

Analysis of curvature approximations via covariant curl and incompatibility for Regge metrics

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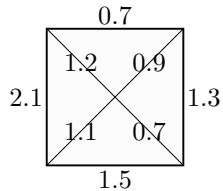
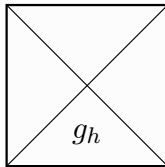
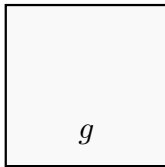
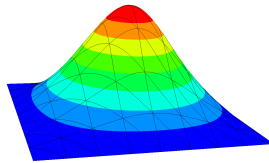
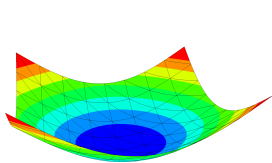


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Gauss curvature of approximated metric $\|K_h(g_h) - K(g)\|_? \leq ?$



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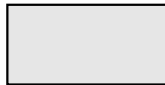
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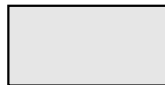
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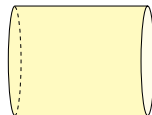
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- Connection 1-form: $\varpi(X) = g(E_1, \nabla_X E_2) = -g(\nabla_X E_1, E_2)$

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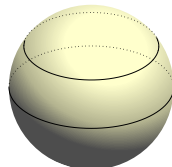
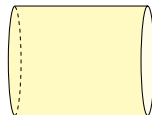
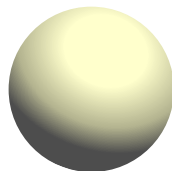
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Geodesic curvature:

$$\kappa(g) = g(\nabla_{\hat{t}} \hat{t}, \hat{n}) = \frac{\sqrt{\det g}}{g_{tt}^{3/2}} (\partial_t t \cdot n + \Gamma_{tt}^n)$$

$$\hat{n} = \hat{t} \times \hat{v}$$



Gauss–Bonnet

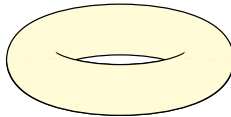
On manifold M :

$$\int_M K(g) + \int_{\partial M} \kappa(g) + \sum_V (\pi - \angle_V^M(g)) = 2\pi\chi_M$$

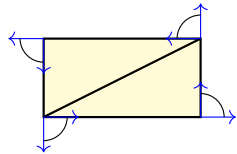
$$\chi_M(\mathcal{T}) = n_V - n_E + n_T$$



$$\chi_M = 2$$



$$\chi_M = 0$$



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Gauss–Bonnet

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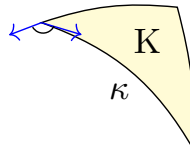
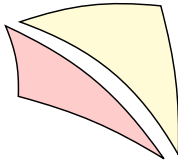


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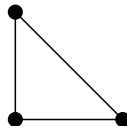
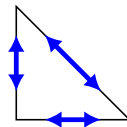
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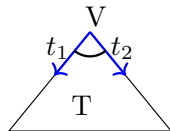
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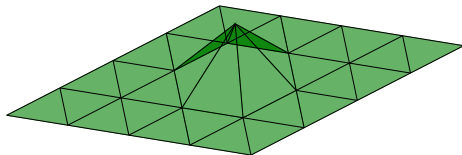
$$\angle_V^T(g) = \arccos \left(\frac{t_1^\top g t_2}{\|t_1\|_g \|t_2\|_g} \right)$$

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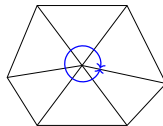
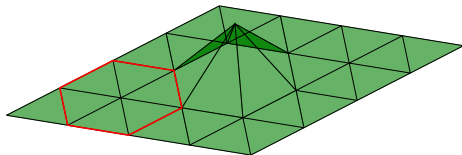
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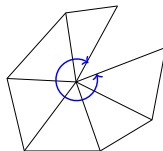
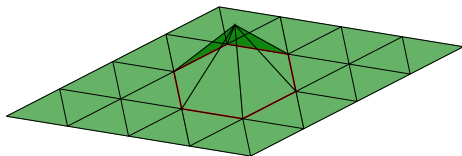
$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathcal{T}} K_h(g) \varphi \sqrt{\det g} \, da &= \sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}} \left(\int_T K(g) \varphi \sqrt{\det g} \, da \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \int_{\partial T} \frac{\sqrt{\det g}}{g_{tt}} (\partial_t t \cdot n + \Gamma_{tt}^n) \varphi \, dl \right) + \sum_{V \in \mathcal{V}} K_V(\varphi, g) \end{aligned}$$



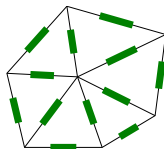
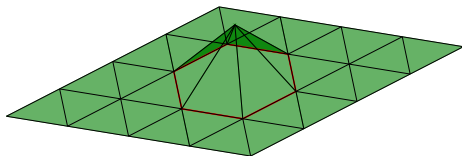
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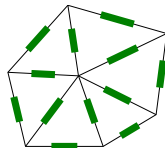
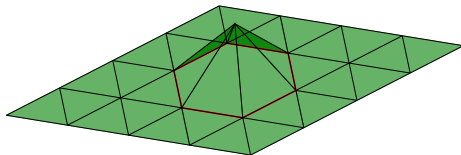
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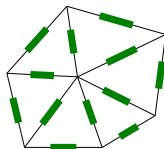
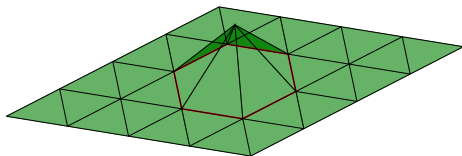
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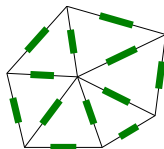
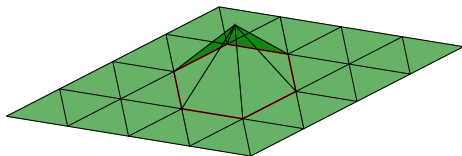
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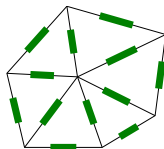
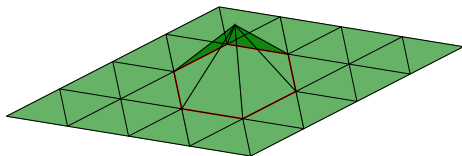
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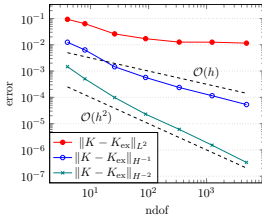
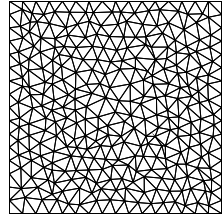


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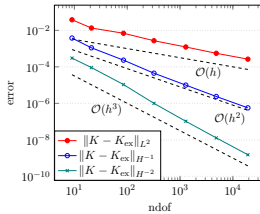


$$g = \begin{pmatrix} 1 + (\partial_x f)^2 & \partial_x f \partial_y f \\ \partial_x f \partial_y f & 1 + (\partial_y f)^2 \end{pmatrix} \quad f = \frac{1}{2}(x^2 + y^2) - \frac{1}{12}(x^4 + y^4)$$

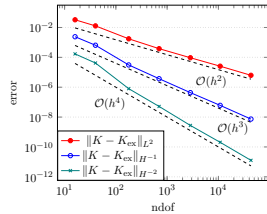
$$K(g) = \frac{81(1 - x^2)(1 - y^2)}{(9 + x^2(x^2 - 3))^2 + y^2(y^2 - 3)^2}$$



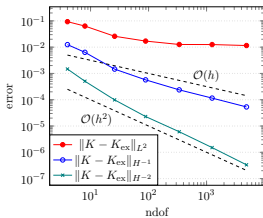
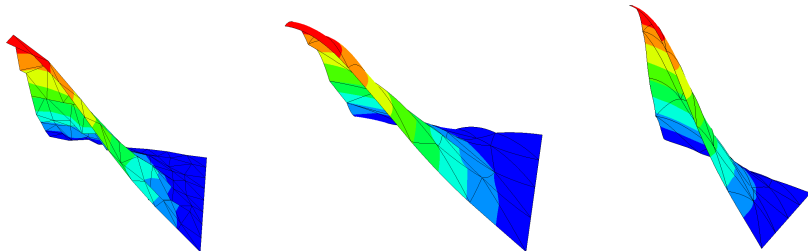
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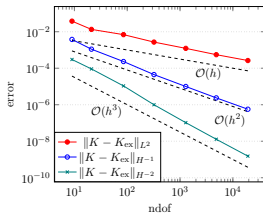
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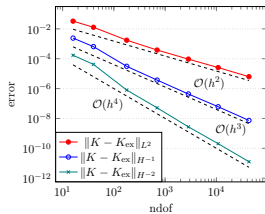
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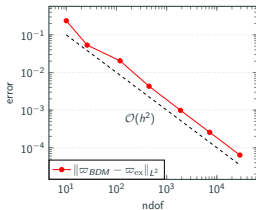
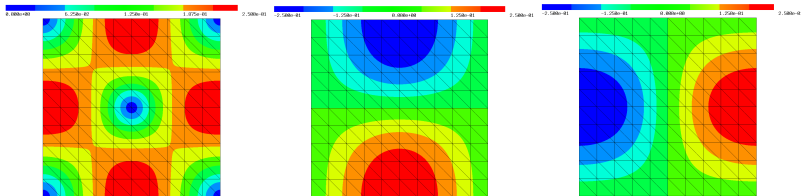
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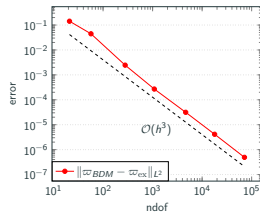
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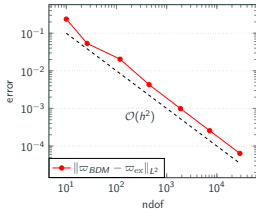
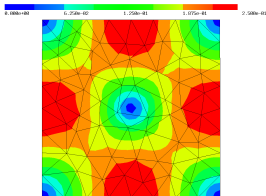
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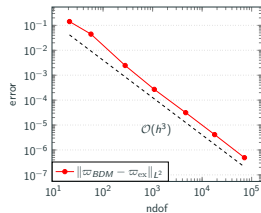
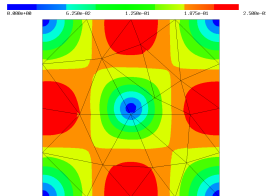
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$$\int_{\mathcal{T}} K_h(g) u_h = \int_{\mathcal{T}} K(g) u_h$$

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$$\int_{\mathcal{T}} K_h(g) u_h = \int_{\mathcal{T}} K(g) u_h$$

$$\int_{\mathcal{T}} K_h(g_h) u_h = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 \langle \operatorname{div}_{G_h(t)} \operatorname{div}_{G_h(t)} S_{G_h(t)}(\sigma_h), u_h \rangle_{\dot{\mathcal{V}}(\mathcal{T})} dt$$

Representation with covariant incompatibility operator

$$\int_{\mathcal{T}} K_h(g_h) u_h = -\frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 \langle \operatorname{inc}_{G_h(t)}(\sigma_h), u_h \rangle_{\dot{\mathcal{V}}(\mathcal{T})} dt$$

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- Goal

$$\begin{aligned} |(K_h(g_h) - K(g), u)_g| &\leq C(\|g - g_h\|_{L^\infty} + h\|g - g_h\|_{W_h^{1,\infty}} \\ &\quad + h \inf_{v_h \in \dot{V}_h^{k+1}} \|K(g) - v_h\|_{L^2}) \|u\|_{H^1} \\ \|K_h(g_h) - K(g)\|_{H^{-1}} &\leq Ch^{k+1} \|g\|_{W^{k+1,\infty}} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} (K_h(g_h) - K(g), u)_g &= (K_h(g_h) - K(g), u - u_h + u_h)_g = \\ &= (K_h(g_h) - K(g), u - u_h)_g + (K_h(g_h) - K(g), u_h)_{g-g_h+g_h} = \\ &= (K_h(g_h), u_h)_{g_h} - (K(g), u_h)_g + (K_h(g_h) - K(g), u - u_h)_g \\ &\quad + (K_h(g_h), u_h)_g - (K_h(g_h), u_h)_{g_h} \end{aligned}$$

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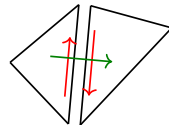
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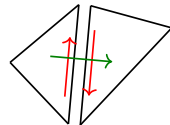


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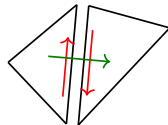
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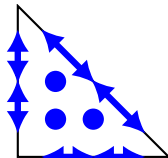
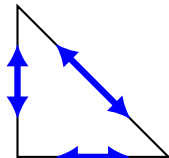
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- Standard distributional curl

$$\langle \operatorname{curl}_\delta \sigma, \varphi \rangle_{\dot{\mathcal{W}}} = \sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}} \int_T \operatorname{curl} \sigma \cdot \varphi da - \int_{\partial T} \sigma_{nt} \varphi_n dl$$

- Smooth g and σ leads to classical covariant curl

$$\int_E (g - \mathcal{R}_h^k g)_{tt} q \, dl = 0 \text{ for all } q \in \mathcal{P}^k(E)$$
$$\int_T (g - \mathcal{R}_h^k g) : q \, da = 0 \text{ for all } q \in \mathcal{P}^{k-1}(T, \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2})$$

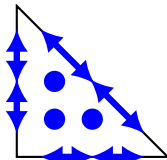
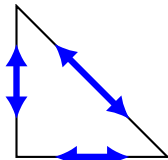


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Lemma

For $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$, $\sigma_h = \mathcal{R}_h^k \sigma$, $\sigma \in H^1(\Omega, \mathbb{S}) \cap C^0(\Omega, \mathbb{S})$, $v_h \in \dot{\mathcal{W}}_h^k$, and $g \in W^{1,\infty}(\Omega, \mathbb{S}^+)$ with $g^{-1} \in L^\infty(\Omega, \mathbb{S}^+)$ there holds

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$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \int_E (\sigma - \sigma_h)_{tt} F(g) v_h dl \right| \\ & \leq C h^{-1} (\|\sigma - \sigma_h\|_{L^2(T)} + h\|\sigma - \sigma_h\|_{H_h^1(T)}) \|v_h\|_{L^2(T)} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \int_E (\sigma - \sigma_h)_{tt} (\Pi_0 + (\text{id} - \Pi_0))(F(g)) v_h \, dl \right| \\ & \leq C \quad (\|\sigma - \sigma_h\|_{L^2(T)} + h \|\sigma - \sigma_h\|_{H_h^1(T)}) \|v_h\|_{L^2(T)} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \int_T (\sigma - \sigma_h) : (f(g) \text{rot } v_h) \, da \right| \\ & \leq Ch^{-1}(\|\sigma - \sigma_h\|_{L^2(T)} + h\|\sigma - \sigma_h\|_{H_h^1(T)})\|v_h\|_{L^2(T)} \end{aligned}$$

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- $\Gamma_{klm}(g - g_h)$ is of sub-optimal order

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \int_T \frac{(\operatorname{curl} \sigma_h)_i v_h^i + \sigma_{h,ij} \varepsilon^{ik} \Gamma_{kl}^j(g) v_h^l}{\sqrt{\det g}} - \frac{(\operatorname{curl} \sigma_h)_i v_h^i + \sigma_{h,ij} \varepsilon^{ik} \Gamma_{kl}^j(g_h) v_h^l}{\sqrt{\det g_h}} dx \right| \\ & \leq C \|g - g_h\|_{L^\infty} \|\sigma_h\|_{H_h^1} \|v_h\|_{L^2} + \left| \int_T \frac{\sigma_{h,ij} \varepsilon^{ik} (\Gamma_{kl}^j(g) - \Gamma_{kl}^j(g_h)) v_h^l}{\sqrt{\det g_h}} dx \right| \end{aligned}$$

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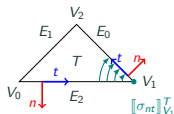
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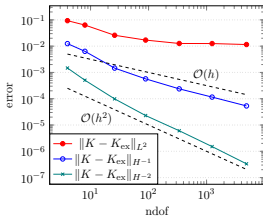
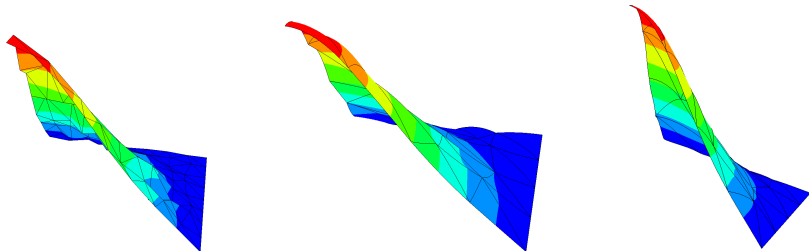
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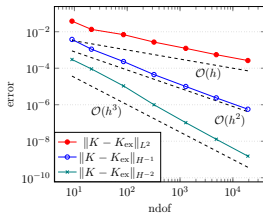
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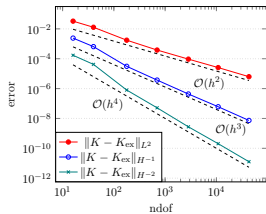
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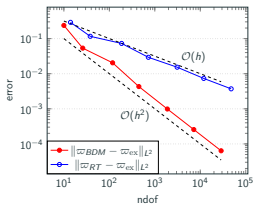
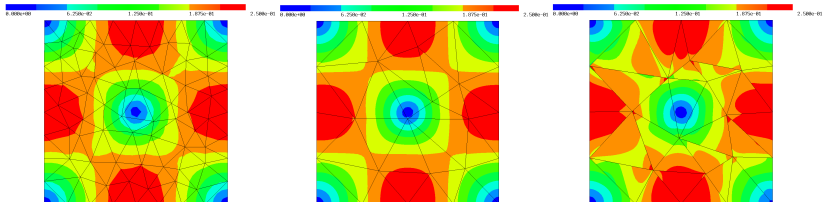
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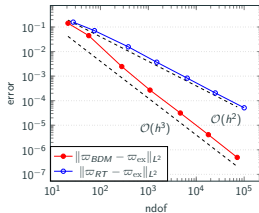
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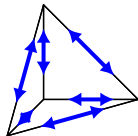
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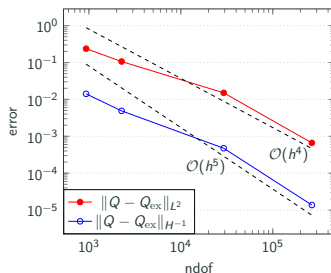
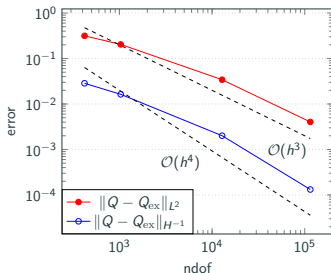
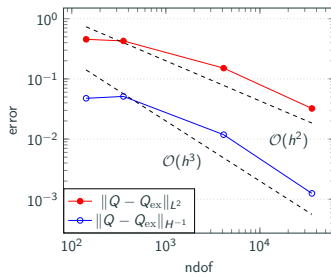
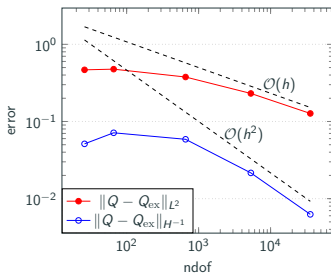
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