

# A priori and a posteriori error analysis in $H(\text{curl})$ : localization, minimal regularity, and $p$ -optimality

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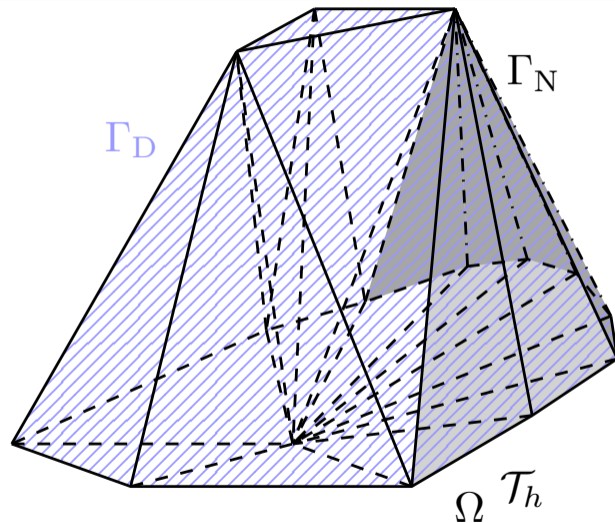
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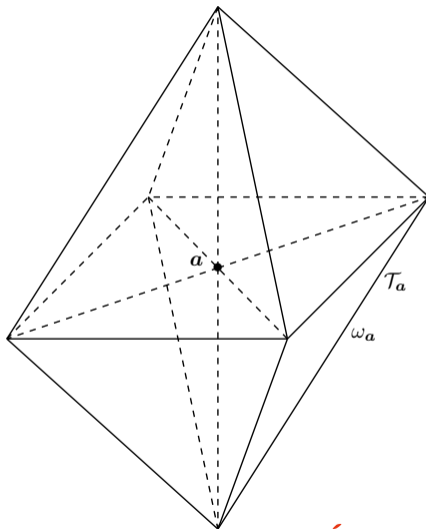
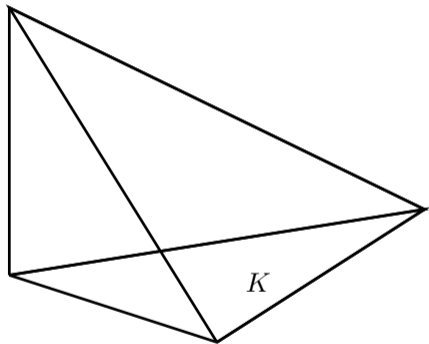
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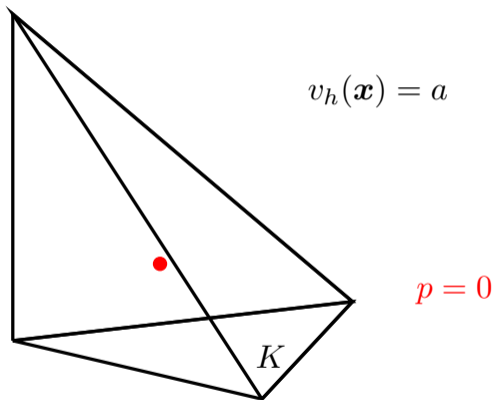


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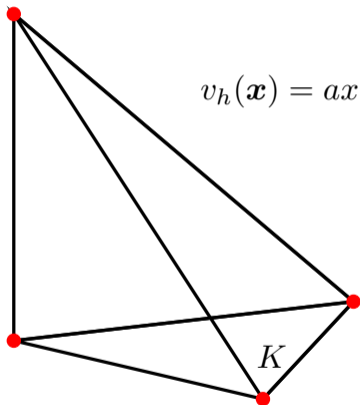


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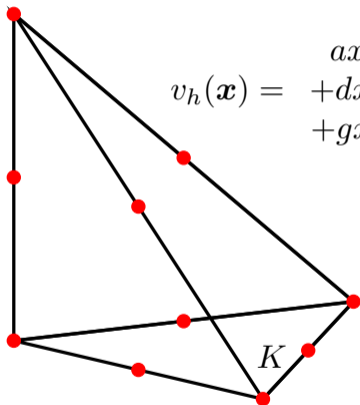
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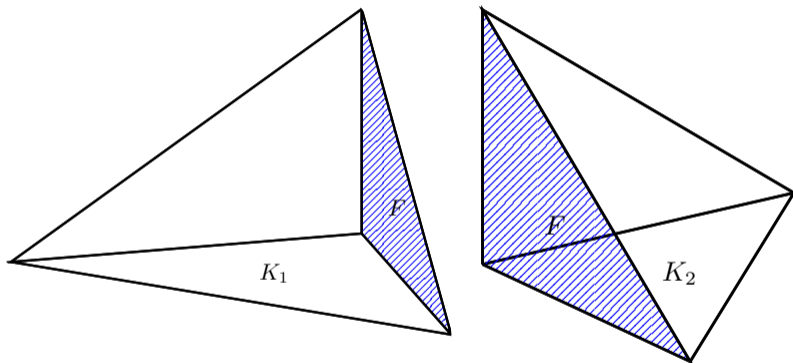


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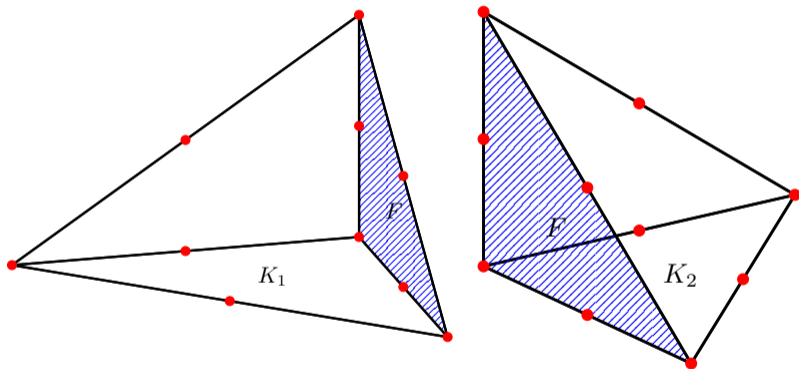
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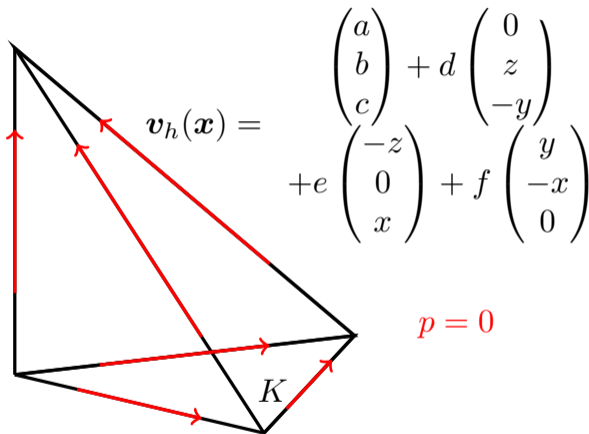
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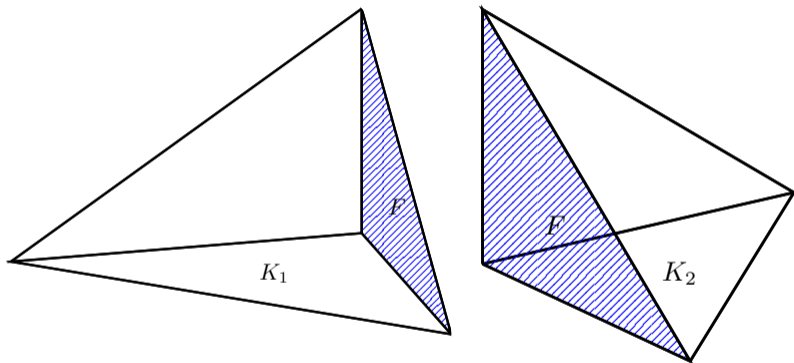
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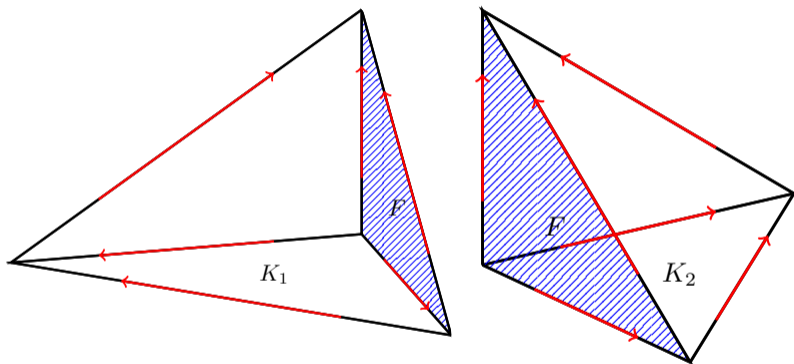


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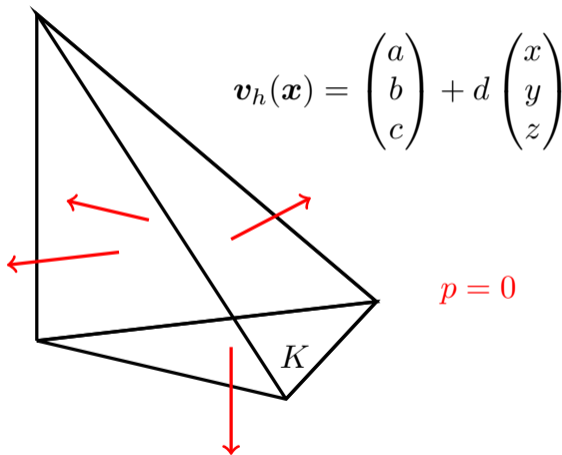
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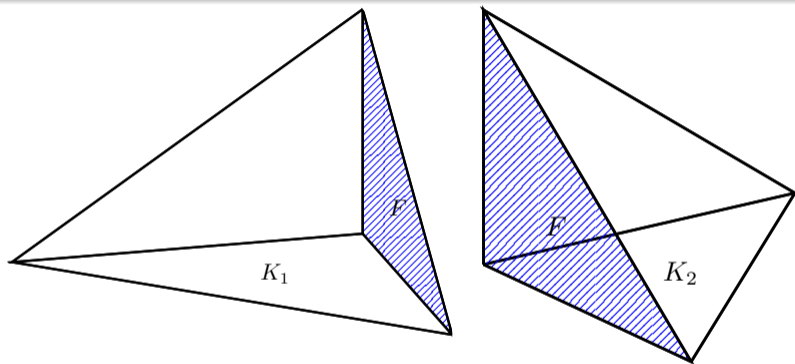
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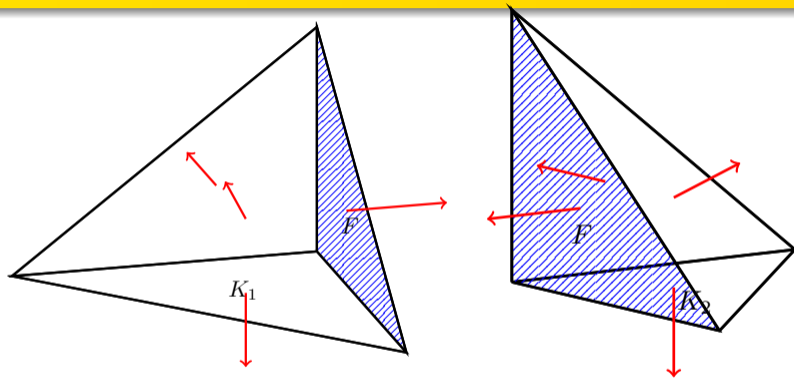
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## Residual estimates (unknown constant $C$ )

- Monk (1998)
- Beck, Hiptmair, Hoppe, & Wohlmuth (2000)
- Nicaise & Creusé (2003)

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## Functional estimates (global flux construction)

- Repin (2007)
- Hannukainen (2008)
- Neittaanmäki & Repin (2010)

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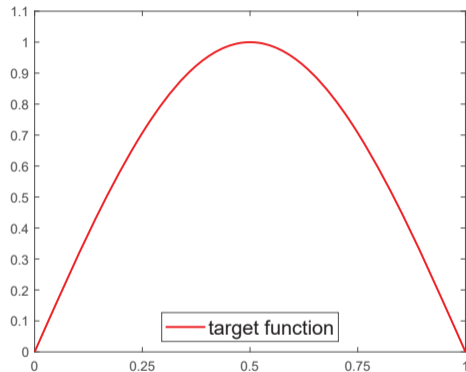
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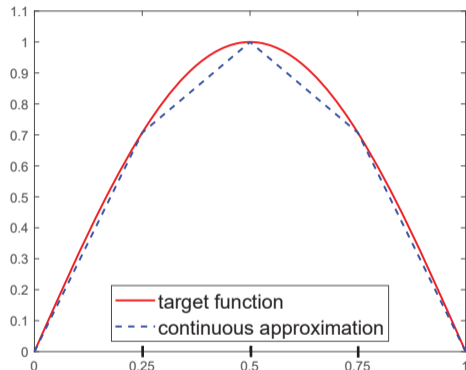
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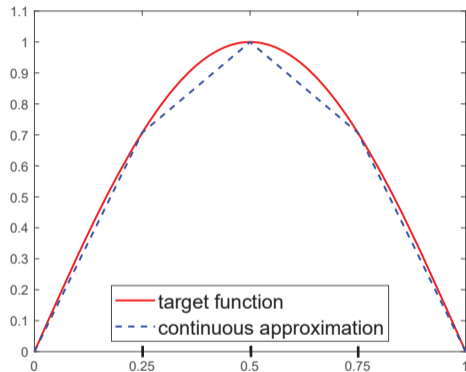


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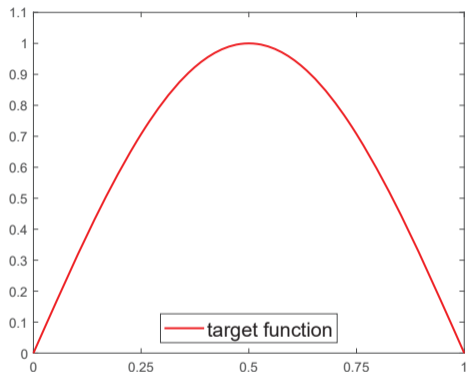
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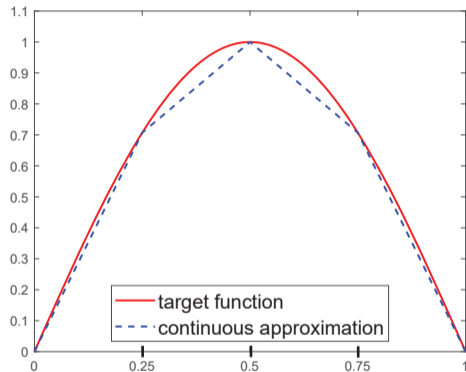


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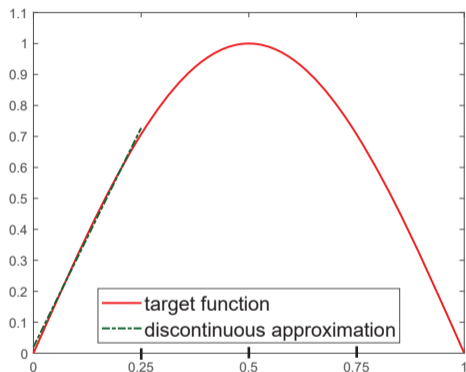


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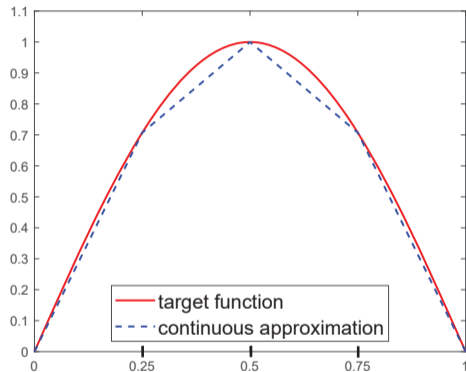


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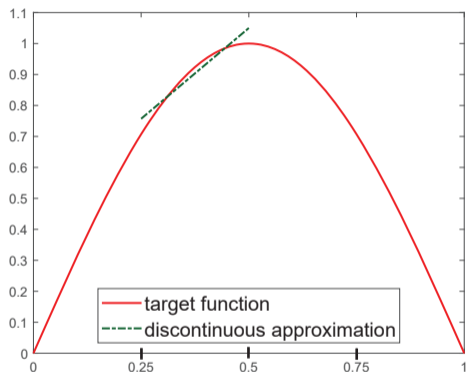


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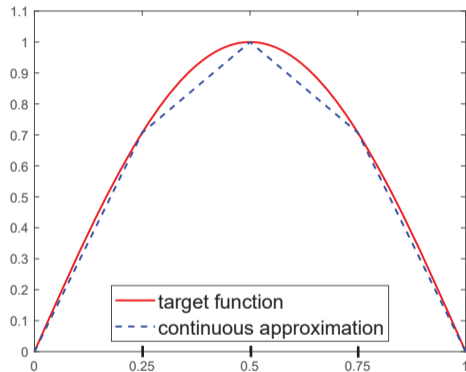
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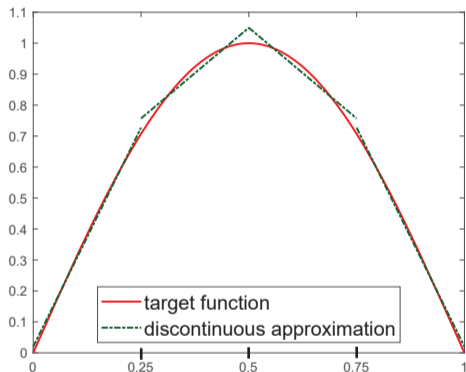
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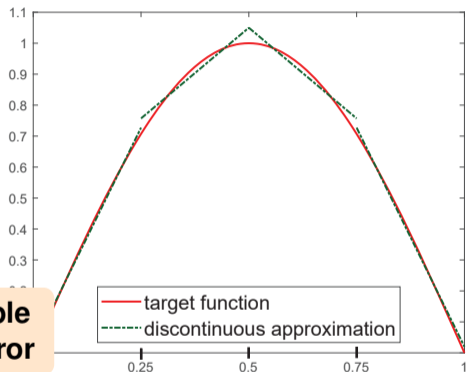
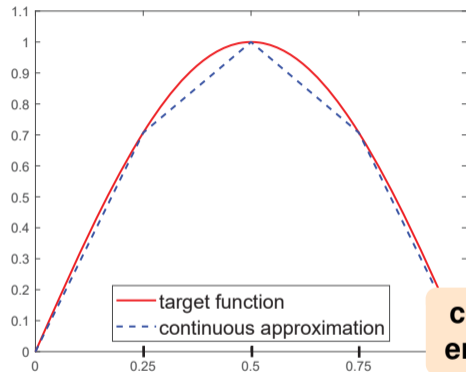


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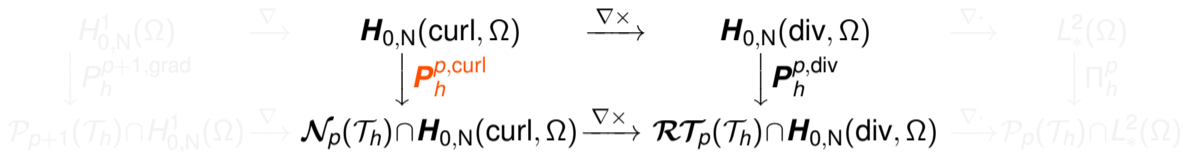
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- $\mathbf{P}_h^{p,\text{div}}$ : Ern, Gudi, Smears, Vohralík (2022)

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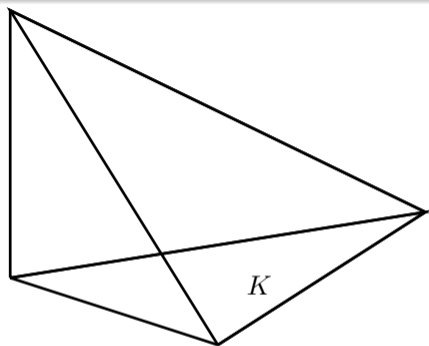
- 1 be defined over the **entire** infinite-dimensional space  $\mathbf{H}_{0,N}(\text{curl}, \Omega)$
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- 3 be defined **simply** (starting from elementwise polynomial projections)
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- 6 satisfy the **commuting properties** expressed by the arrows
- 7 be **projector**, i.e., leave intact piecewise polynomials

# Stable local commuting projectors defined on $\mathbf{H}(\text{div})/\mathbf{H}(\text{curl})$

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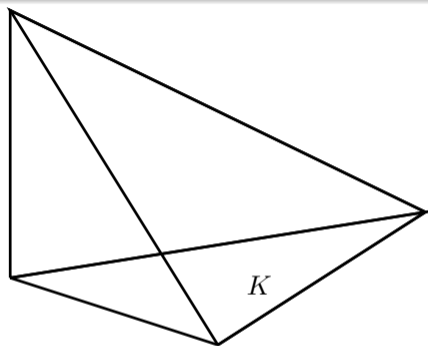


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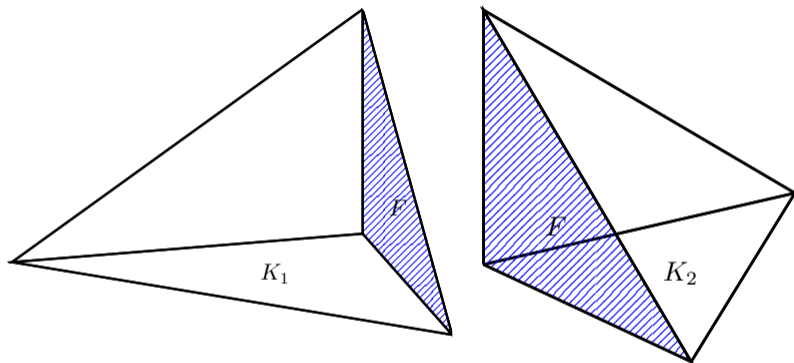
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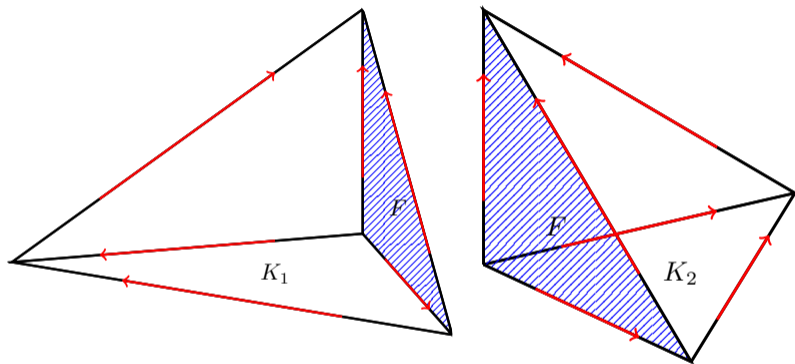
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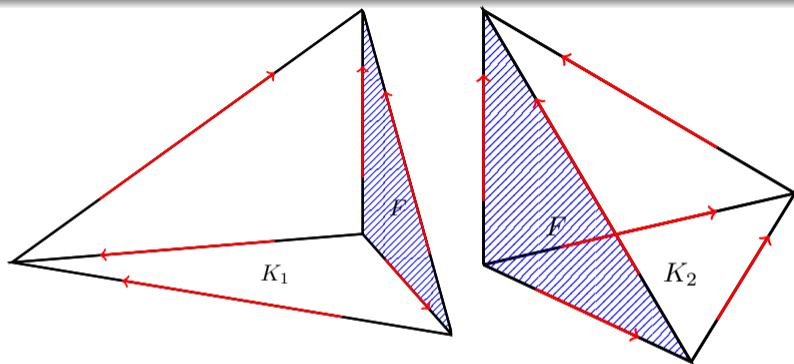
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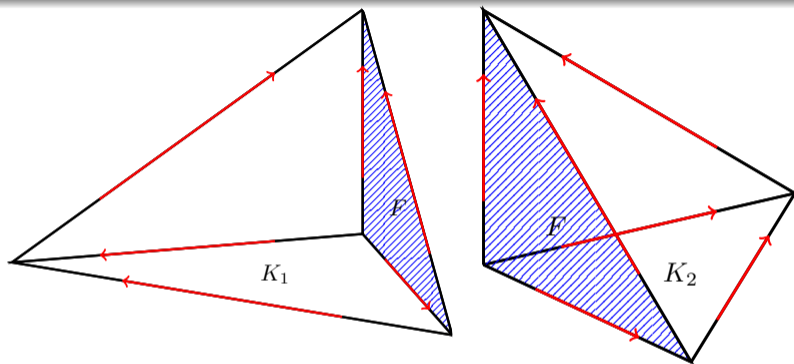


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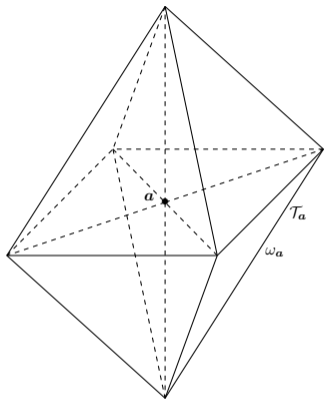


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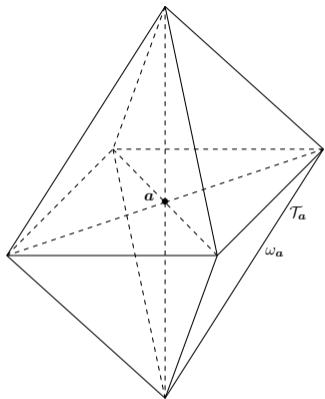


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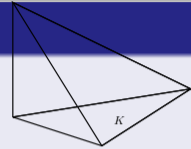
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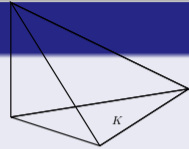
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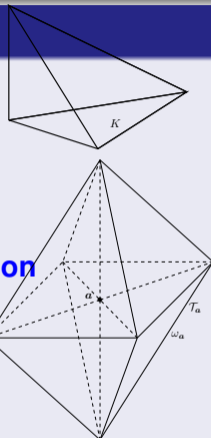
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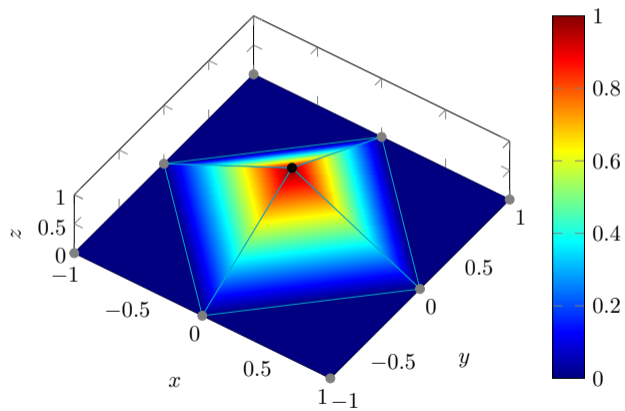
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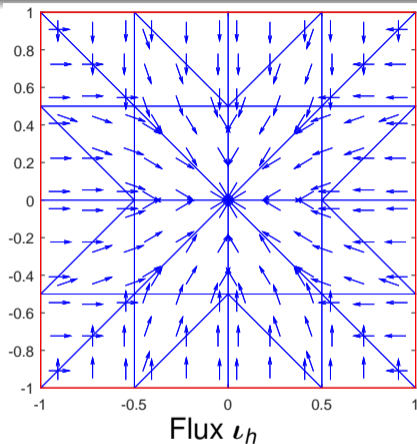
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Hat basis function  $\psi^{\mathbf{a}}$



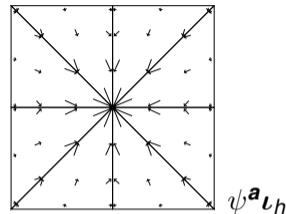
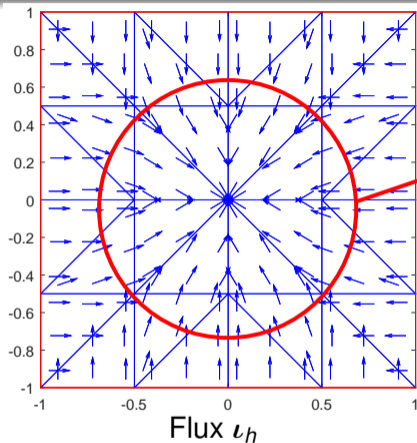
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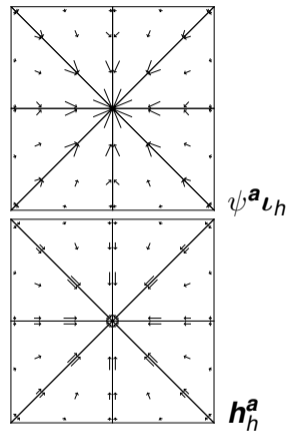
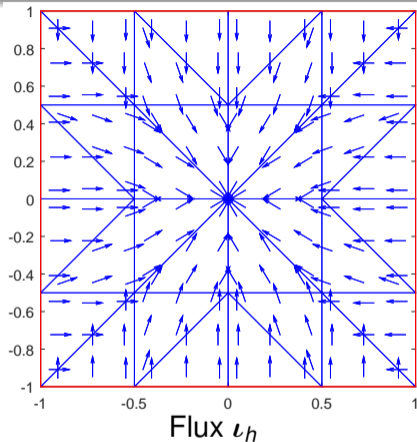
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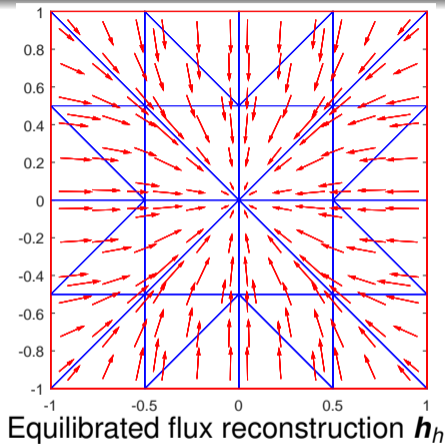
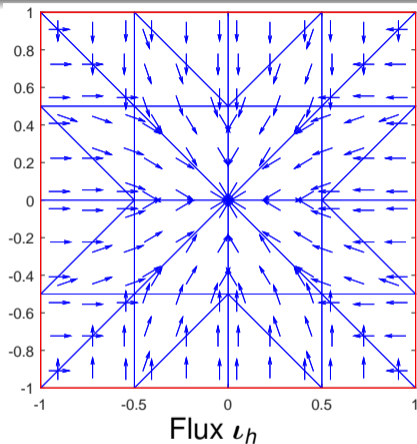
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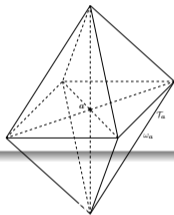
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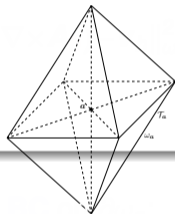
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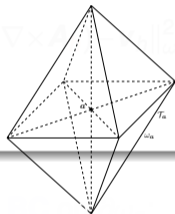
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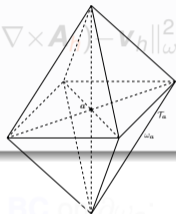
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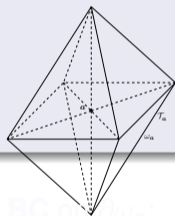
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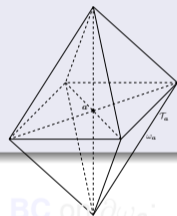
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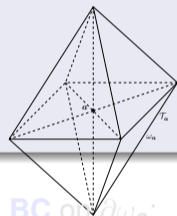
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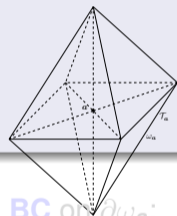
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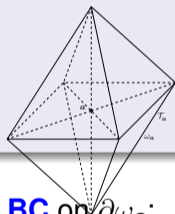
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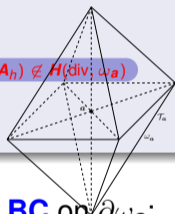
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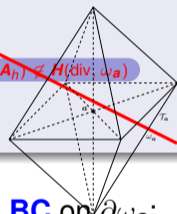
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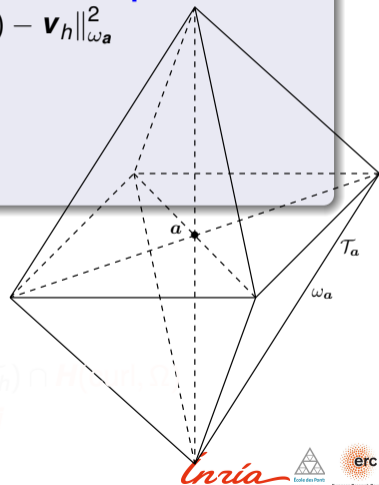
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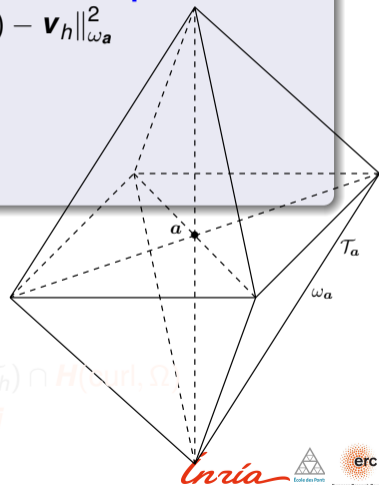
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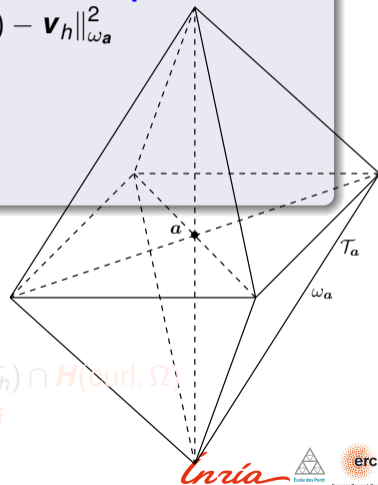
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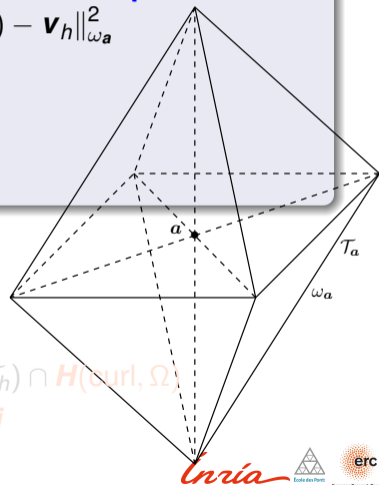
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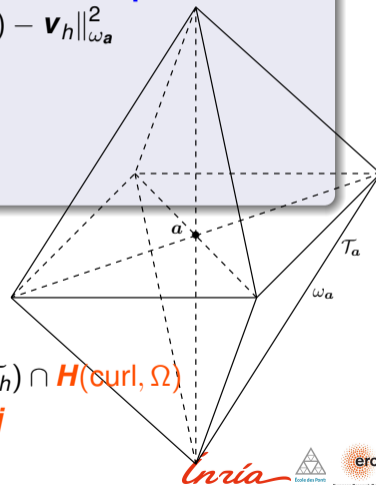
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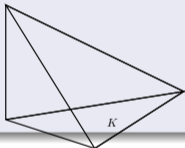
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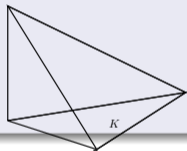
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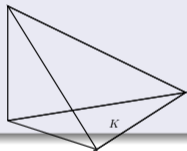
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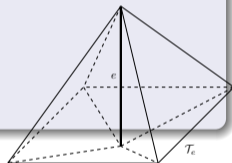
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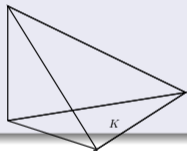
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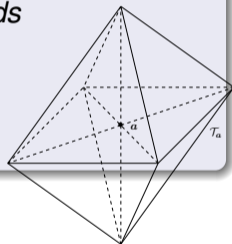
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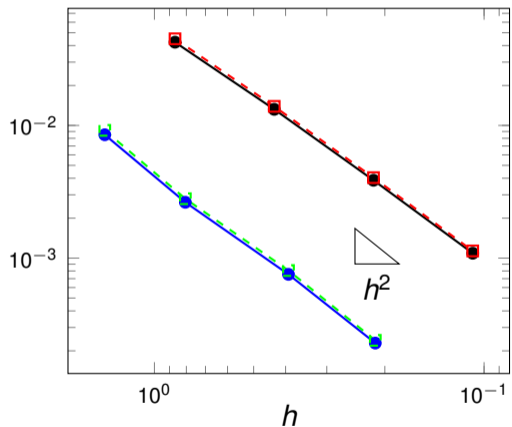
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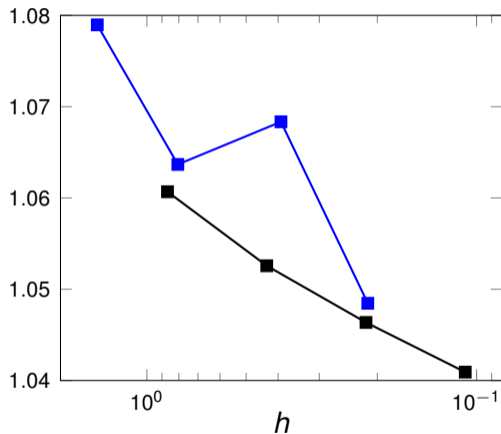
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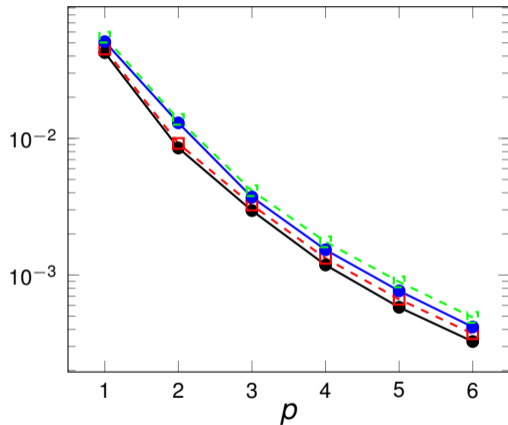
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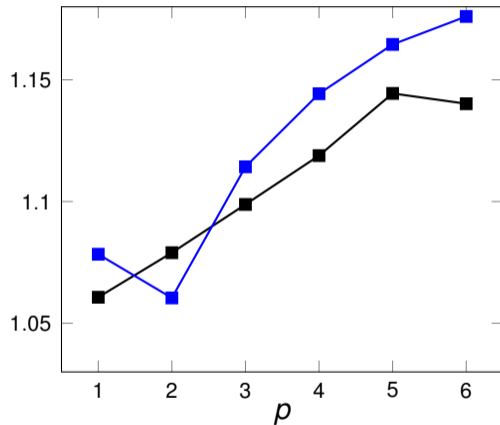
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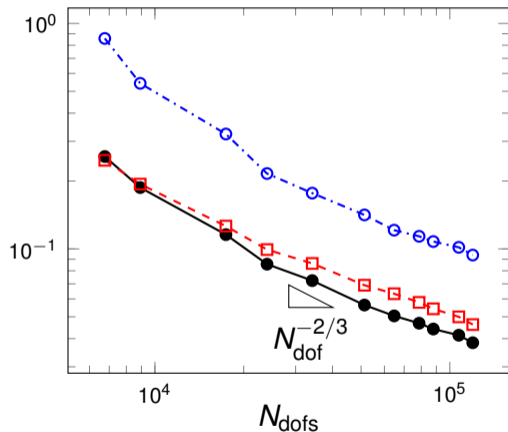
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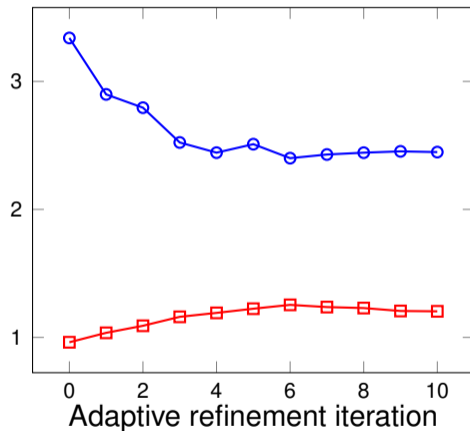


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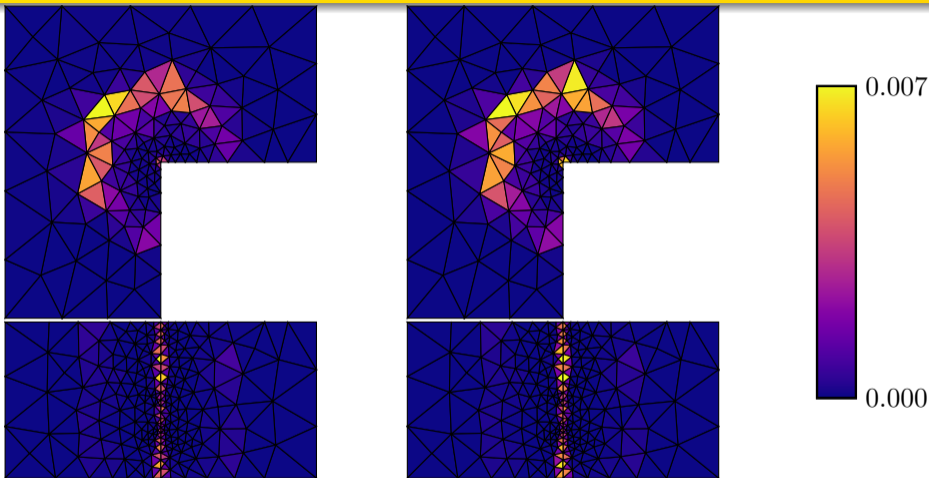


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