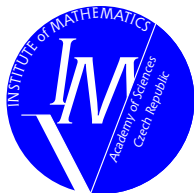


# Complementarity – the way towards guaranteed error estimates

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- ▶ Primal problem:

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- ▶ Complementary problem:

$$-\nabla \operatorname{div} \mathbf{y} = \nabla f \quad \text{in } \Omega, \quad -\operatorname{div} \mathbf{y} = f \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega$$

- ▶ Error estimate:

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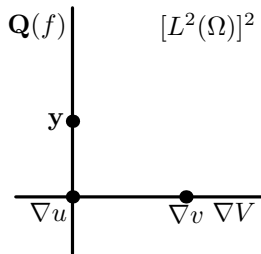
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Orthogonality:

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Lemma 2:  $\mathbf{y} = \nabla u \in \mathbf{Q}(f)$  is the unique solution of (A)–(C)

Proof:

If  $\mathbf{y}_1 \in \mathbf{Q}(f)$  and  $\mathbf{y}_2 \in \mathbf{Q}(f)$  satisfy (C):

$\Rightarrow \mathbf{y}_2 - \mathbf{y}_1 \in \mathbf{Q}(0)$  and  $(\mathbf{y}_2 - \mathbf{y}_1, \mathbf{w}^0) = 0$

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**Lemma 3:**  $\eta^2(u, \mathbf{y}_h) + \eta^2(u_h, \mathbf{y}) = \eta^2(u_h, \mathbf{y}_h) \quad \forall u_h \in V, \mathbf{y}_h \in \mathbf{Q}(f)$

$$\|\mathbf{y}_h - \mathbf{y}\|_0^2 + \|\nabla u - \nabla u_h\|_0^2 = \|\mathbf{y}_h - \nabla u_h\|_0^2$$

**Proof:**

$$\|\mathbf{y}_h - \nabla u + \nabla u - \nabla u_h\|_0^2 = \|\mathbf{y}_h - \nabla u\|_0^2 + \|\nabla u - \nabla u_h\|_0^2$$

$$(\mathbf{y}_h - \nabla u, \nabla u - \nabla u_h) = 0$$



## Equivalent formulations

$$\mathcal{B}(u, v) = (\nabla u, \nabla v), \quad \mathcal{F}(v) = (f, v), \quad \mathcal{B}^*(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{w}) = (\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{w})$$

Weak formulation:

$$\text{(Prim)} \quad u \in V : \mathcal{B}(u, v) = \mathcal{F}(v) \quad \forall v \in V$$

$$\text{(Comp)} \quad \mathbf{y} \in Q(f) : \mathcal{B}^*(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{w}^0) = 0 \quad \forall \mathbf{w}^0 \in \mathbf{Q}(0)$$

Variational formulation:

$$\text{(Prim)} \quad u \in V : J(u) = \min_{v \in V} J(v), \quad J(v) = \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{B}(v, v) - \mathcal{F}(v)$$

$$\text{(Comp)} \quad \mathbf{y} \in Q(f) : J^*(\mathbf{y}) = \min_{\mathbf{w} \in \mathbf{Q}(f)} J^*(\mathbf{w}), \quad J^*(\mathbf{w}) = \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{B}^*(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{w})$$

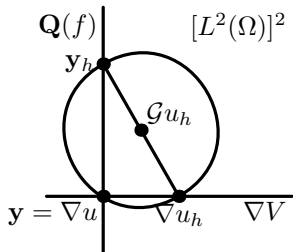
Complementarity of energies:

$$J(u) + J^*(\mathbf{y}) = -\frac{1}{2} \mathcal{B}(u, u) + \mathcal{B}^*(\nabla u, \nabla u) = 0$$

# Method of hypercircle

Theorem: If

- ▶  $u \in V$  is primal solution
- ▶  $u_h \in V$ ,  $\mathbf{y}_h \in \mathbf{Q}(f)$  arbitrary
- ▶  $\mathcal{G}u_h = (\mathbf{y}_h + \nabla u_h)/2$



Then

$$\|\nabla u - \mathcal{G}u_h\|_0 = \frac{1}{2}\eta(u_h, \mathbf{y}_h).$$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} 4 \|\nabla u - \mathcal{G}u_h\|_0^2 &= \|\nabla u - \mathbf{y}_h + \nabla u - \nabla u_h\|_0^2 \\ &= \|\nabla u - \mathbf{y}_h\|_0^2 + \|\nabla u - \nabla u_h\|_0^2 = \|\nabla u_h - \mathbf{y}_h\|_0^2 \end{aligned}$$

# Handelling $\mathbf{Q}(f)$ , $d = 2$ , $\Omega$ simply connected



$$\bar{\mathbf{q}}(x_1, x_2) = \left( \int_0^{x_1} f(s, x_2) ds, 0 \right)^T \Rightarrow \operatorname{div} \bar{\mathbf{q}} = f$$

$$\mathbf{Q}(0) = \operatorname{curl} H^1(\Omega), \quad \operatorname{curl} = (\partial_2, -\partial_1)^T$$

$$\mathbf{Q}(f) = \bar{\mathbf{q}} + \mathbf{Q}(0) = \bar{\mathbf{q}} + \operatorname{curl} H^1(\Omega)$$

$$\text{(Comp)} \quad \mathbf{y} = \bar{\mathbf{q}} + \operatorname{curl} z \in \mathbf{Q}(f) : (\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{w}) = 0 \quad \forall \mathbf{w} \in \mathbf{Q}(0)$$

$$\text{(Comp)} \quad z \in H^1(\Omega) : \underbrace{(\operatorname{curl} z, \operatorname{curl} v)}_{(\nabla z, \nabla v)} = -(\bar{\mathbf{q}}, \operatorname{curl} v) \quad \forall v \in H^1(\Omega)$$



# Error majorants (Friedrichs' inequality)

Friedrichs' inequality:  $\|v\|_0 \leq C_\Omega \|\nabla v\|_0 \quad \forall v \in V$

Remark:  $C_\Omega \leq \frac{1}{\pi} \left( \frac{1}{|a_1|} + \dots + \frac{1}{|a_d|} \right)^{-1/2}$ ,  $\Omega \subset a_1 \times \dots \times a_d$

Derivation:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{B}(u - u_h, v) &= (f + \operatorname{div} \mathbf{y}, v) + (\mathbf{y} - \nabla u_h, \nabla v) \\ &\leq (C_\Omega \|f + \operatorname{div} \mathbf{y}\|_0 + \|\mathbf{y} - \nabla u_h\|_0) \|v\| \\ \|u - u_h\| &\leq \hat{\eta}(u_h, \mathbf{y}) \quad \forall \mathbf{y} \in \mathbf{H}(\operatorname{div}, \Omega) \end{aligned}$$

Majorant:

$$\hat{\eta}(u_h, \mathbf{y}) = C_\Omega \|f + \operatorname{div} \mathbf{y}\|_0 + \|\mathbf{y} - \nabla u_h\|_0$$

$$\hat{\eta}^2(u_h, \mathbf{y}) \leq \left(1 + \frac{1}{\beta}\right) C_\Omega^2 \|f + \operatorname{div} \mathbf{y}\|_0^2 + (1 + \beta) \|\mathbf{y} - \nabla u_h\|_0^2$$

$$\forall \beta > 0$$

$$-\Delta u + \kappa^2 u = f \quad \text{in } \Omega, \quad u = 0 \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega$$

Estimators:

$$\eta(u_h, \mathbf{y}) = \|\mathbf{y} - \nabla u_h\|_0 \quad \mathbf{y} \in \mathbf{Q}(f, u_h)$$

$$\hat{\eta}(u_h, \hat{\mathbf{y}}) = C_\Omega \|f - \kappa^2 u_h + \operatorname{div} \hat{\mathbf{y}}\|_0 + \|\hat{\mathbf{y}} - \nabla u_h\|_0 \quad \hat{\mathbf{y}} \in \mathbf{H}(\operatorname{div}, \Omega)$$

$$\tilde{\eta}^2(u_h, \tilde{\mathbf{y}}) = \|\kappa^{-1}(f - \kappa^2 u_h + \operatorname{div} \tilde{\mathbf{y}})\|_0^2 + \|\tilde{\mathbf{y}} - \nabla u_h\|_0^2 \quad \tilde{\mathbf{y}} \in \mathbf{H}(\operatorname{div}, \Omega)$$

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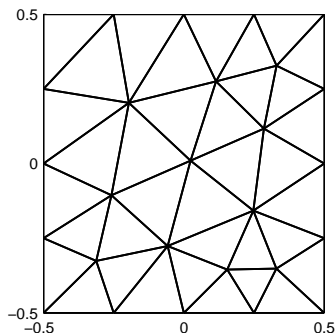
- ▶ Based on equilibrated residuals
- ▶ Combination of  $\eta$  and  $\tilde{\eta}$
- ▶ Explicit formulas for  $\mathbf{y}$

# Example 1



$$\begin{aligned} -\Delta u + \kappa^2 u &= f && \text{in } \Omega \\ u &= 0 && \text{on } \partial\Omega \end{aligned}$$

- ▶  $\Omega = (-1/2, 1/2)^2$
- ▶  $f = \cos(\pi x_1) \cos(\pi x_2)$
- ▶  $u = \frac{\cos(\pi x_1) \cos(\pi x_2)}{\pi^2 + \kappa^2}$
- ▶  $C_\Omega = (\pi\sqrt{2})^{-1}$

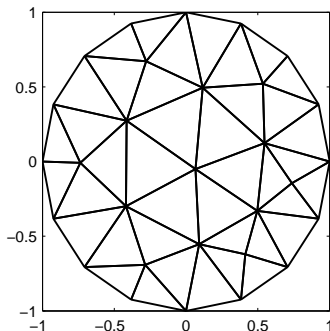


## Example 2



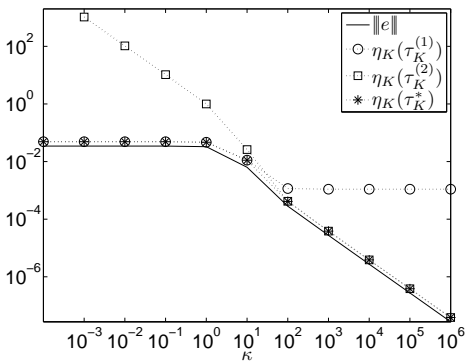
$$\begin{aligned} -\Delta u + \kappa^2 u &= f && \text{in } \Omega \\ u &= 0 && \text{on } \partial\Omega \end{aligned}$$

- ▶  $\Omega = \{(x_1, x_2) : r < 1\}$
- ▶  $f = 1 \quad r = \sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2}$
- ▶  $u = \frac{1}{\kappa^2} \left( 1 - \frac{I_0(\kappa r)}{I_0(\kappa)} \right)$  for  $\kappa > 0$
- ▶  $u = \frac{1 - x_1^2 - x_2^2}{4}$  for  $\kappa = 0$
- ▶  $C_\Omega = 1/\pi$

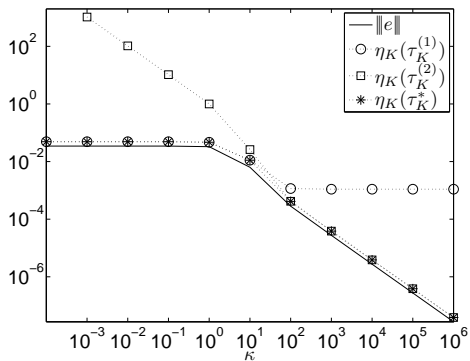




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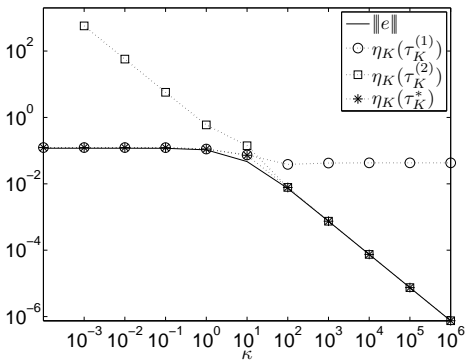
Error estimators



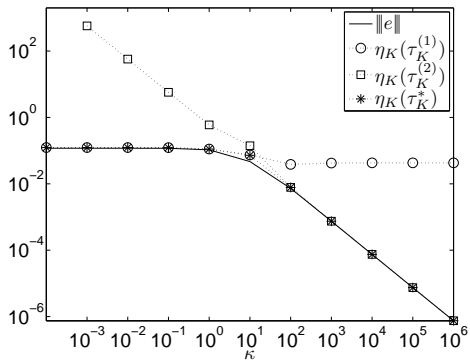
Effectivity index

$$I_{\text{eff}} = \frac{\eta}{\|u - u_h\|}$$

## Example 2



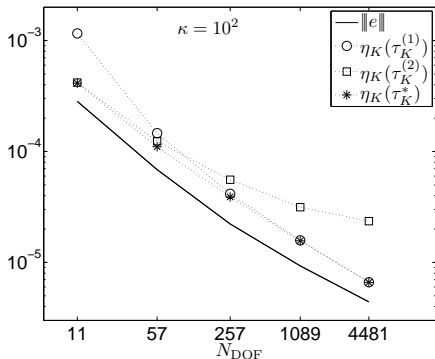
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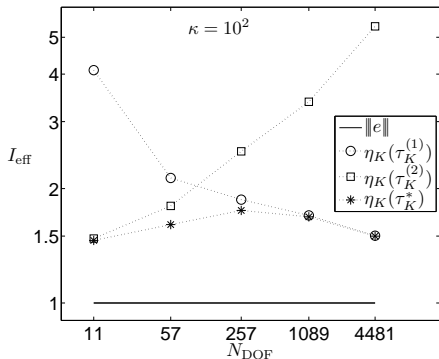
Effectivity index

$$I_{\text{eff}} = \frac{\eta}{\|u - u_h\|}$$

# Example 1, uniform refinement, $\kappa = 100$

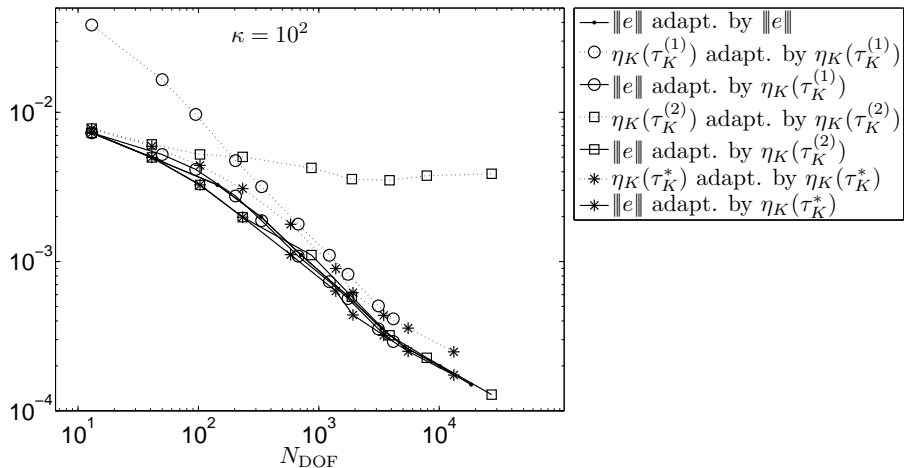


Error estimators



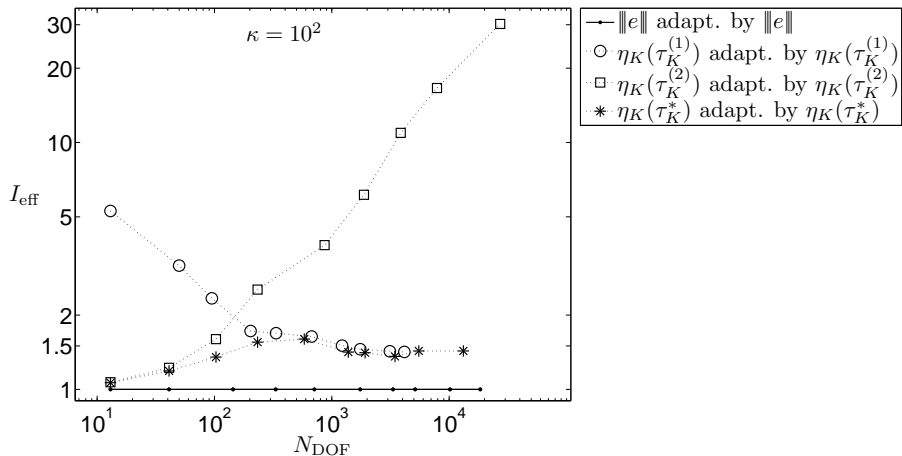
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# Example 2, adaptive refinement, $\kappa = 100$



Convergence. Estimators (dotted lines) and true errors (solid lines).

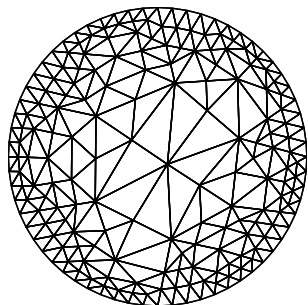
# Example 2, adaptive refinement, $\kappa = 100$



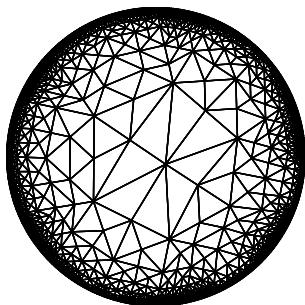
## Example 2, adaptivity driven by true error



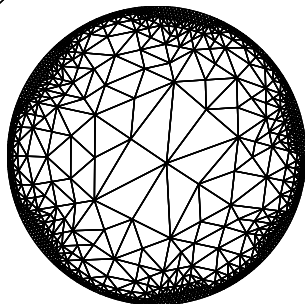
$$\kappa = 100$$



Step 3



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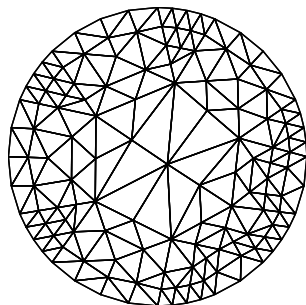


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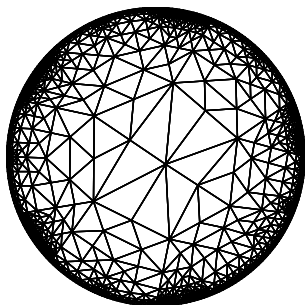
# Example 2, adaptivity driven by $\eta_K(\tau_K^{(1)})$



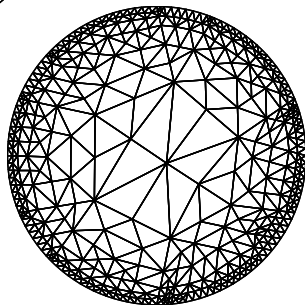
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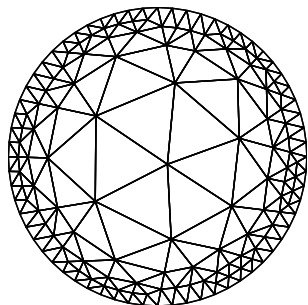


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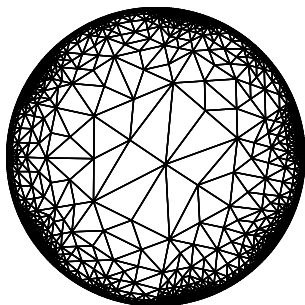
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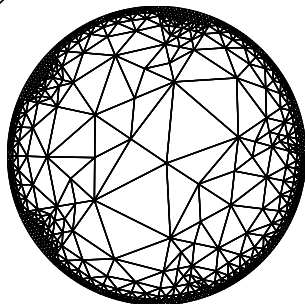
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# Generalizations



- ▶ General elliptic problem (nonsymmetric)
- ▶ Elasticity
- ▶ Stokes problem (incompressible viscous fluids)
- ▶ Variational inequalities
- ▶ Nonlinear problems (special)
- ▶ Differential equations of higher order
- ▶ Equations with curl
- ▶ Linear evolutionary problems
- ▶ Optimal control



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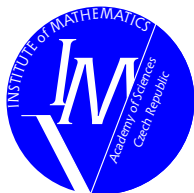
$$\|u - u_h\| \leq \eta(u_h, \mathbf{y}_h)$$

- ▶ Guaranteed upper bounds
- ▶ Optimal  $\mathbf{y}$  solves a complementary problem
- ▶ Postprocessing of  $\nabla u_h$ 
  - ⇒ fast algorithms for  $\mathbf{y}_h$  (many open problems)
- ▶  $u_h \in V$  arbitrary
  - ⇒ including algebraic errors, quadrature errors, human errors

Thank you for your attention

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