

Robust least squares methods for the Helmholtz equation

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All boundary conditions are *natural*.

Well-posedness I

Theorem

With $U := L_2(\Omega) \times L_2(\Omega)^d$ and

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To solve

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$B_\kappa \in \mathcal{L}\text{is}(U, V'_{\mp})$, $U \simeq U'$, so $B'_\kappa \in \mathcal{L}\text{is}(V_{\mp}, U)$. Aiming at “robustness”, equip V_{\mp} with *optimal test norm*

$$\|(\eta, \vec{v})\|_{V_{\mp,\kappa}} := \|B'_\kappa(\eta, \vec{v})\|_U = \sqrt{\|\frac{1}{\kappa} \nabla \cdot \vec{v} + \eta\|_{L_2(\Omega)}^2 + \|\frac{1}{\kappa} \nabla \eta - \vec{v}\|_{L_2(\Omega)^d}^2},$$

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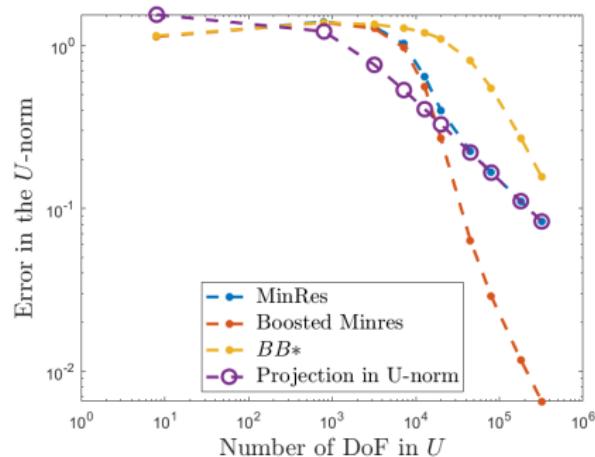
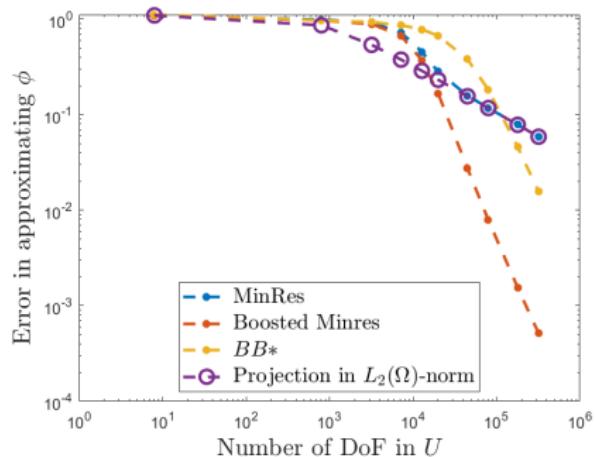
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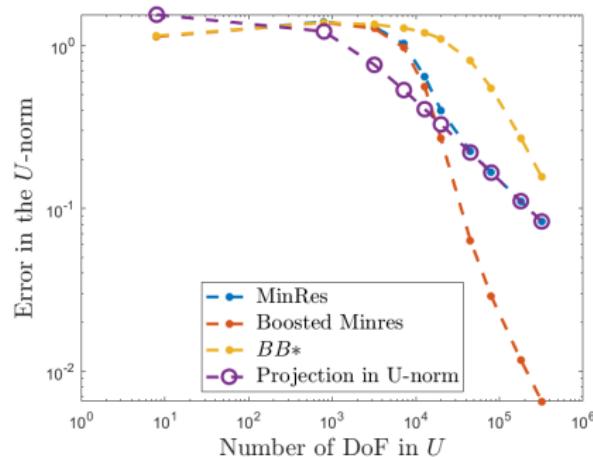
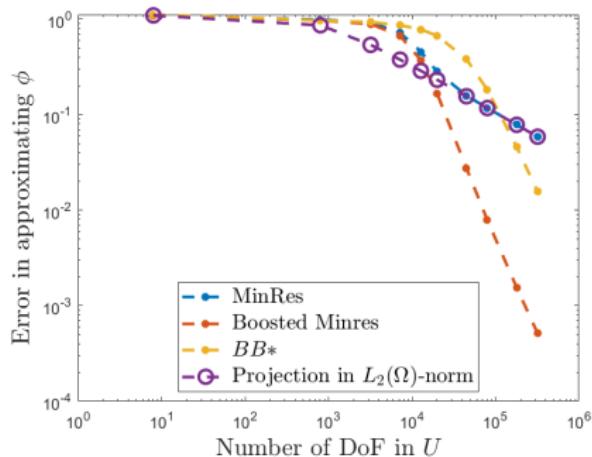
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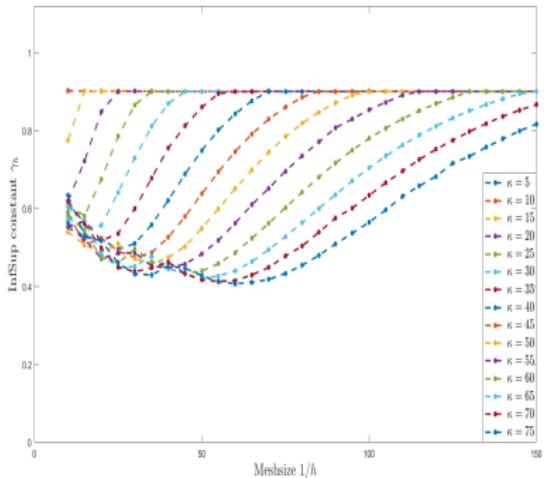
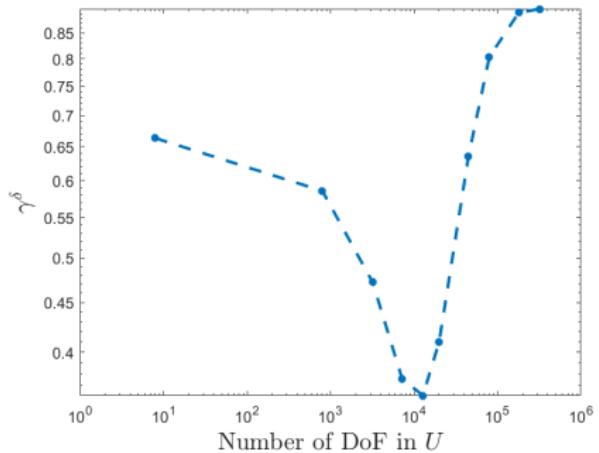
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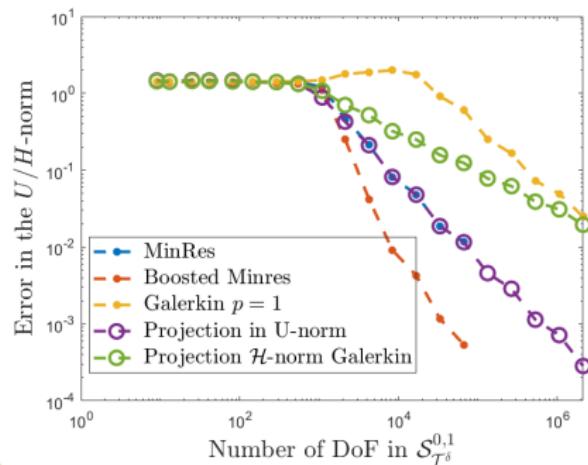
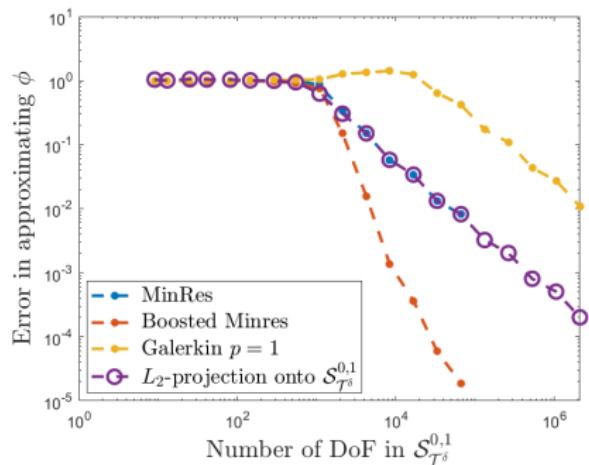
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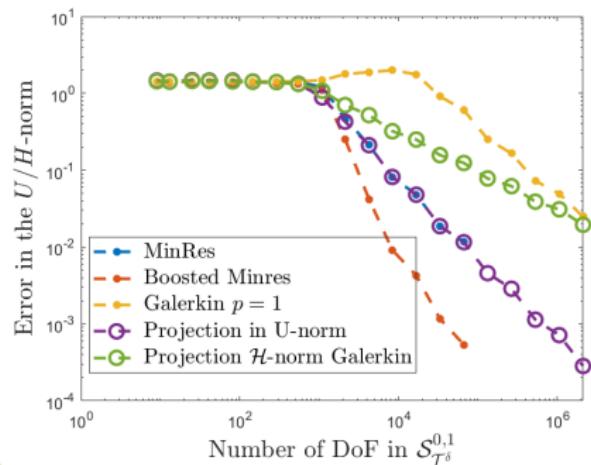
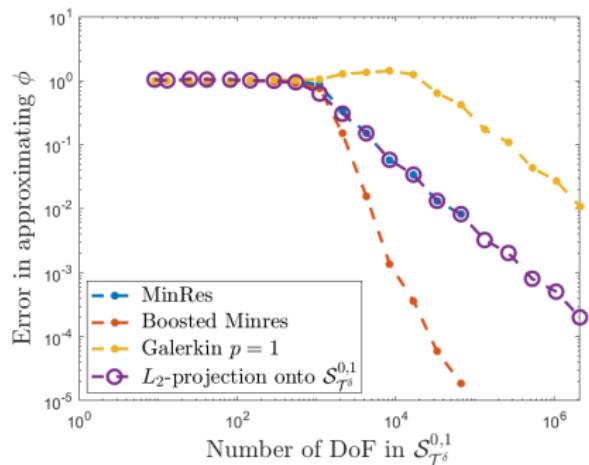


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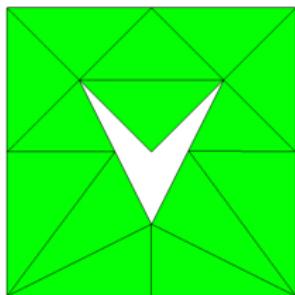
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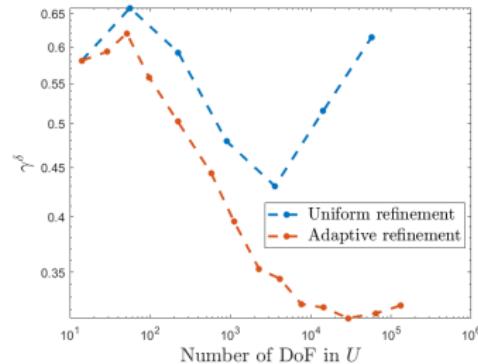
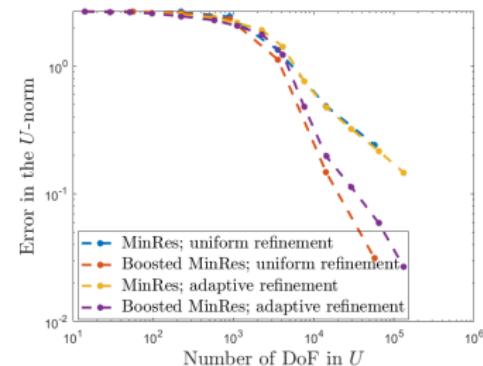
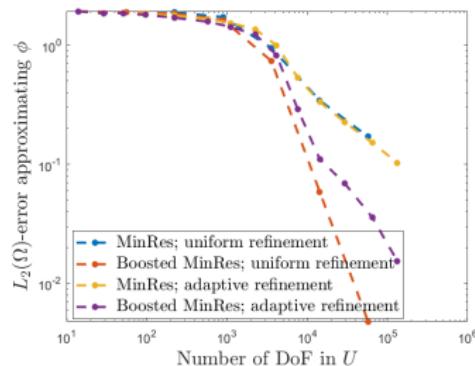


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(This and next example from [Chaumont-Frelet, Ern, and Vohralík, 2021]).

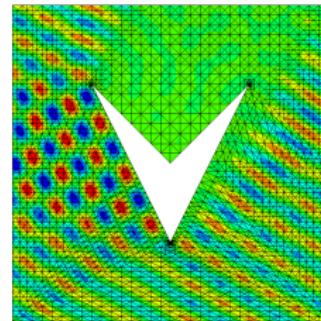
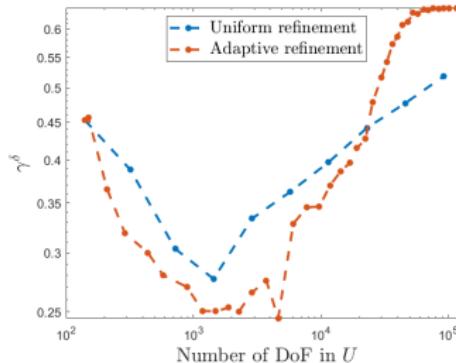
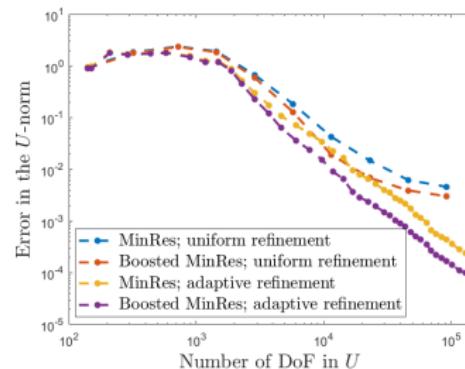
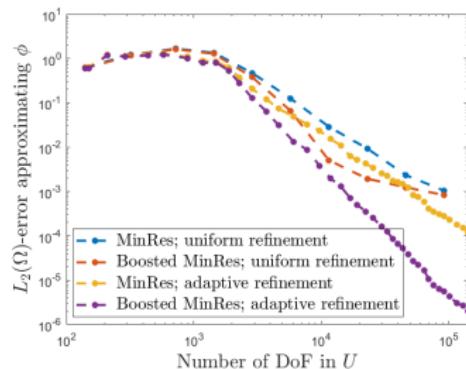
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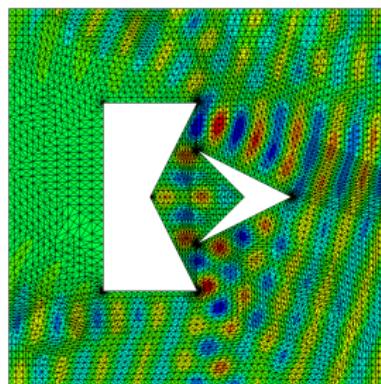
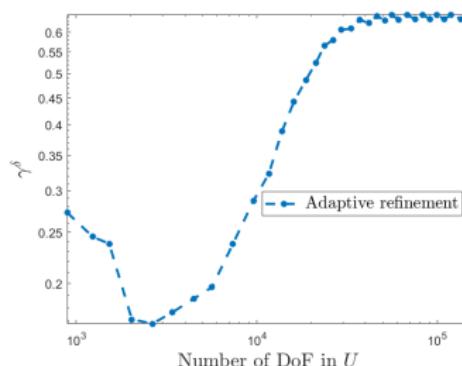
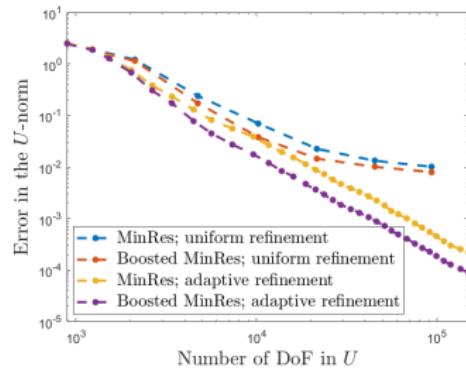
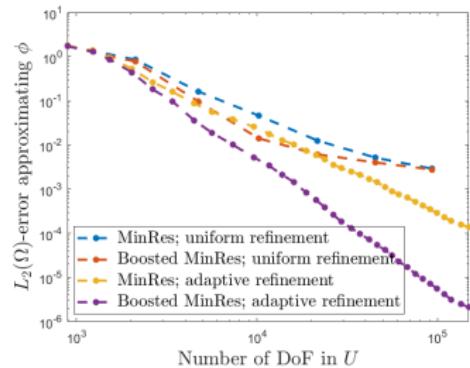


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