## What property of edge flows we want to measure? And how?

## Incidence & Laplacians

## 1st and 2nd order Discrete Derivatives

- Node signal v
- Edge flow **f**

Gradient of node signal: 
$$[\mathbf{f}_G]_{[i,j]} = [\mathbf{B}_1^\mathsf{T} \mathbf{v}]_{[i,j]} = [\mathbf{v}]_j - [\mathbf{v}]_i$$

$$[\mathbf{B}_1\mathbf{f}]_{[i]} = \sum_{j < i} \mathbf{f}_{[j,i]} - \sum_{i < k} \mathbf{f}_{[i,k]}$$

$$[\mathbf{B}_{1}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{v}]_{[1,2]} = -1.34 - 0.96 = -2.30$$