

A WEAKLY OVER-PENALIZED SYMMETRIC INTERIOR PENALTY METHOD FOR THE BIHARMONIC PROBLEM*

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Abstract. We study a weakly over-penalized symmetric interior penalty method for the biharmonic problem that is intrinsically parallel. Both *a priori* error analysis and *a posteriori* error analysis are carried out. The performance of the method is illustrated by numerical experiments.

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