Duality in Finite Element Exterior Calculus and the Hodge Star Operator on the Sphere

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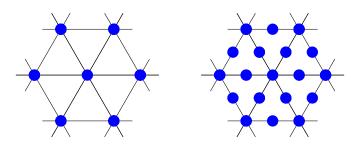
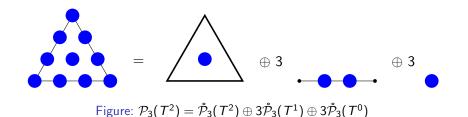


Figure: Degrees of freedom (blue) of piecewise linear functions (left) and piecewise quadratic functions (right).

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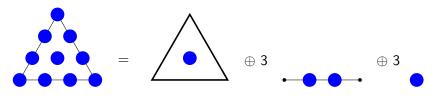


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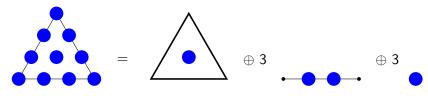


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The simplex and the sphere

- T^2 consists of points in the first orthant with x + y + z = 1.
- Via the change of coordinates

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we obtain the unit sphere $u^2 + v^2 + w^2 = 1$.

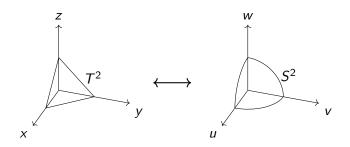


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Integration via u-substitution

$$\begin{split} \int_{T^2} a \wedge b &= \int_{S_{>0}^2} \alpha \wedge \beta = \int_{S_{>0}^2} uvw(\alpha \wedge *_{S^2}\alpha) \\ &= \int_{S_{>0}^2} uvw \left\|\alpha\right\|^2 d \operatorname{Area} > 0 \end{split}$$



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