

# *r-refinement in isogeometric analysis*

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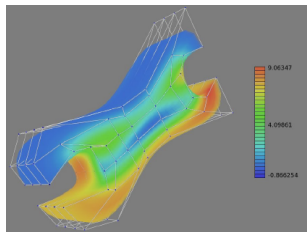
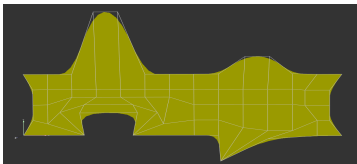
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- IGA is an isoparametric, exact geometry approach, which is recently providing very promising results as an alternative to finite element analysis (FEA).
- proposed by Prof. T. Hughes et al. from University of Texas at Austin in 2005
- **motivation:**
  - **seamless integration** of CAD and CAE.
  - avoid geometry approximations of mesh generation in FEA
  - high regularity and refinement of B-spline functions.
- **basic idea:** use the same standard mathematical representation as in CAD systems (such as NURBS) for both the geometry and the solution field (such as thermal conduction).

# Representation in IGA

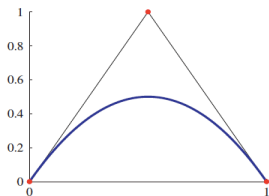
- computational domain:
  - 2D: planar B-spline surface
  - 3D: B-spline volume
- solution field :
  - 2D: B-spline surface with 3D control points
  - 3D: B-spline volume with 4D control points



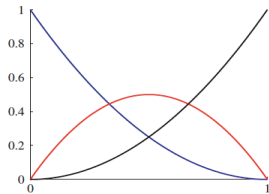
- application in various simulation problems : [Y. Bazilevs et al.2006],[J.A. Cottrell et al.2006], [Y. Bazilevs et al.2008]...
- application of various geometric modeling tools in IGA
  - NURBS : [T. Hughes et al., 2005]
  - T-spline: [M. Dörfel et al., 2010],[Y. Bazilevs et al.2010]
  - Subdivision surface: [F. Cirak et al., 2000]
  - PHT-spline: [Tian et al., 2010]
  - Catmull-Clark subdivision solids: [Burkhart et al., 2010]
- accuracy and efficiency improvement of IGA framework by reparameterization and refinement operations
  - h-refinement: knot insertion [J.A. Cottrell et al.2007]
  - p-refinement: order elevation [T. Hughes et al., 2005]
  - k-refinement: order elevation + knot insertion [T. Hughes et al. 2008]

- knot insertion: adding a new knot into the existing knot vector without changing the shape of curve/surface/volume

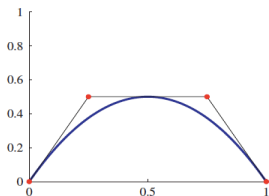
Original curve with  $\Xi = \{0,0,0,1,1,1\}$



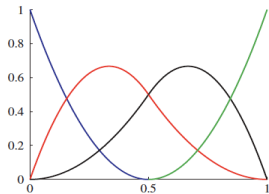
Original basis functions



Refined curve with  $\Xi = \{0,0,0,0,0.5,1,1,1\}$

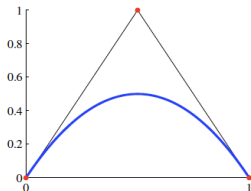


New basis functions

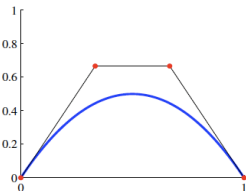


- order elevation: increase the order of B-spline basis function without changing the shape of the curve/surface/volume

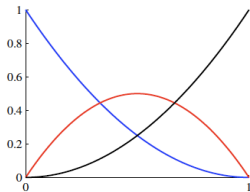
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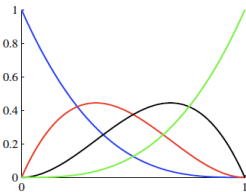
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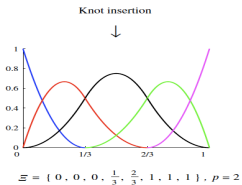
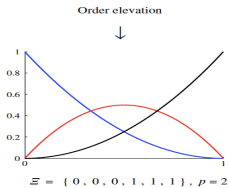
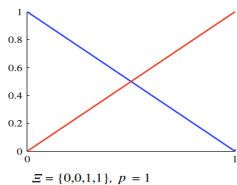
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- Order elevation + knot insertion : p-h-refinement

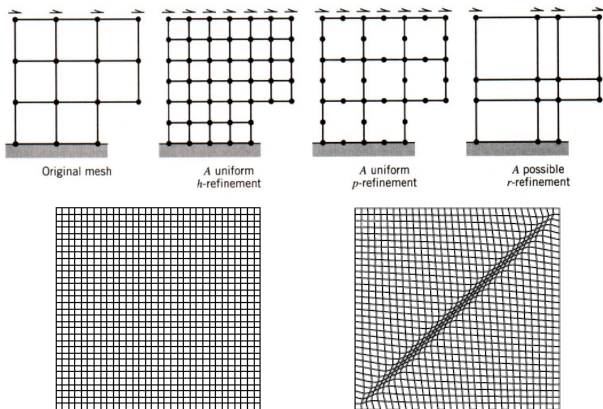




- p-h-k refinement: increase number of freedom (control points) to achieve better analysis results without changing the geometry
- Keep number of freedom as constant to obtain better results ?
- One option: optimize the placement of inner control points
- Parameterization of computational domain is changed while keeping the boundary geometry

# *r-refinement in FEA*

- r-refinement: **r**emesh operation on computational domain to minimize the cost function while keeping the number of elements as a constant.
- moving nodes, moving mesh,....
- r-refinement in IGA: similarity and difference?



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## Test model — heat conduction problem

Given a domain  $\Omega$  with  $\Gamma = \partial\Omega_D \cup \partial\Omega_N$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla(\kappa(x)\nabla U(x)) &= f(x) && \text{in } \Omega \\ U(x) &= U_0(x) && \text{on } \partial\Omega_D \\ \kappa(x)\frac{\partial U}{\partial n}(x) &= \Phi_0(x) && \text{on } \partial\Omega_N,\end{aligned}\tag{1}$$

where  $x$  are the Cartesian coordinates,  $U$  represents the temperature field and  $\kappa$  the thermal conductivity. Dirichlet and Neumann boundary conditions are applied on  $\partial\Omega_D$  and  $\partial\Omega_N$  respectively,  $T_0$  and  $\Phi_0$  being the imposed temperature and thermal flux ( $n$  unit vector normal to the boundary).  $f$  is a user-defined function that allows to generate problems with an analytical solution, by adding a source term to the classical heat conduction equation.

- weak form

$$\int_{\Omega} \nabla(\kappa(x)\nabla U(x)) \psi(x) d\Omega = \int_{\Omega} f(x) \psi(x) d\Omega \quad \forall \psi \in H_{\partial\Omega_D}^1(\Omega),$$

- integration by parts

$$-\int_{\Omega} \kappa(x)\nabla U(x) \nabla\psi(x) d\Omega + \int_{\partial\Omega_N} \Phi_0(x) \psi(x) d\Gamma = \int_{\Omega} f(x) \psi(x) d\Omega.$$

- temperature field and test function

$$T(\xi, \eta) = \sum_{i=1}^{n_i} \sum_{j=1}^{n_j} \hat{N}_i^{p_i}(\xi) \hat{N}_j^{p_j}(\eta) T_{ij},$$

$$\psi(x) = N_{ij}(x) = \hat{N}_{ij} \circ \sigma^{-1}(x) = \hat{N}_{ij}(\xi, \eta) = \hat{N}_i^{p_i}(\xi) \hat{N}_j^{p_j}(\eta).$$

where  $\sigma$  is the map from parametric domain  $\mathcal{P}$  to computational domain  $\Omega$ .

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n_k} \sum_{l=1}^{n_l} T_{kl} \int \kappa(x) \nabla N_{kl}(x) \nabla N_{ij}(x) d\Omega = \int \Phi_0(x) N_{ij}(x) d\Gamma - \int f(x) N_{ij}(x) d\Omega.$$

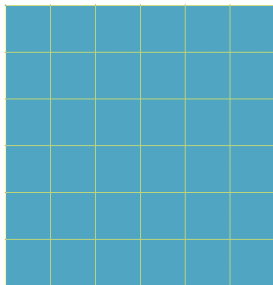
- rewritten weak formulation
- stiffness matrix and right-hand term

$$\begin{aligned} M_{ij,kl} &= \int_{\Omega} \kappa(x) \nabla N_{kl}(x) \nabla N_{ij}(x) d\Omega \\ &= \int_{\mathcal{P}} \kappa(T(u)) \nabla_u \tilde{N}_{kl}(u) B(u)^T B(u) \nabla_u \tilde{N}_{ij}(u) J(u) d\mathcal{P} \\ S_{ij} &= \int_{\partial\mathcal{P}_N} \Phi_0(T(u)) \tilde{N}_{ij}(u) J(u) d\tilde{\Gamma} - \int_{\mathcal{P}} f(T(u)) \tilde{N}_{ij}(u) J(u) d\mathcal{P}. \end{aligned}$$

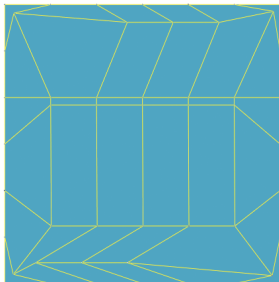
where  $J$  is the Jacobian of the transformation,  $B^K$  is the transposed of the inverse of the Jacobian matrix.

## Given ....

- **source term** :  $f(x, y) = -\frac{4\pi^2}{9} \sin(\frac{\pi x}{3}) \sin(\frac{\pi y}{3})$ .
- **boundary condition** :  $\mathbf{U}_0(\mathbf{x}) = 0$  and  $\Phi_0(\mathbf{x}) = 0$
- **exact solution** :  $\mathbf{U}(x, y) = 2 \sin(\frac{\pi x}{3}) \sin(\frac{\pi y}{3})$ .
- **computational domain** :  $\Omega(x, y) = [0, 6] \times [0, 6]$

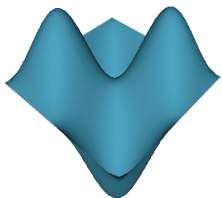


control point placement I

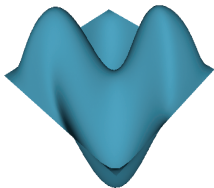


control point placement II

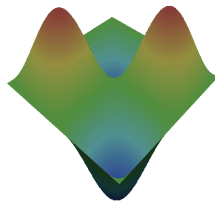
# *Solution comparison*



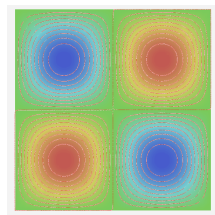
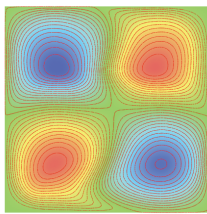
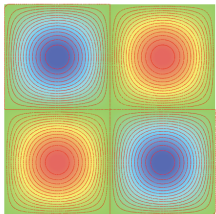
solution I



solution II



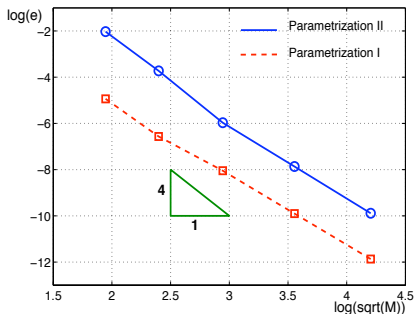
exact solution





- relative  $L_2$  norm:

$$e = \sqrt{\frac{\int_{\Omega} (\mathbf{T} - \tilde{\mathbf{T}})^T (\mathbf{T} - \tilde{\mathbf{T}}) d\Omega}{\int_{\Omega} \mathbf{T}^T \mathbf{T} d\Omega}}$$



- Model quality has some effect on analysis results
- accuracy and efficiency
- How to improve model quality for isogeometric analysis ?

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## *r-refinement*

given initial placement of control points of computational domain, **r**eposition the inner control points to achieve more accurate simulation results in isogeometric analysis

- Inspired from **shape optimization**
- Shape optimization: optimize the boundary model to minimize the error function (cost function) of simulation

## Main idea

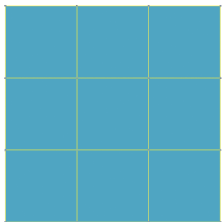
Let the inner control points, rather than boundary control points, be the design variables for the shape optimization, and find the best placement of inner control points to make the value of a cost function as small as possible.

- **optimization variables**: the coordinates of the inner control points
- **cost function**: error of the IGA solution
- **optimization algorithm**: steepest-descent method in conjunction with a back-tracking line-search
  - 1 Evaluation of perturbed points  $x_k + \epsilon e_k$
  - 2 Estimation of the gradient  $\nabla f(x_k)$  by finite-difference
  - 3 Define search direction  $d_k = -\nabla f(x_k)$
  - 4 Line search : find  $\rho$  such as  $f(x_k + \rho d_k) < f(x_k)$

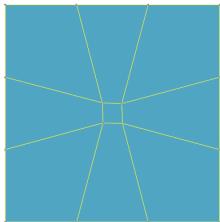
## Example 1: given...

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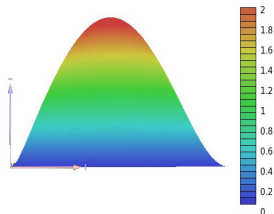
# Example 1: results



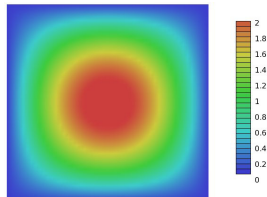
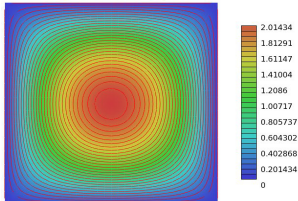
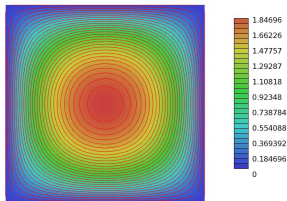
initial solution



final solution

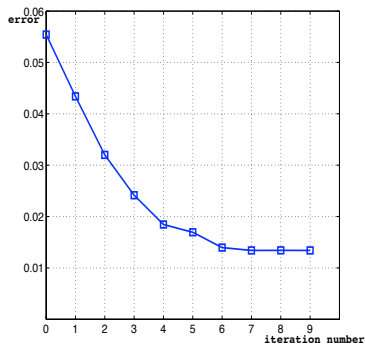


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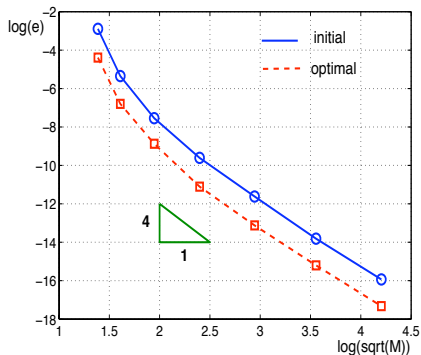




# Example 1: error analysis



error history of optimization(24.52%)



error history of h-refinement

## Example 2: given...

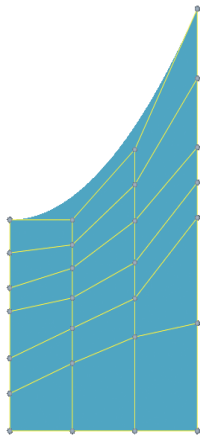
- **boundary condition** :  $\mathbf{U}_0(\mathbf{x}) = 0$  and  $\Phi_0(\mathbf{x}) = 0$
- **exact solution** :

$$\mathbf{U}(x, y) = \sin(\pi(y - x^2)) \sin(\pi x) \sin(\pi y)$$

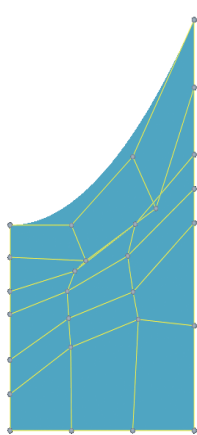
- **computational domain** :

$$\Omega(x, y) = \{(x, y) \mid -1 \leq y \leq x^2, 0 \leq x \leq 1\}$$

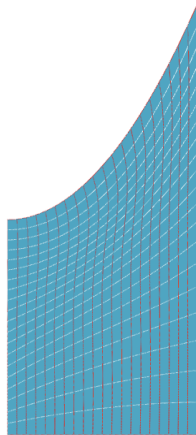
## Example 2: results



initial domain



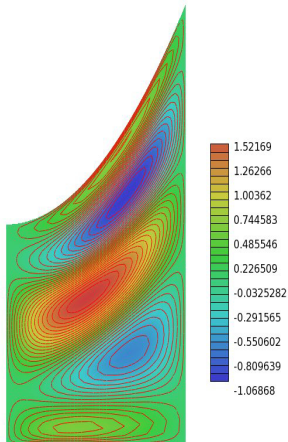
final domain



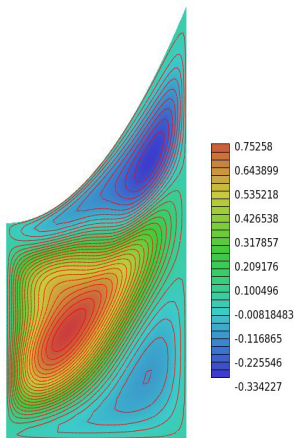
final isoparametric net

# Example 2: simulation results

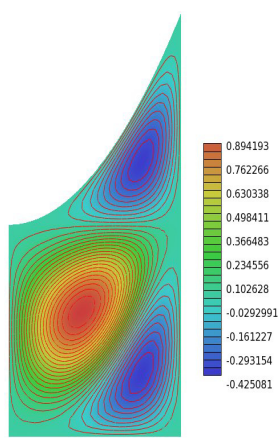
initial solution



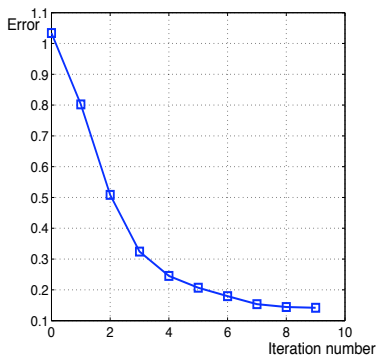
final solution



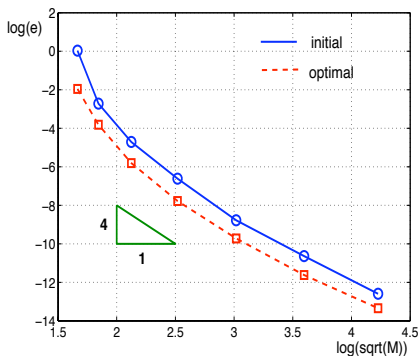
exact solution



## Example 2: error analysis



error history of optimization(14.65%)



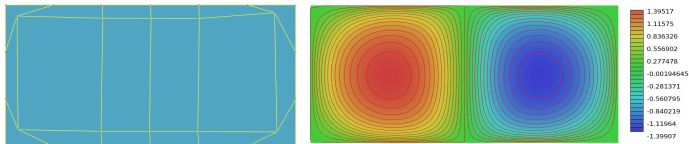
error history of h-refinement

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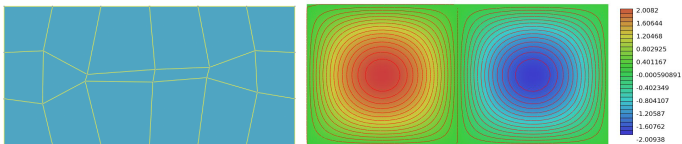
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# Example 3: results

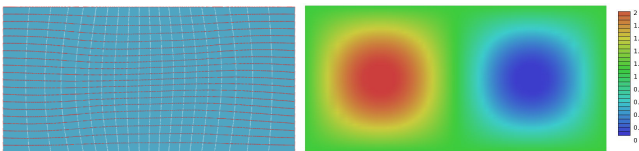
initial:



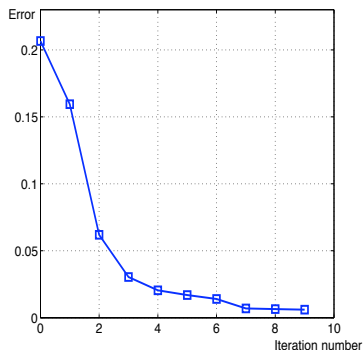
final:



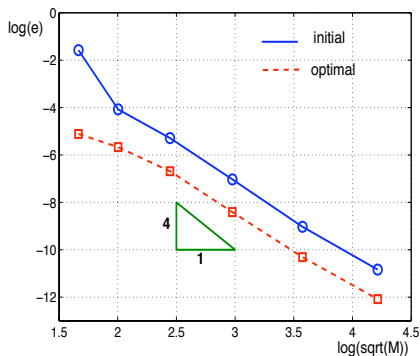
exact:



## Example 3: error analysis



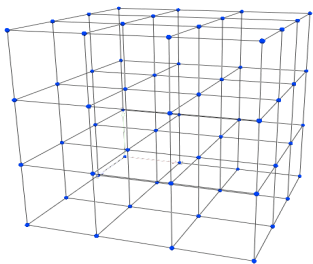
error history of optimization(3.31%)



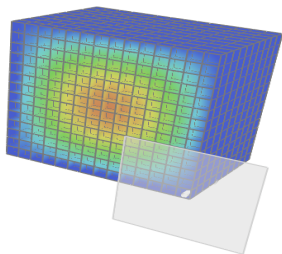
error history of h-refinement



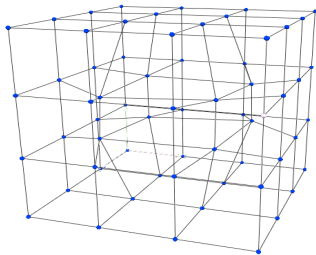
# 3D Example with known exact solution



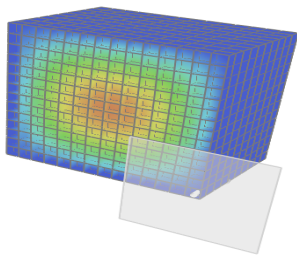
initial CD



initial solution



final CD



final solution

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- model problem:

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta U &= f \quad \text{in } \Omega \\ U &= U_0 \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega_D\end{aligned}\tag{2}$$

- $U_h$  is the IGA solution
- error:  $e = U - U_h$
- residual function

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{R}(\psi) &= \int_{\Omega} f \psi \, d\Omega + \int_{\Omega} \nabla U_h \nabla \psi \, d\Omega \\ &= \sum_{K \in \Omega} \int_K (f \psi - \Delta U_h \psi) \, dK\end{aligned}$$

$$\|e\|^2 \leq C \sum_{K \in \Omega} h_K \int_K (f - \Delta U_h)^2 dK \quad (3)$$

## Main idea for r-refinement

reposition inner control points to minimize  $\sum_{K \in \Omega} h_K \int_K (f - \Delta U_h)^2 dK$ .



$$\Delta U_h = \frac{\partial^2 U_h}{\partial^2 x} + \frac{\partial^2 U_h}{\partial^2 y} \quad (4)$$

- Solution field in isogeometric analysis

$$U_h(x, y) = \mathcal{T}_h(\xi, \eta) = \sum_{i=1}^{n_i} \sum_{j=1}^{n_j} \hat{N}_i^{p_i}(\xi) \hat{N}_j^{p_j}(\eta) T_{ij}$$

### Key point

How to compute  $\Delta U_h$ ?

# Main idea of IGA

- Use the same mathematical representation for the computational domain and solution field.
- Computational domain  $\Omega$  is parameterized by the following planar B-spline surface:

$$P(\xi, \eta) = (x(\xi, \eta), y(\xi, \eta)) = \sum_{i=1}^{n_i} \sum_{j=1}^{n_j} N_i^{d_i}(\xi) N_j^{d_j}(\eta) p_{ij},$$

- Solution field over the computational domain  $\Omega$  has the following form,

$$U_h(x(\xi, \eta), y(\xi, \eta)) = \mathcal{T}(\xi, \eta) = \sum_{i=1}^{n_i} \sum_{j=1}^{n_j} N_i^{d_i}(\xi) N_j^{d_j}(\eta) T_{ij},$$

Here  $T_{ij}$  are the unknown variables in isogeometric analysis to be solved.

# Computation of $\Delta U_h$

From  $U_h(x(\xi, \eta), y(\xi, \eta)) = \mathcal{T}(\xi, \eta)$ , we have

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{T}}{\partial \xi} = \frac{\partial U_h}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial \xi} + \frac{\partial U_h}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial \xi} \quad (5)$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{T}}{\partial \eta} = \frac{\partial U_h}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial \eta} + \frac{\partial U_h}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial \eta} \quad (6)$$

Then we can obtain

$$\frac{\partial U_h}{\partial x} = (\frac{\partial \mathcal{T}}{\partial \xi} y_\eta - \frac{\partial \mathcal{T}}{\partial \eta} y_\xi) / J \quad (7)$$

$$\frac{\partial U_h}{\partial y} = (\frac{\partial \mathcal{T}}{\partial \eta} x_\xi - \frac{\partial \mathcal{T}}{\partial \xi} x_\eta) / J \quad (8)$$

where  $J = x_\xi y_\eta - y_\xi x_\eta$ .



# Computation of $\Delta U_h$ — continued

$$\frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{T}}{\partial^2 \xi} = \frac{\partial^2 U_h}{\partial^2 x} \left( \frac{\partial x}{\partial \xi} \right)^2 + \frac{\partial U_h}{\partial x} \frac{\partial^2 x}{\partial^2 \xi} + \frac{\partial^2 U_h}{\partial^2 y} \left( \frac{\partial y}{\partial \xi} \right)^2 + \frac{\partial U_h}{\partial y} \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial^2 \xi} \quad (9)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{T}}{\partial^2 \eta} = \frac{\partial^2 U_h}{\partial^2 x} \left( \frac{\partial x}{\partial \eta} \right)^2 + \frac{\partial U_h}{\partial x} \frac{\partial^2 x}{\partial^2 \eta} + \frac{\partial^2 U_h}{\partial^2 y} \left( \frac{\partial y}{\partial \eta} \right)^2 + \frac{\partial U_h}{\partial y} \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial^2 \eta} \quad (10)$$

From (9)(10)

$$\frac{\partial^2 U_h}{\partial^2 x} = [y_\eta^2 (\mathcal{T}_{\xi\xi} - \frac{\partial U_h}{\partial x} x_{\xi\xi} - \frac{\partial U_h}{\partial y} y_{\xi\xi}) - y_\xi^2 (\mathcal{T}_{\eta\eta} - \frac{\partial U_h}{\partial x} x_{\eta\eta} - \frac{\partial U_h}{\partial y} y_{\eta\eta})] / K \quad (11)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 U_h}{\partial^2 y} = [x_\xi^2 (\mathcal{T}_{\eta\eta} - \frac{\partial U_h}{\partial x} x_{\eta\eta} - \frac{\partial U_h}{\partial y} y_{\eta\eta}) - x_\eta^2 (\mathcal{T}_{\xi\xi} - \frac{\partial U_h}{\partial x} x_{\xi\xi} - \frac{\partial U_h}{\partial y} y_{\xi\xi})] / K \quad (12)$$

where  $K = (x_\xi y_\eta)^2 - (x_\eta y_\xi)^2$

$$\Delta U_h = [(x_\xi^2 - y_\xi^2) (\mathcal{T}_{\eta\eta} - \frac{\partial U_h}{\partial x} x_{\eta\eta} - \frac{\partial U_h}{\partial y} y_{\eta\eta}) - (x_\eta^2 - y_\eta^2) (\mathcal{T}_{\xi\xi} - \frac{\partial U_h}{\partial x} x_{\xi\xi} - \frac{\partial U_h}{\partial y} y_{\xi\xi})] / K$$

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# Overview of $r$ -refinement in IGA

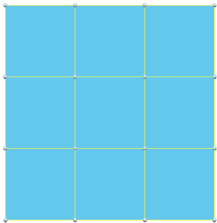
- 1 Solve IGA problem over given computational domain
- 2 Compute  $\sum_{K \in \Omega} h_K \int_K (f - \Delta U_h)^2 dK$
- 3 Reposition inner control points by minimizing  $\sum_{K \in \Omega} h_K \int_K (f - \Delta U_h)^2 dK$
- 4 Output final placement of inner control points

- $e = U - U_h$
- A posteriori error assessment by resolving IGA problem:

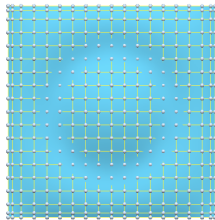
$$\begin{aligned}\Delta e &= f - \Delta U_h && \text{in } \Omega \\ e &= 0 && \text{on } \partial\Omega_D\end{aligned}\tag{13}$$

- Error field  $e$  has a B-spline form
- Perform h-refinement to achieve a good approximation
- More accurate but much more expensive
- Used for error assessment in r-refinement method

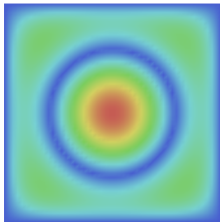
# *Error assessment: an example*



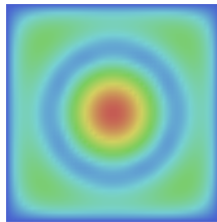
computational domain (CD)



resolved error surface



exact error colormap (EC)

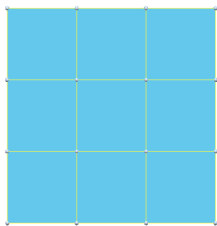


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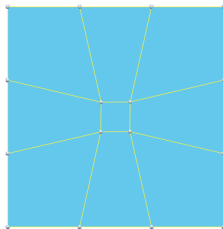
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$$\begin{aligned}\Delta U &= -\frac{4\pi^2}{9} \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{3}\right) \sin\left(\frac{\pi y}{3}\right) && \text{in } \Omega \\ U &= 0 && \text{on } \partial\Omega_D\end{aligned}\tag{14}$$

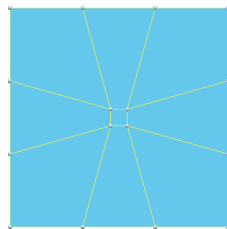
# Example with known exact solution



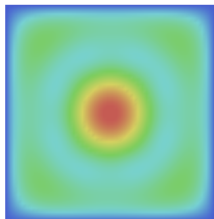
initial CD



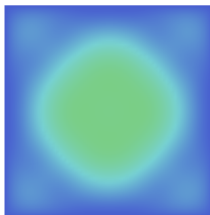
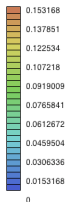
CD after r-refinement



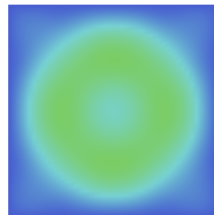
CD after exact  
r-refinement



initial EC



EC after r-refinement

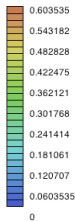
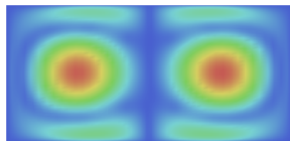
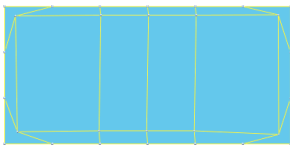


EC after exact method

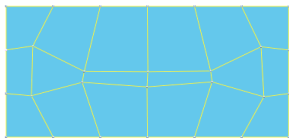


# Example II with known exact solution

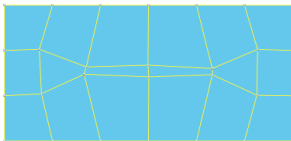
Initial CD and EC:



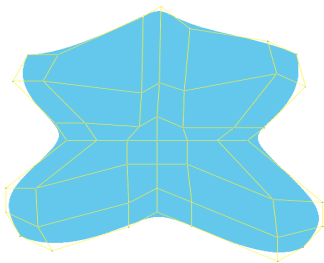
Final CD and EC:



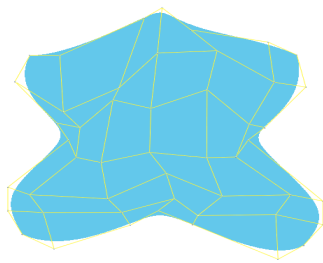
Exact method:



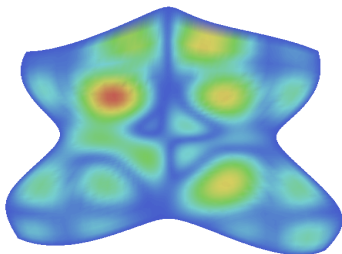
# Example III with unknown exact solution



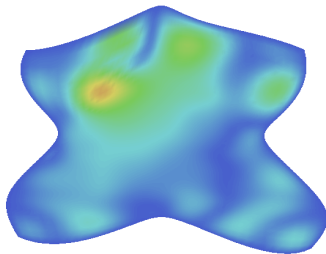
initial CD



CD after r-refinement

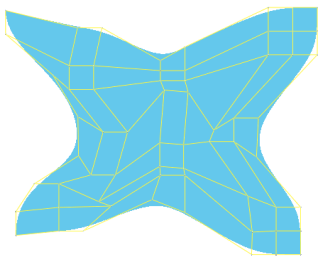


initial EC

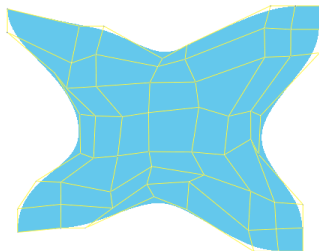


EC after r-refinement

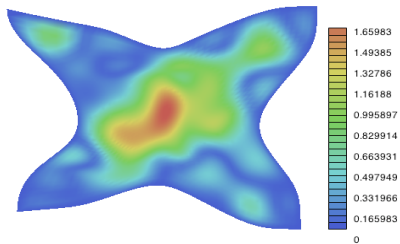
# Example IV with unknown exact solution



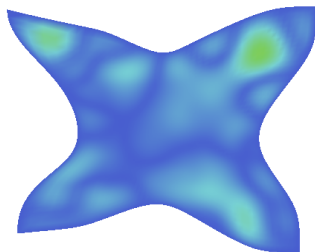
initial CD



CD after r-refinement



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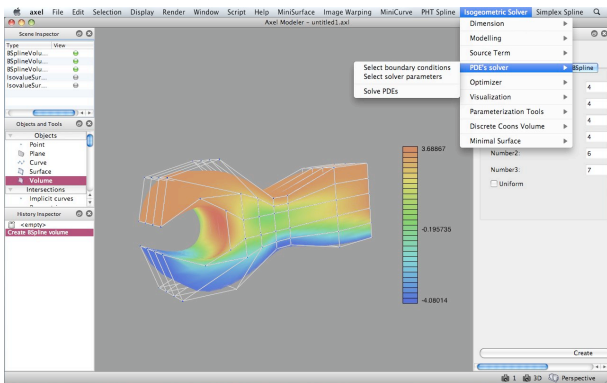


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- Model quality has some effect on accuracy and efficiency
- **r-refinement** method in isogeometric version: reducing the error value while keeping number of freedom as constant
- Parameterization of computational domain is changed without changing the boundary geometry
- Residual-based a posteriori error estimation for IGA
- Error assessment method for r-refinement in IGA
- Implementation in algebraic-geometric modeler **AXEL**  
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- Local r-refinement: reparameterization of patches where error value exceeds a specified tolerance.
- r-h-refinement for isogeometric analysis
- 3D cases:



# Thanks for your attention!

# Question?