A 3D Multi-Block Mesh Interface Treatment For Finite Volume Fluid Flows Computations

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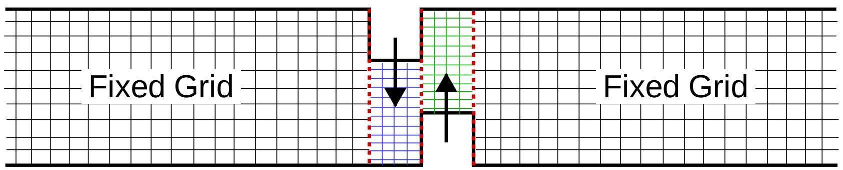

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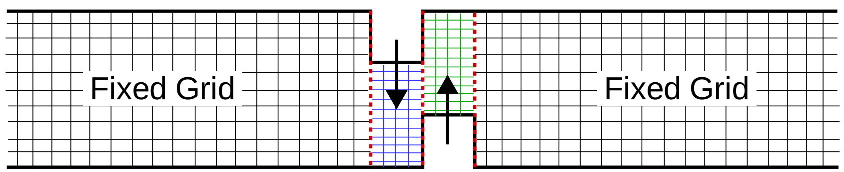
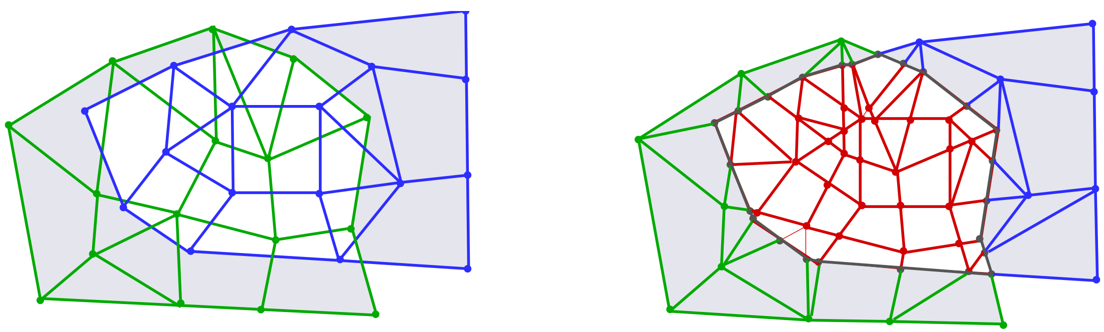
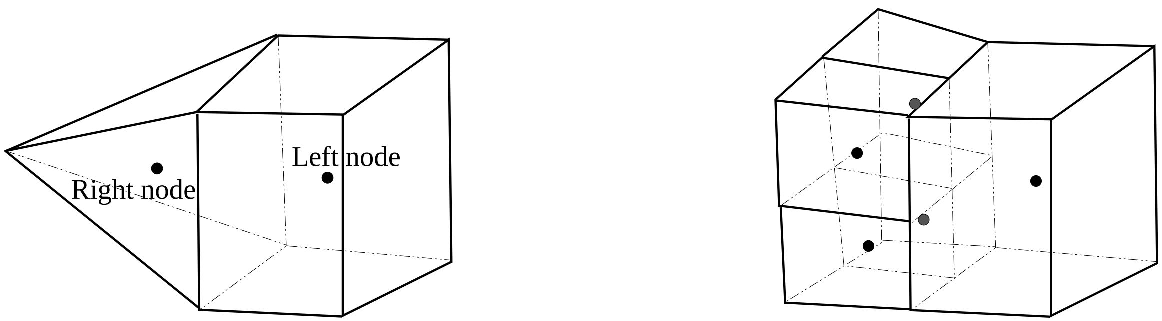


- Treatment of 3D unstructured meshes interface



Cell Centered Finite Volume Method



- Integration of advective and viscous fluxes on faces

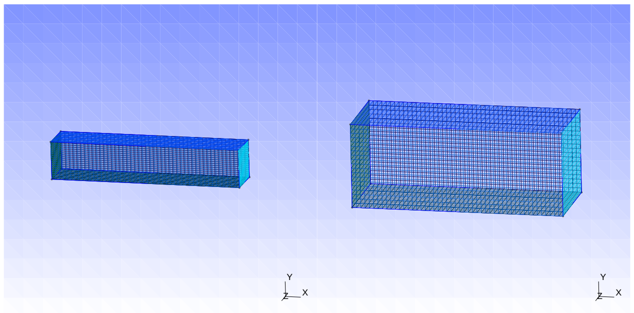
$$\mathbf{Rhs} = \sum_i \int\int_{\triangle_i/\square_i} \left[\tilde{\mathbf{f}}_n^a \left(\tilde{\mathbf{w}}_L, \tilde{\mathbf{w}}_R, \tilde{v}_n^g \right) + \mathbf{f}_n^d \left(\tilde{\mathbf{w}}, \tilde{\nabla \mathbf{w}} \right) \right] dS_i$$

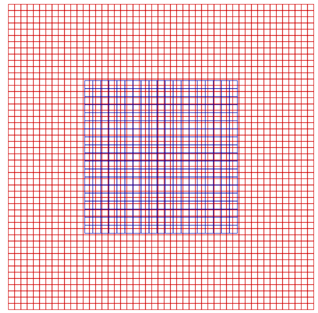
$$\tilde{w}_{L/R} = w_{L/R} + \left(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_{L/R} \right)^T \nabla(w)\rfloor_{L/R} + \dots$$

$\Rightarrow$ FVM allows the use of non conformal meshes

Algorithm description

Two mesh blocks example - Boundary must be detected



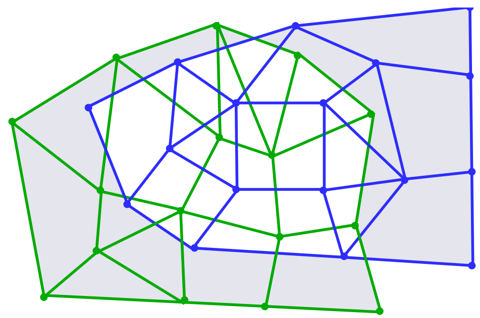


- The interface is composed of two boundary meshes (mesh A and mesh B)
- Mesh A and mesh B faces have only one left neighbour node
- A new mesh C must be created with faces having one left and one right neighbour nodes

Algorithm description

Three steps

- Locate mesh B vertices in mesh A faces or on boundary.
- Compute mesh B edges and mesh A edges intersection, cut all edges and create new mesh C.
- Build macro-faces having one left and one right neighbour node. Cut macro-faces.



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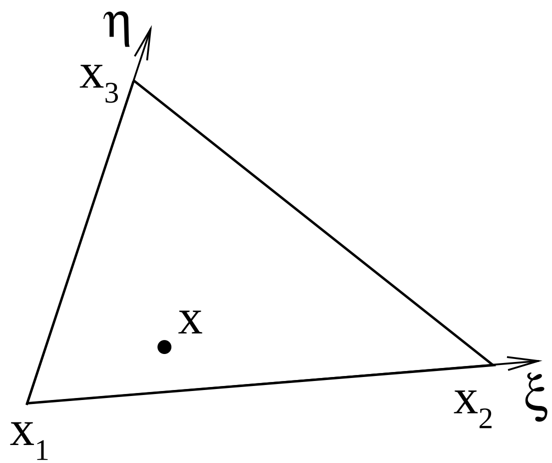

Knowing $\mathbf{x}$, find (ξ, η) parameters by solving

$$\mathbf{x}\,(\xi,\eta) = \mathbf{x}_1 + \xi\,(\mathbf{x_2} - \mathbf{x_1}) + \eta\,(\mathbf{x}_3 - \mathbf{x}_1)$$

if $\xi > 0$ and $\eta > 0$ and $1 - \xi - \eta < 0$, vertex is in triangle.

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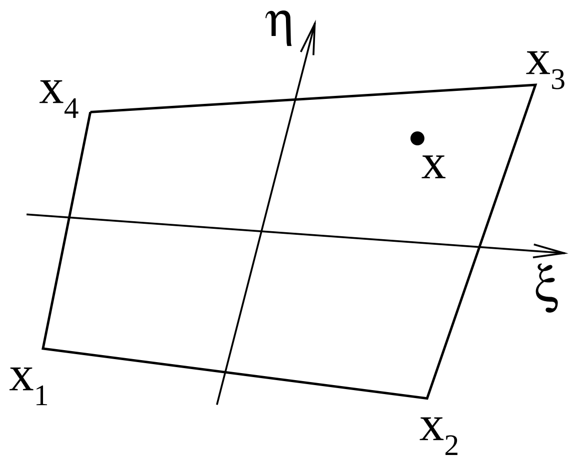
Is one vertex is in a given quadrangle ?



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$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{x}(\xi,\eta) = \quad & \tfrac{1}{4}(1-\eta)\,(1-\xi)\,\mathbf{x}_1 + \tfrac{1}{4}(1-\eta)\,(1+\xi)\,\mathbf{x}_2 \\ & + \tfrac{1}{4}(1+\eta)\,(1+\xi)\,\mathbf{x}_3 + \tfrac{1}{4}(1+\eta)\,(1-\xi)\,\mathbf{x}_4\end{aligned}$$

if $-1 < \xi < 1$ and $-1 < \eta < 1$, vertex is in quadrangle.

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Do two edges intersect each other ?

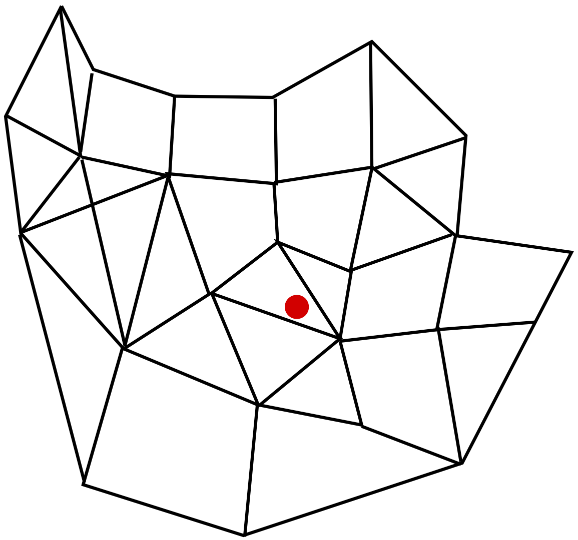
Find (ξ, η) parameters such as

$$\frac{1}{2}(1-\xi)\ \mathbf{x}_1 + \frac{1}{2}(1+\xi)\ \mathbf{x}_2 = \frac{1}{2}(1-\eta)\ \mathbf{y}_1 + \frac{1}{2}(1+\eta)\ \mathbf{y}_2$$

if $-1 < \xi < 1$ and $-1 < \eta < 1$, the intersection exists.

Interface treatment algorithm

Locate mesh B vertices in mesh A faces



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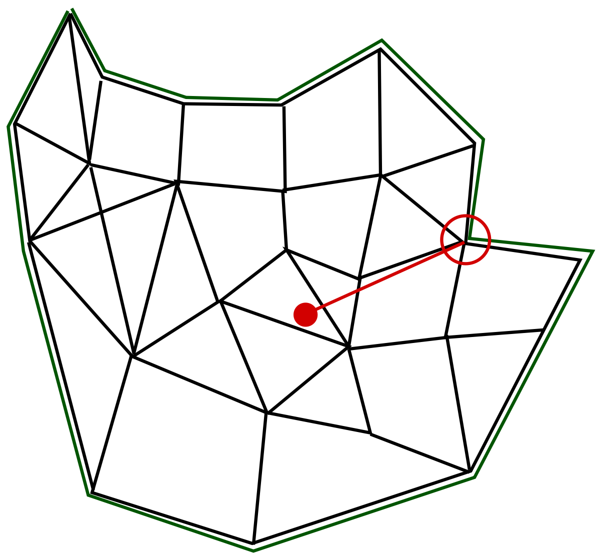

Find nearest boundary edge or vertex

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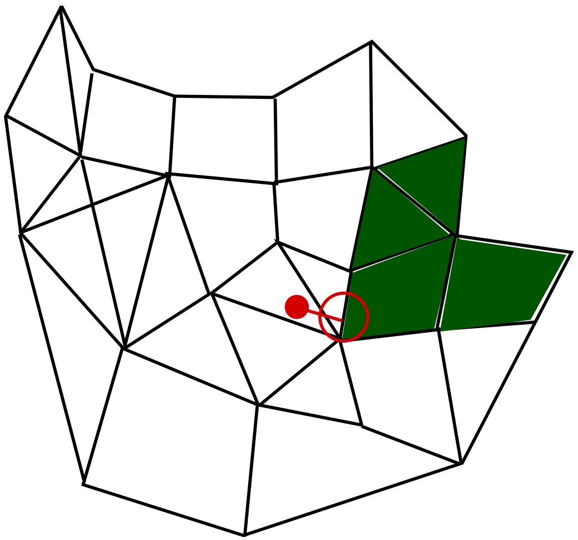

Find nearest surrounding edge or vertex
Repeat operation

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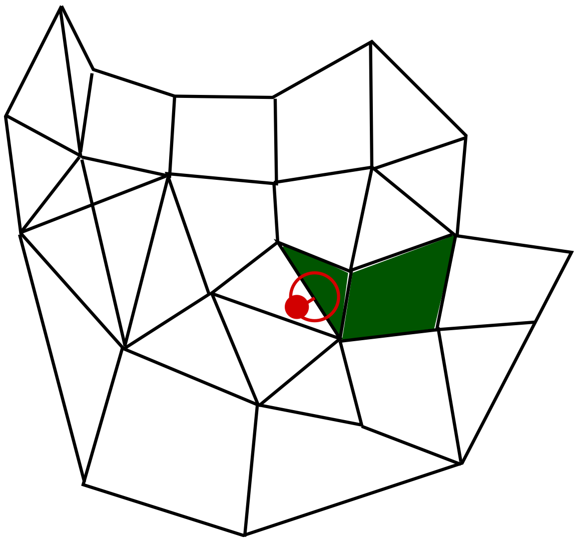

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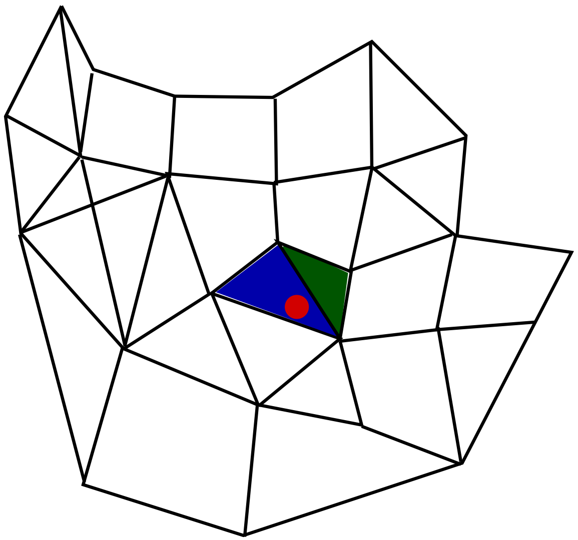

Check if the vertex is in one of the surrounding faces

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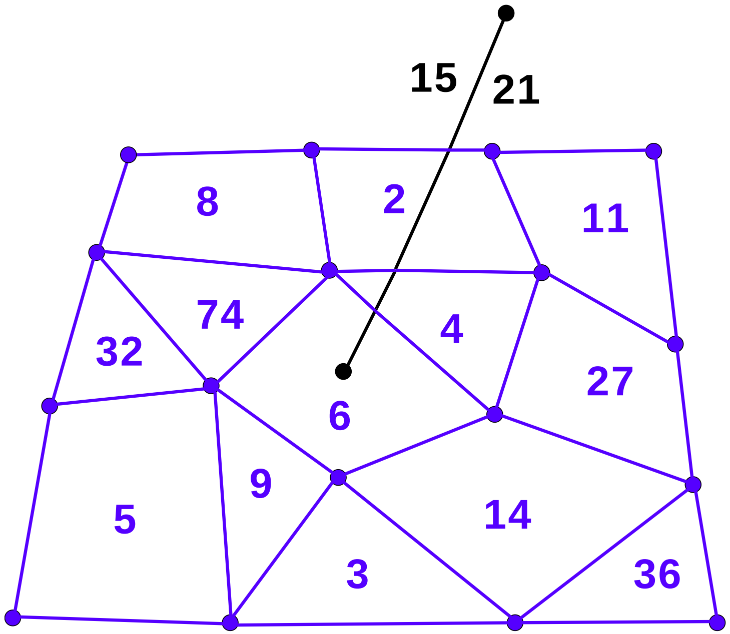
Cut egdes and build new mesh C



Find intersections, cut edges and create new vertices for new mesh C.

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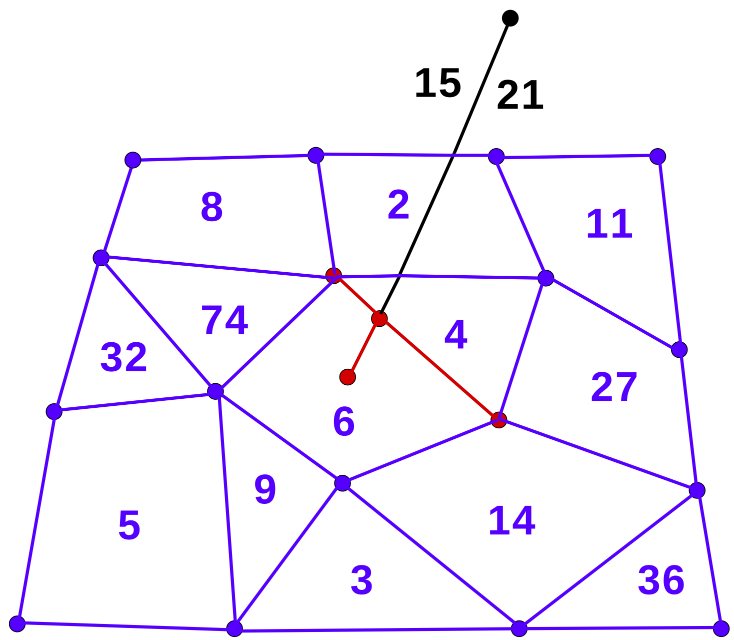

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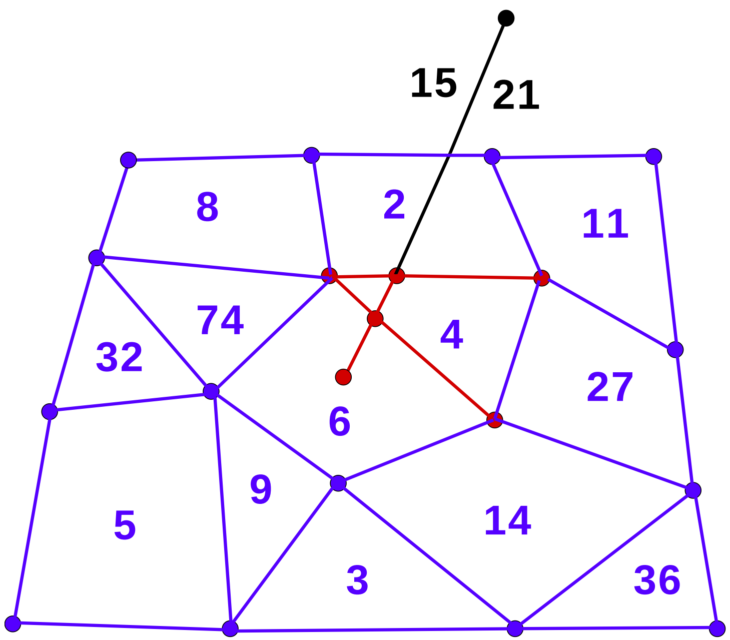

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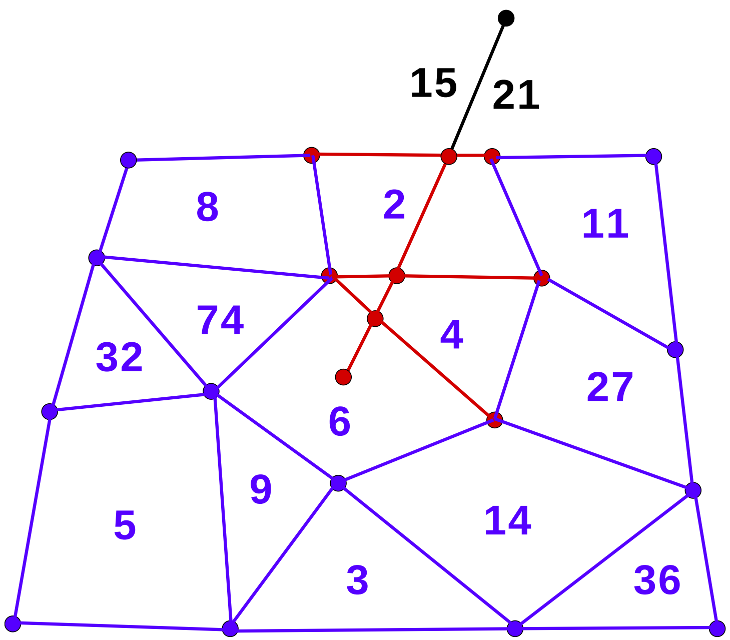

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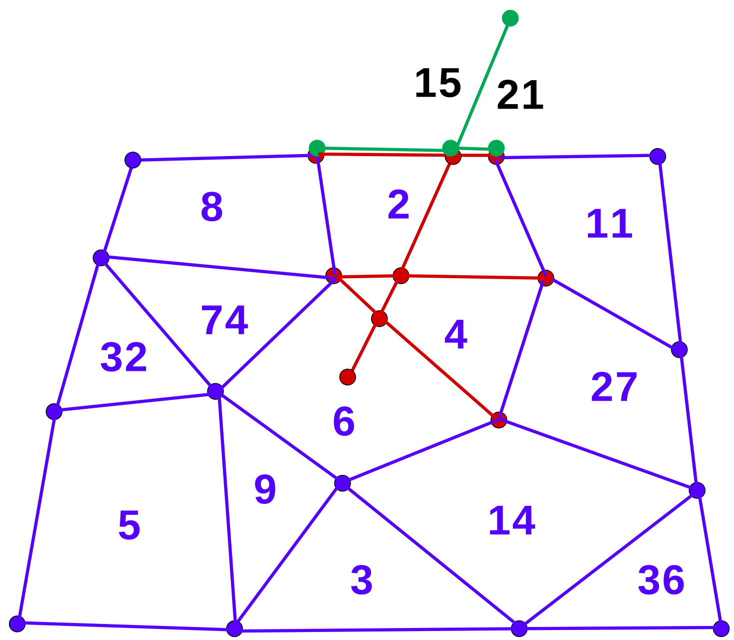

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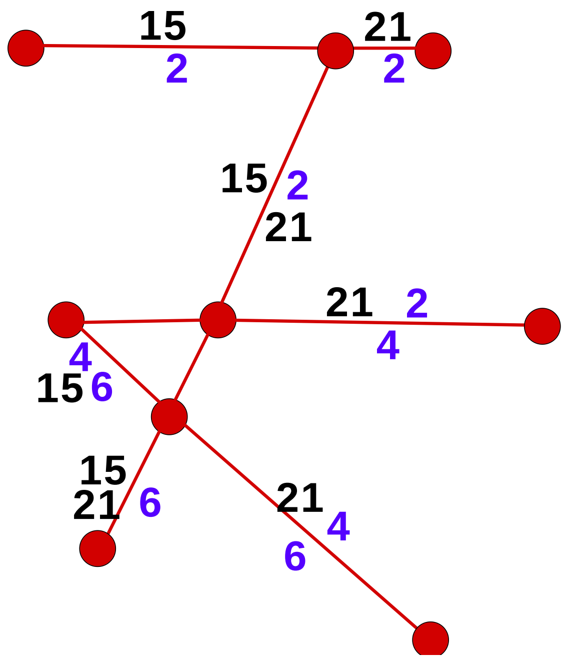

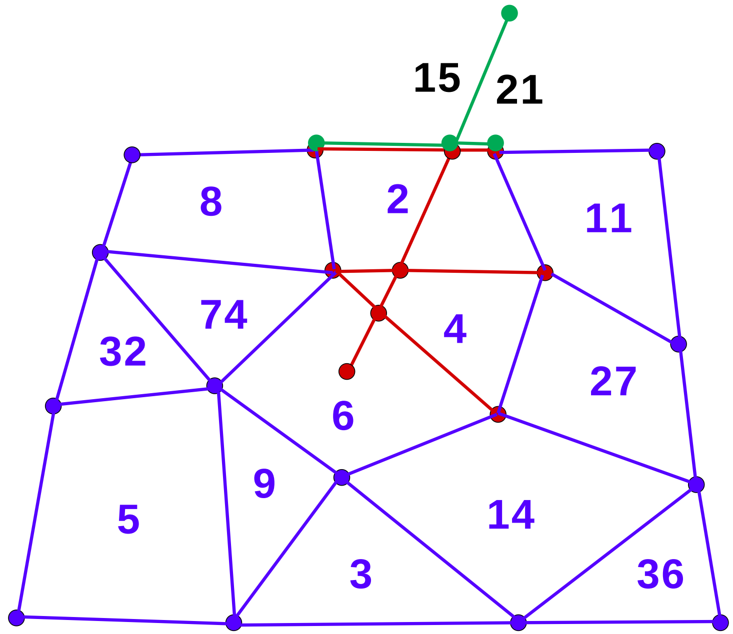

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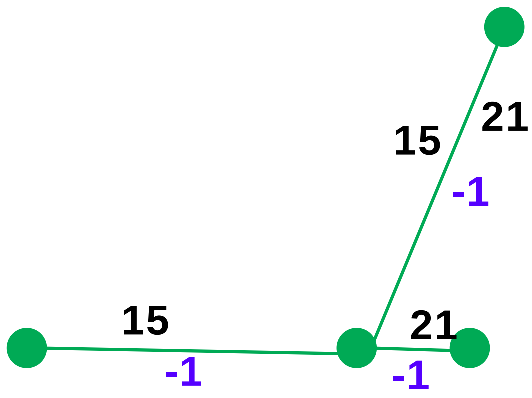

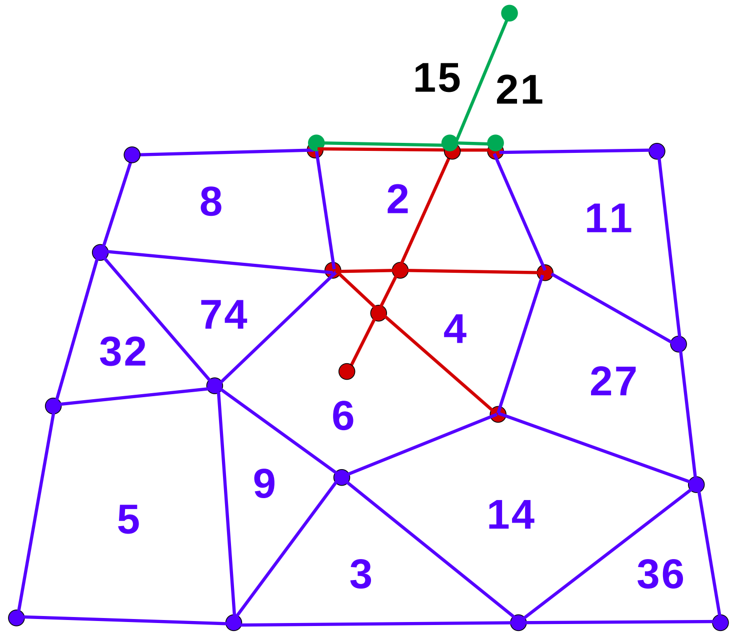

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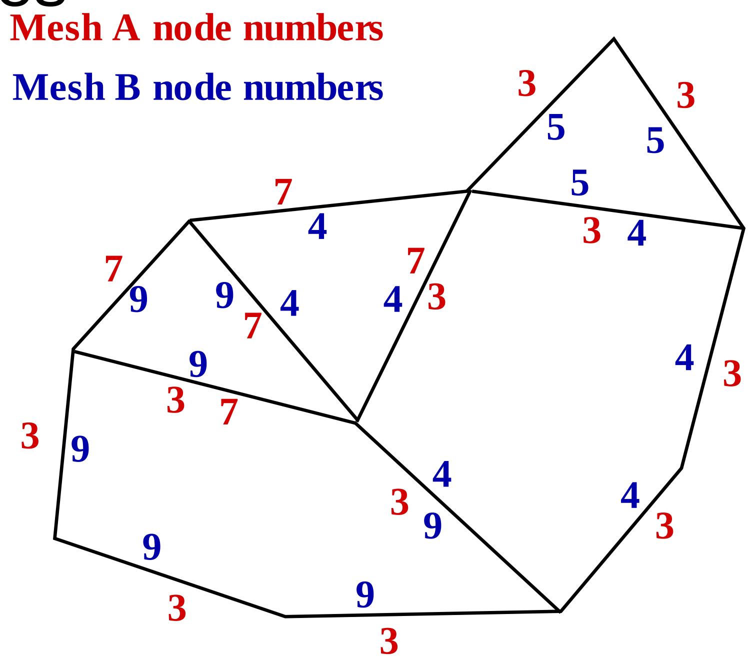

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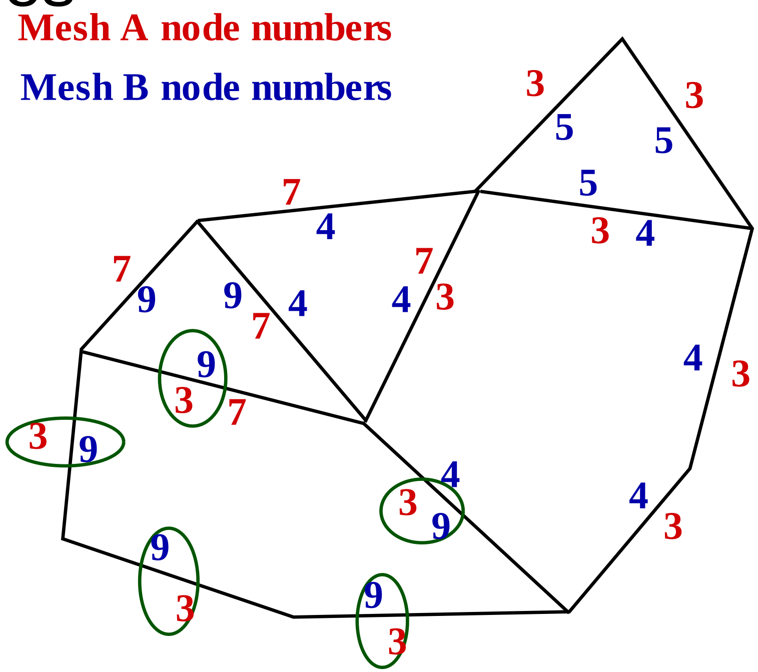

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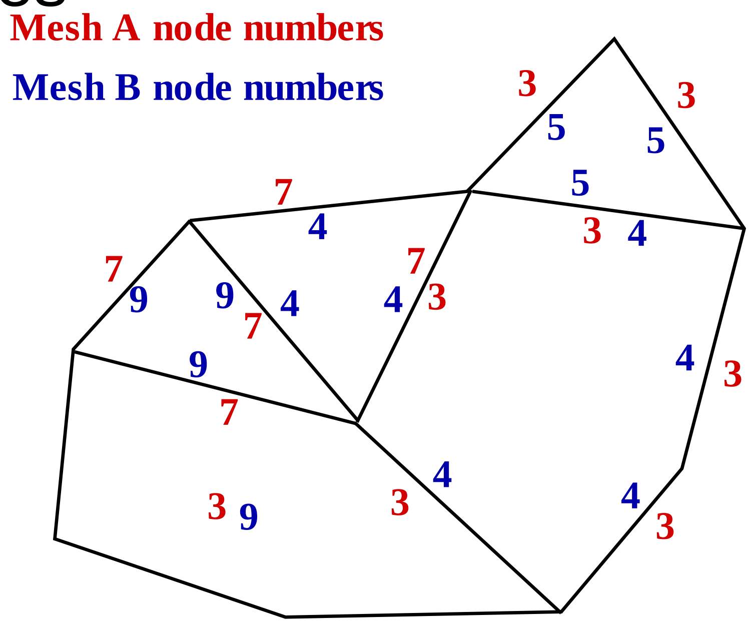

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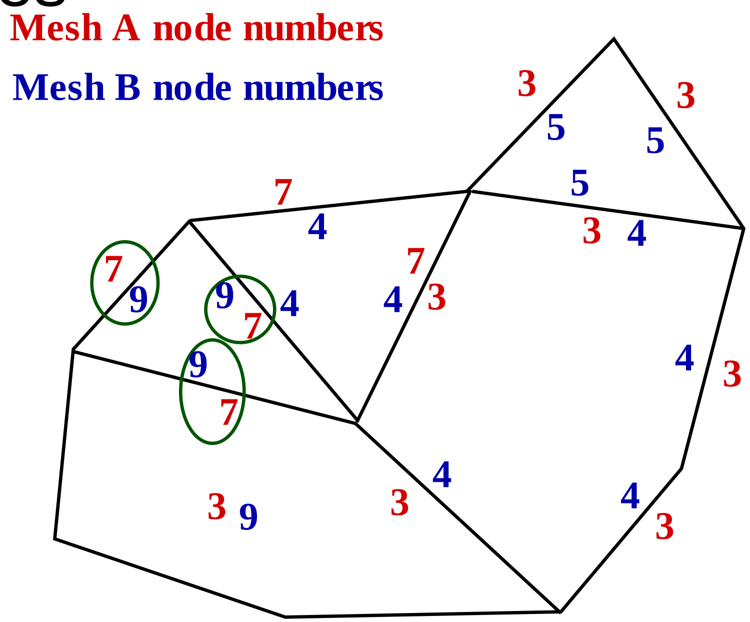

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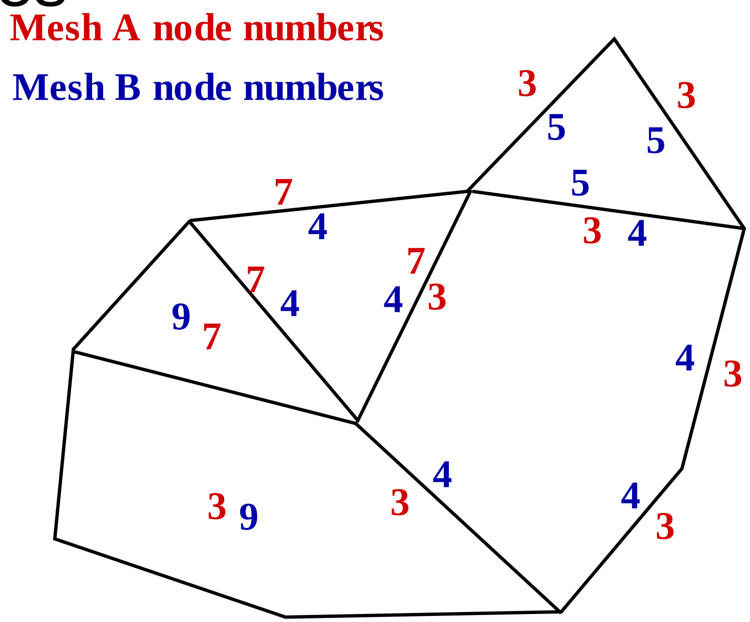

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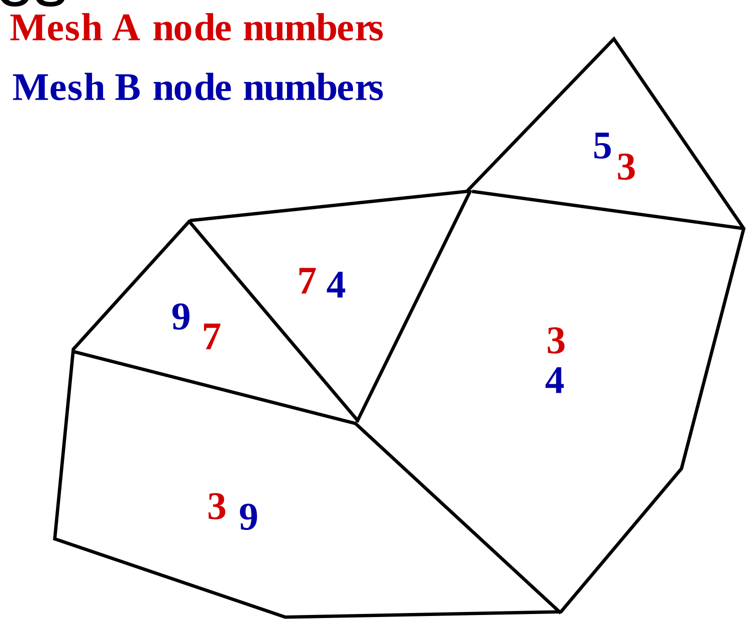

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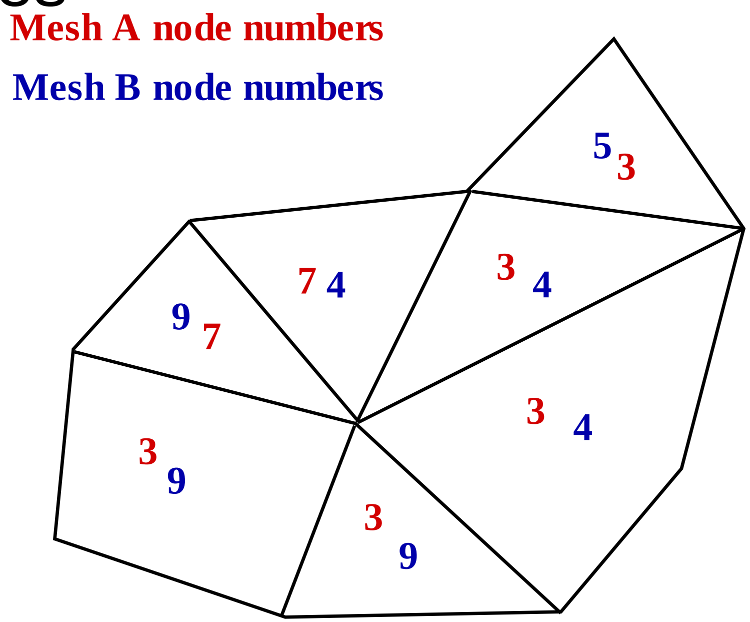
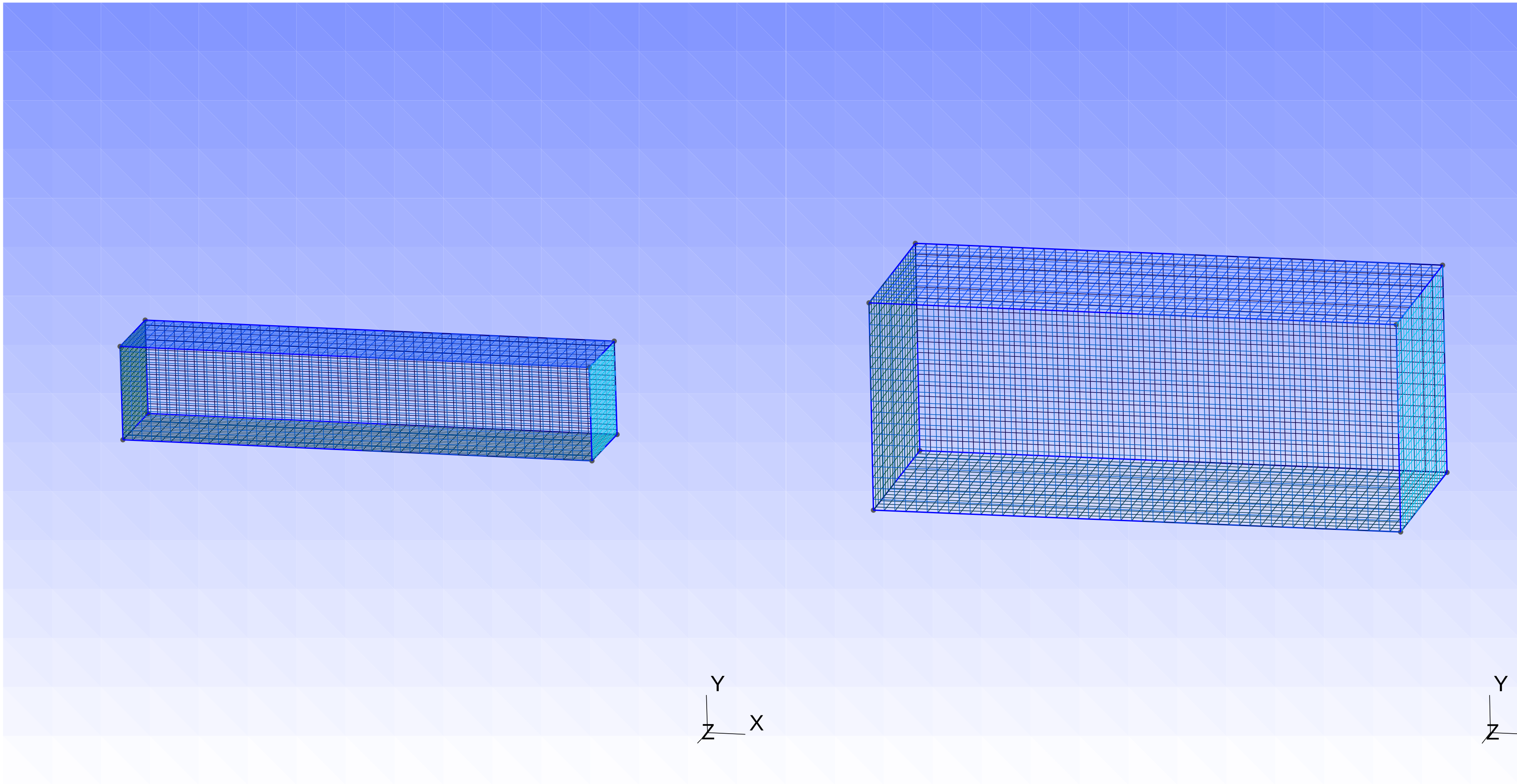


Create macro face with edges having the same nodes in mesh A and B.
Cut macro faces into triangles or quadrangles

Duct flow

Two mesh blocks - Boundary must be detected



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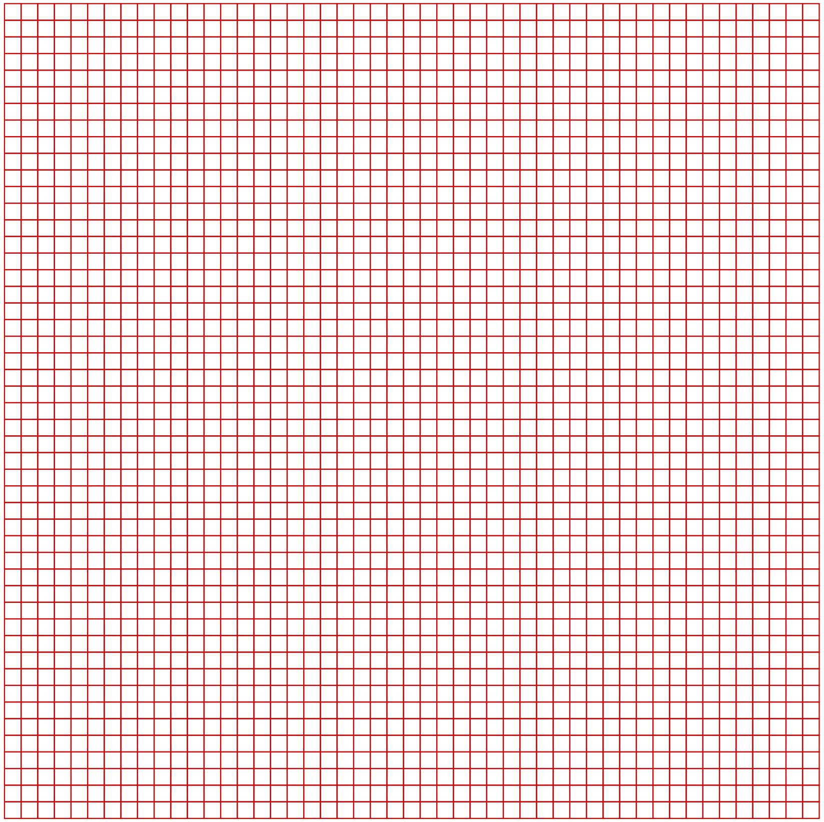
One left mesh



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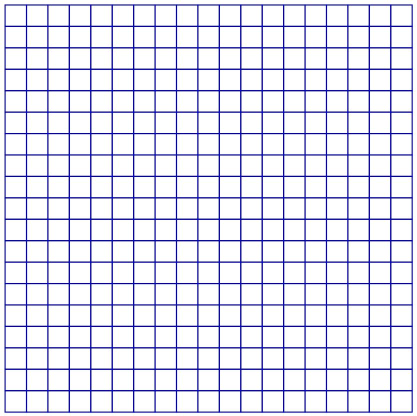
One right mesh



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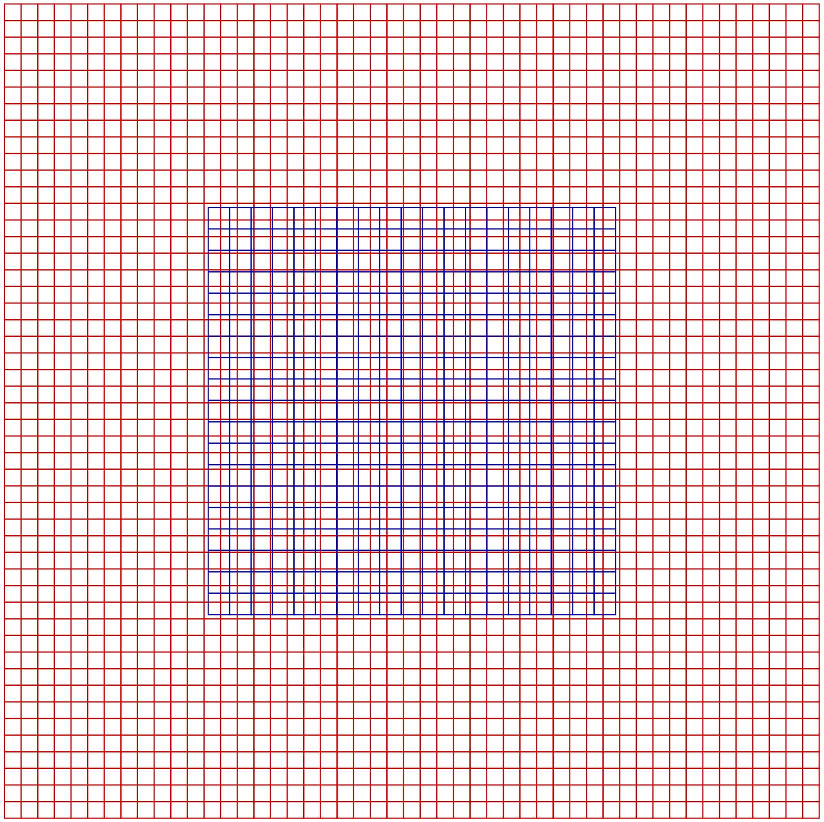

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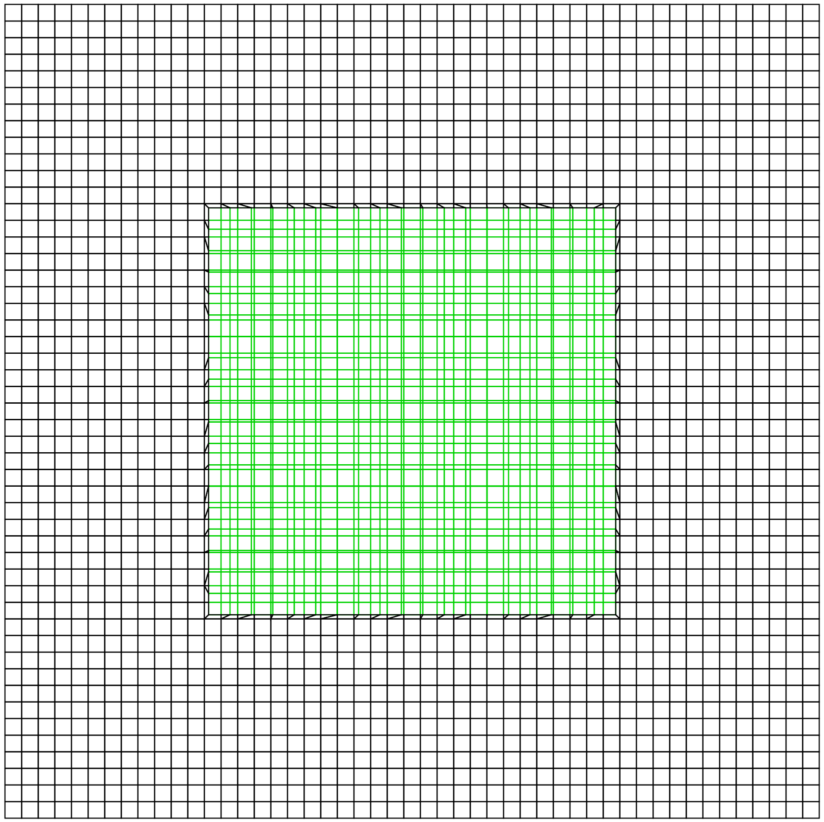

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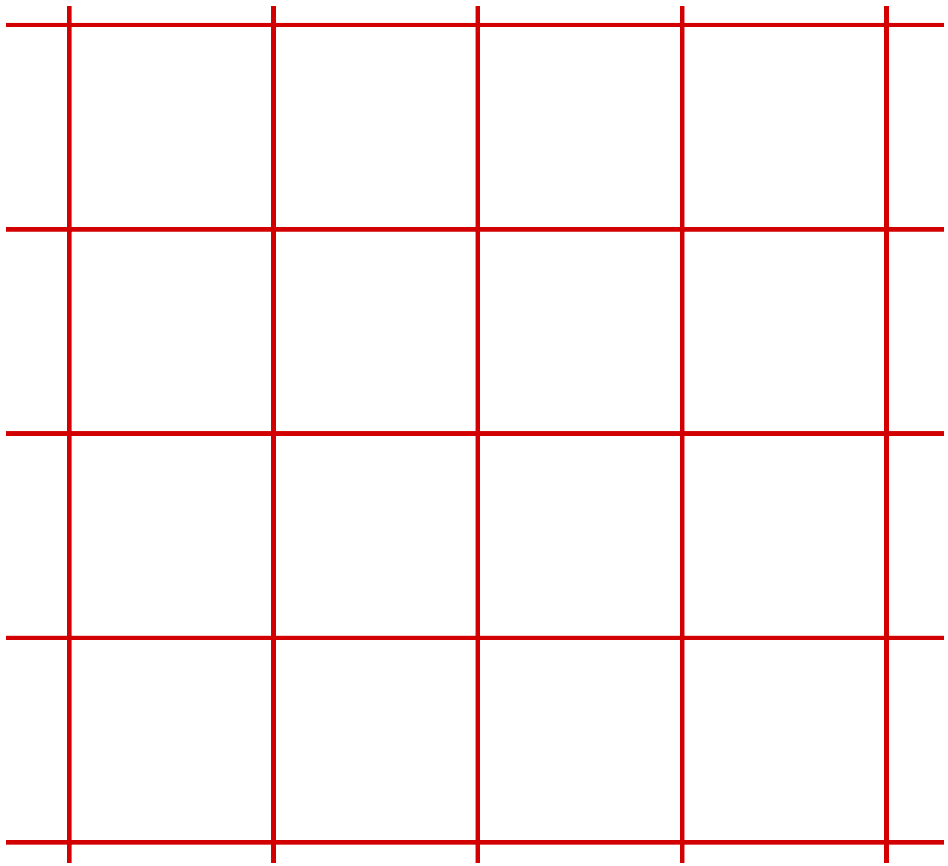

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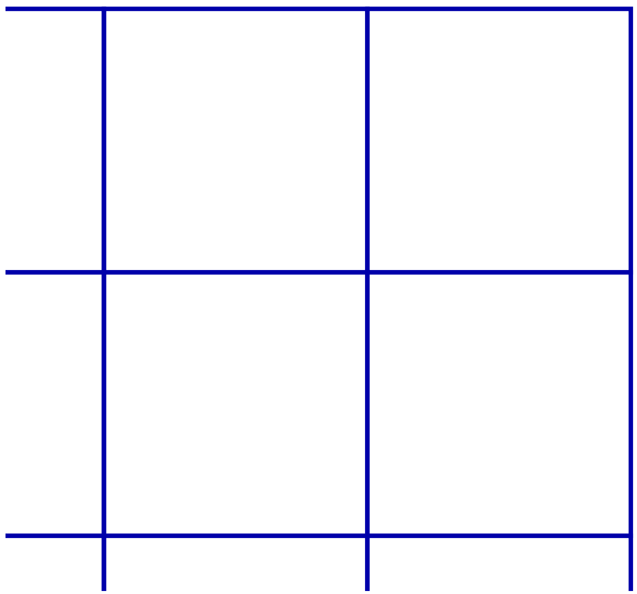

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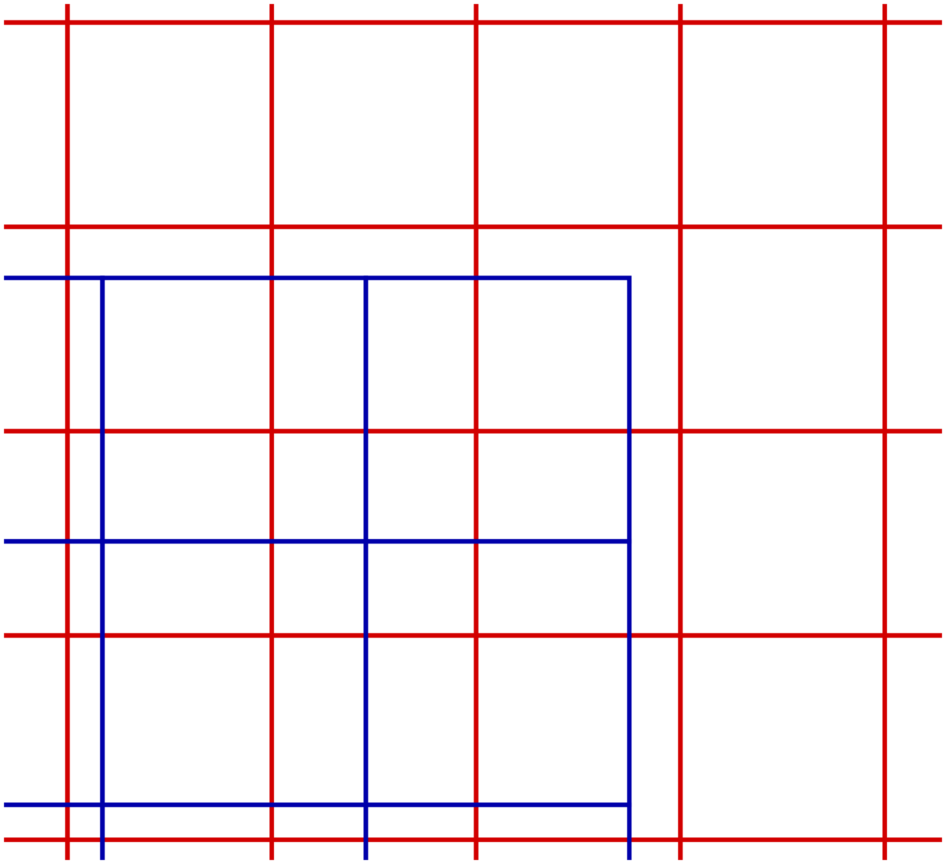

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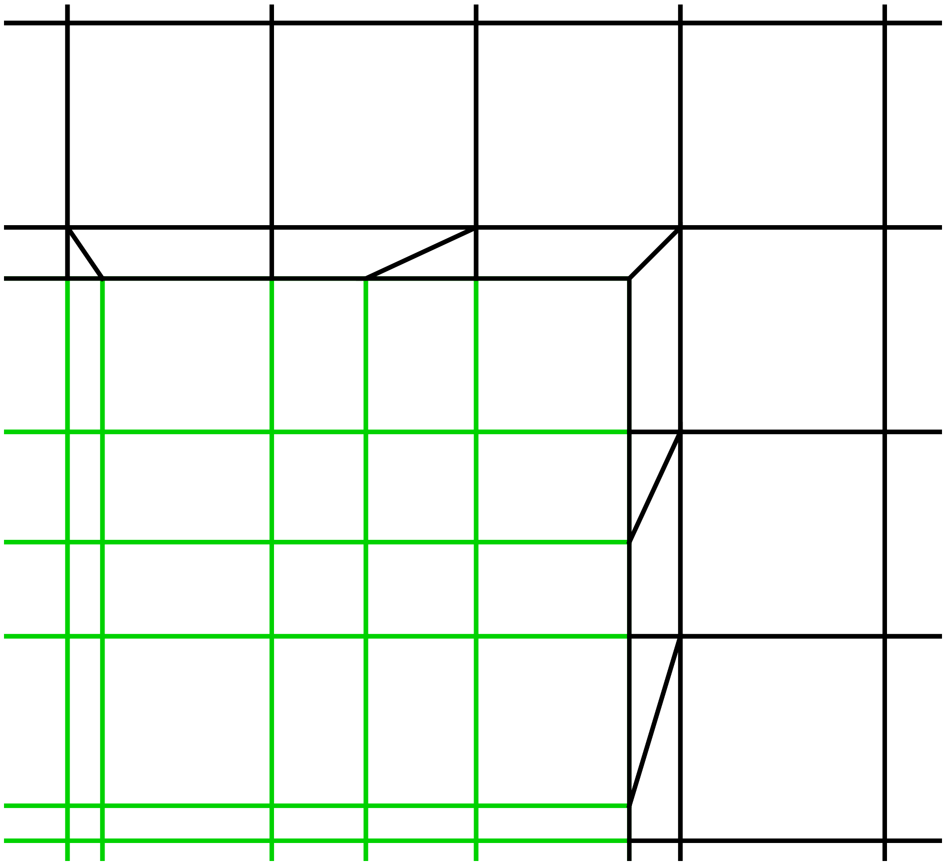

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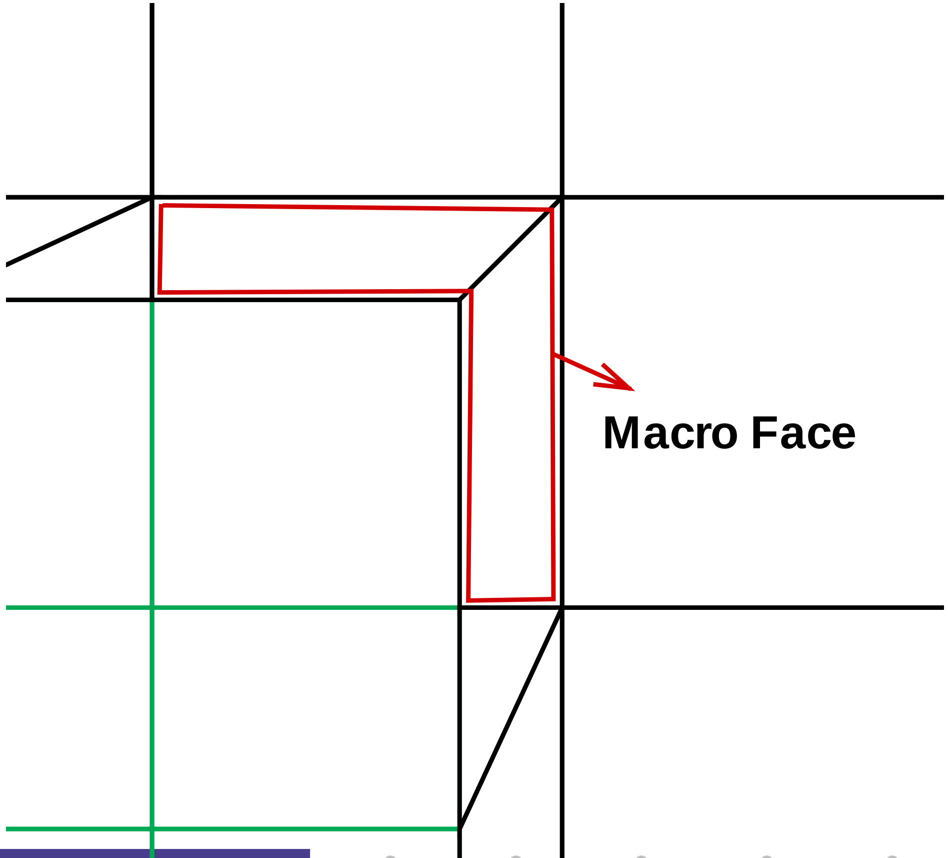
Macro face treatment



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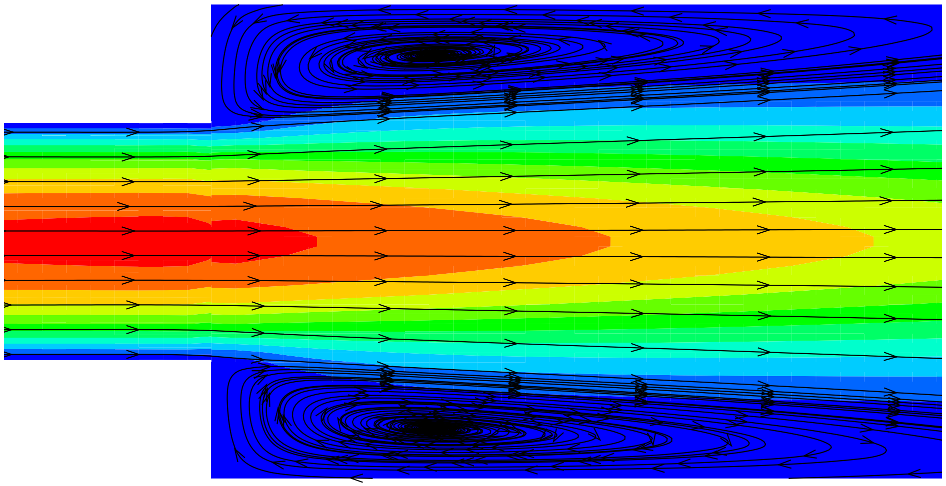

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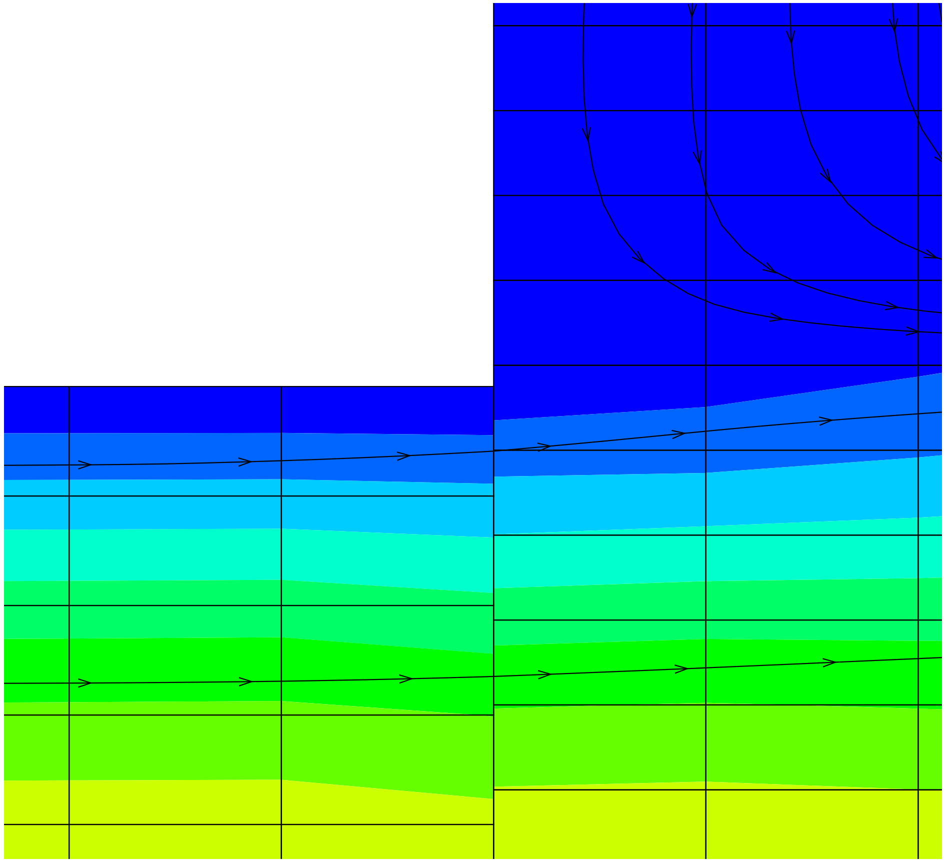

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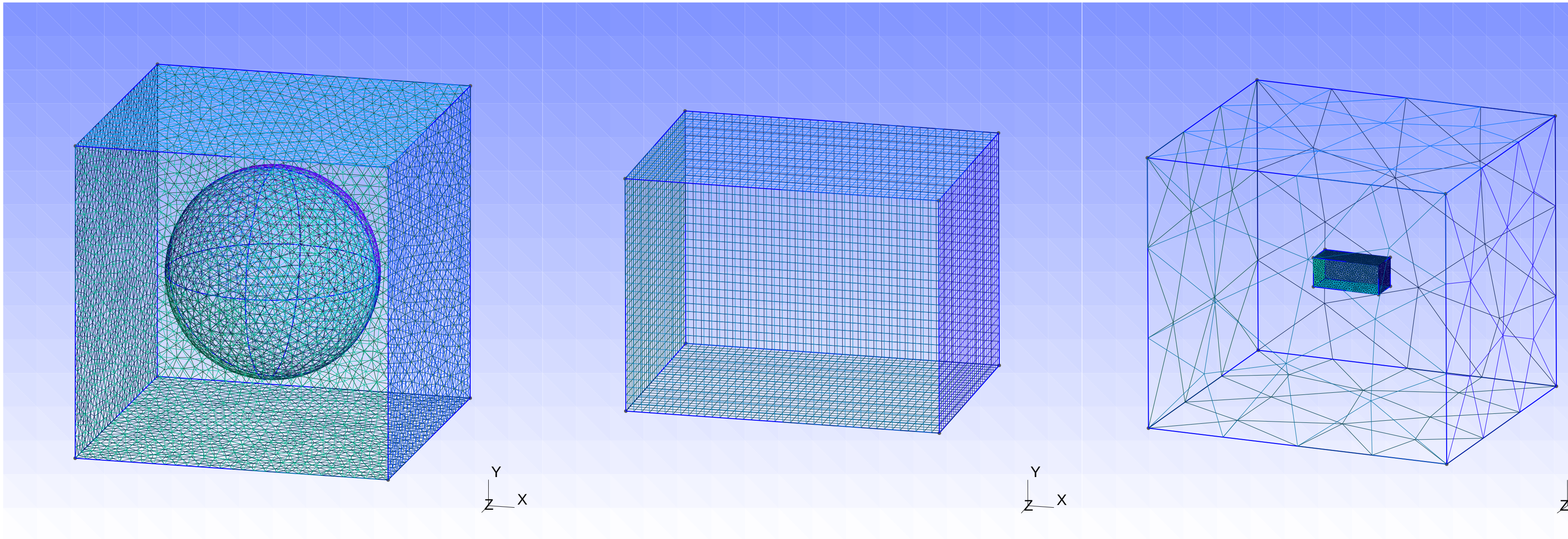

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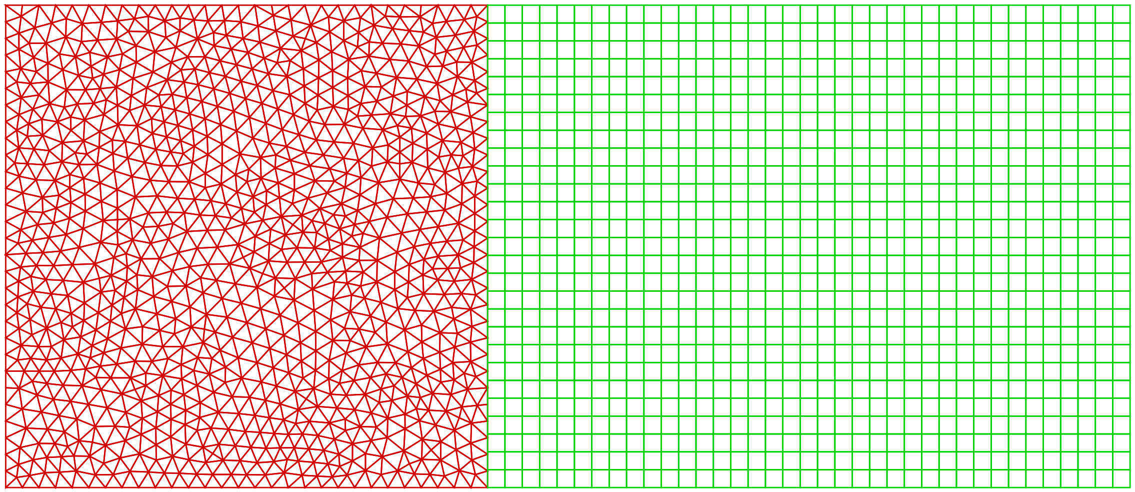
Two left meshes



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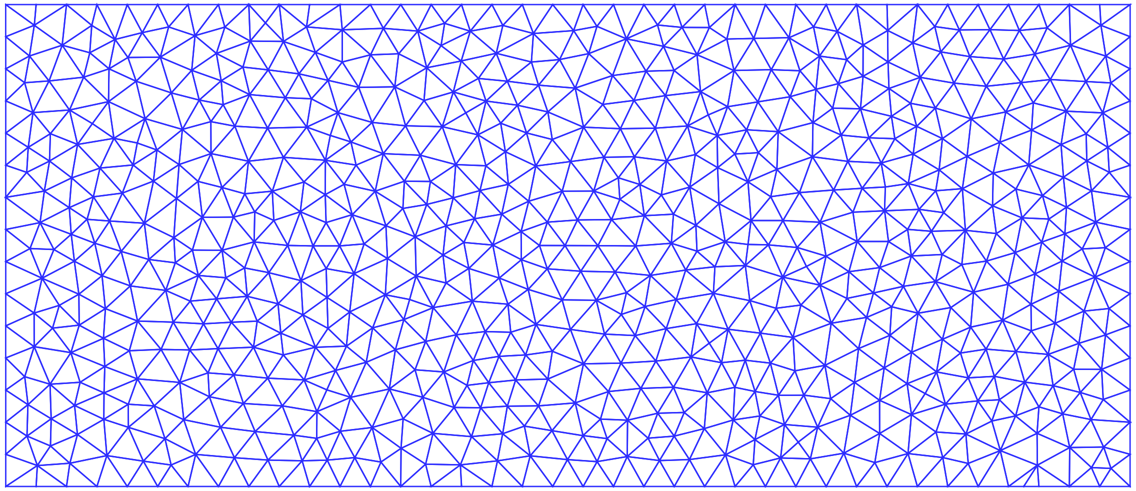

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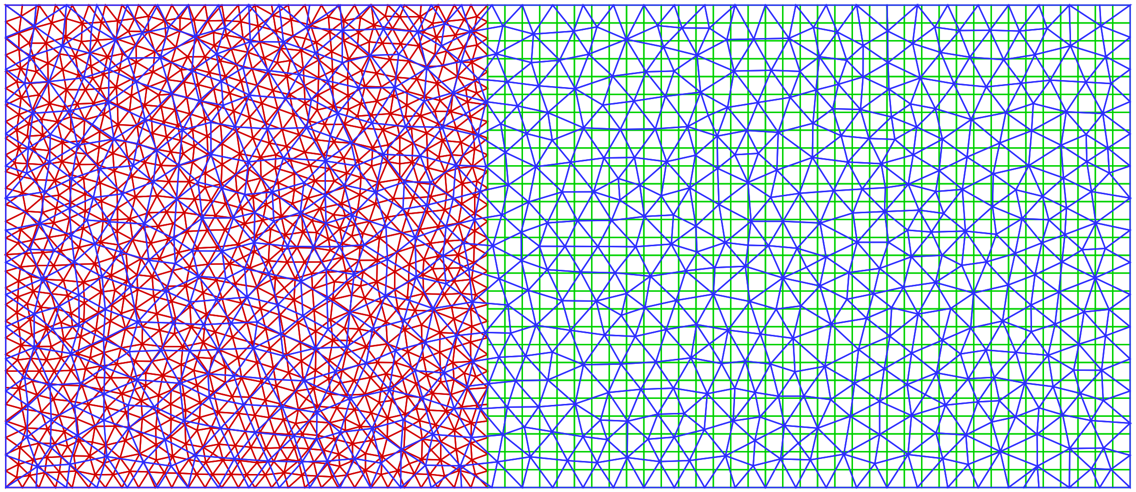

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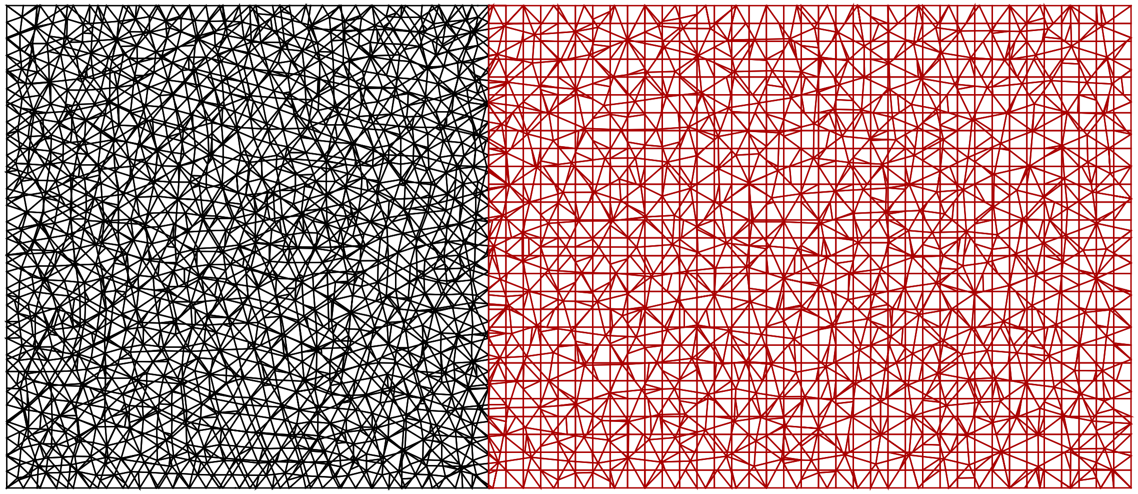

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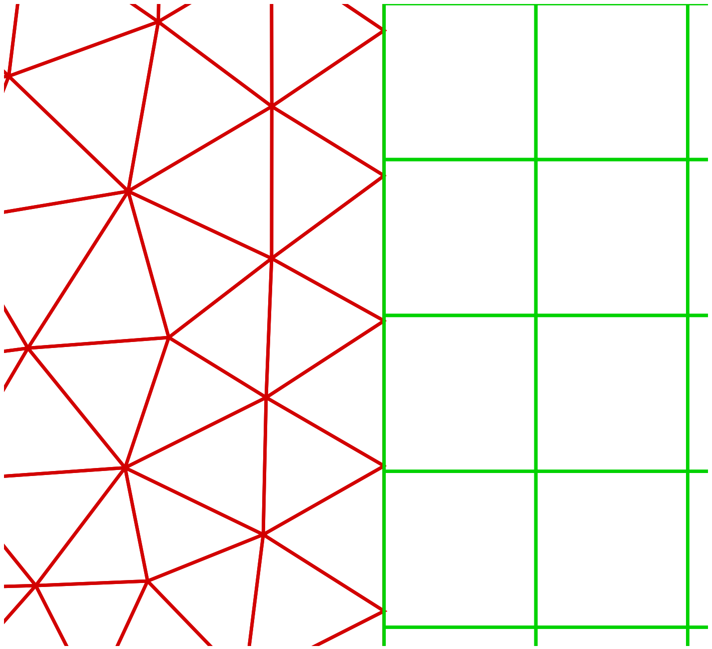

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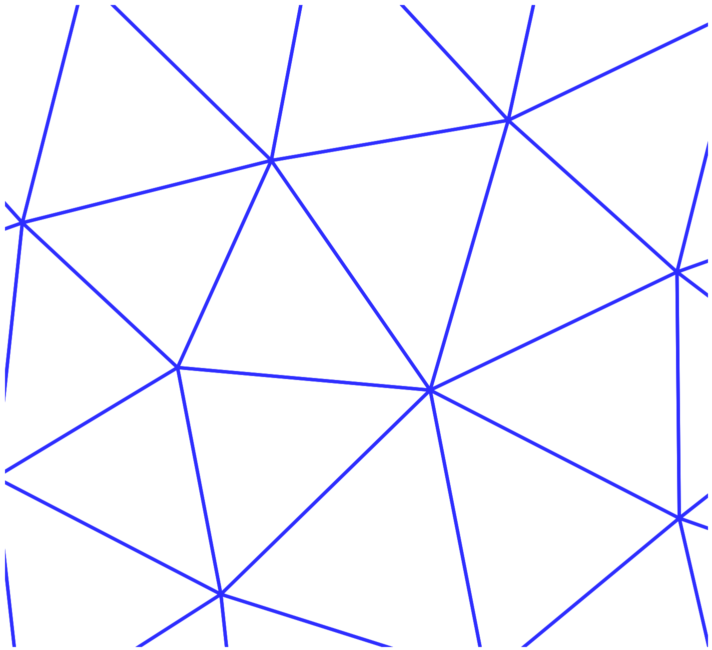

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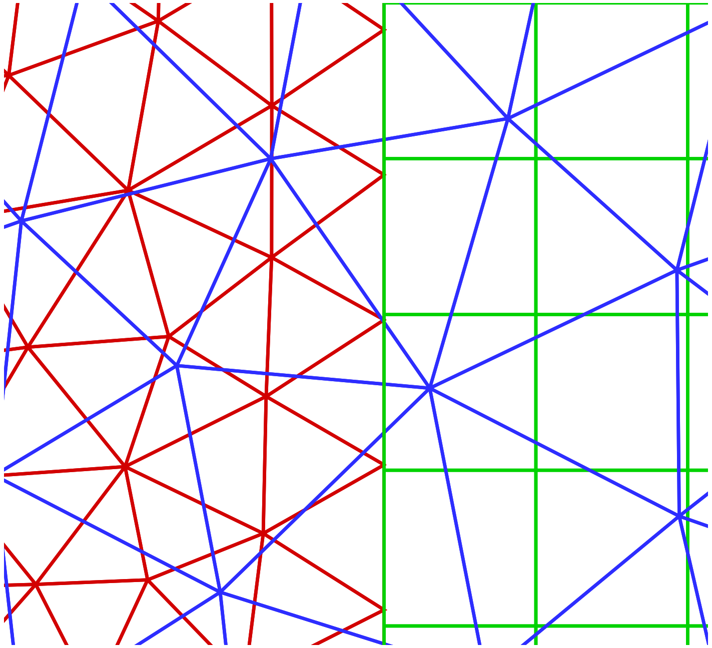

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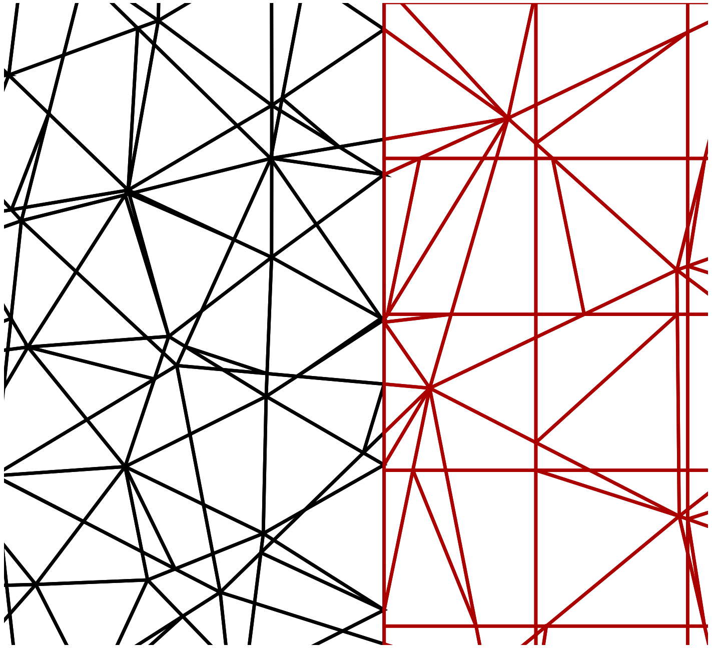

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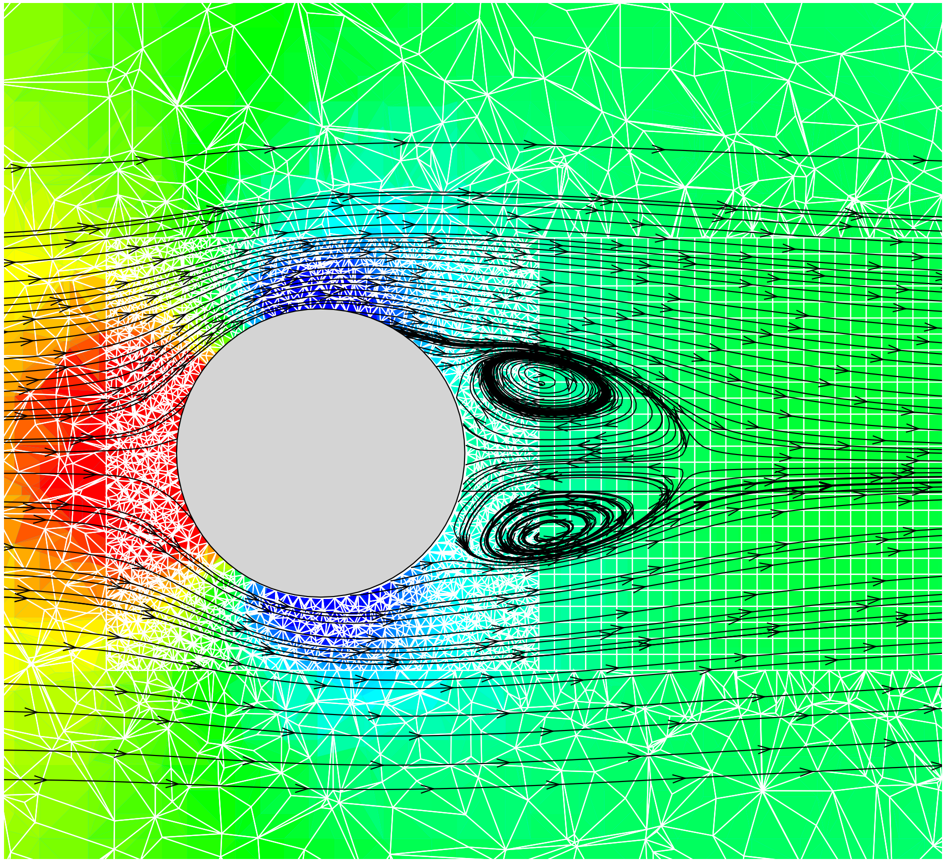

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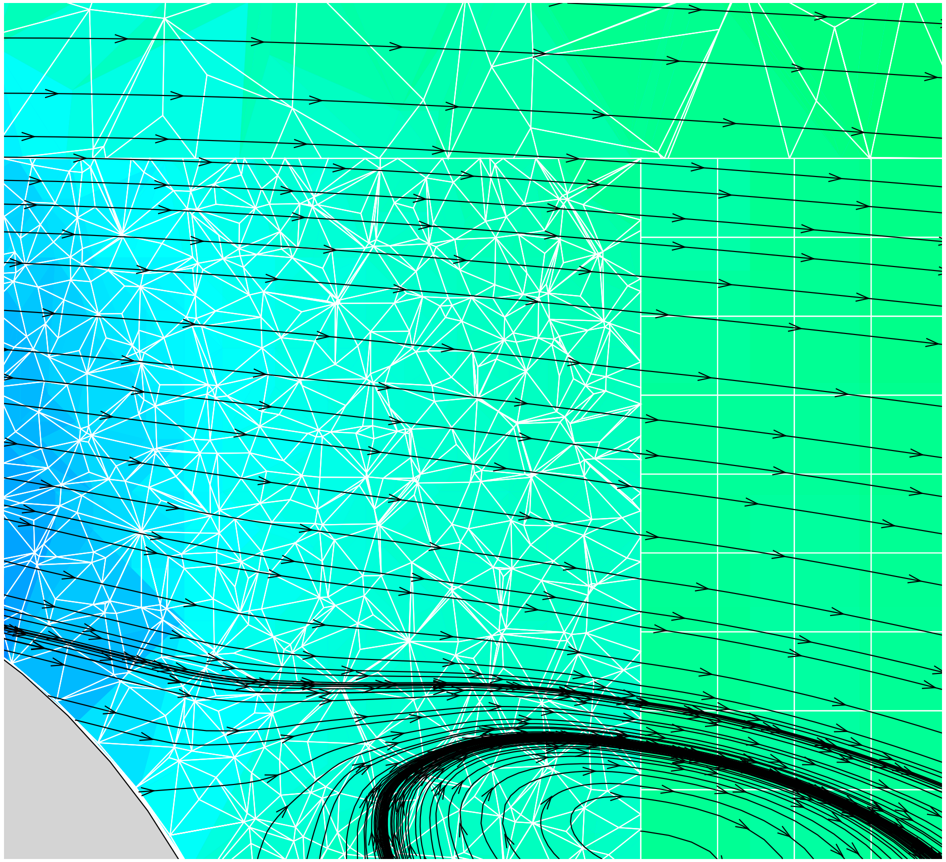

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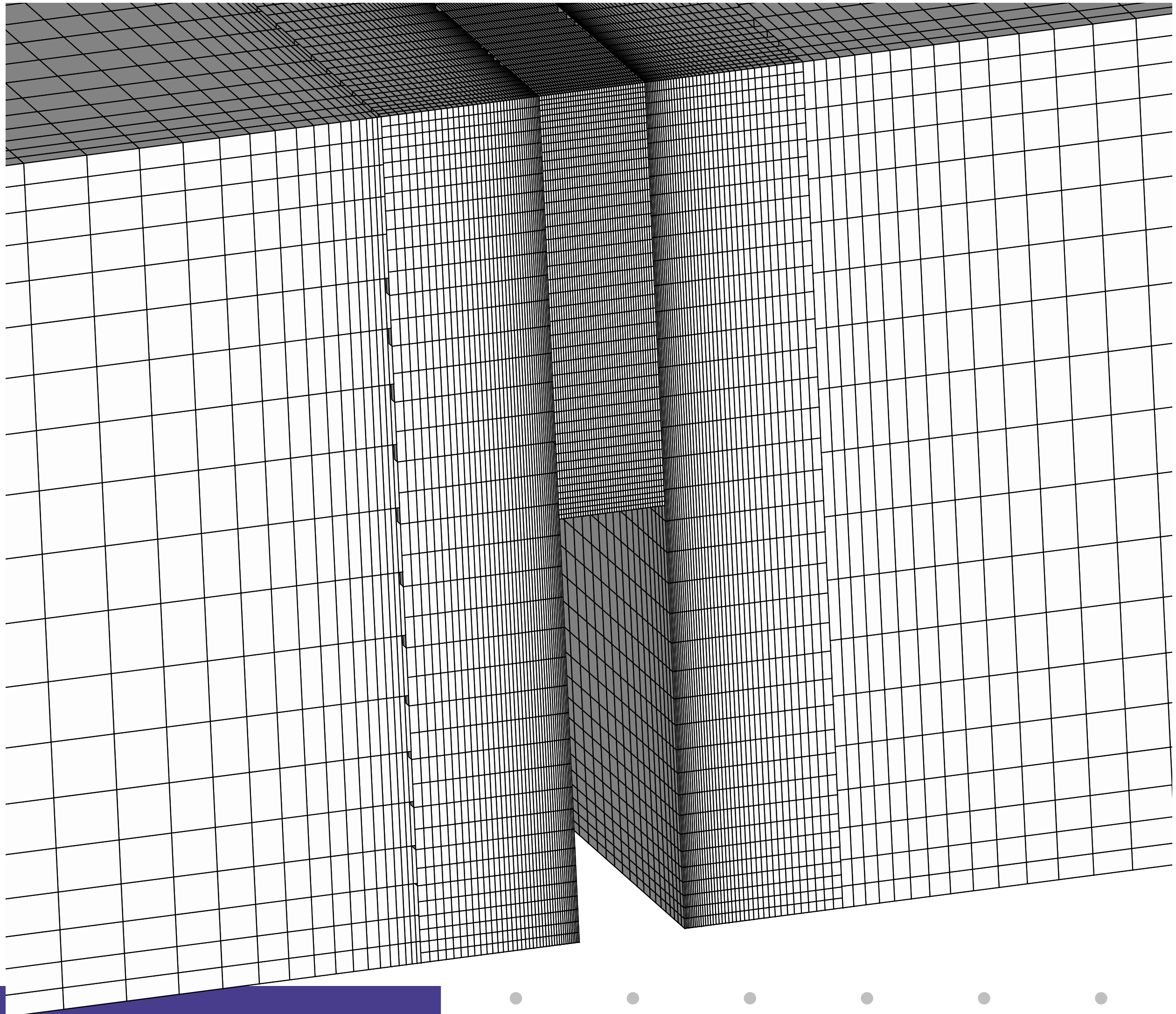

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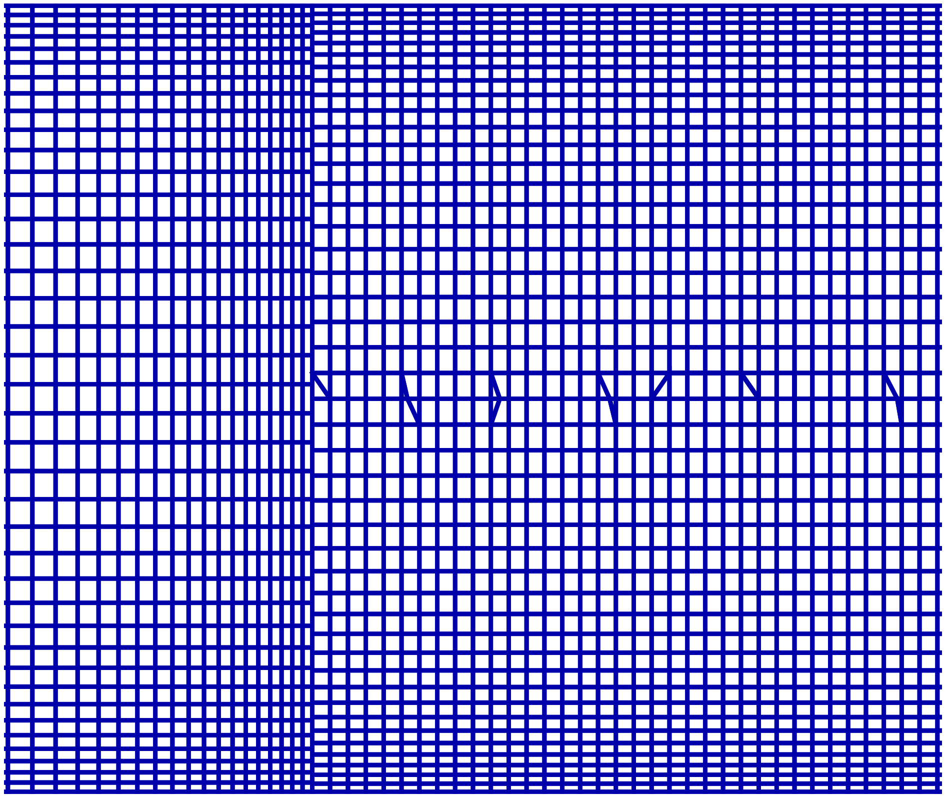

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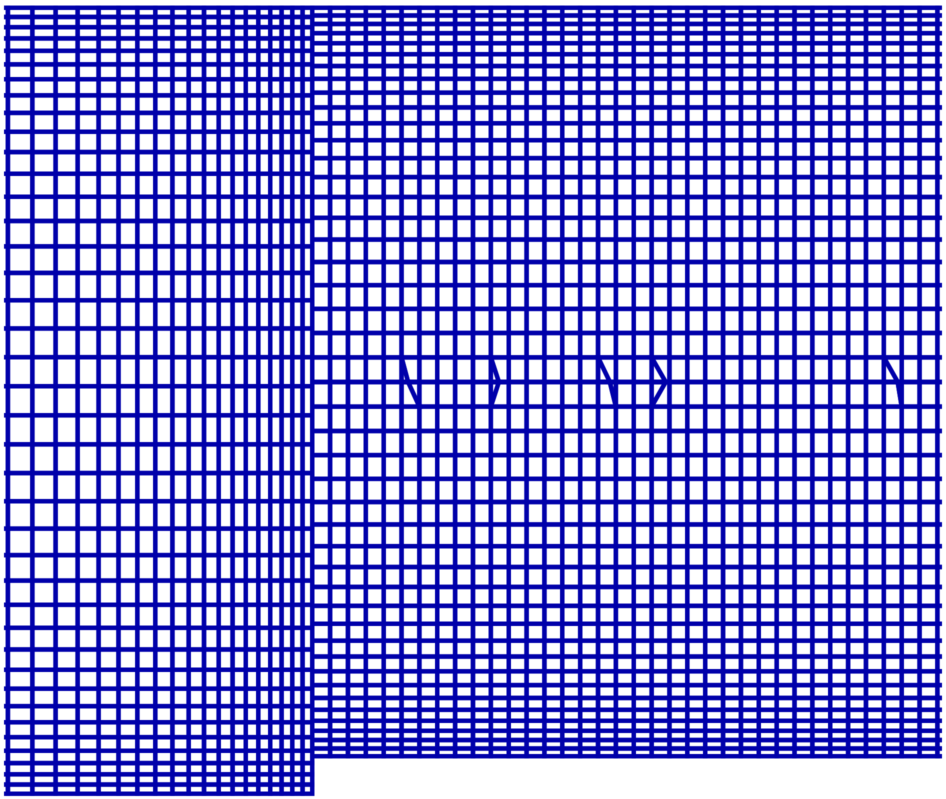

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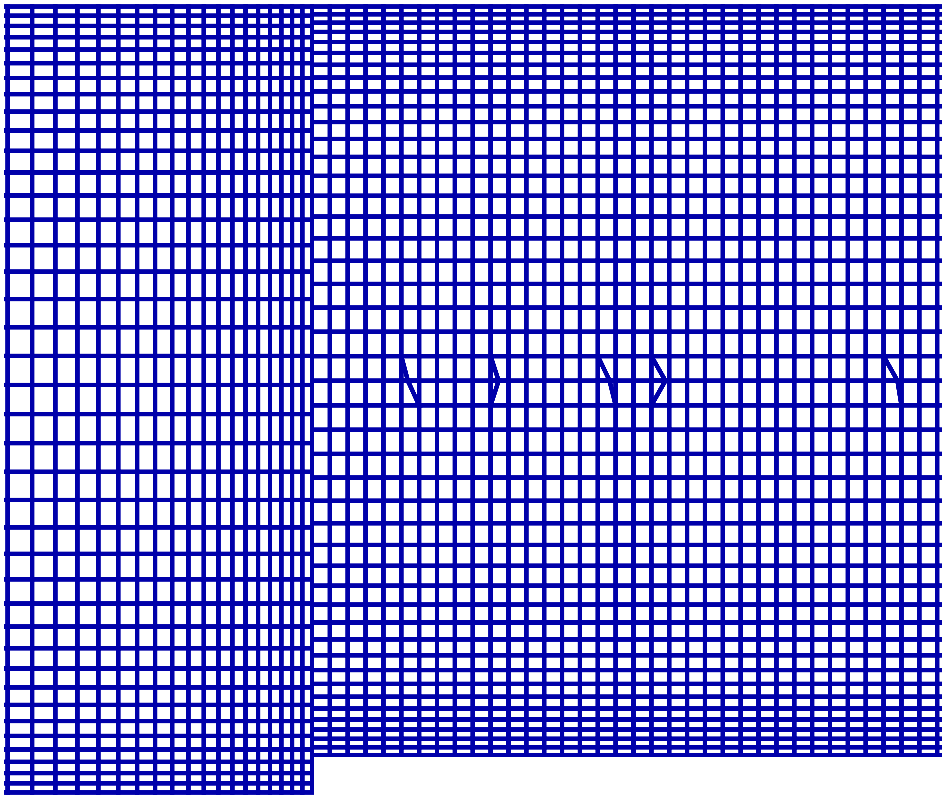

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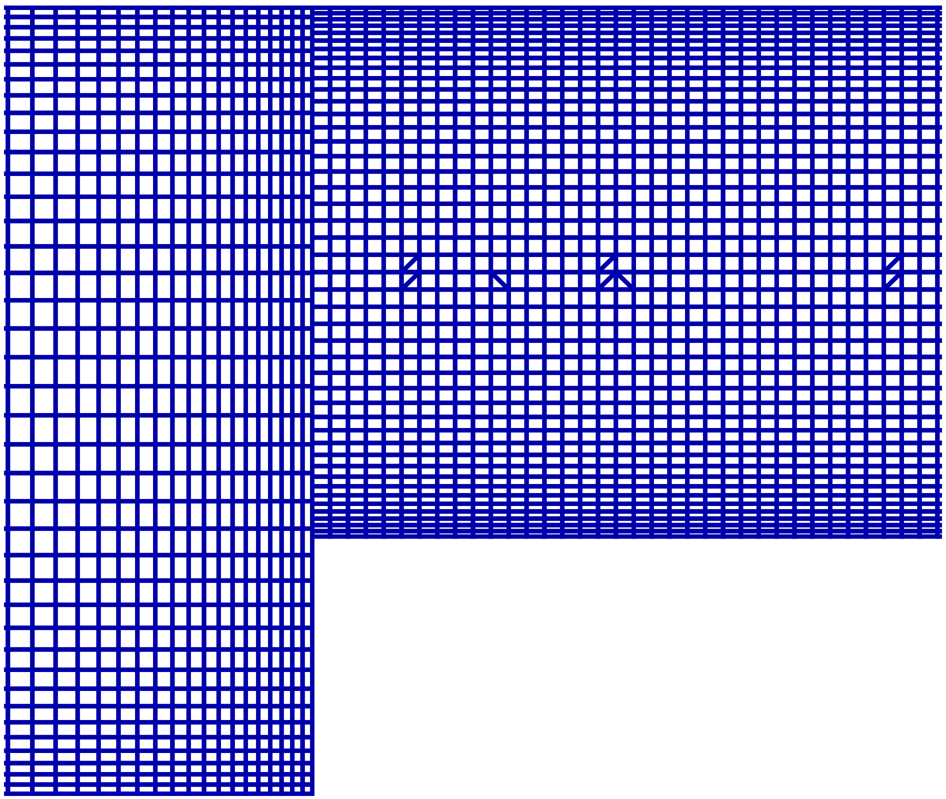

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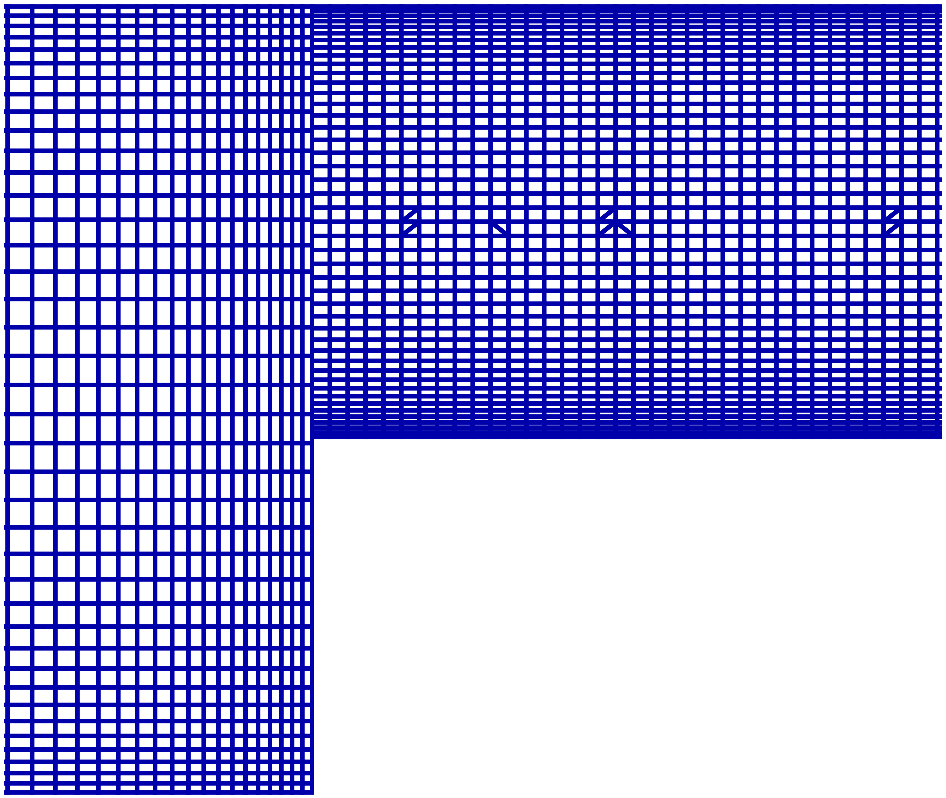

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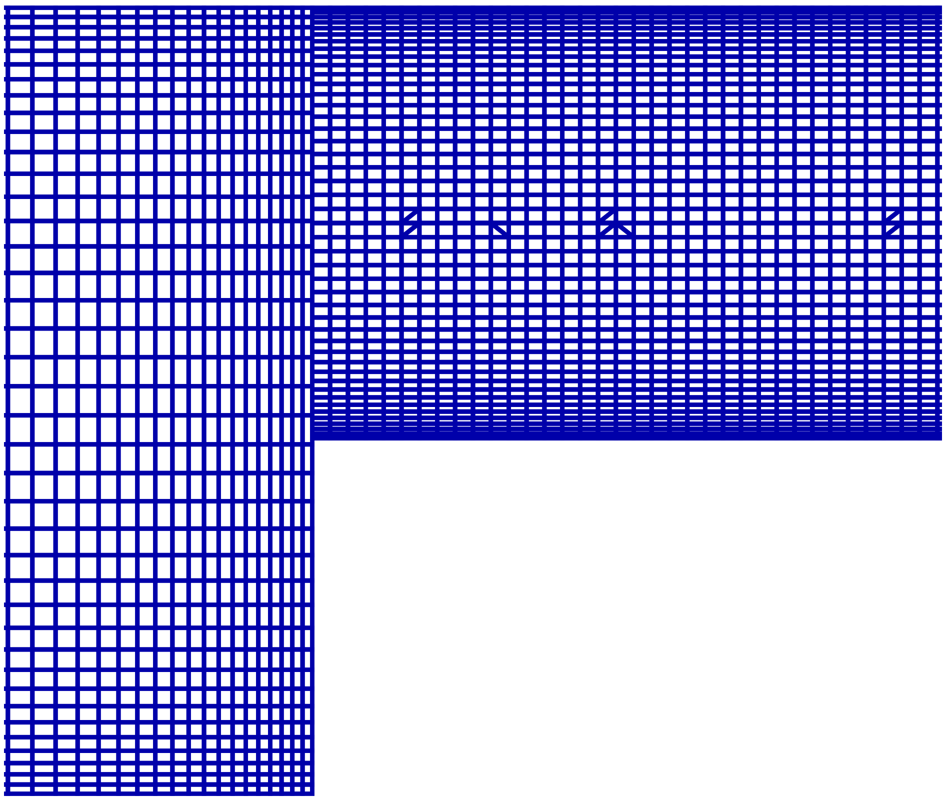

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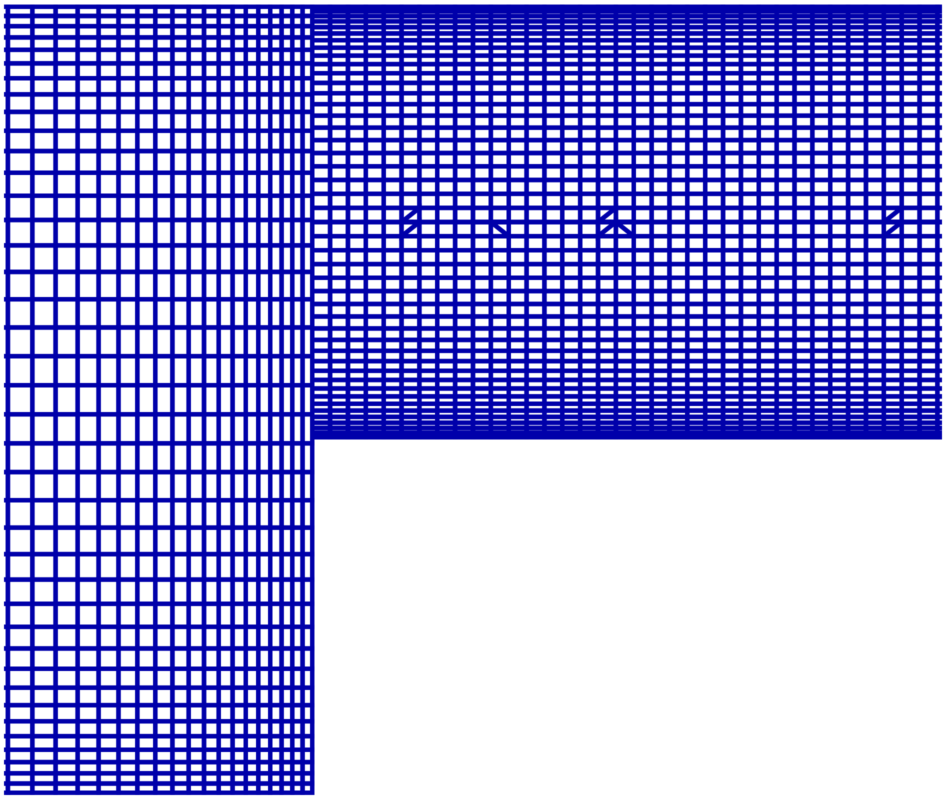

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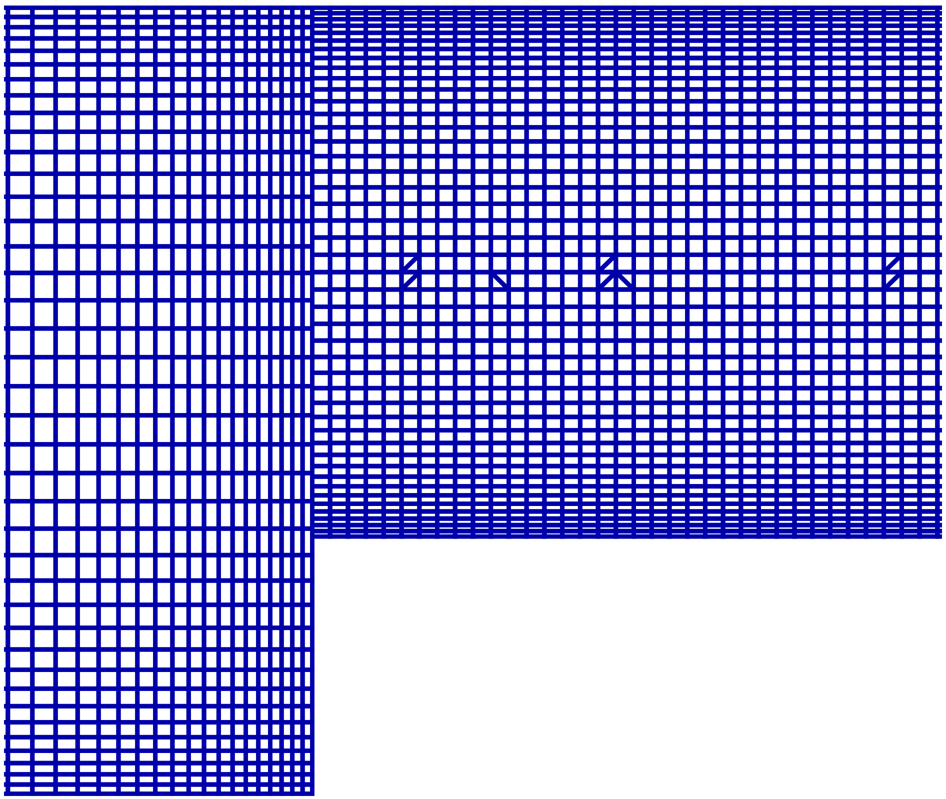

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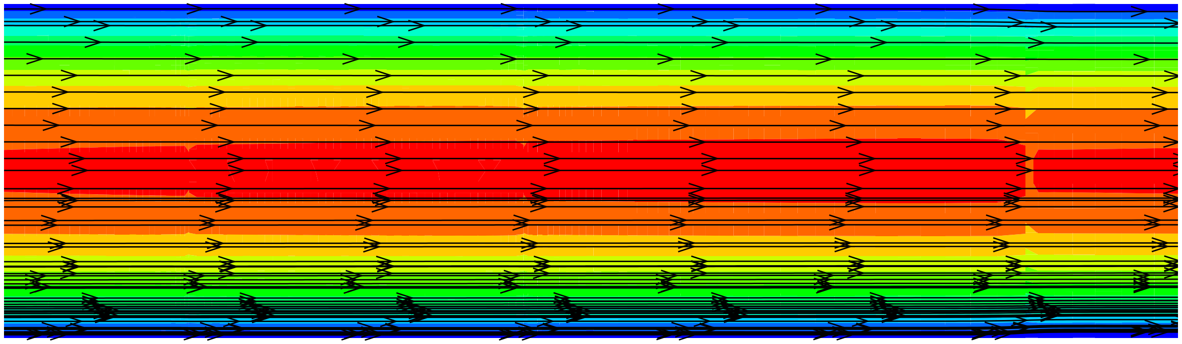

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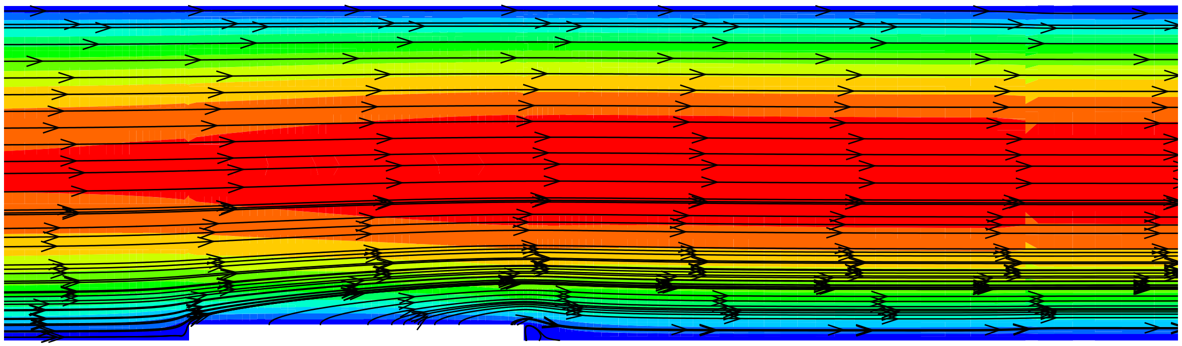

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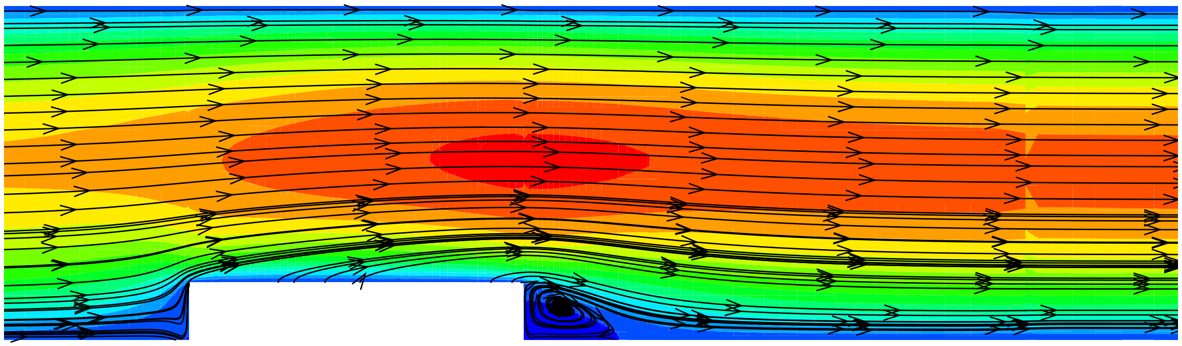

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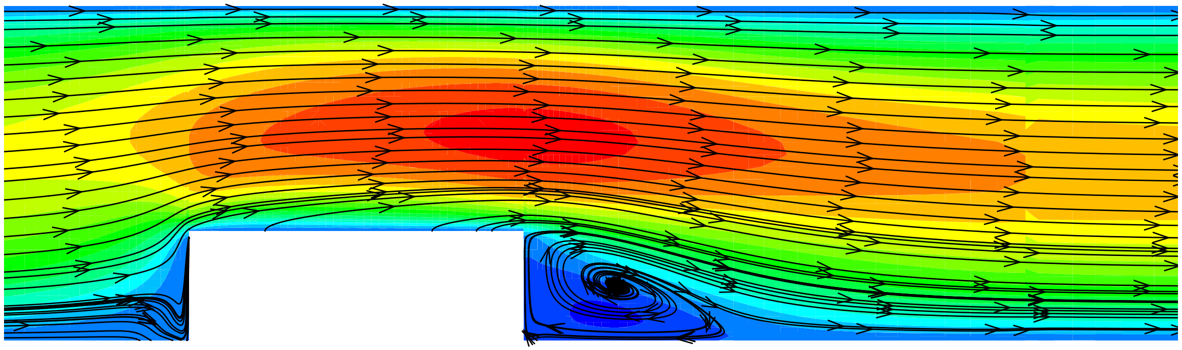

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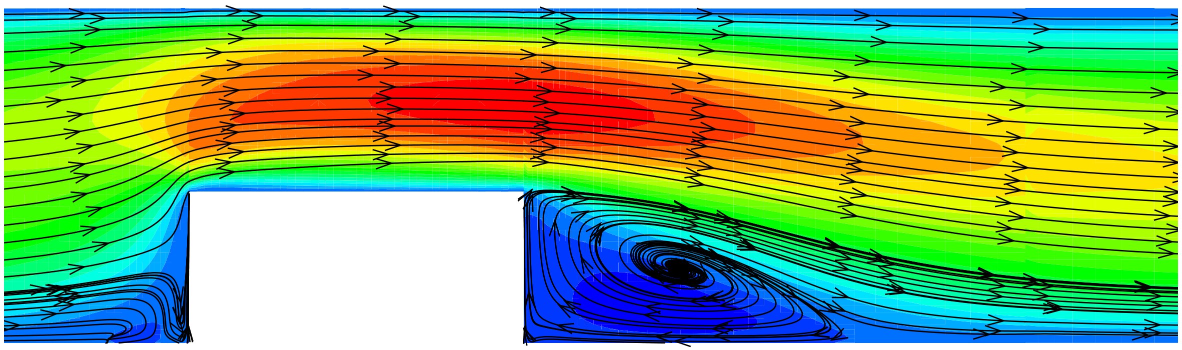

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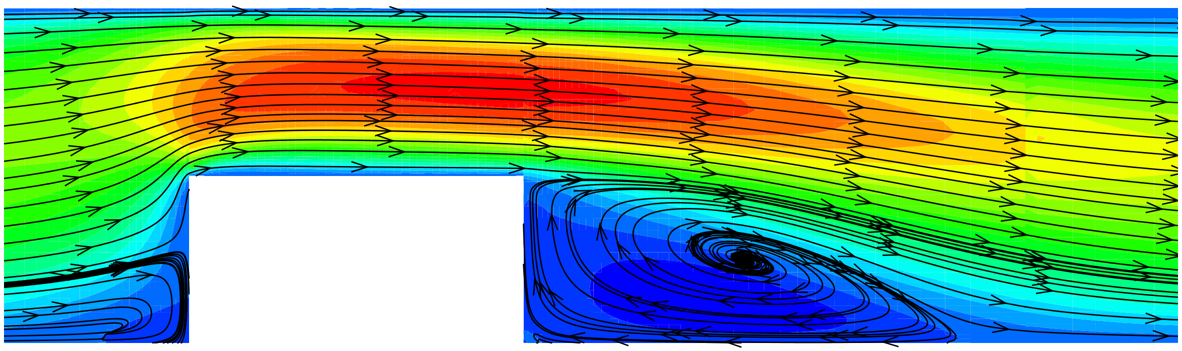

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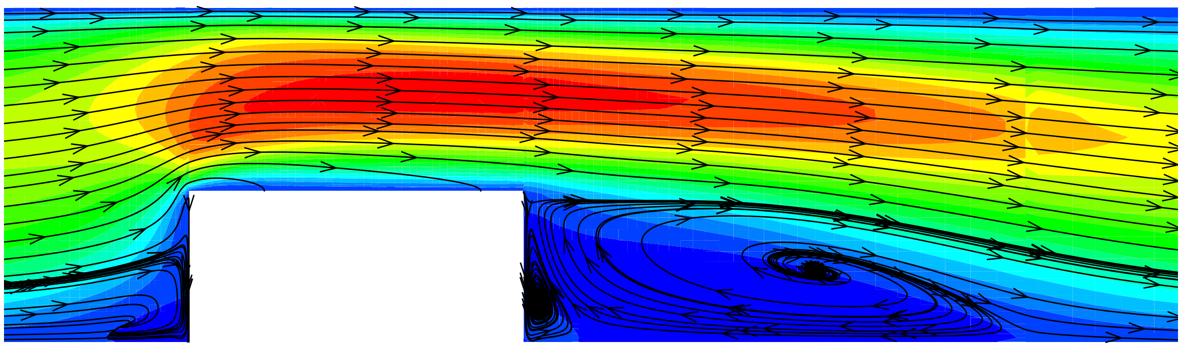

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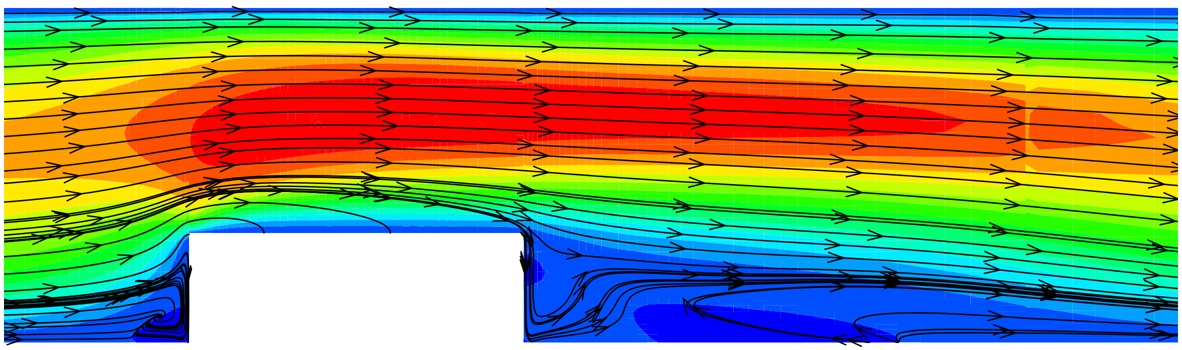

Conclusion

- An algorithm for the treatment of the interface between 3D unstructured meshes has been developed
- Independent multi-block meshes can be use to simulate fluids flows with moving boundaries
- Parallel implementation is not done. An interface must be on one single processor
- Possibility to treat the interface between solid and fluid meshes in fluid structure interaction problems