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Two-Level Finite Element Iterative Algorithm Based on Stabilized Method for the Stationary Incompressible Magnetohydrodynamics

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Abstract: In this paper, based on the stabilization technique, the Oseen iterative method and the two-level finite element algorithm are combined to numerically solve the stationary incompressible magnetohydrodynamic (MHD) equations. For the low regularity of the magnetic field, when dealing with the magnetic field sub-problem, the Lagrange multiplier technique is used. The stabilized method is applied to approximate the flow field sub-problem to circumvent the inf-sup condition restrictions. One- and two-level stabilized finite element algorithms are presented, and their stability and convergence analysis is given. The two-level method uses the Oseen iteration to solve the nonlinear MHD equations on a coarse grid of size *H*, and then employs the linearized correction on a fine grid with grid size *h*. The error analysis shows that when the grid sizes satisfy $h = O(H^2)$, the two-level stabilization method has the same convergence order as the one-level one. However, the former saves more computational cost than the latter one. Finally, through some numerical experiments, it has been verified that our proposed method is effective. The two-level stabilized method takes less than half the time of the one-level one when using the second class Nédélec element to approximate magnetic field, and even takes almost a third of the computing time of the one-level one when adopting the first class Nédélec element.

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1. Introduction

Consider the following stationary incompressible MHD

$$-R_e^{-1}\Delta \mathbf{u} + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{u} + \nabla p - S_c \operatorname{curl} \mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{f}, \text{ in } \Omega,$$

$$R_m^{-1}S_c \operatorname{curl}(\operatorname{curl} \mathbf{b}) - S_c \operatorname{curl}(\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{b}) - \nabla r = \mathbf{g}, \text{ in } \Omega,$$

$$\operatorname{div} \mathbf{u} = 0, \quad \operatorname{div} \mathbf{b} = 0, \text{ in } \Omega,$$

$$\mathbf{u} = 0, \quad \mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0, \quad \mathbf{n} \times \operatorname{curl} \mathbf{b} = 0, \quad r = 0, \text{ on } \partial\Omega,$$
(1)

where $\Omega \in \mathbb{R}^d$ (d = 2, 3) is a bounded Lipschitz domain. R_e and R_m are the hydrodynamic and magnetic Reynolds numbers, respectively. S_c is the coupling number, and **f** and **g** are source terms with $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{g} = 0$. **n** is the unit outward normal vector on $\partial \Omega$.

Incompressible MHD describes the dynamics of a viscous, incompressible, electrically conducting fluid under an external magnetic field. The MHD (1) is a coupled multi-physical system of the classical Navier–Stokes equations and Maxwell's equations. MHD modelling has a number of applications in physics and engineering technology, such as radio wave propagation in ionosphere in geophysics, MHD engine, control of MHD boundary layer and liquid-metal MHD electricity generation (see [1]). Since MHD equations are strongly



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Copyright: © 2022 by the authors. Licensee MDPI, Basel, Switzerland. This article is an open access article distributed under the terms and conditions of the Creative Commons Attribution (CC BY) license (https:// creativecommons.org/licenses/by/ 4.0/). nonlinear and have many physical quantities, it is needed to find effective numerical methods to solve them.

For the MHD modelling (1) without the Lagrange multiplier *r* term, the early study of the exact penalty regularization finite element method on a convex domain is carried out in [2]. Based on this format, the nonconforming mixed finite element methods [3], the Stokes, Newton and Oseen finite element iterative methods [4,5], the penalty based finite element iterative methods [6], and the generalized Arrow–Hurwicz iterative methods [7] are investigated. In view of multi-physical coupling and nonlinearity of system (1), twolevel method and finite element iterative algorithms are combined by [8–12] to reduce the computing cost, and local and parallel finite element algorithms based on some iterations are proposed in [13-16]. On the other hand, a number of effective solvers based on the finite element methods are presented in [17-19]. To keep the physical property of the Gauss law of the magnetic field, the constrained transport divergence-free finite element method is designed in [20]. The coupled Stokes, Newton and Oseen-type iteration methods are studied and discussed for the (1) in [21] on a general Lipschitz domain. For the nonsmooth computational domain, the magnetic field belongs to a lower regularity space than $\mathbf{H}^{1}(\Omega)$, and the discrete finite element scheme with the Lagrange multiplier of (1) becomes a double-saddle points problem.

For the mixed finite element method, the component approximations must preserve the compatibility and satisfy the so-called inf-sup condition. It is well known that the lowest equal-order finite element pairs in engineering preferred do not satisfy the inf-sup condition. Numerical experiments show that the break of the inf-sup condition often leads to unphysical pressure oscillations. To avoid the instability problem and use the lowest equal-order elements, the popular stabilized methods based on local Gauss integrations are proposed and studied, for example, for the Stokes problem [22,23], the coupled Stokes– Darcy problem [24], the Stokes eigenvalue system [25], the Navier–Stokes equations [26–29] and the natural convection problem [30]. However, the stabilized finite element algorithm for MHD with respect to the Lagrange multiplier has not been reported.

In this paper, a two-level finite element iterative algorithm based on the stabilized method is proposed to numerically solve the stationary incompressible MHD equations. Compared to the existing literature, the stabilized scheme with the Lagrange multiplier proposed here have two main benefits. One is that the lowest equal-order finite element pairs can be used to approximate hydrodynamic subproblem, and the other is that our scheme preserve the physical property of Gauss law weakly for magnetic subproblem by adding the Lagrange multiplier. In the next section, the stabilized finite element discretization based on local Gauss integrations is designed and analyzed. To deal with the nonlinear term, the stabilized finite element method based on Oseen iteration is studied. The two-level stabilized finite element algorithm and its convergence are given in Section 3. In the last section, some numerical experiments are tested to support the theoretical analysis of our proposed method.

2. Stabilized Finite Element Discretization Based on Local Gauss Integrations

We will introduce some Sobolev spaces, and the norms of the product spaces:

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{H}^{1}(\Omega) &= H^{1}(\Omega)^{d}, \, \mathbf{X} := \mathbf{H}^{1}_{0}(\Omega) = \{\mathbf{u} \in \mathbf{H}^{1}(\Omega) : \mathbf{u}|_{\partial\Omega} = 0\}, \\ H(\operatorname{div}; \Omega) &= \{\mathbf{u} \in L^{2}(\Omega)^{d} : \operatorname{div} \mathbf{u} \in L^{2}(\Omega)\}, \\ \mathbf{W} := H_{0}(\operatorname{curl}; \Omega) = \{\mathbf{b} \in H(\operatorname{curl}; \Omega) : \mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{n}|_{\partial\Omega} = 0\}, \\ Q := L^{2}_{0}(\Omega) &= \{q \in L^{2}(\Omega) : \int_{\Omega} q dx = 0\}, S := H^{1}_{0}(\Omega), \\ ||(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{b})||_{1} = (||\nabla \mathbf{u}||_{0}^{2} + S_{c}||\operatorname{curl} \mathbf{b}||_{0}^{2})^{\frac{1}{2}}, \quad ||(p, r)|| = (||p||_{0}^{2} + ||\nabla r||_{0}^{2})^{\frac{1}{2}}, \\ ||(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{b})||_{0} = (||\mathbf{u}||_{0}^{2} + S_{c}||\mathbf{b}||_{0}^{2})^{\frac{1}{2}}, ||\mathbf{f}||_{-1} = \sup_{\mathbf{v} \in \mathbf{H}^{1}_{0}(\Omega)} \frac{\langle \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{v} \rangle}{||\nabla \mathbf{v}||_{0}}, \\ ||\mathcal{F}||_{*} &= (||\mathbf{f}||_{-1}^{2} + S_{c}^{-1}||\mathbf{g}||_{0}^{2})^{\frac{1}{2}}, \quad ||\mathcal{F}||_{0} = (||\mathbf{f}||_{0}^{2} + S_{c}^{-1}||\mathbf{g}||_{0}^{2})^{\frac{1}{2}}. \end{split}$$

For all $\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \in \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c}, \mathbf{d} \in \mathbf{W}, q \in Q, s \in S$, let

 $a_{s}(\mathbf{u},\mathbf{v}) = R_{e}^{-1}(\nabla \mathbf{u},\nabla \mathbf{v}), a_{m}(\mathbf{b},\mathbf{c}) = R_{m}^{-1}S_{c}(\operatorname{curl}\mathbf{b},\operatorname{curl}\mathbf{c}),$ $c_{0}(\mathbf{w},\mathbf{u},\mathbf{v}) = (\mathbf{w}\cdot\nabla\mathbf{u},\mathbf{v}) = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{w}\cdot\nabla\mathbf{u},\mathbf{v}) - \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{w}\cdot\nabla\mathbf{v},\mathbf{u}),$ $c_{1}(\mathbf{d},\mathbf{v},\mathbf{b}) = S_{c}(\operatorname{curl}\mathbf{b}\times\mathbf{d},\mathbf{v}),$ $b_{s}(q,\mathbf{v}) = (q,\nabla\cdot\mathbf{v}), b_{m}(s,\mathbf{c}) = (\nabla s,\mathbf{c}),$ $\mathcal{A}(\mathbf{u},\mathbf{b};\mathbf{v},\mathbf{c}) = a_{s}(\mathbf{u},\mathbf{v}) + a_{m}(\mathbf{b},\mathbf{c}),$ $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{w},\mathbf{d};\mathbf{u},\mathbf{b};\mathbf{v},\mathbf{c}) = c_{0}(\mathbf{w},\mathbf{u},\mathbf{v}) - c_{1}(\mathbf{d},\mathbf{v},\mathbf{b}) + c_{1}(\mathbf{d},\mathbf{u},\mathbf{c}),$ $\mathcal{B}(q,s;\mathbf{v},\mathbf{c}) = b_{s}(q,\mathbf{v}) + b_{m}(s,\mathbf{c}),$ $\langle \mathcal{F}_{r}(\mathbf{v},\mathbf{c}) \rangle = \langle \mathbf{f},\mathbf{v} \rangle + (\mathbf{g},\mathbf{c}).$

By the Lagrange multiplier technique, the variational form of system (1) is [31]: Find $(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{b}, p, r) \in \mathbf{X} \times \mathbf{W} \times Q \times S$, for all $(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{c}, q, s) \in \mathbf{X} \times \mathbf{W} \times Q \times S$ such that

$$a_s(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) - b_s(p, \mathbf{v}) + b_s(q, \mathbf{u}) + c_0(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) - c_1(\mathbf{b}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{b}) = \langle \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{v} \rangle,$$
(2)

$$a_m(\mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c}) - b_m(r, \mathbf{c}) + b_m(s, \mathbf{b}) + c_1(\mathbf{b}, \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{c}) = (\mathbf{g}, \mathbf{c}).$$
(3)

The compact form of (2) and (3) is read as

$$\mathcal{A}(\mathbf{u},\mathbf{b};\mathbf{v},\mathbf{c}) + \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{u},\mathbf{b};\mathbf{u},\mathbf{b};\mathbf{v},\mathbf{c}) - \mathcal{B}(p,r;\mathbf{v},\mathbf{c}) + \mathcal{B}(q,s;\mathbf{u},\mathbf{b}) = \langle \mathcal{F}, (\mathbf{v},\mathbf{c}) \rangle.$$
(4)

The properties of the bilinear and trilinear forms from [32–34] are useful for our analysis. For all $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \in \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c} \in \mathbf{W}, q \in Q, r \in S$, there have

$$|\mathcal{A}(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{b}; \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{c})| \le \bar{v} ||(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{b})||_1 ||(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{c})||_1, \bar{v} = \max\{R_e^{-1}, R_m^{-1}\},$$
(5)

$$\mathcal{A}(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{b}; \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{b}) \ge \underline{v} || (\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{b}) ||_{1}^{2}, \underline{v} = \min\{R_{e}^{-1}, R_{m}^{-1}\lambda_{0}\},$$
(6)

$$\mathcal{B}(q,s;\mathbf{v},\mathbf{c}) \le \sqrt{d||(q,s)||||(\mathbf{v},\mathbf{c})||_1},\tag{7}$$

$$\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{d}; \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{b}; \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{b}) = 0, \tag{8}$$

$$|\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{d}; \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{b}; \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{c})| \le \hat{N} ||(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{d})||_1 ||(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{b})||_1 ||(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{c})||_1,$$
(9)

where \hat{N} and λ_0 are positive constants that depend only on Ω . In the next content, we use *C* to represent a general positive constant independent of mesh sizes *H* and *h*.

H and $h(h \ll H)$ are now two real positive parameters that tend to 0. \mathcal{T}_H is a uniformly regular partition of Ω into triangular(d = 2) or tetrahedral(d = 3) element *K* with diameters bounded by *H*, and \mathcal{T}_h is the fine mesh generated by a mesh refinement process to \mathcal{T}_H . Let $\mathcal{T}_\mu(\mu = H, h)$ is a partition. $P_k(K)$ is the space of polynomials of degree *k* (positive integers) over *K*. P_1 element is utilized to approximate the velocity field, pressure and Lagrange multiplier, and two kinds of lowest order Nédélec elements are applied to approximate the magnetic field. The subspaces of **X**, **W**, *Q*, *S* are

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{X}_{\mu} &:= \{ \mathbf{u}_{\mu} \in \mathbf{H}_{0}^{1}(\Omega) : \mathbf{u}_{\mu}|_{K} \in P_{1}(K)^{d}, \forall K \in \mathcal{T}_{\mu} \}, \\ \mathbf{W}_{\mu} &:= \{ \mathbf{b}_{\mu} \in H_{0}(\operatorname{curl}; \Omega) : \mathbf{b}_{\mu}|_{K} \in \mathcal{N}_{1}^{(l)}(K), \forall K \in \mathcal{T}_{\mu} \}, l = 1, 2, \\ Q_{\mu} &:= \{ q_{\mu} \in L_{0}^{2}(\Omega) : q_{\mu}|_{K} \in P_{1}(K), \forall K \in \mathcal{T}_{\mu} \}, \\ S_{\mu} &:= \{ r_{\mu} \in H_{0}^{1}(\Omega) : r_{\mu}|_{K} \in P_{1}(K), \forall K \in \mathcal{T}_{\mu} \}, \\ \mathbf{V}_{\mu} &:= \{ \mathbf{u}_{\mu} \in \mathbf{X}_{\mu} : b_{s}(q_{\mu}, \mathbf{u}_{\mu}) = 0, \forall q_{\mu} \in Q_{\mu} \}, \\ \mathbb{C}_{\mu} &:= \{ \mathbf{b}_{\mu} \in \mathbf{W}_{\mu} : b_{m}(s_{\mu}, \mathbf{b}_{\mu}) = 0, \forall s_{\mu} \in S_{\mu} \}. \end{split}$$

Here, Nédélec elements of the first family and the second one are as follows [35]

$$\mathcal{N}_{k}^{(1)}(K) = [P_{k-1}(K)]^{d} \oplus \mathcal{D}_{k}(K), \mathcal{D}_{k}(K) = \left\{ \mathbf{p} \in [\tilde{P}_{k}(K)]^{d} \middle| \mathbf{p}(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \mathbf{x} = 0, \text{ in } K \right\},$$
$$\mathcal{N}_{k}^{(2)}(K) = [P_{k}(K)]^{d},$$

where $[\tilde{P}_k(K)]^d$ is the homogeneous polynomials of degree *k*.

 \mathbf{W}_{μ} and S_{μ} satisfy the discrete inf-sup condition [31]

$$\sup_{\mathbf{c}_{\mu}\in\mathbf{W}_{\mu}}\frac{b_{m}(s_{\mu},\mathbf{c}_{\mu})}{\|\operatorname{curl}\mathbf{c}_{\mu}\|_{0}} \geq \hat{\beta}\|\nabla s_{\mu}\|_{0}, \forall s_{\mu}\in S_{\mu},$$
(10)

where the constant
$$\hat{\beta} > 0$$
 is independent of μ .

Denote P_{μ} and $R_{0\mu}$ by the L^2 -orthogonal projectors

$$P_{\mu}: L^{2}(\Omega) \to \mathbf{V}_{\mu}, R_{0\mu}: L^{2}(\Omega) \to \mathbb{C}_{\mu}.$$

Define the discrete Stokes operator by $A_{1\mu} = -P_{\mu}\Delta_{\mu}$, in which Δ_{μ} is defined by (see [32,33])

$$-(\Delta_{\mu}\mathbf{u}_{\mu},\mathbf{v})=(\nabla\mathbf{u}_{\mu},\nabla\mathbf{v}),\,\forall\mathbf{u}_{\mu},\,\mathbf{v}\in\mathbf{X}_{\mu},$$

and the discrete norm $\|\mathbf{u}_{\mu}\|_{k,\mu} = \left\|A_{1\mu}^{\frac{k}{2}}\mathbf{u}_{\mu}\right\|_{0}$ of the $k \in R$ order, where

$$\|\mathbf{u}_{\mu}\|_{1,\mu} = \|\nabla \mathbf{u}_{\mu}\|_{0}, \|\mathbf{u}_{\mu}\|_{2,\mu} = \|A_{1\mu}\mathbf{u}_{\mu}\|_{0}, \forall \mathbf{u}_{\mu} \in \mathbf{X}_{\mu}.$$

Meanwhile, $A_{2\mu}\mathbf{b}_{\mu} = R_{0\mu}(\nabla_{\mu} \times \nabla \times \mathbf{b}_{\mu} + \mathbf{b}_{\mu})$ is defined as [33]:

$$(\nabla_{\mu} \times \nabla \times \mathbf{b}_{\mu}, \mathbf{c}) = (\nabla \times \mathbf{b}_{\mu}, \nabla \times \mathbf{c}), \ \forall \mathbf{c} \in \mathbf{W}_{\mu}.$$

It is necessary to introduce some discrete estimates [33,34]

$$\begin{aligned} \|\nabla \mathbf{v}_{\mu}\|_{L^{3}} + \|\mathbf{v}_{\mu}\|_{L^{\infty}} &\leq \|\nabla \mathbf{v}_{\mu}\|_{0}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|A_{1\mu}\mathbf{v}_{\mu}\|_{0}^{\frac{1}{2}}, \\ \|\nabla \mathbf{v}_{\mu}\|_{L^{6}} &\leq C \|A_{1\mu}\mathbf{v}_{\mu}\|_{0}, \ \forall \mathbf{v}_{\mu} \in \mathbf{X}_{\mu}. \end{aligned}$$
(11)

The trilinear form $C(\cdot, \cdot, \cdot)$ has the properties [34]: for all \mathbf{w}_{μ} , \mathbf{u}_{μ} , $\mathbf{v}_{\mu} \in \mathbf{X}_{\mu}$, \mathbf{d}_{μ} , \mathbf{b}_{μ} , $\mathbf{c}_{\mu} \in \mathbf{W}_{\mu}$,

$$|\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{w}_{\mu}, \mathbf{d}_{\mu}; \mathbf{u}_{\mu}, \mathbf{b}_{\mu}; \mathbf{v}_{\mu}, \mathbf{c}_{\mu})| + |\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{u}_{\mu}, \mathbf{b}_{\mu}; \mathbf{w}_{\mu}, \mathbf{d}_{\mu}; \mathbf{v}_{\mu}, \mathbf{c}_{\mu})| \le \hat{N} \|(A_{1\mu}\mathbf{w}_{\mu}, A_{2\mu}\mathbf{d}_{\mu})\|_{0} \|(\mathbf{u}_{\mu}, \mathbf{b}_{\mu})\|_{0} \|(\mathbf{v}_{\mu}, \mathbf{c}_{\mu})\|_{1}.$$
(12)

It is apparent that the discrete inf-sup condition is not valid to the subspace X_{μ} and Q_{μ} . To meet the needs of this property, as in [22,26], a mixed stability term with the universal bilinear form is added:

$$\mathcal{D}_{\mu}(\mathbf{u}_{\mu}, p_{\mu}; \mathbf{v}_{\mu}, q_{\mu}) = a_s(\mathbf{u}_{\mu}, \mathbf{v}_{\mu}) - b_s(p_{\mu}, \mathbf{v}_{\mu}) + b_s(q_{\mu}, \mathbf{u}_{\mu}) + G(p_{\mu}, q_{\mu}),$$
(13)

where

$$G(p_{\mu},q_{\mu})=\sum_{K\in\mathcal{T}_{\mu}}\left(\int_{K,k}p_{\mu}q_{\mu}d\xi-\int_{K,1}p_{\mu}q_{\mu}d\xi\right),\ k\geq 2,$$

for all $p_{\mu}, q_{\mu} \in Q_{\mu}, \int_{K,i} p_{\mu}q_{\mu}d\xi$ means that makes use of an *i*-order(*i* = 1,2) local Gauss integral to calculate it over the element K.

Let $\Pi_{\mu} : L^2(\Omega) \to P_0$ be a L^2 -projection with the properties as follows [22,36]:

$$\begin{aligned} &(p,q_{\mu}) = (\Pi_{\mu}p,q_{\mu}), \forall p \in L^{2}(\Omega), q_{\mu} \in Q_{\mu}, \\ &\|\Pi_{\mu}p\|_{0} \leq C\|p\|_{0}, \forall p \in L^{2}(\Omega), \\ &\|p - \Pi_{\mu}p\|_{0} \leq C\mu^{\min\{1,\gamma\}}\|p\|_{\gamma}, \forall p \in H^{1}(\Omega) \cap H^{\gamma}(\Omega). \end{aligned}$$
(14)

As a consequence, the local Gauss integral can be restated as:

$$G(p_{\mu},q) = (p_{\mu} - \Pi_{\mu}p_{\mu}, q - \Pi_{\mu}q), \ \forall p_{\mu}, q \in Q_{\mu}.$$
(15)

 $\mathcal{D}_{\mu}(\cdot, \cdot; \cdot, \cdot)$ satisfies the following important properties (see [22,26]): For all $(\mathbf{u}_{\mu}, p_{\mu}), (\mathbf{v}_{\mu}, q_{\mu}) \in \mathbf{X}_{\mu} \times Q_{\mu}$,

$$\sup_{(\mathbf{v},q)\in(\mathbf{X}_{\mu},Q_{\mu})}\frac{|\mathcal{D}_{\mu}(\mathbf{u}_{\mu},p_{\mu};\mathbf{v},q)|}{\|\nabla\mathbf{v}\|_{0}+\|q\|_{0}} \geq \hat{\beta}(R_{e}^{-1}\|\nabla\mathbf{u}_{\mu}\|_{0}+\|p_{\mu}\|_{0}).$$
(16)

The stabilized discrete scheme reads: Find $(\mathbf{u}_{\mu}, \mathbf{b}_{\mu}, p_{\mu}, r_{\mu}) \in \mathbf{X}_{\mu} \times \mathbf{W}_{\mu} \times Q_{\mu} \times S_{\mu}$, for all $(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{c}, q, s) \in \mathbf{X}_{\mu} \times \mathbf{W}_{\mu} \times Q_{\mu} \times S_{\mu}$, such that

$$a_{s}(\mathbf{u}_{\mu},\mathbf{v}) + c_{0}(\mathbf{u}_{\mu},\mathbf{u}_{\mu},\mathbf{v}) - c_{1}(\mathbf{b}_{\mu},\mathbf{v},\mathbf{b}_{\mu}) - b_{s}(p_{\mu},\mathbf{v}) + b_{s}(q,\mathbf{u}_{\mu}) + G(p_{\mu},q) + \frac{\sigma\mu}{R_{c}^{-1}}a_{s}(\mathbf{u}_{\mu},\mathbf{v}) = \langle \mathbf{f},\mathbf{v}\rangle,$$

$$a_{m}(\mathbf{b}_{\mu},\mathbf{c}) + c_{1}(\mathbf{b}_{\mu},\mathbf{u}_{\mu},\mathbf{c}) - b_{m}(r_{\mu},\mathbf{c}) + b_{m}(s,\mathbf{b}_{\mu}) = (\mathbf{g},\mathbf{c}),$$
(17)

where $\sigma > 0$ is an artificial viscosity parameter, (17) can be rewritten as:

$$\mathcal{A}(\mathbf{u}_{\mu}, \mathbf{b}_{\mu}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{c}) + \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{u}_{\mu}, \mathbf{b}_{\mu}; \mathbf{u}_{\mu}, \mathbf{b}_{\mu}; \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{c}) + \frac{\partial \mu}{R_{e}^{-1}} a_{s}(\mathbf{u}_{\mu}, \mathbf{v}) + G(p_{\mu}, q) - \mathcal{B}(p_{\mu}, r_{\mu}; \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{c}) + \mathcal{B}(q, s; \mathbf{u}_{\mu}, \mathbf{b}_{\mu}) = \langle \mathcal{F}, (\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{c}) \rangle.$$
(18)

Let

$$\mathcal{A}_{\mu}(\mathbf{u}_{\mu},\mathbf{b}_{\mu};\mathbf{v},\mathbf{c}) = \mathcal{A}(\mathbf{u}_{\mu},\mathbf{b}_{\mu};\mathbf{v},\mathbf{c}) + \frac{\sigma\mu}{R_{e}^{-1}}a_{s}(\mathbf{u}_{\mu},\mathbf{v})$$

Then the bilinear form \mathcal{A}_{μ} satisfies the following coercive and continuous properties:

$$|\mathcal{A}_{\mu}(\mathbf{u}_{\mu}, \mathbf{b}_{\mu}; \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{c})| \leq C_{max} \|(\mathbf{u}_{\mu}, \mathbf{b}_{\mu})\|_{1} \|(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{c})\|_{1},$$
(19)

$$\mathcal{A}_{\mu}(\mathbf{u}_{\mu}, \mathbf{b}_{\mu}; \mathbf{u}_{\mu}, \mathbf{b}_{\mu}) \ge C_{min} \|(\mathbf{u}_{\mu}, \mathbf{b}_{\mu})\|_{1}^{2},$$
(20)

where

$$C_{max} = \{R_e^{-1} + \sigma\mu, R_m^{-1}\}, C_{min} = \{R_e^{-1} + \sigma\mu, R_m^{-1}\lambda_0\}.$$

Rewrite (18) as

$$\mathcal{A}_{\mu}(\mathbf{u}_{\mu}, \mathbf{b}_{\mu}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{c}) + \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{u}_{\mu}, \mathbf{b}_{\mu}; \mathbf{u}_{\mu}, \mathbf{b}_{\mu}; \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{c}) + G(p_{\mu}, q) -\mathcal{B}(p_{\mu}, r_{\mu}; \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{c}) + \mathcal{B}(q, s; \mathbf{u}_{\mu}, \mathbf{b}_{\mu}) = \langle \mathcal{F}, (\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{c}) \rangle.$$
(21)

In order to derive error estimates, we introduce two projections. The Stokes projection is defined as follows [26,36] : Find $R(\mathbf{u}, p) \in \mathbf{X}_{\mu}, Q(\mathbf{u}, p) \in Q_{\mu}$ such that

$$a_s(\mathbf{u} - R(\mathbf{u}, p), \mathbf{v}) - b_s(p - Q(\mathbf{u}, p), \mathbf{v}) + b_s(q, \mathbf{u} - R(\mathbf{u}, p)) = 0,$$
(22)

for all $(\mathbf{v}, q) \in \mathbf{X}_{\mu} \times Q_{\mu}$. If $\mathbf{u} \in \mathbf{H}^{1+\gamma}(\Omega), p \in H^{\gamma}(\Omega), \gamma > \frac{1}{2}$, there holds [26,36]

$$\|\mathbf{u} - R(\mathbf{u}, p)\|_{0} + \mu(\|\nabla(\mathbf{u} - R(\mathbf{u}, p))\|_{0} + \|p - Q(\mathbf{u}, p)\|_{0}) \\ \leq C\mu^{\min\{2, \gamma+1\}}(\|\mathbf{u}\|_{1+\gamma} + \|p\|_{\gamma}).$$
(23)

The Maxwell's projection is defined by [37]: Assume that $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbf{H}^{\tau}(\Omega)$, curl $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbf{H}^{\tau}(\Omega)$, $\tau > \frac{1}{2}$, find $\Lambda \mathbf{b} \in \mathbf{W}_{\mu}$, $\Lambda r \in S_{\mu}$ such that

$$a_m(\mathbf{b} - \Lambda \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c}) - b_m(r - \Lambda r, \mathbf{c}) + b_m(s, \mathbf{b} - \Lambda \mathbf{b}) = 0, \ \forall \mathbf{b} \in \mathbf{W}, r \in S.$$
(24)

By the property of Λ , it can be shown that

$$\begin{aligned} |\operatorname{curl} \mathbf{b} - \operatorname{curl} \Lambda \mathbf{b} \|_{0} + \|\mathbf{b} - \Lambda \mathbf{b} \|_{0} + \|\nabla (r - \Lambda r)\|_{0} \\ &\leq C \mu^{\min\{1,\tau\}} (\|\mathbf{b}\|_{\tau} + \|\operatorname{curl} \mathbf{b} \|_{\tau} + \|r\|_{\tau+1}). \end{aligned}$$
(25)

Now, we will give the stability and error estimate for the problem (21).

Lemma 1. Suppose the condition $\sigma_1 := \frac{\hat{N} ||\mathcal{F}||_*}{(C_{min})^2} < 1$ holds, the solution of the problem (21) satisfies

$$C_{min} \| (\mathbf{u}_{\mu}, \mathbf{b}_{\mu}) \|_{1} \le \| \mathcal{F} \|_{*},$$
 (26)

$$C_{min}(1-\sigma_1) \| (A_{1\mu} \mathbf{u}_{\mu}, A_{2\mu} \mathbf{b}_{\mu}) \|_0 \le \| \mathcal{F} \|_0.$$
⁽²⁷⁾

Proof. For (21), taking $(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{b}, q, s) = (\mathbf{u}_{\mu}, \mathbf{b}_{\mu}, p_{\mu}, r_{\mu}) \in \mathbf{X}_{\mu} \times \mathbf{W}_{\mu} \times Q_{\mu} \times S_{\mu}$, then by (8), we have

$$\mathcal{A}_{\mu}(\mathbf{u}_{\mu},\mathbf{b}_{\mu},\mathbf{u}_{\mu},\mathbf{b}_{\mu})+G(p_{\mu},p_{\mu})=\langle \mathcal{F},(\mathbf{u}_{\mu},\mathbf{b}_{\mu})\rangle.$$

Using (20) and (15), we can easily receive (26).

Replacing $(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{c}) = (A_{1\mu}\mathbf{u}_{\mu}, A_{2\mu}\mathbf{b}_{\mu}), q = 0, s = 0$ in (21), and applying (12) to have

$$C_{min} \| (A_{1\mu} \mathbf{u}_{\mu}, A_{2\mu} \mathbf{b}_{\mu}) \|_{0} \leq \| \mathcal{F} \|_{0} + \hat{N} \| (A_{1\mu} \mathbf{u}_{\mu}, A_{2\mu} \mathbf{b}_{\mu}) \|_{0} \| (\mathbf{u}_{\mu}, \mathbf{b}_{\mu}) \|_{1} \\ \leq \| \mathcal{F} \|_{0} + \hat{N} \| (A_{1\mu} \mathbf{u}_{\mu}, A_{2\mu} \mathbf{b}_{\mu}) \|_{0} \frac{\| \mathcal{F} \|_{*}}{C_{min}}.$$

Furthermore, we arrive at (27). \Box

Theorem 1. Let $(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{b}, p, r)$ be the solution of the problem (4) satisfying $\mathbf{u} \in \mathbf{H}^{1+\gamma}(\Omega), p \in H^{\gamma}(\Omega), \mathbf{b} \in \mathbf{H}^{\tau}(\Omega), \operatorname{curl} \mathbf{b} \in \mathbf{H}^{\tau}(\Omega), r \in H^{1+\tau}(\Omega), \gamma, \tau > \frac{1}{2}$. Then, the error estimate $(\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_{\mu}, \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b}_{\mu})$ and $(p - p_{\mu}, r - r_{\mu})$ of the solution (18) satisfying the upper bound

$$\begin{aligned} \| (\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_{\mu}, \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b}_{\mu}) \|_{1} \\ &\leq C \mu^{\min\{1, \gamma, \tau\}} (\|\mathbf{u}\|_{1+\gamma} + \|\mathbf{b}\|_{\tau} + \|\operatorname{curl} \mathbf{b}\|_{\tau} + \|p\|_{\gamma} + \|r\|_{1+\tau}) \\ &+ C \sigma \mu \|\mathcal{F}\|_{*}. \end{aligned}$$
(28)

$$\begin{aligned} \|(p - p_{\mu}, r - r_{\mu})\| \\ &\leq C \mu^{\min\{1, \gamma, \tau\}} (\|\mathbf{u}\|_{1+\gamma} + \|\mathbf{b}\|_{\tau} + \|\operatorname{curl} \mathbf{b}\|_{\tau} + \|p\|_{\gamma} + \|r\|_{1+\tau}) \\ &+ C \sigma \mu \|\mathcal{F}\|_{*}. \end{aligned}$$
(29)

$$\begin{aligned} \| (\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_{\mu}, \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b}_{\mu}) \|_{0} \\ &\leq C \mu^{\min\{2, \gamma+1, \tau+1\}} (\|\mathbf{u}\|_{1+\gamma} + \|\mathbf{b}\|_{\tau} + \|\operatorname{curl} \mathbf{b}\|_{\tau} + \|p\|_{\gamma} + \|r\|_{1+\tau}) + C \mu^{2}. \end{aligned}$$
(30)

The proof of Theorem 1 is shown in the section of Appendix A.

In the following, the Oseen iteration is used to linearize the stabilized finite element discrete form (17). The stability and convergence is proven. The stabilized finite element algorithm based on Oseen iteration is stated as follows: Given $(\mathbf{u}_{\mu}^{n-1}, \mathbf{b}_{\mu}^{n-1}, p_{\mu}^{n-1}, r_{\mu}^{n-1})$, find $(\mathbf{u}_{\mu}^{n}, \mathbf{b}_{\mu}^{n}, p_{\mu}^{n}, r_{\mu}^{n}) \in \mathbf{X}_{\mu} \times \mathbf{W}_{\mu} \times Q_{\mu} \times S_{\mu}$ such that

$$a_{s}(\mathbf{u}_{\mu}^{n},\mathbf{v}) + c_{0}(\mathbf{u}_{\mu}^{n-1},\mathbf{u}_{\mu}^{n},\mathbf{v}) - c_{1}(\mathbf{b}_{\mu}^{n-1},\mathbf{v},\mathbf{b}_{\mu}^{n}) - b_{s}(p_{\mu}^{n},\mathbf{v}) + b_{s}(q,\mathbf{u}_{\mu}^{n}) + G(p_{\mu}^{n},q) + \frac{\sigma_{\mu}}{R_{e}^{-1}}a_{s}(\mathbf{u}_{\mu}^{n},\mathbf{v}) = \langle \mathbf{f},\mathbf{v} \rangle,$$
(31)

$$a_m(\mathbf{b}_{\mu}^n,\mathbf{c}) + c_1(\mathbf{b}_{\mu}^{n-1},\mathbf{u}_{\mu}^n,\mathbf{c}) - b_m(r_{\mu}^n,\mathbf{c}) + b_m(s,\mathbf{b}_{\mu}^n) = (\mathbf{g},\mathbf{c}).$$
(32)

Here, the initial value $(\mathbf{u}_{\mu}^{0}, \mathbf{b}_{\mu}^{0}, p_{\mu}^{0}, r_{\mu}^{0}) \in \mathbf{X}_{\mu} \times \mathbf{W}_{\mu} \times Q_{\mu} \times S_{\mu}$ is given by

$$a_s(\mathbf{u}^0_{\mu}, \mathbf{v}) - b_s(p^0_{\mu}, \mathbf{v}) + b_s(q, \mathbf{u}^0_{\mu}) + G(p^0_{\mu}, q) + \frac{\sigma_{\mu}}{R_e^{-1}} a_s(\mathbf{u}^0_{\mu}, \mathbf{v}) = \langle \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{v} \rangle,$$
(33)

$$a_m(\mathbf{b}^0_{\mu}, \mathbf{c}) - b_m(r^0_{\mu}, \mathbf{c}) + b_m(s, \mathbf{b}^0_{\mu}) = (\mathbf{g}, \mathbf{c}).$$
(34)

Rewrite (31) and (32) in compact form as

$$\mathcal{A}_{\mu}(\mathbf{u}_{\mu}^{n}, \mathbf{b}_{\mu}^{n}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{c}) + \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{u}_{\mu}^{n-1}, \mathbf{b}_{\mu}^{n-1}; \mathbf{u}_{\mu}^{n}, \mathbf{b}_{\mu}^{n}; \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{c}) + G(p_{\mu}^{n}, q) - \mathcal{B}(p_{\mu}^{n}, r_{\mu}^{n}; \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{c}) + \mathcal{B}(q, s; \mathbf{u}_{\mu}^{n}, \mathbf{b}_{\mu}^{n}) = \langle \mathcal{F}, (\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{c}) \rangle,$$
(35)

for $n = 1, 2, \cdots$, for all $(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{c}, q, s) \in \mathbf{X}_{\mu} \times \mathbf{W}_{\mu} \times Q_{\mu} \times S_{\mu}$.

Lemma 2. If the condition $0 < \sigma_1 < 1$ holds, for all $m \ge 0$, then the solution $(\mathbf{u}_{\mu}^m, \mathbf{b}_{\mu}^m, p_{\mu}^m, r_{\mu}^m)$ of (35) satisfies $C_{min} \|(\mathbf{u}_{\mu}^m, \mathbf{b}_{\mu}^m)\|_{1} + \|(\mathbf{u}_{\mu}^m, \mathbf{r}_{\mu}^m)\| \le C \|\mathcal{F}\|$ (26)

$$_{min} \| (\mathbf{u}_{\mu}^{m}, \mathbf{b}_{\mu}^{m}) \|_{1} + \| (p_{\mu}^{m}, r_{\mu}^{m}) \| \le C \| \mathcal{F} \|_{*},$$
(36)

$$\|(A_{1\mu}\mathbf{u}_{\mu}^{m}, A_{2\mu}\mathbf{b}_{\mu}^{m})\|_{0} \le C\|\mathcal{F}\|_{0}.$$
(37)

Proof. For m = 0, taking $(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{b}, q, s) = (\mathbf{u}_{\mu}^{0}, \mathbf{b}_{\mu}^{0}, p_{\mu}^{0}, r_{\mu}^{0}) \in \mathbf{X}_{\mu} \times \mathbf{W}_{\mu} \times Q_{\mu} \times S_{\mu}$ in (33) and (34), we can access

$$a_{s}(\mathbf{u}_{\mu}^{0},\mathbf{u}_{\mu}^{0}) + a_{m}(\mathbf{b}_{\mu}^{0},\mathbf{b}_{\mu}^{0}) + G(p_{\mu}^{0},p_{\mu}^{0}) + \frac{\sigma\mu}{R_{e}^{-1}}a_{s}(\mathbf{u}_{\mu}^{0},\mathbf{u}_{\mu}^{0}) = \langle \mathbf{f},\mathbf{u}_{\mu}^{0}\rangle + (\mathbf{g},\mathbf{b}_{\mu}^{0})$$

Using (20), we have

$$C_{min} \| (\mathbf{u}^0_{\mu}, \mathbf{b}^0_{\mu}) \|_1 \le \| \mathcal{F} \|_*.$$

For m = J, assuming that (36) holds, it is sufficient to prove that it also holds for m = J + 1. Let m = J + 1 take $(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{c}, q, s) = (\mathbf{u}_{\mu}^{J+1}, \mathbf{b}_{\mu}^{J+1}, p_{\mu}^{J+1}, r_{\mu}^{J+1}) \in \mathbf{X}_{\mu} \times \mathbf{W}_{\mu} \times Q_{\mu} \times S_{\mu}$ in (33) and (34), using (8), we get

$$a_{s}(\mathbf{u}_{\mu}^{J+1},\mathbf{u}_{\mu}^{J+1}) + a_{m}(\mathbf{b}_{\mu}^{J+1},\mathbf{b}_{\mu}^{J+1}) + G(p_{\mu}^{J+1},p_{\mu}^{J+1}) + \frac{\sigma_{\mu}}{R_{e}^{-1}}a_{s}(\mathbf{u}_{\mu}^{J+1},\mathbf{u}_{\mu}^{J+1}) = (\mathbf{f},\mathbf{u}_{\mu}^{J+1}) + (\mathbf{g},\mathbf{b}_{\mu}^{J+1}).$$

and by applying (20) and (8), we derive that

$$C_{min} \| (\mathbf{u}_{\mu}^{J+1}, \mathbf{b}_{\mu}^{J+1}) \|_{1} \leq \| \mathcal{F} \|_{*}.$$

Thus, the proof of the first part of (36) has been finished. Applying (16) to (31), and using (10) in (32) with s = 0, we have

$$\hat{\beta} \Big(R_e^{-1} \| \nabla \mathbf{u}_{\mu}^m \|_0 + \| p_{\mu}^m \|_0 \Big) + \hat{\beta} \| \nabla r_{\mu}^m \|_0 \\ \leq C \hat{N} \| (\mathbf{u}_{\mu}^{m-1}, \mathbf{b}_{\mu}^{m-1}) \|_1 \| (\mathbf{u}_{\mu}^m, \mathbf{b}_{\mu}^m) \|_1 \\ + C \Big(\sigma \mu C_{max} \| (\mathbf{u}_{\mu}^m, \mathbf{b}_{\mu}^m) \|_1 + \| \mathcal{F} \|_* \Big)$$

Combining with the stability of $\|(\mathbf{u}_{\mu}^{m}, \mathbf{b}_{\mu}^{m})\|_{1}$, we can complete the proof of (36). Similar to (27), (37) can be derived. The proof ends. \Box

Next, we will establish the upper bound of error $(\mathbf{u}_{\mu} - \mathbf{u}_{\mu}^{m}, \mathbf{b}_{\mu} - \mathbf{b}_{\mu}^{m}, p_{\mu} - p_{\mu}^{m}, r_{\mu} - r_{\mu}^{m})$. For convenience, let $(\mathbf{e}^{m}, \mathbf{b}^{m}, \eta^{m}, \tau^{m}) = (\mathbf{u}_{\mu} - \mathbf{u}_{\mu}^{m}, \mathbf{b}_{\mu} - \mathbf{b}_{\mu}^{m}, p_{\mu} - p_{\mu}^{m}, r_{\mu} - r_{\mu}^{m})$.

Theorem 2. Suppose that $0 < \sigma_1 < 1$, for all $m \ge 0$, $(\mathbf{e}^m, \mathbf{b}^m, \eta^m, \tau^m)$ satisfies

$$C_{min} \|(\mathbf{e}^{m}, \mathbf{b}^{m})\|_{1} \leq \sigma_{1}^{m} \|\mathcal{F}\|_{*}, \ \|(\eta^{m}, \tau^{m})\| \leq C_{1} \sigma_{1}^{m} \|\mathcal{F}\|_{*},$$
(38)

$$\|(\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_{\mu}^{m}, \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b}_{\mu}^{m})\|_{1} + \|(p - p_{\mu}^{m}, r - r_{\mu}^{m})\| \le C\mu^{\min\{1, \gamma, \tau\}} + C\sigma_{1}^{m}.$$
(39)

Proof. Subtracting (35) from (21), there holds

$$\mathcal{A}_{\mu}(\mathbf{e}^{m},\mathbf{b}^{m};\mathbf{v},\mathbf{c}) + \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{e}^{m-1},\mathbf{b}^{m-1};\mathbf{u}_{\mu},\mathbf{b}_{\mu};\mathbf{v},\mathbf{c}) + \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{u}_{\mu}^{m-1},\mathbf{b}_{\mu}^{m-1};\mathbf{e}^{m},\mathbf{b}^{m};\mathbf{v},\mathbf{c}) \\ + G(\eta^{m},q) - \mathcal{B}(\eta^{m},\tau^{m};\mathbf{v},\mathbf{c}) + \mathcal{B}(q,s;\mathbf{e}^{m},\mathbf{b}^{m}) = 0.$$

Choose $(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{c}, q, s) = (\mathbf{e}^m, \mathbf{b}^m, \eta^m, \tau^m)$ to obtain

$$\mathcal{A}_{\mu}(\mathbf{e}^{m},\mathbf{b}^{m};\mathbf{e}^{m},\mathbf{b}^{m}) + \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{e}^{m-1},\mathbf{b}^{m-1};\mathbf{u}_{\mu},\mathbf{b}_{\mu};\mathbf{e}^{m},\mathbf{b}^{m}) + G(\eta^{m},\eta^{m}) = 0.$$
(40)

It follows from (20), (9) and Lemma 2 that

$$C_{min} \| (\mathbf{e}^{m}, \mathbf{b}^{m}) \|_{1} \leq \hat{N} \| (\mathbf{e}^{m-1}, \mathbf{b}^{m-1}) \|_{1} \| (\mathbf{u}_{\mu}, \mathbf{b}_{\mu}) \|_{1} \\ \leq \sigma_{1} C_{min} \| (\mathbf{e}^{m-1}, \mathbf{b}^{m-1}) \|_{1} \\ \leq \sigma_{1}^{m} C_{min} \| (\mathbf{e}^{0}, \mathbf{b}^{0}) \|_{1} \leq \sigma_{1}^{m} \| \mathcal{F} \|_{*}.$$

Subtracting (31) from (16), we have

$$\mathcal{D}_{\mu}(\mathbf{e}^{m},\eta^{m};\mathbf{v},q) + c_{0}(\mathbf{e}^{m-1},\mathbf{u}_{\mu},\mathbf{v}) + c_{0}(\mathbf{u}_{\mu}^{m-1},\mathbf{e}^{m},\mathbf{v}) - c_{1}(\mathbf{b}^{m-1},\mathbf{v},\mathbf{b}_{\mu}) + c_{1}(\mathbf{b}_{\mu}^{m-1},\mathbf{v},\mathbf{b}^{m}) + \frac{\sigma\mu}{\mathbf{e}^{-1}}a_{s}(\mathbf{e}^{m},\mathbf{v}) = 0.$$

Using the second equation of (17) minus equation (32) and choosing s = 0, we get

$$b_m(\tau^m, \mathbf{c}) = a_m(\mathbf{b}^m, \mathbf{c}) + c_1(\mathbf{b}^{m-1}, \mathbf{u}_\mu, \mathbf{c}) + c_1(\mathbf{b}^{m-1}_\mu, \mathbf{e}^m, \mathbf{c}).$$

Applying (16) and (10) to the above two equations, respectively, there holds

$$\begin{split} \hat{\beta} & (R_e^{-1} \| \nabla \mathbf{e}^m \|_0 + \| \eta^m \|_0) + \hat{\beta} \| \eta^m \|_0 \\ & \leq \hat{N} \| (\mathbf{e}^{m-1}, \mathbf{b}^{m-1}) \|_1 \| (\mathbf{u}_{\mu}, \mathbf{b}_{\mu}) \|_1 \\ & + \hat{N} \| (\mathbf{u}_{\mu}^{m-1}, \mathbf{b}_{\mu}^{m-1}) \|_1 \| (\mathbf{e}^m, \mathbf{b}^m) \|_1 \\ & + \sigma \mu \| (\mathbf{e}^m, \mathbf{b}^m) \|_1 \\ & \leq C \sigma_1^m \| \mathcal{F} \|_*. \end{split}$$

The result (39) can be obtained by (38) and Theorem 1. The proof ends. \Box

3. Two-Level Stabilized Finite Element Algorithm

In this section, motivated by [38], two-level stabilized finite element algorithm for incompressible MHD equations is presented. The stability analysis and the optimal error estimation with respect to the mesh size *H* and *h* and the iterative step *m* are obtained.

It is evident that in Steps 2–5 of Algorithm 1 the iteration is controlled by $\|(\mathbf{u}_H - \mathbf{v}_H)\|$ $\mathbf{u}_{H}^{m}, \mathbf{b}_{H} - \mathbf{b}_{H}^{m})\|_{1} \leq C \|(\mathbf{u}_{H}^{m} - \mathbf{u}_{H}^{m-1}, \mathbf{b}_{H}^{m} - \mathbf{b}_{H}^{m-1})\|_{0}$ (see Theorem 5 of [4]), which provides an operable way to acquire the desired solution $(\mathbf{u}_{H}^{m}, \mathbf{b}_{H}^{m})$.

Algorithm 1 Two-level stabilized finite element algorithm

- 1: Give the initial value $(\mathbf{u}_{H}^{0}, \mathbf{b}_{H}^{0}, p_{H}^{0}, r_{H}^{0}) \in \mathbf{X}_{H} \times \mathbf{W}_{H} \times Q_{H} \times S_{H}$ by (33) and (34) with $\mu = H.$
- 2: while $\|(\mathbf{u}_{H}^{m} \mathbf{u}_{H}^{m-1}, \mathbf{b}_{H}^{m} \mathbf{b}_{H}^{m-1})\|_{0} > \epsilon$ do 3: Solve MHD on the coarse grid: Find $(\mathbf{u}_{H}^{m}, \mathbf{b}_{H}^{m}, p_{H}^{m}, r_{H}^{m}) \in \mathbf{X}_{H} \times \mathbf{W}_{H} \times Q_{H} \times S_{H}$ by (35) with $\mu = H$. 4: $(\mathbf{u}_{H}^{m-1}, \mathbf{b}_{H}^{m-1}, p_{H}^{m-1}, r_{H}^{m-1}) = (\mathbf{u}_{H}^{m}, \mathbf{b}_{H}^{m}, p_{H}^{m}, r_{H}^{m})$. 5: end while
- 6: Find $(\mathbf{u}_{mh}, \mathbf{b}_{mh}, p_{mh}, r_{mh}) \in \mathbf{X}_h \times \mathbf{W}_h \times Q_h \times S_h$ on the fine grid, for any $(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{c}, q, s) \in \mathbf{W}_h$ $\mathbf{X}_h \times \mathbf{W}_h \times Q_h \times S_h$, such that

$$a_{s}(\mathbf{u}_{mh},\mathbf{v}) + c_{0}(\mathbf{u}_{H}^{m},\mathbf{u}_{mh},\mathbf{v}) - c_{1}(\mathbf{b}_{H}^{m},\mathbf{v},\mathbf{b}_{mh}) - b_{s}(p_{mh},\mathbf{v}) + b_{s}(q,\mathbf{u}_{mh}) + G(p_{mh},q) + \frac{\sigma h}{R_{e}^{-1}}a_{s}(\mathbf{u}_{mh},\mathbf{v}) = \langle \mathbf{f},\mathbf{v} \rangle,$$
(41)

$$a_m(\mathbf{b}_{mh},\mathbf{c}) + c_1(\mathbf{b}_H^m,\mathbf{u}_{mh},\mathbf{c}) - b_m(r_{mh},\mathbf{c}) + b_m(s,\mathbf{b}_{mh}) = (\mathbf{g},\mathbf{c}).$$
(42)

Theorem 3. Under the assumption of Theorem 2, the solutions $(\mathbf{u}_{mh}, \mathbf{b}_{mh})$ obtained from (41) and (42) satisfy

$$C_{min} \|(\mathbf{u}_{mh}, \mathbf{b}_{mh})\|_1 \le \|\mathcal{F}\|_*, \tag{43}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &|(\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_{mh}, \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b}_{mh})\|_{1} + \|(p - p_{mh}, r - r_{mh})\| \\ &\leq C(H^{2} + H^{2min\{1,\gamma,\tau\}} + H^{min\{2,\gamma+1,\tau+1\}} + h + h^{min\{1,\gamma,\tau\}} + \sigma_{1}^{m}). \end{aligned}$$
(44)

Proof. Taking $(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{c}, q, s) = (\mathbf{u}_{mh}, \mathbf{b}_{mh}, p_{mh}, r_{mh}) \in \mathbf{X}_h \times \mathbf{W}_h \times Q_h \times S_h$ in (41) and (42), by using of (8) and (20), we can easily derive (43).

Subtracting (41) and (42) from (2) and (3), respectively, we have

$$\mathcal{A}(\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_{mh}, \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b}_{mh}; \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{c}) + \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_{H}^{m}, \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b}_{H}^{m}; \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{b}; \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{c}) + \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{u}_{H}^{m}, \mathbf{b}_{H}^{m}; \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_{mh}, \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b}_{mh}; \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{c}) - \mathcal{B}(p - p_{mh}, r - r_{mh}; \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{c}) + \mathcal{B}(q, s; \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_{mh}, \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b}_{mh}) - G(p_{mh}, q) = \frac{\sigma h}{R_{e}^{-1}} a_{s}(\mathbf{u}_{mh}, \mathbf{v}).$$
(45)

By the two projection operators of (22) and (24) with $\mu = h$, letting $\mathbf{e}_{uh} = R(\mathbf{u}, p) - \mathbf{u}_{mh}$, $\mathbf{e}_{bh} = \Lambda \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b}_{mh}$, $e_{ph} = Q(\mathbf{u}, p) - p_{mh}$, $e_{rh} = \Lambda r - r_{mh}$, and then taking $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{e}_{uh}$, $\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{e}_{bh}$, $q = e_{ph}$, $s = e_{rh}$, there holds

$$\mathcal{A}_{\mu}(\mathbf{e}_{uh}, \mathbf{e}_{bh}; \mathbf{e}_{uh}, \mathbf{e}_{bh}) + G(e_{ph}, e_{ph})$$

$$= \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{u}_{H}^{m} - \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{b}_{H}^{m} - \mathbf{b}; \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_{H}^{m}, \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b}_{H}^{m}; \mathbf{e}_{uh}, \mathbf{e}_{bh})$$

$$+ \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{u}_{H}^{m} - \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{b}_{H}^{m} - \mathbf{b}; \mathbf{u}_{H}^{m}, \mathbf{b}_{H}^{m}; \mathbf{e}_{uh}, \mathbf{e}_{bh})$$

$$+ \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{u}_{H}^{m}, \mathbf{b}_{H}^{m}; \mathbf{R}(\mathbf{u}, p) - \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{A}\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b}; \mathbf{e}_{uh}, \mathbf{e}_{bh})$$

$$+ \frac{\sigma h}{R_{e}^{-1}} a_{s}(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{e}_{uh}) + \frac{\sigma h}{R_{e}^{-1}} a_{s}(\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{u}, p) - \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{e}_{uh})$$

$$+ G(p, e_{ph}) + G(Q(\mathbf{u}, p) - p, e_{ph}).$$
(46)

The left-hand side of (46) can be estimated as

$$l.h.s \geq C_{min} \|(\mathbf{e}_{uh}, \mathbf{e}_{bh})\|_{1}^{2} + \|e_{ph} - \Pi_{h}e_{ph}\|_{0}^{2} \\
\geq \min\{C_{min}, 1\} \left(\|(\mathbf{e}_{uh}, \mathbf{e}_{bh})\|_{1}^{2} + \|e_{ph} - \Pi_{h}e_{ph}\|_{0}^{2} \right).$$
(47)

Making use of (14), the right-hand side of (46) for $G(\cdot, \cdot)$ can be estimated as

$$G(p, e_{ph}) = (p - \Pi_h p, e_{ph} - \Pi_h e_{ph}) \leq Ch^{\min\{1, \gamma\}} \|p\|_{\gamma} \|e_{ph} - \Pi_h e_{ph}\|_0,$$
(48)

$$\begin{array}{ll}
G(Q(\mathbf{u},p)-p,e_{ph}) &\leq C \|Q(\mathbf{u},p)-p\|_{0}\|e_{ph}-\Pi_{h}e_{ph}\|_{0} \\
&\leq Ch^{\min\{1,\gamma\}}(\|\mathbf{u}\|_{1+\gamma}+\|p\|_{\gamma})\|e_{ph}-\Pi_{h}e_{ph}\|_{0}.
\end{array}$$
(49)

Using (9), (12) and (37), as well as Theorems 1, 2 and Lemma 2, the right-hand side of (46) can be estimated that

$$r.h.s \leq \hat{N} \| (\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_{H}^{m}, \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b}_{H}^{m}) \|_{1}^{2} \| (\mathbf{e}_{uh}, \mathbf{e}_{bh}) \|_{1} + \hat{N} \| (\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_{H}, \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b}_{H}) \|_{0} \| (A_{1H}\mathbf{u}_{H}^{m}, A_{2H}\mathbf{b}_{H}^{m}) \|_{0} \| (\mathbf{e}_{uh}, \mathbf{e}_{bh}) \|_{1} + \hat{N} \| (\mathbf{u}_{H} - \mathbf{u}_{H}^{m}, \mathbf{b}_{H} - \mathbf{b}_{H}^{m}) \|_{1} \| (\mathbf{u}_{H}^{m}, \mathbf{b}_{H}^{m}) \|_{1} \| (\mathbf{e}_{uh}, \mathbf{e}_{bh}) \|_{1} + \hat{N} \| (\mathbf{u}_{H}^{m}, \mathbf{b}_{H}^{m}) \|_{1} \| (\mathbf{u} - R(\mathbf{u}, p), \mathbf{b} - \Lambda \mathbf{b}) \|_{1} \| (\mathbf{e}_{uh}, \mathbf{e}_{bh}) \|_{1} + \sigma h \| (\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{b}) \|_{1} \| (\mathbf{e}_{uh}, \mathbf{e}_{bh}) \|_{1} + \sigma h \| (\mathbf{u} - R(\mathbf{u}, p), \mathbf{b} - \Lambda \mathbf{b}) \|_{1} \| (\mathbf{e}_{uh}, \mathbf{e}_{bh}) \|_{1} + Ch^{\min\{1,\gamma\}} (\| \mathbf{u} \|_{1+\gamma} + \| p \|_{\gamma}) \| e_{ph} - \Pi_{h} e_{ph} \|_{0}. \leq C (H^{2\min\{1,\gamma,\tau\}} + \sigma_{1}^{2m} + CH^{\min\{2,\gamma+1,\tau+1\}} + H^{2} + \sigma_{1}^{m} + h + h^{\min\{1,\gamma,\tau\}}) \cdot \left(\| (\mathbf{e}_{uh}, \mathbf{e}_{bh}) \|_{1}^{2} + \| e_{ph} - \Pi_{h} e_{ph} \|_{0}^{2} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}},$$
(50)

Combining (23), (25) and (47) with (50), we can get the first part of (44). To estimate the pressure, we rewrite (45) with s = 0 as

$$\mathcal{D}_{\mu}(\mathbf{u}-\mathbf{u}_{mh},p-p_{mh};\mathbf{v},q)+c_{0}(\mathbf{u}-\mathbf{u}_{H}^{m},\mathbf{u},\mathbf{v})+c_{0}(\mathbf{u}_{H}^{m},\mathbf{u}-\mathbf{u}_{mh},\mathbf{v})\\-c_{1}(\mathbf{b}-\mathbf{b}_{H}^{m},\mathbf{v},\mathbf{b})-c_{1}(\mathbf{b}_{H}^{m},\mathbf{v},\mathbf{b}-\mathbf{b}_{mh})-\frac{\sigma h}{R_{e}^{-1}}a_{s}(\mathbf{u}_{mh},\mathbf{v})=G(p,q),$$

$$b_m(r - r_{mh}, \mathbf{c}) = a_m(\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b}_{mh}, \mathbf{c}) + c_1(\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b}_H^m, \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_H^m, \mathbf{c}) + c_1(\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b}_H^m, \mathbf{u}_H^m, \mathbf{c}) + c_1(\mathbf{b}_H^m, \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_H^m, \mathbf{c}).$$

Applying (16), (10) and the standard technique to the above two equations, we can derive the second part of (44). We complete the proof. \Box

4. Numerical Examples

In this section, some numerical experiments are shown to verify the correctness and effectiveness of the one-level stabilized finite element method and the two-level stabilized one. Here, the velocity, pressure and quasi-pressure are approximated by P_1 and the magnetic field by the first (or second) class Nédélec edge element. SFEM denotes by the stabilized finite element method (31) and (32). The software FEAIPy V1.0 [39] created by Huayi Wei, Xiangtan University, Xiangtan, China is used in the numerical examples.

Smooth solution in 2D: Set $\Omega = [0, 1]^2$ and $R_e = R_m = S = 1, \sigma = 0.01$. Given the source terms **f**, **g** such that the exact solution is

$$\begin{cases} u_1 = 10x_1^2(x_1 - 1)^2 x_2(x_2 - 1)(2x_2 - 1), \\ u_2 = -10x_1(x_1 - 1)(2x_1 - 1)x_2^2(x_2 - 1)^2, \\ b_1 = \cos(\pi x_1)\sin(\pi x_2), \\ b_2 = -\sin(\pi x_1)\cos(\pi x_2), \\ p = 10(2x_1 - 1)(2x_2 - 1), \\ r = 0. \end{cases}$$

Tables 1 and 2 display the errors of SFEM and two-level SFEM for 2D MHD Equation (1). It is shown that the corresponding errors are smaller and smaller along with the grid getting finer and finer, the convergence order is optimal. When $h = O(H^2)$, the error accuracy of the two methods is almost the same. From CPU time, compared to SFEM, two-level SFEM save much computational cost.

h	H	$ \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_h _0$	order	$ abla(\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_h) _0$	order	$ p - p_h _0$	order	CPU(s)
SFEM	1/16	$4.31 imes10^{-3}$		$7.14 imes10^{-2}$		$1.19 imes 10^{-1}$		0.49
1/16	1/4	$4.28 imes10^{-3}$		$7.15 imes 10^{-2}$		$1.28 imes 10^{-1}$		0.36
SFEM	1/36	$8.80 imes10^{-4}$	1.96	2.62×10^{-2}	1.24	$2.93 imes 10^{-2}$	1.73	2.79
1/36	1/6	$8.76 imes10^{-4}$	1.96	$2.64 imes 10^{-2}$	1.23	$3.36 imes 10^{-2}$	1.65	1.70
SFEM	1/64	$2.81 imes10^{-4}$	1.98	$1.36 imes 10^{-2}$	1.13	$1.10 imes 10^{-2}$	1.71	11.13
1/64	1/8	$2.81 imes10^{-4}$	1.98	$1.38 imes10^{-2}$	1.13	$1.36 imes10^{-2}$	1.57	6.16
SFEM	1/100	$1.15 imes 10^{-4}$	1.99	$8.43 imes10^{-3}$	1.08	$5.21 imes10^{-3}$	1.67	35.79
1/100	1/10	$1.16 imes 10^{-4}$	1.97	8.53×10^{-3}	1.08	$6.99 imes 10^{-3}$	1.49	17.78

Table 1. Convergence of \mathbf{u}_h and p_h (first class Nédélec element).

Table 2. Convergence of \mathbf{b}_h and r_h (first class Nédélec element).

h	Н	$ \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b}_h _0$	order	$ \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b}_h _{\mathrm{curl}}$	order	$ r - r_h _0$	CPU(s)
SFEM	1/16	$4.01 imes10^{-2}$		$2.09 imes10^{-1}$		$1.22 imes 10^{-14}$	0.49
1/16	1/4	$4.01 imes10^{-2}$		$2.09 imes10^{-1}$		$1.42 imes10^{-14}$	0.36
SFEM	1/36	$1.78 imes10^{-2}$	1.00	$9.30 imes10^{-2}$	1.00	$5.20 imes10^{-14}$	2.79
1/36	1/6	$1.78 imes10^{-2}$	1.00	$9.31 imes10^{-2}$	1.00	$5.03 imes10^{-14}$	1.70
SFEM	1/64	$1.00 imes10^{-2}$	1.00	5.23×10^{-2}	1.00	$1.33 imes10^{-13}$	11.13
1/64	1/8	$1.00 imes10^{-2}$	1.00	$5.24 imes 10^{-2}$	1.00	$1.43 imes10^{-13}$	6.16
SFEM	1/100	$6.41 imes10^{-3}$	1.00	$3.35 imes10^{-2}$	1.00	$2.28 imes10^{-13}$	35.79
1/100	1/10	$6.41 imes 10^{-3}$	1.00	$3.35 imes 10^{-2}$	1.00	2.27×10^{-13}	17.78

The numerical results are listed in Tables 3 and 4 when the magnetic field is approximated by the second class Nédélec element. Clearly, the convergence order of $|| \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b}_{h} ||_{0}$ is one higher than that in Tables 1 and 2, which is consistent with the general theoretical analysis results of the Nédélec element.

Table 3. Convergence of \mathbf{u}_h and p_h (second class Nédélec element).

h	Н	$ \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_h _0$	order	$ \nabla(\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_h) _0$	order	$ p - p_h _0$	order	CPU(s)
SFEM	1/16	$4.31 imes10^{-3}$		$7.14 imes10^{-2}$		$1.20 imes 10^{-1}$		0.78
1/16	1/4	$4.28 imes10^{-3}$		7.15×10^{-2}		$1.28 imes 10^{-1}$		0.47
SFEM	1/36	$8.80 imes10^{-4}$	1.96	2.62×10^{-2}	1.24	$2.94 imes10^{-2}$	1.73	7.63
1/36	1/6	$8.76 imes10^{-4}$	1.96	$2.64 imes10^{-2}$	1.23	$3.36 imes 10^{-2}$	1.65	3.33
SFEM	1/64	$2.81 imes10^{-4}$	1.98	$1.36 imes10^{-2}$	1.13	$1.10 imes 10^{-2}$	1.70	48.23
1/64	1/8	$2.81 imes10^{-4}$	1.98	$1.38 imes10^{-2}$	1.13	$1.36 imes 10^{-2}$	1.57	18.00
SFEM	1/100	$1.15 imes 10^{-4}$	1.99	$8.43 imes10^{-3}$	1.08	$5.59 imes10^{-3}$	1.53	205.89
1/100	1/10	$1.16 imes 10^{-4}$	1.98	8.53×10^{-3}	1.08	$6.99 imes 10^{-3}$	1.49	71.25

Table 4. Convergence of \mathbf{b}_h and r_h (second class Nédélec element).

h	Н	$ \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b}_h _0$	order	$ \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b}_h _{\mathrm{curl}}$	order	$ r - r_h _0$	CPU(s)
SFEM	1/16	$4.19 imes10^{-3}$		$2.05 imes10^{-1}$		$1.44 imes 10^{-14}$	0.78
1/16	1/4	$4.10 imes10^{-3}$		$2.05 imes10^{-1}$		$1.78 imes10^{-14}$	0.47
SFEM	1/36	$8.33 imes10^{-4}$	1.99	$9.13 imes10^{-2}$	1.00	$6.62 imes10^{-14}$	7.63
1/36	1/6	$8.39 imes10^{-4}$	1.98	$9.31 imes10^{-2}$	1.00	$7.60 imes10^{-14}$	3.33
SFEM	1/64	$2.63 imes10^{-4}$	2.00	$5.14 imes10^{-2}$	1.00	$1.49 imes10^{-13}$	48.23
1/64	1/8	$2.71 imes10^{-4}$	1.96	$5.14 imes10^{-2}$	1.00	$1.74 imes10^{-13}$	18.00
SFEM	1/100	$1.08 imes10^{-4}$	1.99	$3.28 imes10^{-2}$	1.00	$2.71 imes 10^{-13}$	205.89
1/100	1/10	$1.15 imes 10^{-4}$	1.91	3.29×10^{-2}	1.00	$3.85 imes10^{-13}$	71.25

Smooth solution in 3D: Set $\Omega = [0, 1]^3$ and $R_e = R_m = S = 1, \sigma = 0.01$. Given **f**, **g** such that the exact solution is:

$$\begin{cases} u_1 = 0.5 \sin(\pi x_1) \cos(\pi x_2) \cos(\pi x_3), \\ u_2 = 0.5 \cos(\pi x_1) \sin(\pi x_2) \cos(\pi x_3), \\ u_3 = -\cos(\pi x_1) \cos(\pi x_2) \sin(\pi x_3), \\ b_1 = 0.5 \cos(\pi x_1) \sin(\pi x_2) \sin(\pi x_3), \\ b_2 = -\sin(\pi x_1) \cos(\pi x_2) \sin(\pi x_3), \\ b_3 = 0.5 \sin(\pi x_1) \sin(\pi x_2) \cos(\pi x_3), \\ p = \cos(\pi x_1) \cos(\pi x_2) \cos(\pi x_3), \\ r = 0. \end{cases}$$

In Tables 5 and 6, the variable quantity $(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{b}, p, r)$ is approximated by P_1 , the first class Nédélec element, P_1 and P_1 , respectively. Tables 7 and 8 list the results when $(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{b}, p, r)$ is approximated by P_1 , the second class Nédélec element, P_1 and P_1 . It is observed that the numerical results agree well with the theoretical results of Theorems 1–3. On the other hand, from Tables 7 and 8, we find that SFEM (35) does not work when H = 1/16, however two-level SFEM (41) and (42) is valid in the current computing environment for our computer. On the other hand, the stability results of (43) are checked by Figure 1.

h	Н	$ \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_h _0$	order	$ \nabla(\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_h) _0$	order	$ p - p_h _0$	order	CPU(s)
SFEM	1/4	$7.86 imes10^{-2}$		1.17		1.39		2.03
1/4	1/2	$7.86 imes 10^{-2}$		1.17		1.39		1.44
SFEM	1/9	$1.67 imes10^{-2}$	1.91	$5.33 imes10^{-1}$	0.97	$3.26 imes10^{-1}$	1.79	28.05
1/9	1/3	$1.67 imes10^{-2}$	1.91	$5.34 imes10^{-1}$	0.97	$3.29 imes10^{-1}$	1.78	16.26
SFEM	1/16	$5.34 imes10^{-3}$	1.98	$2.99 imes10^{-1}$	1.00	$1.08 imes10^{-1}$	1.91	577.84
1/16	1/4	$5.38 imes10^{-3}$	1.98	$2.99 imes10^{-1}$	1.00	$1.12 imes 10^{-1}$	1.86	189.50

Table 5. Convergence of \mathbf{u}_h and p_h (first class Nédélec element).

Table 6. Convergence of \mathbf{b}_h and r_h (first class Nédélec element).

h	Н	$ \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b}_h _0$	order	$ \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b}_h _{\mathrm{curl}}$	order	$ r - r_h _0$	CPU(s)
SFEM	1/4	$1.38 imes 10^{-1}$		$8.38 imes10^{-1}$		$7.86 imes10^{-16}$	2.03
1/4	1/2	$1.38 imes10^{-1}$		$8.39 imes10^{-1}$		$9.82 imes10^{-16}$	1.44
SFEM	1/9	$6.16 imes10^{-2}$	1.00	$3.81 imes10^{-1}$	0.97	$4.24 imes10^{-15}$	28.05
1/9	1/3	$6.17 imes10^{-2}$	0.99	$3.83 imes10^{-1}$	0.96	4.71×10^{-15}	16.26
SFEM	1/16	$3.47 imes10^{-2}$	1.00	$2.14 imes10^{-1}$	1.00	$1.59 imes10^{-14}$	577.84
1/16	1/4	$3.47 imes10^{-2}$	1.00	$2.18 imes10^{-1}$	0.98	$1.42 imes 10^{-14}$	189.50

Table 7. Convergence of \mathbf{u}_h and p_h (second class Nédélec element).

h	Н	$ \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_h _0$	order	$ \nabla(\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_h) _0$	order	$ p - p_h _0$	order	CPU(s)
SFEM	1/4	$7.86 imes10^{-2}$		1.17		1.39		2.39
1/4	1/2	$7.86 imes 10^{-2}$		1.17		1.40		1.85
SFEM	1/9	1.67×10^{-2}	1.91	$5.33 imes10^{-1}$	0.97	$3.26 imes10^{-1}$	1.79	99.42
1/9	1/3	$1.67 imes10^{-2}$	1.91	$5.34 imes10^{-1}$	0.97	$3.30 imes10^{-1}$	1.78	42.96
SFEM	1/16	\	Λ	\	Λ	\	\	λ
1/16	1/4	$5.35 imes 10^{-3}$	1.98	$2.99 imes10^{-1}$	1.00	$1.11 imes 10^{-1}$	1.86	2877.53

Table 8. Convergence of \mathbf{b}_h and r_h (second class Nédélec element).

h	Н	$ \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b}_h _0$	order	$ \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b}_h _{\mathrm{curl}}$	order	$ r - r_h _0$	CPU(s)
SFEM	1/4	$6.64 imes10^{-2}$		$8.29 imes 10^{-1}$		$8.89 imes10^{-16}$	2.39
1/4	1/2	$6.64 imes 10^{-2}$		$8.30 imes10^{-1}$		$1.10 imes 10^{-15}$	1.85
SFEM	1/9	$1.40 imes10^{-2}$	1.91	$3.76 imes10^{-1}$	0.98	$5.60 imes10^{-15}$	99.42
1/9	1/3	$1.41 imes 10^{-2}$	1.91	$3.76 imes10^{-1}$	0.97	$6.19 imes10^{-15}$	42.96
SFEM	1/16	\	λ	\	\	Υ.	λ.
1/16	1/4	$4.61 imes10^{-3}$	1.95	$2.12 imes 10^{-1}$	1.00	$2.26 imes10^{-14}$	2877.53



Figure 1. Stability of 2D (left) and 3D (right) problems.

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{u}(\rho,\varphi) = \begin{bmatrix} \rho^{\lambda}((1+\lambda)\sin(\varphi)\psi(\phi) + \cos(\varphi)\psi'(\varphi)) \\ \rho^{\lambda}(-(1+\lambda)\cos(\varphi)\psi(\varphi) + \sin(\varphi)\psi'(\varphi)) \end{bmatrix}, \\ \mathbf{b}(\rho,\varphi) = \nabla\left(\rho^{2/3}\sin(2/3\varphi)\right), \\ p(\rho,\varphi) = -\rho^{\lambda-1}\left((1+\lambda)^{2}\psi'(\varphi) + \psi'''(\varphi)\right)/(1-\lambda), \\ r = 0, \\ \psi(\varphi) = \sin((1+\lambda)\varphi)\cos(\lambda\omega)/(1+\lambda) - \cos((1+\lambda)\varphi) \\ -\sin((1-\lambda)\varphi)\cos(\lambda\omega)/(1-\lambda) + \cos((1-\lambda)\varphi), \\ \omega = \frac{3}{2}\pi, \\ \lambda \approx 0.54448373678246. \end{cases}$$

In the 2D case, there holds the regularity $\mathbf{u} \in \mathbf{H}^{1+\lambda}(\Omega)$, $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbf{H}^{\frac{2}{3}}(\Omega)$ and $p \in H^{\lambda}(\Omega)$. In Tables 9 and 10, $(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{b}, p, r)$ is approximated by P_1 , the second class Nédélec element, P_1 and P_1 . Because the regularity of velocity, magnetic field and pressure is low, the convergence of $||\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_h||_0$, $||\nabla(\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_h)||_0$, $||p - p_h||_0$, $||\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b}_h||_0$, $||\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b}_h||_{\text{curl}}$ keep the rate of 1.4, 0.54, 0.59, 0.66, 0.66, respectively, which verify the correctness of the theoretical analysis (Theorems 2 and 3) results. In Figure 2 we display the streamlines of the velocity field and magnetic field, and the contours of the pressure, which are consistent with the numerical results in the literature [40].

Table 9. Convergence of \mathbf{u}_h and p_h .

h	Н	$ \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_h _0$	order	$ \nabla(\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_h) _0$	order	$ p - p_h _0$	order	CPU(s)
SFEM	1/4	$9.97 imes10^{-2}$		1.55		1.74		0.16
1/4	1/2	$9.96 imes 10^{-2}$		1.55		1.76		0.16
SFEM	1/16	$1.27 imes 10^{-2}$	1.48	$7.41 imes10^{-1}$	0.54	$7.74 imes10^{-1}$	0.59	1.89
1/16	1/4	1.29×10^{-2}	1.47	$7.41 imes10^{-1}$	0.54	$7.80 imes10^{-1}$	0.59	1.11
SFEM	1/36	$3.95 imes 10^{-3}$	1.45	$4.78 imes10^{-1}$	0.54	$5.00 imes 10^{-1}$	0.54	12.03
1/36	1/6	$4.06 imes 10^{-3}$	1.43	$4.78 imes10^{-1}$	0.54	$5.22 imes 10^{-1}$	0.49	6.04
SFEM	1/64	$1.77 imes 10^{-3}$	1.39	$3.50 imes10^{-1}$	0.54	$3.76 imes 10^{-1}$	0.49	49.61
1/64	1/8	$1.84 imes10^{-3}$	1.37	$3.50 imes10^{-1}$	0.54	$3.93 imes10^{-1}$	0.49	22.80

Table 10. Convergence of \mathbf{b}_h and r_h .

h	Н	$ \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b}_h _0$	order	$ \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b}_h _{\mathrm{curl}}$	order	$ r - r_h _0$	CPU(s)
SFEM	1/4	$1.91 imes 10^{-1}$		$1.91 imes 10^{-1}$		$5.98 imes10^{-4}$	0.16
1/4	1/2	$1.90 imes 10^{-1}$		$1.91 imes 10^{-1}$		$5.98 imes10^{-4}$	0.16
SFEM	1/16	$7.88 imes10^{-2}$	0.64	$7.88 imes10^{-2}$	0.64	$1.47 imes10^{-4}$	1.89
1/16	1/4	$7.88 imes 10^{-2}$	0.64	$7.88 imes 10^{-2}$	0.64	$1.47 imes10^{-4}$	1.11
SFEM	1/36	$4.63 imes 10^{-2}$	0.65	$4.63 imes 10^{-2}$	0.65	$5.84 imes10^{-5}$	12.03
1/36	1/6	$4.63 imes10^{-2}$	0.65	$4.63 imes 10^{-2}$	0.65	$5.84 imes10^{-5}$	6.04
SFEM	1/64	$3.17 imes10^{-2}$	0.66	$3.17 imes10^{-2}$	0.66	$2.97 imes10^{-5}$	49.61
1/64	1/8	$3.17 imes10^{-2}$	0.66	$3.17 imes 10^{-2}$	0.66	$2.97 imes10^{-5}$	22.80



Figure 2. Numerical approximations of 2D singular solution. (**a**) velocity field; (**b**) magnetic field; (**c**) pressure.

5. Conclusions

Based on the stabilization and the Lagrange multiplier techniques, the stabilized finite element algorithm is designed for the stationary incompressible MHD. The Lagrange multiplier technique idea helps us in dealing with the low regular magnetic field subproblem by $H(\text{curl}; \Omega)$ -conforming element. The stabilized one by using local Gauss integration allow us to adopt the lowest equal-order elements to approximate the flow field sub-problem. The stabilized finite element algorithms are presented. In the first step we combine the stabilized finite element method with the Oseen iteration for the nonlinear MHD equations on a coarse grid. For the second step, we employ the linearized correction on a fine grid. We give the optimal error analysis, which shows that when the grid sizes satisfy $h = O(H^2)$, the two-level stabilization method not only has the optimal convergence order, but also can save more computational cost than the one-level method. These theoretical analysis results have been verified by some numerical experiments.

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Appendix A. Proof of Theorem 1

In this part, we will give the detail proof of Theorem 1. **Proof.** Let $\mathbf{e}_u = R(\mathbf{u}, p) - \mathbf{u}_{\mu}$, $\mathbf{e}_b = \wedge \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b}_{\mu}$, $e_p = Q(\mathbf{u}, p) - p_{\mu}$, $e_r = \wedge r - r_{\mu}$. Subtract (18) from (4) and choose $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{e}_u$, $\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{e}_b$, $q = e_p$, $s = e_r$, we get

$$\mathcal{A}_{\mu}(\mathbf{e}_{u}, \mathbf{e}_{b}; \mathbf{e}_{u}, \mathbf{e}_{b}) + \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{e}_{u}, \mathbf{e}_{b}; \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{b}; \mathbf{e}_{u}, \mathbf{e}_{b}) + G(e_{p}, e_{p})$$

$$= \mathcal{C}(R(\mathbf{u}, p) - \mathbf{u}, \wedge \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b}; \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{b}; \mathbf{e}_{u}, \mathbf{e}_{b})$$

$$+ \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{u}_{\mu}, \mathbf{b}_{\mu}; R(\mathbf{u}, p) - \mathbf{u}, \wedge \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b}; \mathbf{e}_{u}, \mathbf{e}_{b})$$

$$+ \frac{\sigma\mu}{R_{e}^{-1}} a_{s}(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{e}_{u}) + \frac{\sigma\mu}{R_{e}^{-1}} a_{s}(R(\mathbf{u}, p) - \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{e}_{u})$$

$$+ G(p, e_{p}) + G(Q(\mathbf{u}, p) - p, e_{p}).$$
(A1)

Using (9) and (20) and Cauchy-Schwarz inequality, the left-hand side of (A1) can be bounded by

$$l.h.s. \geq \left(C_{min} - \frac{\hat{N} \|\mathcal{F}\|_{*}}{\underline{v}}\right) \|(\mathbf{e}_{u}, \mathbf{e}_{b})\|_{1}^{2} + \|e_{p} - \Pi_{\mu}e_{p}\|_{0}^{2}$$

$$\geq \underline{v}(1 - \sigma_{0})\|(\mathbf{e}_{u}, \mathbf{e}_{b})\|_{1}^{2} + \|e_{p} - \Pi_{\mu}e_{p}\|_{0}^{2}$$

$$\geq \min\{\underline{v}(1 - \sigma_{0}), 1\} \left(\|(\mathbf{e}_{u}, \mathbf{e}_{b})\|_{1}^{2} + \|e_{p} - \Pi_{\mu}e_{p}\|_{0}^{2}\right),$$
(A2)

where $\sigma_0 = \frac{\hat{N} \|\mathcal{F}\|_*}{\underline{v}^2}$.

By (14), the two terms of the right-hand side of (A1) with respect to $G(\cdot, \cdot)$ can be estimated as

$$G(p,e_p) \leq \|p - \Pi_{\mu}p\|_{0} \|e_p - \Pi_{\mu}e_p\|_{0} \\ \leq C\mu^{\min\{1,\gamma\}} \|p\|_{\gamma} \|e_p - \Pi_{\mu}e_p\|_{0},$$
(A3)

$$G(Q(\mathbf{u}, p) - p, e_p) \leq C \|Q(\mathbf{u}, p) - p\|_0 \|e_p - \Pi_{\mu} e_p\|_0 \\\leq C \mu^{\min\{1,\gamma\}} (\|\mathbf{u}\|_{1+\gamma} + \|p\|_{\gamma}) \|e_p - \Pi_{\mu} e_p\|_0.$$
(A4)

Thus, from (5), (9), (23), (25) and Lemma 1, the right-hand side of (A1) can be estimated as

$$r.h.s \leq \hat{N}(\|(\mathbf{u},\mathbf{b})\|_{1} + \|(\mathbf{u}_{\mu},\mathbf{b}_{\mu})\|_{1})\|(\mathbf{u} - R(\mathbf{u},p),\mathbf{b} - \Lambda\mathbf{b})\|_{1}\|(\mathbf{e}_{u},\mathbf{e}_{b})\|_{1} + \sigma\mu(\|(\mathbf{u},\mathbf{b})\|_{1} + \|(\mathbf{u} - R(\mathbf{u},p),\mathbf{b} - \Lambda\mathbf{b})\|_{1})\|(\mathbf{e}_{u},\mathbf{e}_{b})\|_{1} + C\mu^{\min\{1,\gamma\}}(\|\mathbf{u}\|_{1+\gamma} + \|p\|_{\gamma})\|e_{p} - \Pi_{\mu}e_{p}\|_{0} \leq \hat{N}\left(\frac{\|\mathcal{F}\|_{*}}{2} + \frac{\|\mathcal{F}\|_{*}}{C_{\min}}\right)\|(\mathbf{u} - R(\mathbf{u},p),\mathbf{b} - \Lambda\mathbf{b})\|_{1}\|(\mathbf{e}_{u},\mathbf{e}_{b})\|_{1} + \sigma\mu\left(\frac{\|\mathcal{F}\|_{*}}{2} + \|(\mathbf{u} - R(\mathbf{u},p),\mathbf{b} - \Lambda\mathbf{b})\|_{1}\right)\|(\mathbf{e}_{u},\mathbf{e}_{b})\|_{1} + C\mu^{\min\{1,\gamma\}}(\|\mathbf{u}\|_{1+\gamma} + \|p\|_{\gamma})\|e_{p} - \Pi_{\mu}e_{p}\|_{0} \leq C\left(\mu^{\min\{1,\gamma,\tau\}}(\|\mathbf{u}\|_{1+\gamma} + \|p\|_{\gamma} + \|\mathbf{b}\|_{\tau} + \|\operatorname{curl}\mathbf{b}\|_{\tau} + \|r\|_{\tau+1}\right) + \sigma\underline{v}^{-1}\mu\|\mathcal{F}\|_{*})\left(\|(\mathbf{e}_{u},\mathbf{e}_{b})\|_{1}^{2} + \|e_{p} - \Pi_{\mu}e_{p}\|_{0}^{2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$
(A5)

It follows from (A2)–(A5) that

$$\|(\mathbf{e}_{u}, \mathbf{e}_{b})\|_{1} \leq C\mu^{\min\{1, \gamma, \tau\}} (\|\mathbf{u}\|_{1+\gamma} + \|p\|_{\gamma} + \|\mathbf{b}\|_{\tau} + \|\operatorname{curl} \mathbf{b}\|_{\tau} + \|r\|_{\tau+1}) + C\sigma \underline{v}^{-1} \mu \|\mathcal{F}\|_{*}.$$
(A6)

Using triangle inequality, (23), (25) and (A6) to obtain (28). From (2) and (17), we have

$$a_{s}(\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_{\mu}, \mathbf{v}) - b_{s}(p - p_{\mu}, \mathbf{v}) + b_{s}(q, \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_{\mu}) + G(p - p_{\mu}, q)$$

= $c_{0}(\mathbf{u}_{\mu} - \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) + c_{0}(\mathbf{u}_{\mu}, \mathbf{u}_{\mu} - \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) + c_{1}(\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b}_{\mu}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{b})$
+ $c_{1}(\mathbf{b}_{\mu}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b}_{\mu}) + \frac{\sigma_{\mu}}{R_{e}^{-1}}a_{s}(\mathbf{u}_{\mu}, \mathbf{v}) + G(p, q).$ (A7)

Using (16), (5), (9), (14) and Lemma 1 to derive

$$\hat{\beta} \Big(R_{e}^{-1} \| \nabla (\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_{\mu}) \|_{0} + \| p - p_{\mu} \|_{0} \Big)
\leq \hat{N} \Big(\| (\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{b}) \|_{1} + \| (\mathbf{u}_{\mu}, \mathbf{b}_{\mu}) \|_{1} \Big) \| (\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_{\mu}, \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b}_{\mu}) \|_{1}
+ C_{max} \sigma \mu \| (\mathbf{u}_{\mu}, \mathbf{b}_{\mu}) \|_{1} + C \| p - \Pi_{\mu} p \|_{0}
\leq \hat{N} \Big(\frac{\| \mathcal{F} \|_{*}}{\underline{v}} + \frac{\| \mathcal{F} \|_{*}}{C_{min}} \Big) \| (\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_{\mu}, \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b}_{\mu}) \|_{1}
+ \sigma \mu \frac{C_{max}}{C_{min}} \| \mathcal{F} \|_{*} + c_{2} \mu^{\min\{1,\gamma\}} \| p \|_{\gamma}
\leq 2 \underline{v} \sigma_{0} \| (\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_{\mu}, \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b}_{\mu}) \|_{1} + C \sigma \mu \| \mathcal{F} \|_{*} + C \mu^{\min\{1,\gamma\}} \| p \|_{\gamma}.$$
(A8)

From (3) and (17), and taking s = 0 to get

$$b_m(r-r_\mu,\mathbf{c}) = a_m(\mathbf{b}-\mathbf{b}_\mu,\mathbf{c}) + c_1(\mathbf{b}-\mathbf{b}_\mu,\mathbf{u},\mathbf{c}) + c_1(\mathbf{b}_\mu,\mathbf{u}-\mathbf{u}_\mu,\mathbf{c}).$$
(A9)

Applying (10), (5), (9) and Lemma 1, we have

$$\hat{\beta} \|\nabla(r - r_{\mu})\|_{0} \leq C_{max} \|(\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_{\mu}, \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b}_{\mu})\|_{1} + \hat{N} \|(\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_{\mu}, \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b}_{\mu})\|_{1} \|(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{b})\|_{1}
+ \hat{N} \|(\mathbf{u}_{\mu}, \mathbf{b}_{\mu})\|_{1} \|(\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_{\mu}, \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b}_{\mu})\|_{1}
\leq C_{max} \|(\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_{\mu}, \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b}_{\mu})\|_{1} + \underline{v}\sigma_{0} \|(\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_{\mu}, \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b}_{\mu})\|_{1}
+ C_{min}\sigma_{1} \|(\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_{\mu}, \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b}_{\mu})\|_{1}.$$
(A10)

Combining (28) and (A8) with (A10), we can obtain (29).

Further, to obtain (30), we need to introduce the dual problem [11]: For all $(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{c}, q, l) \in \mathbf{X} \times \mathbf{W} \times Q \times S$, find $(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{\Phi}, s, t) \in \mathbf{X} \times \mathbf{W} \times Q \times S$ such that

$$\mathcal{A}(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{c}; \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{\Phi}) + \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{u}_{\mu}, \mathbf{b}_{\mu}; \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{c}; \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{\Phi}) + \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{c}; \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{b}; \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{\Phi}) - \mathcal{B}(s, t; \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{c}) + \mathcal{B}(q, l; \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{\Phi}) = (\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_{\mu}, \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b}_{\mu}; \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{c}).$$
(A11)

Taking $(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{c}; q, l) = (\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{\Phi}; s, t)$ in (A11) and using (9), then

$$C_{min}(1-\sigma_1) \|(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{\Phi})\|_1 \le \|(\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_{\mu}, \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b}_{\mu})\|_0.$$
(A12)

Assuming that the region Ω is sufficiently smooth (see Theorem 2 of [11]), then the following regularity error estimates are available

$$\begin{split} \| (\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{\Phi}) \|_{2} + \| (s, t) \|_{1} \\ &\leq C \| (\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_{\mu}, \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b}_{\mu}) \|_{0} \\ &+ \hat{N} (\| (\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{b}) \|_{1} + \| (\mathbf{u}_{\mu}, \mathbf{b}_{\mu}) \|_{1}) \| (\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{\Phi}) \|_{1}^{\frac{1}{2}} \| (\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{\Phi}) \|_{2}^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &\leq C \| (\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_{\mu}, \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b}_{\mu}) \|_{0} + 2C_{min}\sigma_{1} \| (\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{\Phi}) \|_{1}^{\frac{1}{2}} \| (\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{\Phi}) \|_{2}^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &\leq C \| (\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_{\mu}, \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b}_{\mu}) \|_{0} + C\sigma_{1}^{2} \| (\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{\Phi}) \|_{1} + \frac{1}{2} \| (\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{\Phi}) \|_{2} \\ &\leq C \| (\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_{\mu}, \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b}_{\mu}) \|_{0} + \frac{1}{2} \| (\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{\Phi}) \|_{2}, \end{split}$$

thereby

$$\|(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{\Phi})\|_{2} + \|(s, t)\|_{1} \le C \|(\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_{\mu}, \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b}_{\mu})\|_{0}.$$
 (A13)

Finding $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_{\mu}$, $\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b}_{\mu}$, q = l = 0 such that

$$\mathcal{A}(\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_{\mu}, \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b}_{\mu}; \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{\Phi}) + \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{u}_{\mu}, \mathbf{b}_{\mu}; \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_{\mu}, \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b}_{\mu}; \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{\Phi}) + \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_{\mu}, \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b}_{\mu}; \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{b}; \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{\Phi}) - \mathcal{B}(s, t; \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_{\mu}, \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b}_{\mu}) = (\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_{\mu}, \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b}_{\mu}; \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_{\mu}, \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b}_{\mu}).$$
(A14)

Subtracting (2) and (3) from (18), and taking q = l = 0, for all $(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{c}) \in \mathbf{X}_{\mu} \times \mathbf{W}_{\mu}$, we have

$$\mathcal{A}(\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_{\mu}, \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b}_{\mu}; \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{c}) + \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{u}_{\mu}, \mathbf{b}_{\mu}; \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_{\mu}, \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b}_{\mu}; \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{c}) + \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_{\mu}, \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b}_{\mu}; \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{b}; \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{c}) - \mathcal{B}(p - p_{\mu}, r - r_{\mu}; \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{c}) - \frac{\sigma\mu}{p-1} a_{s}(\mathbf{u}_{\mu}, \mathbf{v}) = 0.$$
(A15)

Subtract (A15) from (A14) to get

$$\mathcal{A}(\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_{\mu}, \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b}_{\mu}; \mathbf{w} - \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{\Phi} - \mathbf{c}) + \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{u}_{\mu}, \mathbf{b}_{\mu}; \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_{\mu}, \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b}_{\mu}; \mathbf{w} - \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{\Phi} - \mathbf{c}) + \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_{\mu}, \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b}_{\mu}; \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{b}; \mathbf{w} - \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{\Phi} - \mathbf{c}) + \mathcal{B}(q'_{\mu} - s, l'_{\mu} - t; \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_{\mu}, \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b}_{\mu}) - \mathcal{B}(p - p_{\mu}, r - r_{\mu}; \mathbf{w} - \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{\Phi} - \mathbf{c}) + \frac{\sigma\mu}{R_{c}^{-1}} a_{s}(\mathbf{u}_{\mu}, \mathbf{v}) = \|(\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_{\mu}, \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b}_{\mu})\|_{0}^{2},$$
(A16)

where $q'_{\mu} \in Q_{\mu}$ and $l'_{\mu} \in S_{\mu}$ are the approximation of *s* and *t*, respectively.

Similar to the derivation in the literature [41] (see the proof of Theorem 3.2), we get

 $\|(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{\Phi})\|_1 \leq C\mu \|(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{\Phi})\|_2, \mathbf{w} \in \mathbf{H}^2(\Omega), \mathbf{\Phi} \in \mathbf{H}^2(\Omega).$

Taking
$$\mathbf{v} = R(\mathbf{w}, s)$$
, $\mathbf{c} = \Lambda \mathbf{\Phi}$ in (A16), Applying (5), (7), (9), (23), (25), (A13) to get

$$\begin{aligned} \|(\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_{\mu}, \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b}_{\mu})\|_{0}^{2} \\ &\leq \bar{v}\|(\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_{\mu}, \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b}_{\mu})\|_{1}\|(\mathbf{w} - R(\mathbf{w}, s), \mathbf{\Phi} - \Lambda \mathbf{\Phi})\|_{1} \\ &+ \hat{N}(\|(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{b})\|_{1}\|(\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_{\mu}, \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b}_{\mu})\|_{1}\|(\mathbf{w} - R(\mathbf{w}, s), \mathbf{\Phi} - \Lambda \mathbf{\Phi})\|_{1} \\ &+ \hat{N}\|(\mathbf{u}_{\mu}, \mathbf{b}_{\mu})\|_{1}\|(\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_{\mu}, \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b}_{\mu})\|_{1}\|(\mathbf{w} - R(\mathbf{w}, s), \mathbf{\Phi} - \Lambda \mathbf{\Phi})\|_{1} \\ &+ \|(\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_{\mu}, \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b}_{\mu})\|_{1}\|(s - q'_{\mu}, t - l'_{\mu})\| \\ &+ \|(\mathbf{w} - R(\mathbf{w}, s), \mathbf{\Phi} - \Lambda \mathbf{\Phi})\|_{1}\|(p - p_{\mu}, r - r_{\mu})\| \\ &+ \sigma \mu \|(\mathbf{u}_{\mu}, \mathbf{b}_{\mu})\|_{1}(\|(\mathbf{w} - R(\mathbf{w}, s), \mathbf{\Phi} - \Lambda \mathbf{\Phi})\|_{1} + \|(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{\Phi})\|_{1}) \\ &\leq C \mu \|(\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_{\mu}, \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b}_{\mu})\|_{1}\|(\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_{\mu}, \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b}_{\mu})\|_{0} \\ &+ C \mu \|(p - p_{\mu}, r - r_{\mu})\|\|(\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_{\mu}, \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b}_{\mu})\|_{0} + C \mu^{2} \|(\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_{\mu}, \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b}_{\mu})\|_{0}, \end{aligned}$$

which together with (28) and (29) yield the desired result (30). The proof ends. \Box

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