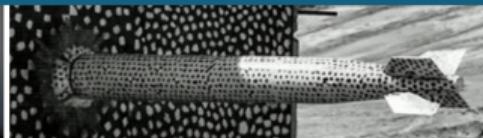




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# Optimization based solvers for the Monge-Ampère equation with applications to mesh adaptivity



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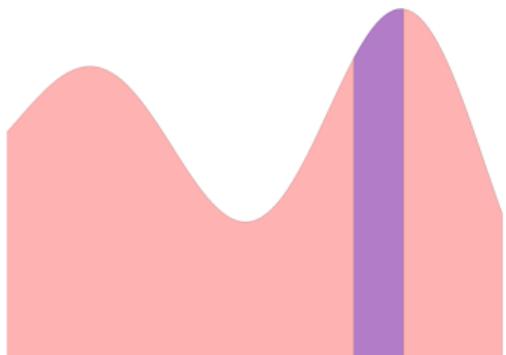
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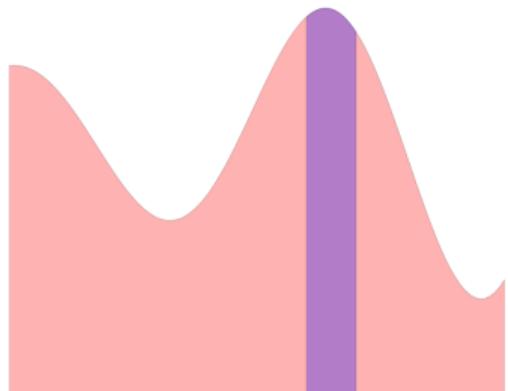


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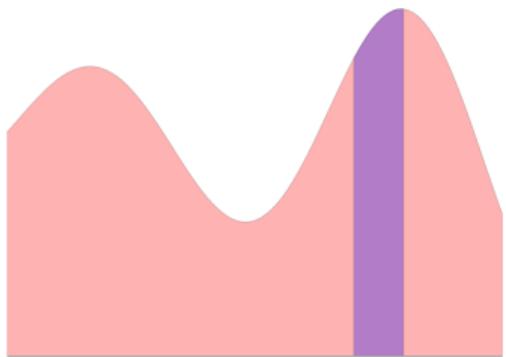
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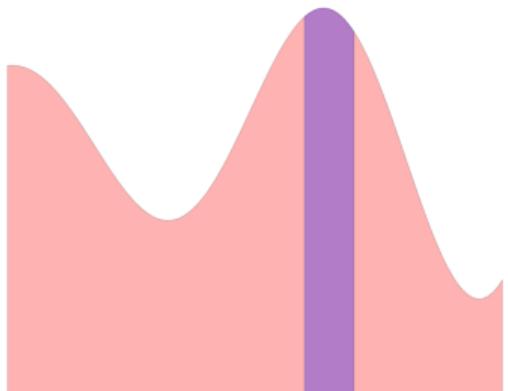


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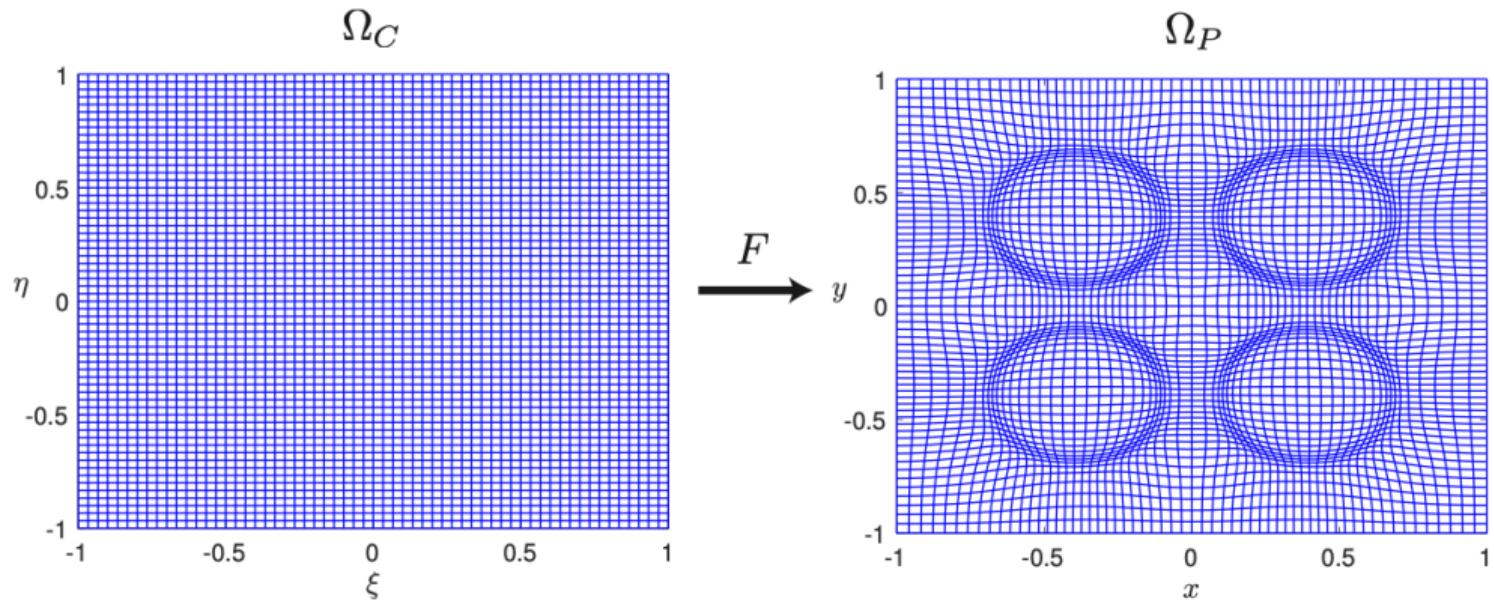
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We focus solving the Monge-Ampère equation to generate a **dynamic, optimally transported adaptive mesh**.

## Links to Mesh Adaptation

If  $u$  is a convex solution to the Monge-Ampere equation, then  $(x, y) = \nabla u$  gives an adaptive mesh in the physical space.

Mesh adaptation is determined through a monitor function based on the solution to PDE being solved.



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**Objective: Can we find a low order finite element approximation for the Monge-Ampère Equation?**

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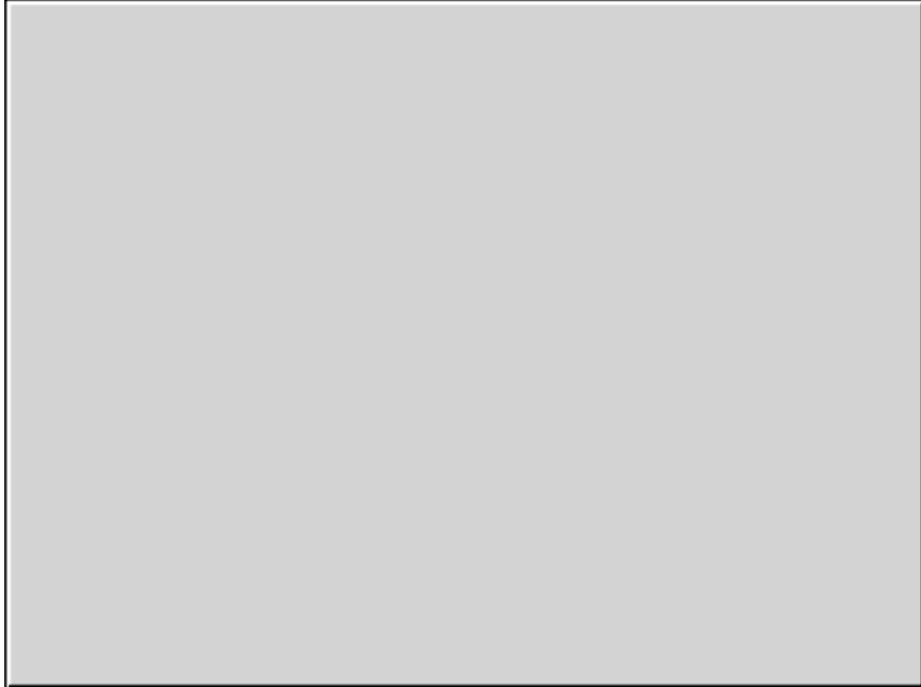
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## Results – Sine Wave



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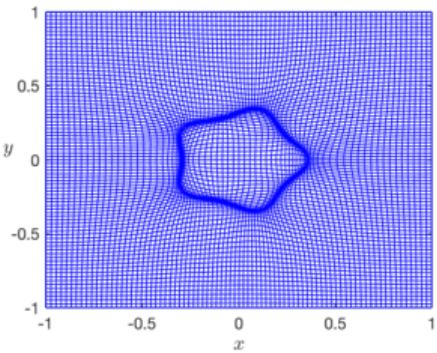
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# Conclusions



- Fast, low order finite element approximations for the Monge-Ampère equation.
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- Accurately solves the MAE for various solution types seen in the literature.
- Plan to use for mesh adaptivity in convex domains where FD methods fail.



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