

Guaranteed and robust L^2 -norm a posteriori error estimates for 1D linear advection(-reaction) problems

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$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{B}_h(u_h, v_h) := & - \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} (u_h, \mathbf{b} \cdot \nabla v_h)_K \\ & - \sum_{e \in \mathcal{E}_h^{\text{int}}} \mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{n} \{ \{ u_h \} \} [v_h] + \sum_{e \in \mathcal{E}_h^{\text{int}}} \frac{1}{2} | \mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{n} | [[u_h]] [v_h] + \sum_{e \in \mathcal{E}_h^{\text{bnd}}} (\mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{n})^+ u_h v_h. \end{aligned}$$

- u_h^-, u_h^+ : trace value from left and from right
- $\{ \{ u_h \} \} := (u_h^- + u_h^+)/2$: average
- $[[u_h]] := u_h^+ - u_h^-$: jump
- **upwind dG** (Lax–Friedrichs) **flux** applied on the cell interfaces

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Theorem (Global and local efficiency and robustness)

Let the reliability assumptions hold. Let, additionally, $u_h \in \mathcal{P}^k(\mathcal{T}_h)$, $k \geq 0$, and $k' \geq k$. Then

$$\|u_h - s_h\| \leq 2C_{\text{cont,PF}} \|u - u_h\| + \text{data oscillation},$$

where $C_{\text{cont,PF}}$ only depends on mesh shape-regularity,

$$C_{\text{cont,PF}} := \max_{\mathbf{a} \in \mathcal{V}_h} (1 + C_{\text{PF},\omega_{\mathbf{a}}} h_{\omega_{\mathbf{a}}} \|\nabla \psi_{\mathbf{a}}\|_{\infty}) \leq 3 \text{ for uniform meshes.}$$

More precisely, for all mesh elements $K \in \mathcal{T}_h$,

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Effectivity index

$$l_{\text{eff}} := \frac{\eta}{\|u - u_h\|}$$

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| 16 | 32 | 1.058 | 1.058 | 1.058 | 1.058 | 1.058 |
| 64 | 128 | 1.014 | 1.014 | 1.014 | 1.014 | 1.014 |
| 256 | 512 | 1.004 | 1.004 | 1.004 | 1.004 | 1.004 |

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| 4 | 8 | 1.126 | 1.126 | 1.126 | 1.126 | 1.126 |
| 16 | 32 | 1.032 | 1.032 | 1.032 | 1.032 | 1.032 |
| 64 | 128 | 1.008 | 1.008 | 1.008 | 1.008 | 1.008 |
| 256 | 512 | 1.002 | 1.002 | 1.002 | 1.002 | 1.002 |

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$f(x) = \tan^{-1}(x)$, $\mathbf{b} = 1$, PG2: robustness wrt k

| $k = k' = 0$ | | | | | | |
|--------------|----------------|---------------|-----------|--------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| # Elements | # DOF(u_h) | $\ u - u_h\ $ | η | η_{NC} | η_{osc} | l_{eff} |
| 4 | 4 | 3.562e-02 | 3.951e-02 | 3.574e-02 | 4.601e-03 | 1.11 |
| 16 | 16 | 8.934e-03 | 9.161e-03 | 8.936e-03 | 2.877e-04 | 1.03 |
| 64 | 64 | 2.234e-03 | 2.248e-03 | 2.234e-03 | 1.798e-05 | 1.01 |
| 256 | 256 | 5.585e-04 | 5.593e-05 | 5.585e-04 | 1.124e-06 | 1.00 |
| 1024 | 1024 | 1.396e-04 | 1.397e-05 | 1.396e-04 | 7.025e-08 | 1.00 |
| $k = k' = 1$ | | | | | | |
| 4 | 8 | 1.868e-03 | 1.955e-03 | 1.867e-03 | 9.783e-05 | 1.05 |
| 16 | 32 | 1.167e-04 | 1.181e-04 | 1.167e-04 | 1.531e-06 | 1.02 |
| 64 | 128 | 7.294e-06 | 7.315e-06 | 7.294e-06 | 2.393e-08 | 1.00 |
| 256 | 512 | 4.559e-07 | 4.562e-07 | 4.559e-07 | 3.739e-10 | 1.00 |
| 1024 | 2048 | 2.849e-08 | 2.849e-08 | 2.849e-08 | 5.843e-12 | 1.00 |

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| 4 | 12 | 2.600e-05 | 2.844e-05 | 2.598e-05 | 3.967e-06 | 1.09 |
| 16 | 48 | 4.066e-07 | 4.154e-07 | 4.066e-07 | 1.558e-08 | 1.02 |
| 64 | 192 | 6.354e-09 | 6.387e-09 | 6.354e-09 | 6.091e-11 | 1.01 |
| 256 | 768 | 9.928e-11 | 9.941e-11 | 9.928e-11 | 2.379e-13 | 1.00 |
| 1024 | 3072 | 1.552e-12 | 1.551e-12 | 1.551e-12 | 9.294e-16 | 1.00 |
| $k = k' = 3$ | | | | | | |
| # Elements | # DOF(u_h) | $\ u - u_h\ $ | η | η_{NC} | η_{osc} | l_{eff} |
| 4 | 16 | 7.859e-07 | 9.299e-07 | 7.852e-07 | 1.803e-07 | 1.18 |
| 16 | 64 | 3.085e-09 | 3.213e-09 | 3.085e-09 | 1.775e-10 | 1.04 |
| 64 | 256 | 1.205e-11 | 1.217e-11 | 1.205e-11 | 1.735e-13 | 1.01 |
| 256 | 1024 | 4.730e-14 | 4.730e-14 | 4.718e-14 | 1.694e-16 | 1.00 |
| $k = k' = 4$ | | | | | | |
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| 4 | 20 | 2.851e-08 | 3.517e-08 | 2.847e-08 | 8.486e-09 | 1.23 |
| 16 | 80 | 2.804e-11 | 2.948e-11 | 2.804e-11 | 2.095e-12 | 1.05 |
| 64 | 320 | 2.753e-14 | 2.776e-14 | 2.742e-14 | 5.118e-16 | 1.01 |

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| 4 | 8 | 3.021e-03 | 3.136e-03 | 3.048e-03 | 9.783e-05 | 1.04 |
| 16 | 32 | 1.901e-04 | 1.919e-03 | 1.906e-04 | 1.531e-06 | 1.01 |
| 64 | 128 | 1.190e-05 | 1.193e-05 | 1.191e-05 | 2.393e-08 | 1.00 |
| 256 | 512 | 7.444e-07 | 7.447e-07 | 7.445e-07 | 3.739e-10 | 1.00 |
| 1024 | 2048 | 4.653e-08 | 4.653e-08 | 4.653e-08 | 5.843e-12 | 1.00 |
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| 4 | 12 | 4.045e-05 | 4.260e-05 | 4.210e-05 | 3.967e-06 | 1.05 |
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| 256 | 768 | 1.538e-10 | 1.539e-10 | 1.538e-10 | 2.379e-13 | 1.00 |
| 1024 | 3072 | 2.403e-12 | 2.403e-12 | 2.403e-12 | 9.294e-16 | 1.00 |

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| 16 | 64 | 4.647e-09 | 4.791e-09 | 4.664e-09 | 1.775e-10 | 1.03 |
| 64 | 256 | 1.821e-11 | 1.834e-11 | 1.822e-11 | 1.735e-13 | 1.01 |
| 256 | 1024 | 7.181e-14 | 7.184e-14 | 7.172e-14 | 1.694e-16 | 1.00 |
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| 4 | 20 | 4.252e-08 | 4.895e-08 | 4.240e-08 | 8.486e-09 | 1.15 |
| 16 | 80 | 4.180e-11 | 4.323e-11 | 4.179e-11 | 2.095e-12 | 1.03 |
| 64 | 320 | 4.094e-14 | 4.117e-14 | 4.083e-14 | 5.118e-16 | 1.01 |

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Error–residual equivalence

Theorem (Error–residual equivalence)

Let u be the ultra-weak solution. Then

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A posteriori error estimate: reliability

Theorem (Guaranteed a posteriori error estimate)

Let $u \in L^2(\Omega)$ be the ultra-weak solution and let $u_h \in L^2(\Omega)$ be *arbitrary*. Furthermore, let s_h be the *patchwise potential reconstruction* with $k' \geq 0$. Then

$$\|u - u_h\| \leq \eta := \left\{ \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \eta_{\text{NC},K}^2 \right\}^{1/2} + \left\{ \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \eta_{\text{R},K}^2 \right\}^{1/2}.$$

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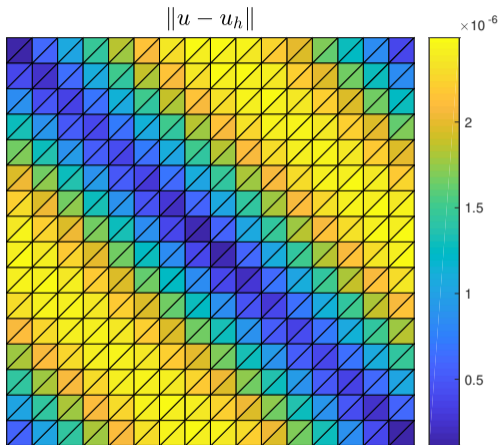
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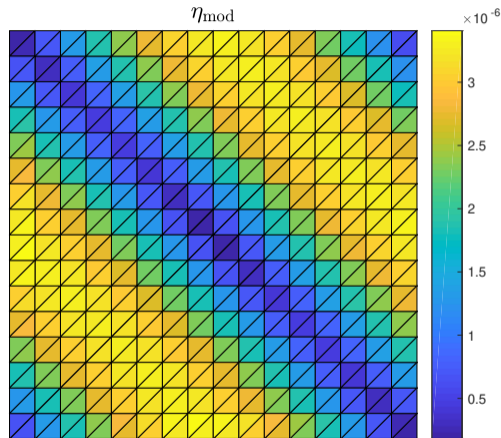
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| 32 | 96 | 2.963e-02 | 4.894e-02 | 2.584e-02 | 4.156e-02 | 1.65 | 4.03 |
| 128 | 384 | 7.553e-03 | 1.101e-02 | 6.786e-03 | 8.666e-03 | 1.45 | 6.54 |
| 512 | 1536 | 1.897e-03 | 2.630e-03 | 1.727e-03 | 1.983e-03 | 1.38 | 11.8 |
| 2048 | 6144 | 4.749e-04 | 6.456e-04 | 4.347e-04 | 4.773e-04 | 1.35 | 22.7 |
| 8192 | 24576 | 1.187e-04 | 1.601e-04 | 1.088e-04 | 1.173e-04 | 1.34 | 44.7 |
| $k = 2, k' = 3$ | | | | | | | |
| 8 | 48 | 1.882e-02 | 5.317e-02 | 2.271e-02 | 4.807e-02 | 2.82 | 3.81 |
| 32 | 192 | 2.476e-03 | 4.896e-03 | 3.106e-03 | 3.785e-03 | 1.97 | 4.50 |
| 128 | 768 | 3.135e-04 | 5.742e-04 | 3.972e-04 | 4.147e-04 | 1.83 | 7.58 |
| 512 | 3072 | 3.929e-05 | 7.076e-05 | 4.995e-05 | 5.012e-05 | 1.80 | 14.4 |
| 2048 | 12288 | 4.934e-06 | 8.817e-06 | 6.253e-06 | 6.216e-06 | 1.78 | 28.5 |
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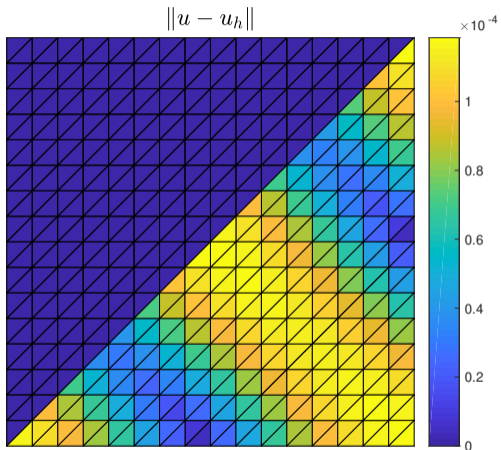
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| # Elements | # DOF | $\ u - u_h\ $ | η_{mod} | η_{NC} | $\eta_{\text{R}}^{\text{mod}}$ | $J_{\text{eff}}^{\text{mod}}$ |
| 8 | 24 | 1.097e-01 | 2.284e-01 | 9.365e-02 | 2.083e-01 | 2.08 |
| 32 | 96 | 2.963e-02 | 4.894e-02 | 2.584e-02 | 4.156e-02 | 1.65 |
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| 8192 | 24576 | 1.187e-04 | 1.601e-04 | 1.088e-04 | 1.173e-04 | 1.34 |
| $k = 1, k' = 2, \mathbf{b} = (y, x + 1)^t (\alpha = 1)$ | | | | | | |
| 8 | 24 | 1.134e-01 | 2.435e-01 | 9.582e-02 | 2.239e-01 | 2.14 |
| 32 | 96 | 3.152e-02 | 5.787e-02 | 2.513e-02 | 5.212e-02 | 1.83 |
| 128 | 384 | 8.007e-03 | 1.393e-02 | 6.478e-03 | 1.233e-02 | 1.74 |
| 512 | 1536 | 2.013e-03 | 3.409e-03 | 1.636e-03 | 2.991e-03 | 1.69 |
| 2048 | 6144 | 5.053e-04 | 8.443e-04 | 4.103e-04 | 7.379e-04 | 1.67 |
| 8192 | 24576 | 1.267e-04 | 2.101e-04 | 1.027e-04 | 1.833e-04 | 1.65 |

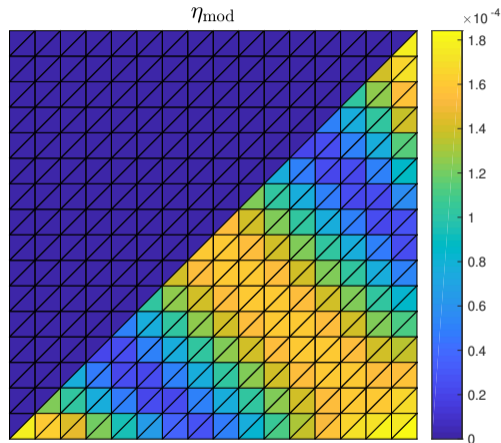
Discontinuous solution with aligned triangulation, $\mathbf{b} = (1, 1)^t$, dG

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| # DOF | $\ u - u_h\ $ | η_{mod} | η_{NC} | $\eta_{\text{R}}^{\text{mod}}$ | $l_{\text{eff}}^{\text{mod}}$ | l_{eff} |
| 24 | 7.75e-02 | 1.61e-01 | 6.62e-02 | 1.47e-01 | 1.98 | 2.67 |
| 96 | 2.09e-02 | 3.46e-02 | 1.82e-02 | 2.94e-02 | 1.64 | 4.04 |
| 384 | 5.34e-03 | 7.78e-03 | 4.79e-03 | 6.12e-03 | 1.45 | 6.55 |
| 1536 | 1.34e-03 | 1.86e-03 | 1.22e-03 | 1.40e-03 | 1.38 | 11.8 |
| 6144 | 3.35e-04 | 4.56e-04 | 3.07e-04 | 3.37e-04 | 1.36 | 22.7 |
| 24576 | 8.39e-05 | 1.13e-04 | 7.70e-05 | 8.29e-05 | 1.35 | 44.7 |
| $k = 2, k' = 3$ | | | | | | |
| 48 | 1.33e-02 | 3.75e-02 | 1.61e-02 | 3.39e-02 | 2.82 | 3.81 |
| 192 | 1.75e-03 | 3.46e-03 | 2.19e-03 | 2.67e-03 | 1.97 | 4.50 |
| 768 | 2.21e-04 | 4.06e-04 | 2.81e-04 | 2.93e-04 | 1.83 | 7.58 |
| 3072 | 2.77e-05 | 5.00e-05 | 3.53e-05 | 3.54e-05 | 1.80 | 14.4 |
| 12288 | 3.48e-06 | 6.23e-06 | 4.42e-06 | 4.39e-06 | 1.78 | 28.5 |
| 49152 | 4.43e-07 | 7.83e-07 | 5.53e-07 | 5.54e-07 | 1.76 | 56.6 |

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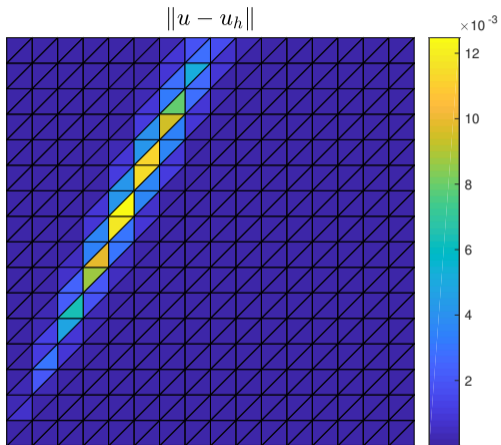


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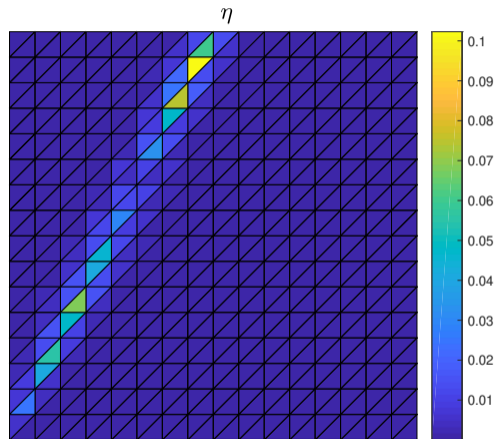
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| $k = 1, k' = 2$ | | | | | |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| # DOF | $\ u - u_h\ $ | η | η_{NC} | η_{R} | l_{eff} |
| 24 | 1.41e-01 | 5.70e-01 | 7.60e-02 | 5.65e-01 | 4.03 |
| 96 | 8.36e-02 (0.76) | 4.02e-01 (0.50) | 3.11e-02 (1.29) | 4.01e-01 (0.50) | 4.80 |
| 384 | 5.34e-02 (0.65) | 2.89e-01 (0.48) | 1.17e-02 (1.41) | 2.89e-01 (0.47) | 5.42 |
| 1536 | 4.08e-02 (0.39) | 2.31e-01 (0.32) | 5.51e-03 (1.09) | 2.31e-01 (0.32) | 5.67 |
| 6144 | 3.16e-02 (0.37) | 1.93e-01 (0.26) | 2.93e-03 (0.91) | 1.94e-01 (0.26) | 6.13 |
| 24576 | 2.45e-02 (0.37) | 1.70e-01 (0.18) | 1.62e-03 (0.86) | 1.71e-01 (0.18) | 6.97 |
| $k = 2, k' = 3$ | | | | | |
| 48 | 4.31e-02 | 4.17e-01 | 1.28e-01 | 5.65e-01 | 3.24 |
| 192 | 1.12e-02 (1.94) | 2.82e-01 (0.56) | 7.08e-02 (0.85) | 3.76e-01 (0.59) | 3.99 |
| 768 | 5.59e-03 (1.00) | 2.29e-01 (0.30) | 4.75e-02 (0.58) | 2.80e-01 (0.43) | 4.83 |
| 3072 | 2.83e-03 (0.98) | 1.84e-01 (0.32) | 3.50e-02 (0.44) | 2.13e-01 (0.39) | 5.26 |
| 12288 | 1.50e-03 (0.92) | 1.45e-01 (0.33) | 2.54e-02 (0.46) | 1.61e-01 (0.40) | 5.73 |
| 49152 | 8.41e-04 (0.83) | 1.20e-01 (0.28) | 1.85e-02 (0.46) | 1.21e-01 (0.41) | 6.47 |

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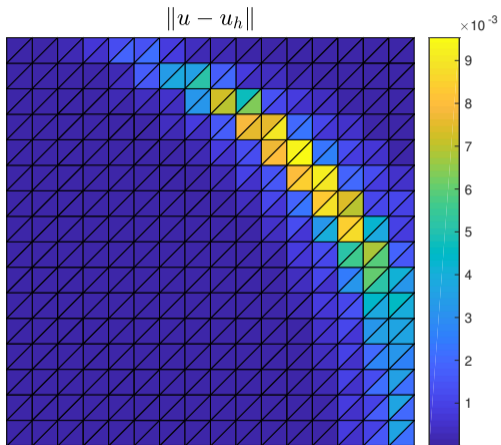
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| 96 | 9.31e-02 (0.87) | 4.42e-01 (0.47) | 2.99e-02 (1.29) | 4.41e-01 (0.47) | 4.75 |
| 384 | 6.01e-02 (0.63) | 3.24e-01 (0.45) | 1.16e-02 (1.37) | 3.24e-01 (0.44) | 5.39 |
| 1536 | 4.62e-02 (0.38) | 2.67e-01 (0.28) | 5.31e-03 (1.13) | 2.68e-01 (0.27) | 5.79 |
| 6144 | 3.57e-02 (0.37) | 2.36e-01 (0.18) | 2.79e-03 (0.93) | 2.37e-01 (0.18) | 6.61 |
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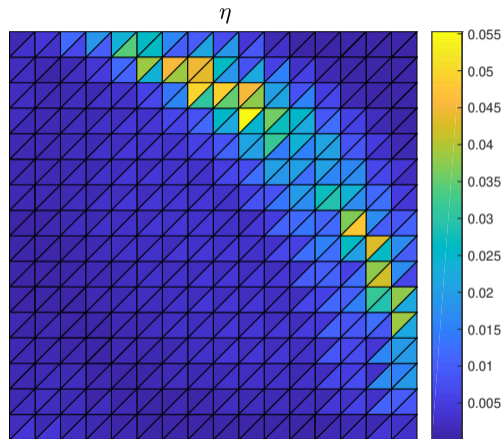
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| 192 | 5.72e-02 (0.78) | 2.85e-01 (0.59) | 1.06e-02 (1.81) | 2.85e-01 (0.59) | 4.98 |
| 768 | 4.64e-02 (0.30) | 2.34e-01 (0.29) | 5.14e-03 (1.04) | 2.34e-01 (0.28) | 5.03 |
| 3072 | 3.31e-02 (0.48) | 1.90e-01 (0.29) | 2.78e-03 (0.89) | 1.90e-01 (0.30) | 5.75 |
| 12288 | 2.59e-02 (0.35) | 1.72e-01 (0.14) | 1.55e-03 (0.84) | 1.72e-01 (0.14) | 6.63 |
| 49152 | 1.92e-02 (0.43) | 1.58e-01 (0.12) | 8.44e-04 (0.88) | 1.58e-01 (0.12) | 8.27 |

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- $f \in L^2(\Omega)$: source term
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