

Multiobjective Parameter Optimization of Elliptic PDEs using the Reduced Basis Method

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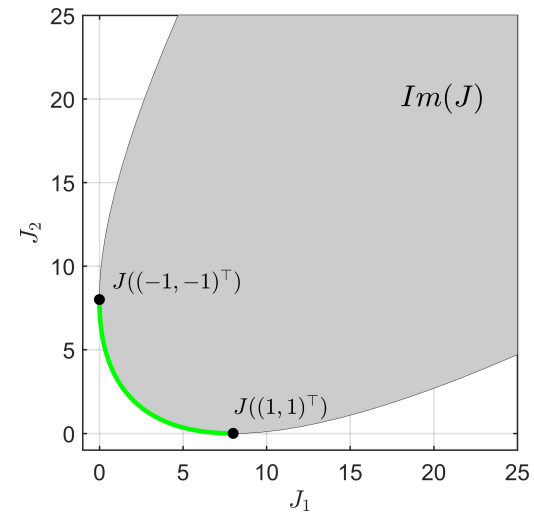
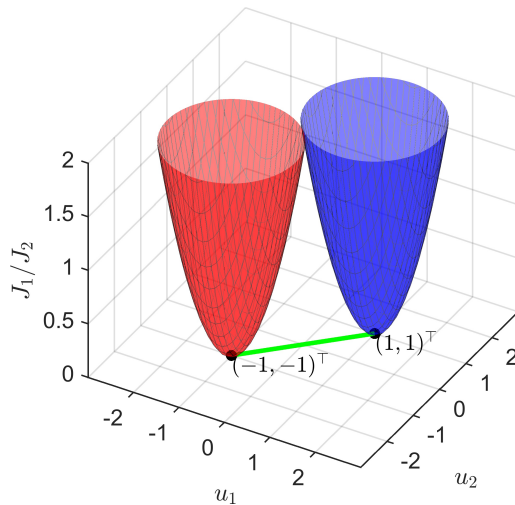
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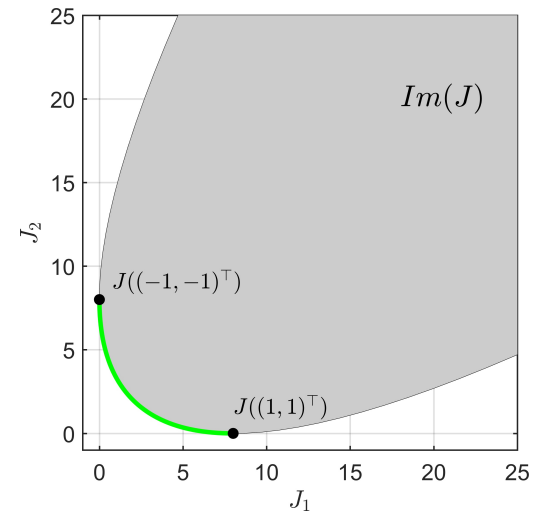
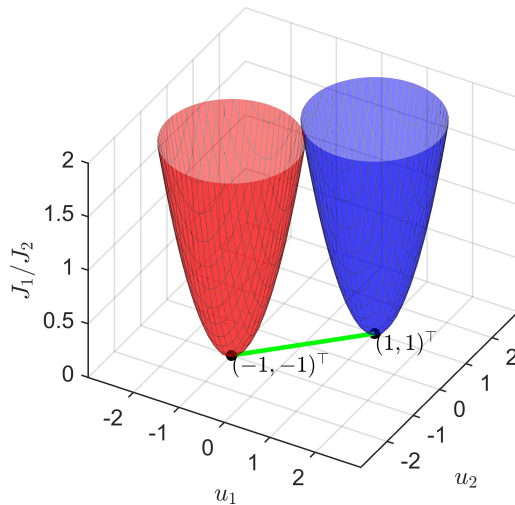
Example: $J : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2, u \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} \|u - (-1, -1)^T\|_2^2 \\ \|u - (1, 1)^T\|_2^2 \end{pmatrix}.$

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Goal: Find the *Pareto set* of (MPOP), i.e., the set of all Pareto optimal parameters of (MPOP).

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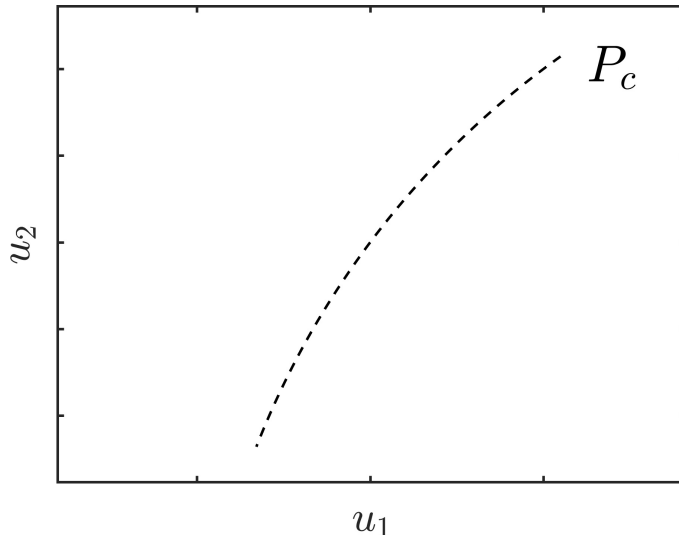
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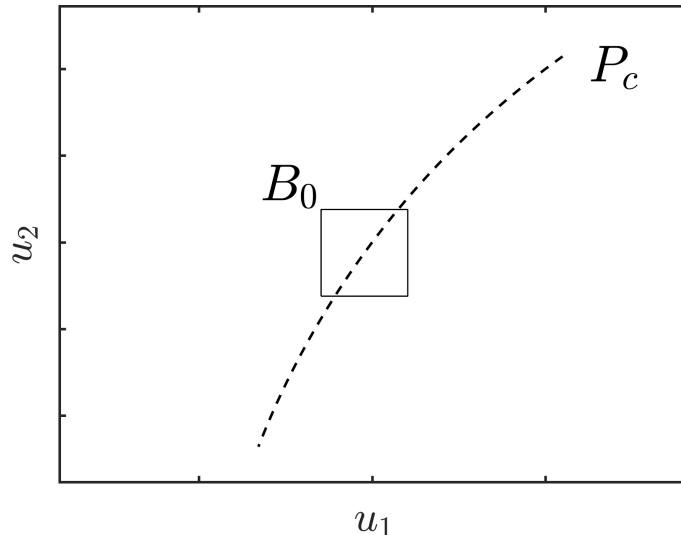
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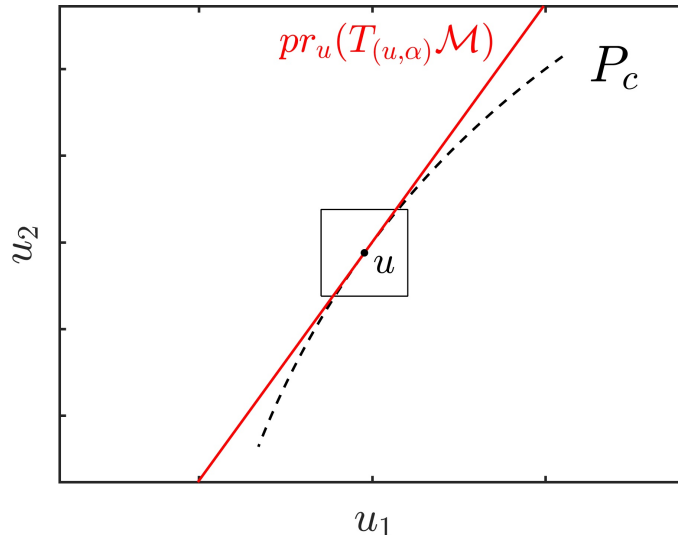
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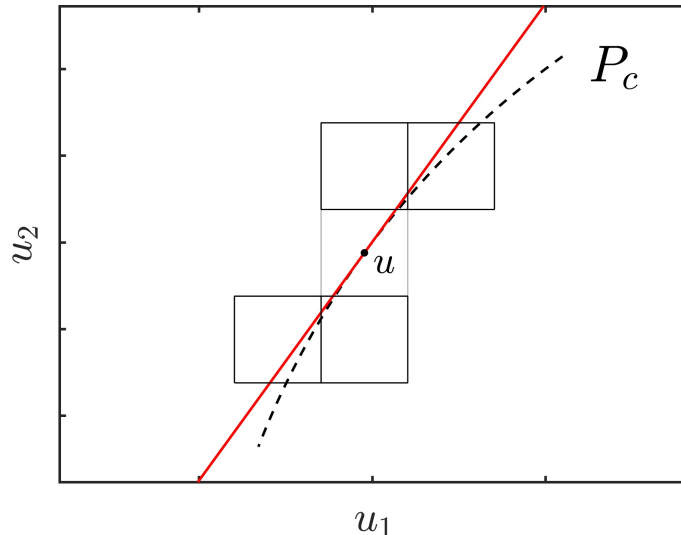
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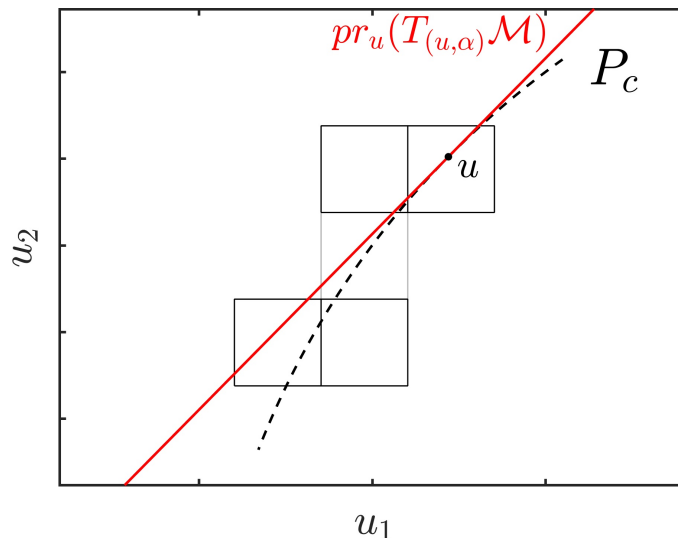
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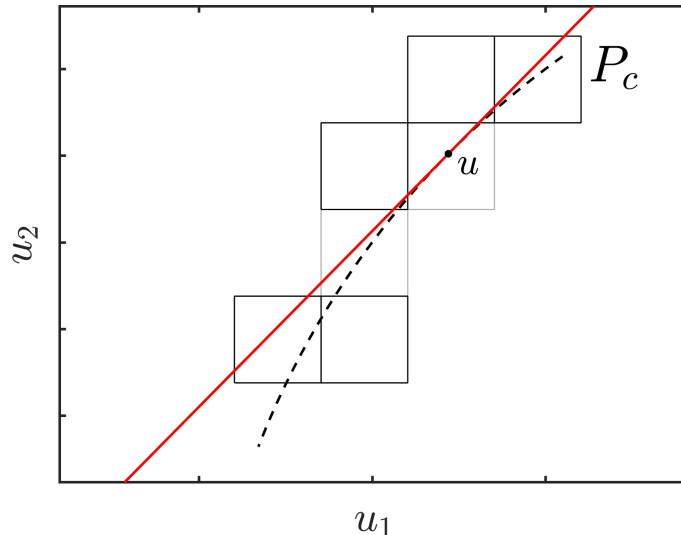
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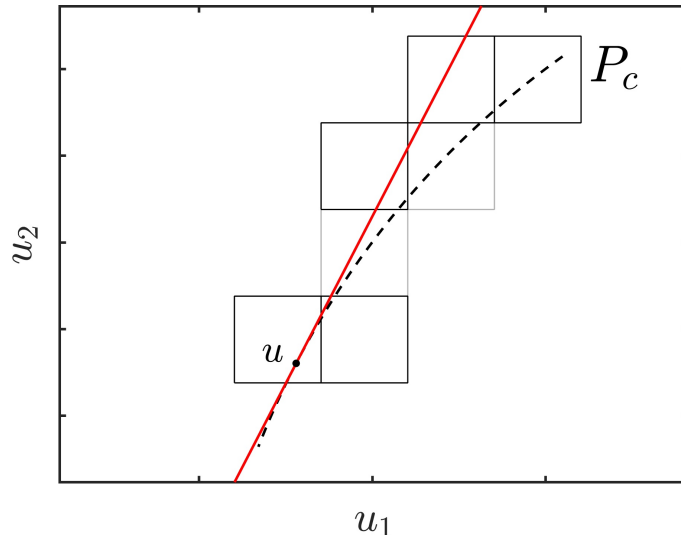
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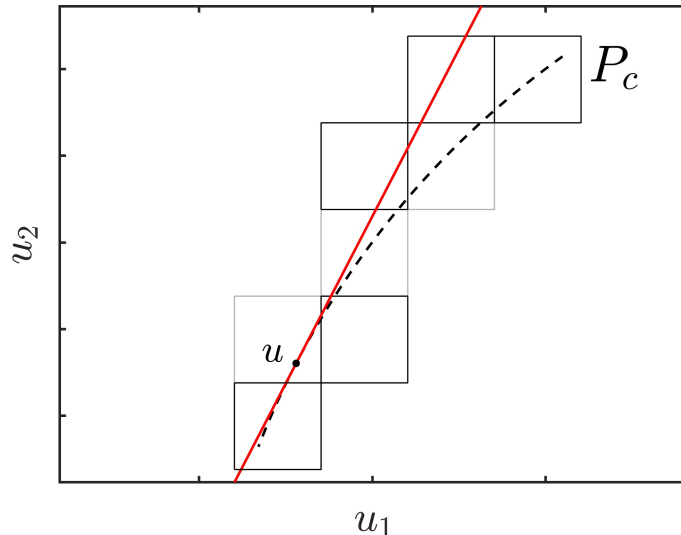
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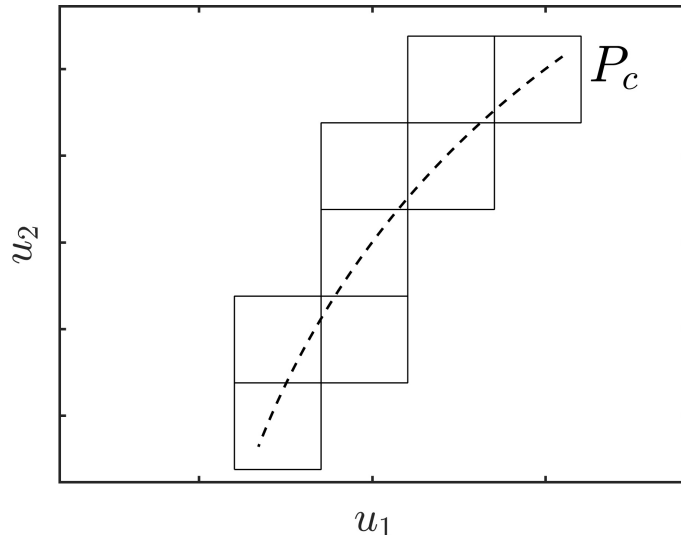
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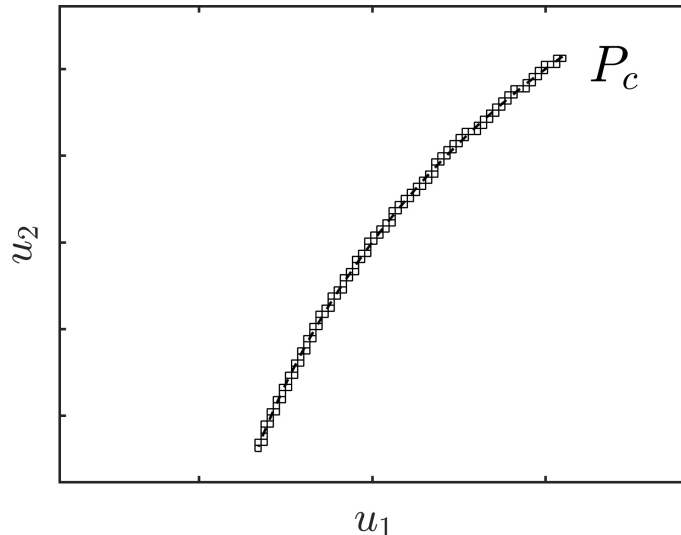
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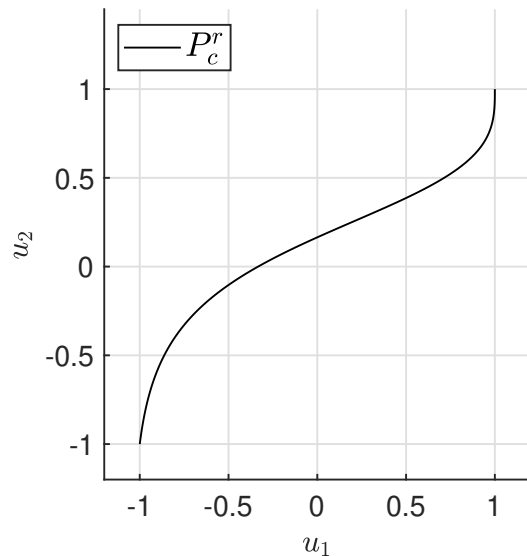
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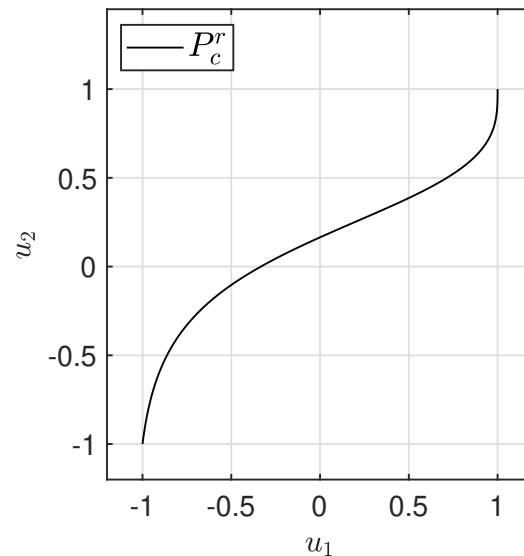
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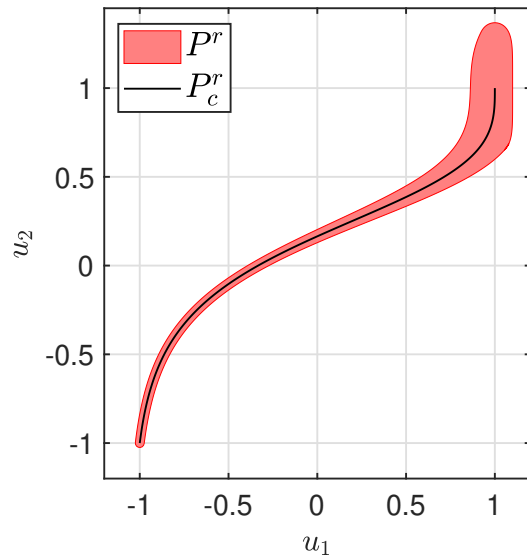
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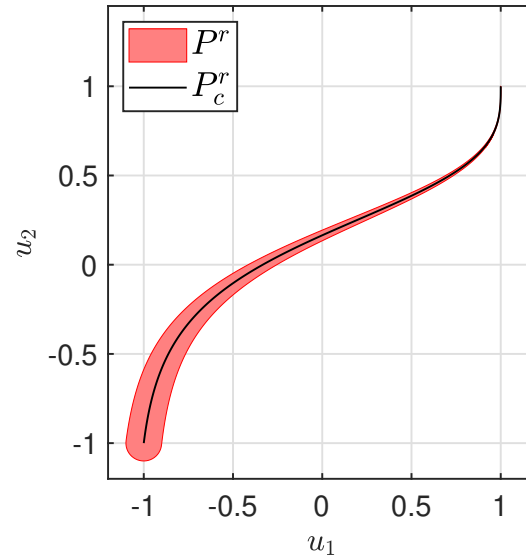
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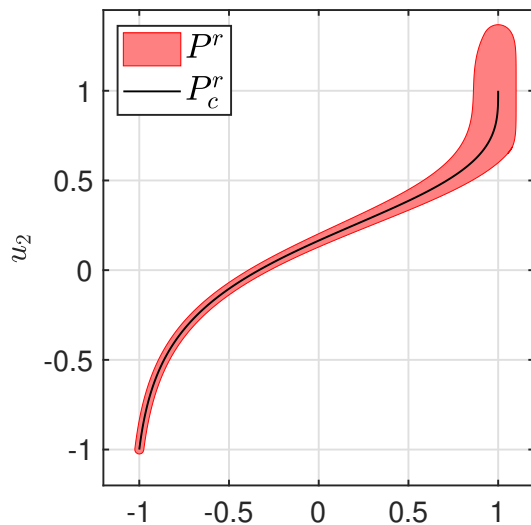
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$$\varphi : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad u \mapsto \min_{\alpha \in \Delta_k} (\|DJ^r(u)^\top \alpha\|_2^2 - (\alpha^\top \varepsilon)^2).$$

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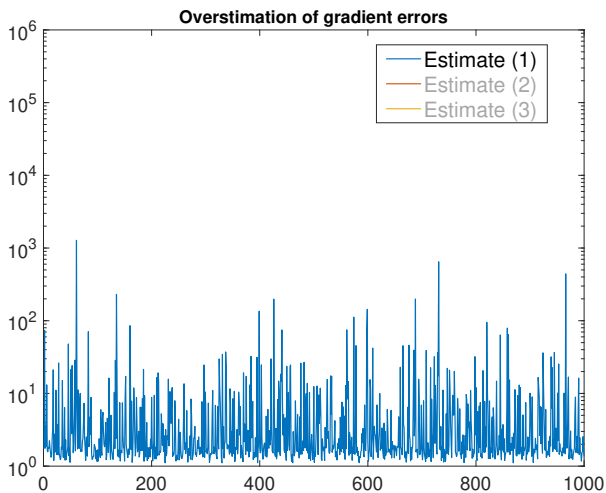


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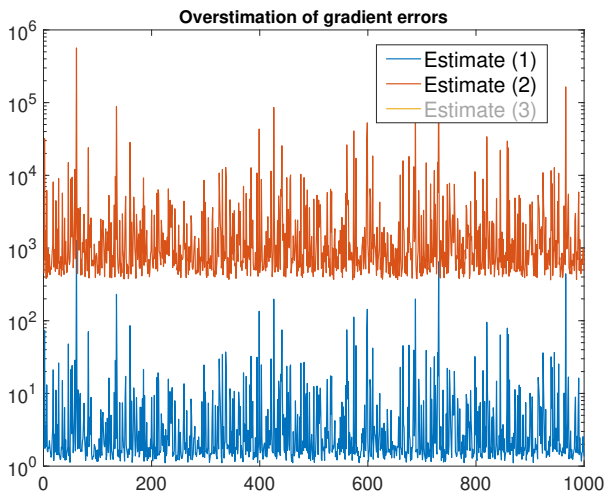


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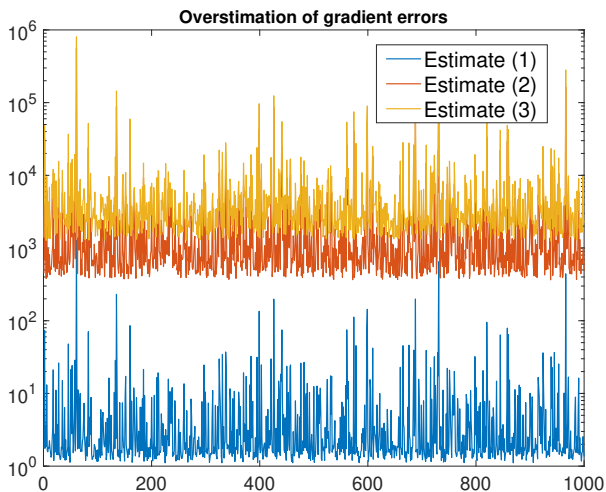


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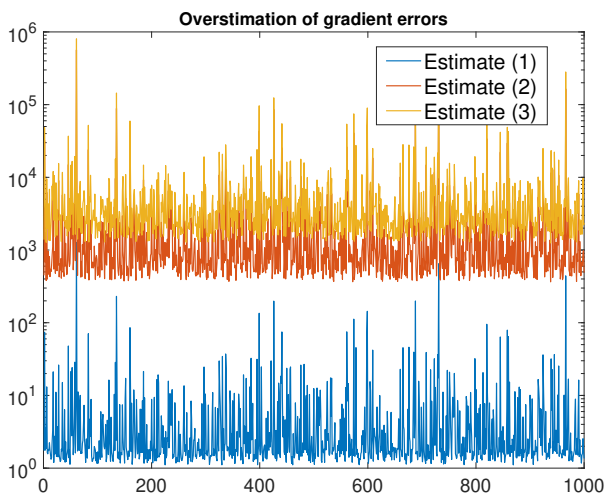
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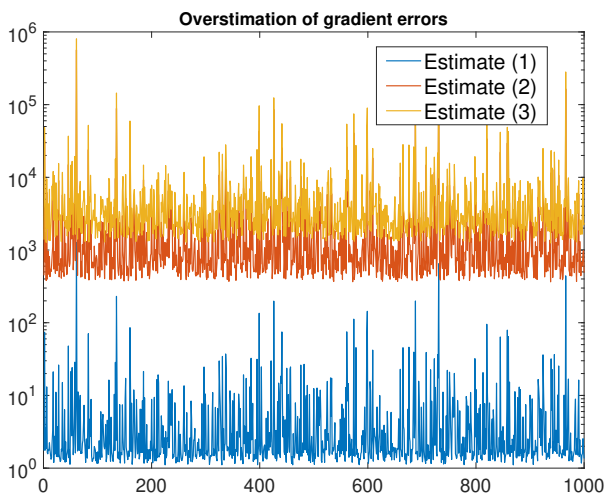
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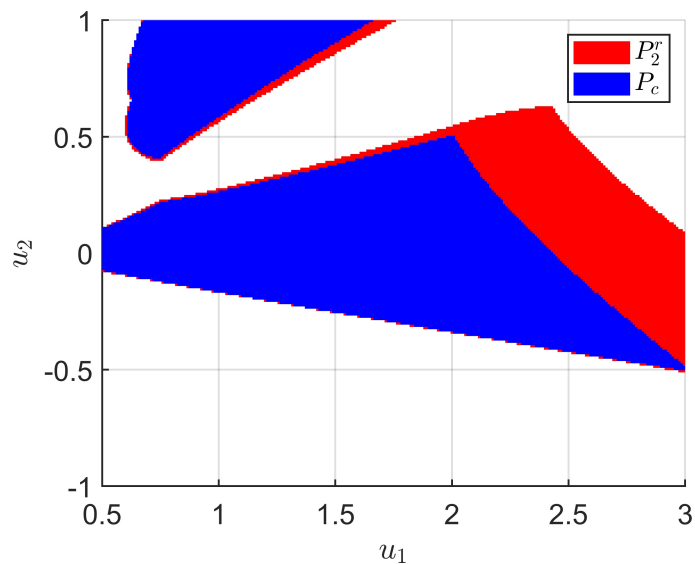
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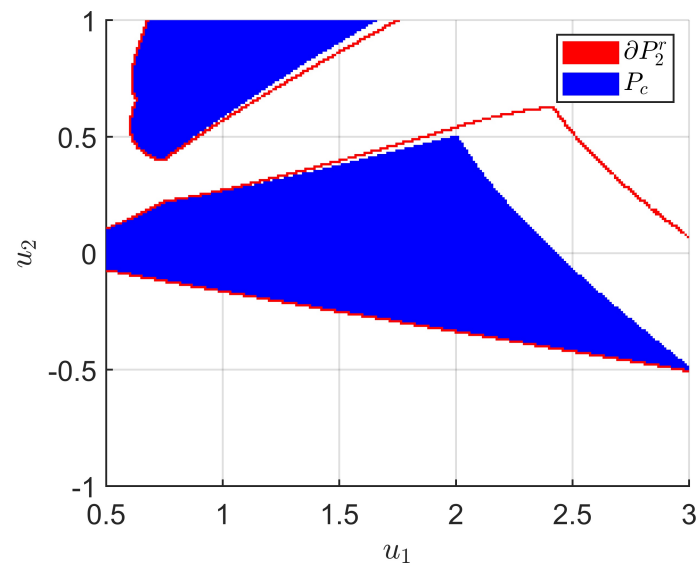
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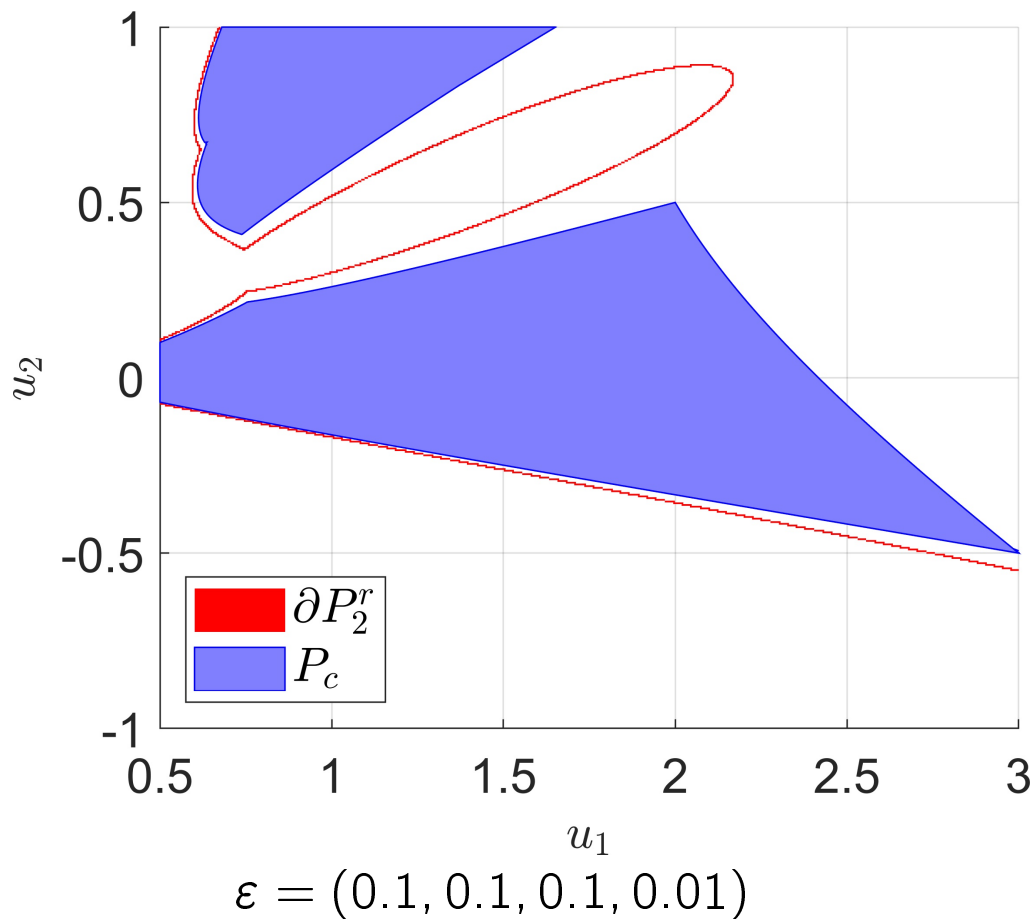


(b) Strategy 2

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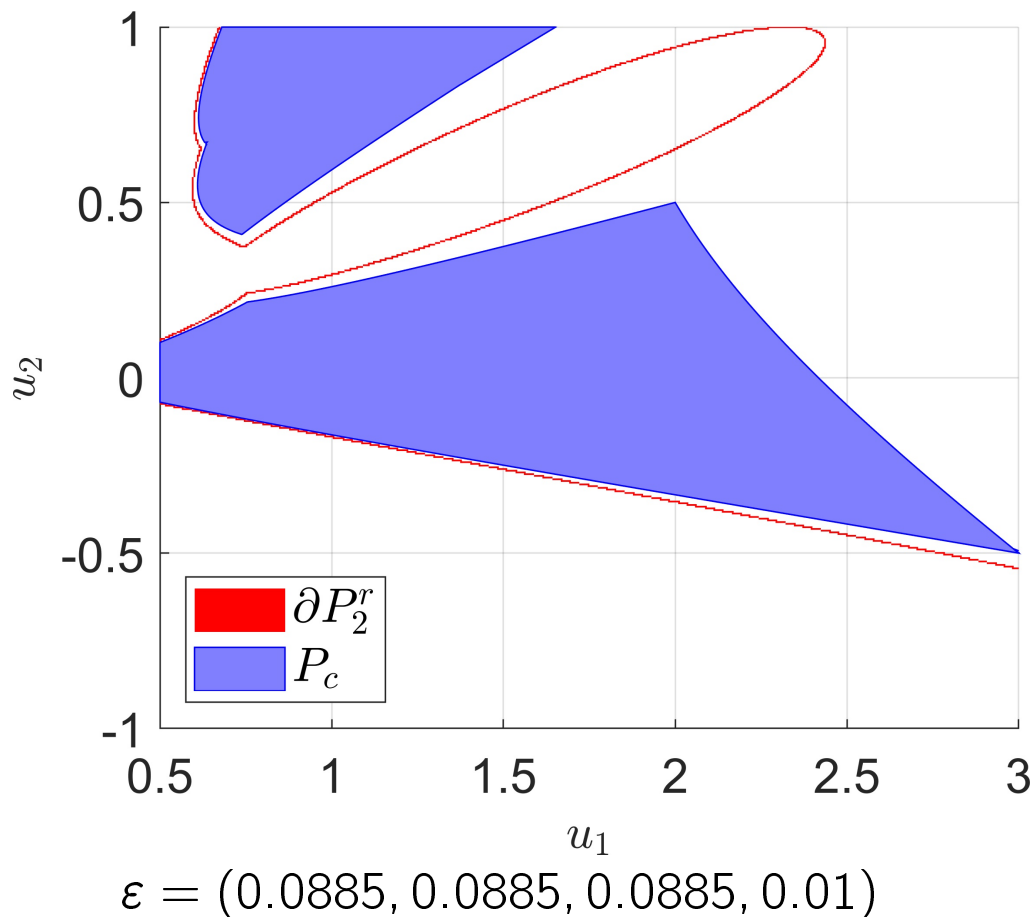
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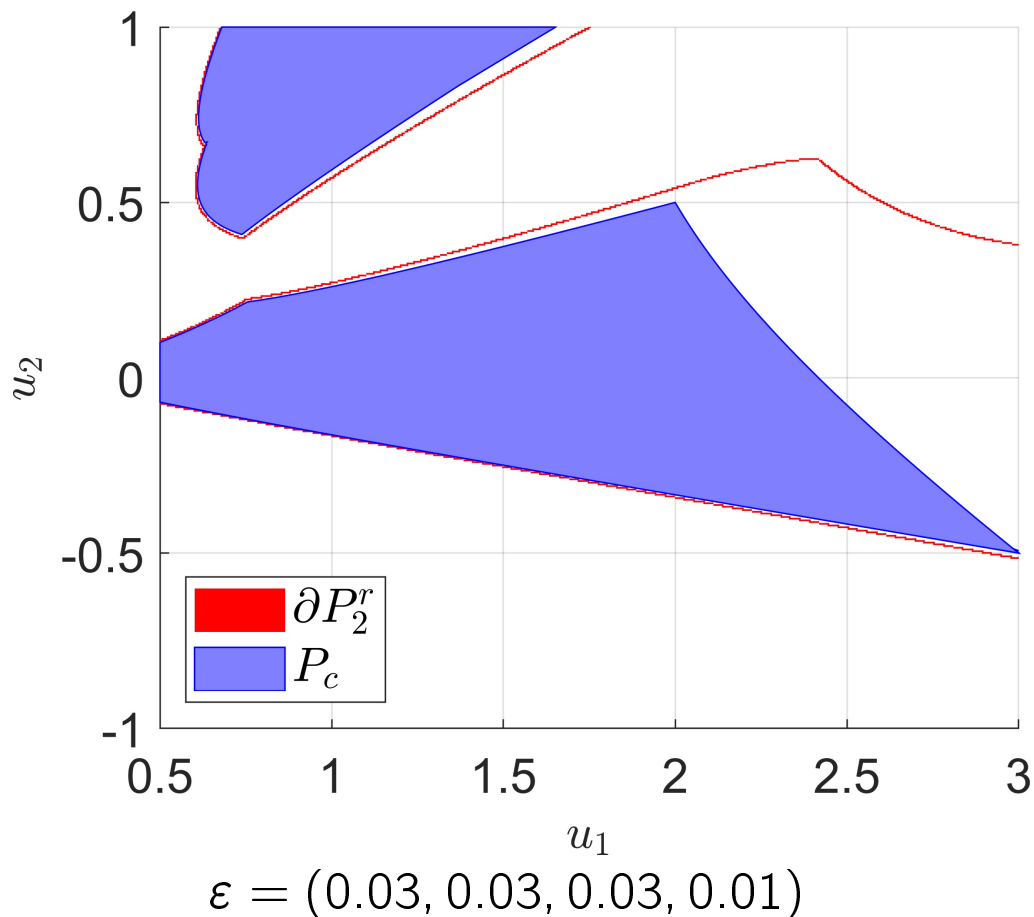
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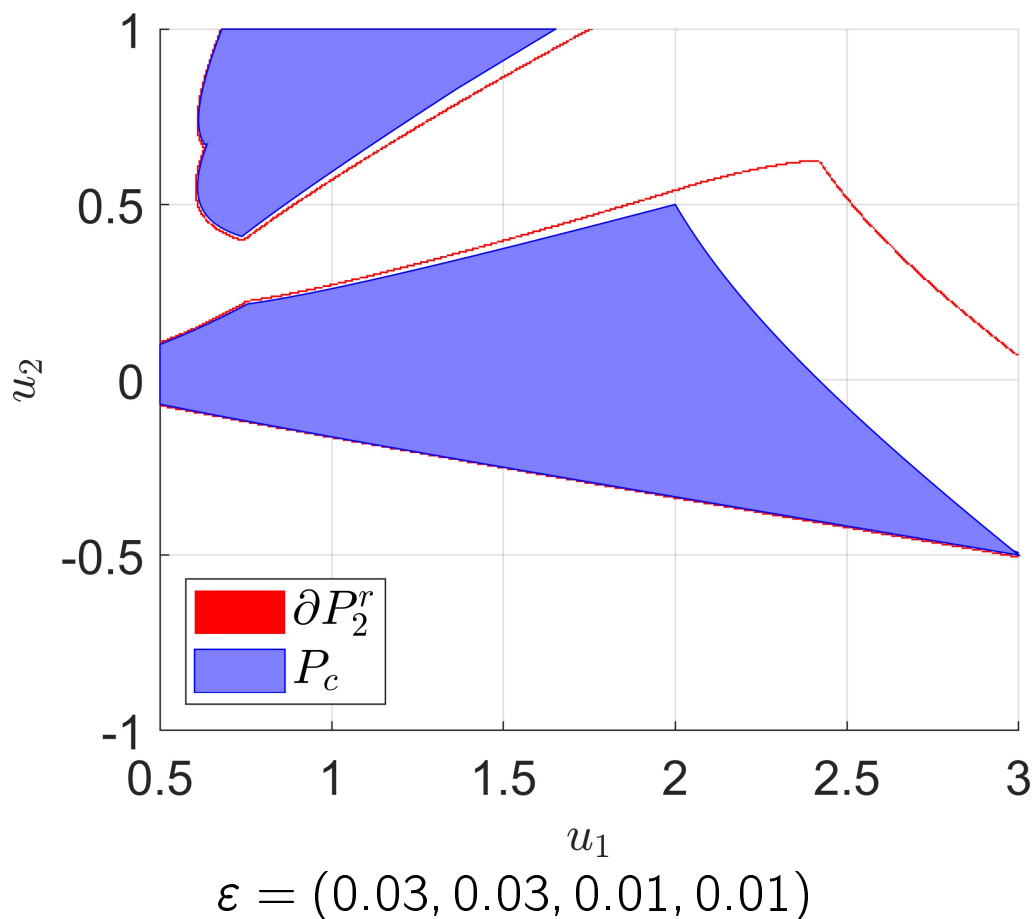
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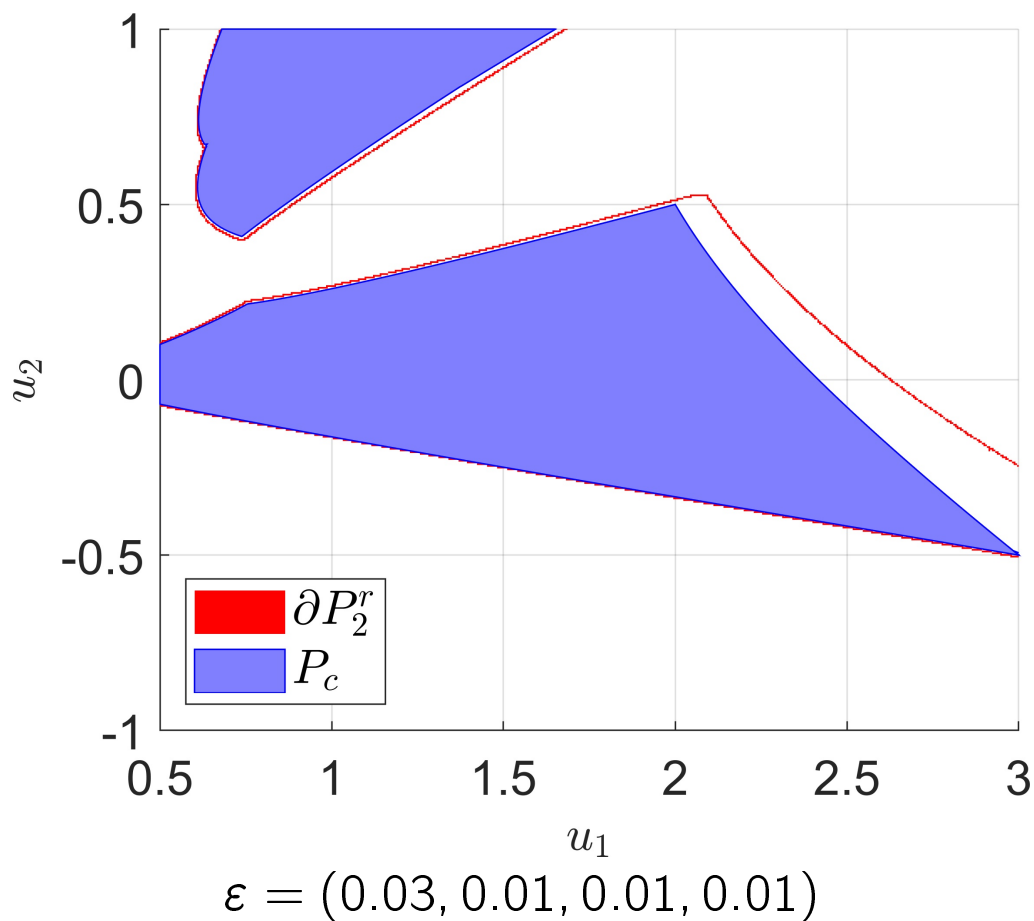
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Outlook:

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- Development of a more efficient a-posteriori error estimator for the error in the gradients.

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