

Problem 1. *Jerry:* Show $d^2 = 0$.

Recall that the coboundary map $d : C^k(\Lambda) \rightarrow C^{k+1}(\Lambda)$ is defined as

$$d(\omega)(c) := \omega(\partial c).$$

$$d^2\omega(c) = \omega(\partial^2 c) = \int_{\partial^2 c} \omega$$

Since $\partial^2 v = 0$ for any vertex trivially, it is sufficient to show that $d^2 = 0$ on 0-forms. Let $f \in C^0(\Lambda)$, take $F \in \Gamma_2$ so that $\partial F = \sum_{i=1}^n v_i$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \int_F d^2 f &= \int_{\partial F} df && \text{(by defn)} \\ &= \int_{\partial^2 F} f && \text{(by defn)} \\ &= \int_{\partial \sum_{i=1}^n v_i} f && \text{(by defn)} \\ &= \int_{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_1^i - x_2^i)} f && \text{(setting } \partial v_i = x_1^i - x_2^i) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_1^i) - f(x_2^i) && \text{(by defn)} \\ &= 0 && \text{(since } x_2^i = x_1^{i+1} \text{ and } x_1^1 = x_2^n) \end{aligned}$$

Thus on any face F $d^2(f)(F) = 0$. Therefore $d^2 f = 0$ for any given f .