

Convergence of the Point Integral method for the Poisson equation with Dirichlet boundary on point cloud

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Abstract

The Poisson equation on manifolds plays a fundamental role in many applications. Recently, we proposed a novel numerical method called the Point Integral method (PIM) to solve the Poisson equations on manifolds from point clouds. In this paper, we prove the convergence of the point integral method for solving the Poisson equation with the Dirichlet boundary condition.

1 Introduction

In the past decades, machine learning attracts more and more attentions. In many problems of machine learning, data can be represented as a set of points in high dimensional Euclidean space, which is usually referred as point cloud. One fundamental problem in machine learning is to infer the value of a function on the whole point cloud from the value on a subset of the point cloud. Harmonic function provides an efficient way to solve this problem. One need to find a harmonic function such that it coincides with the given value in the subset of the point cloud. Apparently, this harmonic function can be obtained by solving Laplace equation with Dirichlet type boundary condition.

The partial differential equations on manifolds also arise in a wide variety of applications, including material science [5, 11], fluid flow [13, 14], biology and biophysics [3, 12, 21, 2]. In these problems, Dirichlet boundary condition is also very common.

In 2D surfaces, people have developed many numerical methods to solve variety of PDEs, such as surface finite element method [10], level set method [4, 25], grid based particle method [17, 16] and closest point method [22, 20]. These methods are difficult to solve PDEs on general point cloud in high dimensional space.

To discretize the differential operators on point cloud, several alternative numerical methods have been developed. Liang et al. proposed to discretize the differential operators on point cloud by local least square approximations of the manifold [19]. Later, Lai et al. proposed local mesh method to approximate the differential operators on point cloud [15]. The main idea is to approximate the manifold locally by polynomials or mesh. Once the local approximation is obtained, it is easy to discretize the differential operators. However, when the dimension of the manifold is high, the local approximation is not easy to construct.

In [18], we proposed a novel numerical method, point integral method (PIM), to solve the Poisson equation on point cloud. The main idea of the point integral method is to approximate the Poisson equation by the following integral equation:

$$-\int_{\mathcal{M}} \Delta_{\mathcal{M}} u(\mathbf{y}) \bar{R}_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) d\mu_{\mathbf{y}} \approx \frac{1}{t} \int_{\mathcal{M}} R_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) (u(\mathbf{x}) - u(\mathbf{y})) d\mu_{\mathbf{y}} - 2 \int_{\partial\mathcal{M}} \bar{R}_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \frac{\partial u}{\partial \mathbf{n}}(\mathbf{y}) d\tau_{\mathbf{y}}, \quad (1.1)$$

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where \mathbf{n} is the out normal of \mathcal{M} , \mathcal{M} is a smooth k -dimensional manifold embedded in \mathbb{R}^d and $\partial\mathcal{M}$ is the boundary of \mathcal{M} . $R_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$ and $\bar{R}_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$ are kernel functions given as follows

$$R_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = C_t R\left(\frac{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}|^2}{4t}\right), \quad \bar{R}_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = C_t \bar{R}\left(\frac{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}|^2}{4t}\right) \quad (1.2)$$

where $C_t = \frac{1}{(4\pi t)^{k/2}}$ is the normalizing factor. $R \in C^2(\mathbb{R}^+)$ be a positive function which is integrable over $[0, +\infty)$,

$$\bar{R}(r) = \int_r^{+\infty} R(s) ds.$$

$\Delta_{\mathcal{M}} = \text{div}(\nabla)$ is the Laplace-Beltrami operator on \mathcal{M} . Let $\Phi : \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^k \rightarrow \mathcal{M} \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ be a local parametrization of \mathcal{M} and $\theta \in \Omega$. For any differentiable function $f : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, define the gradient on the manifold

$$\nabla f(\Phi(\theta)) = \sum_{i,j=1}^m g^{ij}(\theta) \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial \theta_i}(\theta) \frac{\partial f(\Phi(\theta))}{\partial \theta_j}(\theta), \quad (1.3)$$

and for vector field $F : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow T_{\mathbf{x}}\mathcal{M}$ on \mathcal{M} , where $T_{\mathbf{x}}\mathcal{M}$ is the tangent space of \mathcal{M} at $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{M}$, the divergence is defined as

$$\text{div}(F) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\det G}} \sum_{k=1}^d \sum_{i,j=1}^m \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_i} \left(\sqrt{\det G} g^{ij} F^k(\Phi(\theta)) \frac{\partial \Phi^k}{\partial \theta_j} \right) \quad (1.4)$$

where $(g^{ij})_{i,j=1,\dots,k} = G^{-1}$, $\det G$ is the determinant of matrix G and $G(\theta) = (g_{ij})_{i,j=1,\dots,k}$ is the first fundamental form which is defined by

$$g_{ij}(\theta) = \sum_{k=1}^d \frac{\partial \Phi_k}{\partial \theta_i}(\theta) \frac{\partial \Phi_k}{\partial \theta_j}(\theta), \quad i, j = 1, \dots, m. \quad (1.5)$$

and $(F^1(\mathbf{x}), \dots, F^d(\mathbf{x}))^t$ is the representation of F in the embedding coordinates.

Using the integral approximation, the Laplace-Beltrami operator is transferred to an integral operator. The integral operator is easy to be discretized on point clouds. Similar idea is also used in nonlocal diffusion and peridynamic model [6, 1, 7, 8, 26].

In this paper, we focus on the Dirichlet problem for the Poisson equation on a smooth, compact k -dimensional submanifold \mathcal{M} in \mathbb{R}^d .

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta_{\mathcal{M}} u(\mathbf{x}) = f(\mathbf{x}), & \mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{M} \\ u(\mathbf{x}) = b(\mathbf{x}), & \mathbf{x} \in \partial\mathcal{M} \end{cases} \quad (1.6)$$

The integral approximation does not apply on the Dirichlet problem directly, since the normal derivative is required in the integral approximation while it is not given in Dirichlet problem. To solve this problem, we use the Robin problem to approximate the original Dirichlet problem.

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta_{\mathcal{M}} u(\mathbf{x}) = f(\mathbf{x}), & \mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{M} \\ u(\mathbf{x}) + \beta \frac{\partial u}{\partial \mathbf{n}} = b(\mathbf{x}), & \mathbf{x} \in \partial\mathcal{M}, \end{cases} \quad (1.7)$$

Above Robin problem approximates the Dirichlet problem (1.6) when the parameter β is small. At the same time, it can be approximated by following integral equation

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{t} \int_{\mathcal{M}} R_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})(u(\mathbf{x}) - u(\mathbf{y})) d\mu_{\mathbf{y}} - \frac{2}{\beta} \int_{\partial\mathcal{M}} \bar{R}_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})(b(\mathbf{y}) - u(\mathbf{y})) d\tau_{\mathbf{y}} \\ = \int_{\mathcal{M}} \bar{R}_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) f(\mathbf{y}) d\mu_{\mathbf{y}}. \end{aligned} \quad (1.8)$$

After discretizing this integral equation on point cloud, we get a numerical scheme to solve the Dirichlet problem (1.6). The detailed algorithm is given in Section 2.

The main contribution of this paper is that, for Poisson equation with Dirichlet boundary condition, we prove that the numerical solution computed by the PIM converges to the exact solution in H^1 norm as the point cloud converges to the underlying smooth manifold. In [24], the convergence of the point integral method for Neumann problem has been proved. The method used in this paper is similar as that in [24]. The main difference is that in Dirichlet problem, we need to consider the effect of the boundary term which introduce more difficulties in the analysis.

The remaining of this paper is organized as following. In Section 2, we describe the point integral method for Poisson equation with Dirichlet boundary condition. The convergence result is stated in Section 3. The structure of the proof is shown in Section 4. The main body of the proof is in Section 5, Section 6. Finally, conclusions and discussion on the future work are given in Section 7.

2 Point integral method

In this paper, we consider the Dirichlet problem for the Poisson equation on a smooth, compact k -dimensional submanifold \mathcal{M} in \mathbb{R}^d .

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta_{\mathcal{M}}u(\mathbf{x}) = f(\mathbf{x}), & \mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{M} \\ u(\mathbf{x}) = b(\mathbf{x}), & \mathbf{x} \in \partial\mathcal{M} \end{cases} \quad (2.1)$$

where $\Delta_{\mathcal{M}}$ is the Laplace-Beltrami operator on \mathcal{M} which has been defined in previous section.

Based on the integral approximation (1.1), the Dirichlet problem (2.1) is well approximated by an integral equation,

$$L_t u(\mathbf{x}) - 2 \int_{\partial\mathcal{M}} \bar{R}_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \frac{\partial u}{\partial \mathbf{n}}(\mathbf{y}) d\tau_{\mathbf{y}} = \int_{\mathcal{M}} \bar{R}_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) f(\mathbf{y}) d\mu_{\mathbf{y}}, \quad (2.2)$$

where \mathbf{n} is the out normal of \mathcal{M} , $R_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$ and $\bar{R}_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$ are kernel functions given in (1.2), L_t is an integral operator defined as

$$L_t u(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{t} \int_{\mathcal{M}} R_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) (u(\mathbf{x}) - u(\mathbf{y})) d\mu_{\mathbf{y}}, \quad (2.3)$$

In the integral equation (2.2), the Neumann boundary is natural. It does not apply on the Dirichlet problem directly, since the normal derivative $\frac{\partial u}{\partial \mathbf{n}}$ is not given in the Dirichlet problem. To enforce the Dirichlet boundary, we use the Robin boundary to bridge the Neumann boundary and the Dirichlet boundary. In particular, we consider the following Robin problem

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta_{\mathcal{M}}u(\mathbf{x}) = f(\mathbf{x}), & \mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{M} \\ u(\mathbf{x}) + \beta \frac{\partial u}{\partial \mathbf{n}} = b(\mathbf{x}), & \mathbf{x} \in \partial\mathcal{M}, \end{cases} \quad (2.4)$$

The Robin problem approximates the Dirichlet problem (2.1) when the parameter β is small. On the other hand, it can be approximated by following integral equation

$$L_t u(\mathbf{x}) - \frac{2}{\beta} \int_{\partial\mathcal{M}} \bar{R}_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) (b(\mathbf{y}) - u(\mathbf{y})) d\tau_{\mathbf{y}} = \int_{\mathcal{M}} \bar{R}_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) f(\mathbf{y}) d\mu_{\mathbf{y}} \quad (2.5)$$

when the parameter t is small.

In the PIM, we assume a set of points P samples the submanifold \mathcal{M} and a subset $S \subset P$ samples the boundary of \mathcal{M} . List the points in P respectively S in a fixed order $P = (\mathbf{p}_1, \dots, \mathbf{p}_n)$ where $\mathbf{p}_i \in \mathbb{R}^d, 1 \leq i \leq n$, respectively $S = (\mathbf{s}_1, \dots, \mathbf{s}_m)$ where $\mathbf{s}_i \in P$. In addition, assume we are given two vectors $\mathbf{V} = (V_1, \dots, V_n)$ where V_i is an volume weight of \mathbf{p}_i in \mathcal{M} , and $\mathbf{A} = (A_1, \dots, A_m)$ where A_i is an area weight of \mathbf{s}_i in $\partial\mathcal{M}$.

The integral equation (2.5) is easy to be discretized over the point cloud $(P, S, \mathbf{V}, \mathbf{A})$ to obtain the following linear system of $\mathbf{u} = (u_1, \dots, u_n)$,

$$\mathcal{L}\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{p}_i) - \frac{2}{\beta} \sum_{\mathbf{s}_j \in S} \bar{R}_t(\mathbf{p}_i, \mathbf{s}_j) (b(\mathbf{s}_j) - u(\mathbf{s}_j)) A_j = \sum_{\mathbf{p}_j \in P} \bar{R}_t(\mathbf{p}_i, \mathbf{p}_j) f(\mathbf{p}_j) V_j. \quad (2.6)$$

where

$$\mathcal{L}u(\mathbf{p}_i) = \frac{1}{t} \sum_{\mathbf{p}_j \in P} R_t(\mathbf{p}_i, \mathbf{p}_j)(u_i - u_j)V_j \quad (2.7)$$

is the discrete Laplace operator.

The purpose of this paper is to show that the solution of the linear system (2.6) converges to the solution of the Dirichlet problem (2.1) as the point cloud P converges to the underlying manifold \mathcal{M} and t, β go to 0. The idea to prove the convergence is similar as that in [24]. The detailed analysis will be given in the subsequent sections.

3 Assumptions and Results

The main contribution in this paper is to establish the convergence results for the point integral method for solving the problem (2.1). To simplify the notation and make the proof concise, we consider the homogeneous Dirichlet boundary conditions, i.e.

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta_{\mathcal{M}}u(\mathbf{x}) = f(\mathbf{x}), & \mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{M} \\ u(\mathbf{x}) = 0, & \mathbf{x} \in \partial\mathcal{M} \end{cases} \quad (3.1)$$

The analysis can be easily generalized to the non-homogeneous boundary conditions.

The corresponding numerical scheme is

$$\frac{1}{t} \sum_{\mathbf{p}_j \in P} R_t(\mathbf{p}_i, \mathbf{p}_j)(u(\mathbf{p}_i) - u(\mathbf{p}_j))V_j + \frac{2}{\beta} \sum_{\mathbf{s}_j \in S} \bar{R}_t(\mathbf{p}_i, \mathbf{s}_j)u(\mathbf{s}_j)A_j = \sum_{\mathbf{p}_j \in P} \bar{R}_t(\mathbf{p}_i, \mathbf{p}_j)f_jV_j. \quad (3.2)$$

where $f_j = f(\mathbf{p}_j)$.

Before proving the convergence of the point integral method, we need to clarify the meaning of the convergence between the point cloud $(P, S, \mathbf{V}, \mathbf{A})$ and the manifold \mathcal{M} . In this paper, we consider the convergence in the sense that

$$h(P, S, \mathbf{V}, \mathbf{A}, \mathcal{M}, \partial\mathcal{M}) \rightarrow 0$$

where $h(P, S, \mathbf{V}, \mathbf{A}, \mathcal{M}, \partial\mathcal{M})$ is the *integral accuracy index* defined as following,

Definition 3.1 (Integral Accuracy Index). *For the point cloud $(P, S, \mathbf{V}, \mathbf{A})$ which samples the manifold \mathcal{M} and $\partial\mathcal{M}$, the integral accuracy index $h(P, S, \mathbf{V}, \mathbf{A}, \mathcal{M}, \partial\mathcal{M})$ is defined as*

$$h(P, S, \mathbf{V}, \mathbf{A}, \mathcal{M}, \partial\mathcal{M}) = \max \{h(P, \mathbf{V}, \mathcal{M}), h(S, \mathbf{A}, \partial\mathcal{M})\}$$

and

$$h(P, \mathbf{V}, \mathcal{M}) = \sup_{f \in C^1(\mathcal{M})} \frac{\left| \int_{\mathcal{M}} f(\mathbf{y})d\mu_{\mathbf{y}} - \sum_{\mathbf{p}_i \in P} f(\mathbf{p}_i)V_i \right|}{\|\text{supp}(f)\| \|f\|_{C^1(\mathcal{M})}},$$

$$h(S, \mathbf{A}, \partial\mathcal{M}) = \sup_{g \in C^1(\partial\mathcal{M})} \frac{\left| \int_{\partial\mathcal{M}} g(\mathbf{y})d\tau_{\mathbf{y}} - \sum_{\mathbf{s}_i \in S} g(\mathbf{s}_i)A_i \right|}{\|\text{supp}(g)\| \|g\|_{C^1(\partial\mathcal{M})}}$$

To simplify the notation, we denote $h = h(P, S, \mathbf{V}, \mathbf{A}, \mathcal{M}, \partial\mathcal{M})$ in the rest of the paper.

Using the definition of integrable index, we say that the point cloud $(P, S, \mathbf{V}, \mathbf{A})$ converges to the manifold \mathcal{M} if $h \rightarrow 0$. The convergence analysis in this paper is based on the assumption that h is small enough.

To get the convergence, we also need some assumptions on the regularity of the submanifold \mathcal{M} and the integral kernel function R .

Assumption 3.1.

- Smoothness of the manifold: $\mathcal{M}, \partial\mathcal{M}$ are both compact and C^∞ smooth k -dimensional submanifolds isometrically embedded in a Euclidean space \mathbb{R}^d .
- Assumptions on the kernel function $R(r)$:
 - (a) Smoothness: $R \in C^2(\mathbb{R}^+)$;
 - (b) Nonnegativity: $R(r) \geq 0$ for any $r \geq 0$.
 - (c) Compact support: $R(r) = 0$ for $\forall r > 1$;
 - (d) Nondegeneracy: $\exists \delta_0 > 0$ so that $R(r) \geq \delta_0$ for $0 \leq r \leq \frac{1}{2}$.

Remark 3.1. *The assumption on the kernel function is very mild. The compact support assumption can be relaxed to exponentially decay, like Gaussian kernel. In the nondegeneracy assumption, $1/2$ may be replaced by a positive number θ_0 with $0 < \theta_0 < 1$. Similar assumptions on the kernel function is also used in analysis the nonlocal diffusion problem [9].*

All the analysis in this paper is under the assumptions in Assumption 3.1 and h, t are small enough. In the theorems and the proof, without introducing any confusions, we omit the statement of the assumptions.

To compare the discrete numerical solution with the continuous exact solution, we interpolate the discrete solution $\mathbf{u} = (u_1, \dots, u_n)$ of the problem (2.6) onto the smooth manifold using following interpolation operator:

$$I_{\mathbf{f}}(\mathbf{u})(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{\sum_{\mathbf{p}_j \in P} R_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}_j) u_j V_j - \frac{2t}{\beta} \sum_{\mathbf{s}_j \in S} \bar{R}_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{s}_j) u_j A_j + t \sum_{\mathbf{p}_j \in P} \bar{R}_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}_j) f_j V_j}{\sum_{\mathbf{p}_j \in P} R_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}_j) V_j}. \quad (3.3)$$

where $\mathbf{f} = [f_1, \dots, f_n] = [f(\mathbf{p}_1), \dots, f(\mathbf{p}_n)]$. It is easy to verify that $I_{\mathbf{f}}(\mathbf{u})$ interpolates \mathbf{u} at the sample points P , i.e., $I_{\mathbf{f}}(\mathbf{u})(\mathbf{p}_j) = u_j$ for any j . In the analysis, $I_{\mathbf{f}}(\mathbf{u})$ is used as the numerical solution of (2.1) instead of the discrete solution \mathbf{u} .

Now, we can state the main result.

Theorem 3.1. *Let u is the solution to Problem (3.1) with $f \in C^1(\mathcal{M})$. Set $\mathbf{f} = (f(\mathbf{p}_1), \dots, f(\mathbf{p}_n))$. If the vector \mathbf{u} is the solution to the problem (3.2). There exists constants C, T_0 and r_0 only depend on \mathcal{M} and $\partial\mathcal{M}$, so that for any $t \leq T_0$,*

$$\|u - I_{\mathbf{f}}(\mathbf{u})\|_{H^1(\mathcal{M})} \leq C \left(\frac{h}{t^{3/2}} + t^{1/2} + \beta^{1/2} \right) \|f\|_{C^1(\mathcal{M})}. \quad (3.4)$$

as long as $\frac{h}{t^{3/2}} \leq r_0$ and $\frac{\sqrt{t}}{\beta} \leq r_0$.

4 Structure of the Proof

In the point integral method, we use Robin boundary problem (4.1) to approximate the Dirichlet boundary problem (3.1). First, we show that the solution of the Robin problem converges to the solution of the Dirichlet problem as the parameter $\beta \rightarrow 0$.

Theorem 4.1. *Suppose u is the solution of the Dirichlet problem (3.1) and u_β is the solution of the Robin problem*

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta_{\mathcal{M}} u(\mathbf{x}) = f(\mathbf{x}), & \mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{M} \\ u(\mathbf{x}) + \beta \frac{\partial u}{\partial \mathbf{n}}(\mathbf{x}) = 0, & \mathbf{x} \in \partial\mathcal{M} \end{cases} \quad (4.1)$$

then

$$\|u - u_\beta\|_{H^1(\mathcal{M})} \leq C \beta^{1/2} \|f\|_{L^2(\mathcal{M})}.$$

Proof. Let $w = u - u_\beta$, then w satisfies

$$\begin{cases} \Delta_{\mathcal{M}} w = 0, & \text{on } \mathcal{M}, \\ w + \beta \frac{\partial w}{\partial \mathbf{n}} = \beta \frac{\partial u}{\partial \mathbf{n}}, & \text{on } \partial \mathcal{M}. \end{cases}$$

By multiplying w on both sides of the equation and integrating by parts, we can get

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \int_{\mathcal{M}} w \Delta_{\mathcal{M}} w d\mu_{\mathbf{x}} \\ &= - \int_{\mathcal{M}} |\nabla w|^2 d\mu_{\mathbf{x}} + \int_{\partial \mathcal{M}} w \frac{\partial w}{\partial \mathbf{n}} d\tau_{\mathbf{x}} \\ &= - \int_{\mathcal{M}} |\nabla w|^2 d\mu_{\mathbf{x}} - \frac{1}{\beta} \int_{\partial \mathcal{M}} w^2 d\tau_{\mathbf{x}} + \int_{\partial \mathcal{M}} w \frac{\partial u}{\partial \mathbf{n}} d\tau_{\mathbf{x}} \\ &\leq - \int_{\mathcal{M}} |\nabla w|^2 d\mu_{\mathbf{x}} - \frac{1}{2\beta} \int_{\partial \mathcal{M}} w^2 d\tau_{\mathbf{x}} + 2\beta \int_{\partial \mathcal{M}} \left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial \mathbf{n}} \right|^2 d\tau_{\mathbf{x}}, \end{aligned}$$

which implies that

$$\int_{\mathcal{M}} |\nabla w|^2 d\mu_{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{1}{2\beta} \int_{\partial \mathcal{M}} w^2 d\tau_{\mathbf{x}} \leq 2\beta \int_{\partial \mathcal{M}} \left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial \mathbf{n}} \right|^2 d\tau_{\mathbf{x}}.$$

Moreover, we have

$$\|w\|_{L^2(\mathcal{M})}^2 \leq C \left(\int_{\mathcal{M}} |\nabla w|^2 d\mu_{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{1}{2\beta} \int_{\partial \mathcal{M}} w^2 d\tau_{\mathbf{x}} \right) \leq C\beta \int_{\partial \mathcal{M}} \left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial \mathbf{n}} \right|^2 d\tau_{\mathbf{x}}.$$

Combining above two inequalities and using the trace theorem, we get

$$\|u - u_\beta\|_{H^1(\mathcal{M})} \leq C\beta^{1/2} \left\| \frac{\partial u}{\partial \mathbf{n}} \right\|_{L^2(\partial \mathcal{M})} \leq C\beta^{1/2} \|u\|_{H^2(\mathcal{M})}.$$

The proof is complete using that

$$\|u\|_{H^2(\mathcal{M})} \leq C\|f\|_{L^2(\mathcal{M})}.$$

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Next, we prove the solution of (3.2) converges to the solution of the Robin problem (4.1) as h, t go to 0. Comparing to the Neumann boundary problem considered in [24], in (3.2), the unknown variables u_i not only appear in the discrete Laplace operator L_t , but also appear in an integral over the boundary. Therefore, instead of showing the stability for the integral Laplace operator L_t as in [24], we need to consider the stability for the following integral operator

$$(4.2) \quad K_t u(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{t} \int_{\mathcal{M}} R_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})(u(\mathbf{x}) - u(\mathbf{y})) d\mu_{\mathbf{y}} + \frac{2}{\beta} \int_{\partial \mathcal{M}} \bar{R}_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) u(\mathbf{y}) d\tau_{\mathbf{y}}.$$

This is the most difficult part in this paper.

Theorem 4.2. *Let $u(\mathbf{x})$ solves following equation with $r \in H^1(\mathcal{M})$*

$$K_t u = r.$$

Then, there exist constants $C, T_0, r_0 > 0$ independent on t , such that

$$\|u\|_{H^1(\mathcal{M})} \leq C \left(\|r\|_{L^2(\mathcal{M})} + \frac{t}{\sqrt{\beta}} \|r\|_{H^1(\mathcal{M})} \right),$$

as long as $t \leq T_0$ and $\frac{\sqrt{t}}{\beta} \leq r_0$.

To apply the stability result, we need L_2 estimate of $K_t(u_\beta - I_{\mathbf{f}}(\mathbf{u}))$ and $\nabla K_t(u_\beta - I_{\mathbf{f}}(\mathbf{u}))$. In the analysis, the truncation error $K_t(u_\beta - I_{\mathbf{f}}(\mathbf{u}))$ is further splitted to two terms

$$K_t(u_\beta - I_{\mathbf{f}}(\mathbf{u})) = K_t(u_\beta - u_{\beta,t}) + K_t(u_{\beta,t} - I_{\mathbf{f}}(\mathbf{u}))$$

where $u_{\beta,t}$ is the solution of the integral equation

$$\frac{1}{t} \int_{\mathcal{M}} R_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})(u(\mathbf{x}) - u(\mathbf{y}))d\mu_{\mathbf{y}} + \frac{2}{\beta} \int_{\partial\mathcal{M}} \bar{R}_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})u(\mathbf{y})d\tau_{\mathbf{y}} = \int_{\mathcal{M}} f(\mathbf{y})\bar{R}_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})d\mu_{\mathbf{y}}. \quad (4.3)$$

The first term $K_t(u_\beta - u_{\beta,t})$ is same as that in the Neumann boundary problem [24]. It also has boundary layer structure.

Theorem 4.3. *Let $u(\mathbf{x})$ be the solution of the problem (3.1) and $u_t(\mathbf{x})$ be the solution of the corresponding integral equation (4.3). Let*

$$I_{bd} = \sum_{j=1}^d \int_{\partial\mathcal{M}} n^j(\mathbf{y})(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}) \cdot \nabla(\nabla^j u(\mathbf{y}))\bar{R}_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})p(\mathbf{y})d\tau_{\mathbf{y}}, \quad (4.4)$$

and

$$K_t(u - u_t) = I_{in} + I_{bd}.$$

where $\mathbf{n}(\mathbf{y}) = (n^1(\mathbf{y}), \dots, n^d(\mathbf{y}))$ is the out normal vector of $\partial\mathcal{M}$ at \mathbf{y} , ∇^j is the j th component of gradient ∇ .

If $u \in H^3(\mathcal{M})$, then there exists constants C, T_0 depending only on \mathcal{M} and $p(\mathbf{x})$, so that,

$$(4.5) \quad \|I_{in}\|_{L^2(\mathcal{M})} \leq Ct^{1/2}\|u\|_{H^3(\mathcal{M})}, \quad \|\nabla I_{in}\|_{L^2(\mathcal{M})} \leq C\|u\|_{H^3(\mathcal{M})},$$

as long as $t \leq T_0$.

The estimate of the second term, $K_t(u_{\beta,t} - I_{\mathbf{f}}(\mathbf{u}))$, is given in following theorem.

Theorem 4.4. *Let $u_t(\mathbf{x})$ be the solution of the problem (4.3) and \mathbf{u} be the solution of the problem (3.2). If $f \in C^1(\mathcal{M})$, then there exists constants C, T_0 depending only on \mathcal{M} , so that*

$$(4.6) \quad \|K_t(I_{\mathbf{f}}\mathbf{u} - u_t)\|_{L^2(\mathcal{M})} \leq \frac{Ch}{t^{3/2}}\|f\|_{C^1(\mathcal{M})},$$

$$(4.7) \quad \|\nabla K_t(I_{\mathbf{f}}\mathbf{u} - u_t)\|_{L^2(\mathcal{M})} \leq \frac{Ch}{t^2}\|f\|_{C^1(\mathcal{M})}.$$

as long as $t \leq T_0$ and $\frac{h}{\sqrt{t}} \leq T_0$.

Corresponding to the boundary layer structure in Theorem 4.3, we need stability of K_t for the boundary term.

Theorem 4.5. *Let $u(\mathbf{x})$ solves the integral equation*

$$K_t u(\mathbf{x}) = \int_{\partial\mathcal{M}} \mathbf{b}(\mathbf{y}) \cdot (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y})\bar{R}_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})d\tau_{\mathbf{y}}.$$

There exist constant $C > 0, T_0 > 0$ independent on t , such that

$$\|u\|_{H^1(\mathcal{M})} \leq C\sqrt{t}\|\mathbf{b}\|_{H^1(\mathcal{M})}.$$

as long as $t \leq T_0$.

Theorem 3.1 is an easy corollary from Theorems 4.1, Theorems 4.2, 4.4, 4.3 and 4.5. The detailed proof is omitted here.

Proof of Theorem 4.3 is essentially same as the proof of Theorem 4.3 in [24]. In the rest of the paper, we prove Theorem 4.2, 4.4 and 4.5 respectively.

5 Stability of K_t (Theorem 4.2 and 4.5)

In this section, we will prove Theorem 4.2 and 4.5. Both these two theorems are concerned with the stability of K_t , which are essential in the convergence analysis.

In the proof, we need following theorem which has been proved in [24].

Theorem 5.1. *For any function $u \in L^2(\mathcal{M})$, there exists a constant $C > 0$ independent on t and u , such that*

$$\langle u, L_t u \rangle_{\mathcal{M}} \geq C \int_{\mathcal{M}} |\nabla v|^2 d\mu_{\mathbf{x}}$$

where $\langle f, g \rangle_{\mathcal{M}} = \int_{\mathcal{M}} f(\mathbf{x})g(\mathbf{x})d\mu_{\mathbf{x}}$ for any $f, g \in L_2(\mathcal{M})$, and

$$(5.1) \quad v(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{C_t}{w_t(\mathbf{x})} \int_{\mathcal{M}} R\left(\frac{|\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{y}|^2}{4t}\right) u(\mathbf{y})d\mu_{\mathbf{y}},$$

and $w_t(\mathbf{x}) = C_t \int_{\mathcal{M}} R\left(\frac{|\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{y}|^2}{4t}\right) d\mu_{\mathbf{y}}$.

5.1 Stability of K_t for interior term (Theorem 4.2)

Using Theorem 5.1, we have

$$\|\nabla v\|_{L^2(\mathcal{M})}^2 \leq C \langle u, L_t u \rangle = \int_{\mathcal{M}} u(\mathbf{x})r(\mathbf{x})d\mu_{\mathbf{x}} - \frac{2}{\beta} \int_{\mathcal{M}} u(\mathbf{x}) \left(\int_{\partial\mathcal{M}} \bar{R}_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})u(\mathbf{y})d\tau_{\mathbf{y}} \right) d\mu_{\mathbf{x}}. \quad (5.2)$$

where v is the same as defined in Theorem 5.1. We control the second term on the right hand side of (5.2) as follows.

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \int_{\mathcal{M}} u(\mathbf{x}) \left(\int_{\partial\mathcal{M}} \left(\bar{R}_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) - \frac{\bar{w}_t(\mathbf{y})}{w_t(\mathbf{y})} R_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \right) u(\mathbf{y})d\tau_{\mathbf{y}} \right) d\mu_{\mathbf{x}} \right| \\ &= \left| \int_{\partial\mathcal{M}} u(\mathbf{y}) \left(\int_{\mathcal{M}} \left(\bar{R}_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) - \frac{\bar{w}_t(\mathbf{y})}{w_t(\mathbf{y})} R_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \right) u(\mathbf{x})d\mu_{\mathbf{x}} \right) d\tau_{\mathbf{y}} \right| \\ &= \left| \int_{\partial\mathcal{M}} \frac{1}{w_t(\mathbf{y})} u(\mathbf{y}) \left(\int_{\mathcal{M}} (w_t(\mathbf{y})\bar{R}_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) - \bar{w}_t(\mathbf{y})R_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})) u(\mathbf{x})d\mu_{\mathbf{x}} \right) d\tau_{\mathbf{y}} \right| \\ &\leq C \|u\|_{L^2(\partial\mathcal{M})} \left(\int_{\partial\mathcal{M}} \left(\int_{\mathcal{M}} (w_t(\mathbf{y})\bar{R}_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) - \bar{w}_t(\mathbf{y})R_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})) u(\mathbf{x})d\mu_{\mathbf{x}} \right)^2 d\tau_{\mathbf{y}} \right)^{1/2}, \end{aligned}$$

where $\bar{w}_t(\mathbf{x}) = \int_{\mathcal{M}} \bar{R}_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})d\mu_{\mathbf{y}}$. Noticing that

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\mathcal{M}} (w_t(\mathbf{y})\bar{R}_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) - \bar{w}_t(\mathbf{y})R_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})) u(\mathbf{x})d\mu_{\mathbf{x}} \\ &= \int_{\mathcal{M}} \int_{\mathcal{M}} R_t(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z})\bar{R}_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) (u(\mathbf{x}) - u(\mathbf{z})) d\mu_{\mathbf{x}}d\mu_{\mathbf{z}}, \end{aligned}$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\partial\mathcal{M}} \left(\int_{\mathcal{M}} (w_t(\mathbf{y})\bar{R}_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) - \bar{w}_t(\mathbf{y})R_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})) u(\mathbf{x})d\mu_{\mathbf{x}} \right)^2 d\tau_{\mathbf{y}} \\ &\leq \int_{\partial\mathcal{M}} \left(\int_{\mathcal{M}} \int_{\mathcal{M}} R_t(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z})\bar{R}_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) (u(\mathbf{x}) - u(\mathbf{z})) d\mu_{\mathbf{x}}d\mu_{\mathbf{z}} \right)^2 d\tau_{\mathbf{y}} \\ &\leq \int_{\partial\mathcal{M}} \left(\int_{\mathcal{M}} \int_{\mathcal{M}} R_t(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z})\bar{R}_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})d\mu_{\mathbf{x}}d\mu_{\mathbf{z}} \right) \left(\int_{\mathcal{M}} \int_{\mathcal{M}} R_t(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z})\bar{R}_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) (u(\mathbf{x}) - u(\mathbf{z}))^2 d\mu_{\mathbf{x}}d\mu_{\mathbf{z}} \right) d\tau_{\mathbf{y}} \\ &\leq C \left(\int_{\mathcal{M}} \int_{\mathcal{M}} \left(\int_{\partial\mathcal{M}} R_t(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z})\bar{R}_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})d\tau_{\mathbf{y}} \right) (u(\mathbf{x}) - u(\mathbf{z}))^2 d\mu_{\mathbf{x}}d\mu_{\mathbf{z}} \right) \\ &= C \left(\int_{\mathcal{M}} \int_{\mathcal{M}} Q(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}) (u(\mathbf{x}) - u(\mathbf{z}))^2 d\mu_{\mathbf{x}}d\mu_{\mathbf{z}} \right), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$Q(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}) = \int_{\partial\mathcal{M}} R_t(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z}) \bar{R}_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) d\tau_{\mathbf{y}}.$$

Notice that $Q(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}) = 0$ if $\|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{z}\|^2 \geq 16t$, and $|Q(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z})| \leq CC_t/\sqrt{t}$. We have

$$|Q(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z})| \leq \frac{CC_t}{\sqrt{t}} R\left(\frac{\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{z}\|^2}{32t}\right).$$

Then, we obtain the following estimate,

$$\begin{aligned} (5.3) \quad & \left| \left(\int_{\mathcal{M}} \int_{\mathcal{M}} Q(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}) (u(\mathbf{x}) - u(\mathbf{z}))^2 d\mu_{\mathbf{x}} d\mu_{\mathbf{z}} \right) \right| \\ & \leq \left| \frac{C}{\sqrt{t}} \left(\int_{\mathcal{M}} \int_{\mathcal{M}} C_t R\left(\frac{\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{z}\|^2}{32t}\right) (u(\mathbf{x}) - u(\mathbf{z}))^2 d\mu_{\mathbf{x}} d\mu_{\mathbf{z}} \right) \right| \\ & \leq \left| \frac{C}{\sqrt{t}} \left(\int_{\mathcal{M}} \int_{\mathcal{M}} C_t R\left(\frac{\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{z}\|^2}{4t}\right) (u(\mathbf{x}) - u(\mathbf{z}))^2 d\mu_{\mathbf{x}} d\mu_{\mathbf{z}} \right) \right| \\ & \leq C\sqrt{t} \left(\left| \int_{\mathcal{M}} u(\mathbf{x}) r(\mathbf{x}) d\mu_{\mathbf{x}} \right| + \frac{1}{\beta} \left| \int_{\mathcal{M}} u(\mathbf{x}) \left(\int_{\partial\mathcal{M}} \bar{R}_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) u(\mathbf{y}) d\tau_{\mathbf{y}} \right) d\mu_{\mathbf{x}} \right| \right) \\ & \leq C\sqrt{t} \|u\|_{L^2(\mathcal{M})} \|r\|_{L^2(\mathcal{M})} + \frac{C\sqrt{t}}{\beta} \left| \int_{\mathcal{M}} u(\mathbf{x}) \left(\int_{\partial\mathcal{M}} \bar{R}_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) u(\mathbf{y}) d\tau_{\mathbf{y}} \right) d\mu_{\mathbf{x}} \right|. \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\mathcal{M}} u(\mathbf{x}) \left(\int_{\partial\mathcal{M}} \frac{\bar{w}_t(\mathbf{y})}{w_t(\mathbf{y})} R_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) u(\mathbf{y}) d\tau_{\mathbf{y}} \right) d\mu_{\mathbf{x}} \\ & = \int_{\partial\mathcal{M}} \frac{\bar{w}_t(\mathbf{y})}{w_t(\mathbf{y})} u(\mathbf{y}) \left(\int_{\mathcal{M}} R_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) (u(\mathbf{x}) - u(\mathbf{y})) d\mu_{\mathbf{x}} \right) d\tau_{\mathbf{y}} + \int_{\partial\mathcal{M}} \bar{w}_t(\mathbf{y}) u^2(\mathbf{y}) d\tau_{\mathbf{y}} \\ & = \int_{\partial\mathcal{M}} \bar{w}_t(\mathbf{y}) u(\mathbf{y}) (v(\mathbf{y}) - u(\mathbf{y})) d\tau_{\mathbf{y}} + \int_{\partial\mathcal{M}} \bar{w}_t(\mathbf{y}) u^2(\mathbf{y}) d\tau_{\mathbf{y}}, \end{aligned}$$

where v is the same as defined in (5.1). Since u solves $K_t u = r(\mathbf{x})$, we have

$$(5.4) \quad w_t(\mathbf{x}) u(\mathbf{x}) = w_t(\mathbf{x}) v(\mathbf{x}) - \frac{2t}{\beta} \int_{\partial\mathcal{M}} R_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) u(\mathbf{y}) d\tau_{\mathbf{y}} - t r(\mathbf{x}).$$

Then, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\partial\mathcal{M}} \bar{w}_t(\mathbf{y}) u(\mathbf{y}) (v(\mathbf{y}) - u(\mathbf{y})) d\tau_{\mathbf{y}} \\ & = \int_{\partial\mathcal{M}} \frac{\bar{w}_t(\mathbf{y})}{w_t(\mathbf{y})} u(\mathbf{y}) \left(\frac{2t}{\beta} \int_{\partial\mathcal{M}} R_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) u(\mathbf{x}) d\tau_{\mathbf{x}} - t r(\mathbf{y}) \right) d\tau_{\mathbf{y}} \\ & \leq \frac{C\sqrt{t}}{\beta} \|u\|_{L^2(\partial\mathcal{M})}^2 + Ct \|u\|_{L^2(\partial\mathcal{M})} \|r\|_{L^2(\partial\mathcal{M})} \\ & \leq \frac{C\sqrt{t}}{\beta} \|u\|_{L^2(\partial\mathcal{M})}^2 + Ct \|u\|_{L^2(\partial\mathcal{M})} \|r\|_{H^1(\mathcal{M})}. \end{aligned}$$

Combining above estimates together, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\mathcal{M}} u(\mathbf{x}) \left(\int_{\partial\mathcal{M}} \bar{R}_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) u(\mathbf{y}) d\tau_{\mathbf{y}} \right) d\mu_{\mathbf{x}} \\ & \geq \int_{\partial\mathcal{M}} \bar{w}_t(\mathbf{y}) u^2(\mathbf{y}) d\tau_{\mathbf{y}} - \frac{C\sqrt{t}}{\beta} \|u\|_{L^2(\partial\mathcal{M})}^2 - Ct \|u\|_{L^2(\partial\mathcal{M})} \|r\|_{H^1(\mathcal{M})} \\ & \quad - C\sqrt{t} \|u\|_{L^2(\mathcal{M})} \|r\|_{L^2(\mathcal{M})} - \frac{C\sqrt{t}}{\beta} \left| \int_{\mathcal{M}} u(\mathbf{x}) \left(\int_{\partial\mathcal{M}} \bar{R}_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) u(\mathbf{y}) d\tau_{\mathbf{y}} \right) d\mu_{\mathbf{x}} \right|. \end{aligned}$$

We can choose $\frac{\sqrt{t}}{\beta}$ small enough such that $\frac{C\sqrt{t}}{\beta} \leq \min\{\frac{1}{2}, \frac{w_{\min}}{6}\}$, which gives us

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_{\mathcal{M}} u(\mathbf{x}) \left(\int_{\partial\mathcal{M}} \bar{R}_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) u(\mathbf{y}) d\tau_{\mathbf{y}} \right) d\mu_{\mathbf{x}} \\
& \geq \frac{2}{3} \int_{\partial\mathcal{M}} \bar{w}_t(\mathbf{y}) u^2(\mathbf{y}) d\tau_{\mathbf{y}} - \frac{C\sqrt{t}}{\beta} \|u\|_{L^2(\partial\mathcal{M})}^2 - Ct \|u\|_{L^2(\partial\mathcal{M})} \|r\|_{H^1(\mathcal{M})} - C\sqrt{t} \|u\|_{L^2(\mathcal{M})} \|r\|_{L^2(\mathcal{M})} \\
& \geq \frac{w_{\min}}{2} \|u\|_{L^2(\partial\mathcal{M})}^2 - Ct \|u\|_{L^2(\partial\mathcal{M})} \|r\|_{H^1(\mathcal{M})} - C\sqrt{t} \|u\|_{L^2(\mathcal{M})} \|r\|_{L^2(\mathcal{M})} \\
& \geq \frac{w_{\min}}{4} \|u\|_{L^2(\partial\mathcal{M})}^2 - Ct^2 \|r\|_{H^1(\mathcal{M})}^2 - C\sqrt{t} \|u\|_{L^2(\mathcal{M})} \|r\|_{L^2(\mathcal{M})}
\end{aligned}$$

Substituting the above estimate to the first inequality (5.2), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
(5.5) \quad & \|\nabla v\|_{L^2(\mathcal{M})} + \frac{w_{\min}}{4\beta} \|u\|_{L^2(\partial\mathcal{M})}^2 \\
& \leq -C \int_{\mathcal{M}} u(\mathbf{x}) r(\mathbf{x}) d\mu_{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{Ct^2}{\beta} \|r\|_{H^1(\mathcal{M})}^2 + \frac{C\sqrt{t}}{\beta} \|u\|_{L^2(\mathcal{M})} \|r\|_{L^2(\mathcal{M})} \\
& \leq C \|u\|_{L^2(\mathcal{M})} \|r\|_{L^2(\mathcal{M})} + \frac{Ct^2}{\beta} \|r\|_{H^1(\mathcal{M})}^2.
\end{aligned}$$

Here we require that $\frac{\sqrt{t}}{\beta}$ is bounded by a constant independent on β and t . Now, using the representation of u given in (5.4), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
& \|\nabla u\|_{L^2(\mathcal{M})}^2 + \frac{w_{\min}}{8\beta} \|u\|_{L^2(\partial\mathcal{M})}^2 \\
& \leq C \|\nabla v\|_{L^2(\mathcal{M})}^2 + \frac{Ct^2}{\beta^2} \left\| \nabla \left(\frac{1}{w_t(\mathbf{x})} \int_{\partial\mathcal{M}} R_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) u(\mathbf{y}) d\tau_{\mathbf{y}} \right) \right\|_{L^2(\mathcal{M})}^2 \\
& \quad + Ct^2 \left\| \nabla \left(\frac{r(\mathbf{x})}{w_t(\mathbf{x})} \right) \right\|_{L^2(\mathcal{M})}^2 + \frac{w_{\min}}{8\beta} \|u\|_{L^2(\partial\mathcal{M})}^2 \\
& \leq C \|\nabla v\|_{L^2(\mathcal{M})}^2 + \left(\frac{C\sqrt{t}}{\beta^2} + \frac{w_{\min}}{8\beta} \right) \|u\|_{L^2(\partial\mathcal{M})}^2 + Ct \|r\|_{L^2(\mathcal{M})}^2 + Ct^2 \|r\|_{H^1(\mathcal{M})}^2 \\
& \leq C \|\nabla v\|_{L^2(\mathcal{M})}^2 + \frac{w_{\min}}{4\beta} \|u\|_{L^2(\partial\mathcal{M})}^2 + Ct \|r\|_{L^2(\mathcal{M})}^2 + Ct^2 \|r\|_{H^1(\mathcal{M})}^2 \\
& \leq C \|u\|_{L^2(\mathcal{M})} \|r\|_{L^2(\mathcal{M})} + Ct \|r\|_{L^2(\mathcal{M})}^2 + \frac{Ct^2}{\beta} \|r\|_{H^1(\mathcal{M})}^2.
\end{aligned}$$

Here we require that $\frac{C\sqrt{t}}{\beta} \leq \frac{w_{\min}}{8}$ in the third inequality. Furthermore, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \|u\|_{L^2(\mathcal{M})}^2 \leq C \left(\|\nabla u\|_{L^2(\mathcal{M})}^2 + \frac{w_{\min}}{8\beta} \|u\|_{L^2(\partial\mathcal{M})}^2 \right) \\
& \leq C \|u\|_{L^2(\mathcal{M})} \|r\|_{L^2(\mathcal{M})} + Ct \|r\|_{L^2(\mathcal{M})}^2 + \frac{Ct^2}{\beta} \|r\|_{H^1(\mathcal{M})}^2 \\
& \leq \frac{1}{2} \|u\|_{L^2(\mathcal{M})}^2 + C \|r\|_{L^2(\mathcal{M})}^2 + \frac{Ct^2}{\beta} \|r\|_{H^1(\mathcal{M})}^2,
\end{aligned}$$

which implies that

$$\|u\|_{L^2(\mathcal{M})} \leq C \left(\|r\|_{L^2(\mathcal{M})} + \frac{t}{\sqrt{\beta}} \|r\|_{H^1(\mathcal{M})} \right).$$

Finally, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
\|\nabla u\|_{L^2(\mathcal{M})}^2 & \leq C \|u\|_{L^2(\mathcal{M})} \|r\|_{L^2(\mathcal{M})} + \frac{Ct^2}{\beta} \|r\|_{H^1(\mathcal{M})}^2 \\
& \leq C \left(\|r\|_{L^2(\mathcal{M})} + \frac{t}{\sqrt{\beta}} \|r\|_{H^1(\mathcal{M})} \right)^2,
\end{aligned}$$

which completes the proof.

5.2 Stability of K_t for boundary term (Theorem 4.5)

First, we denote

$$r(\mathbf{x}) = \int_{\partial\mathcal{M}} \mathbf{b}(\mathbf{y}) \cdot (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}) \bar{R}_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) d\tau_{\mathbf{y}}.$$

The key point of the proof is to show that

$$(5.6) \quad \left| \int_{\mathcal{M}} u(\mathbf{x}) r(\mathbf{x}) d\mu_{\mathbf{x}} \right| \leq C\sqrt{t} \|\mathbf{b}\|_{H^1(\mathcal{M})} \|u\|_{H^1(\mathcal{M})}.$$

Direct calculation gives that

$$|2t\nabla\bar{R}_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) - (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y})\bar{R}_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})| \leq C|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}|^2\bar{R}_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}),$$

where $\bar{R}_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = C_t\bar{R}\left(\frac{\|\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{y}\|^2}{4t}\right)$ and $\bar{R}(r) = \int_r^\infty \bar{R}(s)ds$. This implies that

$$(5.7) \quad \begin{aligned} & \left| \int_{\mathcal{M}} u(\mathbf{x}) \int_{\partial\mathcal{M}} \mathbf{b}(\mathbf{y}) \left((\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y})\bar{R}_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) + 2t\nabla\bar{R}_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \right) d\tau_{\mathbf{y}} d\mu_{\mathbf{x}} \right| \\ & \leq C \int_{\mathcal{M}} |u(\mathbf{x})| \int_{\partial\mathcal{M}} |\mathbf{b}(\mathbf{y})| |\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}|^2 \bar{R}_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) d\tau_{\mathbf{y}} d\mu_{\mathbf{x}} \\ & \leq Ct \|\mathbf{b}\|_{L^2(\partial\mathcal{M})} \left(\int_{\partial\mathcal{M}} \left(\int_{\mathcal{M}} \bar{R}_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) d\mu_{\mathbf{x}} \right) \left(\int_{\mathcal{M}} |u(\mathbf{x})|^2 \bar{R}_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) d\mu_{\mathbf{x}} \right) d\tau_{\mathbf{y}} \right)^{1/2} \\ & \leq Ct \|\mathbf{b}\|_{H^1(\mathcal{M})} \left(\int_{\mathcal{M}} |u(\mathbf{x})|^2 \left(\int_{\partial\mathcal{M}} \bar{R}_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) d\tau_{\mathbf{y}} \right) d\mu_{\mathbf{x}} \right)^{1/2} \\ & \leq Ct^{3/4} \|\mathbf{b}\|_{H^1(\mathcal{M})} \|u\|_{L^2(\mathcal{M})}. \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, using the Gauss integral formula, we have

$$(5.8) \quad \begin{aligned} & \int_{\mathcal{M}} u(\mathbf{x}) \int_{\partial\mathcal{M}} \mathbf{b}(\mathbf{y}) \cdot \nabla\bar{R}_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) d\tau_{\mathbf{y}} d\mu_{\mathbf{x}} \\ & = \int_{\partial\mathcal{M}} \int_{\mathcal{M}} u(\mathbf{x}) T_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{b}(\mathbf{y})) \cdot \nabla\bar{R}_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) d\mu_{\mathbf{x}} d\tau_{\mathbf{y}} \\ & = \int_{\partial\mathcal{M}} \int_{\partial\mathcal{M}} \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{x}) \cdot T_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{b}(\mathbf{y})) u(\mathbf{x}) \bar{R}_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) d\tau_{\mathbf{x}} d\tau_{\mathbf{y}} \\ & \quad - \int_{\partial\mathcal{M}} \int_{\mathcal{M}} \operatorname{div}_{\mathbf{x}}[u(\mathbf{x}) T_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{b}(\mathbf{y}))] \bar{R}_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) d\mu_{\mathbf{x}} d\tau_{\mathbf{y}}. \end{aligned}$$

Here $T_{\mathbf{x}}$ is the projection operator to the tangent space on \mathbf{x} . To get the first equality, we use the fact that $\nabla\bar{R}_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$ belongs to the tangent space on \mathbf{x} , such that $\mathbf{b}(\mathbf{y}) \cdot \nabla\bar{R}_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = T_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{b}(\mathbf{y})) \cdot \nabla\bar{R}_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$ and $\mathbf{n}(\mathbf{x}) \cdot T_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{b}(\mathbf{y})) = \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \mathbf{b}(\mathbf{y})$ where $\mathbf{n}(\mathbf{x})$ is the out normal of $\partial\mathcal{M}$ at $\mathbf{x} \in \partial\mathcal{M}$.

For the first term, we have

$$(5.9) \quad \begin{aligned} & \left| \int_{\partial\mathcal{M}} \int_{\partial\mathcal{M}} \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{x}) \cdot T_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{b}(\mathbf{y})) u(\mathbf{x}) \bar{R}_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) d\tau_{\mathbf{x}} d\tau_{\mathbf{y}} \right| \\ & = \left| \int_{\partial\mathcal{M}} \int_{\partial\mathcal{M}} \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \mathbf{b}(\mathbf{y}) u(\mathbf{x}) \bar{R}_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) d\tau_{\mathbf{x}} d\tau_{\mathbf{y}} \right| \\ & \leq C \|\mathbf{b}\|_{L^2(\partial\mathcal{M})} \left(\int_{\partial\mathcal{M}} \left(\int_{\partial\mathcal{M}} |u(\mathbf{x})| \bar{R}_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) d\tau_{\mathbf{x}} \right)^2 d\tau_{\mathbf{y}} \right)^{1/2} \\ & \leq C \|\mathbf{b}\|_{H^1(\mathcal{M})} \left(\int_{\partial\mathcal{M}} \left(\int_{\partial\mathcal{M}} \bar{R}_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) d\tau_{\mathbf{x}} \right) \left(\int_{\partial\mathcal{M}} |u(\mathbf{x})|^2 \bar{R}_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) d\tau_{\mathbf{x}} \right) d\tau_{\mathbf{y}} \right)^{1/2} \\ & \leq Ct^{-1/2} \|\mathbf{b}\|_{H^1(\mathcal{M})} \|u\|_{L^2(\partial\mathcal{M})} \leq Ct^{-1/2} \|\mathbf{b}\|_{H^1(\mathcal{M})} \|u\|_{H^1(\mathcal{M})}. \end{aligned}$$

We can also bound the second term on the right hand side of (5.8). By using the assumption that $\mathcal{M} \in C^\infty$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & |\operatorname{div}_{\mathbf{x}}[u(\mathbf{x})T_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{b}(\mathbf{y}))]| \\ & \leq |\nabla u(\mathbf{x})||T_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{b}(\mathbf{y}))| + |u(\mathbf{x})||\operatorname{div}_{\mathbf{x}}[T_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{b}(\mathbf{y}))]| + |\nabla||u(\mathbf{x})T_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{b}(\mathbf{y}))| \\ & \leq C(|\nabla u(\mathbf{x})| + |u(\mathbf{x})|)|\mathbf{b}(\mathbf{y})| \end{aligned}$$

where the constant C depends on the curvature of the manifold \mathcal{M} .

Then, we have

$$\begin{aligned} (5.10) \quad & \left| \int_{\partial\mathcal{M}} \int_{\mathcal{M}} \operatorname{div}_{\mathbf{x}}[u(\mathbf{x})T_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{b}(\mathbf{y}))]\bar{R}_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})d\mu_{\mathbf{x}}d\tau_{\mathbf{y}} \right| \\ & \leq C \int_{\partial\mathcal{M}} \mathbf{b}(\mathbf{y}) \int_{\mathcal{M}} (|\nabla u(\mathbf{x})| + |u(\mathbf{x})|)\bar{R}_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})d\mu_{\mathbf{x}}d\tau_{\mathbf{y}} \\ & \leq C\|\mathbf{b}\|_{L^2(\partial\mathcal{M})} \left(\int_{\mathcal{M}} (|\nabla u(\mathbf{x})|^2 + |u(\mathbf{x})|^2) \left(\int_{\partial\mathcal{M}} \bar{R}_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})d\tau_{\mathbf{y}} \right) d\mu_{\mathbf{x}} \right)^{1/2} \\ & \leq Ct^{-1/4} \|\mathbf{b}\|_{H^1(\mathcal{M})} \|u\|_{H^1(\mathcal{M})}. \end{aligned}$$

Then, the inequality (5.6) is obtained from (5.7), (5.8), (5.9) and (5.10).

Following the proof of Theorem 4.2, in (5.3) and (5.5), we bound $|\int_{\mathcal{M}} u(\mathbf{x})r(\mathbf{x})d\mathbf{x}|$ by $C\sqrt{t} \|\mathbf{b}\|_{H^1(\mathcal{M})} \|u\|_{H^1(\mathcal{M})}$, which implies that

$$\begin{aligned} & \|\nabla u\|_{L^2(\mathcal{M})}^2 + \frac{w_{\min}}{8\beta} \|u\|_{L^2(\partial\mathcal{M})}^2 \\ & \leq C\sqrt{t} \|\mathbf{b}\|_{H^1(\mathcal{M})} \|u\|_{H^1(\mathcal{M})} + Ct\|r\|_{L^2(\mathcal{M})}^2 + \frac{Ct^2}{\beta} \|r\|_{H^1(\mathcal{M})}^2 \\ & \leq C\|\mathbf{b}\|_{H^1(\mathcal{M})} \left(\sqrt{t}\|u\|_{H^1(\mathcal{M})} + t \right) \end{aligned}$$

where we use the estimates that

$$\begin{aligned} \|r(\mathbf{x})\|_{L^2(\mathcal{M})} & \leq Ct^{1/4} \|\mathbf{b}\|_{H^1(\mathcal{M})}, \\ \|r(\mathbf{x})\|_{H^1(\mathcal{M})} & \leq Ct^{-1/4} \|\mathbf{b}\|_{H^1(\mathcal{M})}. \end{aligned}$$

Then, using the fact that

$$\|u\|_{L^2(\mathcal{M})}^2 \leq C \left(\|\nabla u\|_{L^2(\mathcal{M})}^2 + \frac{w_{\min}}{8\beta} \|u\|_{L^2(\partial\mathcal{M})}^2 \right),$$

we have

$$\|u\|_{H^1(\mathcal{M})}^2 \leq C\|\mathbf{b}\|_{H^1(\mathcal{M})} \left(\sqrt{t}\|u\|_{H^1(\mathcal{M})} + t \right),$$

which completes the proof.

6 Error analysis of the discretization (Theorem 4.4)

In this section, we estimate the discretization error introduced by approximating the integrals in (4.3), that is to prove Theorem 4.4. To simplify the notation, we introduce two intermediate operators defined as follows,

$$L_{t,h}u(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{t} \sum_{\mathbf{p}_j \in P} R_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}_j)(u(\mathbf{x}) - u(\mathbf{p}_j))V_j, \quad (6.1)$$

$$K_{t,h}u(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{t} \sum_{\mathbf{p}_j \in P} R_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}_j)(u(\mathbf{x}) - u(\mathbf{p}_j))V_j + \frac{2}{\beta} \sum_{\mathbf{s}_j \in S} \bar{R}_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{s}_j)u(\mathbf{s}_j)A_j. \quad (6.2)$$

If $u_{t,h} = I_{\mathbf{f}}(\mathbf{u})$ with \mathbf{u} satisfying Equation (3.2). One can verify that the following two equations are satisfied,

$$(6.3) \quad K_{t,h}u_{t,h}(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{\mathbf{p}_j \in P} \bar{R}_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}_j) f(\mathbf{p}_j) V_j.$$

The following lemma is needed for proving Theorem 4.4. Its proof is deferred to appendix.

Lemma 6.1. *Suppose $\mathbf{u} = (u_1, \dots, u_n)^t$ satisfies equation (3.2), there exist constants C, T_0, r_0 only depend on \mathcal{M} and $\partial\mathcal{M}$, such that*

$$\left(\sum_{i=1}^n u_i^2 V_i \right)^{1/2} + t^{1/4} \left(\sum_{l \in I_S} u_l^2 A_l \right)^{1/2} \leq C \|I_{\mathbf{f}}(\mathbf{u})\|_{H^1(\mathcal{M})} + C\sqrt{h}t^{3/4} \|f\|_{\infty},$$

as long as $t \leq T_0$, $\frac{\sqrt{t}}{\beta} \leq r_0$, $\frac{h}{t^{3/2}} \leq r_0$, $I_S = \{1 \leq l \leq n : \mathbf{p}_l \in S\}$.

Proof. of Theorem 4.4

Denote

$$u_{t,h}(\mathbf{x}) = I_{\mathbf{f}}(\mathbf{u}) = \frac{1}{w_{t,h}(\mathbf{x})} \left(\sum_{\mathbf{p}_j \in P} R_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}_j) u_j V_j - \frac{2t}{\beta} \sum_{\mathbf{s}_j \in S} \bar{R}_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{s}_j) u_j A_j + t \sum_{\mathbf{p}_j \in P} \bar{R}_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}_j) f_j V_j \right),$$

where $\mathbf{u} = (u_1, \dots, u_N)^t$ solves Equation (2.6), $f_j = f(\mathbf{p}_j)$ and $w_{t,h}(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{\mathbf{p}_j \in P} R_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}_j) V_j$. For convenience, we set

$$\begin{aligned} a_{t,h}(\mathbf{x}) &= \frac{1}{w_{t,h}(\mathbf{x})} \sum_{\mathbf{p}_j \in P} R_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}_j) u_j V_j, \\ c_{t,h}(\mathbf{x}) &= \frac{t}{w_{t,h}(\mathbf{x})} \sum_{\mathbf{p}_j \in P} \bar{R}_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}_j) f(\mathbf{p}_j) V_j, \\ d_{t,h}(\mathbf{x}) &= -\frac{2t}{\beta w_{t,h}(\mathbf{x})} \sum_{\mathbf{s}_j \in S} \bar{R}_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{s}_j) u_j A_j. \end{aligned}$$

Next we upper bound the approximation error $K_t(u_{t,h}) - K_{t,h}(u_{t,h})$. Since $u_{t,h} = a_{t,h} + c_{t,h} + d_{t,h}$, we only need to upper bound the approximation error for $a_{t,h}$, $c_{t,h}$ and $d_{t,h}$ separately. For $c_{t,h}$,

$$\begin{aligned} & |(K_t c_{t,h} - K_{t,h} c_{t,h})(\mathbf{x})| \\ & \leq \frac{1}{t} |c_{t,h}(\mathbf{x})| \left| \int_{\mathcal{M}} R_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) d\mu_{\mathbf{y}} - \sum_{\mathbf{p}_j \in P} R_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}_j) V_j \right| \\ & \quad + \frac{1}{t} \left| \int_{\mathcal{M}} R_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) c_{t,h}(\mathbf{y}) d\mu_{\mathbf{y}} - \sum_{\mathbf{p}_j \in P} R_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}_j) c_{t,h}(\mathbf{p}_j) V_j \right| \\ & \quad + \frac{2}{\beta} \left| \int_{\partial\mathcal{M}} \bar{R}_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) c_{t,h}(\mathbf{y}) d\tau_{\mathbf{y}} - \sum_{\mathbf{s}_j \in S} \bar{R}_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{s}_j) c_{t,h}(\mathbf{s}_j) A_j \right| \\ & \leq \frac{Ch}{t^{3/2}} |c_{t,h}(\mathbf{x})| + \frac{Ch}{t^{3/2}} \|c_{t,h}\|_{\infty} + \frac{Ch}{t} \|\nabla c_{t,h}\|_{\infty} + \frac{Ch}{\beta} \left(t^{-1} \|c_{t,h}\|_{\infty} + t^{-1/2} \|\nabla c_{t,h}\|_{\infty} \right) \\ & \leq \frac{Ch}{\sqrt{t}} \left(1 + \frac{\sqrt{t}}{\beta} \right) \|f\|_{\infty}. \end{aligned}$$

Now we upper bound $\|K_t a_{t,h} - K_{t,h} a_{t,h}\|_{L_2(\mathcal{M})}$. First, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
(6.4) \quad & \int_{\mathcal{M}} (a_{t,h}(\mathbf{x}))^2 \left| \int_{\mathcal{M}} R_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) d\mu_{\mathbf{y}} - \sum_{\mathbf{p}_j \in P} R_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}_j) V_j \right|^2 d\mu_{\mathbf{x}} \\
& \leq \frac{Ch^2}{t} \int_{\mathcal{M}} \left(\frac{1}{w_{t,h}(\mathbf{x})} \sum_{\mathbf{p}_j \in P} R_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}_j) u_j V_j \right)^2 d\mu_{\mathbf{x}} \\
& \leq \frac{Ch^2}{t} \int_{\mathcal{M}} \left(\sum_{\mathbf{p}_j \in P} R_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}_j) u_j^2 V_j \right) \left(\sum_{\mathbf{p}_j \in P} R_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}_j) V_j \right) d\mu_{\mathbf{x}} \\
& \leq \frac{Ch^2}{t} \left(\sum_{\mathbf{p}_j \in P} u_j^2 V_j \int_{\mathcal{M}} R_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}_j) d\mu_{\mathbf{x}} \right) \leq \frac{Ch^2}{t} \sum_{\mathbf{p}_j \in P} u_j^2 V_j.
\end{aligned}$$

Let

$$\begin{aligned}
K_1 &= C_t \int_{\mathcal{M}} \frac{1}{w_{t,h}(\mathbf{y})} R\left(\frac{|\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{y}|^2}{4t}\right) R\left(\frac{|\mathbf{p}_i-\mathbf{y}|^2}{4t}\right) d\mu_{\mathbf{y}} \\
&\quad - C_t \sum_{\mathbf{p}_j \in P} \frac{1}{w_{t,h}(\mathbf{p}_j)} R\left(\frac{|\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{p}_j|^2}{4t}\right) R\left(\frac{|\mathbf{p}_i-\mathbf{p}_j|^2}{4t}\right) V_j.
\end{aligned}$$

We have $|K_1| < \frac{Ch}{t^{1/2}}$ for some constant C independent of t . In addition, notice that only when $|\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{p}_i|^2 \leq 16t$ is $K_1 \neq 0$, which implies

$$|K_1| \leq \frac{1}{\delta_0} |K_1| R\left(\frac{|\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{p}_i|^2}{32t}\right).$$

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
(6.5) \quad & \int_{\mathcal{M}} \left| \int_{\mathcal{M}} R_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) a_{t,h}(\mathbf{y}) d\mu_{\mathbf{y}} - \sum_{\mathbf{p}_j \in P} R_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}_j) a_{t,h}(\mathbf{p}_j) V_j \right|^2 d\mu_{\mathbf{x}} \\
&= \int_{\mathcal{M}} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n C_t u_i V_i K_1 \right)^2 d\mu_{\mathbf{x}} \\
&\leq \frac{Ch^2}{t} \int_{\mathcal{M}} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n C_t |u_i| V_i R\left(\frac{|\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{p}_i|^2}{32t}\right) \right)^2 d\mu_{\mathbf{x}} \\
&\leq \frac{Ch^2}{t} \int_{\mathcal{M}} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n C_t R\left(\frac{|\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{p}_i|^2}{32t}\right) u_i^2 V_i \right) \left(\sum_{i=1}^n C_t R\left(\frac{|\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{p}_i|^2}{32t}\right) V_i \right) d\mu_{\mathbf{x}} \\
&\leq \frac{Ch^2}{t} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\int_{\mathcal{M}} C_t R\left(\frac{|\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{p}_i|^2}{32t}\right) d\mu_{\mathbf{x}} (u_i^2 V_i) \right) \leq \frac{Ch^2}{t} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n u_i^2 V_i \right).
\end{aligned}$$

Let

$$\begin{aligned}
K_2 &= C_t \int_{\partial\mathcal{M}} \frac{1}{w_{t,h}(\mathbf{y})} \bar{R}\left(\frac{|\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{y}|^2}{4t}\right) R\left(\frac{|\mathbf{p}_i-\mathbf{y}|^2}{4t}\right) d\tau_{\mathbf{y}} \\
&\quad - C_t \sum_{\mathbf{s}_j \in S} \frac{1}{w_{t,h}(\mathbf{s}_j)} \bar{R}\left(\frac{|\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{s}_j|^2}{4t}\right) R\left(\frac{|\mathbf{p}_i-\mathbf{s}_j|^2}{4t}\right) A_j.
\end{aligned}$$

We have $|K_2| < \frac{Ch}{t}$ for some constant C independent of t . In addition, notice that only when $|\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{p}_i|^2 \leq 16t$ is $K_2 \neq 0$, which implies

$$|K_2| \leq \frac{1}{\delta_0} |K_2| R\left(\frac{|\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{p}_i|^2}{32t}\right).$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}
(6.6) \quad & \int_{\mathcal{M}} \left| \int_{\partial\mathcal{M}} \bar{R}_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) a_{t,h}(\mathbf{y}) d\tau_{\mathbf{y}} - \sum_{\mathbf{s}_j \in S} \bar{R}_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{s}_j) a_{t,h}(\mathbf{s}_j) A_j \right|^2 d\mu_{\mathbf{x}} \\
&= \int_{\mathcal{M}} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n C_t u_i V_i K_2 \right)^2 d\mu_{\mathbf{x}} \\
&\leq \frac{Ch^2}{t^2} \int_{\mathcal{M}} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n C_t |u_i| V_i R \left(\frac{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{p}_i|^2}{32t} \right) \right)^2 d\mu_{\mathbf{x}} \\
&\leq \frac{Ch^2}{t^2} \int_{\mathcal{M}} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n C_t R \left(\frac{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{p}_i|^2}{32t} \right) u_i^2 V_i \right) \left(\sum_{i=1}^n C_t R \left(\frac{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{p}_i|^2}{32t} \right) V_i \right) d\mu_{\mathbf{x}} \\
&\leq \frac{Ch^2}{t^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\int_{\mathcal{M}} C_t R \left(\frac{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{p}_i|^2}{32t} \right) d\mu_{\mathbf{x}} (u_i^2 V_i) \right) \leq \frac{Ch^2}{t^2} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n u_i^2 V_i \right).
\end{aligned}$$

Combining Equation (6.4), (6.5) and (6.6),

$$\|K_t a_{t,h} - K_{t,h} a_{t,h}\|_{L^2(\mathcal{M})} \leq \frac{Ch}{t^{3/2}} \left(1 + \frac{\sqrt{t}}{\beta} \right) \left(\sum_{i=1}^n u_i^2 V_i \right)^{1/2}$$

Now we upper bound $\|K_t d_{t,h} - K_{t,h} d_{t,h}\|_{L^2}$. We have

$$\begin{aligned}
(6.7) \quad & \int_{\mathcal{M}} (d_{t,h}(\mathbf{x}))^2 \left| \int_{\mathcal{M}} \bar{R}_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) d\tau_{\mathbf{y}} - \sum_{\mathbf{p}_j \in P} \bar{R}_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}_j) V_j \right|^2 d\mu_{\mathbf{x}} \\
&\leq \frac{Ch^2}{t^2} \int_{\mathcal{M}} (d_{t,h}(\mathbf{x}))^2 d\mu_{\mathbf{x}} \\
&\leq \frac{Ch^2 t}{\beta^2} \int_{\mathcal{M}} \left(\frac{1}{w_{t,h}(\mathbf{x})} \sum_{\mathbf{s}_j \in S} \bar{R}_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{s}_j) u_j A_j \right)^2 d\mu_{\mathbf{x}} \\
&\leq \frac{Ch^2 t}{\beta^2} \int_{\mathcal{M}} \left(\sum_{\mathbf{s}_j \in S} \bar{R}_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{s}_j) u_j^2 A_j \right) \left(\sum_{\mathbf{s}_j \in S} \bar{R}_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{s}_j) A_j \right) d\mu_{\mathbf{x}} \\
&\leq \frac{Ch^2 \sqrt{t}}{\beta^2} \left(\sum_{j \in I_S} u_j^2 A_j \int_{\mathcal{M}} \bar{R}_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}_j) d\mu_{\mathbf{x}} \right) \leq \frac{Ch^2 \sqrt{t}}{\beta^2} \sum_{j \in I_S} u_j^2 A_j.
\end{aligned}$$

where $I_S = \{1 \leq l \leq n : \mathbf{p}_l \in S\}$.

Let

$$\begin{aligned}
K_3 &= C_t \int_{\mathcal{M}} \frac{1}{w_{t,h}(\mathbf{y})} R \left(\frac{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}|^2}{4t} \right) \bar{R} \left(\frac{|\mathbf{p}_i - \mathbf{y}|^2}{4t} \right) d\mu_{\mathbf{y}} \\
&\quad - C_t \sum_{\mathbf{p}_j \in P} \frac{1}{w_{t,h}(\mathbf{p}_j)} R \left(\frac{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{p}_j|^2}{4t} \right) \bar{R} \left(\frac{|\mathbf{p}_i - \mathbf{p}_j|^2}{4t} \right) V_j.
\end{aligned}$$

We have $|K_3| < \frac{Ch}{t^{1/2}}$ for some constant K_3 independent of t . In addition, notice that only when $|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{p}_i|^2 \leq 16t$ is $K_3 \neq 0$, which implies

$$|K_3| \leq \frac{1}{\delta_0} |C| R \left(\frac{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{p}_i|^2}{4t} \right).$$

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
(6.8) \quad & \int_{\mathcal{M}} \left| \int_{\mathcal{M}} R_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) d_{t,h}(\mathbf{y}) d\mu_{\mathbf{y}} - \sum_{\mathbf{p}_j \in P} R_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}_j) d_{t,h}(\mathbf{p}_j) V_j \right|^2 d\mu_{\mathbf{x}} \\
&= \frac{4t^2}{\beta^2} \int_{\mathcal{M}} \left(\sum_{i \in I_S} C_t u_i A_i K_3 \right)^2 d\mu_{\mathbf{x}} \\
&\leq \frac{Ch^2 t}{\beta^2} \int_{\mathcal{M}} \left(\sum_{i \in I_S} C_t |u_i| A_i R \left(\frac{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{p}_i|^2}{32t} \right) \right)^2 d\mu_{\mathbf{x}} \\
&\leq \frac{Ch^2 t}{\beta^2} \int_{\mathcal{M}} \left(\sum_{i \in I_S} C_t R \left(\frac{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{p}_i|^2}{32t} \right) u_i^2 A_i \right) \left(\sum_{i \in I_S} C_t R \left(\frac{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{p}_i|^2}{32t} \right) A_i \right) d\mu_{\mathbf{x}} \\
&\leq \frac{Ch^2 \sqrt{t}}{\beta^2} \sum_{i \in I_S} \left(\int_{\mathcal{M}} C_t R \left(\frac{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{p}_i|^2}{32t} \right) d\mu_{\mathbf{x}} (u_i^2 A_i) \right) \leq \frac{Ch^2 \sqrt{t}}{\beta^2} \left(\sum_{i \in I_S} u_i^2 A_i \right).
\end{aligned}$$

Let

$$\begin{aligned}
K_4 &= C_t \int_{\partial \mathcal{M}} \frac{1}{w_{t,h}(\mathbf{y})} \bar{R} \left(\frac{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}|^2}{4t} \right) \bar{R} \left(\frac{|\mathbf{p}_i - \mathbf{y}|^2}{4t} \right) d\tau_{\mathbf{y}} \\
&\quad - C_t \sum_{\mathbf{s}_j \in S} \frac{1}{w_{t,h}(\mathbf{s}_j)} \bar{R} \left(\frac{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{s}_j|^2}{4t} \right) \bar{R} \left(\frac{|\mathbf{p}_i - \mathbf{s}_j|^2}{4t} \right) A_j.
\end{aligned}$$

We have $|K_4| < \frac{Ch}{t}$ for some constant C independent of t . In addition, notice that only when $|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{p}_i|^2 \leq 16t$ is $K_4 \neq 0$, which implies

$$|K_4| \leq \frac{1}{\delta_0} |K_4| R \left(\frac{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{p}_i|^2}{32t} \right).$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
(6.9) \quad & \int_{\mathcal{M}} \left| \int_{\partial \mathcal{M}} \bar{R}_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) d_{t,h}(\mathbf{y}) d\tau_{\mathbf{y}} - \sum_j \bar{R}_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}_j) d_{t,h}(\mathbf{p}_j) A_j \right|^2 d\mu_{\mathbf{x}} \\
&= \frac{4t^2}{\beta^2} \int_{\mathcal{M}} \left(\sum_{i \in I_S} C_t u_i A_i K_4 \right)^2 d\mu_{\mathbf{x}} \\
&\leq \frac{Ch^2}{\beta^2} \int_{\mathcal{M}} \left(\sum_{i \in I_S} C_t |u_i| A_i R \left(\frac{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{p}_i|^2}{32t} \right) \right)^2 d\mu_{\mathbf{x}} \\
&\leq \frac{Ch^2}{\beta^2} \int_{\mathcal{M}} \left(\sum_{i \in I_S} C_t R \left(\frac{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{p}_i|^2}{32t} \right) u_i^2 A_i \right) \left(\sum_{i \in I_S} C_t R \left(\frac{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{p}_i|^2}{32t} \right) A_i \right) d\mu_{\mathbf{x}} \\
&\leq \frac{Ch^2}{\beta^2 \sqrt{t}} \sum_{i \in I_S} \left(\int_{\mathcal{M}} C_t R \left(\frac{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{p}_i|^2}{32t} \right) d\mu_{\mathbf{x}} (u_i^2 A_i) \right) \leq \frac{Ch^2}{\beta^2 \sqrt{t}} \left(\sum_{i \in I_S} u_i^2 A_i \right).
\end{aligned}$$

Combining Equation (6.7), (6.8) and (6.9),

$$\|K_t d_{t,h} - K_{t,h} d_{t,h}\|_{L^2(\mathcal{M})} \leq \frac{Ch}{\beta t^{3/4}} \left(1 + \frac{\sqrt{t}}{\beta} \right) \left(\sum_{i \in I_S} u_i^2 A_i \right)^{1/2}$$

Now assembling the parts together, we have the following upper bound.

$$(6.10) \quad \begin{aligned} & \|K_t u_{t,h} - K_{t,h} u_{t,h}\|_{L^2(\mathcal{M})} \\ & \leq \frac{Ch}{t^{3/2}} \left(\|g\|_\infty + t\|f\|_\infty + \left(\sum_{i=1}^n u_i^2 V_i \right)^{1/2} + t^{1/4} \left(\sum_{l \in I_S} u_l^2 A_l \right)^{1/2} \right). \end{aligned}$$

At the same time, since u_t and $u_{t,h}$ solve (2.5) and (2.6) respectively, we have

$$(6.11) \quad \begin{aligned} & \|K_t(u_t) - K_{t,h}(u_{t,h})\|_{L^2(\mathcal{M})} \\ & = \left(\int_{\mathcal{M}} ((K_t u_t - K_{t,h} u_{t,h})(\mathbf{x}))^2 d\mu_{\mathbf{x}} \right)^{1/2} \\ & \leq \left(\int_{\mathcal{M}} \left(\int_{\mathcal{M}} \bar{R}_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) f(\mathbf{y}) - \sum_{\mathbf{p}_j \in P} \bar{R}_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}_j) f(\mathbf{p}_j) V_j \right)^2 d\mu_{\mathbf{x}} \right)^{1/2} \\ & \leq \frac{Ch}{t^{1/2}} \|f\|_\infty. \end{aligned}$$

From Equation (6.10) and (6.11), we get

$$\|K_t u_t - L_t u_{t,h}\|_{L^2(\mathcal{M})} \leq \frac{Ch}{t^{3/2}} \left(\left(\sum_{i=1}^n u_i^2 V_i \right)^{1/2} + t^{1/4} \left(\sum_{l \in I_S} u_l^2 A_l \right)^{1/2} + t\|f\|_\infty \right). \quad (6.12)$$

Using the similar techniques, we can get the upper bound of $\|\nabla(K_t u_t - L_t u_{t,h})\|_{L^2(\mathcal{M})}$ as following.

$$\|\nabla(K_t u_t - L_t u_{t,h})\|_{L^2(\mathcal{M})} \leq \frac{Ch}{t^2} \left(t\|f\|_{C^1(\mathcal{M})} + \left(\sum_{i=1}^n u_i^2 V_i \right)^{1/2} + t^{1/4} \left(\sum_{l \in I_S} u_l^2 A_l \right)^{1/2} \right). \quad (6.13)$$

In the remaining of the proof, we only need to get a prior estimate of $(\sum_{i=1}^n u_i^2 V_i)^{1/2} + t^{1/4} (\sum_{l \in I_S} u_l^2 A_l)^{1/2}$. First, using the estimate (6.12) and (6.13) and the Theorem 4.2, we have

$$(6.14) \quad \begin{aligned} \|u_{t,h}\|_{H^1(\mathcal{M})} & \leq \frac{Ch}{t^{3/2}} \left(\left(\sum_{i=1}^n u_i^2 V_i \right)^{1/2} + t^{1/4} \left(\sum_{l \in I_S} u_l^2 A_l \right)^{1/2} + t\|f\|_\infty \right) \\ & \quad + C\|K_t u_t\|_{L^2(\mathcal{M})} + Ct^{3/4}\|K_t u_t\|_{H^1(\mathcal{M})}. \end{aligned}$$

Using the relation that $K_t u_t = -\int_{\mathcal{M}} \bar{R}_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) f(\mathbf{y}) \mu_{\mathbf{y}}$, it is easy to get that

$$(6.15) \quad \|K_t u_t\|_{L^2(\mathcal{M})} \leq C\|f\|_\infty,$$

$$(6.16) \quad \|\nabla(K_t u_t)\|_{L^2(\mathcal{M})} \leq \frac{C}{t^{1/2}} \|f\|_\infty.$$

Substituting above estimates in (6.14), we have

$$\|u_{t,h}\|_{H^1(\mathcal{M})} \leq \frac{Ch}{t^{3/2}} \left(\left(\sum_{i=1}^n u_i^2 V_i \right)^{1/2} + t^{1/4} \left(\sum_{l \in I_S} u_l^2 A_l \right)^{1/2} + t\|f\|_\infty \right) + C\|f\|_\infty.$$

Using Lemma 6.1, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left(\sum_{i=1}^n u_i^2 V_i \right)^{1/2} + t^{1/4} \left(\sum_{l \in I_S} u_l^2 A_l \right)^{1/2} \\
& \leq C \|u_{t,h}\|_{H^1(\mathcal{M})} + C\sqrt{h} \left(t^{3/4} \|f\|_\infty + \|g\|_\infty \right) \\
& \leq \frac{Ch}{t^{3/2}} \left(t \|f\|_\infty + \left(\sum_{i=1}^n u_i^2 V_i \right)^{1/2} + t^{1/4} \left(\sum_{l \in I_S} u_l^2 A_l \right)^{1/2} \right) \\
(6.17) \quad & + C \|f\|_\infty + C\sqrt{h} t^{3/4} \|f\|_\infty
\end{aligned}$$

Using the assumption that $\frac{h}{t^{3/2}}$ is small enough such that $\frac{Ch}{t^{3/2}} \leq \frac{1}{2}$, we have

$$(6.18) \quad \left(\sum_{i=1}^n u_i^2 V_i \right)^{1/2} + t^{1/4} \left(\sum_{l \in I_S} u_l^2 A_l \right)^{1/2} \leq C \|f\|_\infty$$

Then the proof is complete by substituting above estimate (6.18) in (6.12) and (6.13). \square

7 Discussion and Future Work

We have proved the convergence of the point integral method for the Poisson equation on manifolds with the Dirichlet boundary. In point integral method, the Dirichlet boundary can not be enforced directly. In this paper, we use Robin boundary to approximate the Dirichlet boundary and use point integral method to solve the Poisson equation with Robin boundary condition.

Another way to deal with the Dirichlet boundary condition in point integral method is using the volume constraint proposed by Du et.al. [6]. The volume constraint has been integrated into the point integral method to enforce the Dirichlet boundary condition and the convergence has been proved [23].

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A Proof of Lemma 6.1

Proof. First, denote

$$u_{t,h}(\mathbf{x}) = I_f(\mathbf{u}) = \frac{1}{w_{t,h}(\mathbf{x})} \left(\sum_{j=1}^n R_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}_j) u_j V_j - \frac{2t}{\beta} \sum_{s_j \in I_S} \bar{R}_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{s}_j) u_j A_j + t \sum_{j=1}^n \bar{R}_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}_j) f_j V_j \right),$$

where $f_j = f(\mathbf{p}_j)$ and $w_{t,h}(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{j=1}^n R_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}_j) V_j$ and $\mathbf{u} = (u_j)$ solves (2.6) with $b = 0$. Let

$$\begin{aligned}
v_1(\mathbf{x}) &= \frac{1}{w_{t,h}(\mathbf{x})} \sum_{j=1}^n R_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}_j) u_j V_j, \text{ and} \\
v_2(\mathbf{x}) &= -\frac{2t}{\beta w_{t,h}(\mathbf{x})} \sum_{s_j \in I_S} \bar{R}_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{s}_j) u_j A_j, \text{ and} \\
v_3(\mathbf{x}) &= \frac{t}{w_{t,h}(\mathbf{x})} \sum_{j=1}^n \bar{R}_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}_j) f_j V_j,
\end{aligned}$$

and then $u_{t,h} = v_1 + v_2 + v_3$ and

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \|u_{t,h}\|_{L^2(\mathcal{M})}^2 - \sum_{j=1}^n u_j^2 V_j \right| &= \left| \sum_{m,m'=1}^3 \left(\int_{\mathcal{M}} v_m(\mathbf{x}) v_{m'}(\mathbf{x}) d\mu_{\mathbf{x}} - \sum_{j=1}^n v_m(\mathbf{x}_j) v_{m'}(\mathbf{x}_j) V_j \right) \right| \\ &\leq \sum_{m,m'=1}^3 \left| \int_{\mathcal{M}} v_m(\mathbf{x}) v_{m'}(\mathbf{x}) d\mu_{\mathbf{x}} - \sum_{j=1}^n v_m(\mathbf{x}_j) v_{m'}(\mathbf{x}_j) V_j \right|. \end{aligned}$$

We now estimate these six terms in the above summation one by one. First, we consider the term with $m = m' = 1$. Denote

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \int_{\mathcal{M}} \frac{C_t}{w_{t,h}^2(\mathbf{x})} R\left(\frac{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{p}_i|^2}{4t}\right) R\left(\frac{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{p}_l|^2}{4t}\right) d\mu_{\mathbf{x}} - \\ &\quad \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{C_t}{w_{t,h}^2(\mathbf{p}_j)} R\left(\frac{|\mathbf{p}_j - \mathbf{p}_i|^2}{4t}\right) R\left(\frac{|\mathbf{p}_j - \mathbf{p}_l|^2}{4t}\right) V_j, \end{aligned}$$

and then $|A| \leq \frac{Ch}{t^{1/2}}$. At the same time, notice that only when $|\mathbf{p}_i - \mathbf{p}_l|^2 < 16t$ is $A \neq 0$. Thus we have

$$|A| \leq \frac{1}{\delta_0} |A| R\left(\frac{|\mathbf{p}_i - \mathbf{p}_l|^2}{32t}\right),$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} &\left| \int_{\mathcal{M}} v_1^2(\mathbf{x}) d\mu_{\mathbf{x}} - \sum_{j=1}^n v_1^2(\mathbf{p}_j) V_j \right| \\ &\leq \sum_{i,l=1}^n |C_t u_i u_l V_i V_l| |A| \\ &\leq \frac{Ch}{t^{1/2}} \sum_{i,l=1}^n \left| C_t R\left(\frac{|\mathbf{p}_i - \mathbf{p}_l|^2}{32t}\right) u_i u_l V_i V_l \right| \\ &\leq \frac{Ch}{t^{1/2}} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\sum_{l=1}^n C_t R\left(\frac{|\mathbf{p}_i - \mathbf{p}_l|^2}{32t}\right) V_l \right)^{1/2} \left(\sum_{l=1}^n C_t R\left(\frac{|\mathbf{p}_i - \mathbf{p}_l|^2}{32t}\right) u_l^2 V_l \right)^{1/2} u_i V_i \\ &\leq \frac{Ch}{t^{1/2}} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{l=1}^n C_t R\left(\frac{|\mathbf{p}_i - \mathbf{p}_l|^2}{32t}\right) u_l^2 V_l V_i \right)^{1/2} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n u_i^2 V_i \right)^{1/2} \\ &= \frac{Ch}{t^{1/2}} \left(\sum_{l=1}^n u_l^2 V_l \sum_{i=1}^n C_t R\left(\frac{|\mathbf{p}_i - \mathbf{p}_l|^2}{32t}\right) V_i \right)^{1/2} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n u_i^2 V_i \right)^{1/2} \\ &\leq \frac{Ch}{t^{1/2}} \sum_{i=1}^n u_i^2 V_i. \end{aligned}$$

Using a similar argument, we can obtain the following estimates for the remaining terms,

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int_{\mathcal{M}} v_1(\mathbf{x})v_2(\mathbf{x})d\mu_{\mathbf{x}} - \sum_{j=1}^n v_1(\mathbf{p}_j)v_2(\mathbf{p}_j)V_j \right| &\leq \frac{Ch t^{1/4}}{\beta} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n u_i^2 V_i \right)^{1/2} \left(\sum_{l \in I_S} u_l^2 A_l \right)^{1/2}, \text{ and} \\ \left| \int_{\mathcal{M}} v_1(\mathbf{x})v_3(\mathbf{x})d\mu_{\mathbf{x}} - \sum_{j=1}^n v_1(\mathbf{p}_j)v_3(\mathbf{p}_j)V_j \right| &\leq Ch t^{1/2} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n u_i^2 V_i \right)^{1/2} \left(\sum_{j=1}^n f_j^2 V_j \right)^{1/2}, \text{ and} \\ \left| \int_{\mathcal{M}} v_2^2(\mathbf{x})d\mu_{\mathbf{x}} - \sum_{j=1}^n v_2^2(\mathbf{p}_j)V_j \right| &\leq \frac{Ch t}{\beta^2} \sum_{l \in I_S} u_l^2 A_l, \text{ and} \\ \left| \int_{\mathcal{M}} v_2(\mathbf{x})v_3(\mathbf{x})d\mu_{\mathbf{x}} - \sum_{j=1}^n v_2(\mathbf{p}_j)v_3(\mathbf{p}_j)V_j \right| &\leq \frac{Ch t^{5/4}}{\beta} \left(\sum_{l \in I_S} u_l^2 A_l \right)^{1/2} \left(\sum_{j=1}^n f_j^2 V_j \right)^{1/2}, \text{ and} \\ \left| \int_{\mathcal{M}} v_3^2(\mathbf{x})d\mu_{\mathbf{x}} - \sum_{j=1}^n v_3^2(\mathbf{p}_j)V_j \right| &\leq Ch t^{3/2} \sum_{j=1}^n f_j^2 V_j. \end{aligned}$$

Assembling all the above estimates together, we obtain

$$\left| \|u_{t,h}\|_{L^2(\mathcal{M})}^2 - \sum_{i=1}^n u_i^2 V_i \right| \leq \frac{Ch}{t^{1/2}} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n u_i^2 V_i + t^{1/2} \sum_{l \in I_S} u_l^2 A_l + t^2 \|f\|_{\infty}^2 \right).$$

Similarly, we have

$$\left| \|u_{t,h}\|_{L^2(\partial\mathcal{M})}^2 - \sum_{l \in I_S} u_l^2 A_l \right| \leq \frac{Ch}{t} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n u_i^2 V_i + t^{1/2} \sum_{l \in I_S} u_l^2 A_l + t^2 \|f\|_{\infty}^2 \right).$$

Using the assumption that $\frac{h}{t^{1/2}}$ is small enough such that $\frac{Ch}{t^{1/2}} \leq \frac{1}{2}$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^n u_i^2 V_i + t^{1/2} \sum_{l \in I_S} u_l^2 A_l &\leq 2 \left(\|u_{t,h}\|_{L^2(\mathcal{M})}^2 + t^{1/2} \|u_{t,h}\|_{L^2(\partial\mathcal{M})}^2 \right) + Ch \left(t^{3/2} \|f\|_{\infty}^2 \right) \\ &\leq C \|u_{t,h}\|_{H^1(\mathcal{M})}^2 + Ch t^{3/2} \|f\|_{\infty}^2, \end{aligned}$$

which implies that

$$\left(\sum_{i=1}^n u_i^2 V_i \right)^{1/2} + t^{1/4} \left(\sum_{l \in I_S} u_l^2 A_l \right)^{1/2} \leq C \|u_{t,h}\|_{H^1(\mathcal{M})} + C \sqrt{h} t^{3/4} \|f\|_{\infty}.$$

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