

Now, $\sum_{j=1}^J$ (50) gives

$$\begin{aligned}
 a(P_{ASM} u, u) &= a\left(\sum_{j=1}^J P_j u, u\right) \stackrel{(50)}{\leq} \\
 &\leq \hat{\omega}^2 \sum_{j=1}^J [\Gamma_{\leq}]_j^2 \\
 &\leq \hat{\omega}^2 g(\Gamma)^2 \|\underline{c}\|_{\ell_2}^2 \\
 &= \hat{\omega}^2 g(\Gamma)^2 \sum_{j=1}^J a(E_{j-1}^* P_j E_{j-1} u, u)
 \end{aligned}$$

Together with $a(P_{ASM} u, u) \geq c_L^{-2} a(u, u)$, we get

$$c_L^{-2} \hat{\omega}^{-2} g(\Gamma)^{-2} a(u, u) \leq \sum_{j=1}^J a(E_{j-1}^* P_j E_{j-1} u, u)$$

Combining this estimate with (48) gives

$$I - E_j^* E_j \geq \frac{2-\omega}{c_L^2 \hat{\omega}^2 g(\Gamma)^2} I, \text{ i.e.}$$

$$\|E_j\|_a^2 \leq 1 - \frac{2-\omega}{c_L^2 \hat{\omega}^2 g(\Gamma)^2} = \rho_{msm}^2$$

q.e.d.