

## An ADI Finite Volume Element Method for a Viscous Wave Equation with Variable Coefficients

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**Abstract:** Based on rectangular partition and bilinear interpolation, we construct an alternating-direction implicit (ADI) finite volume element method, which combined the merits of finite volume element method and alternating direction implicit method to solve a viscous wave equation with variable coefficients. This paper presents a general procedure to construct the alternating-direction implicit finite volume element method and gives computational schemes. Optimal error estimate in  $L^2$  norm is obtained for the schemes. Compared with the finite volume element method of the same convergence order, our method is more effective in terms of running time with the increasing of the computing scale. Numerical experiments are presented to show the efficiency of our method and numerical results are provided to support our theoretical analysis.

**Keywords:** Viscous wave equation, alternating direction implicit finite volume element method, error estimates,  $L^2$  norm.

### 1 Introduction

We consider in this paper the numerical approximation of a viscous wave equation on a bounded domain  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^m$  of the form

$$\begin{aligned} (a) \quad & \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} + \gamma_1 \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \nabla \cdot (Q \nabla u) - \nabla \cdot (A \nabla u) = S(X, t), X \in \Omega, t > 0, \\ (b) \quad & u = 0, X \in \partial\Omega, t > 0, \\ (c) \quad & u(X, 0) = u_0(X), \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(X, 0) = u_1(X), X \in \Omega, \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

where  $\gamma_1$  is a nonnegative coefficient,  $S$  denotes a source term,  $u_0$  and  $u_1$  are initial data, and  $A = A(X)$  and  $Q = Q(X)$  are diagonal, nonnegative diffusion tensors:

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$$A = \text{diag}(a_1, \dots, a_m); a_l = a_l(X) \geq 0; Q = \text{diag}(q_1, \dots, q_m); q_l = q_l(X) \geq 0.$$

Here, we have selected the homogeneous Dirichlet boundary condition for simplicity. Our analysis can be adjusted to accommodate other boundary conditions.

[Eq. \(1\)](#) represents an interesting class of problems including the propagation of acoustic waves and microscale heat transfer. Such problems have been widely concerned and studied because of their realistic physical background. Early work about them can be seen in Sei et al. [[Sei and Symes \(1995\)](#); [Harfash \(2008\)](#); [Dai and Nassar \(1999\)](#); [Deng, Wang and Zhao \(2010\)](#); [Lim, Kim and Douglas Jr \(2007\)](#); [Verwer \(2009\)](#); [Zhang and Zhao \(2001\)](#); [Karaa \(2010a\)](#); [Zhang \(2011\)](#)]. In Sei et al. [[Sei and Symes \(1995\)](#)], the authors gave the dispersion analysis of numerical wave propagation and its computational consequences. A finite-difference scheme had been constructed for solving the heat transport equation at the microscale in Dai et al. [[Dai and Nassar \(1999\)](#)]. Verwer studied the numerical time integration of a class of viscous wave equations by means of Runge-Kutta methods in Verwer [[Verwer \(2009\)](#)]. In Zhang [[Zhang \(2011\)](#)], Professor Zhang proposed a new multistep finite difference fractional step method for solving a viscous wave equation and proved that the new scheme is unconditionally stable in the sense of von Neumann. A Neumann problem for a wave equation perturbed by viscous terms with small parameters was considered and the interaction of waves with the diffusion effects caused by a higher-order derivative with small coefficient  $e$  was investigated in De Angelis [[De Angelis \(2019\)](#)]. For other recent development, we can see Deng et al. [[Deng \(2018\)](#); [Khelghati and Baghæi \(2018\)](#); [Zhao and Liu \(2018\)](#); [Chen, Zhou, Jiang et al. \(2019\)](#)].

Finite volume element method discretizes the integral form of conservation law of differential equation by choosing linear or bilinear finite element space as the trial space. The method, also known as the generalized difference method [[Li, Chen and Wu \(1999\)](#)], was proposed by Professor Ronghua Li in the 1980s based on the finite difference method and the finite element method. It has been widely used in computational fluid dynamics because of its attractive properties, such as the local conservative property and the robustness with the unstructured meshes and so on. In generally, two different function spaces are used in the finite volume element method, so the theory and numerical analysis of it are more difficult than that of the finite difference method and the finite element method.

Up to now, the basic theory of finite volume element method has reached a relatively perfect point, and there are many references in this field. Bank and Rose compared the finite element method with the finite volume element method in Cai [[Cai \(1990\)](#)]. In Ewing et al. [[Ewing, Lin and Lin \(2002\)](#)], the authors obtained the error estimation of the maximum norm in the finite volume element method. The finite volume element method was used to solve the diffusion equation problem, and the error analysis was given in Cai et al. [[Cai and McCormick \(1990\)](#)]. The authors in Plexousakis et al. [[Plexousakis and Zouraris \(2004\)](#)] used a class of high-order finite volume element methods to solve one-

dimensional elliptical equations. In Chen et al. [Chen, Wu and Xu (2012)], Chen studied the higher-order finite volume element method more deeply. Professor Chen and her students solved the elliptical and parabolic optimal control problems by using the finite volume element method and gave the corresponding error estimates in Luo et al. [Luo, Chen, Huang et al. (2014); Luo, Chen and Huang (2013)]. Chatzipantelidis et al. [Chatzipantelidis, Lazarov and Thomée (2004)] used the finite volume element method to solve the parabolic optimal control problem in convex polygons and give the corresponding error estimates. In Wang et al. [Wang and Zhang (2019)], the authors proposed a stabilized immersed finite volume element method for solving elliptic interface problems on Cartesian mesh. Furthermore, other results of finite volume element method can be seen in Bank et al. [Bank and Rose (1987); Chen (2010); Li, Li, He et al. (2018); Luo (2014); Zhao, Chen, Gao et al. (2013)].

Alternating direction implicit methods have proven valuable in the approximation of the solutions of parabolic and hyperbolic problems. This technique was first introduced by Douglas [Douglas (1955)] in 1955 to solve a multidimensional parabolic problem by treating it as a sequence of one-dimensional problems. Since then, several closely related methods have been introduced for solving parabolic and hyperbolic problems. In Zhang et al. [Zhang and Deng (2007)], a new alternating-direction finite element method was presented for solving hyperbolic equation. A new matched alternating direction implicit method is proposed in Wei et al. [Wei, Li and Zhao (2018)] for solving three-dimensional parabolic interface problems with discontinuous jumps and complex interfaces. An ADI quadratic finite volume element method was given for solving second order hyperbolic problems in Yang et al. [Yang and Chen (2009)]. Samir Karaa did a lot of research about this field [Karaa (2009, 2010b); Karaa and Zhang (2004)]. In Karaa [Karaa (2006)], he derived a high-order compact alternating direction implicit method for solving three-dimensional unsteady convection-diffusion problems and obtained the order in space and in time are fourth and second, respectively. In Ge et al. [Ge, Tian and Zhang (2013)], the authors developed an exponential high order compact alternating direction implicit method for solving three dimensional unsteady convection diffusion equations and compared it with the method of Karaa [Karaa (2006)]. In addition, ADI also played an important role in other areas. For instance, a backward Euler alternating direction implicit (ADI) difference scheme was formulated and analyzed for the three-dimensional fractional evolution equation in Chen et al. [Chen, Xu, Cao et al. (2018)]. An ADI difference scheme based on fractional trapezoidal rule was proposed to solve fractional integro-differential equation with a weakly singular kernel in Qiao et al. [Qiao, Xu and Wang (2019)]. In Zhou et al. [Zhou and Xu (2019)], the authors presented an alternating direction implicit (ADI) difference scheme for the multi-term time-fractional integro-differential equation with a weakly singular kernel. An alternating direction implicit spectral method is developed to solve the initial boundary value problem of the two-dimensional multi-term time fractional mixed diffusion and diffusion-wave equations in Liu et al. [Liu, Liu and Zeng (2019)]. The system of 2-D Burgers equations is numerically solved by using alternating direction implicit method in Celikten et al.

[Celikten and Aksan (2019)]. For more relevant literature, we can refer to Li et al. [Li, Liao and Lin (2019); Zhang and Wang (2004); Gao and Sun (2016); Vong and Wang (2015); Chen (2012); Wang and Zhao (2003); Wang (2008); Koutserimpas, Papadopoulos and Glytsis (2017); Qiao and Xu (2018); Zhao (2015).]

In this article, we combine finite volume element methods and alternating direction implicit methods for solving Eq. (1). The goal of this paper is to extend the method to the class of equations represented by Eq. (1) and improve the computational efficiency of the finite volume element method. An outline of the paper is as follows: In Section 2, we derive the ADI finite volume element schemes in tensor product form. Using the Douglas alternating direction discrete method, we successfully convert a multidimensional problem to a series of one-dimensional problems, which can be solved very easily. In Section 3, we further analyze the scheme and obtain optimal  $L^2$  norm error estimate. Section 4 provides four numerical experiments to illustrate the effectiveness of the scheme. Our schemes compare well with other schemes. Section 5 gives some conclusions.

### 1.1 Fully-discrete ADI finite volume element scheme

In this section, we consider the two-dimensional problem on a domain  $\Omega=[0,1]\times[0,1]$ .

In order to solve problem Eq. (1), let  $v=u_t+\gamma_1 u$ , then Eq. (1) can be rewritten as

- $$\begin{aligned} (a) \quad & v_t - \nabla \cdot (Q \nabla v) + \nabla \cdot (\gamma_1 Q - A) \nabla u = S(x, y, t), (x, y) \in \Omega, t > 0, \\ (b) \quad & v = u_t + \gamma_1 u, (x, y) \in \Omega, t > 0, \\ (c) \quad & u = 0, v = 0, (x, y) \in \partial\Omega, t > 0, \\ (d) \quad & u(x, y, 0) = u_0(x, y), v(x, y, 0) = u_1(x, y) + \gamma_1 u_0(x, y), (x, y) \in \Omega. \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

In order to get the solution of Eq. (2), we consider a rectangular partition  $Q_h$  for the domain  $\Omega$  and denote by  $(x_i, y_j)$ ,  $(i=0, 1, \dots, N_x, j=0, 1, \dots, N_y)$ . Let  $h_i^x = x_i - x_{i-1}$ ,  $(i=1, 2, \dots, N_x)$ ,  $h_j^y = y_j - y_{j-1}$ ,  $(j=1, 2, \dots, N_y)$ ,  $h^x = \max_{1 \leq i \leq N_x} h_i^x$ ,  $h^y = \max_{1 \leq j \leq N_y} h_j^y$ ,  $h = \max(h^x, h^y)$ . Further let  $x_{i-\frac{1}{2}} = x_i - \frac{1}{2}h_i^x$ ,  $(i=1, 2, \dots, N_x)$ ,  $y_{j-\frac{1}{2}} = y_j - \frac{1}{2}h_j^y$ ,  $(j=1, 2, \dots, N_y)$ ,  $h_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^x = x_{i+\frac{1}{2}} - x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}$ ,  $(i=1, 2, \dots, N_x-1)$ ,  $h_{j+\frac{1}{2}}^y = y_{j+\frac{1}{2}} - y_{j-\frac{1}{2}}$ ,  $(j=1, 2, \dots, N_y-1)$ . Then  $\Omega_{ij}^* = [x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}, x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}] \times [y_{j-\frac{1}{2}}, y_{j+\frac{1}{2}}]$  is a control volume or dual element of  $(x_i, y_j)$ . All control volumes constitute the dual partition  $Q_h^*$  of domain  $\omega$ . Let  $\delta t$  denote the time step size, and  $t^n = n\Delta t$  ( $n=0, 1, \dots$ ),  $t^{n-\frac{1}{2}} = t^n - \frac{\Delta t}{2}$  ( $n=1, 2, \dots$ ),  $u^n = u^n(t_n)$ . At time  $t=t^{n-\frac{1}{2}}$ , using the Crank – Nicolson scheme (or central difference), we obtain the differential scheme of Eqs. (2a) and (2b) respectively:

$$\frac{v^n - v^{n-1}}{\Delta t} - \nabla \cdot (Q \nabla \frac{v^n + v^{n-1}}{2}) + \nabla \cdot (\gamma_1 Q - A) \nabla \frac{u^n + u^{n-1}}{2} = \frac{1}{\Delta t} \int_{t^{n-1}}^{t^n} S dt + R_1^{n-\frac{1}{2}}, \quad (3)$$

$$\frac{u^n - u^{n-1}}{\Delta t} = \frac{v^n + v^{n-1}}{2} - \gamma_1 \frac{u^n + u^{n-1}}{2} + R_2^{n-\frac{1}{2}}, \quad (4)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} R_1^{n-\frac{1}{2}} &= \frac{1}{2\Delta t} \int_{t^{n-1}}^{t^n} \nabla \cdot Q \nabla v_{tt}(\theta_3(t))(t - t^n)(t - t^{n-1}) dt \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2\Delta t} \int_{t^{n-1}}^{t^n} \nabla \cdot (A - \gamma_1 Q) \nabla v_{tt}(\theta_3(t))(t - t^n)(t - t^{n-1}) dt, \\ R_2^{n-\frac{1}{2}} &= \frac{1}{2\Delta t} \int_{t^{n-1}}^{t^n} \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial t^2}(\theta_1(t))(t - t^n)(t - t^{n-1}) dt \\ &\quad - \frac{\gamma_1}{2\Delta t} \int_{t^{n-1}}^{t^n} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2}(\theta_2(t))(t - t^n)(t - t^{n-1}) dt. \end{aligned}$$

From Eq. (4), we can express  $u^n$  as

$$u^n = \frac{\Delta t}{2 + \gamma_1 \Delta t} (v^n + v^{n-1}) + \frac{2 - \gamma_1 \Delta t}{2 + \gamma_1 \Delta t} u^{n-1} + \frac{2\Delta t}{2 + \gamma_1 \Delta t} R_2^{n-\frac{1}{2}}. \quad (5)$$

Substituting Eq. (5) into Eq. (3) results in

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{v^n - v^{n-1}}{\Delta t} - \nabla \cdot (G \nabla \frac{v^n + v^{n-1}}{2}) + \nabla \cdot (H \nabla u^{n-1}) \\ = \frac{1}{\Delta t} \int_{t^{n-1}}^{t^n} S dt + R_1^{n-\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{\Delta t}{2 + \gamma_1 \Delta t} \nabla \cdot (A - \gamma_1 Q) \nabla R_2^{n-\frac{1}{2}}, \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} G &= \frac{2}{2 + \gamma_1 \Delta t} Q + \frac{\Delta t}{2 + \gamma_1 \Delta t} A = \text{diag}(g_1, g_2), \\ H &= \frac{2\gamma_1}{2 + \gamma_1 \Delta t} Q - \frac{2}{2 + \gamma_1 \Delta t} A = \text{diag}(h_1, h_2). \end{aligned}$$

Denote  $U = H_0^1(\Omega) \cap H^2(\Omega)$ . Integrate Eq. (6) over  $\Omega_{ij}^*$ , then using Green formula, the conservative integral form of Eq. (6) reads: Finding  $u^n \in U$ , such that

$$\begin{aligned} & \int \int_{\Omega_{ij}^*} \frac{v^n - v^{n-1}}{\Delta t} dx dy - \left[ \int_{\partial \Omega_{ij}^*} g_1 \left( \frac{v^n + v^{n-1}}{2} \right)_x dy - g_2 \left( \frac{v^n + v^{n-1}}{2} \right)_y dx \right] \\ & + \int_{\partial \Omega_{ij}^*} h_1 u_x^{n-1} dy - h_2 u_y^{n-1} dx = \frac{1}{\Delta t} \int \int_{\Omega_{ij}^*} \int_{t^{n-1}}^{t^n} S dt dx dy + R_{12}^{n-\frac{1}{2}}, \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

where  $i = 1, 2, \dots, j = 1, 2, \dots,$

$$R_{12}^{n-\frac{1}{2}} = \int_{\Omega_{ij}^*} \left[ R_1^{n-\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{\Delta t}{2 + \gamma_1 \Delta t} \nabla \cdot (A - \gamma_1 Q) \nabla R_2^{n-\frac{1}{2}} \right] dx dy.$$

Suppose  $U_h$  is a trial function space over the partition  $Q_h$ , which is obtained by bilinear interpolation. Let  $\pi u^n$  and  $\pi v^n$  be the interpolation function of  $u^n$  and  $v^n$  onto the trial function space  $U_h$ , respectively. Then, in Eq. (4) and Eq. (7), respectively, we get

$$\frac{\pi u^n - \pi u^{n-1}}{\Delta t} = \frac{\pi v^n + \pi v^{n-1}}{2} - \gamma_1 \frac{\pi u^n + \pi u^{n-1}}{2} + R_3^{n-\frac{1}{2}}, \quad (8)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \int \int_{\Omega_{ij}^*} \frac{\pi v^n - \pi v^{n-1}}{\Delta t} dx dy - \left[ \int_{\partial \Omega_{ij}^*} g_1 \left( \frac{\pi v^n + \pi v^{n-1}}{2} \right)_x dy - g_2 \left( \frac{\pi v^n + \pi v^{n-1}}{2} \right)_y dx \right] \\ & + \int_{\partial \Omega_{ij}^*} h_1 \pi u_x^{n-1} dy - h_2 \pi u_y^{n-1} dx = \frac{1}{\Delta t} \int \int_{\Omega_{ij}^*} \int_{t^{n-1}}^{t^n} S dt dx dy + R_{12}^{n-\frac{1}{2}} + R_4^{n-\frac{1}{2}}, \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} R_3^{n-\frac{1}{2}} &= \frac{(\pi u^n - u^n) - (\pi u^{n-1} - u^{n-1})}{\Delta t} + \gamma_1 \frac{(\pi u^n + u^n) + (\pi u^{n-1} + u^{n-1})}{2} \\ & - \frac{(\pi v^n - v^n) + (\pi v^{n-1} - v^{n-1})}{2}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
R_4^{n-\frac{1}{2}} = & \int \int_{\Omega_{ij}^*} \frac{\pi v^n - \pi v^{n-1}}{\Delta t} dx dy - \int \int_{\Omega_{ij}^*} \frac{v^n - v^{n-1}}{\Delta t} dx dy \\
& - \left[ \int_{\partial\Omega_{ij}^*} g_1 \left( \frac{\pi v^n + \pi v^{n-1}}{2} \right)_x dy - g_2 \left( \frac{\pi v^n + \pi v^{n-1}}{2} \right)_y dx \right] \\
& + \left[ \int_{\partial\Omega_{ij}^*} g_1 \left( \frac{v^n + v^{n-1}}{2} \right)_x dy - g_2 \left( \frac{v^n + v^{n-1}}{2} \right)_y dx \right] \\
& + \int_{\partial\Omega_{ij}^*} h_1 \pi u_x^{n-1} dy - h_2 \pi u_y^{n-1} dx - \int_{\partial\Omega_{ij}^*} h_1 u_x^{n-1} dy - h_2 u_y^{n-1} dx.
\end{aligned}$$

Assume  $\{\alpha_k(x)\}$  ( $k = 0, 1, \dots, N_x$ ),  $\{\beta_l(y)\}$  ( $l = 0, 1, \dots, N_y$ ), are the linear interpolating basis functions in  $x$  and  $y$  directions respectively.

$$\alpha_k(x) = \begin{cases} 1 - \frac{1}{h_k^x}, & x_{k-1} \leq x \leq x_k; \\ 1 - \frac{1}{h_{k+1}^x}, & x_k \leq x \leq x_{k+1}; \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere;} \end{cases} \quad \beta_l(y) = \begin{cases} 1 - \frac{1}{h_l^y}, & y_{l-1} \leq y \leq y_l; \\ 1 - \frac{1}{h_{l+1}^y}, & y_l \leq y \leq y_{l+1}; \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere.} \end{cases}$$

Then  $\{\alpha_k(x)\beta_l(y)\}$  are basis functions of  $U_h$ . That is, for  $u_h^n, v_h^n \in U_h$ , we have

$$u_h^n = \sum_{k=0}^{N_x} \sum_{l=0}^{N_y} u_{kl}^n \alpha_k(x) \beta_l(y), \quad v_h^n = \sum_{k=0}^{N_x} \sum_{l=0}^{N_y} v_{kl}^n \alpha_k(x) \beta_l(y),$$

where  $u_{kl}^n = u_h^n(x_k, y_l)$  and  $v_{kl}^n = v_h^n(x_k, y_l)$ .

Dropping the error terms, substituting  $\pi u^n, \pi v^n$  by  $u_h^n, v_h^n \in U_h$  in Eq. (8) and Eq. (9), we obtain the finite volume element scheme corresponding to Eqs. (2a) and (2b)

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int \int_{\Omega_{ij}^*} \frac{v_h^n - v_h^{n-1}}{\Delta t} dx dy - \left[ \int_{\partial\Omega_{ij}^*} g_1 \left( \frac{v_h^n + v_h^{n-1}}{2} \right)_x dy - g_2 \left( \frac{v_h^n + v_h^{n-1}}{2} \right)_y dx \right] \\
& + \int_{\partial\Omega_{ij}^*} h_1 (u_h^{n-1})_x dy - h_2 (u_h^{n-1})_y dx = \frac{1}{\Delta t} \int \int_{\Omega_{ij}^*} \int_{t^{n-1}}^{t^n} S dt dx dy,
\end{aligned} \tag{10}$$

$$\frac{u_h^n - u_h^{n-1}}{\Delta t} = \frac{v_h^n + v_h^{n-1}}{2} - \gamma_1 \frac{u_h^n + u_h^{n-1}}{2}. \tag{11}$$

Dealing with variable coefficients, we denote

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{g}_1(x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}, y_j) &= \frac{1}{h_{j+\frac{1}{2}}^y} \int_{y_{j-\frac{1}{2}}}^{y_{j+\frac{1}{2}}} g_1(x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}, y) dy, & \bar{g}_1(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}, y_j) &= \frac{1}{h_{j+\frac{1}{2}}^y} \int_{y_{j-\frac{1}{2}}}^{y_{j+\frac{1}{2}}} g_1(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}, y) dy, \\ \bar{g}_2(x_i, y_{j-\frac{1}{2}}) &= \frac{1}{h_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^x} \int_{x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}^{x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} g_2(x, y_{j-\frac{1}{2}}) dx, & \bar{g}_2(x_i, y_{j+\frac{1}{2}}) &= \frac{1}{h_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^x} \int_{x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}^{x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} g_2(x, y_{j+\frac{1}{2}}) dx, \\ \bar{h}_1(x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}, y_j) &= \frac{1}{h_{j+\frac{1}{2}}^y} \int_{y_{j-\frac{1}{2}}}^{y_{j+\frac{1}{2}}} h_1(x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}, y) dy, & \bar{h}_1(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}, y_j) &= \frac{1}{h_{j+\frac{1}{2}}^y} \int_{y_{j-\frac{1}{2}}}^{y_{j+\frac{1}{2}}} h_1(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}, y) dy, \\ \bar{h}_2(x_i, y_{j-\frac{1}{2}}) &= \frac{1}{h_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^x} \int_{x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}^{x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} h_2(x, y_{j-\frac{1}{2}}) dx, & \bar{h}_2(x_i, y_{j+\frac{1}{2}}) &= \frac{1}{h_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^x} \int_{x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}^{x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} h_2(x, y_{j+\frac{1}{2}}) dx.\end{aligned}$$

In Eq. (10), we can obtain

$$\begin{aligned}& \int \int_{\Omega_{ij}^*} \frac{v_h^n - v_h^{n-1}}{\Delta t} dx dy - \left[ -\bar{g}_2(x_i, y_{j-\frac{1}{2}}) \int_{x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}^{x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} \left( \frac{v_h^n + v_h^{n-1}}{2} \right)_y (x, y_{j-\frac{1}{2}}) dx \right. \\ & \quad + \bar{g}_2(x_i, y_{j+\frac{1}{2}}) \int_{x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}^{x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} \left( \frac{v_h^n + v_h^{n-1}}{2} \right)_y (x, y_{j+\frac{1}{2}}) dx \\ & \quad + \bar{g}_1(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}, y_j) \int_{y_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}^{y_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} \left( \frac{v_h^n + v_h^{n-1}}{2} \right)_x (x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}, y) dy \\ & \quad \left. - \bar{g}_1(x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}, y_j) \int_{y_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}^{y_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} \left( \frac{v_h^n + v_h^{n-1}}{2} \right)_x (x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}, y) dy \right] \\ & \quad + \left[ -\bar{h}_2(x_i, y_{j-\frac{1}{2}}) \int_{x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}^{x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} (u_h^{n-1})_y (x, y_{j-\frac{1}{2}}) dx \right. \\ & \quad + \bar{h}_2(x_i, y_{j+\frac{1}{2}}) \int_{x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}^{x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} (u_h^{n-1})_y (x, y_{j+\frac{1}{2}}) dx \\ & \quad + \bar{h}_1(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}, y_j) \int_{y_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}^{y_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} (u_h^{n-1})_x (x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}, y) dy \\ & \quad \left. - \bar{h}_1(x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}, y_j) \int_{y_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}^{y_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} (u_h^{n-1})_x (x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}, y) dy \right] \\ & = \frac{1}{\Delta t} \int \int_{\Omega_{ij}^*} \int_{t^{n-1}}^{t^n} S dt dx dy.\end{aligned}\tag{12}$$

Let

$$\begin{aligned}
 U^n &= \left[ u_{11}^n, u_{12}^n, \dots, u_{1N_y-1}^n, u_{21}^n, u_{22}^n, \dots, u_{2N_y-1}^n, \dots, u_{N_x-11}^n, \dots, u_{N_x-1N_y-1}^n \right]^T, \\
 V^n &= \left[ v_{11}^n, v_{12}^n, \dots, v_{1N_y-1}^n, v_{21}^n, v_{22}^n, \dots, v_{2N_y-1}^n, \dots, v_{N_x-11}^n, \dots, v_{N_x-1N_y-1}^n \right]^T, \\
 C_x &= \left[ \int_{x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}^{x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} \alpha_k(x) dx \right]_{(N_x-1) \times (N_y-1)}, \\
 C_y &= \left[ \int_{y_{j-\frac{1}{2}}}^{y_{j+\frac{1}{2}}} \beta_l(y) dy \right]_{(N_x-1) \times (N_y-1)}, \\
 A_x &= \left[ \bar{g}_1(x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}, y_j) \alpha'_k(x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}) - \bar{g}_1(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}, y_j) \alpha'_k(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}) \right]_{(N_x-1) \times (N_y-1)}, \\
 A_y &= \left[ \bar{g}_2(x_i, y_{j-\frac{1}{2}}) \beta'_l(y_{j-\frac{1}{2}}) - \bar{g}_2(x_i, y_{j+\frac{1}{2}}) \beta'_l(y_{j+\frac{1}{2}}) \right]_{(N_x-1) \times (N_y-1)}, \\
 B_x &= \left[ \bar{h}_1(x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}, y_j) \alpha'_k(x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}) - \bar{h}_1(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}, y_j) \alpha'_k(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}) \right]_{(N_x-1) \times (N_y-1)}, \\
 B_y &= \left[ \bar{h}_2(x_i, y_{j-\frac{1}{2}}) \beta'_l(y_{j-\frac{1}{2}}) - \bar{h}_2(x_i, y_{j+\frac{1}{2}}) \beta'_l(y_{j+\frac{1}{2}}) \right]_{(N_x-1) \times (N_y-1)}, \\
 \Phi^n &= \left[ \frac{1}{\Delta t} \int \int_{\Omega_{ij}^*} \int_{t^{n-1}}^{t^n} S dt dx dy \right]_{(N_x-1)(N_y-1)}^T.
 \end{aligned}$$

Using the above notations, Eq. (11) and Eq. (12) can be written as the following tensor product form

$$\begin{aligned}
 C_x \otimes C_y (V^n - V^{n-1}) + \frac{\Delta t}{2} (C_x \otimes A_y + A_x \otimes C_y) (V^n + V^{n-1}) \\
 = \Delta t \Phi^n + \Delta t (C_x \otimes B_y + B_x \otimes C_y) U^{n-1},
 \end{aligned} \tag{13}$$

$$U^n = \frac{\Delta t}{2 + \gamma_1 \Delta t} (V^n + V^{n-1}) + \frac{2 - \gamma_1 \Delta t}{2 + \gamma_1 \Delta t} U^{n-1}, \tag{14}$$

where  $\otimes$  represents Kronecker tensor product. Eqs. (13) and (14) are fully discrete finite volume element schemes of Eqs. (2a) and (2b).

Adding a perturbation term

$$\frac{(\Delta t)^2}{4} A_x \otimes A_y (V^n - V^{n-1})$$

to Eq. (13), then

$$\begin{aligned}
 C_x \otimes C_y (V^n - V^{n-1}) + \frac{\Delta t}{2} (C_x \otimes A_y + A_x \otimes C_y) (V^n + V^{n-1}) \\
 + \frac{(\Delta t)^2}{4} A_x \otimes A_y (V^n - V^{n-1}) = \Delta t \Phi^n + \Delta t (C_x \otimes B_y + B_x \otimes C_y) U^{n-1}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{15}$$

Eq. (15) can be rewritten as

$$(C_x \otimes I + \frac{\Delta t}{2} A_x \otimes I)(I \otimes C_y + \frac{\Delta t}{2} I \otimes A_y) V^n = (C_x \otimes I - \frac{\Delta t}{2} A_x \otimes I)(I \otimes C_y - \frac{\Delta t}{2} I \otimes A_y) V^{n-1} + \Delta t \Phi^n + \Delta t (C_x \otimes B_y + B_x \otimes C_y) U^{n-1}. \quad (16)$$

Using the Douglas alternating direction discrete method, two sides of the Eq. (16) minus

$$(C_x \otimes I + \frac{\Delta t}{2} A_x \otimes I)(I \otimes C_y + \frac{\Delta t}{2} I \otimes A_y) V^{n-1},$$

we can obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & (C_x \otimes I + \frac{\Delta t}{2} A_x \otimes I)(I \otimes C_y + \frac{\Delta t}{2} I \otimes A_y)(V^n - V^{n-1}) \\ &= -\Delta t (C_x \otimes A_y + A_x \otimes C_y) V^{n-1} + \Delta t \Phi^n + \Delta t (C_x \otimes B_y + B_x \otimes C_y) U^{n-1}. \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

In practical computation, design the following calculation steps:

**Step 1:** Compute initial vectors  $U^0$  and  $V^0$  by the initial conditions Eq. (2d);

**Step 2:** Compute  $V^{\frac{n-1}{2}} - V^{n-1}$  by

$$\begin{aligned} (C_x \otimes I + \frac{\Delta t}{2} A_x \otimes I)(V^{\frac{n-1}{2}} - V^{n-1}) &= \Delta t \Phi^n - \Delta t (C_x \otimes A_y + A_x \otimes C_y) V^{n-1} \\ &\quad + \Delta t (C_x \otimes B_y + B_x \otimes C_y) U^{n-1} \end{aligned}$$

**Step 3:** Compute  $V^n - V^{n-1}$

$$(I \otimes C_y + \frac{\Delta t}{2} I \otimes A_y)(V^n - V^{n-1}) = V^{\frac{n-1}{2}} - V^{n-1};$$

**Step 4:** Compute  $V^n$  as

$$V^n = (V^n - V^{n-1}) + V^{n-1};$$

**Step 5:** Substitute  $V^n$  in Eq. (14), and we can obtain  $U^n$ .

## 1.2 Error estimates

We have derived the ADI finite volume element schemes in Section 2. In this section, we further analyze the convergence of these schemes with respect to the  $L^2$  norm. Let  $\xi = \pi u - u_h$ ,  $\eta = \pi v - v_h$ . From Eqs. (8), (9), (11) and (15), we can obtain the error estimate equations

$$\frac{\xi^n - \xi^{n-1}}{\Delta t} = \frac{\eta^n + \eta^{n-1}}{2} - \gamma_1 \frac{\xi^n + \xi^{n-1}}{2} + R_2^{n-\frac{1}{2}} + R_3^{n-\frac{1}{2}}, \quad (18)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int \int_{\Omega_{ij}^*} \frac{\eta^n - \eta^{n-1}}{\Delta t} dx dy - \left[ -\bar{q}_2(x_i, y_{j-\frac{1}{2}}) \int_{x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}^{x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} \left( \frac{\eta^n + \eta^{n-1}}{2} \right)_y (x, y_{j-\frac{1}{2}}) dx \right. \\
& \quad + \bar{q}_2(x_i, y_{j+\frac{1}{2}}) \int_{x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}^{x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} \left( \frac{\eta^n + \eta^{n-1}}{2} \right)_y (x, y_{j+\frac{1}{2}}) dx \\
& \quad + \bar{q}_1(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}, y_j) \int_{y_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}^{y_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} \left( \frac{\eta^n + \eta^{n-1}}{2} \right)_x (x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}, y) dy \\
& \quad \left. - \bar{q}_1(x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}, y_j) \int_{y_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}^{y_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} \left( \frac{\eta^n + \eta^{n-1}}{2} \right)_x (x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}, y) dy \right] \\
& \quad + \frac{\Delta t}{4} \left[ \bar{g}_1(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}, y_j) \bar{g}_2(x_i, y_{j+\frac{1}{2}}) \frac{\partial^2(\eta^n - \eta^{n-1})}{\partial x \partial y} (x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}, y_{j+\frac{1}{2}}) \right. \\
& \quad - \bar{g}_1(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}, y_j) \bar{g}_2(x_i, y_{j-\frac{1}{2}}) \frac{\partial^2(\eta^n - \eta^{n-1})}{\partial x \partial y} (x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}, y_{j-\frac{1}{2}}) \\
& \quad - \bar{g}_1(x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}, y_j) \bar{g}_2(x_i, y_{j+\frac{1}{2}}) \frac{\partial^2(\eta^n - \eta^{n-1})}{\partial x \partial y} (x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}, y_{j+\frac{1}{2}}) \\
& \quad \left. + \bar{g}_1(x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}, y_j) \bar{g}_2(x_i, y_{j-\frac{1}{2}}) \frac{\partial^2(\eta^n - \eta^{n-1})}{\partial x \partial y} (x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}, y_{j-\frac{1}{2}}) \right] \\
& \quad + \left[ -\bar{h}_2(x_i, y_{j-\frac{1}{2}}) \int_{x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}^{x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} (\xi^{n-1})_y (x, y_{j-\frac{1}{2}}) dx \right. \\
& \quad + \bar{h}_2(x_i, y_{j+\frac{1}{2}}) \int_{x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}^{x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} (\xi^{n-1})_y (x, y_{j+\frac{1}{2}}) dx \\
& \quad + \bar{h}_1(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}, y_j) \int_{y_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}^{y_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} (\xi^{n-1})_x (x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}, y) dy \\
& \quad \left. - \bar{h}_1(x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}, y_j) \int_{y_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}^{y_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} (\xi^{n-1})_x (x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}, y) dy \right] \\
& = R_{12}^{n-\frac{1}{2}} + R_4^{n-\frac{1}{2}} + R_5^{n-\frac{1}{2}} + R_6^{n-\frac{1}{2}},
\end{aligned} \tag{19}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
R_5^{n-\frac{1}{2}} = & \left[ - \int_{x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}^{x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} (g_2(x, y_{j-\frac{1}{2}}) - \bar{g}_2(x_i, y_{j-\frac{1}{2}})) \left( \frac{\pi v^n + \pi v^{n-1}}{2} \right)_y (x, y_{j-\frac{1}{2}}) dx \right. \\
& + \int_{x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}^{x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} (g_2(x, y_{j+\frac{1}{2}}) - \bar{g}_2(x_i, y_{j+\frac{1}{2}})) \left( \frac{\pi v^n + \pi v^{n-1}}{2} \right)_y (x, y_{j+\frac{1}{2}}) dx \\
& + \int_{y_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}^{y_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} (g_1(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}, y) - \bar{g}_1(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}, y_j)) \left( \frac{\pi v^n + \pi v^{n-1}}{2} \right)_x (x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}, y) dy \\
& - \int_{y_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}^{y_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} (g_1(x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}, y) - \bar{g}_1(x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}, y_j)) \left( \frac{\pi v^n + \pi v^{n-1}}{2} \right)_x (x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}, y) dy \Big] \\
& - \left[ - \int_{x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}^{x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} (h_2(x, y_{j-\frac{1}{2}}) - \bar{h}_2(x_i, y_{j-\frac{1}{2}})) (\pi u^{n-1})_y (x, y_{j-\frac{1}{2}}) dx \right. \\
& + \int_{x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}^{x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} (h_2(x, y_{j+\frac{1}{2}}) - \bar{h}_2(x_i, y_{j+\frac{1}{2}})) (\pi u^{n-1})_y (x, y_{j+\frac{1}{2}}) dx \\
& + \int_{y_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}^{y_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} (h_1(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}, y) - \bar{h}_1(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}, y_j)) (\pi u^{n-1})_x (x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}, y) dy \\
& - \int_{y_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}^{y_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} (h_1(x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}, y) - \bar{h}_1(x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}, y_j)) (\pi u^{n-1})_x (x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}, y) dy \Big],
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
R_6^{n-\frac{1}{2}} = & \frac{\Delta t}{4} \left[ \bar{g}_1(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}, y_j) \bar{g}_2(x_i, y_{j+\frac{1}{2}}) \frac{\partial^2(\pi v^n - \pi v^{n-1})}{\partial x \partial y} (x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}, y_{j+\frac{1}{2}}) \right. \\
& - \bar{g}_1(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}, y_j) \bar{g}_2(x_i, y_{j-\frac{1}{2}}) \frac{\partial^2(\pi v^n - \pi v^{n-1})}{\partial x \partial y} (x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}, y_{j-\frac{1}{2}}) \\
& - \bar{g}_1(x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}, y_j) \bar{g}_2(x_i, y_{j+\frac{1}{2}}) \frac{\partial^2(\pi v^n - \pi v^{n-1})}{\partial x \partial y} (x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}, y_{j+\frac{1}{2}}) \\
& \left. + \bar{g}_1(x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}, y_j) \bar{g}_2(x_i, y_{j-\frac{1}{2}}) \frac{\partial^2(\pi v^n - \pi v^{n-1})}{\partial x \partial y} (x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}, y_{j-\frac{1}{2}}) \right].
\end{aligned}$$

Let  $K = A - \gamma_1 Q = \text{diag}\{k_1, k_2\}$ . Collecting Eqs. (18) and (19), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int \int_{\Omega_{ij}^*} \frac{\eta^n - \eta^{n-1}}{\Delta t} dx dy - \left[ -\bar{q}_2(x_i, y_{j-\frac{1}{2}}) \int_{x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}^{x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} \left( \frac{\eta^n + \eta^{n-1}}{2} \right)_y (x, y_{j-\frac{1}{2}}) dx \right. \\
& \quad + \bar{q}_2(x_i, y_{j+\frac{1}{2}}) \int_{x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}^{x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} \left( \frac{\eta^n + \eta^{n-1}}{2} \right)_y (x, y_{j+\frac{1}{2}}) dx \\
& \quad + \bar{q}_1(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}, y_j) \int_{y_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}^{y_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} \left( \frac{\eta^n + \eta^{n-1}}{2} \right)_x (x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}, y) dy \\
& \quad \left. - \bar{q}_1(x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}, y_j) \int_{y_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}^{y_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} \left( \frac{\eta^n + \eta^{n-1}}{2} \right)_x (x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}, y) dy \right] \\
& \quad - \left[ -\bar{k}_2(x_i, y_{j-\frac{1}{2}}) \int_{x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}^{x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} \left( \frac{\xi^n + \xi^{n-1}}{2} \right)_y (x, y_{j-\frac{1}{2}}) dx \right. \\
& \quad + \bar{k}_2(x_i, y_{j+\frac{1}{2}}) \int_{x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}^{x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} \left( \frac{\xi^n + \xi^{n-1}}{2} \right)_y (x, y_{j+\frac{1}{2}}) dx \\
& \quad + \bar{k}_1(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}, y_j) \int_{y_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}^{y_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} \left( \frac{\xi^n + \xi^{n-1}}{2} \right)_x (x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}, y) dy \\
& \quad \left. - \bar{k}_1(x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}, y_j) \int_{y_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}^{y_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} \left( \frac{\xi^n + \xi^{n-1}}{2} \right)_x (x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}, y) dy \right] \\
& \quad + \frac{\Delta t}{4} \left[ \bar{g}_1(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}, y_j) \bar{g}_2(x_i, y_{j+\frac{1}{2}}) \frac{\partial^2(\eta^n - \eta^{n-1})}{\partial x \partial y} (x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}, y_{j+\frac{1}{2}}) \right. \\
& \quad - \bar{g}_1(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}, y_j) \bar{g}_2(x_i, y_{j-\frac{1}{2}}) \frac{\partial^2(\eta^n - \eta^{n-1})}{\partial x \partial y} (x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}, y_{j-\frac{1}{2}}) \\
& \quad - \bar{g}_1(x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}, y_j) \bar{g}_2(x_i, y_{j+\frac{1}{2}}) \frac{\partial^2(\eta^n - \eta^{n-1})}{\partial x \partial y} (x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}, y_{j+\frac{1}{2}}) \\
& \quad \left. + \bar{g}_1(x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}, y_j) \bar{g}_2(x_i, y_{j-\frac{1}{2}}) \frac{\partial^2(\eta^n - \eta^{n-1})}{\partial x \partial y} (x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}, y_{j-\frac{1}{2}}) \right] \\
& = R_{12}^{n-\frac{1}{2}} + R_4^{n-\frac{1}{2}} + R_5^{n-\frac{1}{2}} + R_6^{n-\frac{1}{2}} + R_{23}^{n-\frac{1}{2}},
\end{aligned} \tag{20}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
R_{23}^{n-\frac{1}{2}} = & \frac{\Delta t}{2} \left[ - \int_{x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}^{x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} \bar{h}_2(x_i, y_{j-\frac{1}{2}}) (R_2^{n-\frac{1}{2}} + R_3^{n-\frac{1}{2}})_y(x, y_{j-\frac{1}{2}}) dx \right. \\
& + \int_{x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}^{x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} \bar{h}_2(x_i, y_{j+\frac{1}{2}}) (R_2^{n-\frac{1}{2}} + R_3^{n-\frac{1}{2}})_y(x, y_{j+\frac{1}{2}}) dx \\
& + \int_{y_{j-\frac{1}{2}}}^{y_{j+\frac{1}{2}}} \bar{h}_1(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}, y_j) (R_2^{n-\frac{1}{2}} + R_3^{n-\frac{1}{2}})_x(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}, y) dy \\
& \left. - \int_{y_{j-\frac{1}{2}}}^{y_{j+\frac{1}{2}}} \bar{h}_1(x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}, y_j) (R_2^{n-\frac{1}{2}} + R_3^{n-\frac{1}{2}})_x(x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}, y) dy \right].
\end{aligned}$$

Multiply the two sides of Eq. (20) by  $\frac{\eta_{ij}^n + \eta_{ij}^{n-1}}{2}$ , and add from 1 to  $N_x - 1$ ,  $N_y - 1$  for  $i, j$ , respectively. Denote the terms of the left hand side of the result by  $L_1, L_2, L_3, L_4$  and the terms of the right hand side by  $T_1, T_2, T_3, T_4, T_5$  sequentially.

Denote  $\|\cdot\|_s$  and  $|\cdot|_s$  as continuous norm and continuous semi-norm of orders in Sobolev space respectively. Further define the discrete  $H^1$  semi-norm and the discrete  $L^2$  norm respectively by norm respectively by

$$|\phi_h|_{1,h}^2 = \sum_{E \in Q_h} |\phi_h|_{1,h,E}^2, \forall \phi_h \in U_h,$$

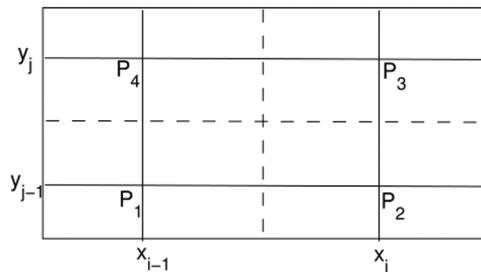
$$\|\phi_h\|_{0,h}^2 = \sum_{E \in Q_h} \|\phi_h\|_{0,h,E}^2, \forall \phi_h \in U_h,$$

where  $E = \overline{P_1 P_2 P_3 P_4} = [x_{i-1}, x_i] \times [y_{j-1}, y_j]$ , depicted as in Fig. 1 and  $P_5 = P_1$ ,

$$|\phi_h|_{1,h,E}^2 = \frac{h_j^y}{2h_i^x} \sum_{l=1,3} (\phi_h(P_{l+1}) - \phi_h(P_l))^2 + \frac{h_i^x}{2h_j^y} \sum_{l=2,4} (\phi_h(P_{l+1}) - \phi_h(P_l))^2,$$

$$\|\phi_h\|_{0,h,E}^2 = \frac{h_i^x h_j^y}{4} \sum_{l=1}^4 \phi_h(P_l)^2.$$

**Lemma 1** [Wang (2008)] For  $\forall \phi_h, \varphi_h \in U_h$ , denote by



**Figure 1:** Illustration for an element  $E$  and its nodes

$$\phi_{ij} = \phi_h(x_i, y_j), \varphi_{ij} = \varphi_h(x_i, y_j), \|\phi_h\|_{0,h}^2 = \sum_{i=1}^{N_x-1} \sum_{j=1}^{N_y-1} \phi_{ij} \iint_{\Omega_{ij}^*} \phi_h dxdy,$$

then

$$\sum_{i=1}^{N_x-1} \sum_{j=1}^{N_y-1} \left[ \varphi_{ij} \iint_{\Omega_{ij}^*} \phi_h dxdy - \phi_{ij} \iint_{\Omega_{ij}^*} \varphi_h dxdy \right] = 0, \quad \|\phi_h\|_{0,h} \geq \frac{1}{2} \|\phi_h\|_{0,h}.$$

**Lemma 2** [Wang (2008)] For  $\forall \phi_h, \varphi_h \in U_h$ , denote by

$$\|\phi_h\|_{1,h}^2 = - \sum_{i=1}^{N_x-1} \sum_{j=1}^{N_y-1} \phi_{ij} \int_{\partial\Omega_{ij}^*} \frac{\partial \phi_h}{\partial v} ds$$

then

$$\sum_{i=1}^{N_x-1} \sum_{j=1}^{N_y-1} \left[ \varphi_{ij} \int_{\partial\Omega_{ij}^*} \frac{\partial \phi_h}{\partial v} ds - \phi_{ij} \int_{\partial\Omega_{ij}^*} \frac{\partial \varphi_h}{\partial v} ds \right] = 0, \quad \|\phi_h\|_{1,h}^2 \geq \frac{1}{2} |\phi_h|_{1,h}^2$$

**Lemma 3** [Wang (2008)] For  $\forall \phi_h, \varphi_h \in U_h$ , We have

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{i=1}^{N_x-1} \sum_{j=1}^{N_y-1} \varphi_{ij} \left[ \frac{\partial^2 \phi_h}{\partial x \partial y} \left( x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}, y_{j+\frac{1}{2}} \right) - \frac{\partial^2 \phi_h}{\partial x \partial y} \left( x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}, y_{j-\frac{1}{2}} \right) - \frac{\partial^2 \phi_h}{\partial x \partial y} \left( x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}, y_{j+\frac{1}{2}} \right) \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \frac{\partial^2 \phi_h}{\partial x \partial y} \left( x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}, y_{j-\frac{1}{2}} \right) \right] = \sum_{E \in Q_h} \frac{\partial^2 \phi_h}{\partial x \partial y} \left( x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}, y_{j-\frac{1}{2}} \right) \frac{\partial^2 \varphi_h}{\partial x \partial y} \left( x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}, y_{j-\frac{1}{2}} \right) h_i^x h_j^y. \end{aligned}$$

where  $E = [x_{i-1}, x_i] \times [y_{j-1}, y_j]$  is an arbitrary element.

Now we estimate  $L_1, L_2, L_3, L_4$ . For  $L_1$  and  $L_2$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} L_1 &= \sum_{i=1}^{N_x-1} \sum_{j=1}^{N_y-1} \frac{\eta_{ij}^n + \eta_{ij}^{n-1}}{2} \int \int_{\Omega_{ij}^*} \frac{\eta^n - \eta^{n-1}}{\Delta t} dxdy \\ &= \frac{1}{2\Delta t} \left[ \|\eta^n\|_{0,h}^2 - \|\eta^{n-1}\|_{0,h}^2 \right], \\ L_2 &= - \sum_{i=1}^{N_x-1} \sum_{j=1}^{N_y-1} \frac{\eta_{ij}^n + \eta_{ij}^{n-1}}{2} \left[ -\bar{q}_2(x_i, y_{j-\frac{1}{2}}) \int_{x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}^{x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} \left( \frac{\eta^n + \eta^{n-1}}{2} \right)_y (x, y_{j-\frac{1}{2}}) dx \right. \\ & \quad + \bar{q}_2(x_i, y_{j+\frac{1}{2}}) \int_{x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}^{x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} \left( \frac{\eta^n + \eta^{n-1}}{2} \right)_y (x, y_{j+\frac{1}{2}}) dx \\ & \quad + \bar{q}_1(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}, y_j) \int_{y_{j-\frac{1}{2}}}^{y_{j+\frac{1}{2}}} \left( \frac{\eta^n + \eta^{n-1}}{2} \right)_x (x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}, y) dy \\ & \quad \left. - \bar{q}_1(x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}, y_j) \int_{y_{j-\frac{1}{2}}}^{y_{j+\frac{1}{2}}} \left( \frac{\eta^n + \eta^{n-1}}{2} \right)_x (x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}, y) dy \right]. \end{aligned} \tag{21}$$

Exist constant  $q$ , such that

$$\begin{aligned} L_2 &\geq -q \sum_{i=1}^{N_x-1} \sum_{j=1}^{N_y-1} \frac{\eta_{ij}^n + \eta_{ij}^{n-1}}{2} \int_{\partial\Omega_{ij}^*} \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial(\eta^n + \eta^{n-1})}{\partial v} ds \\ &\geq \frac{q}{2} \left| \frac{\eta^n + \eta^{n-1}}{2} \right|_{1,h}^2. \end{aligned} \quad (22)$$

For  $L_3$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} L_3 = & - \sum_{i=1}^{N_x-1} \sum_{j=1}^{N_y-1} \frac{\eta_{ij}^n + \eta_{ij}^{n-1}}{2} \left[ -\bar{k}_2(x_i, y_{j-\frac{1}{2}}) \int_{x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}^{x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} \left( \frac{\xi^n + \xi^{n-1}}{2} \right)_y (x, y_{j-\frac{1}{2}}) dx \right. \\ & + \bar{k}_2(x_i, y_{j+\frac{1}{2}}) \int_{x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}^{x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} \left( \frac{\xi^n + \xi^{n-1}}{2} \right)_y (x, y_{j+\frac{1}{2}}) dx \\ & + \bar{k}_1(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}, y_j) \int_{y_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}^{y_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} \left( \frac{\xi^n + \xi^{n-1}}{2} \right)_x (x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}, y) dy \\ & \left. - \bar{k}_1(x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}, y_j) \int_{y_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}^{y_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} \left( \frac{\xi^n + \xi^{n-1}}{2} \right)_x (x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}, y) dy \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Exist constants  $a, \tilde{q} > 0$ , such that

$$L_3 \geq -(a - \gamma_1 \tilde{q}) \sum_{i=1}^{N_x-1} \sum_{j=1}^{N_y-1} \frac{\eta_{ij}^n + \eta_{ij}^{n-1}}{2} \int_{\partial\Omega_{ij}^*} \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial(\xi^n + \xi^{n-1})}{\partial v} ds. \quad (23)$$

From Eq. (18), we know

$$\left( \frac{\eta^n + \eta^{n-1}}{2} \right)_{ij} = \left( \frac{\xi^n - \xi^{n-1}}{\Delta t} \right)_{ij} + \gamma_1 \left( \frac{\xi^n + \xi^{n-1}}{2} \right)_{ij} - R_{2,ij} - \frac{1}{2}.$$

Put the above formula to Eq. (23), then

$$\begin{aligned} L_3 &\geq -(a - \gamma_1 \tilde{q}) \sum_{i=1}^{N_x-1} \sum_{j=1}^{N_y-1} \frac{\eta_{ij}^n + \eta_{ij}^{n-1}}{2} \int_{\partial\Omega_{ij}^*} \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial(\xi^n + \xi^{n-1})}{\partial v} ds \\ &= \gamma_1(a - \gamma_1 \tilde{q}) \left\| \frac{\xi^n + \xi^{n-1}}{2} \right\|_{1,h}^2 + \frac{a - \gamma_1 \tilde{q}}{2\Delta t} [\|\xi^n\|_{1,h}^2 - \|\xi^{n-1}\|_{1,h}^2] + L_{31}, \end{aligned} \quad (24)$$

where

$$L_{31} = (a - \gamma_1 \tilde{q}) \sum_{i=1}^{N_x-1} \sum_{j=1}^{N_y-1} R_{2,ij}^{n-\frac{1}{2}} \int_{\partial\Omega_{ij}^n} \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial(\xi^n + \xi^{n-1})}{\partial v} ds.$$

Using Cauchy inequality, we have

$$|L_{31}| \leq C |R_2^{n-\frac{1}{2}}|_{1,h}^2 + \epsilon |\frac{\xi^n + \xi^{n-1}}{2}|_{1,h}^2 \leq C \Delta t^4 + \epsilon |\frac{\xi^n + \xi^{n-1}}{2}|_{1,h}^2. \quad (25)$$

For  $L_4$ , exist constant  $g^2$ , such that

$$\begin{aligned} L_4 &= \sum_{i=1}^{N_x-1} \sum_{j=1}^{N_y-1} \frac{\eta_{ij}^n + \eta_{ij}^{n-1}}{2} \frac{\Delta t}{4} \left[ \bar{g}_1(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}, y_j) \bar{g}_2(x_i, y_{j+\frac{1}{2}}) \frac{\partial^2(\eta^n - \eta^{n-1})}{\partial x \partial y}(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}, y_{j+\frac{1}{2}}) \right. \\ &\quad - \bar{g}_1(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}, y_j) \bar{g}_2(x_i, y_{j-\frac{1}{2}}) \frac{\partial^2(\eta^n - \eta^{n-1})}{\partial x \partial y}(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}, y_{j-\frac{1}{2}}) \\ &\quad - \bar{g}_1(x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}, y_j) \bar{g}_2(x_i, y_{j+\frac{1}{2}}) \frac{\partial^2(\eta^n - \eta^{n-1})}{\partial x \partial y}(x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}, y_{j+\frac{1}{2}}) \\ &\quad \left. + \bar{g}_1(x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}, y_j) \bar{g}_2(x_i, y_{j-\frac{1}{2}}) \frac{\partial^2(\eta^n - \eta^{n-1})}{\partial x \partial y}(x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}, y_{j-\frac{1}{2}}) \right] \\ &\geq \frac{g^2 \Delta t}{8} \sum_{i=1}^{N_x-1} \sum_{j=1}^{N_y-1} (\eta_{ij}^n + \eta_{ij}^{n-1}) \left[ \frac{\partial^2(\eta^n - \eta^{n-1})}{\partial x \partial y}(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}, y_{j+\frac{1}{2}}) \right. \\ &\quad - \frac{\partial^2(\eta^n - \eta^{n-1})}{\partial x \partial y}(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}, y_{j-\frac{1}{2}}) - \frac{\partial^2(\eta^n - \eta^{n-1})}{\partial x \partial y}(x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}, y_{j+\frac{1}{2}}) \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{\partial^2(\eta^n - \eta^{n-1})}{\partial x \partial y}(x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}, y_{j-\frac{1}{2}}) \right]. \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 3, we obtain

$$L_4 \geq \frac{g^2 \Delta t}{8} \left[ \|\frac{\partial^2 \eta^n}{\partial x \partial y}\|_{0,h}^2 - \|\frac{\partial^2 \eta^{n-1}}{\partial x \partial y}\|_{0,h}^2 \right]. \quad (26)$$

To estimate  $T_1$ , using Cauchy inequality, we see that

$$\begin{aligned} |T_1| &= \left| \sum_{i=1}^{N_x-1} \sum_{j=1}^{N_y-1} \frac{\eta_{ij}^n + \eta_{ij}^{n-1}}{2} R_{12}^{n-\frac{1}{2}} \right| \\ &\leq C \left\| \frac{\eta^n + \eta^{n-1}}{2} \right\|_{0,h}^2 + C \Delta t^3 \int_{t^{n-1}}^{t^n} \left[ \|u_{tt}\|_2^2 + \|v_{tt}\|_2^2 \right] dt. \end{aligned} \quad (27)$$

To estimate  $T_2$ , using finite element interpolation error estimates, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
|T_2| &\leq C \left\| \frac{\eta^n + \eta^{n-1}}{2} \right\|_{0,h}^2 + \frac{Ch^4}{\Delta t} \int_{t^{n-1}}^{t^n} \|v_t\|_2^2 dt \\
|T_2| &\leq C \left\| \frac{\eta^n + \eta^{n-1}}{2} \right\|_{0,h}^2 + \frac{Ch^4}{\Delta t} \int_{t^{n-1}}^{t^n} \|v_t\|_2^2 dt \\
&\quad + \epsilon \left\| \frac{\eta^n + \eta^{n-1}}{2} \right\|_1^2 + Ch^4 \left[ |u^{n-1}|_3^2 + |v^n + v^{n-1}|_3^2 \right]. \\
\text{where } |u|_3 &= \left( \sum_{|\alpha|=3} \|D^\alpha u(x, y)\|_0^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}.
\end{aligned} \tag{28}$$

For the integral approximation error  $T_3$ , using *Lipschitz* condition and interpolation error estimates, we can prove that

$$\begin{aligned}
|T_3| &\leq C \left\| \frac{\eta^n + \eta^{n-1}}{2} \right\|_{0,h}^2 + C \sum_{i=1}^{N_x-1} \sum_{j=1}^{N_y-1} (R_5 - \frac{1}{2})^2 \\
&\leq C \left\| \frac{\eta^n + \eta^{n-1}}{2} \right\|_{0,h}^2 + Ch^4 \left| \frac{v^n + v^{n-1}}{2} \right|_3^2 + Ch^4 |u^{n-1}|_3^2.
\end{aligned} \tag{29}$$

Next, we estimate disturbance error  $T_4$ , we can see that

$$\begin{aligned}
|T_4| &\leq C \Delta t^3 \int_{t^{n-1}}^{t^n} \|v_t\|_4^2 dt + C \Delta t^3 \int_{t^{n-1}}^{t^n} \int \int_{\Omega^*} \left( \frac{\partial^5 v}{\partial x^2 \partial y^2 \partial t} \right)^2 dx dy dt \\
&\quad + \epsilon \left\| \frac{\eta^n + \eta^{n-1}}{2} \right\|_1^2 + C \left\| \frac{\eta^n + \eta^{n-1}}{2} \right\|_{0,h}^2.
\end{aligned} \tag{30}$$

We estimate the last term  $T_5$

$$\begin{aligned}
|T_5| &\leq C \Delta t \left\{ \left\| \frac{\eta^n + \eta^{n-1}}{2} \right\|_{0,h}^2 + \epsilon \left\| \frac{\eta^n + \eta^{n-1}}{2} \right\|_1^2 + C \Delta t^3 \int_{t^{n-1}}^{t^n} [\|u_{tt}\|_2^2 + \|v_{tt}\|_2^2] dt \right. \\
&\quad \left. + C \frac{h^4}{\Delta t} \int_{t^{n-1}}^{t^n} |u_t|_3^2 dt + Ch^4 \left| \frac{u^n + u^{n-1}}{2} \right|_3^2 + Ch^4 \left| \frac{v^n + v^{n-1}}{2} \right|_3^2 \right\}.
\end{aligned} \tag{31}$$

Combining the equations from Eqs. (21) to (31) with Eq. (20) and Lemma 1,2, we conclude that

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{1}{2\Delta t} \left[ |\|\eta^n\|_{0,h}^2 - |\|\eta^{n-1}\|_{0,h}^2| + \frac{q}{2} \left| \frac{\eta^n + \eta^{n-1}}{2} \right|_{1,h}^2 + \gamma_1(a - \gamma_1 \tilde{q}) |\|\frac{\xi^n + \xi^{n-1}}{2}\|_{1,h}^2 \right] \\
& + \frac{a - \gamma_1 \tilde{q}}{2\Delta t} \left[ |\|\xi^n\|_{1,h}^2 - |\|\xi^{n-1}\|_{1,h}^2| + \frac{g^2 \Delta t}{8} \left[ \|\frac{\partial^2 \eta^n}{\partial x \partial y}\|_{0,h}^2 - \|\frac{\partial^2 \eta^{n-1}}{\partial x \partial y}\|_{0,h}^2 \right] \right] \\
& \leq C\Delta t^4 + C\Delta t^3 \int_{t^{n-1}}^{t^n} [\|u_{tt}\|_2^2 + \|v_{tt}\|_2^2] dt + C\Delta t^3 \int_{t^{n-1}}^{t^n} \|v_t\|_4^2 dt \\
& + C\Delta t^3 \int_{t^{n-1}}^{t^n} \int \int_{\Omega^*} (\frac{\partial^5 v}{\partial x^2 \partial y^2 \partial t})^2 dx dy dt + \frac{Ch^4}{\Delta t} \int_{t^{n-1}}^{t^n} \|v_t\|_2^2 dt \\
& + Ch^4 \left[ |u^{n-1}|_3^2 + |v^n + v^{n-1}|_3^2 \right] + C \frac{h^4}{\Delta t} \int_{t^{n-1}}^{t^n} |u_t|_3^2 dt \\
& + Ch^4 \left| \frac{u^n + u^{n-1}}{2} \right|_3^2 + Ch^4 \left| \frac{v^n + v^{n-1}}{2} \right|_3^2 \\
& + \epsilon \left| \frac{\eta^n + \eta^{n-1}}{2} \right|_{1,h}^2 + C \left\| \frac{\eta^n + \eta^{n-1}}{2} \right\|_{0,h}^2. \tag{32}
\end{aligned}$$

Multiplying by  $2\Delta t$ , adding over  $n$ , using discrete Gronwall Lemma and equivalence relations between continuous norm and the corresponding discrete norm, we obtain

$$\|\eta^n\|_0 + |\xi^n|_1 \leq C(\Delta t^2 + h^2).$$

Using interpolation approximation theorem in Sobolev space and equivalence relations between  $H^1$  norm and  $H^1$  semi-norm in  $H_0^1(\Omega)$ , we have

$$\|u^n - u_h^n\|_0 + \|v^n - v_h^n\|_0 \leq C(\Delta t^2 + h^2). \tag{33}$$

**Theorem 1** Let  $u, v \in H^2(0, T; H_0^1(\Omega) \cap H^3(\Omega))$  be the solutions of the differential Eq. (2) and  $u_h, v_h$  the solutions of the numerical schemes Eqs. (14) and (16), then the following estimate holds:

$$\|u^n - u_h^n\|_0 + \|v^n - v_h^n\|_0 \leq C(\Delta t^2 + h^2). \tag{34}$$

## 2 Numerical experiments

In this section, we give four numerical experiments: two numerical examples with constant coefficients and two numerical examples with variable coefficients. From these examples, we verify the effectiveness of the schemes in this article. For the purpose of checking numerical errors of algorithms for solving (1), four problems possessing exact solutions are considered. In all numerical experiments, the special domain is  $\Omega = (0, 1) \times (0, 1)$  and the time interval is  $J = (0, 1]$ . Finally, we point out that all numerical experiments are done with Matlab.

### 2.1 Experiment 1

In the first problem, we select  $\gamma_1 = 1, Q = A = I$ . The following function

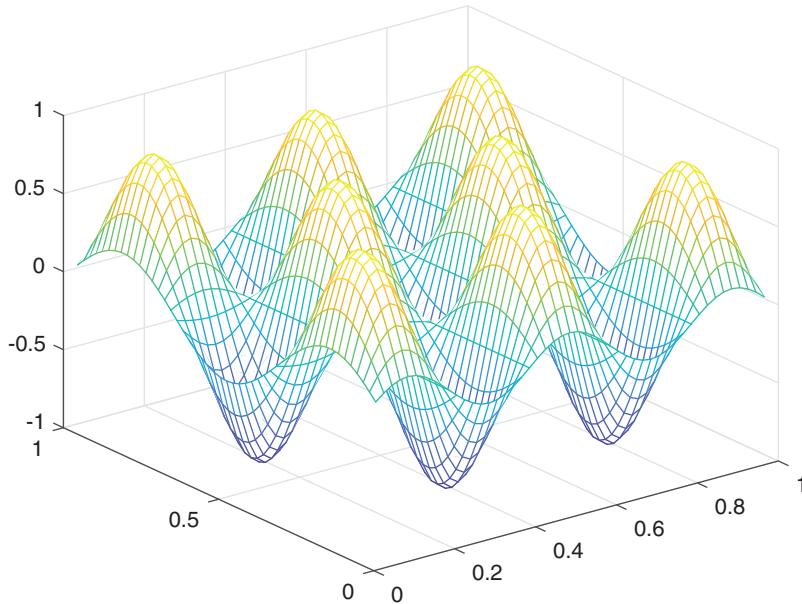
$$u(x, y, t) = [1 + 0.5 \sin(\pi^2 t)] \sin(5\pi x) \sin(3\pi y), (x, y, t) \in \Omega \times J$$

is selected as an exact solution. The source is given as

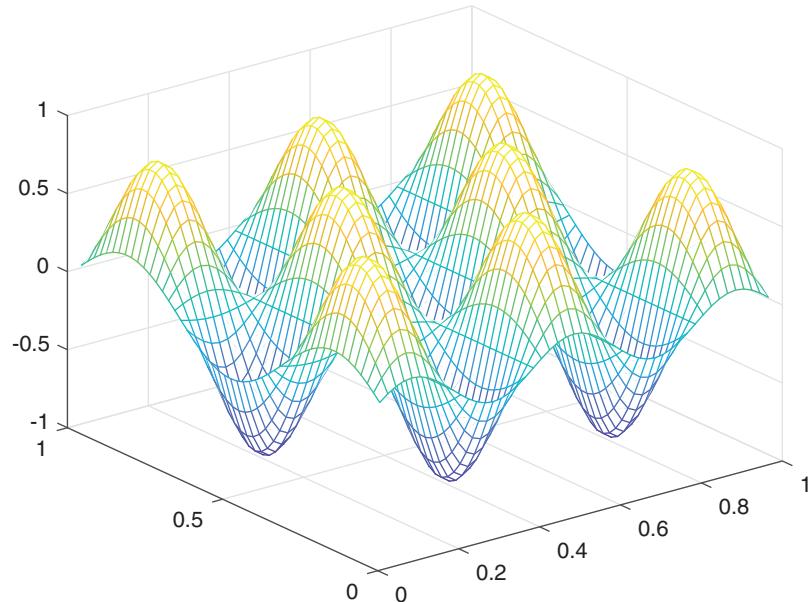
$$S(x, y, t) = \pi^2 \sin(5\pi x) \sin(3\pi y) [34 + (0.5 + 17\pi^2) \cos(\pi^2 t) + (17 - 0.5\pi^2) \sin(\pi^2 t)].$$

The numerical results are as follows:

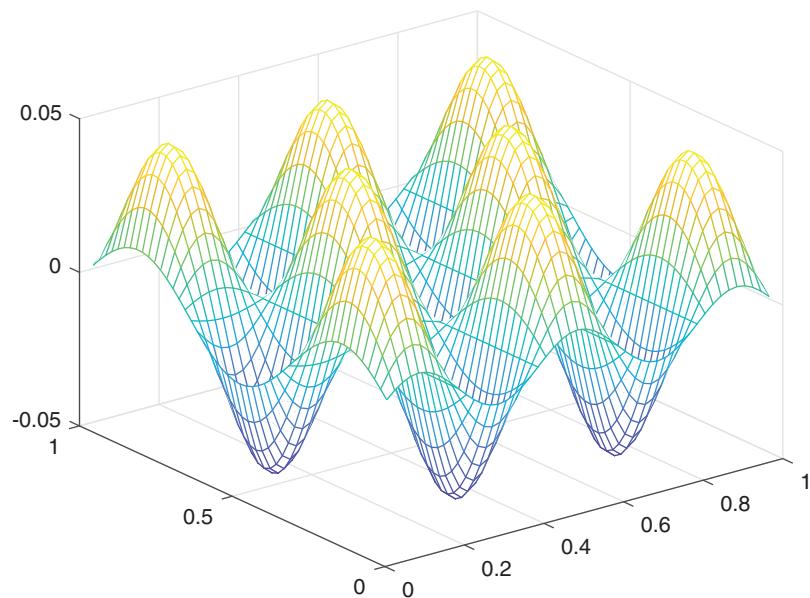
[Figs. 2-4](#) presents numerical solution and exact solution of  $u$ , as well as the  $L^2$  error between them in experiment 1 (case  $h=0.025$ ,  $\Delta t=0.025$ ). [Tab. 1](#) presents the maximum absolute error  $L^\infty$  and the convergence rate  $m$ . The error  $L^\infty$  is the maximum absolute error of the computed solution with respect to the exact solution at the final time  $T=1$ . As the table shows, the algorithm has a second-order accuracy, which confirms the theoretical results. Errors measured in the  $L^2$  norm showed similar results. As one can see from [Tab. 2](#), our algorithm shows higher accuracy than the algorithm based on the discretization scheme in Zampieri et al. [[Zampieri and Pavarino \(2006\)](#)]. [Tab. 3](#) shows the accuracy of our method (ADI-FVEM) and finite volume element method (FVEM) gradually decreases with decrease of time step and space step, but they have the same order. In [Tab. 3](#), we further list the CPU times of our schemes and finite volume element schemes. From [Fig. 5](#), we see ADI-FVEM is more efficient than FVEM with the increase of computing scale.



**Figure 2:** Numerical solution of  $u$  in experiment 1 (case  $h=0.02$ ,  $\Delta t=0.02$ )



**Figure 3:** Exact solution of  $u$  in experiment 1 (case  $h=0.02, \Delta t=0.02$ )



**Figure 4:**  $L^2$  error between numerical solution and exact solution of  $u$  in experiment 1 (case  $h=0.02, \Delta t=0.02$ )

**Table 1:** Maximum absolute error  $L^\infty$ ,  $L^2$  and their convergence rates

$(h, \Delta t)$	$L^\infty$	$\mathbf{m}$	$L^2$	$\mathbf{m}$
(0.02,0.02)	4.590E-2		2.295E-2	
(0.01,0.01)	1.126E-2	2.0187	5.631E-3	2.0187
(0.005,0.005)	2.801E-3	2.0052	1.401E-3	2.0052

**Table 2:** Maximum absolute error  $L^\infty$  and convergence rate

$(h, \Delta t)$	$L^\infty$	$\mathbf{m}$	<b>Zampieri et al. (2006) Scheme</b>	$L^\infty$	$\mathbf{m}$
(0.02,0.02)	4.59E-2		3.48E-1		
(0.01,0.01)	1.13E-2	2.0187	1.13E-1		1.62
(0.005,0.005)	2.80E-3	2.0052	4.27E-2		1.40

**Table 3:** Maximum absolute error  $L^\infty$  and CPU times of ADI-FVEM and FVEM

<b>Index</b>	$(h, \Delta t)$	<b>ADI-FVEM</b>		<b>FVEM</b>	
		$L^\infty$	$CPU$	$L^\infty$	$CPU$
1	(0.02,0.02)	4.590E-2	15.703s	3.379E-3	22.975s
2	(0.01,0.01)	1.126E-2	581.588s	8.427E-4	2331.732s
3	(0.005,0.005)	2.801E-3	20334.558s	2.105E-4	89623.054s

## 2.2 Experiment 2

In the second problem, we select  $\gamma_1 = 10$ ,  $Q = 0$  and  $A = I$ . We choose the following function

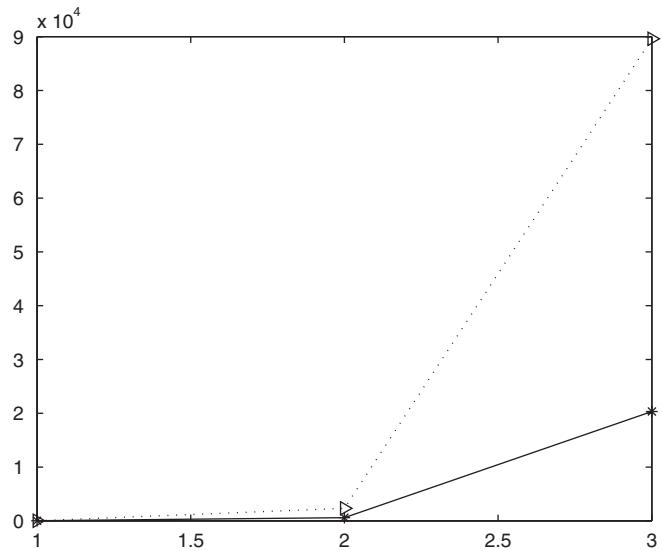
$$u(x, y, t) = e^{-vt} \sin(v_t t) \sin(v_x x) \sin(v_y y), (x, y, t) \in \Omega \times J$$

as an exact solution, where  $v$ ,  $v_t$ ,  $v_x$ ,  $v_y$  are constants. The source is given as

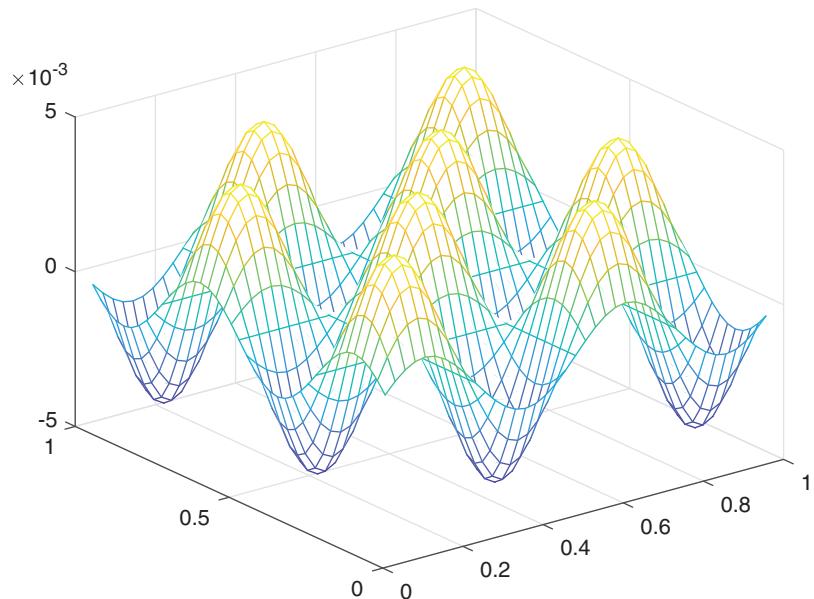
$$S(x, y, t) = \sin(v_x x) \sin(v_y y) \left[ (-v + v^2 - v_t^2 - v_x^2 - v_y^2) e^{vt} \sin(v_t t) + (v_t - 2vv_t) \cos(v_t t) \right].$$

The numerical results are as follows:

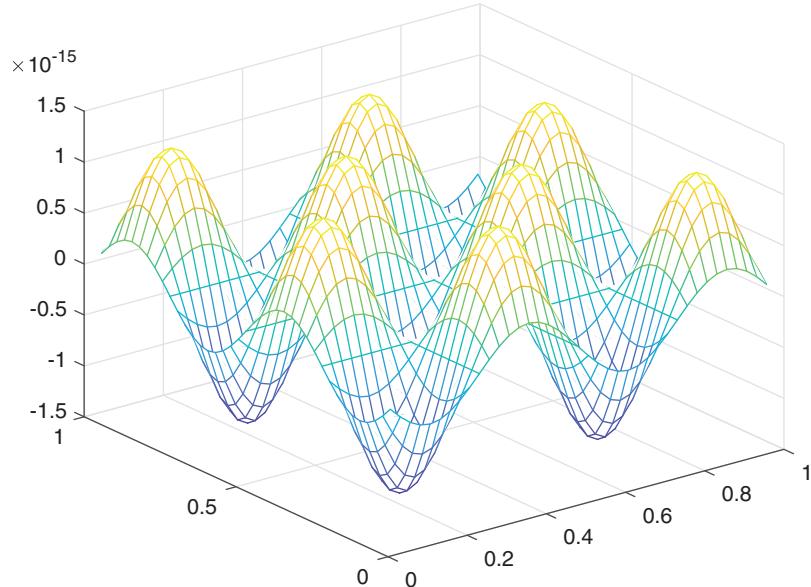
Figs. 6-8 presents numerical solution and exact solution of  $u$ , as well as the  $L^2$  error between them in experiment 2 (case (a) $v = -\pi/2$ , and  $h = 0.025$ ,  $\Delta t = 0.01$ ). Figs. 10-12 presents numerical solution and exact solution of  $u$ , as well as the  $L^2$  error between them in experiment 2 (case (b) $v = \pi/2$ , and  $h = 0.025$ ,  $\Delta t = 0.01$ ). Tabs. 4 and 5 show a second-order accuracy in (a) $v = -\pi/2$ ,  $v_t = 2\pi$ ,  $v_x = v_y = 4\pi$  and (b) $v = \pi/2$ ,  $v_t = 2\pi$ ,  $v_x = v_y = 4\pi$ ,



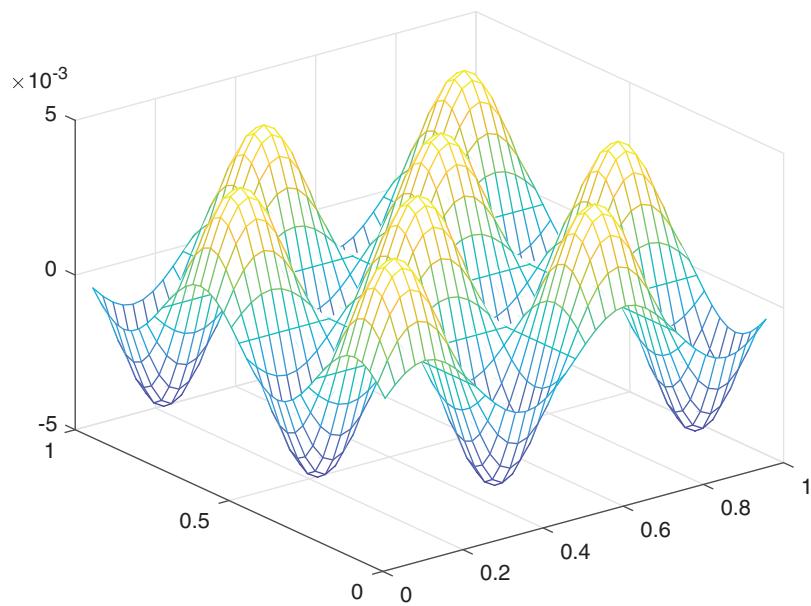
**Figure 5:** Comparison of CPU times of ADI-FVEM and FVEM in experiment 1. The dashed line  $\triangleright$  represents CPU times of FVEM, while The solid line \* is CPU times of ADI-FVEM



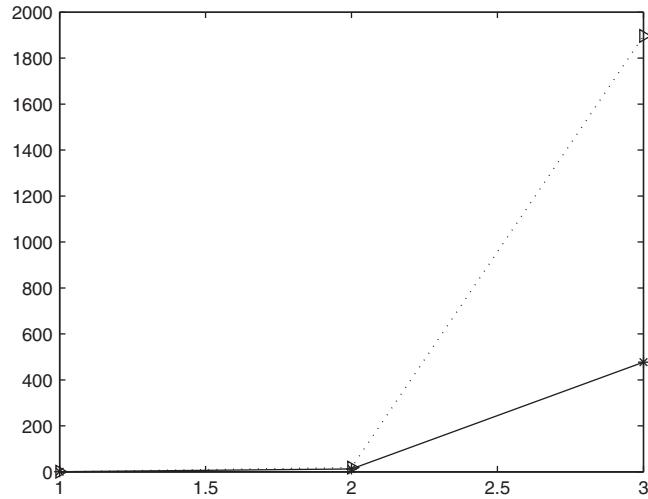
**Figure 6:** Numerical solution of  $u$  in experiment 2(a) (case  $h=0.025, \Delta t=0.01$ )



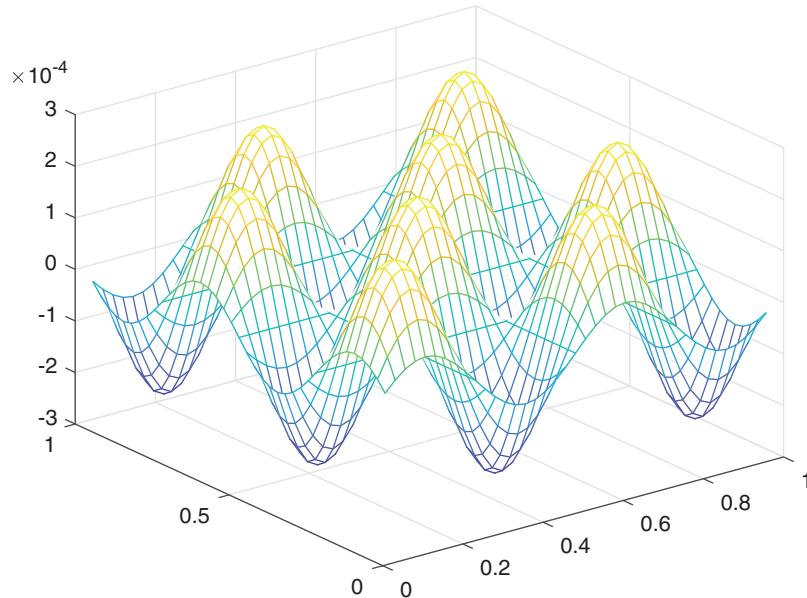
**Figure 7:** Exact solution of  $u$  in experiment 2(a) (case  $h=0.025, \Delta t=0.01$ )



**Figure 8:**  $L^2$  error between numerical solution and exact solution of  $u$  in experiment 2(a) (case  $h=0.025, \Delta t=0.01$ )

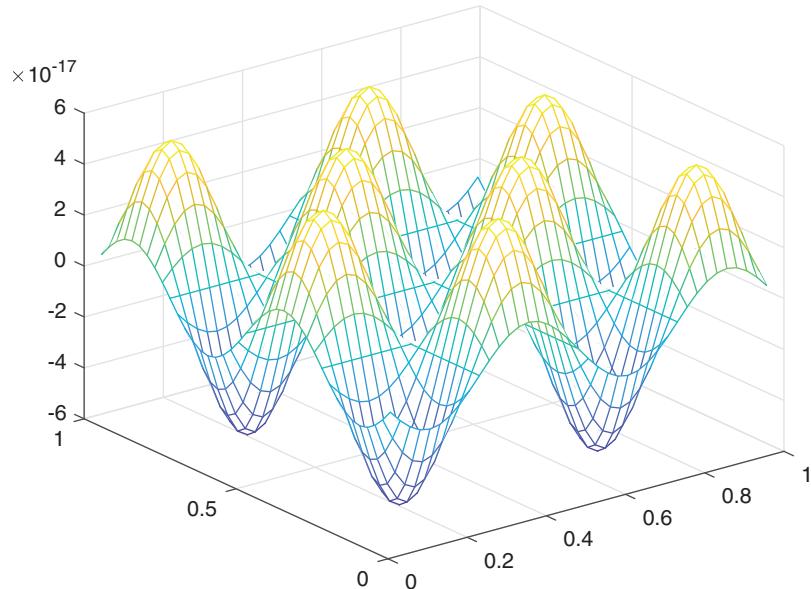


**Figure 9:** Comparison of CPU times of ADI-FVEM and FVEM in experiment 2(a)  $\nu = -\pi/2$ . The dashed line  $\triangleright$  represents CPU times of FVEM, while The solid line \* is CPU times of ADI-FVEM

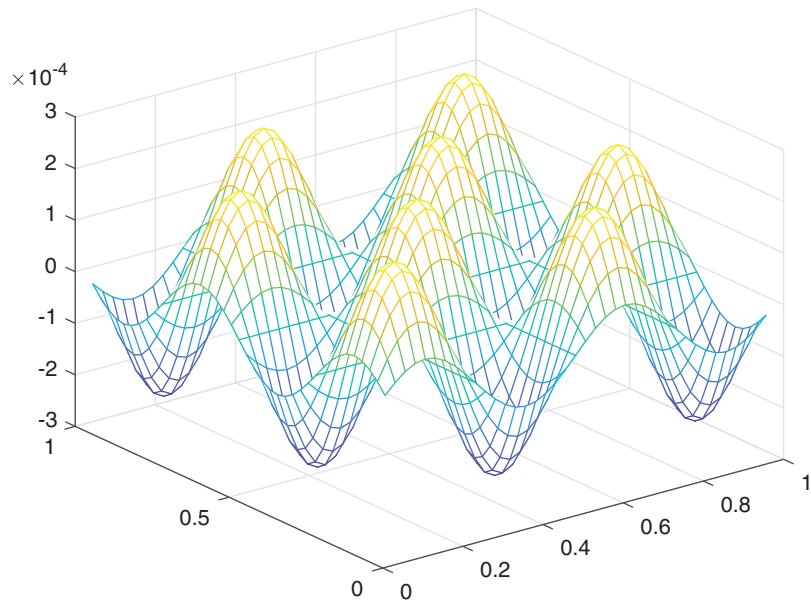


**Figure 10:** Numerical solution of  $u$  in experiment 2(b) (case  $h=0.025, \Delta t=0.01$ )

which confirms the theoretical results. In Tabs. 6 and 7, the accuracy of the ADI-FVEM and the FVEM schemes are almost the same, but we see ADI-FVEM is more efficient than FVEM with the increase of computing scale from Figs. 9 and 13.



**Figure 11:** Numerical solution of  $u$  in experiment 2(b) (case  $h=0.025, \Delta t=0.01$ )



**Figure 12:**  $L^2$  error between numerical solution and exact solution of  $u$  in experiment 2(b) (case  $h=0.025, \Delta t=0.01$ )

**Table 4:** Maximum absolute error  $L^\infty, L^2$  and their convergence rates in (a)

$(h, \Delta t)$	$L^\infty$	$\mathbf{m}$	$L^2$	$\mathbf{m}$
(0.05, 0.02)	1.464E-2		8.0925E-3	
(0.025, 0.01)	4.110E-3	1.8874	2.0589E-3	1.9845
(0.0125, 0.005)	1.031E-3	1.9965	2.9078E-5	1.9965

**Table 5:** Maximum absolute error  $L^\infty, L^2$  and their convergence rates in (b)

$(h, \Delta t)$	$L^\infty$	$\mathbf{m}$	$L^2$	$\mathbf{m}$
(0.05, 0.02)	8.611E-4		4.7602E-4	
(0.025, 0.01)	2.337E-4	1.9197	1.1684E-4	2.0185
(0.0125, 0.005)	5.816E-5	2.0045	2.9078E-5	2.0045

### 2.3 Experiment 3

In the third problem, we select  $\gamma_1=1, Q=diag(x,y), A=diag(x,y)$ . We choose the following function

$$u(x, y, t) = e^{-t} \sin(\pi x) \sin(\pi y), (x, y, t) \in \Omega \times J$$

as an exact solution. The source is given as

$$S(x, y, t) = 0.$$

The numerical results are as follows:

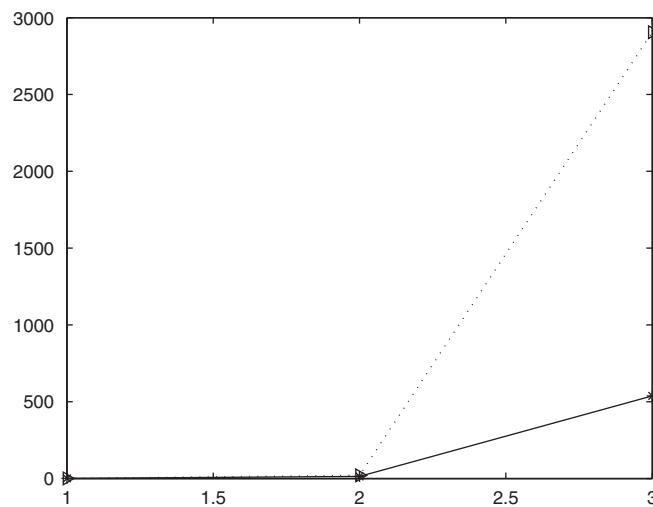
Figs. 14–16 presents numerical solution and exact solution of  $u$ , as well as the  $L^2$  error between them in experiment 3 (case  $h=0.025, \Delta t=0.01$ ). Tab. 8 presents a second-order accuracy in  $L^2$  norm and  $L^\infty$  norm, which confirms the theoretical results. In Tab. 9, the accuracy of the ADI-FVEM and FVEM schemes are almost the same, but we see ADI-FVEM is more efficient than FVEM with the increase of computing scale from Fig. 17.

**Table 6:** Maximum absolute error  $L^\infty$  and CPU times of ADI-FVEM and FVEM in (a)

<b>Index</b>	$(h, \Delta t)$	<b>ADI-FVEM</b>		<b>FVEM</b>	
		$L^\infty$	$CPU$	$L^\infty$	$CPU$
1	(0.05,0.02)	1.464E-2	0.377s	1.491E-2	0.418s
2	(0.025,0.01)	4.110E-3	12.560s	4.130E-3	18.341s
3	(0.0125,0.005)	1.031E-3	476.574s	1.032E-3	1896.386s

**Table 7:** Maximum absolute error  $L^\infty$  and CPU times of ADI-FVEM and FVEM in (b)

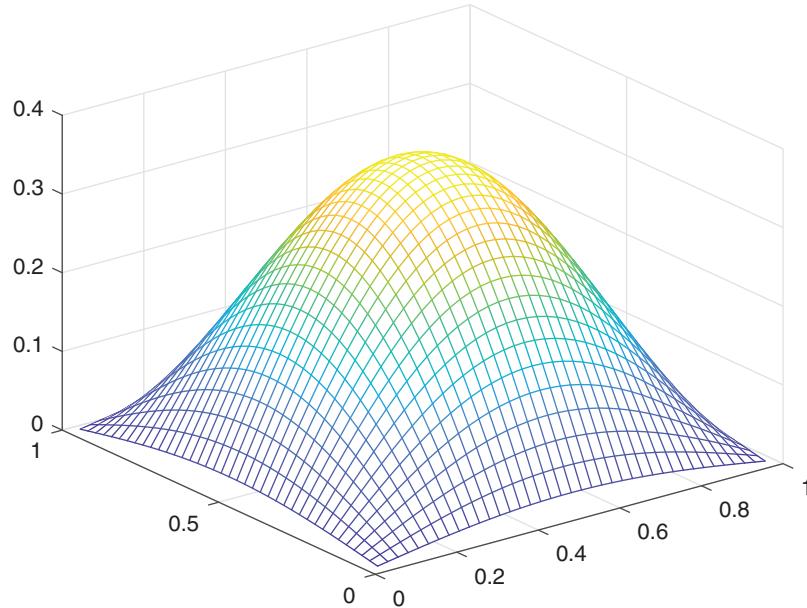
<b>Index</b>	$(h, \Delta t)$	<b>ADI-FVEM</b>		<b>FVEM</b>	
		$L^\infty$	CPU	$L^\infty$	CPU
	(0.05,0.02)	8.611E-4	0.634s	8.690E-4	0.615s
	(0.025,0.01)	2.337E-4	13.885s	2.342E-4	20.572s
	(0.0125,0.005)	5.816E-5	537.422s	5.819E-5	2905.936s

**Figure 13:** Comparison of CPU times of ADI-FVEM and FVEM in experiment 2(b)  $v = \pi/2$ . The dashed line  $\triangleright$  represents CPU times of FVEM, while The solid line \* is CPU times of ADI-FVEM**Table 8:** Maximum absolute error  $L^\infty$ ,  $L^2$  and their convergence rates

$(h, \Delta t)$	$L^\infty$	<b>m</b>	$L^2$	<b>m</b>
(0.2, 0.2)	1.114E-3		6.1580E-4	
(0.1, 0.1)	3.069E-4	1.9052	1.5345E-4	2.0033
(0.05, 0.05)	7.666E-5	2.0008	3.8331E-5	2.0008
(0.025, 0.025)	1.916E-5	2.0011	9.5808E-6	2.0002

**Table 9:** Maximum absolute error  $L^\infty$  and CPU times of ADI-FVEM and FVEM

<b>Index</b>	$(h, \Delta t)$	<b>ADI-FVEM</b>		<b>FVEM</b>	
		$L^\infty$	CPU	$L^\infty$	CPU
1	(0.2, 0.2)	1.114E-3	0.0008s	1.114E-3	0.0005s
2	(0.1, 0.1)	3.069E-4	0.005s	3.069E-4	0.027s
3	(0.05, 0.05)	7.666E-5	0.122s	7.666E-5	1.157s
4	(0.025, 0.025)	1.916E-5	4.352s	1.916E-5	49.931s

**Figure 14:** Numerical solution of  $u$  in experiment 3 (case  $h=0.025, \Delta t=0.01$ )

#### 2.4 Experiment 4

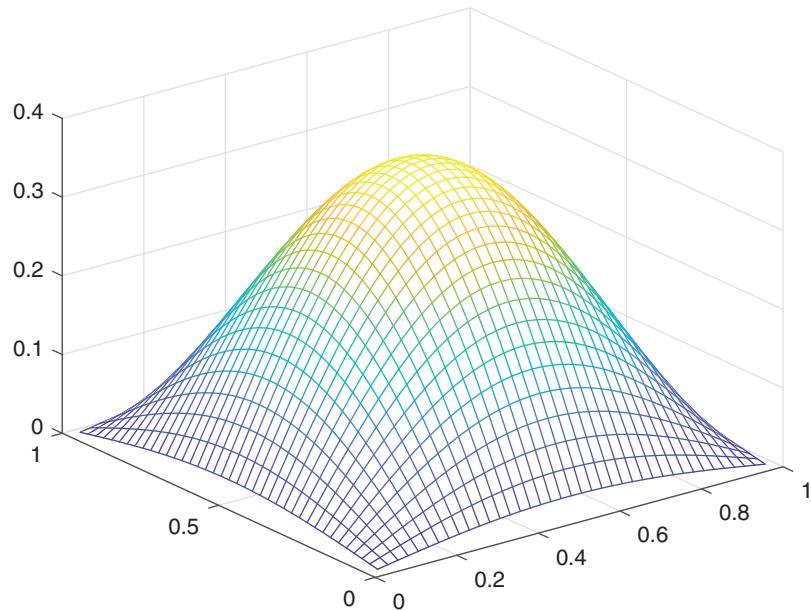
In the fourth problem, we select  $\gamma_1=1, Q=\text{diag}\{x, y\}, A=\text{diag}\{y, x\}$ . We choose the following function

$$u(x, y, t)=e^{-t} \sin(\pi x) \sin(\pi y), (x, y, t) \in \Omega \times J$$

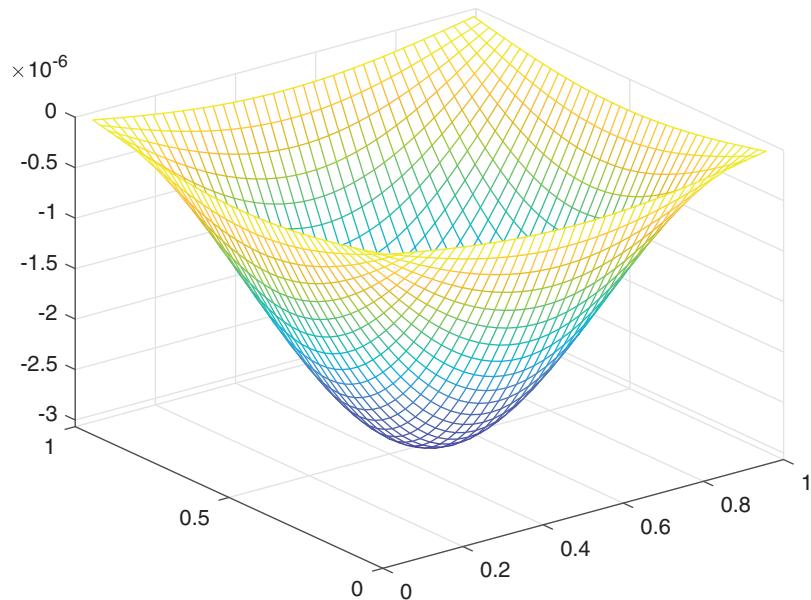
as an exact solution. The source is given as

$$S(x, y, t)=\pi e^{-t} \sin[\pi(x+y)].$$

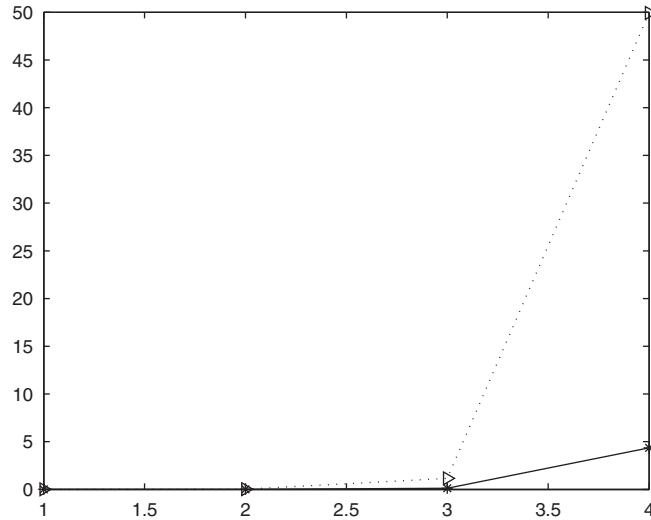
The numerical results are as follows:



**Figure 15:** Exact solution of  $u$  in experiment 3 (case  $h=0.025, \Delta t=0.01$ )

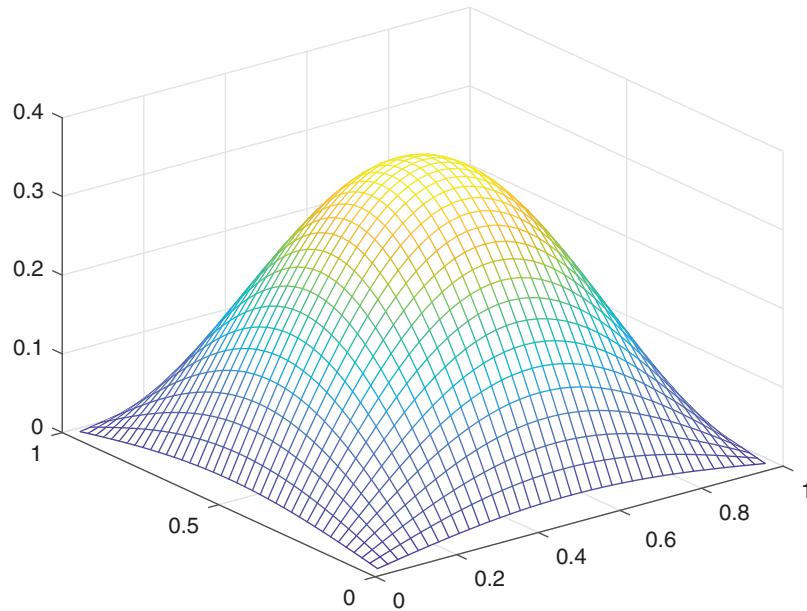


**Figure 16:**  $L^2$  error between numerical solution and exact solution of  $u$  in experiment 3 (case  $h=0.025, \Delta t=0.01$ )

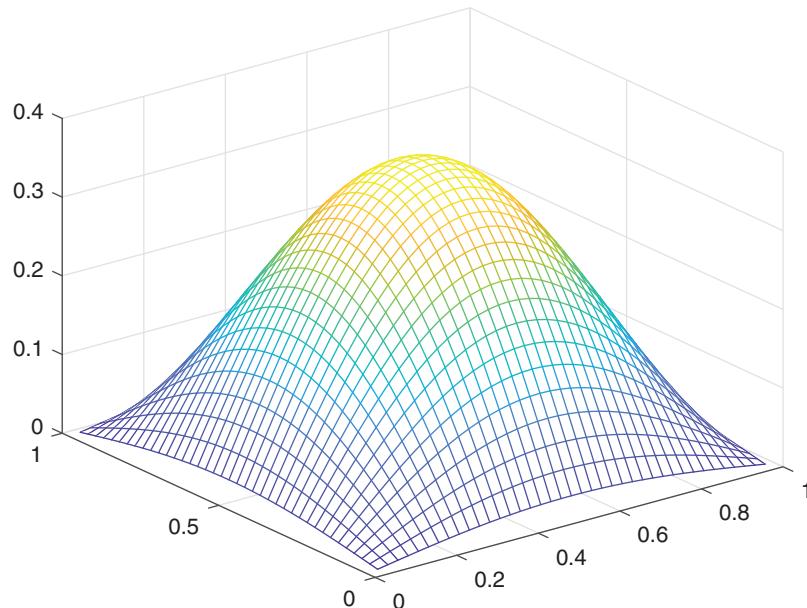


**Figure 17:** Comparison of CPU times of ADI-FVEM and FVEM in experiment 3. The dashed line  $\triangleright$  represents CPU times of FVEM, while The solid line \* is CPU times of ADI-FVEM

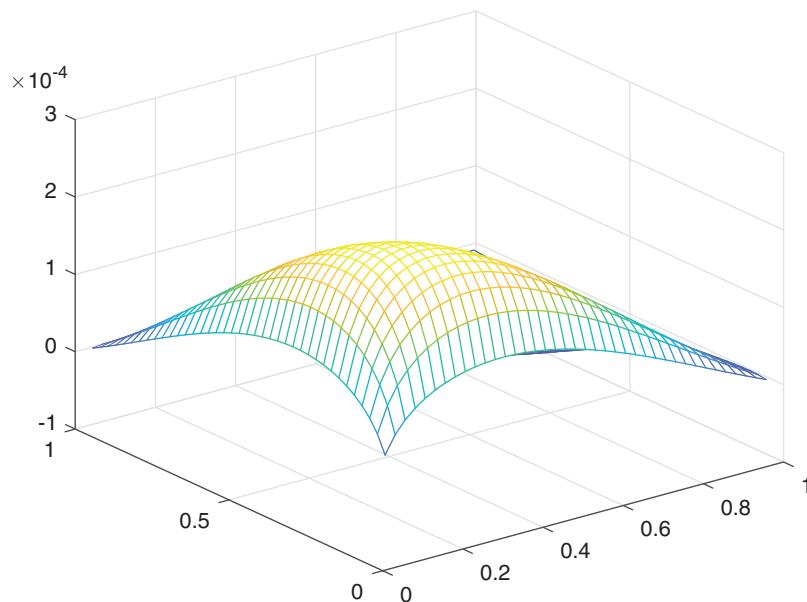
Figs. 18-20 presents numerical solution and exact solution of  $u$ , as well as the  $L^2$  error between them in experiment 4 (case  $h=0.025, \Delta t=0.025$ ). Tab. 10 presents a second-order accuracy in  $L^2$  norm and  $L^\infty$  norm, which confirms the theoretical results. In Tab. 11 the accuracy of the ADI-FVEM and FVEM schemes are almost the same, but we see ADI-FVEM is more efficient than FVEM with the increase of computing scale from Fig. 21.



**Figure 18:** Numerical solution of  $u$  in experiment 4 (case  $h=0.025, \Delta t=0.025$ )



**Figure 19:** Exact solution of  $u$  in experiment 4 (case  $h=0.025, \Delta t=0.025$ )



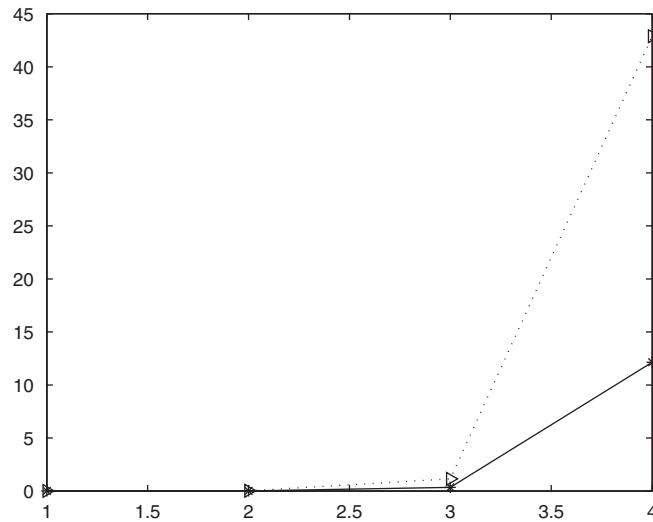
**Figure 20:**  $L^2$  error between numerical solution and exact solution of  $u$  in experiment 4 (case  $h=0.025, \Delta t=0.025$ )

**Table 10:** Maximum absolute error  $L^\infty$ ,  $L^2$  and their convergence rates

$(h, \Delta t)$	$L^\infty$	<b>m</b>	$L^2$	<b>m</b>
(0.2, 0.2)	1.063E-2		4.0082E-3	
(0.1, 0.1)	3.260E-3	1.8060	1.3433E-3	1.7445
(0.05, 0.05)	9.257E-4	1.8764	3.8980E-4	1.8564
(0.025, 0.025)	2.511E-4	1.9201	1.0705E-4	1.9082

**Table 11:** Maximum absolute error  $L^\infty$  and CPU times of ADI-FVEM and FVEM

<b>Index</b>	$(h, \Delta t)$	<b>ADI-FVEM</b>		<b>FVEM</b>	
		$L^\infty$	<i>CPU</i>	$L^\infty$	<i>CPU</i>
1	(0.2, 0.2)	1.063E-2	0.0009s	1.063E-2	0.0003s
2	(0.1, 0.1)	3.259E-3	0.011s	3.259E-3	0.024s
3	(0.05, 0.05)	9.257E-4	0.336s	9.257E-4	1.147s
4	(0.025, 0.025)	2.511E-4	12.142s	2.511E-4	42.894s

**Figure 21:** Comparison of CPU times of ADI-FVEM and FVEM in experiment 4. The dashed line  $\triangleright$  represents CPU times of FVEM, while The solid line \* is CPU times of ADI-FVEM

### 3 Conclusions

In this paper, an alternating-direction implicit finite volume element method was proposed to solve a viscous wave equation with variable coefficients and the error estimate respect to  $L^2$  is derived. Four numerical examples demonstrated the effectiveness of the scheme and the theoretical result. Also, we can see that our approach is more efficient than the standard finite volume element schemes with the increasing scale.

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