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Discontinuous Galerkin Discretisations for Problems with Dirac Delta Source

MS39 – Modeling, approximation, and analysis of partial differential equations involving singular source terms

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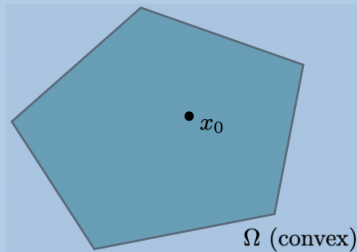
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Problem formulation

Find $u \in W_0^{1,p}(\Omega)$ s.t.

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$$(1 \leq p < 2)$$



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with SIPG-fluxes

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{F}_{\text{DG}}(u_{\text{DG}}, v) &= - \int_{\mathcal{E}} (\langle\langle \nabla_{\mathcal{T}} u_{\text{DG}} \rangle\rangle \cdot [v] + [u_{\text{DG}}] \cdot \langle\langle \nabla_{\mathcal{T}} v \rangle\rangle) \, ds \\ &\quad + \gamma \int_{\mathcal{E}} h^{-1} [u_{\text{DG}}] \cdot [v] \, ds \end{aligned}$$

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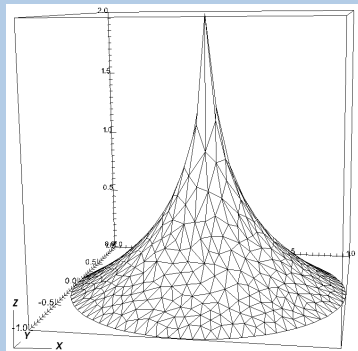
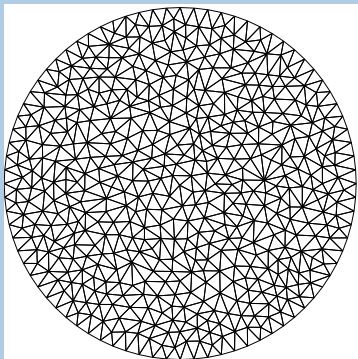
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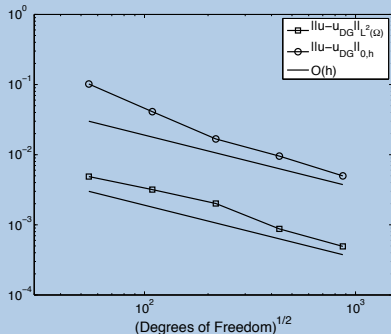
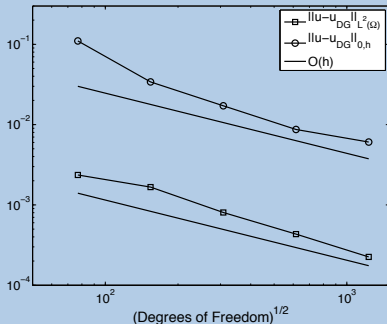
$$\|u - u_{\text{DG}}\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \leq \|u - U^h\|_{L^2(\Omega)} + \|U^h - u_{\text{DG}}\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \stackrel{(\text{AP})}{\leq} Ch$$

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Numerical experiment

Fundamental solution of Laplacian (988 elements):



Numerical experiment— $\mathcal{O}(h)$ convergence $\ell = 1$  $\ell = 2$

$$\|u - u_{\text{DG}}\|_{0,h}^2 \sim \|u - u_{\text{DG}}\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 + \|\mathbf{h}^{1/2}[u - u_{\text{DG}}]\|_{L^2(\partial\Omega)}^2$$

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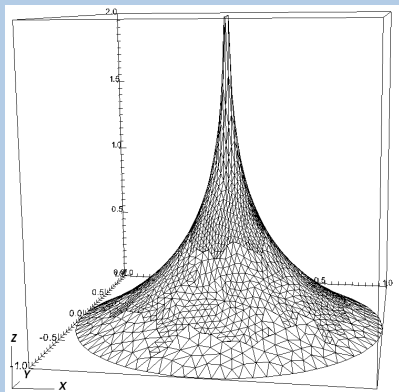
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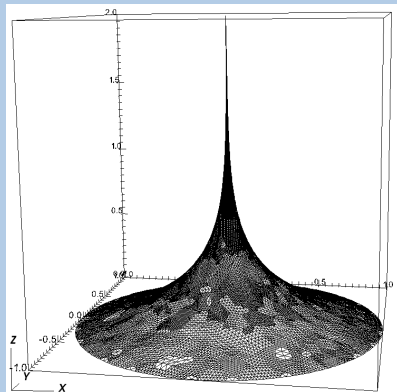
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2 adaptive refinements



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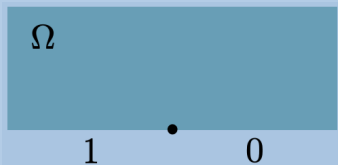
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Singular behavior of exact solution
at origin:

$$u(r, \theta) = \frac{1}{\pi} \theta = \frac{1}{\pi} \Im(\log(x + iy))$$

$$\nabla u(r, \theta) = \frac{1}{\pi r} \begin{pmatrix} -\sin(\theta) \\ \cos(\theta) \end{pmatrix}$$



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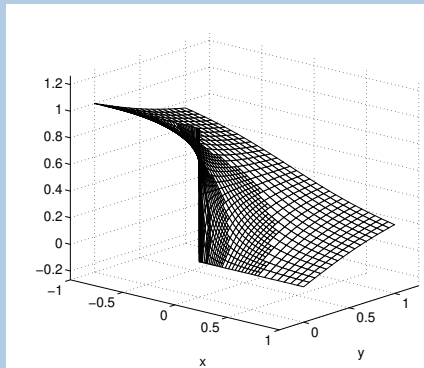
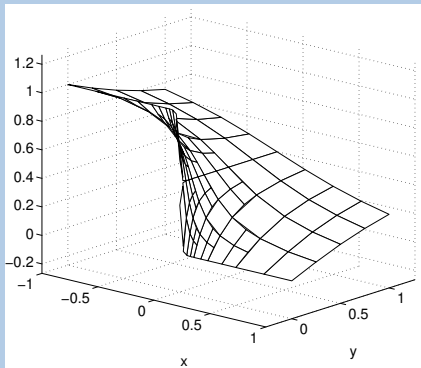
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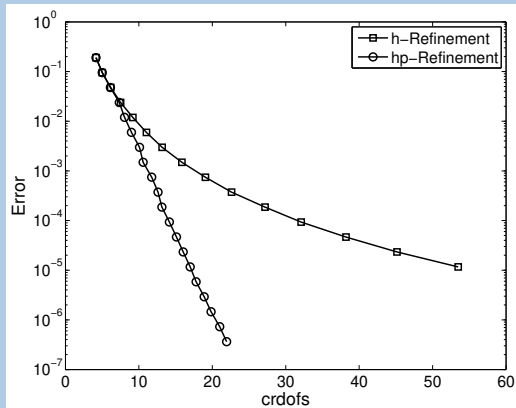
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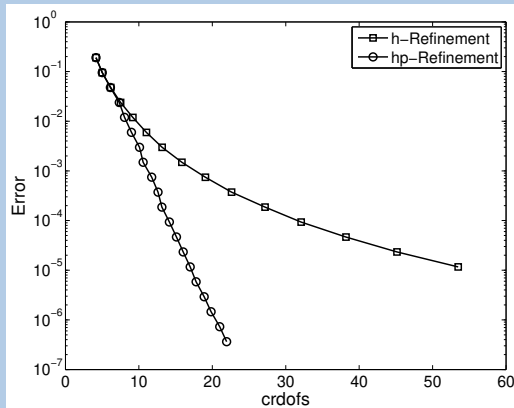
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