

# Quadratic Moment-of-fluid Interface Reconstruction

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- 2 Quadratic Moment-of-fluid Method
- 3 Piecewise Parabolic Interface Calculation
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- Interface Reconstruction Problem
- Timeline of Volume-of-fluid History
- Timeline of Moment-of-fluid History

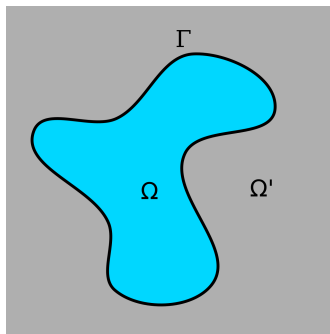
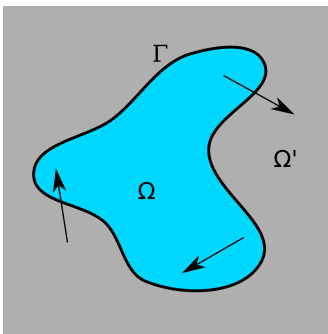
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- Fluids are modeled by complicated equations
  - Need discretized simulations to approximate their motion



- Can we reconstruct the interface from discrete data?

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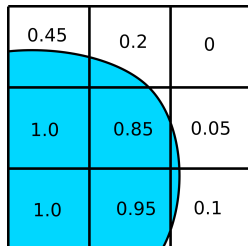
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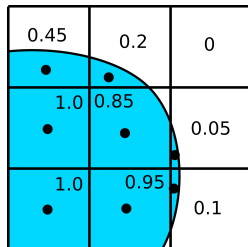
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- Quadratic Moment-of-fluid

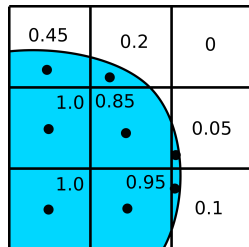


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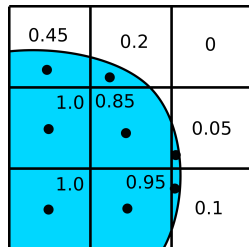


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## 2 Quadratic Moment-of-fluid Method

- Theoretical Framework
- Conditions for Moment-of-fluid Methods
- Quadrature for Implicitly Defined Volumes
- Time Advancing of Moment Data

## 3 Piecewise Parabolic Interface Calculation

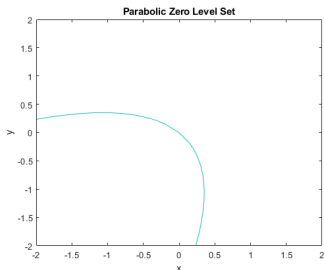
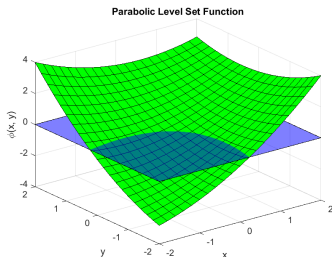
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- $U$ : A computational cell
- $\Omega$ : The fluid interior to  $U$
- $\Gamma$ : The boundary of  $\Omega$  interior to  $U$

Define the approximation with a level set function  $\phi$  where

$$\overline{\Omega} = \{(x, y) : \phi(x, y) < 0\} \cup U \quad \overline{\Gamma} = \{(x, y) : \phi(x, y) = 0\}$$



Find the function  $\phi$  that satisfies the following conditions:

$$\phi(x, y) = \phi(a_0, a_1, a_2) = a_0x + a_1y + a_2, \quad \|\vec{a}\| = 1$$

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$$\text{where } \vec{a} = [a_0, a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, a_5]^T, \|\vec{a}\| = 1$$

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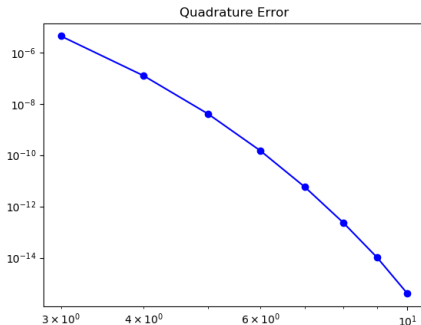
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■ 2<sup>nd</sup> order moments:

$$M_{x^2} = \frac{\int_{\Omega} x^2 dx dy}{M} \quad M_{xy} = \frac{\int_{\Omega} xy dx dy}{M} \quad M_{y^2} = \frac{\int_{\Omega} y^2 dx dy}{M}$$

Moments of approximate fluid  $\bar{\Omega}$  can be calculated analogously

- Recursively decompose the domain into height functions
- Perform Gaussian quadrature on each height function
- Implementation specialized for two-dimensional, second order level set functions [Saye, 2015]

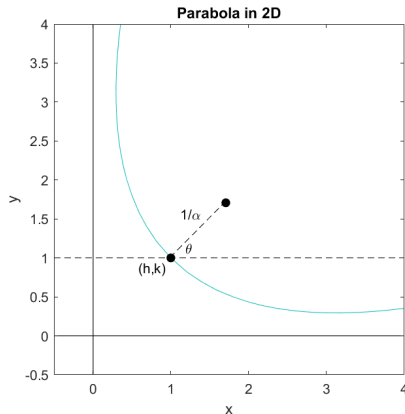


- Fluid solver needs to be able to advance moment data
- Algorithm taken from Shashkov and Dyadechko [Dyadechko and Sashkov, 2005]
  - 1 Create Lagrangian Prototype: trace cells backwards in time
  - 2 Compute moment data for each prototype
  - 3 Transform moment data to current domain
- Each step needs to preserve second order accuracy

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  - Problem Formulation
  - Initial Condition: Linear Moment-of-fluid
  - Initial Condition: Radial Basis Function Network
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- Arbitrary quadratic curves are unnecessarily complicated
- Use parabolas: simpler parameterization than coefficients
  - Vertex  $(h, k)$ , focus parameter  $\alpha$ , angle of rotation  $\theta$



- Given a vector of moment data

$\vec{M} = [M_{x^2}, M_{y^2}, M_{xy}, M_x, M_y, M]^T$ , find the vector of level set function parameters  $\vec{a}$  that minimizes the following cost function:

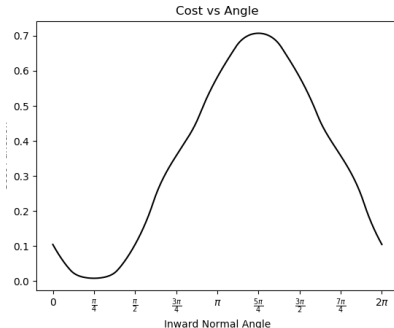
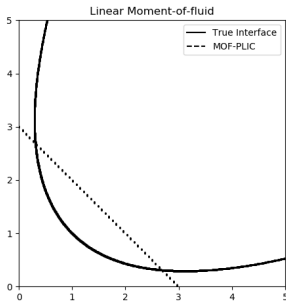
$$C(\vec{a}) = (M_{x^2} - \overline{M_{x^2}})^2 + (M_{y^2} - \overline{M_{y^2}})^2 + (M_{xy} - \overline{M_{xy}})^2 \\ + (M_x - \overline{M_x})^2 + (M_y - \overline{M_y})^2$$

such that

$$\overline{M} = M$$

- 1: Transform  $\vec{M}$  to  $\vec{\tilde{M}}$ : equivalent moment data on the unit square  $\tilde{U} = [0, 1]^2$ .
- 2: Intelligently produce initial level set data  $\vec{a}_0$ .
- 3: **while** Error tolerance is not reached **do**
- 4:     Choose a search direction  $\nabla C$ , step length  $\gamma$
- 5:      $\vec{a}_{n+1} \leftarrow \vec{a}_n - \gamma \nabla C(\vec{a}_n)$
- 6:     Perform *flooding algorithm* on  $\vec{a}_{n+1}$  to maintain volume
- 7: **end while**
- 8: Transform level set parameters  $\vec{a}_n$  on  $\tilde{U}$  back to equivalent parameters on  $U$ .

- Properties of  $C$  are obscure: prone to local minima
  - Initialize QMOF with solution to MOF
- MOF reduces to a bounded, 1D optimization problem in  $\theta$ 
  - Computed with Golden Section search





- Overall, we want to solve  $F(\vec{M}) = \vec{a}$  when we know  $F^{-1}$
- Use three-layer (6- $N$ -4) RBFN to approximate  $F$  [Wu et al., 2012]
  - Train network on randomly generated parabolas
  - Cluster resulting moment data into  $N$  hidden nodes
  - Interpolate reference data  $\vec{M}$  among clusters to find an approximate parabola  $\vec{a}$
- Training RBFN requires solving a dense linear system
  - Only needs to be done once across all runs of algorithm
- Converges significantly faster, but unreliably

- Given initial parameters  $\vec{a}_0$ , cost function  $C(\vec{a})$ , initial step size  $\gamma_0$ , and backtracking parameter  $\beta \in (0, 1)$ , compute optimal vector  $\vec{a}$  that minimizes  $C$

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1:  $\vec{a} \leftarrow \vec{a}_0$ 
2:  $\gamma \leftarrow \gamma_0$ 
3: while  $\|\nabla C\| > \text{error tolerance}$  do
4:   while  $C(\vec{a} - \gamma \nabla C(\vec{a})) \geq C(\vec{a})$  do
5:      $\gamma \leftarrow \beta \cdot \gamma$ 
6:   end while
7:    $\vec{a} \leftarrow \vec{a} - \gamma \nabla C(\vec{a})$ 
8:   flooding( $\vec{a}; M$ )
9:    $\gamma \leftarrow \gamma_0$ 
10: end while
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- Need to keep volume  $M$  constant across the algorithm
  - Done by adjusting the intercept of level set function:

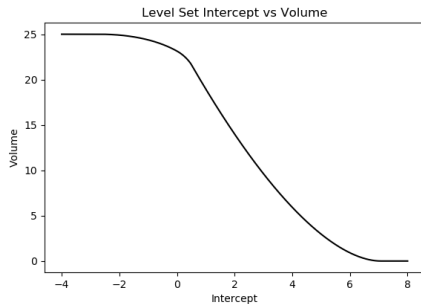
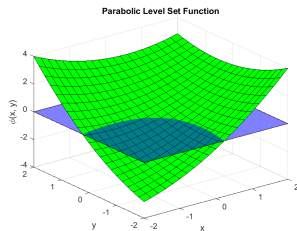
$$\phi(x, y) = \phi(\vec{a}, M) = a_0 x^2 + a_1 y^2 + a_2 xy + a_3 x + a_4 y + V(\vec{a}, M)$$

- Can calculate  $V(\vec{a}, M)$  using solution to bisection problem

$$g(a_5) = \overline{M} - M = \int_{\overline{\Omega}} dx dy - M = 0$$

for level set function

$$\phi(x, y) = a_0x^2 + a_1y^2 + a_2xy + a_3x + a_4y + a_5$$



- Volume is monotonic and bounded
  - Can find initial bracketing interval algorithmically

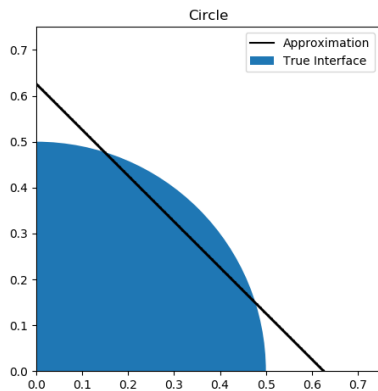
- We can reasonably assume  $C$  is continuous for parabolas
- Compute search direction with centered difference

$$\frac{\partial C(\vec{a})}{\partial a_j} \approx \frac{-C(a_j + 2h) + 8C(a_j + h) - 8C(a_j - h) + C(a_j - 2h)}{12h}$$

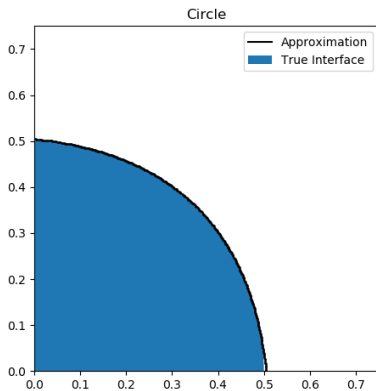
where  $C(a_j)$  is shorthand for  $C(a_0, \dots, a_j, \dots, a_n)$

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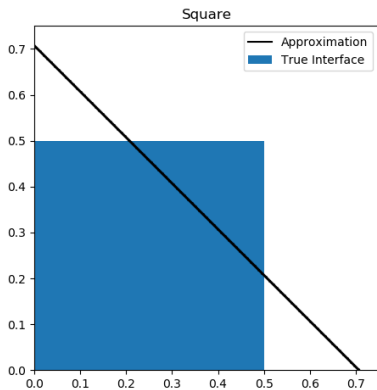
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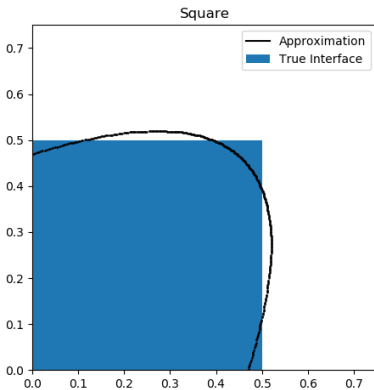
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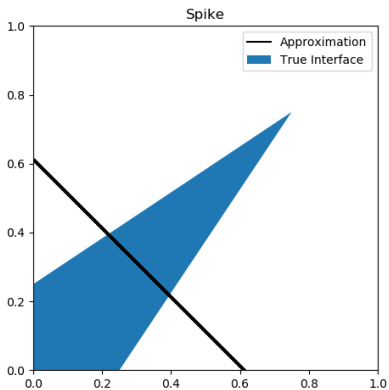


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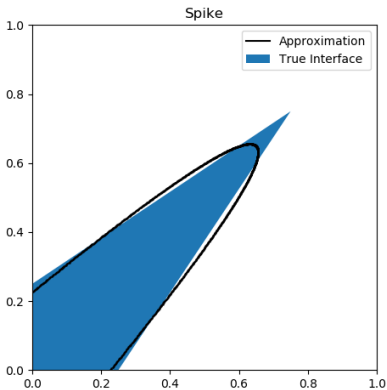


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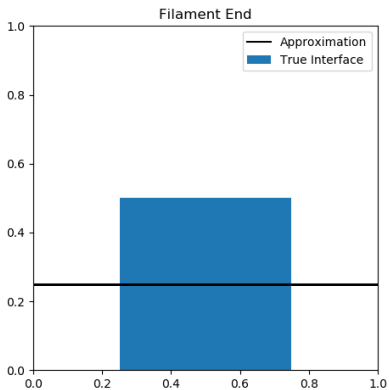




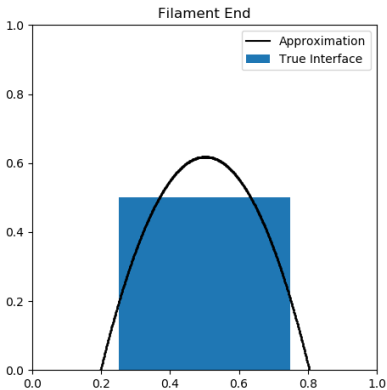
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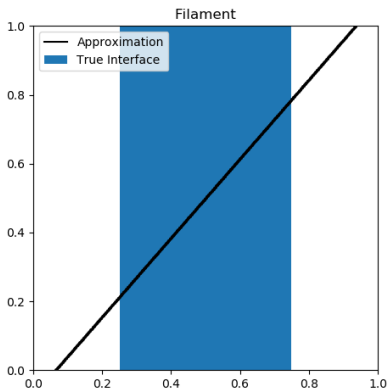
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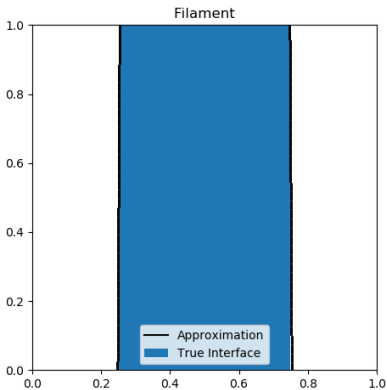
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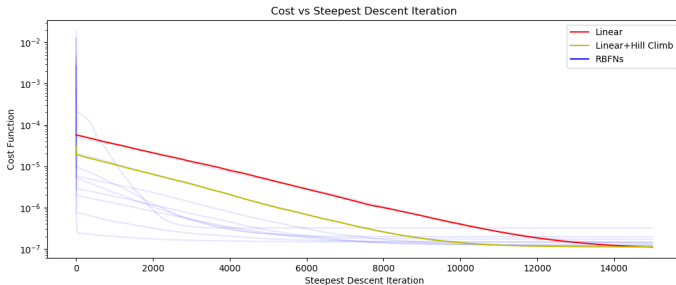
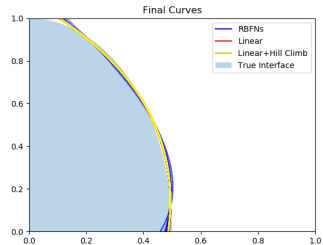
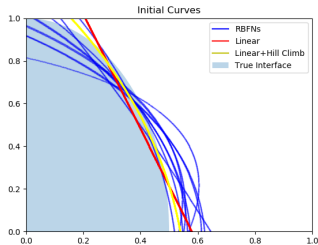
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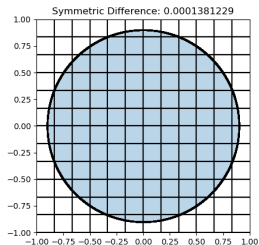
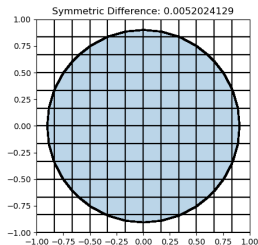
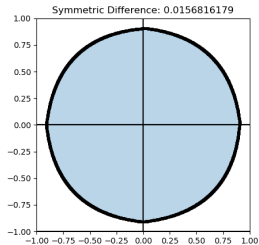
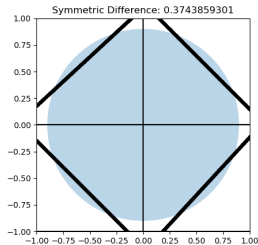


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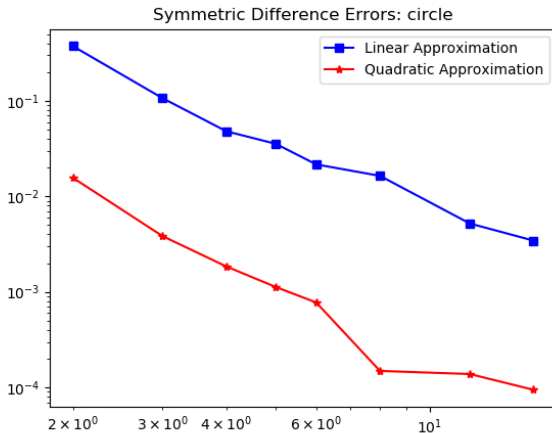


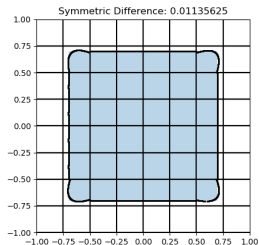
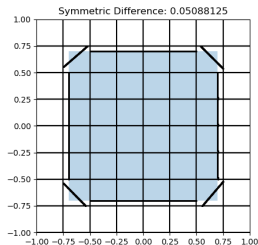
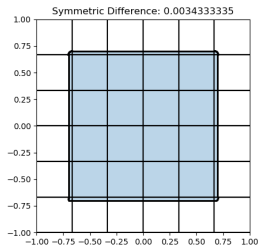
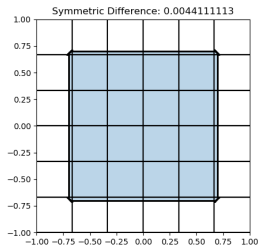
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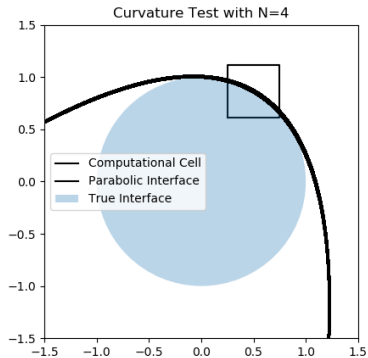
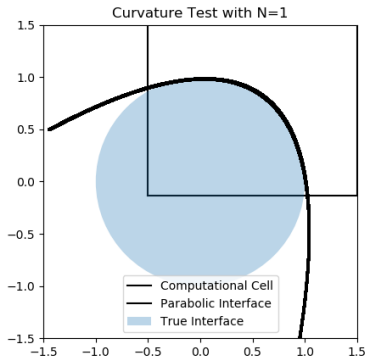




## ■ Second Order Convergence, 4 times as effective as MOF

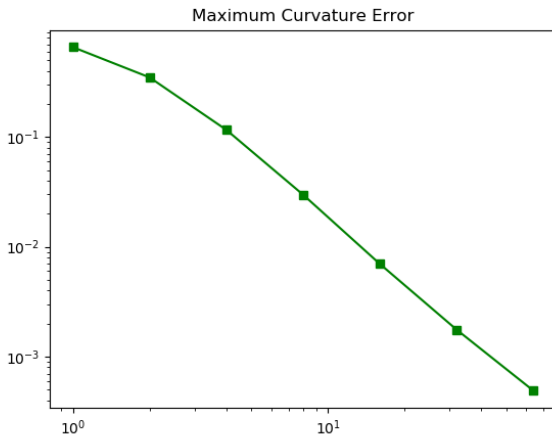








## ■ First order approximation of curvature



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- A novel Piecewise Parabolic Interface Calculation method built on top of Moment-of-fluid, bringing locality advantages
- The second order interface is more accurate and can approximate subgrid features
- Second order reconstruction allows for accurate approximation of curvature

- Implement dynamic tests for time-advanced fluid
- Improve efficacy of Radial Basis Function Network
- Test alternative, gradient-free optimization methods



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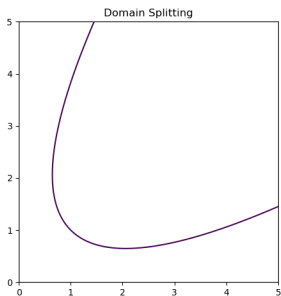
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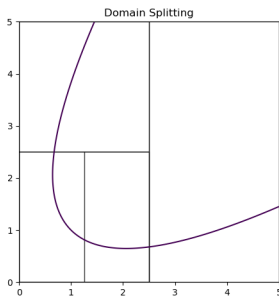




## Recursive Quadrature Algorithm Example

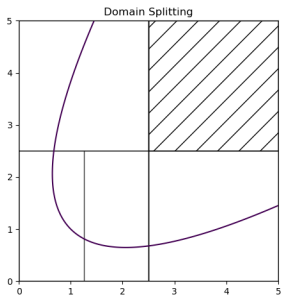


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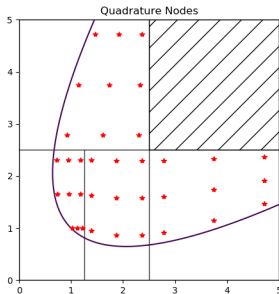


Subdivide Domain

## Recursive Quadrature Algorithm Example



Identify Empty/Full Domains



Place Quadrature Nodes

## Derivation of rotated parabola

- Begin with standard form of parabola, rotate around  $(h, k)$

$$(y - k)^2 = 4a(x - h)$$

$$\phi(x, y) = \frac{\alpha}{4}(y - k)^2 - (x - h)$$

$$x \rightarrow (y - k) \sin(\theta) + (x - h) \cos(\theta) + h$$

$$y \rightarrow (y - k) \cos(\theta) - (x - h) \sin(\theta) + k$$

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(x, y) = \frac{\alpha}{4} & ((y - k) \cos(\theta) - (x - h) \sin(\theta))^2 \\ & - ((y - k) \sin(\theta) + (x - h) \cos(\theta)) \end{aligned}$$

Can reorganize  $\phi$  as coefficients for a second order polynomial

Maps data from  $[x_l, x_u] \times [y_l, y_u]$  to  $[0, 1]^2$

$$\widetilde{M} = \frac{M}{(x_u - x_l)(y_u - y_l)}$$

$$\widetilde{M_{x^2}} = \frac{M_{x^2} - 2x_l M_x + x_l^2}{(x_u - x_l)^2}$$

$$\widetilde{M_x} = \frac{M_x - x_l}{x_u - x_l}$$

$$\widetilde{M_{y^2}} = \frac{M_{y^2} - 2y_l M_y + y_l^2}{(y_u - y_l)^2}$$

$$\widetilde{M_y} = \frac{M_y - y_l}{y_u - y_l}$$

$$\widetilde{M_{xy}} = \frac{M_{xy} - y_l M_x - x_l M_y + x_l y_l}{(x_u - x_l)(y_u - y_l)}$$

Map level set coefficients from  $[0, 1]^2$  to  $[x_l, x_u] \times [y_l, y_u]$

$$\begin{aligned} a_0 &= \frac{\tilde{a}_0}{(x_u - x_l)^2} & a_3 &= \frac{-2\tilde{a}_0 x_l}{(x_u - x_l)^2} - \frac{\tilde{a}_2 y_l}{(x_u - x_l)(y_u - y_l)} + \tilde{a}_3 \\ a_1 &= \frac{\tilde{a}_1}{(y_u - y_l)^2} & a_4 &= \frac{-2\tilde{a}_1 y_l}{(y_u - y_l)^2} - \frac{\tilde{a}_2 x_l}{(x_u - x_l)(y_u - y_l)} + \tilde{a}_4 \\ a_2 &= \frac{\tilde{a}_2}{(x_u - x_l)(y_u - y_l)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} a_5 &= \frac{\tilde{a}_0 x_l^2}{(x_u - x_l)^2} + \frac{\tilde{a}_1 y_l^2}{(y_u - y_l)^2} + \frac{\tilde{a}_2 x_l y_l}{(x_u - x_l)(y_u - y_l)} \\ &\quad - \frac{\tilde{a}_3 x_l}{x_u - x_l} - \frac{\tilde{a}_4 y_l}{y_u - y_l} + \tilde{a}_5 \end{aligned}$$