

II. Co-chains and Whitney Forms

2.1. Meshes / Triangulations

(Review)

2.2. Co-chains $C^k(T_h)$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 \mathcal{F}^0(2) & \xrightarrow{d} & \mathcal{F}'(2) & \xrightarrow{d} & \mathcal{F}^2(2) & \xrightarrow{d} & \mathcal{F}^3(2) \rightarrow \dots \\
 S_0 \downarrow & & S_0 \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 C^0(T_h) & \xrightarrow{d_h} & C^1(T_h) & \xrightarrow{d_h} & C^2(T_h) & \xrightarrow{d_h} & C^3(T_h) \rightarrow \dots \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 R^{N_0} & \xrightarrow{D_0} & R^{N_1} & \xrightarrow{D_1} & R^{N_2} & \xrightarrow{D_2} & R^{N_3} \rightarrow \dots
 \end{array}$$

2.3 Discrete cohomology

2.3.1 Discrete potentials

If in \mathcal{D} all cycles are boundaries, the sequence (\mathcal{G}_k) are exact.

2.3.2 Cohomology

$$\begin{cases}
 \mathcal{B}_k(T_h) \subset \mathcal{Z}_k(T_h) \\
 \mathcal{B}_{k-2}(2) \subset \mathcal{Z}_k(2)
 \end{cases}$$

set of boundaries

of all oriented
l+1 - surface

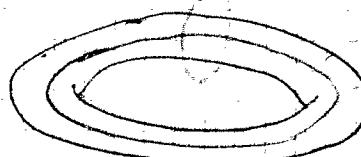
set of l-dim

oriented surface := $\{\Sigma \in \mathcal{S}_k(2), \partial\Sigma = \emptyset\}$

\mathcal{D} : bdd. domain

T_h : mesh of \mathcal{D}

Example torus



$$\begin{aligned}
 &\rightarrow \mathcal{Z}_1(2) \\
 &\rightarrow \mathcal{B}_1(2)
 \end{aligned}$$

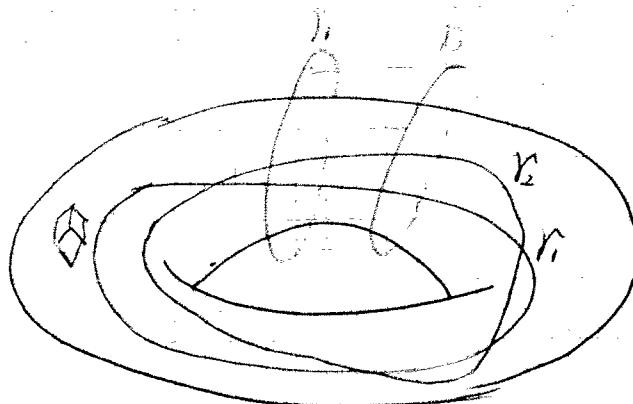
Define Equivalence relation of $\mathbb{Z}_l(\Sigma)$

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$\gamma_1, \gamma_2 \in \mathbb{Z}_l(\Sigma) : \gamma_1 \sim \gamma_2 \iff \text{more precisely } \gamma_1 \pm \gamma_2 \in B_l(\Sigma)$

more precisely

$$z_1\gamma_1 + z_2\gamma_2 \in B_l(\Sigma)$$



$$z_1, z_2 \in \mathbb{Z} \quad z_1 \neq z_2 \quad (\text{chain equivalence})$$



\Rightarrow Equivalence Class $[\mathbb{Z}_l(\Sigma)]_N$

$$\dim [\mathbb{Z}_l(\Sigma)]_N = \text{l-th Betti number of } \Sigma.$$

$\beta_l(\Sigma)$: finite & topologically invariant.

Torus: $\beta_0(\Sigma) = 1$ $\beta_1(A_3|\Sigma) = 1$
 $\beta_0(\Sigma) = 1$ $\stackrel{\circ}{\#}$ of connected component.

$\beta_1(\Sigma) = 1$. $\beta_1(A_3|\Sigma) = 1$. $\#$ of

$\beta_2(\Sigma) = 0$ $\beta_2(A_3|\Sigma) = 0$ $\#$

Theorem = $\beta_l(T_\Delta) = \beta_l(\Sigma)$ if T_Δ triangulates Σ

Def. Cohomology-space: $H_l(\Sigma) = \text{kernel}(\partial_l F_l(\Sigma)) / \text{image}(\partial_{l-1} F_{l-1}(\Sigma))$
 $\text{l-cohomology space of } \Sigma$ quotient space

Theorem: $\dim H_l(\Sigma) = \beta_l(\Sigma)$

$\lambda = 1$, if $\beta_1(\Sigma) > 0 \iff \exists$ closed curves with no boundary

Find a representatives, $\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_m$. $M = \beta_1(\Sigma)$ of equivalence class.
 in $[\mathbb{Z}_1(\Sigma)]_N$.

Find $\xi_i \in F'(\Sigma)$ s.t. $d\xi_i = 0$ & $\int_{\gamma_j} \xi_i = \delta_{ij}$

Pick $w \in \mathcal{F}(\mathbb{R})$. $d\omega = 0$

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$$\tilde{\omega} = \omega - \sum_{j=1}^N (\int_{S_j} \omega) \xi_j \Rightarrow \int_{S_j} \tilde{\omega} = 0 \quad \forall j$$

Consider a general cycle $\gamma \in Z_1(\mathbb{R})$

$$\exists \beta_j \in \mathbb{R} : \gamma + \sum_{j=1}^M \beta_j \gamma_j \in \mathcal{B}_1(\mathbb{R})$$

$$d\tilde{\omega} = 0 = 0 \Rightarrow 0 = \int_{\gamma + \sum_{j=1}^M \beta_j \gamma_j} \tilde{\omega} = \int_{\gamma} \tilde{\omega}$$

$$\text{Then } \exists \eta \in \mathcal{F}(\mathbb{R}) \quad d\eta = \tilde{\omega}$$

$$d\eta - \tilde{\omega} \in \text{span}\{\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_M\} \stackrel{\cong}{=} H_1 \quad \#$$

$$\text{Note: } \dim H_1(T_2) = \dim H_1(\mathbb{R})$$

$$\Rightarrow \dim H_1(T_2) = \dim \mathcal{B}_1(\mathbb{R}) = \dim \left(\ker(D_\partial) / \text{Range}(D_{\partial^{-1}}) \right)$$

Def. Cohomology space of ℓ -cochains

$$H_\ell(T_2) = \ker(D_\partial |_{C^\ell(T_2)}) / \text{Image}(D_\partial |_{C^{\ell-1}(T_2)})$$

2.3.3 Relative Cohomology (taking into account boundaries)

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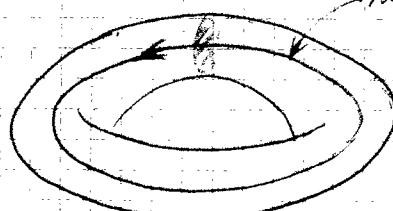
2.3.3 Representative of cohomology spaces

\Rightarrow we seek closed ℓ -cochains/ ℓ -forms that do not have a potential
 \exists no vanishing integral for some cycle!

Consider 3D: \mathbb{R}^2 with triangulation T_2

non-bounding edge cycle.

Example: torus



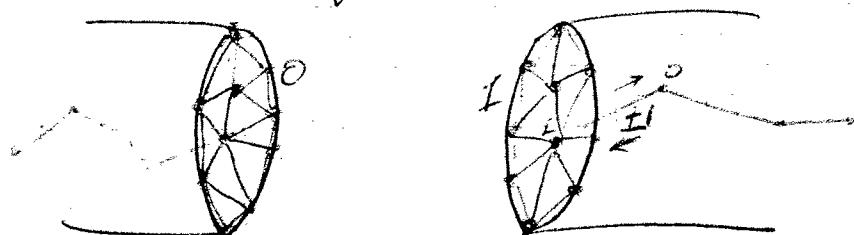
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- Find (dual) "cut" Σ

① \uparrow surface consisting of Δ -faces. ② $\partial\Sigma \subset \partial\mathcal{L}$. ③ Σ does not split \mathcal{L} into two

* Poincaré duality theorem; (difficult proof)

Consider \mathcal{T}_h as a triangulation of $S^2 \setminus \Sigma$



Define $\eta \in C^1(\mathcal{T}_h)$ \mathcal{T}_h : divide faces on Σ into "two"

- $\eta(x) = 0$ \forall vertices of \mathcal{T}_h and not on cut.

- $\eta(x) = 0$ on left side of \mathcal{T}_h of the cut Σ

- $\eta(x) = 1$ on right side of \mathcal{T}_h of the cut Σ

Consider $d_1\eta$:

- $d_1\eta(e) = 0$. $\forall e$ on either sides on Σ
(constant on left (0) or on right (1))

$\Rightarrow d_2\eta \in C^1(\mathcal{T}_h)$ ~~is $d_1\eta(e)$~~

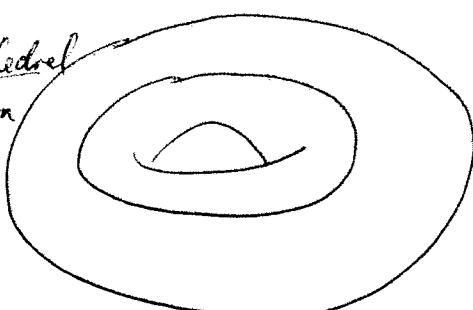
* is a well-defined 1-cochain before \mathcal{T}_h is cut into \mathcal{T}_h .

$$\Rightarrow \int_{\Sigma} d_2\eta = \pm 1$$

$\Rightarrow d_3(d_2\eta) = 0$. first considered as $C^1(\mathcal{T}_h)$. also as $C^1(\mathcal{T}_h)$.

Ex 3 $S^2 \cong$ complement of torus; $\mathcal{T}_h \cong$ tetrahedron
inside a big ball: triangulation

Find closed Δ -cochain that is
not the derivative of 1-cochain



Hint: Poincaré's Duality. "cut" \leftrightarrow path connecting the torus
and the surface of the big ball

2.4. Finite Volume Discretization

Recall: discrete topological electromagnetic laws (Sect 2.2)
also called "Network Equation"

$$(2.4.a) \quad \underline{d} \cdot \underline{e}_h = - \underline{\partial} \cdot \underline{b}_h$$

$$(2.4.b) \quad \underline{d}_h \cdot \underline{b}_h = \underline{\partial}_h \cdot \underline{d}_h + \underline{\partial}_h \quad] \text{ "disconnected"} \\ \downarrow \qquad \qquad \qquad \uparrow \\ \text{1-cochain} \qquad \qquad \text{2-chain}$$

Material Laws: connect $\underline{e} \leftrightarrow \underline{d}_h$, $\underline{b}_h \leftrightarrow \underline{b}_h$ (bijective)

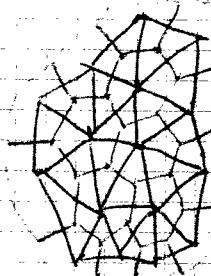
But: $\dim(\mathcal{C}^l(\mathcal{T}_h)) \neq \dim(\mathcal{C}^{2-l}(\mathcal{T}_h))$

Idea: Consider (2.4.a) (2.4.b) on different triangulations \mathcal{T}_h , $\tilde{\mathcal{T}}_h$
for which: $N_h = \hat{N}_{3-l}$, $N_h = \# \mathcal{S}_h(\mathcal{T}_h)$
 $\hat{N}_h = \# \mathcal{S}_h(\tilde{\mathcal{T}}_h)$

Special tool: (dual mesh technique)

Choose \mathcal{T}_h , $\tilde{\mathcal{T}}_h$ as dual meshes.

2D example:



odd pair: $\hat{N}_h = N_h$ (# of cells)

odd edges: $\hat{N}_h = N_h$ (# of edges)

\mathcal{T}_h , $\tilde{\mathcal{T}}_h$ - interior of dual mesh
(excluding all green ones)

$$\dim(\mathcal{C}^l(\mathcal{T}_h)) = \dim(\mathcal{C}^{2-l}(\tilde{\mathcal{T}}_h))$$

Bi: $\mathcal{T}_h \rightarrow \tilde{\mathcal{T}}_h$ 2-l-cochains with vanishing traces

Compute incident matrix

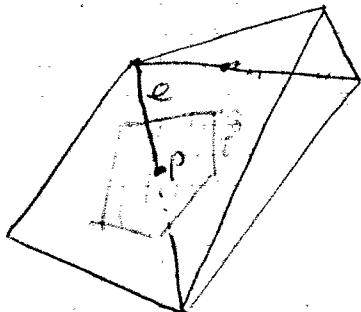
on the boundary of \mathcal{T}_h .

for \mathcal{T}_h , $\tilde{\mathcal{T}}_h$. Check $D_h = \underline{\partial} \tilde{D}_{\bar{h}}^{-1}$

Discrete Material Laws: on dual meshes?

Assumption: Consider linear isotropic material laws. $\underline{\epsilon} = \underline{\epsilon}^T \underline{\epsilon}$

\underline{d}_e
defined on interior
facets of dual mesh \mathcal{T}_h



\underline{d}_h
defined on edges
of primal mesh \mathcal{T}_h

$$\underline{d}_h(\underline{\epsilon}) = \int_e \underline{\epsilon} \cdot \underline{n} dS \quad \underline{\epsilon} - \text{tangential component of } \underline{\epsilon}$$

$$\underline{d}_e(\hat{f}) = \int_f \underline{d}_h \cdot \underline{n} dS \quad \hat{f} - \text{normal component of } \underline{f}$$



: \underline{e}_t match \underline{d}_n if $e \perp f$

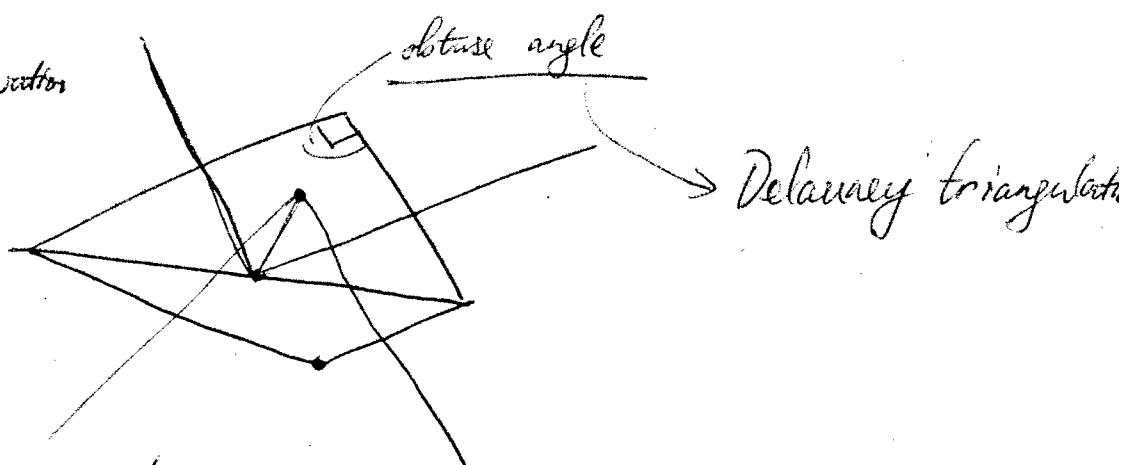
(Q.4.c)

$$\underline{d}_e(\hat{f}) = \frac{|\hat{f}|}{|e|} \underline{\epsilon}(p) \cdot \underline{d}_h(e)$$

Conclusion: orthogonal dual mesh is required.

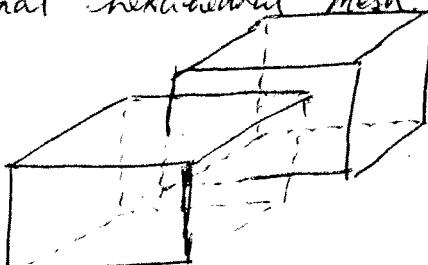
For tetrahedral \mathcal{T}_h : vertices of \mathcal{T}_h = centers of circumscribed sphere of cells of \mathcal{T}_h

! Geometric Observation



Extreme simple mesh/dual mesh

Orthogonal hexahedral mesh



\Rightarrow Yee's Scheme (F17)
(finite integration technique)

▷ Discrete Maxwell equation: (FVM approach on dual meshes) (39)

$$\underline{\underline{D}} \cdot \underline{\underline{E}} = -\partial_t \underline{\underline{B}}$$

$$\{\quad \underline{\underline{D}} \cdot \underline{\underline{h}} = \partial_t \underline{\underline{d}} + \underline{\underline{j}}$$

$$\underline{\underline{B}} = \underline{\underline{M}}_\mu \underline{\underline{h}} \quad \underline{\underline{M}}_\mu \in \mathbb{R}^{N_{\text{dof}} \times N_{\text{dof}}} \text{ diagonal}$$

$$\underline{\underline{d}} = \underline{\underline{M}}_\varepsilon \underline{\underline{e}} \quad \underline{\underline{M}}_\varepsilon \in \mathbb{R}^{N_{\text{dof}} \times N_{\text{dof}}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{D}} \cdot (\underline{\underline{M}}_\mu)^{-1} \underline{\underline{D}} \cdot \underline{\underline{e}} = -\partial_t^2 \underline{\underline{M}}_\varepsilon \underline{\underline{e}} - \partial_t \underline{\underline{j}}$$

$$\text{For dual meshes: } \underline{\underline{D}}^T (\underline{\underline{M}}_\mu) \underline{\underline{D}} \cdot \underline{\underline{e}} = -\partial_t^2 \underline{\underline{M}}_\varepsilon \underline{\underline{e}} - \partial_t \underline{\underline{j}}$$

$$\underline{\underline{D}}_e = \underline{\underline{D}}_{n-f+1} \quad n: \text{dim of space}$$

$$R^{N_{\text{dof}} \times N_e} \in \mathbb{R}^{N_{\text{dof}} \times N_{\text{dof}-1}}$$

$$(\because \underline{\underline{D}}_{n-f+1} \in \mathbb{R}^{N_{\text{dof}}(e) \times N_{\text{dof}(e)}})$$

2.5. Whitney Forms (Geometry Integration Theory) 57 → 73 → 98 Bossavit
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Goal: from cochains \Rightarrow forms

\rightarrow seek linear Whitney maps $W^l: \mathcal{C}^l(T_h) \rightarrow \mathcal{F}^l(\mathcal{T})$
($T_h \hat{=} \text{mesh of } \Omega$)

Requirements of such maps:

$$(2.5.a) \quad S_l \circ W^l = \text{Id} \iff \int_E W^l \omega_2 = \omega_2(\bar{z}) \quad \forall z \in S_l(T_h) \\ \forall \omega_2 \in \mathcal{C}^l(T_h)$$

W^l is a right inverse of S_l

$$(2.5.b) \quad \boxed{d \circ W^{l+1} = W^l \circ d_h}$$

(2.5.c) Strict locality

$$W^l \omega_1(f) = 0 \quad \forall f \in S_l(T_h), f \subset T$$

hexahedral

$$\Rightarrow W^l \omega_1|_T = 0 \quad T: \text{cell of } T_h \text{ in } S_m(T_h)$$

(2.5.A) $VP(W^l w_h)$ is T_h -piecewise polynomial. (40)

▷ Def 2.5.A. Space of Whitney l -forms.

$$W^l(T_h) = W^l(\mathcal{E}(T_h))$$

\circ : lowest order Whitney form

Def. 2.5.B. Nodal interpolation $I^l: \mathbb{F}^l(\Omega) \rightarrow W^l(T_h)$

$$\boxed{I^l := W^l \circ S_\ell}$$

Lemma 2.5.C (Commuting Diagram Property)

$$d \circ I^l = I^{l+1} \circ d$$

Proof: $d \circ I^l = d \circ W^l \circ S_\ell = W^{l+1} \circ d_h \circ S_\ell = W^{l+1} \circ S_{\ell+1} \circ d = I^{l+1} \circ d$

Note $- (I^l)^2 = I^l$ by (2.5.A)

$$- (2.5.C) \Rightarrow w|_T = 0 \Rightarrow I^l w|_T = 0$$

2.5.1. Simplicial Whitney Forms

tetrahedron $T = [a_0 \ a_1 \ a_2 \ a_3]$ $a_i \in A_3$

$l=0$: $W^0 \rightarrow$ linear interpolation (local on T)

$$(W^0 w_h)(x) = \sum_{i=1}^4 \lambda_i(x) w_h(a_i) \quad w_h \in \mathcal{E}^0(T_h)$$

"barycentric coordinate functions"

~~fact~~: (change our perspective)

Note:

$$p = \sum_{i=1}^4 \lambda_i(p) a_i$$

p is a weighted sum of vertices
 \uparrow \uparrow
 \circ -fact in T_h same weights
 \circ -facts in T_h

$l=1$.

$\ell=1$: $[x, y] \subset T$ line segment

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$$[x, y] = \{tx + (1-t)y, 0 \leq t \leq 1\}$$

$$= \left\{ t \sum_{i=1}^4 \lambda_i(x) a_i + (1-t) \sum_{j=1}^4 \lambda_j(y) a_j, 0 \leq t \leq 1 \right\}$$

$$= \left\{ t \sum_{i=1}^4 \sum_{j=1}^4 \lambda_i(x) \lambda_j(y) a_i + (1-t) \sum_{i=1}^4 \sum_{j=1}^4 \lambda_i(x) \lambda_j(y) a_j, 0 \leq t \leq 1 \right\}$$

$$= \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^4 \sum_{j=1}^4 \lambda_i(x) \lambda_j(y) [ta_i + (1-t)a_j], 0 \leq t \leq 1 \right\}$$

▷ Suggests

$$\int_{[x,y]} W^l w_k = \sum_{i=1}^4 \sum_{j=1}^4 w_k([a_i, a_j]) \lambda_i(x) \lambda_j(y)$$

$$= \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq 4} (\lambda_i(x) \lambda_j(y) - \lambda_j(x) \lambda_i(y)) w_k([a_i, a_j])$$

Definite of W^l

For $f \in T$ face $f = [a_1, a_2, a_3]$, $d_\ell(x) = 0$ on f

$$\triangleright w_k([a_k, a_k]) = 0 \quad \forall k = 1, 2, 3$$

⇒ $W^l w_k|_f$ determined by $w_k([a_i, a_j])$, $1 \leq i < j \leq 3$

⇒ $W^l w_k|_f$ is independent to tetrahedra adjacent to face f . (continuity, across faces)

▷ $W^l w_k$ with edges patch together indeed defines global 1-forms

(2.5.a) (2.5.c) ✓

$$(2.5.b) \exists x \text{ To show: } \int_{\partial [x,y]} W^l w_k = \int_{[x,y]} W^l (d_\ell w_k)$$

$\boxed{l=0}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LHS} &= W^0 w_k(y) - W^0 w_k(x) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^4 (\lambda_i(y) - \lambda_i(x)) a_i \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{RHS} = \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq 4} \sum_{j=1}^4 \lambda_i(x) \lambda_j(y) (d_0 w_k([a_i, a_j])) = \sum_{i=1}^4 \sum_{j=1}^4 \lambda_i(x) \lambda_j(y) (w_k(y) - w_k(x))$$

$\exists x:$

$\boxed{l=1}$

$$\int_{\partial [x,y]} W^l w_k = \int_{[x,y]} W^l (d_\ell w_k)$$

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$$\star \int_{\Delta[w, x, y, z]} W^2 w_k \triangleq \sum_i \sum_j \sum_k \lambda_i(x) \lambda_j(y) \lambda_k(z) w_k([a_i, a_j, a_k])$$

$w_k \in C^2(\mathcal{T}_k)$

$$\star \int_{\Delta[w, x, y, z]} W^3 w_k \triangleq \lambda_i(w) \lambda_j(x) \lambda_k(y) \lambda_l(z) w_k([a_i, a_j, a_k, a_l])$$

$w_k \in C^3(\mathcal{T}_k)$

$$= \text{sgn}(i, j, k, l) (\lambda_i(w) \lambda_j(x) \lambda_k(y) \lambda_l(z)) w_k([a_1, a_2, \dots, a_6])$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ x_1 & x_2 & x_3 & x_4 \\ y_1 & y_2 & y_3 & y_4 \\ z_1 & z_2 & z_3 & z_4 \end{pmatrix} = \det \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1(w) & \lambda_1(x) & \lambda_1(y) & \lambda_1(z) \\ \lambda_2(w) & \lambda_2(x) & \lambda_2(y) & \lambda_2(z) \\ \lambda_3(w) & \lambda_3(x) & \lambda_3(y) & \lambda_3(z) \\ \lambda_4(w) & \lambda_4(x) & \lambda_4(y) & \lambda_4(z) \end{pmatrix} w_k([a_1, a_2, \dots, a_4])$$

$$|T| = \det(A) = \frac{\pm \Delta[w, x, y, z]}{|T|} \quad (\pm \text{ determined by relative orientation of } \Delta[w, x, y, z] \text{ and } T)$$

$$A^T \cdot B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ x_w & x_x & x_y \\ y_w & y_x & y_y \\ z_w & z_x & z_y \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \det(A^T B) = |\Delta|_{[w, x, y, z]}$$

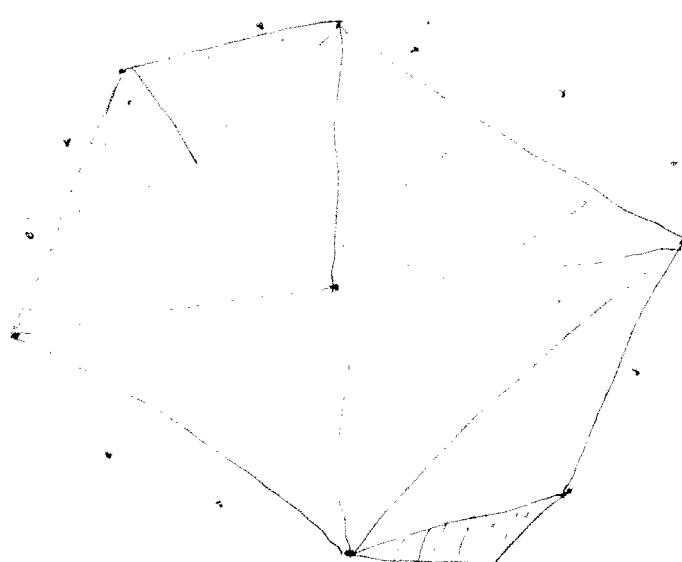
Answer II: find a surface with a boundary given by a closed loop in a 3d mesh \mathcal{T}_k of Ω . (simply-connected)

< Divide + Conquer >:

nested mesh \mathcal{T}_{hi}

\mathcal{T}_{lo} = (coarse) C

Very deep knowledge of
Graph theory.



1. Closed loops can be represented at different level of mesh
⇒ Multilevel idea!

3) Minimum spanning tree Algo.
(Prim's Algo.)