

# Guaranteed and robust a posteriori bounds for Laplace eigenvalues and eigenvectors

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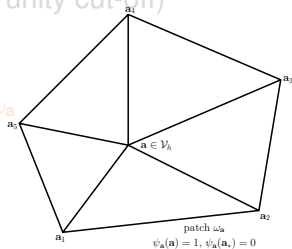
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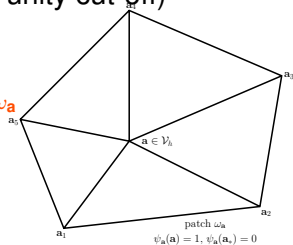
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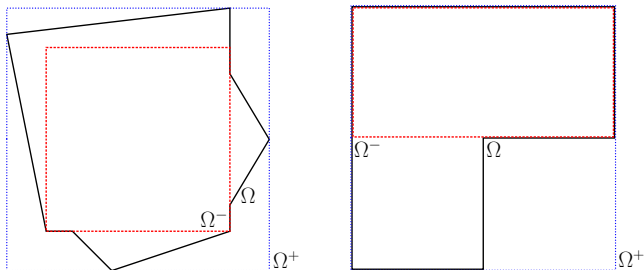
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# How to guarantee $\lambda_h < \lambda_2$ ?

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$$\begin{aligned} \Omega \subset \Omega^+ &\Rightarrow \lambda_k \geq \lambda_k(\Omega^+), \\ \Omega \supset \Omega^- &\Rightarrow \lambda_k \leq \lambda_k(\Omega^-), \end{aligned} \quad \forall k \geq 1$$

## Option 2: computational estimates

- Carstensen and Gedicke (2014)
- Liu (2015)

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Lemma (Sign condition and practical  $L^2(\Omega)$  bound (no elliptic regularity))

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# Unit square

## Setting

- $\Omega = (0, 1)^2$
- $\lambda_1 = 2\pi^2, \lambda_2 = 5\pi^2$  known explicitly
- $u_1(x, y) = \sin(\pi x) \sin(\pi y)$  known explicitly

## Parameters

- convex domain:  $C_S = 1, \delta = 1, C_I \approx 1/\sqrt{8}$
- $\underline{\lambda}_1 = 1.5\pi^2, \underline{\lambda}_2 = 4.5\pi^2$

## Effectivity indices

- recall  $\tilde{\eta}^2 \leq \lambda_h - \lambda_1 \leq \eta^2$

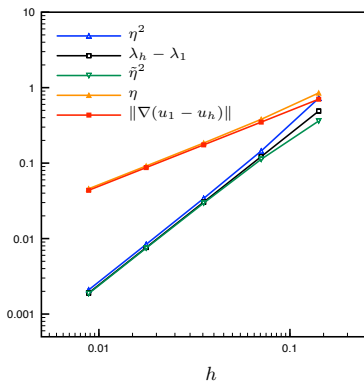
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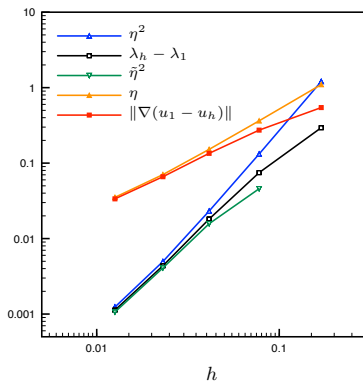
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10	0.1414	121	19.7392	20.2284	19.5054	19.8667	1.35	1.48	1.84E-02	1.21
20	0.0707	441	19.7392	19.8611	19.7164	19.7486	1.08	1.19	1.63E-03	1.09
40	0.0354	1,681	19.7392	19.7696	19.7356	19.7401	1.03	1.12	2.28E-04	1.06
80	0.0177	6,561	19.7392	19.7468	19.7384	19.7393	1.02	1.10	4.56E-05	1.05
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20	0.0776	523	19.7392	19.8139	19.6820	19.7682	1.63	1.77	4.37E-03	1.33
40	0.0413	1,975	19.7392	19.7573	19.7342	19.7416	1.15	1.28	3.75E-04	1.13
80	0.0230	7,704	19.7392	19.7436	19.7386	19.7395	1.07	1.14	4.56E-05	1.07
160	0.0126	30,666	19.7392	19.7403	19.7391	19.7393	1.06	1.10	1.01E-05	1.05

## Unstructured meshes

# L-shaped domain

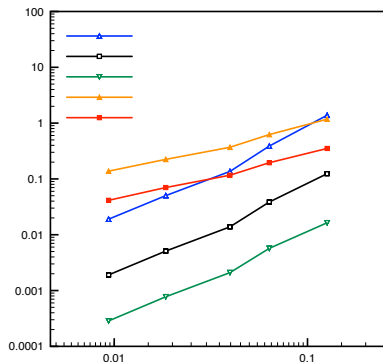
## Setting

- $\Omega := (-1, 1)^2 \setminus [0, 1] \times [-1, 0]$
- $\lambda_1 \approx 9.6397238440$

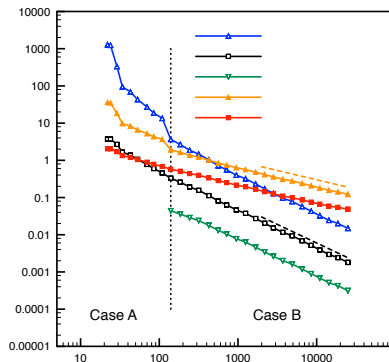
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# Eigenvalue and eigenvector errors and estimators

$N$	$h$	ndof	$\lambda_1$	$\lambda_h$	$\lambda_h - \eta^2$	$\lambda_h - \tilde{\eta}^2$	$I_{\lambda,\text{eff}}^{\text{lb}}$	$I_{\lambda,\text{eff}}^{\text{ub}}$	$E_{\lambda,\text{rel}}$	$I_{u,\text{eff}}^{\text{ub}}$
25	0.1263	556	9.6397	9.7637	8.3825	9.7473	7.57	11.14	1.51e-01	3.35
50	0.0634	2286	9.6397	9.6783	9.2904	9.6726	6.77	10.06	4.03e-02	3.19
100	0.0397	8691	9.6397	9.6536	9.5173	9.6515	6.61	9.84	1.40e-02	3.17
200	0.0185	34206	9.6397	9.6448	9.5946	9.6440	6.59	9.85	5.14e-03	3.20
400	0.0094	136062	9.6397	9.6416	9.6226	9.6413	6.68	9.96	1.94e-03	3.33

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10	140	9.6397	9.9700	6.3175	9.9260	7.50	11.06	4.44e-01	3.31
15	561	9.6397	9.7207	9.0035	9.7075	6.17	8.86	7.53e-02	2.98
20	2188	9.6397	9.6601	9.4887	9.6566	5.88	8.43	1.75e-02	2.88
25	8513	9.6397	9.6449	9.6019	9.6440	5.77	8.31	4.37e-03	2.75
30	24925	9.6397	9.6415	9.6266	9.6412	5.73	8.26	1.51e-03	2.51

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10	0.1414	600	19.7392	20.0333	19.1803	20.0101	4.23e-02	1.93
20	0.0707	2400	19.7392	19.8169	19.6907	19.8099	6.03e-03	1.50
40	0.0354	9600	19.7392	19.7591	19.7324	19.7572	1.26e-03	1.37
80	0.0177	38400	19.7392	19.7442	19.7378	19.7438	2.99e-04	1.34
160	0.0088	153600	19.7392	19.7405	19.7389	19.7403	7.09e-05	1.33

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10	0.1698	732	19.7392	19.9432	17.8788	19.9501	1.10e-01	3.26
20	0.0776	2892	19.7392	19.7928	19.6264	19.7939	8.50e-03	1.91
40	0.0413	11364	19.7392	19.7526	19.7295	19.7529	1.18e-03	1.47
80	0.0230	45258	19.7392	19.7425	19.7381	19.7426	2.28e-04	1.31
160	0.0126	182070	19.7392	19.7400	19.7390	19.7401	5.35e-05	1.28

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# SIPG: L-shape

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5	0.7165	90	9.6397	10.7897	-128.5909	11.0700	-2.38e+00	9.32
10	0.3041	492	9.6397	9.9085	-3.4330	9.9928	4.09e+00	6.36
20	0.1670	2058	9.6397	9.7044	8.3596	9.7448	1.53e-01	3.97
40	0.0839	8136	9.6397	9.6576	9.2512	9.6729	4.46e-02	3.90
80	0.0459	33078	9.6397	9.6447	9.5110	9.6506	1.46e-02	3.92
160	0.0234	129342	9.6397	9.6413	9.5929	9.6436	5.27e-03	<b>3.92</b>

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5	186	9.6397	10.2136	-30.6026	10.3629	-4.05e+00	7.19
10	777	9.6397	9.8154	7.2388	9.8388	3.04e-01	3.75
15	3453	9.6397	9.6865	9.1572	9.6902	5.66e-02	3.38
20	14706	9.6397	9.6509	9.5335	9.6517	1.23e-02	3.23
25	61137	9.6397	9.6425	9.6144	9.6426	2.93e-03	<b>3.00</b>

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