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# Linearization Errors in Discrete Goal-Oriented Error Estimation

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# BACKGROUND

The big picture:

- Partial differential equation (PDE)  $\rightarrow$  exact solution  $u$ .
- PDE  $\rightarrow$  analytic solution  $u$  is, in general, unknown.
- Finite element method (FEM)  $\rightarrow$  approx. PDE solution  $u^H$ .
- FEM  $\rightarrow$  error associated with the discretization,  $e := u - u^H$ .
- Analyst  $\rightarrow$  how reliable/accurate is the solution  $u^H$ ?

Goal-oriented error estimates:

- Choose physically meaningful functional:  $\mathcal{J}(u)$ .
- Functional referred to as a ‘quantity of interest’ (QoI).
- Approximate  $\mathcal{E} := \mathcal{J}(u) - \mathcal{J}(u^H)$ , discretization error in the QoI.

Presently, we consider nonlinear PDEs and nonlinear QoIs.

# GOAL-ORIENTED ERROR ESTIMATION

*Primal*

Find  $u \in \mathcal{V}$  such that  $\mathcal{R}(w; u) = 0 \quad \forall w \in \mathcal{V}$

*FEM*

Find  $u^H \in \mathcal{V}^H$  such that  $\mathcal{R}(w^H; u^H) = 0 \quad \forall w^H \in \mathcal{V}^H$

*Dual*

Find  $z \in \mathcal{V}$  such that  $\mathcal{R}'[u^H](w, z) = \mathcal{J}'[u^H](w) \quad \forall w \in \mathcal{V}$

*Error*

$$\mathcal{J}(u) - \mathcal{J}(u^H) = \underbrace{-\mathcal{R}(z - z^H; u^H)}_{\text{discretization error}} + \underbrace{\mathcal{O}(e^2)}_{\text{linearization error}} \quad \forall w^H \in \mathcal{V}^H$$

- $\mathcal{J}'[u^H](w)$  - Fréchet linearization about  $u^H$ .
- $\mathcal{R}'[u^H](w)$  - Fréchet linearization about  $u^H$ .



# DISCRETE GOAL-ORIENTED ERROR ESTIMATION

Primal PDE discretized by FEM on two spaces:  
 $\mathcal{V}^H \subset \mathcal{V}^h \subset \mathcal{V}$  results in:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{Coarse} & \boxed{\mathbf{R}^H(\mathbf{u}^H) = \mathbf{0}} \quad \mathbf{R}^H : \mathbb{R}^N \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^N, \\ \text{Fine} & \boxed{\mathbf{R}^h(\mathbf{u}^h) = \mathbf{0}} \quad \mathbf{R}^h : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n, \quad n > N, \end{array}$$

Let  $\mathbf{u}_h^H := I_h^H \mathbf{u}^H$ , where  $I_h^H : \mathcal{V}^H \rightarrow \mathcal{V}^h$ .

Let  $\mathbf{e}^h := \mathbf{u}^h - \mathbf{u}^H$ .

Taylor expansions about  $\mathbf{u}_h^H$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \cancel{\mathbf{R}^h(\mathbf{u}^h)} &= \mathbf{R}^h(\mathbf{u}_h^H) + \left[ \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}^h}{\partial \mathbf{u}^h} \Big|_{\mathbf{u}_h^H} \right] \mathbf{e}^h + \mathbf{E}_L^{\mathcal{R}}, \\ \mathcal{J}^h(\mathbf{u}^h) &= \mathcal{J}^h(\mathbf{u}_h^H) + \left[ \frac{\partial \mathcal{J}^h}{\partial \mathbf{u}^h} \Big|_{\mathbf{u}_h^H} \right] \mathbf{e}^h + \mathcal{E}_L^{\mathcal{J}}. \end{aligned}$$

Disregard  $\mathcal{E}_L^{\mathcal{J}}$  and  $\mathbf{E}_L^{\mathcal{R}} \implies$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{E} &:= \mathcal{J}(\mathbf{u}) - \mathcal{J}(\mathbf{u}^H), \\ &\approx \mathcal{J}(\mathbf{u}^h) - \mathcal{J}(\mathbf{u}^H), \\ &:= \mathcal{E}^h, \\ &\approx (\mathbf{z}^h - \mathbf{z}_H^h) \cdot \mathbf{R}^h(\mathbf{u}_h^H), \\ &:= \eta_1. \end{aligned}$$

$\mathbf{z}^h \rightarrow$  solution to *adjoint problem*

$$\left[ \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}^h}{\partial \mathbf{u}^h} \Big|_{\mathbf{u}_h^H} \right]^T \mathbf{z}^h = \left[ \frac{\partial \mathcal{J}^h}{\partial \mathbf{u}^h} \Big|_{\mathbf{u}_h^H} \right]^T.$$

$\mathbf{z}_H^h := I_H^h \mathbf{z}^h$ , where  $I_H^h : \mathcal{V}^h \rightarrow \mathcal{V}^H$ .

# A MOTIVATING EXAMPLE

A nonlinear Poisson's equation:

$$\begin{cases} -\nabla \cdot [(1 + \alpha u^2) \nabla u] = f, & \text{in } \Omega, \\ u = 0, & \text{on } \Gamma. \end{cases}$$

In weak form:

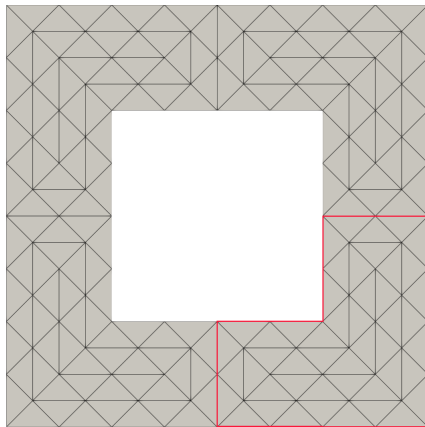
$$\mathcal{R}(w; u) := (f, w)_{\Omega} - ((1 + \alpha u^2) \nabla u, \nabla w)_{\Omega} = 0.$$

Consider functionals/manufactured solution:

$$\mathcal{J}_1(u) = \int_{\Omega_s} u^3 \, d\Omega,$$

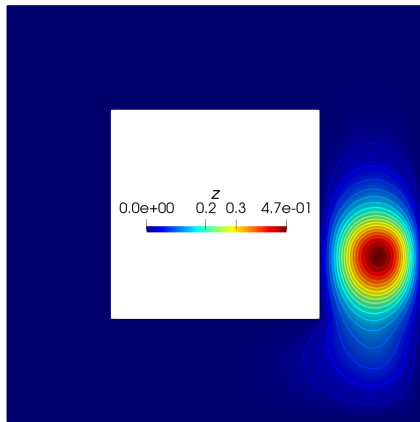
$$\mathcal{J}_2(u) = \int_{\Omega_s} \nabla u \cdot \nabla u \, d\Omega,$$

$$u(x, y) = \sin(2\pi x) \sin(2\pi y) \exp(5/2(x + y)).$$

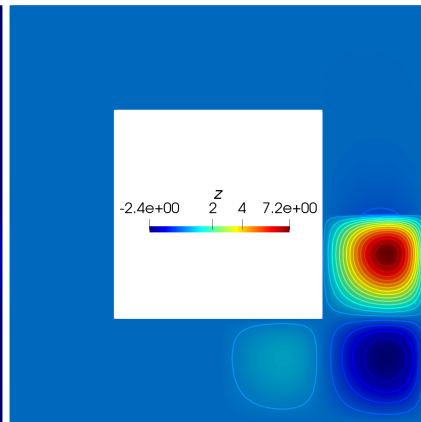


**Figure:** Example domain  $\Omega$  and sub-domain  $\Omega_s$  with an initial mesh occupying the space  $[-1, 1]^2$ .

# A MOTIVATING EXAMPLE: ADJOINT SOLUTIONS



(a) Adjoint solution for QoI  $\mathcal{J}_1(u)$

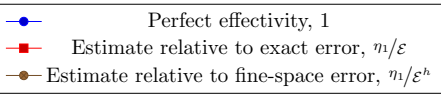
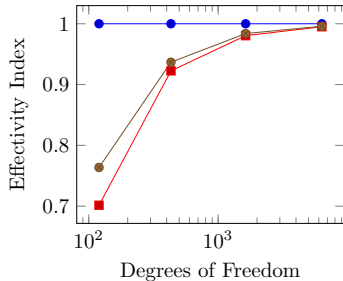


(b) Adjoint solution for QoI  $\mathcal{J}_2(u)$

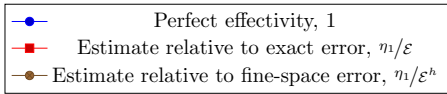
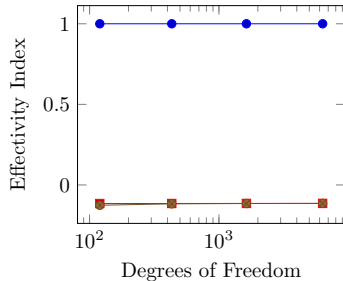


# A MOTIVATING EXAMPLE: ESTIMATE EFFECTIVITY

Effectivities for  $\mathcal{J}_1(u)$  for Manufactured Solution



Effectivities for  $\mathcal{J}_2(u)$  for Manufactured Solution



# A MOTIVATING EXAMPLE: WHAAAAAA?!?!?!?

Consider the quadratic QoI:

$$\mathcal{J}(u) = \int_{\Omega} \nabla u \cdot \nabla u,$$

The discretization error in this functional can be exactly represented as:

$$\mathcal{J}(u) - \mathcal{J}(u^H) = 2 \int_{\Omega} \nabla u^H \cdot \nabla e \, d\Omega + \int_{\Omega} \nabla e \cdot \nabla e \, d\Omega.$$

- First integral: linearization used for  $\eta_1$
- Second integral: should  $\rightarrow 0$  quickly since its  $\mathcal{O}(e^2)$
- However, second integral is strictly positive
- First integral: might  $\rightarrow 0$  quickly relatively due to subtractive cancellation.
- Neglecting linearization error: could significantly under-predict actual error.





# A MODIFIED ERROR ESTIMATE

From mean value  $\exists$  a  $\mathbf{u}^*$  such that  $\mathcal{E}_L^{\mathcal{J}}$  vanishes:

$$\mathcal{J}^h(\mathbf{u}^h) = \mathcal{J}^h(\mathbf{u}_h^H) + \left[ \frac{\partial \mathcal{J}^h}{\partial \mathbf{u}^h} \bigg|_{\mathbf{u}^*} \right] \mathbf{e}^h.$$

$\mathbf{u}^*$ : point on linear path between  $\mathbf{u}_h^H$  and  $\mathbf{u}^h$

$$\mathbf{u}^*(\theta) = \mathbf{u}_h^H + \theta \mathbf{e}^h, \quad \theta \in [0, 1].$$

Finding  $\mathbf{u}^*$ : solve nonlinear scalar equation:

$$f(\theta) := \mathcal{E}^h - \left[ \frac{\partial \mathcal{J}^h}{\partial \mathbf{u}^h} \bigg|_{\mathbf{u}^*(\theta)} \right] \mathbf{e}^h = 0.$$

Introduce *modified adjoint problem*:

$$\left[ \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}^h}{\partial \mathbf{u}^h} \bigg|_{\mathbf{u}_h^H} \right]^T \mathbf{z}^* = \left[ \frac{\partial \mathcal{J}^h}{\partial \mathbf{u}^h} \bigg|_{\mathbf{u}^*} \right]^T.$$

No mean-value analogue for vector-valued functions.

$\mathbf{E}_L^{\mathcal{R}}$  must be accounted for in different manner.

Introduce:

$$\mathbf{z}^{**} = \mathbf{z}^* + \frac{\mathbf{z}^* \cdot \mathbf{E}_L^{\mathcal{R}}}{\mathbf{R}^h(\mathbf{u}_h^H) \cdot \mathbf{R}^h(\mathbf{u}_h^H)} \mathbf{R}^h(\mathbf{u}_h^H),$$

QoI error between the two spaces:

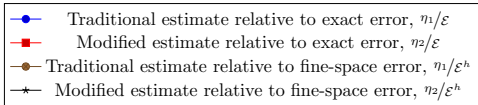
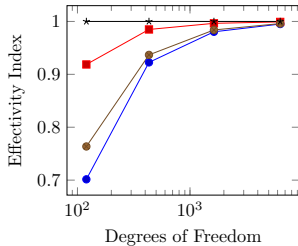
$$\mathcal{E}^h = \eta_2 := -\mathbf{z}^{**} \cdot \mathbf{R}^h(\mathbf{u}_h^H).$$

- con: Requires primal solve on the fine space.
- pro: Including linearization errors in error *localization*  $\rightarrow$  might lead to better meshes.
- pro: Can be used to safeguard termination criteria at coarse mesh resolutions in adaptive iterations when  $\eta_1$  may under-predict error.

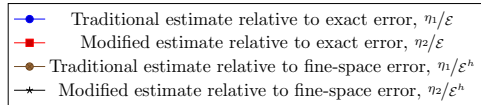
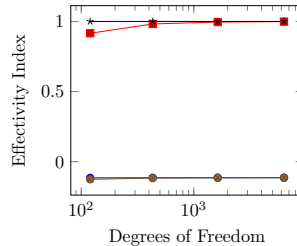


# A MOTIVATING EXAMPLE: ERROR EFFECTIVITY REVISITED

Effectivities for  $\mathcal{J}_1(u)$  for Manufactured Solution



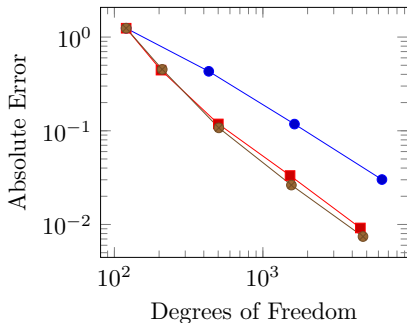
Effectivities for  $\mathcal{J}_2(u)$  for Manufactured Solution





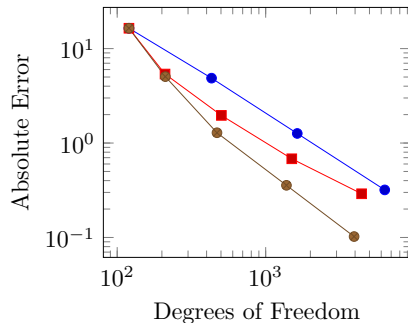
# A MOTIVATING EXAMPLE: MESH ADAPTIVITY

Errors in  $\mathcal{J}_1(u)$  for Manufactured Solution with Adaptivity



- Error using uniform refinement,  $\mathcal{E}$
- Error using  $\eta_1$  adaptive scheme,  $\mathcal{E}$
- Error using  $\eta_2$  adaptive scheme,  $\mathcal{E}$

Errors in  $\mathcal{J}_2(u)$  for Manufactured Solution with Adaptivity

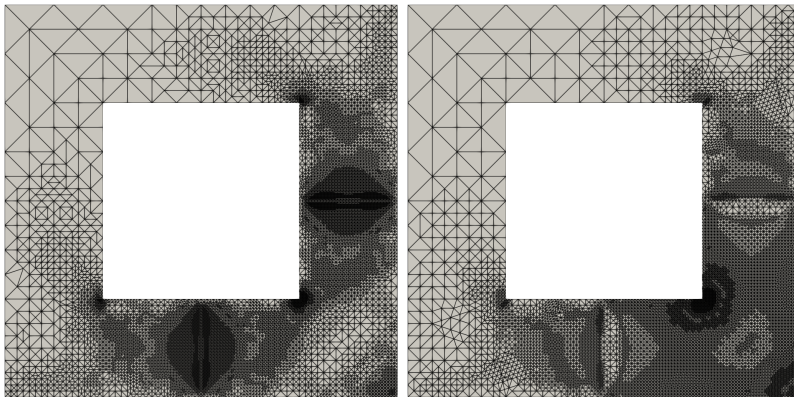


- Error using uniform refinement,  $\mathcal{E}$
- Error using  $\eta_1$  adaptive scheme,  $\mathcal{E}$
- Error using  $\eta_2$  adaptive scheme,  $\mathcal{E}$

# A PROBLEM WITH GRADIENT SINGULARITIES

If instead we choose  $f = 1$  in forcing function:

- $\mathcal{J}_1(u)$  : Adapting based on  $\eta_1$  or  $\eta_2 \rightarrow$  nearly identical meshes
- $\mathcal{J}_2(u)$  : Adapting based on  $\eta_1$  or  $\eta_2 \rightarrow$  very distinct meshes

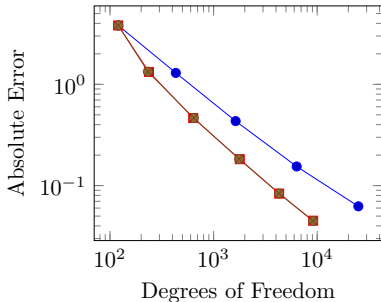


(a)  $\mathcal{J}_2(u)$  : Mesh obtained using  $\eta_1$ . (b)  $\mathcal{J}_2(u)$  : Mesh obtained using  $\eta_2$ .



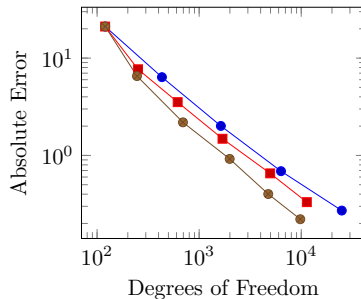
# A PROBLEM WITH GRADIENT SINGULARITIES

Errors in  $\mathcal{J}_1(u)$  for Singular  
Solution with Adaptivity



- Error using uniform refinement,  $\mathcal{E}$
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Errors in  $\mathcal{J}_2(u)$  for Singular  
Solution with Adaptivity



- Error using uniform refinement,  $\mathcal{E}$
- Error using  $\eta_1$  adaptive scheme,  $\mathcal{E}$
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# NONLINEAR ELASTICITY: DESCRIPTION

Balance of linear momentum:

$$\begin{cases} -\nabla \cdot \mathbf{P} = \mathbf{0}, & \mathbf{X} \in \Omega, \\ \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{G}, & \mathbf{X} \in \Gamma_G, \\ \mathbf{P} \cdot \mathbf{N} = \mathbf{0}, & \mathbf{X} \in \Gamma_H. \end{cases}$$

A neo-Hookean material model

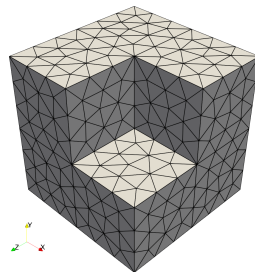
$$\boldsymbol{\sigma} = \mu J^{-5/3} \text{dev}(\mathbf{F}\mathbf{F}^T) + \frac{\kappa}{2}(J - 1/J)\mathbf{I},$$

Weak form:

$$\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{w}; \mathbf{u}) := - \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{u}) : \nabla \mathbf{w} \, d\Omega,$$

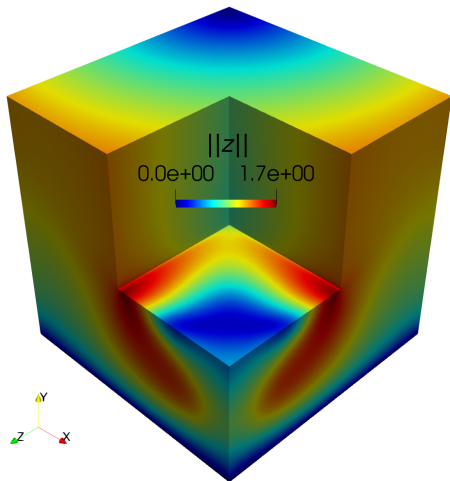
QoI: von Mises stress integrated over domain:

$$\mathcal{J}_{vm}(\mathbf{u}) := \int_{\Omega} \sigma_{vm}(\mathbf{u}) \, d\Omega,$$

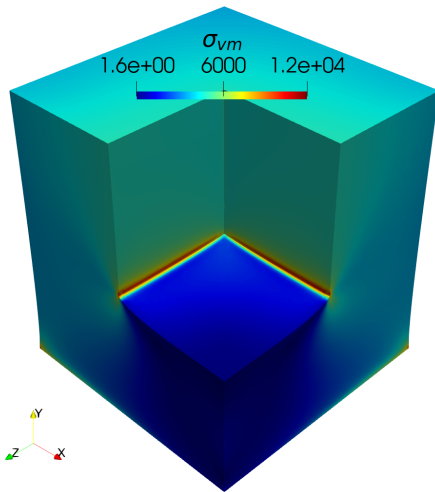


- Domain:  $5\text{mm} \times 5\text{mm} \times 5\text{mm}$ .
- Elastic modulus:  $E = 192.7 \text{ GPa}$ .
- Poisson's ratio:  $\nu = 0.27$ .
- $u_x, u_y, u_z = 0$  on minimal  $y$  face.
- $u_y = 0.1$  on maximal  $y$  face.
- About 2% strain in  $y$ -direction.

# NONLINEAR ELASTICITY: SOLUTIONS

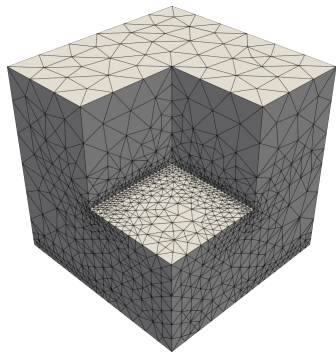


(a) Norm of the adjoint solution  $z$ .

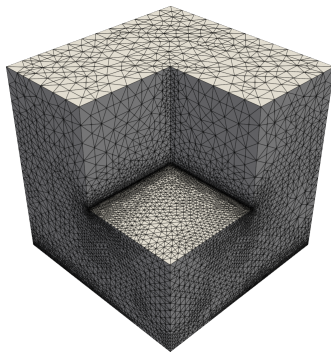


(b) von Mises stress plotted over the domain.

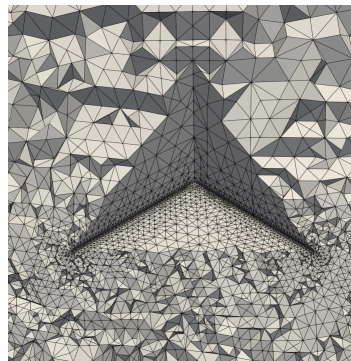
# NONLINEAR ELASTICITY: MESH ADAPTIVITY



(a) Mesh after 5 adaptive iterations.



(b) Mesh after 10 adaptive iterations.



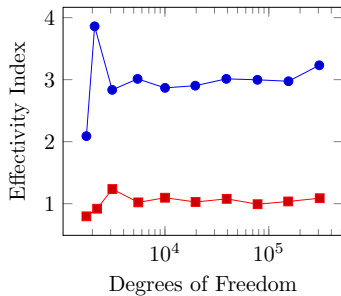
(c) Cut-away of mesh after 10 adaptive iterations.





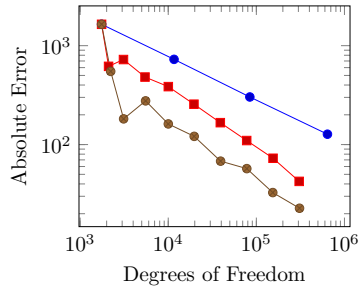
# NONLINEAR ELASTICITY: ESTIMATE BEHAVIOR

Effectivities for  $\mathcal{J}_{vm}(\mathbf{u})$  for Elasticity  
Example with Adaptivity



- Effectivity using  $\eta_1$  adaptive scheme,  $\eta_1/\varepsilon$
- Effectivity using  $\eta_2$  adaptive scheme,  $\eta_2/\varepsilon$

Errors in  $\mathcal{J}_{vm}(\mathbf{u})$  for Elasticity  
Example with Adaptivity



- Error using uniform refinement,  $\varepsilon$
- Error using  $\eta_1$  adaptive scheme,  $\varepsilon$
- Error using  $\eta_2$  adaptive scheme,  $\varepsilon$

# CONCLUSIONS

- Considered *a posteriori* goal-oriented error estimation for Galerkin FEM.
- Traditional adjoint-weighted residual estimate  $\eta_1$  incurs linearization errors.
- Developed novel estimate  $\eta_2$  that accounts for discrete linearization errors.
- $\eta_2$  can be more *effective* than  $\eta_1$  in certain contexts.
- Localization of  $\eta_2$  can lead to better meshes in certain contexts.
  - Reduced errors with fewer DOFs when considering mesh adaptivity.
- Full details can be found at <https://arxiv.org/abs/2305.15285>.
- Thank you!

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