

# “Mean Value Coordinates for Closed Triangular Meshes”

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# Outline

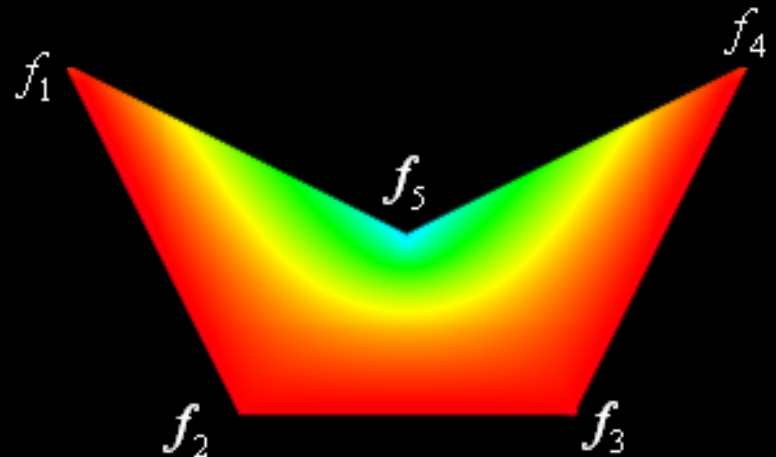
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- Preliminaries
- Previous work
- Mean value Interpolation
- 3D Mean value coordinates for closed triangular meshes
- Applications
- Questions

# Abstract

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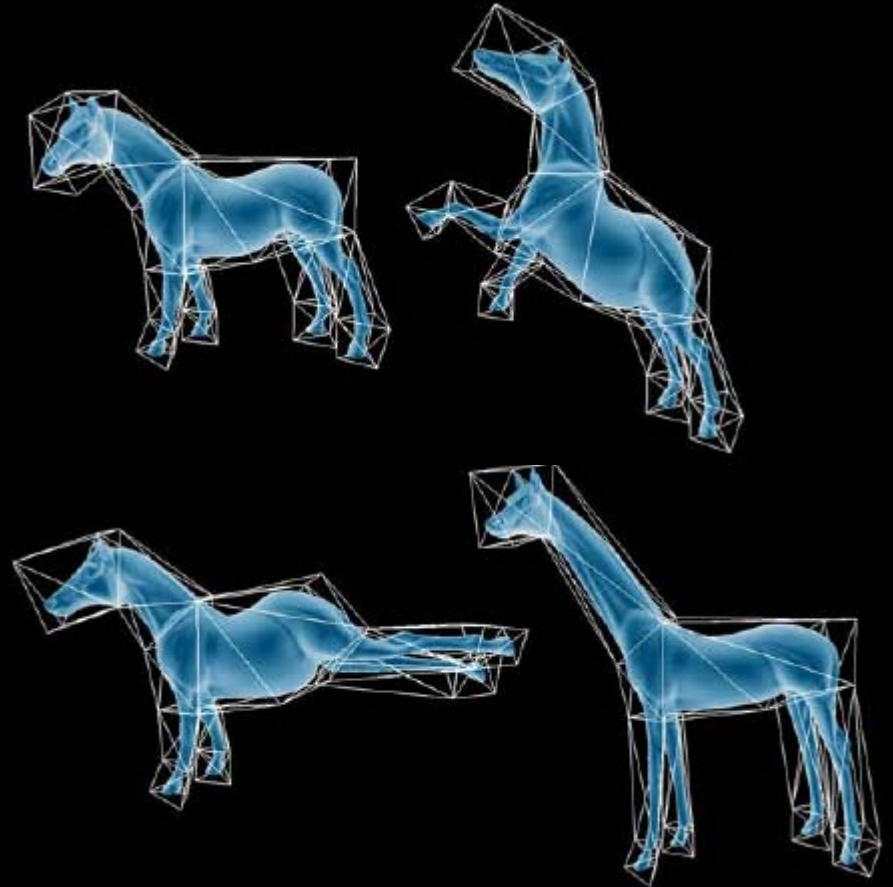
- Search for a function that can interpolate a set of values at the vertices of a mesh smoothly into its interior
- Mean value coordinates have been used as an interpolant for closed 2D polygons.



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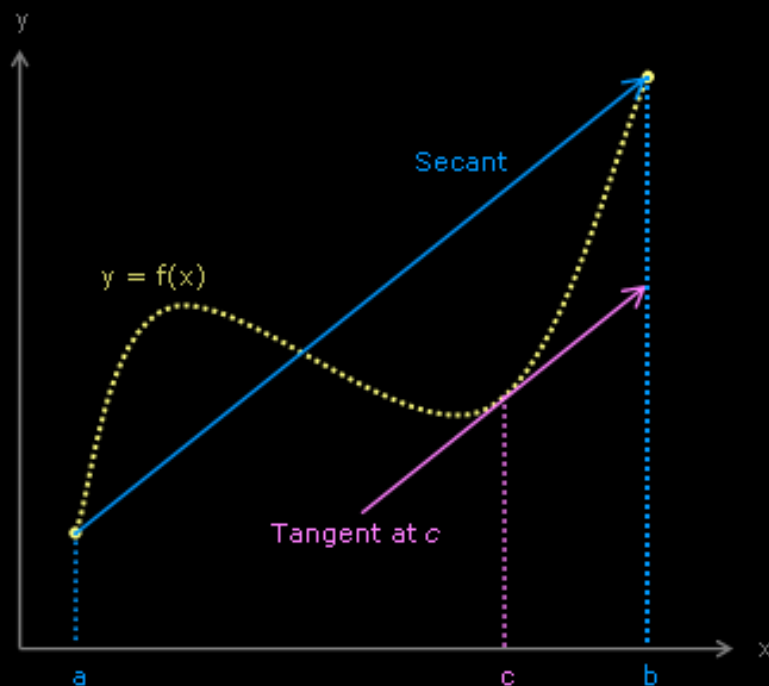
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- This paper generalizes the mean value coordinates to closed triangular meshes
- Interesting applications to surface deformation and volumetric textures



# Mean Value Theorem

■ Wikipedia :



For any function that is continuous on  $[a, b]$  and differentiable on  $(a, b)$  there exists some  $c$  in the interval  $(a, b)$  such that the **secant** joining the endpoints of the interval  $[a, b]$  is parallel to the **tangent** at  $c$ .

# Harmonic functions and Mean Value property

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- A harmonic function is twice continuously differentiable function  $f: U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  which satisfies the Laplace's equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_2^2} + \cdots + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_n^2} = 0$$

everywhere on  $U$ . This is also often written as

$$\nabla^2 f = 0 \text{ or } \Delta f = 0.$$

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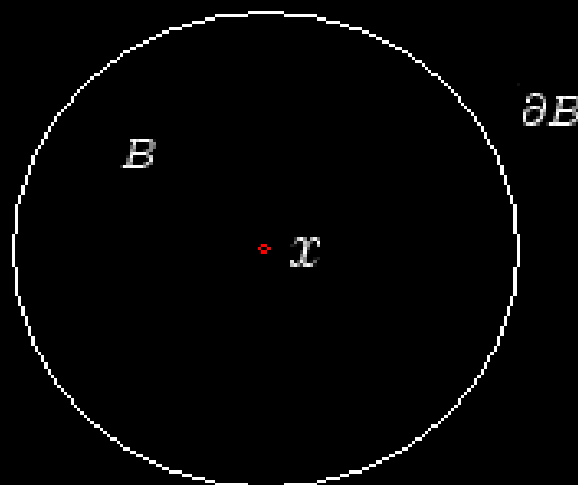
- They attain there maxima/minima only at the boundaries.
- Let  $B(x,r)$  be a ball with center  $x$  and radius  $r$ , contained totally in  $U$ ,

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■ Then, 
$$u(x) = \frac{1}{\omega_n r^{n-1}} \oint_{\partial B(x,r)} u \, dS = \frac{n}{\omega_n r^n} \int_{B(x,r)} u \, dV$$

where  $\omega_n$  is the surface area of the **unit sphere** in  $n$  dimensions.





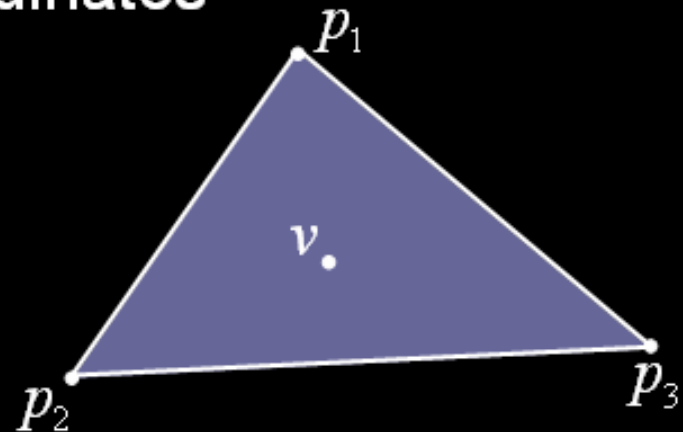
# Barycentric Coordinates (Mobius, 1827)

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- Given  $v$  find weights  $w_i$  such that

$$v = \frac{\sum_i w_i p_i}{\sum_i w_i}$$

$\frac{w_i}{\sum_j w_j}$  are barycentric coordinates

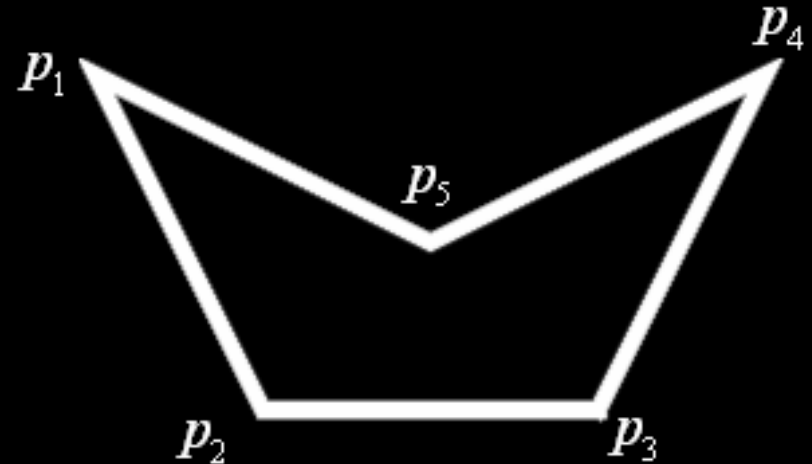


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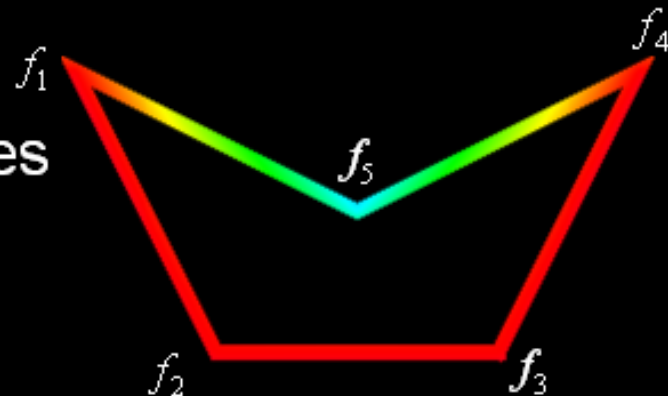
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Interpolates values at vertices

Linear on boundary



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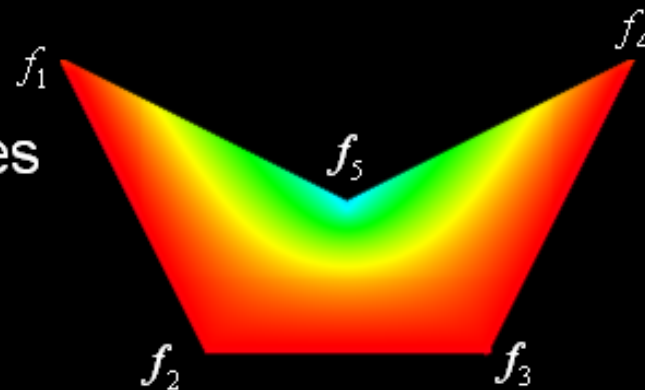
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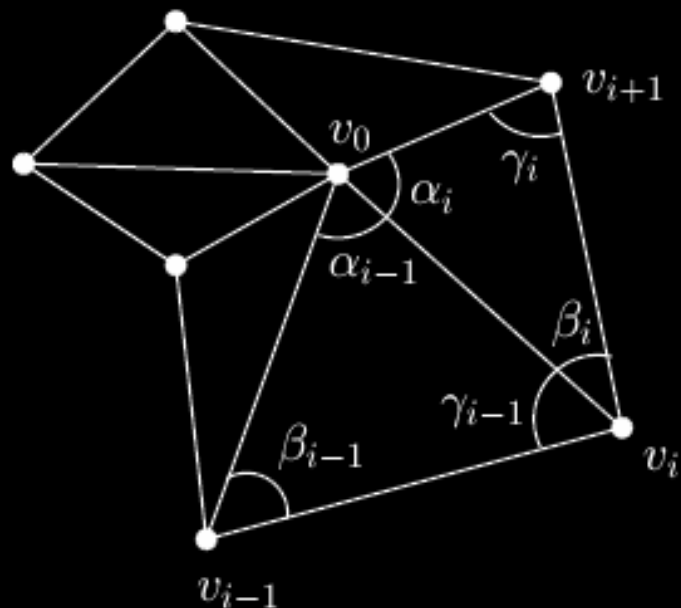
Linear on boundary

Smooth on interior



# Previous work: Wachpress's solution (1975)

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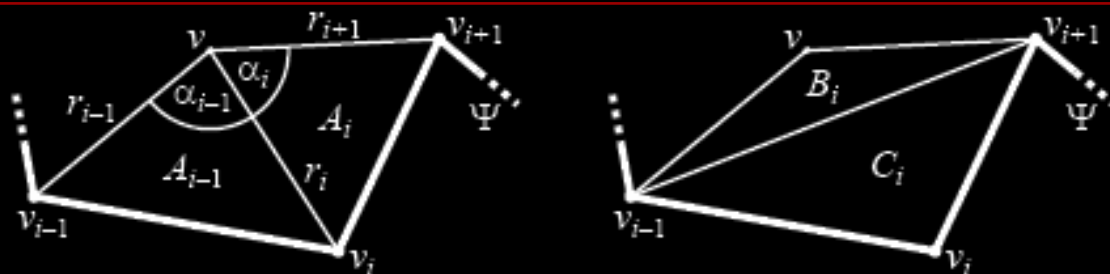
Star-shaped polygon.

weights  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k \geq 0$

$$\sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i v_i = v_0, \quad \sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i = 1$$

$$\lambda_i = \frac{w_i}{\sum_{j=1}^k w_j}, \quad w_i = \frac{A(v_{i-1}, v_i, v_{i+1})}{A(v_{i-1}, v_i, v_0)A(v_i, v_{i+1}, v_0)} = \frac{\cot \gamma_{i-1} + \cot \beta_i}{\|v_i - v_0\|^2}$$

# Barycentric coordinates for arbitrary polygons in the plane



$$A_i(v), \quad -B_i(v), \quad A_{i+1}(v)$$

$$A_i(v)(v_{i-1} - v) - B_i(v)(v_i - v) + A_{i+1}(v)(v_{i+1} - v) = 0 \quad (\text{Coxeter, 1969})$$

define

$$w_i(v) = b_{i-1}(v)A_{i-2}(v) - b_i(v)B_i(v) + b_{i+1}(v)A_{i+1}(v)$$

weight functions  $b_i : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  can be chosen arbitrarily

$$b_i(v) = \frac{\|v_i - v\|}{A_{i-1}(v)A_i(v)} \quad \text{guarantee} \quad \sum_{i=1}^n w_i(v) \neq 0 \text{ for any } v \in \mathbb{R}^2$$

$$\frac{w_i(v)}{2} = \frac{\tan(\alpha_{i-1}(v)/2) + \tan(\alpha_i(v)/2)}{r_i(v)} \quad (\text{Hormann 2004})$$

# Floater : Mean Value Coordinates

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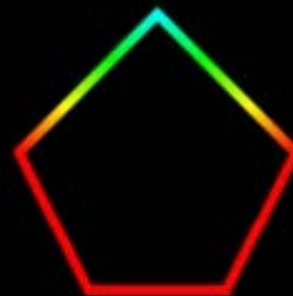
- These weights were derived by application of mean value theorem for harmonic functions.
- They depend smoothly on the vertices

# Previous Work

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convex polygons  
[Wachspress 1975]

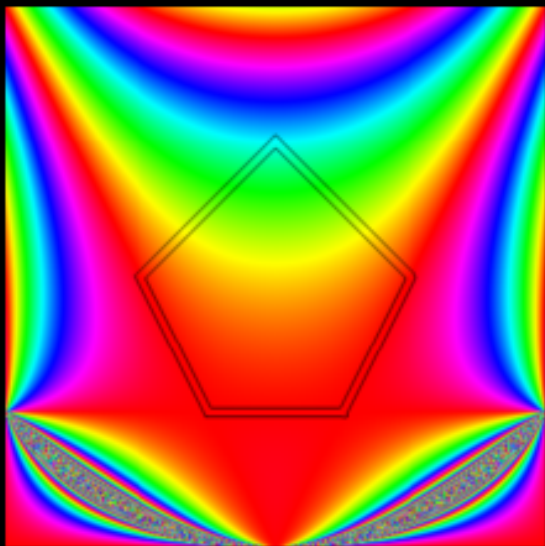


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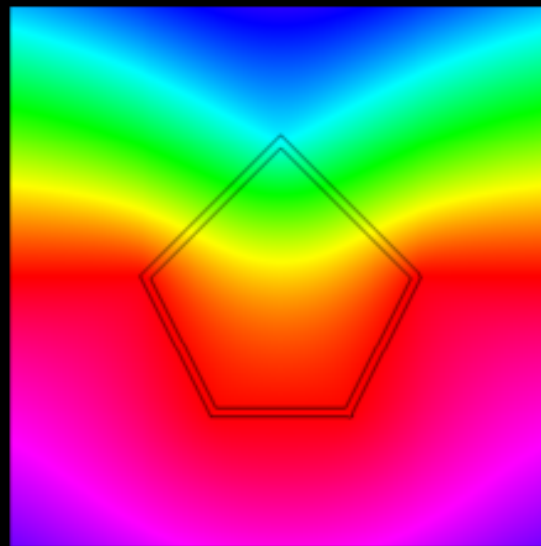


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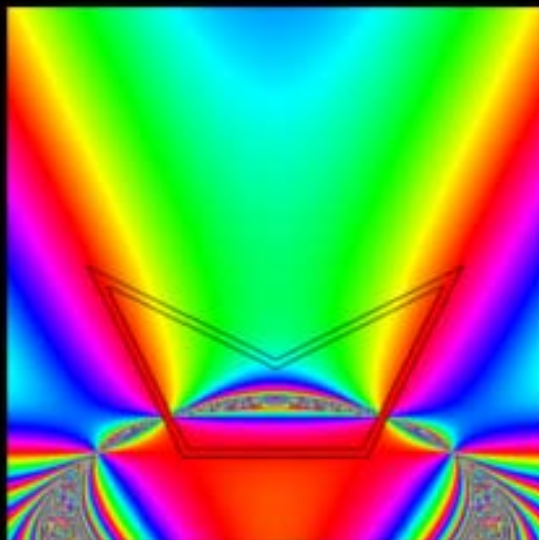
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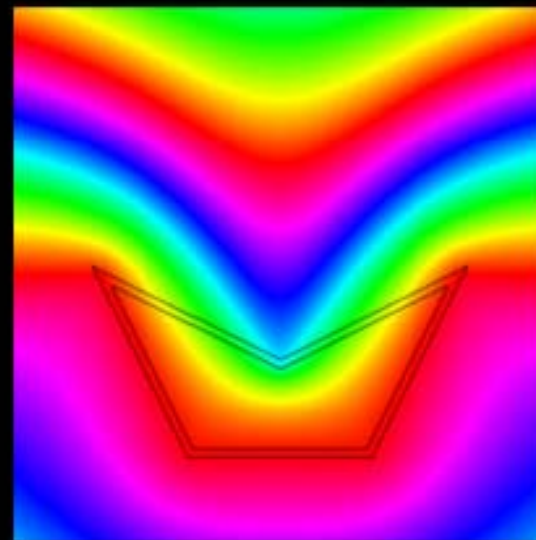
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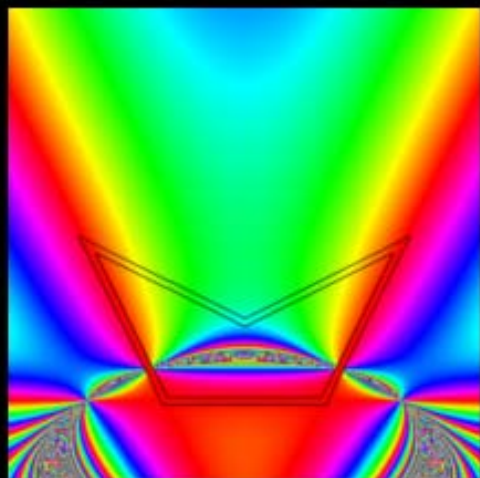
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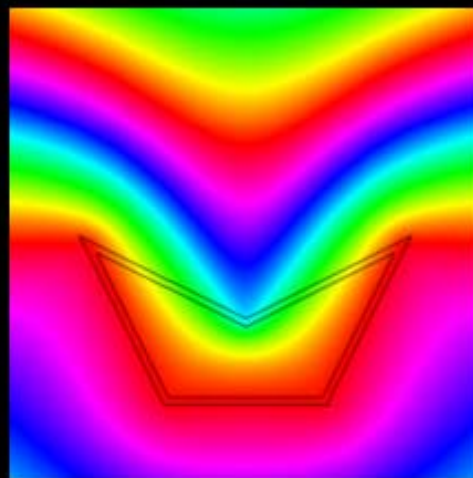


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3D convex polyhedra  
[Warren 1996, Warren et al 2004]



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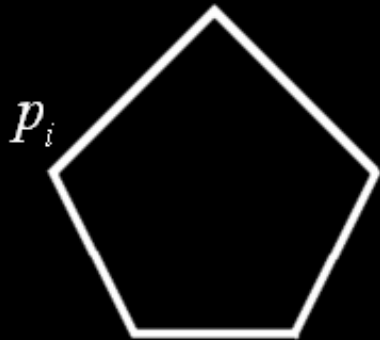
3D closed triangle meshes  
[Floater et al (to appear in CAGD)]

# Continuous Barycentric Coordinates

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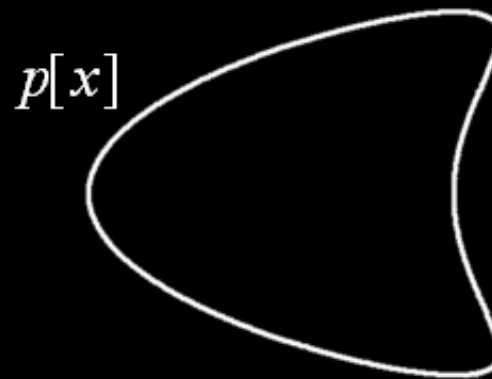
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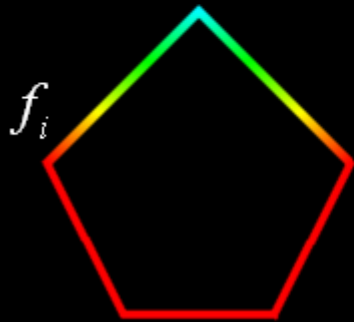


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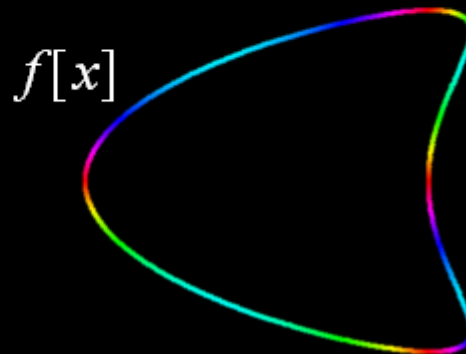
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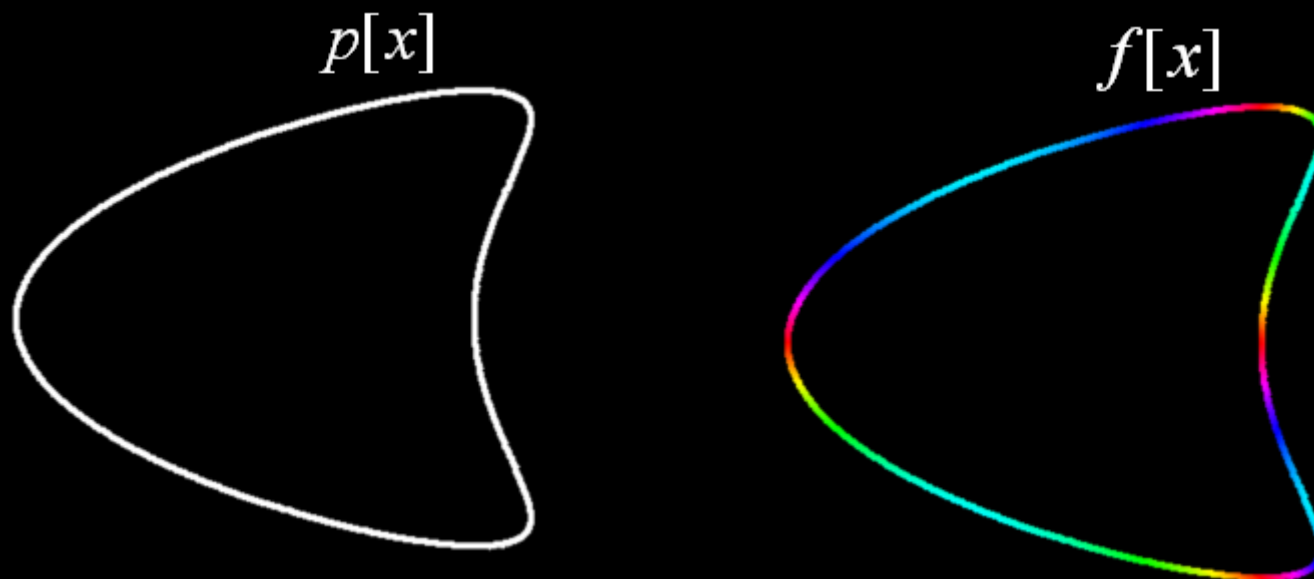
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$$\hat{f}[v] = \frac{\int_x \frac{f[x]}{|p[x] - v|} dS_v}{\int_x \frac{1}{|p[x] - v|} dS_v}$$

- Continuous form of mean value coordinates
- Consider evaluation of the numerator

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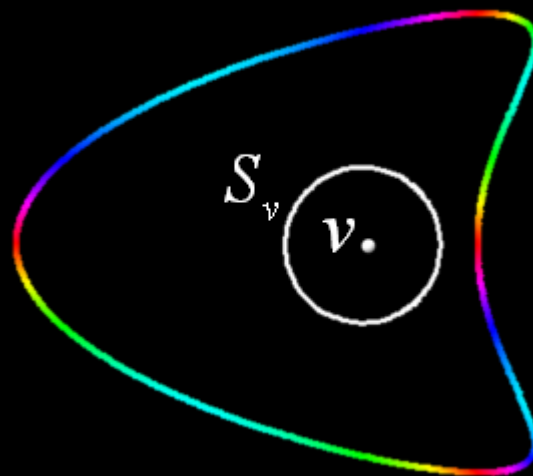
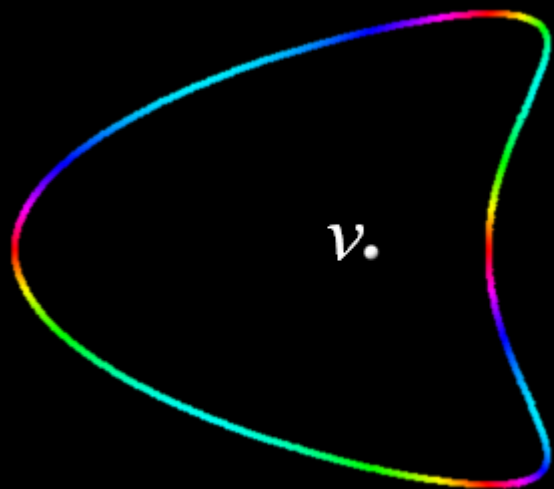
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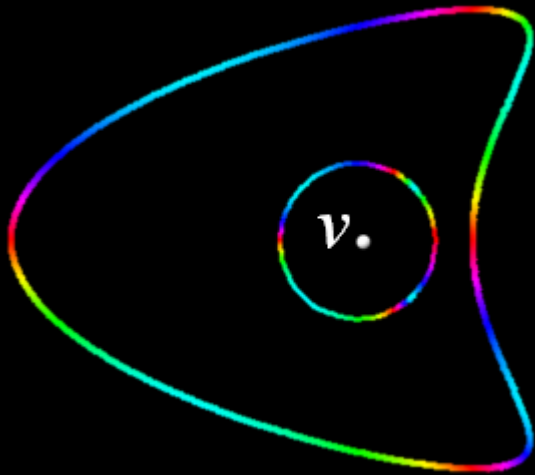
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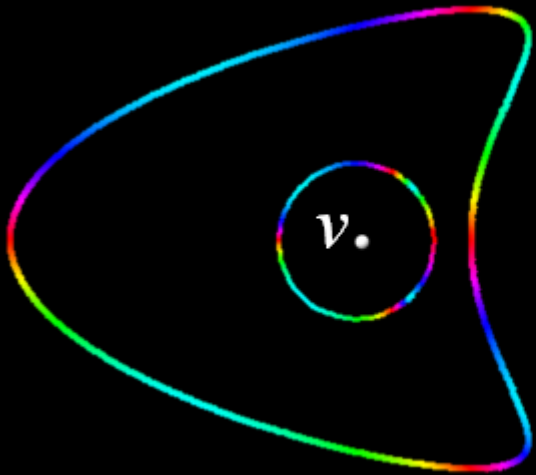
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- Project the function  $f[x]$  onto the boundary of this circle

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- Integrate the projected function divided by  $(p[x]-v)$  over the circle  $S_v$  and then normalize.

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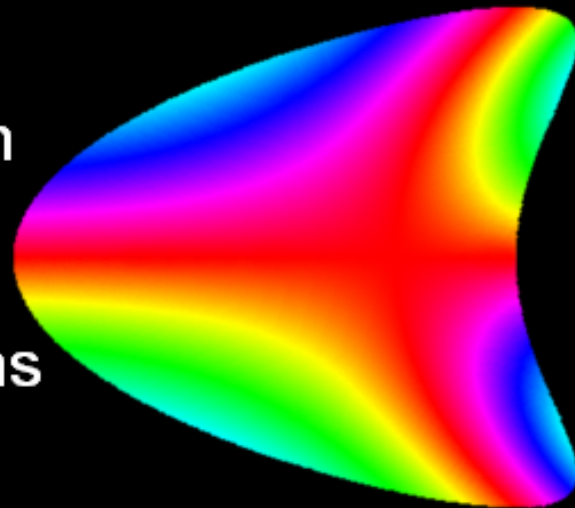
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Generates smooth function

Interpolates boundary

Reproduces linear functions



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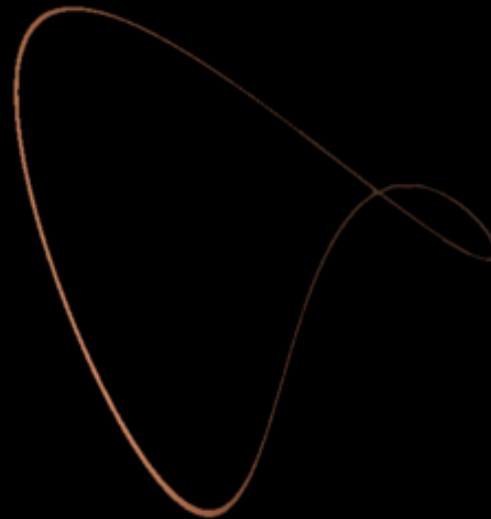
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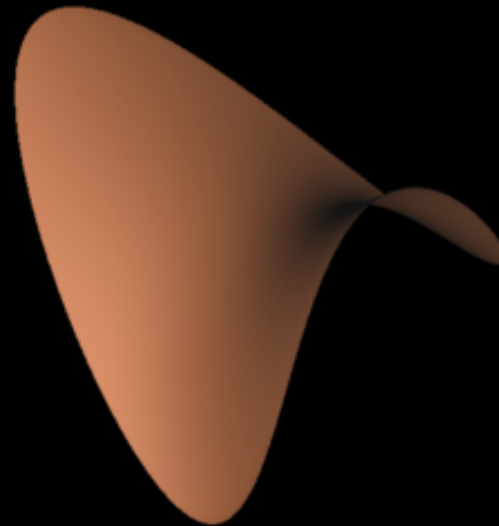
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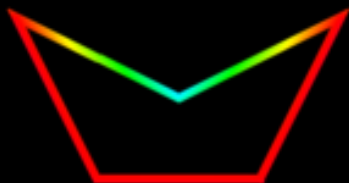


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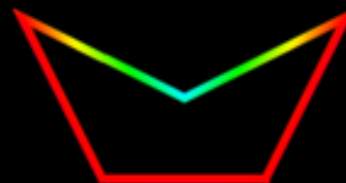
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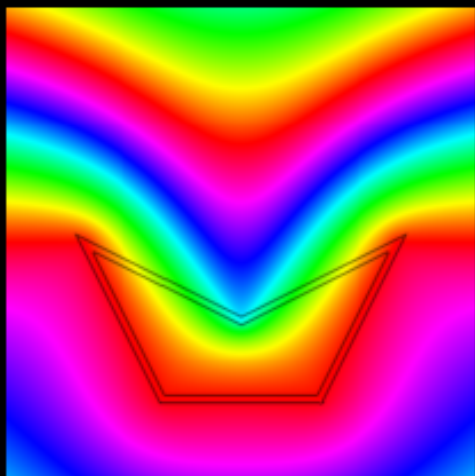


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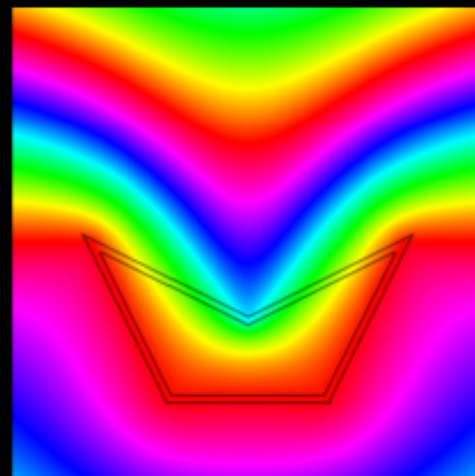
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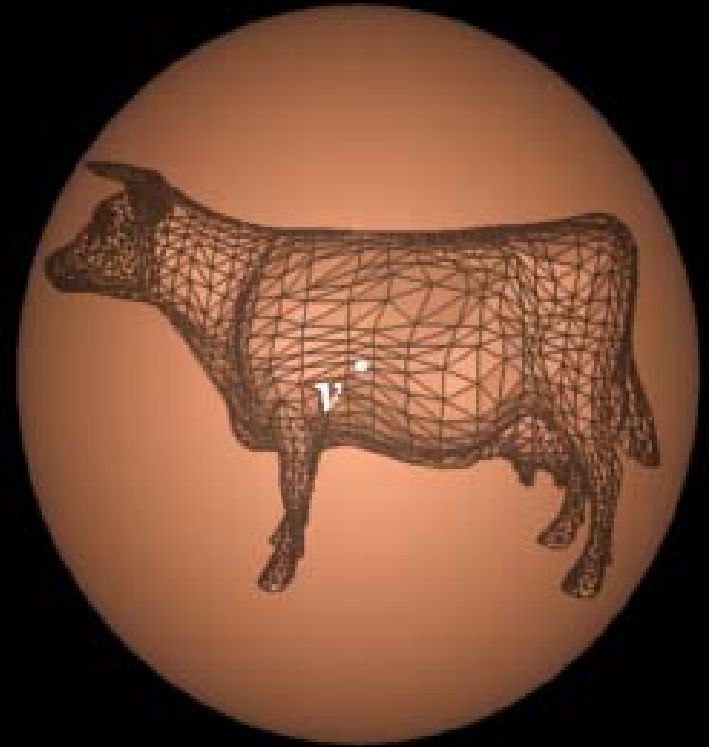
- Find weights  $w_i$  which allow us to represent any  $v$  as a weighted combination of the vertices of a closed triangular mesh and satisfy mean value interpolation

$$v = \frac{\sum_i w_i p_i}{\sum_i w_i} \longrightarrow \sum_i w_i (p_i - v) = 0$$

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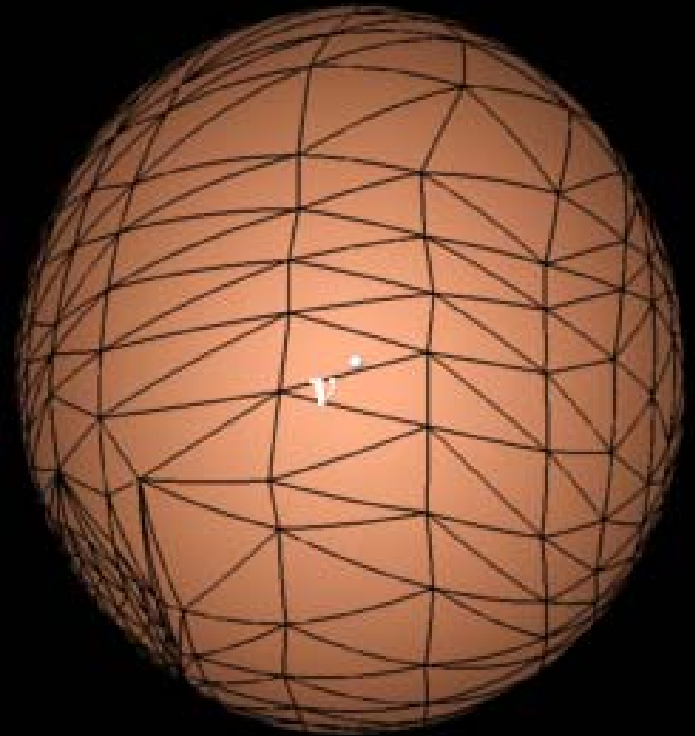
- Given a triangular mesh and a vertex  $v$  in its interior
- Consider a unit sphere centered at vertex  $v$



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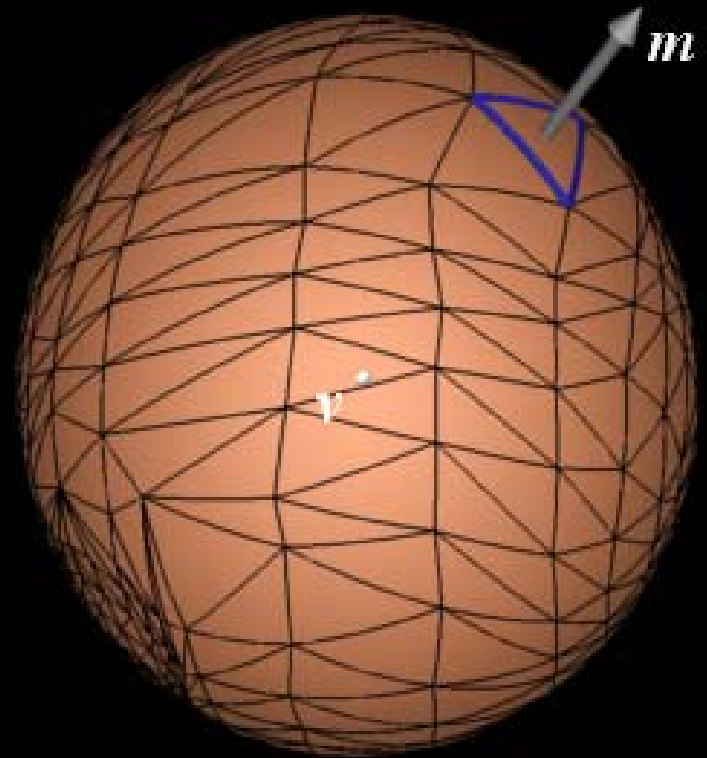
- Project the mesh onto the surface of the sphere
- Planar triangles  $\rightarrow$  spherical triangles



# 3D Mean Value Coordinates

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- Define  $m$  as the mean vector = integral of unit normal over spherical triangle

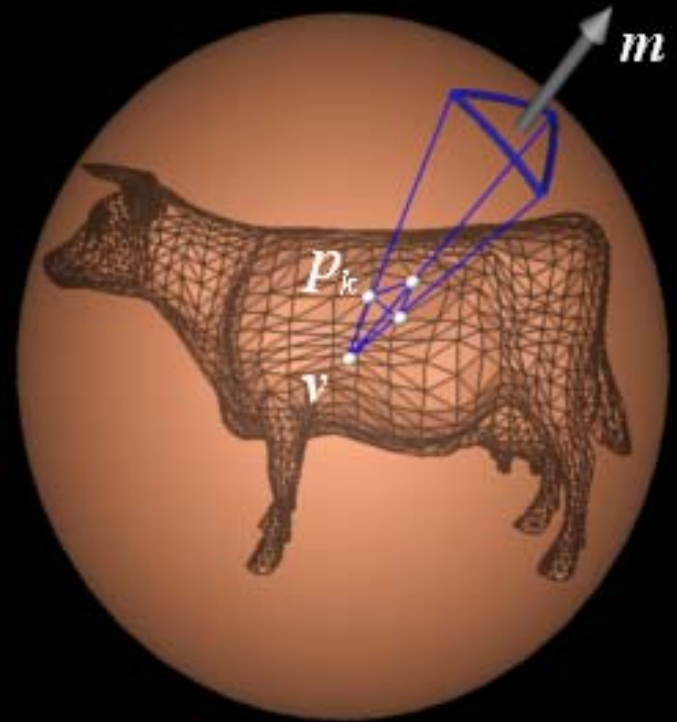


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- Given  $m$ , represent it as a weighted combination of the vertex  $v$  to the vertices  $p_k$  of the triangle

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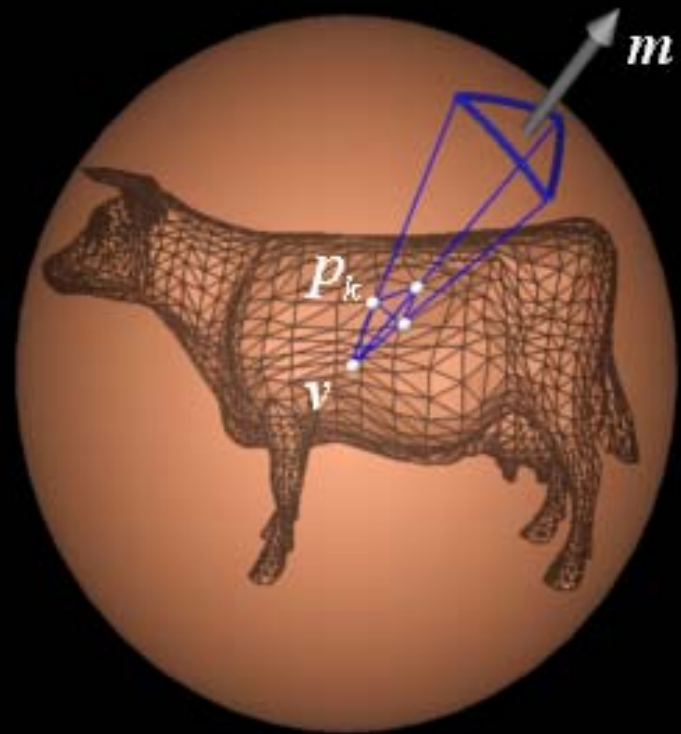
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**Stokes' Theorem**  $\sum_j m_j = 0$

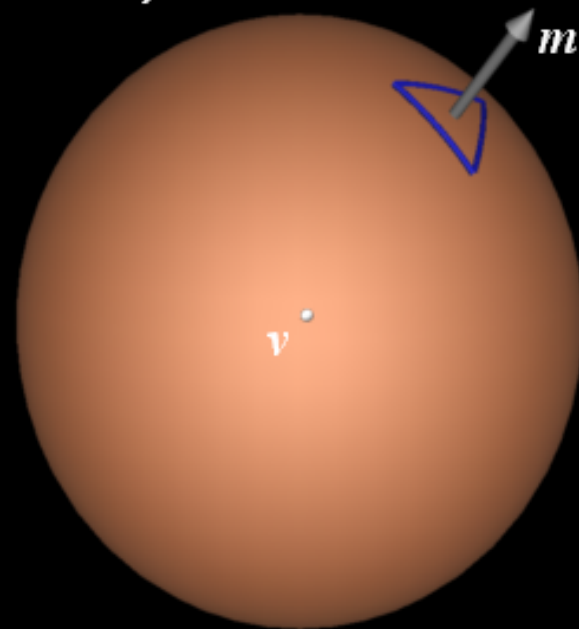
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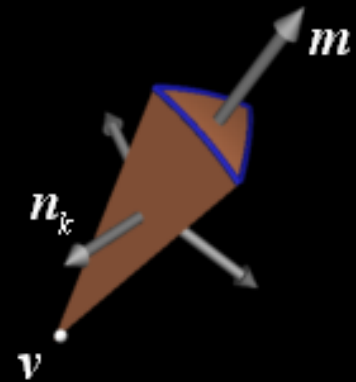


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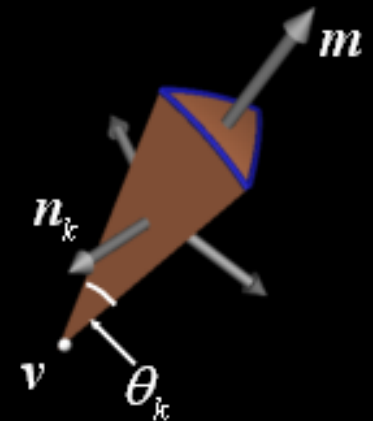
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Apply *Stokes' Theorem*,

$$\sum_{k=1}^3 \frac{1}{2} \theta_k n_k + m = 0$$

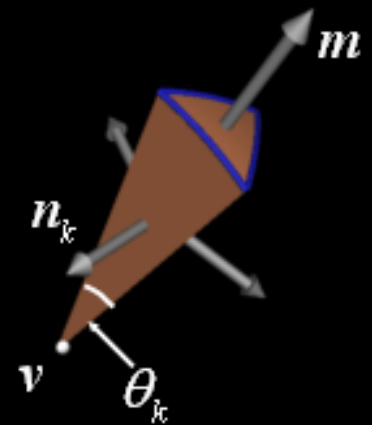


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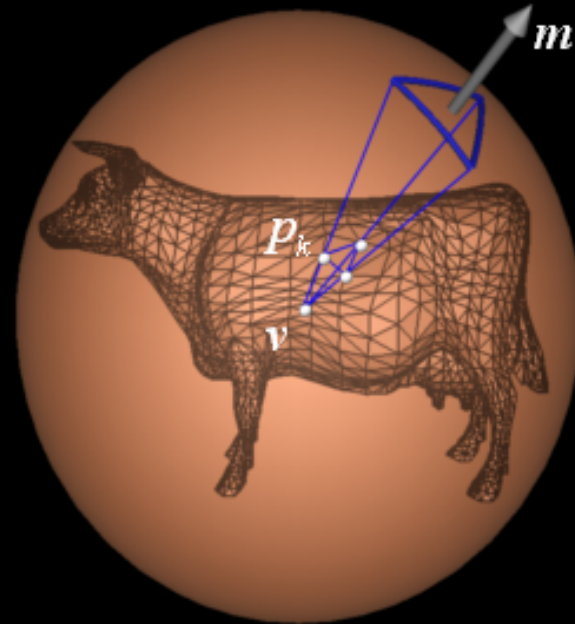
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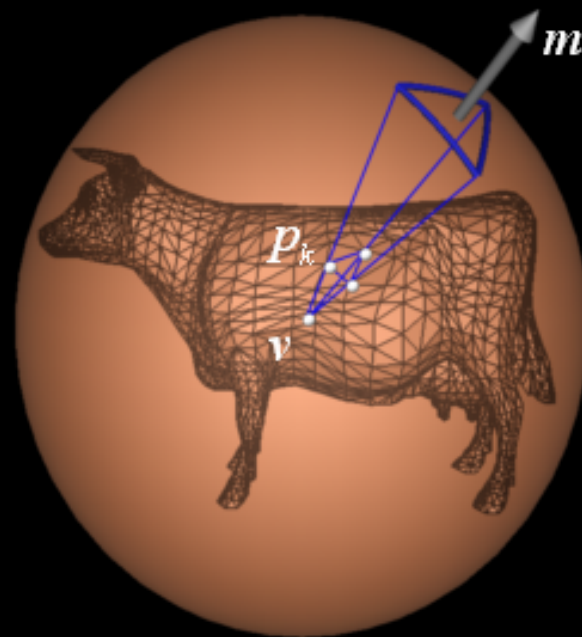
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Sum over all triangles

$$\hat{f}[v] = \frac{\sum_j \sum_{k=1}^3 w_k^j f_k^j}{\sum_j \sum_{k=1}^3 w_k^j}$$



# Implementation Considerations

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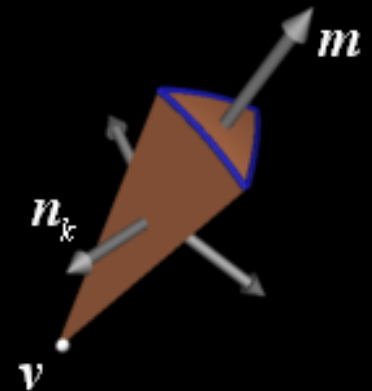
## Special cases

- $v$  on boundary

## Numerical stability

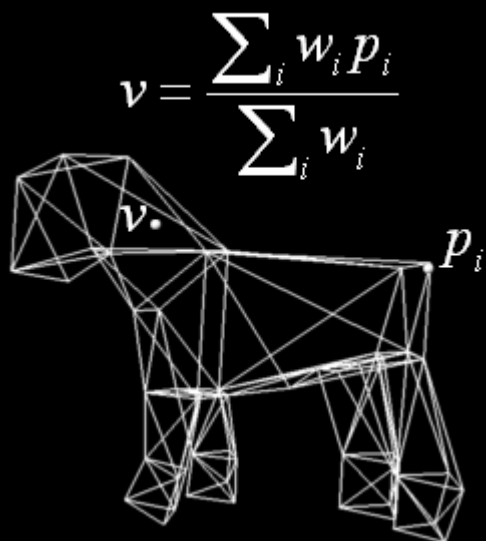
- Small spherical triangles
- Large meshes

Pseudo-code provided in paper



# Application: Surface Deformation

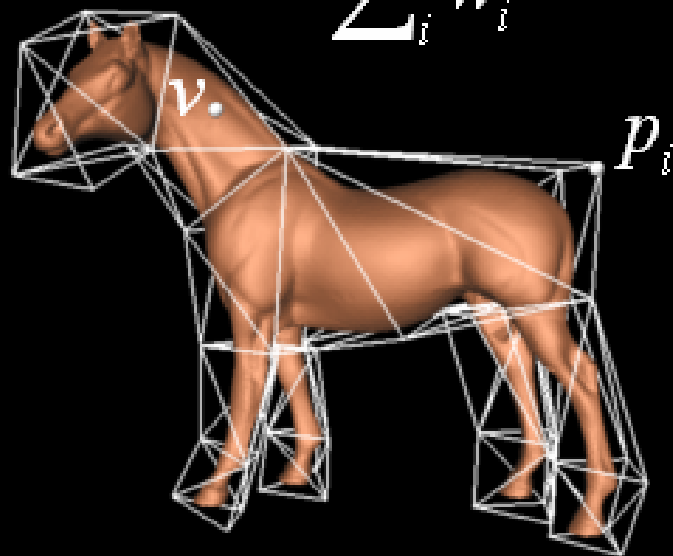
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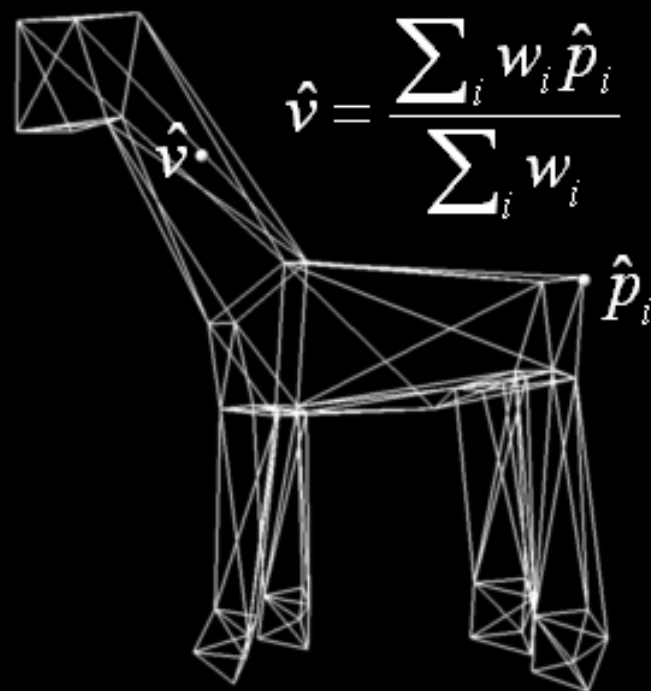
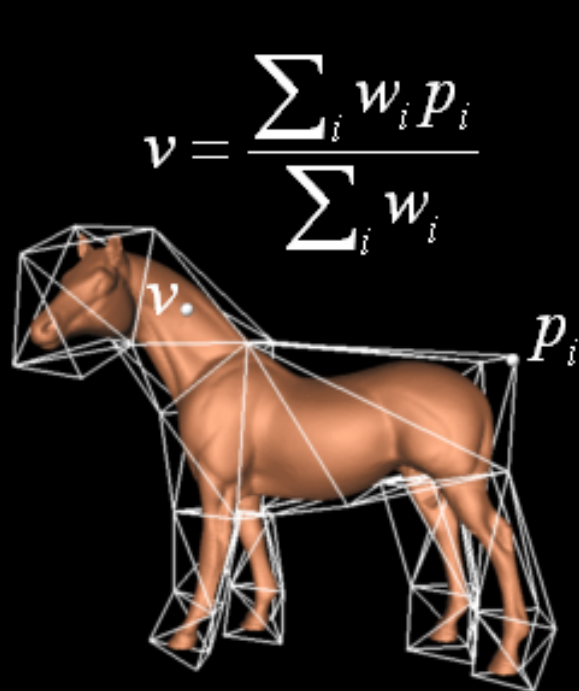
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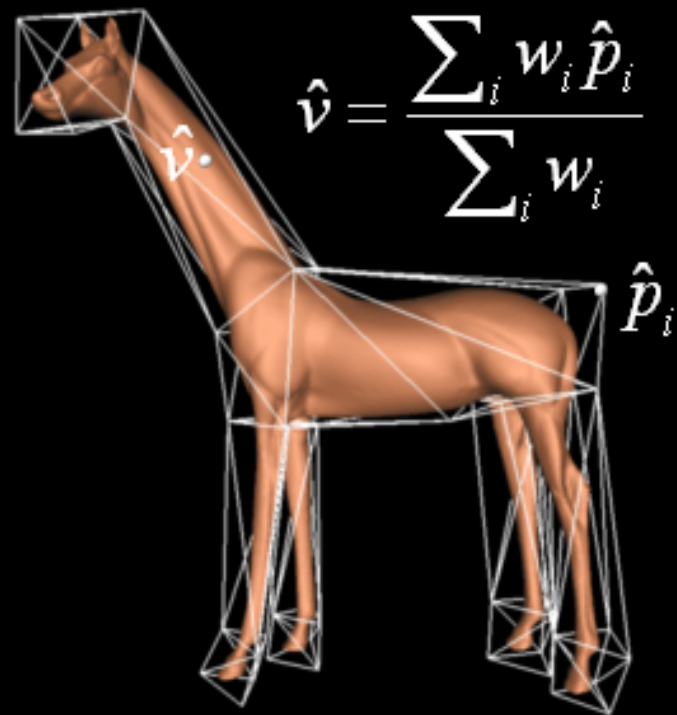
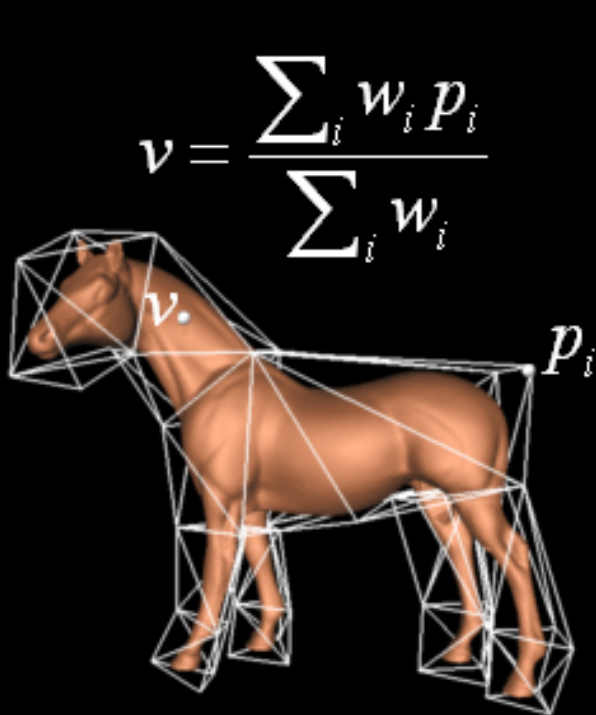
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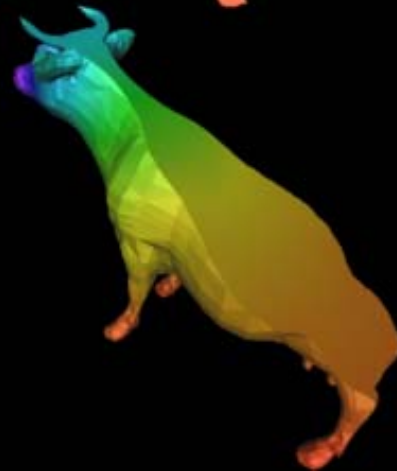
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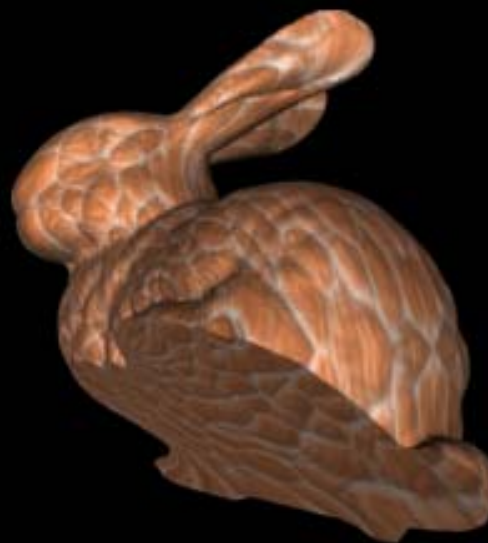
# Applications Boundary Value Problems

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# Applications Solid Textures

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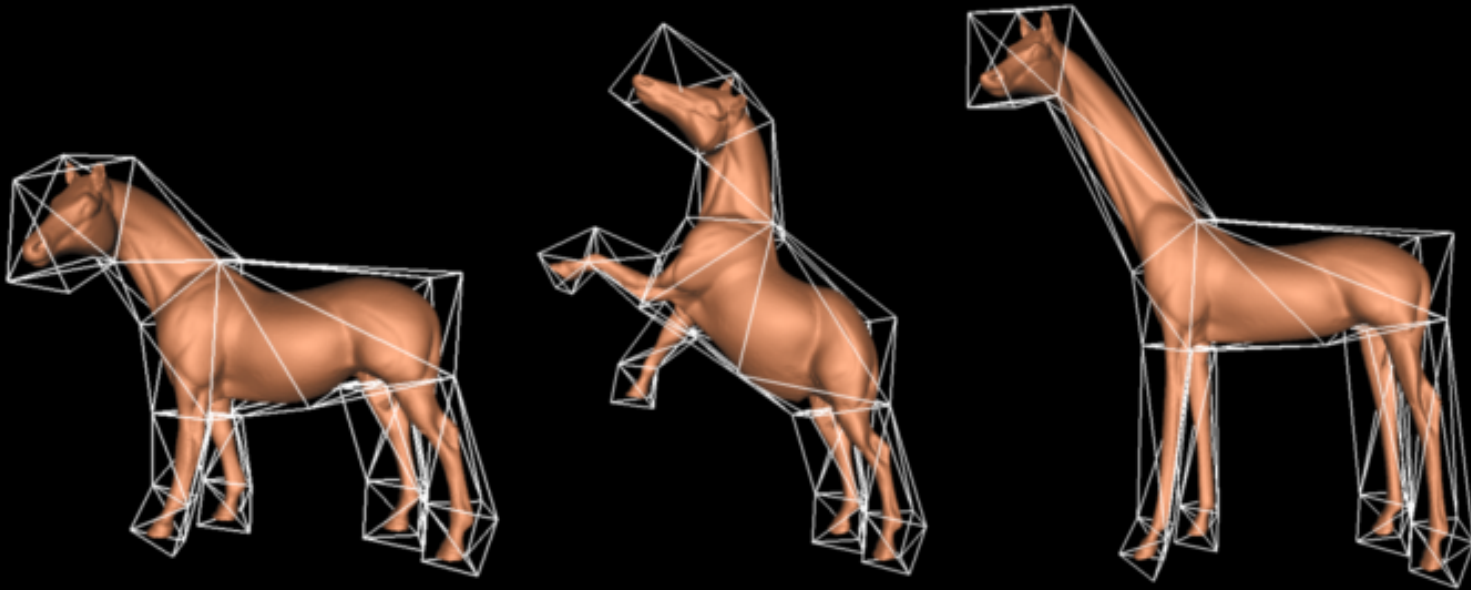
**Real-time!**



# Applications Surface Deformation

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Control Mesh	Surface	Computing Weights	Deformation
98 triangles	96,966 triangles	3.3 seconds	0.09 seconds





# Summary

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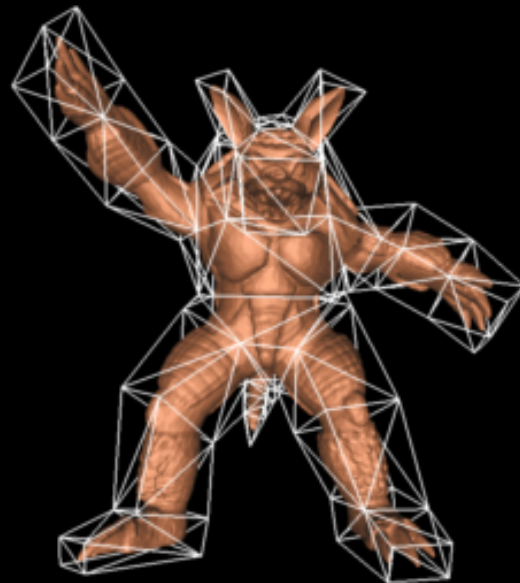
Integral formulation for closed surfaces

Closed-form solution for triangle meshes

- Numerically stable evaluation

## Applications

- Boundary Value Interpolation
- Surface Deformation





# Thank You

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- Questions?