

Calculus of variations under convexity-like constraints

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numerical applications in 1D

[Blanchet, Calvez, Carillo '08]

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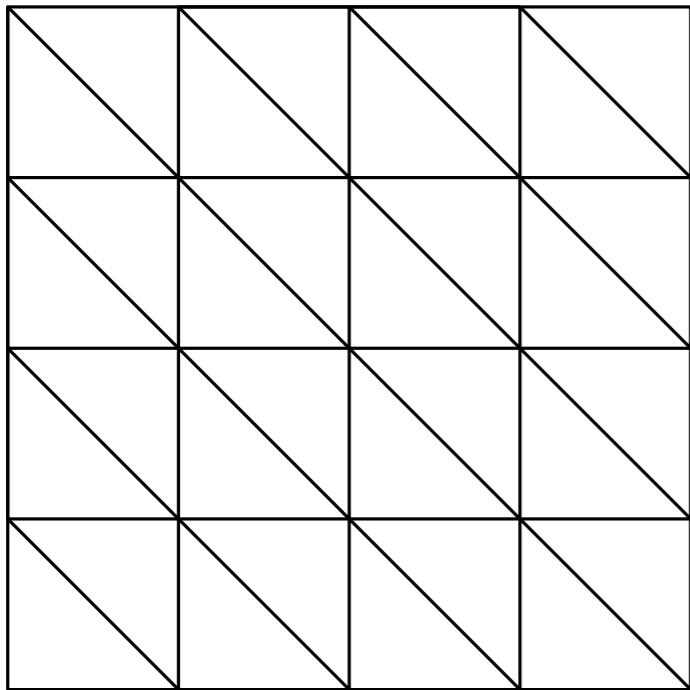
Geometric problems: e.g. Meissner conjecture

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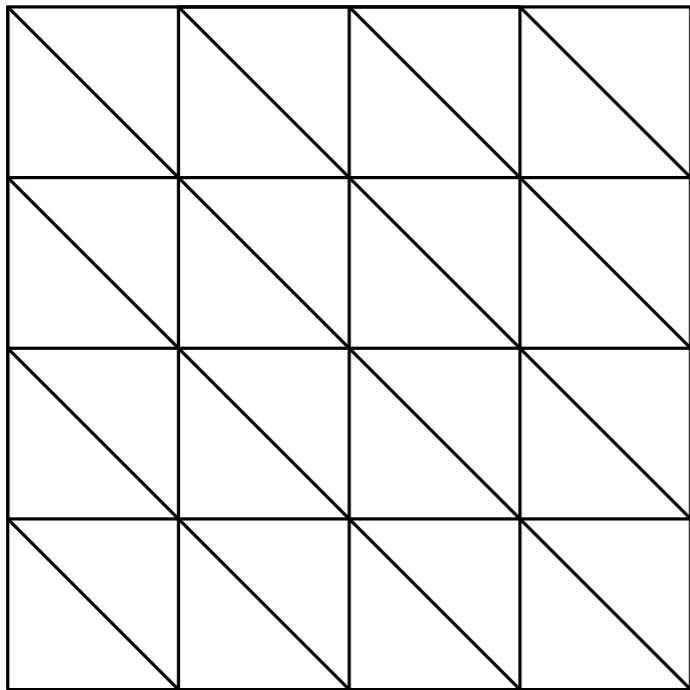
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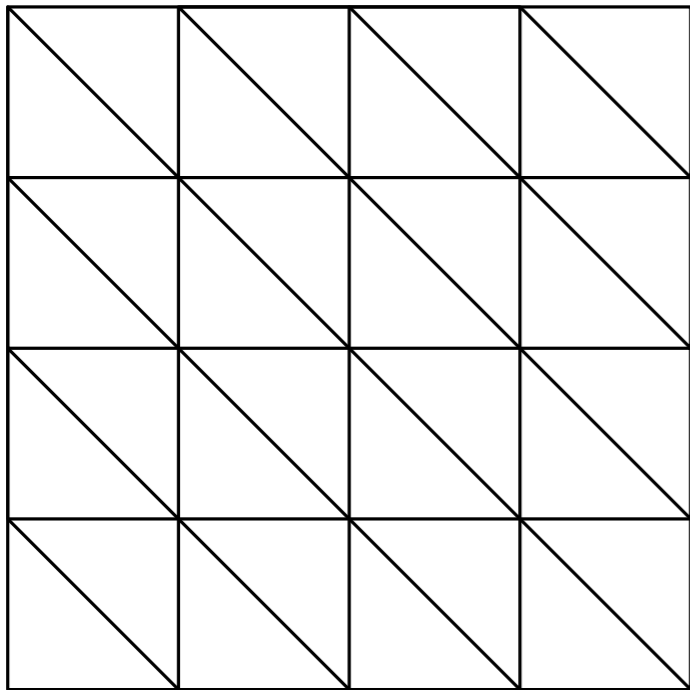
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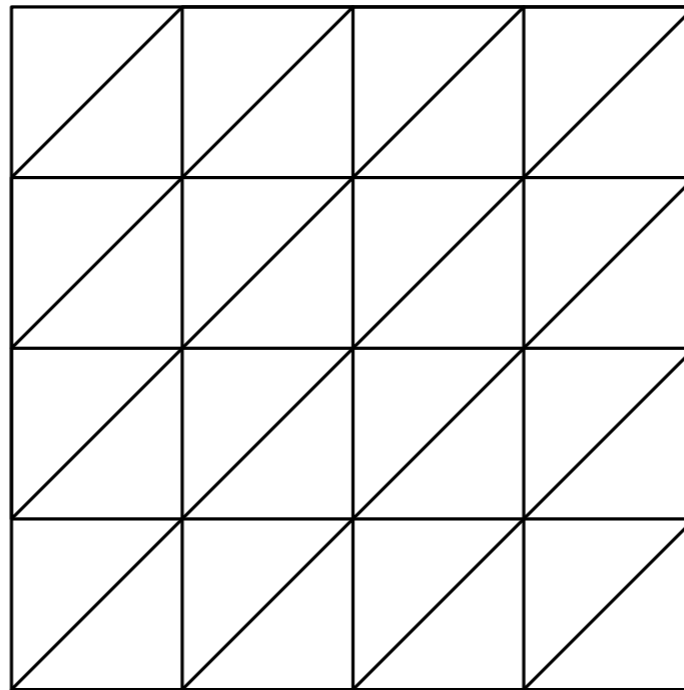
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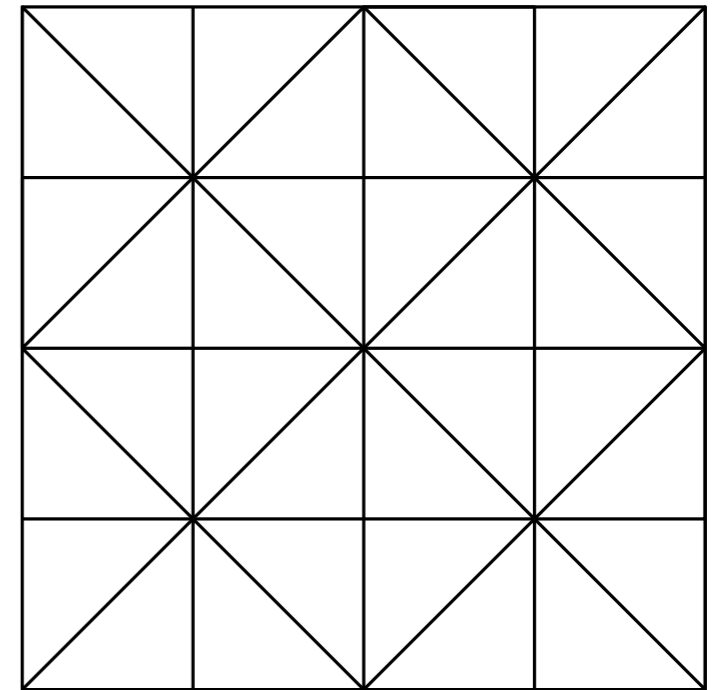
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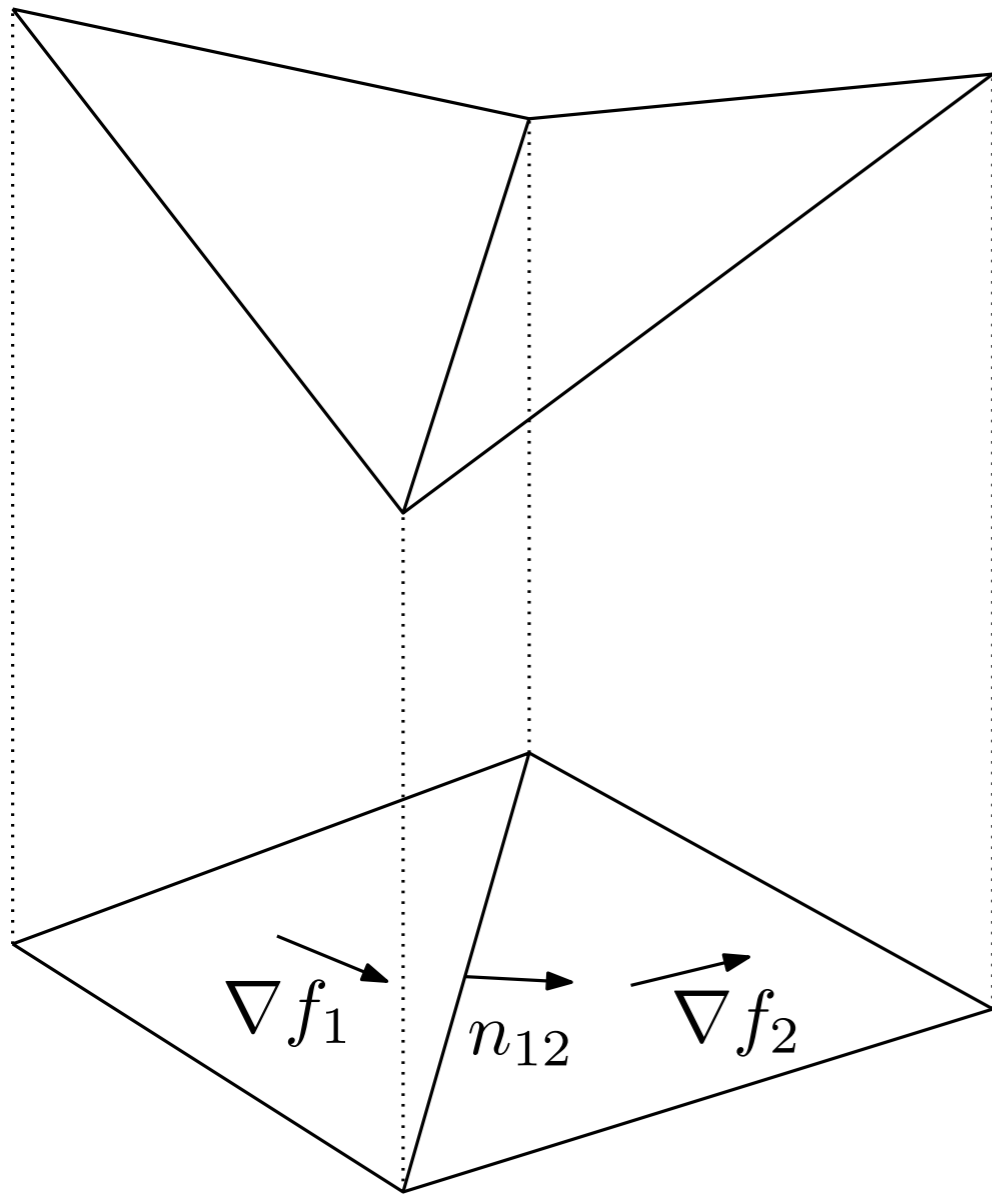
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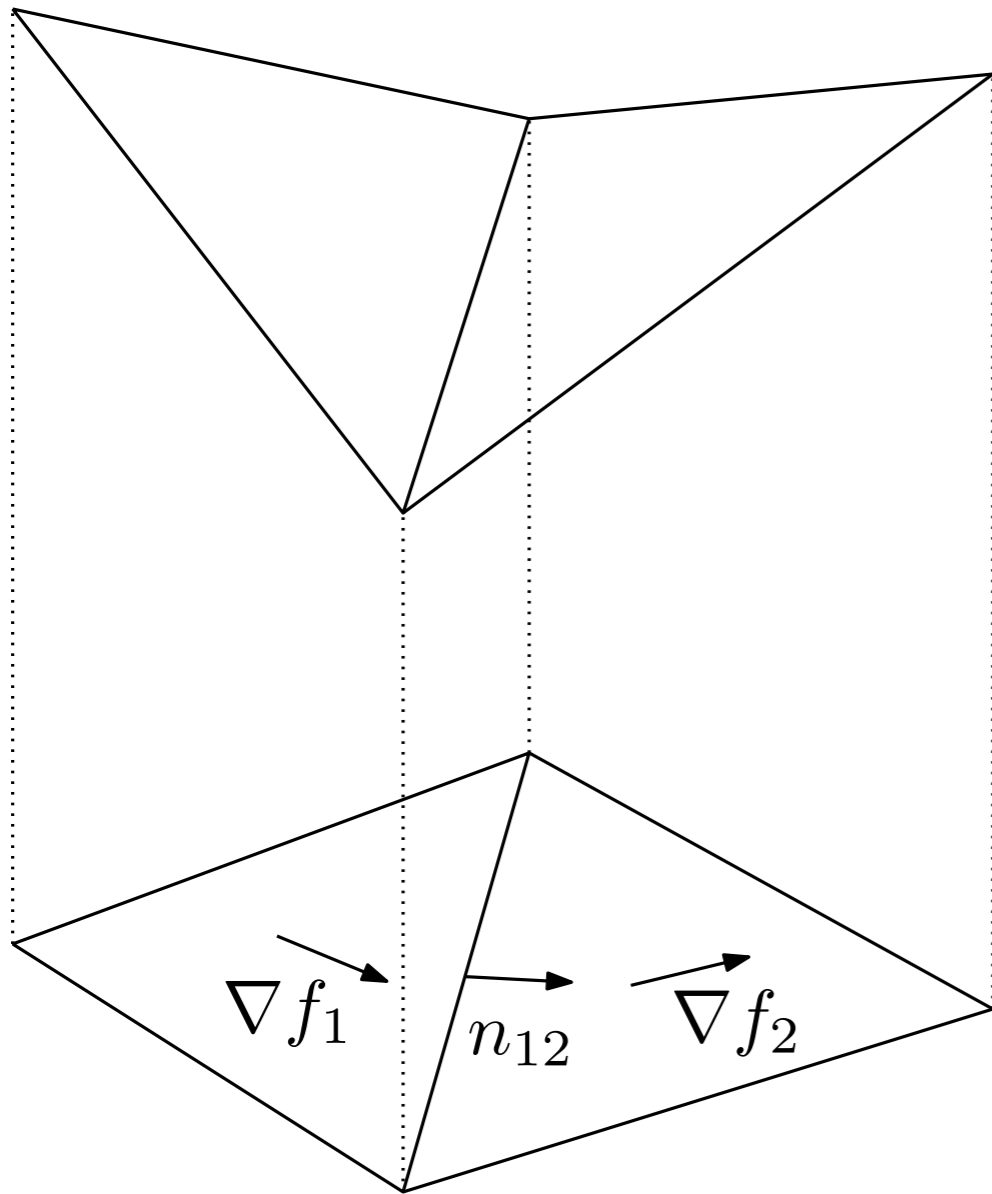


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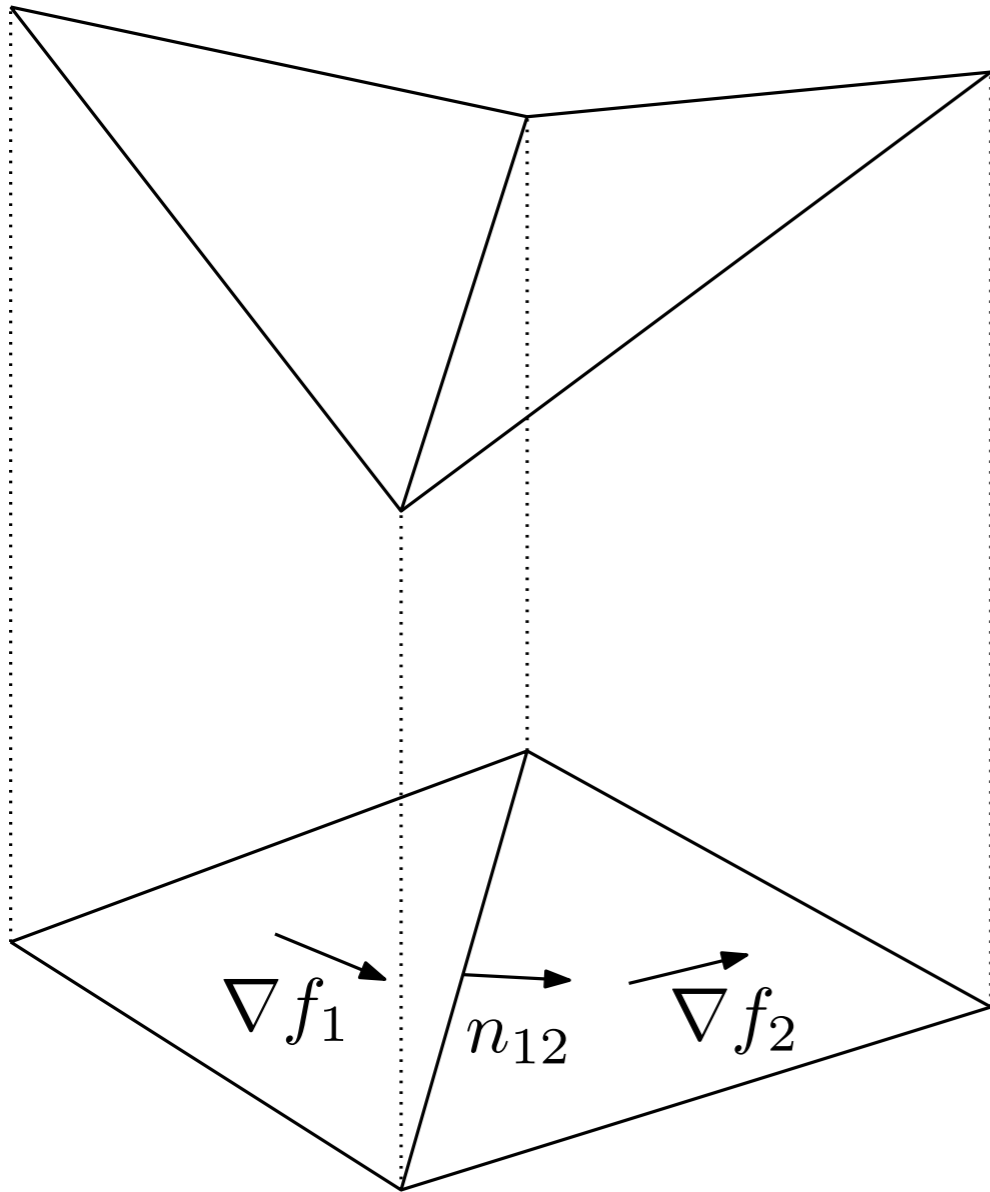
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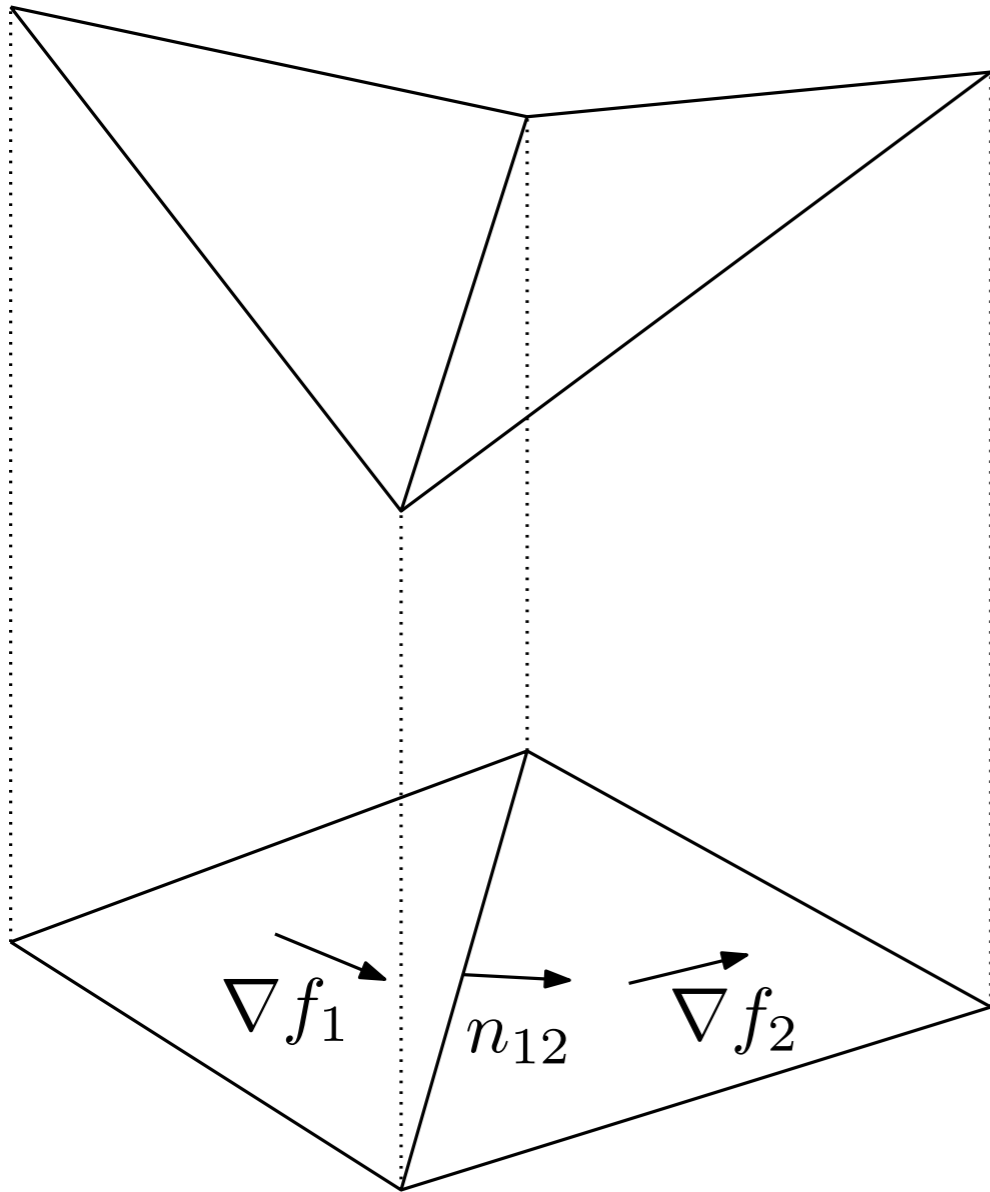
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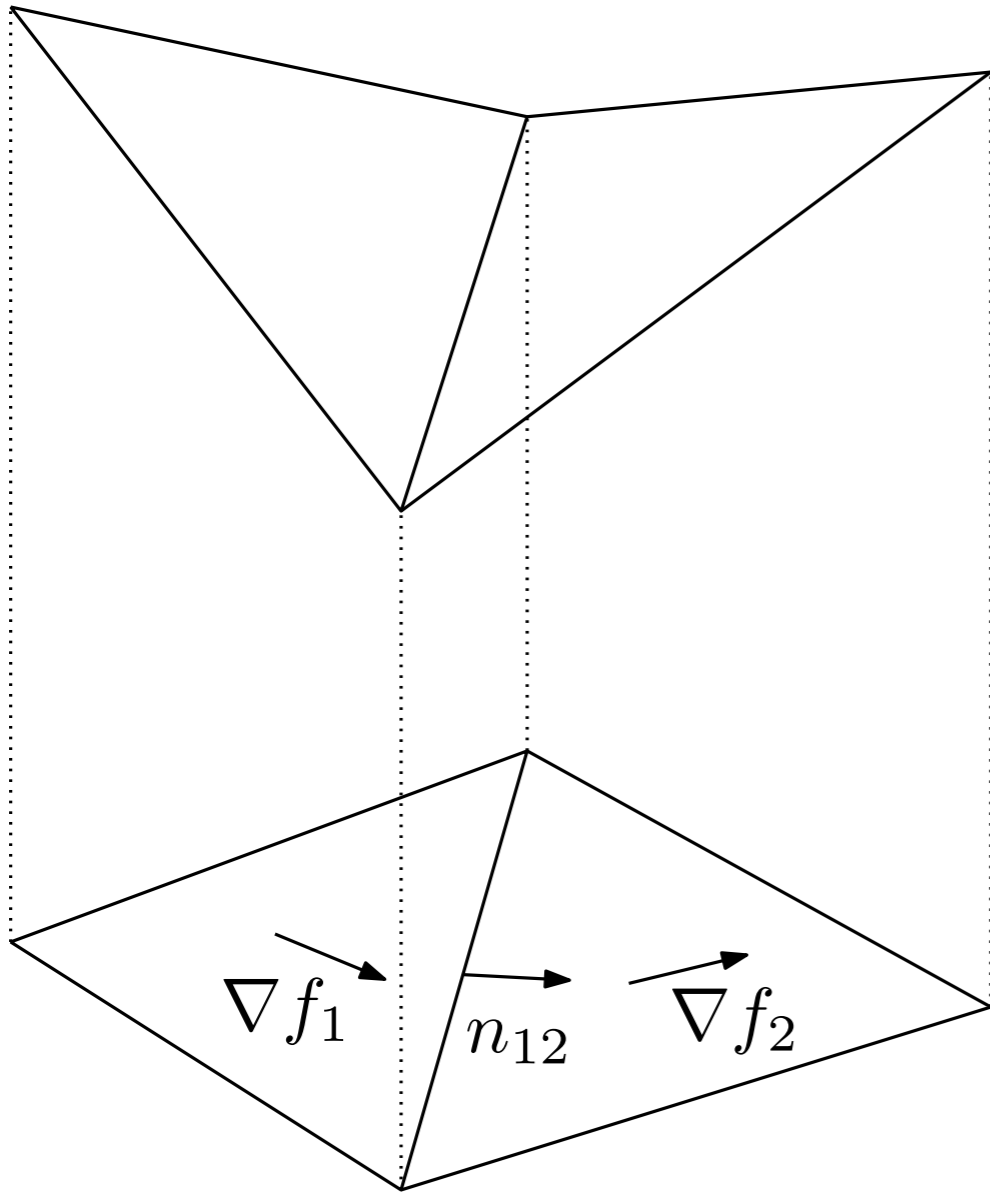
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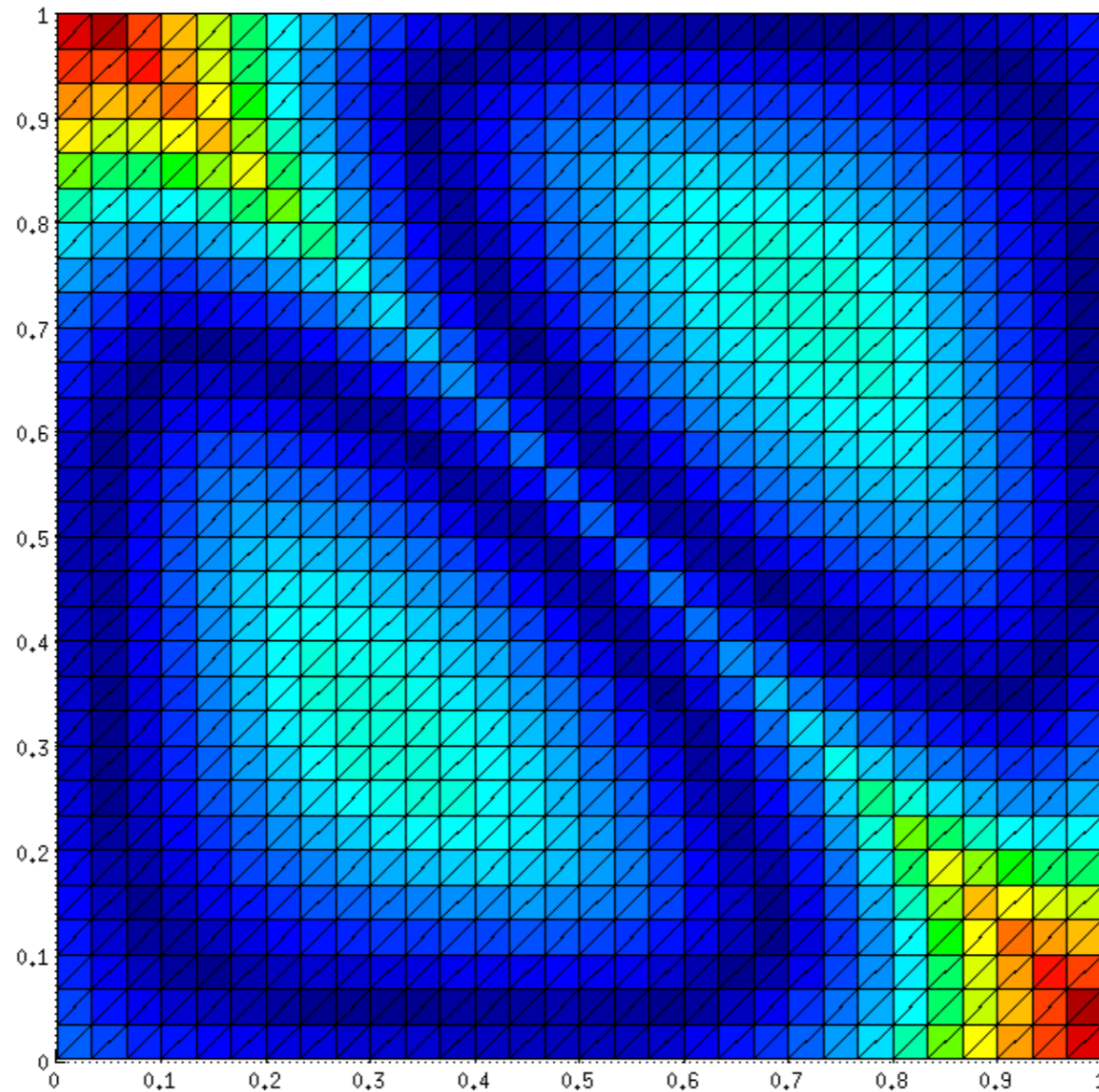
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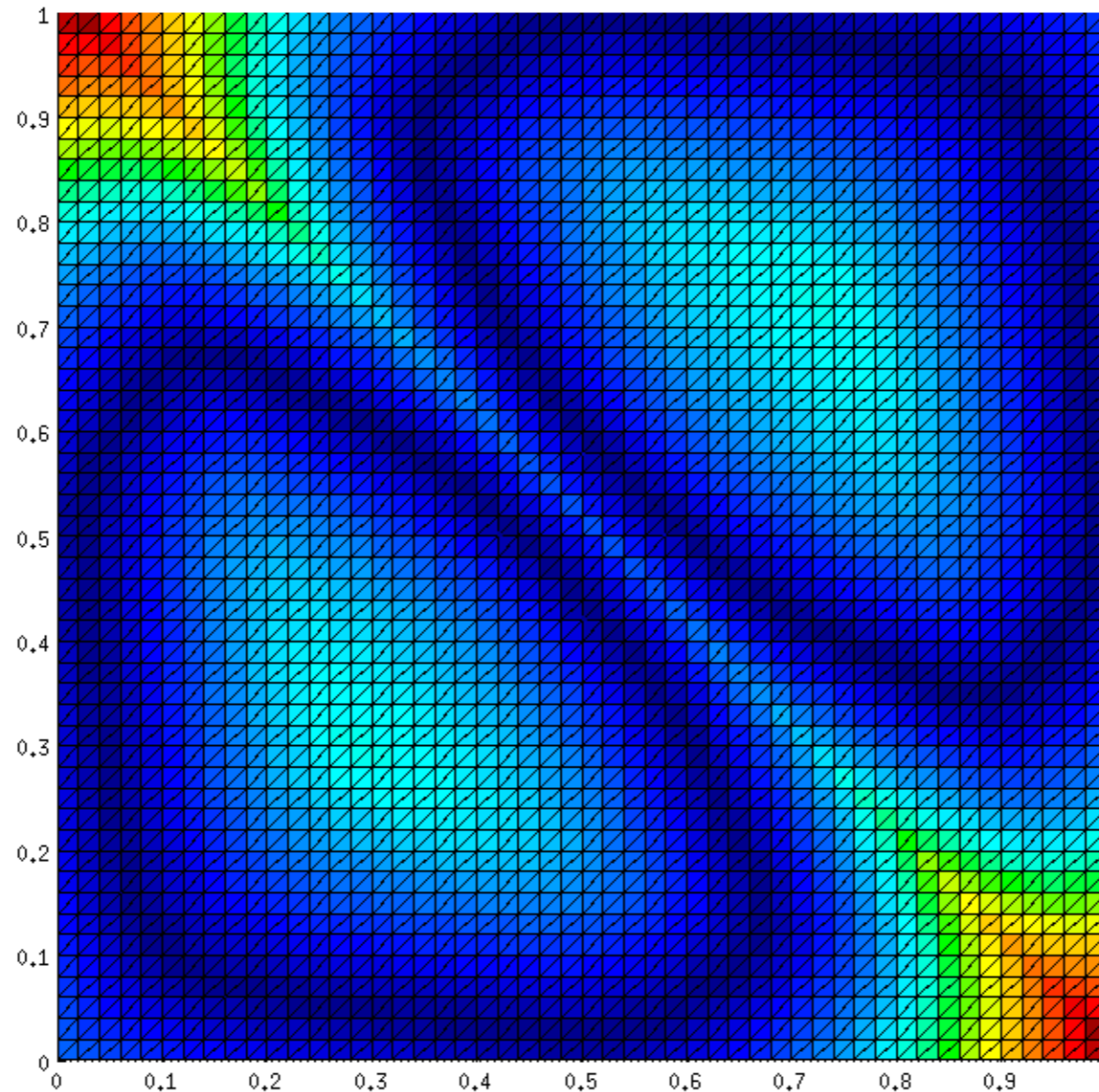
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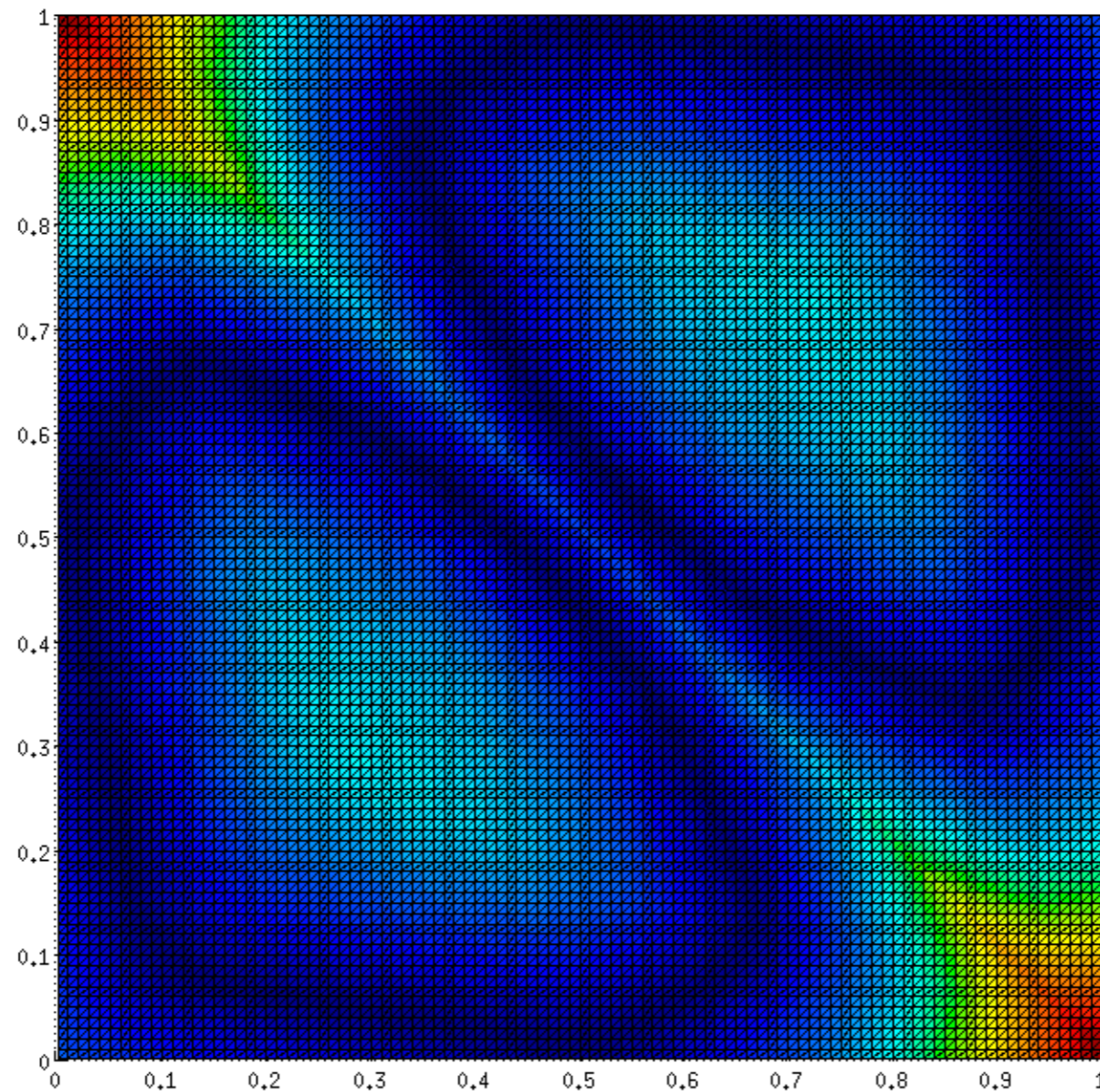
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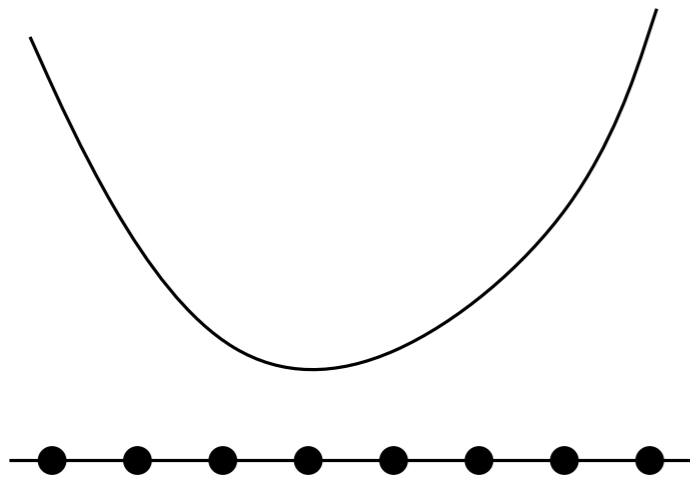
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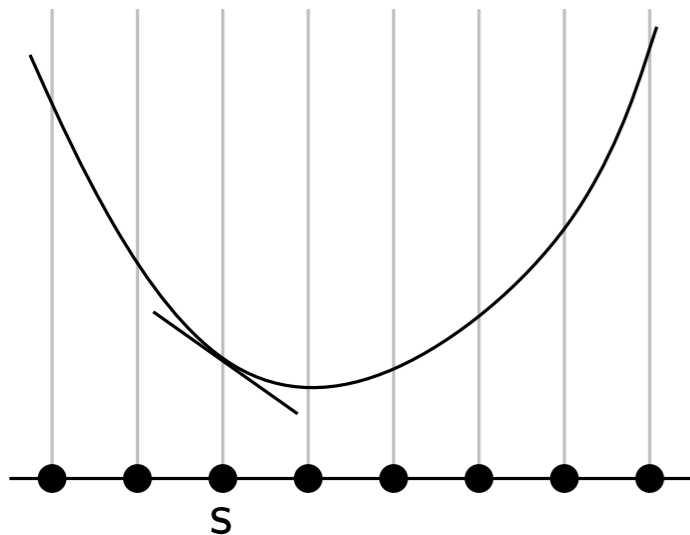


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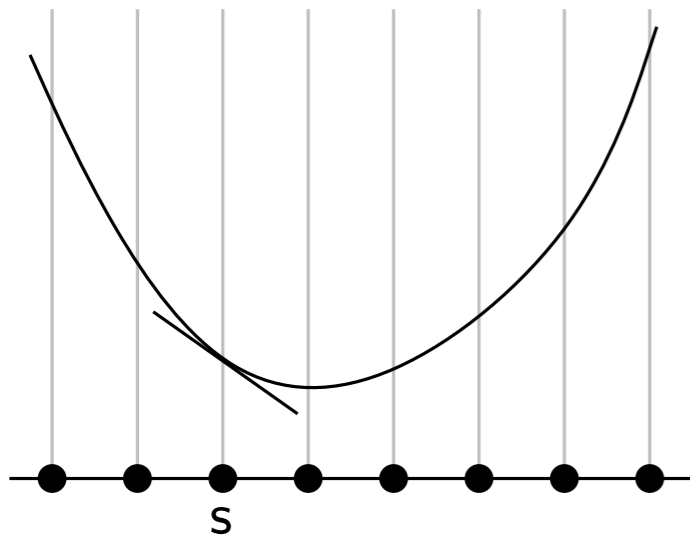
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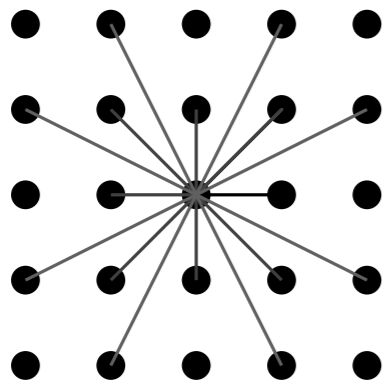
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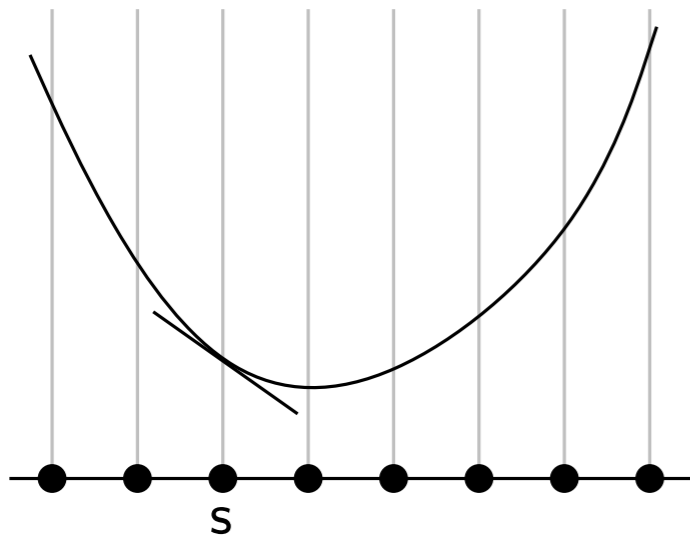
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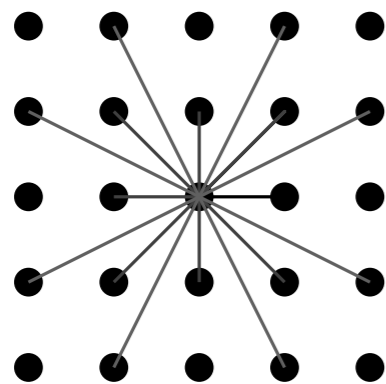
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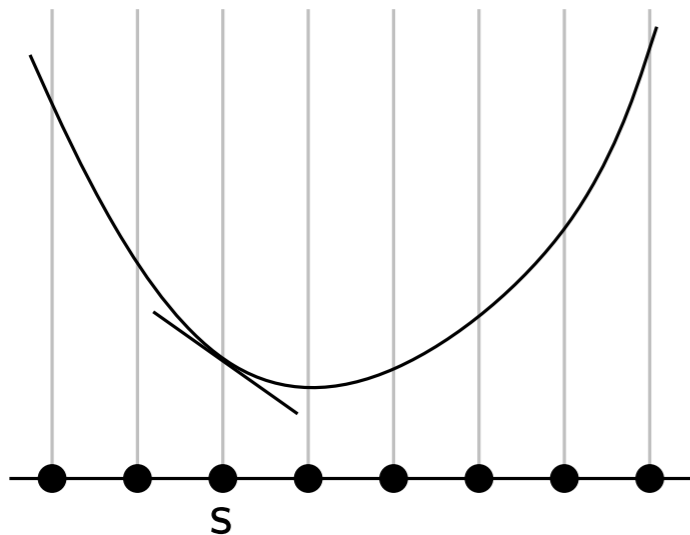
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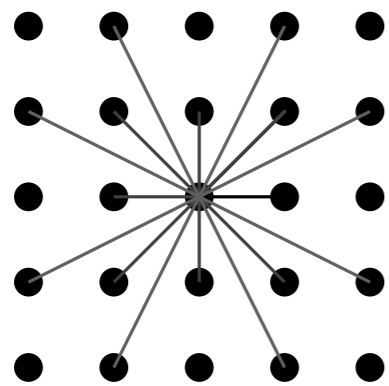
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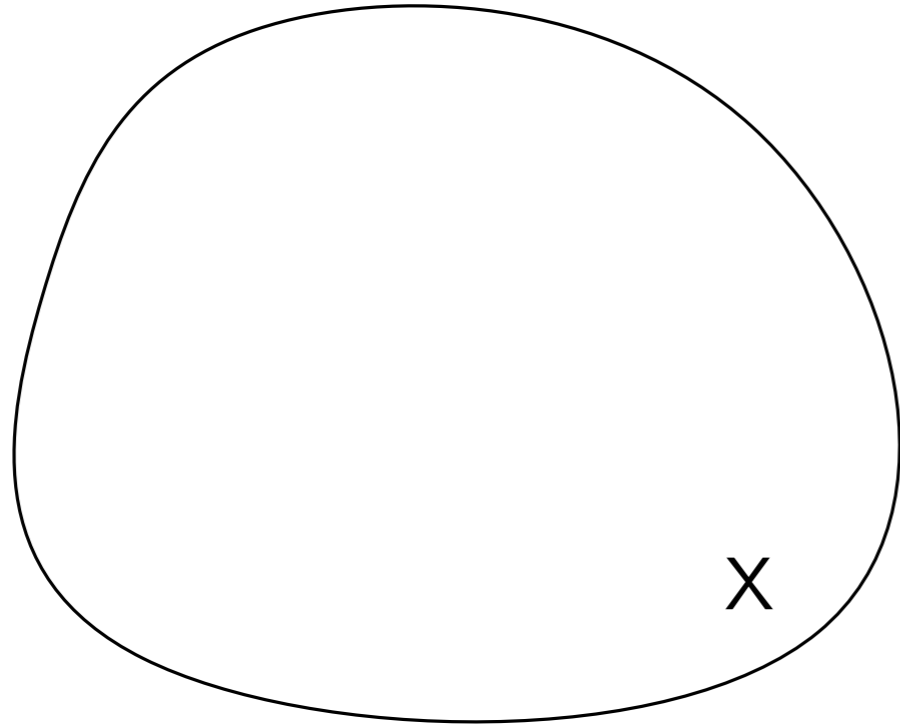
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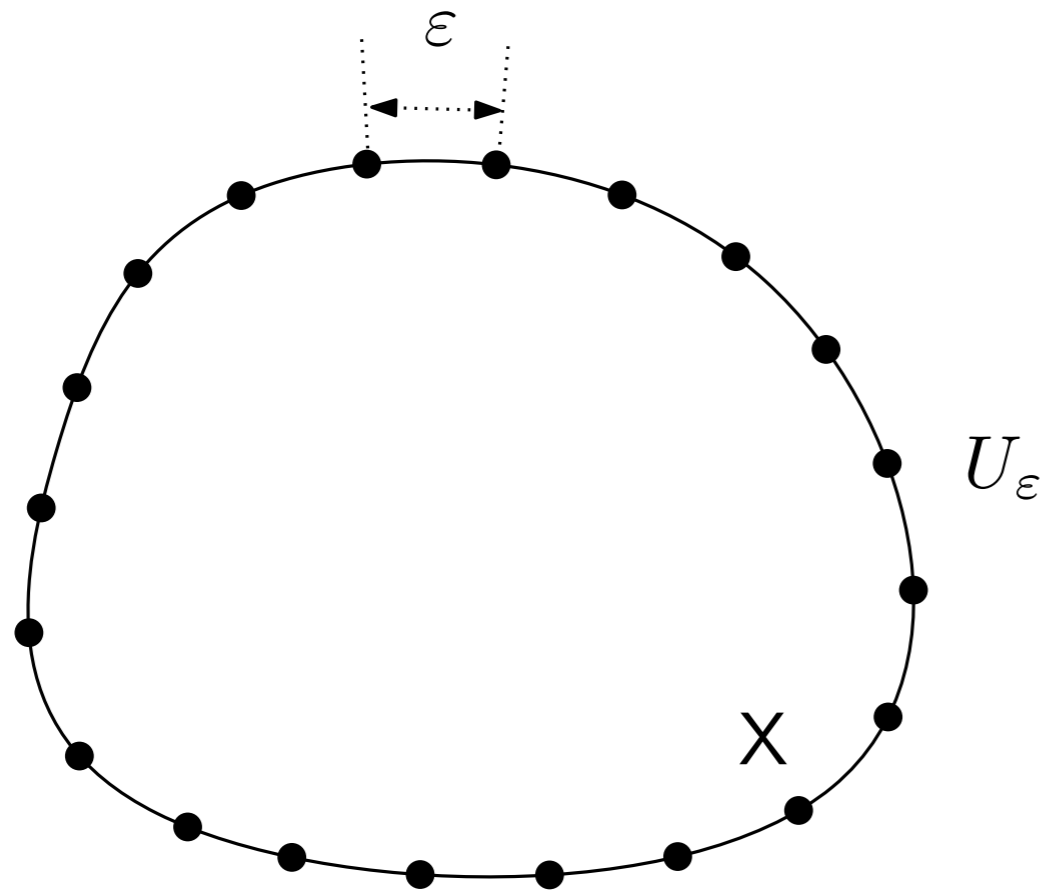
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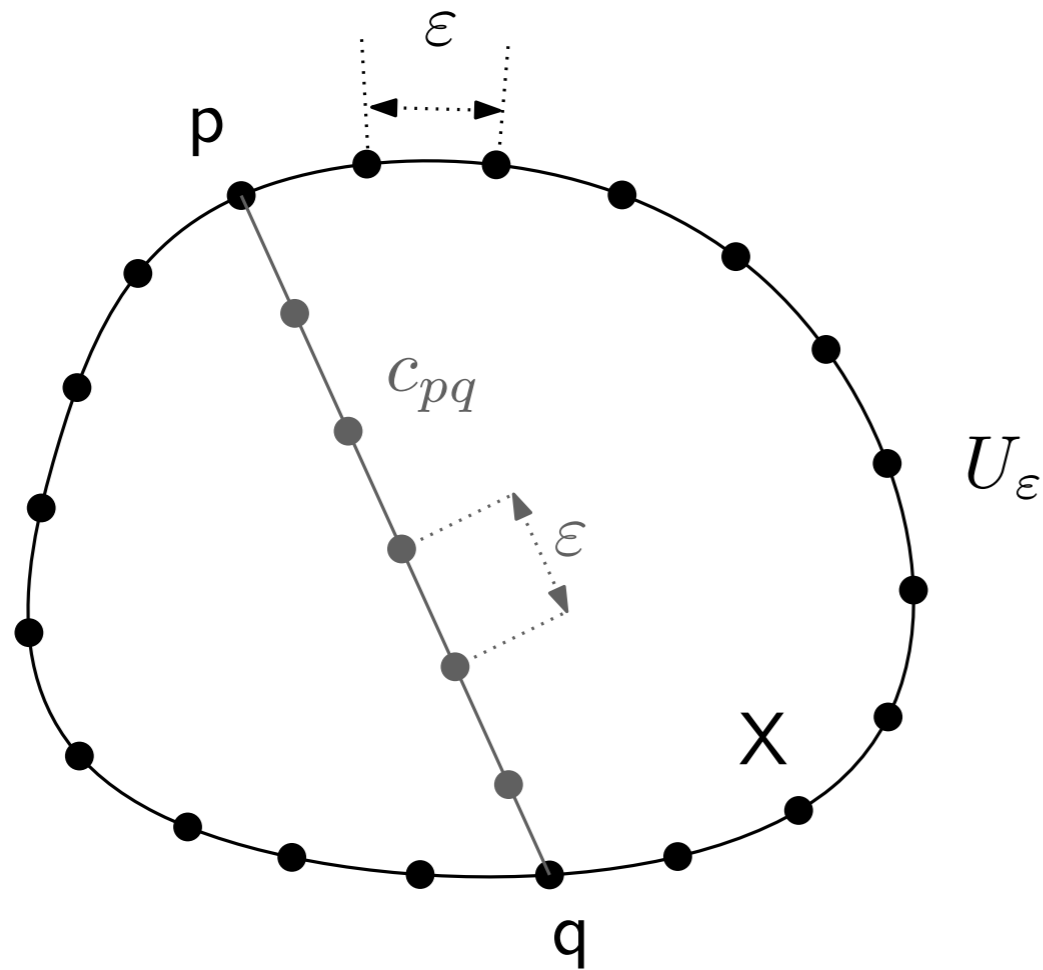


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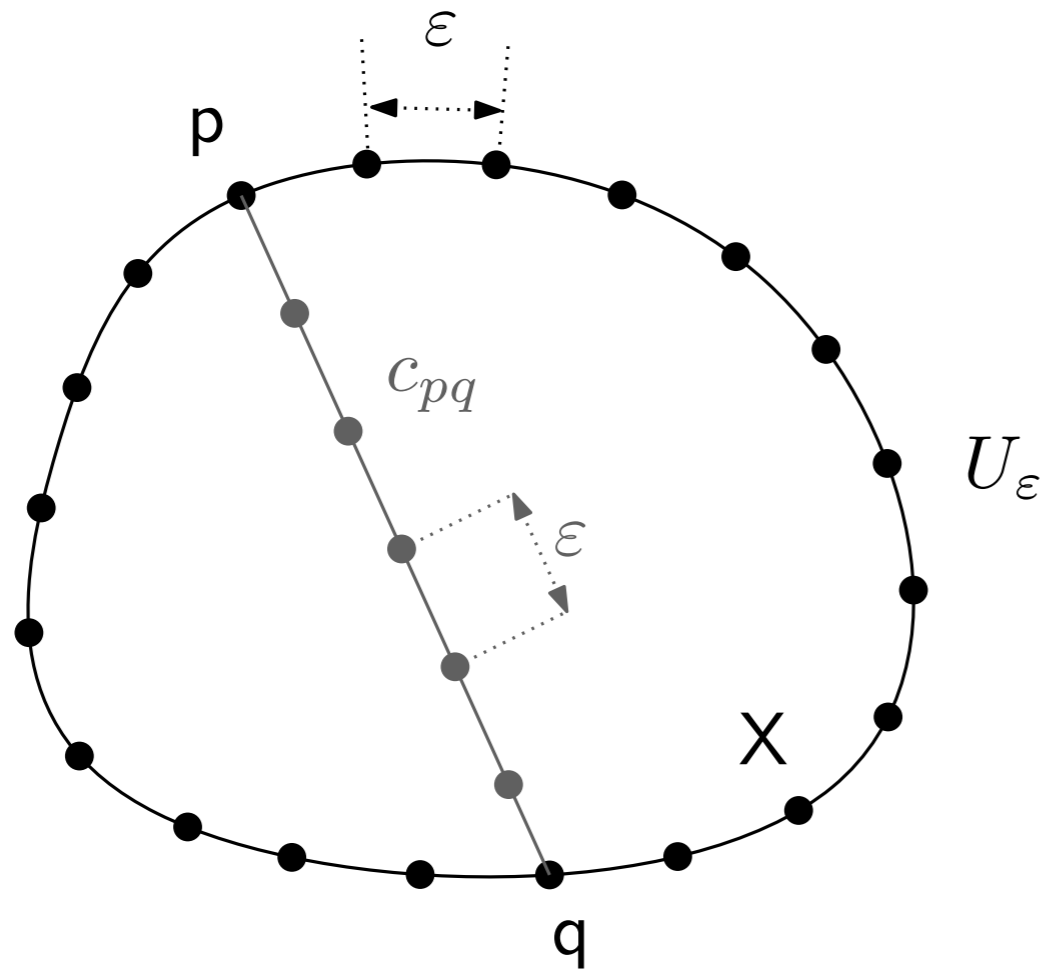
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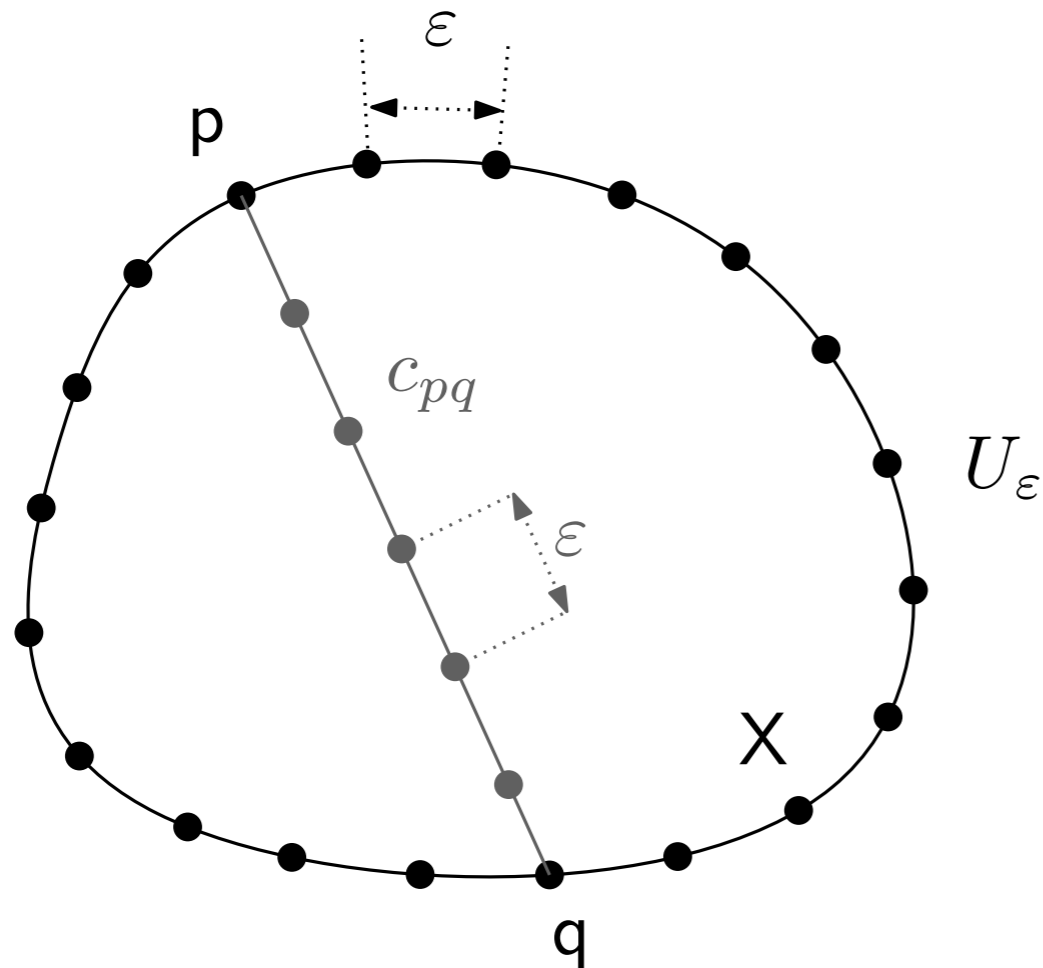
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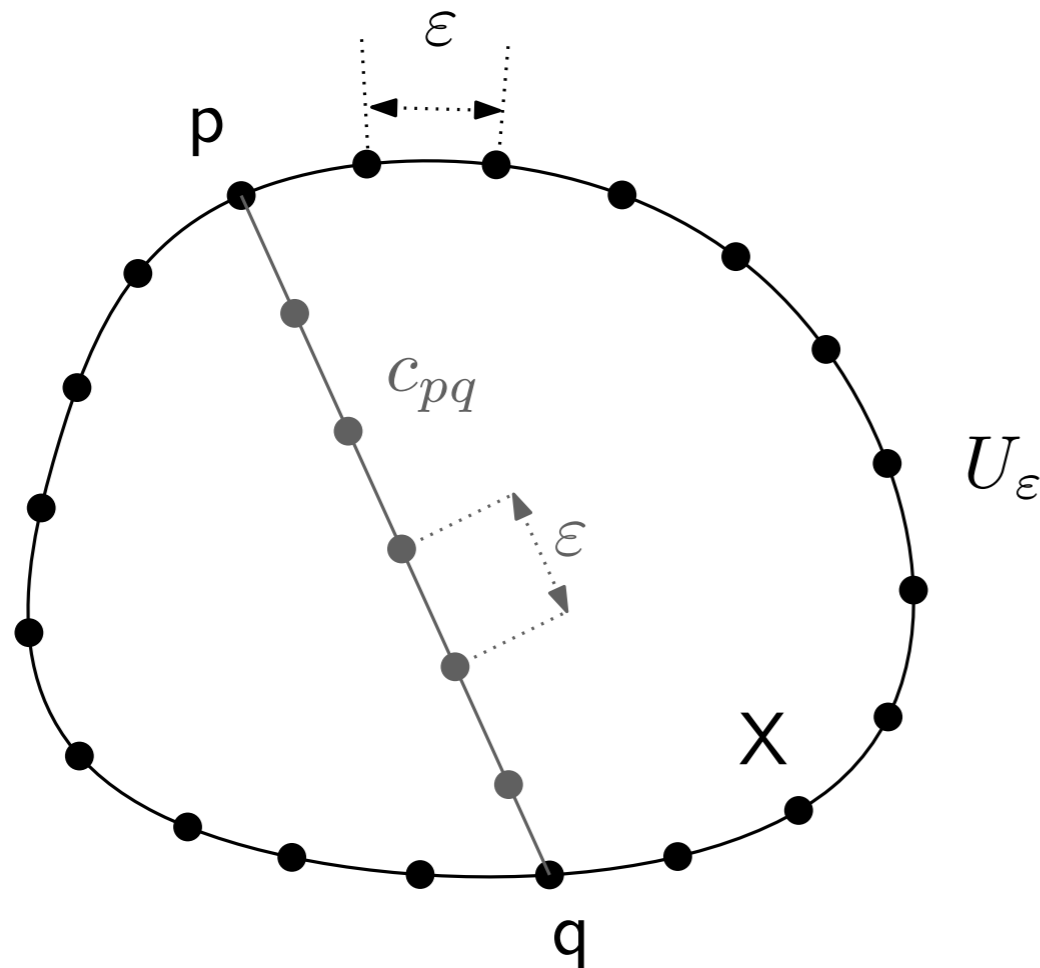
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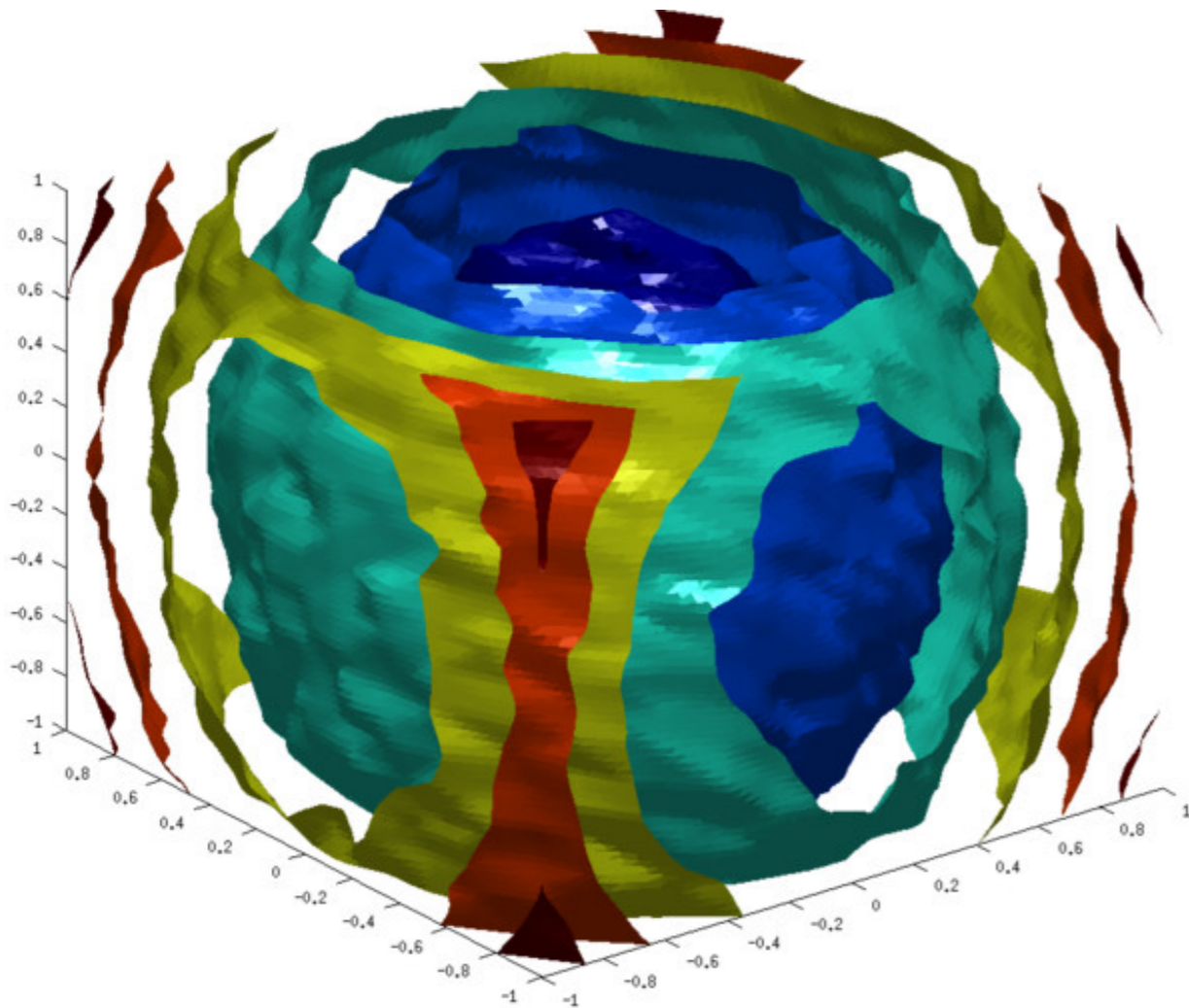
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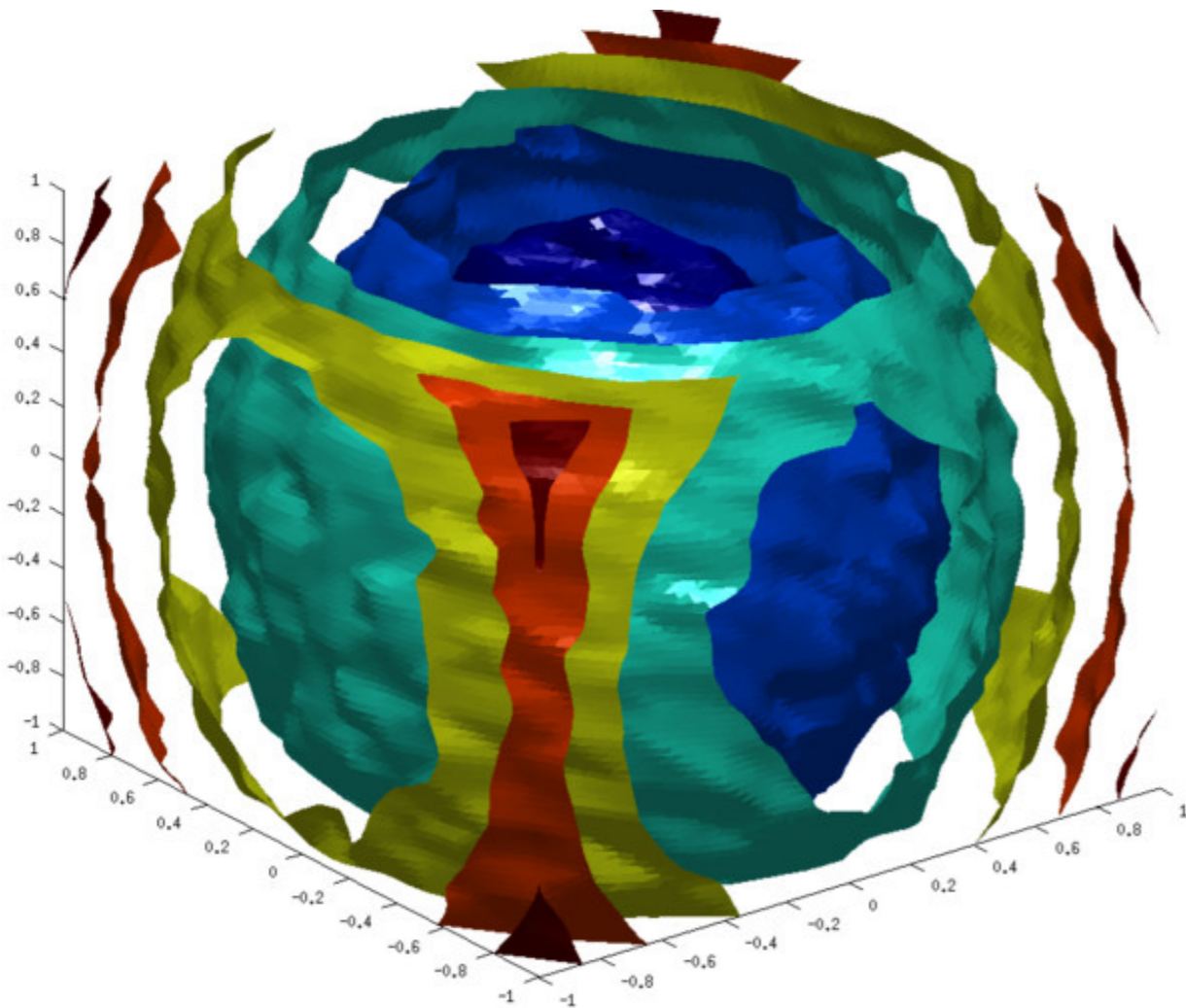
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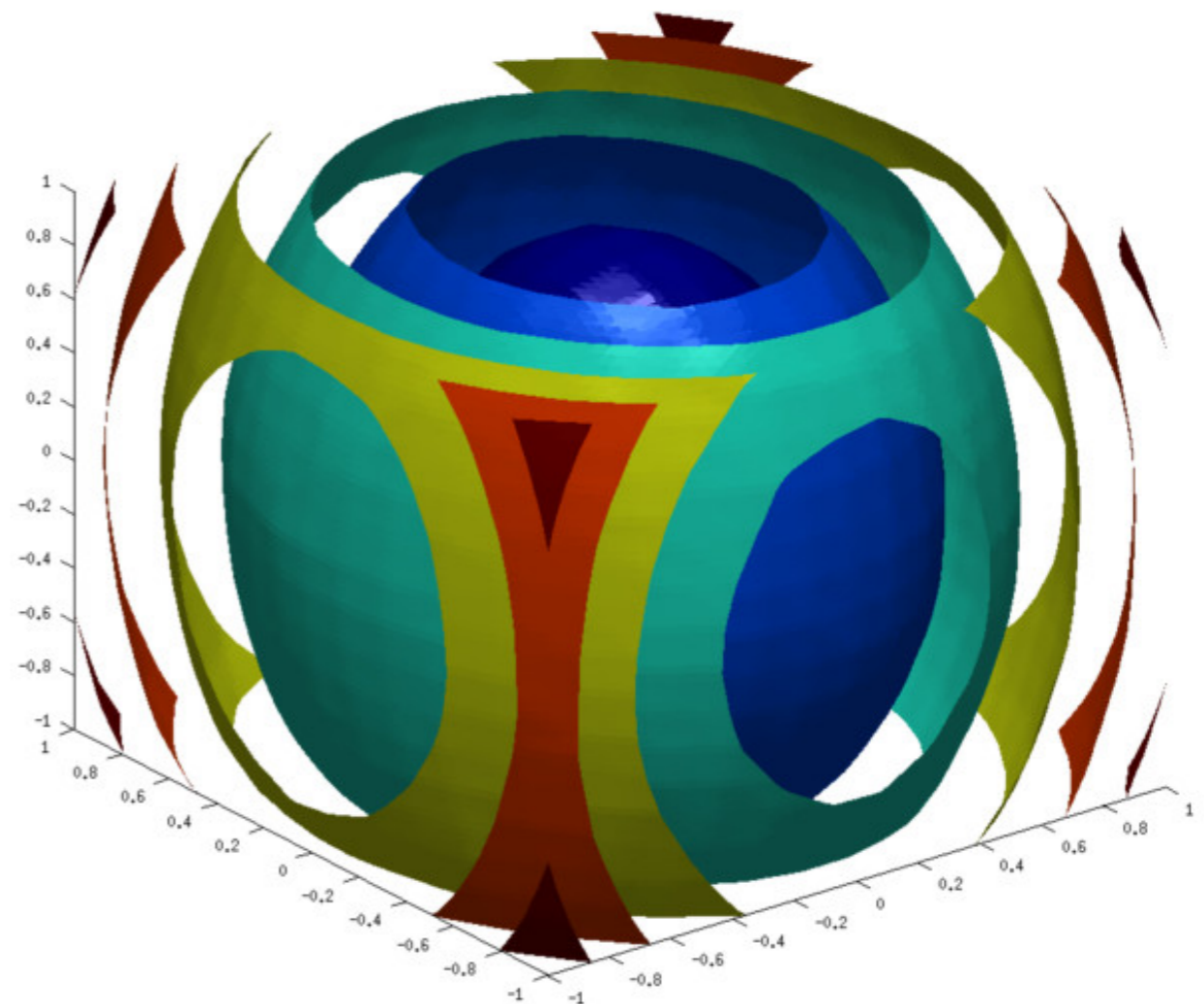
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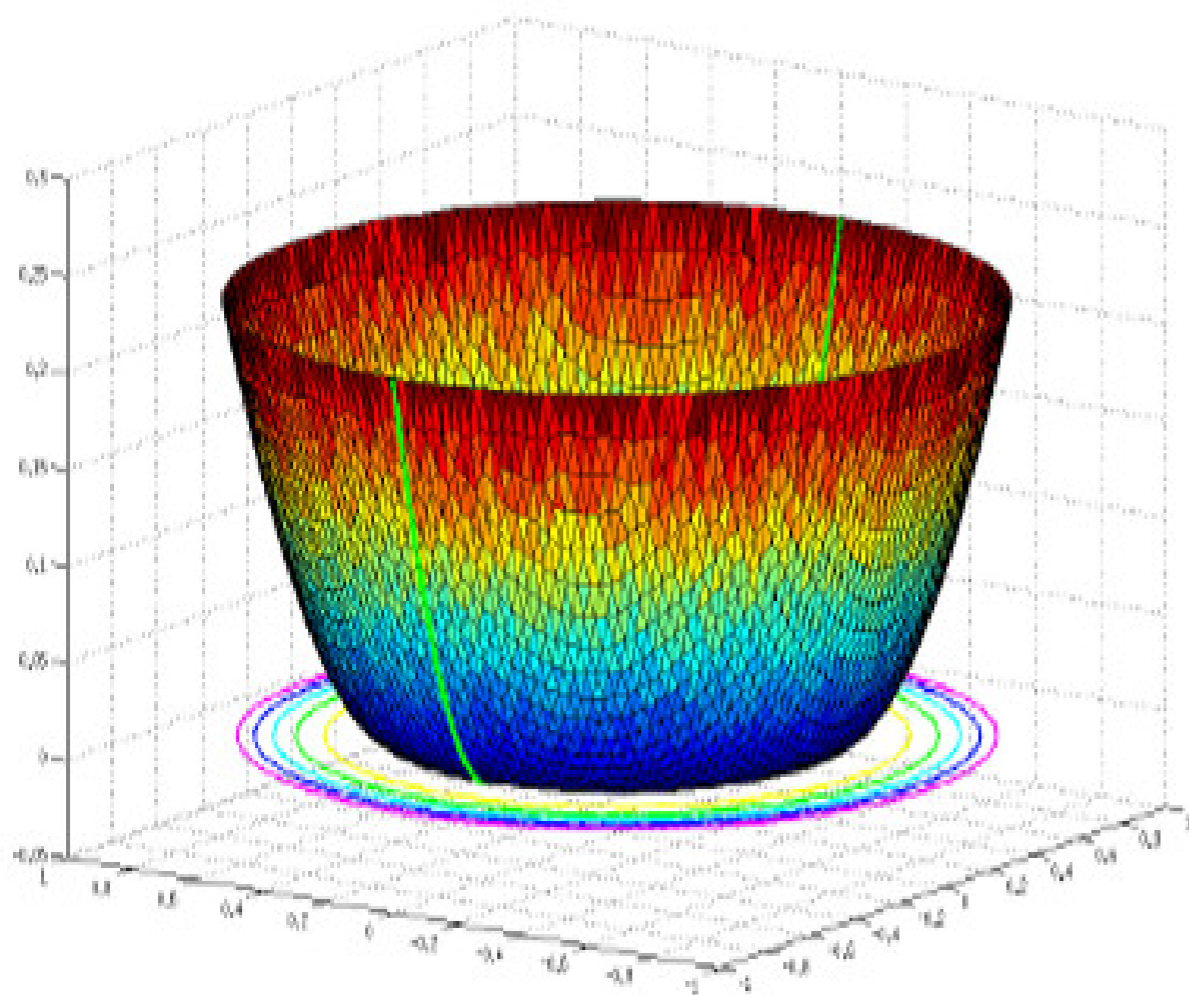
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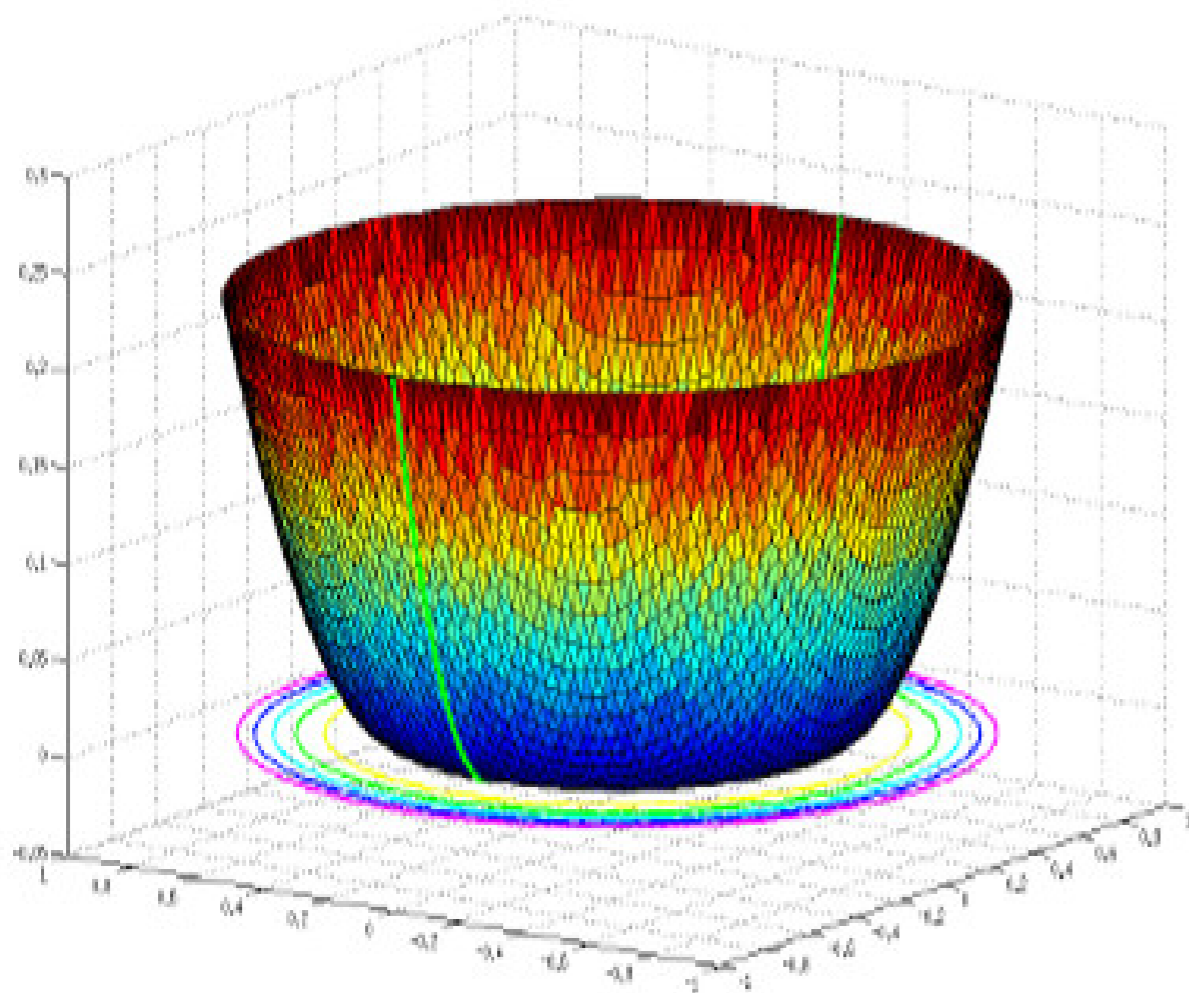
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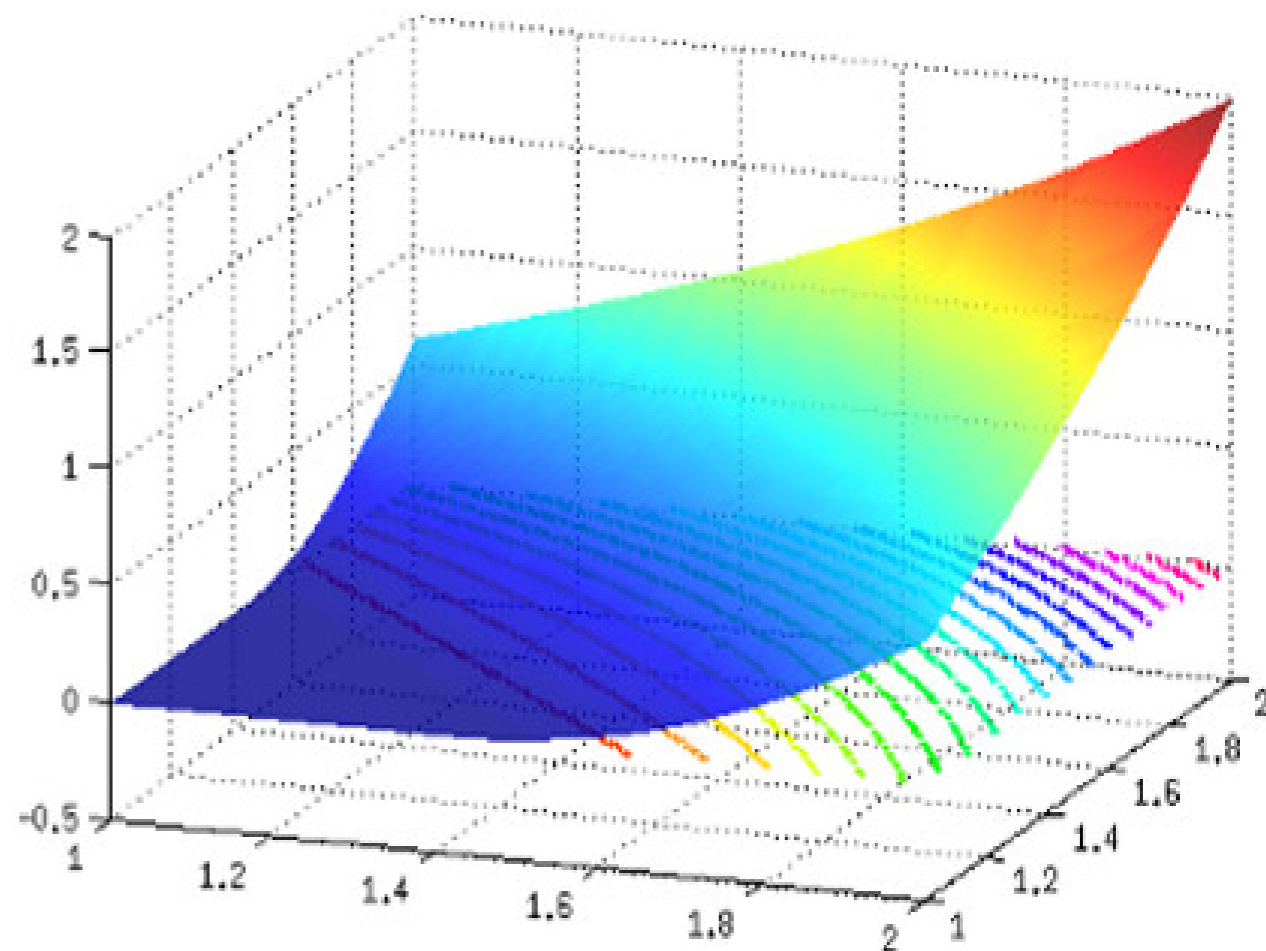
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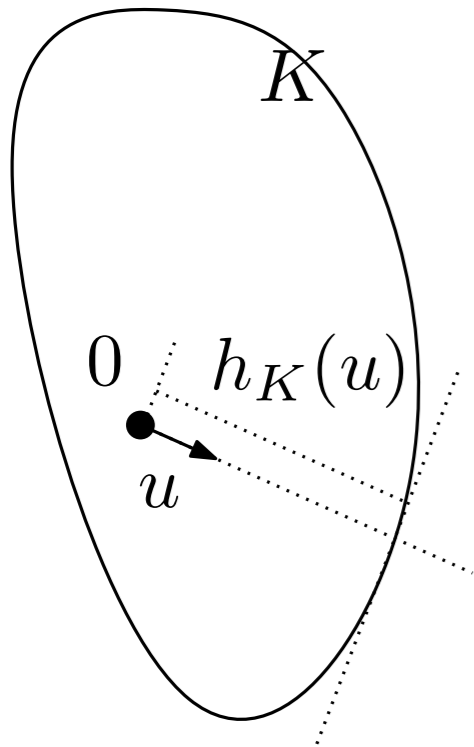
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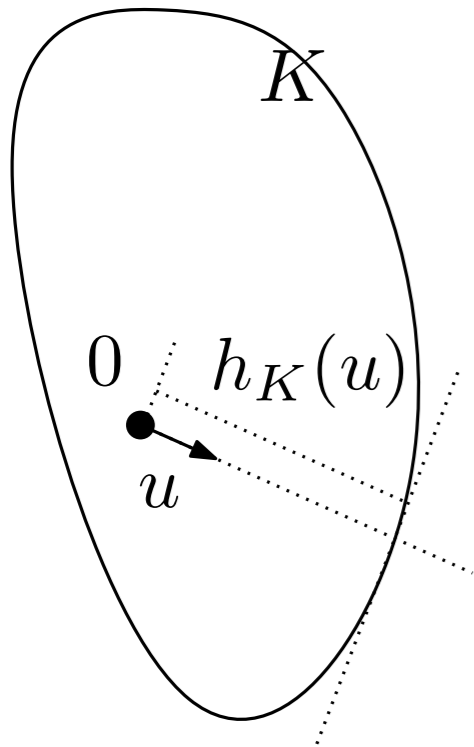
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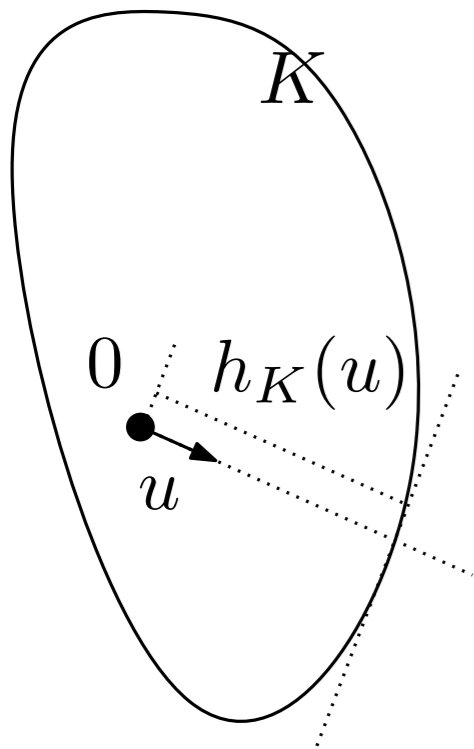
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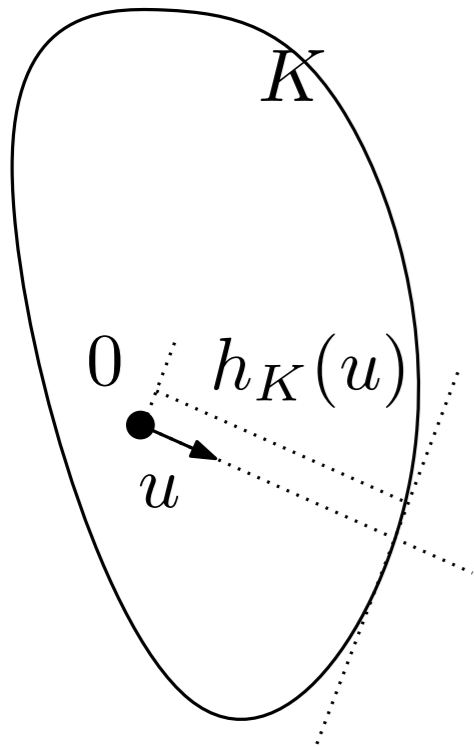
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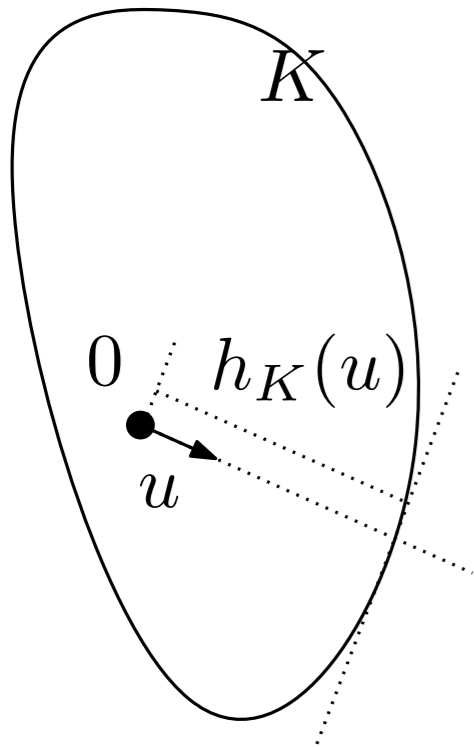
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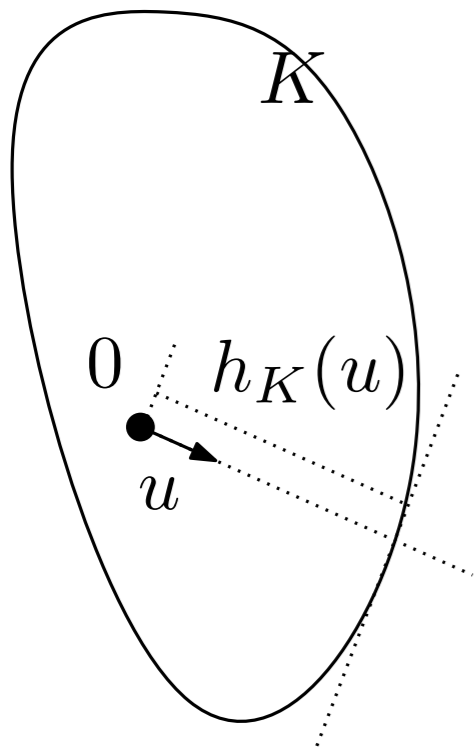
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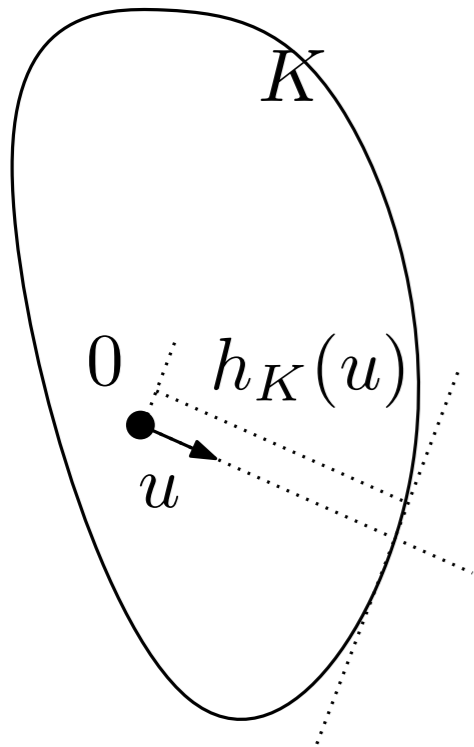
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[Figalli, Kim, McCann '11]

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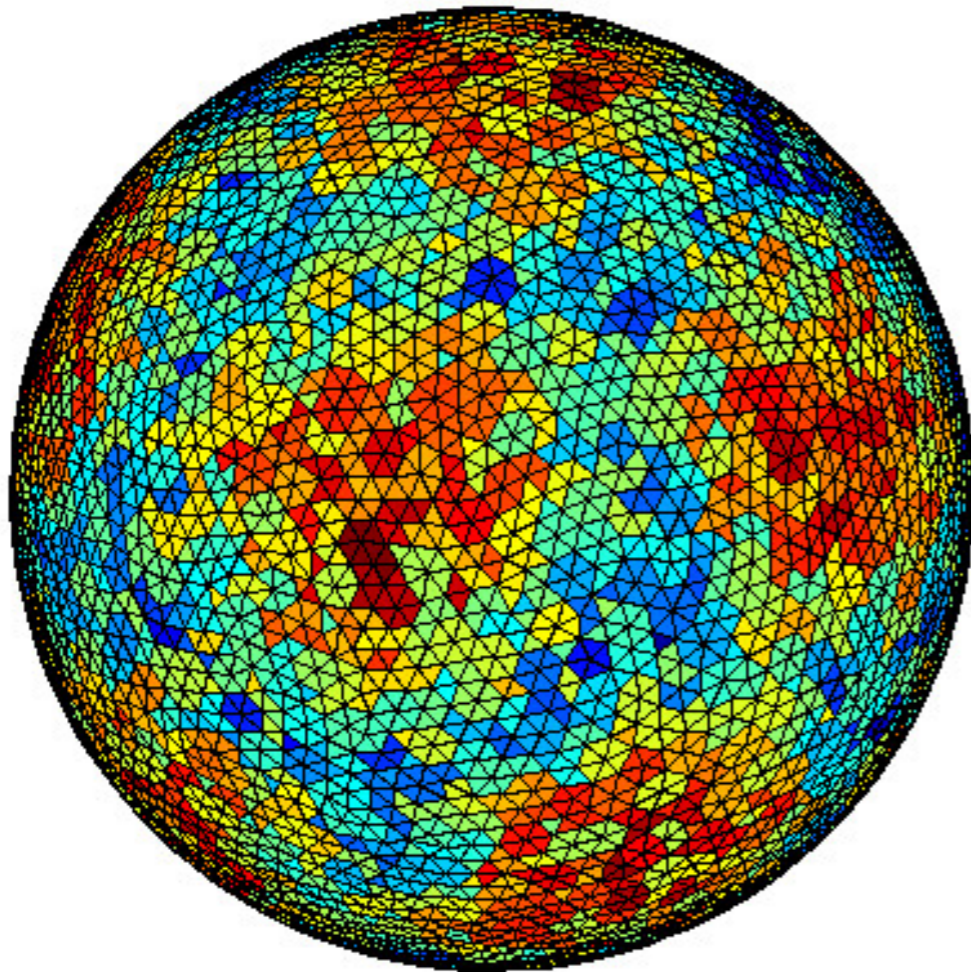
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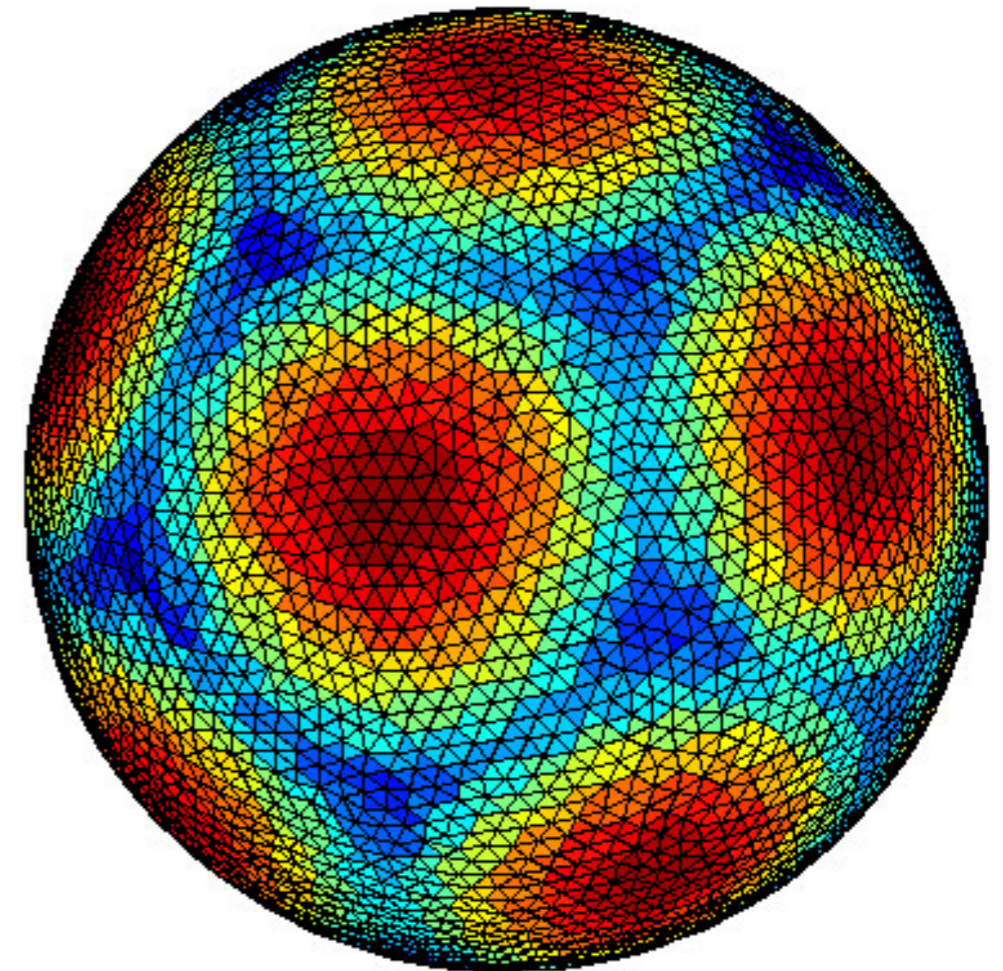
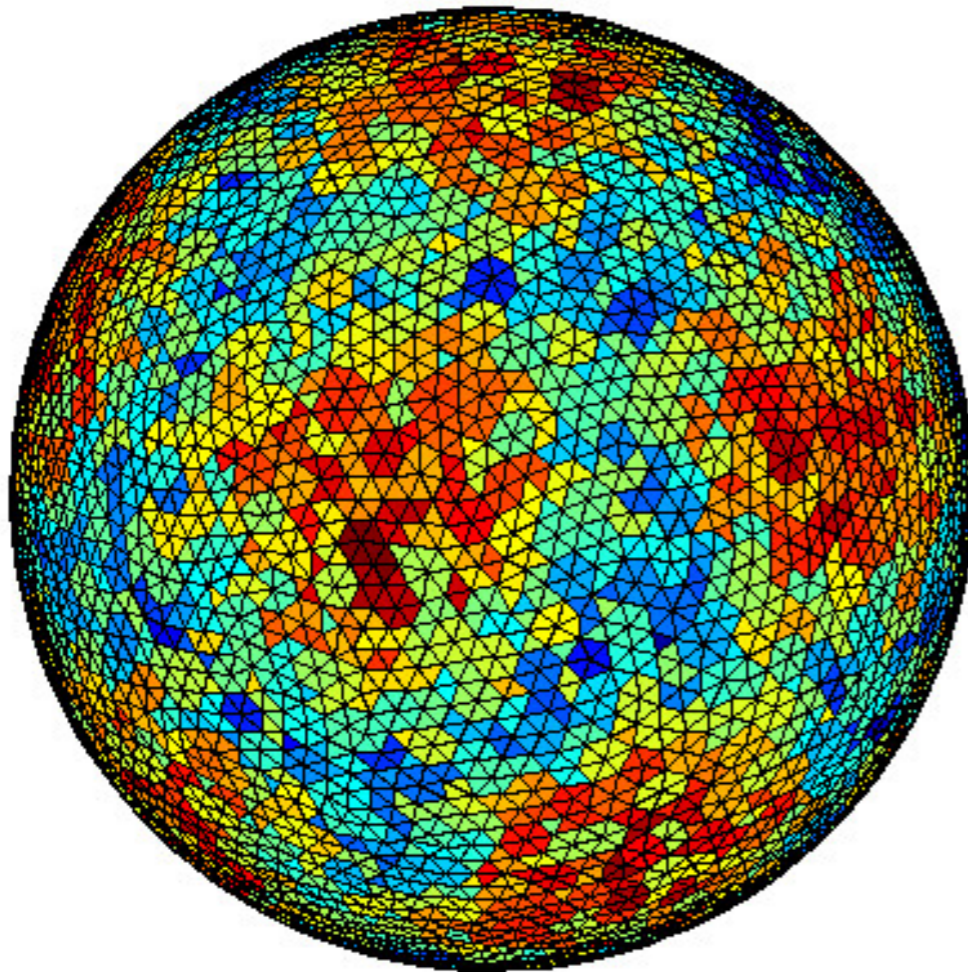
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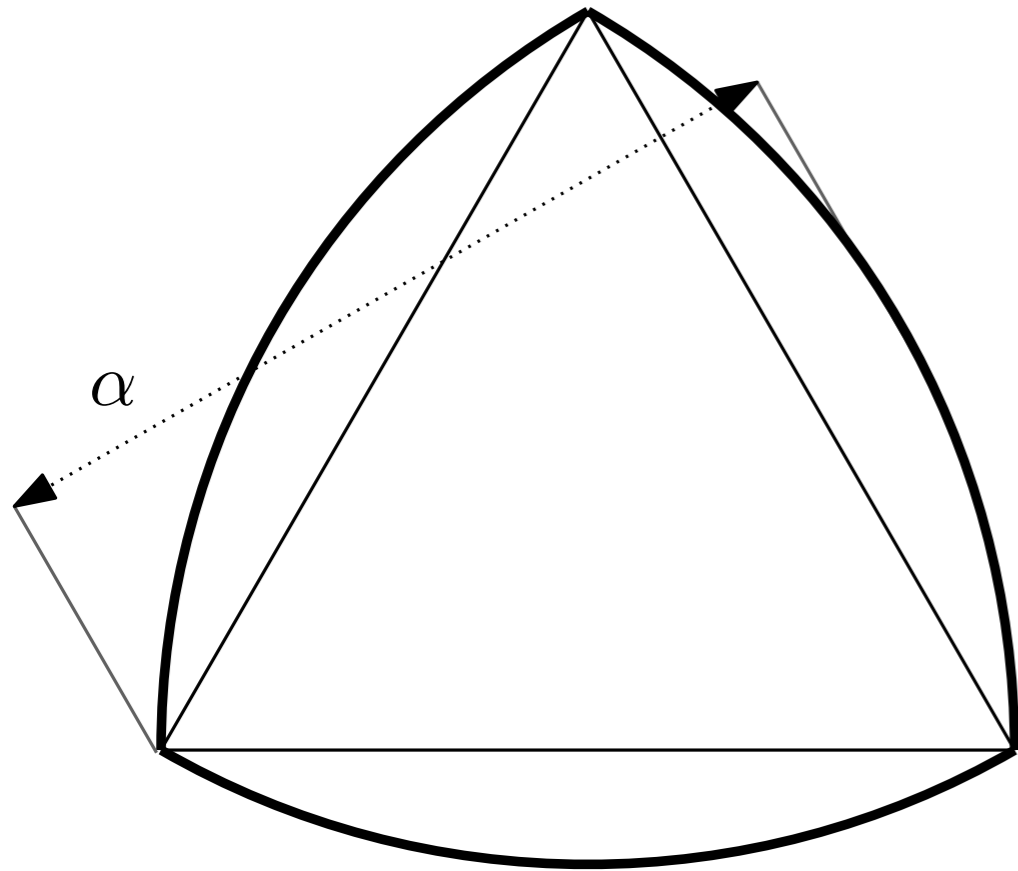
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$$w_K(u) = h_K(u) + h_K(-u).$$

K has constant width α if $w_K(u) = \alpha$.

Example: Reuleaux triangle

Theorem: Reuleaux triangles minimize the volume over convex sets of the plane with constant width α .

[Blaschke-Lebesgue]

Bonnensen-Fenchel conjecture (3D):

Meissner's body minimize the volume among convex sets with fixed constant width.

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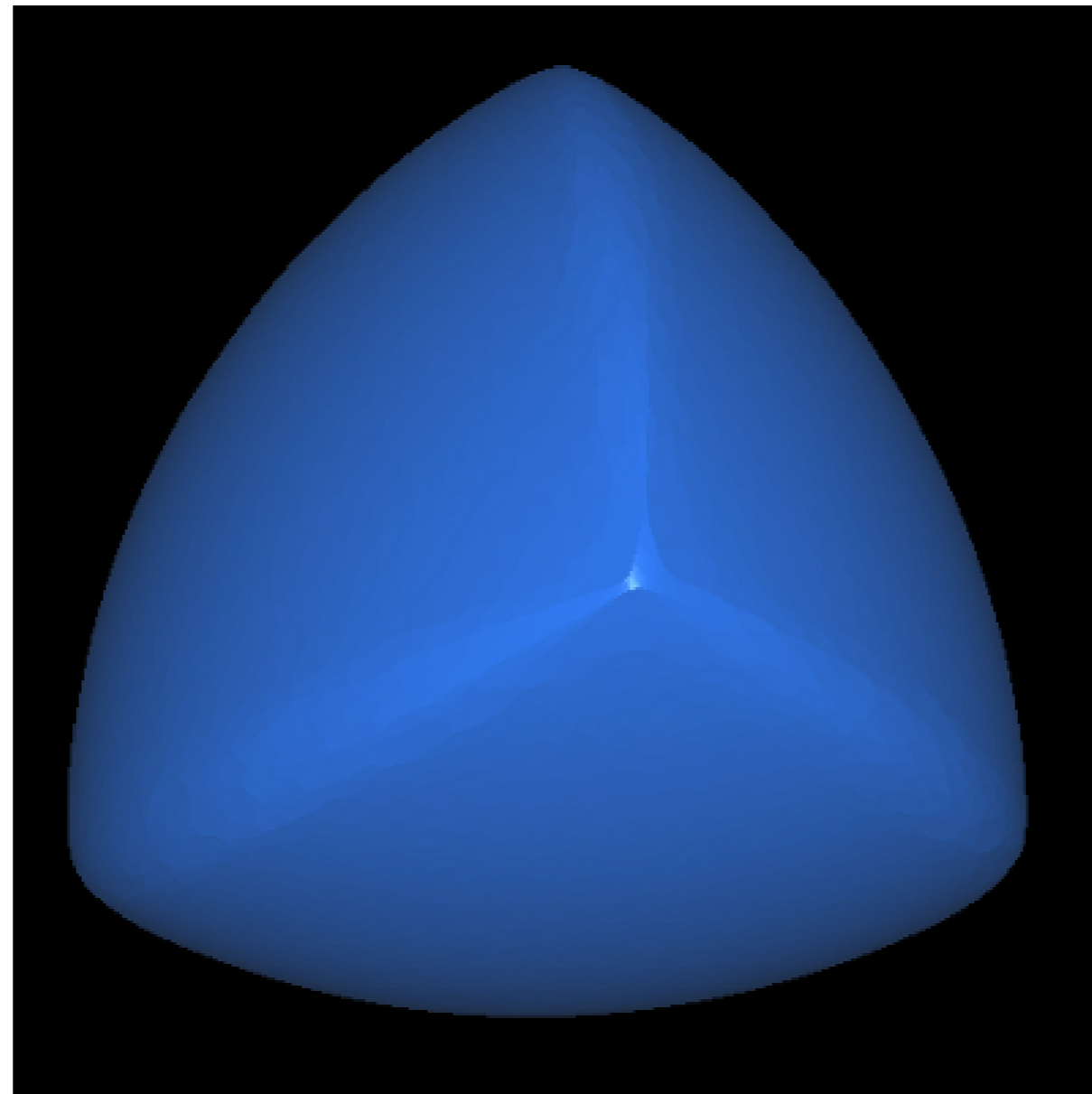
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	Surface	Volume	Width	Relative width error
L^1 projection of h	2.6616	0.36432	0.951	≤ 0.001
L^2 projection of h	2.5191	0.34312	0.920	≤ 0.003
L^∞ projection of h	2.1351	0.28081	0.835	≤ 0.001

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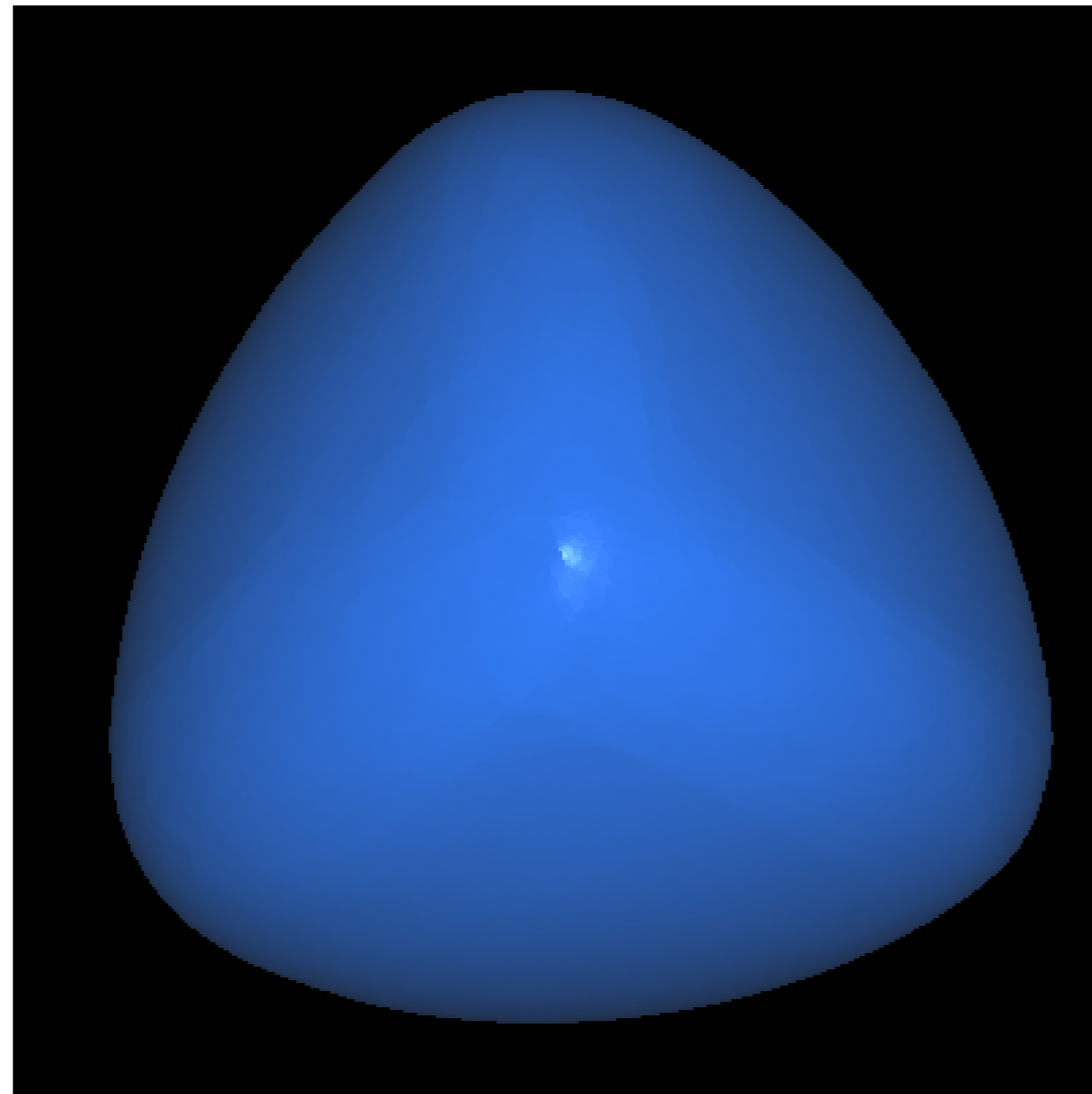


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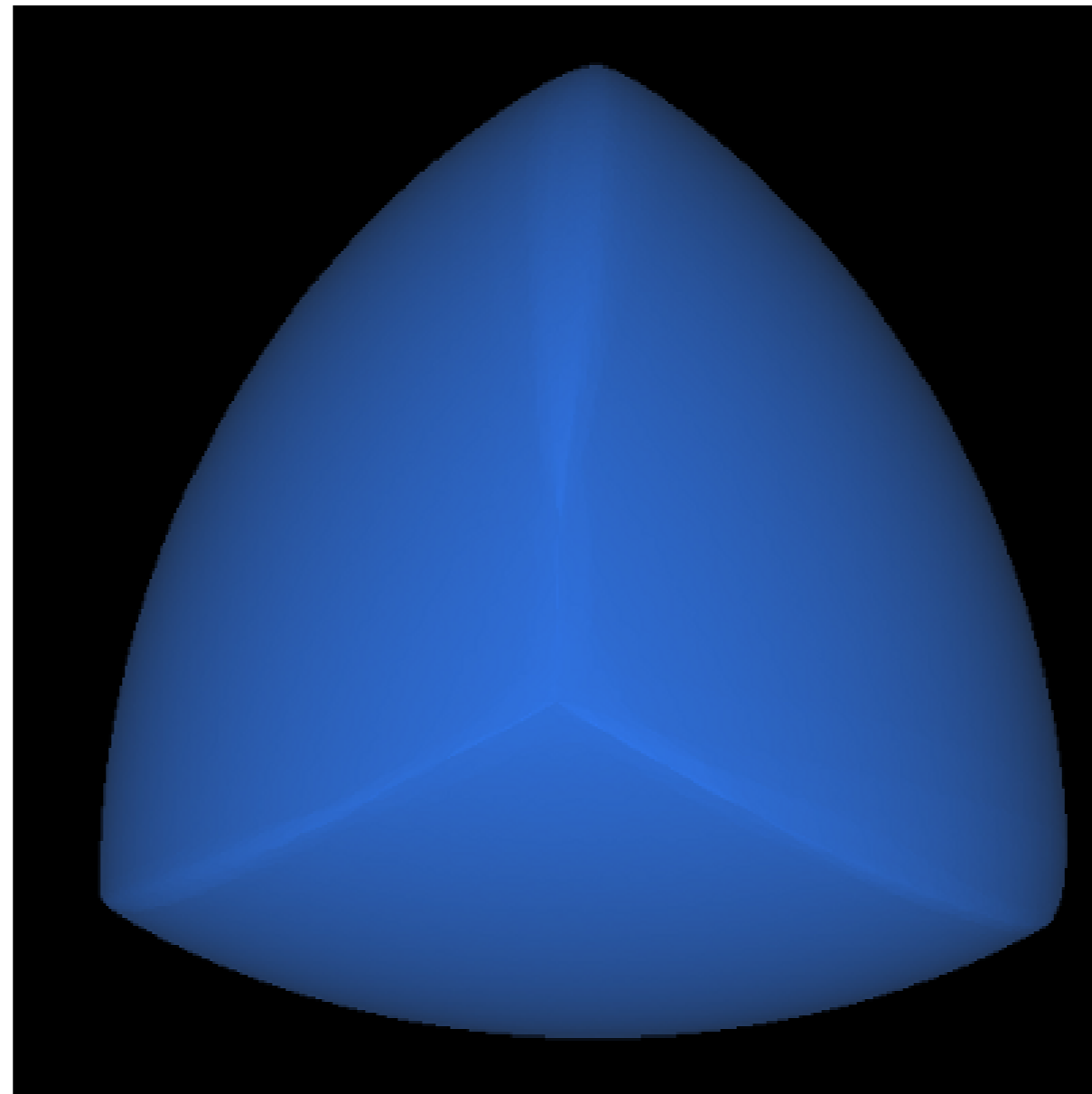


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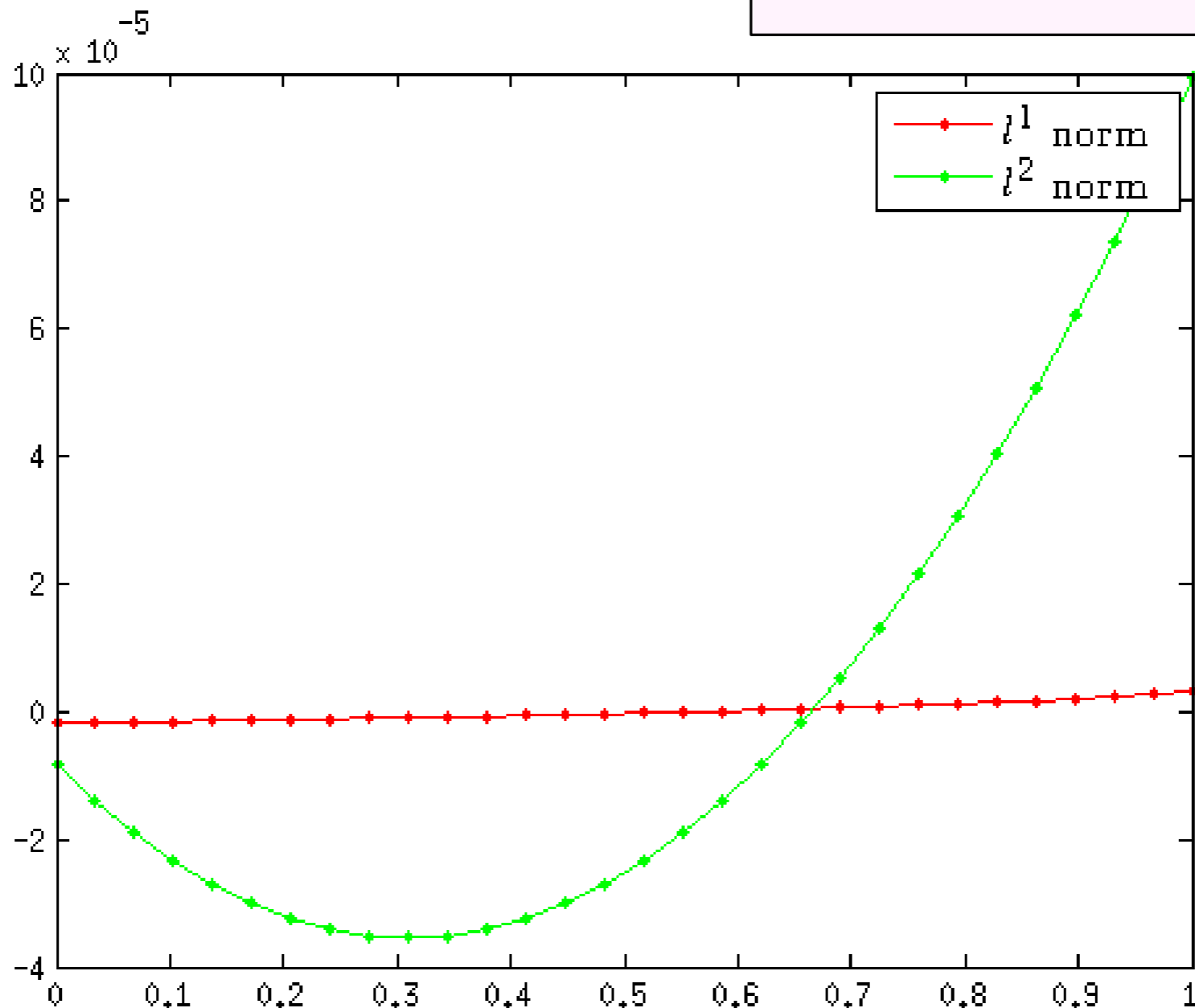


$\simeq L^1$ projection of h on constant width

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distance between Δ^3 and the interpolation of the two Meissner bodies