

# A Priori Verification Method for Curl-Conforming Vector Functions in Simplices

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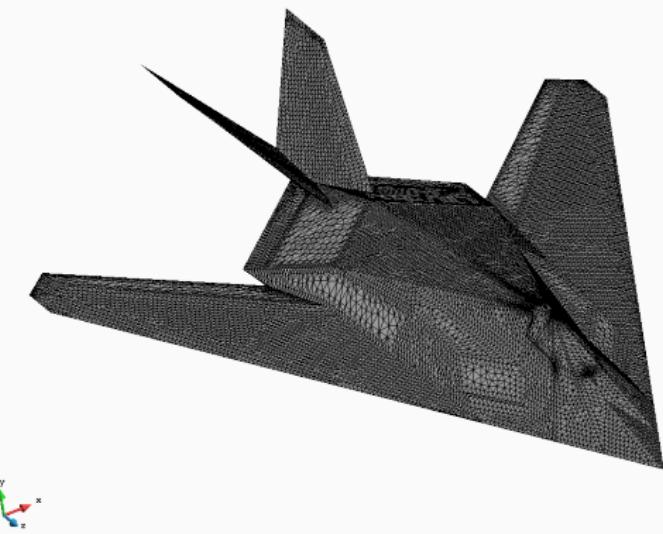
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# Introduction

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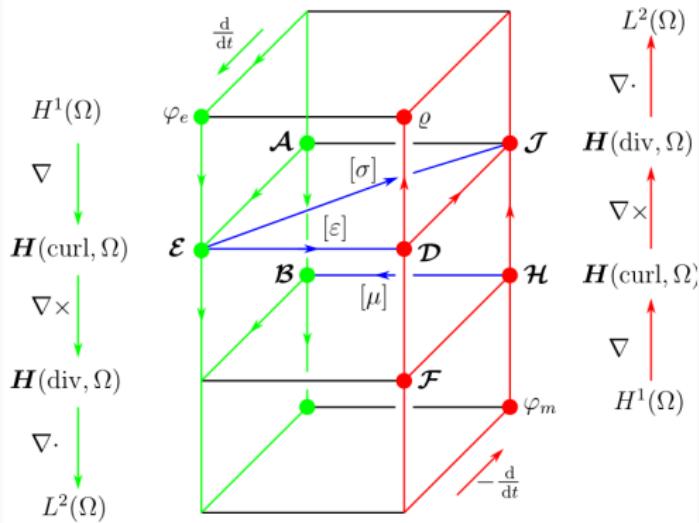
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$$H(\text{curl}, \Omega) := \left\{ w \in [L_2(\Omega)]^3 \mid \nabla \times w \in [L_2(\Omega)]^3 \right\}$$

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$$H^1(\Omega) := \{v \in [L_2(\Omega)]^3 \mid \nabla v \in [L_2(\Omega)]^3\}$$

$$\forall v_p \in H^1(\Omega), \nabla v_{p+1} \notin w_p$$



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- Same rate of convergence for the energy error.
- The reduction only affects the null space of the curl operator.
- Mixed-order discretization of the space

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	Mixed-order space	Full-order space
Tetrahedron	$\frac{1}{2}p(p+2)(p+3)$	$\frac{1}{2}(p+1)(p+2)(p+3)$
Edge	$6p$	$6(p+1)$
Face	$4p(p-1)$	$4(p+1)(p-1)$
Interior	$\frac{1}{2}p(p-1)(p-2)$	$\frac{1}{2}(p+1)(p-1)(p-2)$

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## A Priori Verification Method for Curl-Conforming Vector Functions in Simplices

Prove that  $\mathcal{W}_p = \text{span}(\mathbf{w}_p)$

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## Typical verification of basis functions

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Mixed-order space of functions

$$\mathcal{R}_k = \left\{ u \in P_k; \epsilon^k(u) = 0 \right\}$$

$$P_{k-1} \subset \mathcal{R}_k \subset P_k$$

$$\mathcal{R}_k = P_{k-1} \oplus \mathcal{S}_k$$

$$u \in \mathcal{S}_k \Leftrightarrow r \cdot u = 0$$



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$$\mathbf{w}_i = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} a_1^{(i)} \\ b_1^{(i)} \\ c_1^{(i)} \end{array} \right\} + \left\{ \begin{array}{l} D^{(i)}\eta - F^{(i)}\xi\zeta \\ -D^{(i)}\xi - E^{(i)}\zeta \\ E^{(i)}\eta + F^{(i)}\xi \end{array} \right\}$$

# Second-order basis functions

$$\mathbf{w}_i = \begin{Bmatrix} a_1^{(i)} + a_2^{(i)}\xi + a_3^{(i)}\eta + a_4^{(i)}\zeta \\ b_1^{(i)} + b_2^{(i)}\xi + b_3^{(i)}\eta + b_4^{(i)}\zeta \\ c_1^{(i)} + c_2^{(i)}\xi + c_3^{(i)}\eta + c_4^{(i)}\zeta \\ D^{(i)}\eta^2 - F^{(i)}\xi\eta - G^{(i)}\xi\zeta + H^{(i)}\zeta^2 + J^{(i)}\eta\zeta \\ -D^{(i)}\xi\eta - E^{(i)}\eta\zeta + F^{(i)}\xi^2 + I^{(i)}\zeta^2 - J^{(i)}\xi\zeta + K^{(i)}\xi\zeta \\ E^{(i)}\eta^2 + G^{(i)}\xi^2 - H^{(i)}\xi\zeta - I^{(i)}\eta\zeta - K^{(i)}\xi\eta \end{Bmatrix} + \dots$$

## Typical verification of basis functions

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Typical verification methods

- Mass matrix  $M$

$$M_{ij} = \int_{\Omega} w_i \cdot w_j d\Omega$$

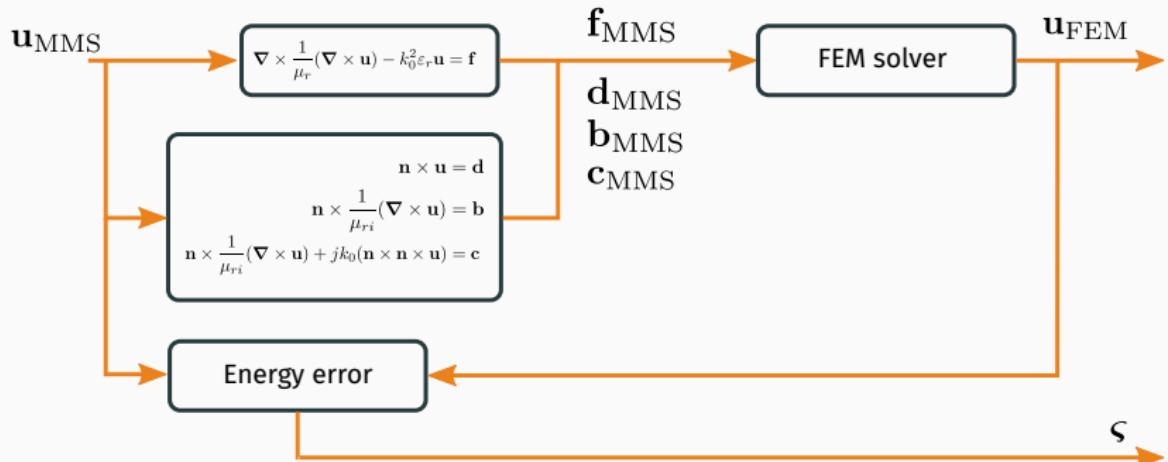
- Stiffness matrix  $K$

$$K_{ij} = \int_{\Omega} (\nabla \times w_i) \cdot (\nabla \times w_j) d\Omega$$

- $M$  is positive-definite.
- $K$  is positive semi-definite
  - $\#\{\lambda = 0\} = \text{size}(H_k^1(\Omega)) - 1$

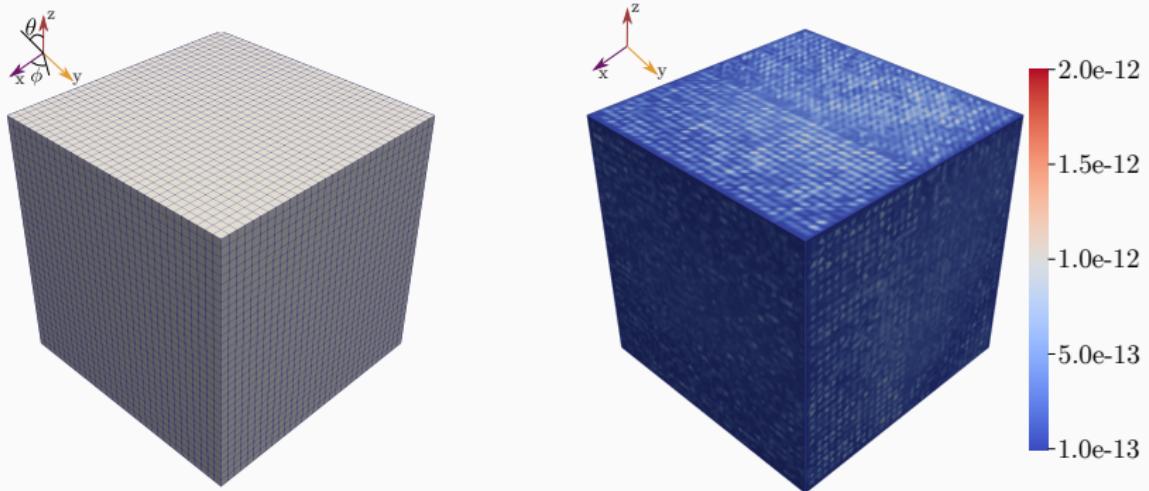
$$M_{\text{extended}} = \begin{bmatrix} M_{\text{polynomials}} & M_{\text{polynomials-bases}} \\ M_{\text{bases-polynomials}} & M_{\text{bases}} \end{bmatrix}$$

# Method of Manufactured Solutions



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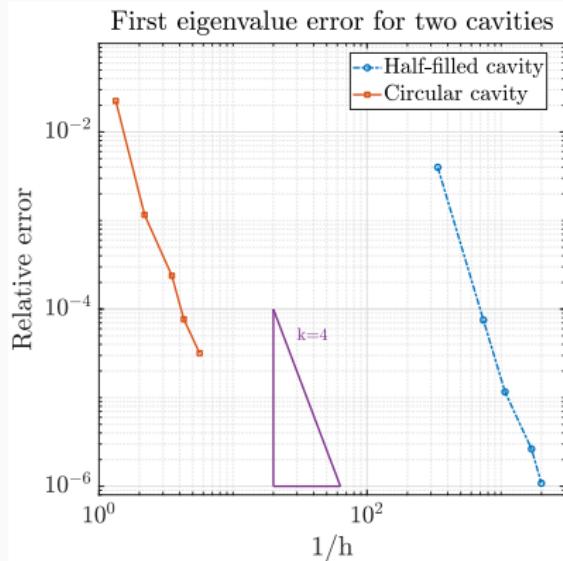
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## A priori verification method in simplices

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- The former methods are not typical in all the communities.
- All of them need an FEM framework!

## A Priori Verification Method for Curl-Conforming Vector Functions in Simplices

Prove that  $\mathcal{W}_p = \text{span}(\mathbf{w}_p)$  without using an FEM framework.

$$\mathcal{I}(N, k) = \left\{ \boldsymbol{\alpha} \equiv (\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_N) : \alpha_i \geq 0, \alpha_i \in \mathbb{Z}, \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i = k \right\}$$

$$x^\alpha = x_1^{\alpha_1} x_2^{\alpha_2} \dots x_N^{\alpha_N}$$

$$\boldsymbol{e}_l \rightarrow \boldsymbol{e}_1 = (1, 0, \dots, 0)$$

$$\alpha_i < 0 \rightarrow \alpha_i = 0$$

$$|\boldsymbol{\alpha}| = \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i$$

# Example with polynomial in $\mathcal{S}_k$ (i)

$$\mathbf{w}_i = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} a_1^{(i)} + a_2^{(i)}\xi + a_3^{(i)}\eta + a_4^{(i)}\zeta \\ b_1^{(i)} + b_2^{(i)}\xi + b_3^{(i)}\eta + b_4^{(i)}\zeta \\ c_1^{(i)} + c_2^{(i)}\xi + c_3^{(i)}\eta + c_4^{(i)}\zeta \\ D^{(i)}\eta^2 - F^{(i)}\xi\eta - G^{(i)}\xi\zeta + H^{(i)}\zeta^2 + J^{(i)}\eta\zeta \\ -D^{(i)}\xi\eta - E^{(i)}\eta\zeta + F^{(i)}\xi^2 + I^{(i)}\zeta^2 - J^{(i)}\xi\zeta + K^{(i)}\xi\zeta \\ E^{(i)}\eta^2 + G^{(i)}\xi^2 - H^{(i)}\xi\zeta - I^{(i)}\eta\zeta - K^{(i)}\xi\eta \end{array} \right\} + \dots$$

# Example with polynomial in $\mathcal{S}_k$ (i)

- $D^{(i)}$  is associated to polynomial  $s_D \in \mathcal{S}_2$ ,

$$s_D = \begin{Bmatrix} \eta^2 \\ -\xi\eta \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix} \rightarrow s_D = \begin{Bmatrix} x_2^2 \\ -x_1x_2 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix} \rightarrow s_D = \begin{Bmatrix} x^{\alpha_1}, \alpha_1 = [0, 2, 0] \\ -x^{\alpha_2}, \alpha_2 = [1, 1, 0] \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix}$$

- $s \in \mathcal{S}_k$  if and only if

$$s = \sum_{l=1}^N \sum_{|\alpha|=k} c_{\alpha,l} x^\alpha e_l \text{ with } \sum_{l=1}^N c_{\beta-e_l,l} = 0 \quad \forall |\beta| = k+1$$



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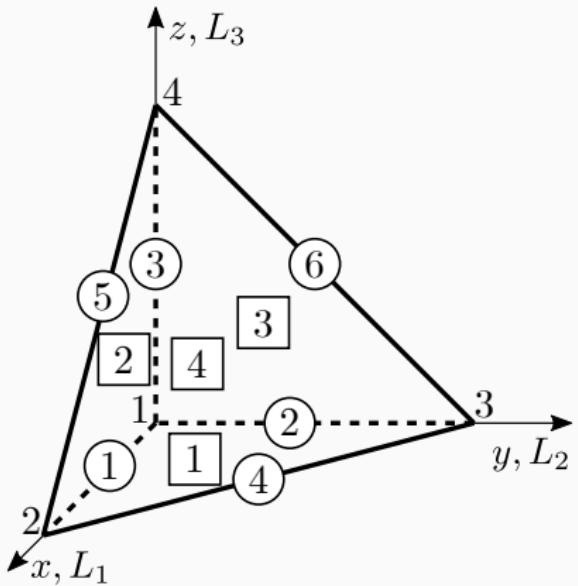
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$$\begin{aligned} s_D &= \begin{Bmatrix} x_2^2 \\ -x_1 x_2 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix} \rightarrow s_D = \begin{Bmatrix} x^{\beta_1 - e_1}, \beta_1 = [1, 2, 0] \\ -x^{\beta_2 - e_2}, \beta_2 = [1, 2, 0] \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix} \\ s_D &= x^{\beta_1 - e_1} e_1 - x^{\beta_2 - e_2} e_2 \end{aligned}$$

- Clearly,  $c_{\beta_1 - e_1, 1} = 1$ , and  $c_{\beta_2 - e_2, 2} = -1$ , so  $\sum_{l=1}^N c_{\beta - e_l, l} = 0$  holds  $\forall |\beta| = 2 + 1$ , thus  $s_D \in \mathcal{S}_2$ .
- Note that  $\alpha_1 = \beta_1 - e_1$ ,  $\alpha_2 = \beta_2 - e_2$ .

# Affine coordinates for simplices

$$L_4 = 1 - L_1 - L_2 - L_3$$



$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \underline{P_{k+1}^{N+1}} & \xrightarrow{\nabla} & \underline{P_k^{N+1}} \\
 A_0 \downarrow & & A \downarrow \\
 \underline{P_{k+1}^N} & \xrightarrow{\nabla} & \underline{P_k^N}
 \end{array}$$

1. Substitute  $L_i$  for  $x_i$
2. Substitute  $\nabla L_i$  for  $e_i$



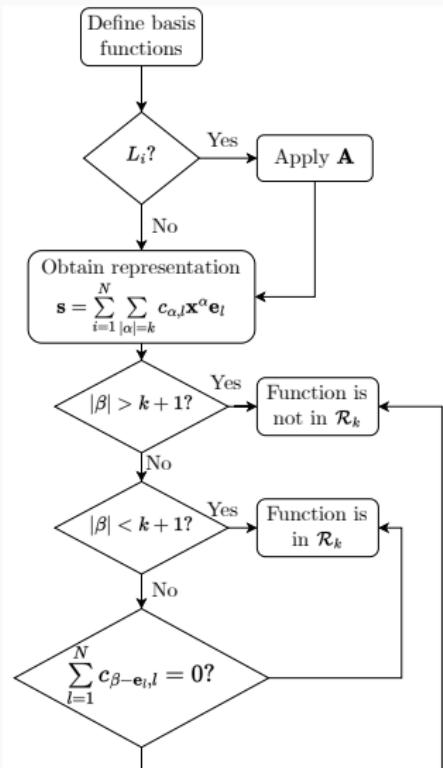
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# Flowchart

- Symbolic toolbox from Matlab.
- Input: definition of basis functions.



## Results

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- Pioneering work in hierarchical basis functions.
- $\mathcal{R}_{30}$  face function not in  $\mathcal{R}_3$
- $\mathcal{R}_{300}$  non-orthogonalized volume function not in  $\mathcal{R}_3$
- $\mathcal{R}_{300}$ ,  $\mathcal{R}_{301}$ , and  $\mathcal{R}_{302}$  non-orthogonalized functions not in  $\mathcal{R}_3$



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- Full-order space of basis functions.
- Face functions  $\phi_{ij}^{F,1}$  not in the space of functions.



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## Conforming Hierarchical Basis Functions

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- Unified process for div- and curl-conforming functions for all the shapes.
- Face functions: coefs. for  $\alpha = (1, 1, 2, 0)$  sum  $-4.56 \cdot 10^{-7}$
- Face functions: coefs. for  $\alpha = (2, 1, 1, 0)$  sum  $-2.15 \cdot 10^{-4}$
- Face functions: coefs. for  $\alpha = (1, 1, 2, 0)$  sum  $-1.11 \cdot 10^{-3}$

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- Hierarchical basis functions with ad-hoc hierarchical polynomials over Whitney forms to minimize condition number.
- All functions within  $\mathcal{R}_k$ .



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- Hierarchical basis functions with division within range and nullspace.
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- Hierarchical basis functions with orthogonal polynomials over Whitney functions.
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## Conclusions

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- A priori verification method for  $\mathcal{R}_k$  without an FEM framework.
- Development of a Matlab-based tool.
- Some published works are out of  $\mathcal{R}_k$ .

Thanks for your attention!

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