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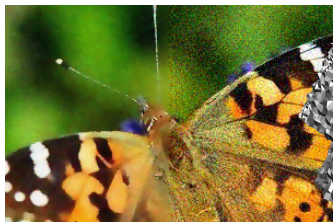
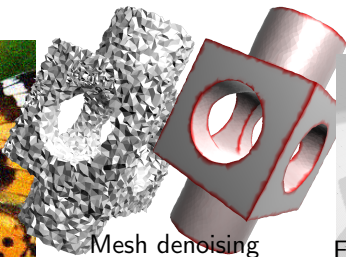
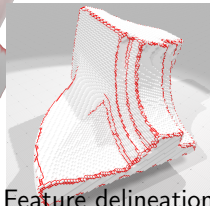


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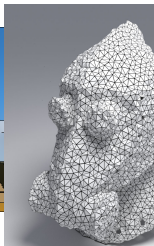
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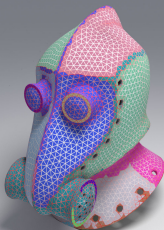
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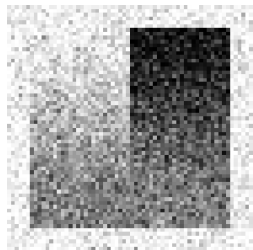
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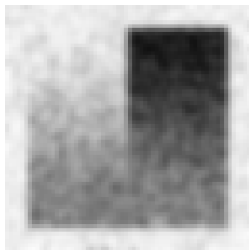
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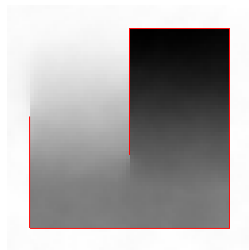
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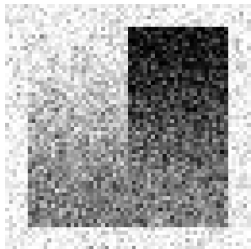


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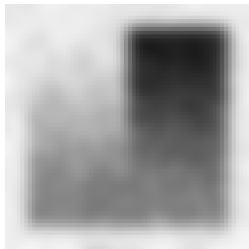


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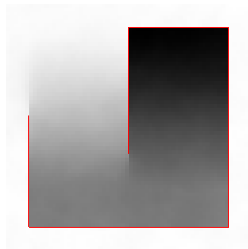
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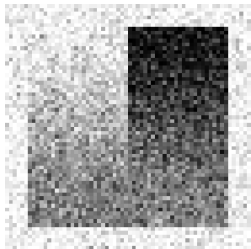


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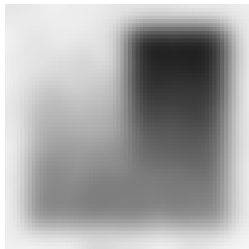


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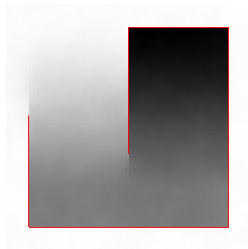
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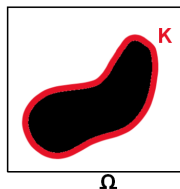
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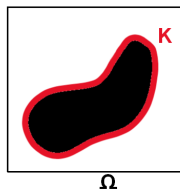
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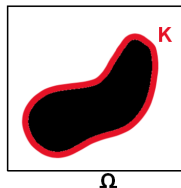
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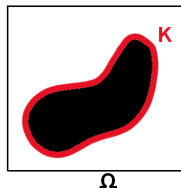


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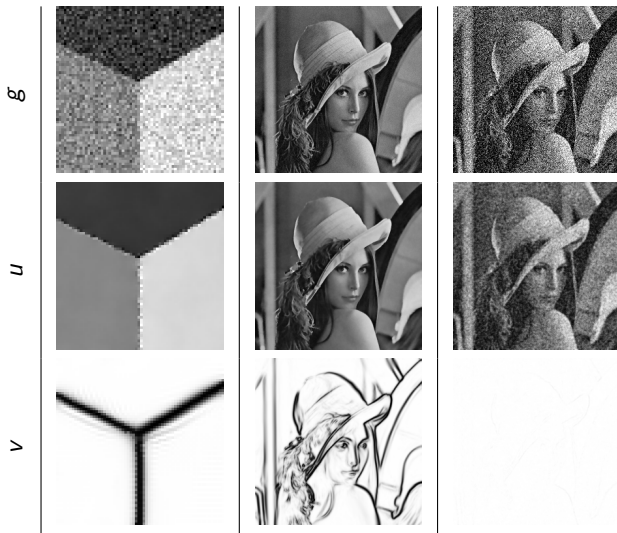
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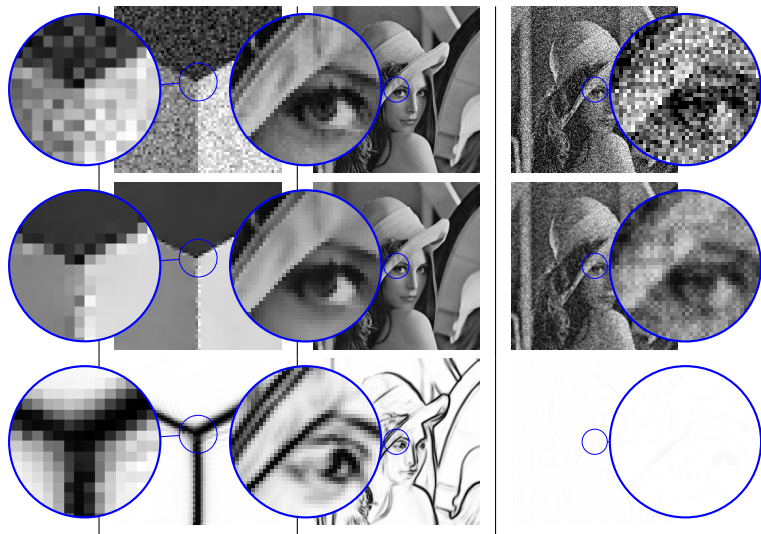


$$\Gamma\text{-convergence: } AT_\varepsilon \xrightarrow[\varepsilon \rightarrow 0]{\Gamma} \mathcal{MS}$$

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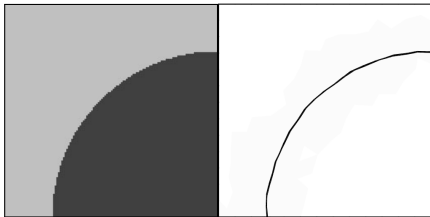


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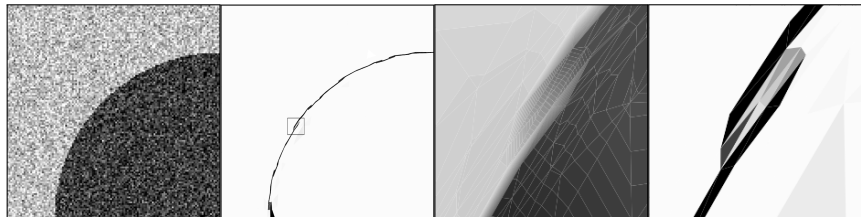
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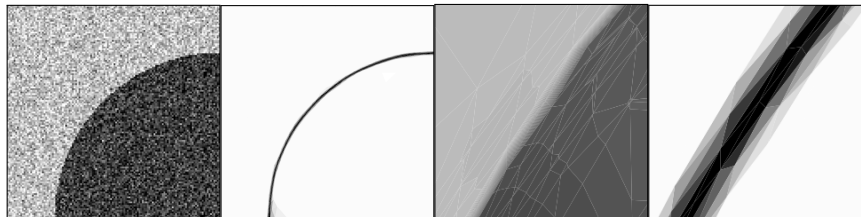
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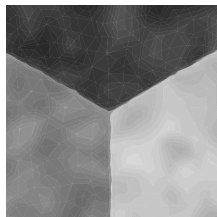
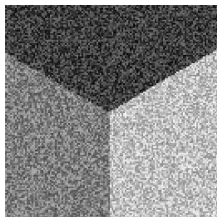
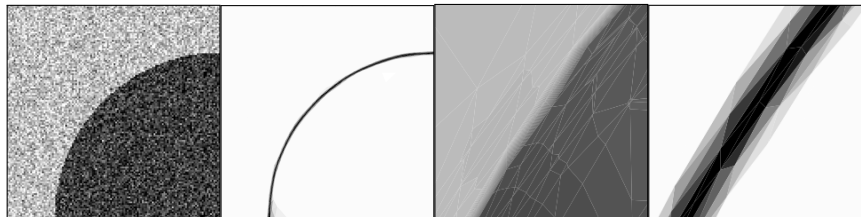
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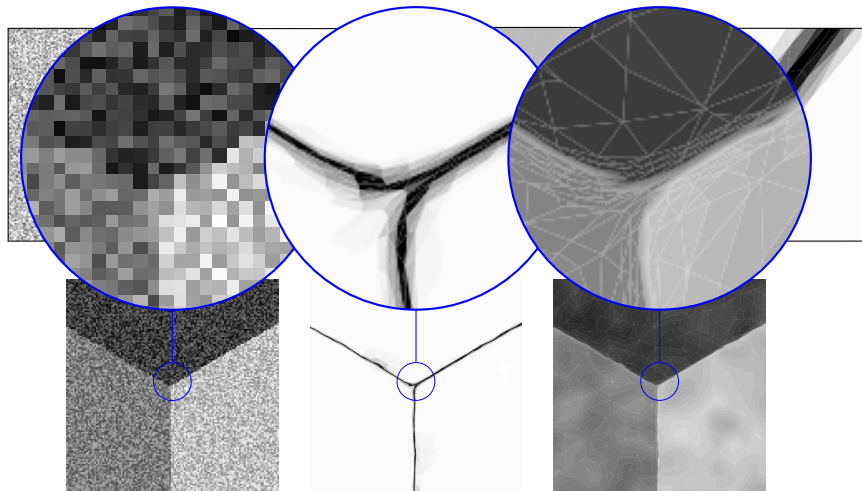
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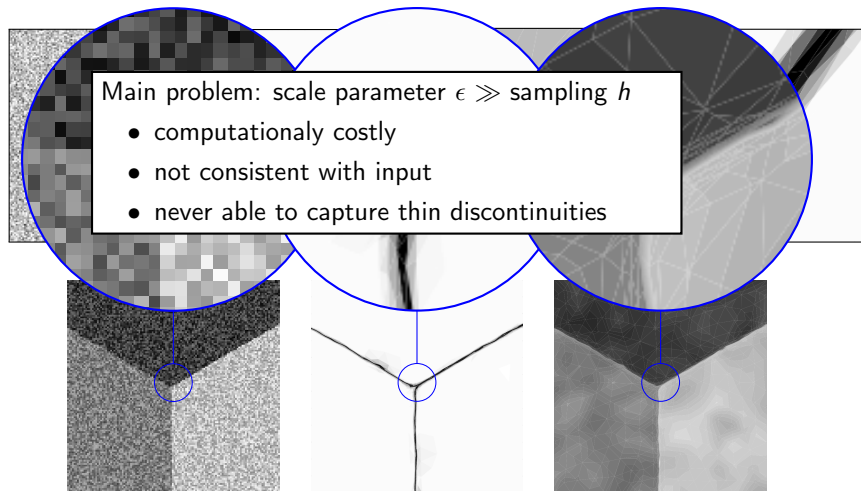
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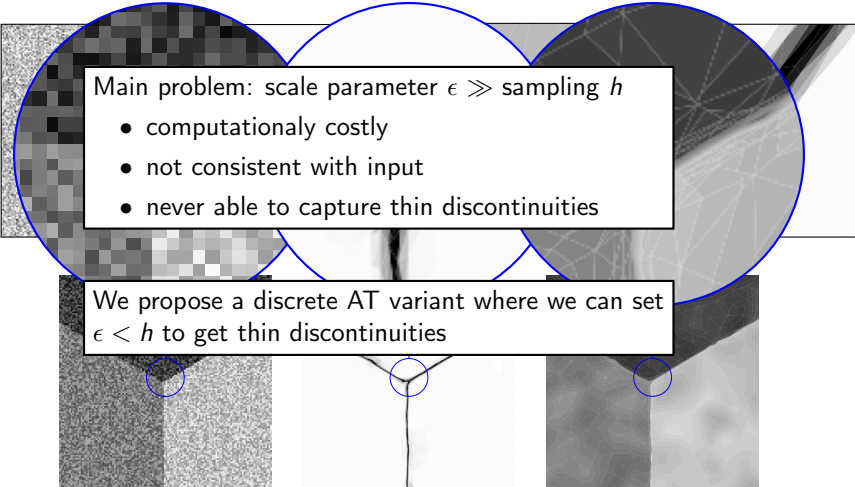
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Main problem: scale parameter  $\epsilon \gg$  sampling  $h$

- computationally costly
- not consistent with input
- never able to capture thin discontinuities

We propose a discrete AT variant where we can set  $\epsilon < h$  to get thin discontinuities

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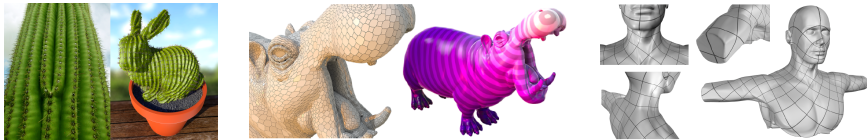
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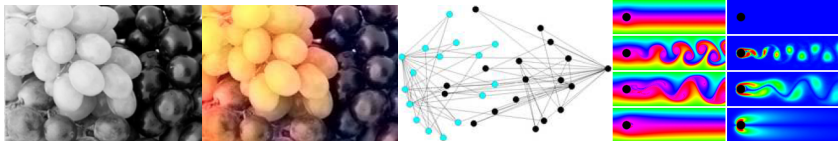
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Discrete exterior calculus [Desbrun, Hirani, Leok, ...]

Discrete differential calculus [Polthier, Pinkall, Bobenko, ...]

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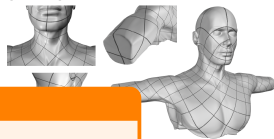
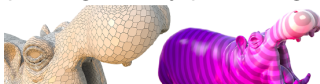


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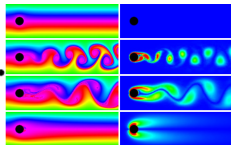
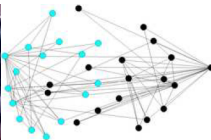
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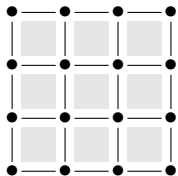
- no discretization, discrete by nature
- keep algebraic properties of calculus, exact Stokes' theorem
- reduces to matrix/vectors
- works without embedding, just metric
- "any" cell complex, arbitrary dimension

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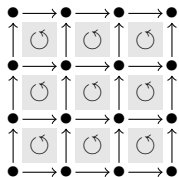
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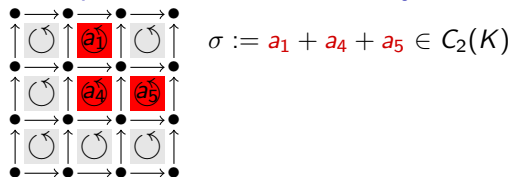
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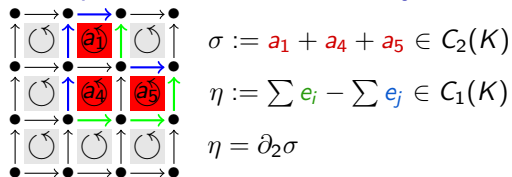
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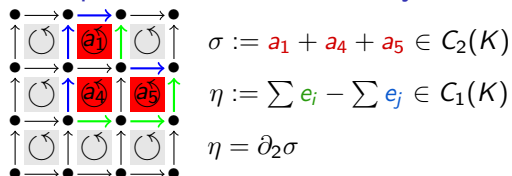
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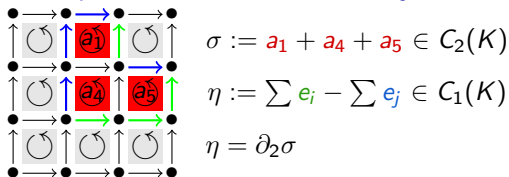
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- *Integral*  $\int_\sigma \alpha =$  pairing  $k$ -form  $\alpha$  with  $k$ -chain  $\sigma$

$$\int_\sigma \alpha := \alpha(\sigma) = \sum_i a_i \alpha(c_i) \quad \text{if } \sigma = \sum_i a_i c_i$$

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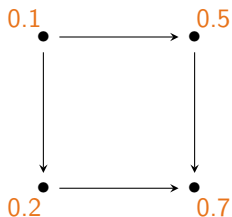


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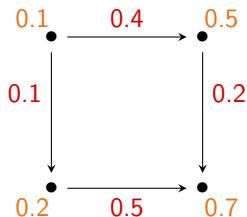
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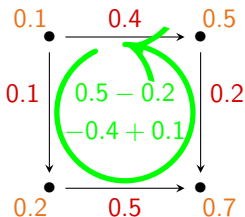
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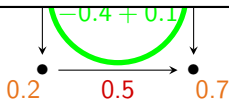
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thus (discrete) Stokes theorem is trivial by definition

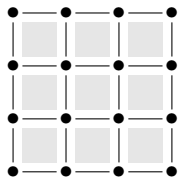
$$\int_{\sigma} \mathbf{d}\alpha = \int_{\partial\sigma} \alpha$$

for  $\sigma$  any  $k$ -chain and  $\alpha$  any  $k-1$ -form

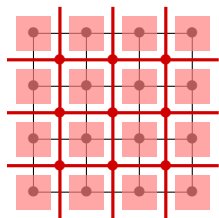


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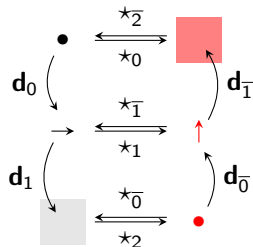
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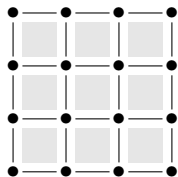
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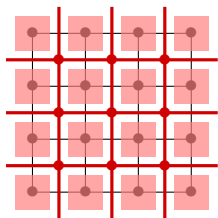
primal dual

- Hodge duality created with dual/orthogonal structure

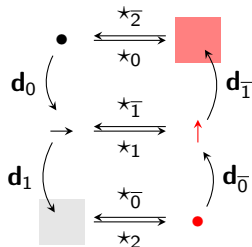
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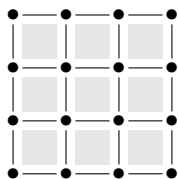
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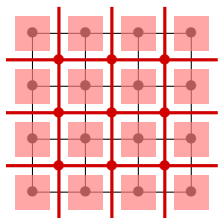
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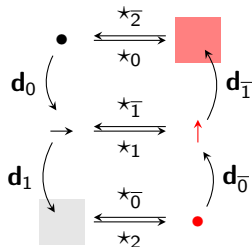
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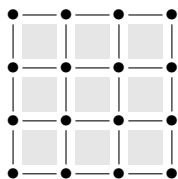
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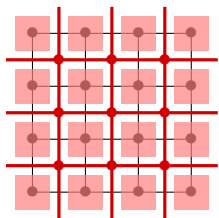
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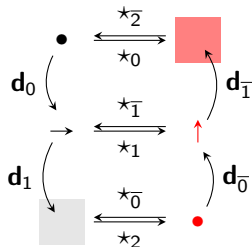
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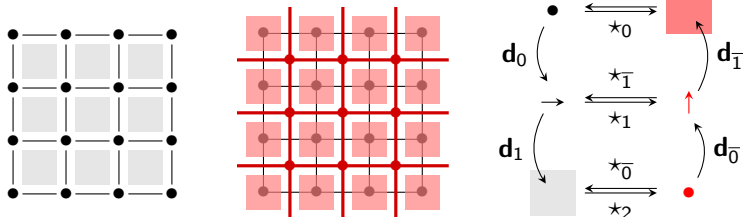


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Almost all the calculus is built from the previous operators

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- divergence  $\operatorname{div} \mathbf{V} := \delta_1 \mathbf{V}^b$
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A brief introduction to discrete calculus

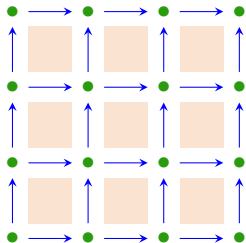
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Applications



# Discrete formulation of AT

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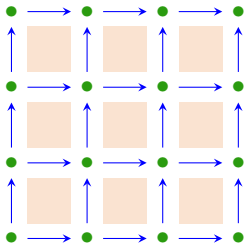
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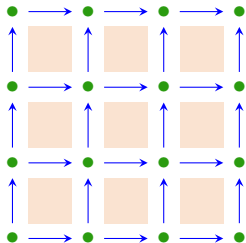
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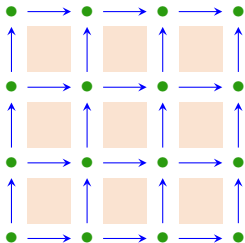
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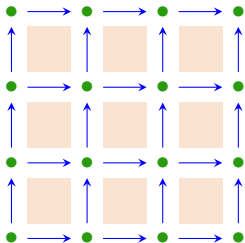
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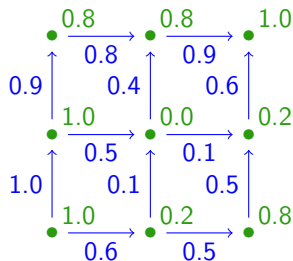
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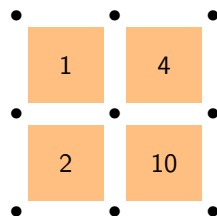
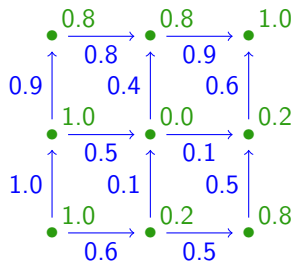
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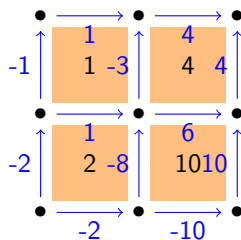
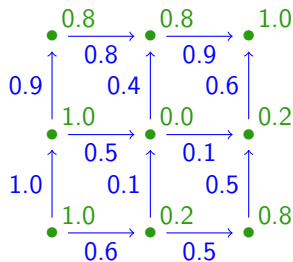
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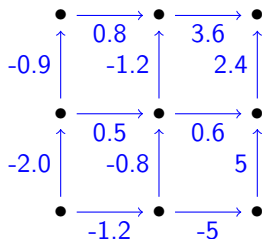
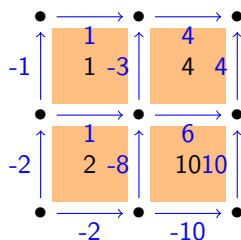
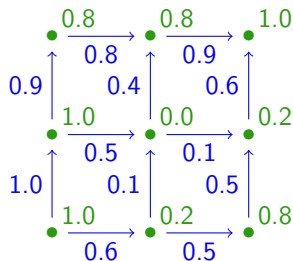
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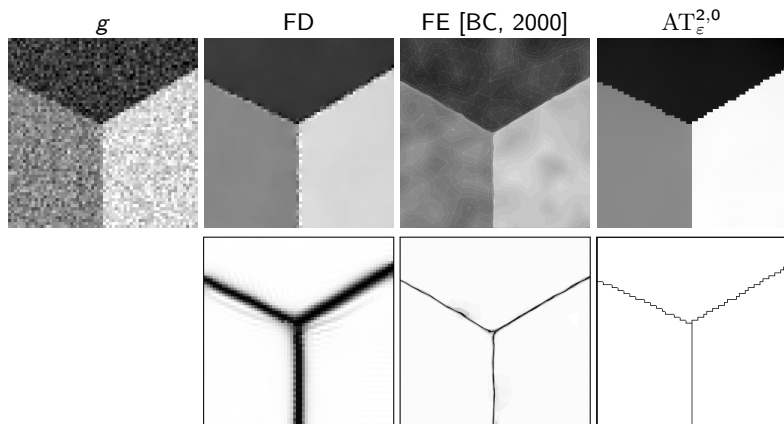
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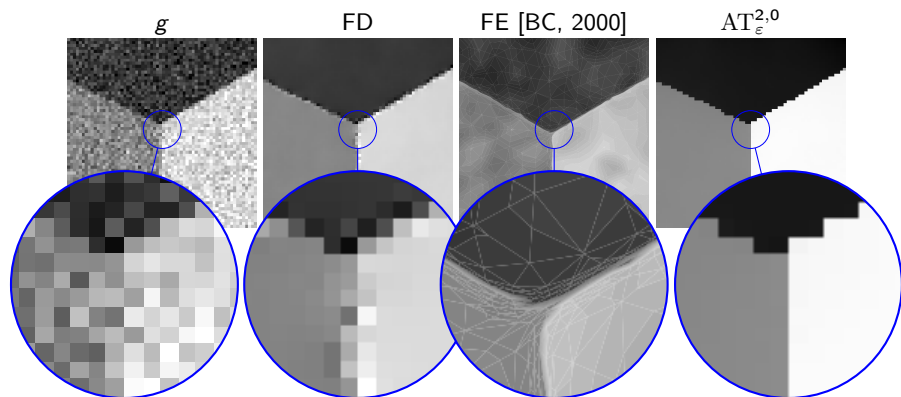
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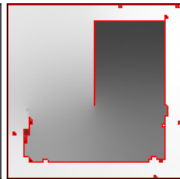
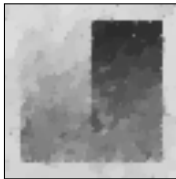
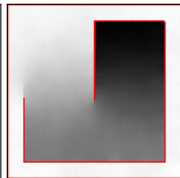
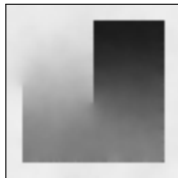
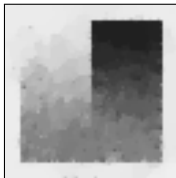
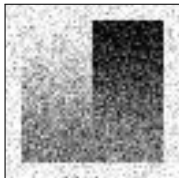
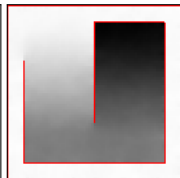
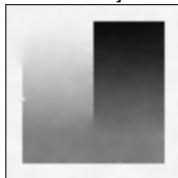
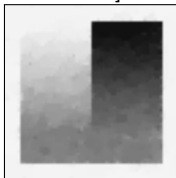
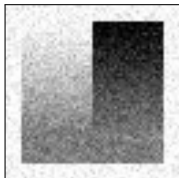
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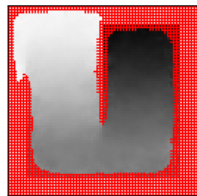
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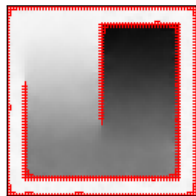
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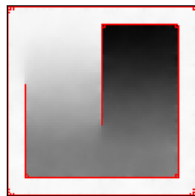
- $\Gamma$ -convergence parameter
- Controls the **thickness of the contours**
  - ▷ large  $\varepsilon$  convexifies  $AT$  and helps to detect the discontinuities;
  - ▷ as  $\varepsilon$  goes to 0, the discontinuities become thinner and thinner.



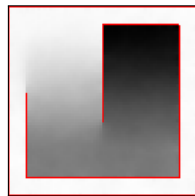
$\varepsilon = 2 \searrow 2$



$\varepsilon = 2 \searrow 1$



$\varepsilon = 2 \searrow 0.5$



$\varepsilon = 2 \searrow 0.25$

# Discrete calculus model of Ambrosio-Tortorelli's functional

Ambrosio-Tortorelli's functional

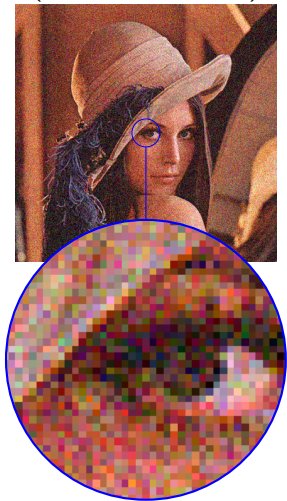
A brief introduction to discrete calculus

A discrete calculus model of AT

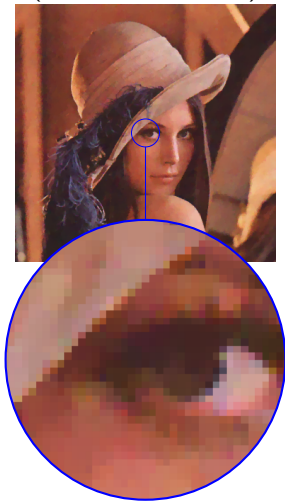
**Applications**

# Image restoration / denoising

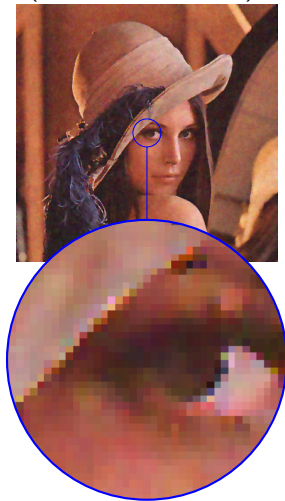
$g$   
(PSNR = 20.23 dB)



TV  
(PSNR = 29.36 dB)

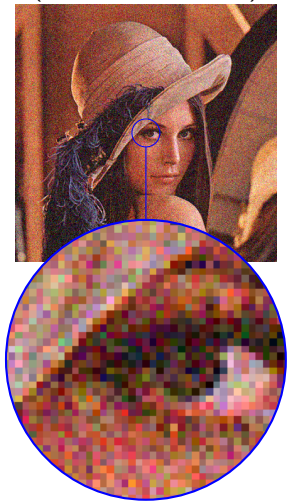


$AT_{\epsilon}^{2,0}$   
(PSNR = 29.03 dB)

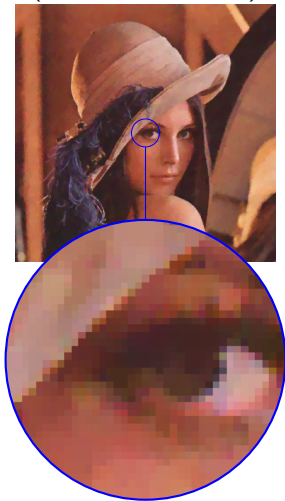


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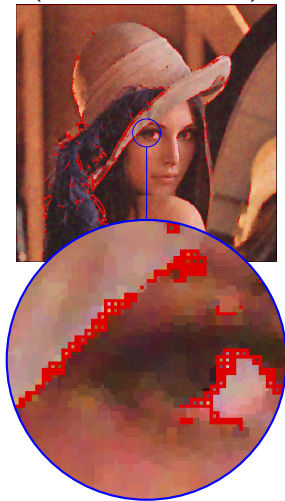
$g$   
(PSNR = 20.23 dB)



TV  
(PSNR = 29.36 dB)



$AT_{\epsilon}^{2,0}$   
(PSNR = 29.03 dB)





# Scale-space given by $\alpha$ and $\lambda$ and image segmentation



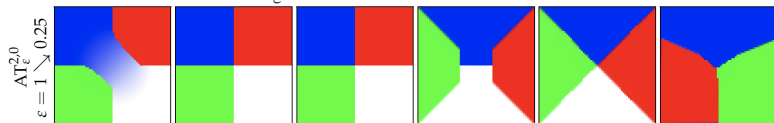
for decreasing  $\lambda$

# Image inpainting (on toy example)

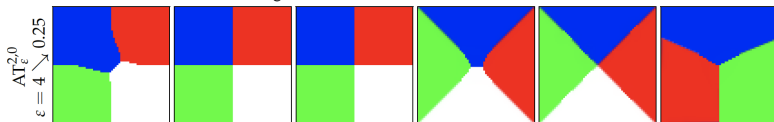
- mask (in black) : domain  $M$  where data  $g$  (in color) is unknown
- $\alpha(x) := \{\alpha \in \Omega \setminus M, 0 \text{ elsewhere}\}$
- initialization:  $u$  random in  $M$ ,  $= g$  in  $\Omega \setminus M$



$AT_{\epsilon}^{2,0}$  with  $\epsilon$  from 1 to 0.25



$AT_{\epsilon}^{2,0}$  with  $\epsilon$  from 4 to 0.25



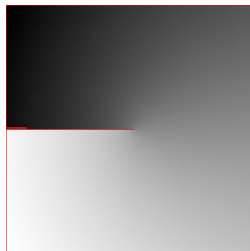
## Image inpainting (on classical crack-tip example)



$g$



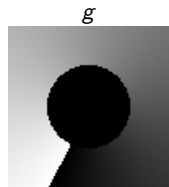
mask  $M$



$AT_{\epsilon}^{2,0}$ ,  $\alpha = 1$ ,  $\lambda = 0.0024$

- Decreasing sequence of  $\lambda$  (irreversibility !?)
- same result as [Pock, Bishof, Cremers, Pock 2009], based on MS relaxation of [Alberti, Bouchitté, Dal Maso 2003]
- result independent of initialization as long as first  $\epsilon$  is big enough ( $\epsilon$  from 4 to 0.25 here, for image of size  $110 \times 110$ ).

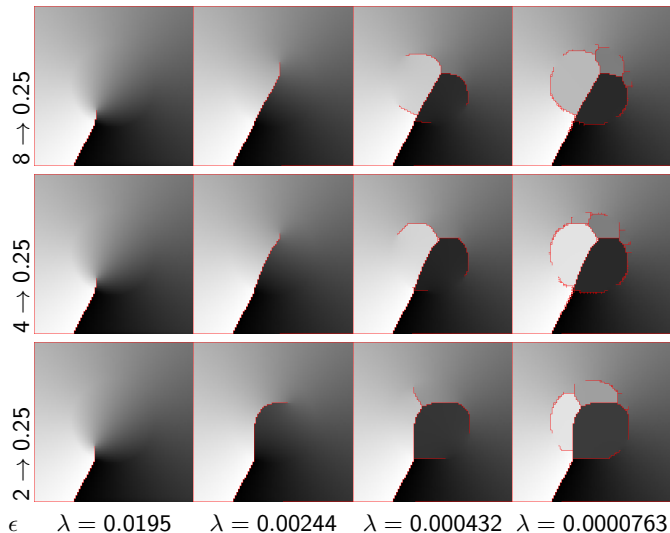
# Image inpainting (crack-tip + decreasing $\lambda$ )



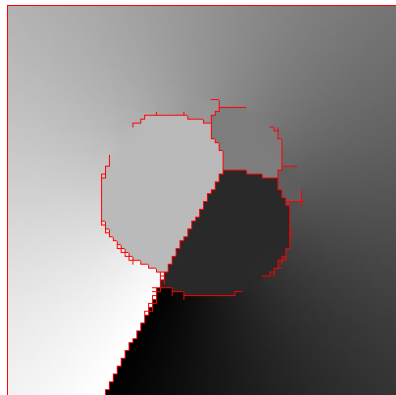
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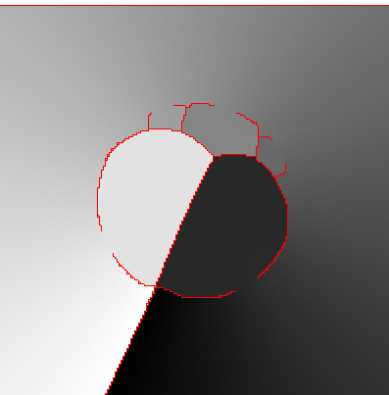
$\alpha = 1$



# Image inpainting (crack-tip + changing resolution)



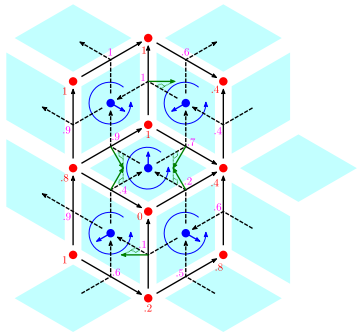
$100 \times 100$   
 $\lambda = 0.0000763$   
 $\alpha = 1$



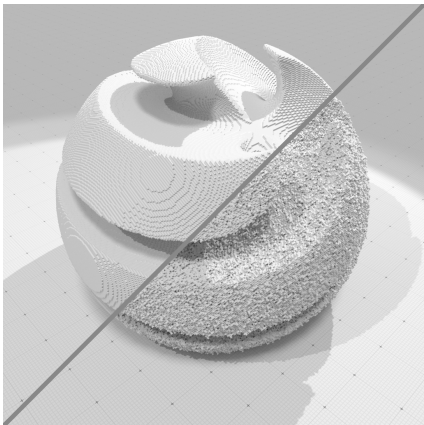
$200 \times 200$   
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# Feature delineation on digital surfaces

digital surface = boundary of set of voxels



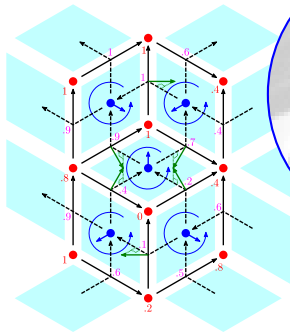
same discrete calculus  
same  $AT_{\epsilon}^{2,0}$



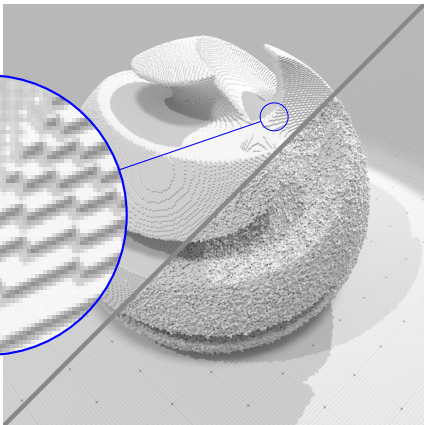
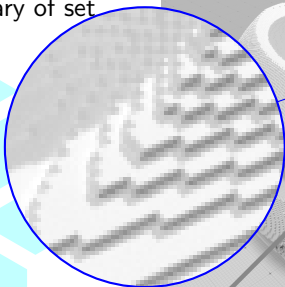
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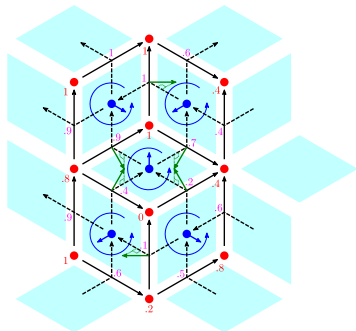
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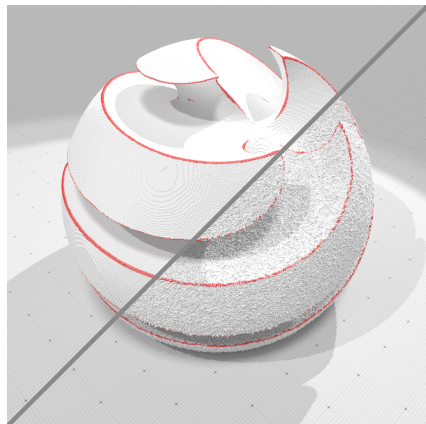
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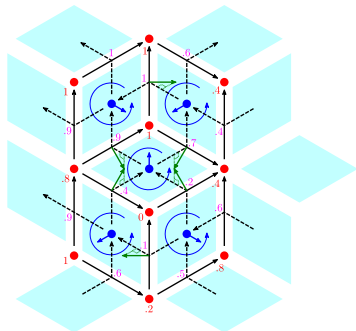
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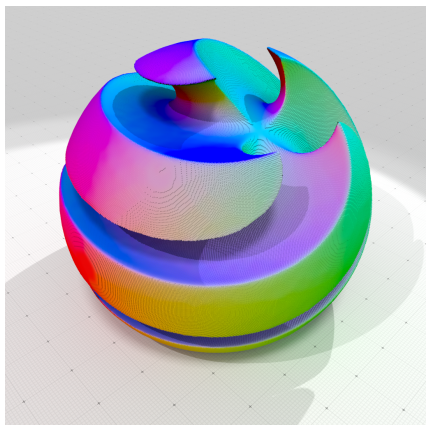


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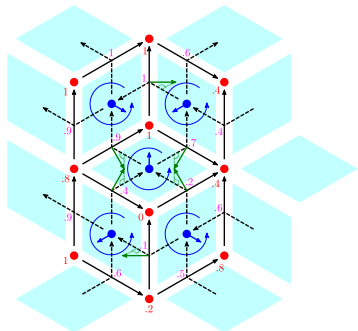


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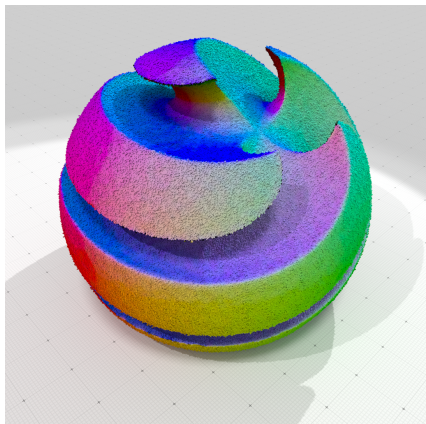
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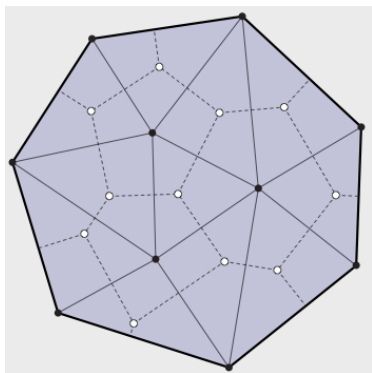
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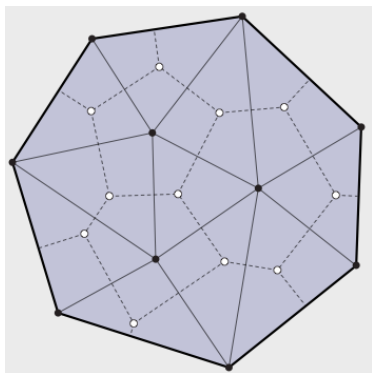
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# Discrete calculus on triangulated mesh



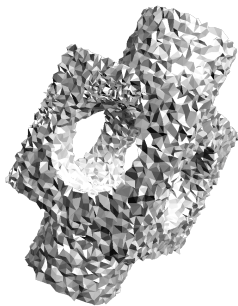
- dual mesh  $\perp$  primal mesh
- dual vertex = center of triangle circumcircle
- Hodge stars are no more trivial but still diagonal matrices
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- $\star_1(e) := \text{length}(\text{dual}(e))/\text{length}(e)$
- $\star_2(t) := 1/\text{Area}(t)$
- otherwise same discrete calculus

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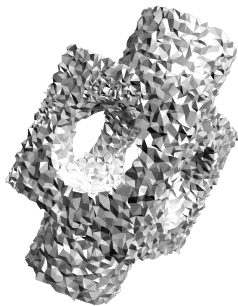
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- otherwise same discrete calculus
- $AT_\varepsilon^{2,0}$  is then the same !

# Mesh denoising



0. Bad mesh with positions  $\mathbf{x}^0$ ,  $k \leftarrow 0$

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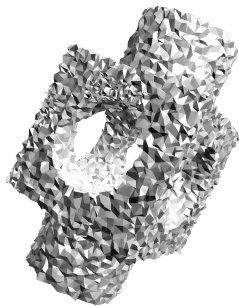


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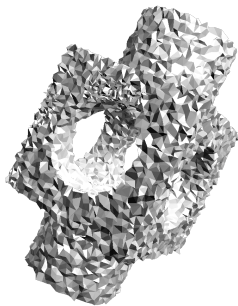


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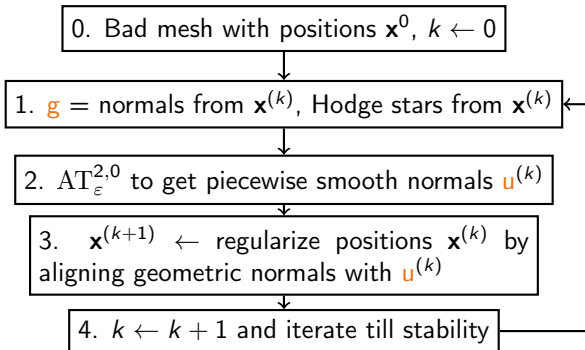
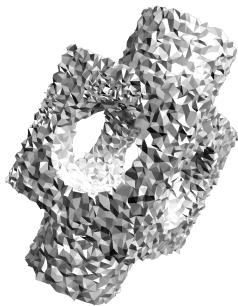
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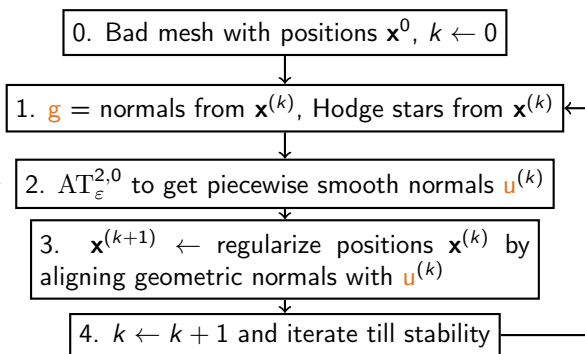
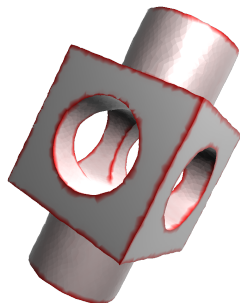
3.  $\mathbf{x}^{(k+1)} \leftarrow$  regularize positions  $\mathbf{x}^{(k)}$  by aligning geometric normals with  $\mathbf{u}^{(k)}$



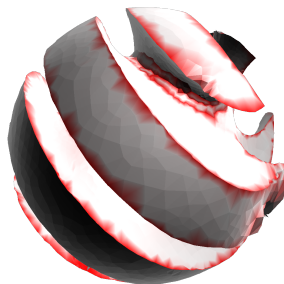
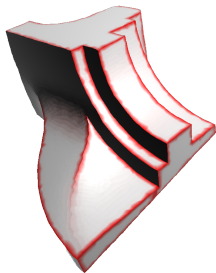
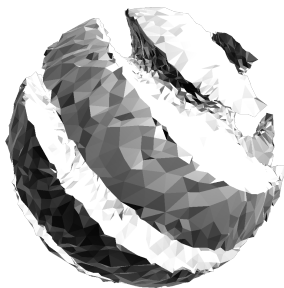
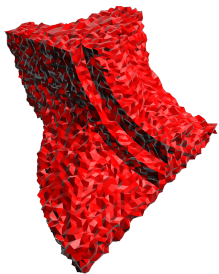
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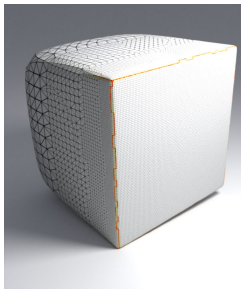
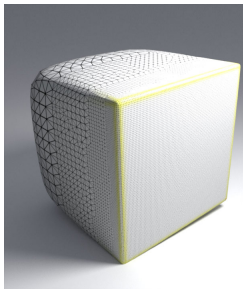


## Mesh denoising (a few results)

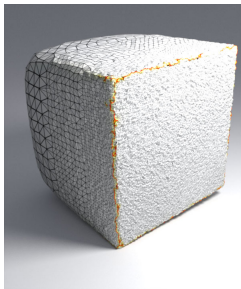
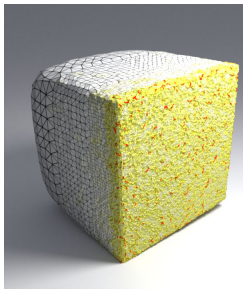


# Mesh denoising (Comparison with FEM)

noise free



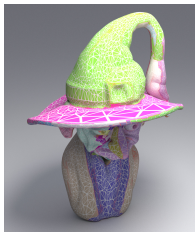
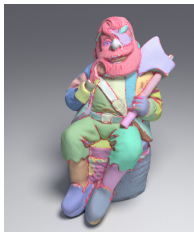
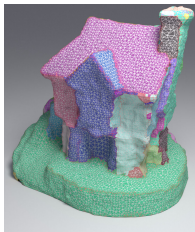
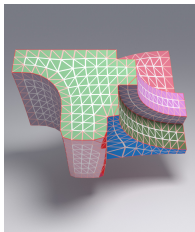
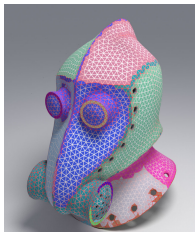
with noise



FEM [Tong and Tai 2016]

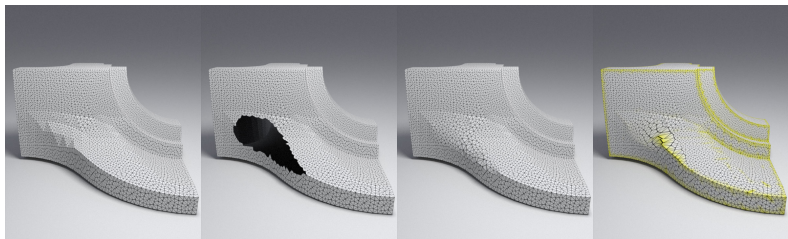
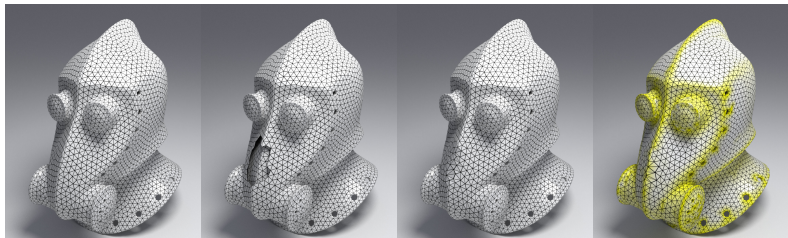
our approach

# Mesh segmentation



- $v$  is used as a probability of edge merge in a graph connected component algorithm

# Mesh inpainting



Original

Missing area

CGAL filling

Our inpainting

# Conclusion

- Discrete calculus model of AT recovers discontinuities
  - ▷ usual “phase-field” ones → **thin** discontinuities
- very generic formulation: 2D images, digital surfaces, triangulated meshes, graph structures, 3D hexahedral, tetrahedral or mixed meshes, ...
- opens a wide range of applications
  - ▷ image processing
  - ▷ 3D geometry processing
- open-source C++ code available, mostly on [dgta1.org](http://dgta1.org), otherwise on [github.com](https://github.com)
- reasonable computation times: from seconds to a few minutes

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