

A priori and *a posteriori* analyses of the DPG method

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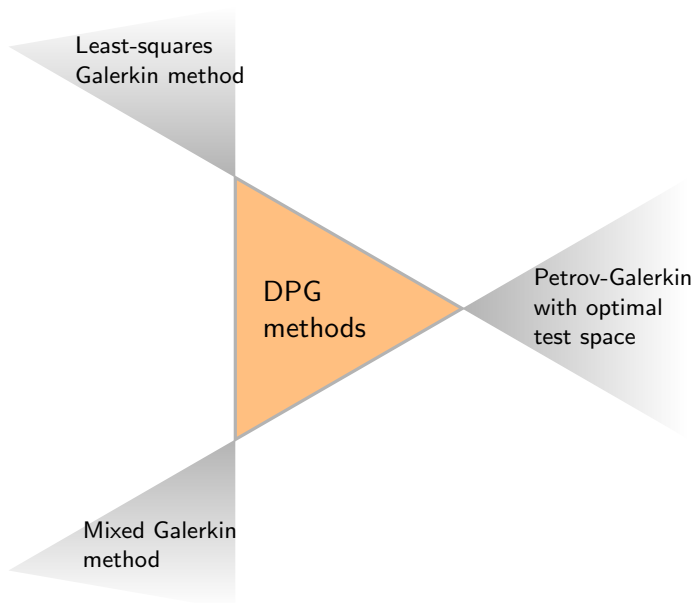
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Three avenues to DPG methods



“Petrov-Galerkin” schemes (PG)

PG schemes are distinguished by different **trial** and **test** (Hilbert) spaces.

The problem: $\left[\begin{array}{l} \text{P.D.E.} + \\ \text{boundary conditions.} \end{array} \right.$

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Variational form: $\left[\begin{array}{l} \text{Find } x \text{ in a trial space } X \text{ satisfying} \\ \quad \quad \quad b(x, y) = \ell(y) \\ \text{for all } y \text{ in a test space } Y. \end{array} \right.$

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Discretization: $\left[\begin{array}{l} \text{Find } x_h \text{ in a discrete trial space } X_h \subset X \text{ satisfying} \\ \quad \quad \quad b(x_h, y_h) = \ell(y_h) \\ \text{for all } y_h \text{ in a discrete test space } Y_h \subset Y. \end{array} \right.$

For PG schemes, $X_h \neq Y_h$ in general.

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- Is there a way to find a stable **test** space for *any* given **trial** space (thus giving a stable method automatically)?

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Rationale:

- Q: Which function y maximizes $\frac{|b(x, y)|}{\|y\|_Y}$ for any given x ?
- A: $y = Tx$ is the maximizer. ← Optimal test function.

DPG Idea: If the discrete test space contains the optimal test functions,

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Theorem (DPG Quasioptimality)

$$\text{[A.1–A.2]} \implies \|x - x_h\|_X \leq \frac{C_2}{C_1} \inf_{w_h \in X_h} \|x - w_h\|_X.$$

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But ... can we really compute Tx ?

- For a few problems, Tx can be calculated in closed form.
- When Tx cannot be hand calculated, we overcome two difficulties:
 - ▶ Redesign formulation so that T is local (by hybridization).
 - ▶ Approximate T by a computable (finite-rank) T^r .

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- The ideal DPG method = iDPG method



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- Then $(Tw, y)_Y = (Aw, y) \implies T = A \implies Y_h^{\text{opt}} = AX_h \implies$
iDPG equations become Normal equations:

$$(Ax_h, Aw_h)_Y = (f, Aw_h)_Y \quad \forall w_h \in X_h.$$

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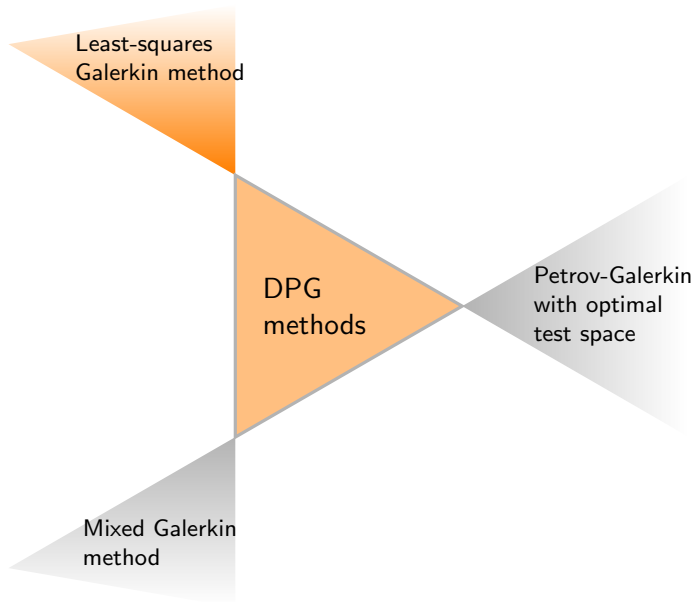
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The least-squares avenue



Definitions

- Riesz map:

$$R_Y : Y \rightarrow Y^* : \quad (R_Y y)(v) = (y, v)_Y, \quad \forall y, v \in Y.$$

- Operator generated by the form:

$$B : X \rightarrow Y^* : \quad Bx(y) = b(x, y), \quad \forall x \in X, y \in Y.$$

- Trial-to-Test operator $T : X \mapsto Y$ was defined by

$$\begin{aligned} (Tw, y)_Y &= b(w, y), \quad \forall w \in X, y \in Y. \\ \implies T &= R_Y^{-1} \circ B. \end{aligned}$$

- Energy norm on X :

$$\|z\|_X \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \|Tz\|_Y.$$

Residual minimization

Theorem (DPG methods are least-squares methods)

The following are equivalent statements:

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Proof of (i) \iff (ii) .

$$\begin{aligned} b(x - x_h, y_h) = 0 \quad \forall y_h \in Y_h^{\text{opt}} &\iff b(x - x_h, Tz_h) = 0 \quad \forall z_h \in X_h \\ &\iff (T(x - x_h), Tz_h)_Y = 0 \quad \forall z_h \in X_h. \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \|x - z_h\|_X &= \|T(x - z_h)\|_Y = \|R_Y^{-1}B(x - z_h)\|_Y \\ &= \|B(x - z_h)\|_{Y^*} = \|\ell - Bz_h\|_{Y^*}. \end{aligned}$$

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Pavlovian integration by parts, or not?

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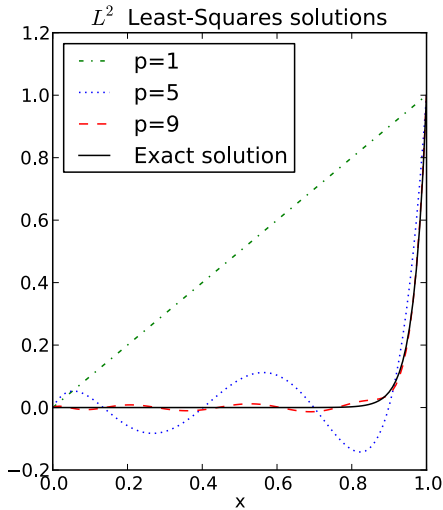
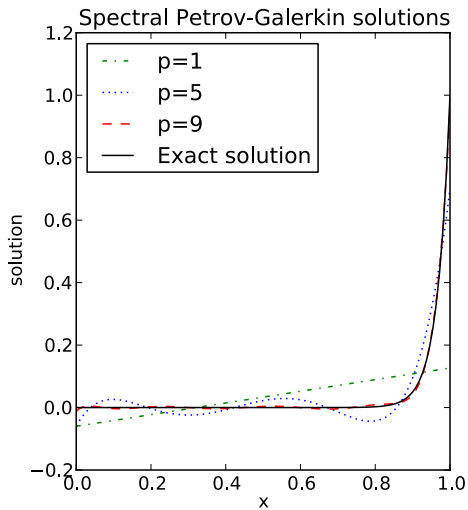
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One-dimensional results using spectral trial space



[Click here to download FEniCS code.]

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Error analysis of the practical DPG method

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$$\text{[A.2]} \quad \exists C_1, C_2 > 0 \text{ such that} \quad C_1 \|y\|_Y \leq \sup_{w \in X} \frac{|b(w, y)|}{\|w\|_X} \leq C_2 \|y\|_Y.$$

$$\text{[A.3]} \quad \exists \Pi : Y \mapsto Y^r \text{ and } C_\Pi > 0 \text{ such that for all } w_h \in X_h \text{ and } y \in Y,$$

$$b(w_h, y - \Pi y) = 0, \quad \|\Pi y\|_Y \leq C_\Pi \|y\|_Y.$$

Theorem (*A priori* estimates for practical DPG method [G+Qiu 2013])

$$\text{[A.1–A.3]} \implies \|x - x_h^r\|_X \leq \frac{C_2 C_\Pi}{C_1} \inf_{w_h \in X_h} \|x - w_h\|_X.$$

The 'D' in 'DPG'

For the residual minimization in

$$x_h = \arg \min_{z_h \in X_h} \|\ell - Bz_h\|_{Y^*}$$

to be feasible, the *dual norm* $\|\cdot\|_{Y^*}$ *must be easily computable!*

- “Negative-norm least-squares” uses multigrid or operators spectrally equivalent to the dual norm. [Bramble+Pasciak+Lazarov 1997]
- DPG methods reformulate problems to *localize* the dual norm computation (to parallel element-by-element computations).
DPG methods have *discontinuous* test function space

$$Y = \prod_{K \in \text{mesh}} Y(K),$$

which have locally invertible Riesz maps.

Example 4: The Dirichlet problem

A new weak form for the old Laplacian

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Definition (of $H^{-1/2}(\partial\Omega_h)$, the space of numerical fluxes)

Define the element-by-element trace operator tr_n by

$$\text{tr}_n : H(\text{div}, \Omega) \rightarrow \prod_{K \in \Omega_h} H^{-1/2}(\partial K), \quad \text{tr}_n r|_{\partial K} = r \cdot n|_{\partial K}.$$

and set $H^{-1/2}(\partial\Omega_h) = \text{ran}(\text{tr}_n)$.

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Theorem

With $X = H_0^1(\Omega) \times H^{-1/2}(\partial\Omega_h)$ and $Y = H^1(\Omega_h)$, the operator B is a continuous bijection and has a continuous inverse.

[Demkowicz+G 2013]

Discrete spaces for the Laplacian

Trial subspace $X_h \subseteq X \equiv H_0^1(\Omega) \times H^{-1/2}(\partial\Omega_h)$: Approximate

$$\begin{aligned} u & \text{ by Lagrange FE of degree } \leq p + 1, & \forall K \in \Omega_h, \\ \hat{q}_n & \text{ by polynomials of degree } \leq p, & \forall \text{ mesh edges.} \end{aligned}$$

Test subspace $Y^r \subseteq H^1(\Omega_h)$: Set, for some $r \geq 0$,

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Pick any $X_h \subseteq X$. The **practical** DPG method finds $x_h^r \in X_h$, using a (finite-dimensional) $Y^r \subseteq Y$, such that

$$b(x_h^r, y) = \ell(y), \quad \forall y \in Y_h^r \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} T^r(X_h),$$

where $T^r : X \mapsto Y^r$ is defined by

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Theorem (Verification of [A.3])

Let Ω_h be a simplicial shape-regular finite element mesh in N -space dimensions. For any $p \geq 0$, whenever $r \geq p + N$, there exists a continuous $\Pi : Y \rightarrow Y^r$ such that for all $(w_h, \hat{s}_{n,h}) \in X_h$,

$$\int_K \vec{\nabla} w_h \cdot \vec{\nabla} (v - \Pi v) - \int_{\partial K} \hat{s}_{n,h} (v - \Pi v) = 0, \quad \forall K \in \Omega_h.$$

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Preconditioning

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Abstractly, } b(x_h^r, y) &= \ell(y) & \forall y \in Y_h^r &= T^r(X_h), \\ \implies b(x_h^r, T^r z_h) &= \ell(T^r z_h) & \forall z_h \in X_h \\ \implies (T^r x_h^r, T^r z_h)_Y &= \ell(T^r z_h) & \forall z_h \in X_h. \end{aligned}$$

Lemma

$$[\mathbf{A.1-A.3}] \implies \frac{C_1}{C_2} \|x\|_X \leq \|T^r x\|_Y \leq C_2 \|x\|_X$$

for all $x \in X_h$.

This implies that any preconditioner spectrally equivalent to the $(\cdot, \cdot)_X$ -inner product is also a preconditioner for the practical DPG method.

Example: A BDDC preconditioner

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Implementation in NGSolve with Lukas Kogler & Joachim Schöberl

- 1 Statically condense the stiffness matrix to $u|_{\partial\Omega_h}$ and \hat{q}_n .
- 2 Apply a BDDC preconditioner as follows:
 - 1 Do a wire basket coarse solve.
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$p + 1$	diagonal	BDDC
4	142	60
5	159	65
6	180	77
7	202	78
8	209	88
9	243	90

- Used a small fixed 8×8 mesh
- Number of preconditioned conjugate gradient iterations are reported.

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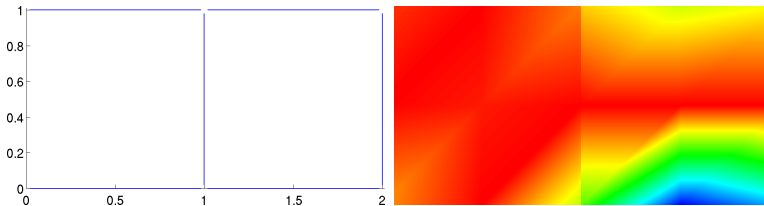
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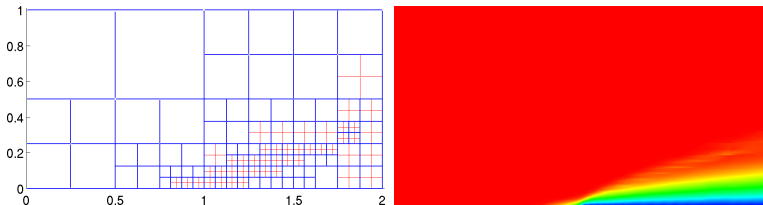
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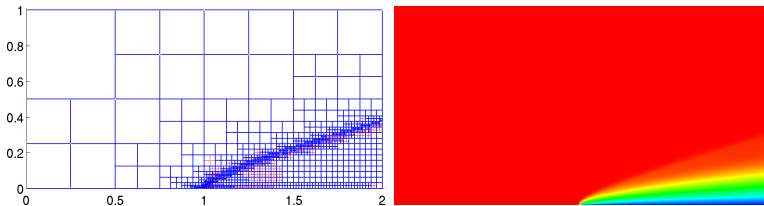
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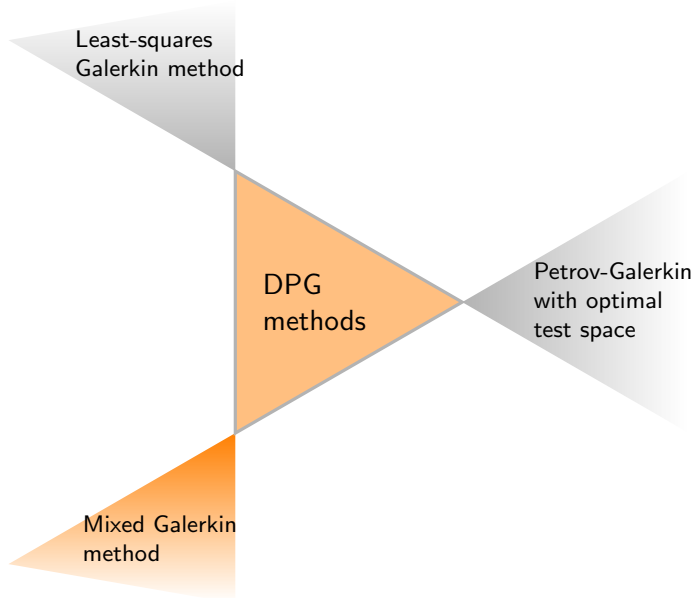
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The mixed method approach



Error representation function

Residual: $\rho = \ell - Bx_h$.

Error representation function: $\epsilon^r = R_{Y^r}^{-1}(\ell - Bx_h)$.

It can be practically computed by

$$(\epsilon^r, y)_Y = \ell(y) - b(x_h, y), \quad \forall y \in Y^r.$$

Error estimator: $\eta = \|\epsilon^r\|_Y$. [Demkowicz+G+Niemi 2012]

Petrov-Galerkin solve \rightarrow ϵ^r by local postprocessing

Least-squares \rightarrow ϵ^r is Riesz inverse of residual

Mixed method \rightarrow ϵ^r is one of the variables

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The following are equivalent statements:

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$$b(z_h, \varepsilon^r) = 0 \quad \forall z_h \in X_h. \quad (1b)$$

Proof.

(i) \implies (ii) : Eq. (1a) is just the definition of ε^r . For (1b),

$$\begin{aligned} b(z_h, \varepsilon^r) &= (T^r z_h, \varepsilon^r)_Y = (T^r z_h, R_{Y^r}^{-1}(\ell - Bx_h))_Y = (T^r z_h, T^r(x - x_h))_Y \\ &= b(x - x_h, T^r z_h) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

(ii) \implies (i) : Similar. □

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- [Dahmen+Huang+Schwab+Welper 2012] studied similar mixed formulations and found techniques other than localization by discontinuous spaces to make the method practical.

Recall the previous assumptions

$$\text{[A.1]} \quad \{w \in X : b(w, y) = 0 \quad \forall y \in Y\} = \{0\}.$$

$$\text{[A.2]} \quad \exists C_1, C_2 > 0 \text{ such that} \quad C_1 \|y\|_Y \leq \sup_{w \in X} \frac{|b(w, y)|}{\|w\|_X} \leq C_2 \|y\|_Y.$$

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Optimal *a priori* estimates followed from these assumptions.

We now show that a posteriori error estimators also follow from the same assumptions [A.1–A.3].

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Then

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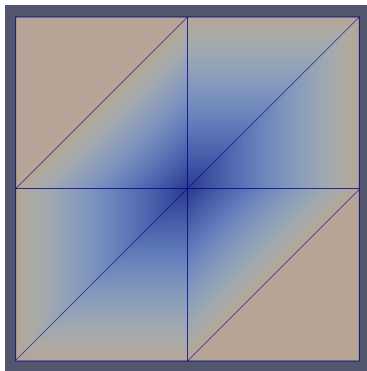
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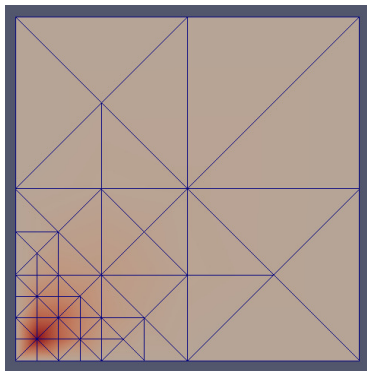


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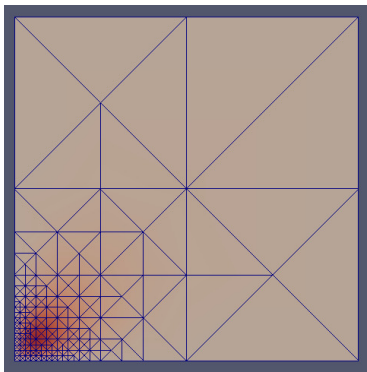


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Spaces for Stokes example

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Trial and test spaces:

$$X = L^2(\Omega; \mathbb{S}) \times L^2(\Omega)^N \times H_0^{1/2}(\partial\Omega_h)^N \times H^{-1/2}(\partial\Omega_h)^N \times \mathbb{R}, \\ Y = H(\text{div}, \Omega_h; \mathbb{S}) \times H^1(\Omega_h)^N \times \mathbb{R}.$$

Discrete spaces:

$$X_h = \{(\sigma, \vec{u}, \hat{u}, \hat{\sigma}_n, \alpha) \in X : \sigma|_K \in P_p(K; \mathbb{S}), \vec{u}|_K \in P_p(K)^N, \forall \text{ elements } K, \\ \hat{u}|_F \in P_{p+1}(F)^N, \hat{\sigma}_n|_F \in P_p(F)^N, \forall \text{ interfaces } F, \alpha \in \mathbb{R}\}, \\ Y^r = \{(\tau, \vec{v}, \omega) \in Y : \omega \in \mathbb{R}, \\ \tau|_K \in P_{p+2}(K; \mathbb{S}), \vec{v}|_K \in P_{p+N}(K)^N, \forall \text{ elements } K\}.$$

A priori and a posteriori estimates for Stokes example

Theorem

Suppose Ω_h is a shape-regular simplicial mesh of Ω and $p \geq 0$.

Then **[A.1–A.3]** holds for the Stokes example.

Consequently, \exists mesh-independent constants $c_1, \dots, c_4 > 0$ such that

$$\|x - x_h\|_X \leq c_1 \min_{\xi_h \in X_h} \|x - \xi_h\|_X,$$
$$c_4 \|x - x_h\|_X^2 - c_2 \operatorname{osc}(F)^2 \leq \eta^2 \leq c_3 \|x - x_h\|_X^2.$$

- Verification of **[A.3]** uses degrees of freedom of symmetric matrix polynomials in [\[G+Guzmán 2011\]](#).
- Proof proceeds by taking the incompressible limit of a similar elasticity discretization.

Stokes solution on L-shaped domain

Osborn's singular solution:

$$u = \text{curl}(a_+ s_+ + a_- s_- + c_+ - c_-),$$

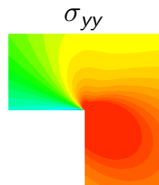
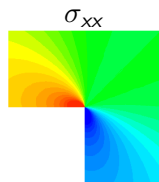
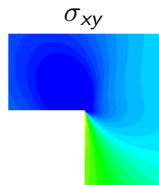
where

$$s_{\pm} = r^{1+z} \sin((z \pm 1)\theta), \quad c_{\pm} = r^{1+z} \cos((z \pm 1)\theta),$$

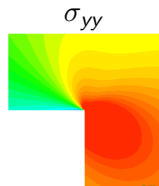
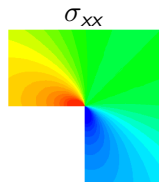
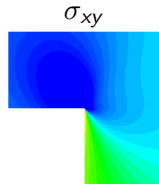
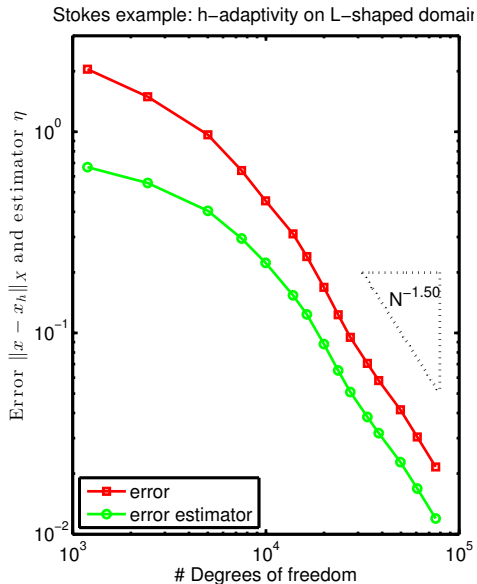
$$a_{\pm} = -z \cot(3z\pi/2)/(z \pm 1),$$

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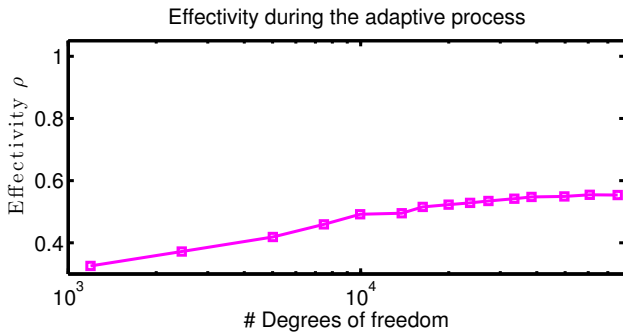
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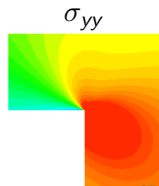
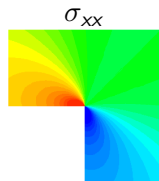
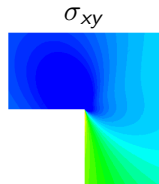


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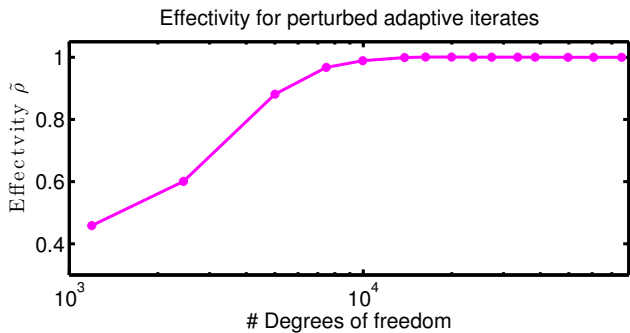


Effectivity index ρ .

$$\rho = \frac{\eta}{\|x - x_h\|_X}$$

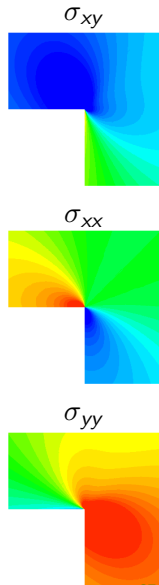


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After x_h randomly perturbed by 5%.

$$\tilde{\rho} = \frac{\eta}{\|x - \tilde{x}_h\|_X}$$



Conclusion

- Three avenues to DPG methods
 - ▶ Petrov-Galerkin with optimal test functions ✓
 - ▶ Least-squares Galerkin method ✓
 - ▶ Mixed Galerkin method ✓
- *A priori* error analysis
 - ▶ Ideal DPG method ✓
 - ▶ Practical DPG method ✓
- *A posteriori* error analysis ✓
- Fast solvers ✓
- Examples
 - ▶ Example 1 (Standard FEM) ✓
 - ▶ Example 2 (L^2 -based least-squares) ✓
 - ▶ Example 3 (An ODE) ✓
 - ▶ Example 4 (Diffusion) ✓
 - ▶ Example 5 (Stokes) ✓