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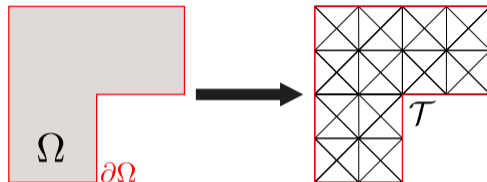
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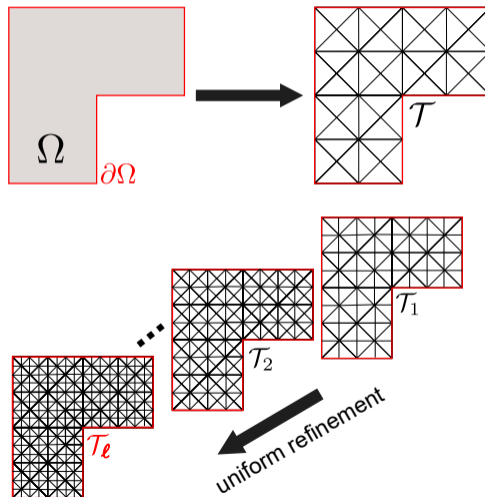
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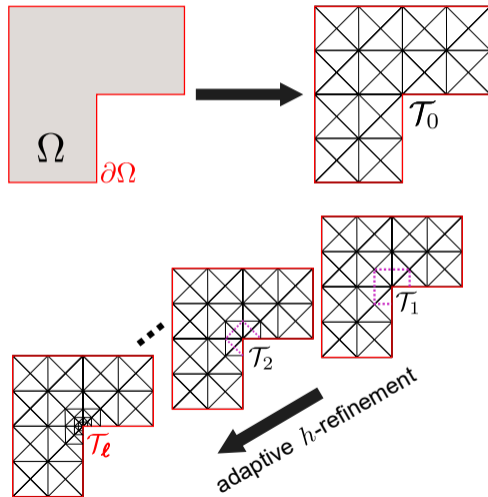
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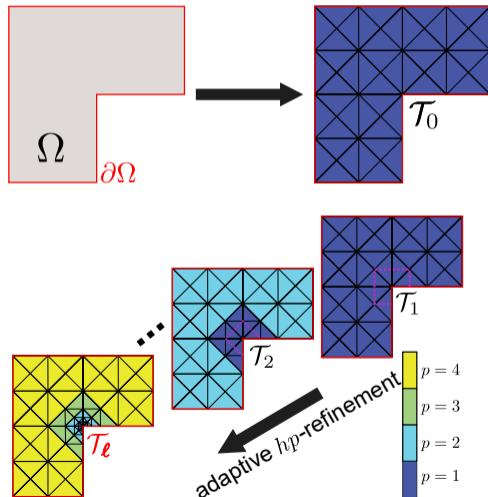
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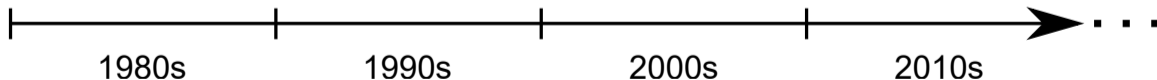
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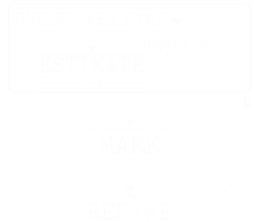
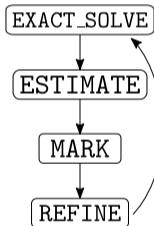
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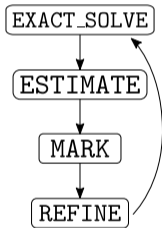
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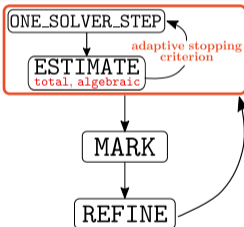


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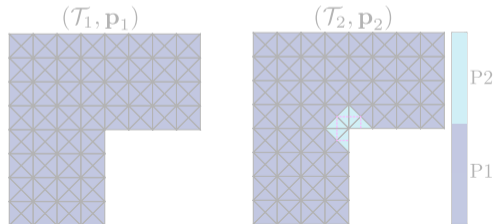
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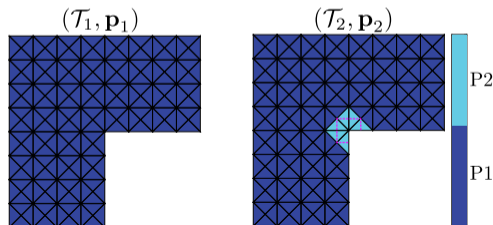
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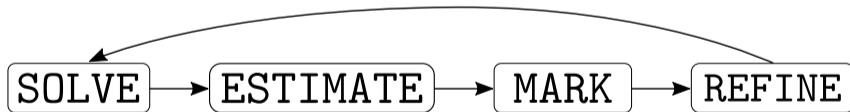
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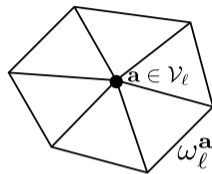
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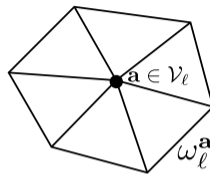
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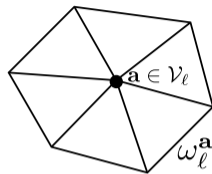
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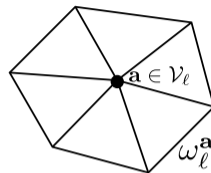
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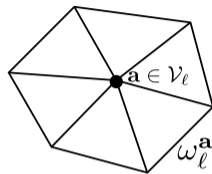
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Guaranteed upper bound on the energy error

$$\|\nabla(u - u_\ell^{\text{ex}})\| \leq \eta(u_\ell^{\text{ex}}, \mathcal{T}_\ell) := \left\{ \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_\ell} \eta_K^2 \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}}, \quad \eta_K := \|\nabla u_\ell^{\text{ex}} + \boldsymbol{\sigma}_\ell\|_K + \frac{h_K}{\pi} \|f - \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_\ell\|_K$$

Equilibrated flux reconstruction $\boldsymbol{\sigma}_\ell := \sum_{\mathbf{a} \in \mathcal{V}_\ell} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_\ell^{\mathbf{a}} \in \mathbf{H}(\text{div}, \Omega)$

For each vertex $\mathbf{a} \in \mathcal{V}_\ell$, we solve a small minimization problem

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with properly chosen local *Raviart–Thomas–Nédélec* mixed finite element spaces $\mathbf{V}_\ell^{\mathbf{a}} \times Q_\ell^{\mathbf{a}}$ of order $p_{\mathbf{a}} := \max_{K \in \mathcal{T}_\ell^{\mathbf{a}}} p_K$

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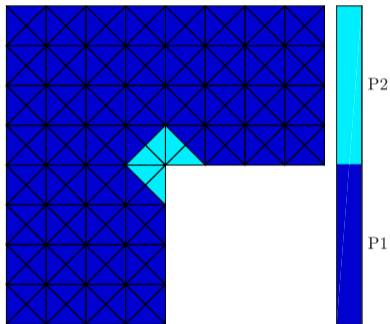
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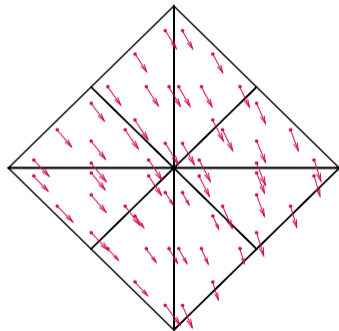
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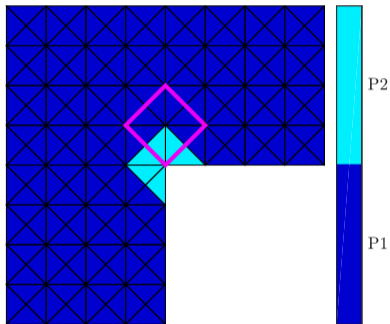
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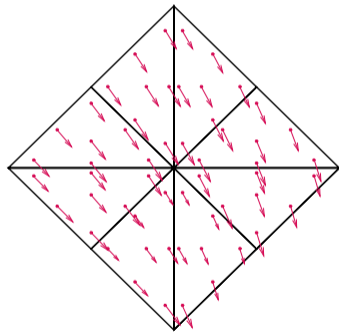
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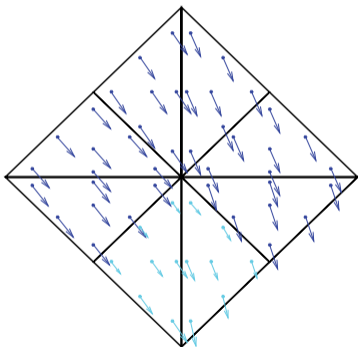
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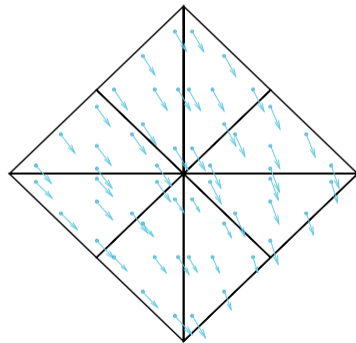
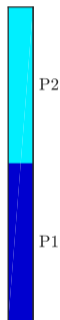
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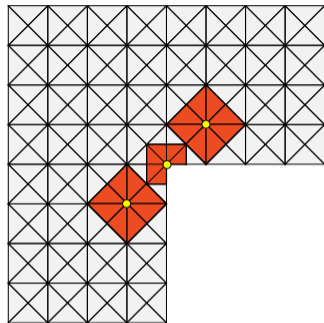
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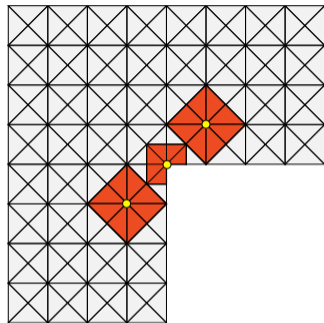
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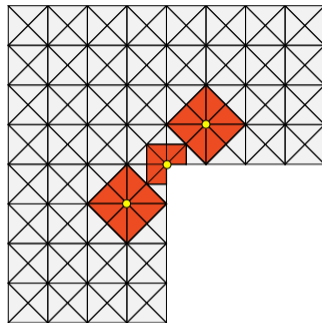
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ERROR REDUCTION FACTORS

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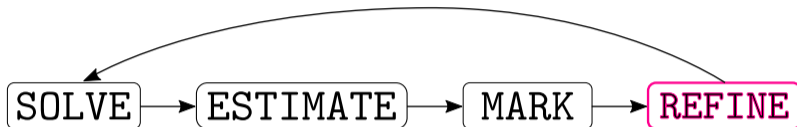


Assume for the moment: \mathcal{T}_h and p_{ex} are determined

Goal: $\ u - u_h\ _{L^2(\Omega)}$	Goal: $\ u - u_h\ _{H^1(\Omega)}$
$\frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} u - u_h ^2 dx$	$\frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} \nabla u - \nabla u_h ^2 dx$

For each marked vertex $v \in \mathcal{V}_h$ only, construct residual lifting χ_v

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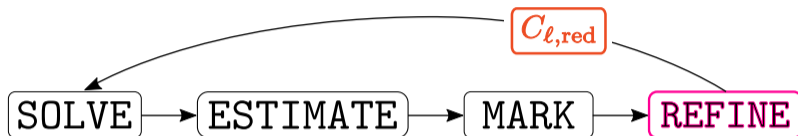
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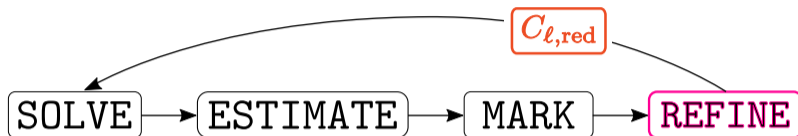


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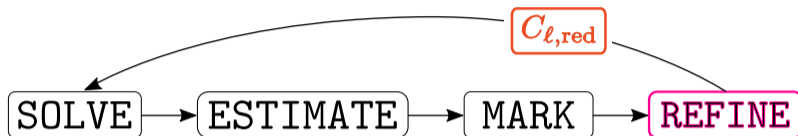


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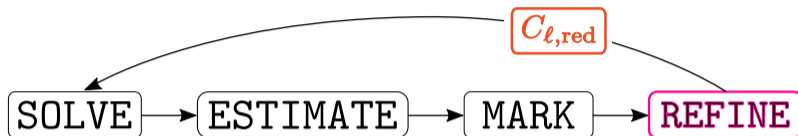


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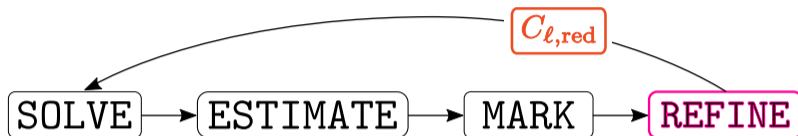


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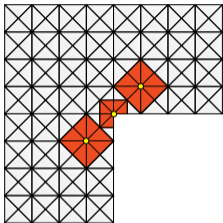


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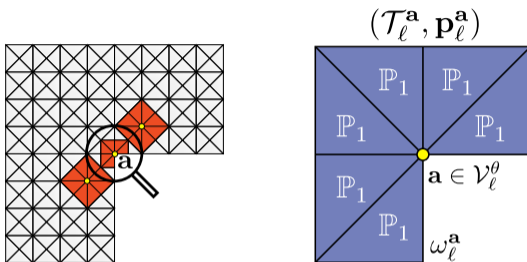


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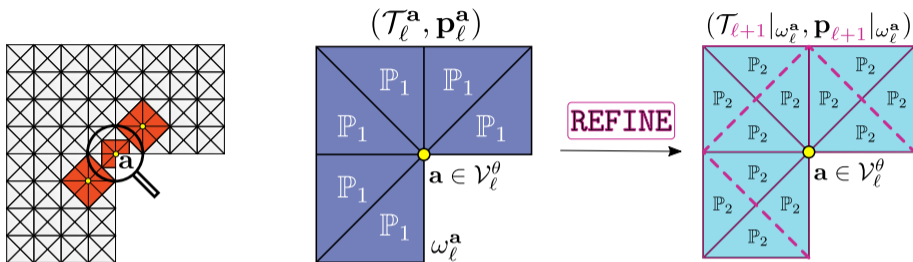


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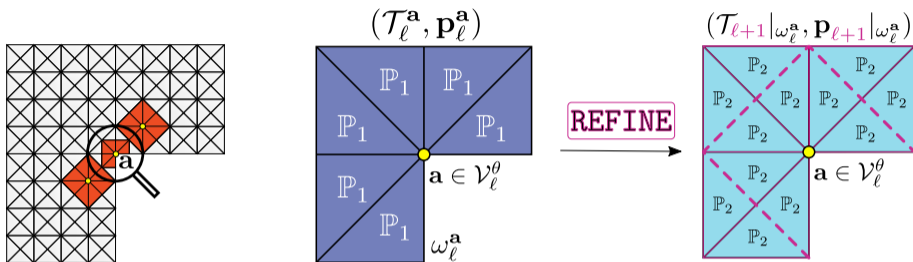


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Guaranteed lower bound on $\|\nabla(u_{\ell+1}^{\text{ex}} - u_{\ell}^{\text{ex}})\|_{\omega_{\ell}}$

Discrete local lower bound $\underline{\eta}_{\mathcal{M}_{\ell}^{\theta}}$

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Proof

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To finish take $(\sum_{\mathbf{a} \in \mathcal{V}_{\ell}^{\theta}} r^{\mathbf{a}, hp})$ as test function $v_{\ell+1}$

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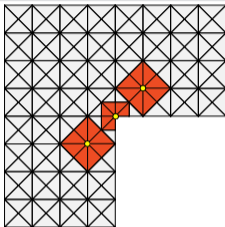
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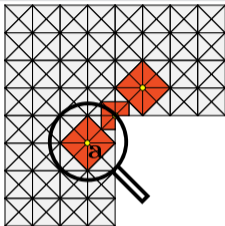
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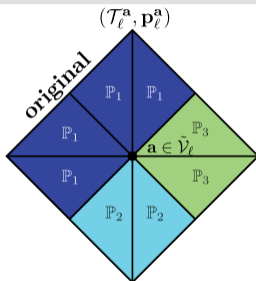
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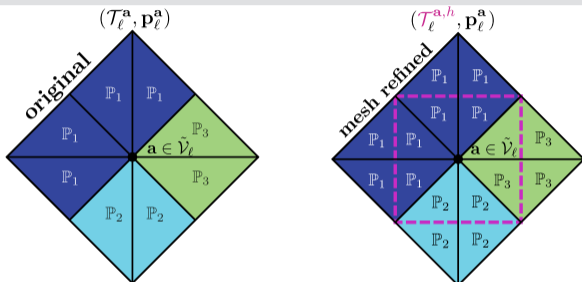
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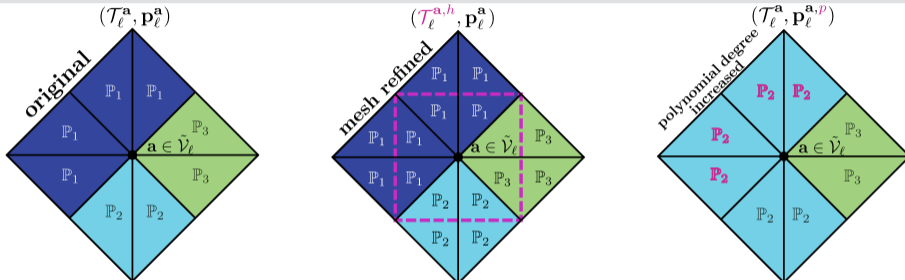
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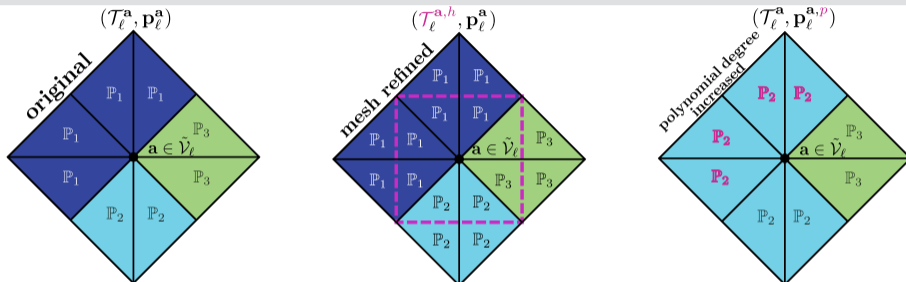
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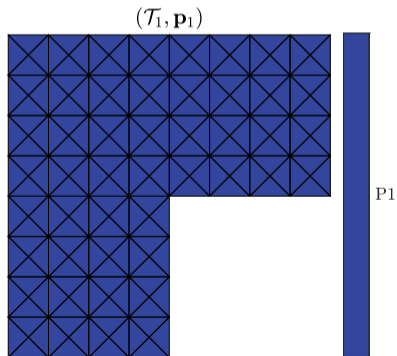
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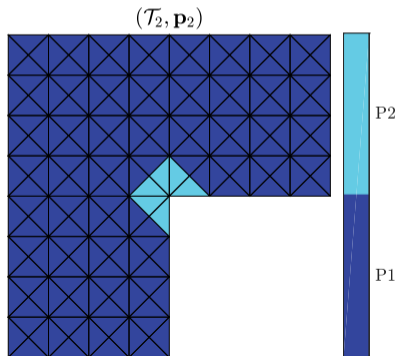
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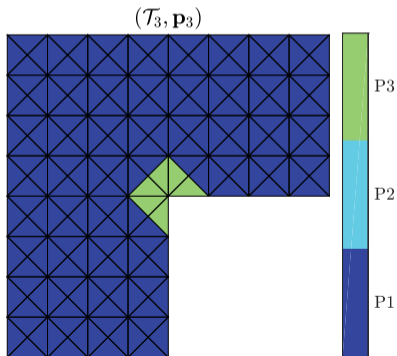
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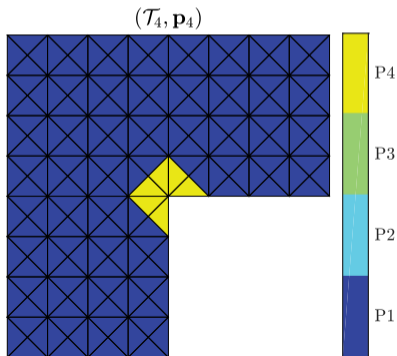
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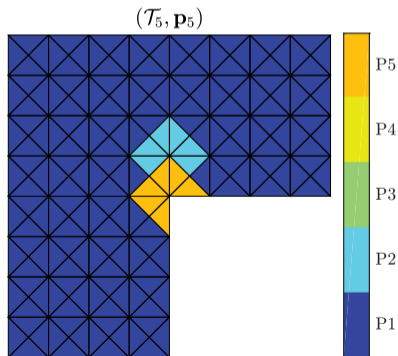
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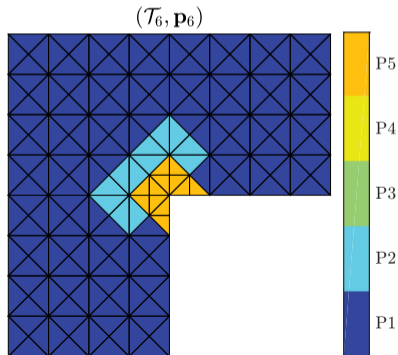
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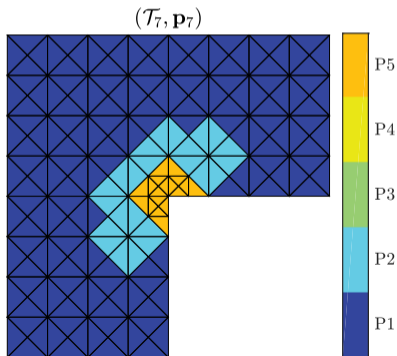
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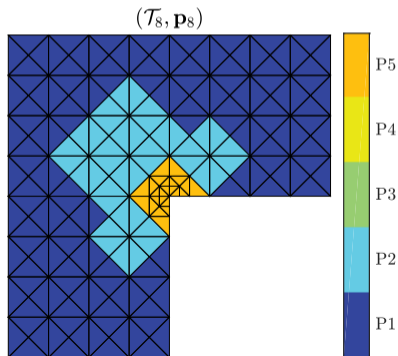
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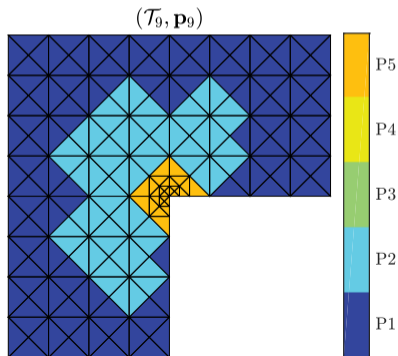
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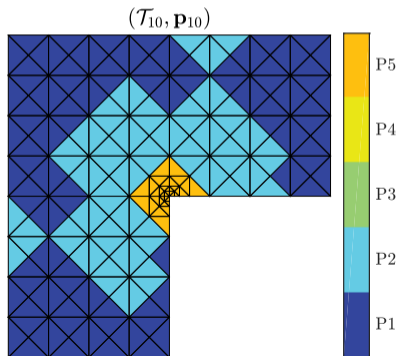
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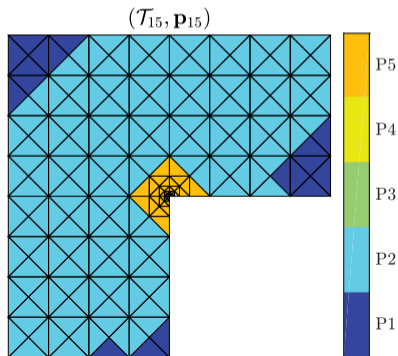
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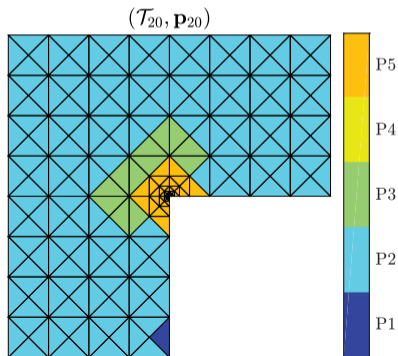
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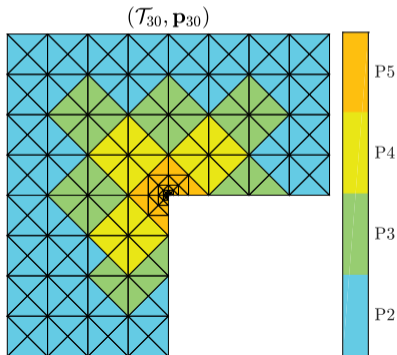
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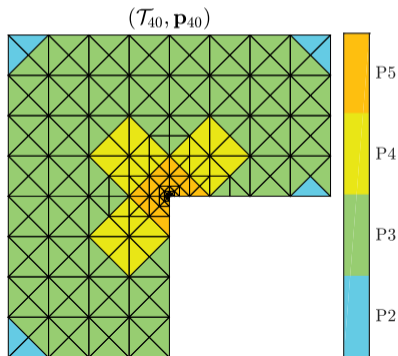
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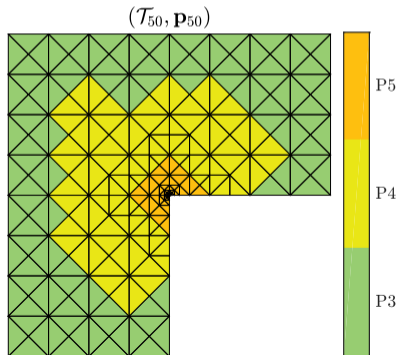
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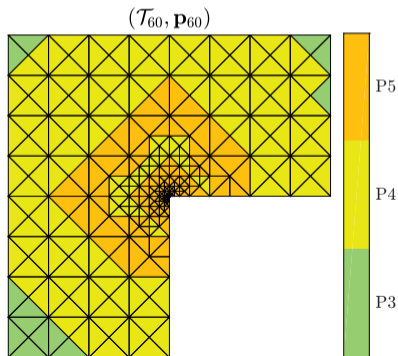
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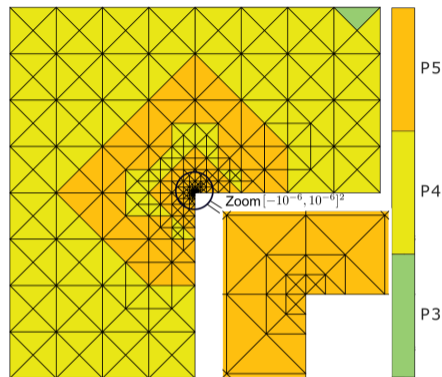
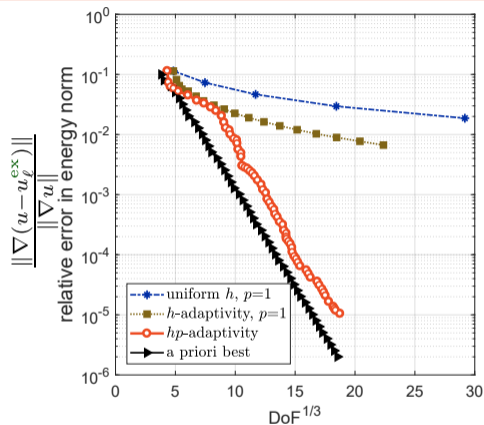
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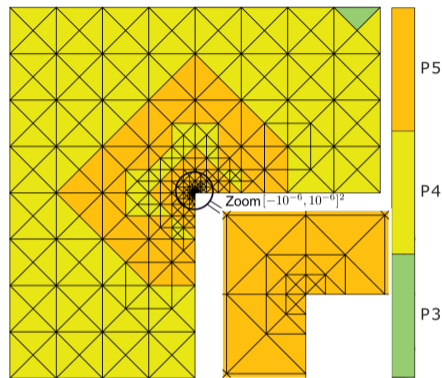
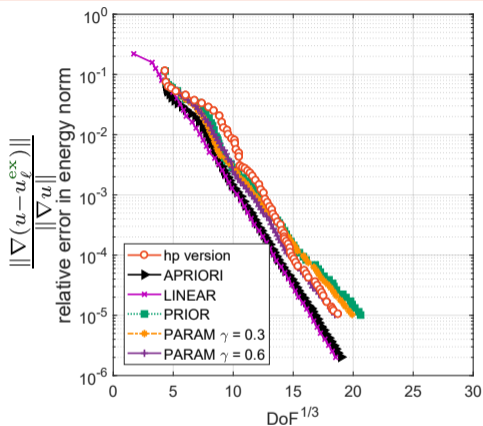
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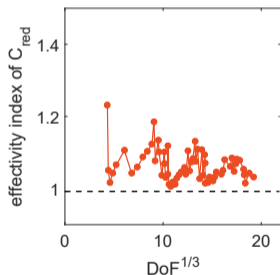
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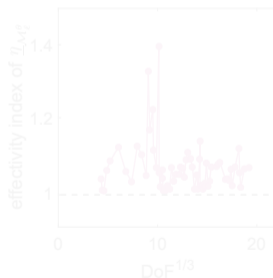
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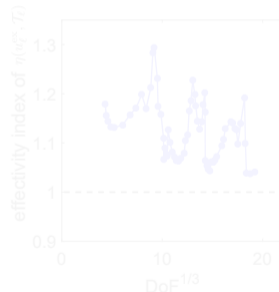
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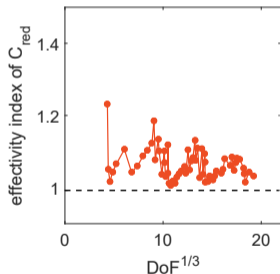
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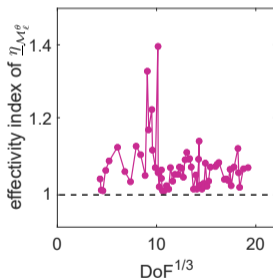
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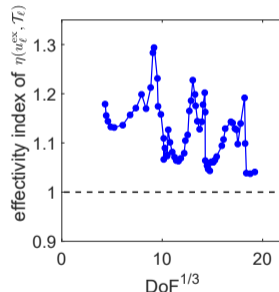
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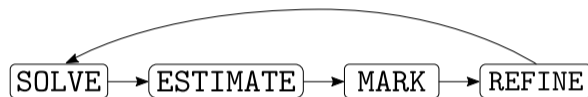
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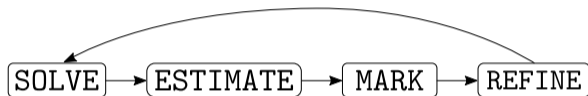


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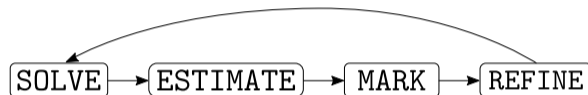


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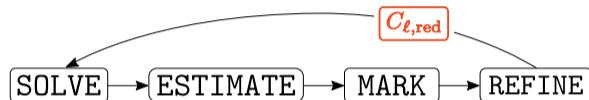


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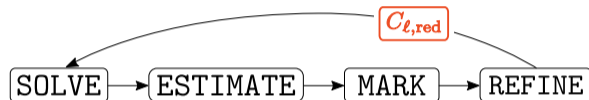


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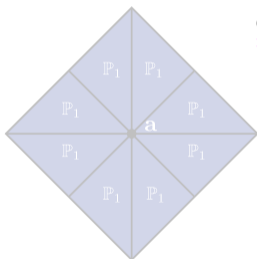
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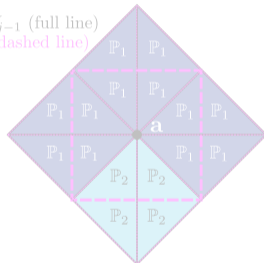
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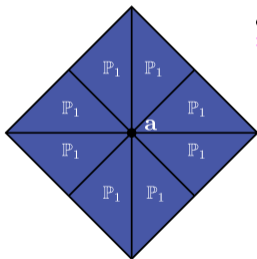
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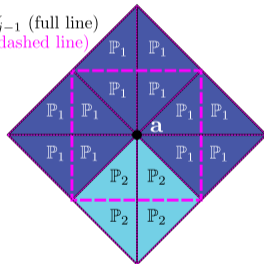
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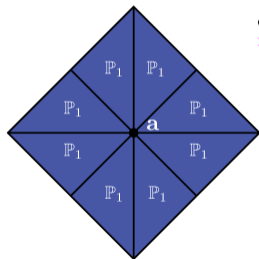
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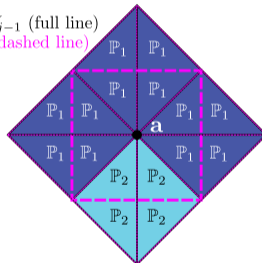
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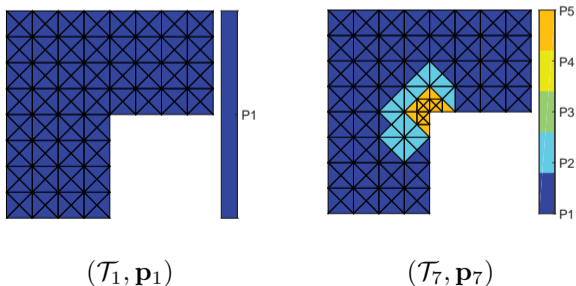
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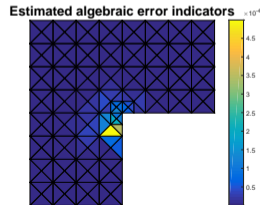
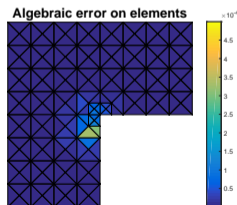
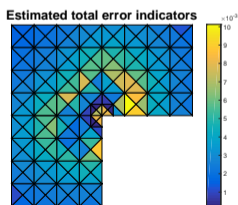
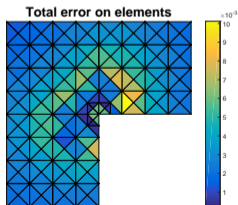
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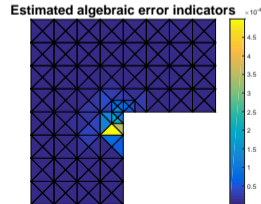
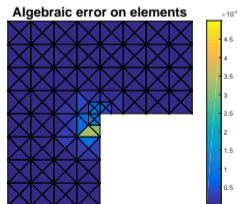
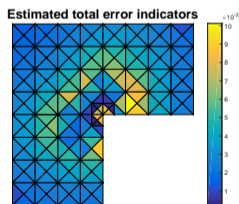
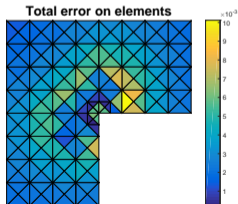
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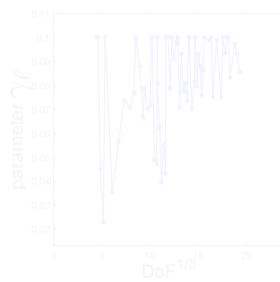
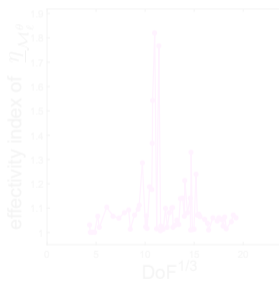
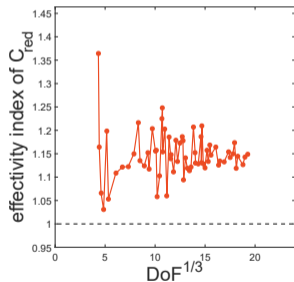
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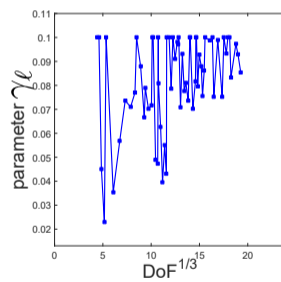
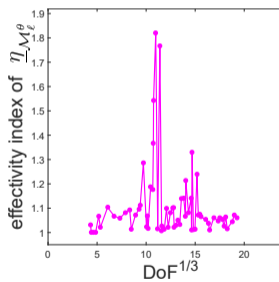
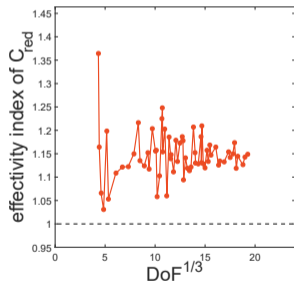
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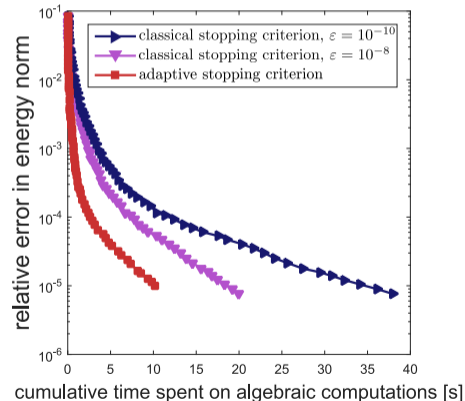
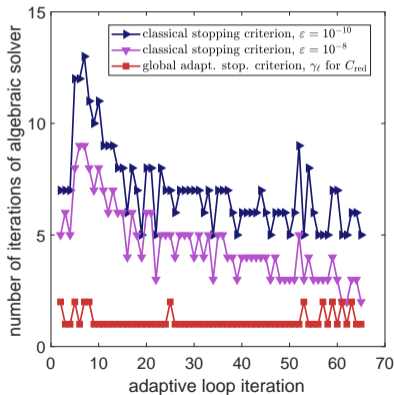
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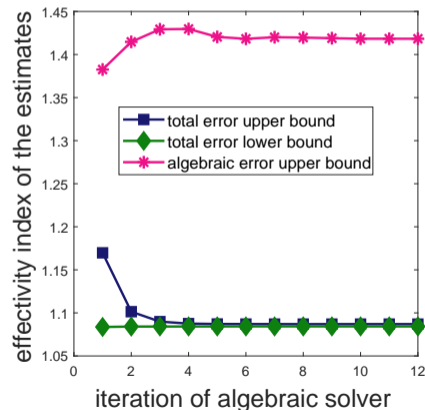
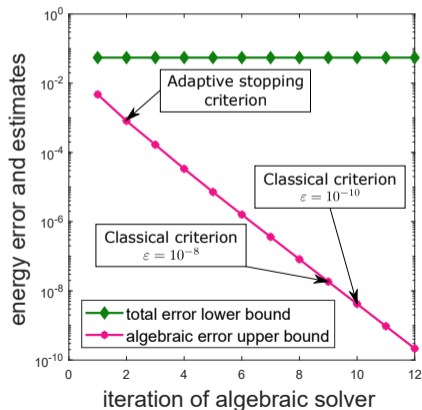
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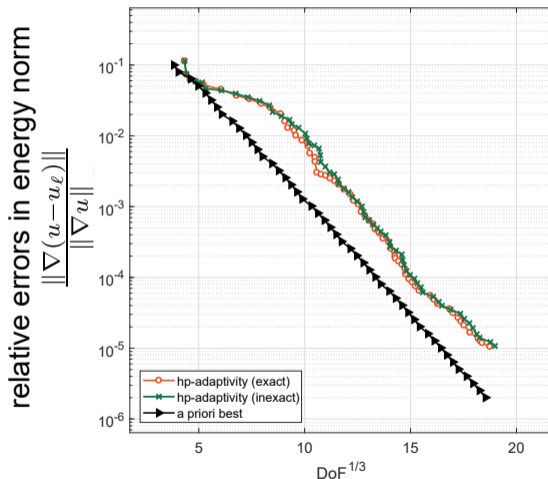
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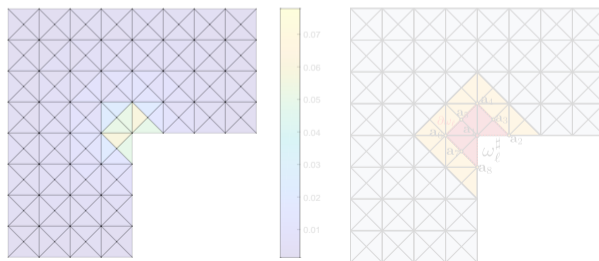
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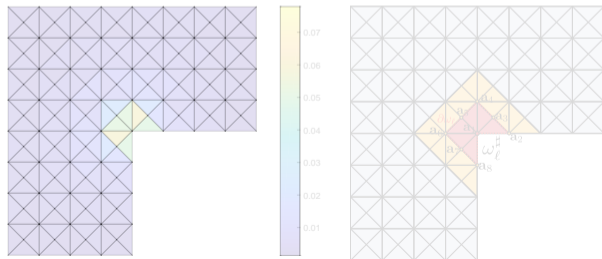
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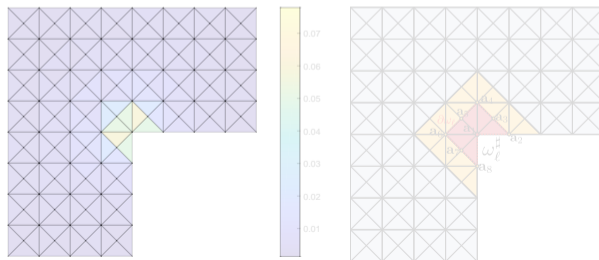
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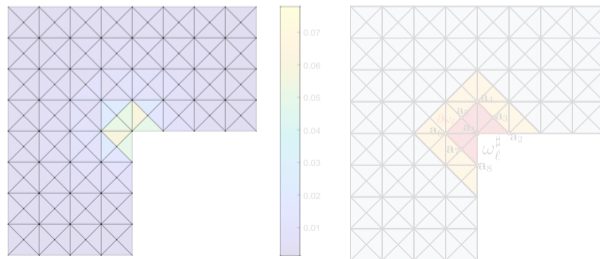
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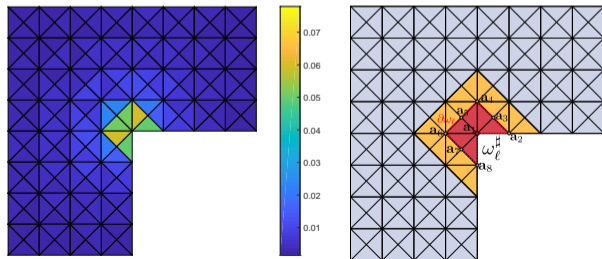
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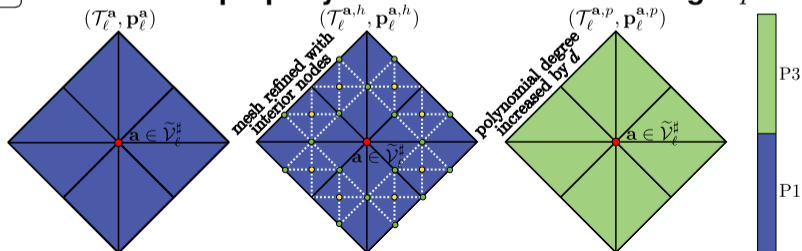
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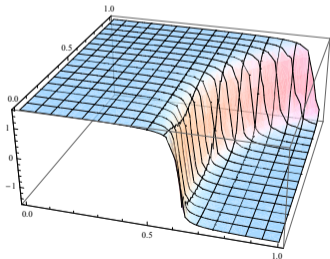
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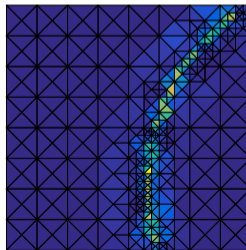
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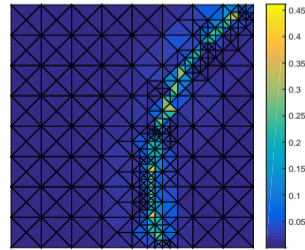
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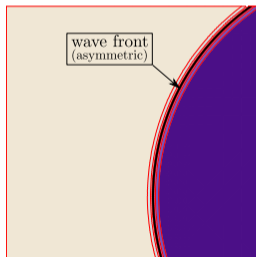


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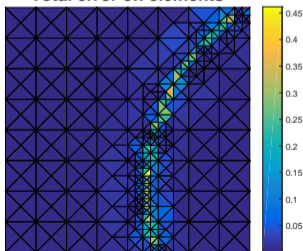
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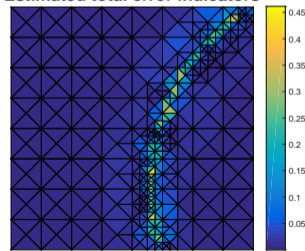
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