

# On the Design of Higher-Order Curl-Conforming Finite Elements and its Assembly Features

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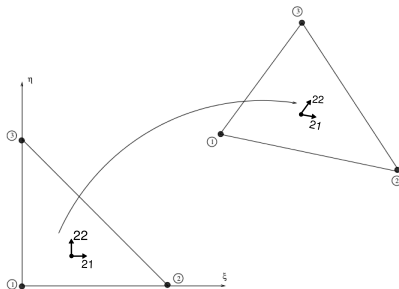
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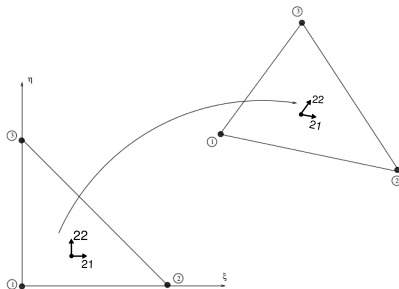
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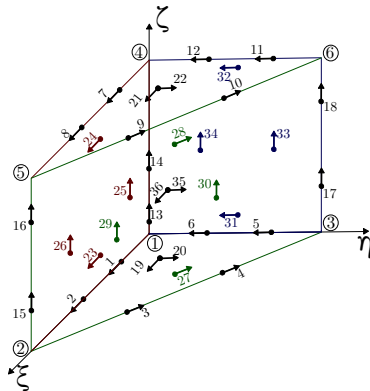
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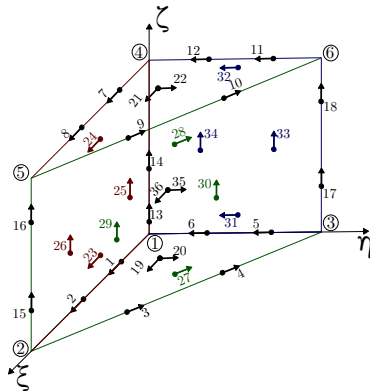
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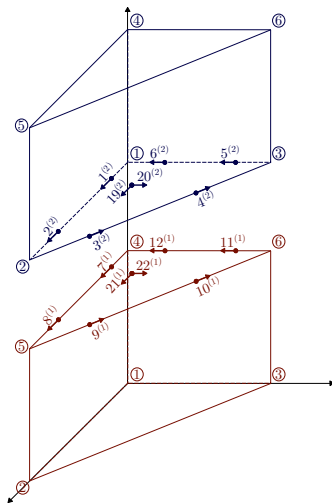


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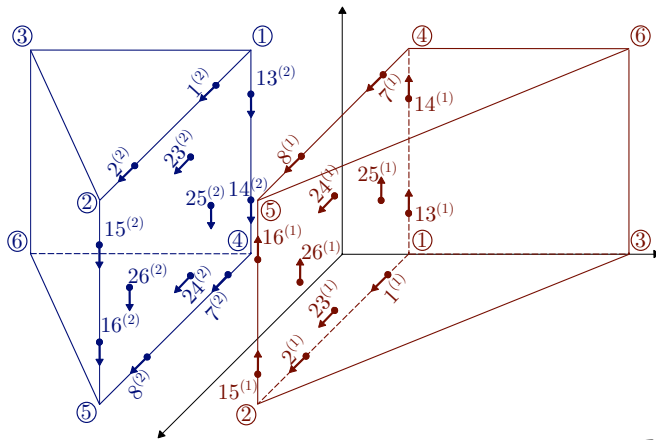
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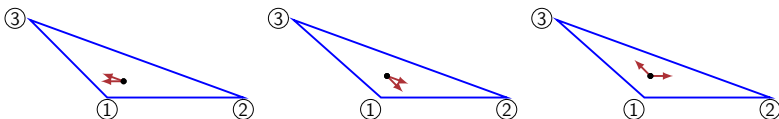


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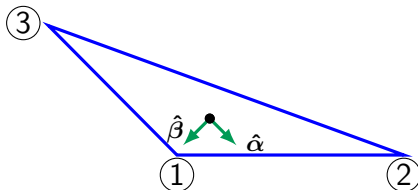


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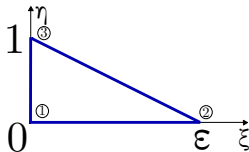
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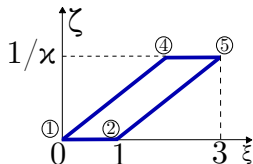
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vc,(3-1)	71	38	215	197	737	732	2825	2854
vq	72	37	215	197	737	732	2826	2854
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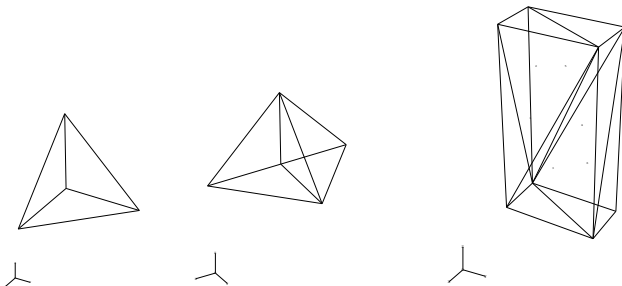
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	Parent El.	Example el.2	El. Cube $1 \times 2 \times 4$
$vq$	128	174	175
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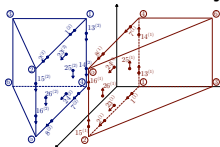
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