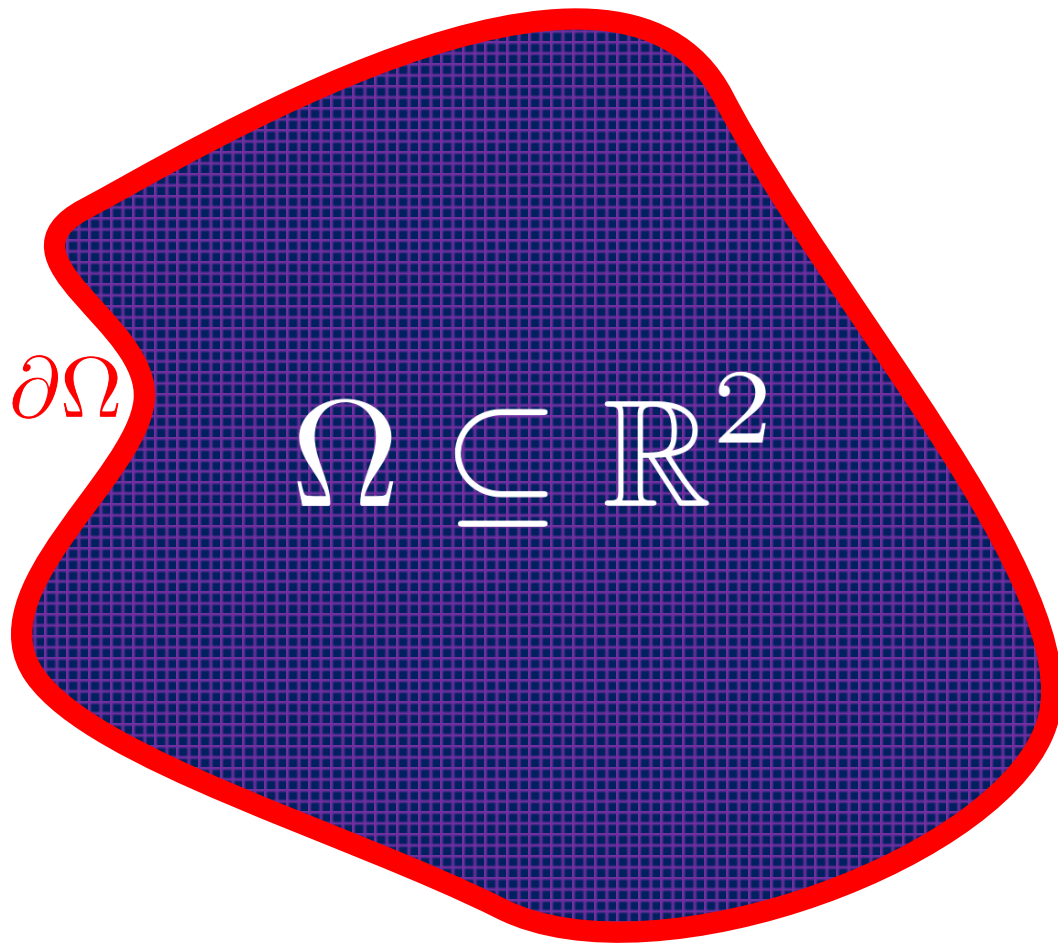


# Continuous Laplacian, Functional Map, Spectral CNN

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# CONTINUOUS LAPLACIAN-BERTRAMI OPERATOR

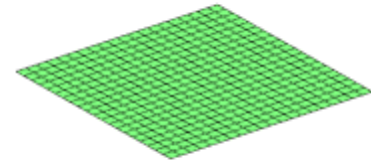
# Planar Region



Heat equation:

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} = -\Delta f$$

$$\Delta := \sum_i \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i^2}$$

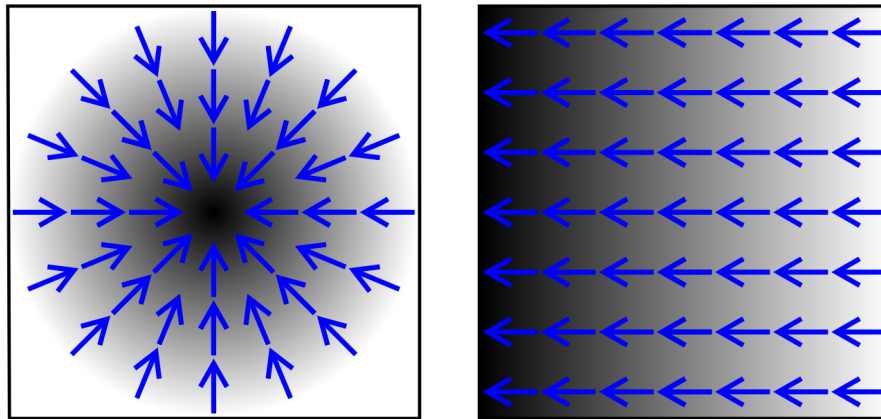


# Typical Notation

“  $\Delta = \nabla \cdot \nabla$  ”

divergence      gradient

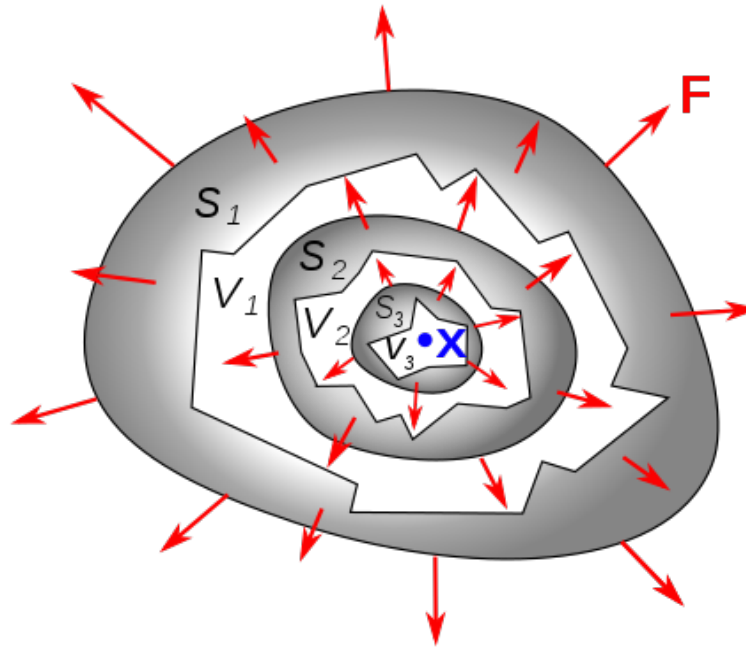
More  
later...



Gradient operator:

$$\nabla := \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n} \right)$$

# Divergence Operator



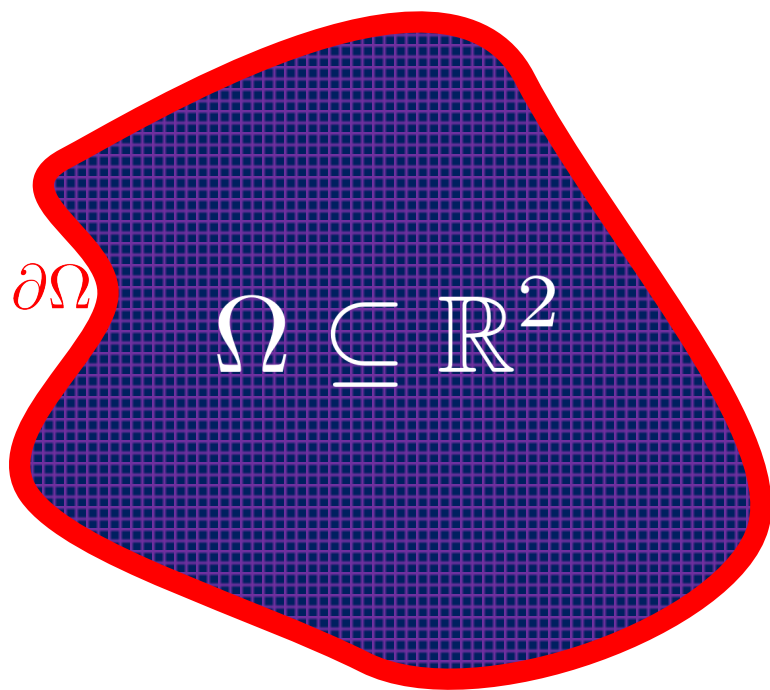
The divergence at a point  $x$  is the limit of the ratio of the flux through the surface  $S_i$  (red arrows) to the volume for any sequence of closed regions  $V_1, V_2, V_3, \dots$  enclosing  $x$  that

approaches zero volume: 
$$\nabla \cdot F = \lim_{|V_i| \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Phi(S_i)}{|V_i|}$$

# Positivity, Self-Adjointness

$$\{f(\cdot) \in C^\infty(\Omega) : f|_{\partial\Omega} \equiv 0\}$$

*“Dirichlet boundary conditions”*



$$\mathcal{L}[f] := -\Delta f$$

$$\langle f, g \rangle := \int_{\Omega} f(x)g(x) dx$$

**On board:**

1. Positive:  $\langle f, \mathcal{L}[f] \rangle \geq 0$
2. Self-adjoint:  $\langle f, \mathcal{L}[g] \rangle = \langle \mathcal{L}[f], g \rangle$

# Proof

## Proof of 1

$$\langle f, \mathcal{L}[f] \rangle = \int_{\Omega} f(-\nabla \cdot \nabla f) dV = \int_{\partial\Omega} f(-\nabla f \cdot \vec{n}) dS + \int_{\Omega} \nabla f \cdot \nabla f dV = \int_{\Omega} \nabla f \cdot \nabla f dV \geq 0$$

where the second equality follows from Green formula, and the third equality follows from  $f|_{\partial\Omega} \equiv 0$

## Proof of 2

$$\langle f, \mathcal{L}[g] \rangle = \int_{\Omega} f(-\nabla \cdot \nabla g) dV = \int_{\partial\Omega} f(-\nabla g \cdot \vec{n}) dS + \int_{\Omega} \nabla f \cdot \nabla g dV = \int_{\Omega} \nabla f \cdot \nabla g dV$$

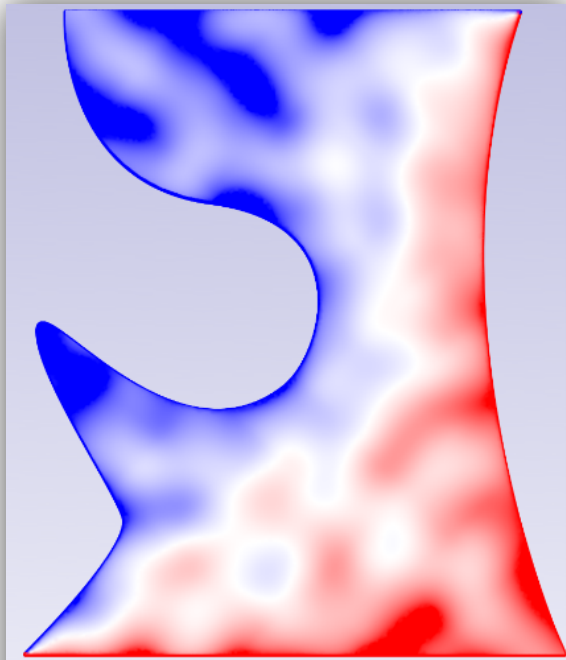
where the second equality follows from Green formula, and the third equality follows from  $f|_{\partial\Omega} \equiv 0$

$$\text{Similarly, } \langle \mathcal{L}[f], g \rangle = \int_{\Omega} \nabla g \cdot \nabla f dV$$

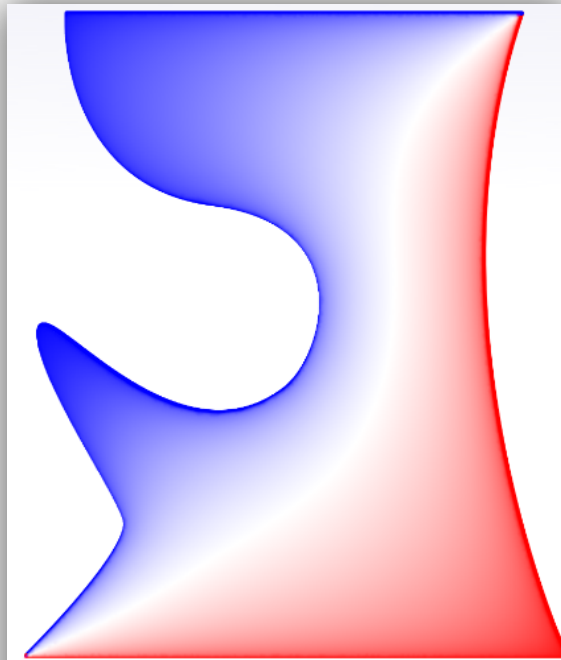
$$\text{It also shows } \langle f, \mathcal{L}[g] \rangle = \int_{\Omega} \nabla f \cdot \nabla g dV$$

# Dirichlet Energy

$$E[f] := \int_{\Omega} \langle \nabla f, \nabla f \rangle dA$$



non-smooth  $f(x)$



solution  $\Delta f = 0$

On board:

$$\begin{aligned} \min_f E[f] \\ \text{s.t. } f|_{\partial\Omega} = g \end{aligned}$$

$$\Delta f \equiv 0$$

“Laplace equation”  
“Harmonic function”



# Proof

We use variational method to derive.

Lagrangian: 
$$\mathbb{L}[f] = \frac{1}{2} \int \langle \nabla f, \nabla f \rangle + \int_{\partial\Omega} \lambda(x)(f(x) - g(x))$$

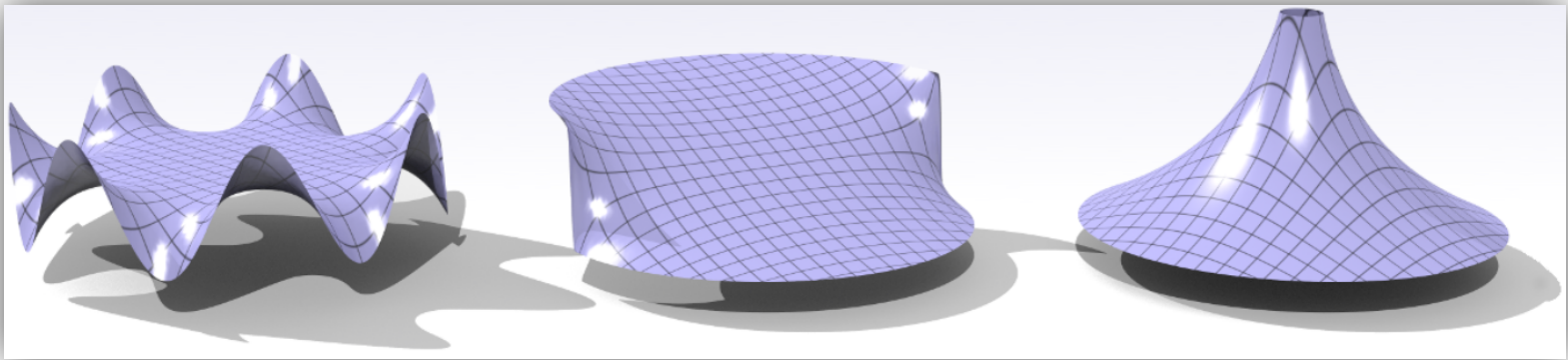
So

$$\delta\mathbb{L}[f] = \mathbb{L}[f + \delta h] - \mathbb{L}[f] = \int_{\Omega} \langle \nabla f, \nabla \delta h \rangle + \int_{\partial\Omega} \lambda(x)\delta h(x) = \int_{\partial\Omega} \delta h(\nabla f \cdot \vec{n}) - \int_{\Omega} \delta h(\nabla \cdot \nabla f) + \int_{\partial\Omega} \lambda(x)\delta h(x)$$

In the interior of  $\Omega$ ,  $\Delta f \equiv 0$  so that  $\delta\mathbb{L}[f] = 0$  for any  $\delta h$

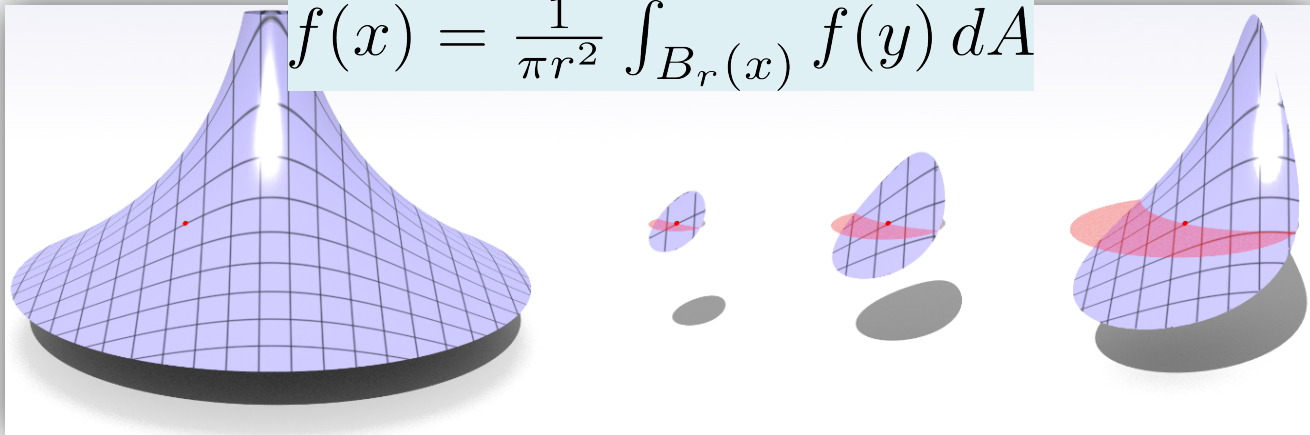
# Harmonic Functions

$$\Delta f \equiv 0$$



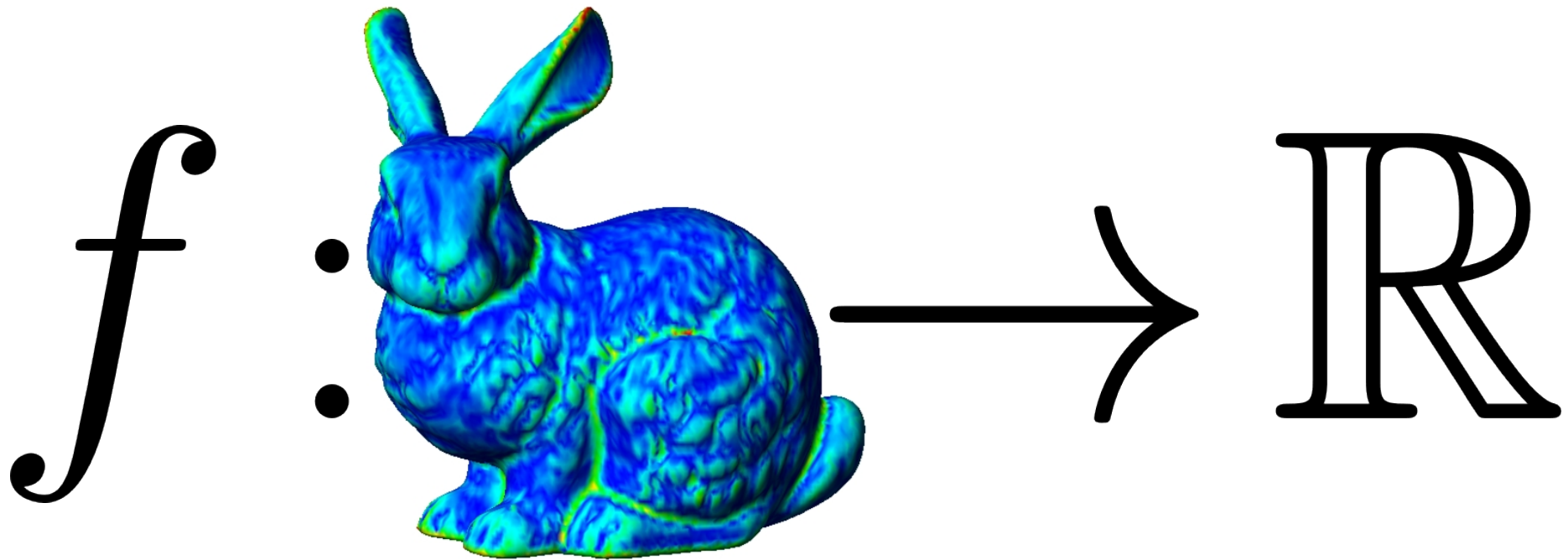
Mean value property:

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\pi r^2} \int_{B_r(x)} f(y) dA$$



Recall:

## Scalar Functions



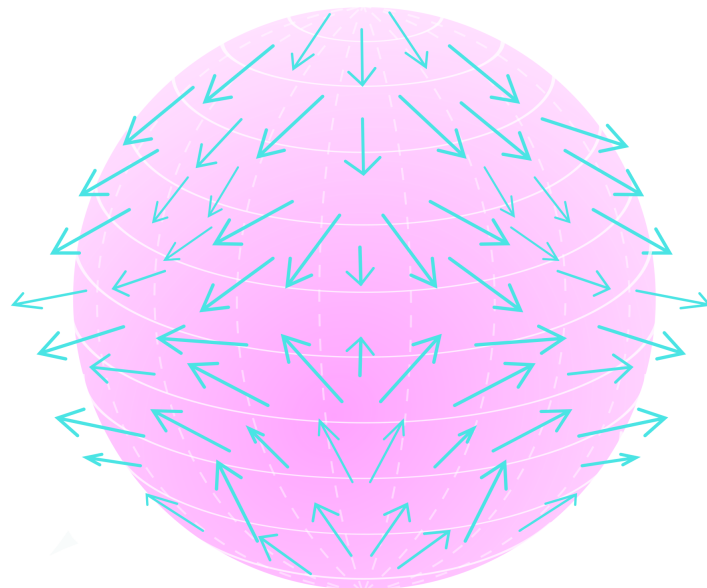
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Map points to real numbers

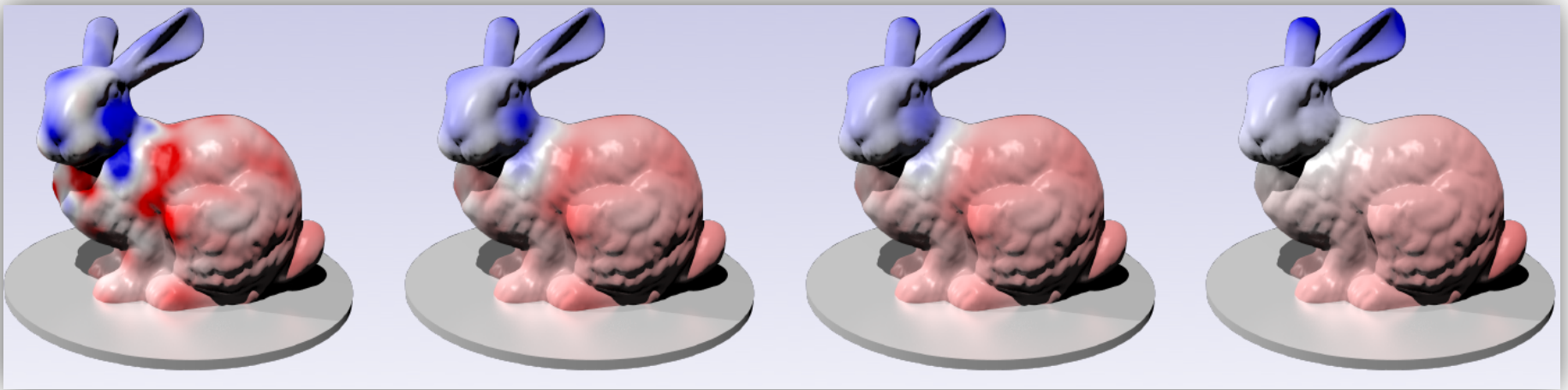
# Gradient Vector Field

$\nabla f : S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  with

$$\begin{cases} \langle (\nabla f)(p), v \rangle = (df)_p(v), v \in T_p S \\ \langle (\nabla f)(p), N(p) \rangle = 0 \end{cases}$$



# Dirichlet Energy



Decreasing  $E$

$$E[f] := \int_S \|\nabla f\|_2^2 dA$$

# What is Divergence?

$V : S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  where  $V(p) \in T_p S$

$dV_p : T_p S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$

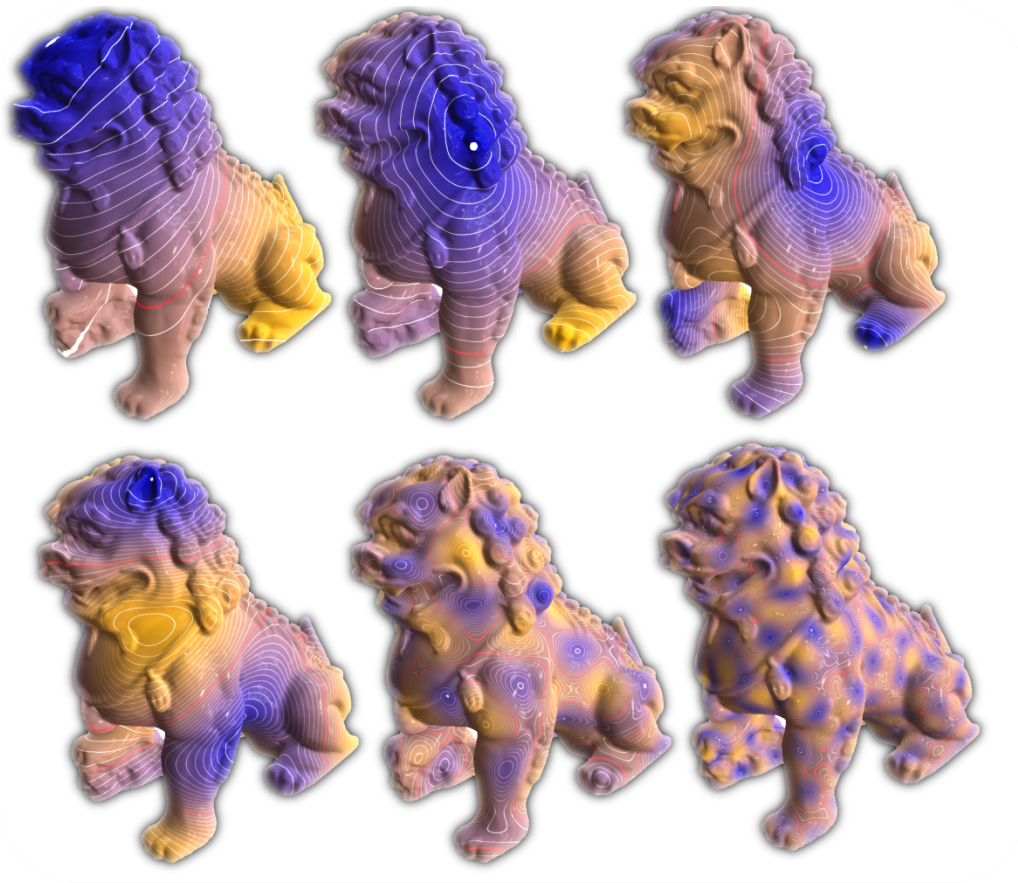
$\{e_1, e_2\} \subset T_p S$  orthonormal basis

$$(\nabla \cdot V)_p := \sum_{i=1}^2 \langle e_i, dV(e_i) \rangle_p$$

Things we **should check** (but probably won't):

- Independent of choice of basis

# Eigenfunctions

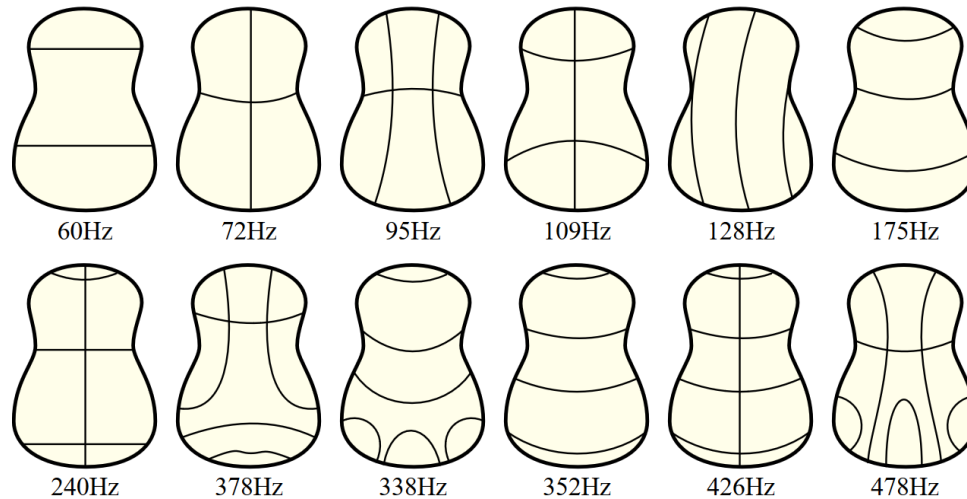


$$\Delta \psi_i = \lambda_i \psi_i$$

Vibration modes of  
surface (not volume!)

# Nodal Domains

**Theorem (Courant).** The  $n$ -th eigenfunction of the Dirichlet boundary value problem has at most  $n$  nodal domains.





# Practical Application

- Wave Equation:  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = \Delta u$



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3uMZzVvnSiU>

# FUNCTIONAL MAP

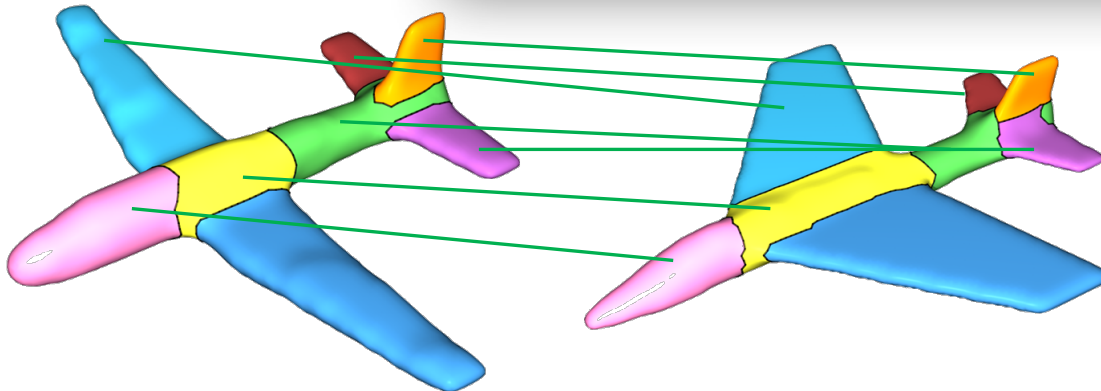
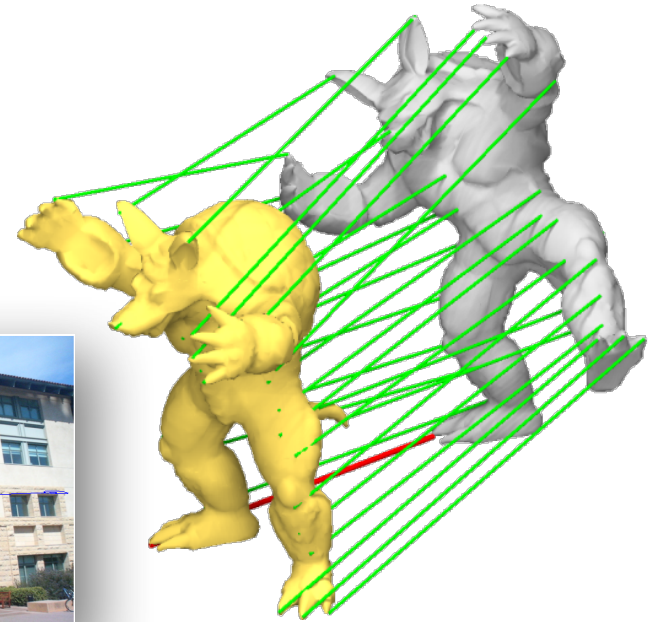
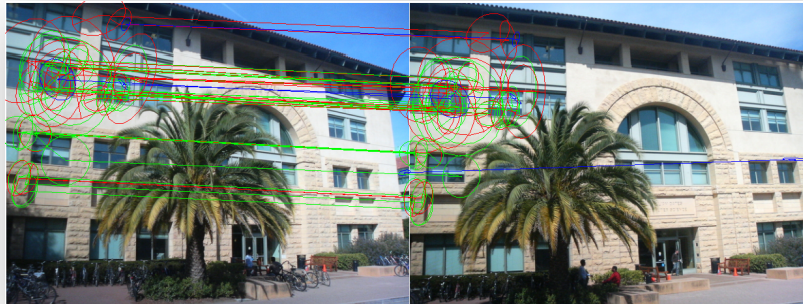
# Maps

$$\phi : X \rightarrow Y$$

**Map from  $X$  to  $Y$**

# Maps and Correspondences

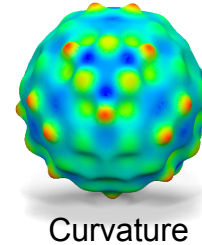
- Multiscale mappings
  - Point/pixel level
  - part level



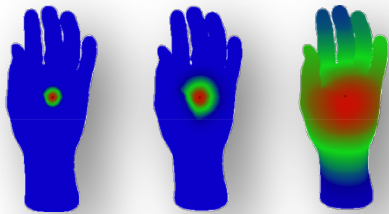
Maps capture what is the same or similar across two data sets

# A Dual View: Functions and Operators

- Functions on data
  - Properties, attributes, descriptors, part indicators, etc.
- Operators on functions
  - Maps of functions to functions
    - Laplace-Beltrami operator on a manifold  $M$

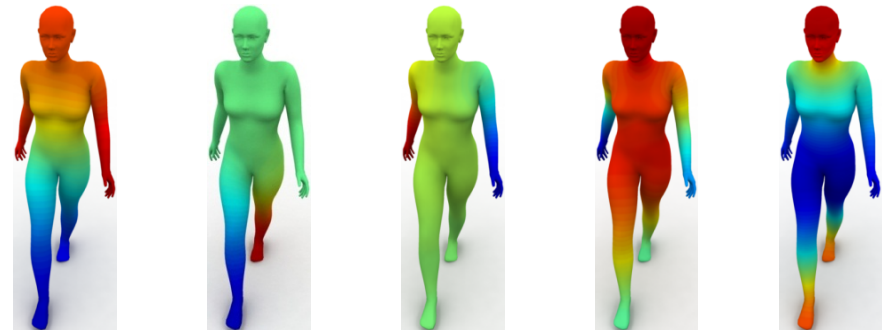


$$\Delta : C^\infty(M) \rightarrow C^\infty(M), \Delta f = \operatorname{div} \nabla f$$



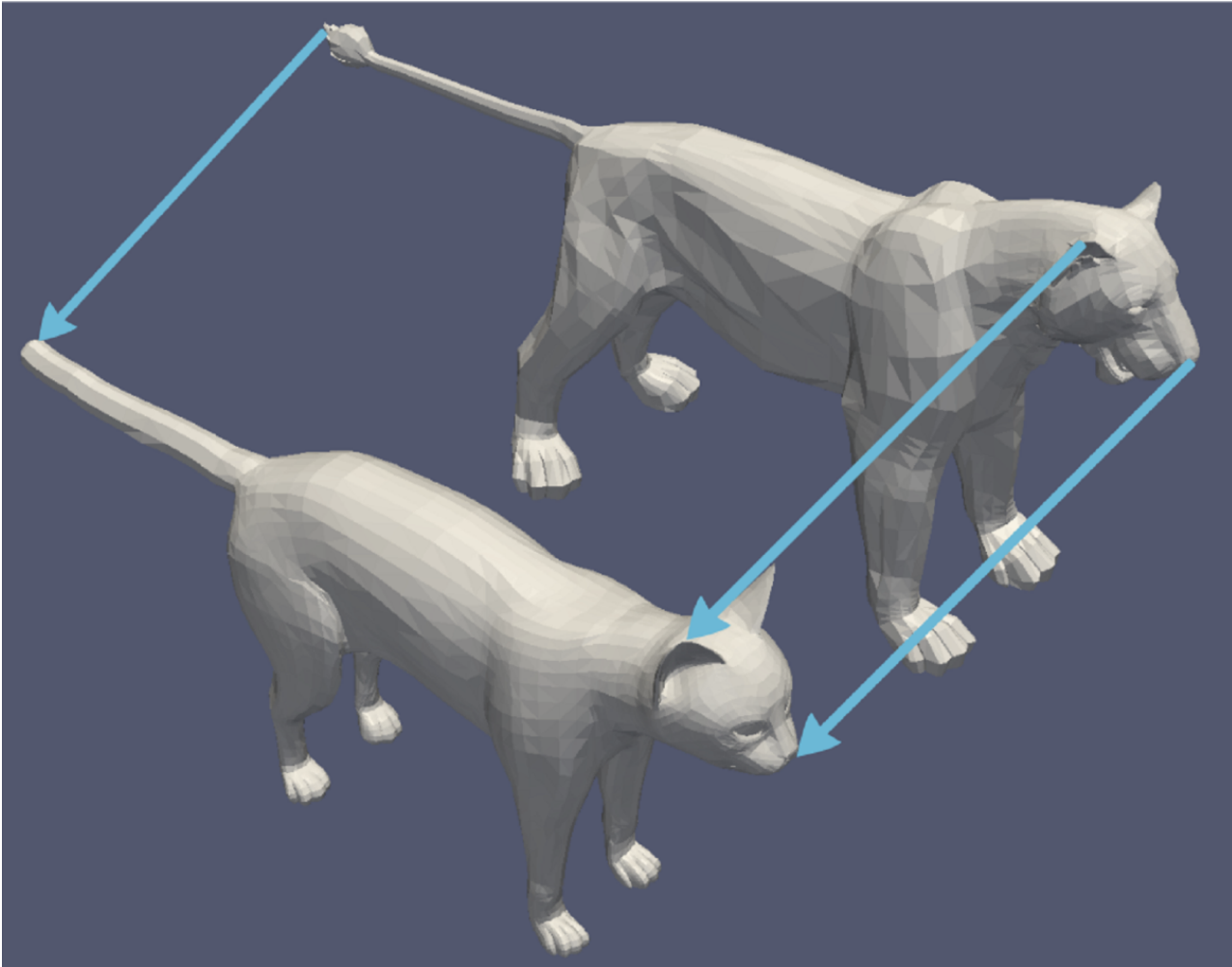
$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = -\Delta u$$

heat diffusion



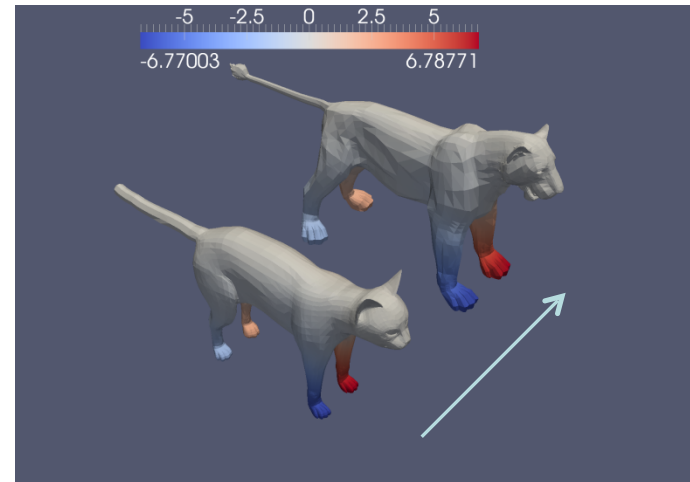
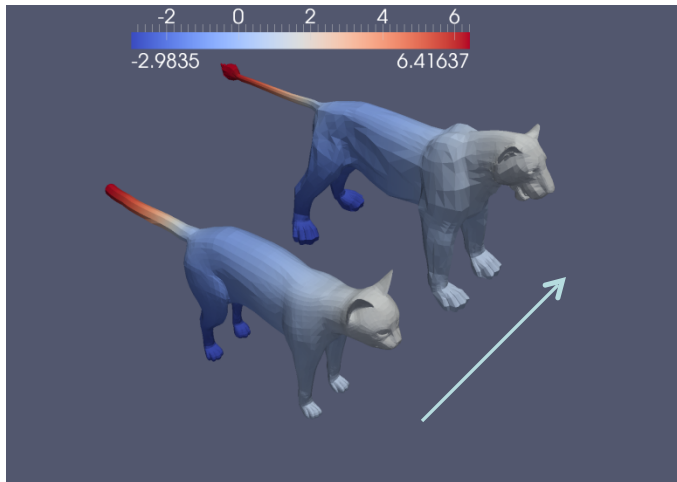
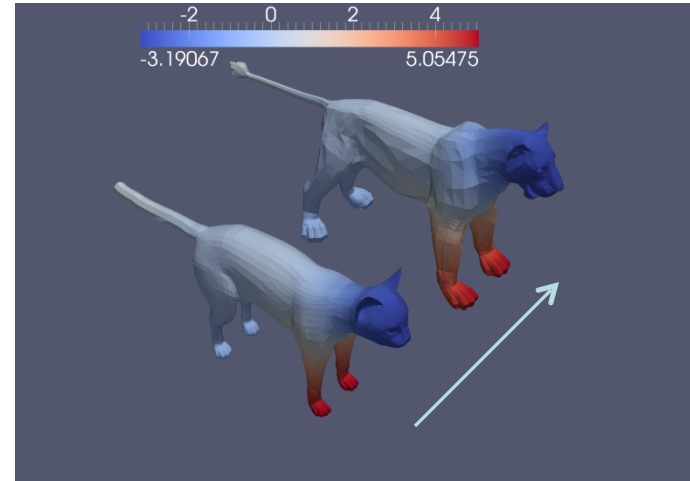
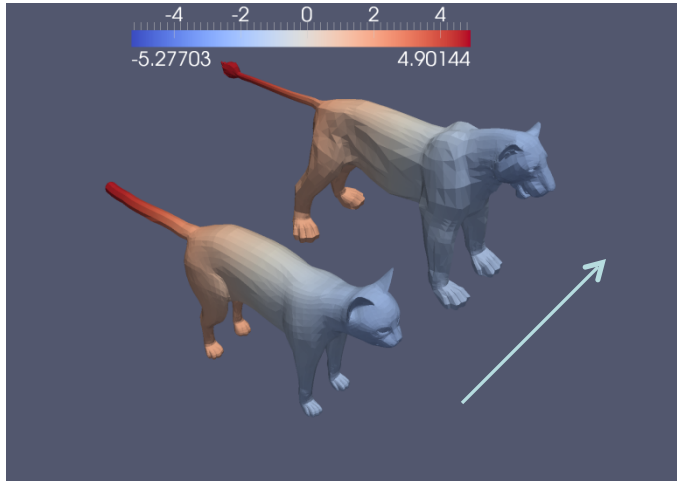
Laplace Beltrami eigenfunctions

# Starting from a Regular Map $\phi$



$\phi: \text{lion} \rightarrow \text{cat}$

# Attribute Transfer via Pull-Back

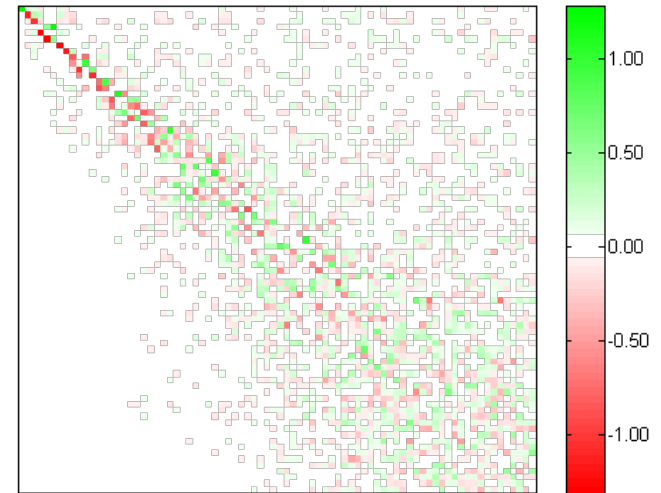
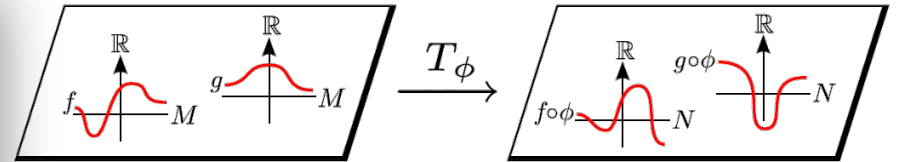


$T_\varphi: \text{cat} \rightarrow \text{lion}$

## from cat to lion



Functions on cat are transferred to lion using  $T_\phi$



$T_\phi$  is a linear operator (matrix)

$$T_\phi : L^2(\text{cat}) \rightarrow L^2(\text{lion})$$



# Functional Map

$$\phi : M \rightarrow N$$

$$T_\phi : L^2(N) \rightarrow L^2(M)$$

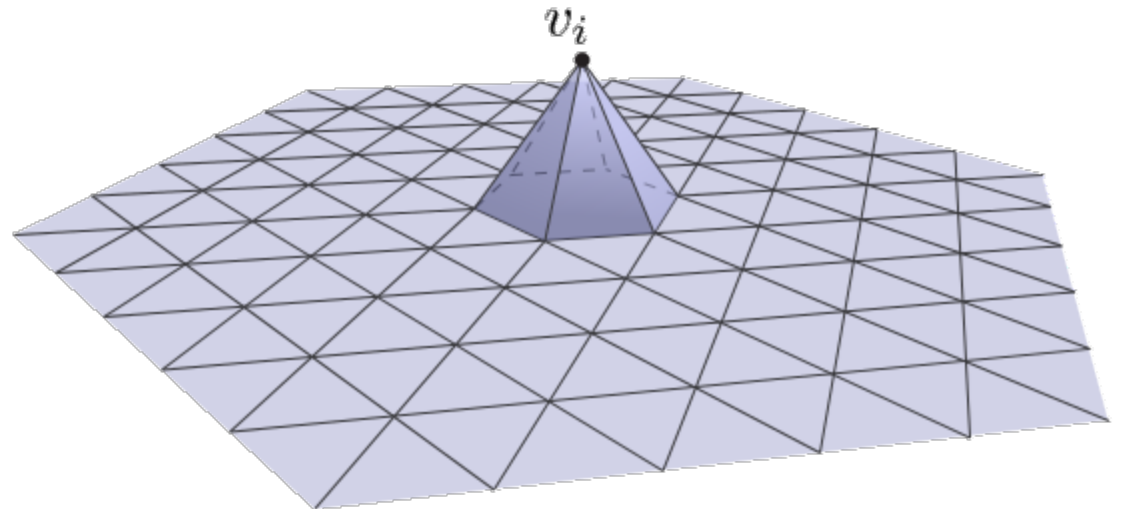
Dual of a  
point-to-point map

# Bases for a Function Space

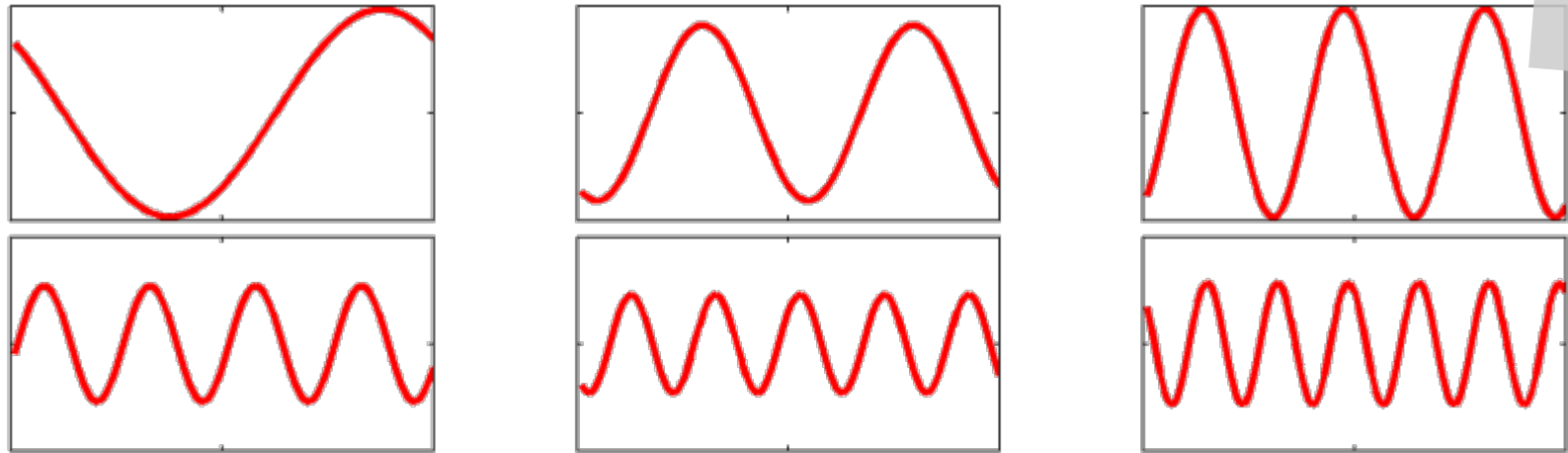
Point basis

Finite-element basis

Local bases

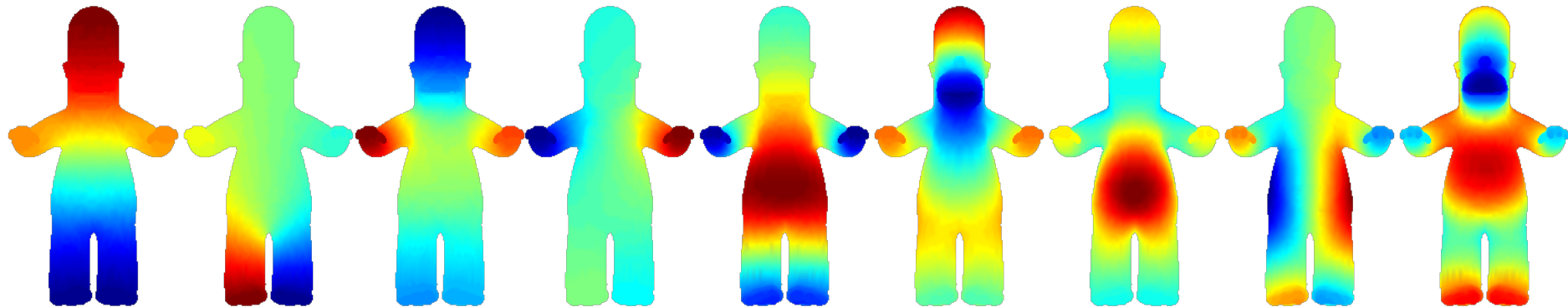


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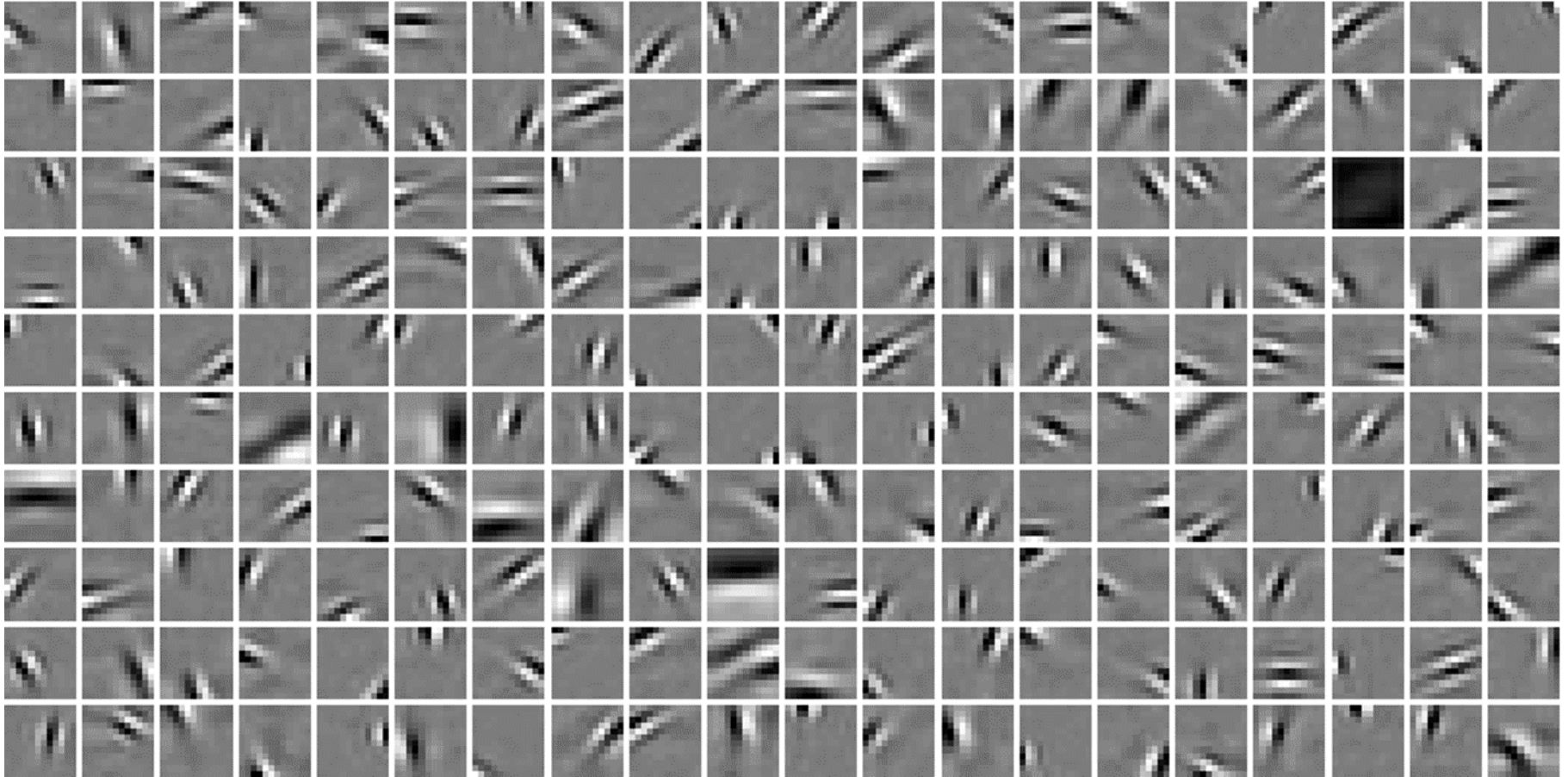


Laplace-Beltrami

global support



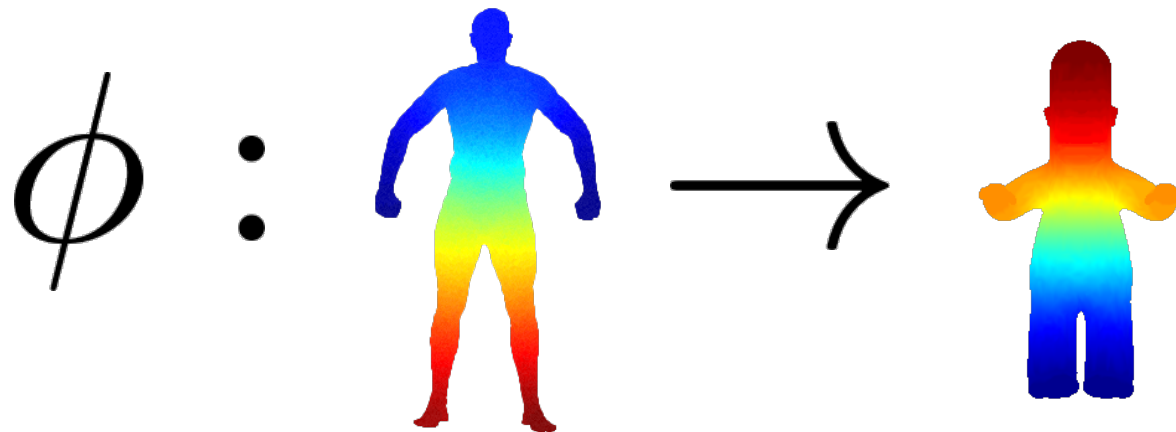
# More Exotic Bases Possible



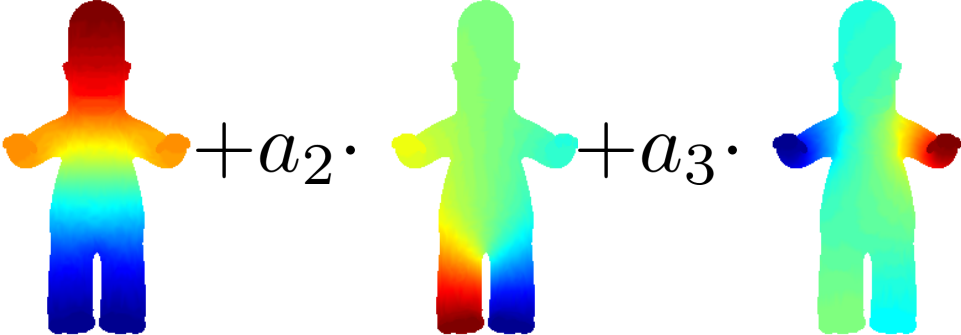
**Textons, wavelets, ...**

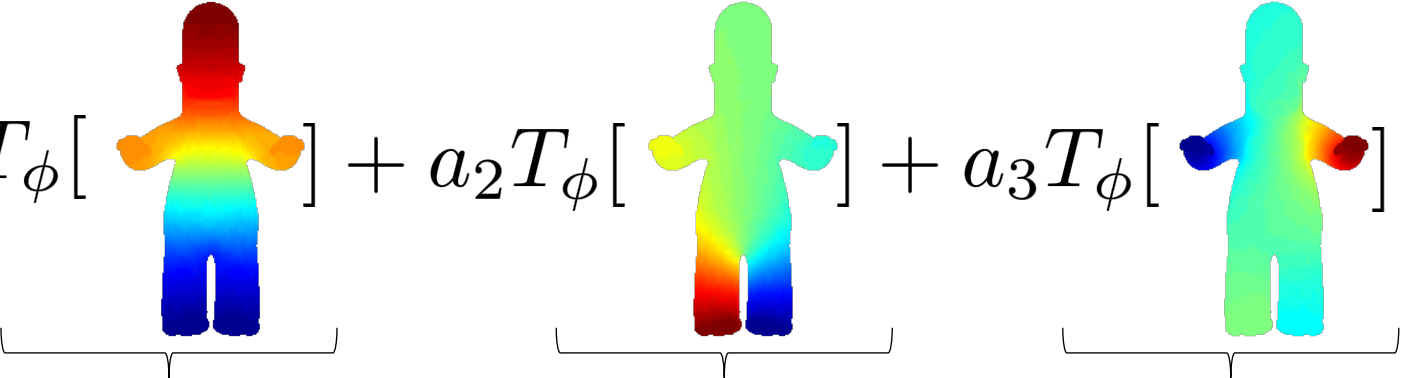
# Functional Map: Define Maps Across Objects by Relating Basis by a Linear Matrix (Operator)

$$f(x) = a_1 \cdot \text{[Figure 1]} + a_2 \cdot \text{[Figure 2]} + a_3 \cdot \text{[Figure 3]} + \dots$$



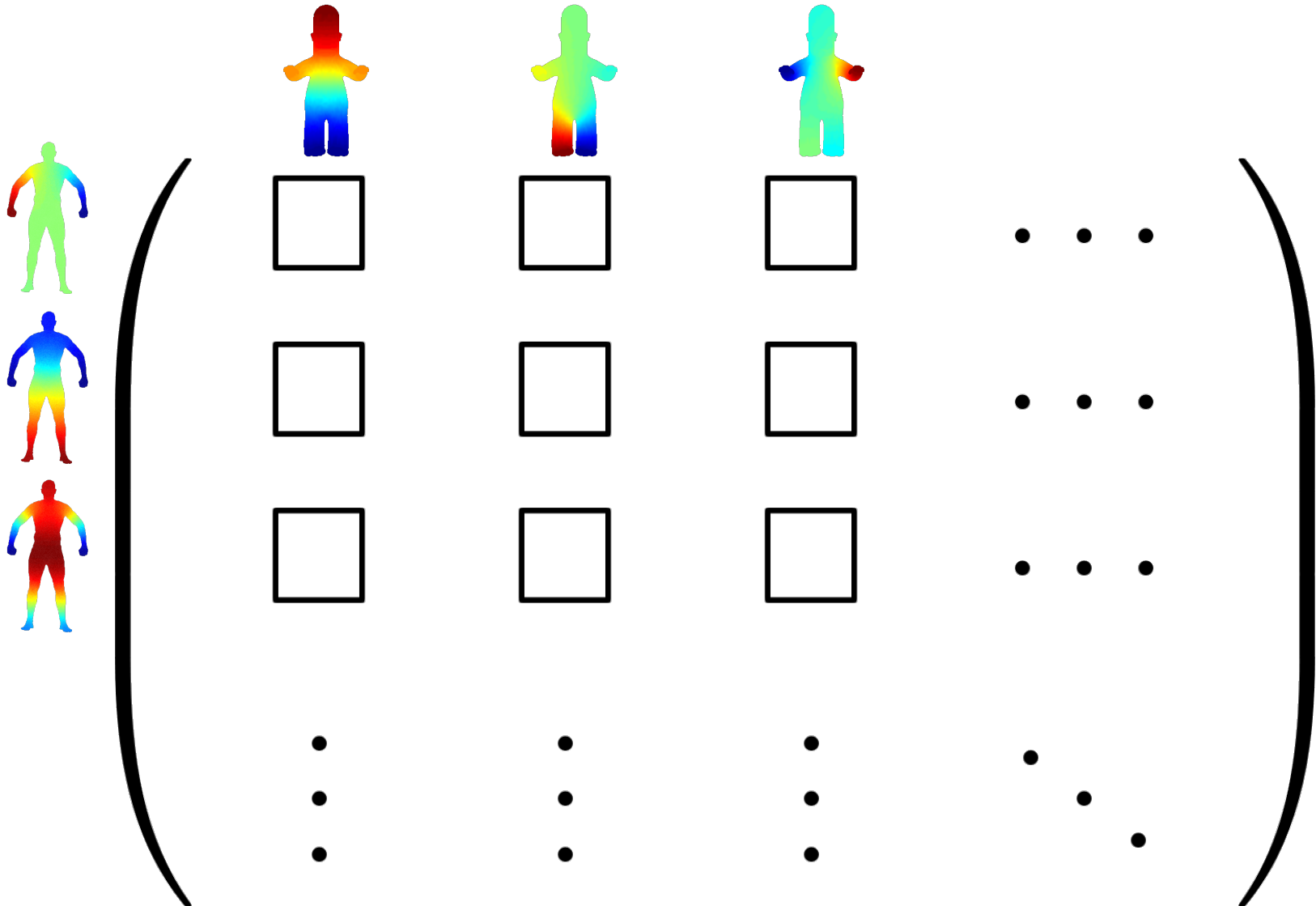
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$$T_\phi[f](x) = T_\phi[a_1 \cdot \text{img}_1 + a_2 \cdot \text{img}_2 + a_3 \cdot \text{img}_3 + \dots]$$


$$= a_1 T_\phi[\text{img}_1] + a_2 T_\phi[\text{img}_2] + a_3 T_\phi[\text{img}_3] + \dots$$


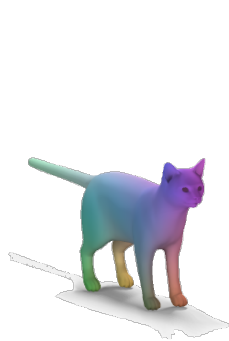
Enough to know these

# Functional Map Matrix

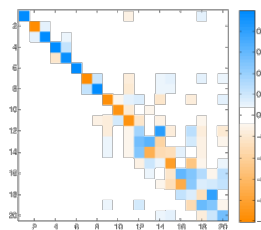


# Maps as Linear Operators

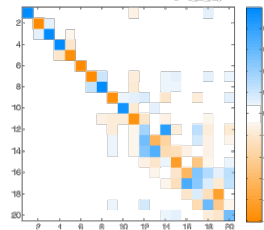
- An ordinary shape map lifts to a linear operator mapping the function spaces
- With a truncated hierarchical basis, compact representations of functional maps are possible as ordinary matrices
- Map composition becomes ordinary matrix multiplication
- Functional maps can express many-to-many associations, generalizing classical 1-1 maps



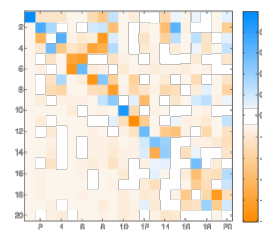
source



direct



symmetric



head to tail

Using truncated  
Laplace-Beltrami  
basis



# Estimating the Mapping Matrix

Suppose we don't know  $C$ . However, we expect a pair of functions  $f : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $g : N \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  to correspond. Then,  $C$  must be s.t.

$$C\mathbf{a} \approx \mathbf{b}$$

where  $f = \sum_i \mathbf{a}_i \phi_i^M$ ,  $g = \sum_i \mathbf{b}_i \phi_i^N$



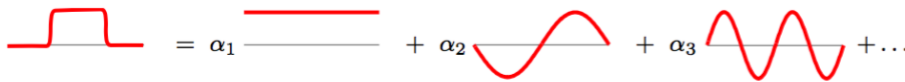
Given enough  $\{\mathbf{a}_i, \mathbf{b}_i\}$  pairs in correspondence, we can recover  $C$  through a linear least squares system.

# SPECTRAL NEURAL NETWORKS

# Fourier analysis

A function  $f : [-\pi, \pi] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  can be written as **Fourier series**

$$f(x) = \sum_{\omega} \underbrace{\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x') e^{i\omega x'} dx'}_{\hat{f}(\omega) = \langle f, e^{-i\omega x} \rangle_{L^2([-\pi, \pi])}} e^{-i\omega x}$$

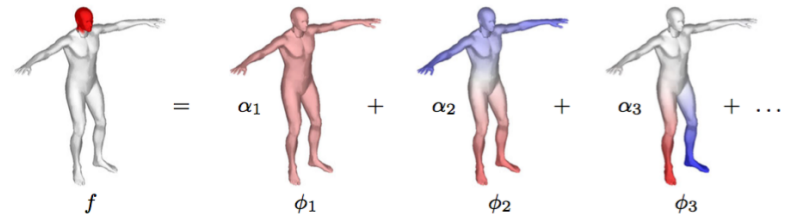


Fourier basis = **Laplacian eigenfunctions**:  $\Delta e^{-i\omega x} = \omega^2 e^{-i\omega x}$

Euclidean domain

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Fourier basis = **Laplacian eigenfunctions**:  $\Delta \phi_k(x) = \lambda_k \phi_k(x)$

non Euclidean domain

# Convolution Theorem in Euclidean domain

Given two functions  $f, g : [-\pi, \pi] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  their **convolution** is a function

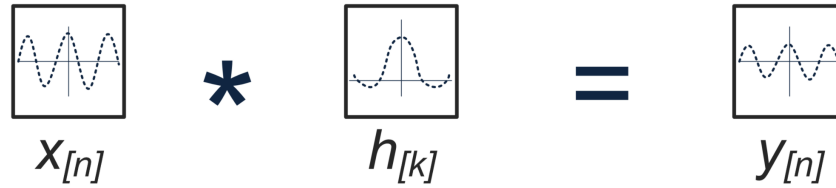
$$(f \star g)(x) = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(\xi)g(x - \xi)d\xi$$

**Convolution Theorem:** Fourier transform diagonalizes the convolution operator  $\Rightarrow$  convolution can be computed in the Fourier domain as

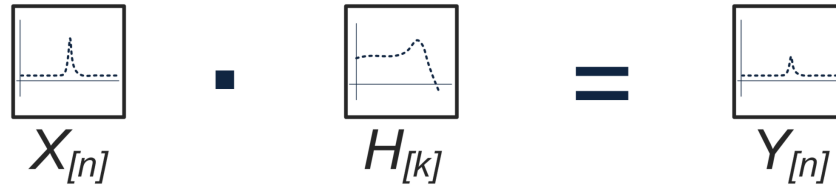
$$f \star g = \mathcal{F}^{-1}(\mathcal{F}f \cdot \mathcal{F}g)$$

# Convolution Theorem in Euclidean domain

Time Domain



Frequency Domain



# Convolution Theorem in non Euclidean domain

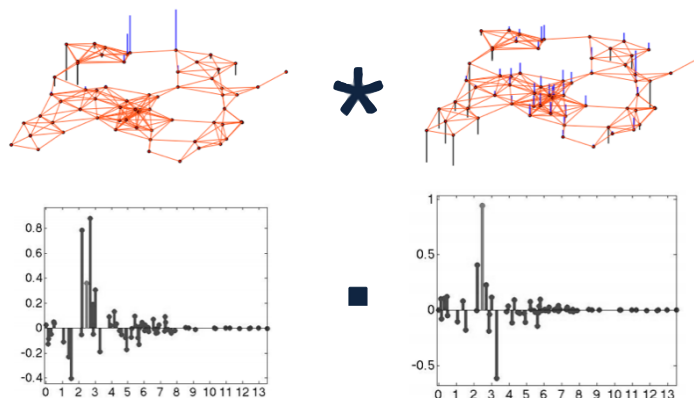
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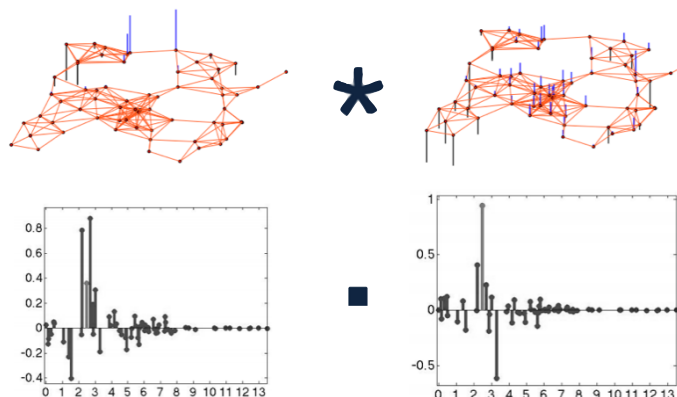
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inverse Fourier transform

directly design  
convolution kernel in  
the spectral domain





# Spectral CNN

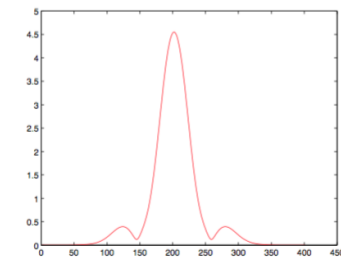
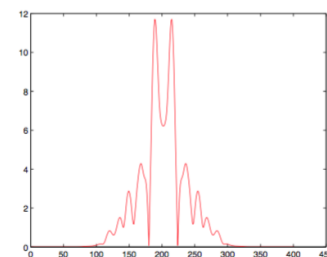
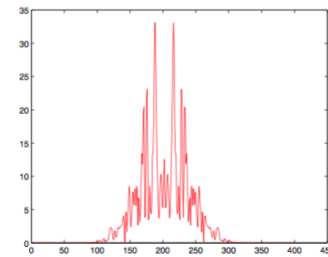
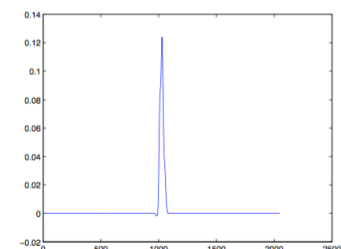
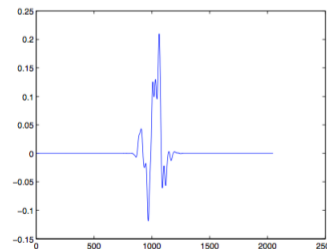
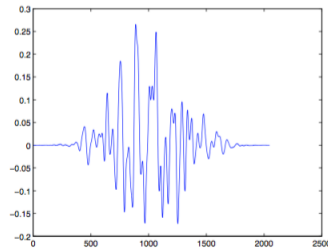
- Observation:

In Fourier analysis, smoothness and sparsity are dual notions

$x$  fast decay



$\hat{x}$  smooth



# Spectral CNN

- Use smooth interpolation kernels (spline, polynomial, heat kernel, etc.) to parameterize the filters

spatially locally  
concentrated

# Spectral CNN

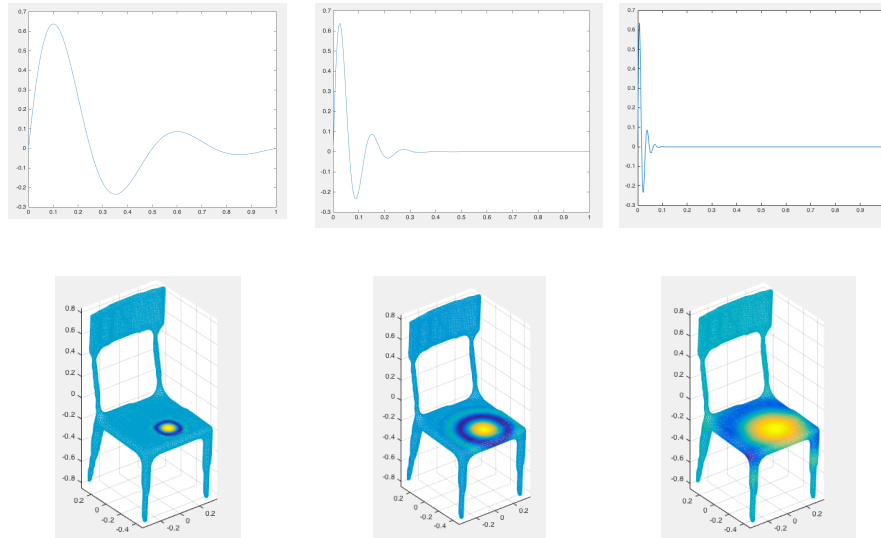
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# Spectral Dilated Convolution

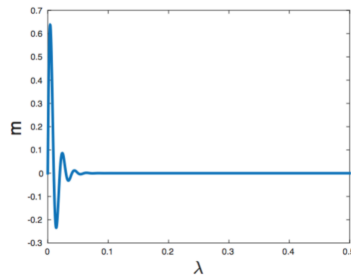
- Parameterize filters with interpolation kernels.
- Shrink kernel bandwidth to increase spatial support of filters



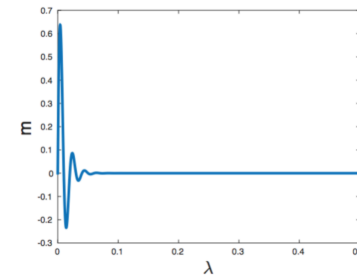
# Cross Domain Discrepancy

- Parameterize filters with interpolation kernels.
- Shrink kernel bandwidth to increase spatial support of filters

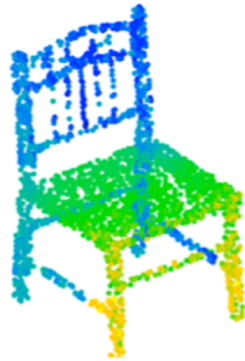
Spectral Domain 1



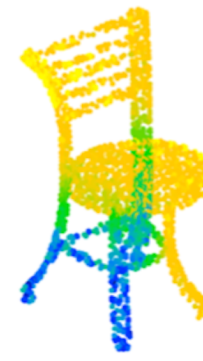
Spectral Domain 2



Spectral domain is independently defined for each shape graph

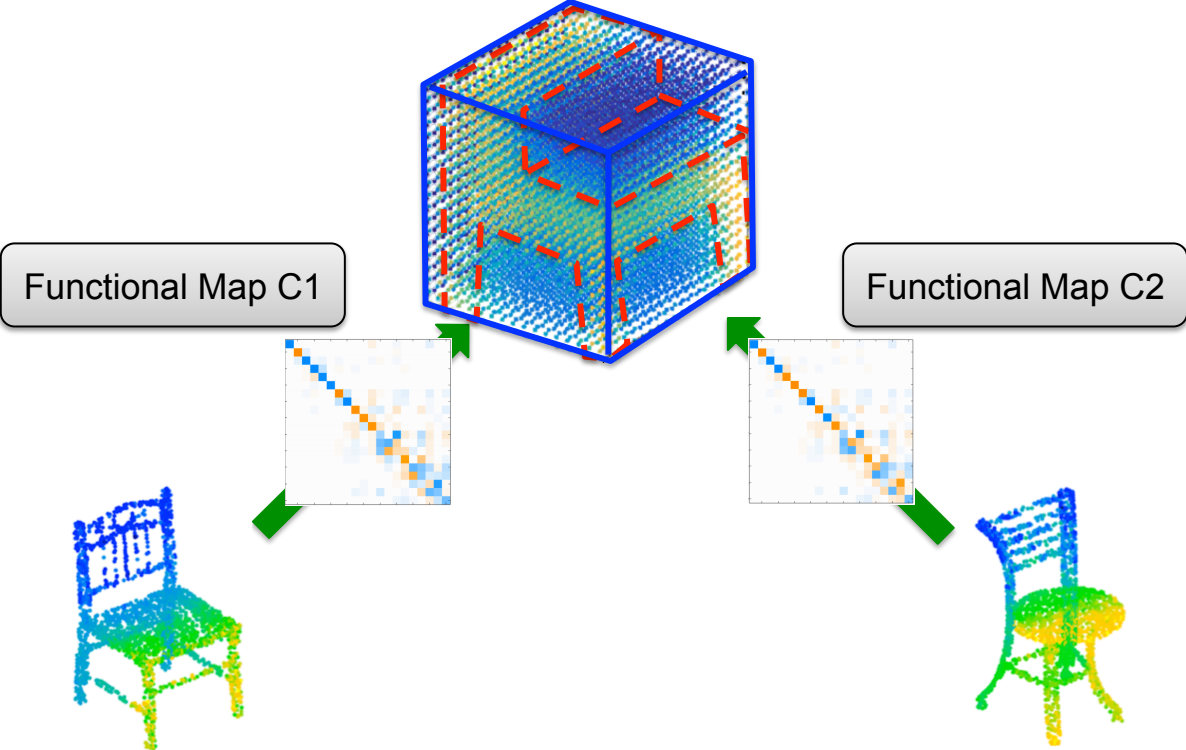


The same spectral function would induce very different spatial functions on different graphs

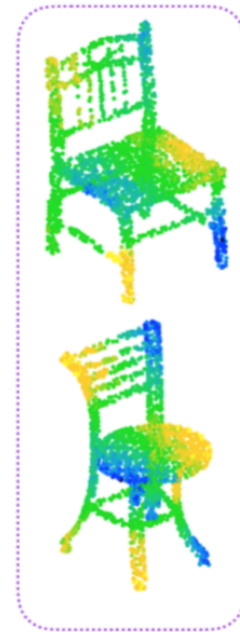
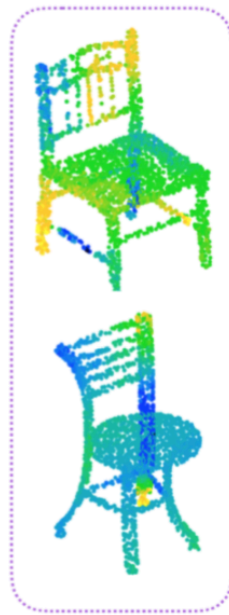
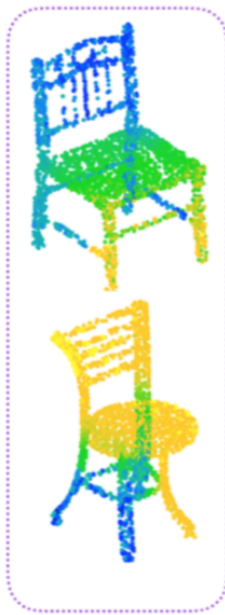


Cross domain parameter sharing is not valid

# Functional Map for Domain Synchronization



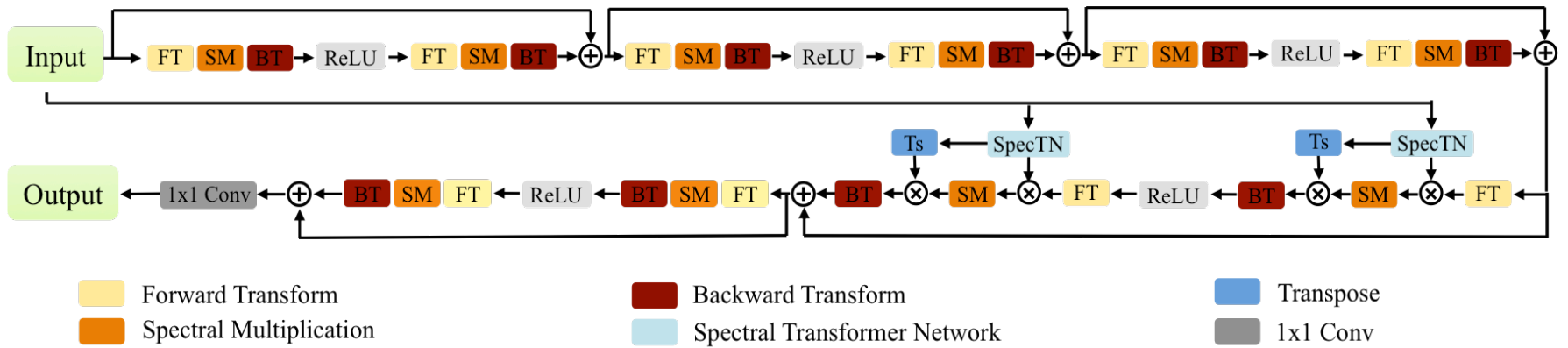
# Synchronization Visualization



before synchronization

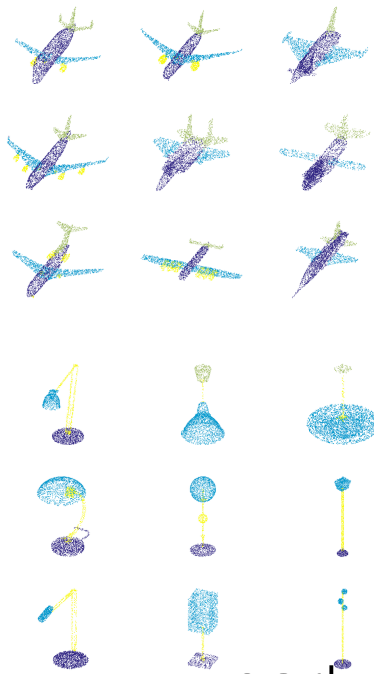
after synchronization

# SyncSpecCNN

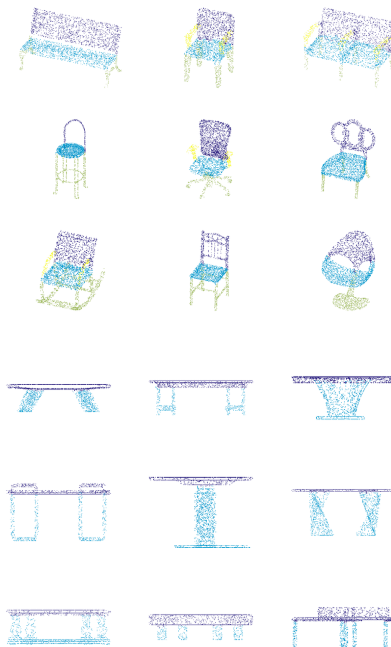




# SyncSpecCNN



part  
segmentation

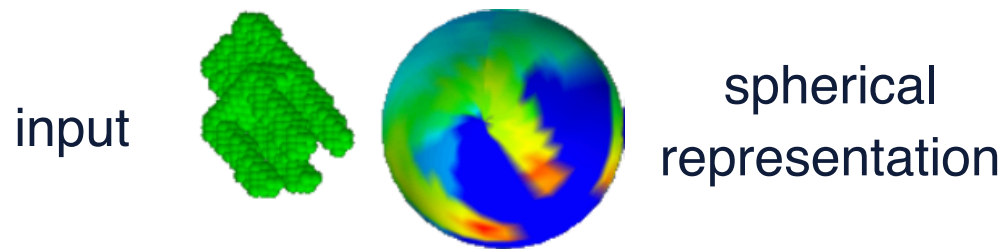


key point  
prediction

# SPHERICAL CNN (A SPECIAL CASE OF SPECTRAL CNN)

# A Special Case: Spherical CNN

- If the surface is always a SPHERE, no worry about the functional space alignment anymore
- Generate a spherical representation



- Do Spectral CNN
  - Has numerical tricks exploiting the symmetry of sphere