

# The Singular Complement Method (Part II)

*How to improve the convergence rate?*

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# I. Introduction

# Basics

Consider a non-smooth and non-convex domain  $\omega$ :

- polygon (2d)
- polyhedron (3d).

Aims of the Singular Complement Method:

- *Enable* convergence of the  $P_1$  Lagrange FEM.  
(static or time-dependent Maxwell equations, fluid problems, etc.)
- *Improve* the convergence rate of the  $P_1$  Lagrange FEM.  
(Poisson-like problems, wave equation, etc.)

# How to improve the convergence rate

A number of techniques have been developed...

- Mesh refinement  
(Raugel'78 ; Apel-Nicaise'99, etc.)
- The Singular Function Method  
(Strang-Fix'73, etc.)
- The Dual Singular Function Method  
(Dobrowolski'80 ; Amara-Moussaoui'90 ; Grisvard'92, etc.)
- Other techniques  
(Brenner'99 ...)

# (Potential) Drawbacks & Advantages

- Mesh refinement  
mesh *generation* ; troublesome for *time-dependent* problems ;  
works in 3d for Poisson-like problems.
- The Singular Function Method  
*does not converge in practice.*
- The Dual Singular Function Method  
*converges slowly in practice.*

## **II. The framework**

# The problem and its discretization

- Consider a 2d polygon  $\omega$ .

- Aim: solve numerically

Given  $f \in L^2(\omega)$

Find  $u \in H_0^1(\omega)$  such that  $-\Delta u = f$  in  $\omega$ .

- Tools: the  $P_1$  Lagrange FEM.

$\mathcal{T}_h$  a regular triangulation.

$V_h^0 = \{v_h \in C^0(\omega) : v_h|_T \in P_1(T), \forall T \in \mathcal{T}_h, v_h|_{\partial\omega} = 0\}$ .

Find  $x_h \in V_h^0$  such that  $\int_{\omega} \nabla x_h \cdot \nabla v_h \, d\omega = \int_{\omega} f v_h \, d\omega, \forall v_h \in V_h^0,$

or

$$\mathbb{K}\underline{x} = \underline{f}.$$

# Convergence results

- If  $\omega$  is *convex*:

$$\exists C > 0 \text{ such that } \|u - x_h\|_1 \leq C h.$$

- If  $\omega$  is *non-convex*:

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists C_\varepsilon > 0 \text{ such that } \|u - x_h\|_1 \leq C_\varepsilon h^{\alpha - \varepsilon}$$

( $\alpha$  is geometry dependent;  $\alpha \in ]\frac{1}{2}, 1[$ ).

How to bring the convergence rate back to  $h$  in all cases?



# A few words about the (D)SFM

- Start from the FE space  $V_h^0$

**Add** *singular test-functions*

$$\eta(r_k) r_k^{\alpha_k} \sin(\alpha_k \theta_k)$$

(one for each reentrant corner, with  $\alpha_k = \pi/\Theta_k \in ]\frac{1}{2}, 1[.$ )

- Approximate  $u$  by

$$x'_h + \sum_k \lambda_k \eta(r_k) r_k^{\alpha_k} \sin(\alpha_k \theta_k).$$

Compute the coefficients  $(\lambda_k)_k$ :

directly (SFM);

via a scalar product  $\lambda_k = \int_{\omega} f g_s^k d\omega$  (DSFM).

Problem: the truncation function  $\eta$ .

# The SCM: elements of theory

- Idea...

**Trade** the truncation function for a non-zero boundary condition, while keeping the **dual** approach.

- How?

Use an **orthogonal** decomposition of the space  $L^2(\omega)$ :

$$L^2(\omega) = \Delta(H^2(\omega) \cap H_0^1(\omega)) \overset{\perp}{\oplus} N, \text{ with}$$
$$N = \{p \in L^2(\omega) : \Delta p = 0, p|_{\gamma_k} = 0 \text{ in } (H_{00}^{1/2}(\gamma_k))', 1 \leq k \leq n_e\};$$

map it back (via  $\Delta^{-1}$ ) to the space of solutions.

NB.  $\dim(N)$ = number of reentrant corners (*one* from now on...)

# **III. Algorithms & Numerical Analysis**

# Algorithms (1)

● How to isolate the singular part (in general)?

(1) Find a basis of  $N$ :  $p_s$ .

(2) Find  $\phi_s \in H_0^1(\omega)$  such that  $-\Delta\phi_s = p_s$ .

● How to compute the solution of the problem with right-hand side  $f$ ?

Write  $u = \tilde{u} + c\phi_s$ , with  $\tilde{u} \in H^2(\omega) \cap H_0^1(\omega)$ .

(3) Compute  $c = \frac{\int_{\omega} f p_s d\omega}{\|p_s\|_0^2}$ .

(4) Find  $\tilde{u} \in H_0^1(\omega)$  such that  $-\Delta\tilde{u} = f - c p_s$ .

# Algorithms (2)

(1) How to compute  $p_s$ ?

$$p_s = \tilde{p} + p_P, \text{ with}$$

$$\text{regular part } \tilde{p} \in H^1(\omega) \quad (\Delta \tilde{p} = 0, \tilde{p}|_{\gamma_c} = 0);$$

$$\text{principal part } p_P = r^{-\alpha} \sin(\alpha\theta).$$

(2) How to compute  $\phi_s$ ?

$$\phi_s = \tilde{\phi} + \beta \phi_P, \text{ with}$$

$$\text{regular part } \tilde{\phi} \in H^2(\omega) \quad (-\Delta \tilde{\phi} = p_s, \tilde{\phi}|_{\gamma_c} = 0);$$

$$\beta \in \mathbb{R};$$

$$\text{principal part } \phi_P = r^\alpha \sin(\alpha\theta).$$

# Algorithms (3)

● To get an explicit expression of  $\beta$ ...

$$\begin{aligned} \|p_s\|_0^2 &= - \int_{\omega} \Delta \phi_s p_s d\omega \\ \left( \begin{array}{l} \phi_s = (\tilde{\phi} + \beta(1 - \eta)\phi_P) + \beta\eta\phi_P \\ \in H^2(\omega) \cap H_0^1(\omega) \end{array} \right) \\ &= -\beta \int_{\omega} \Delta(\eta\phi_P) p_s d\omega \\ &= -\beta \left\{ \int_{\omega} \Delta(\eta\phi_P) \tilde{p} d\omega + \int_{\omega} \Delta(\eta\phi_P) p_P d\omega \right\} \\ &= -\beta \left\{ \begin{array}{cc} 0 & - \\ & \pi \end{array} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

... Therefore  $\beta = \frac{1}{\pi} \|p_s\|_0^2$ .

# Algorithms (4)

● Another approach...

$$\begin{aligned}u &= \tilde{u} + c\phi_s \\ &= \tilde{u} + c\tilde{\phi} + c\beta\phi_P \\ &= \tilde{u}' + \lambda\phi_P, \text{ with } \tilde{u}' \in H^2(\omega).\end{aligned}$$

(3b) Compute  $\lambda = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{\omega} f p_s d\omega$ .

(4b) Find  $\tilde{u}' \in H^1(\omega)$  such that  $-\Delta\tilde{u}' = f$  and  $\tilde{u}'|_{\partial\omega} = -\lambda\phi_P|_{\partial\omega}$ .

NB. This corresponds to the method described by Moussaoui'84...

# Numerical Analysis (1)

● Numerical approximation of the *dual singular function*  $p_s$ .

(1)  $p_s^h = \tilde{p}_h + p_P$ , with  $\tilde{p}_h = p_h^* - q_h$  defined by

$$q_h = Q_h(p_P), \text{ and } Q_h(g) = \sum_{M_i \in \partial\omega} g(M_i)\phi_i;$$

$$p_h^* \in V_h^0 \text{ such that } \int_{\omega} \nabla p_h^* \cdot \nabla v_h \, d\omega = \int_{\omega} \nabla q_h \cdot \nabla v_h \, d\omega, \forall v_h \in V_h^0$$

$$\left( \text{or, in matrix form, } \mathbb{K}\underline{p}^* = \underline{q}. \right)$$

● Convergence results...

(1)  $\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists C_\varepsilon > 0$  such that  $\|p_s - p_s^h\|_0 \leq C_\varepsilon h^{2\alpha - \varepsilon}$ .



# Numerical Analysis (2)

● Numerical approximation of the *singular function*  $\phi_s$ .

(2)  $\phi_s^h = \tilde{\phi}_h + \beta_h \phi_P$ , with  $\beta_h$  and  $\tilde{\phi}_h = \phi_h^* - q_h'$  defined by

$$\beta_h = \frac{1}{\pi} \|p_s^h\|_0^2,$$

$$q_h' = Q_h(\phi_P) \text{ and}$$

$$\phi_h^* \in V_h^0 \text{ such that } \int_{\omega} \nabla \phi_h^* \cdot \nabla v_h \, d\omega = \int_{\omega} p_s^h v_h \, d\omega + \beta_h \int_{\omega} \nabla q_h' \cdot \nabla v_h \, d\omega, \quad \forall v_h \in V_h^0$$

$$\left( \text{or, in matrix form, } \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{K} & -\underline{q}' \\ 0 & \pi \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \underline{\phi}^* \\ \beta_h \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \underline{l} \\ p \end{pmatrix} \right).$$

● Convergence results...

(2)  $\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists C_\varepsilon > 0$  such that  $|\beta - \beta_h| \leq C_\varepsilon h^{2\alpha - \varepsilon}$

(2)  $\exists C > 0$  such that  $\|\phi_s - \phi_s^h\|_1 \leq C h$ .

# Numerical Analysis (3)

- Numerical approximation of the *solution*  $u$ .

Write  $u_h = \tilde{u}_h + c_h \phi_s^h$ , with

$$(3) \quad c_h = \frac{\int_{\omega} f p_s^h d\omega}{\|p_s^h\|_0^2};$$

- (4)  $\tilde{u}_h$  is directly computable...

$$\tilde{u}_h \in V_h^0 \text{ such that } \int_{\omega} \nabla \tilde{u}_h \cdot \nabla v_h d\omega = \int_{\omega} f v_h d\omega - c_h \int_{\omega} p_s^h v_h d\omega, \quad \forall v_h \in V_h^0$$

$$\left( \text{or, in matrix form, } \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{K} & \underline{l} \\ 0 & p \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \underline{\tilde{u}} \\ c_h \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \underline{f}_0 \\ f \end{pmatrix} \right).$$

- Convergence results...

- (3)  $\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists C_{\varepsilon} > 0$  such that  $|c - c_h| \leq C_{\varepsilon} h^{2\alpha - \varepsilon}$

- (4)  $\exists C > 0$  such that  $\|\tilde{u} - \tilde{u}_h\|_1 \leq C h$ .

# Numerical Analysis (4)

## Overall convergence rate and computational cost...

● *Convergence rate*  $\exists C > 0$  such that  $\|u - u_h\|_1 \leq C h$ .

● *Total cost* **three** linear systems solves...

Step (1) requires solving one linear system of order  $N_i \times N_i$ .

Step (2) requires solving one linear system of order  $(N_i + 1) \times (N_i + 1)$ .

Step (4) requires solving one linear system of order  $(N_i + 1) \times (N_i + 1)$ .

# Numerical Analysis (5)

- Another approach...

$$u_h = \tilde{u}'_h + \lambda_h \phi_P.$$

$$(3b) \quad \lambda_h = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{\omega} f p_s^h d\omega;$$

$$(4b) \quad \tilde{u}'_h = u_h^* - \lambda_h q'_h, \text{ where } u_h^* = \tilde{u}_h + c_h \phi_h^* \dots$$

In matrix form,

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{K} & -\underline{q}' \\ 0 & \pi \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \underline{u}^* \\ \lambda_h \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \underline{f}_0 \\ f \end{pmatrix}.$$

- Convergence rate**  $\exists C > 0$  such that  $\|u - u_h\|_1 \leq C h$ .

- Total cost** **two** linear systems solves...

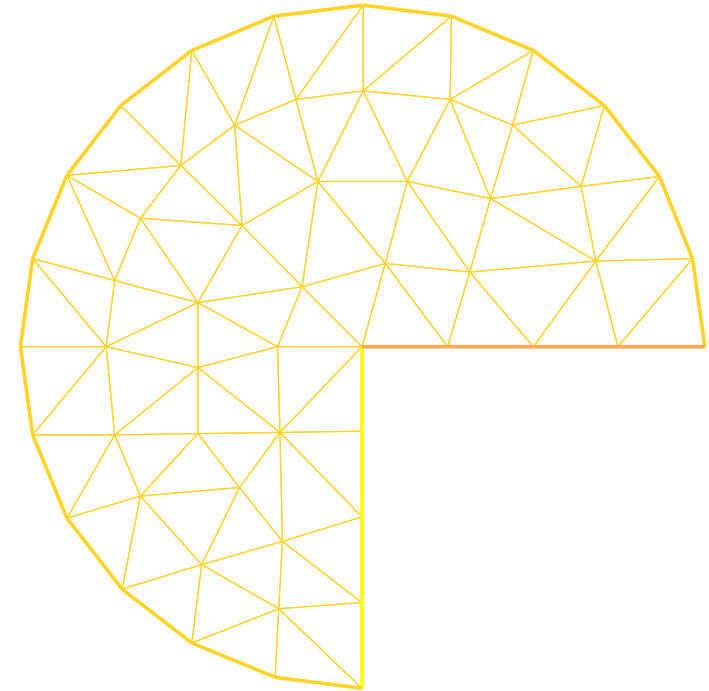
Step (1) requires solving one linear system of order  $N_i \times N_i$ .

Step (4b) requires solving one linear system of order  $(N_i + 1) \times (N_i + 1)$ .

# **IV. Numerical Experiments**

**With Jiwen He (University of Houston)**

# 1. Cheese Case



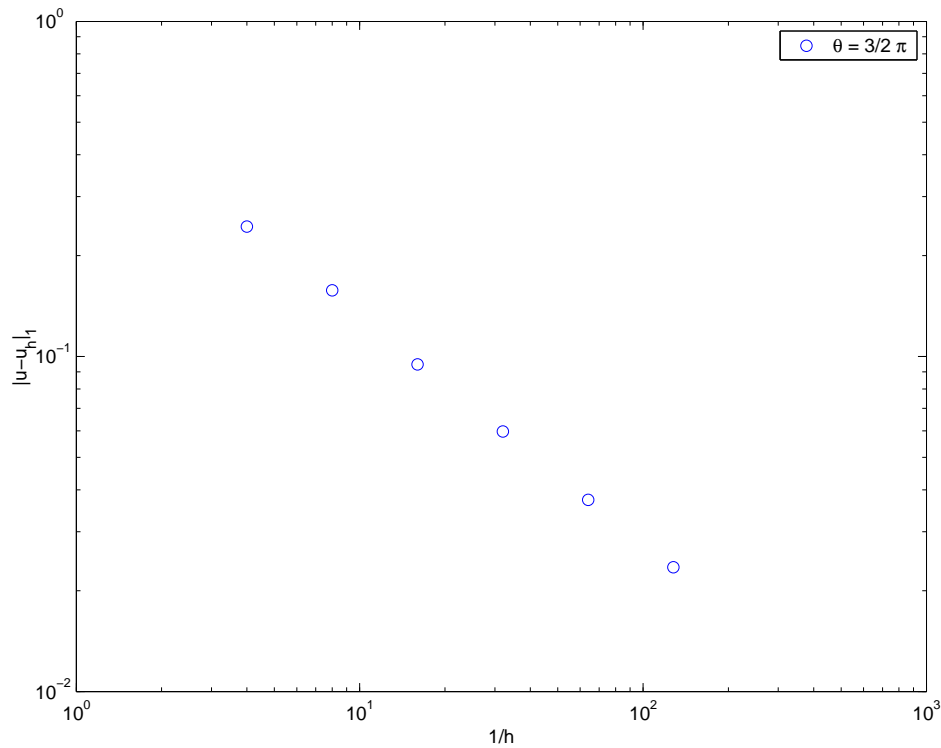
$$\omega_\alpha = \{(r, \theta) : r \in ]0, 1[, \theta \in ]0, \Theta_\alpha[ \}$$

Exact solution  $u = r^\alpha \sin(\alpha\theta)$  in  $\omega_\alpha$

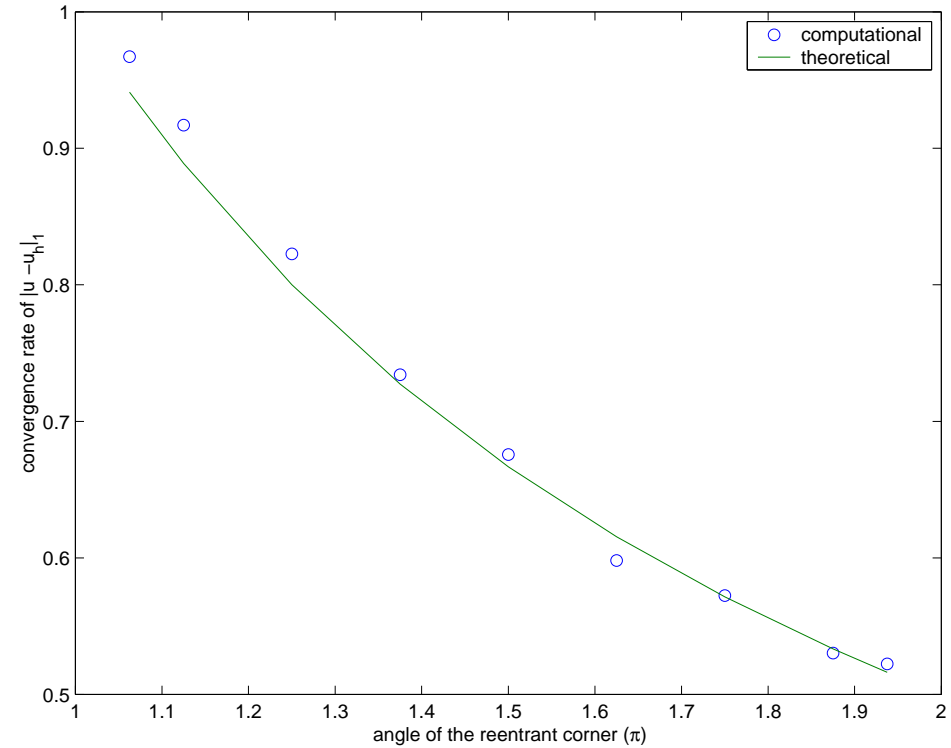
$$\alpha \text{ vary in } ]\frac{1}{2}, 1[$$

$$\alpha = \frac{2}{3} \quad (\Theta_\alpha = \frac{3}{2}\pi)$$

$$\|u - x_h\|_1 < C_\epsilon h^{\alpha - \epsilon} \text{ (no SCM)}$$

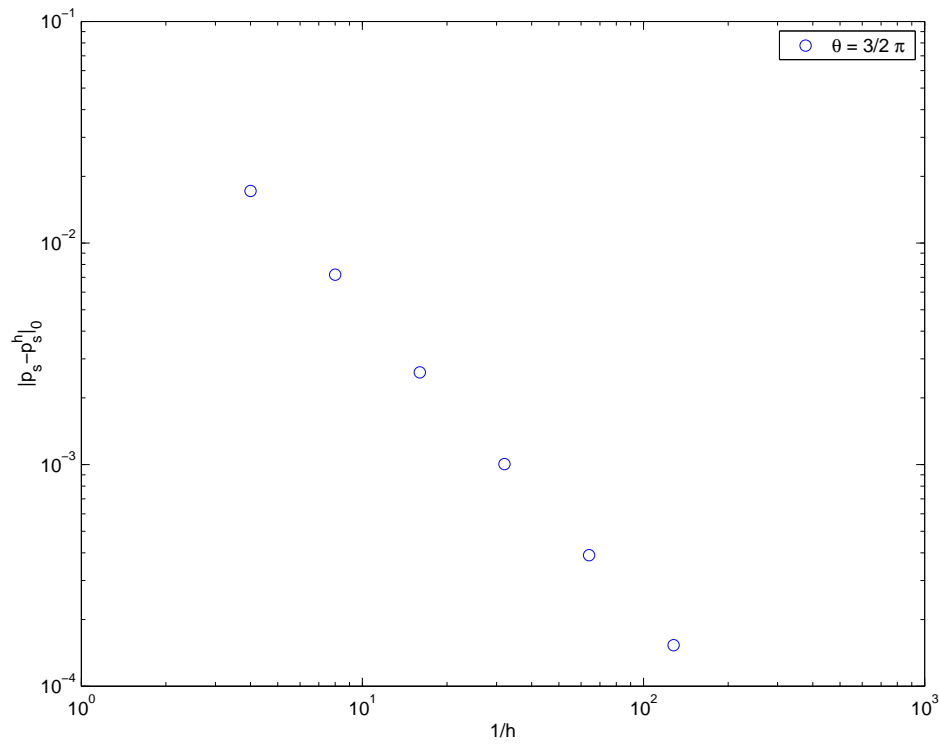


$$\Theta_\alpha = 3/2\pi$$

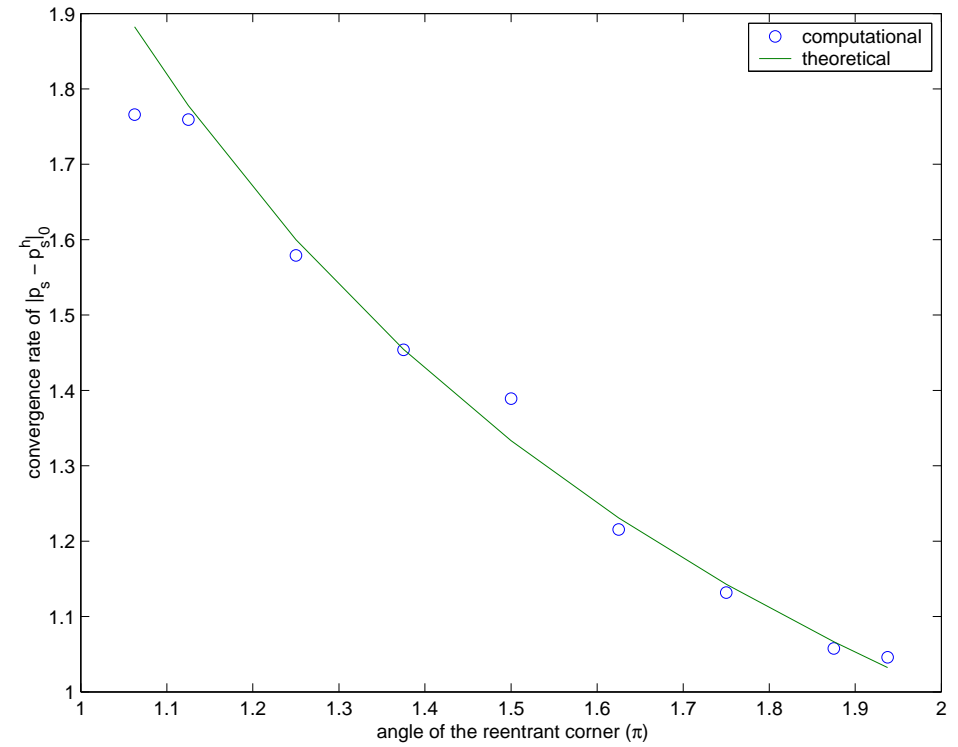


$$\Theta_\alpha \in ]\pi, 2\pi[$$

$$\|p_s - p_s^h\|_0 < C_\epsilon h^{2\alpha - \epsilon}$$



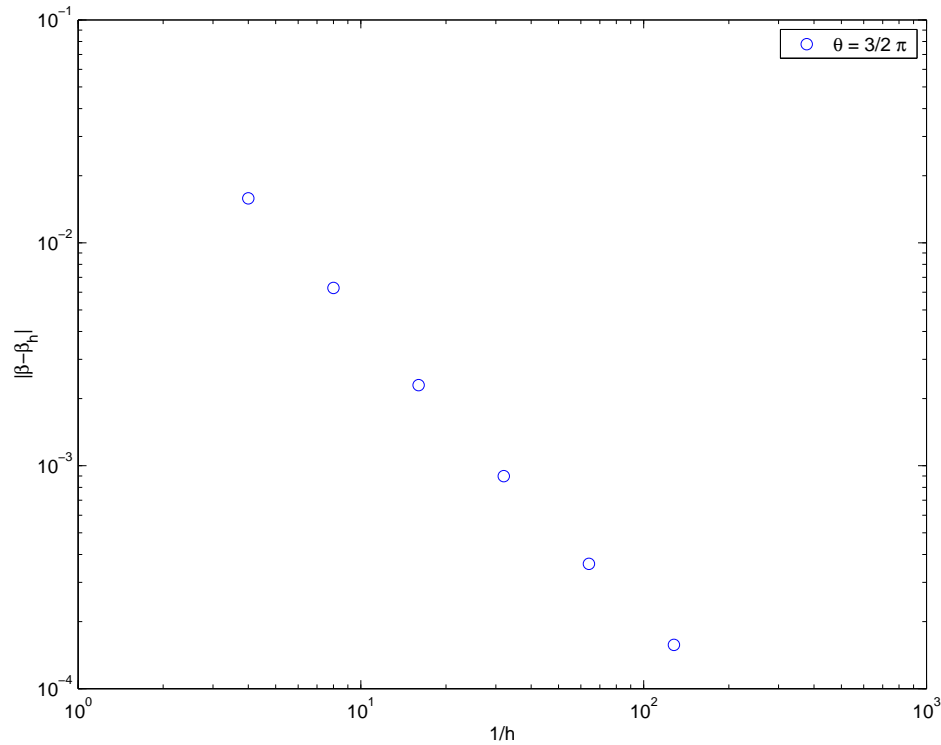
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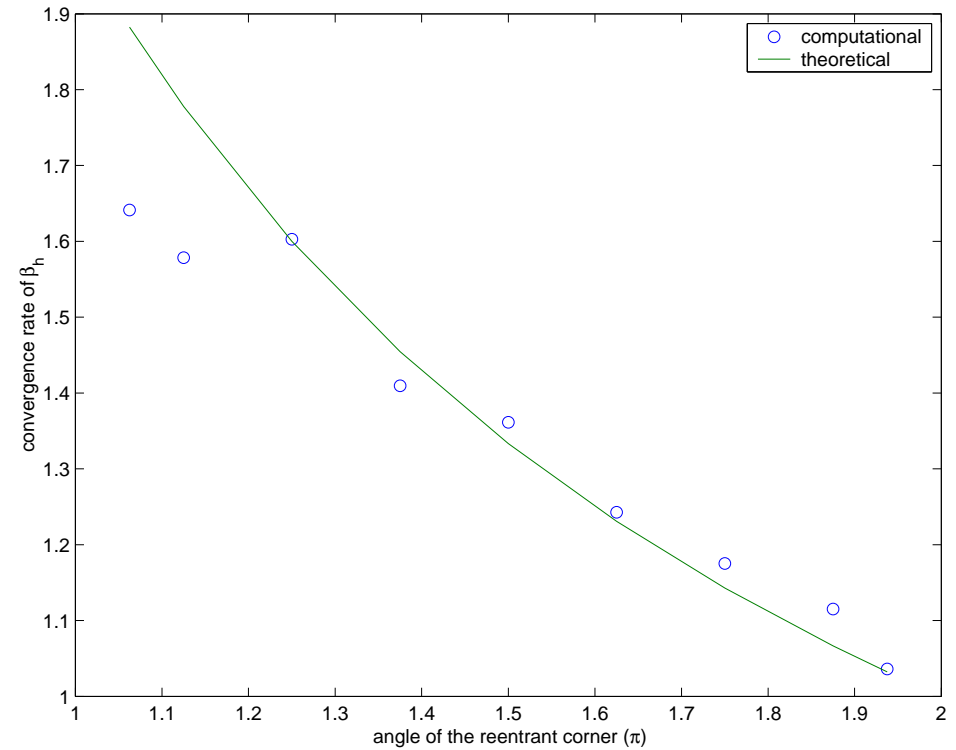
$$\Theta_\alpha \in ]\pi, 2\pi[$$



$$|\beta - \beta_h| < C_\epsilon h^{2\alpha - \epsilon}$$

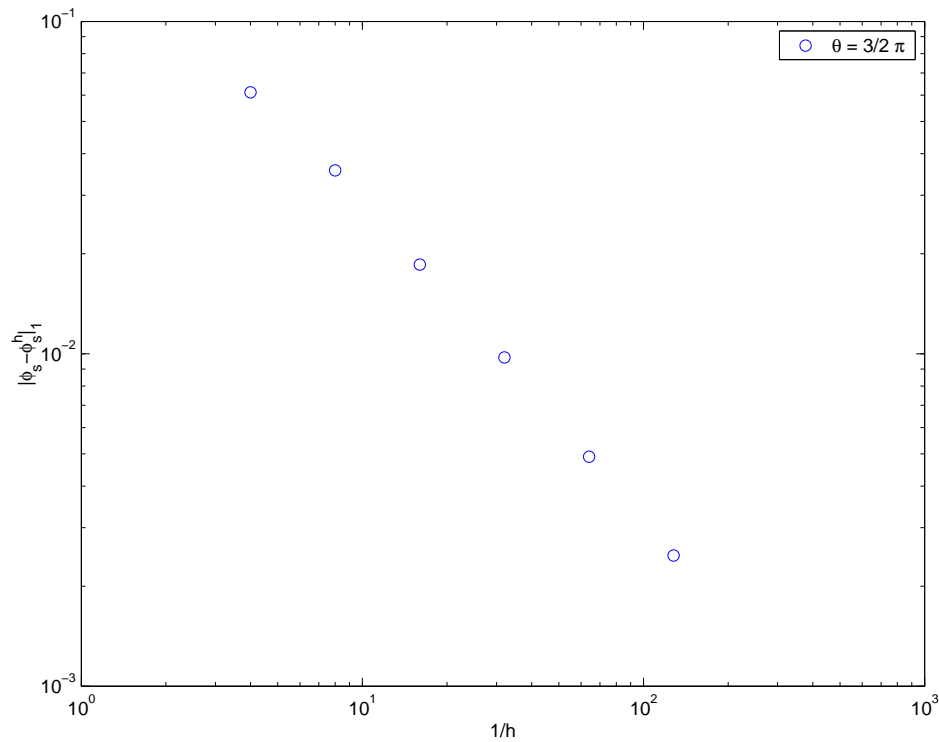


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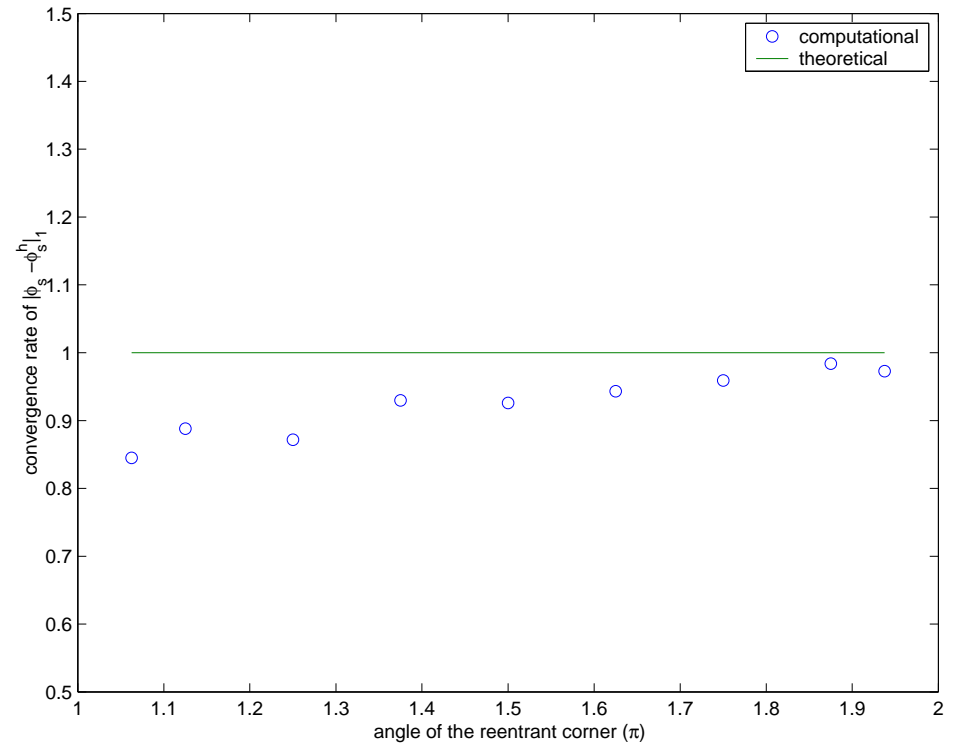


$$\Theta_\alpha \in ]\pi, 2\pi[$$

$$\|\phi_s - \phi_s^h\|_1 < Ch$$

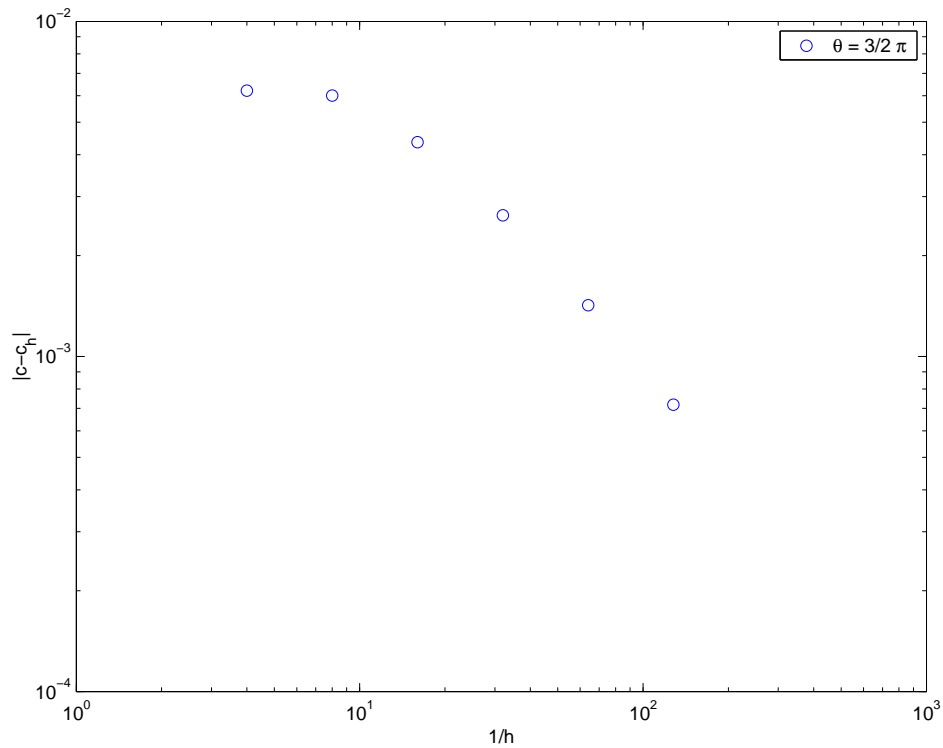


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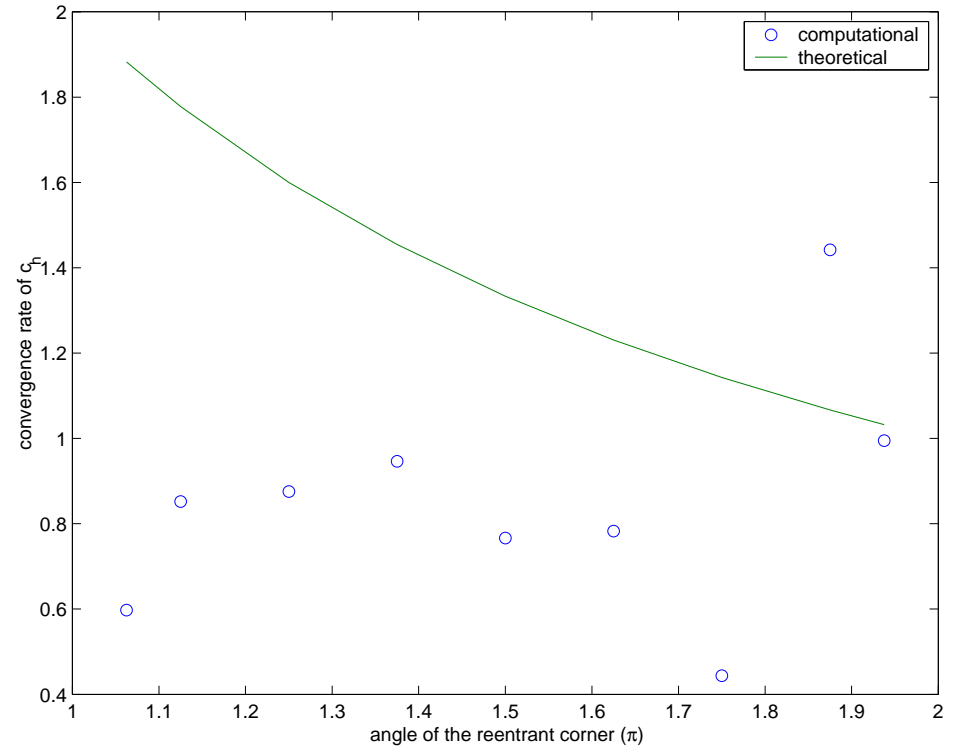


$$\Theta_\alpha \in ]\pi, 2\pi[$$

$$|c - c_h| < C_\epsilon h^{2\alpha - \epsilon}$$

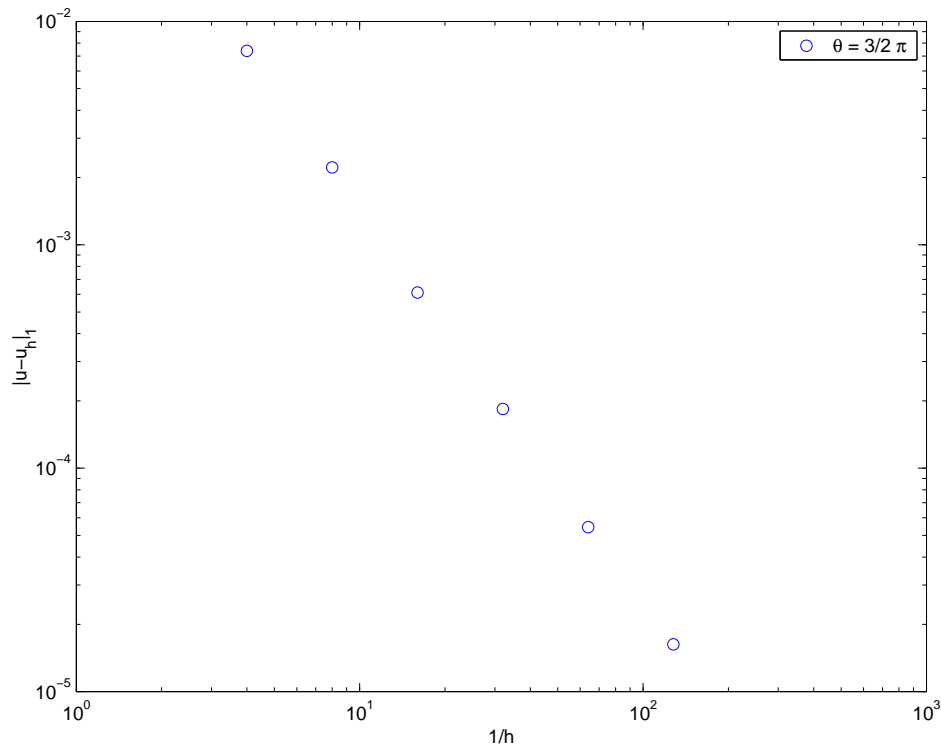


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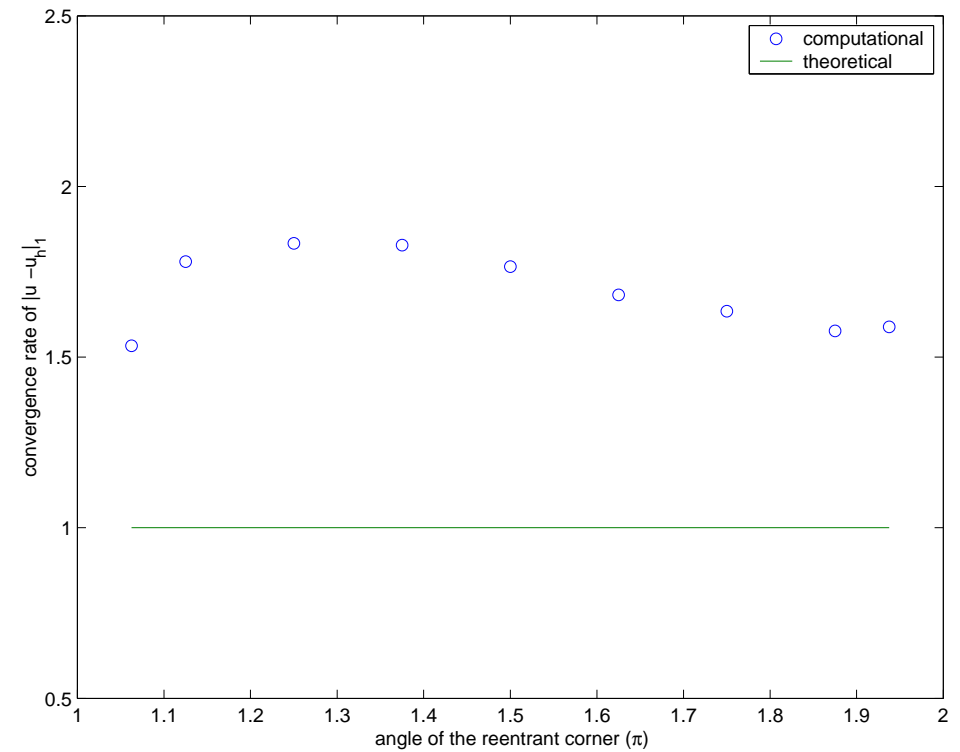


$$\Theta_\alpha \in ]\pi, 2\pi[$$

$$\|u - u_h\|_1 < Ch$$

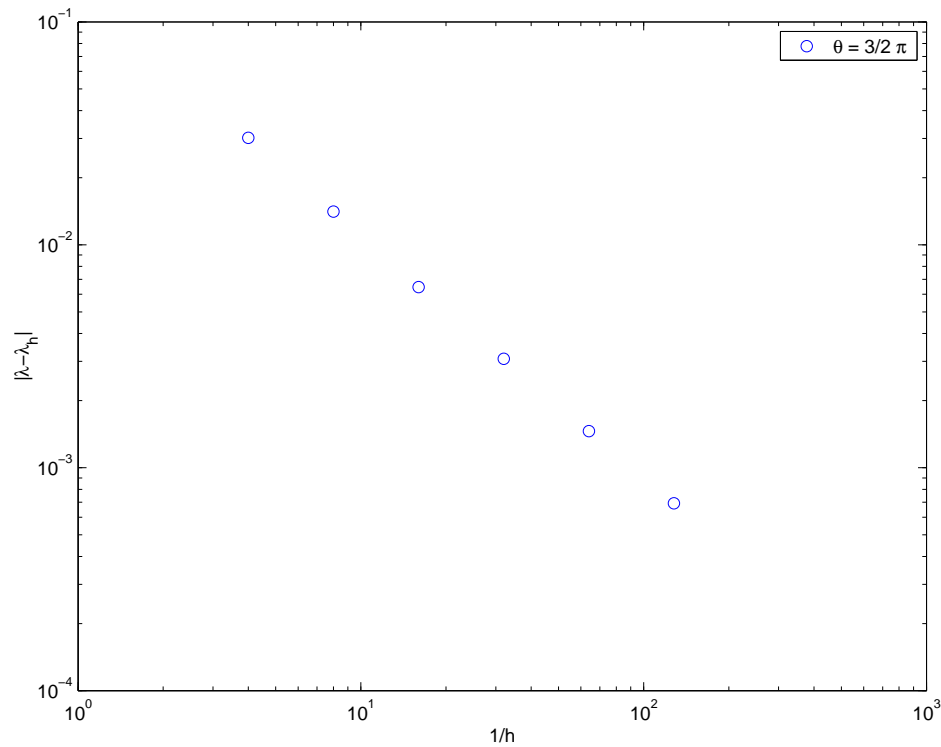


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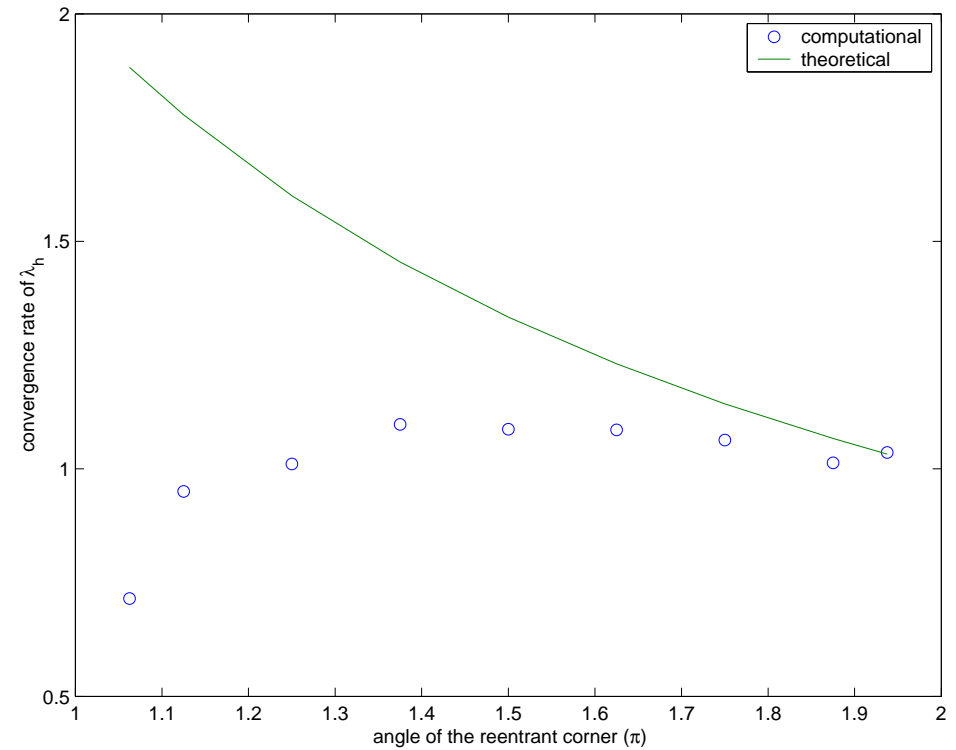


$$\Theta_\alpha \in ]\pi, 2\pi[$$

$$|\lambda - \lambda_h| < C_\epsilon h^{2\alpha - \epsilon}$$

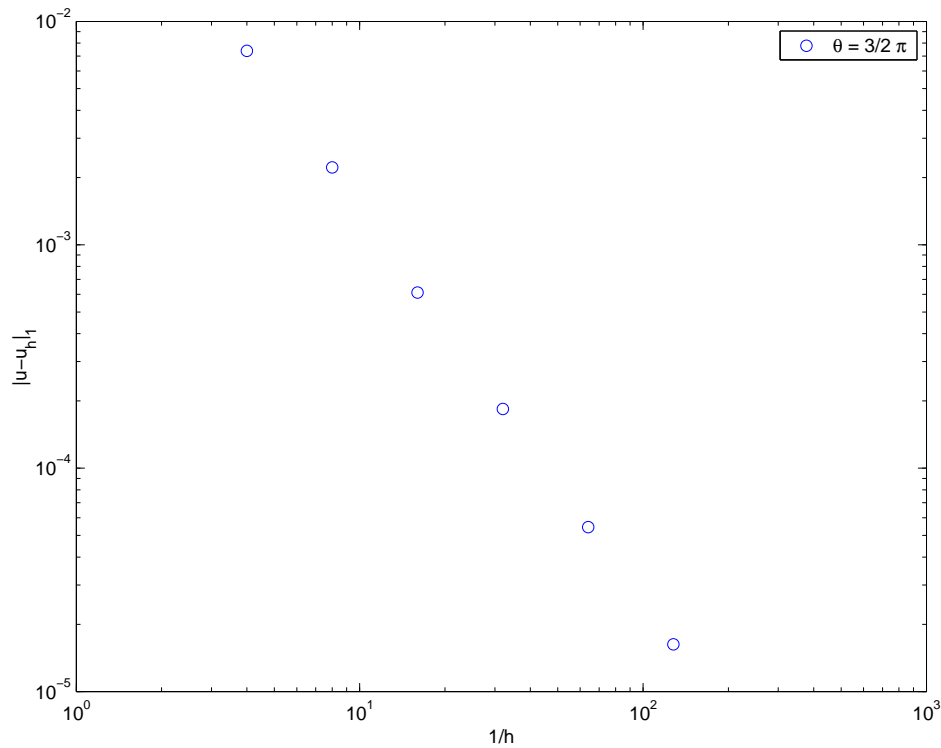


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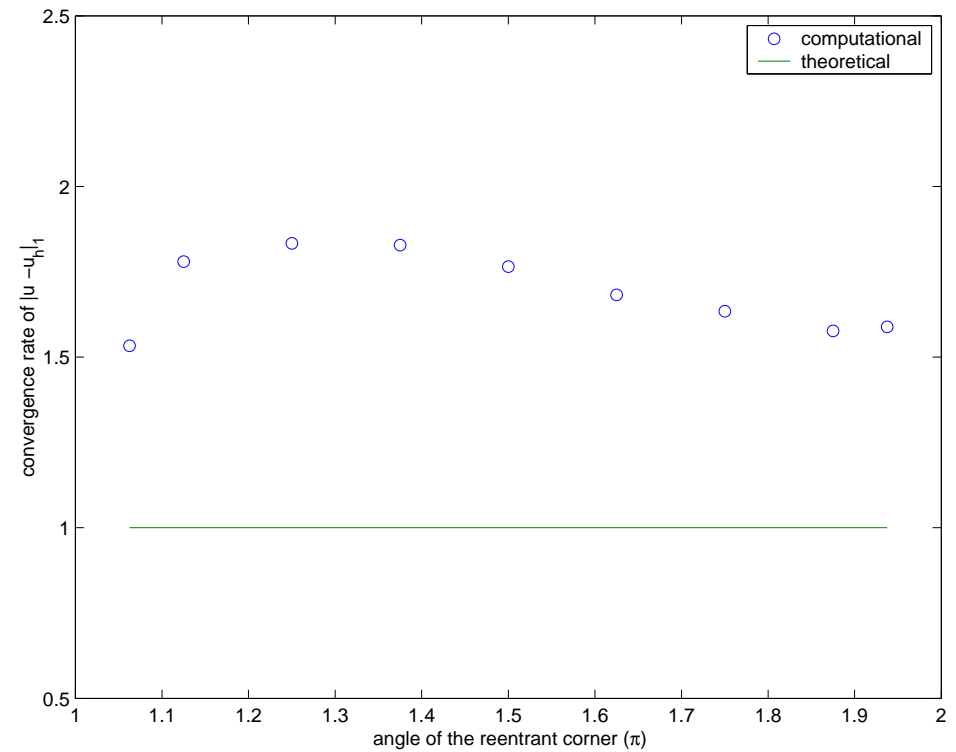


$$\Theta_\alpha \in ]\pi, 2\pi[$$

$$\|u - u_h\|_1 < Ch \text{ (\lambda approach)}$$

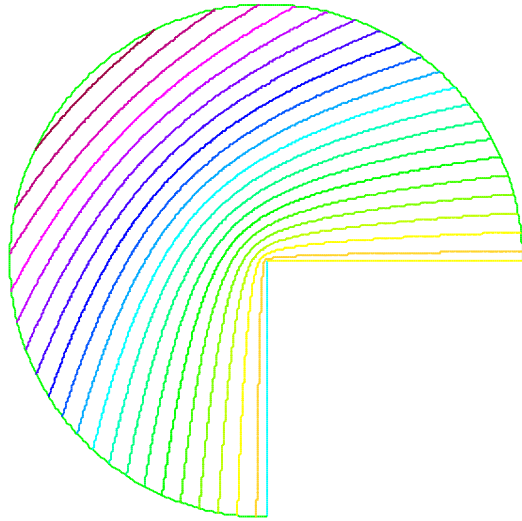


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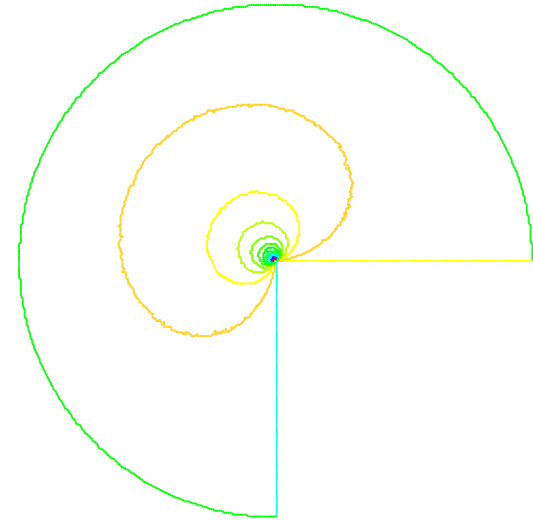


$$\Theta_\alpha \in ]\pi, 2\pi[$$

# $u_h - x_h$ (Differences...)

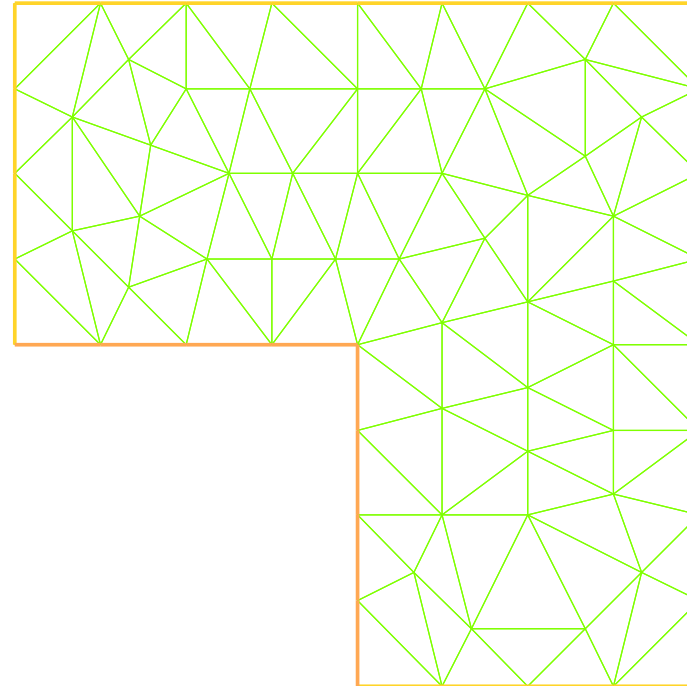


$u_h$



$x_h - u_h$

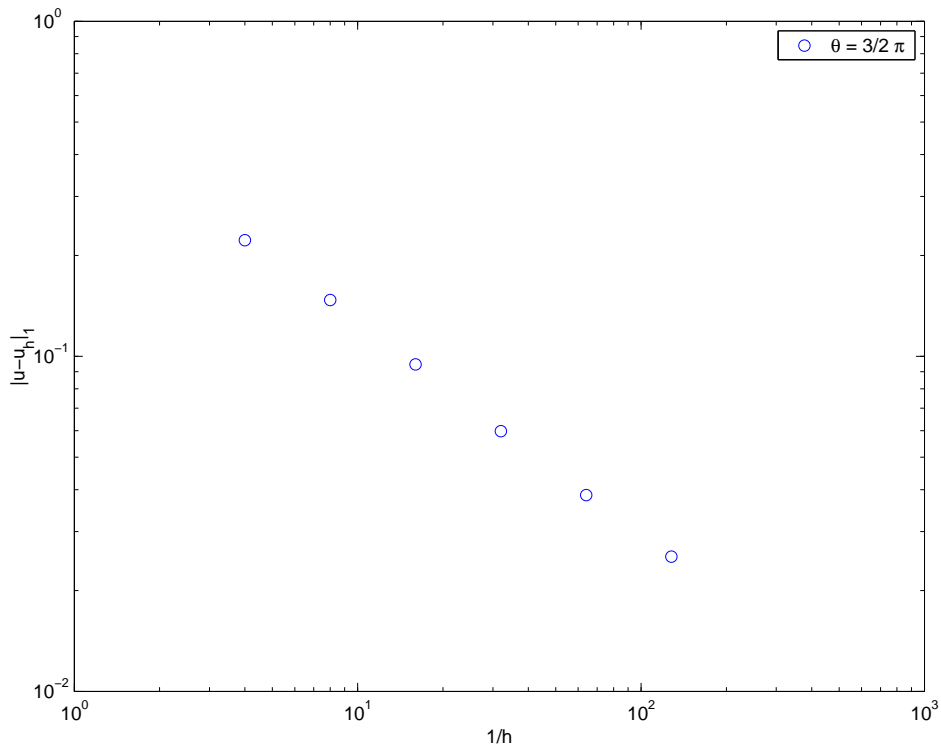
## 2. L-shaped domain (analytical solution)



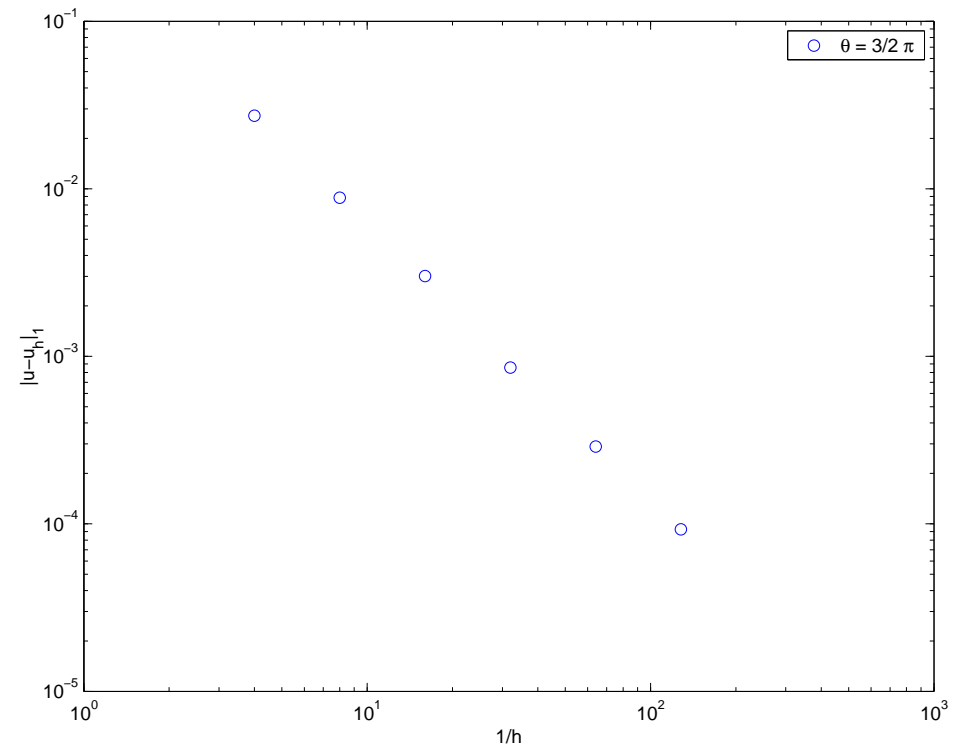
Exact solution

$$u = r^{\frac{2}{3}} \sin\left(\frac{2}{3}\theta\right) \text{ in } \omega$$

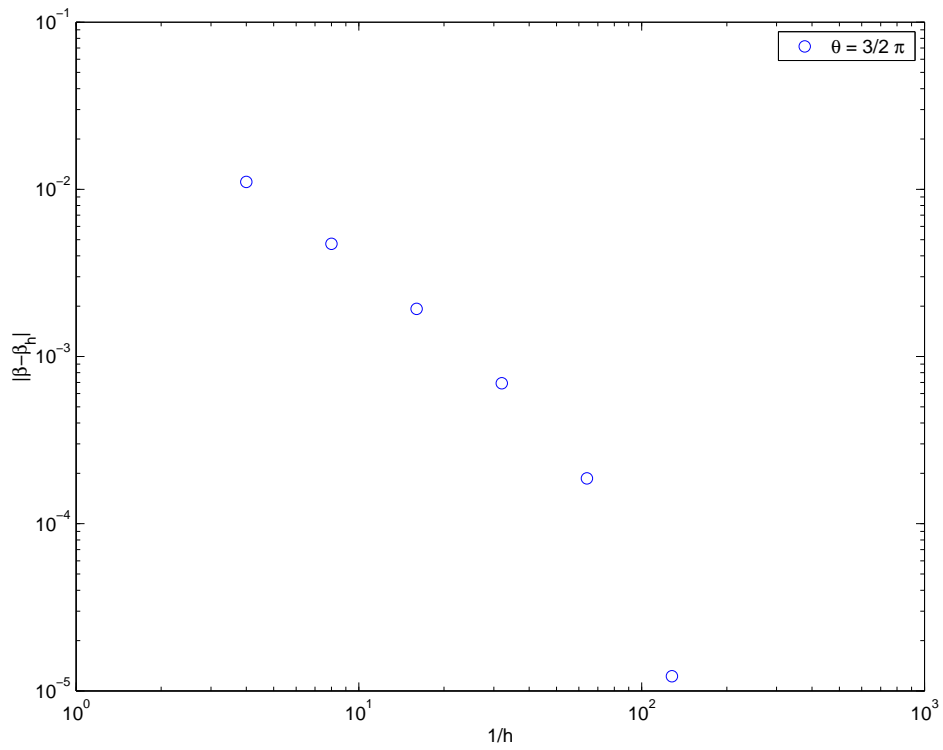




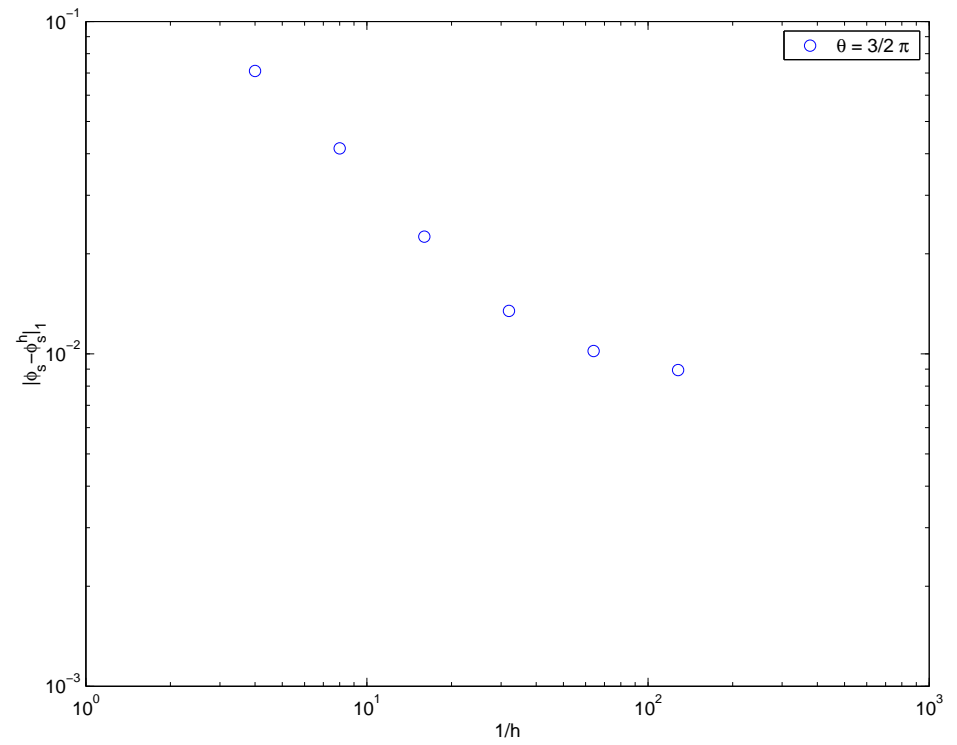
$$\|u - x_h\|_1$$



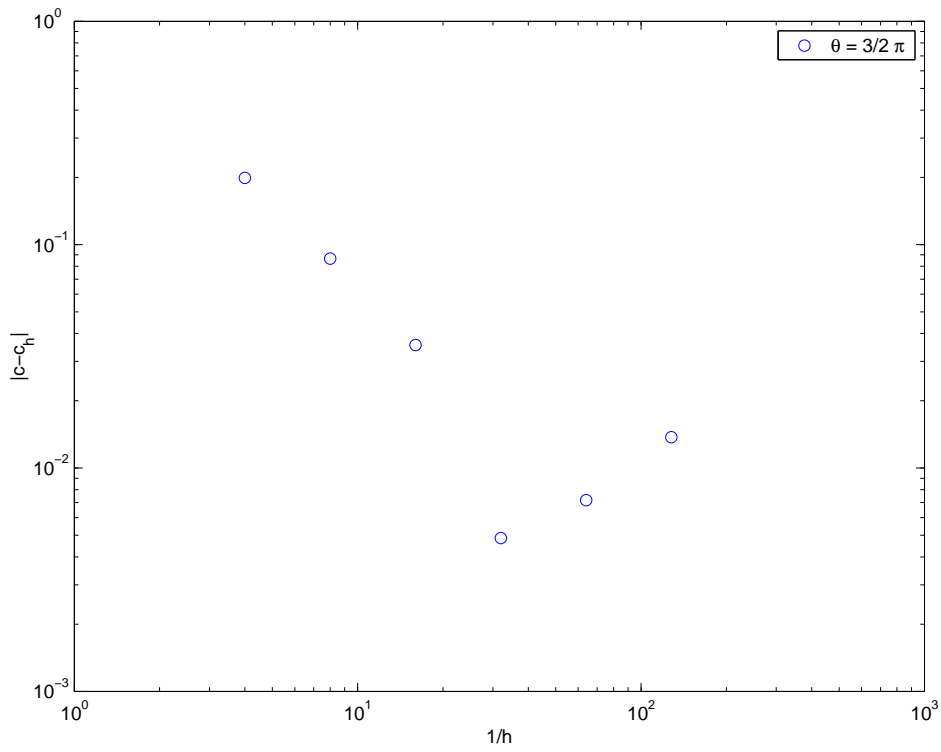
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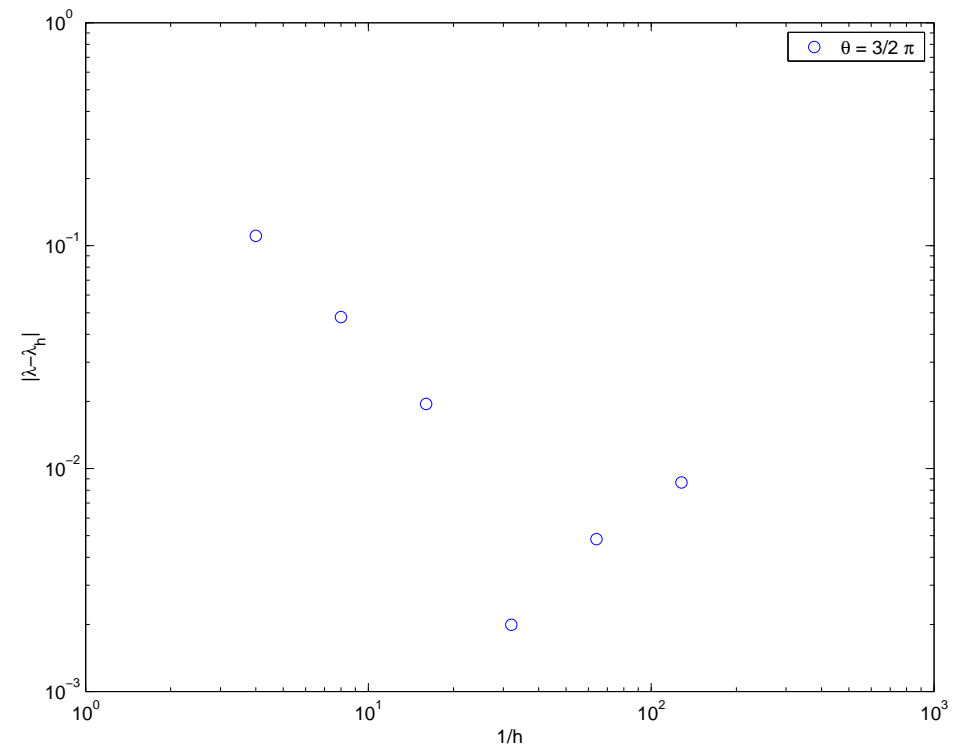
$$|\beta - \beta_h|$$



$$\|\phi_s - \phi_s^h\|_1$$



$$|c - c_h|$$



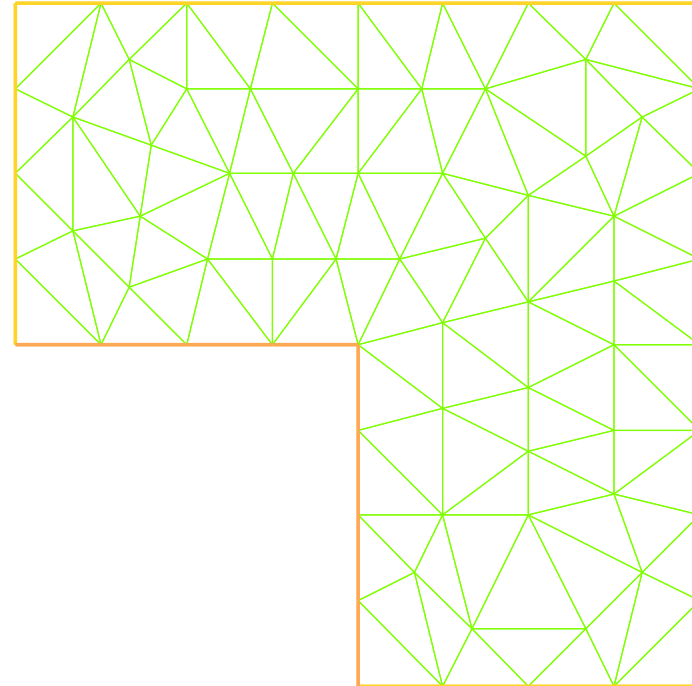
$$|\lambda - \lambda_h|$$

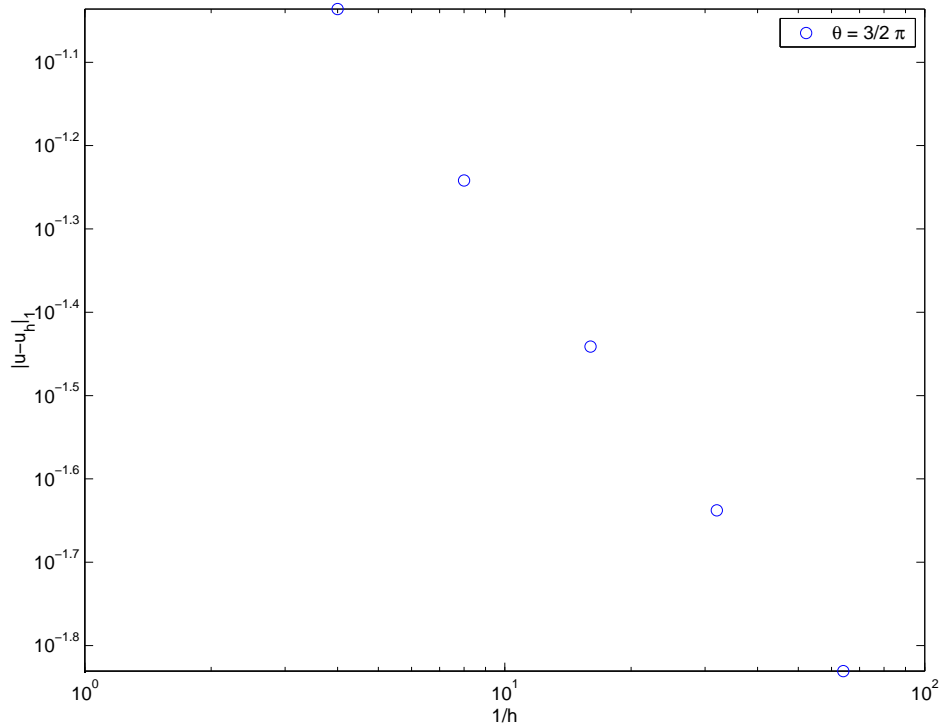
## 2. L-shaped domain (general)

Unknown solution

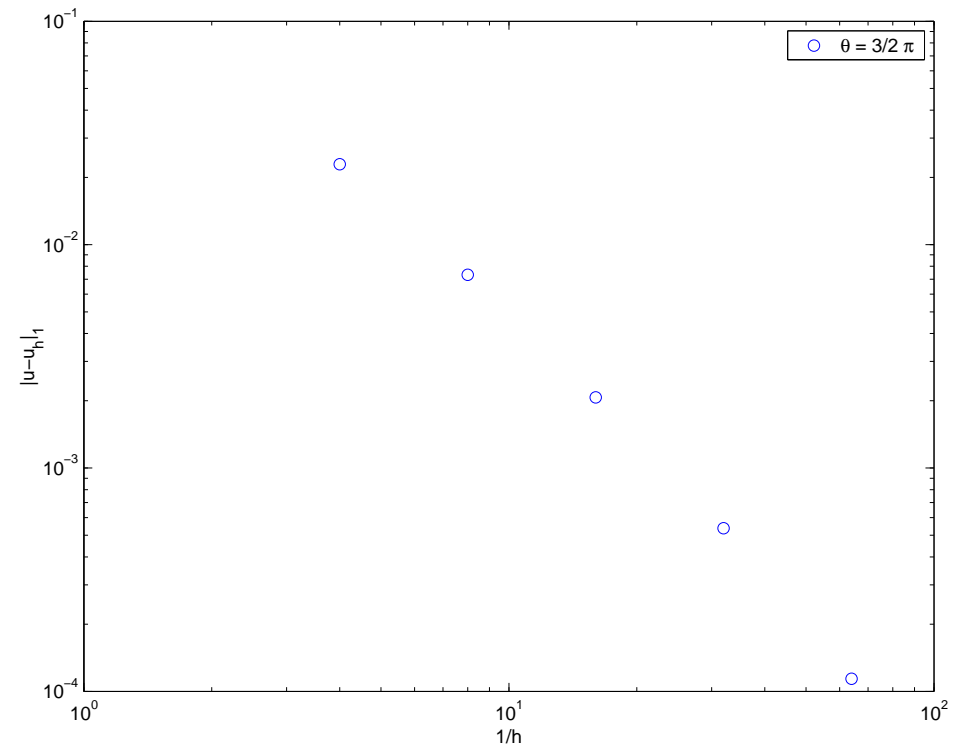
$$-\Delta u = 1 \text{ in } \omega$$

$$u|_{\partial\omega} = 0$$

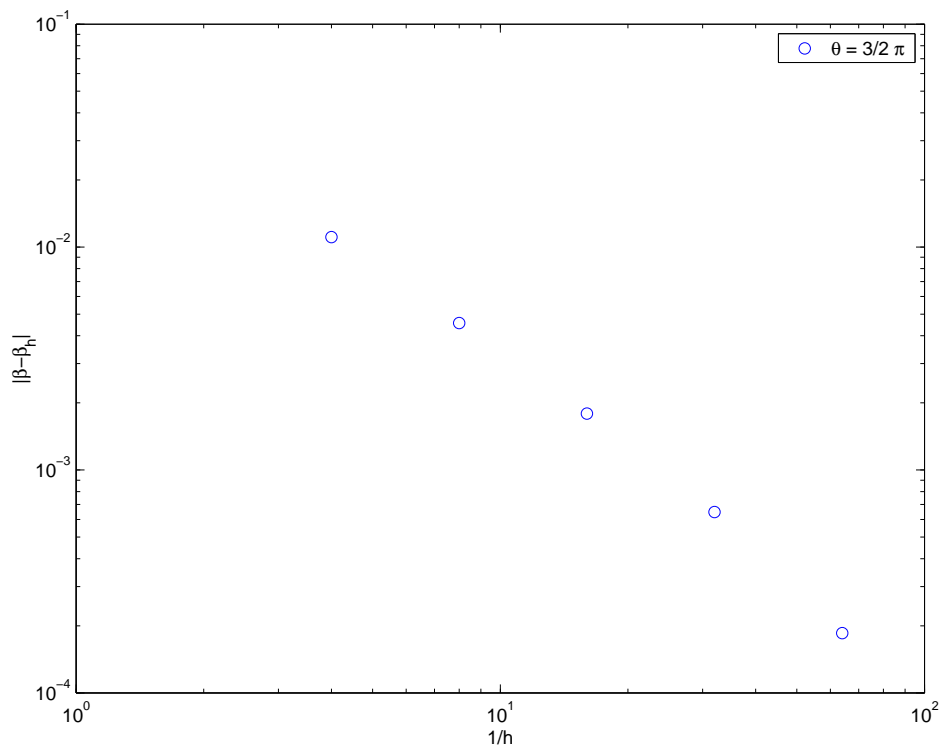




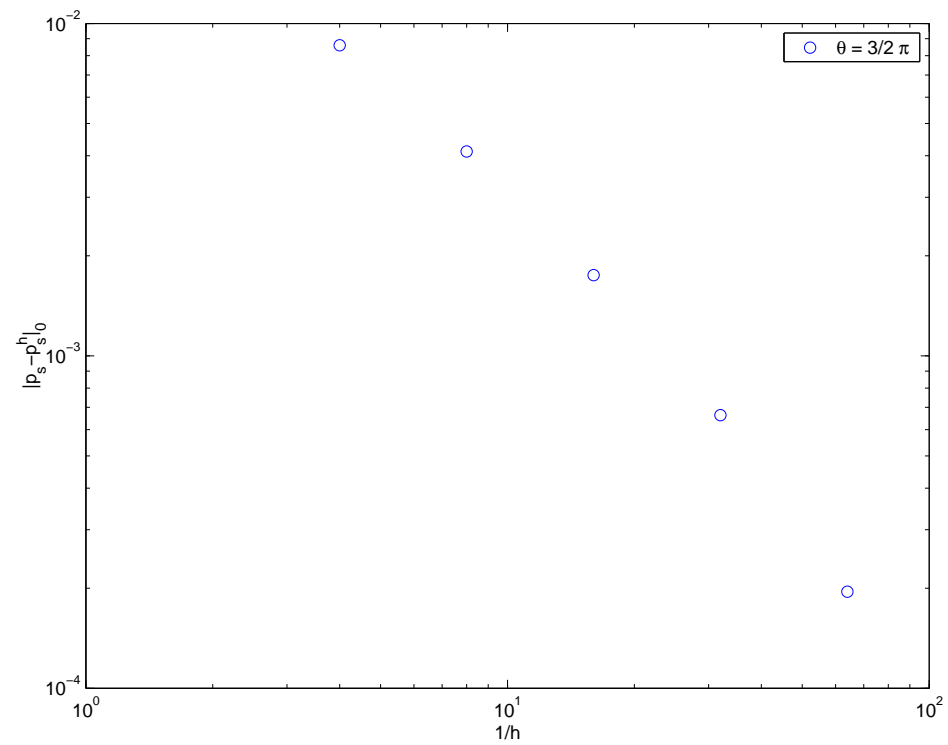
$$\|u^\dagger - x_h\|_1$$



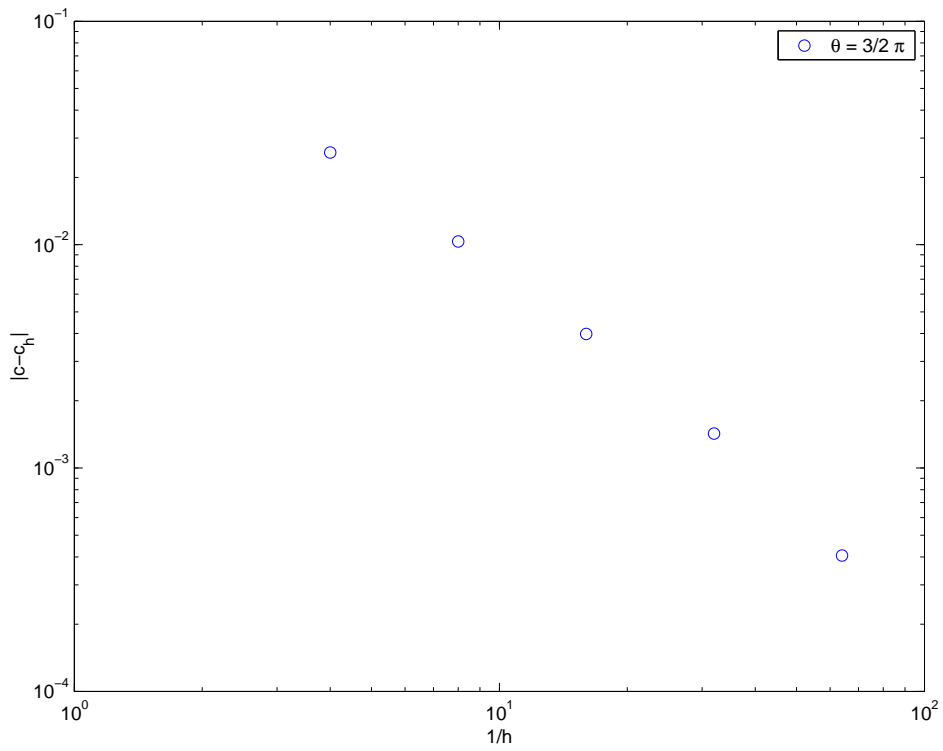
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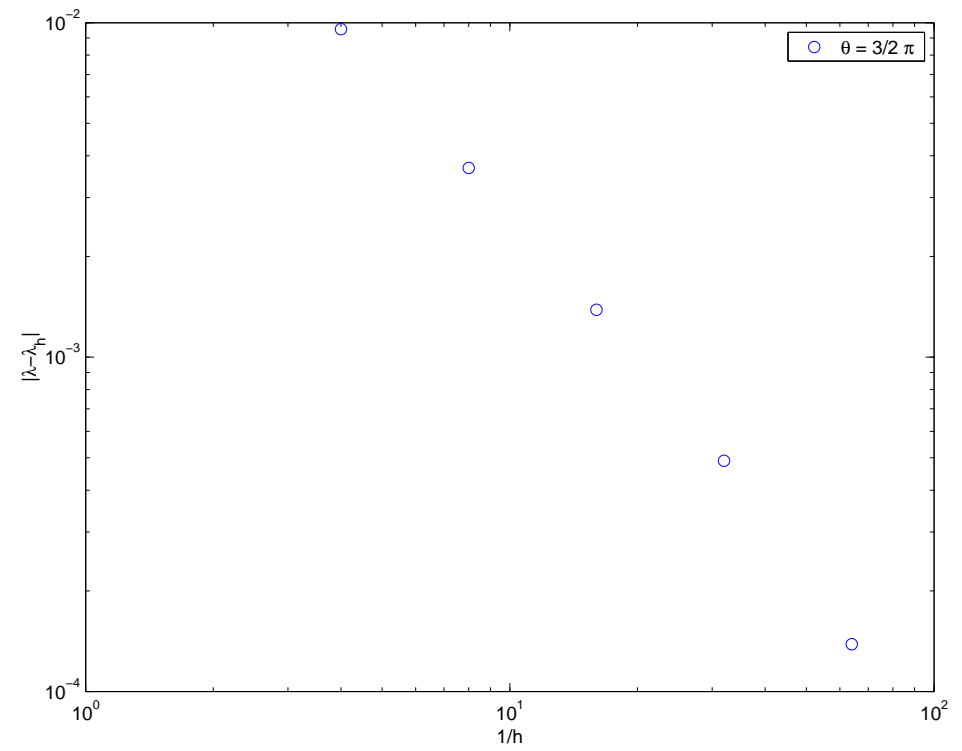
$$|\beta^\dagger - \beta_h|$$



$$\|\phi_s^\dagger - \phi_s^h\|_1$$

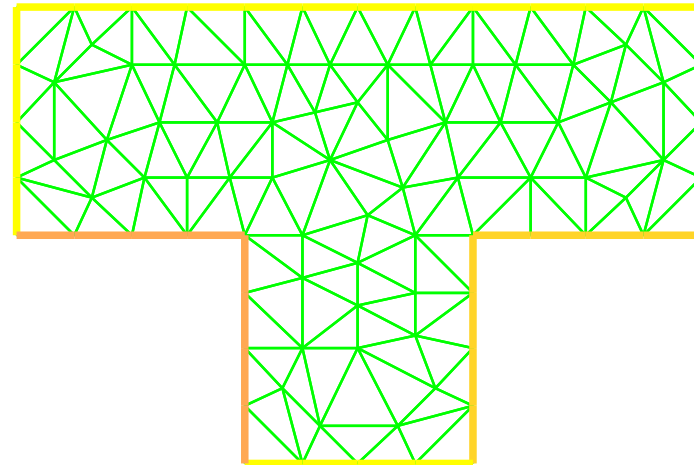


$$|c^\dagger - c_h|$$



$$|\lambda^\dagger - \lambda_h|$$

# 3. T-shaped domain (general)



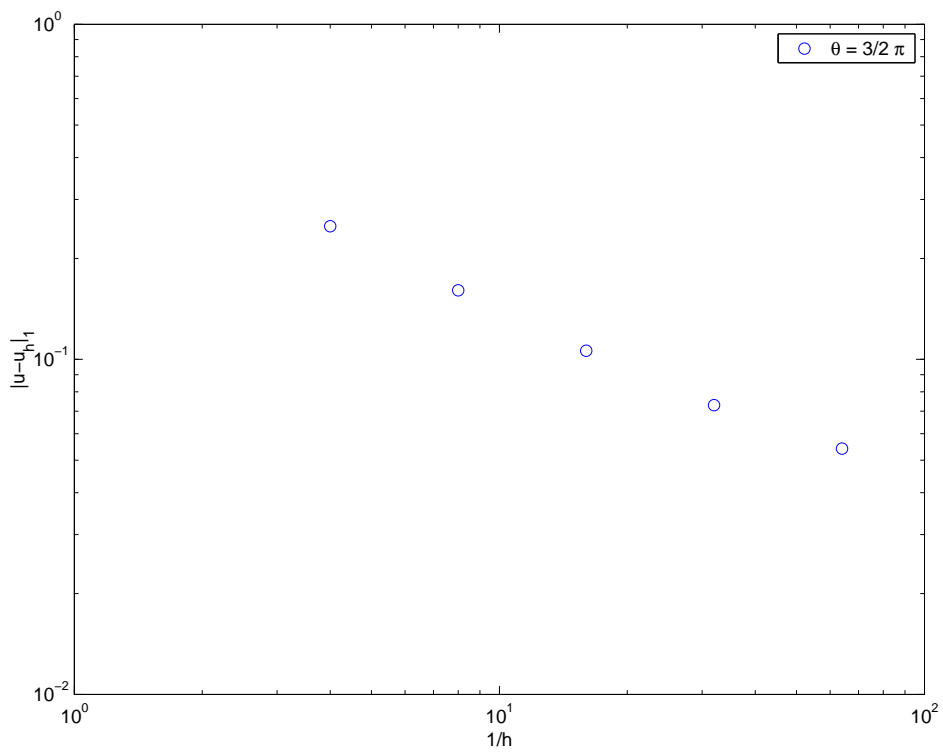
Unknown solution

$$-\Delta u = 1 \text{ in } \omega$$

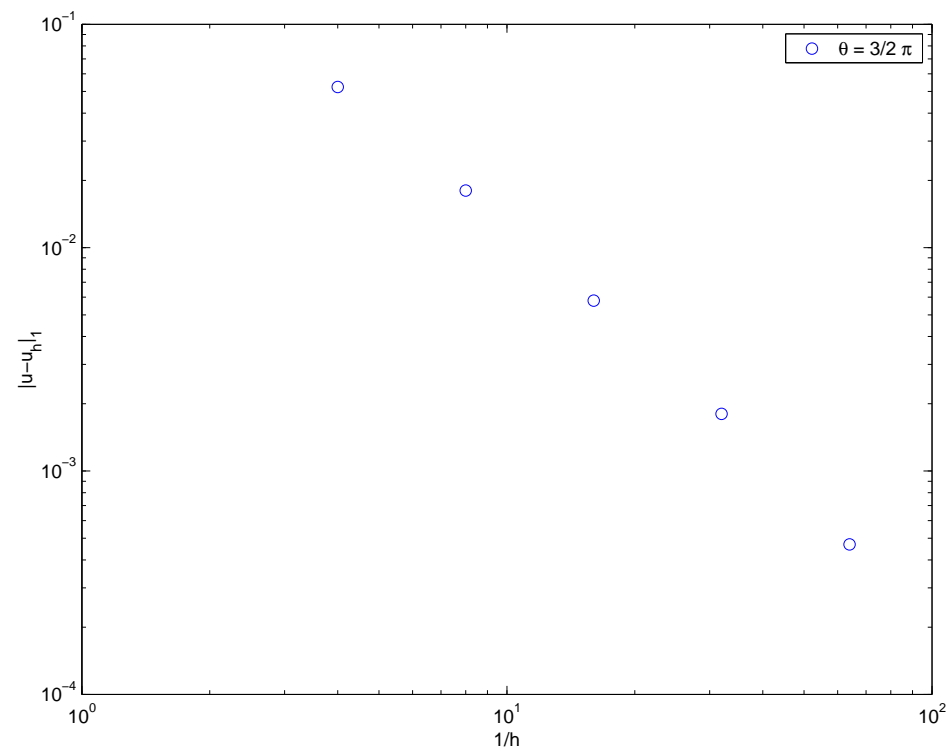
$$u|_{\partial\omega} = 0$$

$$\alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = \frac{2}{3}$$

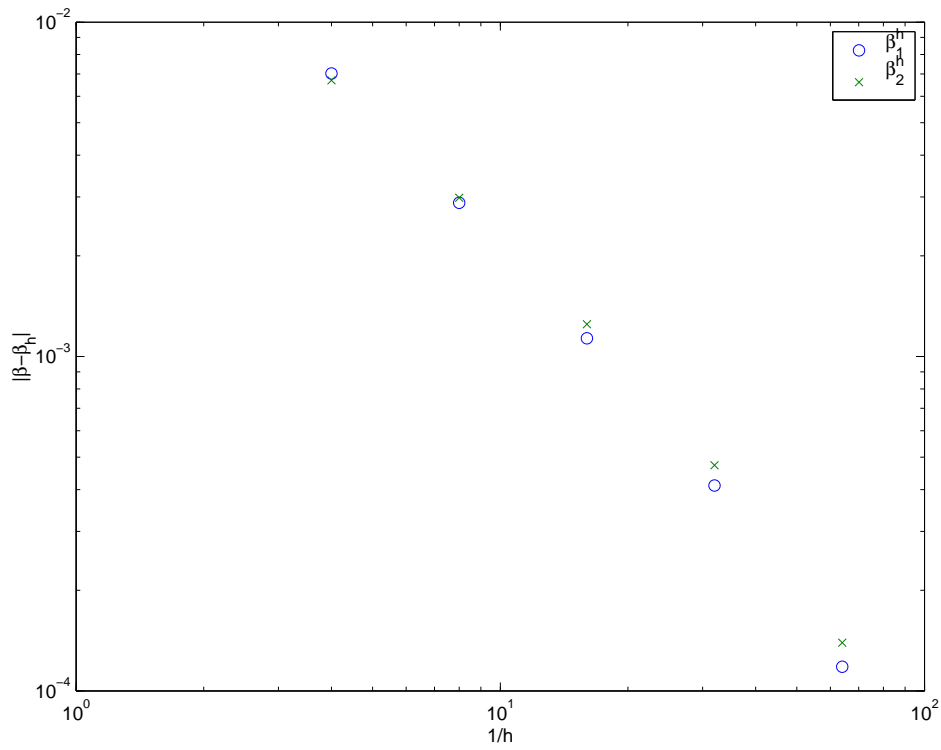




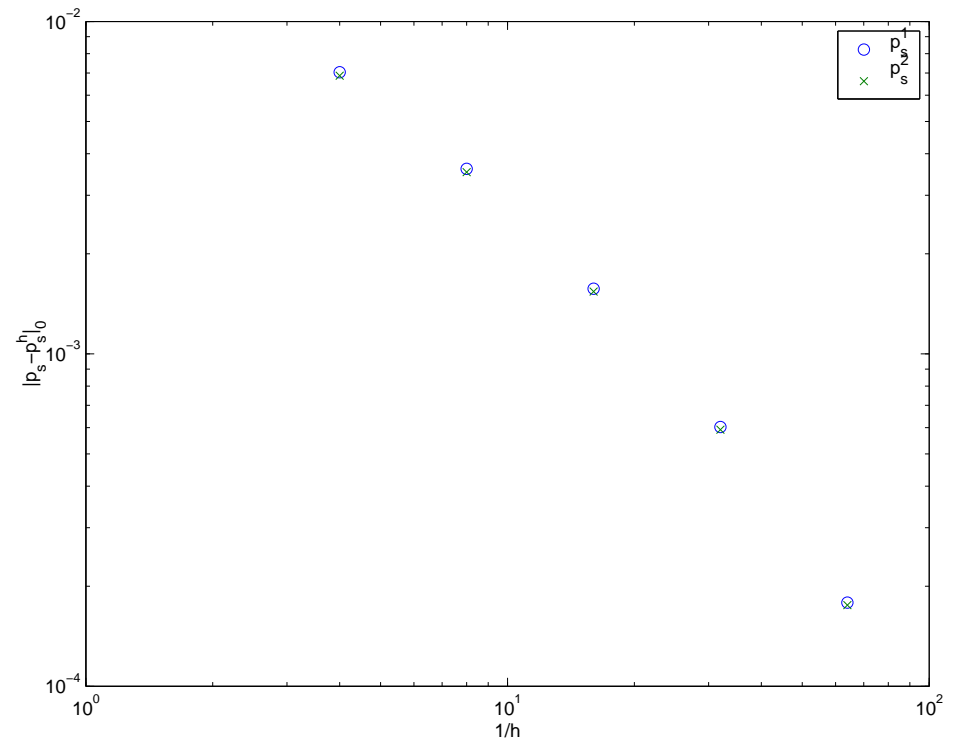
$$\|u^\dagger - x_h\|_1$$



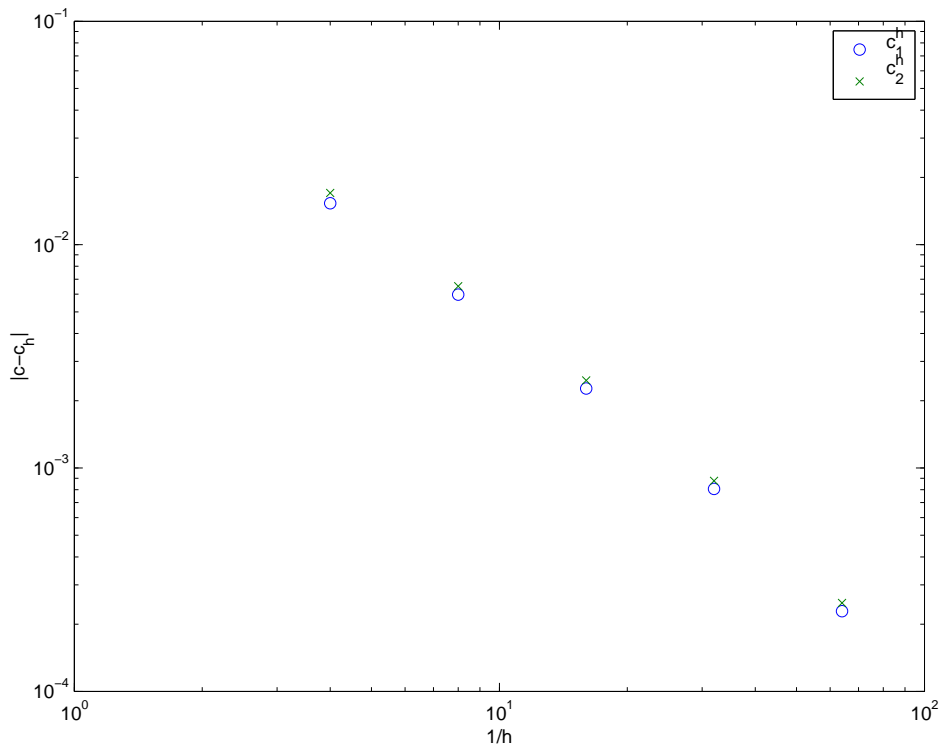
$$\|u^\dagger - u_h\|_1$$



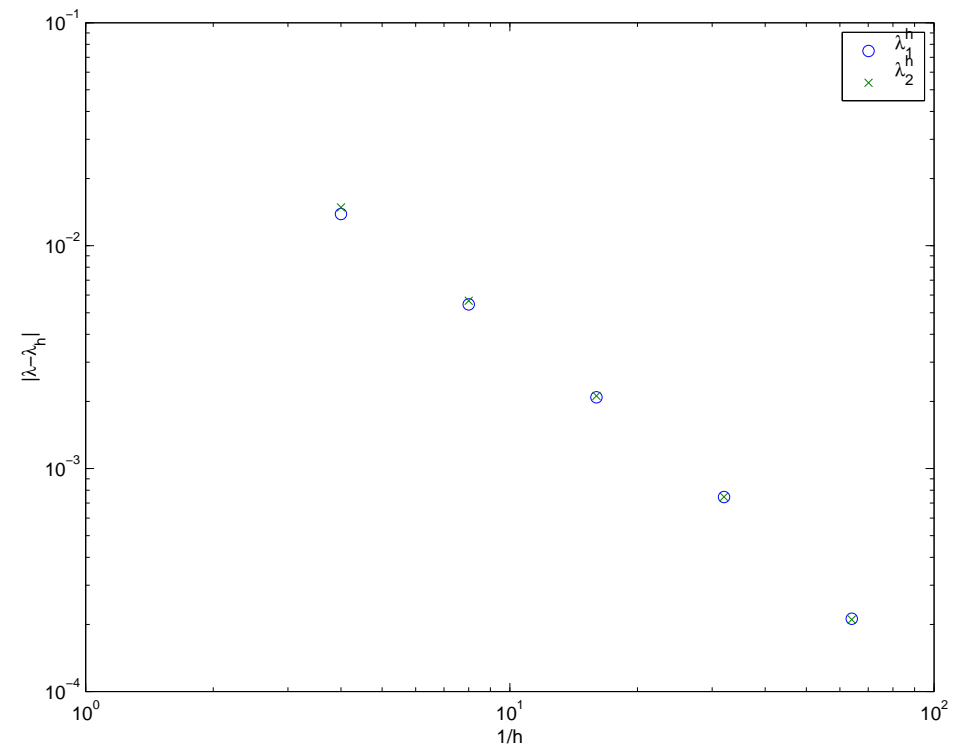
$$|\beta^{j,\dagger} - \beta_h^j| \quad (j = 1, 2)$$



$$\|\phi_s^{j,\dagger} - \phi_s^{j,h}\|_1 \quad (j = 1, 2)$$



$$|c^{j,\dagger} - c_h^j| \quad (j = 1, 2)$$



$$|\lambda^{j,\dagger} - \lambda_h^j| \quad (j = 1, 2)$$

# V. Conclusion

# Extensions & Perspectives

- (Algorithmic) applications to the vector problems.
- Neumann problem.
- Heterogeneous b.c.
- Several corners.
- Problems with jumps in the coefficients.
- Wave equation.
- 3d domains with conical points.
- 3d prismatic or axisymmetric domains (**work in progress**).