1}, 1\}, \max\{c^2 \rho^{-1}, 1\}\}.$$

Therefore, combining (3.13), (3.14) and (3.15), together with the additional regularity for q, and setting

$$\mathcal{J} := \max\{c^2 \rho^{-1} \mathcal{C}, \max_{E \in \mathcal{T}_h}\{b_1(E), 1\}, \widehat{C}\},\$$

we obtain

$$\|(T-\widehat{T}_h)f\|_{0,\Omega} = \|\widetilde{p}-\widetilde{p}_h\|_{0,\Omega} \le \mathcal{J}h^{\widetilde{r}+s}\|f\|_{1,\Omega},$$

concluding the proof.

Now, we introduce the solution operator on the space $L^2(\Omega)$, given by

$$\widetilde{T}: \mathrm{L}^2(\Omega) \to \mathrm{L}^2(\Omega), \quad \widetilde{f} \mapsto \widetilde{T}\widetilde{f} := \widetilde{p},$$

where \tilde{p} is the (unique) solution of the associated source problem. It is easy to check that \tilde{T} is compact and self-adjoint with respect to $\hat{a}(\cdot, \cdot)$. Moreover, the spectra of T and \tilde{T} coincide.

Now, we are in position to prove the convergence in the L² norm for \widehat{T}_h to \widetilde{T} as $h \to 0$.

LEMMA 3.10. The following estimate holds

$$\|(\widetilde{T} - \widehat{T}_h)\widetilde{f}\|_{0,\Omega} \le \widetilde{\mathcal{J}}h^s \|\widetilde{f}\|_{0,\Omega} \quad \forall \widetilde{f} \in \mathcal{L}^2(\Omega),$$

where s is given in Lemma 2.1.

Proof. The proof follows the same arguments that those in the proof of Lemma 3.4, but the term (II) must be estimated by follows:

$$\begin{aligned} |(\mathrm{II})| &\leq \sum_{E \in \mathcal{T}_{h}} |b^{E}(P_{h}f, v_{h}) - b^{E}_{h}(P_{h}f, v_{h})| \\ &= \sum_{E \in \mathcal{T}_{h}} |b^{E}(P_{h}f, v_{h} - (v_{h})_{\pi}) - b^{E}_{h}(P_{h}f, v_{h} - (v_{h})_{\pi})| \\ &\leq \max_{E \in \mathcal{T}_{h}} \{b_{1}(E), 1\}\rho^{-1} \|P_{h}f\|_{0,\Omega} \|v_{h} - (v_{h})_{\pi}\|_{0,\Omega} \\ &\leq \max_{E \in \mathcal{T}_{h}} \{b_{1}(E), 1\}\rho^{-1}h^{s} \|f\|_{0,\Omega} \|v_{h}\|_{1,\Omega}. \end{aligned}$$

where, invoking (3.4) we obtain

$$\|v_h\|_{1,\Omega} \le c\rho^{-1/2} \max_{E \in \mathcal{T}_h} \{C_4(E), 1\} \left(\|\|v_h\|\|^2 + \|v_h\|_{0,\Omega}^2 \right)^{1/2}$$

This concludes the proof with

$$\widetilde{\mathcal{J}} := \max\left\{c\rho^{-1/2}\max_{E\in\mathcal{T}_h}\{C_4(E),1\}, C_3^*, \rho^{-1}b_1(E), \rho^{-1}\right\}.$$

As a consequence of the previous Lemma, a spectral convergence result analogous to Theorem 3.7 holds for \tilde{T} and \hat{T}_h . This allows us to obtain the following result.

THEOREM 3.11. Let p_h be an eigenfunction of \widehat{T}_h associated to the eigenvalue $\mu_h^{(i)}$, $1 \leq i \leq m$ with $\|p_h\|_{0,\Omega} = 1$. Then, there exists an eigenfunction p of \widetilde{T} associated to the eigenvalue μ such that

$$\|p - p_h\|_{0,\Omega} \le \mathcal{J}h^{\widetilde{r}+s} \|f\|_{1,\Omega},$$

where \mathcal{J} is a positive constant independent of h.

Proof. Observe that invoking Lemma 3.10 and [4, Theorem 7.1], we have spectral convergence of \widehat{T}_h to \widetilde{T} . On the other hand, due to the relation between the eigenfunctions of T and T_h with those of \widetilde{T} and \widehat{T}_h respectively, we have $p_h \in \widetilde{\mathcal{E}}_h$ and there exists $p \in \mathcal{E}$ such that

(3.16)
$$\|p - p_h\|_{0,\Omega} \le C \sup_{\widetilde{f} \in \widetilde{\mathcal{E}}: \|\widetilde{f}\|_{0,\Omega} = 1} \|(\widetilde{T} - \widehat{T}_h)\widetilde{f}\|_{0,\Omega}.$$

Then, invoking Lemma 3.9, for every $\tilde{f} \in \tilde{\mathcal{E}}$, if $f \in \mathcal{E}$ is such that $\tilde{f} = f$ then

$$\|(\widetilde{T}-\widehat{T}_h)\widehat{f}\|_{0,\Omega} = \|(T-\widehat{T}_h)f\|_{0,\Omega} \le \widetilde{\mathcal{J}}h^{\widetilde{r}+s}\|f\|_{1,\Omega}.$$

Finally, since $f \in \mathcal{E}$, we have that $||f||_{1,\Omega} = \mu^{-1} ||Tf||_{1,\Omega} \leq C ||f||_{0,\Omega}$, and combining it with (3.16), we conclude the proof.

4. Numerical experiments. Now we present a number of numerical tests to illustrate the performance of the proposed method. All the results have been obtained with a Matlab code. Since we are interested on the versatility of the method, we focus our tests for two type of domains: convex and non-convex. It is well known that for convex domains the eigenfunctions are sufficiently smooth compared with the ones associated to non-convex domains, which is reflected on the convergence order for the eigenvalues This must be captured with our method. Hence, the convergence orders and extrapolated values for the frequencies are obtained by means of a standard least-square fitting of the form

(4.1)
$$\omega_{hi} \approx \omega_i + C_i h^{\xi_i},$$

where ξ_i represents the computed order of convergence. Through all this section, N represents the mesh refinement which is considered as the number of polygons on the bottom of the domain.

For the construction of meshes allowing for small edges we recall the following procedure introduced in [3]:

Step 1 For any polygon $E \in \mathcal{T}_h$, we add a hanging node on each edge of every polygon. This hanging node, denoted by x_{HG} , is constructed by using the following convex combination:

$$x_{HG} := (1-t)x_V^1 + tx_V^2, \quad t := \frac{\operatorname{dist}(x_V^1, x_V^2)}{M},$$

where x_V^1 and x_V^2 are the vertices of the corresponding edge for which the hanging node has been added and M > 0.

Step 2 The hanging node on Step 1 now is displaced along the edge with respect to a vertex of the polygon using the parameter M > 0, in order to make this hanging node collapse with such vertex in each refinement. More precisely, if x_{HG} is close to x_V^1 , the distance between x_V^1 and x_{HG} is

$$dist(x_{HG}, x_V^1) = \frac{dist(x_V^1, x_V^2)^2}{M}.$$

Hence, the idea is taking M > 0 increasing in each mesh refinement, in order to obtain a hanging node that collapse with one of the vertices, and therefore, small edges.

First, we define the ratio as Ratio $= h_m(E)/h_E$, where h_E is the diameter of E and $h_m(E)$ is the shortest edge of E. In Figure 1 we present some polygonal meshes considered for the numerical experiments.



FIG. 1. Sample of meshes. Left: \mathcal{T}_h^1 (N = 8); center: \mathcal{T}_h^2 (N = 11); right: \mathcal{T}_h^3 (N = 8).

Let us mention that the meshes \mathcal{T}_h^1 and \mathcal{T}_h^3 was constructed in the process described previously, whereas mesh \mathcal{T}_h^2 has not hanging nodes. However, this mesh is constructed with small edges.

4.1. Test 1: Rectangular acoustic cavity. For this test, the computational domain is a rectangle of the form $\Omega := (0, a) \times (0, b)$. For this domain, if we consider the physical parameters equal to one ($\rho = c = 1$), the exact eigenvalues and eigenfunctions are know and are of the form

$$\lambda_{nm} := \pi^2 \left(\left(\frac{n}{a}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{m}{b}\right)^2 \right), \quad n, m = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n + m \neq 0$$
$$\boldsymbol{u}_{nm}(x, y) := \begin{pmatrix} \frac{n}{a} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{a}\right) \cos\left(\frac{m\pi y}{b}\right) \\ \frac{m}{b} \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{a}\right) \sin\left(\frac{m\pi y}{b}\right) \end{pmatrix},$$

where $\boldsymbol{u}_{nm}(x,y)$ corresponds to the displacement of the fluid which can be computed by the relation $\frac{\nabla p_{nm}}{\lambda_{nm}} = \boldsymbol{u}_{nm}$ that holds for the acoustic problem. Moreover we have considered the theoretical stabilization term, that is

(4.2)
$$S(p_h, q_h) = \sum_{E \in \mathcal{T}_h} S^E(p_h, q_h), \quad S^E(p_h, q_h) = \sigma_E h_E \int_E \partial_s p_h \partial_s q_h,$$

where in this case, the stabilization parameter has been taken as $\sigma_E = 1$, whereas the constants *a* and *b* has been taken as a = 1 and b = 1.1.

In Tables 1, 2 and 3 we report approximated values of each one of the frequencies $\omega_i = \sqrt{\lambda_i - 1}$, i = 1, ..., 5, their respective orders of convergence and extrapolated frequencies for different meshes presented in Figure 1. Also, in each table, in the row "Ratio" we report the measure of the on each refinement, in order to present the presence of real small edges on the meshes.

TABLE 1

Five lowest approximated frequencies, orders of convergence, extrapolated frequencies and ratios, computed with \mathcal{T}_h^1 and the stabilization term defined in (4.2).

ω_{hi}	N = 32	N = 64	N = 128	N = 256	Order	Exact.
ω_{h1}	0.82710	0.82661	0.82649	0.82646	1.99	0.82645
ω_{h2}	1.00079	1.00020	1.00005	1.00001	1.98	1.00000
ω_{h3}	1.83520	1.82864	1.82699	1.82658	2.00	1.82645
ω_{h4}	3.31640	3.30844	3.30645	3.30595	2.00	3.30579
ω_{h5}	4.01300	4.00321	4.00080	4.00020	2.02	4.00001
Ratio	7.1638e-03	1.7794e-03	4.4413e-04	1.1099e-04		

TABLE 2

Five lowest approximated frequencies, orders of convergence, extrapolated frequencies and ratios, computed with \mathcal{T}_h^2 and the stabilization term defined in (4.2).

ω_{hi}	N = 11	N = 20	N = 39	N = 88	Order	Exact.
ω_{h1}	0.82796	0.82685	0.82655	0.82647	1.89	0.82645
ω_{h2}	1.00287	1.00074	1.00018	1.00005	1.97	1.00002
ω_{h3}	1.84173	1.83016	1.82737	1.82668	2.07	1.82658
ω_{h4}	3.32838	3.31203	3.30739	3.30619	1.86	3.30587
ω_{h5}	4.04570	4.01182	4.00294	4.00074	1.97	4.00028
Ratio	5.5513e-03	5.0032e-03	1.1050e-03	3.3969e-04		

TABLE 3 Five lowest approximated frequencies, orders of convergence, extrapolated frequencies and ratios, computed with \mathcal{T}_h^3 and the stabilization term defined in (4.2).

ω_{hi}	N = 32	N = 64	N = 128	N = 256	Order	Exact.
ω_{h1}	0.82709	0.82661	0.82649	0.82646	1.97	0.82645
ω_{h2}	1.00292	1.00074	1.00018	1.00005	1.97	1.00000
ω_{h3}	1.83576	1.82884	1.82705	1.82660	1.96	1.82644
ω_{h4}	3.31611	3.30841	3.30644	3.30595	1.97	3.30577
ω_{h5}	4.04669	4.01188	4.00301	4.00075	1.97	3.99996
Ratio	3.7655e-07	9.2970e-08	2.3171e-08	5.7882e-09		

From Tables 1, 2 and 3 we observe that our method is sharp on the approximation of the frequencies. We confirm this fact by comparing our results with the exact ones presented in each column "Exact". Moreover, the reported Ratios are smaller when the meshes are refined, confirming the presence of small edges on the meshes. These results are similar for each of the meshes.

Let us remark the following: for the theoretical analysis we have used the stabilization (4.2) that depend on the tangential derivatives. This is a theoretical argument for the small edges treatment of the theory. However, from the computational point of view, we are free to consider any stabilization for the method. This motivates the analysis of the robustness of the VEM with small edges using other stabilizations. With this goal in mind, let us compare the previous results with the following where we implement the following stabilization term

(4.3)
$$S(p_h, q_h) = \sum_{E \in \mathcal{T}_h} S^E(p_h, q_h), \quad S^E(p_h, q_h) = \sigma_E \sum_{i=1}^{N_E} p_h(V_i) q_h(V_i)$$

where V_i represent each vertex of the polygon E, and N_E represent the number of vertices of E. Again, we consider $\sigma_E = 1$ in order to compare the obtained results with those in the previous tests. In Tables 4, 5 6 we report approximated values of each one of the frequencies $\omega_i = \sqrt{\lambda_i - 1}$, $i = 1, \ldots, 5$, their respective orders of convergence, and extrapolated frequencies for the meshes presented in Figure 1.

TABLE 4	
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Five lowest approximated frequencies, orders of convergence, extrapolated frequencies and ratios, computed with \mathcal{T}_h^1 and the stabilization term defined in (4.3).

ω_{hi}	N = 32	N = 64	N = 128	N = 256	Order	Exact
ω_{h1}	0.82710	0.82659	0.82649	0.82647	2.21	0.82645
ω_{h2}	1.00078	1.00017	1.00005	1.00001	2.25	1.00001
ω_{h3}	1.83527	1.82866	1.82700	1.82658	1.99	1.82644
ω_{h4}	3.31656	3.30853	3.30645	3.30595	1.96	3.30575
ω_{h5}	4.01356	4.00320	4.00080	4.00020	2.10	4.00005
Ratio	7.1638e-03	1.7794e-03	4.4413e-04	1.1099e-04		

TABLE 5

Five lowest approximated frequencies, orders of convergence, extrapolated frequencies and ratios, computed with \mathcal{T}_h^2 and the stabilization term defined in (4.3).

ω_{hi}	N = 11	N = 20	N = 39	N = 88	Order	Exact.
ω_{h1}	0.82721	0.82663	0.82649	0.82646	2.09	0.82645
ω_{h2}	1.00205	1.00051	1.00013	1.00003	2.03	1.00002
ω_{h3}	1.83098	1.82757	1.82672	1.82651	2.04	1.82648
ω_{h4}	3.31806	3.30869	3.30651	3.30596	2.11	3.30590
ω_{h5}	4.03224	4.00816	4.00203	4.00050	2.00	4.00021
Ratio	5.5513e-03	5.0032e-03	1.1050e-03	3.3969e-04		

Table 6

Five lowest approximated frequencies, orders of convergence, extrapolated frequencies and ratios, computed with \mathcal{T}_h^3 and the stabilization term defined in (4.3).

ω_{hi}	N = 32	N = 64	N = 128	N = 256	Order	Exact.
ω_{h1}	0.82695	0.82657	0.82647	0.82645	2.03	0.82645
ω_{h2}	1.00209	1.00054	1.00013	1.00003	1.96	1.00000
ω_{h3}	1.83278	1.82806	1.82688	1.82655	1.97	1.82645
ω_{h4}	3.31355	3.30771	3.30623	3.30591	2.02	3.30578
ω_{h5}	4.03362	4.00858	4.00201	4.00055	1.97	3.99992
Ratio	3.7655e-07	9.2970e-08	2.3171e-08	5.7882e-09		

Note that there are not significant differences when the theoretical stabilization term (4.2) is changed to (4.3). The results presented in Tables 4, 5 and 6 are very

similar to those presented in Tables 1, 2 and 3, whereas the orders of convergence are perfectly attained. Finally, in Figure 2 we present the plots of the first, third and fifth eigenfunctions associated to the pressure, and their corresponding displacement fields.



FIG. 2. Plots of first, third and fifth eigenfunctions on the rectangular acoustic cavity and the corresponding displacements obtained for this test. Top row: p_h^1 , p_h^3 and p_h^5 ; bottom row: corresponding displacement fields u_h^1 , u_h^3 and u_h^5 .

4.2. Test 2: L-shaped domain. Now we will consider the non-convex domain $\Omega := (-1, 1) \times (-1, 1) \setminus [0, 1) \times [0, 1)$, which is a L-shaped domain. The boundary condition for this domain is $\nabla p \cdot n = 0$. Clearly due to the geometrical singularity of this geometrical configuration, some of the eigenfunctions of problem (2.2) result to be non sufficiently smooth and hence, a loss on the convergence order of the numerical method arises. Since for this geometry we do not have an exact solution, all our results will be compared with the extrapolated frequencies computed by (4.1).

A sample of the meshes that we consider for this test are reported in Figure 3. Let us remark that these meshes have been obtained with the procedure described in **Step 1** and **Step 2**. Finally, let us mention that for this test we take physical parameters of acoustic fluids, more precisely, the ones associated to water and air. These parameter are:

- For water, the density is $\rho = 1000 \text{ kg/m}^3$ and the sound speed c = 1430 m/s;
- For the air, the density is $\rho = 1 \text{ kg/m}^3$ and the sound speed c = 340 m/s.



FIG. 3. Sample of the meshes for the L-shaped domain for mesh refinement N = 16. Left \mathcal{T}_h^4 ; right \mathcal{T}_h^5

For this test, we only are concentrated on the behavior of our method when the theoretical stabilization term defined in (4.2) is considered, whereas the stabilization parameter σ_E has been chosen by $\sigma_E := \operatorname{tr}(a^E(\mathbf{\Pi}_{k,E},\mathbf{\Pi}_{k,E}))/2$. In Tables 7, 8, 9 and 10 we report approximated values of each one of the frequencies $\omega_i = \sqrt{\lambda_i - 1}$, $i = 1, \ldots, 5$, their respective orders of convergence and extrapolated frequencies for different meshes presented in Figure 3. Let us recall that the extrapolated values have been obtained with the aid of (4.1) and are reported on the last column of the forthcoming tables.

In Tables 7 and 8 we compare the results obtained for mesh \mathcal{T}_h^4 when we consider the density and sound speed of water, whereas in Tables 9 and 10 we compare the results obtained for mesh \mathcal{T}_h^5 when we consider the density and sound speed of the air. As in the previous test, in the row "Ratio" we report the measure of the ratios in each refinement, in order to present the presence of real small edges on the meshes.

TABLE	7
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Five lowest approximated frequencies, orders of convergence, extrapolated frequencies and ratios, computed with T_h^4 and the stabilization term defined in (4.2) for $\rho = 1000 \text{ kg/m}^3$ and c = 1430 m/s.

ω_{hi}	N = 16	N = 32	N = 64	N = 128	Order	Extrap.
ω_{h1}	218.798	215.779	214.585	214.112	1.34	213.806
ω_{h2}	515.993	513.062	512.303	512.109	1.95	512.039
ω_{h3}	1448.270	1434.572	1431.148	1430.287	2.00	1430.004
ω_{h4}	1448.357	1434.590	1431.148	1430.287	2.00	1430.001
ω_{h5}	1697.359	1662.003	1653.164	1650.952	2.00	1650.217
Ratio	7.8740e-03	1.9569e-03	4.8852e-04	1.2209e-04		

TABLE 8

Five lowest approximated frequencies, orders of convergence, extrapolated frequencies and ratios, computed with T_h^5 and the stabilization term defined in (4.2) for $\rho = 1000 \text{ kg/m}^3$ and c = 1430 m/s.

ω_{hi}	N = 16	N = 32	N = 64	N = 128	Order	Extrap.
ω_{h1}	220.093	216.184	214.729	214.162	1.41	213.833
ω_{h2}	520.743	513.702	512.461	512.149	2.44	512.126
ω_{h3}	1456.979	1435.837	1431.136	1430.285	2.21	1429.959
ω_{h4}	1497.770	1448.411	1434.398	1431.103	1.86	1429.493
ω_{h5}	1715.697	1666.822	16547.520	1651.357	1.99	1650.444
Ratio	1.9124e-05	4.7522e-06	1.1862e-06	2.9645e-07		

TABLE 9 Five lowest approximated frequencies, orders of convergence, extrapolated frequencies and ratios, computed with T_h^4 and the stabilization term defined in (4.2) for $\rho = 1 \text{ kg/m}^3$ and c = 340 m/s.

ω_{hi}	N = 16	N = 32	N = 64	N = 128	Order	Extrap.
ω_{h1}	52.019	51.312	51.020	50.908	1.30	50.826
ω_{h2}	122.678	121.977	121.806	121.760	2.02	121.748
ω_{h3}	344.347	340.819	340.273	340.068	2.51	340.087
ω_{h4}	344.368	341.154	340.273	340.068	1.91	339.977
ω_{h5}	403.487	395.110	393.060	392.534	2.02	392.374
Ratio	7.8740e-03	1.9569e-03	4.8852e-04	1.2209e-04		

TABLE 10 Five lowest approximated frequencies, orders of convergence, extrapolated frequencies and ratios, computed with \mathcal{T}_h^5 and the stabilization term defined in (4.2) for $\rho = 1 \text{ kg/m}^3$ and c = 340 m/s.

ω_{hi}	N = 16	N = 32	N = 64	N = 128	Order	Extrap.
ω_{h1}	52.347	51.407	51.054	50.920	1.41	50.840
ω_{h2}	123.234	122.125	121.844	121.770	1.97	121.746
ω_{h3}	344.188	341.004	340.270	340.068	2.08	340.023
ω_{h4}	356.418	344.117	341.046	340.262	2.00	340.014
ω_{h5}	408.457	396.474	393.438	392.630	1.97	392.374
Ratio	1.9124e-05	4.7522e-06	1.1862e-06	2.9645e-07		•

Observe that there is no significant difference with the results obtained for meshes \mathcal{T}_h^4 and \mathcal{T}_h^5 for the density and sound speed of the water. The frequencies are well captured and the orders of convergence are the expected according to the geometry of the domain. The same occurs for the physical parameters of the air. Finally, we present in Figure 4 the plots of the first, second and fifth eigenfunctions obtained in this test for the physical parameters of the water.



FIG. 4. Plots of the first, third and fifth eigenfunctions on the L-shaped domain for the acoustic problem considering the physical parameters of water.

4.3. Test 3: Effects on the stability constants. The aim of this test is to analyze the influence of the stability constant σ_E on the computed spectrum, in order to investigate the effects of this parameter when the spectrum is computed since for other VEMs applied to eigenvalue problems, this parameter may introduce spurious frequencies when it is not correctly determined (see [3, 19, 21, 22] where this phenomenon is well documented).

For this test, we have consider the domain $\Omega = (0, a) \times (0, b)$ presented in Test 1, for a = 1 and b = 1.1 and the mesh \mathcal{T}_h^2 presented in Figure 1. We observe that in this case, there are not presence of spurious frequencies for any choice of the stabilization parameter, which implies that the spectrum is correctly captured regardless of the stabilization parameter. So, taking this in consideration, we present in Table 11 the lowest three approximated frequencies, orders of convergence and extrapolated frequencies obtained for different stabilization parameters. Also, the ratios obtained for this test have been presented in the row "Ratio" at the bottom of the table. For the other meshes the results also hold, in the sense that no spurious frequencies appear on the computed spectrum.

The ratios reported in Table 11 clearly confirm the presence of small edges on the computation of the orders of convergence. Let us remark that for other type of meshes the results are similar. Let us emphasizes that the results on Table 11 have been obtained when the density and the sound speed are equal to one. Therefore, if we change the parameters to real ones as water, air, oil, etc., the behavior may be different since the configuration of the problem changes and hence, the parameter σ_E must be chosen in order to scale correctly like the bilinear forms considered.

σ_E	ω_{hi}	N = 11	N = 20	N = 39	N = 88	Order	Extrap.
	ω_{h1}	0.83655	0.82905	0.82711	0.82661	1.95	0.82643
4^{-2}	ω_{h2}	1.01193	1.00309	1.00080	1.00020	1.95	1.00000
	ω_{h3}	1.83411	1.82818	1.82699	1.82658	2.20	1.82656
	ω_{h1}	0.83690	0.82909	0.82711	0.82661	1.98	0.82644
4^{-1}	ω_{h2}	1.01261	1.00320	1.00080	1.00020	1.98	1.00000
	ω_{h3}	1.86156	1.83522	1.82864	1.82699	2.00	1.82644
	ω_{h1}	0.83705	0.82910	0.82711	0.82661	2.00	0.82645
40	ω_{h2}	1.01282	1.00321	1.00080	1.00020	2.00	1.00000
	ω_{h3}	1.96986	1.86172	1.83523	1.82864	2.03	1.82660
	ω_{h1}	0.83691	0.82910	0.82711	0.82660	1.97	0.82643
4	ω_{h2}	1.01288	1.00321	1.00080	1.00017	1.99	0.99997
	ω_{h3}	2.40179	1.96768	1.86159	1.83520	2.03	1.82693
	ω_{h1}	0.83711	0.82910	0.82711	0.82661	2.01	0.82645
$ 4^2$	ω_{h2}	1.01290	1.00322	1.00080	1.00020	2.00	1.00000
	ω_{h3}	3.47880	2.39146	1.96702	1.86155	1.49	1.77214
Ratio		3.5665e-03	8.8874e-04	2.2201e-04	5.5490e-05		

TABLE 11 Lowest three approximated frequencies and orders of convergence for \mathcal{T}_h^1 and $\rho = 1 = c$ for $4^{-2} \leq \sigma_E \leq 4^2$.

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