

**ECE 6350**

**Grad-, Div-, and Curl-Conforming Bases  
on 2- and 3-D Simplexes**

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# Dimension-Independent Divergence

## Definition and Theorem

### Definitions :

- $\mathbf{J}, \mathbf{D}, \mathbf{B}$  are flux vectors
- Domain  $\mathcal{D} = \mathcal{P}, \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{S}, \mathcal{V}$  (point, curve, surface, volume)

- Boundary of  $\mathcal{D} = \partial\mathcal{D} \equiv \mathcal{B} = \begin{cases} \mathcal{P} & \text{if } \mathcal{D} = \mathcal{C} \text{ (open)}, \\ \mathcal{C} & \text{if } \mathcal{D} = \mathcal{S} \text{ (open)}, \\ \mathcal{S} & \text{if } \mathcal{D} = \mathcal{V} \end{cases}$

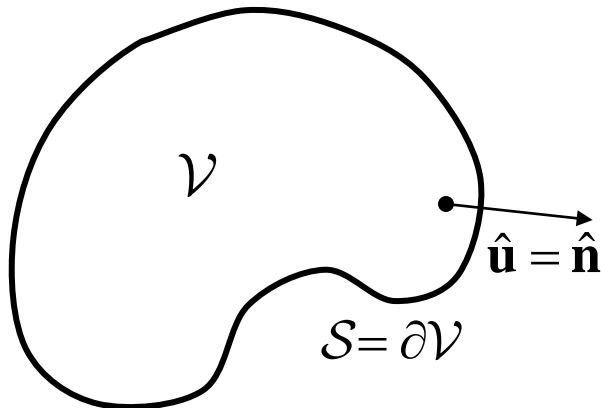
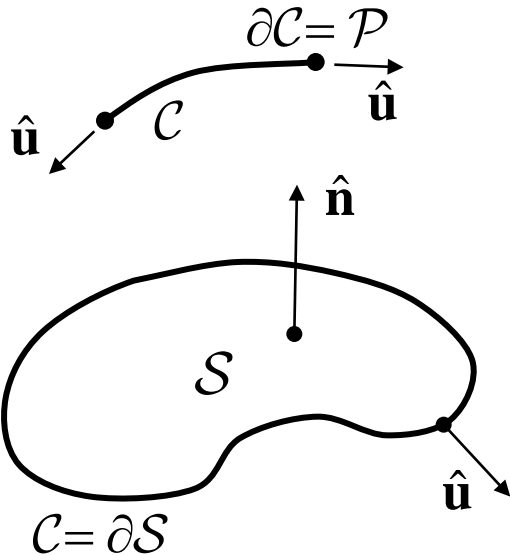
- "Measure" of  $\mathcal{D} \equiv \text{meas } \mathcal{D} = \begin{cases} \text{length of } \mathcal{C} \\ \text{area of } \mathcal{S} \\ \text{volume of } \mathcal{V} \end{cases}$

- $\hat{\mathbf{u}}$  is normal to  $\mathcal{B}$  and "tangent" to  $\mathcal{D}$

- Flux of a vector  $\mathbf{F} \equiv \oint_{\partial\mathcal{D}} \mathbf{F} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{u}} d\mathcal{B}$

- Divergence of a vector  $\mathbf{F} \equiv \nabla \cdot \mathbf{F} \equiv \lim_{\text{meas } \mathcal{D} \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\text{meas } \mathcal{D}} \oint_{\partial\mathcal{D}} \mathbf{F} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{u}} d\mathcal{B}$

- Divergence Thm:  $\int_{\mathcal{D}} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{F} d\mathcal{D} = \oint_{\partial\mathcal{D}} \mathbf{F} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{u}} d\mathcal{B}$



# Modeling Flux Quantities

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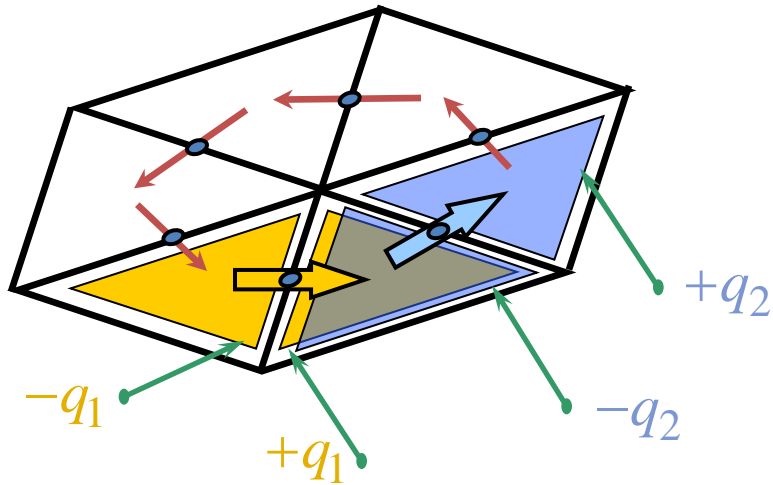
- We selected  $\Lambda_i^e$  such that  $\nabla \cdot \Lambda_i^e$  was constant,  $\Lambda_i^e$  has constant (unit) normal component on element subboundary

- Hence 
$$\nabla \cdot \Lambda_i^e = \frac{1}{\text{meas } \mathcal{D}} \int_{\mathcal{D}} \nabla \cdot \Lambda_i^e d\mathcal{D} = \frac{1}{\text{meas } \mathcal{D}} \oint_{\partial\mathcal{D}} \Lambda_i^e \cdot \hat{\mathbf{u}} d\mathcal{B}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Note the *consistent* modeling of divergence on both point and discrete (element) scales.

This appears to be a strongly desirable condition for a good numerical scheme

# Modeling Flux Quantities, cont'd



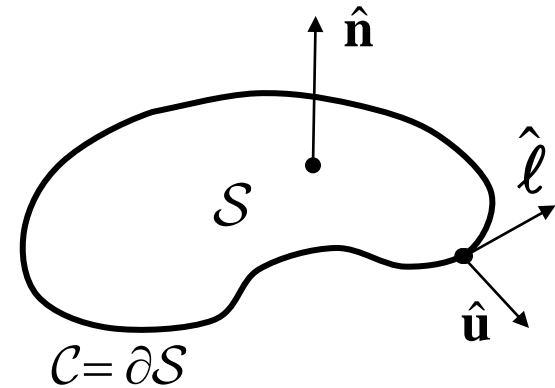
- We should also be able to create a *divergence-free basis function* as a linear combination of ordinary div-conforming basis functions

$$\Lambda_{loop} = \sum_i \alpha_i \Lambda_i \Rightarrow \nabla \cdot \Lambda_{loop} = 0$$

(choose  $\alpha_i$  such that  $q_{i+1} = q_i$ )

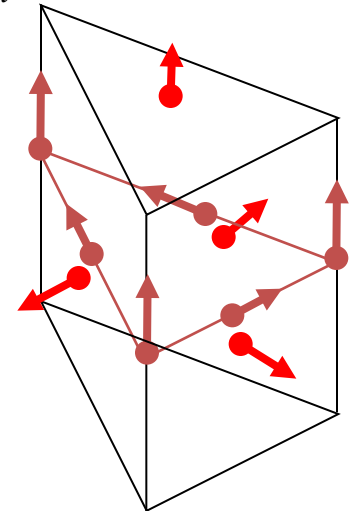
# Modeling Line Integral Quantities

- $\mathbf{E}, \mathbf{H}, \nabla\Phi$  are all line integral quantities  $\Rightarrow$   
circulation of  $\mathbf{F} = \oint_C \mathbf{F} \cdot \hat{\ell} dC$
- Associated bases  $\mathbf{\Omega}_i^e$  should be *curl - conforming*
- Select  $\mathbf{\Omega}_i^e$  such that  $\nabla \times \mathbf{\Omega}_i^e$  is constant,  $\mathbf{\Omega}_i^e$  has constant (unit) tangential component on element subboundary

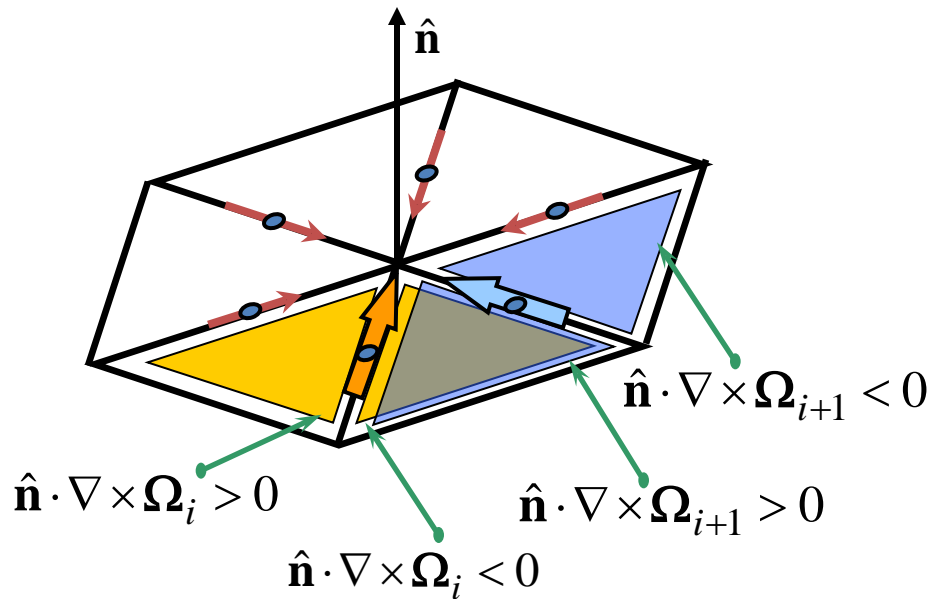


- Hence  $\nabla \times \mathbf{\Omega}_i^e = \frac{1}{\text{meas } S} \int_S \nabla \times \mathbf{\Omega}_i^e \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}} dS \stackrel{\text{Stokes's Theorem}}{=} \frac{1}{\text{meas } S} \oint_{\partial S} \mathbf{\Omega}_i^e \cdot \hat{\ell} dC, \hat{\ell} = \hat{\mathbf{n}} \times \hat{\mathbf{u}}$

$\Rightarrow$  Hence the curl is modeled *consistently* on both point and discrete (element) scales. This is a strongly desirable condition for schemes involving the curl operator



# Modeling of Line Integral Quantities, cont'd



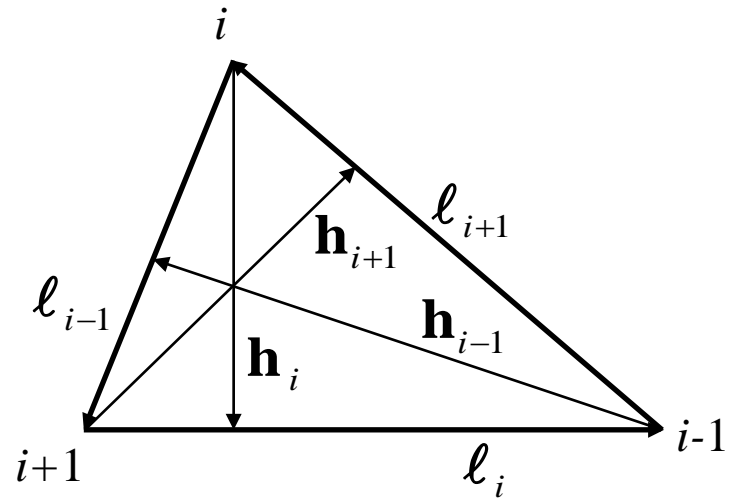
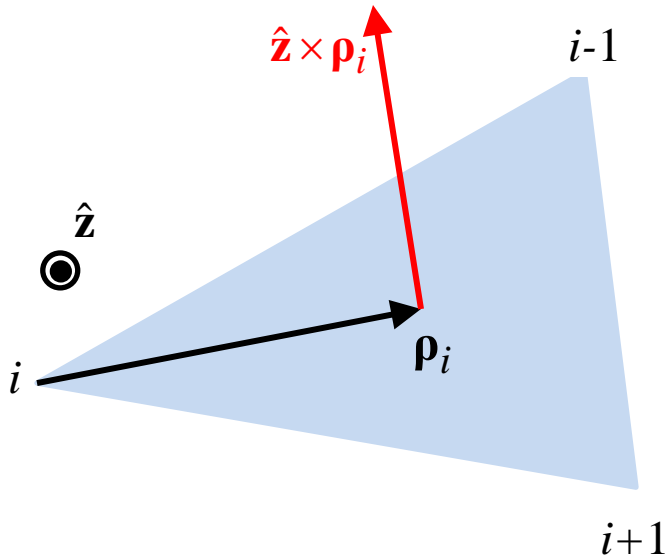
- We should also be able to create a curl-free basis function as a linear combination of ordinary curl-conforming basis functions

$$\Omega_{vertex} = \sum_i \alpha_i \Omega_i \Rightarrow \nabla \times \Omega_{vertex} = 0$$

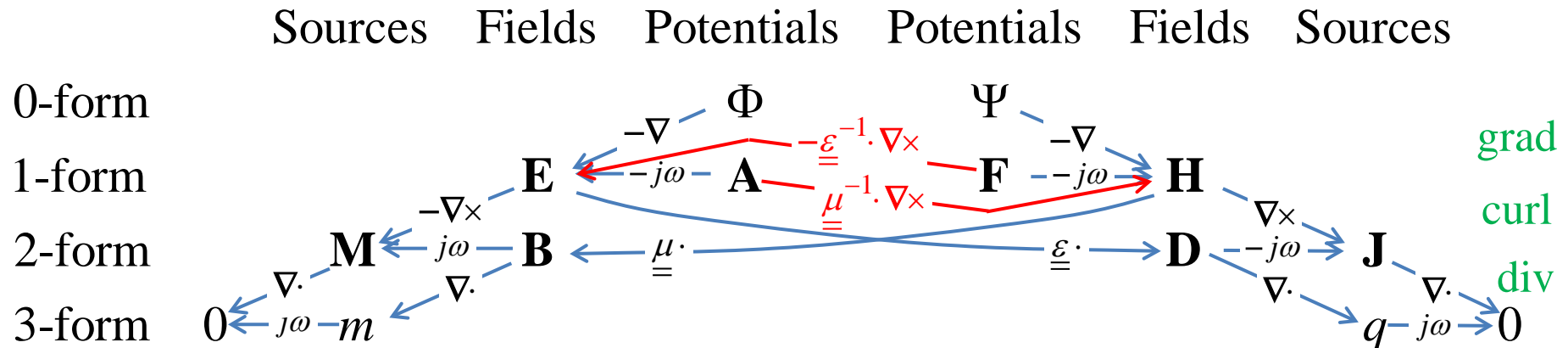
(choose  $\alpha_i$  such that  $\alpha_i \hat{n} \cdot \nabla \times \Omega_i = \alpha_{i+1} \hat{n} \cdot \nabla \times \Omega_{i+1}$  )

# Properties of $\rho_i$ , $\hat{\mathbf{z}} \times \rho_i$ Vectors

	local coordinates	area coordinates	normal comp., edge $i$	tangential comp., edge $i$	div ( $\nabla \cdot$ )	curl ( $\nabla \times$ )
$\rho_i$	$x\hat{\mathbf{x}} + y\hat{\mathbf{y}}$	$\xi_{i+1}\ell_{i-1} - \xi_{i-1}\ell_{i+1}$	$h_i$	---	2	$0 + \delta$ 's @ boundary
$\hat{\mathbf{z}} \times \rho_i$	$x\hat{\mathbf{y}} - y\hat{\mathbf{x}}$	$2A^e (\xi_{i+1}\nabla \xi_{i-1} - \xi_{i-1}\nabla \xi_{i+1})$	---	$h_i$	$0 + \delta$ 's @ boundary	$2\hat{\mathbf{z}}$



# Character of Potential, Field, and Source Quantities



0- forms: scalar point functions:

1- forms: vector line-integral functions:

2- forms: vector flux integral functions:

3- forms: scalar density functions:

$p$ -forms represent quantities integrated over  $p$ -dimensions

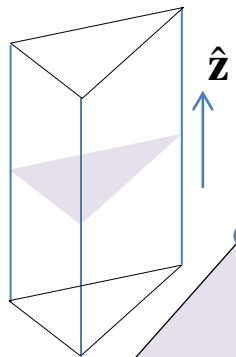
$\Phi, \Psi$

$\int \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{r}, \int \mathbf{H} \cdot d\mathbf{r}$

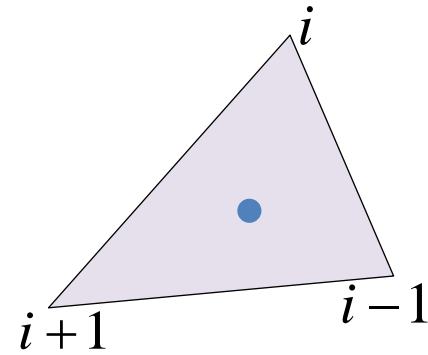
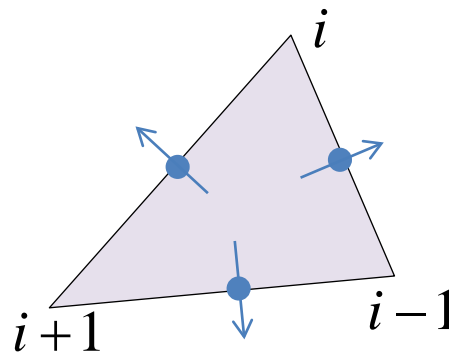
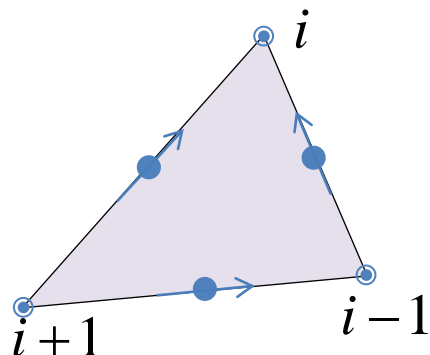
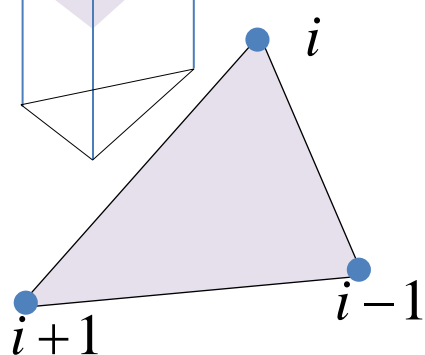
$\int \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{S}, \int \mathbf{D} \cdot d\mathbf{S}, \int \mathbf{J} \cdot d\mathbf{S}, \int \mathbf{M} \cdot d\mathbf{S}$

$\int q dV, \int m dV$





# Interpolation of 2-D 0-, 1-, 2-, and 3-forms



- 0- form
- grad-conforming
- $\Lambda_i^e = \xi_i, i = 1, 2, 3$
- $\Lambda_i^e \Big|_{\xi_j=1} = \delta_{ij}$
- $\nabla \Lambda_i^e = \frac{-\hat{\mathbf{h}}_i}{h_i}$

Example:

$$\Phi = \sum_{i=1}^3 V_i^e \Lambda_i^e, \quad \mathbf{r} \in S^e$$

- 1- form
- curl-conforming

- $\Omega_i^e = \ell_i (\xi_{i+1} \nabla \xi_{i-1} - \xi_{i-1} \nabla \xi_{i+1}),$
- $\Omega_{i+3}^e = \xi_i \hat{\mathbf{z}}, i = 1, 2, 3;$
- $\Omega_i^e \cdot \hat{\ell}_j \Big|_{\xi_j=0} = \delta_{ij},$
- $\Omega_i^e \cdot \hat{\mathbf{z}} \Big|_{\xi_j=1} = \delta_{ij}$
- $\nabla \times \Omega_i^e = \frac{2\hat{\mathbf{z}}}{h_i}; \nabla \times \Omega_{i+3}^e = \frac{\ell_i}{2A^e}$

Example:

$$\mathbf{E} = \sum_{i=1}^6 V_i^e \Omega_i^e, \quad \mathbf{r} \in S^e$$

- 2- form
- div-conforming

- $\Lambda_i^e = \frac{\xi_{i+1} \ell_{i-1} - \xi_{i-1} \ell_{i+1}}{h_i},$
- $\Lambda_i^e \cdot \hat{\mathbf{h}}_j \Big|_{\xi_j=0} = \delta_{ij}$
- $\nabla \cdot \Lambda_i^e = \frac{2}{h_i}$

Example:

$$\mathbf{J} = \sum_{i=1}^3 J_i^e \Lambda_i^e, \quad \mathbf{r} \in S^e$$

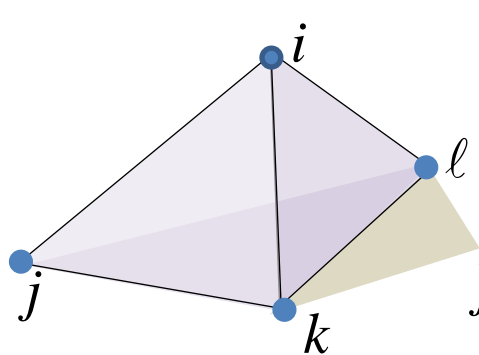
- 3- form
- density function

$$\Pi^e = 1, \mathbf{r} \in S^e$$

Example:

$$q = Q^e \Pi^e, \quad \mathbf{r} \in S^e$$

# Interpolation of 3-D 0-, 1-, 2-, and 3-forms



- 0 – form
- grad-conforming

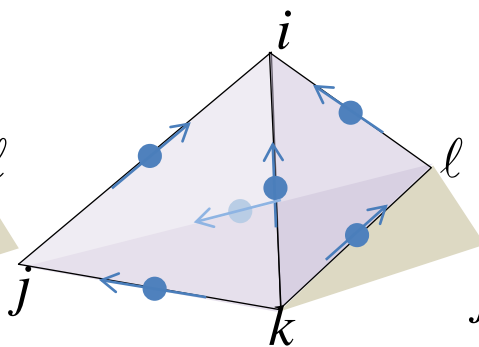
- $\Lambda_i^e = \xi_i, i = 1, \dots, 4$

- $\Lambda_i^e \Big|_{\xi_j=1} = \delta_{ij}$

- $\nabla \Lambda_i^e = \frac{-\hat{\mathbf{h}}_i}{h_i}$

Example:

$$\Phi = \sum_{i=1}^4 V_i^e \Lambda_i^e, \quad \mathbf{r} \in V^e$$



- 1 – form
- curl-conforming

- $\Omega_{ij}^e = \ell_{ij}(\xi_j \nabla \xi_i - \xi_i \nabla \xi_j),$

$$i, j \in \{1, \dots, 4\}, i < j$$

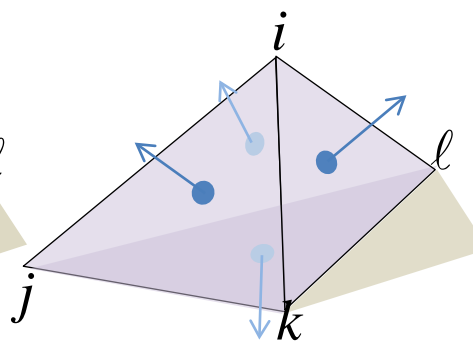
$$\ell_{ij} = \mathbf{r}_i^e - \mathbf{r}_j^e, \mathbf{r} \in V^e$$

- $\Omega_{ij}^e \cdot \hat{\ell}_{\alpha\beta} \Big|_{\xi_k=\xi_\ell=0} = \delta_{i\alpha, j\beta}$

- $\nabla \times \Omega_{ij}^e = \frac{\ell_{ij} \ell_{kl}}{3V^e}$

Example:

$$\mathbf{E} = \sum_{i < j} V_{ij}^e \Omega_{ij}^e, \mathbf{r} \in V^e,$$



- 2 – form
- div-conforming

- $\Lambda_i^e = \sum_{\alpha \in \{j, k, \ell\}} \frac{\xi_\alpha \ell_{\alpha i}}{h_i},$   
 $i \in \{1, \dots, 4\}$

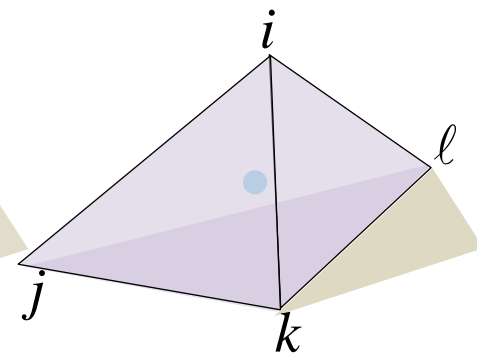
$$\ell_{\alpha i} = \mathbf{r}_\alpha^e - \mathbf{r}_i^e, \mathbf{r} \in V^e,$$

- $\Lambda_i^e \cdot \hat{\mathbf{h}}_j \Big|_{\xi_j=0} = \delta_{ij}$

- $\nabla \cdot \Lambda_i^e = \frac{3}{h_i}$

Example:

$$\mathbf{J} = \sum_{i=1}^4 J_i^e \Lambda_i^e, \mathbf{r} \in V^e$$



- 3 – form

- $\Pi^e = 1, \mathbf{r} \in V^e$

Example:

$$q = Q^e \Pi^e, \mathbf{r} \in V^e$$