

# Mesh adaptation for high order finite elements spaces

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## High order methods

- **Discontinuous Galerkin**  
Hartmann, Held, Leicht, Prill, *Aerospace Sc. Tech.* 2010
- **Spectral differences**  
Liu, Vinokur, Wang, *J. Comp. Phys.* 2006
- **Residual distributions**  
Abgrall, *Computers and Fluids* 2006

## Problematic

1. Less efficient if the geometry is not high-ordered approximated  
Bassi, Rebay, *Comp. Phys.* 1997
2. Memory costly

## High order mesh adaptation

Find the best mesh  $\mathcal{H}_{opt}$  with complexity  $N$  which minimizes the  $\mathbb{P}_k$  interpolation error of  $u$

## Numerical error

$$\|u - \Pi_k u_h\|_{L^p} = \underbrace{\|\Pi_k u - \Pi_k u_h\|_{L^p}}_{\text{Implicit error}} + \underbrace{\|u - \Pi_k u\|_{L^p}}_{\text{Interpolation error}}$$

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  - $\mathbb{P}_1$  adaptation: Hessian based methods
  
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**Main idea:** change **geometric quantities**

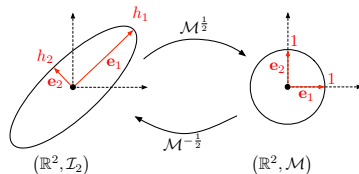
[George, Hecht and Vallet., Adv. Eng. Software 1991]

**Fundamental concept:** The notion of **metric** and Riemannian metric space

- **Euclidean metric space**

- $\mathcal{M}$  symmetric definite positive matrix
- Scalar product  $\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle_{\mathcal{M}} = {}^t \mathbf{x} \mathcal{M} \mathbf{y}$
- Length  $\ell_{\mathcal{M}}(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) = \sqrt{{}^t \mathbf{a} \mathcal{M} \mathbf{a}}$
- Unit ball  $\mathcal{B}_{\mathcal{M}}$

- ellipse in  $\mathbb{R}^2$
- ellipsoid in  $\mathbb{R}^3$



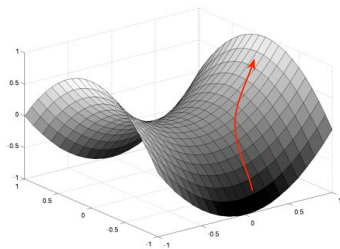
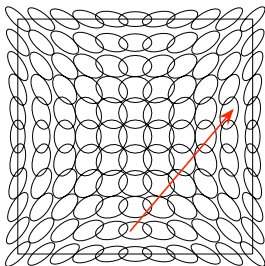
- **Riemannian metric space**  $\mathbf{M} = (\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{x}))_{\mathbf{x} \in \Omega}$  continuous in  $\Omega$

Computing geometric quantities in Riemannian metric space

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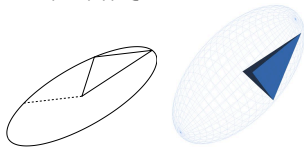
Computing geometric quantities on  $\mathcal{S}$



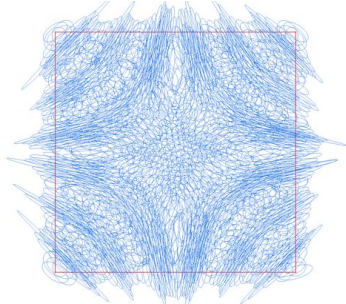
# Unit Mesh

**Fundamental concept:** Generate a **unit mesh** w.r.t  $\mathbf{M} = (\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{x}))_{\mathbf{x} \in \Omega}$

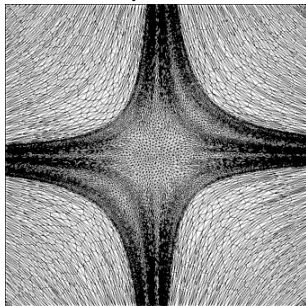
$$\forall \mathbf{e}, \ell_{\mathcal{M}}(\mathbf{e}) \approx 1 \text{ and } \forall K, |K|_{\mathcal{M}} \approx \begin{cases} \sqrt{3}/4 & \text{in 2D} \\ \sqrt{2}/12 & \text{in 3D} \end{cases}$$



**Inputs**  $(\mathcal{H}_0, \mathcal{M}_i)_{i \in \mathcal{H}}$



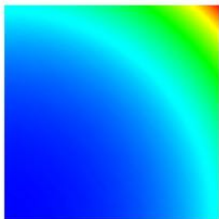
**Output**  $\mathcal{H}$



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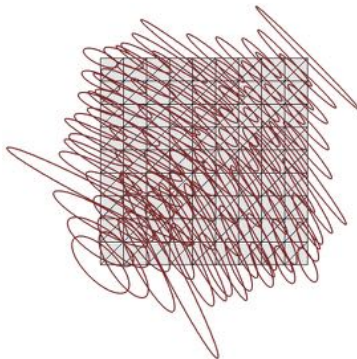
# $\mathbb{P}_1$ adaptation: the hessian based methods

Solution  $u$  on  $\Omega$

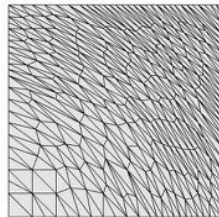


Metric field on a mesh  $\mathcal{H}$  of  $\Omega$

$$\mathcal{M}(x_i) = C(x_i) |H_u|(x_i)$$



Unit Mesh with respect to  $\mathbf{M}$



$\mathbb{P}_k$  adaptation problem

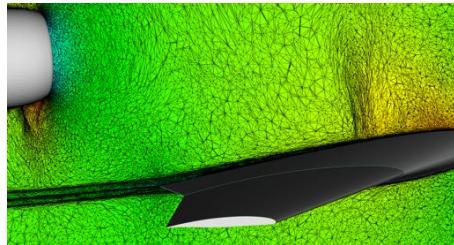
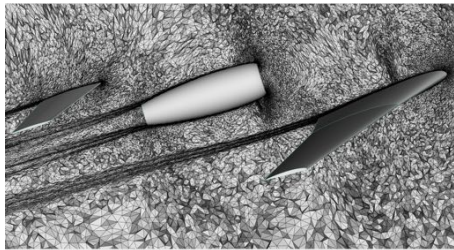
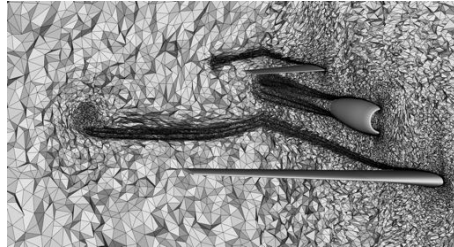
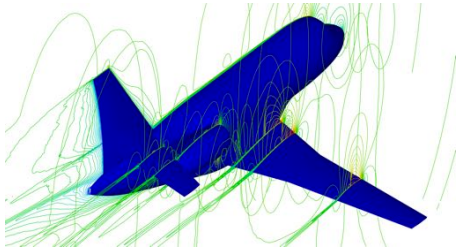
What is the metric field  $\mathbf{M} = (\mathcal{M}(x))_{x \in \Omega}$  minimizing the  $P_k$  interpolation error ?

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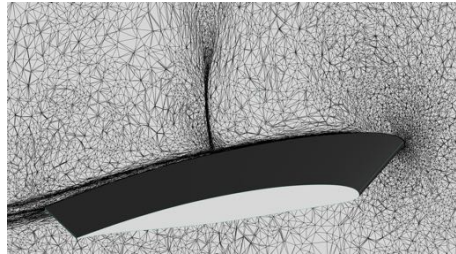
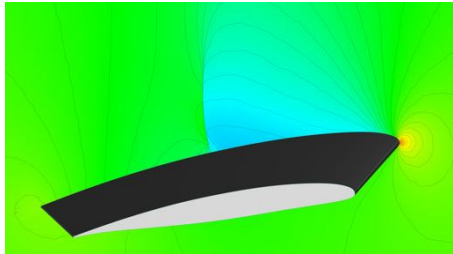


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## Local interpolation error

$$|u(x) - \Pi_k u(x)|_2 \leq C |d^{(k+1)}u(x_0)(x - x_0)| + o(|x - x_0|_2^{k+1}), \text{ for all } x, x_0 \in \Omega$$

### $\mathbb{P}_1$ adaptation

Alauzet, Frey, *Comp. Meth. App. Mech. Eng.* 2005

Loseille, Dervieux, Frey, Alauzet *Ame. Inst. Aero. Astr.* 2007

- Optimal metric  $\mathcal{M}_{opt}(x) = C(p, N, x) |H_u(x)|$ , with  $C(p, N, x) > 0$

### $\mathbb{P}_k$ adaptation, $k > 1$

Cao, *Soc. Indus. App. Math.* 2007

Mirebeau, *Num. Math.* 2011

Hecht, Kuate, *J. Comput. Appl. Math.* 2014

- Find a metric  $\mathbf{Q} = (Q(x))_{x \in \Omega}$  such that

$$({}^t y Q(x) y)^{\frac{k+1}{2}} \geq d^{(k+1)}u(x)(y), \text{ for all } x \in \Omega, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

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## Log-simplex method

- Optimisation problem for  $\mathcal{L} = \log(Q)$
- Approximated linear problem, solved by a **simplex method**

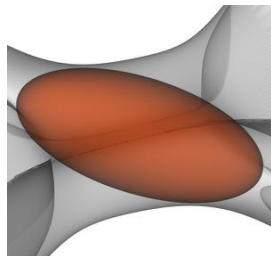
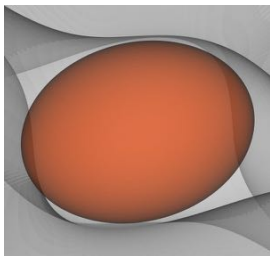
# Geometrical interpretation

The problem can finally be reduced to the following one

## Local problem

For  $p$  an homogeneous polynomial of degree  $k + 1$ , find a metric  $Q$  such that

- $x \in \mathcal{B}_Q \Rightarrow |p(x)| < 1$
- $\mathcal{B}_Q$  has the largest volume  $\Leftrightarrow \det(Q)$  is minimal



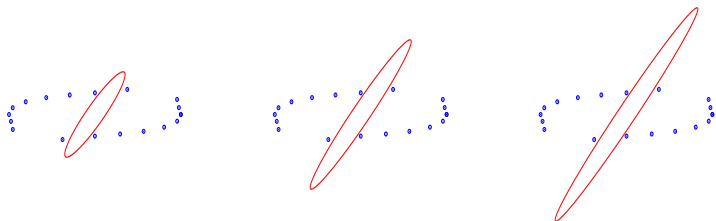
# Log-simplex approximation: the discrete problem

## Local discrete problem

For a set  $\{x_1, \dots, x_m\}$  such that  $p(x_i) = 1$ , find a metric  $Q$  such that

- ${}^t x_i Q x_i \geq 1$ , for all  $x_i \in \{x_1, \dots, x_m\}$
- $\det(Q)$  is minimal

This problem is always ill-posed



## Main ideas

1. Problem for  $\mathcal{L} = \log(\mathcal{Q})$
2. Notice that

$${}^t x \mathcal{L} x \geq -\|x\|^2 \log(\|x\|^2) \implies {}^t x \mathcal{Q} x \geq 1$$

3. Notice that

$$\det(\mathcal{Q}) = \exp(\text{trace}(\mathcal{L}))$$

## Approximated log discrete problem

For a set  $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$  such that  $p(x_i) = 1$ , find a symmetric matrix  $\mathcal{L}$  such that

- ${}^t x_i \mathcal{L} x_i \geq -\|x_i\|^2 \log(\|x_i\|^2)$ , for all  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$
- **trace**( $\mathcal{L}$ ) is minimal

## Advantages of the *log*-approximation

- The problem is **linear** in  $\mathcal{L}$   
⇒ solved by a **linear simplex algorithm**
- It has solutions if the points  $x_i$  are well chosen

### Proposition

Let  $(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  be an orthogonal basis of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $n = 2, 3$ . If  $\mathcal{L}$  is a symmetric matrix such that

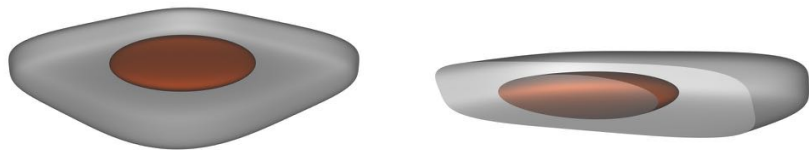
$${}^t x_i \mathcal{L} x_i \geq -\|x_i\|^2 \log(\|x_i\|^2), \text{ for all } i \in \{1, \dots, n\},$$

then there exists  $C(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$\text{trace}(\mathcal{L}) \geq C(x_1, \dots, x_n).$$



How to recover the initial constraints ?



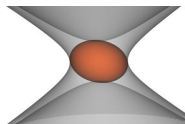
Iterative process

- choose a set  $\{x_1, \dots, x_m\} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $|p(x_i)| = 1$
- compute the optimal metric  $Q$  solution of the *log*-simplex problem
- perform the change of variable  $y = Q^{\frac{1}{2}}x$
- replace  $p$  by  $p \circ Q^{-\frac{1}{2}}$

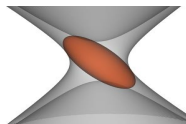
$\implies$  If  $Q$  converges, the log constraints and the initial ones are **equivalent**

## How to deal with infinite branches ?

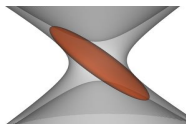
1 iteration



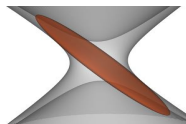
10 iterations



20 iterations



30 iterations



## Polynomial reduction

[Borouchaki, George]

There exist symmetric matrices  $\{H_{ijk}\}_{i+j+k=d-2}$  such that

$$p(x, y, z) = \sum_{i+j+k=d-2} x^i y^j z^k ({}^t X H_{ijk} X), \quad X = (x, y, z)$$

We replace  $p$  by  $q(x, y, z) = \sum_{i+j+k=d-2} |x^i y^j z^k| ({}^t X |H_{ijk}| X)$ .

## Input

- Mesh  $\mathcal{H}$  of  $\Omega$
- Solution  $u$  at the nodes of  $\mathcal{H}$

## Output

- Metric field  $\mathbf{Q}$  at the vertices of  $\mathcal{H}$

## For each vertex $x_0 \in \mathcal{H}$

1. Compute  $p = d^{k+1}u(x_0)$ 
  - On each tetrahedron, build  $u_k$  the interpolation of  $u$  of order  $k$
  - Compute  $d^k u_k$  on each tetrahedron
  - Differentiate  $d^k u_k$  on the whole mesh by  $L^2$ -projection
2. Factorize  $p$  in order to get rid of the infinite branches
3. Perform the iterative log-simplex method with constraint points on the level set of  $p \circ \mathcal{Q}^{-\frac{1}{2}}$  at each step

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## Continuous problem

- Given  $\mathbf{Q} = (Q(\mathbf{x}))_{\mathbf{x} \in \Omega}$  such that

$$({}^t x Q(x_0) x)^{\frac{k+1}{2}} \geq d^{k+1} u(x_0)(x), \quad \text{for all } x_0 \in \Omega, x \in \mathbb{R}^n,$$

- Find  $\mathbf{M}_{L^p} = (\mathcal{M}_{L^p}(\mathbf{x}))_{\mathbf{x} \in \Omega}$  with complexity  $N$  which minimizes

$$E_{L^p}(\mathbf{M}) = \left( \int_{\Omega} \left| \text{trace} \left( \mathcal{M}^{-\frac{1}{2}}(x) Q(x) \mathcal{M}^{-\frac{1}{2}}(x) \right) \right|^{\frac{p(k+1)}{2}} dx \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}.$$

$\implies$  Solved by a calculus of variations

## Remark

$$E_{L^p}(\mathbf{M}) \simeq \|u - \Pi_k u\|_{\mathcal{H}, L^p(\Omega)},$$

for  $\mathcal{H}$  a unit mesh with respect to  $\mathbf{M}$ .



## Input

- Mesh  $\mathcal{H}_{in}$  of  $\Omega$
- Solution  $u$  at the nodes of  $\mathcal{H}_{in}$
- Complexity  $N$

## Output

- Adapted mesh  $\mathcal{H}_{out}$

## Do

1. For each  $x \in \mathcal{H}_{in}$ , compute  $d^{k+1}u(x)$
2. For each  $x \in \mathcal{H}_{in}$ , compute  $Q(x)$  which approximates  $d^{k+1}u(x)$
3. Normalize  $\mathbf{Q} = (Q(\mathbf{x}))_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{H}_{in}}$  and get  $\mathbf{M} = (\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{x}))_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{H}_{in}}$  with complexity  $N$
4. Remesh  $\mathcal{H}_{in}$  and get  $\mathcal{H}_{out}$ , which is unit with respect to  $\mathbf{M}$

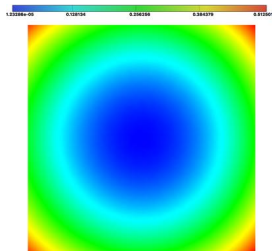
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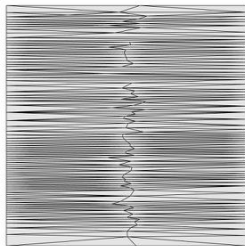
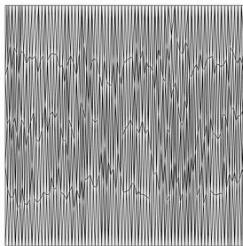
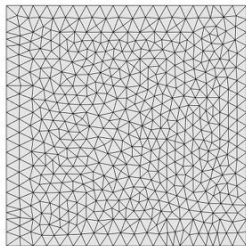


# 2D example

- $\Omega = [-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}]^2$
- $u(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 + \frac{x^3}{10} + \frac{y^4}{10^5}$

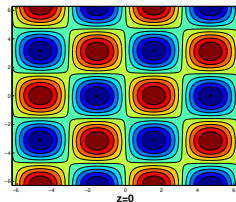
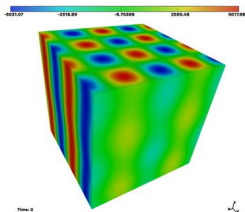


$\mathbb{P}_1, \mathbb{P}_2$  and  $\mathbb{P}_3$  adapted meshes

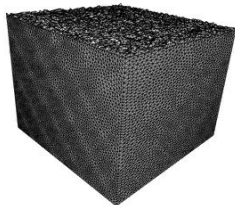
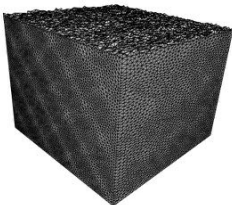
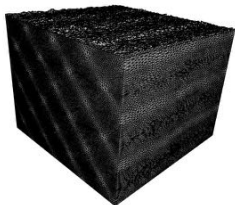


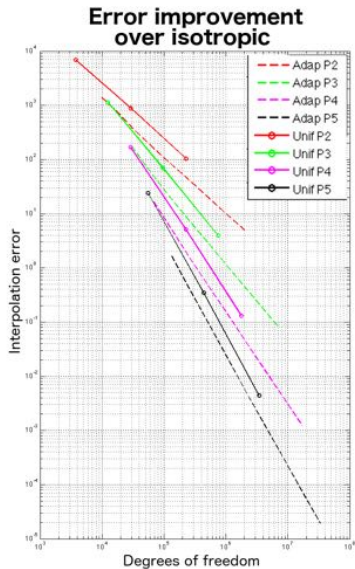
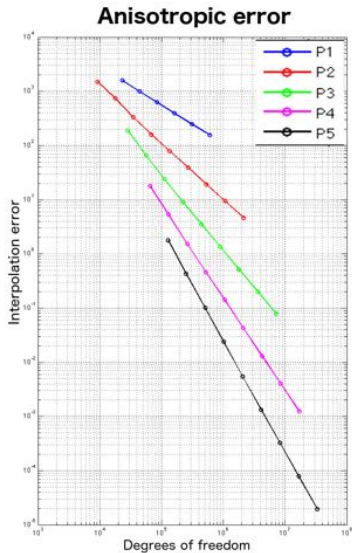
# Gyroid function

- $\Omega = [-2\pi, 2\pi]^3$
- $u(x, y, z) = 5000 \cos(x) \sin(y) + 500 \cos(y) \sin(z) + 100 \cos(z) \sin(x) - 2 \cos(2x) \cos(2y) + \cos(2y) \cos(2z) + 2 \cos(2x) \cos(2z) - 10$



$\mathbb{P}_1, \mathbb{P}_3$  and  $\mathbb{P}_5$  adapted meshes

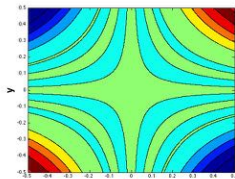
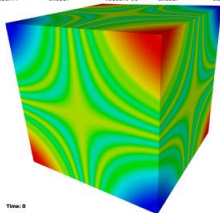




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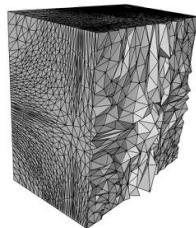
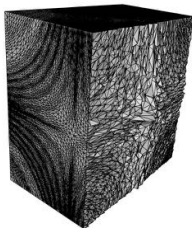
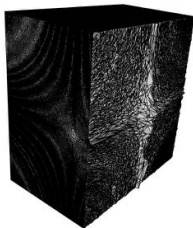
- $\Omega = \left[-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right]^3$

- $u(x, y, z) = 8 \|xyz\|_2^2 \sin(5\pi \|xyz\|_2^2)^4 + \frac{1}{10} (1 - \sin(5\pi \|xyz\|_2^2)^8) \cos(100\pi \|xyz\|_2^2)$

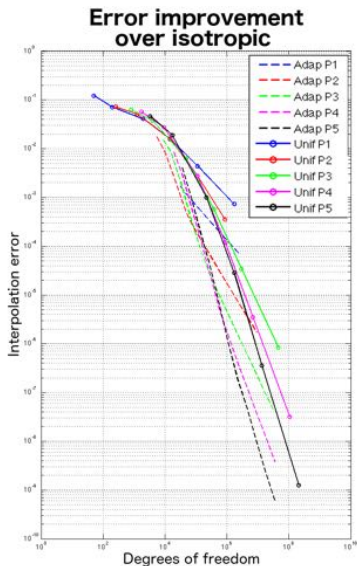
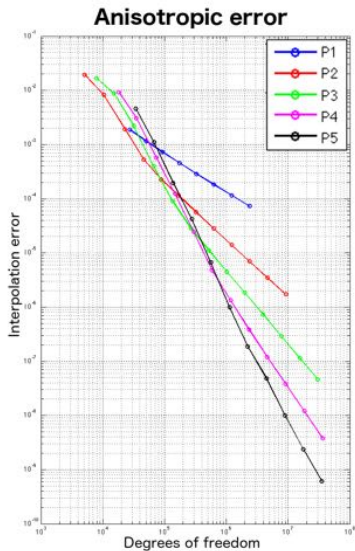


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$\mathbb{P}_1$ ,  $\mathbb{P}_2$  and  $\mathbb{P}_4$  adapted meshes

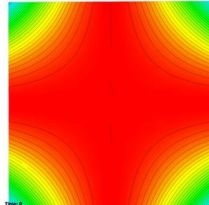
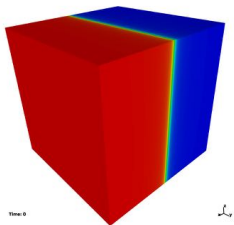


# $\mathbb{P}_k$ interpolation error: various frequencies



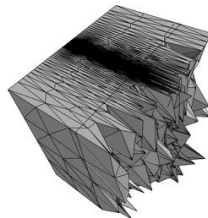
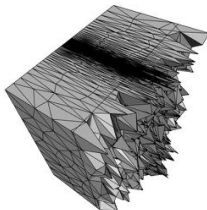
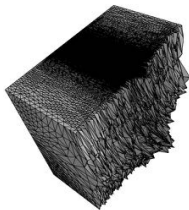
# Smooth shock

- $\Omega = [-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}]^3$
- $u(x, y, z) = 10 \arctan(100x) + \cos(yz)$

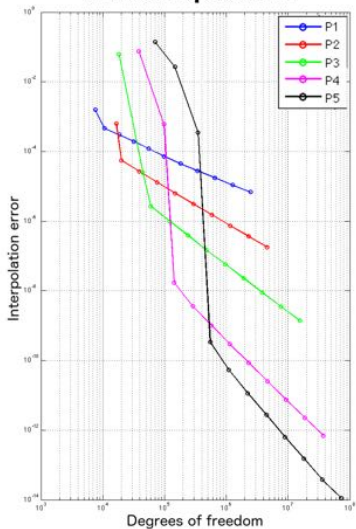


$x = 0.5$

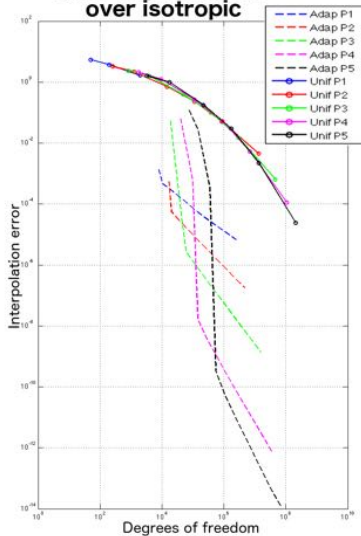
$\mathbb{P}_1$ ,  $\mathbb{P}_3$  and  $\mathbb{P}_4$  adapted meshes



## Anisotropic error



## Error improvement over isotropic



## The gyroide function

	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5
degrees of freedom	606 834	535 177	444 435	523 941	510 630
interpolation error	155.271	19.274	3.513	0.458	0.101
total CPU time (s)	264	82	31	26	24
derivatives (s)	1	14	8	12	12
metric field (s)	6	48	14	9	9
remeshing (s)	247	15	7	4	2

## The function with various frequencies

	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5
degrees of freedom	2 374 794	2 376 164	1 989 277	2 329 110	2 220 443
interpolation error	$7.2 \times 10^{-5}$	$6.9 \times 10^{-6}$	$1.8 \times 10^{-6}$	$3.9 \times 10^{-7}$	$1.8 \times 10^{-7}$
total CPU time (s)	365	604	153	120	115
derivatives (s)	2	102	37	40	45
metric field (s)	26	409	100	70	64
remeshing (s)	330	63	11	6	4

## The smooth shock function

	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5
degrees of freedom	2 463 091	2 299 983	1 926 453	2 299 810	2 219 674
interpolation error	$6.8 \times 10^{-6}$	$3.7 \times 10^{-7}$	$2.3 \times 10^{-8}$	$8.5 \times 10^{-11}$	$1.2 \times 10^{-11}$
total CPU time (s)	547	517	382	138	144
derivatives (s)	3	96	99	61	70
metric field (s)	19	327	228	61	66
remeshing (s)	501	62	31	11	7



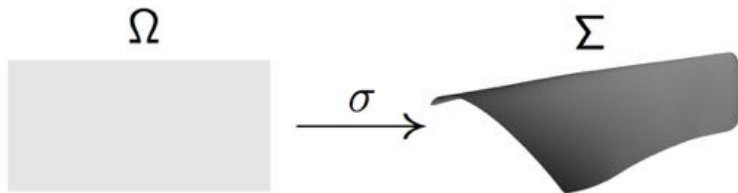
- 1 Metric based mesh adaptation
  - Riemannian metric spaces
  - $\mathbb{P}_1$  adaptation: Hessian based methods
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  - Local error estimate: the log-simplex approach
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  - High order surface mesh generation

# High order surface mesh generation

## Notations

- $\Sigma \subset \mathbb{R}^3$  surface of  $\mathbb{R}^3$
- $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  parameters space
- Surface parametrization  $\sigma : \Omega \rightarrow \Sigma$

## Surface parameterization



Local coordinates system  $(\sigma(u_0, v_0), \vec{u}, \vec{v}, \vec{n})$

- $\vec{u} = \frac{\partial_u \sigma}{\|\partial_u \sigma\|_2}(u_0, v_0)$
- $\vec{v} = \frac{\partial_v \sigma - \langle \partial_v \sigma, \vec{u} \rangle}{\|\partial_v \sigma - \langle \partial_v \sigma, \vec{u} \rangle\|_2}(u_0, v_0)$
- $\vec{n} = \frac{\partial_u \sigma \wedge \partial_v \sigma}{\|\partial_u \sigma \wedge \partial_v \sigma\|_2}(u_0, v_0)$

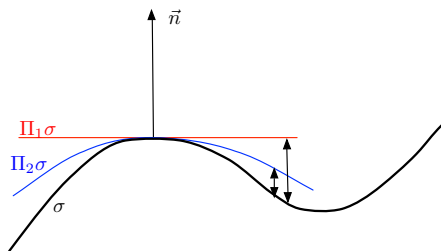
Local mapping in  $(\sigma(u_0, v_0), \vec{u}, \vec{v}, \vec{n})$

- $\mathcal{V} \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  neighborhood of  $(0, 0)$
- $\mathcal{U} \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  neighborhood of  $(0, 0, 0)$
- $\xi : \mathcal{V} \subset \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $\xi(0, 0) = 0$
- $\Sigma \cap \mathcal{U} = \{(u, v, \xi(u, v)), (u, v) \in \mathcal{V}\}$

## Local error model

$$|\xi(u, v) - \Pi_k \xi(u, v)| \leq |d^{k+1} \xi(0, 0)(u, v)| + o\left(\|(u, v)\|_2^{k+1}\right)$$

## Geometrical point of view

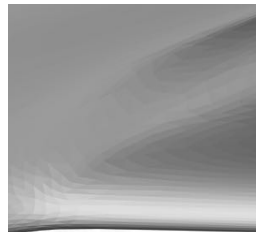
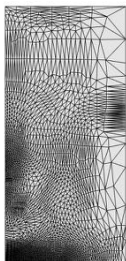


Log-simplex method  $\Rightarrow$  Find  $\mathcal{Q}$  such that

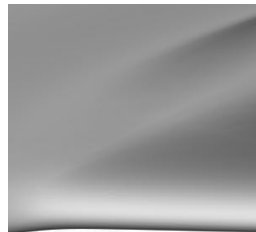
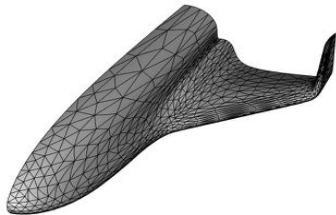
$$({}^t x \mathcal{Q} x)^{\frac{k+1}{2}} \geq d^{(k+1)} \xi(0, 0)(x), \text{ for all } x = (u, v) \in \mathbb{R}^2$$

# An example of surface curved mesh

$\mathbb{P}_1$  mesh : 2417 vertices, 4611 triangles



$\mathbb{P}_2$  mesh : 2921 vertices and interpolation nodes, 1408 curved triangles



## Achievements

1. Theoretical extension of the Hessian methods for  $P_k$  adaptation
2. Numerical implementation for smooth analytical functions
3. Application to the generation of surface curved meshes

## Perspectives

1. Treat the discontinuities of the interpolated function
2. Application to high-order resolution of PDE
3. Surface adaptation with several patches

Thank you !