



# Verrou:

## A Tool to Reproduce Floating-Point-Induced Non-Reproducibilities (and help fix them)

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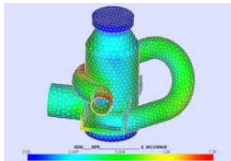
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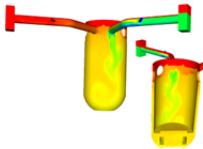


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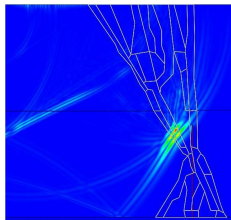
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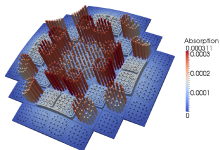
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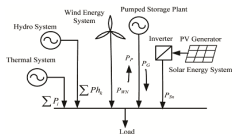
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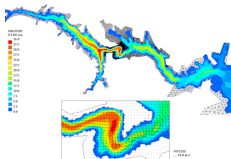
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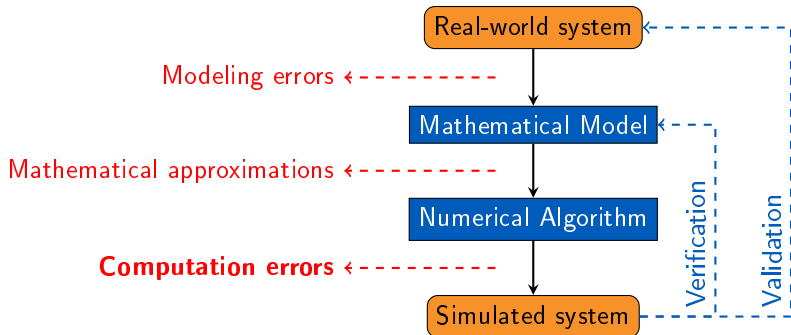
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Free surface hydraulics

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## Verification & Validation

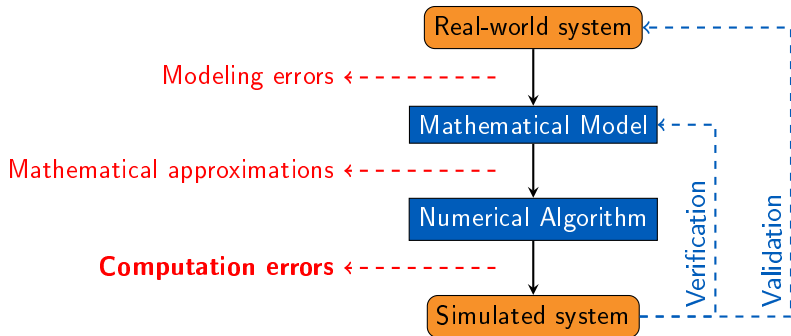


## Floating-point arithmetic

- ▶ round-off errors:  $a \oplus b \neq a + b$
- ▶ loss of associativity:  $(a \oplus b) \oplus c \neq a \oplus (b \oplus c)$
- ▶ reproducibility issues with e.g. parallelization, vectorization, optimization...

# Industrial context – Numerical Verification

## Verification & Validation



### Quantifying numerical errors: at stake

- ◆ quality of produced results (accuracy, reproducibility...)
- ◆ efficient use of resources (development & computing time)

# Industrial context – Numerical Verification

Example: performances of an optimization problem

## Initial problem formulation

$$\max_{p,v} \sum_{t \in T} \sum_{i \in I} \lambda_t p_t^i + \sum_{r \in R} \omega_r \left( v_t^r - V_0^r - \sum_{t \in T} \Gamma_t^r \right)$$

## Objective functional computation

$$\sum_{t \in T} \sum_{i \in I} \lambda_t p_t^i + \sum_{r \in R} \omega_r v_t^r \quad 1534019.677371745$$

$$- \sum_{r \in R} \omega_r \left( V_0^r + \sum_{t \in T} \Gamma_t^r \right) \quad -1534019.677282780$$

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0.00008896500000000000

11 digits

# Industrial context – Numerical Verification

Example: performances of an optimization problem

## Proposed re-formulation

$$\left[ \max_{p,v} \sum_{t \in T} \sum_{i \in I} \lambda_t p_t^i + \sum_{r \in R} \omega_r v_t^r \right] - \sum_{r \in R} \omega_r \left( V_0^r + \sum_{t \in T} \Gamma_t^r \right)$$

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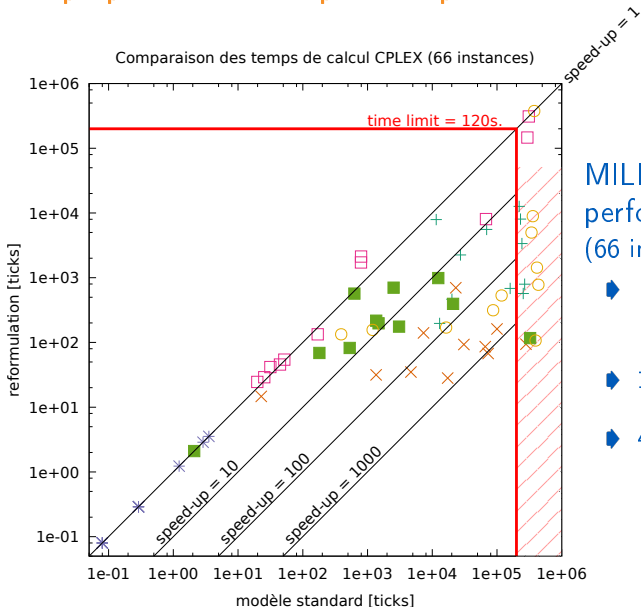
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Example: performances of an optimization problem

Comparaison des temps de calcul CPLEX (66 instances)



MILP resolution  
performances  
(66 instances)

- ◆ 2 (3%) slowed down ( $\times 2$ )
- ◆ 15 (23%) unchanged
- ◆ 49 (74%) sped up ( $\times 2-1100$ )

# Industrial context – Numerical Verification

Objectives / presentation outline

## Diagnostics

- ◆ verify a code / show the presence of FP-related errors
- ◆ quantify the magnitude of issues

## Debugging

- ◆ locate the origin of FP-related issues in the source code
  - ▶ unstable algorithms
  - ▶ unstable tests
- ◆ track the origin of issues during program execution
  - ▶ context of calls
  - ▶ temporal information (e.g. iteration number...)

## Optimization

- ◆ use mixed-precision implementations





Available on github (latest version: v2.1.0)

<http://github.com/edf-hpc/verrou>

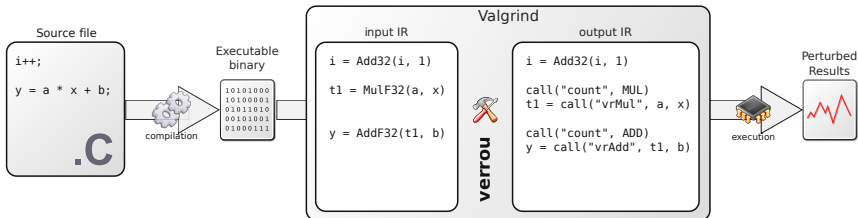
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# Industrial context – Numerical Verification

Analyse dynamique du binaire avec Valgrind

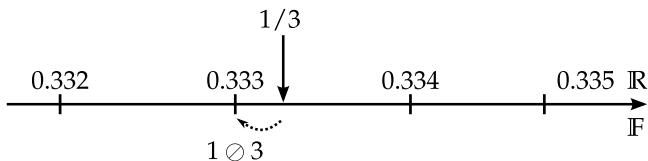
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$ valgrind --tool=verrou [VERROU_ARGS] PROGRAM [ARGS...]
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# Diagnostics: detect and assess instabilities

Verrou back-end: random rounding

IEEE-754: nearest rounding mode

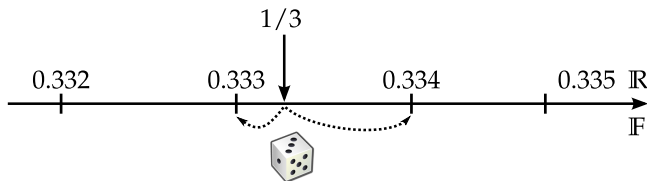


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Verrou back-end: random rounding

CESTAC/MCA: random rounding mode

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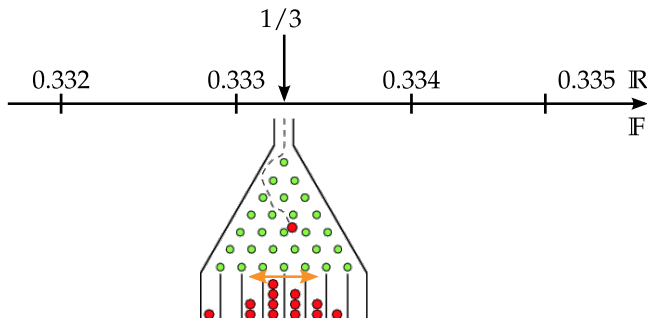
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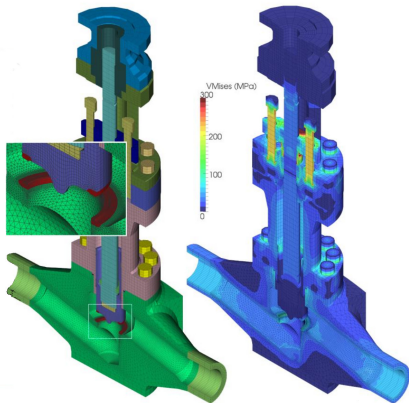
## Code\_aster

### Mechanics

- ◆ Seismic
- ◆ Acoustic
- ◆ Thermo-mechanics

### Code\_Aster

- ◆ 1.2M code lines
- ◆ Fortran 90, C, Python
- ◆ thousands of test cases
- ◆ Large number of dependencies :
  - ▶ Linear solvers (MUMPS...)
  - ▶ Mesh generator and partitioning tools (Metis, Scotch...)



### Goals

- ◆ understand the non-reproducibility between test computers

# Diagnostics: detect and assess instabilities

## Using Verrou and Random Rounding

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Test case	nearest
ssls108i	OK
ssls108j	OK
ssls108k	OK
ssls108l	OK
sdnl112a	OK
ssnp130a	OK
ssnp130b	OK
ssnp130c	OK
ssnp130d	OK

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ssls108i	OK	OK
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ssls108l	OK	OK
sdnl112a	OK	KO
ssnp130a	OK	OK
ssnp130b	OK	OK
ssnp130c	OK	OK
ssnp130d	OK	OK



# Diagnostics: detect and assess instabilities

## Using Verrou and Random Rounding

Test case	nearest	Status		
		rnd <sub>1</sub>	rnd <sub>2</sub>	rnd <sub>3</sub>
ssls108i	OK	OK	OK	OK
ssls108j	OK	OK	OK	OK
ssls108k	OK	OK	OK	OK
ssls108l	OK	OK	OK	OK
sdnl112a	OK	KO	KO	KO
ssnp130a	OK	OK	OK	OK
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ssnp130c	OK	OK	OK	OK
ssnp130d	OK	OK	OK	OK

10 minutes

20 minutes each

(72 test cases)

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sdnl112a	OK	KO	KO	KO	3
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ssnp130c	OK	OK	OK	OK	9
ssnp130d	OK	OK	OK	OK	9

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(3 samples  $\rightarrow$  lower bound for  
66% of random runs with  
66% confidence)

# Debugging: locate issues in the source code

Using code coverage comparison: code\_aster (test-ca:

## IEEE-754 coverage

```
120:subroutine fun1(area, a1, a2, n)
-:   implicit none
-:   integer :: n
-:   real(kind=8) :: area, a1, a2
120:   if (a1 .eq. a2) then
13:       area = a1
-:   else
107:       if (n .lt. 2) then
107:           area = (a2-a1) / (log(a2)-log(a1))
###:       else if (n .eq.2) then
###:           area = sqrt (a1*a2)
-:       else
###:           ! ...
-:       endif
-:   endif
120:end subroutine
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## Stochastic Arithmetic coverage

```
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## Delta-Debugging

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bilpla_             .../aster.release
ecrval_             .../aster.release
print_plath_        .../aster.release
classer_groupes_   .../aster.release
etupla_             .../aster.release
couhyd_pi_          .../aster.release
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- ◆ Inputs :
  - ▶ run script
  - ▶ comparison script
- ◆ Output:
  - ▶ “unstable” code parts
- ◆ Also works at the source line granularity:
  - ▶ if the code was compiled with `-g`

# Debugging: locate issues in the source code

## Delta-Debugging on code\_aster (test-case sdn1112a)

```
do 60 jvec = 1, nbvect
  do 30 k = 1, neq
    vectmp(k)=vect(k,jvec)
30    continue
    if (prepos) call mrconl('DIVI', lmat, 0, 'R', vectmp,1)
    xsol(1,jvec)=xsol(1,jvec)+zr(jvalms-1+1)*vectmp(1)
    do 50 ilig = 2, neq
      kdeb=smdi(ilig-1)+1
      kfin=smdi(ilig)-1
      do 40 ki = kdeb, kfin
        jcol=smhc(ki)
        xsol(ilig,jvec)=xsol(ilig,jvec) + zr(jvalmi-1+ki) * vectmp(jcol)
        xsol(jcol,jvec)=xsol(jcol,jvec) + zr(jvalms-1+ki) * vectmp(ilig)
40      continue
        xsol(ilig,jvec)=xsol(ilig,jvec) + zr(jvalms+kfin) * vectmp(ilig)
50    continue
    if (prepos) call mrconl('DIVI', lmat, 0, 'R', xsol(1, jvec),1)
60  continue
```

# Optimization for mixed precision

## Verrou back-end: precision reduction

- ◆ All high-precision values are cast to single precision before performing arithmetic operations
  - ▶ emulates the use of low-precision arithmetic
  - ▶ ... but not the performance boost.
- ◆ Currently implemented only for double→single (`--rounding-mode=float`)
  - ▶ can be generalized to all precision reductions (e.g single → half)
  - ▶ can not emulate higher precision (memory problem)
- ◆ Can be combined with Delta-Debugging
  - ▶ find which code parts can be downgraded to lower precision

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# Wrap-up

Verrou as a tool to help with FP issues

## Diagnostics

- ☀ show the presence of FP-related errors (random-rounding back-end)
- 🌱 quantify the magnitude of issues (post-processing)

## Debugging

- 🌱 locate the origin of FP-related issues in the source code
  - ☀ unstable algorithms (Delta-Debugging)
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- ☁ track the origin of issues during program execution
  - ▶ context of calls
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## Optimization

- ☁ emulate mixed-precision implementations (reduced precision back-end)
- ▶ re-use debugging features (Delta-Debugging)

# Outlooks

## Interflop

- ◆ Verrou is no silver bullet
  - ▶ multiply techniques & tools

## Interflop (toolbox)

Common interface for Verificarlo & Verrou (and anyone interested!)

- ◆ share Stochastic Arithmetic back-ends
- ◆ share accompanying tools (Delta-Debugging...)
- ◆ improve performance of instrumentation front-ends

## Interflop (consortium)

- ◆ Explore different analysis methods and the links between them
  - ▶ Stochastic Arithmetic
  - ▶ Interval Arithmetic & Affine Forms







Thank you!  
Questions?

Get Verrou on github:  
<http://github.com/edf-hpc/verrou>





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## Annexes



# Additional slides



## Case study on ACTS: emulation of reduced precision + NaN detection

```
$ valgrind --tool=verrou --rounding-mode=float --exclude=excludes.ex --demangle=no --trace-children=yes --num-callers=50 \  
> ctest -V -R "BFieldMapUtils"
```

[...]

==1863== NaN:

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==1863== at 0x5847E7F: _ZN5Eigen8internal4pmulIDv2_dEET_RKS3_S5_(emmintrin.h:271)  
==1863== by 0x585B570: _ZNK5Eigen8internal17scalar_product_opIddE8packetOpIDv2_dEET_RS6_S7_(BinaryFuncctors.h:89)  
==1863== by 0x59A31C9: _ZNK5Eigen8internal16binary_evaluatorINS_13CwiseBinaryOpINSO_17scalar_product_opIddE8KNS_14CwiseNullaryOpINSO_18scalar_constant_opIddE8KNS_6MatrixIdLi2ELi1ELi0ELi2ELi1EEEEESA_EENS0_10IndexBasedESE_ddE6packetILi16EDv2_dEET0_11(CoreEvaluators.h:727)
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[...]

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==1863== by 0x58DE2D4: _ZN5Eigen6MatrixIdLi2ELi1ELi0ELi2ELi1EEaSINS_13CwiseBinaryOpINS_8internal13scalar_sum_opIddE8KNS3_INS4_17scalar_product_opIddE8KNS_14CwiseNullaryOpINS4_18scalar_constant_opIddE8KNS1_EESC_EESG_EEERS1_RKNS_9DenseBaseIT_EE(Matrix.h:225)  
==1863== by 0x58DAD82: _ZN4Acts6detail16interpolate_implIN5Eigen6MatrixIdLi2ELi1ELi0ELi2ELi1EEEE4_St5arrayIdLm2EES6_Lm1ELm4EE3runERKS4_RKS6_SB_RKS5_IS4_Lm4EE(interpolation_impl.hpp:133)  
==1863== by 0x58D59E8: _ZN4Acts11interpolateIN5Eigen6MatrixIdLi2ELi1ELi0ELi2ELi1EEELm4ES3_St5arrayIdLm2EES5_vEET_RKT1_RKT2_RKT3_RKS4_IS6_XTO_EE(Interpolation.hpp:95)
```

[...]

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==1863== by 0x4F6D54: _ZNK4Acts21interpolatedBFieldMap1FieldMapperILj2ELj2EE8getFieldERKN5Eigen6MatrixIdLi3ELi1ELi0ELi3ELi1EEEE(InterpolatedBFieldMap.hpp:166)  
==1863== by 0x477030: _ZN4Acts4Test15bfield_creation1itest_methodEv(BFieldMapUtilsTests.cpp:88)  
==1863== by 0x474767: _ZN4Acts4TestL23bfield_creation_invokerEv(BFieldMapUtilsTests.cpp:25)  
==1863== by 0x549B9B: _ZN5boost6detail8function22void_function_invokerOIPFvvEvE6invokeERNs1_15function_bufferE(function_template.hpp:118)
```

[...]

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==1863== by 0x43F2FE: _ZN5boost9unit_test9framework3runEmb(framework.hpp:1629)  
==1863== by 0x463F10: _ZN5boost9unit_test14unit_test_mainEPPNSO_10test_suiteEiPPCeiS4_(unit_test_main.hpp:247)  
==1863== by 0x4648CB: main(unit_test_main.hpp:303)
```

[...]

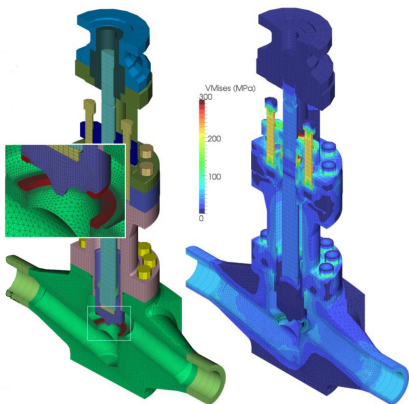
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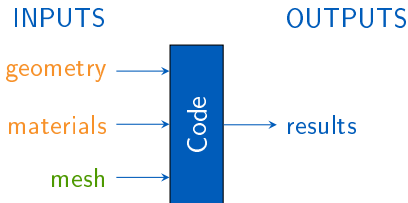
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V&V process: ad-hoc numerical instability detection methods



Physical input: affects the result  
Simulation parameter: should be neutral



▶ Idea: measure the sensitivity of the results w.r.t “neutral” parameters



easy to do



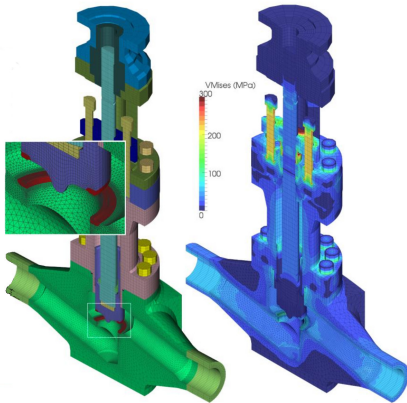
*ad hoc*, no localization

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INPUTS

OUTPUTS

geometry

materials

mesh

compiler

hardware specification

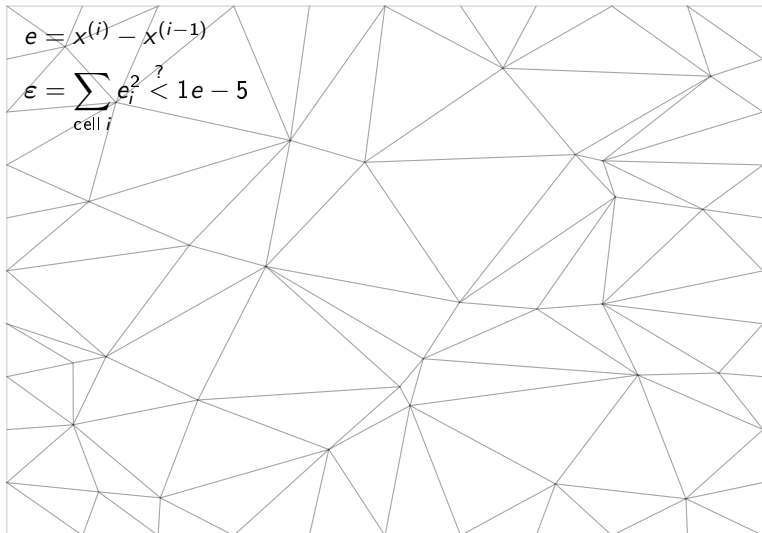
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Code

results

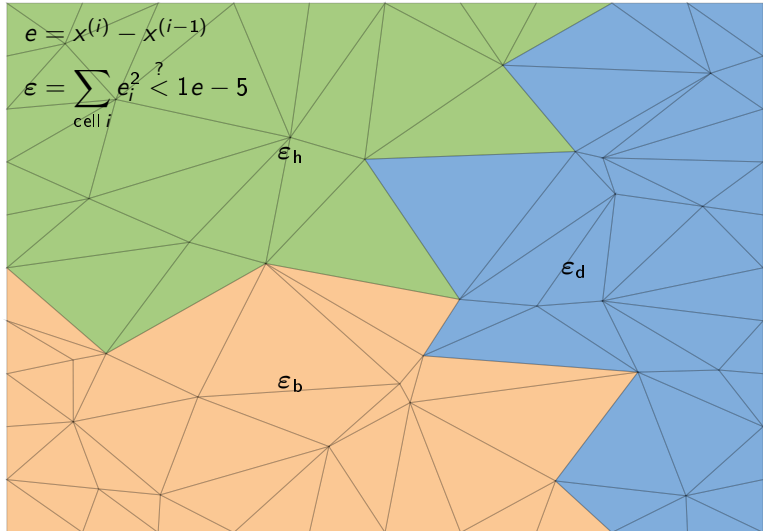
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