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**Jeremy L. Martin\*** (jmartin@math.ku.edu), **Molly Maxwell**, **Victor Reiner** and **Scott O. Wilson**. *Pseudodeterminants and perfect square spanning tree counts.*

The *pseudodeterminant* of a square matrix is the last nonzero coefficient in its characteristic polynomial. When  $X$  is an antipodally self-dual CW-sphere of odd dimension  $2k - 1$ , the pseudodeterminant of its  $k$ th cellular boundary matrix can be interpreted directly as a torsion-weighted generating function both for  $k$ -trees and for  $(k - 1)$ -trees, complementing the analogous result for even-dimensional spheres given by the second author. The argument relies on the topological fact that any self-dual even-dimensional CW-ball can be oriented so that its middle boundary map is skew-symmetric. (Received July 27, 2014)