

Efficient Spectral Galerkin Method Based on a Mixed Scheme for Fourth-Order Problems in Ellipsoidal Domain

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Abstract— In this paper, we propose and analysis a computationally efficient mixed spectral Galerkin method for solving fourth-order problems in ellipsoidal domain. The approach begins by reformulating the fourth-order equation as a coupled system of second-order equations. A novel spherical coordinate transformation is then introduced, mapping the ellipsoidal domain onto the unit sphere to enable spectral discretization. Building on this transformation, we derive a mixed variational formulation and its discrete scheme. Finally, numerical experiments validate the algorithm's efficacy and spectral accuracy.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Spectral methods are widely recognized for providing highly accurate approximations with relatively few degrees of freedom, and have been extensively studied and applied in scientific computation [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8]. However, their application has been predominantly limited to regular domains such as cubes, spheres, and rectangles. For complex geometries, domain decomposition and spectral element methods have been developed [9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15], which partition an irregular domain into regular subdomains. Although effective for polygonal regions, these methods are generally not well-suited for maintaining high-order accuracy on irregular curved domains.

For PDEs on curved geometries, established numerical approaches include finite differences [16], spectral methods [17, 18], and finite element methods [19, 20, 21, 22]. While FEM can handle irregular surfaces, it typically requires surface discretization and approximation of geometric differential operators, which introduces additional complexity. Developing direct spectral methods for curved geometries therefore remains an area of significant interest. Current strategies often employ an embedding technique [23] or a mapping approach that transforms the curved domain onto a regular one via an explicit smooth mapping [24] or a Gordon-Hall type mapping [25]. Related works include spectral embedding methods for PDEs in curved geometries [26], well-posed fictitious domain spectral methods for elliptic problems [27, 28], and spectral methods based on coordinate transformations for two-dimensional curved domains [24, 29].

Despite these advances, PDEs in three-dimensional curved geometries are of critical importance in science and engineering, yet direct spectral methods for such 3D problems remain scarce. Some notable efforts include a Fourier-Legendre spectral-Galerkin method for second-order PDEs in general 3D curved domains [30], and an embedding approach that immerses a 3D domain into a larger sphere [28]. Nonetheless, efficient and high-order spectral methods tailored for specific 3D curved regions are still highly desirable.

In this paper, we focus on the three-dimensional ellipsoidal domain and develop an efficient mixed spectral-Galerkin scheme for fourth-order problems. Our approach consists of three main steps: (i) reformulating the fourth-order equation into a coupled second-order system; (ii) introducing a specialized spherical coordinate transformation that maps the ellipsoid onto the unit sphere; and (iii) deriving a mixed variational formulation and its discrete spectral approximation. To validate the proposed algorithm, we perform extensive numerical tests, which confirm its efficacy and high-order accuracy.

The remainder of this paper is organized as follows. In section 2, we deduce the equivalent coupled system and its mixed variational form. In section 3, we provide a detailed description of the effective implementation process of the algorithm. In section 4, we conduct several numerical tests. Finally, we make a conclusion comment in Section 5.

II. EQUIVALENT COUPLED SYSTEM AND ITS MIXED VARIATIONAL FORM

We initially consider the following fourth-order eigenvalue problem as a model case:

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta^2 \psi(\mathbf{x}) - \alpha \Delta \psi(\mathbf{x}) + \beta \psi(\mathbf{x}) &= \lambda \psi(\mathbf{x}), & \mathbf{x} \in \Omega, \\ \psi(\mathbf{x}) = 0, \Delta \psi(\mathbf{x}) &= 0, & \mathbf{x} \in \partial\Omega, \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

where α and β are non-negative constants, and $\Omega \subset \square^3$ is an ellipsoidal domain.

We now introduce an auxiliary equation $\phi(\mathbf{x}) = -\Delta \psi(\mathbf{x})$. Then, (1) can be restated as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} -\Delta\phi(\mathbf{x}) + \alpha\phi + \psi &= \hat{\lambda}\psi(\mathbf{x}), & \mathbf{x} \in \Omega, \\ -\Delta\psi - \phi &= 0, & \mathbf{x} \in \Omega, \\ \psi(\mathbf{x}) = 0, \phi(\mathbf{x}) &= 0, & \mathbf{x} \in \partial\Omega, \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

where $\hat{\lambda} = \lambda - \beta + 1$.

Let $H^s(\Omega)$ denote the Sobolev space of order s , with $\|\cdot\|_s$ and $|\cdot|_s$ representing its associated norm and semi-norm, respectively. Applying boundary conditions and Green's formula to (2), we derive the following mixed variational formulation: Find $[\phi, \psi] \in H_0^1(\Omega) \times H_0^1(\Omega)$ such that

$$G([\phi, \psi], [h, g]) = \hat{\lambda} \mathfrak{R}([\phi, \psi], [h, g]), [h, g] \in H_0^1(\Omega) \times H_0^1(\Omega), \quad (3)$$

where

$$G([\phi, \psi], [h, g]) = \int_{\Omega} \nabla\phi \cdot \nabla h + \alpha\phi h + \psi h - \phi g + \nabla\psi \cdot \nabla g d\Omega,$$

$$\mathfrak{R}([\phi, \psi], [h, g]) = \int_{\Omega} \psi h d\Omega.$$

Building on [30], we define the spherical coordinate transformation:

$$\begin{cases} x = r\rho(\theta, \varphi) \cos \theta \sin \varphi, & r \in [0, 1), \varphi \in [0, \pi], \theta \in [0, 2\pi), \\ y = r\rho(\theta, \varphi) \sin \theta \sin \varphi, & r \in [0, 1), \varphi \in [0, \pi], \theta \in [0, 2\pi), \\ z = r\rho(\theta, \varphi) \cos \varphi, & r \in [0, 1), \varphi \in [0, \pi], \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

where $\rho(\theta, \varphi) > 0$ represents the distance from the origin to the surface S and depends solely on the latitude θ and longitude φ . Assume

$$\partial_{\varphi}\rho(\theta, \varphi), \partial_{\theta}\rho(\theta, \varphi), \partial_{\varphi}\partial_{\theta}\rho(\theta, \varphi) \in L^{\infty}(\Xi), \Xi = [0, 2\pi] \times [0, \pi].$$

Let us denote

$$\sigma(\tau, \theta, \zeta) = \phi(r\rho(\theta, \varphi) \cos \theta \sin \varphi, r\rho(\theta, \varphi) \sin \theta \sin \varphi, r\rho(\theta, \varphi) \cos \varphi),$$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{n}}(\tau, \theta, \zeta) = \psi(r\rho(\theta, \varphi) \cos \theta \sin \varphi, r\rho(\theta, \varphi) \sin \theta \sin \varphi, r\rho(\theta, \varphi) \cos \varphi),$$

$$r = \frac{\tau + 1}{2}, \varphi = \frac{\pi(\zeta + 1)}{2}, (\tau, \theta, \zeta) \in D = (-1, 1) \times [0, 2\pi) \times (-1, 1).$$

Applying (4) through direct computation yields

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_x &= \left[\frac{\cos \theta}{\rho(\theta, \varphi) \sin \varphi} + \frac{\sin \theta}{\rho^2(\theta, \varphi) \sin \varphi} \partial_{\theta} \rho - \frac{\cos^2 \varphi \cos \theta}{\rho(\theta, \varphi) \sin \varphi} - \frac{\cos \varphi \cos \theta}{\rho^2(\theta, \varphi)} \partial_{\varphi} \rho \right] \partial_r \\ &\quad - \frac{\sin \theta}{r\rho(\theta, \varphi) \sin \varphi} \partial_{\theta} + \frac{\cos \varphi \cos \theta}{r\rho(\theta, \varphi)} \partial_{\varphi}, \\ \partial_y &= \left[\frac{\sin \theta}{\rho(\theta, \varphi) \sin \varphi} - \frac{\cos \theta}{\rho^2(\theta, \varphi) \sin \varphi} \partial_{\theta} \rho - \frac{\cos^2 \varphi \sin \theta}{\rho(\theta, \varphi) \sin \varphi} - \frac{\cos \varphi \sin \theta}{\rho^2(\theta, \varphi)} \partial_{\varphi} \rho \right] \partial_r \\ &\quad + \frac{\cos \theta}{r\rho(\theta, \varphi) \sin \varphi} \partial_{\theta} + \frac{\cos \varphi \sin \theta}{r\rho(\theta, \varphi)} \partial_{\varphi}, \\ \partial_z &= \left[\frac{\cos \varphi}{\rho(\theta, \varphi)} + \frac{\sin \varphi}{\rho^2(\theta, \varphi)} \partial_{\varphi} \rho(\theta, \varphi) \right] \partial_r - \frac{\sin \varphi}{r\rho(\theta, \varphi)} \partial_{\varphi}. \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

This yields

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \phi(x, y, z) = (\partial_x \phi, \partial_y \phi, \partial_z \phi) = 2 \left(\left[\frac{\cos \theta}{\rho \sin \varphi} + \frac{\sin \theta}{\rho^2 \sin \varphi} \partial_\theta \rho - \frac{\cos^2 \varphi \cos \theta}{\rho \sin \varphi} \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. - \frac{\cos \varphi \cos \theta}{\rho^2} \partial_\varphi \rho \right] \partial_\tau \sigma - \frac{\sin \theta}{(\tau+1)\rho \sin \varphi} \partial_\theta \sigma + \frac{2 \cos \varphi \cos \theta}{\pi(\tau+1)\rho} \partial_\zeta \sigma, \right. \\ \left. \left[\frac{\sin \theta}{\rho \sin \varphi} - \frac{\cos \theta}{\rho^2 \sin \varphi} \partial_\theta \rho - \frac{\cos^2 \varphi \sin \theta}{\rho \sin \varphi} - \frac{\cos \varphi \sin \theta}{\rho^2} \partial_\varphi \rho \right] \partial_\tau \sigma + \frac{\cos \theta}{(\tau+1)\rho \sin \varphi} \partial_\theta \sigma \right. \\ \left. + \frac{2 \cos \varphi \sin \theta}{\pi(\tau+1)\rho} \partial_\zeta \sigma, \left[\frac{\cos \varphi}{\rho} + \frac{\sin \varphi}{\rho^2} \partial_\varphi \rho \right] \partial_\tau \sigma - \frac{2 \sin \varphi}{\pi(\tau+1)\rho} \partial_\zeta \sigma \right). \end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

Based on equality (6), σ and \tilde{n} must satisfy the pole conditions:

$$\partial_\theta \sigma(\tau, \theta, -1) = \partial_\theta \sigma(\tau, \theta, 1) = \partial_\theta \sigma(-1, \theta, \zeta) = \partial_\zeta \sigma(-1, \theta, \zeta) = 0,$$

$$\partial_\theta \tilde{n}(\tau, \theta, -1) = \partial_\theta \tilde{n}(\tau, \theta, 1) = \partial_\theta \tilde{n}(-1, \theta, \zeta) = \partial_\zeta \tilde{n}(-1, \theta, \zeta) = 0.$$

We define two non-uniformly weighted Sobolev spaces:

$$L^2_{\omega,0}(D) = \left\{ \sigma : \int_D \omega \rho^3(\theta, \varphi) \sin \varphi |\sigma|^2 dD < \infty \right\}, \text{ where } \omega = (1 + \tau)^2,$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{V}^1_{*,0}(D) := \left\{ \sigma : \int_D \omega p(\theta, \varphi) |\partial_\tau \sigma|^2 + \frac{\rho}{\sin \varphi} |\partial_\theta \sigma|^2 + \rho \sin \varphi |\partial_\zeta \sigma|^2 \right. \\ \left. - \left[(1 + \tau) \partial_\varphi \rho \sin \varphi \partial_\zeta \sigma \partial_\tau \sigma + \frac{\pi(1 + \tau) \partial_\theta \rho}{2 \sin \varphi} \partial_\theta \sigma \partial_\tau \sigma \right] \right. \\ \left. + \omega \rho^3(\theta, \varphi) \sin \varphi |\sigma|^2 dD < \infty, \sigma(\tau, \theta, \zeta) = \sigma(\tau, 2\pi + \theta, \zeta), \sigma(1, \theta, \zeta) = 0, \right. \\ \left. \partial_\theta \sigma(\tau, \theta, -1) = \partial_\theta \sigma(\tau, \theta, 1) = \partial_\theta \sigma(-1, \theta, \zeta) = \partial_\zeta \sigma(-1, \theta, \zeta) = 0 \right\} \end{aligned}$$

with

$$p(\theta, \varphi) = \rho(\theta, \varphi) \sin \varphi + \frac{\sin \varphi [\partial_\varphi \rho(\theta, \varphi)]^2}{\rho(\theta, \varphi)} + \frac{[\partial_\theta \rho(\theta, \varphi)]^2}{\rho(\theta, \varphi) \sin \varphi},$$

endowed with inner products and norms defined respectively as

$$(\sigma, \nu)_{\omega,0} = \int_D \omega \rho^3(\theta, \varphi) \sin \varphi \sigma \nu dD, \|\sigma\|_{\omega,0} = \left(\int_D \omega \rho^3(\theta, \varphi) \sin \varphi |\sigma|^2 d\tau d\theta d\zeta \right)^{\frac{1}{2}},$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\sigma, \nu)_{1,*,0} = \int_D \omega p(\theta, \varphi) \partial_\tau \sigma \partial_\tau \nu + \frac{\rho(\theta, \varphi)}{\sin \varphi} \partial_\theta \sigma \partial_\theta \nu + \rho(\theta, \varphi) \sin \varphi \partial_\zeta \sigma \partial_\zeta \nu \\ - \left[\frac{1 + \tau}{2} \partial_\varphi \rho \sin \varphi (\partial_\zeta \sigma \partial_\tau \nu + \partial_\tau \sigma \partial_\zeta \nu) + \frac{\pi(1 + \tau) \partial_\theta \rho(\theta, \varphi)}{4 \sin \varphi} (\partial_\theta \sigma \partial_\tau \nu + \partial_\tau \sigma \partial_\theta \nu) \right] \\ + \omega \rho^3(\theta, \varphi) \sin \varphi \sigma \nu dD, \|\sigma\|_{1,*,0} = [(\sigma, \sigma)_{1,*,0}]^{\frac{1}{2}}. \end{aligned}$$

We now define the product-type Sobolev spaces:

$$\mathbf{V}^0_{\hat{a}}(D) := L^2_{\omega,0}(D) \times L^2_{\omega,0}(D), \quad \mathbf{V}^1_{\hat{a}}(D) := \mathbf{V}^1_{*,0}(D) \times \mathbf{V}^1_{*,0}(D),$$

and the corresponding norms are given by

$$\|[\hat{w}, \hat{u}]\|_{\omega,D} = (\|\hat{w}\|_{\omega,0}^2 + \|\hat{u}\|_{\omega,0}^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}, \quad \|[\hat{w}, \hat{u}]\|_{1,\hat{a},D} = (\|\hat{w}\|_{1,*,0}^2 + \|\hat{u}\|_{1,*,0}^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

Subsequently, the weak formulation (3) is recast as: Find $\hat{\lambda} \in \mathbb{R}$ and nontrivial $[\sigma, \tilde{n}] \in \mathbf{V}^1_{\hat{a}}(D)$ such that

$$\mathbf{A} \langle [\sigma, \tilde{n}], [\nu, \chi] \rangle = \hat{\lambda} \mathbf{B} \langle [\sigma, \tilde{n}], [\nu, \chi] \rangle, [\nu, \chi] \in \mathbf{V}^1_{\hat{a}}(D), \tag{7}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 A \langle [\sigma, \tilde{n}], [v, \chi] \rangle = & \int_D \frac{\pi}{4} \omega p(\theta, \varphi) \partial_\tau \sigma \partial_\tau v + \frac{\pi \rho}{4 \sin \varphi} \partial_\theta \sigma \partial_\theta v + \frac{1}{\pi} \rho \sin \varphi \partial_\zeta \sigma \partial_\zeta v \\
 & + \frac{\alpha \pi}{16} \omega \rho^3 \sin \varphi \sigma v - \frac{\tau + 1}{\pi} \sin \varphi \partial_\theta \rho (\partial_\zeta \sigma \partial_\tau v + \partial_\tau \sigma \partial_\zeta v) + \frac{\pi}{16} \omega \rho^3 \sin \varphi \tilde{n} v \\
 & - \frac{\pi(\tau + 1) \partial_\theta \rho}{4 \sin \varphi} (\partial_\theta \sigma \partial_\tau v + \partial_\tau \sigma \partial_\theta v) - \frac{\pi}{16} \omega \rho^3 \sin \varphi \sigma \chi \\
 & + \left\{ \frac{\pi}{4} \omega p(\theta, \varphi) \partial_\tau \tilde{n} \partial_\tau \chi + \frac{\pi \rho}{4 \sin \varphi} \partial_\theta \tilde{n} \partial_\theta \chi + \frac{1}{\pi} \rho \sin \varphi \partial_\zeta \tilde{n} \partial_\zeta \chi \right. \\
 & \left. - \frac{\tau + 1}{\pi} \sin \varphi \partial_\zeta \rho (\partial_\zeta \tilde{n} \partial_\tau \chi + \partial_\tau \tilde{n} \partial_\zeta \chi) - \frac{\pi(\tau + 1) \partial_\theta \rho}{4 \sin \varphi} (\partial_\theta \tilde{n} \partial_\tau \chi + \partial_\tau \tilde{n} \partial_\theta \chi) \right\} dD,
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$B \langle [\sigma, \tilde{n}], [v, \chi] \rangle = \frac{\pi}{16} \int_D \omega \rho^3(\theta, \varphi) \sin \varphi \tilde{n} v dD.$$

We propose a Fourier-Legendre spectral-Galerkin method for (7), defining the basis functions $\Psi_k(\tau) = L_k(\tau) - L_{k+2}(\tau)$, $\Phi_k(\zeta) = L_k(\zeta) - L_{k+2}(\zeta)$, $0 \leq k \leq N - 2$, $\zeta_0(\tau) = 1 - \tau$, where L_k denotes the Legendre polynomial of degree k . These satisfy the essential boundary conditions: $\Psi_k(-1) = \Psi_k(1) = 0$, $\Phi_k(-1) = \Phi_k(1) = 0$, $\zeta_0(1) = 0$.

The approximation space V_{MNL} is then defined as

$$V_{MNL} = V_{MNL} \times V_{MNL},$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 V_{MNL} = & \text{span} \{ \Psi_k(\tau) \Phi_l(\zeta) \sin(m\theta), \Psi_k(\tau) \Phi_l(\zeta) \cos(m\theta), \\
 & 1 \leq m \leq M, 0 \leq k \leq N - 2, 0 \leq l \leq L - 2 \} \oplus \text{span} \{ \zeta_0 \} \\
 & \oplus \text{span} \{ \Psi_k(\tau) L_l(\zeta), 0 \leq k \leq N - 2, 0 \leq l \leq L \}.
 \end{aligned}$$

The Fourier-Legendre spectral-Galerkin approximation of (7) is then formulated as: Find $[\sigma_{MNL}, \tilde{n}_{MNL}] \in V_{MNL}$ such that for all $[v_{MNL}, \chi_{MNL}] \in V_{MNL}$,

$$A \langle [\sigma_{MNL}, \tilde{n}_{MNL}], [v_{MNL}, \chi_{MNL}] \rangle = \hat{\lambda} B \langle [\sigma_{MNL}, \tilde{n}_{MNL}], [v_{MNL}, \chi_{MNL}] \rangle. \tag{8}$$

III. EFFICIENT IMPLEMENTATION OF ALGORITHM

We develop an efficient numerical method for solving (8), beginning with expansions of the approximate solutions σ_{MNL} and \tilde{n}_{MNL} :

$$\begin{aligned}
 [\sigma_{MNL}, \tilde{n}_{MNL}] = & \left[\sum_{k=0}^{N-2} \sum_{l=0}^{L-2} \sum_{m=1}^M (c_{klm}^1 \Psi_k(\tau) \Phi_l(\zeta) \sin(m\theta) + c_{klm}^2 \Psi_k(\tau) \Phi_l(\zeta) \cos(m\theta)) \right. \\
 & + c_3 \zeta_0(\tau) + \sum_{k=0}^{N-2} \sum_{l=0}^L c_{kl}^4 \Psi_k(\tau) L_l(\zeta), \tilde{n}_3 \zeta_0(\tau) + \sum_{k=0}^{N-2} \sum_{l=0}^L \tilde{n}_{kl}^4 \Psi_k(\tau) L_l(\zeta) \\
 & \left. + \sum_{k=0}^{N-2} \sum_{l=0}^{L-2} \sum_{m=1}^M (\tilde{n}_{klm}^1 \Psi_k(\tau) \Phi_l(\zeta) \sin(m\theta) + \tilde{n}_{klm}^2 \Psi_k(\tau) \Phi_l(\zeta) \cos(m\theta)) \right].
 \end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

Define the vector coefficients

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{w}_1 &= (c_{0,0,1}^1, \dots, c_{0,0,M}^1, \dots, c_{N-2,0,1}^1, \dots, c_{N-2,0,M}^1, \dots, c_{N-2,L-2,M}^1)^\top, \\ \mathbf{w}_2 &= (c_{0,0,1}^2, \dots, c_{0,0,M}^2, \dots, c_{N-2,0,1}^2, \dots, c_{N-2,0,M}^2, \dots, c_{N-2,L-2,M}^2)^\top, \\ \mathbf{w}_4 &= (c_{0,0}^4, \dots, c_{N-2,0}^4, \dots, c_{0,L}^4, \dots, c_{N-2,L}^4)^\top, \\ \mathbf{u}_1 &= (\tilde{n}_{0,0,1}^1, \dots, \tilde{n}_{0,0,M}^1, \dots, \tilde{n}_{N-2,0,1}^1, \dots, \tilde{n}_{N-2,0,M}^1, \dots, \tilde{n}_{N-2,L-2,M}^1)^\top, \\ \mathbf{u}_2 &= (\tilde{n}_{0,0,1}^2, \dots, \tilde{n}_{0,0,M}^2, \dots, \tilde{n}_{N-2,0,1}^2, \dots, \tilde{n}_{N-2,0,M}^2, \dots, \tilde{n}_{N-2,L-2,M}^2)^\top, \\ \mathbf{u}_4 &= (\tilde{n}_{0,0}^4, \dots, \tilde{n}_{N-2,0}^4, \dots, \tilde{n}_{0,L}^4, \dots, \tilde{n}_{N-2,L}^4)^\top, \mathbf{w} = (\mathbf{w}_1; \mathbf{w}_2; c_3; \mathbf{w}_4), \mathbf{u} = (\mathbf{u}_1; \mathbf{u}_2; \tilde{\mathbf{n}}_3; \mathbf{u}_4). \end{aligned}$$

We now introduce the element symbols as

$$\begin{aligned} {}_1 a_{lt}^{nm} &= \int_{\hat{D}} \hat{\eta}_1 \Phi_l \sin(m\theta) \Phi_t \sin(n\theta) d\hat{D}, {}_2 a_{lt}^{nm} = \int_{\hat{D}} \hat{\eta}_2 \Phi_l m \cos(m\theta) \Phi_t n \sin(n\theta) d\hat{D}, \\ {}_3 a_{lt}^{nm} &= \int_{\hat{D}} \hat{\eta}_3 \Phi_l' \sin(m\theta) \Phi_t' \sin(n\theta) d\hat{D}, {}_4 a_{lt}^m = \int_{\hat{D}} \hat{\eta}_4 \Phi_l' \sin(m\theta) \Phi_t \sin(n\theta) d\hat{D}, \\ {}_5 a_{lt}^{nm} &= \int_{\hat{D}} \hat{\eta}_4 \Phi_l \sin(m\theta) \Phi_t' \sin(n\theta) d\hat{D}, {}_6 a_{lt}^{nm} = \int_{\hat{D}} \hat{\eta}_5 \Phi_l m \cos(m\theta) \Phi_t n \sin(n\theta) d\hat{D}, \\ {}_7 a_{lt}^{nm} &= \int_{\hat{D}} \hat{\eta}_5 \Phi_l \sin(m\theta) \Phi_t n \cos(n\theta) d\hat{D}, {}_8 a_{lt}^m = \int_{\hat{D}} \hat{\eta} \Phi_l \sin(m\theta) \Phi_t \sin(n\theta) d\hat{D}, \\ {}_1 b_{lt}^{nm} &= \int_{\hat{D}} \hat{\eta}_1 \Phi_l \sin(m\theta) \Phi_t \cos(n\theta) d\hat{D}, {}_2 b_{lt}^{nm} = -\int_{\hat{D}} \hat{\eta}_2 \Phi_l m \cos(m\theta) \Phi_t n \sin(n\theta) d\hat{D}, \\ {}_3 b_{lt}^{nm} &= \int_{\hat{D}} \hat{\eta}_3 \Phi_l' \sin(m\theta) \Phi_t' \cos(n\theta) d\hat{D}, {}_4 b_{lt}^m = \int_{\hat{D}} \hat{\eta}_4 \Phi_l' \sin(m\theta) \Phi_t \cos(n\theta) d\hat{D}, \\ {}_5 b_{lt}^{nm} &= \int_{\hat{D}} \hat{\eta}_4 \Phi_l \sin(m\theta) \Phi_t' \cos(n\theta) d\hat{D}, {}_6 b_{lt}^{nm} = \int_{\hat{D}} \hat{\eta}_5 \Phi_l m \cos(m\theta) \Phi_t n \cos(n\theta) d\hat{D}, \\ {}_7 b_{lt}^{nm} &= \int_{\hat{D}} \hat{\eta}_5 \Phi_l \sin(m\theta) \Phi_t n \cos(n\theta) d\hat{D}, {}_8 b_{lt}^m = \int_{\hat{D}} \hat{\eta} \Phi_l \sin(m\theta) \Phi_t \cos(n\theta) d\hat{D}, \\ \hat{\eta}_1 &= \frac{\pi}{4} \omega p(\theta, \varphi), \hat{\eta}_2 = \frac{\pi \rho(\theta, \varphi)}{4 \sin \varphi}, \hat{\eta}_3 = \frac{1}{\pi} \rho(\theta, \varphi) \sin \varphi, \hat{\eta}_4 = -\frac{1}{2} \partial_\varphi \rho(\theta, \varphi) \sin \varphi, \\ \hat{\eta}_5 &= -\frac{\pi \partial_\theta \rho(\theta, \varphi)}{4 \sin \varphi}, \hat{\eta} = \frac{\pi}{16} \rho^3(\theta, \varphi) \sin \varphi, \hat{D} = [0, \pi] \times [0, 2\pi), \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} {}_1 c_{lt}^{nm} &= \int_{\hat{D}} \hat{\eta}_1 \Phi_l \cos(m\theta) \Phi_t \sin(n\theta) d\hat{D}, {}_2 c_{lt}^{nm} = -\int_{\hat{D}} \hat{\eta}_2 \Phi_l m \sin(m\theta) \Phi_t n \cos(n\theta) d\hat{D}, \\ {}_3 c_{lt}^{nm} &= \int_{\hat{D}} \hat{\eta}_3 \Phi_l' \sin(m\theta) \Phi_t' \sin(n\theta) d\hat{D}, {}_4 c_{lt}^m = \int_{\hat{D}} \hat{\eta}_4 \Phi_l' \cos(m\theta) \Phi_t \sin(n\theta) d\hat{D}, \\ {}_5 c_{lt}^{nm} &= \int_{\hat{D}} \hat{\eta}_4 \Phi_l \cos(m\theta) \Phi_t' \sin(n\theta) d\hat{D}, {}_6 c_{lt}^{nm} = -\int_{\hat{D}} \hat{\eta}_2 \Phi_l m \sin(m\theta) \Phi_t n \sin(n\theta) d\hat{D}, \\ {}_7 c_{lt}^{nm} &= \int_{\hat{D}} \hat{\eta}_5 \Phi_l \cos(m\theta) \Phi_t n \cos(n\theta) d\hat{D}, {}_8 c_{lt}^m = \int_{\hat{D}} \hat{\eta} \Phi_l \cos(m\theta) \Phi_t \sin(n\theta) d\hat{D}, \\ {}_1 d_{lt}^{nm} &= \int_{\hat{D}} \hat{\eta}_1 \Phi_l \cos(m\theta) \Phi_t \cos(n\theta) d\hat{D}, {}_2 d_{lt}^{nm} = -\int_{\hat{D}} \hat{\eta}_2 \Phi_l m \sin(m\theta) \Phi_t n \sin(n\theta) d\hat{D}, \\ {}_3 d_{lt}^{nm} &= \int_{\hat{D}} \hat{\eta}_3 \Phi_l' \cos(m\theta) \Phi_t' \cos(n\theta) d\hat{D}, {}_4 d_{lt}^m = \int_{\hat{D}} \hat{\eta}_4 \Phi_l' \cos(m\theta) \Phi_t \cos(n\theta) d\hat{D}, \\ {}_5 d_{lt}^{nm} &= \int_{\hat{D}} \hat{\eta}_4 \Phi_l \cos(m\theta) \Phi_t' \cos(n\theta) d\hat{D}, {}_6 d_{lt}^{nm} = -\int_{\hat{D}} \hat{\eta}_2 \Phi_l m \sin(m\theta) \Phi_t n \cos(n\theta) d\hat{D}, \\ {}_7 d_{lt}^{nm} &= -\int_{\hat{D}} \hat{\eta}_5 \Phi_l \cos(m\theta) \Phi_t n \sin(n\theta) d\hat{D}, {}_8 d_{lt}^m = \int_{\hat{D}} \hat{\eta} \Phi_l \cos(m\theta) \Phi_t \cos(n\theta) d\hat{D}. \end{aligned}$$

Moreover, we let

$$\begin{aligned}
 {}_1e_l^m &= \int_{\hat{D}} \hat{\eta}_1 \Phi_l \sin(m\theta) d\hat{D}, {}_2e_l^m = \int_{\hat{D}} \hat{\eta}_4 \Phi_l \sin(m\theta) d\hat{D}, {}_3e_l^m = \int_{\hat{D}} \hat{\eta}_5 \Phi_l m \cos(m\theta) d\hat{D}, \\
 {}_4e_l^m &= \int_{\hat{D}} \hat{\eta}_5 \Phi_l \sin(m\theta) d\hat{D}, {}_5e_l^m = \int_{\hat{D}} \hat{\eta} \Phi_l \sin(m\theta) d\hat{D}, {}_1f_l^m = \int_{\hat{D}} \hat{\eta}_1 \Phi_l \cos(m\theta) d\hat{D}, \\
 {}_2f_l^m &= \int_{\hat{D}} \hat{\eta}_4 \Phi_l \cos(m\theta) d\hat{D}, {}_3f_l^m = -\int_{\hat{D}} \hat{\eta}_5 \Phi_l m \sin(m\theta) d\hat{D}, b_k^1 = \int_{\Lambda} \omega \Psi'_k \zeta'_0 d\tau, \\
 {}_4f_l^m &= \int_{\hat{D}} \hat{\eta}_5 \Phi_l \cos(m\theta) d\hat{D}, {}_5f_l^m = \int_{\hat{D}} \hat{\eta} \Phi_l \cos(m\theta) d\hat{D}, b_k^2 = \int_{\Lambda} (\tau + 1) \Psi_k \zeta'_0 d\tau,
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 {}_1g_{lt}^m &= \int_{\hat{D}} \hat{\eta}_1 \Phi_l \sin(m\theta) L_t d\hat{D}, {}_2g_{lt}^m = \int_{\hat{D}} \hat{\eta}_3 \Phi_l \sin(m\theta) L'_t d\hat{D}, {}_3g_{lt}^m = \int_{\hat{D}} \hat{\eta}_4 \Phi_l \sin(m\theta) L_t d\hat{D}, \\
 {}_4g_{lt}^m &= \int_{\hat{D}} \hat{\eta}_4 \Phi_l \sin(m\theta) L'_t d\hat{D}, {}_5g_{lt}^m = \int_{\hat{D}} \hat{\eta}_2 \Phi_l m \cos(m\theta) L_t d\hat{D}, {}_6g_{lt}^m = \int_{\hat{D}} \hat{\eta} \Phi_l \sin(m\theta) L_t d\hat{D}, \\
 {}_1h_{lt}^m &= \int_{\hat{D}} \hat{\eta}_1 \Phi_l \cos(m\theta) L_t d\hat{D}, {}_2h_{lt}^m = \int_{\hat{D}} \hat{\eta}_3 \Phi_l \cos(m\theta) L'_t d\hat{D}, b_k^3 = \int_{\Lambda} \omega \Psi_k \zeta_0 d\tau, \\
 {}_3h_{lt}^m &= \int_{\hat{D}} \hat{\eta}_4 \Phi_l \cos(m\theta) L_t d\hat{D}, {}_4h_{lt}^m = \int_{\hat{D}} \hat{\eta}_4 \Phi_l \cos(m\theta) L'_t d\hat{D}, c_1 = \frac{\pi}{4} \int_{\hat{D}} \hat{\eta}_1 d\hat{D}, \\
 {}_5h_{lt}^m &= -\int_{\hat{D}} \hat{\eta}_2 \Phi_l m \sin(m\theta) L_t d\hat{D}, {}_6h_{lt}^m = \int_{\hat{D}} \hat{\eta} \Phi_l \cos(m\theta) L_t d\hat{D}, c_2 = \frac{\pi}{16} \int_{\hat{D}} \hat{\eta} d\hat{D},
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 {}_1y_t^n &= \int_{\hat{D}} \hat{\eta}_1 \Phi_t \sin(n\theta) d\hat{D}, {}_2y_t^n = \int_{\hat{D}} \hat{\eta}_4 \Phi_t \sin(n\theta) d\hat{D}, {}_3y_t^n = \int_{\hat{D}} \hat{\eta}_5 \Phi_t n \cos(n\theta) d\hat{D}, \\
 {}_4y_t^n &= \int_{\hat{D}} \hat{\eta} \Phi_t \sin(n\theta) d\hat{D}, {}_1j_t^n = \int_{\hat{D}} \hat{\eta}_1 \Phi_t \cos(n\theta) d\hat{D}, {}_2j_t^n = \int_{\hat{D}} \hat{\eta}_4 \Phi_t \cos(n\theta) d\hat{D}, \\
 {}_3j_t^n &= -\int_{\hat{D}} \hat{\eta}_5 \Phi_t n \sin(n\theta) d\hat{D}, {}_4j_t^n = \int_{\hat{D}} \hat{\eta} \Phi_t \sin(n\theta) d\hat{D}, d_j^1 = \int_{\Lambda} \omega \Psi_j \zeta'_0 d\tau, \\
 d_j^2 &= \int_{\Lambda} (\tau + 1) \Psi_j \zeta'_0 d\tau, d_j^3 = \int_{\Lambda} \omega \Psi_j \zeta_0 d\tau, d_1 = \int_{\Lambda} \omega \zeta'_0 \zeta'_0 d\tau, d_2 = \int_{\Lambda} \omega \zeta_0 \zeta_0 d\tau, \\
 {}_1l_{t1} &= \frac{\pi}{4} \int_{\hat{D}} \hat{\eta}_1 L_t d\hat{D}, {}_2l_{t1} = -\frac{1}{2} \int_{\hat{D}} \hat{\eta}_4 L'_t d\hat{D}, {}_3l_{t1} = \frac{\pi}{16} \int_{\hat{D}} \hat{\eta} L_t d\hat{D}.
 \end{aligned}$$

We also denote

$$\begin{aligned}
 {}_1p_{lt}^n &= \int_{\hat{D}} \hat{\eta}_1 \Phi_t \sin(n\theta) L_t d\hat{D}, {}_2p_{lt}^n = \int_{\hat{D}} \hat{\eta}_3 \Phi_t \sin(n\theta) L'_t d\hat{D}, {}_3p_{lt}^n = \int_{\hat{D}} \hat{\eta}_4 \Phi_t \sin(n\theta) L_t d\hat{D}, \\
 {}_4p_{lt}^n &= \int_{\hat{D}} \hat{\eta}_4 \Phi_t \sin(n\theta) L'_t d\hat{D}, {}_5p_{lt}^n = \int_{\hat{D}} \hat{\eta}_2 \Phi_t n \cos(n\theta) L_t d\hat{D}, {}_6p_{lt}^n = \int_{\hat{D}} \hat{\eta} \Phi_t \sin(n\theta) L_t d\hat{D}, \\
 {}_1q_{lt}^n &= \int_{\hat{D}} \hat{\eta}_1 \Phi_t \cos(n\theta) L_t d\hat{D}, {}_2q_{lt}^n = \int_{\hat{D}} \hat{\eta}_3 \Phi_t \cos(n\theta) L'_t d\hat{D}, {}_3q_{lt}^n = \int_{\hat{D}} \hat{\eta}_4 \Phi_t \cos(n\theta) L_t d\hat{D}, \\
 {}_4q_{lt}^n &= \int_{\hat{D}} \hat{\eta}_4 \Phi_t \cos(n\theta) L'_t d\hat{D}, {}_5q_{lt}^n = -\int_{\hat{D}} \hat{\eta}_2 \Phi_t n \sin(n\theta) L_t d\hat{D}, {}_6q_{lt}^n = \int_{\hat{D}} \hat{\eta} \Phi_t \cos(n\theta) L_t d\hat{D},
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 {}_1o_{lt} &= \int_{\hat{D}} \hat{\eta}_1 L_t d\hat{D}, {}_2o_{lt} = \int_{\hat{D}} \hat{\eta}_4 L'_t d\hat{D}, {}_3o_{lt} = \int_{\hat{D}} \hat{\eta} L_t d\hat{D}, {}_1s_{lt} = \int_{\hat{D}} \hat{\eta}_1 L_t L_t d\hat{D}, \\
 {}_2s_{lt} &= \int_{\hat{D}} \hat{\eta}_3 L'_t L'_t d\hat{D}, {}_3s_{lt} = \int_{\hat{D}} \hat{\eta}_4 L_t L'_t d\hat{D}, {}_4s_{lt} = \int_{\hat{D}} \hat{\eta}_4 L'_t L_t d\hat{D}, \\
 {}_5s_{lt} &= -\int_{\hat{D}} \hat{\eta} L_t L_t d\hat{D}, a_{jk}^1 = \int_{\Lambda} \omega \Psi'_k \Psi'_j d\tau, a_{jk}^2 = \int_{\Lambda} \Psi_k \Psi_j d\tau, \Lambda = (-1, 1), \\
 a_{jk}^3 &= \int_{\Lambda} (\tau + 1) \Psi'_k \Psi'_j d\tau, a_{jk}^4 = \int_{\Lambda} (\tau + 1) \Psi_k \Psi'_j d\tau, a_{jk}^5 = \int_{\Lambda} \omega \Psi_k \Psi_j d\tau.
 \end{aligned}$$

Then, we define the matrices as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 A_1 &= ({}_1a_{lt}^{nm}), A_2 = ({}_2a_{lt}^{nm}), A_3 = ({}_3a_{lt}^{nm}), A_4 = ({}_4a_{lt}^{nm}), A_5 = ({}_5a_{lt}^{nm}), \\
 A_6 &= ({}_6a_{lt}^{nm}), A_7 = ({}_7a_{lt}^{nm}), A_8 = ({}_8a_{lt}^{nm}), B_1 = ({}_1b_{lt}^{nm}), B_2 = ({}_2b_{lt}^{nm}), \\
 B_3 &= ({}_3b_{lt}^{nm}), B_4 = ({}_4b_{lt}^{nm}), B_5 = ({}_5b_{lt}^{nm}), B_6 = ({}_6b_{lt}^{nm}), B_7 = ({}_7b_{lt}^{nm}), \\
 B_8 &= ({}_8b_{lt}^{nm}), C_1 = ({}_1c_{lt}^{nm}), C_2 = ({}_2c_{lt}^{nm}), C_3 = ({}_3c_{lt}^{nm}), C_4 = ({}_4c_{lt}^{nm}), \\
 C_5 &= ({}_5c_{lt}^{nm}), C_6 = ({}_6c_{lt}^{nm}), C_7 = ({}_7c_{lt}^{nm}), C_8 = ({}_8c_{lt}^{nm}), D_1 = ({}_1d_{lt}^{nm}), \\
 D_2 &= ({}_2d_{lt}^{nm}), D_3 = ({}_3d_{lt}^{nm}), D_4 = ({}_4d_{lt}^{nm}), D_5 = ({}_5d_{lt}^{nm}), D_6 = ({}_6d_{lt}^{nm}), \\
 D_7 &= ({}_7d_{lt}^{nm}), D_8 = ({}_8d_{lt}^{nm}), E_1 = ({}_1e_l^m), E_2 = ({}_2e_l^m), E_3 = ({}_3e_l^m), \\
 E_4 &= ({}_4e_l^m), E_5 = ({}_5e_l^m), F_1 = ({}_1e_l^m), F_2 = ({}_2e_l^m), F_3 = ({}_3e_l^m), \\
 F_4 &= ({}_4e_l^m), F_5 = ({}_5e_l^m), O_1 = ({}_1o_{l1}), O_2 = ({}_2o_{l1}), O_3 = ({}_3o_{l1}), \\
 &\text{and}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 G_1 &= ({}_1g_{lt}^m), G_2 = ({}_2g_{lt}^m), G_3 = ({}_3g_{lt}^m), G_4 = ({}_4g_{lt}^m), G_5 = ({}_5g_{lt}^m), G_6 = ({}_6g_{lt}^m), \\
 G_7 &= ({}_7g_{lt}^m), G_8 = ({}_8g_{lt}^m), H_1 = ({}_1h_{lt}^m), H_2 = ({}_2h_{lt}^m), H_3 = ({}_3h_{lt}^m), H_4 = ({}_4h_{lt}^m), \\
 H_5 &= ({}_5h_{lt}^m), H_6 = ({}_6h_{lt}^m), H_7 = ({}_7h_{lt}^m), H_8 = ({}_8h_{lt}^m), Y_1 = ({}_1y_t^n), Y_2 = ({}_2y_t^n), \\
 Y_3 &= ({}_3y_t^n), Y_4 = ({}_4y_t^n), J_1 = ({}_1j_t^n), J_2 = ({}_2j_t^n), J_3 = ({}_3j_t^n), J_4 = ({}_4j_t^n), \\
 P_1 &= ({}_1p_{lt}^n), P_2 = ({}_2p_{lt}^n), P_3 = ({}_3p_{lt}^n), P_4 = ({}_4p_{lt}^n), P_5 = ({}_5p_{lt}^n), P_6 = ({}_6p_{lt}^n), \\
 Q_1 &= ({}_1q_{lt}^n), Q_2 = ({}_2q_{lt}^n), Q_3 = ({}_3q_{lt}^n), Q_4 = ({}_4q_{lt}^n), Q_5 = ({}_5q_{lt}^n), Q_6 = ({}_6q_{lt}^n), \\
 S_1 &= ({}_1s_{lt}), S_2 = ({}_2s_{lt}), S_3 = ({}_3s_{lt}), S_4 = ({}_4s_{lt}), S_5 = ({}_5s_{lt}), L_1 = ({}_1l_{t1}), \\
 \mathbf{A}_1 &= (a_{jk}^1), \mathbf{A}_2 = (a_{jk}^2), \mathbf{A}_3 = (a_{jk}^3), \mathbf{A}_4 = (a_{jk}^4), \mathbf{A}_5 = (a_{jk}^5), L_2 = ({}_2l_{t1}), \\
 \mathbf{B}_1 &= (b_k^1), \mathbf{B}_2 = (b_k^2), \mathbf{B}_3 = (b_k^3), \mathbf{D}_1 = (d_j^1), \mathbf{D}_2 = (d_j^2), \mathbf{D}_3 = (d_j^3), L_3 = ({}_3l_{t1}).
 \end{aligned}$$

Plugging (9) into (8) and taking $[\nu_{MNL}, \chi_{MNL}]$ through all the basis functions in \mathbf{V}_{MNL} , we can derive the compact matrix form of (8) as follows:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} + \alpha \mathbf{B} & \mathbf{B} \\ -\mathbf{B} & \mathbf{A} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{w} \\ \mathbf{u} \end{bmatrix} = \hat{\lambda}_{MNL} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{B} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} \quad (10)$$

with

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} A_1 & B_1 & \square_1 & D_1 \\ A_2 & B_2 & \square_2 & D_2 \\ A_3 & B_3 & \square_3 & D_3 \\ A_4 & B_4 & \square_4 & D_4 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} A_1 & B_1 & \square_1 & D_1 \\ A_2 & B_2 & \square_2 & D_2 \\ A_3 & B_3 & \square_3 & D_3 \\ A_4 & B_4 & \square_4 & D_4 \end{bmatrix},$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 A_1 &= A_1 \otimes \mathbf{A}_1 + A_2 \otimes \mathbf{A}_2 + A_3 \otimes \mathbf{A}_2 + A_4 \otimes \mathbf{A}_3 + A_5 \otimes \mathbf{A}_4 + A_6 \otimes \mathbf{A}_3 + A_7 \otimes \mathbf{A}_4, \\
 A_2 &= B_1 \otimes \mathbf{A}_1 + B_2 \otimes \mathbf{A}_2 + B_3 \otimes \mathbf{A}_2 + B_4 \otimes \mathbf{A}_3 + B_5 \otimes \mathbf{A}_4 + B_6 \otimes \mathbf{A}_3 + B_7 \otimes \mathbf{A}_4, \\
 A_3 &= E_1 \otimes \mathbf{B}_1 + E_2 \otimes \mathbf{B}_2 + E_3 \otimes \mathbf{B}_2, A_3 = E_4 \otimes \mathbf{B}_3, \\
 A_4 &= G_1 \otimes \mathbf{A}_1 + G_2 \otimes \mathbf{A}_2 + G_3 \otimes \mathbf{A}_3 + G_4 \otimes \mathbf{A}_3 + G_5 \otimes \mathbf{A}_4 + G_6 \otimes \mathbf{A}_5, \\
 B_1 &= C_1 \otimes \mathbf{A}_1 + C_2 \otimes \mathbf{A}_2 + C_3 \otimes \mathbf{A}_2 + C_4 \otimes \mathbf{A}_3 + C_5 \otimes \mathbf{A}_4 + C_6 \otimes \mathbf{A}_3 + C_7 \otimes \mathbf{A}_4, \\
 B_2 &= D_1 \otimes \mathbf{A}_1 + D_2 \otimes \mathbf{A}_2 + C_3 \otimes \mathbf{A}_2 + D_4 \otimes \mathbf{A}_3 + D_5 \otimes \mathbf{A}_4 + D_6 \otimes \mathbf{A}_3 + D_7 \otimes \mathbf{A}_4,
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &B_3 = F_1 \otimes B_1 + F_2 \otimes B_2 + F_3 \otimes B_2 + F_4 \otimes B_3, B_3 = F_4 \otimes B_3, \\
 &B_4 = H_1 \otimes A_1 + H_2 \otimes A_2 + H_3 \otimes A_3 + H_4 \otimes A_3 + H_5 \otimes A_4 + H_6 \otimes A_5, \\
 &\square_1 = Y_1 \otimes D_1 + Y_2 \otimes D_2 + Y_3 \otimes D_2, \square_2 = J_1 \otimes D_1 + J_2 \otimes D_2 + J_3 \otimes D_2, \\
 &\square_3 = c_1 d_1, \square_4 = L_1 \otimes D_1 + L_2 \otimes D_2, \square_1 = Y_4 \otimes D_3, \square_2 = J_4 \otimes D_3, \\
 &D_1 = P_1 \otimes A_1 + P_2 \otimes A_2 + P_3 \otimes A_3 + P_4 \otimes A_3 + P_5 \otimes A_4, \\
 &D_2 = Q_1 \otimes A_1 + Q_2 \otimes A_2 + Q_3 \otimes A_3 + Q_4 \otimes A_3 + Q_5 \otimes A_4, \\
 &D_3 = O_1 \otimes B_1 + O_2 \otimes B_2, D_4 = S_1 \otimes A_1 + S_2 \otimes A_2 + S_3 \otimes A_3 + S_4 \otimes A_4, \\
 &\text{and} \\
 &A_1 = A_8 \otimes A_5, A_2 = B_8 \otimes A_5, B_1 = C_8 \otimes A_5, B_2 = D_8 \otimes A_5, \\
 &A_4 = G_8 \otimes A_5, B_4 = H_8 \otimes A_5, \square_3 = c_2 d_2, \square_4 = L_3 \otimes D_3, \\
 &D_1 = P_6 \otimes A_5, D_2 = Q_6 \otimes A_5, D_3 = O_3 \otimes B_3, D_4 = S_5 \otimes A_5.
 \end{aligned}$$

IV. NUMERICAL SIMULATION

In this section, a series of numerical experiments are presented for the problem (1) on three-dimensional domains to exhibit the performance of the proposed method. Our program is compiled and executed in MATLAB R2021a.

Example 1: We take $\alpha = \beta = 1$, and consider the ellipsoidal domain Ω (see Figure 1), that is

$$\rho(\theta, \varphi) = \left(\frac{\cos^2 \theta \sin^2 \varphi}{4} + \frac{\sin^2 \theta \sin^2 \varphi}{4} + \frac{\cos^2 \varphi}{16} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

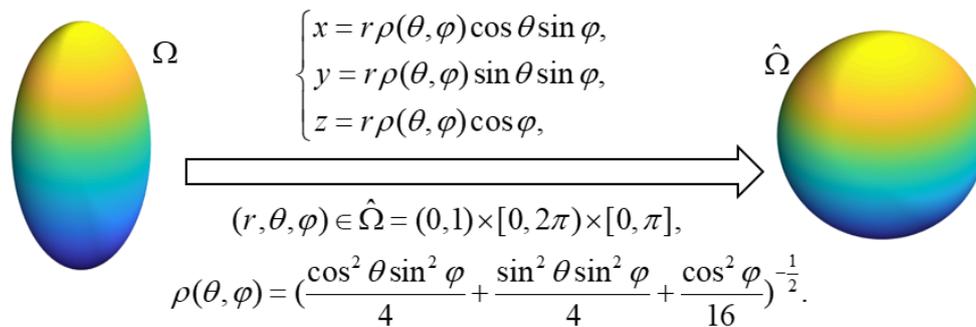


Fig.1 Original region Ω (left) and its mapped counterpart $\hat{\Omega}$ (right).

The numerical results of the four eigenvalues $\lambda_{MNL}^1, \lambda_{MNL}^2, \lambda_{MNL}^3$ and λ_{MNL}^4 for different L, N, M are listed in Tables 1-3, respectively. In order to show convergence and spectral accuracy of the algorithm, we choose the numerical solution with $M = 12, N = 16, L = 30$ as the reference solution, and plot the error curves of approximate eigenvalues in Figure 2. To further illustrate the convergence of the approximation function, we also provide the corresponding error curves under the L^2 - norm with different N, L in Figure 3.

Tab.1 Numerical results of the first four approximation eigenvalues for different L with $M = 12, N = 16$.

L	λ_{MNL}^1	λ_{MNL}^2	λ_{MNL}^3	λ_{MNL}^4
10	6.137164813311033	10.92532863437599	19.23695565813545	23.06366680052173
15	6.137091336276788	10.92297299707570	19.22195665028664	23.06442461934928
20	6.137091046702165	10.92297073107012	19.22188392192395	23.06442324359357
25	6.137091047052889	10.92297073208283	19.22188394805047	23.06442323723938

Tab.2 Numerical results of the first four approximation eigenvalues for different N with $M = 12, L = 30$.

N	λ_{MNL}^1	λ_{MNL}^2	λ_{MNL}^3	λ_{MNL}^4
6	6.137091340705462	10.92301634400544	19.22279187152741	23.06450107279335
8	6.137091047158824	10.92297077355707	19.22188597654588	23.0644232365593
10	6.137091047054016	10.92297073218531	19.22188395054466	23.06442323722825
12	6.137091047053985	10.92297073216803	19.22188394858740	23.06442323717651

Tab.3 Numerical results of the first four approximation eigenvalues for different M with $N = 16, L = 30$.

M	λ_{MNL}^1	λ_{MNL}^2	λ_{MNL}^3	λ_{MNL}^4
2	6.137091047053993	10.92297073216801	19.22188394858636	23.06442323717633
4	6.137091047053995	10.92297073216801	19.22188394858637	23.06442323717638
6	6.137091047054005	10.92297073216799	19.22188394858630	23.06442323717629
8	6.137091047053983	10.92297073216798	19.22188394858638	23.06442323717629

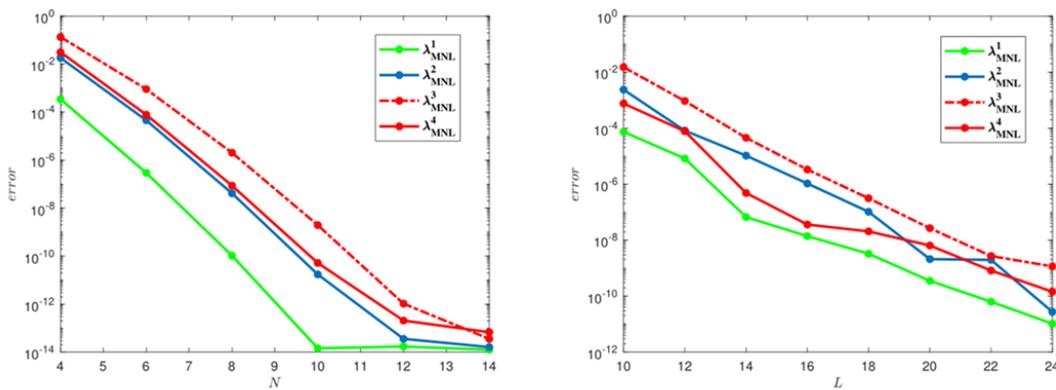


Fig.2 Error curves between approximation solutions and reference solution for varying N (left) and L (right).

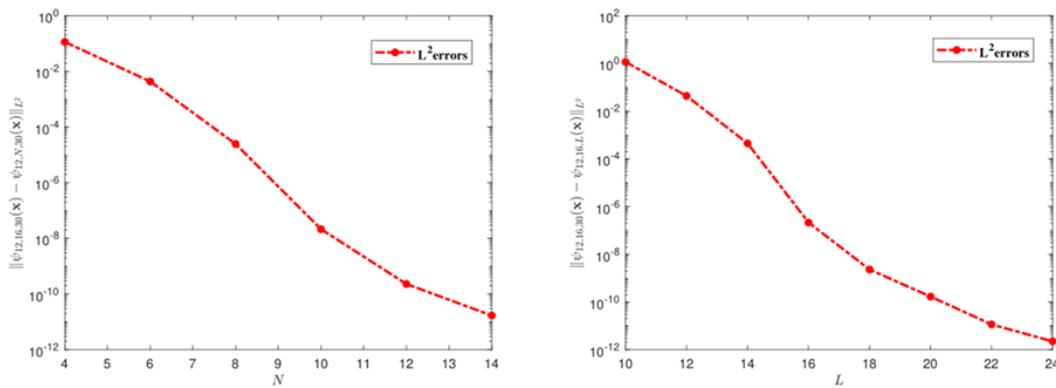


Fig.3 Error curves between approximation solutions and reference solution for varying N (left) and L (right).

As shown in Tables 1-3, when $N \geq 12, M \geq 8$, and $L \geq 25$, the eigenvalues achieve at least 11-digit precision. Furthermore, Figures 2-3 corroborate the algorithm's convergence and spectral accuracy.

V. CONCLUSION

In this paper, we present an efficient spectral method based on a hybrid formulation for solving fourth-order eigenvalue problems in ellipsoidal domains. By employing spherical coordinates, we map the ellipsoidal region onto a regular unit sphere domain, establishing the weak form and its corresponding discrete variational formulation within the transformed domain. Furthermore, the algorithm's validity and high accuracy are verified through numerical validation. In addition, the algorithm proposed in this paper can be extended to more complex nonlinear problems, such as the Cahn–Hilliard equation, which is our next research goal.

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