Higher-order cochain interpolation

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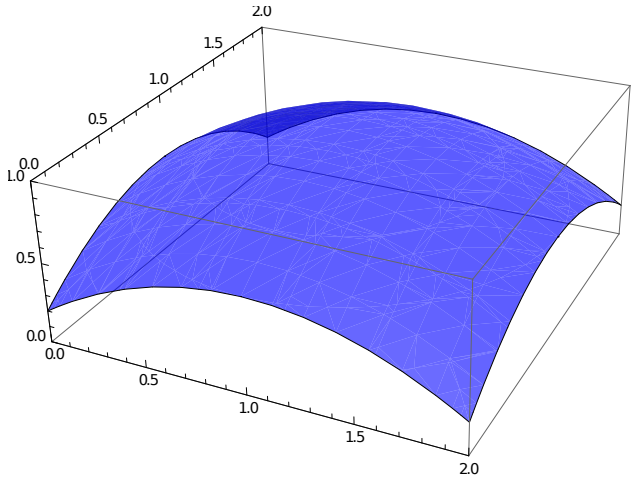

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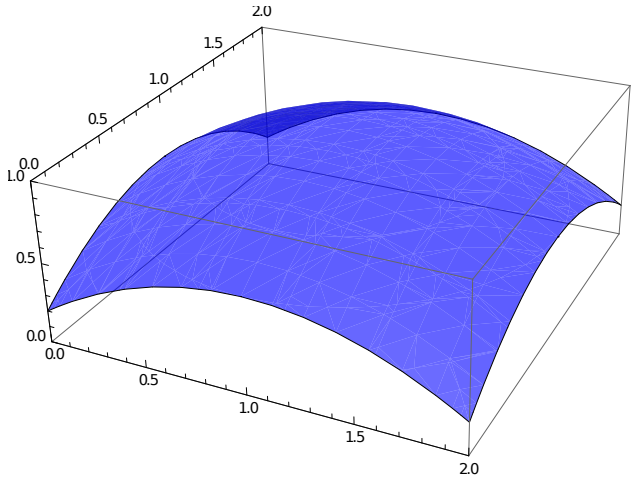

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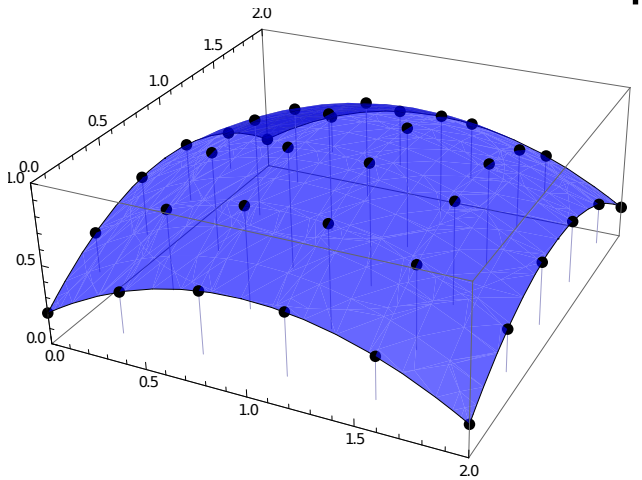

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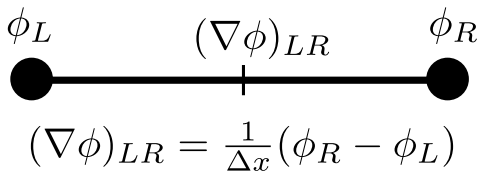

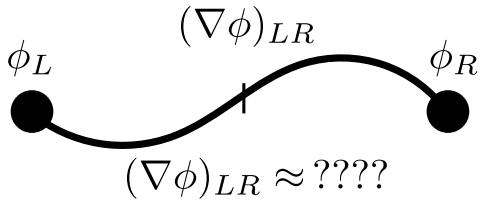

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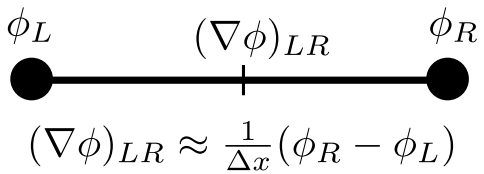

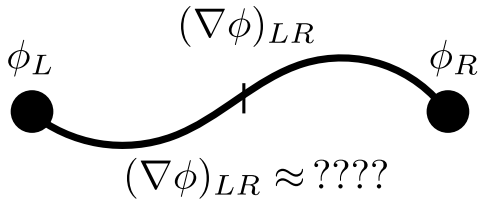

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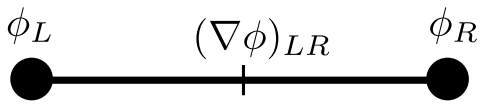

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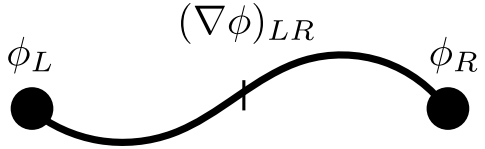

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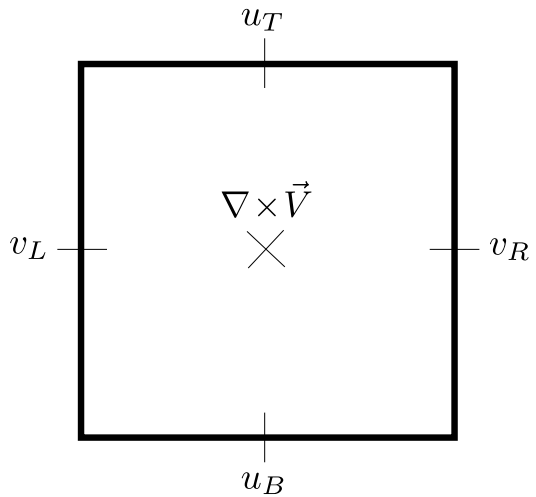

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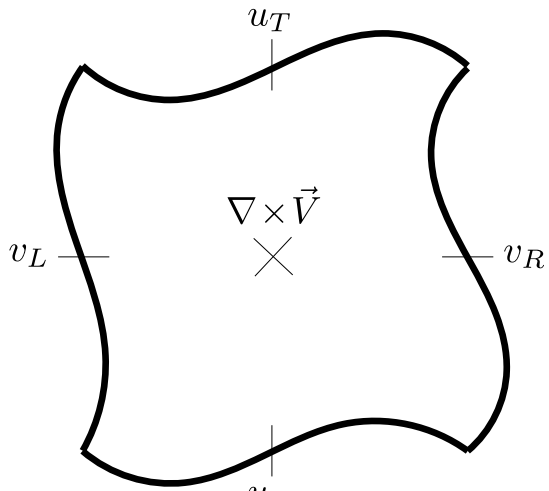

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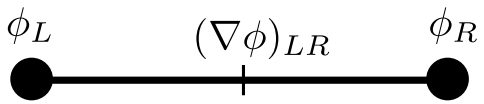

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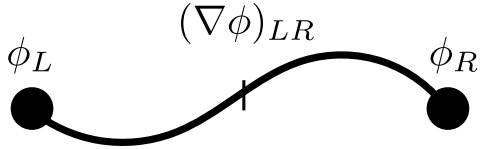

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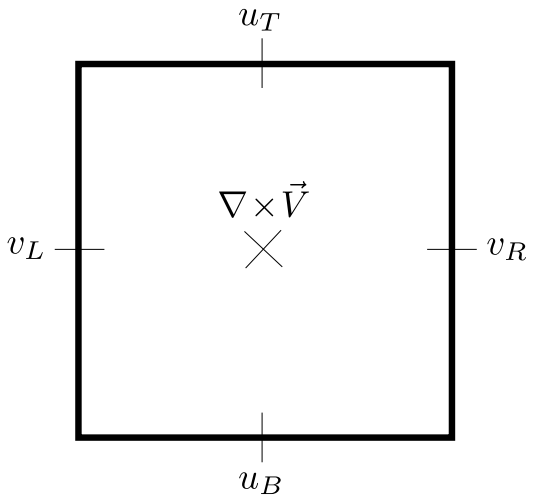

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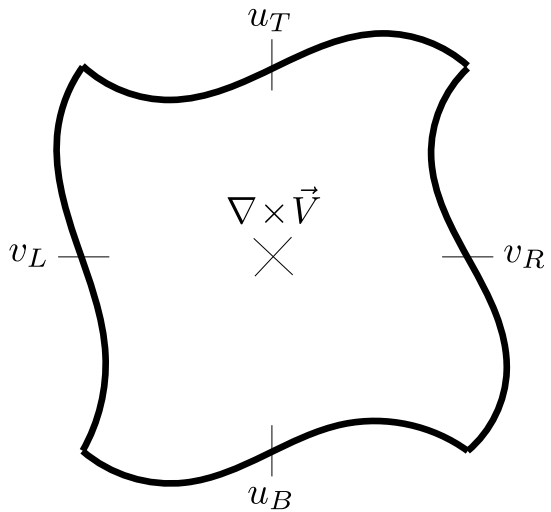

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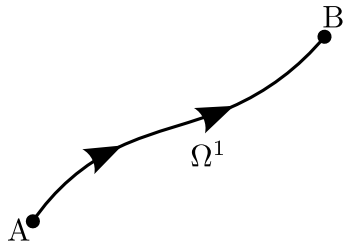

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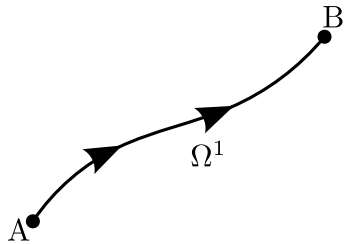

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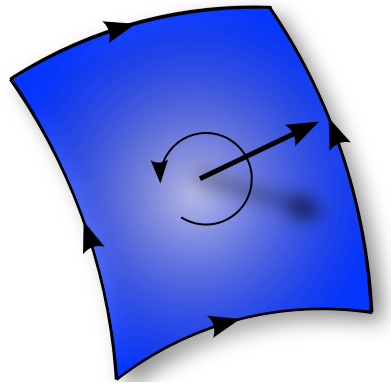

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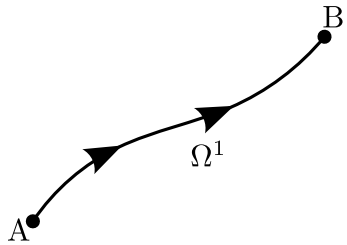

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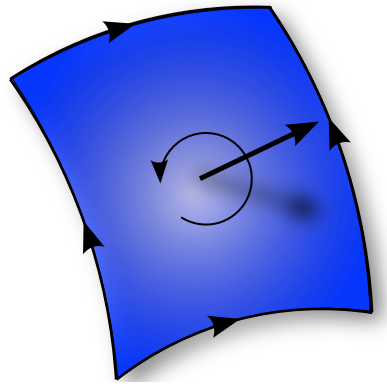

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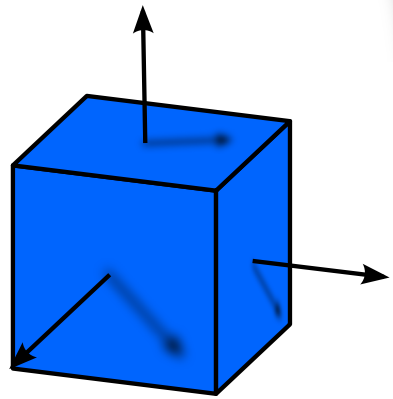

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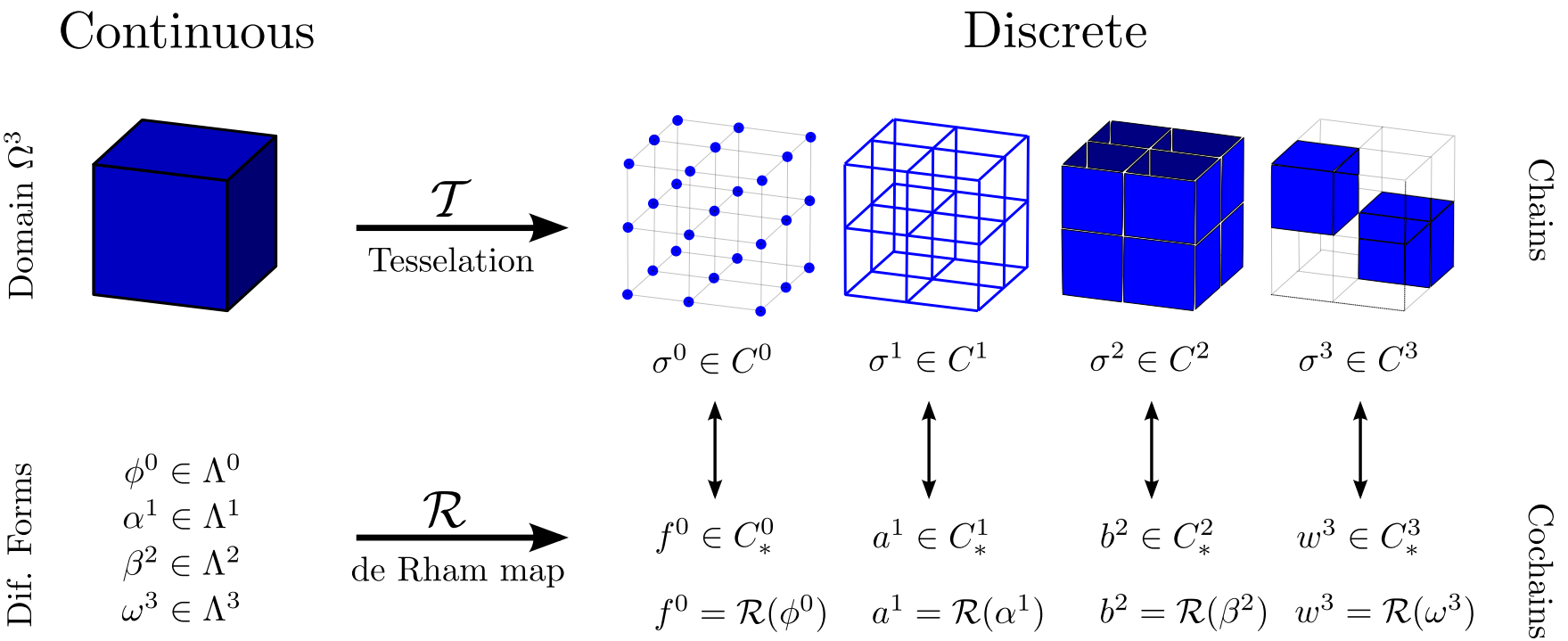

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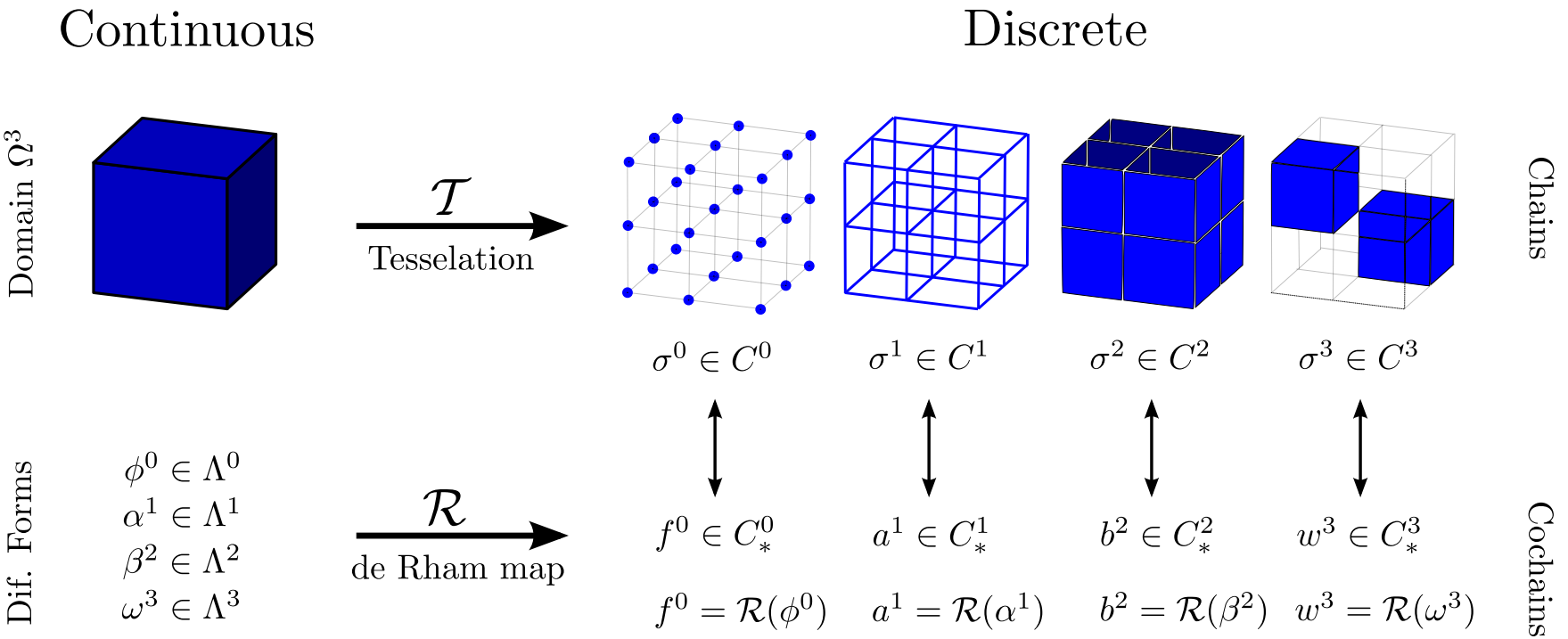

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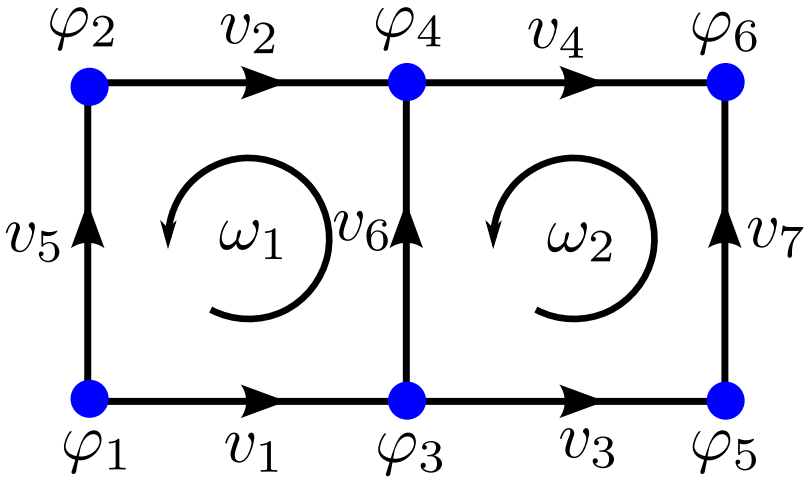

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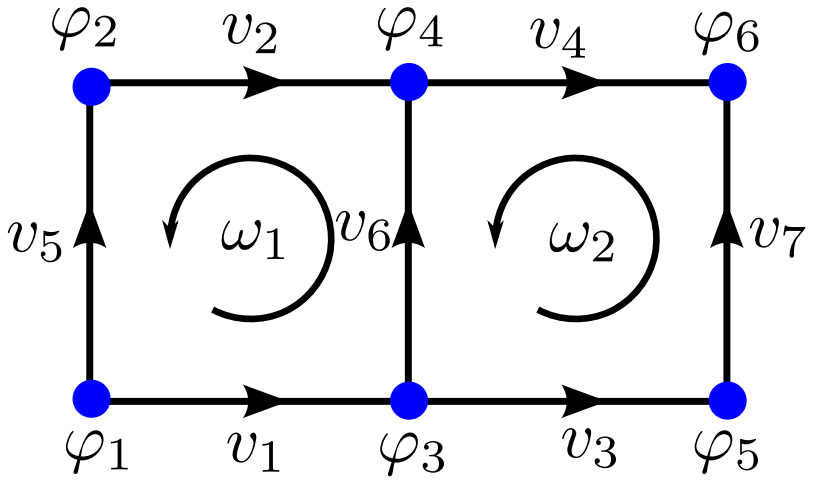

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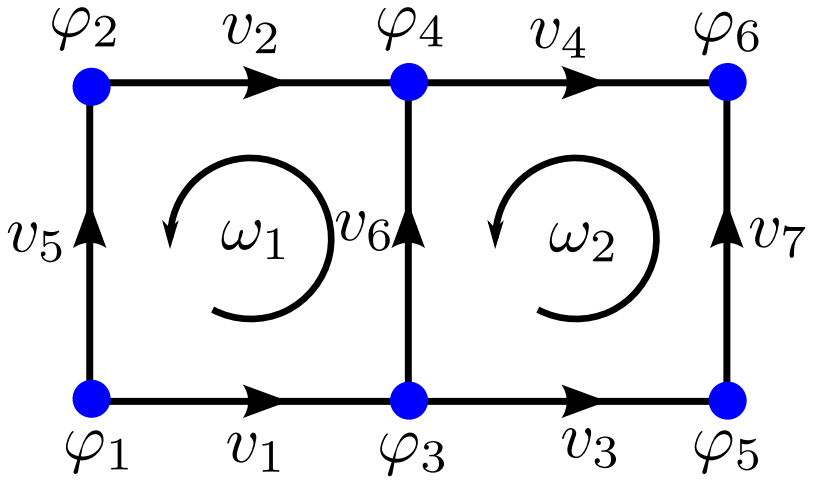

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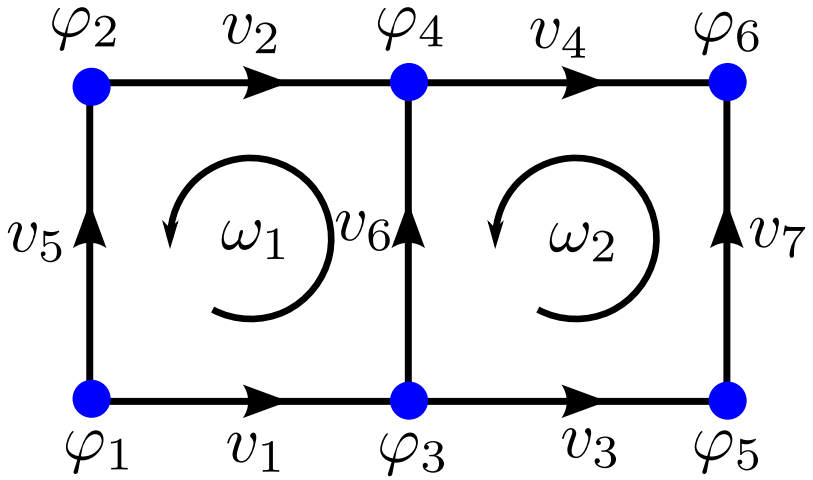

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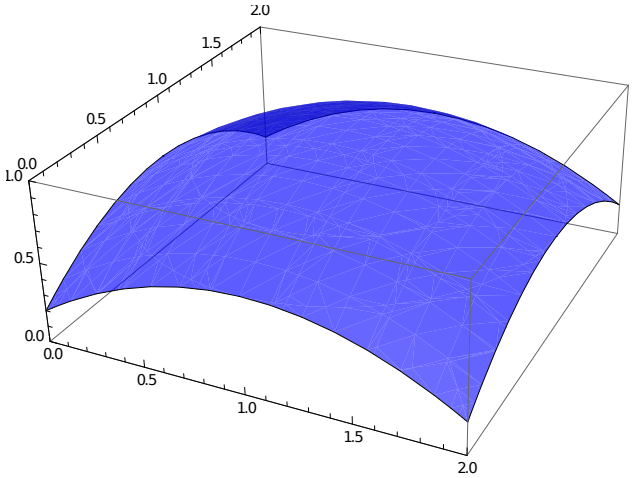

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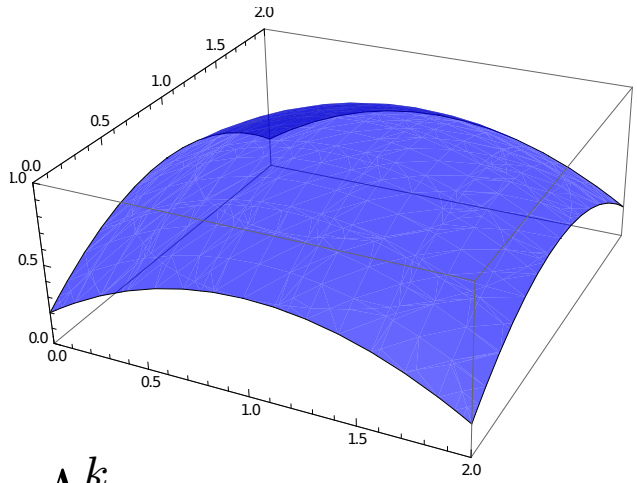

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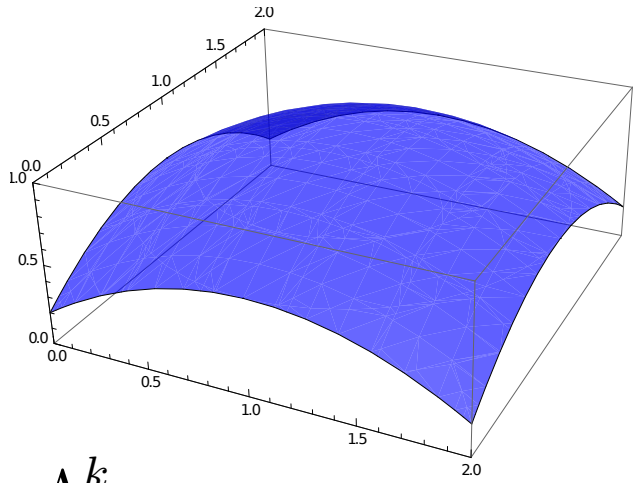

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Nodal quantities: Lagrange interpolants

$$h_i^p(x_j) = \delta_{ij}$$

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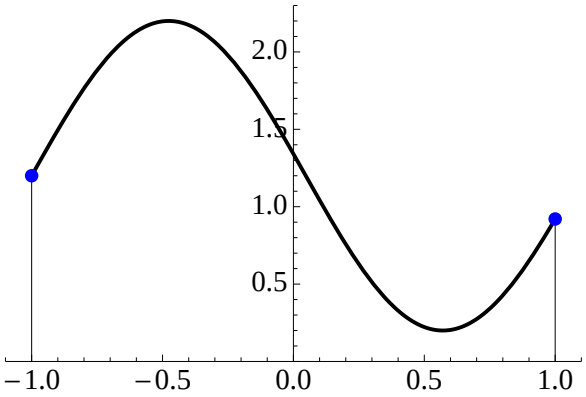
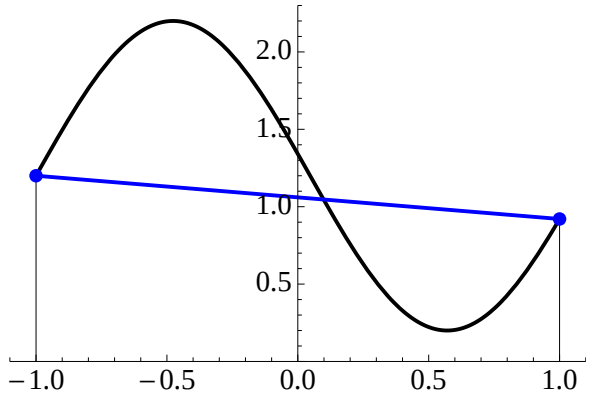
Nodal quantities: p=1





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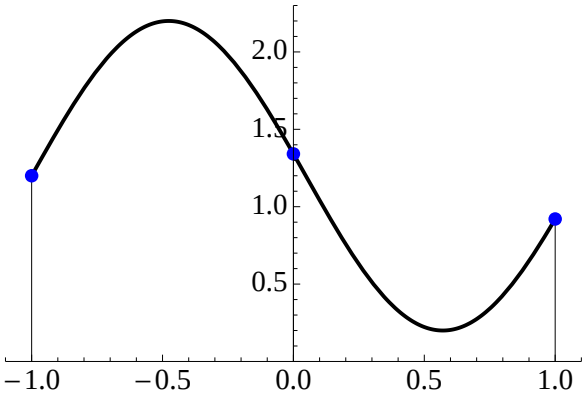

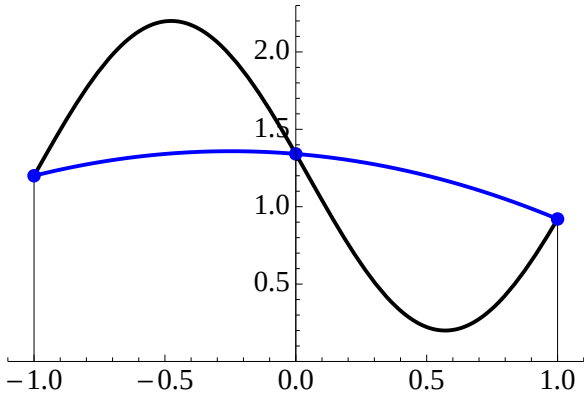

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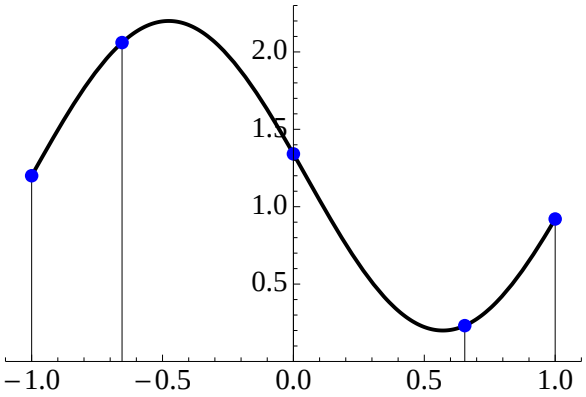

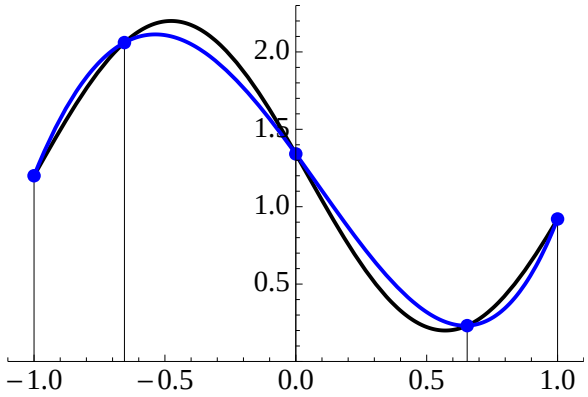

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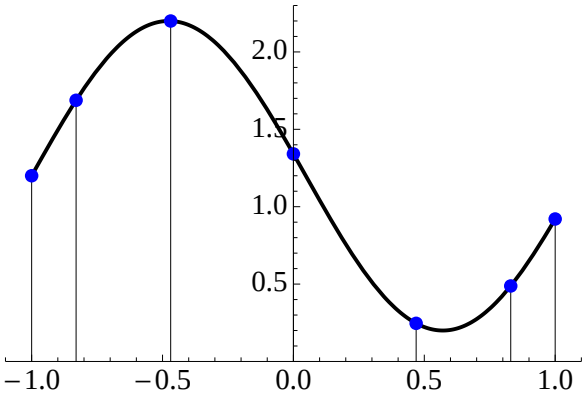

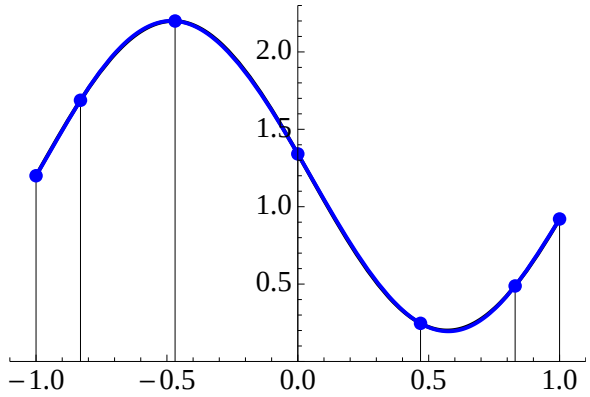

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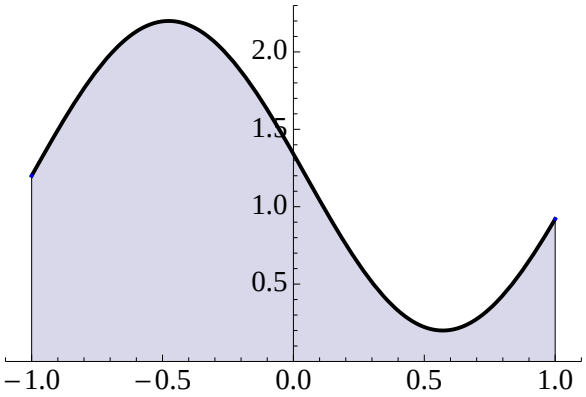

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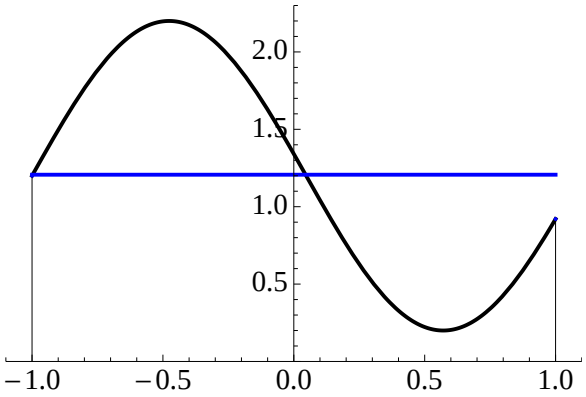

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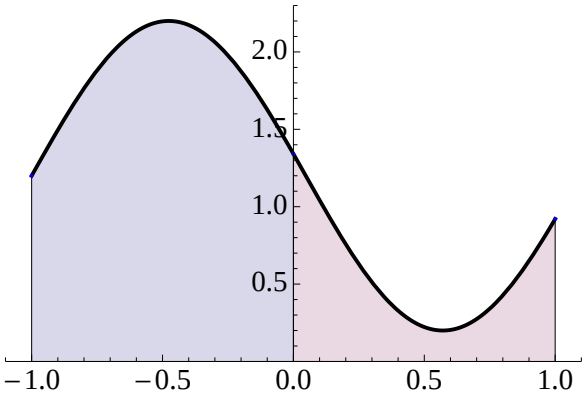

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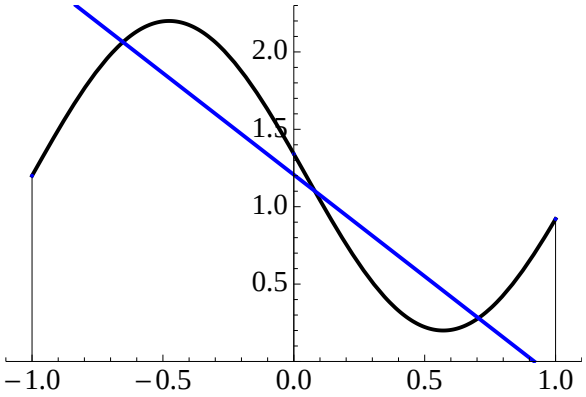

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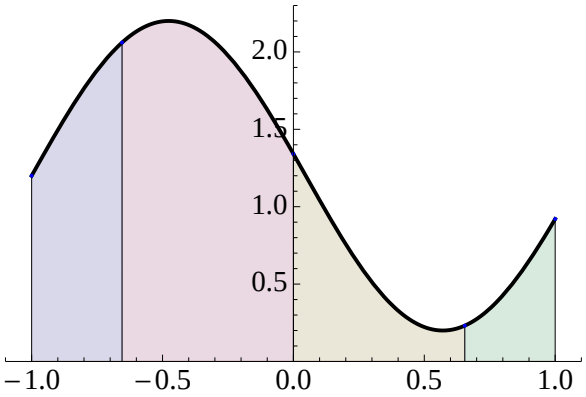

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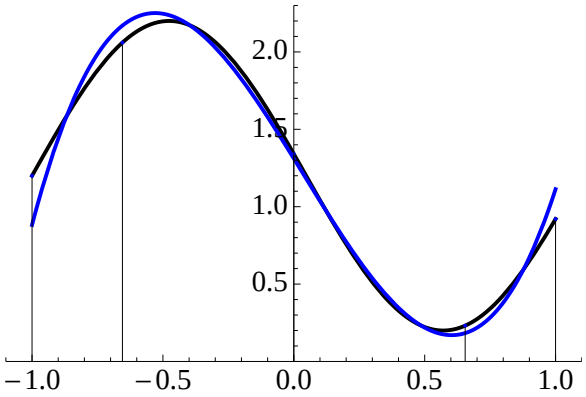

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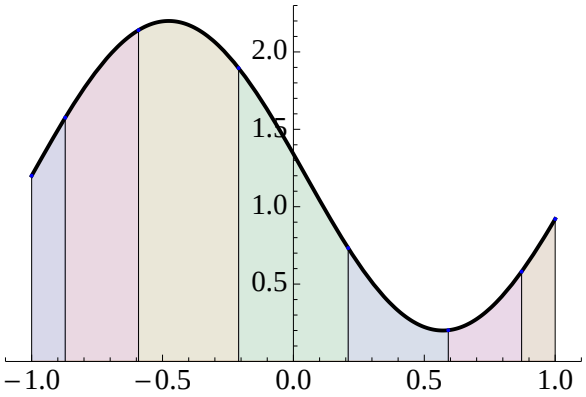

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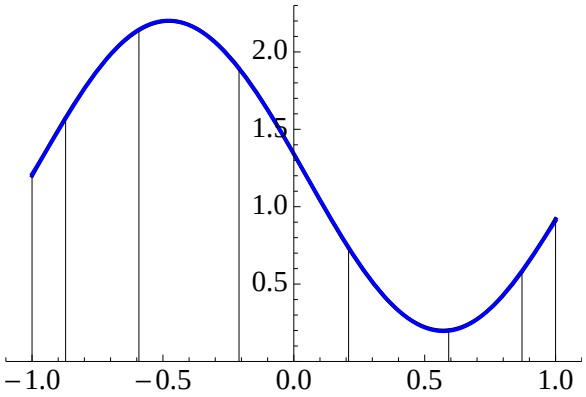

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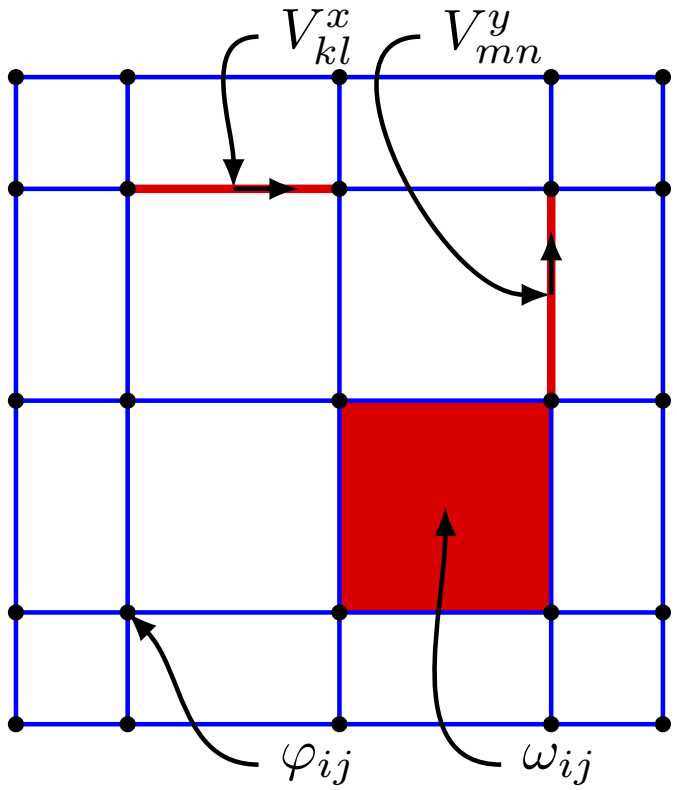

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