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**Global compensated compactness theorem
for general differential operators of first order**

Let $A_1(x, D)$ and $A_2(x, D)$ be differential operators of the first order acting on l -vector functions $u = (u_1, \dots, u_l)$ in a bounded domain $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ with the smooth boundary $\partial\Omega$. We assume that the H^1 -norm $\|u\|_{H^1(\Omega)}$ is equivalent to $\sum_{i=1}^2 \|A_i u\|_{L^2(\Omega)} + \|B_1 u\|_{H^{\frac{1}{2}}(\partial\Omega)}$ and $\sum_{i=1}^2 \|A_i u\|_{L^2(\Omega)} + \|B_2 u\|_{H^{\frac{1}{2}}(\partial\Omega)}$, where $B_i = B_i(x, \nu)$ is the trace operator onto $\partial\Omega$ associated with $A_i(x, D)$ for $i = 1, 2$ which is determined by the Stokes integral formula (ν : unit outer normal to $\partial\Omega$). Furthermore, we impose on A_1 and A_2 a cancellation property such as $A_1 A_2' = 0$ and $A_2 A_1' = 0$, where A_i' is the formal adjoint differential operator of A_i ($i = 1, 2$). Suppose that $\{u_m\}_{m=1}^\infty$ and $\{v_m\}_{m=1}^\infty$ converge to u and v weakly in $L^2(\Omega)$, respectively. Assume also that $\{A_1 u_m\}_{m=1}^\infty$ and $\{A_2 v_m\}_{m=1}^\infty$ are bounded in $L^2(\Omega)$. If either $\{B_1 u_m\}_{m=1}^\infty$ or $\{B_2 v_m\}_{m=1}^\infty$ is bounded in $H^{\frac{1}{2}}(\partial\Omega)$, then it holds that $\int_\Omega u_m \cdot v_m dx \rightarrow \int_\Omega u \cdot v dx$. We also discuss a corresponding result on compact Riemannian manifolds with boundary.