Superconvergence of nonconforming finite element approximation for the second order elliptic problem

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ABSTRACT

In this paper a general superconvergence of nonconforming finite element method for the second order elliptic problem is derived. In order to verify and support the theoretical results numerical examples are given.

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1. Introduction

“The superconvergence of finite element (FE) solutions is an interesting and useful phenomenon in the scientific computing of real world problems and has become an area of active research in recent years” [4]. Wang [9] proposed and analyzed the $L^2$–projection method for the least–squares conforming finite element method on the second order elliptic problem. The goal of this article is to derive a general superconvergence of nonconforming FE with its application for elliptic problem by applying certain postprocessing.
The paper is organized as follows. In section two, we give a preliminaries for the nonconforming finite element. In section three, we derived some results to improve the existing accuracy with framework for the procedure that we given in section two. Finally, in section four, several numerical examples are tested to support and confirm the theoretical results derived in section three.

2. Preliminaries

We shall consider the following elliptic problem with Dirichlet boundary condition. This model problem seeks an unknown function \( u \) such that

\[
-\Delta u + u = f \quad \text{in } \Omega \quad \text{2.1}
\]

\[
u = 0 \quad \text{on } \partial \Omega, \quad \text{2.2}
\]

where \( \Delta \) is the Laplacian operator and \( f \) is a given function. Let \( \Omega \) be an open domain in \( \mathbb{R}^2 \) with a Lipschitz boundary \( \partial \Omega \). Let \( H^s(\Omega) \) be the Sobolev spaces and their associated inner products \( \langle \cdot , \cdot \rangle_{s,\Omega} \) and norms \( \| \cdot \|_{s,\Omega} \), \( s \geq 0 \). Let \( L^2(\Omega) \) be a coincides space of square integrable functions, [4].

A variational formulation of (2.1)–(2.2) is to find \( u \in H^1_0(\Omega) \) such that

\[
a(u, v) = (f, v) \quad \forall \ v \in H^1_0(\Omega),
\]

where
\[ a(u, v) = (\nabla u, \nabla v) + (u, v) = \int_{\Omega} \nabla u \cdot \nabla v \, dx + \int_{\Omega} u \cdot v \, dx \]

Let \( \mathcal{T}_h \) be a partition of the domain \( \Omega \) into \( \Omega = \bigcup_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} K \). Suppose that \( \mathcal{T}_h \) is quasiuniform, that is it the inverse assumption is satisfy and regular [8].

Let \( \mathcal{E}_h \) denote the union of the all boundaries of all elements \( K \) of \( \mathcal{T}_h \) and \( \mathcal{E}^0_h = \mathcal{E}_h \cap \partial \Omega \), the collection of all interior edges. Let \( e \) be an interior edge shared by two elements \( K_1 \) and \( K_2 \) in \( \mathcal{T}_h \), let \( n_1 \) be unit normal vectors on \( e \) pointing exterior to \( K_2 \) and \( n_2 \) be unit normal vector on \( e \) pointing exterior to \( K_1 \), see Figure 2.1.

Define the jump of a function \( v \) across an edge \( e \) as \([v] = v|_{\partial K_2} - v|_{\partial K_1}\).

The nonconforming FE space associated with the mesh \( \mathcal{T}_h \) is defined as

\[ V_h = \{ v \in L^2(\Omega) : v|_K \in P_k(K), \forall K \in \mathcal{T}_h, v \text{ is continuous at middle point } e \in \mathcal{E}^0_h, v(m) = 0 \text{ such that } m \in \partial \Omega \} \], see Figure 2.2.
The nonconforming FE of (2.1) – (2.2) is to find $u_h \in V_h$

such that

$$a_h(u_h, v) = (f, v) \quad \forall \ v \in V_h$$

2.3

where

$$a_h(u, v) = \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \int_K \nabla u \cdot \nabla v \, dx + \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \int_K u \cdot v \, dx.$$ 

Define the norm

$$\|v\|_{1,h} = \left( \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \|v\|_{1,K}^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}},$$

where

$$\|v\|_{1,K}^2 = \int_K \nabla v \cdot \nabla v \, dx + \int_K v \cdot v \, dx.$$
3. Superconvergence by $L^2$–projection

The $L^2$–Projection is a postprocessing technique defined by Wang [9] for Galerkin methods. The idea is to project the FE solution to another finite element space with a different mesh size. Let $\mathcal{T}_\tau$ be a coarse mesh where $\tau \gg h$. Suppose that $\tau$ and $h$ satisfying:

$$\tau = h^\alpha$$  \hspace{1cm} 3.1

with $\alpha \in (0,1)$.

We will be seen that $\alpha$ plays an important role in the postprocessing. For now, let $V_\tau \subset H^{s-2}(\Omega)$, for the exact solution $u$. Define $Q_\tau$ to be the $L^2$–projectors from $L^2(\Omega)$ onto the FE space $V_\tau$.

We shall give the structure of the coarse mesh by $L^2$–projection method.
Figure 3.1, shows a FE discretization of $\Omega$.

The $L^2$-projection $Q_{\tau}u_h$ satisfying

$$(Q_{\tau}u_h, v) = (u_h, v) \quad \forall \, v \in V_{\tau},$$

then we have

$$(u_h - Q_{\tau}u_h, v) = 0 \quad \forall \, v \in V_{\tau}.$$
$V_{\tau} = \{ v \in L^2(\Omega) : v|K \in P_2(K), \forall K \in \mathcal{T}_{\tau} \}.$

So, $v(x) = a_1 + a_2x + a_3y + a_4x^2 + a_5xy + a_6y^2$ $a_i \in \mathbb{R},$ $i = 1, \ldots, 6.$

In order to compute the $Q_{\tau}u_h,$ we first note that

$$(Q_{\tau}u_h, \varphi_i) = (u_h, \varphi_i), \quad \varphi_i \in P_2(K) \tag{3.2}$$

where $\varphi_i$ is the hat basis function spanning $V_{\tau}.$ Further, expanding $Q_{\tau}u_h,$ it can be written as the linear combination

$$Q_{\tau}u_h = \sum_{j=1}^{N} c_j \varphi_j, \tag{3.3}$$

where $c_j$ is $N$ unknown coefficients, and substituting 3.3 into 3.2, we finally get the following system which given by:

$$\sum_{j=1}^{N} c_j (\varphi_j, \varphi_i) = (u_h, \varphi_i) \quad i = 1, \ldots, N, \tag{3.4}$$

the linear system of 3.4 can be written as

$$MX = D,$$

where $M = (m_{ij})$ is the $N \times N$ matrix with elements

$$m_{ij} = (\varphi_j, \varphi_i),$$

$$m_{ij} = \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} m_{ij}^K,$$

where

$$m_{ij}^K = \int_{K} \varphi_j \varphi_i \, dx,$$
note that the subscript in $m_{ij}^K$ is the local index, while in $m_{ij}$ it is global index,

where $X = c_j = c_1, ..., c_N$ is the solution vector with $c_j = Q_t u_h(N_j)$, $j = 1, ..., N$ and $D = d_i = d_1, ..., d_N$ is the force vector with

$$d_i^K = (u_h, \phi_i) = (\sum_{i=1}^{3} c_i \psi_i, \phi_i),$$

where $\psi_i$ is the local basis function of element $K$

$$d_i = \sum_{K \in T_h} d_i^K,$$

where

$$d_i^K = \int_K u_h \phi_i dK = (u_h, \phi_i) = (\sum_{i=1}^{3} c_i \psi_i, \phi_i),$$

The element matrix of force vector (the entries of the $6 \times 1$) is given by:

$$d_i^K = \int_K u_h \phi_i dK = (u_h, \phi_i) = (c_1 \psi_1 + c_2 \psi_2 + c_3 \psi_3, \phi_i),$$

then

$$d_i^K = \begin{bmatrix} (c_1 \psi_1 + c_2 \psi_2 + c_3 \psi_3, 1) \\ (c_1 \psi_1 + c_2 \psi_2 + c_3 \psi_3, x) \\ (c_1 \psi_1 + c_2 \psi_2 + c_3 \psi_3, y) \\ (c_1 \psi_1 + c_2 \psi_2 + c_3 \psi_3, x^2) \\ (c_1 \psi_1 + c_2 \psi_2 + c_3 \psi_3, xy) \\ (c_1 \psi_1 + c_2 \psi_2 + c_3 \psi_3, y^2) \end{bmatrix}$$

Also, the matrix of element $K$ (the entries of the $6 \times 6$) given by:
\[ m_{ij}^K = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \cdots & a_{61} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{16} & \cdots & a_{66} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} (1,1) & (x, 1) & (y, 1) & (x^2, 1) & (xy, 1) & (y^2, 1) \\ (1,x) & (x,x) & (y,x) & (x^2,x) & (xy,x) & (y^2,x) \\ (1,y) & (x,y) & (y,y) & (x^2,y) & (xy,y) & (y^2,y) \\ (1,x^2) & (x,x^2) & (y,x^2) & (x^2,x^2) & (xy,x^2) & (y^2,x^2) \\ (1,xy) & (x,xy) & (y,xy) & (x^2,xy) & (xy,xy) & (y^2,xy) \\ (1,y^2) & (x,y^2) & (y,y^2) & (x^2,y^2) & (xy,y^2) & (y^2,y^2) \end{bmatrix} \]

Since

\[ M = m_{ij} = \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} m_{ij}^K, \]

and the force vector

\[ D = d_i = \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} d_i^K, \]

then \( Q \tau u_h \) is given by:

\[ Q \tau u_h = M^{-1}D, \]

where \( M^{-1} \) is the inverse of \( M \).

We will prove the following lemma that we need it later.

Lemma 3.1: There is a constant, \( C \), such that
\[ |a(w, v)| \leq C\|w\|_{1,h}\|v\|_{1,h} \quad \forall \ w, v \in H^1_0(\Omega) \] 3.5

Where \( C \) is independent of \( h \).

Proof: Since the problem (2.1)-(2.2) satisfy the weak form

\[ a(w, v) = (f, v) \quad \forall \ v \in H^1_0(\Omega), \]

where

\[ a(w, v) = (\nabla w, \nabla v) + (w, v) = \int_{\Omega} \nabla w \cdot \nabla v \, dx + \int_{\Omega} w v \, dx. \]

An application of Cauchy–Schwarz inequality reveals

\[ |a(w, v)| = \left| \int_{\Omega} \nabla w \cdot \nabla v \, dx + \int_{\Omega} w v \, dx \right| \leq \|\nabla w\| \|\nabla v\| + \|w\| \|v\|. \]

By the Poincare inequality we have

\[ |a(w, v)| \leq \|\nabla w\| \|\nabla v\| + \hat{C} \|\nabla w\| \hat{C} \|\nabla v\| \]
\[ \leq \|\nabla w\| \|\nabla v\| + \hat{C}^2 \|\nabla w\| \|\nabla v\| \]
\[ \leq (1 + \hat{C}^2) \|\nabla w\| \|\nabla v\| \]
\[ \leq C \|\nabla w\| \|\nabla v\|, \]

where \( C = 1 + \hat{C}^2 \).

Since \( \|\nabla w\| \leq \|w\|_{1,h} \)
where $\|\nabla w\| = \left(\int_{\Omega} |\nabla w|^2 \, dx\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$.

We have $|a(w, v)| \leq C \|w\|_{1,h} \|v\|_{1,h}$.

The following theorem can be found in [11].

**Theorem 3.2**: Let $u$ and $u_h$ be the solutions of (2.1)-(2.2) and (2.3), respectively. Then, there is a constant $C$, such that

$$
\|u - u_h\|_{1,h} \leq Ch^k \|u\|_{k+1}.
$$

where $C$ is an independent of $h$.

The superconvergence analysis requires certain regularity for the second order elliptic problem. To this end, suppose that the domain is so regular, that is $H^s, s \geq 1$ regularity for solution $u$, that is $\|u\|_s \leq \|f\|_{s-2}$ for all $f \in H^{s-2}(\Omega), \ s \geq 1, \ 3.6$

Define the finite element space $V_\tau \subset H^{s-2}(\Omega)$, for $u$.

Next, we will prove the following lemma.

**Lemma 3.3**: Suppose that (3.6) hold with $1 \leq s \leq k + 1$ and $V_\tau \subset H^{s-2}(\Omega)$. Then, there is a constant, $C$ such that

$$
\|Q_\tau u - Q_\tau u_h\| \leq Ch^{s-1+\alpha \min(0,2-s)} \|u - u_h\|_{1,h}. \ 3.7
$$

Where $C$ independent of $h$ and $\tau$. 1479
Proof: From the definition of $\| \cdot \|$ and $Q_\tau$, we have

$$\|Q_\tau u - Q_\tau u_h\| = \sup_{\emptyset \in L^2(\Omega),\|\emptyset\|_0 = 1} |(Q_\tau u - Q_\tau u_h, \emptyset)|$$  \hspace{1cm} 3.8

Using the definition of the $L^2$–projection for $Q_\tau$, we obtain

$$(Q_\tau u - Q_\tau u_h, \emptyset) = (u - u_h, Q_\tau \emptyset),$$  

It follows,

$$\|Q_\tau u - Q_\tau u_h\| = \sup_{\emptyset \in L^2(\Omega),\|\emptyset\|_0 = 1} |(u - u_h, Q_\tau \emptyset)|$$  \hspace{1cm} 3.9

Consider the following problem

$$-\Delta w + w = Q_\tau \emptyset \quad \text{in } \Omega$$  \hspace{1cm} 3.10

$$w = 0 \quad \text{on } \partial \Omega,$$  \hspace{1cm} 3.11

Multiplying (1.1) by $v$ and integrating it over $\Omega$, we have

$$a_h(u, v) = (f, v) + \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \int_{\partial K} \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} v ds,$$  \hspace{1cm} 3.12

The difference of (2.3) and (3.12), then

$$a_h(u - u_h, v) = \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \int_{\partial K} \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} v ds, \quad \forall \ v \in V_h$$  \hspace{1cm} 3.13

Multiplying (3.10) by $u - u_h$, integrating it over $\Omega$ and by using (3.12), we have

$$(u - u_h, Q_\tau \emptyset) = (-\Delta w + w, u - u_h) = a_h(u - u_h, w) - \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \int_{\partial K} (u - u_h) \frac{\partial w}{\partial n} ds$$
\[
\begin{align*}
&= a_h (u - u_h, w - w_i) + a_h (u - u_h, w_i) - \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \int_{\partial K} (u - u_h) \frac{\partial w}{\partial n} \, ds \\
&= a_h (u - u_h, w - w_i) - \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \int_{\partial K} (u - u_h) \frac{\partial w}{\partial n} \, ds \\
&\quad + \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \int_{\partial K} \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} w_i \, ds
\end{align*}
\]

From [10], we have

\[
\sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \int_{\partial K} \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} w_i \, ds \leq C h^{k+1} \| u \|_{k+1} \| w \|_s, \tag{3.14}
\]

\[
\sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \int_{\partial K} (u - u_h) \frac{\partial w}{\partial n} \, ds \leq C h^{k+s-1} \| u \|_{k+1} \| w \|_s, \tag{3.15}
\]

By using Cauchy Schwarz, (3.14), (3.15) and (3.6), we get

\[
\begin{align*}
| (u - u_h, Q_\tau \emptyset) | &= a_h (u - u_h, w - w_i) - \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \int_{\partial K} (u - u_h) \frac{\partial w}{\partial n} \, ds \\
&\quad + \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \int_{\partial K} \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} w_i \, ds \\
&\leq \| w - w_i \|_{1,h} \| u - u_h \|_{1,h} + C h^{k+s-1} \| u \|_{k+1} \| w \|_s \\
&\leq C h^{k+s-1} \| u \|_{k+1} \| w \|_s \\
&\leq C h^{k+s-1} \| u \|_{k+1} \| Q_\tau \emptyset \|_{s-2} \| u \|_{k+1} \\
&\leq C h^{k+s-1} \tau^{\min (0,2-s)} \| Q_\tau \emptyset \| \| u \|_{k+1} \\
&\leq C h^{k+s-1+\alpha \min (0,2-s)} \| u \|_{k+1} \tag{3.16}
\end{align*}
\]

From (3.8) and (3.16) it follows
Now, we can to estimate $u - Q_\tau u_h$.

Theorem 3.4: Suppose that (3.6) hold with $1 \leq s \leq k + 1$ and $V_\tau \subset H^{s-2}(\Omega)$. If the exact $u \in H^{k+1}(\Omega) \cap H^{r+1}(\Omega) \cap H^1_0(\Omega)$, then there is a constant, $C$, such that

$$\|u - Q_\tau u_h\| + h^\alpha \|\nabla_\tau (u - Q_\tau u_h)\|$$

$$\leq Ch^{\alpha(r+1)}\|u\|_{r+1} + Ch^\sigma \|u - u_h\|_1,$$  \hspace{1cm} 3.18

where $\sigma = s - 1 + \alpha \min(0,2 - s)$.

Proof: By the definition $Q_\tau$ and (2.11), we have

$$\|u - Q_\tau u\| \leq C\tau^{r+1}\|u\|_{r+1} \leq Ch^{\alpha(r+1)}\|u\|_{r+1}$$  \hspace{1cm} 3.19

Triangle inequality and combining (3.18) with (3.17) gives

$$\|u - Q_\tau u_h\| \leq \|u - Q_\tau u\| + \|Q_\tau u - Q_\tau u_h\|$$

$$\leq Ch^{\alpha(r+1)}\|u\|_{r+1} + Ch^{s-1+\alpha \min(0,2-s)}\|u - u_h\|_1,$$

which completes the estimate for $\|u - Q_\tau u_h\|$.

Next, we estimate $\|\nabla_\tau (u - Q_\tau u_h)\|$ by following the similar idea in [4], then

$$h^\alpha \|\nabla_\tau (u - Q_\tau u_h)\| \leq Ch^{\alpha(r+1)}\|u\|_{r+1} + Ch^{k+s-1+\alpha \min(0,2-s)}\|u - u_h\|_1.$$
This completes the proof of the theorem.

The above error estimate is optimized if $\alpha$ is selected as

$$\alpha(r + 1) = k + s - 1 + \alpha \min(0,2 - s) \quad 3.20$$

Solving $\alpha$ from above yields

$$\alpha = \frac{k + s - 1}{r + 1 - \min(0,2 - s)}. \quad 3.21$$

4. Numerical Examples

We present several numerical experiments to conform Theorem 3.4. The triangulation of $T_h$ is described by: (1) the domain is divided into an $n^3 \times n^3$ rectangular partition and (2) the diagonal line is connecting with the positive slope. Let $h = \frac{1}{n^3}$ as the mesh size. In the implementation, the quantity $Q_{\tau} u_h$ is $L^2$-projection of $u_h$ to $V_{\tau}$ associate with $T_{\tau}$. We define $V_{\tau}$ as follows:

$$V_{\tau} = \{v \in L^2(\Omega): v|K \in P_2(K), \forall K \in T_{\tau}\}.$$

By using Theorem 3.4, we get the order $O(h^{4/3})$ for $\|\nabla_\tau(u - Q_{\tau} u_h)\|$. The following experiments results meet with proved theory.

Example 4.1: Let the domain $\Omega = [0,1] \times [0,1]$. Also, the real solution is assumed to be

$$u = x^5 \sin y$$
Table 4.1 shows that after the use of the postprocessing, the errors are reduced. The error in the $H_1$-norm has a higher order, which is shown as $O(h^{1.3})$ for $\| \nabla \tau (u - Q \tau u_h) \|$, (see Figure 4.1). Figure 4.2 (a) and (b) give results for the FE approximation of the problem given in (1.1)-(1.2), both before and after post-processing. These results confirm with the theoretical result.

| $h$   | $\| u - u_h \|_1$ | $\| u - Q \tau u_h \|_1$ |
|-------|------------------|------------------|
| $2^{-3}$ | 0.2779e-1        | 0.9578e-2        |
| $3^{-3}$ | 0.1182e-1        | 0.2924e-2        |
| $4^{-3}$ | 0.6064e-2        | 0.1178e-2        |
| $5^{-3}$ | 0.3511e-2        | 0.5636e-3        |
| $O(h^k), k =$ | 0.9950        | 1.3624        |

Table 4.1: Errors on meshes $\mathcal{T}_h$ and $\mathcal{T}_\tau$
Figure 4.1: Convergence rate of error in Example 4.1. $H_1$-norm error.

Figure 4.2: Results for $u = x^5 \sin y$ in Example 4.1. (a) Surface of $u_h$. (b) Surface of $Q_\tau u_h$.

Example 4.2: Let the domain $\Omega = [0,1] \times [0,1]$. Also, the real solution is assumed to be
\[ u = (x - x^2)(y - y^2) \]

| \( h \)  | \( \| u - u_h \|_1 \)  | \( \| u - Q_t u_h \|_1 \) |
|---------|-----------------|-----------------|
| \( 2^{-3} \) | 0.2056e-2       | 0.1371e-2       |
| \( 3^{-3} \) | 0.8679e-3       | 0.4336e-3       |
| \( 4^{-3} \) | 0.4444e-3       | 0.1778e-3       |
| \( 5^{-3} \) | 0.2571e-3       | 0.8580e-4       |
| \( O(h^k), k = \) | 0.9997           | 1.3329           |

Table 4.2: Errors on meshes \( T_h \) and \( T_t \).

From the results shown in Table 4.2, it is easy to note that the solution \( u \) in the \( H_1 \)-norm has the faster convergence, (see Figure 4.3). Figure 4.4 (a) and (b), shows that the approximate solutions \( u_h \) and \( Q_t u_h \). This is in agreement with the previously stated theory.
Figure 4.3: Convergence rate of error in Example 4.2. $H_1$–norm error.
Figure 4.4: Results for $u = (x - x^2)(y - y^2)$ in Example 4.2. (a) Surface of $u_h$. (b) Surface of $Q\tau u_h$.

Example 4.3: Let the domain $\Omega = [0,1] \times [0,1]$. Also, the real solution is assumed to be

$$u = (e^x - x^5) \sin(y)$$

| $h$ | $\|u - u_h\|_1$ | $\|u - Q\tau u_h\|_1$ |
|-----|----------------|---------------------|
| $2^{-3}$ | 0.1960e-1 | 0.8396e-2 |
| $3^{-3}$ | 0.8345e-2 | 0.2620e-2 |
| $4^{-3}$ | 0.4281e-2 | 0.1065e-2 |
| $5^{-3}$ | 0.2478e-2 | 0.5111e-3 |
| $O(h^k), k =$ | 0.9944 | 1.3460 |

Table 4.3: Errors meshes $T_h$ and $T_\tau$

Table 4.3 gives the error profile for Example 4.3. Note that the gradient estimate is of order $O(h^{1.3})$ has the superconvergence, (see Figure 4.5). Figure 4.6 (a) and (b), shows that the approximate solutions $u_h$ and $Q\tau u_h$. Also, the approximate results are highly consistent with the theoretical $L^2$–projection.
Figure 4.5: Convergence rate of error in Example 4.3. $H_1$-norm error.
Figure 4.6: Results for \( u = (e^x - x^5) \sin(y) \) in Example 4.3. (a) Surface of \( u_h \). (b) Surface of \( Q_\tau u_h \).

Example 4.4: Let the domain \( \Omega = [0,1] \times [0,1] \). Also, the real solution is assumed to be

\[
  u = \cos(xy)
\]

| \( h \)   | \( ||u - u_h||_1 \)   | \( ||u - Q_\tau u_h||_1 \) |
|----------|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| \( 2^{-3} \) | 0.3023e-2              | 0.1428e-2                   |
| \( 3^{-3} \) | 0.1282e-2              | 0.4368e-3                   |
| \( 4^{-3} \) | 0.6573e-3              | 0.1775e-3                   |
| \( 5^{-3} \) | 0.3805e-3              | 0.8544e-4                   |
| \( O(h^k), k = \) | 0.9966               | 1.3543                      |

Table 4.4: Errors on meshes \( T_h \) and \( T_\tau \).

From the data shown in Table 4.4, it is clear that the exact solution \( u \) in the \( H_1 \)-norm has the superconvergence, (see Figure 4.7). Figure 4.8 (a) and (b), shows that the approximate solutions \( u_h \) and \( Q_\tau u_h \). This is in agreement with the previously stated theory.
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Figure 4.7: Convergence rate of error in Example 4.4. $H_1$-norm error.

Figure 4.8: Results for $u = \cos(xy)$ in Example 4.4. (a) Surface $u_h$. (b) Surface of $Q_T u_h$. 
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