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A newbie's understanding of the story of this equation

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In general, the right hand-side can be written  $\bar{f}(x, u(x), \nabla u(x))$ , but let us stick to (MA).

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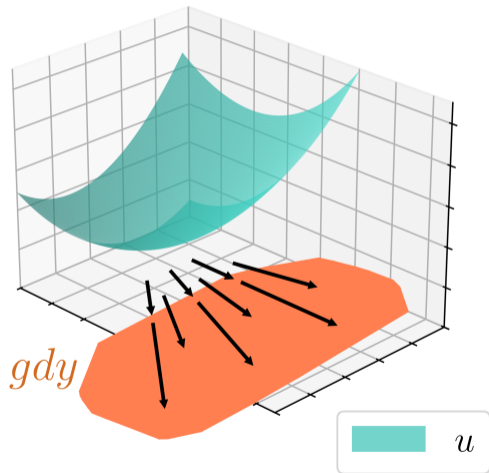
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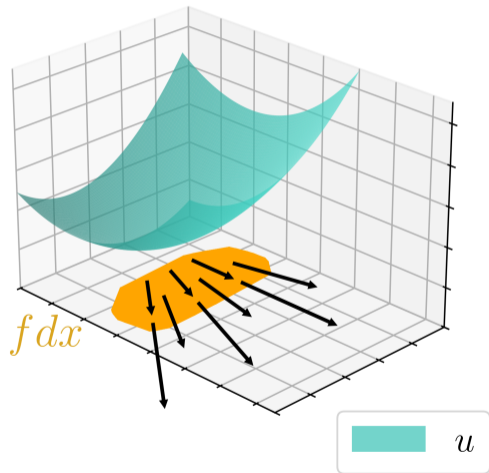
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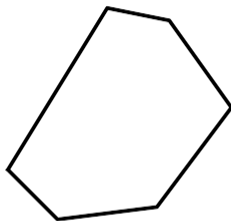
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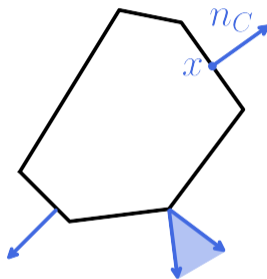
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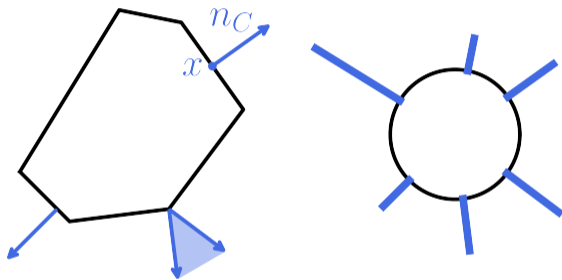
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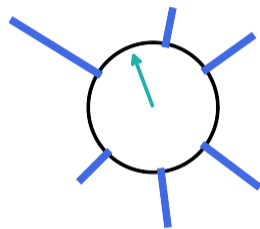
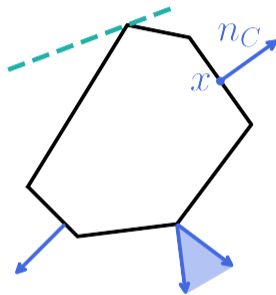
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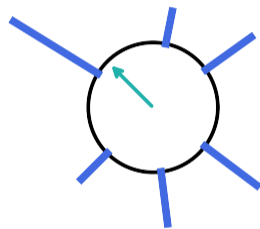
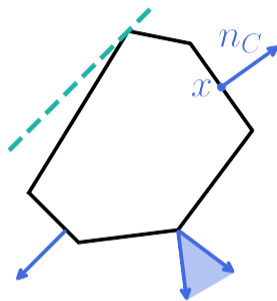
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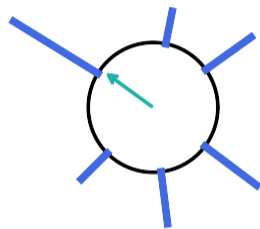
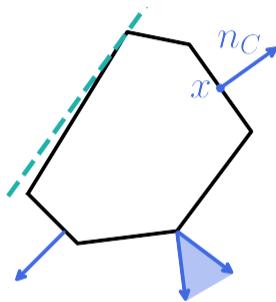
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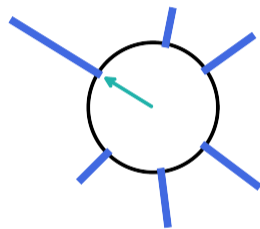
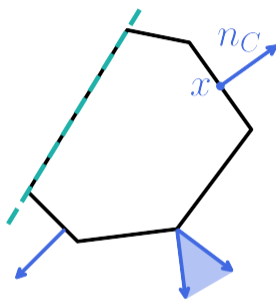
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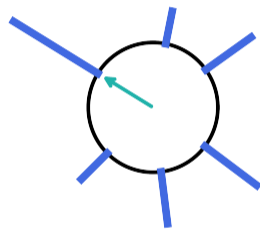
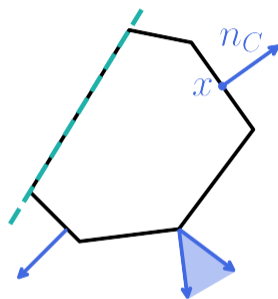


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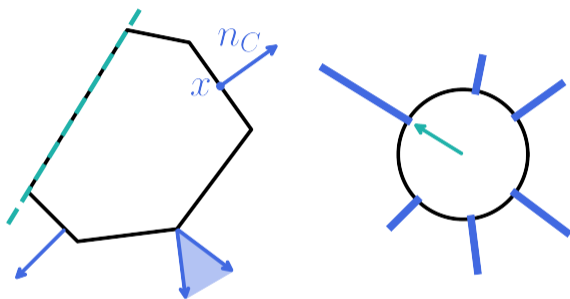


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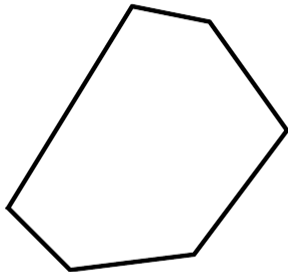
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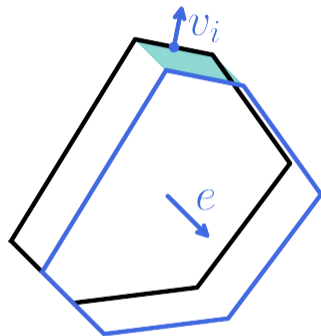
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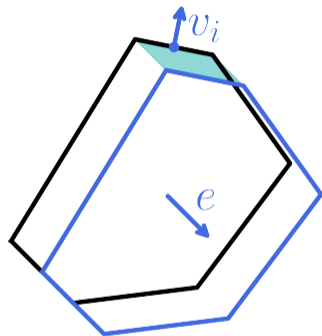


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**Theorem – Minkowski [Min97]** Any measure  $\sigma = \sum_{i=1}^N \sigma_i \delta_{v_i}$  satisfying (2) is the surface area of a polyhedron that is unique up to translations.

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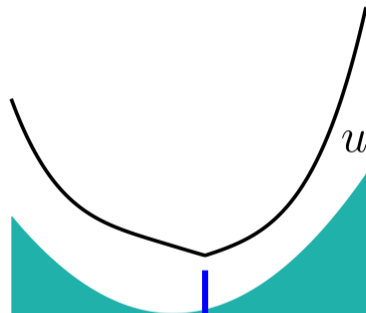
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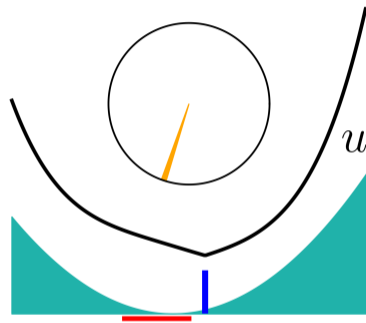


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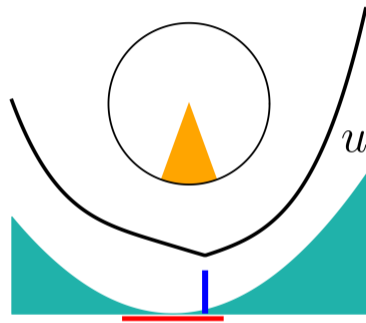


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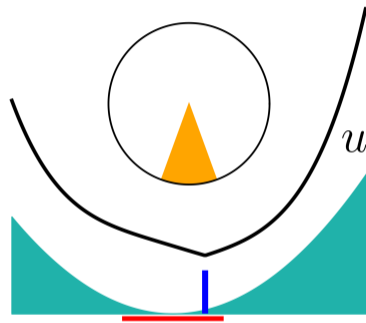
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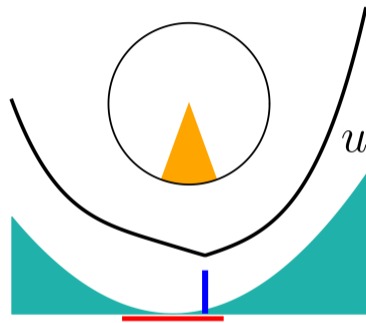
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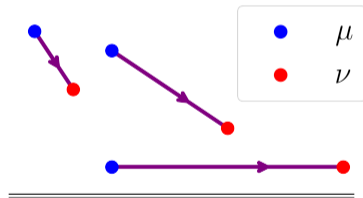
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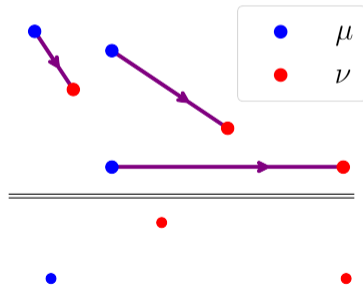
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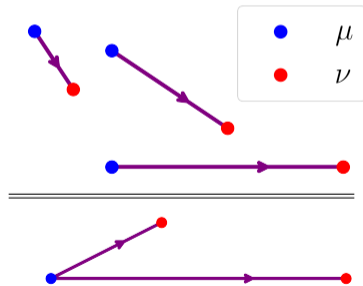
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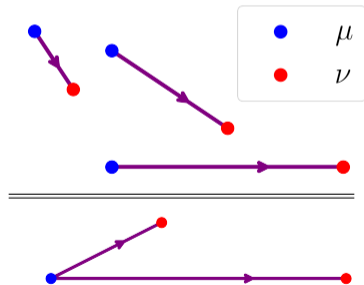
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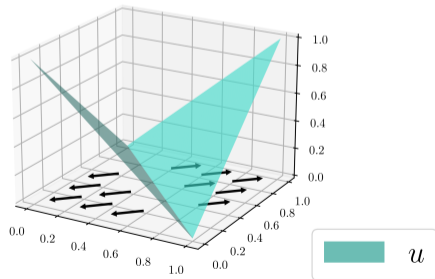
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