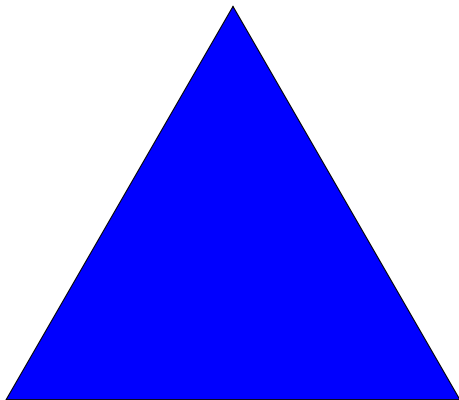


# Spectrum of the Magnetic Laplacian

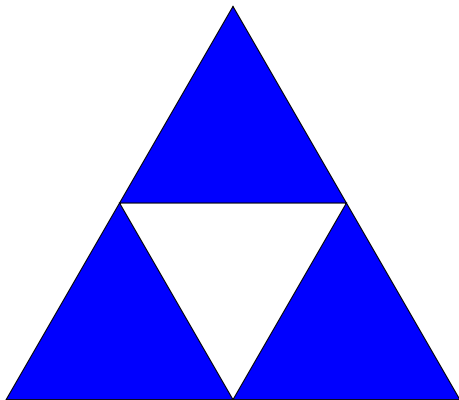
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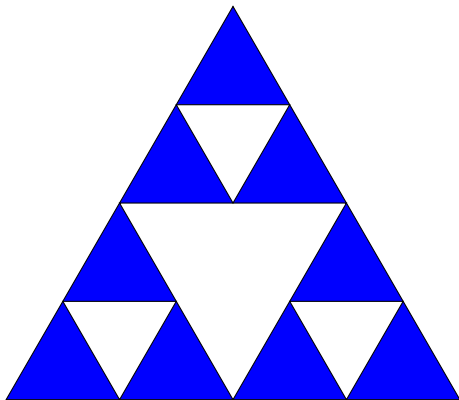
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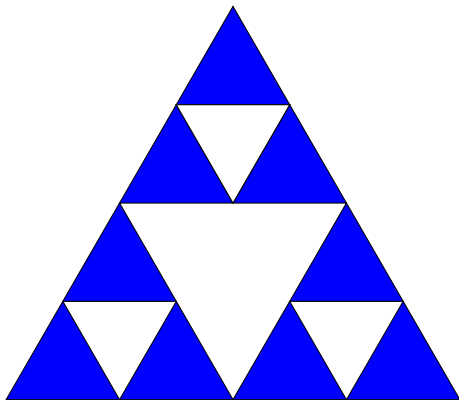
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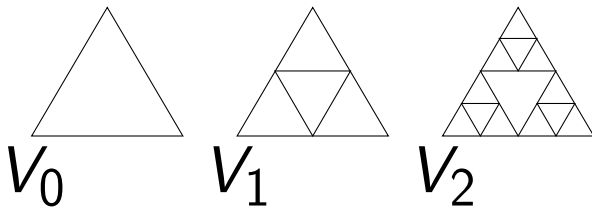
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# Graph Approximations



And so on...

The Laplacian,  $\Delta$ , holds information about the nature of a graph.

$$\Delta_n f(x) = \sum_{y \sim x} (f(x) - f(y))$$

$$\Delta = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} 5^m \Delta_m$$

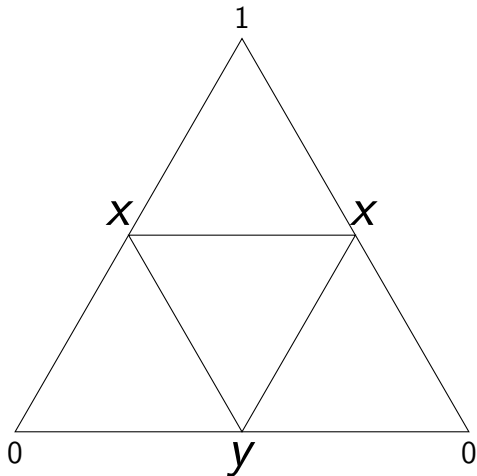


# Harmonic Functions

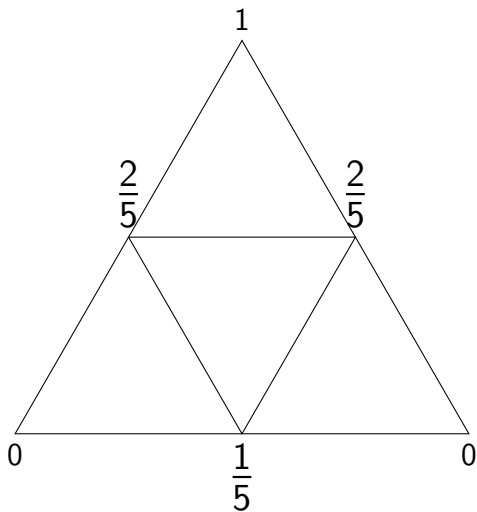
We say  $h(x)$  is a harmonic function on  $SG$  if  $\Delta h(x) = 0, \forall x \in SG$

# Boundary Conditions

Harmonic function  $h$  with fixed boundary conditions.

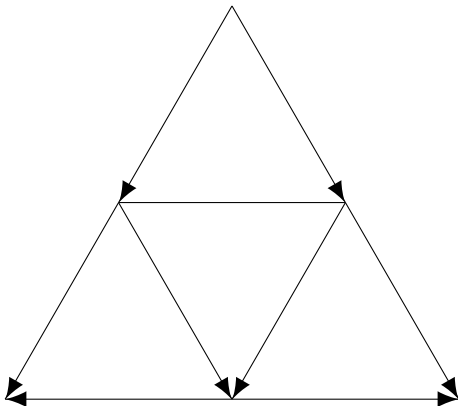


# Boundary Conditions



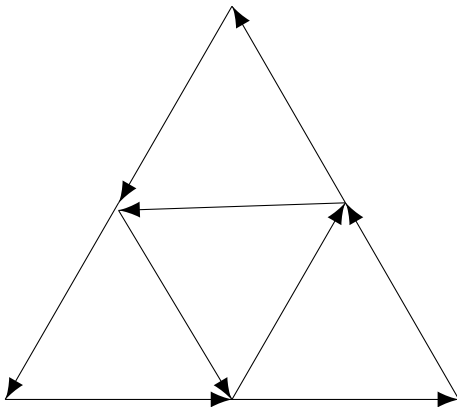
# Harmonic Form

A 1-form is the analogue of a vector field, and has values on [directed] edges. The form shown is the exterior derivative of the harmonic function on the previous slide. Its value on the edge from  $x$  to  $y$  is  $h(x) - h(y)$ .

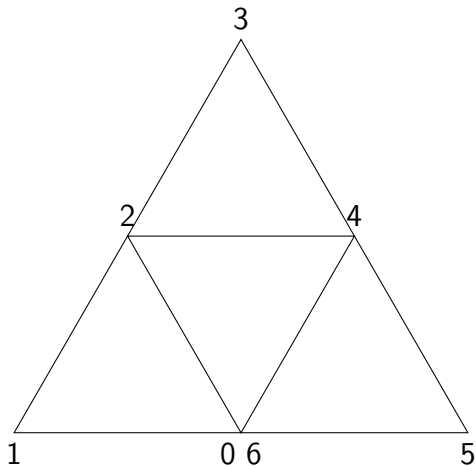


# Harmonic Form

An example of a 1-form that is not the exterior derivative of a harmonic function.



# Harmonic Form



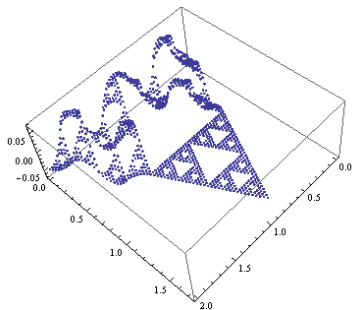
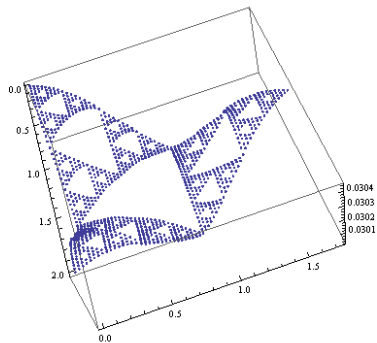
$$M_n^\alpha f(x) = \sum_{y \sim x} f(x) - e^{i\alpha A} f(y)$$

$$A(x, y) = h(x) - h(y)$$

$$M^{\alpha A} = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} 5^m M_m^{\alpha A}$$

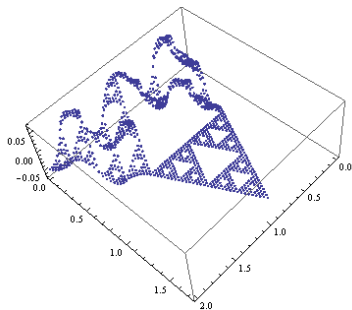
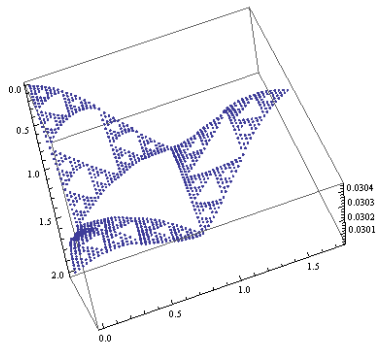


# Spectrum of the Magnetic Operator



Research goals:

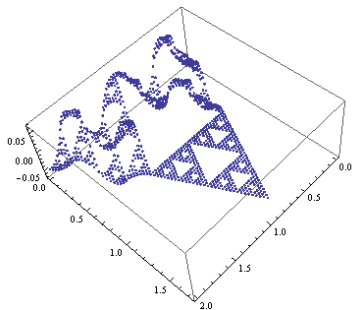
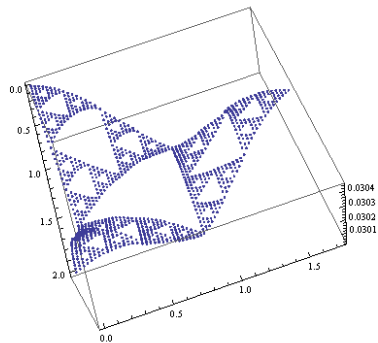
# Spectrum of the Magnetic Operator



Research goals:

- Eigenfunctions

# Spectrum of the Magnetic Operator

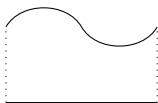


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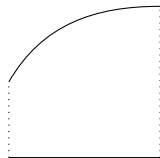
- Eigenfunctions
- Eigenvalues

We are able to find eigenfunctions of  $M_m^{\alpha A}$ . These solutions are found on the cut gasket, however. To bring these solutions back to  $SG$  we need to do a gluing similar to a gluing in a Calculus 1 course.

# Gluing from Calc 1



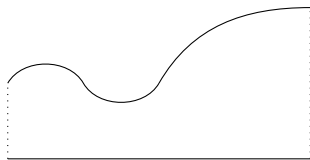
$$f_1 : I_1 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$



$$f_2 : I_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

Say we want to join two functions  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  at point  $p$  where  $p = I_1 \cap I_2$ .

# Gluing from Calc 1

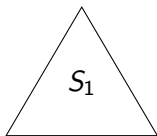


$$f : I_1 \cup I_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

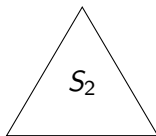
- Continuous:  $f_1(p) = f_2(p)$
- Differentiable:  $f_1(p) = f_2(p)$  and  $f_1'(p) = f_2'(p)$
- Twice Differentiable:  $f_1(p) = f_2(p)$ ,  $f_1'(p) = f_2'(p)$ , and  $f_1''(p) = f_2''(p)$
- etc.

# Gluing Functions on Subcells of $SG$

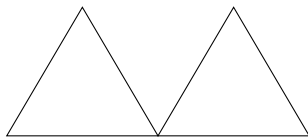
Suppose we have functions on subcells of  $SG$  that are to be joined at point  $p = S_1 \cap S_2$ .



$$f_1 : S_1 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

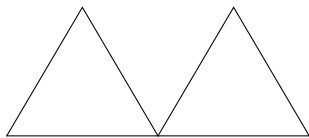


$$f_2 : S_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$



$$f : S_1 \cup S_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

# Gluing Functions on Subcells of $SG$



$$f : S_1 \cup S_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

Our joined function  $f$  will have a continuous Laplacian if

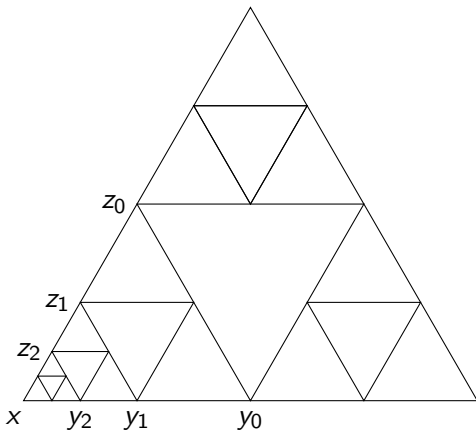
- 1  $f_1(p) = f_2(p)$
- 2  $\partial_n f_1(p) + \partial_n f_2(p) = 0$
- 3  $\Delta f_1(p) = \Delta f_2(p)$

Note: If  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  are eigenfunctions of  $\Delta$  with the same eigenvalue then  $1 \implies 3$ . We then only need to check conditions 1 and 2.



# Normal Derivative

$$\partial_n f(x) := \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{5}{3}\right)^m [2f(x) - f(y_i) - f(z_i)]$$



# Gluing Functions on Subcells of $SG$

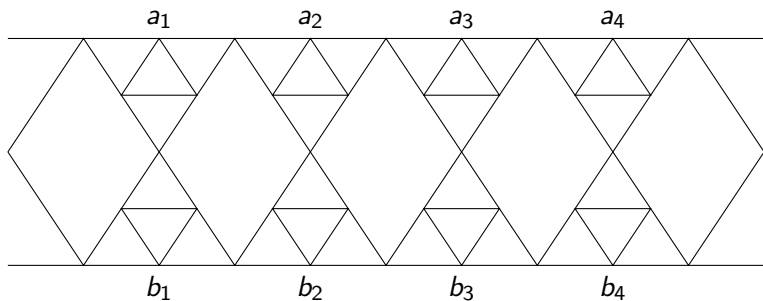
Suppose we are on a subcell of  $SG$  and the magnetic field is  $dA$  for a harmonic function  $A$ . Then our operator becomes

$$M_m^{\alpha A} = e^{i\alpha A} \Delta e^{-i\alpha A}.$$

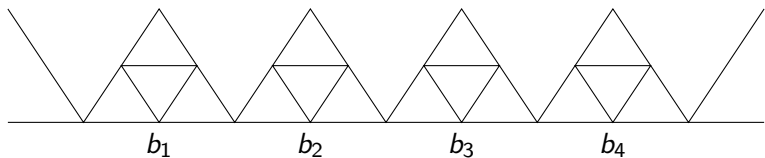
It follows that if  $f$  is an eigenfunction of  $\Delta$  on this subcell with eigenvalue  $\lambda$  then  $g = e^{-iA}f$  is an eigenfunction of  $M_m^{\alpha A}$  with the same eigenvalue  $\lambda$ .

We obtain eigenfunctions of  $M_m^{\alpha A}$  on all of  $SG$  by gluing the eigenfunctions of subcells.

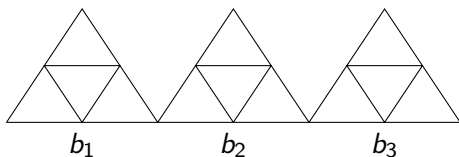
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