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GBCs and the conjugate basis for both element-based and element-free solution of PDEs

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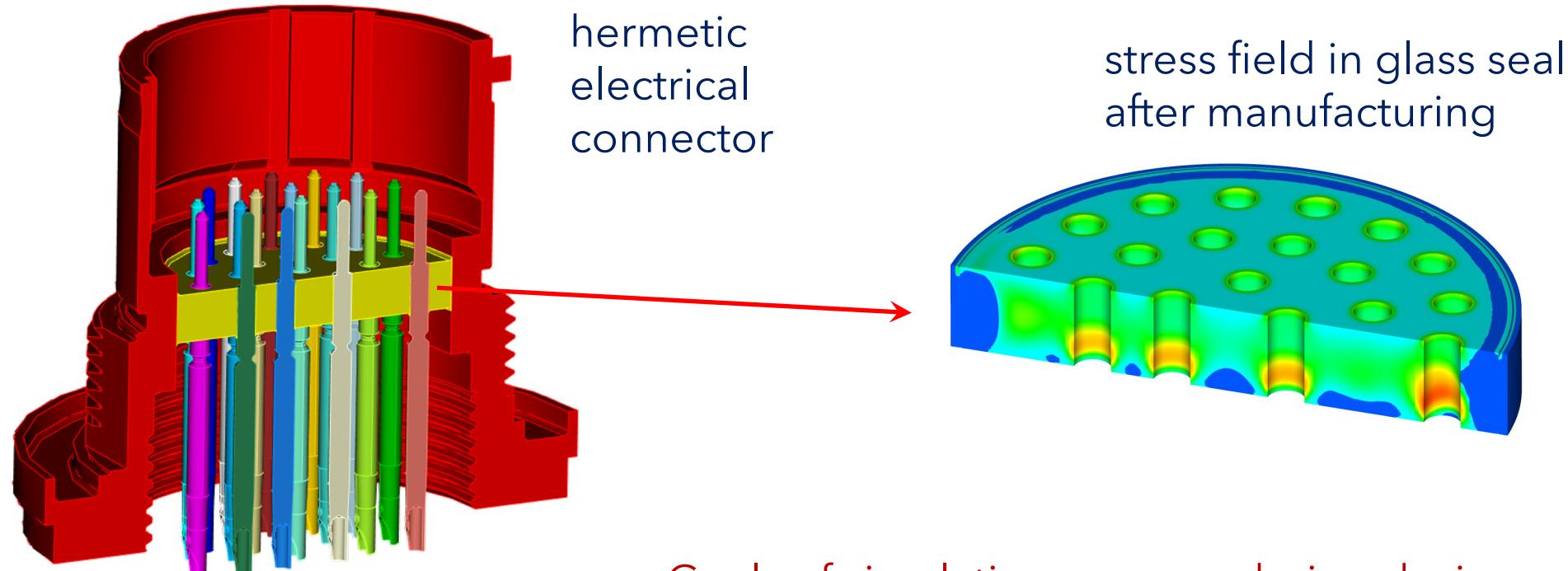
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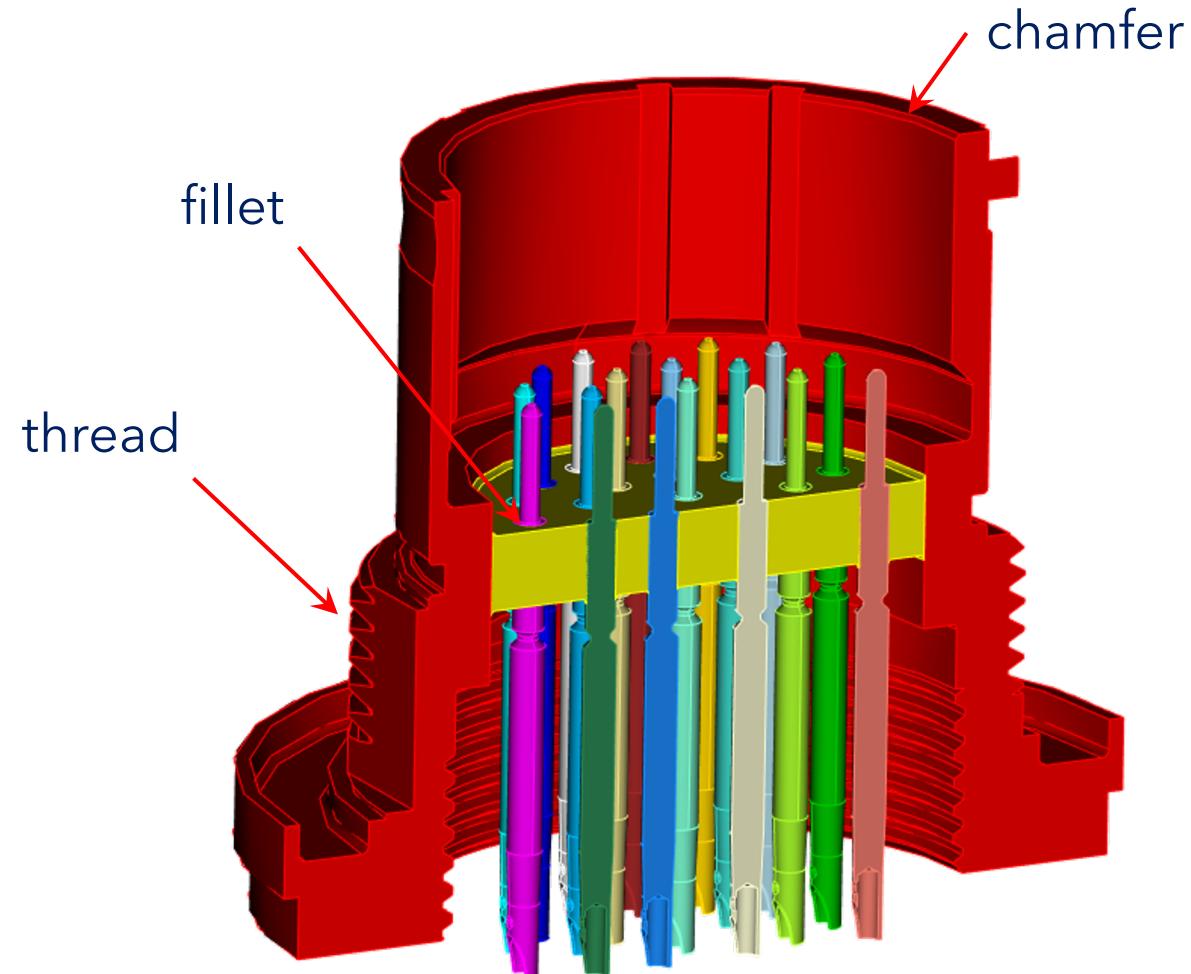
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Motivation: Agile simulation of complex assemblies



- Goals of simulation can vary during design process.
- Heuristics are often used to defeature geometry.
- Heuristics are used to construct finite element mesh.

Motivation: Typical domain (geometry) features



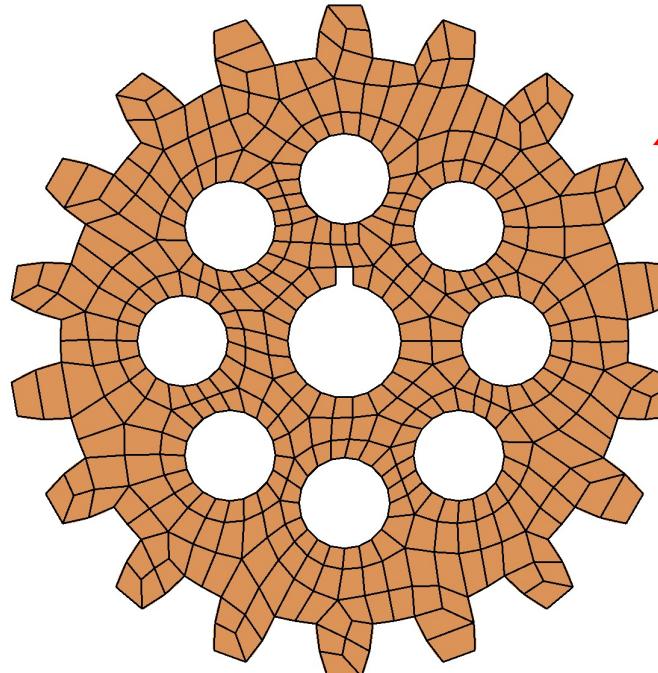
In engineering applications, domains typically contain numerous geometric features that are unimportant for the goals of the simulation.

Motivation

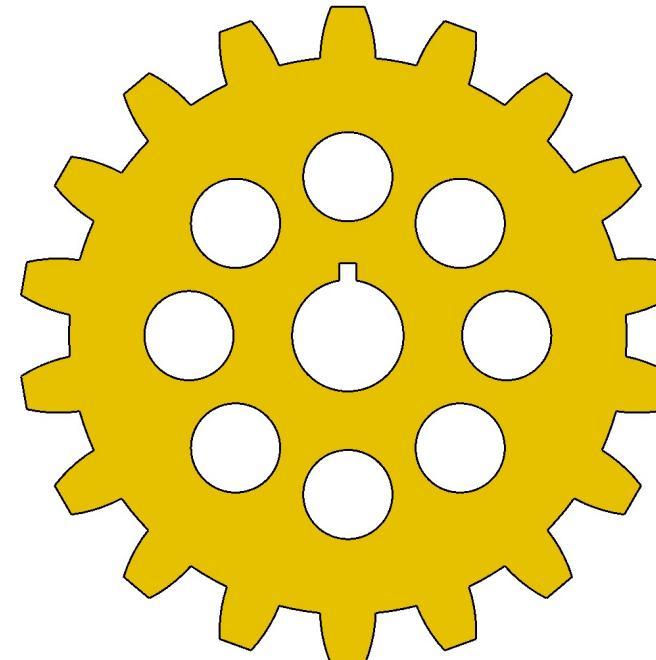
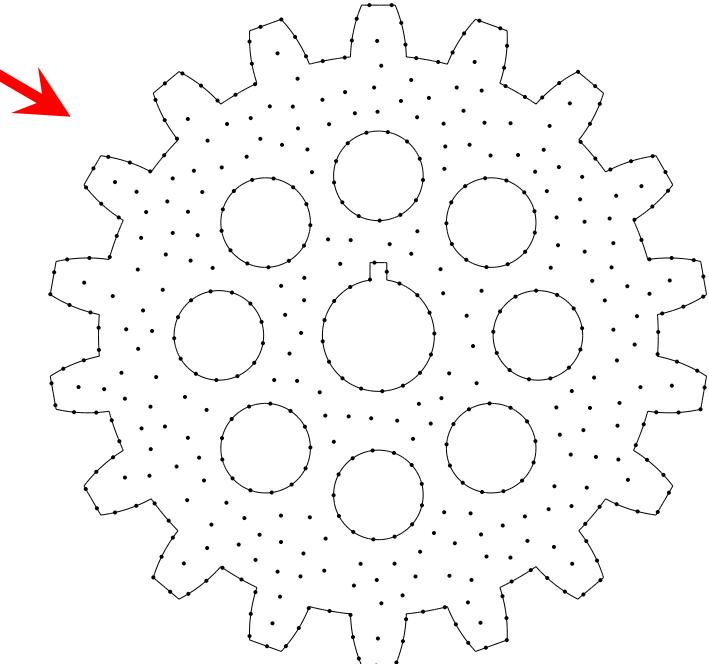


- GBCs provide framework for broad class of discretizations, both element based and element free.
- Can unify both classes of discretizations.

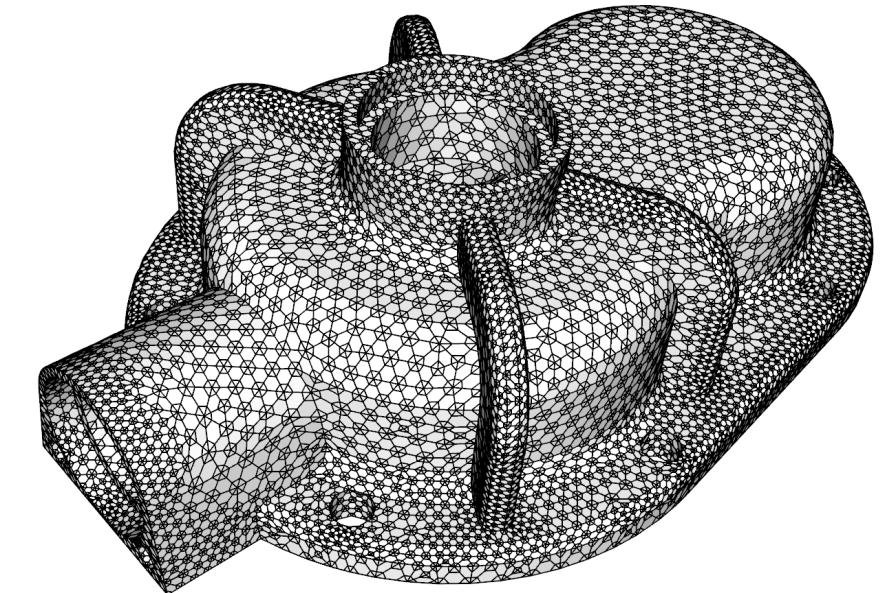
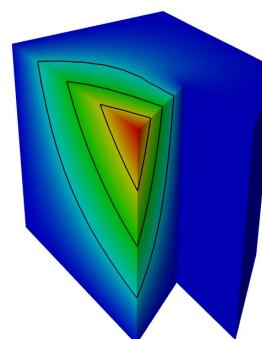
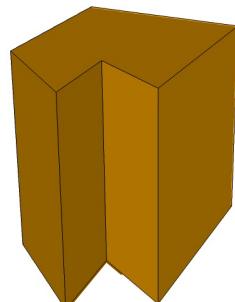
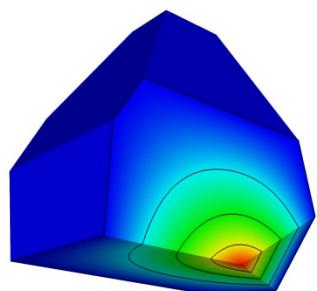
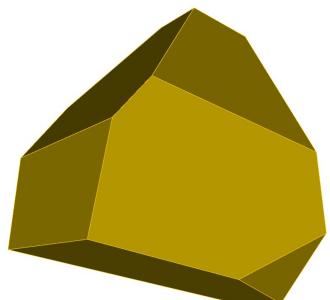
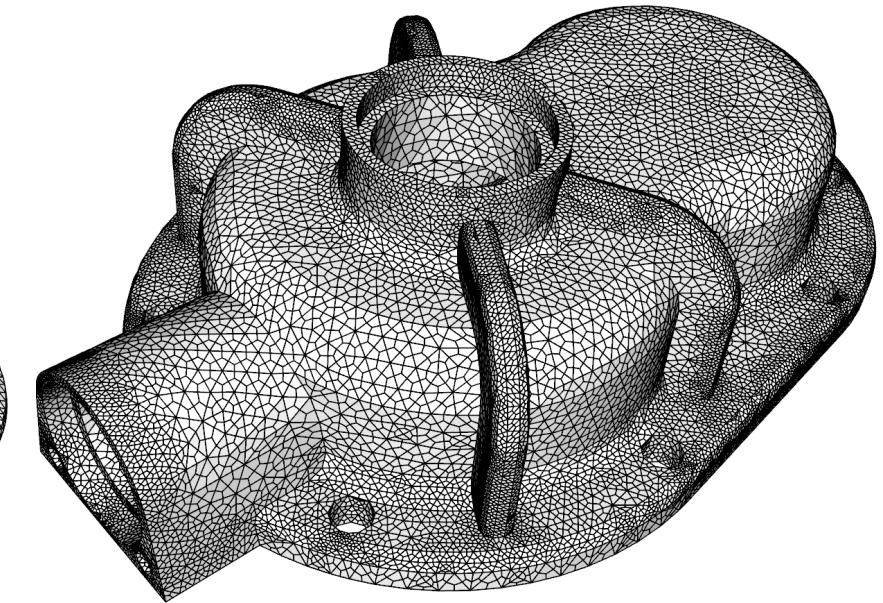
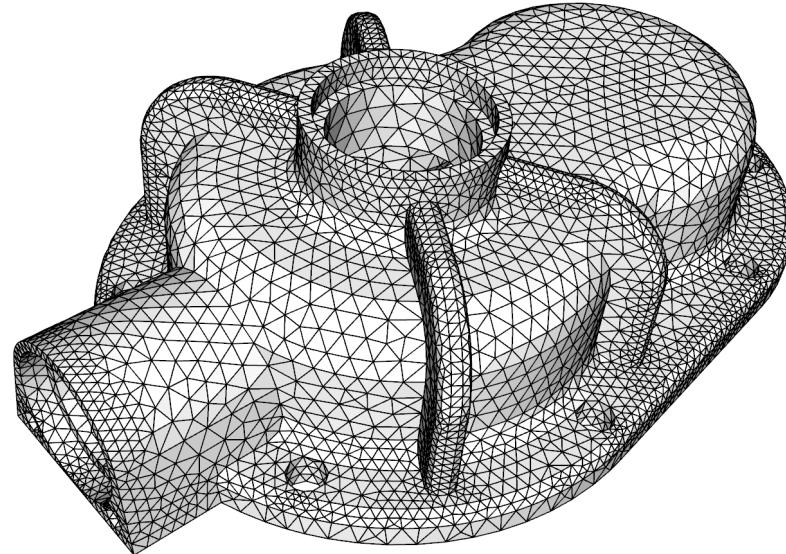
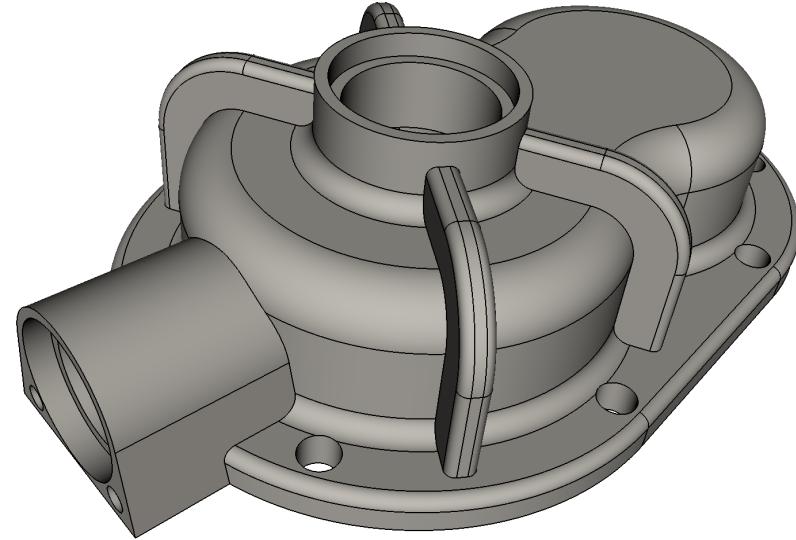
element based



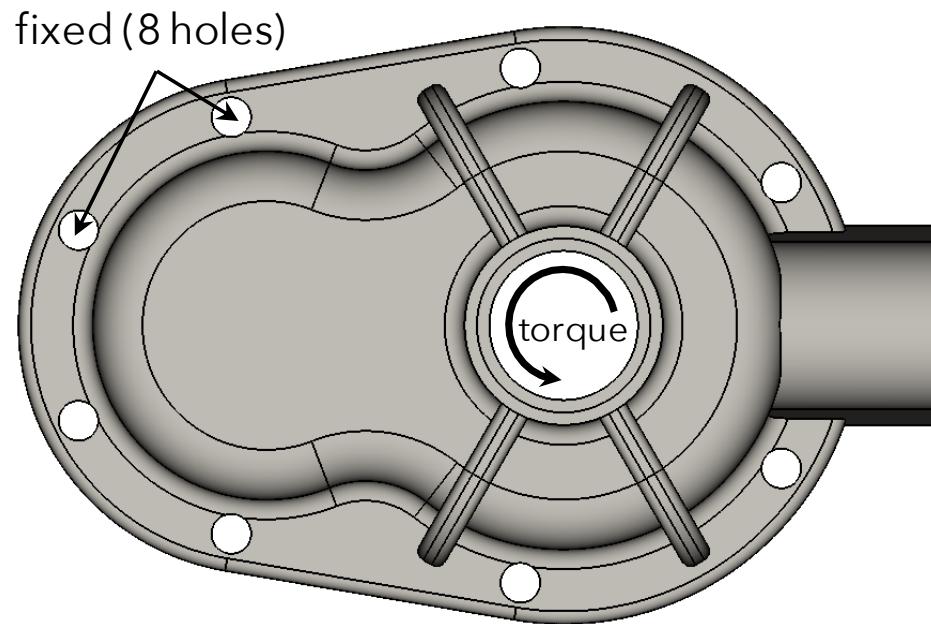
element free



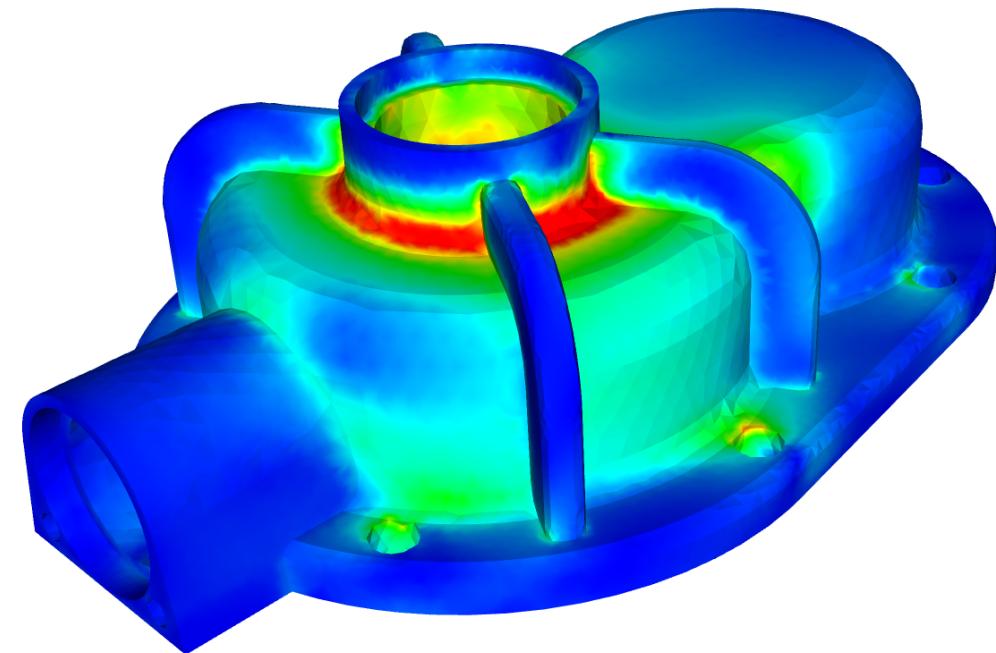
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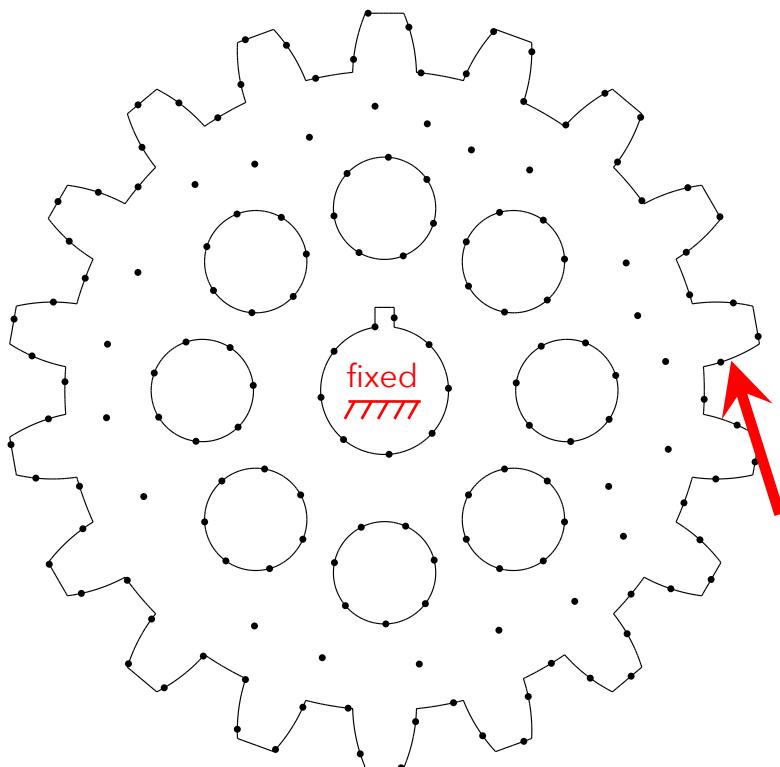
von Mises stress field



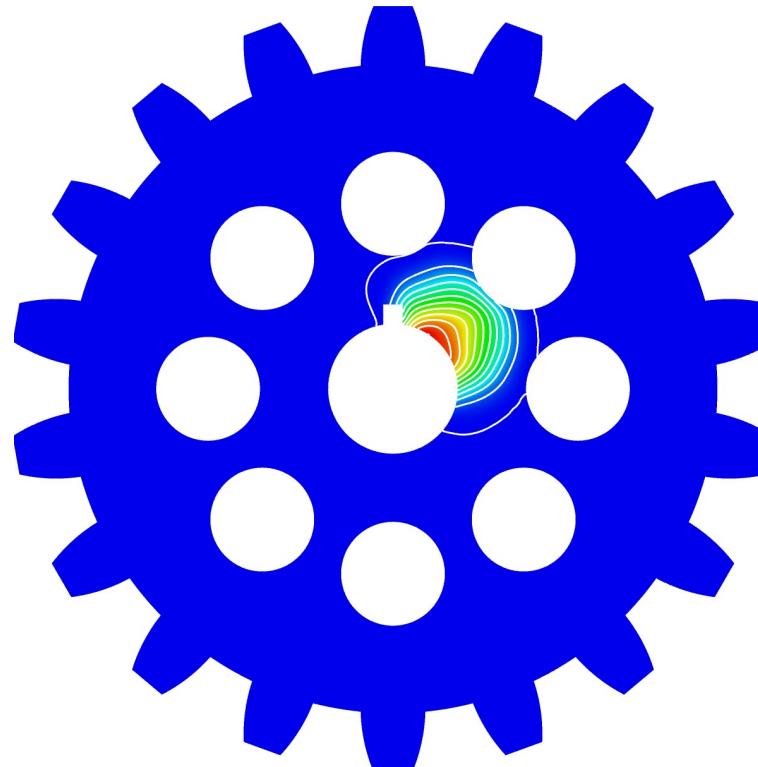
Motivation: element-free discretizations



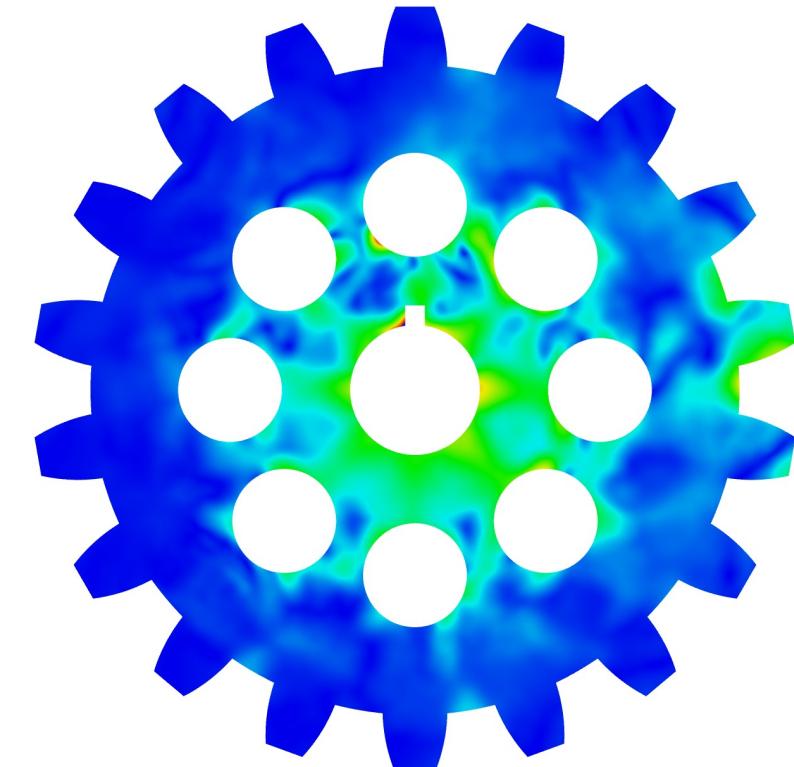
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basis functions



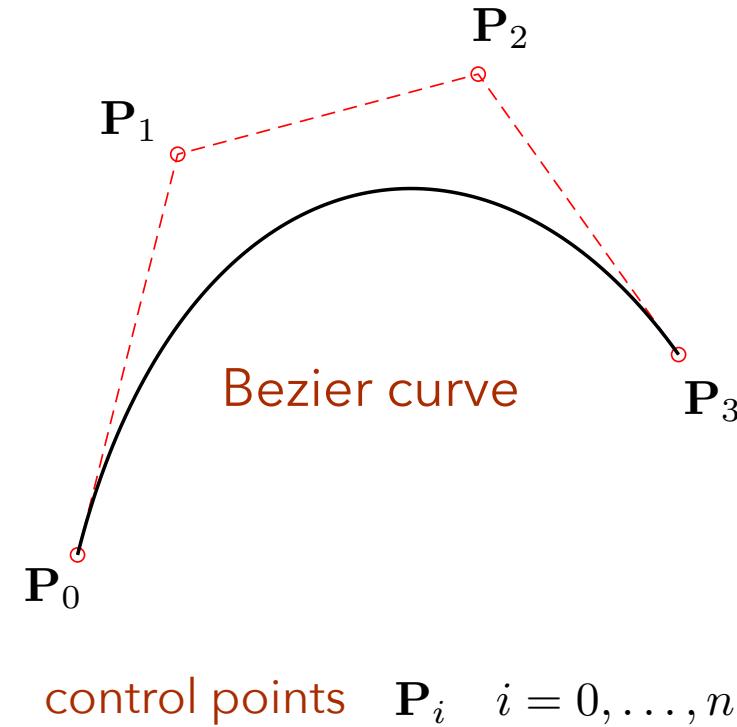
stress field (vm)



Outline

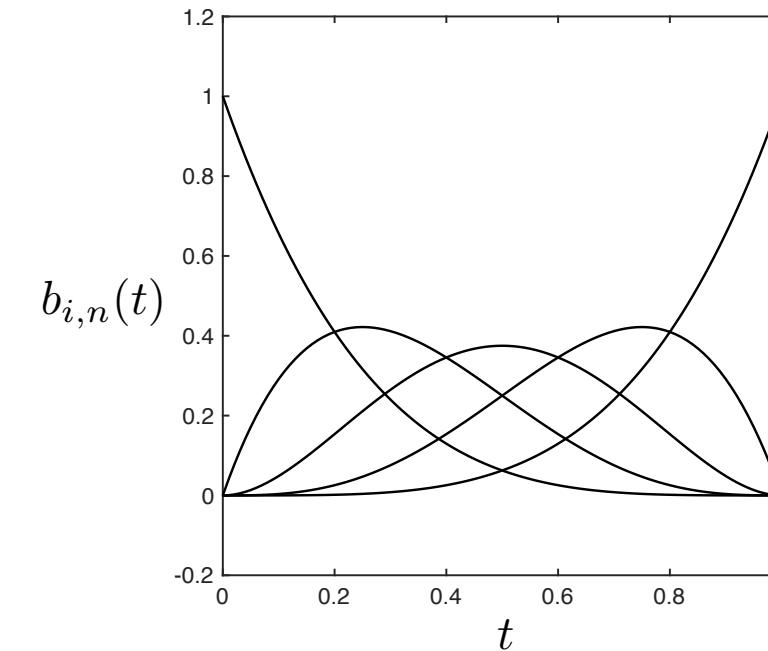
1. motivation
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6. element-free applications (weight functions using manifold geodesics)
7. summary

Geometry to function approximation



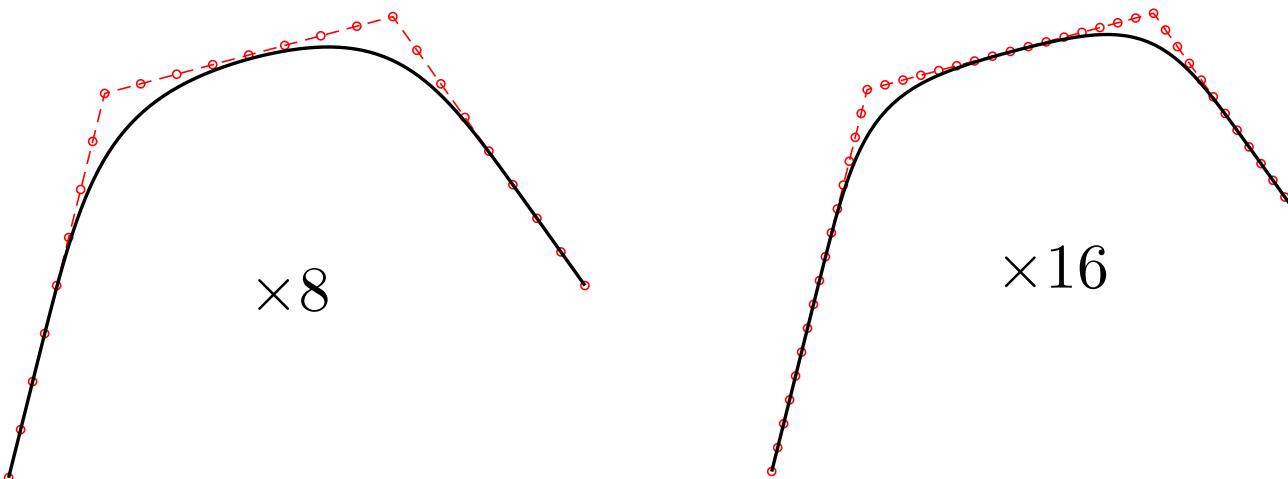
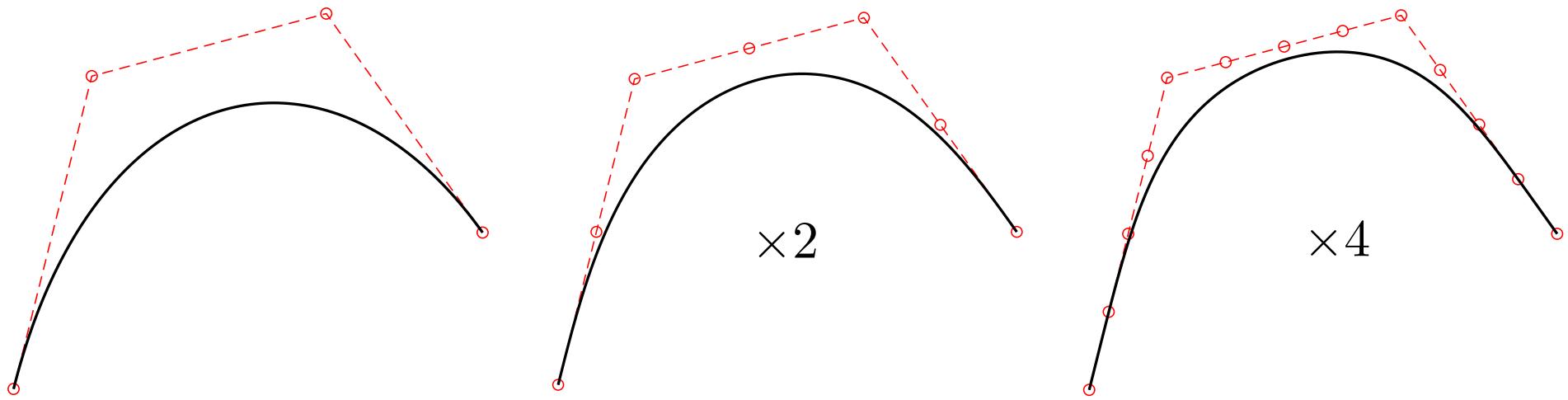
$$\mathbf{B}(t) := \sum_{i=0}^n \mathbf{P}_i b_{i,n}(t)$$

Bernstein polynomial $b_{i,n}(t)$



provide affine invariance (scaling, rotation)

Geometry to function approximation



Bernstein polynomial, a GBC-type approximation



Bernstein polynomial $B_n(t) := \sum_{i=0}^n \beta_n b_{i,n}(t)$

Bernstein basis polynomials of degree n

$$b_{i,n}(t) := \binom{n}{i} t^i (1-t)^{n-i}, \quad i = 0, \dots, n$$

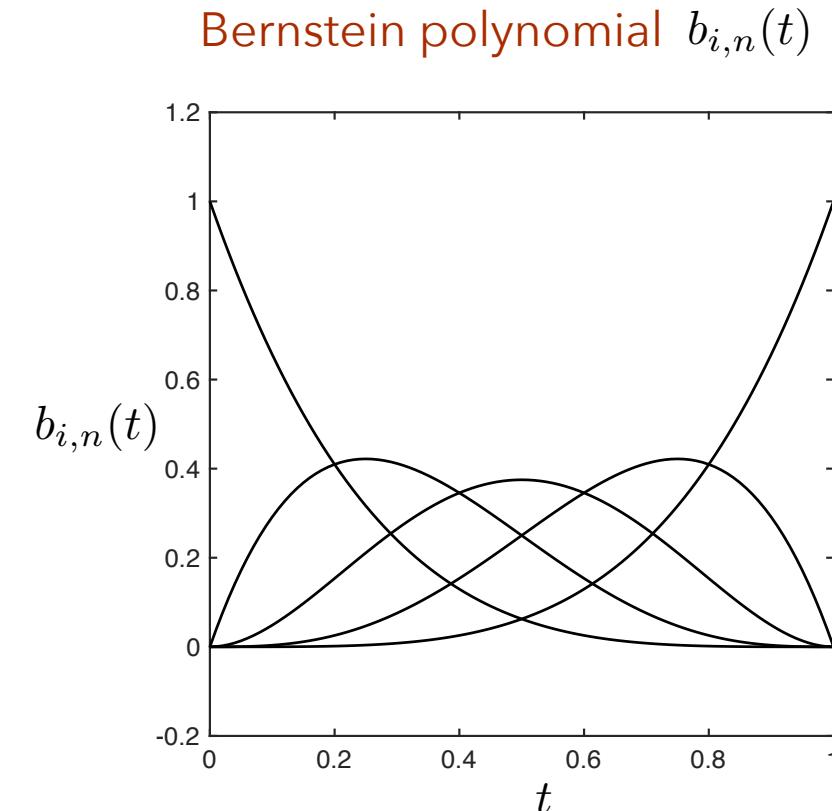
$$\sum_{i=0}^n b_{i,n} = 1$$

partition of unity

$$\sum_{i=0}^n \frac{i}{n} b_{i,n} = t$$

linear reproduction

affine invariance



Note that $b_{i,n}(t)$ are not interpolating except at endpoints.

Function approximation using Bernstein polynomials



Weierstrass approximation theorem: constructive proof that polynomials are dense in $C[0,1]$.

Theorem: Let f be a continuous function on the interval $[0, 1]$. Then the Bernstein polynomial $B_n(f)(x)$ given by

$$B_n(f)(x) := \sum_{i=0}^n f\left(\frac{i}{n}\right) b_{i,n}(x)$$

converges uniformly to $f(x)$ on the interval $[0, 1]$.

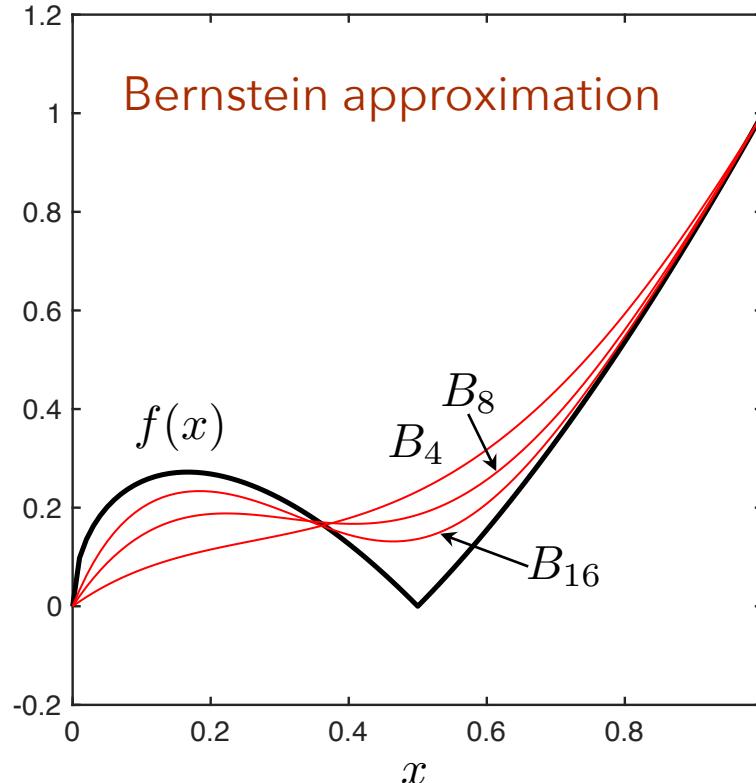
$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} B_n(f)(x) = f(x)$$

convergence is uniform

Example: Function approximation using Bernstein polynomials

Let $f(x) = |2x - 1|\sqrt{x}$

$$B_n(x) := \sum_{i=0}^n f\left(\frac{i}{n}\right) b_{i,n}(x)$$



Key observations:

- Bernstein basis polynomials have global support.
- Bernstein polynomials are not interpolatory, but still converge because of linear consistency.
- Approximation involves product of functional and basis.
- Can we generalize to any GBC? (yes!)

Example: Function approximation using moving-least-squares basis

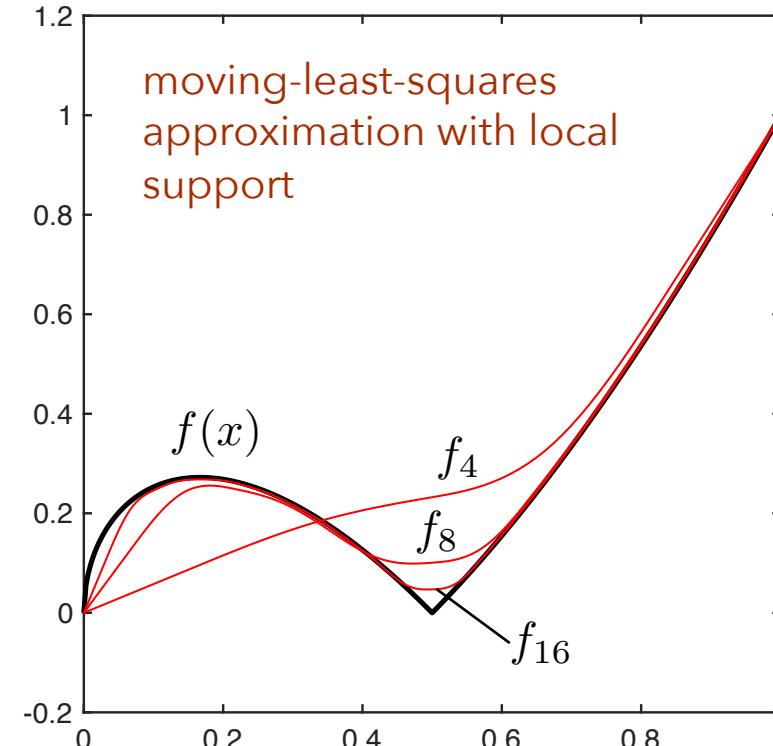
$$f(x) = |2x - 1|\sqrt{x}$$

$$f_N = \sum_{K=1}^N f(x_K) \phi_K(x)$$

$\phi_K(x)$ are MLS basis functions with local support

Observations:

- Approximation still converges uniformly.
- Convergence is faster with local support.



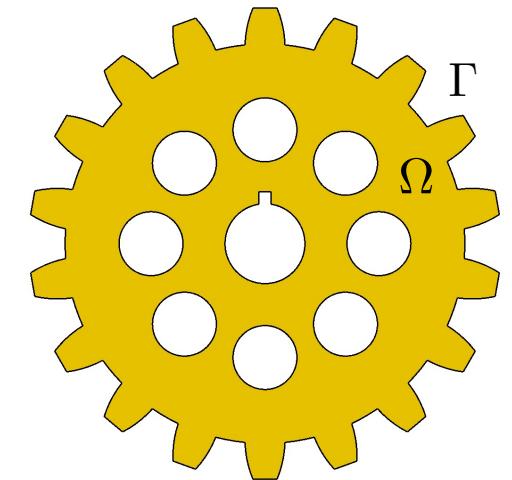
Function approximation using GBCs on general domains

Theorem:

Let f be a continuous function on the domain Ω . Suppose $\{\phi_K(\mathbf{x}), K = 1, \dots, N\}$ forms a partition of unity and each function ϕ_K has local support of size h . Then the GBC approximation $f_h(\mathbf{x})$ given by

$$f_h(\mathbf{x}) := \sum_K f(\mathbf{x}_K) \phi_K(\mathbf{x})$$

converges uniformly to $f(\mathbf{x})$ on $\overline{\Omega}$.



$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f_h(x) = f(x)$$

convergence is uniform

GBC application to quadrature

Will be used in applications to PDE solution.

Application to quadrature

Since $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f_h(x) = f(x)$ uniformly, it follows that $\int_{\Omega} f_h(\mathbf{x}) d\Omega \rightarrow \int_{\Omega} f(\mathbf{x}) d\Omega$

with $\left| \int f_h(\mathbf{x}) d\Omega - \int f(\mathbf{x}) d\Omega \right| \leq \int |f_h(\mathbf{x}) - f(\mathbf{x})| d\Omega \leq \int \varepsilon d\Omega = V \cdot \varepsilon$

Can obtain rates of convergence using Taylor's theorem.

Quadrature



$$f_h(\mathbf{x}) := \sum_K f(\mathbf{x}_K) \phi_K(\mathbf{x})$$

then $\int f_h(\mathbf{x}) d\Omega = \sum_K f(\mathbf{x}_K) \int \phi_K(\mathbf{x}) d\Omega$



Define quadrature weight as $w_K = \int_{\Omega} \phi_K(\mathbf{x}) d\Omega$

$$\int f_h(\mathbf{x}) d\Omega = \sum_K w_K f(\mathbf{x}_K) \approx \int f(\mathbf{x}) d\Omega$$

$$w_K = \int_{\Omega} \phi_K(\mathbf{x}) d\Omega$$

Quadrature

Note that $\sum_K w_K = \sum_K \int_{\Omega} \phi_K(\mathbf{x}) d\Omega = \int_{\Omega} \sum_K \phi_K(\mathbf{x}) d\Omega = \int_{\Omega} 1 d\Omega = V$

Also, since $\sum_K \mathbf{x}_K \phi_K(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}$

then $\sum_K w_K \mathbf{x}_K = \sum_K \int_{\Omega} \phi_K(\mathbf{x}) \mathbf{x}_K d\Omega = \int_{\Omega} \sum_K \mathbf{x}_K \phi_K(\mathbf{x}) d\Omega = \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{x} d\Omega$

Now have a second-order integration scheme that can integrate linear functions exactly.

$$\sum_K w_K = V$$

$$\sum_K w_K \mathbf{x}_K = \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{x} d\Omega$$

Can extend to higher-order integration using higher-order reproducing conditions.

Quadrature example in 1D

For Bernstein approximation:

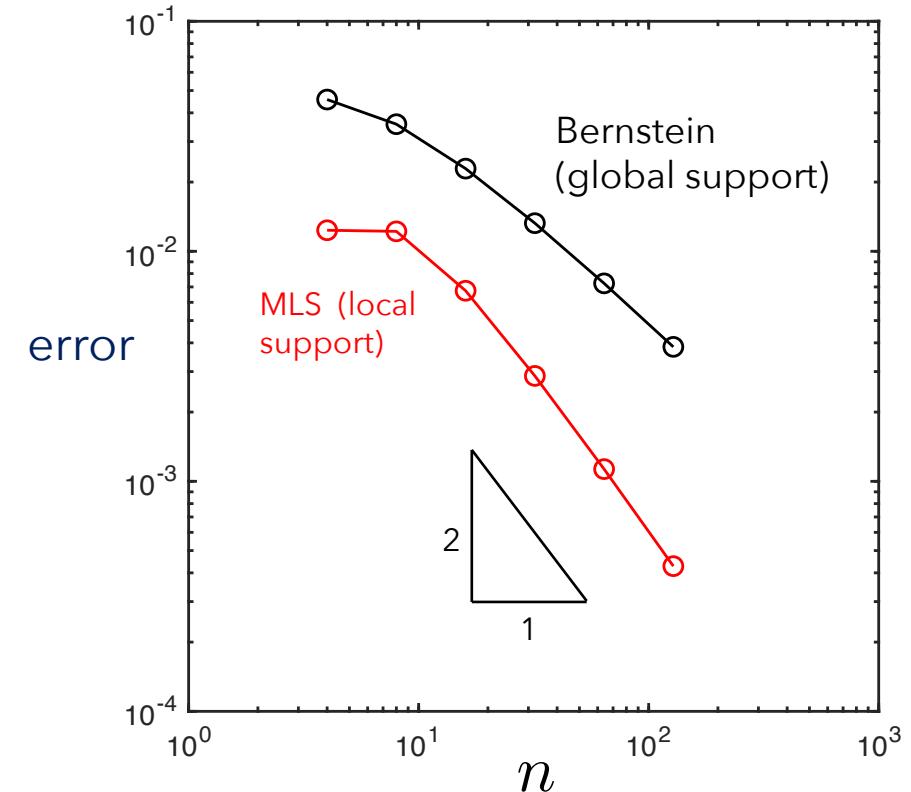
recall $B_n(x) := \sum_{i=0}^n f\left(\frac{i}{n}\right) b_{i,n}(x)$

$$\int_0^1 b_{i,n}(x) dx = \frac{1}{n+1} = w_i$$

$$\int_0^1 f(x) dx \approx \int_0^1 B_n(f)(x) dx = \frac{1}{n+1} \sum_{i=0}^n f\left(\frac{i}{n}\right)$$

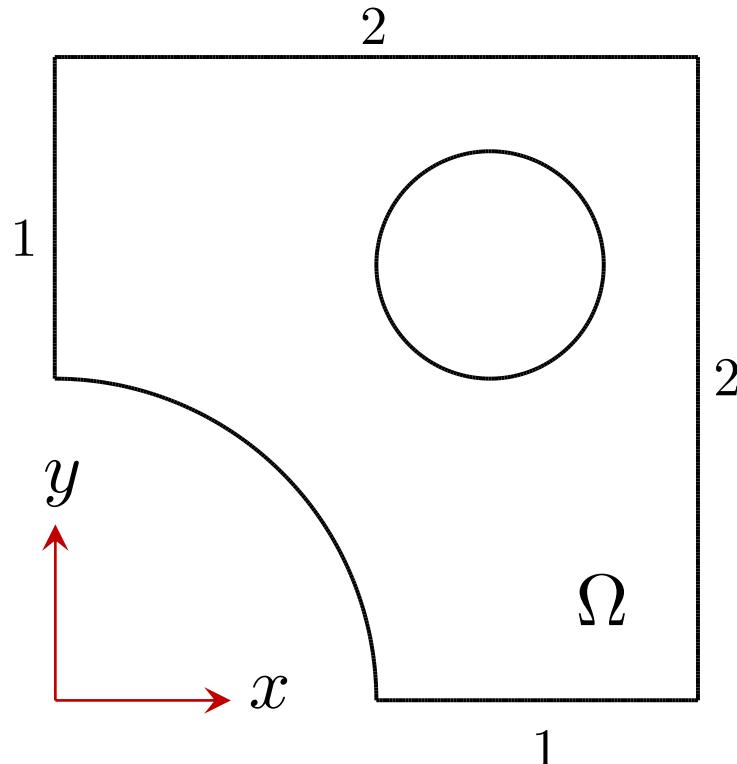
~ midpoint rule

Let $f(x) = |2x - 1|\sqrt{x}$



Of course, Gauss rules are much more efficient, but are not generalizable to arbitrary domains.

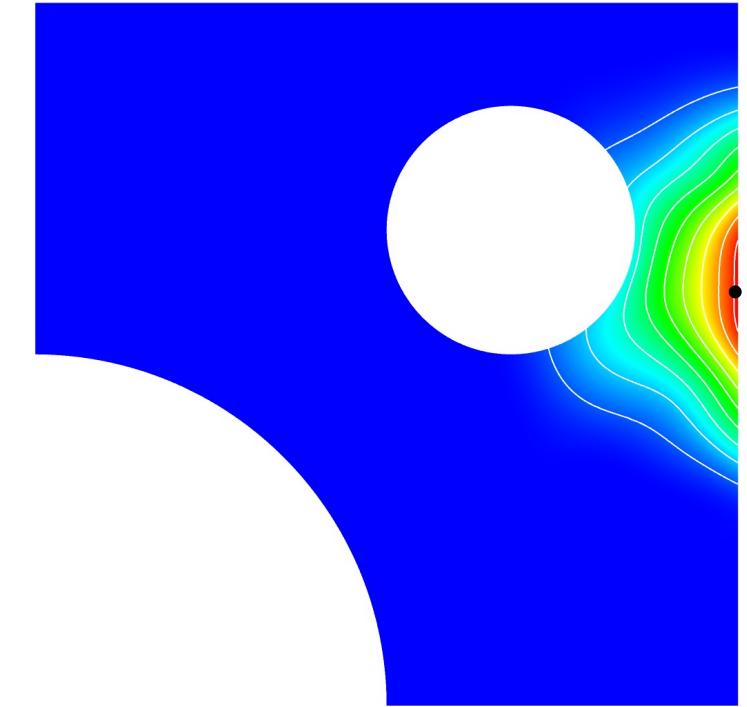
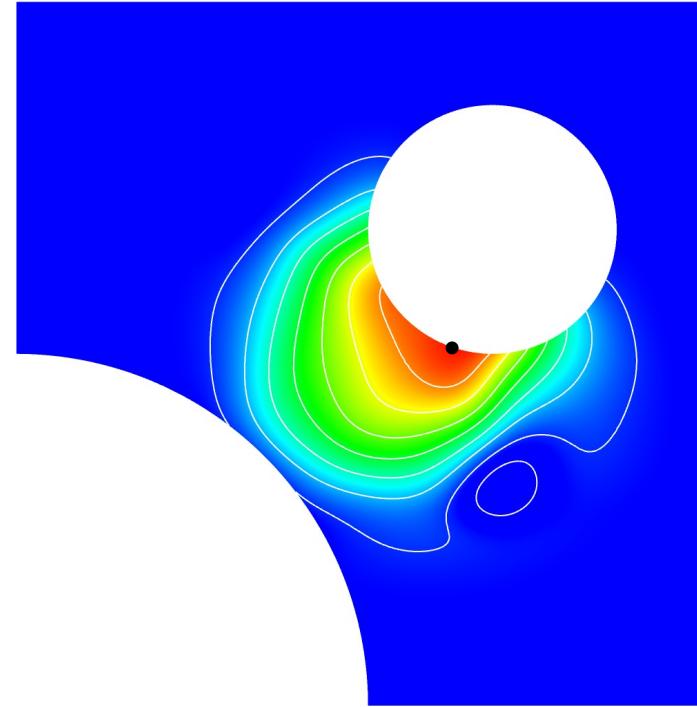
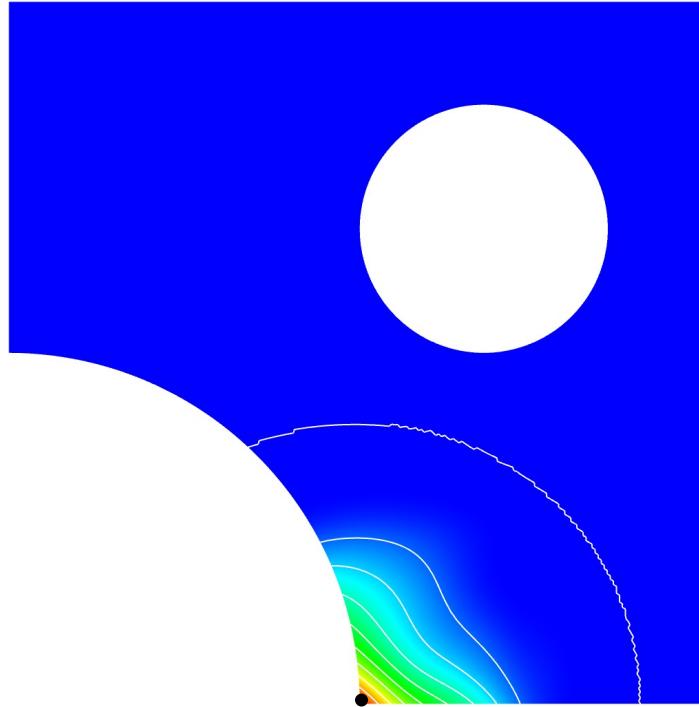
Quadrature example in 2D



$$f(x, y) = \sin(\pi x/2) \sin(\pi y)$$

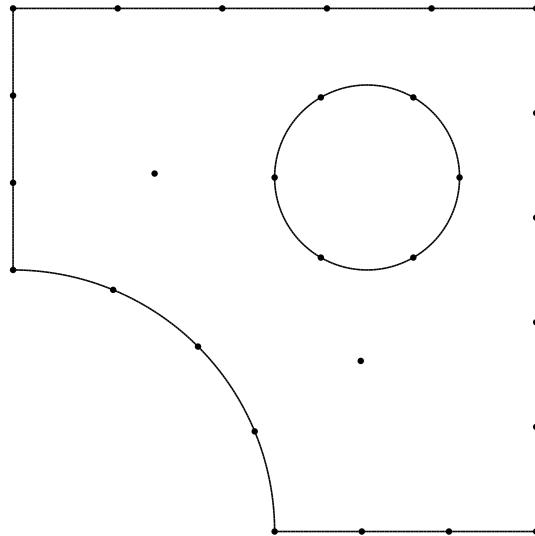
$$\text{error} := \left| \sum_K w_K f(\mathbf{x}_K) - \int_{\Omega} f \, d\Omega \right|$$

GBC element-free basis functions

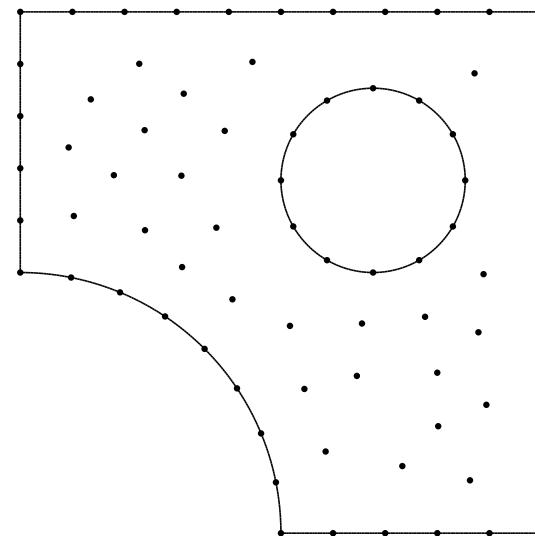


Quadrature example

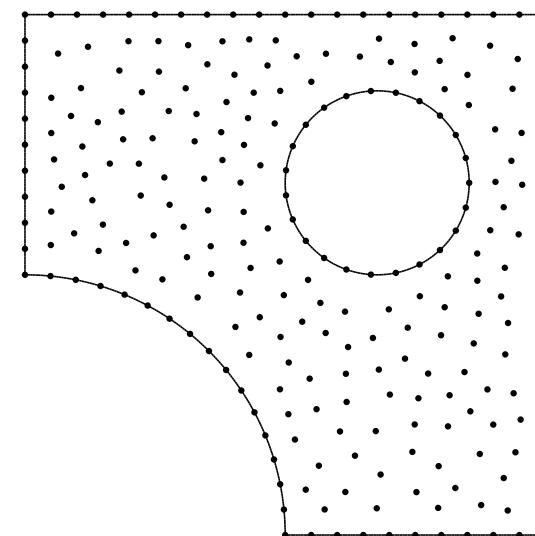
$H = 0.4$



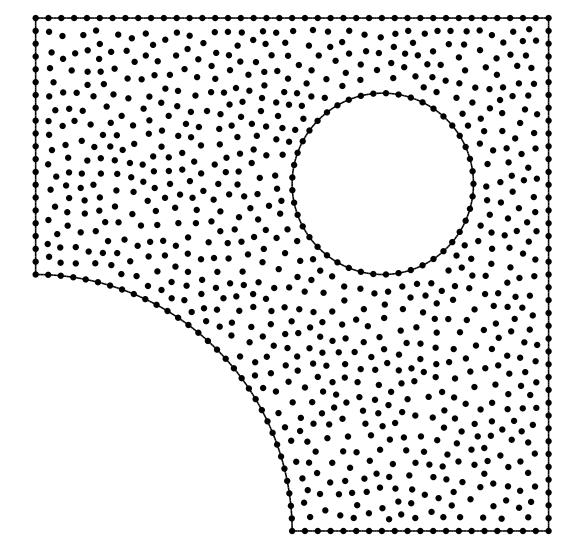
$H = 0.2$



$H = 0.1$



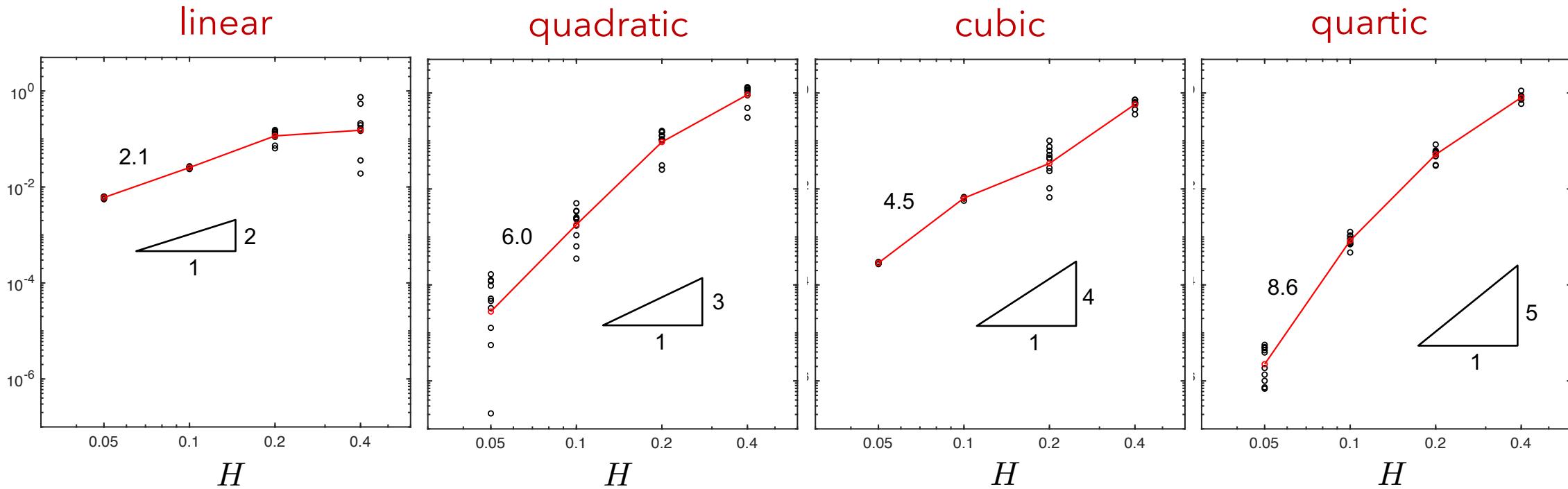
$H = 0.05$



Evaluate error for 10 realizations.

Quadrature convergence

$$\text{error} := \left| \sum_K w_K f(\mathbf{x}_K) - \int_{\Omega} f d\Omega \right|$$



Note: seeing convergence rates greater than $p + 1$

Conjugate (dual) basis

Will be used in applications to PDE solution.

Conjugate basis

Consider a set of linearly independent GBCs $\{\Phi_I\}$

It will be useful in the formulation of both element-based and element-free solutions of PDEs to project function gradients to this basis.

The projection can be written in terms of the conjugate (dual) basis $\{\Phi^J\}$

$$(\Phi_I, \Phi^J) = \delta_I^J \quad \text{bi-orthogonal}$$

Define G_{IJ} as the Gram matrix for the basis

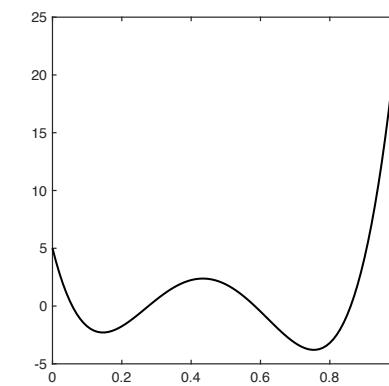
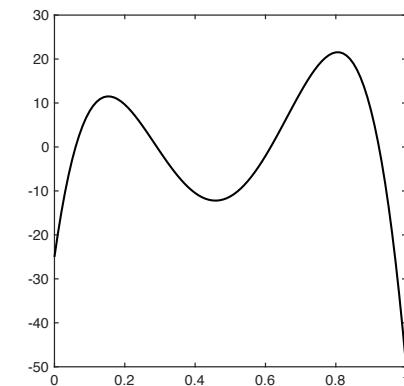
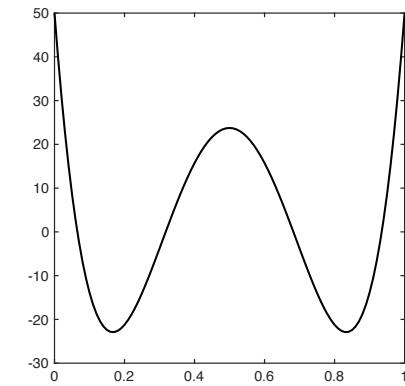
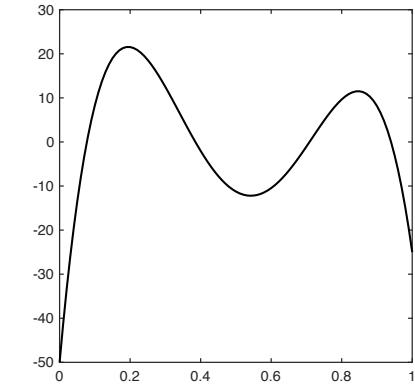
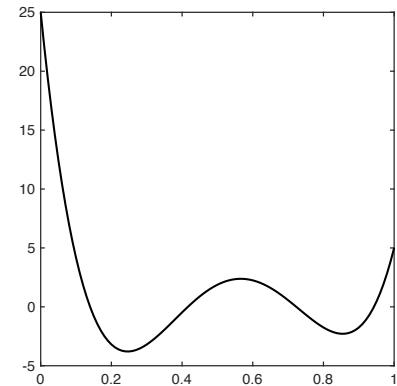
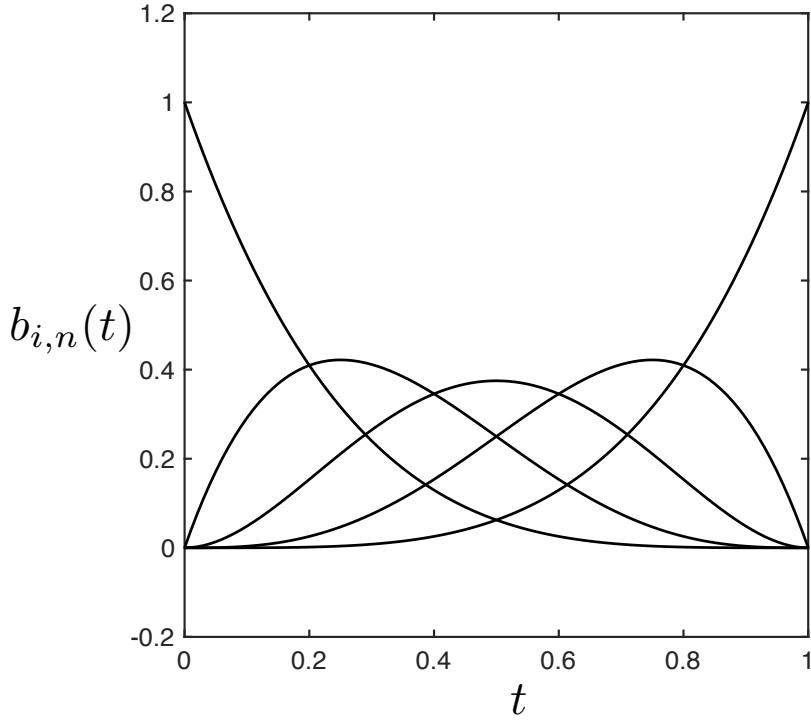
$$G_{IJ} := \int_{\Omega} \Phi_I \Phi_J d\Omega$$

Can show that $\Phi^I = G^{IJ} \Phi_J$ and $\Phi_I = G_{IJ} \Phi^J$ where $G^{IJ} = (G_{IJ})^{-1}$

Conjugate basis example: Bernstein

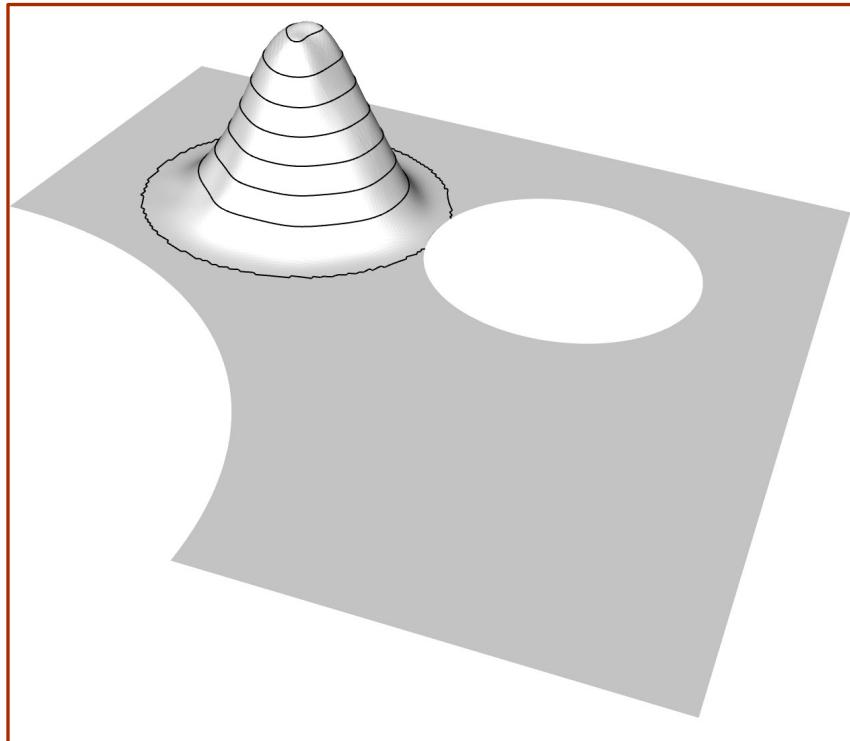
conjugate functions

Bernstein polynomial $b_{i,n}(t)$

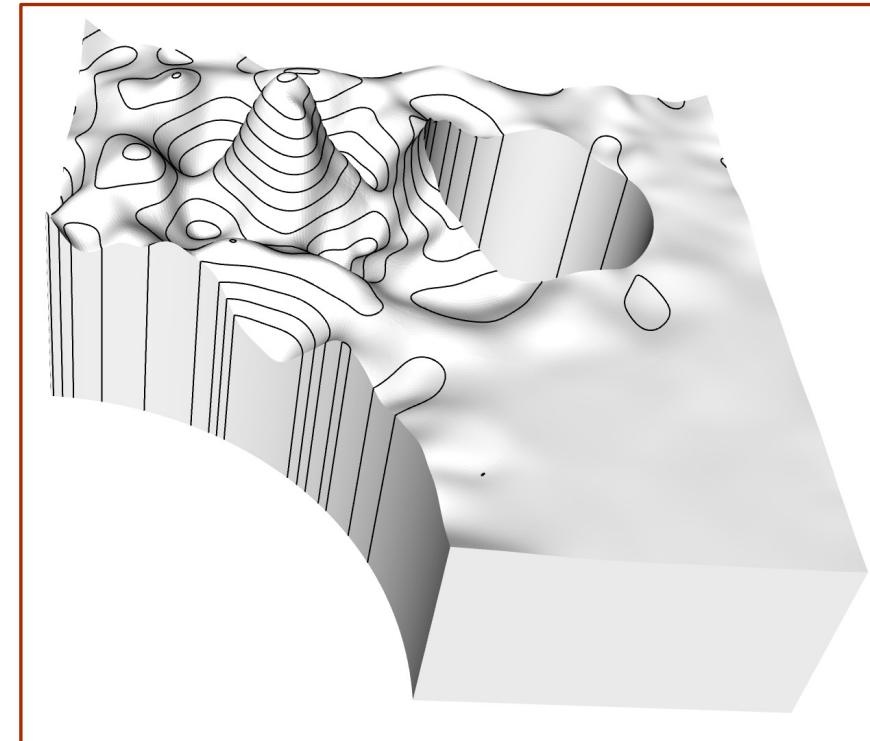


Conjugate basis example: element free

basis vector Φ_K



dual basis vector Φ^K



$$(\Phi_K, \Phi^J) = \delta_K^J \quad \text{bi-orthogonal}$$

Note: Φ_K has local support, but Φ^K has global support

Application to PDEs (solid mechanics)

Also applicable to formulations in $H(\text{div})$ and $H(\text{curl})$?

Governing equations (total-Lagrangian formulation)

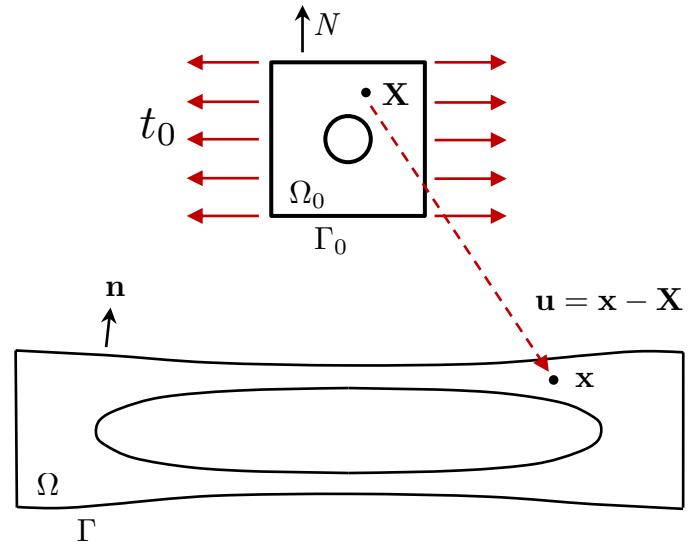


strong form

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{P}}{\partial \mathbf{X}} : \mathbf{I} = \rho_0 \ddot{\mathbf{u}}$$

$$\mathbf{u} = \bar{\mathbf{u}} \quad \text{on} \quad \Gamma_0^u \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{P} \cdot \mathbf{N} = \mathbf{t}_0 \quad \text{on} \quad \Gamma_0^t$$

\mathbf{P} is first Piola-Kirchhoff stress tensor



weak form

find the trial functions $\mathbf{u} \in \mathbf{H}^1(\Omega_0)$ such that

$$\int_{\Gamma_0^t} \mathbf{t}_0 \cdot \mathbf{v} \, dS - \int_{\Omega_0} \mathbf{P} : (\partial \mathbf{v} / \partial \mathbf{X}) \, d\mathbf{X} = \int_{\Omega_0} \rho_0 \ddot{\mathbf{u}} \cdot \mathbf{v} \, d\mathbf{X}$$

for all test functions $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbf{H}_0^1(\Omega_0)$

Governing equations for linear elasticity

strong form $\frac{\partial \boldsymbol{\sigma}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} : \mathbf{I} + \mathbf{f} = \mathbf{0}$ $\mathbf{u} = \bar{\mathbf{u}}$ on Γ_u and $\boldsymbol{\sigma} \mathbf{n} = \mathbf{t}$ on Γ_t

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma} = \mathbb{C} \boldsymbol{\epsilon}, \text{ where } \boldsymbol{\epsilon} := \text{sym}(\nabla \mathbf{u}) \quad (\text{linear elastic})$$

$$\exists \alpha_l, \alpha_u > 0 \text{ such that } \alpha_l \boldsymbol{\epsilon} : \boldsymbol{\epsilon} \leq \boldsymbol{\epsilon} : (\mathbb{C}(\mathbf{x}) \boldsymbol{\epsilon}) \leq \alpha_u \boldsymbol{\epsilon} : \boldsymbol{\epsilon} \quad \forall \boldsymbol{\epsilon} \quad (\text{uniform ellipticity})$$

weak form find the trial functions $\mathbf{u} \in \mathbf{H}^1(\Omega_0)$ such that

$$\int_{\Omega} \boldsymbol{\sigma} : (\partial \mathbf{v} / \partial \mathbf{x}) d\Omega = \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{f} \cdot \mathbf{v} d\Omega + \int_{\Gamma_t} \mathbf{t} \cdot \mathbf{v} d\Gamma$$

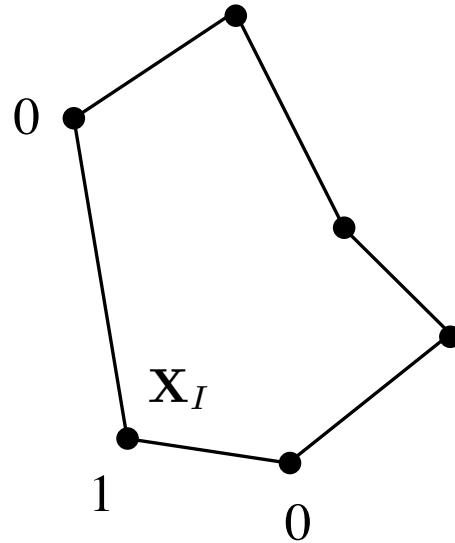
Show bilinear form?

for all test functions $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbf{H}_0^1(\Omega_0)$

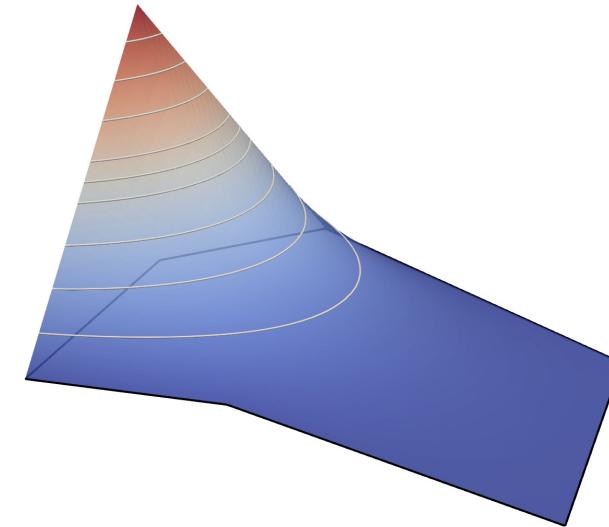
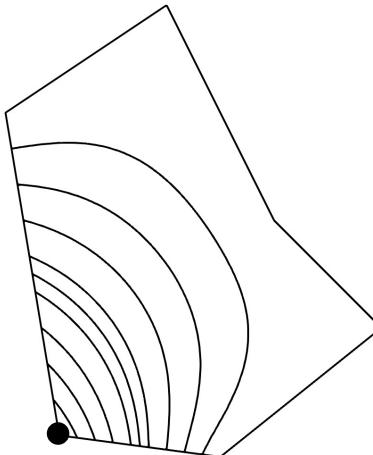
$$a(u, v) = \int_{\Omega_e} \nabla u : \mathbb{C} \nabla v d\Omega$$

Element-based discretizations (polyhedra)

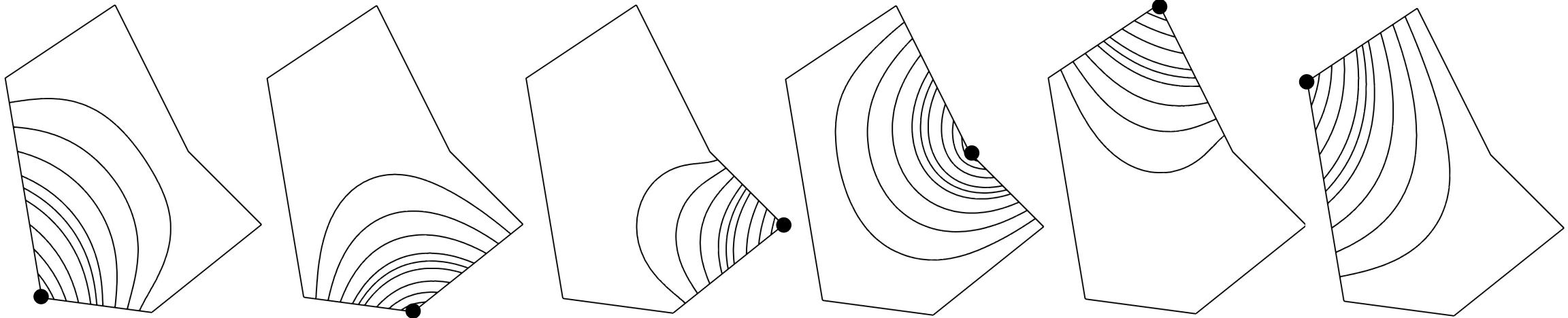
Harmonic shape functions



$$\nabla^2 \phi_I = 0$$



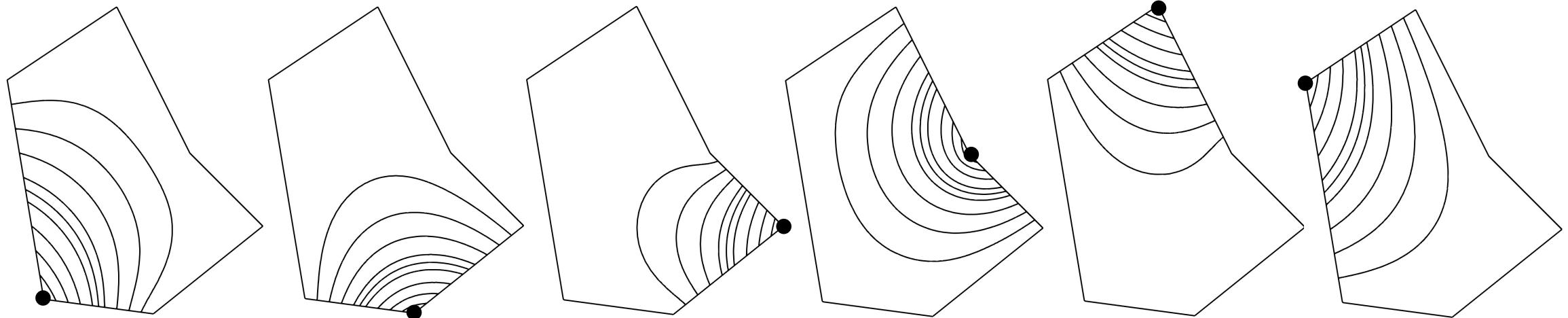
Harmonic shape functions



$$\sum_I \phi_I(\mathbf{x}) = 1 \quad \text{partition of unity}$$

$$\sum_I \mathbf{x}_I \phi_I(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x} \quad \text{linear reproducibility}$$

Quadrature weights



$$\frac{w_1}{A} = 0.201$$

$$\frac{w_2}{A} = 0.147$$

$$\frac{w_3}{A} = 0.110$$

$$\frac{w_4}{A} = 0.196$$

$$\frac{w_5}{A} = 0.138$$

$$\frac{w_6}{A} = 0.209$$

A = area

quadrature weights

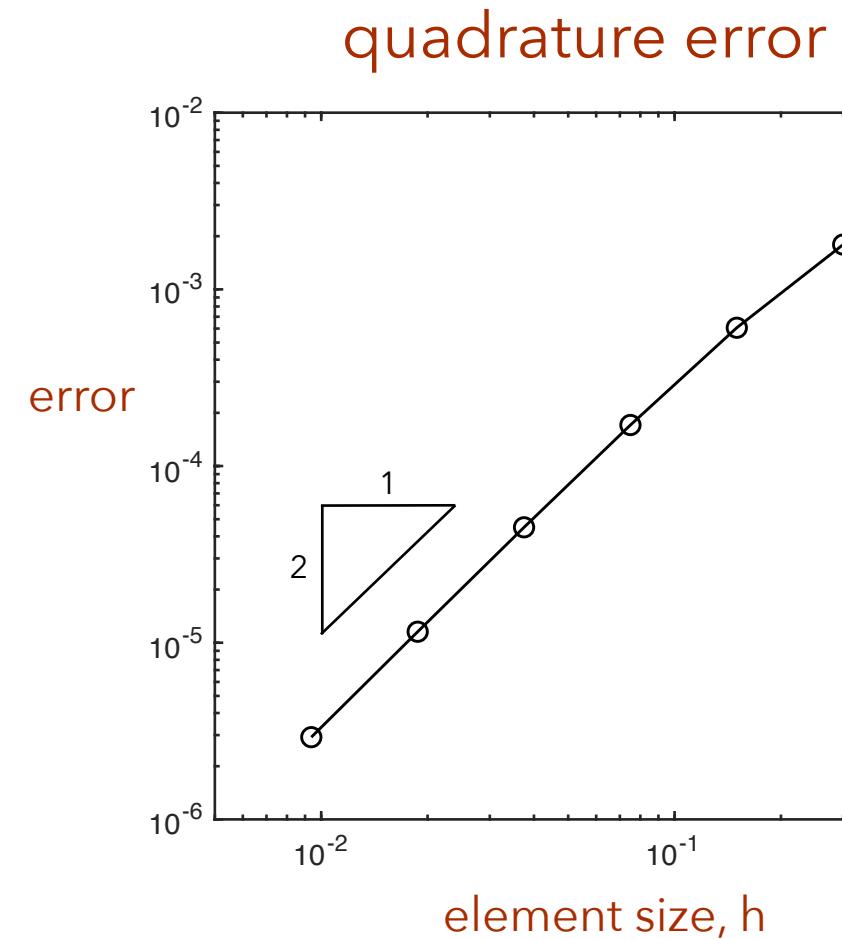
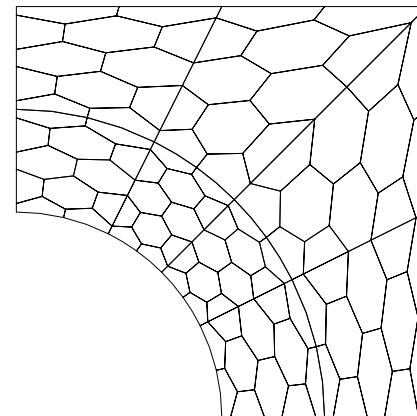
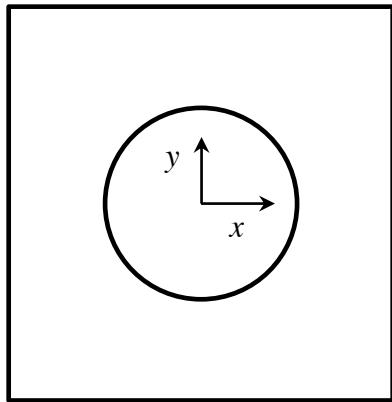
$$\sum_K w_K = A$$

$$w_K = \int_{\Omega_e} \phi_K(\mathbf{x}) d\Omega$$

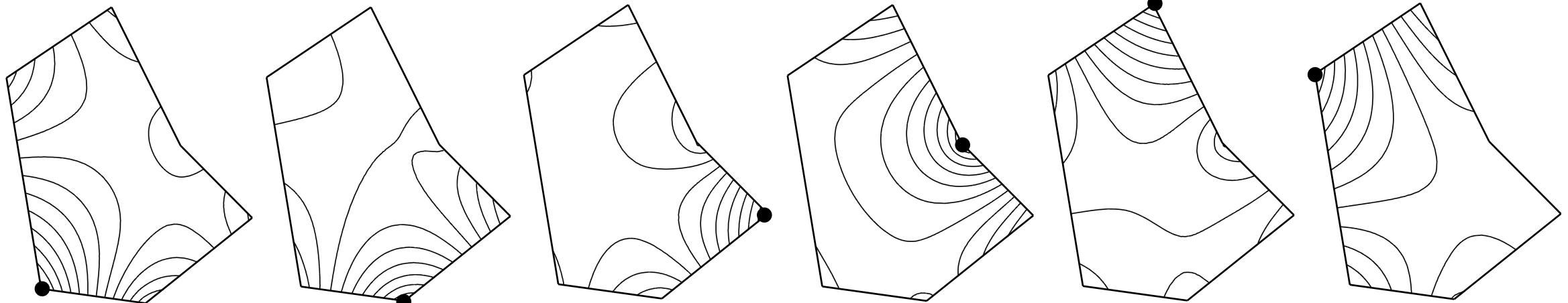
Quadrature

$$\text{error} = \left| \int f - \sum_i w_i f_i \right|$$

$$f(x, y) = \left[1 - \left(\frac{2x}{L_x} \right)^2 \right] \left[1 - \left(\frac{2y}{L_y} \right)^2 \right]$$



Conjugate functions



$$(\Phi_I, \Phi^J) = \delta_I^J \quad \text{bi-orthogonal}$$

Consistency of discrete form (integration)

- For convergence of discrete approximation, need to ensure consistency of discrete and continuous bilinear forms.
- Requires polynomial consistency of shape-function gradients (including quadrature).
- To obtain quadrature consistency, project the DoF shape function gradients to the subspace of quadrature shape functions.
- Only performed once in a pre-processing step.

$\{\phi_I, I = 1, \dots, N\}$ *DoF basis (shape functions)*

$\{\Phi_K, K = 1, \dots, M\}$ *Quadrature basis (shape functions)*

$$\nabla \phi_I := \arg \min \int_{\Omega} \left(\nabla \phi_I - \sum_{K=1}^M a^K \Phi_K \right)^2 d\Omega \quad (L_2 \text{ projection})$$

The projection can be written in terms of the dual or conjugate basis $\{\Phi^J\}$

$$(\Phi_K, \Phi^J) = \delta_K^J \quad \text{bi-orthogonal}$$

$$\bar{\nabla} \phi_I = \sum_K (\nabla \phi_I, \Phi_K) \Phi^K = \sum_K (\nabla \phi_I, \Phi^K) \Phi_K$$



covariant components *contravariant components*

Can prove polynomial consistency up to the order of the precision of $\{\Phi_K\}$

Theorem: $\int_{\Omega} \mathbf{p} \bar{\nabla} \phi_I d\Omega = \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{p} \nabla \phi_I d\Omega \quad \text{for all } \mathbf{p} \in \mathbb{P}_k(\Omega)$

This ensures satisfaction of the patch test.

Replace the original bilinear form $a(u, v) = \int_{\Omega} \nabla u : \mathbb{C} \nabla v \, d\Omega$

with this modified bilinear form $\bar{a}(u, v) = \int_{\Omega} \bar{\nabla} u : \mathbb{C} \bar{\nabla} v \, d\Omega$

Note: This modified bilinear form is still symmetric (Bubnov-Galerkin).

$$\bar{a}(u, v) = \int_{\Omega} \left[\sum_I (\nabla u, \Phi_I) \Phi^I \right] \mathbb{C} \left[\sum_J (\nabla v, \Phi_J) \Phi^J \right] \, d\Omega$$

$$\bar{a}(u, v) = \sum_{I, J} (\nabla u, \Phi_I) \mathbb{C} (\nabla v, \Phi_J) \int_{\Omega_e} \Phi^I \Phi^J \, d\Omega$$


 G^{IJ}

Can show that $G^{IJ} = (G_{IJ})^{-1}$

where $G_{IJ} = \int_{\Omega_e} \Phi_I \Phi_J d\Omega$ is the Gram matrix for the basis $\{\Phi_K\}$

Can show that $\Phi^I = G^{IJ} \Phi_J$ and $\Phi_I = G_{IJ} \Phi^J$

$$\bar{a}(u, v) = \sum_{I,J} G^{IJ} (\nabla u, \Phi_I) \mathbb{C} (\nabla v, \Phi_J) = \sum_K (\nabla u, \Phi^K) \mathbb{C} (\nabla v, \Phi_K)$$



Looks like a sum over quadrature points.

Replace G_{IJ} with row-sum lumped version: $G_{IJ}^L := \sum_J G_{IJ} = \text{diag}\{w_K\}$

where recall $w_K = \int_{\Omega} \phi_K(\mathbf{x}) d\Omega$

Then $\bar{a}(u, v) \rightarrow \bar{a}^L(u, v) = \sum_K \frac{1}{w_K} (\nabla u, \Phi_K) \mathbb{C} (\nabla v, \Phi_K)$ where $(G_{IJ}^L)^{-1} = \text{diag} \left\{ \frac{1}{w_K} \right\}$

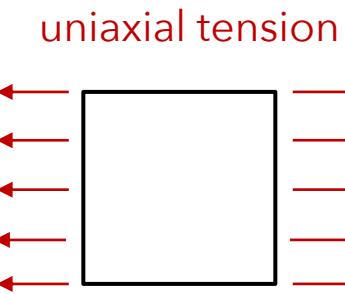
Can write $\bar{a}^L(u, v)$ as
$$\bar{a}^L(u, v) = \sum_K w_K (\bar{\nabla} u)_K : \mathbb{C} (\bar{\nabla} v)_K$$

where
$$(\bar{\nabla} u)_K := \frac{1}{w_K} \int_{\Omega} (\nabla u) \Phi_K d\Omega$$

which has the form of a discrete derivative at a quadrature point K .

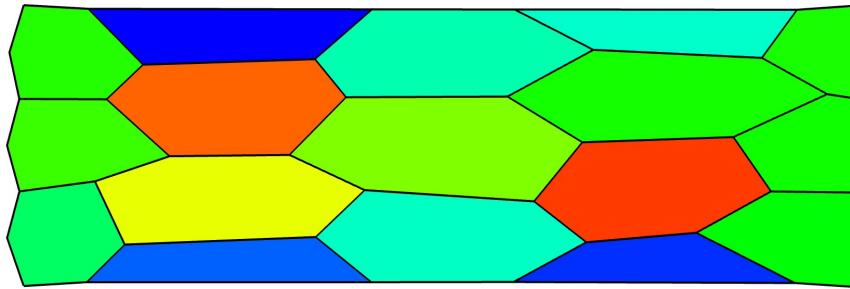
Our discrete bilinear form is now "sparse."

Verification: elasticity patch test



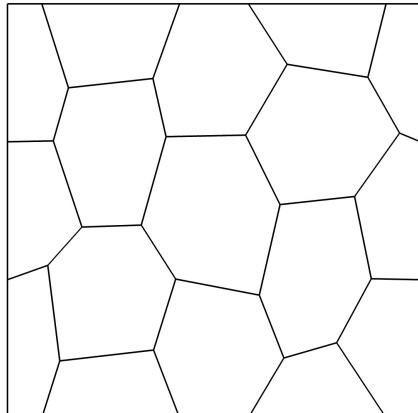
$$E = 1.0$$
$$\nu = 0.3$$

subtriangle quadrature

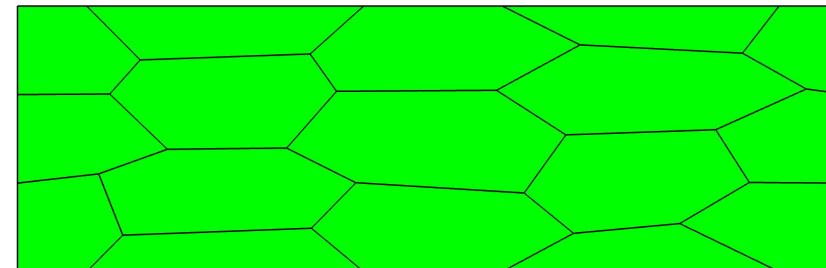


max stress error = 2%

hexagon mesh



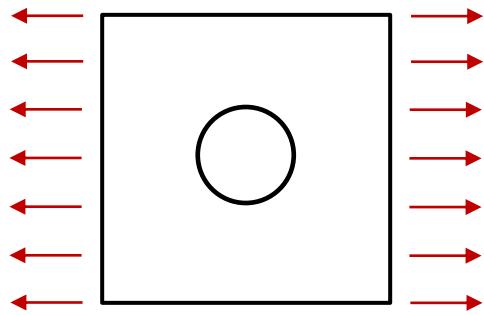
projection based quadrature



max stress error = 3×10^{-15}

Verification: elasticity, hole-in-plate tension

uniaxial tension

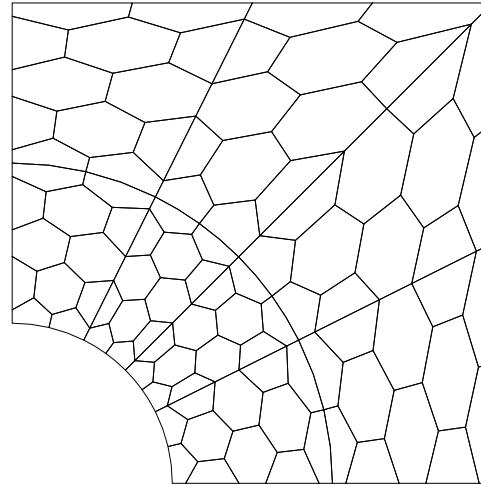


- exact tension prescribed corresponding to infinite plate
- plane strain
- quarter symmetry model used

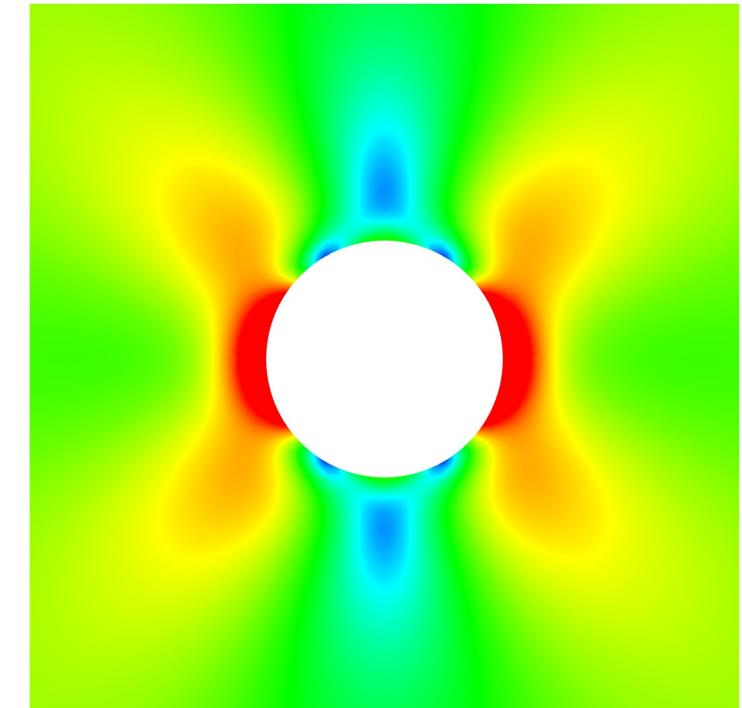
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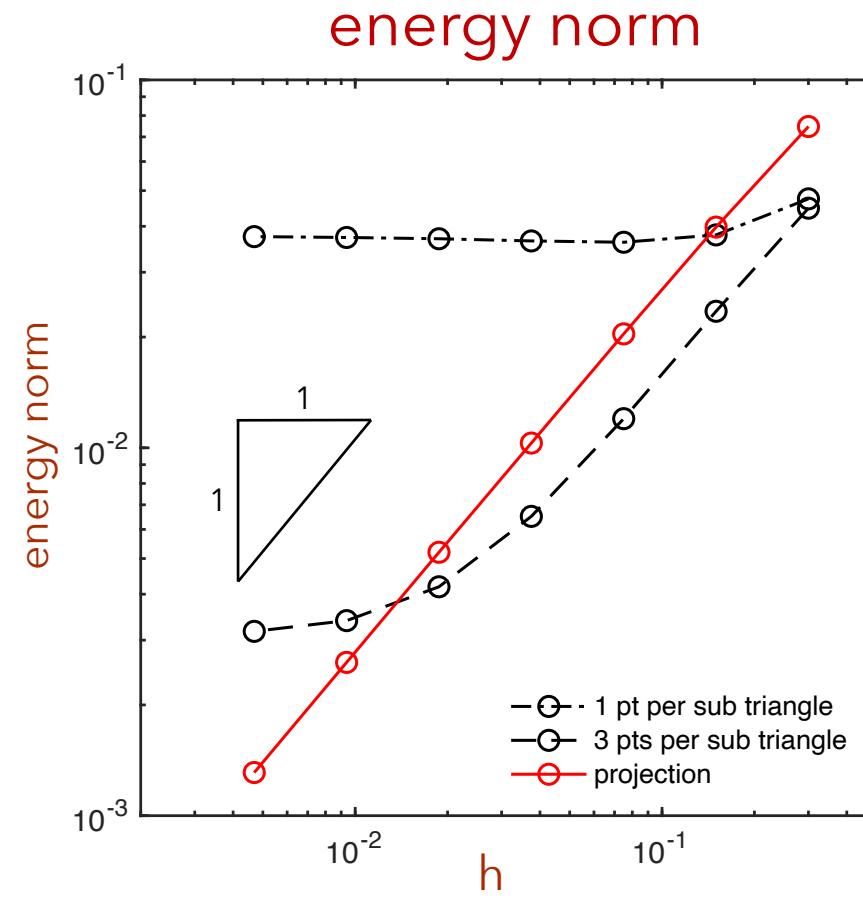
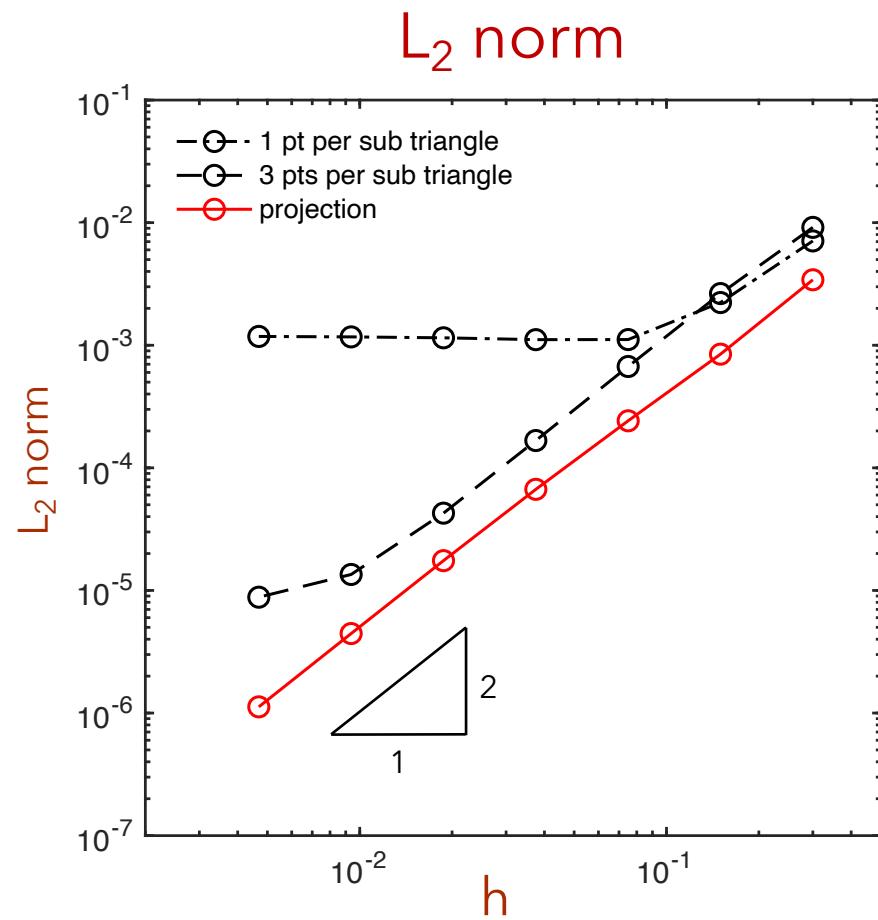
mapped hexagon mesh



von Mises stress invariant



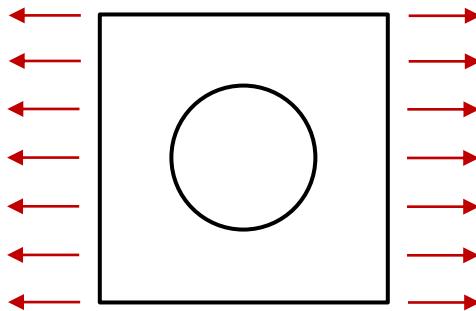
Verification: elasticity, hole-in-plate tension



Optimal rates of convergence

Application example: hyperelastic, hole-in-plate

uniaxial extension



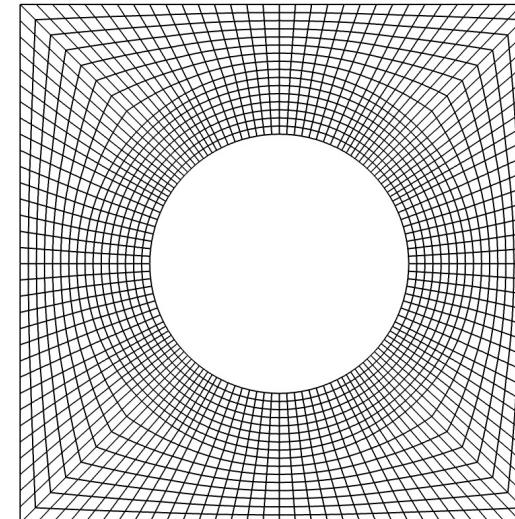
- plane strain
- quarter symmetry model used

compressible neo-Hookean material

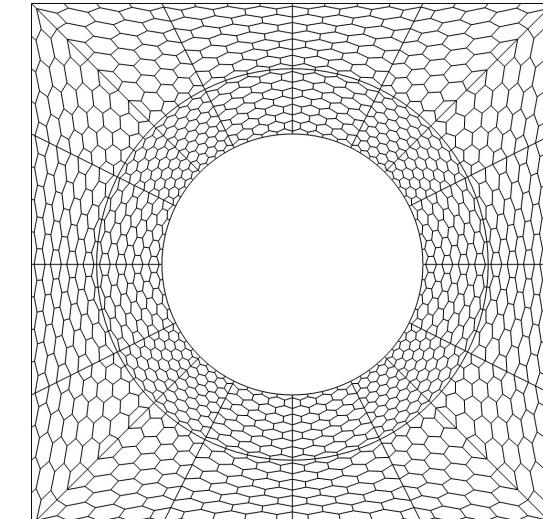
$$\boldsymbol{\sigma} = \frac{\mu}{J} (\mathbf{F}\mathbf{F}^T - \mathbf{I}) + \frac{\lambda}{\ln J} \mathbf{I}$$

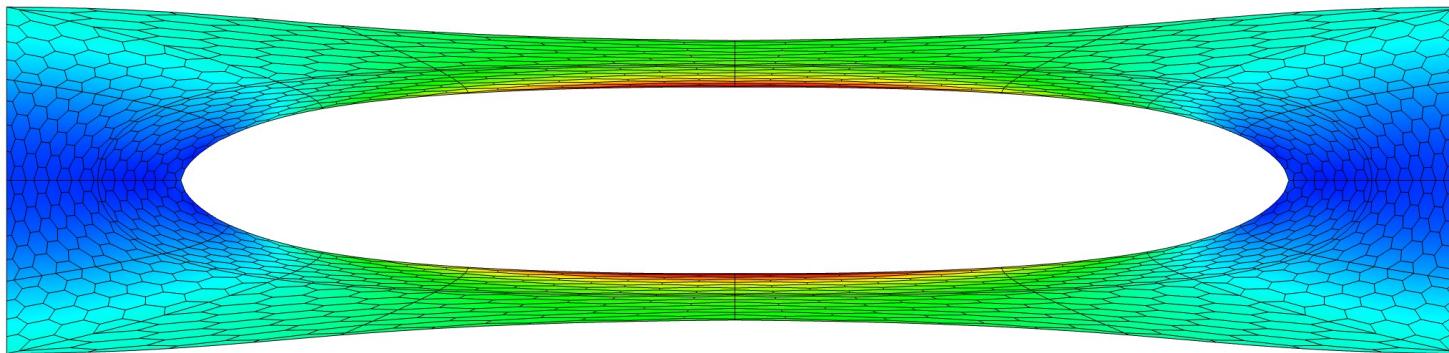
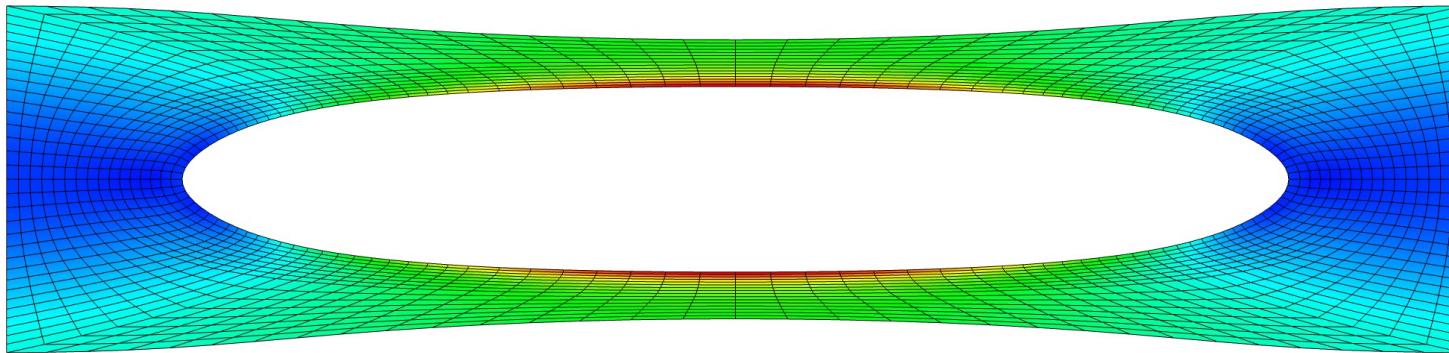
$$J = \det \mathbf{F} \quad \mathbf{F} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{x}}{\partial \mathbf{X}}$$

quad mesh

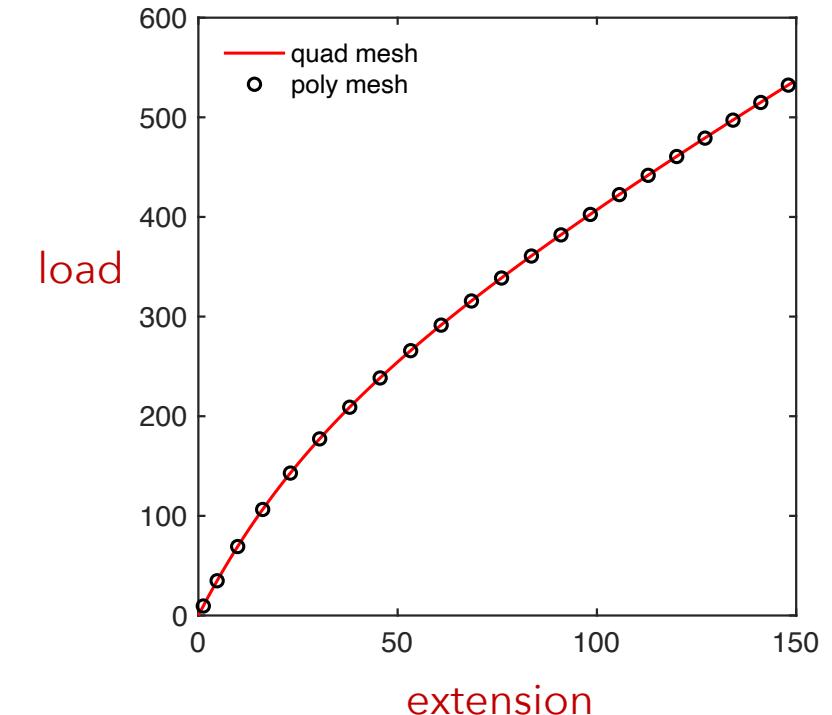


mapped hexagon mesh





load vs. extension



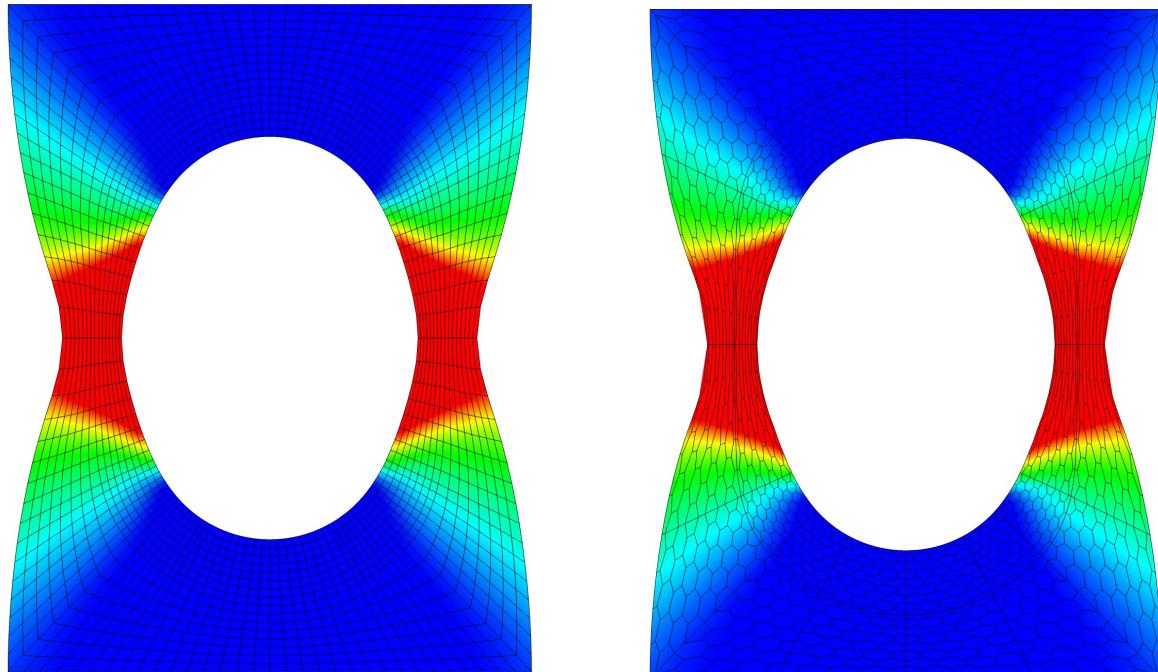
Application example: elastic-plastic, hole-in-plate



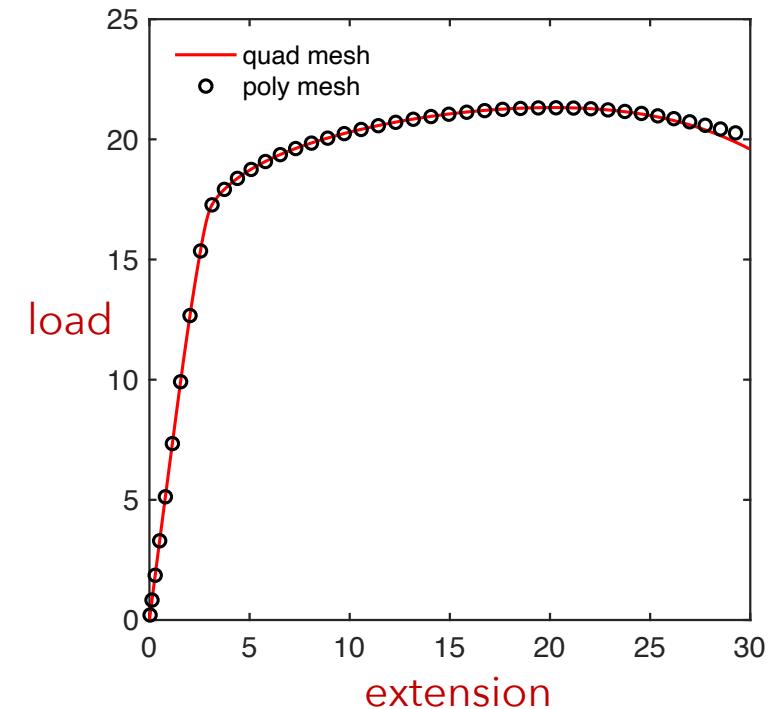
yield surface $f(\sigma, \bar{\varepsilon}^p) = \phi(\sigma) - \sigma_y(\bar{\varepsilon}^p) = 0$

$$\phi(\sigma) = \left\{ \frac{1}{2} (|\sigma_1 - \sigma_2|^2 + |\sigma_1 - \sigma_3|^2 + |\sigma_2 - \sigma_3|^2) \right\}^{1/2}$$

plastic strain field



load vs. extension



(Use F-bar methods for inf-sup stability.)

Calculation of $(\nabla\phi_I, \phi_K)$

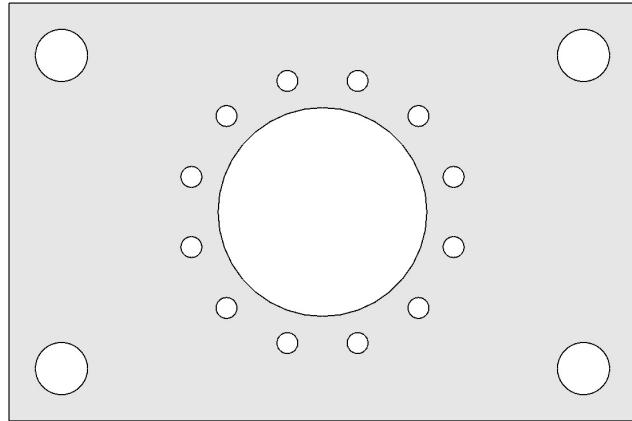
- Currently solving for derivative projection using a sub-triangulation and FEA.
- Can also use Green's identities to calculate these if shape functions are harmonic.

Element-free discretizations

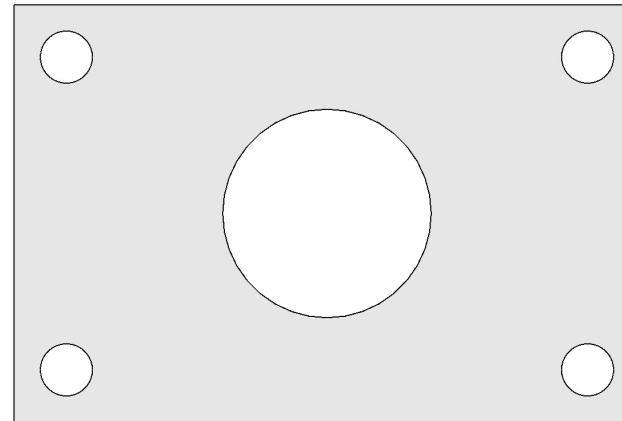
Motivation: Separate domain discretization from solution discretization



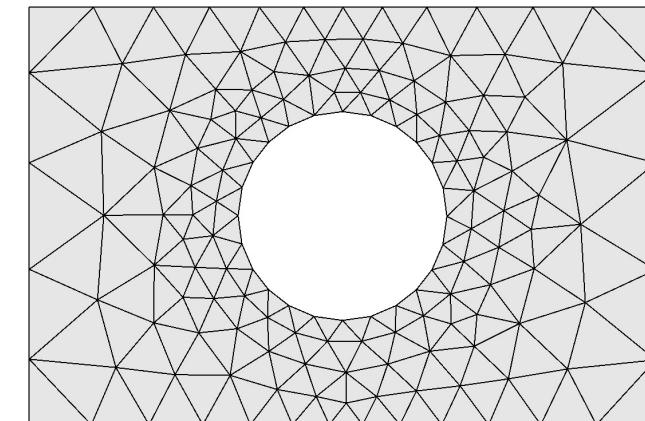
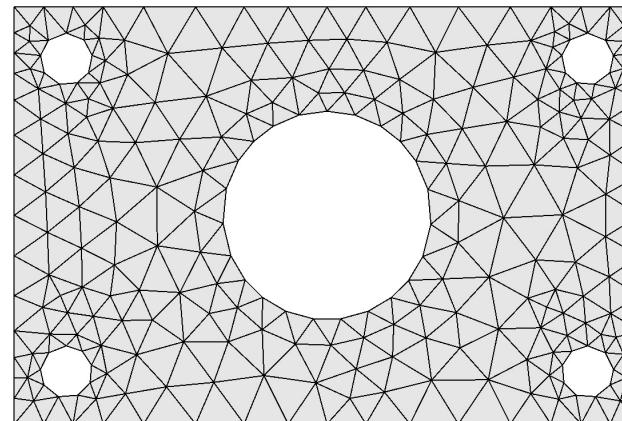
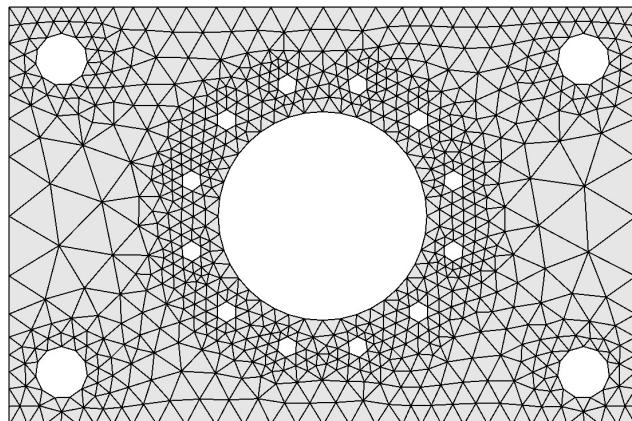
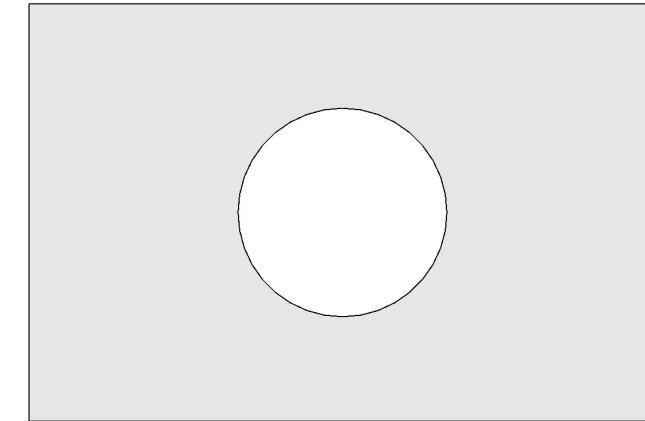
original domain



defeature



defeature



Impact of domain defeaturing? depends on goals of simulation

Motivation: Separate domain discretization from solution discretization

- Domain defeaturing is needed to control FEA discretization quality, size, and critical time step (explicit dynamics)
- Domain defeaturing typically requires human intervention (heuristics).
- For FEA, domain discretization and solution discretization are synonymous (isoparametric).
- Geometric features can require a fine local discretization while solution does not.
- Heuristics are often used in domain defeaturing and mesh design.
- Meshes are typically designed with goal in mind, thus making it cumbersome to reuse.
- Adaptivity requires going back to domain model (geometry).

A hybrid element-free approach



finite-element approach

- defeature domain geometry based on goals
- create a mesh based on goals
- mesh discretizes domain and solution
- quadrature of weak form is easy
- visualization of results using mesh
- adaptivity of mesh is hard

mesh-free approach

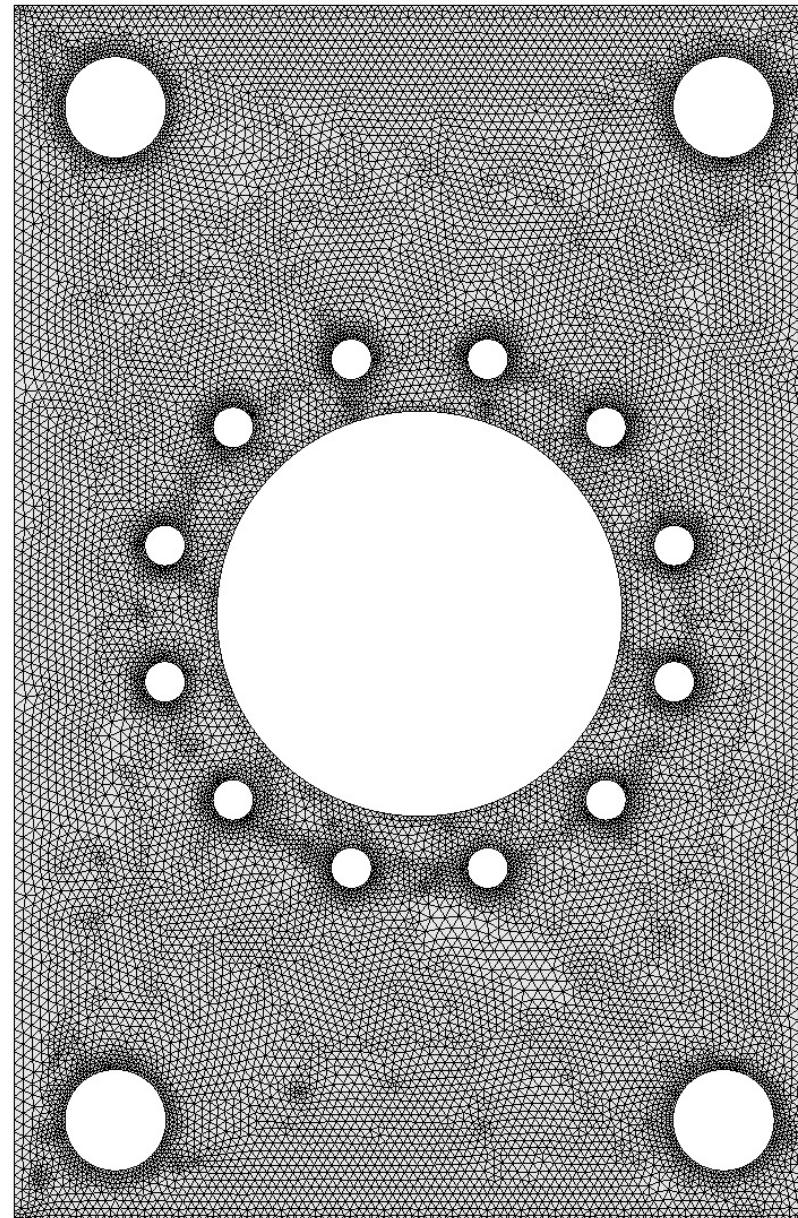
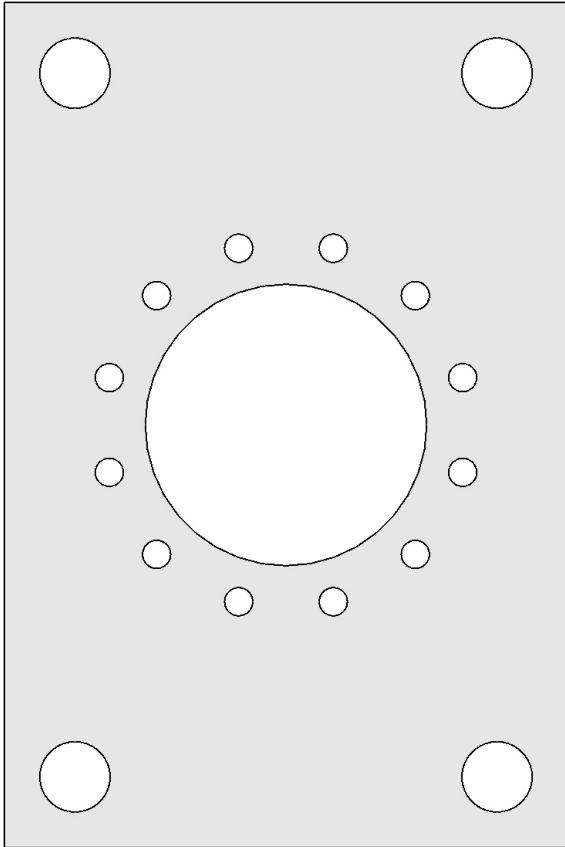
- no defeaturing of domain geometry
- no discretization of domain
- connectivity of domain is undefined (need computational geometry)
- quadrature of weak form is very hard
- visualization of results is cumbersome

Alternative hybrid approach: separate domain discretization and solution approximation using an element-free formulation.

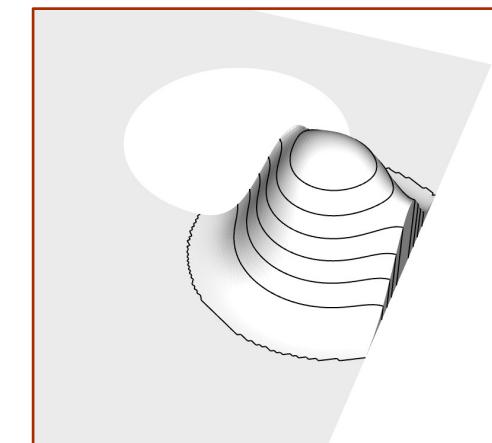
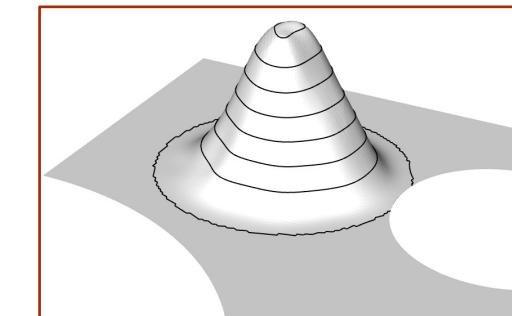
Hybrid approach: fine-scale triangulation



original domain



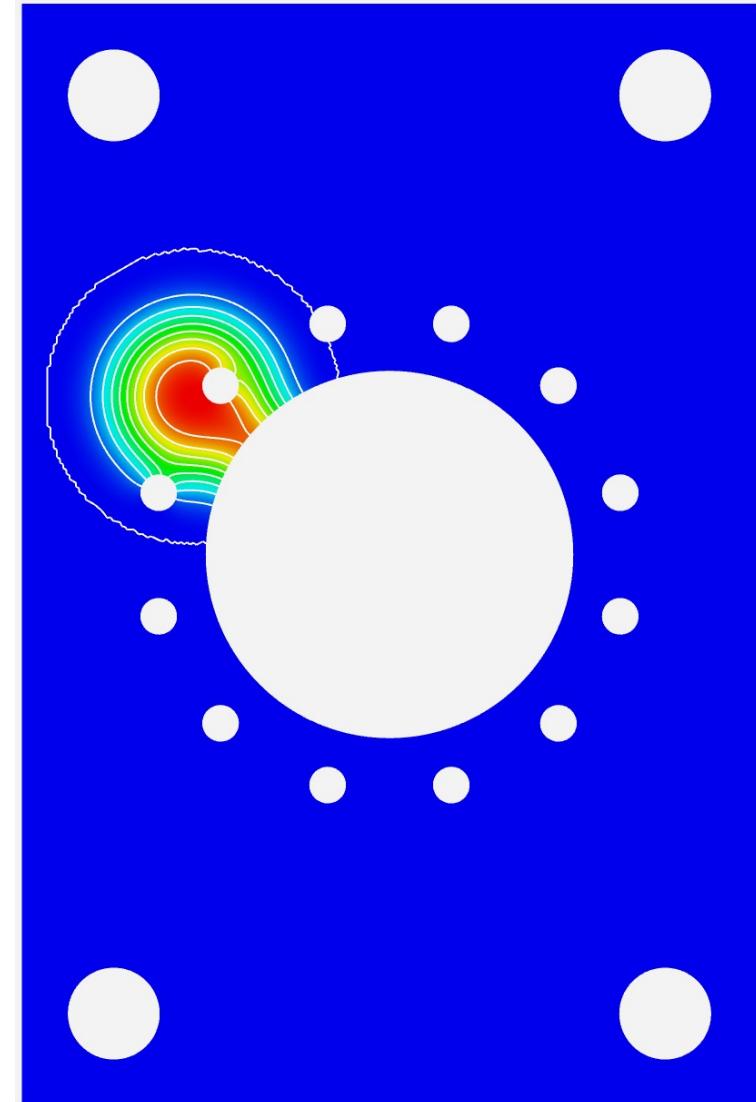
- Use a fine-scale triangulation to discretize domain.
- Define element-free basis using this triangulation.



Element-free basis functions



- Element-free basis functions automatically include geometric features at all scales.
- Solution discretization is separate from domain discretization.
- No need to defeature domain.



Hybrid element-free approach

- no defeaturing of domain
- discretize domain using fine-scale triangulation (a mesh, but poor quality is okay)
- use hp-cloud to define solution discretization (GBC, RK)
- use second hp-cloud to define quadrature and ensure coercivity
- projection of solution gradient to obtain polynomial consistency
- visualization of results using fine-scale mesh

pros

- symmetric, Galerkin
- linear or nonlinear
- implicit or explicit dynamics
- can do higher order
- can do direct or mixed formulation
- adaptivity is seamless
- can use poor quality tet mesh
- adaptivity is facilitated
- should work for $H(\text{div})$ and $H(\text{curl})$ spaces
- reduced order modeling through coarse discretizations

cons

- constant material properties within a domain
- material interfaces: have to use weak enforcement such as mortar method
- less sparse

Hybrid element-free approach



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ELEMENT-FREE GALERKIN METHODS

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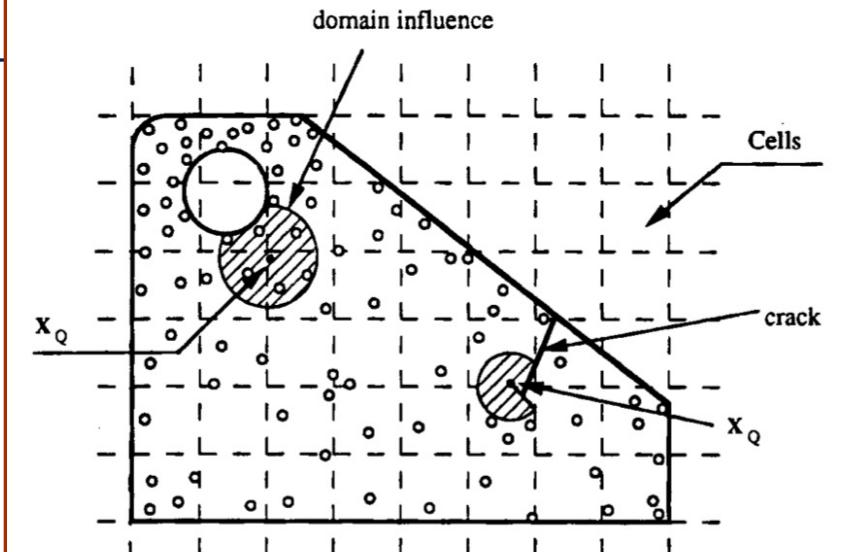


Figure 1. Cell structure for quadrature in EFGM and domains of quadrature point

Moving Least Squares (Reproducing Kernel)



The MLS shape functions $\phi_I(\mathbf{X})$ are defined as a spatial modulation of the nodal weight functions.

$$\phi_I(\mathbf{X}) = c_I(\mathbf{X})w_I(\mathbf{X})$$

where the modulation function $c_I(\mathbf{X})$ is found through a least square minimization process resulting in

$$c_I(\mathbf{X}) = \mathbf{g}^T(\mathbf{X})\mathbf{A}^{-1}(\mathbf{X})\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{X}_I)$$

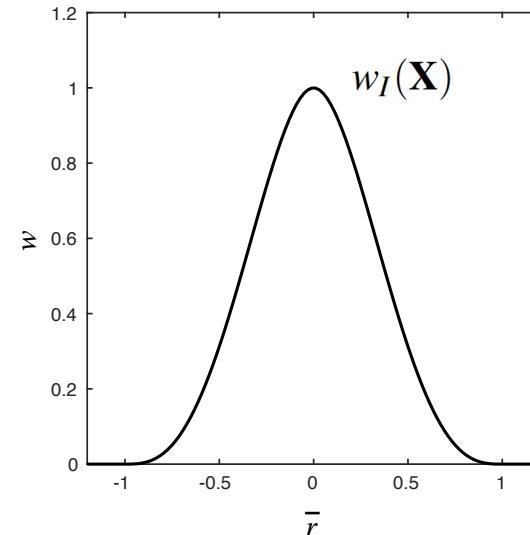
where

$$\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{X}) = \sum_{I \in \mathcal{N}} w_I(\mathbf{X})\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{X}_I)\mathbf{g}^T(\mathbf{X}_I) \quad (\text{sum over neighbors})$$

$$\mathbf{g}^T(\mathbf{X}) = \{ 1 \ X_1 \ X_2 \} \quad (\text{linear reproducibility})$$

Note: shape function construction is algebraic.

nodal weight function

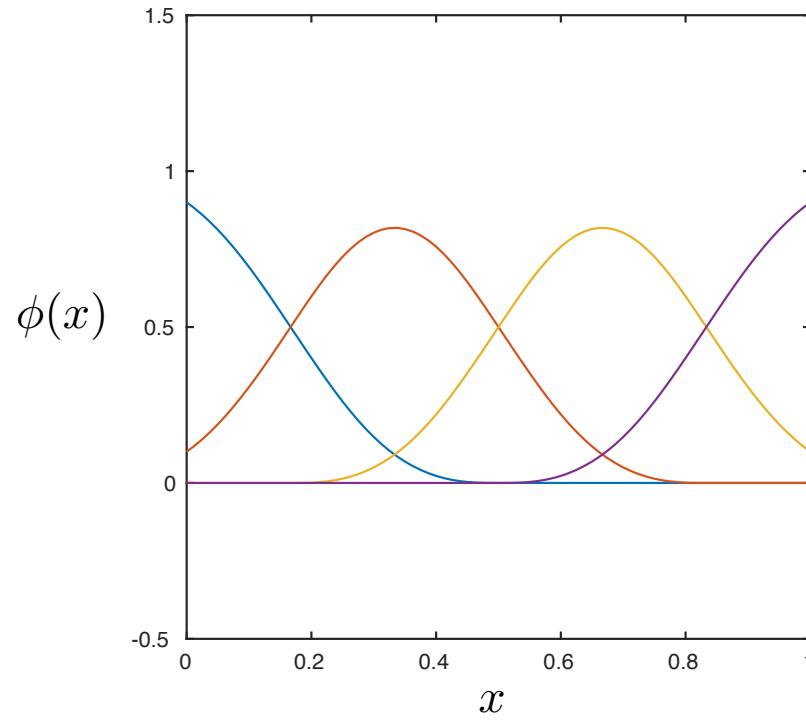


circular or rectangular support

Moving Least Squares

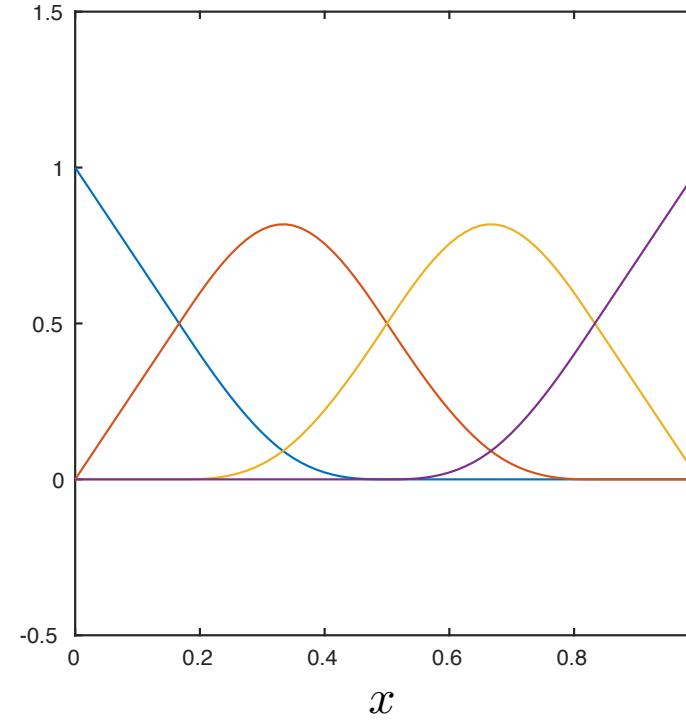


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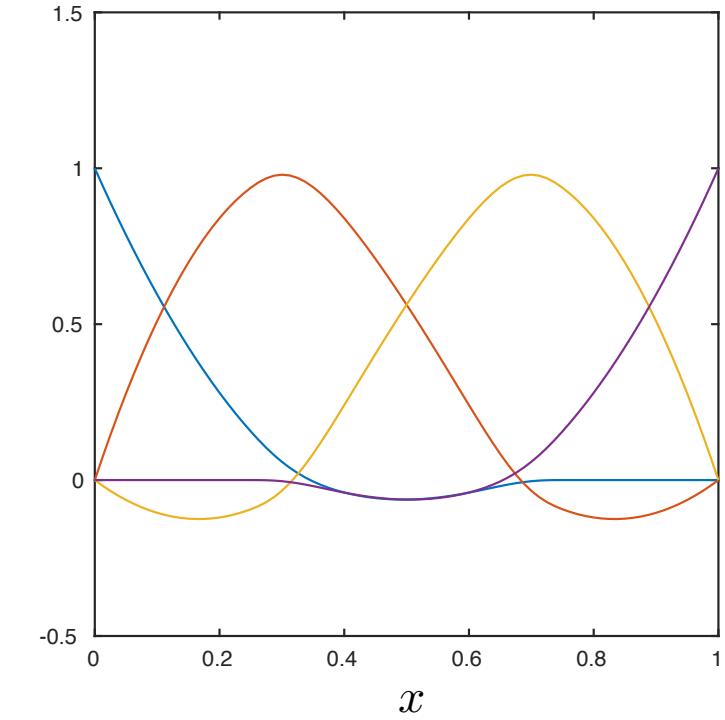
$$\sum_K x_K \phi_K(x) = x$$



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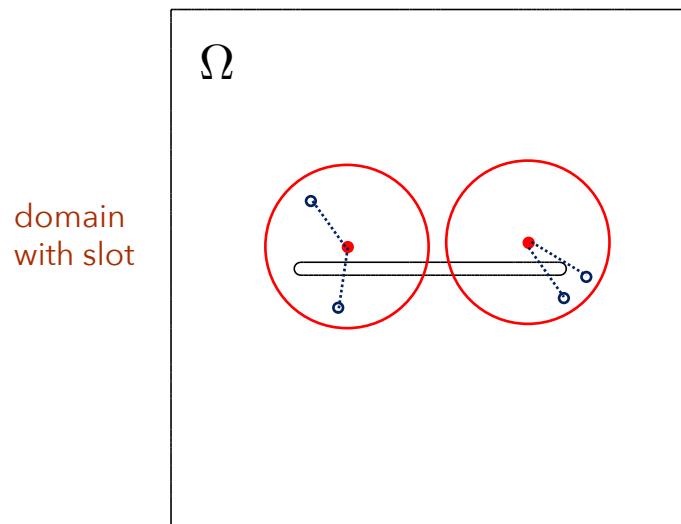
$$\sum_K x_K^2 \phi_K(x) = x^2$$





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visibility criterion

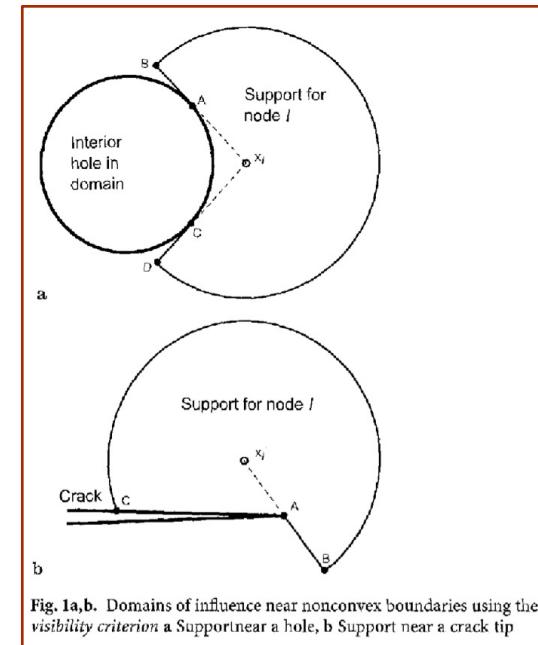


Fig. 1a,b. Domains of influence near nonconvex boundaries using the *visibility criterion*. a Support near a hole, b Support near a crack tip

visibility criterion

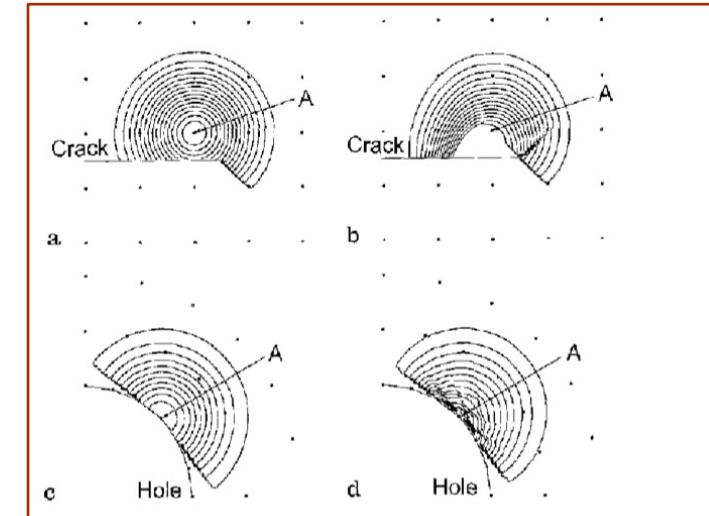


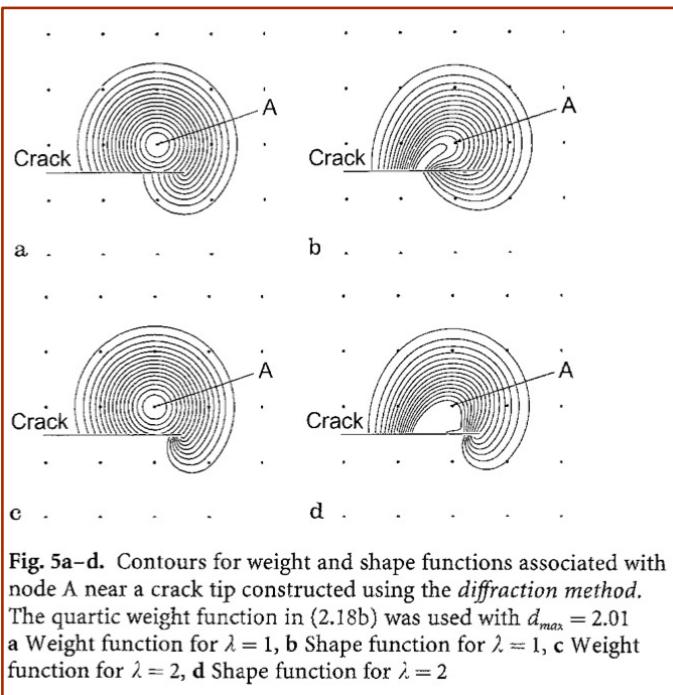
Fig. 2a-d. Contours for weight and shape functions associated with node A constructed using the *visibility criterion*. a Weight function near a crack tip, b Shape function near a crack tip, c Weight function near a hole, d Shape function near a hole



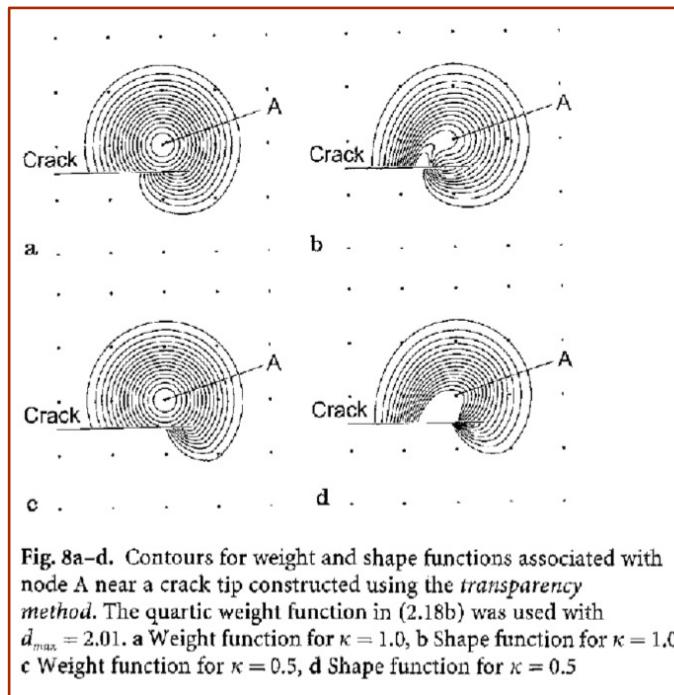
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diffraction method



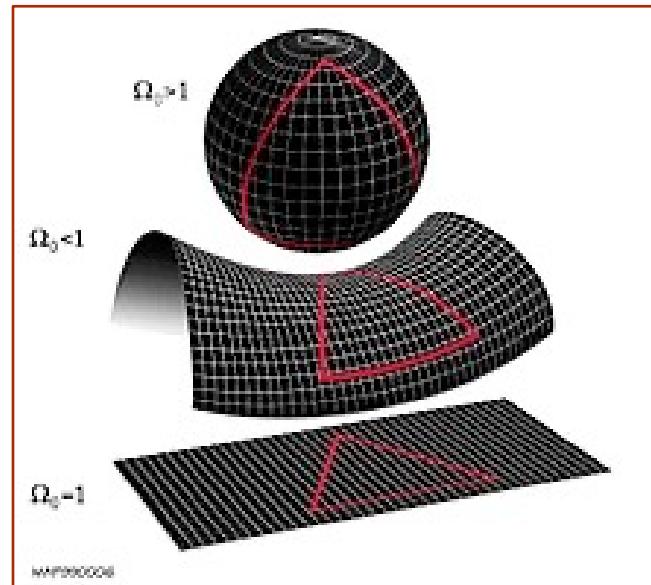
transparency method



All these methods (visibility, transparency, diffraction) require use of computational geometry.

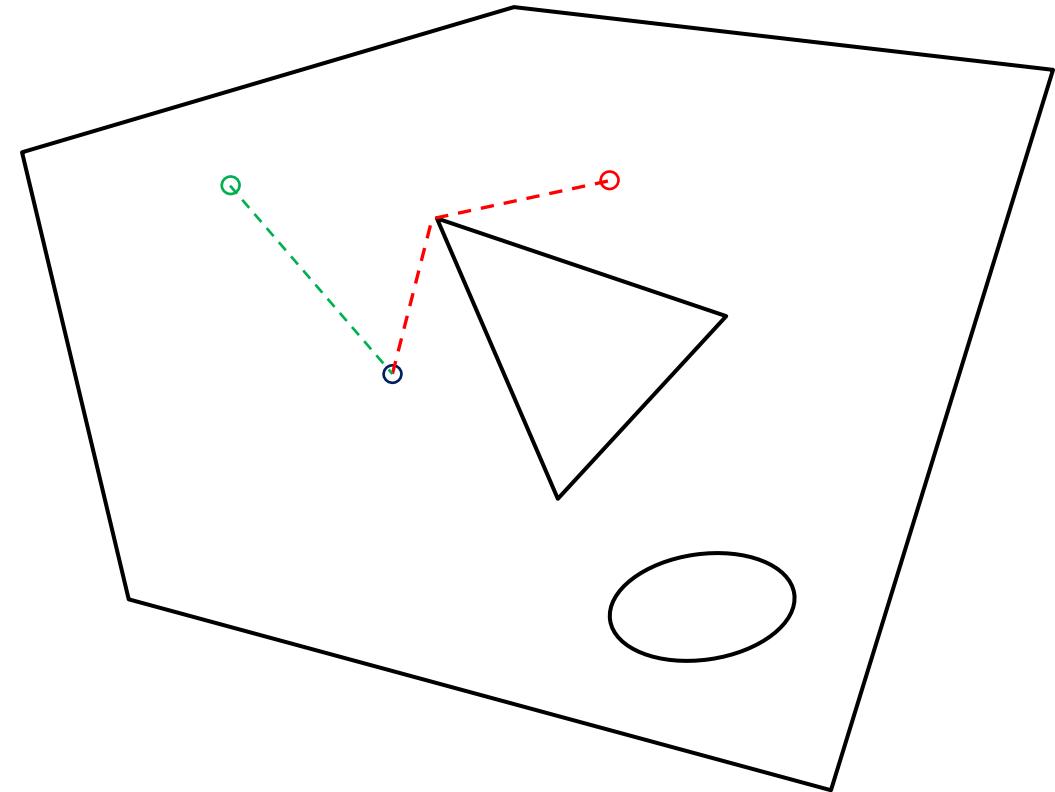
Manifold geodesic

Geodesic: path that provides the shortest distance along a manifold



<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Geodesic>

Euclidean manifold with boundary



Geodesics in Heat: A New Approach to Computing Distance Based on Heat Flow

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ALGORITHM 1: The Heat Method

- I. Integrate the heat flow $\dot{u} = \Delta u$ for some fixed time t .
- II. Evaluate the vector field $X = -\nabla u / |\nabla u|$.
- III. Solve the Poisson equation $\Delta \phi = \nabla \cdot X$.

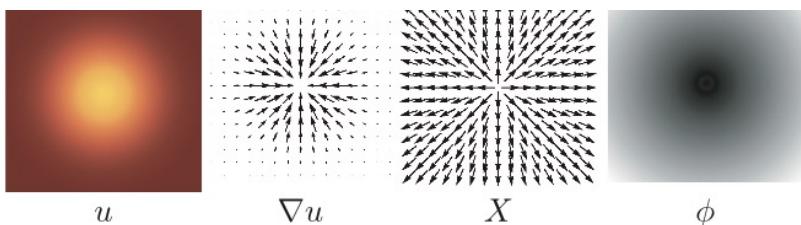


Fig. 5. Outline of the heat method. (I) Heat u is allowed to diffuse for a brief period of time (left). (II) The temperature gradient ∇u (center left) is normalized and negated to get a unit vector field X (center right) pointing along geodesics. (III) A function ϕ whose gradient follows X recovers the final distance (right).

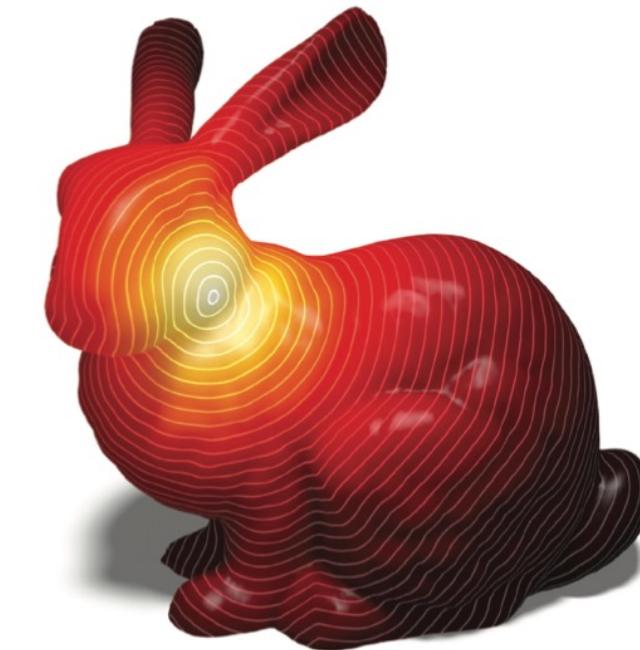
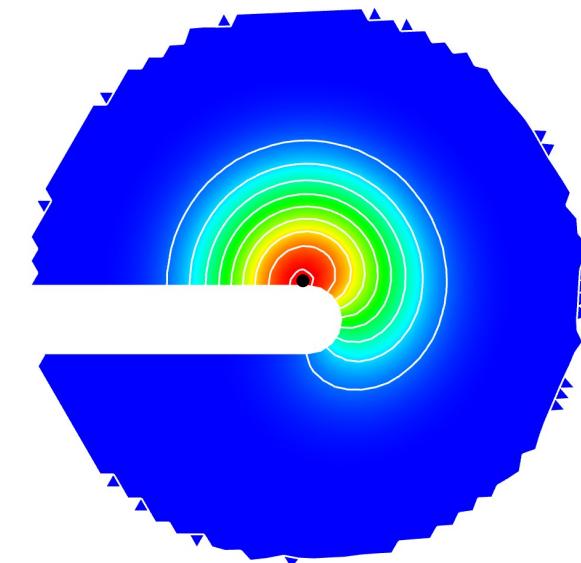
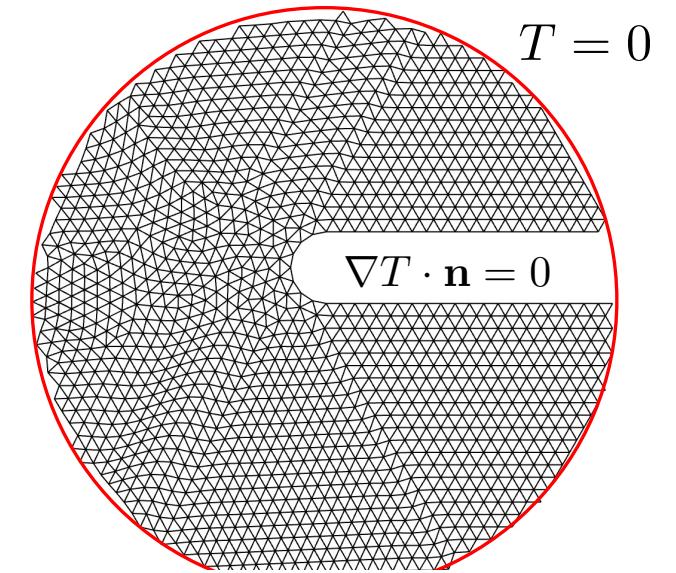
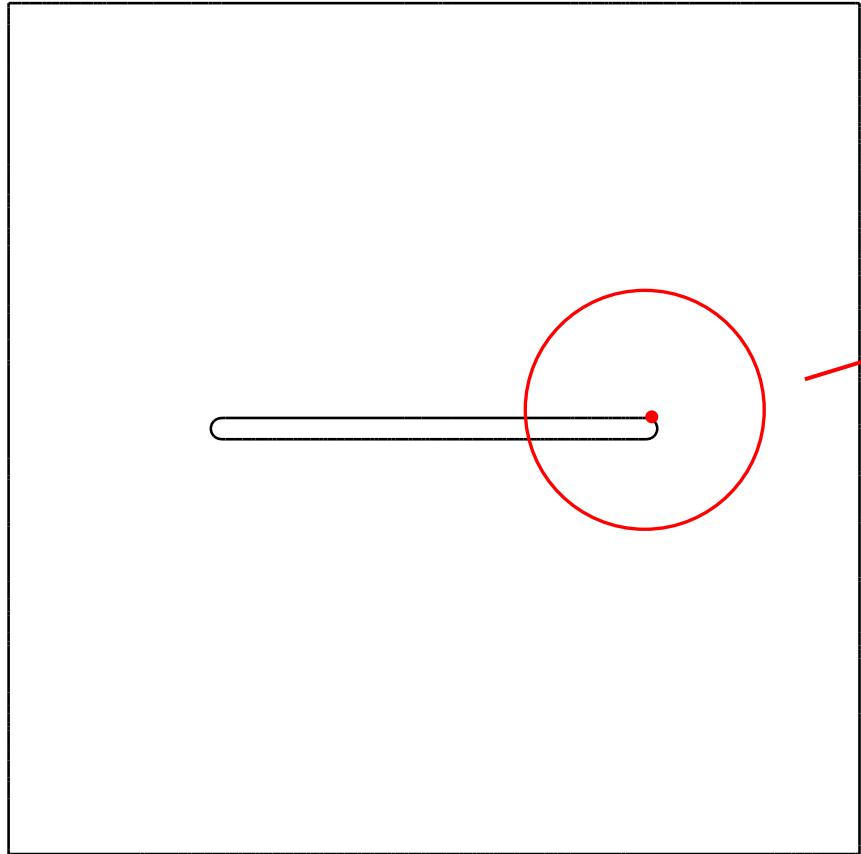
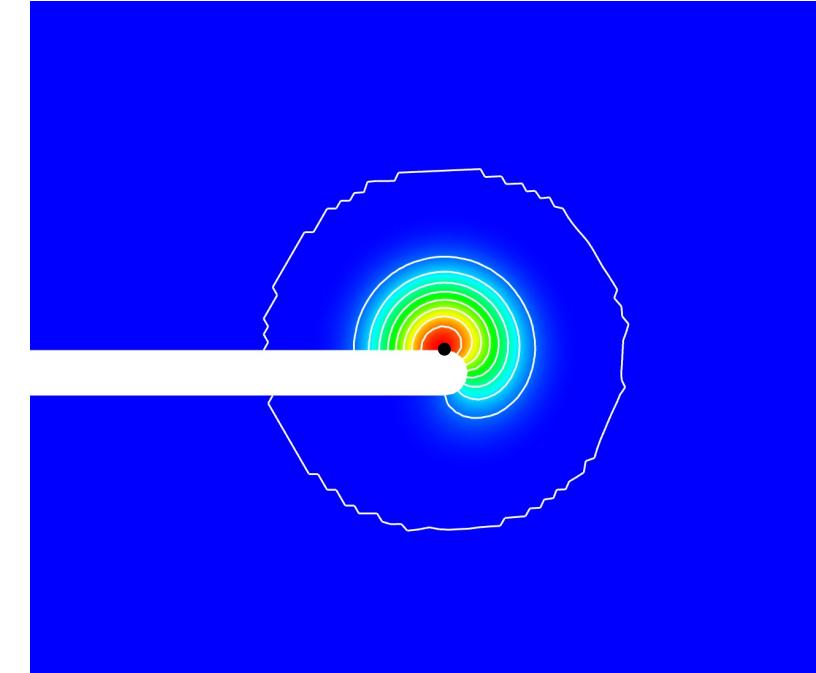
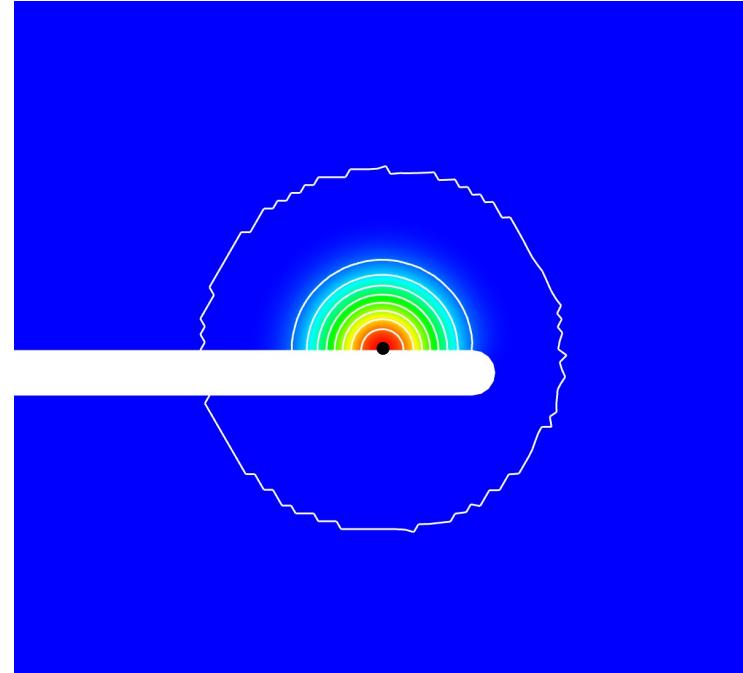
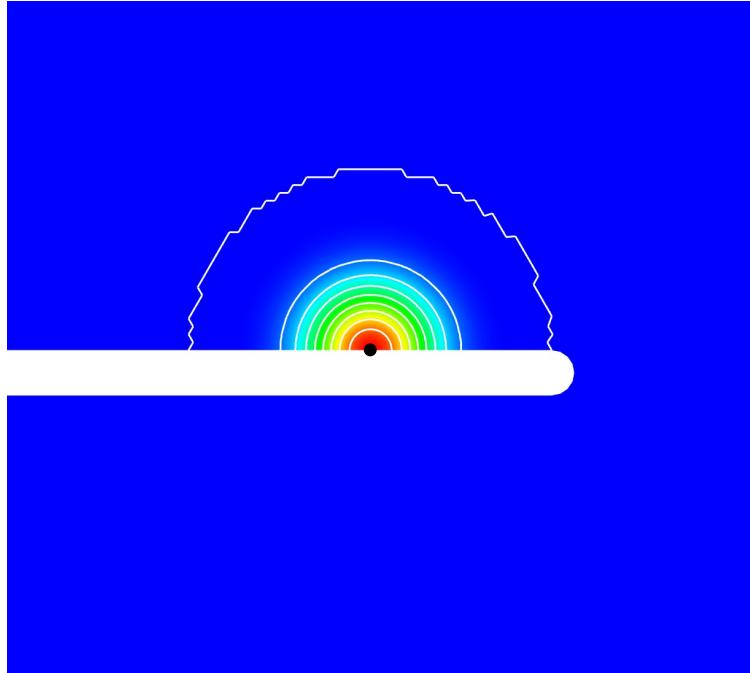


Fig. 1. Geodesic distance from a single point on a surface. The heat method allows distance to be rapidly updated for new source points or curves.

Weight functions using heat flow

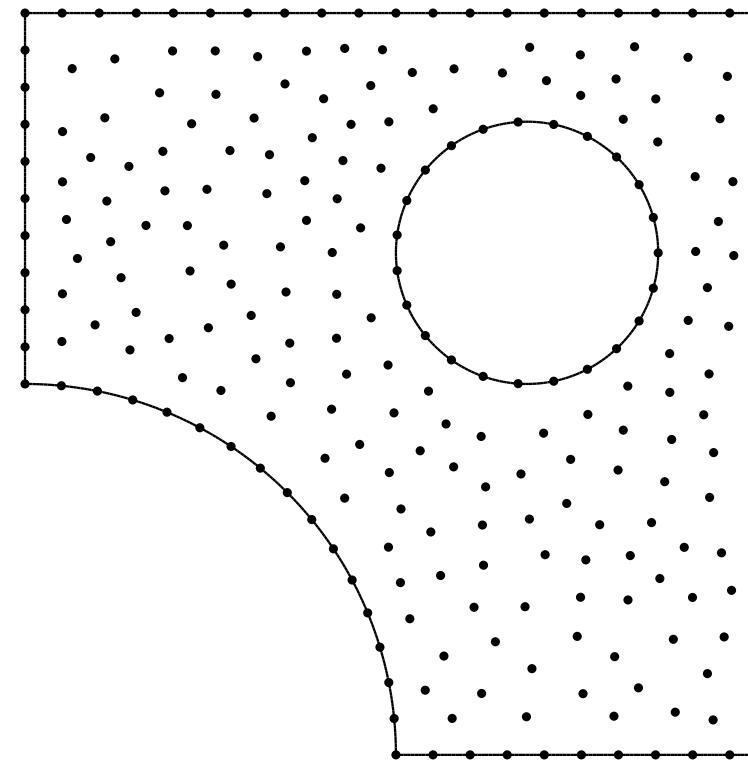
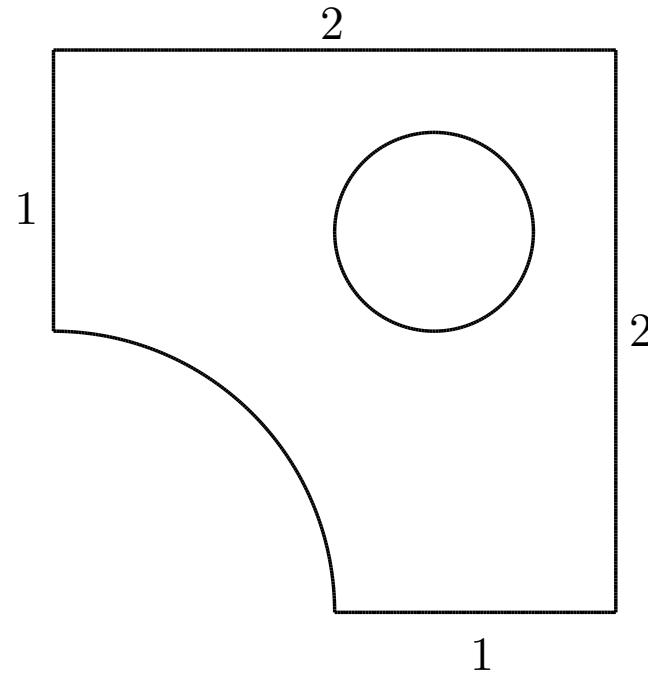


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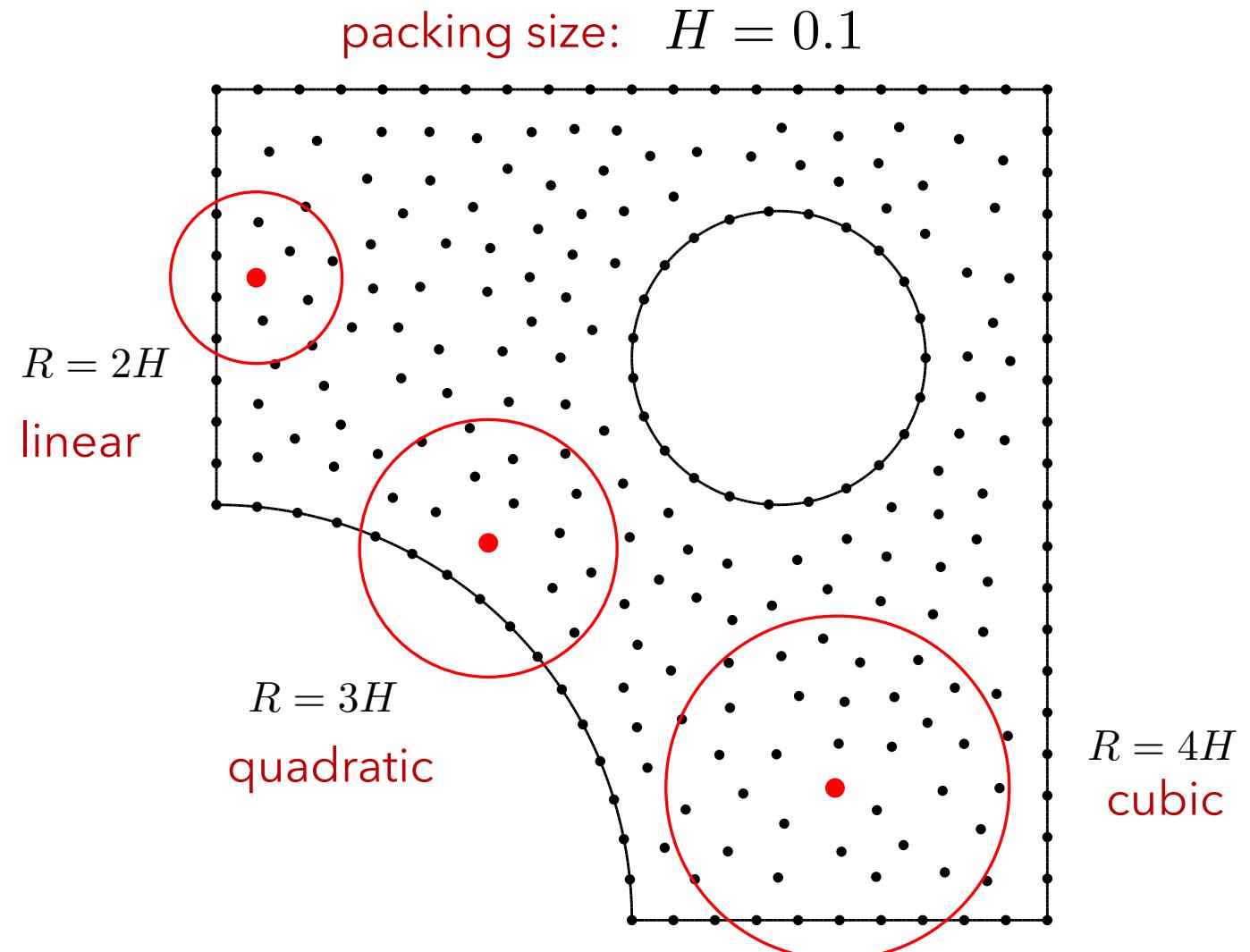
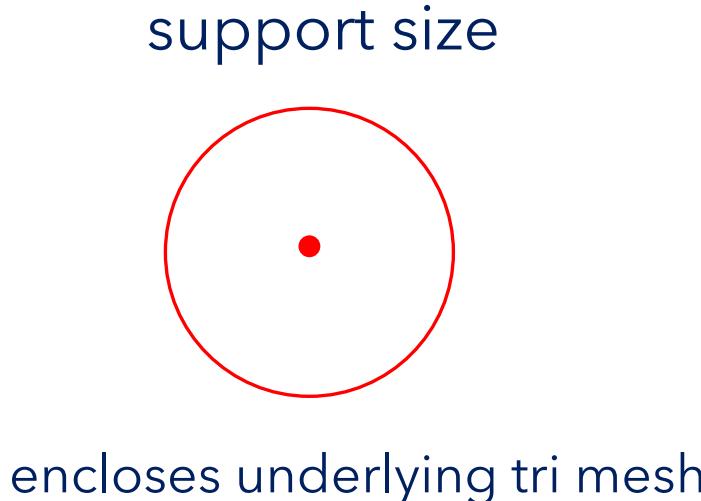
"Point" placement

- uniform on boundary
- random close packing on interior (maximal Poisson sampling)

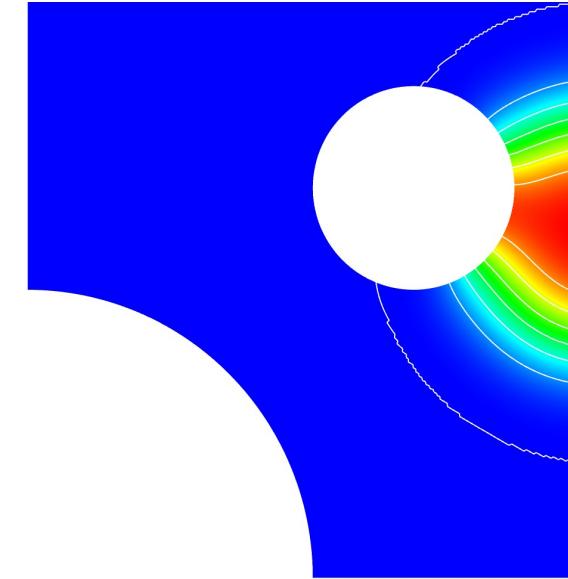
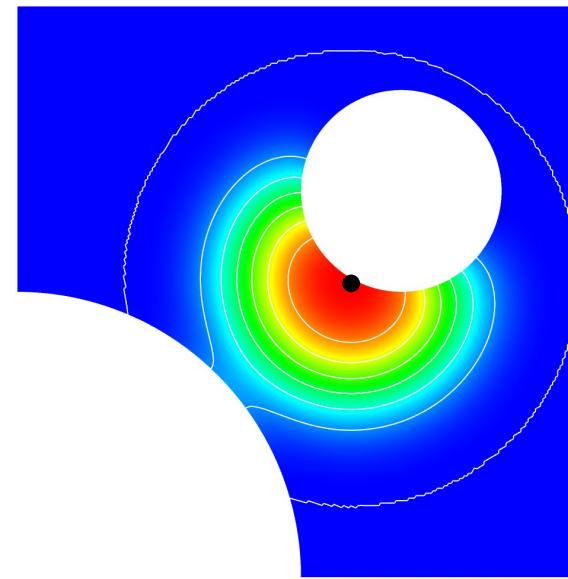
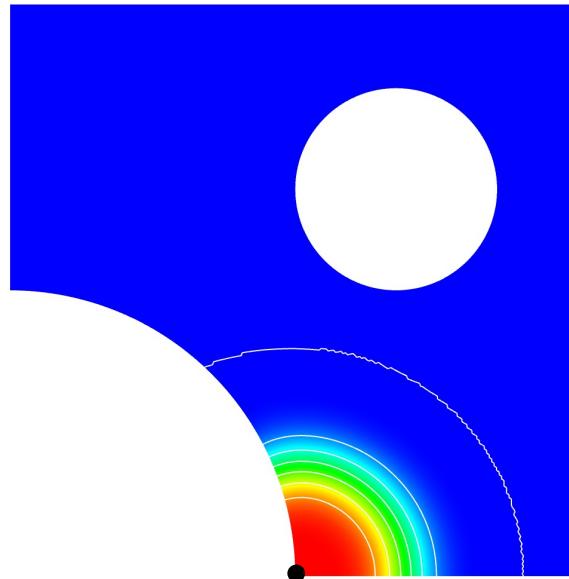


packing size:
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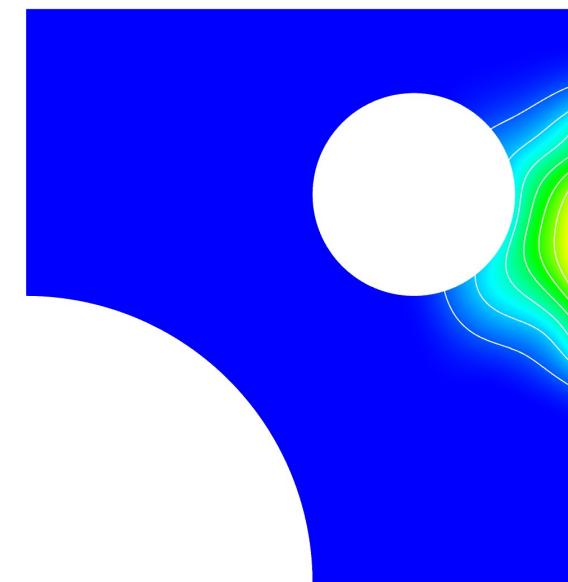
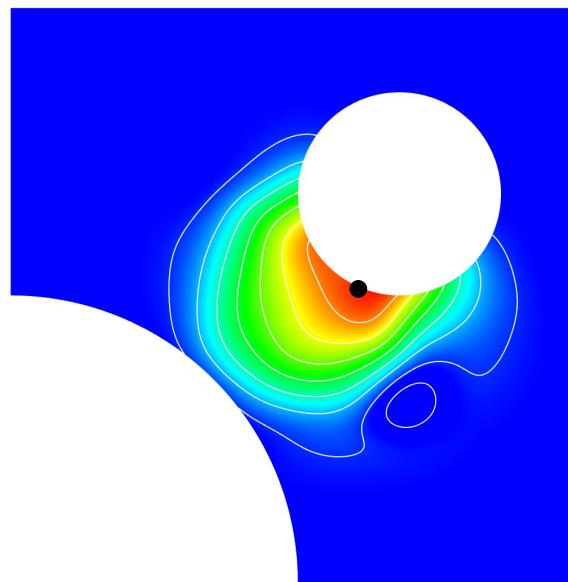
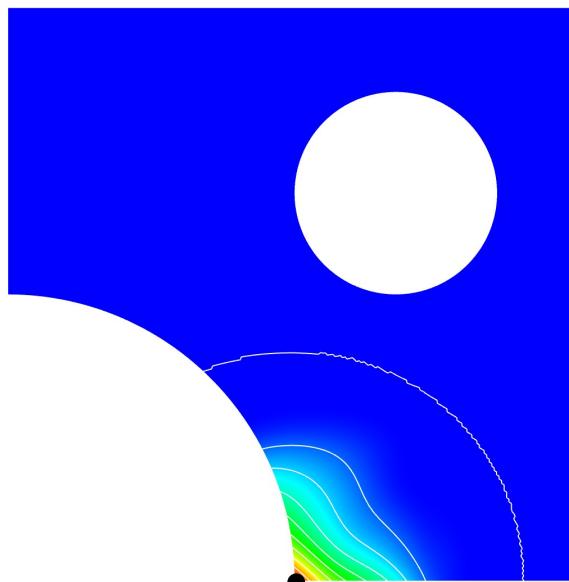
Weight function support size



weight
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shape
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(basis)

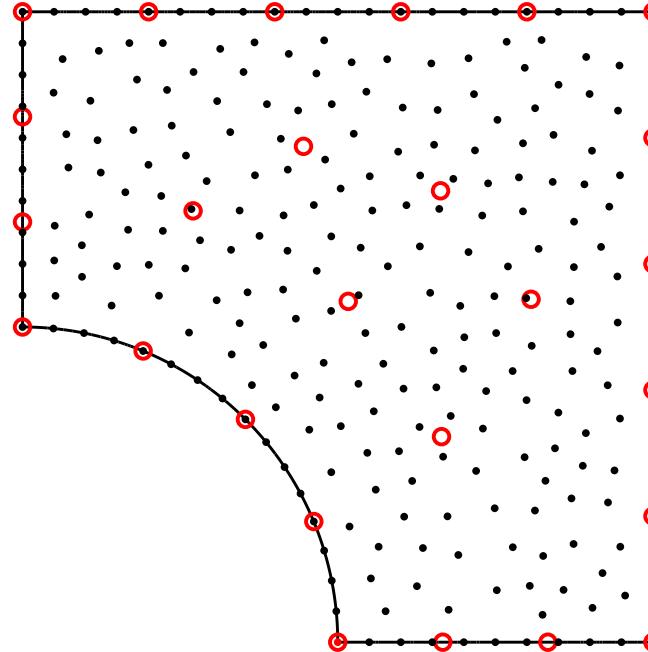


Element-free approach to solve BVPs



Use two meshfree clouds: one for solution discretization (DoF) and one for quadrature.

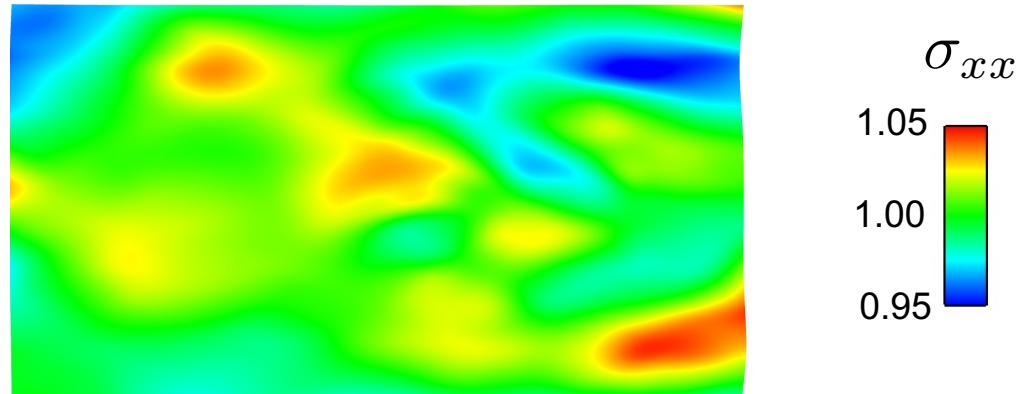
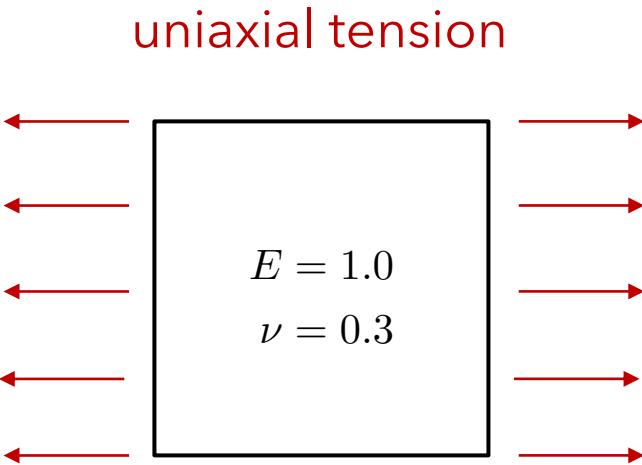
- DoF node
- quadrature nodes



quad-to-dof ratio = 4^2

What ratio of quad nodes to dof nodes is needed for stability
(coercivity of bilinear form)?

Patch test (linear consistency)



error > 5%

Consistency of discrete form (integration)

- For convergence of discrete approximation, need to ensure consistency of discrete and continuous bilinear forms.
- Requires polynomial consistency of shape-function gradients (including quadrature).
- To obtain quadrature consistency, project the DoF shape function gradients to the subspace of quadrature shape functions.
- Only performed once in a pre-processing step.

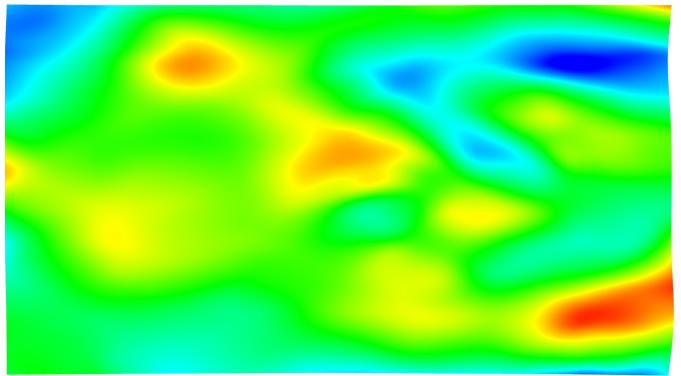
$\{\phi_I, I = 1, \dots, N\}$ *DoF basis (shape functions)*

$\{\Phi_K, K = 1, \dots, M\}$ *Quadrature basis (shape functions)*

$$\nabla \phi_I := \arg \min \int_{\Omega} \left(\nabla \phi_I - \sum_{K=1}^M a^K \Phi_K \right)^2 d\Omega \quad (L_2 \text{ projection})$$

Patch test (linear consistency)

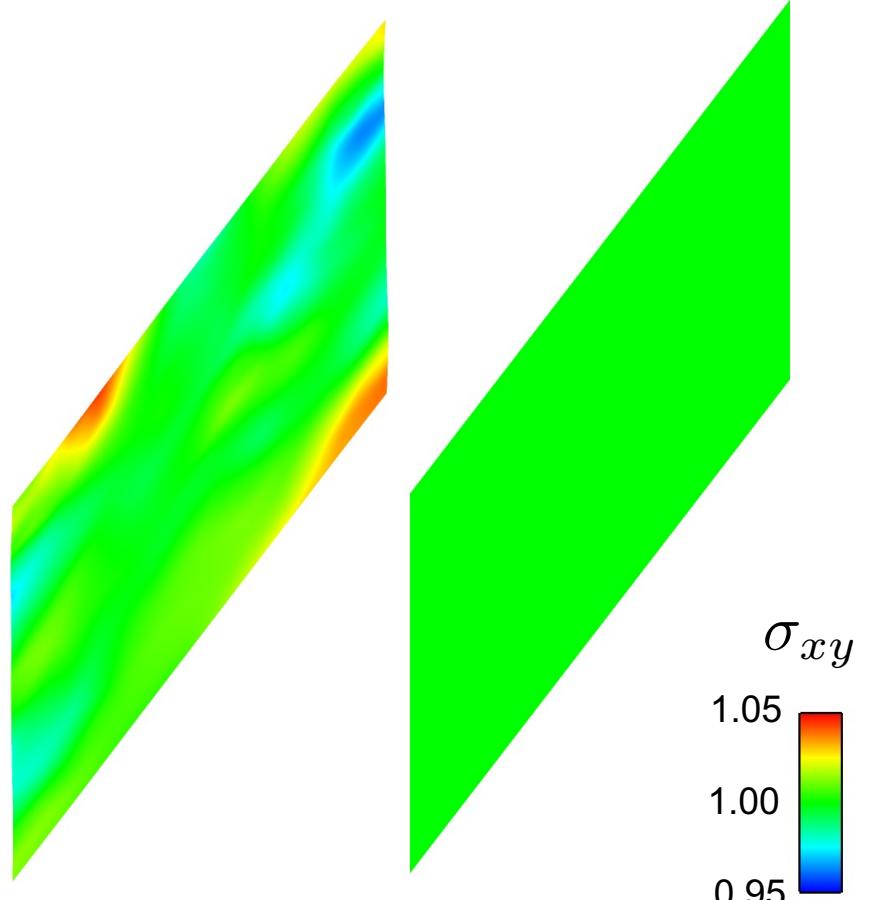
no projection



with projection

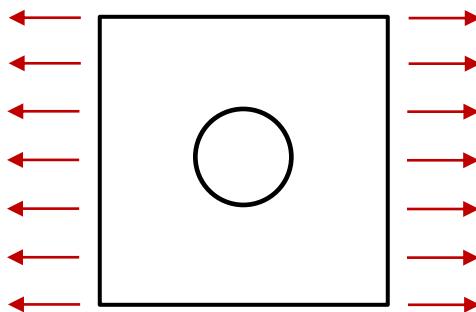


pure shear



Example: plate with hole

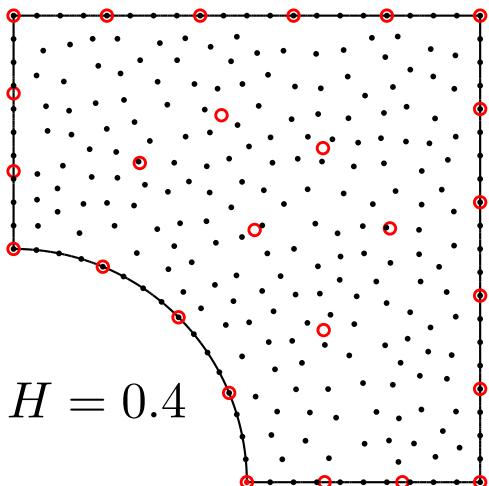
uniaxial tension



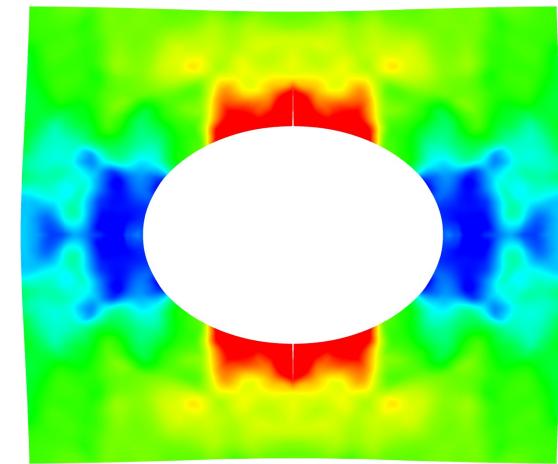
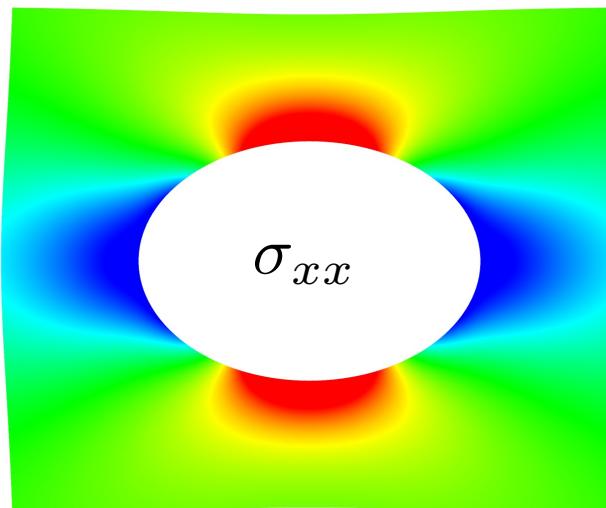
$$E = 1.0$$

$$\nu = 0.3$$

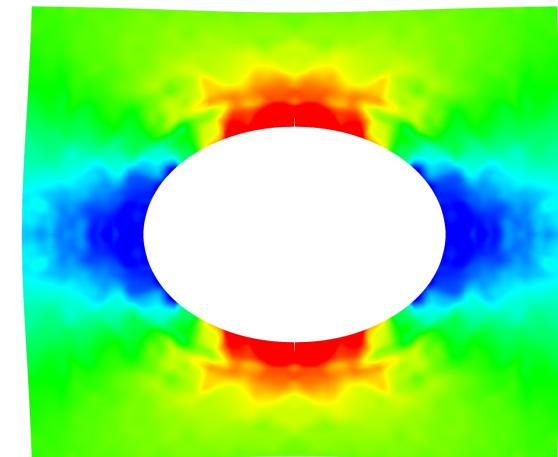
- plane strain
- quarter symmetry



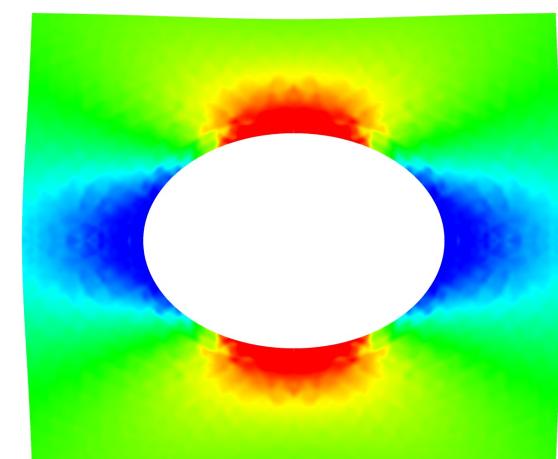
exact



$$H = 0.4$$

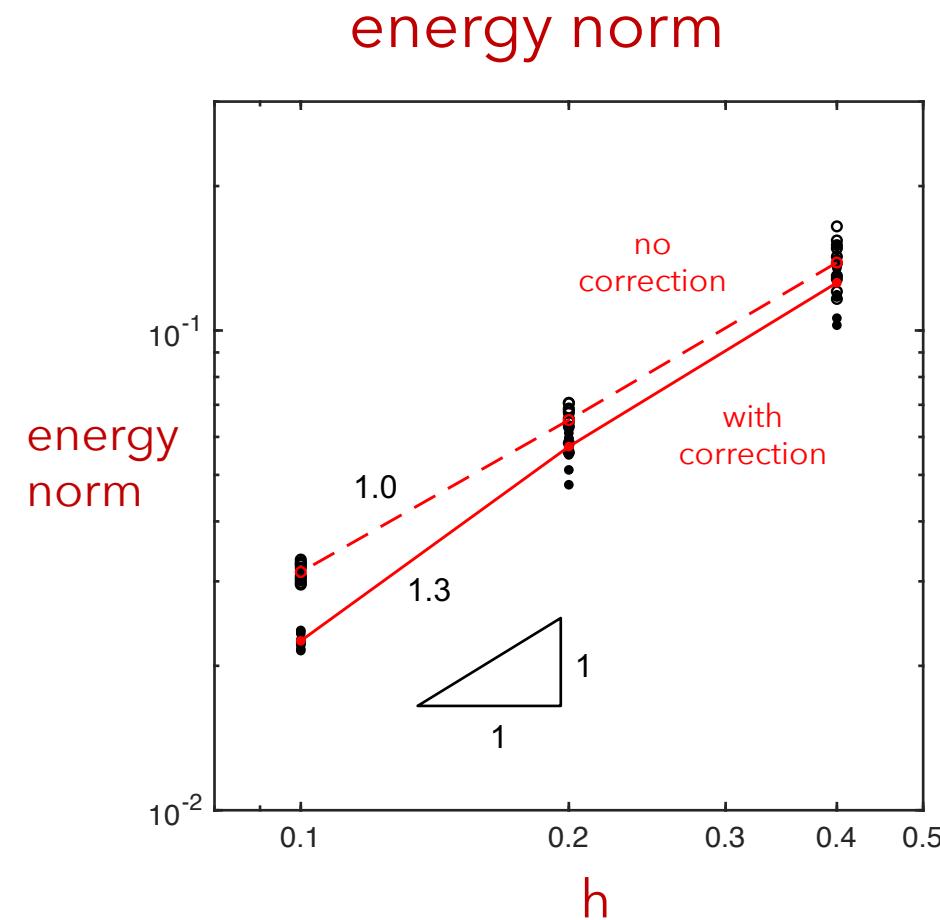
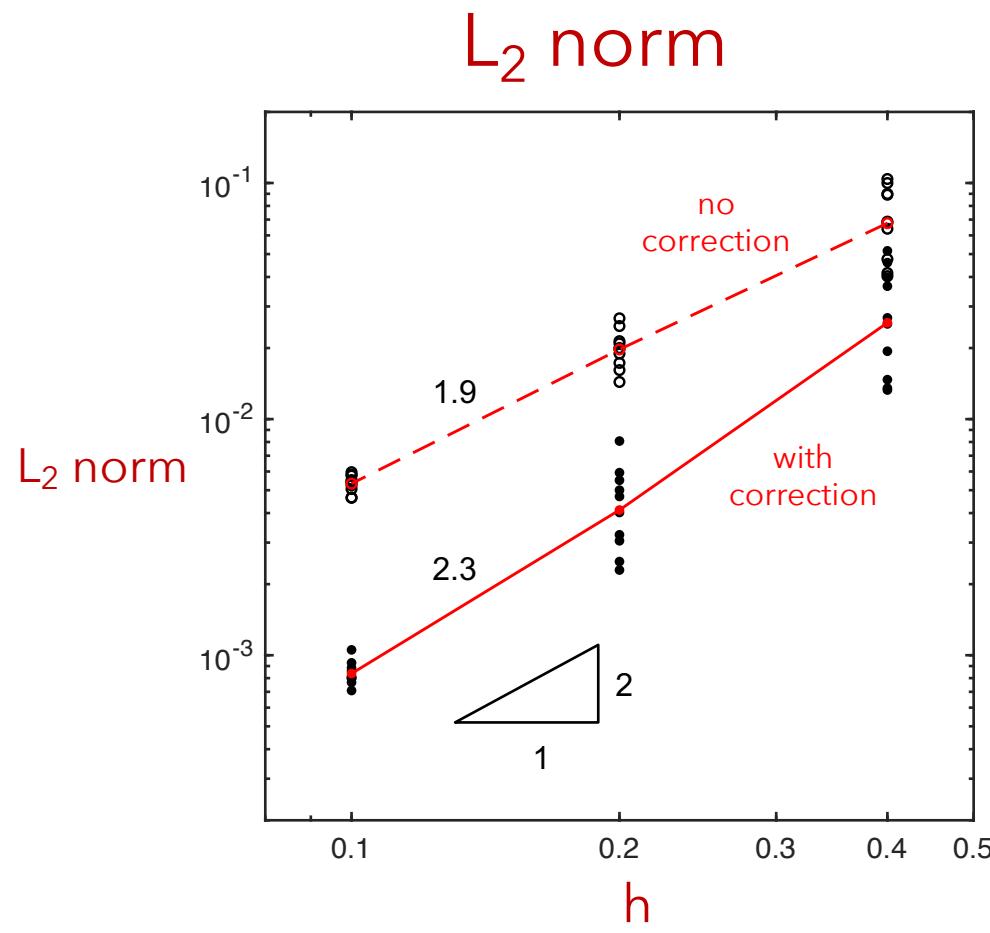


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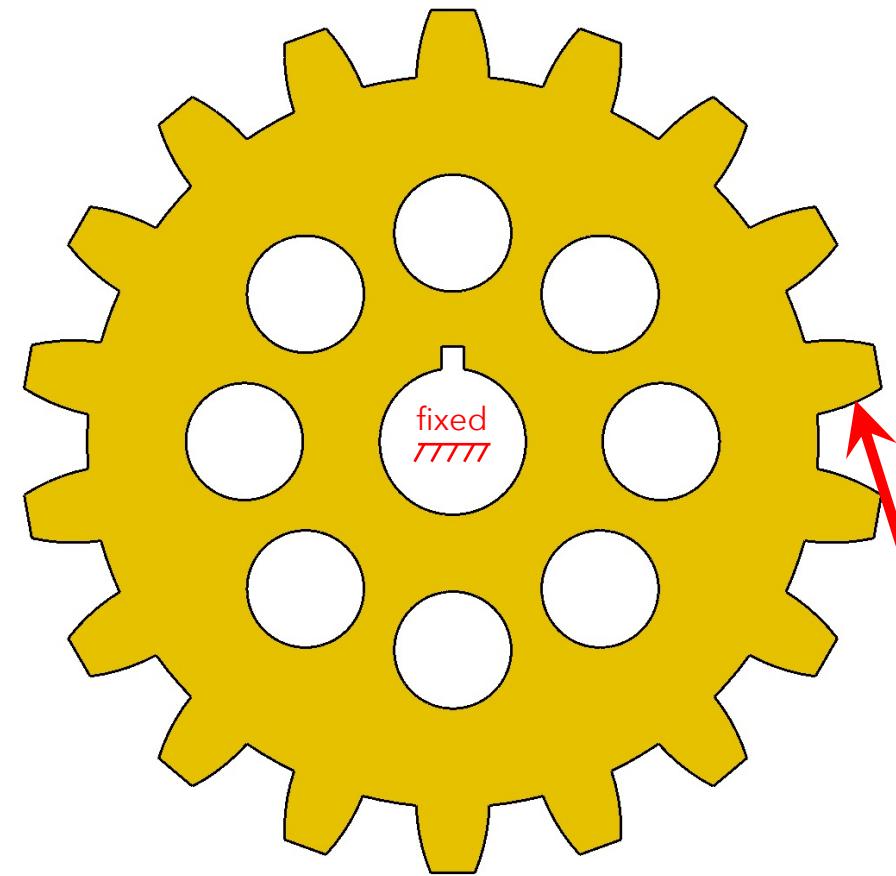
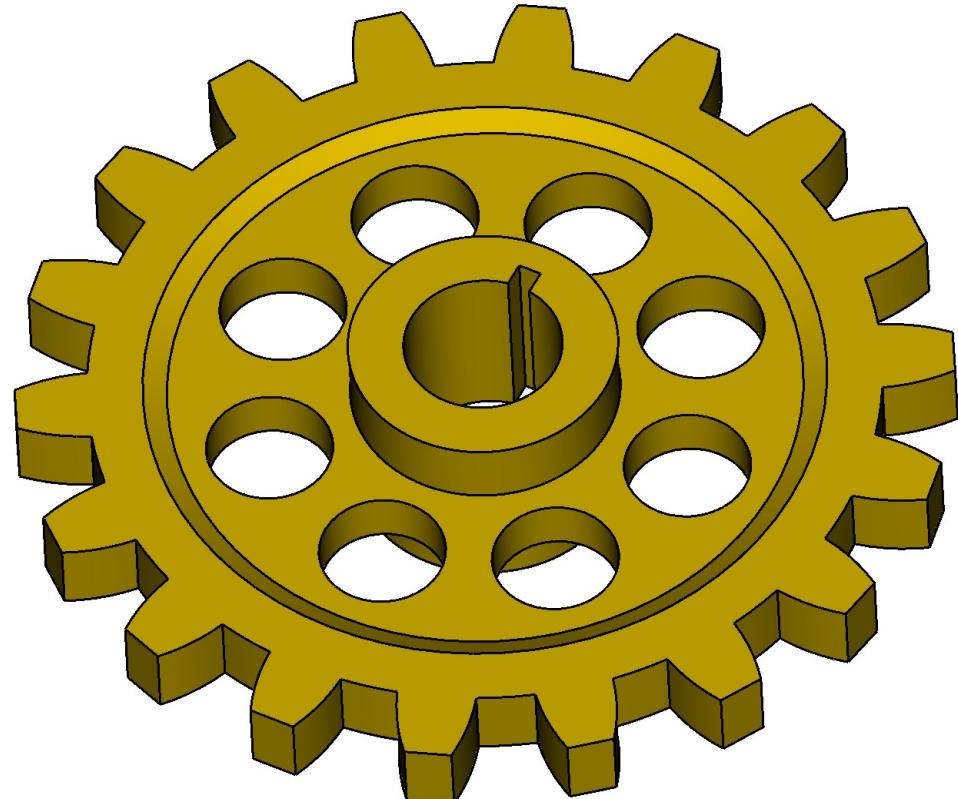


$$H = 0.1$$

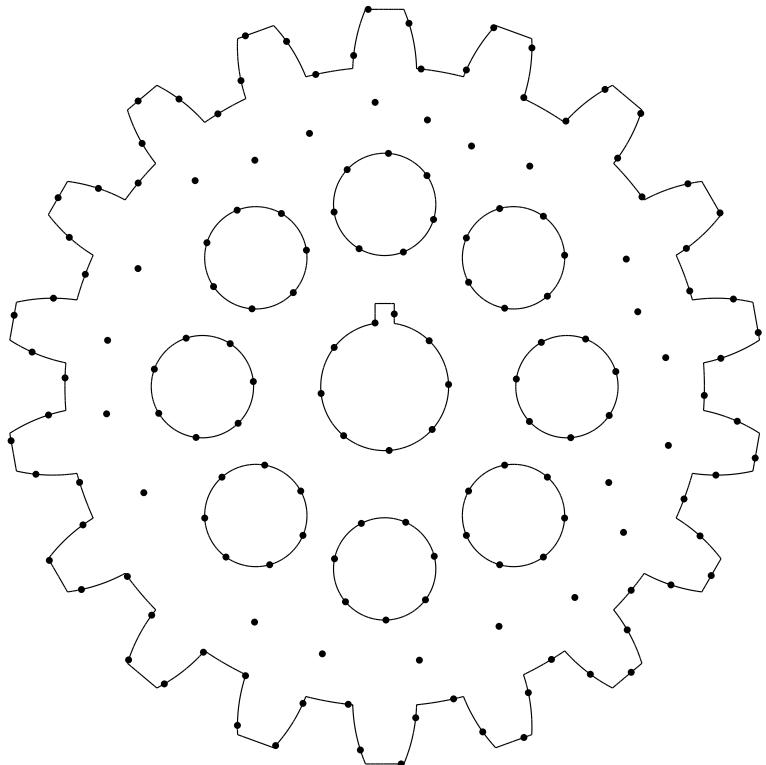
Example: plate with hole



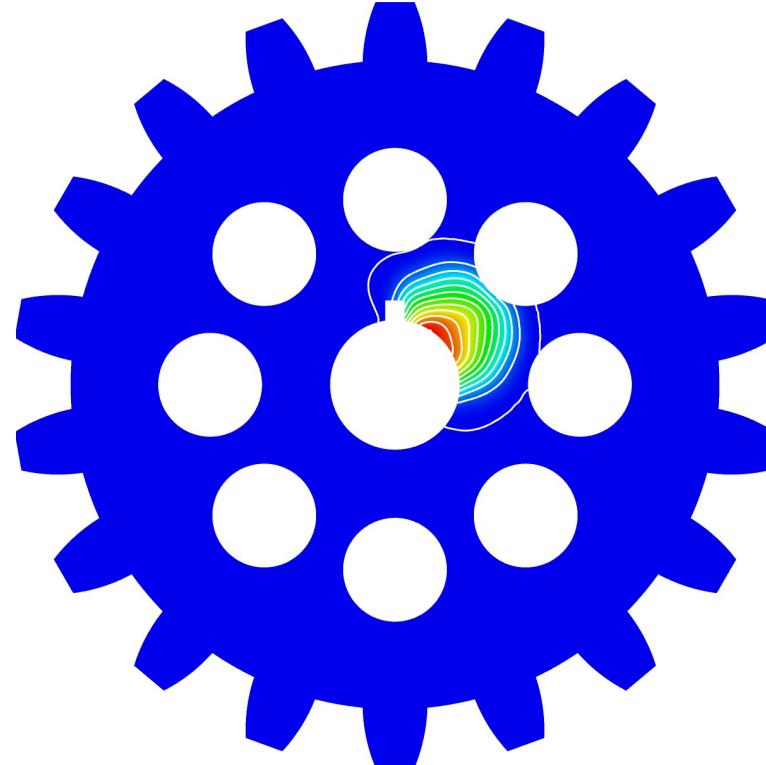
Example



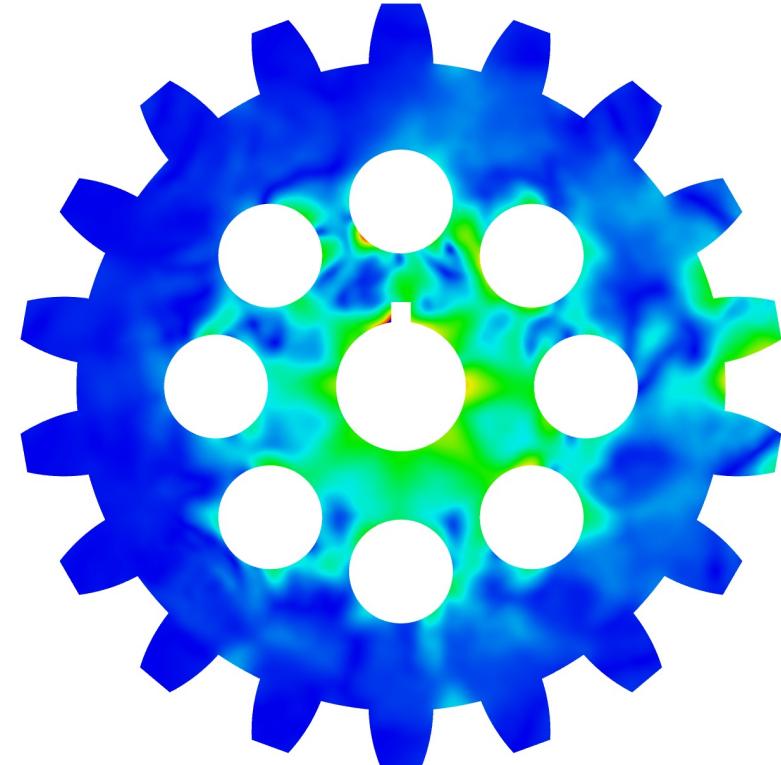
dof nodes

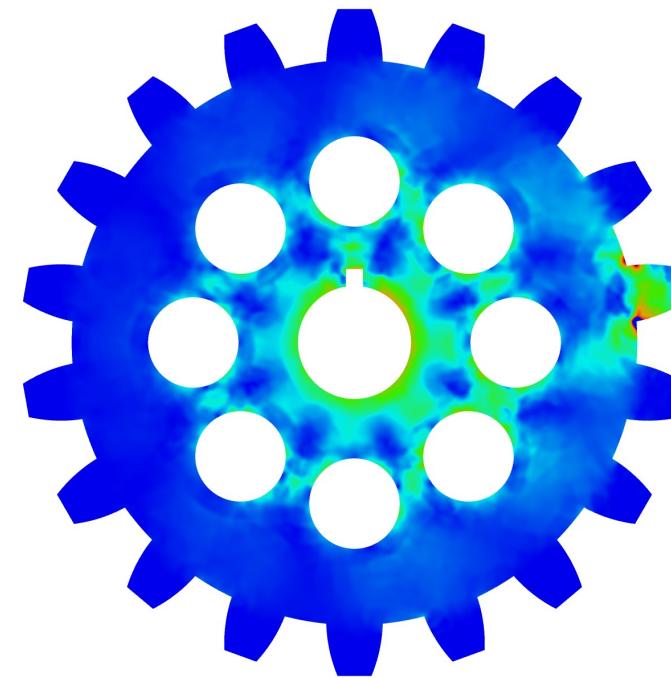
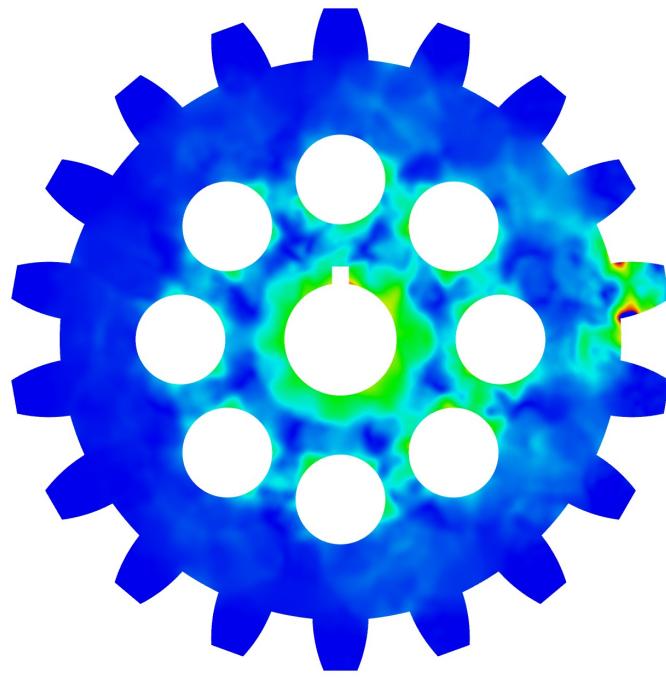
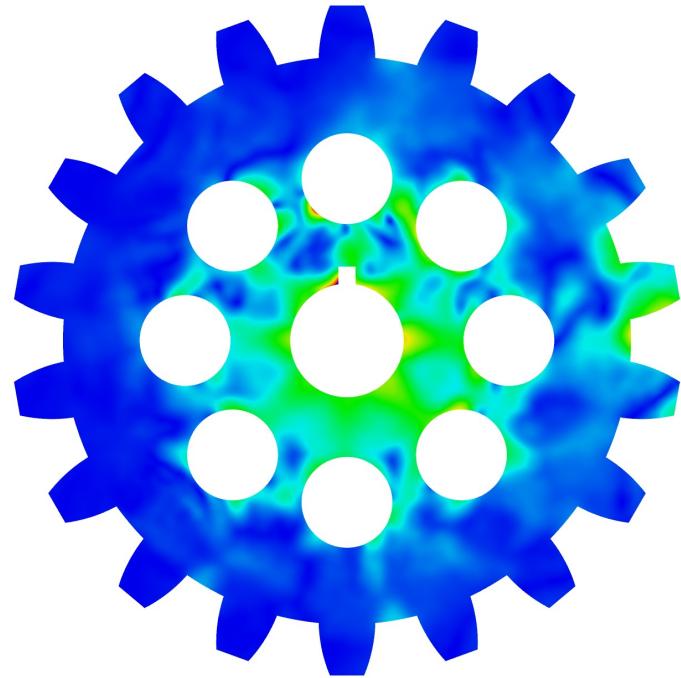
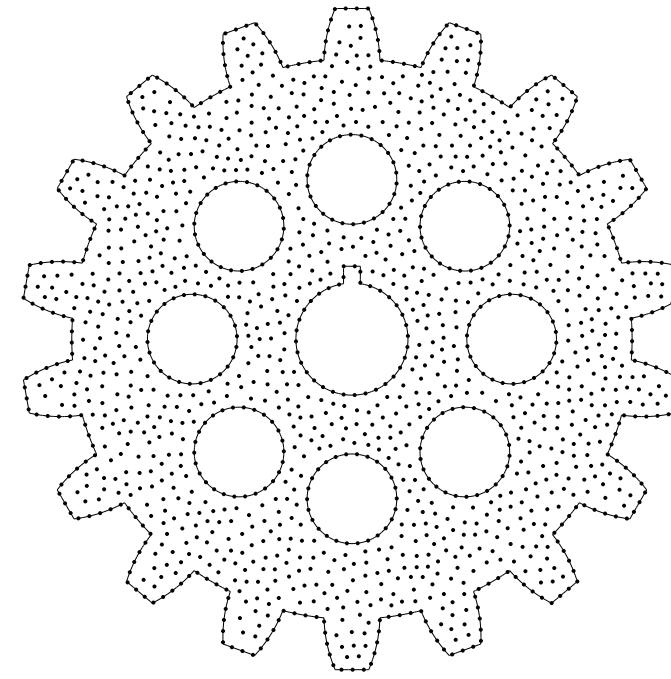
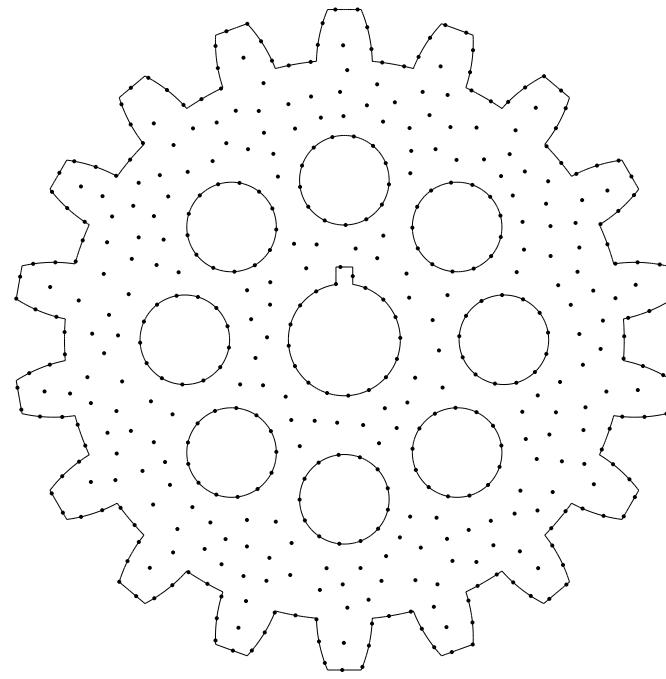
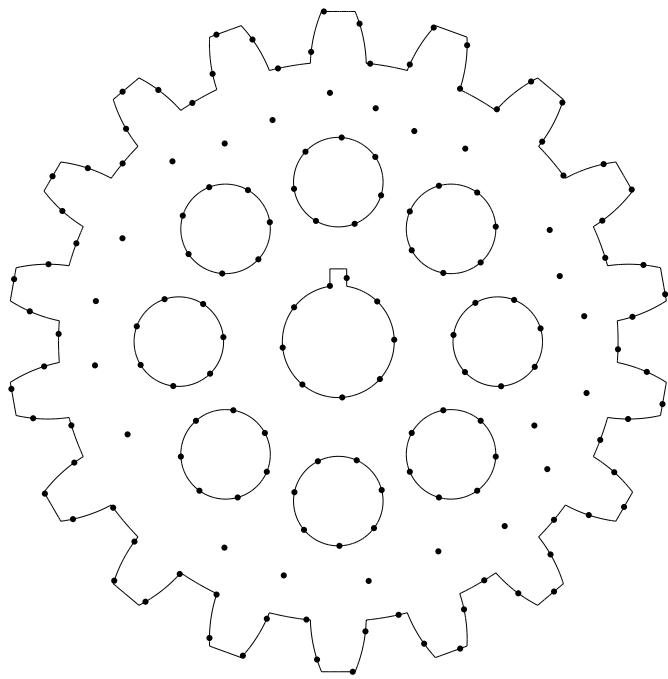


basis functions



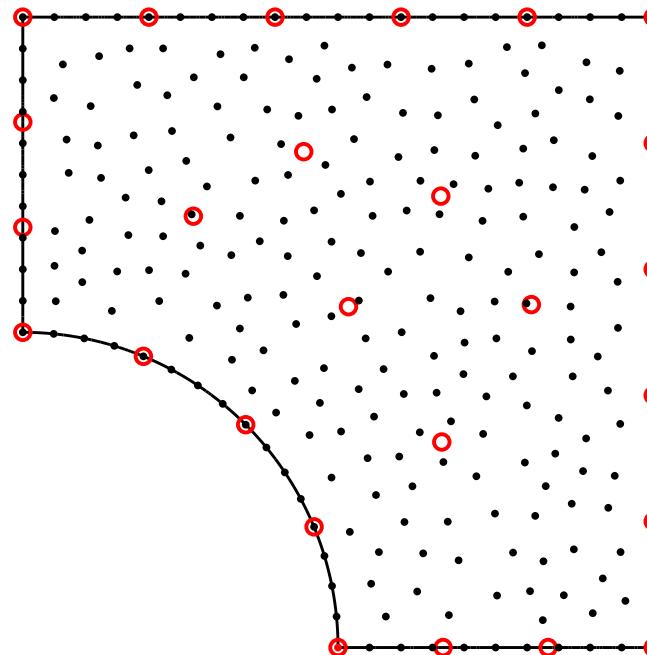
stress field (vm)





Nearly incompressible limit

- Can extend approach to handle nearly incompressible materials
- Use a “generalized” B-Bar/F-bar approach.
- Project dilatational portion of deformation gradient to smaller subspace, e.g. use original DOF points as quadrature basis.



- DoF node and dilatational quadrature node
- deviatoric quadrature node

Summary

1. Showed applications of GBCs to both element-based and element-free PDE discretizations
2. GBCs enable formulation of a diverse set of polyhedral discretizations.
3. GBCs enable element-free discretization on complex disconnected domains without resource to computational geometry.
4. Element-free weight function used manifold geodesic (heat map)
5. GBCs also induce quadrature schemes for both element-based and element-free methods.
6. GBCs facilitate gradient projection schemes for PDE consistency.
7. Applications to multiresolution (wavelet) on complex shapes?