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We discuss a new paradigm in adaptivity: how to execute refinement, coarsening, and smoothing of meshes on manifolds with incomplete information about their geometry and yet preserve position and curvature accuracy. (Received January 26, 2010)