

Refactoring Finite Element Computation

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Necessity Of Simulation

Experiment are ...

Expensive



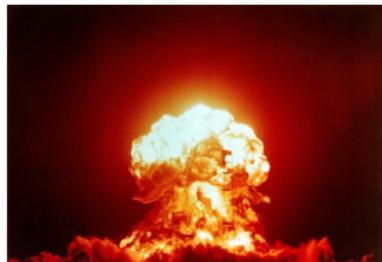
Difficult



Impossible



Dangerous



What is the Way Forward?

How do we move Scientific Computing forward?

- Performance
 - Bandwidth on multicore chips
- Experimentation
 - Solvers (solved)
 - Elements
 - Models
- Coupling
 - How does this interact with the discretization...
 - or solver?

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 - Fast Multipole Method
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 - Meshes
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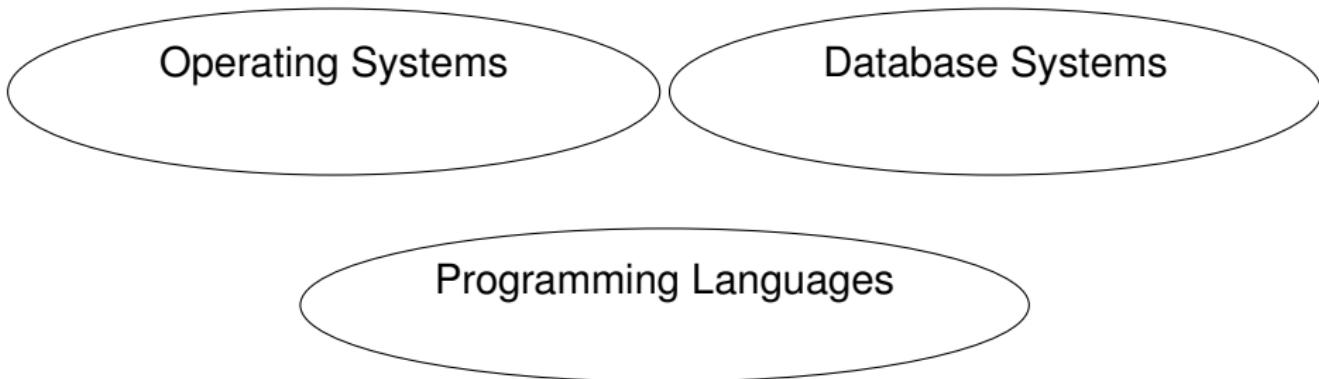
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Future Compilers

I think compilers are victims of their own success (ala Rob Pike)

- Efforts to modularize compilers retain the same primitives
 - compiling on the fly (JIT)
 - Low Level Virtual Machine
- Raise the level of abstraction
 - Fenics Form Compiler (variational form compiler)
 - Mython (Domain Specific Language generator)

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Divide the work into levels: **Spiral Project:**

- Model
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- Discrete Fourier Transform (DSP)
- Fast Fourier Transform (SPL)
- C Implementation (SPL Compiler)

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FLAME Project:

- Abstract LA (PME/Invariants)
- Basic LA (FLAME/FLASH)
- Scheduling (SuperMatrix)

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FEniCS Project:

- Navier-Stokes (FFC)
- Finite Element (FIAT)
- Integration/Assembly (FErari)

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Each level demands a strong abstraction layer

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Form Decomposition

Element integrals are decomposed into analytic and geometric parts:

$$\int_{\mathcal{T}} \nabla \phi_i(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \nabla \phi_j(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} \quad (1)$$

$$= \int_{\mathcal{T}} \frac{\partial \phi_i(\mathbf{x})}{\partial \mathbf{x}_\alpha} \frac{\partial \phi_j(\mathbf{x})}{\partial \mathbf{x}_\alpha} d\mathbf{x} \quad (2)$$

$$= \int_{\mathcal{T}_{\text{ref}}} \frac{\partial \xi_\beta}{\partial \mathbf{x}_\alpha} \frac{\partial \phi_i(\xi)}{\partial \xi_\beta} \frac{\partial \xi_\gamma}{\partial \mathbf{x}_\alpha} \frac{\partial \phi_j(\xi)}{\partial \xi_\gamma} |J| d\mathbf{x} \quad (3)$$

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$$= G^{\beta\gamma}(\mathcal{T}) K_{\beta\gamma}^{ij} \quad (5)$$

Coefficients are also put into the geometric part.

Element Matrix Formation

- Element matrix K is now made up of small tensors
- Contract all tensor elements with each the geometry tensor $G(\mathcal{T})$

3 0	0 -1	1 1	-4 -4	0 4	0 0
0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0
0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0
-1 0	0 3	1 1	0 0	4 0	-4 -4
1 0	0 1	3 3	-4 0	0 0	0 -4
1 0	0 1	3 3	-4 0	0 0	0 -4
-4 0	0 0	-4 -4	8 4	0 -4	0 4
-4 0	0 0	0 0	4 8	-4 -8	4 0
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Element Matrix Computation

- Element matrix K can be precomputed
 - FFC
 - SyFi
- Can be extended to nonlinearities and curved geometry
- Many redundancies among tensor elements of K
 - Could try to optimize the tensor contraction...

Abstract Problem

Given vectors $v_i \in \mathbb{R}^m$, minimize $flops(v^T g)$ for arbitrary $g \in \mathbb{R}^m$

- The set v_i is not at all random
- Not a traditional compiler optimization
- How to formulate as an optimization problem?

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Complexity Reducing Relations

If $v_i^T g$ is known, is $flops(v_j^T g) < 2m - 1$?

We can use binary relations among the vectors:

- Equality
 - If $v_j = v_i$, then $flops(v_j^T g) = 0$
- Colinearity
 - If $v_j = \alpha v_i$, then $flops(v_j^T g) = 1$
- Hamming distance
 - If $dist_H(v_j, v_i) = k$, then $flops(v_j^T g) = 2k$

Algorithm for Binary Relations

- Construct a weighted graph on v_i
 - The weight $w(i, j)$ is $flops(v_j^T g)$ given $v_i^T g$
 - With the above relations, the graph is symmetric
- Find a minimum spanning tree
 - Use Prim or Kruskal for worst case $O(n^2 \log n)$
- Traverse the MST, using the appropriate calculation for each edge
 - Roots require a full dot product

Coplanarity

- Ternary relation
 - If $v_k = \alpha v_i + \beta v_j$, then $flops(v_k^T g) = 3$
 - Does not fit our undirected graph paradigm
- SVD for vector triples is expensive
 - Use a randomized projection into a few \mathbb{R}^3 s
- Use a hypergraph?
 - MST algorithm available
- Appeal to geometry?
 - Incidence structures

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FErari

Finite Element rearrangement to automatically reduce instructions

- Open source implementation <http://www.fenics.org/wiki/FErari>
- Build tensor blocks $K_{m,m'}^{ij}$ as vectors using FIAT
- Discover dependencies
 - Represented as a DAG
 - Can also use hypergraph model
- Use minimal spanning tree to construct computation

Preliminary Results

Order	Entries	Base MAPs	FErari MAPs
1	6	24	7
2	21	84	15
3	55	220	45
4	120	480	176
5	231	924	443
6	406	1624	867

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Modeling the Problem

- Objective is cost of dot products (tensor contractions in FEM)
 - Set of vectors V with a given arbitrary vector g
- The original MINLP has a nonconvex, nonlinear objective
- Reformulate to obtain a MILP using auxiliary binary variables

Modeling the Problem

Variables

α_{ij} = Basis expansion coefficients

y_i = Binary variable indicating membership in the basis

s_{ij} = Binary variable indicating nonzero coefficient α_{ij}

z_{ij} = Binary variable linearizes the objective function (equivalent to $y_i y_j$)

U = Upper bound on coefficients

Constraints

Eq. (6b) : Basis expansion

Eq. (6c) : Exclude nonbasis vector from the expansion

Eq. (6d) : Remove offdiagonal coefficients for basis vectors

Eq. (7c) : Exclude vanishing coefficients from cost

Original Formulation

MINLP Model

$$\text{minimize} \quad \sum_{i=1}^n \left\{ y_i(2m - 1) + (1 - y_i) \left(2 \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^n y_j - 1 \right) \right\} \quad (6a)$$

$$\text{subject to} \quad v_i = \sum_{j=1}^n \alpha_{ij} v_j \quad i = 1, \dots, n \quad (6b)$$

$$-Uy_j \leq \alpha_{ij} \leq Uy_j \quad i, j = 1, \dots, n \quad (6c)$$

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$$y_i \in \{0, 1\} \quad i = 1, \dots, n. \quad (6e)$$

Original Formulation

Equivalent MILP Model: $z_{ij} = y_i \cdot y_j$

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$$z_{ij} \leq y_i, \quad z_{ij} \leq y_j, \quad z_{ij} \geq y_i + y_j - 1, \quad i, j = 1, \dots, n \quad (6e)$$

$$y_i \in \{0, 1\}, \quad z_{ij} \in \{0, 1\}$$

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Sparse Coefficient Formulation

- Take advantage of sparsity of α_{ij} coefficient
- Introduce binary variables s_{ij} to model existence of α_{ij}
- Add constraints $-Us_{ij} \leq \alpha_{ij} \leq Us_{ij}$

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Results

Initial Formulation

- Initial formulation only had sparsity in the α_{ij}
- MINTO was not able to produce some optimal solutions
 - Report results after 36000 seconds

Element	Default Flops	MILP			Sparse Coef. MILP		
		Flops	LPs	CPU	Flops	LPs	CPU
P_1 2D	42	42	33	0.10	34	187	0.43
P_2 2D	147	147	2577	37.12	67	6030501	36000
P_1 3D	170	166	79	0.49	146	727	3.97
P_2 3D	935	935	25283	36000	829	33200	36000

Results

Formulation with Sparse Basis

- We can also take account of the sparsity in the basis vectors
- Count only the flops for nonzero entries
 - Significantly decreases the flop count

Elements	Sparse Coefficient Flops	Sparse Basis Flops
P_1 2D	34	12
P_1 3D	146	26

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Sieve

Sieve is an interface for

- general topologies
- functions over these topologies (bundles)
- traversals

One relation handles all hierarchy

- Vast reduction in complexity
 - Dimension independent code
 - A single communication routine to optimize
- Expansion of capabilities
 - Partitioning and distribution
 - Hybrid meshes
 - Complicated structures and embedded boundaries
 - Unstructured multigrid

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Example: Discontinuous Galerkin Poisson Poisson

$$-\Delta u = f \quad \text{on} \quad \Omega = [0, 1] \times [0, 1]$$

Using a discontinuous Galerkin formulation (interior penalty method).

- Define our Form and compile (FIAT + FFC)
- Define our Simulation (DOLFIN)
 - Define our mesh
 - Assemble and solve
 - Post process (visualize, error, ...)

Example: Discontinuous Galerkin Poisson

Defining the form

```
element = FiniteElement("Discontinuous Lagrange",
                        "triangle", 1)

...
n = FacetNormal("triangle")
h = MeshSize("triangle")
alpha = 4.0; gamma = 8.0
a = dot(grad(v), grad(u)) *dx
  - dot(avg(grad(v)), jump(u, n)) *dS
  - dot(jump(v, n), avg(grad(u))) *dS
  + alpha/h('+') *dot(jump(v, n), jump(u, n)) *dS
  - dot(grad(v), mult(u, n)) *ds
  - dot(mult(v, n), grad(u)) *ds + gamma/h*v*u*ds
```

see ffc/src/demo/PoissonDG.form, and compile with

```
$ ffc PoissonDG.form
```

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Writing the Simulation: Assemble and solve

```
// Create user defined functions
Source f(mesh); Flux g(mesh);
FacetNormal n(mesh);
AvgMeshSize h(mesh);
// Define PDE
PoissonBilinearForm a;
PoissonLinearForm L(f, g);
LinearPDE pde(a, L, mesh, bc);
// Solve PDE
Function u;
pde.solve(u);
```

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Conclusions

Better mathematical abstractions
bring concrete benefits

- Vast reduction in complexity
 - Declarative, rather than imperative, specification
 - Dimension independent code
- Opportunities for optimization
 - Higher level operations missed by traditional compilers
 - Single communication routine to optimize
- Expansion of capabilities
 - Easy model definition
 - Arbitrary elements
 - Complex geometries and embedded boundaries

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Hierarchy Abstractions

- Generalize to a set of linear spaces
 - Sieve provides topology, can also model Mat
 - Section generalizes Vec
 - Spaces interact through an Overlap (just a Sieve)
- Basic operations
 - Restriction to finer subspaces, `restrict()`/`update()`
 - Assembly to the subdomain, `complete()`
- Allow reuse of geometric and multilevel algorithms

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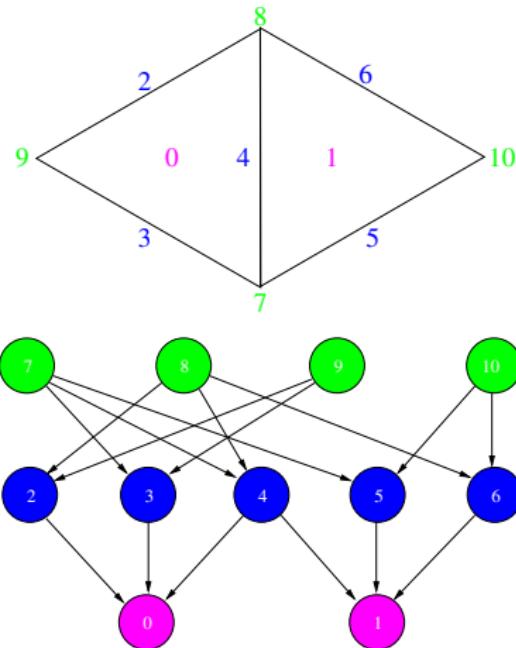
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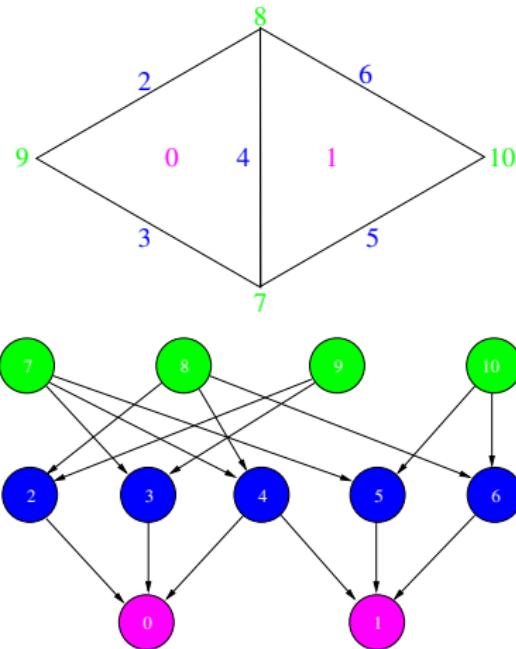
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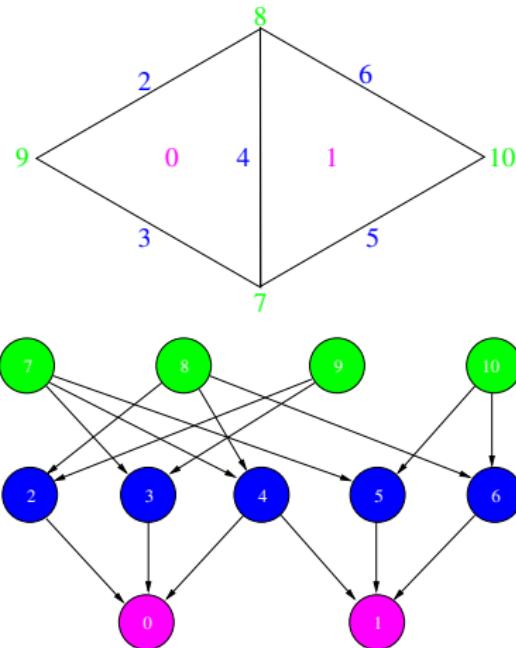
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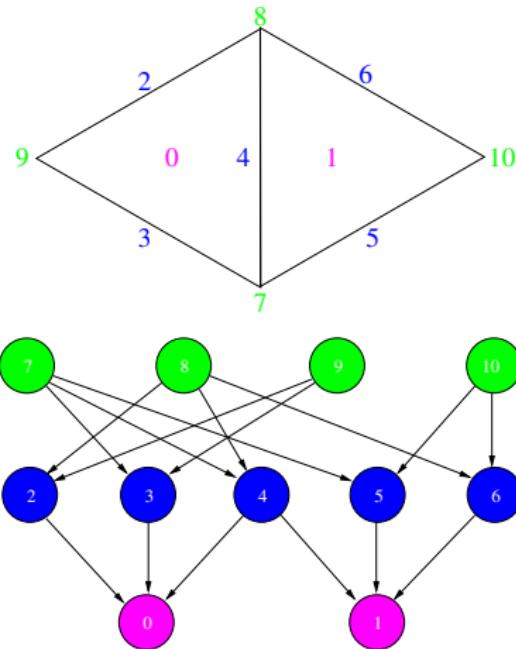
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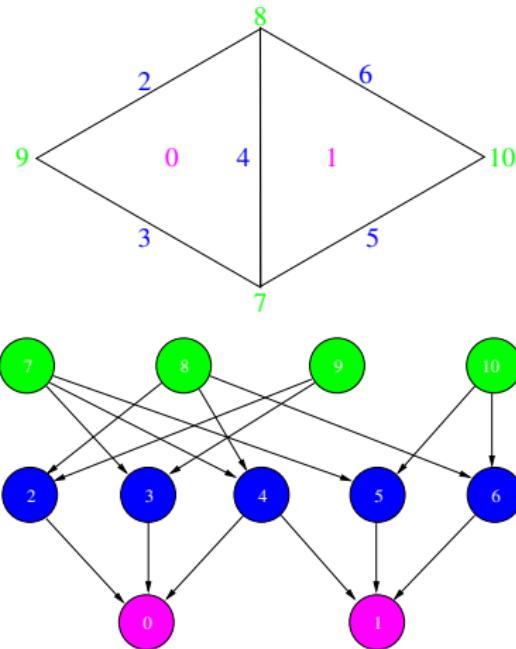
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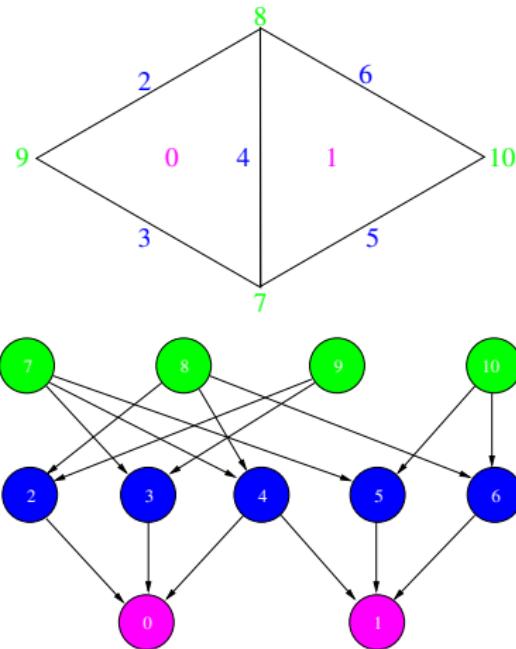
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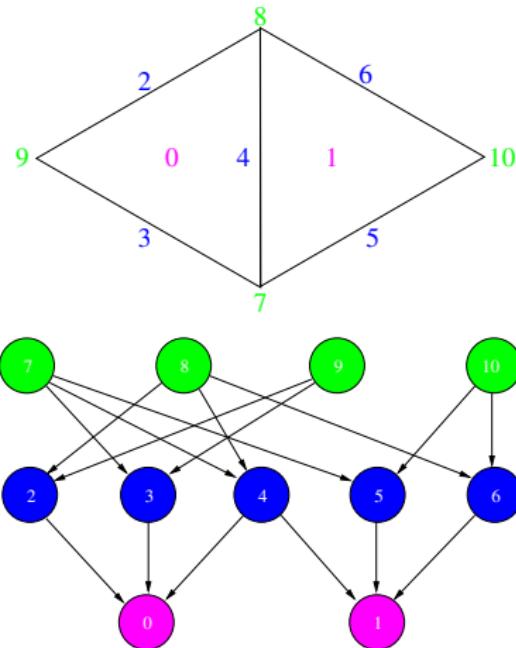
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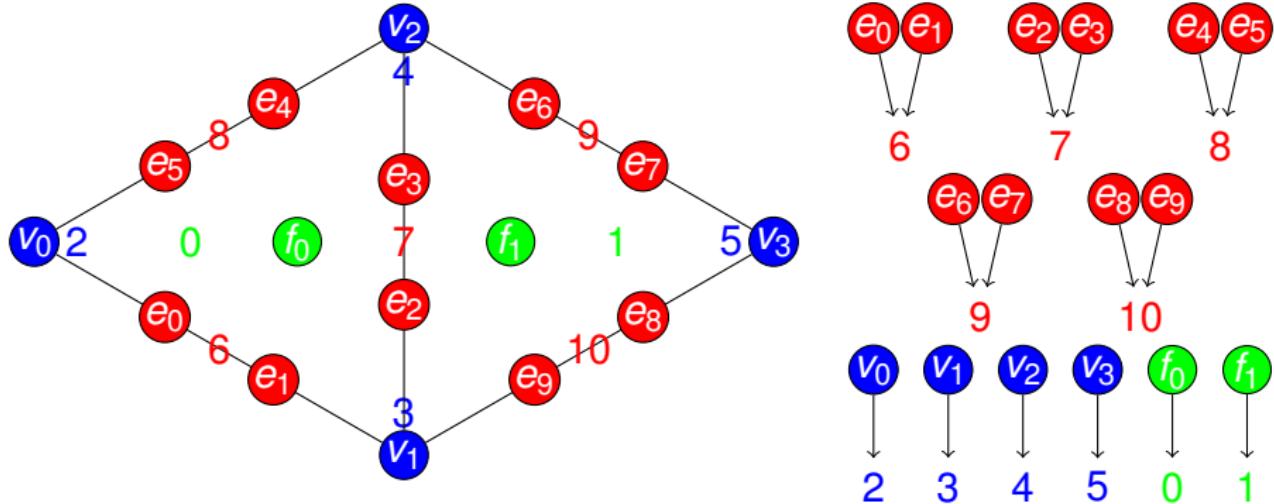
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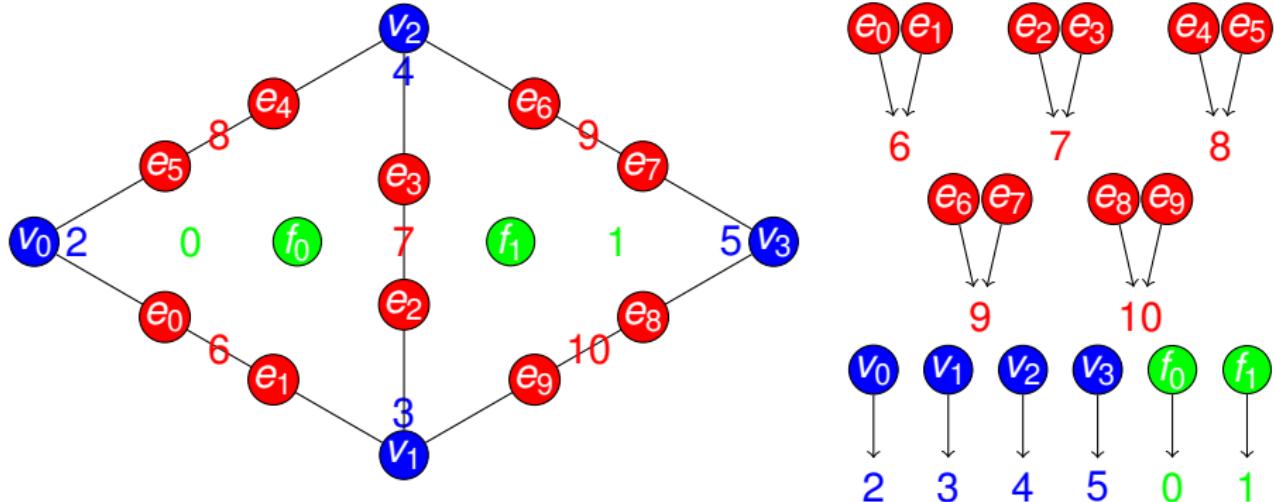
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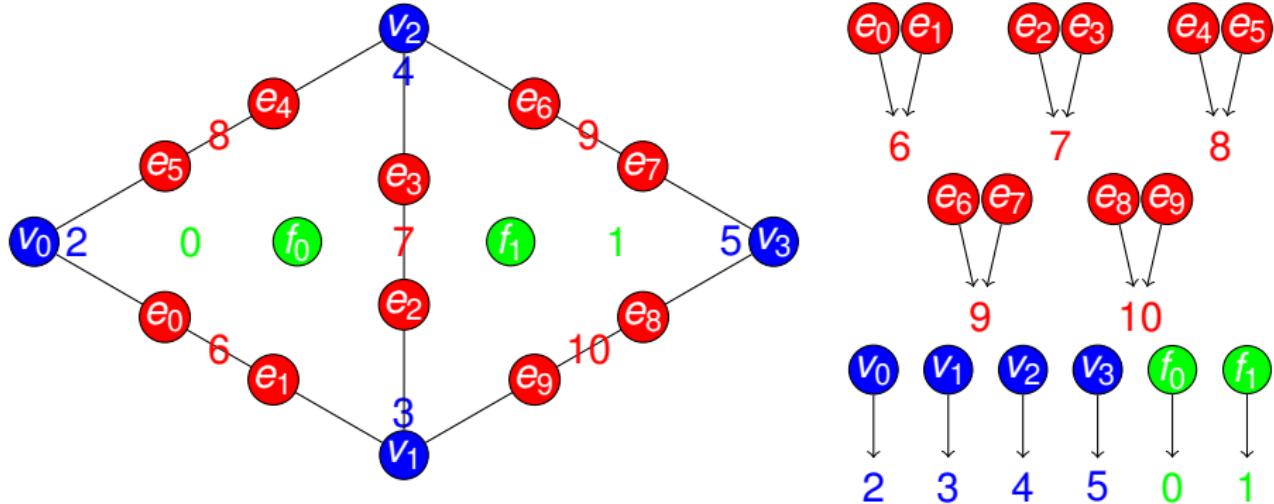
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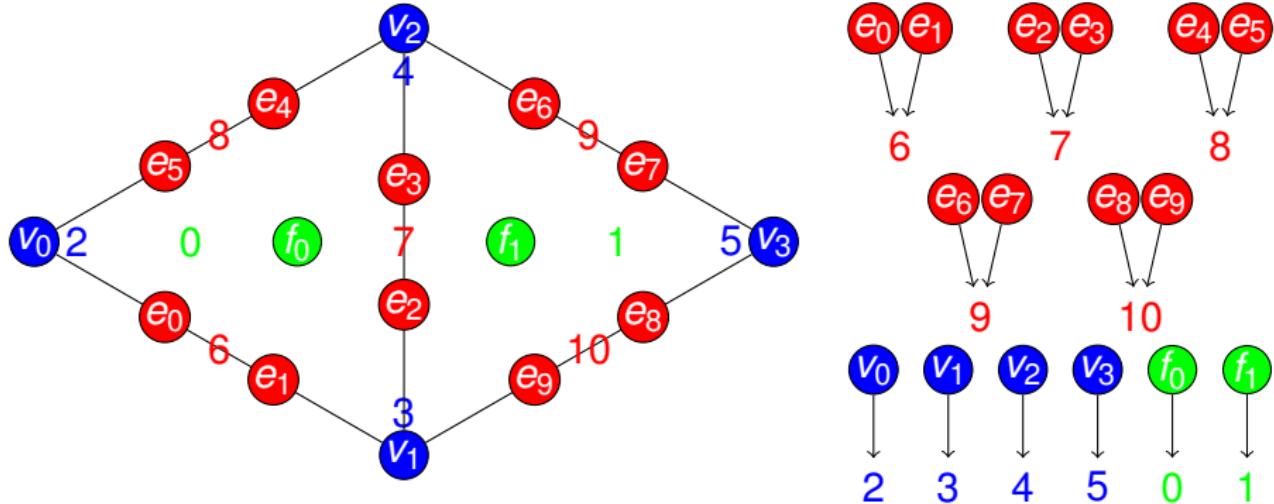
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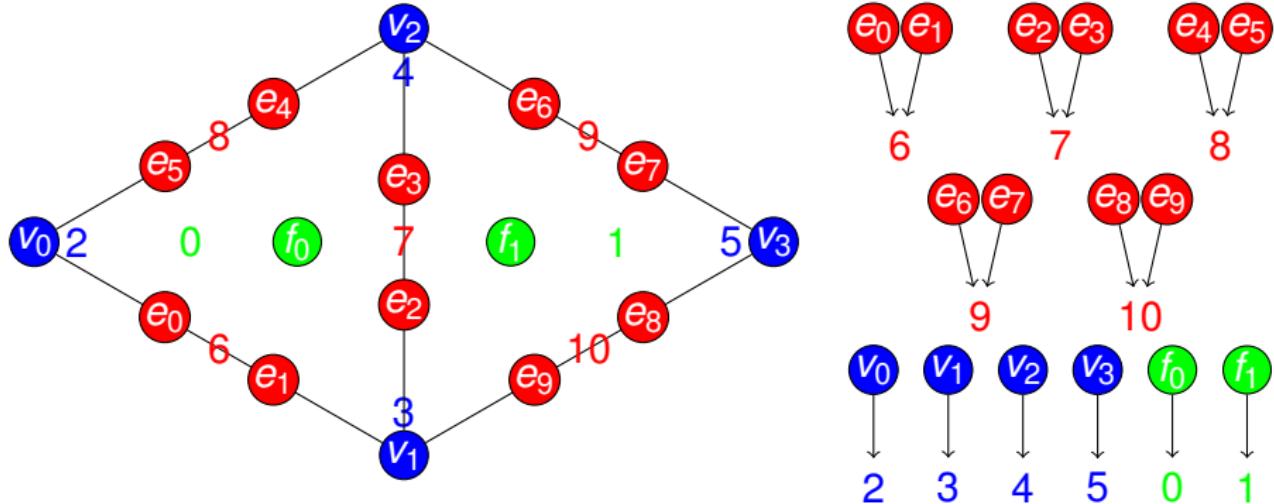
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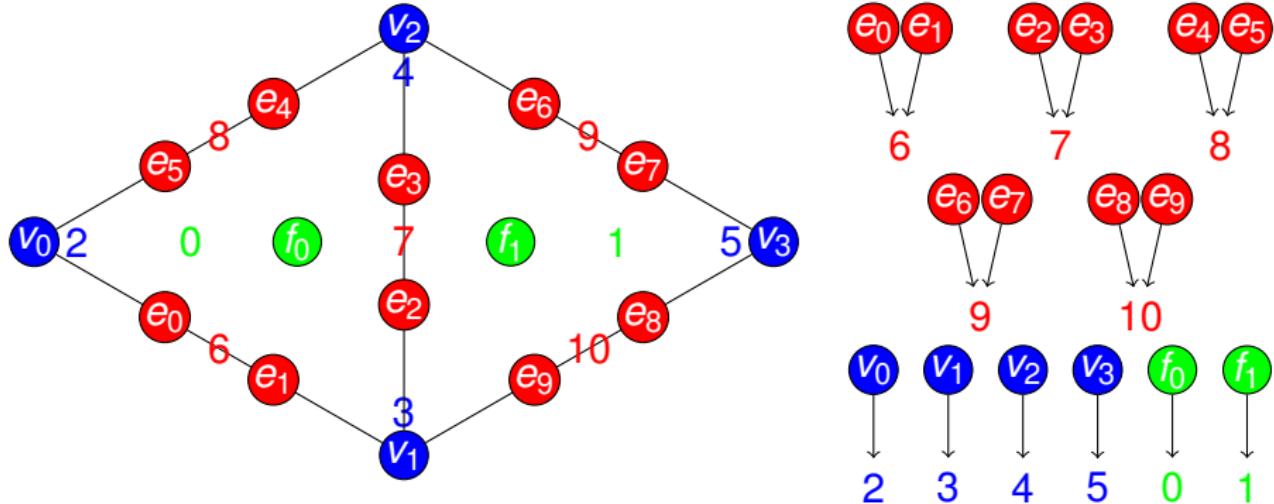
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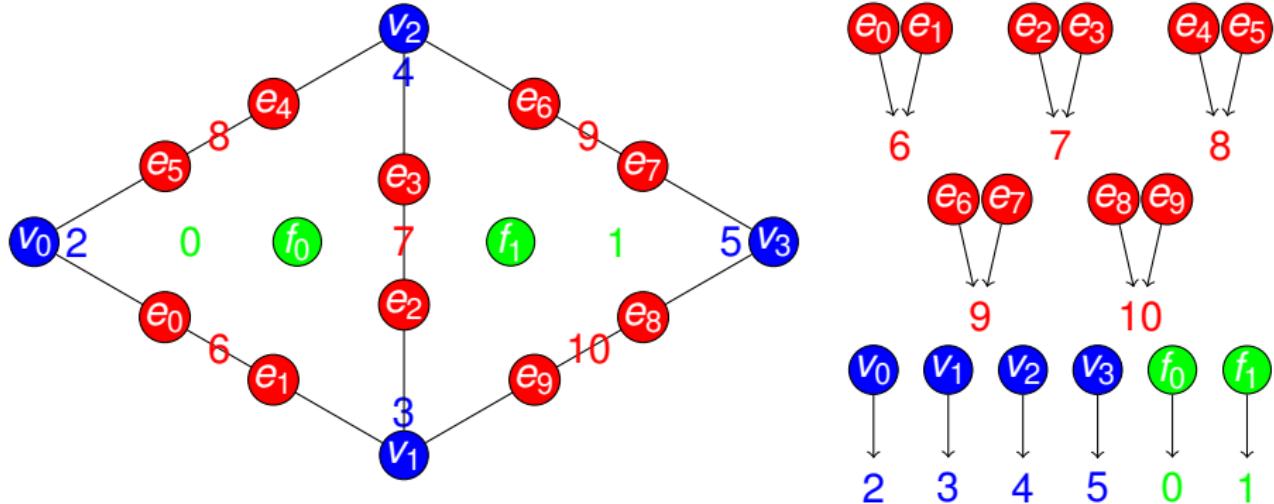
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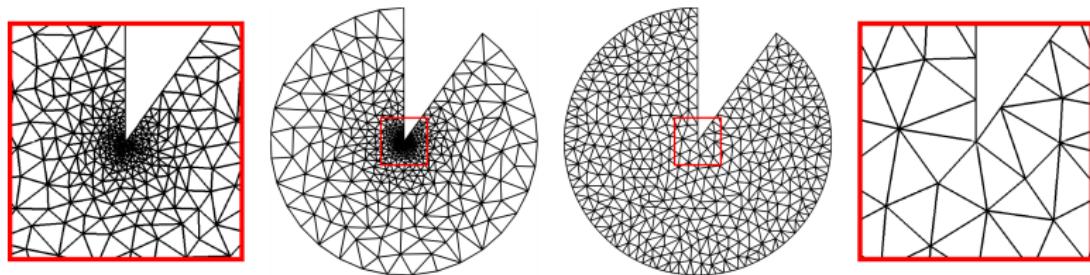
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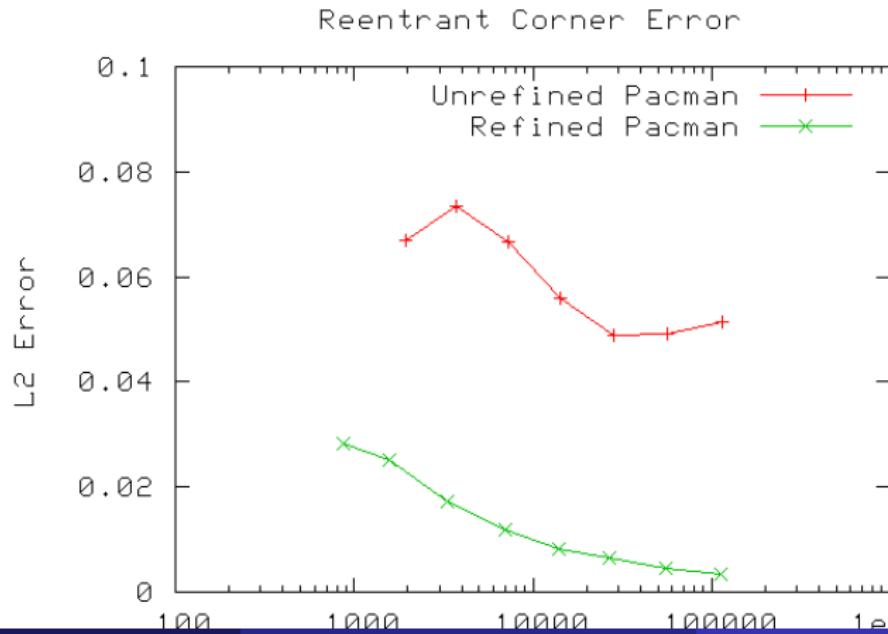
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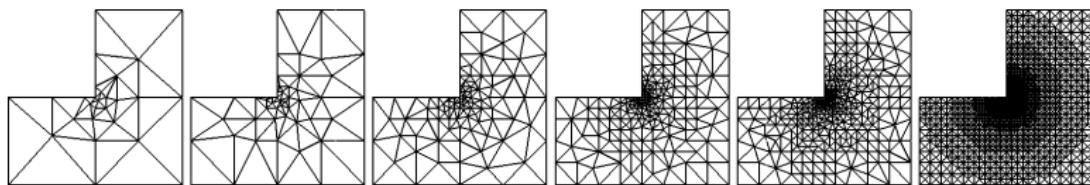
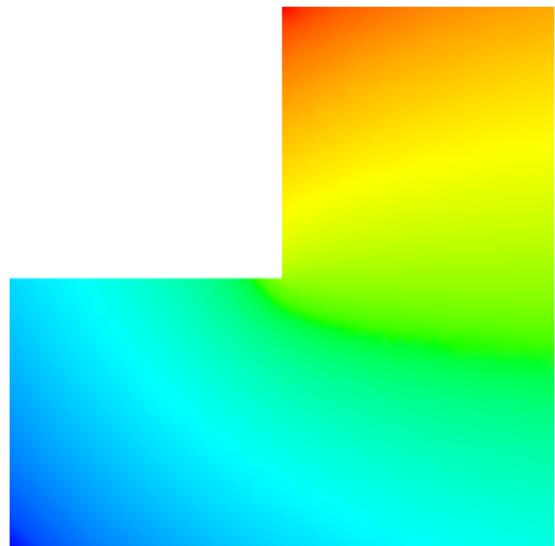
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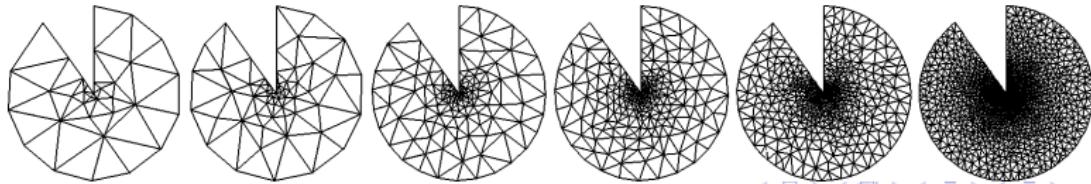
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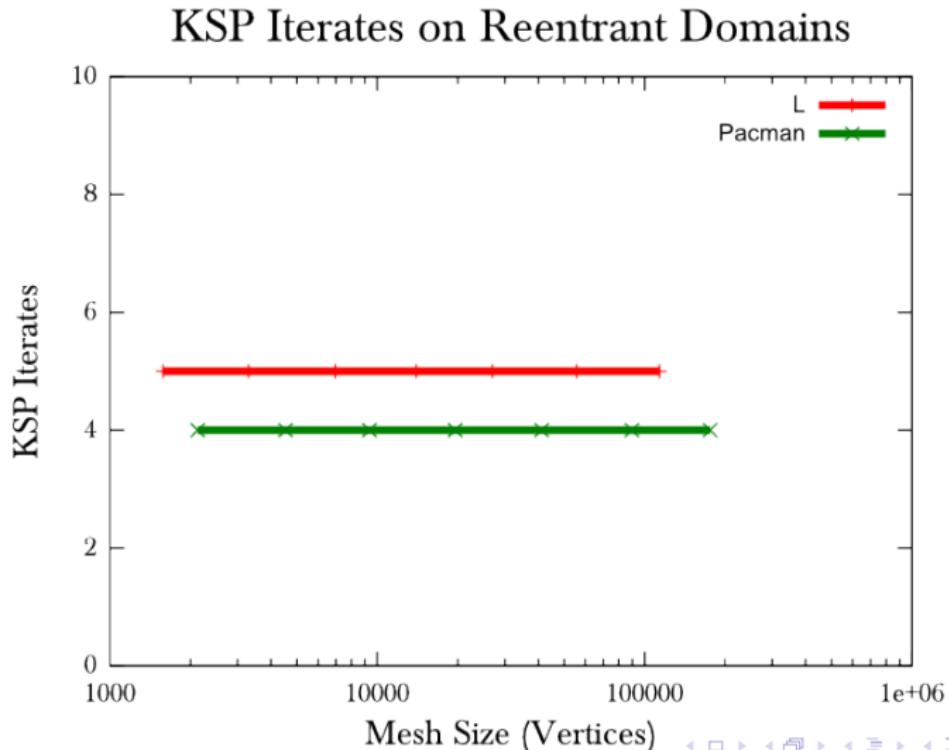
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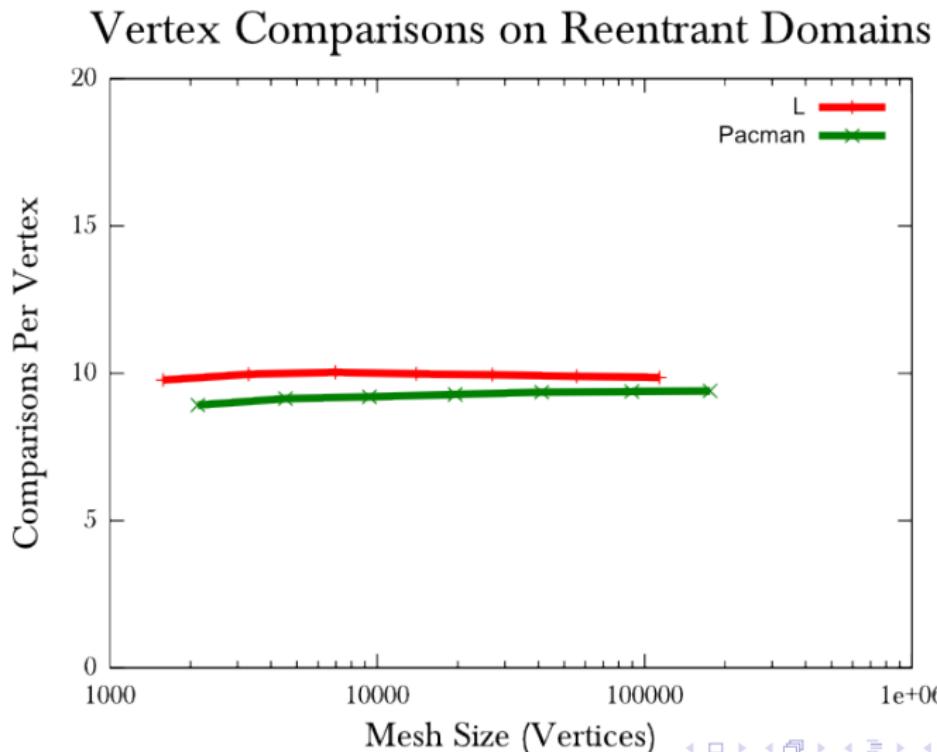
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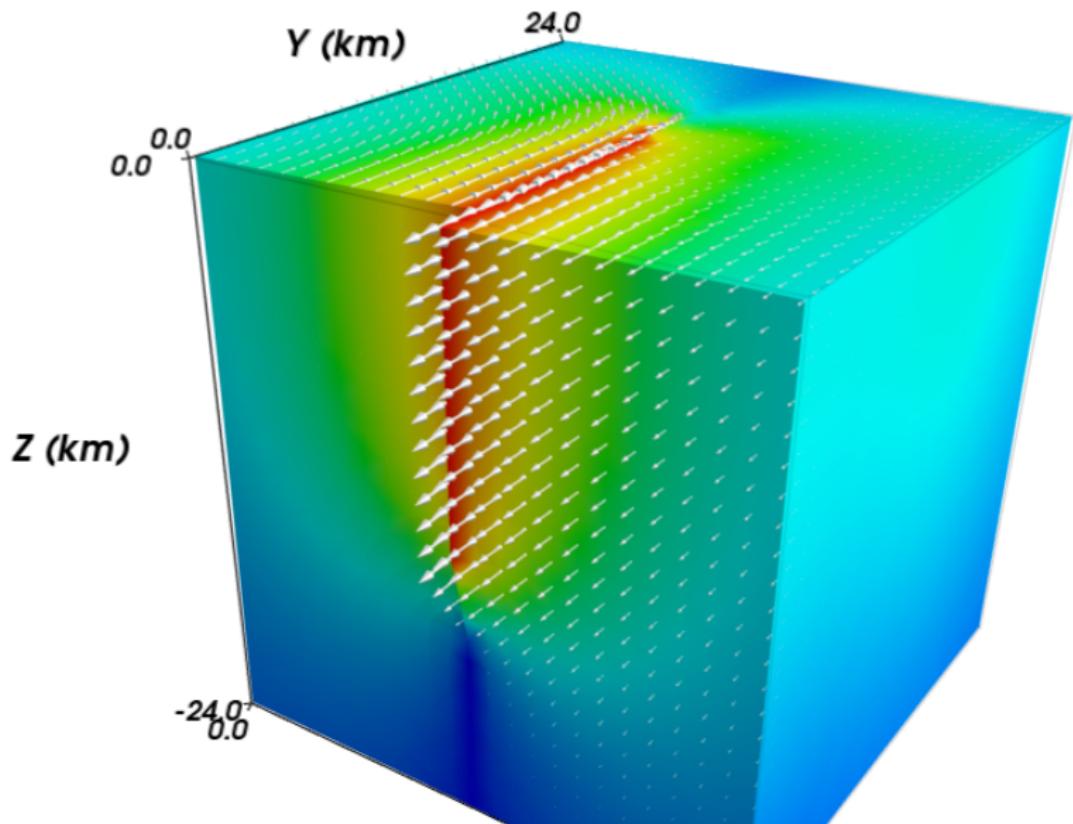
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Outline

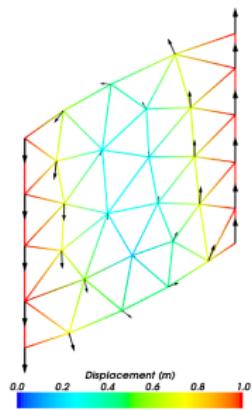
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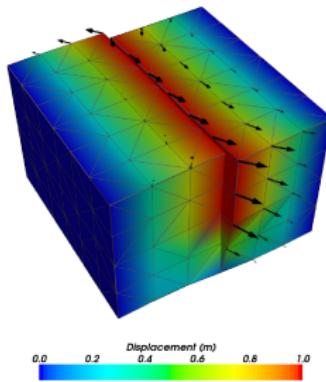


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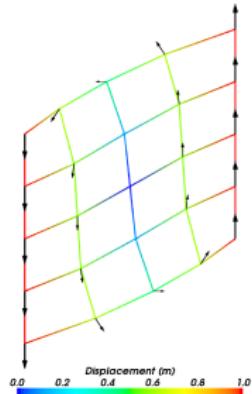
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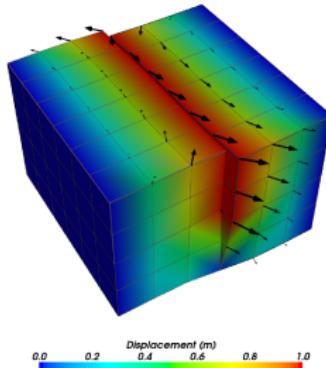
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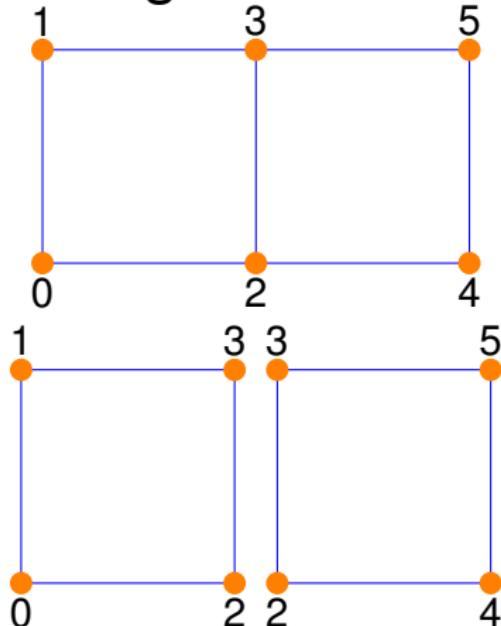


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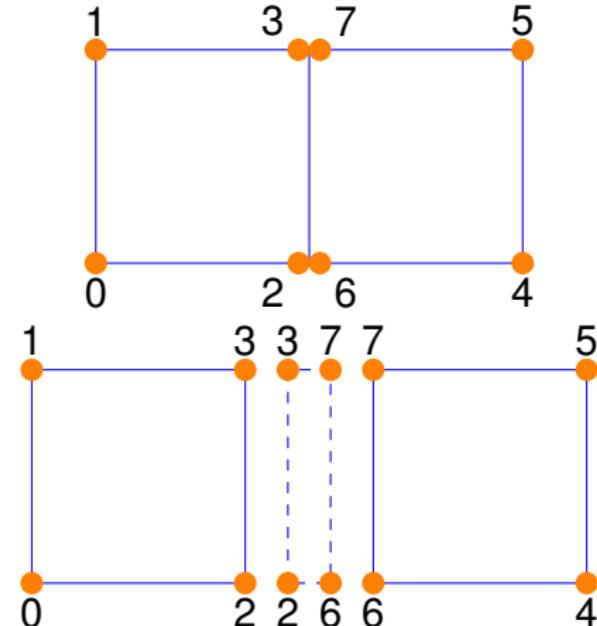


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Original Mesh



Mesh with Cohesive Cell



Exploded view of meshes

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Cohesive cells are used to enforce slip conditions on a fault

- Demand complex mesh manipulation
 - We allow specification of only fault vertices
 - Must “sew” together on output
- Use Lagrange multipliers to enforce constraints
 - Forces illuminate physics
- Allow different fault constitutive models
 - Simplest is enforced slip
 - Now have fault constitutive models

Partial Geometry

Given a set V and a set of lines $L \subset \mathcal{P}(V)$, (V, L) is a partial geometry if

- there is at most one line through each pair of points
- each line has at least three point

Note that

- Typical geometries have exactly one line through each pair of points
- Encoded by ternary relations, like coplanarity, which satisfy

$$R(x, y, z) \wedge R(y, z, p) \Rightarrow R(x, y, p) \wedge R(y, z, p)$$

- Generalizes to higher arity relations

Definitions

- **vertex**

- A point lying in two or more lines

- **closure**

- The transitive closure \bar{S} under R of some $S \subset V$
- $z \in V \wedge \exists x, y \in S \ni R(x, y, z) \Rightarrow z \in \bar{S}$

- **independent set**

- A set S such that for any $S' \subset S$, $\bar{S}' \neq S$

- **basis**

- An independent set S such that $\bar{S} = V$

Goal

We want a basis of minimal cost, which now means size.

- Something like a “minimum spanning hypertree”
- Closure operation produces a DAG
 - Use topological sort to get computation sequence
- Complexity is unknown
- Unfortunate example shows bases of differing size
 - At odds with matroid theory

Geometric Reduction

- Eliminate parallel lines (no vertices)
 - Can add any two points on the line to a minimal basis
- Eliminate single vertex lines
 - Can add any non-vertex on the line to a minimal basis
- Eliminate non-vertices from basis
 - Each line has at least two vertices
 - If two vertices are already present, discard point
 - Otherwise, switch with a vertex
 - The generated set is the same, and the size has not increased

Exchange Property

We want to show that all reduced bases are the same size.

- Remove a vertex p from the basis B
 - Now there is a set $Ex(p)$ which is no longer in \bar{B}
- Choose q from $Ex(p)$
- Reverse the generation path from p to q
 - If we generate p , we generate all of $Ex(p)$

Now

- We have an easy algorithm for a minimal basis
- Matroid results apply