

Computational Mechanics: Linear Functional Outputs and Certificates

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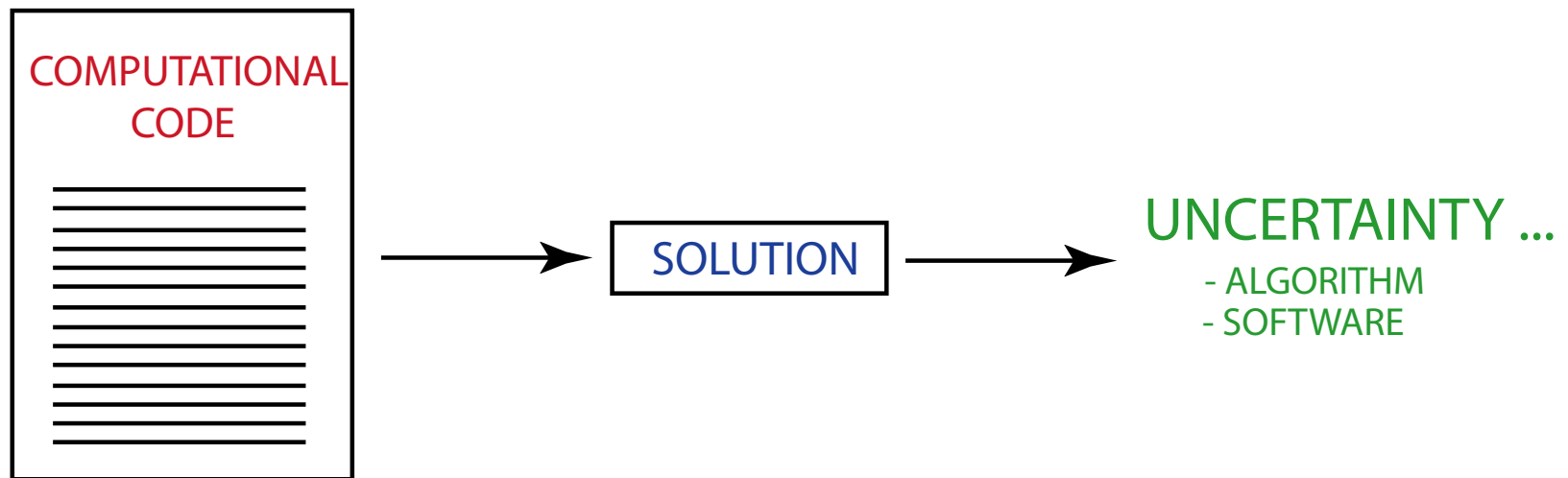
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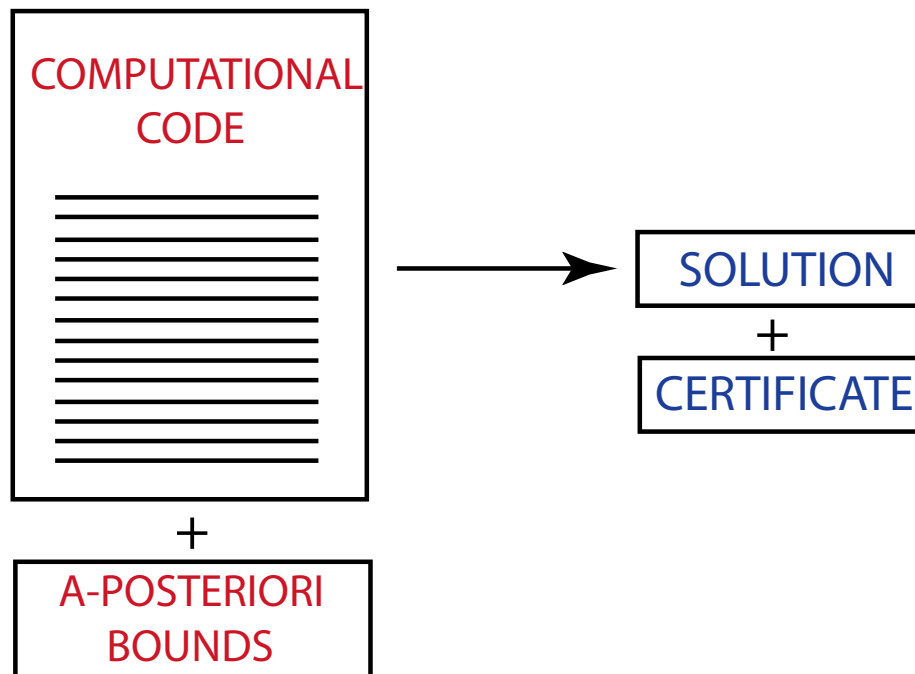
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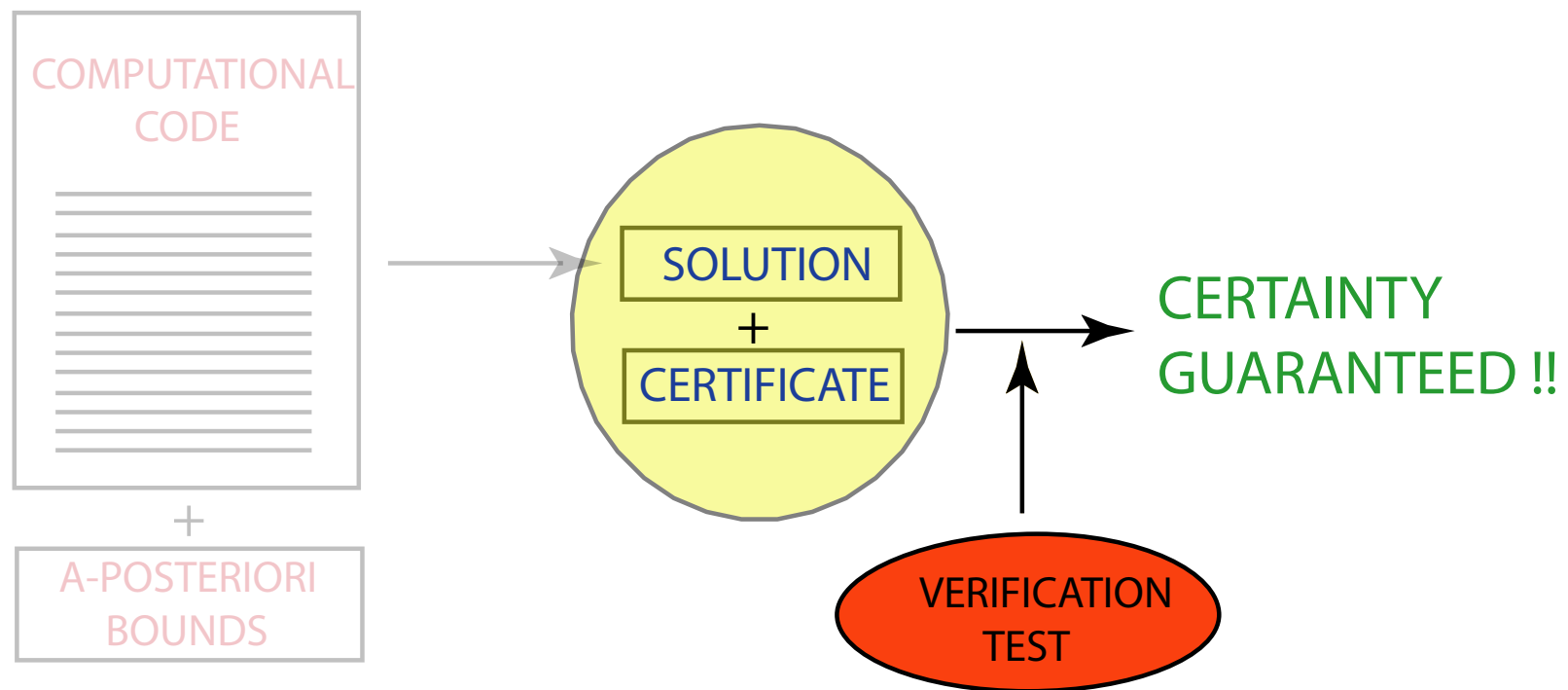
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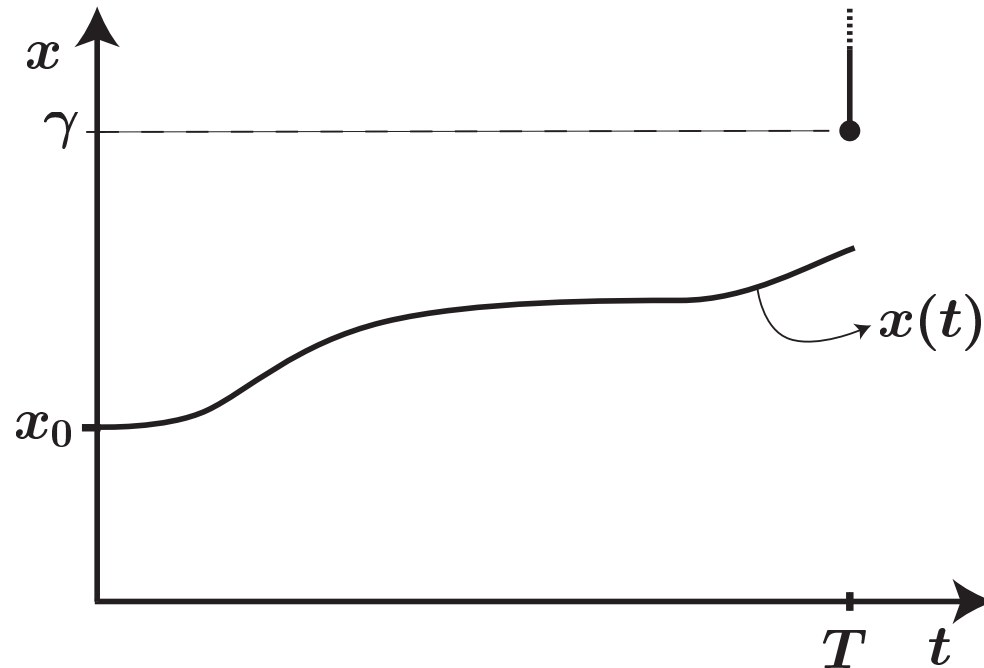
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Parrilo, Doyle, ...

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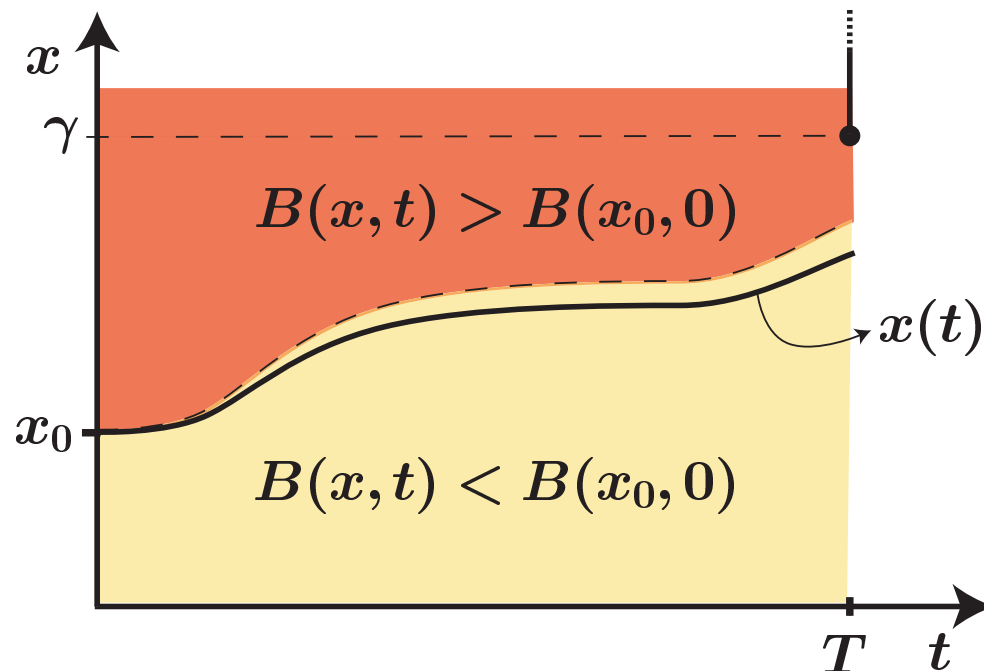
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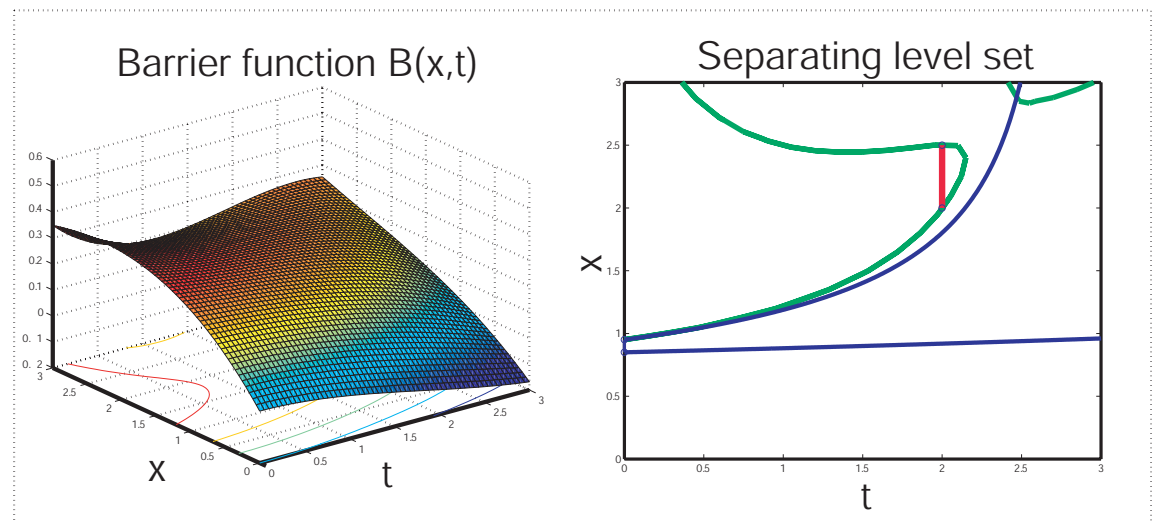
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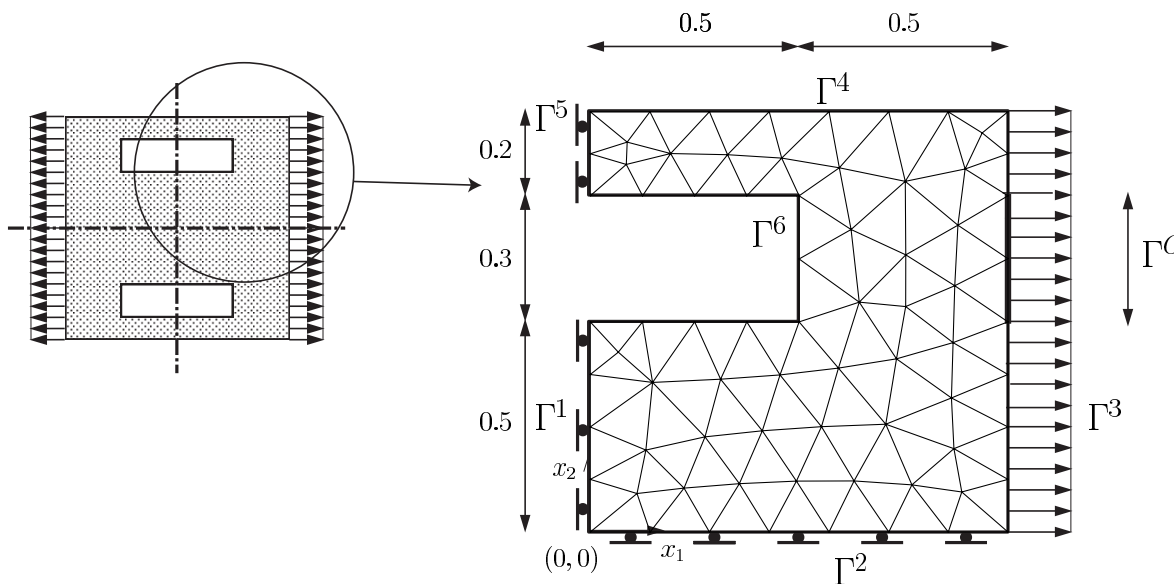
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Examples

Elasticity

Non-regular solution (Plane Stress)



OUTPUTS

$$\ell(u) = \int_{\Gamma^O} u \, ds$$

$$\ell(u) = \int_{\Gamma^5} t_x \, ds$$

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Energy Release Rates in Linear Elasticity

Outline

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- Method Overview
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 - 2.- Bounds for “Arbitrary” Outputs
 - 3.- Bounds for “Arbitrary” Equations
 - 4.- *Domain Decomposition (Hybridization)*
- Method Summary and Examples
- Extension to a non-linear Convex Problem: Limit Analysis

Problem Description

Let $u(x) \in X$, $x \in \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$, be the solution of a PDE

$$\mathcal{A}u = f .$$

e.g. $\mathcal{A} \equiv -\nabla^2, -\nabla^2 + \mathbf{U} \cdot \nabla$, etc.

We are typically interested in *outputs* of the form

$$s = \ell(u) \in \mathbb{R} ,$$

$$\text{e.g.} \quad \ell(v) \equiv v(x_0), \quad \ell(v) = \int_{\Omega'} v_x dx, \quad \dots$$

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- Existing error estimates are either,
 - **certain** but **uncomputable**, or,
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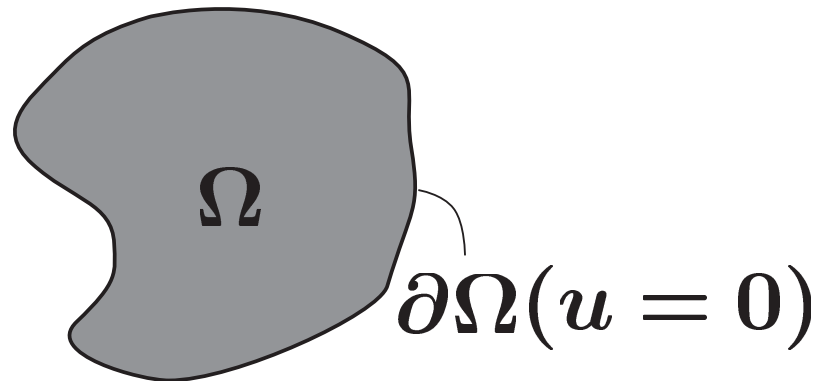
... and give **Certificates**

Method Overview

1.- Energy $s = J(u)$

Poisson's Equation: Find $u \in X(\Omega)$

$$-\nabla^2 u = f(x), \quad x \in \Omega, \quad (+ \text{ b.c.'s})$$



“Energy” functional: $J(v) : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

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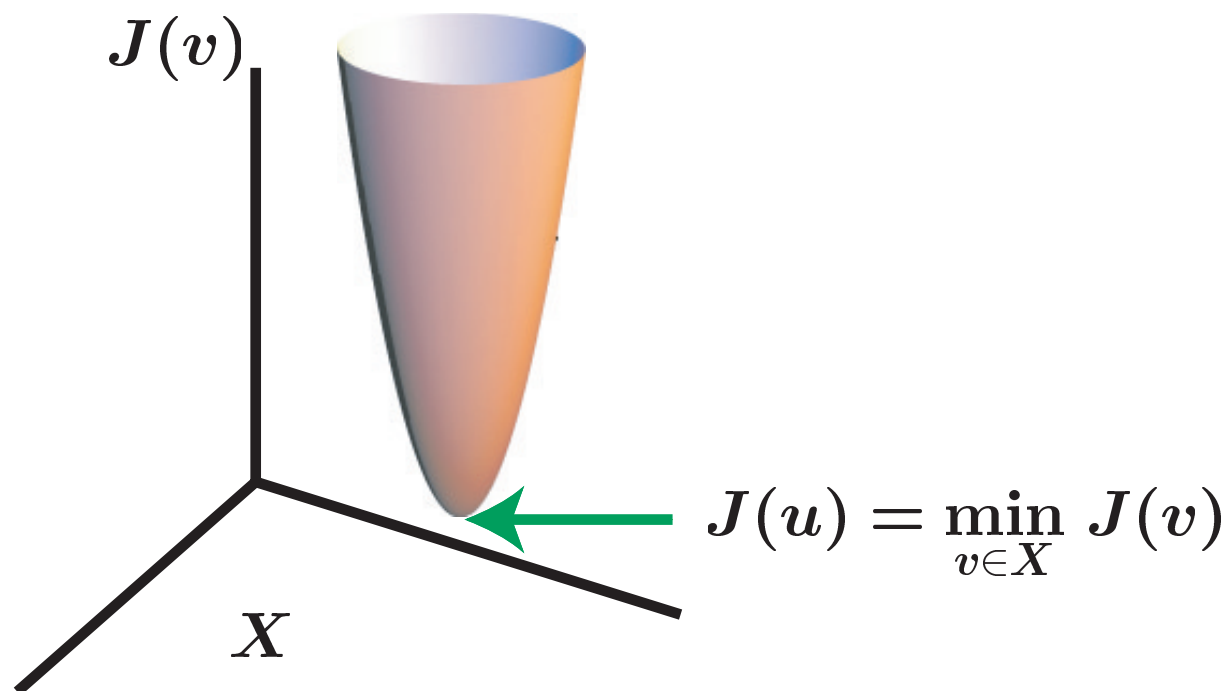
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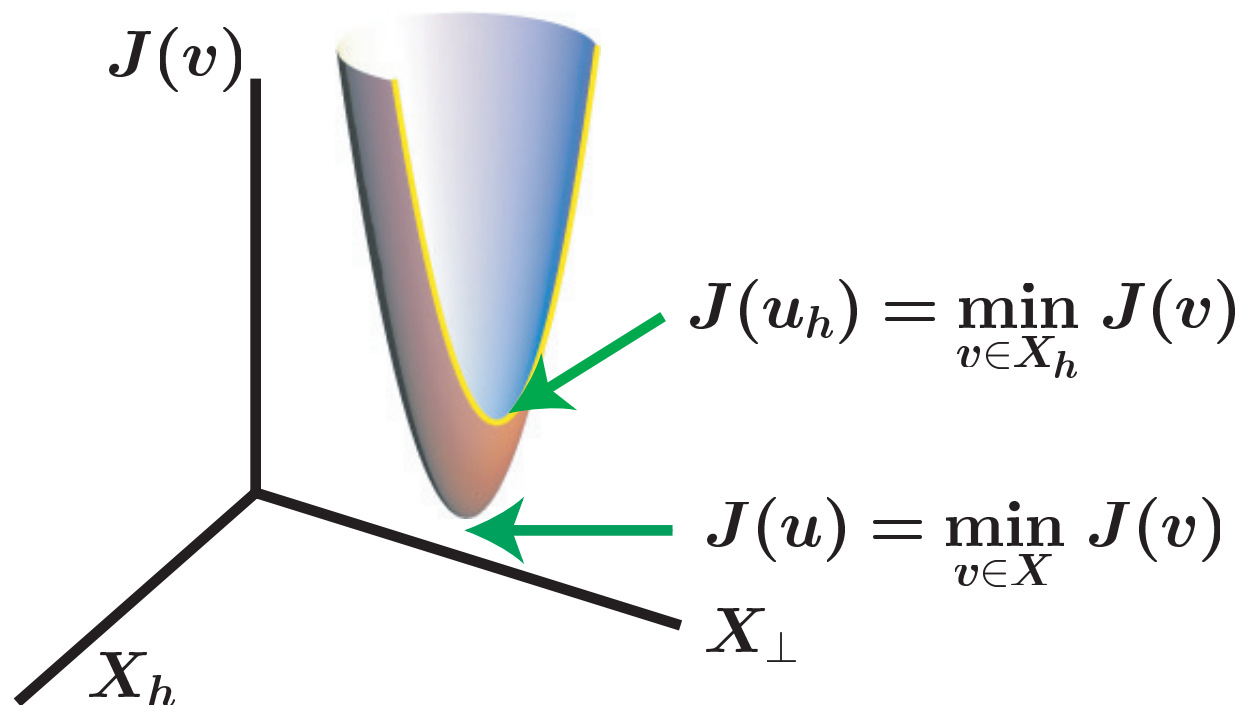
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Upper Bound

Upper bound $s^+ \equiv J(u_h)$, $\forall u_h \in X_h \subset X$
(trivial)



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Lower Bound...

Lower bound s^- (harder)

Construct **dual** problem

$$(J(u) =) J^c(p) = \max_{q \in Q_f} J^c(q) ,$$

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or, in a different way ... $\int_{\Omega} (q - \nabla v)^2 dx \geq 0, \forall v \in X, q \in Q$

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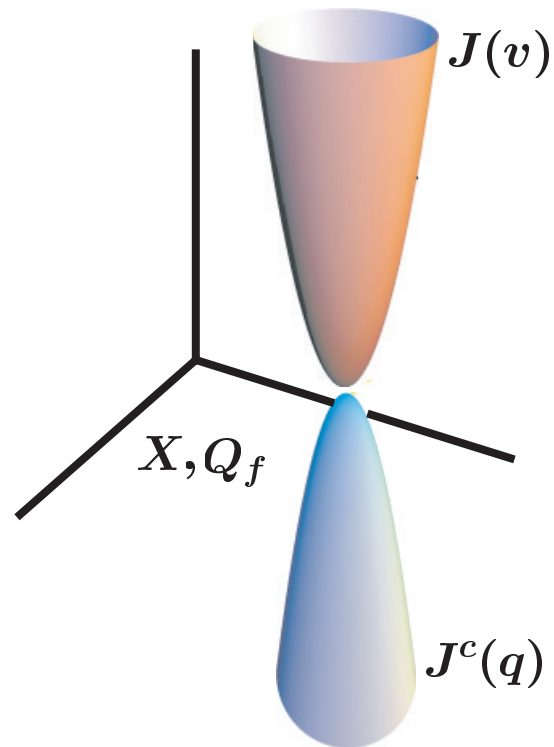
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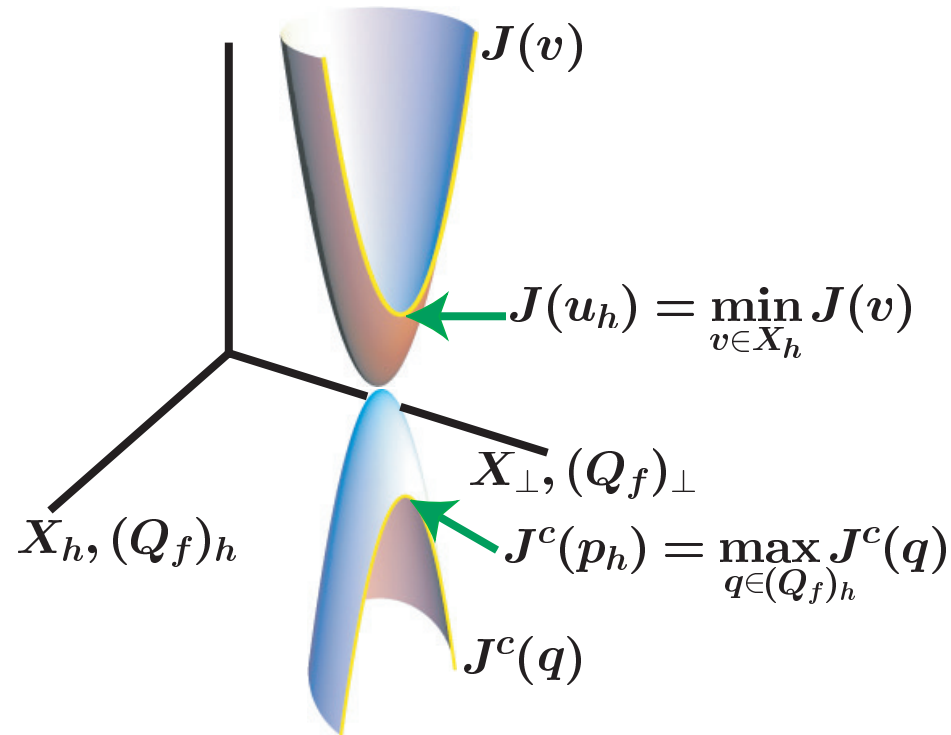


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Then, $s^- \equiv J^c(p_h)$, $\forall p_h \in (Q_f)_h \subset Q_f$.



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Recall:

$$Q_f = \{q \in Q \mid \int_{\Omega} q \cdot \nabla v \, dx = \int_{\Omega} f v \, dx, \quad \forall v \in X\} \quad (-\nabla \cdot q = f)$$

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Weak duality + Relaxation

$$\begin{aligned} s = \ell(u) &= \min_v \max_{\psi} L(v, \psi) \\ &\geq \max_{\psi} \min_v L(v, \psi) \\ &\geq \min_v L(v, \bar{\psi}), \quad \forall \bar{\psi} \in X \end{aligned}$$

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Idea :

Write output as a **constrained** minimization problem. **Relax** constraint to obtain an **energy-like** minimization problem. Obtain **lower bound** by finding a **feasible** solution of the dual problem.

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Idea :

Non-symmetric terms do not contribute to the “**energy**” and only enter in the Lagrangian linearly. After relaxation, minimization problem retains **convex** structure.

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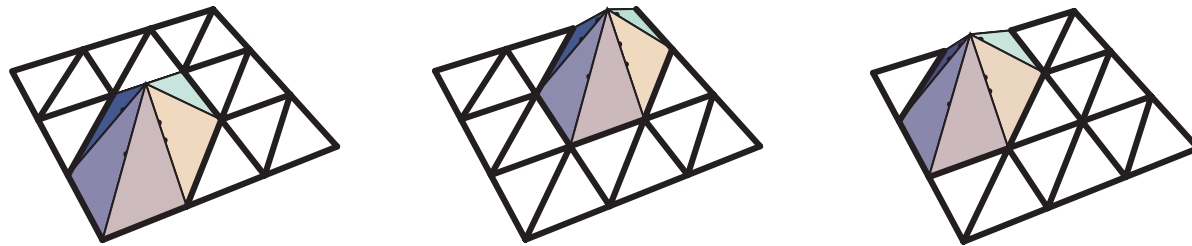
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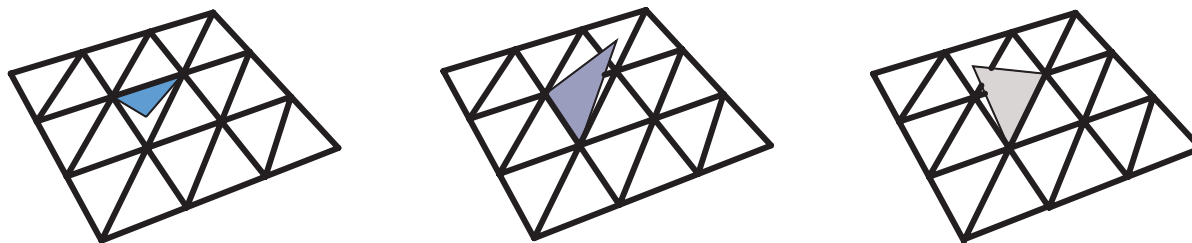
$$\mathcal{A}^*\bar{\psi} = f^\circ, \quad (\ell(v) = \int_{\Omega} f^\circ v \, dx)$$

3. Domain decomposition (Equilibration) $\rightarrow \bar{\lambda}$

Global Solution



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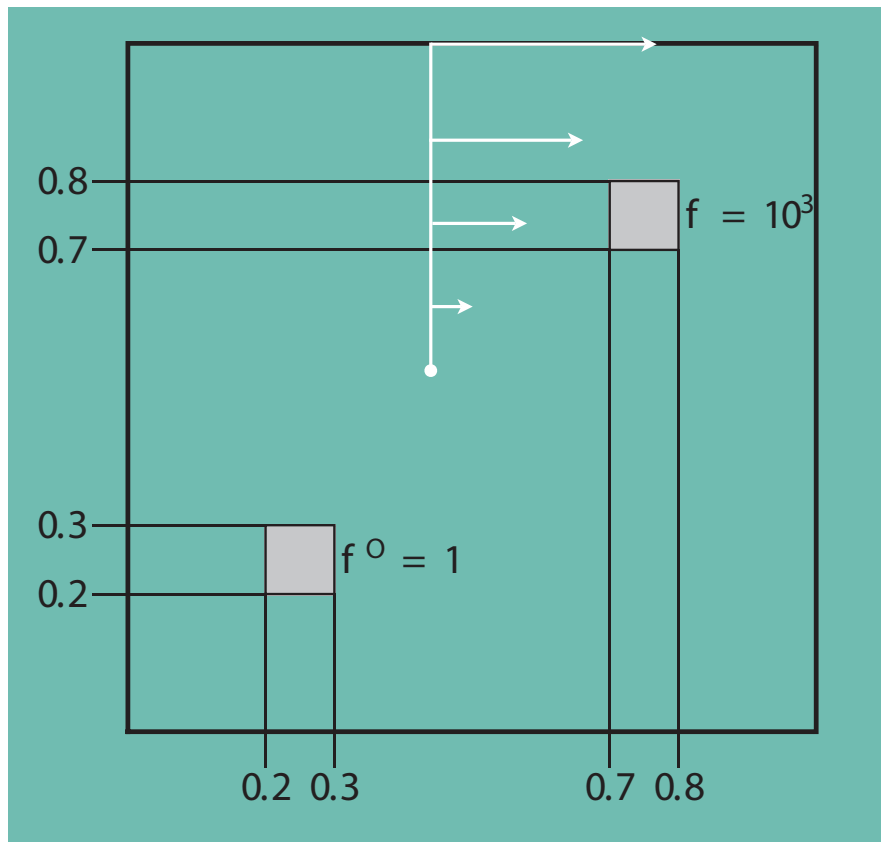
$$s^+ - s^- = \sum_{T_e \in \mathcal{T}_H} \Delta_e$$

with $\Delta_e \geq 0$

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Examples

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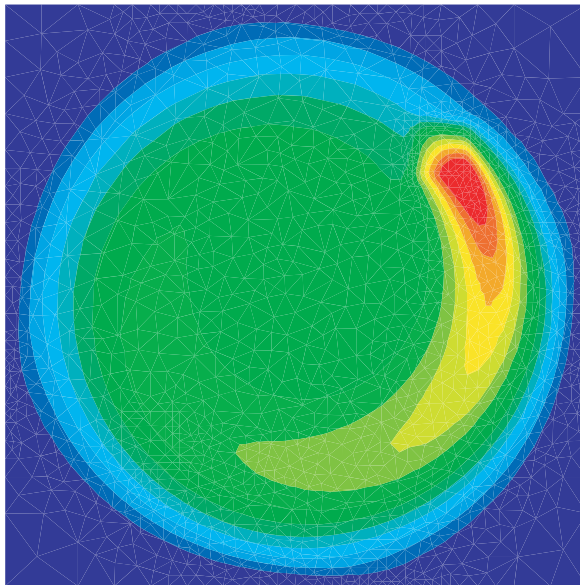


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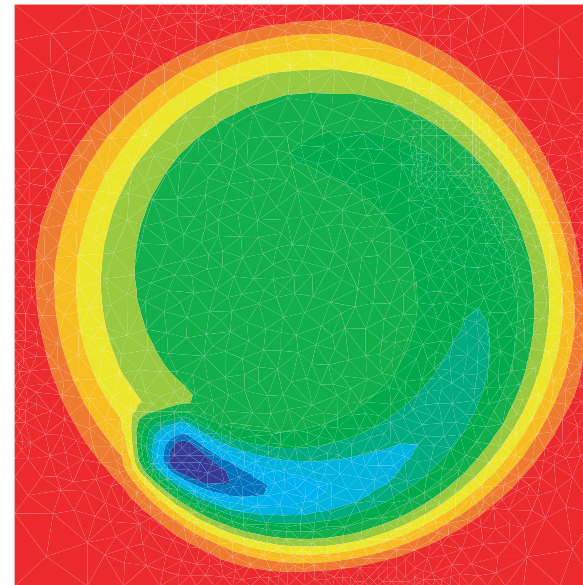
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Solution



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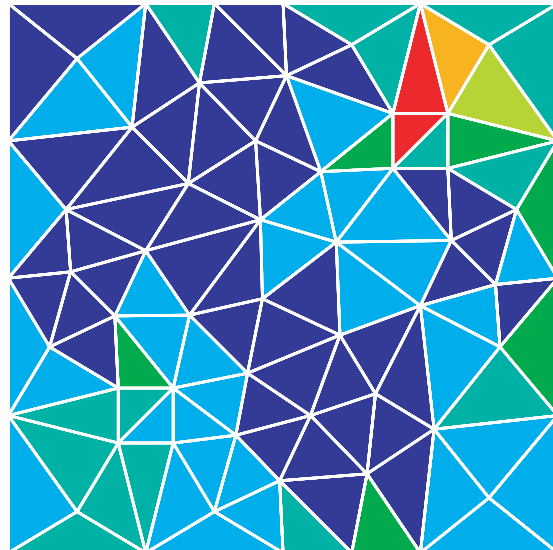
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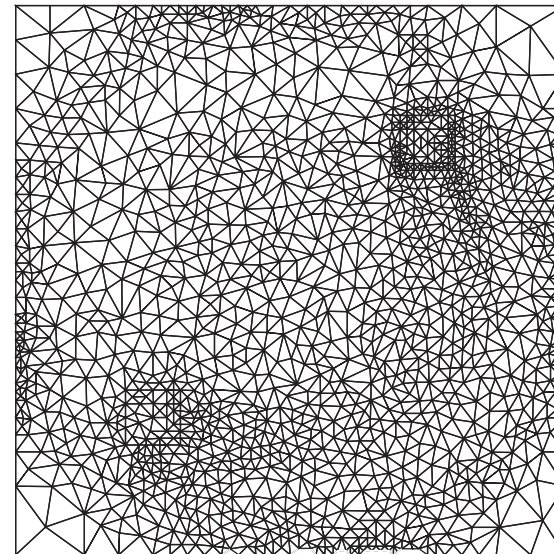
Adaptive Solution

$$\Delta_{gap} = 0.0005$$

$$s = 0.00370 \pm 0.00049$$



Gap: 0.0074 0.0134 0.0194 0.0254 0.0314 0.0374



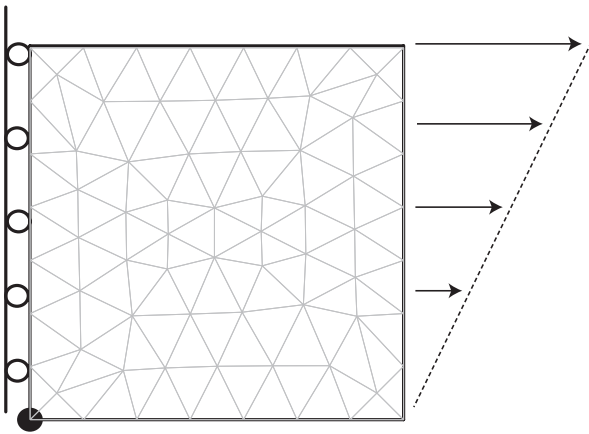
2917 Elements

Uniform refinement would require 6356 elements

Find $u \in X$ such that

$$\nabla \cdot \sigma(u) = 0$$

$$\sigma(u) \cdot n = y \quad x = L$$



Exact Solution:

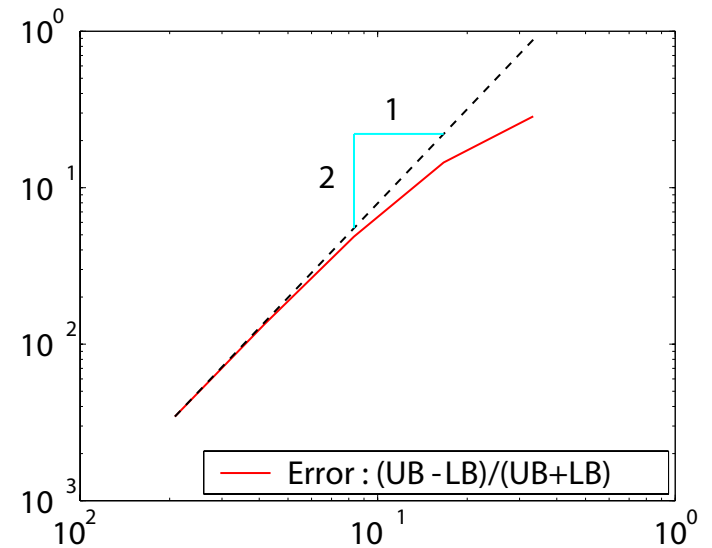
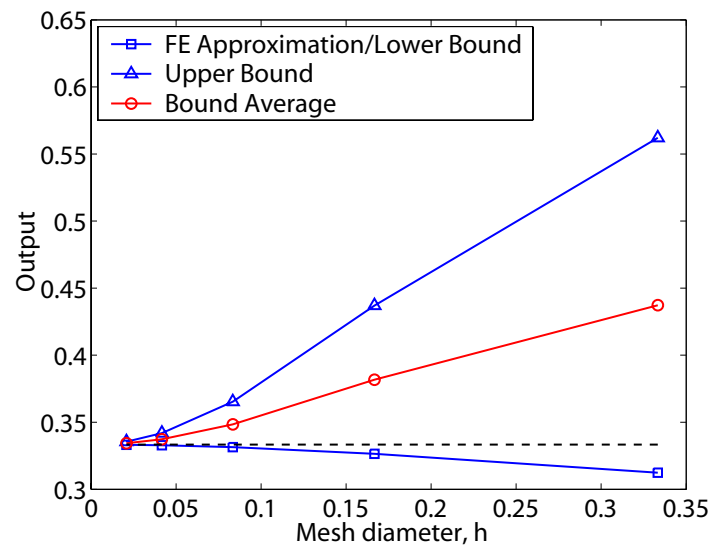
$$u = (2xy, -\nu(y^2 - x^2)/(2\lambda)), \quad (x, y) \in [0, L]^2$$

Examples

Elasticity

Linear Functionals

$$\ell(u) = \int_{x=L} y u_1 ds \quad (= L^4/3\lambda)$$

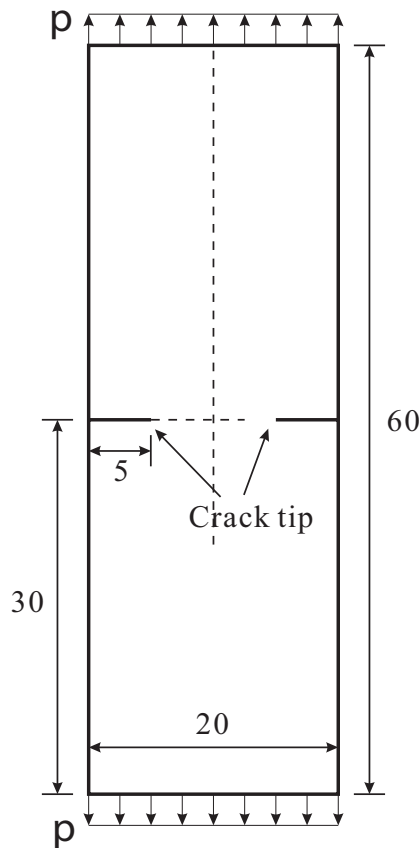


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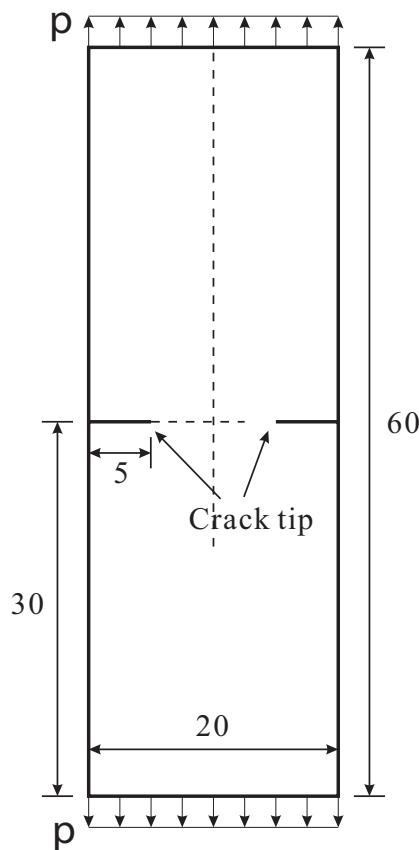
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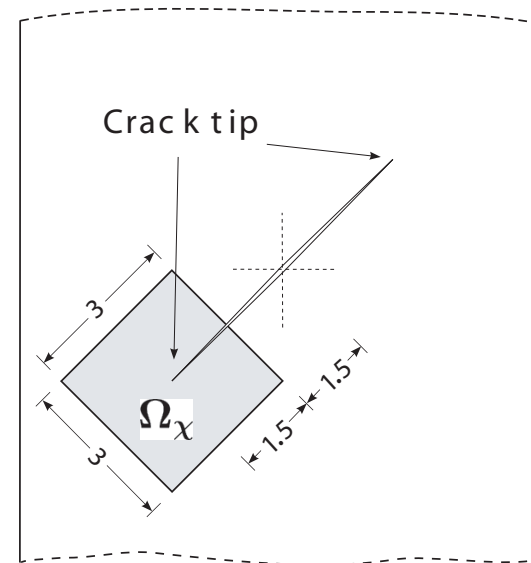
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Mixed mode crack problem (Plane Strain, $\nu = 0.3$)

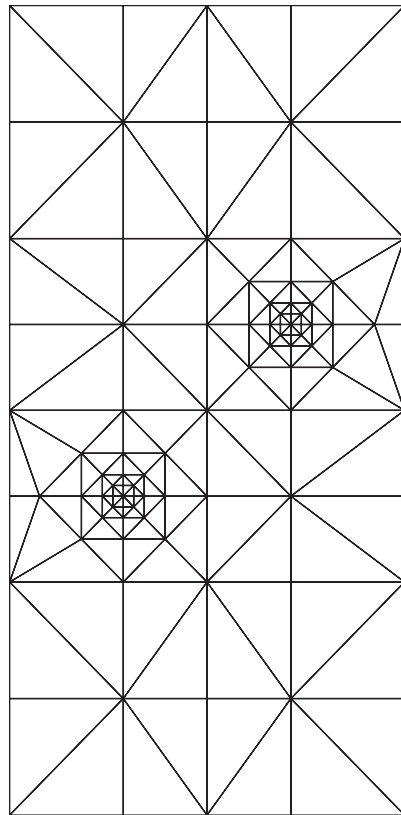


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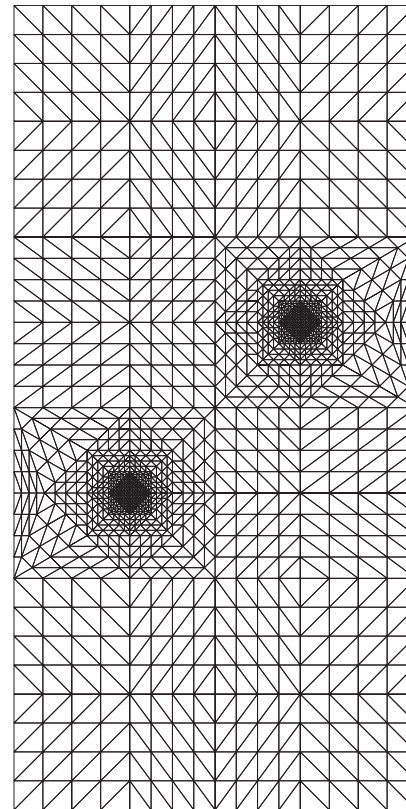
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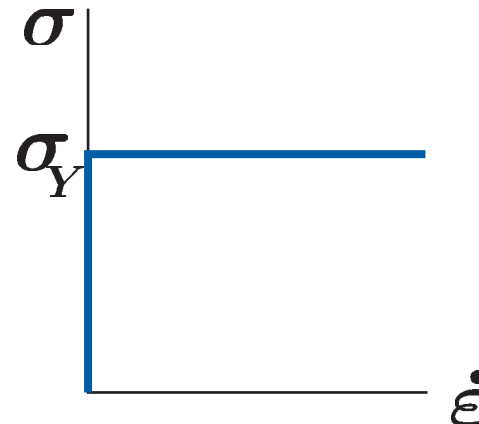
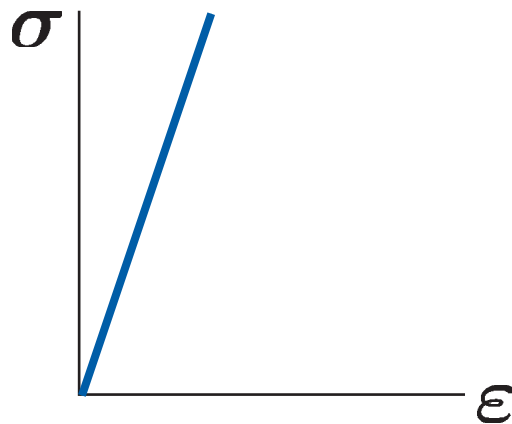
Mesh size	H	$H/2$	$H/4$	$H/8$	$H/16$
$\mathcal{J}(u_H)$	4.1722	5.3889	5.9313	6.1325	6.2034
$\eta_\chi e ^2$	10.7902	3.4107	0.8012	0.1829	0.0411
$\mathcal{J}^-$	-16.8051	-3.3567	3.3228	5.4447	6.0829
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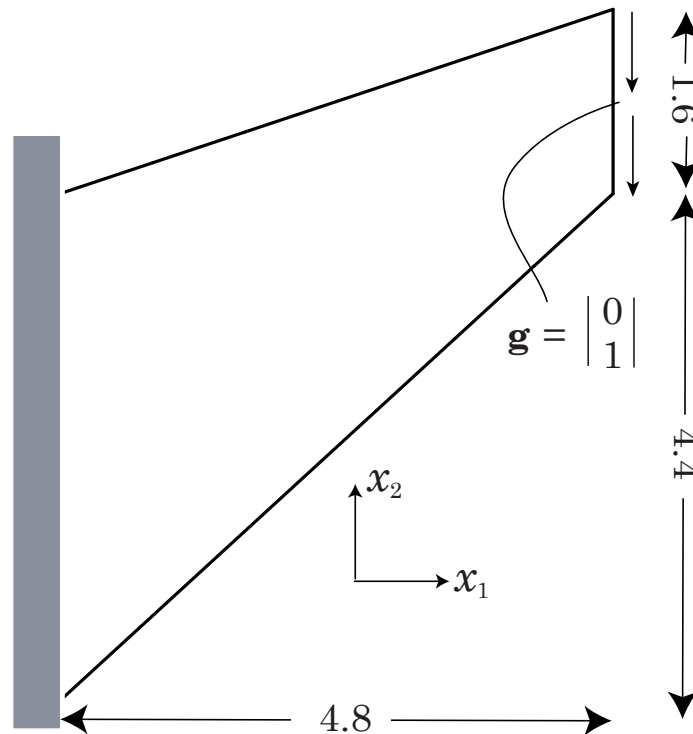
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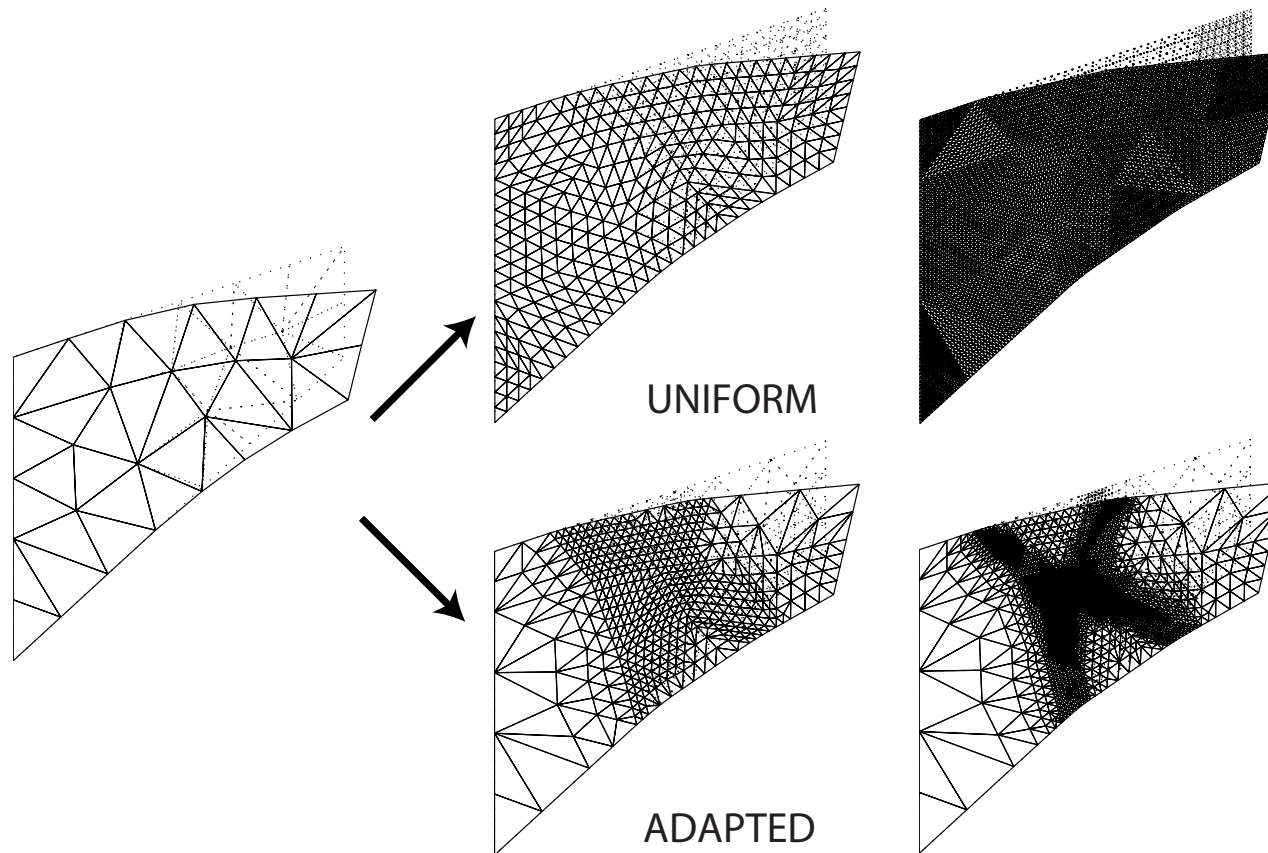
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2	544	0.68079	0.69704	0.01624	0.620	1.752
3	2176	0.68349	0.68983	0.00634	0.226	0.699
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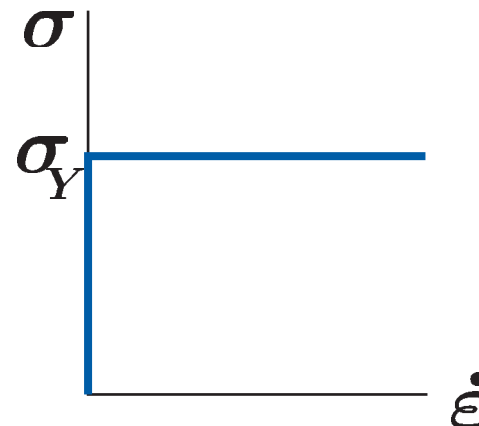
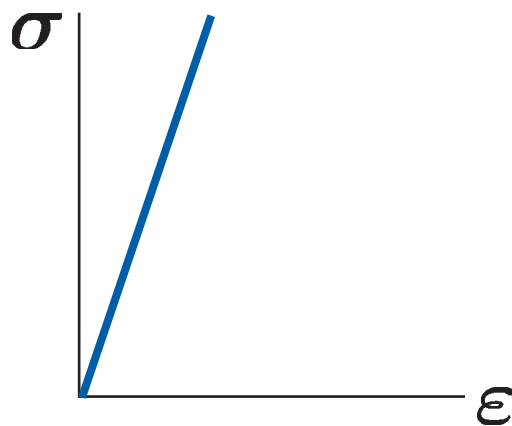
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Mesh the domain Ω and choose interpolation spaces X_h for σ and Y_h for u .

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda_h^* &= \max_{\lambda} \lambda \\ &\quad s.t. \begin{cases} \exists \sigma_h \in B_h \\ a(\sigma_h, u_h) = \lambda F(u_h), \forall u_h \in Y_h \end{cases} \\ &= \max_{\sigma_h \in B_h} \min_{u_h \in C_h} a(\sigma_h, u_h) \\ &= \min_{u_h \in C_h} \max_{\sigma_h \in B_h} a(\sigma_h, u_h) \\ &= \min_{u_h \in C_h} D_h(u_h).\end{aligned}$$

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- Primal (P) and Dual (D) canonical forms of Conic Programs:

$$(P) \min \{c^T x \mid Ax = b, x \in \mathcal{K}\},$$

$$(D) \max \{b^T y \mid A^T y + s = c, s \in \mathcal{K}_*\}$$

where $\mathcal{K} \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ is a closed, convex cone with a nonempty interior and $\mathcal{K}_* = \{s \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid s^T x \geq 0, \forall x \in \mathcal{K}\}$ is its dual.

- Canonical Self-Dual Cones $\mathcal{K} \equiv \mathcal{K}_*$: Positive orthant (LP)- $\mathbb{R}_+^n$;

Lorentz cone (SOCP): $\mathcal{L}^n = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid x_1 \geq \sqrt{\sum_{i=2}^n x_i^2}\}$;

Positive semidefinite cone (SDP): $\equiv \mathfrak{S}_+^n$

- Mixed Conic Program:

$$\mathcal{K} = \mathbb{R}^{n_1} \times \mathcal{L}^{n_2} \times \dots \times \mathcal{L}^{n_r} \times \mathfrak{S}_+^{n_{r+1}} \times \dots \times \mathfrak{S}_+^{n_q} \equiv \mathcal{K}_*$$

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Conic Programming...

Example: Lower Bound Problem as a SOCP

$$\lambda_h^{*LB} \equiv \max \lambda$$

$$s.t. \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \left(\begin{array}{ccc} \underline{\underline{A}}^{eq1} & \vdots & \underline{\underline{F}}_h^{eq1} \\ \underline{\underline{A}}^{eq2} & \vdots & \underline{\underline{F}}_h^{eq2} \\ \underline{\underline{A}}_\delta^{soc} & \vdots & \underline{\underline{0}} \end{array} \right) \left(\begin{array}{c} \underline{\underline{\sigma}}_h \\ \lambda \\ \underline{\underline{x}}_\delta^{soc} \end{array} \right) = \left(\begin{array}{c} \underline{\underline{0}} \\ \underline{\underline{0}} \\ \underline{\underline{b}}_\delta^{soc} \end{array} \right) \\ \underline{\underline{\sigma}}_h \text{ free, } \lambda \geq 0, \underline{\underline{x}}_\delta^{soc} \in \mathcal{K} \end{array} \right.$$

where $\mathcal{K} = \overbrace{\mathcal{L}^n \times \cdots \times \mathcal{L}^n}^{3 \times E}$, $\delta = 1$ refers to plane stress ($n = 5$) and $\delta = 2$, to plane strain ($n = 3$).

Solution of the Bound Problems

- Both the upper and the lower bound problems are SOCPs.
- This is important mainly for two reasons:
 1. State of the art primal-dual interior point methods (IPMs), particularly developed for SOCP, can be used. They guarantee global convergence and efficiency in the solution process.
 2. The bound problems can be solved using any generic conic programming optimization package.

- Claim: $\lambda_h^{*LB} \leq \lambda_h^* \leq \lambda_h^{*UB}$
- Certificate:
 - Information about the computational mesh $\mathcal{T}_h$
 - $(\lambda_h^{*LB}, \underline{\sigma}_h^{LB}) \implies$ check that equilibrium and membership to the yield condition hold point by point.
 - $(\lambda_h^{*UB}, \underline{u}_h^{UB}) \implies$ check that $\underline{u}_h^{UB}$ is a kinematically admissible velocity field and that $\lambda_h^{*UB} = D(\underline{u}_h^{UB})$.

- Objective: refine the mesh $\mathcal{T}_h$ efficiently, by only dividing the elements that contribute more to the numerical error. Here, the error is measured by the **bound gap**, $\Delta_h = \lambda_h^{*UB} - \lambda_h^{*LB}$.
- The **elemental bound gap**, Δ_h^e , gives the contribution of each element, e , in the mesh to the total bound gap:

$$\Delta_h^e = \underbrace{\int_{\Omega^e} \sigma_y \varepsilon_{eq}(\mathbf{u}_{UB}^e)}_{D^e(\mathbf{u}_{UB}^e)} - \underbrace{\left(\int_{\Omega^e} (-\nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{LB}^e) \cdot \mathbf{u}_{UB}^e dV + \int_{\partial\Omega^e} (\mathbf{n}^{\xi e} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{LB}^e) \cdot \mathbf{u}_{UB}^e dS \right)}_{F^e(\mathbf{u}_{UB}^e)},$$

- Properties of Δ_h^e : 1) $\Delta_h^e \geq 0$, $\forall e \in \mathcal{T}_h$, 2) $\sum_{e \in \mathcal{T}_h} \Delta_h^e = \Delta_h$.
- Adaptive strategy: refine only the elements with higher Δ_h^e .