

# Formalization of Applied Mathematics: a journey

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In my other life,

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Do not hesitate to reach me for one of these topics.

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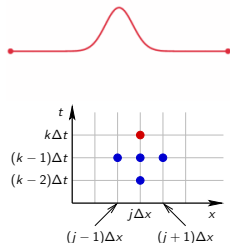
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**Let us machine-check this kind of programs!**

# 1D wave equation resolution by the 3-point scheme

$$\frac{\partial^2 u(x, t)}{\partial t^2} - c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u(x, t)}{\partial x^2} = s(x, t)$$

$$\frac{u_j^k - 2u_j^{k-1} + u_j^{k-2}}{\Delta t^2} - c^2 \frac{u_{j+1}^{k-1} - 2u_j^{k-1} + u_{j-1}^{k-1}}{\Delta x^2} = s_j^{k-1}$$



$$\begin{aligned} du &= u[i+1][k] - 2 * u[i][k] + u[i-1][k]; \\ u[i][k+1] &= 2 * u[i][k] - u[i][k-1] + a * du; \end{aligned}$$

**Rounding error:**  $|u_j^k - \text{exact}(u_j^k)| \leq 78 \times 2^{-53} \times (k+1) \times (k+2)$

**Method error:**  $\left\| e_h^{k\Delta t}(t) \right\|_{\Delta x} = O \left| \begin{array}{l} t \in [0, t_{\max}], (\Delta x, \Delta t) \rightarrow 0 \\ 0 < \Delta x \wedge 0 < \Delta t \wedge c \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} \leq 1 - \xi \end{array} \right. (\Delta x^2 + \Delta t^2)$

**Program error:** no illicit memory access, no division by zero, no overflow...

**Formal verification** of 32 lines of C code + 154 lines of annotations

$\hookrightarrow$  150 theorems to prove (incl. 33 Coq theorems Coq for 15 000 lines)

Done with F. Clément, J.-C. Filliâtre, M. Mayero, G. Melquiond, P. Weis

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## The sinking of the Sleipner A offshore platform

Excerpted from a report of [SINTEF](#), Civil and Environmental Engineering:

*The Sleipner A platform produces oil and gas in the North Sea and is supported on the seabed at a water depth of 82 m. It is a Condeep type platform with a concrete gravity base structure consisting of 24 cells and with a total base area of 16 000 m<sup>2</sup>. Four cells are elongated to shafts supporting the platform deck. The first concrete base structure for Sleipner A sprang a leak and sank under a controlled ballasting operation during preparation for deck mating in Gandsfjorden outside Stavanger, Norway on 23 August 1991.*

*Immediately after the accident, the owner of the platform, Statoil, a Norwegian oil company appointed an investigation group, and SINTEF was contracted to be the technical advisor for this group.*

*The investigation into the accident is described in 16 reports...*

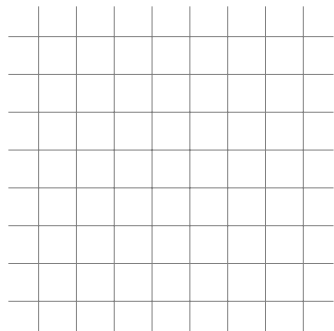
*The conclusion of the investigation was that the loss was caused by a failure in a cell wall, resulting in a serious crack and a leakage that the pumps were not able to cope with. The wall failed as a result of a combination of a serious error in the finite element analysis and insufficient anchorage of the reinforcement in a critical zone.*

A better idea of what was involved can be obtained from this photo and sketch of the platform. The top deck weighs 57,000 tons, and provides accommodation for about 200 people and support for drilling equipment weighing about 40,000 tons. When the first model sank in August 1991, the crash



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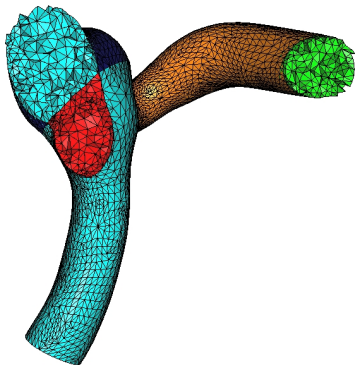
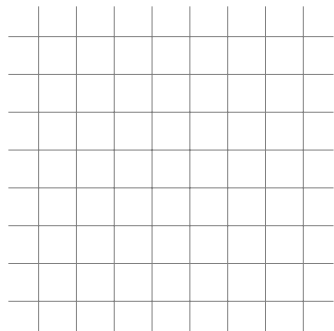
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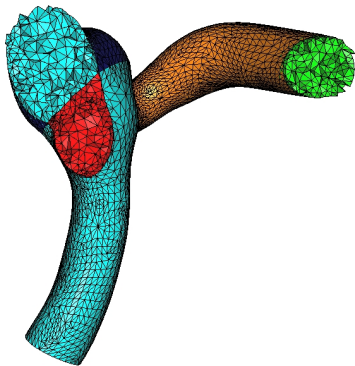
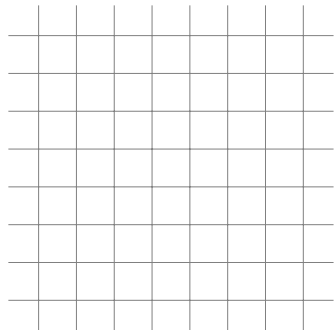
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# Lax-Milgram?

- considered as the **foremost** theorem for the **correctness** of the Finite Element Method. (stating in a few slides)
- means that the (method) error may be bounded when **approximating an infinite-dimensional space by a finite-dimensional one**.  
Example: functions and polynomials.

How to attack non-trivial mathematics?



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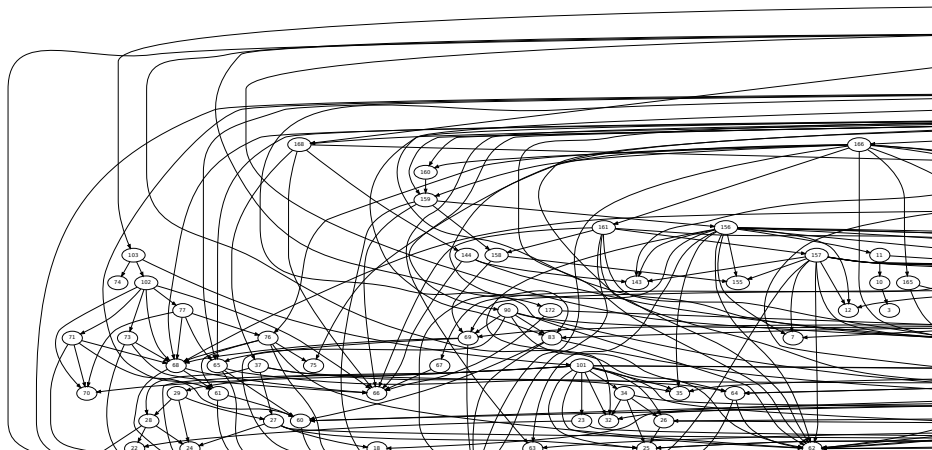
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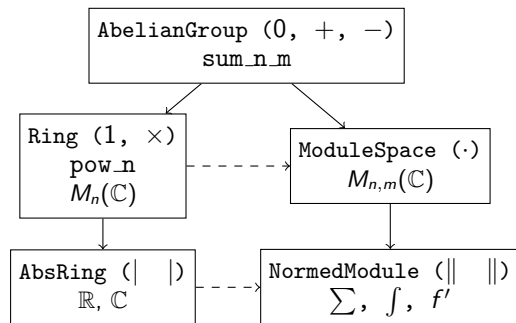
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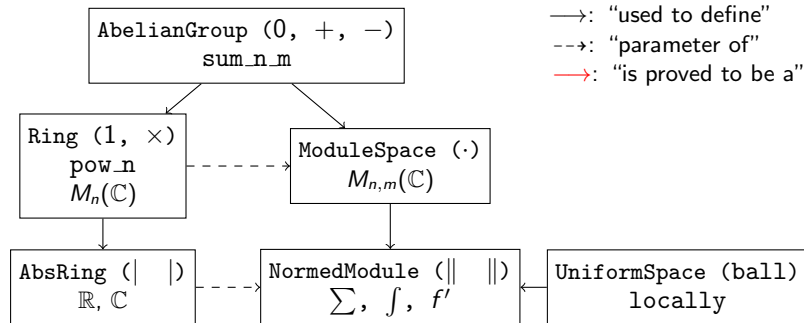


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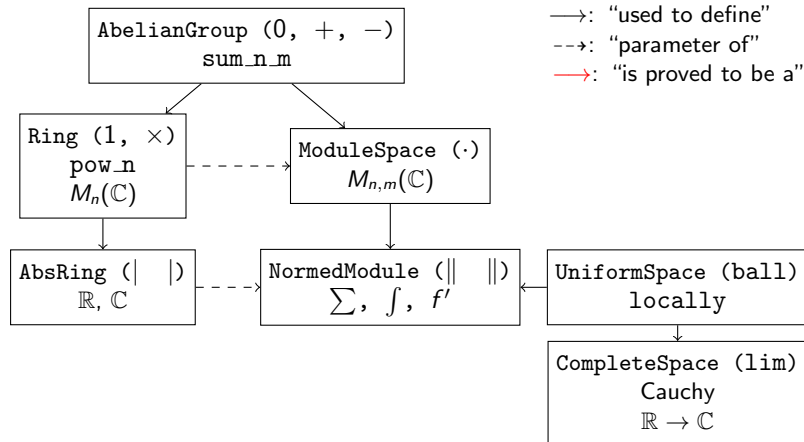
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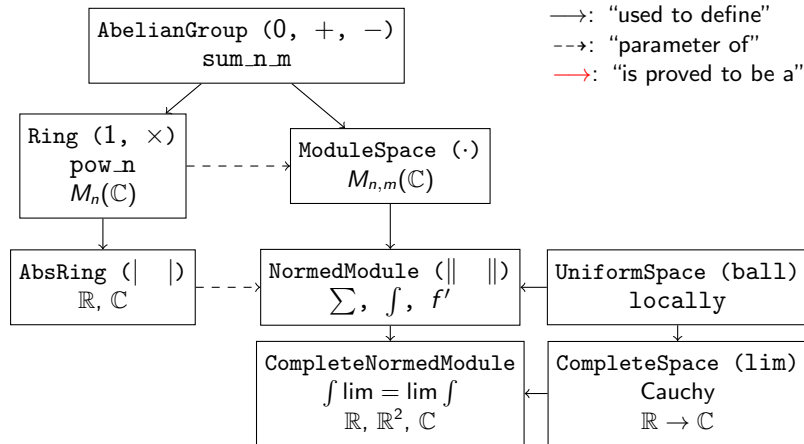
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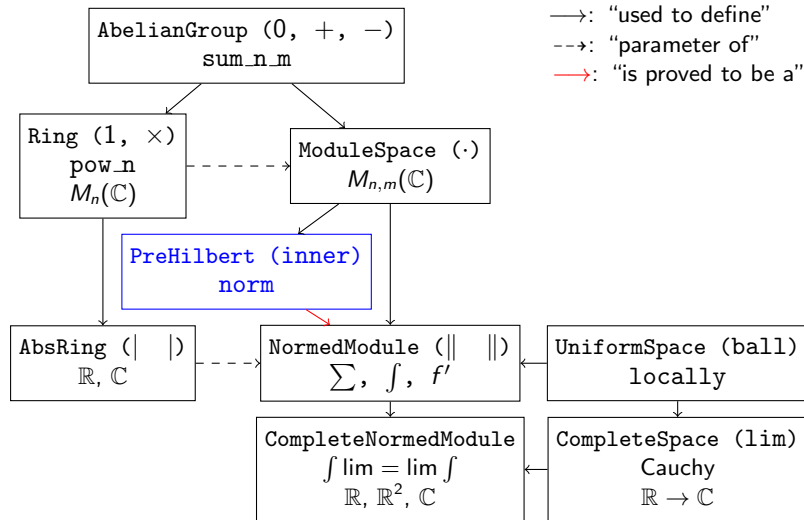


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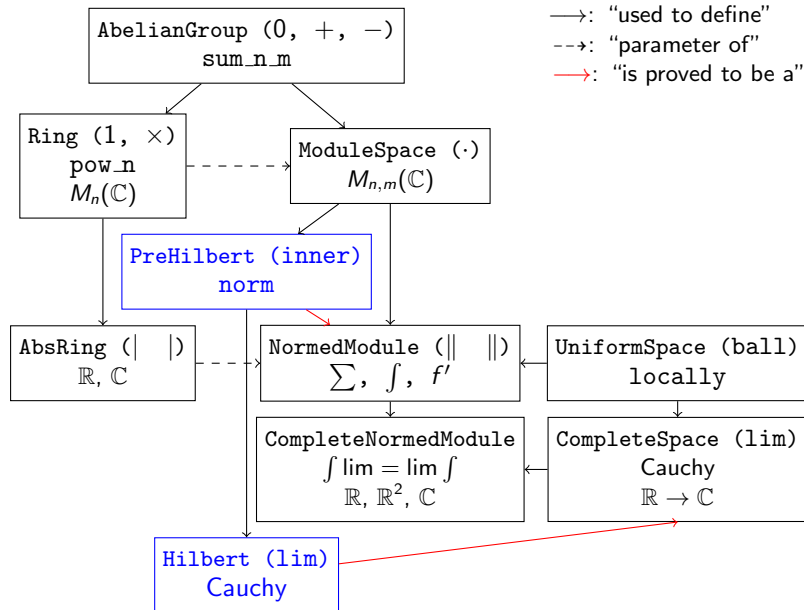
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# Lax-Milgram Theorem and Céa's Lemma

## Theorem (Lax-Milgram)

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$$\exists! u \in E, \varphi(u) \wedge \forall v \in E, \varphi(v) \implies f(v) = a(u, v) \wedge \|u\|_E \leq \frac{1}{\alpha} \|f\|_\varphi.$$

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$$\forall v_\varphi \in E, \varphi(v_\varphi) \implies \|u - u_\varphi\|_E \leq \frac{C}{\alpha} \|u - v_\varphi\|_E.$$

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# Lax-Milgram Theorem in constructive logic

The first version of this theorem was:

$$\mathcal{H}_1 = (\text{phi} : E \rightarrow \text{Prop}) : \text{forall } u : E, \text{ forall } \text{eps} : \text{posreal}, \\ \text{decidable } (\text{exists } w : E, \text{ phi } w \wedge \text{norm } (\text{minus } u \ w) < \text{eps}).$$
$$\mathcal{H}_2 = (\text{phi} : E \rightarrow \text{Prop}) (f : \text{topo\_dual } E) : \\ \text{decidable } (\text{exists } u, \neg \neg \text{phi } u \wedge f \ u \neq 0).$$

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Suppose  $\forall f \in E', \mathcal{H}_1(\ker(f) \wedge \neg \neg \varphi) \wedge \mathcal{H}_2(\varphi, f)$ .

Then, there exists a unique  $u \in E$  such that  $\neg \neg \varphi(u)$  and

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**Context**  $\{E : \text{Type}\}$ .

*(\* initialization sets \*)*

**Variable**  $\text{gen} : (E \rightarrow \text{Prop}) \rightarrow \text{Prop}$ .

**Inductive**  $\text{measurable} : (E \rightarrow \text{Prop}) \rightarrow \text{Prop} :=$

- |  $\text{measurable\_gen} : \text{forall } \text{omega}, \text{gen } \text{omega} \rightarrow \text{measurable } \text{omega}$
- |  $\text{measurable\_empty} : \text{measurable } (\text{fun } \_ \Rightarrow \text{False})$
- |  $\text{measurable\_compl} : \text{forall } \text{omega},$   
     $\text{measurable } (\text{fun } x \Rightarrow \text{not } (\text{omega } x)) \rightarrow \text{measurable } \text{omega}$
- |  $\text{measurable\_union\_countable} :$   
     $\text{forall } \text{omega} : \text{nat} \rightarrow (E \rightarrow \text{Prop}),$   
     $(\text{forall } n, \text{measurable } (\text{omega } n)) \rightarrow$   
     $\text{measurable } (\text{fun } x \Rightarrow \text{exists } n, \text{omega } n x).$

The measurable sets are aka  $\sigma$ -algebras.

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But we may use other generators and prove the measurable sets are the same. For instance  $a < x < b$  or with  $a$  and  $b$  in  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

And we proved that it is equivalent to the usual Borel  $\sigma$ -algebras:

**Lemma** `measurable_R_open : forall om,`  
`measurable_gen_R_cc om ↔ measurable_open om.`



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# Measure definition

We choose to not (yet) define the Lebesgue measure, but define what a measure is supposed to **satisfy**:

**Context** {E : Type}.

**Variable** gen : (E → Prop) → Prop.

```
Record measure := mk_measure {
  meas :> (E → Prop) → Rbar ;
  meas_False : meas (fun _ => False) = 0 ;
  meas_ge_0 : forall om, Rbar_le 0 (meas om) ;
  meas_sigma_additivity : forall omega :nat → (E → Prop),
    (forall n, measurable gen (omega n)) →
    (forall n m x, omega n x → omega m x → n = m)
    → meas (fun x => exists n, omega n x)
      = Sup_seq (fun n => sum_Rbar n (fun m => meas (omega m)))
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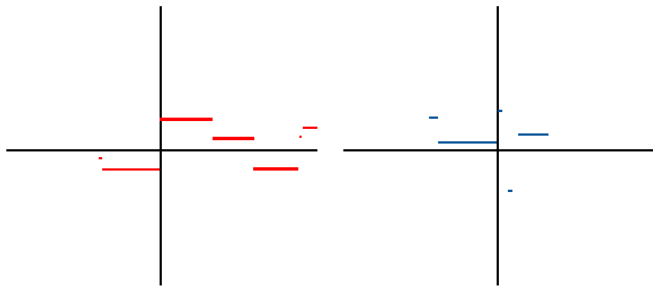
# Measure properties

Many properties hold for all measures such as:

**Lemma** `measure_Boole_ineq` : `forall` (mu:measure) (A:nat → E→ Prop) (N : nat),  
(`forall` n, n <= N → measurable gen (A n)) →  
Rbar\_le (mu (`fun` x ⇒ `exists` n, n <= N ∧ A n x))  
(sum\_Rbar N (`fun` m ⇒ mu (A m))).

$$\mu \left( \bigcup_{i \in [0..N]} A_i \right) \leq \sum_{i \in [0..N]} \mu(A_i)$$

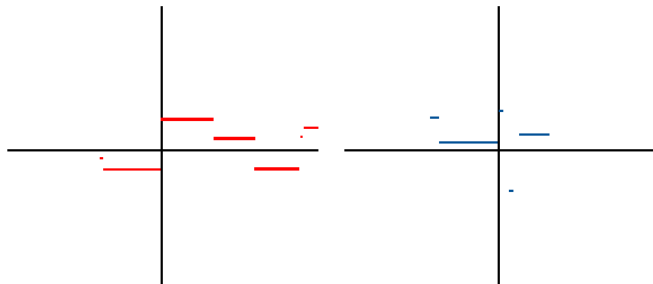
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We have tried **various definitions** of simple functions, especially as we prefer to sum over a finite set of values.

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`fun f l  $\Rightarrow$  (LocallySorted Rlt l)  $\wedge$`   
`(forall x, In x l  $\rightarrow$  exists y, f y = x)  $\wedge$`   
`(forall y, In (f y) l).`

$\Rightarrow$  unique!

We were able to **construct** the second list from the first.



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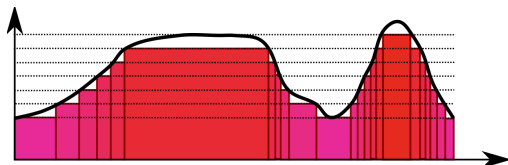
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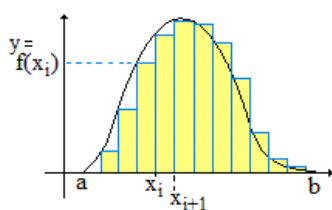
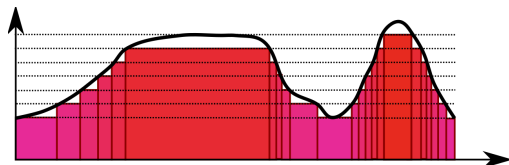
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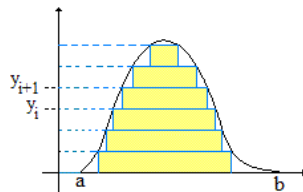
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 $\text{non\_neg } g \wedge$   
 $(\text{forall } (z:\mathbb{E}), \text{Rbar\_le } (g \ z) (f \ z)) \wedge$   
 $\text{LInt\_simple\_fun\_p } \mu \ g \ \text{Hg} = x).$

# A monotone convergence theorem

## Theorem (Beppo Levi, monotone convergence)

Let  $(f_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \in \mathcal{M}_+$  be a sequence of nonnegative measurable functions, that is pointwise nondecreasing. Then, the pointwise limit of  $(f_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is nonnegative and measurable, and we have in  $\overline{\mathbb{R}}$

$$\int \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n d\mu = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int f_n d\mu.$$

Note that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n = \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} f_n$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int f_n = \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \int f_n$ .

**Lemma** `Beppo_Levi` :  $\forall f : \text{nat} \rightarrow E \rightarrow \text{Rbar}$ ,

$(\forall n, \text{non\_neg}(f\ n)) \rightarrow (\forall n, \text{measurable\_fun\_Rbar}\ \text{genE}(f\ n)) \rightarrow$

$(\forall x\ n, \text{Rbar\_le}(f\ n\ x) (f\ (S\ n)\ x)) \rightarrow$

$\text{LInt\_p}\ \mu (f\ \text{fun}\ x \Rightarrow \text{Sup\_seq}(f\ \text{fun}\ n \Rightarrow f\ n\ x)) = \text{Sup\_seq}(f\ \text{fun}\ n \Rightarrow \text{LInt\_p}\ \mu (f\ n)).$



# Focus on a hard theorem

$$\int (f + g) = \int f + \int g$$

**Lemma** `LInt_p_plus` : `forall` `f g`,  
 `non_neg f`  $\rightarrow$  `non_neg g`  $\rightarrow$   
 `measurable_fun_Rbar` `gen f`  $\rightarrow$  `measurable_fun_Rbar` `gen g`  $\rightarrow$   
 `LInt_p mu` (`fun` `x`  $\Rightarrow$  `Rbar_plus` (`f x`) (`g x`))  
 = `Rbar_plus` (`LInt_p mu f`) (`LInt_p mu g`).

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It needs adapted sequences:

**Definition** `is_adapted_seq (f:E→ Rbar) (phi:nat→ E→ R) :=`  
`(forall n, non_neg (phi n)) ∧`  
`(forall (x:E) n, phi n x ≤ phi (S n) x) ∧`  
`(forall n, exists l, SF_aux gen (phi n) l) ∧`  
`(forall (x:E), is_sup_seq (fun n => phi n x) (f x)).`

as their limit gives the integral:

**Lemma** `LInt_p_with_adapted_seq :`  
`forall f phi, is_adapted_seq f phi →`  
`is_sup_seq (fun n => LInt_p mu (phi n)) (LInt_p mu f).`

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that may be written in Coq as:

```
Definition mk_adapted_seq (n:nat) (x:E) :=  
  match (Rbar_le_lt_dec (INR n) (f x)) with  
    | left _ => INR n  
    | right _ => round radix2 (FIX_exp (-n)) Zfloor (f x)  
end.
```

relying on fixed-point arithmetic defined by the Flocq library!!

And then:

```
Lemma mk_adapted_seq_is_adapted_seq :  
  is_adapted_seq f mk_adapted_seq.
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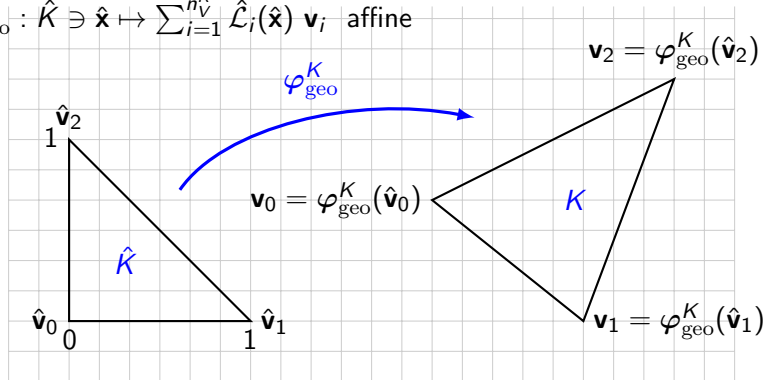
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Record FE : Type := mk_FE {
  d : nat ; (* space dimension eg 1, 2, 3 *)
  ndof : nat ; (* nb of degrees of freedom - eg number of nodes for Lagrange *)
  d_pos : (0 < d)%coq_nat ;
  ndof_pos : (0 < ndof)%coq_nat ;
  g_family : geom_family ; (* either Simplex or Quad *)
  nvtx : nat := (* ... *) (* number of vertices *)
  vtx : (' R^d)^nvtx ; (* vertices of geometrical element *)
  K_geom : 'R^d → Prop := convex_envelop vtx ; (* geometrical element *)
  P_approx : FRd d → Prop ; (* Subspace of F *)
  P_compat_fin : has_dim P_approx ndof ;
  sigma : '(FRd d → R)^ndof ;
  is_linear_mapping_sigma : forall i, is_linear_mapping (sigma i) ;
  FE_is_unisolvent :
    is_unisolvent d ndof P_approx P_compat_fin (gather sigma) ;
}.
```



# Geometrical transformation

**Goal:** to transform (and back) a finite element into a reference (nice) finite element.

$$\varphi_{\text{geo}}^K : \hat{K} \ni \hat{\mathbf{x}} \mapsto \sum_{i=1}^{n_V^K} \hat{\mathcal{L}}_i(\hat{\mathbf{x}}) \mathbf{v}_i \quad \text{affine}$$



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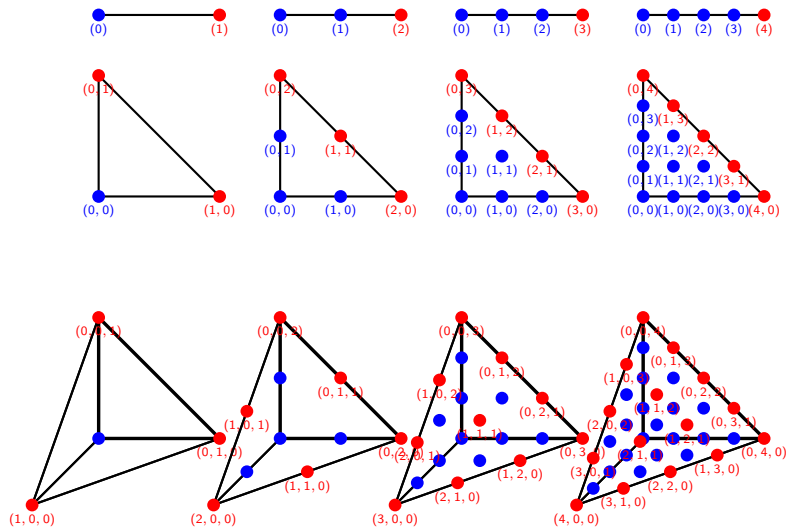
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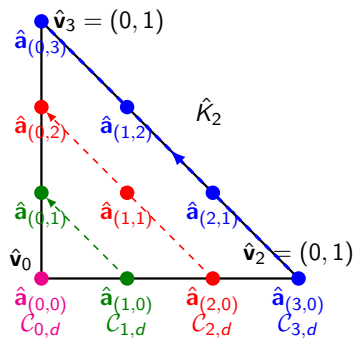
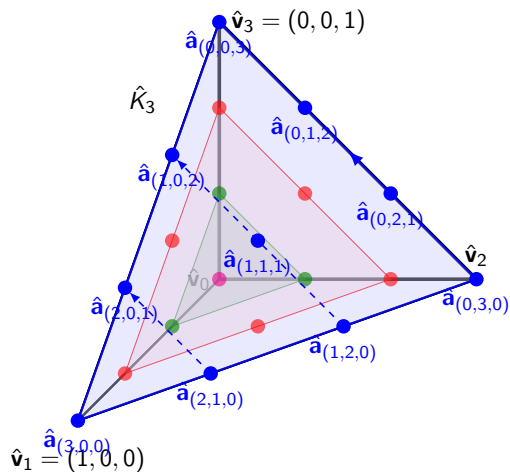
Such a vector can be seen as a monomial among the polynomials on  $d$  variables of degree  $\leq k$ .

# Example of Lagrange finite element nodes

For  $d = 1, 2, 3$  (in line) and  $k = 1, 2, 3, 4$  (in column).



# Construction of Lagrange finite element nodes





# Coq formalization

We defined this list of vectors  $\mathcal{A}_d^k$  (of size the binomial coefficient  $C_{d+k}^d$ ) by concatenation of lists of varying sizes.

**Lemma** `A_d_k_sum` : `forall` `d k i`,  
`(sum (A_d_k d k i) <= k)%coq_nat`.

**Lemma** `A_d_k_surj` : `forall` `d k (b:'nat^d)`,  
`(sum b <= k)%coq_nat` `→ exists` `i, b = A_d_k d k i`.

**Lemma** `A_d_k_inj` : `forall` `d k`, `injective (A_d_k d k)`.

**Lemma** `A_d_k_MOn` : `forall` `d k`, `is_orderedF MOn (A_d_k d k)`.  
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