

# CONSTANT SCALAR CURVATURE METRICS ON BOUNDARY COMPLEXES OF CYCLIC POLYTOPES

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ABSTRACT. In this paper we give examples of constant scalar curvature metrics on piecewise-flat triangulated 3-manifolds. These types of metrics are possible candidates for “best” metrics on triangulated 3-manifolds. In the pentachoron, the triangulation formed by the simplicial boundary of the 4-simplex, we find that its structure is completely determined with a vertex transitive metric. Further this metric is a constant scalar curvature metric. Looking at a type of triangulated 3-manifolds, known as boundary complexes of cyclic polytopes in 4-dimensions, with a metric called a cyclic length metric, we find this entire class of metrics on these manifolds are constant scalar curvature metrics.

## 1. NOTIONS OF TRIANGULATIONS AND CONSTANT SCALAR CURVATURE

It is a classical problem in smooth Riemannian geometry to find constant scalar curvature metric on smooth manifolds. Here we will consider the same problem in the discrete case. The piecewise-flat triangulated 3-manifold is a discrete version of the compact smooth 3-manifold. These manifolds are formed from 3-dimensional Euclidean tetrahedra, “glued” together in  $\mathbb{R}^4$ , with various specifications, so that the manifold is without boundary. It is on these manifolds that we will try to find constant scalar curvature metrics. We derive many of these discrete notions of curvature and metrics from [CGY10] and [Gli09].

Since curvature is a geometric concept, before studying curvature one must know the most basic geometric concept of length on these simplicies. This geometric assignment of lengths is known as a metric on these manifolds.

**Definition 1.1.** Let  $(M^3, T)$  be a triangulation for a 3-manifold and let  $CM$  represent the Cayley-Menger determinant. A *metric*  $\ell$  of triangulation  $(M^3, T)$  is a complete set of edge lengths for the triangulation such that for each tetrahedron,  $t \in T$ ,  $CM(t) > 0$ .

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**Definition 1.2.** Let  $(M^3, T)$  be a triangulated 3-manifold.  $(M^3, T)$  is *vertex transitive* if the automorphism group of  $V$ , the set of vertices, acts transitively on vertices.

**Definition 1.3.** A *neighborly triangulation* is one where every vertex forms an edge with every other vertex

Note that a neighborly triangulation is always a vertex transitive triangulation since such a symmetry requires any automorphism of the vertices to act transitively, since each vertex forms an edge with every other vertex.

These types of triangulations are typically easier to study than others due to their symmetry. In this paper we will only consider neighborly triangulations.

**Definition 1.4.** Let  $(M^3, T, \ell)$  be a triangulated 3-manifold with metric  $\ell$ .  $\ell$  is a vertex transitive metric if  $T$  is *vertex transitive* and if  $S_v$  is the set of edge lengths local to  $v$ , with multiplicities, then  $S_v$  is constant for all  $v \in V$ .

These will prove to be similarly nice to work because of the geometric symmetries on these metrics.

*Remark 1.5.* In a neighborly vertex transitive metric, with  $n$  vertices,  $\sum_{e < v} l_e$  is equal for all  $v \in V$ . This implies that  $\sum_e l_e = \frac{n}{2} \sum_{e < v} l_e$ .

We would also like to introduce the notion of a metric within a conformal structure as in [CGY10].

**Definition 1.6.** A *conformal structure* on a triangulated manifold  $(M^3, T)$  is a set of metrics determined by a set of real  $L_{ij}$  for each edge  $e_{ij}$ . Each metric in this structure is then the image under a set of real  $f_i$  associated to each vertex  $v_i$  under the map:

$$l_{ij} = L_{ij} e^{\frac{1}{2}(f_i + f_j)}$$

**Definition 1.7.** The set of  $L_{ij}$  in the above definition is called a *conformal class*

These conformal structures allow us to restrict metrics within a conformal class such that edge lengths within a conformal class vary with respect to these  $f_i$ .

Once a metric is placed on a triangulation, the manifold has the geometric material necessary to deduce a discrete notion of scalar curvature on piecewise-flat 3-manifolds.

**Definition 1.8.** Let  $(M^3, T, \ell)$  be a triangulated 3-manifold with metric  $\ell$ . For all  $e \in T$ , edge curvature,  $K_e$ , is defined by:

$$K_e = (2\pi - \sum_t \beta_{e < t}) l_e$$

and for all  $v \in V$ , vertex curvature,  $K_v$ , is defined by:

$$K_v = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{e > v} K_e$$

with  $\beta_{e < t}$  defined as the dihedral angle at edge  $e$  inside tetrahedron  $t$ .

With these discrete notions of scalar curvature, we also have a discrete analog of the Einstein-Hilbert introduced by Regge known as the Einstein-Hilbert-Regge functional (see [Gli09]).

**Definition 1.9.** The *Einstein-Hilbert-Regge* ( $\mathcal{EHR}$ ) functional is the sum of the edge curvatures.

$$\mathcal{EHR}(T, \ell) = \sum_e K_e$$

From this we can also derive two very natural functionals called the length-normalized  $\mathcal{EHR}$ , and the volume normalized  $\mathcal{EHR}$ .

**Definition 1.10.** The length-normalized and volume-normalized  $\mathcal{EHR}$  ( $\mathcal{LEHR}$  and  $\mathcal{VEHR}$ ) functionals are defined to be

$$\mathcal{LEHR}(T, \ell) = \frac{\sum_e K_e}{\sum_e \ell_e}, \quad \mathcal{VEHR}(T, \ell) = \frac{\sum_e K_e}{V^{1/3}}.$$

With these definitions we can deduce two notions of discrete constant scalar curvature metrics, LCSC and VCSC.

**Definition 1.11.** Let  $(M^3, T, \ell)$  be a triangulated 3-manifold with metric  $\ell$ .  $\ell$  is a LCSC metric if

$$(1.12) \quad K_v = \lambda_L L_v$$

for all  $v \in V$  where  $\lambda_L = \frac{\sum_e K_e}{\sum_e \ell_e}$  and  $L_v = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{e > v} \ell_e$

**Definition 1.13.** Let  $(M^3, T, \ell)$  be a triangulated 3-manifold with metric  $\ell$ .  $\ell$  is a VCSC metric if

$$(1.14) \quad K_v = \lambda_V V_v$$

for all  $v \in V$  where  $\lambda_V = \frac{\sum_e K_e}{3V}$  and  $V_v = \frac{1}{3} \sum_{j,k,l} h_{ijk,l} A_{ijk}$  with  $V$  being the total volume of the triangulation. Note that  $V = \frac{1}{3} \sum_v V_v$ .

As is proven in [CGY10], these LCSC and VCSC metrics occur at the critical points of the  $\mathcal{LEHR}$  and  $\mathcal{VEHR}$ , respectively, with a conformal class.

## 2. THE PENTACHORON WITH A VERTEX TRANSITIVE METRIC

The pentachoron is the smallest simplicial piecewise-flat triangulated 3-manifold, from a combinatoral perspective.

**Definition 2.1.** The *pentachoron* is the triangulated 3-manifold of  $S^3$  defined by the boundary of the 4-simplex.

This triangulation, with 5 vertices, 10 edges, 10 faces, and 5 tetrahedron, is neighborly. It further reveals a very uniform symmetry with a vertex transitive metric.

**Lemma 2.2.** *For every vertex transitive metric on the pentachoron, any vertex must have two pairs of edges with equal lengths local to it.*

*Proof.* Suppose not. Consider a vertex  $v_i \in V$ . Since the pentachoron is neighborly,  $v_i$  is local to four edges, and since their lengths do not occur in pairs, this implies there is a edge local to  $v_i$  with length  $l_1$  such that for all other edges  $e \in E$  local  $v_i$ ,  $l_e \neq l_1$ . Since this is a vertex transitive metric, this is true for all  $v_i \in V$ . Therefore all edges of length  $l_1$  are local to each vertex exactly once.

Now consider the set  $S = \{e \in E \mid l_e = l_1\}$ . Then let  $T = \{v \in V \mid e > v \text{ for some } e \in S\}$ , where a  $v \in T$  is considered to be in  $T$  twice if it is local to two distinct edges  $e \in S$ . This set is essentially the set of all vertices local to an edge of length  $l_1$  with multiplicities. Further, since all edges are local to exactly two vertices, and  $T$  allows for multiplicities, this means  $|T|$  is even. But by the previous observation that all edges of length  $l_1$  are local to each vertex exactly once, this should imply  $|T| = |V| = 5$ , which is a contradiction.  $\square$

**Proposition 2.3.** *With a vertex transitive metric, every tetrahedron in the pentachoron is isometric to every other tetrahedron in the pentachoron.*

*Proof.* By Lemma 2.2 there are at most two edge lengths in our metric, say  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ . If  $\alpha = \beta$  then the metric is the equal length metric and theorem is trivial. Therefore assume  $\alpha \neq \beta$ . Choose an arbitrary tetrahedron  $t_{ijkl} \in T$ . Observe that by Lemma 2.2, vertex  $v_i$  has four edges local to it, two with length  $\alpha$  and two with length  $\beta$ . From this we will show case-by-case that all the tetrahedra in the pentachoron have the following structure:

Case 1: Let  $l_{ij} = l_{ik} = \alpha$  and let  $l_{il} = \beta$ .

Subcase 1: Let  $l_{kl} = \beta$ . Therefore, by Prop 1.1,  $l_{jl} = \alpha$  and thus  $l_{jk} = \beta$  and the tetrahedron is determined.

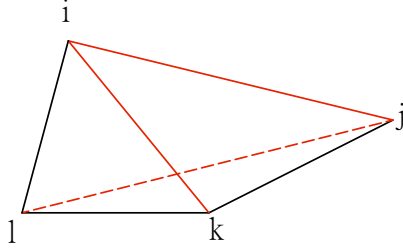


FIGURE 1. Tetrahedron in pentachoron with vertex transitive metric.  $l_{ij} = l_{ik} = l_{jl}$  and  $l_{il} = l_{jk} = l_{kl}$ .

Subcase 2: Let  $l_{kl} = \alpha$ . Therefore, by Prop 1.1,  $l_{jk} = \beta$ . Suppose  $l_{jl} = \alpha$ , and consider the fifth vertex  $v_p \in V$ . By Prop 1.1 this would imply  $l_{lp} = l_{ip} = l_{jp} = \beta$ , which is a contradiction to Prop 1.1 since  $\beta \neq \alpha$ . Therefore  $l_{jk} = \beta$ , and the tetrahedron is determined. However by relabeling this tetrahedron so that  $i' = i, j' = k, k' = j$ , and  $l' = l$  one can see that then  $l_{i'j'} = l_{i'k'} = l_{j'l'} = \alpha$  and  $l_{i'l'} = l_{j'k'} = l_{i'l'} = \beta$  which is exactly the tetrahedron in subcase 1.

Case 2: Let  $l_{ij} = l_{ik} = \beta$  and let  $l_{il} = \alpha$ . WLOG we can apply Case 1 and thus  $l_{ij} = l_{ik} = l_{jl} = \beta$  and  $l_{il} = l_{jk} = l_{kl} = \alpha$ . But if we rename the vertices such that  $i' = k, j' = l, k' = j$ , and  $l' = i$  one can see then  $l_{i'j'} = l_{i'k'} = l_{j'l'} = \alpha$  and  $l_{i'l'} = l_{j'k'} = l_{i'l'} = \beta$  which is exactly the tetrahedron in case 1.

Thus for all  $t_{ijkl} \in T$  we have  $l_{ij} = l_{ik} = l_{jl} = \alpha$  and  $l_{il} = l_{jk} = l_{kl} = \beta$  after at most relabeling, and therefore all tetrahedron in the pentachoron with a vertex transitive metric are identical with respect to edge length.  $\square$

Due to this isometry between every tetrahedron in the pentachoron with a vertex transitive metric, this type of pentachoron has essentially one unique structure. For example, consider an arbitrary pentachoron with a vertex transitive metric. If the two edge lengths in the metric are  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ , then we can pick an arbitrary tetrahedron and label the vertices such that  $l_{ij} = l_{ik} = l_{jl} = \alpha$  and  $l_{il} = l_{jk} = l_{kl} = \beta$  as in our standard tetrahedron. If we consider our last vertex  $v_m$ , then we have to have  $l_{im} = l_{jm} = \beta$  and  $l_{km} = l_{lm} = \alpha$ . Thus the pentachoron structure is completely determined once we know metric is vertex transitive.

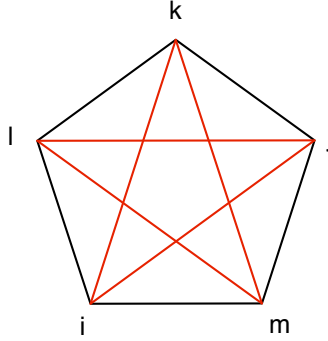


FIGURE 2. 2D Graph of the Vertex Transitive Pentachoron.  $l_{im} = l_{mj} = l_{jk} = l_{kl} = l_{li}$  and  $l_{ij} = l_{jl} = l_{lm} = l_{mk} = l_{ki}$ .

Because of this determined structure on the pentachoron with a vertex transitive metric, we are able to find multiple symmetries in the curvatures and volumes of these pentachorons within all these vertex transitive metrics.

**Lemma 2.4.** *Consider a pentachoron with a vertex transitive metric. Then  $K_v$  is equal for all  $v \in V$ .*

*Proof.* Choose an arbitrary tetrahedron  $t_{ijkl} \in T$ . By the proof of Prop 2.3, this tetrahedron's geometric structure is determined. It is now possible to construct the other four tetrahedron ( $t_{ijkm}, t_{ijlm}, t_{iklm}, t_{jklm}$ ) in  $T$ . WLOG, let  $l_{ij} = \alpha$ . Now note that  $e_{ij}$  has exactly three corresponding dihedral angles, one for each tetrahedron it is a part of. In the case of  $e_{ij}$ , these are  $\beta_{ij,kl}, \beta_{ij,km}$  and  $\beta_{ij,lm}$ . Since  $K_e = (2\pi - \sum_t \beta_{e<t})l_e$ ,  $K_e = (2\pi - (\beta_{ij,kl} + \beta_{ij,km} + \beta_{ij,lm}))\alpha$  for  $e_{ij}$ . But these dihedral angles are the same for all edges with length  $\alpha$ , so  $K_e$  is equal for all edges with length  $\alpha$ . Note that the same proof holds for edges with length  $\beta$ . This implies that  $\sum_{e>v} K_e$  is equal for all  $v \in V$  since each vertex is local to two edges with length  $\alpha$  and two edges with length  $\beta$ . Since  $K_v = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{e>v} K_e$ ,  $K_v$  is equal for all  $v \in V$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 2.5.** *Under the conditions above,  $\sum_e K_e = \frac{5}{2} \sum_{e>v} K_e = 5K_v$  for all  $v \in V$ .*

*Proof.* This results follows directly from Lemma 2.4 since we are in a vertex transitive metric.  $\square$

These symmetries for the edge curvature also hold for the quantity called  $V_v$  in the definition of the VCSC metric. For a geometric interpretation of what  $V_v$  is for any vertex, choose an arbitrary vertex  $v_i$

and a tetrahedron that it is local to,  $t_{ijkl}$ . Now find the center point  $p$  of tetrahedron  $t_{ijkl}$  by constructing the insphere of  $t_{ijkl}$  and finding its center. Divide  $t_{ijkl}$  into four subtetrahedra,  $t_{ijkp}$ ,  $t_{ijlp}$ ,  $t_{iklp}$ , and  $t_{jklp}$ . Add up the volume of the three subtetrahedra that include  $v_i$ . Repeat this construction over all the tetrahedra  $v_i$  is local to and sum the results. This sum is  $V_v$  for  $v_i$ .

**Lemma 2.6.** *Consider a pentachoron with a vertex transitive metric. For all  $v \in V$ ,  $V_v$  is constant.*

*Proof.* Choose an arbitrary tetrahedron  $t_{ijkl} \in T$ . By the proof of Prop 2.3, this tetrahedron's geometric structure is determined. It is now possible to construct the other four tetrahedron ( $t_{ijkm}$ ,  $t_{ijlm}$ ,  $t_{iklm}$ ,  $t_{jklm}$ ) in  $T$ . For any vertex  $v \in V$ ,  $V_{v_i} = \frac{1}{3} \sum_{t > v} \sum_{(j,k,l) < t} h_{ijk,l} A_{ijk}$ . Note that each tetrahedron is geometrically identical, so for any tetrahedron,  $\sum_{(j,k,l) < t} h_{ijk,l} A_{ijk}$  only varies in regards to which of the four vertices in the tetrahedron we are summing over. But every vertex is part of exactly four tetrahedra, and it acts as a different vertex in each one. In other words, in regards to our standard tetrahedron (see FIGURE 1), every vertex acts as  $i$ ,  $j$ ,  $k$ , and  $l$  exactly once. So for all  $v \in V$ , the partial sums of  $V_v$  are all the same, and thus  $V_v$  is constant for all  $v \in V$ .  $\square$

From the above symmetries, the following theorem falls out very quickly from the basic computation of LCSC and VCSC.

**Theorem 2.7.** *The pentachoron with a vertex transitive metric is both LCSC and VCSC.*

*Proof.* We will begin by showing this metric is LCSC. By Remark 1.5 and Lemma 2.4:

$$\lambda_L = \frac{\sum_e k_e}{\sum_e l_e} = \frac{5K_v}{\frac{5}{2} \sum_{e < v} l_e} = \frac{K_v}{\frac{1}{2} \sum_{e < v} l_e}$$

for all  $v \in V$ . Thus, for all  $v \in V$   $K_v = \lambda_L [\frac{1}{2} \sum_{e < v} l_e]$ , therefore the vertex transitive metric is LCSC.

We will now show that this metric is VCSC. By Lemma 2.6,  $V_v$  is constant for all  $v \in V$ , so  $\sum_v V_v = 5V_v$  for all  $v \in V$ .

Also, note that the total volume  $V$  of the pentachoron is equal to  $\frac{1}{3} \sum_v V_v = \frac{5}{3} V_v$  for all  $v \in V$ . Thus:

$$\lambda_v = \frac{\sum_e k_e}{3V} = \frac{5K_v}{3V} = \frac{K_v}{V_v}$$

for all  $v \in V$ . Thus, for all  $v \in V$ ,  $K_v = \lambda_v V_v$ . Therefore, the vertex transitive metric on the pentachoron is VCSC.  $\square$

### 3. CYCLIC LENGTH METRICS ON BOUNDARIES OF 4-DIMENSIONAL CYCLIC POLYTOPES

In order to generalize the above case of the pentachoron, we need to define a piecewise-flat 3-manifold and a metric that reflects the much of the symmetry that was found in the vertex transitive pentachoron. These piecewise-flat 3-manifolds we will use are boundary complexes of 4-dimensional cyclic polytopes. We define cyclic polytopes as in [Gru67].

**Definition 3.1.** A 4-dimensional cyclic polytope,  $C(n, 4)$ , is the convex hull of  $n$  points in  $\mathbb{R}^4$ , defined for  $n \geq 5$ , such that:

- For each  $i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , there exists a  $t_i \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $t_i < t_j$  for all  $i < j$ .
- We define the moment curve in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  as  $M_4: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^4$  by  $x(t) = (t, t^2, t^3, t^4)$ .
- For each of these  $n$  points,  $v_i \in \mathbb{R}^4$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ ,  $v_i = x(t_i)$ .

For these above cyclic polytope  $C(n, 4)$  define the set  $V = \{x(t_i) \in \mathbb{R}^4 \mid 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ . We will consider the following piecewise-flat 3-manifolds:

**Definition 3.2.**  $(M^3, T)$  will be denoted a  $\partial C(n, 4)$  manifold with  $n$  vertices if  $(M^3, T)$  is the piecewise-flat simplicial boundary complex of a cyclic polytope in 4-dimensions,  $C(n, 4)$ .

Note in this definition the set  $V$  becomes our set of vertices in our manifold.

Further it has been shown that a  $\partial C(n, 4)$  manifold is a neighborly combinatorial 3-sphere,  $S^3$  (see [KL85]). The following condition on the tetrahedron in 4-dimensional cyclic polytopes is due to Gale (see [Gru67]).

**Theorem 3.3** (Gale's Evenness Condition). *Consider a cyclic 4-polytope  $C(n, 4)$ . A set of four points  $V_4 \subseteq V$  forms a tetrahedron, determined by the convex hull of  $V_4$ , inside the convex hull of  $C(n, 4)$ , if and only if every two points in  $V \setminus V_4$  are separated on  $M_4$  by an even number of points of  $V_4$ .*

Define a cycle  $\mathcal{C}$  as follows:

Note that in these definitions  $M_4$  goes through all vertices exactly once. Consider a piecewise-flat version of  $M_4$  formed by all the edges

$e_{ij}$  such that if  $v_i = x(t_i) \in V$ , then  $v_j = x(t_{i+1}) \in V$ . We can add to this path the edge formed by the two vertices  $v_1 = x(t_1)$  and  $v_n = x(t_n)$ , which exists since all  $\partial C(n, 4)$  manifolds are neighborly. Note when we do this these edges form a cycle that goes through all vertices exactly once. We will denote this cycle  $\mathcal{C}$ .

**Corollary 3.4.** *A set of four points in a  $\partial C(n, 4)$  manifold forms a tetrahedron if and only if those four points form two distinct non-local edges in  $\mathcal{C}$ .*

*Proof.* Take two distinct non local edges in  $\mathcal{C}$ . Since these are non-local they form four distinct vertices. Since these four points are on  $\mathcal{C}$  they are thus also on  $M_4$  and since they form an edge, they therefore occur in pairs on  $M_4$  or at the end points of  $M_4$ , if the edge is formed by  $v_1$  and  $v_n$ . Then consider any two points in  $V$  different from these four points. These points must be separated by 0, 2, or 4 of our original four points, since they separated by pairs of these points on  $M_4$ . Therefore these four points satisfy Gale's Evenness Condition and form a tetrahedron.

Take four vertices in a  $\partial C(n, 4)$  manifold that form a tetrahedron, and thus satisfy Gale's Evenness Condition. Call this set of vertices  $V_4$ . All points in  $V_4$  must form edges on  $\mathcal{C}$ , else there exists a point not in an edge on  $\mathcal{C}$ . If this point is  $v_1$  or  $v_n$ , then  $v_2$  and  $v_n$  or  $v_1$  and  $v_{n-1}$  are separated on  $M_4$  by three points in  $V_4$ , and this contradicts Gale's Evenness Theorem. If this point is some  $v_i$ ,  $i \neq 1$  or  $n$ , then  $v_{i-1}$  and  $v_{i+1}$  are not in  $V_4$  and separated by 1 point on  $M_4$ ,  $v_i$ , in  $V_4$ , which contradicts Gale's Evenness Theorem. Therefore all points in  $V_4$  form edges on  $\mathcal{C}$ . If they only form two edges on  $\mathcal{C}$ , with all four points being in an edge, then these two edges are clearly distinct and non-local and form the tetrahedron. If these points form three edges on  $\mathcal{C}$  then these three edges are distinct, and since  $n \geq 5$  at least two of these edges are non-local. Then these two edges form our tetrahedron.  $\square$

**Definition 3.5.** Let  $(M^3, T, \ell)$  be a  $\partial C(n, 4)$  manifold with  $n$  vertices.  $\ell$  is called a cyclic length metric if the length of any edge  $e_{ij}$  is determined by the minimum number of edges between  $v_i$  and  $v_j$  on  $\mathcal{C}$ .

Because this minimum distance is important to defining the cyclic length metric, we will denote the minimum distance between  $v_i, v_j \in V$  on  $\mathcal{C}$  as  $D_{ij}$ .

Note also that although the lengths of each edge  $e_{ij}$  are determined by  $D_{ij}$ , the lengths associated to each distance  $D$  on  $\mathcal{C}$  must be defined such that the Cayley-Menger Determinant is positive for all tetrahedron, as is specified in the definition a metric.

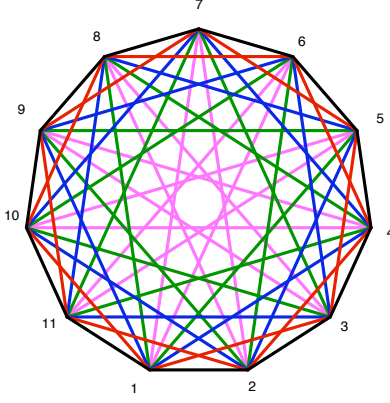


FIGURE 3. A 2-Dimensional Graph Representation of a  $\partial C(11,4)$  with a Cyclic Length Metric

As mentioned above LCSC and VCSC metrics occur at critical points of the LEHR and VEHR functionals within a conformal class. Since we will be showing that these cyclic length metrics on  $\partial C(n, 4)$  manifolds are LCSC and VCSC we would like to know when these cyclic length metrics occur in a conformal class. However as the next proposition shows, they do not appear in every conformal class on a given  $\partial C(n, 4)$  manifold.

**Proposition 3.6.** *In a  $\partial C(n, 4)$  manifold, there exists a conformal class that does not admit a cyclic length metric.*

*Proof.* Suppose not, then all conformal classes admit a cyclic length metric.

Pick a  $v_0 \in V$  and label all vertices  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{n-1}$  such that each  $v_{i+1}$  is a step clockwise from  $v_i$  on  $\mathcal{C}$ . Since  $n \geq 5$  we know in a cyclic length metric  $l_{01} = l_{12} = l_{23} = l_{34}$  and  $l_{02} = l_{13} = l_{24}$ .

Now consider the conformal class such  $L_{ij} = 1$  for all  $e_{ij} \in E$ , except for  $L_{12} = a \neq 1$ .

Since  $l_{ij} = L_{ij} e^{\frac{1}{2}(f_i + f_j)} = L_{ij} e^{\frac{1}{2}f_i} e^{\frac{1}{2}f_j}$ , if the above conformal class admits a cyclic length metric then  $l_{01} = l_{12} = l_{23}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow e^{\frac{1}{2}f_0} e^{\frac{1}{2}f_1} &= a e^{\frac{1}{2}f_1} e^{\frac{1}{2}f_2} = e^{\frac{1}{2}f_2} e^{\frac{1}{2}f_3} \\ \Rightarrow e^{\frac{1}{2}f_0} &= a e^{\frac{1}{2}f_2} \text{ and } e^{\frac{1}{2}f_3} = a e^{\frac{1}{2}f_1} \end{aligned}$$

Further  $l_{02} = l_{13}$ .

$$\Rightarrow e^{\frac{1}{2}f_0} e^{\frac{1}{2}f_2} = e^{\frac{1}{2}f_1} e^{\frac{1}{2}f_3}$$

$$\Rightarrow a(e^{\frac{1}{2}f_2})^2 = a(e^{\frac{1}{2}f_1})^2$$

$$\Rightarrow e^{f_2} = e^{f_1} \Rightarrow f_2 = f_1.$$

Then  $l_{12} = l_{34}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow ae^{\frac{1}{2}f_1}e^{\frac{1}{2}f_2} &= e^{\frac{1}{2}f_3}e^{\frac{1}{2}f_4} \\ \Rightarrow a(e^{\frac{1}{2}f_2})^2 &= ae^{\frac{1}{2}f_1}e^{\frac{1}{2}f_4} \\ \Rightarrow e^{\frac{1}{2}f_1} &= e^{\frac{1}{2}f_4} \end{aligned}$$

But this implies:

$$\begin{aligned} l_{24} &= e^{\frac{1}{2}f_2}e^{\frac{1}{2}f_4} = (e^{\frac{1}{2}f_1})^2 = e^{f_1} \\ l_{13} &= e^{\frac{1}{2}f_1}e^{\frac{1}{2}f_3} = e^{\frac{1}{2}f_1}(ae^{\frac{1}{2}f_1}) = ae^{f_1} \end{aligned}$$

and in a cyclic length metric  $l_{24} = l_{13}$  which implies:  
 $ae^{f_1} = e^{f_1} \Rightarrow a = 1$ .

This is a contradiction to the definition of  $a \neq 1$ . Therefore this conformal class does not admit a cyclic length metric.  $\square$

#### 4. $\partial C(n, 4)$ FOR $n$ -ODD

When considering these cyclic length metrics on  $\partial C(n, 4)$  manifolds, we require additional information about the combinatorics and symmetries of these manifolds. Due to the slightly different structure of these  $C(n, 4)$ , depending on whether or not  $n$  is odd or even, we split these up into two different cases. Here we begin with the odd case.

**Lemma 4.1.** *Let  $(M^3, T, \ell)$  be a  $\partial C(n, 4)$  manifold with an odd number of vertices and let  $\ell$  be a cyclic length metric. The triangulation has the following properties:*

- (1) *There exists an  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $n = 2m+3$ .*
- (2) *There can be up to a total of  $m+1$  distinct edge lengths.*
- (3)  *$\ell$  is a vertex transitive metric.*
- (4) *There are  $2m^2+3m$  total tetrahedron in the triangulation.*

*Proof.* (1) In a  $\partial C(n, 4)$  manifold  $n \geq 5$ . Since  $n$  is odd,  $n = 2m+1$ , but since  $n \geq 5$ ,  $n = 2m+3$  for some  $m \in \mathbb{N}$

- (2) Choose two arbitrary distinct  $v_i, v_j \in V$ . Since there are  $2m+3$  vertices, there are  $2m+3$  edges in  $\mathcal{C}$  by our definition  $D_{ij}$  is the minimum number of edges on  $\mathcal{C}$  between  $v_i$  and  $v_j$ . Thus there exists a  $n_{ij} \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $n_{ij} \geq D_{ij}$  and  $n_{ij} + D_{ij} = 2m + 3$ .

Therefore, since  $2m+3$  is odd:

$$\begin{aligned} D_{ij} &\neq n_{ij} \\ \Rightarrow n_{ij} &> D_{ij} \\ \Rightarrow n_{ij} &\geq D_{ij} + 1 > D_{ij} \\ \Rightarrow D_{ij} + D_{ij} + 1 &\leq D_{ij} + n_{ij} = 2m + 3 \\ \Rightarrow 2D_{ij} + 1 &\leq 2m + 3 \\ \Rightarrow D_{ij} &\leq m + 1. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore there are only  $m+1$  possibilities for  $D_{ij}$ , and since in our metric edge length is a function of  $D_{ij}$ , there are at most  $m+1$  possibilities for  $l_{ij}$ .

- (3) By definition,  $(M^3, T, \ell)$  is a vertex transitive triangulation since it is neighborly. Choose an arbitrary  $v_i \in V$ . Because all  $v \in V$  lie on  $\mathcal{C}$ , and there are  $2m+3$  edges, we can relabel  $i$  as 0, and label the vertices around  $v_0$  by the number of steps clockwise the vertex is in the cycle to  $v_0$ . Since there are exactly  $2m+3 = 1 + 2(m+1)$  vertices, these vertices can then be labeled as  $\{v_{-(m+1)}, v_{-m}, \dots, v_0, \dots, v_{m+1}\}$ . Therefore for all  $v_j$ ,  $D_{0j} = |j|$ . Thus the set of all  $D_{0j}$  with multiplicities is  $\{1, 1, \dots, m, m, m+1, m+1\}$ . Since this is true for all  $v_i \in V$ , and since lengths of the edges local to  $v_i$  are a function of  $D_{ij}$  such that  $v_i$  and  $v_j$  form an edge, this implies that the set of all lengths local to  $v_i$  is the same for all  $v_i \in V$ . Therefore  $\ell$  is a vertex transitive metric.
- (4) Note that there are  $2m+3$  edges in  $\mathcal{C}$ . Choose an arbitrary edge in  $\mathcal{C}$ , and a second edge in  $\mathcal{C}$  not local to the first edge. By Cor 3.4, all such combinations will completely form all valid tetrahedra. The number of these combinations, and thus total tetrahedra, is exactly:

$$\frac{(2m+3)((2m+3)-3)}{2} = 2m^2 + 3m.$$

□

Note as a consequence of Lemma 4.1, it is clear if there exists a path of distinct  $p$  edges between  $v_i$  and  $v_j$  on  $\mathcal{C}$ , and  $p \leq m+1$  then  $D_{ij} = p$ . If  $m+1 < p$ , then  $D_{ij} = (2m+3) - p$ .

**Lemma 4.2.** *Let  $(M^3, T, \ell)$  be  $\partial C(2m+3, 4)$  manifold and let  $\ell$  be a cyclic length metric. There are  $m$  distinct types of tetrahedra in the triangulation.*

*Proof.* By the proof of Lemma 4.1.2, there are at most  $m+1$  edge lengths in the triangulation. Let the set of all these edge lengths, with possible multiplicities, be given by  $\{l_1, l_2, \dots, l_{m+1}\}$ , such that  $l_{ij} = l_{D_{ij}}$ . Choose two non-local  $e_{ij}, e_{kl} \in \mathcal{C}$ , and let  $V_4 = \{v_i, v_j, v_k, v_l\}$ . WLOG we can relabel the vertices such that the number of  $v \in V_4$  between  $v_i$  to  $v_k$  on  $\mathcal{C}$  is even and  $D_{ik} = \min(D_{ik}, D_{jl})$ . This can be done for all possible combinations of edges. Then let  $n = D_{ik}$ .

Case 1: If  $n < m$ , then  $l_{ik} = l_p$ . Since  $e_{ij}, e_{kl} \in \mathcal{C}$ ,  $D_{ij} = D_{kl} = 1$  and  $l_{ij} = l_{kl} = l_1$ . Since  $D_{ik} < D_{jl}$  and an even number of  $v \in V_4$  lie between  $v_i$  and  $v_j$  on  $\mathcal{C}$ , this implies neither  $v_j$  and  $v_l$  are on the minimal path on  $\mathcal{C}$  between  $v_i$  and  $v_k$ , else one of the above conditions would be false. Therefore one path on  $\mathcal{C}$  inbetween  $v_i$  and  $v_l$  is the

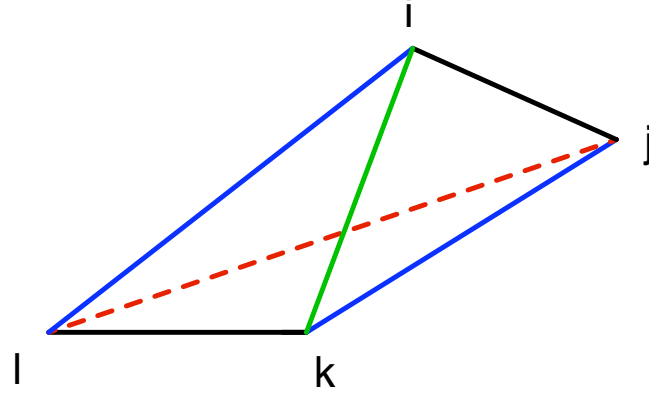


FIGURE 4. Standard  $n$  type tetrahedron:  $l_{ij} = l_{kl} = l_1$ ,  
 $l_{ik} = l_n$ ,  $l_{il} = l_{jk} = l_{n+1}$ ,  $l_{jl} = l_{n+2}$

minimal path on  $\mathcal{C}$  from  $v_i$  to  $v_k$  and the edge  $e_{kl}$ , which has length  $n+1 \leq m < m+1$ . Therefore  $D_{il} = n+1$ . Similarly  $D_{jk} = n+1$ . Further one path between  $v_j$  and  $v_l$  on  $\mathcal{C}$  is the minimal path of  $v_i$  and  $v_l$  and the edge  $e_{ij}$ , which has length  $n+2 \leq m+1$ . Therefore  $D_{jl} = n+2$ . Hence  $l_{il} = l_{jk} = l_{n+1}$  and  $l_{jl} = l_{n+2}$ . Therefore the tetrahedron  $t_{ijkl}$  is determined with respect to  $n$  if  $n < m$ .

Case 2: If  $n = m$ , then by the same argument as case 1, since  $m+1 \leq m+1$ ,  $l_{ik} = l_m$ ,  $l_{ij} = l_{kl} = l_1$ , and  $l_{il} = l_{jk} = l_{m+1}$ . However the minimal path between  $v_j$  and  $v_l$  on  $\mathcal{C}$  described in case 1 would have length  $n+2 = m+2$ . Therefore  $D_{jl} = m+1$ , and thus the  $l_{jl} = l_{m+1}$  and the tetrahedron is determined.

Case 3: If  $n \geq m+1$ , then the length of the path between  $v_j$  and  $v_l$  formed by the minimal path between  $v_i$  and  $v_k$ ,  $e_{ij}$ , and  $e_{kl}$ , is greater than  $m+3$ . Therefore  $D_{jl} \leq m < n$ . This contradicts our definition of  $n = \min(D_{ik}, D_{jl})$ . Therefore this case is not possible.

Therefore, from the above cases, the tetrahedron  $t_{ijkl}$  is completely determined if we know  $p$ . By Cor 3.4 all possible tetrahedra can be described from a combination of edges labeled in the way described above. Thus, for all  $t \in T$ ,  $t$  is a function of  $n$ . Since by case 3,  $n \leq m$ , there are at most  $m$  distinct type of tetrahedra in the triangulation. However it

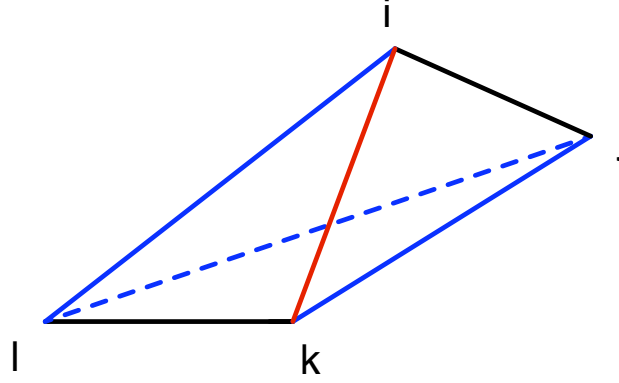


FIGURE 5. Special  $m$  type tetrahedron:  $l_{ij} = l_{kl} = l_1$ ,  
 $l_{ik} = l_m$ ,  $l_{il} = l_{jk} = l_{jl} = l_{m+1}$

is clear that we can form a type  $n$  tetrahedron for all  $n$ ,  $1 \leq n \leq m$ , by taking non-local edges  $e_{ij}, e_{kl} \in \mathcal{C}$ , with  $D_{ik} = n$ ,  $D_{ik} < D_{il} \leq D_{jl}$ . Therefore there are exactly  $m$  types of tetrahedra in the triangulation.  $\square$

This restriction on the number of various types of tetrahedra for an odd number of vertices allows us to generalize the results found in the vertex transitive pentachoron to the cyclic length metric on our  $\partial C(2m + 3, 4)$  manifold.

We will denote these special  $n$  type tetrahedra as  $t_1, \dots, t_n, \dots, t_m$ , where this  $n$  is exactly the  $n$  denoted in the proof above.

**Corollary 4.3.** *Let  $(M^3, T, \ell)$  be a  $\partial C(2m+3, 4)$  manifold with  $2m+3$  odd vertices and let  $\ell$  be a cyclic length metric. For each distinct  $n$  type tetrahedra, there are  $2m+3$  tetrahedra of that type in the triangulation.*

*Proof.* There are exactly  $2m+3$  edges on  $\mathcal{C}$ . By Cor 3.4 exactly two tetrahedra of each type  $t_n$ ,  $1 \leq n \leq m$ , will be formed with each of these edges. Further, since when forming tetrahedra in this way, edge-by-edge on  $\mathcal{C}$ , we double count, the total number of  $t_n$ ,  $1 \leq n \leq m$ , for each  $n$  is  $\frac{2(2m+2)}{2} = 2m + 3$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 4.4.** *Let  $(M^3, T, \ell)$  be a  $\partial C(2m + 3, 4)$  manifold with  $2m+3$  odd vertices and let  $\ell$  be a cyclic length metric. For all  $v \in V$ ,  $K_v$  is constant.*

*Proof.* First it will be shown that all edges with equal length have equal edge curvature,  $K_e$ . We will denote the lengths in this proof similarly

as in the proof of Lemma 4.2. Choose an arbitrary  $e_{ij} \in E$  with length  $l_p$ , such that  $p = D_{ij}$ .

Case 1:  $p \neq 1, 2$ , or  $m+1$ . Consider the minimal path between  $v_i$  and  $v_j$  on  $\mathcal{C}$ . Consider edges  $e_{ki}, e_{iw}, e_{lj}$ , and  $e_{jq}$  on  $\mathcal{C}$ , such that  $v_k$  and  $v_l$  are on this minimal path while  $v_w$  and  $v_q$  are not. Since  $p$  is not 1 or 2  $v_k \neq v_l$ . Therefore there are four tetrahedron formed by these four edges,  $t_{ijkl}$ ,  $t_{ijwq}$ ,  $t_{kjiq}$ , and  $t_{ilwj}$ . Note that all other tetrahedra in our triangulation do not contain  $e_{ij}$ . By Lemma 4.2, we can determine which  $n$  type tetrahedra these are as a function of  $p$ .  $t_{ijwq}$  is a  $p$  type,  $t_{ijkl}$  is a  $p-2$  type, and  $t_{kjiq}$  and  $t_{ilwj}$  are  $p-1$  types. Since in type  $p$  and  $p-2$  tetrahedra, there is only one edge with length  $l_p$ , this implies  $\beta_{ij,kl}$  and  $\beta_{ij,wq}$  are determined. Due to the symmetry of the tetrahedra, the two sides of length  $l_p$  in a  $p-1$  tetrahedron have the same dihedral angle. This implies  $\beta_{ij,kq} = \beta_{ij,lw}$  and are determined. Therefore  $\sum_{t>e} \beta_{e,t}$ , and thus  $K_e = (2\pi - \sum_{t>e} \beta_{e,t})l_e$ , is determined by  $l_p$ .

Case 2:  $p = m+1$ . Label additional vertices and tetrahedra as in Case 1. Similarly  $t_{ijkl}$  is a  $p-2 = m-1$  type,  $t_{kjiq}$  and  $t_{ilwj}$  are  $p-1 = m$  types, but  $t_{ijwq}$  is a  $m$  type tetrahedra since  $D_{wq} = m$ . By the same argument in Case 1,  $\beta_{ij,kl}$  is determined. Because of symmetry in the  $m$  type tetrahedron, edges of length  $l_{m+1}$  local to one edge of length  $l_{m+1}$  and one of length  $l_m$  have the same dihedral angle. This implies  $\beta_{ij,kq} = \beta_{ij,lw}$  and are also determined. In  $t_{ijwq}$ ,  $e_{ij}$  is local to two edges of length  $l_{m+1}$  and there is only one edge in a  $m$  type tetrahedron such that this occurs, this implies  $\beta_{ij,wq}$  is also determined. Therefore  $\sum_{t>e} \beta_{e,t}$ , and thus  $K_e = (2\pi - \sum_{t>e} \beta_{e,t})l_e$ , is determined if  $p = m+1$ .

Case 3:  $p = 2$ . This case follows directly from Case 1, however since  $p = 2$ ,  $v_k = v_l$ . Therefore there is no  $t_{ijkl}$  tetrahedron formed, and  $e_{ij}$ , is local to only 3 tetrahedra. However in the remaining 3 tetrahedra the proof follows from Case 1.

Case 4:  $p = 1$ . This means  $e_{ij} \in \mathcal{C}$ . Therefore  $e_{ij}$  is contained in exactly  $2m+1$  tetrahedra, all choices of edges in  $\mathcal{C}$  not local to  $e_{ij}$  and the one tetrahedra formed by the two edges local to  $e_{ij}$  on  $\mathcal{C}$ . If we choose an edge  $e_{kl}$  on  $\mathcal{C}$  not local to  $e_{ij}$  such that  $D_{ki} = n$  and  $D_{kj} = D_{il} = n+1$ , then  $t_{ijkl}$  is a  $n$  type tetrahedron. Similarly we could choose  $e_{kl}$  such that  $D_{kj} = n$  and  $D_{ki} = D_{jl} = n+1$ , which is also a  $n$  type tetrahedron.

Since we can do this for all  $n$ ,  $1 \leq n \leq m$ , these form  $2m$  distinct tetrahedra. This, along with the tetrahedron formed by the 2 edges local to  $e_{ij}$ , accounts for all  $2m+1$  tetrahedra with edge  $e_{ij}$  contained in it. Therefore  $e_{ij}$  is contained in exactly  $2n$  type tetrahedra for each  $n > 1$ , and three  $n=1$  type tetrahedra. Due to symmetry in  $n$  type tetrahedra,  $n > 1$ , the dihedral angles are equal for both edges of length  $l_1$ . Therefore, if we call  $t_n$  a  $n$  type tetrahedra, then for all  $n$ ,  $2 \leq n \leq m$ ,  $\sum_{t_n > e} \beta_{e,t}$  is determined. Because of symmetry in the 1 type tetrahedron, edges of length  $l_1$ , local to one edge of length  $l_1$  and one of length  $l_2$ , have the same dihedral angle. Further any edge of length  $l_1$ , local to two edges of length  $l_1$ , has a second dihedral angle. In the tetrahedron formed by the two edges local to it,  $e_{ij}$  clearly takes on the later roll, and takes on the former role in any other 1 type tetrahedron. Therefore  $\sum_{t_1 > e} \beta_{e,t}$  is determined. Finally, since  $e_{ij}$  lies in every  $n$  type tetrahedra,  $\sum_{t > e} \beta_{e,t}$ , and thus  $K_e = (2\pi - \sum_{t > e} \beta_{e,t})l_e$ , is determined if  $p=1$ .

Therefore the edge curvature of any given edge is a function of the length of that edge. Since by Lemma 4.1.3 the metric is vertex transitive, this implies the length of the edges coming into each vertex is the same. These combined imply for all  $v \in V$   $\sum_{e > v} K_e$  is constant. Therefore for all  $v \in V$ ,  $K_v = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{e > v} K_e$  is constant.  $\square$

Recall the original definition of the  $\partial C(n, 4)$ , where each vertex was labeled  $v_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , where  $D_{i(i+1)} = 1$ . In the following lemmas we will return to labeling vertices in the manner. However we will continue with the convention of having  $2m+3$  vertices instead of odd  $n$  vertices, and we will label  $n=2m+3$  as 0. The motivation for this is clear, due to the the relative location of  $v_1$  and  $v_{2m+3}$  in  $\mathcal{C}$ .

**Lemma 4.5.** *Any vertex  $v_i \in V$  is local to exactly four distinct tetrahedron of type  $t_k$ , with  $1 \leq k \leq m$ .*

*Proof.* WLOG, choose a vertex  $v_0 \in V$ . It is now possible to construct a tetrahedron type  $t_k$  with vertices  $v_0, v_1, v_{k+1}, v_{k+2}$ . Let this specific tetrahedron be labeled  $t_{k1}$ .

Define a map  $f: V \rightarrow V$  by:

$$f(v_i) = v_{i+h \pmod{2m+3}} \text{ where } h \text{ solves the equation}$$

$$0 \equiv k + 1 + h \pmod{2m+3}$$

Note that under this map,  $v_0 \rightarrow v_h$ ,  $v_1 \rightarrow v_{h+1}$ ,  $v_{k+1} \rightarrow v_0$ , and  $v_{k+2} \rightarrow v_1$ . Since this map preserves  $D_{ij}$  for any two vertices  $v_i$  and  $v_j$ , this is still a type  $t_k$  tetrahedron. Also note that this tetrahedron is distinct from  $t_{k1}$ , since if it was equivalent to it, then:

$h \equiv k + 1 \pmod{2m+3}$   
 $\Rightarrow 0 \equiv k + 1 - h \pmod{2m+3}$   
 $\Rightarrow k + 1 + h \equiv k + 1 - h \pmod{2m+3}$   
 $\Rightarrow 0 \equiv 2h \pmod{2m+3}$  which is a contradiction. Let this tetrahedron be labeled  $t_{k2}$ .

Define tetrahedron  $t_{k3}$  by vertices  $v_{2m+2}, v_0, v_k, v_{k+1}$ . This is distinct from  $t_{k1}$  and  $t_{k2}$  and is clearly a tetrahedron of type  $t_k$ . Now apply  $f$  to  $t_{k3}$ . Under this map,  $v_{2m+2} \rightarrow v_{h-1}$ ,  $v_0 \rightarrow v_h$ ,  $v_{k+1} \rightarrow v_0$ , and  $v_k \rightarrow v_{2m+2}$ . Label this result  $t_{k4}$ .

Note that  $t_{k4}$  is distinct from  $t_{k3}$ , since if it wasn't, then:

$$\begin{aligned}
 h - 1 &\equiv k \pmod{2m+3} \\
 \Rightarrow h &\equiv k + 1 \pmod{2m+3}
 \end{aligned}$$

which is a contradiction by same method as shown above.

Also note that  $t_{k4}$  is distinct from  $t_{k1}$  since  $k+1 \neq k+2$ , and is distinct from  $t_{k2}$  since  $h \neq h+1$ . Since we can choose any vertex to be  $v_0$ , every vertex is part of at least four distinct tetrahedron type  $t_k$ , with  $1 \leq k \leq m$ .

But since each vertex is part of four distinct tetrahedron of type  $t_k$ , with  $1 \leq k \leq m$ , each vertex lies in at least  $4m$  tetrahedron. Thus, over all  $2m+3$  vertices, there are  $4m(2m+3)$  vertices, with multiplicities. This is the same as  $(2m^2 + 3m)4$ , which is exactly the amount of total tetrahedron multiplied by the number of vertices in each. Thus, every vertex is part of part of exactly four tetrahedron of type  $t_k$ , with  $1 \leq k \leq m$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 4.6.** *For all  $v \in V$ ,  $V_v$  is constant.*

*Proof.* For any vertex  $v_i \in V$ ,  $V_{v_i} = \frac{1}{3} \sum_{t > v} \sum_{(j,k,l) < t} h_{ijk,l} A_{ijk}$ . Note that this sums over every tetrahedron  $v_i$  is part of. By Lemma 4.5, each vertex is part of exactly  $4m$  tetrahedron, 4 of each  $t_k$ ,  $1 \leq k \leq m$ . Thus we can split up  $V_{v_i}$  into  $m$  distinct parts, one part for every type of tetrahedron. Note that each tetrahedron  $t_k$  is geometrically identical, so for any tetrahedron  $t_k$ ,  $\sum_{(j,k,l) < t} h_{ijk,l} A_{ijk}$  only varies in regards to which of the four vertices in the tetrahedron we are summing over.

Consider tetrahedron of type  $t_k$  and a vertex  $v_0$  as described in the proof of Lemma 4.5. There are exactly four vertices that make up this tetrahedron (refer to Figure 2). In  $t_{k1}$ ,  $v_0$  takes the role of vertex  $l$ . In  $t_{k2}$ ,  $v_0$  takes the role of vertex  $i$ . In  $t_{k3}$ ,  $v_0$  takes the role of vertex  $k$ . In  $t_{k4}$ ,  $v_0$  takes the role of vertex  $j$ . So  $v_0$  has taken the role of each of the four possible vertices (Note that though the length structure differs in

the case of  $t_m$ , this doesn't affect the argument;  $v_0$  still takes the role of each vertex exactly once.). Since the selection of  $v_0$  was arbitrary and any vertex can be selected, for all  $v_i \in V$ , the partial sum of  $V_{v_i}$  with respect to  $t_k$  is equal. And since Lemma 4.5 generalizes to every  $t_k$ ,  $1 \leq k \leq m$ , for all  $v_i \in V$ , every partial sum of  $V_{v_i}$  is equal, which means that the total sum of  $V_{v_i}$  is equal. Thus, for all  $v \in V$ ,  $V_v$  is constant.  $\square$

### 5. $\partial C(n, 4)$ FOR $n$ -EVEN

The extension of the  $n$ -odd case to the  $n$ -even is very similar, and will follow in a similar manner as the last section.

**Lemma 5.1.** *Let  $(M^3, T, \ell)$  be a  $\partial C(n, 4)$  manifold with an even number of vertices and let  $\ell$  be a cyclic length metric. The triangulation has the following properties:*

- (1) *There exists an  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $m > 1$ , such that  $n = 2m+2$ .*
- (2) *There can be up to a total of  $m+1$  distinct edge lengths.*
- (3)  *$\ell$  is a vertex transitive metric.*
- (4) *There are  $2m^2 + m - 1$  total tetrahedron in the triangulation.*

*Proof.* (1) In a  $\partial C(n, 4)$   $n \geq 5$ . Since  $n$  is even,  $n = 2m$ , but since  $n \geq 5$ ,  $n = 2m+2$  for some  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $m > 1$ .

- (2) Choose two arbitrary distinct  $v_i, v_j \in V$ . Since there are  $2m+2$  vertices, there are  $2m+2$  edges in  $\mathcal{C}$  and by our definition  $D_{ij}$  is the minimum number of edges on  $\mathcal{C}$  between  $v_i$  and  $v_j$ . Thus there exists a  $n_{ij} \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $n_{ij} \geq D_{ij}$  and  $n_{ij} + D_{ij} = 2m+2$ .

Therefore:

$$\Rightarrow D_{ij} + D_{ij} \leq D_{ij} + n_{ij} = 2m + 2$$

$$\Rightarrow 2D_{ij} \leq 2m + 2$$

$$\Rightarrow D_{ij} \leq m + 1.$$

Therefore there are only  $m+1$  possibilities for  $D_{ij}$ , and since in our metric edge length is a function of  $D_{ij}$ , thus there are at most  $m+1$  possibilities for  $l_{ij}$ .

- (3) By definition,  $(M^3, T, \ell)$  is a vertex transitive triangulation since it is neighborly. Choose an arbitrary  $v_i \in V$ . Because all  $v \in V$  lie on  $\mathcal{C}$ , and there are  $2m+2$  edges, we can relabel  $i$  as 0, and label the vertices around  $v_0$  by the number of steps clockwise the vertex is in the cycle to  $v_0$ . Since there are exactly  $2m+2 = 2(m+1)$  vertices, these vertices can then be labeled as  $\{v_{-(m+1)}, v_{-m}, \dots, v_0, \dots, v_{m+1}\}$ . Therefore for all  $v_j$ ,  $D_{0j} = |j|$ . Thus the set of all  $D_{0j}$  with multiplicities is  $\{1, 1, \dots, m, m, m+1\}$ . Since this is true for all  $v_i \in V$ , and since lengths of the edges local to  $v_i$  are a function of  $D_{ij}$  such that  $v_i$  and  $v_j$  form an edge,

this implies that the set of all lengths local to  $v_i$  is the same for all  $v_i \in V$ . Therefore  $\ell$  is a vertex transitive metric.

- (4) Note that there are  $2m+2$  edges in  $\mathcal{C}$ . Choose an arbitrary edge in  $\mathcal{C}$ , and a second edge in  $\mathcal{C}$  not local to the first edge. By Cor 3.4, all such combinations will completely form all valid tetrahedra. The number of these combinations, and thus total tetrahedra, is exactly:

$$\frac{(2m+2)((2m+2)-3)}{2} = 2m^2 + m - 1.$$

□

Note as a consequence of Lemma 5.1, it is clear if there exists a path of distinct  $p$  edges between  $v_i$  and  $v_j$  on  $\mathcal{C}$ , and  $p \leq m+1$  then  $D_{ij} = p$ . If  $m+1 < p$  then  $D_{ij} = (2m+2) - p$ .

**Lemma 5.2.** *Let  $(M^3, T, \ell)$  be a  $\partial C(2m+2, 4)$  manifold and let  $\ell$  be a cyclic length metric. There are  $m$  distinct types of tetrahedra in the triangulation.*

*Proof.* By the proof of Lemma 5.1.2, there are at most  $m+1$  edge lengths in the triangulation. Let the set of all these edge lengths, with possible multiplicities, be given by  $\{l_1, l_2, \dots, l_{m+1}\}$ , such that  $l_{ij} = l_{D_{ij}}$ . Choose two non-local  $e_{ij}, e_{kl} \in \mathcal{C}$ , and let  $V_4 = \{v_i, v_j, v_k, v_l\}$ . WLOG we can relabel the vertices such that the number of  $v \in V_4$  between  $v_i$  to  $v_k$  on  $\mathcal{C}$  is even and  $D_{ik} = \min(D_{ik}, D_{jl})$ . This can be done for all possible combinations of edges. Then let  $n = D_{ik}$ .

Case 1: If  $n < m$ , then  $l_{ik} = l_p$ . Since  $e_{ij}, e_{kl} \in \mathcal{C}$ ,  $D_{ij} = D_{kl} = 1$  and  $l_{ij} = l_{kl} = l_1$ . Since  $D_{ik} < D_{jl}$  and an even number of  $v \in V_4$  lie between  $v_i$  and  $v_j$  on  $\mathcal{C}$ , this implies neither  $v_j$  and  $v_l$  are on the minimal path on  $\mathcal{C}$  between  $v_i$  and  $v_k$ , else one of the above conditions would be false. Therefore one path on  $\mathcal{C}$  inbetween  $v_i$  and  $v_l$  is the minimal path on  $\mathcal{C}$  from  $v_i$  to  $v_k$  and the edge  $e_{kl}$ , which has length  $n+1 \leq m < m+1$ . Therefore  $D_{il} = n+1$ . Similarly  $D_{jk} = n+1$ . Further one path between  $v_j$  and  $v_l$  on  $\mathcal{C}$  is the minimal path of  $v_i$  and  $v_l$  and the edge  $e_{ij}$ , which has length  $n+2 \leq m+1$ . Therefore  $D_{jl} = n+2$ . Hence  $l_{il} = l_{jk} = l_{n+1}$  and  $l_{jl} = l_{n+2}$ . Therefore the tetrahedron  $t_{ijkl}$  is determined with respect to  $n$  if  $n < m$ .

Case 2: If  $n = m$ , then by the same argument as case 1, since  $n+1 \leq m+1$ ,  $l_{ik} = l_n$ ,  $l_{ij} = l_{kl} = l_1$ , and  $l_{il} = l_{jk} = l_{n+1}$ . However the minimal path between  $v_j$  and  $v_l$  on  $\mathcal{C}$  described in case 1 would have length

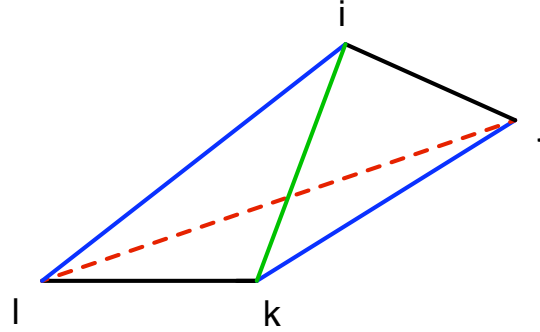


FIGURE 6. Standard  $n$  type tetrahedron:  $l_{ij} = l_{kl} = l_1$ ,  
 $l_{ik} = l_n$ ,  $l_{il} = l_{jk} = l_{n+1}$ ,  $l_{jl} = l_{n+2}$

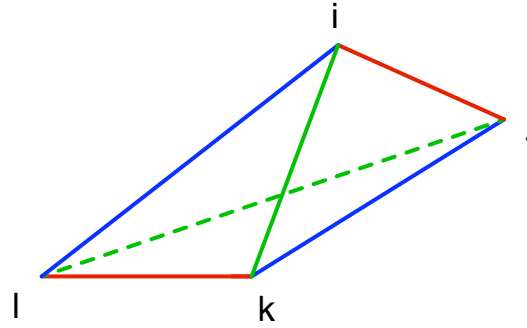


FIGURE 7. Special  $m$  type tetrahedron:  $l_{ij} = l_{kl} = l_1$ ,  
 $l_{ik} = l_{jl} = l_m$ ,  $l_{il} = l_{jk} = l_{m+1}$

$n+2=m+2$ . Therefore  $D_{jl}=m$ , and thus the  $l_{jl}=l_m$  and the tetrahedron is determined.

Case 3: If  $n \geq m+1$ , then the length of the path between  $v_j$  and  $v_l$  formed by the minimal path between  $v_i$  and  $v_k$ ,  $e_{ij}$ , and  $e_{kl}$ , is greater than  $m+3$ . Therefore  $D_{jl} \leq m-1 < n$ . This contradicts our definition of  $n = \min(D_{ik}, D_{jl})$ . Therefore this case is not possible.

Therefore, from the above cases, the tetrahedron  $t_{ijkl}$  is completely determined if we know  $p$ . By Cor 3.4 all possible tetrahedra can be described from a combination of edges labeled in the way described above. Thus, for all  $t \in T$ ,  $t$  is a function of  $n$ . Since by case 3,  $n \leq m$ , there are at most  $m$  distinct type of tetrahedra in the triangulation. However it

is clear that we can form a type  $n$  tetrahedron for all  $n$ ,  $1 \leq n \leq m$ , by taking non-local edges  $e_{ij}, e_{kl} \in \mathcal{C}$ , with  $D_{ik}=n$ ,  $D_{ik} < D_{il} \leq D_{jl}$ . Therefore there are exactly  $m$  types of tetrahedra in the triangulation.  $\square$

As in the odd case, the restriction on the number of various types of tetrahedra for an even number of vertices allows us to generalize the results found in the vertex transitive pentachoron to the cyclic length metric on our  $\partial C(2m + 2, 4)$  manifold.

We will denote these special  $n$  type tetrahedra as  $t_1, \dots, t_n, \dots, t_m$ , where this  $n$  is exactly the  $n$  denoted in the proof above.

**Corollary 5.3.** *Let  $(M^3, T, \ell)$  be a  $\partial C(2m+2, 4)$  manifold with  $2m+2$  even vertices and let  $\ell$  be a cyclic length metric. For each distinct  $n$  type tetrahedra,  $n < m-1$ , there are  $2m+2$  tetrahedra of that type in the triangulation, and for  $m$  type tetrahedra, there are  $m+1$  of them.*

*Proof.* There are exactly  $2m+3$  edges on  $\mathcal{C}$ . By Cor 3.4 exactly two tetrahedra of each type  $t_n$ ,  $1 \leq n < m$ , will be formed with each of these edges. Further, each edge will form exactly one  $t_m$  type tetrahedra. Since when forming tetrahedra in this way, edge-by-edge on  $\mathcal{C}$ , we double count, the total number of  $t_n$ ,  $1 \leq n < m$ , for each  $n$  is  $\frac{2(2m+2)}{2} = 2m + 3$ . Similarly the total number of  $t_m$  is  $\frac{2m+2}{2} = m + 1$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 5.4.** *Let  $(M^3, T, \ell)$  be a  $\partial C(2m + 2, 4)$  manifold with  $2m+2$  even vertices and let  $\ell$  be a cyclic length metric. For all  $v \in V$ ,  $K_v$  is constant.*

*Proof.* First it will be shown that all edges with equal length have equal edge curvature,  $K_e$ . We will denote the lengths in this proof similarly as in the proof of Lemma 5.2. Choose an arbitrary  $e_{ij} \in \mathcal{E}$  with length  $l_p$ , such that  $p = D_{ij}$ .

Case 1:  $p \neq 1, 2$ , or  $m+1$ . Consider the minimal path between  $v_i$  and  $v_j$  on  $\mathcal{C}$ . Consider edges  $e_{ki}, e_{iw}, e_{lj}$ , and  $e_{jq}$  on  $\mathcal{C}$ , such that  $v_k$  and  $v_l$  are on this minimal path while  $v_w$  and  $v_q$  are not. Since  $p$  is not 1 or 2  $v_k \neq v_l$ . Therefore there are four tetrahedra formed by these four edges,  $t_{ijkl}$ ,  $t_{ijwq}$ ,  $t_{kjiq}$ , and  $t_{ilwj}$ . Note that all other tetrahedra in our triangulation do not contain  $e_{ij}$ . By Lemma 5.2, we can determine which  $n$  type tetrahedra these are as a function of  $p$ .  $t_{ijwq}$  is a  $p$  type,  $t_{ijkl}$  is a  $p-2$  type, and  $t_{kjiq}$  and  $t_{ilwj}$  are  $p-1$  types. If  $p \neq m$ , in type  $p$  and  $p-2$  tetrahedra, there is only one edge with length  $l_p$ . This implies  $\beta_{ij,kl}$  and  $\beta_{ij,wq}$  are determined. If  $p = m$  there are two possible locations of  $l_p$  in  $p$  type tetrahedron, but do due to symmetry in the

tetrahedron the dihedral angles at both edges are the same, so  $\beta_{ij,wq}$  is still determined. Due to the symmetry of the tetrahedra, the two sides of length  $l_p$  in a  $p-1$  tetrahedron have the same dihedral angle also. This implies  $\beta_{ij,kq} = \beta_{ij,lw}$  and are determined. Therefore  $\sum_{t>e} \beta_{e,t}$ , and thus  $K_e = (2\pi - \sum_{t>e} \beta_{e,t})l_e$ , is determined by  $l_p$ .

Case 2:  $p=m+1$ . Lable additional vertices and tetrahedra as in Case 1. Similarly  $t_{ijkl}$  is a  $p-2=m-1$  type,  $t_{kjiq}$  and  $t_{ilwj}$  are  $p-1=m$  types, but  $t_{ijwq}$  is a  $m-1$  type tetrahedra since  $D_{wq} = m - 1$ . By the same argument in Case 1,  $\beta_{ij,kl}$  and  $\beta_{ij,wq}$  are determined. Because of symmetry in the  $m$  type tetrahedron, once again  $\beta_{ij,kq} = \beta_{ij,lw}$  and are also determined. Therefore  $\sum_{t>e} \beta_{e,t}$ , and thus  $K_e = (2\pi - \sum_{t>e} \beta_{e,t})l_e$ , is determined if  $p=m+1$ .

Case 3:  $p=2$ . This case follows directly from Case 1, however since  $p=2$ ,  $v_k = v_l$ . Therefore there is no  $t_{ijkl}$  tetrahedron formed, and  $e_{ij}$ , is local to only 3 tetrahedra. However in the remaining 3 tetrahedra the proof follows from Case 1.

Case 4:  $p=1$ . This means  $e_{ij} \in \mathcal{C}$ . Therefore  $e_{ij}$  is contained in exactly  $2m$  tetrahedra, all choices of edges in  $\mathcal{C}$  not local to  $e_{ij}$  and the one tetrahedra formed by the two edges local to  $e_{ij}$  on  $\mathcal{C}$ . If we choose an edge  $e_{kl}$  on  $\mathcal{C}$  not local to  $e_{ij}$  such that  $D_{ki} = n$  and  $D_{kj} = n + 1$ , then  $t_{ijkl}$  is a  $n$  type tetrahedron. Similarly we could choose  $e_{kl}$  such that  $D_{kj} = n$  and  $D_{ki} = n + 1$ , which is also a  $n$  type tetrahedron. Since we can do this for all  $n$ ,  $1 \leq n \leq m$ , these form  $2m-1$  distinct tetrahedra, since the same  $m$  type tetrahedron is formed by both methods. This, along with the tetrahedron formed by the 2 edges local to  $e_{ij}$ , accounts for all  $2m$  tetrahedra with edge  $e_{ij}$  contained in it. Therefore  $e_{ij}$  is contained in exactly  $2$   $n$  type tetrahedra for each  $2 \leq n \leq m$ , and three  $n=1$  type tetrahedra, and one  $n=m$  type tetrahedron. Due to symmetry in  $n$  type tetrahedra,  $n > 1$ , the dihedral angles are equal for both edges of length  $l_1$ . Therefore, if we call  $t_n$  a  $n$  type tetrahedra, then for all  $n$ ,  $2 \leq n \leq m$ ,  $\sum_{t_n > e} \beta_{e,t}$  is determined. Because of symmetry in the 1 type tetrahedron, edges of length  $l_1$ , local to one edge of length  $l_1$  and one of length  $l_2$ , have the same dihedral angle. Further any edge of length  $l_1$ , local to two edges of length  $l_1$ , has a second dihedral angle. In the tetrahedron formed by the two edges local to it,  $e_{ij}$  clearly takes on the later roll, and takes on the former role in any other 1 type tetrahedron. Therefore  $\sum_{t_1 > e} \beta_{e,t}$  is determined. Finally, since  $e_{ij}$  lies in every  $n$  type tetrahedra,  $\sum_{t > e} \beta_{e,t}$ , and thus  $K_e = (2\pi - \sum_{t > e} \beta_{e,t})l_e$ ,

is determined if  $p=1$ .

Therefore the edge curvature of any given edge is a function of the length of that edge. Since by Lemma 4.1.3 the metric is vertex transitive, this implies the length of the edges coming into each vertex is the same. These combined imply for all  $v \in V$   $\sum_{e>v} K_e$  is constant. Therefore for all  $v \in V$ ,  $K_v = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{e>v} K_e$  is constant.  $\square$

Just as in the odd case, we will recall the original definition of the  $\partial C(n, 4)$ , where each vertex was labeled  $v_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , where  $D_{i(i+1)} = 1$ . In the following lemmas we will once again label the vertices  $v_0, \dots, v_i, \dots, v_{2m+1}$ , for all  $0 \leq i \leq 2m+1$ .

**Lemma 5.5.** *Any vertex  $v_i \in V$  is local to exactly four distinct tetrahedron of type  $t_k$ , with  $1 \leq k < m$ , and is local to tetrahedron type  $t_m$  exactly twice.*

*Proof.* WLOG, choose a vertex  $v_0 \in V$ . It is now possible to construct a tetrahedron type  $t_k$  with vertices  $v_0, v_1, v_{k+1}, v_{k+2}$ . Let this specific tetrahedron be labeled  $t_{k1}$ .

Define a map  $f: V \rightarrow V$  by:

$$f(v_i) = v_{i+h(\text{mod } 2m+2)} \text{ where } h \text{ solves the equation}$$

$$0 \equiv k + 1 + h \pmod{2m+2}$$

Note that under this map,  $v_0 \rightarrow v_h$ ,  $v_1 \rightarrow v_{h+1}$ ,  $v_{k+1} \rightarrow v_0$ , and  $v_{k+2} \rightarrow v_1$ . Since this map preserves  $D_{ij}$  for any two vertices  $v_i$  and  $v_j$ , this is still a type  $t_k$  tetrahedron. Let this tetrahedron be labeled  $t_{k2}$ . Also note that this tetrahedron is distinct from  $t_{k1}$  as long as  $k < m$ , since if it was equivelant to it, then:

$$h \equiv k + 1 \pmod{2m+2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 \equiv k + 1 - h \pmod{2m+2}$$

$$\Rightarrow k + 1 + h \equiv k + 1 - h \pmod{2m+2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 \equiv 2h \pmod{2m+2} \text{ which is a contradiction, as long as } 2(k+1) \neq 2(m+1), \text{ or in other words as long as } k \neq m. \text{ If } k=m, \text{ then } t_1=t_2.$$

Define tetrahedron  $t_{k3}$  by vertices  $v_{2m+1}, v_0, v_k, v_{k+1}$ . This is distinct from  $t_{k1}$  and  $t_{k2}$  and is clearly a tetrahedron of type  $t_k$ .

Now apply  $f$  to  $t_{k3}$ . Under this map,  $v_{2m+1} \rightarrow v_{h-1}$ ,  $v_0 \rightarrow v_h$ ,  $v_{k+1} \rightarrow v_0$ , and  $v_k \rightarrow v_{2m+1}$ . Label this result  $t_{k4}$ .

Note that  $t_{k4}$  is distinct from  $t_{k3}$  as long as  $k < m$ , since if it wasn't, then:

$$h - 1 \equiv k \pmod{2m+2}$$

$$\Rightarrow h \equiv k + 1 \pmod{2m+2}$$

which is a contradiction by same method as shown above. By the same method as above, if  $k=m$ , then  $t_4=t_3$ .

Also note that  $t_{k4}$  is distinct from  $t_{k1}$  since  $k+1 \neq k+2$ , and is distinct from  $t_{k2}$  since  $h \neq h+1$ . Since we can choose any vertex to be  $v_0$ , every vertex is part of at least four distinct tetrahedron type  $t_k$ , with  $1 \leq k < m$ , and is part of at least two distinct  $t_m$  type tetrahedron.

But since each vertex is part of four distinct tetrahedron of type  $t_k$ , with  $1 \leq k < m$  and two tetrahedron of type  $t_m$ , each vertex lies in at least  $4(m-1)+2=4m-2$  tetrahedron. Thus, over all  $2m+2$  vertices, there are  $(4m-2)(2m+2)=8m^2+4m-4$  vertices, with multiplicities. This is the same as  $(2m^2+m-1)4 = 8m^2+4m-4$ , which is exactly the amount of total tetrahedron multiplied by the number of vertices in each. Thus, every vertex is part of exactly four tetrahedron of type  $t_k$ , with  $1 \leq k < m$ , and is part of exactly two tetrahedron of type  $t_m$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 5.6.** *For all  $v \in V$ ,  $V_v$  is constant.*

*Proof.* For any vertex  $v_i \in V$ ,  $V_{v_i} = \frac{1}{3} \sum_{t > v} \sum_{(j,k,l) < t} h_{ijk,l} A_{ijk}$ . Note that this sums over every tetrahedron  $v_i$  is part of. By Lemma 5.5, each vertex is part of exactly  $4m-2$  tetrahedron, four of each  $t_k$ ,  $1 \leq k < m$  and two of type  $t_m$ . Thus we can split up  $V_{v_i}$  into  $m$  distinct parts, one part for every type of tetrahedron. Note that each tetrahedron  $t_k$ ,  $1 \leq k < m$  is geometrically identical, so for any tetrahedron  $t_k$ ,  $\sum_{(j,k,l) < t} h_{ijk,l} A_{ijk}$  only varies in regards to which of the four vertices in the tetrahedron we are summing over.

Consider tetrahedron of type  $t_k$ ,  $1 \leq k < m$  and a vertex  $v_0$  as described in the proof of Lemma 5.5. There are exactly four vertices that make up this tetrahedron (refer to Figure 2). In  $t_{k1}$ ,  $v_0$  takes the role of vertex l. In  $t_{k2}$ ,  $v_0$  takes the role of vertex i. In  $t_{k3}$ ,  $v_0$  takes the role of vertex k. In  $t_{k4}$ ,  $v_0$  takes the role of vertex j. So  $v_0$  has taken the role of each of the four possible vertices. Since the selection of  $v_0$  was arbitrary and any vertex can be selected, for all  $v_i \in V$ , the partial sum of  $V_{v_i}$  with respect to  $t_k$  is equal. And since Lemma 5.5 generalizes to every  $t_k$ ,  $1 \leq k < m$ , for all  $v_i \in V$ , every partial sum of  $V_{v_i}$  is equal up to the  $t_m$  case.

In the  $t_m$  type tetrahedron, every vertex has the same  $V_v$  value due to symmetry, so for each vertex this only depends on how many  $t_m$  type tetrahedron the vertex is local to. Since each vertex is part of exactly two distinct  $t_m$  type tetrahedron, this partial sum is also the

same. This means that the total sum of  $V_{v_i}$  is equal for all  $v \in V$ . Thus, for all  $v \in V$ ,  $V_v$  is constant.  $\square$

### 6. CYCLIC LENGTH METRICS AS CONSTANT SCALAR CURVATURE METRICS IN $\partial C(n, 4)$ MANIFOLDS

Using the above symmetries for  $\partial C(n, 4)$  with cyclic length metrics, we can now show these metrics to be both LCSC and VCSC.

**Corollary 6.1.** *In a  $\partial C(n, 4)$  manifold with a cyclic length metric, if  $n$  is the number of vertices in the triangulation,  $\sum_e K_e = \frac{n}{2} \sum_{e > v} K_e = nK_v$  for all  $v \in V$ .*

*Proof.* This results follows directly from Lemmas 4.4 and 5.4 since by 4.1.3 and 5.1.3 a  $\partial C(n, 4)$  with a cyclic length metric is a vertex transitive metric.  $\square$

**Theorem 6.2.** *Let  $(M^3, T, \ell)$  be a  $\partial C(n, 4)$  manifold with  $n$  vertices and let  $\ell$  be a cyclic length metric. This metric is both LCSC and VCSC.*

*Proof.* We will begin by showing this metric is LCSC. By Remark 1.5 and Cor 6.1:

$$\lambda_L = \frac{\sum_e k_e}{\sum_e l_e} = \frac{nK_v}{\frac{n}{2} \sum_{e < v} l_e} = \frac{K_v}{\frac{1}{2} \sum_{e < v} l_e}$$

for all  $v \in V$ . Thus, for all  $v \in V$   $K_v = \lambda_L [\frac{1}{2} \sum_{e < v} l_e]$ , therefore a  $\partial C(n, 4)$  manifold with a cyclic length metric is LCSC.

We will now show that this metric is VCSC. By Lemmas 4.6 and 5.6,  $V_v$  is constant for all  $v \in V$ , so  $\sum_v V_v = nV_v$  for all  $v \in V$ . Also, note that the total volume  $V$  of the triangulation under any metric is equal to  $\frac{1}{3} \sum_v V_v = \frac{n}{3} V_v$  for all  $v \in V$ . Thus:

$$\lambda_v = \frac{\sum_e k_e}{3V} = \frac{nK_v}{3V} = \frac{K_v}{V_v}$$

for all  $v \in V$ . Thus, for all  $v \in V$ ,  $K_v = \lambda_v V_v$ . Therefore, a  $\partial C(n, 4)$  manifold with a cyclic length metric is VCSC.  $\square$

### 7. ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR $\partial C(n, 4)$ MANIFOLDS

We have now shown that cyclic length metrics on  $\partial C(n, 4)$  manifolds are all VCSC and LCSC. With this information we are motivated to look at several other properties of  $\partial C(n, 4)$  manifolds and cyclic length metrics on these manifolds.

We have already shown in Prop 3.6 that every conformal does not admit a cyclic length metric. We also know that LCSC and VCSC metrics, and thus cyclic length metrics, occur at critical points of the  $\mathcal{LEHR}$  and  $\mathcal{VEHR}$  functionals, respectively, within a conformal class. Therefore it would be of interest to find a condition on when a conformal class admits a cyclic length metric.

Further, because these cyclic length metrics occur at critical points of the  $\mathcal{LEHR}$  and  $\mathcal{VEHR}$  functionals, we would like to know the local behavior of these  $\mathcal{LEHR}$  and  $\mathcal{VEHR}$  functionals.

In the pentachoron we know that all vertex transitive metrics are cyclic length metrics. We have evidence to show that this is not generally true in  $\partial C(n, 4)$  manifolds, when  $n > 5$ . It is possible that these remaining vertex transitive metrics on  $\partial C(n, 4)$  manifolds could be classified. It is further possible that some of these metrics are also constant scalar curvature metrics.

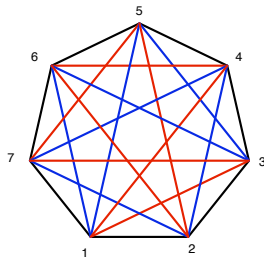


FIGURE 8. A 2D Graph of a  $\partial C(7, 4)$  with a Vertex Transitive Metric that is not a Cyclic Length Metric

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