

# Multipoint Flux Approximations

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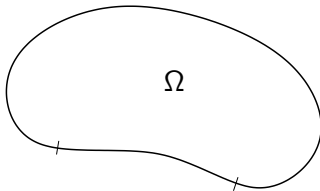
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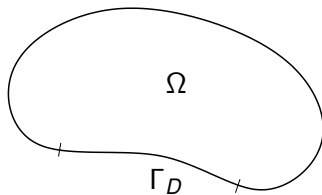
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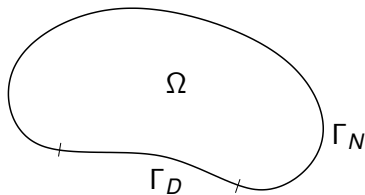
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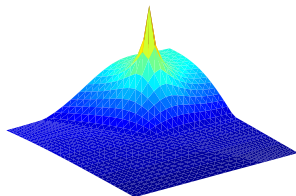
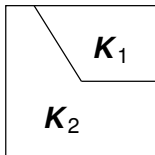
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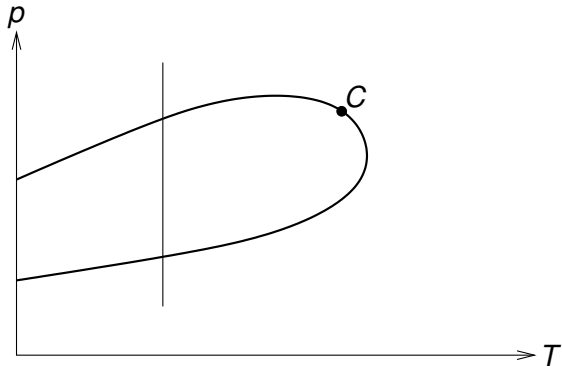
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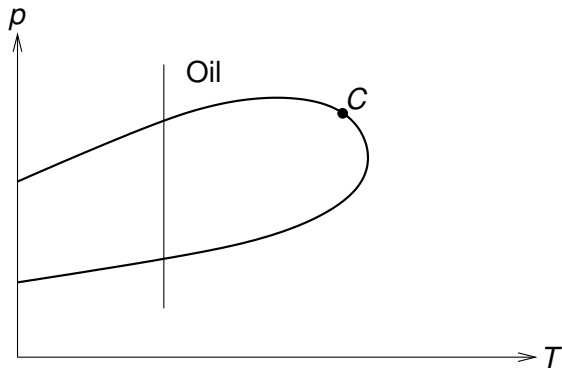
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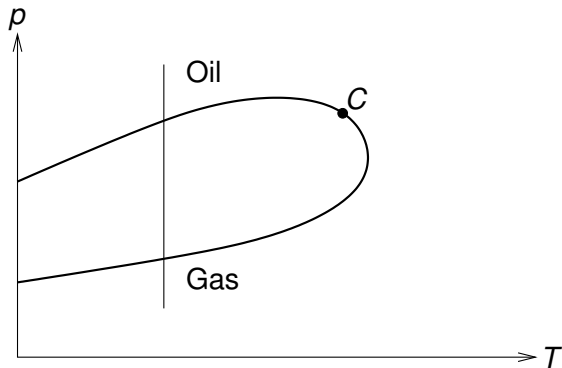


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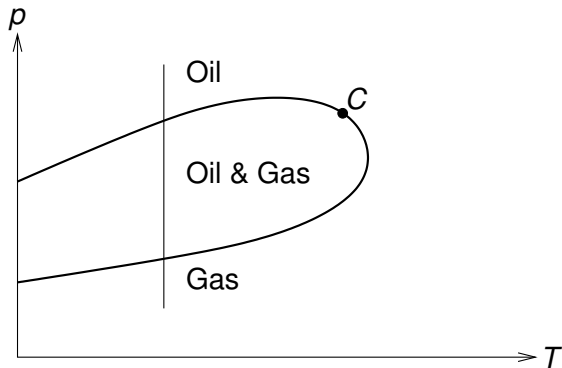




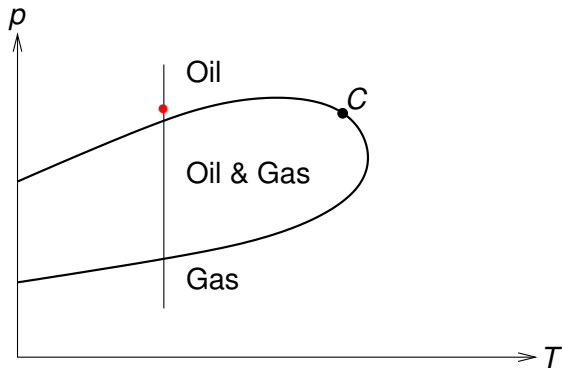
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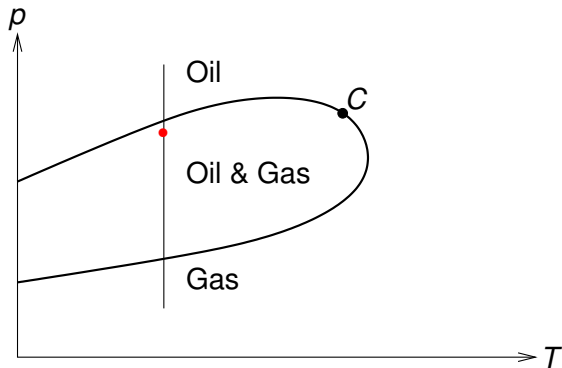
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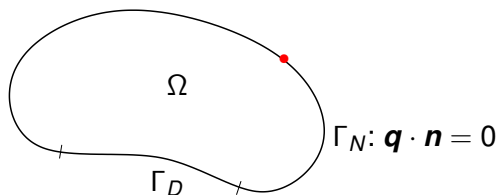
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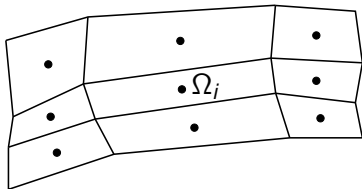
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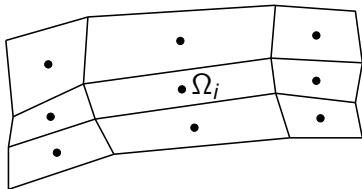
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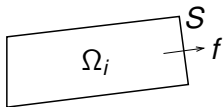


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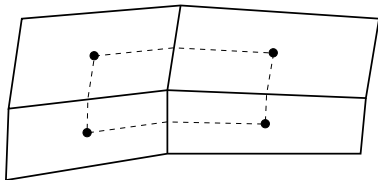
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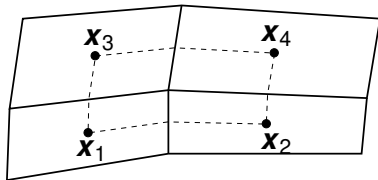
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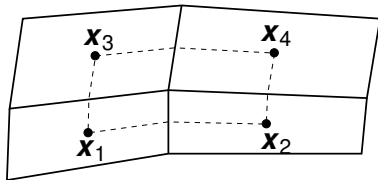
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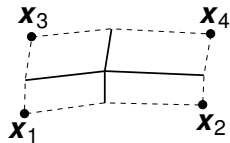


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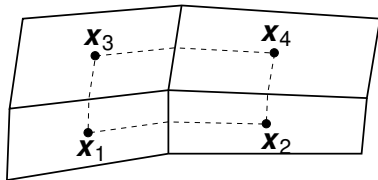


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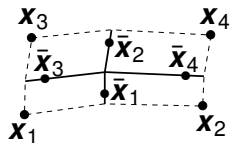


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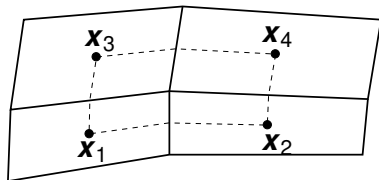
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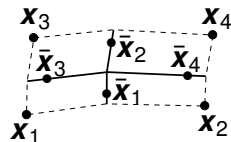
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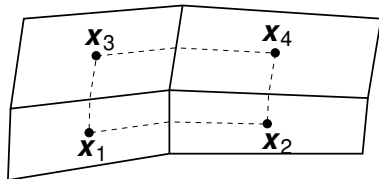
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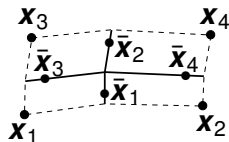
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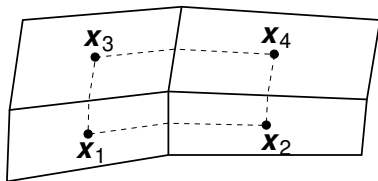


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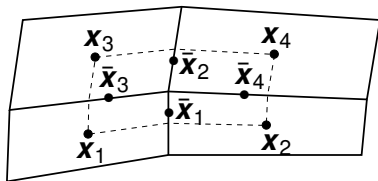
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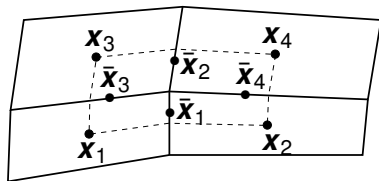
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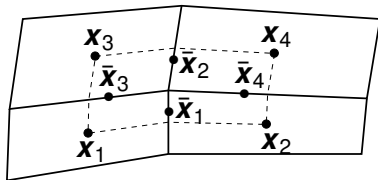
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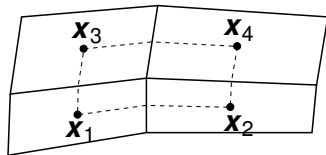
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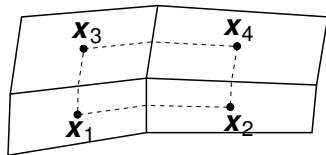
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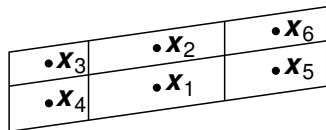
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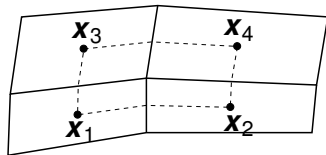
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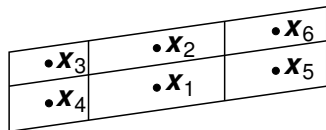
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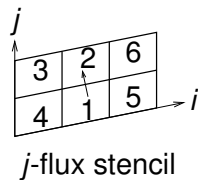
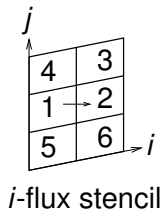
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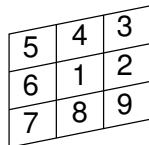
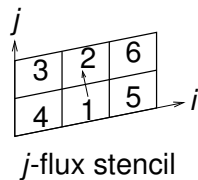
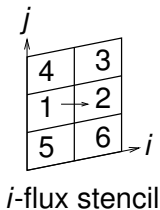
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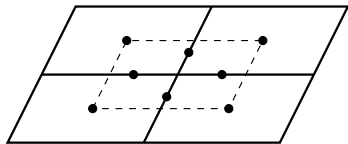
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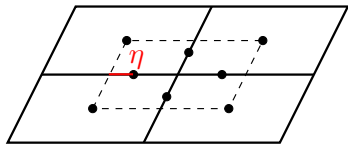
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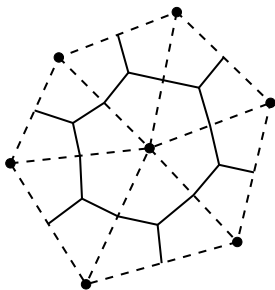
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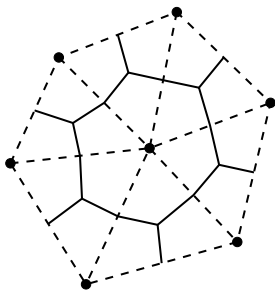
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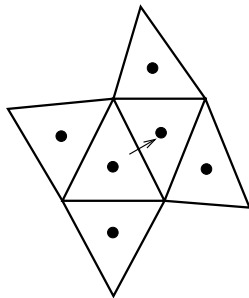


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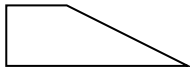


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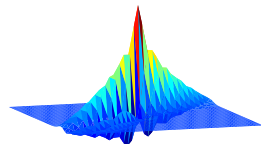
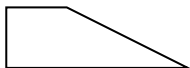
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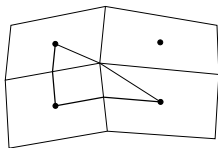
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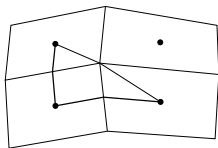
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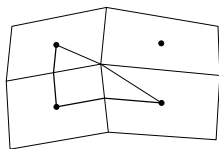
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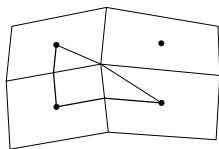
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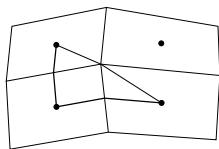


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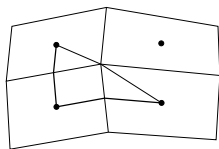


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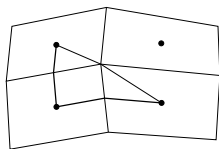


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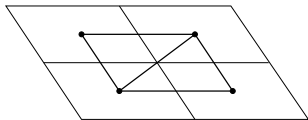
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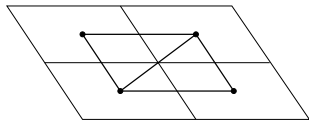
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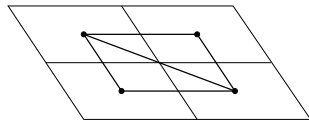
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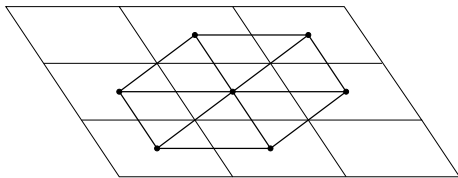


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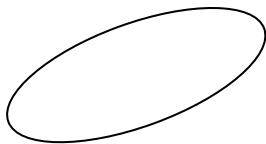


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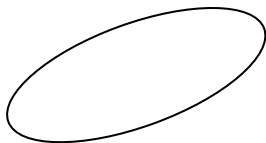
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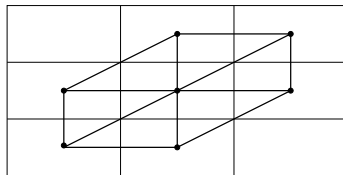
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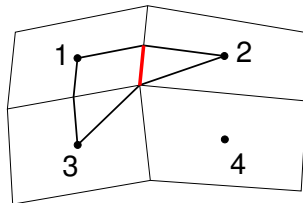
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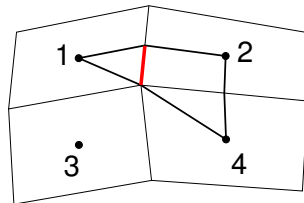
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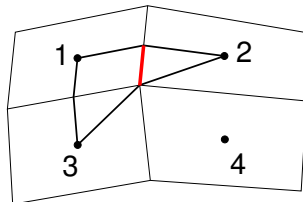


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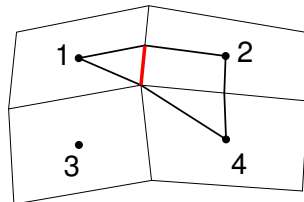


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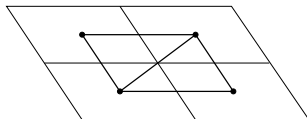
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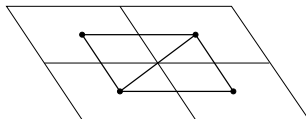


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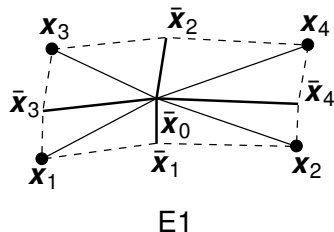
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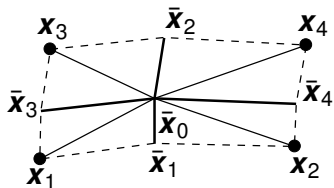


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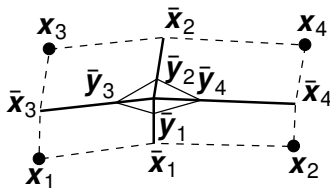
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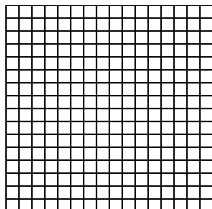
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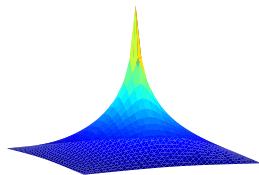
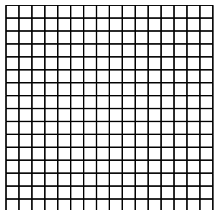
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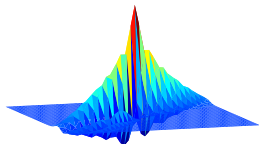
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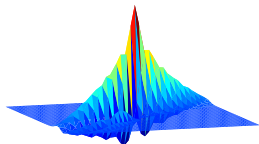
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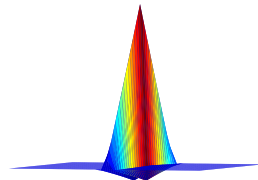


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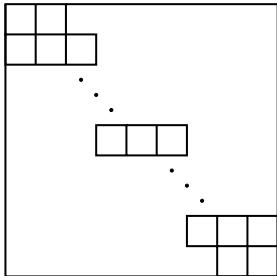
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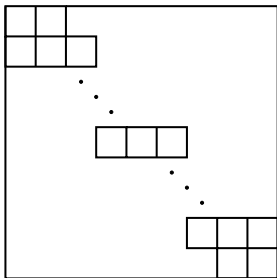


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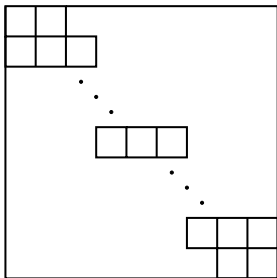
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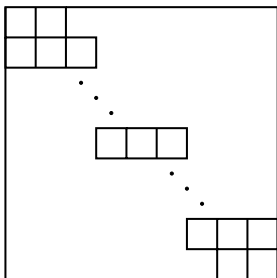
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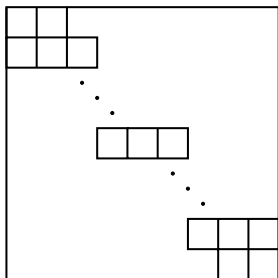
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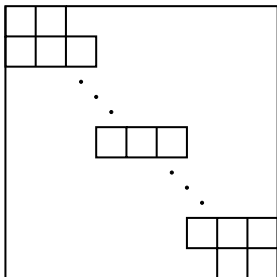
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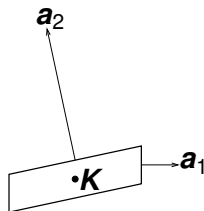
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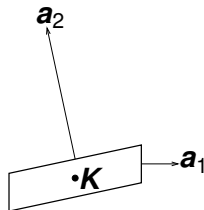
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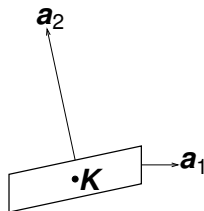


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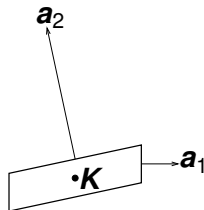
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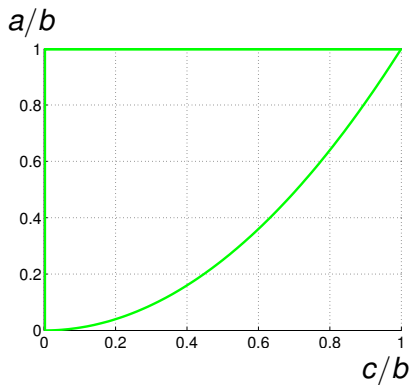


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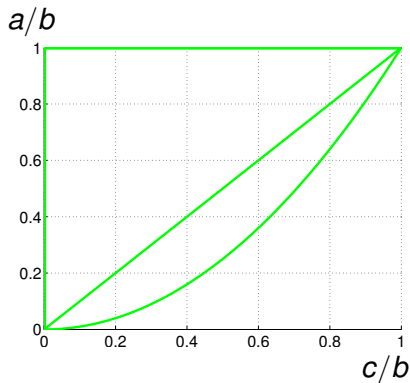
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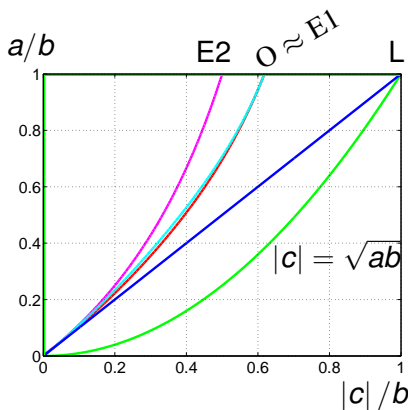
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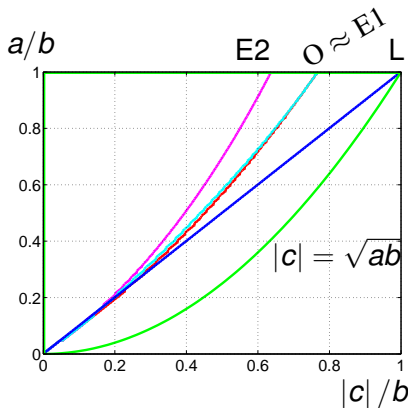
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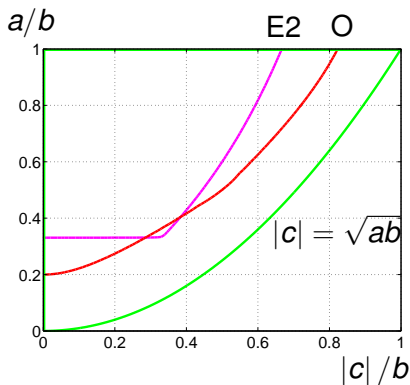
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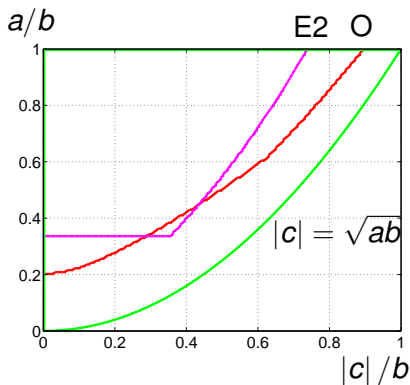
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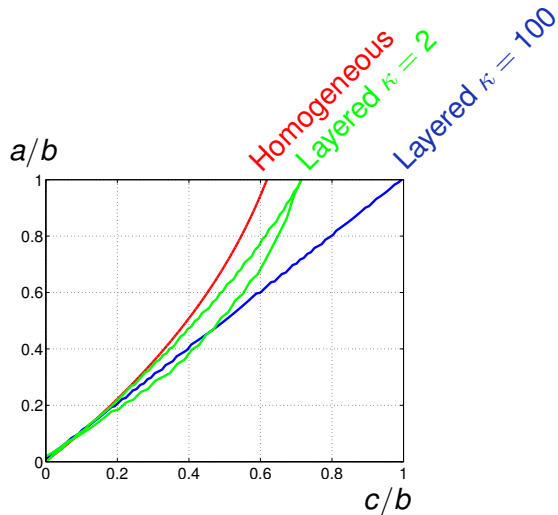
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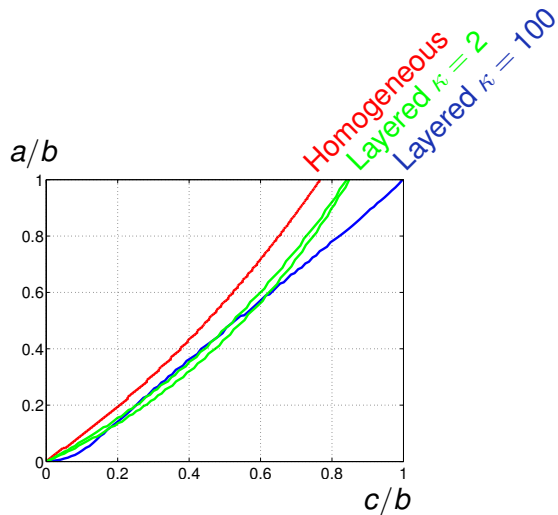
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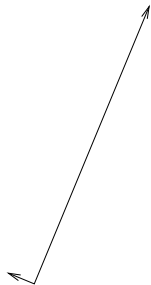
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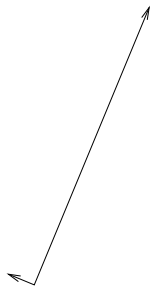
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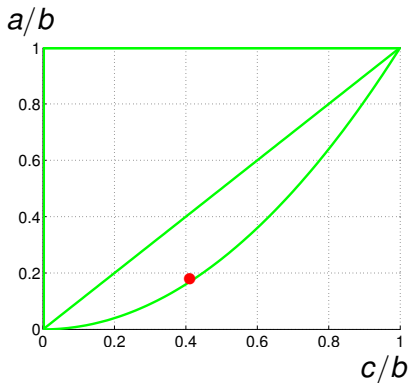


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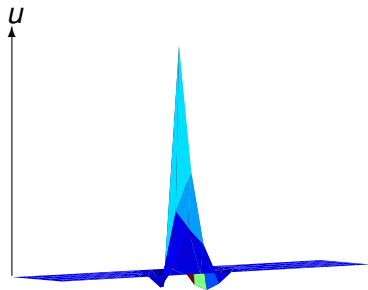
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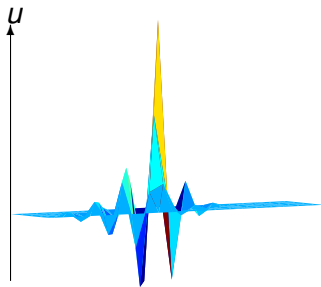
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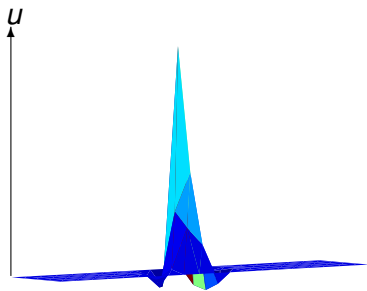


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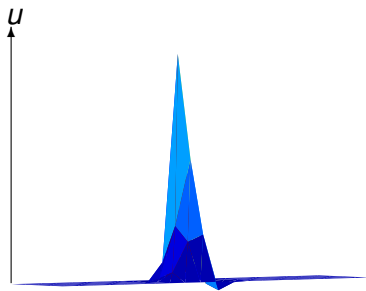


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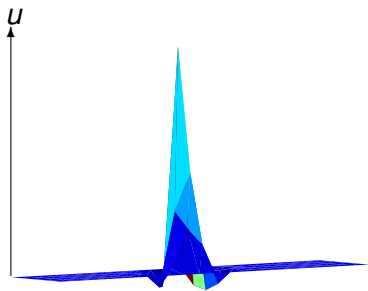
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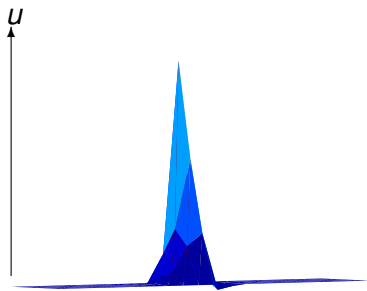
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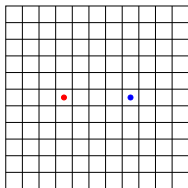
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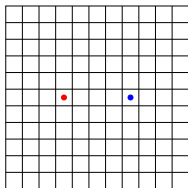
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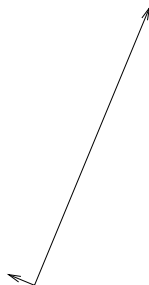
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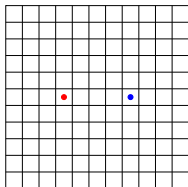
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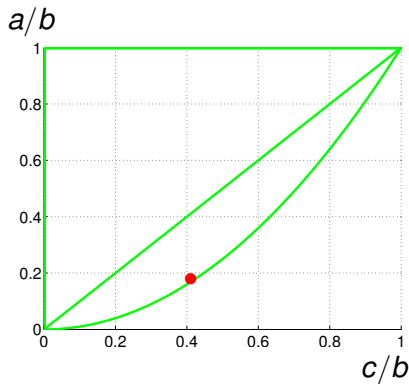
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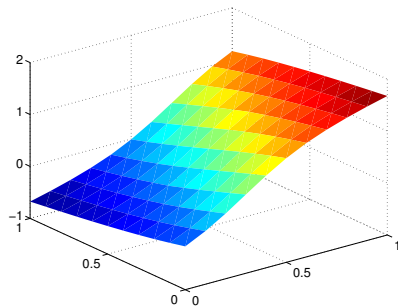
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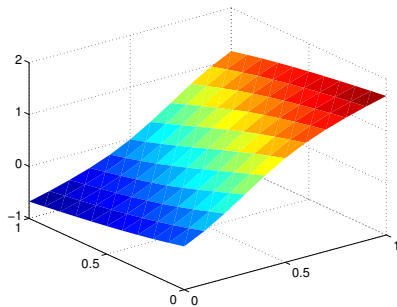
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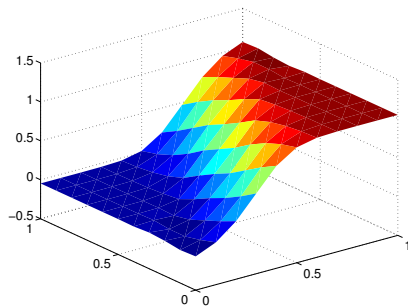


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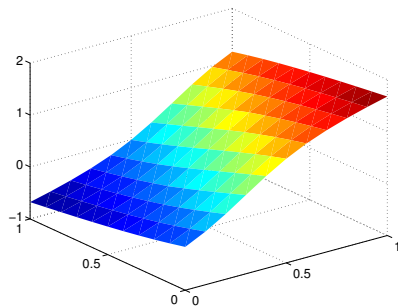


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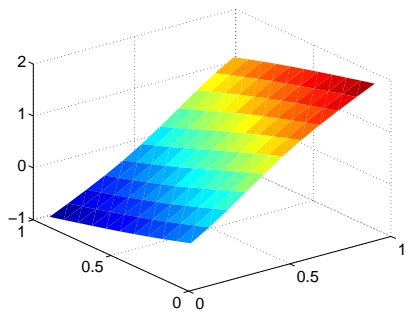


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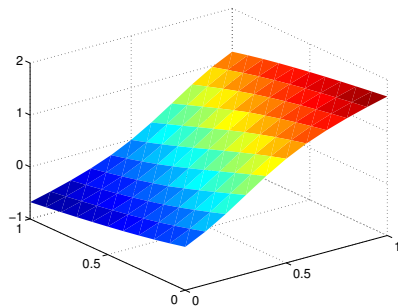


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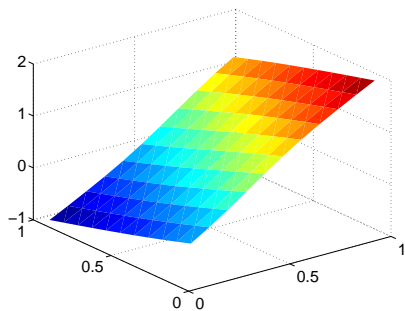


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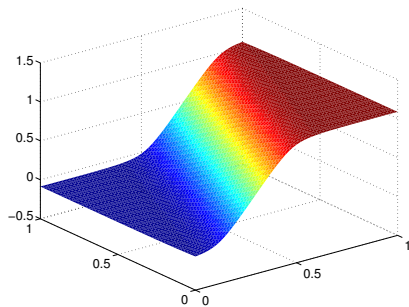


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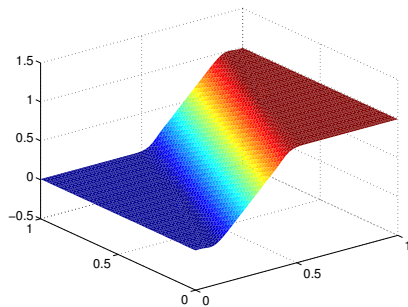


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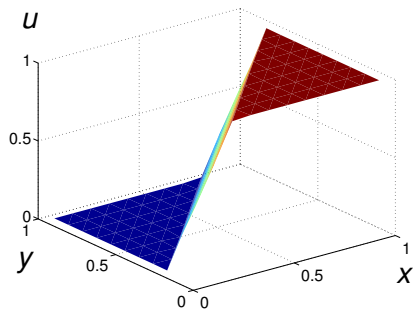


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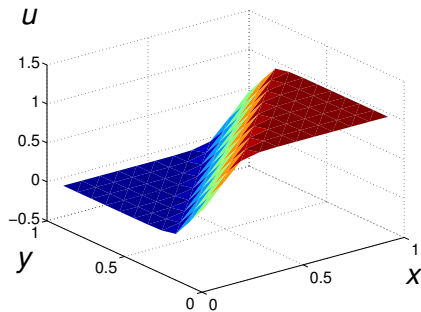


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$11 \times 11$  grid, Angle  $45^\circ$



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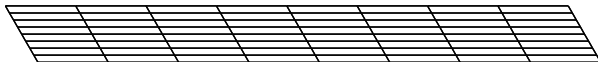
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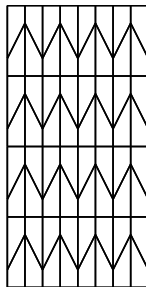
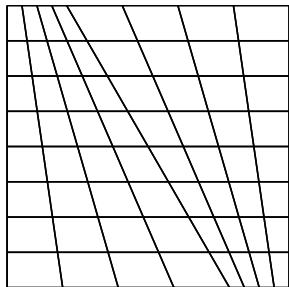
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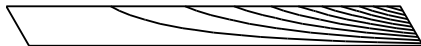


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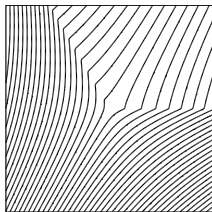


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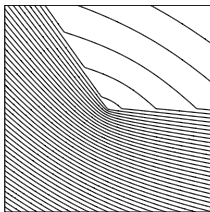
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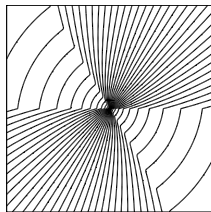
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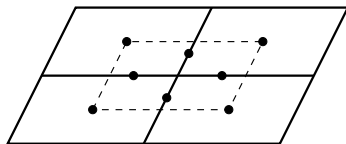
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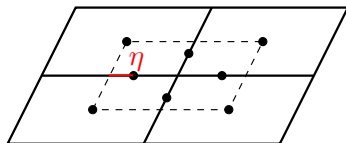
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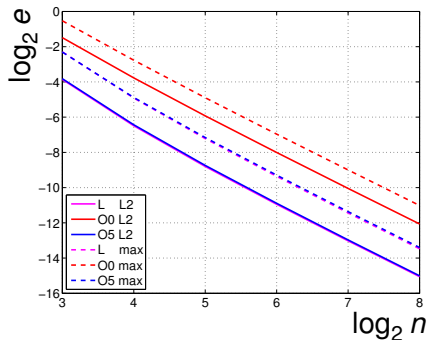
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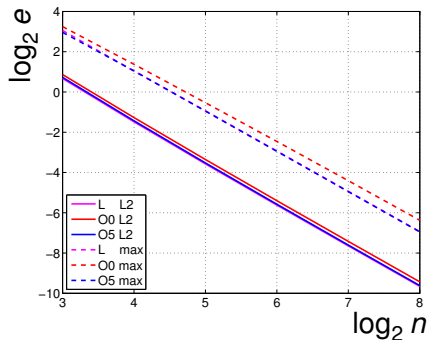


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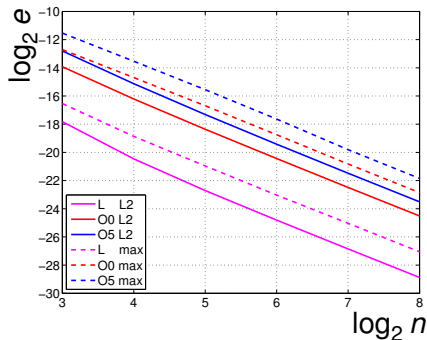


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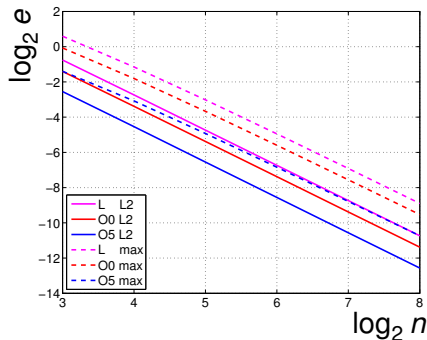


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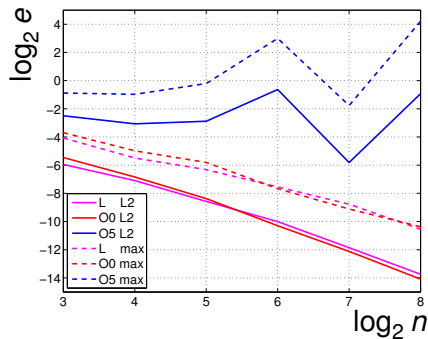


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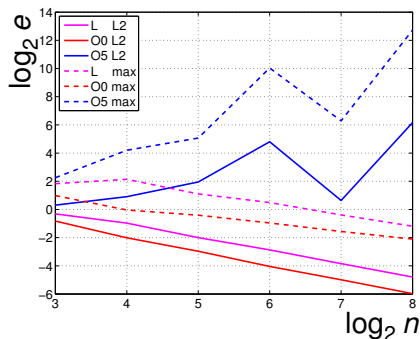


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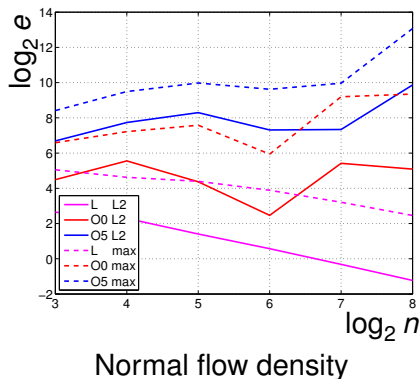
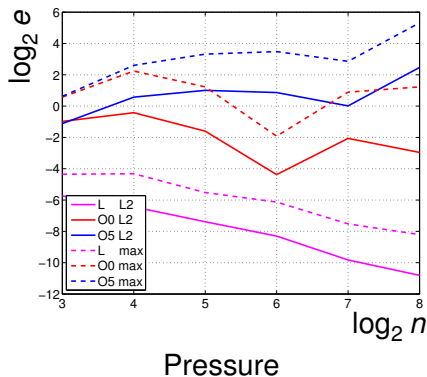


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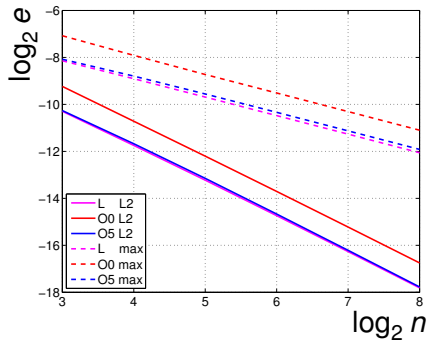
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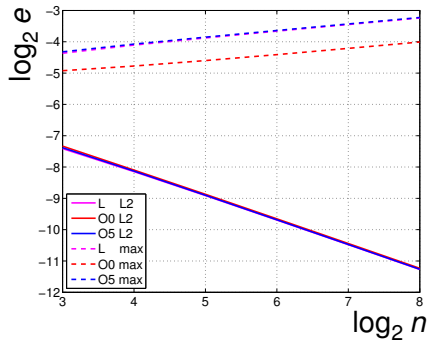




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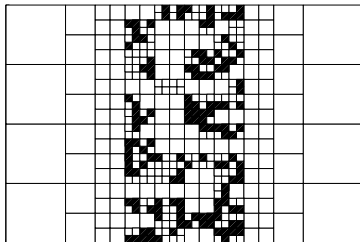
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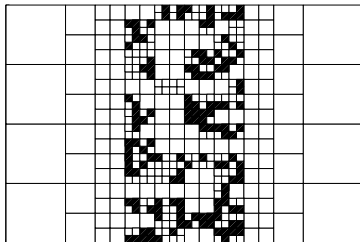
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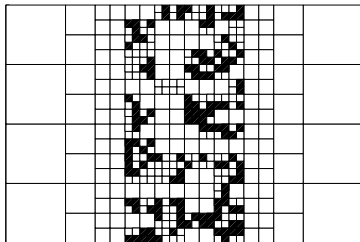
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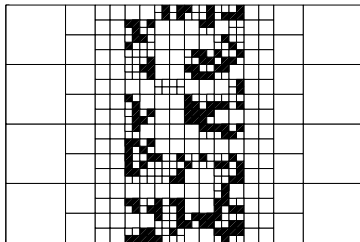
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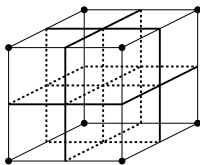


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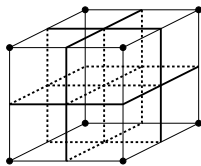
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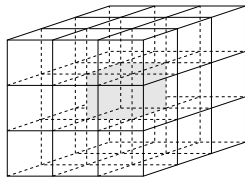
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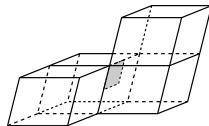
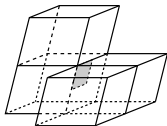
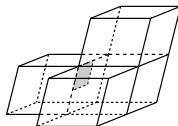
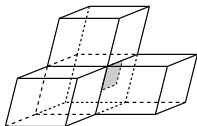
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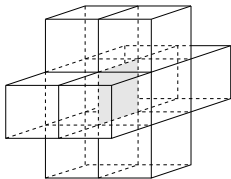
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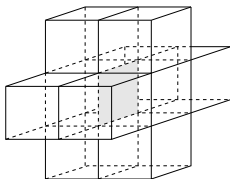


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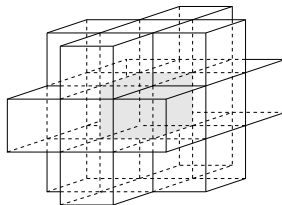


# 3D stencils, L-method

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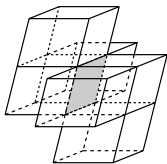
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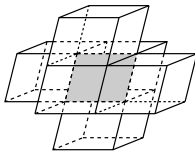
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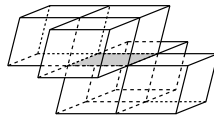
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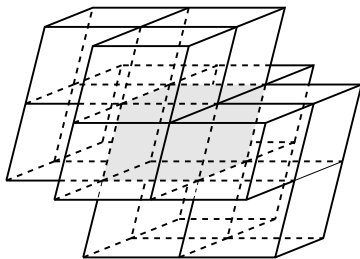
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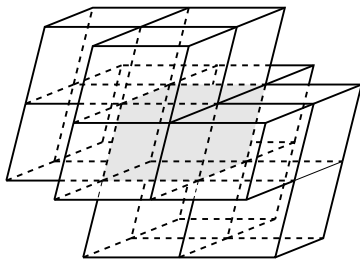
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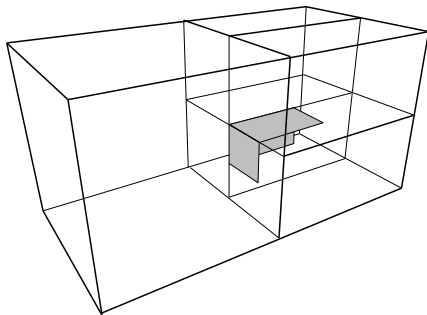


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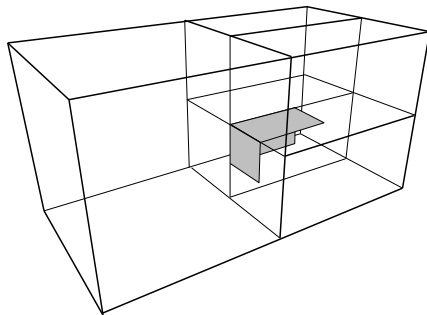


The cell stencil contains only **13 cells**.

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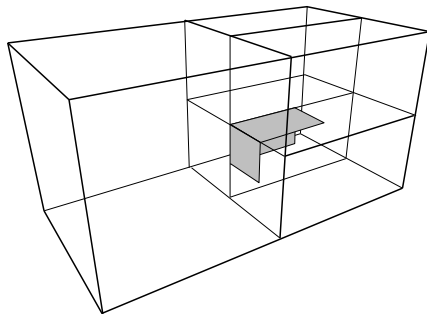
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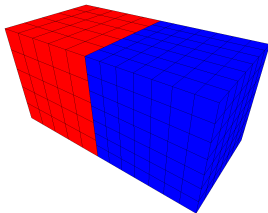
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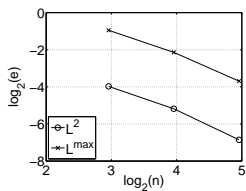
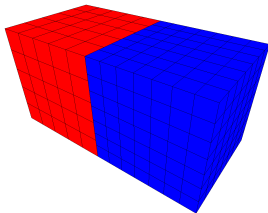
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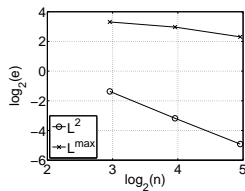
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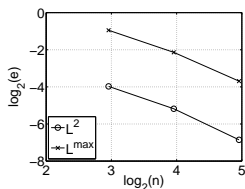
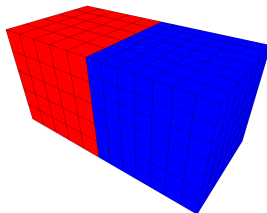


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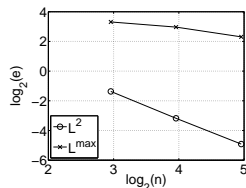


Normal flow density

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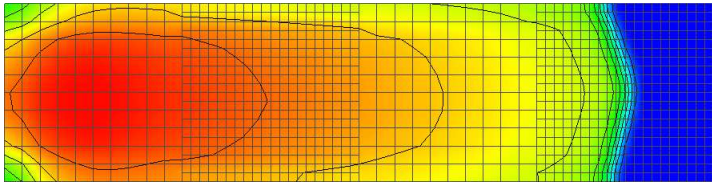


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$L^2$  convergence order: 1.7 for pressure and flow density

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