

Variational forms (Review)

e-based VF: seek  $\underline{e} \in \mathcal{F}'(\Omega)$  s.t. for  $\forall \underline{e}' \in \mathcal{F}'(\Omega)$

$$\langle D\mathcal{E}_{\text{mag}}(d\underline{e}), d\underline{e}' \rangle + \mathcal{D}_\epsilon \langle D\mathcal{E}_\epsilon(\underline{e}), \underline{e}' \rangle - \int_{\partial\Omega} \underline{\alpha} \underline{h} \wedge \underline{e}' = -\mathcal{D}_\epsilon \int_{\Omega} \underline{z} \wedge \underline{e}'$$

h-based VF: Seek  $\underline{h} \in \mathcal{F}'(\Omega)$  s.t. for  $\forall \underline{h}' \in \mathcal{F}'(\Omega)$

$$\langle D\mathcal{E}_{\text{el}}(d\underline{h} - \underline{z}), d\underline{h}' \rangle + \mathcal{D}_\epsilon \langle D\mathcal{E}_{\text{mag}}(\underline{h}), \underline{h}' \rangle + \int_{\partial\Omega} \underline{\alpha} \underline{e} \wedge \underline{h}' = 0$$

Boundary Conditions

	<u>e</u> -based	<u>h</u> -based
PEC ( $\chi_{\partial\Omega} \underline{e} = 0$ )	strongly	weak
PMC ( $\chi_{\partial\Omega} \underline{h} = 0$ )	weakly	strongly
But solution of <u>h</u> -based formulation without $\int_{\partial\Omega}$ satisfies PEC b.c. $\triangle$ (for linear isotropic materials)		

1.9. Potential based Variational forms (Supplement 1.7)

T.L.  $\Rightarrow \underline{e} = -\mathcal{D}_\epsilon \underline{a} - dV$  (i.s.d)  $\Rightarrow d\underline{e} = \mathcal{D}_\epsilon(-d\underline{a}) = 0$

plug into e-based V.F.

Seek  $\underline{a} \in \mathcal{F}'(\Omega), v \in \mathcal{F}'(\Omega)$  s.t. (\*: take  $\mathcal{D}_\epsilon$  out)

$$\langle D\mathcal{E}_{\text{mag}}(-d\underline{a}), d\underline{a}' \rangle + \mathcal{D}_\epsilon \langle D\mathcal{E}_{\text{el}}(-\mathcal{D}_\epsilon \underline{a} - dV), \underline{a}' \rangle \quad (1.9.11)$$

$$- \int_{\partial\Omega} \underline{h} \wedge \underline{a}' = - \int_{\Omega} \underline{z} \wedge \underline{a}' \quad \forall \underline{a}' \in \mathcal{F}'(\Omega) \quad (1.9.12)$$

In vector proxies & linear material

$$- \int_{\Omega} \underline{\mu}^{-1} \text{curl} \underline{a} \wedge \text{curl} \underline{a}' - \mathcal{D}_\epsilon \int_{\Omega} \underline{\epsilon} (\mathcal{D}_\epsilon \underline{a} + \text{grad} V) \cdot \underline{a}' dx$$

$$- \int_{\partial\Omega} (\underline{h} \times \underline{a}') \cdot \underline{n} dS = - \int_{\Omega} \underline{z} \cdot \underline{a}' dx \quad \forall \underline{a}' \in \mathcal{F}'(\Omega) \quad (1.9.13)$$

Remarks on B.C.

PEC: impose strongly  $\chi_{\partial\Omega} \underline{a} = 0 \quad \chi_{\partial\Omega} V = 0$

PMC: weakly  $\int_{\partial\Omega}$  cancels.

! Need Gauge Condition  $\rightarrow$  nonuniqueness of  $\underline{a}, v$

Given  $\underline{\epsilon}$  determine  $\underline{a}, v$  in a unique way

• Lorenz gauge:

$$\underbrace{d(\star \underline{a})}_{\substack{\text{3-form} \\ \text{differential operator} \\ \text{(material laws)}}} = - \underbrace{\star \underline{j}}_{\substack{\text{3-form} \\ \text{material tensor / uniformly} \\ \text{positive function}}} \underline{v} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \text{div}(\underline{\kappa} \underline{a}) = \beta \underline{a} v$$

(1.9.2)

Check uniqueness:

i) In forms: take  $d\star$  on both sides of (1.9.1)

$$\begin{aligned} d\star \underline{\epsilon} &= - \partial_t d\star \underline{a} - d\star dv \\ &\stackrel{\text{plug (1.9.2)}}{=} - \partial_t^2 \star \underline{a} - d\star dv \end{aligned}$$

ii) in V.P.  $\text{div}(\underline{\kappa} \underline{\epsilon}) = - \partial_t^2 \beta v - \text{div}(\underline{\kappa} \text{grad} v)$

So given  $\underline{\epsilon}$  with suitable B.C.s  $\Rightarrow v$  can be determined uniquely

Strong Lorenz gauge in (1.9.6) with  $\underline{\kappa} = \underline{\epsilon}, \beta = 1$ .

Be cautious!

(pointwise gauge)

$$- \partial_t \int_{\Omega} \underline{\epsilon} \text{grad} v \cdot \underline{a}' dx \stackrel{\text{I.B.P.}}{=} \partial_t \int_{\Omega} v \text{div}(\underline{\epsilon} \underline{a}') dx - \int_{\partial\Omega} \underline{\epsilon} \underline{a}' \cdot \underline{n} \partial_t v dS$$

$$\underline{\underline{-\partial_t v = \text{div}(\underline{\epsilon} \underline{a})}} - \int_{\Omega} \text{div}(\underline{\epsilon} \underline{a}) \cdot \text{div}(\underline{\epsilon} \underline{a}') dx - \int_{\partial\Omega} \text{div}(\underline{\epsilon} \underline{a}) \cdot (\underline{\epsilon} \underline{a}' \cdot \underline{n}) dS$$

In (1.9.6)

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega} \underline{\underline{\underline{\epsilon}}} \text{curl} \underline{a} \cdot \text{curl} \underline{a}' dx + \int_{\Omega} \text{div}(\underline{\epsilon} \underline{a}) \cdot \text{div}(\underline{\epsilon} \underline{a}') dx - \partial_t^2 \int_{\Omega} \underline{\epsilon} \underline{a} \cdot \underline{a}' dx \\ - \int_{\partial\Omega} (\underline{\underline{\underline{\epsilon}}} \times \underline{a}') \cdot \underline{n} dS + \int_{\partial\Omega} \text{div}(\underline{\epsilon} \underline{a}) (\underline{\underline{\underline{\epsilon}}} \cdot \underline{a}' \cdot \underline{n}) dS = \int_{\Omega} \underline{j} \cdot \underline{a}' dx \end{aligned}$$

Ex2. fix B.C.s for PEC. PMC b.c.  $\forall \underline{a}' \in \mathcal{F}'(\Omega)$

Weak Lorenz Gauge

$$\int_{\Omega} \kappa \underline{a} \cdot \text{grad } v' \, dx = \int_{\Omega} \beta \nabla \cdot v' \, dx \quad \forall v' \in \mathcal{F}'(\Omega) \quad (1.9.d)$$

test (1.9.b) with  $\underline{a}' = \text{grad } v'$  and use (1.9.d) with  $\underline{\kappa} = \underline{\varepsilon}$ ,  $\beta = 1$   
(extract  $\text{curl } \underline{a}'$ )  $\rightarrow$  or integrate in time

$$\Rightarrow - \partial_t^2 \int_{\Omega} \beta v v' \, dx - \int_{\Omega} \underline{\varepsilon} \cdot \text{grad } v \cdot \text{grad } v' \, dx \quad (1.9.d.c)$$

$$- \int_{\partial\Omega} (\underline{b} \times \text{grad } v') \cdot \underline{n} \, dS = - \int_{\Omega} \underline{j} \cdot \text{grad } v' \, dx \quad \forall v' \in \mathcal{F}'(\Omega)$$

(RK: we have to solve  $v$  from (1.9.d.c))

but we still have to solve  $\underline{a}$  from (1.9.b)  
to reconstruct  $\underline{e}$ , no obvious gain.

Alternatively: Augment (1.9.b) with (1.9.d)  $\uparrow$  "weak gauge constraint"  
(also applies to (1.9.a))

$\Rightarrow$  variational problem on  $\mathcal{F}'(\Omega) \times \mathcal{F}'(\Omega)$   
Mixed

Coulomb Gauge:  $\boxed{d * \underline{a} = 0}$  (strong form) (1.9.3)

Special case for Lorenz gauge by setting  $\beta = 0$

weak:  $\int_{\Omega} \kappa \underline{a} \cdot \text{grad } v' \, dx = 0 \quad \forall v' \in \mathcal{F}'(\Omega)$

Temporal gauge  $\boxed{v = 0}$  (1.9.4)

view  $\underline{e}$  of  $\underline{a}$

\* further reading materials  
up on comp. EM

(Add voltage current condition for stable low freq. Maxwell eqns)

# Chap. II. Co-chains and Whitney Forms.

## § 2.1 Volume meshes

Goal: discrete - forms  $\iff$  finite amount of information.

Idea:  $\hookrightarrow$  mapping:  $\{ \text{finite set of oriented surfaces} \} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

Concepts to be elucidated: (Closedness constraint)  $\hookrightarrow$  closed under "boundary operations".

Given:  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{A}^3$  bounded "computational domain".

Def 2.1.A: Mesh / triangulation of  $\mathcal{T}_h$  of  $\Omega$ .

$\hat{=}$  finite collection of  $f_i$  oriented cells (— set  $\mathcal{S}_3(\mathcal{T}_h)$ )  
 $\sim \sim \sim$  faces  $\mathcal{S}_2(\mathcal{T}_h)$   
 $\sim \sim \sim$  edges  $\mathcal{S}_1(\mathcal{T}_h)$   
 $\sim \sim \sim$  vertices  $\mathcal{S}_0(\mathcal{T}_h)$

satisfies (constraints)

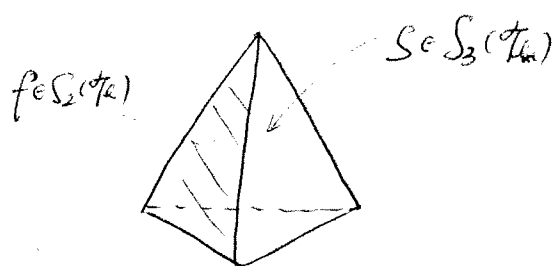
• Every  $T \in \mathcal{T}_h$   $\mathcal{S}_3(\mathcal{T}_h)$  is the diffeomorphism image of some polyhedron.

•  $\bigcup_{l=0}^3 \bigcup_{S \in \mathcal{S}_l(\mathcal{T}_h)} S$  is a partition of  $\Omega$ .

•  $\forall S \in \mathcal{S}_l(\mathcal{T}_h)$ .  $\partial S = \bigcup_{i=1}^{P_S} f_i$  for some  $P_S \in \mathbb{N}$ .  $f_i \in \mathcal{S}_{l-1}(\mathcal{T}_h)$  closed constraint

•  $0 \leq l < 3$ .  $\forall S \in \mathcal{S}_l(\mathcal{T}_h)$ .  $\exists T \in \mathcal{S}_{l+1}(\mathcal{T}_h)$  st  $S \in \partial T$ .  
 (No low-dim boundary is isolated)

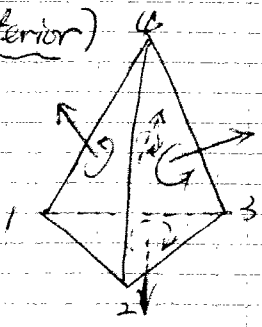
Example: tetrahedral mesh



(changing nodes is allowed by Def 2.1.A.)

Orientation:

(Interior)



tetrahedron  $[a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4]$

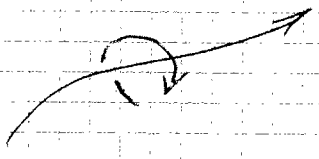
→ orientation fixed by ordering vertices, up to permutation of sign +  
 e.g. Cyclic permutation  $\Rightarrow$  keep orientation unchanged.

Induced orientation: of face  $[a_i, a_j, a_k]$   $(i < j < k)$   
 $= (-1)^{l+1}$  where  $\{i, j, k, l\} \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$

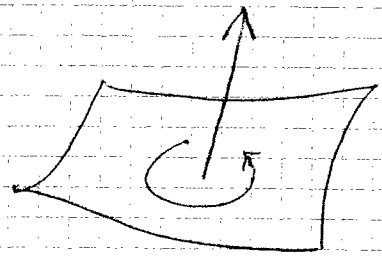
Exterior Orientation:

by (r. h. rule)

$l=1$

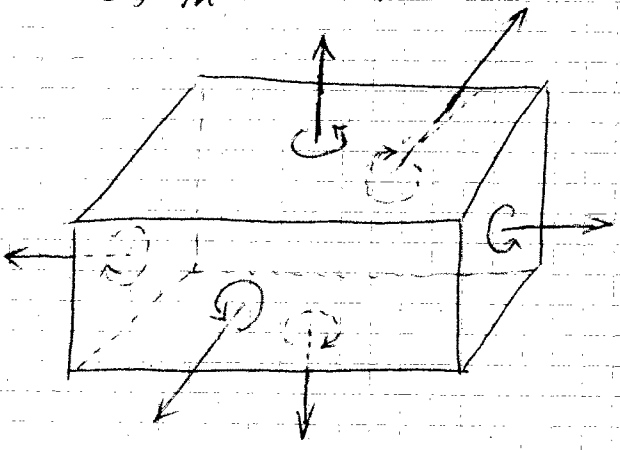


$l=2$



Example: hexahedral mesh.

$S_3(\mathbb{R}^3) \cong$  bricks



Distinguish:

inner orientation  $\leftrightarrow$  exterior orientation

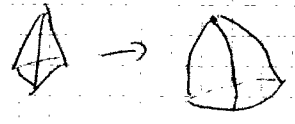
induced orientation (of a boundary)

Data Structure:

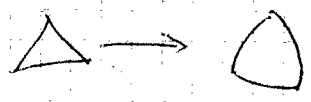
Class FEM-Topology

{ vector < nodes >

Vector < TET parabolic >  $\rightarrow$  oblique curved edges  
 $\hookrightarrow$  get-radius



Vector < TRIA parabolic >  $\rightarrow$   
 $\hookrightarrow$  only surface triangles.



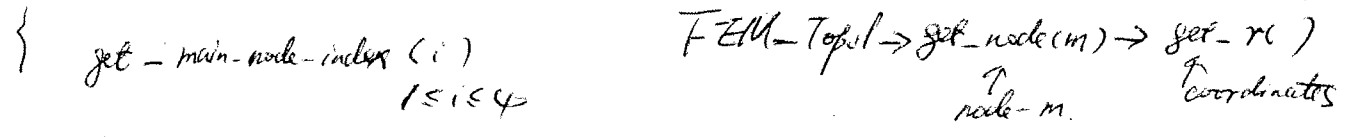
Vector < edges >

edges: low indexed node  $\Rightarrow$  high-indexed nodes

Triangles

- Geometric info: coordinates of nodes
- Connection info: network matrix.

TET



§ 2.2 Co-chains

Given  $T_h \hat{=} \text{mesh of } \Omega$ .

Def 2.2  $A = l$ -cochain  $\vec{w}$ ,  $0 \leq l \leq 3$  on  $T_h$  is a mapping

mapping:  $S_l(T_h) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

Vector space  $C^l(T_h) = \{ l\text{-cochain } \vec{w} \}$

$\dim C^l(T_h) = \# S_l(T_h) : \# \text{ of } l\text{-facets.}$

Let  $T_{h'}$  be a submesh of  $T_h$ .

(may be the boundary mesh (tiling the boundary) <sup>(submesh)</sup>)

$$\boxed{\text{Trace}} \left( \chi_{T_h'}(\vec{w})(s) := \vec{w}(s) \quad \forall s \in S_l(T_{h'}) \subset S_l(T_h) \right) \\
 \rightarrow \chi_{T_h'}(\vec{w}) : (T_{h'} \text{ tiling } \partial\Omega)$$

• discrete exterior derivative

relative orientation  $O_r(F, f) = \begin{cases} +1 & \text{if or. of } f = \text{induced or. of} \\ & \text{front } F, \left. \begin{array}{l} F \in S_l(T_h) \\ f \in S_{l-1}(T_h) \end{array} \right\} \\ -1 & \text{if } \dots \neq \dots \\ 0 & \text{if } f \notin \partial F. \end{cases}$

Ex3. implement this function  $\sigma_r(F, f)$  in 3D (prefer. 2D example first)

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$F \triangleq$  tetrahedron described by four integers (7, 30, 20, 15)

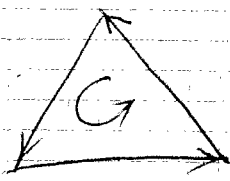
$f \triangleq$  triangle — — — — — three — — — — — (1, 3, 2) (7, 15, 30)

Def. 2.2.B. Discrete exterior derivative is a mapping

$$d_h : \mathcal{C}^l(\mathcal{T}_h) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}^{l+1}(\mathcal{T}_h)$$

$$d_h \vec{w}(F) = \sum_{\substack{f \subset \partial F \\ f \in \mathcal{S}_l(\mathcal{T}_h)}} \sigma_r(F, f) \vec{w}(f) \quad \forall F \in \mathcal{S}_{l+1}(\mathcal{T}_h)$$

eg.



Recall

$$\int_F d\omega = \int_{\partial F} \omega = \sum_{f \subset \partial F} \int_f \omega = \sum_{f \subset \partial F} \sigma_r(F, f) \int_f \omega$$

"rewrite standard exterior derivatives for specific test manifold"

Properties:

$d_h \triangleq$  linear operator.

Since  $\mathcal{C}^l(\mathcal{T}_h) \cong \mathbb{R}^{N_l}$ :  $N_l \triangleq \#\mathcal{S}_l(\mathcal{T}_h)$   $\left. \vphantom{\mathbb{R}^{N_l}} \right\} d_h \longleftrightarrow$  matrix

$$\underline{D} \in \mathbb{R}^{N_{l+1} \times N_l}$$

$$[e_f] = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \leftarrow \begin{matrix} \text{no. of } f \\ \text{global} \end{matrix} \in \mathcal{S}_l(\mathcal{T}_h)$$

$$\left( \underline{D}^l e_f \right)_{F \in \mathcal{S}_{l+1}(\mathcal{T}_h)} = (d_h \vec{w}_f)(F) = \sigma_r(F, f)$$

$\uparrow$   
l-cochain assigning 1 to  $f$  and 0 to all others.

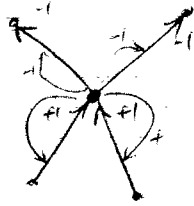
$$\underline{D}^l \in \{-1, 0, 1\}^{N_{l+1} \times N_l}$$

$\hookrightarrow$  "incidence matrix" of oriented  $l$ -facets and  $l+1$ -facets of  $\mathcal{T}_h$

$$\underline{D}_{(F, f)}^l = \sigma_r(F, f)$$

invariant under deformation of the mesh  $\mathcal{T}_h$

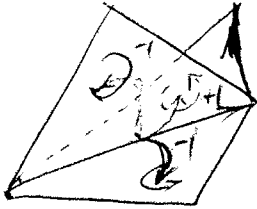
Examples :  $l=0$



$$\sigma_r(\text{node}, \text{edge}) = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{node} = \text{starting node} \\ +1 & \text{node} = \text{end node} \end{cases}$$

$D^0$  : discrete gradient.

$l=1$

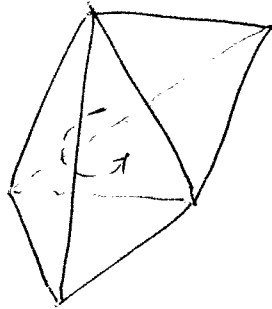


$$\sigma_r(\text{edge}, \text{face}) = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{intrinsic or } F \\ +1 & \text{induced or of } F \text{ w.r.t } f. \end{cases}$$

blue :  $\sigma$  : intrinsic orientation  
red : induced orientation

$D^1$  : discrete curl

$l=2$



$$\sigma_r(\text{face}, \text{cell}) = \begin{cases} \dots \end{cases}$$

$D^2$  : discrete divergence.

Lemma 2.2.C.  $d_{l+1} \circ d_l = 0 \iff \underline{D}^{l+1} \cdot \underline{D}^l = 0$  GA tetrah mesh  $l=0$

Advantage : discrete topological laws for Maxwell Eqs.

continuous		discrete	
electric field	$\underline{e}$	1-co-chain	$\underline{e} \in \mathbb{R}^{N_1}$
magnetic induction	$\underline{b}$	2-cochain	$\underline{b} \in \mathbb{R}^{N_2}$
magnetic field	$\underline{h}$	1-co-chain	$\underline{h} \in \mathbb{R}^{N_1}$
displacement current	$\underline{d}$	2-co-chain	$\underline{d} \in \mathbb{R}^{N_2}$



Continuous Laws

$$d\underline{e} = -\underline{a} \underline{b}$$

$$d\underline{h} = \underline{a} \underline{d} + \underline{j}$$

discrete Laws

$$\underline{D}' \underline{e} = -\underline{a} \underline{b} \quad (\text{F.L.})$$

$$\underline{D}' \underline{h} = \underline{a} \underline{d} + \underline{j} \quad (\text{A.L.})$$

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RK

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \underline{D}^2 \underline{b} = 0 \quad (\text{by take } \underline{D}^2 \text{ on discrete F.L.}) \\ \underline{a} \underline{D}^2 \underline{d} = -\underline{a} \underline{D}' \underline{j} \quad (\text{A.L.}) \end{array} \right.$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ \underline{d} \text{ discrete charge} \end{array}$$

Def. De Rham Map  $S_\Omega: \mathcal{F}^l(\Omega) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}^l(\mathcal{T}_h)$

$$\text{defined by } (S_\Omega u)(F) = \int_F u \quad F \in \mathcal{S}_\Omega(\mathcal{T}_h)$$

De Rham map  $\hat{=}$  Sampling operator

$\triangleright$  If  $\underline{e} \in \mathcal{F}^1(\Omega)$ ,  $\underline{b} \in \mathcal{F}^0(\Omega)$  satisfy F.L. Then } perfect!  
S.t.  $S_\Omega \underline{e}$ ,  $S_\Omega \underline{b}$  satisfies the discrete F.L. consistency

Which automatically shows the consistency of our numerical scheme if we adopt the jargon of differential forms as Finite Elements.

Recall: consistency:  $\begin{array}{ll} \text{Conti. Prob. } Tu = f & T: X \rightarrow Y \\ \text{discrete Prob. } T_h u_h = f_h & T_h: X_h \rightarrow Y_h \end{array}$

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Sampling } S_x: X \rightarrow X_h \\ S_y: Y \rightarrow Y_h \end{array} \Rightarrow \boxed{T_h S_x u = S_y f} \text{ consistency} \\ = S_y Tu$$

## § 2.3 Discrete Cohomology

### § 2.3.1 Discrete Potentials

$\mathcal{T}_h \hat{=}$  mesh of  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{A}_3$

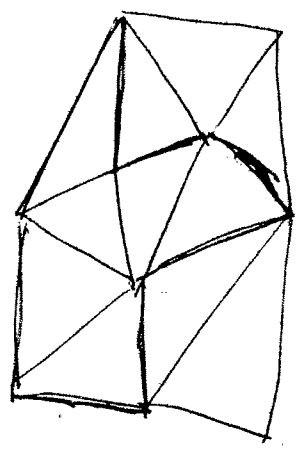
Thm 2.3.A  $\left. \begin{array}{l} \vec{w} \in \mathcal{C}^l(\mathcal{T}_h) \\ d\vec{w} = 0 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \exists \vec{\eta} \in \mathcal{C}^{l+1}(\mathcal{T}_h) \text{ s.t. } \vec{w} = d\vec{\eta}$

Provided that the following assumptions hold:

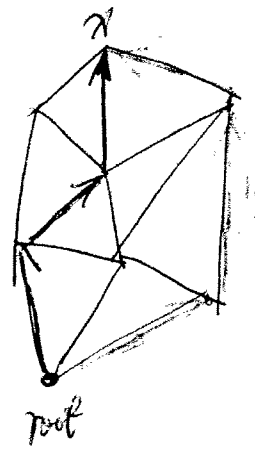
Assumption 2.3.B  $\mathcal{Z}_l(\mathcal{T}_h) = \mathcal{B}_l(\mathcal{T}_h)$

set of all oriented  $l$ -surfaces ~~faces~~ surfaces composed of  $l$ -facets of  $\mathcal{T}_h$  for which the boundary is empty.  $\rightarrow$   $l \leq$  besides which are the boundary of an  $l+1$  surface.

$\mathcal{Z}_1(\mathcal{T}_h)$ : ~~minimum spanning tree~~ closed loops



Proof. In particular  $l=1$ ,  $\Sigma \in \mathcal{B}_1(\mathcal{T}_h)$ .  $\Sigma = \{S_i\}$



$$\vec{\eta}(x) = \int_{\gamma \in \mathcal{P}_x} \pm \vec{w}(S) \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{multiplied by} \\ \text{relative orientation} \end{array} \right\} \text{definition independent of choice of path } \mathcal{P}_x$$

$$= \int_{S \in \Sigma} \pm \vec{w}(S)$$

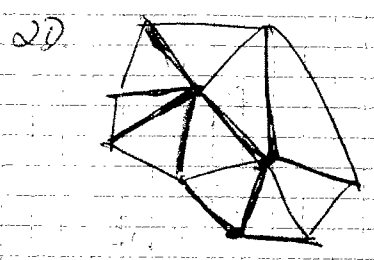
well-defined. since  $\mathcal{P}_x - \mathcal{P}_y \in \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{T}_h)$

By Assumption 2.3.B  $\Rightarrow$  boundary of surface formed a union of  $2$ -facets.

$$\int_{S \in \mathcal{P}_x - \mathcal{P}_y} \pm \vec{w}(S) = \int_{S \in \Sigma} \pm d\vec{w}(S) = 0$$

For  $l=2$  Algorithm to construct:

- Build <sup>spanning</sup> edge tree  $T$  of  $\mathcal{T}_h$



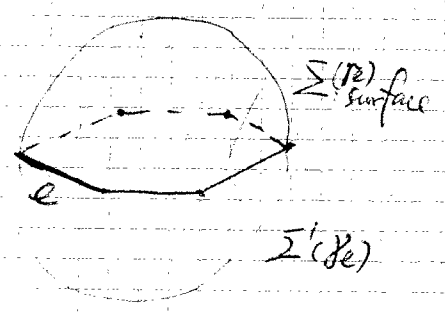
- visit each node
- no cyclic path (• minimum spanning tree)

$\Rightarrow \forall$  <sup>edge</sup>  $e \in \mathcal{S}_1(\mathcal{T}_h) \setminus T$  : (cotree)

$\exists!$  edge path  $\gamma_e \subset T$  s.t.  $\gamma_e$  connect the end points of  $e$ .

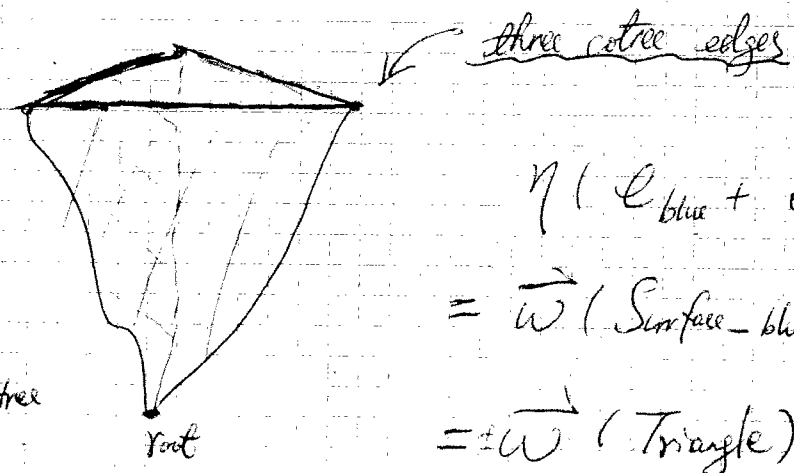
By Assump 2.3.B.  $\Rightarrow \exists$  2-surface  $\Sigma(\gamma_e)$  composed of 2-facets s.t. its boundary is  $\gamma_e \cup \{e\} = \partial \Sigma(\gamma_e)$ .

$d\vec{w} = 0 \triangleright \sum_{S \in \Sigma(\gamma_e)} \pm \vec{w}(S)$  independent of choice of  $\Sigma(\gamma_e)$



$\triangleright$  define  $\vec{\eta}(e) = \sum_{S \in \Sigma(\gamma_e)} \pm \vec{w}(S)$

$\&$   $\vec{\eta}(e) = 0$  whenever  $e \in T$



$$\begin{aligned} & \eta(e_{\text{blue}} + e_{\text{red}} + e_{\text{green}}) \\ &= \vec{w}(S_{\text{Surface-blue}}) + \vec{w}(S_{\text{red}}) + \vec{w}(S_{\text{green}}) \\ &= \pm \vec{w}(\text{Triangle}) \end{aligned}$$

Exs: ① prove for  $l=3$  using spanning tree techniques

Since  $T_{\text{tree}} \cup S_{\text{blue}} \cup S_{\text{red}} \cup S_{\text{green}} = \partial \text{Volume}$

② implement spanning tree algo to find 2-coboundary potential for 3-cochain

