

Serendipity VEMs for magneto-static problems

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Mag3D

The continuous problem - 3D

Let $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ be the (polyhedral) computational domain. Given $\mathbf{j} \in L^3(\Omega)$ (with $\operatorname{div} \mathbf{j} = 0$), and $\mu \in \mathbb{R}$ positive:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{find } \mathbf{H} \in H(\mathbf{curl}; \Omega) \text{ and } \mathbf{B} \in H(\operatorname{div}; \Omega) \text{ such that:} \\ \mathbf{curl} \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{j} \text{ and } \operatorname{div} \mathbf{B} = 0 \text{ with } \mathbf{B} = \mu \mathbf{H} \text{ in } \Omega, \\ \text{with the boundary conditions } \mathbf{H} \wedge \mathbf{n} = \mathbf{0} \text{ on } \partial\Omega. \end{array} \right.$$

We recall that

$$\mathbf{curl} \mathbf{v} := \nabla \wedge \mathbf{v}, \quad \operatorname{div} \mathbf{v} := \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}$$

and we set

$$H_0(\mathbf{curl}; \Omega) = \{\mathbf{v} \in [L^2(\Omega)]^3 \text{ with } \mathbf{curl} \mathbf{v} \in [L^2(\Omega)]^3 \text{ and } \mathbf{v} \wedge \mathbf{n} = \mathbf{0} \text{ on } \partial\Omega\}.$$

Kik

Variational formulation

Among the various formulations we chose (see Kikuchi 89)

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{find } \mathbf{H} \in H_0(\mathbf{curl}; \Omega) \text{ and } p \in H_0^1(\Omega) \text{ such that:} \\ \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{curl} \mathbf{H} \cdot \mathbf{curl} \mathbf{v} \, d\Omega + \int_{\Omega} \nabla p \cdot \mu \mathbf{v} \, d\Omega = \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{j} \cdot \mathbf{curl} \mathbf{v} \, d\Omega \quad \forall \mathbf{v} \in H_0(\mathbf{curl}; \Omega), \\ \int_{\Omega} \nabla q \cdot \mu \mathbf{H} \, d\Omega = 0 \quad \forall q \in H_0^1(\Omega). \end{array} \right.$$

We have a unique solution (\mathbf{H}, p) with $p \equiv 0$, $\mathbf{curl} \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{j}$, $\text{div} \mu \mathbf{H} = 0$.

N.B. To see that $p \equiv 0$ take $\mathbf{v} = \nabla p$ in the first equation.

H-L

Hodge-Laplacian variant

It is easy to see that the Kikuchi formulation here is equivalent to the *Hodge-Laplacian* formulation:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{find } \mathbf{H} \in H_0(\mathbf{curl}; \Omega) \text{ and } p \in H_0^1(\Omega) \text{ such that:} \\ \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{curl} \mathbf{H} \cdot \mathbf{curl} \mathbf{v} \, d\Omega + \int_{\Omega} \nabla p \cdot \mu \mathbf{v} \, d\Omega = \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{j} \cdot \mathbf{curl} \mathbf{v} \, d\Omega \quad \forall \mathbf{v} \in H_0(\mathbf{curl}; \Omega), \\ - \int_{\Omega} \nabla q \cdot \mu \mathbf{H} \, d\Omega + \int_{\Omega} \nabla p \cdot \nabla q \, d\Omega = 0 \quad \forall q \in H_0^1(\Omega). \end{array} \right.$$

Indeed, it is now immediate that the above problem has a unique solution (ellipticity in $H_0(\mathbf{curl}; \Omega) \times H_0^1(\Omega)$).

We also see that $p = 0$ from the first equation, as before.

But knowing that $p = 0$ the two formulations coincide....

The (toy) continuous problem in 2D

Let $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ be the (polygonal) computational domain. Given $j \in L^2(\Omega)$ (with $\int_{\Omega} j = 0$), and $\mu \in \mathbb{R}$ positive:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{find } \mathbf{H} \in H(\text{rot}; \Omega) \text{ and } \mathbf{B} \in H(\text{div}; \Omega) \text{ such that:} \\ \text{rot } \mathbf{H} = j \text{ and } \text{div } \mathbf{B} = 0, \text{ with } \mathbf{B} = \mu \mathbf{H}, \text{ in } \Omega \\ \text{with the boundary conditions } \mathbf{H} \cdot \mathbf{t} = 0 \text{ on } \partial\Omega \end{array} \right.$$

Here

$$\text{rot } \mathbf{v} = \frac{\partial v_2}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial v_1}{\partial y} \equiv \text{div}(\mathbf{v}^\perp), \quad \text{rot } q = \left(\frac{\partial q}{\partial y}, -\frac{\partial q}{\partial x} \right)^T \equiv (\nabla q)^\perp$$

Note: Setting $\mathbf{H} = (\nabla \psi)^\perp$ we have $-\text{div}(\mu \nabla \psi) = j$ and $\psi|_n = 0$.
But we pretend that we don't see it....

Kik 2D

Variational formulation of the 2D problem

Setting

$$H_0(\text{rot}; \Omega) = \{\mathbf{v} \in [L^2(\Omega)]^2 \text{ with } \text{rot} \mathbf{v} \in L^2(\Omega), \mathbf{H} \cdot \mathbf{t} = 0 \text{ on } \partial\Omega\},$$

the corresponding Kikuchi formulation reads now

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{find } \mathbf{H} \in H_0(\text{rot}; \Omega) \text{ and } p \in H_0^1(\Omega) \text{ such that:} \\ \int_{\Omega} \text{rot} \mathbf{H} \text{ rot} \mathbf{v} \, d\Omega + \int_{\Omega} \nabla p \cdot \mu \mathbf{v} \, d\Omega = \int_{\Omega} j \text{ rot} \mathbf{v} \, d\Omega \quad \forall \mathbf{v} \in H_0(\text{rot}; \Omega) \\ \int_{\Omega} \nabla q \cdot \mu \mathbf{H} \, d\Omega = 0 \quad \forall q \in H_0^1(\Omega) \end{array} \right.$$

and again we have a unique solution (\mathbf{H}, p) with $p \equiv 0$, $\text{rot} \mathbf{H} = j$, $\text{div} \mu \mathbf{H} = 0$.

H-L

Hodge-Laplacian variant in 2D

Here too we have a *Hodge-Laplacian* formulation:

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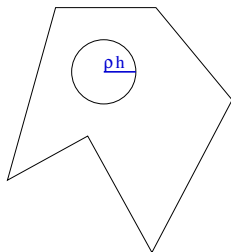
We still have that $p = 0$ and hence that the two formulations coincide....

Geom EI

Shape of the elements

We will assume that there exists a constant $\rho > 0$ such that, for every decomposition \mathcal{T}_h and for every element E of \mathcal{T}_h :

- E is starshaped with respect to every point of a ball of radius ρh_E ($h_E = \text{diameter of } E$)
- The number of edges of E is less than $1/\rho$

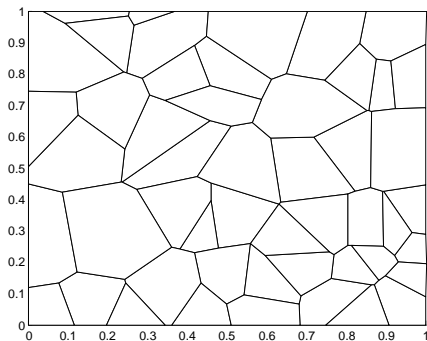


From every point of the disc one can see the whole ∂E .

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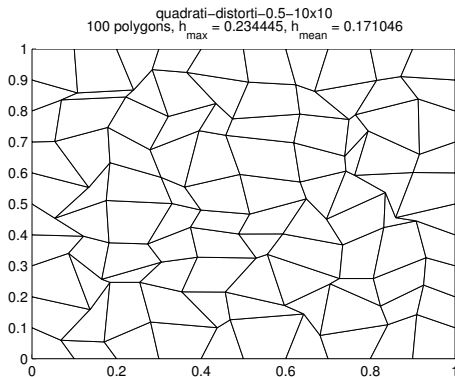
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Discretization with Virtual Elements - Nodal *Local* VEMs

- \mathcal{T}_h = decomposition of Ω into elements E Nodal VEM space

$$r \geq 1 \rightarrow V_r^n(E) := \left\{ q \in C^0(\bar{E}) : q|_e \in \mathbb{P}_r(e) \forall e \in \partial E, \Delta q \in \mathbb{P}_{r-2}(E) \right\}.$$

Easy variant (with r_Δ integer $r - 2 \leq r_\Delta \leq r$):

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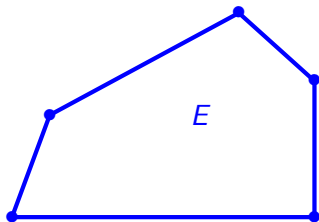
- the nodal values $q(\nu)$ at all vertexes ν of E ,
- for each edge e , the moments $\int_e q p_{r-2} ds \quad \forall p_{r-2} \in \mathbb{P}_{r-2}(e)$,
- $\int_E (\nabla q \cdot \mathbf{x}_E) p_{r_\Delta} dE \quad \forall p_{r_\Delta} \in \mathbb{P}_{r_\Delta}(E)$,

where $\mathbf{x}_E = \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b}_E$, with \mathbf{b}_E = barycenter of E . These d.o.f. are unisolvent. Note that a **computationally equivalent** set of d.o.f. could be obtained by replacing the **red ones** with the moments $\int_E q p_{r_\Delta} dE$.

Example of d.o.f. for $r = 1$

$$V_1^n(E) := \left\{ q \in C^0(\bar{E}) : q|_e \in \mathbb{P}_1(e) \forall e \in \partial E, \Delta q = 0 \right\}$$

Example: $r = 1$

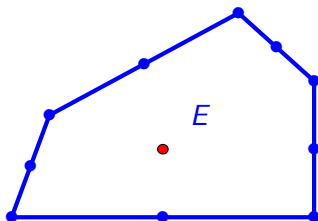


Ex-2

Example of d.o.f. for $r = 2$

$$V_2^n(E) := \left\{ q \in C^0(\bar{E}) : q|_e \in \mathbb{P}_2(e) \forall e \in \partial E, \Delta q \in \mathbb{P}_0(E) \right\}$$

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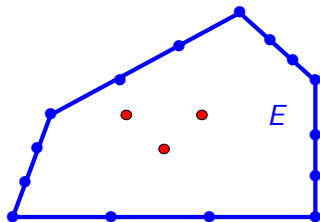
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Ex-3

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Example: $r = 3$



$$\bullet = \int_E (\nabla q \cdot \mathbf{x}_E) p_1 dE$$

Edge

Discretization with Virtual Elements - Edge *Local* VEMs

Edge VEM space (N1-like):

$$V_r^e(E) := \left\{ \mathbf{v} \mid \operatorname{div} \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{P}_{r-1}(E), \operatorname{rot} \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{P}_r(E), \mathbf{v}|_e \cdot \mathbf{t}_e \in \mathbb{P}_r(e) \forall e \in \partial E \right\}.$$

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Degrees of freedom:

- on each edge e , $\int_e (\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{t}_e) p_r \, ds \quad \forall p_r \in \mathbb{P}_r(e)$
- the moments $\int_E \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{x}_E p_{r-1} \, dE \quad \forall p_{r-1} \in \mathbb{P}_{r-1}(E)$
- $\int_E \operatorname{rot} \mathbf{v} p_r^0 \, dE \quad \forall p_r^0 \in \mathbb{P}_r^0(E),$

where, for κ integer,

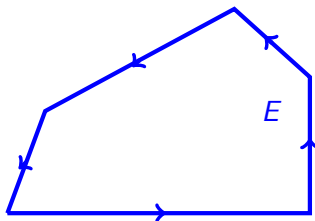
$$\mathbb{P}_\kappa^0 := \left\{ \mathbf{q} \in \mathbb{P}_\kappa \text{ with } \int_E \mathbf{q} \, dE = 0 \right\}$$

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Example: $r = 0$

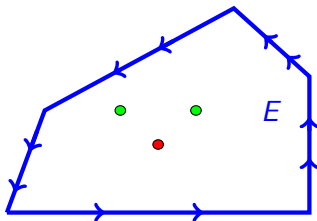


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Example: $r = 1$



$$\bullet = \int_E \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{x}_E dE$$

$$\bullet = \int_E \operatorname{rot} \mathbf{v} p_1^0 dE$$

Glob

The *global* VEM spaces and a tentative discrete problem

$$V_r^n = \{q \in H_0^1(\Omega) \text{ such that } q|_E \in V_r^n(E) \forall E \in \mathcal{T}_h\},$$
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We would like to take the **edge VEMs one degree lower than the nodal ones**, and write

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Problem: $\text{rot} \mathbf{H}_h$ and $\text{rot} \mathbf{v}$ are polynomials: O.K. But p , q , and \mathbf{v} are not known inside the elements. **GASP!!!!** How to compute $\int_E \nabla q \cdot \mu \mathbf{v} dE$?

Comput

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Indeed, any $\mathbf{p}_k \in [\mathbb{P}_k(E)]^2$ can be split in a unique way as

$$\mathbf{p}_k = \mathbf{rot} q_{k+1} + \mathbf{x}_E q_{k-1}, \quad q_{k+1} \in \mathbb{P}_{k+1}(E), \quad q_{k-1} \in \mathbb{P}_{k-1}(E).$$

Hence:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_E \Pi_k^0 \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{p}_k dE &:= \int_E \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{p}_k dE = \int_E \mathbf{v} \cdot (\mathbf{rot} q_{k+1} + \mathbf{x}_E q_{k-1}) dE \\ &= \int_E (\mathbf{rot} \mathbf{v}) q_{k+1} dE + \sum_{e \in \partial E} \int_e (\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{t}) q_{k+1} ds + \int_E (\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{x}_E) q_{k-1} dE \end{aligned}$$

Scal-Pr

Scalar product in V_k^e

Using the projection operator Π_k^0 we can then construct a *local* scalar product in V_k^e , with the usual VEM approach:

$$[\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}]_{e,E} := (\Pi_k^0 \mathbf{v}, \Pi_k^0 \mathbf{w})_{0,E} + S_E((I - \Pi_k^0) \mathbf{v}, (I - \Pi_k^0) \mathbf{w})$$

where S_E is such that **Stability** holds, in the form

$$\alpha_* (\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v})_{0,E} \leq [\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v}]_{e,E} \leq \alpha^* (\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v})_{0,E} \quad \forall \mathbf{v} \in V_k^e(E).$$

Then **Consistency** will always hold, in the form:

$$[\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{p}_k]_{e,E} \equiv (\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{p}_k)_{0,E} \quad \forall \mathbf{v} \in V_k^e(E), \forall \mathbf{p}_k \in [\mathbb{P}_k(E)]^2.$$

Loc De Rham

Exact sequence

It is not difficult to check that, with the above definitions

$$\nabla V_{k+1}^n(E) = \{\mathbf{v} \in V_k^e(E) : \text{rot} \mathbf{v} = 0\}.$$

Moreover

$$\text{rot} V_{k+1}^n(E) \equiv \mathbb{P}_k(E).$$

so that we reproduce the exact sequence of the De Rham complex.

These properties play a fundamental role in the analysis of the discrete problem and in the study of convergence.

Global VEM Spaces

Given a decomposition \mathcal{T}_h of Ω into polygonal elements E , we recall the *global spaces*:

$$V_{k+1}^n \equiv V_{k+1}^n(\Omega) := \left\{ q \in H_0^1(\Omega) \text{ such that } q|_E \in V_{k+1}^n(E) \forall E \in \mathcal{T}_h \right\},$$

$$V_k^e \equiv V_k^e(\Omega) := \left\{ \mathbf{v} \in H_0(\mathbf{curl}; \Omega) \text{ such that } \mathbf{v}|_E \in V_k^e(E) \forall E \in \mathcal{T}_h \right\},$$

with the obvious degrees of freedom. There we can then define the *global* discrete scalar products

$$[\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}]_{e,\Omega} := \sum_{E \in \mathcal{T}_h} [\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}]_{e,E}$$

with the consequent *stability* and *consistency* properties.

Computable exact sequence

It is important to point out that, for global spaces as well,

$$\nabla V_{k+1}^n \equiv \{\mathbf{v} \in V_k^e \text{ such that } \operatorname{rot} \mathbf{v} = 0\}.$$

together with

$$\operatorname{rot} V_k^e \equiv \prod_{P \in \mathcal{T}_h} \mathbb{P}_k(P).$$

It is also important to note that given the dofs of a $q \in V_{k+1}^n$ we can **compute** the corresponding dofs of ∇q in V_k^e ; and given the dofs of a $\mathbf{v} \in V_k^e$ we can **compute** its rot in each element.

Disc Prb

The discrete problem and its convergence

Given $j \in L^2(\Omega)$, with $\int_{\Omega} j \, d\Omega = 0$,

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{find } \mathbf{H}_h \in V_k^e \text{ and } p_h \in V_{k+1}^n \text{ such that:} \\ \int_{\Omega} \operatorname{rot} \mathbf{H}_h \operatorname{rot} \mathbf{v} \, d\Omega + [\nabla p_h, \mu \mathbf{v}]_{e,\Omega} = \int_{\Omega} j \operatorname{rot} \mathbf{v} \, d\Omega \quad \forall \mathbf{v} \in V_k^e, \\ [\nabla q, \mu \mathbf{H}_h]_{e,\Omega} = 0 \quad \forall q \in V_{k+1}^n. \end{array} \right.$$

Theorem

The problem has a unique solution and the following estimate holds:

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathbf{H} - \mathbf{H}_h\|_{0,\Omega} &\leq C \left(\|\mathbf{H} - \mathbf{H}_I\|_{0,\Omega} + \|\mathbf{H} - \Pi_k^0 \mathbf{H}\|_{0,\Omega} \right), \\ \|\operatorname{rot}(\mathbf{H} - \mathbf{H}_h)\|_{0,\Omega} &= \|j - \Pi_k^0 j\|_{0,\Omega}, \end{aligned}$$

Numerical results

Test case : $\Omega = [0, 1]^2$

exact solution: $\mathbf{H}(x, y) := \begin{pmatrix} \pi \sin(\pi x) \cos(\pi y) \\ -\pi \cos(\pi x) \sin(\pi y) \end{pmatrix}$

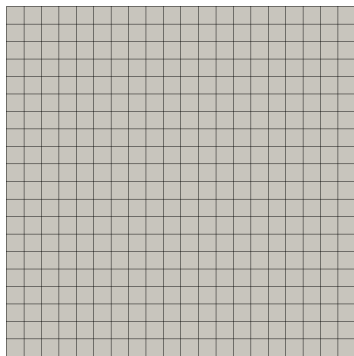


Figure: Example of uniform mesh

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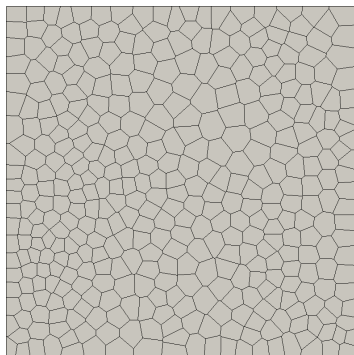


Figure: Example of Voronoi mesh

Numerical results

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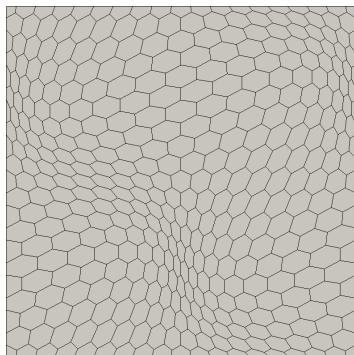
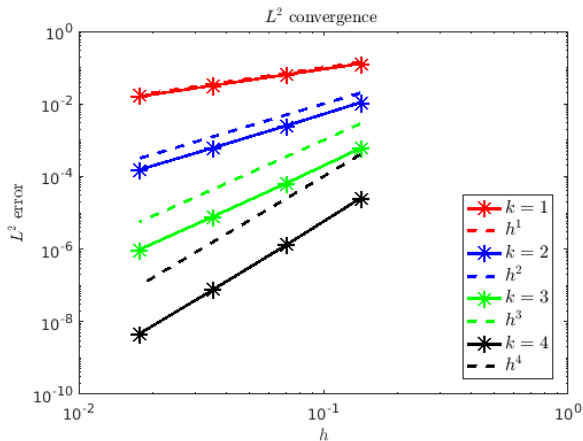


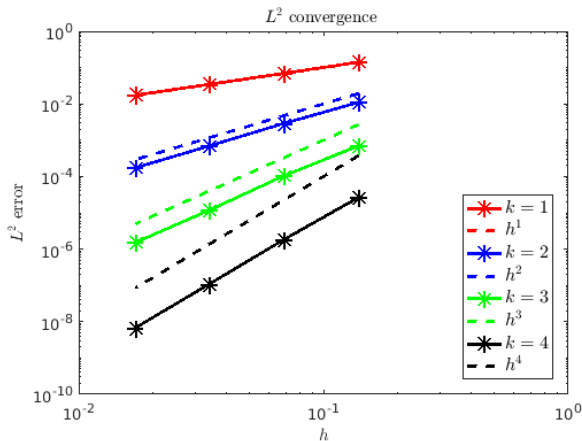
Figure: Example of distorted hexagons

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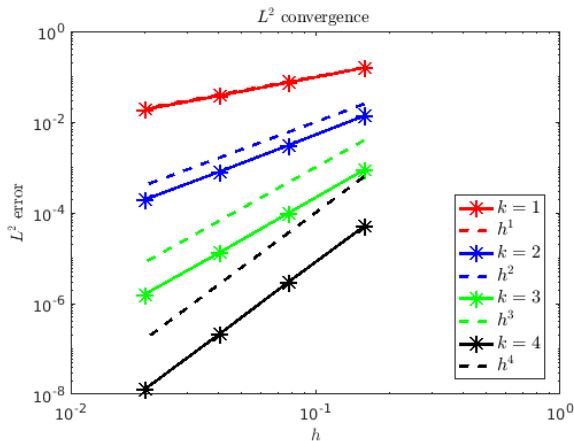
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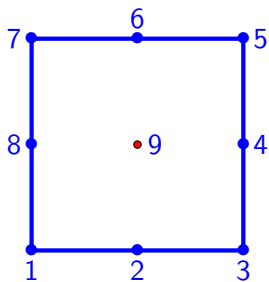
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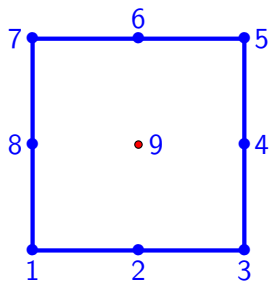
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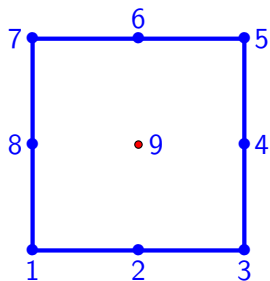


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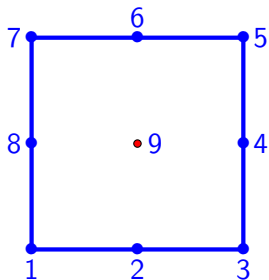
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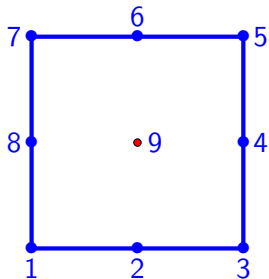
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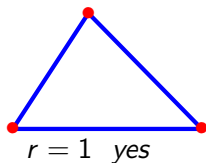
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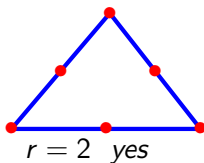
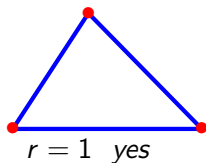
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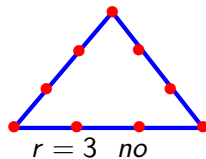
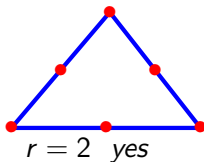
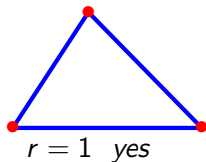
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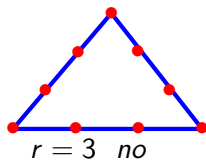
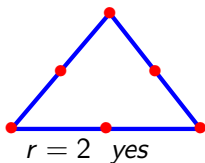
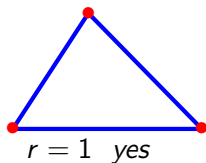
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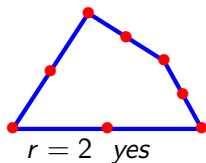
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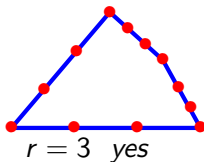
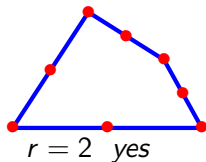
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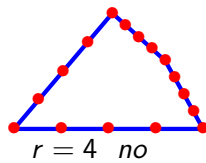
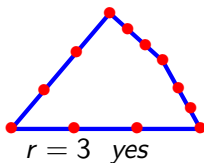
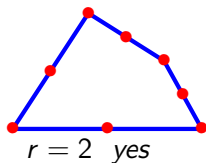
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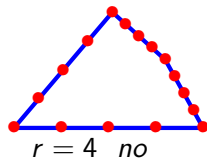
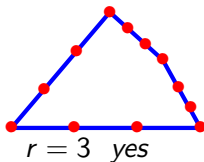
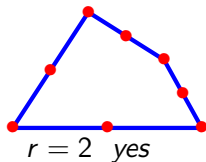
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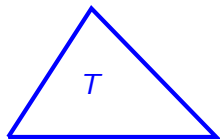
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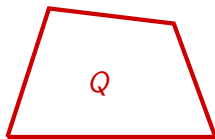
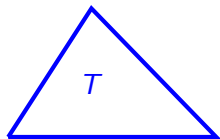
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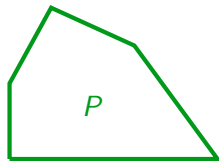
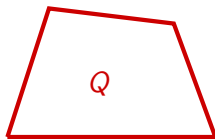
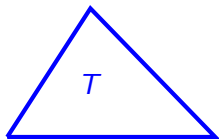
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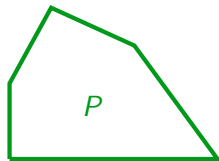
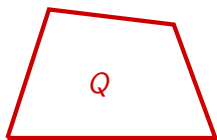
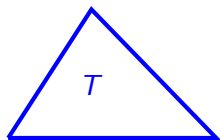
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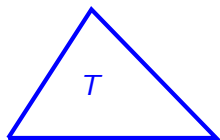
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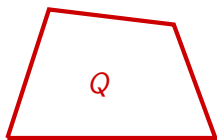
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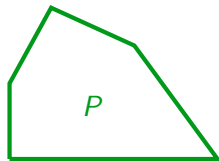
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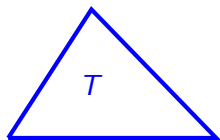


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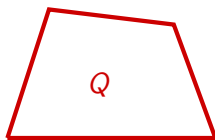
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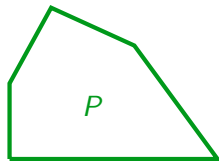
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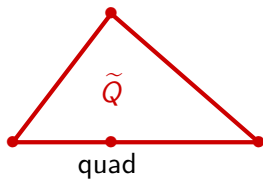


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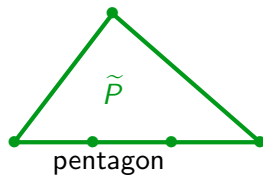
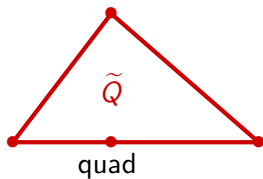


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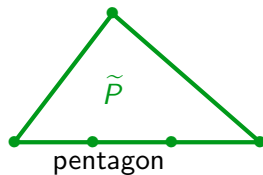
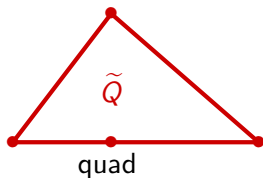
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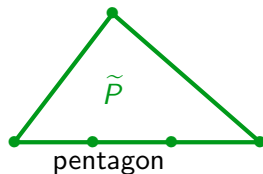
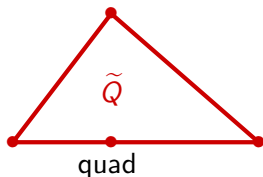
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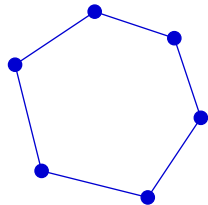
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other etas

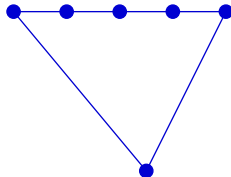
Other examples

η = minimum number of straight lines necessary to cover the boundary

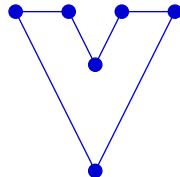
\mathbf{N} = number of edges



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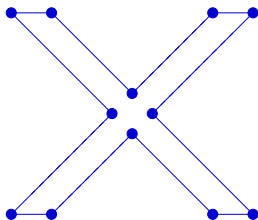
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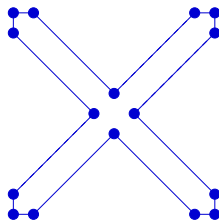
$\mathbf{N}=6$ $\eta=5$

more dram

Other (more dramatic) examples



$$N=12 \quad \eta=6$$



$$N=16 \quad \eta=8$$

$\dim(B_r(E)) = \dim(\mathbb{P}_{r-\eta})$. We need as internal dofs, for instance:

either $\int_E q p_{r-\eta} dx \quad \forall p_{r-\eta} \in \mathbb{P}_{r-\eta}$ or $\int_E q b_r dx \quad \forall b_r \in B_r$

lazy-stingy

The **lazy** choice and the **stingy** choice

Setting $\pi_r := \dim(\mathbb{P}_r)$ we must add, to the boundary dofs:

- on a **triangle** ($\eta = 3$), π_{r-3} internal dofs;
- on a **quad** ($\eta = 4$), π_{r-4} internal dofs;
- on an **η -gon**, $\pi_{r-\eta}$ internal dofs.

In general, even on very distorted polygons, **you must keep in \mathbb{S} as many internal dofs as there are \mathbb{P}_r -bubbles**

In practice, in a code, you may **either check every element to compute its η (stingy choice) or treat every element as if it were a triangle (lazy choice)**. Obviously, intermediate choices can be taken as well.

The *best strategy* depends on the circumstances.

costr proj

The projector $\Pi_r^{n,S}$ - General case

Assume that the degrees of freedom that we kept in \mathbb{S} are

- The boundary ones
- For $r \geq \eta$ the moments against the *bubbles* of \mathbb{P}_r ,

Then we define $\Pi_r^{n,S}$ as

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \int_{\partial E} \partial_t(q - \Pi_r^{n,S} q) \partial_t p \, ds = 0 \quad \forall p \in \mathbb{P}_r(E), \\ \int_{\partial E} (\mathbf{x}_E \cdot \mathbf{n})(q - \Pi_r^{n,S} q) \, ds = 0, \\ \int_E (\nabla(q - \Pi_r^{n,S} q) \cdot \mathbf{x}_E) b_r \, dE = 0 \quad \forall b_r \in B_r. \end{array} \right.$$

$\Pi_r^{n,S}$ is a projection $\bar{V}_r^n(E) \longrightarrow \mathbb{P}_r$

Convex case

The projector $\Pi_r^{n,S}$ (Convex case)

Assume that the degrees of freedom that we kept in \mathbb{S} are

- The boundary ones
- For $r \geq \eta$ the moments against the polynomials of degree up to β , where $\beta := r - \eta$.

Then we define $\Pi_r^{n,S}$ as

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \int_{\partial E} \partial_t(q - \Pi_S^n q) \partial_t p \, ds = 0 \quad \forall p \in \mathbb{P}_k(E), \\ \int_{\partial E} (\mathbf{x}_E \cdot \mathbf{n})(q - \Pi_S^n q) \, ds = 0, \\ \int_E (\nabla(q - \Pi_S^n q) \cdot \mathbf{x}_E) p_\beta \, dE = 0 \quad \forall p_\beta \in \mathbb{P}_\beta. \end{array} \right.$$

Note that the dimension of \mathbb{P}_β is equal to the dimension of the space $B_r(E)$ of bubbles in E of degree r (that we used before).

Serendipity Nodal VEM-spaces

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Simple! Isn't it?

Serendipity edge spaces (for simplicity, $r < \eta$, (no bubbles))

Recall that $N1_r := \nabla \mathbb{P}_{r+1} + \mathbf{x}^\perp \mathbb{P}_r$. Define a projection $\Pi_r^{e,S} : V_r^e(E) \rightarrow N1_r(E)$ as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\partial E} [(\mathbf{v} - \Pi_r^{e,S} \mathbf{v}) \cdot \mathbf{t}] [\nabla p \cdot \mathbf{t}] ds &= 0 \quad \forall p \in \mathbb{P}_r(E), \\ \int_{\partial E} (\mathbf{v} - \Pi_r^{e,S} \mathbf{v}) \cdot \mathbf{t} ds &= 0, \\ \int_E \operatorname{rot}(\mathbf{v} - \Pi_r^{e,S} \mathbf{v}) p_r^0 dE &= 0 \quad \forall p_r^0 \in \mathbb{P}_r^0(E). \end{aligned}$$

Serendipity edge space:

$$SV_r^e(E) = \left\{ \mathbf{v} \in V_r^e(E) : \int_E (\mathbf{v} - \Pi_S^e \mathbf{v}) \cdot \mathbf{x}_E p_{r-1} dE = 0 \quad \forall p_{r-1} \in \mathbb{P}_{r-1} \right\}$$

$$N1_r(E) \subseteq SV_r^e(E) \subseteq V_r^e(E)$$

Serendipity Discretized Problem

Note that even for Serendipity spaces we have the crucial property:

$$\nabla SV_{k+1}^n(E) = \left\{ \mathbf{v} \in SV_k^e(E) : \operatorname{rot} \mathbf{v} = 0 \right\}.$$

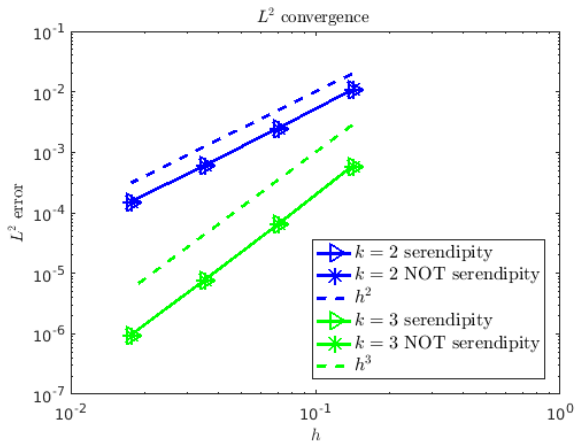
We can now pass to the *global spaces* as before, and write the Serendipity discretized problem:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{find } \mathbf{H}_h \in SV_k^e \text{ and } p_h \in SV_{k+1}^n \text{ such that:} \\ \int_{\Omega} \operatorname{rot} \mathbf{H}_h \operatorname{rot} \mathbf{v} \, d\Omega + [\nabla p_h, \mu \mathbf{v}]_{e,\Omega} = \int_{\Omega} j \operatorname{rot} \mathbf{v} \, d\Omega \quad \forall \mathbf{v} \in SV_k^e, \\ [\nabla q, \mu \mathbf{H}_h]_{e,\Omega} = 0 \quad \forall q \in SV_{k+1}^n. \end{array} \right.$$

Unique solution and same error estimates as before.

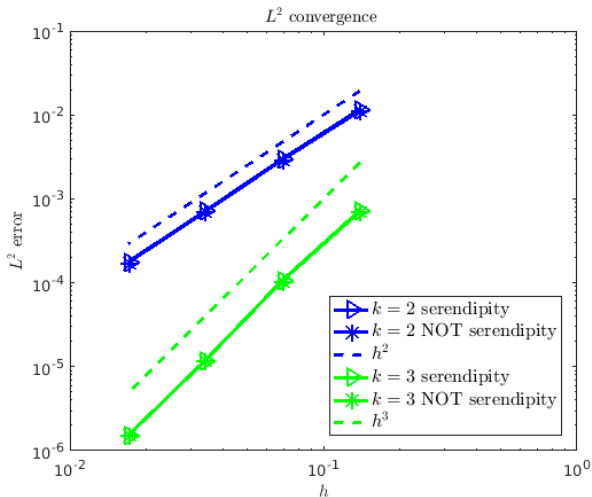
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Numerical results: original vs Serendipity- L^2 -convergence



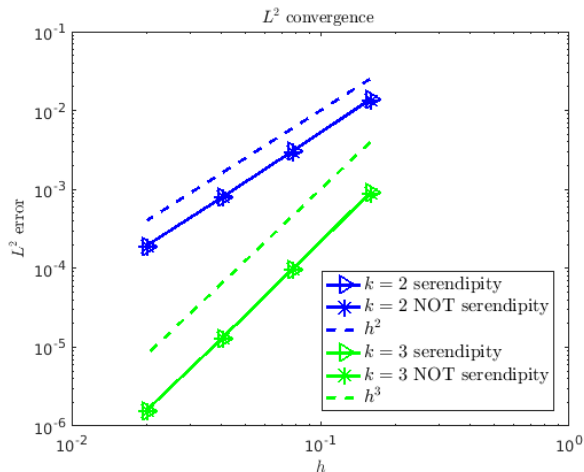
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convergence in h : Voronoi mesh

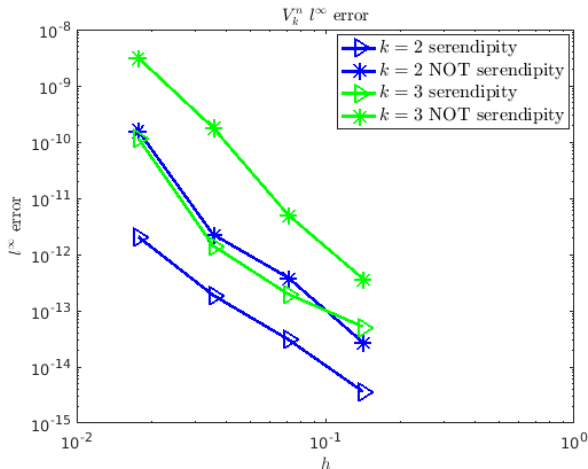
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convergence in h : distorted hexagons

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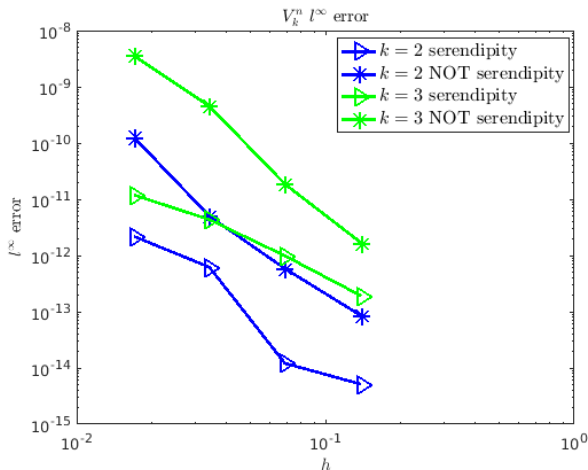
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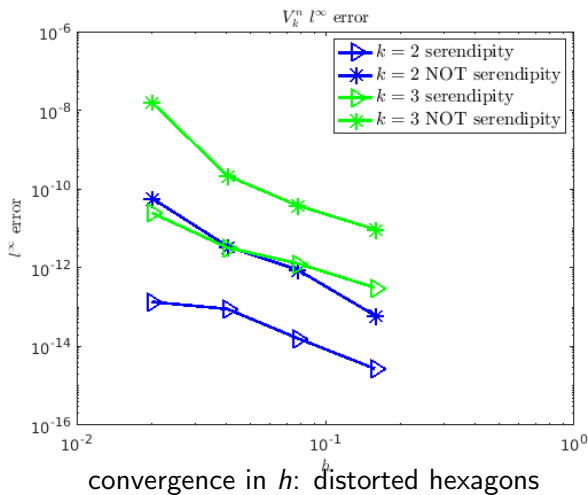
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convergence in h : Voronoi mesh

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Serendipity Local VEM spaces on ∂P

Let then $k \geq 0$, and let N_V be the number of vertices, N_e the number of edges, and N_f the number of faces of the polyhedron P .

For each face f we will use the Serendipity spaces $SV_{k+1}^n(f)$ and $SV_k^e(f)$ as defined above. In order to define the corresponding spaces on P we first define the *nodal Serendipity boundary spaces* as

$$\mathcal{B}_{k+1,S}^n(\partial P) := \{q \in C^0(\partial P) \text{ such that } q|_f \in SV_{k+1}^n(f) \quad \forall \text{ face } f \in \partial P\},$$

and the *edge Serendipity boundary spaces* as

$$\mathcal{B}_{k,S}^e(\partial P) := \{\mathbf{v} \text{ such that } \mathbf{v}|_f \in SV_k^e(f) \quad \forall \text{ face } f \in \partial P, \\ \text{and } \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{t}_e \text{ continuous at each edge } \mathbf{e} \in \partial P\}.$$

SERE local on P

Serendipity Local VEM spaces in P

We then introduce the **nodal Serendipity three-dimensional spaces**

$$V_{k+1}^n(P) := \left\{ q \in H^1(P) \cap C^0(P) : q|_{\partial P} \in \mathcal{B}_{k+1,S}^n(\partial P), \Delta q \in \mathbb{P}_{k-1}(P) \right\},$$

and the **edge Serendipity three-dimensional spaces**

$$V_k^e(P) := \left\{ \mathbf{v} \mid \mathbf{v}|_{\partial P} \in \mathcal{B}_{k,S}^e(\partial P), \operatorname{div} \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{P}_{k-1}(P), \operatorname{curl}(\operatorname{curl} \mathbf{v}) \in (\mathbb{P}_{k-1}(P))^3 \right\}.$$

We will also need a **face Virtual Element space**, that we define as

$$V_k^f(P) := \left\{ \mathbf{w} \mid \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{n}_f \in \mathbb{P}_k(\mathbf{f}) \forall \text{ face } \mathbf{f}, \operatorname{div} \mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{P}_k(P), \operatorname{curl} \mathbf{w} \in (\mathbb{P}_{k-1}(P))^3 \right\}.$$

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Degrees of freedom in $SV_{k+1}^n(\mathbf{P})$

In $V_{k+1}^n(\mathbf{P})$ we have the degrees of freedom

- for each vertex ν , the nodal value $q(\nu)$,
- for each edge e and $k \geq 1$ the moments $\int_e q p_{k-1} ds \quad \forall p_{k-1} \in \mathbb{P}_{k-1}(e)$,
- \forall face f with $\beta_f \geq 0$ the moments $\int_f (\nabla_f q \cdot \mathbf{x}_f) p_{\beta_f} df \quad \forall p_{\beta_f} \in \mathbb{P}_{\beta_f}(f)$,
- for $k \geq 1$ the moments $\int_{\mathbf{P}} q p_{k-1} d\mathbf{P} \quad \forall p_{k-1} \in \mathbb{P}_{k-1}(\mathbf{P})$.

dof e

Degrees of freedom in $SV_k^e(P)$

In $V_k^e(P)$ we have the degrees of freedom:

- on each e : $\int_e (\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{t}_e) p_k \, ds \quad \forall p_k \in \mathbb{P}_k(e)$,
- for each f with $\beta_f \geq 0$: $\int_f \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{x}_f p_{\beta_f} \, df \quad \forall p_{\beta_f} \in \mathbb{P}_{\beta_f}(f)$,
- for each face f : $\int_f \text{rot}_f \mathbf{v}_f p_k^0 \, df \quad \forall p_k^0 \in \mathbb{P}_k^0(f)$ (only for $k > 1$),
- for $k \geq 1$: $\int_P (\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{x}_P) p_{k-1} \, dP \quad \forall p_{k-1} \in \mathbb{P}_{k-1}(P)$,
- $\int_P (\mathbf{curl} \mathbf{v}) \cdot (\mathbf{x}_P \wedge \mathbf{p}_{k-1}) \, dP \quad \forall \mathbf{p}_{k-1} \in [\mathbb{P}_{k-1}(P)]^3$,

where $\mathbf{x}_P := \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b}_P$, with \mathbf{b}_P = barycenter of P .

dof f

Degrees of freedom in $V_k^f(P)$

Finally, in $V_k^f(P)$ we have the degrees of freedom

- for each f : $\int_f (\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{n}_f) p_k \, df \quad \forall p_k \in \mathbb{P}_k(f)$,
- for $k \geq 1$ $\int_P \mathbf{w} \cdot (\mathbf{grad} p_k) \, dP \quad \forall p_k \in \mathbb{P}_k(P)$,
- $\int_P \mathbf{w} \cdot (\mathbf{x}_P \wedge \mathbf{p}_{k-1}) \, dP \quad \forall \mathbf{p}_{k-1} \in [\mathbb{P}_{k-1}(P)]^3$.

Out of the *local* degrees of freedom (from the three cases above) we then easily get the degrees of freedom for the *global* spaces.

We note that, in many applications, the number of *internal* dofs for the spaces $V_{k+1}^n(P)$, $V_k^e(P)$, and $V_k^f(P)$ will be *(much) more than necessary*. However, we will not make efforts to diminish them, assuming that in practice we could eliminate them by *static condensation* (or even construct suitable Serendipity variants).

Exact sequence

Note that $\forall \mathbf{q} \in SV_{k+1}^n(P)$, its *tangential gradient*, applied *face by face*, will belong to $SV_k^e(f)$. Consequently, we have $\mathbf{v} := \mathbf{grad} \mathbf{q} \in SV_k^e(P)$ since $\operatorname{div} \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{P}_{k-1}(P)$ and $\mathbf{curl} \mathbf{v} = 0$. Hence,

$$\nabla SV_{k+1}^n(P) = \{\mathbf{v} \in SV_k^e(P) : \mathbf{curl} \mathbf{v} = 0\}.$$

Moreover, $\forall \mathbf{v} \in SV_k^e(P)$ we have that $\mathbf{w} := \mathbf{curl} \mathbf{v} \in V_k^f(P)$. Indeed, on each face f we have that $\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{n}_f (\equiv \operatorname{rot}_f \mathbf{v}_f)$ belongs to $\mathbb{P}_k(f)$, and moreover $\operatorname{div} \mathbf{w} = 0$ (obviously) and $\mathbf{curl} \mathbf{w} \in (\mathbb{P}_{k-1}(P))^3$. Hence,

$$\mathbf{curl} SV_k^e(P) := \{\mathbf{w} \in V_k^f(P) : \operatorname{div} \mathbf{w} = 0\}.$$

Finally,

$$\operatorname{div} V_k^f(P) := \mathbb{P}_k(P)$$

and we get the discrete local **De Rham Exact Sequence**.

Given a decomposition \mathcal{T}_h of Ω into polyhedrons, with the usual regularity assumptions, we can define the *global spaces*:

$$SV_{k+1}^n \equiv SV_{k+1}^n(\Omega) := \left\{ q \in H_0^1(\Omega) \text{ such that } q|_P \in SV_{k+1}^n(P) \forall P \in \mathcal{T}_h \right\},$$

$$SV_k^e \equiv SV_k^e(\Omega) := \left\{ \mathbf{v} \in H_0(\mathbf{curl}; \Omega) \text{ such that } \mathbf{v}|_P \in SV_k^e(P) \forall P \in \mathcal{T}_h \right\},$$

$$V_k^f \equiv V_k^f(\Omega) := \left\{ \varphi \in H_0(\text{div}; \Omega) \text{ such that } \varphi|_P \in V_k^f(P) \forall P \in \mathcal{T}_h \right\},$$

with the obvious degrees of freedom.

Sc Prod

Scalar Products

From the degrees of freedom we can compute the $(L^2(P))^3$ -orthogonal projections Π_S^e and Π_S^f from $V_S^e(P)$ and $V_S^f(P)$ (respectively) to $(\mathbb{P}_S(P))^3$. Hence, we can define *local* scalar products $[\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{v}]_{e,P}$ and $[\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{v}]_{f,P}$ in the usual VEM fashion, with the *stability* and *consistency* properties:

$$\alpha_* \|\mathbf{v}\|_{0,P}^2 \leq [\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v}]_{e,P} \leq \alpha^* \|\mathbf{v}\|_{0,P}^2 \quad \forall \mathbf{v} \in SV_k^e(P)$$

$$\alpha_* \|\mathbf{v}\|_{0,P}^2 \leq [\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v}]_{f,P} \leq \alpha^* \|\mathbf{v}\|_{0,P}^2 \quad \forall \mathbf{v} \in V_k^f(P)$$

$$[\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{p}_k]_{e,P} = \int_P \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{p}_k dE = (\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{p}_k)_{0,P} \quad \forall \mathbf{v} \in SV_k^e(P), \forall \mathbf{p}_k \in (\mathbb{P}_k(P))^3.$$

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Then, out of them, we can compute the *global* discrete scalar products

$$[\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{p}_k]_{e,\Omega} \quad \text{and} \quad [\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{p}_k]_{f,\Omega}$$

with the consequent *stability* and *consistency* properties.

Computable exact sequence

It is important to point out that, for global spaces as well,

$$\nabla SV_{k+1}^n \equiv \{\mathbf{v} \in SV_k^e \text{ such that } \mathbf{curl} \mathbf{v} = 0\}.$$

together with

$$\mathbf{curl} SV_k^e \equiv \{\varphi \in V_k^f \text{ such that } \operatorname{div} \varphi = 0\}.$$

and finally

$$\operatorname{div} V_k^f \equiv \prod_{P \in \mathcal{T}_h} \mathbb{P}_k(P).$$

It is also important to note that given the dofs of a $q \in SV_{k+1}^n$ we can **compute** the corresponding dofs of ∇q in SV_k^e ; and given the dofs of a $\mathbf{v} \in SV_k^e$ we can **compute** the corresponding dofs of $\mathbf{curl} \mathbf{v}$ in V_k^f ; finally (obviously) from the dofs of a $\varphi \in V_k^f$ we can **compute** its divergence in each element.

Construction of \mathbf{j}_I

Given $\mathbf{j} \in H_0(\text{div}; \Omega)$ with $\text{div} \mathbf{j} = 0$, we first construct its interpolant $\mathbf{j}_I \in V_k^f$ that matches all the degrees of freedom

- for each face f : $\int_f ((\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{j}_I) \cdot \mathbf{n}) p_k \, df = 0 \quad \forall p_k \in \mathbb{P}_k(f)$,
- for each element P , $k \geq 1$: $\int_P (\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{j}_I) \cdot \mathbf{grad} p_k \, dP = 0 \quad \forall p_k \in \mathbb{P}_k(P)$,
- for each element P : $\int_P (\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{j}_I) \cdot (\mathbf{x}_P \wedge \mathbf{p}_{k-1}) \, dP = 0 \quad \forall \mathbf{p}_{k-1} \in (\mathbb{P}_{k-1}(P))^3$.

We then have easily that

$$\int_P \text{div}(\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{j}_I) p_k \, dP = 0 \quad \forall p_k \in \mathbb{P}_k(P).$$

and in particular

$$\text{div} \mathbf{j}_I = 0 \text{ in } \Omega.$$

Then we can introduce the **discretization** of the 3D problem

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{find } \mathbf{H}_h \in V_k^e \text{ and } p_h \in V_{k+1}^n \text{ such that:} \\ [\mathbf{curl} \mathbf{H}_h, \mathbf{curl} \mathbf{v}]_f + [\nabla p_h, \mu \mathbf{v}]_e = [\mathbf{j}_l, \mathbf{curl} \mathbf{v}]_f \quad \forall \mathbf{v} \in V_k^e \\ [\nabla q, \mu \mathbf{H}_h]_e = 0 \quad \forall q \in V_{k+1}^n. \end{array} \right.$$

We point out that for $q \in V_{k+1}^n$ we can compute the degrees of freedom of ∇q , as an element of V_k^e , so that **the two edge-scalar products are computable**.

Similarly, both $\mathbf{curl} \mathbf{H}_h$ and $\mathbf{curl} \mathbf{v}$, as well as \mathbf{j}_l , are *face Virtual Elements* in $V_k^f(P)$ for each polyhedron P , so that **the two face-scalar products are also computable**.

We also observe that, taking $\mathbf{v} = \nabla p_h$ in the first equation we easily obtain $\|\nabla p_h\|_0 = 0$, and hence $p_h = 0$.

Once we know that $p_h = 0$ we can easily check, as in the 2-D case, that

$$\mathbf{curl} \mathbf{H}_h = \mathbf{j}_l.$$

and that **the usual optimal error estimates hold**.

Savings in interelement dof's

	dofs $k=2$		
Mesh	$VEMS_2$	VEM_2	Q_2
8^3	2,673	7,857	4,401
16^3	18,785	57,953	31,841
32^3	140,481	444,609	241,857

	dofs $k=3$		
Mesh	$VEMS_3$	VEM_3	Q_3
8^3	4,617	14,985	11,529
16^3	32,657	110,993	84,881
32^3	245,025	853,281	650,529

Table: Number of inter-element dofs for a cubic uniform mesh. $k = 2$ and $k = 3$

Savings in interelement dof's

	dofs k=4		
Mesh	$VEMS_4$	VEM_4	Q_4
8^3	8,289	23,841	22,113
16^3	59,585	177,089	164,033
32^3	450,945	1,363,329	1,261,953

	dofs k=5		
Mesh	$VEMS_5$	VEM_5	Q_5
8^3	15,417	34,425	36,153
16^3	112,625	256,241	269,297
32^3	859,617	1,974,753	2,076,129

Table: Number of inter-element dofs for a cubic uniform mesh. $k = 4$ and $k = 5$

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