

**Trimester Program on  
Computational Manifolds and Applications**

**Introduction to Computational  
Manifolds and Applications**

**Differential Operators on Manifolds**

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# Summary

Today (Tuesday): Differential Operators on Surfaces

- Differential operators in the parametric domain
- Cotangent formula
- Belkin's approach
- SPH-based scheme

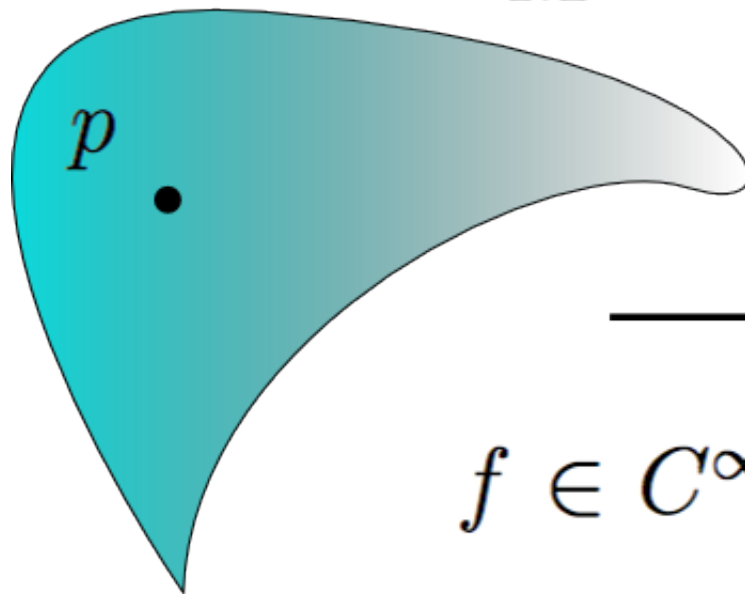
Thursday: Manifold Harmonics and Applications

- Some theoretical background
- Mesh Filtering
- Rustamov Embedding
- Fiedler tree
- Other applications

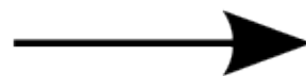
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$M$



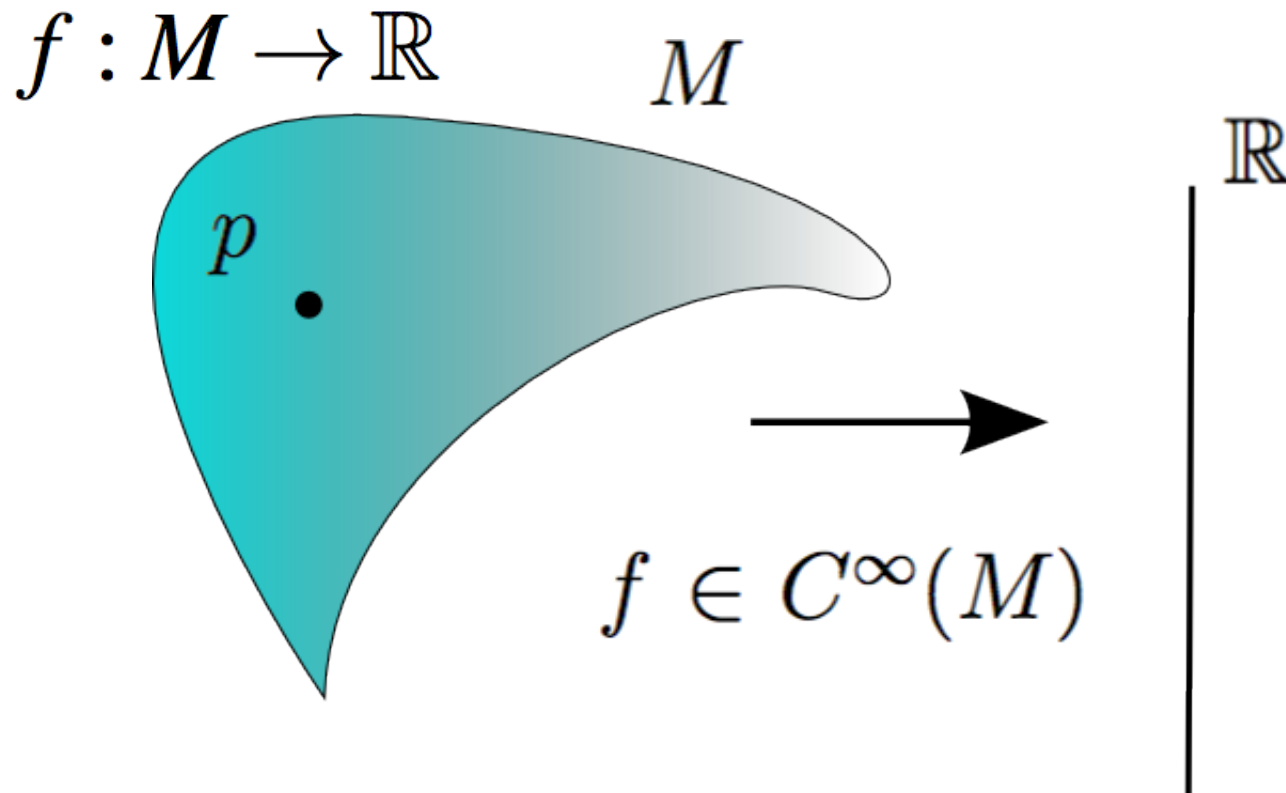
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$$f \in C^\infty(M)$$



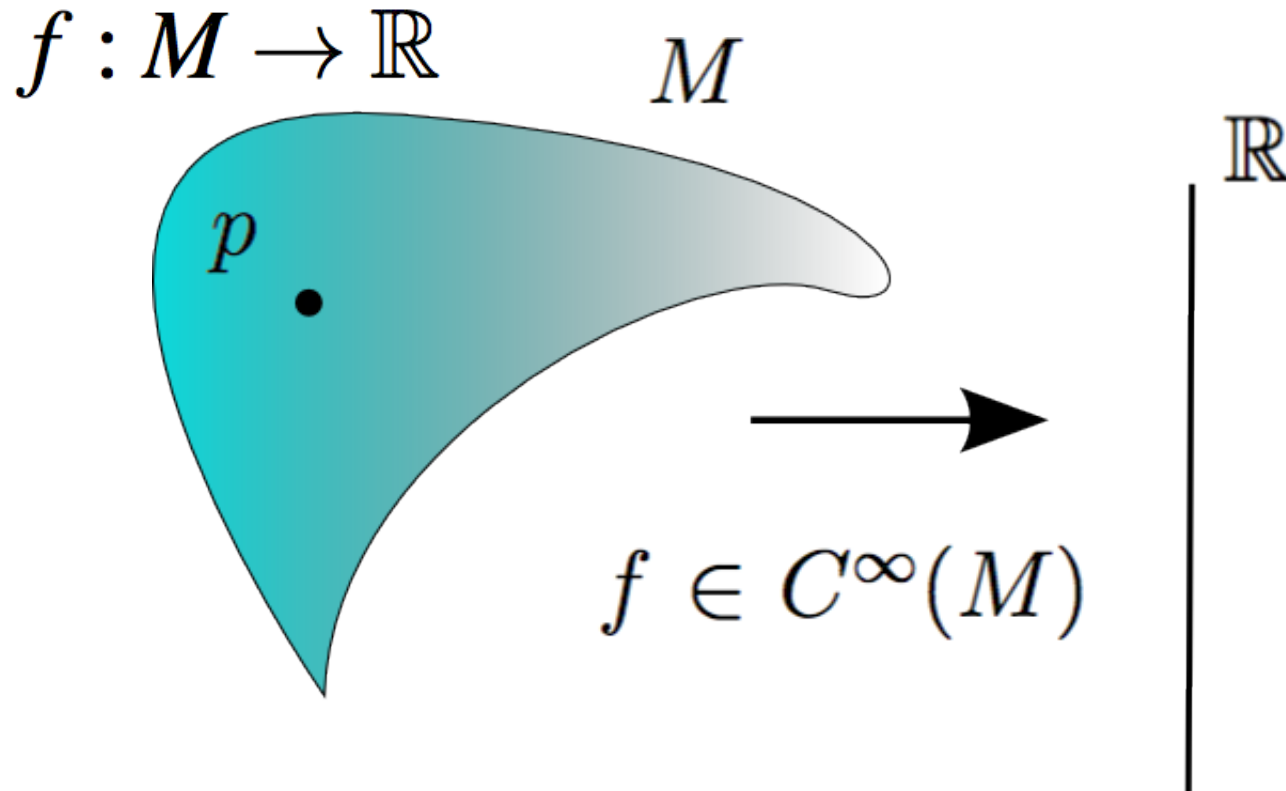
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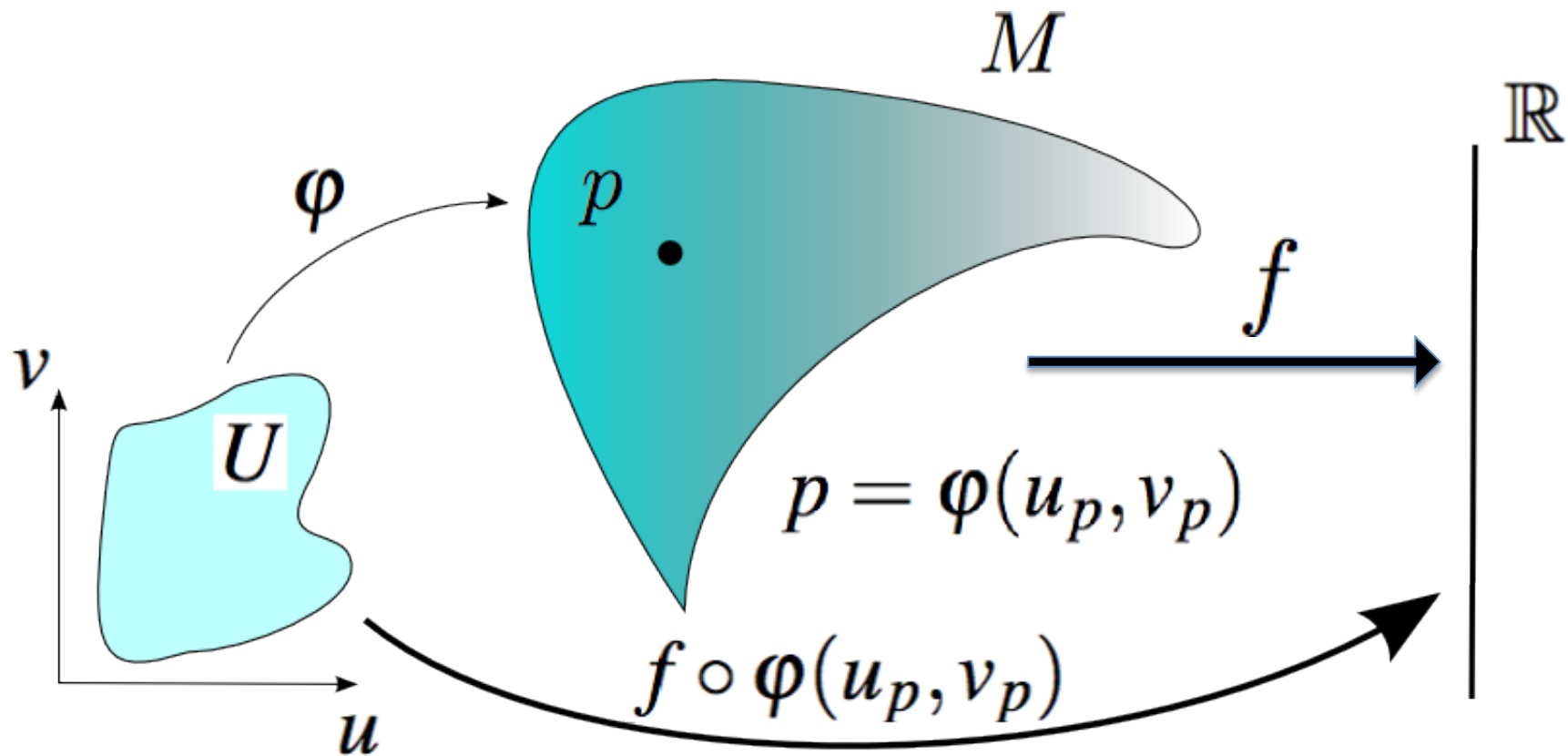


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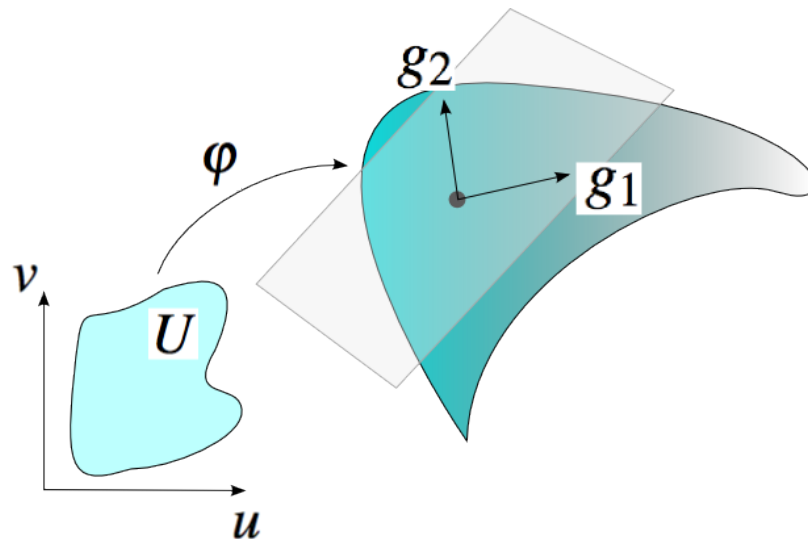
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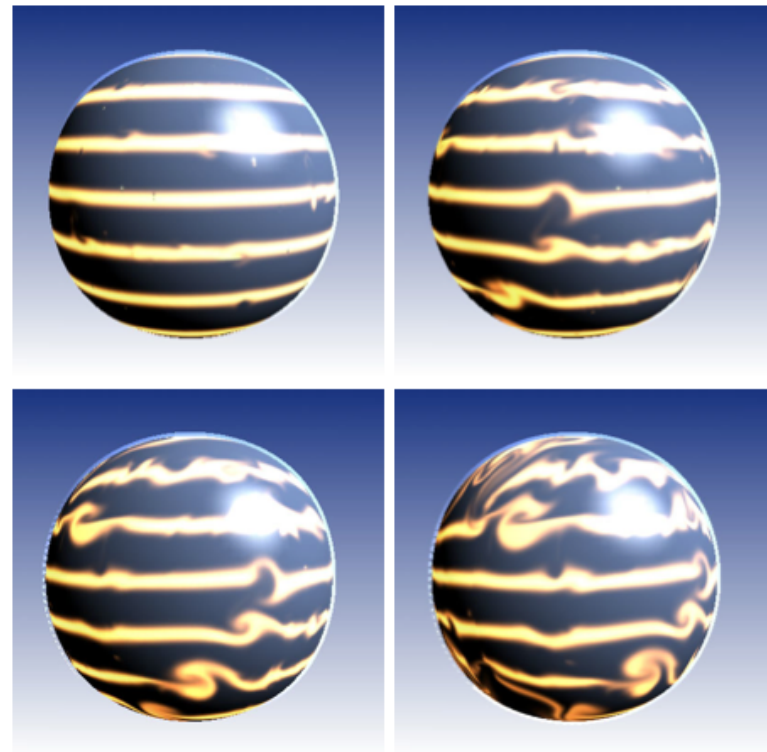
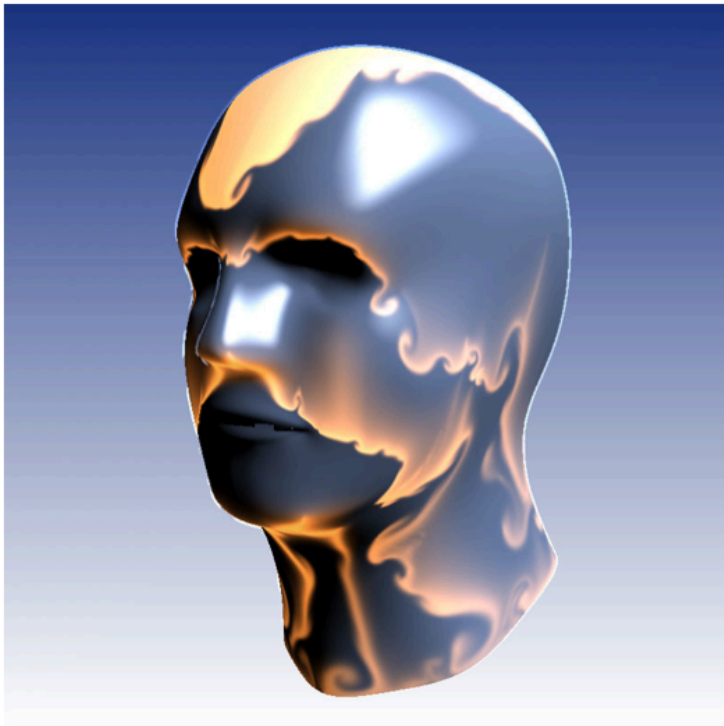
The Laplacian:

$$\nabla^2 f = \frac{1}{\sqrt{g}} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial u} (\sqrt{g}(g^{11} f_u + g^{12} f_v)) + \frac{\partial}{\partial v} (\sqrt{g}(g^{21} f_u + g^{22} f_v)) \right)$$

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Jos Stam made use of those operators defined on the parametric domain to simulate flows on surfaces.

[Flows on Surfaces of Arbitrary Topology, ACM TOG 2003]



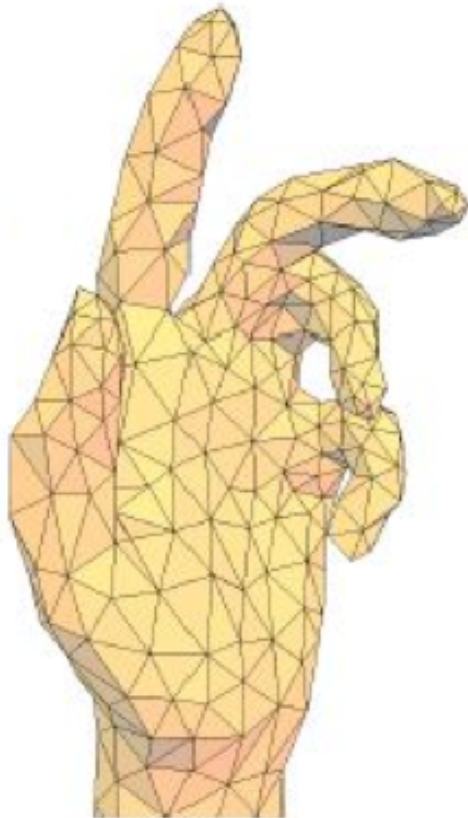
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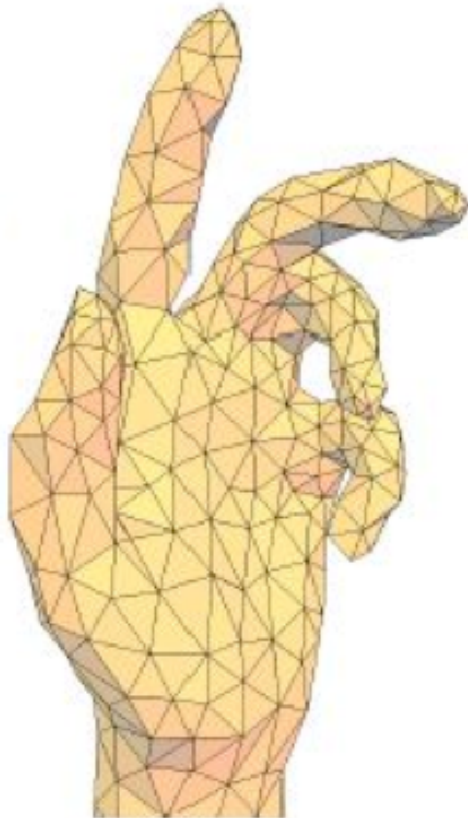
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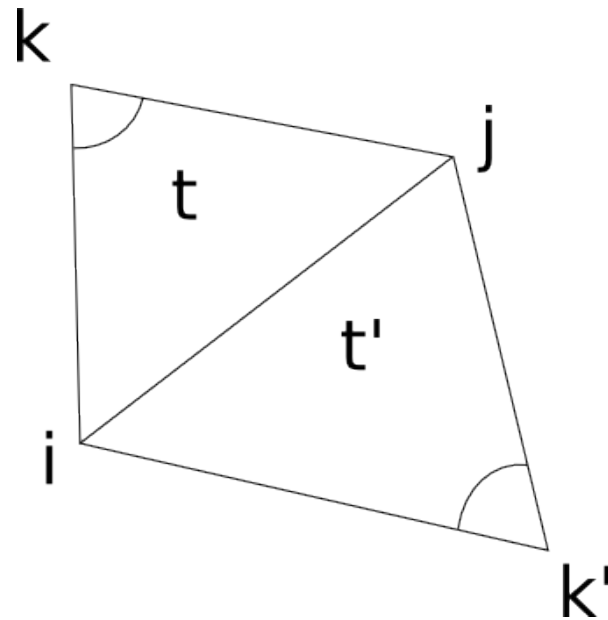
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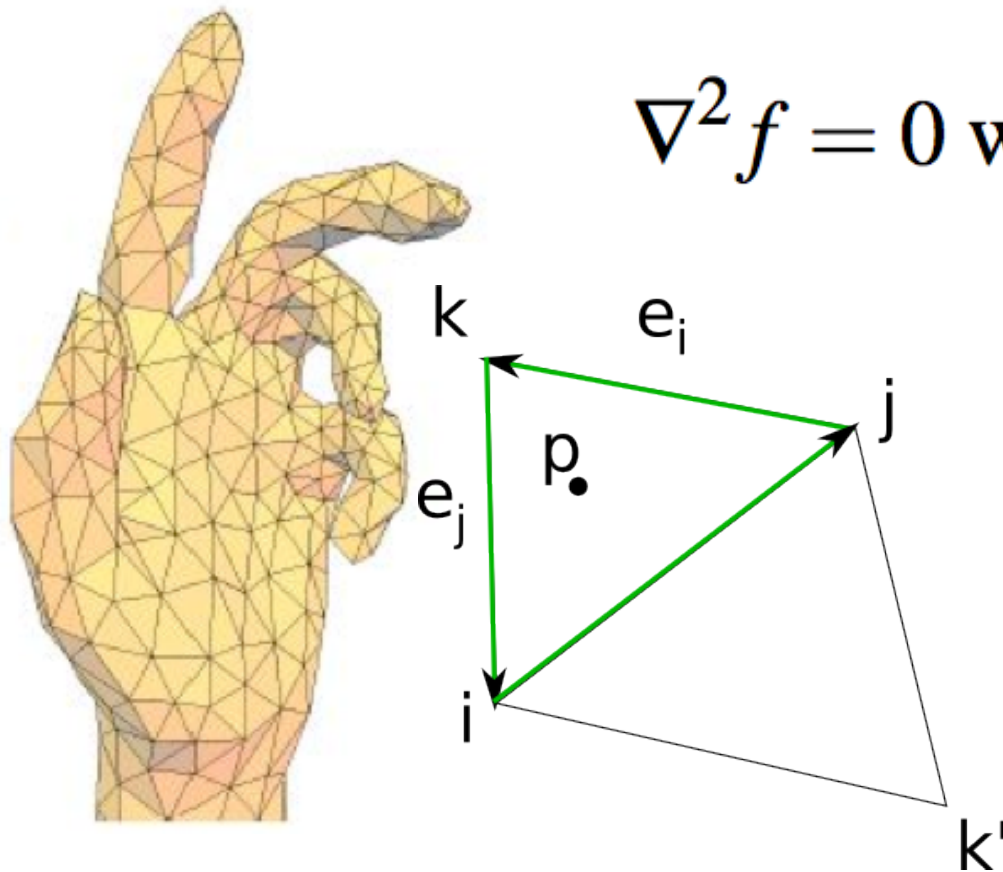


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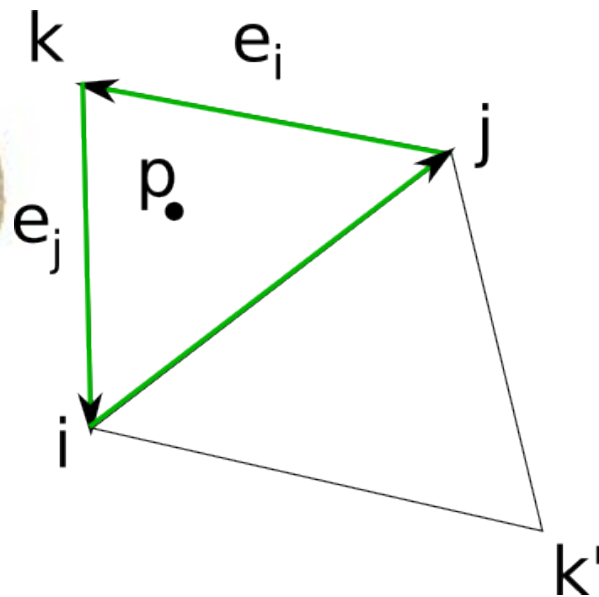


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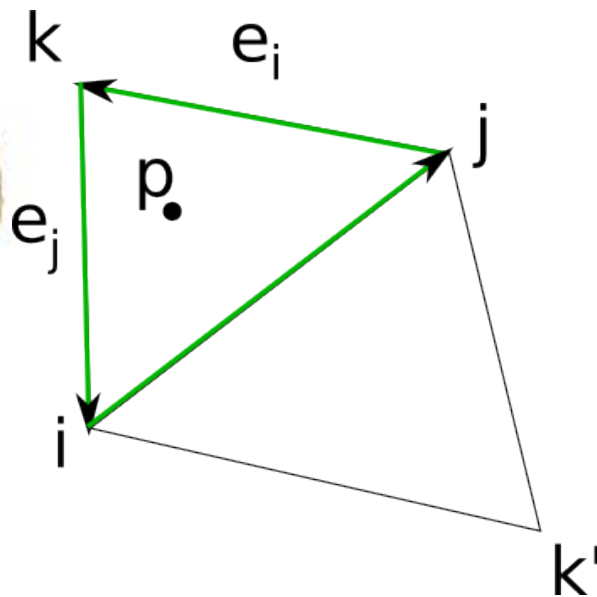
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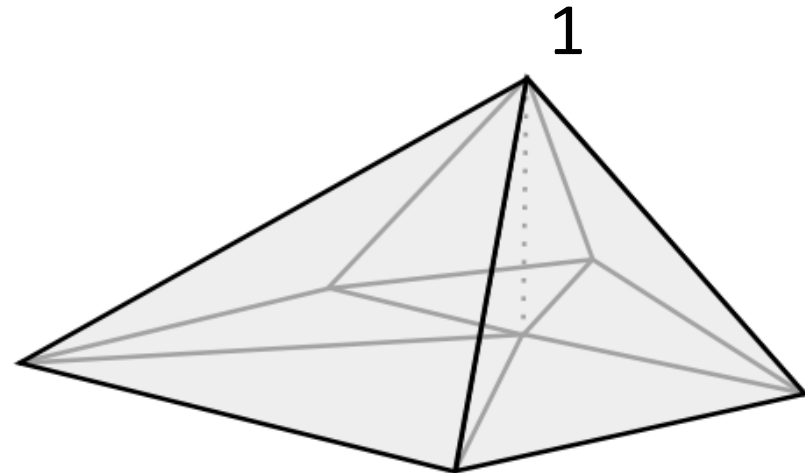
$$\int_t f dS = 2A_t \int_{u_i=0}^1 \int_{u_j=0}^{1-u_i} f du_j du_i$$

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Using Finite Element Formulation

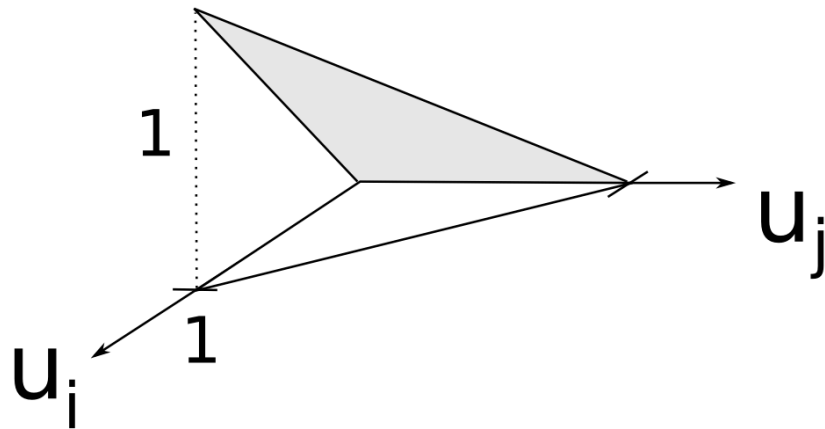
$$\nabla^2 f = 0 \Rightarrow Lf = 0$$

$$l_{ij} = \int_{t \cup t'} \langle \nabla \phi_i, \nabla \phi_j \rangle dS$$

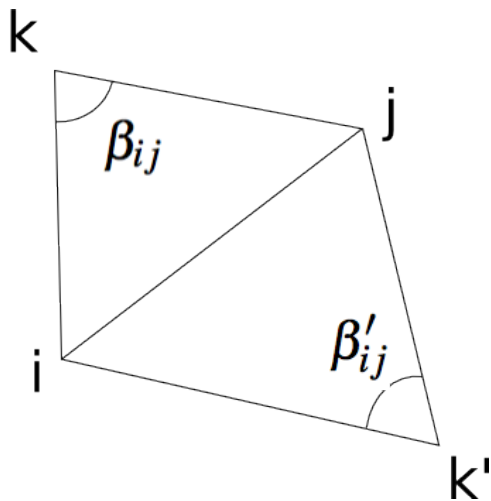


# Differential Operators on Surfaces

In the canonical domain



$$\langle \nabla \phi_i, \nabla \phi_j \rangle = \frac{\langle e_i, e_j \rangle}{4A_t^2}$$

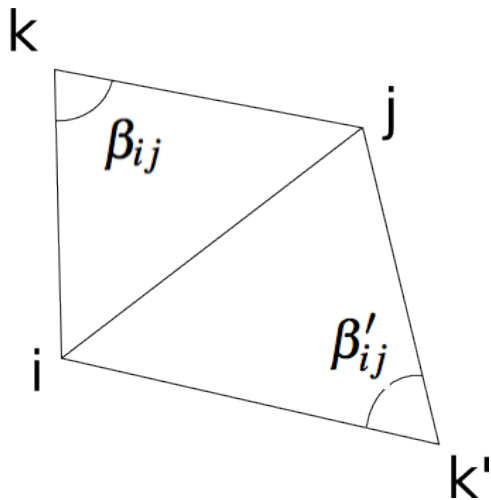


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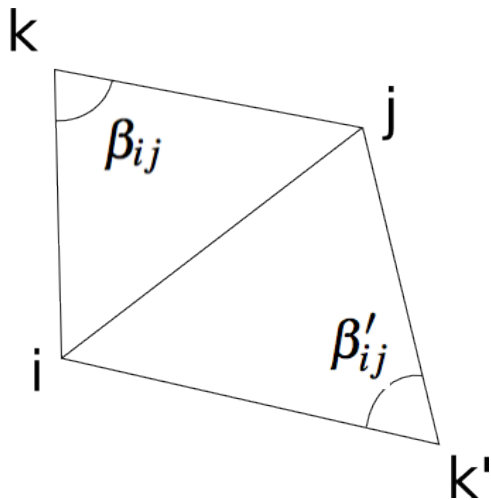
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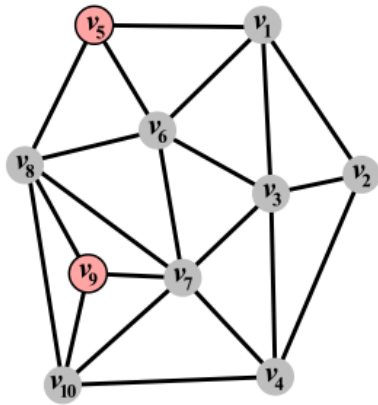
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Allows to discretize the Laplace equation directly on the surface.



## Boundary Conditions

Least Square-based



The mesh

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The symmetric Laplacian  $L_s$

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Invertible Laplacian

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Penalty Method

$$(L + P) = Pb$$

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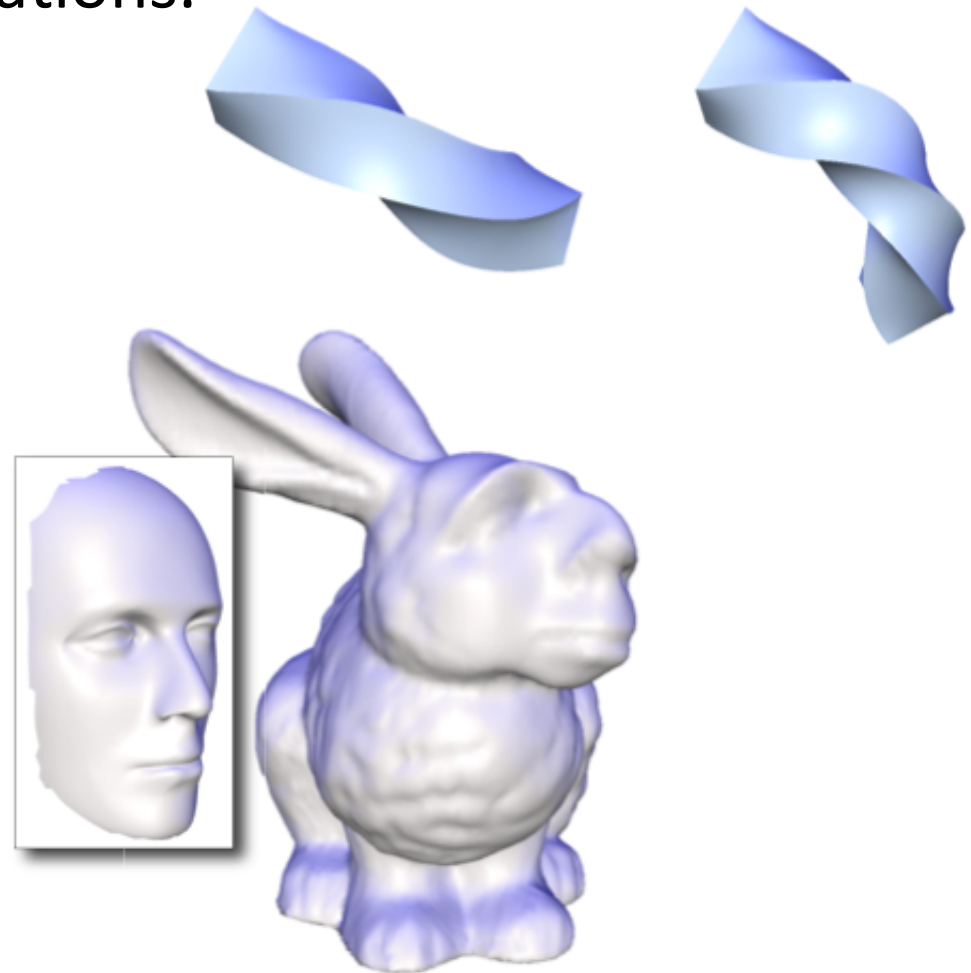
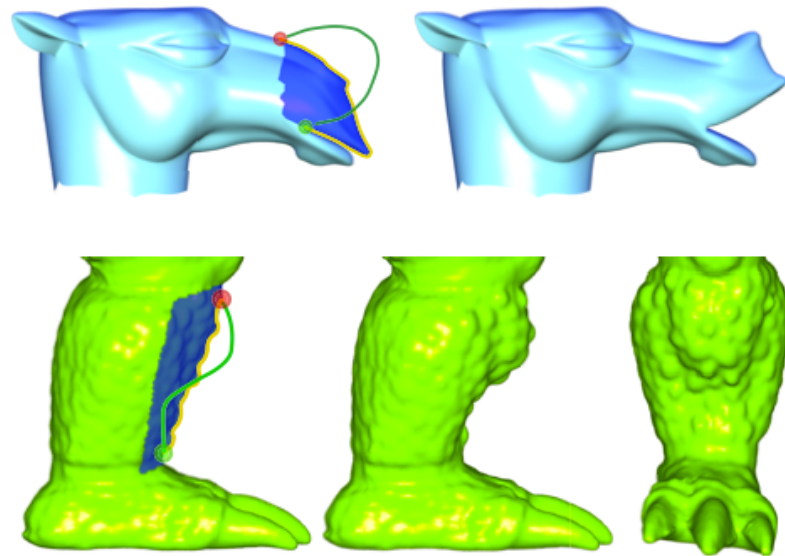
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## Mesh Editing and Deformation



[O. Sorkine, Eurographics 2005]

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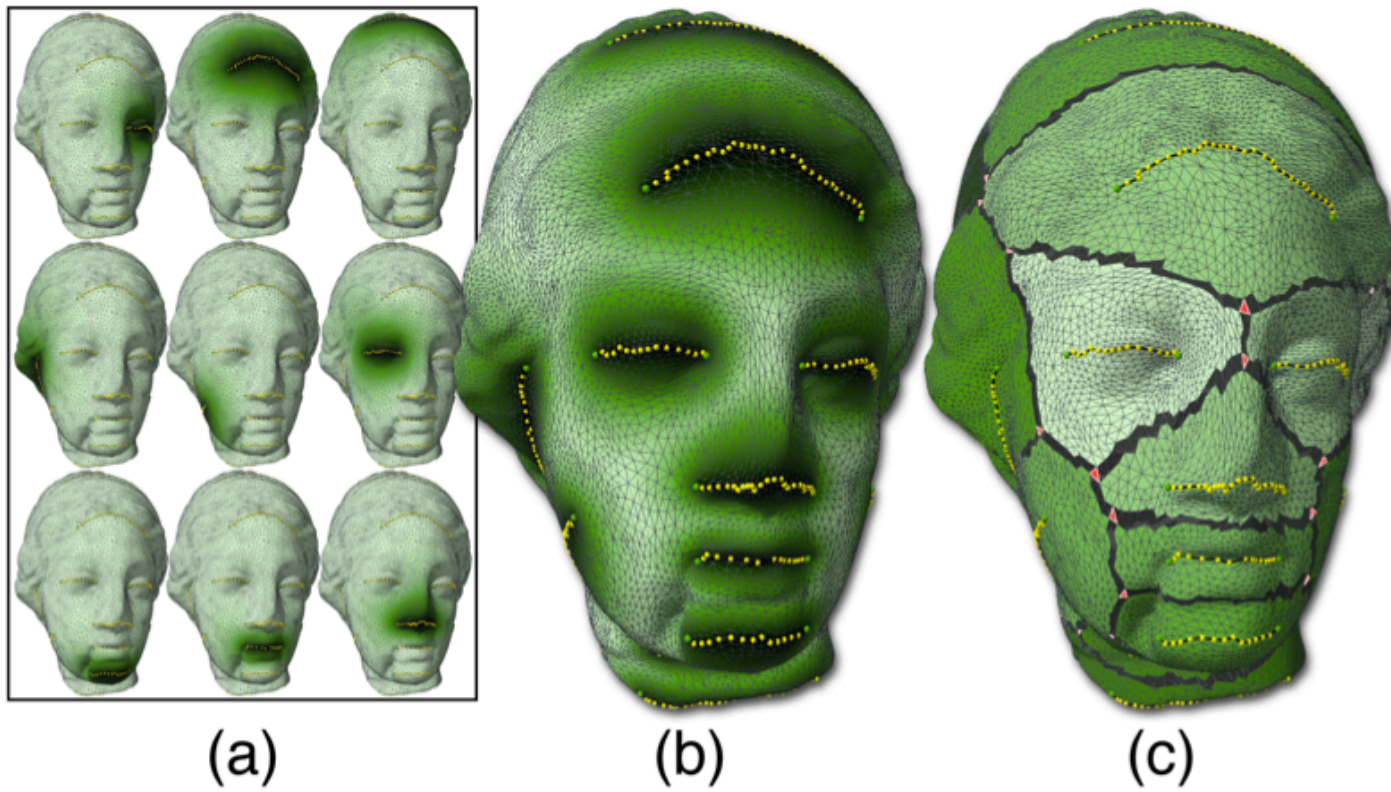


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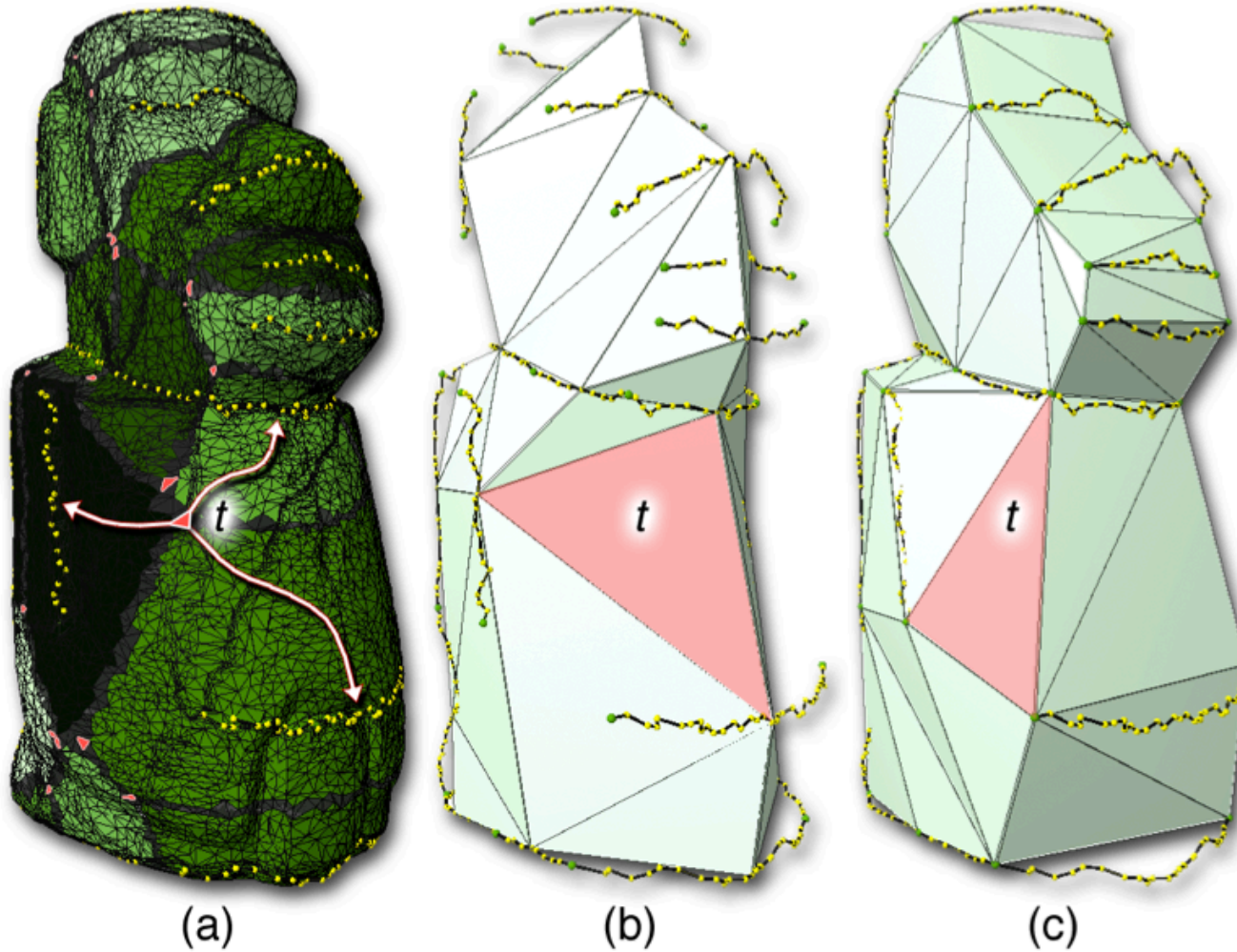
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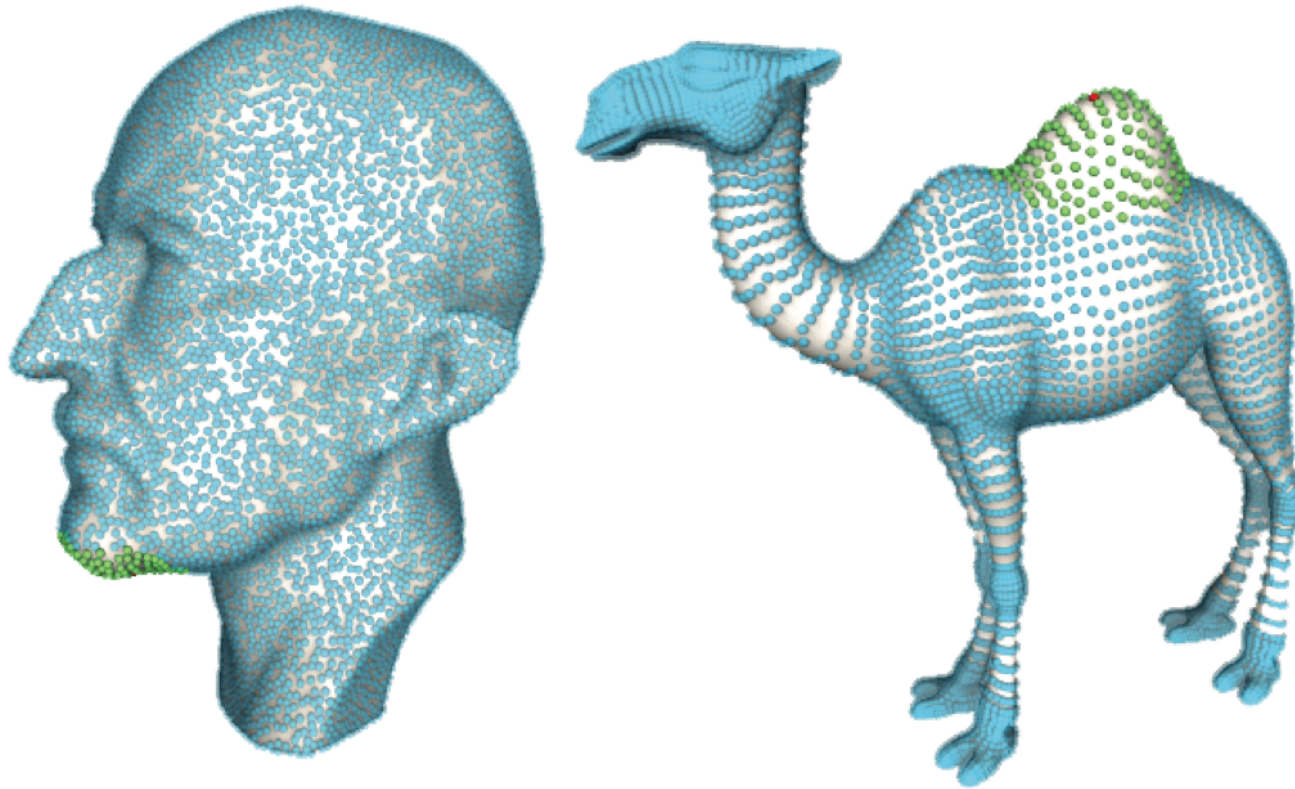
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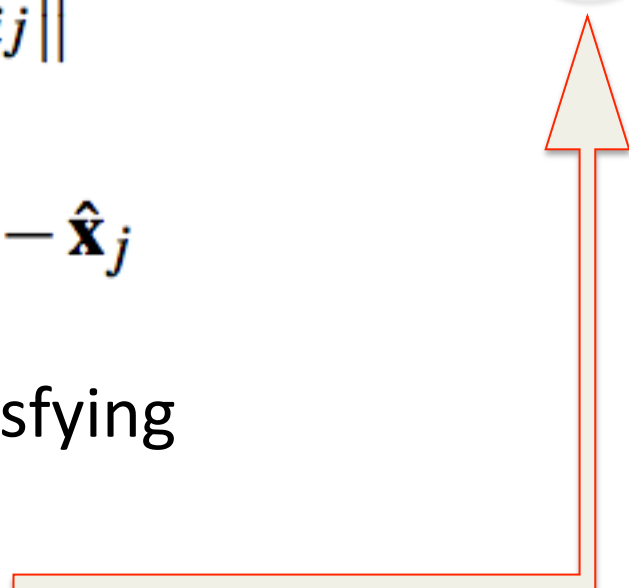
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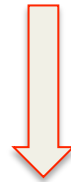
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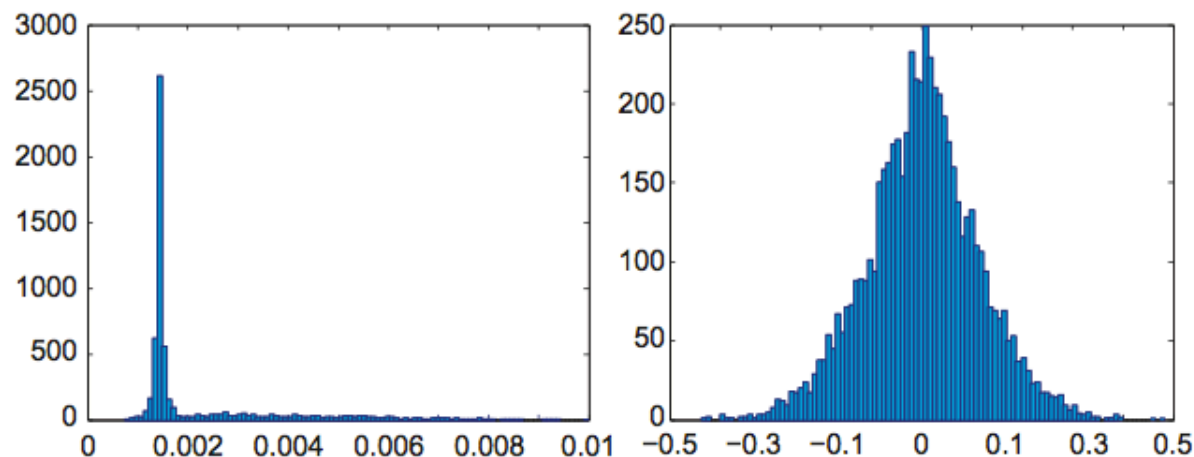
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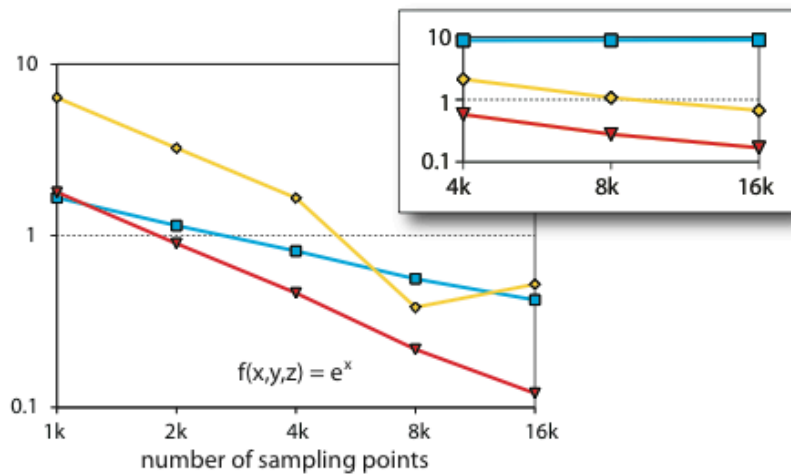
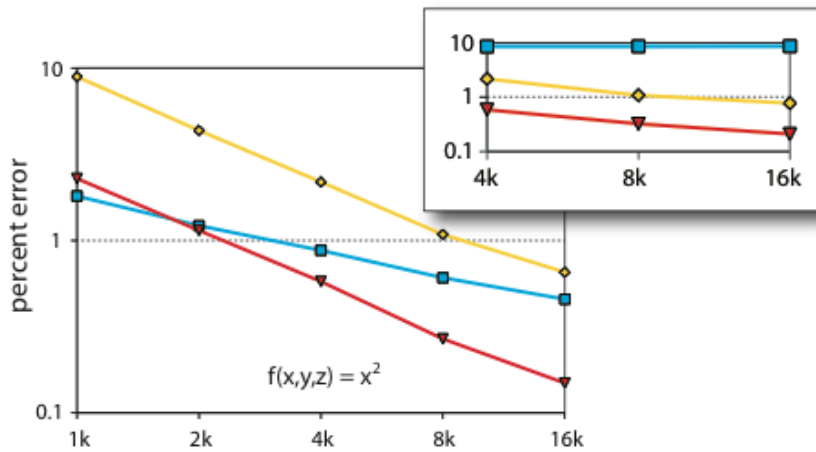
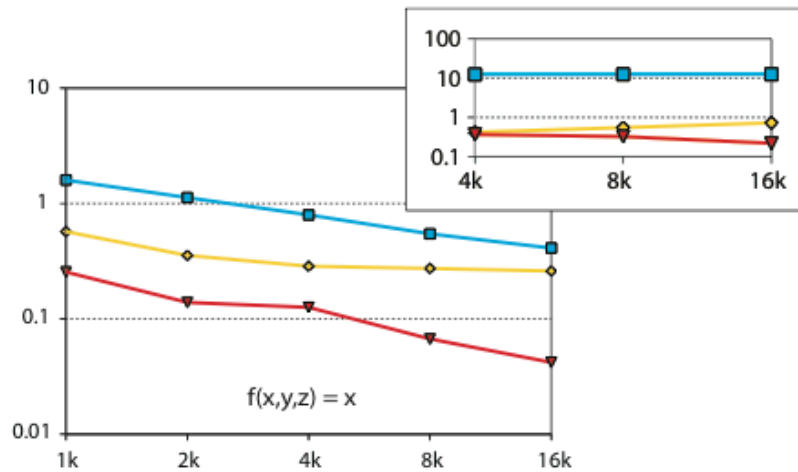
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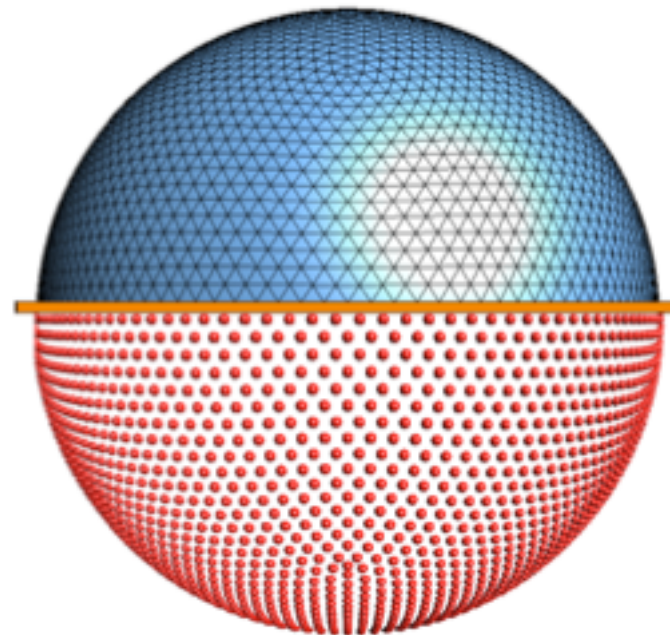


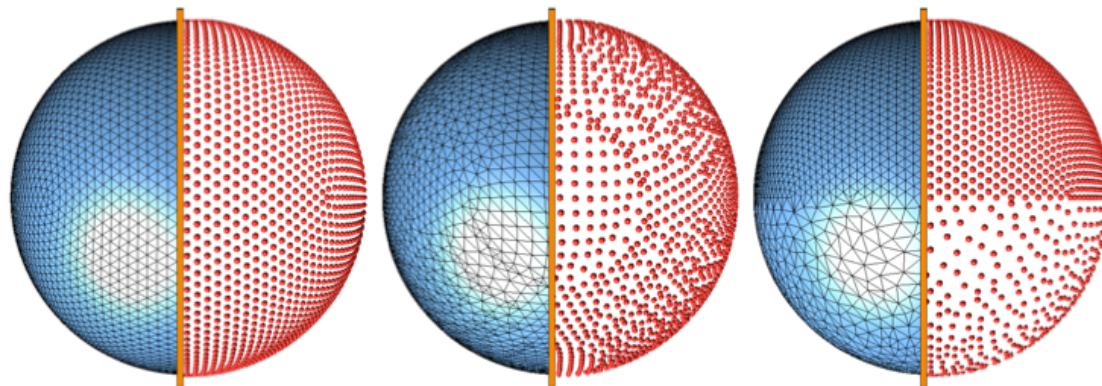
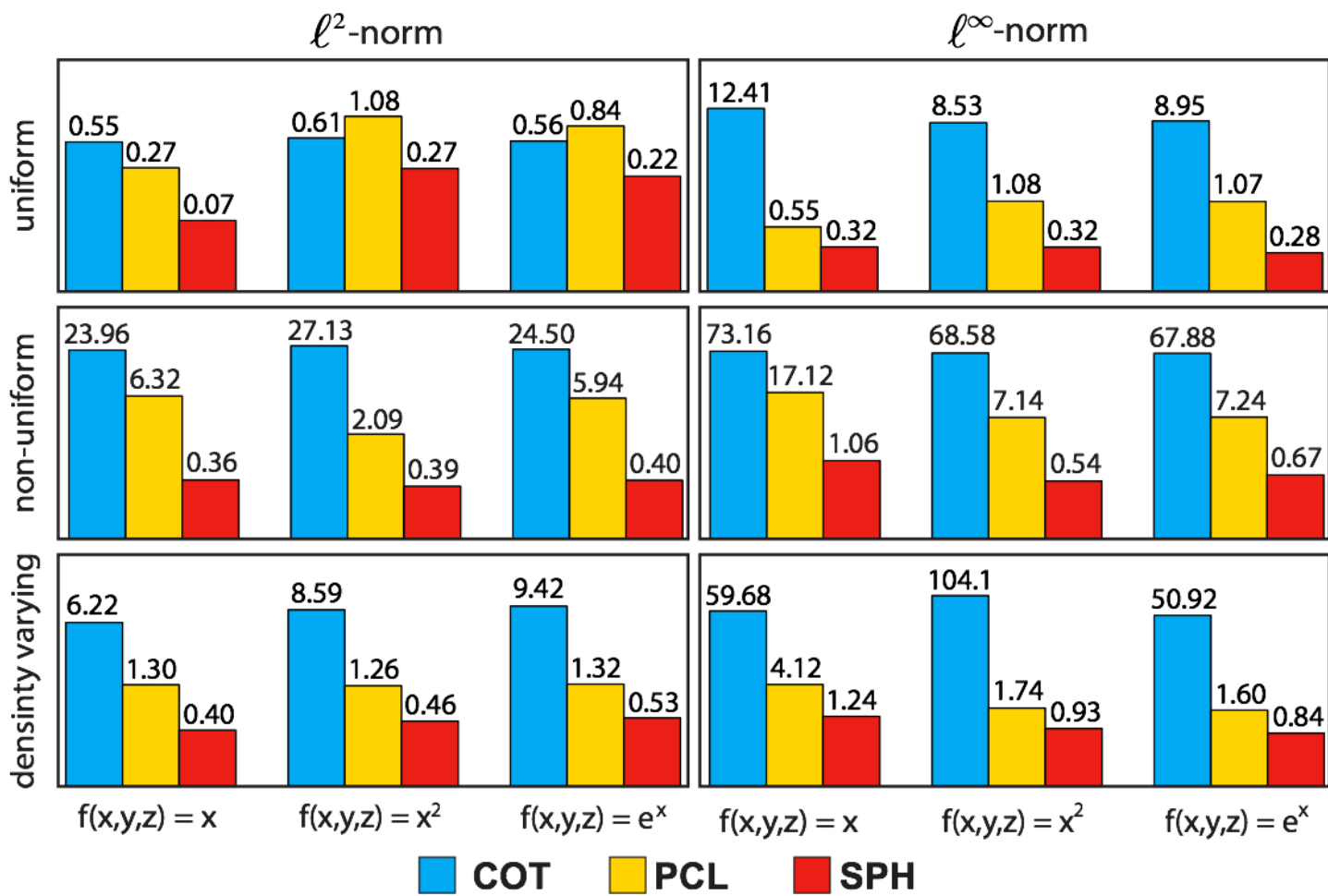
**Figure 1:** *Histogram of area elements with (left) and without (right) the regularization term.*

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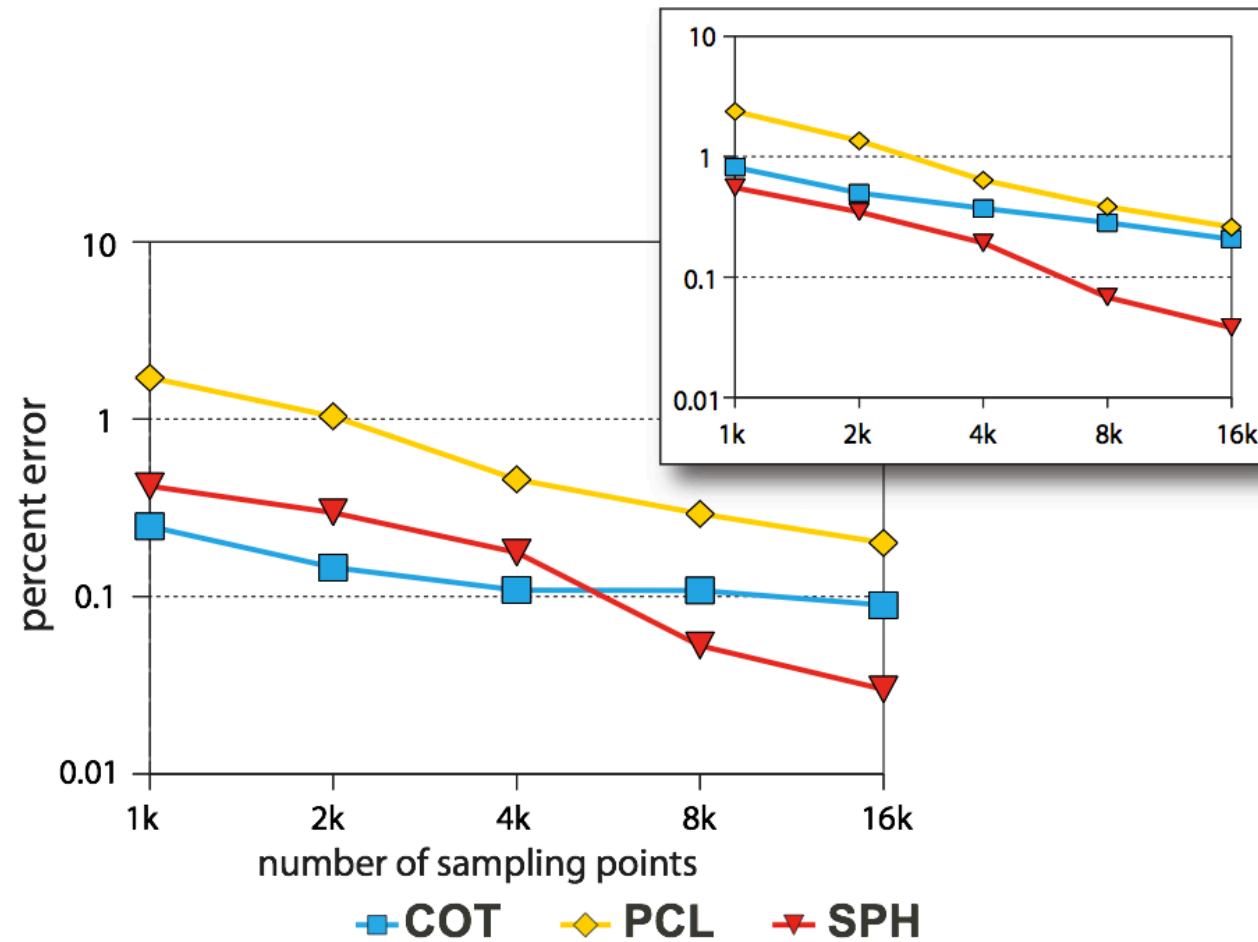
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There are at least other two approaches we have not discussed:

- Discrete exterior calculus (Desbrun)
- 3D constrained to surface approach (Kazhdan)

Those two methods have been discussed during the advanced seminars.

**This Thursday:**

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