# Properties of Multipoint Flux Approximations 

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- Method: Generalize harmonic averaging to 2D and 3D by requiring continuity in flux and (weak) continuity in potential.


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$\Rightarrow$ Local explicit expression for the half-edge fluxes

Flux expression

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$$ corner

## Flux expression



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Flux stencil
$f_{i}=\sum_{j=1}^{4} t_{i, j} u_{j} \quad$ where $\quad \sum_{j=1}^{4} t_{i, j}=0$
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Cell stencil

3D stencil

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Flux stencil in triangular grid

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- For high skewness combined with strong aspect or anisotropy ratio, oscillating solutions may occur.


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Square grid

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Long diagonal

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Permeability ellipse

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If $\left|t_{1}^{1}\right|<\left|t_{2}^{2}\right|$, triangle 1 is chosen, else triangle 2 is chosen.

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## Test cases, streamlines

## Smooth solution:



Nonsmooth solutions:


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u \in H^{2.29}
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Pressure


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This indicates that monotone methods never yield solutions with discrete extrema on no-flow boundaries.

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