

Guaranteed, locally space-time efficient, and polynomial-degree robust a posteriori error estimates for high-order discretizations of parabolic problems

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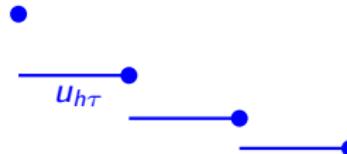
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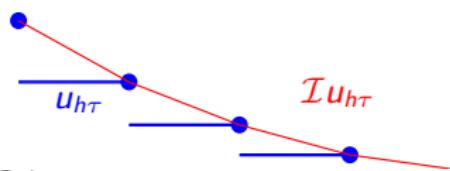
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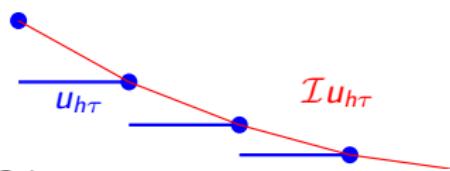
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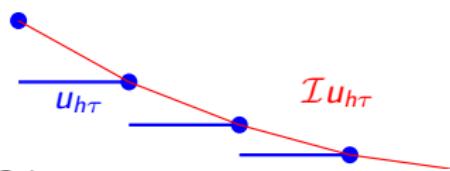
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- $\mathcal{I}u = u \Rightarrow$

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Suppose *no source term oscillation* or *no coarsening*. Then there holds

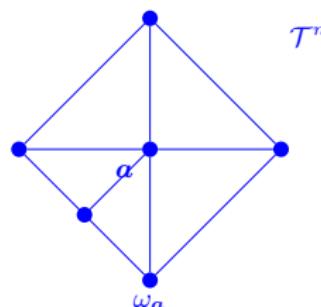
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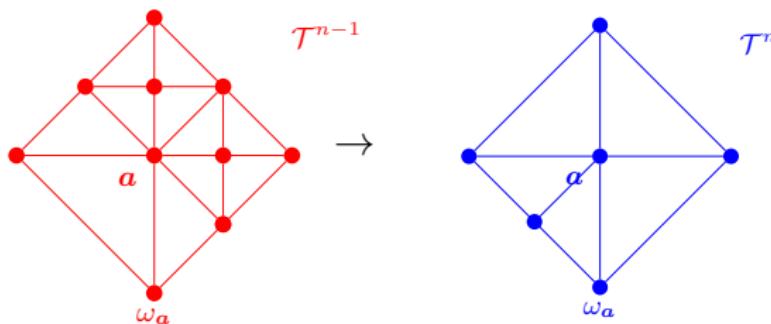
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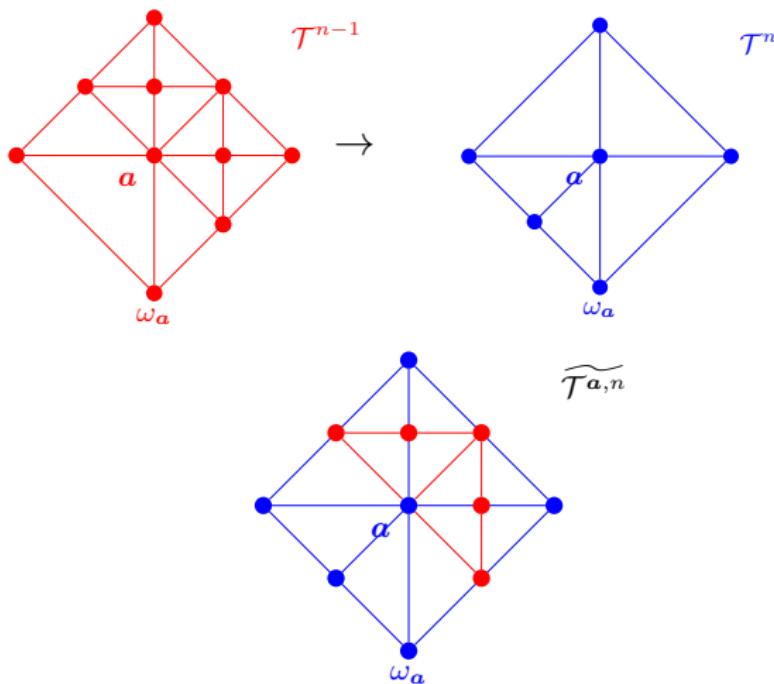
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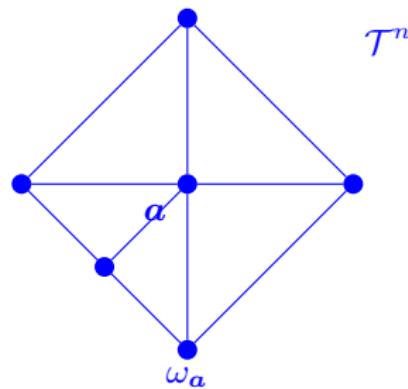
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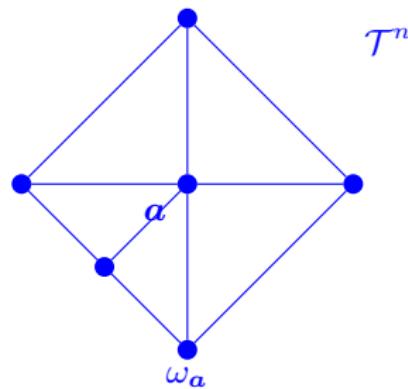
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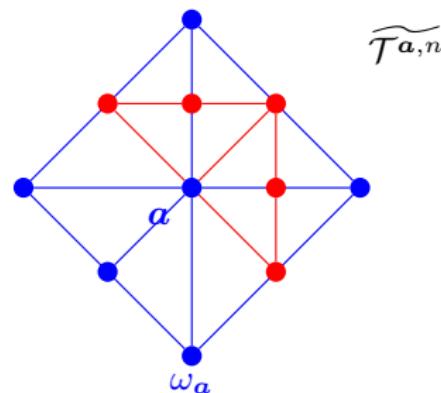
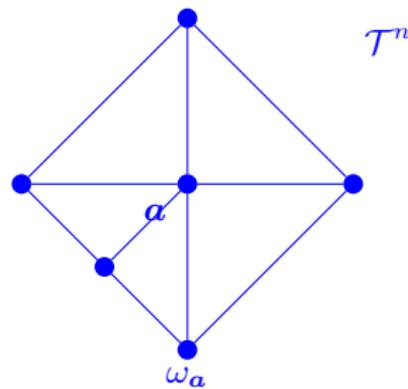
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