

## HIGH ACCURACY FOR MIXES FINITE ELEMENT METHODS IN RAVIART-THOMAS ELEMENT\*

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### Abstract

This paper deals with Raviart-Thomas element ( $Q_{2,1} \times Q_{1,2} - Q_1$  element). Apart from its global superconvergence property of fourth order, we prove that a postprocessed extrapolation can globally increased the accuracy by fifth order.

### 1. Introduction

We consider the mixed methods of the Neumann boundary value problem

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{p} + \nabla u &= 0 & \text{in } \Omega, \\ \operatorname{div} \mathbf{p} &= f & \text{in } \Omega, \\ \mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{n} &= 0 & \text{on } \partial\Omega, \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

where  $\Omega \subset R^2$  is a bounded domain with boundaries parallel to axes,  $\mathbf{n}$  is the outer unit normal to  $\partial\Omega$ . Denote

$$\mathbf{H}_0(\operatorname{div}) = \{\mathbf{q} \in \mathbf{H}(\operatorname{div}), \mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0 \text{ on } \partial\Omega\},$$

then we can write the weak formulation of (1) as follows: Find  $(u, \mathbf{p}) \in L^2(\Omega) \times \mathbf{H}_0(\operatorname{div})$  such that

$$(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) - (u, \operatorname{div} \mathbf{q}) + (v, \operatorname{div} \mathbf{p}) = (f, v), \quad \forall (v, \mathbf{q}) \in L^2(\Omega) \times \mathbf{H}_0(\operatorname{div}). \tag{2}$$

Let  $V_h \times \mathbf{P}_h \subset L^2(\Omega) \times \mathbf{H}_0(\operatorname{div})$  be a pair of finite element spaces with respect to  $T_h$ , a uniform rectangular mesh with the size  $2h$ . Then the mixed finite element approximation for (2) seeks  $(u_h, \mathbf{p}_h) \in V_h \times \mathbf{P}_h$  such that

$$(\mathbf{p}_h, \mathbf{q}) - (u_h, \operatorname{div} \mathbf{q}) + (v, \operatorname{div} \mathbf{p}_h) = (f, v), \quad \forall (v, \mathbf{q}) \in V_h \times \mathbf{P}_h. \tag{3}$$

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Here we choose  $V_h \times P_h$  as one of RT elements, i.e.  $Q_{2,1} \times Q_{1,2} - Q_1$  element<sup>[3]</sup>, which satisfies the BB-condition and is described as

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{P}_h = \{\mathbf{q} \in \mathbf{H}_0(\text{div}), \mathbf{q}|_e \in Q_{2,1}(e) \times Q_{1,2}(e), \quad \forall e \in T_h\}, \\ V_h = \{v \in L^2(\Omega), v|_e \in Q_1(e), \quad \forall e \in T_h\}, \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

where

$$Q_{m,n} = \text{span}\{x^i y^j, \quad 0 \leq i \leq m, \quad 0 \leq j \leq n\}; \quad Q_{m,m} = Q_m.$$

Some superconvergence results for RT element have been derived by Nakata, Weiser, Wheeler, Douglas, Milner, Wang, Ewing and Lazarov([?]-[?], [?]). The asymptotic expansion was also obtained for the lowest order RT element or  $Q_{1,0} \times Q_{0,1} - Q_0$  element by Wang([?]). The aim of this paper is to obtain the global superconvergence of  $O(h^4)$  and the postprocessed extrapolation result of  $O(h^5)$  for  $Q_{2,1} \times Q_{1,2} - Q_1$  element by using integral identity, which was created by Lin *et al*([?],[?]).

## 2. Global Superconvergence

For  $e \in T_h$ , we assume that  $(x_e, y_e)$  is the center of gravity,  $s_1$  and  $s_3$  of the width  $2k$  are the edges along  $y$ -direction,  $s_2$  and  $s_4$  of the width  $2h$  are the edges along  $x$ -direction. Then we can define interpolation operators  $j_h$  and  $i_h$  by

$$\begin{cases} j_h \mathbf{p}|_e \in Q_{2,1}(e) \times Q_{1,2}(e), \\ \int_{s_i} (\mathbf{p} - j_h \mathbf{p}) \varphi \mathbf{n} ds = 0 \quad \forall \varphi \in P_1(s_i) \quad i = 1, 2, 3, 4, \\ \int_e (\mathbf{p} - j_h \mathbf{p}) \mathbf{q} = 0 \quad \forall \mathbf{q} \in P_1(y) \times P_1(x), \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

$$\int_e (u - i_h u) v = 0 \quad \forall v \in Q_1(e). \quad (6)$$

We immediately find from integration by parts that

$$(v, \text{div}(\mathbf{p} - j_h \mathbf{p})) = 0 \quad \forall v \in V_h.$$

In fact, the projection  $j_h$  satisfying term above is Fortin's operator (see [?]) and in this paper it is locally defined. This definition can be also seen in [?] and [?].  $i_h$  is the local  $L^2$ -projection operator. Since  $\text{div} \mathbf{q} \in V_h$ , we can see that

$$(u - i_h u, \text{div} \mathbf{q}) = 0, \quad \forall \mathbf{q} \in \mathbf{P}_h.$$

**Lemma 1.** *If  $\mathbf{p} \in [W^{5,r}(\Omega)]^2$ , then we have*

$$\begin{aligned} & (\mathbf{p}_h - j_h \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) - (u_h - i_h u, \text{div} \mathbf{q}) + (\text{div}(\mathbf{p}_h - j_h \mathbf{p}), v) \\ = & \frac{2}{45} h^4 \int_{\Omega} (p_1)_{xxxx} q_1 + \frac{2}{45} k^4 \int_{\Omega} (p_2)_{yyyy} q_2 + h^5 r_h(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) \quad \forall (\mathbf{q}, v) \in \mathbf{P}_h \times V_h \end{aligned}$$

with

$$|r_h(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q})| \leq c \|\mathbf{p}\|_{5,r} \|\mathbf{q}\|_{\text{div},r'}, \quad \frac{1}{r} + \frac{1}{r'} = 1, \quad 1 \leq r, r' \leq \infty.$$

where  $\|\cdot\|_{\text{div},r'} = \|\cdot\|_{0,r'} + \|\text{div}\cdot\|_{0,r'}$ . In the following, we denote  $\|\cdot\|_m = \|\cdot\|_{m,2}$  and  $\|\cdot\|_{\text{div},r'} = \|\cdot\|_{H(\text{div})}$  for  $r' = 2$ .

**Remark 1:** From the proof of Lemma 1 in Section 5, it is easy to see that, for  $\mathbf{p} \in [W^{4,r}(\Omega)]^2$ ,

$$|(\mathbf{p} - j_h \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q})| \leq ch^4 \|\mathbf{p}\|_{4,r} \|\mathbf{q}\|_{0,r'}. \quad (7)$$

It follows from the stability result of Brezzi([?]) that the following Theorem is true.

**Theorem 1.** *If  $\mathbf{p} \in [H^4(\Omega)]^2$ , then*

$$\|\mathbf{p}_h - j_h \mathbf{p}\|_{H(\text{div})} + \|u_h - i_h u\|_0 \leq ch^4 \|\mathbf{p}\|_4.$$

Let us turn to  $L^\infty$  superconvergence. For this purpose we first introduce two pairs of regularized Green's functions at  $z \in \Omega$  by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{G}_1 + \nabla \lambda_1 &= 0 & \text{in } \Omega, \\ \text{div} \mathbf{G}_1 &= \delta_1^h & \text{in } \Omega, \\ \lambda_1 &= 0 & \text{on } \partial\Omega \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{G}_2 + \nabla \lambda_2 &= \delta_2^h & \text{in } \Omega, \\ \text{div} \mathbf{G}_2 &= 0 & \text{in } \Omega, \\ \lambda_2 &= 0 & \text{on } \partial\Omega, \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

where  $\delta_1^h$  and  $\delta_2^h$  are the regularized Dirac functions at  $z \in \Omega$  satisfying

$$\begin{aligned} (v, \delta_1^h) &= v(z) \quad \forall v \in V_h, \\ (\mathbf{q}, \delta_2^h) &= \mathbf{q}(z) \quad \forall \mathbf{q} \in \mathbf{P}_h. \end{aligned}$$

Choosing right point  $z$  respectively can yield (see [?])

$$\|v\|_\infty \leq 2|(v, \delta_1^h)| \quad (10)$$

$$\|\mathbf{q}\|_\infty \leq 2|(\mathbf{q}, \delta_2^h)| \quad (11)$$

Wang proved in [?] that

$$\|\mathbf{G}_1^h\|_0 \leq c|\log h|^{\frac{1}{2}}, \quad (12)$$

$$\|\mathbf{G}_2^h\|_{0,1} \leq c|\log h|. \quad (13)$$

**Theorem 2.** *If  $\mathbf{p} \in [W^{4,\infty}(\Omega)]^2$ , then*

$$\|\mathbf{p}_h - j_h \mathbf{p}\|_{0,\infty} + |\log h|^{\frac{1}{2}} \|u_h - i_h u\|_{0,\infty} \leq ch^4 |\log h| \|\mathbf{p}\|_{4,\infty}.$$

*Proof.* From (8) and (10) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|u_h - i_h u\|_{0,\infty} &\leq 2|(u_h - i_h u, \text{div} \mathbf{G}_1^h)| \\ &= 2|(u - i_h u, \text{div} \mathbf{G}_1^h) - (\mathbf{p} - j_h \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{G}_1^h) - (\text{div}(j_h \mathbf{p} - \mathbf{p}_h), \lambda_1^h)| \\ &= 2|(\mathbf{p} - j_h \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{G}_1^h)| \end{aligned}$$

which, combining with (7) and (12), yields

$$\|u_h - i_h u\|_{0,\infty} \leq ch^4 |\log h|^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\mathbf{p}\|_4.$$

Similarly, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathbf{p}_h - j_h \mathbf{p}\|_{0,\infty} &\leq 2|(\mathbf{p}_h - j_h \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{G}_2^h) + (\lambda_2^h, \operatorname{div}(\mathbf{p}_h - j_h \mathbf{p}))| \\ &\leq 2|(\mathbf{p} - j_h \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{G}_2^h) - (u - i_h u, \operatorname{div} \mathbf{G}_2^h) - (i_h u - u_h, \operatorname{div} \mathbf{G}_2^h)| \\ &\leq 2|(\mathbf{p} - j_h \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{G}_2^h)| \end{aligned}$$

which implies that

$$\|\mathbf{p}_h - j_h \mathbf{p}\|_{0,\infty} \leq ch^4 |\log h| \|\mathbf{p}\|_{4,\infty}.$$

Theorem 2 is proved.

Assume that  $T_h$  has been obtained from  $T_{2h}$  by subdividing each element  $\tau$  of  $T_{2h}$  into four congruent rectangles  $e_1, e_2, e_3$ , and  $e_4$ . Then we can define two postprocessing operators  $J_{2h}$  and  $I_{2h}$  by

$$\begin{cases} J_{2h} \mathbf{p}|_\tau \in P_3(\tau) \times P_3(\tau), \\ \int_{l_i} (\mathbf{p} - J_{2h} \mathbf{p}) \varphi \mathbf{n} ds = 0 \quad \forall \varphi \in P_1(l_i), \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, 6, \\ \int_{e_i} (\mathbf{p} - J_{2h} \mathbf{p}) = 0 \quad i = 1, 2, 3, 4, \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} I_{2h} u|_\tau \in P_3(\tau), \\ \int_{e_i} (u - I_{2h} u) \varphi = 0 \quad \forall \varphi \in P_1(e_i), \quad i = 1, 2, 3, \\ \int_{e_4} (u - I_{2h} u) = 0, \end{cases}$$

where  $l_i$  ( $i = 1, \dots, 6$ ) are four edges and two central lines of  $\tau$ . It is easy to see that

$$\begin{cases} J_{2h} j_h = J_{2h}, \\ \|J_{2h} \mathbf{q}\|_{0,r} \leq c \|\mathbf{q}\|_{0,r}, \quad \forall \mathbf{q} \in \mathbf{P}_h, \\ \|J_{2h} \mathbf{p} - \mathbf{p}\|_{0,r} \leq ch^4 \|\mathbf{p}\|_{4,r}, \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} I_{2h} i_h = I_{2h}, \\ \|I_{2h} v\|_{0,r} \leq c \|v\|_{0,r}, \quad \forall v \in V_h, \\ \|I_{2h} u - u\|_{0,r} \leq ch^4 \|u\|_{4,r}. \end{cases}$$

Therefore, under the assumption of Theorem 1, we have the global  $L^2$  superconvergence

$$\begin{aligned} &\|J_{2h} \mathbf{p}_h - \mathbf{p}\|_0 + \|I_{2h} u_h - u\|_0 \\ &\leq \|J_{2h}(\mathbf{p}_h - j_h \mathbf{p})\|_0 + \|J_{2h} \mathbf{p} - \mathbf{p}\|_0 + \|I_{2h}(u_h - i_h u)\|_0 + \|I_{2h} u - u\|_0 \\ &\leq ch^4 (\|\mathbf{p}\|_4 + \|u\|_4), \end{aligned}$$

and under the assumption of Theorem 2, we have the global  $L^\infty$  superconvergence

$$\|J_{2h} \mathbf{p}_h - \mathbf{p}\|_{0,\infty} + |\log h|^{\frac{1}{2}} \|I_{2h} u_h - u\|_{0,\infty} \leq ch^4 |\log h| (\|\mathbf{p}\|_{4,\infty} + \|u\|_{4,\infty}).$$

**Remark 2:** From the proof of Lemma 1 in Section 4, it is not difficult to see that all superconvergence results above lost one half order for the Dirichlet boundary value problem.

### 3. Postprocessed Extrapolation

Let us first establish the asymptotic error expansion.

**Theorem 3.** *Under the assumption of Lemma 1, we have the error expansion*

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{p}_h - j_h \mathbf{p} &= h^4 \mathbf{w}_1 + k^4 \mathbf{w}_2 + h^5 \rho_{h,p}, \\ u_h - i_h u &= h^4 \chi_1 + k^4 \chi_2 + h^5 \rho_{h,u},\end{aligned}$$

with

$$\|\rho_{h,p}\|_0 + \|\rho_{h,u}\|_0 \leq c.$$

*Proof.* Considering auxiliary problems

$$\begin{aligned}-\nabla \chi_1 &= \mathbf{w}_1 && \text{in } \Omega, \\ \operatorname{div} \mathbf{w}_1 &= \frac{2}{45} (p_1)_{xxxx} && \text{in } \Omega, \\ \chi_1 &= 0 && \text{on } \partial\Omega,\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}-\nabla \chi_2 &= \mathbf{w}_2 && \text{in } \Omega, \\ \operatorname{div} \mathbf{w}_2 &= \frac{2}{45} (p_2)_{yyyy} && \text{in } \Omega, \\ \chi_2 &= 0 && \text{on } \partial\Omega,\end{aligned}$$

from Lemma 1, we have

$$\begin{aligned}(\mathbf{p}_h - j_h \mathbf{p} - h^4 \mathbf{w}_1^h + k^4 \mathbf{w}_2^h, \mathbf{q}) + (u_h - i_h u - h^4 \chi_1^h - k^4 \chi_2^h, \operatorname{div} \mathbf{q}) \\ + (\operatorname{div}(\mathbf{p}_h - j_h \mathbf{p} - h^4 \mathbf{w}_1^h - k^4 \mathbf{w}_2^h), v) \\ = h^5 r_h(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}),\end{aligned}$$

which, in view of stability result in [?], yields

$$\|\mathbf{p}_h - j_h \mathbf{p} - h^4 \mathbf{w}_1^h - k^4 \mathbf{w}_2^h\|_0 + \|u_h - i_h u - h^4 \chi_1^h - k^4 \chi_2^h\|_0 \leq ch^5 \|\mathbf{p}\|_5.$$

Using regularity property and optimal error estimate we obtain

$$\|\mathbf{p}_h - j_h \mathbf{p} - h^4 \mathbf{w}_1 - k^4 \mathbf{w}_2\|_0 + \|u_h - i_h u - h^4 \chi_1 - k^4 \chi_2\|_0 \leq ch^5 \|\mathbf{p}\|_5.$$

Theorem 3 is proved.

By the extrapolation we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}\left\| \frac{1}{15} [(16\mathbf{p}_{\frac{h}{2}} - \mathbf{p}_h) - (16j_{\frac{h}{2}} \mathbf{p} - j_h \mathbf{p})] \right\|_0 \\ + \left\| \frac{1}{15} [(16u_{\frac{h}{2}} - u_h) - (16i_{\frac{h}{2}} u - i_h u)] \right\|_0 \leq ch^5 \|\mathbf{p}\|_5.\end{aligned}$$

For getting the global high accuracy we define other pair of operators by

$$\begin{cases} J'_{2h}\mathbf{p}|_\tau \in P_4(\tau) \times P_4(\tau), \\ \int_{l'_i} (\mathbf{p} - J'_{2h}\mathbf{p})\varphi \mathbf{n} ds = 0 \quad \forall \varphi \in P_1(l'_i), \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, 12, \\ \int_{e_i} (\mathbf{p} - J'_{2h}\mathbf{p}) = 0 \quad i = 1, 2, 3, \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} I'_{2h}u|_\tau \in P_4(\tau) \\ \int_{e_i} (u - I'_{2h}u)\varphi = 0 \quad \forall \varphi \in Q_1(e_i), \quad i = 1, 2, 3, \\ \int_{e_4} (u - I'_{2h}u)\varphi = 0 \quad \forall \varphi \in P_1(e_4), \end{cases}$$

where  $l'_i$  ( $i = 1, \dots, 12$ ) are all edges of  $e_1, e_2, e_3$  and  $e_4$ . We can check that

$$\begin{cases} J'_{2h}j_h = J'_{2h}, \quad J'_{2h}j_{\frac{h}{2}} = J'_{2h}, \\ \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \|J'_{2h}\mathbf{q}\|_{0,r} \leq c\|\mathbf{q}\|_{0,r}, \quad \forall \mathbf{q} \in \mathbf{P}_h, \\ \|J'_{2h}\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{p}\|_{0,r} \leq ch^5\|\mathbf{p}\|_{5,r}, \end{array} \right. \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} I'_{2h}i_h = I'_{2h}, \quad I'_{2h}i_{\frac{h}{2}} = I'_{2h}, \\ \|I'_{2h}v\|_{0,r} \leq c\|v\|_{0,r}, \quad \forall v \in V_h, \\ \|I'_{2h}u - u\|_{0,r} \leq ch^5\|u\|_{5,r}. \end{array} \right. \end{cases}$$

Hence we obtain the postprocessed extrapolation results

$$\left\| \frac{1}{15}J'_{2h}(16\mathbf{p}_{\frac{h}{2}} - \mathbf{p}_h) - \mathbf{p} \right\|_0 + \left\| \frac{1}{15}I'_{2h}(16u_{\frac{h}{2}} - u_h) - u \right\|_0 \leq ch^5\|\mathbf{p}\|_5.$$

Using pointwise extrapolation technique (cf [?]), we have

$$\left\| \frac{1}{15}J'_{2h}(16\mathbf{p}_{\frac{h}{2}} - \mathbf{p}_h) - \mathbf{p} \right\|_{0,\infty} \leq c(c(r) + |\log h|)h^{5-\frac{2}{r}}\|\mathbf{p}\|_{5,r}, \quad 2 \leq r < \infty,$$

and

$$\left\| \frac{1}{15}I'_{2h}(16u_{\frac{h}{2}} - u_h) - u \right\|_{0,\infty} \leq ch^5(\|\mathbf{p}\|_{5,\infty} + \|u\|_{5,\infty}).$$

#### 4. Proof of Lemma 1

Since

$$\begin{aligned} & (\mathbf{p}_h - j_h\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) - (u_h - i_hu, \operatorname{div}\mathbf{q}) + (\operatorname{div}(\mathbf{p}_h - j_h\mathbf{p}), v) \\ &= (\mathbf{p} - j_h\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) - (u - i_hu, \operatorname{div}\mathbf{q}) + (\operatorname{div}(\mathbf{p} - j_h\mathbf{p}), v) \\ &= (\mathbf{p} - j_h\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}), \end{aligned}$$

we only need to prove

$$(p_1 - j_hp_1, q_1) = \frac{2}{45}h^4 \int_{\Omega} (p_1)_{xxxx}q_1 + h^5r_h(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}).$$

In the following, we assume

$$|r_{h,e}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q})| \leq c\|\mathbf{p}\|_{5,r,e}\|\mathbf{q}\|_{\operatorname{div},r',e}.$$

Define the error function  $E = \frac{1}{2}[(x - x_e)^2 - h^2]$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} x - x_e &= \frac{1}{6}(E^2)_{xxx}, \quad (x - x_e)^2 = \frac{1}{45}(E^3)_{xxxx} + \frac{1}{5}h^2, \\ E^2 &= \frac{1}{420}(E^4)_{xxxx} - \frac{2}{21}h^2(E^2)_{xx} + \frac{2}{15}h^4. \end{aligned}$$

Hence the Taylor expansion shows that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_e (p_1 - j_h p_1) q_1 &= \int_e (p - j_h p) \left\{ q_1(x_e, y) + \frac{1}{3}(E^2)_{xxx}(q_1)_x(x_e, y) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \left[ \frac{1}{90}(E^3)_{xxxx} + \frac{1}{10}h^2 \right] (q_1)_{xx} \right\} \\ &\equiv \text{I} + \text{II} + \text{III}. \end{aligned} \tag{14}$$

Using definition (5), integration by parts and the property of  $E = 0$  on  $s_1$  and  $s_3$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \text{I} &= 0, \\ \text{III} &= \frac{1}{90} \int_e (p_1)_{xxxx} E^3 (q_1)_{xx} \\ &= \frac{1}{90} \int_e (p_1)_{xxxx} E^3 [(\operatorname{div} \mathbf{q})_x - (q_2)_{xy}] \\ &= \frac{1}{90} \int_e (p_1)_{xxxx} E^3 (\operatorname{div} \mathbf{q})_x - \frac{1}{90} \left( \int_{s_4} - \int_{s_2} \right) (p_1)_{xxxx} E^3 (q_2)_x dx \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{90} \int_e (p_1)_{xxxxy} E^3 (q_2)_x \\ &= h^5 r_{h,e}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) - \frac{1}{90} \left( \int_{s_4} - \int_{s_2} \right) (p_1)_{xxxx} E^3 (q_2)_x dx, \\ \text{II} &= -\frac{1}{3} \int_e (p_1)_{xxx} E^2 (q_1)_x(x_e, y) \\ &= -\frac{1}{3} \int_e (p_1)_{xxx} \left[ \frac{1}{420}(E^4)_{xxxx} - \frac{2}{21}h^2(E^2)_{xx} + \frac{2}{15}h^4 \right] [(q_1)_x - E_x(q_1)_{xx}] \\ &= -\frac{1}{3} \int_e (p_1)_{xxxx} \left[ \frac{1}{420}(E^4)_{xx} - \frac{2}{21}h^2 E^2 \right] [(q_1)_x - E_x(q_1)_{xx}] \\ &\quad - \frac{2}{45} h^4 \left( \int_{s_3} - \int_{s_1} \right) (p_1)_{xxx} q_1 dy + \frac{2}{45} h^4 \int_e (p_1)_{xxxx} q_1 \\ &\quad - \frac{2}{45} h^4 \int_e (p_1)_{xxxx} E (q_1)_{xx} \\ &\equiv h^5 r_{h,e}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) - \frac{2}{45} h^4 \left( \int_{s_3} - \int_{s_1} \right) (p_1)_{xxx} q_1 dy + \frac{2}{45} h^4 \int_e (p_1)_{xxxx} q_1 \\ &\quad + \int_e g(x) (p_1)_{xxxx} (q_1)_{xx}, \end{aligned} \tag{15}$$

where

$$g(x) = -\frac{2}{45} h^4 E,$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_e g(x)(p_1)_{xxxx}(q_1)_{xx} \\
&= \int_e g(x)(p_1)_{xxxx}[(\operatorname{div} \mathbf{q})_x - (q_2)_{xy}] \\
&= \int_e g(x)(p_1)_{xxxx}(\operatorname{div} \mathbf{q})_x + \left( \int_{s_4} - \int_{s_2} \right) g(x)(p_1)_{xxxx}(q_2)_x dx + \int_e g(x)(p_1)_{xxxxy}(q_2)_x.
\end{aligned}$$

i.e.

$$\begin{aligned}
\Pi &= \frac{2}{45} h^4 \int_e (p_1)_{xxxx} q_1 + \left( \int_{s_4} - \int_{s_2} \right) g(x)(p_1)_{xxxx}(q_2)_x dx + h^5 r_{h,e}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) \\
&\quad - \frac{2}{45} h^4 \left( \int_{s_3} - \int_{s_1} \right) (p_1)_{xxx} q_1 dy.
\end{aligned}$$

The fact the line integrals above terms will disappear during the summation of each element  $e \in T_h$  can completes the proof of Lemma 1.

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