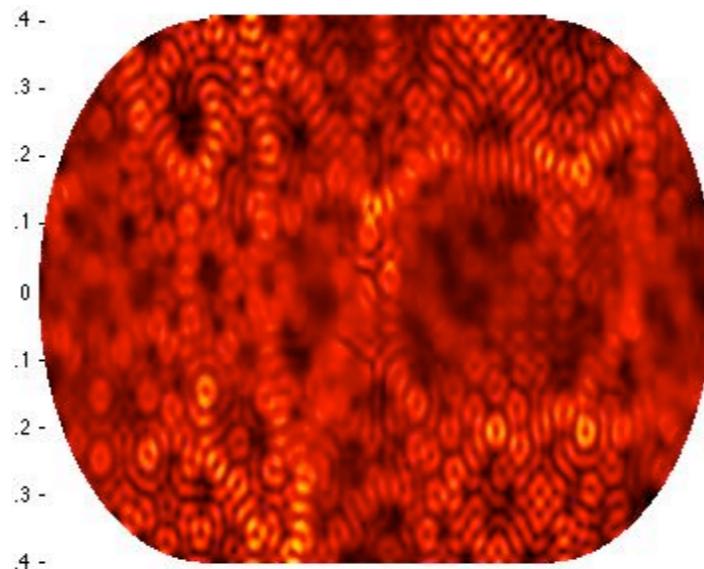


# Spectral problems: Numerical analysis, validation, and proof.

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## The sinking of the Sleipner A offshore platform

Excerpted from a report of [SINTEF](#), Civil and Environmental Engineering:

*The Sleipner A platform produces oil and gas in the North Sea and is supported on the seabed at a water depth of 82 m. It is a Condeep type platform with a concrete gravity base structure consisting of 24 cells and with a total base area of 16 000 m<sup>2</sup>. Four cells are elongated to shafts supporting the platform deck. The first concrete base structure for Sleipner A sprang a leak and sank under a controlled ballasting operation during preparation for deck mating in Gandsfjorden outside Stavanger, Norway on 23 August 1991.*

*Immediately after the accident, the owner of the platform, Statoil, a Norwegian oil company appointed an investigation group, and SINTEF was contracted to be the technical advisor for this group.*

*The investigation into the accident is described in 16 reports...*

*The conclusion of the investigation was that the loss was caused by a failure in a cell wall, resulting in a serious crack and a leakage that the pumps were not able to cope with. The wall failed as a result of a combination of a serious error in the finite element analysis and insufficient anchorage of the reinforcement in a critical zone.*

A better idea of what was involved can be obtained from this photo and sketch of the platform. The top deck weighs 57,000 tons, and provides accommodation for about 200 people and support for drilling equipment weighing about 40,000 tons. When the first model sank in August 1991, the crash caused a seismic event registering 3.0 on the Richter scale, and left nothing but a pile of debris at 220m of depth. The failure involved a total economic loss of about \$700 million.



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How and when are such approximations acceptable in conjectures and proofs?

# Introduction

Abstract setting

Spectral approximation

In Banach spaces

Numerical linear algebra

Examples

Spectral problem 1

Spectral problem 2

Let's examine the process of computing eigenpairs  $(\lambda, u)$

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Finite dim. Eucl. space	Space $\mathbb{C}_N$ $A_{NM}, B_{NM}$	
Finite precision computation	Space $\mathbb{C}_N$ $\tilde{A}_{NM}, \tilde{B}_{NM}$	Compute $(\tilde{u}_N, \tilde{\ell}) \in (\mathbb{C}^N, \mathbb{C})$

# Process contd.

Problem setting

Infinite dim.  
function space

$$\mathcal{A} : \text{dom}(\mathcal{A}) \subset \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$$

Find:

$$(u, \lambda) \in (\mathcal{H}, \mathbb{C})$$
$$\mathcal{A}u = \lambda u$$

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$$(\tilde{u}_N, \tilde{\Lambda}_N) \in (\mathbb{C}^N, \mathbb{C})$$
$$\tilde{\ell}_N \approx \tilde{\Lambda}_N, \tilde{w}_N \approx \tilde{u}_N.$$

Goal: Prove some conjecture about  $(u, \lambda)$ .

- Obtain, numerically,  $\tilde{\ell} \in \mathbb{C}, \tilde{w}_N \in \mathbb{C}^N$ .

- Is  $\tilde{\ell}$  close to  $\lambda$ ?
- Is  $\tilde{w}_N$  “close” to  $u \in \mathcal{H}$ ?
- Is their use in a proof acceptable?

# First choice: formulation

How to write spectral problem as  $\mathcal{A}u = \lambda u$ ?

eg., how to find eigenvalues of the Laplacian in a bounded domain?

- Formulation using differential operator.

$$\Delta u = -\lambda u$$

- Formulation using integral operators. [Steinbach '10, Akhmetgaliyev, Bruno and NN '13]

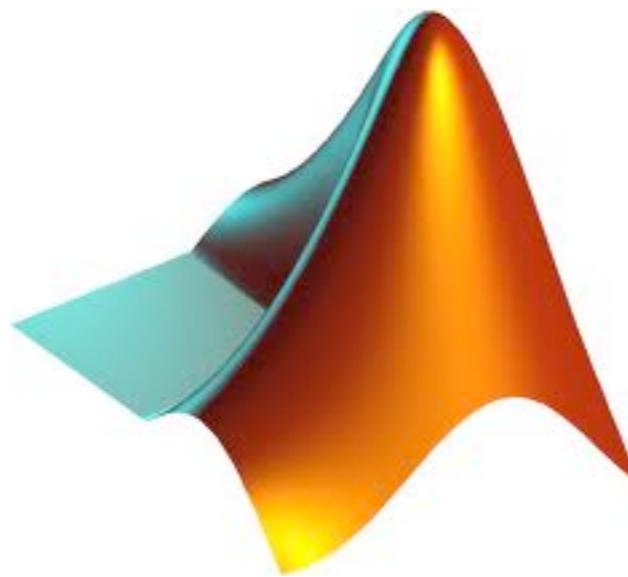
$$u_\lambda = \text{layer potential}_\lambda \phi$$

- Formulation in weaker setting using mixed methods. [Boffi, 2010]

$$\sigma = \nabla u, \quad \nabla \cdot \sigma = \lambda u.$$

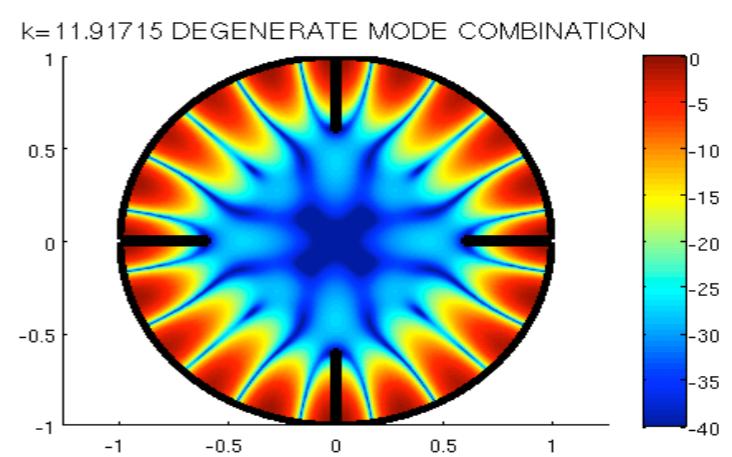
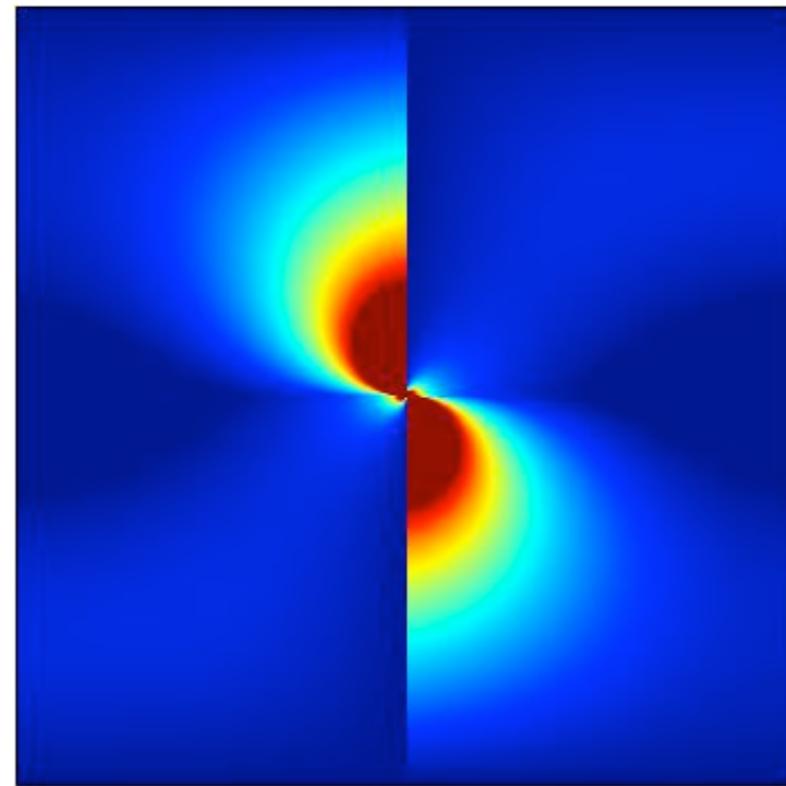
We shall focus on formulations in terms of differential operators.

# Spectral approximation



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- $\mathcal{H}$  a separable Banach space
- $\mathcal{A}$  a closed linear operator
- $H_N$  a finite-dimensional Banach space of dimension  $N$
- $r_N : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow H_N$  a restriction map.

[Chatelin, 1973.]

# Want some notion of convergence

Let  $\mathcal{A} : \text{dom}(\mathcal{A}) \subset \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$ , and  $\lambda$  be an isolated eigenvalue of multiplicity  $m$ . Let  $\mathcal{A}_N : H_N \rightarrow H_N$ .

## Spectral projection

Let  $\Gamma$  be a closed Jordan curve around  $\lambda$ ,  $D_\lambda := \text{Int}(\Gamma)$ . Define the spectral projection of  $\mathcal{A}$  by

$$\mathcal{S} := -\frac{1}{2\pi\iota} \int_{\Gamma} (\mathcal{A} - z\mathcal{I})^{-1} dz, \quad \dim(\mathcal{S}\mathcal{H}) = m.$$

Define the spectral projection of  $\mathcal{A}_N$  by

$$\mathcal{S}_N := -\frac{1}{2\pi\iota} \int_{\Gamma} (\mathcal{A}_N - z\mathcal{I})^{-1} dz,$$

the spectral projection associated with all eigenvalues of  $\mathcal{A}_N$  in  $D_\lambda$ .

# Convergence of spectral approximations

Definition: Convergence of approximations

The spectral element  $(\lambda_N, \mathcal{S}_N)$  of  $\mathcal{A}_N$  converges to the spectral element  $(\lambda, \mathcal{S})$  of  $\mathcal{A}$  iff

- Given  $\epsilon > 0$ ,  $\sigma(\mathcal{A}_N) \cap B_\epsilon(\lambda) \neq \{\phi\}$ ,  $\forall N$  large enough;
- $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \{\sigma(\mathcal{A}_N) \cap D_\lambda\} = \{\lambda\}$
- $\|(r_N \mathcal{S} - \mathcal{S}_N r_N)w\|_N \rightarrow 0$ , for all  $w \in \mathcal{H}$ .

[Chatelin, 1973]

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**Definition: Consistency of approximation.**

The approximation using restriction map  $r_N$ , and operator  $\mathcal{A}_N$  is consistent iff for all  $w \in \text{dom}(\mathcal{A})$ ,

$$\|r_N w\|_{H_N} \rightarrow \|w\|_{\mathcal{H}}, \quad \forall w \in \mathcal{H}, \quad \|\mathcal{A}_N r_N - r_N \mathcal{A}\|_{H_N} \rightarrow 0,$$

Is this enough to guarantee convergence?

## Chatelin's example

- Banach space  $X := \{u \in C[0, 1], u(0) = u(1)\}$  with the max norm.
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- Finite dimensional space  $X_N = \mathbb{C}^N$ , with  $h = \frac{1}{N}$
- Restriction map  $r_N : x(t) \rightarrow x(t_i)$ ,  $t_i = ih$
- Discrete operator  $T_N$  corresponding to first-order finite difference approximation,

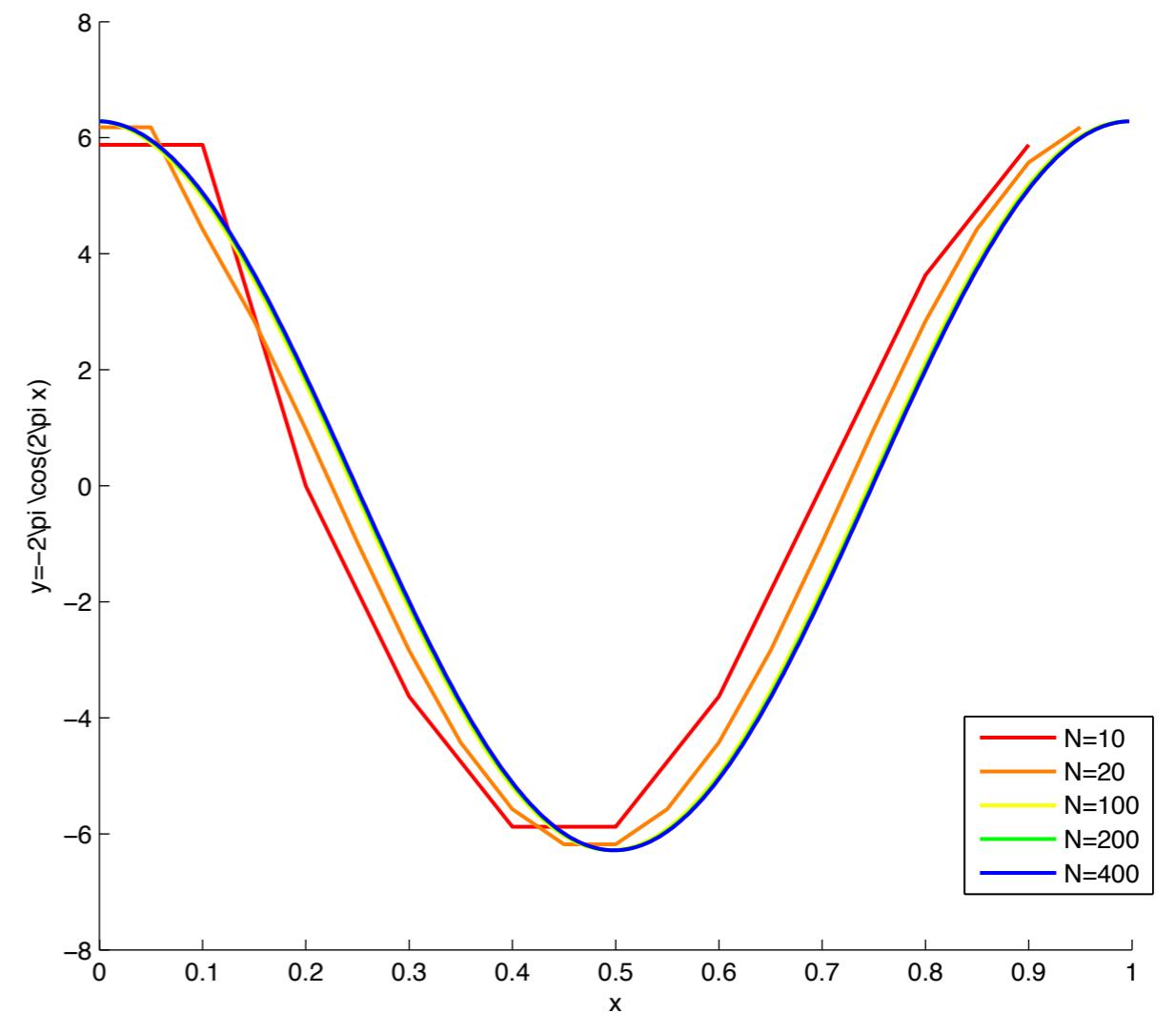
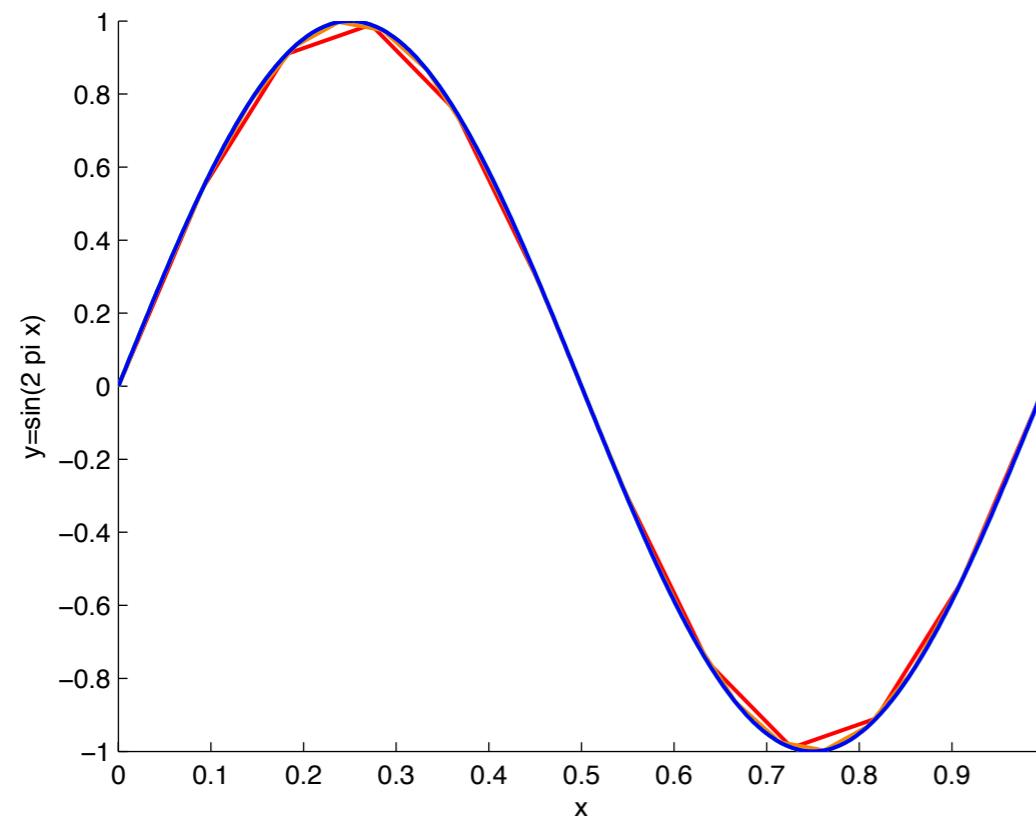
$$\frac{d}{dx} u(x_i) \approx \frac{u(x_{i+1}) - u(x_i)}{x_{i+1} - x_i}$$

- Do reasonable things at boundary:  $x_0 = x_n$ ;  $\frac{x_N - x_{N-1}}{h} = \lambda x_{n-1}$
- $\lambda_N$  computed for discrete operator  $T_N$

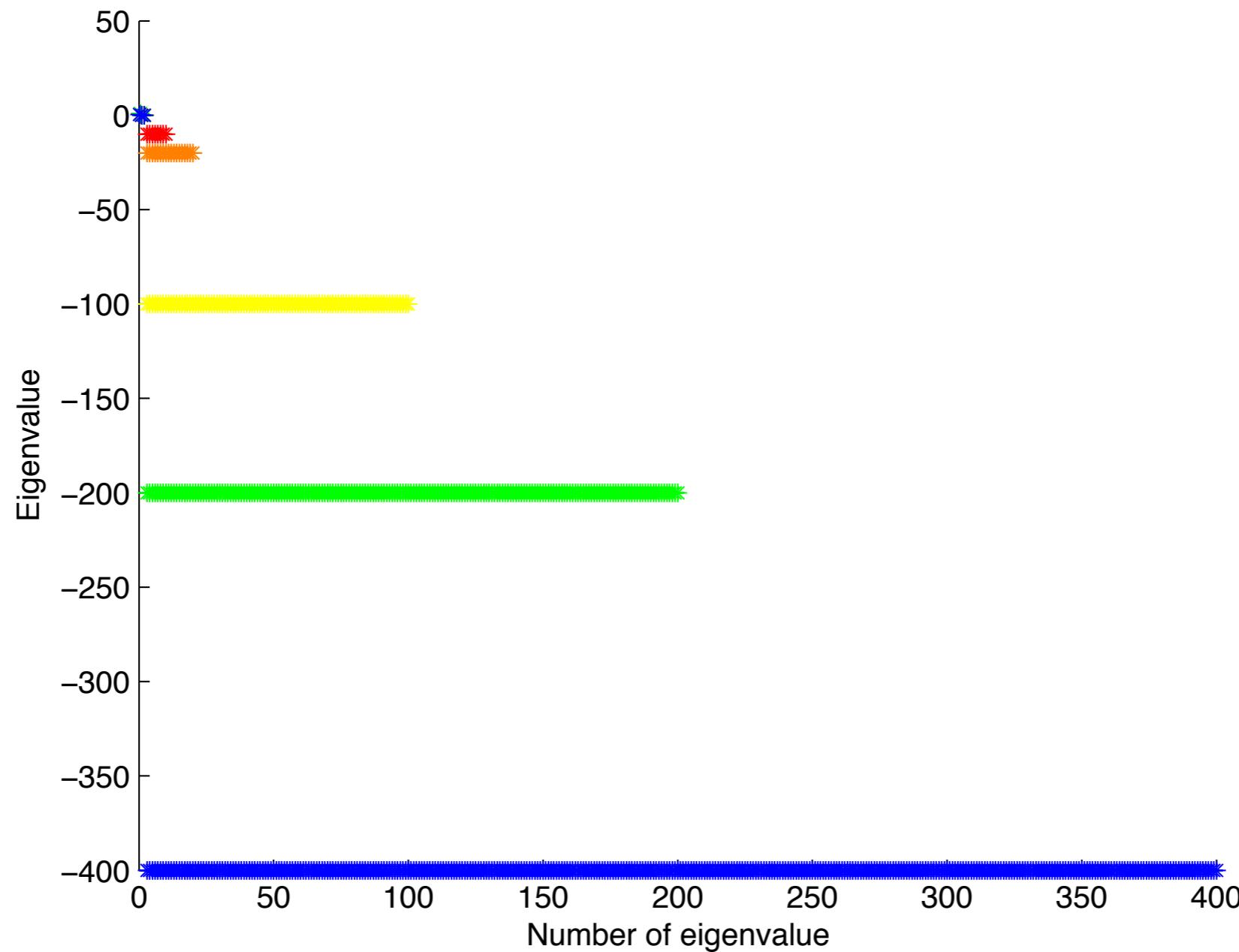
Chatelin's example. True eigenvalues are  $2k\pi\iota$ .

$T_h$  seems to approximate  $T$  well. For example,

$$T_h r_h \cos(2\pi x) \rightarrow T \cos(2\pi x) = -2\pi \sin(2\pi x)$$



Chatelin's example.  $\lambda_{true} = 2k\pi\iota, \lambda_h = 0, -\frac{1}{h}$



# Key ingredient is stability

## Strong stability

$\mathcal{A}_N$  is strongly stable in  $D_\lambda$  iff

- $\mathcal{A}_N$  is stable: Given  $M > 0$ ,  $z \in D_\lambda$ ,  $z \neq \lambda$ , for all  $N$  large enough  $\|(\mathcal{A}_N - z\mathcal{I})^{-1}\|_N \leq M$ ;
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## Meta theorem

Consistency + Stability  $\Rightarrow$  Convergence

# Projection methods

- $\mathcal{H}$  a separable Banach space,  $\mathcal{A}$  a closed operator,  $H_N$  a finite-dimensional Banach space of dimension  $N$
- $r_N = P_N : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow H_N$  a **projection** map.

[Kantorovitch, 1948, Anselone 1971]

eg: **Lagrange interpolation**

- $\mathcal{H} := C[-1, 1]$  with sup norm
- $P_N : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow$  polynomials of degree  $\leq N$ , with  $P_N u :=$  Lagrange interpolant for  $\{t_i\}_{i=0}^N$ .
- $\|P_N\|_\infty \geq \frac{2}{\pi^2} \log(N - 1) + b(N)$ .
- $P_N$  is bounded as a map into  $L_w^2[-1, 1]$  with weight  $(1 - t^2)^{-1/2}$ .

## Second choice: approximation space $H_N$

- Choose  $H_N := \text{span}\{\phi_i\}_{i=1}^N$ .
- $P_N : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow H_N$  a **bounded projection map**.
- Define  $\mathcal{A}_N := P_N \mathcal{A} P_N$ .
- Seek  $u_N \in H_N, \lambda_N \in \mathbb{C}$  s.t.

$$\mathcal{A}_N u_N = \lambda_N u_N$$

- We represent  $u_N = \sum_{i=1}^N u_N^{(i)} \phi_i$ .

Approximation space  $H_N = \text{span}\{\phi_i\}_{i=1}^N$

Methods depend on subspace choices

- Finite difference methods:  $\phi_i$  are Lagrange interpolants.
- Spectral methods:  $\phi_i$  are eigenfunctions of some operator,  
 $\|u - P_N u\|_X \rightarrow 0$  very fast
- Method of particular solutions:  $\phi_i$  are eigensolutions of  
operator in simpler geometries
- Method of moments:  $\phi_i := \mathcal{A}^{i-1} u$  for some  $u \in \mathcal{H}$
- Finite volume methods
- Finite element methods:  $\phi$  are piecewise polynomials

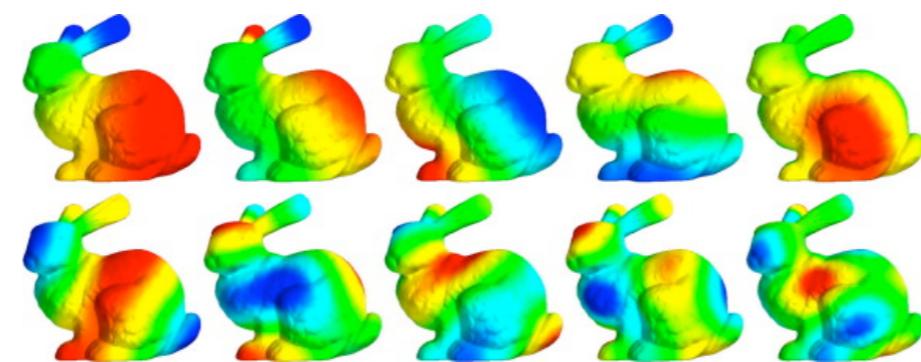
# Spectral approximation

## Choices of $H_N$



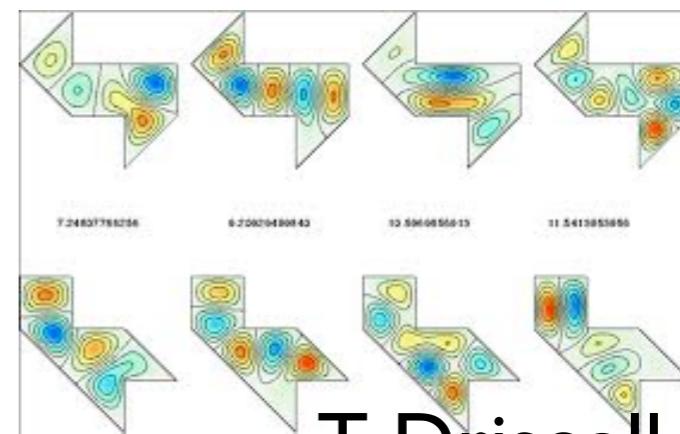
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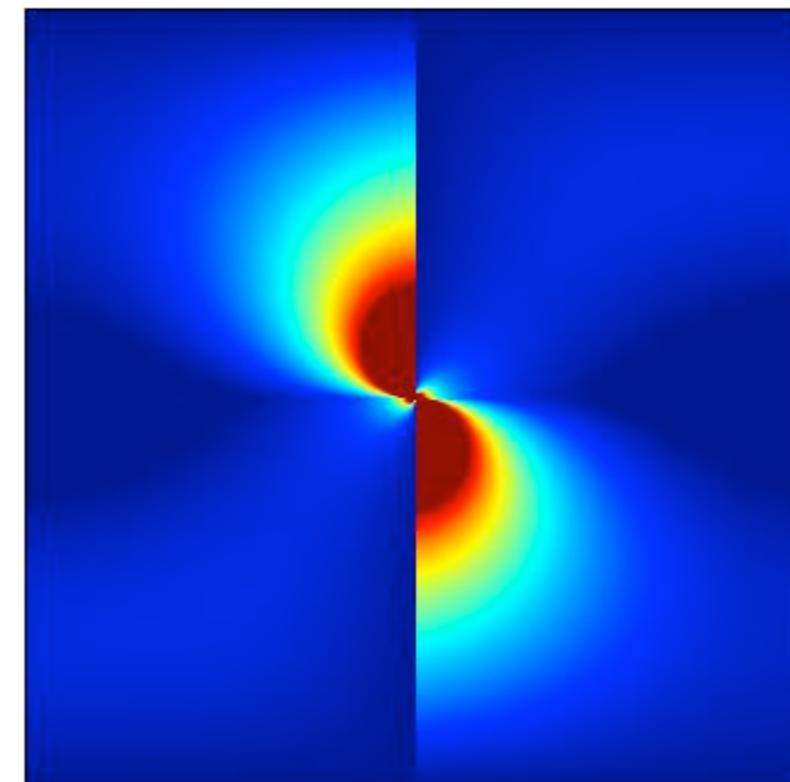
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## Choices of $H_N$

Must ensure consistency, stability and convergence of approximations at this level

## Recasting as a problem in Euclidean space

Infinite dim.  
function space

$$\mathcal{A} : \text{dom}(\mathcal{A}) \subset \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$$

Solve  
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Finite dim.  
Eucl. space

$$A_{NM}, B_{NM} : \mathbb{C}^N \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^M$$

Solve  $A_{NM}u_N =$   
 $B_{NM}(\Lambda_N)u_N$

## Third choice: how to satisfy equation

Have  $H_N = \text{span}\{\phi_i\}_N$ ,  $u_N = \sum_{i=1}^N w_N^{(i)} \phi_i$ . How to get

$$A_{NM} u_N = B_{NM}(\Lambda_N) u_N ?$$

Method of weighted residuals. Let  $\{\psi_j\}_{j=1}^M$  be linearly independent.

$$\text{minimize}_w \left\| \langle A_N \sum_{i=1}^N w_N^{(i)} \phi_i - \lambda_N \sum_{i=1}^N w_N^{(i)} \phi_i, \psi_j \rangle \right\|_{\mathcal{W}}$$

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- **Collocation methods:**  $\mathcal{H}$  a Banach space, enforce  $\langle \mathcal{A}_N u_N, \delta(x_j) \rangle = \lambda_N \langle u_N, \delta(x_j) \rangle$ .
- **Galerkin methods:**  $\mathcal{H}$  a Banach space. Use  $\psi_j$  in  $H_N^*$ . Enforce  $\langle \mathcal{A}_N u_N, \psi_j \rangle_{\mathcal{H}} = \lambda_N \langle u_N, \psi_j \rangle_{\mathcal{H}}$ .
- **(Orthogonal) Galerkin methods:**  $\mathcal{H}$  a Hilbert space. Use  $\psi_i$  in  $H_N$ . Enforce  $(\mathcal{A}_N u_N, \psi_j)_{\mathcal{H}} = \lambda_N (u_N, \psi_j)_{\mathcal{H}}$ .

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## Third choice: how to satisfy equation

Must ensure consistency, stability and convergence at this level as well.

## Numerics

from: Boffi, Gardini, Gastaldi, 2012.

# Numerics

**Table 1** Eigenvalues computed using the code in Listing 1.1 for different values of  $n$ 

Computed (rate)		$n = 8$	$n = 16$	$n = 32$	$n = 64$	$n = 128$
1.0129		1.0032 (2.0)	1.0008 (2.0)	1.0002 (2.0)	1.0001 (2.0)	
4.2095		4.0517 (2.0)	4.0129 (2.0)	4.0032 (2.0)	4.0008 (2.0)	
10.0803		9.2631 (2.0)	9.0652 (2.0)	9.0163 (2.0)	9.0041 (2.0)	
19.4537		16.8382 (2.0)	16.2067 (2.0)	16.0515 (2.0)	16.0129 (2.0)	
33.2628		27.0649 (2.0)	25.5059 (2.0)	25.1257 (2.0)	25.0314 (2.0)	
51.3724		40.3212 (1.8)	37.0525 (2.0)	36.2610 (2.0)	36.0651 (2.0)	
69.5582		57.0672 (1.3)	50.9572 (2.0)	49.4840 (2.0)	49.1206 (2.0)	
		77.8147	67.3528 (2.0)	64.8266 (2.0)	64.2059 (2.0)	
		103.0473	86.3943 (2.0)	82.3258 (2.0)	81.3299 (2.0)	
		133.0513	108.2597 (2.0)	102.0237 (2.0)	100.5030 (2.0)	
DOF	7	15	31	63	127	

from: Boffi, Gardini, Gastaldi, 2012.

# Numerics

**Table 2** Eigenvalues computed using the code in Listing 1.2 for different values of  $n$

Computed (rate)				
$n = 8$	$n = 16$	$n = 32$	$n = 64$	$n = 128$
1.0000	1.0000 (4.0)	1.0000 (4.0)	1.0000 (4.0)	1.0000 (4.0)
4.0020	4.0001 (4.0)	4.0000 (4.0)	4.0000 (4.0)	4.0000 (4.0)
9.0225	9.0015 (3.9)	9.0001 (4.0)	9.0000 (4.0)	9.0000 (4.0)
16.1204	16.0082 (3.9)	16.0005 (4.0)	16.0000 (4.0)	16.0000 (4.0)
25.4327	25.0307 (3.8)	25.0020 (3.9)	25.0001 (4.0)	25.0000 (4.0)
37.1989	36.0899 (3.7)	36.0059 (3.9)	36.0004 (4.0)	36.0000 (4.0)
51.6607	49.2217 (3.6)	49.0148 (3.9)	49.0009 (4.0)	49.0001 (4.0)
64.8456	64.4814 (0.8)	64.0328 (3.9)	64.0021 (4.0)	64.0001 (4.0)
95.7798	81.9488 (4.0)	81.0659 (3.8)	81.0042 (4.0)	81.0003 (4.0)
124.9301	101.7308 (3.8)	100.1229 (3.8)	100.0080 (3.9)	100.0005 (4.0)
DOF	15	31	63	127
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from: Boffi, Gardini, Gastaldi, 2012.

# Numerics

**Table 5** Eigenvalues computed using the code in Listing 1.5 for different values of  $n$ 

Exact	Computed (rate)				
	$n = 8$	$n = 16$	$n = 32$	$n = 64$	$n = 128$
1.0129	1.0032 (2.0)	1.0008 (2.0)	1.0002 (2.0)	1.0001 (2.0)	
4.2095	4.0517 (2.0)	4.0129 (2.0)	4.0032 (2.0)	4.0008 (2.0)	
10.0803	9.2631 (2.0)	9.0652 (2.0)	9.0163 (2.0)	9.0041 (2.0)	
19.4537	16.8382 (2.0)	16.2067 (2.0)	16.0515 (2.0)	16.0129 (2.0)	
33.2628	27.0649 (2.0)	25.5059 (2.0)	25.1257 (2.0)	25.0314 (2.0)	
51.3724	40.3212 (1.8)	37.0525 (2.0)	36.2610 (2.0)	36.0651 (2.0)	
69.5582	57.0672 (1.3)	50.9572 (2.0)	49.4840 (2.0)	49.1206 (2.0)	
77.8147	77.8147 (0.0)	67.3528 (2.0)	64.8266 (2.0)	64.2059 (2.0)	
	103.0473	86.3943 (2.0)	82.3258 (2.0)	81.3299 (2.0)	
	133.0513	108.2597 (2.0)	102.0237 (2.0)	100.5030 (2.0)	
DOF	8	16	32	64	128

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## Numerics

All are FEM methods for Dirichlet problem on  
 $[0, \pi]$

# What can you trust?

**Table 4** Eigenvalues computed using the code in Listing 1.4 for different values of  $n$ 

Exact	Computed (rate)				
	$n = 8$	$n = 16$	$n = 32$	$n = 64$	$n = 128$
0.0000	-0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	-0.0000	
1.0001	1.0000 (4.1)	1.0000 (4.0)	1.0000 (4.0)	1.0000 (4.0)	1.0000 (4.0)
3.9660	3.9981 (4.2)	3.9999 (4.0)	4.0000 (4.0)	4.0000 (4.0)	4.0000 (4.0)
7.4257	8.5541	8.8854	8.9711	8.9928	
8.7603	8.9873 (4.2)	8.9992 (4.1)	9.0000 (4.0)	9.0000 (4.0)	
14.8408	15.9501 (4.5)	15.9971 (4.1)	15.9998 (4.0)	16.0000 (4.0)	
16.7900	24.5524 (4.2)	24.9780 (4.3)	24.9987 (4.1)	24.9999 (4.0)	
38.7154	29.7390	34.2165	35.5415	35.8846	
39.0906	35.0393 (1.7)	35.9492 (4.2)	35.9970 (4.1)	35.9998 (4.0)	
	46.7793	48.8925 (4.4)	48.9937 (4.1)	48.9996 (4.0)	

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1.0001	1.0000 (4.1)	1.0000 (4.0)	1.0000 (4.0)	1.0000 (4.0)	1.0000 (4.0)
3.9660	3.9981 (4.2)	3.9999 (4.0)	4.0000 (4.0)	4.0000 (4.0)	4.0000 (4.0)
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**Table 6** Eigenvalues computed using the code in Listing 1.6 for different values of  $n$ 

Exact	Computed (rate with respect to $6\lambda$ )				
	$n = 8$	$n = 16$	$n = 32$	$n = 64$	$n = 128$
5.7061	5.9238 (1.9)	5.9808 (2.0)	5.9952 (2.0)	5.9988 (2.0)	
19.8800	22.8245 (1.8)	23.6953 (1.9)	23.9231 (2.0)	23.9807 (2.0)	
36.7065	48.3798 (1.6)	52.4809 (1.9)	53.6123 (2.0)	53.9026 (2.0)	
51.8764	79.5201 (1.4)	91.2978 (1.8)	94.7814 (1.9)	95.6925 (2.0)	
63.6140	113.1819 (1.2)	138.8165 (1.7)	147.0451 (1.9)	149.2506 (2.0)	
71.6666	146.8261 (1.1)	193.5192 (1.6)	209.9235 (1.9)	214.4494 (2.0)	
76.3051	178.6404 (0.9)	253.8044 (1.5)	282.8515 (1.9)	291.1344 (2.0)	
77.8147	207.5058 (0.8)	318.0804 (1.4)	365.1912 (1.8)	379.1255 (1.9)	
	232.8461	384.8425 (1.3)	456.2445 (1.8)	478.2172 (1.9)	
	254.4561	452.7277 (1.2)	555.2659 (1.7)	588.1806 (1.9)	
DOF	8	16	32	64	128

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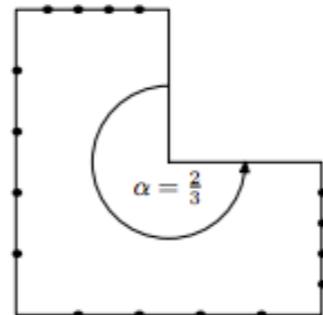
# Numerics can be dangerous!

Any method could exhibit these problems [Fox, Henrici, Moler, 1967], method of particular solutions.

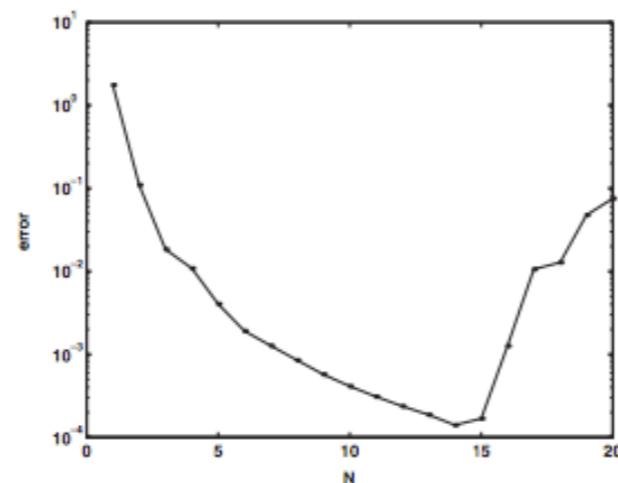
Fixed: [Betcke and Trefethen, 2005, Barnett...]

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**Fig. 3.2** The L-shaped membrane, with  $N$  collocation points equally spaced along each side not adjacent to the reentrant corner (here  $N = 4$ ).



MPS error decreases,  
then increases in N.

**Fig. 3.3** The error of FHM for the first eigenvalue of the L-shaped domain. Convergence breaks down after  $N = 14$ , and one never gets more than four digits of accuracy.

# Discrete eigenvalue algorithms

Let's examine the consequences of some choices.

- Formulate problem in Hilbert space,  $\mathcal{H}$ , operator  $\mathcal{A}$
- Let  $H_N = \text{span}\{\phi_n\}_{n=1}^N$ , orthonormal basis
- Use projection  $P_N$ ,  $\mathcal{A}_N := P_N \mathcal{A} P_N$
- $\mathcal{A}_N u_N = \lambda_N u_N$ ,  $u_N = \sum_{i=1}^N u_N^{(i)} \phi_i$ . Write  
 $u_N = (u_N^{(1)}, u_N^{(2)}, \dots, u_N^{(N)})^T$ .
- Use Galerkin method  $(A_{NN})_{i,j} := (\mathcal{A}_N \phi_i, \phi_j)_H$
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If  $N > 5$ , need iterative methods to approximate  $\Lambda_N$ .

# Classical iterations for $\Lambda_{NN}u_N = \Lambda_N u_N$ .

- Power iteration: Start with arbitrary  $b$ . Columns of Krylov matrix

$$\mathcal{K}_n = [b, A_{NN}b, A_{NN}^2b, \dots, A_{NN}^nb]$$

converge to the e.v. for the largest e.value.

- Arnoldi iteration: Use stabilized Gram-Schmidt to generate orthogonal vectors  $q_{N,i}$ ,

$$\text{span}\{q_{N,1}, q_{N,2}, \dots, q_{N,n}\} = \text{span}\{\mathcal{K}_n\}$$

- Lanczos iteration: Arnoldi iteration for symmetric matrices.  
Converts  $A_{NN} \rightarrow T_{nn}$ , tridiagonal.

[Golub and van Loan, 1996, Trefethen and Bau, 1997...]

## Typical theorems

- If  $\theta_i^n, \Lambda_{N,i}$  are the *i*th eigenvalues of  $T_{nn}$  and  $A_{NN}$ , then get bounds on  $|\theta_i^n - \Lambda_{N,i}|$  in terms of spectral gaps.  
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- Suppose we compute the eigenpair  $(\tilde{u}_N, \tilde{\Lambda}_N)$ . Then,

$$A_{NN}\tilde{u}_N = \tilde{\Lambda}_N\tilde{u}_N + r.$$

Backward stability means  $\exists$  real symmetric matrices  $E$  such that

$$(A_{NN} + E)\tilde{u}_N = \tilde{\Lambda}_N\tilde{u}_N.$$

If  $r$  is small in norm, then it can be shown that

$$|\tilde{\Lambda}_N - \Lambda_{N,i}| \leq \frac{\|r\|_2^2}{\delta}, \quad \delta := \min_{k \neq i} |\tilde{\Lambda}_k - \Lambda_{N,i}|.$$

The solid angle  $\theta$  between the computed eigenvector  $\tilde{u}_N$  and the actual eigenvector  $u_N$  satisfies

$$\sin(\theta) \leq \frac{\|r\|_2}{\delta}.$$

## Errors to examine: eigenvector

$$\begin{aligned} \|u - \sum_{i=1}^N \tilde{w}_N^{(i)} \phi_i\| &\leq \underbrace{\|u - P_N u\|}_{\text{A}} + \underbrace{\|P_N u - u_N\|}_{\text{B}} + \underbrace{\|u_N - \sum_{i=1}^N \tilde{u}_N^{(i)} \phi_i\|}_{\text{C}} \\ &+ \underbrace{\left\| \sum_{i=1}^N [\tilde{w}_N^{(i)} - \tilde{u}_N^{(i)}] \phi_i \right\|}_{\text{D}} \\ &\leq \alpha(N) \|u\| \rightarrow 0, \quad \beta(N) \left\| \sum_{i=1}^N \tilde{w}_N^{(i)} \phi_i \right\| \rightarrow 0 \end{aligned}$$

- A: Best approximation error (how 'good' is  $H_N$ ,  $P_N$ ?)
- B: Error in  $H_N$
- C: Approximation using numerical linear algebra
- D: Rounding arithmetic.

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# Spectral Problem 1

Let  $\Omega$  be an open set in  $\mathbb{R}^d$  with Lipschitz boundary.

Spectral problem 1, strong form

Find  $(u, \lambda) \in (\mathcal{H}^2(\Omega), \mathbb{R})$  such that a.e.

$$-\Delta u = \lambda u \text{ in } \Omega, \quad u = 0 \text{ on } \partial\Omega.$$

# Spectral problem 1, formulation

Denote by  $(\cdot, \cdot)$  the  $L^2$  inner product on  $\Omega$

Spectral problem 1, minimization form

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Equivalently:

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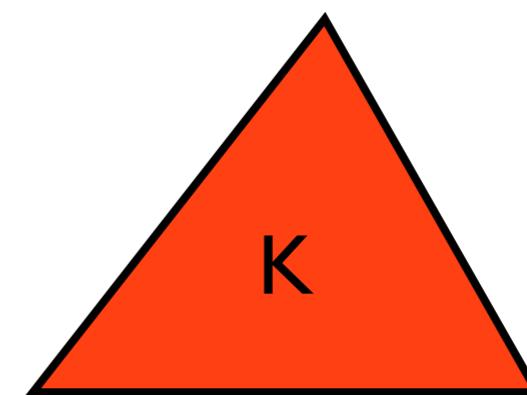
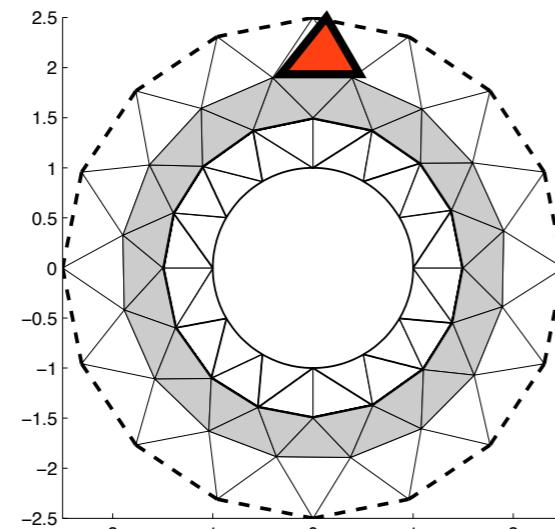
Find  $(u, \lambda) \in (\mathcal{H}_0^1(\Omega), \mathbb{R})$  such that for all  $v \in \mathcal{H}^1(\Omega)$ ,

$$(\nabla u, \nabla v) = \lambda(u, v).$$

# What is a finite element?

A finite element triple  $(K, \mathcal{P}, \Sigma)$  consists of:

- A geometric domain  $K$ , used to tessellate/mesh a region in space;
- A finite dimensional vector space  $\mathcal{P}$  on this domain, approximating some function space;
- A set of linear functionals  $\Sigma$  dual to the approximation space.

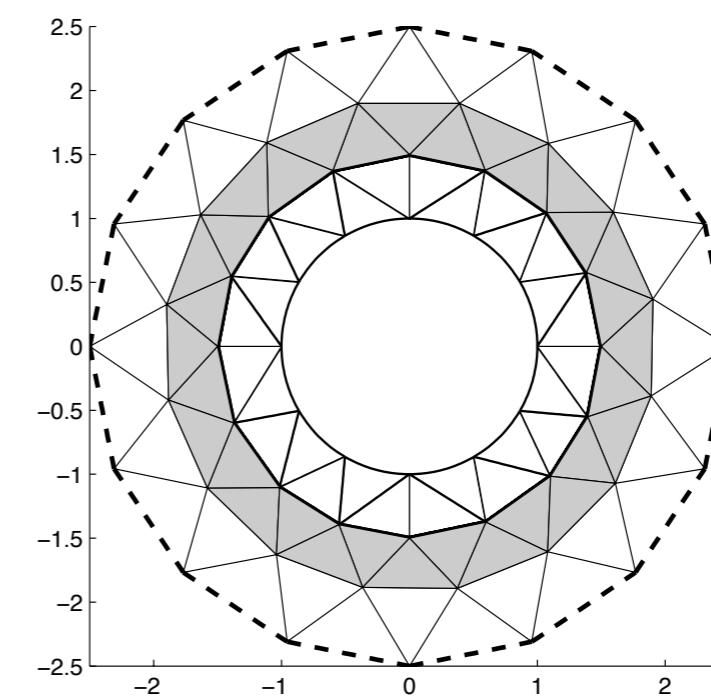
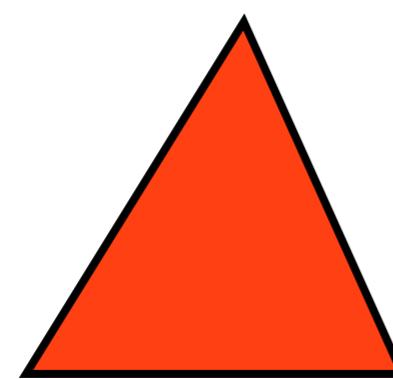


# Conforming finite element

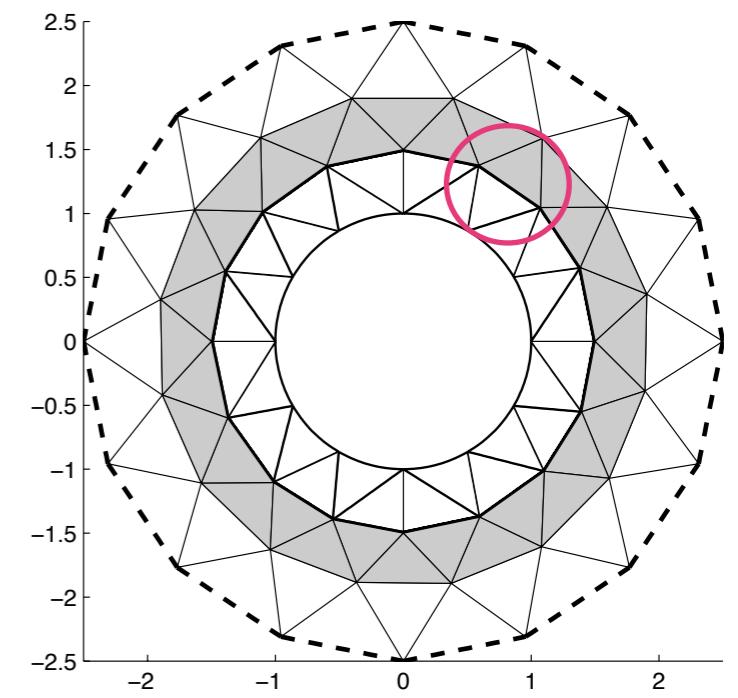
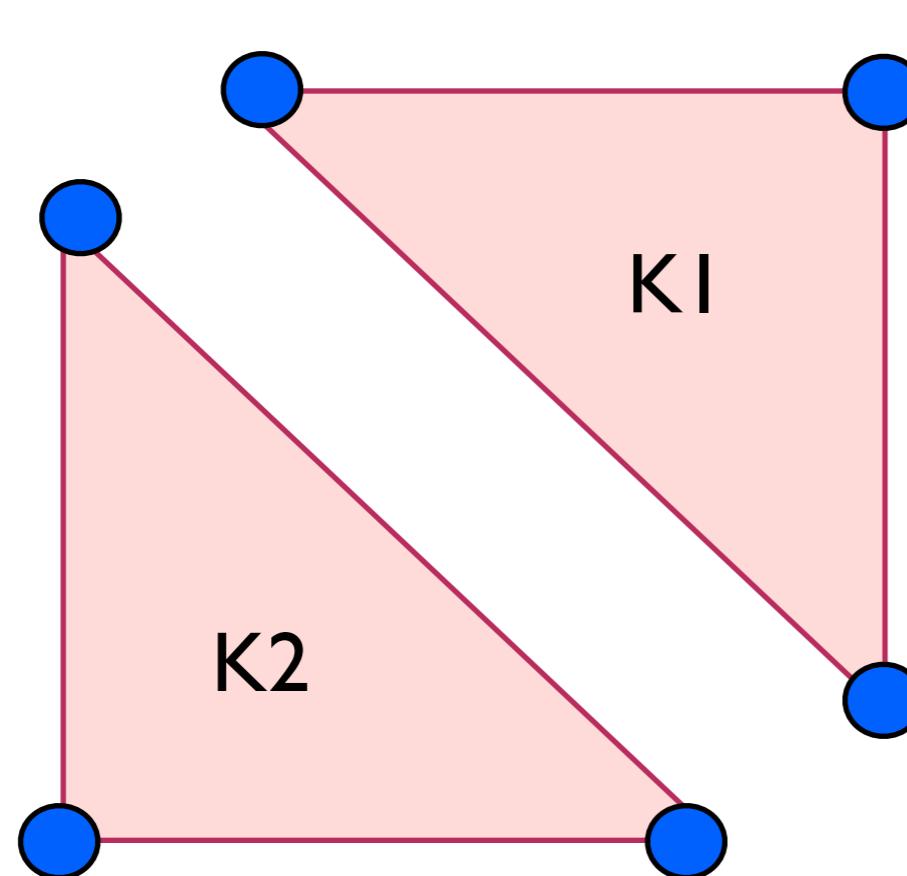
Let  $\Pi_T = \{\tau_i\}_{i=1}^T = \bar{\Omega}$  be a triangulation.

$$V_N := \{w \in \mathcal{H}^1(\Omega) \mid w|_{\tau_i} \in \mathcal{P}, \forall \tau_i \in \Pi_T, w \text{ is continuous}\}$$

Clearly  $V_T \subset \mathcal{H}^1(\Omega)$ .

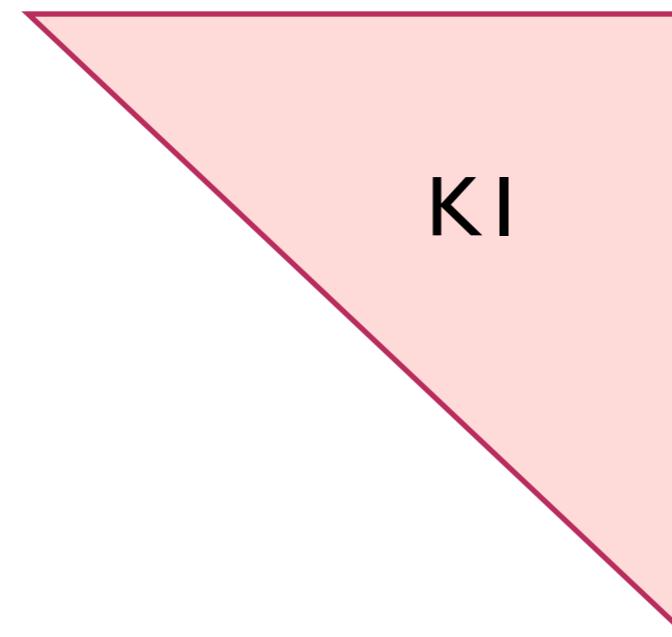


# Conforming H1 linear elements

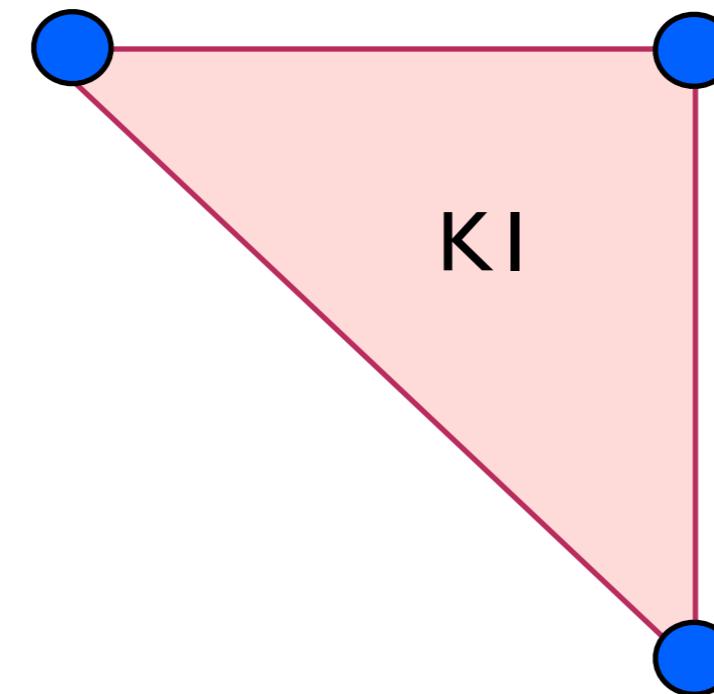


## Conforming H1 linear elements: continuity across edges

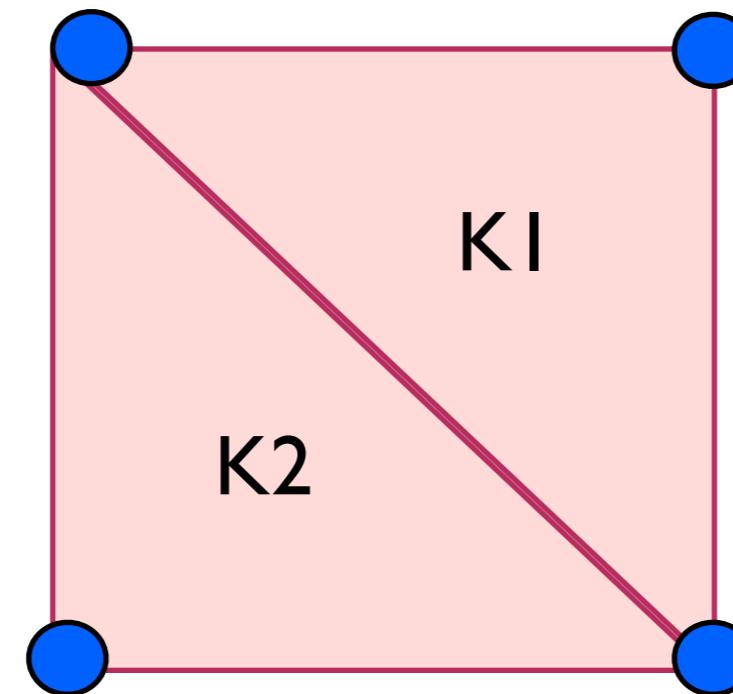
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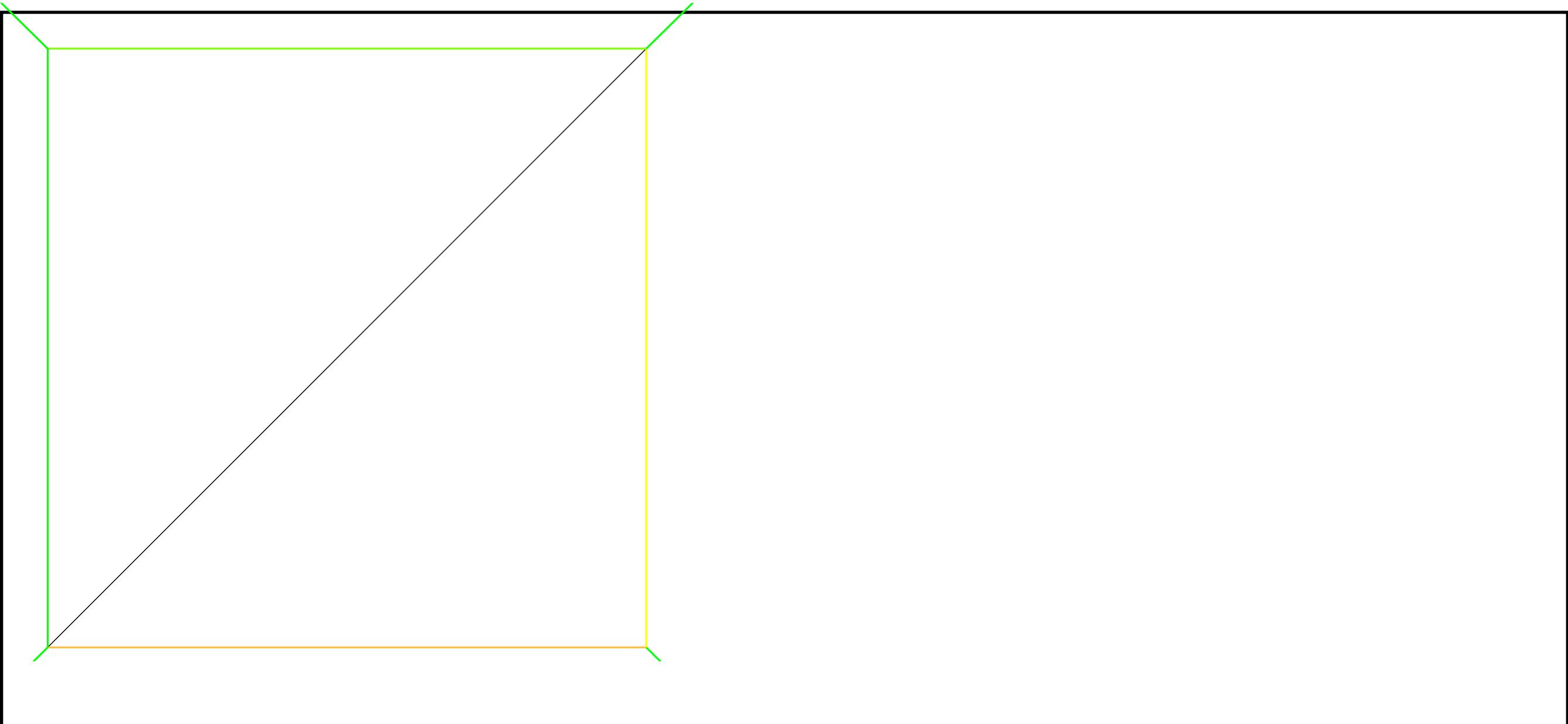


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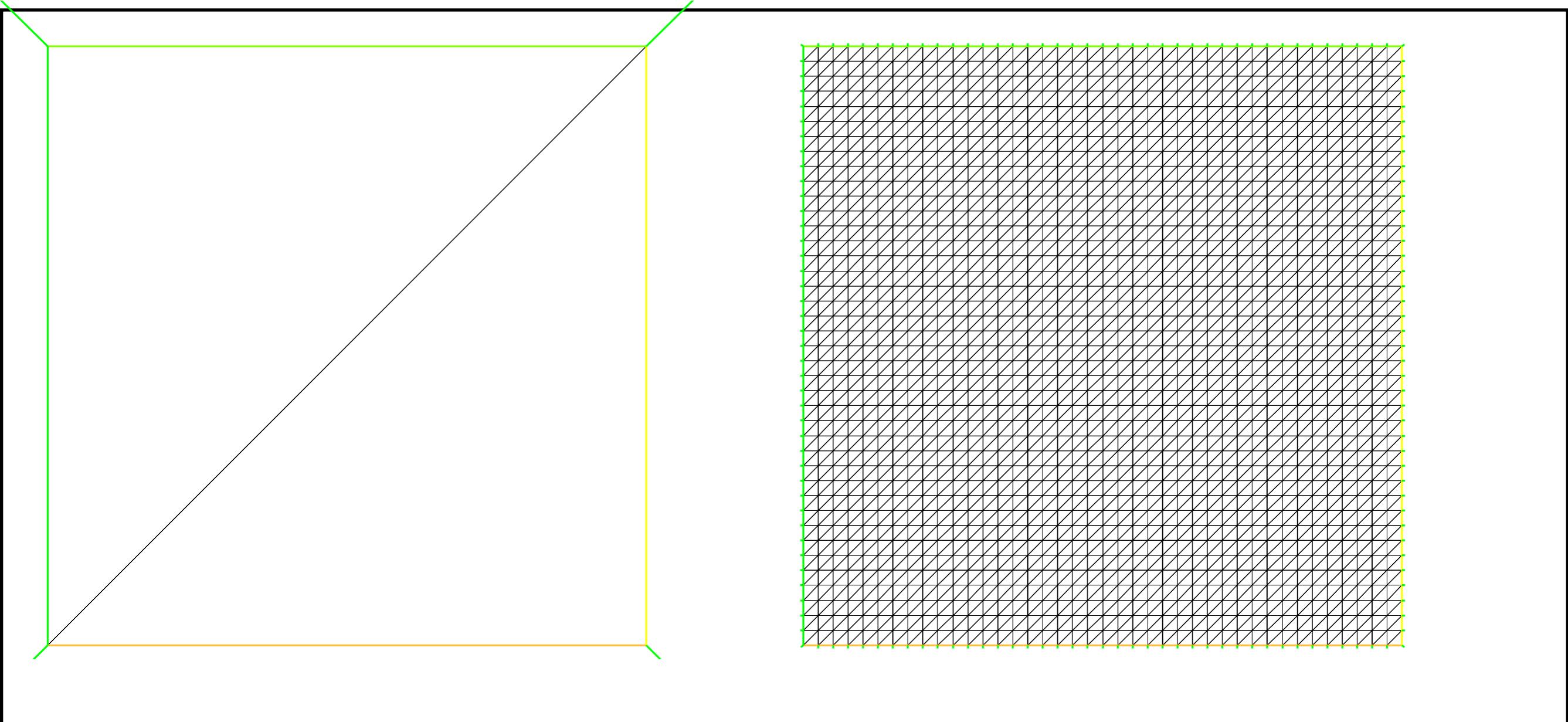
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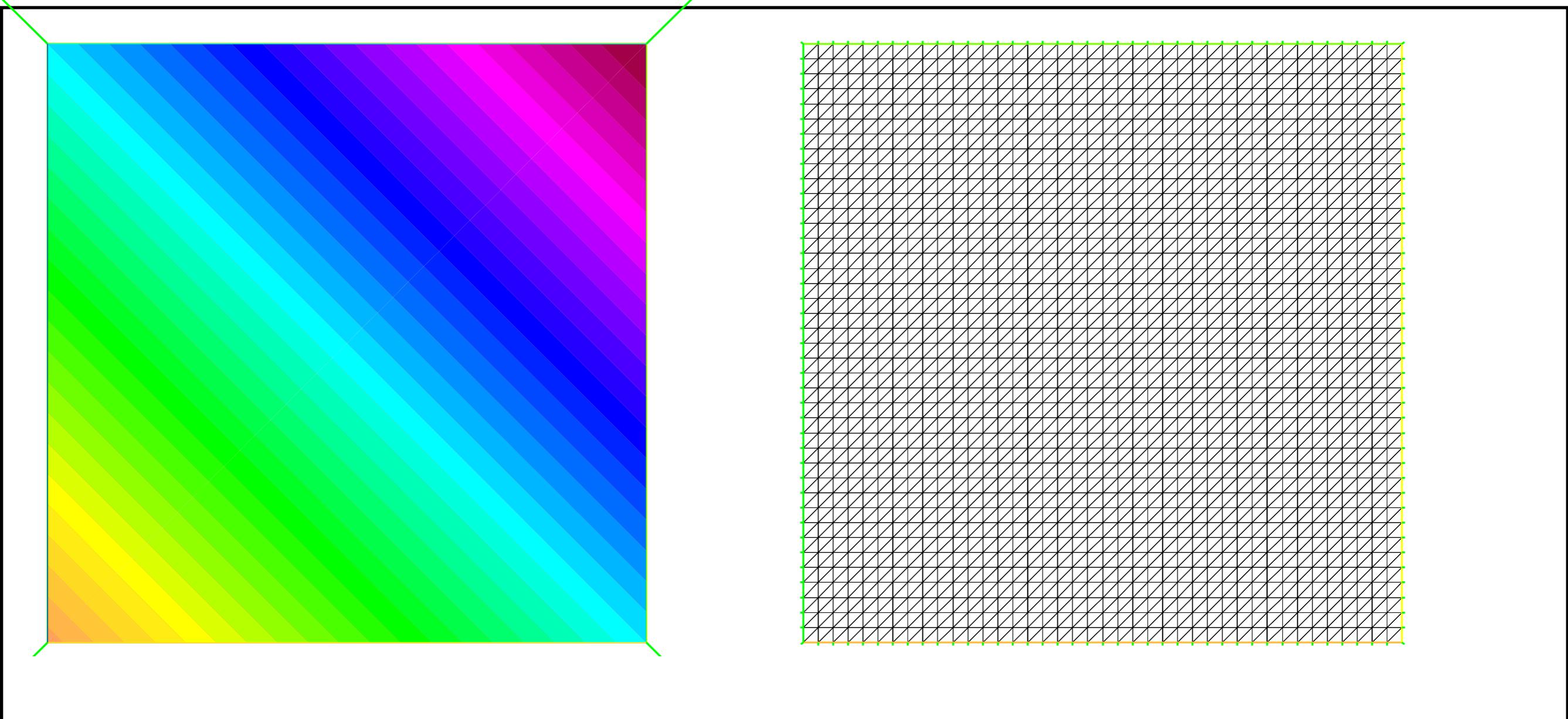
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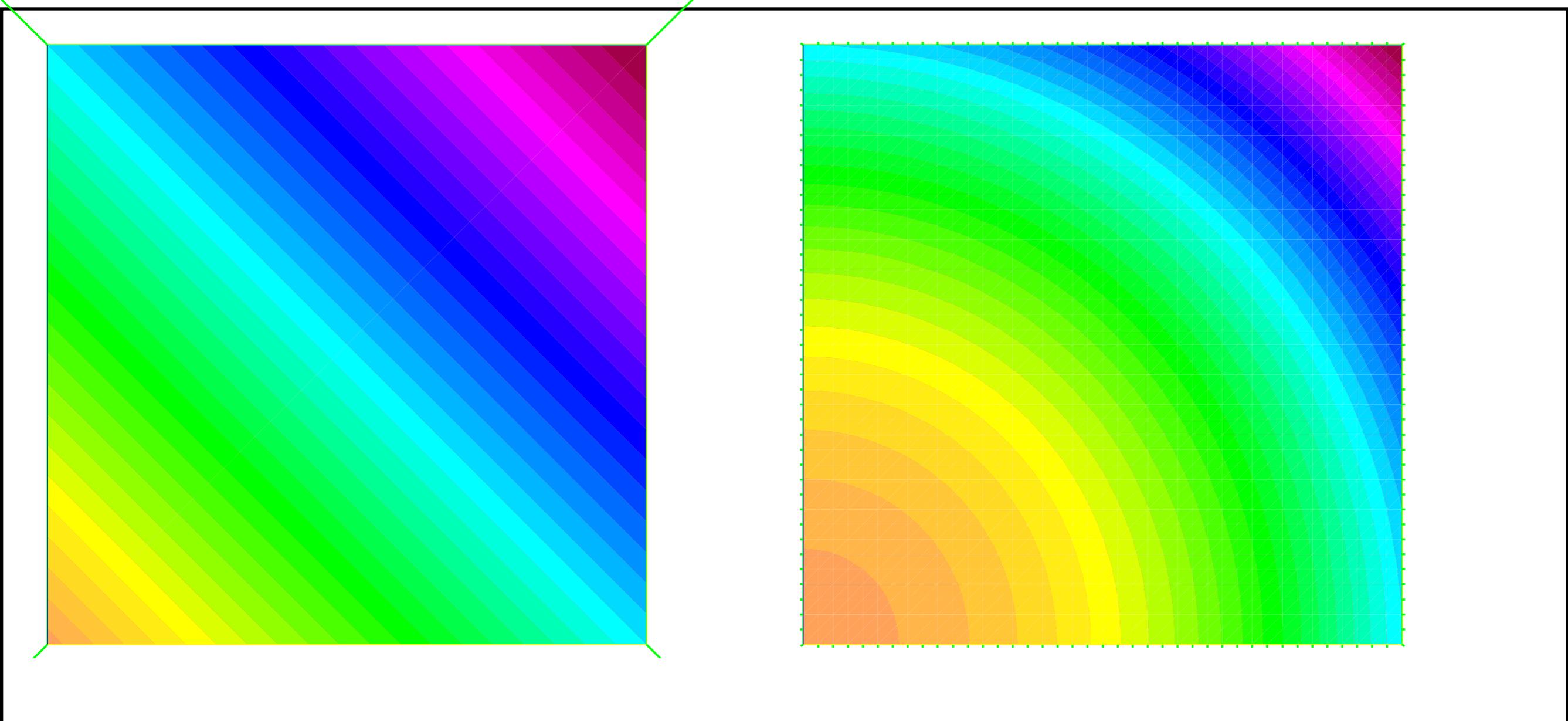
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# Best approximation by conforming FEM

Sample best approximation result

Under assumptions on  $\Omega$  and the tessellation, the best approximation error of  $u \in H^k(\Omega)$  by conforming FEM of piecewise polynomials of degree  $p$  and mesh parameter  $h$

$$\inf_{w \in V_N} \|u - w\|_1 \leq C(p)h^{\mu-1}\|u\|_{H^k(\Omega)}, \quad \mu = \min(k, p + 1).$$

[Widlund '76, Rannacher and Scott, '82]

# Typical convergence results for eigenpairs

Convergence using conforming elements

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Here  $\epsilon_N$  depends on the regularity of the true eigenfunctions, and characterizes an approximation error.

# Typical convergence results for eigenpairs

Convergence using conforming elements

Let  $\epsilon_N(\lambda) := \sup_{u \in \text{Scaled e.v. for } \lambda} \{\inf_{\chi \in V_N} \|u - \chi\|_1\}$ . If  $\lambda$  is a simple eigenvalue,  $\exists$  constants  $c_1, c_2, c_3 > 0$  such that

$$\|u - u_N\|_1 \leq c_1 \epsilon_N(\lambda), \quad c_2 \epsilon_N^2 \leq \lambda_{N,c} - \lambda \leq c_3 \epsilon_N^2.$$

[Chatelin '75, '83, Babuska and Osborn '89]

Here  $\epsilon_N$  depends on the regularity of the true eigenfunctions, and characterizes an approximation error.

Sample best approximation result

The best approximation error of  $u \in H^k(\Omega)$  by conforming FEM of piecewise polynomials of degree  $p$  and mesh parameter  $h$

$$\inf_{w \in V_h} \|u - w\|_1 \leq C(p) h^{\mu-1} \|u\|_{H^k(\Omega)}, \quad \mu = \min(k, p+1).$$

[Widlund '76, Rannacher and Scott, '82]

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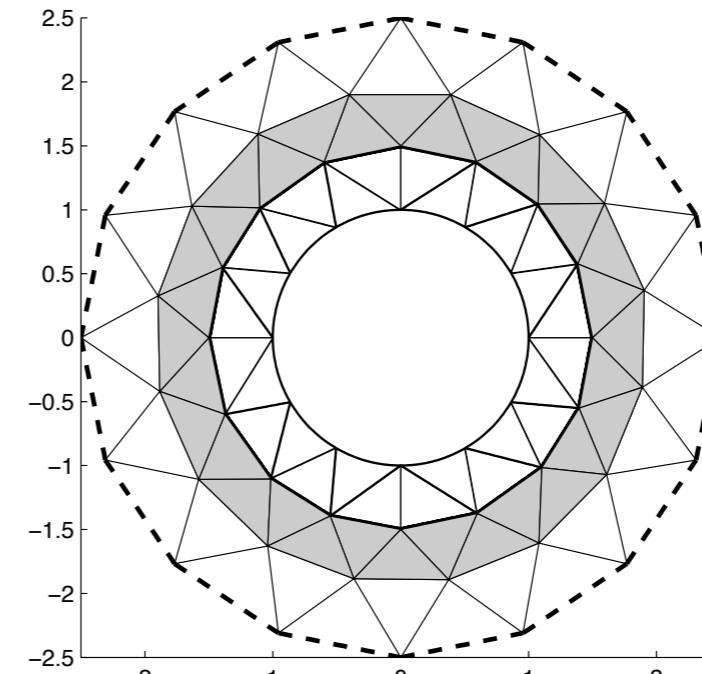
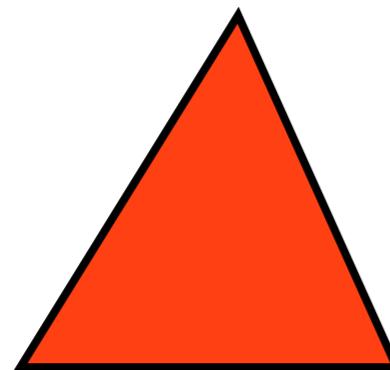
$$\lambda = \min_{w \in \mathcal{H}_0^1(\Omega), \|w\|_0 \neq 0} \frac{(\nabla w, \nabla w)}{(w, w)} \leq \min_{w_N \in V_N, \|w_N\|_0 \neq 0} \frac{(\nabla w_N, \nabla w_N)}{(w_N, w_N)} = \lambda_{N,c}.$$

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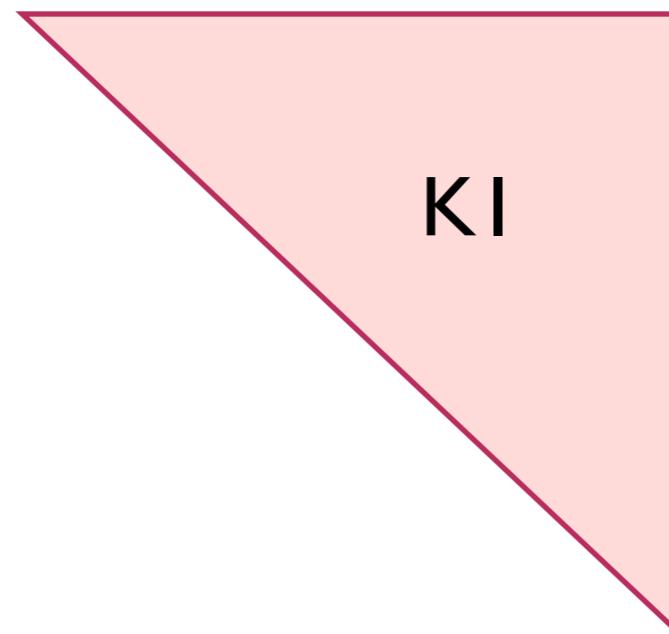
$$V_N := \{w \in L^2(\Omega) \mid w|_{\tau_i} \in \mathcal{P} \ \forall \tau_i \in \Pi_T, \\ w \text{ is not continuous across edges,} \\ w = 0 \text{ on nodes on boundary}\}$$

Clearly  $V_N \not\subset \mathcal{H}^1(\Omega)$ .

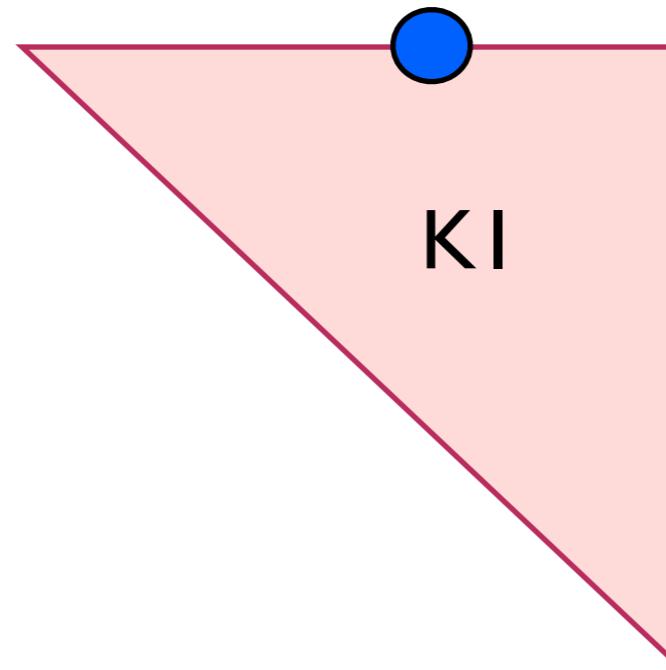


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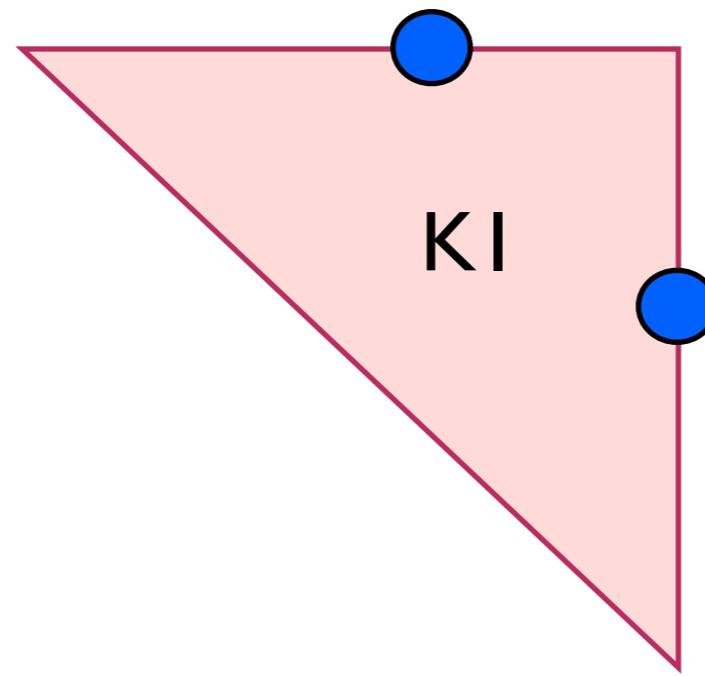
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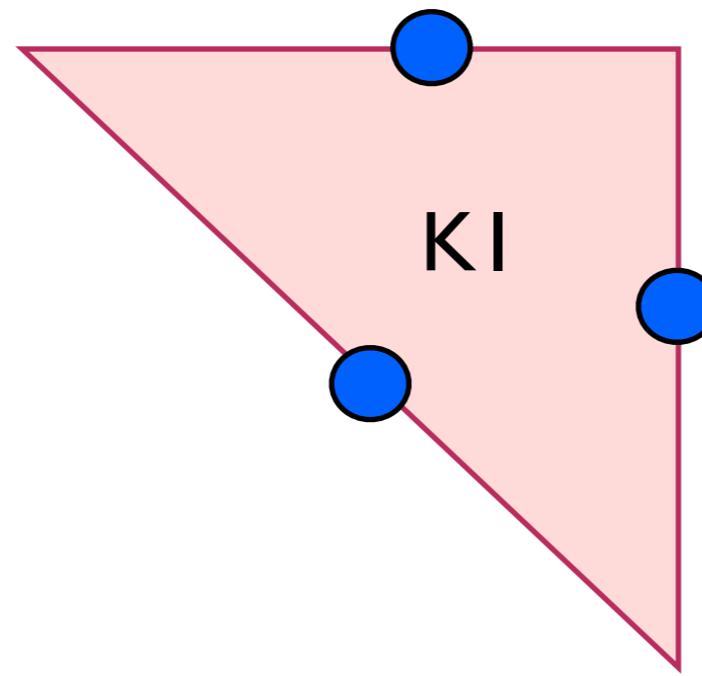
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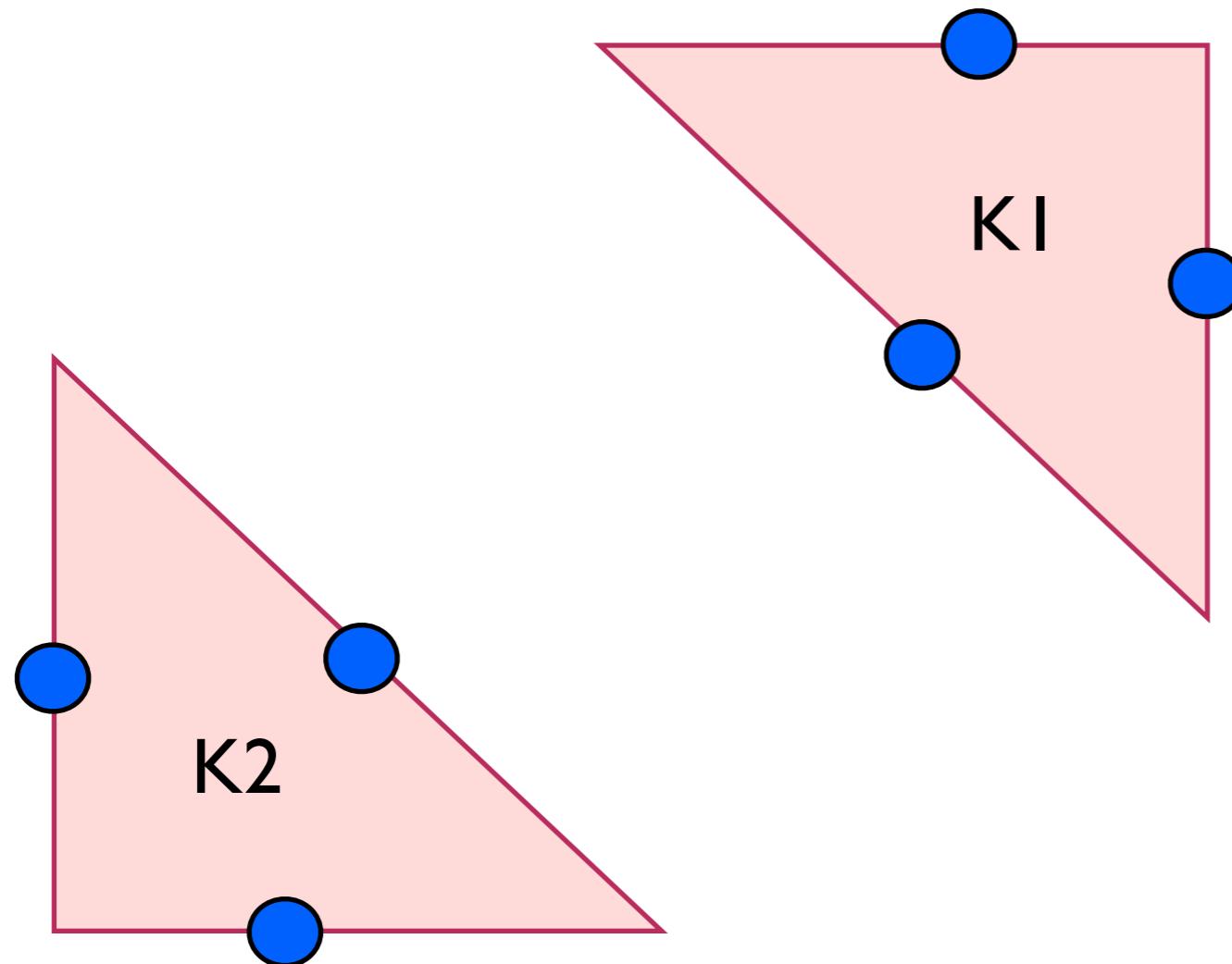
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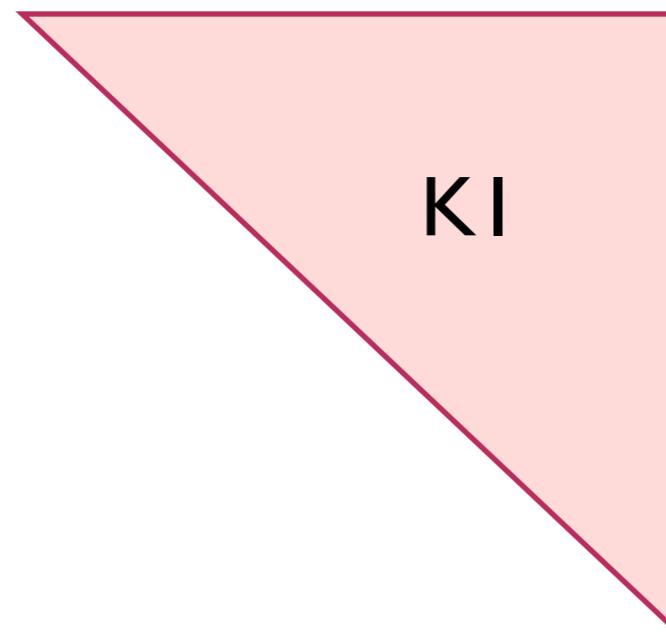


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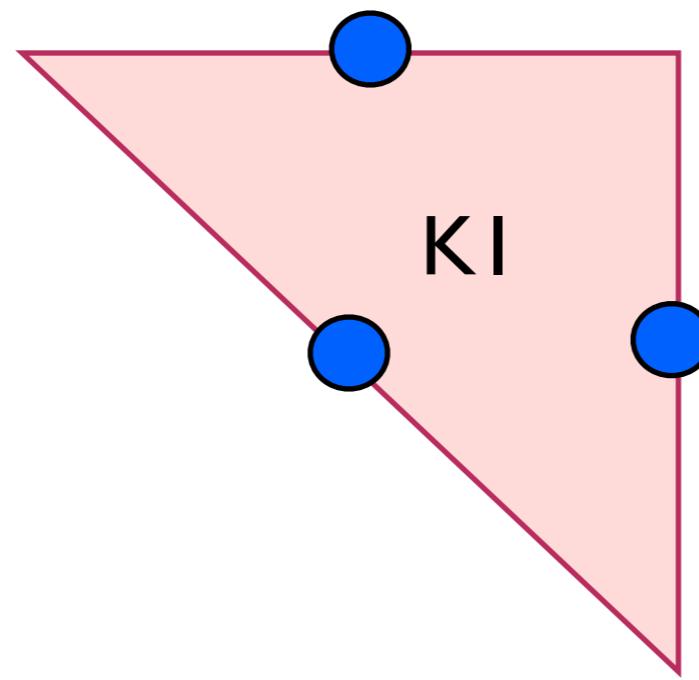


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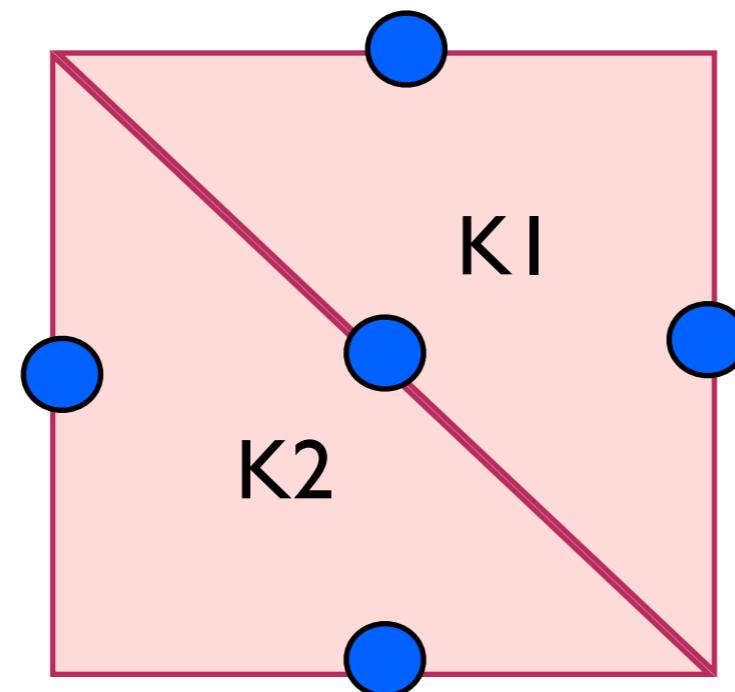
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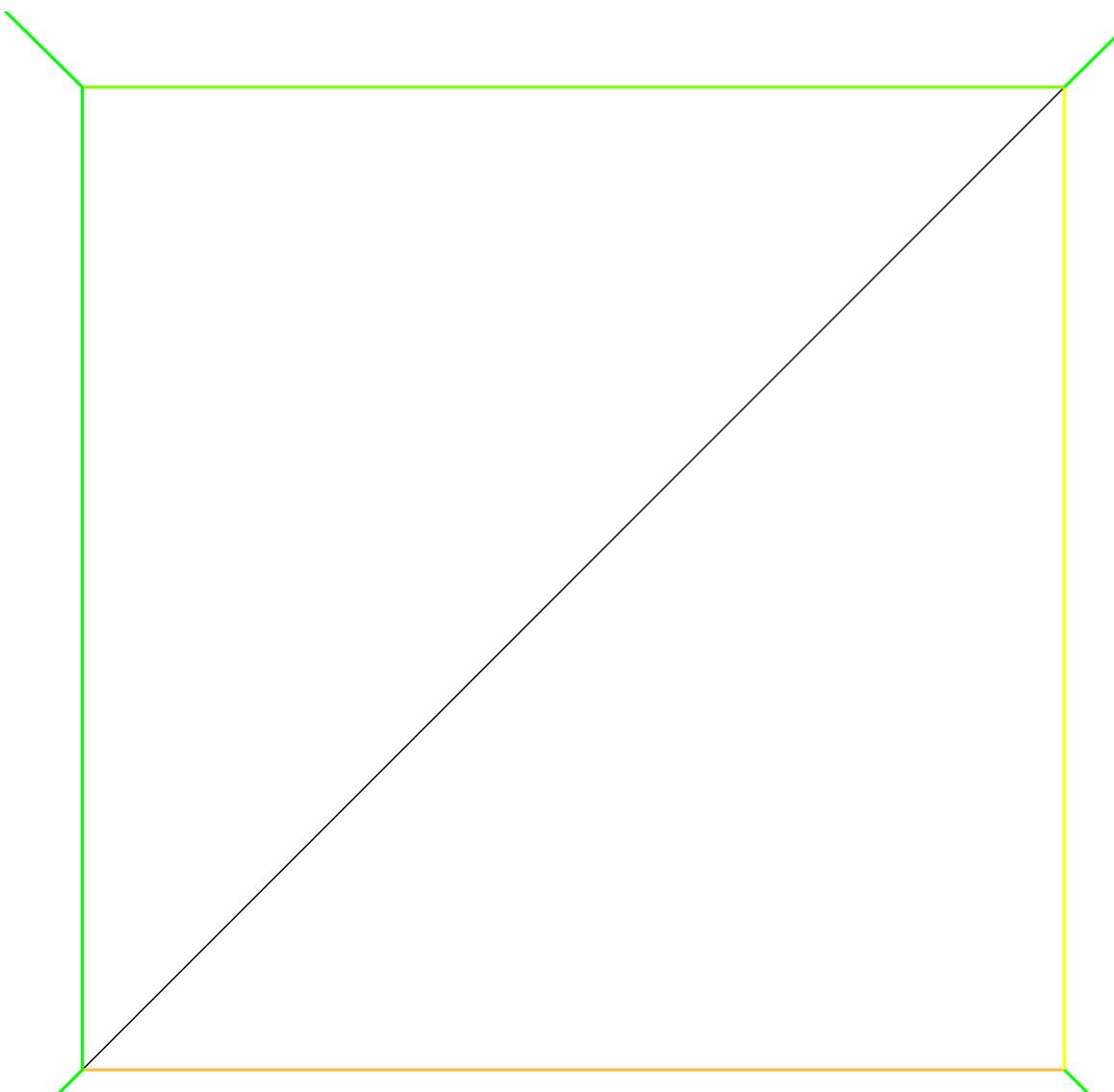


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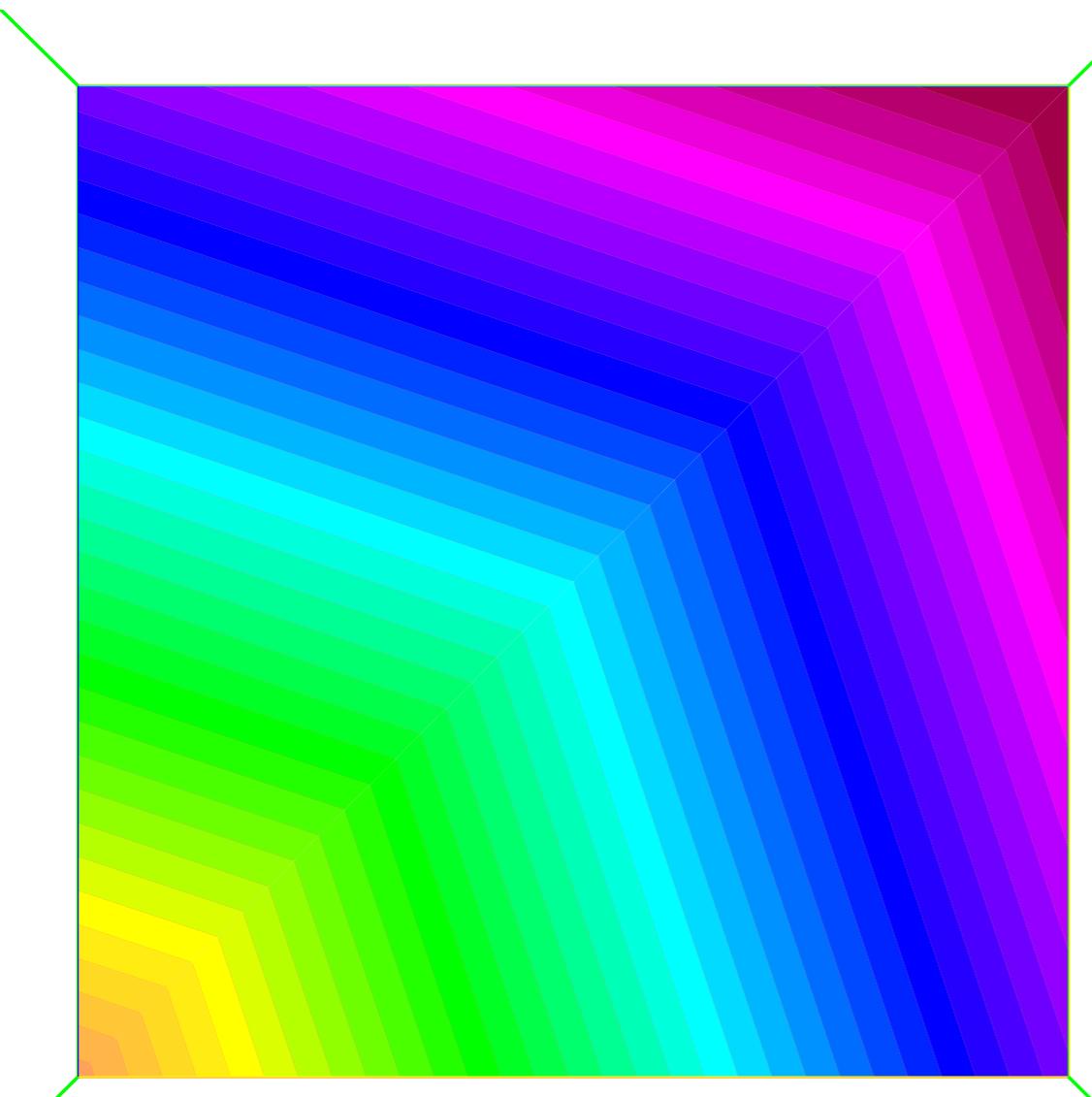
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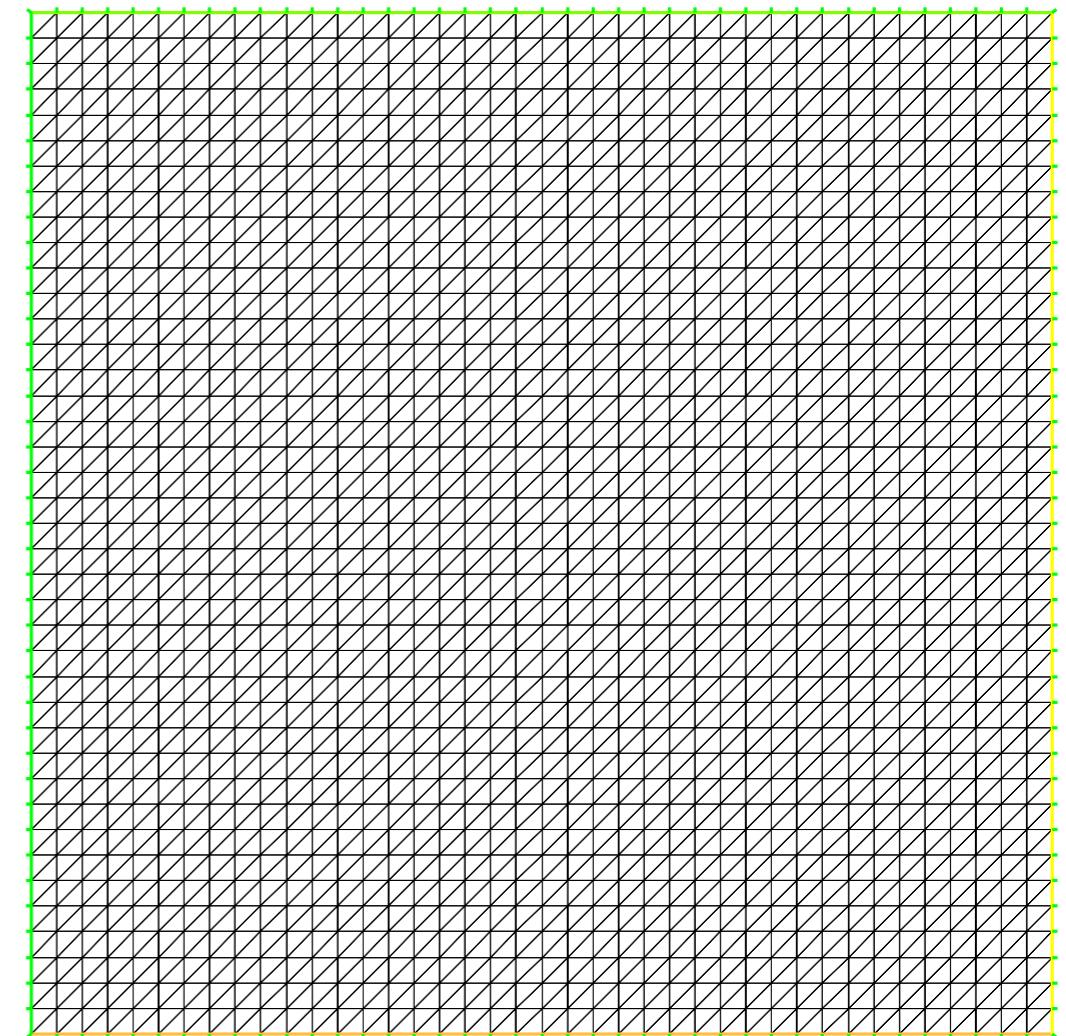
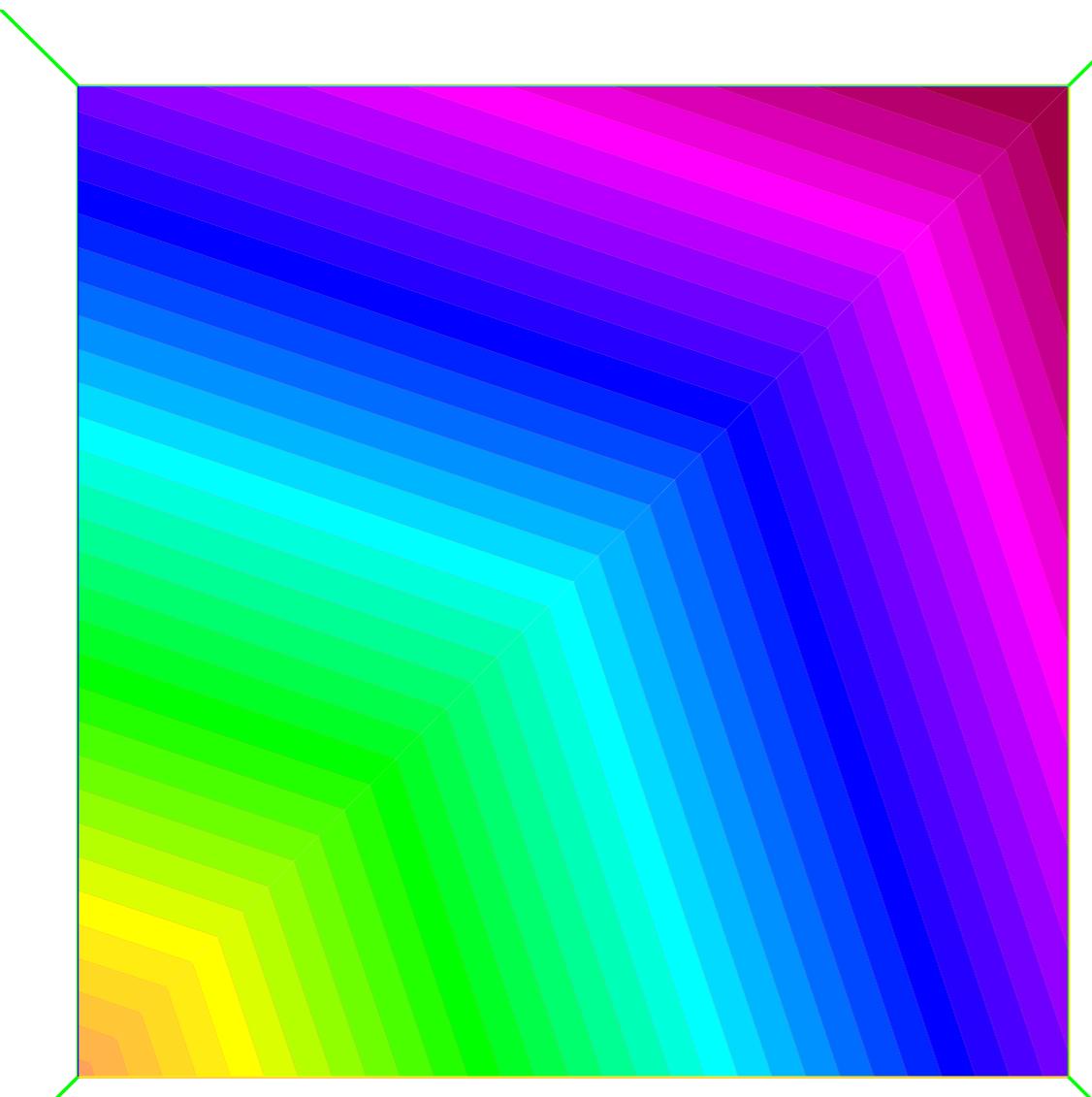
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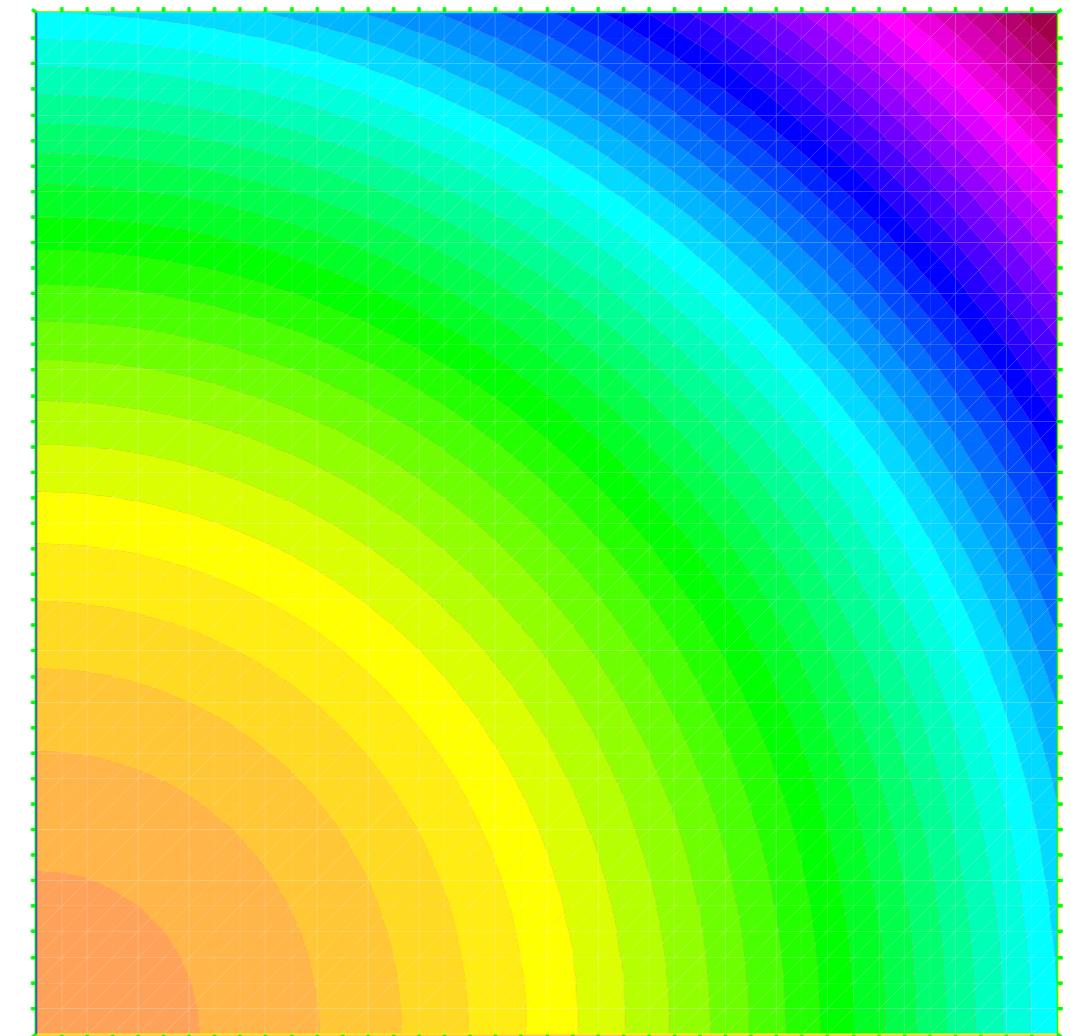
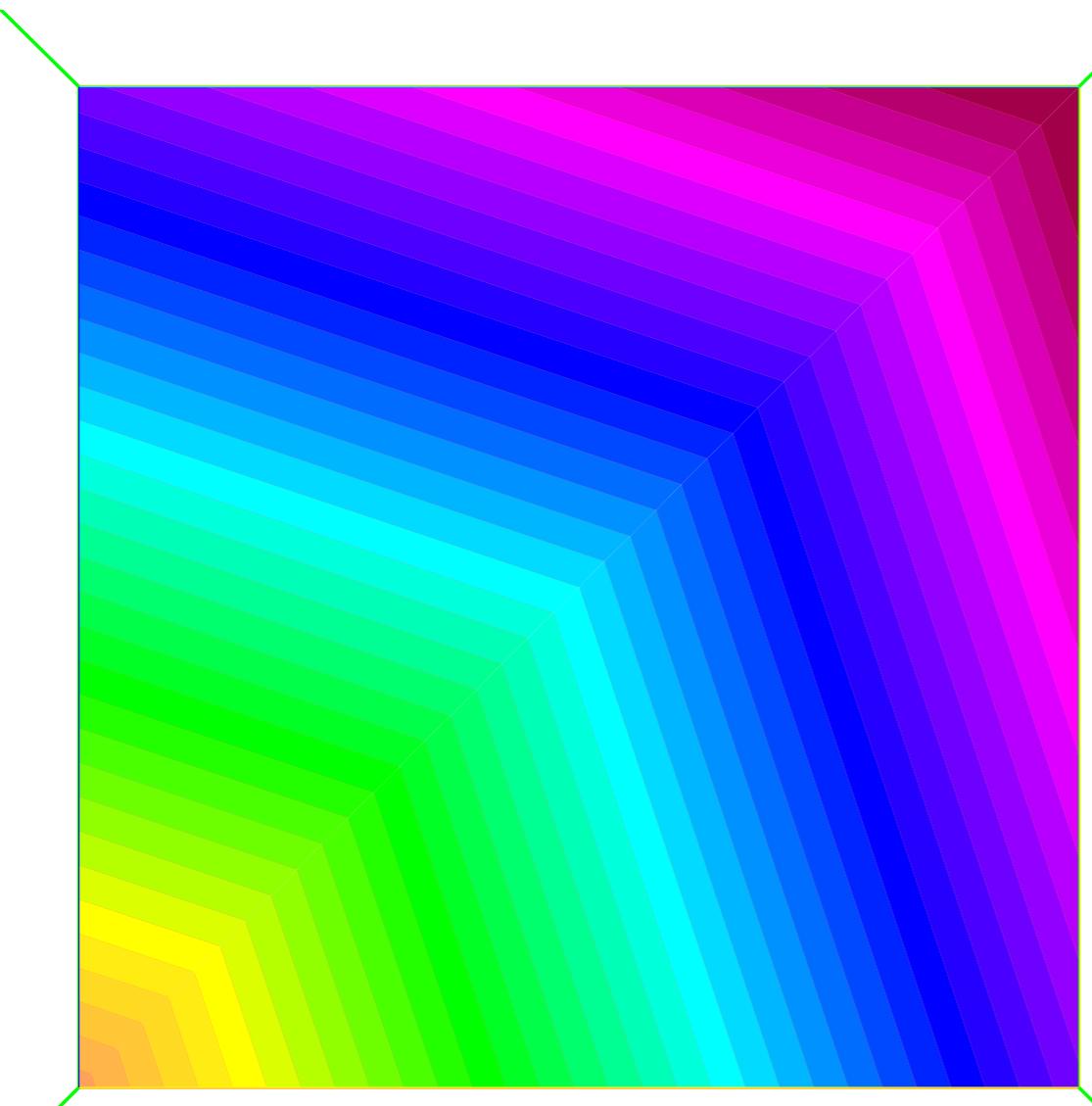
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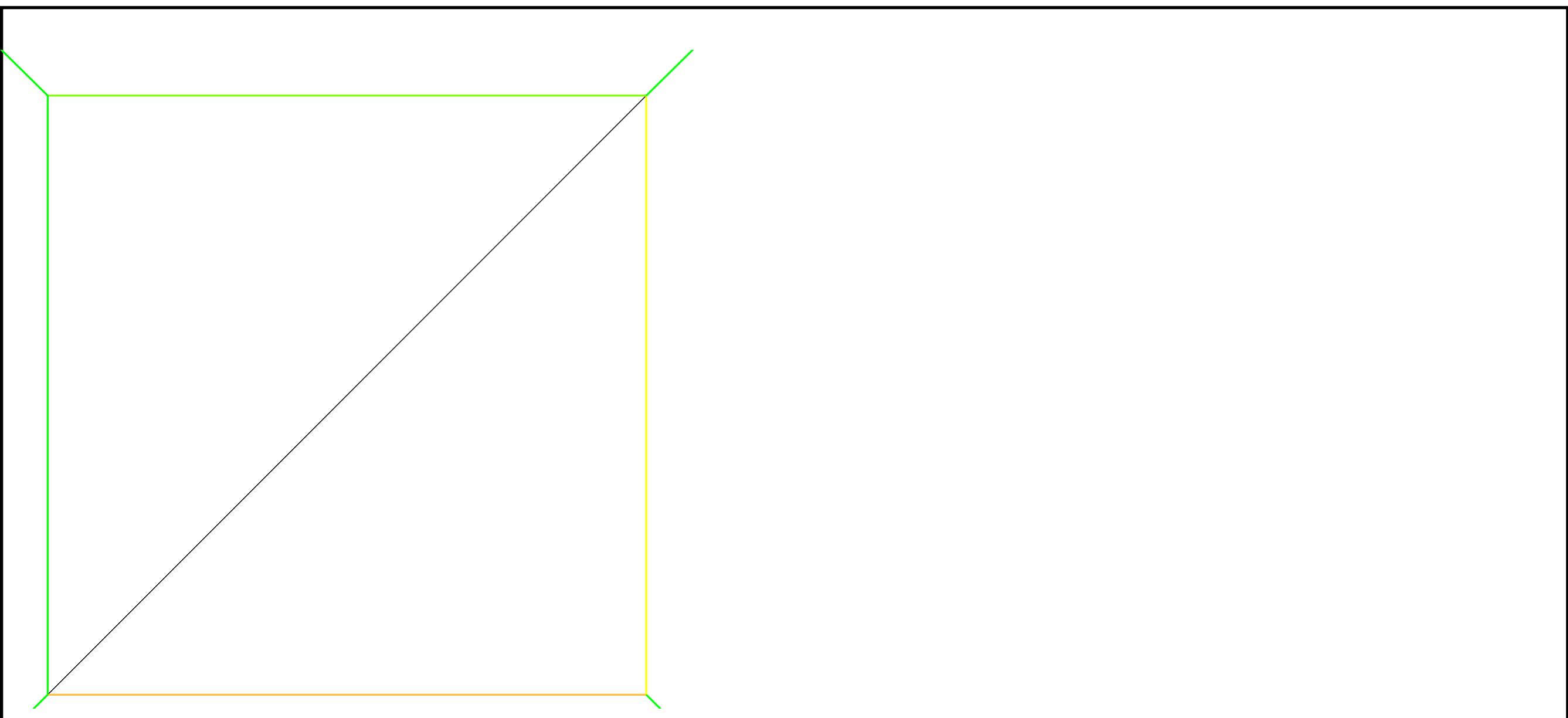
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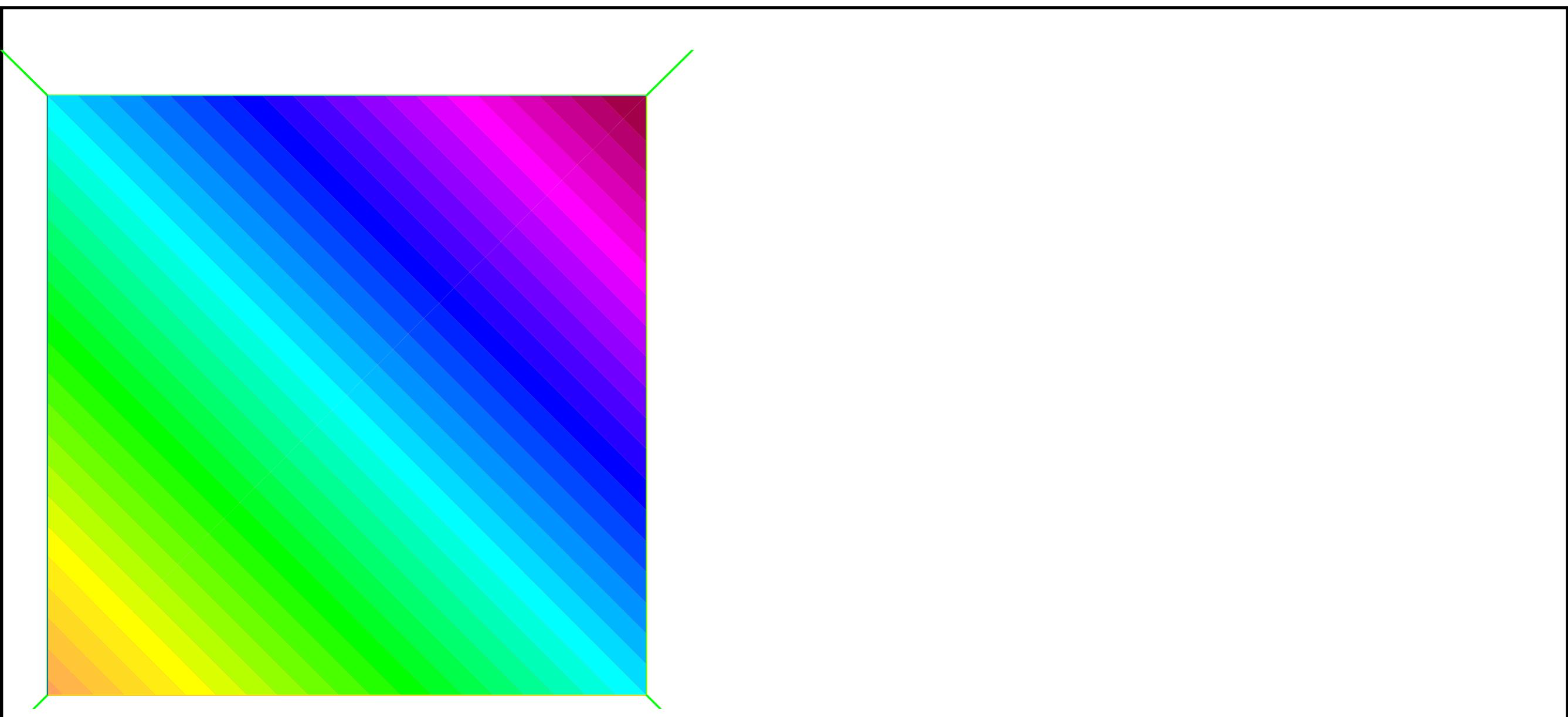


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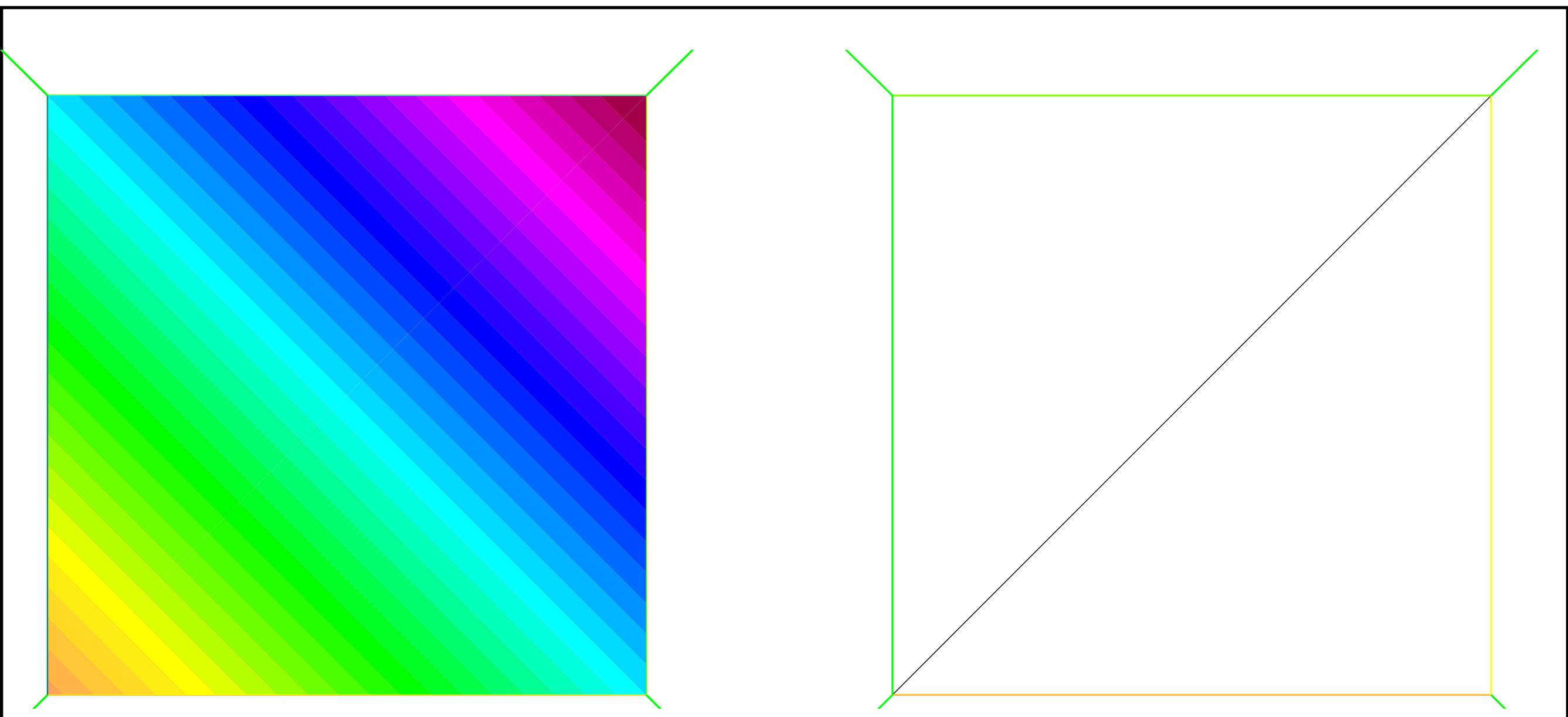
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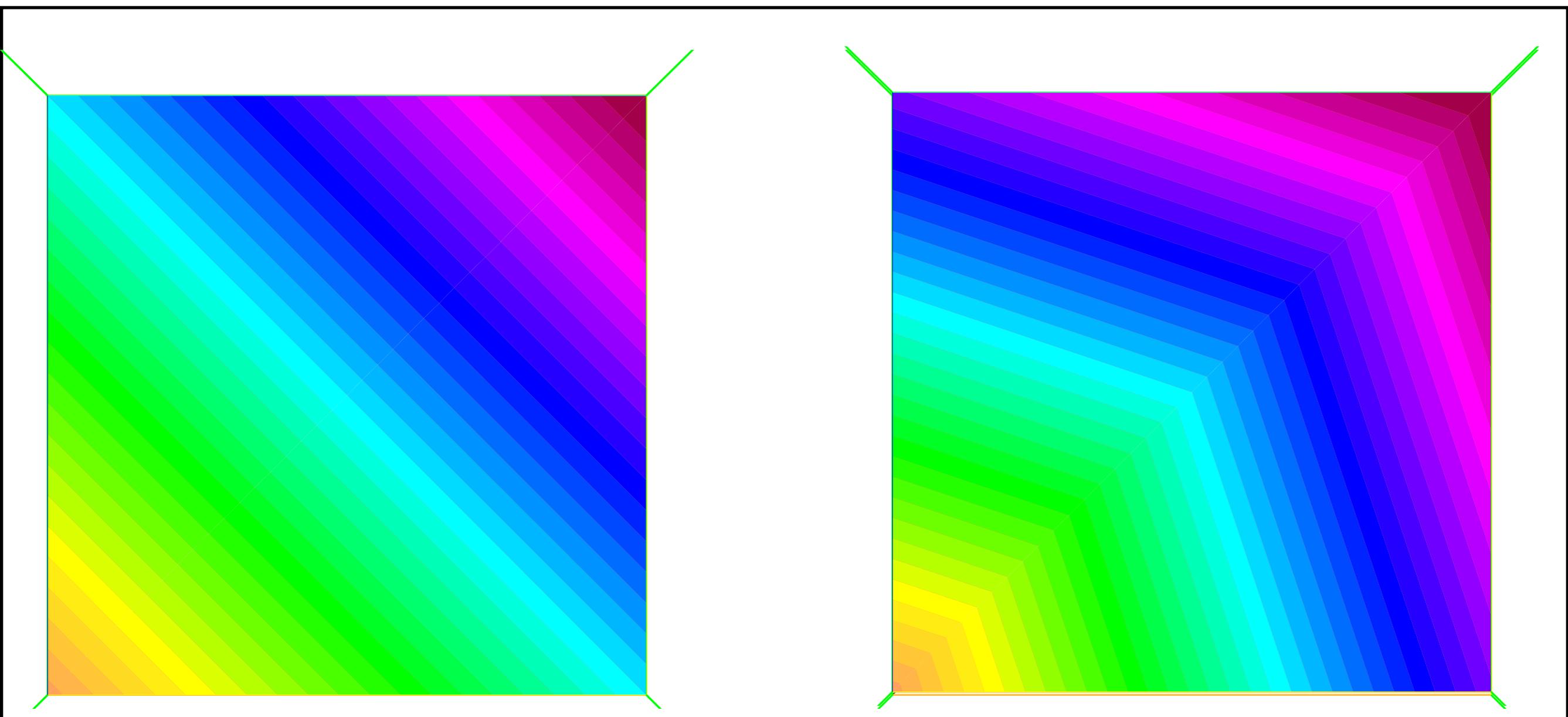
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# Linear nonconforming elements: best approximation

Best approximation.

Let  $h$  be the mesh size of a quasi-regular triangulation. If  $w \in H^2(\Omega)$  then  $\exists c > 0$  so that

$$\|I_N(u) - u\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \leq ch^m \|u\|_{H^m}, \quad m = 1, 2.$$

[Armentano and Durán, 2004]

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Is  $\lambda_{N,n} \leq \lambda$ ?

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Theorem for linear non-conforming elements.

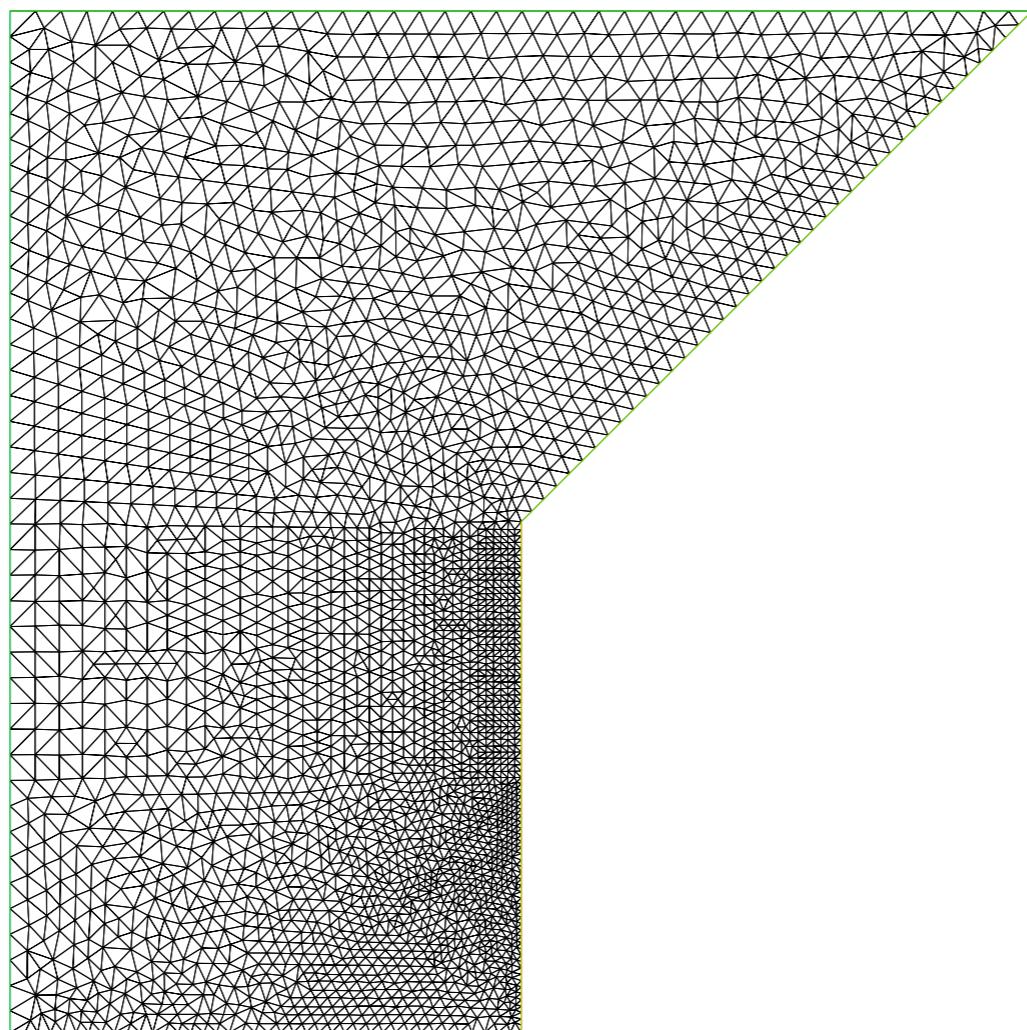
If  $(u, \lambda) \in B_2^{1+r, \infty}(\Omega) \times \mathbb{R}$  and if  $\exists c > 0$  so that  $\|u_N - u\|_h \geq ch^r$  for  $r < 1$  then for  $h > 0$  small enough

$$\lambda_{N,n} \leq \lambda.$$

[Armentano and Durán, 2004]

This is an *asymptotic* result for *singular* Dirichlet eigenfunctions.

## Concrete example: lowest Dirichlet e.v.



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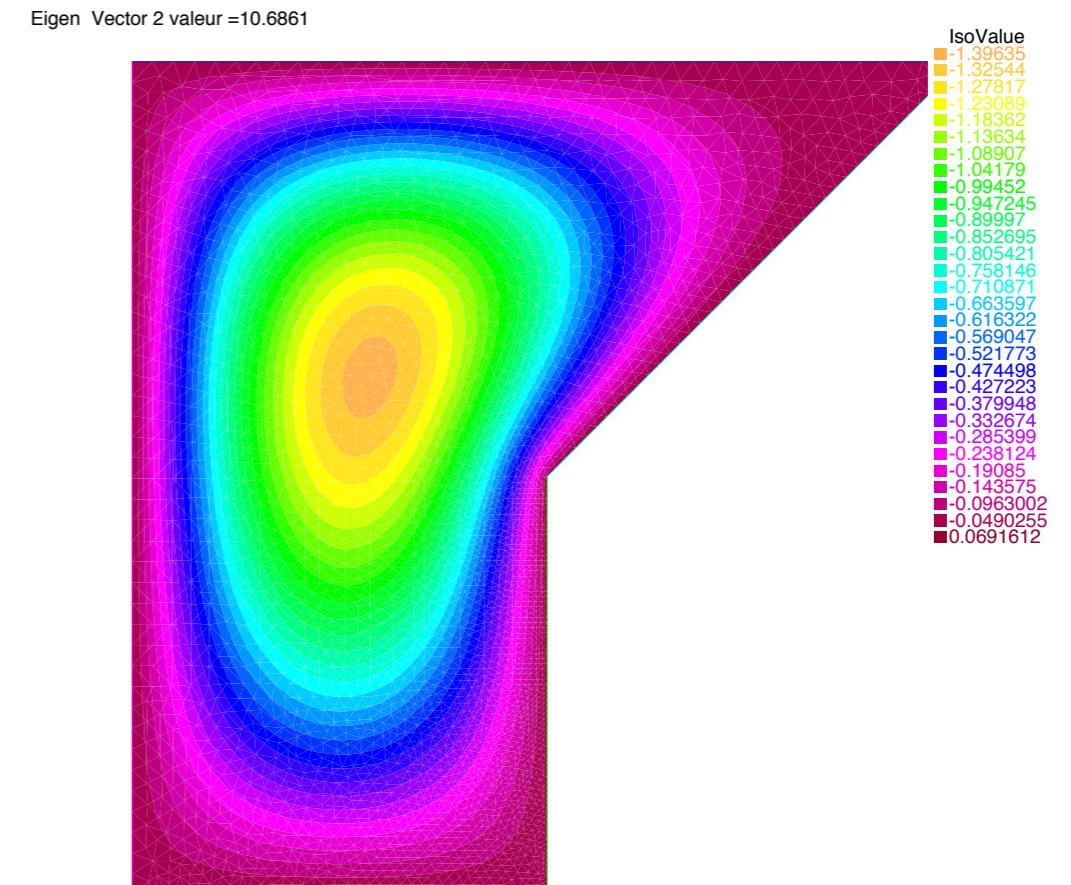
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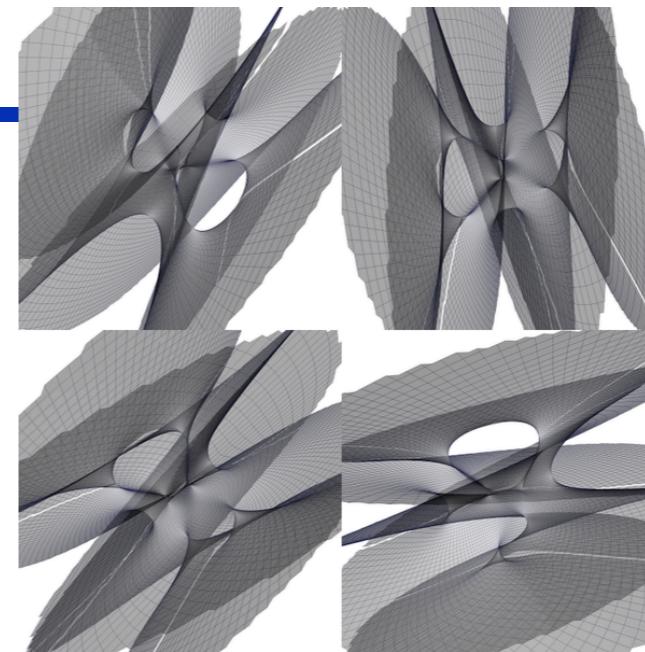
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Jakobson, Levitin, Nadirashvili and Polterovich (preprint '04, JCAM 2006)

- Consider the Bolza surface,  $\gamma = 2$ , orientable.
- Let  $\mathcal{P} := \left\{ (z, w) \in \mathbb{C}^2 : w^2 = F(z) = z \frac{(z-1)(z-i)}{(z+1)(z+i)} \right\}$
- $\mathcal{P}$  has the conformal structure of the Bolza surface.
- Let  $g$  be the pullback of the round metric  $\frac{4dzd\bar{z}}{(1+|z|^2)}$  to  $\mathcal{P}$ .

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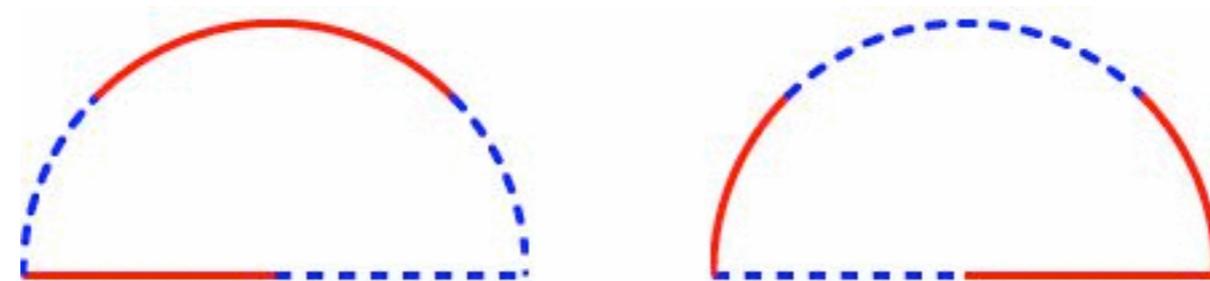
- Let  $\Pi : \mathcal{P} \rightarrow \mathbb{S}^2$  be a branched covering of second degree, with 6 ramification points.
- The metric  $g$  has singularities at these points.
- Define  $\lambda_1 := \inf_{u \in H_0^1(\mathcal{P})} \frac{\|\nabla u\|^2}{\|u\|^2}$
- $\text{Area}(\mathcal{P}, g) = 2 \text{Area}(\mathbb{S}^2) = 8\pi$ .

Show:

$$\lambda_1(\mathcal{P}) = 2$$

Cannot do this directly!

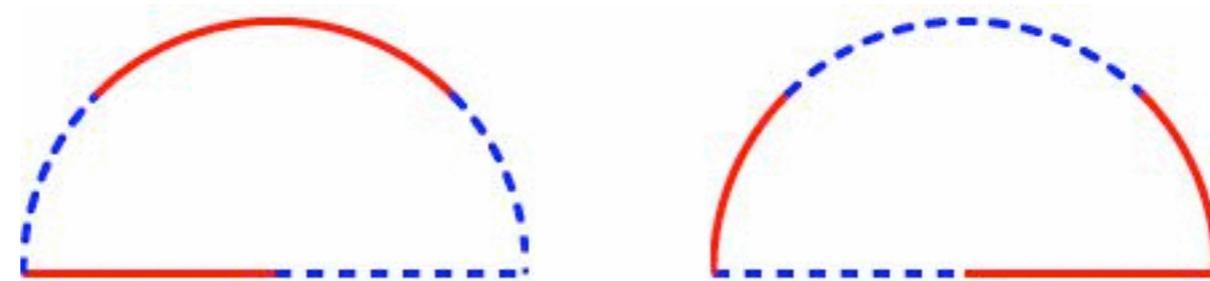
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Conjecture 2

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## Theorem

Conjecture 2 implies Conjecture 1.

Use numerics to assist?

This is still hard...use careful numerical simulation.

Find  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $u \in H_{\partial D}^1(\Omega)$  so

$$-\Delta u = \lambda \frac{4}{(1+r^2)^2} u \text{ in } \Omega,$$

with mixed Dirichlet-Neumann data.

Generalized eigenvalue problem:  $\lambda_N \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $u_N \in V_N$

$$\int_{\Omega} \nabla u_N \cdot v_N \, dV = \lambda_N 4 \int_{\Omega} \frac{u_N v_N}{(1+r^2)^2} \, dV$$

- True solution is not available.
- Need to conclude, after a fixed number of refinements that  $\lambda_N > 2 \Rightarrow \lambda > 2$ .

# Numerical results

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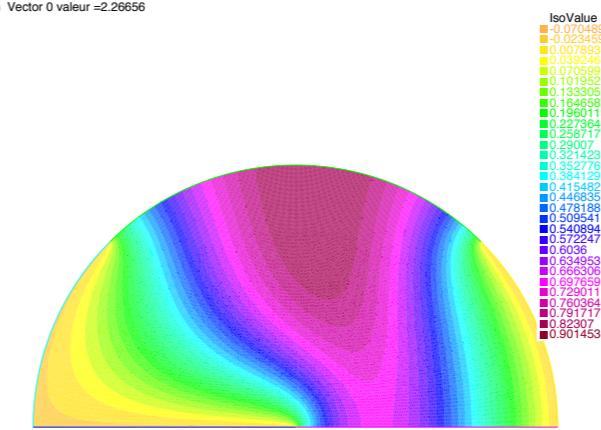
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2.34502	-7.59321e-16	965
2.31024	-1.20319e-14	3733
2.29249	-2.32825e-13	14880
2.28383	-1.76215e-12	58563



P1 non-conforming elements

$\lambda_{nc,h}$	$Err$	$N$
2.14419	-1.46411e-15	696
2.20874	8.27631e-15	2772
2.24127	-1.16138e-13	10956
2.25803	-1.02808e-12	44157
2.26656	-1.58561e-11	174726



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Conclude  $\lambda > 2$ ?

Numerical evidence. [Jakobson, Levitin, Nadirishvili, NN, Polterovich '05.]

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## Closer to a proof.

- Theorem

Let  $h > 0$  be sufficiently small. Then the discrete eigenvalues using non-conforming linear FEM approximate  $\lambda$  from below.

- Derivatives of eigenfunction are singular. Eg, near origin,

$$w_{j,n}(r, \theta) = r^b (1+r^2)^{\frac{1-\sqrt{1+\lambda}}{2}} {}_2F_1(\tilde{\alpha}, \tilde{\alpha}+1; 1+b; -r^2) \sin\left(\frac{j\pi}{2\alpha}\theta\right)$$

- Discrete eigenvalues using non-conforming Crouziex-Raviart elements approximate the true eigenvalue from below.

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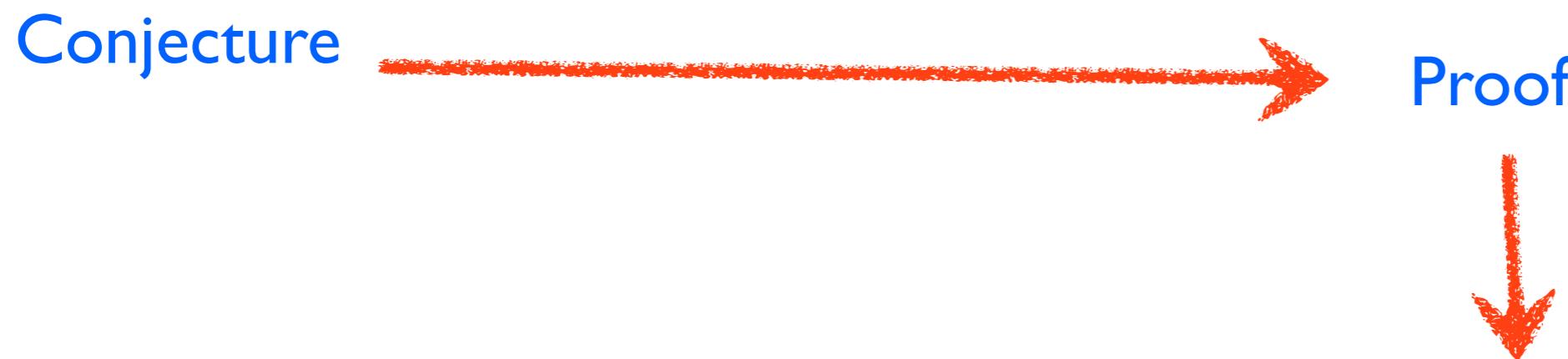
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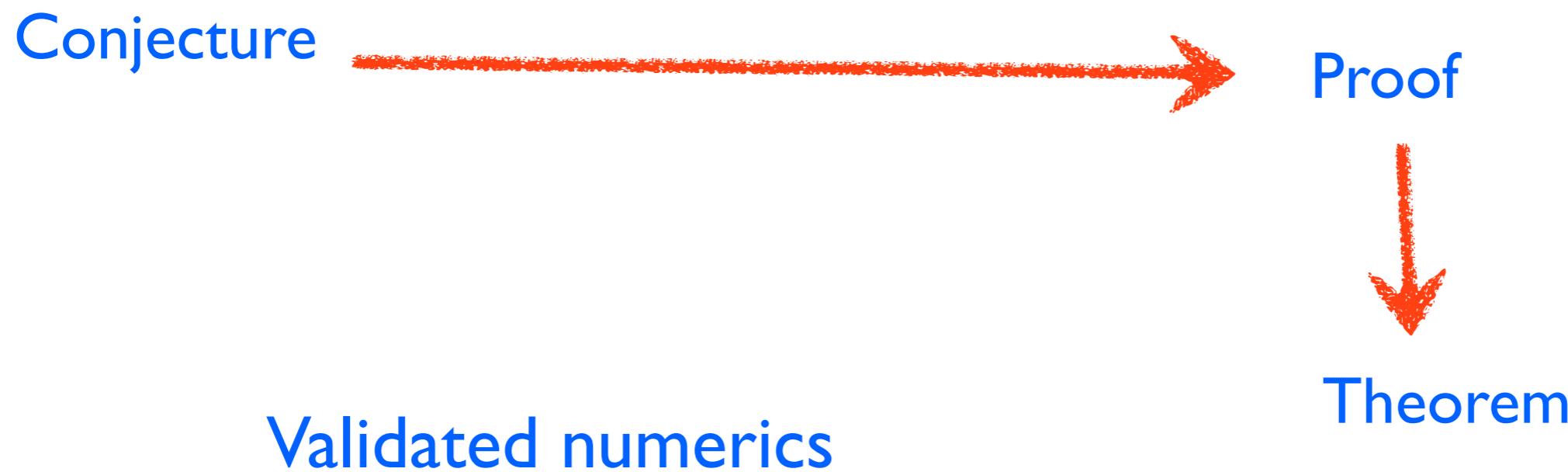
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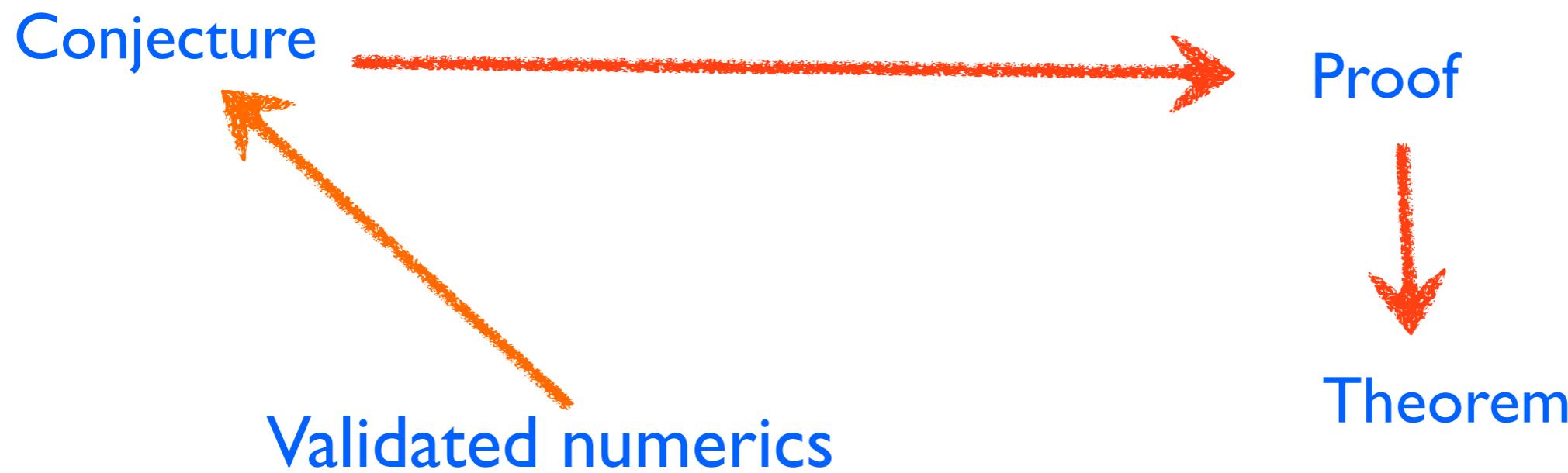
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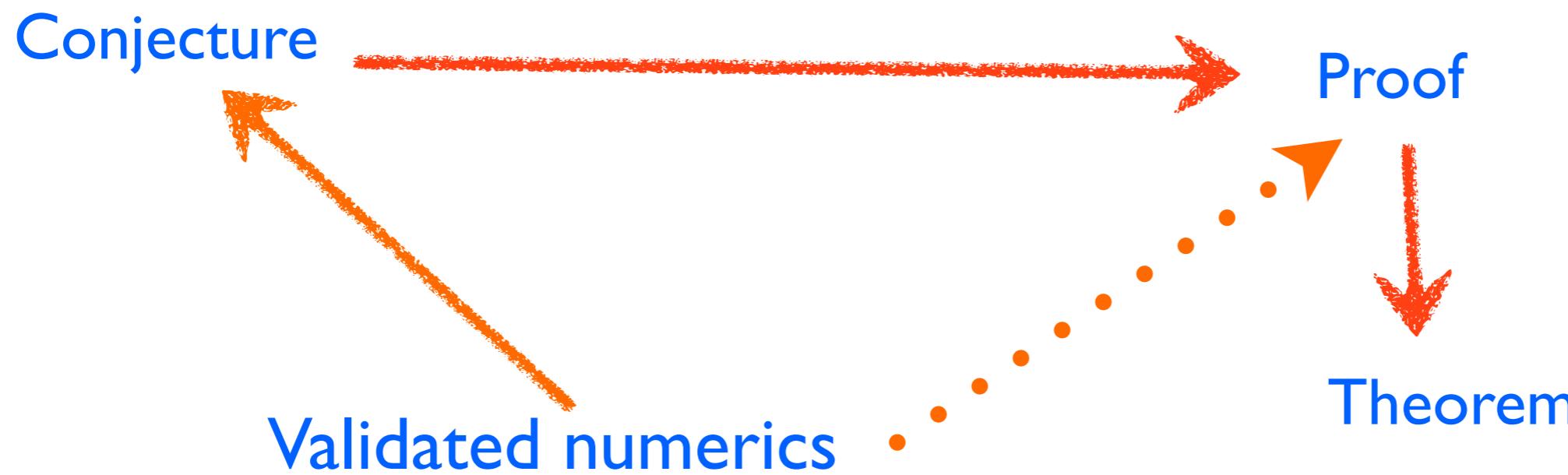
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# Cross check

- Fix the mesh
- Let  $(\lambda_{N,n}, u_{N,n})$  be a non-conforming approximation
- interpolate  $u_{N,n}$  by *conforming* elements on same mesh
- Check residual

$$Err_{n \rightarrow c} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla \mathcal{I}_{n \rightarrow c} u_{N,n}|^2 - \lambda_{N,n} \frac{4}{(1+r^2)^2} \|\mathcal{I}_{n \rightarrow c} u_{N,n}\|^2 dA$$

## Cross-checking residuals

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