

A posteriori error estimates for efficiency and error control in numerical simulations

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- exact solution $u = e^{x+y+t-3}$ on square domain $\Omega = (0, 3) \times (0, 3)$, $T = 1.5$ or $T = 3$
- square meshes: 10×10 , 30×30 , 90×90
- time steps: 0.3, 0.1, 0.3333
- vertex-centered finite volumes
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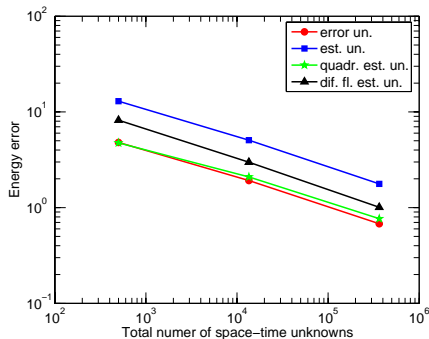
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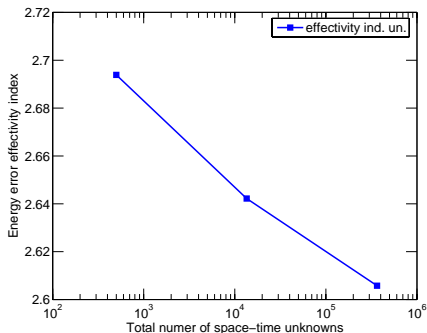
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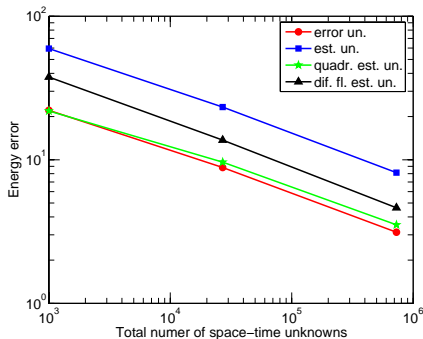


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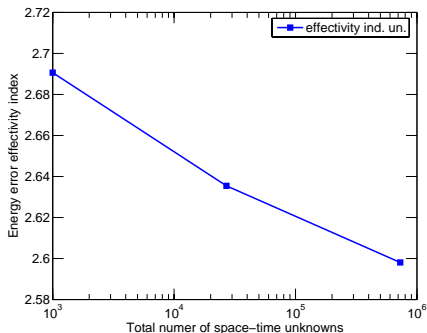


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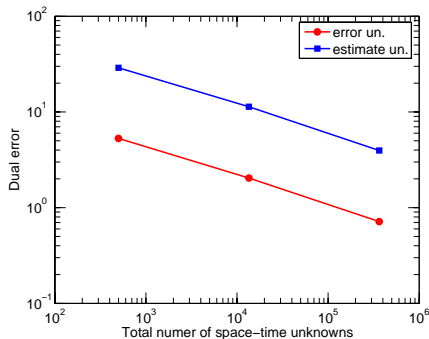
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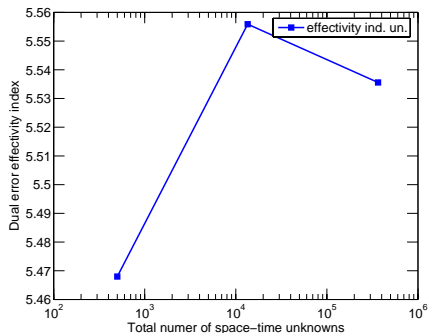
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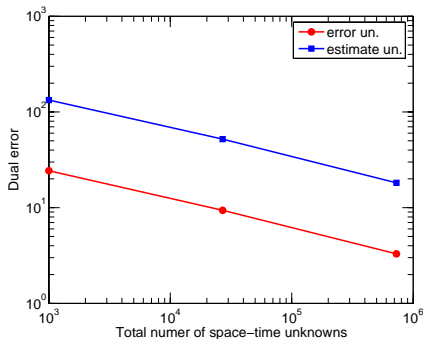
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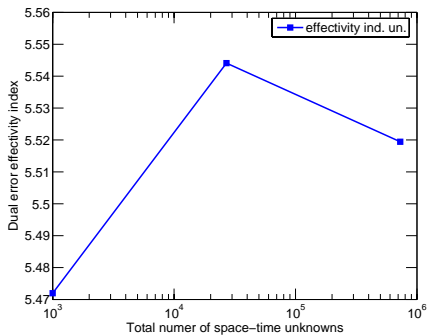
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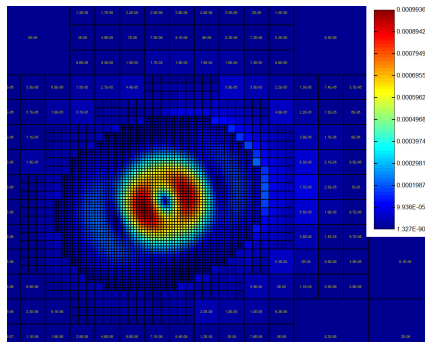
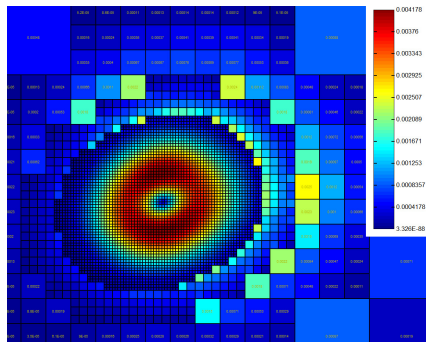
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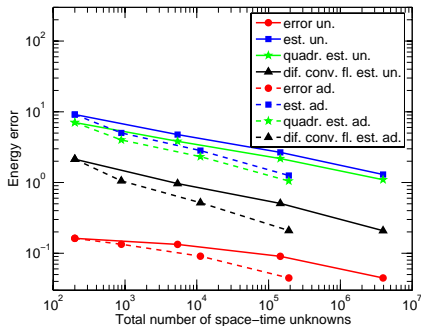
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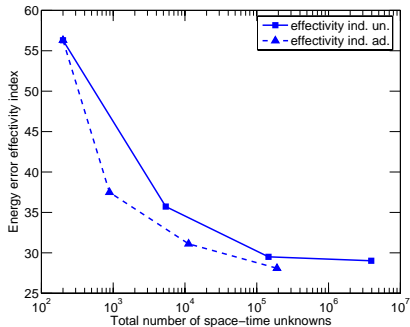
Error distributions



Estimated and actual energy errors

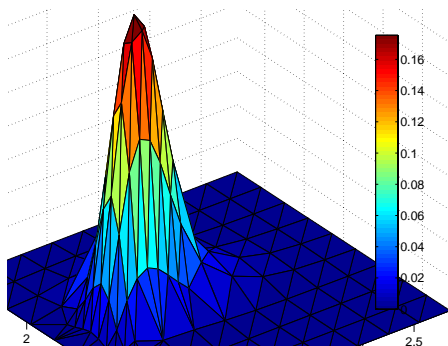


Estimated and actual errors,
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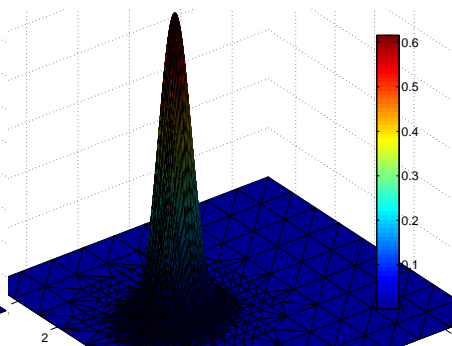


Effectivity indices,
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Adaptive refinement approximate solutions

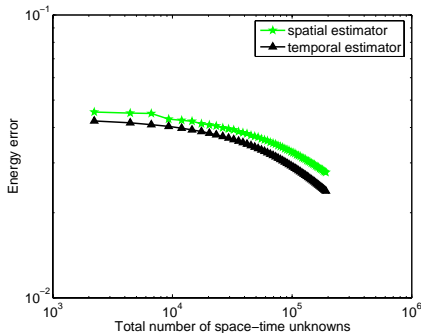


Approximate solutions,
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 levels refinement



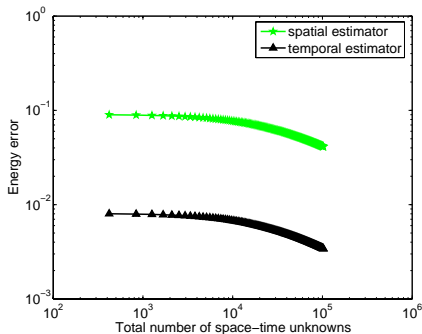
Approximate solutions,
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Spatial and temporal estimators equilibrated

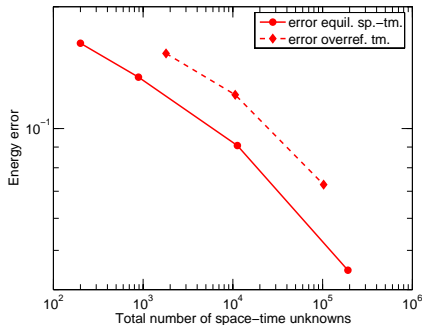


Spatial estimators η_{sp}^n and temporal estimators η_{tm}^n equilibrated,
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Overrefinement in time

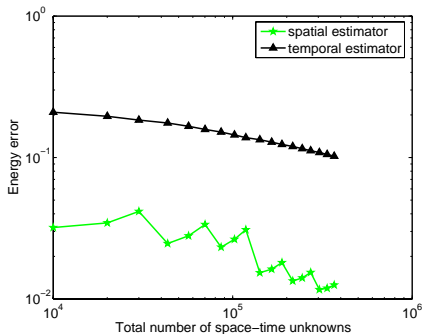


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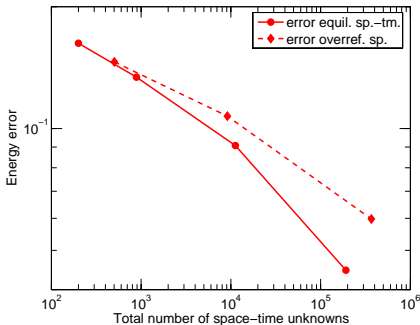


Comparison with the
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Numerical experiment I

Model problem

- p -Laplacian

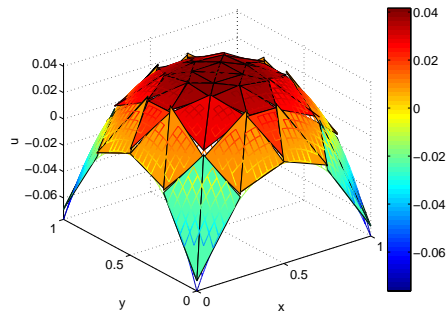
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- weak solution (used to impose the Dirichlet BC)

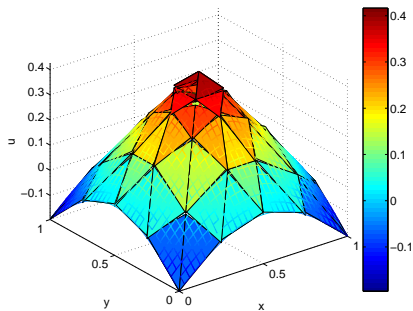
$$u(x, y) = -\frac{p-1}{p} \left(\left(x - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \left(y - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 \right)^{\frac{p}{2(p-1)}} + \frac{p-1}{p} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{\frac{p}{p-1}}$$

- tested values $p = 1.5$ and $p = 10$
- nonconforming finite elements

Analytical and approximate solutions

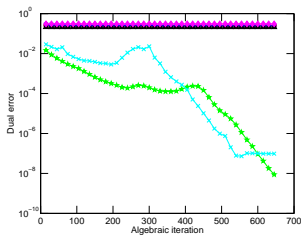


Case $p = 1.5$

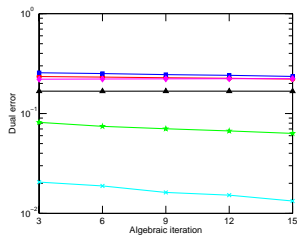


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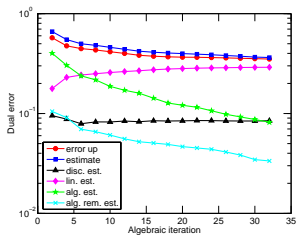
Error and estimators as a function of CG iterations, $p = 10$, 6th level mesh, 6th Newton step.



Newton

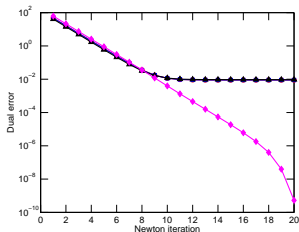


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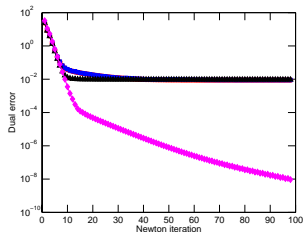


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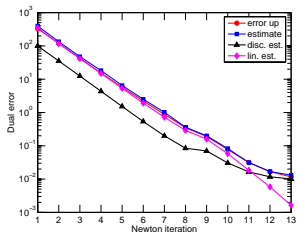
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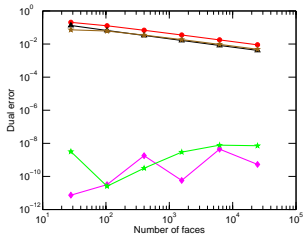


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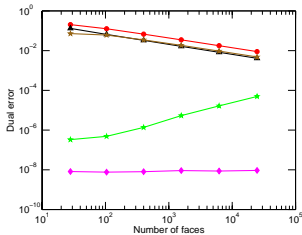


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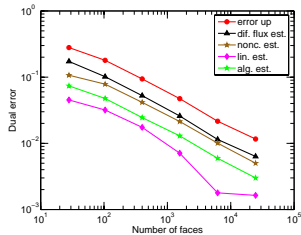
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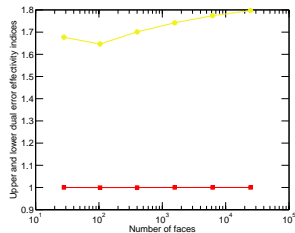
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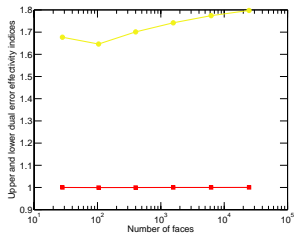
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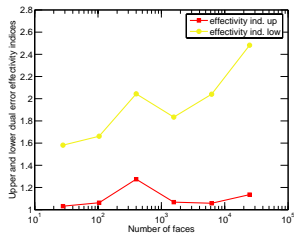
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Effectivity indices, $p = 10$ 

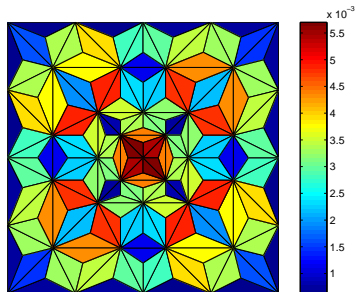
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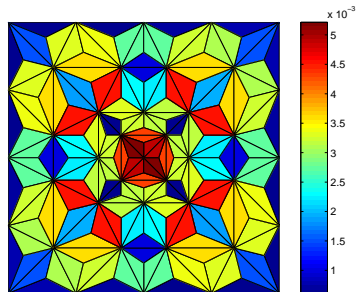
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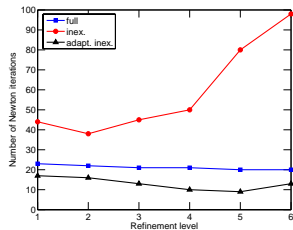
Error distribution, $p = 10$ 

Estimated error distribution

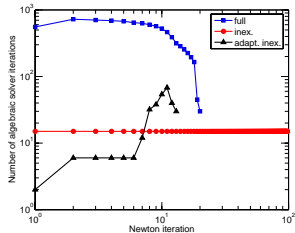


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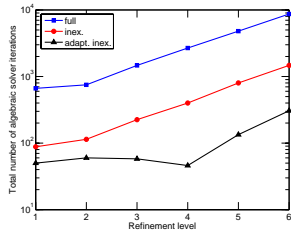
Newton and algebraic iterations, $p = 10$



Newton it. / refinement

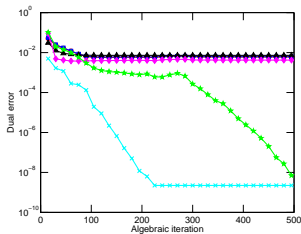


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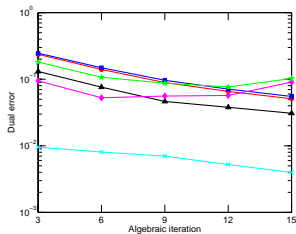


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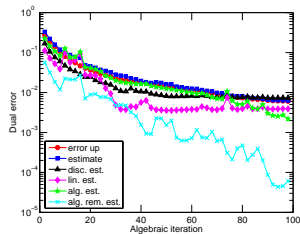
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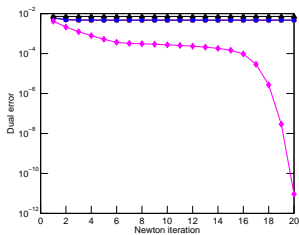


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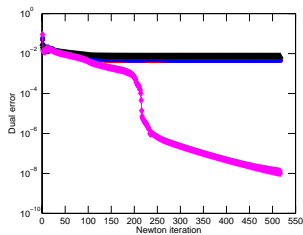


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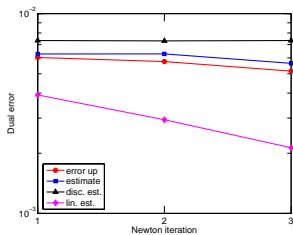
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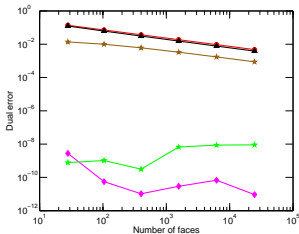


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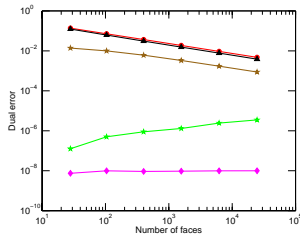


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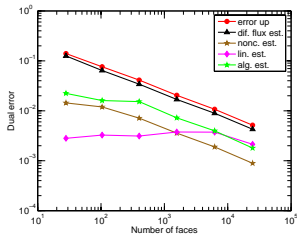
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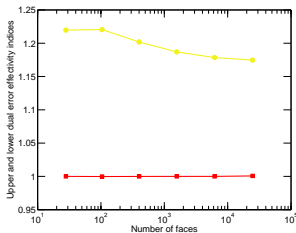
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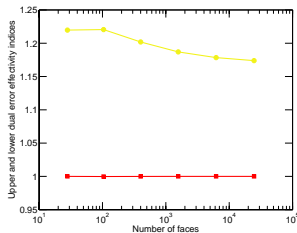
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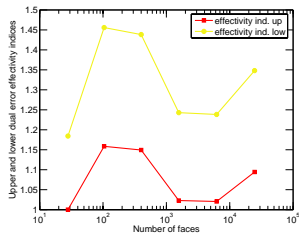
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Effectivity indices, $p = 1.5$ 

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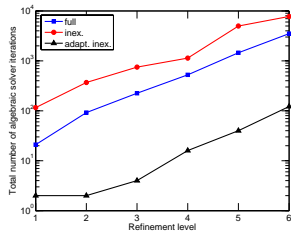
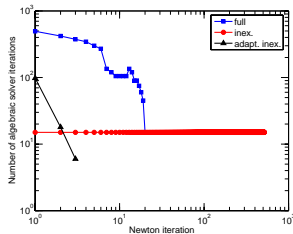
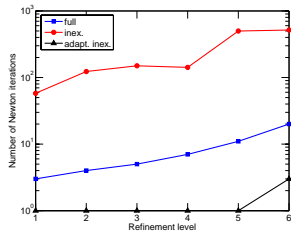


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Numerical experiment II

Model problem

- p -Laplacian

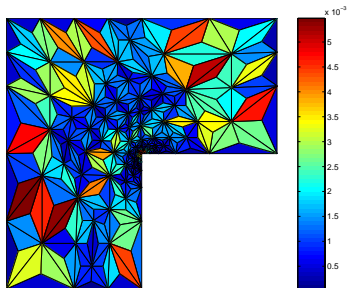
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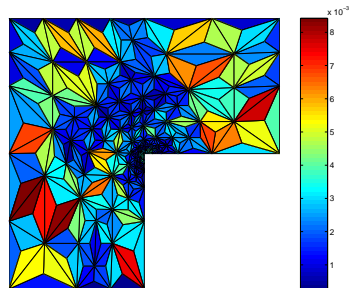
$$u(r, \theta) = r^{\frac{7}{8}} \sin(\theta^{\frac{7}{8}})$$

- $p = 4$, L-shape domain, singularity in the origin (Carstensen and Klose (2003))
- nonconforming finite elements

Error distribution on an adaptively refined mesh

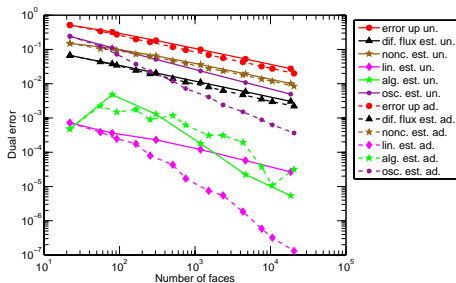


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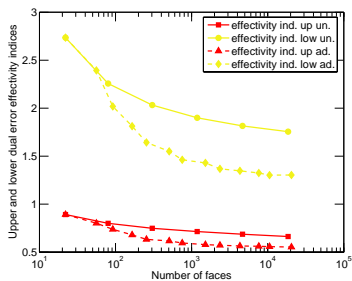


Exact error distribution

Estimated and actual errors and the effectivity index

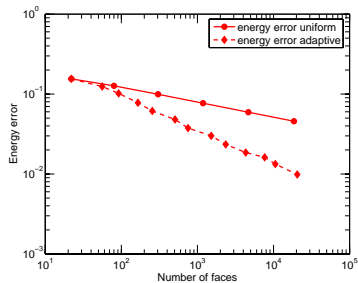


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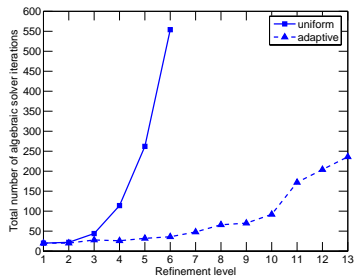


Effectivity index

Energy error and overall performance



Energy error



Overall performance