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# Mimetic discretizations for diffusion equation on polygonal meshes in Cartesian and Cylindrical geometries

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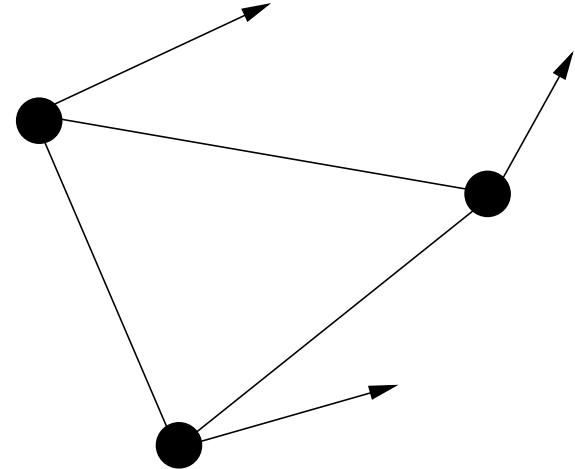
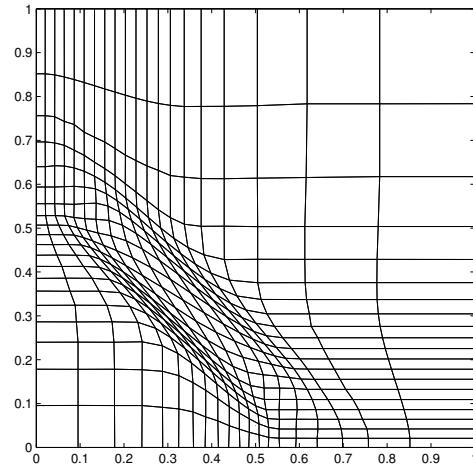
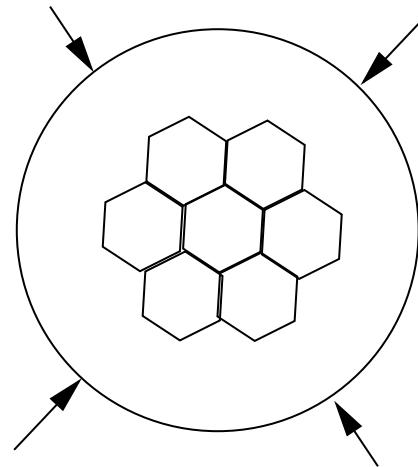
$$\text{GRAD} = -\text{DIV}^*$$

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Polygonal meshes are needed in ALE simulations:

- spherical contraction (polygon is more stable than triangle);
- front capturing (bad approximation near domain boundaries);
- deadlock in incompressible fluid simulations (triangle shape is too restrictive).

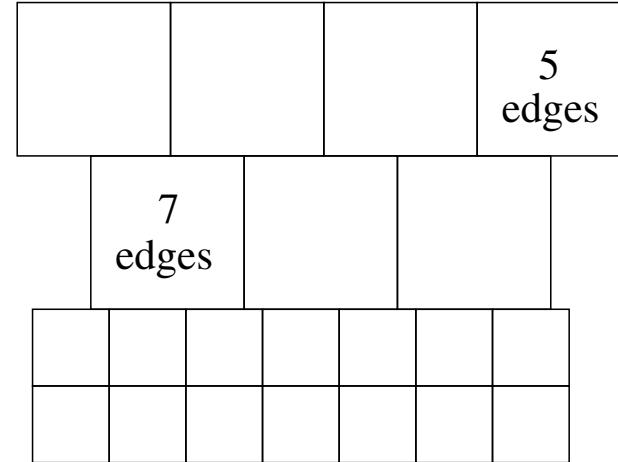
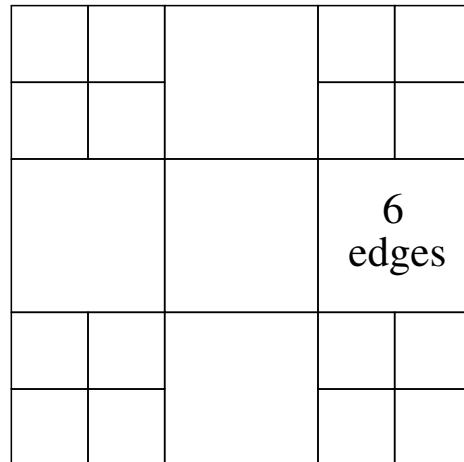


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Polygonal meshes are appeared in many applications:

- adaptive refinement with hanging nodes (degenerated polygons);
- non-matching grids (big aspect ratio of polygon edges).



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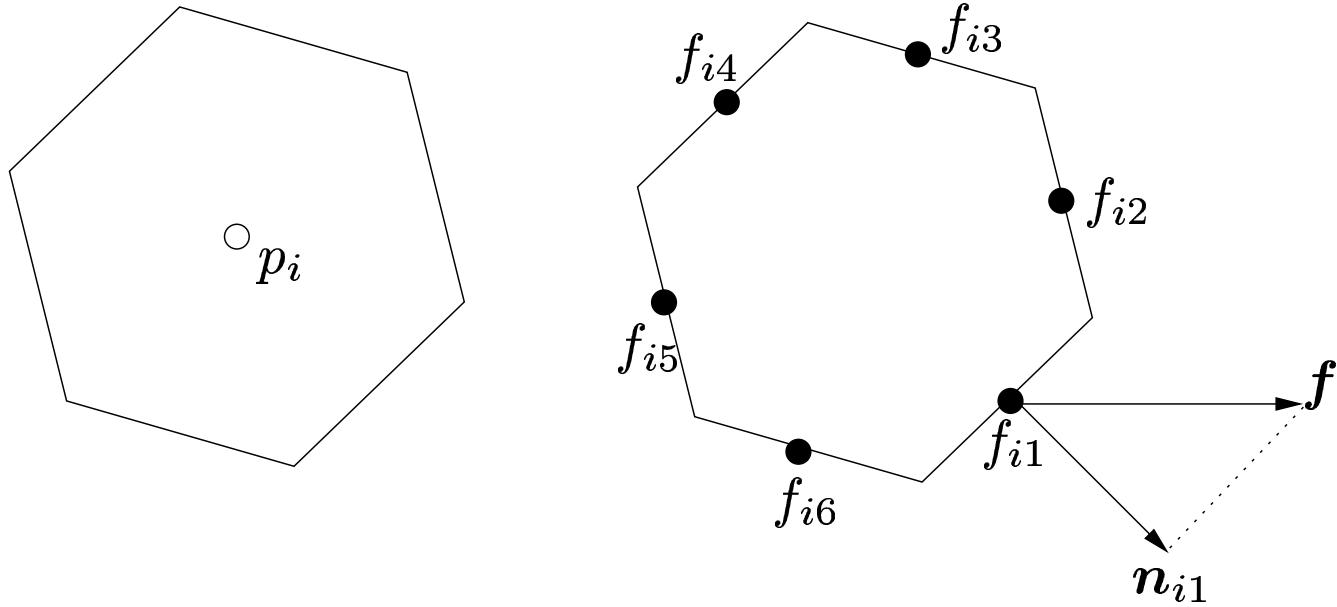
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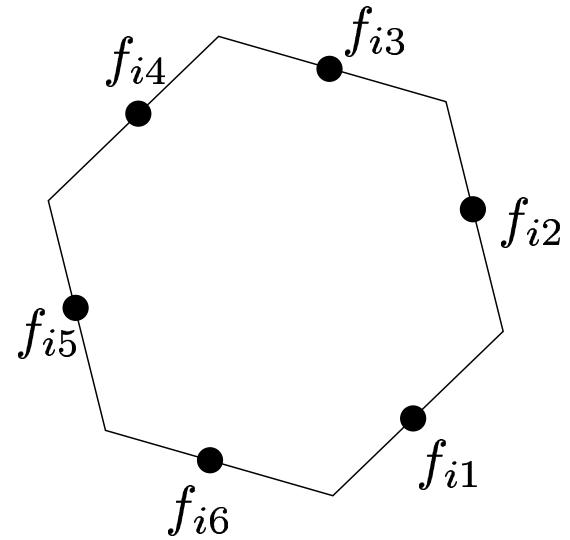
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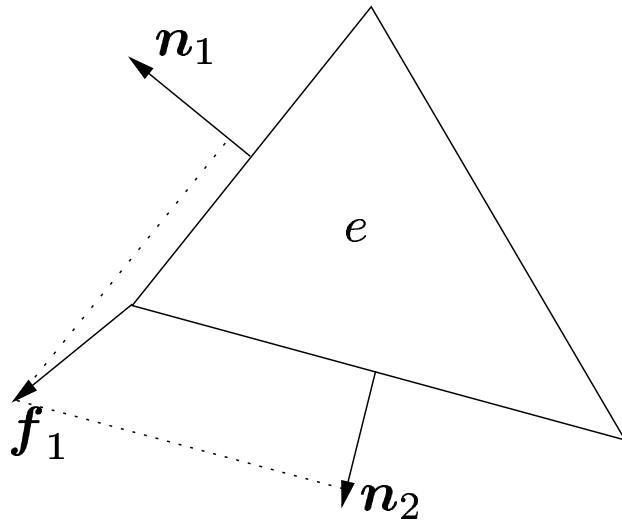
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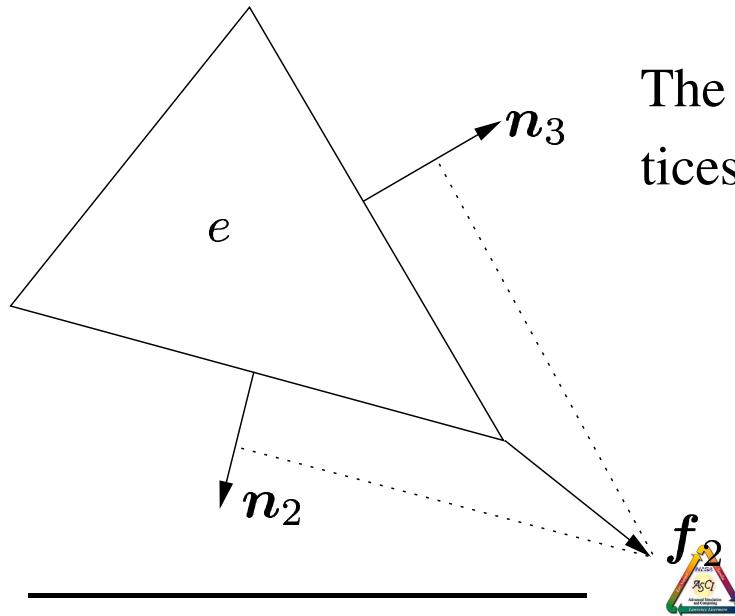
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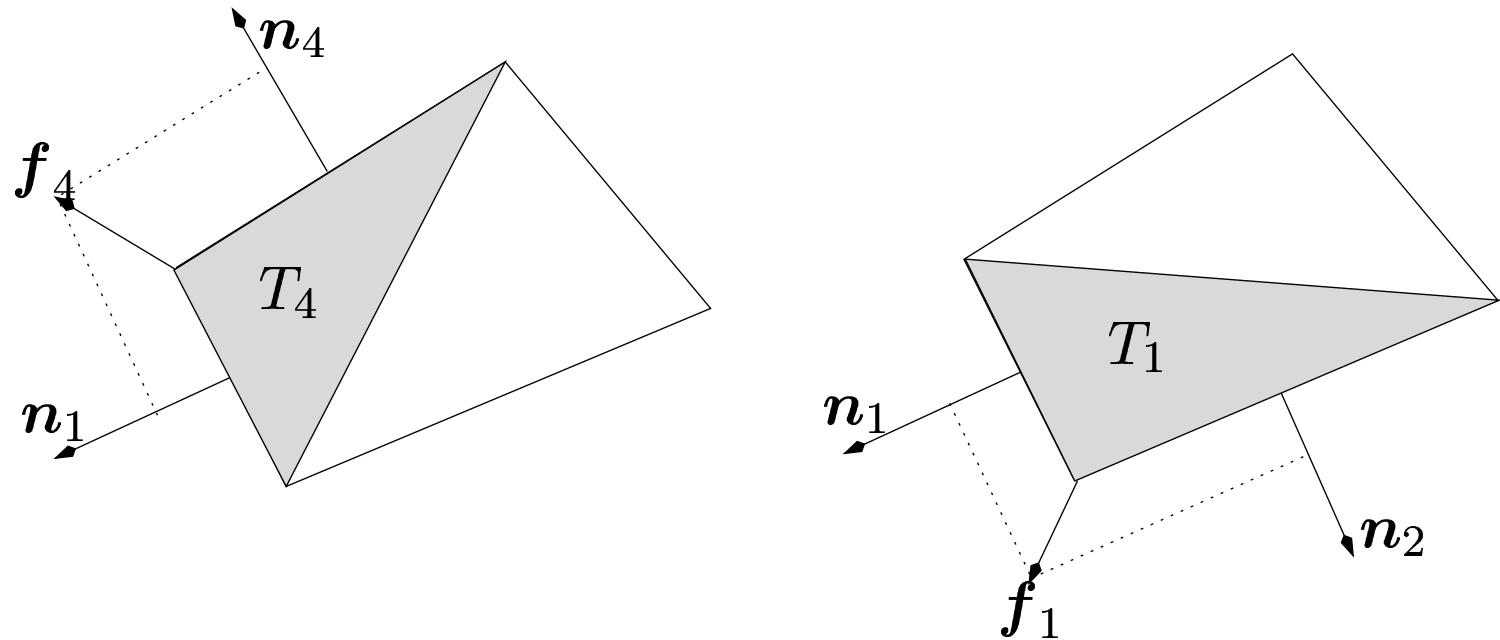
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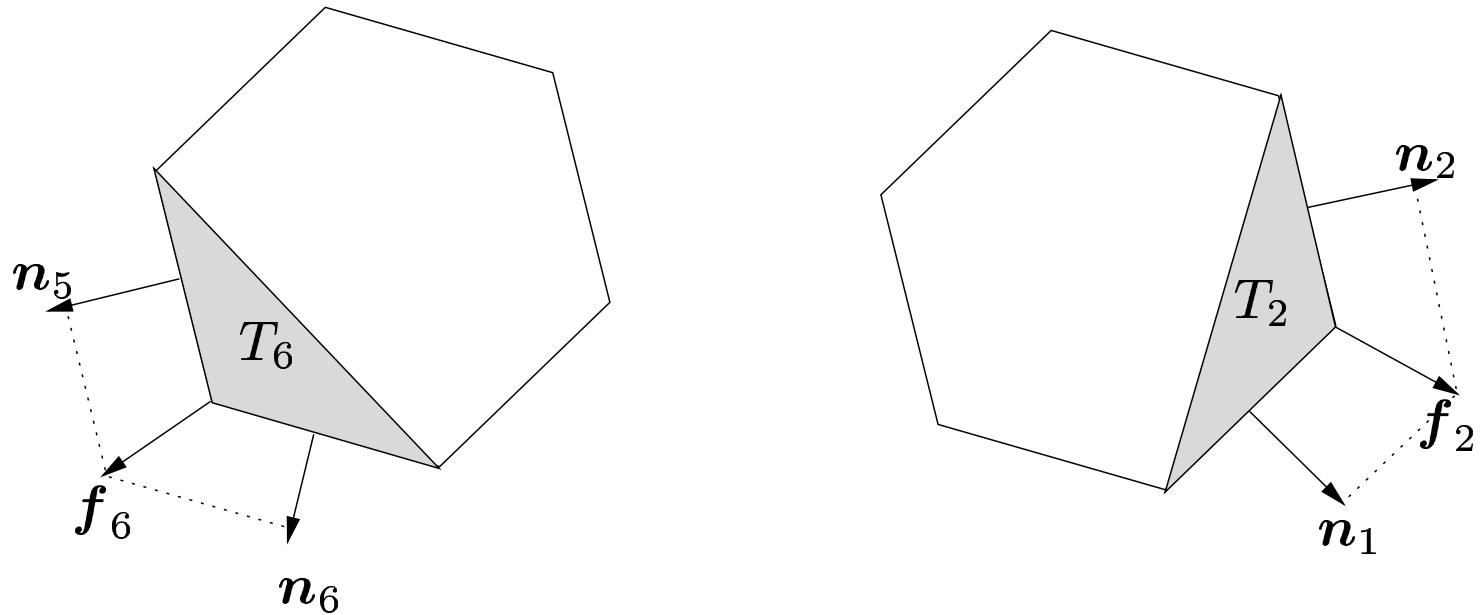
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The vectors can be recovered uniquely at vertices of non-degenerated polygon  $e$ .



$$[f^h, g^h]_{X,e} = \frac{|e|}{\sum_j |T_j|} \sum_{j=1}^6 |T_j| f_j \cdot g_j$$

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The stationary diffusion problem

$$\begin{aligned}-\operatorname{div}(\mathbf{K} \nabla p) &= Q \quad \text{in } \Omega, \\ p &= 0 \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega,\end{aligned}$$

is rewritten as the 1st order system:

$$\mathbf{f} = -\mathbf{K} \nabla p, \quad \operatorname{div} \mathbf{f} = Q,$$

and is discretized as follows:

$$\mathbf{f}^h = -\operatorname{GRAD} p^h, \quad \operatorname{DIV} \mathbf{f}^h = Q^h.$$

# Properties of GRAD operator

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By the definition

$$[\text{GRAD } p^h, f^h]_X = -[p^h, \text{DIV } f^h]_Q.$$

Let  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  be the usual vector dot product. Then

$$[p^h, q^h]_Q = \langle \mathcal{D}p^h, q^h \rangle, \quad [f^h, g^h]_X = \langle \mathcal{M}f^h, g^h \rangle.$$

We get

$$\begin{aligned} [\text{GRAD } p^h, f^h]_X &= \langle \mathcal{M} \text{GRAD } p^h, f^h \rangle \\ &= -[p^h, \text{DIV } f^h]_Q = -\langle \text{DIV}^t \mathcal{D} p^h, f^h \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\text{GRAD} = -\mathcal{M}^{-1} \text{DIV}^t \mathcal{D}.$$

is the **non-local** operator.



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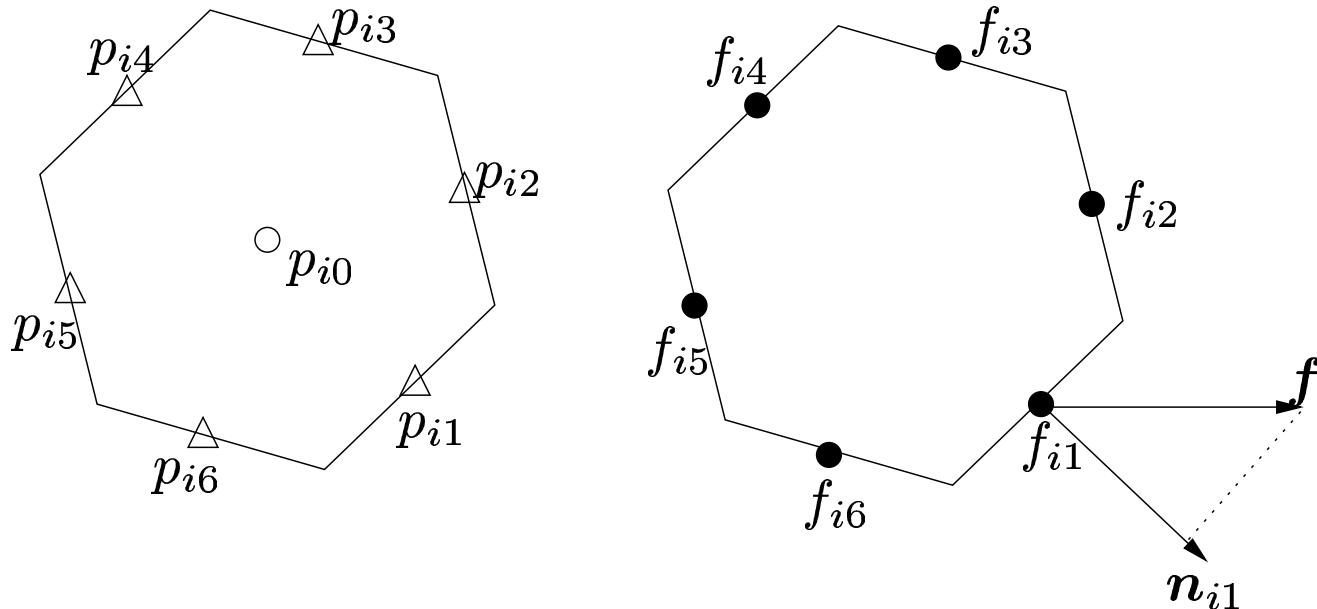
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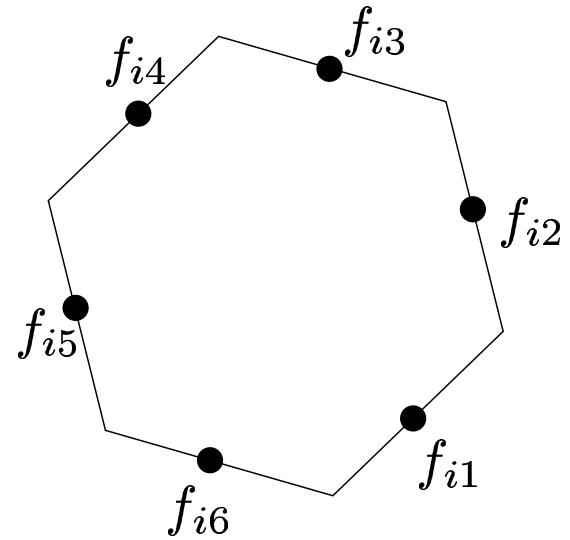
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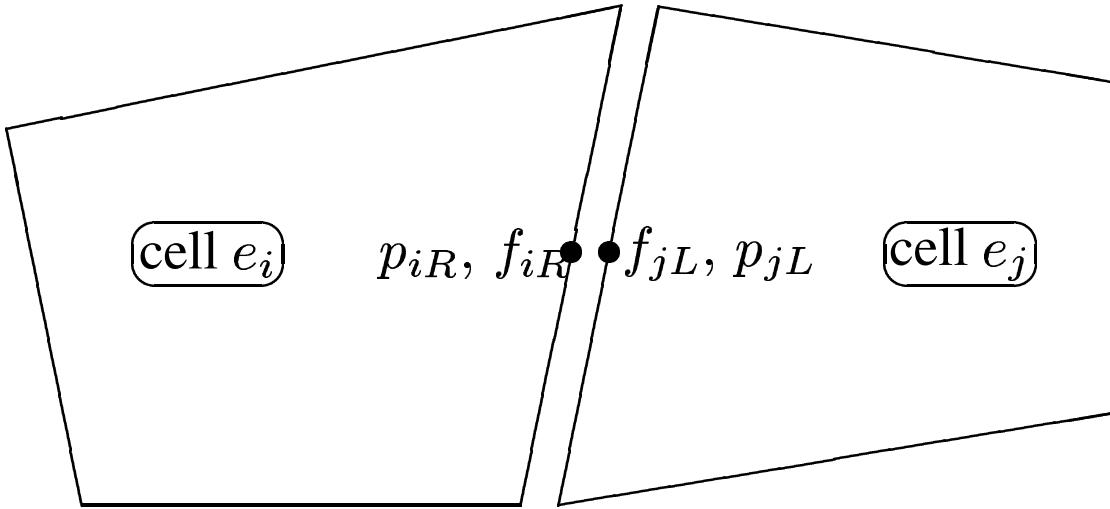
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# Continuity conditions

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The global discretization is achieved by imposing the continuity of fluxes

$$f_{iR} = -f_{jL}$$

and interface intensities

$$p_{iR} = p_{jL}.$$

# Scalar product of fluxes

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■ quadrilateral

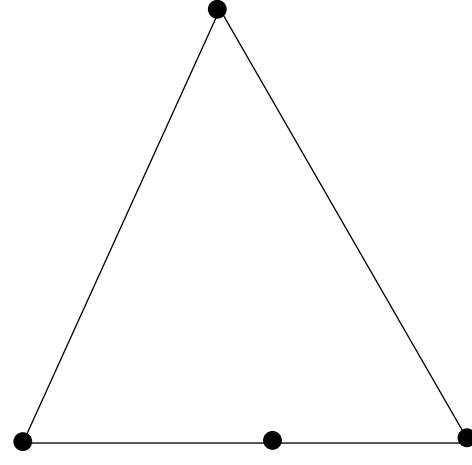
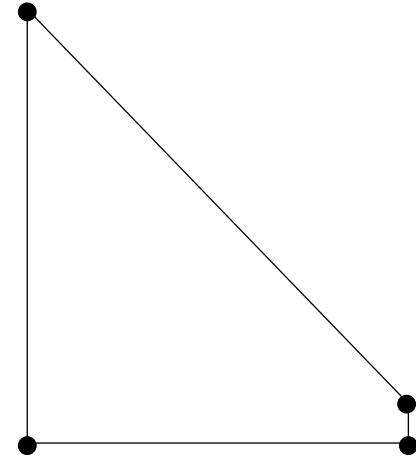
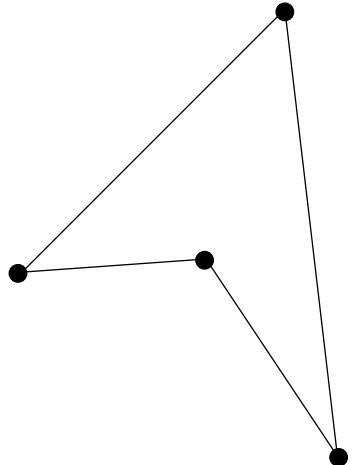


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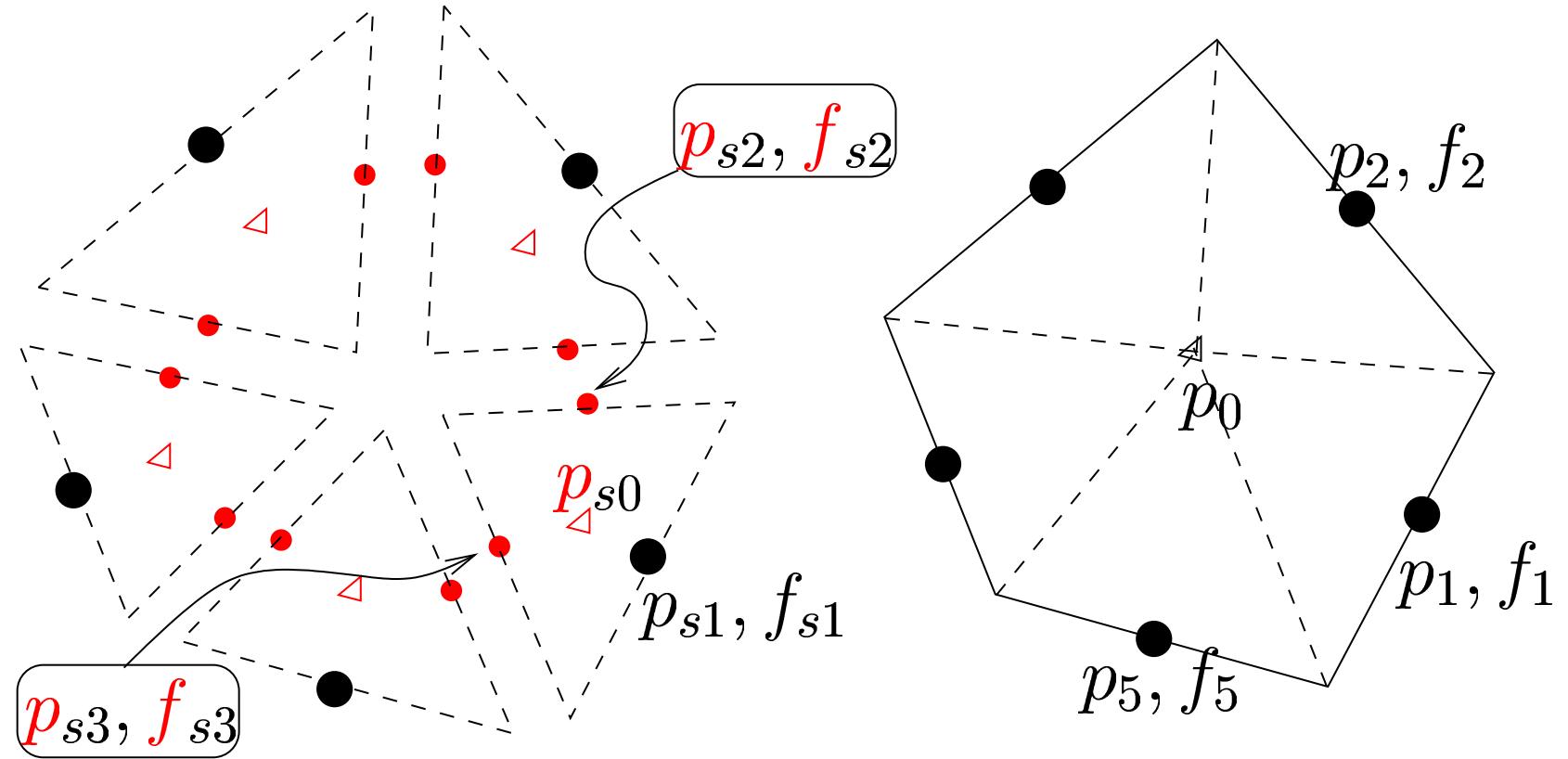


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- d.o.f. for polygonal scheme differ from d.o.f. for triangular scheme;
- the **added d.o.f.** can not be explicitly eliminated.

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Let

$$\mathbf{f}^h = (f^h, \mathbf{f}_{int}^h).$$

Then

$$[\text{GRAD } p^h, \mathbf{f}^h]_{X, \Delta_s} + [p^h, \text{DIV } \mathbf{f}^h]_{Q, \Delta_s} = \langle p^h, \mathbf{f}^h \rangle_{W, \Delta_s}.$$

- the formulas are exact for linear solutions;
- our goal is to find  $[\cdot, \cdot]_{X,e}$  such that

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as

$$[\mathbf{g}^h, \mathbf{f}^h]_{X, \Delta_s} + (\text{DIV } \mathbf{f}^h)_{\Delta_s} \mathbf{p}_{s0} |\Delta_s| = \sum_{k=1}^3 \mathbf{f}_{sk} \mathbf{p}_{sk} |\ell_{sk}|.$$

Assembling the Green formulas, we get:

$$\sum_{\Delta_s \subset e} [\mathbf{g}^h, \mathbf{f}^h]_{X, \Delta_s} + (\text{DIV } \mathbf{f}^h)_e \sum_{\Delta_s \subset e} \mathbf{p}_{s0} |\Delta_s| = \sum_{\ell_k \subset \partial e} f_k p_k \ell_k.$$

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For linear solutions we have

$$p_0 |e| = \sum_{\Delta_s \subset e} \mathbf{p}_{s0} |\Delta_s|.$$

Thus, formula

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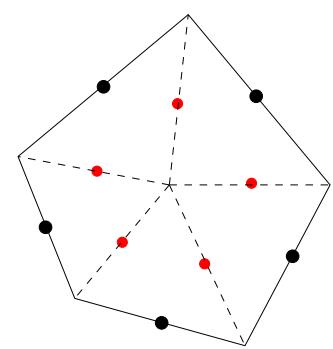
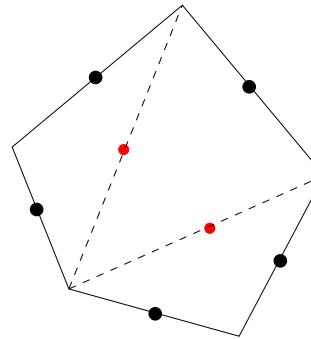
**Lemma.** *The system*

$$(\text{DIV } \mathbf{f}^h)_{\Delta s} = (\text{DIV } f^h)_e, \quad s = 1, \dots, S,$$

*has at least one solution.*

**Example.**

- $T$  - number of triangles ( $T = 3$  or  $5$ );
- $B$  - number of boundary edges ( $B = 5$ );
- $I$  - number of interior edges ( $I = 2$  or  $5$ ).



$$C_2 \mathbf{f}_{int}^h = C_1 f^h, \quad C_2 \in \mathbb{R}^{T \times I}, \quad C_1 \in \mathbb{R}^{T \times B}$$

In both cases:

$$\mathbf{f}_{int}^h = C f^h.$$

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$$\sum_{\Delta_s \subset e} [\mathbf{g}^h, \mathbf{f}^h]_{X, \Delta_s} = [\mathbf{g}^h]^T M \mathbf{f}^h.$$

where

$$\mathbf{f}^h = \begin{pmatrix} f^h \\ \mathbf{f}_{int}^h \end{pmatrix}.$$

Substituting

$$\mathbf{f}_{int}^h = C f^h \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{g}_{int}^h = C g^h,$$

we get

$$[\mathbf{g}^h]^T M \mathbf{f}^h = [\mathbf{g}^h]^T \tilde{M} f^h \equiv [\mathbf{g}^h, f^h]_{X, e}.$$

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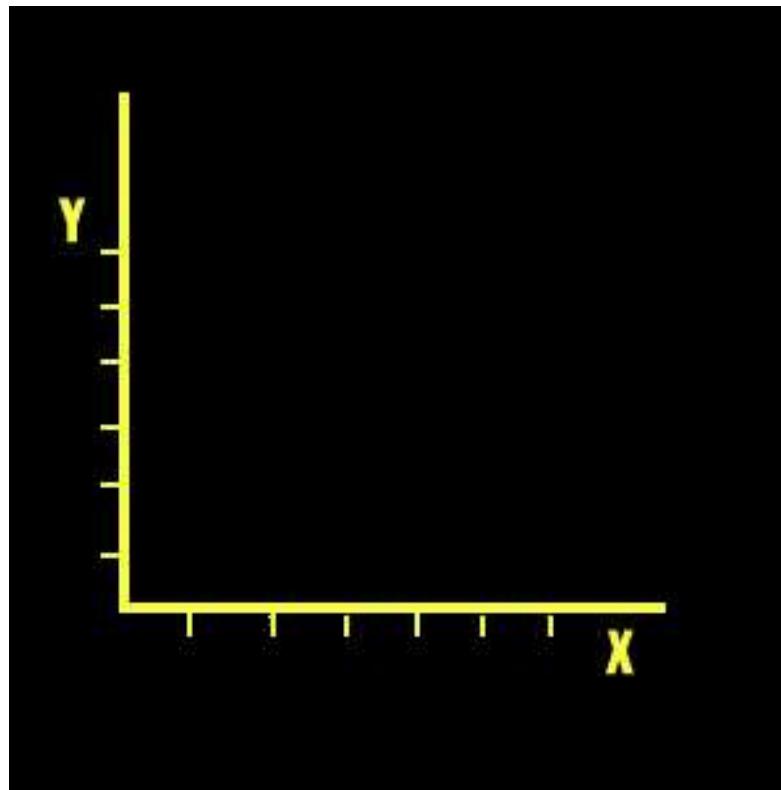
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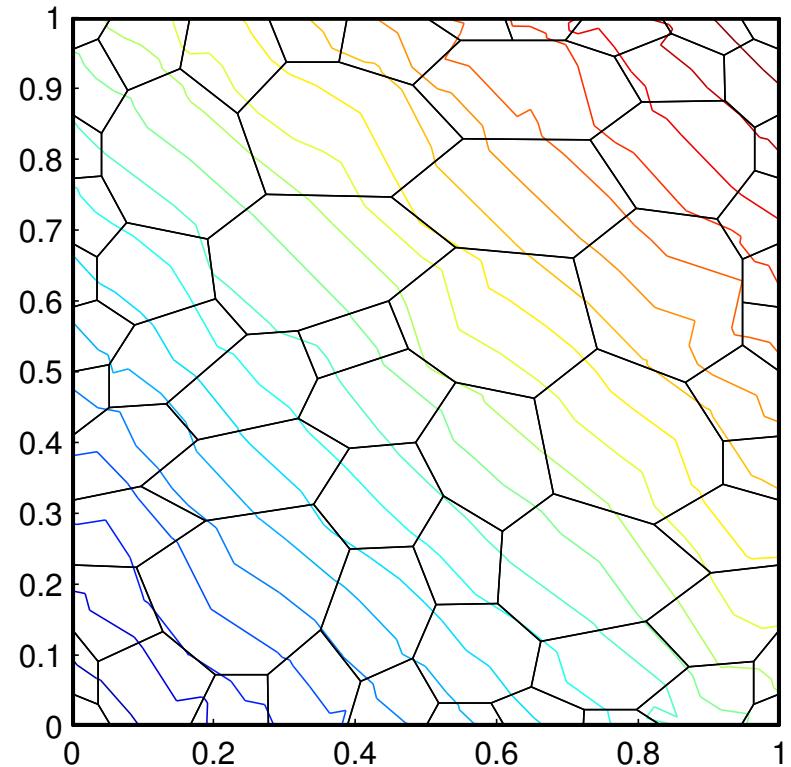
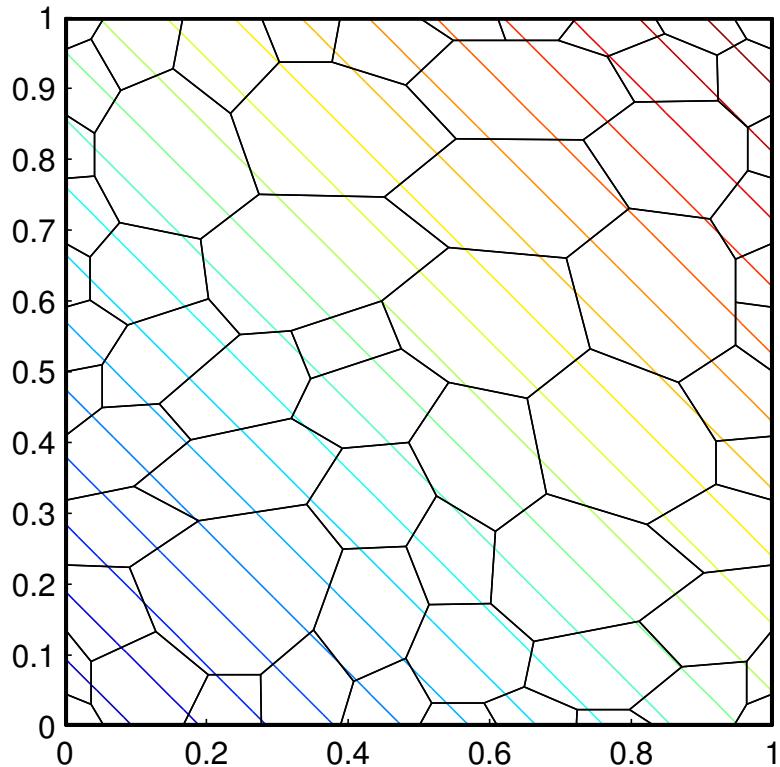
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# New scalar product vs old one

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Cartesian geometry: exact solution is  $p(x, y) = x + y$ .



# Summary of properties

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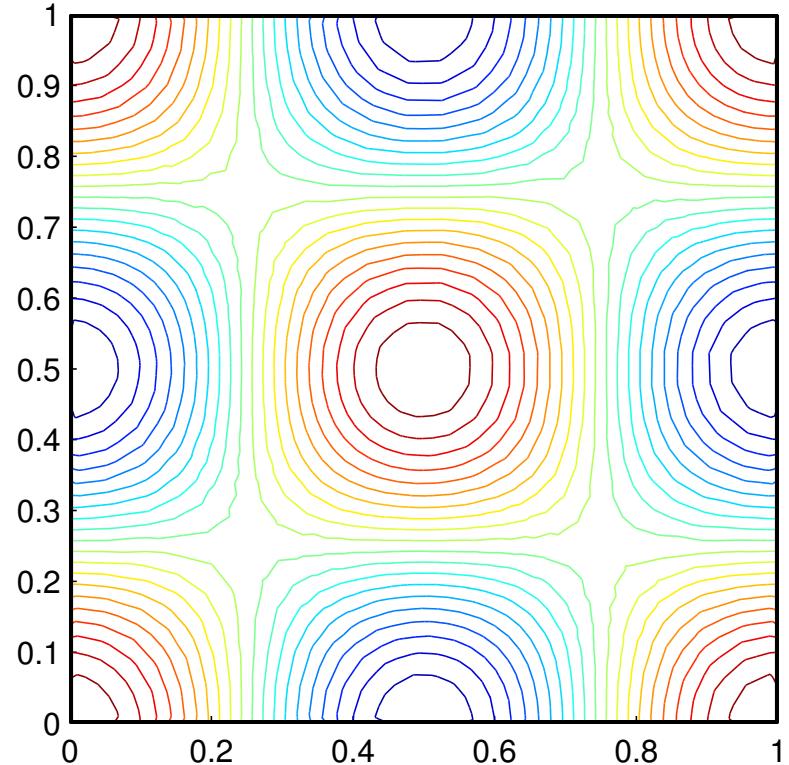
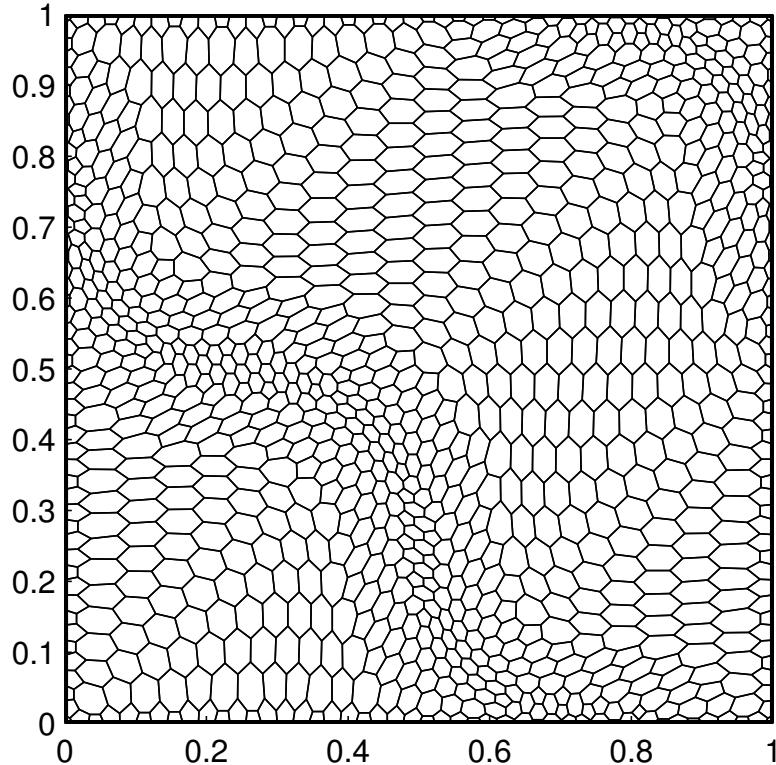
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Cartesian geometry: exact solution is

$$p(x, y) = \cos(2\pi x) \cos(2\pi y).$$



# New scalar product vs old one (cont.)

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$m$	New scalar product		Old scalar product	
	$\ \mathcal{P}_h p - p^h\ $	$\ \Pi_h f - f^h\ $	$\ \mathcal{P}_h p - p^h\ $	$\ \Pi_h f - f^h\ $
64	1.07e-1	3.68e-1	1.81e-1	4.57e-1
256	2.60e-2	1.64e-1	3.39e-2	2.52e-1
1024	5.11e-3	8.28e-2	6.64e-3	1.72e-1
4096	1.05e-3	4.29e-2	1.51e-3	1.20e-1
rate	2.23	1.03	2.31	0.63

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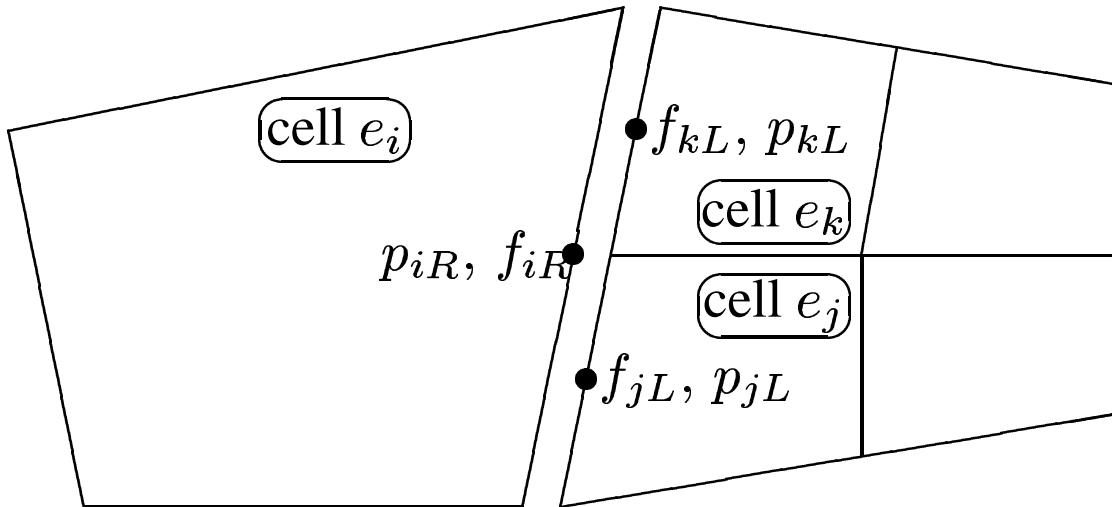
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Continuity conditions for AMR meshes: joint work with Jim Morel, CCS-4.



The global discretization is achieved by imposing the continuity of fluxes:

$$f_{iR} = -f_{jL} = -f_{kL}$$

and interface pressures:

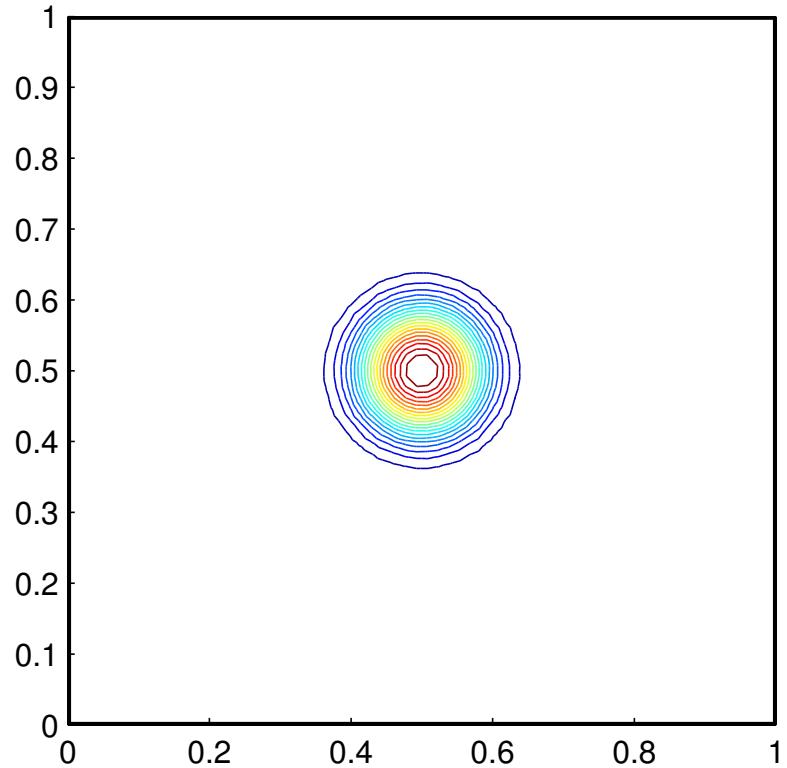
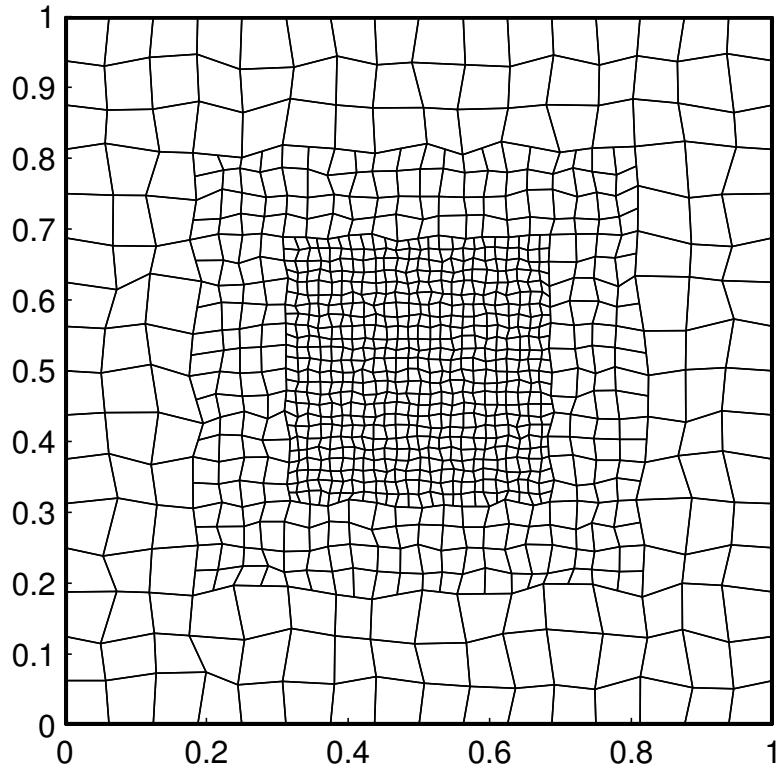
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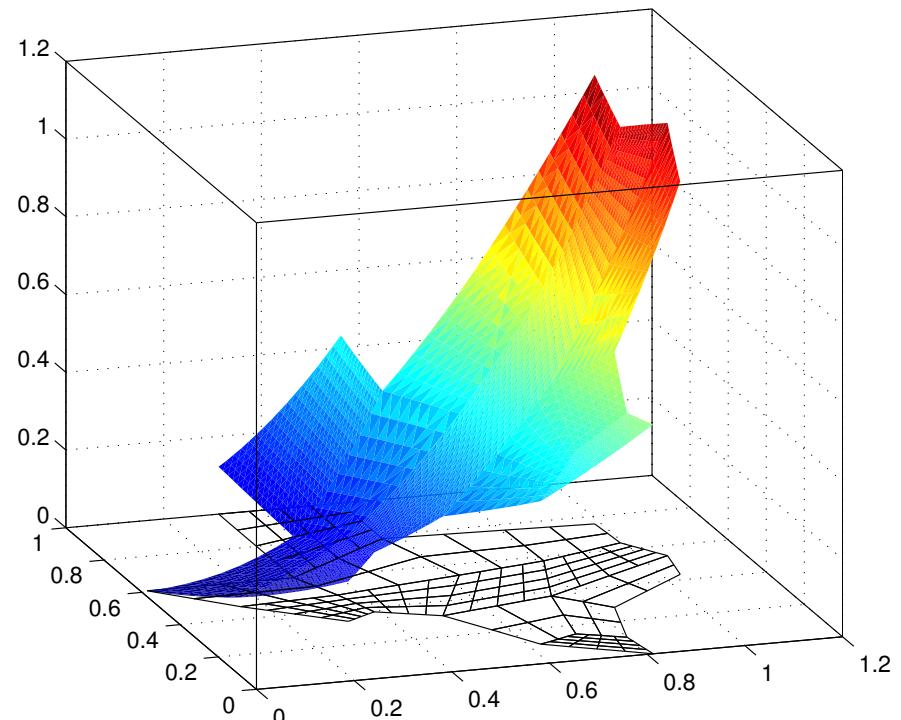
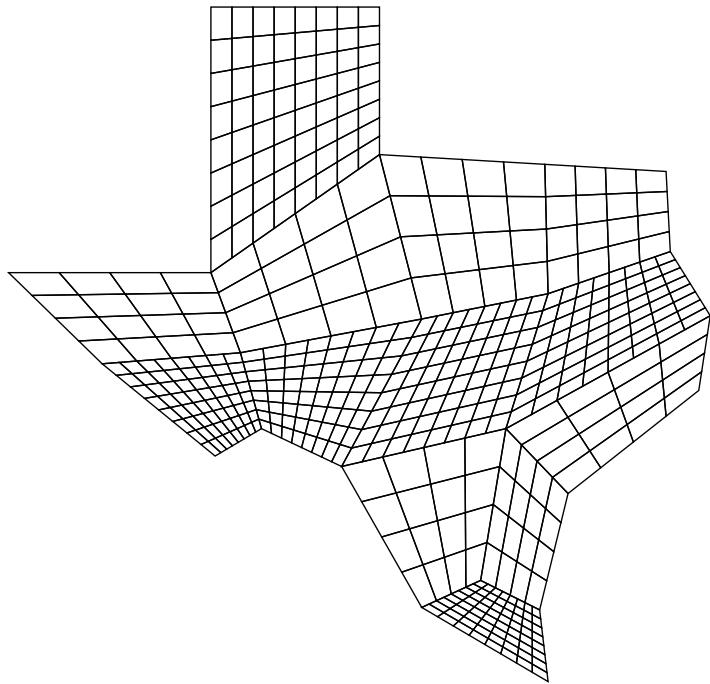
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0	256	5.34e-2	8.26e-2	7.11e-2	9.25e-2
1	556	1.01e-2	3.28e-2	1.47e-2	3.25e-2
2	988	2.71e-3	1.16e-2	3.96e-3	1.55e-2
3	3952	6.92e-4	5.56e-3	9.60e-4	7.89e-3
4	15808	1.73e-4	2.84e-3	2.45e-4	3.69e-3
rate		2.67	1.58	2.66	1.47

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32	7.37e-5	4.64e-3	1.11e-4	2.96e-3
64	1.87e-5	1.68e-3	2.77e-5	9.88e-4
128	4.72e-6	7.23e-4	6.90e-6	3.38e-4
256	1.19e-6	2.42e-4	1.72e-6	1.17e-4
rate	1.99	1.43	2.00	1.57

# Summary of properties

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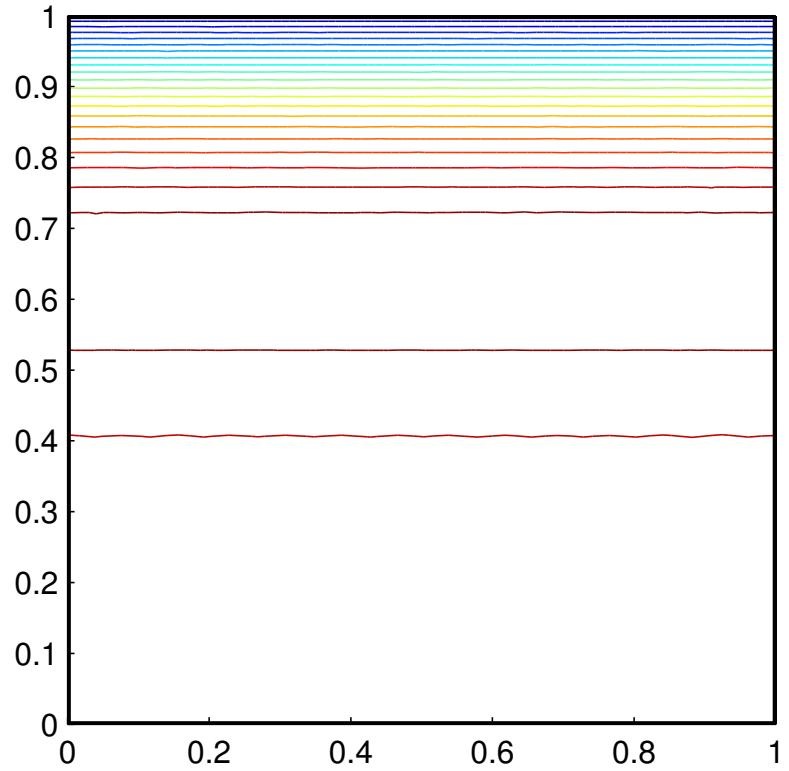
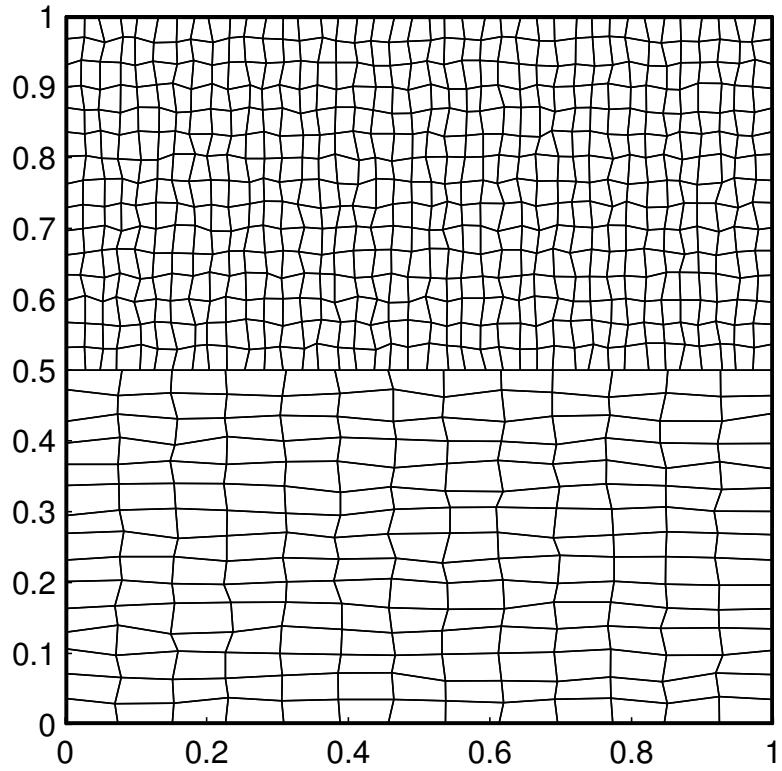
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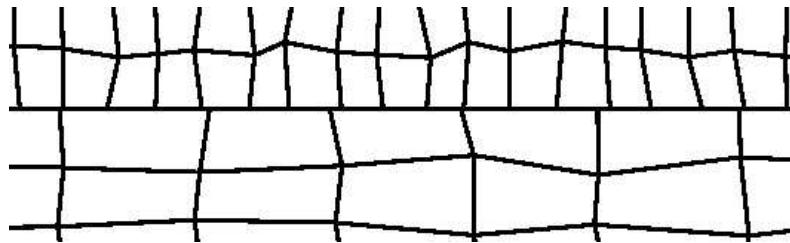
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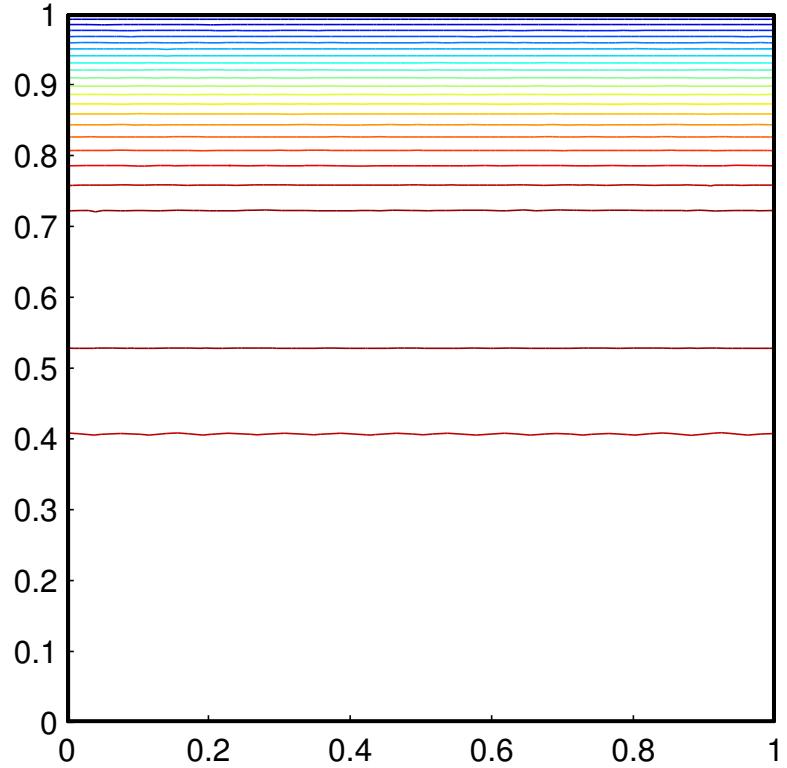
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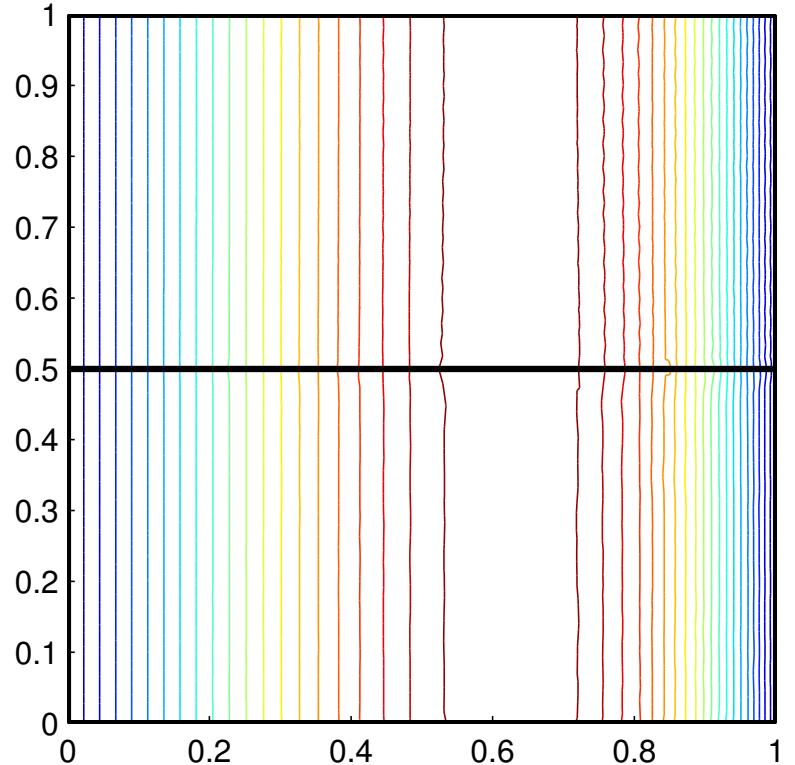
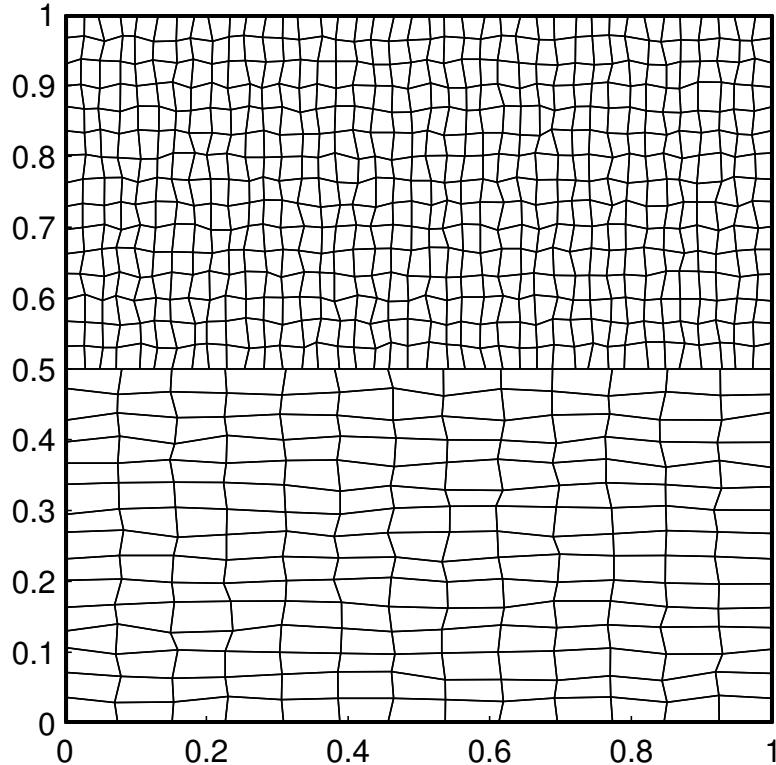
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54610	1.64e-5	7.22e-4	2024.	14	13.2
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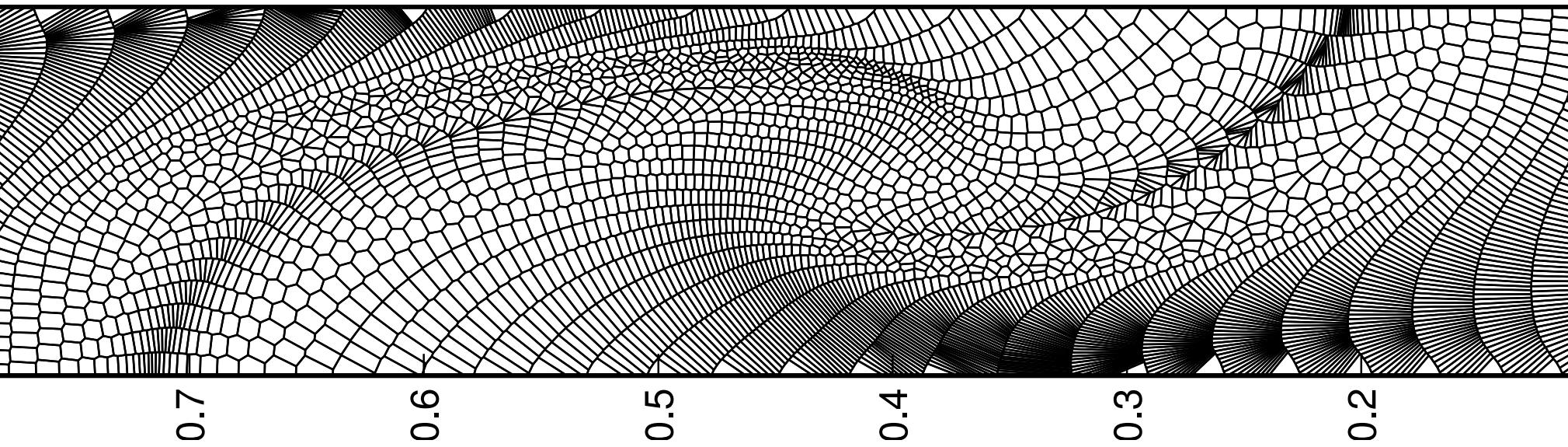
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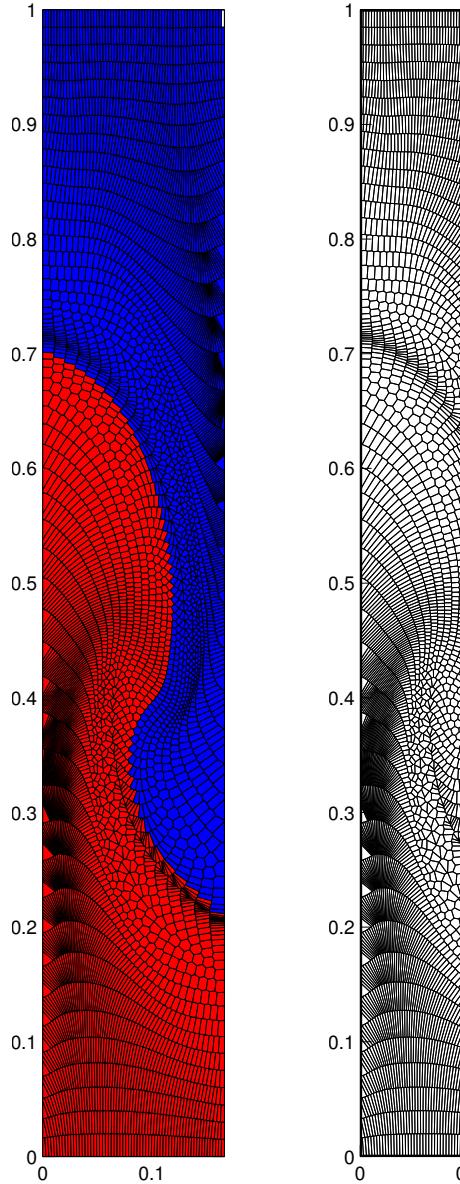
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## Cartesian geometry



- zoom of  $[0, 0.166667] \times [0, 1]$  computational domain rotated counter clockwise;
- $64 \times 64$  mesh cells.

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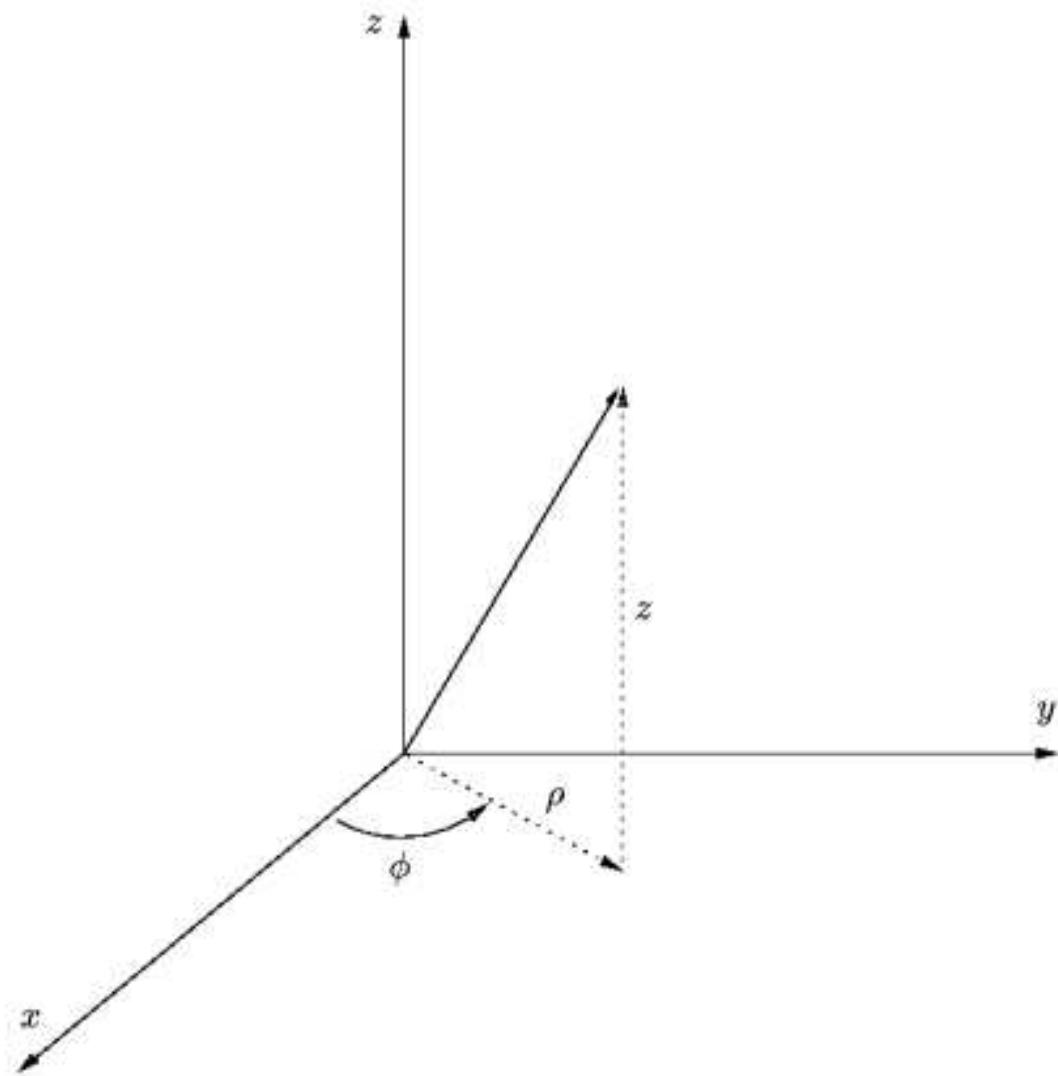


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- logically “rectangular” mesh with  $64 \times 64$  elements has aspect ratio  $\rho$ ,
  
$$\rho = \max_{cells} \frac{\max_i |\ell_i|}{\min_i |\ell_i|} \approx 4.5 \cdot 10^4;$$
- 39 PCG iterations for the relative tolerance  $10^{-12}$ .

# Numerical experiments

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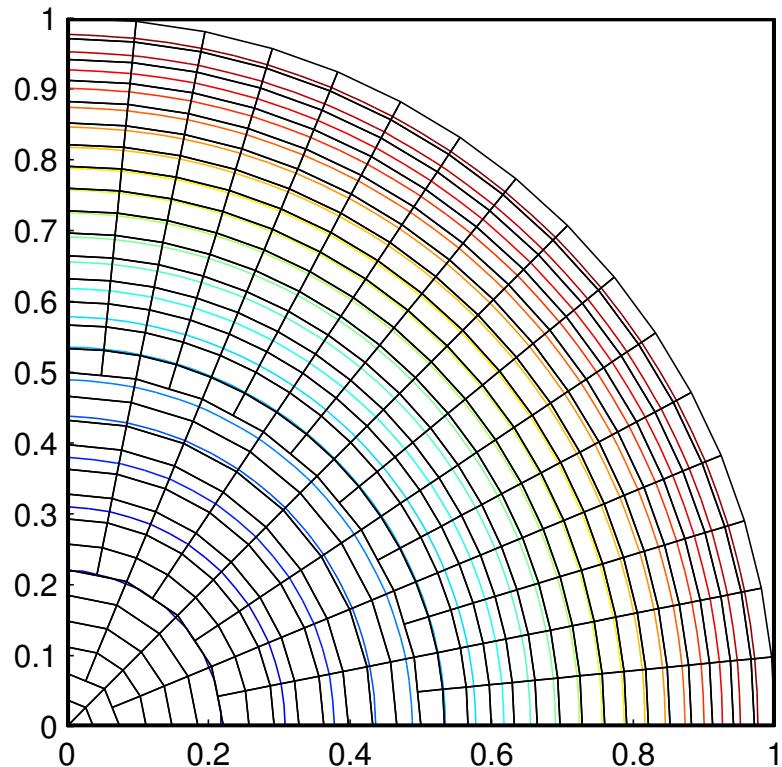
Cylindrical  
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Geometry



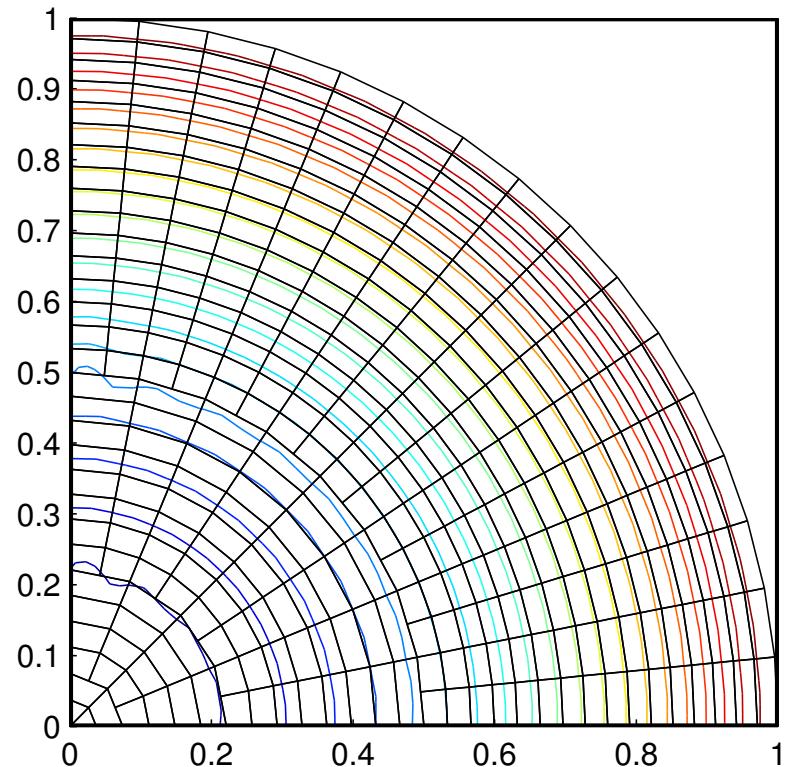
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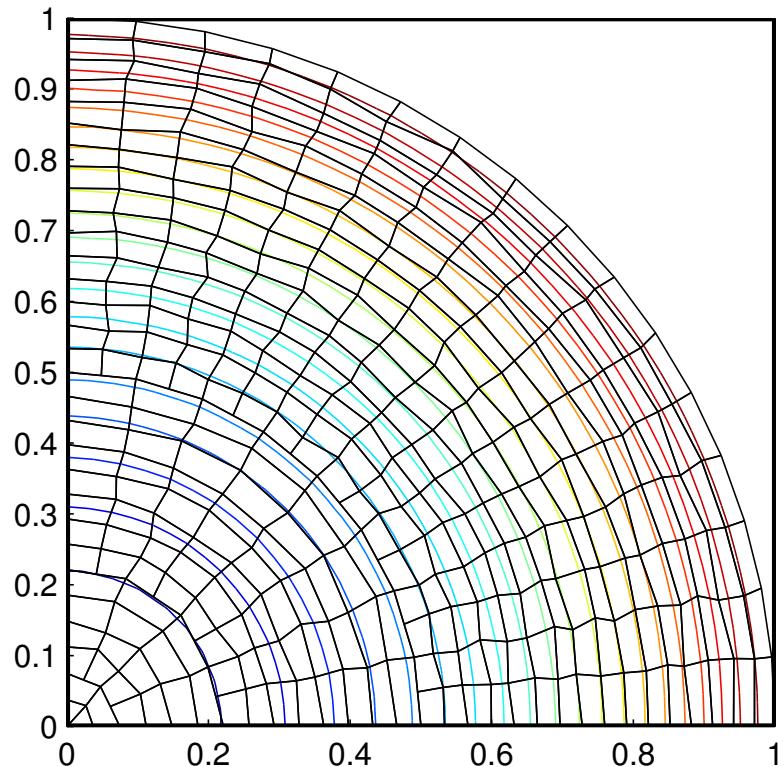


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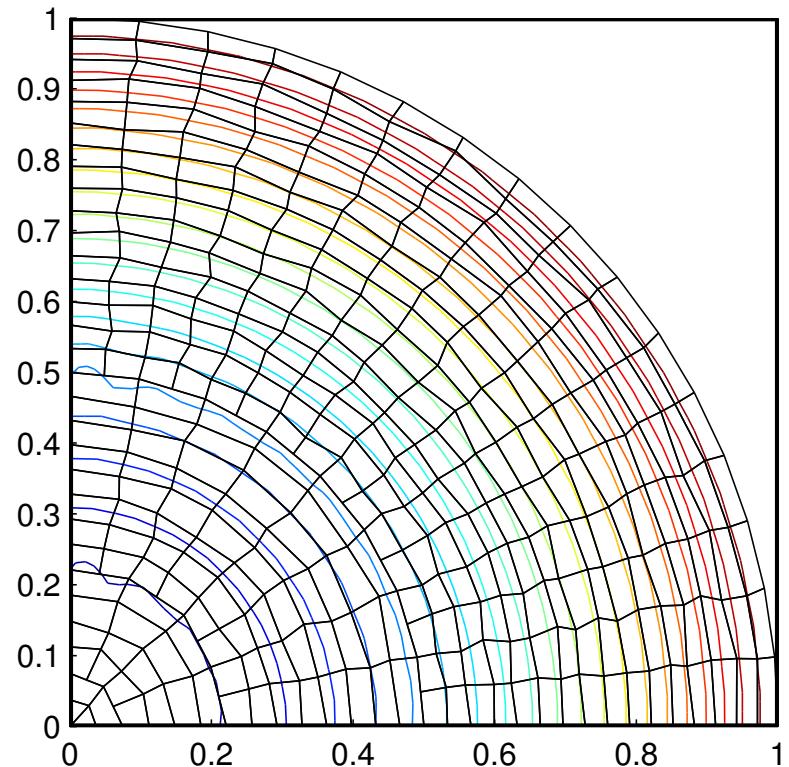
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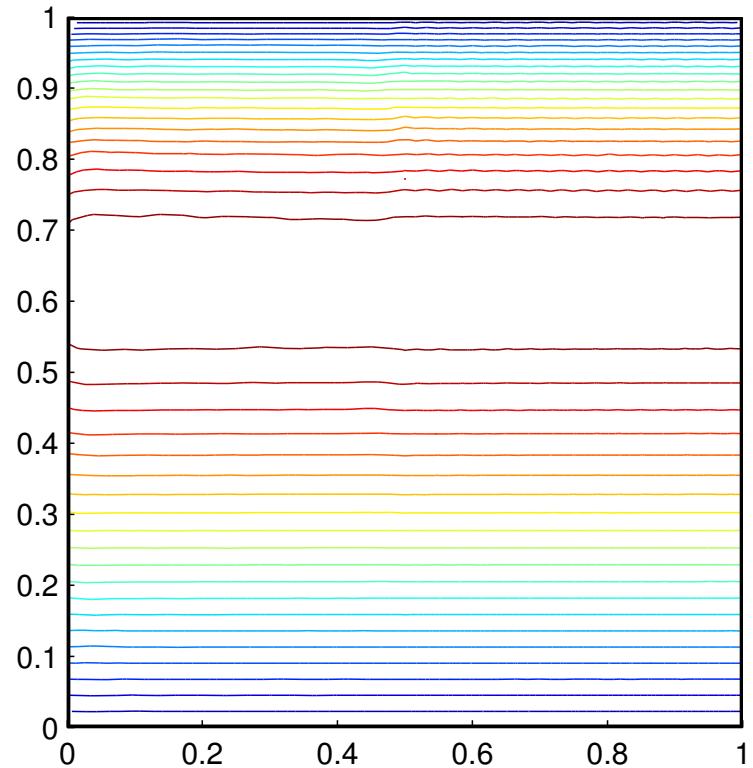
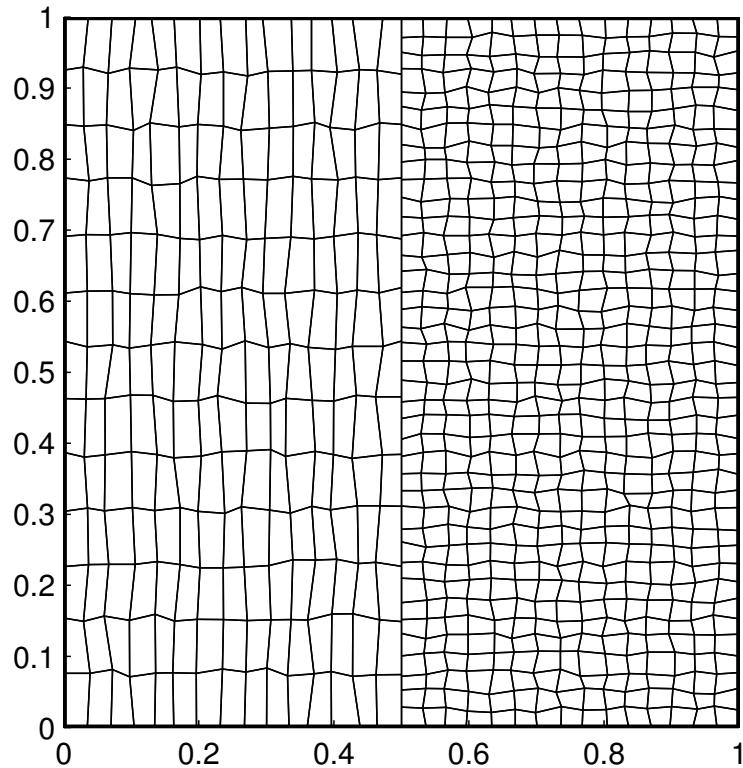
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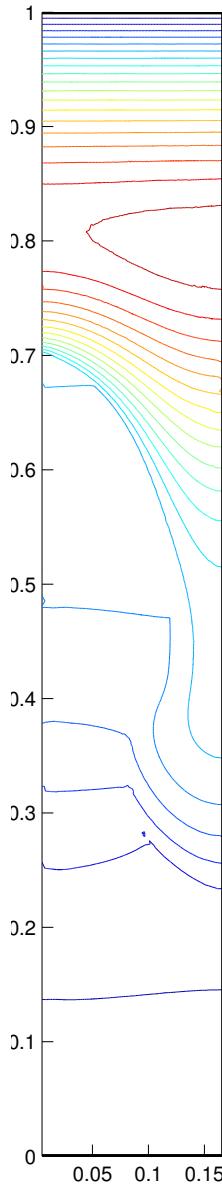
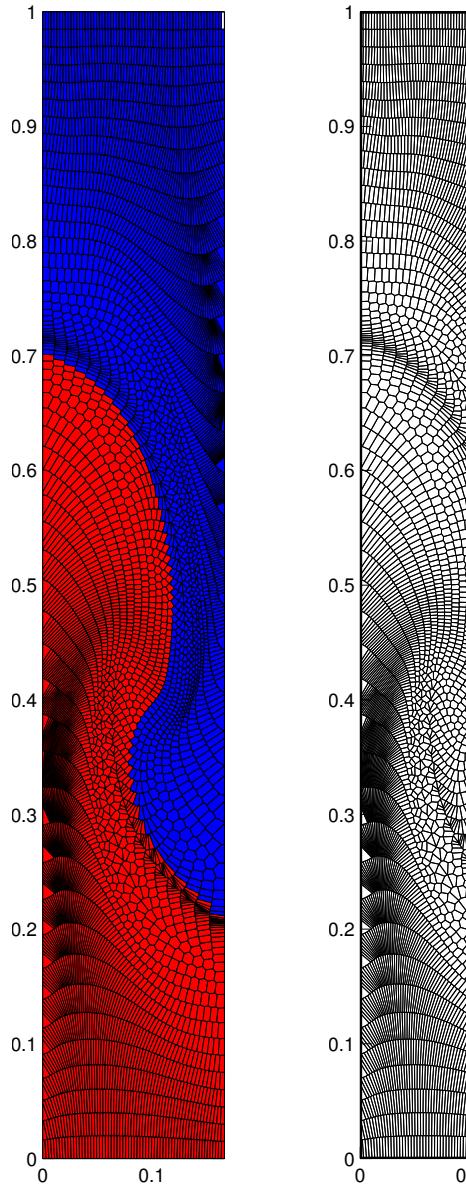
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# Mimetic & some other discretizations

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Numerical schemes which are exact for linear solutions on polygonal meshes:

Scheme	“ $p = x + y$ ”	Symmetric	$\ \mathcal{P}_h p - p^h\ $	$\ \Pi_h f - f^h\ $
Mimetic FD	✓	✓	2	1-2?
Mixed FE (Y.Kuznetsov)	✓	✓	2	1-2?
CV (T.Palmer)	✓		2	—

# Conclusion

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- symmetry breaking & superconvergence of fluxes are challenging problems.