

ADAPTIVE VIRTUAL ELEMENT METHODS: CONVERGENCE AND OPTIMALITY

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ABSTRACT. We design an adaptive virtual element method (AVEM) of lowest order over non-conforming triangular meshes with hanging nodes in 2d, which are treated as polygons. The proposed AVEM [?] concatenates two modules, **GALERKIN** and **DATA**. The former deals with piecewise constant data and is shown to be a contraction between consecutive iterates. The latter approximates general data by piecewise constants to a desired accuracy. AVEM hinges on the stabilization-free a posteriori error estimators derived in [?]. We show that AVEM is convergent and quasi-optimal, in terms of error decay versus degrees of freedom, for solutions and data belonging to appropriate approximation classes.

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