

Discrete Surfaces

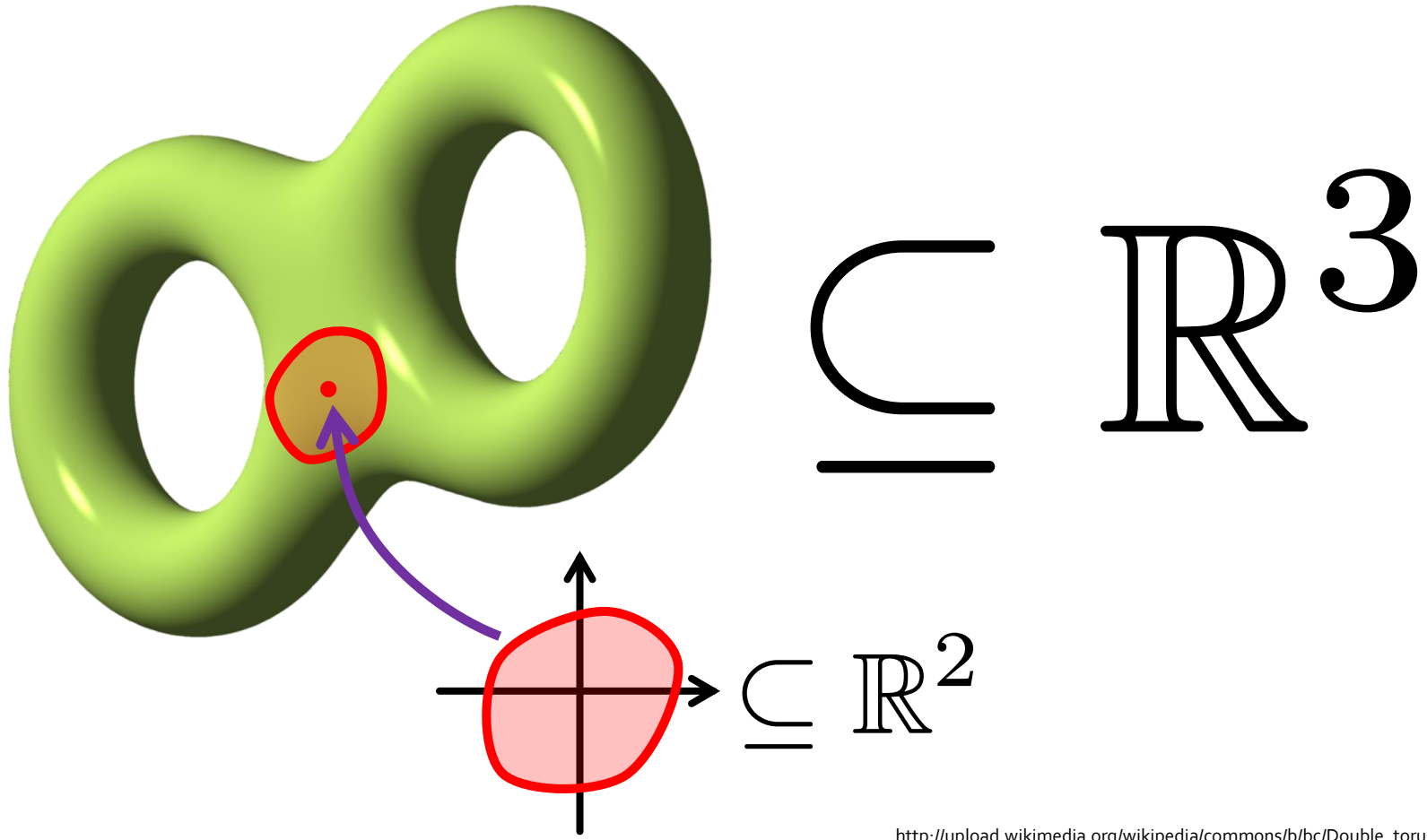


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Differential Geometry for Computer Science

Justin Solomon and Adrian Butscher

Theoretical Definition of Surface

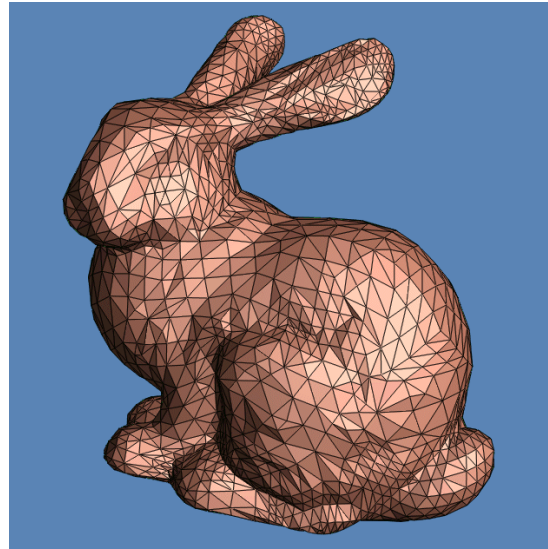


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Not suitable for implementation

Discrete Problem

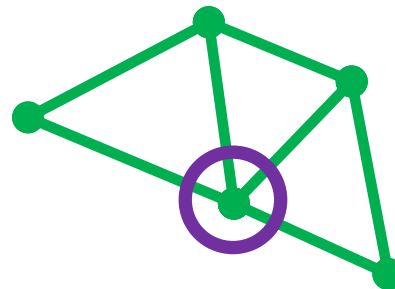
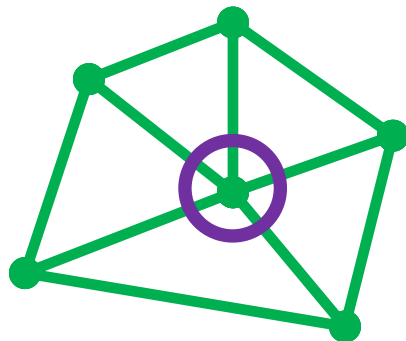
What is a discrete surface?
How do you store it?



Recall:

Manifold Mesh

1. Each **edge** is incident to one or two faces
2. **Faces** incident to a vertex form a closed or open fan



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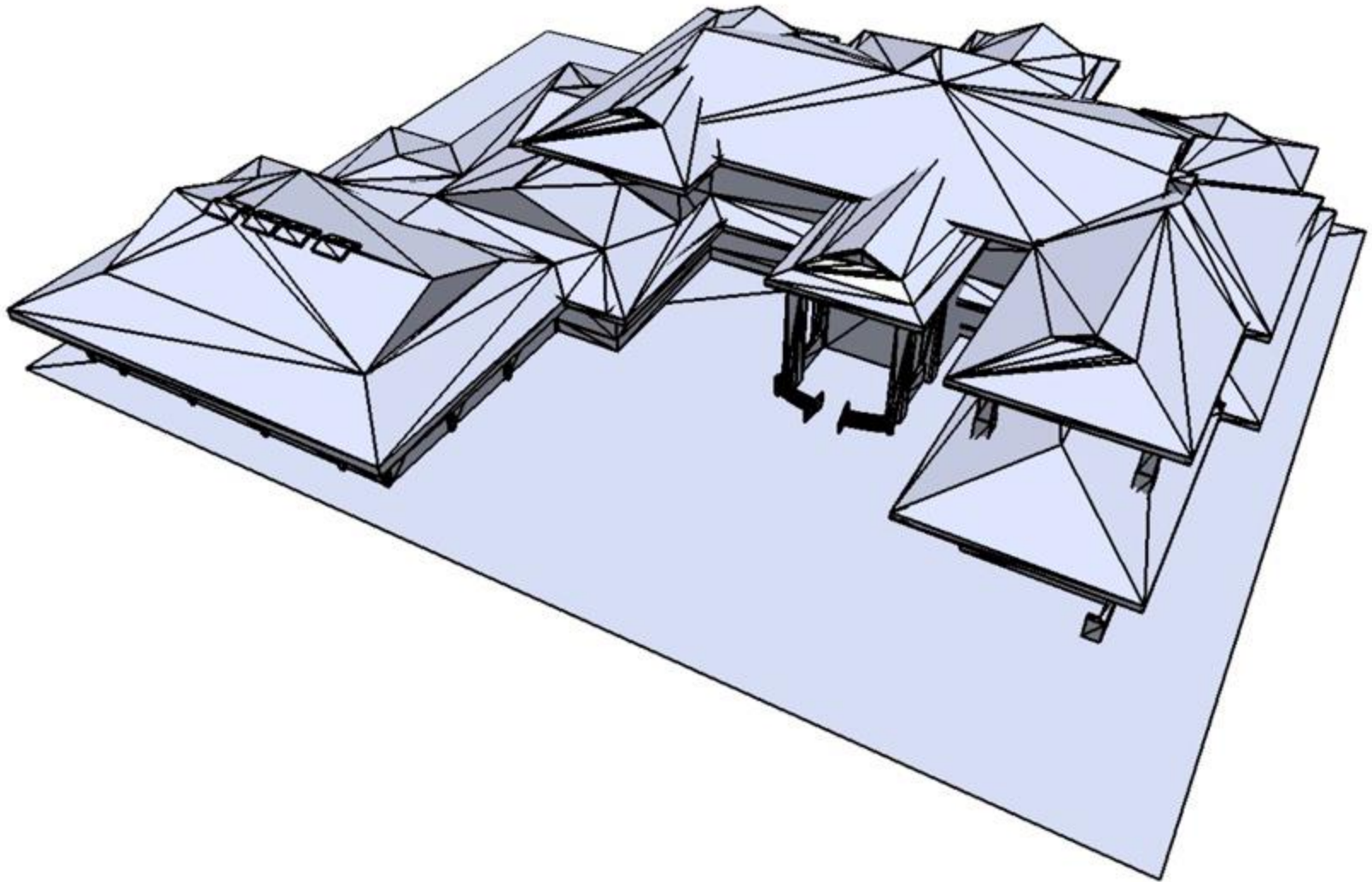
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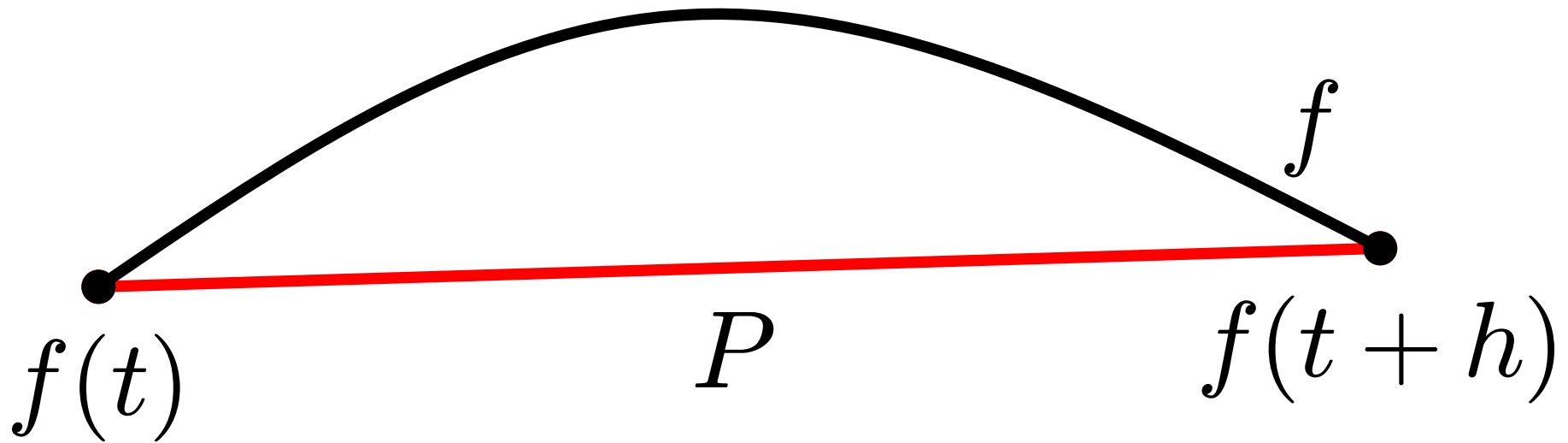
Assume surfaces are manifold
(for now)



Easy-to-Violate Assumption

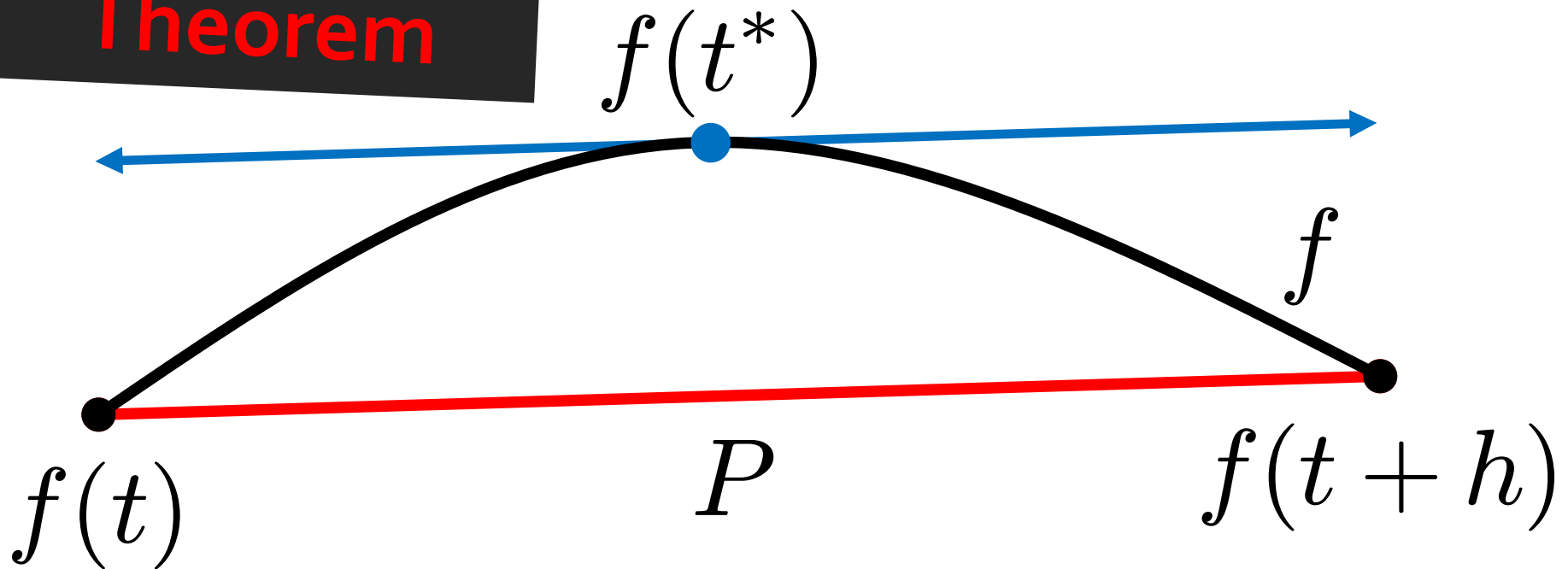


Approximation Properties

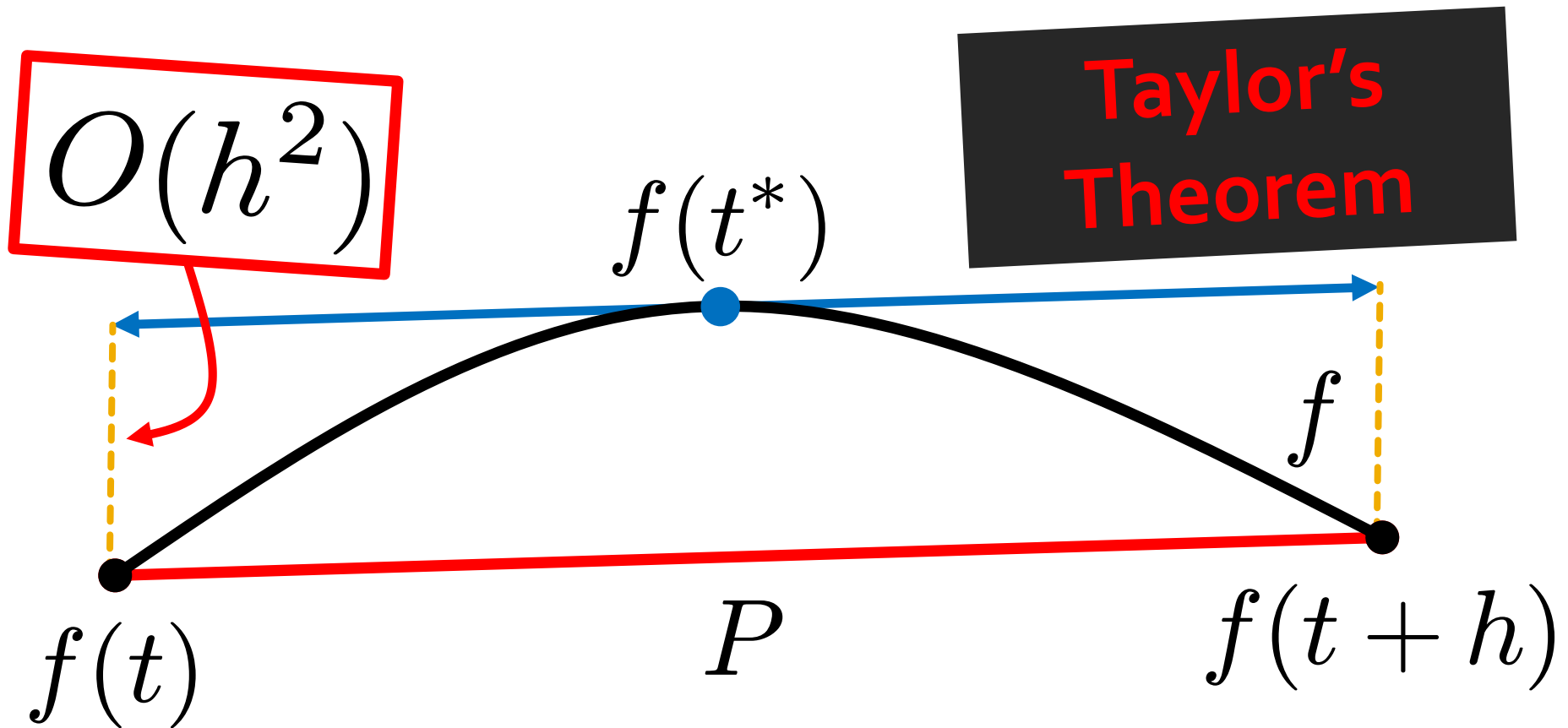


Approximation Properties

Mean Value
Theorem



Approximation Properties



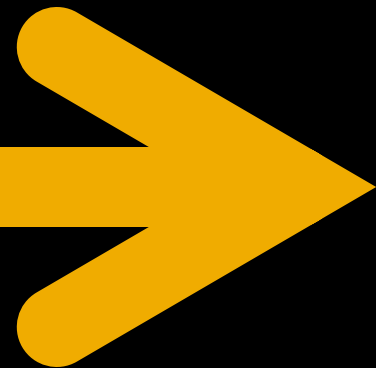
Conclusion

Piecewise linear faces are reasonable building blocks.

Additional Advantages

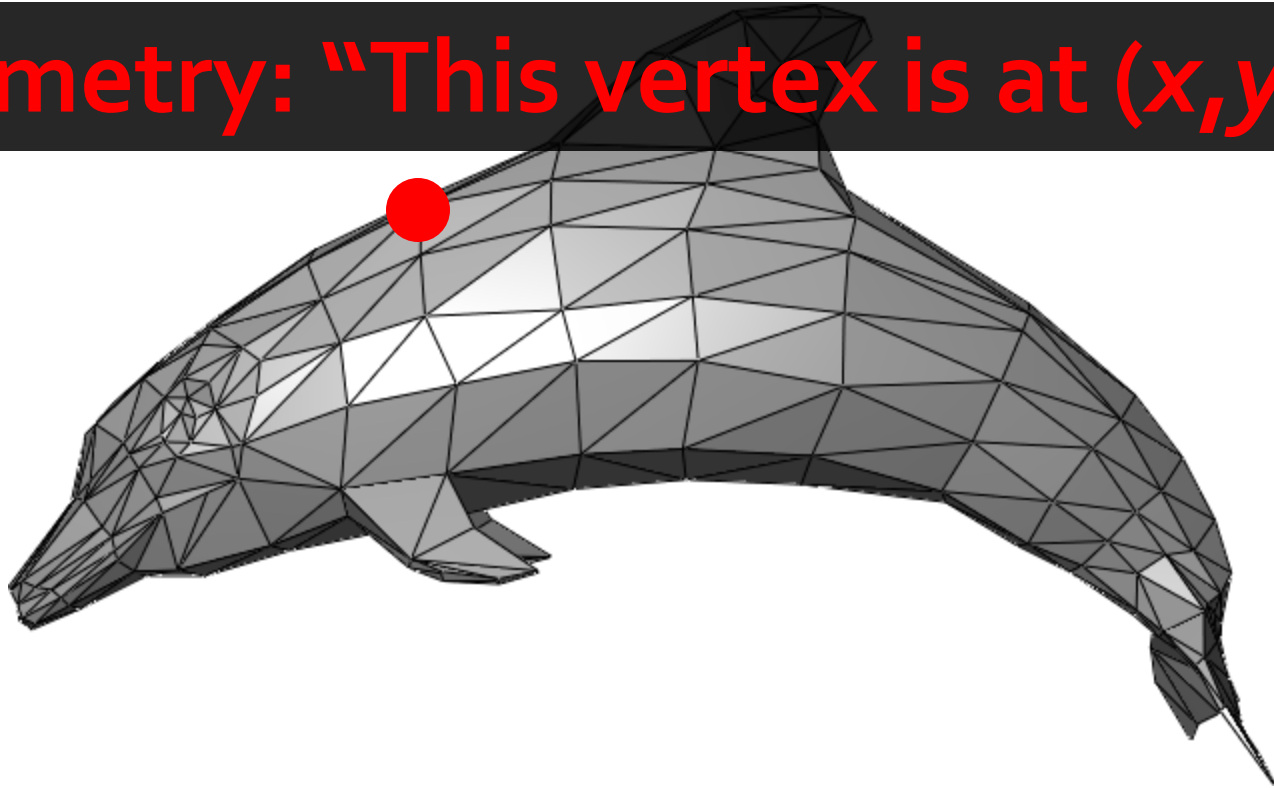
- **Simple to render**
- **Arbitrary topology possible**
- **Basis for subdivision, refinement**

Topology [*tuh-pol-uh-jee*]:
The study of geometric
properties that remain
invariant under certain
transformations



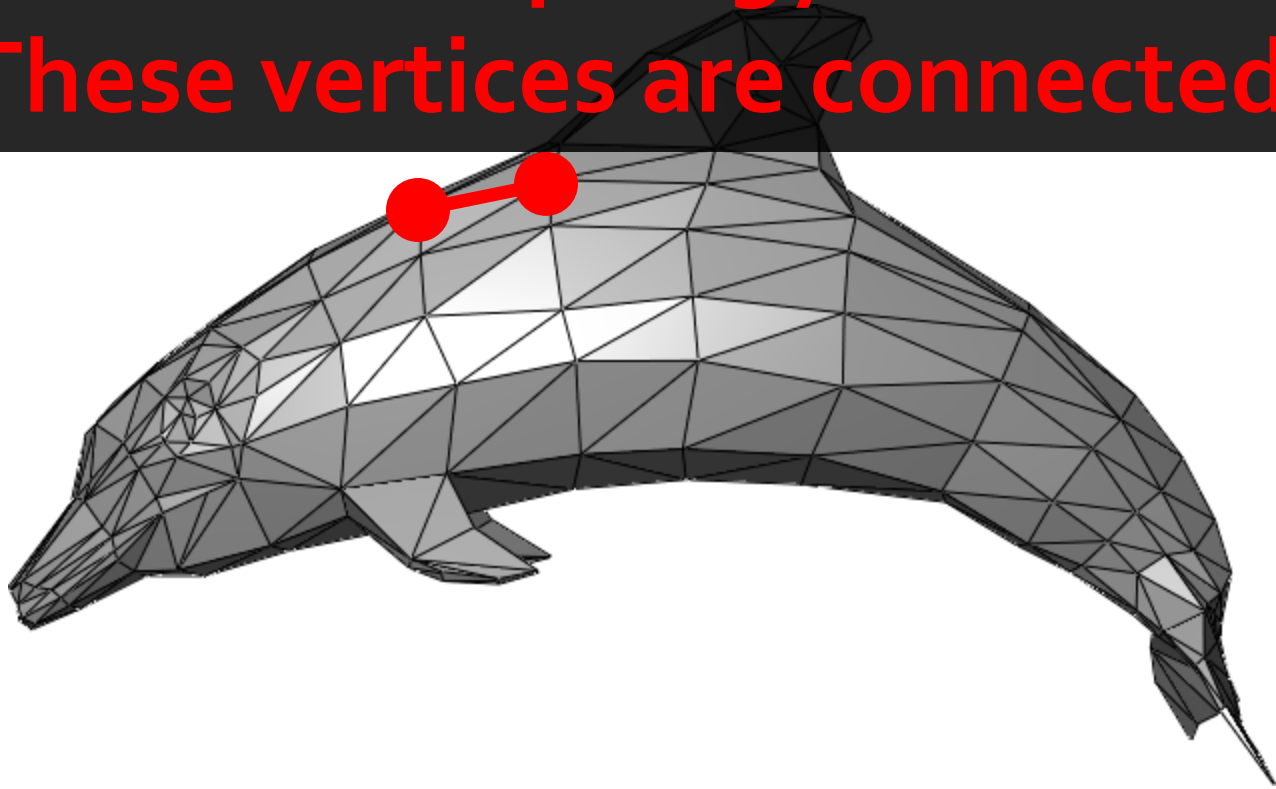
Mesh Topology vs. Geometry

Geometry: "This vertex is at (x,y,z) ."



Mesh Topology vs. Geometry

Topology:
“These vertices are connected.”



Triangle Mesh

$$V = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\} \subset \mathbb{R}^n$$

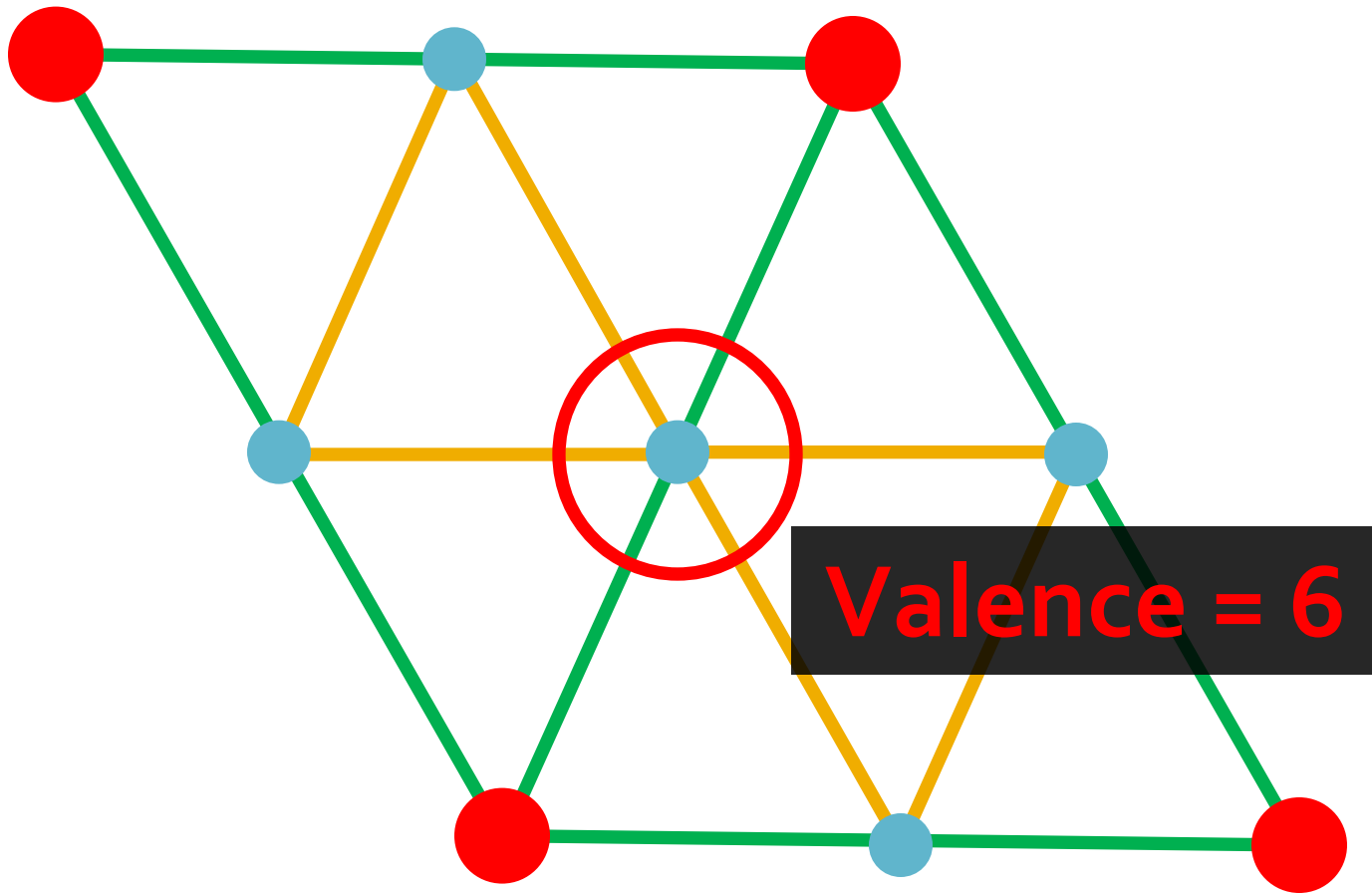
$$E = \{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_k\} \subset V \times V$$

$$F = \{f_1, f_2, \dots, f_m\} \subset V \times V \times V$$

Plus manifold conditions

Easy to generalize to non-triangles

Valence



Euler Characteristic

$$V - E + F = \chi$$

$$\chi = 2 - 2g$$



$g = 0$



$g = 1$



$g = 2$

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~~$\chi = 2 - 2g$~~
Defer proof.



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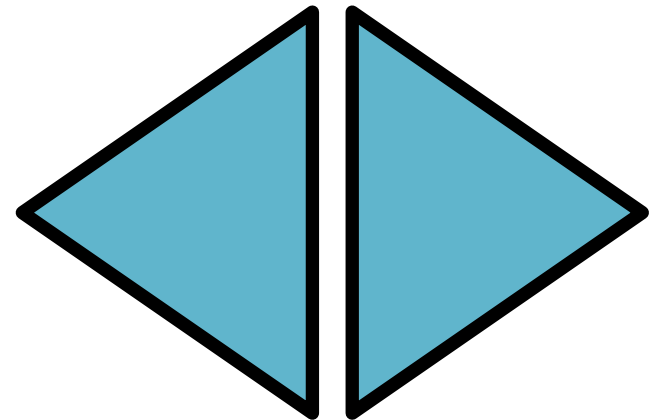


$g = 2$

Consequences for Triangle Meshes

$$V - E + F = \chi$$

“Each edge is adjacent to two faces. Each face has three edges.”



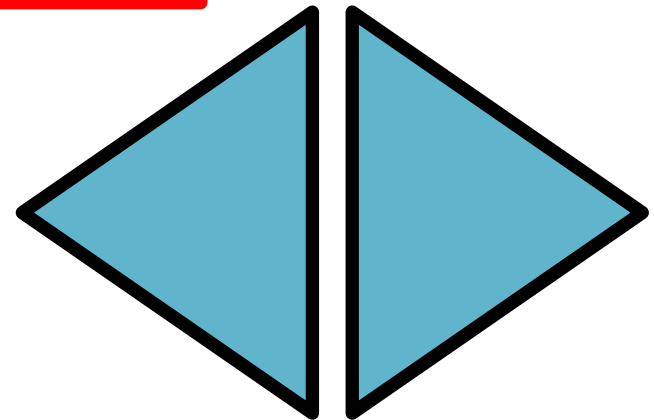
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**Big
number**

$$V - \frac{1}{2}F = \chi$$

**Small
number**

$$F \approx 2V$$

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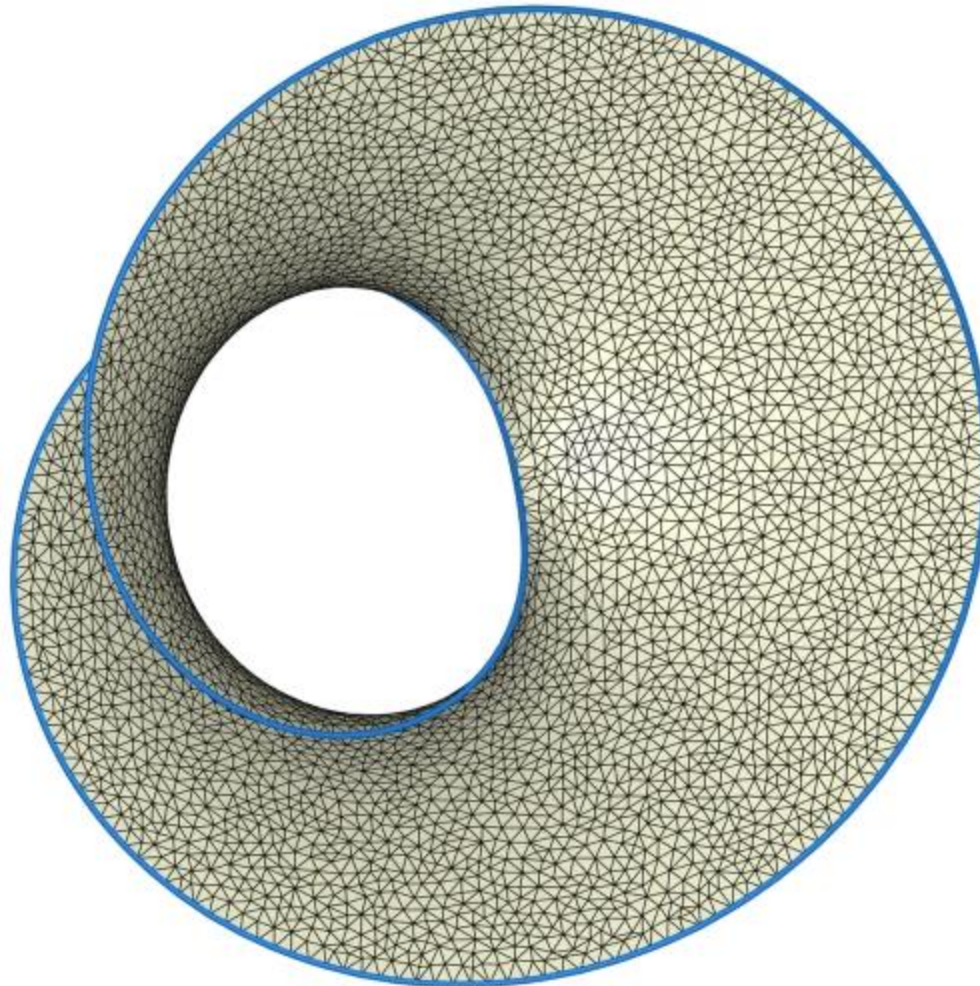
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average valence ≈ 6

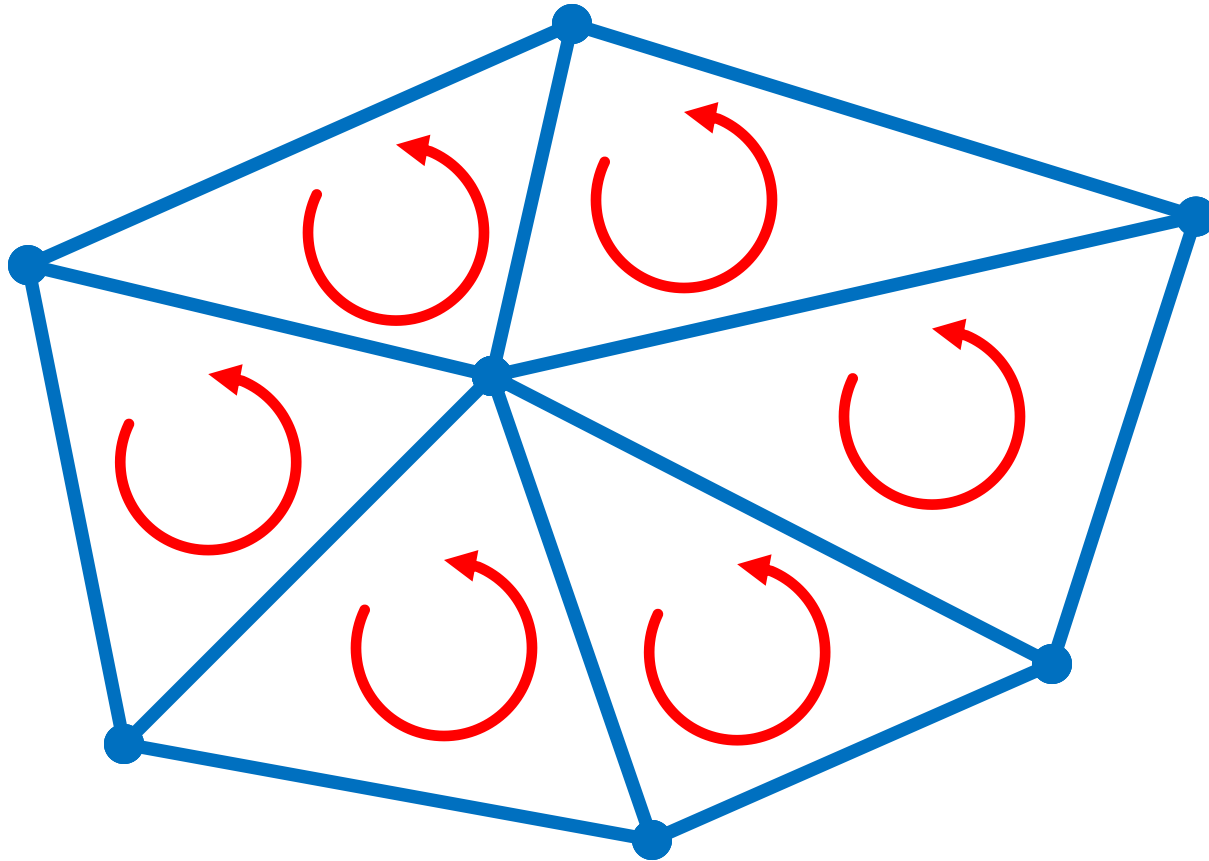
Why?!

General estimates

Orientability

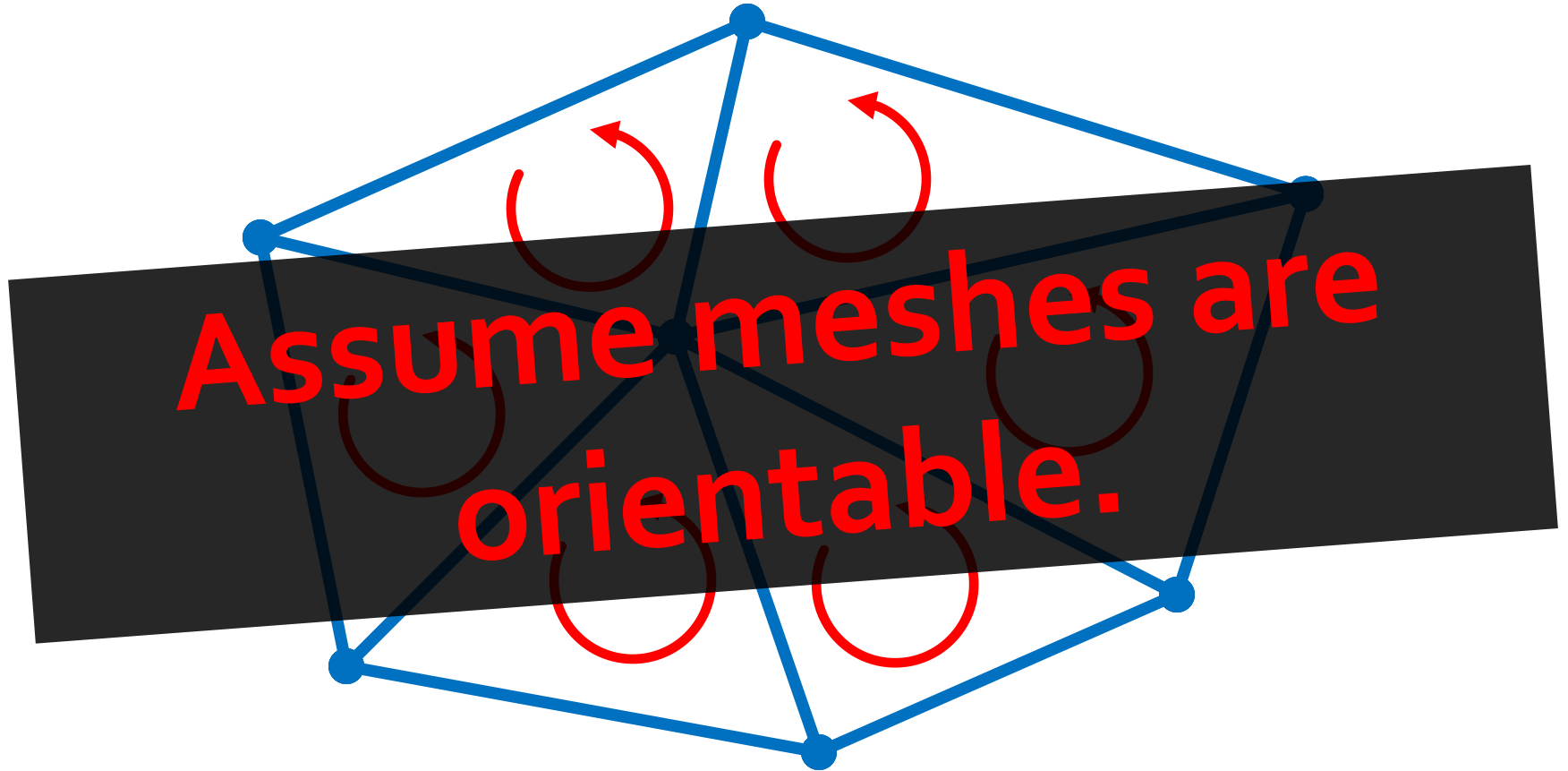


Discrete Orientability



Normal field isn't continuous

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Data Structures for Surfaces

Must represent geometry
and topology of surface.

Simplest Format

```
x1 y1 z1 / x2 y2 z2 / x3 y3 z3  
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No topology!

Triangle soup

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No topology!

```
glBegin(GL_TRIANGLES)
```

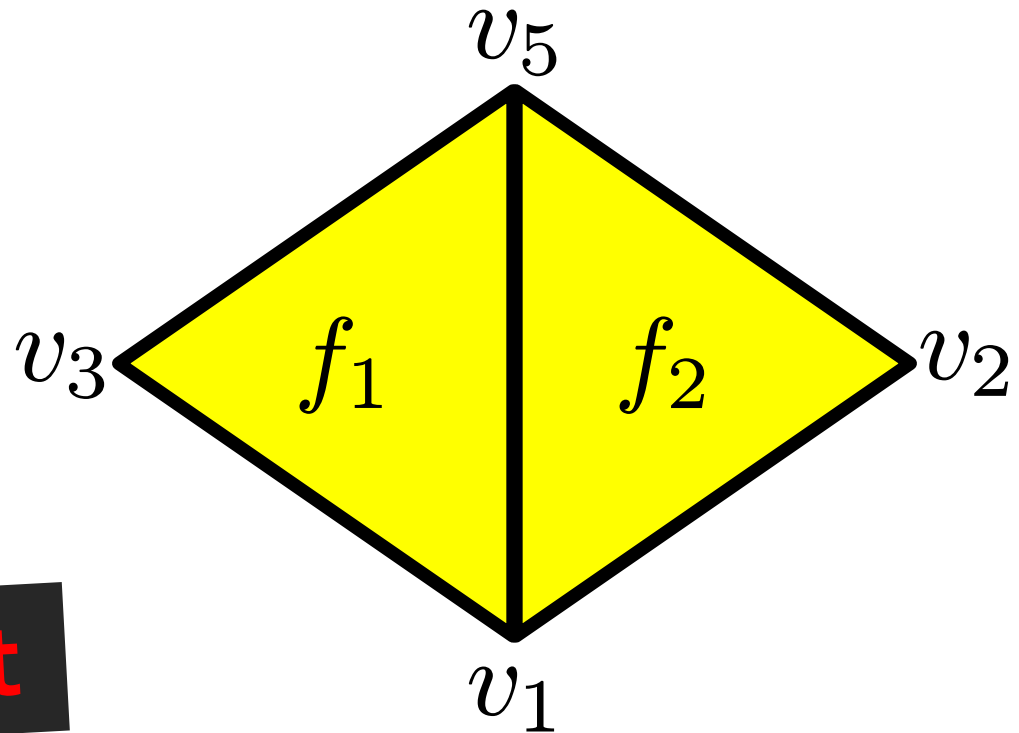
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Triangle soup

Factor Out Vertices

```
f 1 5 3
f 5 1 2
...
v 0.2 1.5 3.2
v 5.2 4.1 8.9
...
```

.obj format



Shared vertex structure

Simple Mesh Smoothing

```
for i=1 to n
  for each vertex v
    v = .5*v +
      .5*(average of neighbors);
```

Typical Queries

- Neighboring vertices to a vertex
- Neighboring faces to an edge
- Edges adjacent to a face
- Edges adjacent to a vertex
- ...

Mostly localized

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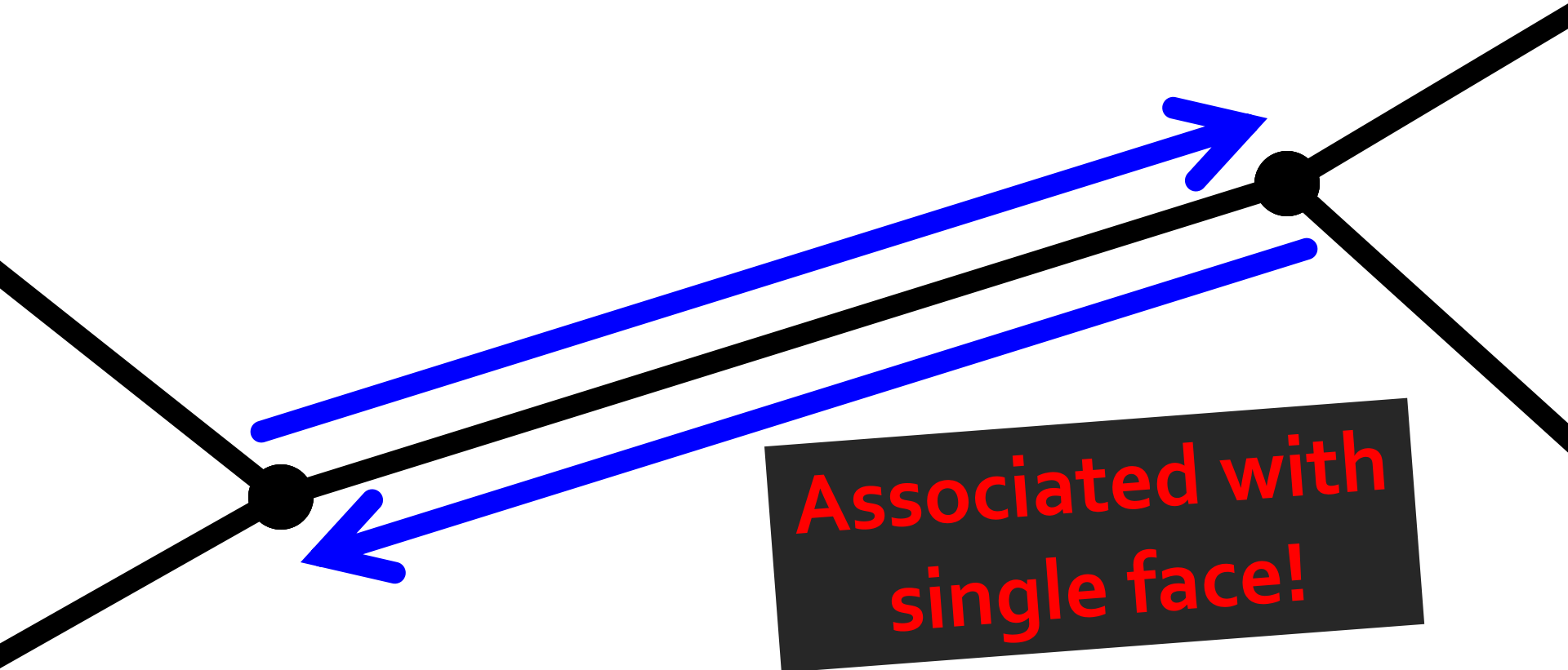
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Pieces of Halfedge Data Structure

- **Vertices**
- **Faces**
- ***Half-edges***

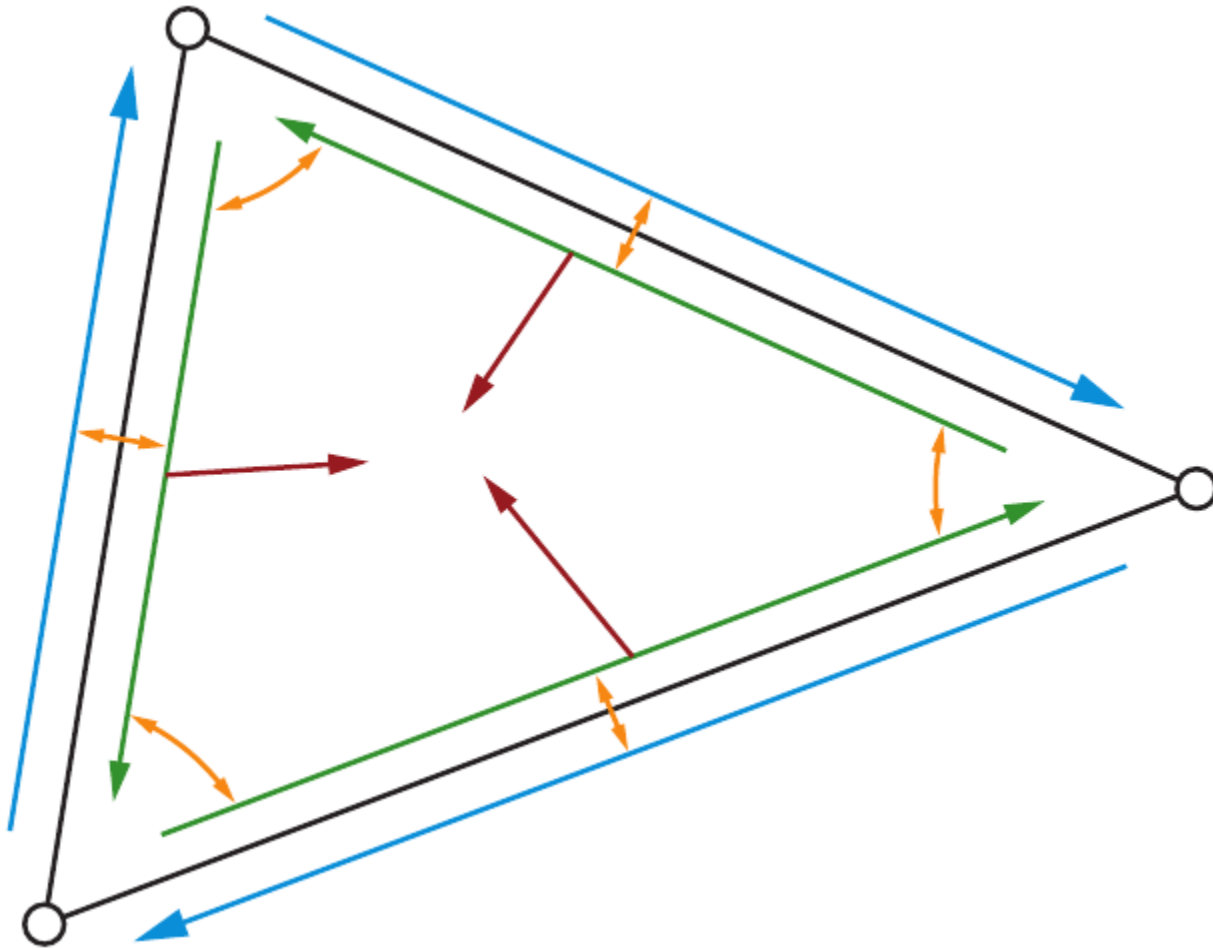
Structure tuned for meshes

Halfedge?



Oriented edge

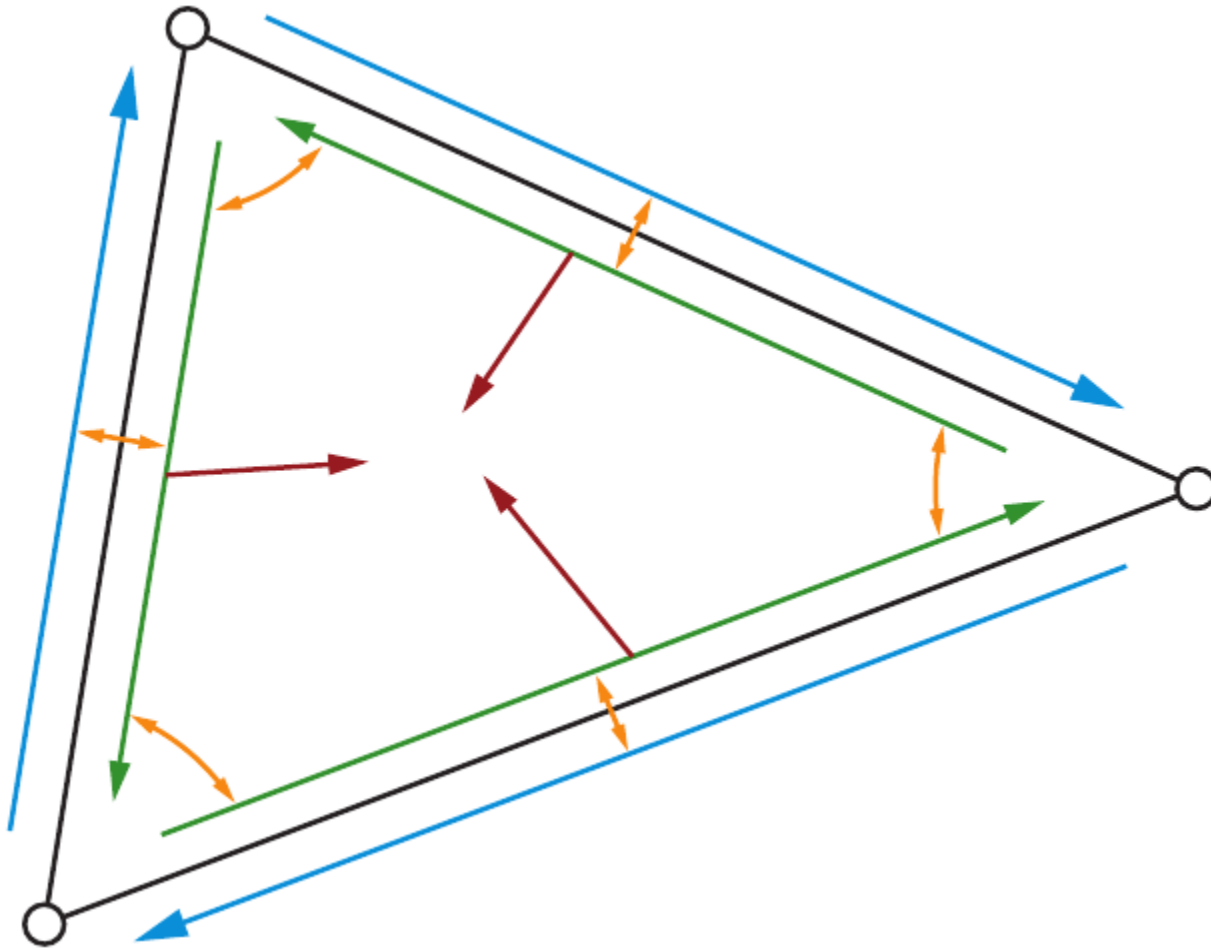
Halfedge Data Types



Vertex stores:

- Arbitrary outgoing halfedge

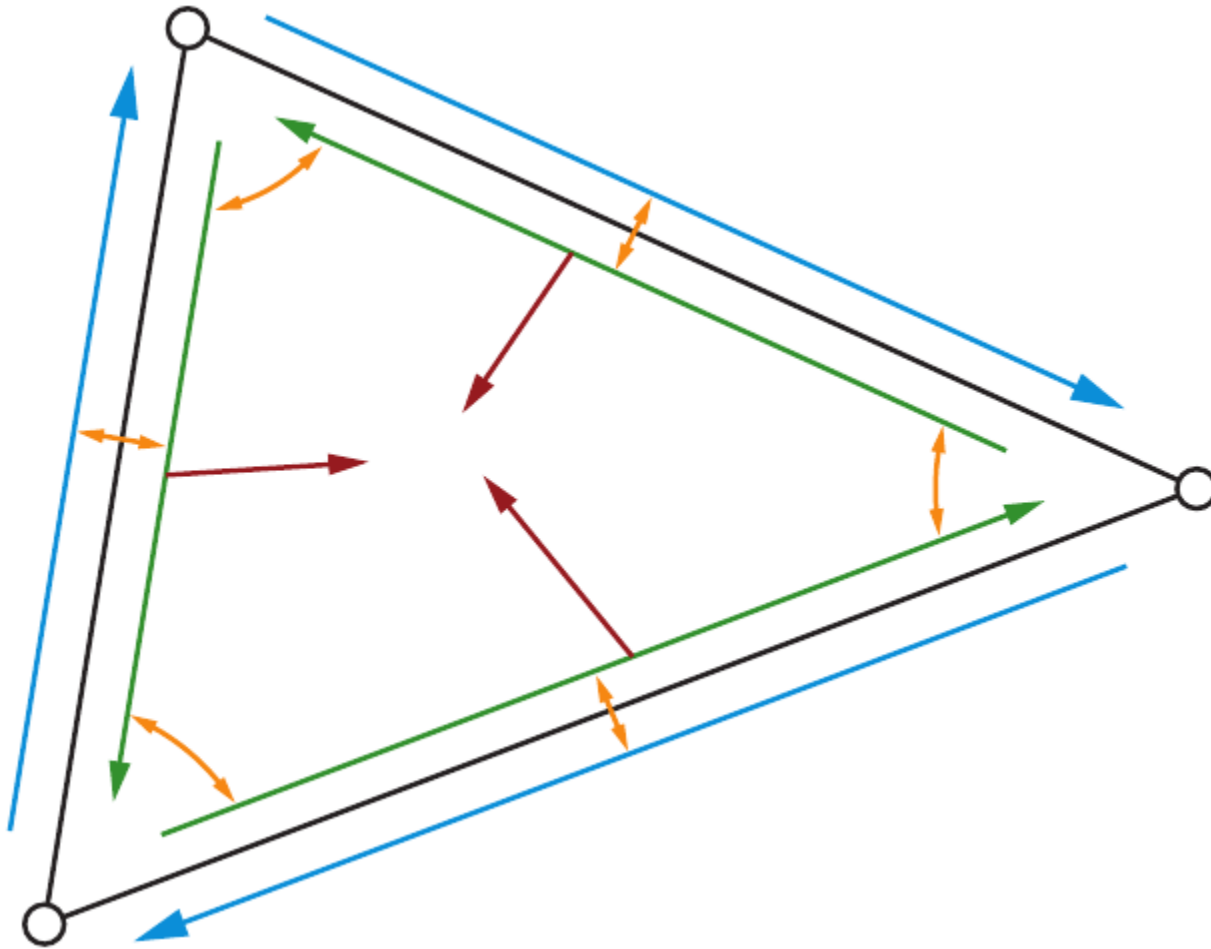
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Face stores:

- Arbitrary adjacent halfedge

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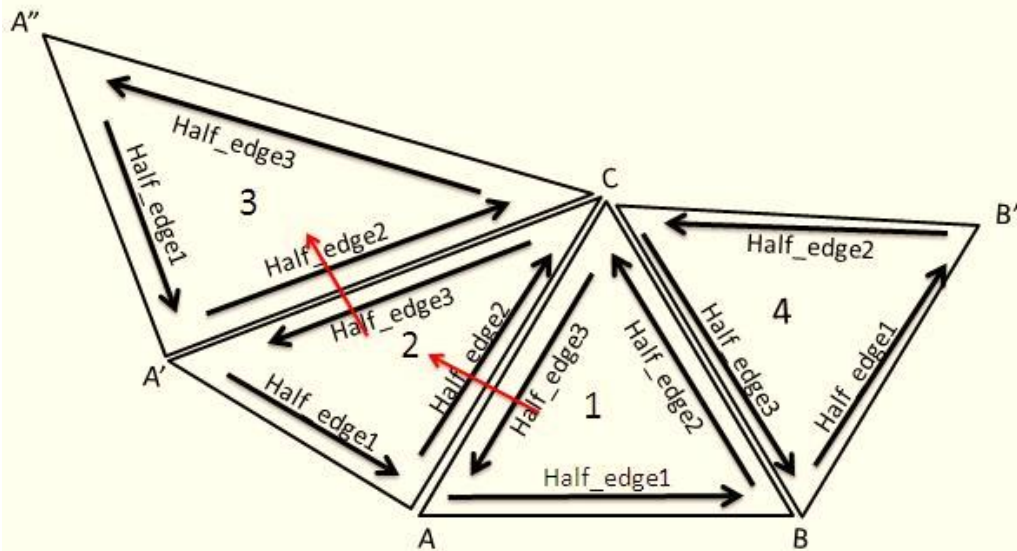


Halfedge

stores:

- Flip
- Next
- Face
- Vertex

Iterating Over Vertex Neighbors



```
Iterate(v) :  
startEdge = v.out;  
e = startEdge;  
do  
    process(e.flip.from)  
    e = e.flip.next  
while e != startEdge
```

Only Scratching the Surface

Eurographics Symposium on Geometry Processing (2005)
M. Desbrun, H. Pottmann (Editors)

Streaming Compression of Triangle Meshes

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SQuad: Compact Representation for Triangle Meshes

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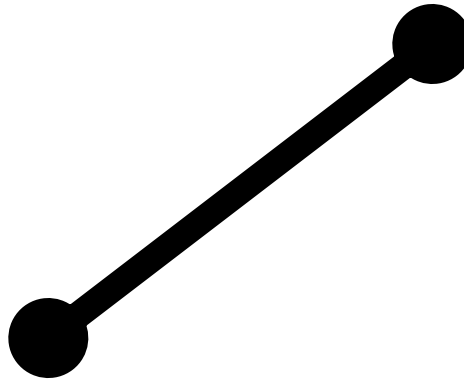
Dimensionality Structure

*Simplicial
complex*



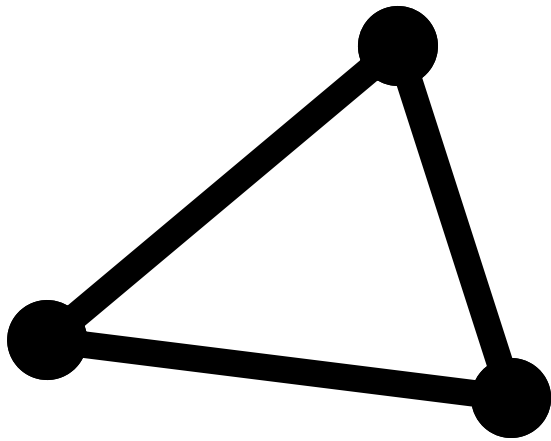
Vertex

Dimension 0



Edge

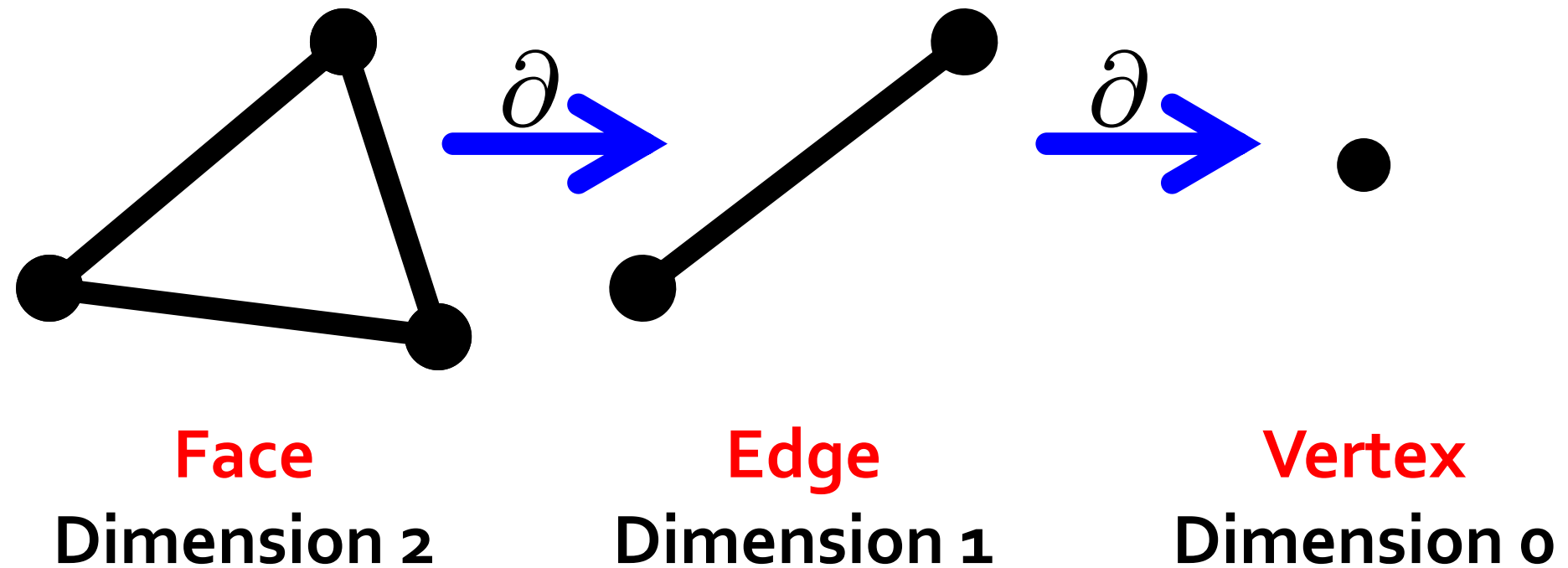
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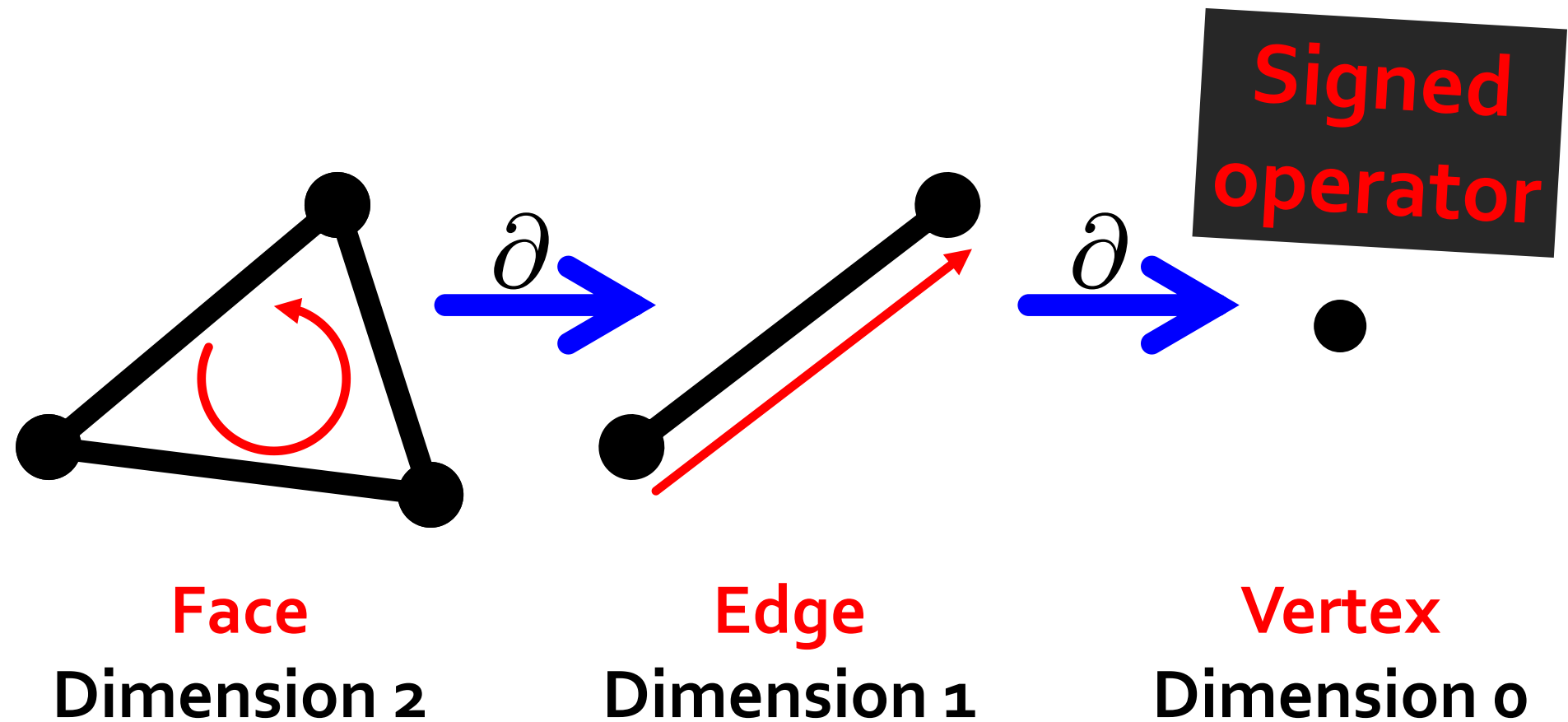
Face

Dimension 2

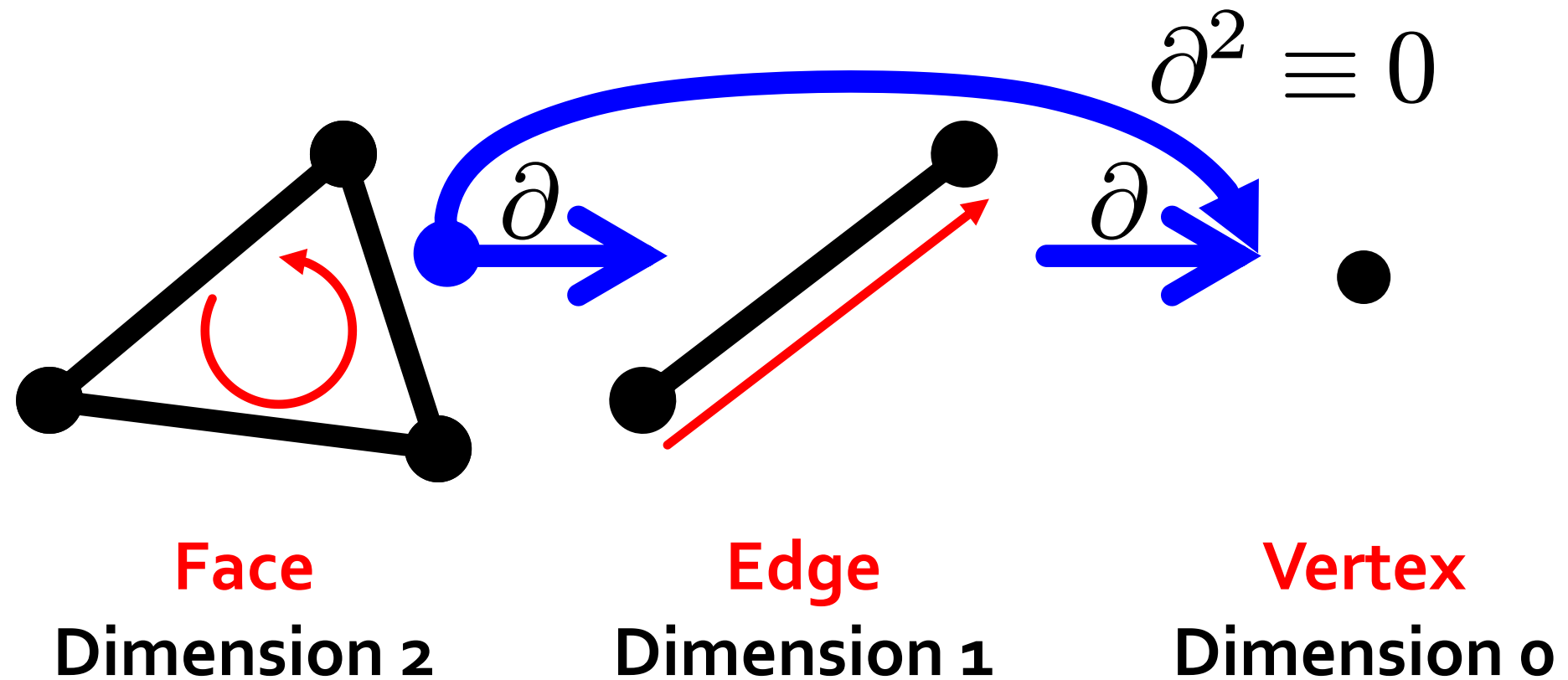
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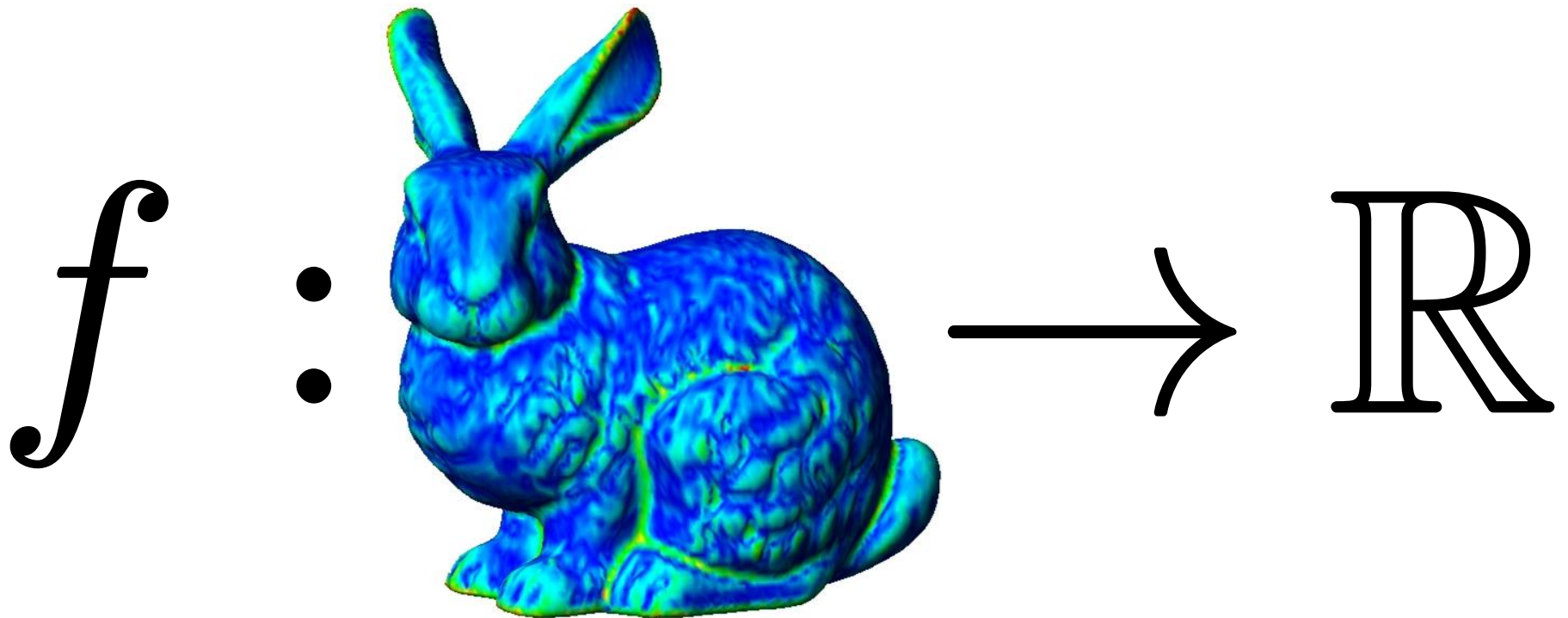
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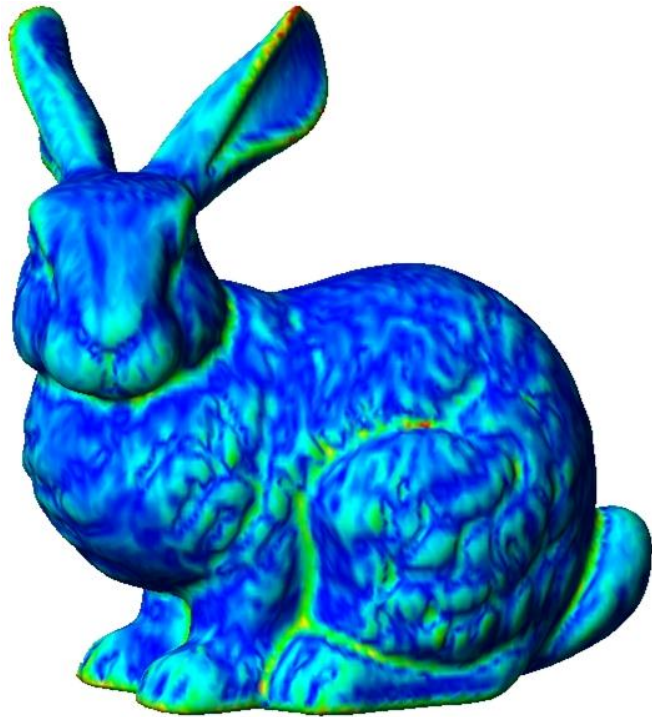
Scalar Functions



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Map points to real numbers

Discrete Scalar Functions



$$f \in \mathbb{R}^{|V|}$$

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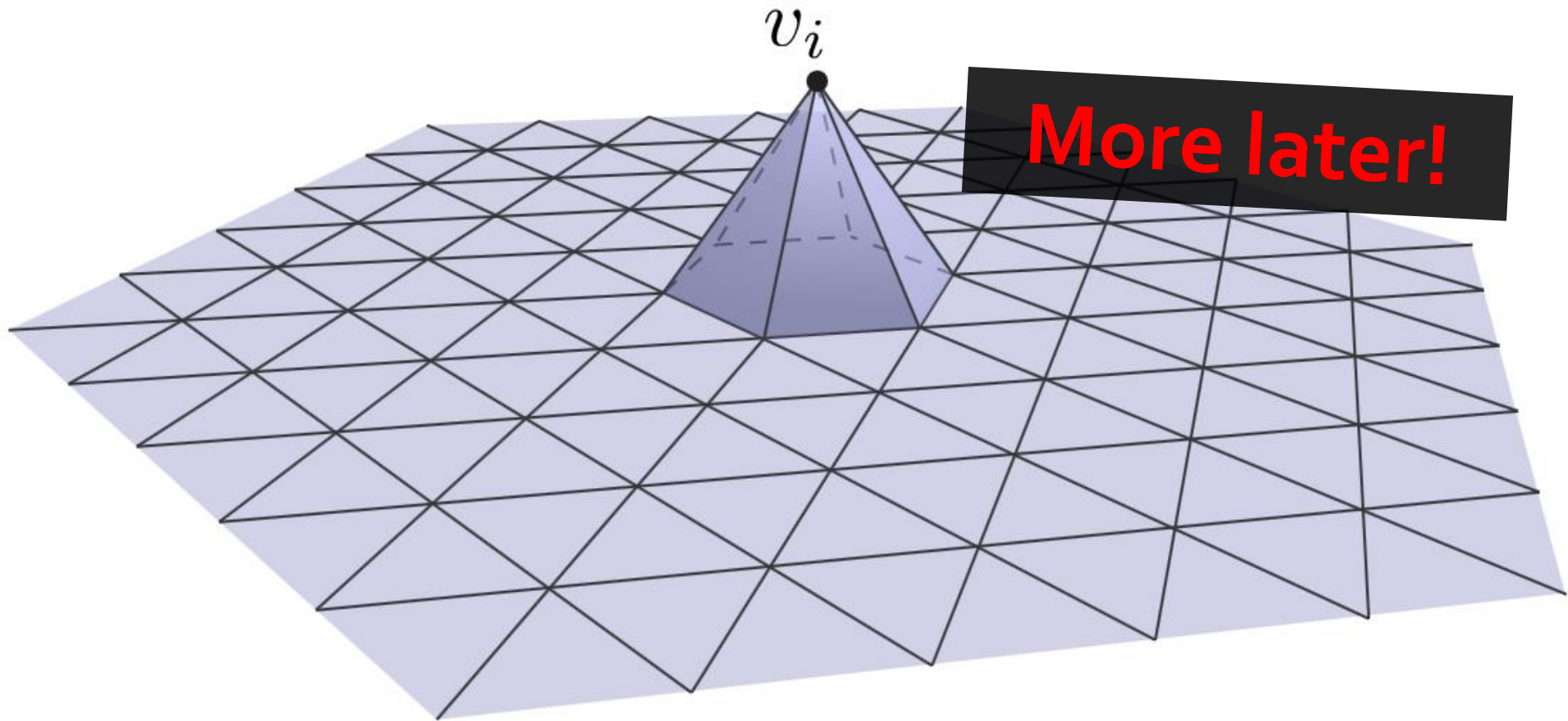
Map vertices to real numbers

Question

What is the integral of f ?

$$\int_M f \, dA$$

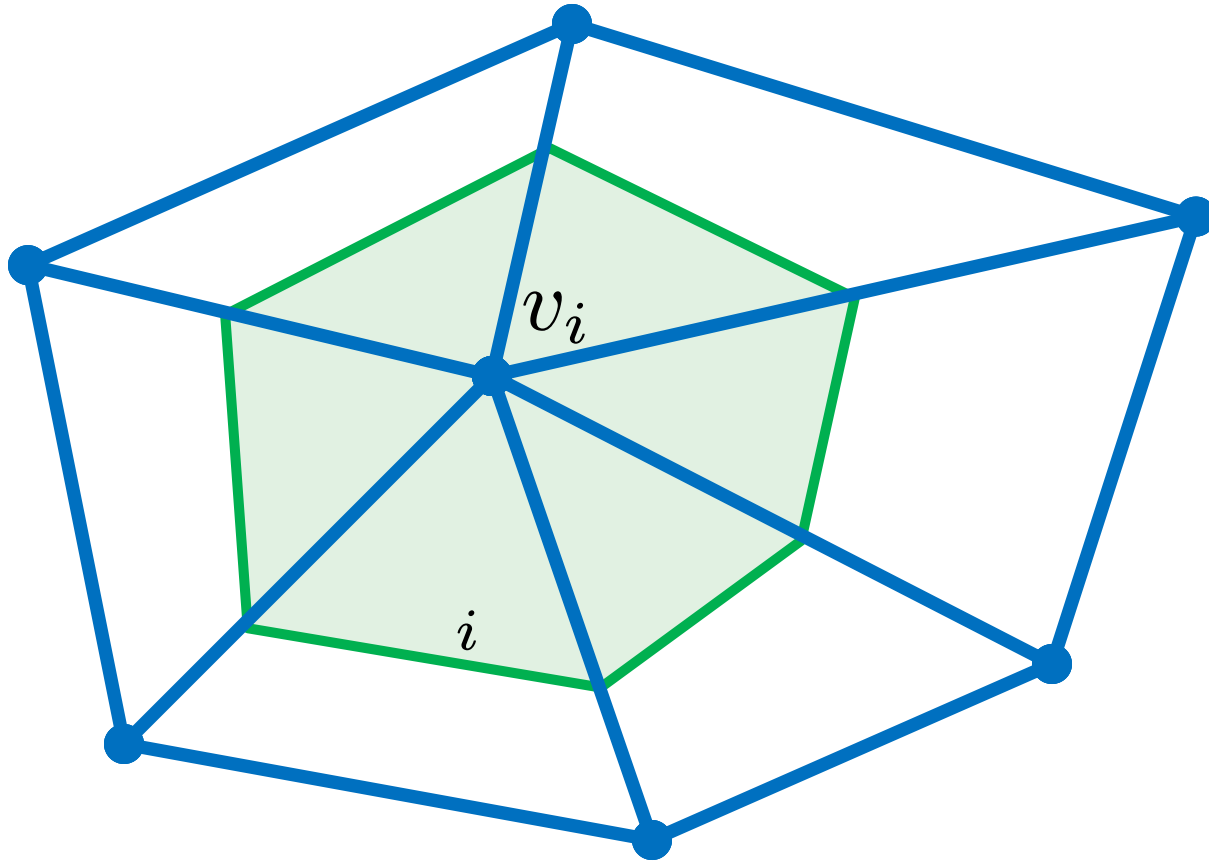
Finite Elements Standpoint



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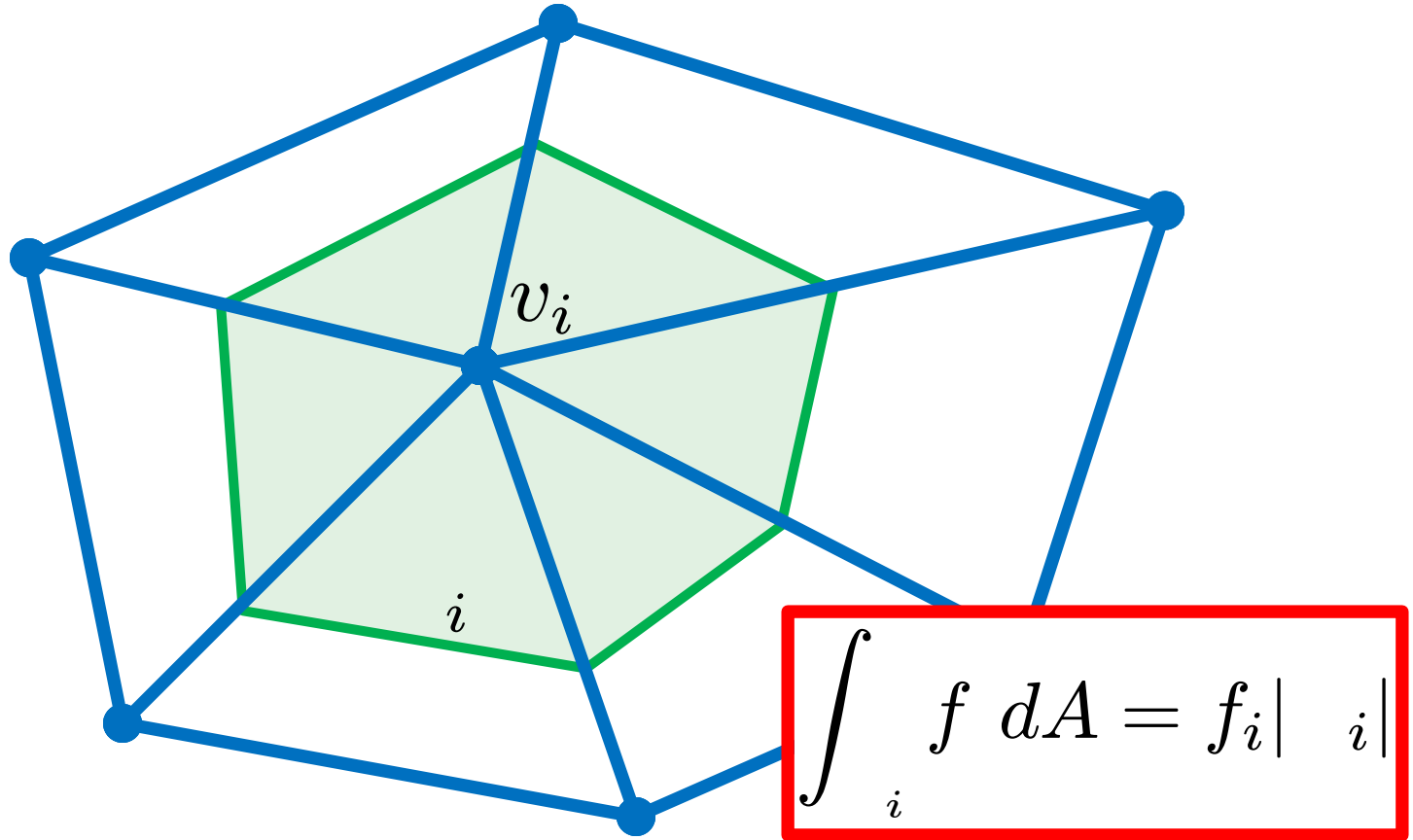
Use hat functions to interpolate

Dual Cell



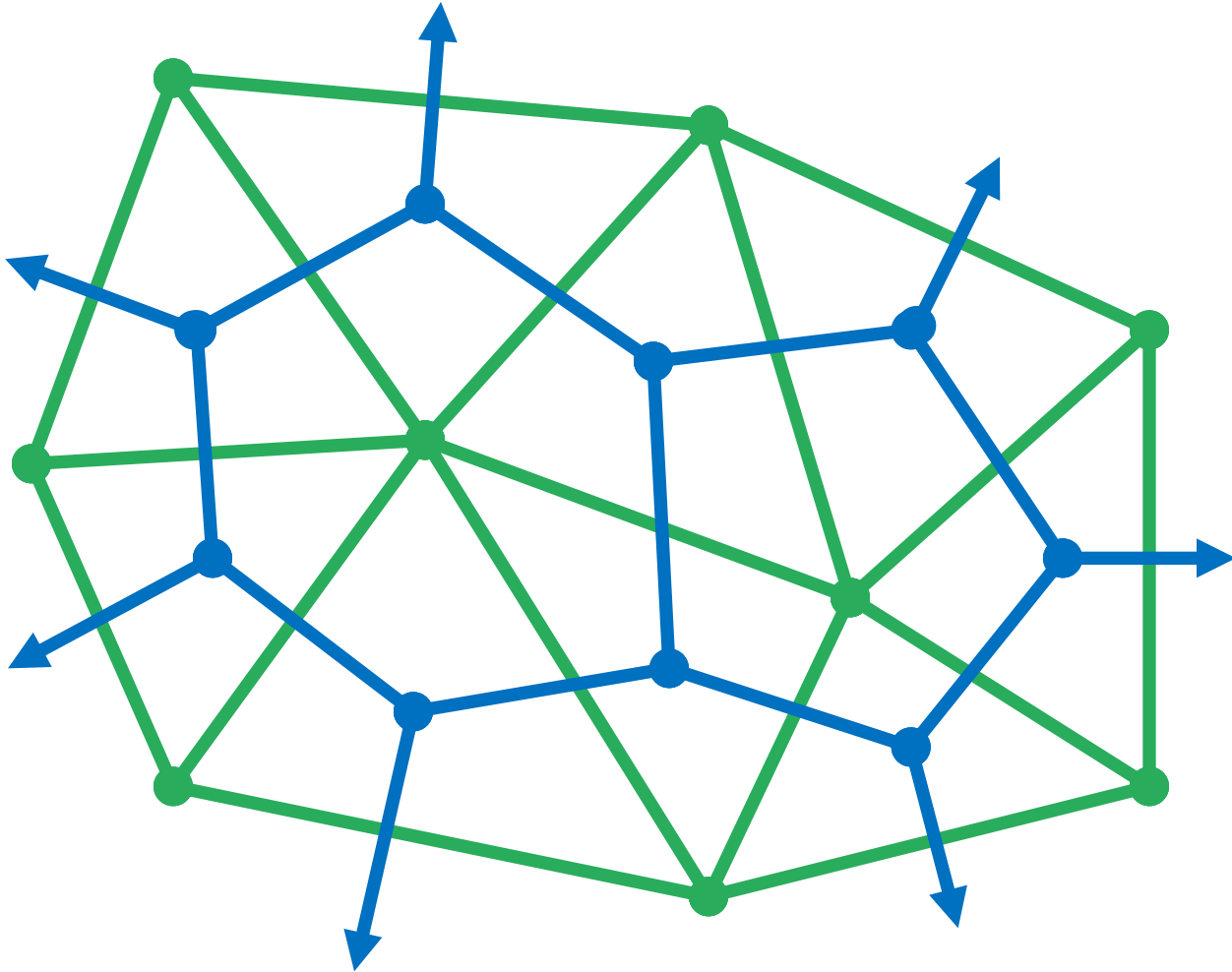
Discrete version of dA

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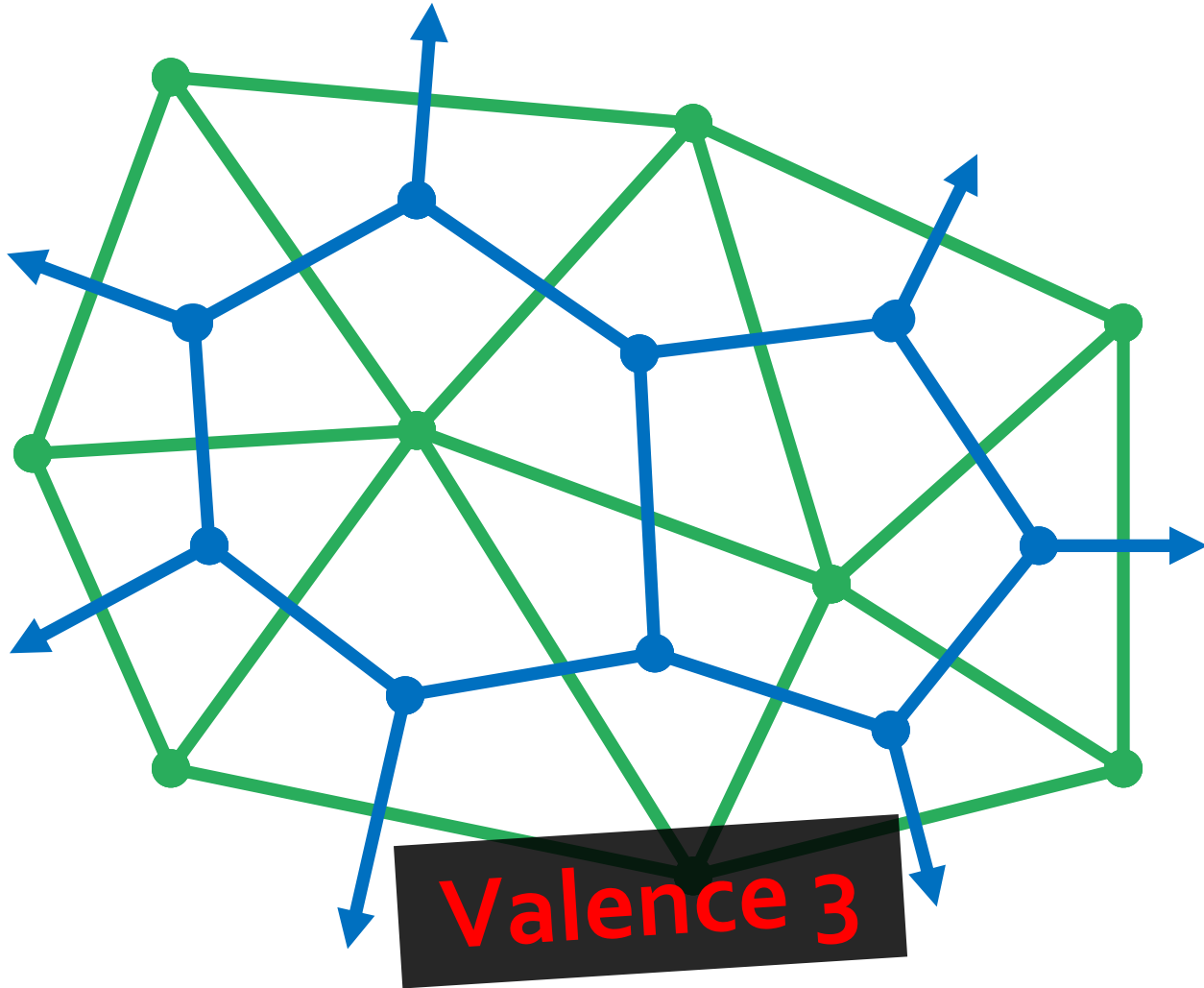


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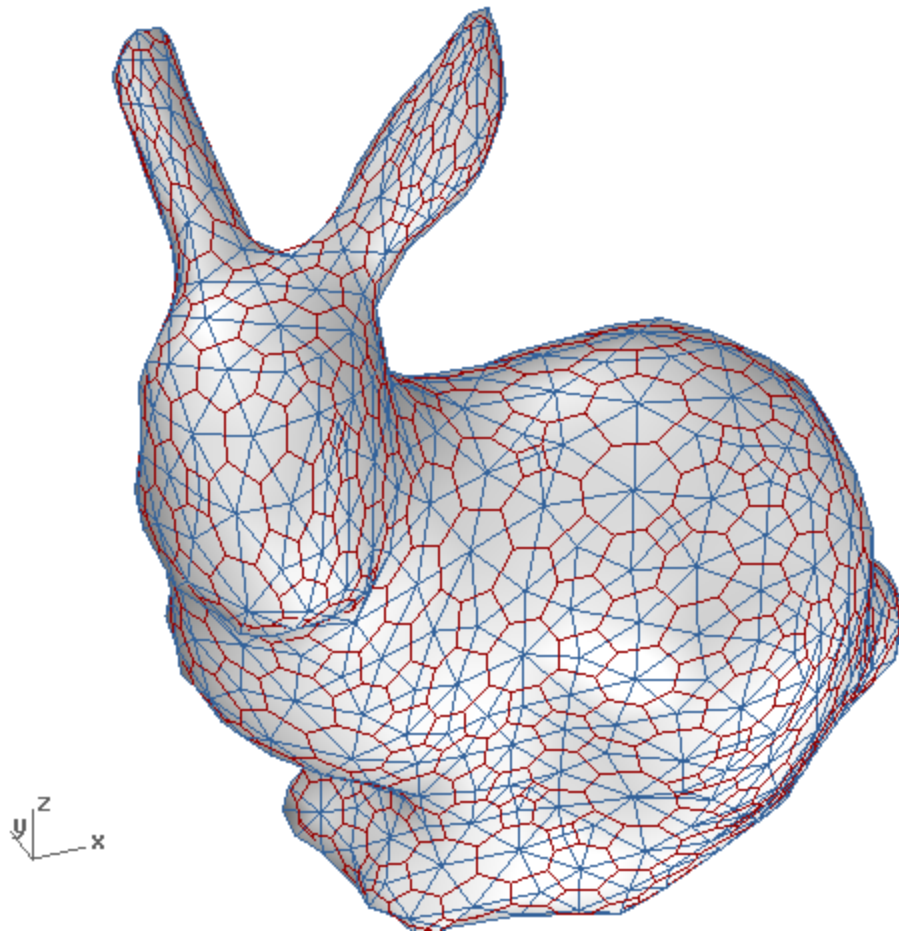
Dual Complex



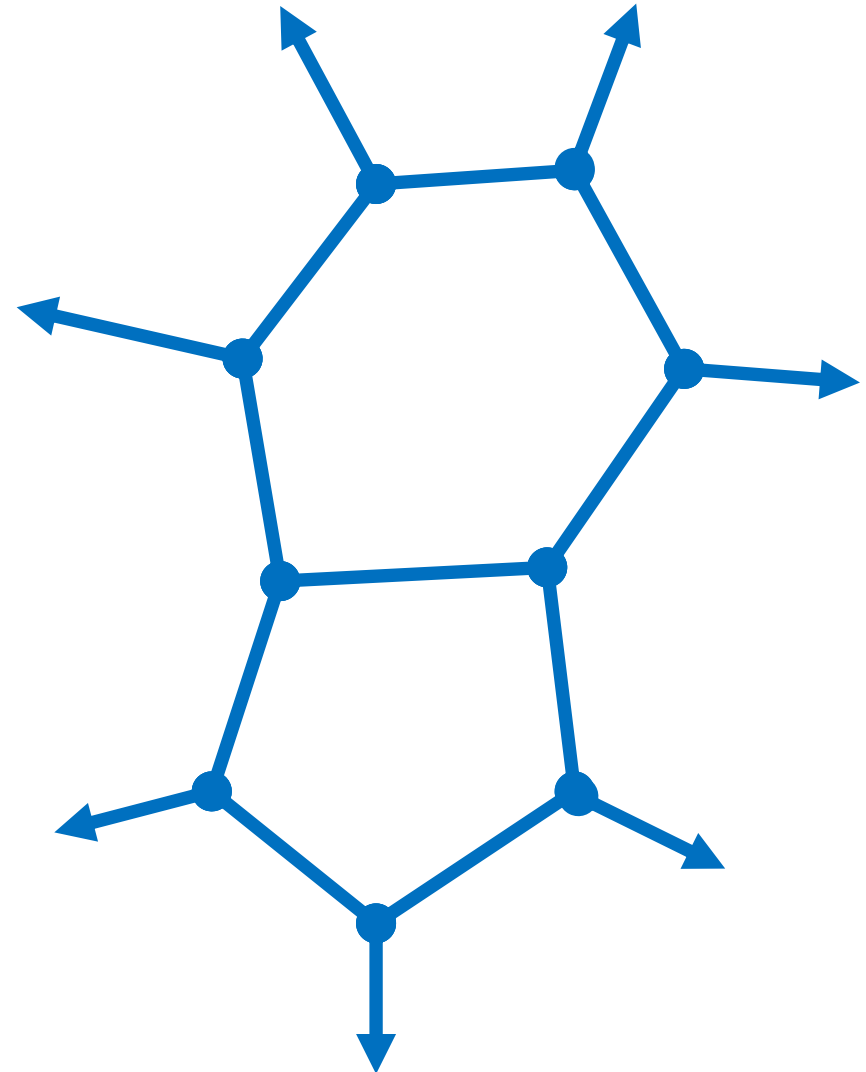
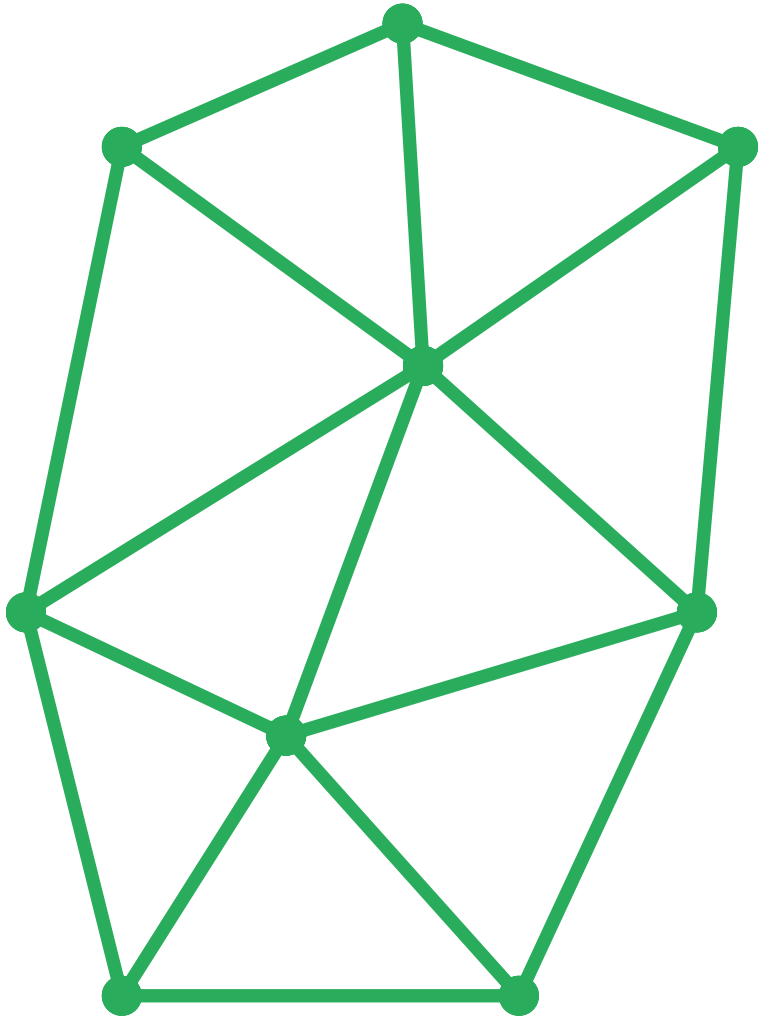
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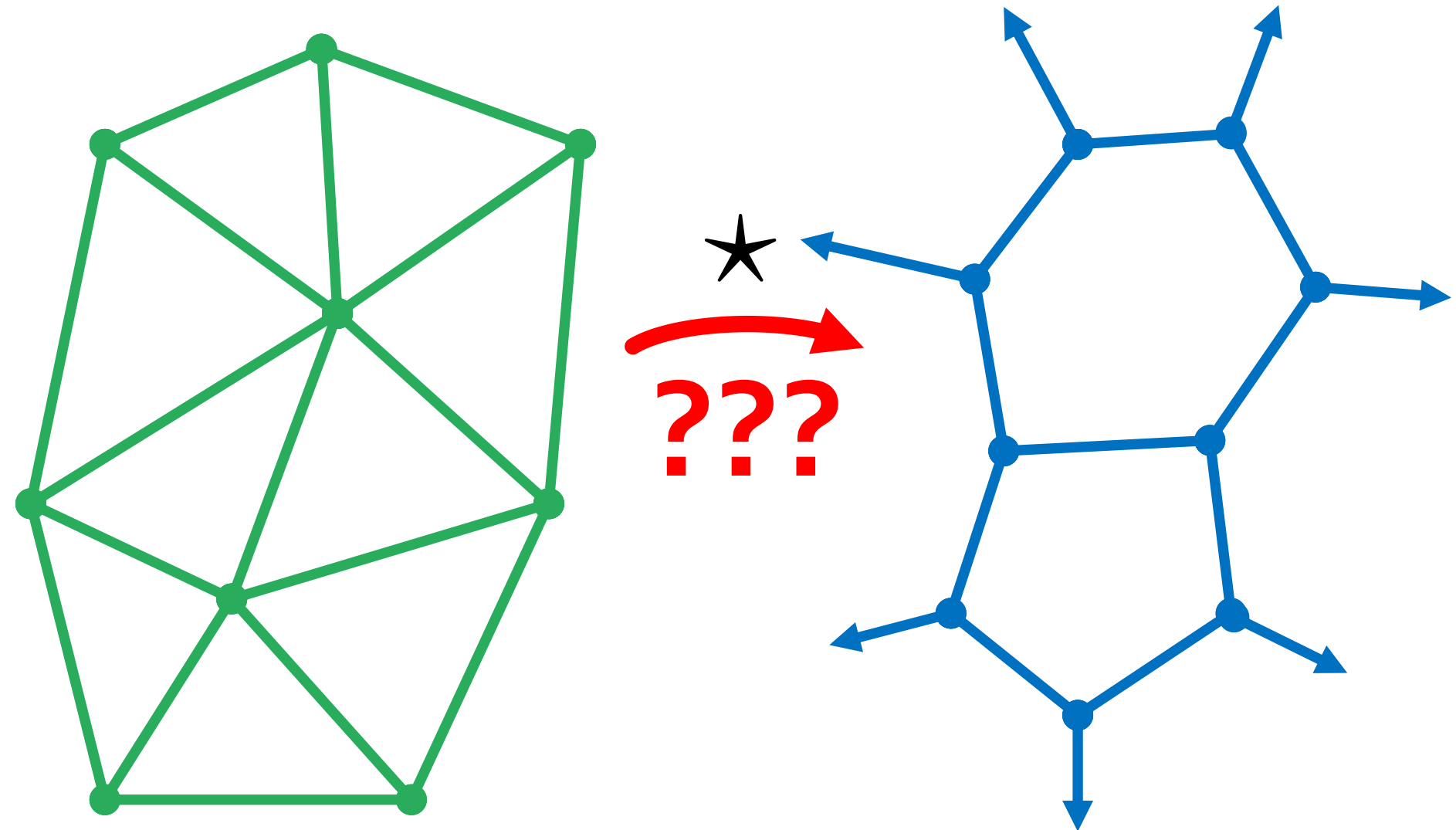
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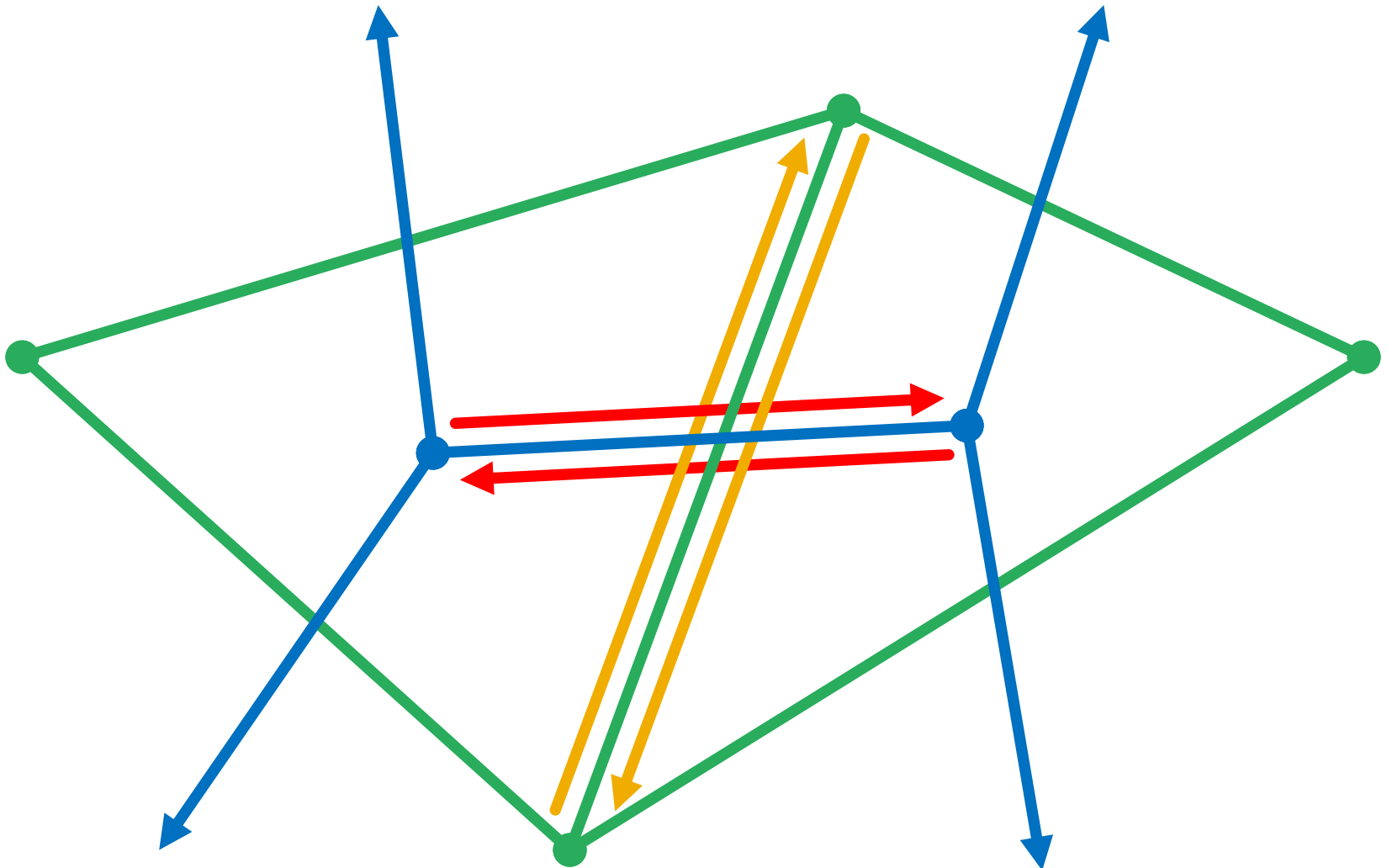
One Surface, Two Halfedges



Missing Operation

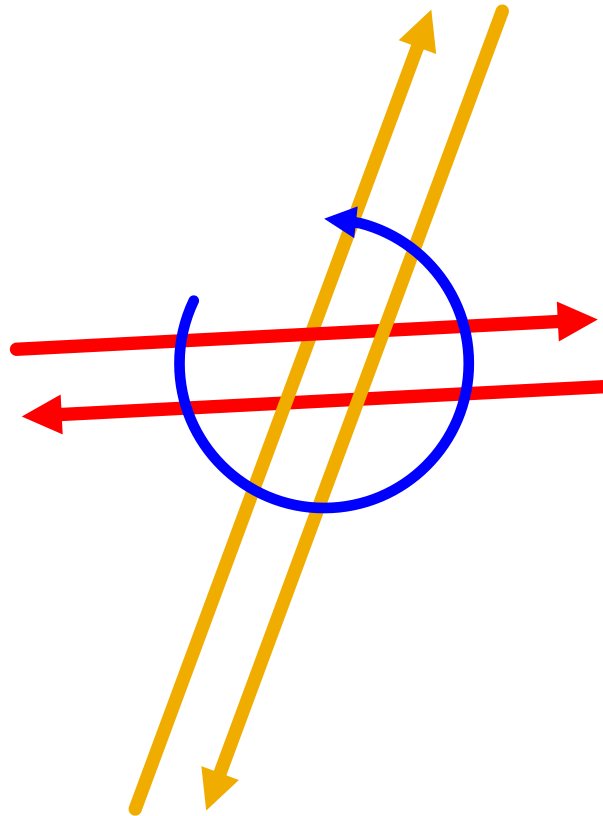


Quad Edge



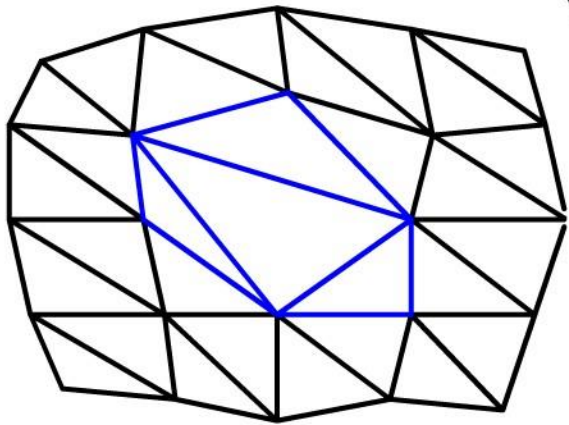
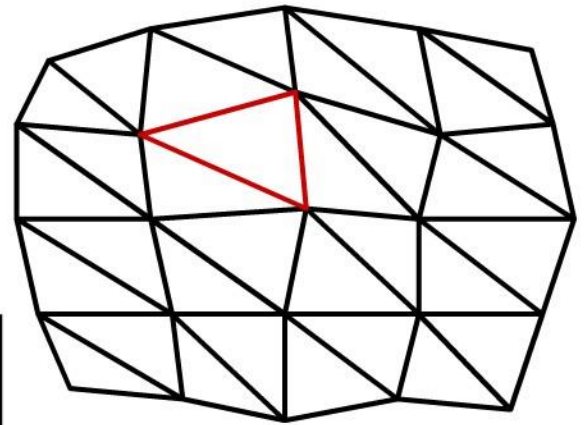
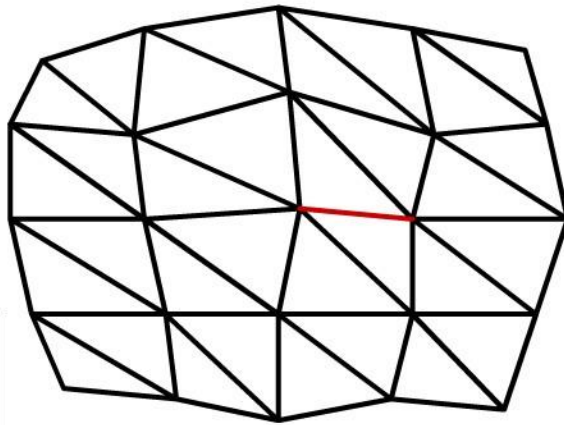
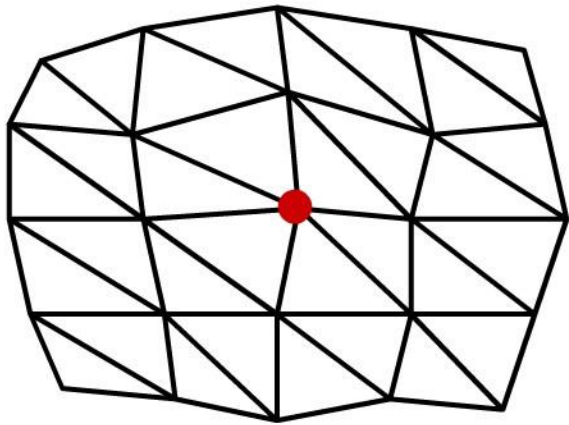
Rotation Operation

$e \rightarrow \text{Rot} \rightarrow \text{Rot} = e \rightarrow \text{Flip}$

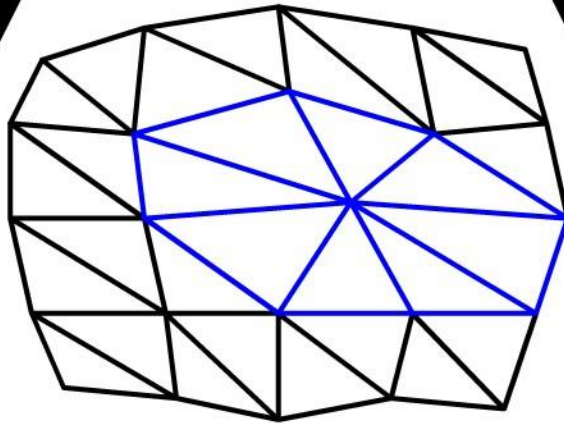


Topological Operations

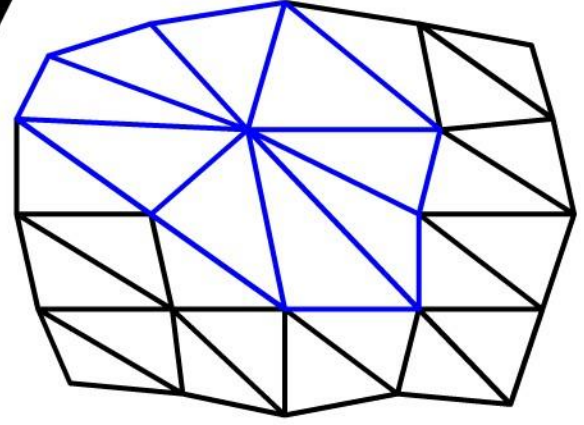
Original Mesh Segment



Vertex Removal



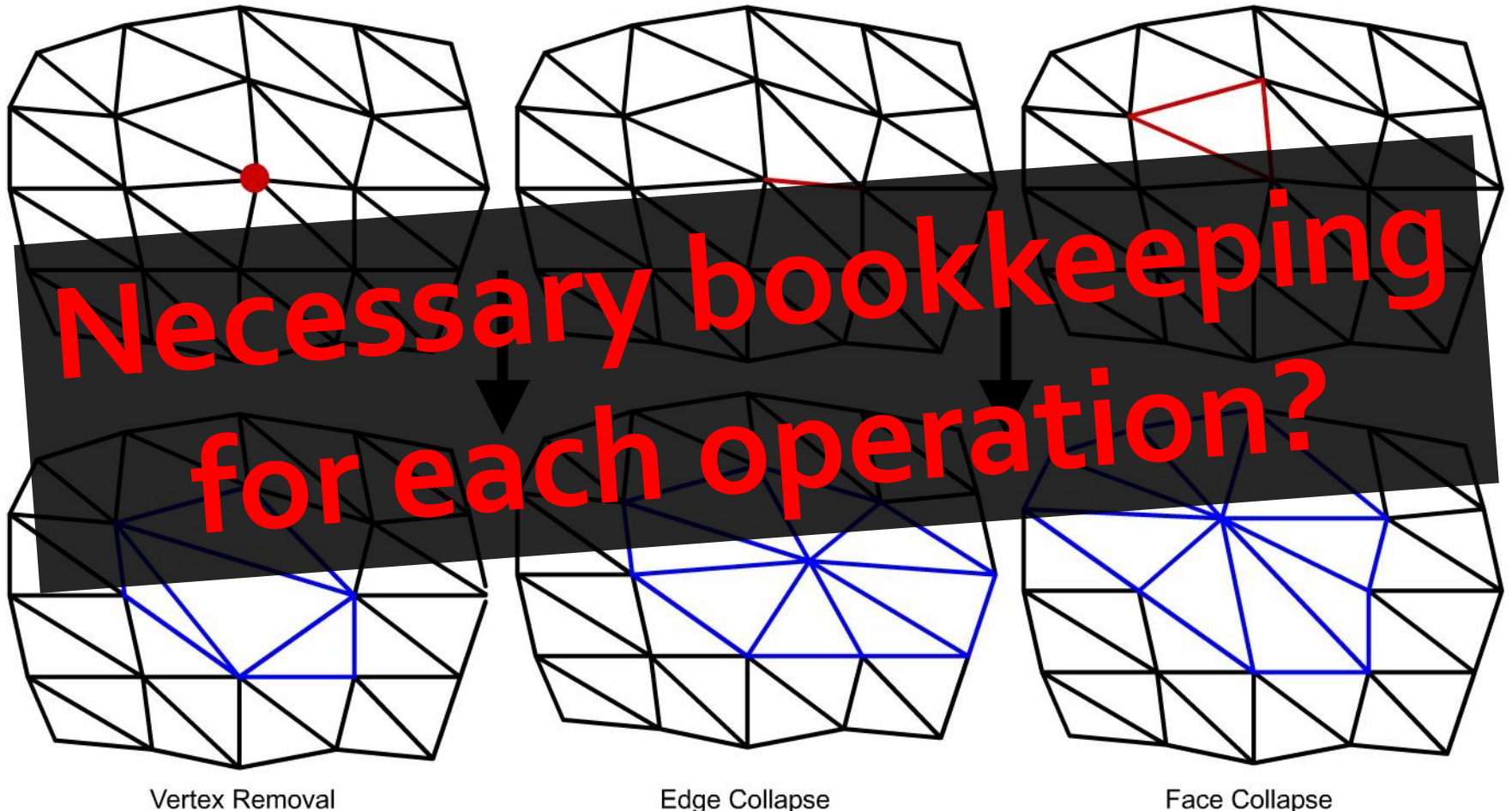
Edge Collapse



Face Collapse

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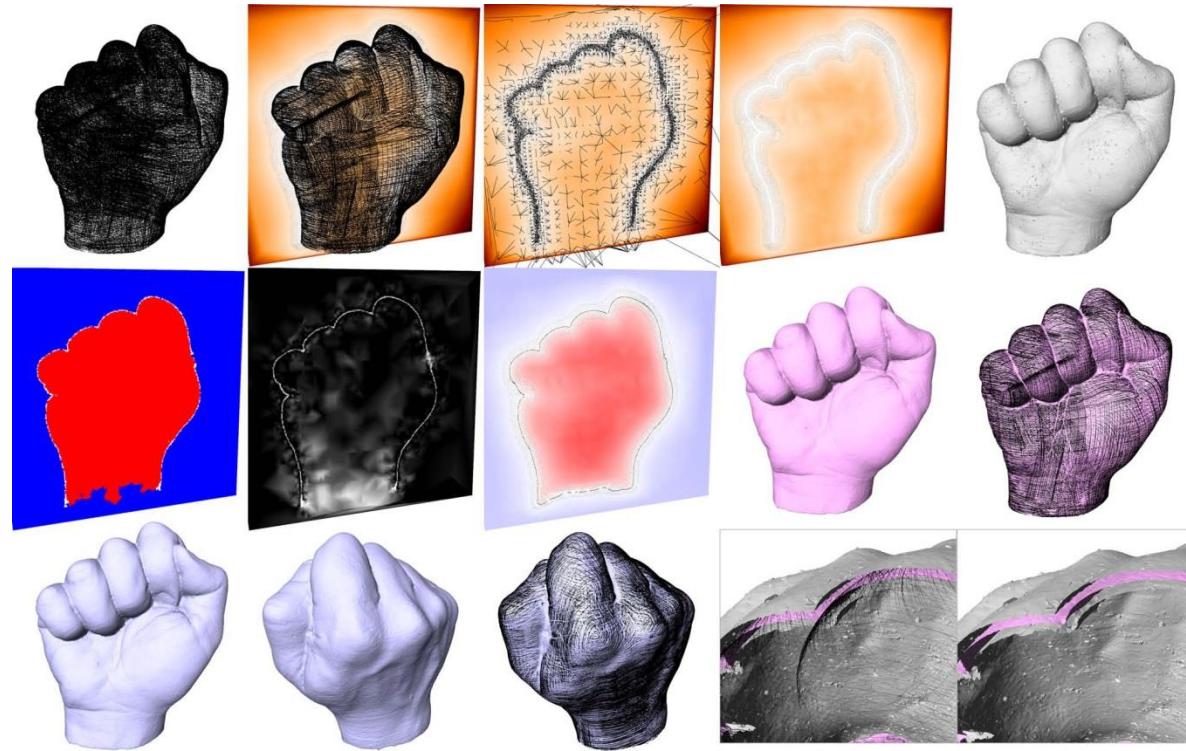
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Take-Away

Complex data structures enable simpler traversal at cost of more bookkeeping.

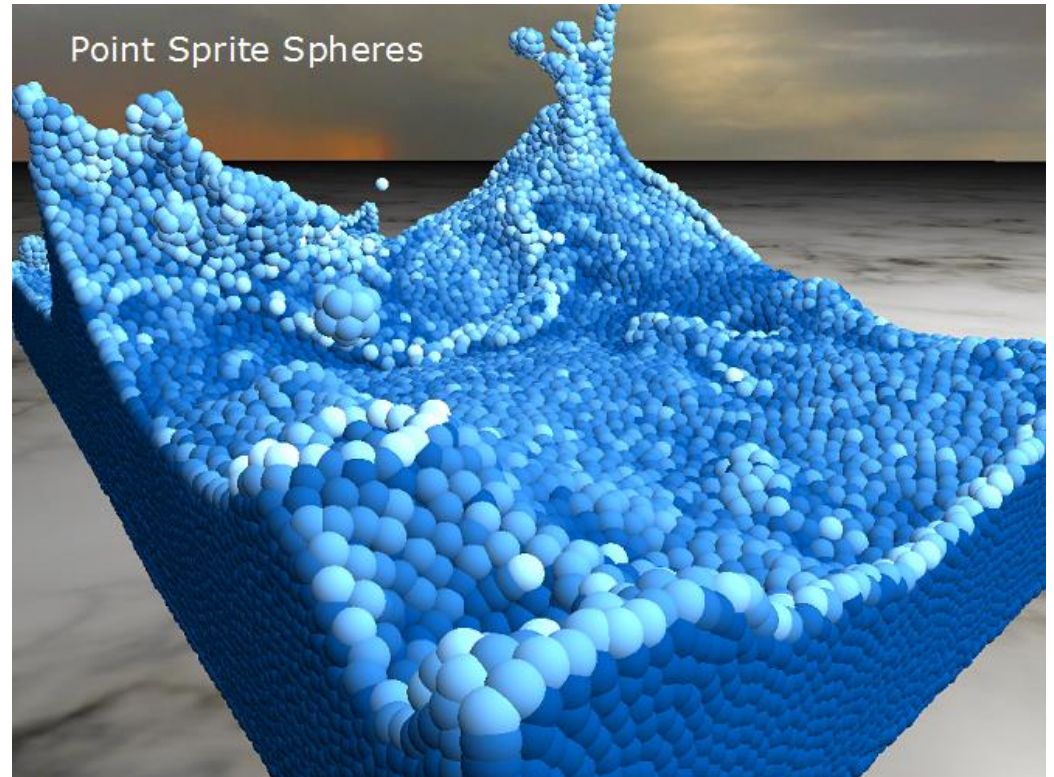
Not the Only Model



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Implicit surfaces

Not the Only Model



<http://www.itsartmag.com/features/cgfluids/>
<https://developer.nvidia.com/content/fluid-simulation-alice-madness-returns>

Smoothed-particle hydrodynamics

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AN IMPLICIT SURFACE TENSION MODEL

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ABSTRACT

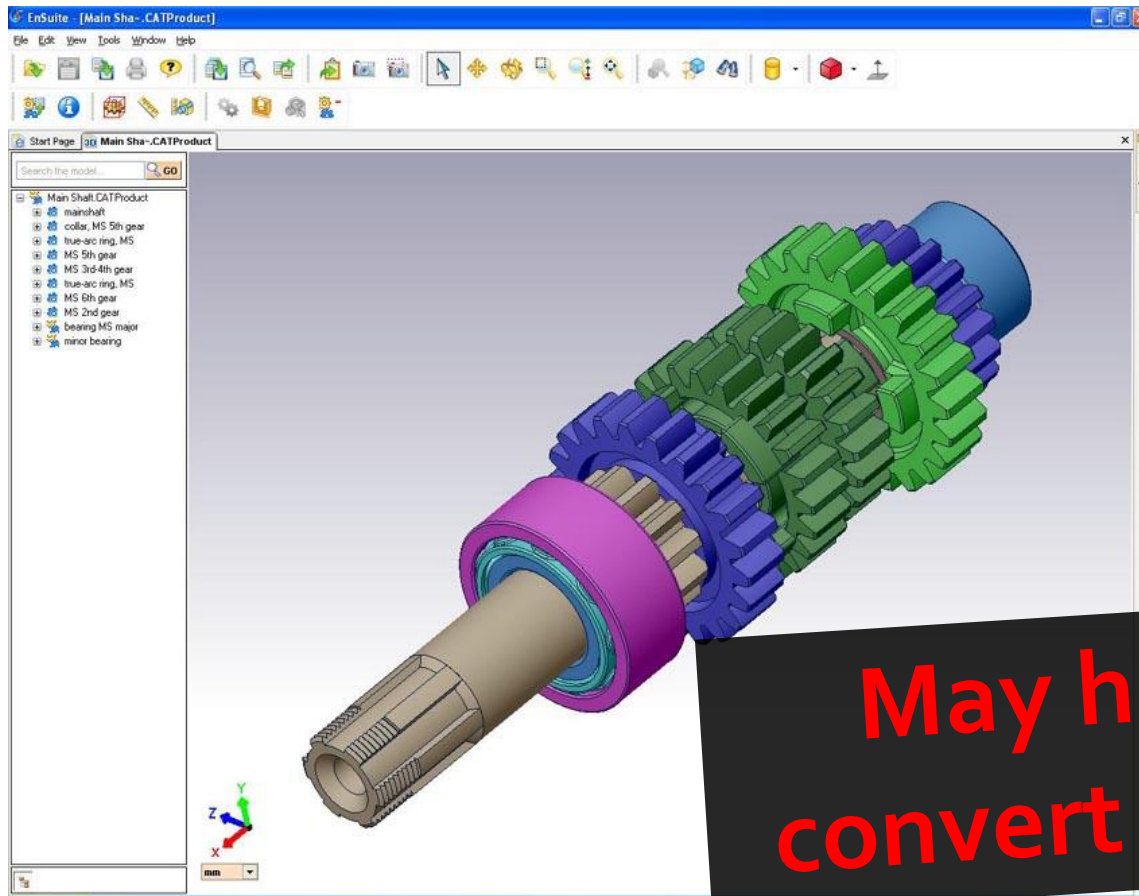
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INTRODUCTION

Incompressible flows with a free-surface exist in many industrial applications. Some examples include fuel atomization in internal combustion engines, droplet size control in ink-jet printers, formation of lead shot, control of liquid spacecraft propellant in low gravity, and the spinning of synthetic fibers. The technology for some of these applications has been developed by heavily relying on experimental study of the specific process involved. For others, such as spacecraft propellant management, experimental studies are prohibitively expensive and the ability to computationally model these process is essential for their development.

The modeling of flows with a free surface presents challenges unlike other types of flow problems in that a boundary condition must be applied at the free surface which is often in a transient state and irregularly shaped. This problem is exacerbated when the force due to surface tension

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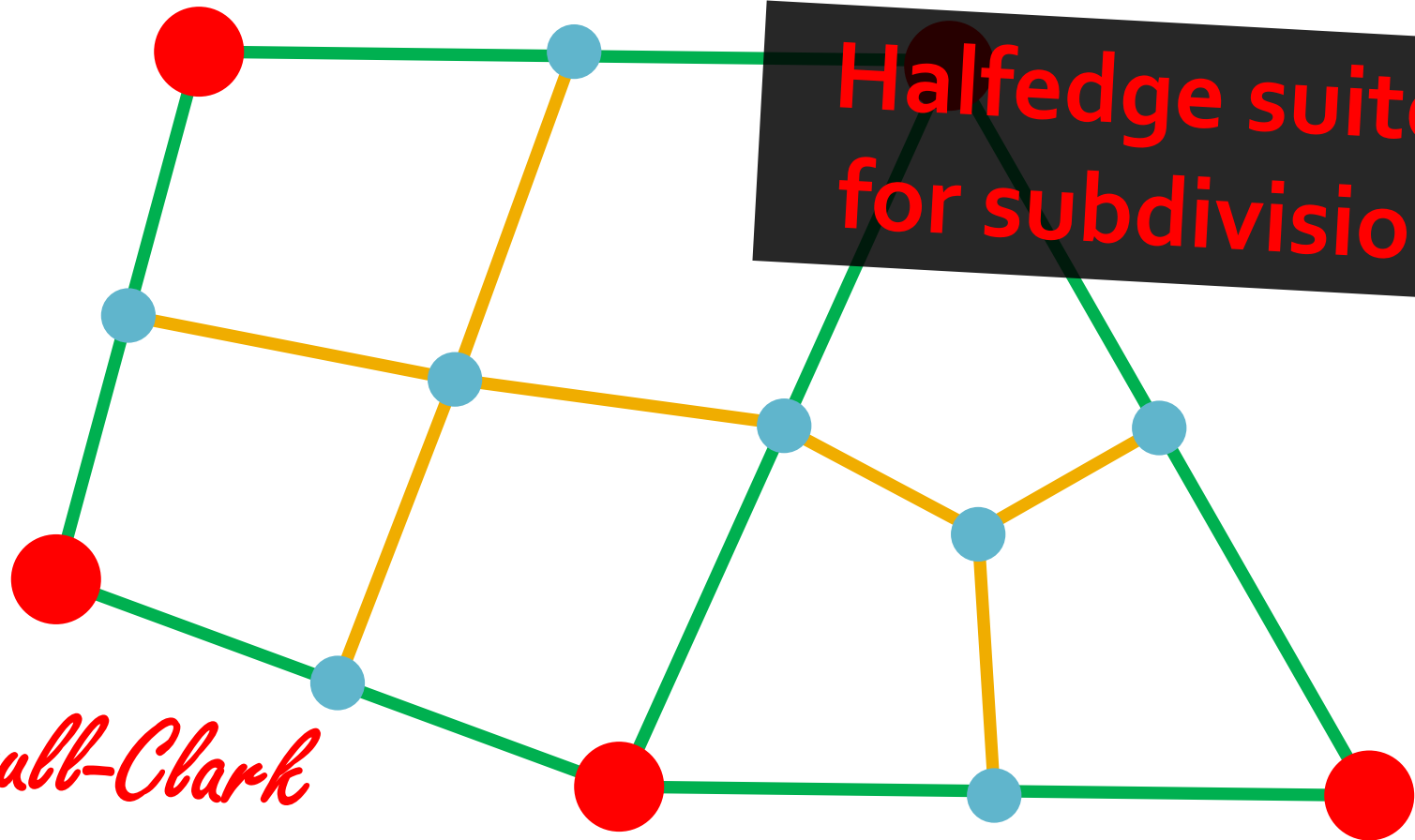


May have to
convert to mesh

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Cleanest: Design software

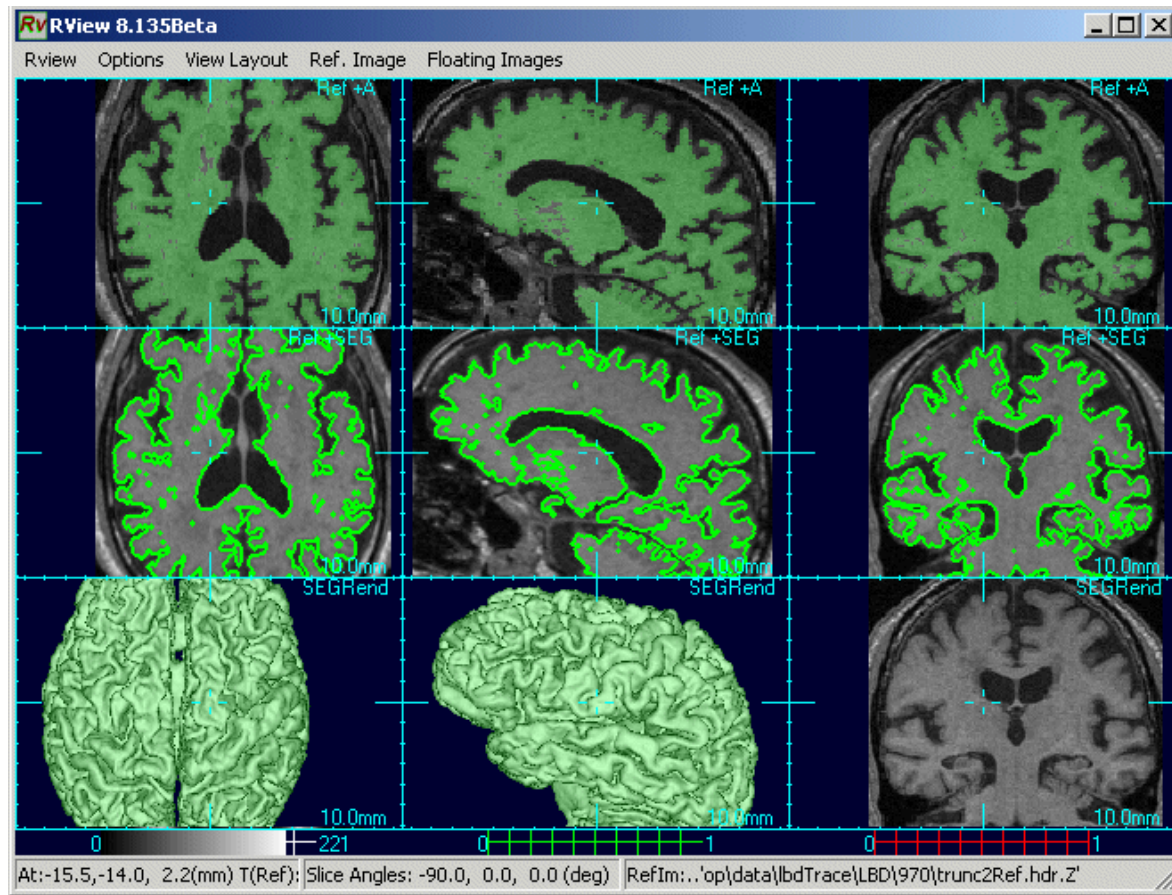
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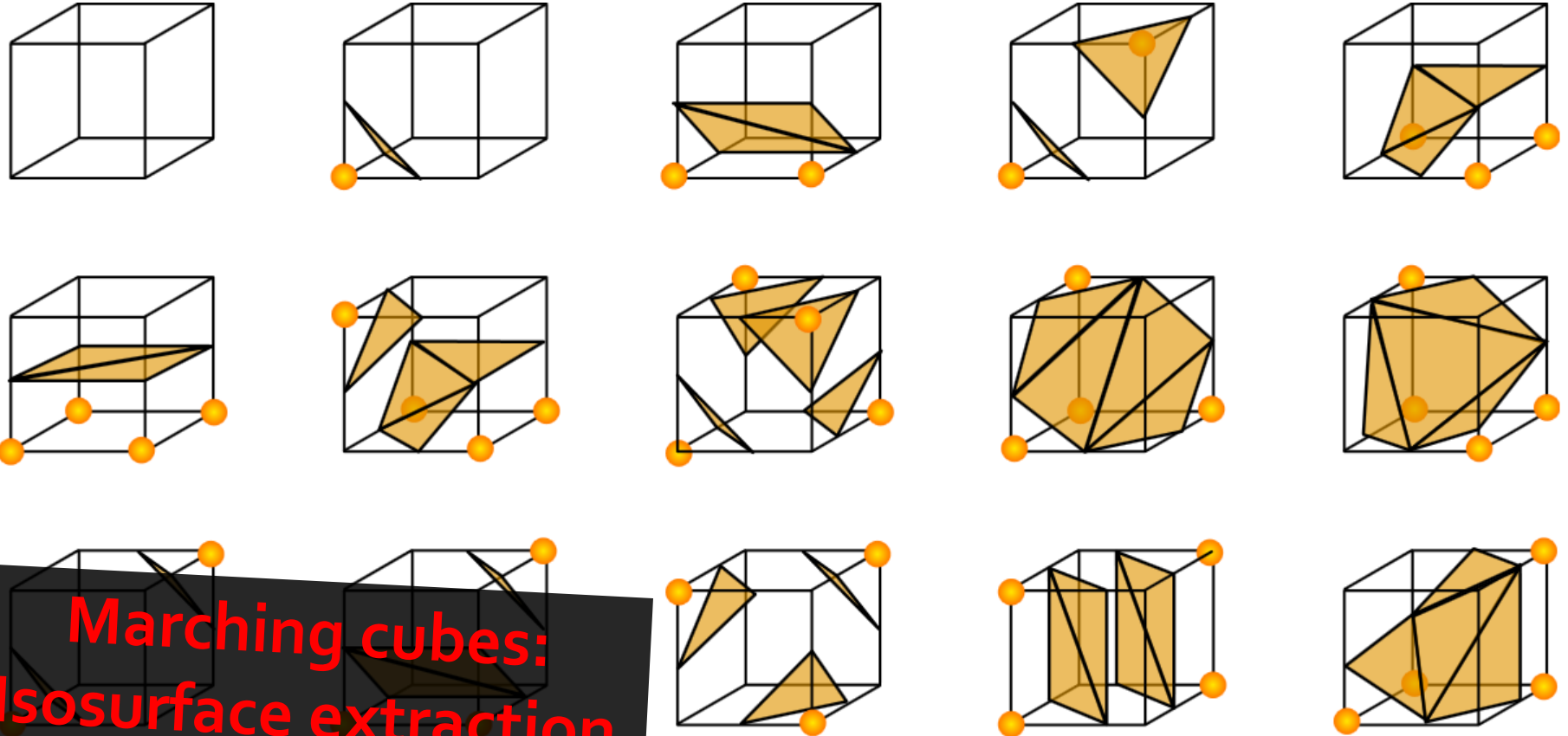
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Volumetric extraction

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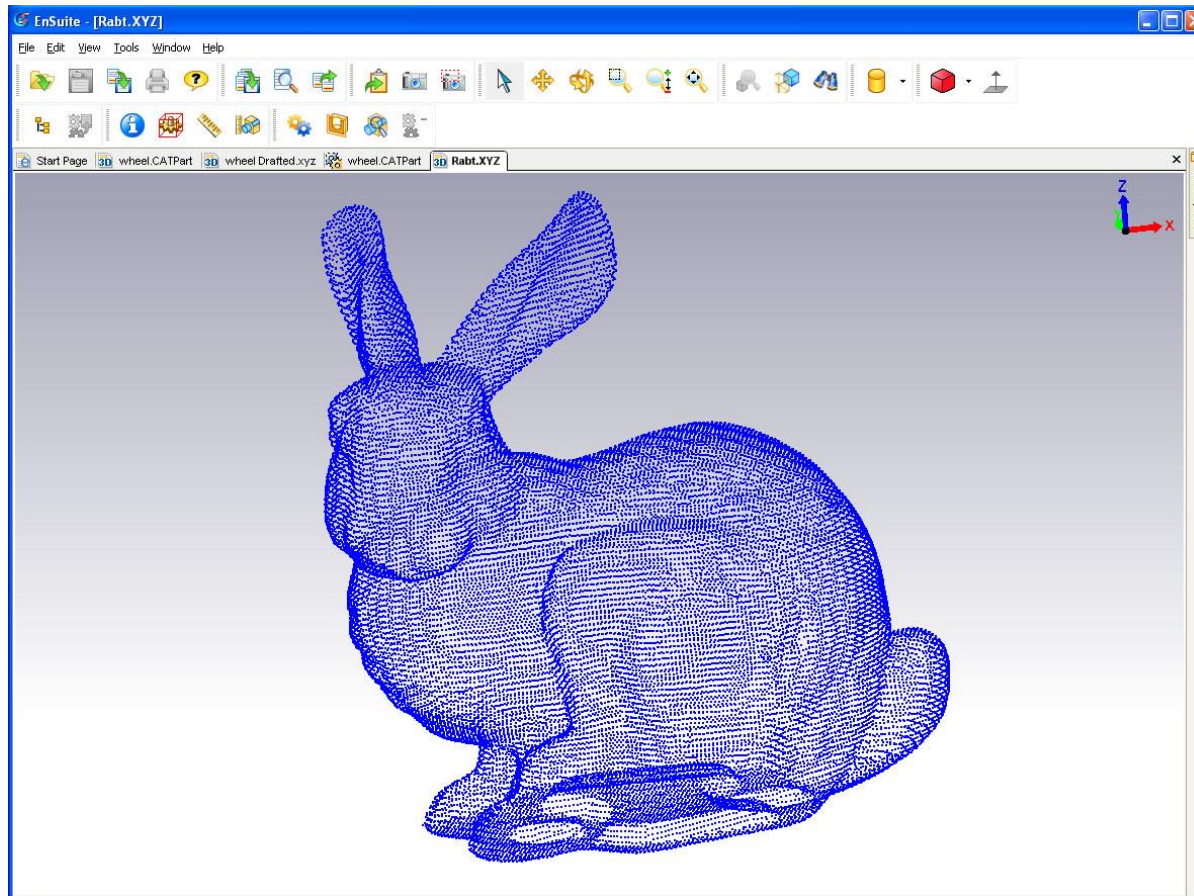


**Marching cubes:
Isosurface extraction**

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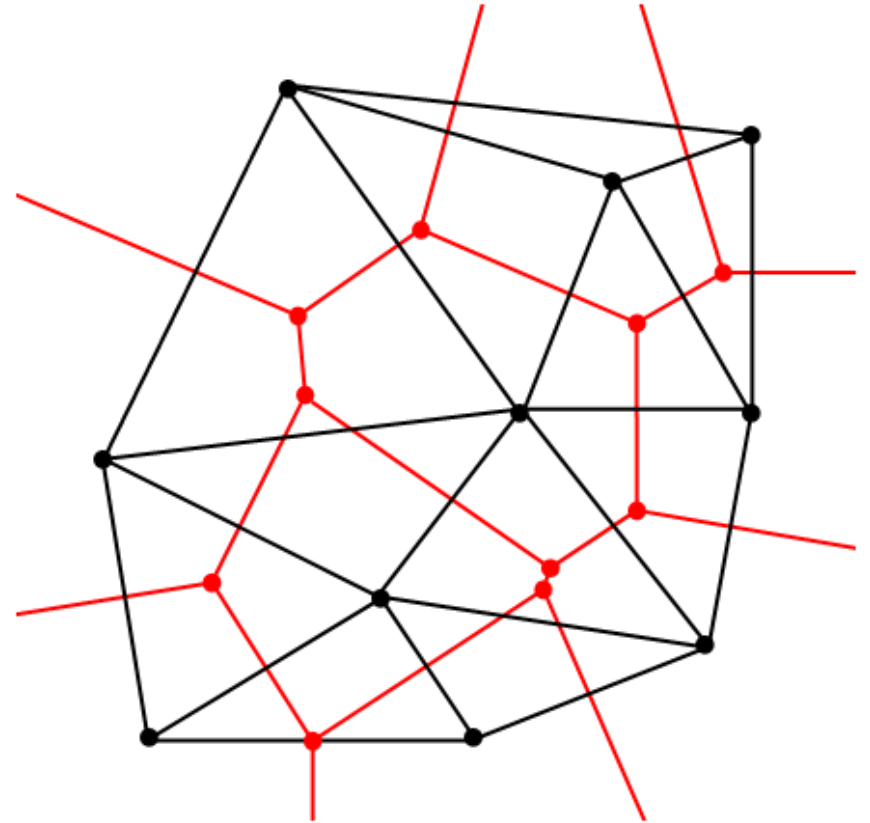
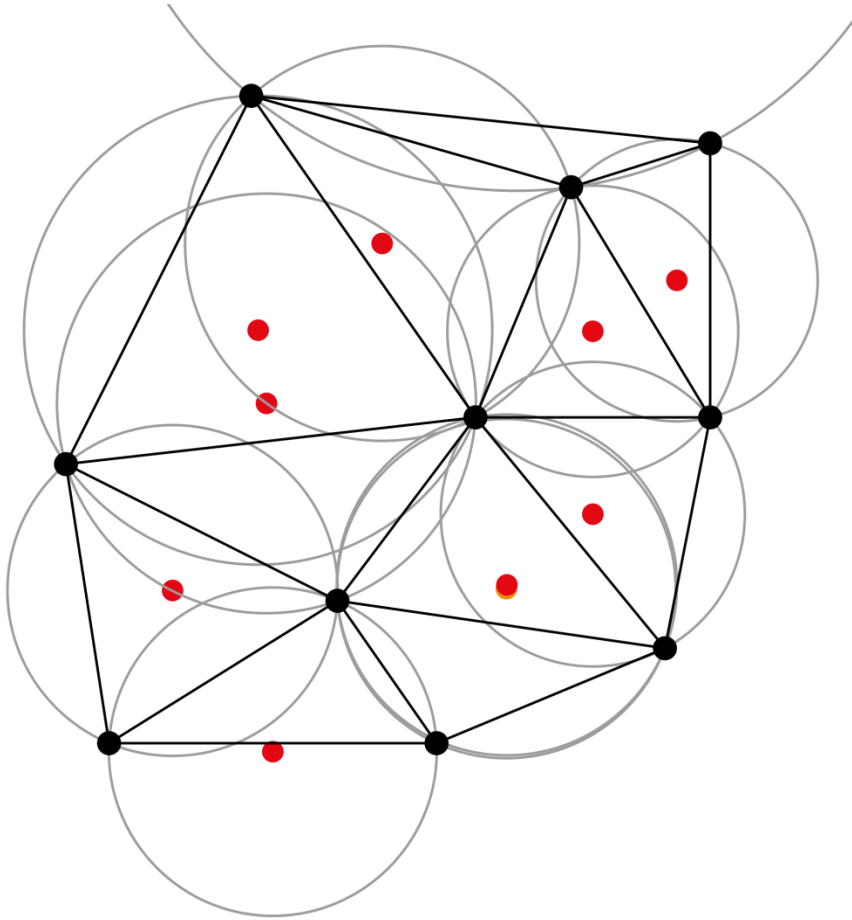
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Point clouds

Delaunay Triangulation



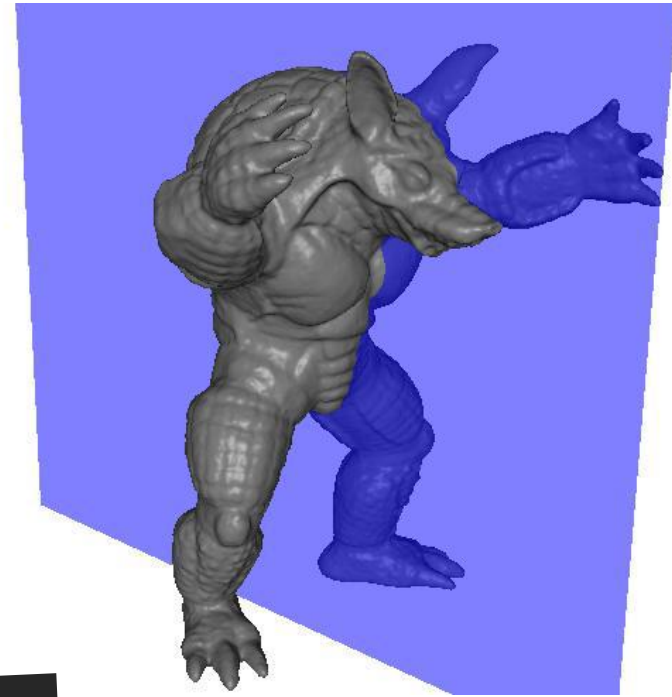
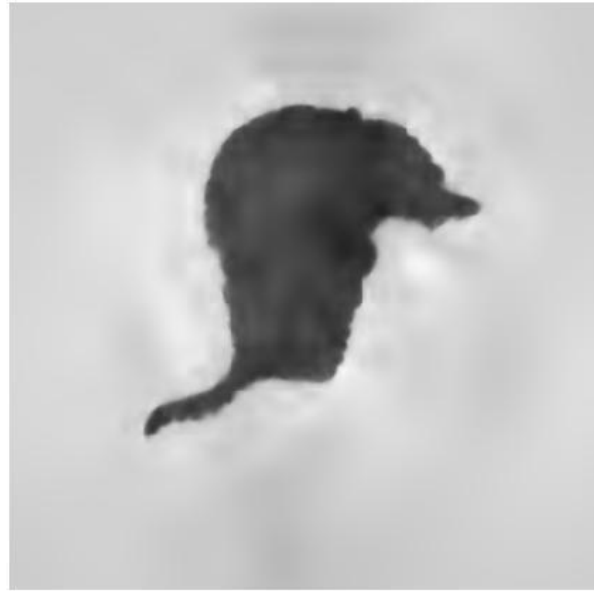
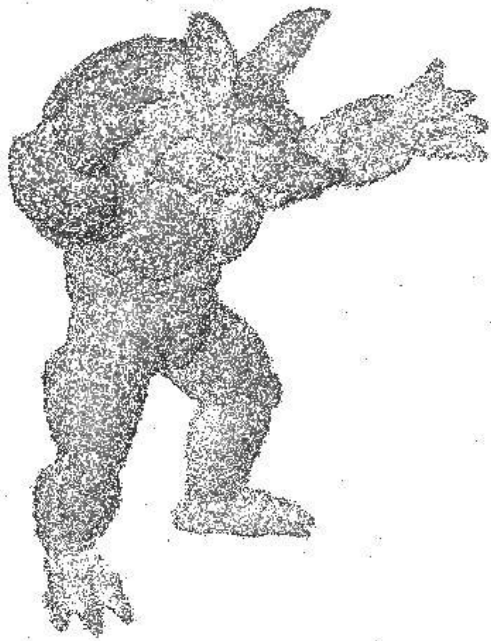
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Well-behaved dual mesh

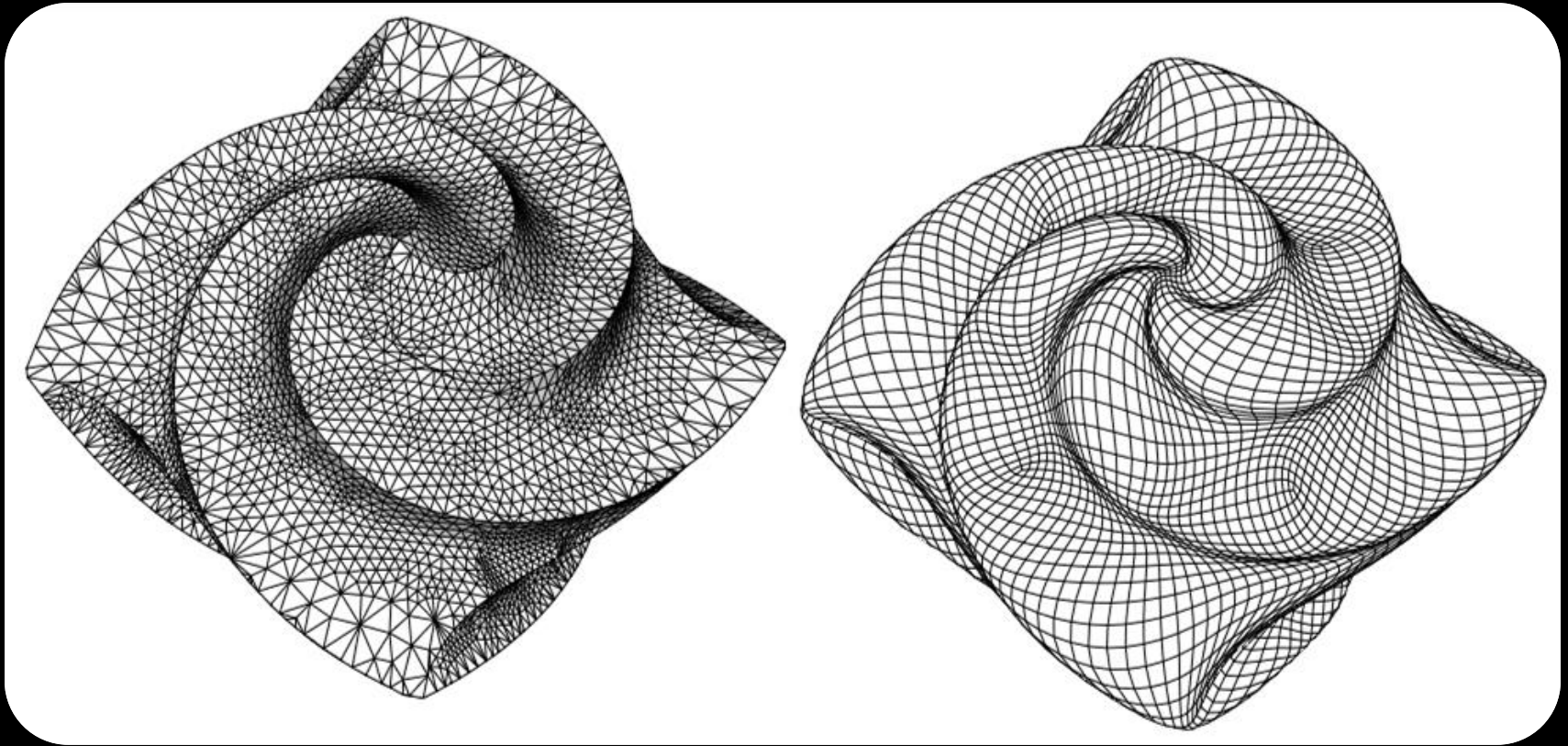
Strategies for Surface Delaunay

- **Tangent plane**
Derive local triangulation from tangent projection
- **Restricted Delaunay**
Usual Delaunay strategy but in smaller part of R^3
- **Inside/outside labeling**
Find inside/outside labels for tetrahedra
- **Empty balls**
Require existence of sphere around triangle with no other point

Poisson Reconstruction



More later!



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