

# Robust Shape Optimization for Elliptic PDEs with random input data

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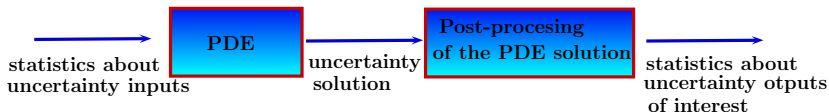
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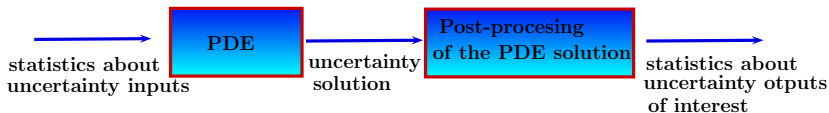
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with  $\sigma^2$  the variance and  $L$  a correlation length parameter, is widely used to model, e.g., uncertainty in the force term of elliptic PDEs.

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A straightforward application of the Lax-Milgram lemma allows one to state the well posedness of (VP).

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## Computation of the gradient

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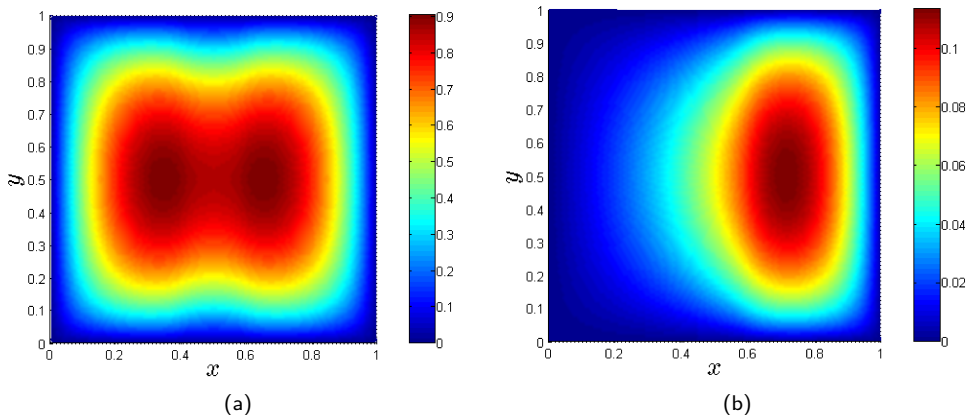
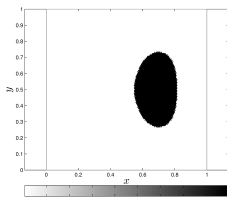
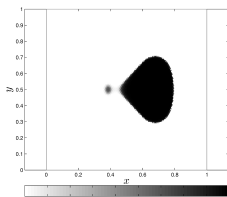


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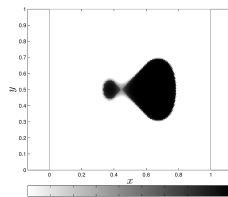
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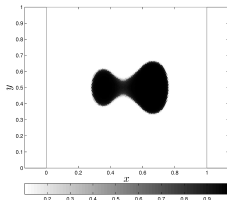
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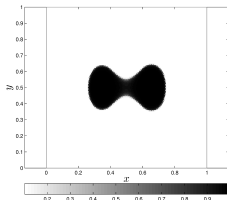
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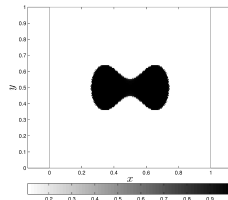
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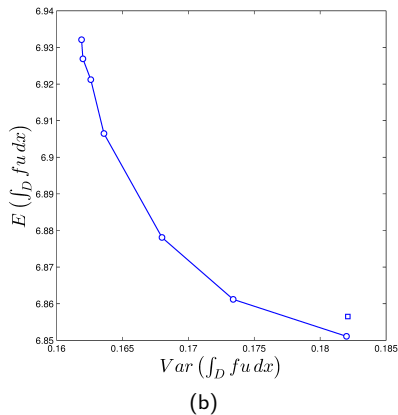
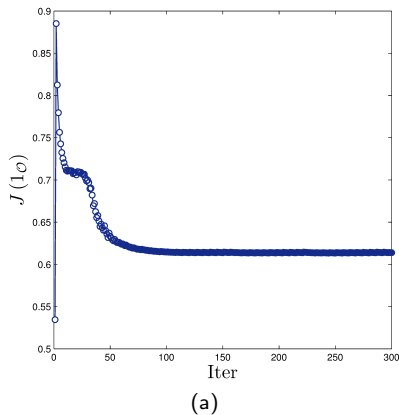


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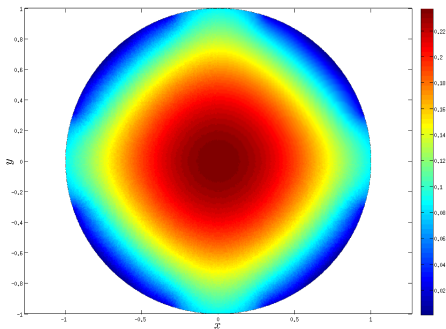
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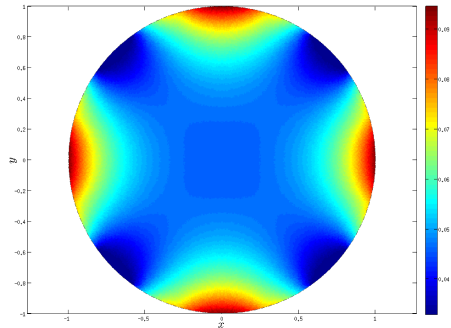
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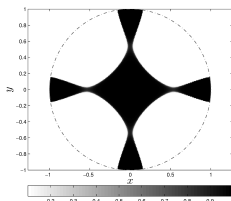
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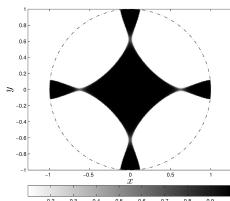
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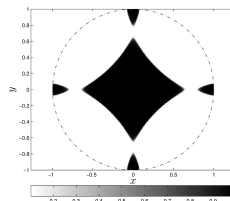
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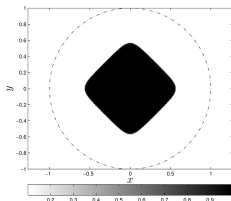
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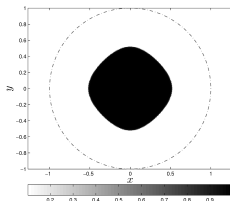
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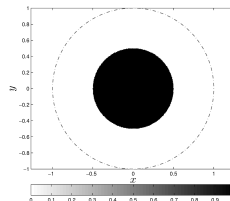
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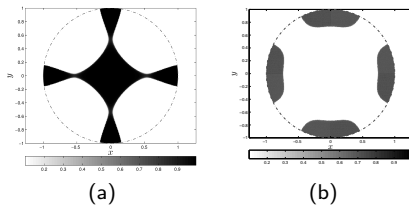
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