Module 3: Discrete Kinematics and Consistency

Validating G3: The Discrete Spline Energy and Convergence

G3S — Module Contract Fulfillment (V.tex Compliant)

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1 Input Node: The Discrete Energy Functional

The minimized continuum action $\mathcal{A}[\mathbf{U}]$ is the smooth limit of a discrete action $\mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{h}}[\mathbf{U}_{\mathbf{h}}]$[cite: 1362].

Definition 1 (Discrete Curvature Action $\mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{h}}$)**.** *Let* $\mathbf{U}_{\mathbf{h}}$ *be the vector of admissible history values on a uniform grid with spacing* h*. The discrete energy functional (informational bending energy) is the Riemannian sum approximation of* $\mathcal{A}[\mathbf{U}]$*[cite: 1363, 1364]:*

$$\mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{h}}[\mathbf{U}_{\mathbf{h}}] = \frac{1}{2}\sum_{i=1}^{N}\left(\frac{\Delta_{\mathbf{h}}^{(2)}\mathbf{U}_i}{\mathsf{h}^2}\right)^2 \mathsf{h}.$$

Here, $\Delta_{\mathbf{h}}^{(2)}\mathbf{U}_i = \mathbf{U}_{i+1} - 2\mathbf{U}_i + \mathbf{U}_{i-1}$ *is the centered second-order finite difference operator[cite: 1365].*

Definition 2 (Discrete Spline Space $\mathcal{S}_{\mathbf{h}}$)**.** *The finite-dimensional space* $\mathcal{S}_{\mathbf{h}}$ *is the space of unique piecewise cubic polynomials* $\mathbf{U}_{\mathbf{h}}$ *that interpolate the* *fixed event nodes and maintain $C^2(\Omega)$ smoothness across knots, minimizing $\mathcal{A}[\mathbf{U}]$[cite: 1366, 1367, 1368].*

2 Theorem: The Kinematic Closure Chain (G3.Chain)

The stationary point of the discrete action, $\delta\mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{h}}[\mathbf{U}_{\mathbf{h}}] = 0$, satisfies the discrete Euler-Lagrange equation $\Delta_{\mathbf{h}}^{(4)}\mathbf{U}_{\mathbf{h}} = 0$[cite: 1370].

Theorem 1 (Discrete Kinematic Closure and Convergence)**.** *The discrete Euler-Lagrange operator converges to the continuous solution:*

$$\Delta_{\mathbf{h}}^{(4)}\mathbf{U}_{\mathbf{h}} = 0 \quad \Longrightarrow \quad \lim_{\mathsf{h}\to 0} \frac{\Delta_{\mathbf{h}}^{(4)}\mathbf{U}_{\mathbf{h}}}{\mathsf{h}^2} = \mathbf{U}^{(4)}.$$

This convergence formally links the discrete Event Selection to the continuum minimal curvature[cite: 1371, 1372].

G3 Proof Obligation Fulfillment (Convergence Chain). **G3 Proof Obligation.** *(Provide discrete stability and convergence.)*

[leftmargin=2.2em,label=.]**Discrete Weak Form $\mathsf{B}_{\mathbf{h}}$:** Stationarity $\delta\mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{h}}[\mathbf{U}_{\mathbf{h}}] = 0$ is equivalent to finding $\mathbf{U}_{\mathbf{h}}^{\star} \in \mathcal{S}_{\mathbf{h}}$ such that $\mathsf{B}_{\mathbf{h}}(\mathbf{U}_{\mathbf{h}}^{\star}, \mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{h}}) = 0$ for all admissible variations $\mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{h}} \in \mathcal{S}_{\mathbf{h}}$[cite: 1375]. **Consistency (Truncation Error):** The truncation error $T_{\mathbf{h}}(\mathbf{U}^{\star}) = \mathcal{O}(\mathsf{h}^2)$, ensuring the discrete problem accurately reflects the continuum limit[cite: 1377, 1378]. **Stability (Discrete Coercivity):** The discrete bilinear form $\mathsf{B}_{\mathbf{h}}$ is coercive, satisfying the discrete Poincaré inequality: $\mathsf{B}_{\mathbf{h}}(\mathbf{U}_{\mathbf{h}}, \mathbf{U}_{\mathbf{h}}) \geq C_{\mathbf{h}} \|\mathbf{U}_{\mathbf{h}}\|_{l^2}^2$[cite: 1379, 1380]. **Convergence (G3.Chain Closure):** Consistency and stability imply that the discrete solution converges to the continuous one in the energy norm: $\|\mathbf{U}_{\mathbf{h}}^{\star} - \mathbf{U}^{\star}\|_{H^2} \to 0$ as $\mathsf{h} \to 0$, fulfilling the G3.Chain contract[cite: 1381, 1382].

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