

# Adaptive algebraic multigrid methods and Helmholtz decompositions on graphs

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Interplay of discretization and algebraic solvers:  
a posteriori error estimates and adaptivity

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# Talking points

- ▶ Interplay between....
  - ▶ How **preconditioning** provides efficient and reliable a posteriori error indicators for discretized PDEs.
  - ▶ How **a posteriori error indicators on graphs** provide multilevel hierarchies for AMG.

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- Result: Efficient and reliable error indicator, provided that the norm of the residual  $\|\mathbf{r}\|_{\mathcal{H}'}$  can be efficiently approximated by local operations.



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- ▶ It was first proposed in [[Babuška&Rheinbolt\(1978\)SINUM](#)].
- ▶ Go to computable quantities by standard arguments (so called Verfürth's bubble function approach): [[book: Verfürth\(2013\)](#)].



# Residual Error Estimator

- ▶ The error estimator is

$$\|e\|_A^2 \simeq \sum_{i=1}^n \langle r, A_i^{-1} Q_i r \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n \|\eta_i\|_{A_i}^2,$$

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- ▶ Similarly: efficient and reliable error indicators (using Nodal Auxiliary Space Preconditioning) to discretizations of  $\delta d$ , Hodge Laplacian problems, and linear elasticity with weak symmetry.
- ▶ The only ingredients needed are: well-posedness of the problem and the existence of regular decomposition on continuous level (for singularly perturbed  $H(d)$  problems).

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# A posteriori estimates in AMG for Graph Laplacians

- ▶ We consider a graph  $\mathcal{G} = (\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E})$ ,  $\mathcal{V} = \{1, \dots, n\}$ ,  $n = |\mathcal{V}|$  and  $n \gg 1$ .
- ▶ Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  be defined via the bilinear form:

$$(Au, v) = \sum_{(i,j) \in \mathcal{E}} (-a_{ij})(u_i - u_j)(v_i - v_j).$$

The sum runs over all edges  $e = (i, j) \in \mathcal{E}$ . The resulting matrix is known as the **Graph Laplacian of  $\mathcal{G}$** .

- ▶ We are interested in good approximations of the above bilinear form on a smaller subspace (constructing multilevel hierarchies).
- ▶ Applications: Fast solution of  $Au = f$  for a huge number of problems.

# Gradients and divergence

- ▶ Define  $G : V = \mathbb{R}^{|\mathcal{V}|} \mapsto \mathbb{R}^{|\mathcal{E}|} = \mathbf{W}$  and  $D : \mathbb{R}^{|\mathcal{E}|} \mapsto \mathbb{R}^{|\mathcal{E}|}$  in the following way

$$(Gv)_e = v_{head} - v_{tail}, \quad D_{e,e} = a_e, \quad a_e = -a_{ij}, \quad e = (i, j).$$

- ▶ Thus we get another form of the bilinear form  $A$ :  
 $(Au, v) = (DGu, Gv)$  (weighted graph Laplacian).
- ▶ Taking  $D = I$  one obtains the standard graph Laplacian ( $a_{ij} = -1$ ).

# Applications

- ▶ Discretizations of PDEs (P1, DG, whatever discretizations of elliptic equations)
- ▶ Diffusion State distance
- ▶ Modeling small world networks (protein-protein interaction; social networks).
- ▶ Many other problems lead to systems spectrally equivalent to the graph Laplacians.

# Adaptivity in solvers (AMG)

- ▶ Typical numerical models:  $Au = f$ ,  $A = -(\nabla \cdot \alpha \nabla)$  or  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ .
- ▶ Such models do not have to use FEM or even to correspond to discretizations of PDEs.
- ▶ A look at the “adaptive” linear solvers (adaptive AMG, bootstrap AMG, adaptive SA, etc) reveals:
  - ▶ What is available in the literature is adaptive but with respect to  $A$ ;
  - ▶ These methods do not involve any estimates of the error during iterations.
- ▶ Q: Are there ways to extend, at least partially, what is done in FE, FV, FD for a posteriori error analysis and **adaptivity** to areas such as approximation of data sets?
- ▶ Q: Can we use such estimates to create multilevel hierarchical representation of complicated data-sets (graphs).



# Tools for solution: two level and multilevel methodology

- ▶ Algorithms for construction of multilevel hierarchical approximations of functions defined on graphs.
- ▶ By multilevel hierarchies here, we mean splitting of **both** edges and vertices in a way that gives: coarser graphs; corresponding Laplacians; operators that transfer data between the graphs.
- ▶ **Goal:** The solution on a coarser graph has to be close to the solution on a finer graph.

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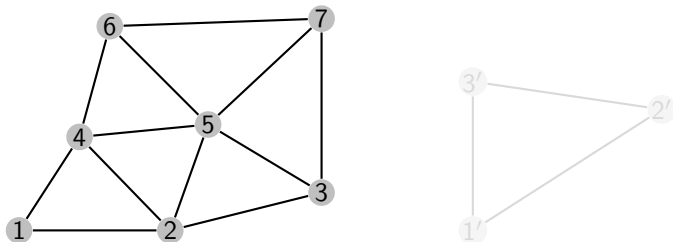
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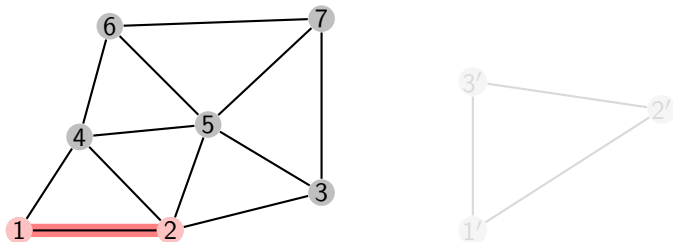
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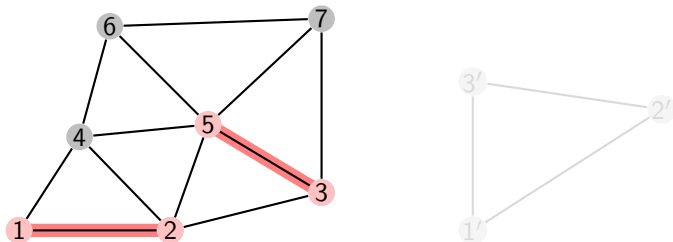
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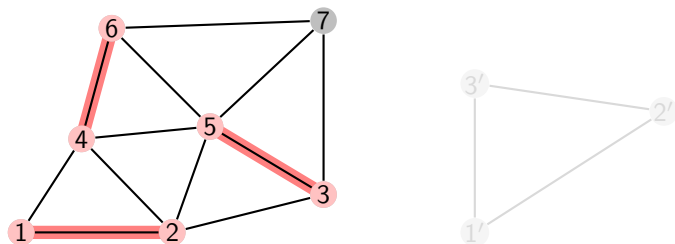
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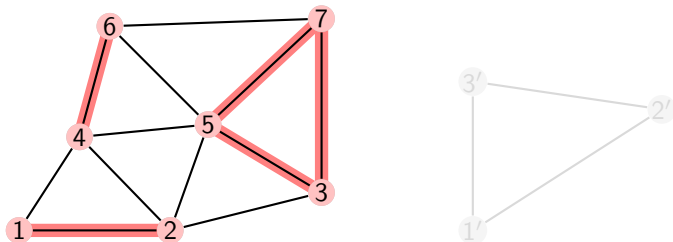
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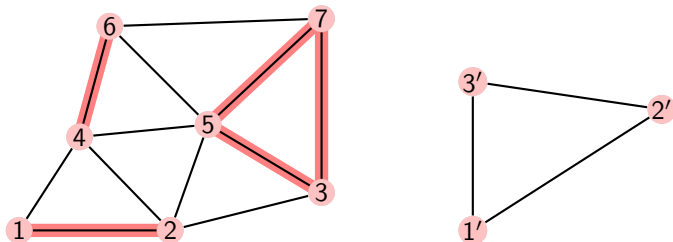


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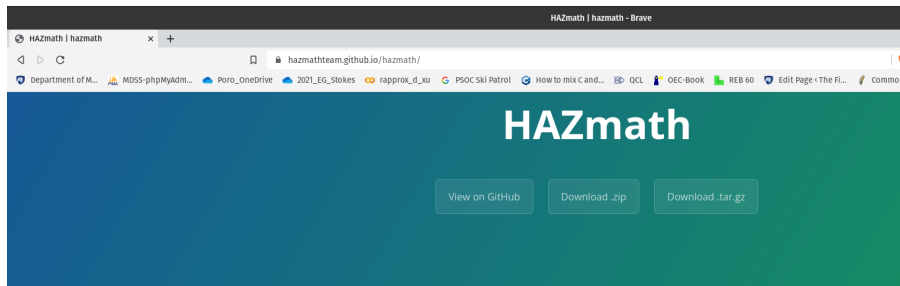
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# UA-AMG in action (HAZmath)



## HAZmath: A Simple Finite Element, Graph, and Solver Library

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## UA-AMG in action

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Calling UA AMG ...
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Level  Num of rows  Num of nonzeros  Avg. NNZ / row
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0       46549         1625725          34.93
1        2547         147119           57.76
2         45          1263             28.67
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Grid complexity = 1.056 | Operator complexity = 1.891
Unsmoothed aggregation setup costs 0.0224 seconds.
--> using Conjugate Gradient Method:
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It Num | ||r||/||b|| | ||r|| | Conv. Factor
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0 | 1.000000e+00 | 9.561499e+03 | -.-
1 | 4.198979e-02 | 4.807283e-04 | 0.0419
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UA-AMG for a Laplacian on the unit cube in 5D after 14 bisection refinements

# Preconditioning Darcy-Stokes (Rational approximations+UA-AMG)

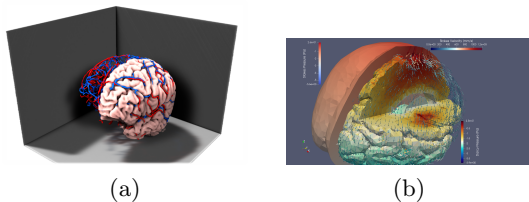


Figure: Left: shows the network (graph) of vessels and the porous tissue. Right: Computational result on coupled flow characteristics in the brain done with HAZniCS (dated Sep 10, 2021).

- ▶ Darcy-Stokes equations with these boundary conditions are used to model CSF-brain interaction.
- ▶ The action of the Riesz operator: requires computing the action of fractional Laplacian ( $s > 0, t > 0, \mathcal{D} := (-\Delta)$ ):

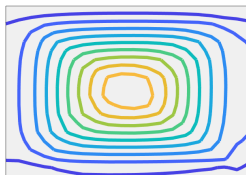
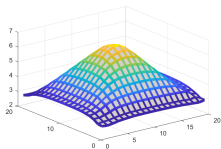
# Making UA-AMG adaptive: approximation of level sets

- ▶ Given an (approximation to the) error  $\mathbf{e}$ ;
- ▶ Define auxiliary graph with same set of edges and with weights based on the computed approximation of the error  $\mathbf{e}$ .

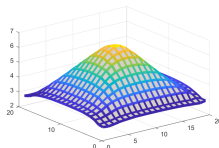
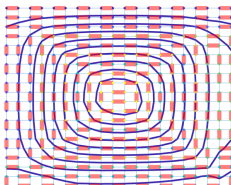
$$w_{ij} = \frac{1}{|e_i - e_j|}, \quad (i, j) \in \mathcal{E}; \quad \mathcal{G} = (\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E}).$$

- ▶ Form a max weight path cover for this graph.
- ▶ By construction the paths follow the level sets of  $\mathbf{e}$ , i.e.  $\mathbf{e} \Big|_p \approx \text{const}$  for any path  $p$  from the covering.

# Path cover of level sets: illustration



- Left: smooth error; Right: Path cover following the level sets of the error;

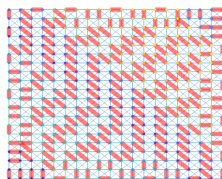
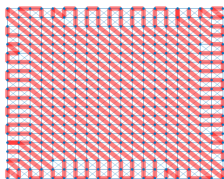
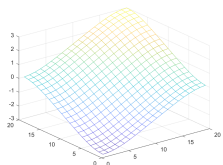


- Left: matchings following the level sets; Right: coarse space approximation. Error of approximation  $\approx 10^{-10}$ !

# What if...

## Level sets are not aligned with the grid

- ▶ We augment the set of adds of  $\mathcal{G}(A)$  by adding edges from  $\mathcal{G}(A^2)$  (corresponding to paths in  $\mathcal{G}(A)$  of length 2).



- Left: smooth error; Middle: path cover; Right: matching/aggregates on this path cover.



# How do we know the level sets of the error?

- ▶ Indeed,  $\mathbf{e}$  is readily known only when  $\mathbf{b} = 0$ : not practical.

## Practical adaptive algorithm

- ▶ With the current approximation  $\mathbf{x}_k$ , run several (couple of)  $W$  cycles on  $A\mathbf{e} = \mathbf{f} - A\mathbf{x}_k$  to obtain an approximation of the error.
  - ▶ Build hierarchy following the level sets of  $\mathbf{e}$ .
  - ▶ Perform AMG iterations until the convergence slows down and go to the first step; or go to the first step every iteration.
- This algorithm looks expensive but it is also aimed to solve hard problems (not just at Laplace equation on uniform grid)



# Numerical experiments (Real World Graphs)

Table: Largest connected components of the networks from the University of Florida sparse matrix collection (UF)

	$n \times 10^{-6}$	$\text{nnz} \times 10^{-6}$	Description
333SP	3.7	22.0	2-dimensional FE triangular meshes
belgium_osm	1.4	3.0	Belgium street network
M6	3.5	2.1	2-dimensional FE triangular meshes
NACA0015	1.0	6.2	2-dimensional FE triangular meshes
netherlands_osm	2.2	4.9	Netherlands street network
packing	2.1	35.0	DIMACS Implementation Challenge
500x100x100- b050			
roadNet-CA	1.9	5.5	California road network
roadNet-PA	1.1	3.1	Philadelphia road network
roadNet-TX	1.3	3.7	Texas road network
fl2010	0.5	2.8	Florida census 2010
as-Skitter	1.6	22.0	Autonomous systems by Skitter
hollywood-2009	1.0	113.0	Hollywood movie actor network



# Numerical experiments(continued)

Table: Largest connected components of the networks from Stanford large network datasets collection

	n	nnz	Description
com-DBLP	3.17080e5	2.41681e6	DBLP collaboration network
web-NotreDame	3.25729e5	1.09011e6	Web graph of Notre Dame
amazon0601	4.03364e5	5.28999e6	Amazon product co-purchasing network

# Numerical experiments(continued)

Table: UF Collection (Low-Frequency **b**)

	UA-AMG w/MWM			Algorithm A		Algorithm B		
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UF large network datasets collection								
333SP	–	0.997	1.89	9	2.01	14	7	2.08
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M6	–	0.997	1.86	10	2.11	15	8	2.11
NACA0015	–	0.995	1.86	9	2.10	14	7	2.10
netherlands_osm	–	0.997	1.98	10	2.02	16	9	2.02
packing	–	0.999	1.06	11	2.46	19	10	2.46
roadNet-CA	878	0.991	2.05	8	2.08	14	7	2.08
roadNet-PA	1382	0.991	2.05	8	2.10	14	7	2.09
roadNet-TX	1424	0.994	2.04	9	2.08	14	7	2.08
fl2010	–	0.998	1.83	9	2.19	15	7	2.19
as-Skitter	–	0.998	1.21	10	3.13	19	8	3.14
hollywood-2009	–	0.999	1.01	5	3.17	11	3	3.18

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Stanford large network datasets collection								
com-DBLP	297	0.986	2.01	4	3.22	11	2	3.22
web-NotreDame	–	0.999	1.26	7	2.43	13	6	2.40
amazon0601	–	0.998	1.58	5	3.49	12	4	3.52

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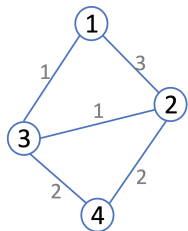
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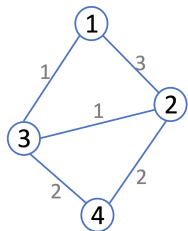
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For the graph Laplacian problem ,  $L\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{f}$ .

## Lemma (Prager-Synge and S. Repin)

Fix  $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , for any  $\boldsymbol{\tau} \in \mathbb{R}^m$ ,

$$\|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}\|_L \leq \|DG\mathbf{v} - \boldsymbol{\tau}\|_{D^{-1}} + C_p^{-1} \|G^T \boldsymbol{\tau} - \mathbf{f}\|. \quad (1)$$

$C_p$  is the Poincaré's constant of  $L$ .

### Remarks:

- ▶ RHS of this inequality provides a reliable upper bound of the error.
- ▶ This error estimate is expensive to compute.

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Fix  $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , for any  $\boldsymbol{\tau} \in \mathbb{R}^m$ ,

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$C_p$  is the Poincaré's constant of  $L$ .

### Remarks:

- ▶ RHS of this inequality provides a reliable upper bound of the error.
- ▶ This error estimate is expensive to compute.

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W. Xu, Z., J. Comput. Appl. Math. (2018)

# A Posteriori Error Estimates

Denote  $\mathcal{W}(\mathbf{f}) = \{\boldsymbol{\tau} \in \mathbb{R}^m \mid G^T \boldsymbol{\tau} = \mathbf{f}\}$ .

## Theorem (Exact error)

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K. Wu, X. Hu, & Z., arXiv (2021)

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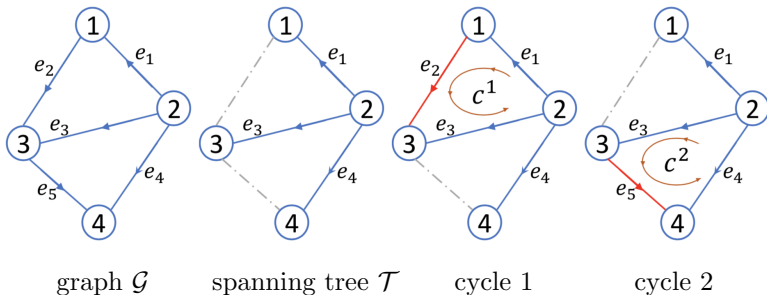
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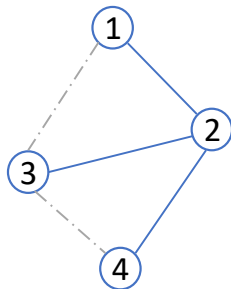
## Spanning Tree and Cycle Space



Fundamental cycle basis:

$$\mathbf{c}^1 = [1, 1, -1, 0, 0]^T, \quad \mathbf{c}^2 = [0, 0, 1, -1, 1]^T.$$

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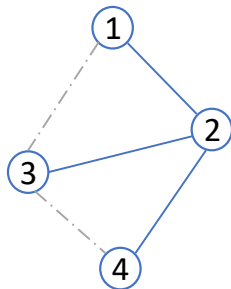
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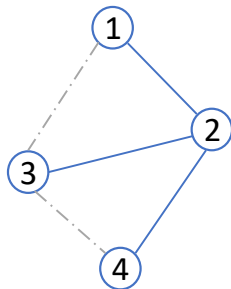
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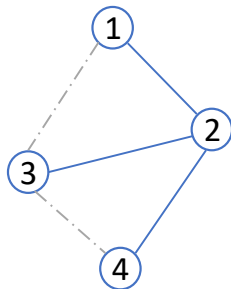
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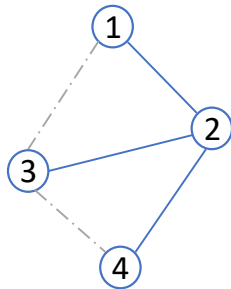
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D. Rose et al. SIAM J. Comput.(1976)

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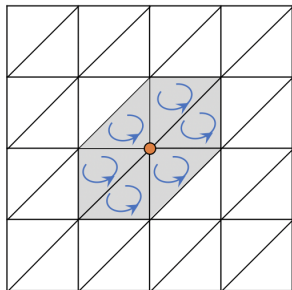
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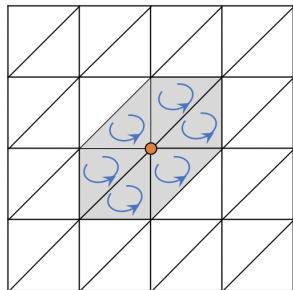
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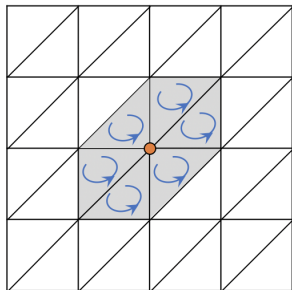


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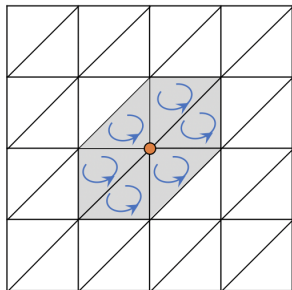
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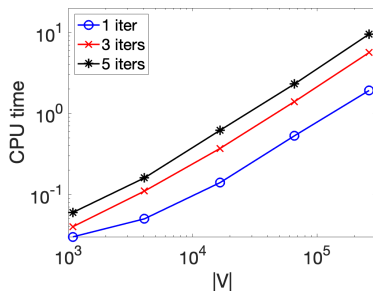
# Results: Scalability

## Parameters and Notation:

- Graph: 2D uniform triangular grids (corresponding to 2D Poisson equation on square domain with Neumann B.C.)
- Grid size:  $h = 2^{-\ell}$ ,  $\ell = 5, 6, 7, 8, 9$ .
- Cycle type: face cycle.
- Efficiency coefficient:  $e_{ff} := \frac{\psi(\tau)}{\|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}\|_L}$ .
- CPU time: in seconds.

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$ \mathcal{V} $	$\ \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}\ _L$	1 iter		3 iters		5 iters	
		$\psi(\boldsymbol{\tau})$	$e_{ff}$	$\psi(\boldsymbol{\tau})$	$e_{ff}$	$\psi(\boldsymbol{\tau})$	$e_{ff}$
1089	1.73	2.25	1.30	1.99	1.15	1.91	1.10
4097	1.73	2.67	1.55	2.28	1.32	2.16	1.25
16641	1.73	3.36	1.95	2.76	1.60	2.56	1.48
66049	1.72	4.43	2.57	3.51	2.03	3.20	1.86
263169	1.72	6.01	3.49	4.66	2.71	4.19	2.43



## Results: Real World Graphs

$ \mathcal{V} $	$ \mathcal{E} $	Problem Type	$\ \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}\ _L$	$\psi(\tau)$	$e_{ff}$
292	958	Least Squares Problem	1.74	1.75	1.00
1879	5525	Circuit Simulation	2.71	2.71	1.00
5300	8271	Power Network	5.82	5.82	1.00
2048	4034	Electromagnetics Problem	0.47	0.50	1.07
1423	16342	Structural Problem	14.5	19.7	1.36
8205	58681	Accoustic Problem	23.8	37.7	1.58
1857	13762	Social Network	52.9	76.3	1.44
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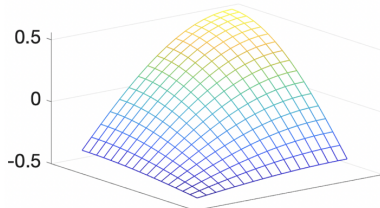
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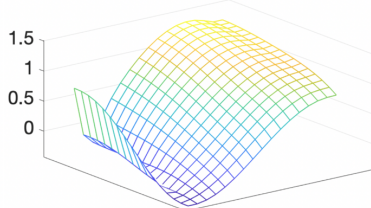
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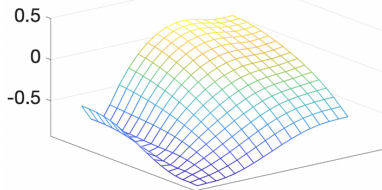
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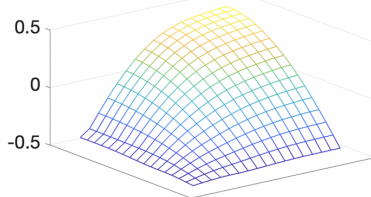
**$\psi_e(\boldsymbol{\tau})$  1 iteration**



**$\psi_e(\boldsymbol{\tau})$  3 iterations**



**$\psi_e(\boldsymbol{\tau})$  5 iterations**





# Application: $\alpha$ AMG Coarsening

Idea: use approximate (smooth) error to build adaptive AMG.

Path Cover adaptive AMG (PC- $\alpha$ AMG):

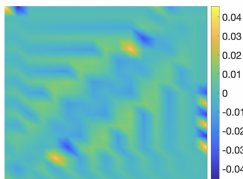
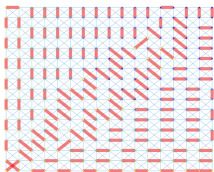
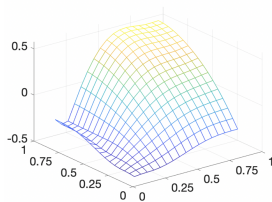
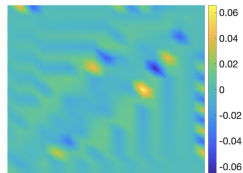
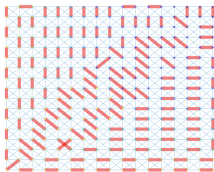
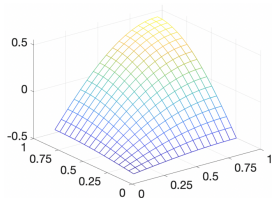
- Approximate the smooth error **with a posteriori error estimates**.
- Find level sets of the smooth error by path cover.
- Aggregate along the level sets.
- Define AMG hierarchy using the aggregates and smooth error.

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# Application: $\alpha$ AMG coarsening



upper row: aggregation with smooth error.  
lower row: aggregation with error estimator.



# Summary

- ▶ Operator preconditioning: provides a path for constructing error indicators, right?
- ▶ A posteriori techniques can aid Adaptive AMG coarsening.
  - ▶ Approximate the smooth error using a posteriori estimator.
  - ▶ Adaptive path cover algorithm (coarsening following the level sets of an approximation of the error)
- ▶ Such techniques currently finding their way into the HAZniCS library <https://hazmathteam.github.io/hazmath/>



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