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**On the Schwarz alternating method. III: A variant for nonoverlapping subdomains.** (English)

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This paper is the third part of a series of three articles by the author [part I: *ibid.*, 1st Int. Symp., Paris 1987, 1-42 (1989; [Zbl 0658.65090](#)); Part II: *ibid.*, 2nd Int. Symp., Los Angeles 1988, 47-70 (1989; [Zbl 0681.65072](#))] on the Schwarz alternating method for solving partial differential equations. In this part, the iteration is based on a nonoverlapping decomposition of the domain  $\Omega = \Omega_1 \cup \dots \cup \Omega_m \cup \Sigma$  into  $m$  subdomains  $\Omega_i$ , where  $\Sigma = \cup \gamma_{ij}$  and  $\gamma_{ij} = \partial\Omega_i \cap \partial\Omega_j \setminus \partial\Omega$  with  $i \neq j$ .

For the model problem  $-\Delta u = f$  in  $\Omega$  and  $u = 0$  on  $\partial\Omega$ , the iteration sequence  $\{(u_i^n)_{i=1,\dots,m}\}_{n=0,1,\dots}$  consists of  $m$  functions  $u_i^n(x)$  defined on  $\Omega_i$ , where, for given  $(u_j^n)_{j=1,\dots,m}$ ,  $u_i^{n+1}$  will be defined as the solution of the partial differential  $-\Delta u_i^{n+1} = f$  in  $\Omega_i$  under Fourier's boundary conditions

$$\partial u_i^{n+1} / \partial n_{ij} + \lambda_{ij} u_i^{n+1} = \partial u_j^n / \partial n_{ij} + \lambda_{ij} u_j^n \quad (\lambda_{ij} = \lambda_{ji} > 0)$$

on the interface  $\gamma_{ij}$  ( $j \neq i$ ) and under the given boundary condition  $u_i^{n+1} = 0$  on  $\partial\Omega_i \cap \partial\Omega$ . Here  $n_{ij}$  is the unit outward normal to  $\partial\Omega_i$  on  $\gamma_{ij}$ . The author shows weak convergence of  $u_i^n$  to  $u|_{\Omega_i}$  in  $H^1(\Omega_i)$  and of  $u_i^n|_{\gamma_{ij}}$  to  $u|_{\gamma_{ij}}$  in  $H^{1/2}(\gamma_{ij})$ . Extensions to more complicated problems including convection-diffusion problems are given.

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- [65N55](#) Multigrid methods; domain decomposition for boundary value problems involving PDEs
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- [65N22](#) Numerical solution of discretized equations for boundary value problems involving PDEs
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