

Geometry Processing (601.458/658)

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$$\begin{aligned} \langle v, L^\dagger(w) \rangle_{B_V} &= \langle L(v), w \rangle_{B_W} \\ &\Downarrow \\ [B_V(L^\dagger(w))] (v) &= [B_W(w)](L(v)) \\ &\Downarrow \\ [(B_V \circ L^\dagger)(w)] (v) &= [(L^* \circ B_W)(w)](v) \\ &\Downarrow \\ B_V \circ L^\dagger &= L^* \circ B_W \\ &\Downarrow \\ L^\dagger &= B_V^{-1} \circ L^* \circ B_W \end{aligned}$$

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The adjoint of the adjoint is the original linear map:

$$L^{\dagger\dagger} = L.$$

Given linear maps $L \in \text{Hom}(U, V)$ and $M \in \text{Hom}(V, W)$, the adjoint of the composition is the composition of the adjoints, in the opposite order.

$$(M \circ L)^\dagger = L^\dagger \circ M^\dagger$$

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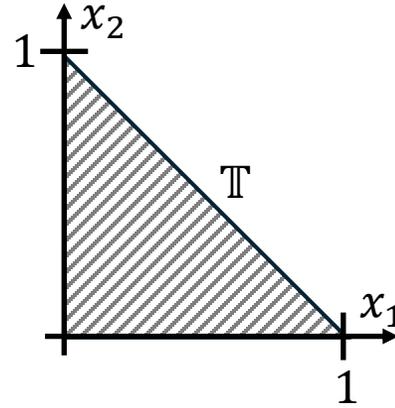
Corollary:

The composition of L with its adjoint is self-adjoint.

Proof:

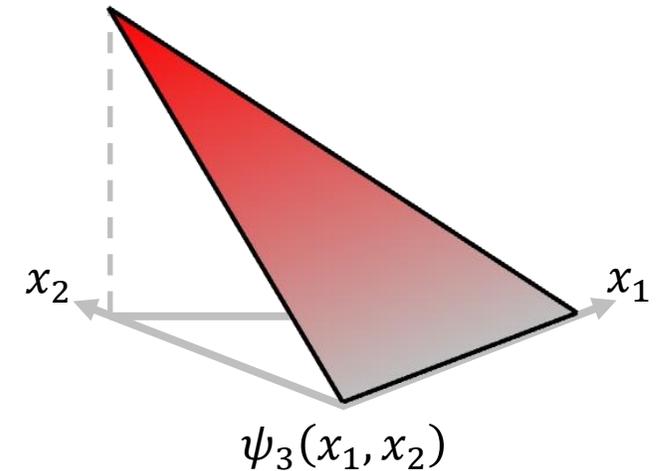
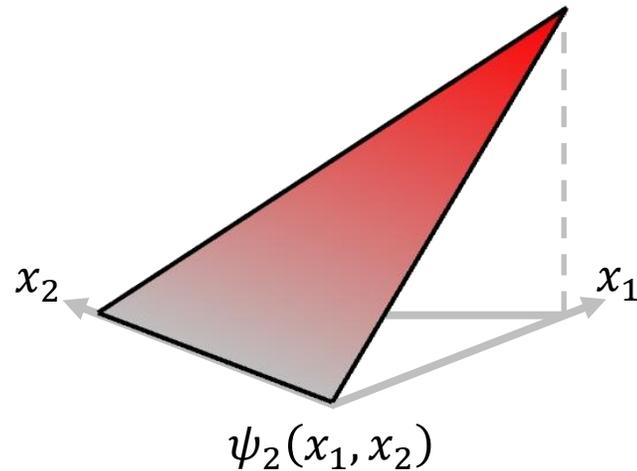
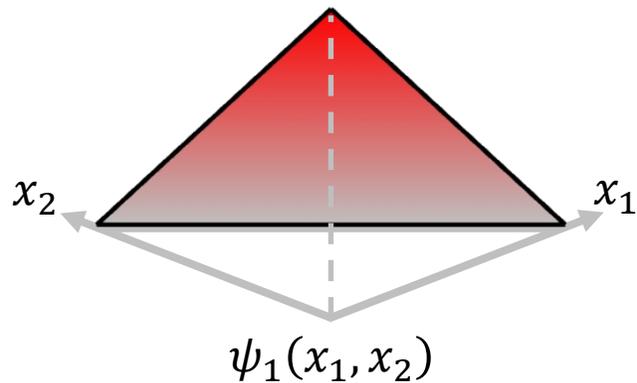
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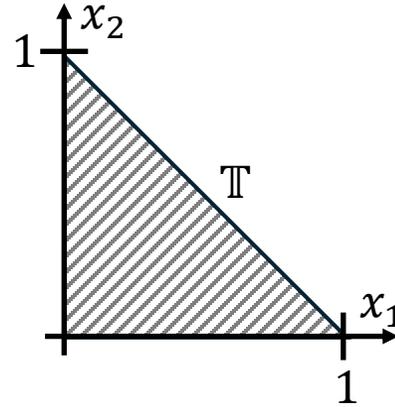


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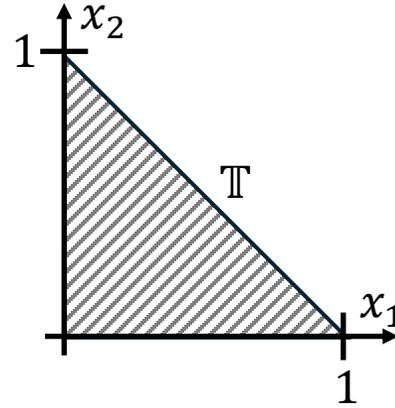
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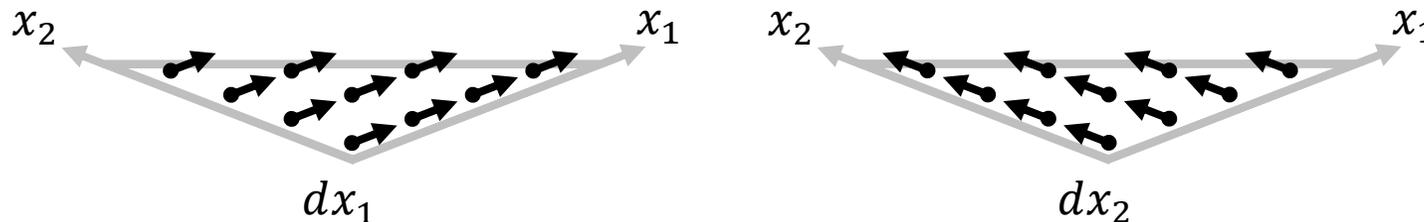


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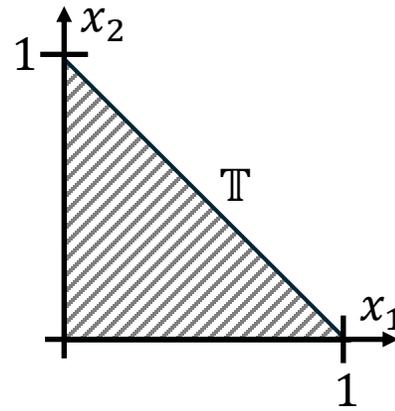
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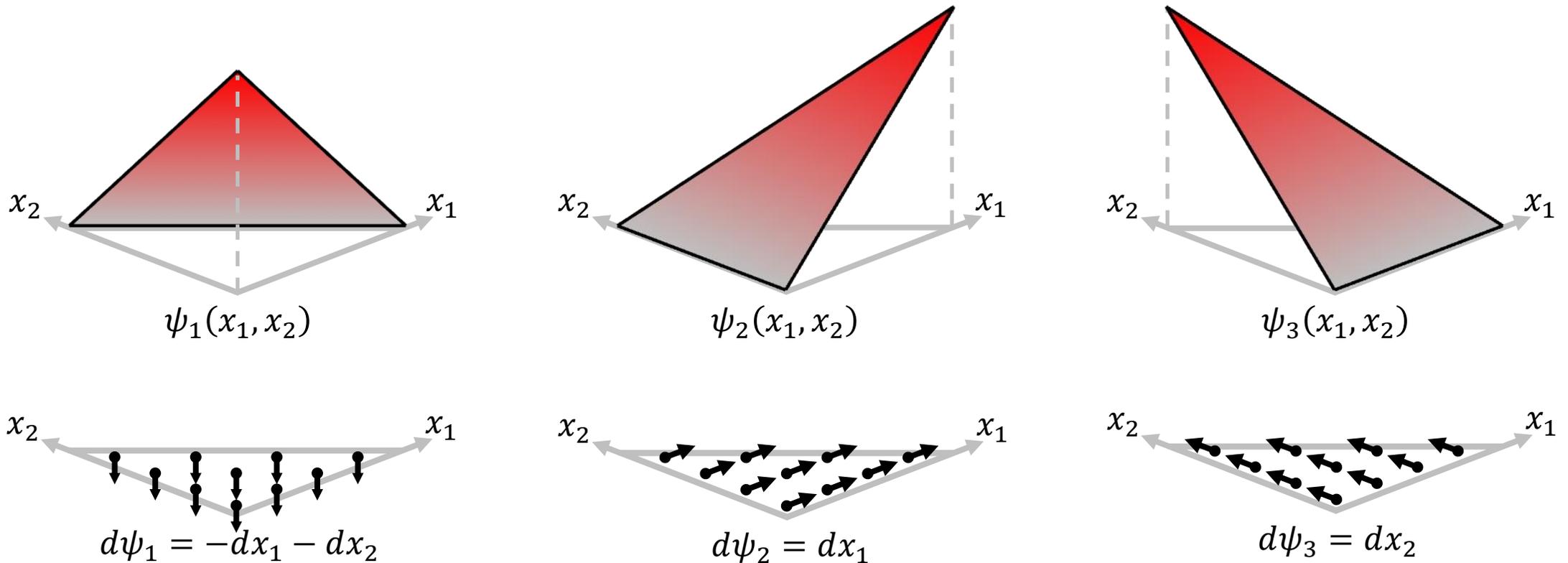


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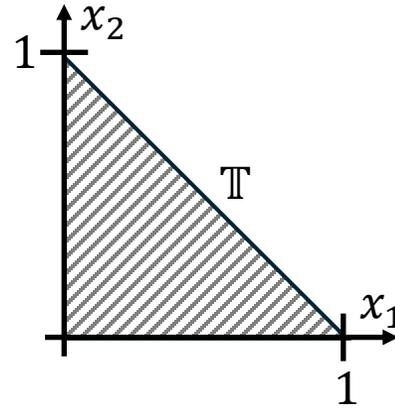


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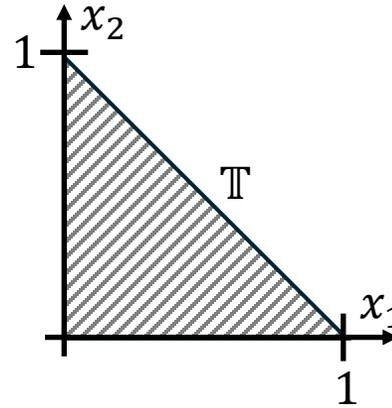
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Using the differential to pull-back the inner-product gives:

$$d^* \circ \bar{m}^\tau \circ d = s^\tau$$

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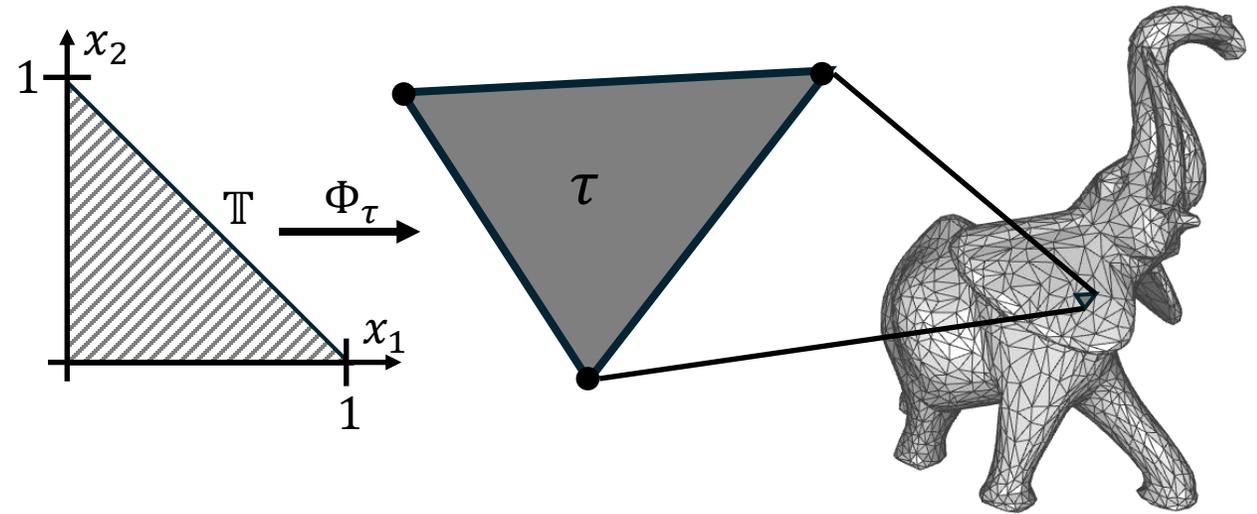
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- The scalar field mass matrix: $\mathbf{m}^\tau \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$
- The scalar field stiffness matrix: $\mathbf{s}^\tau \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$
- The cotangent vector field mass matrix: $\overline{\mathbf{m}}^\tau \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$
- The differential matrix: $\mathbf{d} \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 3}$
- The factorization of the scalar field stiffness matrix: $\mathbf{s}^\tau = \mathbf{d}^\top \cdot \overline{\mathbf{m}}^\tau \cdot \mathbf{d}$

Recall



Given a triangle mesh $\mathcal{M} = \{\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{T}\}$, we extend $\{\psi_1, \psi_2, \psi_3\}$ and $\{dx_1, dx_2\}$ to functions on the mesh.

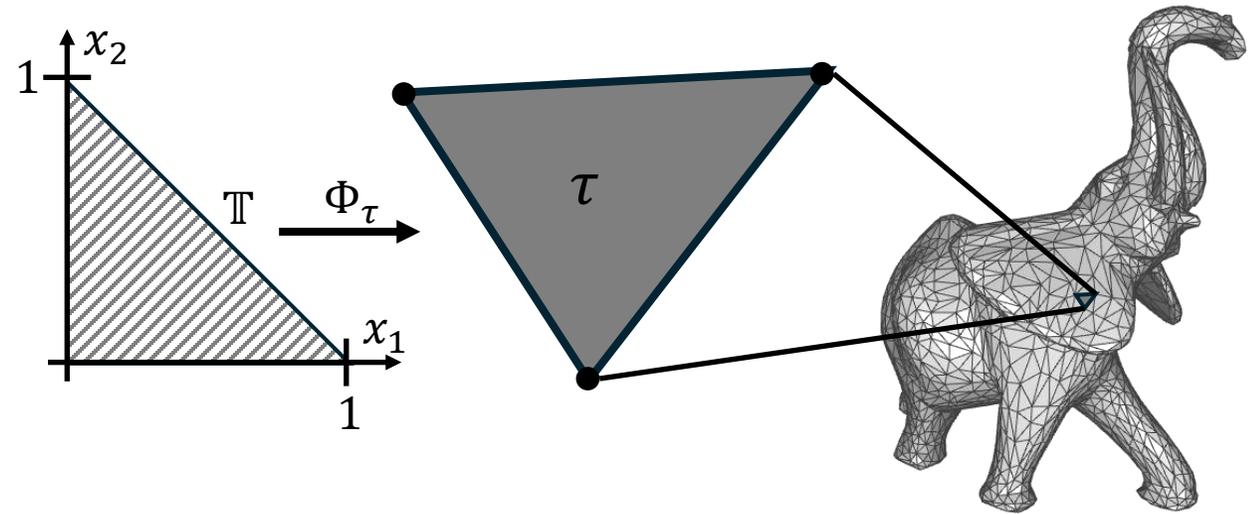
$\{\phi_v\}_{v \in \mathcal{V}}$:

Continuous scalar fields on the mesh, **indexed by vertices**, whose restriction to a triangle $\tau \in \mathcal{T}$ is a linear function (over \mathbb{T}) equal to 1 at v and 0 at the other vertices.

$\{\eta_\tau^1, \eta_\tau^2\}_{\tau \in \mathcal{T}}$:

Cotangent vector fields on the mesh, **indexed by triangles**, whose restriction to a triangle $\tau \in \mathcal{T}$ is a constant cotangent vector field (over \mathbb{T})

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These define vector spaces $V = \text{Span}(\{\phi_v\}_{v \in \mathcal{V}})$ and $\bar{V} = \text{Span}(\{\eta_\tau^1, \eta_\tau^2\}_{\tau \in \mathcal{T}})$.

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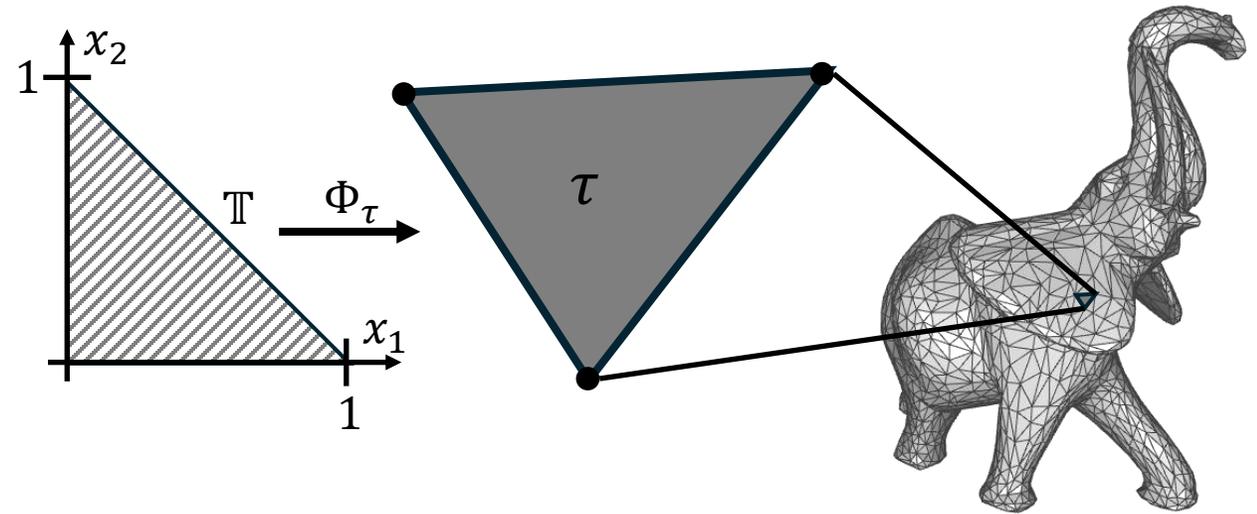
$$M(f, g) = \langle\langle f, g \rangle\rangle_{\mathcal{M}} \quad \bar{M}(\eta, \nu) = \langle\langle \eta, \nu \rangle\rangle_{\mathcal{M}}$$

We also have a symmetric, positive semi-definite, bilinear stiffness form:

$$S(f, g) = \langle\langle df, dg \rangle\rangle_{\mathcal{M}}$$

And a differential $d \in \text{Hom}(V, \bar{V})$.

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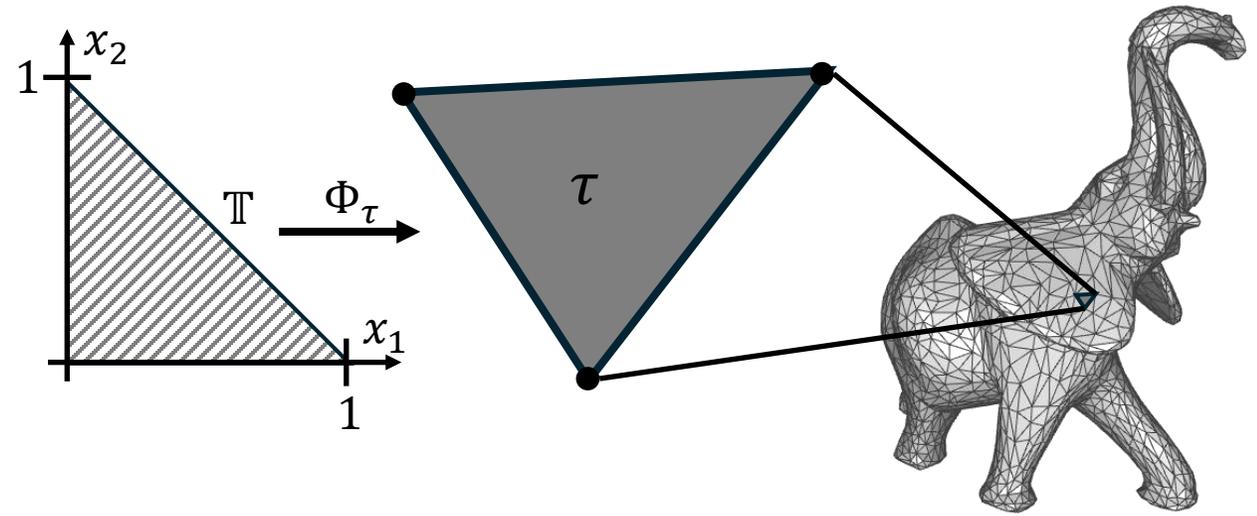


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The symmetric, positive semi-definite, bilinear stiffness form factors as:

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- The cotangent vector field mass matrix: $\bar{\mathbf{M}} \in \mathbb{R}^{2|\mathcal{T}| \times 2|\mathcal{T}|}$
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- The factorization of the scalar field stiffness matrix: $\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{D}^\top \cdot \bar{\mathbf{M}} \cdot \mathbf{D}$

Recall: Smoothing

Performing gradient-descent on the Dirichlet energy amounts to solving a PDE for the temporally evolving coefficients $\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{R}^{|\mathcal{V}|}$:

Explicit:

$$\mathbf{a}^{t+\varepsilon} = \mathbf{M}^{-1} \cdot (\mathbf{M} - \varepsilon \cdot \mathbf{S}) \cdot \mathbf{a}^t$$

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with \mathbf{a}^t the coefficients at time t .

Recall: Multivariable Calculus (Euclidean)

Given a **Euclidean** domain $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$:

For a scalar field $f: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, the *gradient*, $\nabla f: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$, gives the direction of steepest change of f :

$$\nabla f = \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_d} \right)^\top$$

For a vector field $\vec{v}: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$, the divergence, $\text{div}(\vec{v}): \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, describes the extent to which the vector field converges/diverges at a point:

$$\text{div}(\vec{v}) = \frac{\partial v_1}{\partial x_1} + \dots + \frac{\partial v_d}{\partial x_d}$$

where $\vec{v} = (v_1, \dots, v_d)^\top$.

For scalar fields $f, g: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and a vector field $\vec{v}: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$:

$$\text{div}(f \cdot \vec{v}) = \langle \nabla f, \vec{v} \rangle + f \cdot \text{div}(\vec{v})$$

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The *Laplacian* of a scalar function $f: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is the divergence of its gradient:

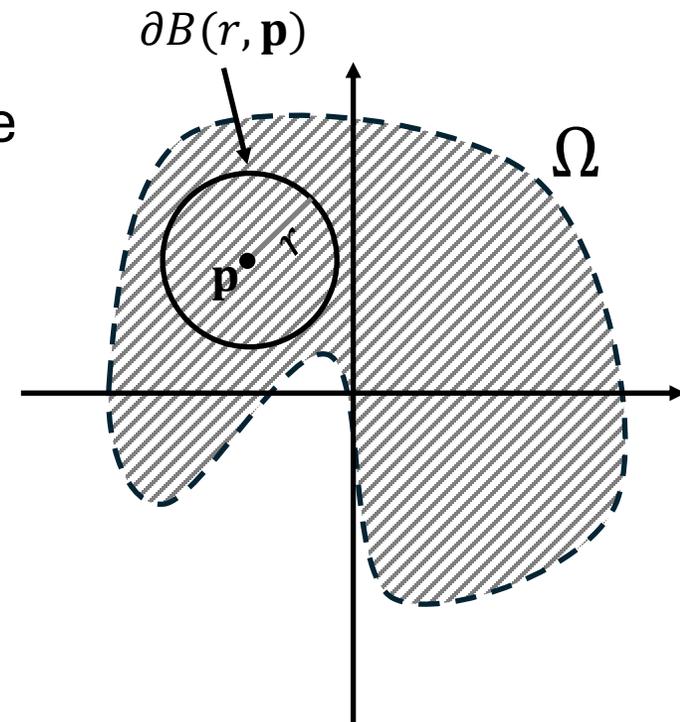
$$\begin{aligned}\Delta f &= \operatorname{div}(\nabla f) \\ &= \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1^2} + \dots + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_d^2}\end{aligned}$$

The Laplacian measures the difference between the value of the function at a point and the average value nearby.

Formally:

$$\Delta f \Big|_{\mathbf{p}} = \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{2d}{r^2} \left(f(\mathbf{p}) - \frac{\int_{\partial B(r, \mathbf{p})} f(\mathbf{q})}{\int_{\partial B(r, \mathbf{p})} 1} \right)$$

with $\partial B(r, \mathbf{p})$ is the set of points at a distance of r from \mathbf{p} .



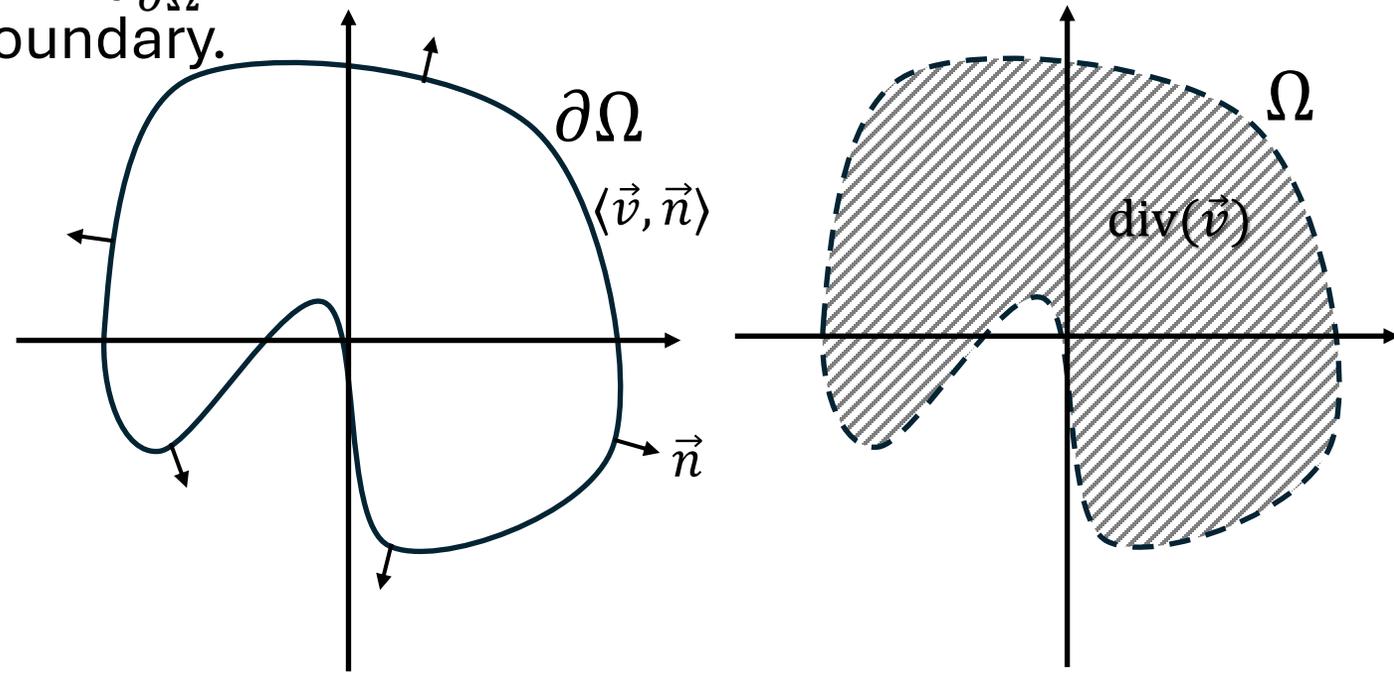
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For a vector field $\vec{v}: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$, the integral of the divergence of \vec{v} over the interior of the domain is the surface integral over the boundary:

$$\int_{\Omega} \nabla \cdot \vec{v} = \int_{\partial\Omega} \langle \vec{v}, \vec{n} \rangle$$

with \vec{n} the unit normal on the boundary.



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Given a Euclidean domain $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$:

For scalar fields $f, g: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, we have:

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In particular, if the boundary integral vanishes, we have:

$$\int_{\Omega} \text{div}(\nabla f) \cdot g = - \int_{\Omega} \langle \nabla f, \nabla g \rangle$$

This occurs when:

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Definition:

Given the inner-product spaces $\{V, M: V \rightarrow V^*\}$ and $\{\bar{V}, \bar{M}: \bar{V} \rightarrow \bar{V}^*\}$, and the differential map $d \in \text{Hom}(V, \bar{V})$ we can define its adjoint:

$$d^\dagger = M^{-1} \circ d^* \circ \bar{M}$$

Property:

If $f \in V$ is a scalar field on \mathcal{M} and $v \in \bar{V}$ is a cotangent vector field:

$$\langle \langle v, df \rangle \rangle_{\mathcal{M}} = \langle \langle d^\dagger v, f \rangle \rangle_{\mathcal{M}}$$

On the left we are using the inner-product on cotangent vector fields.

On the right we are using the inner-product on scalar fields.

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$$\begin{aligned}
 \Delta &= -d^\dagger \circ d \\
 &= -M^{-1} \circ d^* \circ \bar{M} \circ d \\
 &= -M^{-1} \circ S
 \end{aligned}$$

Given the bases $\{\phi_\nu\}_{\nu \in \mathcal{V}}$ and $\{\eta_\tau^1, \eta_\tau^2\}_{\tau \in \mathcal{T}}$, the matrix expression for the Laplacian becomes:

$$\mathbf{\Delta} = -\mathbf{M}^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{S}$$

Property:

Since the Laplacian is the (negative) of the composition of a linear map with its adjoint, it is self-adjoint:

$$\Delta^\dagger = \Delta$$

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Formally:

The divergence operator is the adjoint of the gradient.

Instead of defining \bar{V} to be a discretization of cotangent vector fields, we could have used the metric to define a discretization of tangent vector fields, $\{\xi_\tau^1, \xi_\tau^2\}_{\tau \in \mathcal{T}}$, with:

$$\xi_\tau^k \equiv g_\tau^{-1}(\eta_\tau^k)$$

- ✓ We could define the discrete gradient, whose adjoint is the divergence.
- ✗ We would not have a metric-dependent/independent factorization.

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The adjoint of the differential is the *co-differential* and is denoted δ :

$$\delta = d^\dagger \in \text{Hom}(\bar{V}, V)$$

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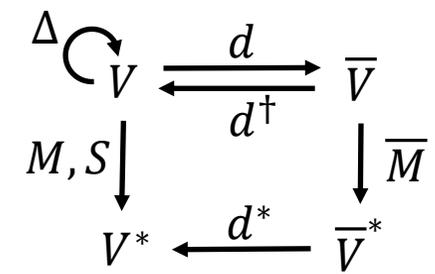
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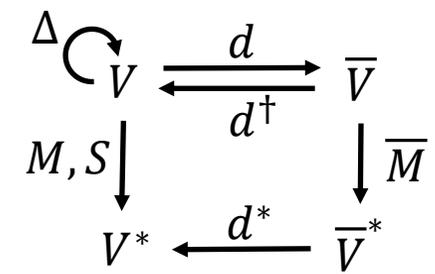
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The PDE describing the temporal evolution of a signal $f^t: \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ (for $t \geq 0$) undergoing heat diffusion:

$$\frac{\partial f^t}{\partial t} = \Delta f^t$$

Heat Diffusion



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Express f^t in terms of the basis $\{\phi_v\}_{v \in \mathcal{V}}$:

$$f^t(p) = \sum_{v \in \mathcal{V}} \mathbf{a}_v^t \cdot \phi_v(p)$$

with $\mathbf{a}^t \in \mathbb{R}^{|\mathcal{V}|}$ the temporally varying coefficients.

$$\Downarrow$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\sum_{v \in \mathcal{V}} \mathbf{a}_v^t \cdot \phi_v \right) = \Delta \left(\sum_{v \in \mathcal{V}} \mathbf{a}_v^t \cdot \phi_v \right)$$

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For every vertex $w \in \mathcal{V}$, we would like to relate the w -th coefficient on the left with to the w -th coefficient on the right.

We can do this by evaluating with the dual basis vector ϕ_w^* , where $\{\phi_v^*\}_{v \in \mathcal{V}}$ is the canonical dual basis to $\{\phi_v\}_{v \in \mathcal{V}}$.

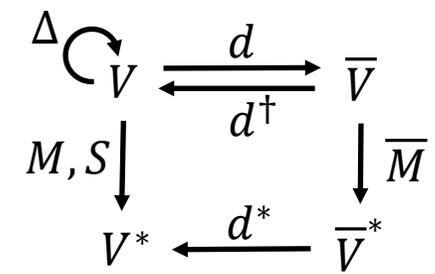
Recall:

$\phi_w^*(\phi_v)$ is one if $v = w$ and zero otherwise

For endomorphism $L \in \text{Hom}(V, V)$ the (v, w) -th coefficient in its matrix expression is:

$$\mathbf{L}_{vw} = \phi_v^*(L(\phi_w))$$

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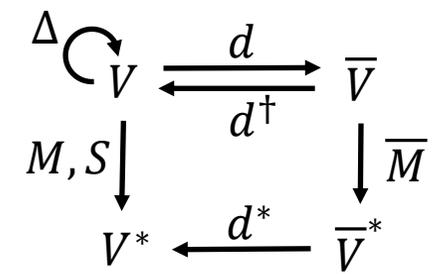
Computing the w -th coefficient:

$$\phi_w^* \left(\sum_{v \in \mathcal{V}} \frac{\partial \mathbf{a}_v^t}{\partial t} \cdot \phi_v \right) = \phi_w^* \left(\sum_{v \in \mathcal{V}} \mathbf{a}_v^t \cdot \Delta \phi_v \right)$$

\Leftrightarrow

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \mathbf{a}_w^t}{\partial t} &= \sum_{v \in \mathcal{V}} \mathbf{a}_v^t \cdot \phi_w^*(\Delta \phi_v) \\ &= \sum_{v \in \mathcal{V}} \mathbf{a}_v^t \cdot \Delta_{wv} \\ &= \sum_{v \in \mathcal{V}} \mathbf{a}_v^t \cdot (-\mathbf{M}^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{S})_{wv} \\ &= - \sum_{v \in \mathcal{V}} (\mathbf{M}^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{S})_{wv} \cdot \mathbf{a}_v^t \\ &= -(\mathbf{M}^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{a}^t)_w \end{aligned}$$

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Discretizing using (e.g.) implicit time-stepping:

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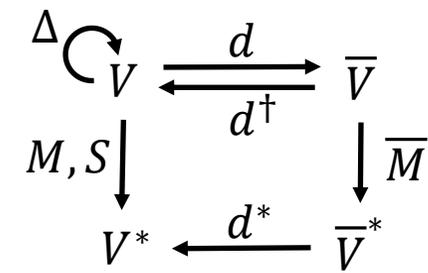
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