

A priori and a posteriori error analysis in $H(\text{curl})$: localization, minimal regularity, and p -optimality

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Find the magnetic vector potential $\mathbf{A} : \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ such that

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Reliability

$$\underbrace{\|\nabla \times (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{A}_h)\|}_{\text{unknown error}} \leq C \underbrace{\eta}_{\text{computable estimator}}$$

Residual estimates (unknown constant C)

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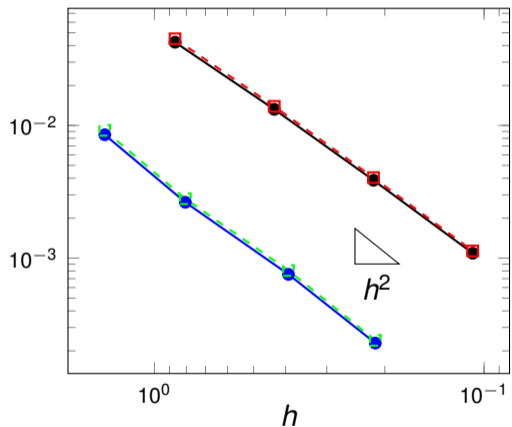
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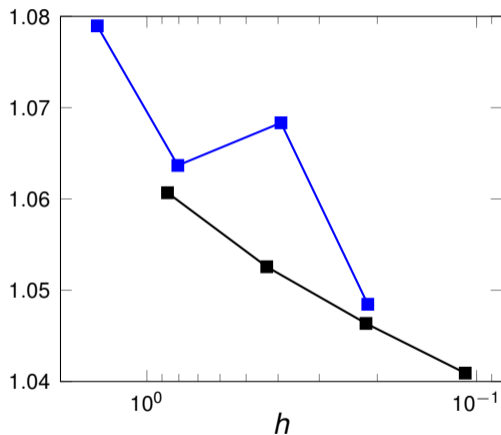
H^3 solution, uniform h -refinement

$$\|\nabla \times (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{A}_h)\|$$



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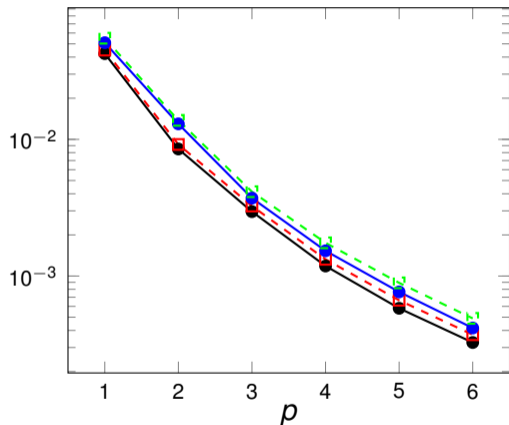
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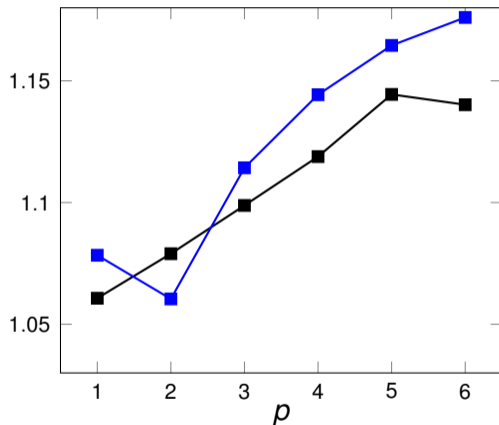
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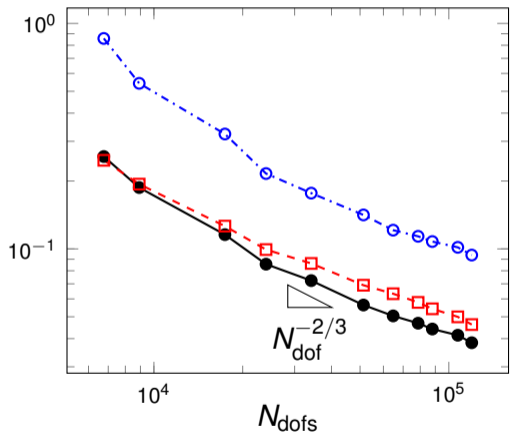
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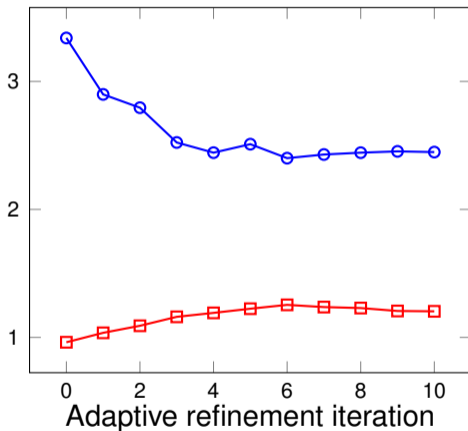
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Singular solution, adaptive mesh refinement ($p = 2$)

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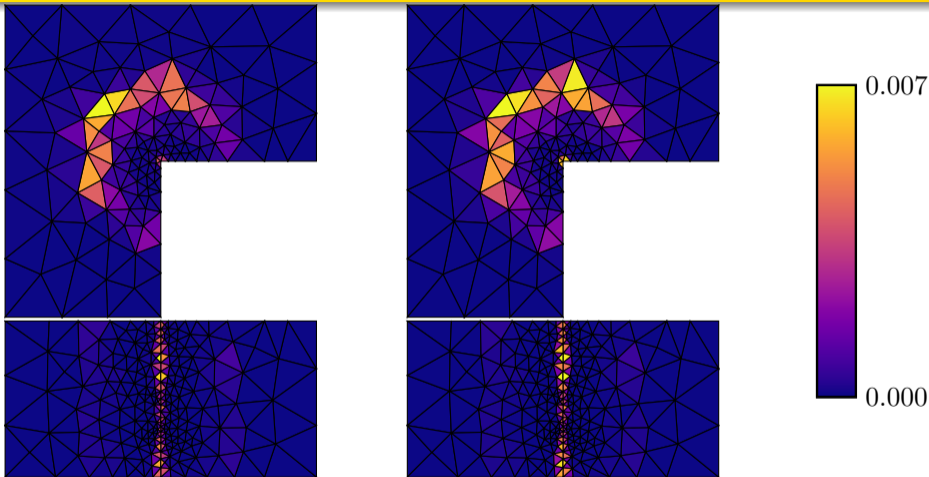


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Estimators (left) and actual error (right), adaptive mesh refinement iteration #10.
 Top view (top) and side view (bottom)

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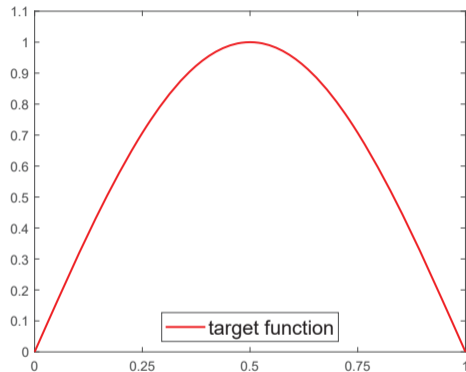
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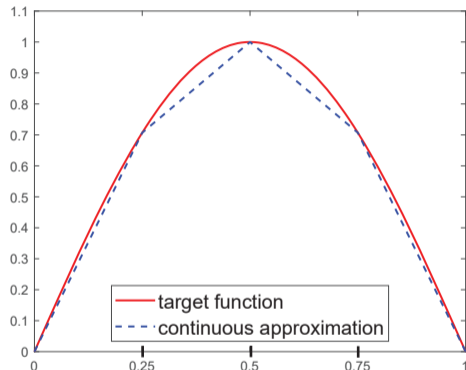
Previous contributions

- Carstensen, Peterseim, Schedensack (2012): H^1 (lowest-order case $p = 1$)
- Aurada, Feischl, Kemetmüller, Page, Praetorius (2013): H^1 (boundary approximation context)
- Veerer (2016): H^1 (any p , p -dependent constant)
- Canuto, Nochetto, Stevenson, and Verani (2017): H^1 (improvement of the dependence of the equivalence constant in 2D)
- Ern, Gudi, Smears, and Vohralík (2022): $H(\text{div})$ (any p , p -dependent constant)
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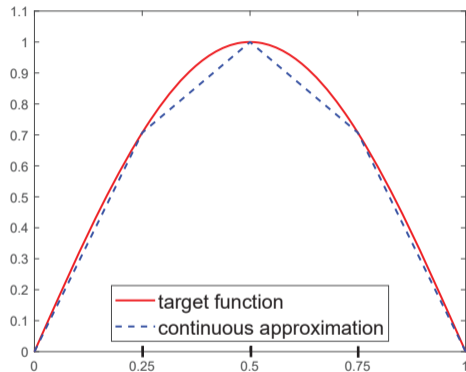


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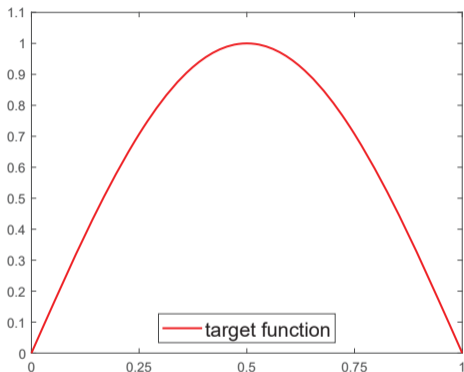
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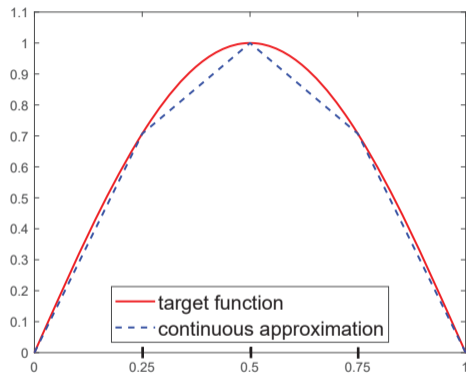


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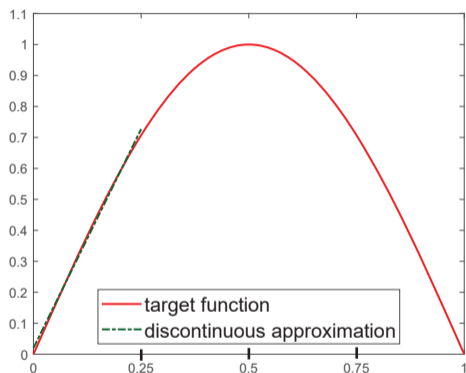


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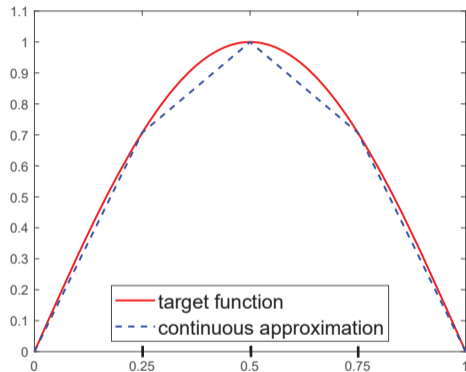


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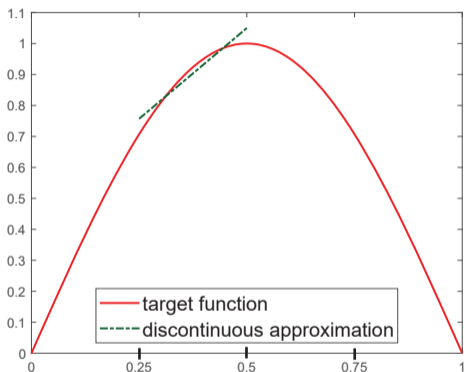


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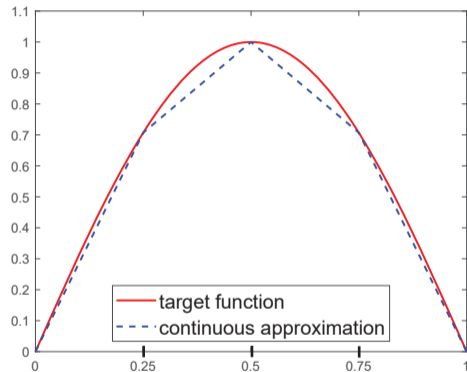


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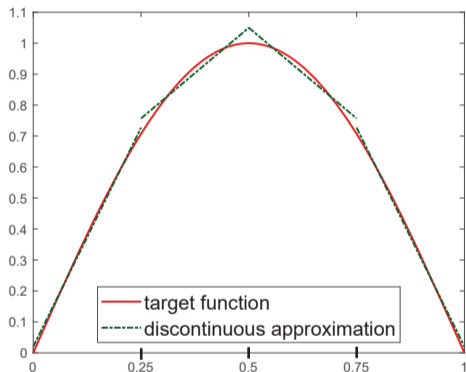


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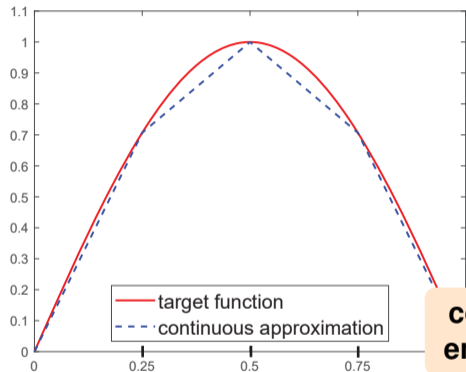


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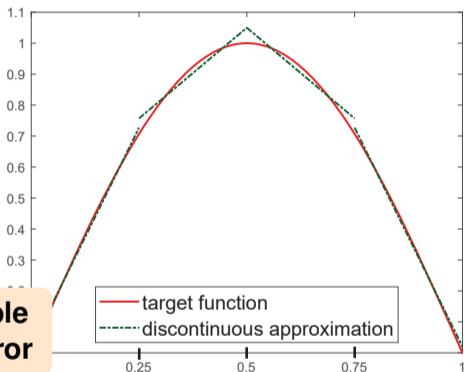


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comparable energy error



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bigger \approx smaller

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*global-best on Ω
 tangential-trace-continuity constraint
 curl constraint*

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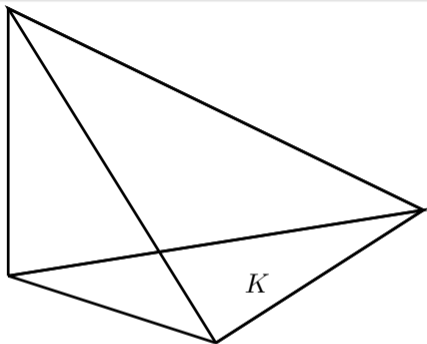
Properties of $P_h^{p,\text{curl}}$

- 1 is defined over the **entire** $\mathbf{H}_{0,N}(\text{curl}, \Omega)$ (**minimal regularity**)
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- 3 is defined **simply** (starting from the **elementwise L^2 orthogonal projection**)
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- 5 is **stable in $L^2(\Omega)$** (up to data oscillation)
- 6 satisfies the **commuting properties** expressed by the arrows
- 7 is **projector**, i.e., leaves intact piecewise polynomials

Stable local commuting projectors defined on $\mathbf{H}(\text{div})/\mathbf{H}(\text{curl})$

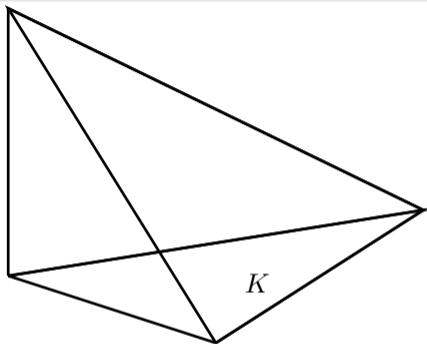
- Schöberl (2001, 2005): **not local**
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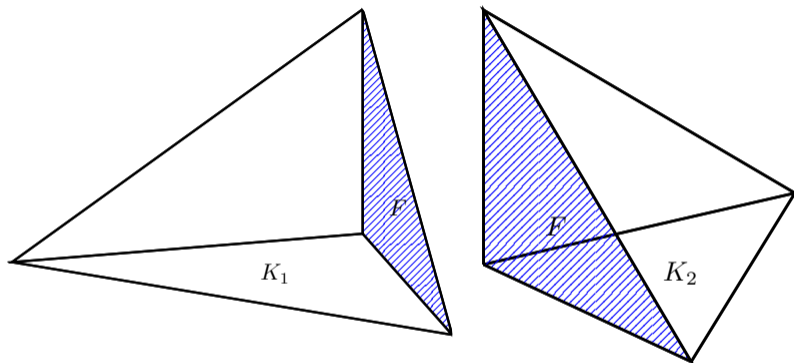
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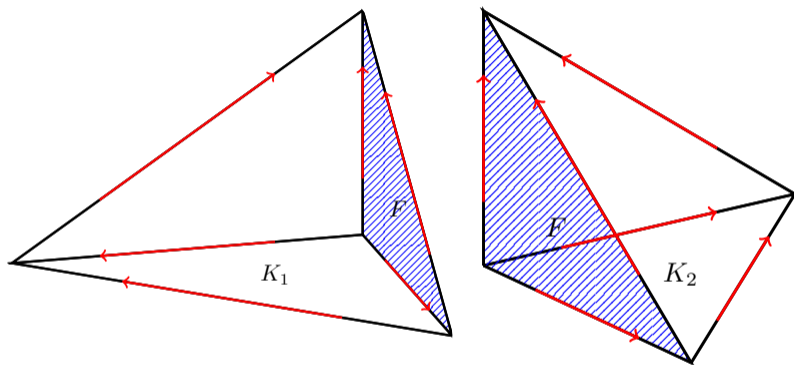
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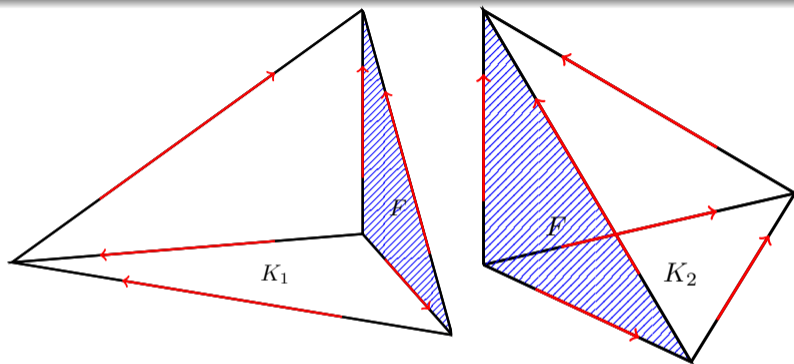
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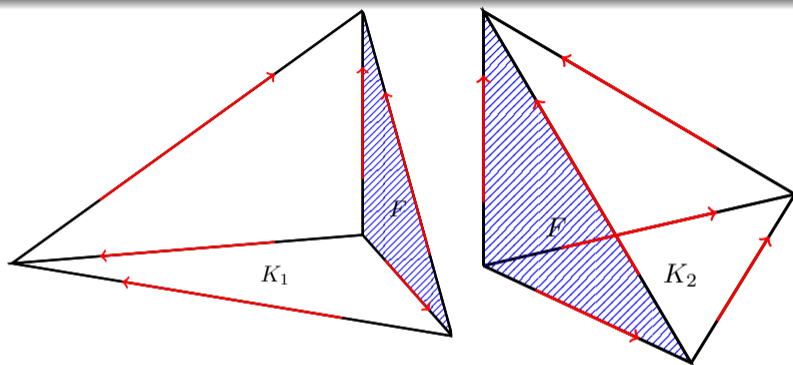


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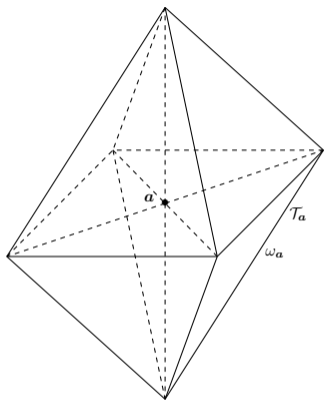


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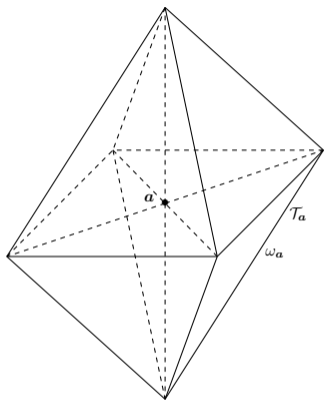


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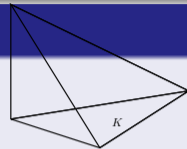
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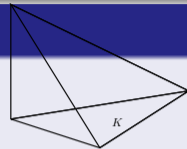
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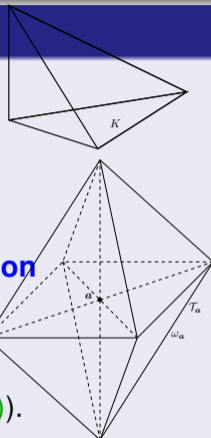
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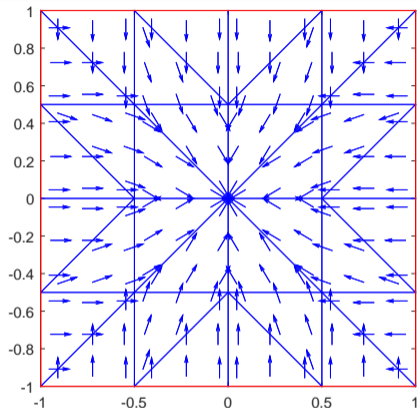
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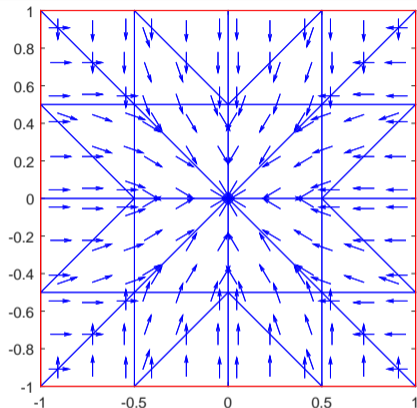
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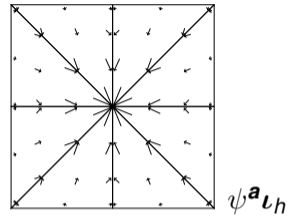
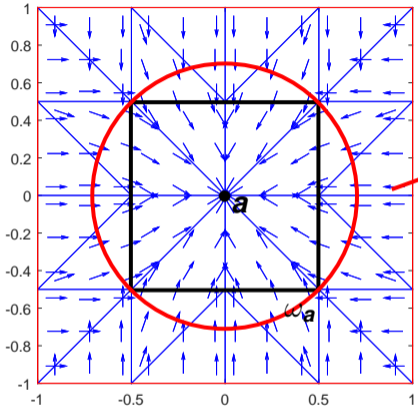


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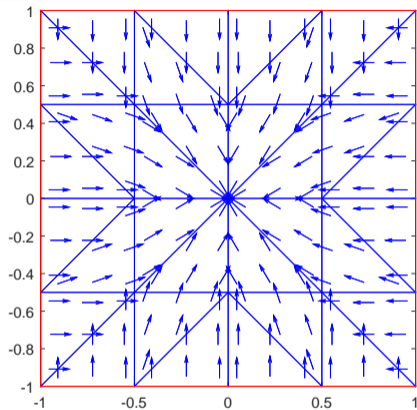
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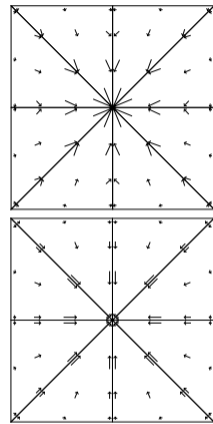
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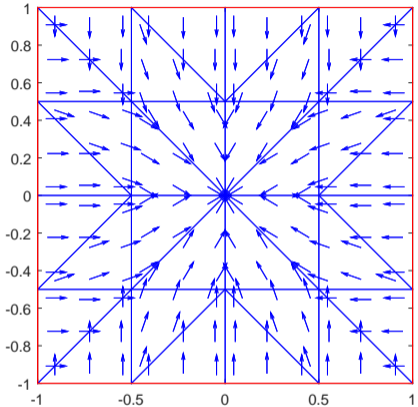
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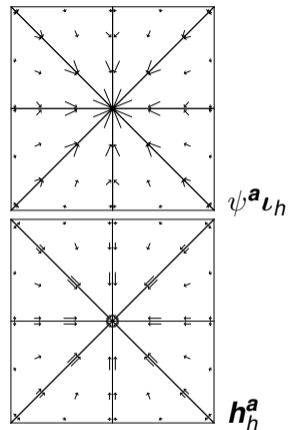
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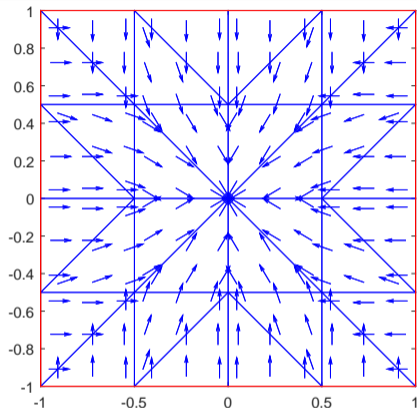


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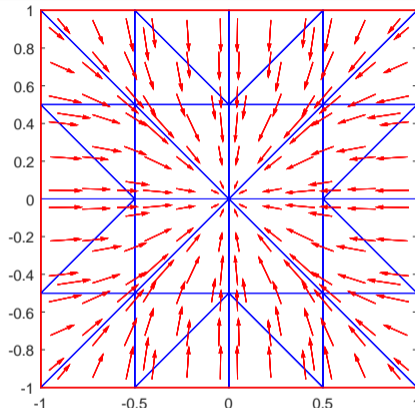
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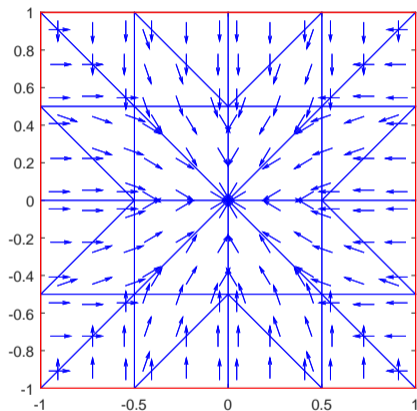
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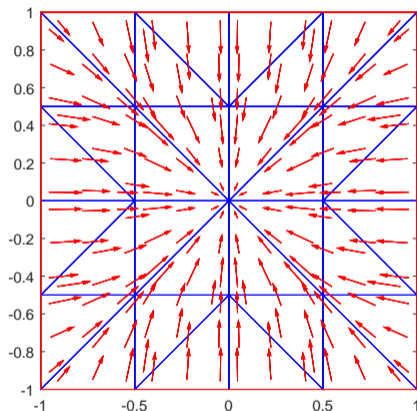
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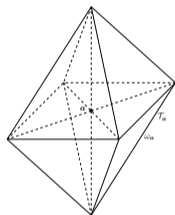
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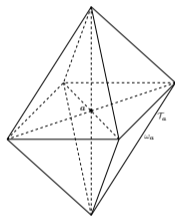
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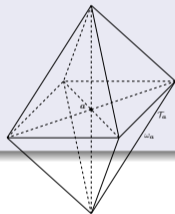
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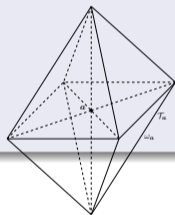
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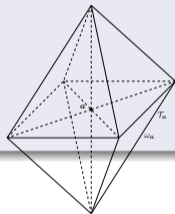
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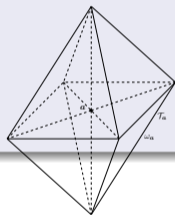
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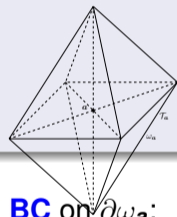
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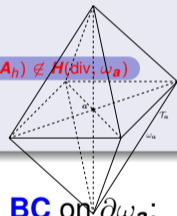
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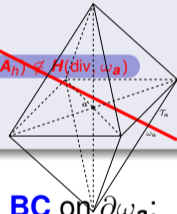
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Set

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Then

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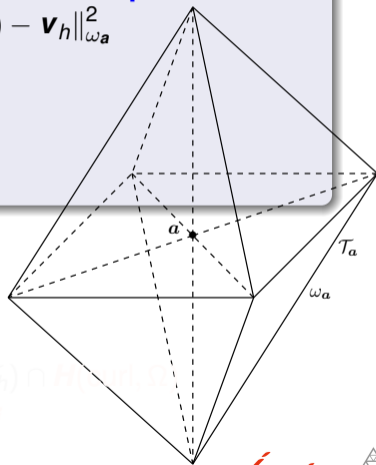
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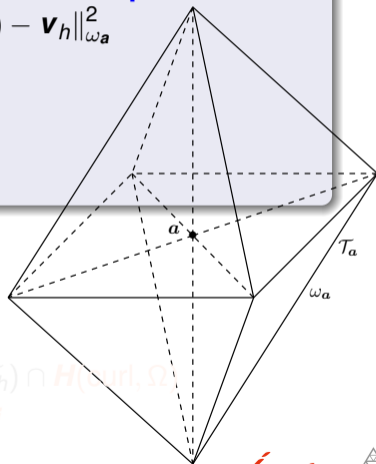
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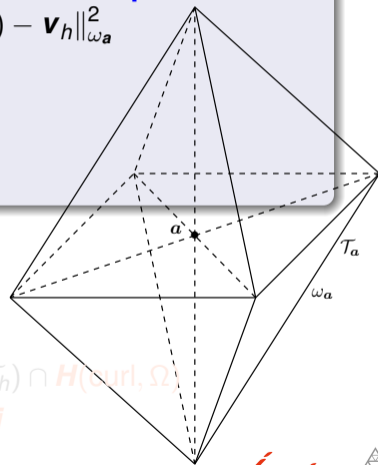
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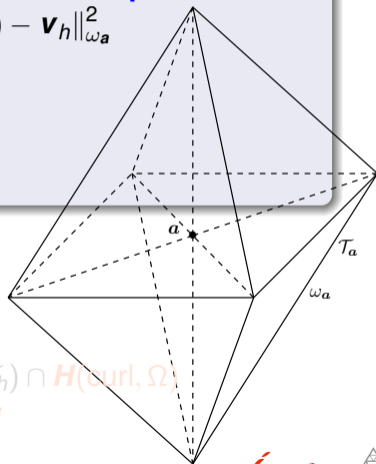
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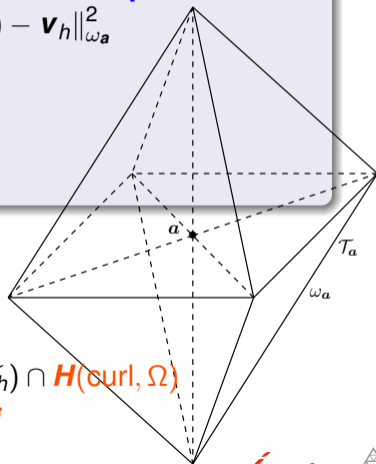
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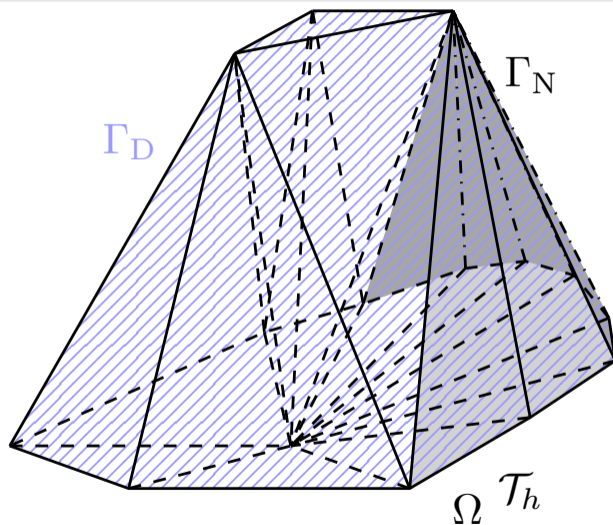
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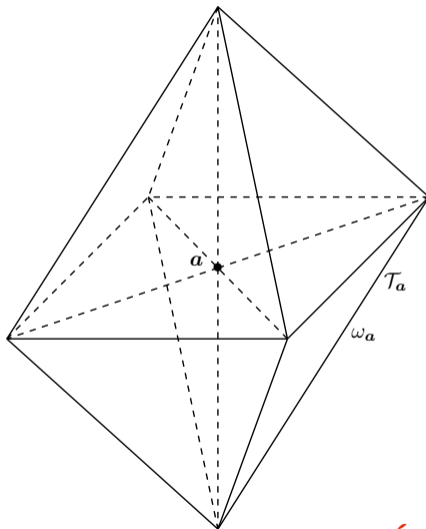
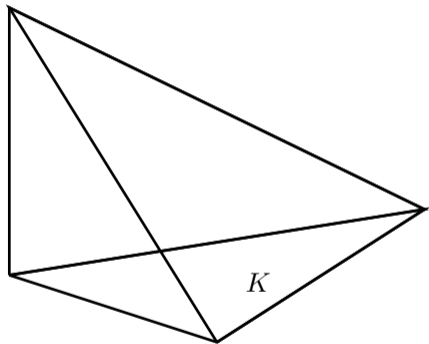
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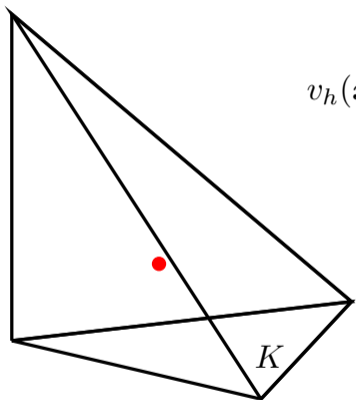
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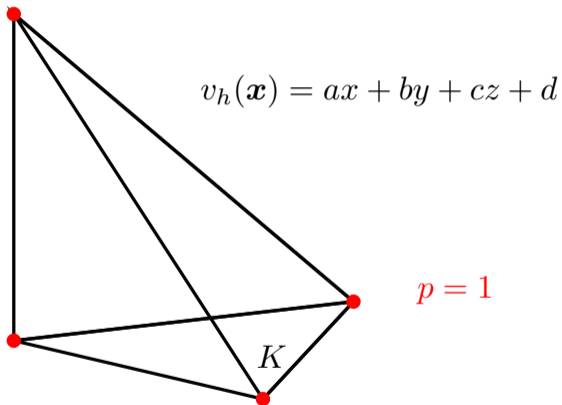
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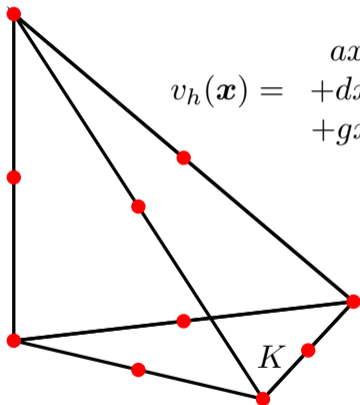
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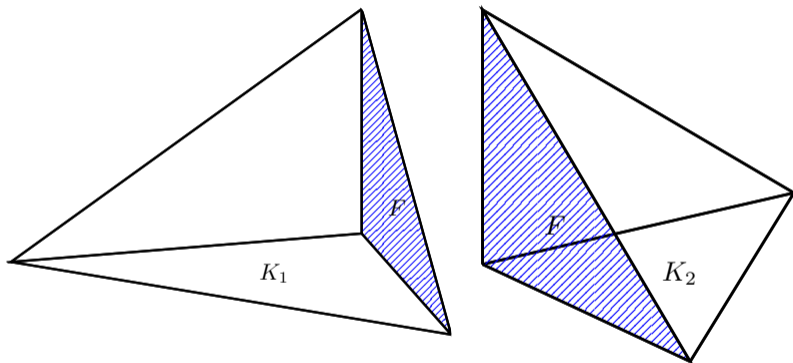
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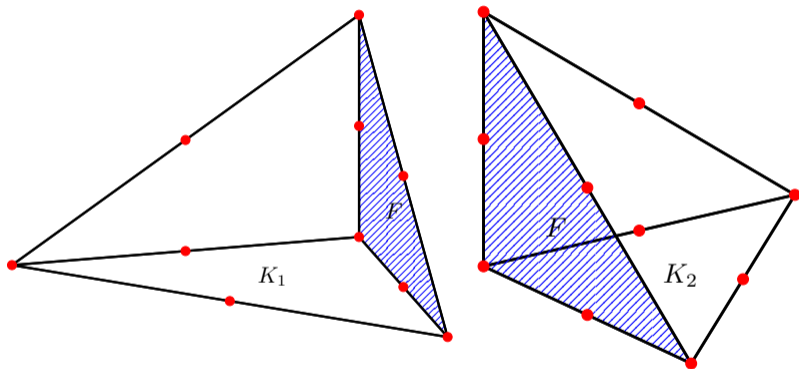
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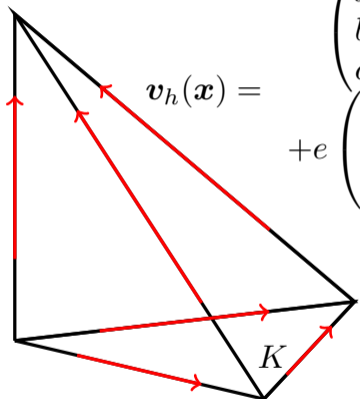
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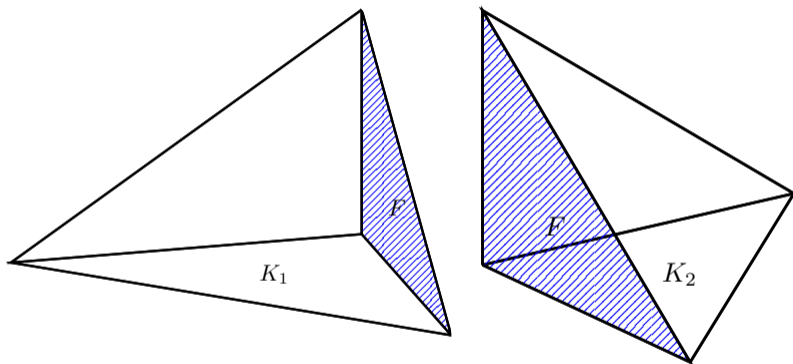
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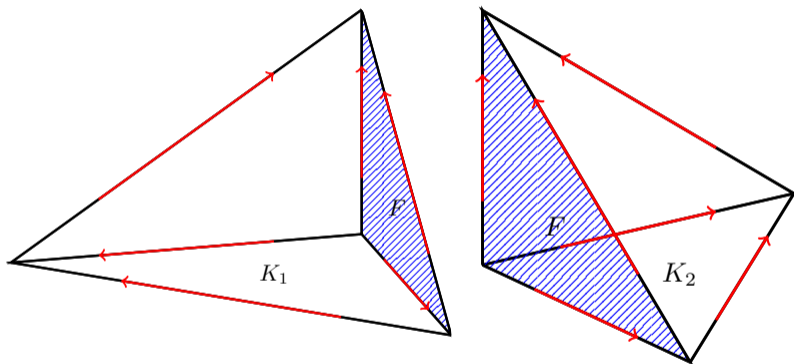


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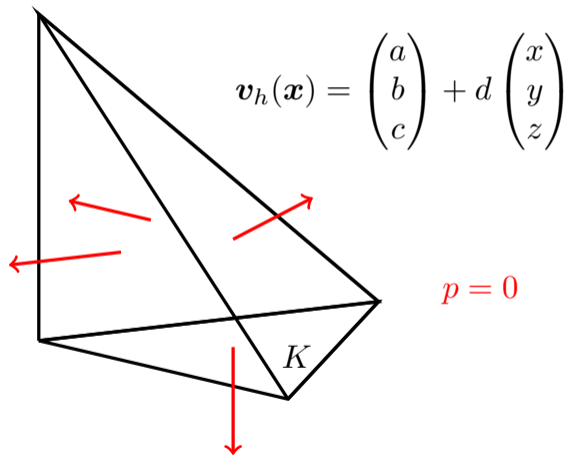
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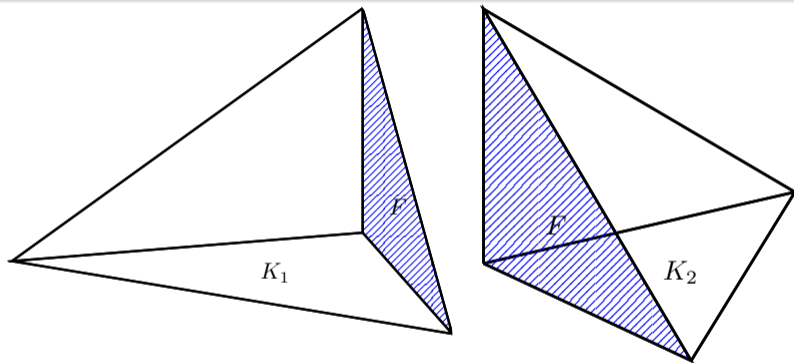
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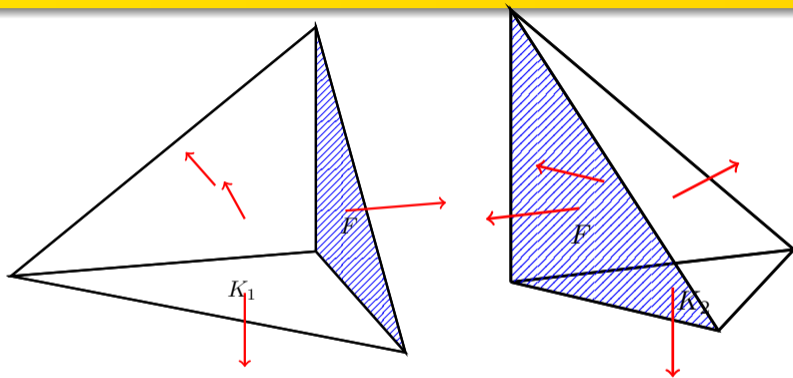


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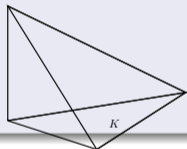
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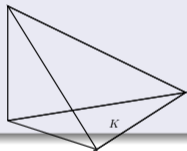
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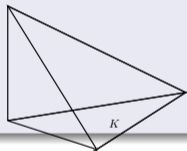
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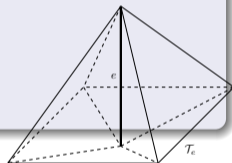
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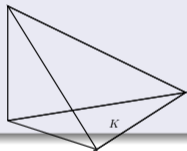
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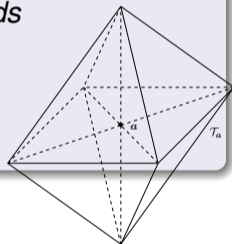
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