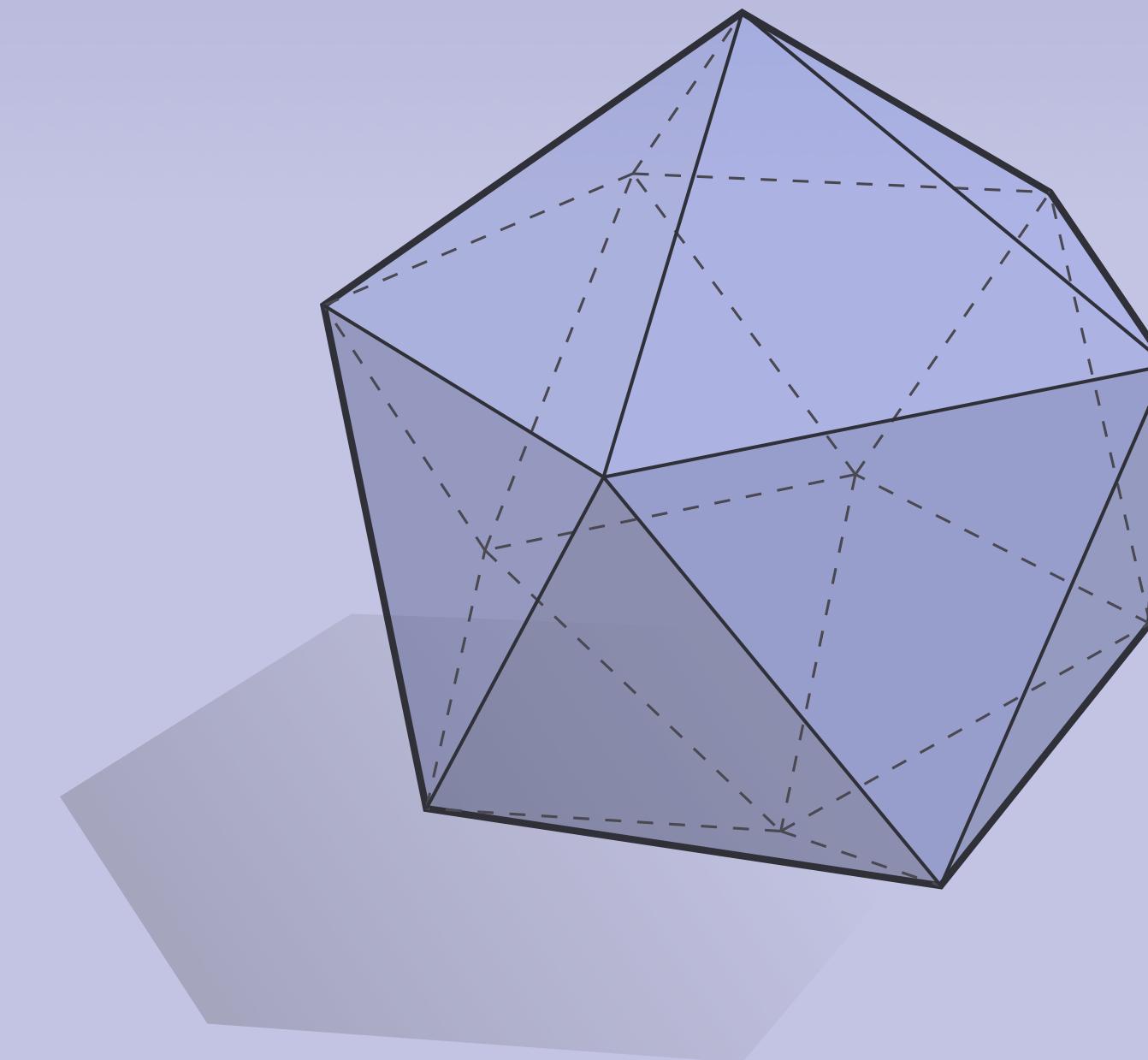


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LECTURE 17:

DISCRETE CURVATURE II

(VARIATIONAL VIEWPOINT)

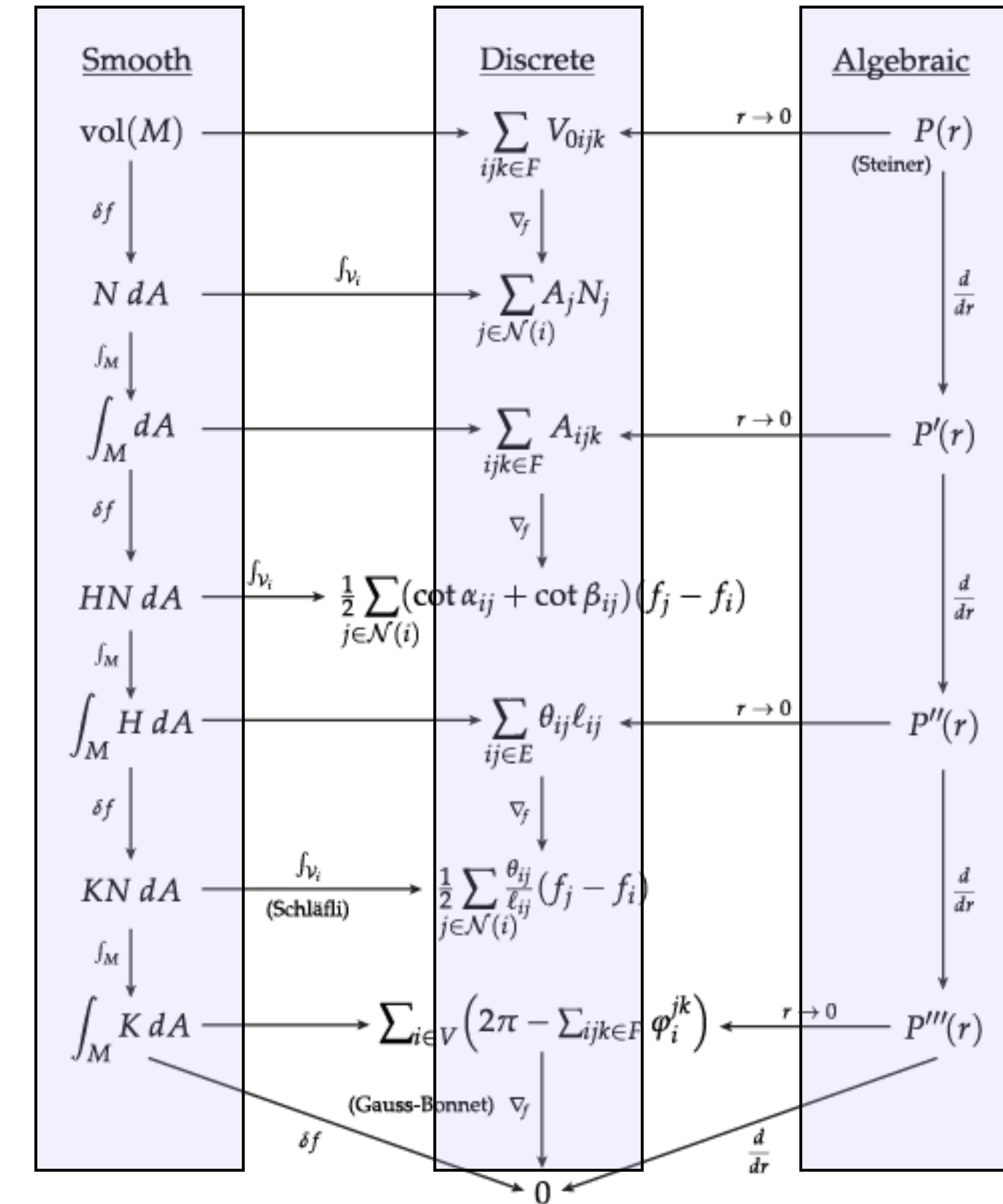


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A Unified Picture of Discrete Curvature

- Goal: obtain a unified picture of many different perspectives on discrete curvature by connecting smooth & discrete pictures
- Last time, took integral approach:
 - **vector-valued quantities**—integrate “curvature normals” over vertex neighborhood
 - **scalar quantities**—integrate curvatures on smoothed or “mollified” surface
- This time, take *variational* approach (derivatives)
 - Will see that our vector quantities actually just describe the change in our scalar quantities!

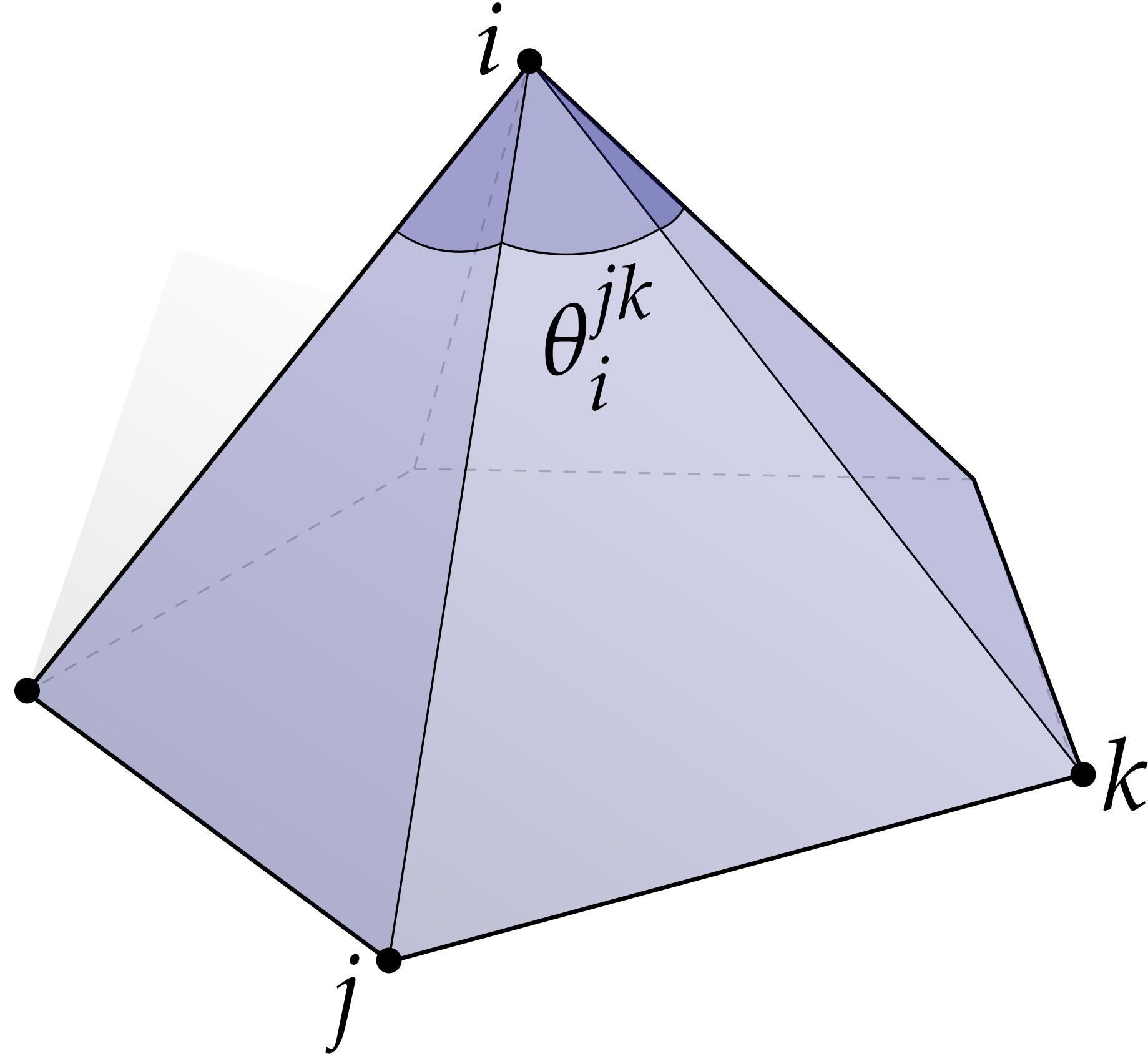


Recap: Vector Curvatures

	area (NdA)	mean ($HNdA$)	Gauss ($KNdA$)
smooth	$\frac{1}{2} df \wedge df$	$\frac{1}{2} df \wedge dN$	$\frac{1}{2} dN \wedge dN$
discrete	$\frac{1}{6} \sum_{ijk \in \text{St}(i)} f_j \times f_k$	$\frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij \in \text{St}(i)} (\cot \alpha_{ij} + \cot \beta_{ij})(f_i - f_j)$	$\frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij \in \text{St}(i)} \frac{\varphi_{ij}}{\ell_{ij}} (f_j - f_i)$

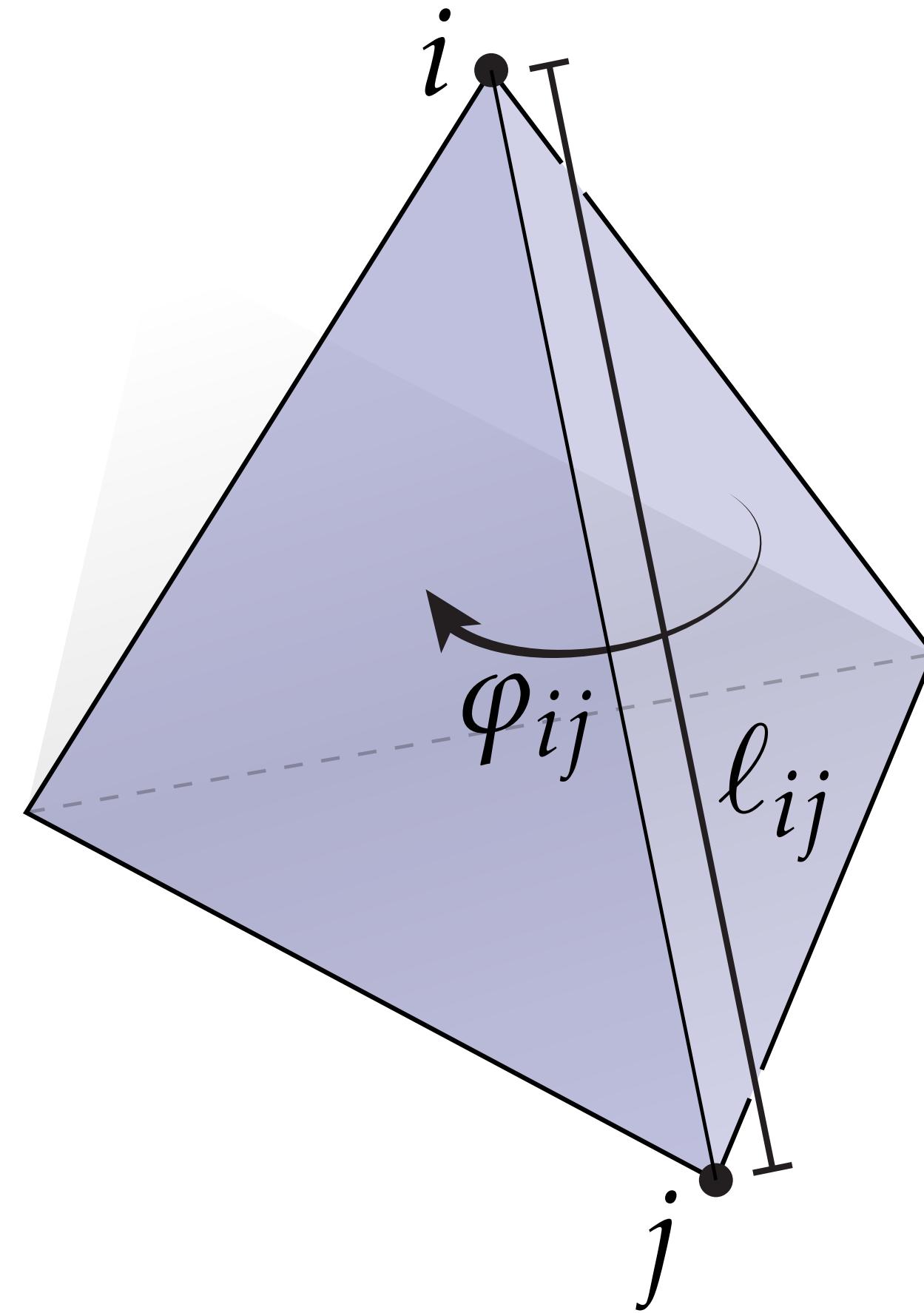
Recap: Scalar Curvatures

Gaussian curvature



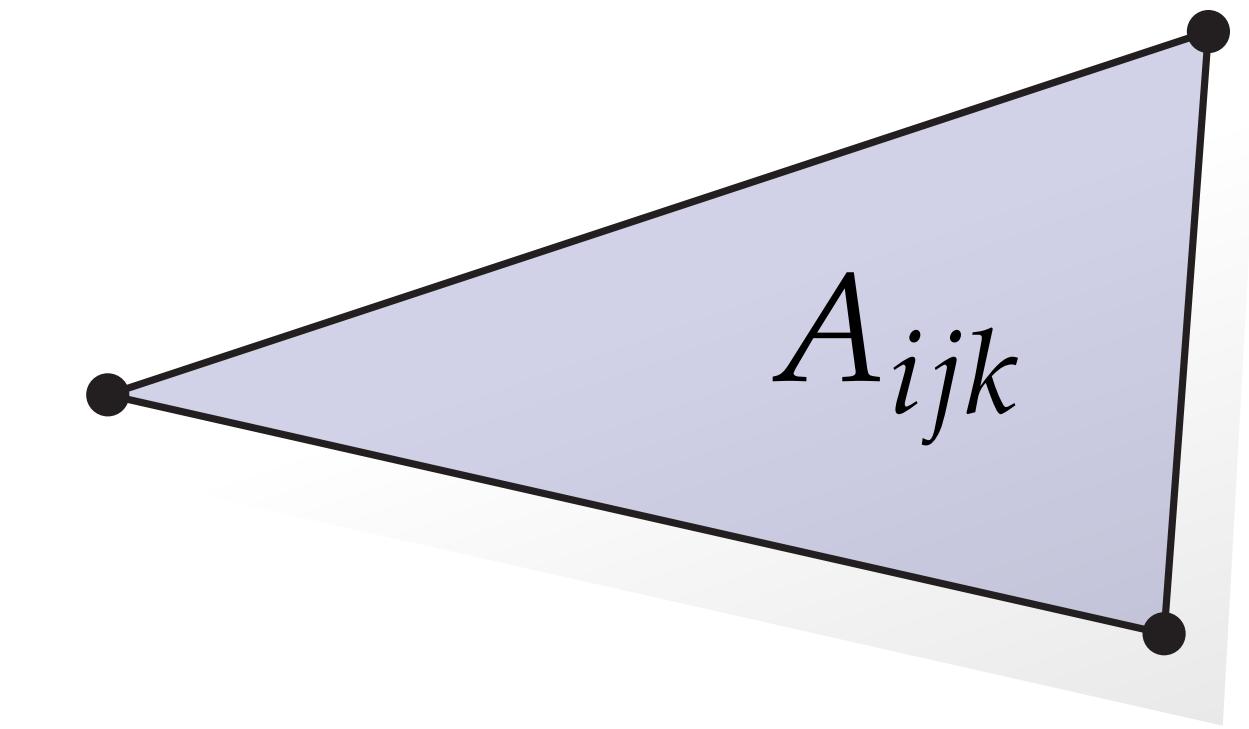
$$\Omega_i := 2\pi - \sum_{ijk} \theta_i^{jk}$$

mean curvature

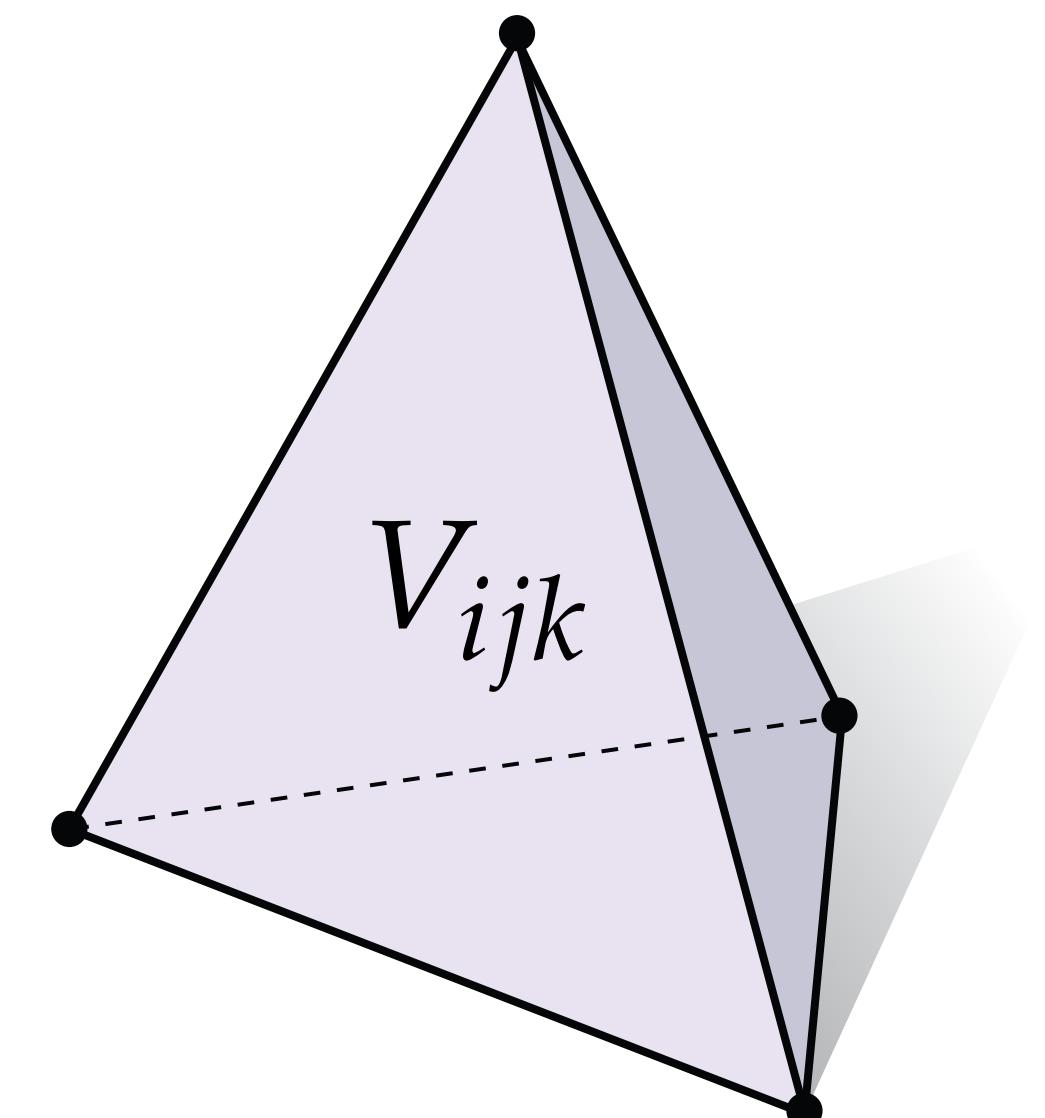


$$H_{ij} := \frac{1}{2} \ell_{ij} \varphi_{ij}$$

area



volume



Aside: Principal Curvatures

Gaussian: $K = \kappa_1 \kappa_2$

mean: $H = \frac{\kappa_1 + \kappa_2}{2}$

principal:

$$\kappa_1 = H - \sqrt{H^2 - K}$$

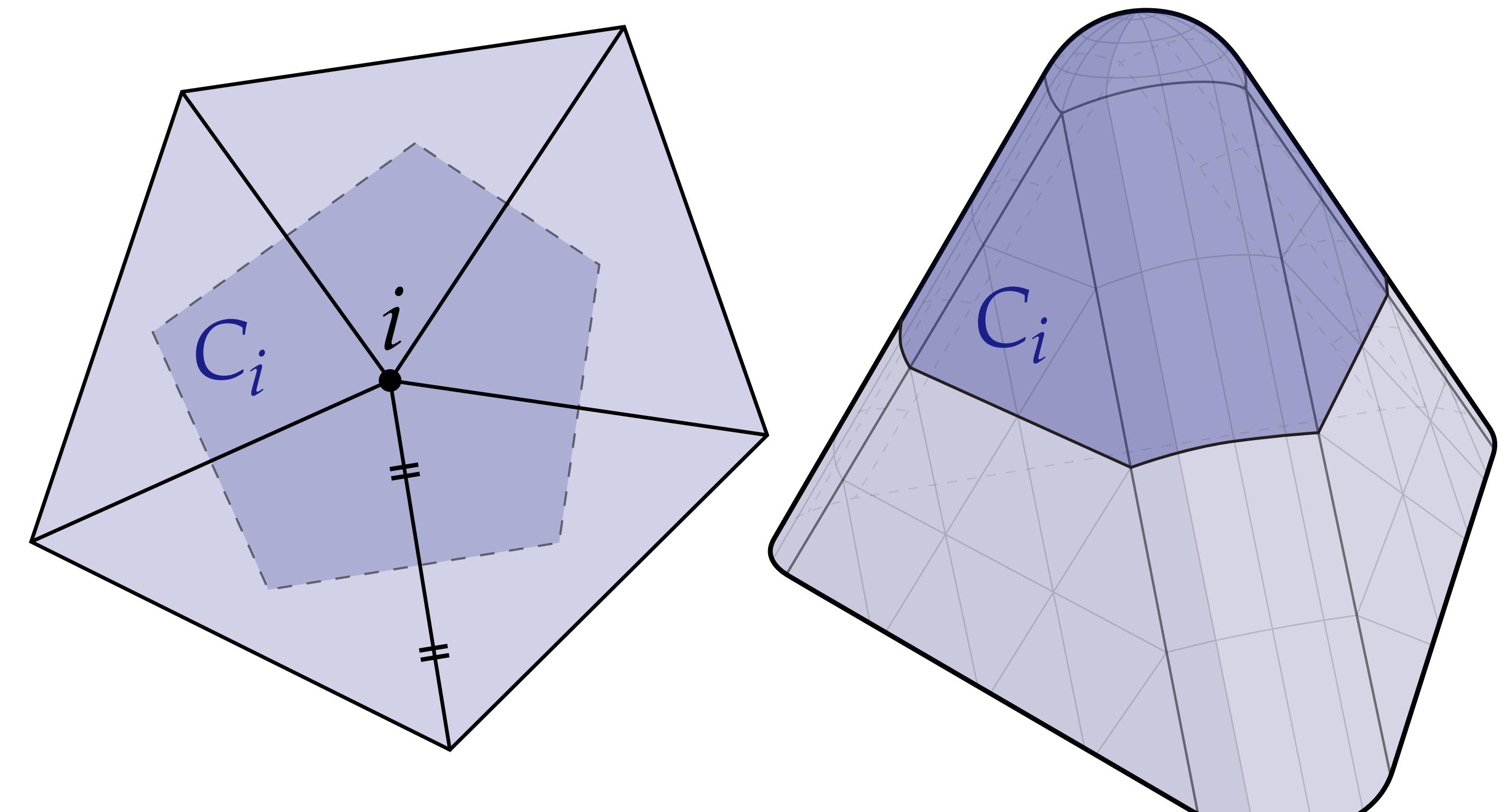
$$\kappa_2 = H + \sqrt{H^2 - K}$$

discrete principal curvatures:

$$\frac{H_i}{A_i} \pm \sqrt{\left(\frac{H_i}{A_i}\right)^2 - \frac{K_i}{A_i}}$$

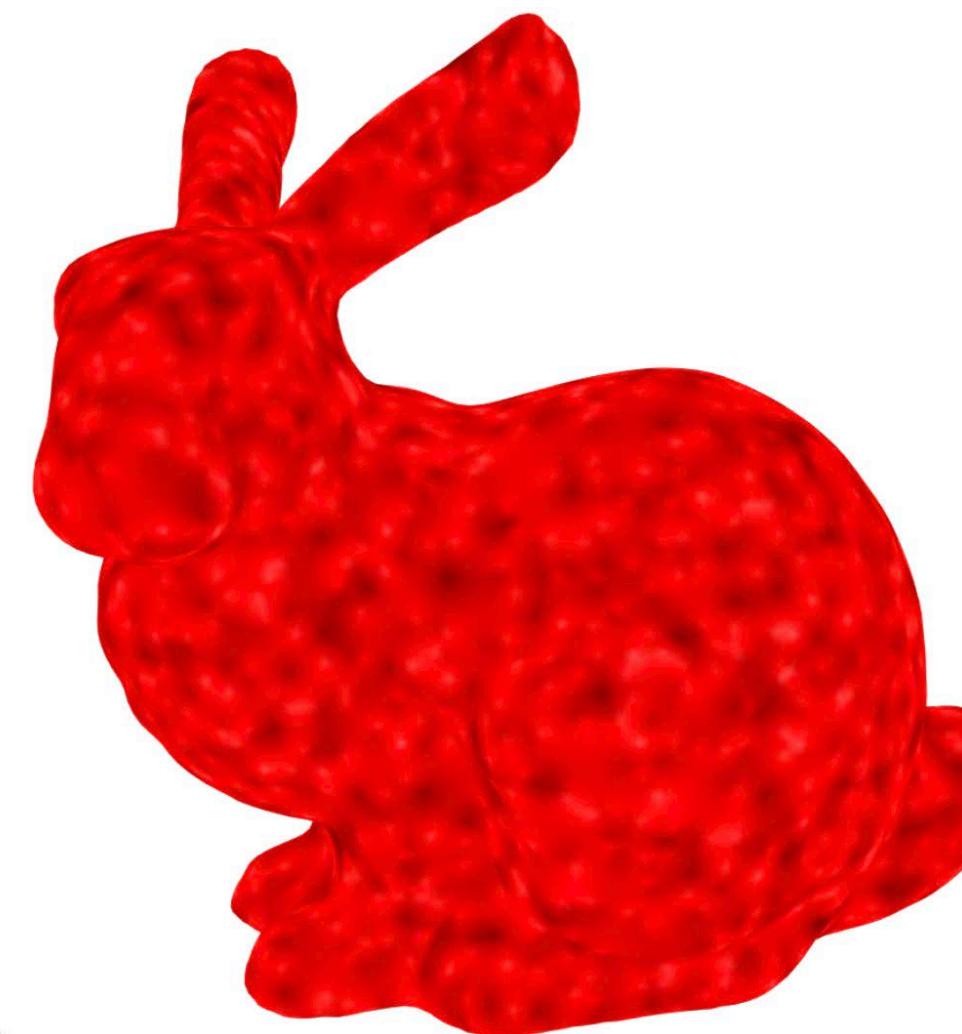
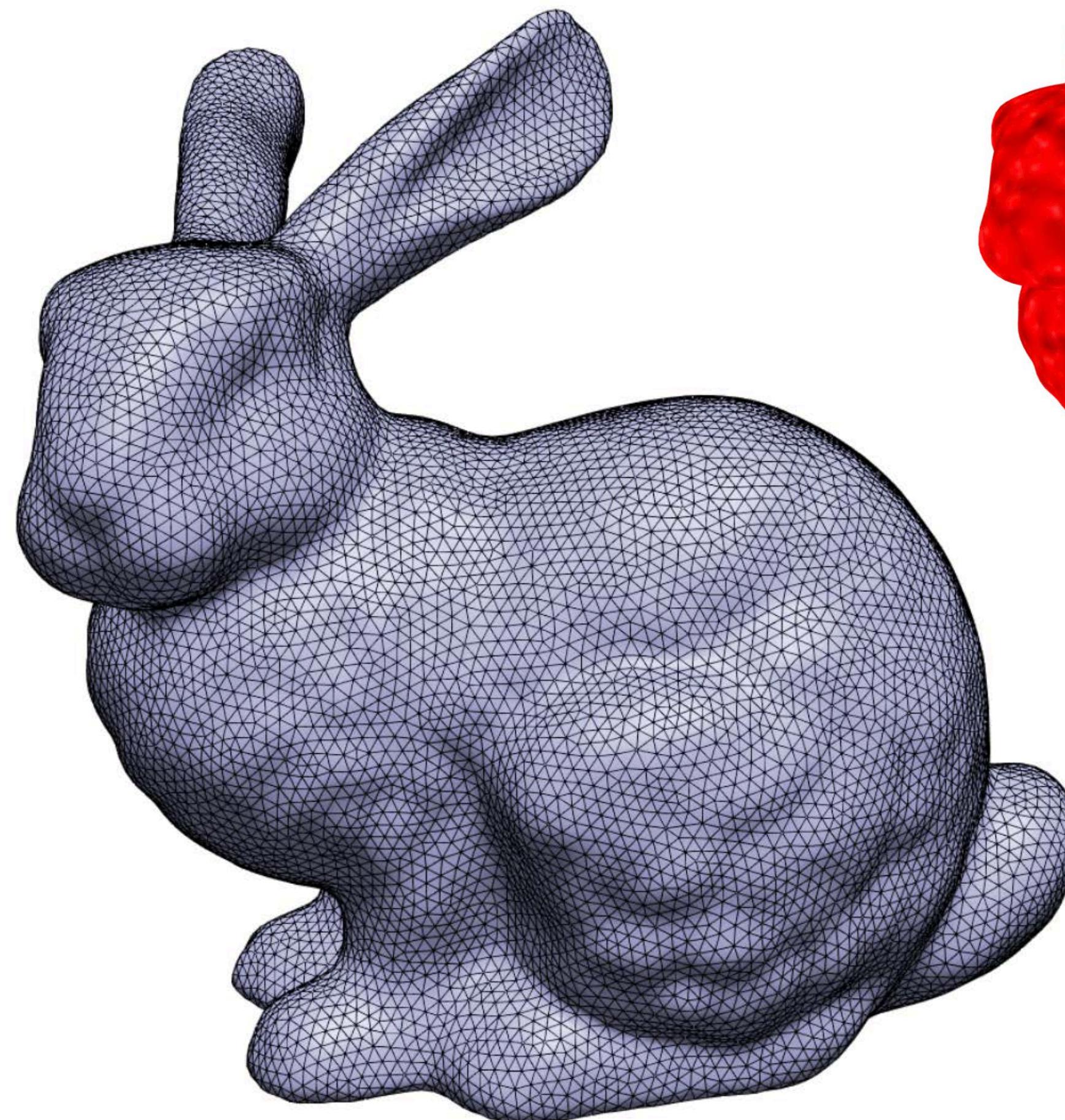
$$A_i := |C_i|$$

vertex mean curvature

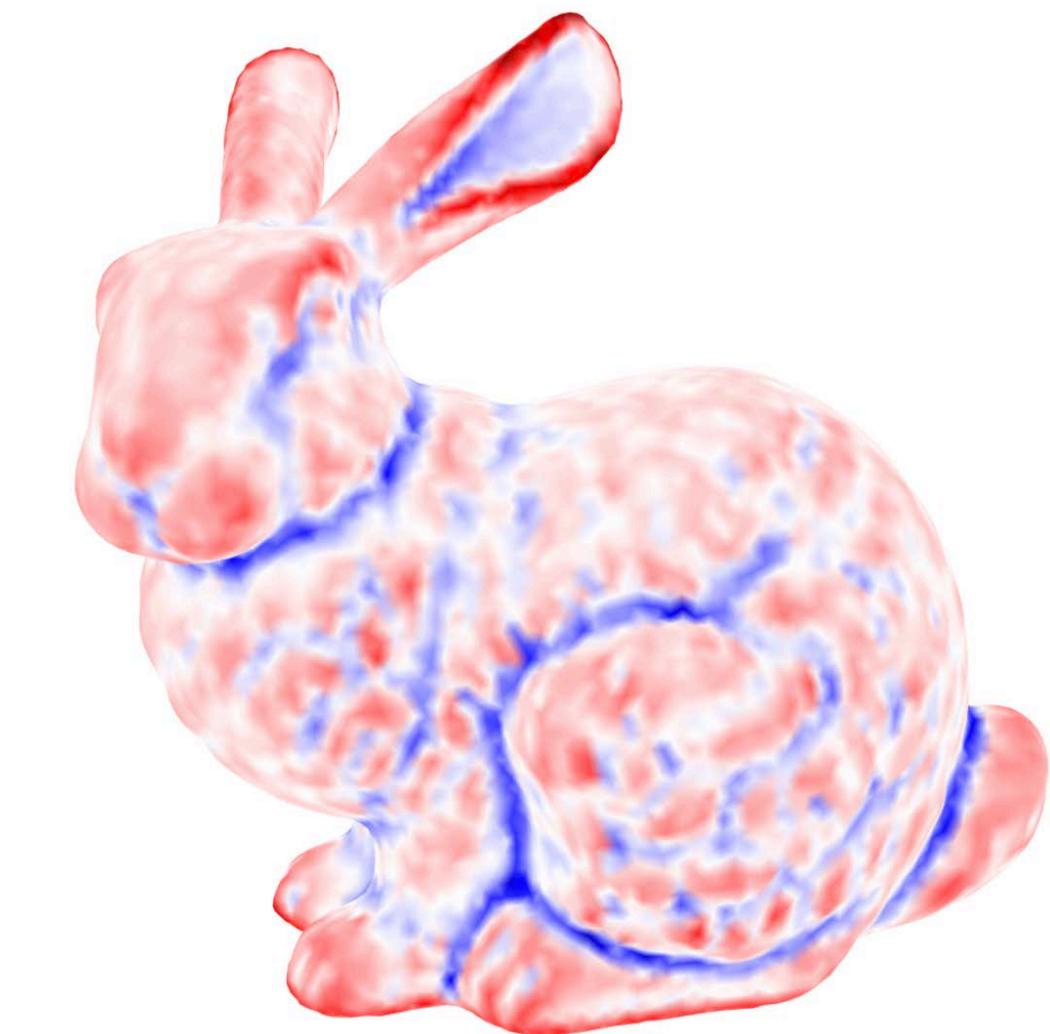


$$H_i := \frac{1}{4} \sum_{ij \in E} \ell_{ij} \varphi_{ij}$$

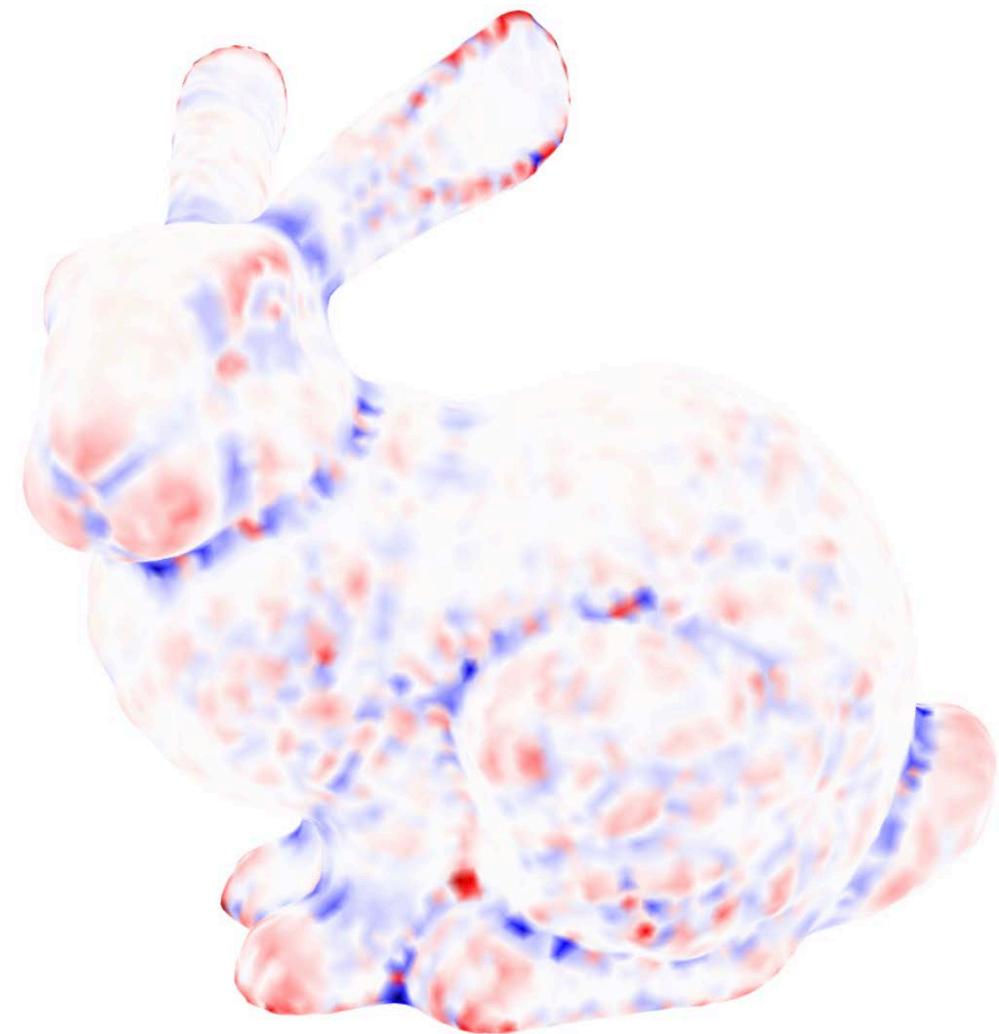
Scalar Curvatures – Visualized



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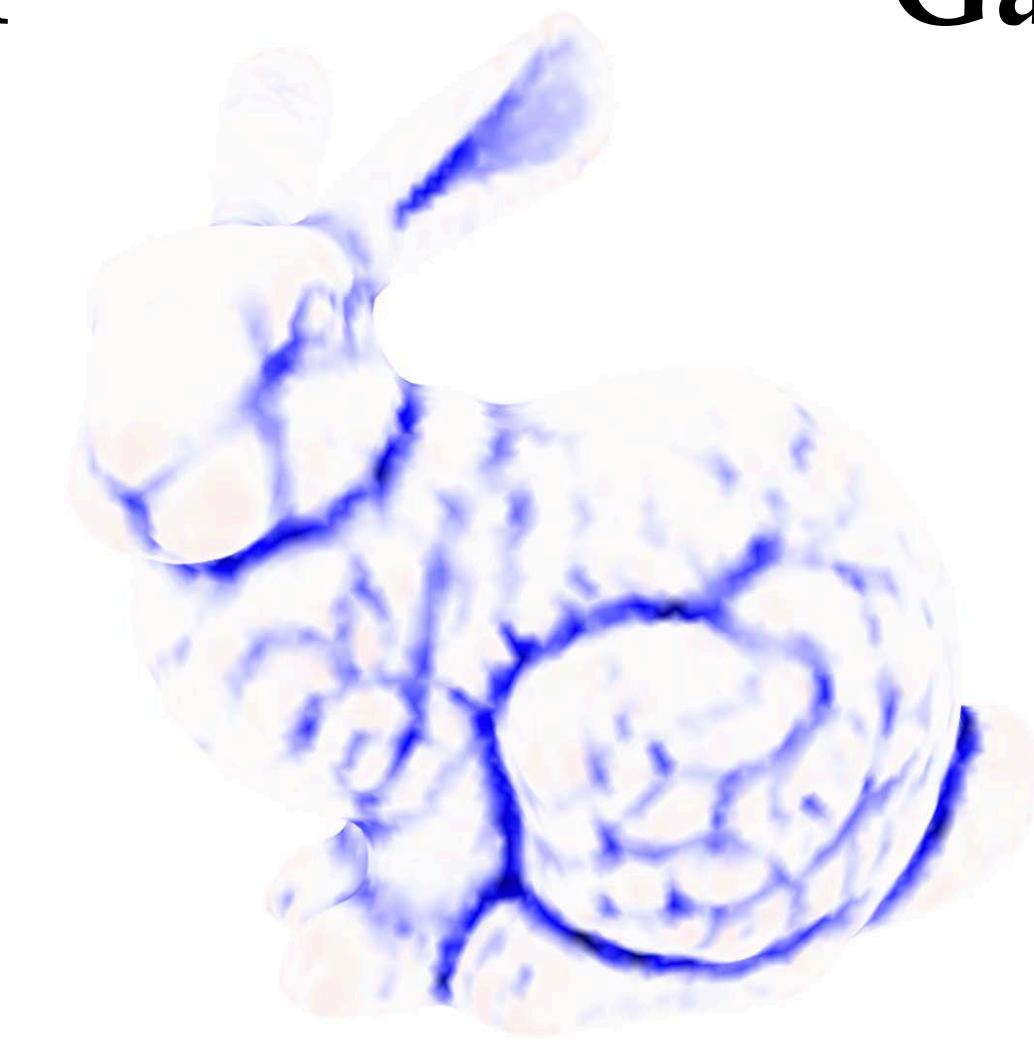
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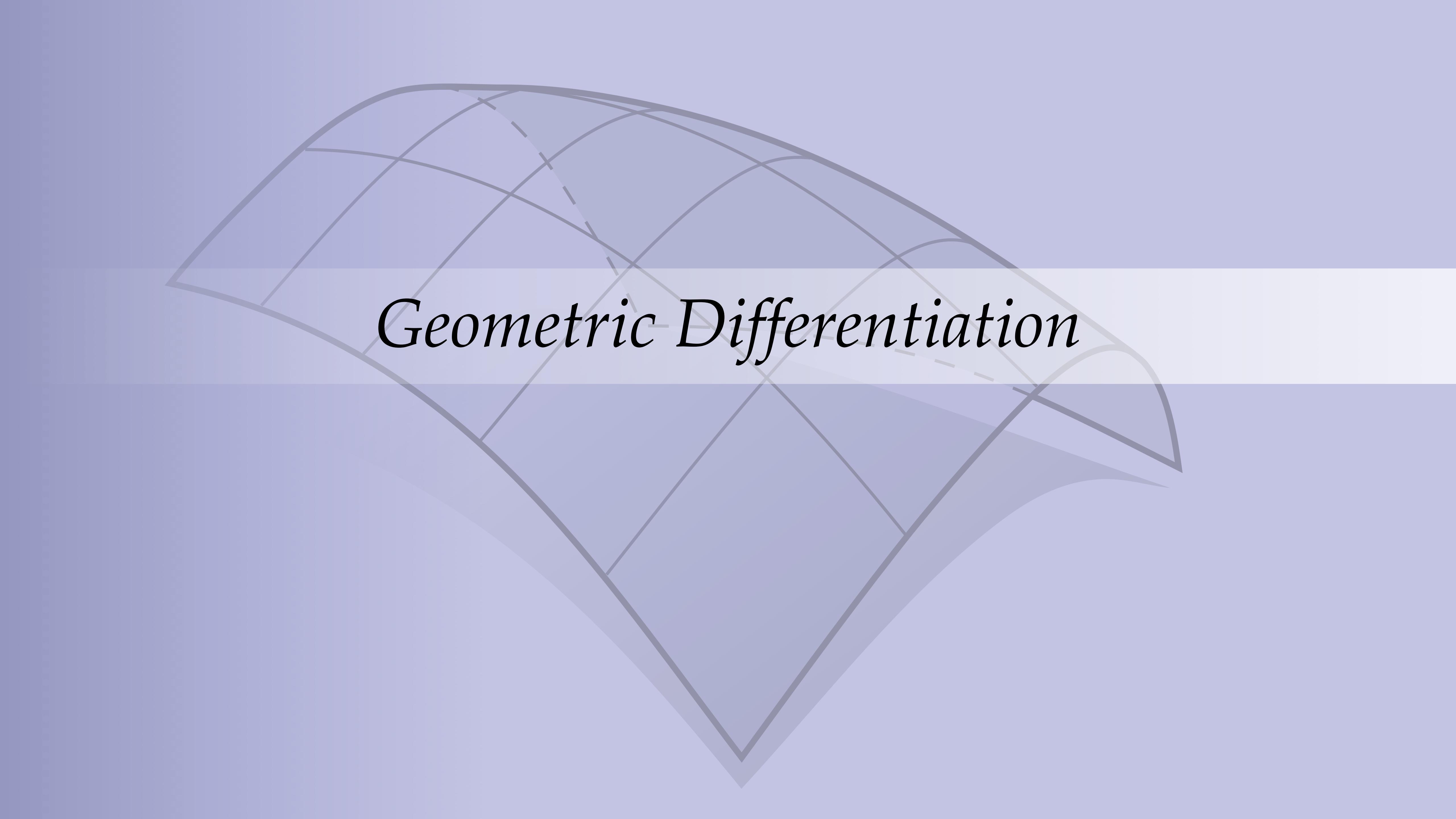
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maximum



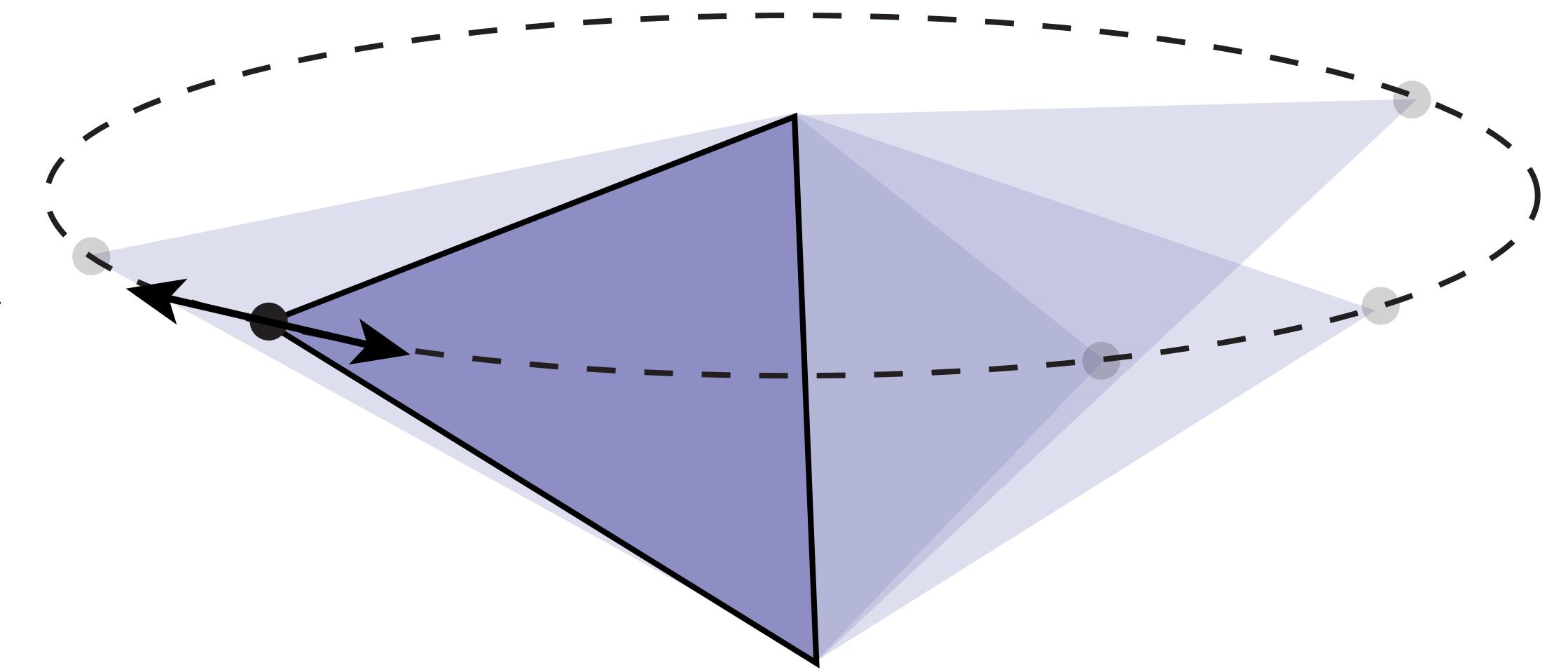
minimum

The background features a complex arrangement of geometric shapes, primarily spheres and lines, rendered in shades of gray. A large sphere is positioned at the top left, with several smaller spheres and lines intersecting it. Another sphere is located in the bottom right corner. Numerous thin, light-gray lines form a network across the entire image, connecting various points and creating a sense of depth and perspective.

Geometric Differentiation

Geometric Differentiation

- Many geometric problems/algorithms involve taking derivatives of functions involving lengths, angles, areas, ...
- E.g., how does the area of a triangle change as we move one of its vertices?
- More generally: *how does one geometric quantity change with respect to another?*
- Don't just grind out partial derivatives!
- Do follow a simple geometric recipe:
 1. First, in which **direction** does the quantity change quickest?
 2. Second, what's the **magnitude** of this change?
 3. Together, direction & magnitude give us the gradient vector



Dangers of Naïve Differentiation

- Why not just take derivatives “*the usual way?*”
- Usually takes way more work!
- can lead to expressions that are
 - inefficient
 - numerically unstable
 - hard to understand
- **Example:** gradient of angle between two segments (b,a) , (c,a) w.r.t. coordinates of point a

$\text{In[58]:= } \mathbf{a} = \{\mathbf{a1}, \mathbf{a2}, \mathbf{a3}\};$
 $\mathbf{b} = \{\mathbf{b1}, \mathbf{b2}, \mathbf{b3}\};$
 $\mathbf{c} = \{\mathbf{c1}, \mathbf{c2}, \mathbf{c3}\};$
 $\theta = \text{ArcCos} \left[\frac{(\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}) \cdot (\mathbf{c} - \mathbf{b})}{\sqrt{(\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}) \cdot (\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b})} \sqrt{(\mathbf{c} - \mathbf{b}) \cdot (\mathbf{c} - \mathbf{b})}} \right];$
 $\text{FullSimplify}[\{\partial_{\mathbf{a1}} \theta, \partial_{\mathbf{a2}} \theta, \partial_{\mathbf{a3}} \theta\}]$

$\text{Out[62]= } \left\{ \frac{\left(\mathbf{a1} \mathbf{b2}^2 + \mathbf{a1} \mathbf{b3}^2 - \mathbf{a2} \mathbf{b2} (\mathbf{a1} + \mathbf{b1} - 2 \mathbf{c1}) - \mathbf{a3} \mathbf{b3} (\mathbf{a1} + \mathbf{b1} - 2 \mathbf{c1}) + \mathbf{a2}^2 (\mathbf{b1} - \mathbf{c1}) + \mathbf{a3}^2 (\mathbf{b1} - \mathbf{c1}) - \mathbf{b2}^2 \mathbf{c1} - \mathbf{b3}^2 \mathbf{c1} + \mathbf{a2} (\mathbf{a1} - \mathbf{b1}) \mathbf{c2} - \mathbf{a1} \mathbf{b2} \mathbf{c2} + \mathbf{b1} \mathbf{b2} \mathbf{c2} + \mathbf{a3} (\mathbf{a1} - \mathbf{b1}) \mathbf{c3} - \mathbf{a1} \mathbf{b3} \mathbf{c3} + \mathbf{b1} \mathbf{b3} \mathbf{c3} \right)}{\left((\mathbf{a1} - \mathbf{b1})^2 + (\mathbf{a2} - \mathbf{b2})^2 + (\mathbf{a3} - \mathbf{b3})^2 \right)^{3/2} \sqrt{(\mathbf{b1} - \mathbf{c1})^2 + (\mathbf{b2} - \mathbf{c2})^2 + (\mathbf{b3} - \mathbf{c3})^2}}, \right.$

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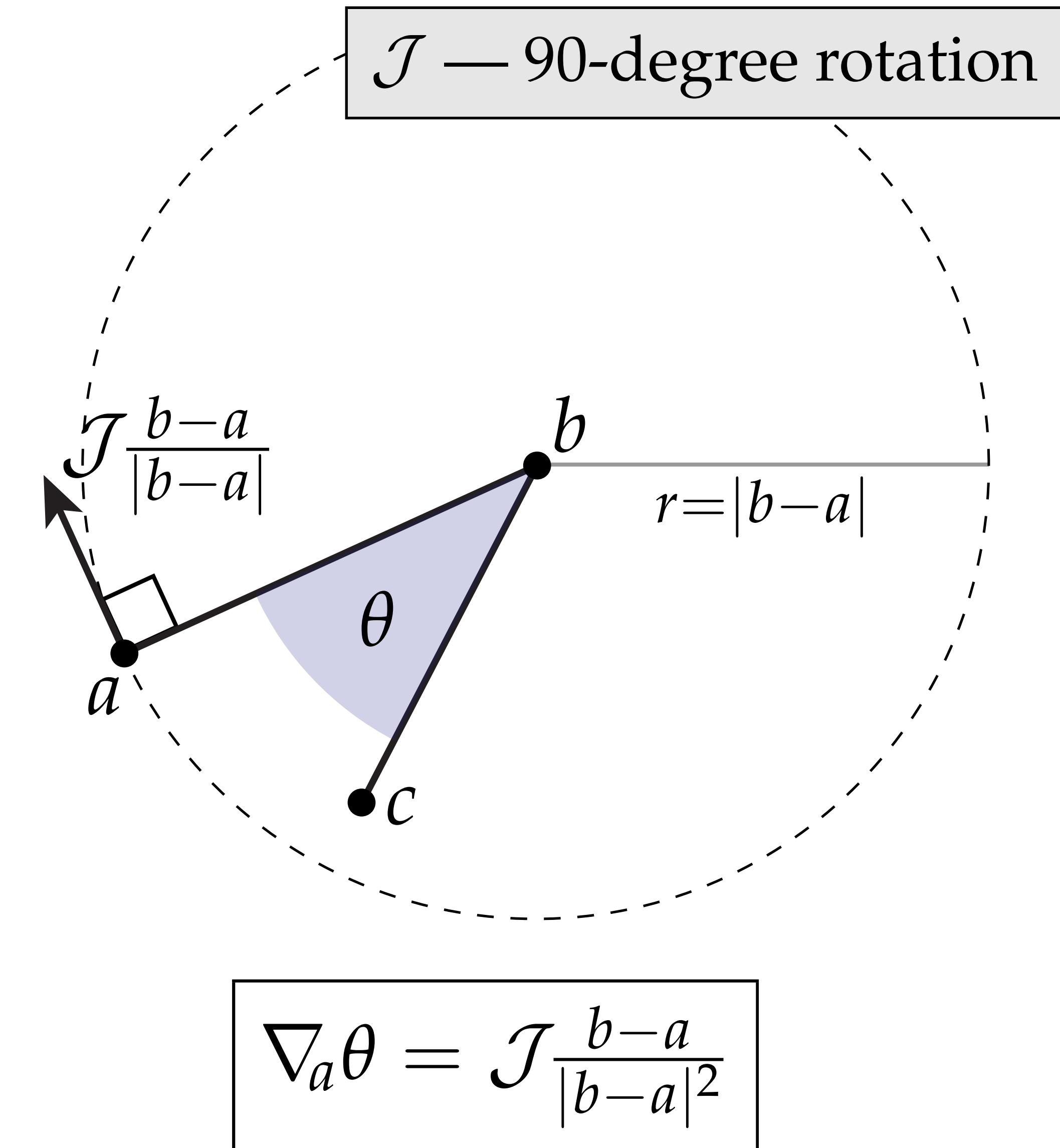
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Geometric Derivation of Angle Derivative

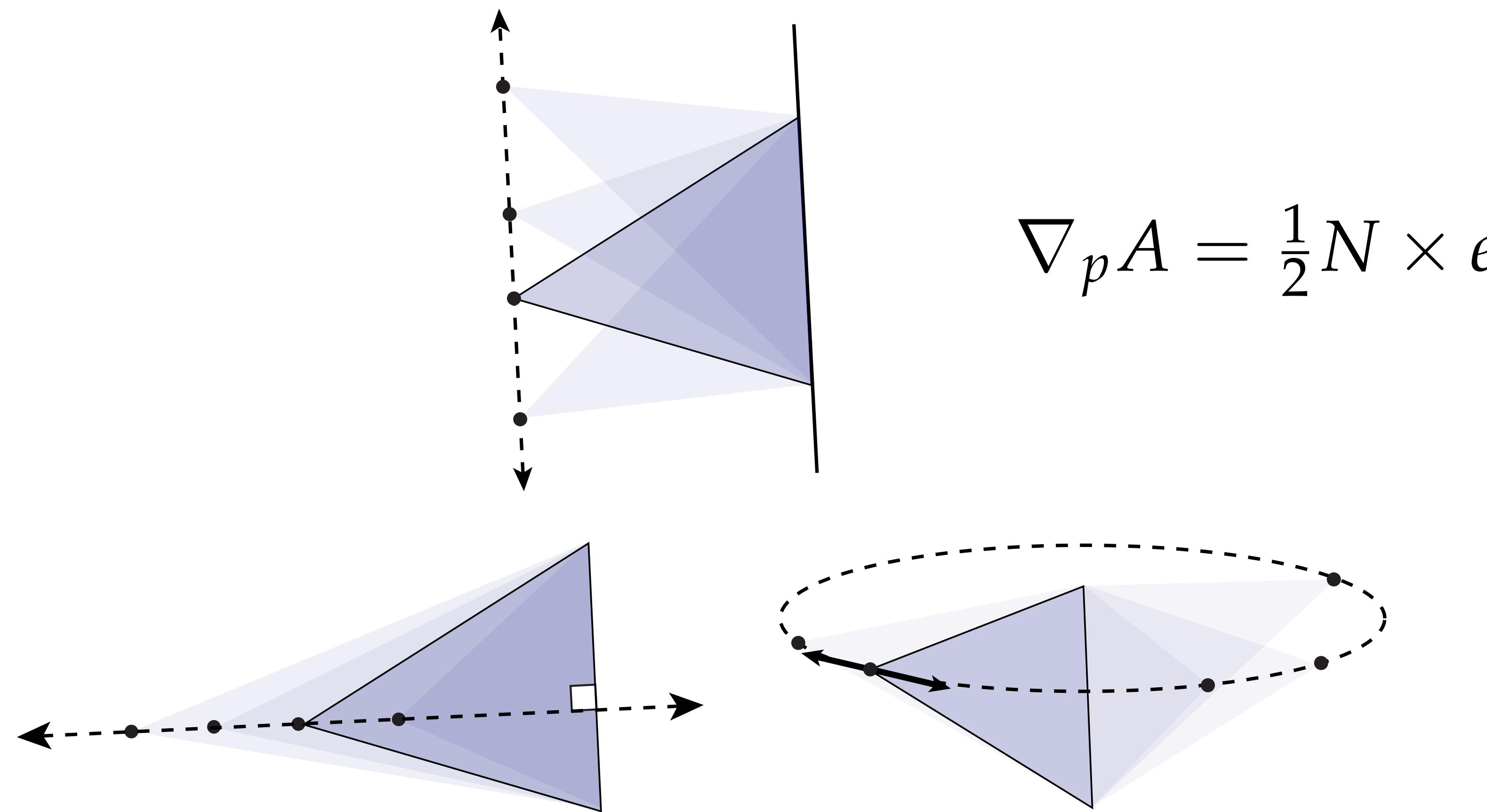
- Instead of taking partial derivatives, let's break this calculation into two pieces:
 - (Direction)** What direction can we move the point a to most quickly increase the angle θ ?
A: *Orthogonal to the segment ab .*
 - (Magnitude)** How much does the angle change if we move in this direction?
A: *Moving around a whole circle changes the angle by 2π over a distance $2\pi r$. Hence, the instantaneous change is $1/|b-a|$.*
- Multiplying the unit direction by the magnitude yields the final gradient expression.



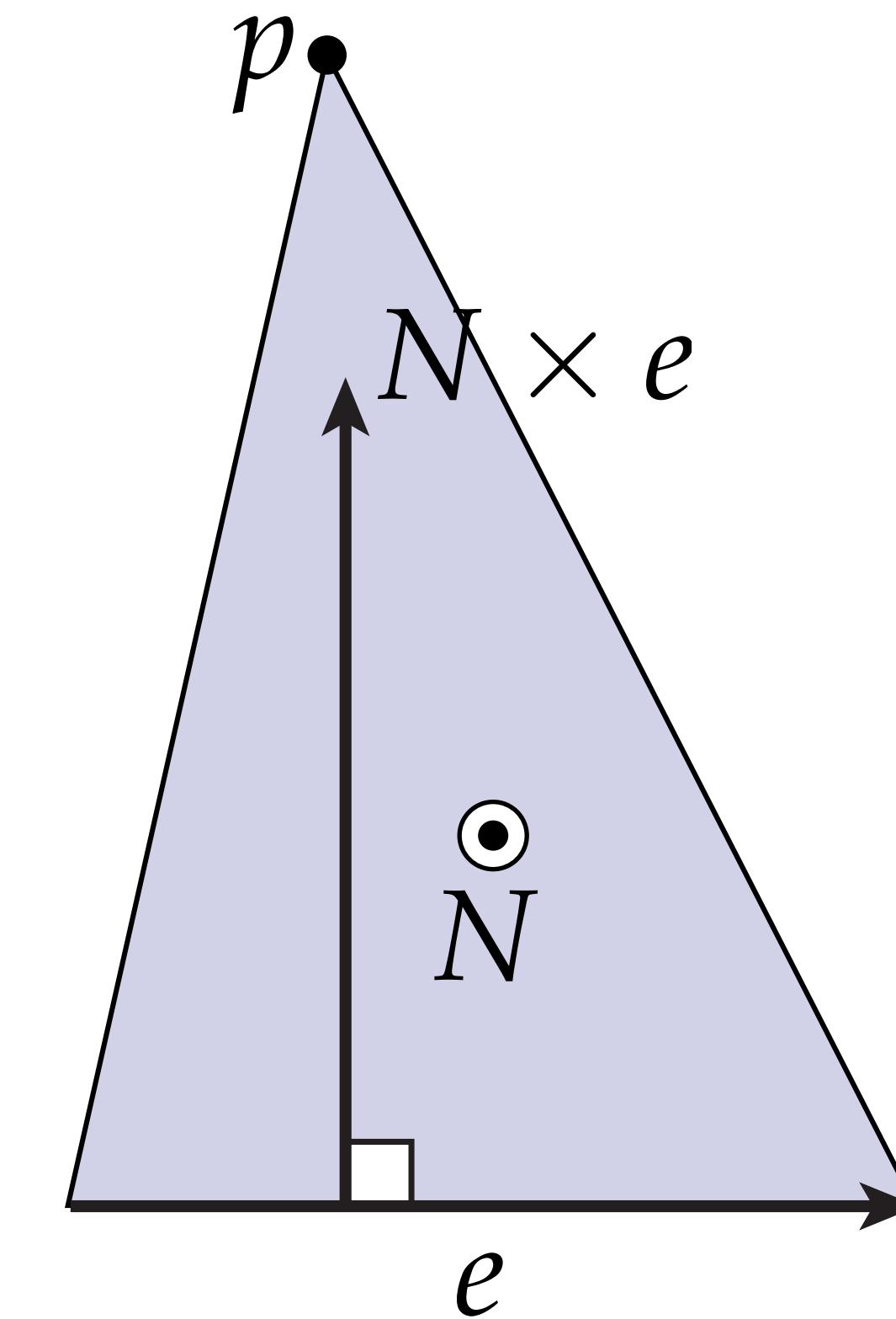
Gradient of Triangle Area

Q: What's the gradient of triangle area with respect to one of its vertices p ?

A: Can express via its unit normal N and vector e along edge opposite p :

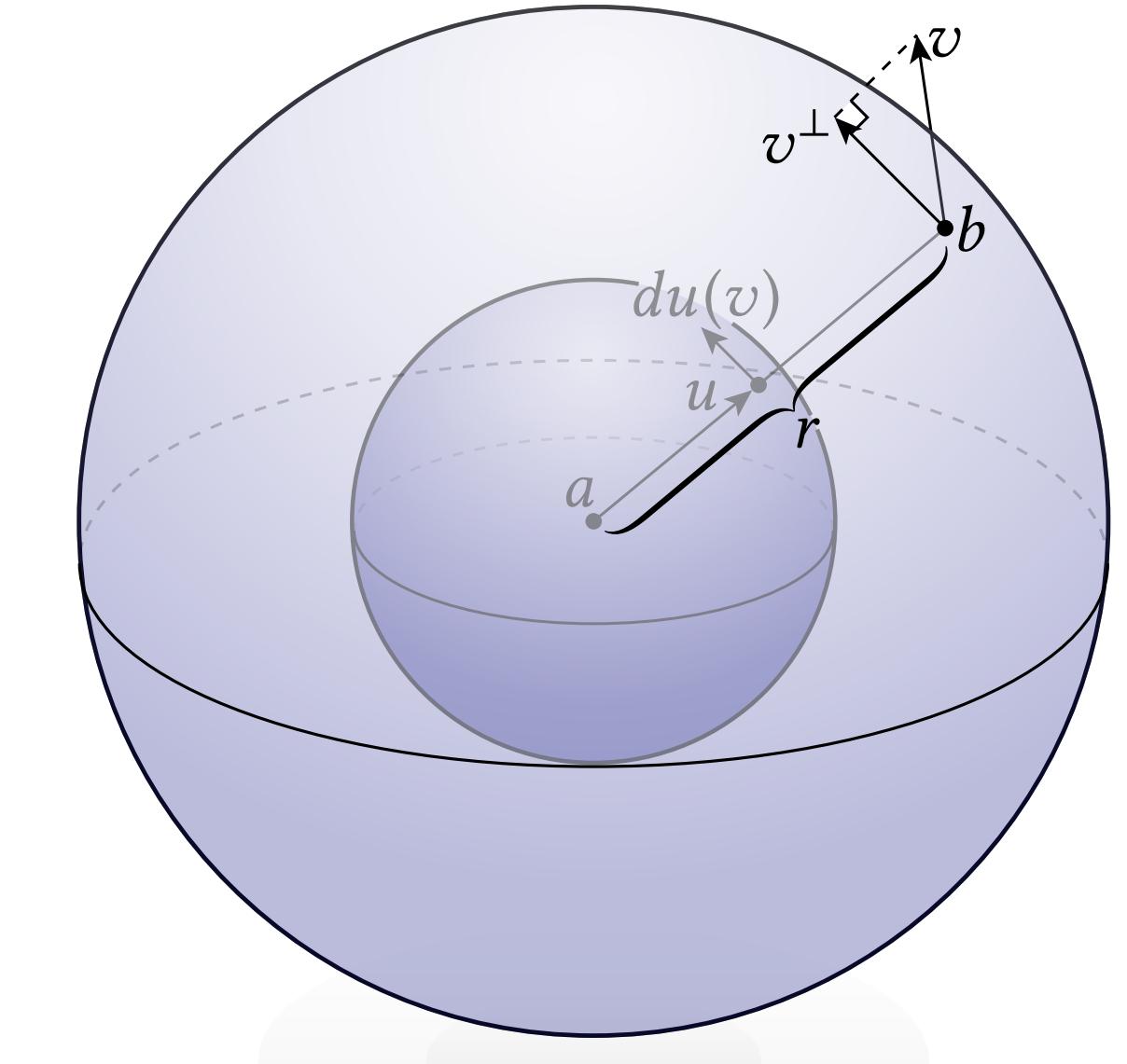
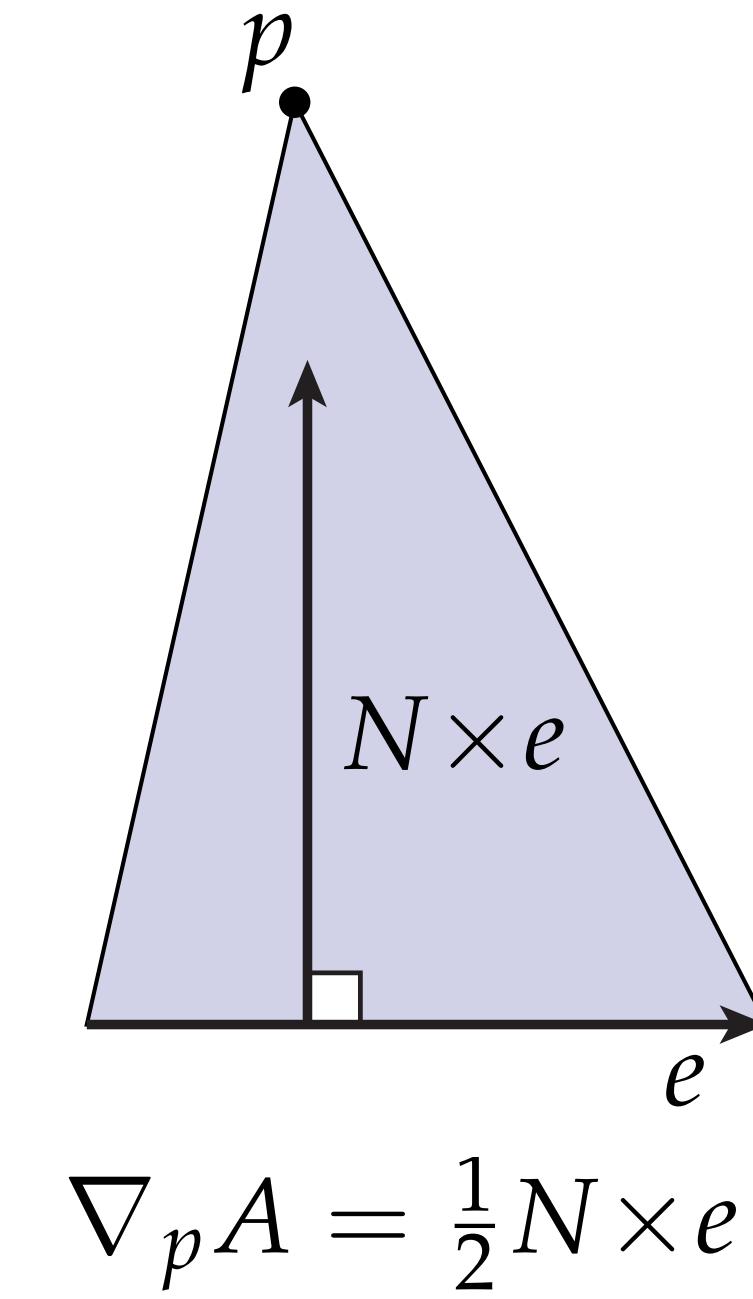
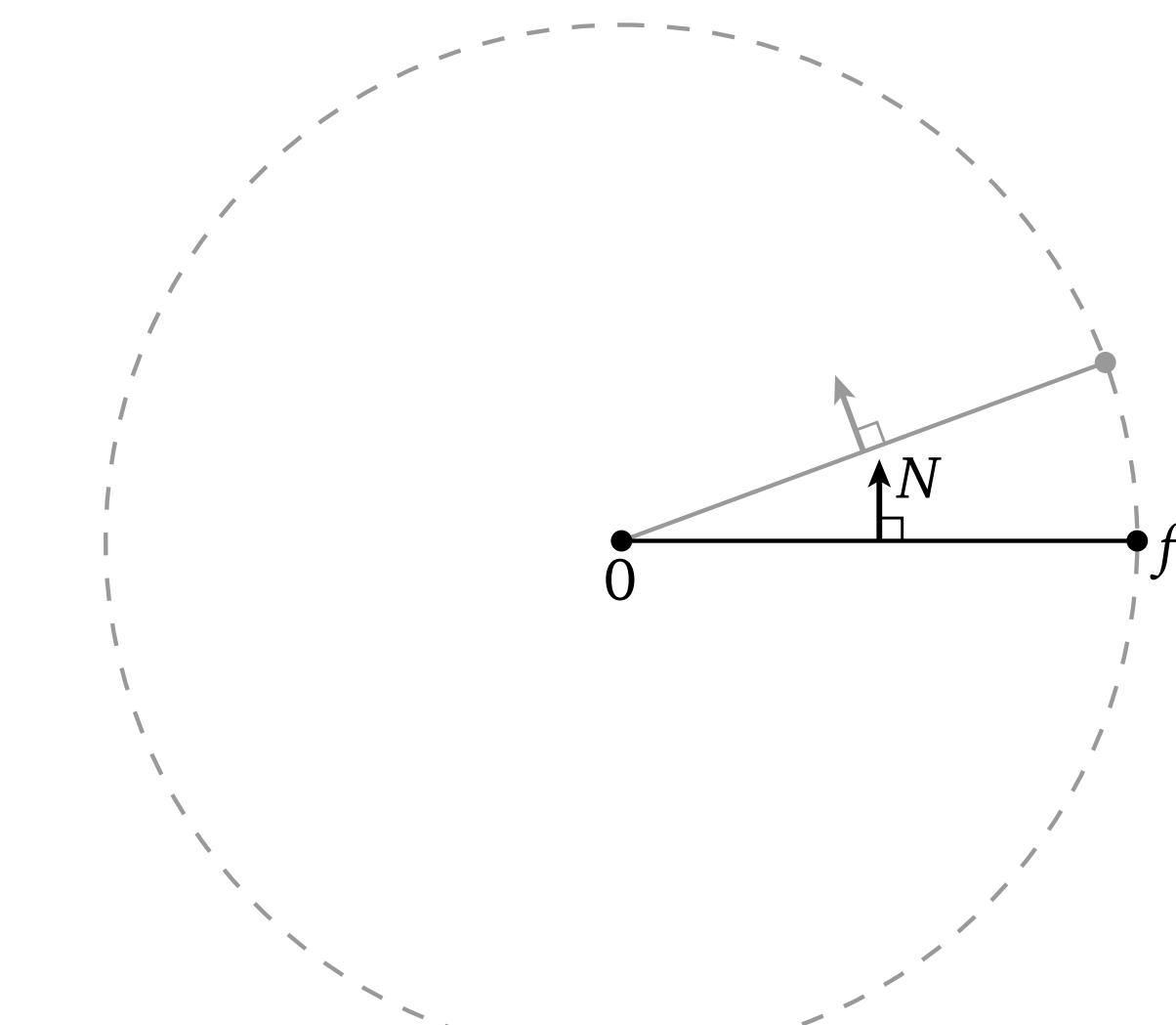
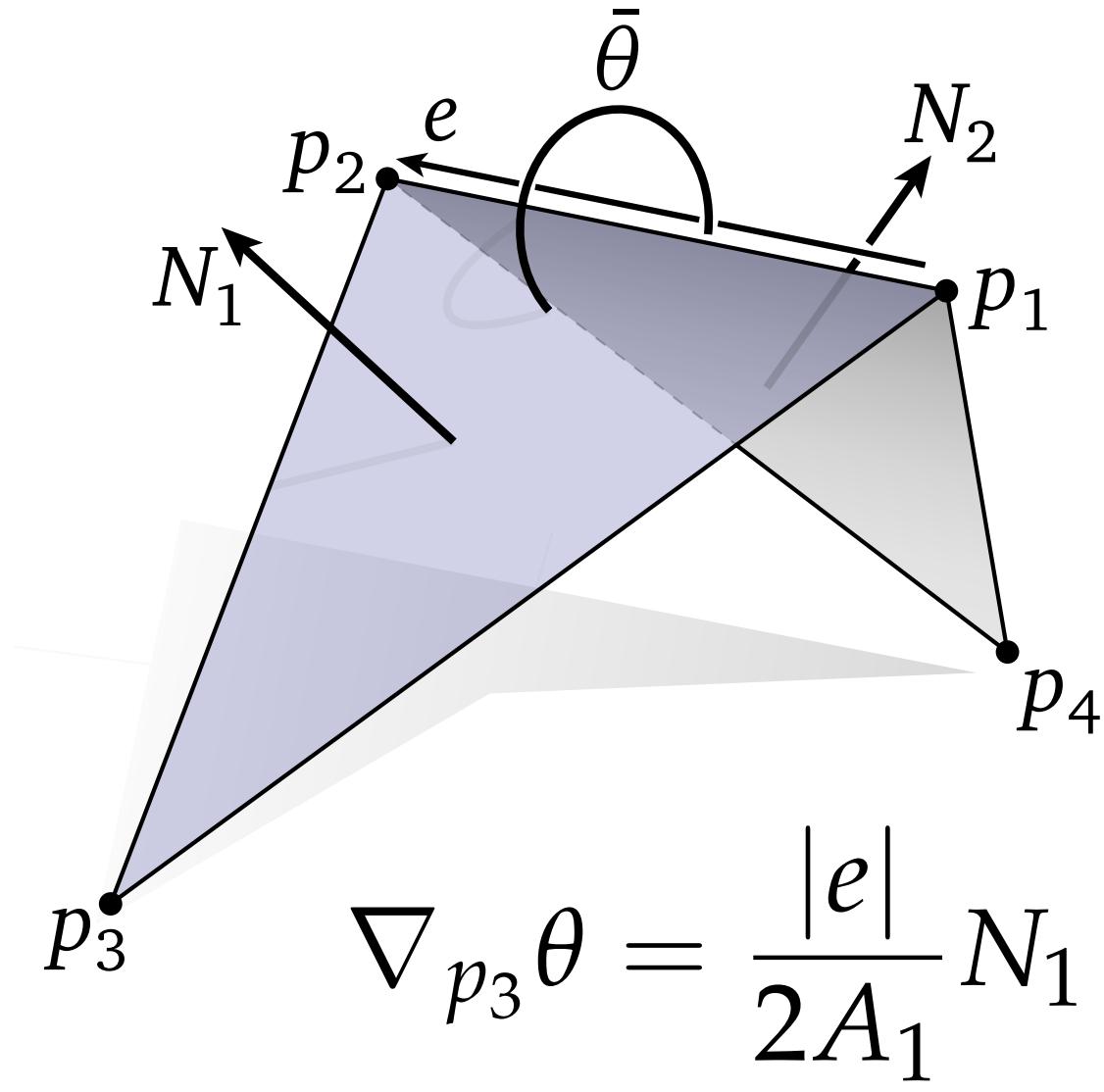


$$\nabla_p A = \frac{1}{2} N \times e$$



Geometric Derivation

- In general, can lead to some pretty nice expressions (give it a try!)



$$d_{f_i} N(X) = \frac{\langle N, X \rangle}{2A} e_i \times N$$

(See also Appendix A of the course notes.)

$$du(v) = \frac{v - \langle v, b - a \rangle (b - a)}{|b - a|^3}$$

Differentiation Strategies

Often have to differentiate complicated function built up from these “little pieces”—several common strategies for automating this process:

closed-form differentiation

Work it out by hand, write custom code

PROS: final code is fast and accurate

CONS: very time consuming, hard to change energy, easy to make mistakes

numerical differentiation

perturb each input by ε , measure change in energy

PROS: works directly with existing code / “black box” routines

CONS: expensive, inaccurate, hard to pick ε

automatic differentiation

differentiate each line of code; use chain rule to obtain overall derivative (“*backpropagation*”)

PROS: accurate, almost as fast as closed-form, no work “by hand”

CONS: must modify existing code / doesn’t work in “black box” scenario

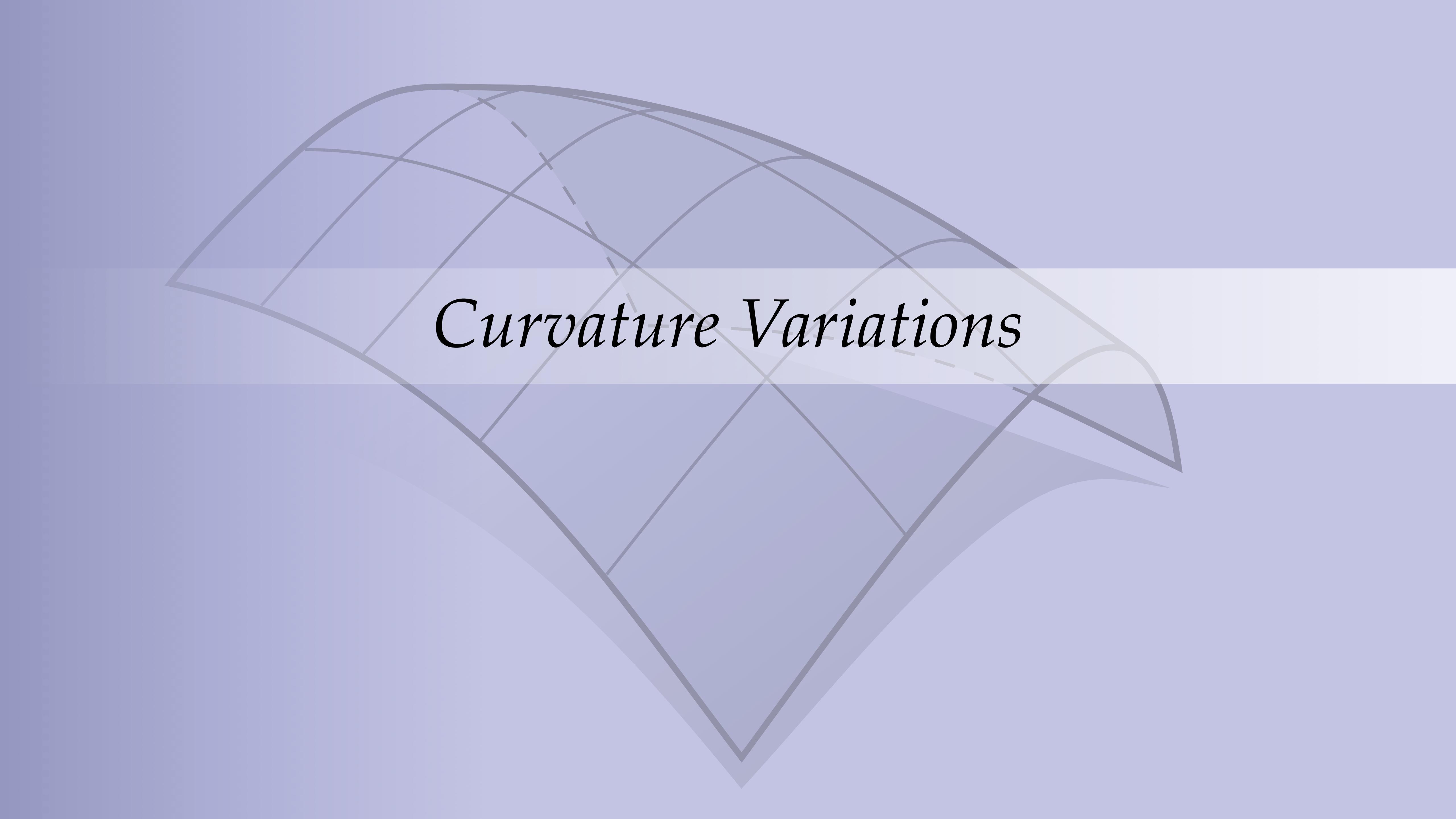
symbolic differentiation

perform transformation of symbolic expression tree

PROS: accurate, only have to take derivative once

CONS: must modify existing code, can lead to (very) large expressions

Also: no use of domain-specific knowledge.



Curvature Variations

Sequence of Variations (Smooth)

For a smooth surface $f: M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ (without boundary), let

$$\text{volume}(f) := \frac{1}{3} \int_M N \cdot f \, dA$$

$$\text{area}(f) := \int_M dA$$

$$\text{mean}(f) := \int_M H \, dA$$

$$\text{Gauss}(f) := \int_M K \, dA = 2\pi\chi$$

Q. What motion of the surface changes each of these quantities as quickly as possible?

A. Remarkably enough...

$$\delta \text{ volume}(f) = 2N$$

$$\delta \text{ area}(f) = 2HN$$

$$\delta \text{ mean}(f) = 2KN$$

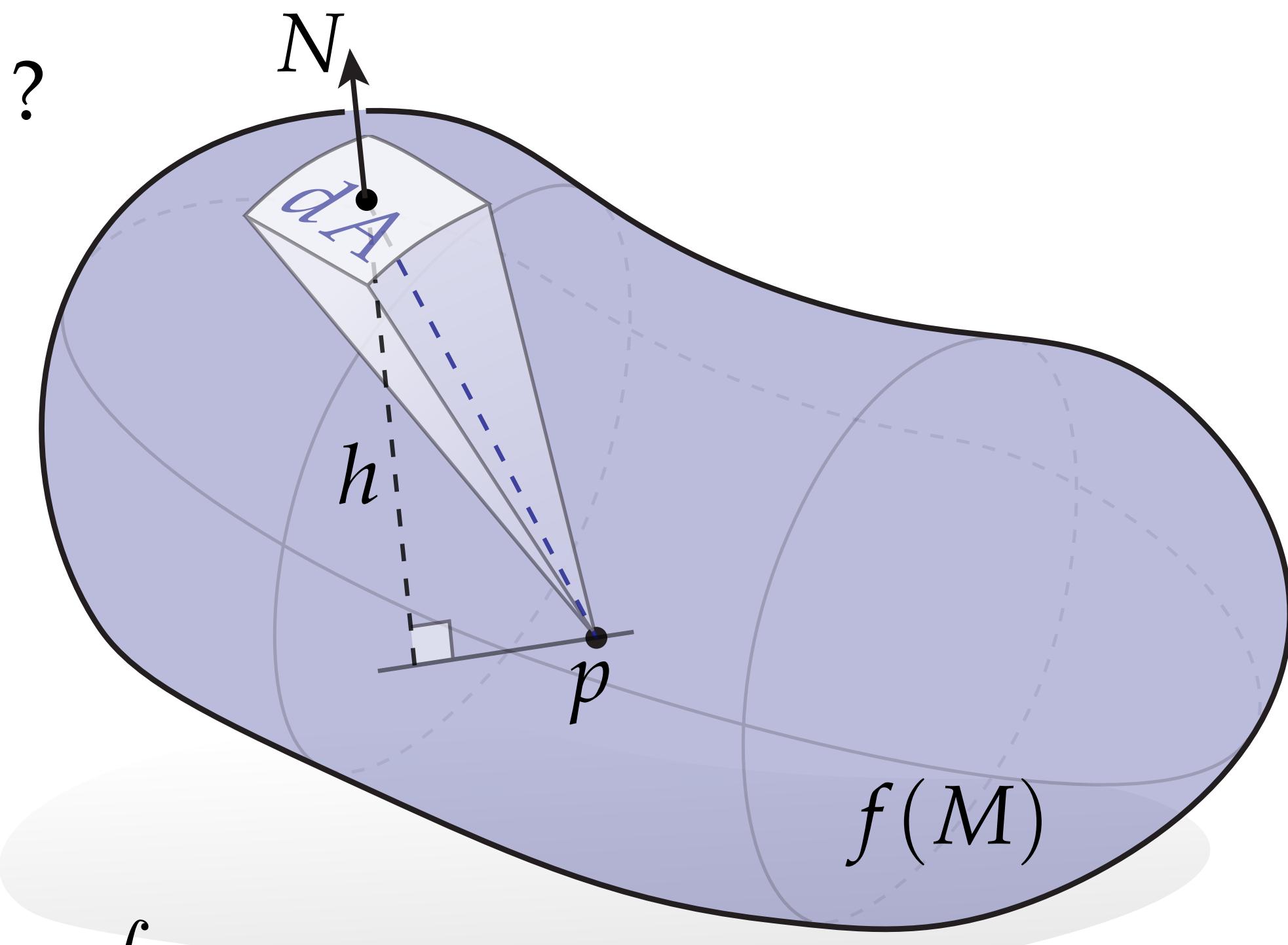
$$\delta \text{ Gauss}(f) = 0$$

$$\boxed{\text{volume} \xrightarrow{\delta f} \text{area} \xrightarrow{\delta f} \text{mean} \xrightarrow{\delta f} \text{Gauss} \xrightarrow{\delta f} 0}$$

Volume Enclosed by a Smooth Surface

- What's the volume enclosed by a *smooth* surface $f(M)$?
 - One way: pick any point p , integrate volume of “infinitesimal pyramids” over the surface
 - For a pyramid with base area b and height h , the volume is $V = bh/3$ (for a base of any shape)
 - For our infinitesimal pyramid, the height h is the distance from the surface f to the point p along the normal direction:
- $$h = (f - p) \cdot N$$
- The area of the base is just the infinitesimal surface area dA . Now we just integrate...

Notice: final expression doesn't depend on choice of point p !



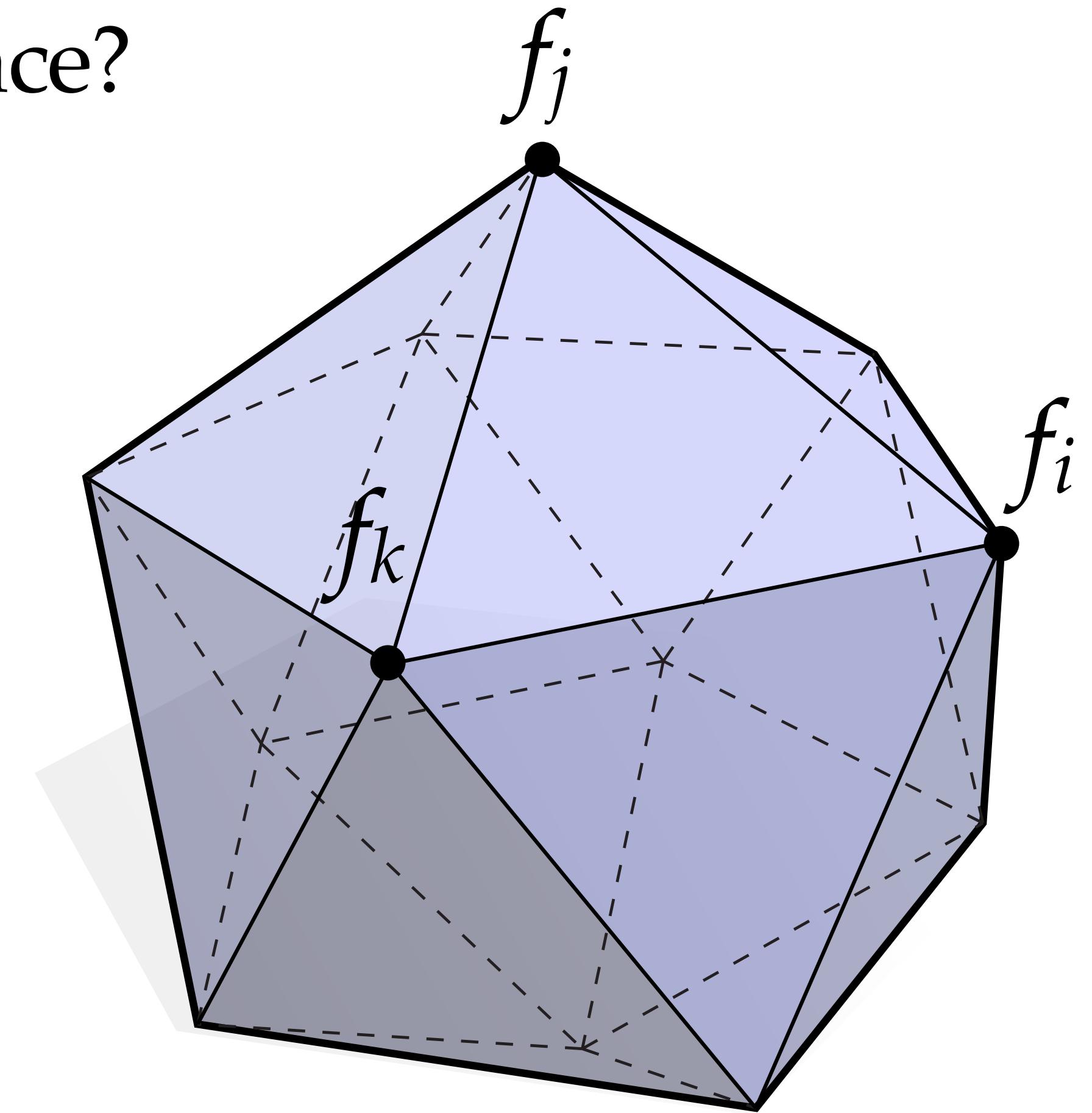
$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{3} \int_M (f - p) \cdot N \, dA &= \\ \frac{1}{3} \int_M f \cdot N \, dA - \frac{1}{3} p \cdot \int_M N \, dA &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{1}{3} \int_M f \cdot N \, dA$$

Volume Enclosed by a Discrete Surface

- What's the volume enclosed by a *discrete* surface?
- Simply apply the smooth formula!
 - integrate $f \cdot N$ over each triangle
- Exercise. Show that the volume enclosed by a simplicial surface can be expressed as

$$\text{volume}(f) = \frac{1}{6} \sum_{ijk \in F} f_i \cdot (f_j \times f_k)$$



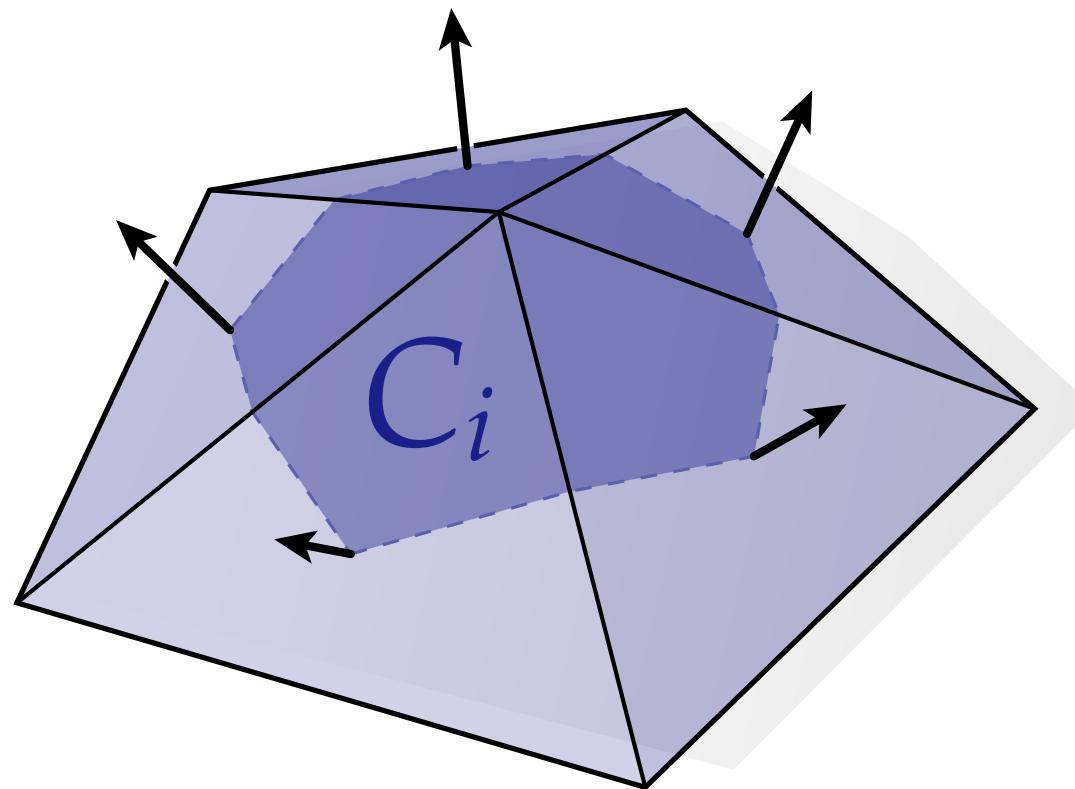
Discrete Volume Gradient

- Taking the gradient of enclosed volume with respect to the position f_i of some vertex i should now give us a notion of vertex normal:

$$\nabla_{f_i} \text{volume}(f) = \frac{1}{6} \nabla_{f_i} \sum_{ijk \in F} f_i \cdot (f_j \times f_k) = \frac{1}{6} \sum_{ijk \in F} f_j \times f_k = \int_{C_i} N dA$$

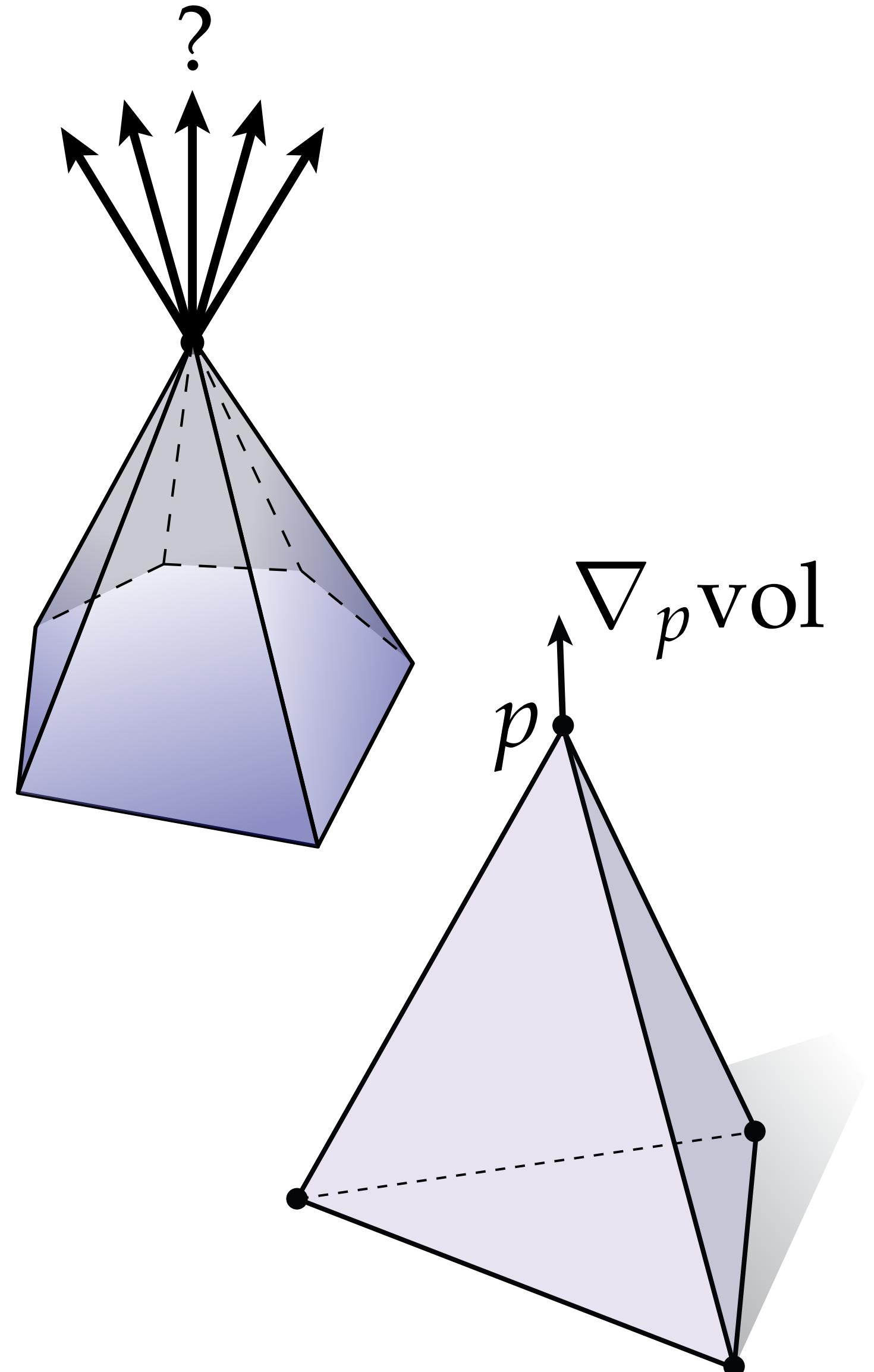
- But wait—this is the discrete vector area!
- **Key observation:** the gradient of discrete volume gives exactly the same thing as integrating the normal
- Captures the first expression in our sequence of variations:

$$\delta \text{volume}(f) = N$$



Vertex Normals via Volume Variation

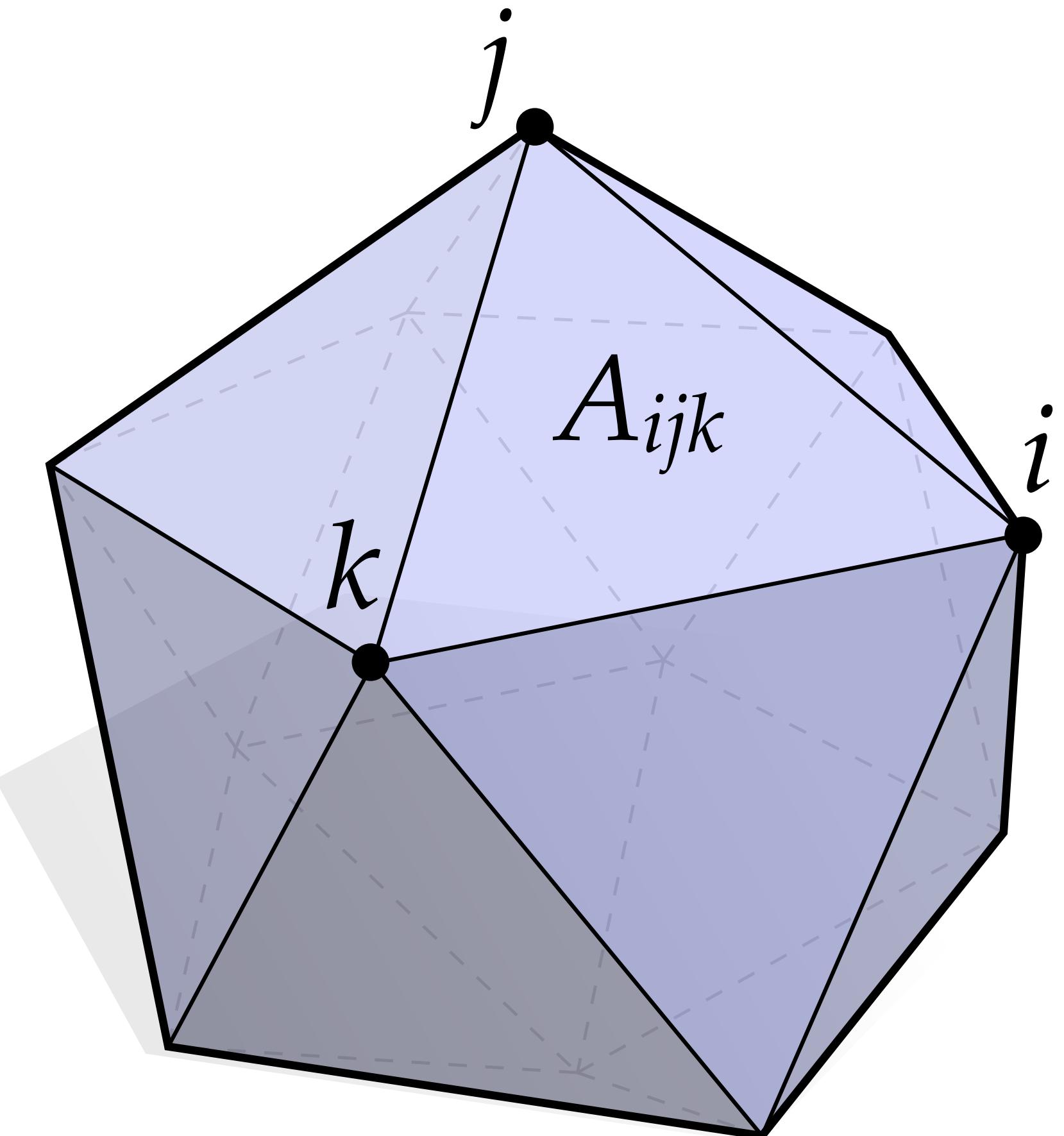
- The relationship $\delta \text{volume} = N$ justifies our use of the area vector as (one possible) definition for vertex normals.
- Another way to derive this formula (exercise):
 - write down volume of discrete surface as sum of signed tetrahedron volumes
 - use geometric reasoning to derive an expression for tet volume gradient
- In this case, all paths lead to the *same* expression



Total Area of a Discrete Surface

- Total area of a discrete surface is simply the sum of the triangle areas:

$$\text{area}(f) := \sum_{ijk \in F} A_{ijk}$$



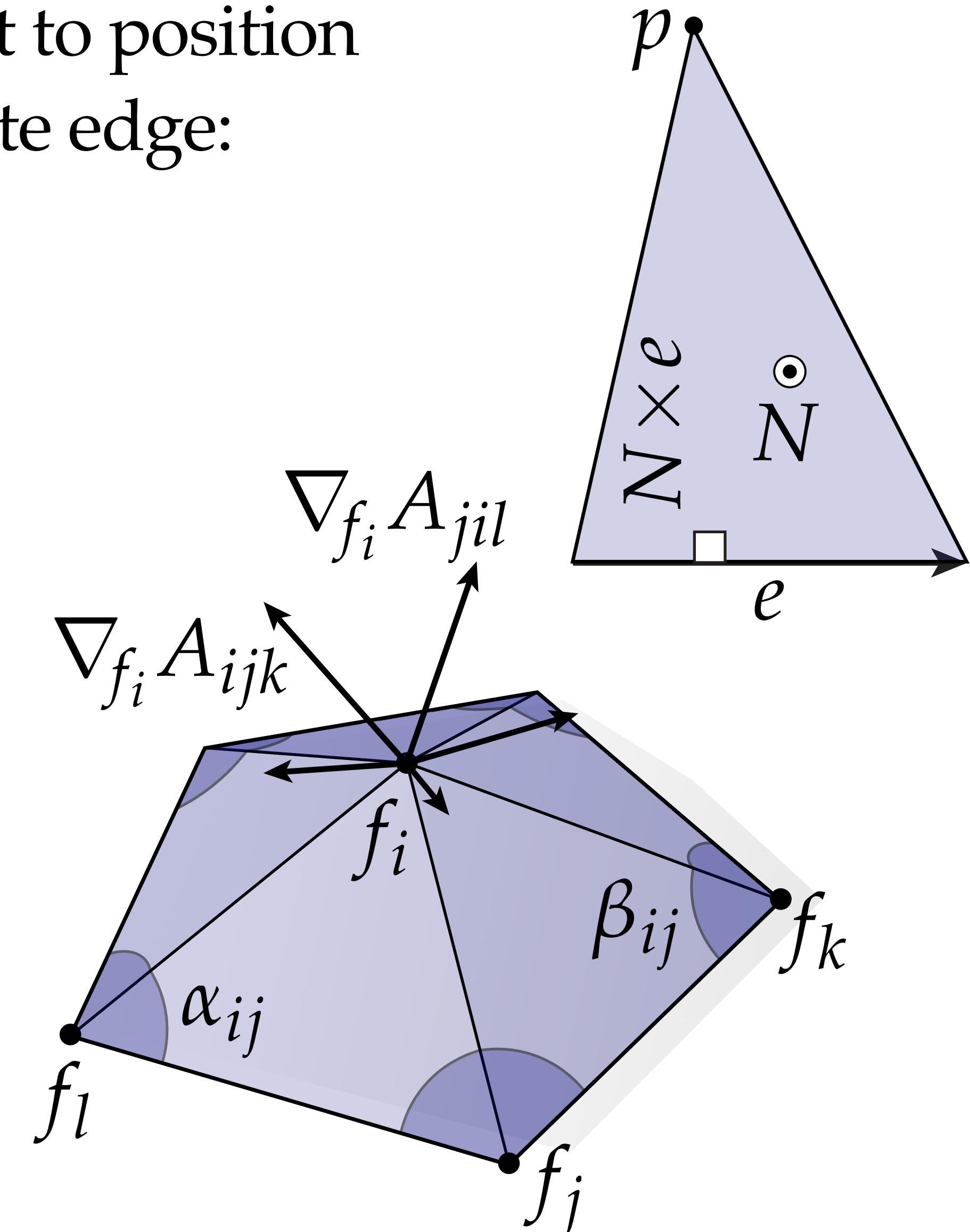
Discrete Area Gradient

- Recall that the gradient of triangle area with respect to position p of a vertex is just half the normal cross the opposite edge:

$$\nabla_p A = \frac{1}{2} N \times e$$

- Gradient of surface area with respect to position f_i of vertex i is sum of these per-triangle gradients
- Can write this sum via the *cotan formula*

$$\nabla_{f_i} \text{area}(f) = \sum_{ij \in E} \frac{1}{2} (\cot \alpha_{ij} + \cot \beta_{ij}) (f_i - f_j)$$



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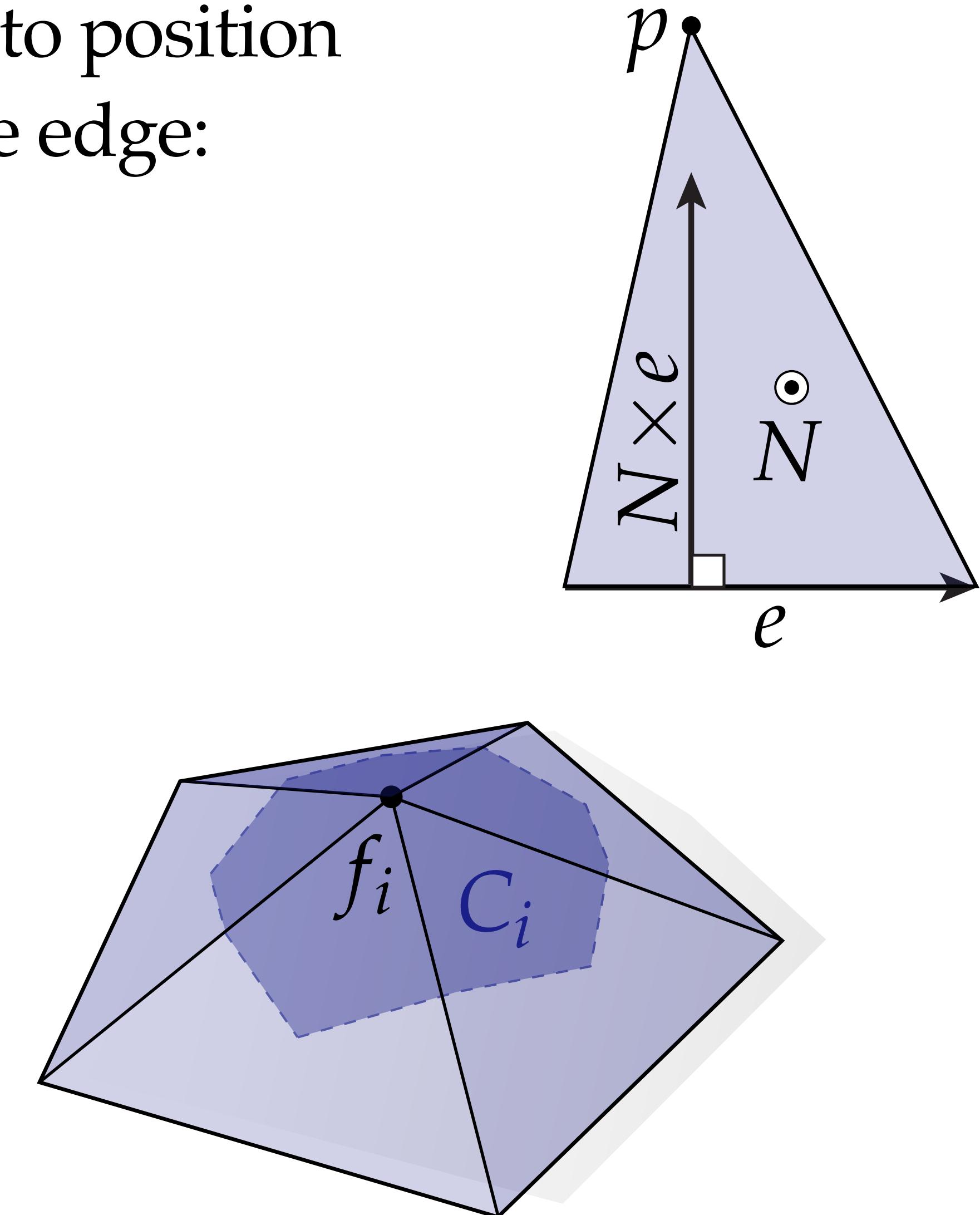
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- Agrees with second expression in our sequence:

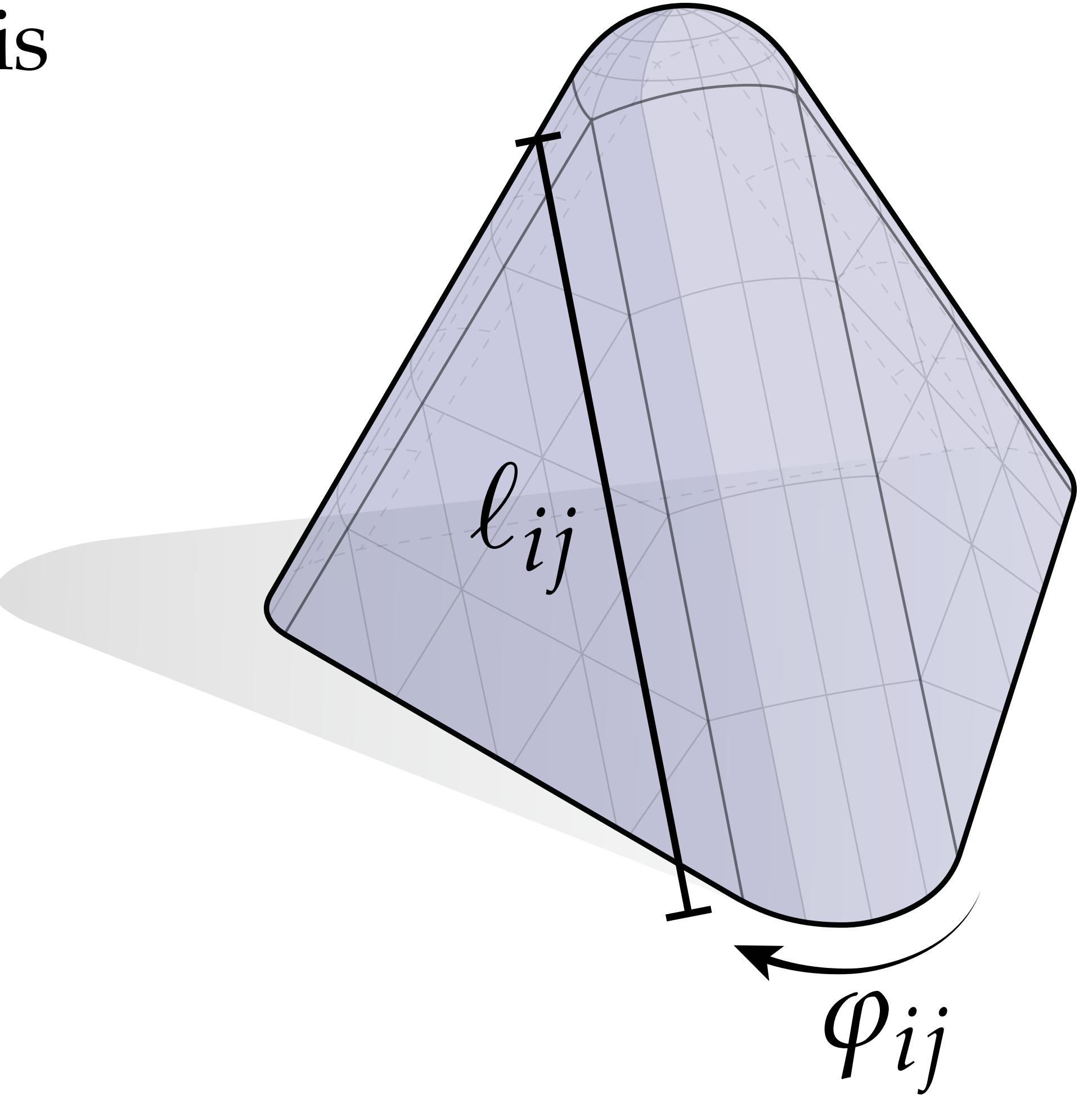
$$\delta \text{area}(f) = HN$$



Total Mean Curvature of a Discrete Surface

- According to our Steiner expansion, we know the total mean curvature of a discrete surface is

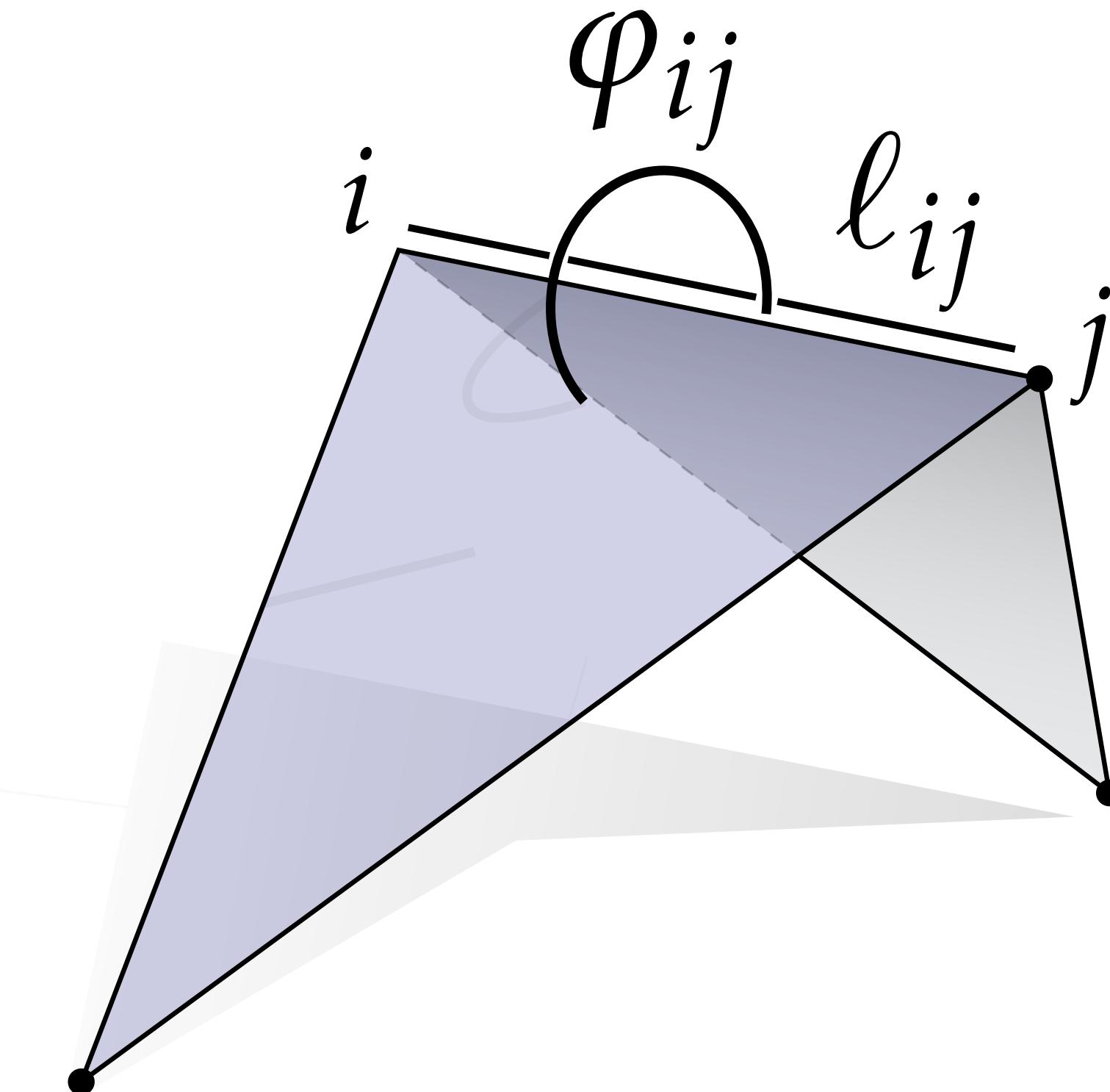
$$\text{mean}(f) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij \in E} \ell_{ij} \varphi_{ij}$$



Schlafli Formula

Theorem. Consider a closed polyhedron in R^3 with edge lengths l_{ij} and dihedral angles φ_{ij} . Then for *any* motion of the vertices,

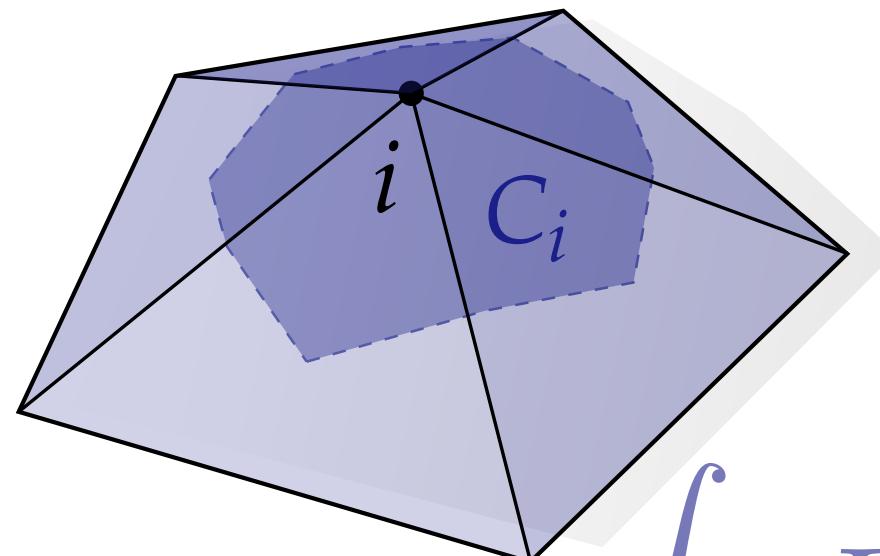
$$\sum_{ij \in E} \ell_{ij} \frac{d}{dt} \varphi_{ij} = 0$$



Discrete Mean Curvature Gradient

- What's the gradient of total mean curvature with respect to the location f_i of vertex i ?

$$\nabla_{f_i} \text{mean}(f) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij \in E} \nabla_{f_i} (\ell_{ij} \varphi_{ij}) =$$

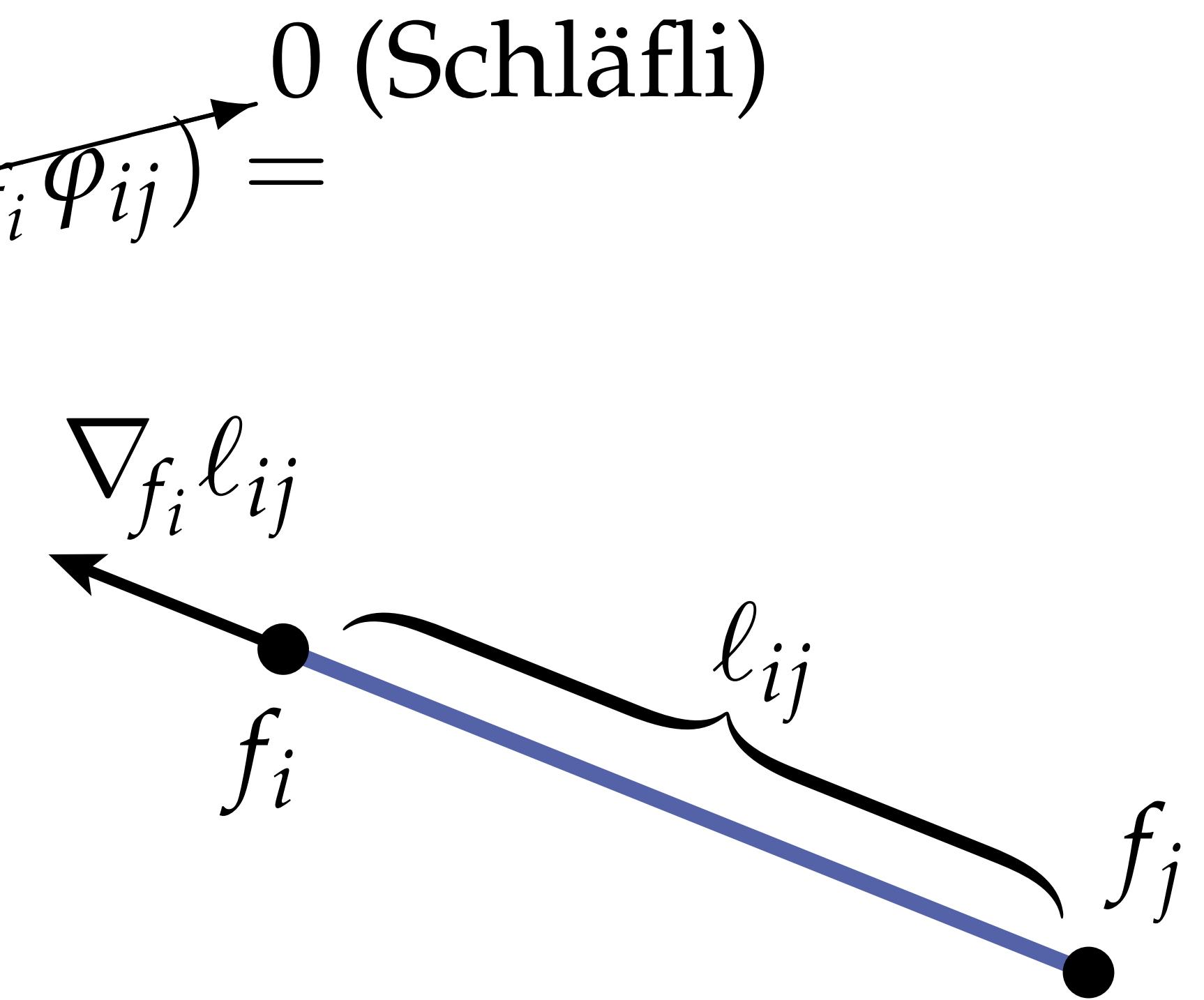


$$\int_{C_i} KN dA = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij \in E} \frac{\varphi_{ij}}{\ell_{ij}} (f_i - f_j)$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij \in E} (\nabla_{f_i} \ell_{ij}) \varphi_{ij} + \cancel{\ell_{ij} (\nabla_{f_i} \varphi_{ij})} = 0 \text{ (Schläfli)}$$

- Agrees with third expression in our sequence:

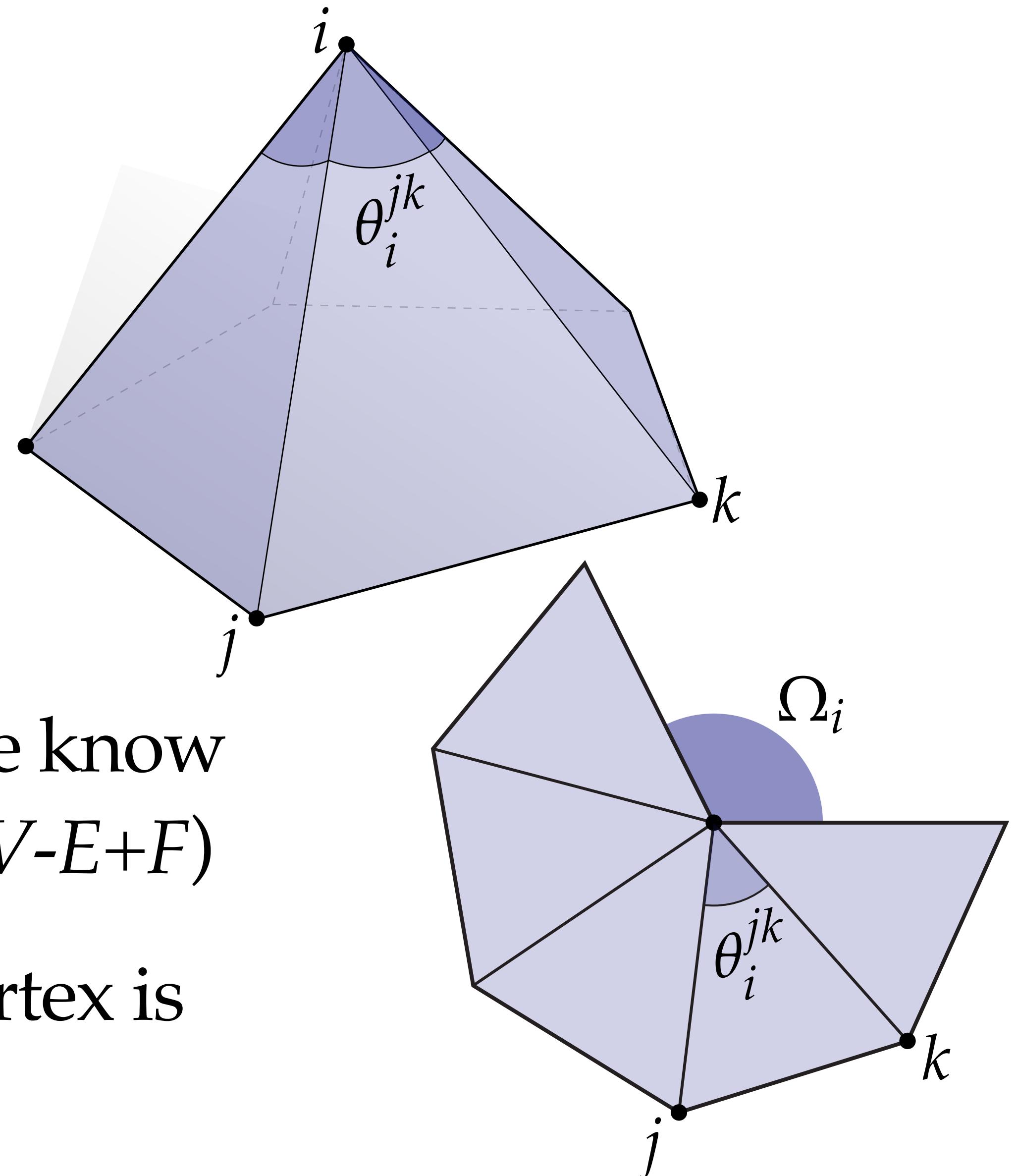
$$\delta \text{mean}(f) = KN$$



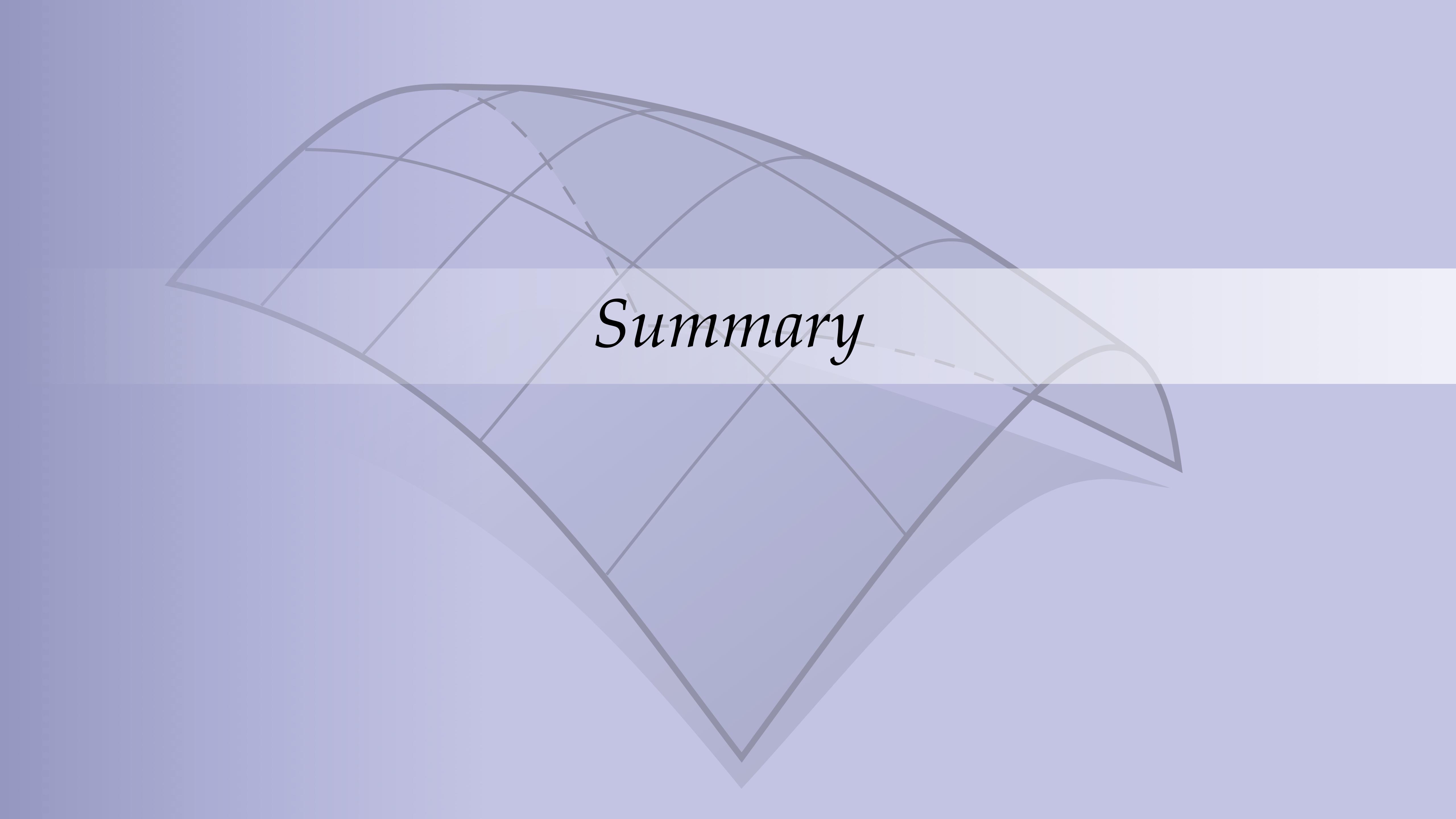
Total Gauss Curvature

- Total Gauss curvature of a discrete surface is the sum of angle defects

$$\text{Gauss}(f) = \sum_{i \in V} \left(2\pi - \sum_{ijk} \theta_i^{jk} \right)$$



- From (discrete) Gauss-Bonnet theorem, we know this sum is always equal to just $2\pi\chi = 2\pi(V-E+F)$
- Gradient with respect to motion of any vertex is therefore zero—sequence ends here!

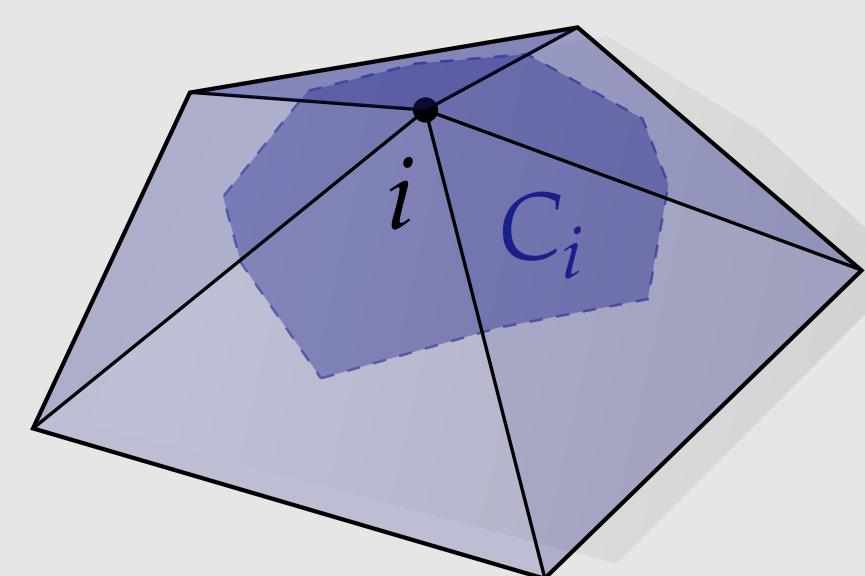
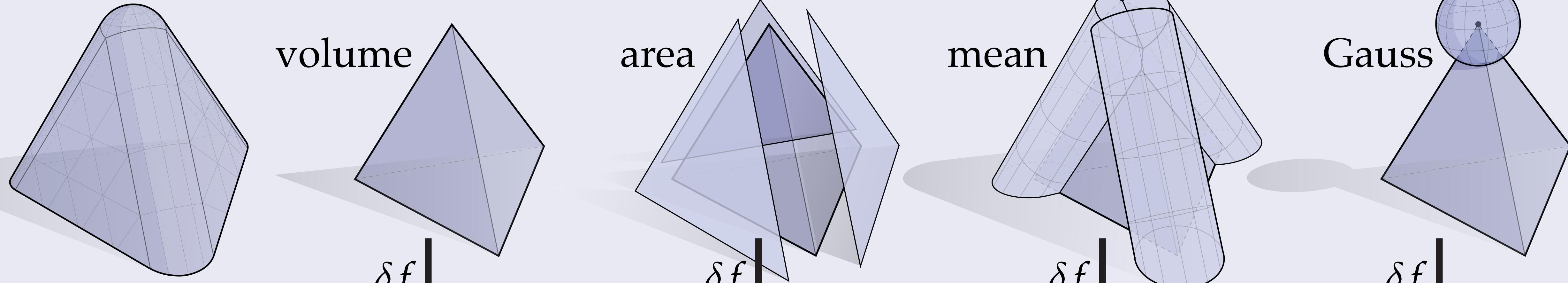


Summary

Summary – Scalar vs. Vector Curvature

$$\text{volume} \xrightarrow{\delta f} \text{area} \xrightarrow{\delta f} \text{mean} \xrightarrow{\delta f} \text{Gauss} \xrightarrow{\delta f} 0$$

scalar curvatures



curvature vectors

$$\int_{C_i} N dA$$

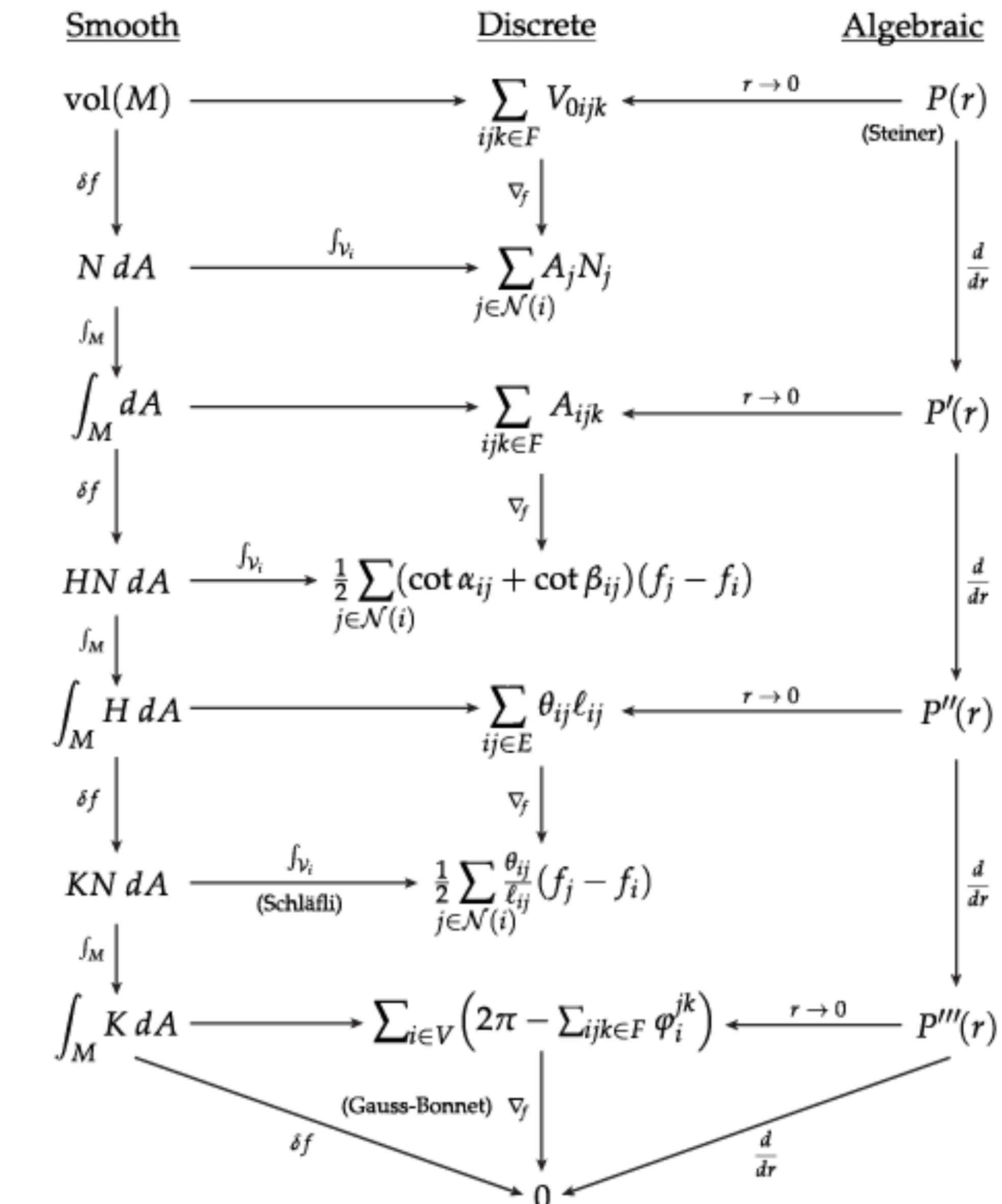
$$\int_{C_i} HN dA$$

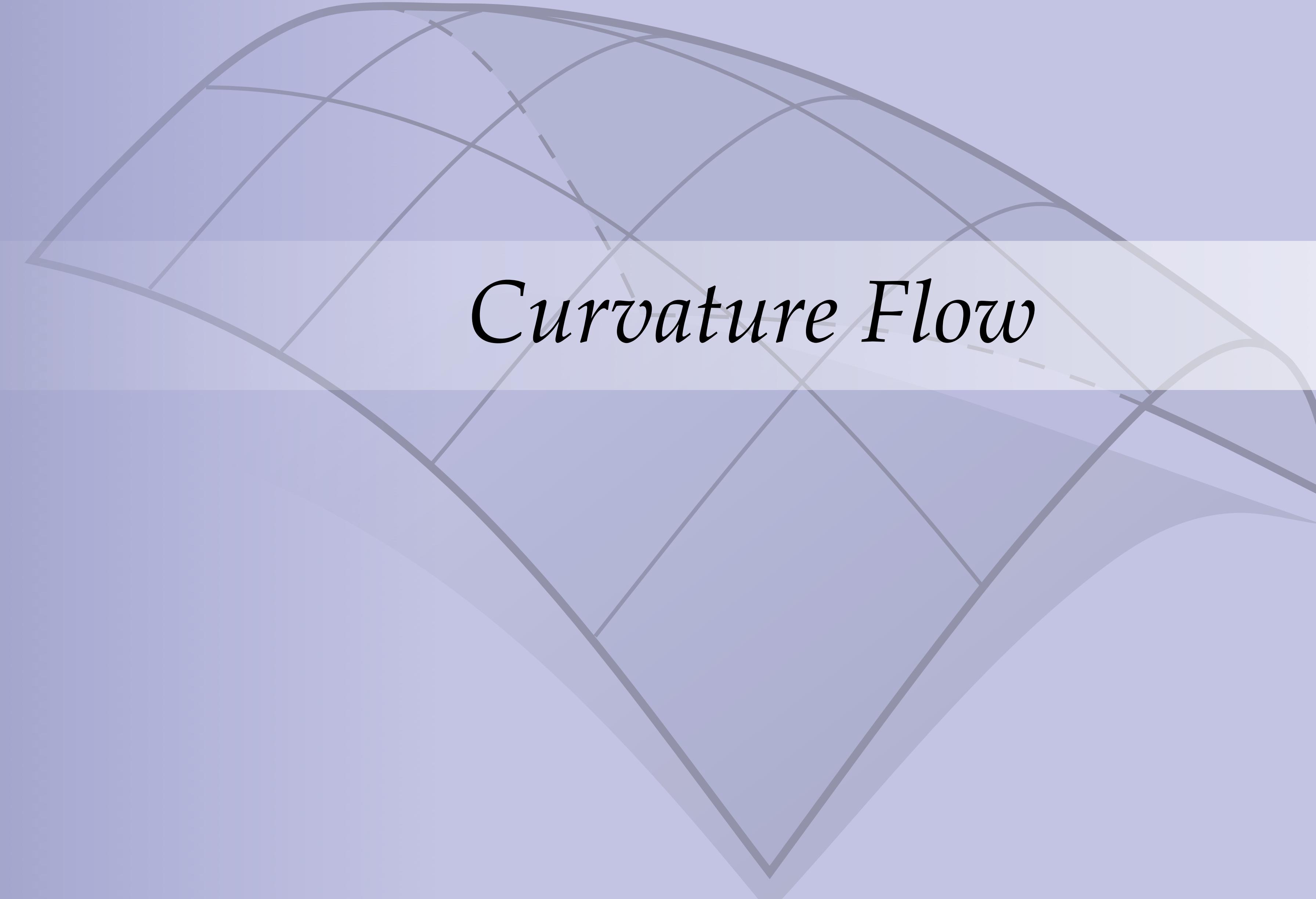
$$\int_{C_i} KN dA$$

$$0$$

Discrete Curvature – Panoramic View

- In the end, all these pieces fit together nicely:
- **Scalar curvatures**
 - smooth out polyhedron and integrate (Steiner)
- **Curvature vectors**
 - integrate $df \wedge df$, $df \wedge dN$, $dN \wedge dN$ over dual cells
- Gradient of scalar curvatures also gives curvature vectors (making use of Gauss-Bonnet & Schläfli)
- Likewise, differentiating Steiner polynomial for volume gives scalar curvatures
- This “weaker” perspective generalizes to n -dimensions, piecewise-smooth surfaces, non-planar regions, ... much further than “classic” definitions!
- *Easily implementable via simple formulas*

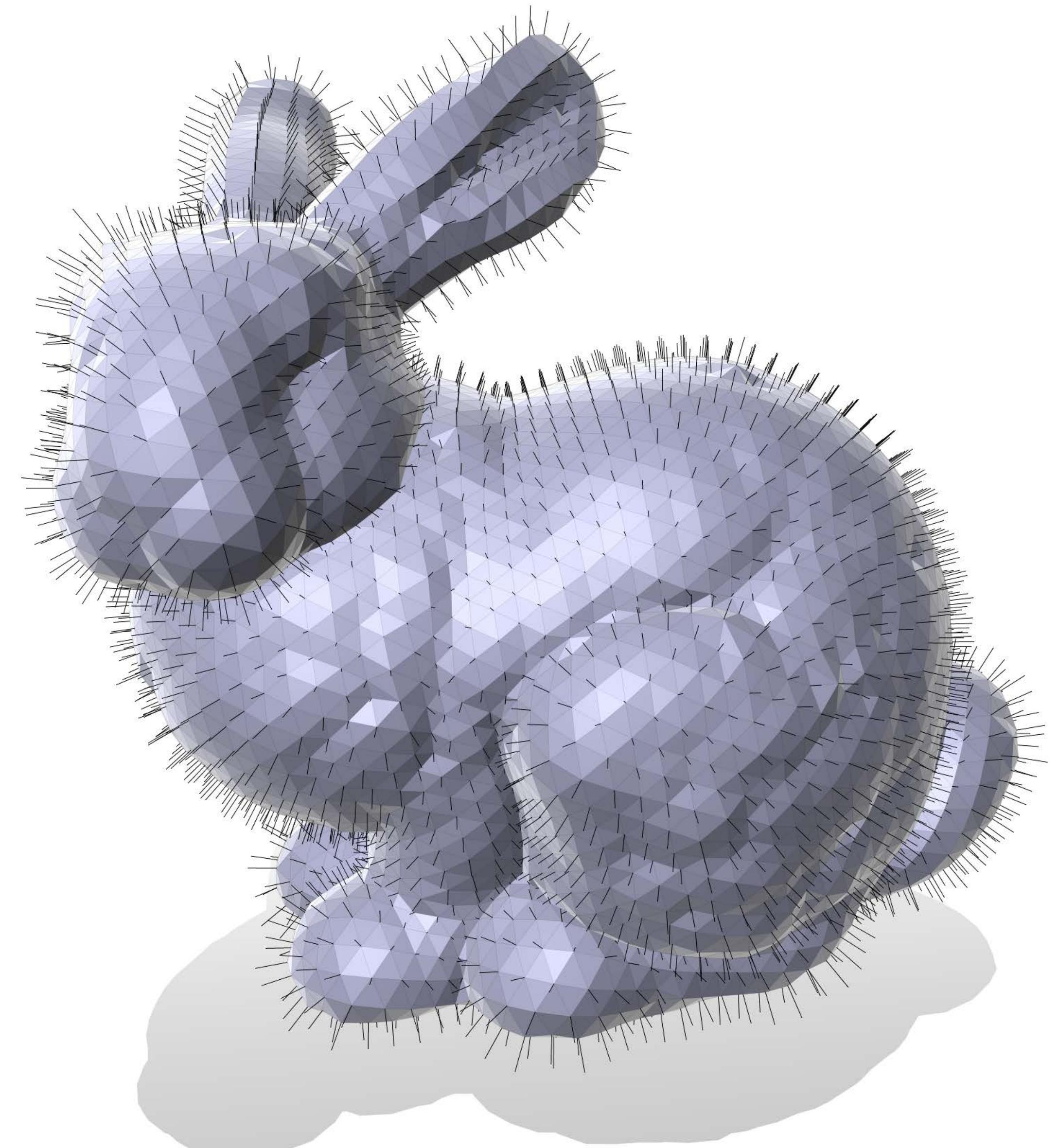




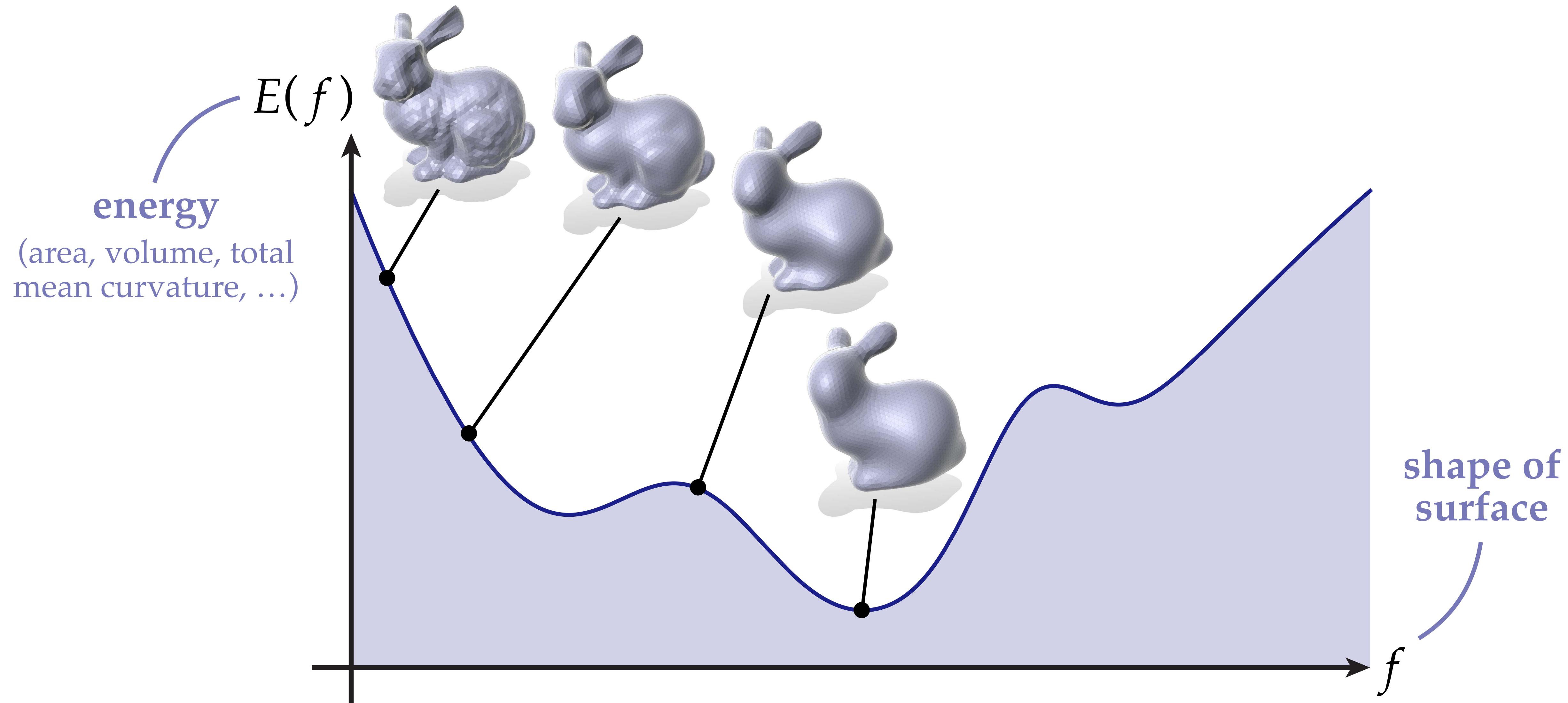
Curvature Flow

Curvature Flow

- Can use *curvature flow* to process surfaces
- Common task: smooth out surface / remove noise
- Basic strategy:
 - compute some function of curvature at each vertex
 - move in normal direction w/ speed proportional to curvature
 - *repeat*



Curvature Flow – Variational Perspective



Key idea: many curvature flows can be viewed as minimization of some energy

Curvature Flow—Numerical Integration

- Consider an energy E that assigns a “score” to any immersed surface f
- Can reduce energy via gradient descent: “wiggle” surface in a way that decreases energy as quickly as possible
- **Smooth picture:** time derivative of the immersion f is equal to (minus) the first-order variation of energy with respect to f
- **Discrete picture:** replace time derivative with *difference* in time (time step τ)
 - evaluating energy gradient at current time step k gives “forward Euler” update

$$\min_f E(f)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} f(t) = -\delta E(f(t))$$

$$\frac{f_i^{k+1} - f_i^k}{\tau} = -\nabla_{f_i} E(f)$$

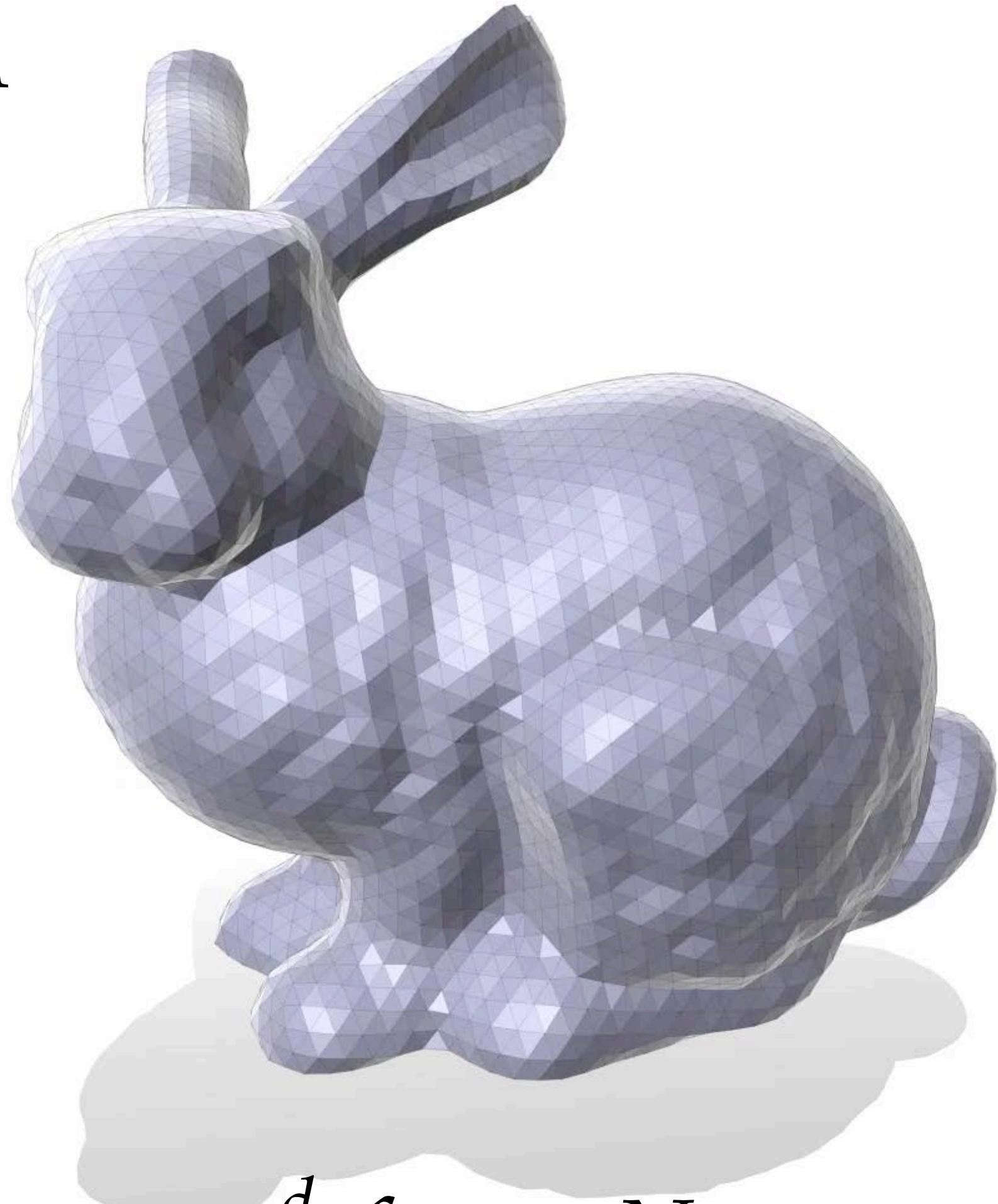
$$f_i^{k+1} = f_i^k - \tau \nabla_{f_i^k} E(f^k)$$

Normal Flow

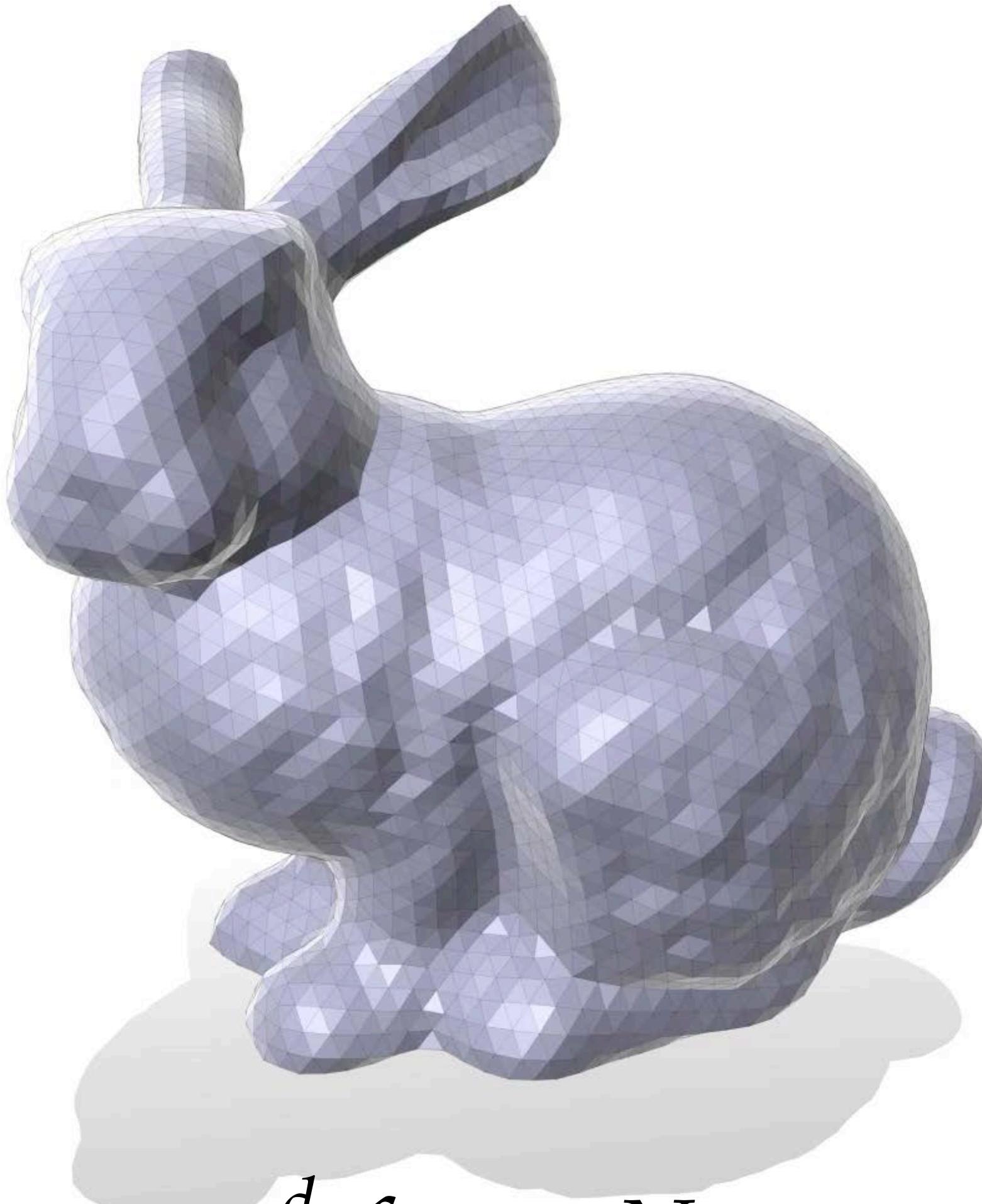
$$\boxed{\text{volume} \xrightarrow{\delta f} \text{area} \xrightarrow{\delta f} \text{mean} \xrightarrow{\delta f} \text{Gauss} \xrightarrow{\delta f} 0}$$

$$E(f) = \text{volume}(f)$$

$$\delta E = NdA$$



$$\frac{d}{dt} f = -N$$



$$\frac{d}{dt} f = +N$$

Mean Curvature Flow volume $\xrightarrow{\delta f}$ area $\xrightarrow{\delta f}$ mean $\xrightarrow{\delta f}$ Gauss $\xrightarrow{\delta f} 0$

$$E(f) = \int_M dA$$

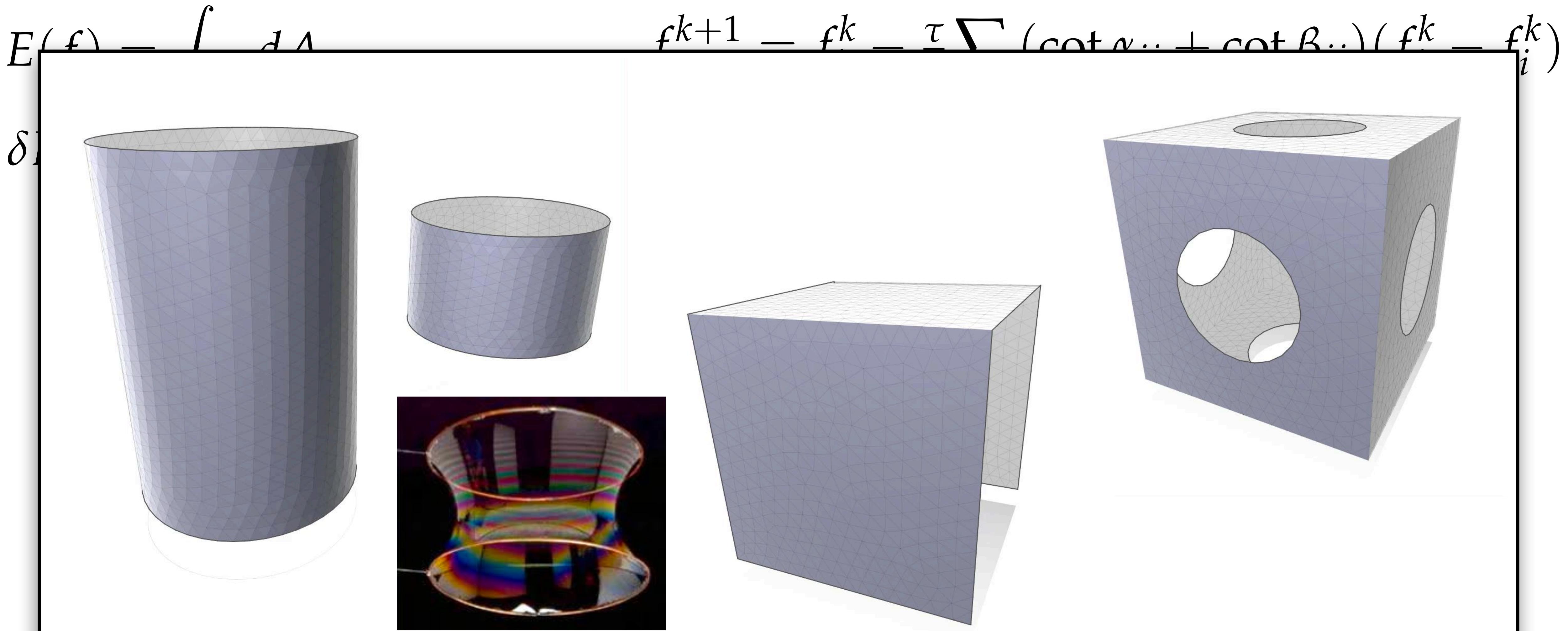
$$\delta E = 2HNdA$$

$$f_i^{k+1} = f_i^k - \frac{\tau}{2} \sum_{ij \in \text{St}(i)} (\cot \alpha_{ij} + \cot \beta_{ij})(f_j^k - f_i^k)$$



$$\frac{d}{dt} f = -2HN$$

Mean Curvature Flow volume $\xrightarrow{\delta f}$ area $\xrightarrow{\delta f}$ mean $\xrightarrow{\delta f}$ Gauss $\xrightarrow{\delta f}$ 0

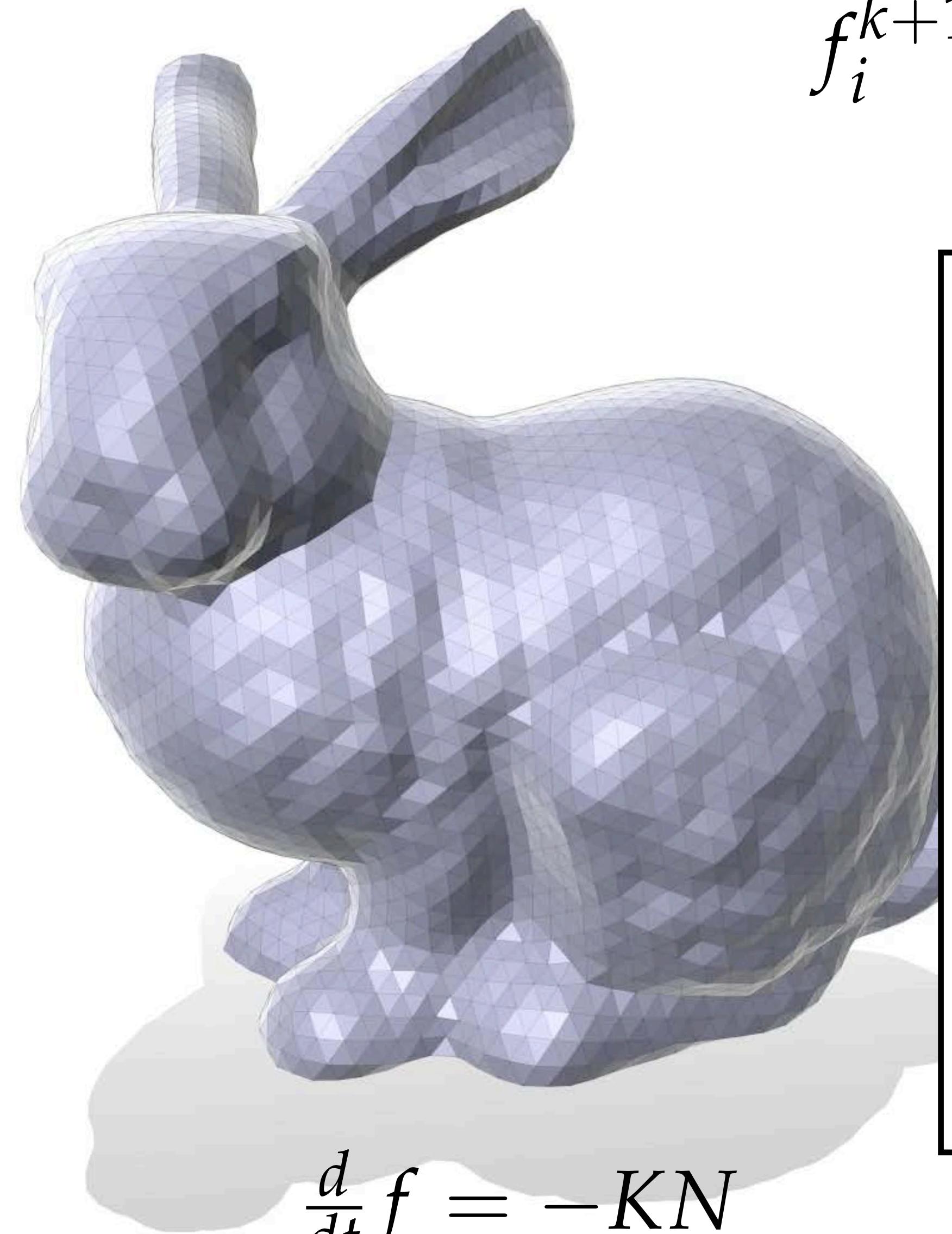


Plateau problem: find surface of smallest area with given boundary (“minimal surface”)

Gauss Curvature Flow volume $\xrightarrow{\delta f}$ area $\xrightarrow{\delta f}$ mean $\xrightarrow{\delta f}$ Gauss $\xrightarrow{\delta f} 0$

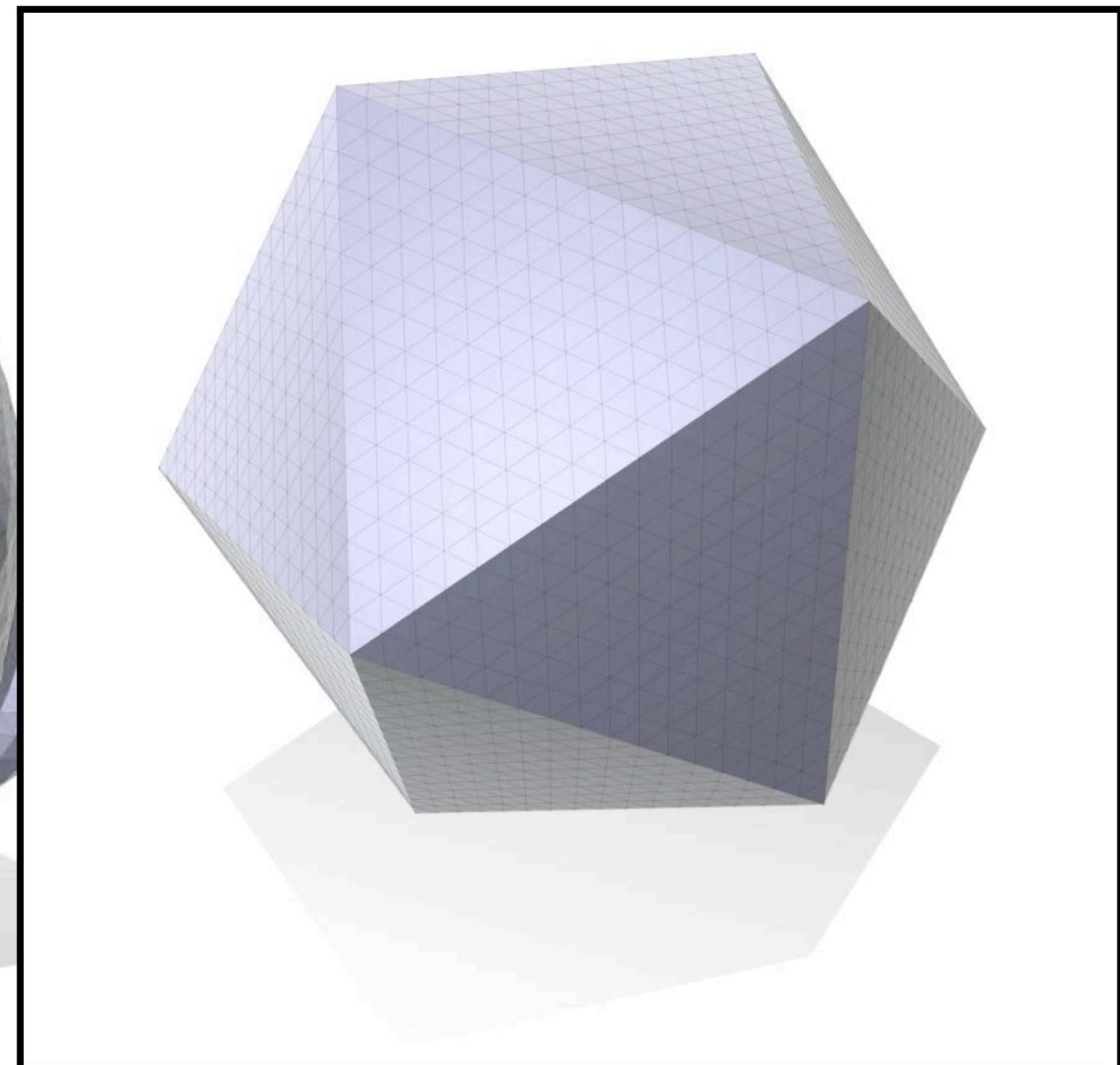
$$E(f) = \int_M H \, dA$$

$$\delta E = KN \, dA$$



$$\frac{d}{dt}f = -KN$$

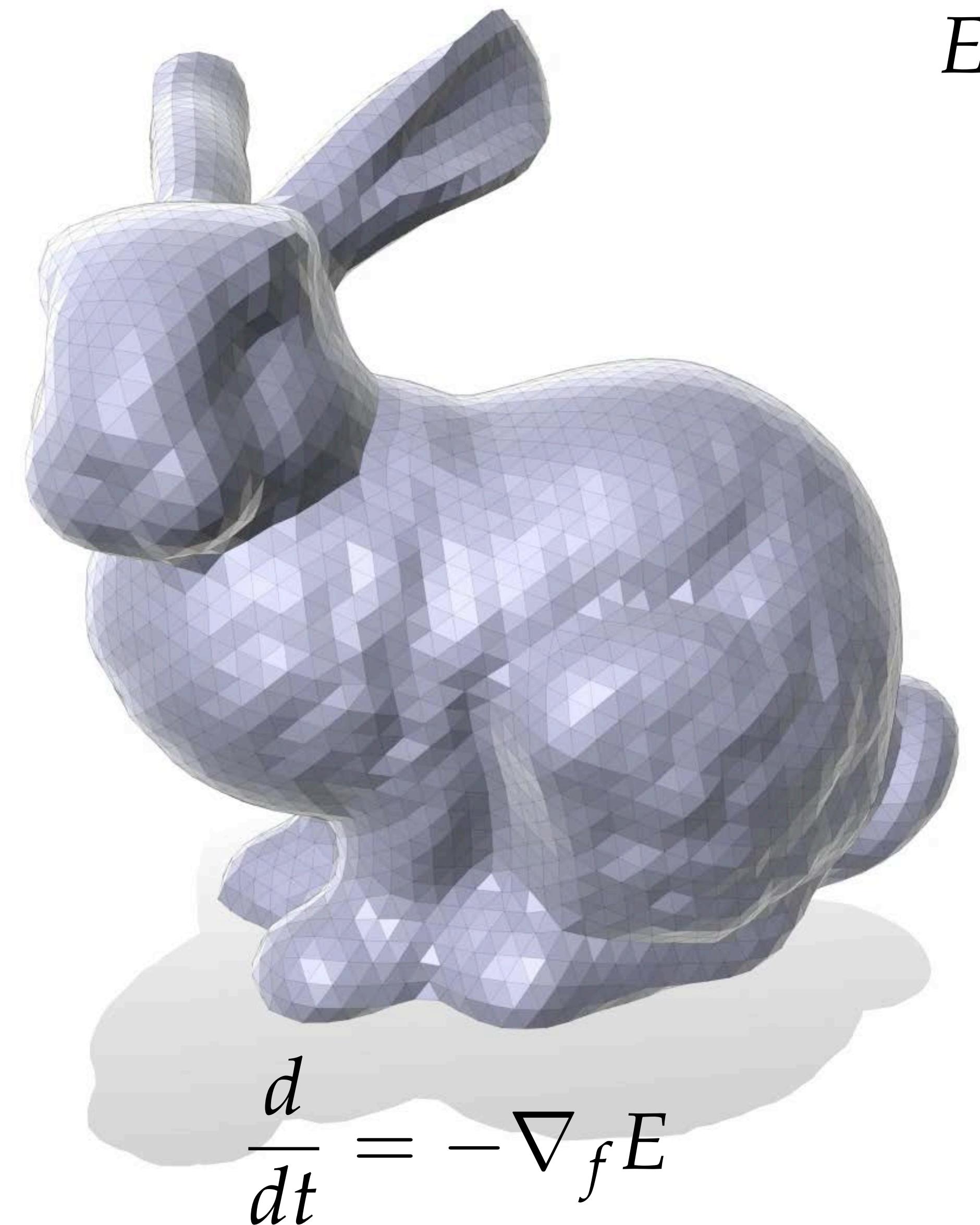
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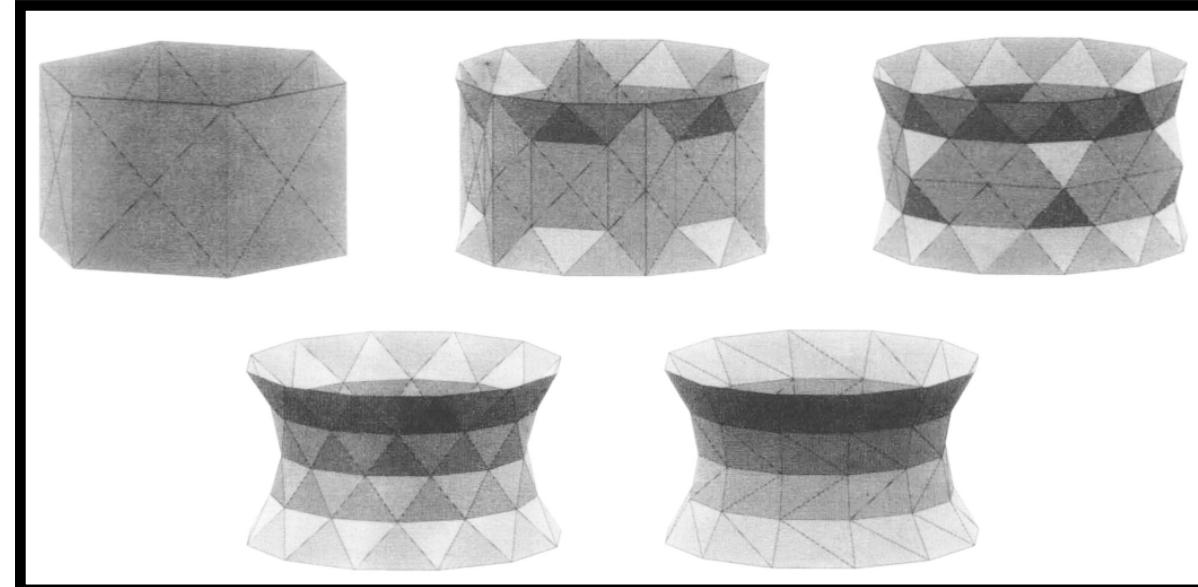
Willmore Flow

$$E = \int_M H^2 dA$$

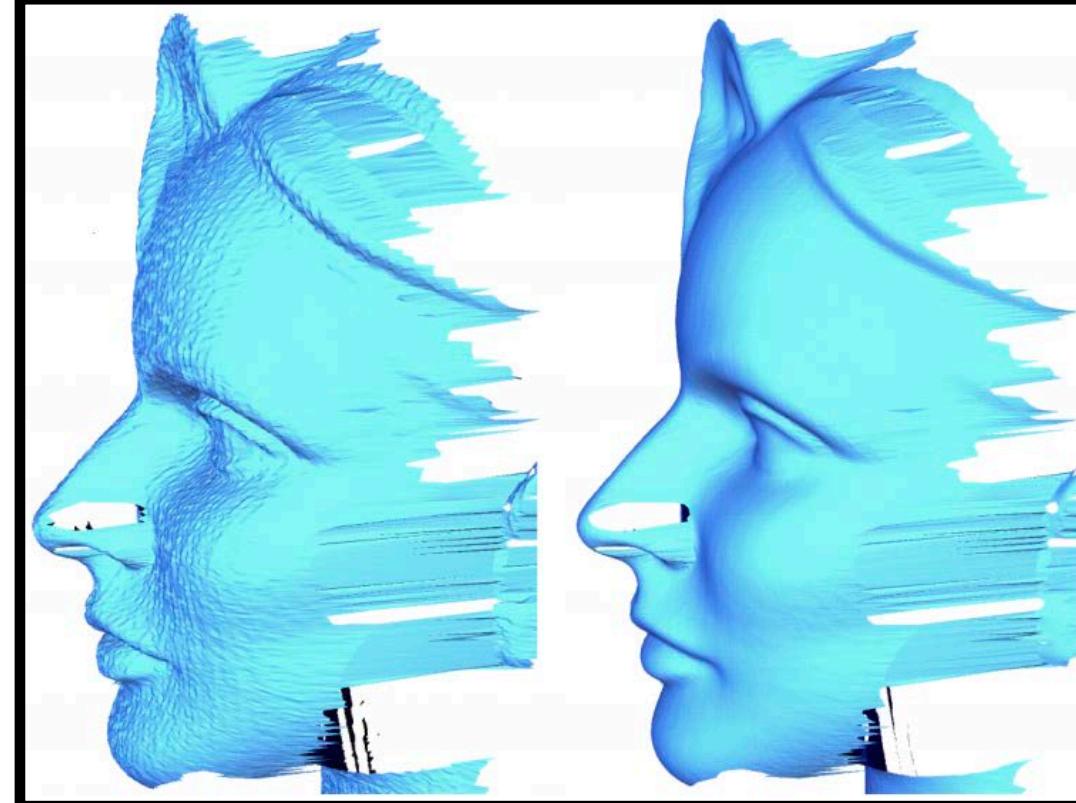
$$E_{\text{discrete}} = \sum_{i \in V} (HN)_i^2 / A_i$$



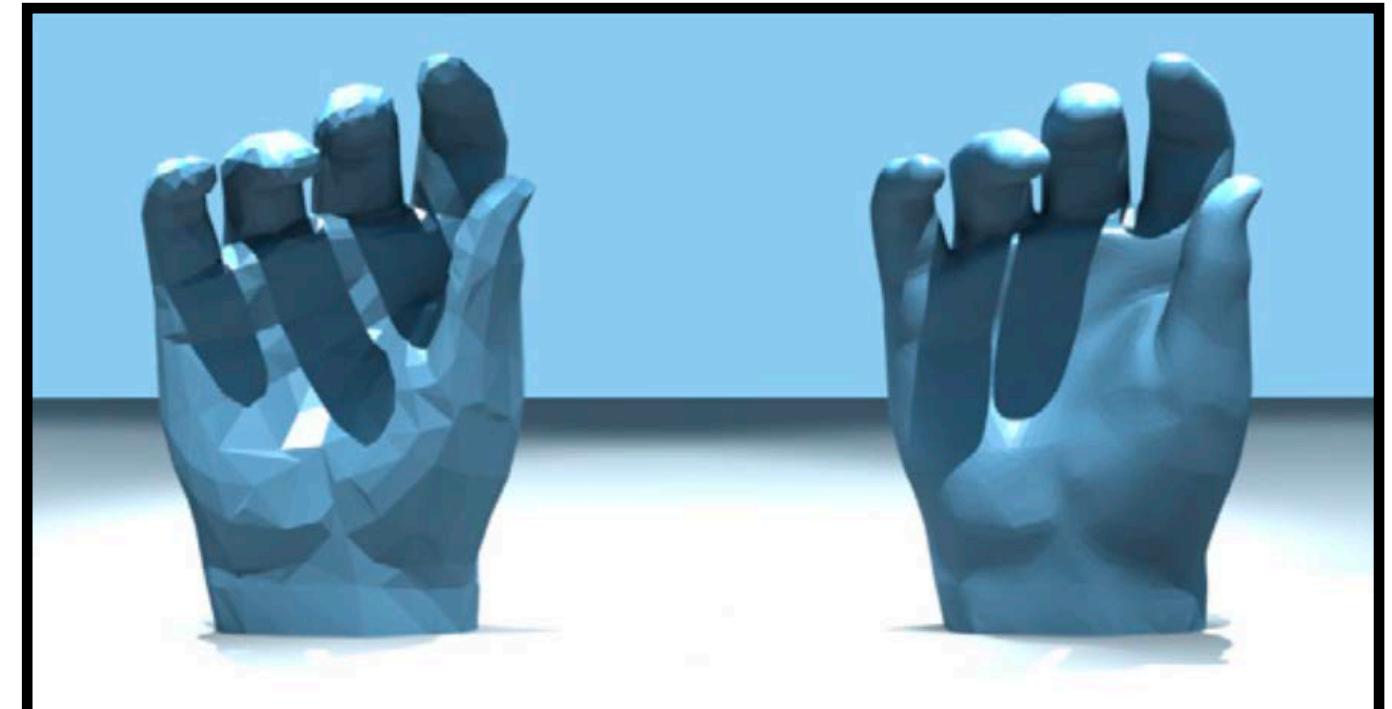
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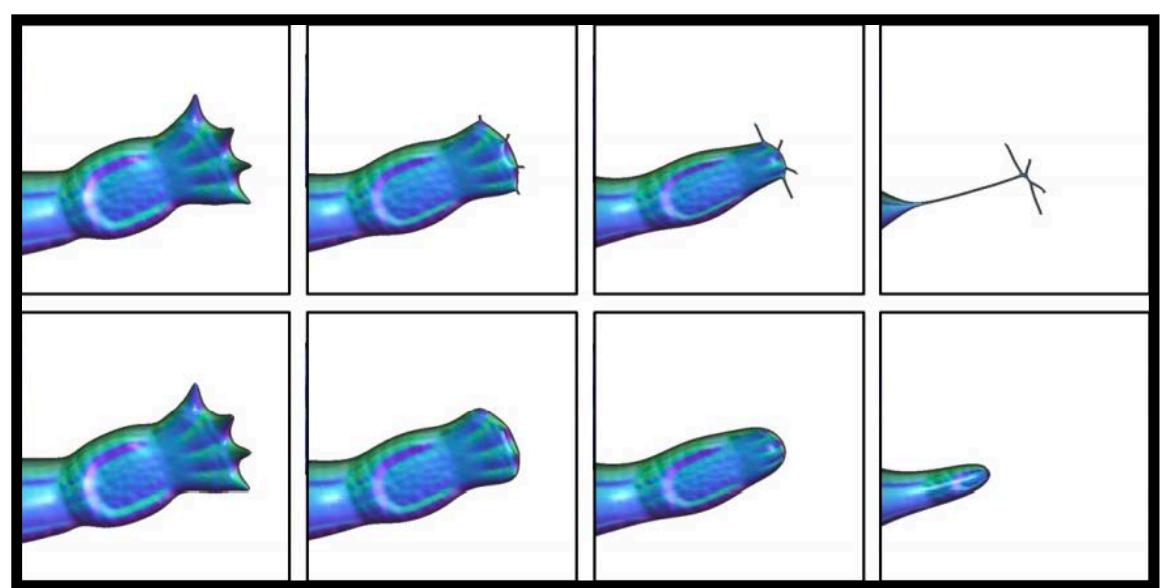
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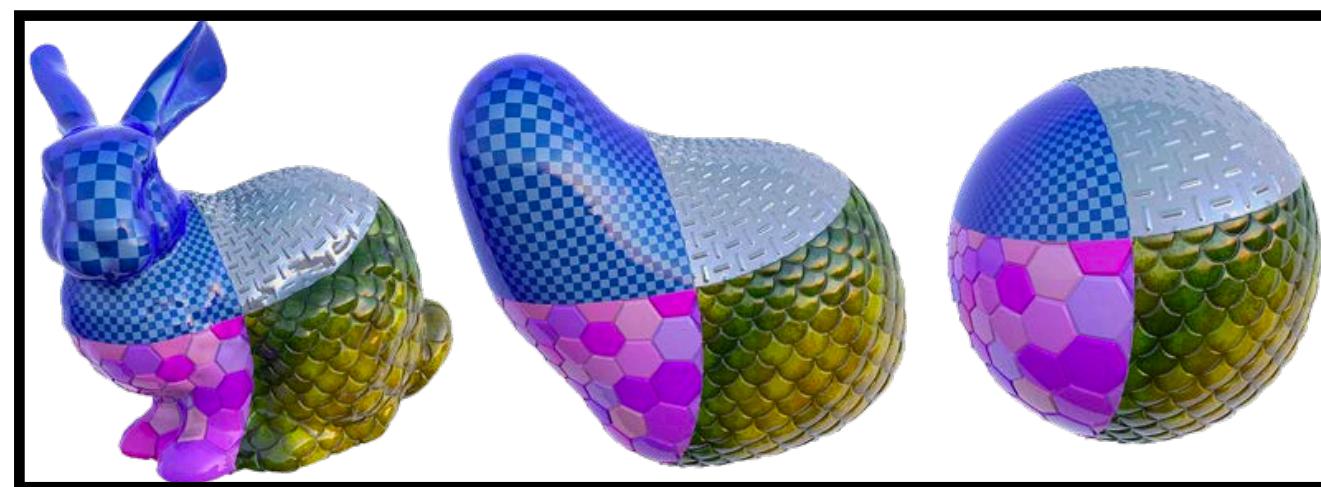
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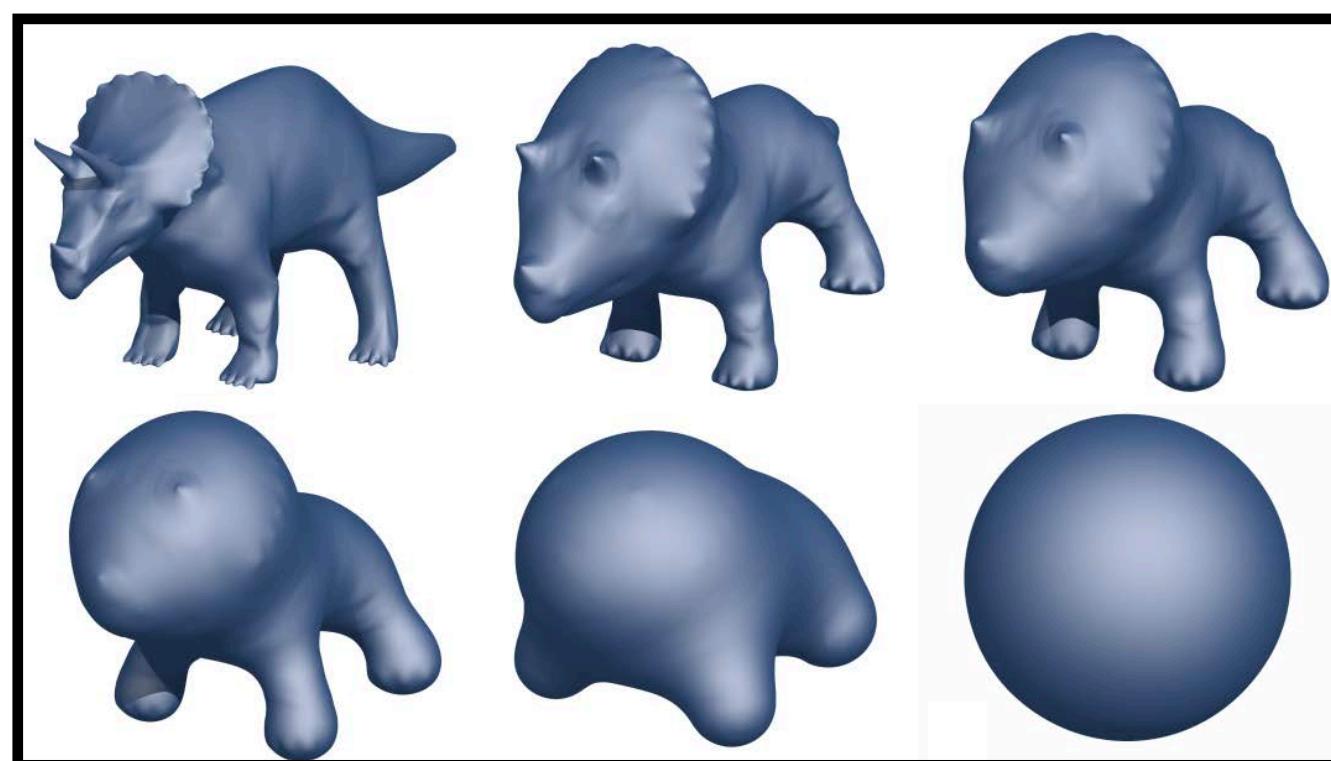
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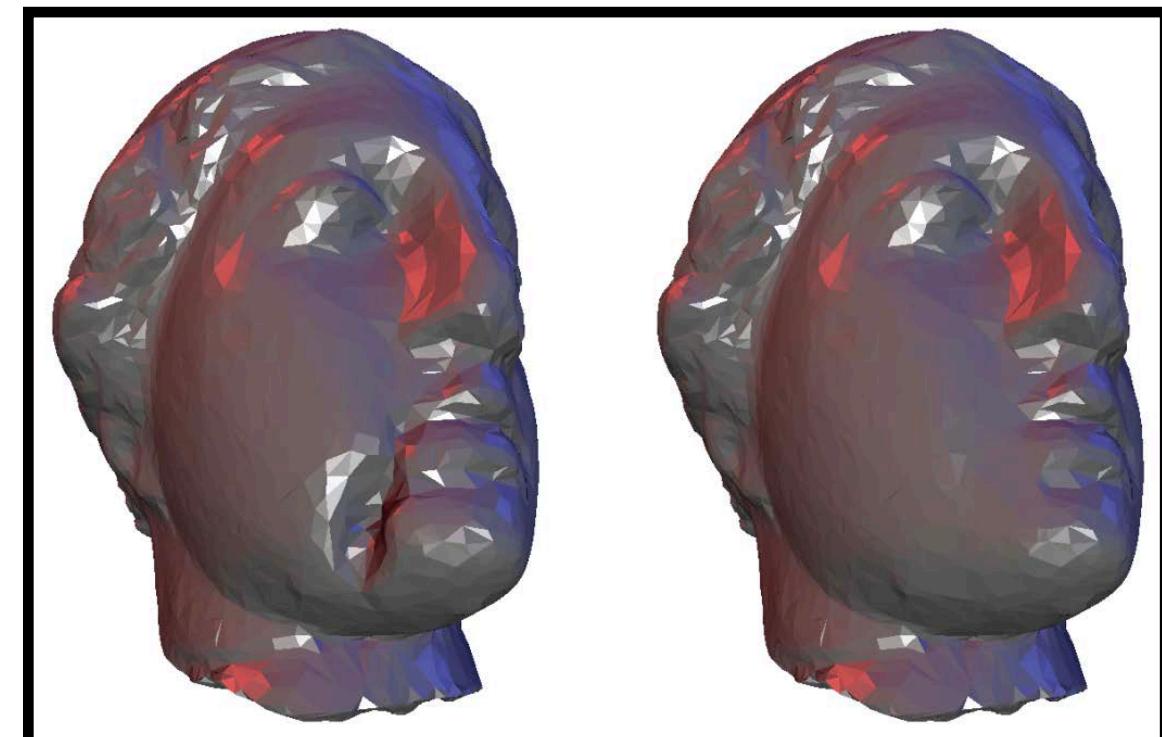
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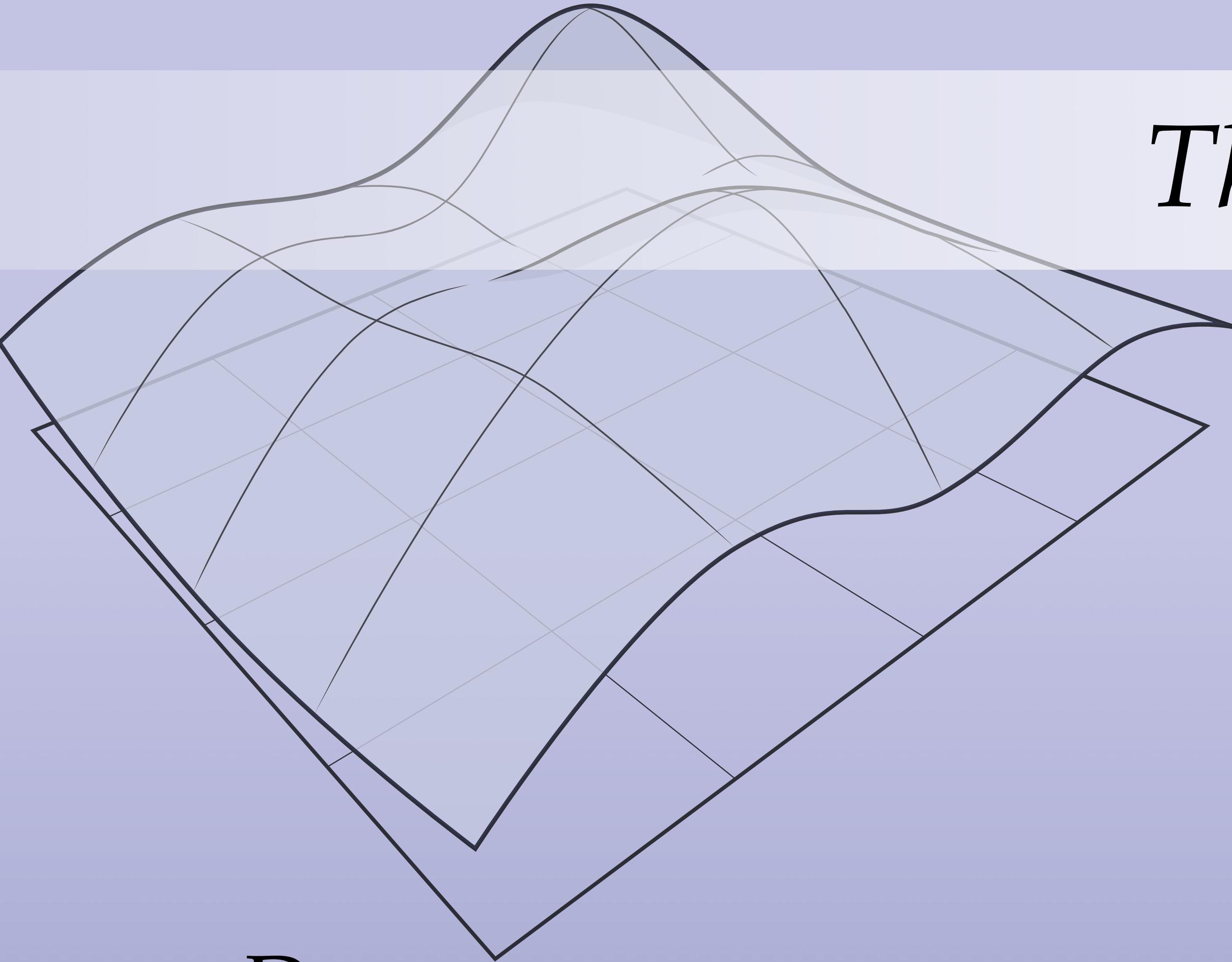
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