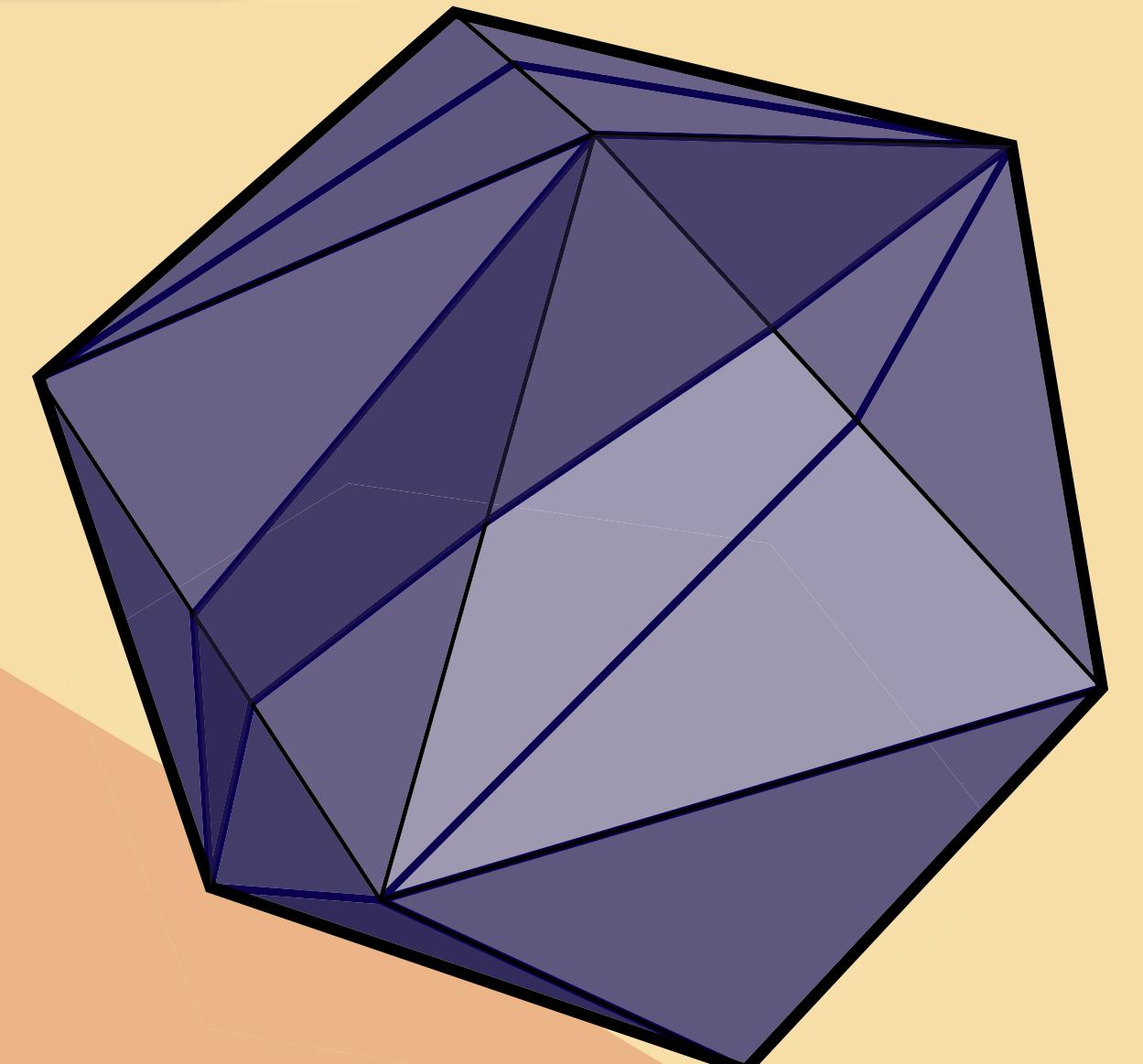
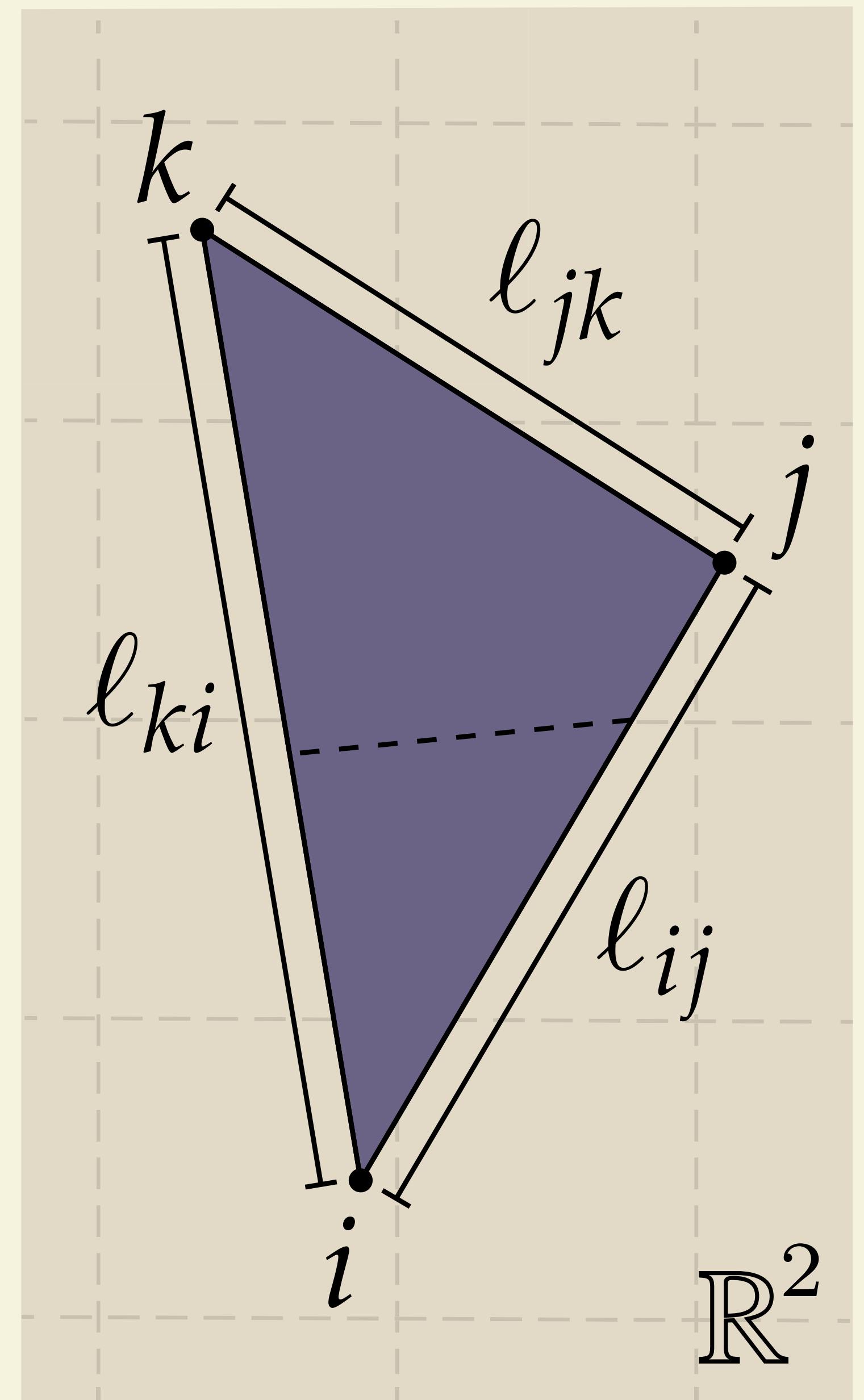
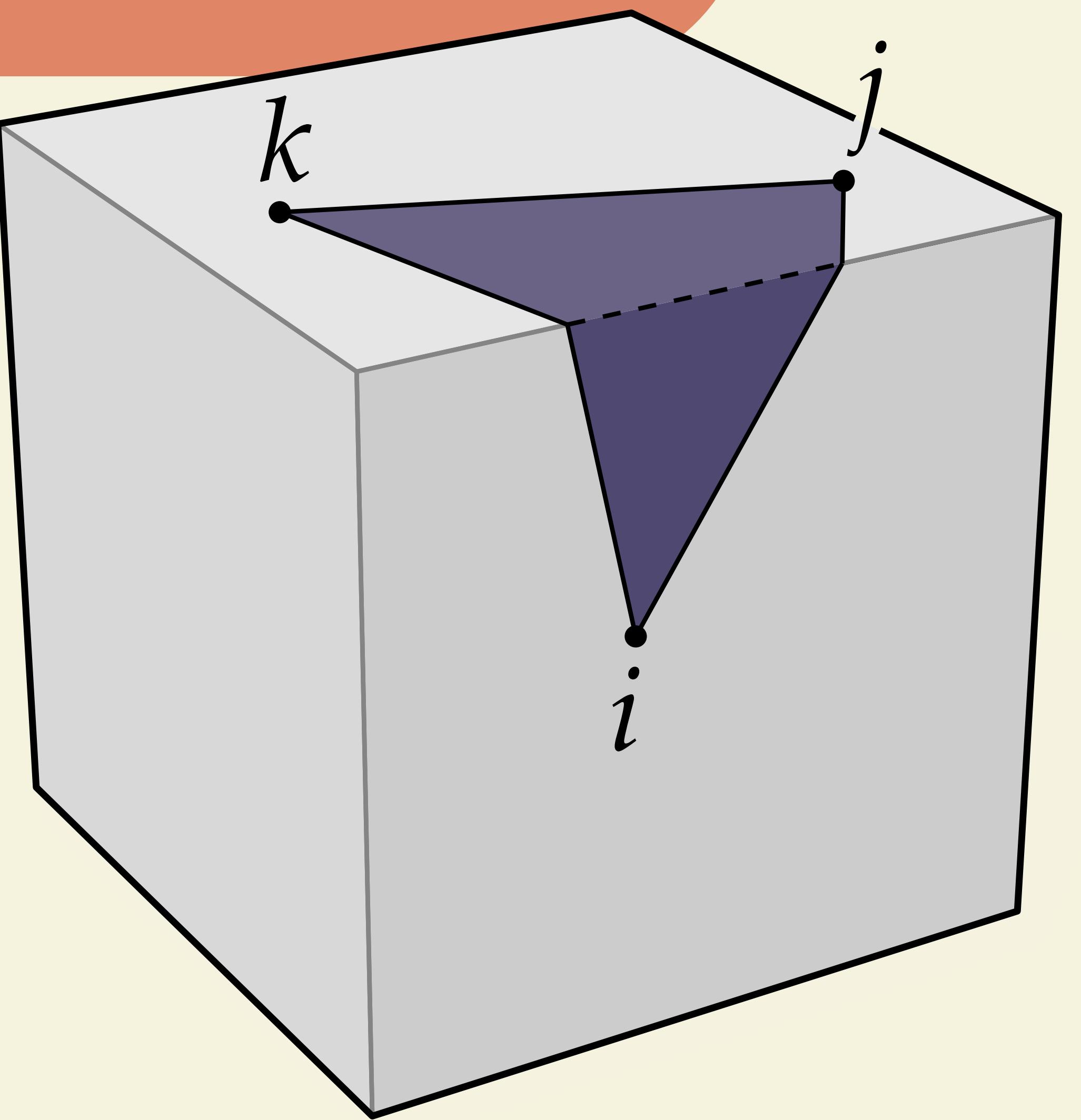


# Intrinsic Triangulations in Geometry Processing

**Mark Gillespie, Carnegie Mellon University**



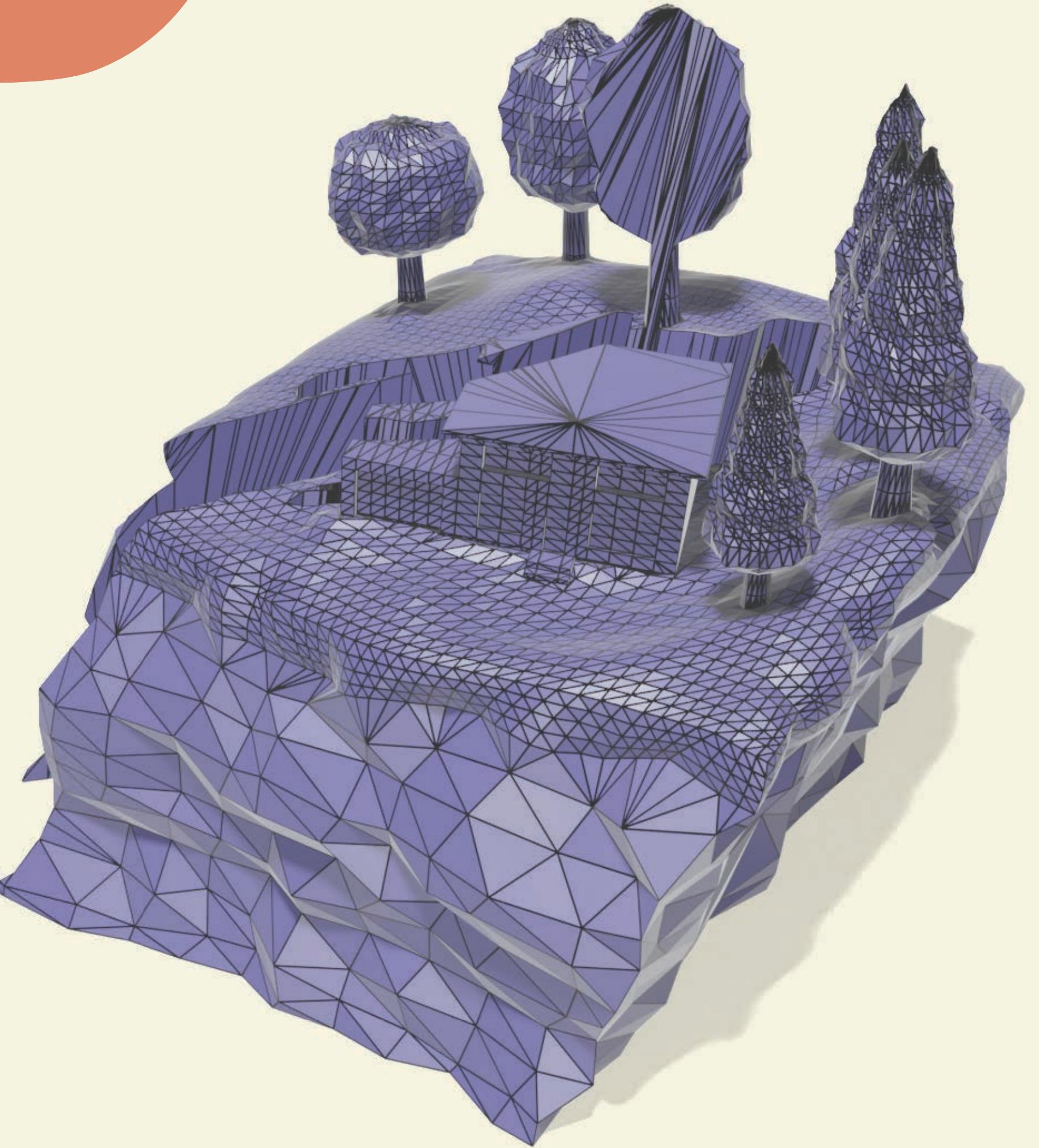
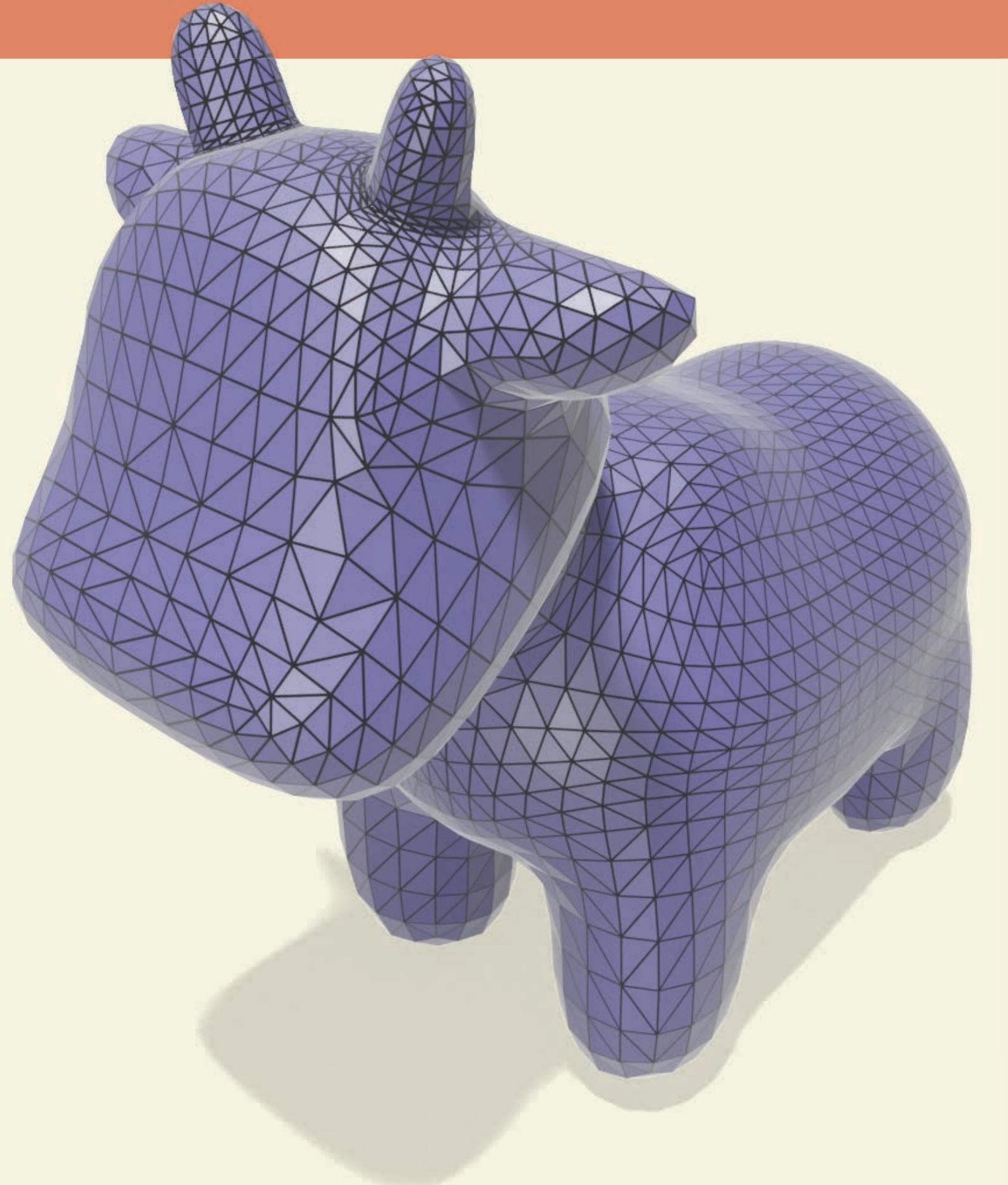
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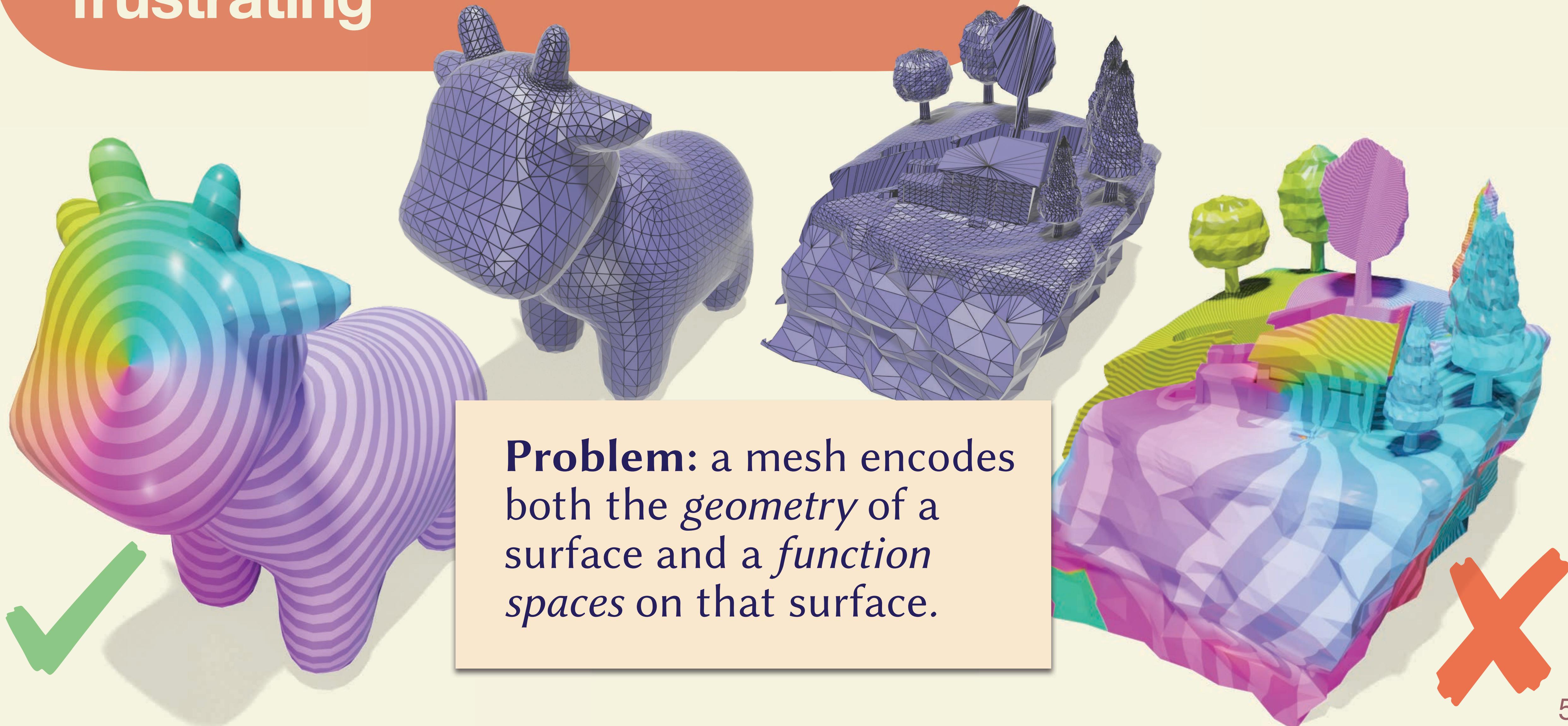
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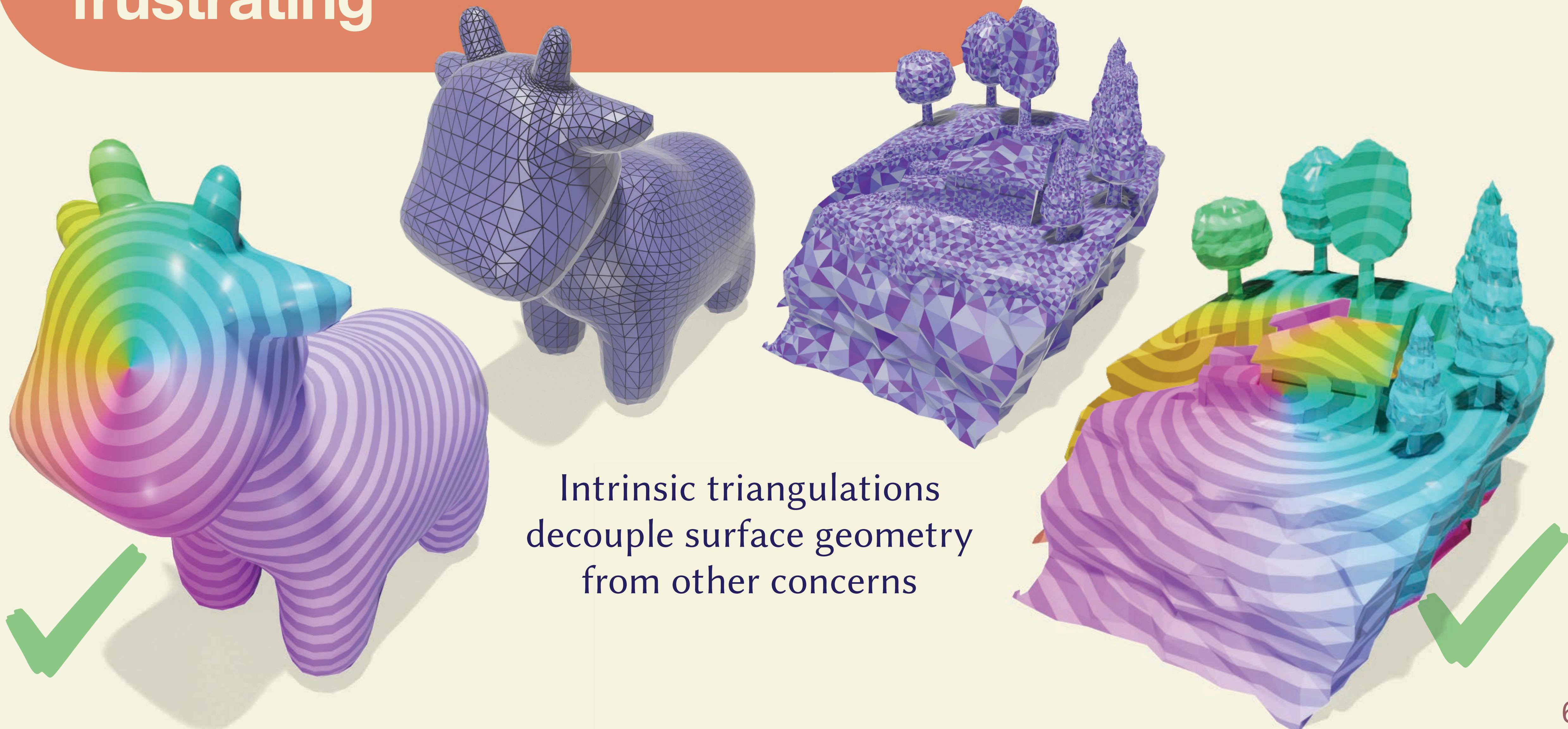
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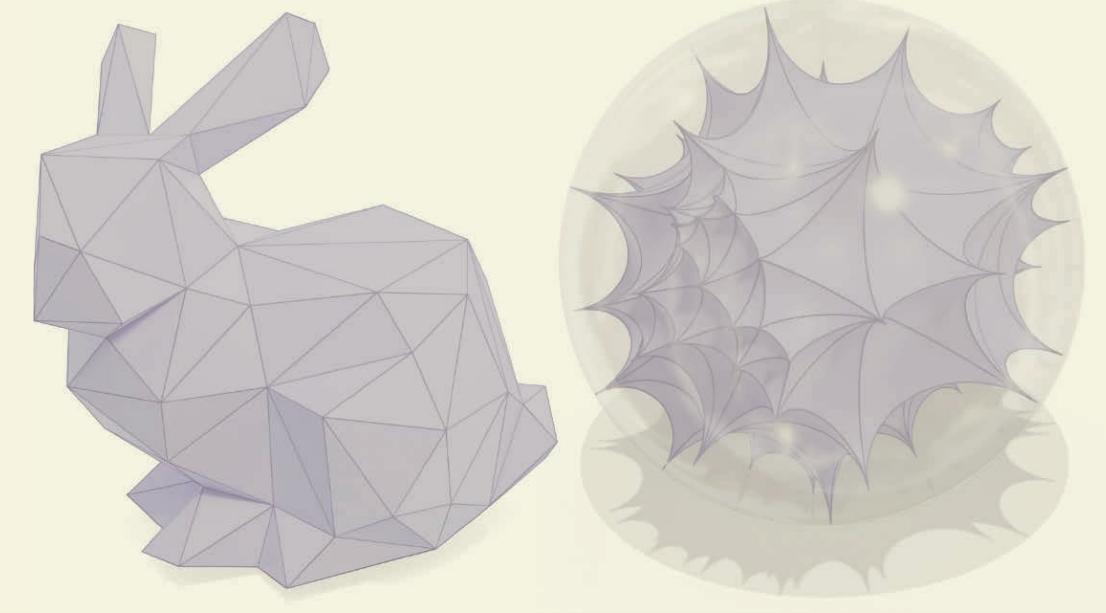
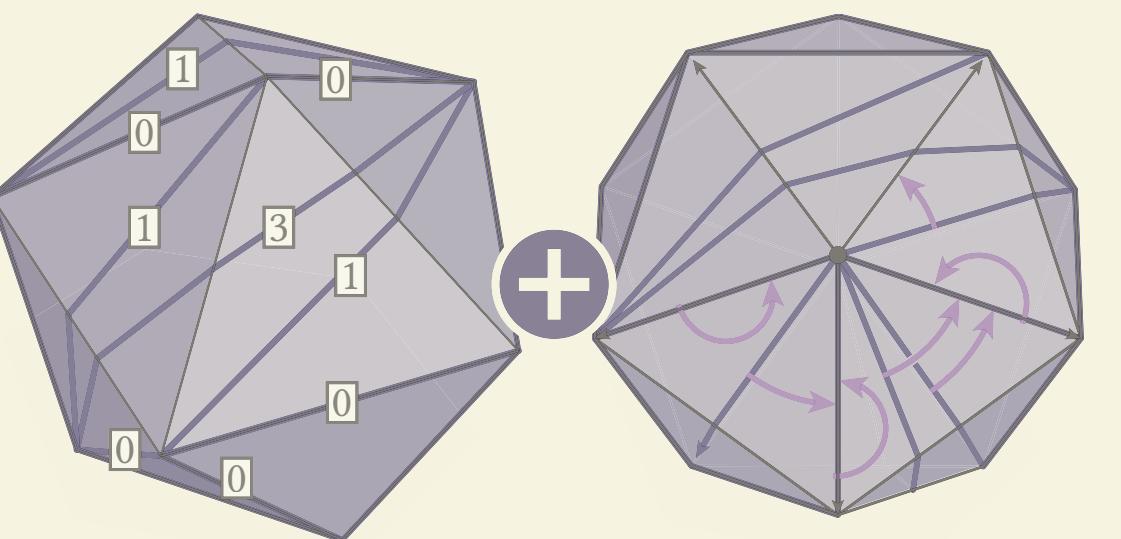
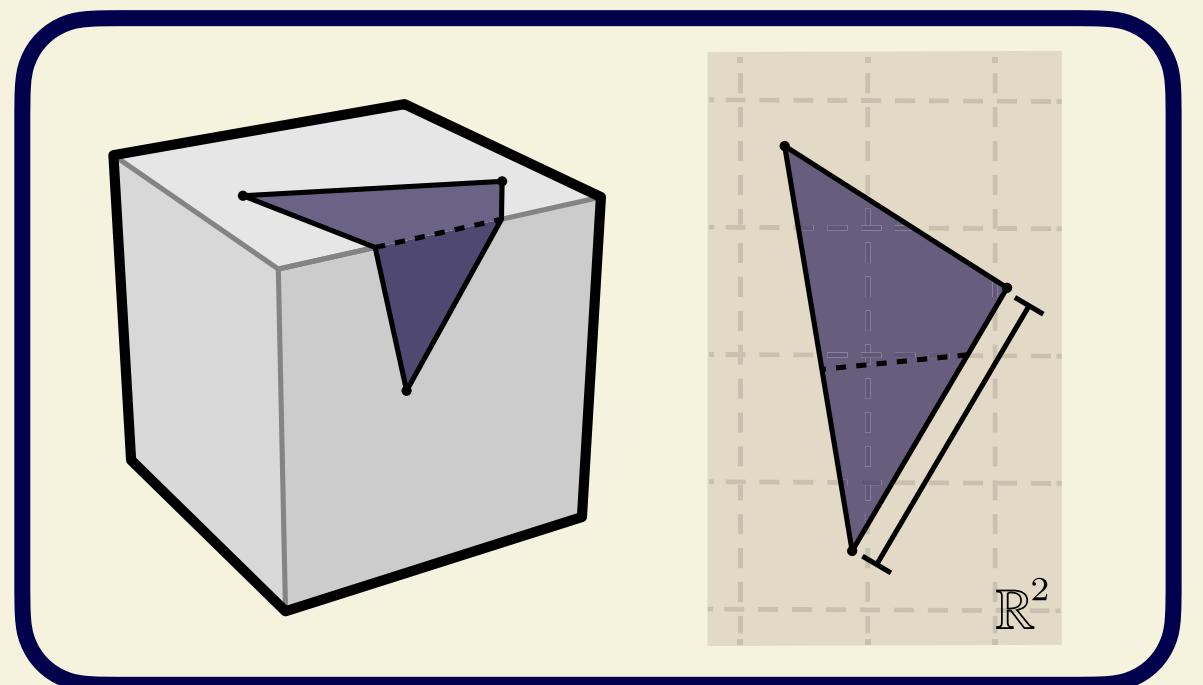
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Intrinsic triangulations  
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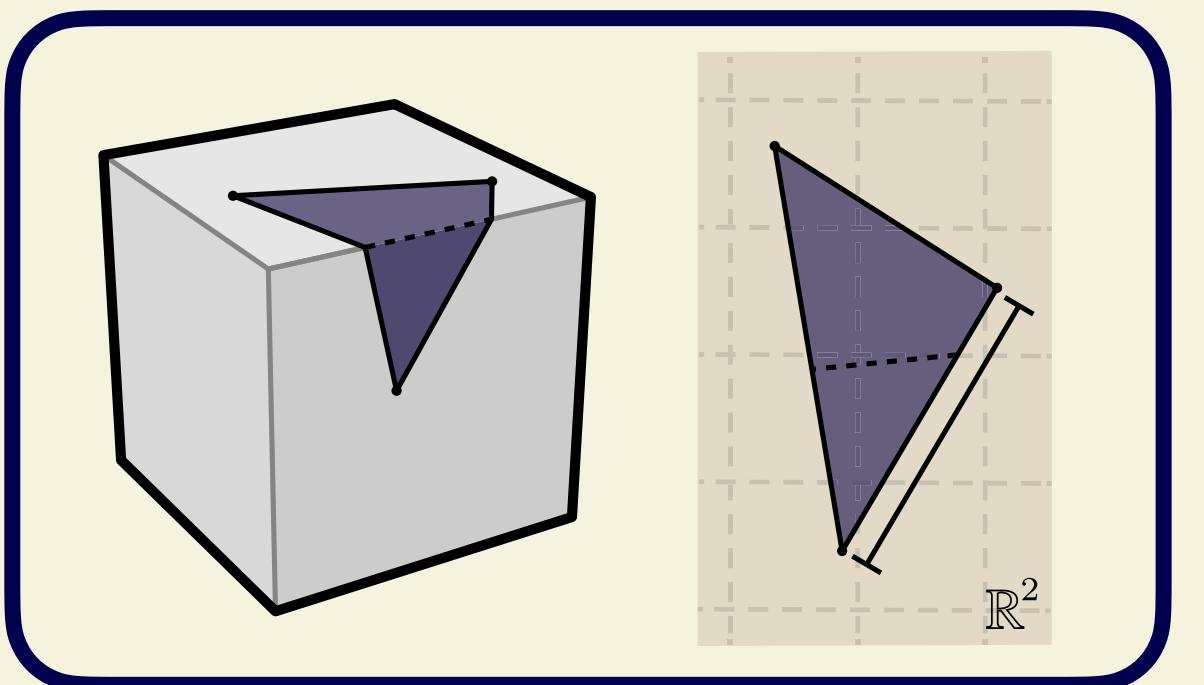
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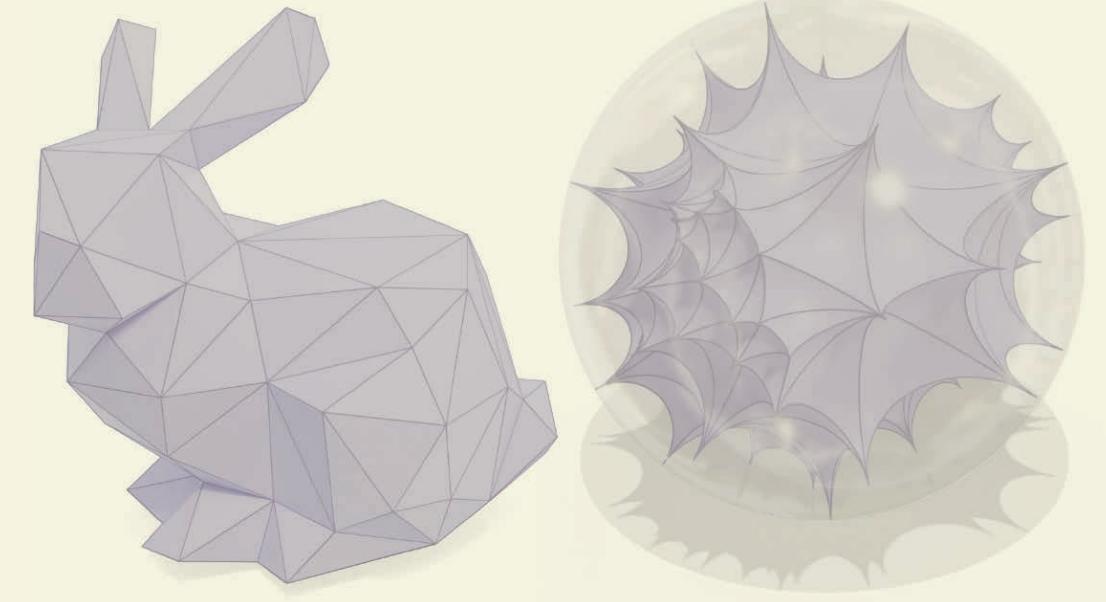
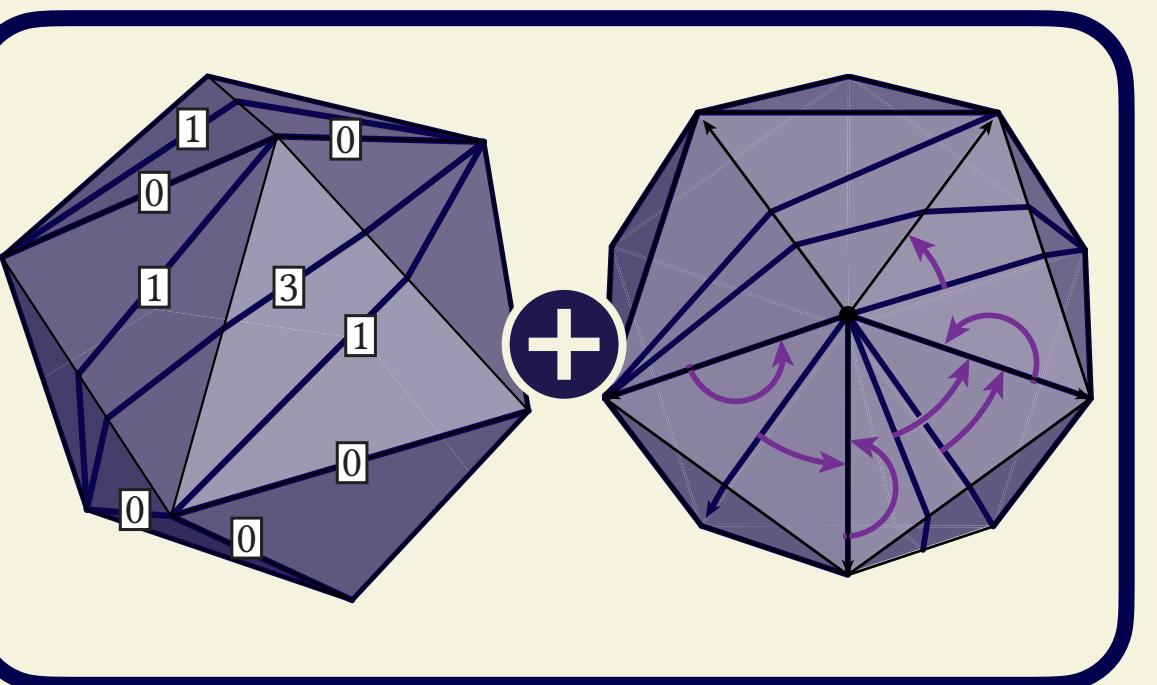


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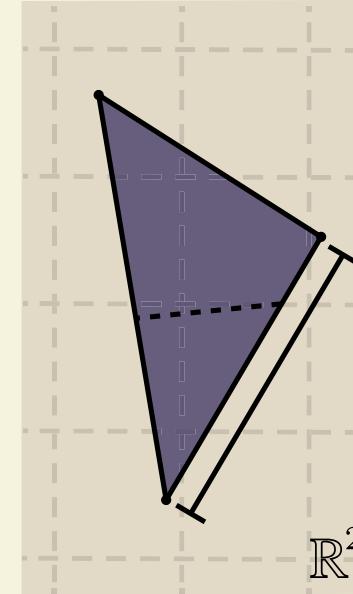
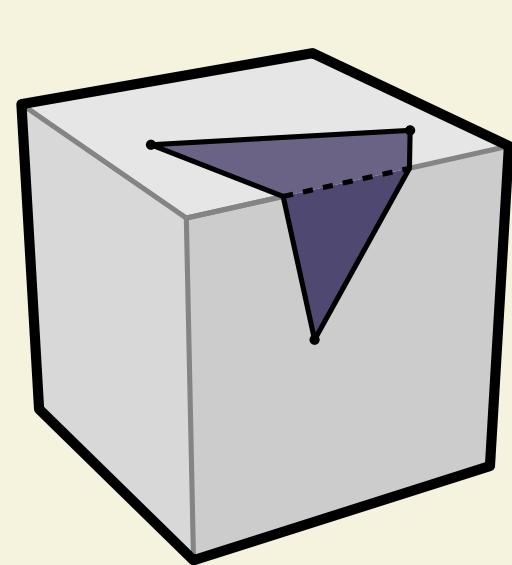


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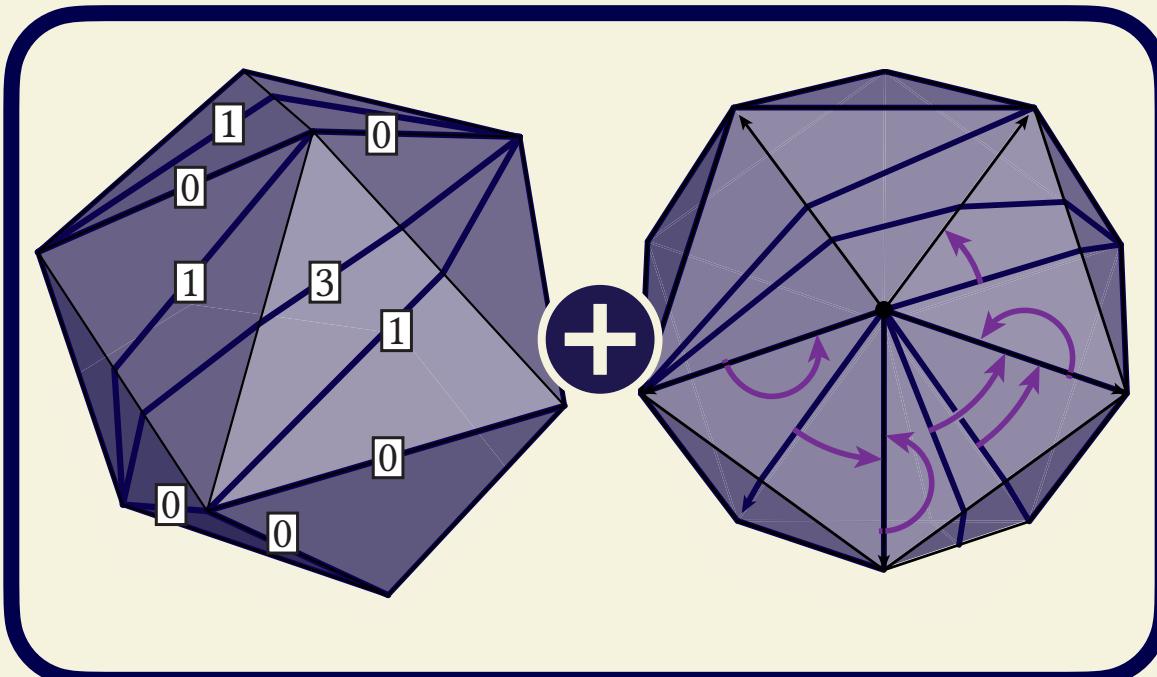
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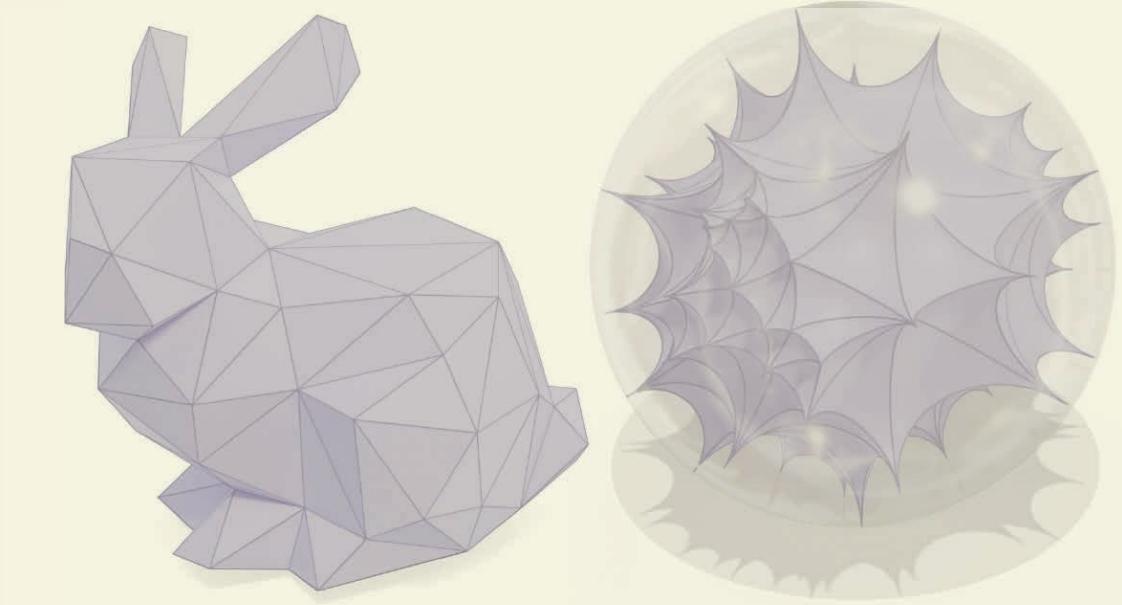
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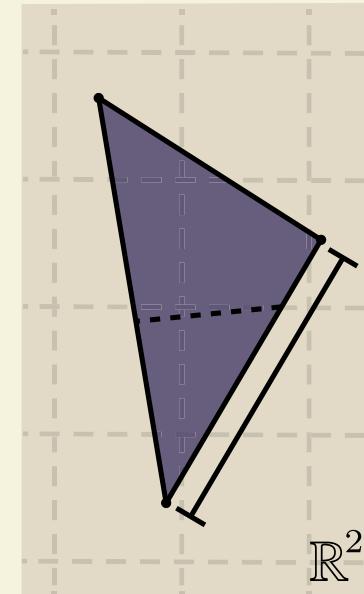
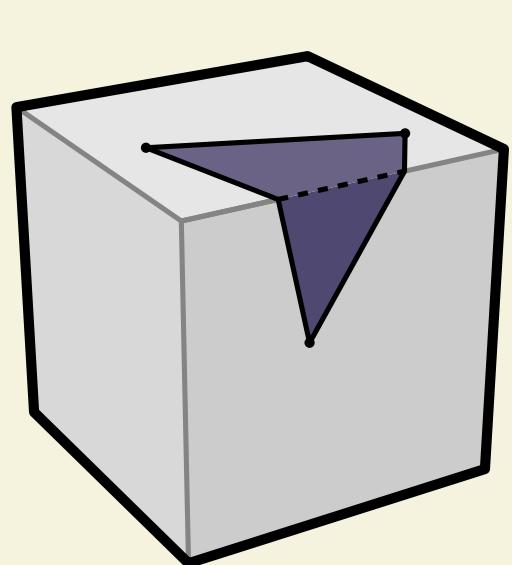


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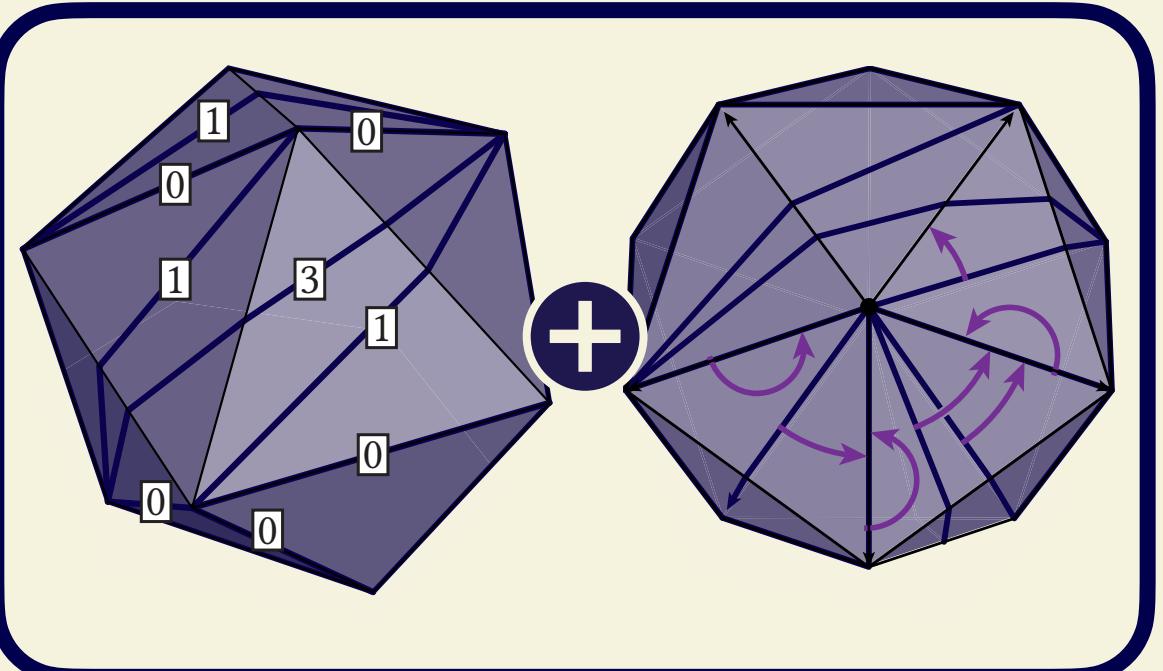
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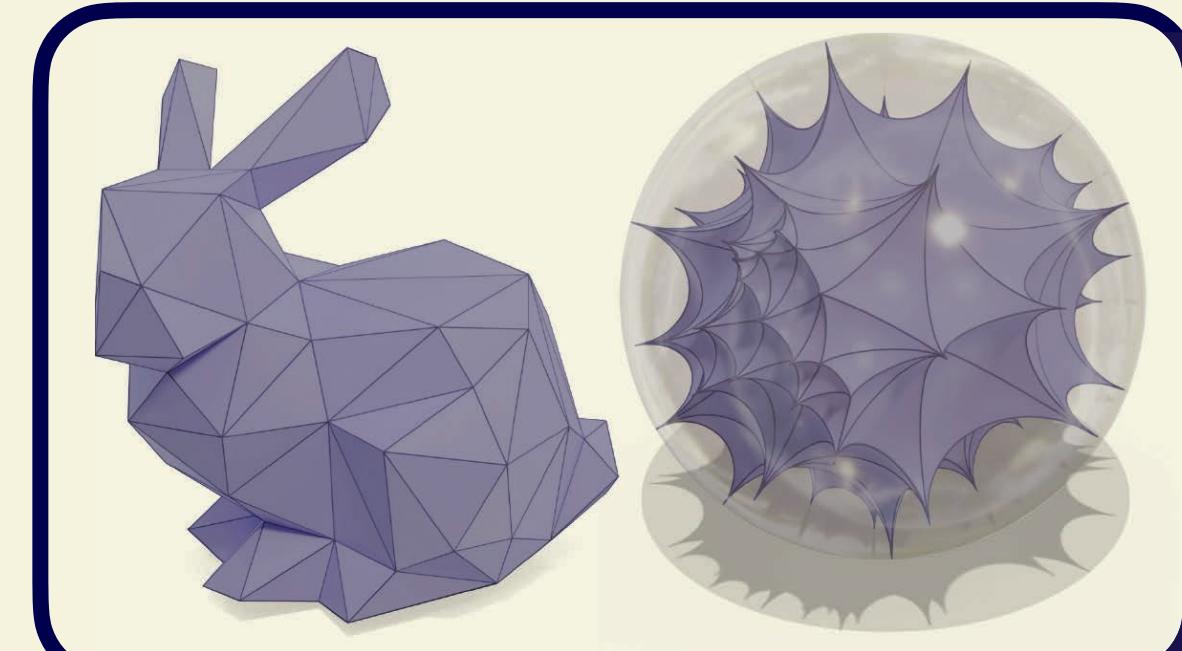
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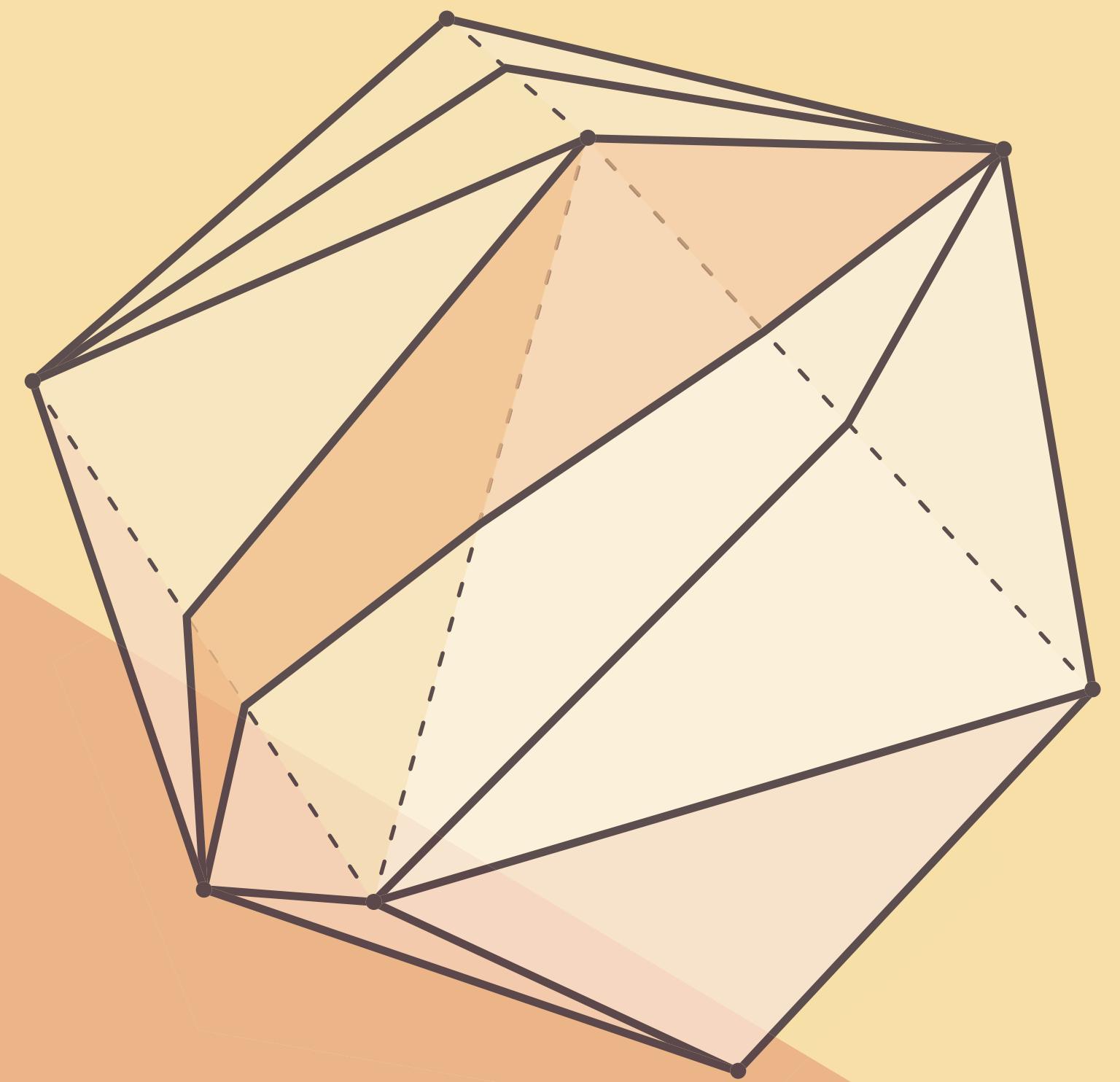
## IV. Discrete conformal maps & uniformization



[ G., Springborn, & Crane. 2021. Discrete conformal equivalence of polyhedral surfaces. *ACM TOG* ]

- Data structure for ideal hyperbolic polyhedra
- Interpolation for hyperbolic isometries
- Careful treatment of numerics

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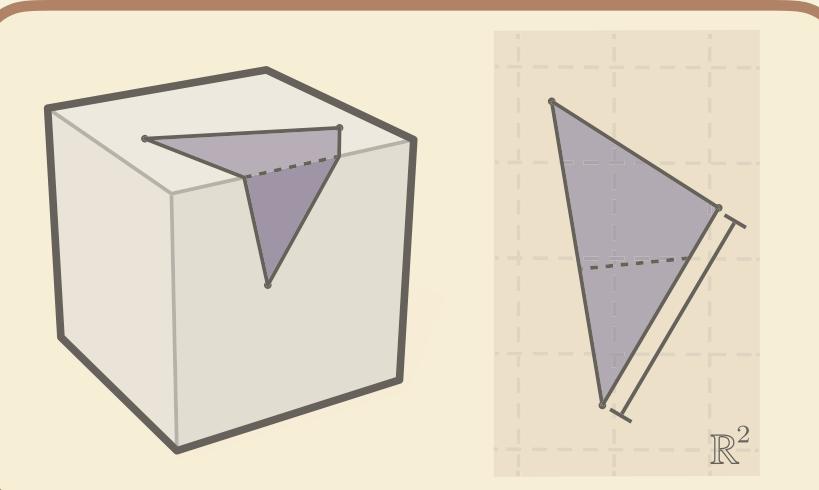
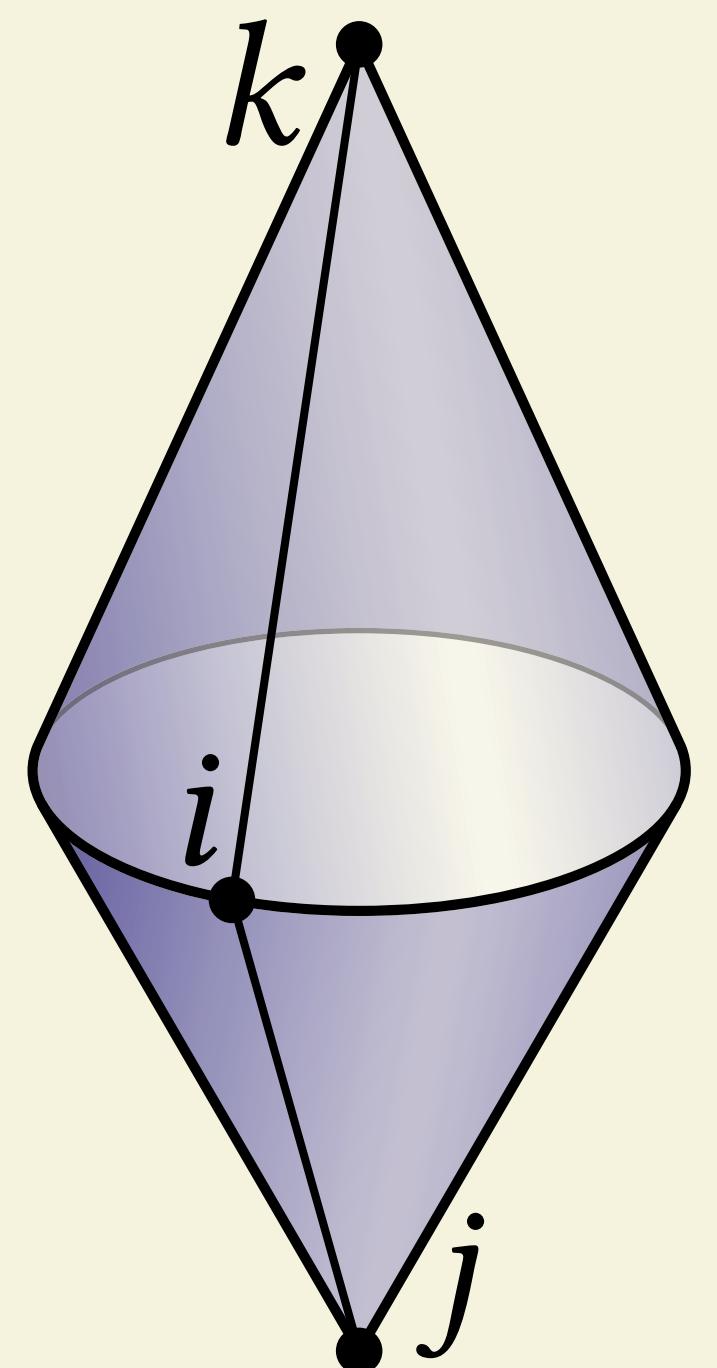
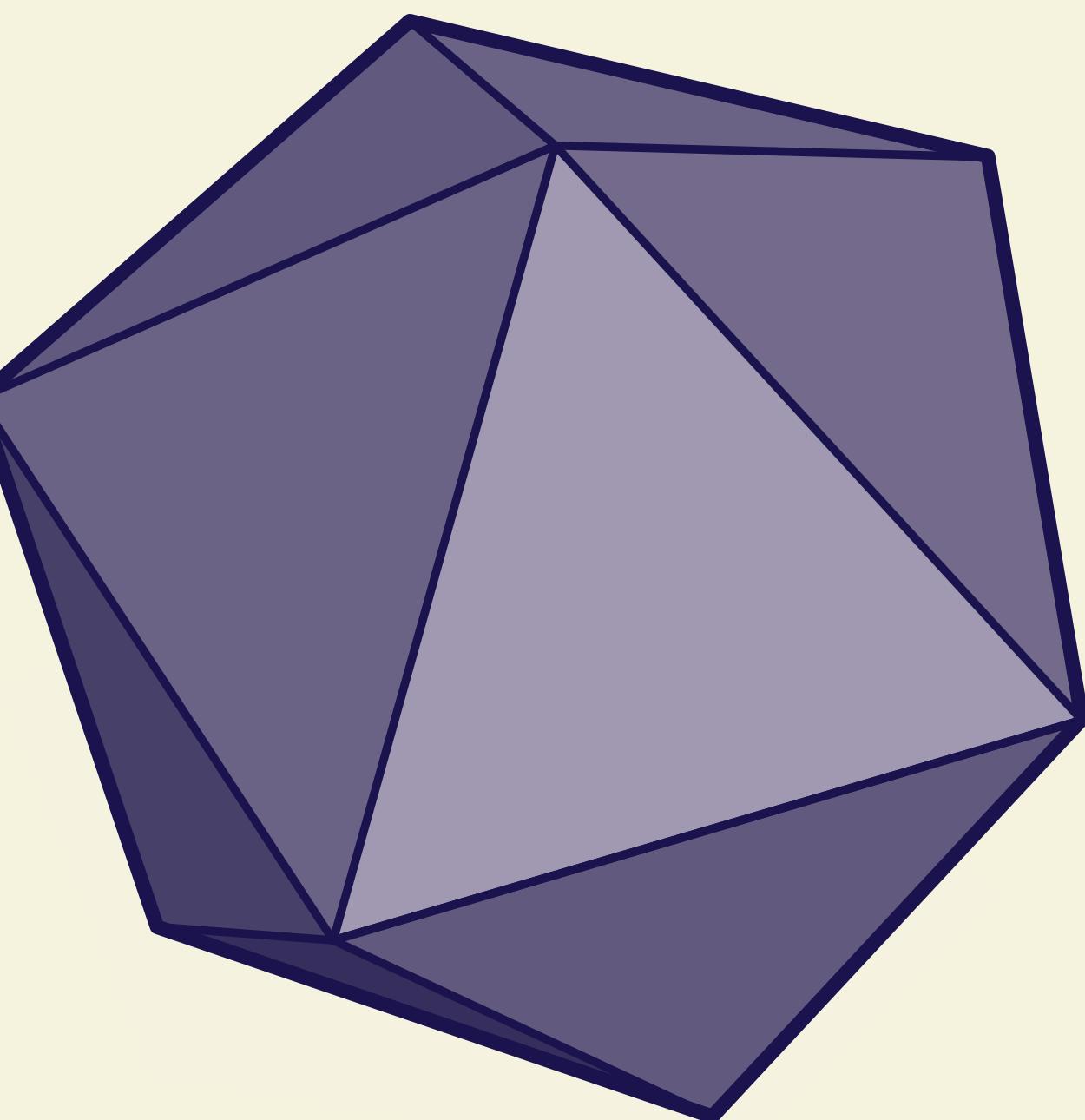


# Triangulations

## Definition

A (*surface*) *triangulation* is a manifold 2-dimensional cell complex  $T = (V, E, F)$  whose faces are all triangles

- May be *irregular* (e.g., two edges of a face may be glued together)



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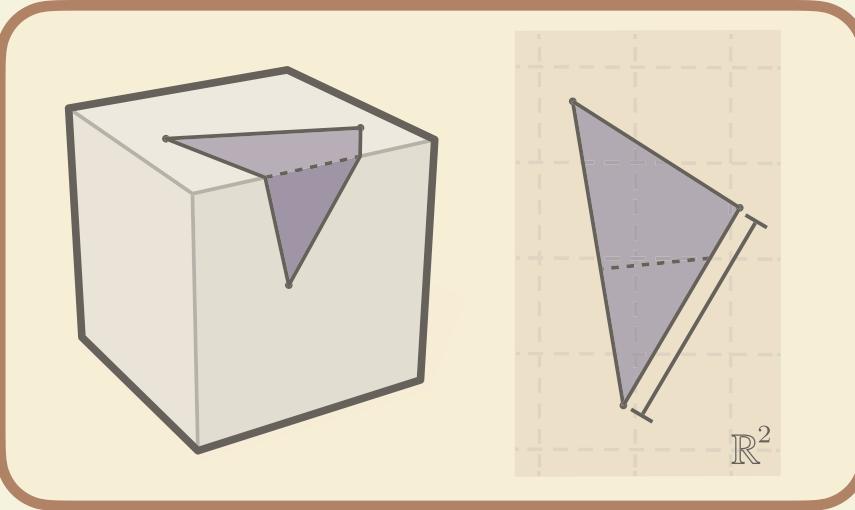
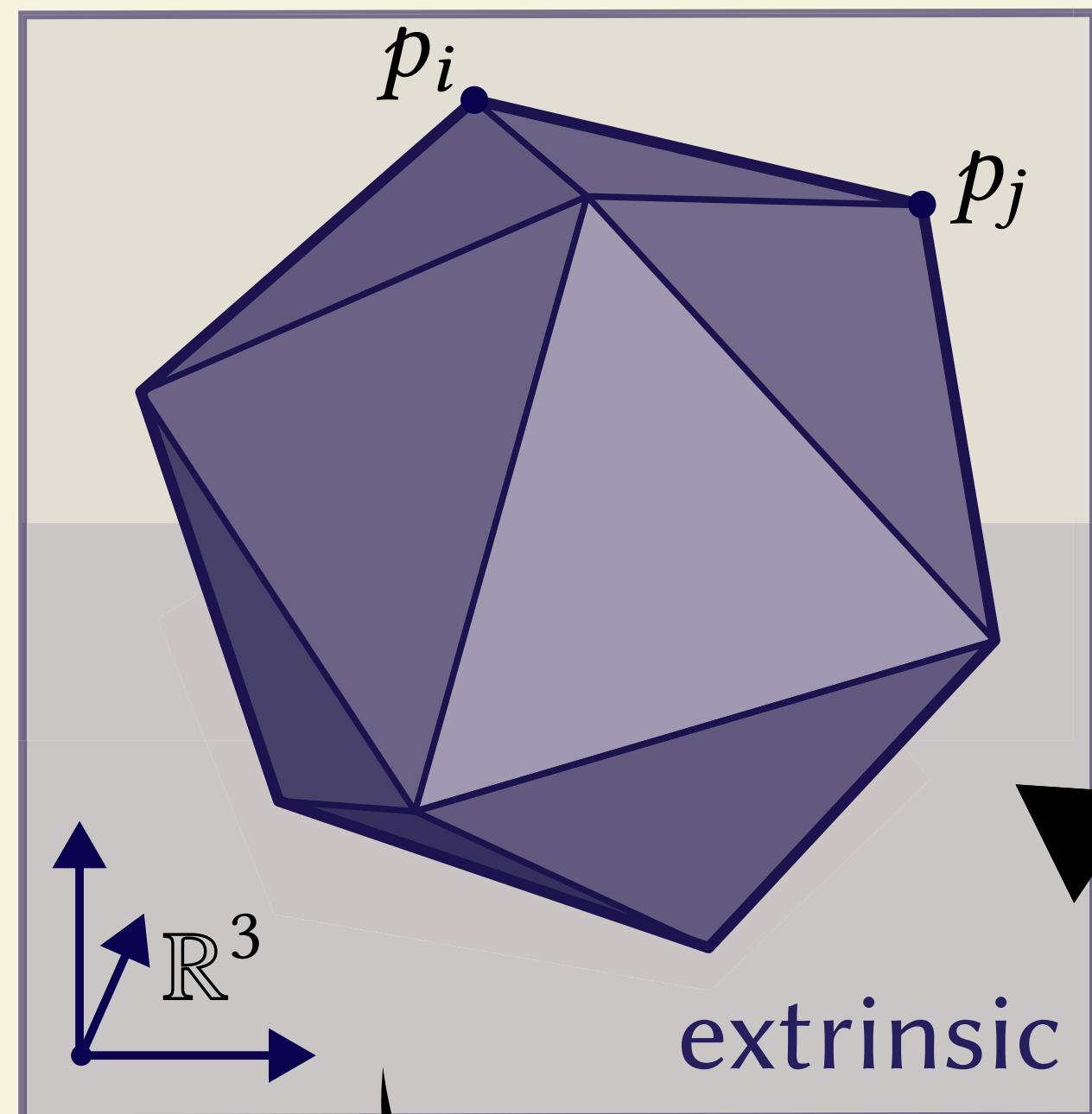
# Intrinsic and extrinsic triangulations

## Definition

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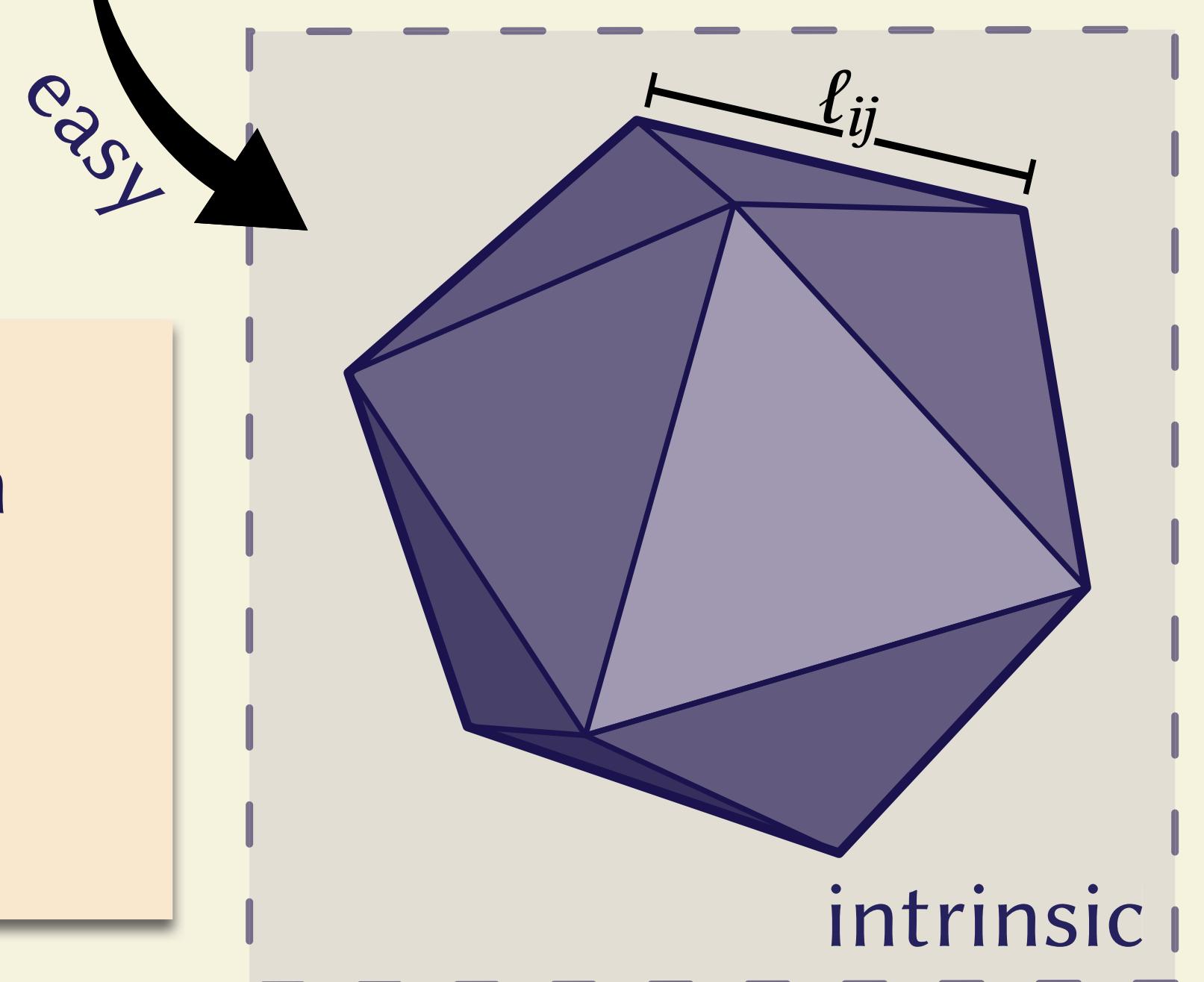
An *intrinsic triangulation* is a triangulation equipped with positive edge lengths  $\ell : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{>0}$  satisfying the triangle inequality within each face



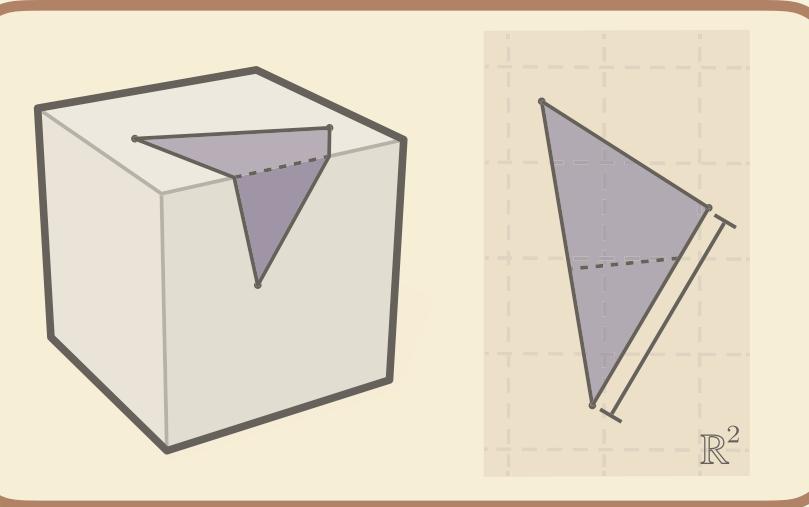
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(in convex case, see  
[Bobenko &  
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hard

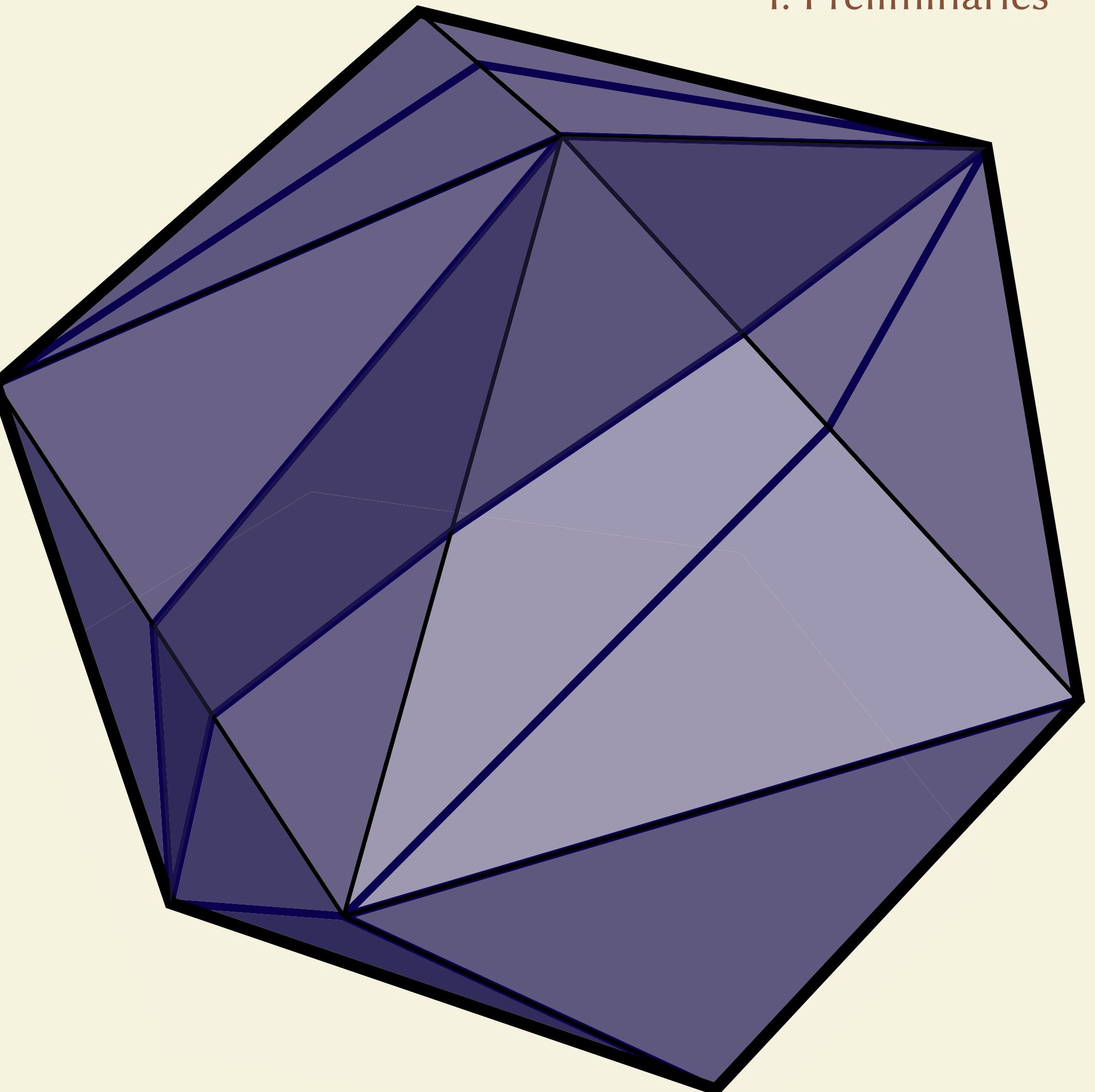


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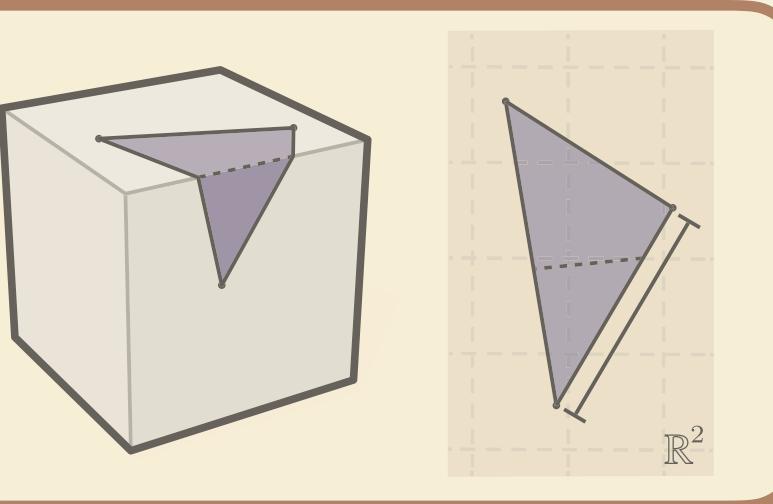


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- Common case: intrinsic triangulation on top of extrinsic triangulation
  - *i.e.* isometric or at least homeomorphic to extrinsic triangulation
  - The *correspondence* is the homeomorphism mapping between them



# Common subdivision

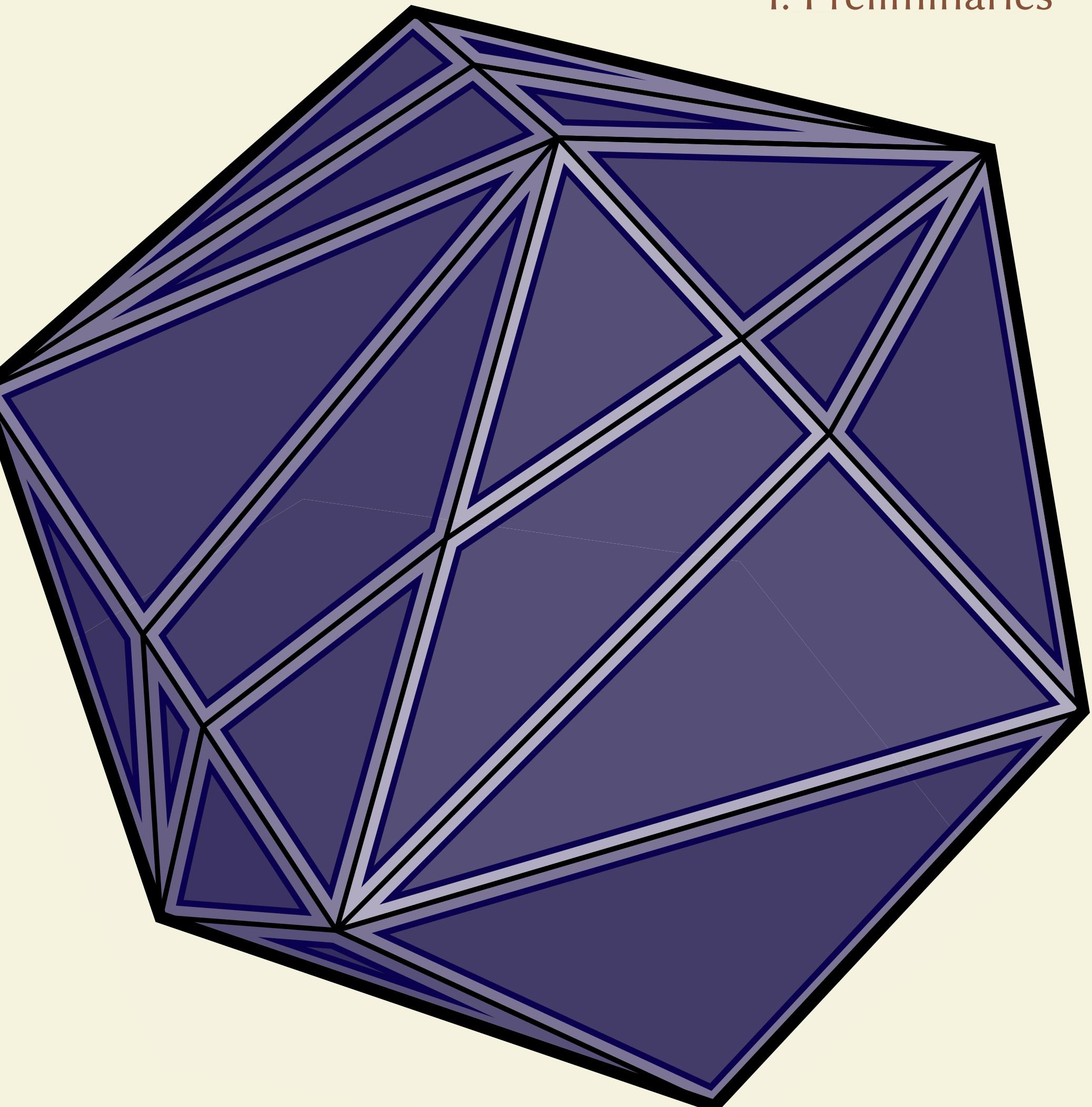


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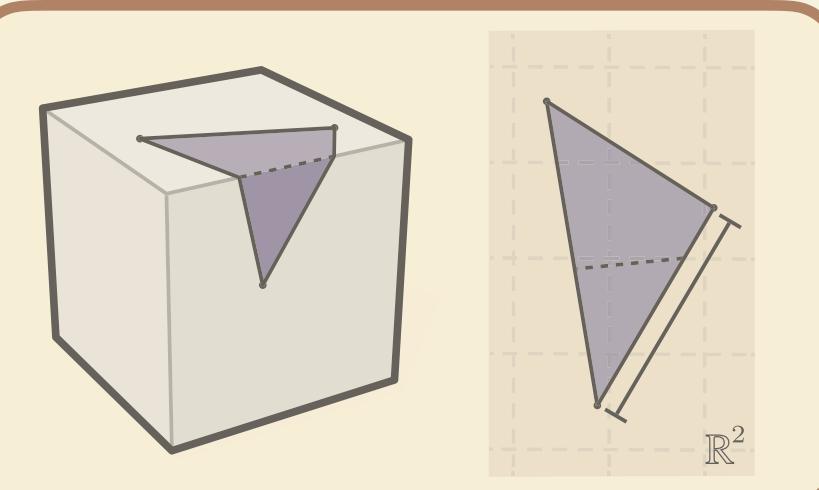
## Definition

The *common subdivision* of two triangulations  $T_1, T_2$  is the coarsest polygonal complex  $\mathcal{S}$  such that all faces of  $T_1$  or  $T_2$  are unions of faces of  $\mathcal{S}$

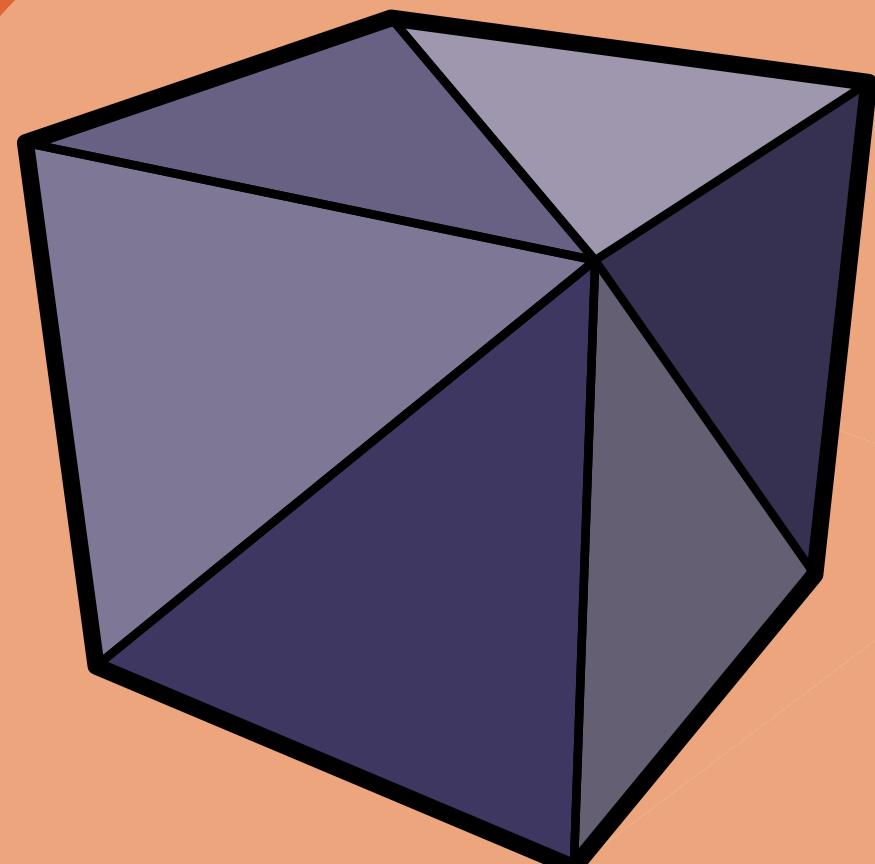
Intuitively, the result of cutting  $T_1$  along edges of  $T_2$



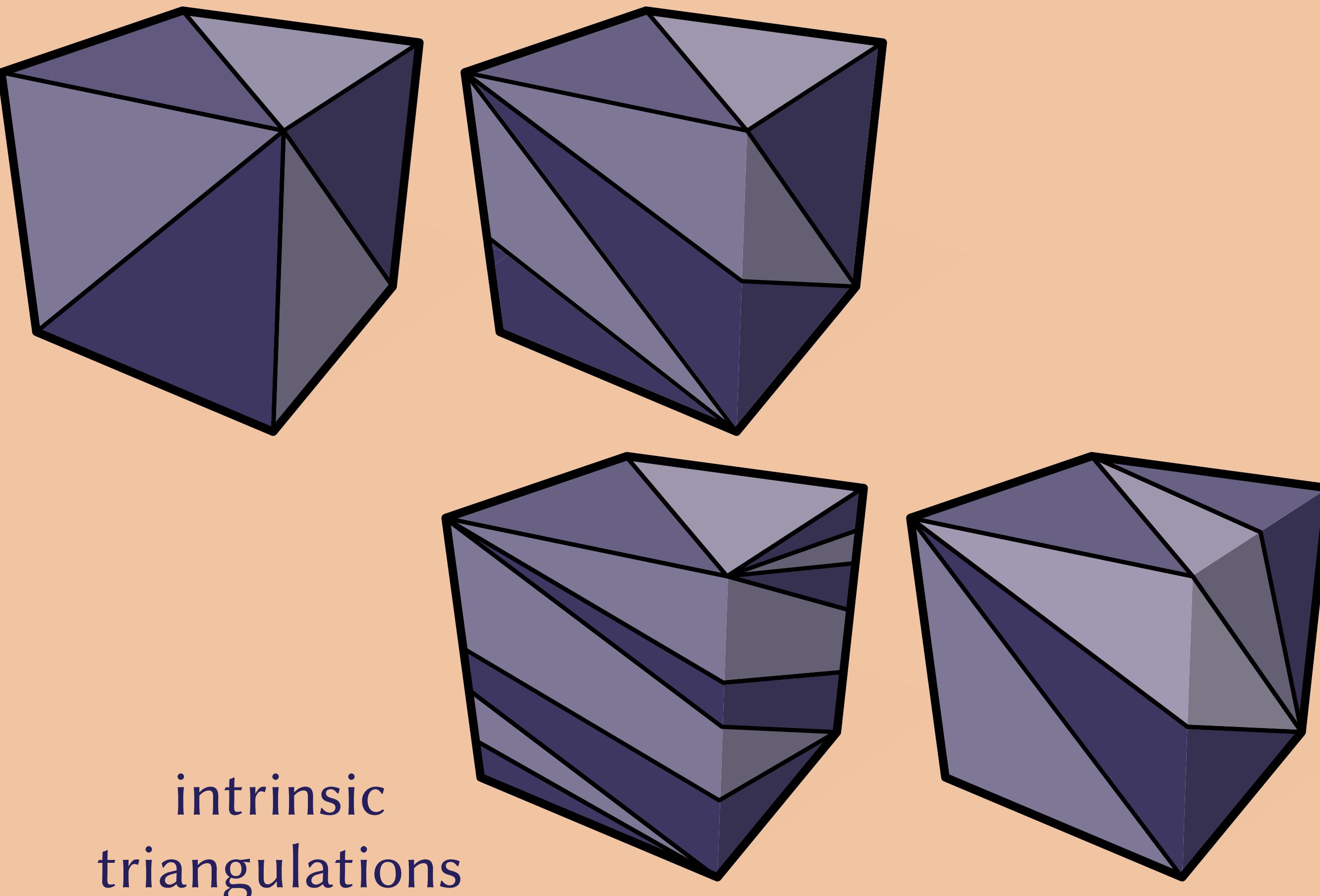
# The space of intrinsic triangulations is large



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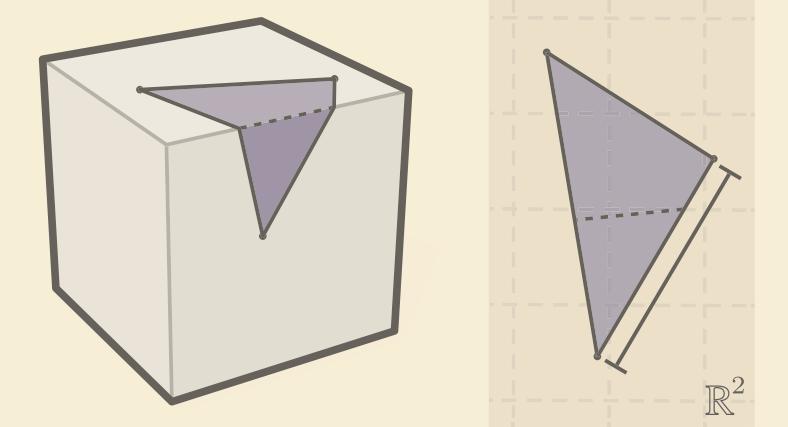
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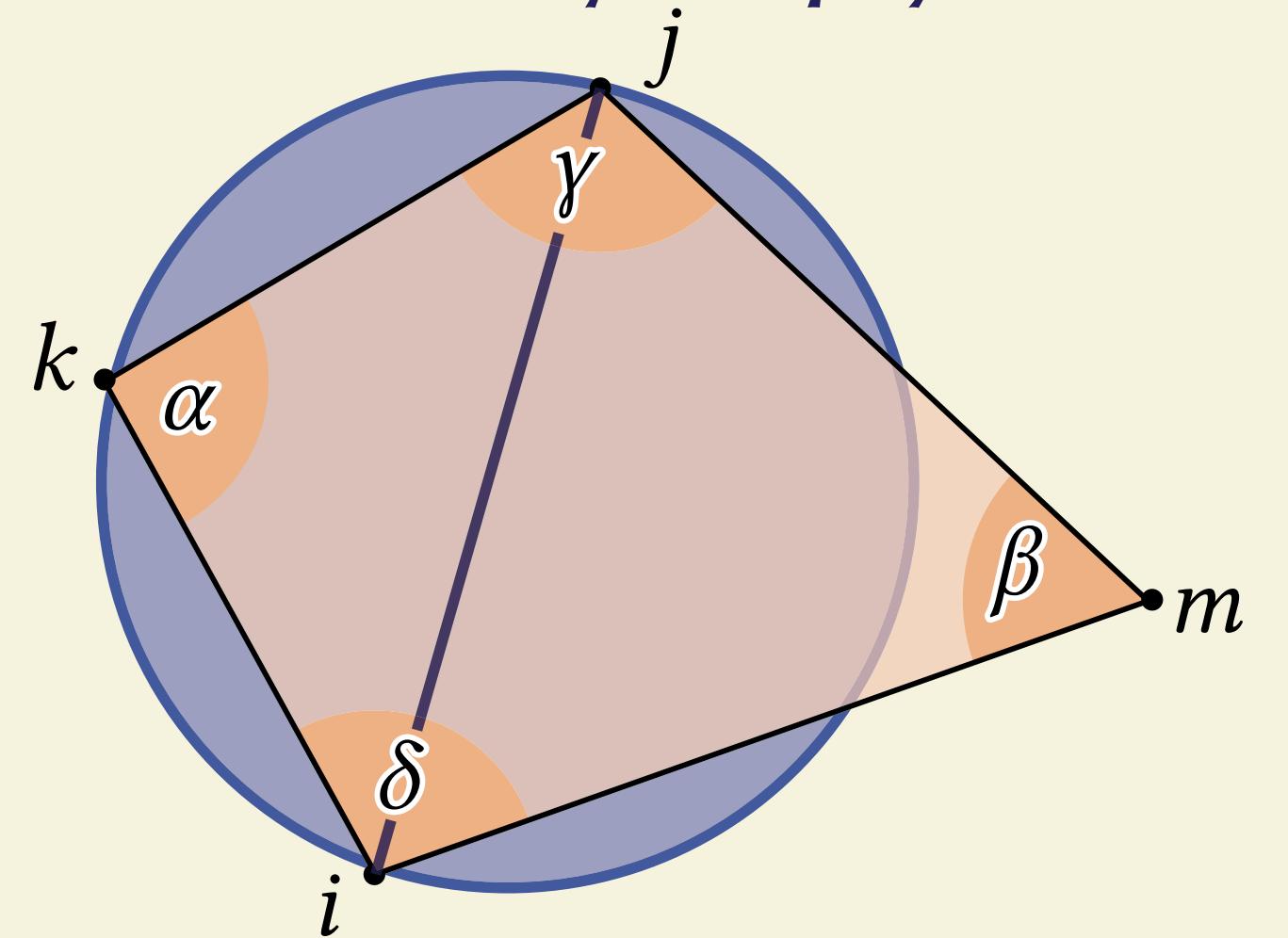
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# Delaunay triangulations

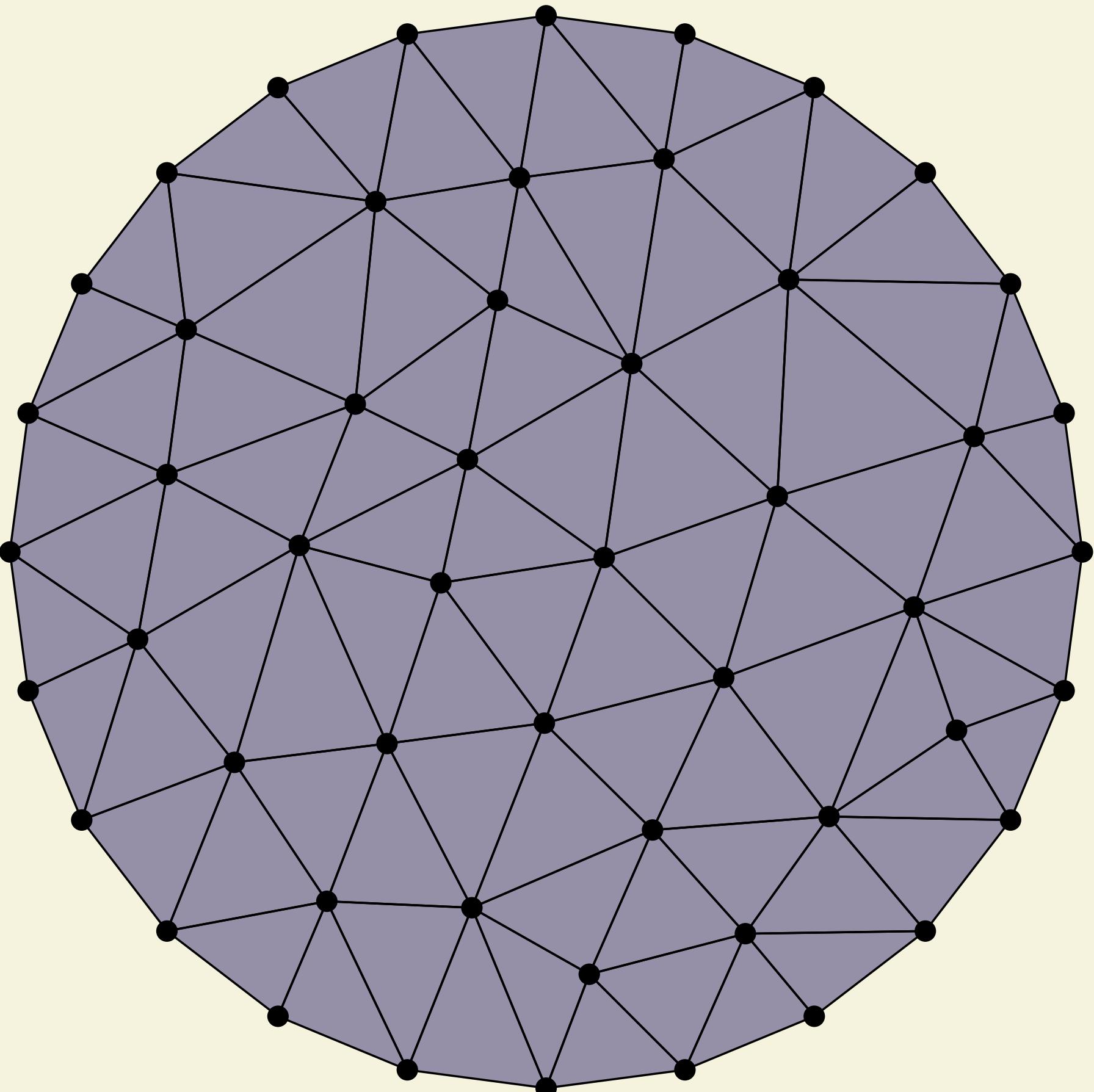


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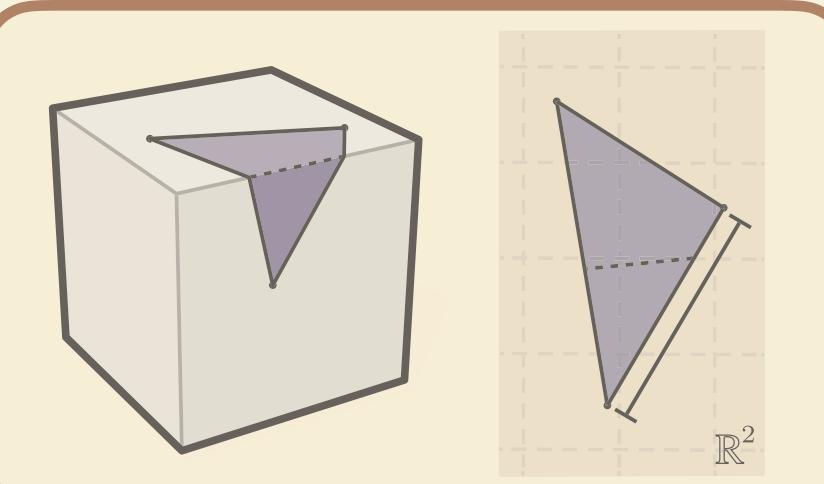
- Planar Delaunay triangulations have many nice properties:
  - Essentially unique, maximize angles lexicographically, minimize spectrum lexicographically, smoothest interpolation, positive cotan weights...
- Characterized by *empty circumcircle condition*



$$\alpha + \beta \leq \gamma + \delta$$

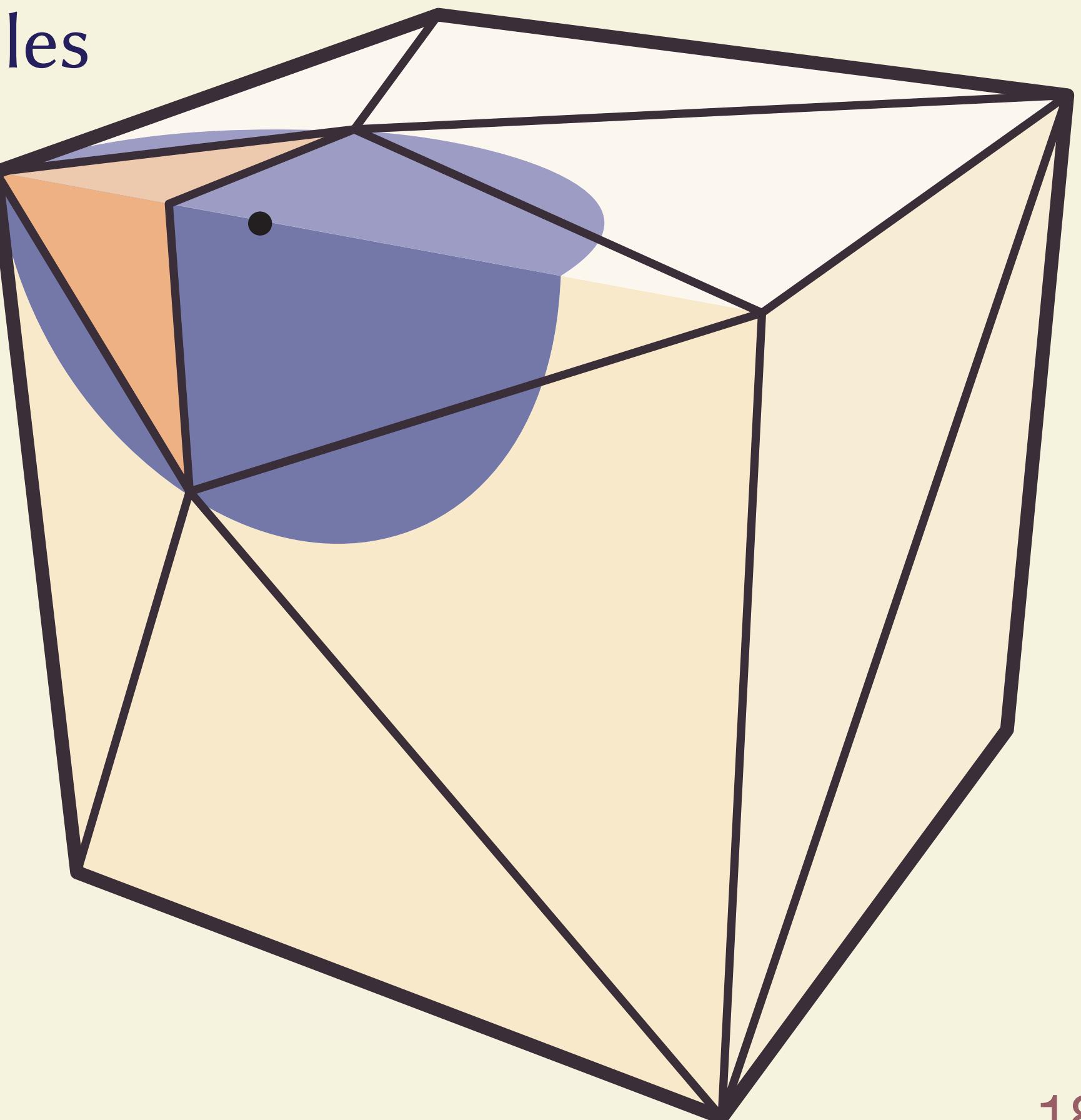
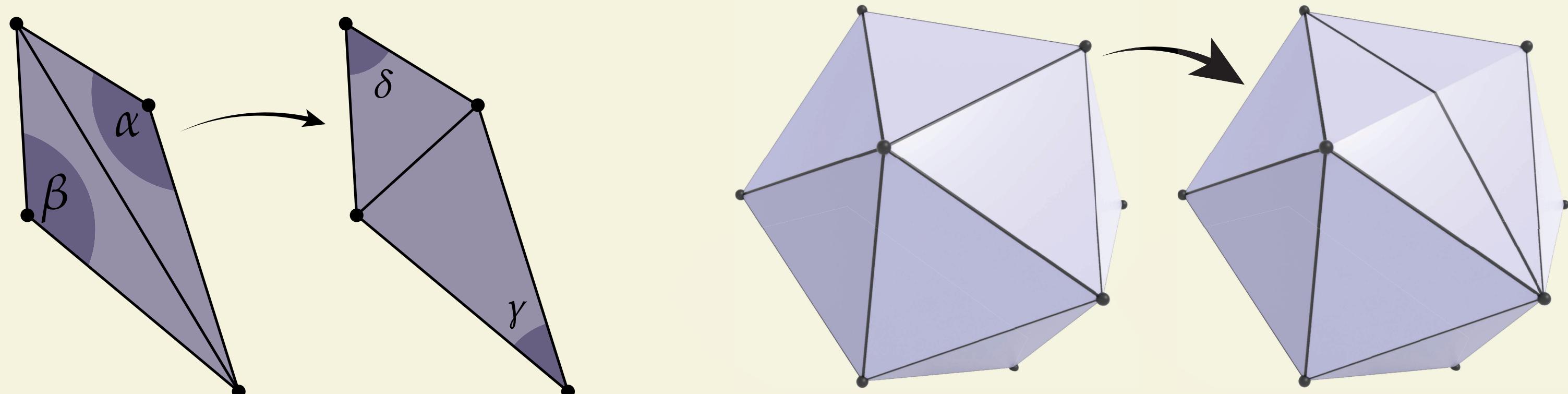


# Intrinsic Delaunay triangulations

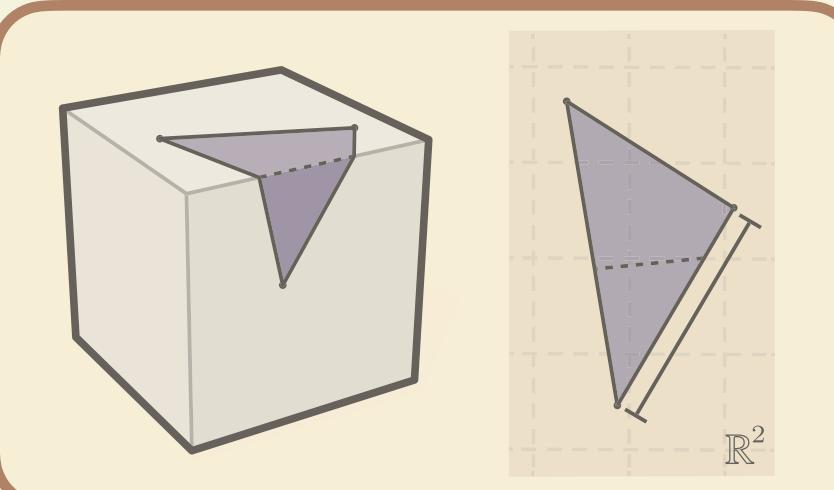


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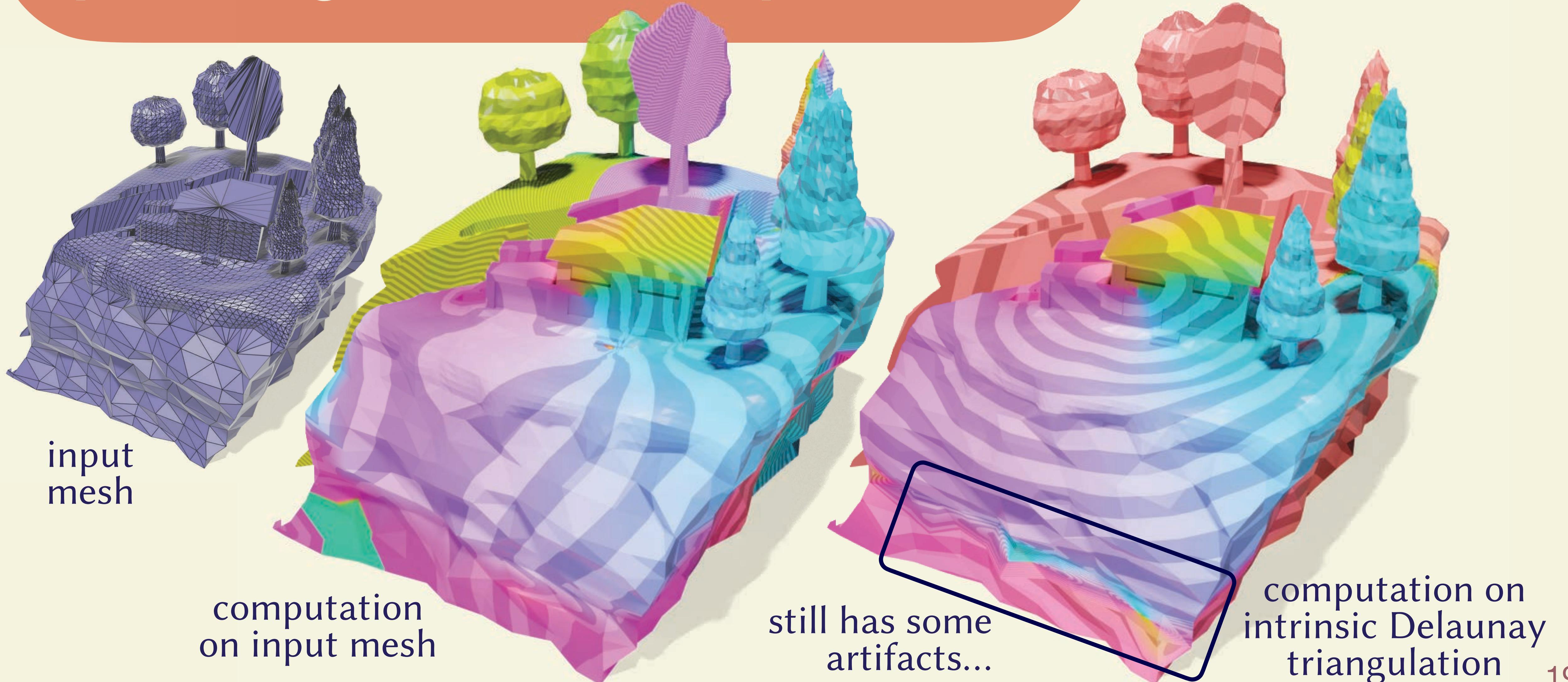
- [Indermitte, Liebling, Troyanov & Clemençon 2001, Bobenko & Springborn 2007]: empty intrinsic circumcircles
  - Maintain most nice properties. [Sharp, G. & Crane 2021; §4.1.1]
  - Compute by a simple algorithm:
    - Flip any non-Delaunay edge until none remain



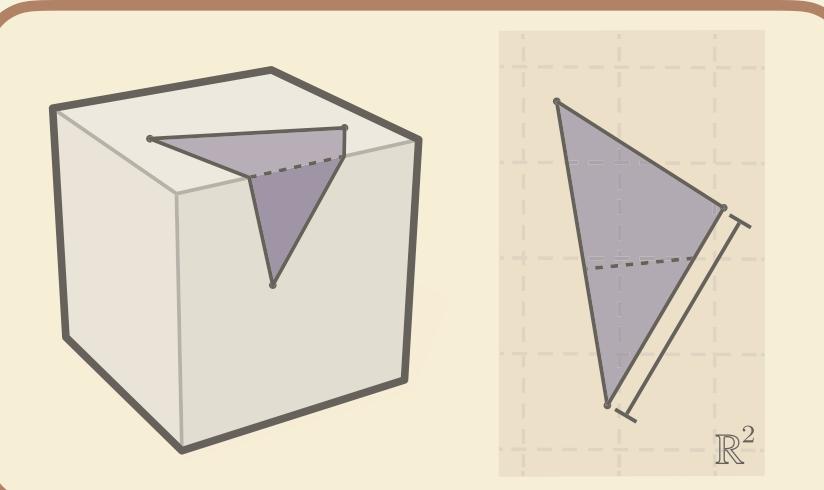
# Intrinsic Delaunay triangulations provide good function spaces



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# A brief history of intrinsic triangulations



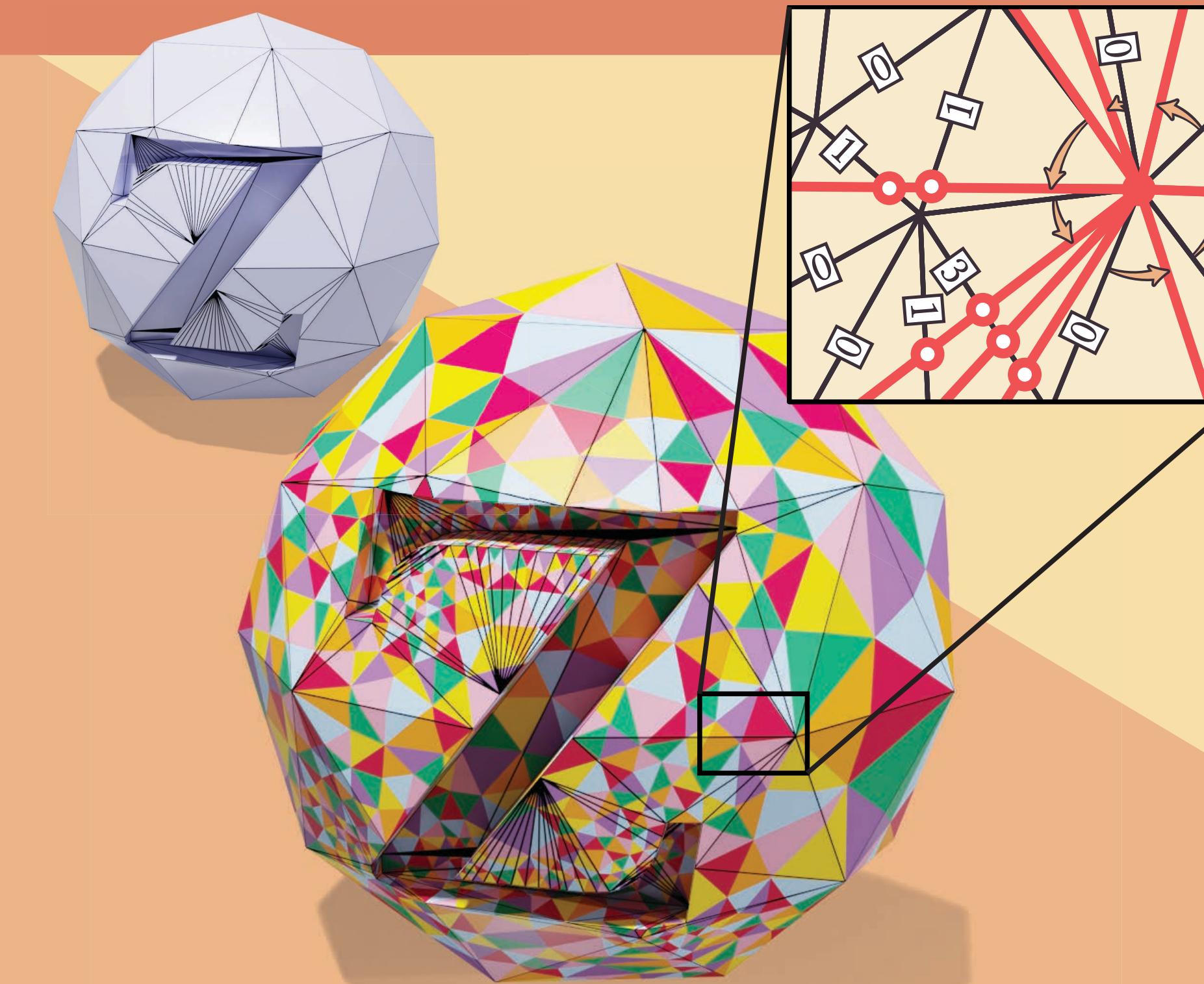
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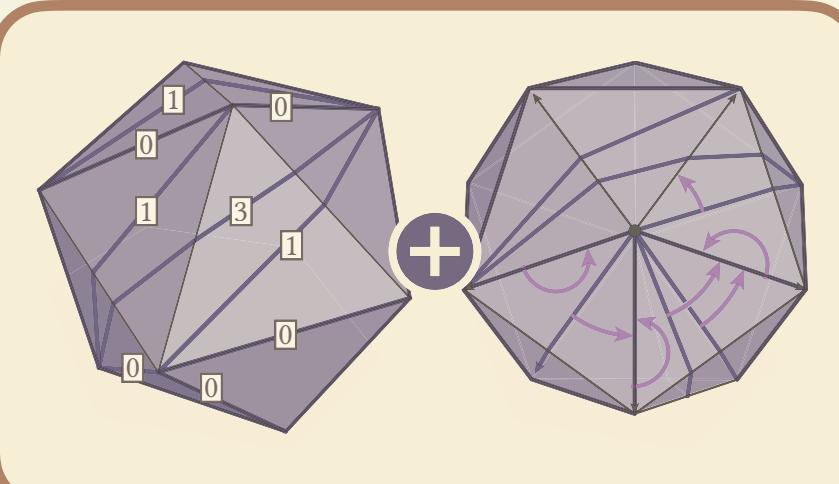
**Geometry Processing:** [Fisher, Springborn, Bobenko & Schröder 2006; Bobenko & Springborn 2007, Bobenko & Izmestiev 2008; Sun, Wu, Gu & Luo 2015; Sharp, Soliman & Crane 2019; Fumero, Möller & Rodolà 2020; Gillespie, Springborn & Crane 2021; Finnendahl, Schwartz & Alexa 2023]

## III. Integer Coordinates for Intrinsic Triangulations



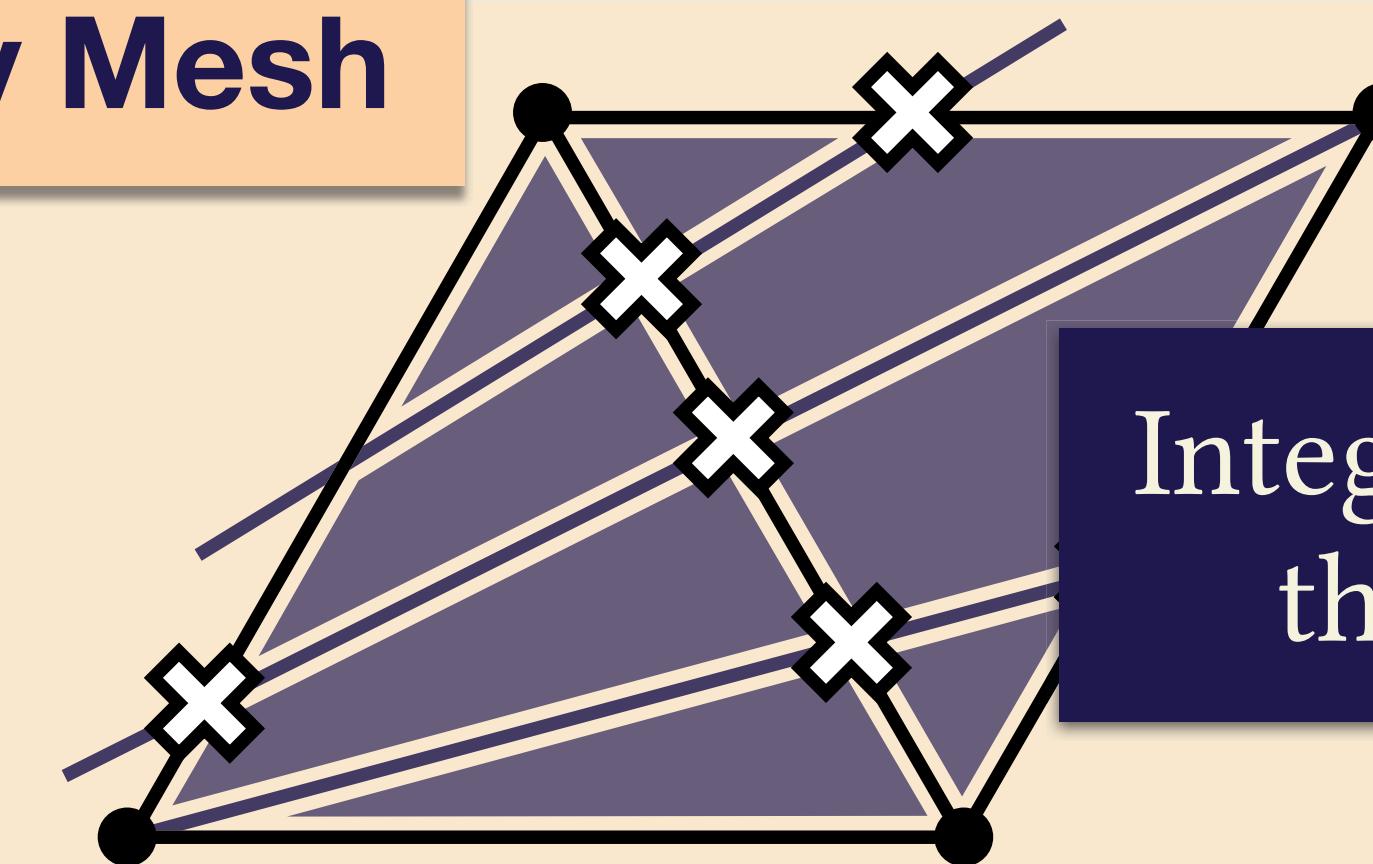
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# Correspondence data structures



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## Overlay Mesh

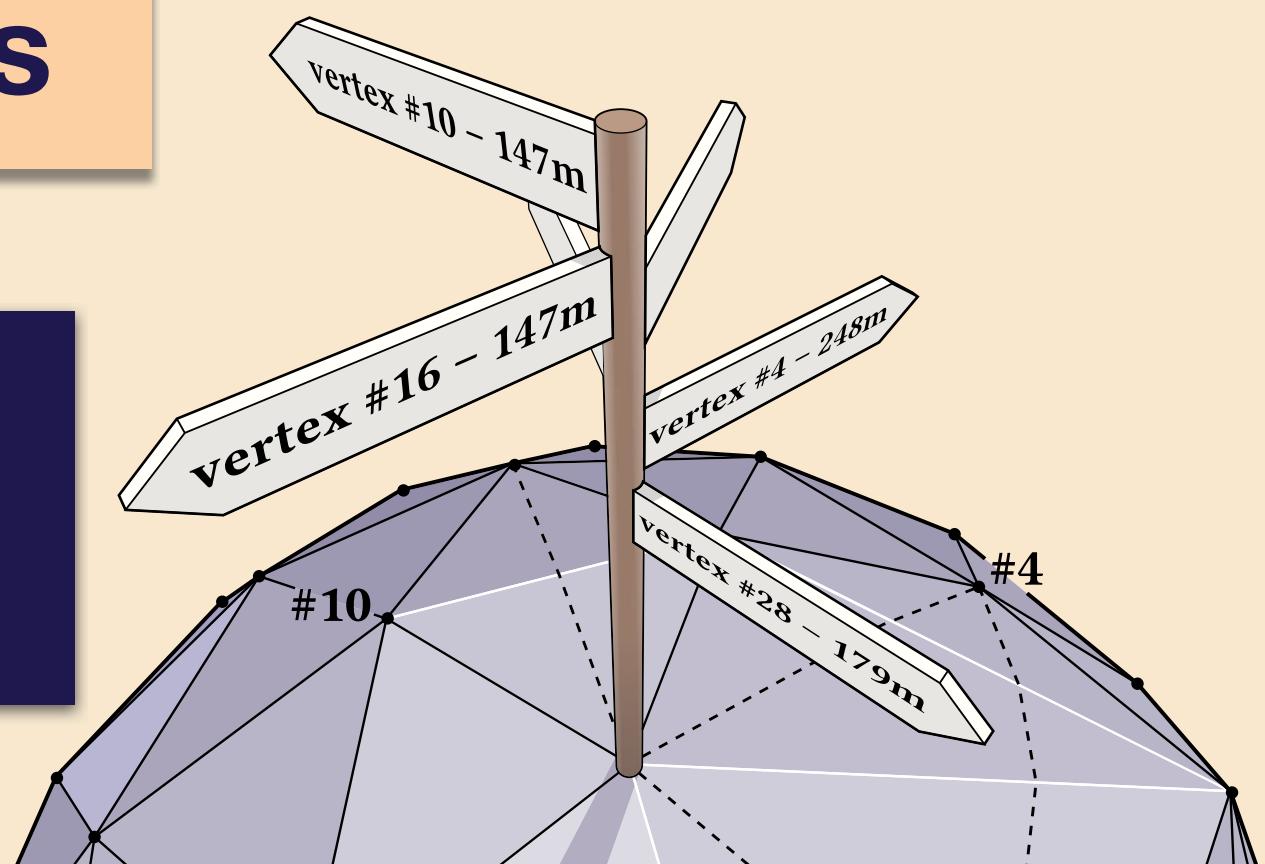


[Fisher, Springborn, Bobenko  
& Schröder 2006]

- Explicit mesh of common subdivision
- Edge flips nonlocal & expensive
- **No further operations**

## Signposts

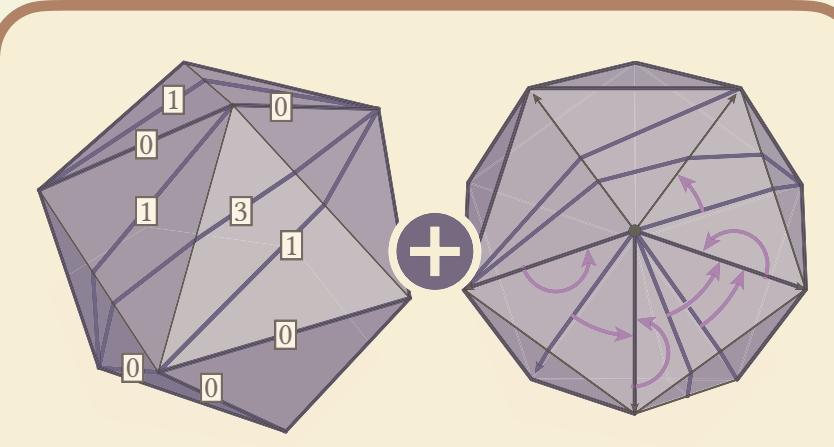
Integer coordinates combine  
the best of both worlds



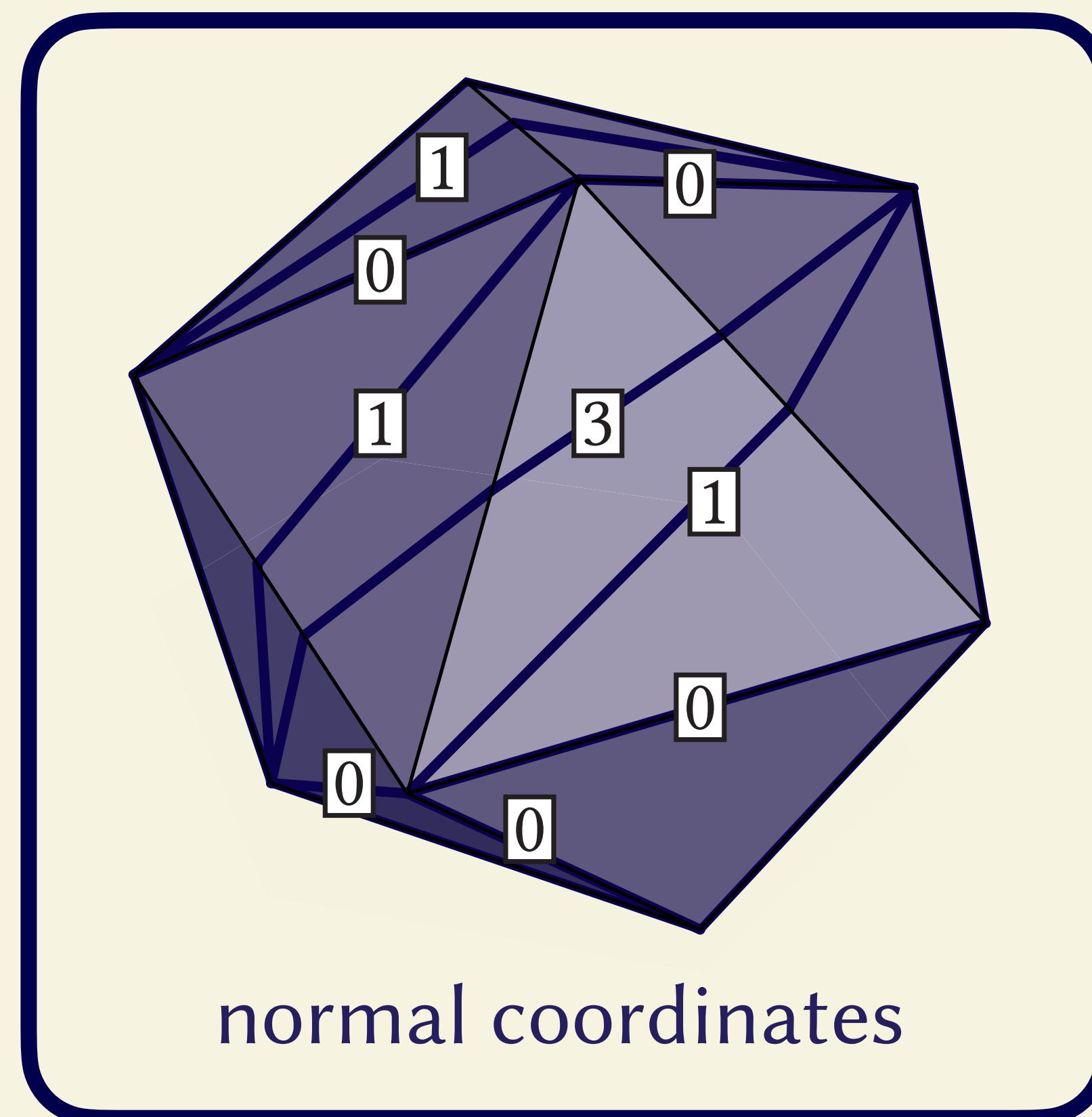
[Sharp, Soliman & Crane 2019]

- Floating point *signpost* vectors at vertices
- **Supports many local mesh operations**
- Common subdivision connectivity may be invalid

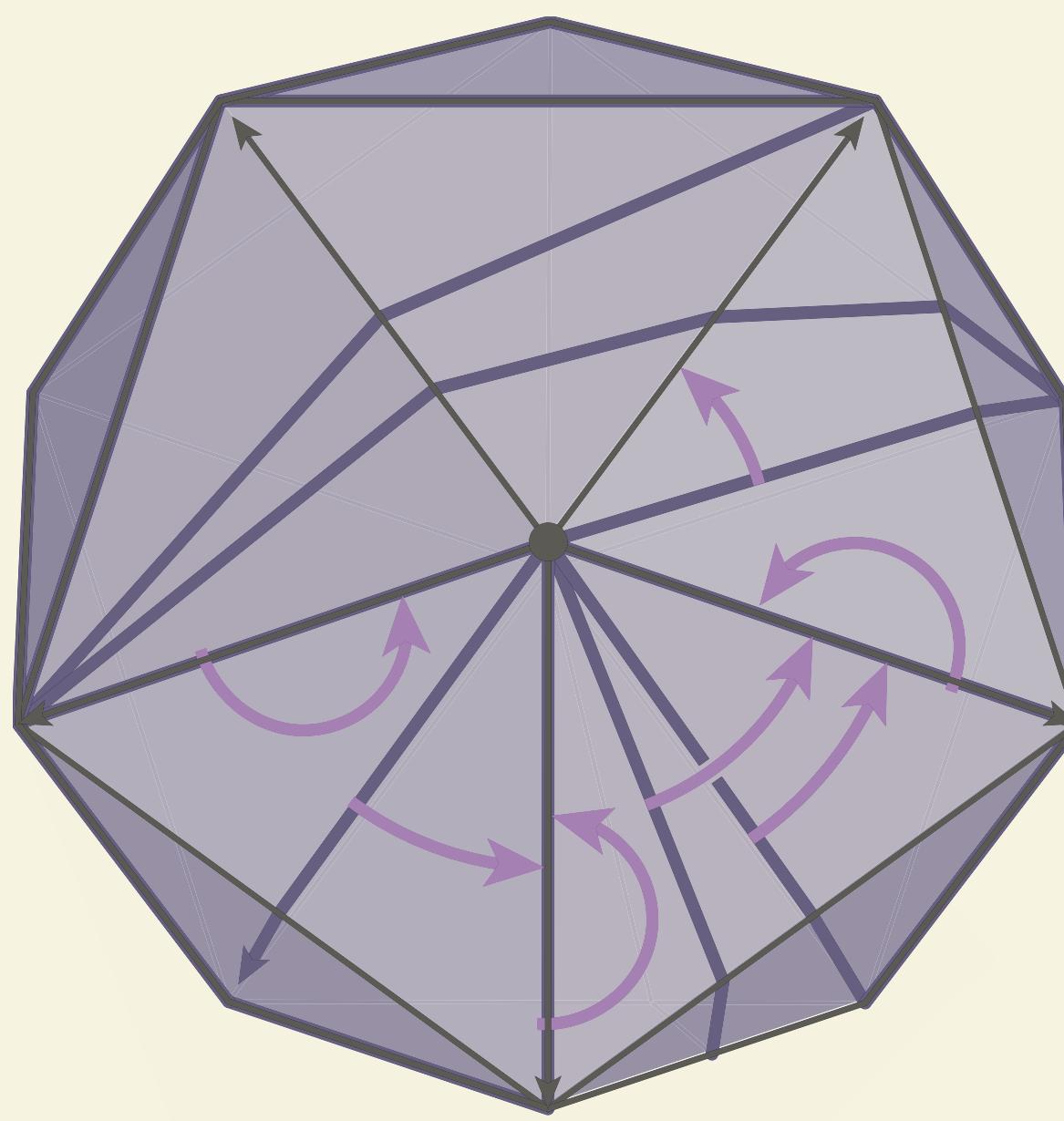
# The integer coordinates data structure



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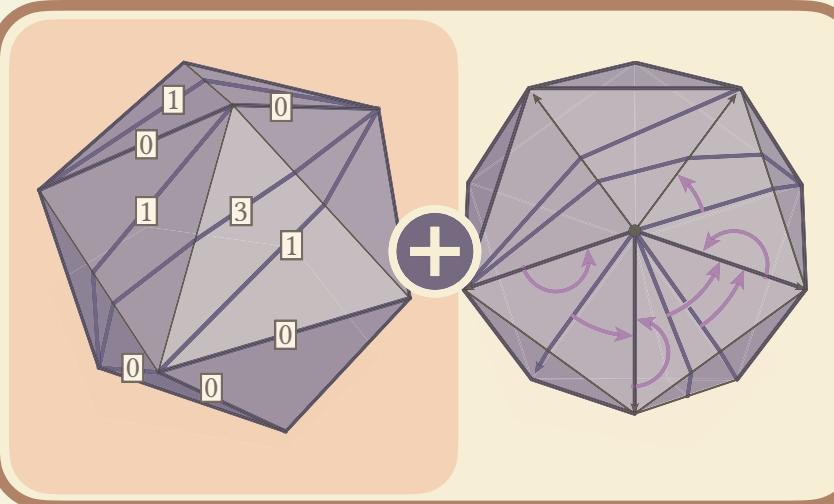
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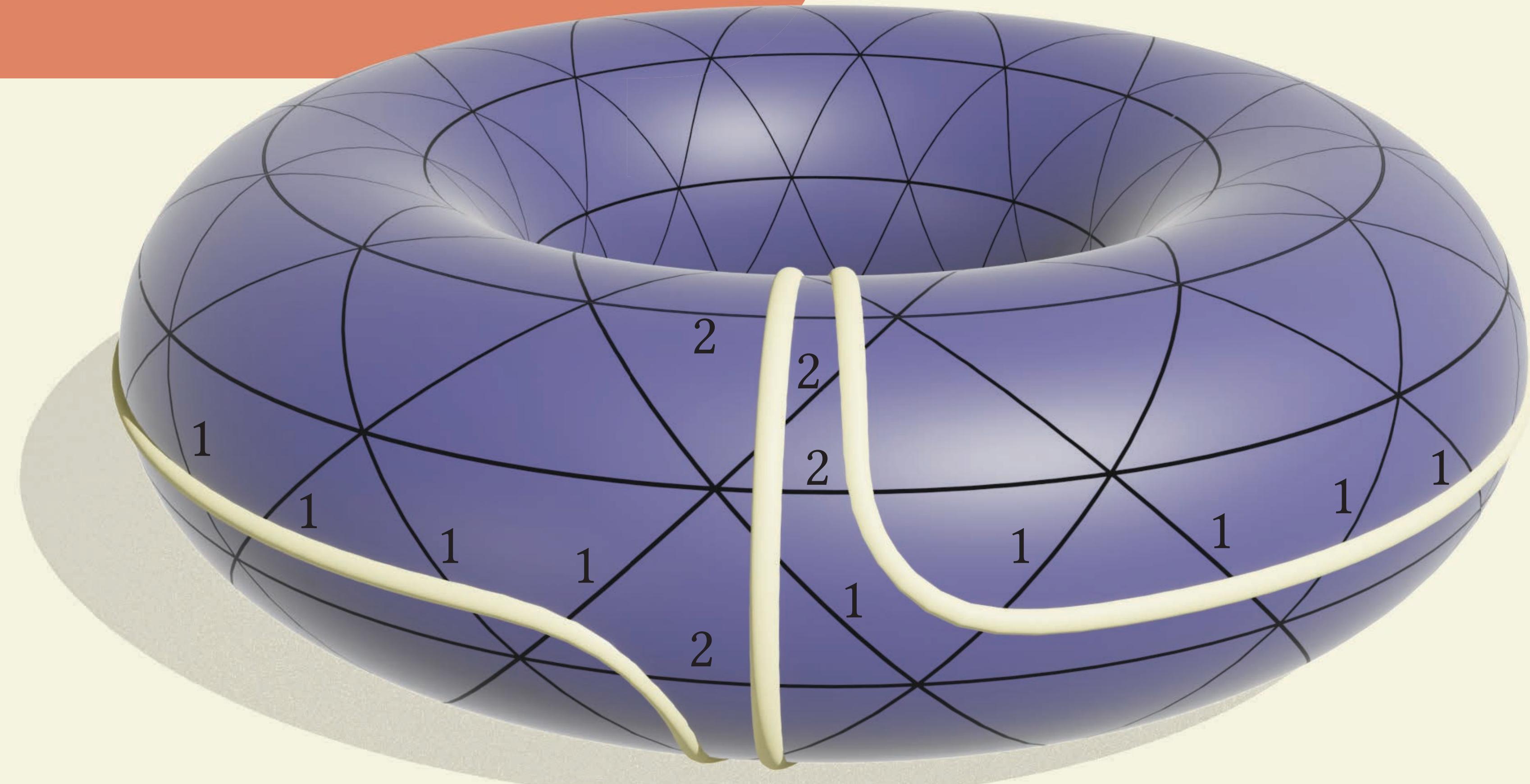
roundabouts

( concretely, just 3 integers per mesh edge )

# Normal coordinates



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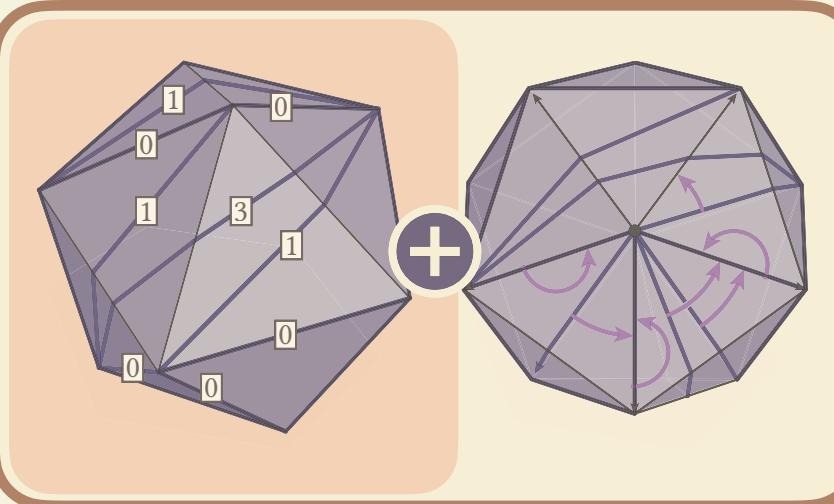


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# Normal coordinates



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## Slight complication

- **Standard setting:** homotopy classes of closed curves on a topological surface (or closed surfaces in a topological 3-manifold)
- **Our setting:** edges of a geodesic triangulation on a Riemannian manifold

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# Encoding a curve with normal coordinates

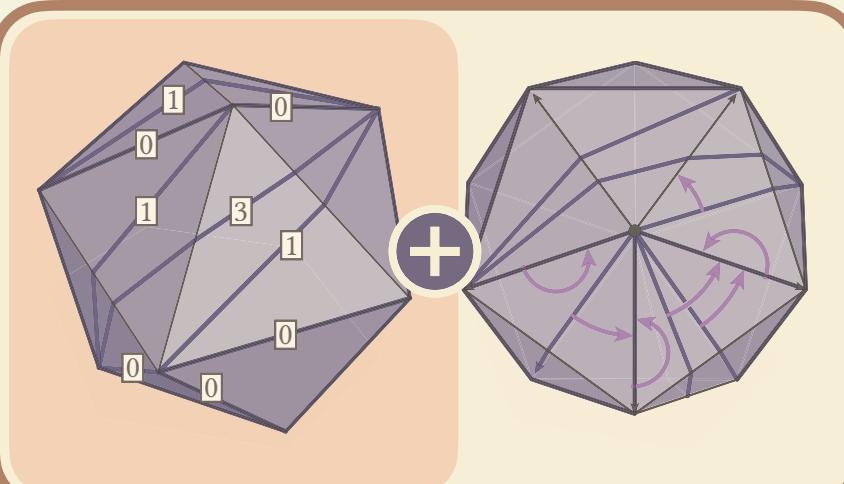
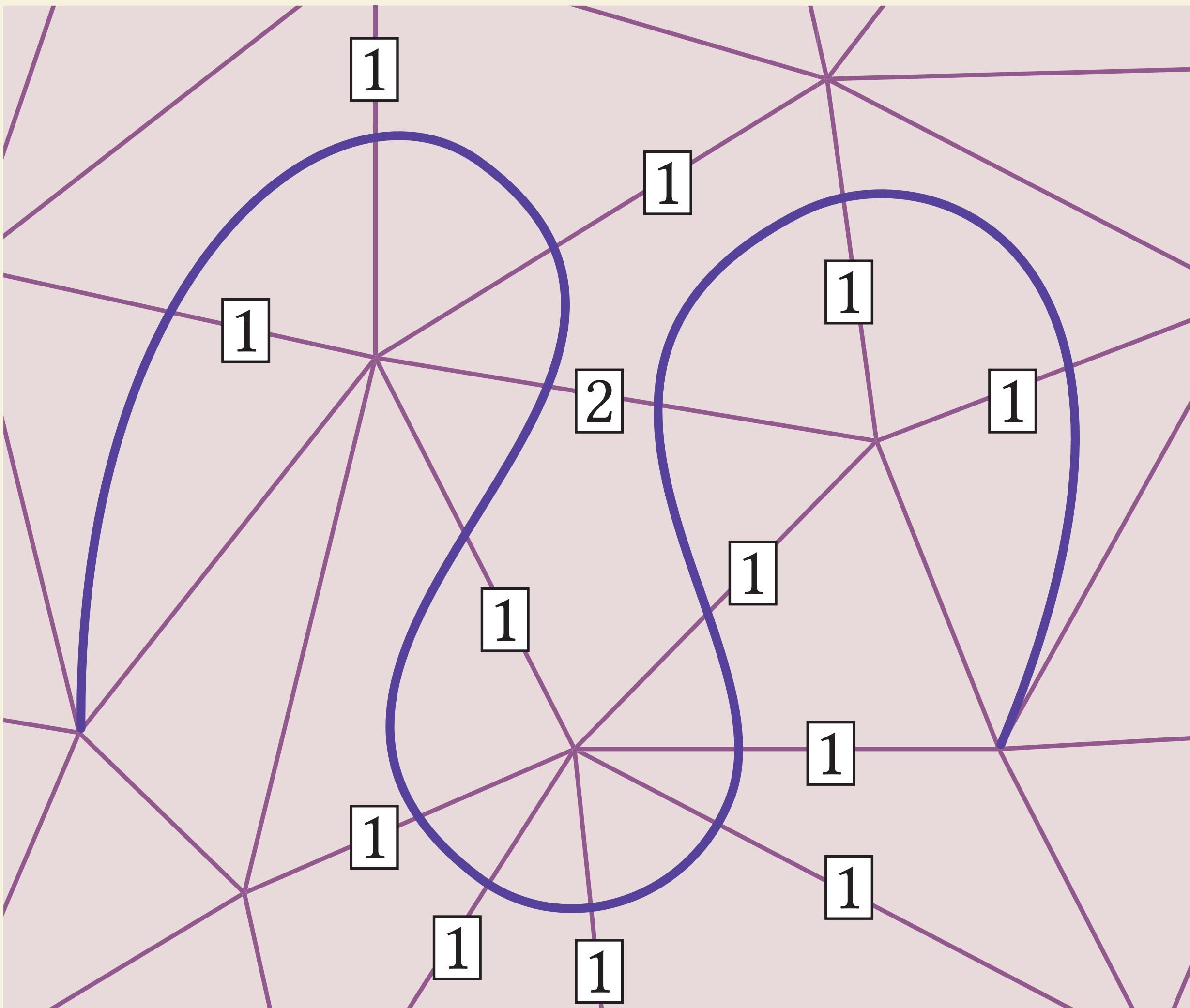
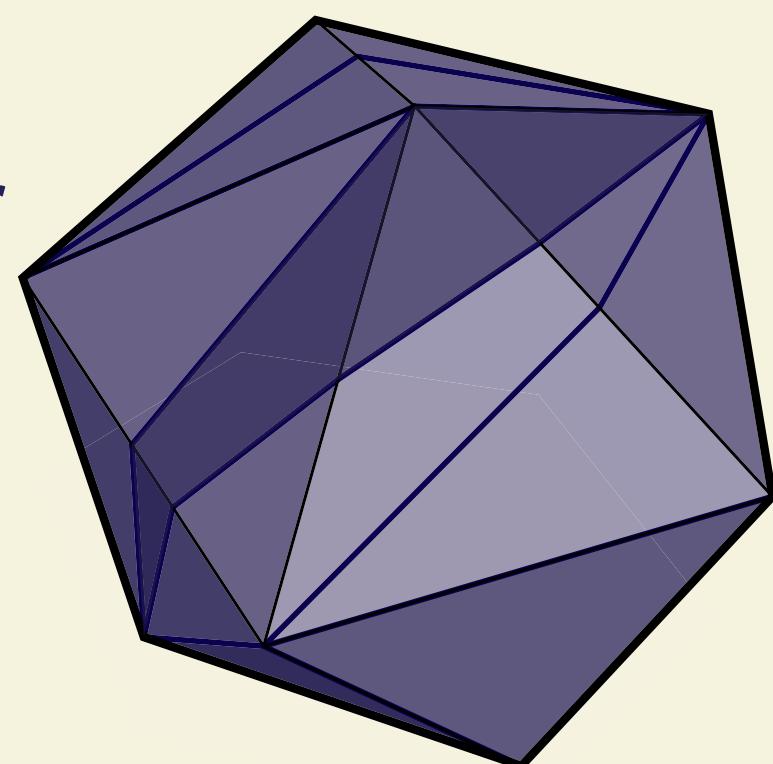
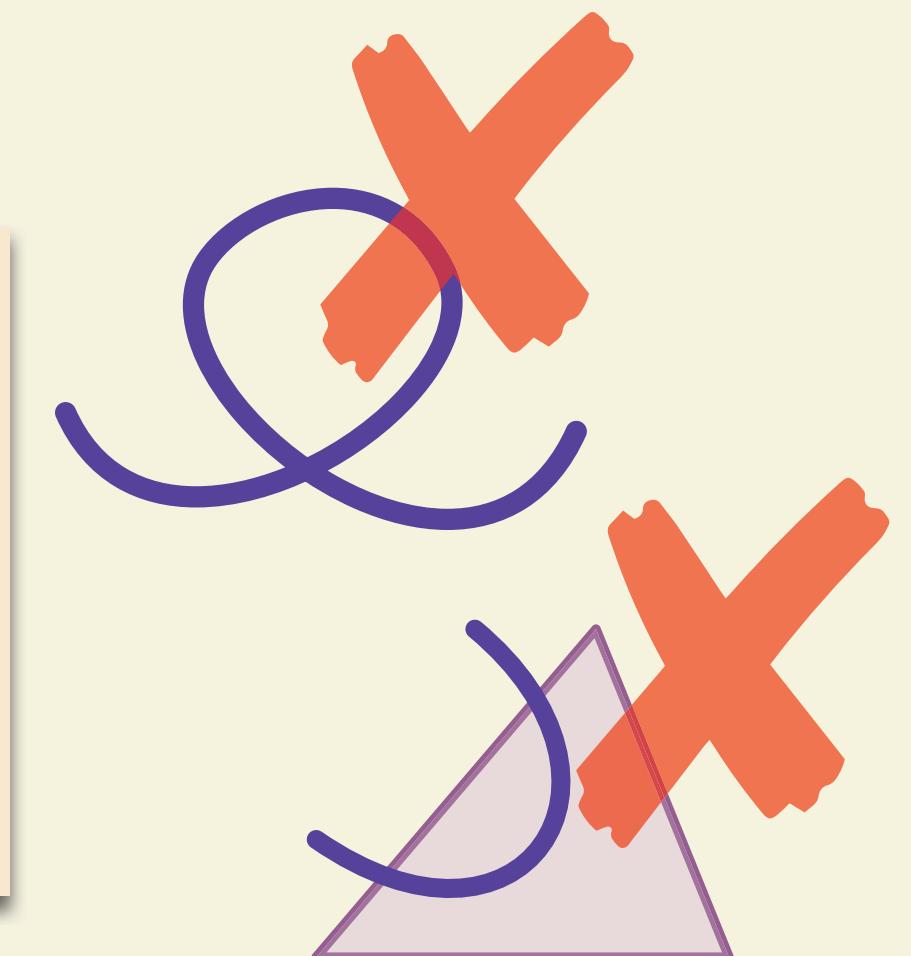
- Just count intersections

## Rules

1. No self-crossings
2. No U-turns

(also curves may only start or end at vertices of the triangulation)

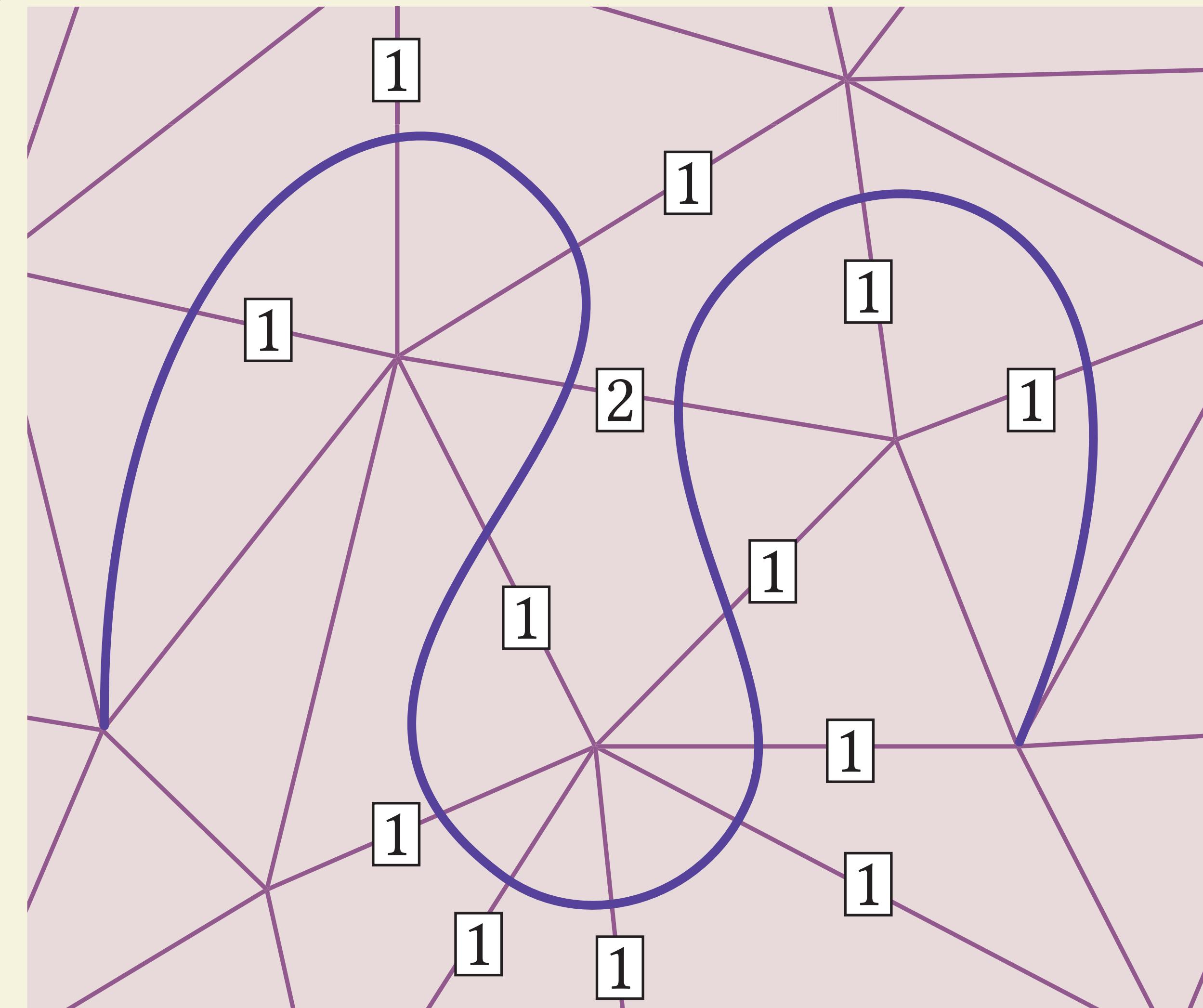
automatically satisfied for  
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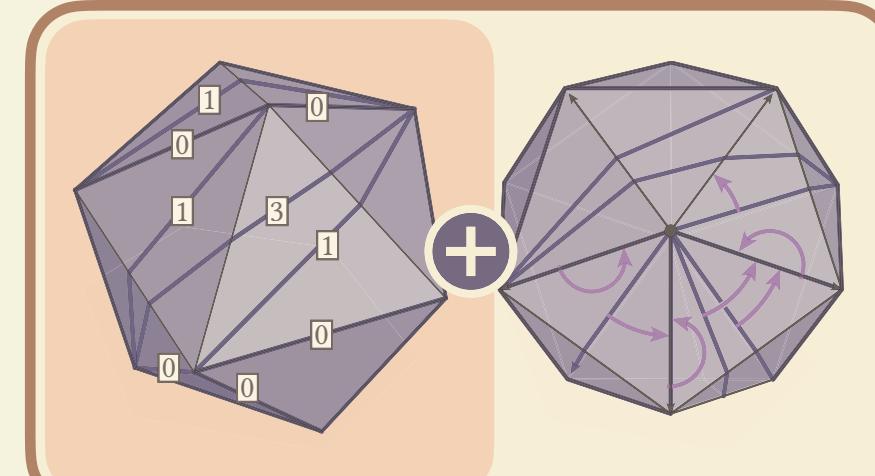
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# How much do normal coordinates tell us?

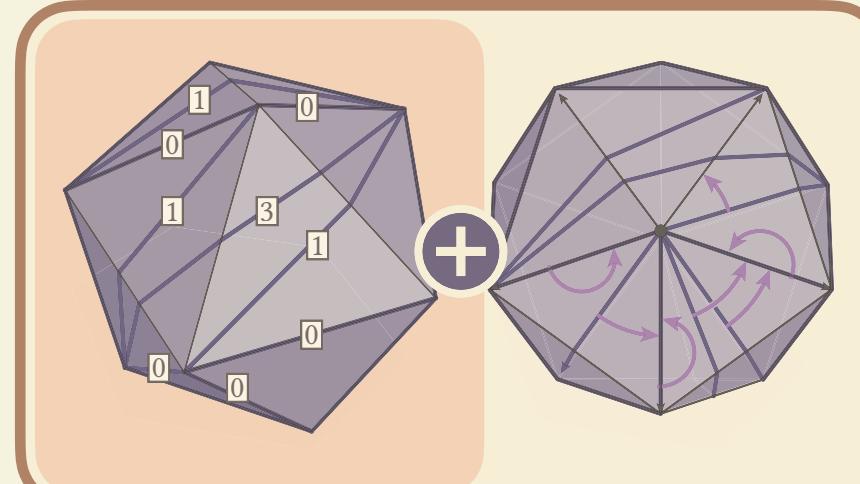
- Represents curve up to homotopy  
(on the surface punctured at vertices)
- Equivalently, encodes a sequence  
of triangles



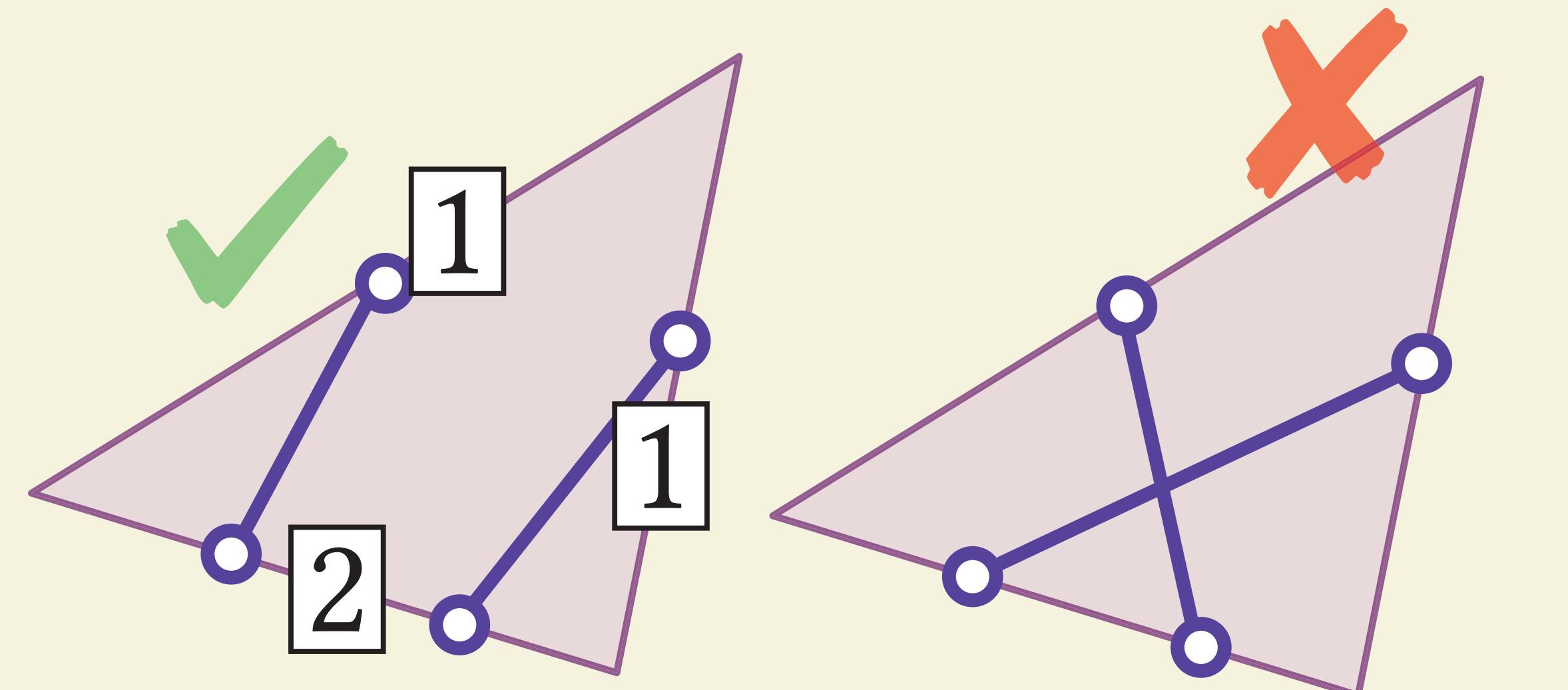
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# Reconstructing the curve

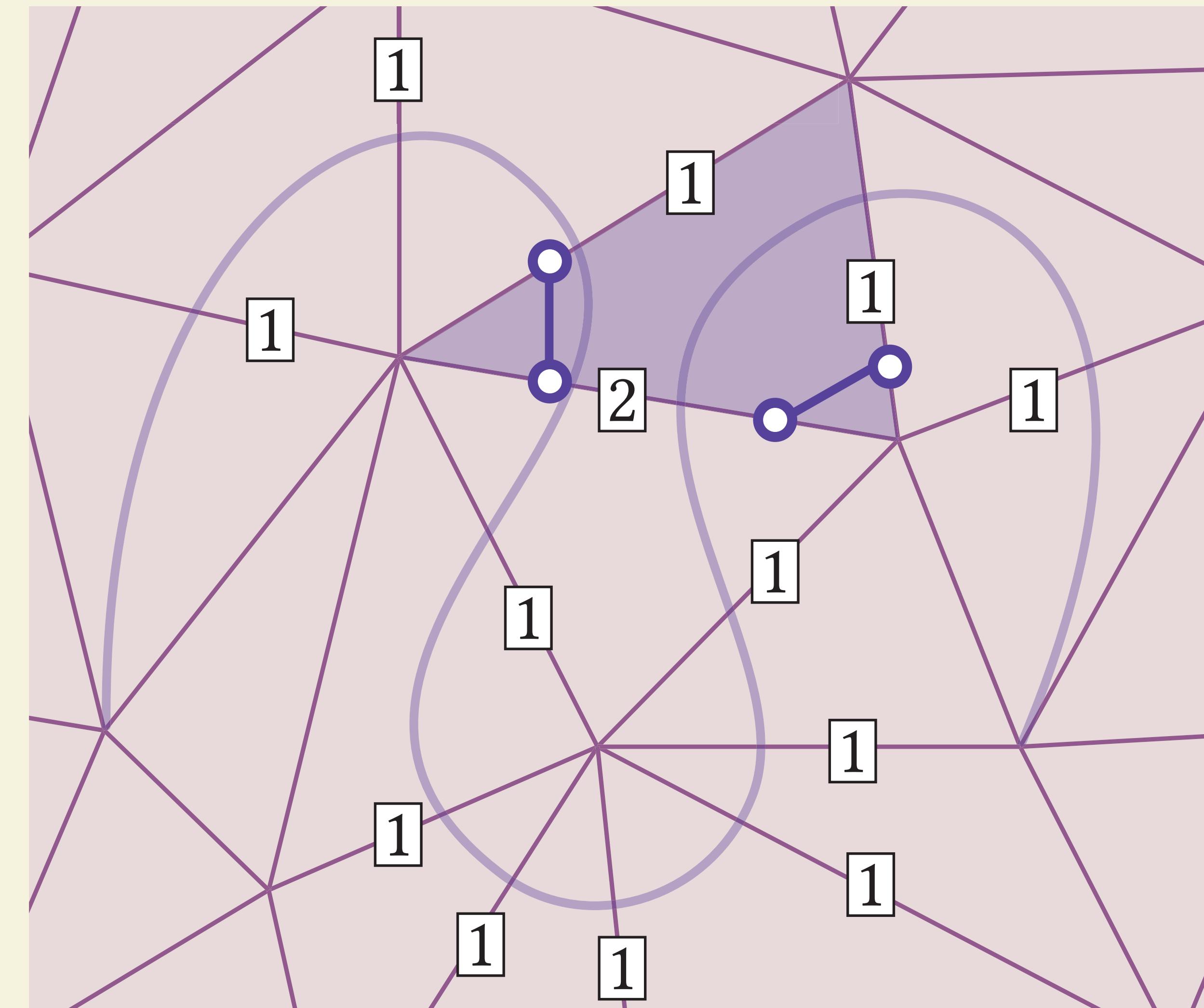
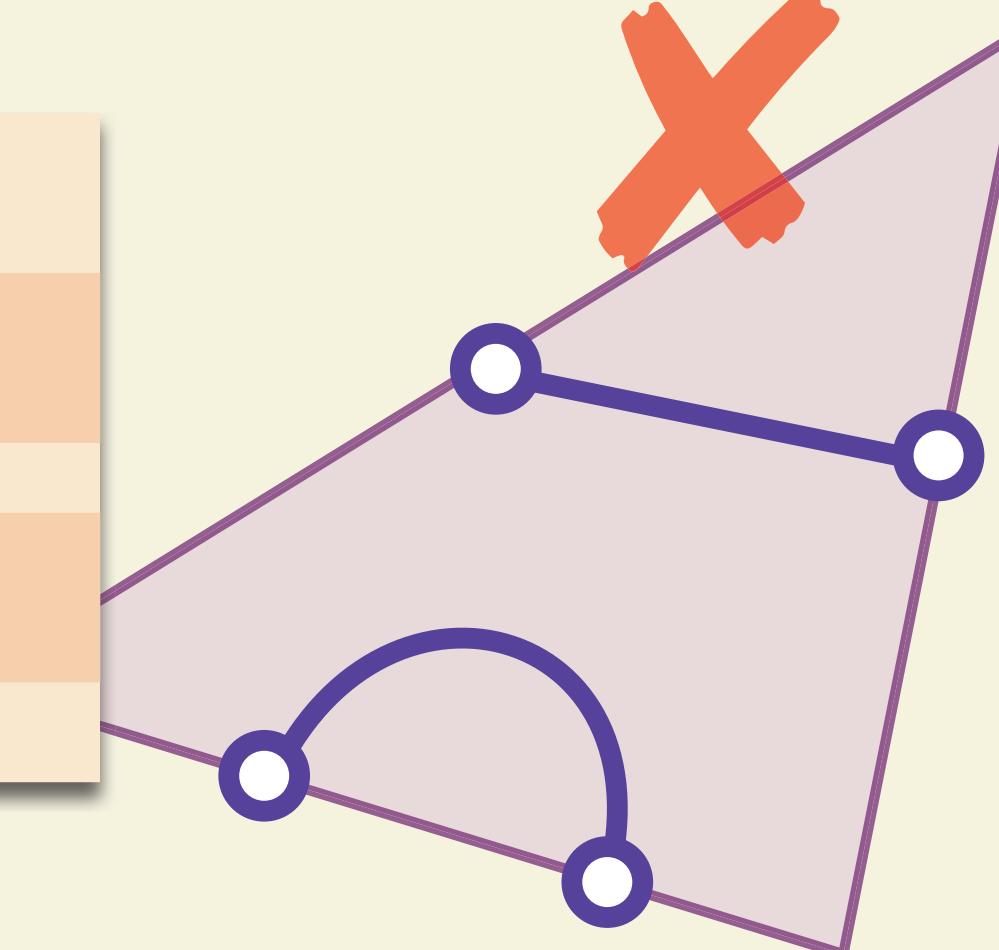


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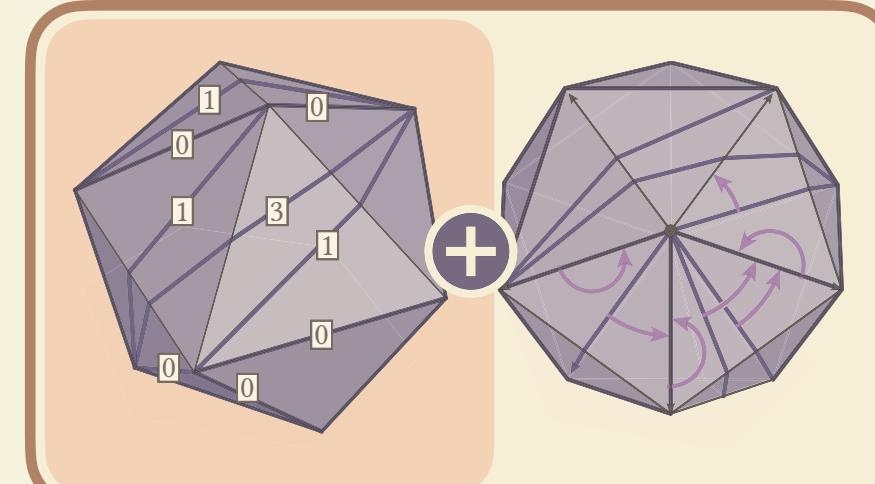
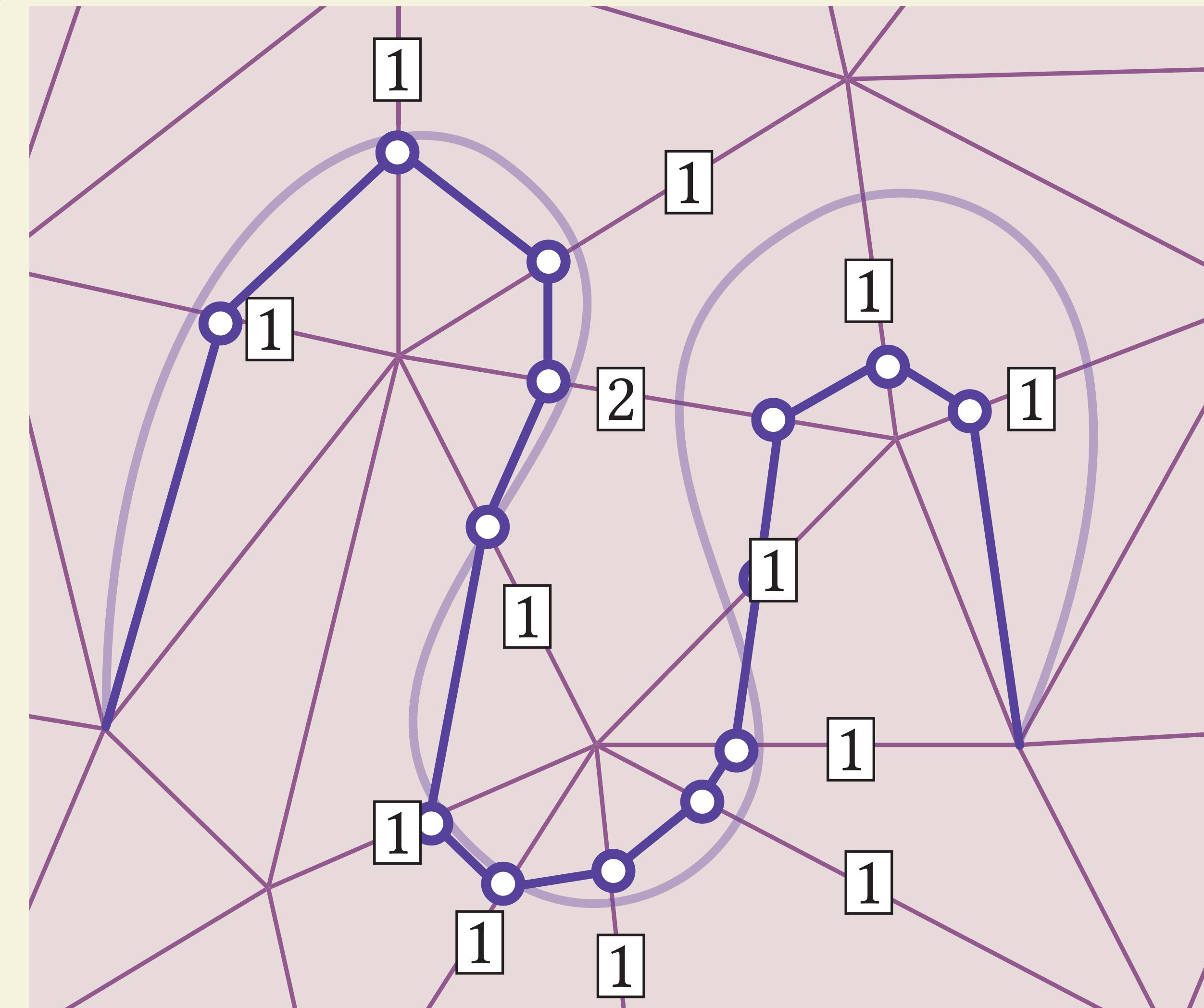
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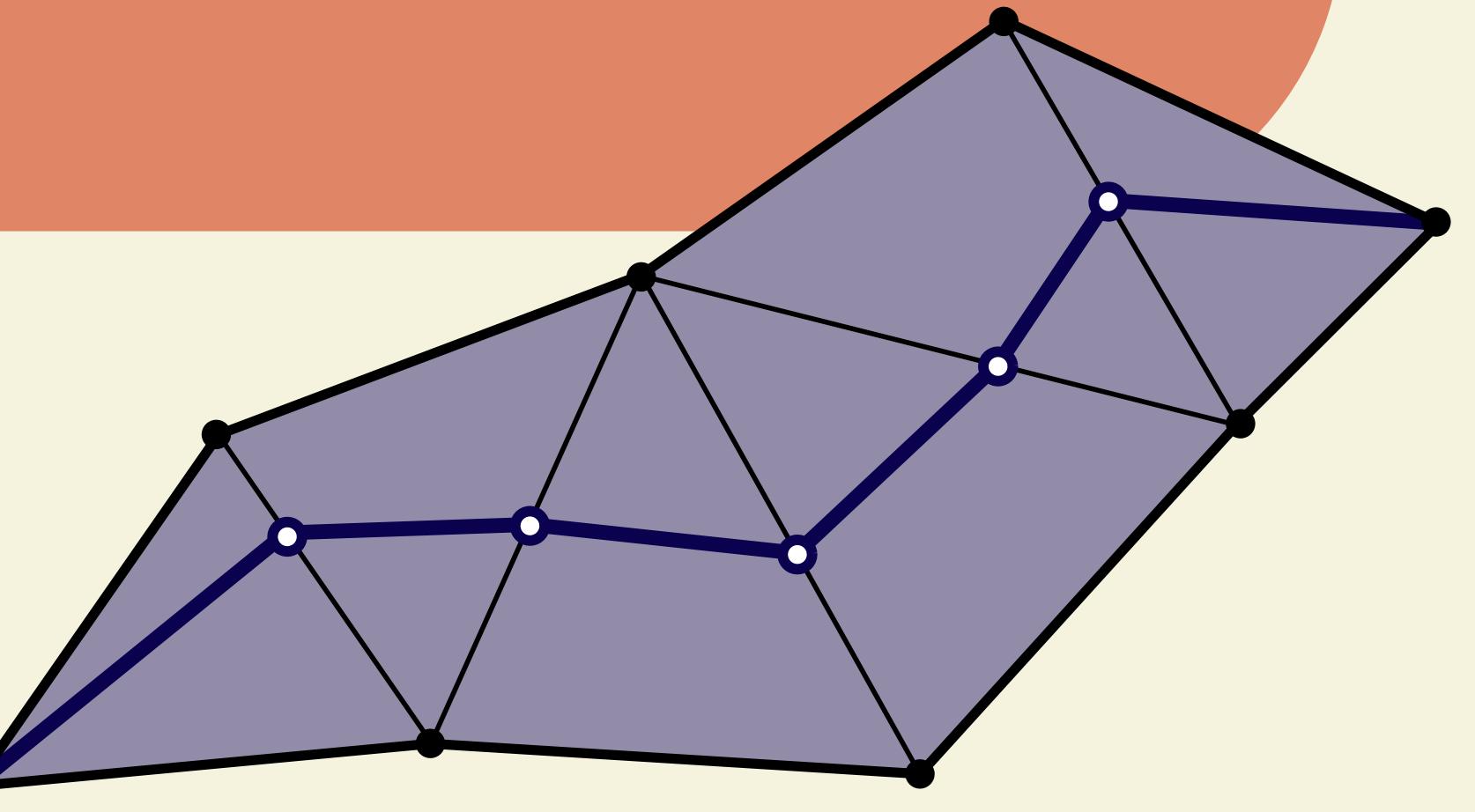
- Normality conditions determine curves within each triangle



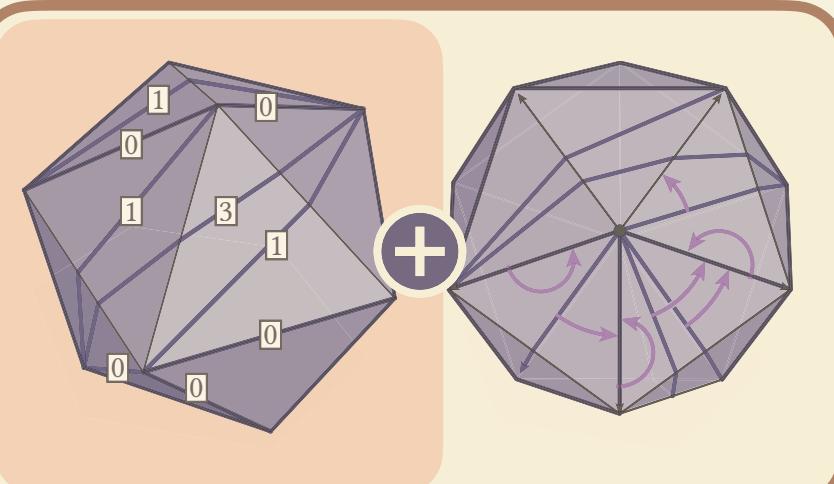
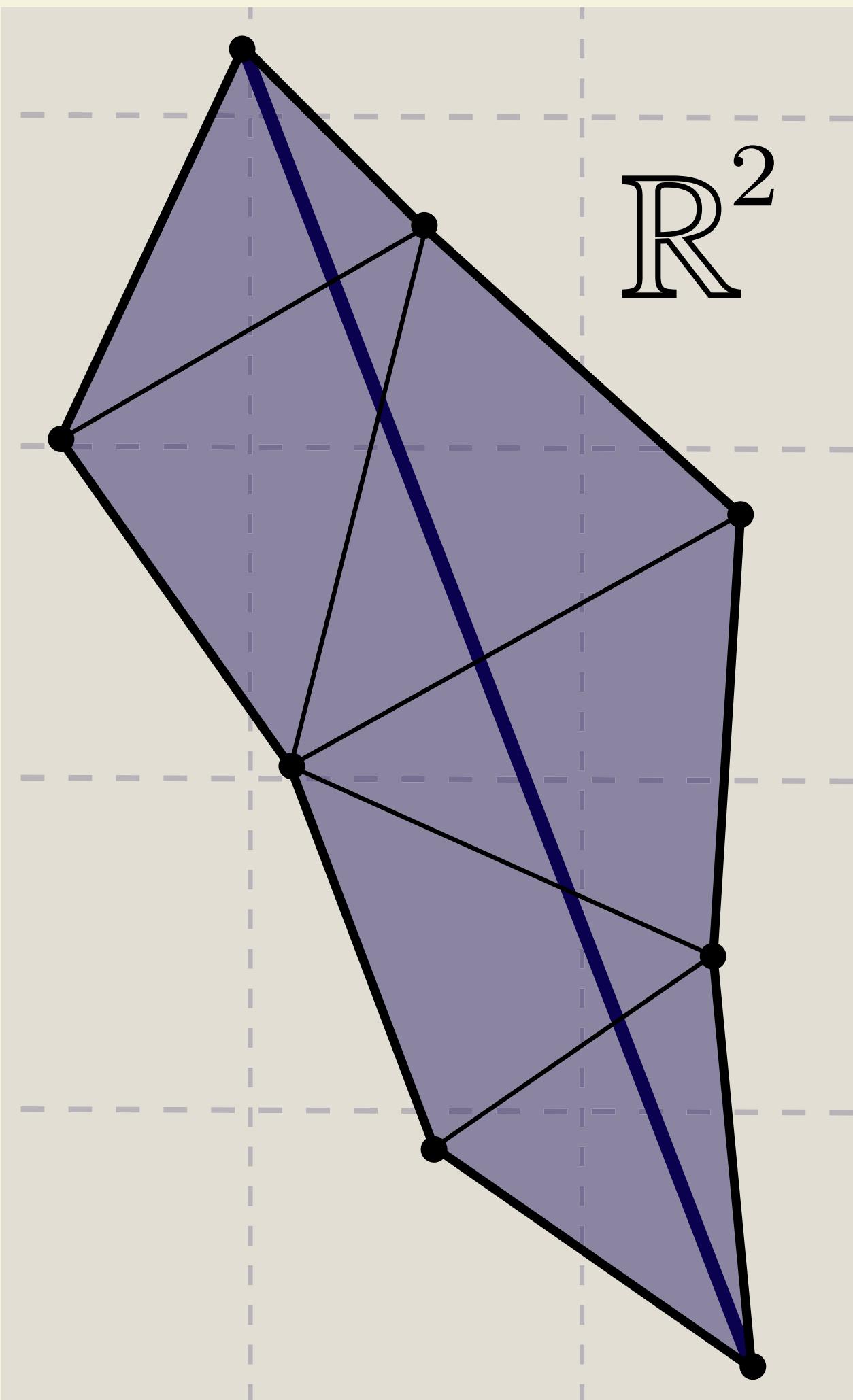
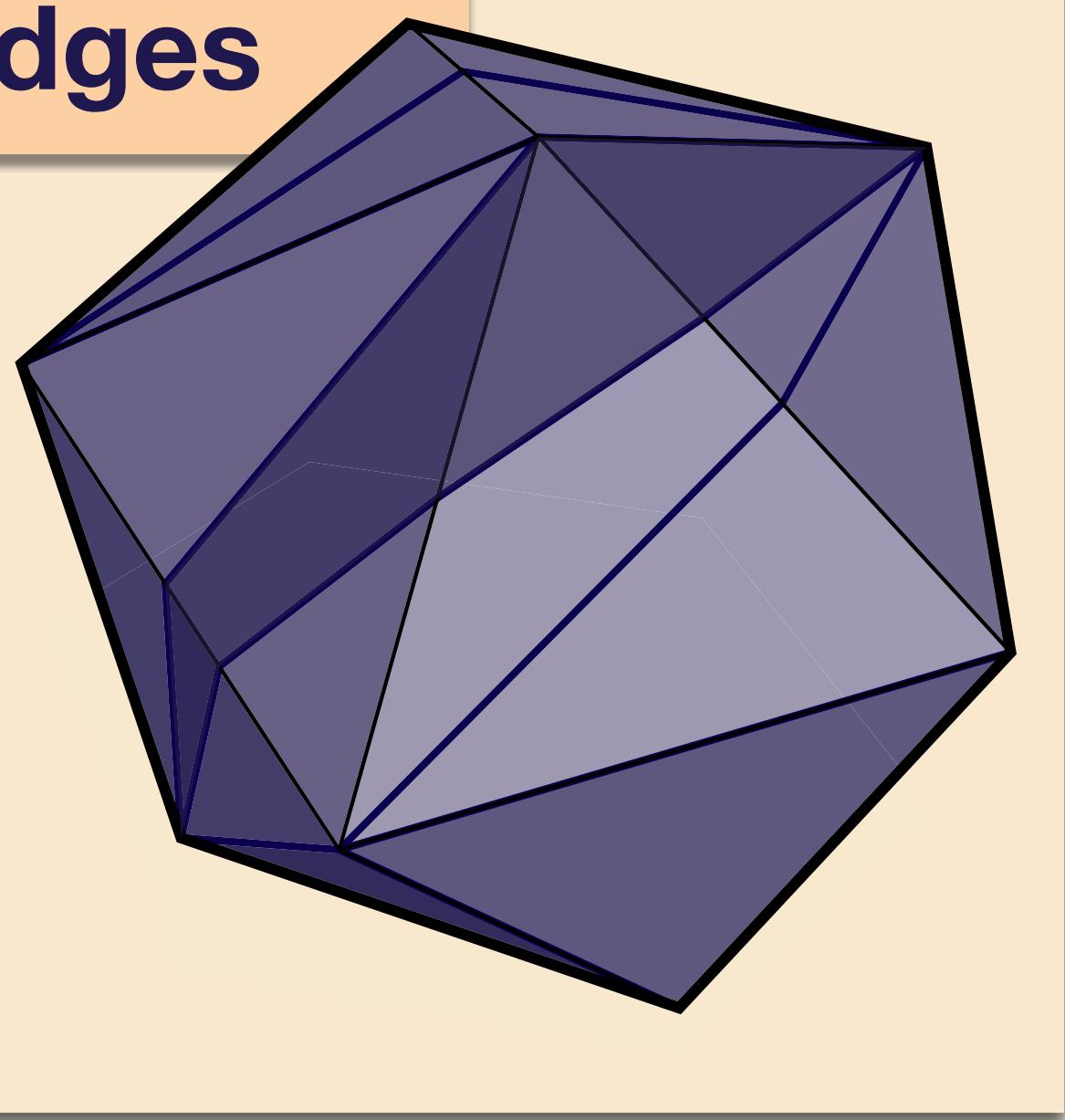
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# Finding the exact curve geometry

- So far: triangle strip
- True curve is *geodesic*
  - Lay out in plane to find exact curve
- Normal coordinates determine edges exactly



Intrinsic  
edges

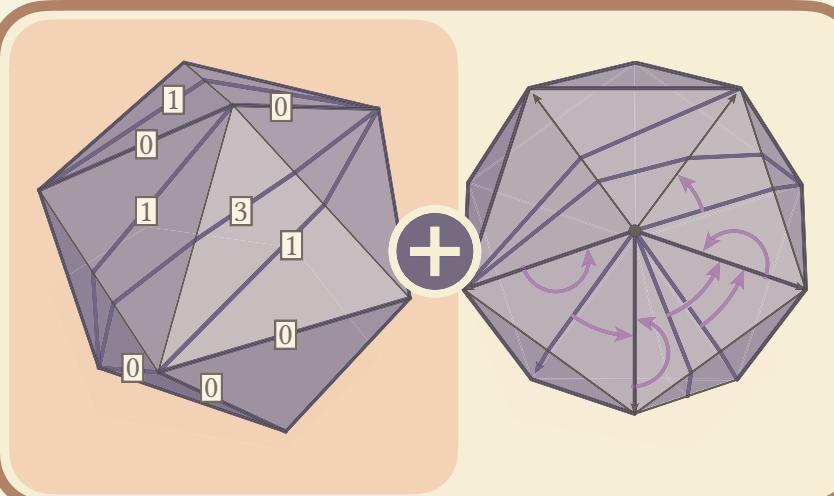


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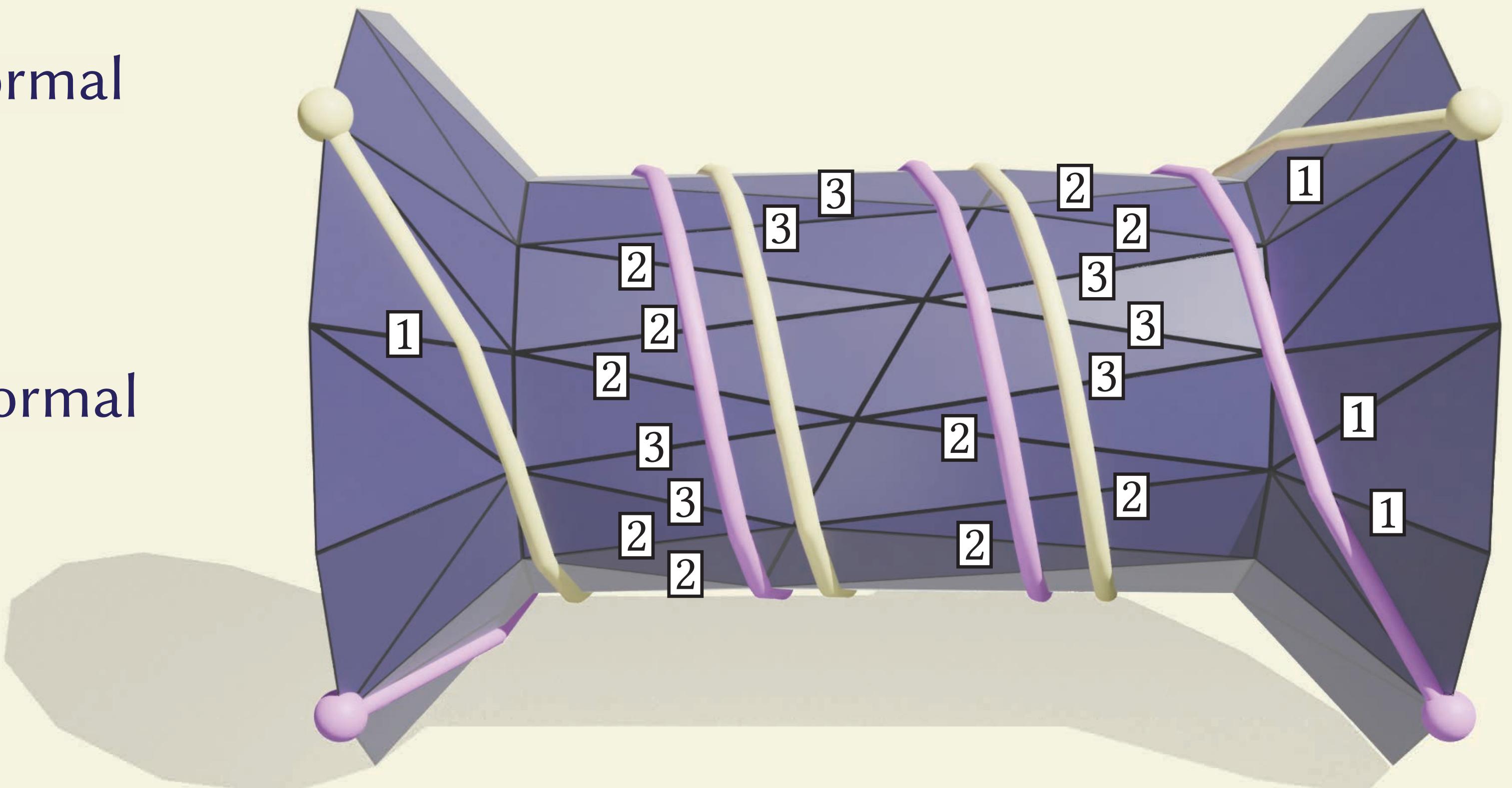
# Collections of Curves

- e.g. edges of a triangulation
- Could store multiple sets of normal coordinates
  - ▶ Expensive 
- Instead, just store one set of normal coordinates

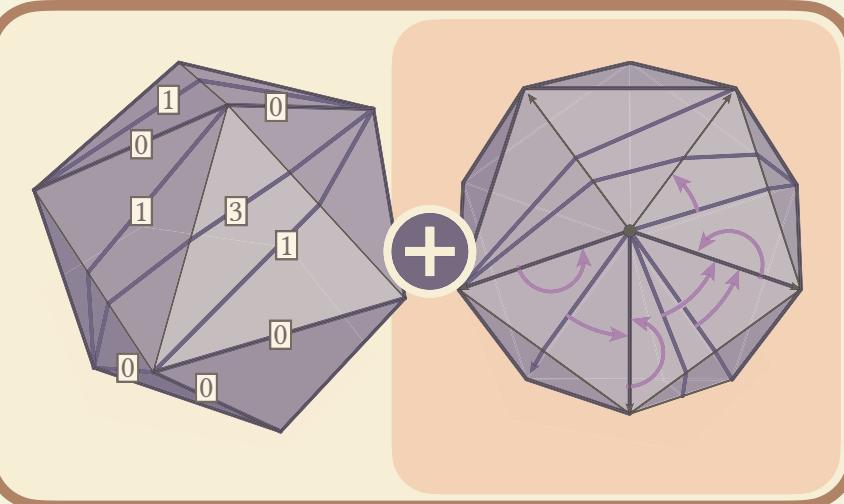
Store entire triangulation  
using one integer per edge



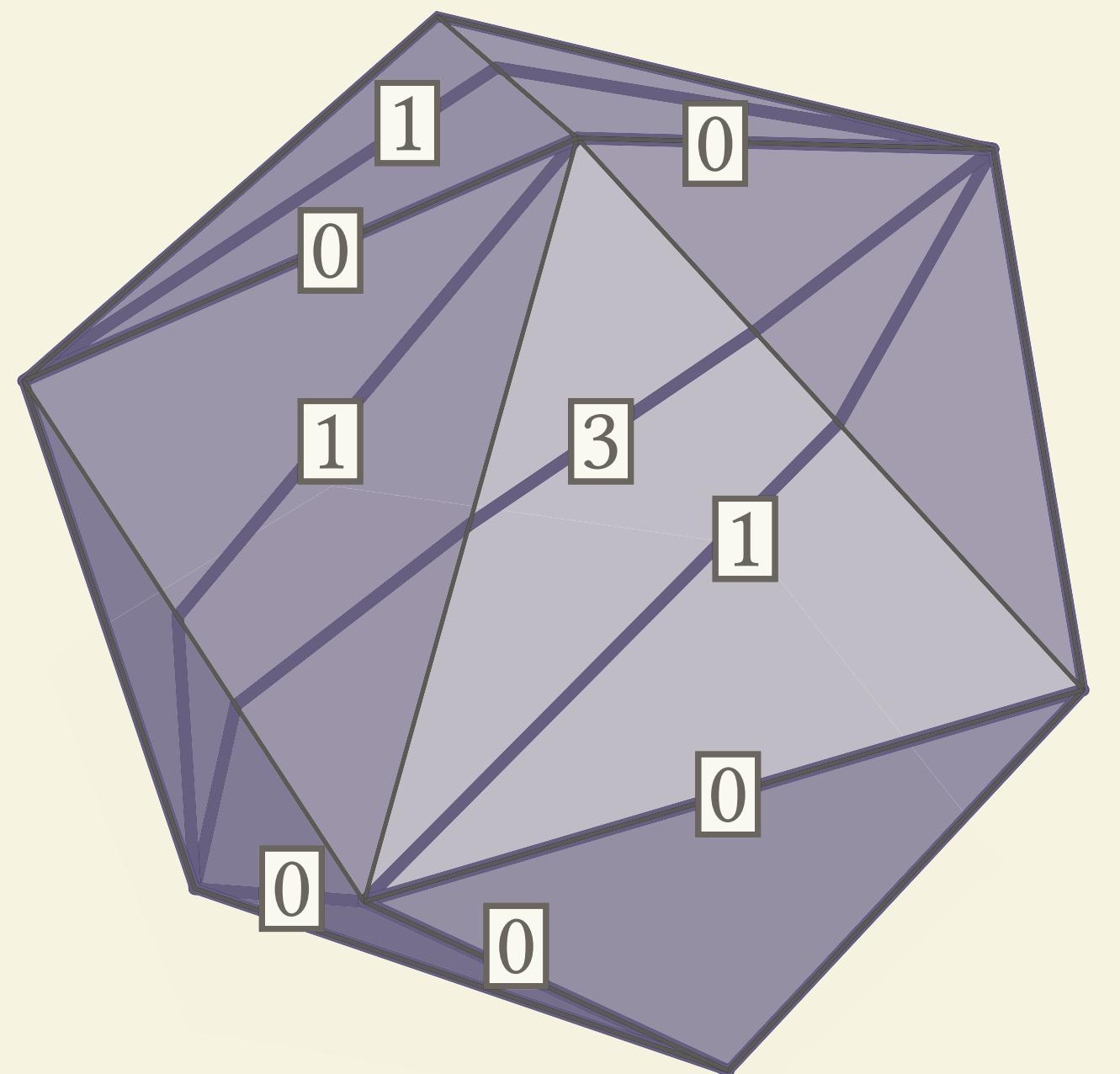
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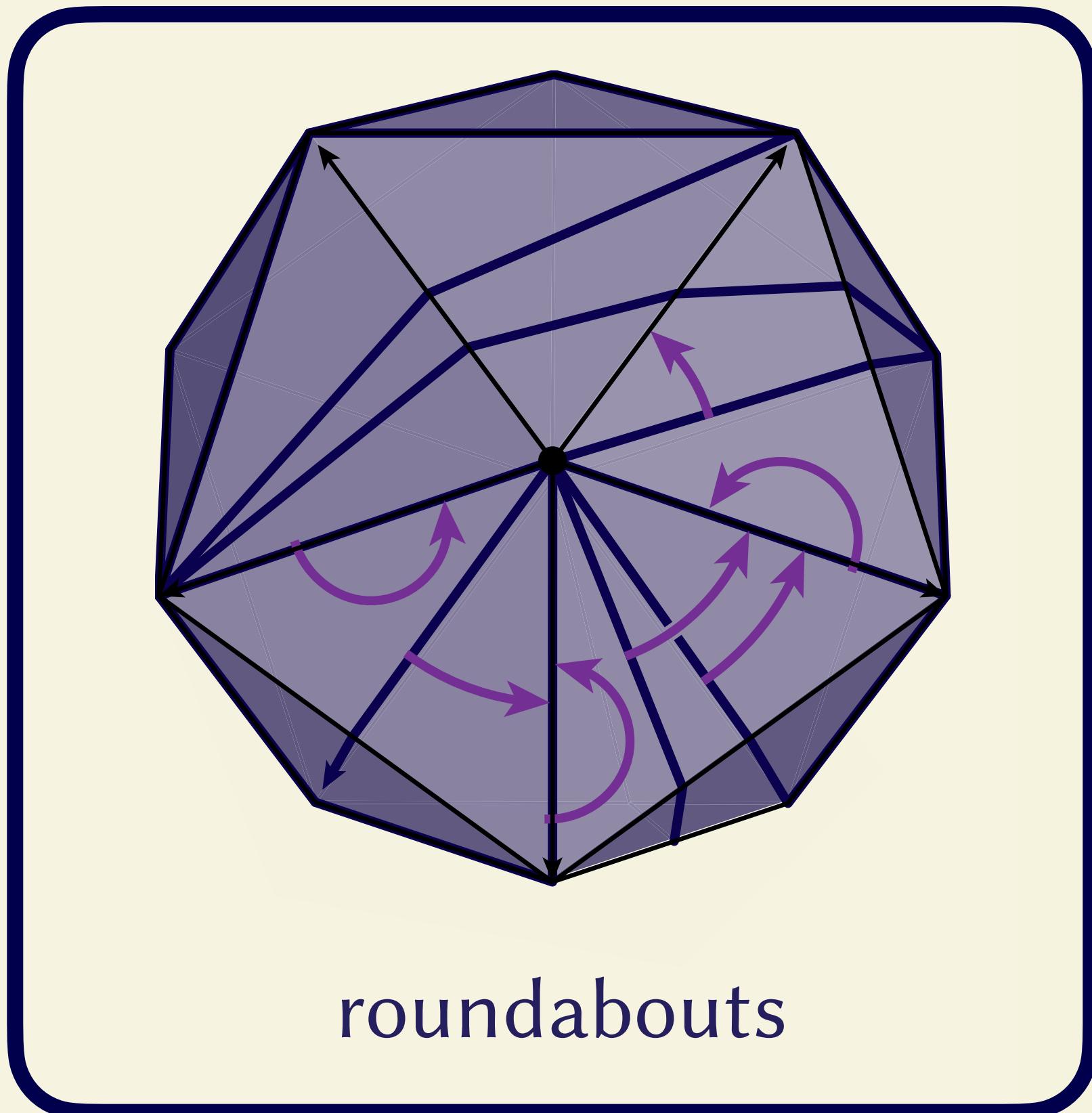
# The integer coordinates data structure



II. Integer coordinates for  
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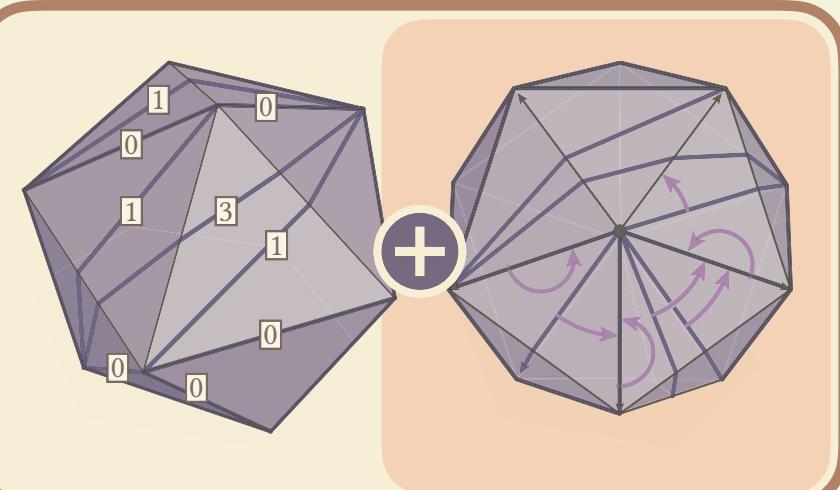
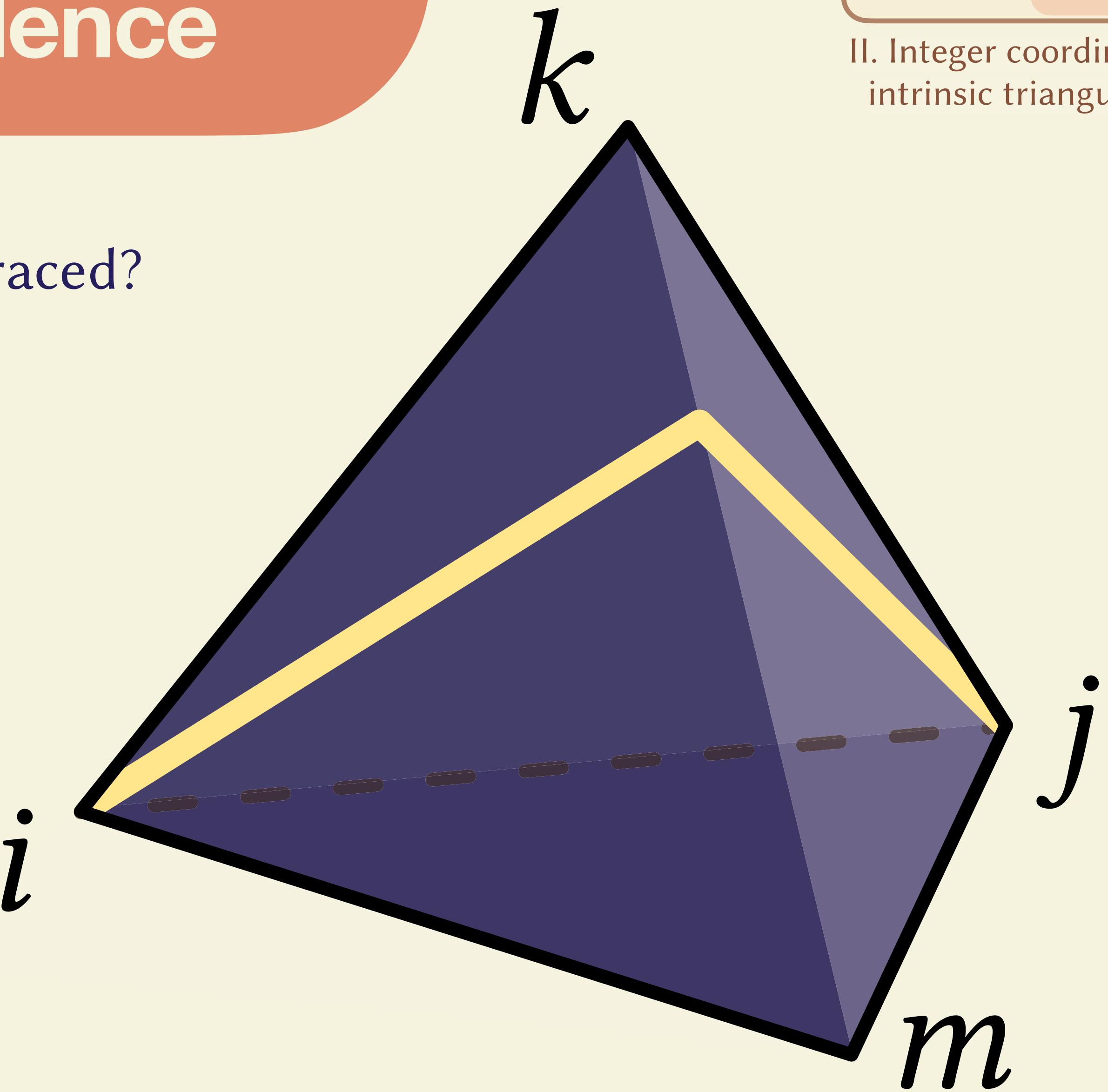
normal coordinates



roundabouts

# Normal coordinates are not enough for correspondence

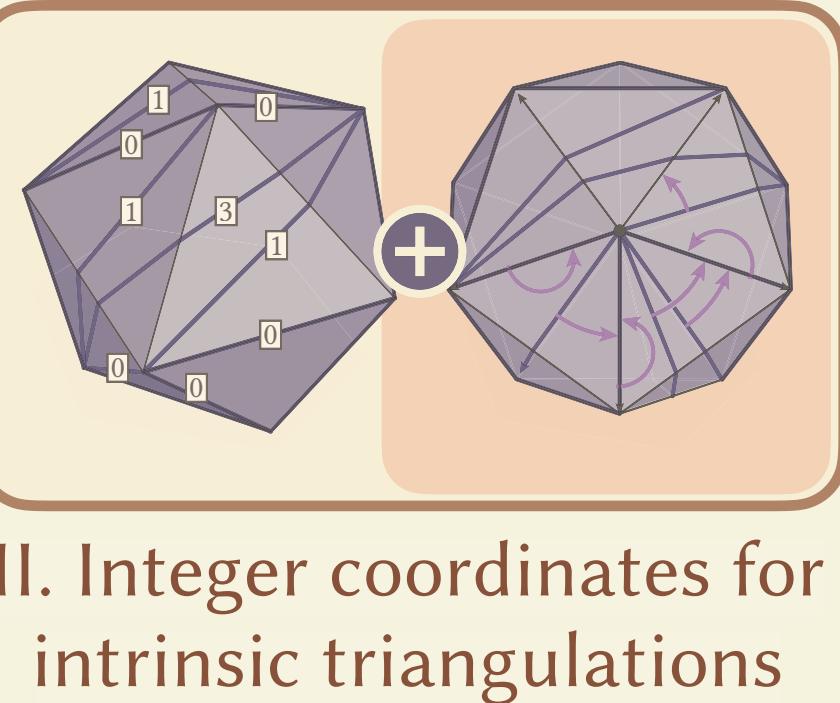
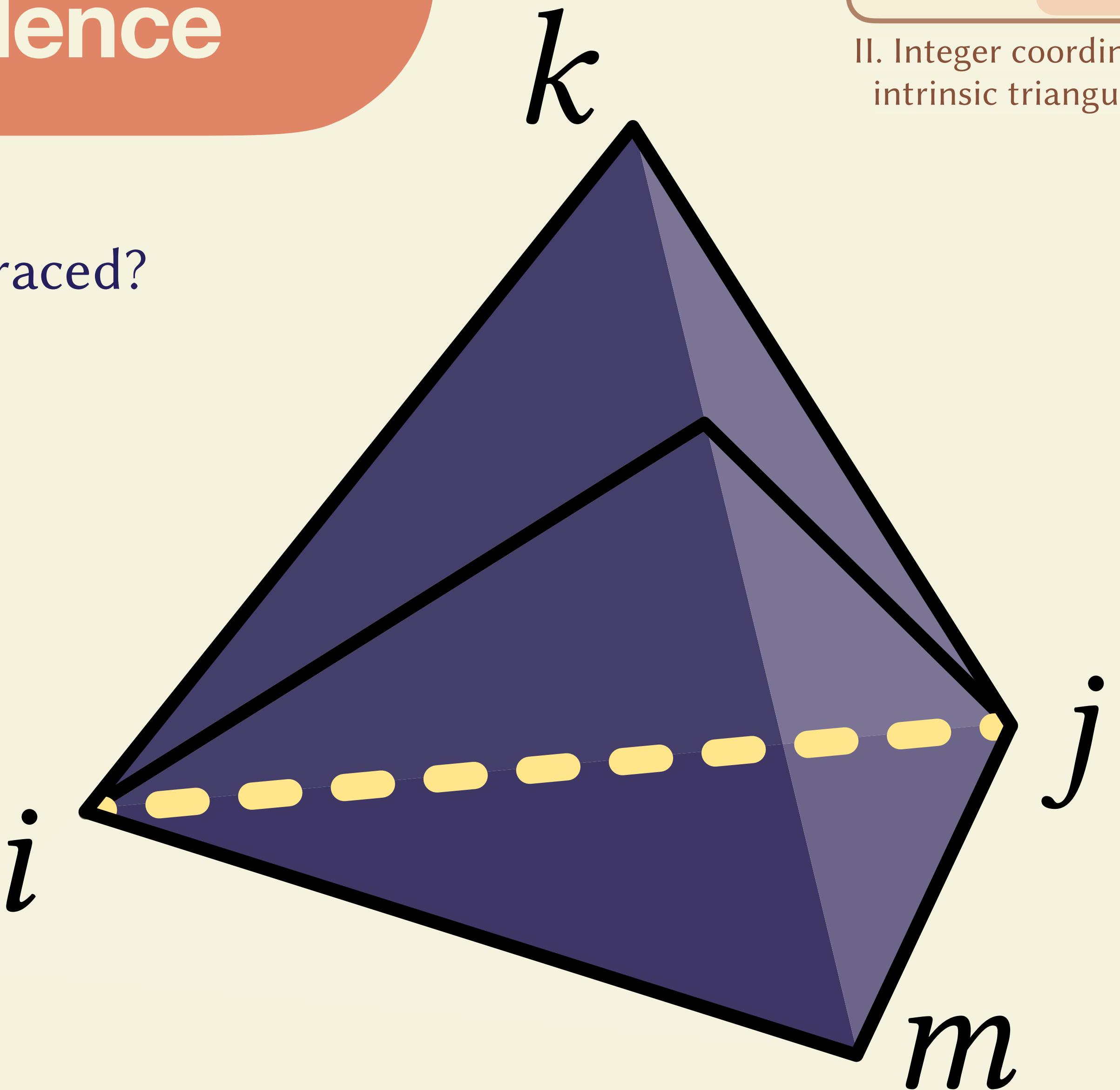
- How do you tell what edge you have traced?



II. Integer coordinates for  
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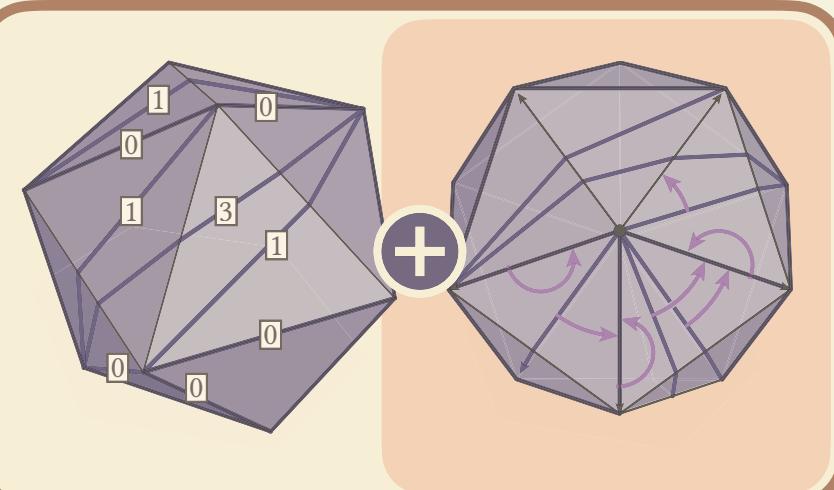
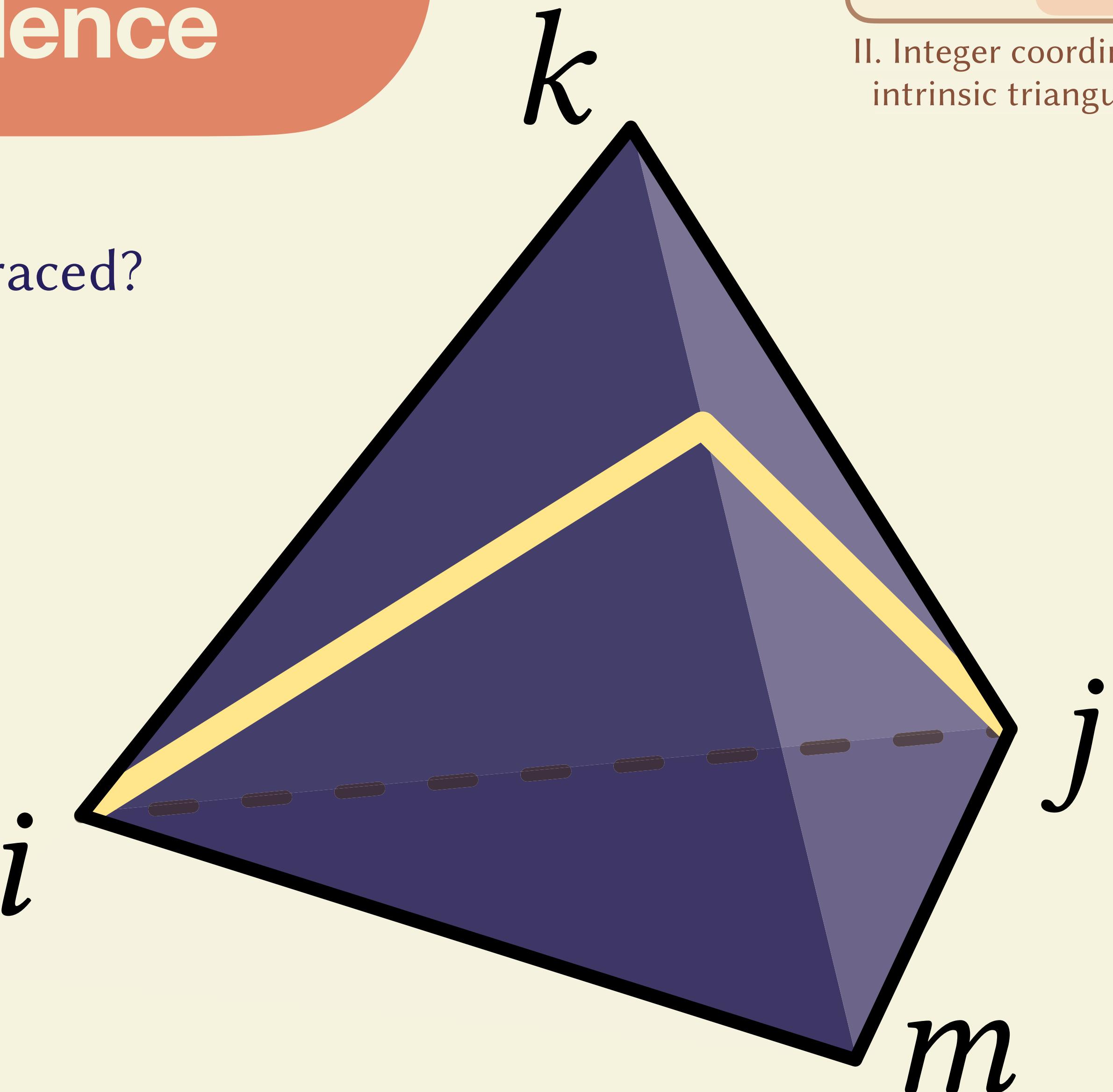
# Normal coordinates are not enough for correspondence

- How do you tell what edge you have traced?



# Normal coordinates are not enough for correspondence

- How do you tell what edge you have traced?
  - Disambiguate with roundabouts

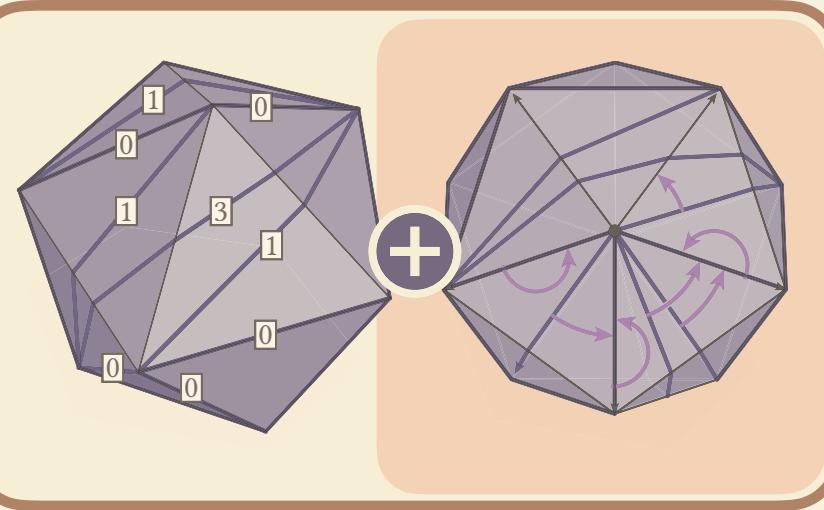
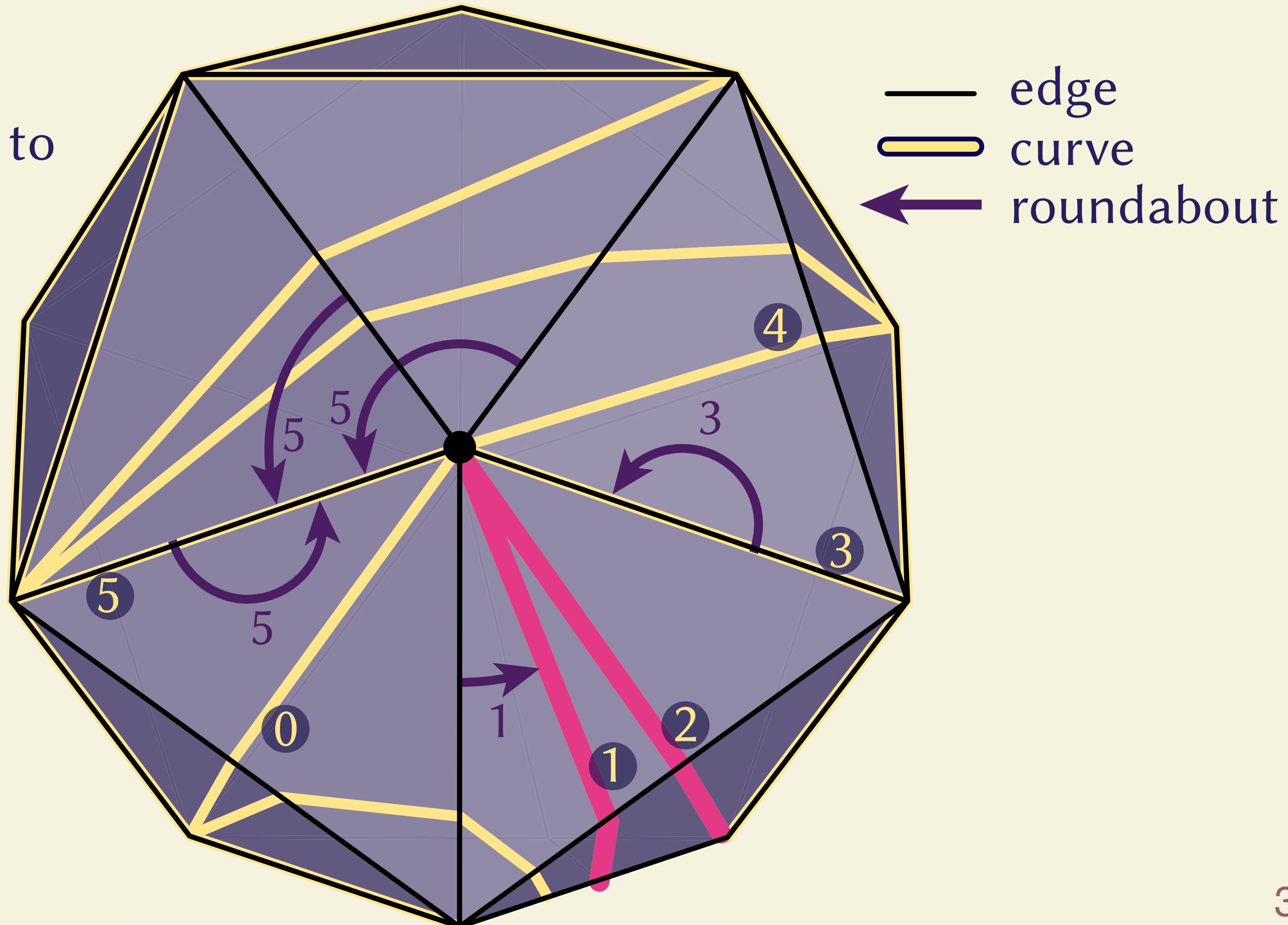


II. Integer coordinates for  
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# Roundabouts

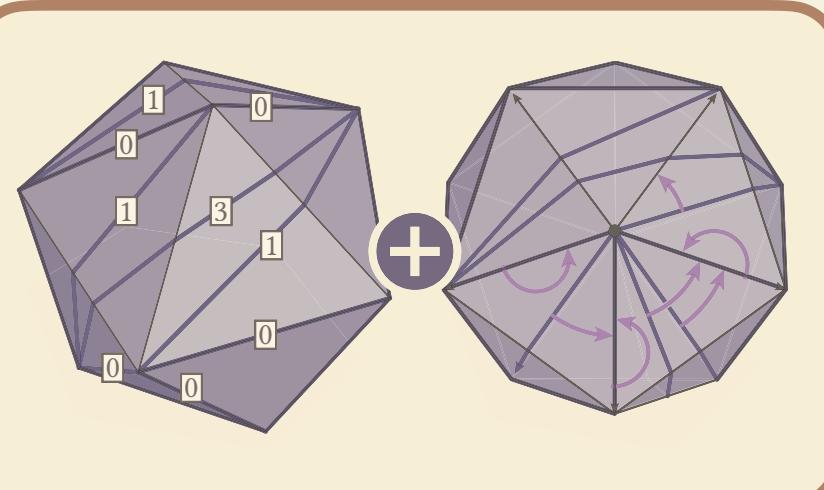


- Each black edge stores a pointer to the next yellow curve
- Resolves all ambiguity

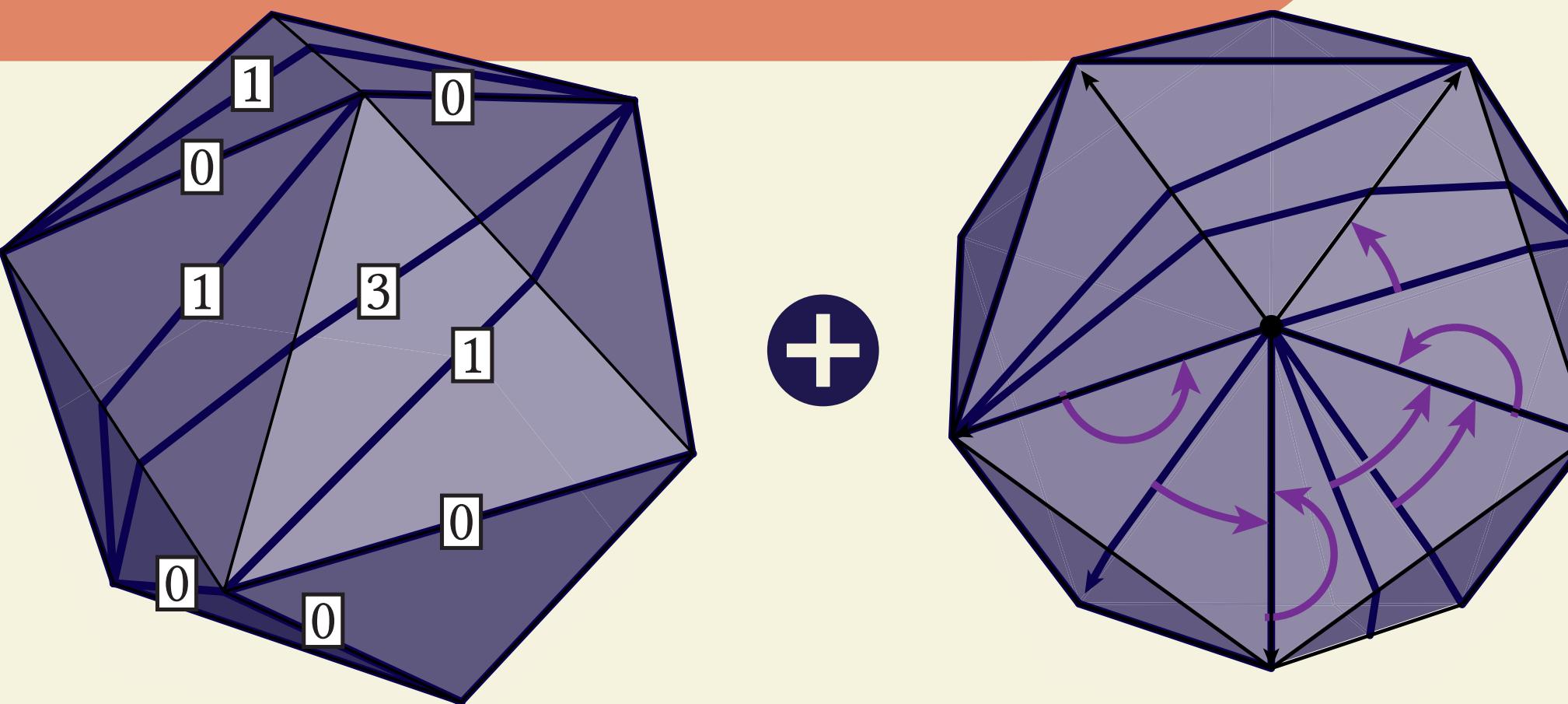


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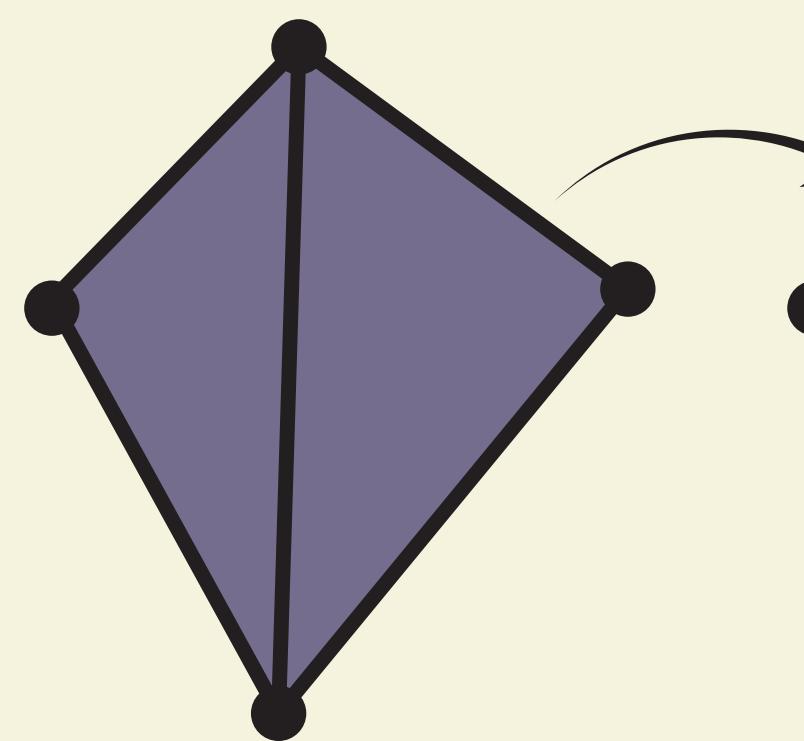
# Data structure operations



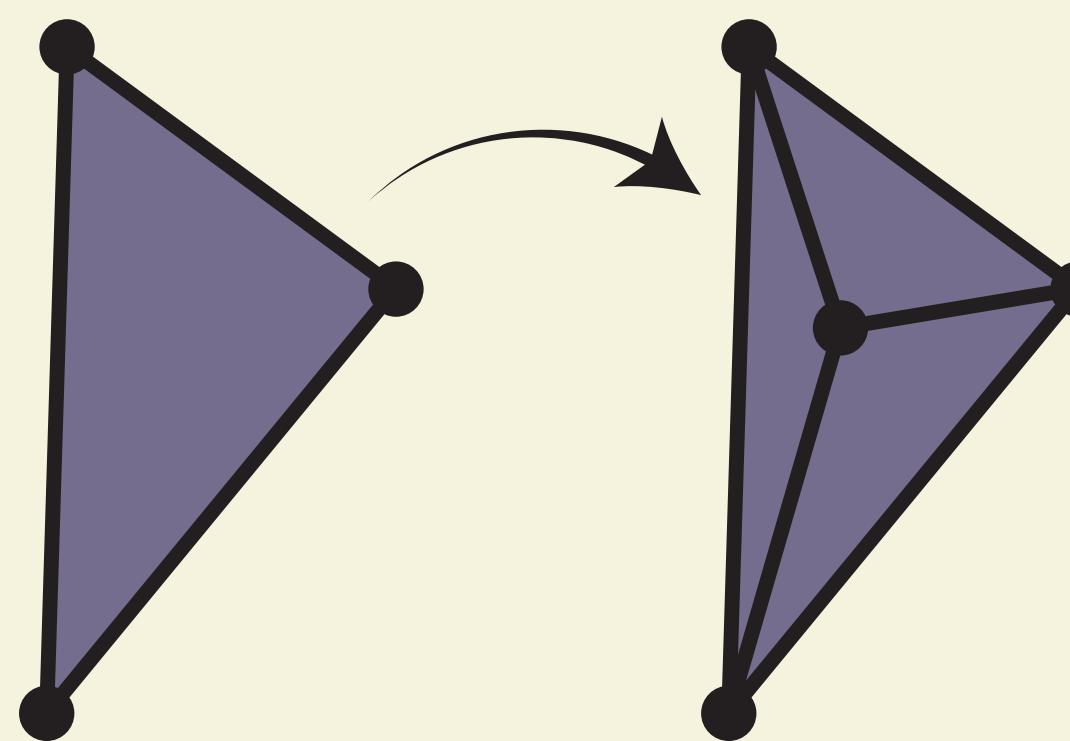
II. Integer coordinates for intrinsic triangulations  
► *connectivity changes*



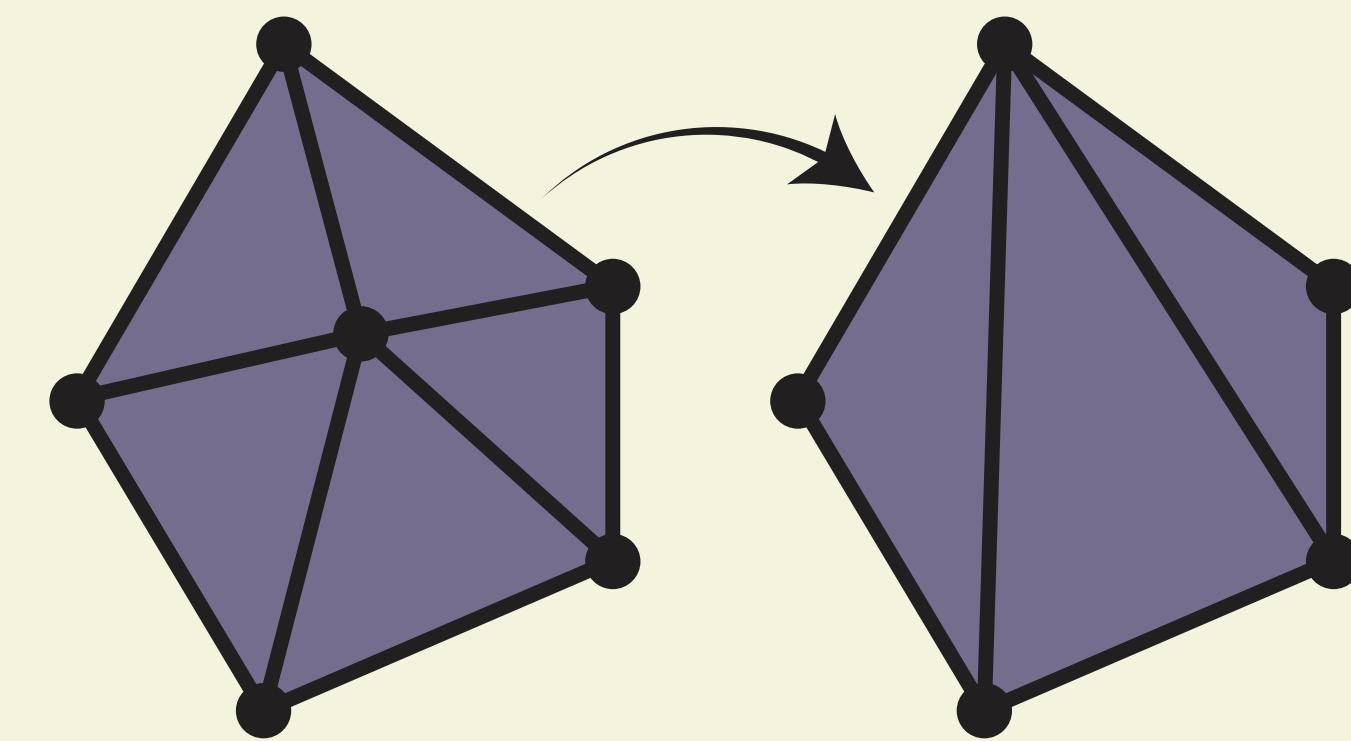
- Supports a variety of connectivity changes:



edge flips



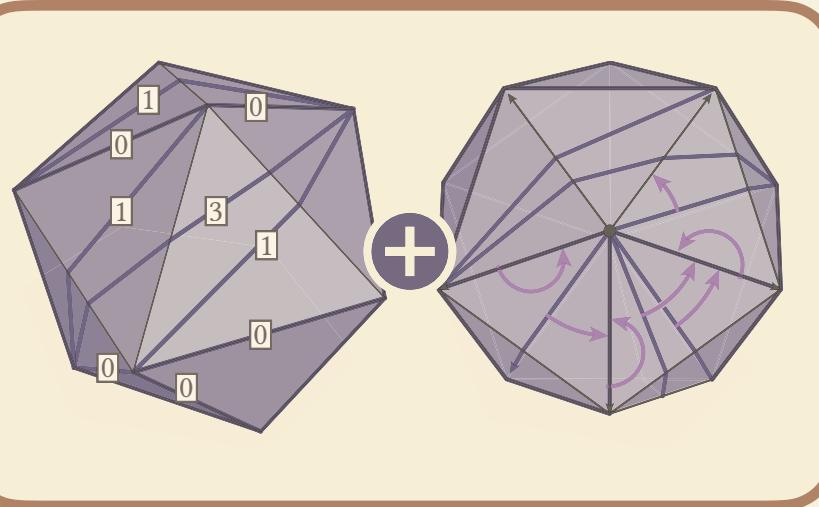
vertex insertion



flat vertex removal

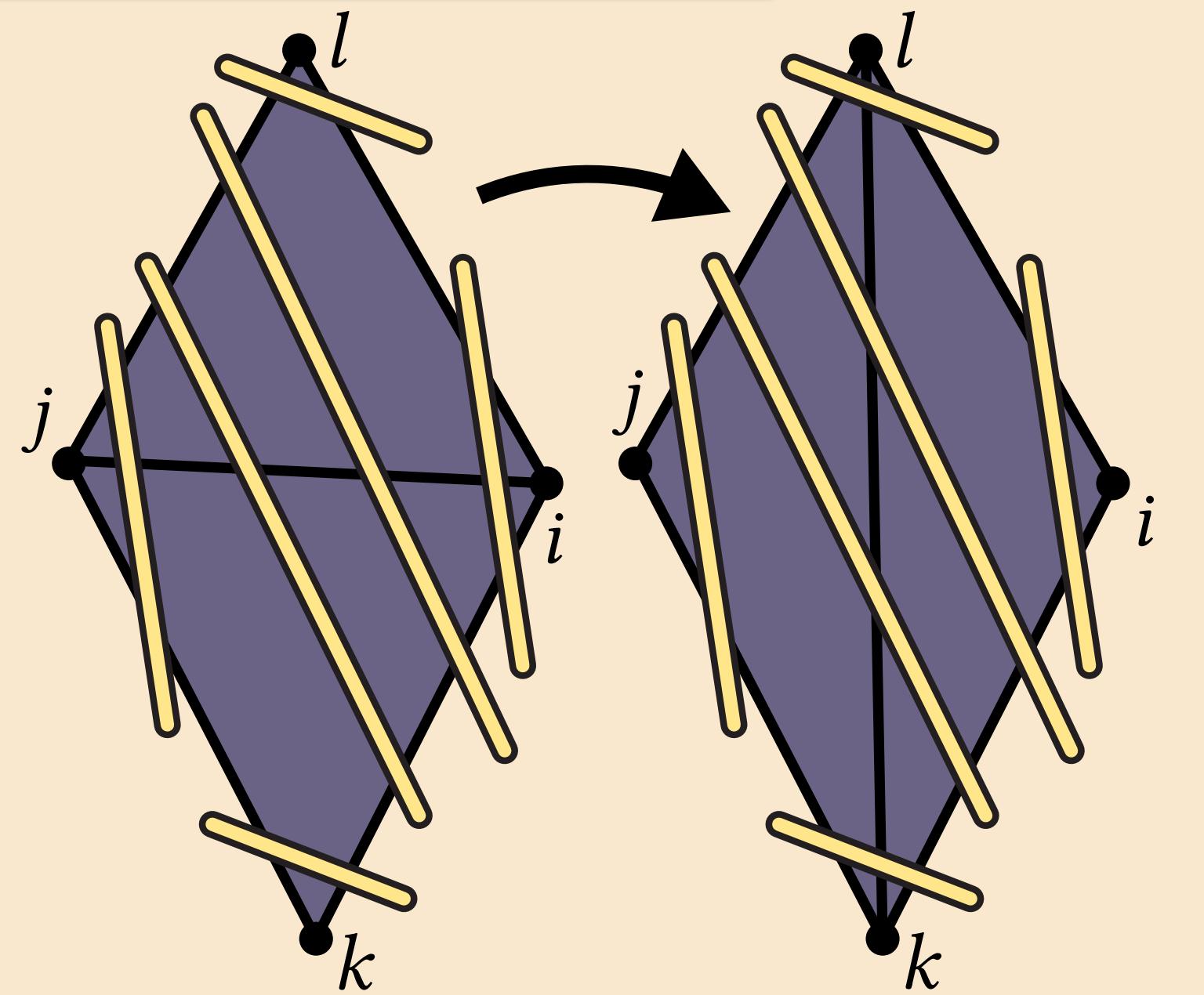
# Edge flips

— edge  
— curve

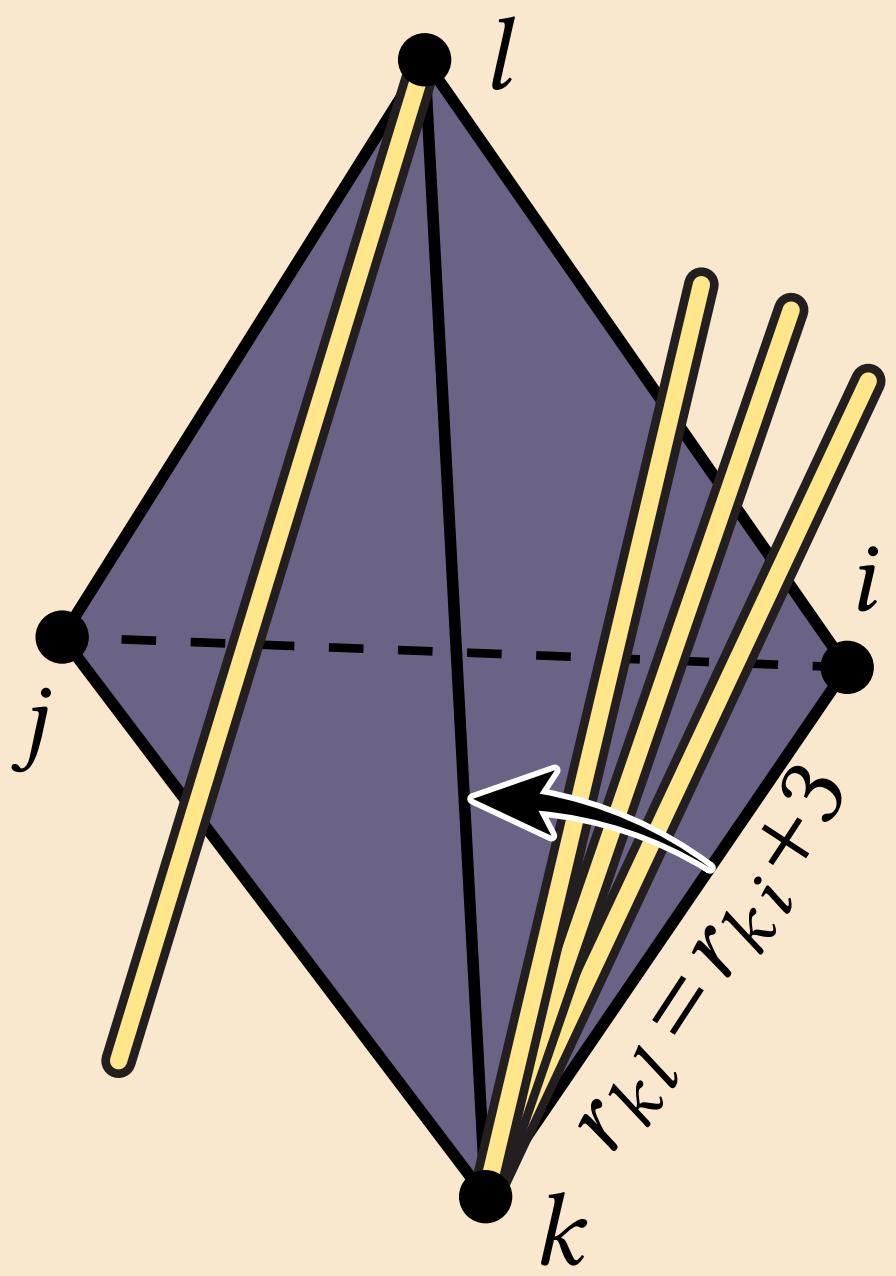


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## Normal Coordinates



## Roundabouts



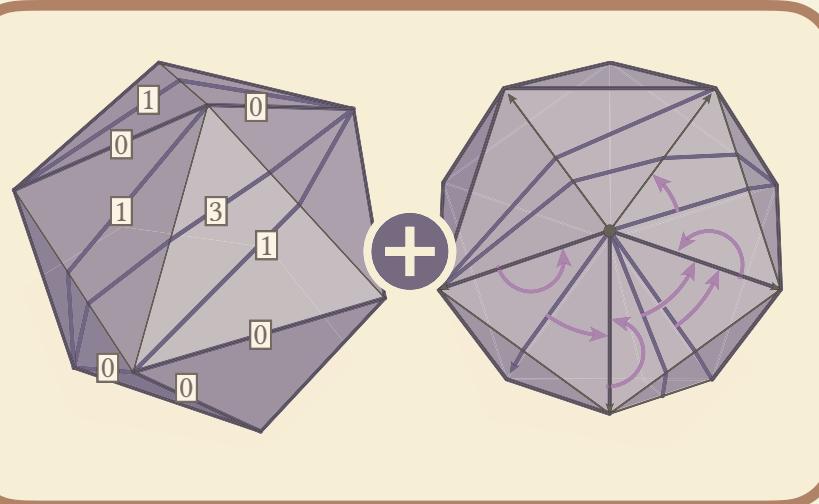
$$n_{kl} = \max(n_{ki} + n_{lj}, n_{jk} + n_{li}) - n_{ij}$$

( if there are no endpoints )

$$r_{kl} = r_{ki} + n_{ki}^- + \max(0, n_{il}^+ - n_{lk}^+ - n_{ki}^+)$$

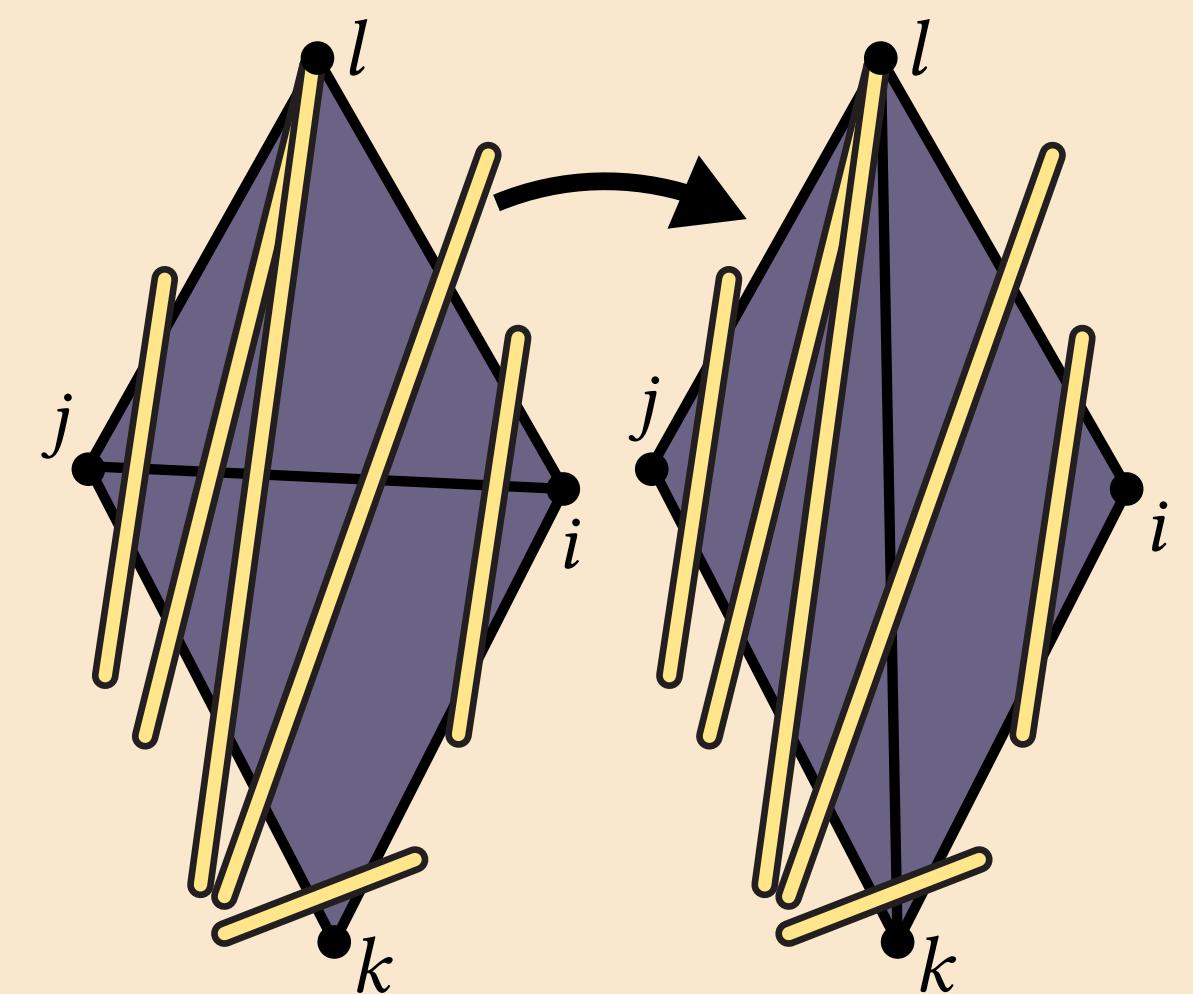
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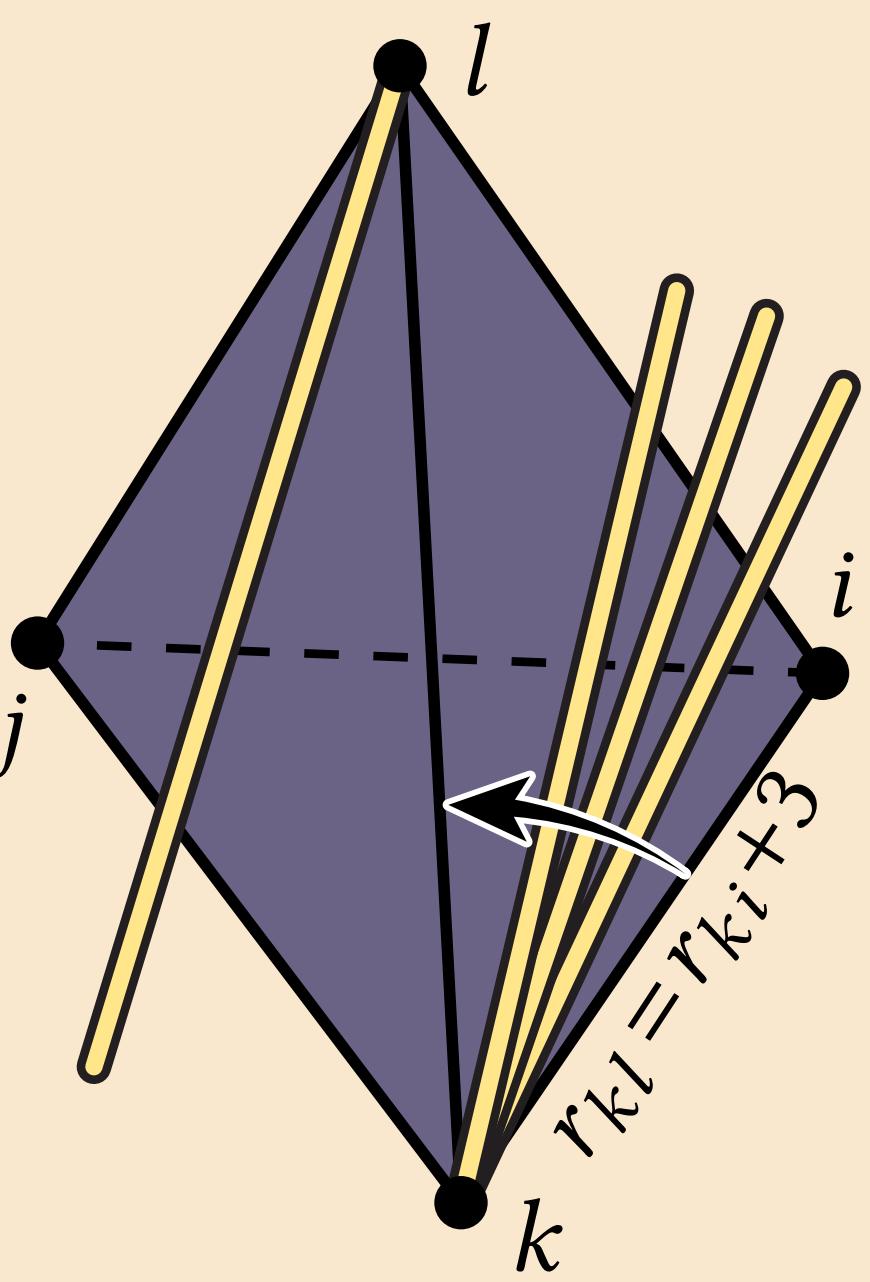
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## Normal Coordinates



Key takeaway:  
closed form flip formulas,  
independent of geometry

## Roundabouts



$$n_{kl} = c_l^{jk} + c_k^{ij} + \frac{1}{2} \left| c_j^{il} - c_j^{ki} \right| + \frac{1}{2} \left| c_i^{lj} - c_i^{jk} \right| - \frac{1}{2} e_l^{ji} - \frac{1}{2} e_k^{ij} + e_i^{lj} + e_i^{jk} + e_j^{il} + e_j^{ki} + n_{ij}^-$$

( general case )

where

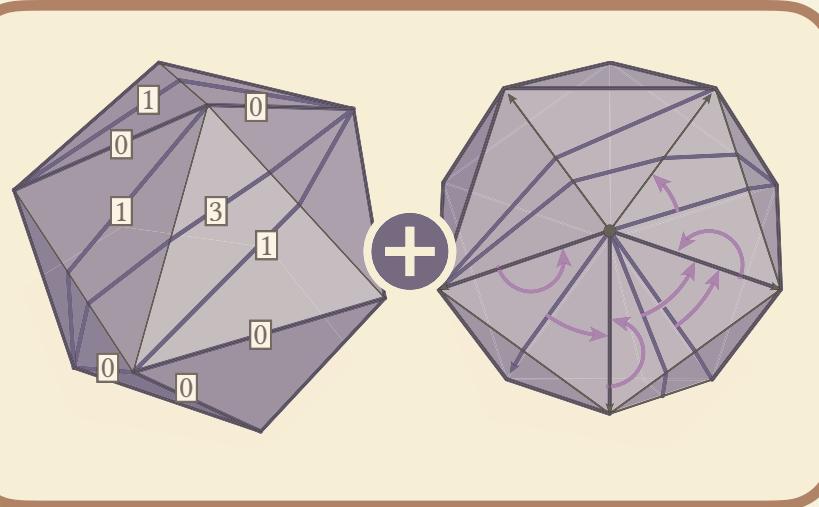
$$2c_k^{ij} := \max(0, n_{jk}^+ + n_{ki}^+ - n_{ij}^+) - e_i^{jk} - e_j^{ki}$$

$$e_k^{ij} := \max(0, n_{ij}^+ - n_{jk}^+ - n_{ki}^+)$$

$$r_{kl} = r_{ki} + n_{ki}^- + \max(0, n_{il}^+ - n_{lk}^+ - n_{ki}^+)$$

# Vertex insertion

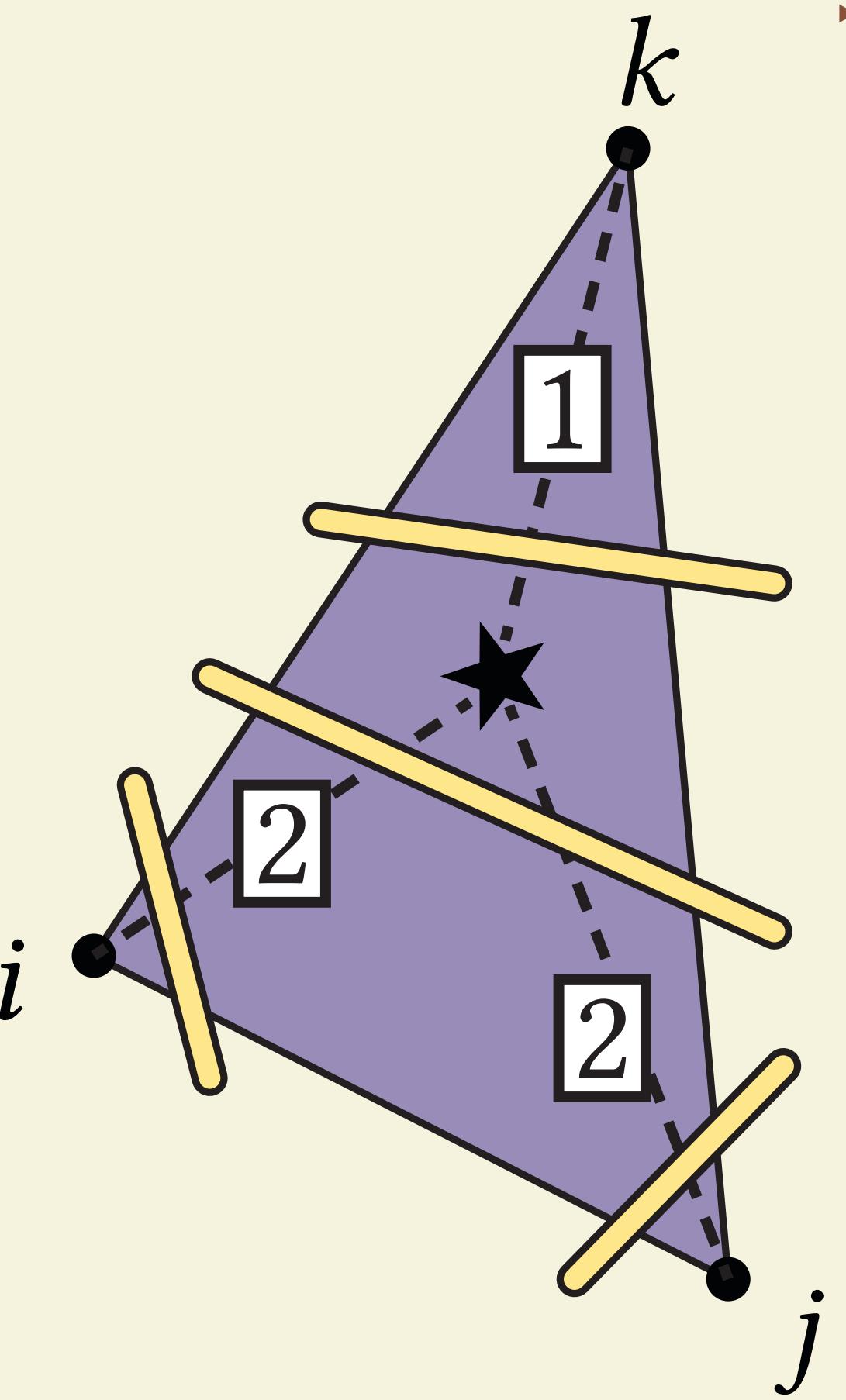
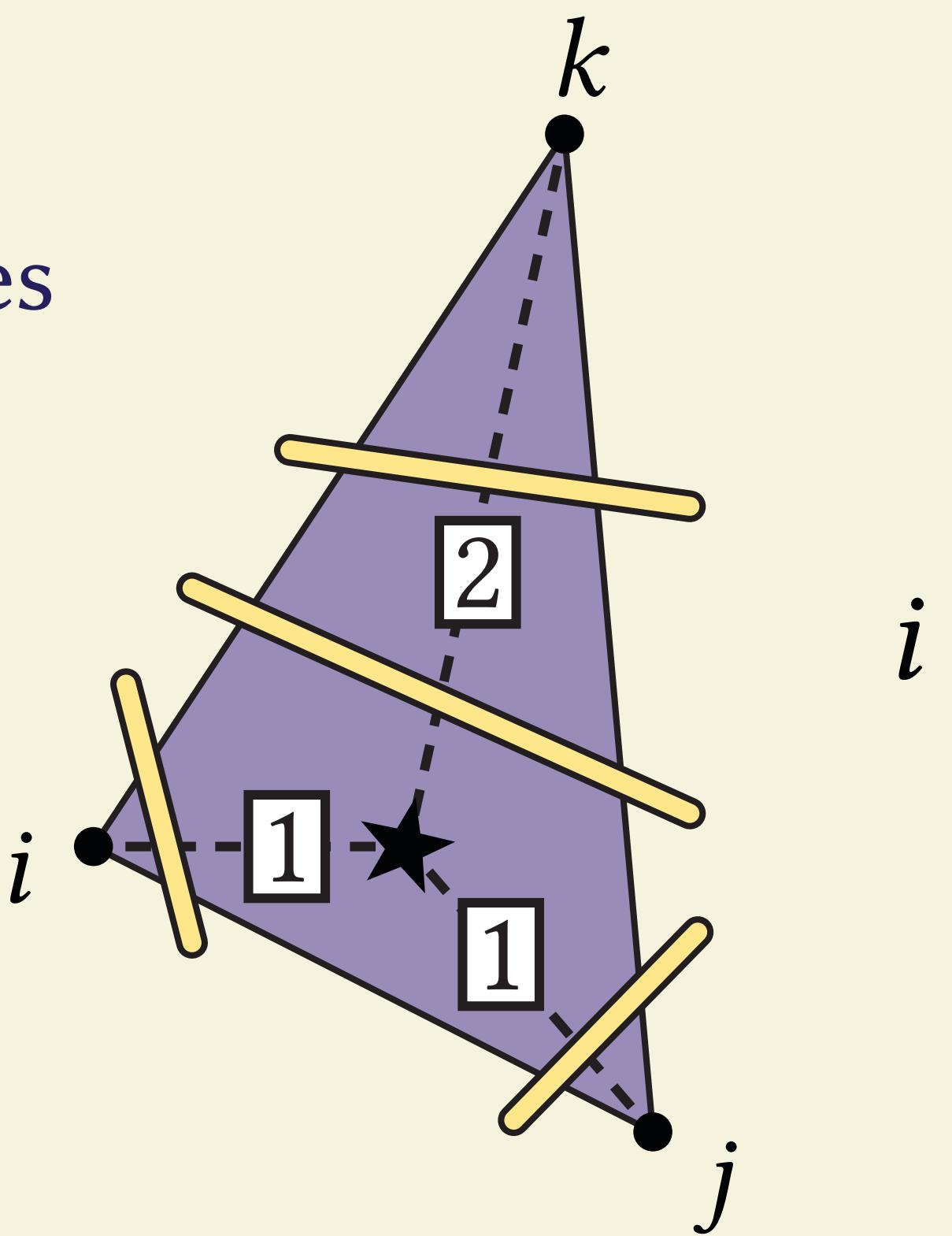
— edge  
— curve



II. Integer coordinates for intrinsic triangulations

► connectivity changes

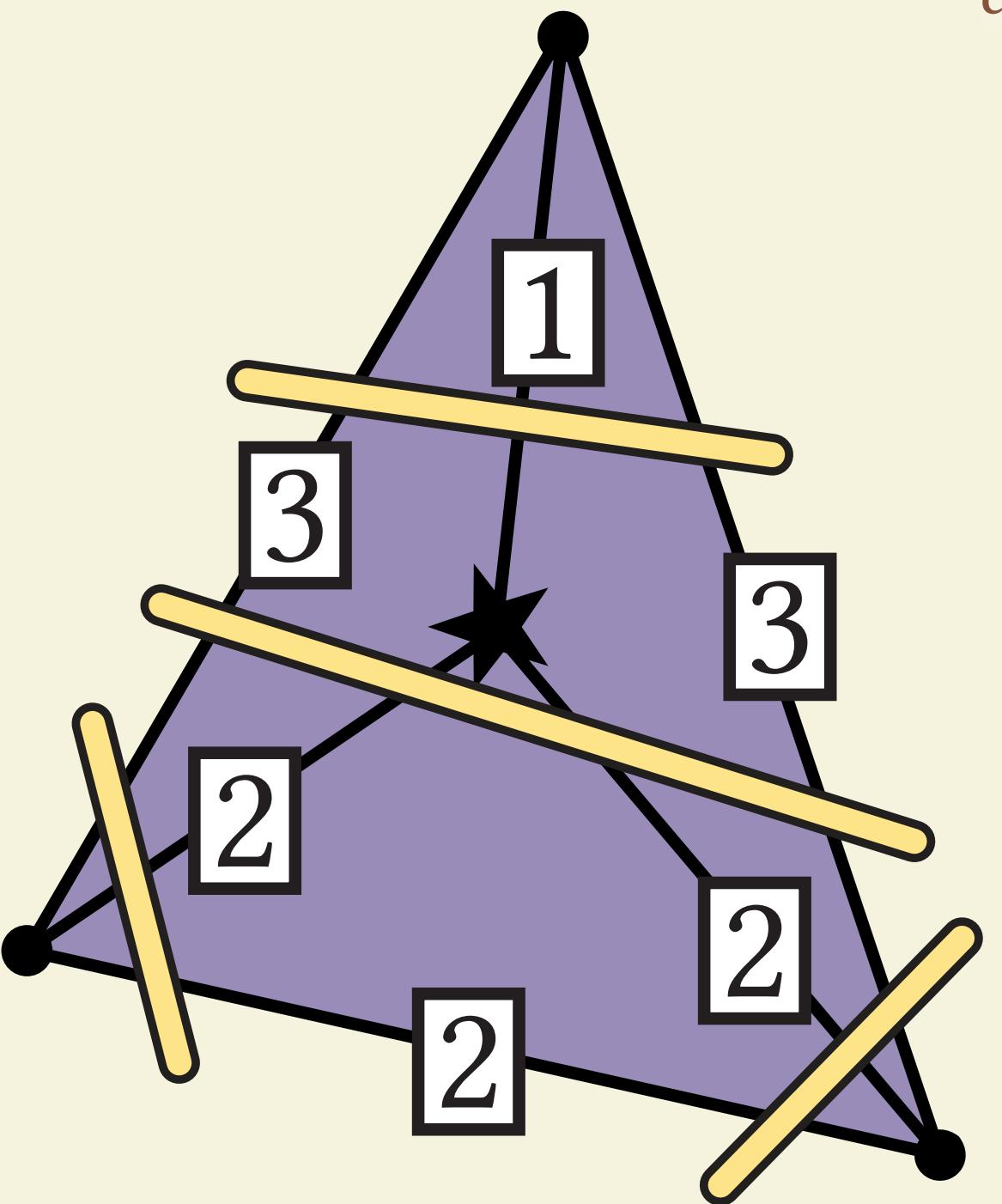
- Unlike classic normal coordinates, depends on geometry
- Not a computational challenge:
  1. Locate curves via normal coordinates
  2. Count intersections
  3. Update roundabouts



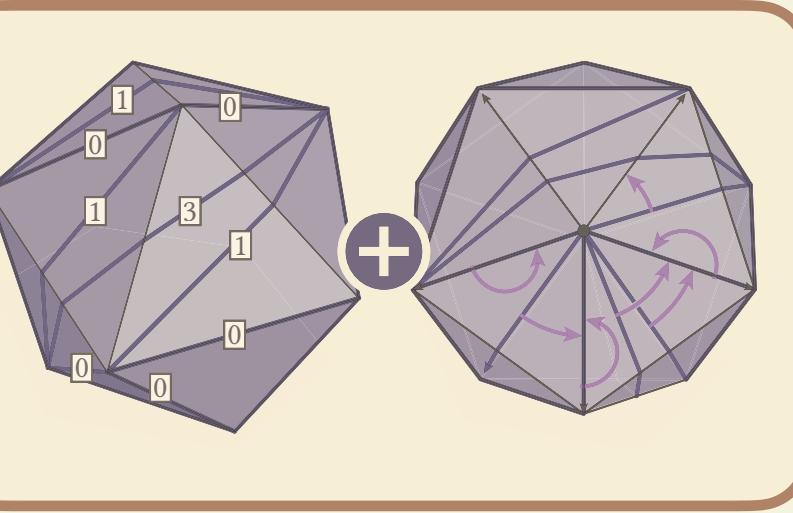
# Vertex removal

— edge  
— curve

- Only remove inserted vertices
- Strategy: reduce to degree-3 case

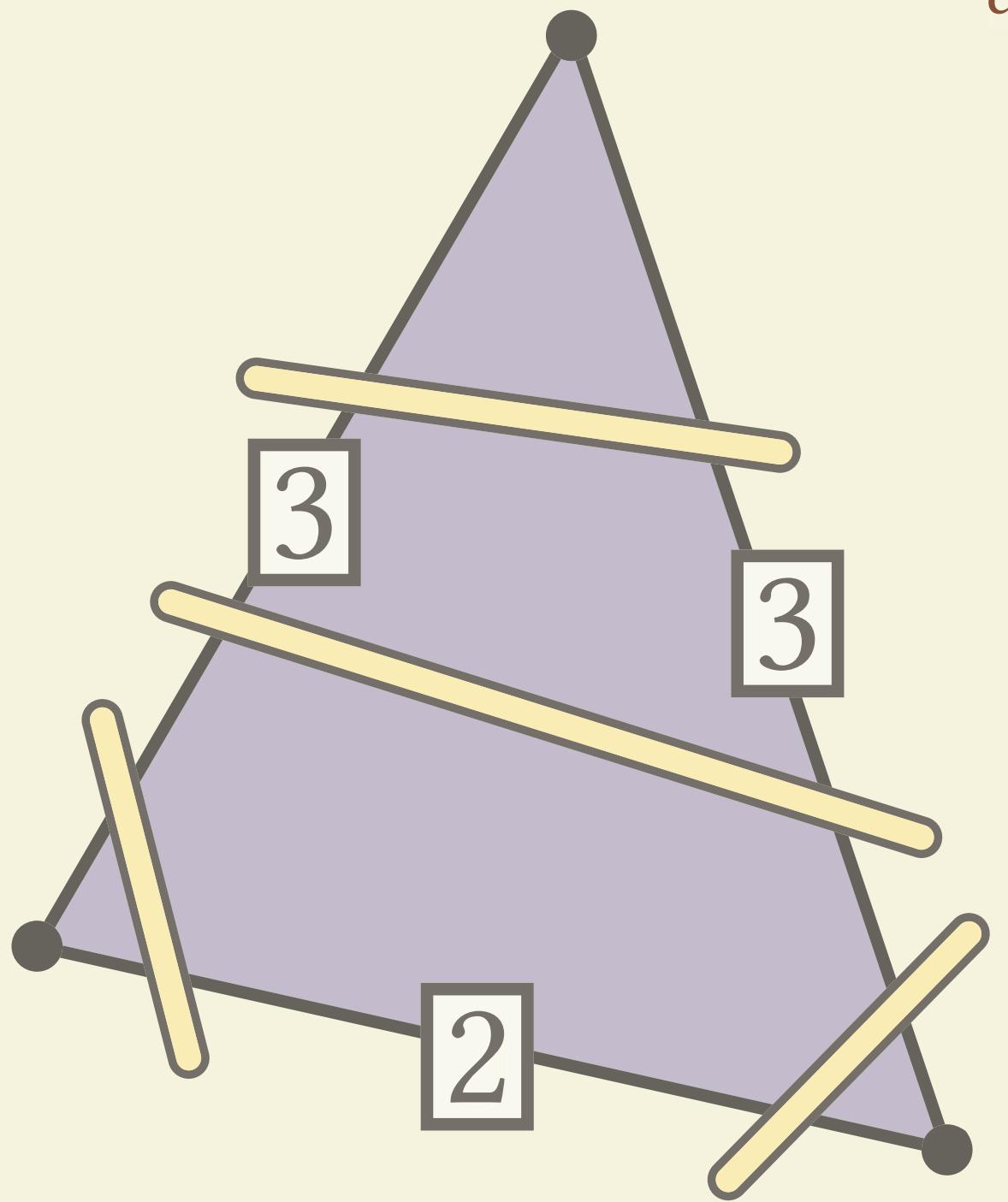
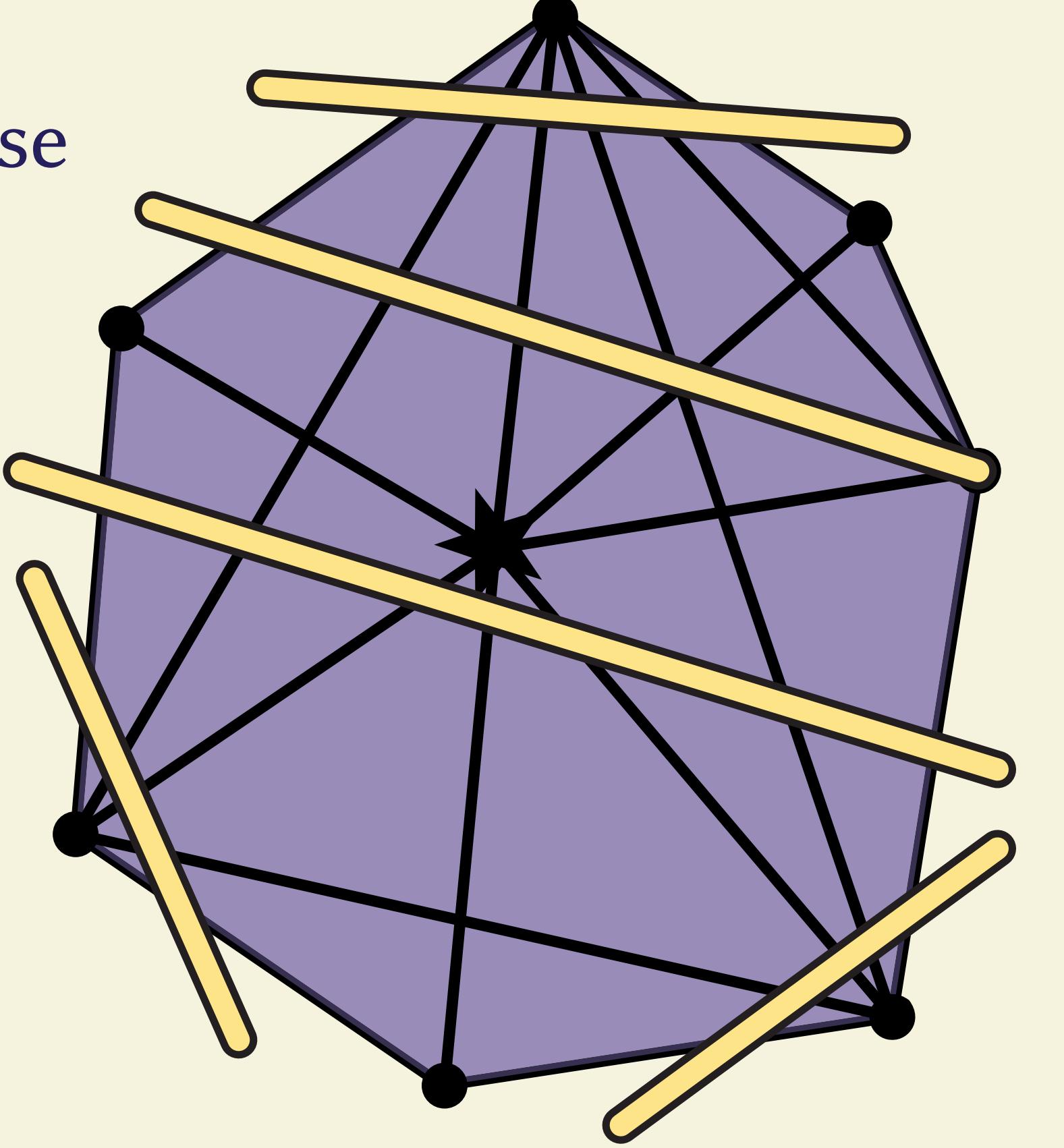


II. Integer coordinates for  
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► *connectivity  
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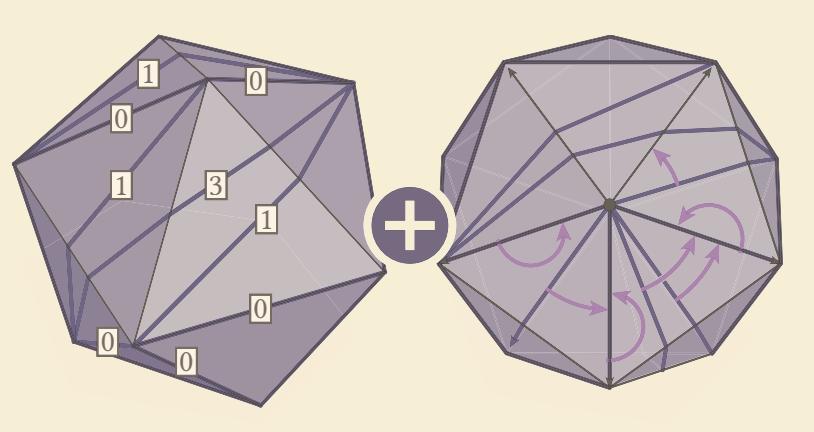


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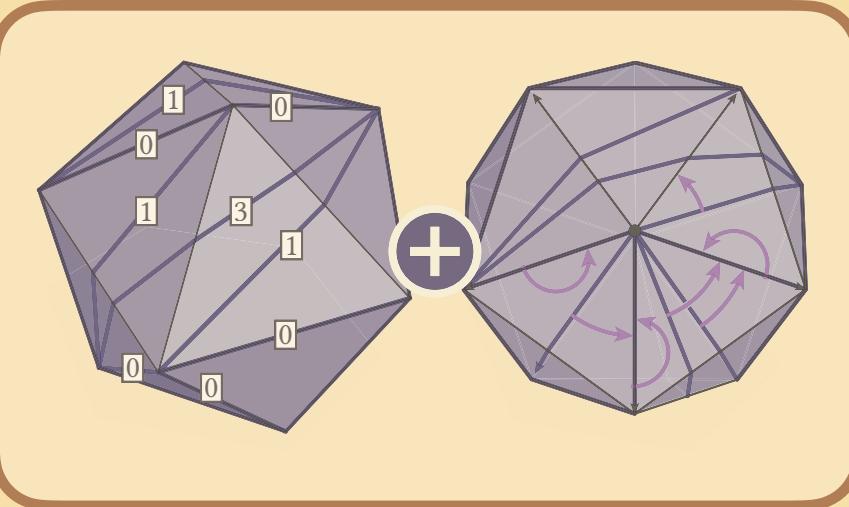
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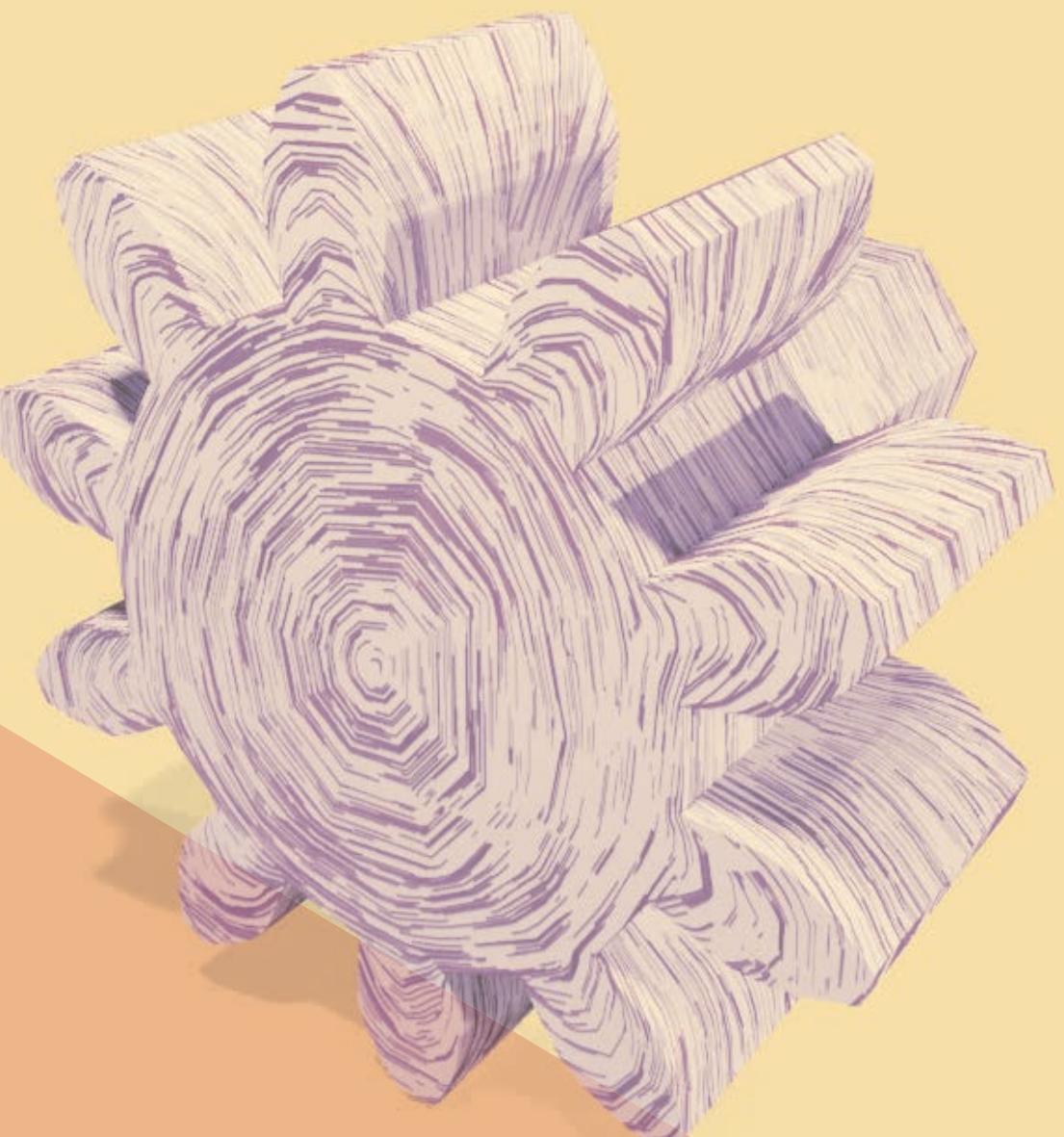
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# Applications

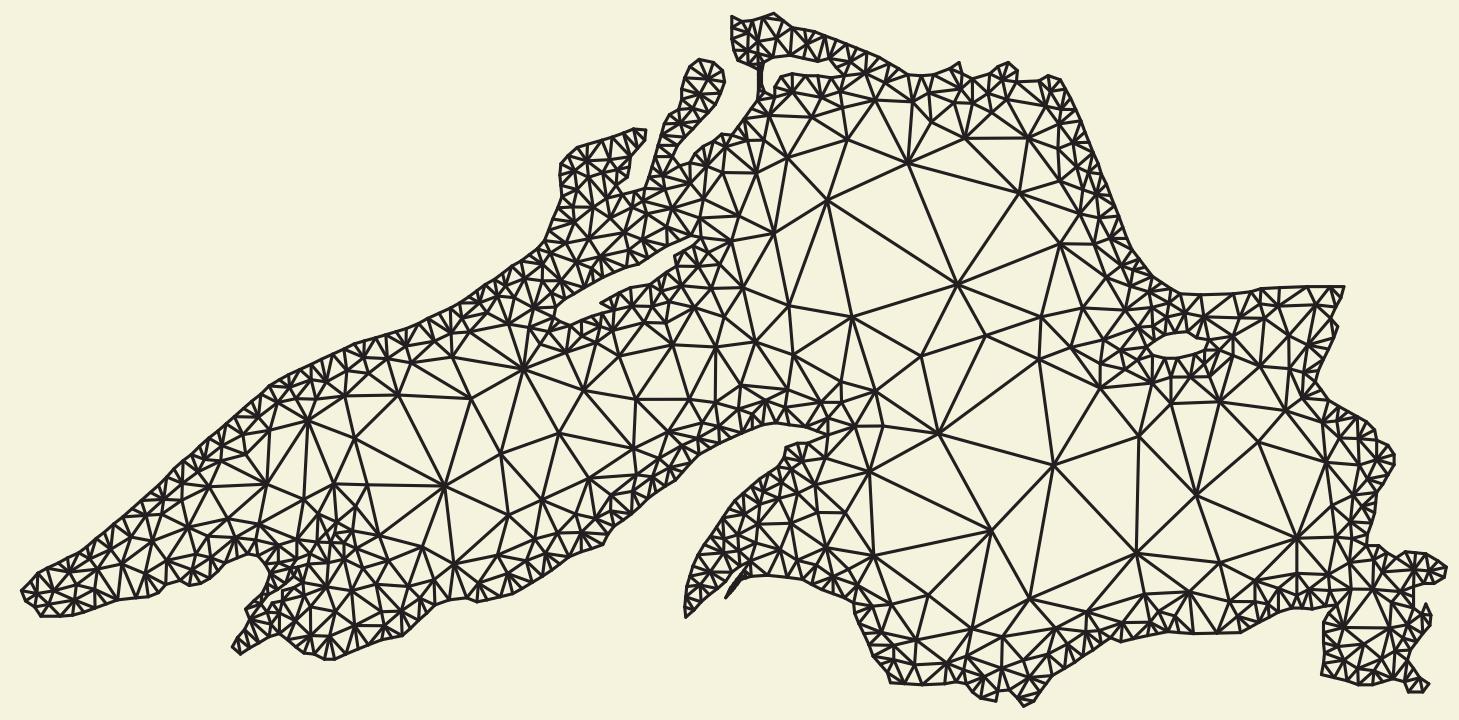


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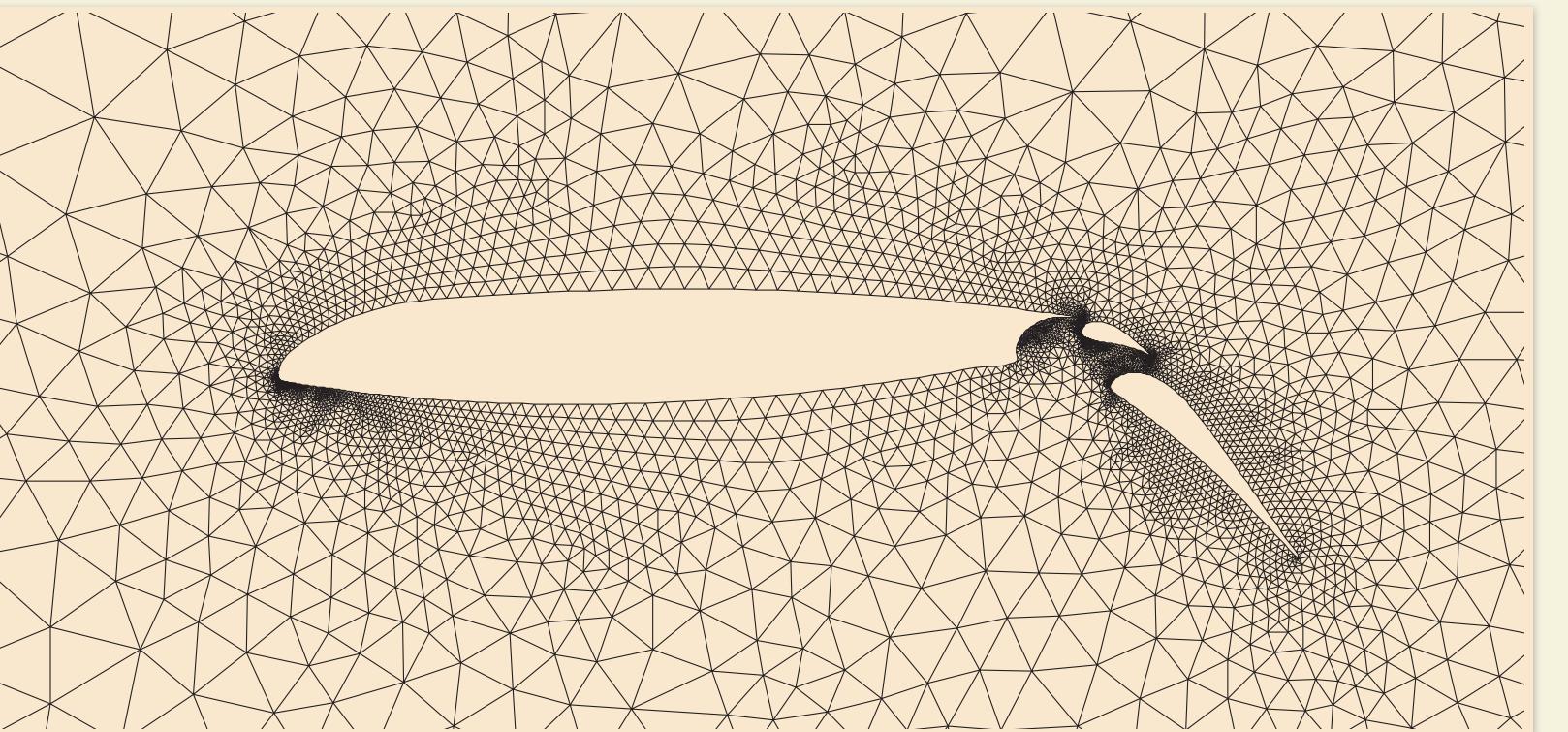


# Delaunay refinement for planar meshing

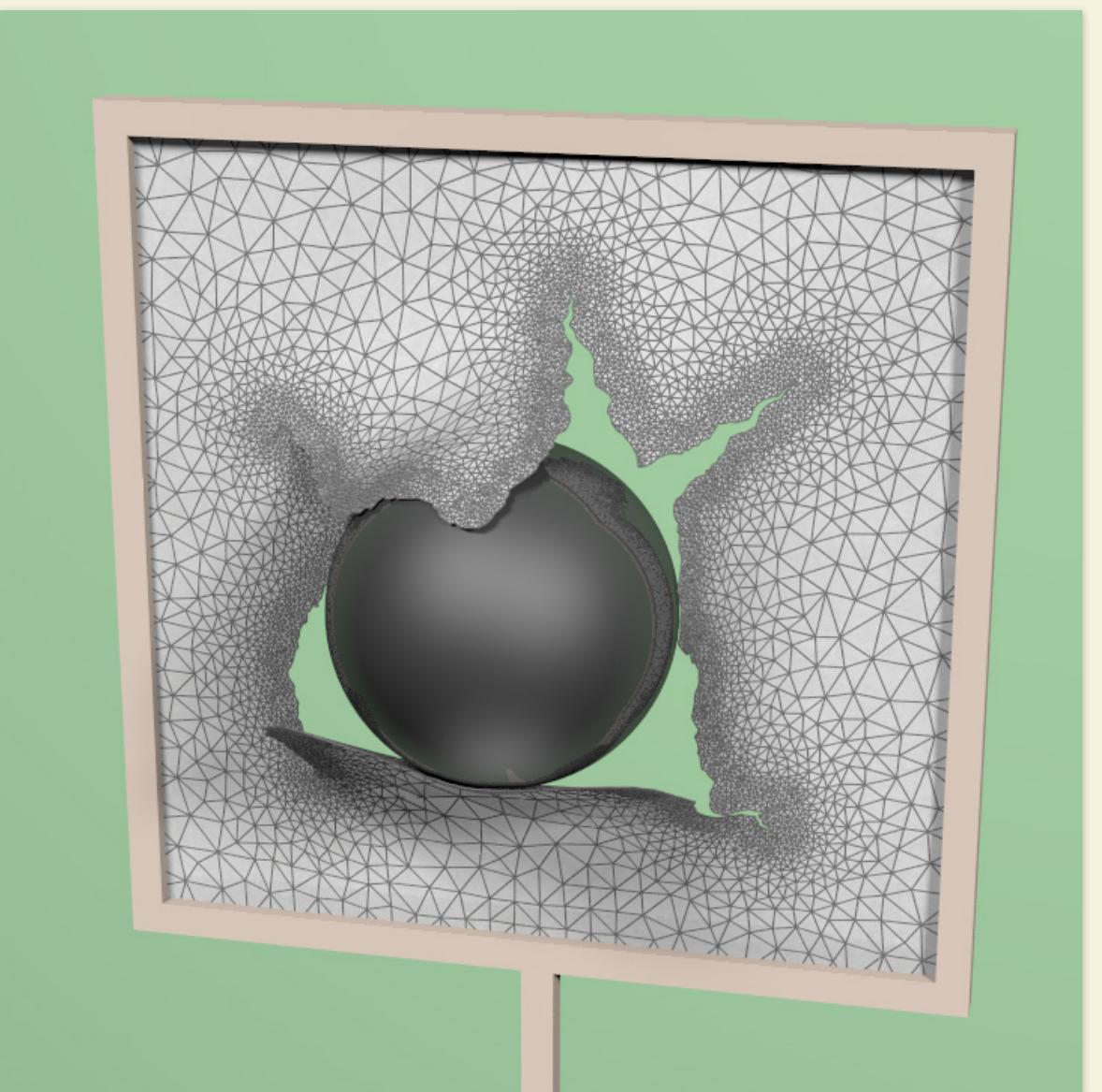
- Crucial tool in 2D - remesh with guaranteed quality bounds  
[Chew 1993; Shewchuk 1997]



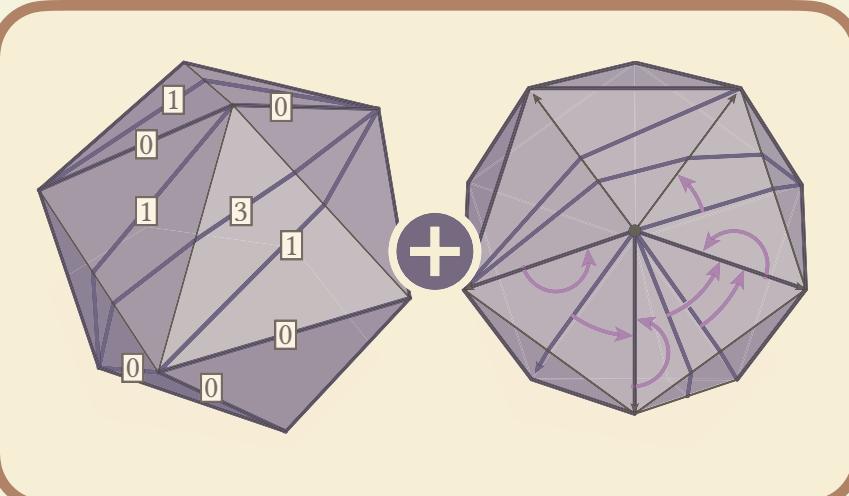
[Shewchuk 1997]



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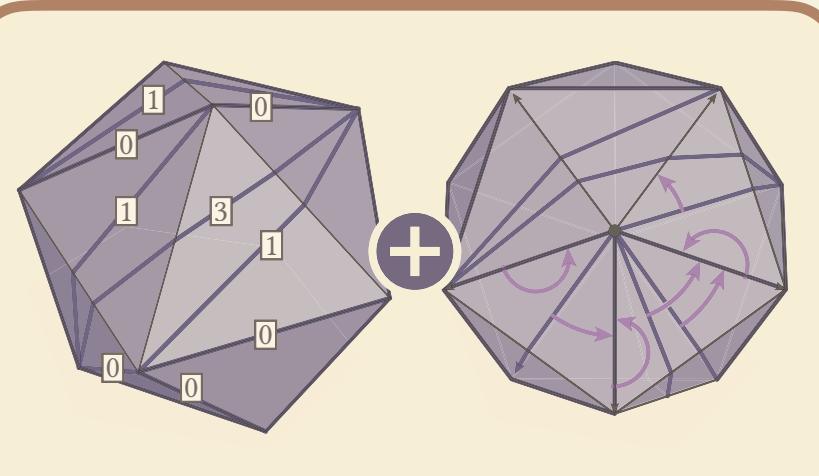


[Busaryev+ 2013]



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# Intrinsic Delaunay refinement

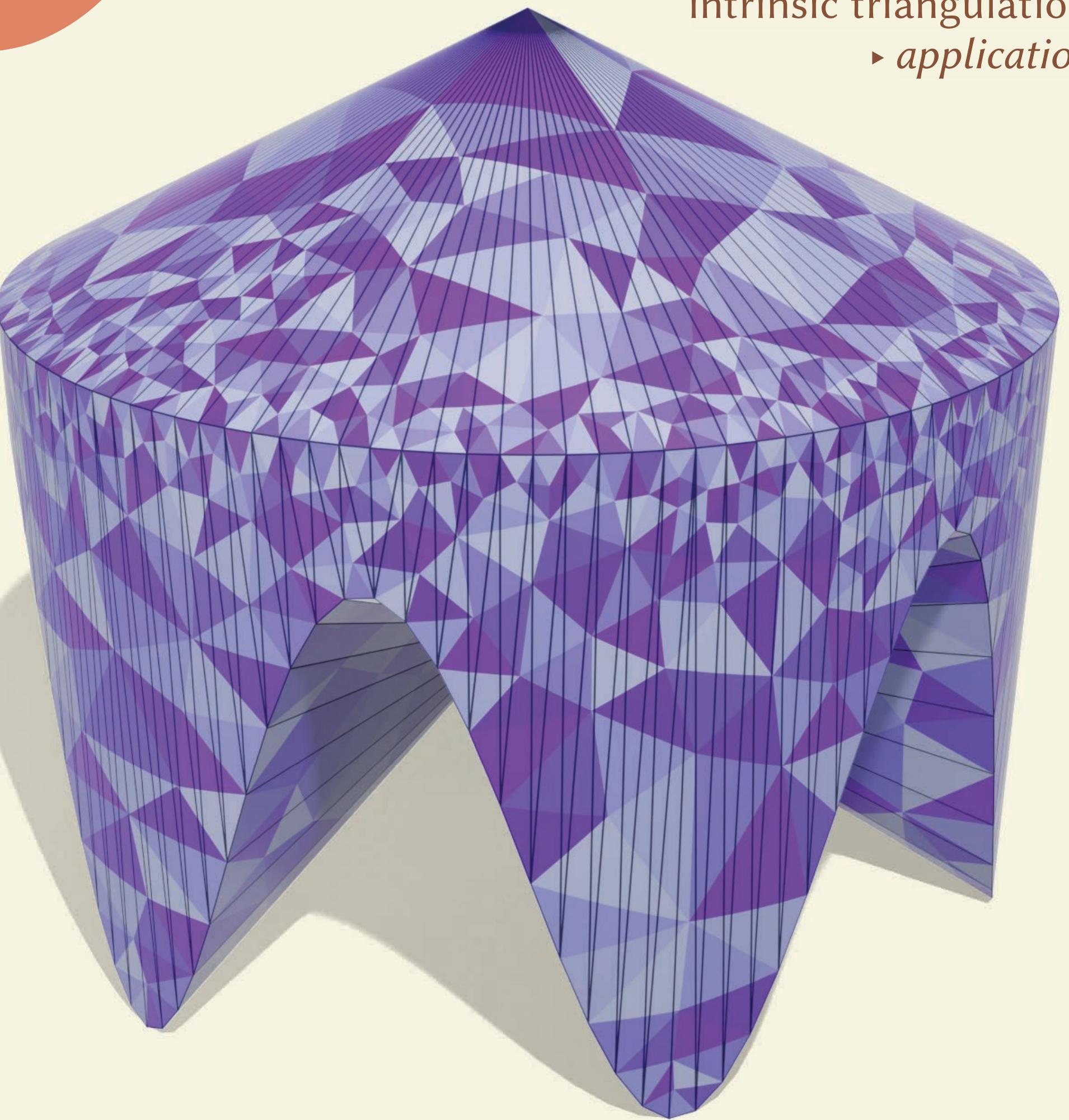
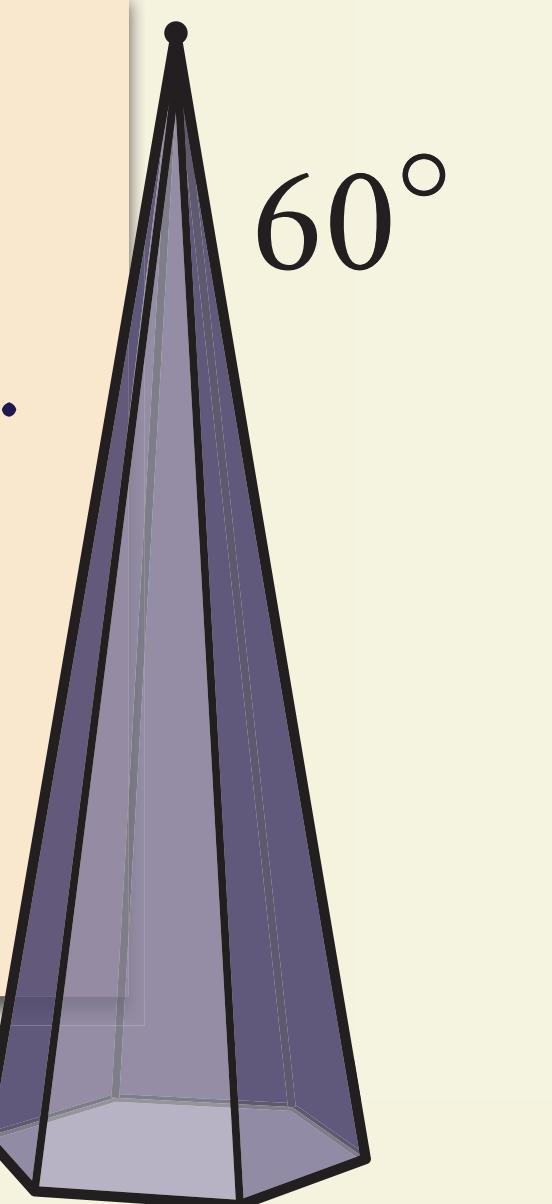


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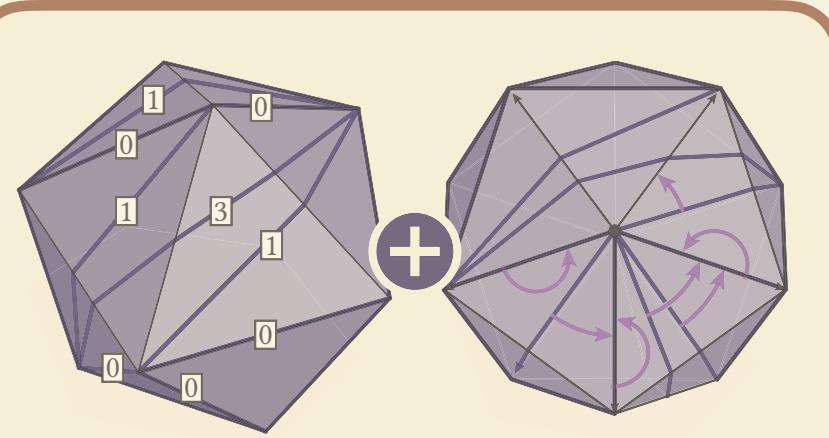
- Intrinsic retriangulation algorithm proposed by [Sharp, Soliman & Crane 2019]

## Theorem [G., Sharp & Crane 2021]

Let  $M$  be a mesh without boundary whose cone angles are all at least  $60^\circ$ . Then intrinsic Delaunay refinement produces a Delaunay mesh with triangle corner angles at least  $30^\circ$



# Common subdivisions of intrinsic Delaunay refinements



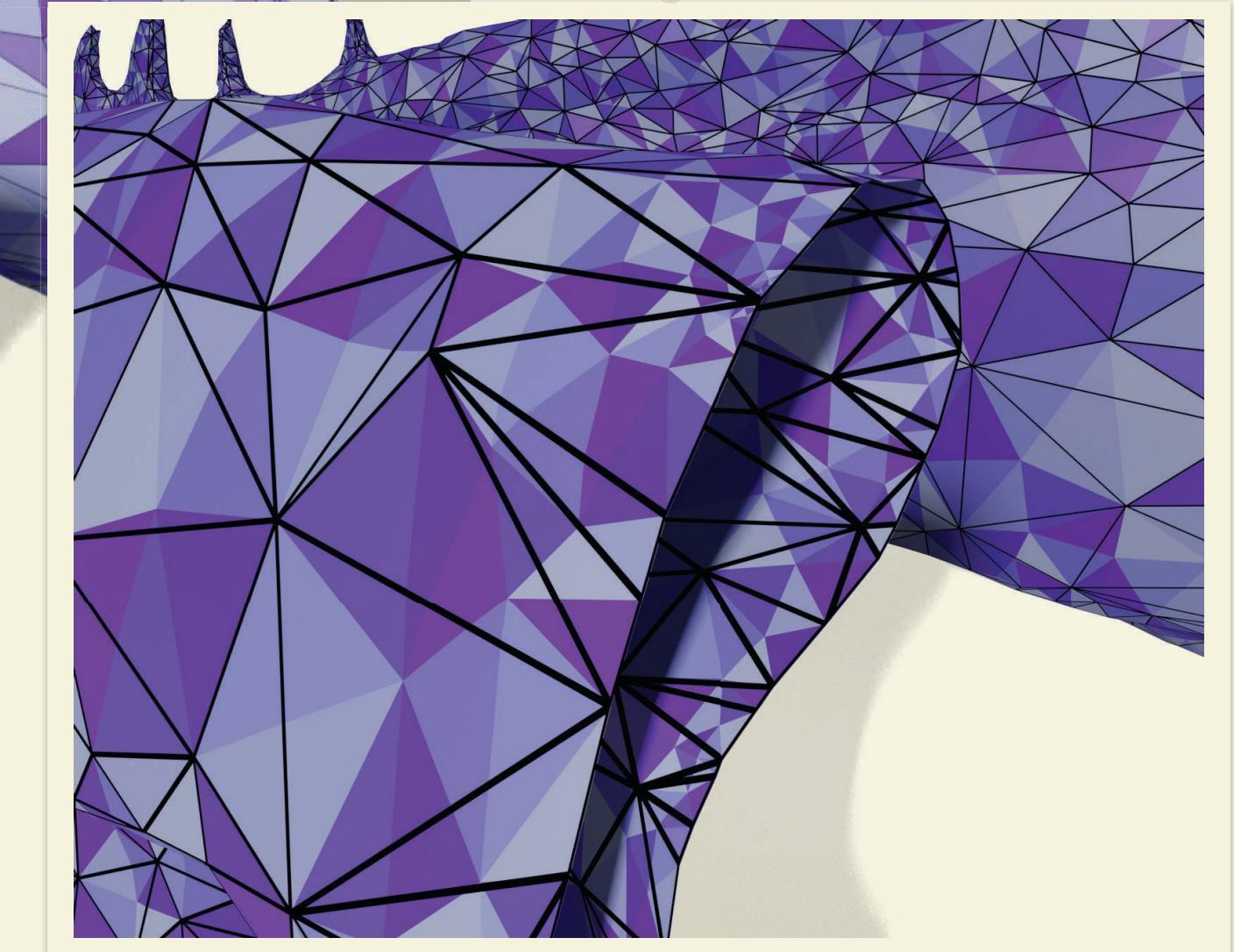
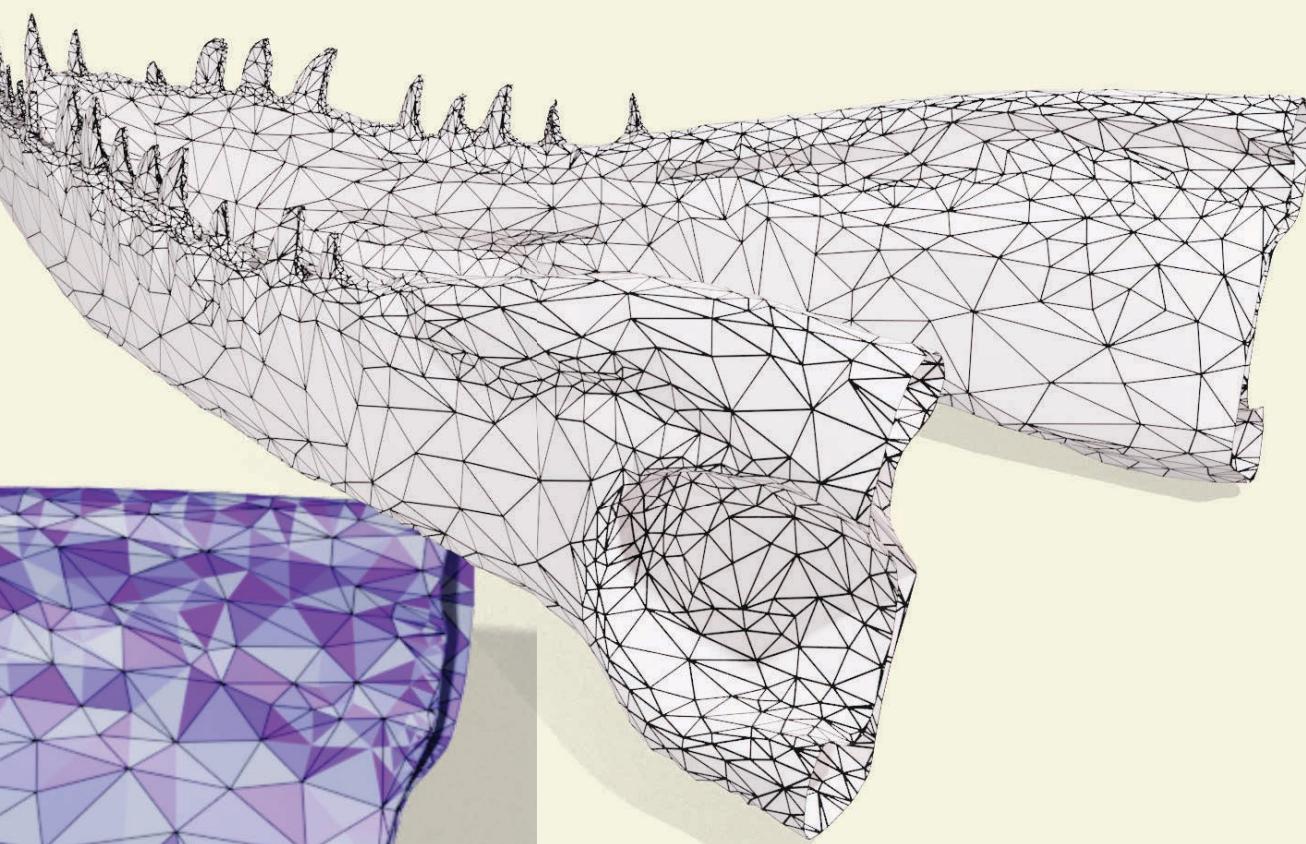
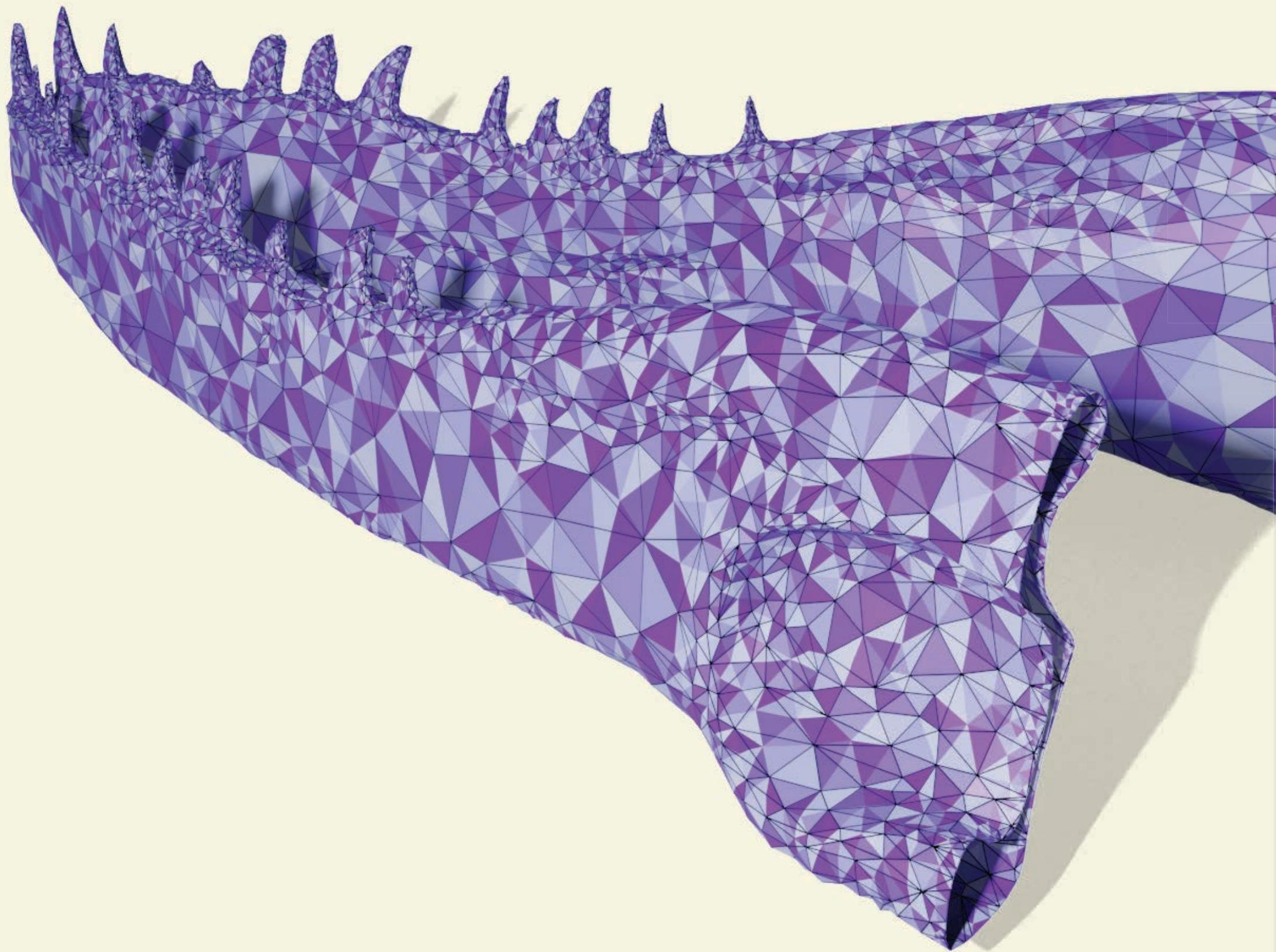
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- Integer coordinates can be crucial to recovering the common subdivision



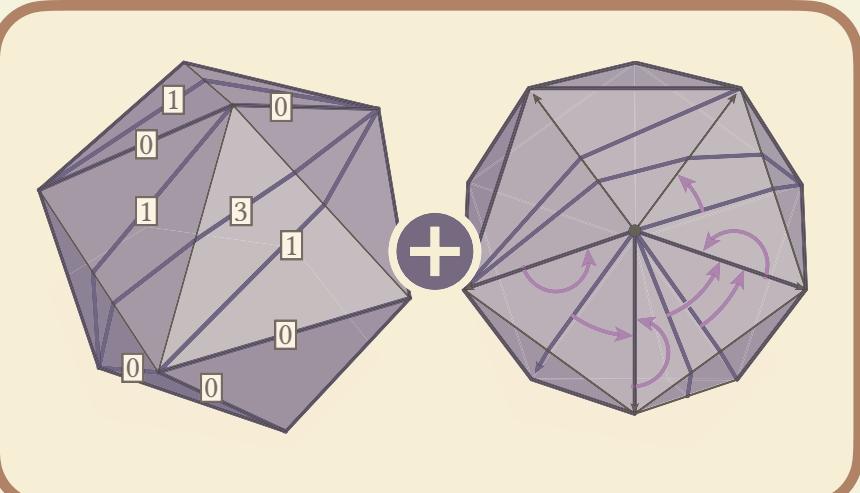
# Intrinsic Delaunay refinement of meshes with boundary

- Extend algorithm to meshes with boundary



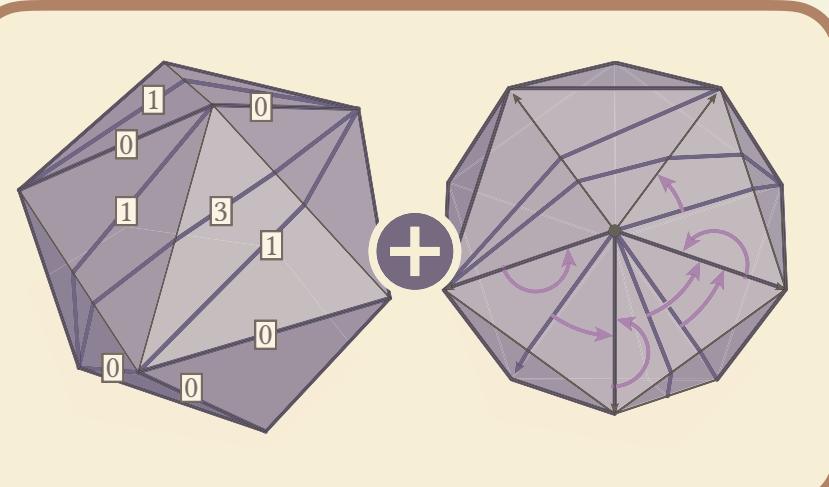
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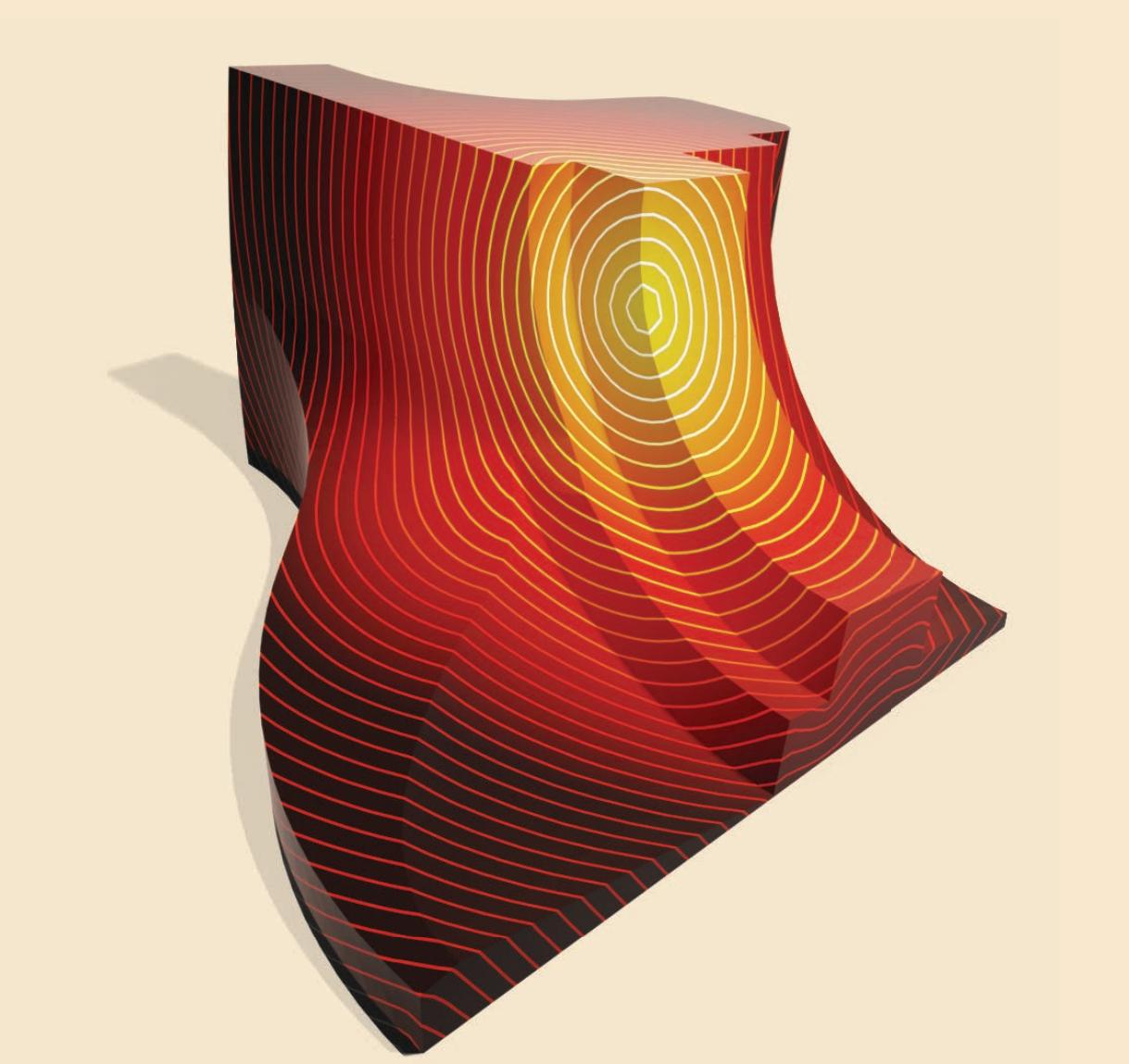
# Intrinsic Delaunay refinement — validation

- Compute refinements & common subdivisions for Thingi10k dataset [Zhou & Jacobson 2016]
  - 7696 manifold meshes
  - < 1s on most meshes; only took > 1m on 6 meshes
  - 100% success rate for refinement & common subdivision
    - [Sharp, Soliman & Crane 2019] succeed on only 69.1% of meshes



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# Application: PDE-Based Geometry Processing



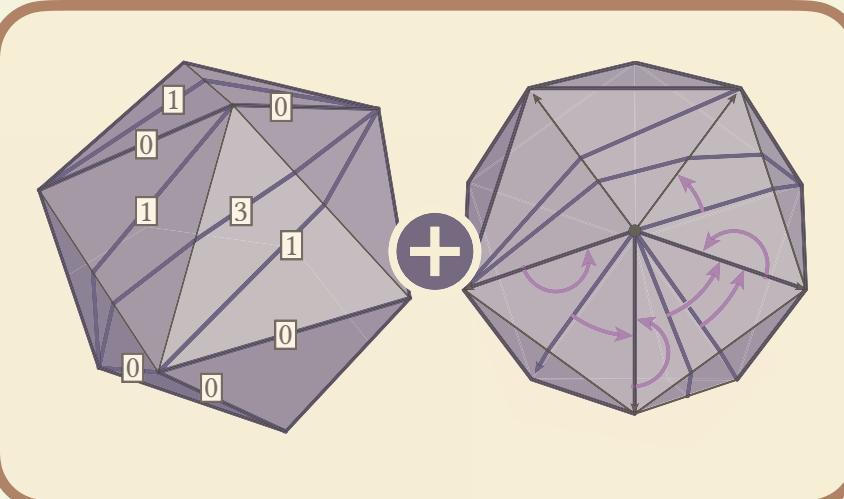
heat method for  
geodesic distance  
[Crane, Weischedel  
& Wardetzky 2013]



mean error: 28%  
result on input  
mesh



mean error: 2%  
result on  
Delaunay  
refinement



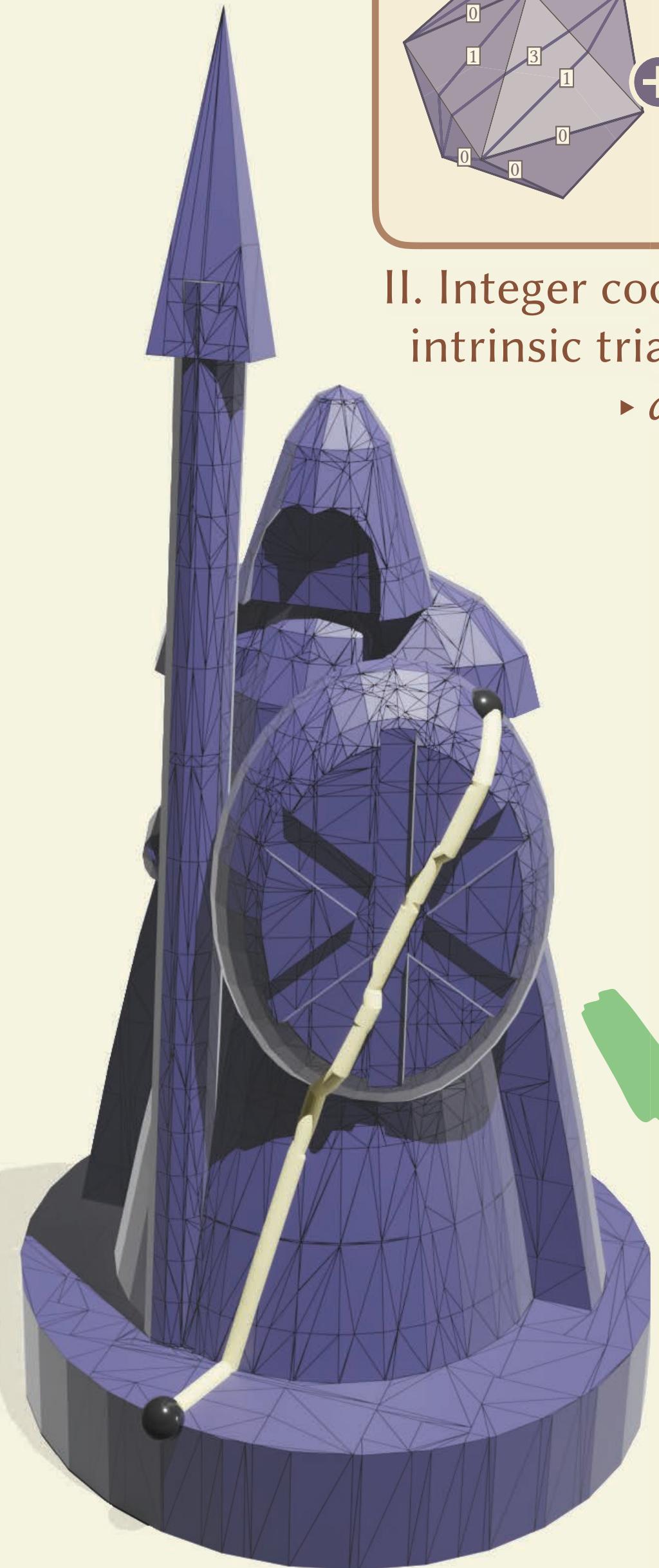
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# Application: Flip-Based Geodesic Paths

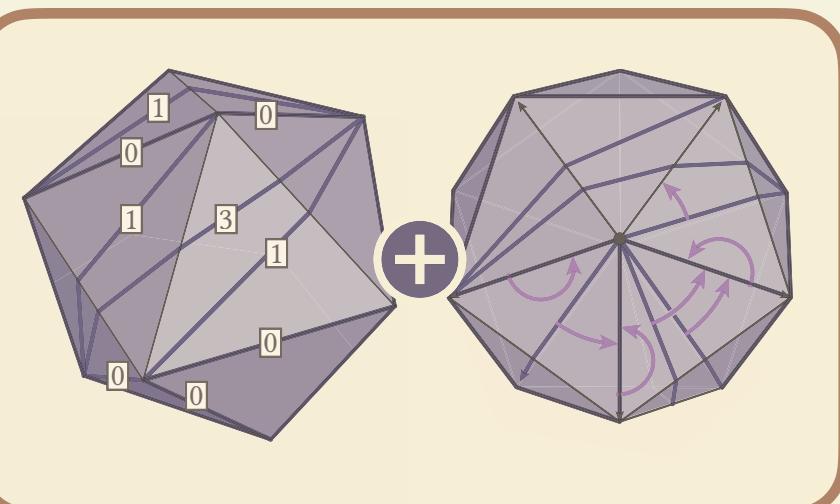
- FlipOut [Sharp & Crane 2020]:
  - ▶ computes geodesic paths via edge flips



[Sharp, Soliman & Crane 2019]

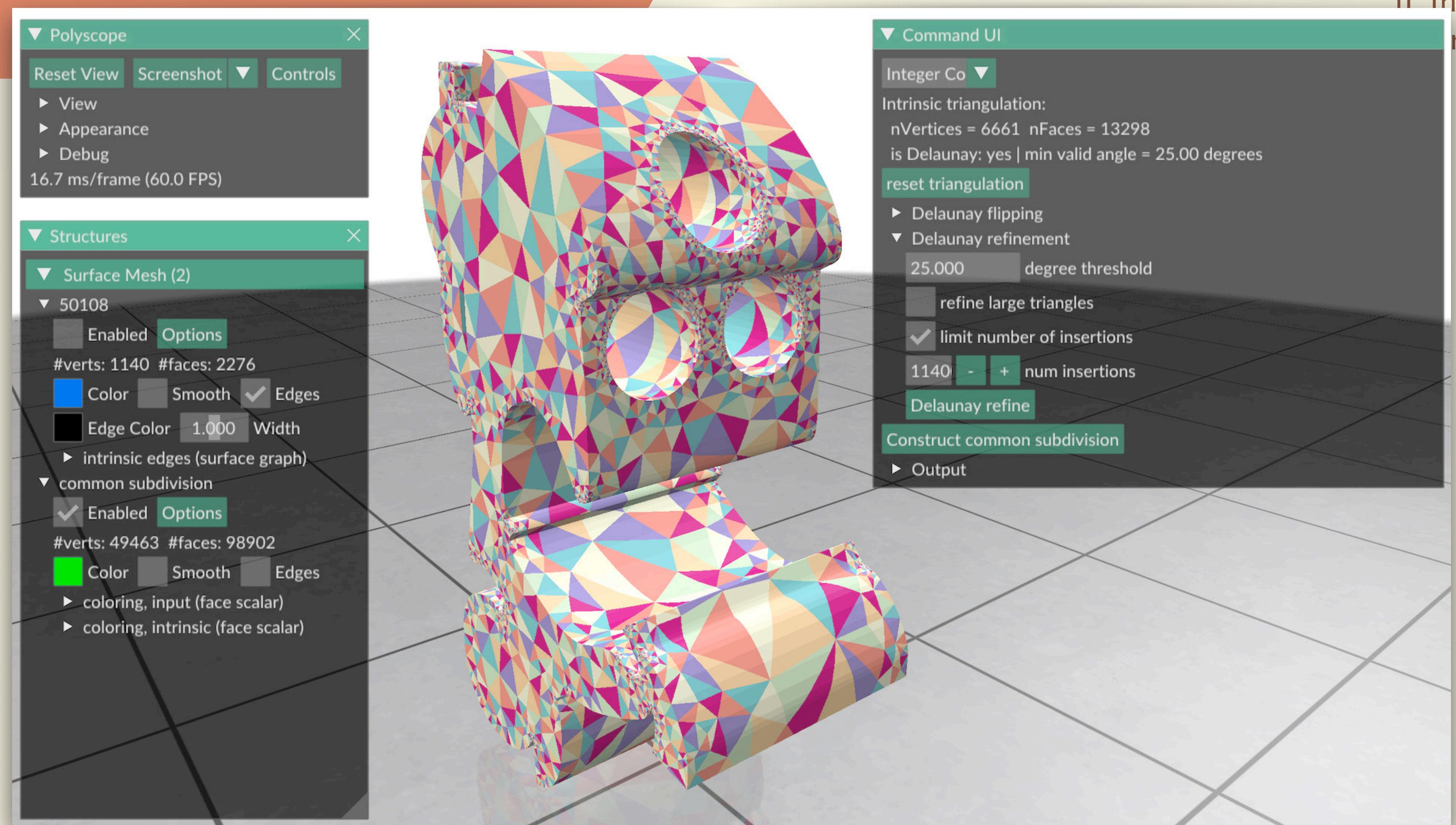


[Integer coordinates]

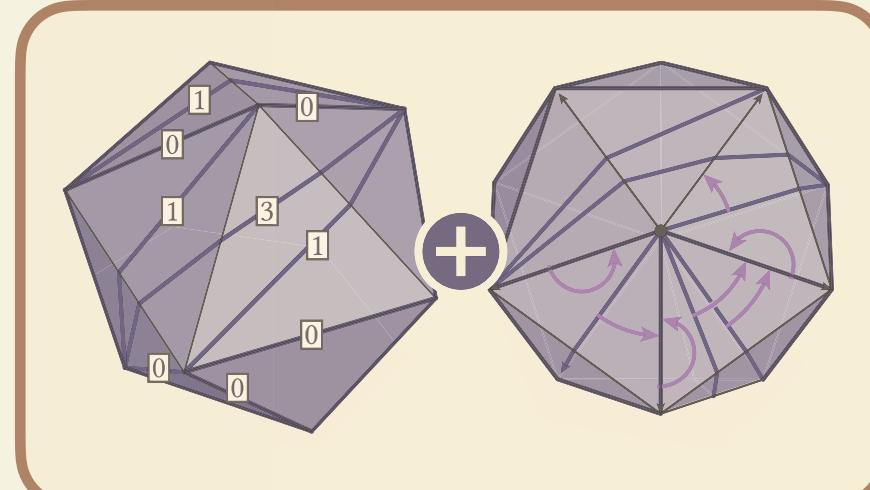


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# Try it out yourself

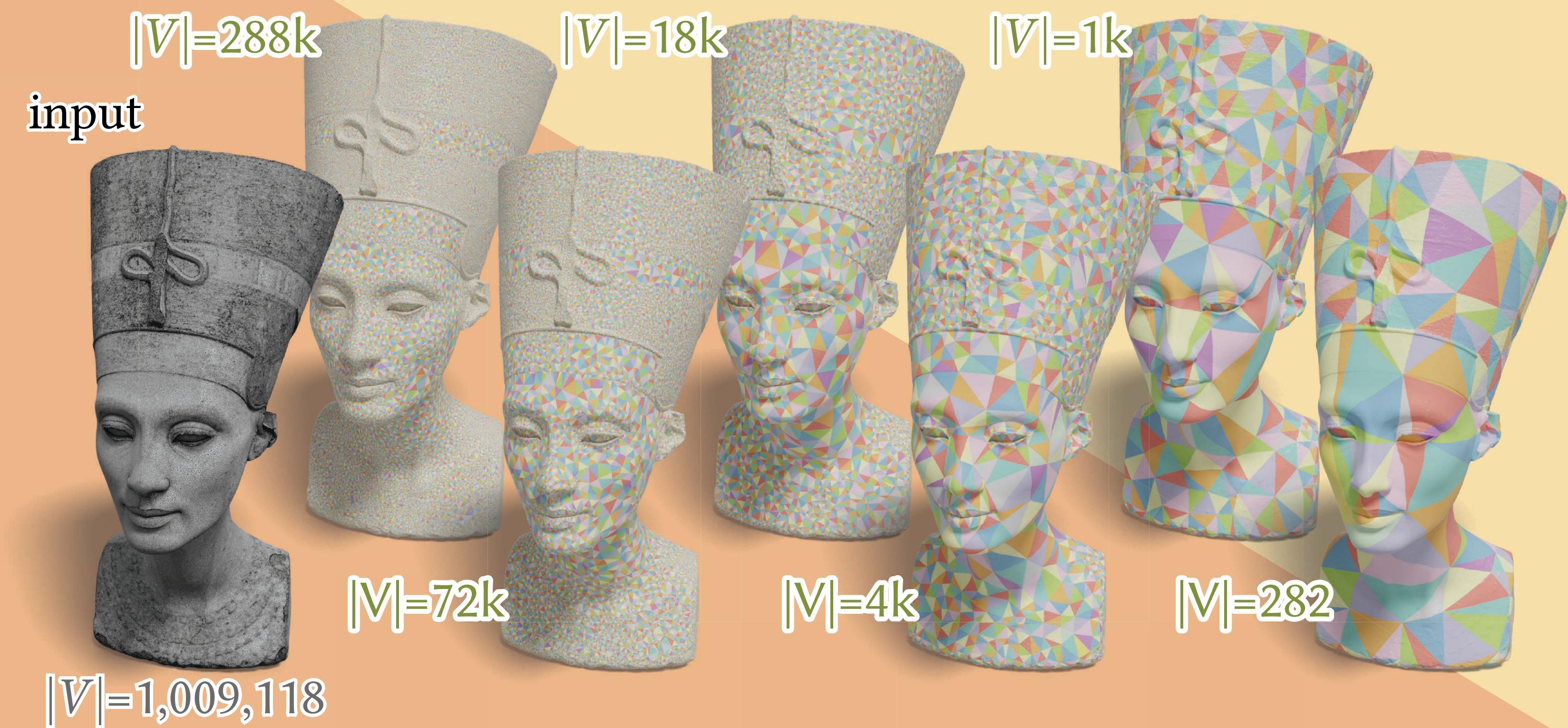


II Integer coordinates for  
intrinsic triangulations



<https://github.com/MarkGillespie/intrinsic-triangulations-demo>

# III. Simplifying Intrinsic Triangulations



[ Liu, G., Chislett, Sharp, Jacobson, & Crane. 2023. Surface Simplification using Intrinsic Error Metrics. *ACM Transactions on Graphics* ]

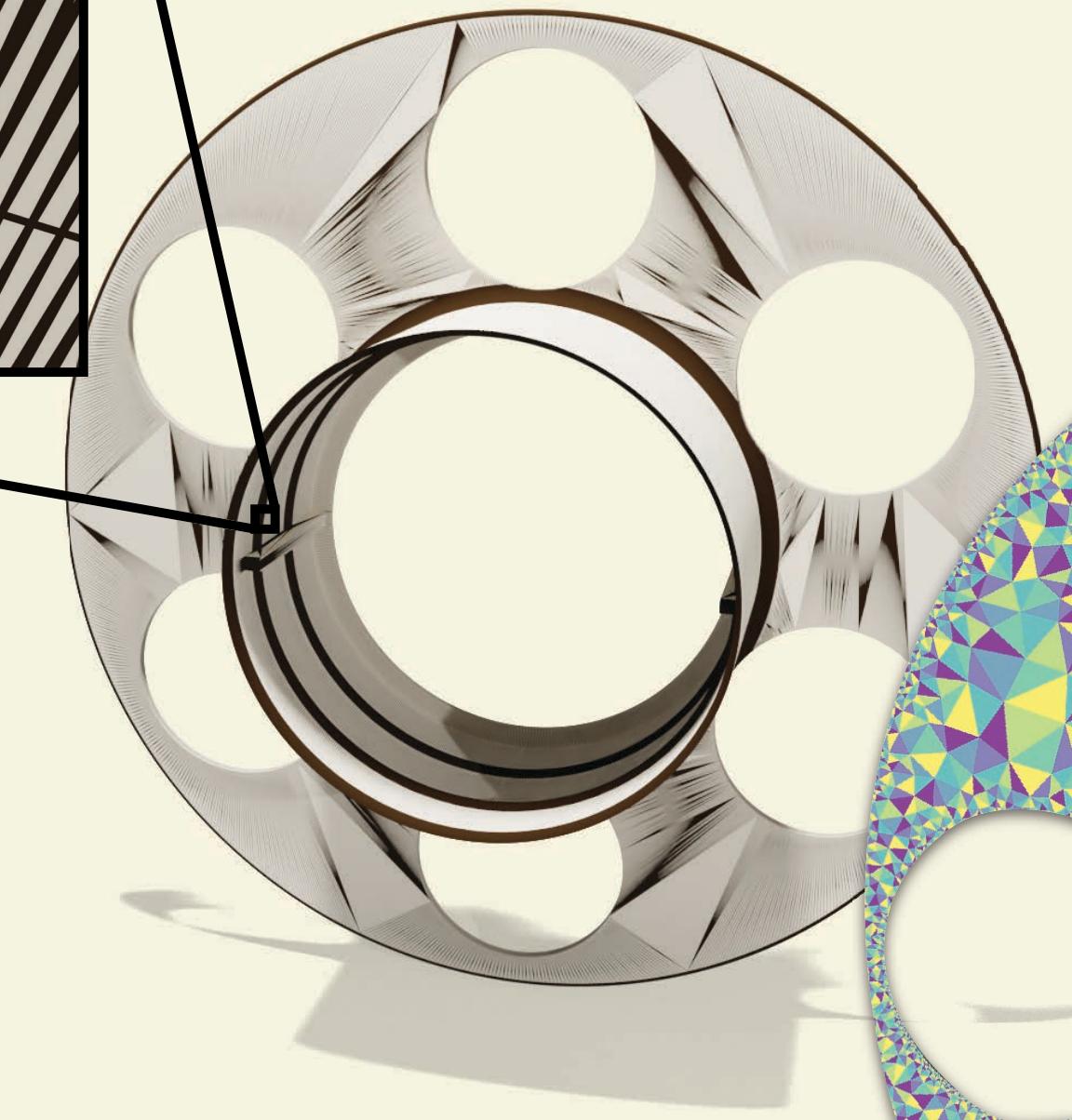
# Exact geometry preservation: a blessing and a curse



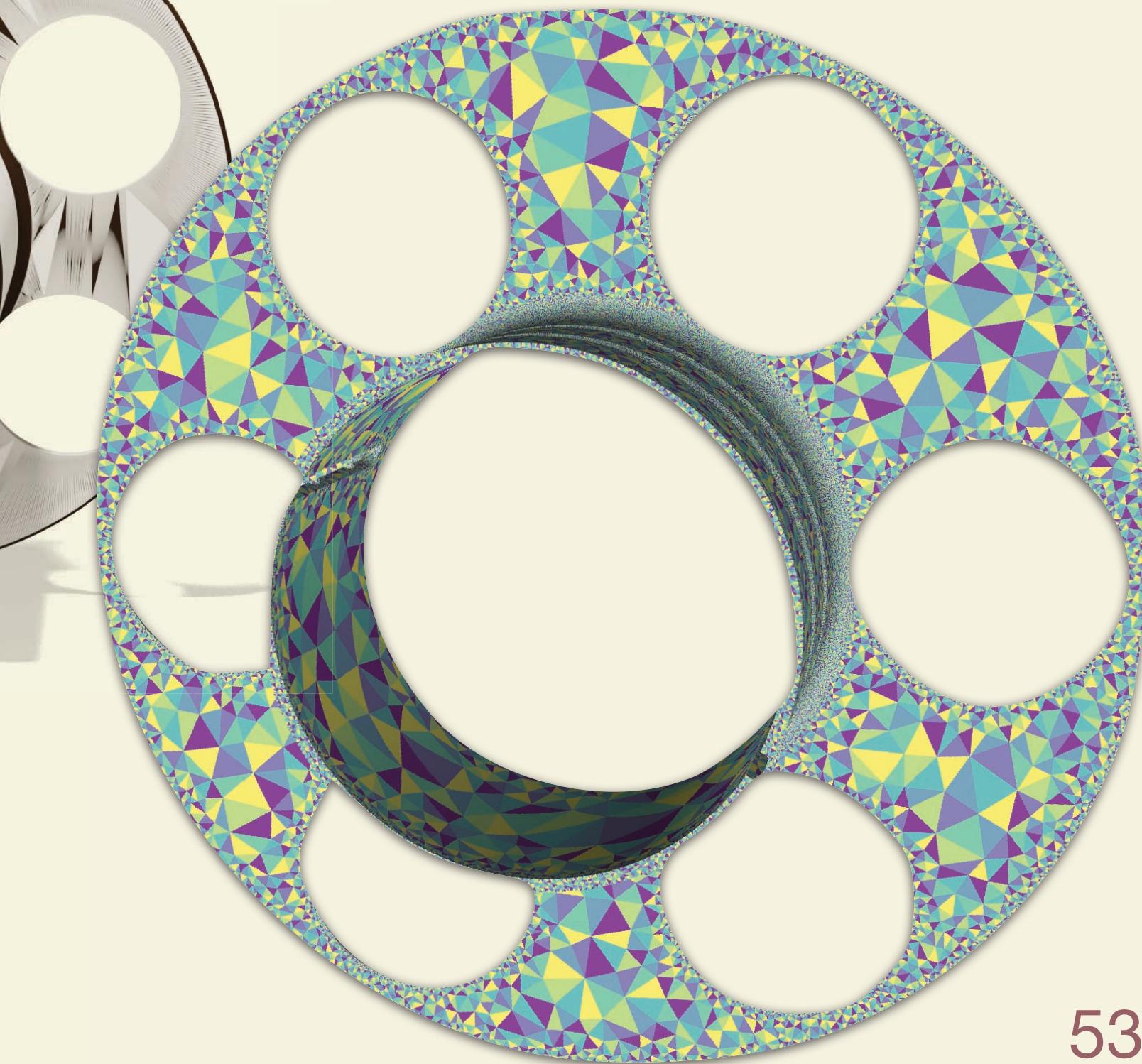
mean error: 2%



$|V|=871,434$



$|V| \sim 27,000,000$



III. Intrinsic simplification  
► motivation

# Coarse meshes can be perfectly adequate



$|V| = 250k$



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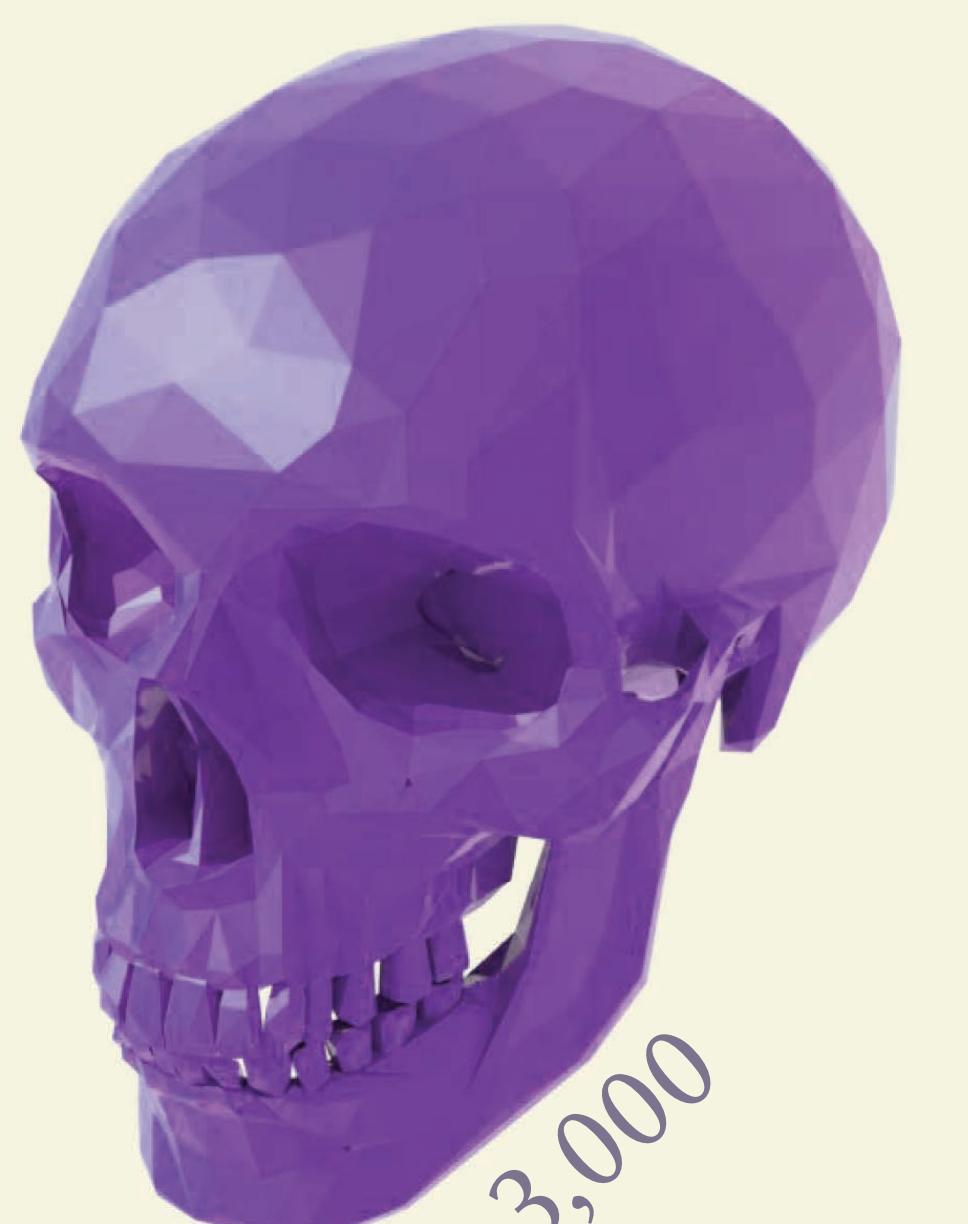


# Traditional goal: *extrinsic* simplification

- Find a coarse mesh close in space to the original
  - Often designed to optimize for visual fidelity



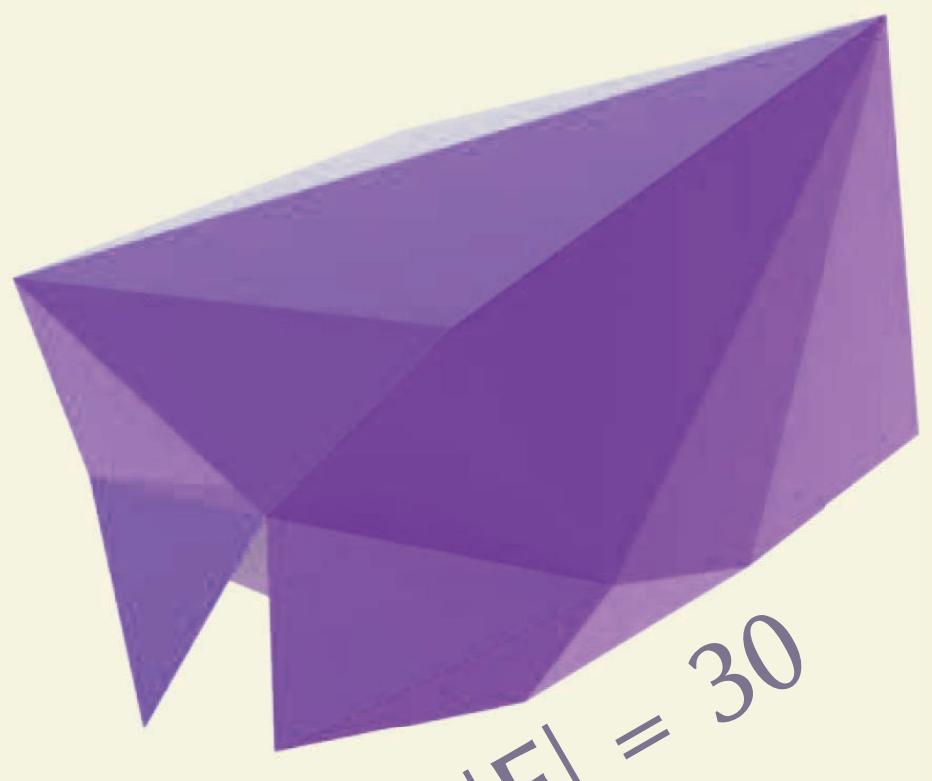
$|F| = 30,000$



$|F| = 3,000$



$|F| = 300$



$|F| = 30$



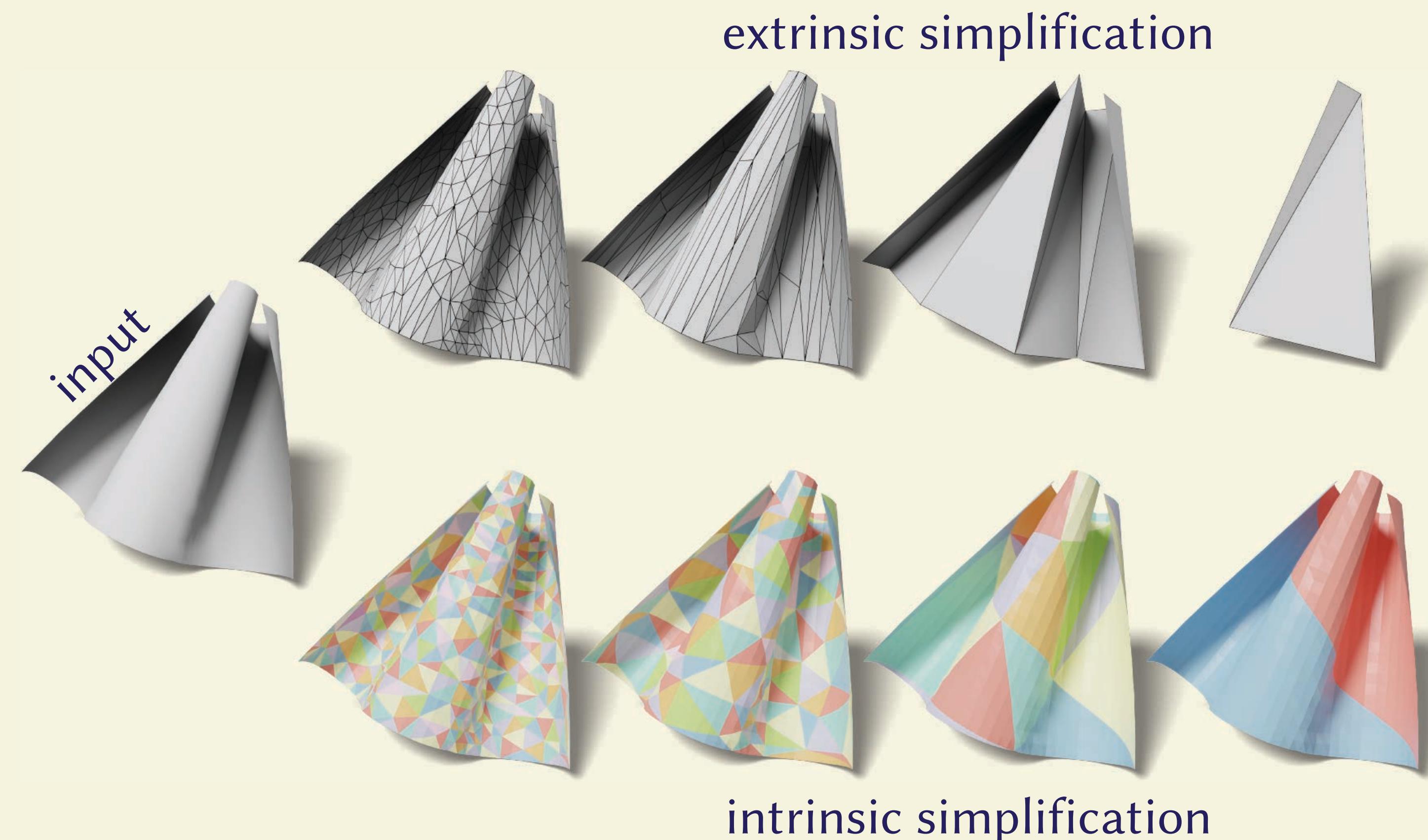
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# Intrinsic problems benefit from intrinsic simplification

- Extrinsic methods preserve irrelevant extrinsic details
- Intrinsic approach opens up a larger space of triangulations
- Extreme example: near-developable surfaces



III. Intrinsic simplification  
► motivation



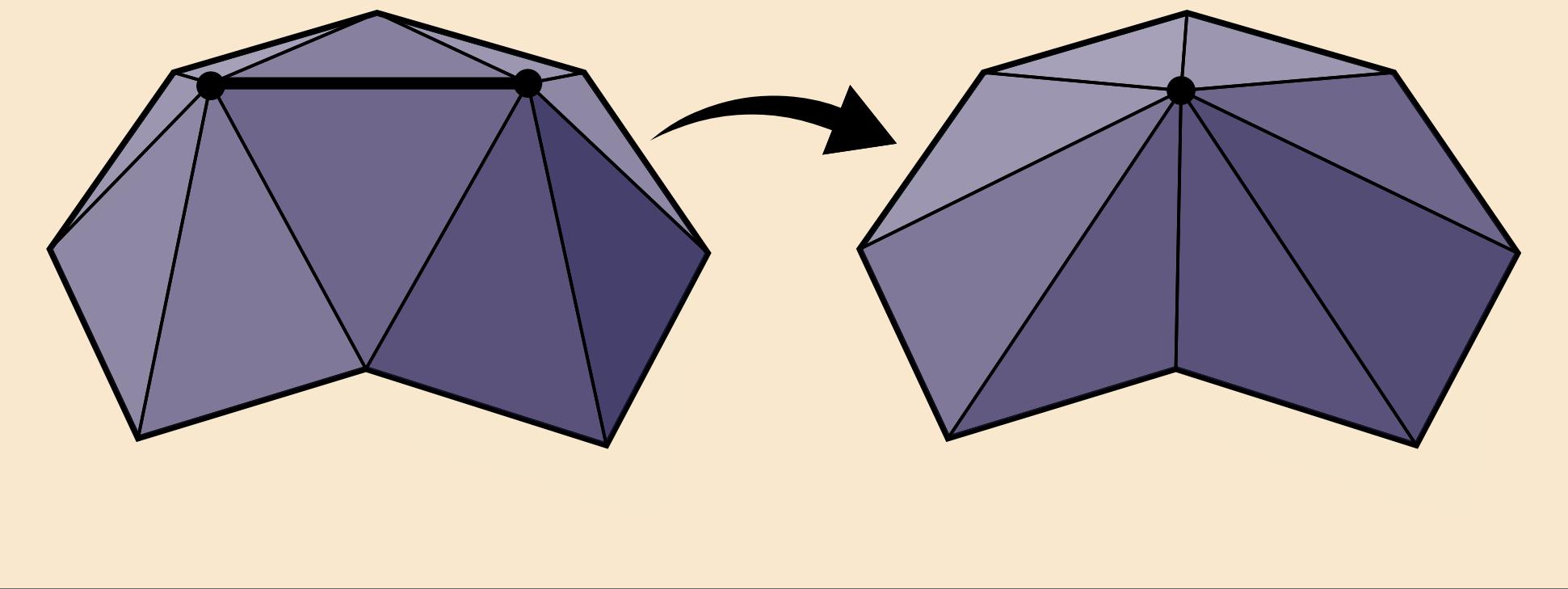
# Inspiration: quadric error simplification

[Garland & Heckbert 1997]

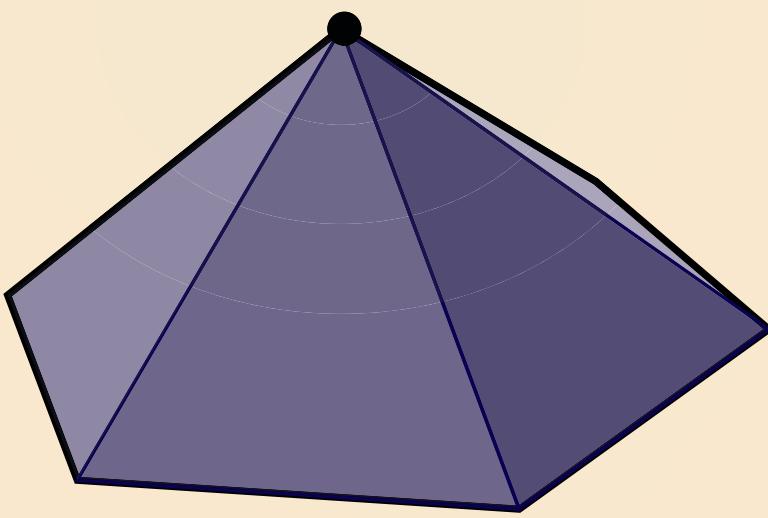


III. Intrinsic simplification  
► motivation

## 1. Local simplification operation



## 2. Accumulated distortion measurements



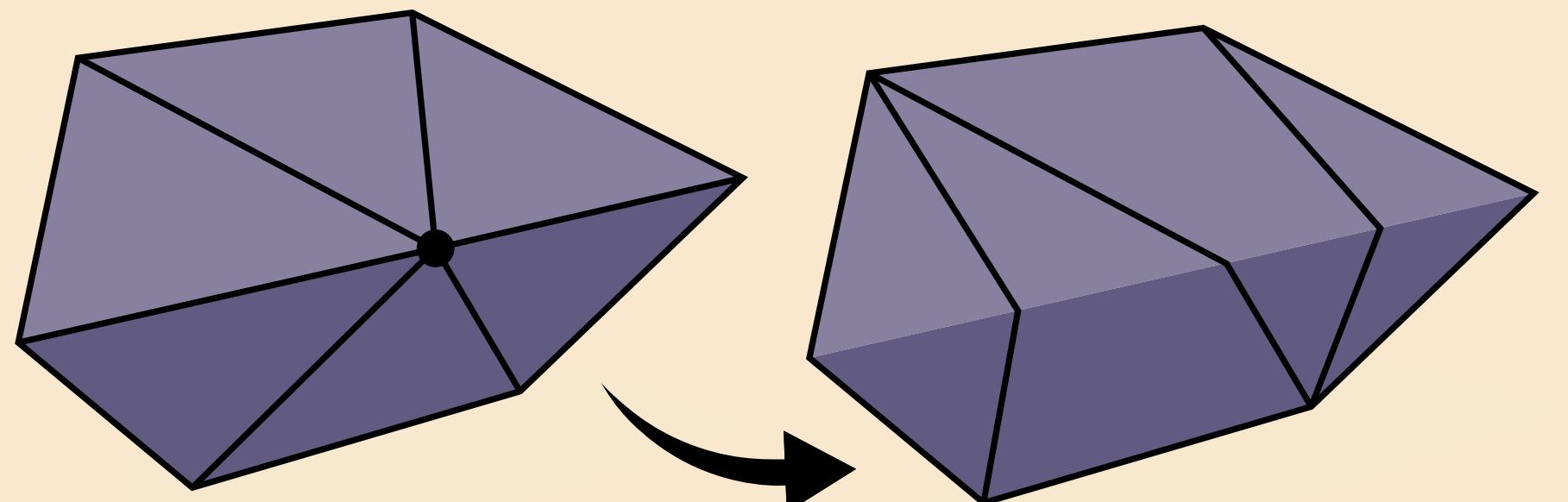
- Algorithm: repeatedly collapse cheapest edge
  - Efficient: all local operations
  - Accurate: accumulates error estimates

# Intrinsic simplification



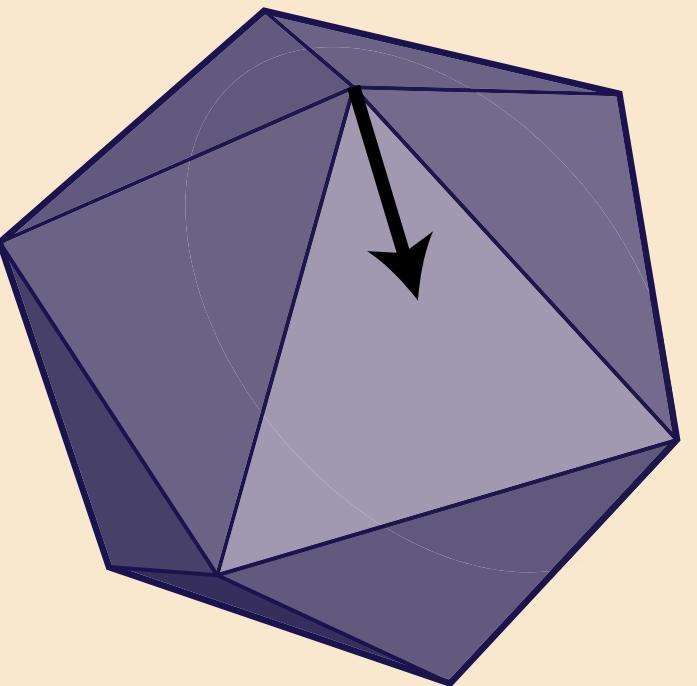
III. Intrinsic simplification

## 1. Local simplification operation



*intrinsic vertex removal*

## 2. Accumulated distortion measurements



*intrinsic curvature error*

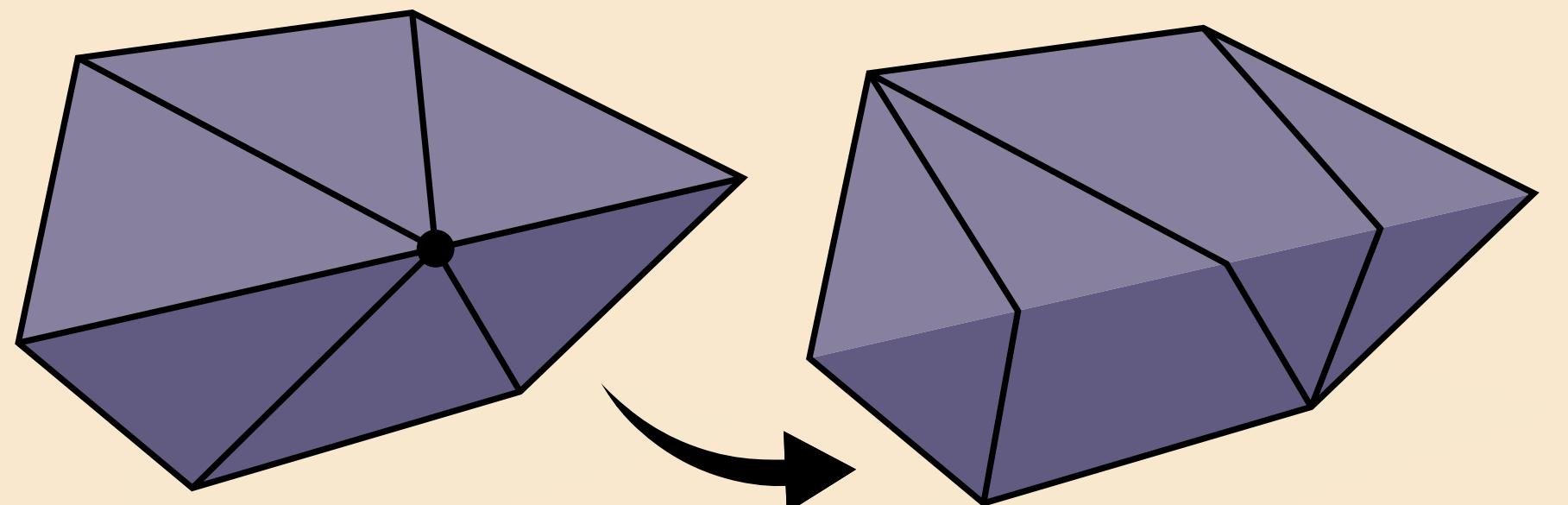
- Algorithm: repeatedly remove cheapest vertex

# Intrinsic simplification



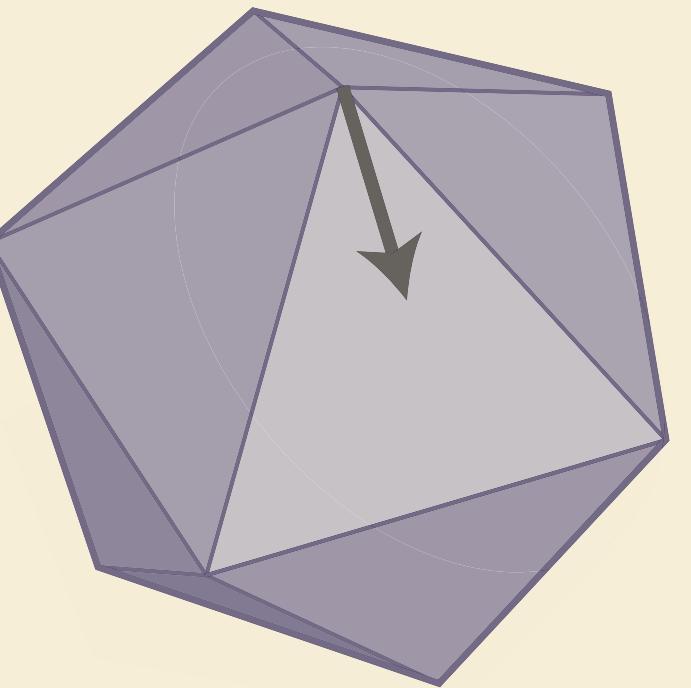
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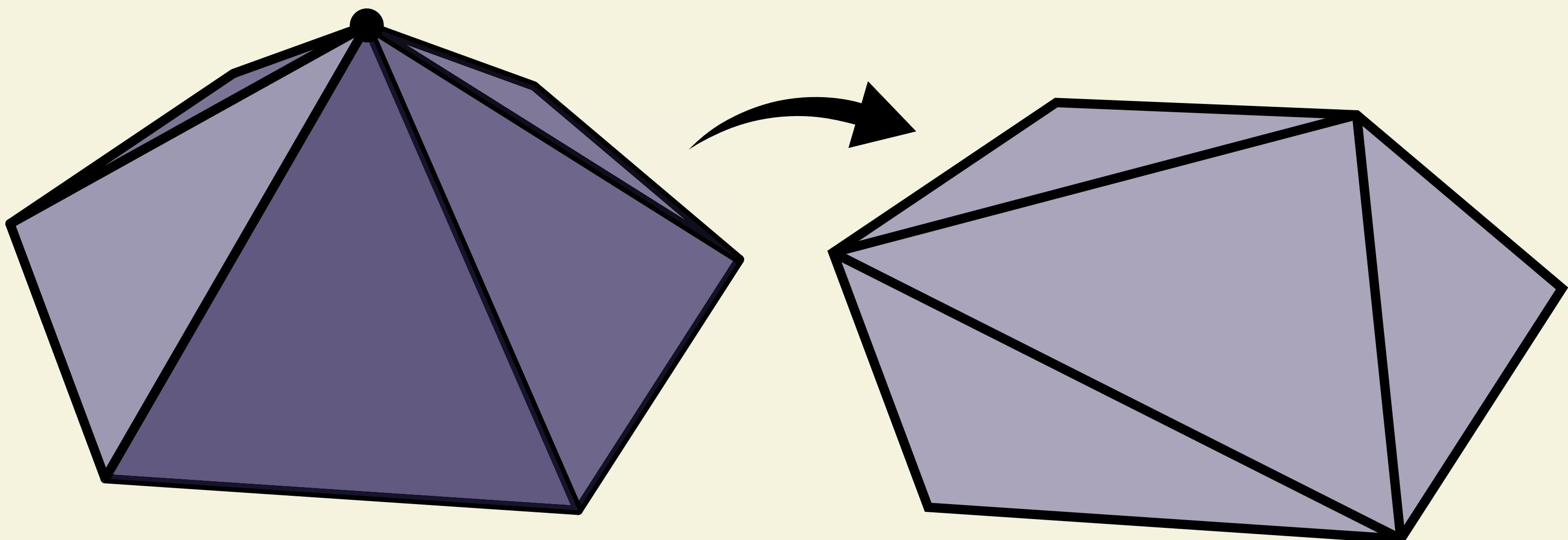
# Intrinsic vertex removal

vertex removal



III. Intrinsic simplification  
► *intrinsic vertex removal*

- Intrinsic view: replace curved vertex with flat patch
  - *i.e.*, parameterization problem

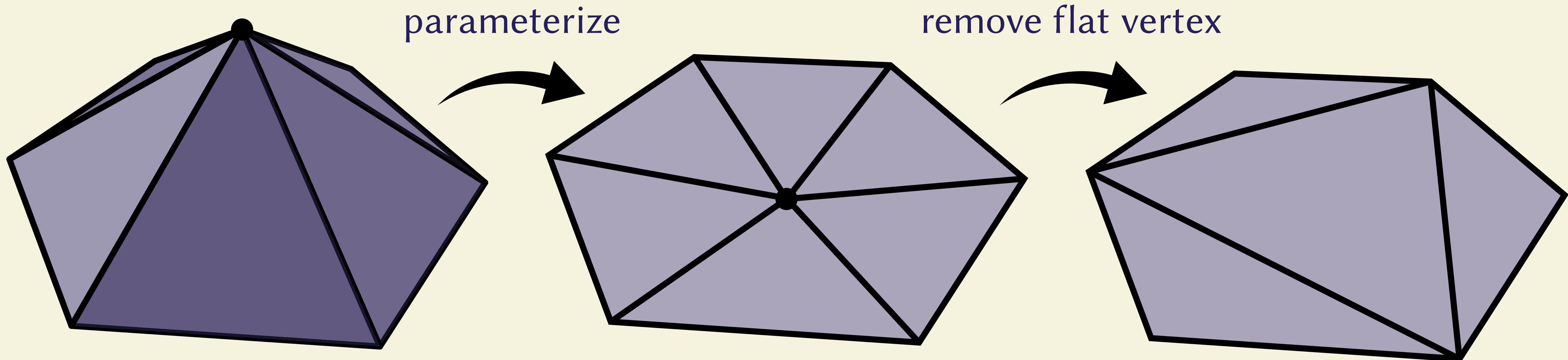


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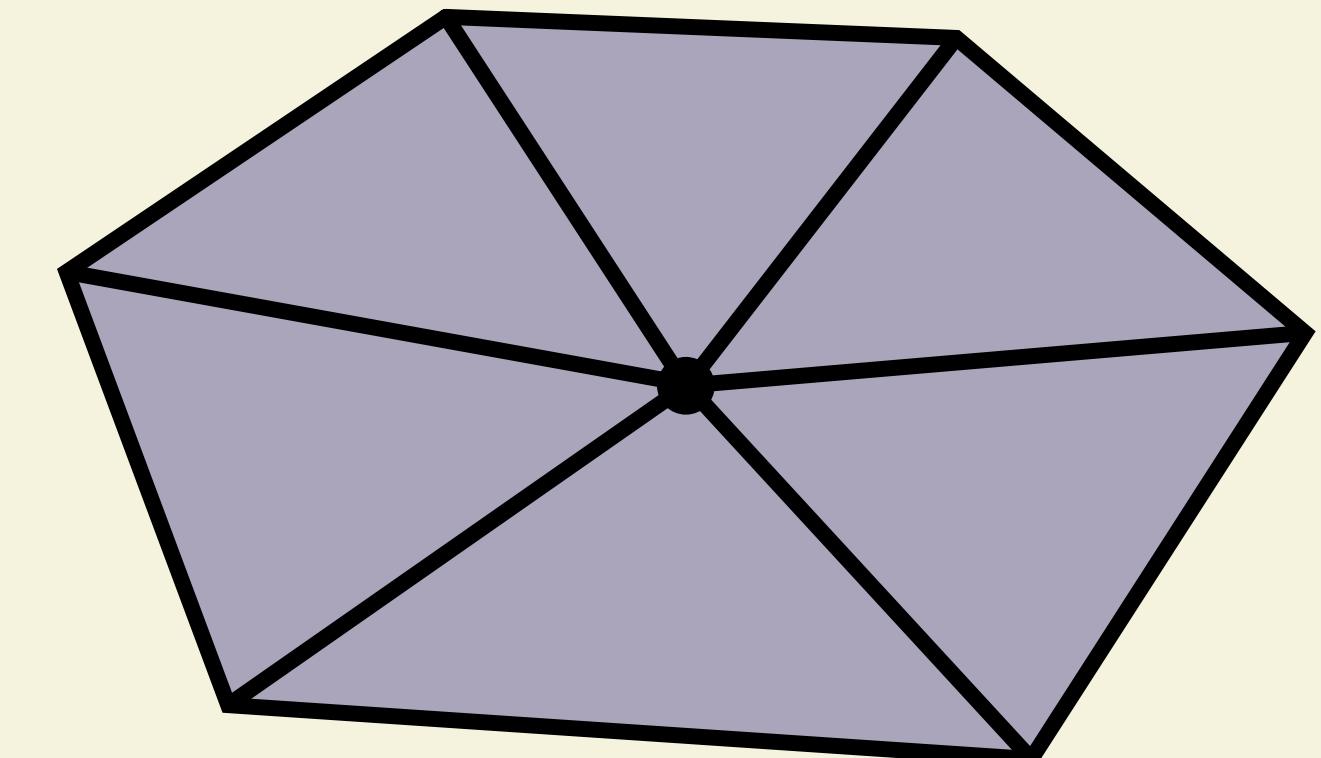
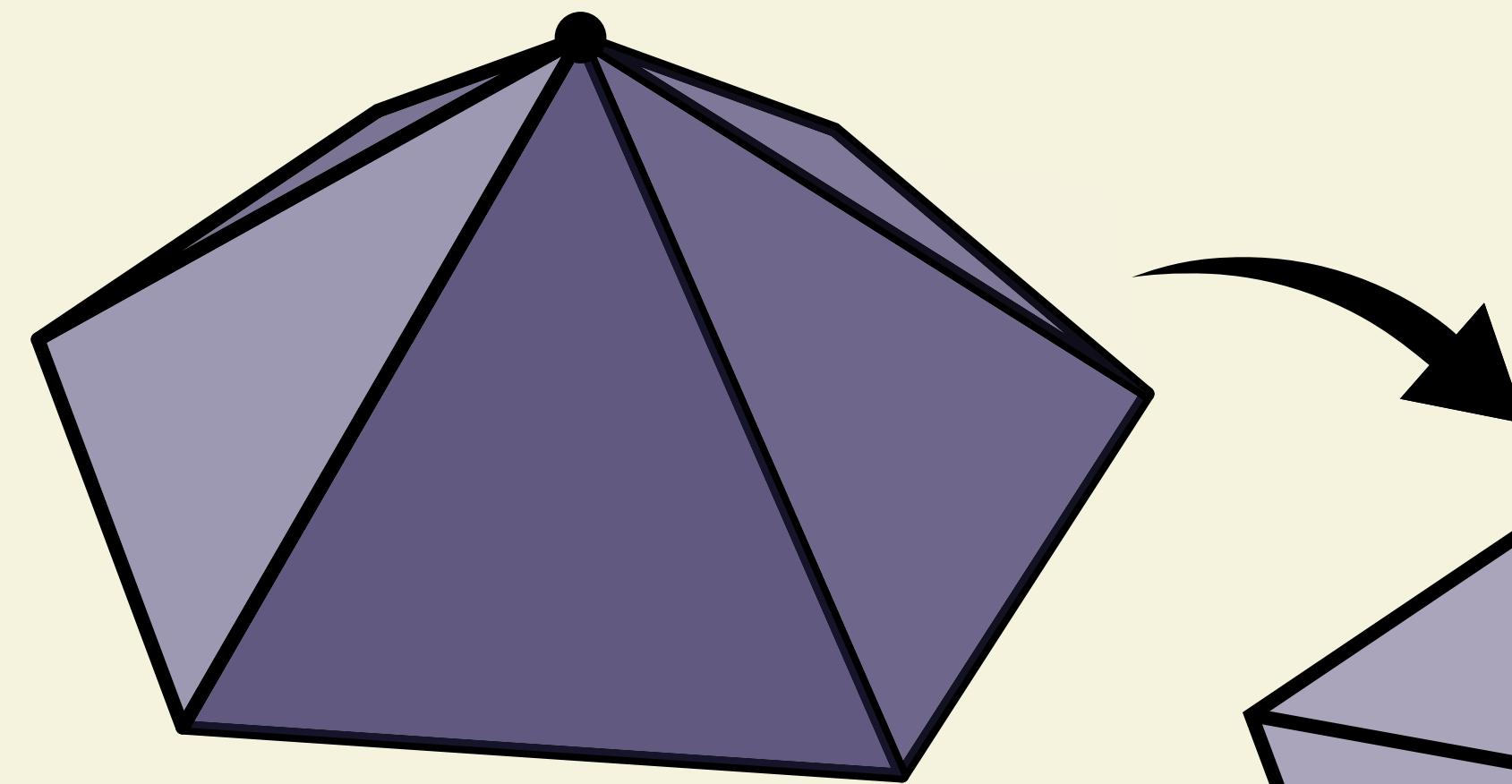
III. Intrinsic simplification  
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# Vertex flattening

- Map 1-ring to plane such that:
  - (1) Distortion is low
  - (2) Boundary edge lengths are preserved
- Discrete conformal map [Springborn, Schröder & Pinkall 2008]
  - Fix  $u = 0$  on boundary
  - Efficient 1D optimization problem



III. Intrinsic simplification  
► *intrinsic vertex removal*

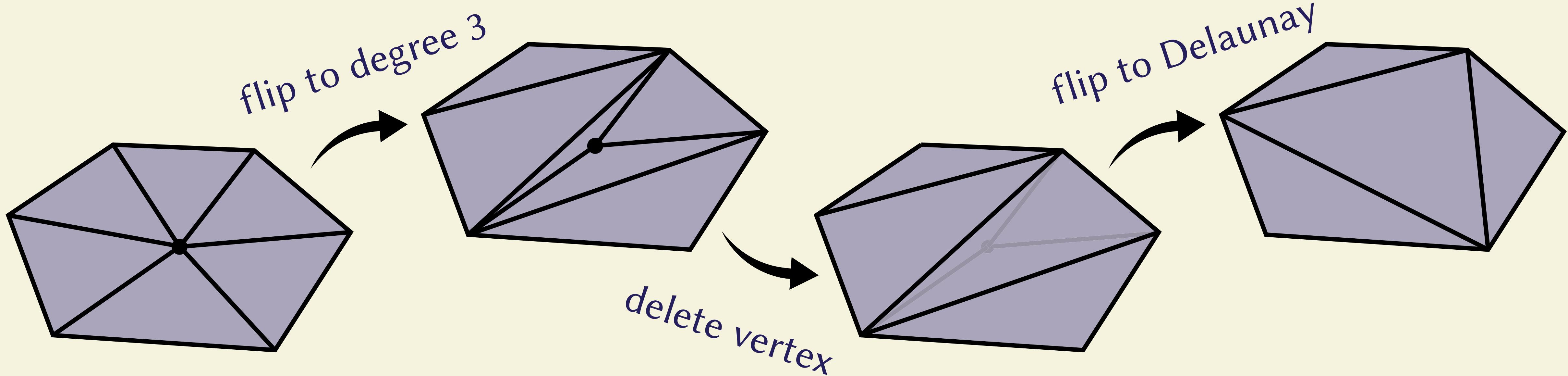
(If parameterization fails, pick a different vertex to remove)



# Flat vertex removal

→ vertex removal

- Same as before



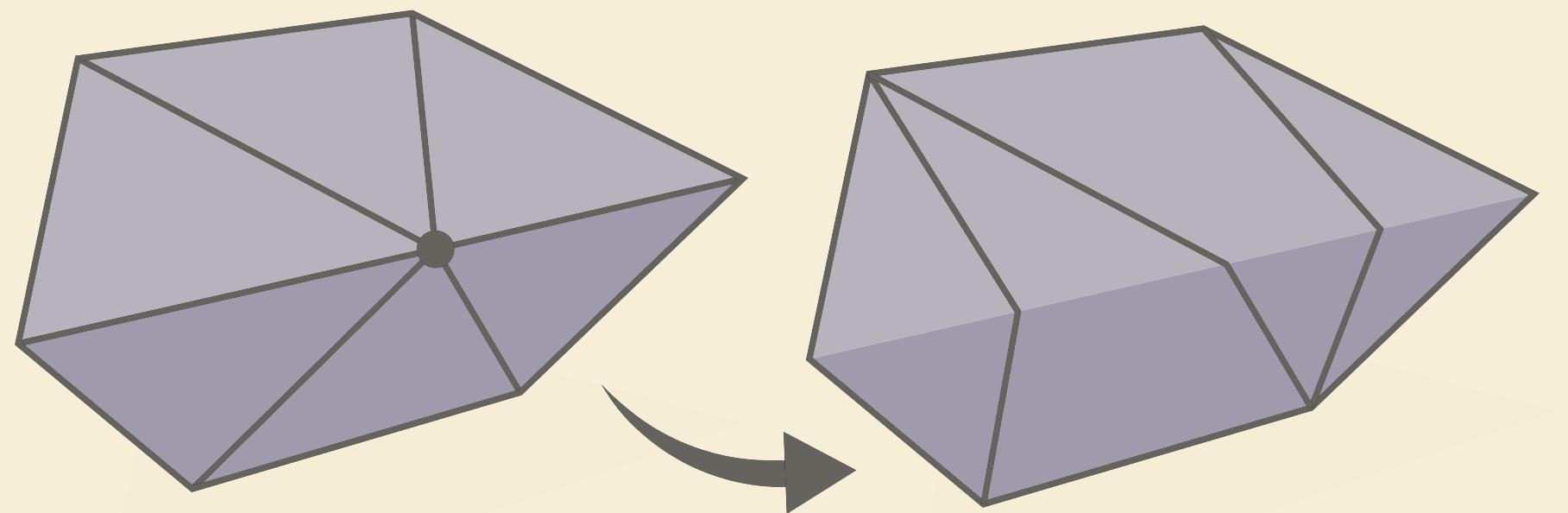
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► *intrinsic vertex removal*

# Intrinsic simplification



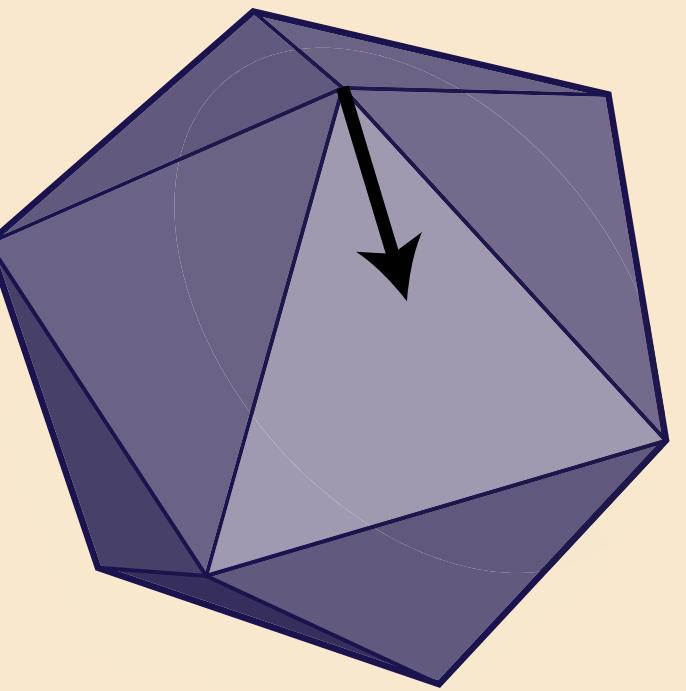
III. Intrinsic simplification  
► *intrinsic curvature error*

## 1. Local simplification operation



*intrinsic vertex removal*

## 2. Accumulated distortion measurements



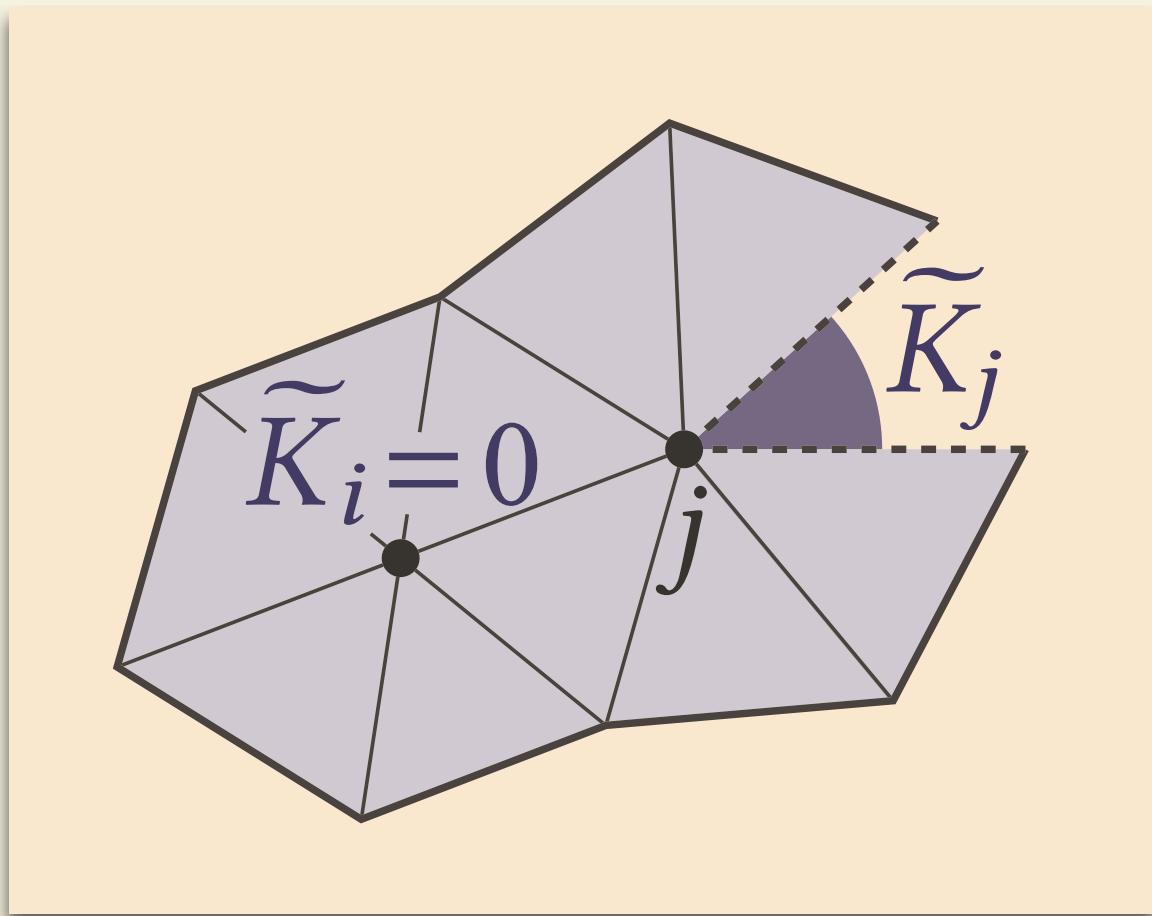
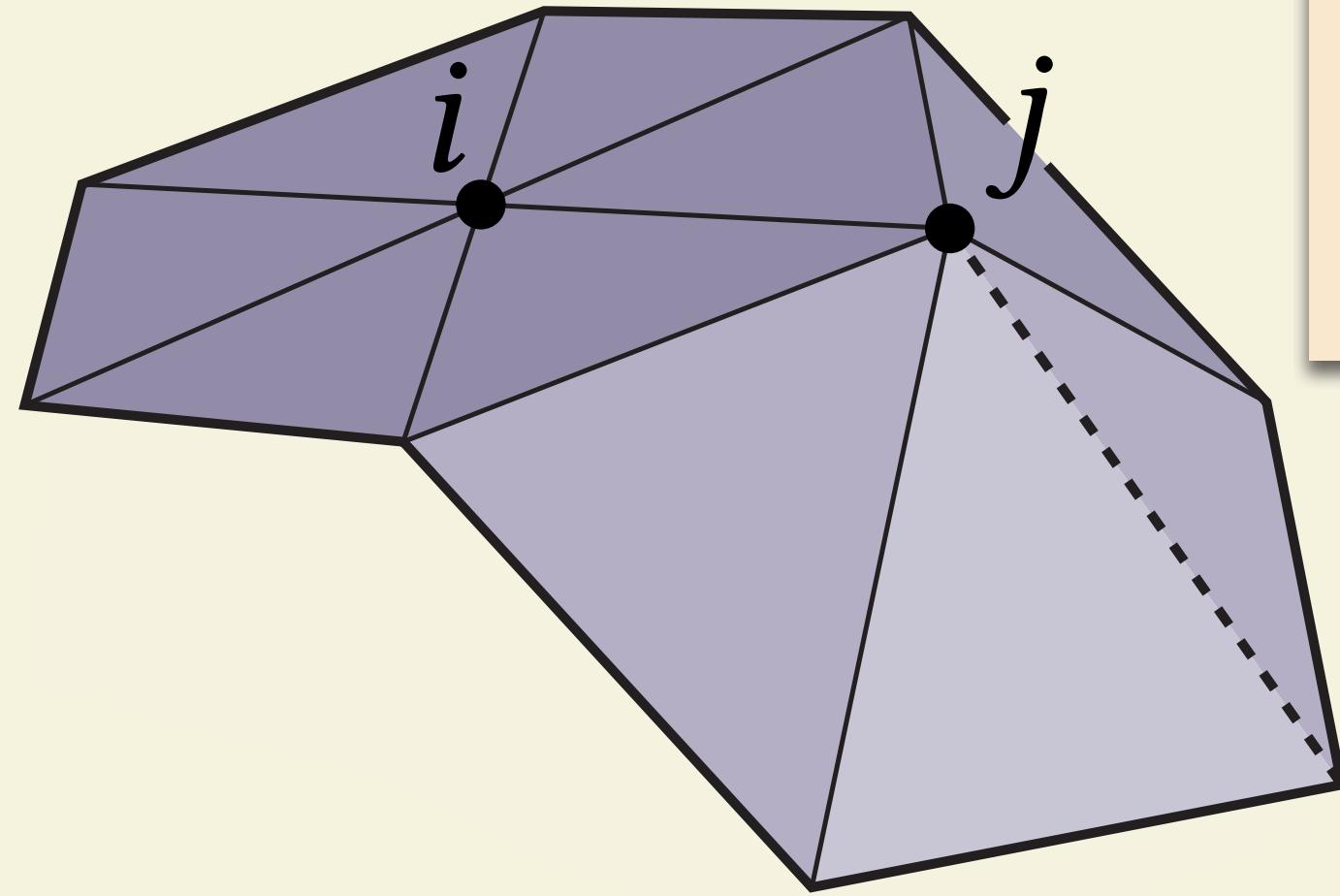
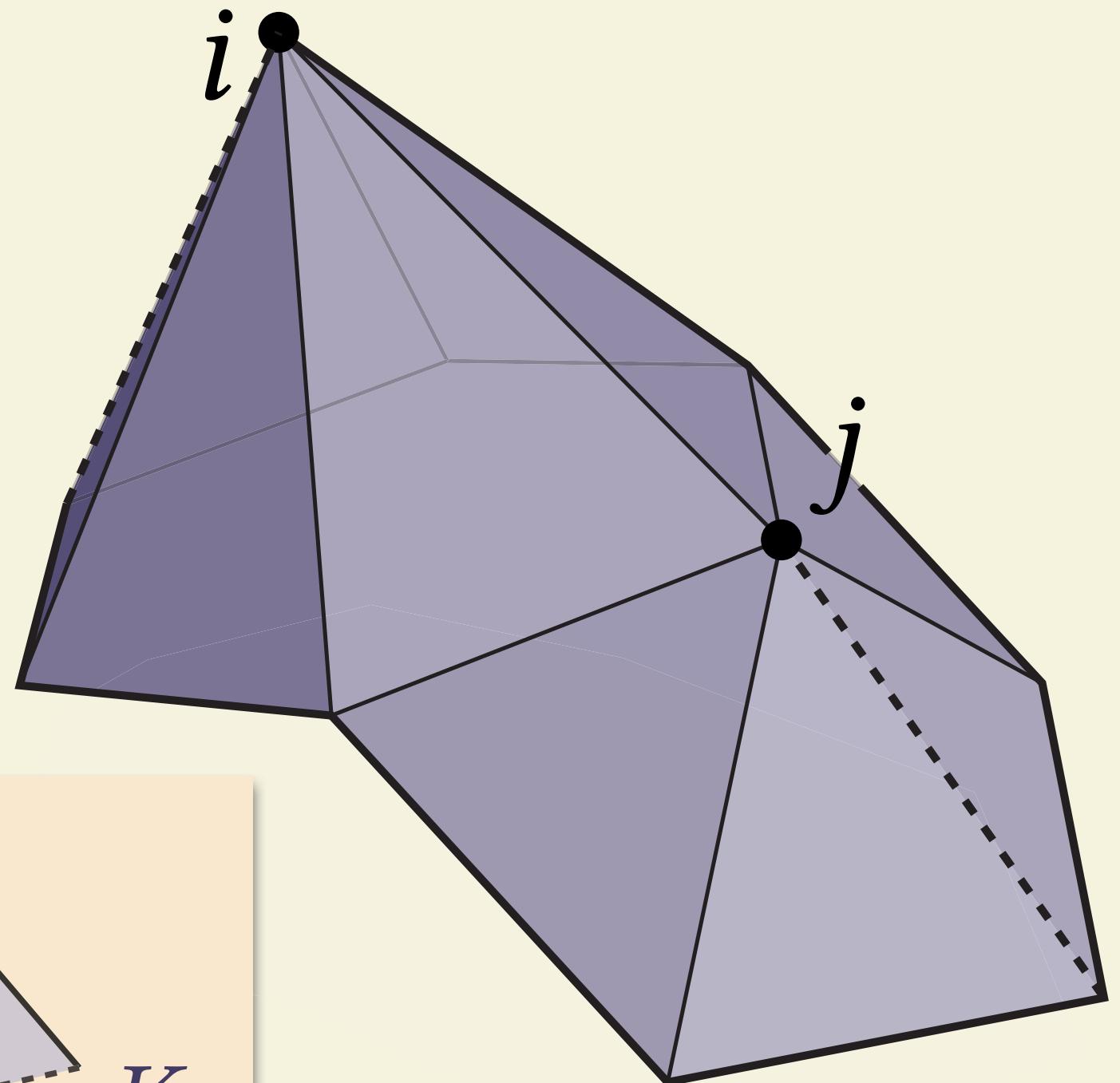
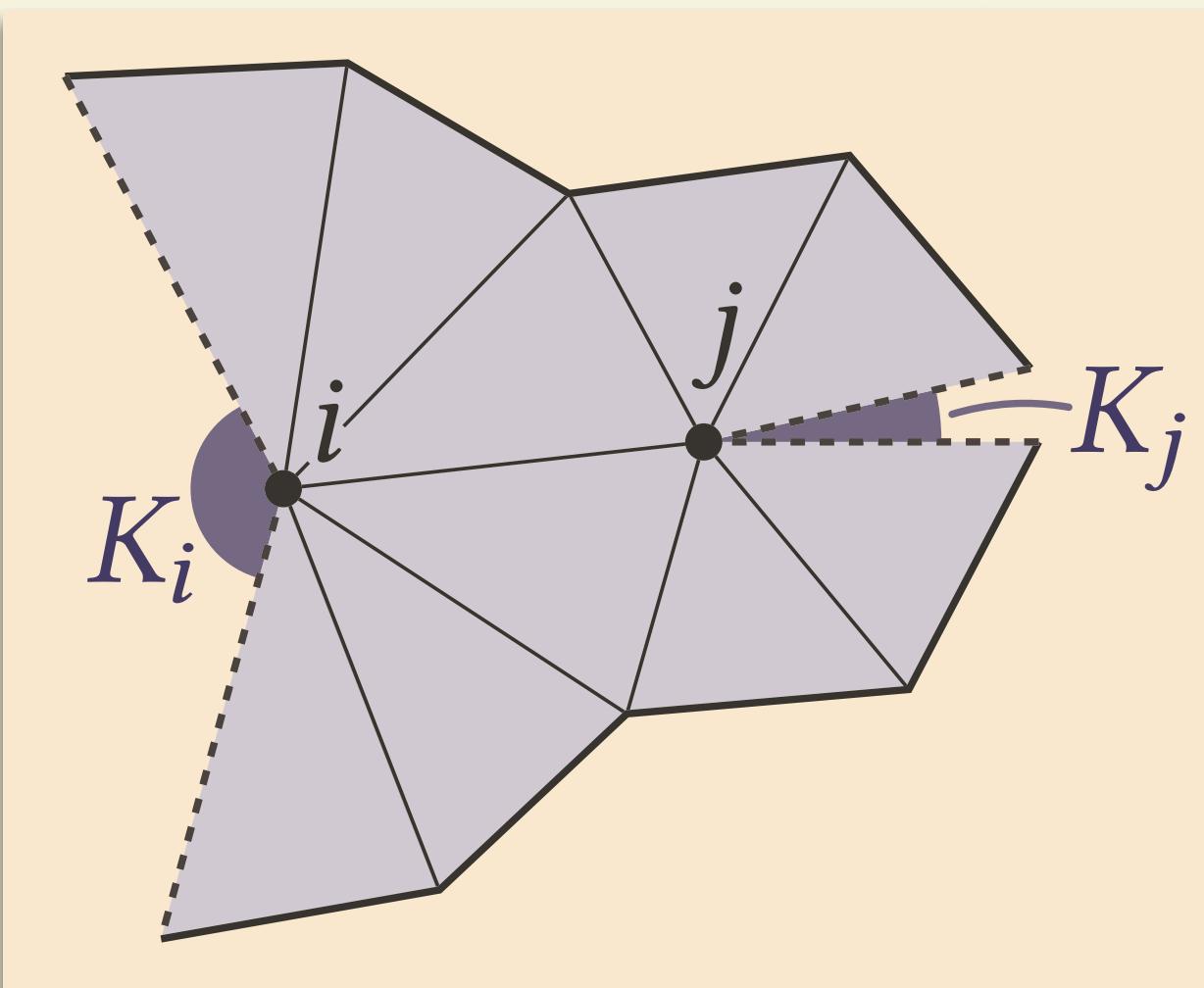
*intrinsic curvature error*

- Algorithm: repeatedly remove cheapest vertex

# Distortion: curvature redistribution

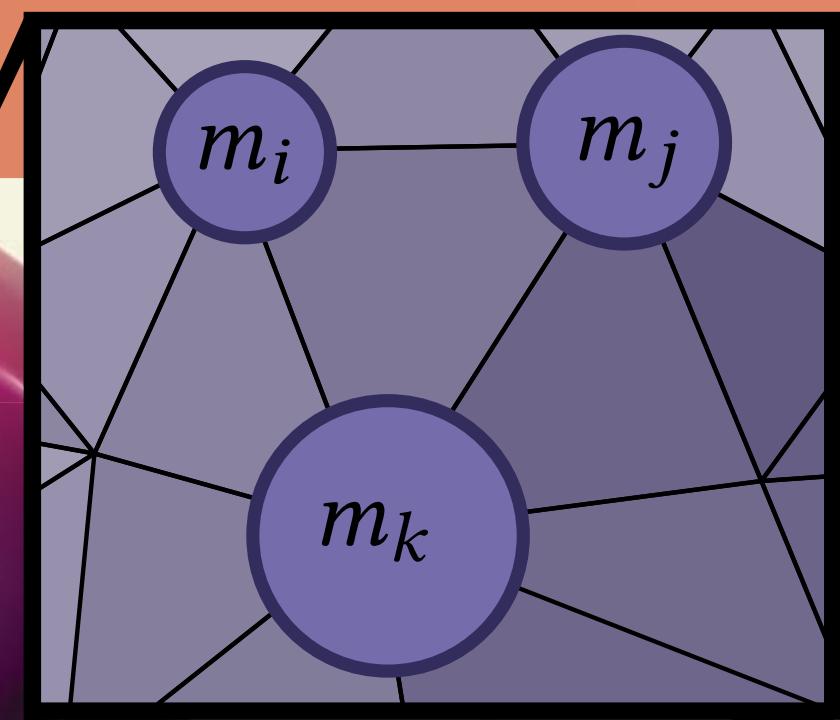


III. Intrinsic simplification  
► *intrinsic curvature error*

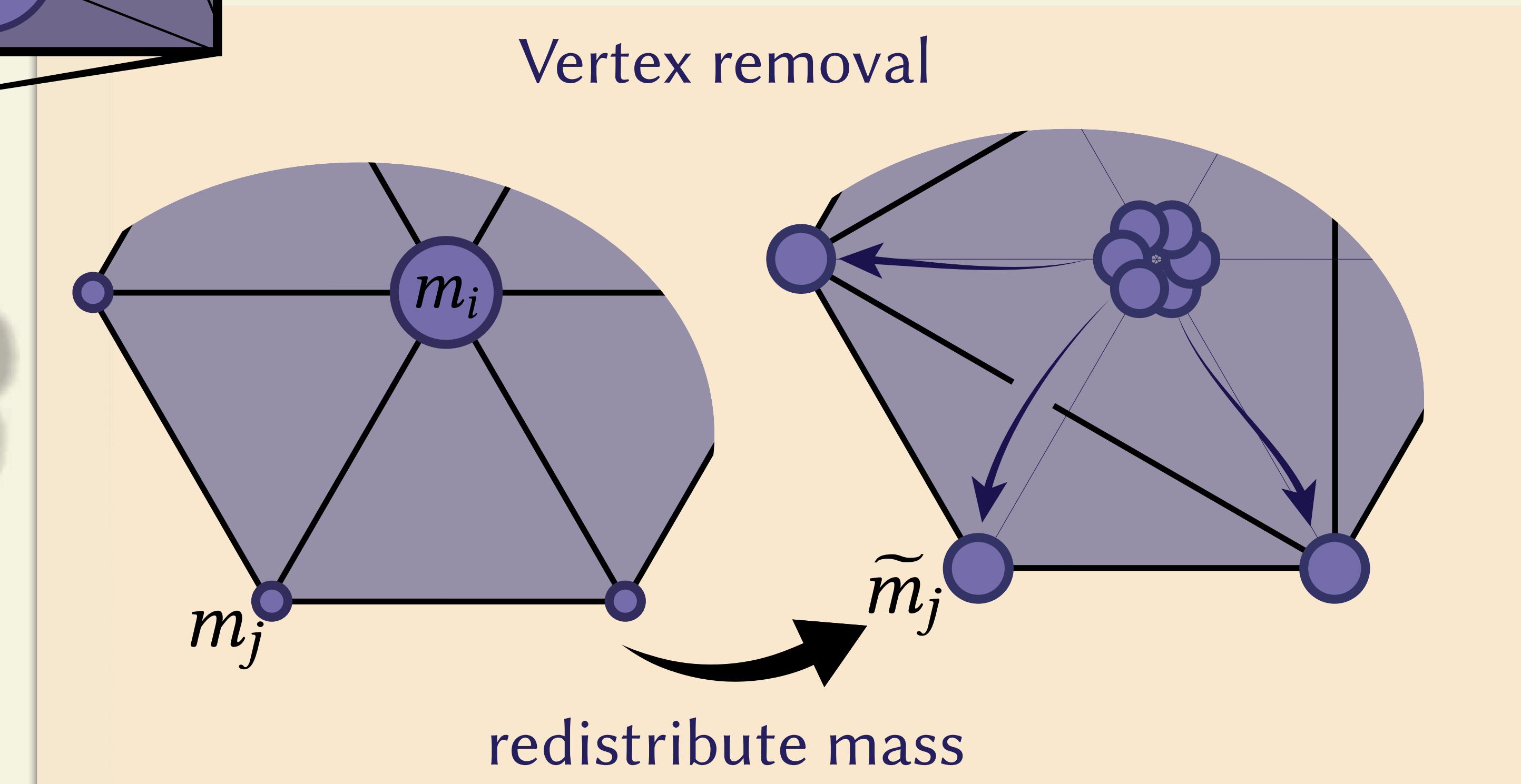


We approximate the *transport cost* of this curvature redistribution

# Mass transport cost



nonnegative mass  
distribution  $m : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$



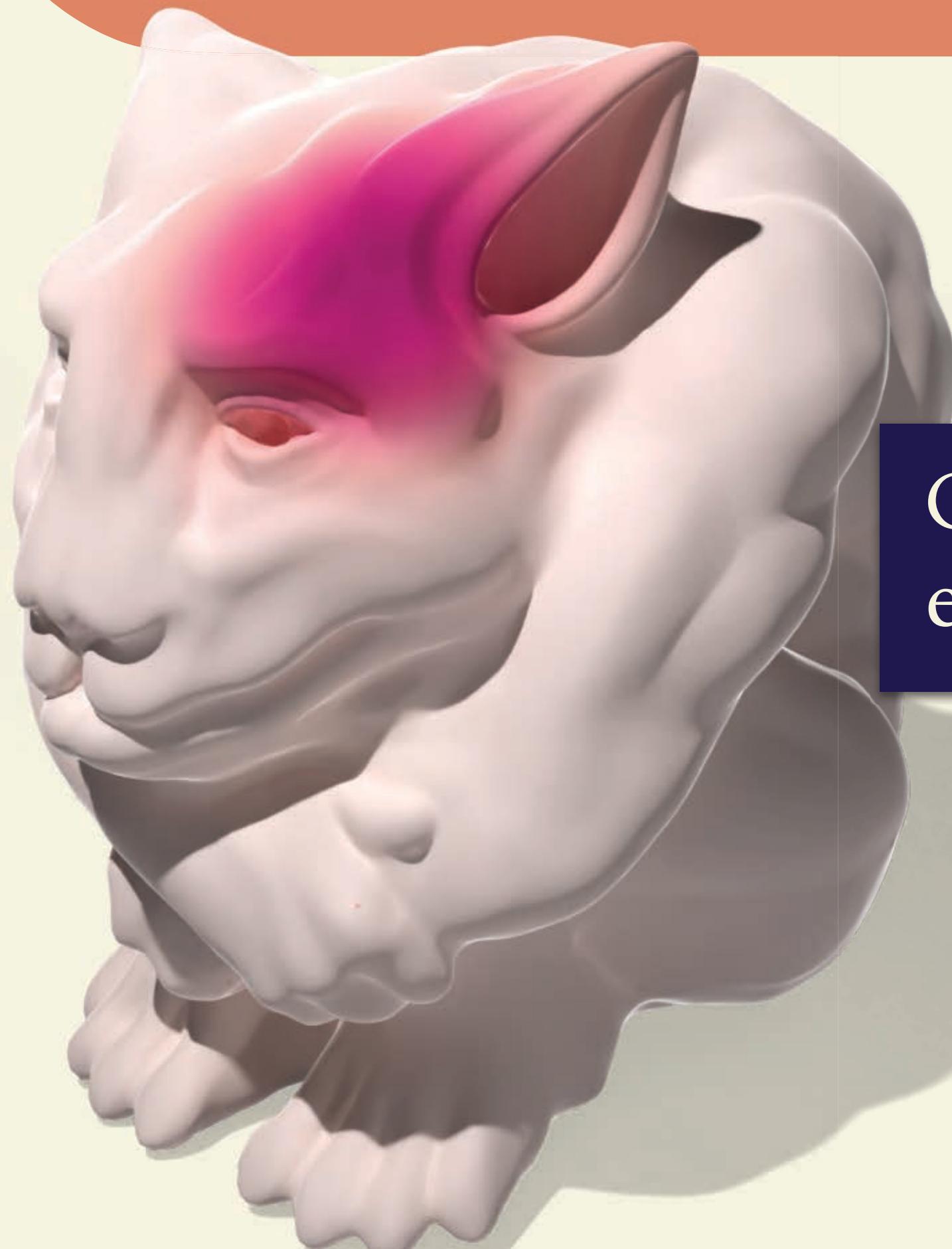
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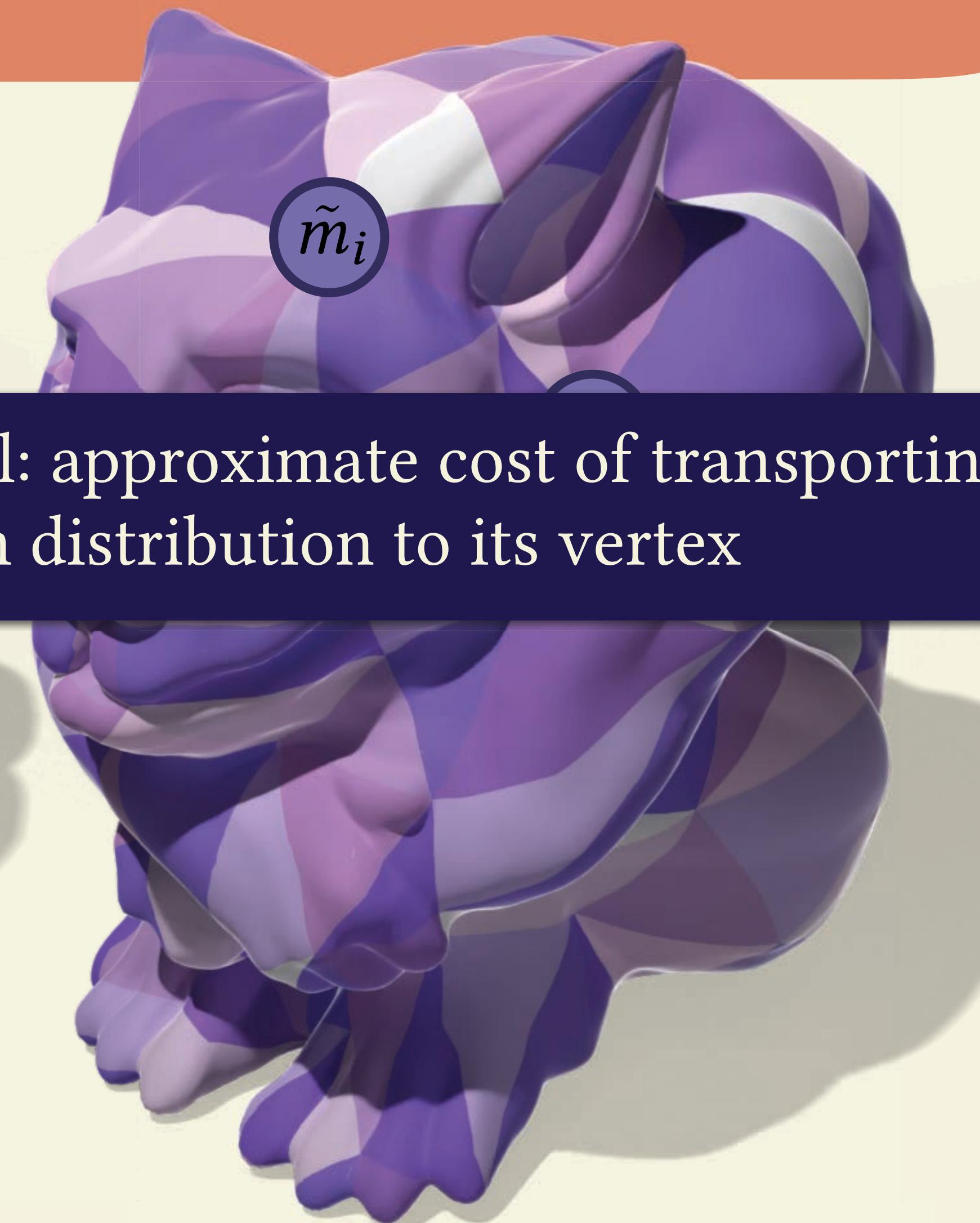
# Comparing mass distributions



III. Intrinsic simplification  
► *intrinsic curvature error*



mass distribution  
transported to vertex  $i$



Goal: approximate cost of transporting  
each distribution to its vertex

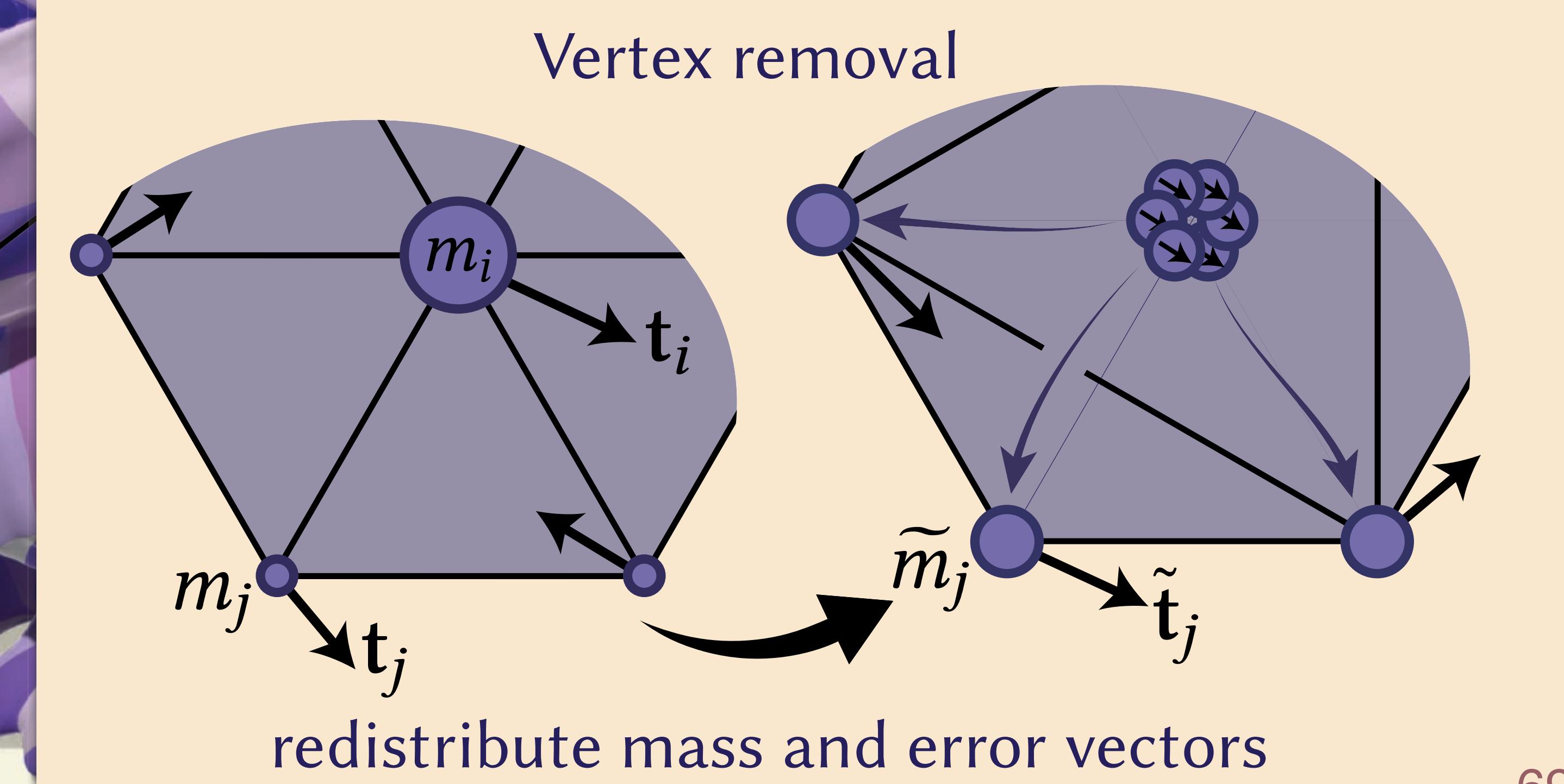
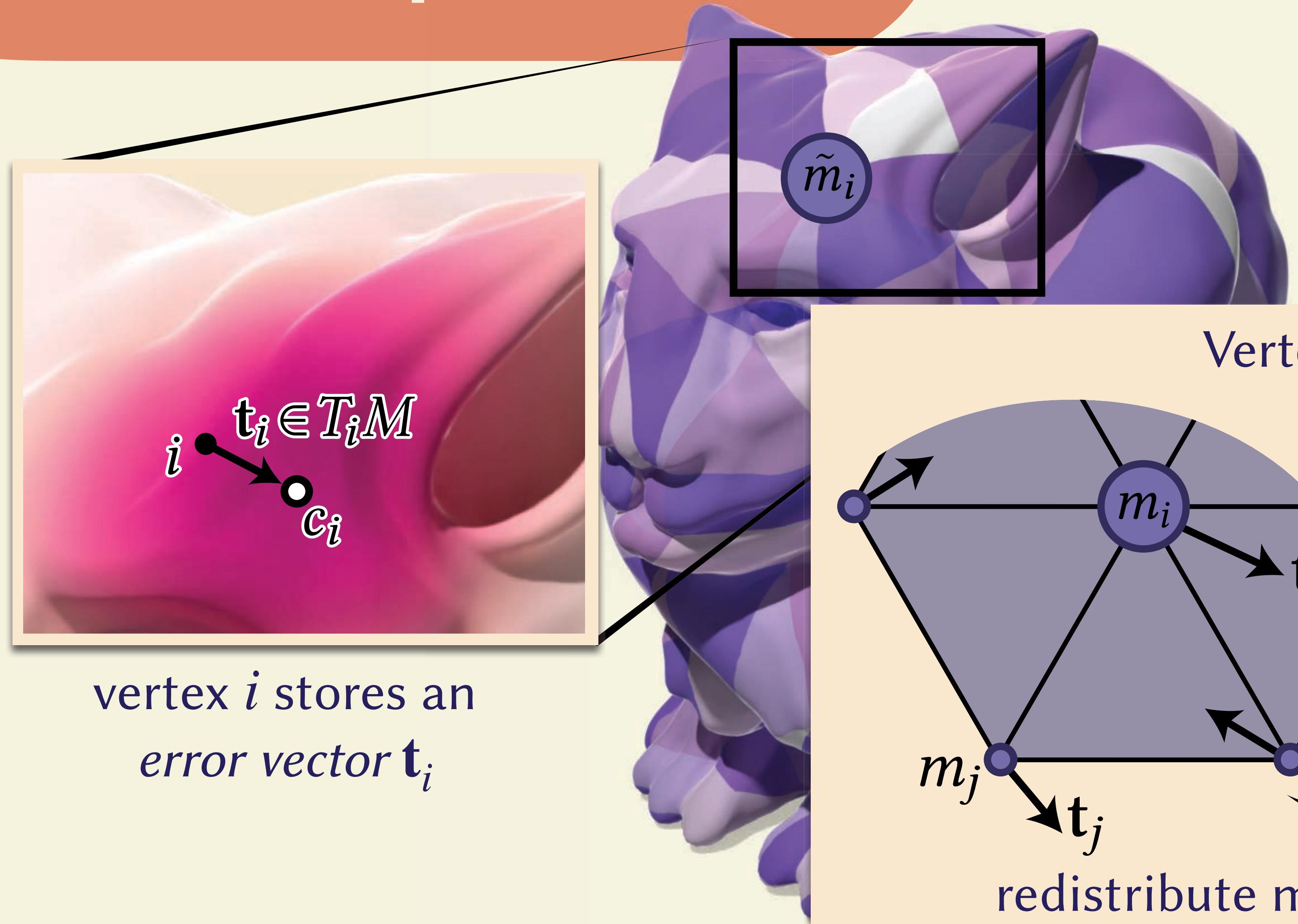


mass distribution  
transported to vertex  $j$

# Approximating the mass transport cost



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► *intrinsic curvature error*



# Specializing to curvature

- Challenge: curvature is signed
  - Just track positive and negative parts separately

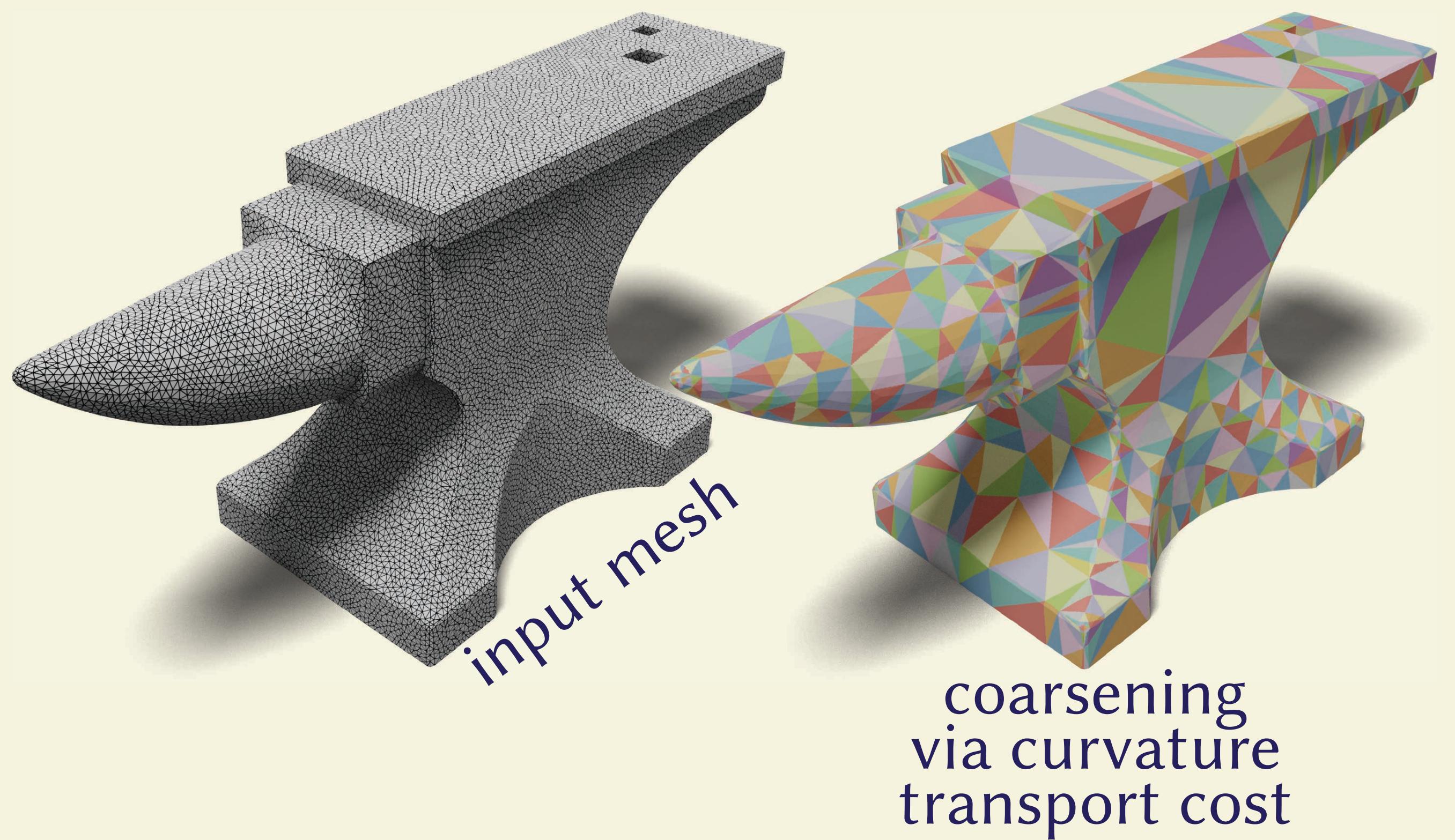


III. Intrinsic simplification  
► *intrinsic curvature error*

# Simplification with the curvature transport cost



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► *intrinsic curvature error*

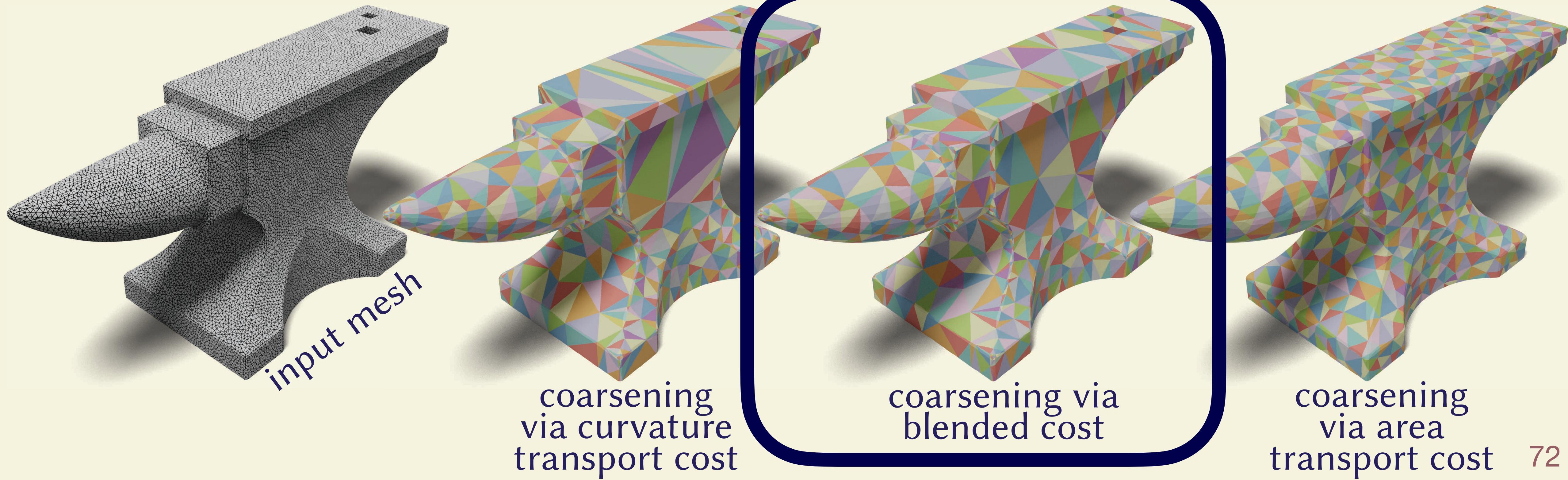


# Other transport costs



III. Intrinsic simplification  
▸ *intrinsic curvature error*

- Track transport of other data (e.g. area) in same way
  - Can take weighted combinations of costs



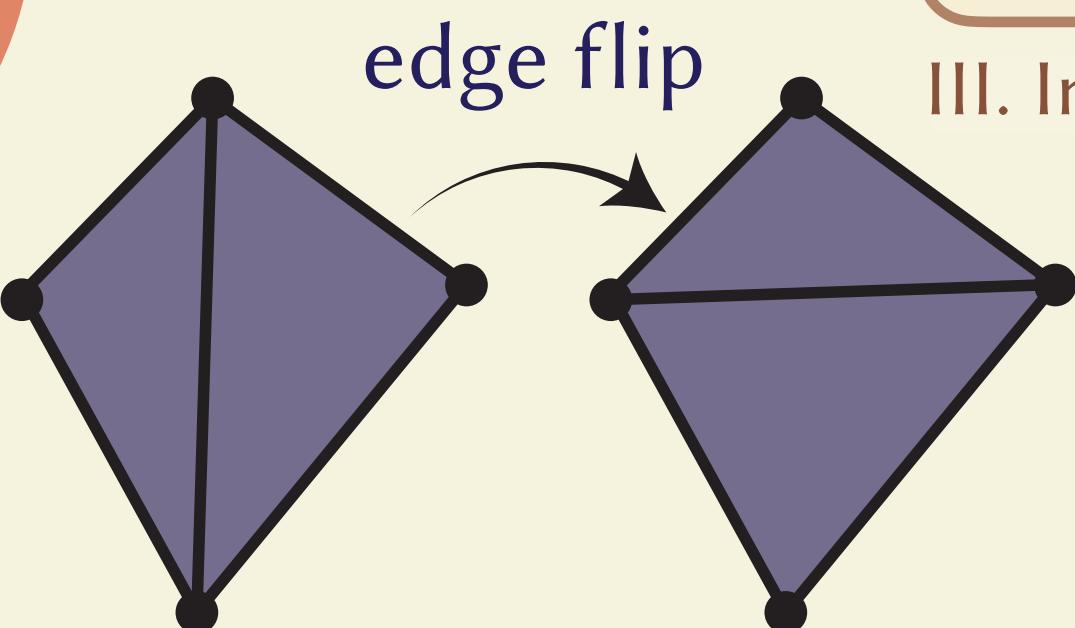
coarsening via  
blended cost

coarsening  
via area  
transport cost

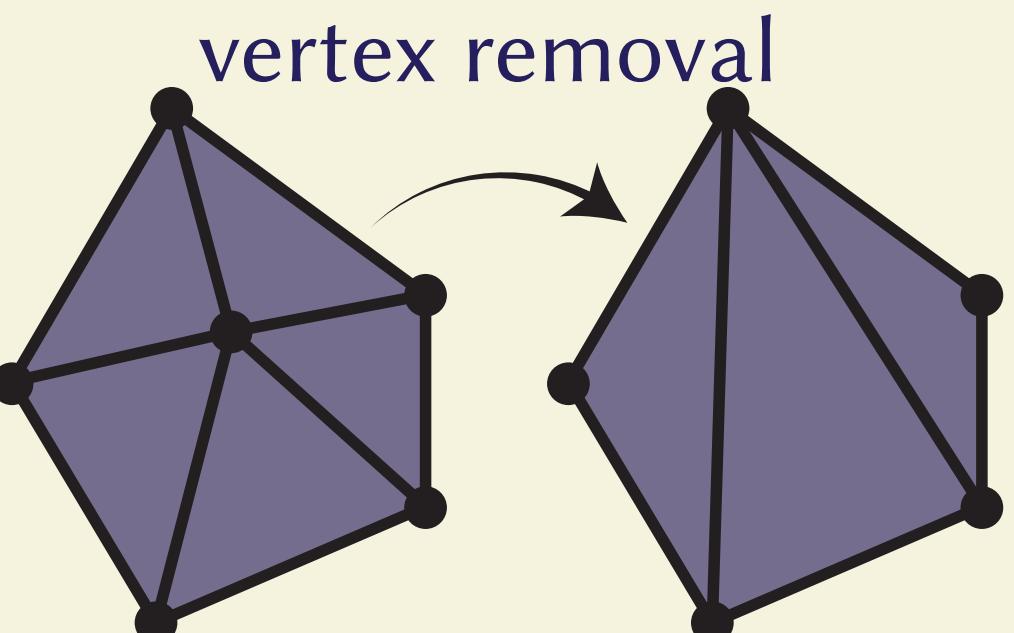
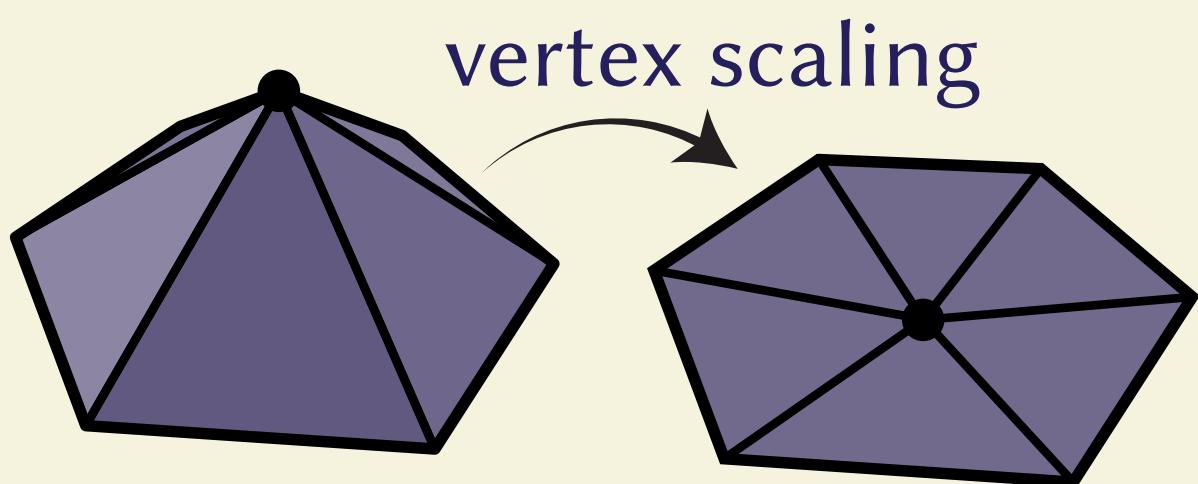
# Surface correspondence

- Simplified mesh not isometric to original surface
  - Breaks existing data structures
  - But, only uses a few local operations
    - Correspondence easy for each operation
- Encode correspondence via list of operations

1. *Flip edge 1*
2. *Scale vertex 5*
3. *Remove vertex 5*
4. *Flip edge 8*
5. *Flip edge 12*
6. *Scale vertex 2*
7. *Remove vertex 2*

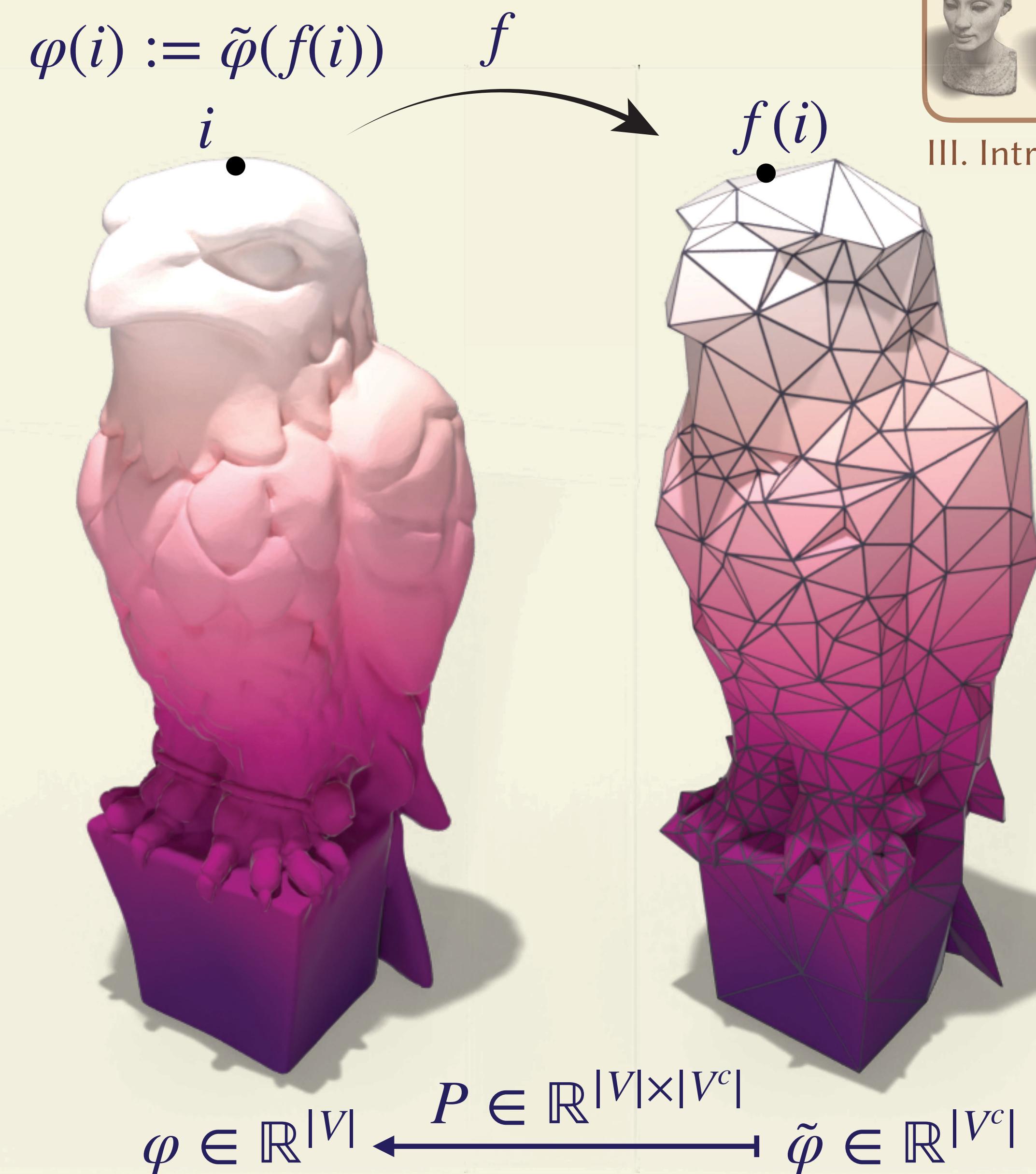


III. Intrinsic simplification  
► correspondence



# Prolongation

- Transfer piecewise-linear functions:
  - Just find values at vertices
  - Encode by a matrix



III. Intrinsic simplification  
► correspondence



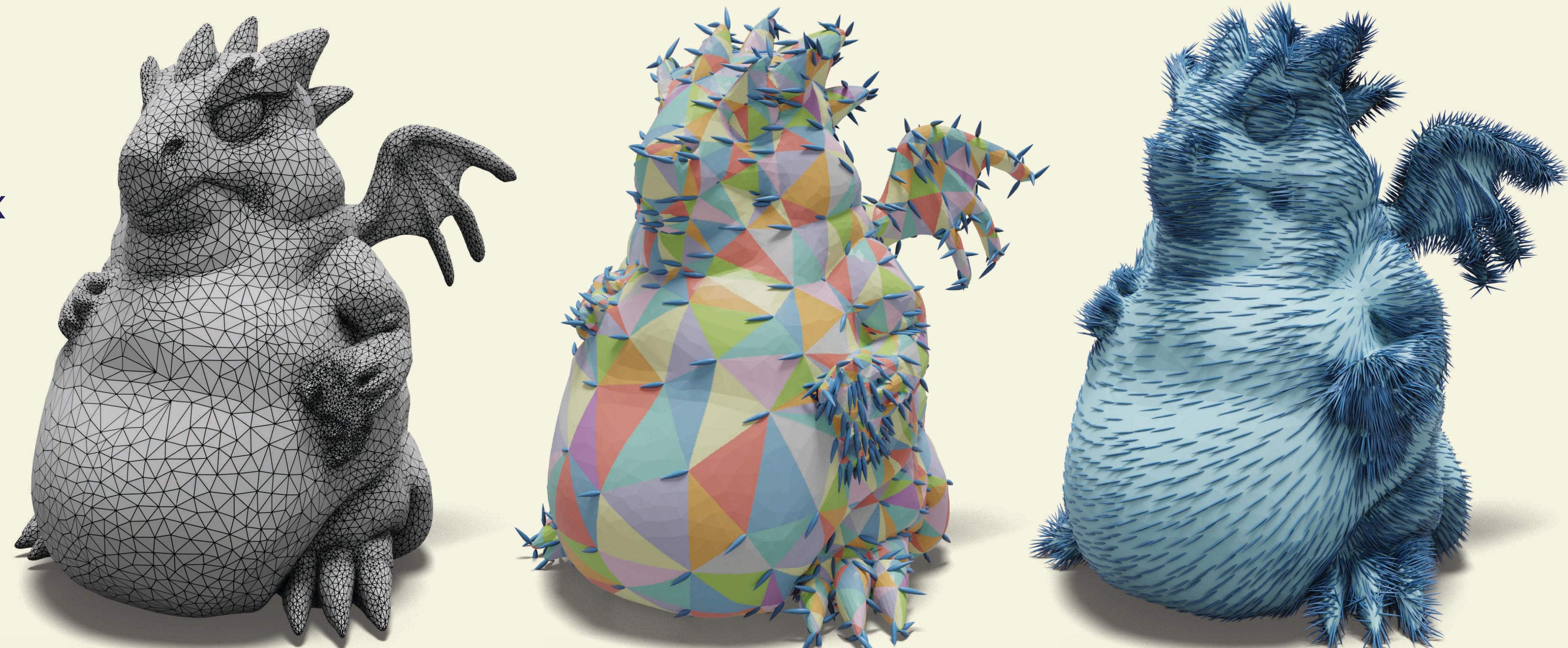
# Pulling back vector fields



III. Intrinsic simplification  
► correspondence

- Approximate differential of correspondence map

Encode by complex  
prolongation matrix

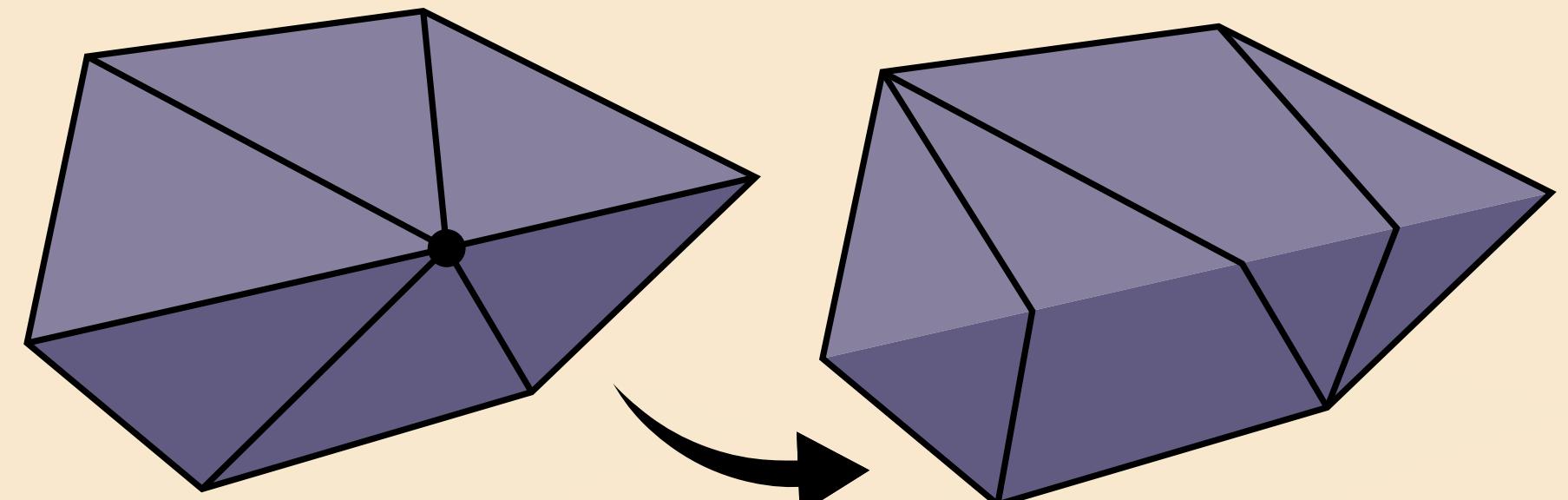


# Intrinsic simplification – summary



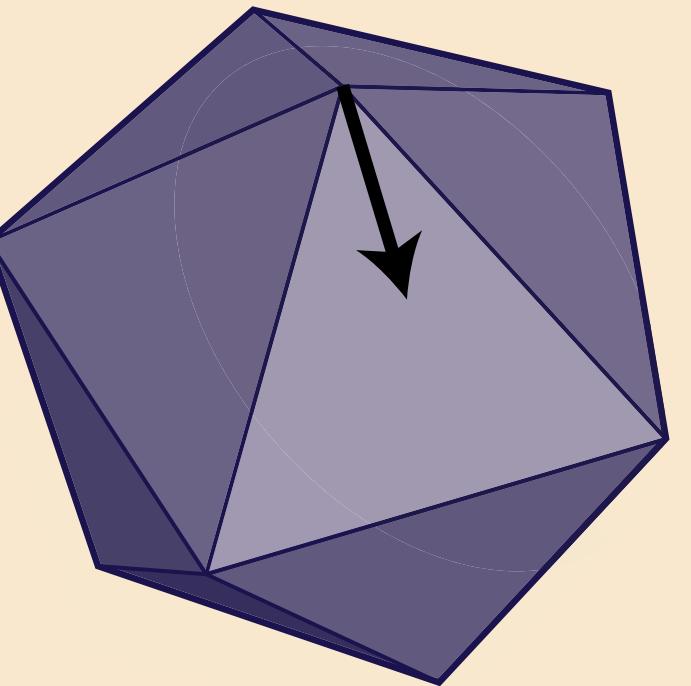
III. Intrinsic simplification  
▶ *summary*

## 1. Local simplification operation



*intrinsic vertex removal*

## 2. Accumulated distortion measurements



*intrinsic curvature error*

- Algorithm: repeatedly remove cheapest vertex
- Correspondence: record operation history

# Results



III. Intrinsic simplification



# Surface hierarchies

$|V|=288k$

input



$|V|=1,009,118$



$|V|=72k$

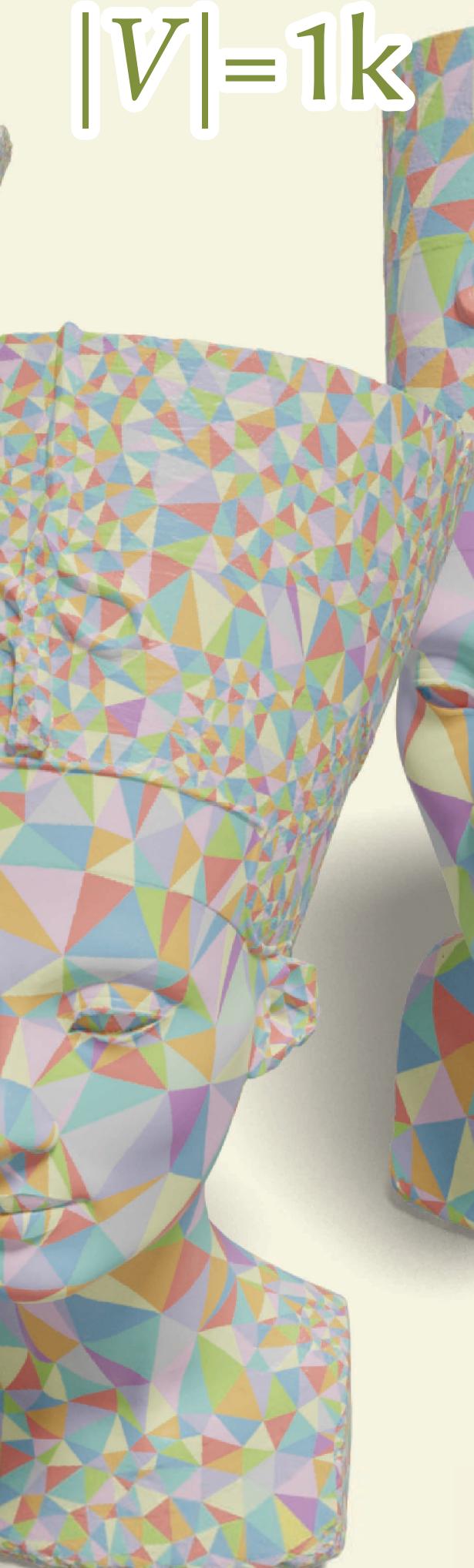


$|V|=18k$



$|V|=4k$

$|V|=1k$



III. Intrinsic simplification  
► results



# Hierarchies accelerate computation

- Accelerate many geometric tasks
  - Even helps with extrinsic problems

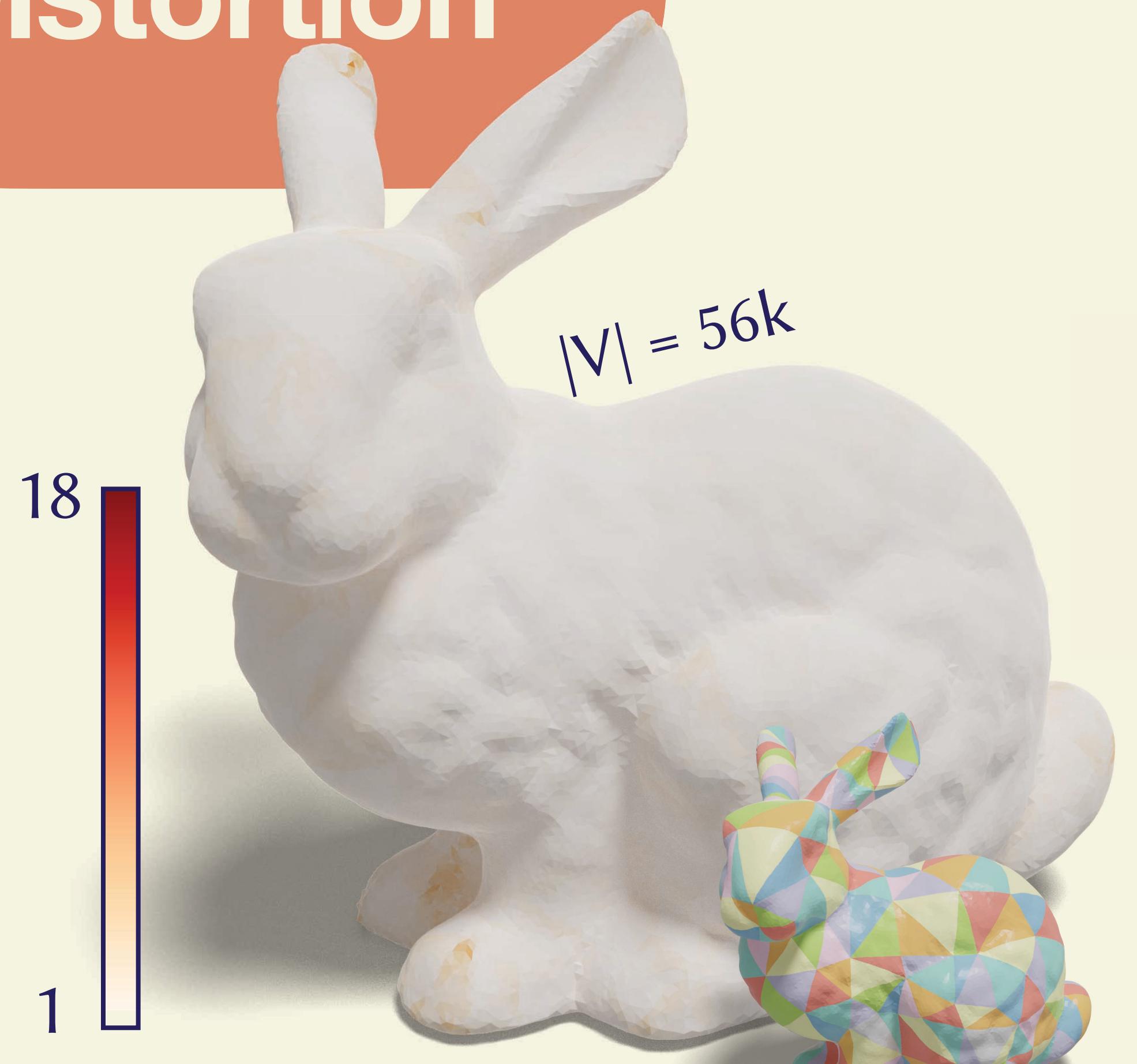


mean curvature flow  
20x speedup



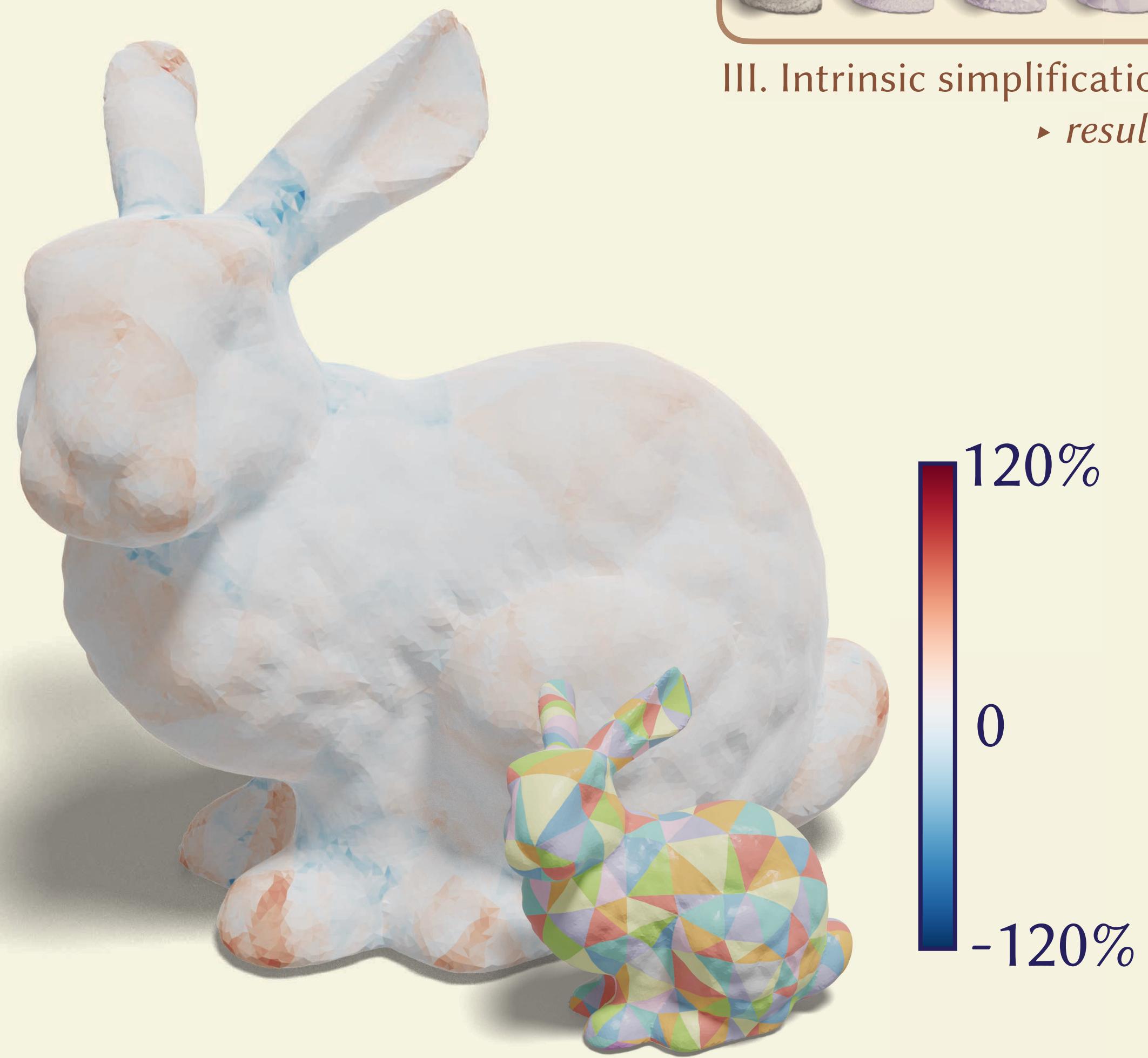
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► *results*

# Distortion



anisotropic distortion  
i.e. quasiconformal dilatation  
(mean 1.115)

$$|V^c| = 200$$



area distortion  
(mean 8.1%)

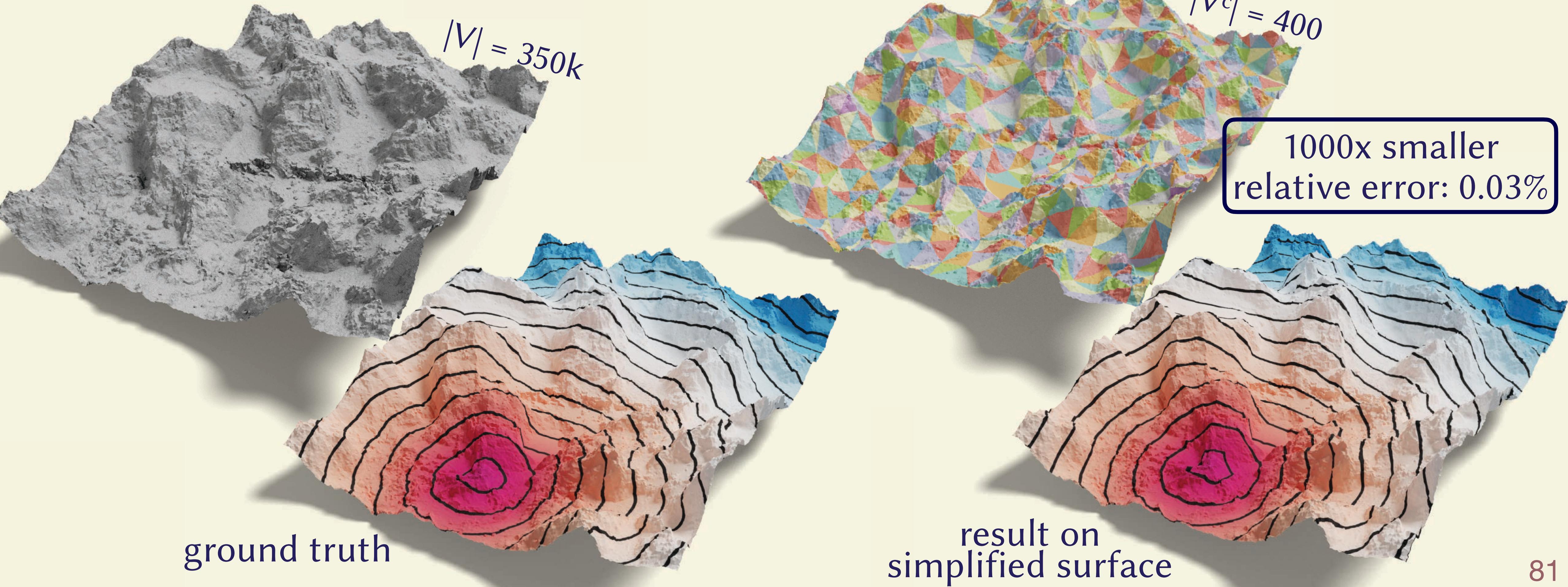


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# Geodesic distance

(Computed via [Mitchell, Mount & Papadimitriou 1987])

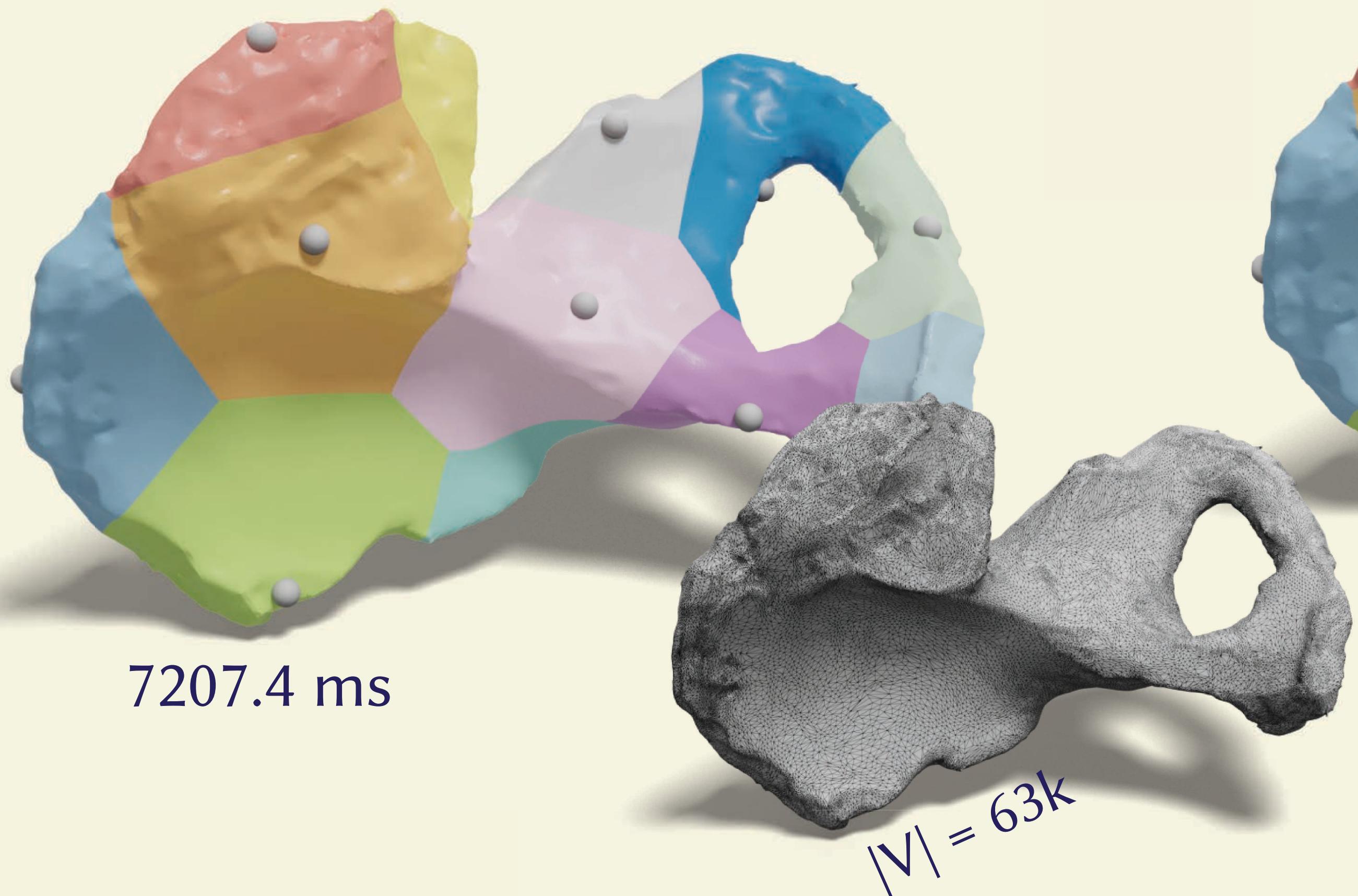


# Geodesic Voronoi diagrams

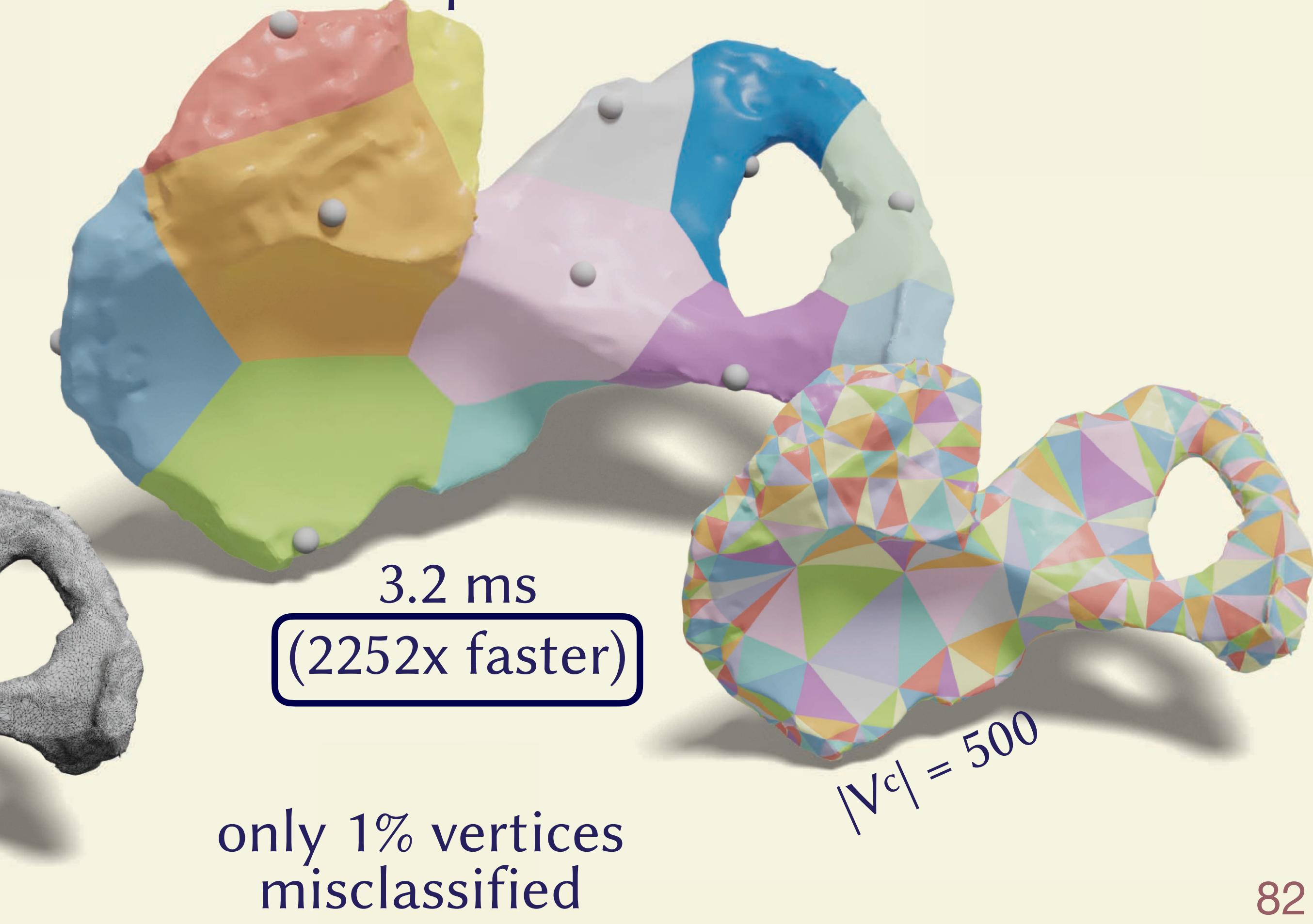


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ground truth



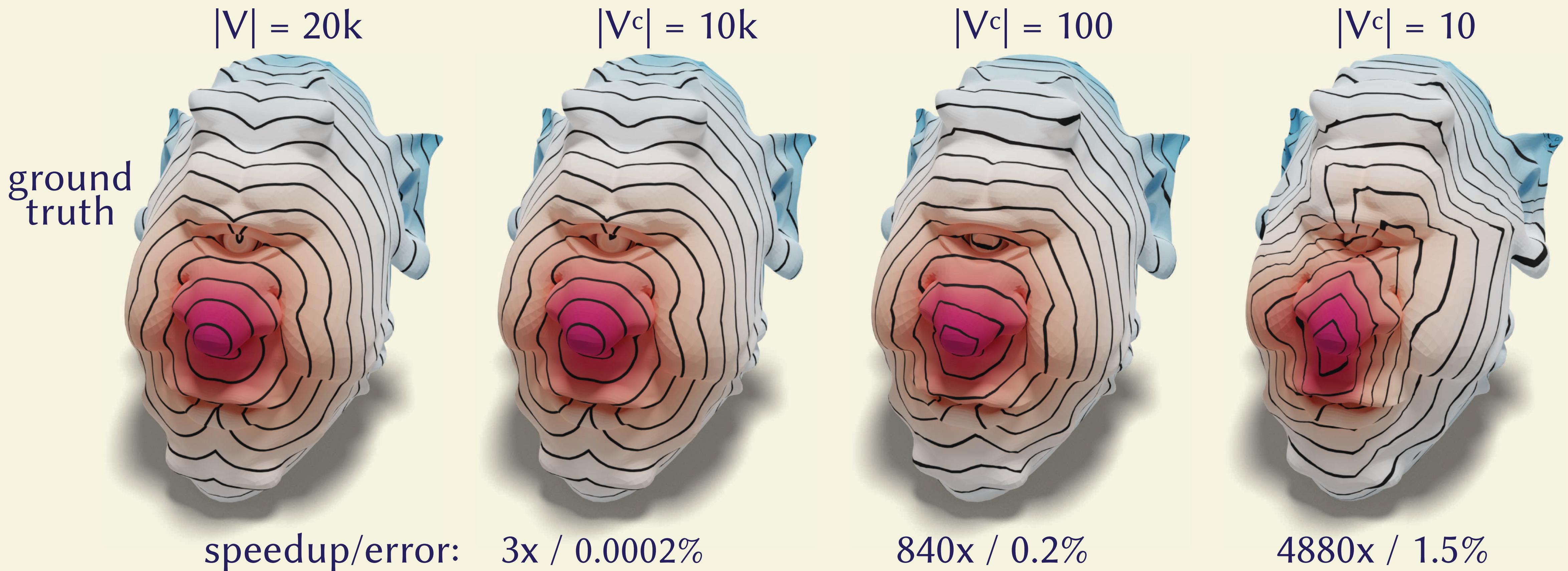
result on  
simplified surface



# Speedup vs error in geodesic distance



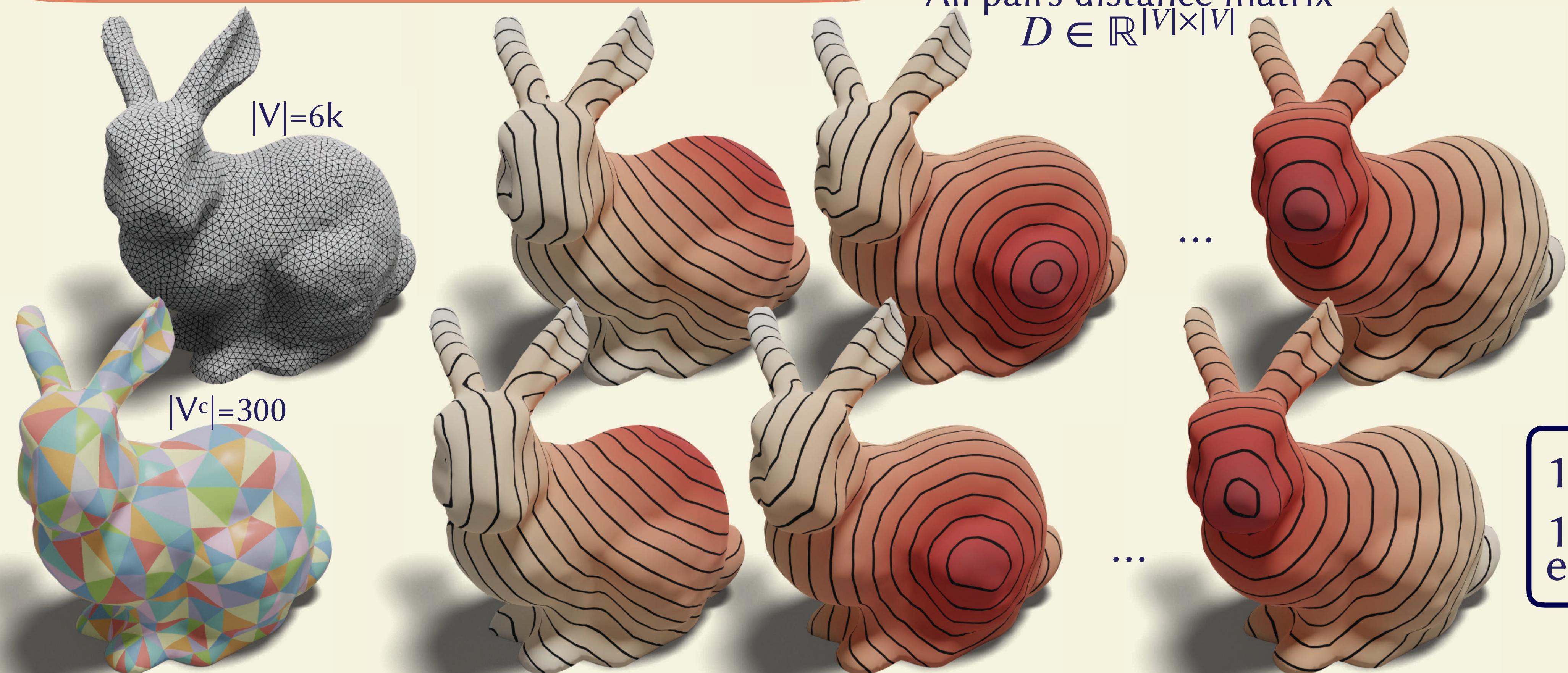
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# Low rank all-pairs distance matrix approximation



III. Intrinsic simplification  
► results



Distance matrix of  
simplified mesh

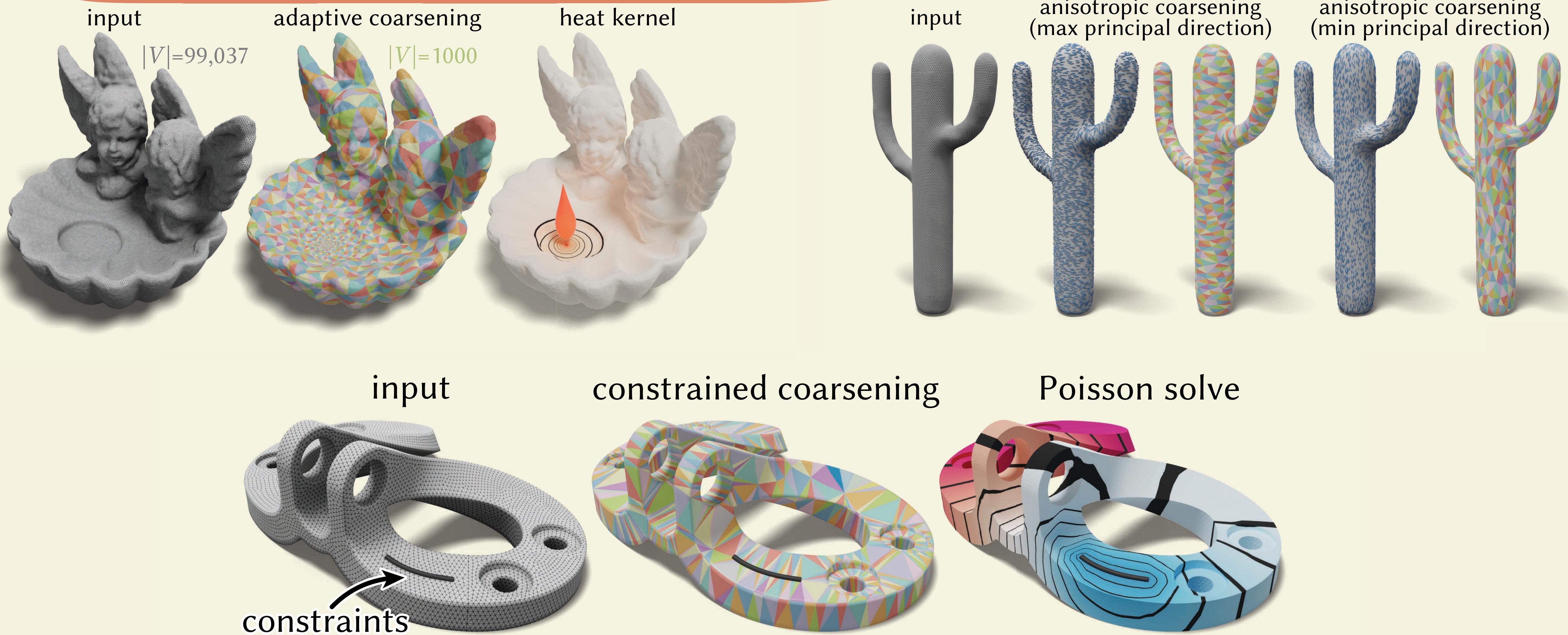


Prolongation operator  
 $P : \mathbb{R}^{|V^c|} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{|V|}$

• Approximate distance matrix  
 $\hat{D} = P\tilde{D}P^\top$

1650x faster  
1.4% relative  
error

# Adaptive simplification



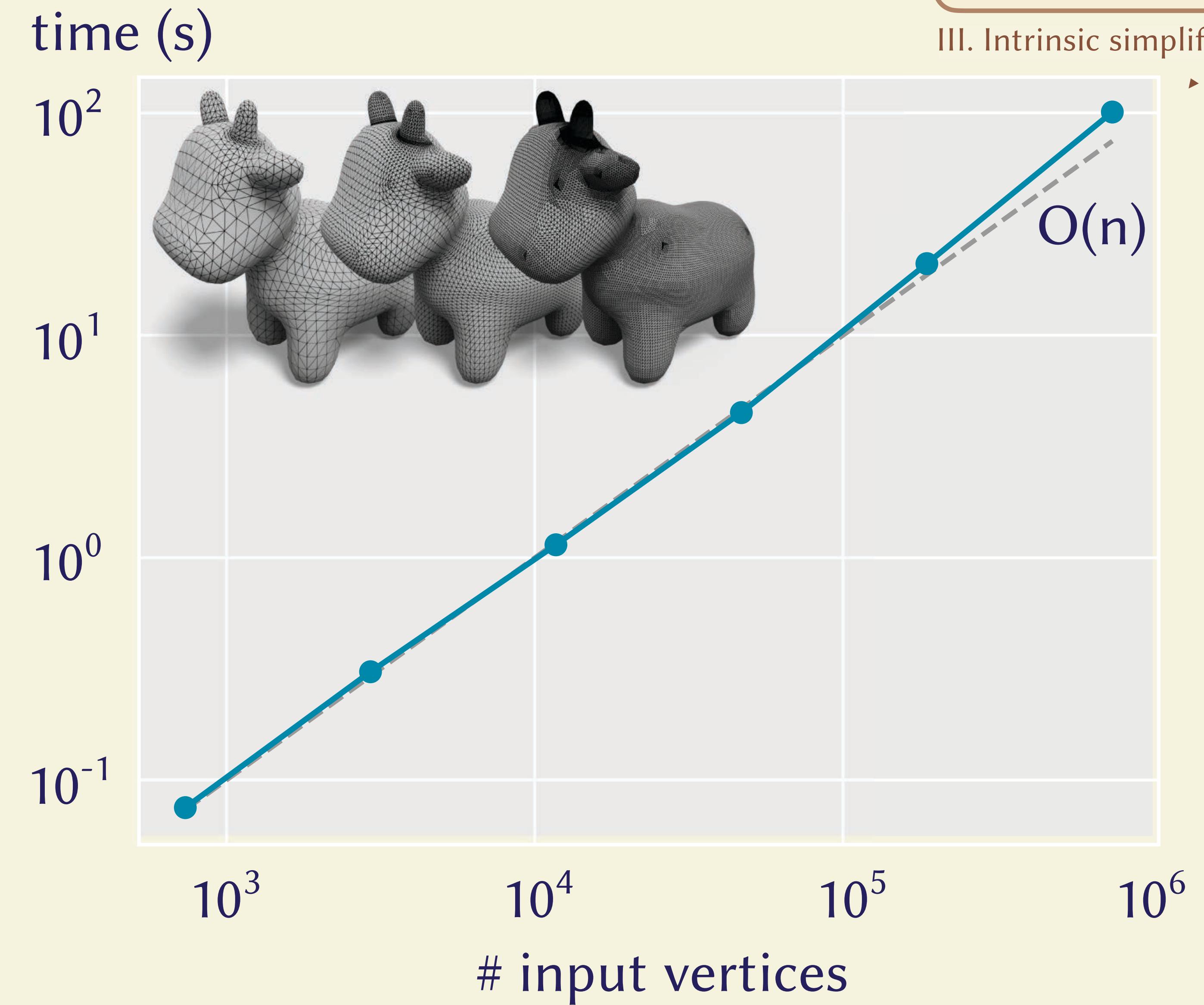
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anisotropic coarsening  
(min principal direction)

# Performance

- Linear scaling
  - Constant work per vertex

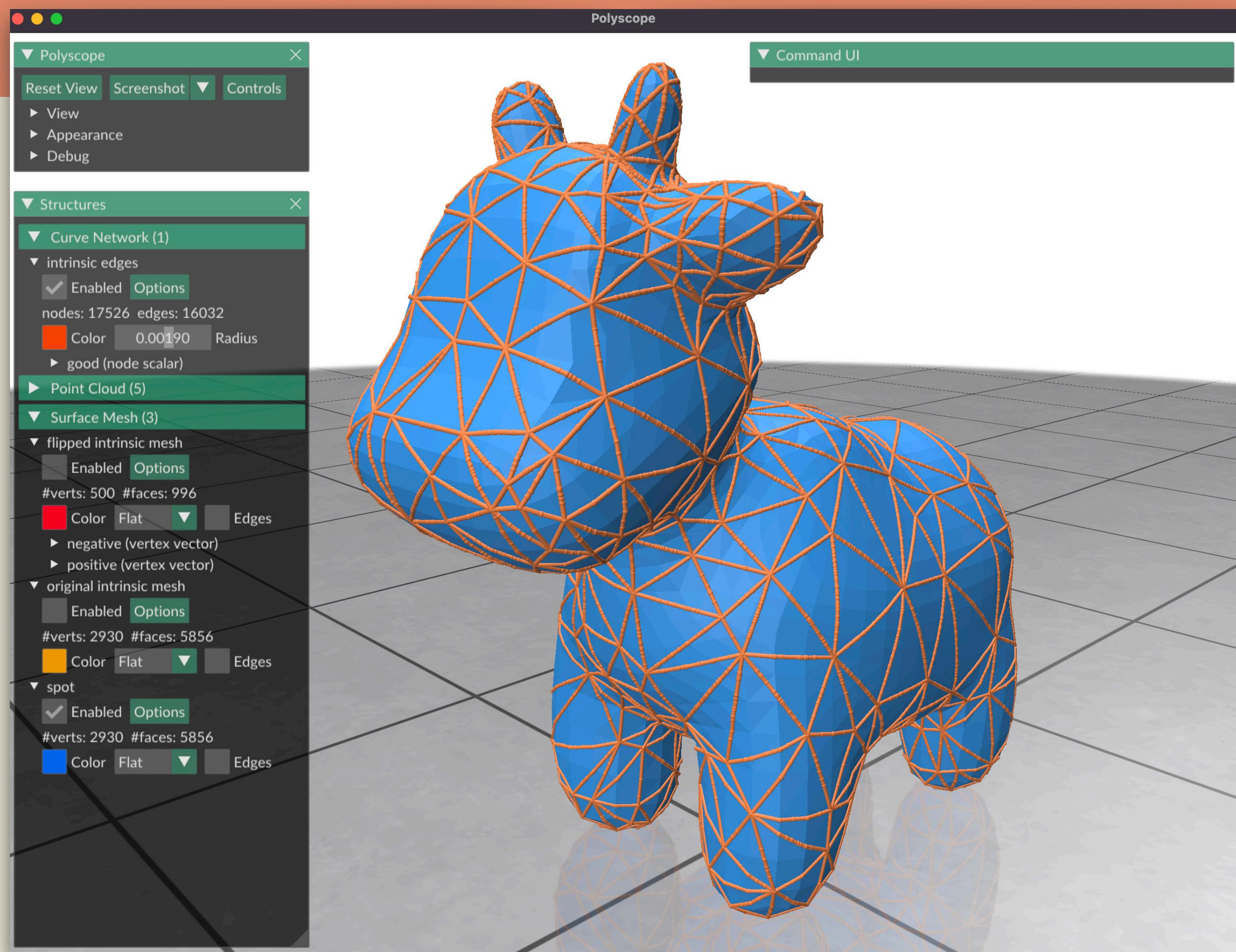
Removes ~10,000 vertices per second



# Try it out yourself (... in the near future)

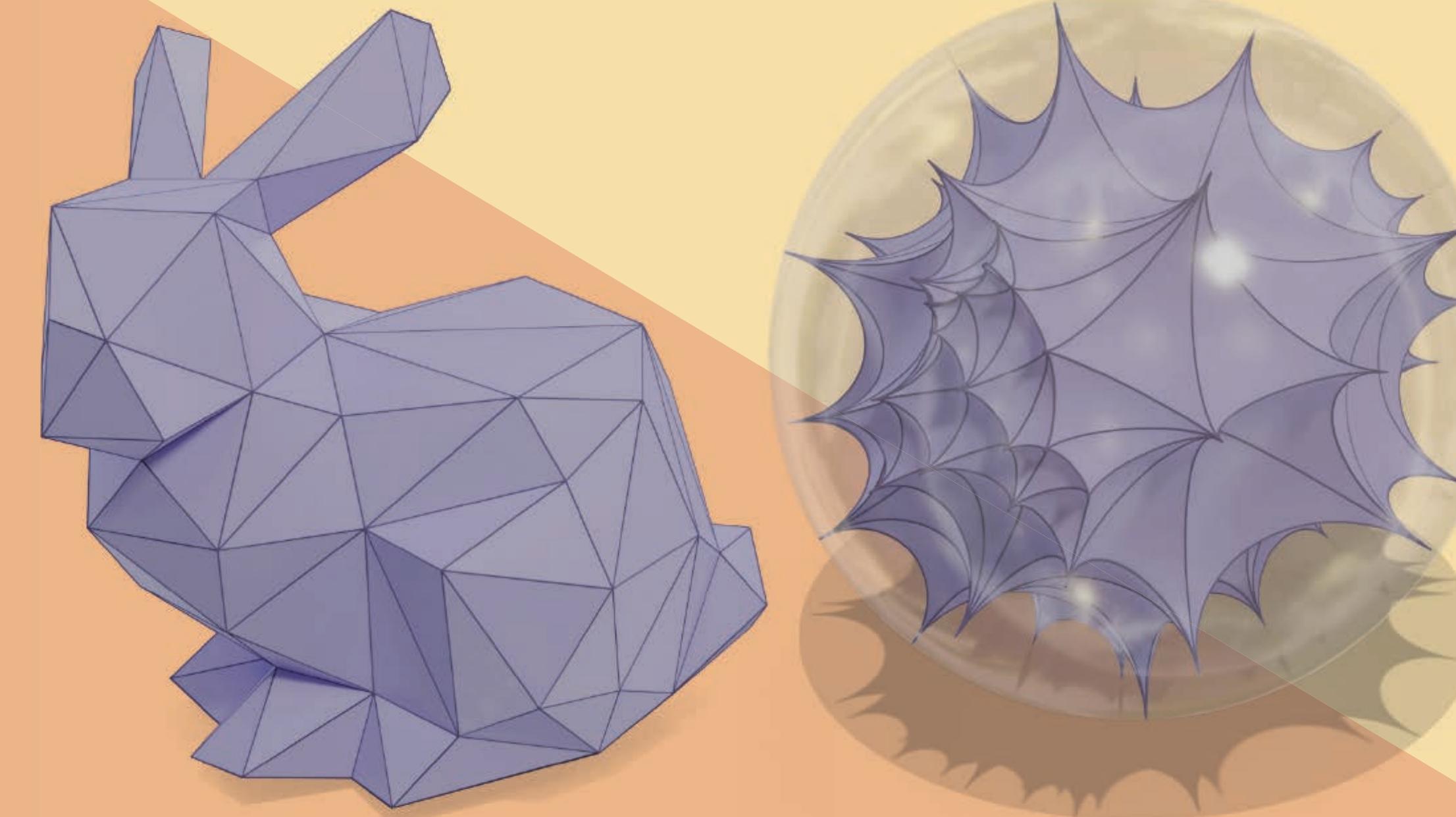


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Coming soon to <https://github.com/HTDerekLiu/intrinsic-simplification>

# IV. Discrete Uniformization



[ G., Springborn, & Crane. 2021. Discrete conformal equivalence of polyhedral surfaces. *ACM Transactions on Graphics* ]

# The uniformization theorem

[Poincare 1907; Koebe 1907; Troyanov 1991]

Any surface is conformally equivalent to a surface of constant curvature.

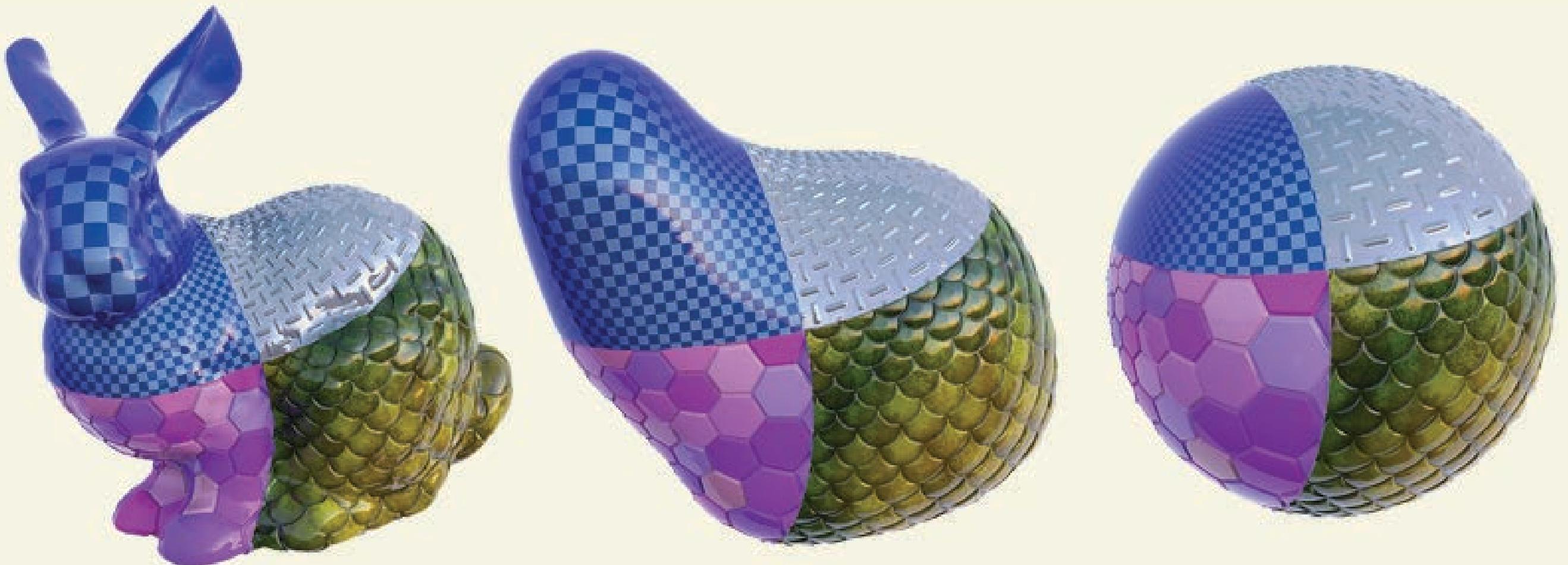
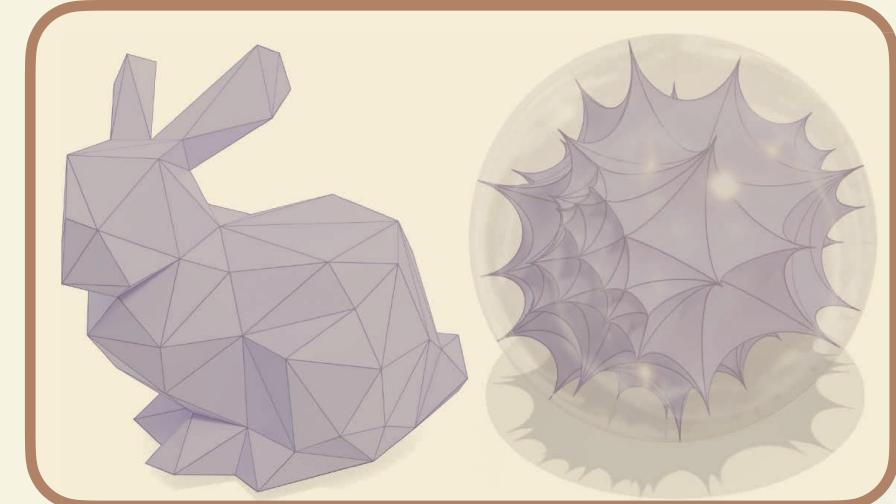


Image: [Crane, Pinkall & Schröder 2013]



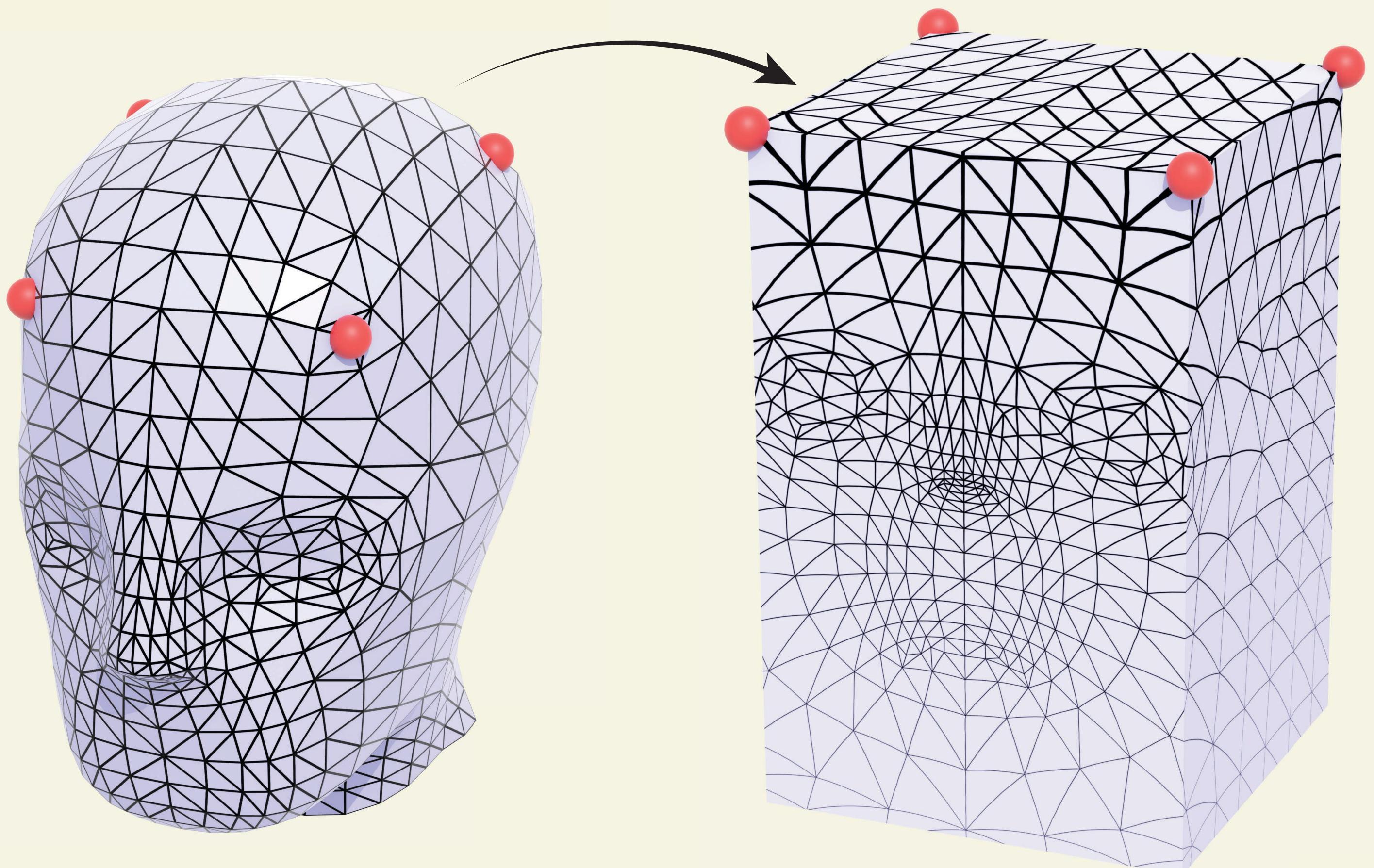
# The discrete uniformization theorem

[Gu, Luo, Sun & Wu 2018; Springborn 2019]



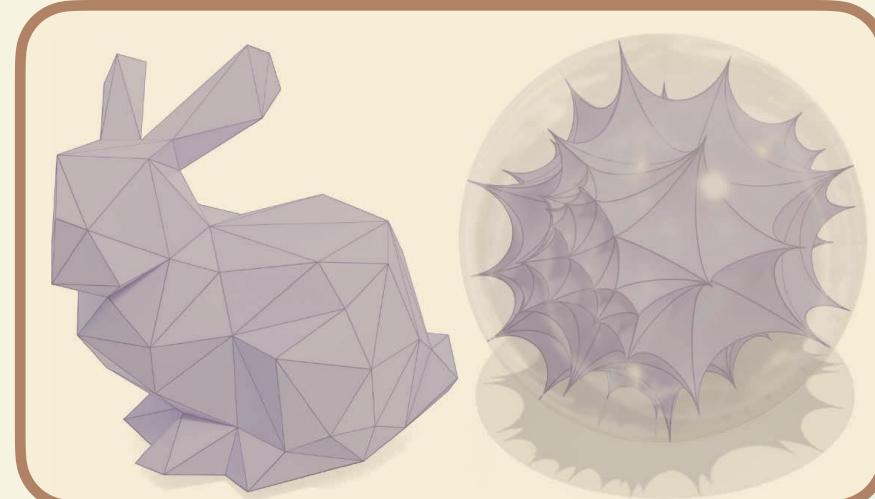
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Any positive vertex cone angles satisfying Gauss-Bonnet can be realized by some discrete conformal map.



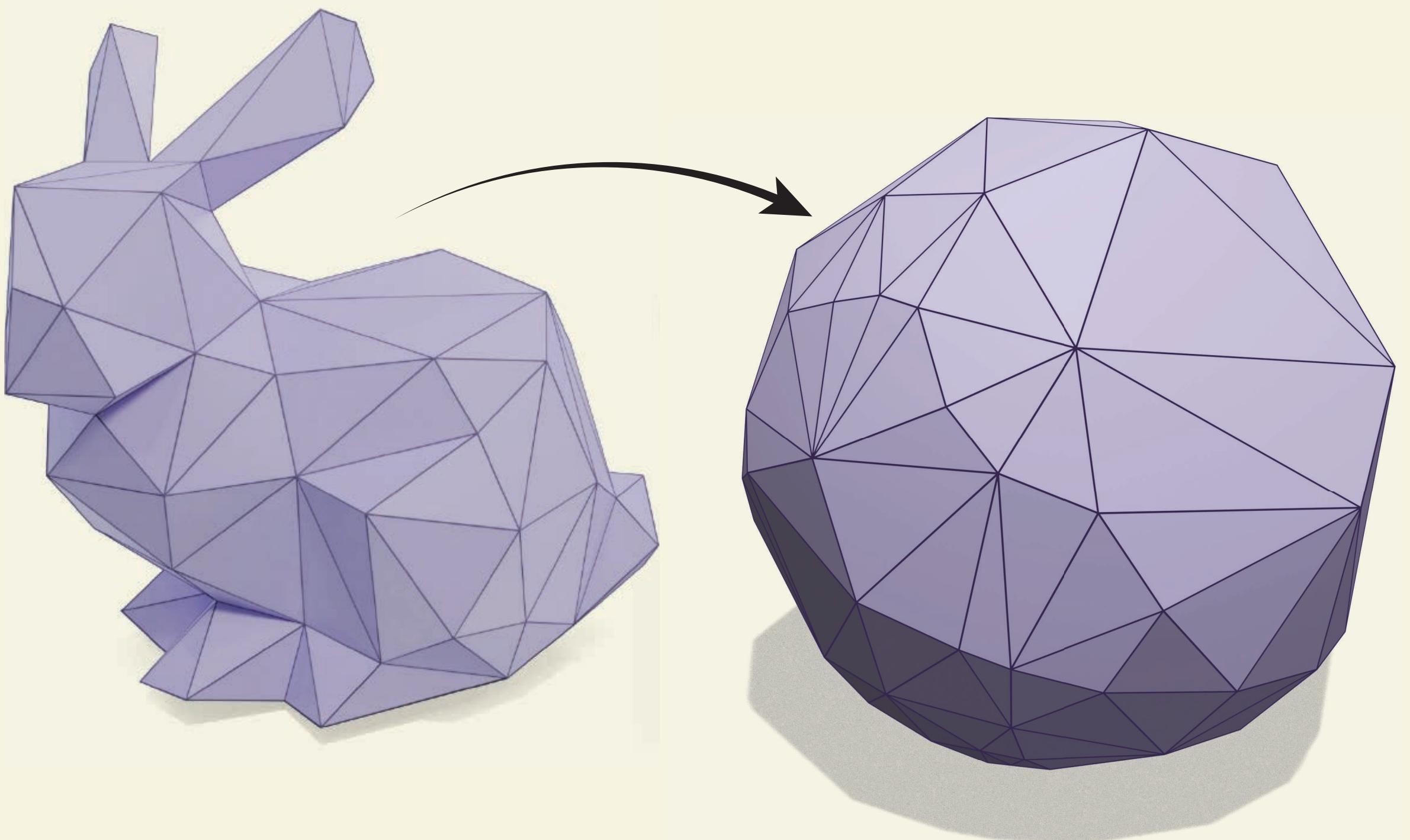
# The discrete spherical uniformization theorem

[Springborn 2019]



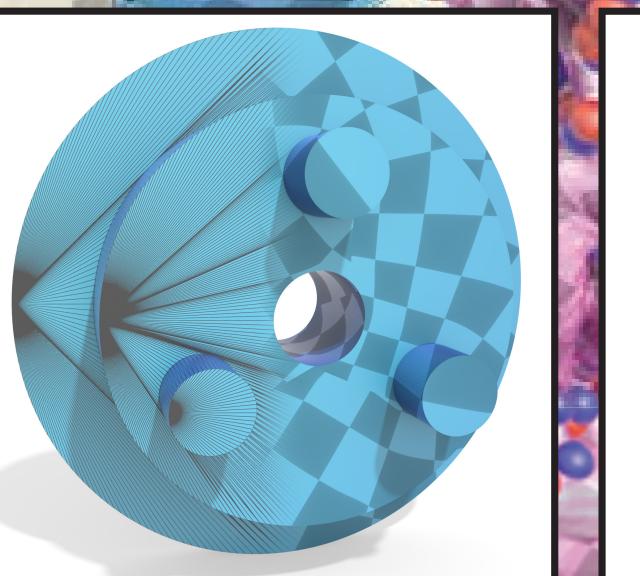
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Any simply-connected triangle mesh is discretely conformally equivalent to a mesh whose vertices lie on the unit sphere

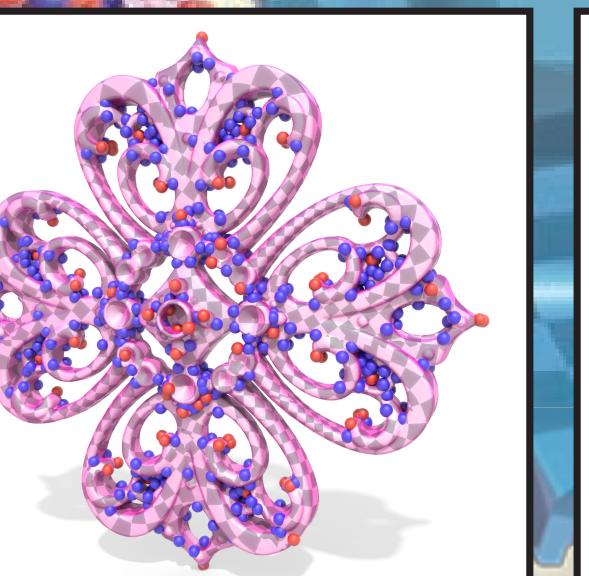


# Discrete uniformization in action

[G., Springborn, & Crane. 2021]



bad meshes



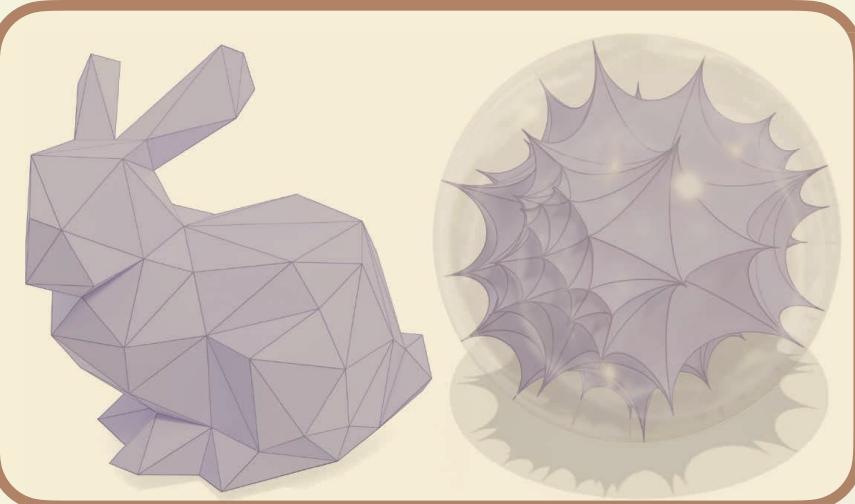
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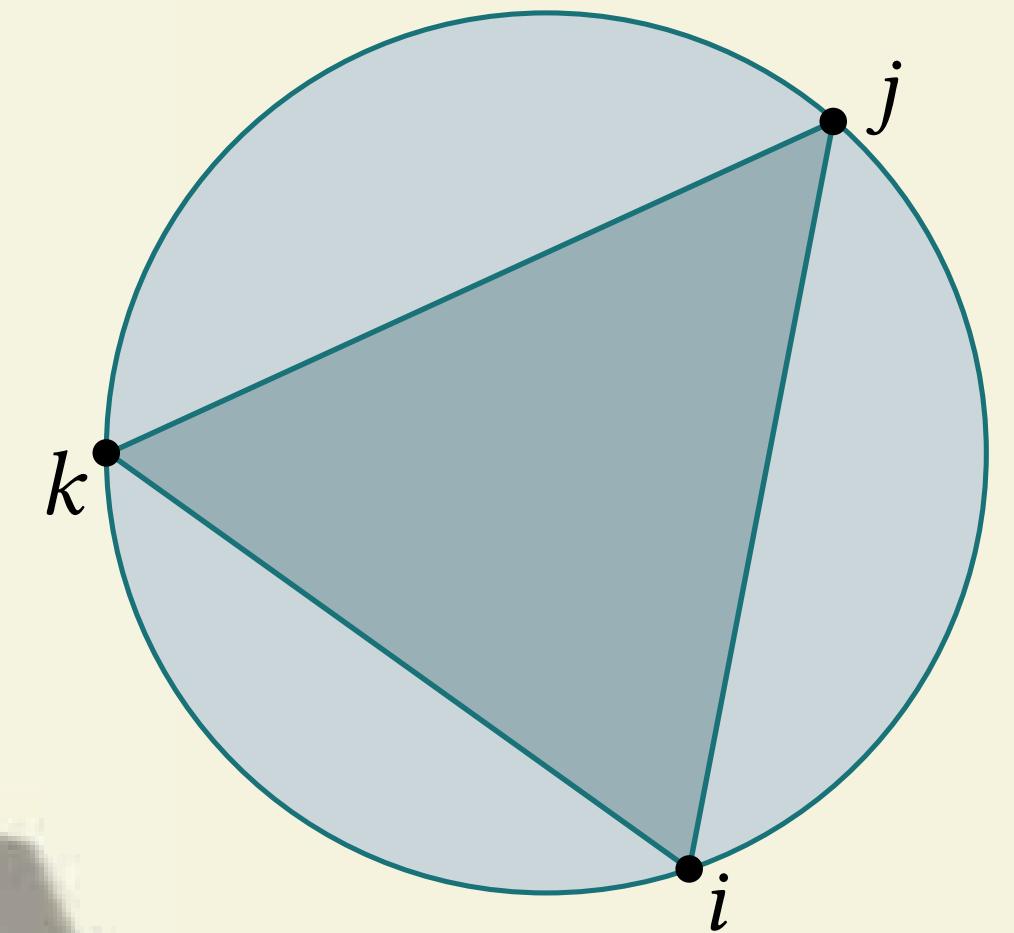
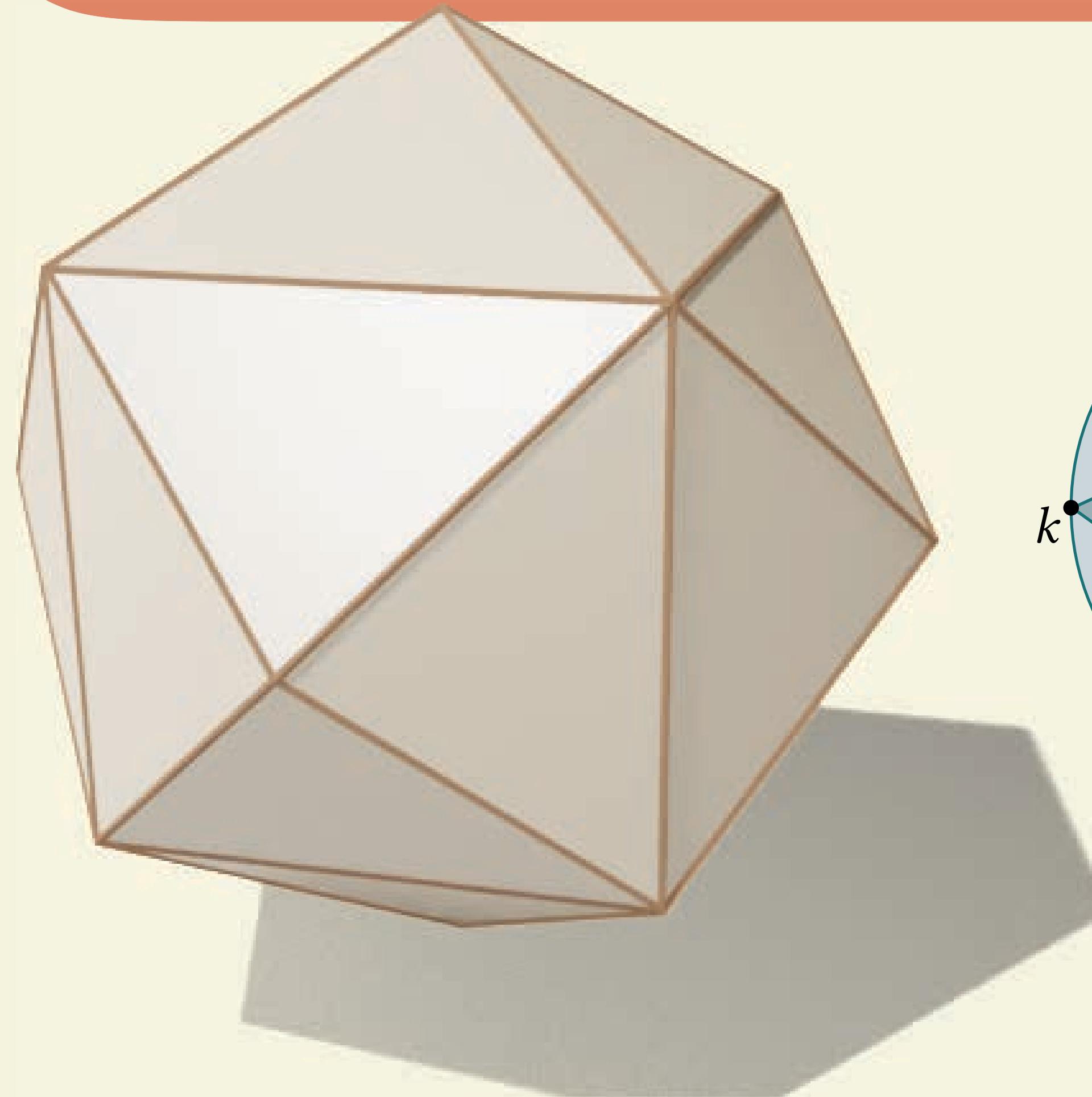
spherical maps

# Triangle mesh $\longleftrightarrow$ ideal polyhedron

[Bobenko, Pinkall & Springborn 2010]

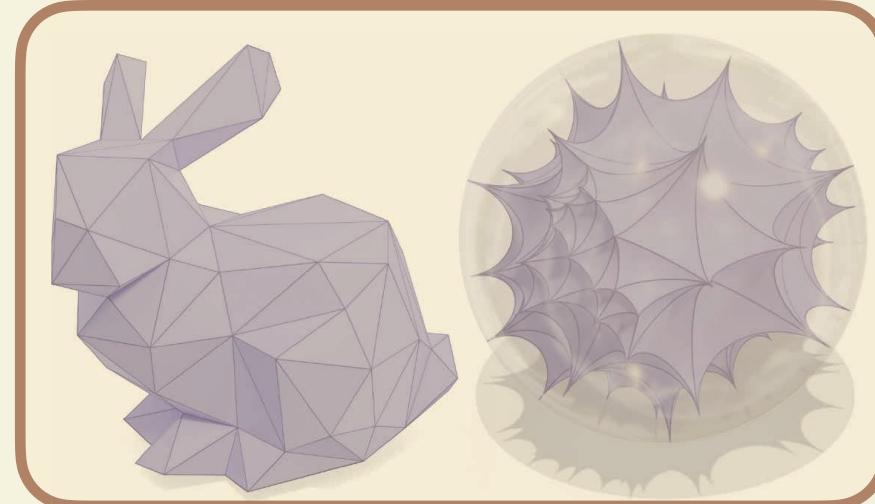


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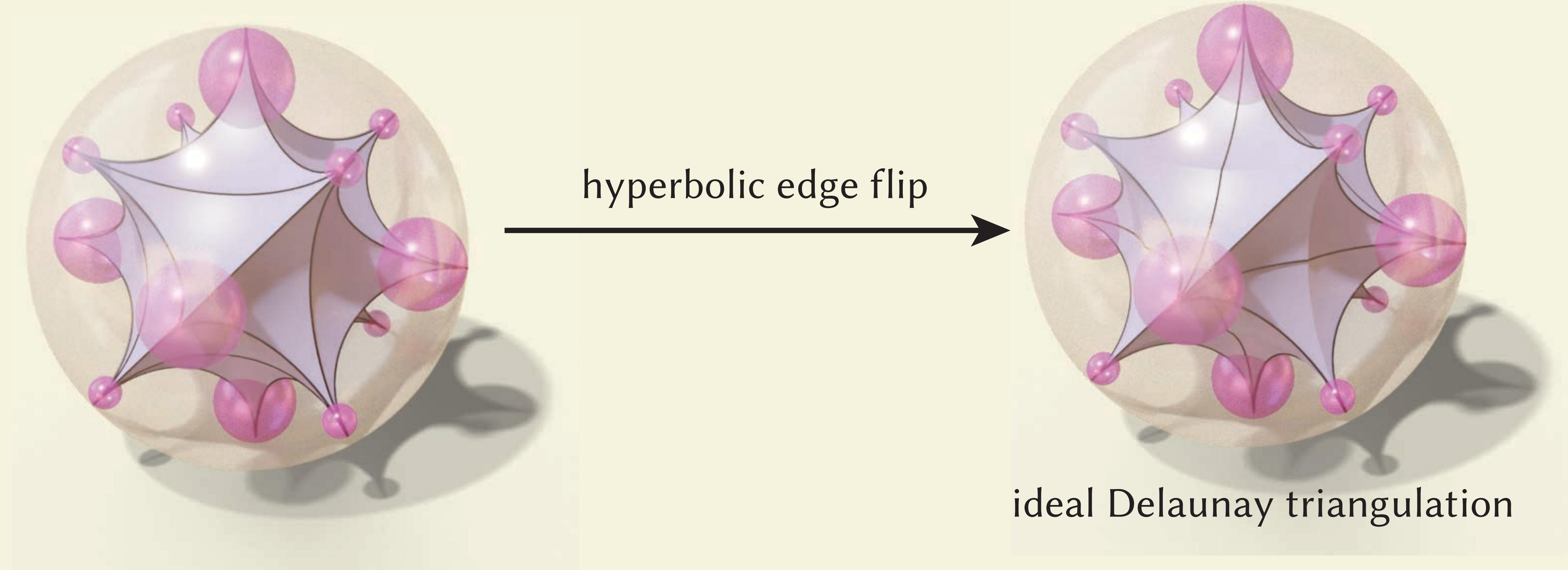


Euclidean triangle in circumcircle  $\longleftrightarrow$  Klein ideal triangle

# Ideal Delaunay triangulations

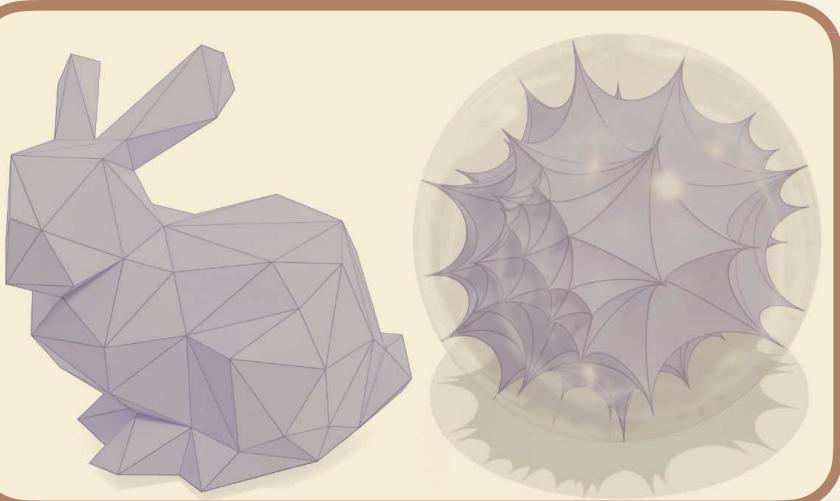


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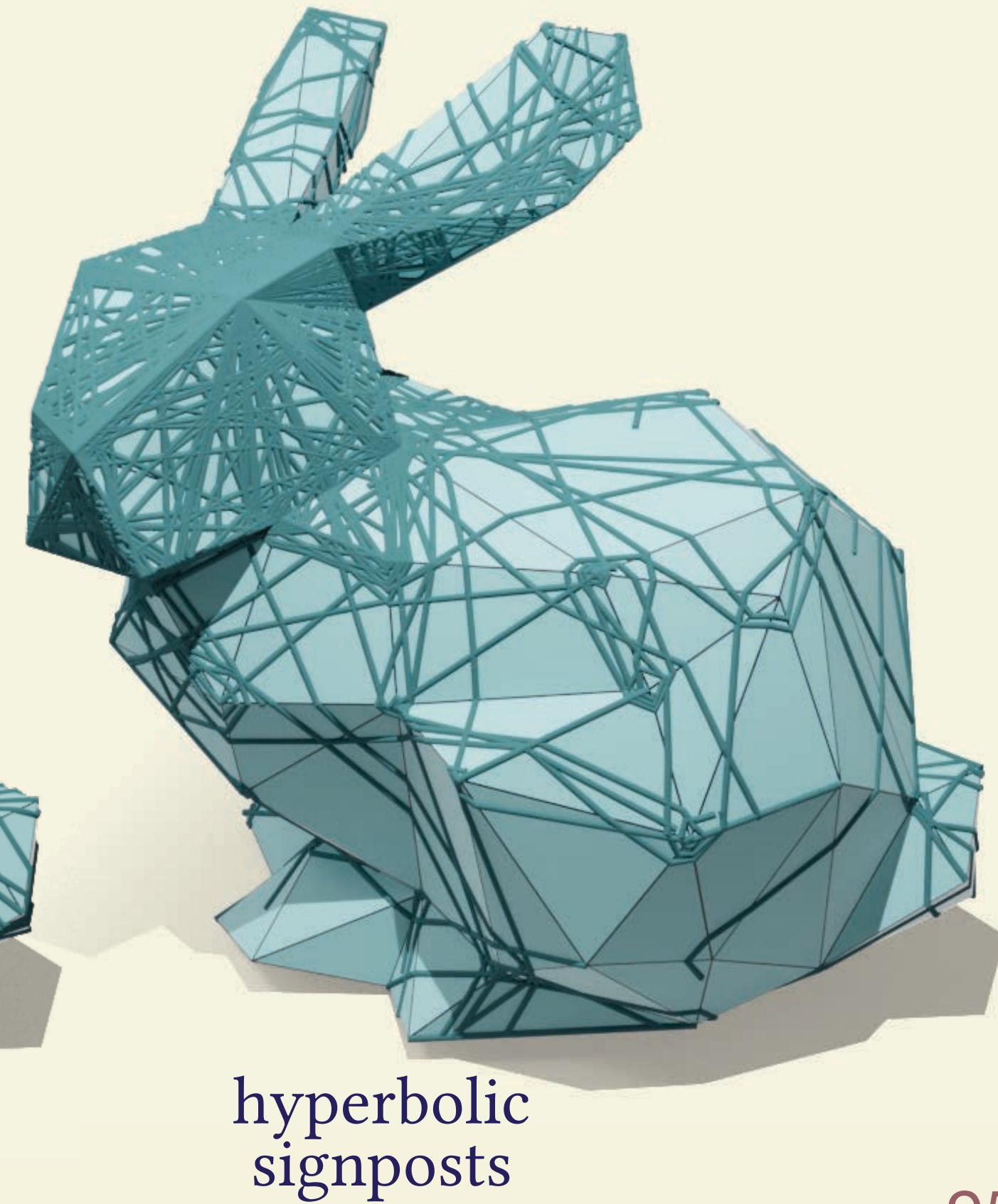


Hyperbolic correspondence problem

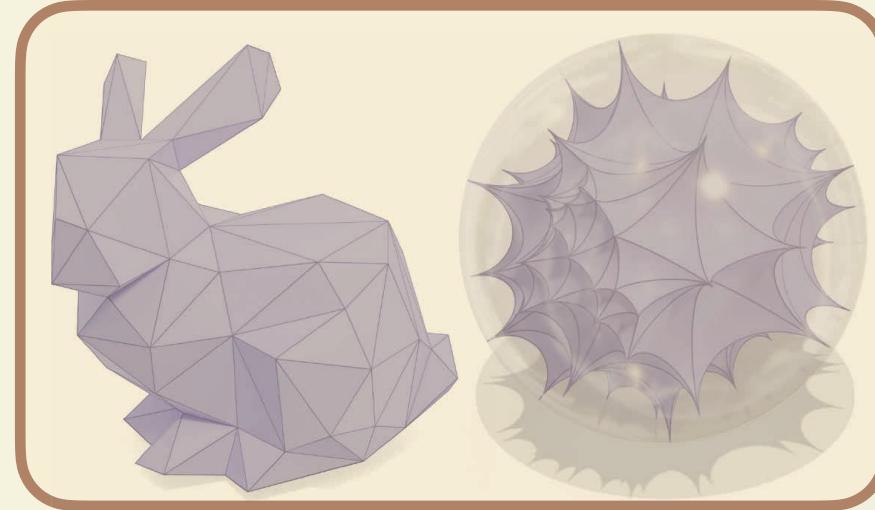
# Correspondence between ideal polyhedra



- Adapt Euclidean techniques to hyperbolic setting
- Integer coordinates essential



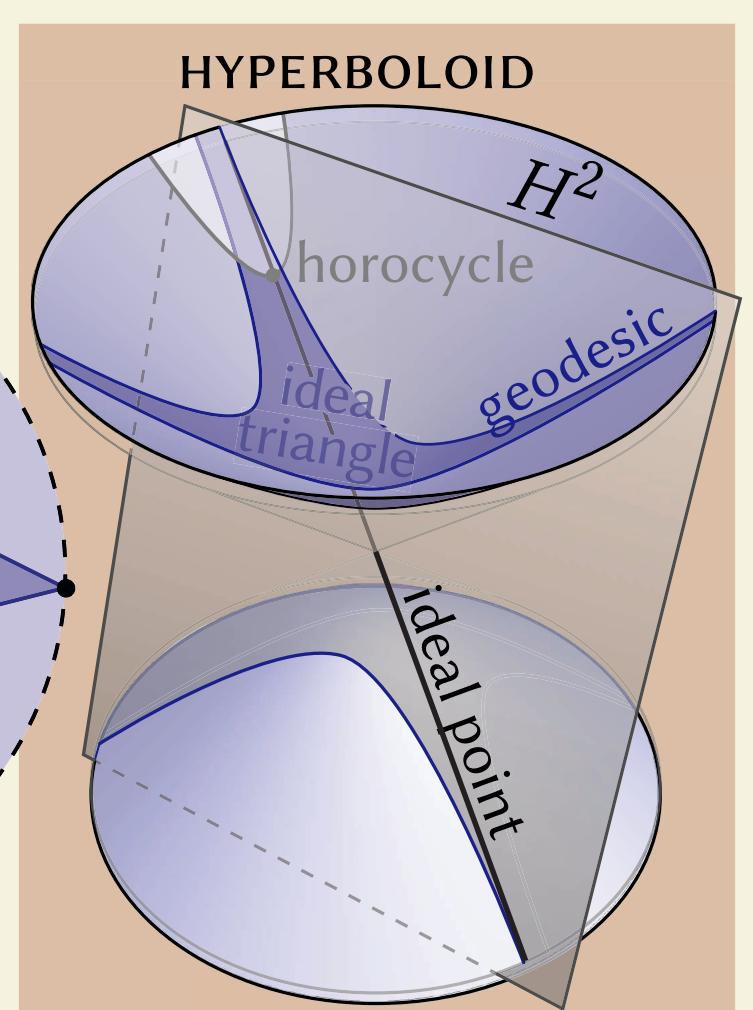
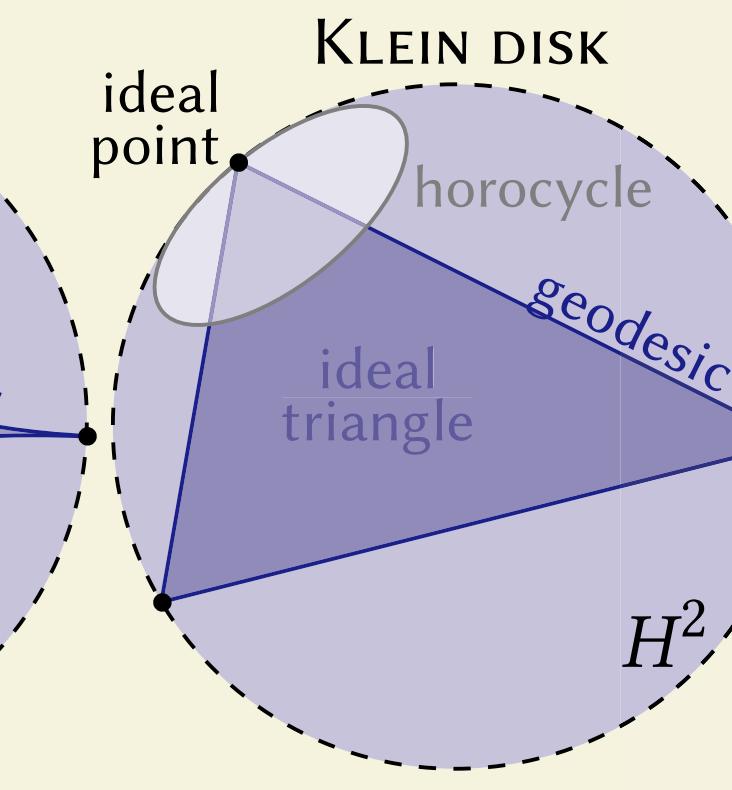
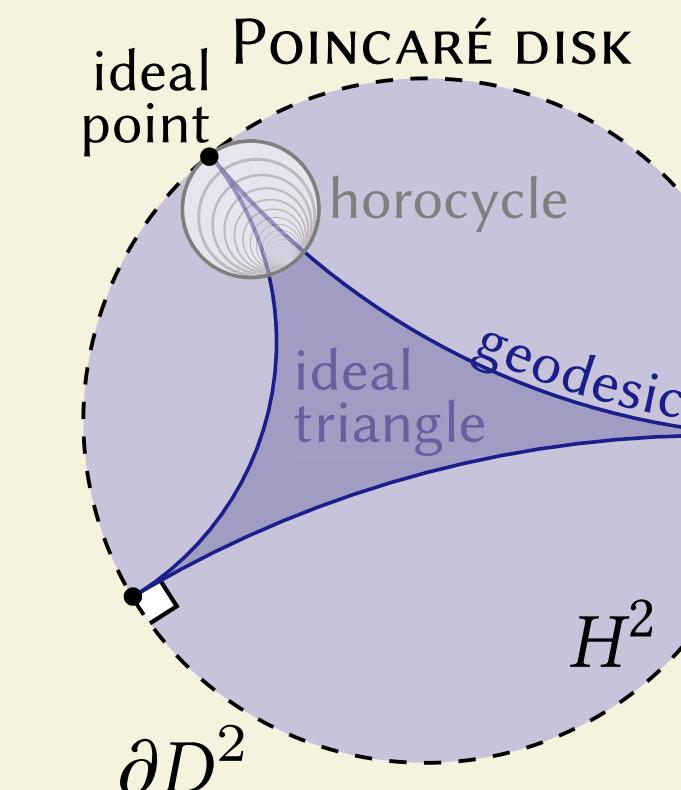
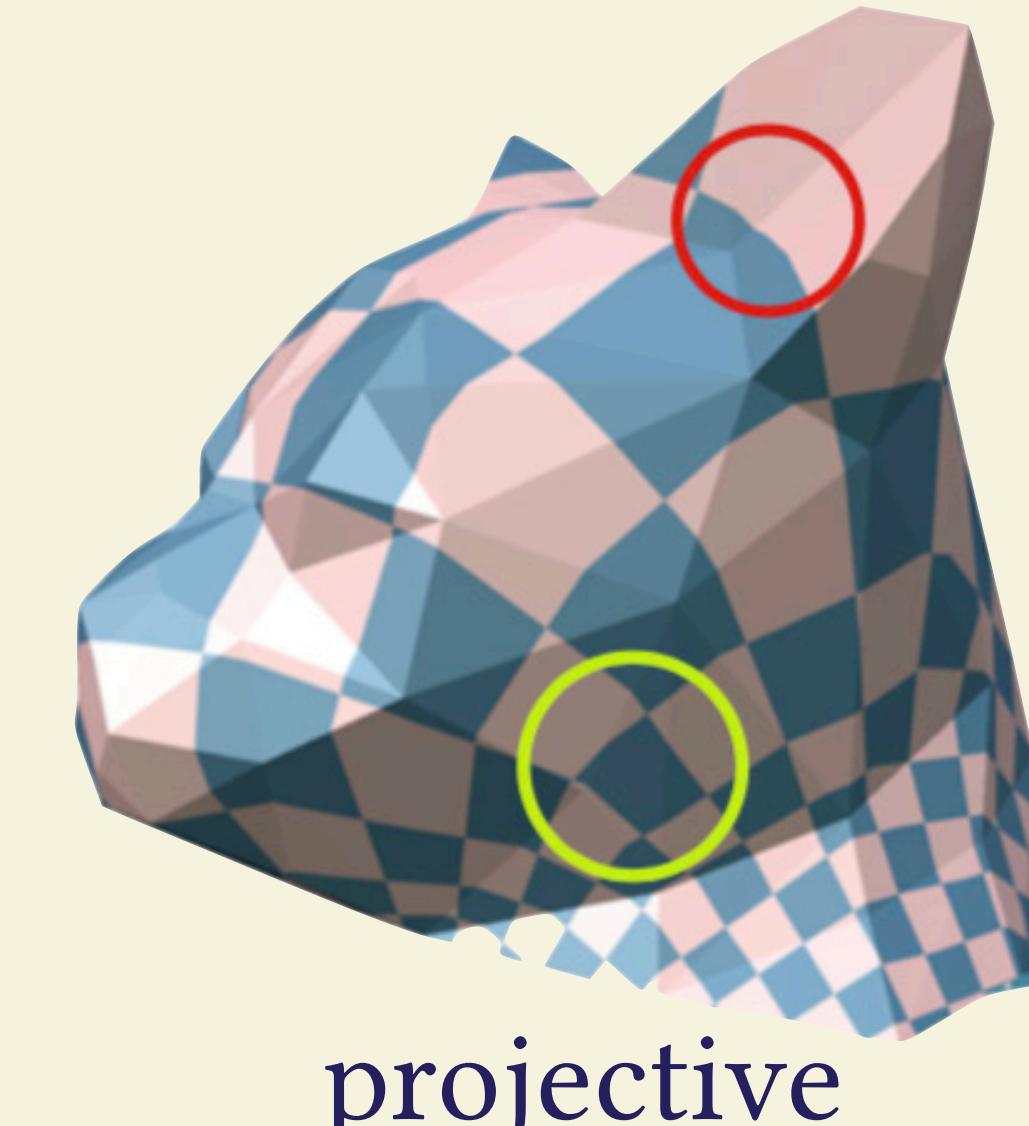
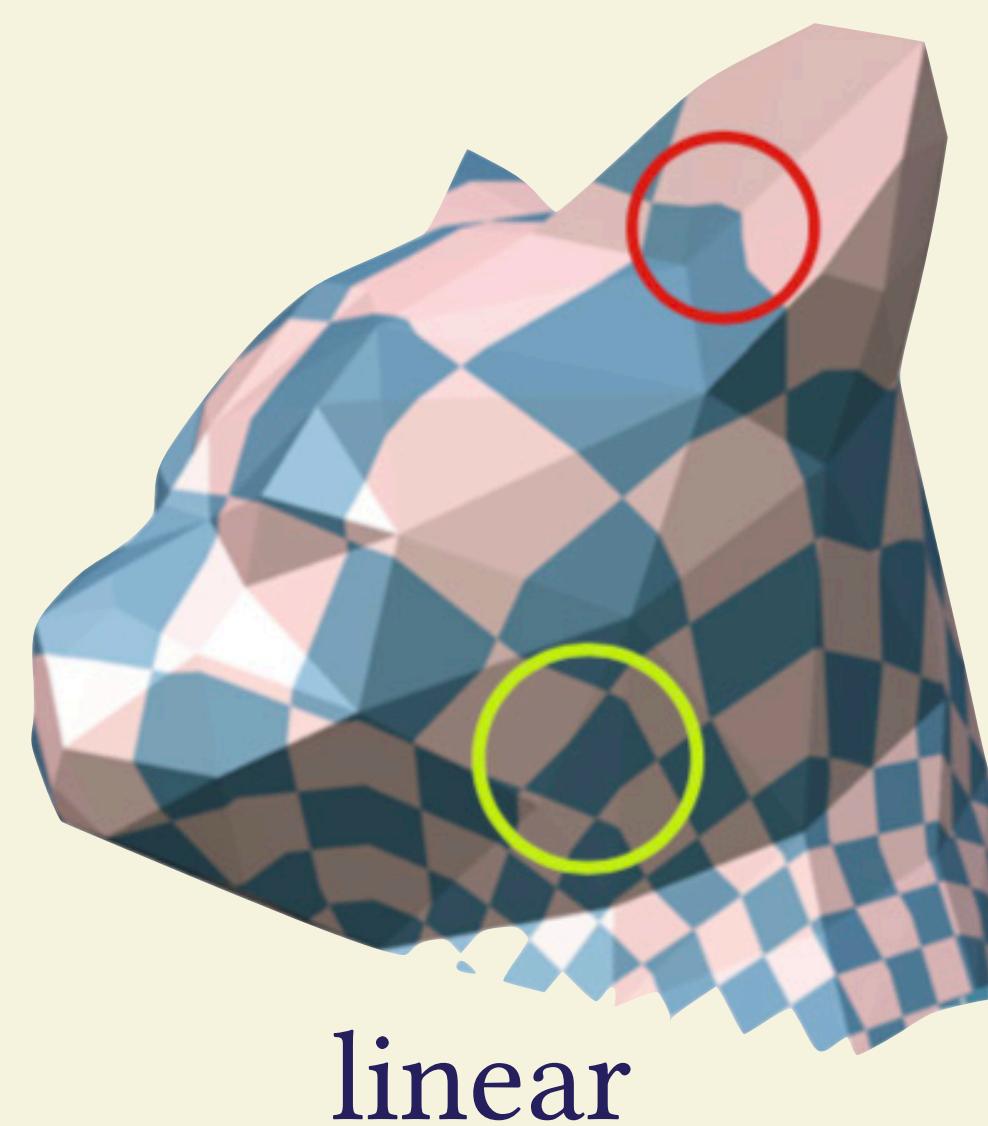
# Projective interpolation



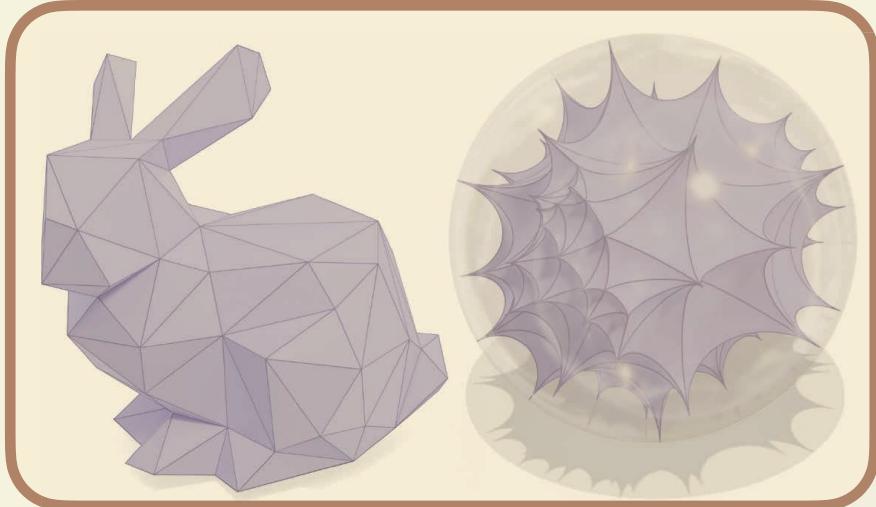
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- [Springborn, Schröder & Pinkall 2008]: projective interpolation
  - Hyperbolic isometry
  - In variable triangulation case, lay out triangles in hyperboloid model

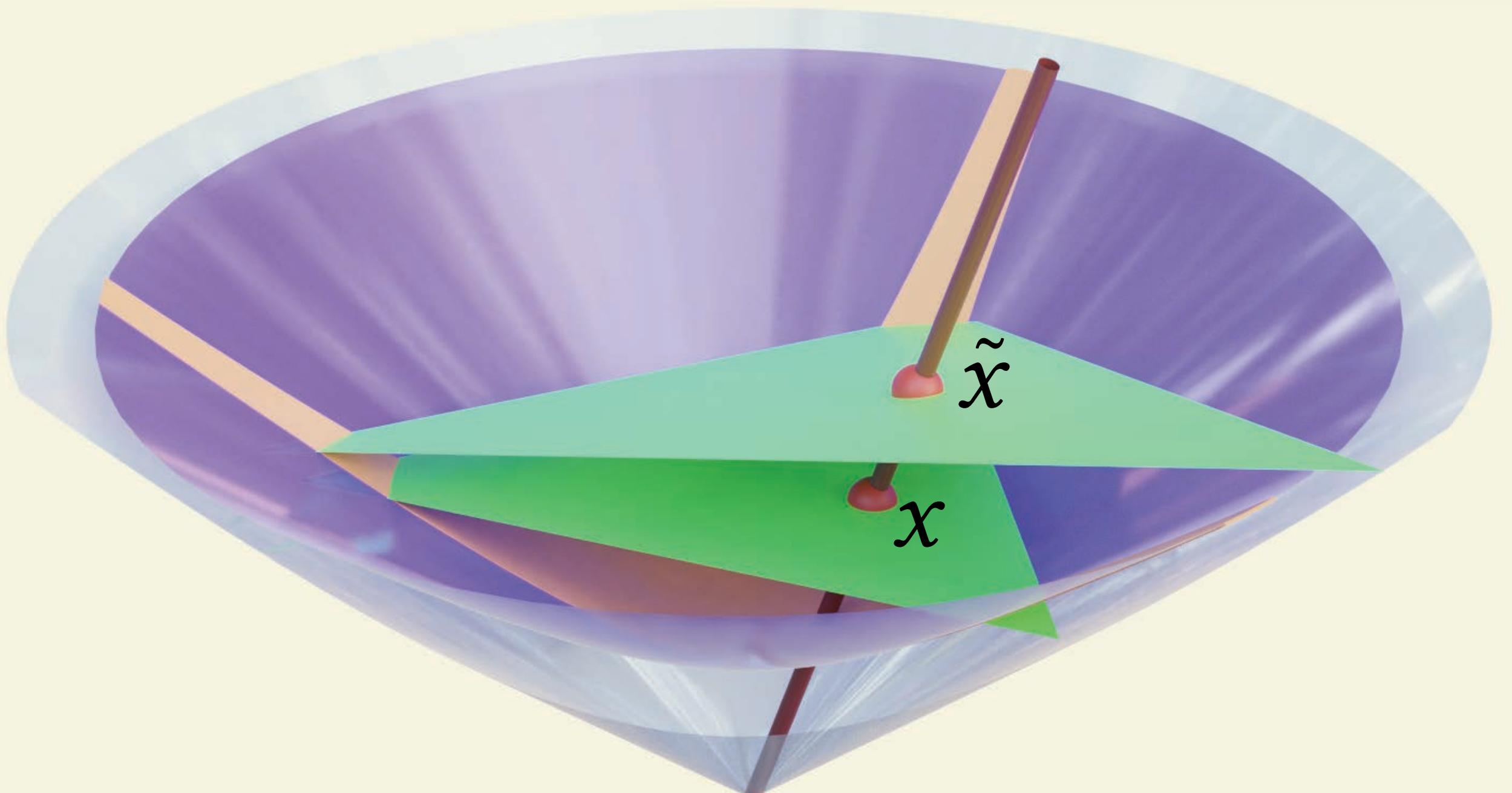
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# Interpolation in the hyperboloid model

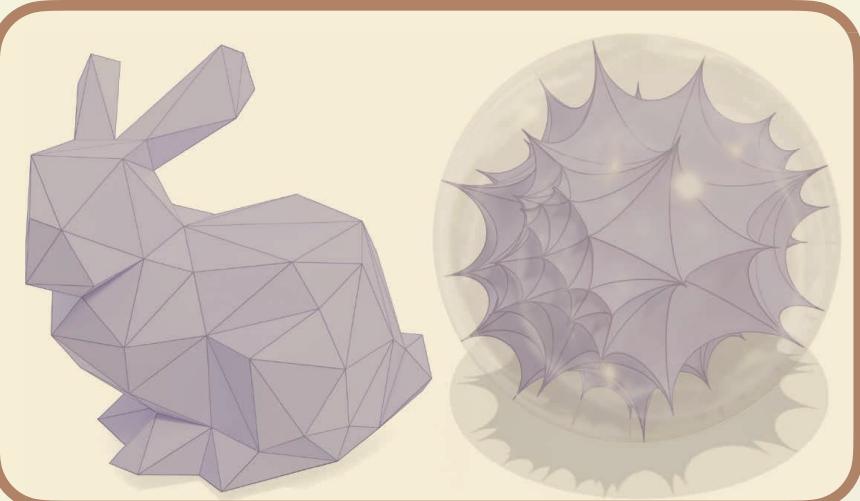


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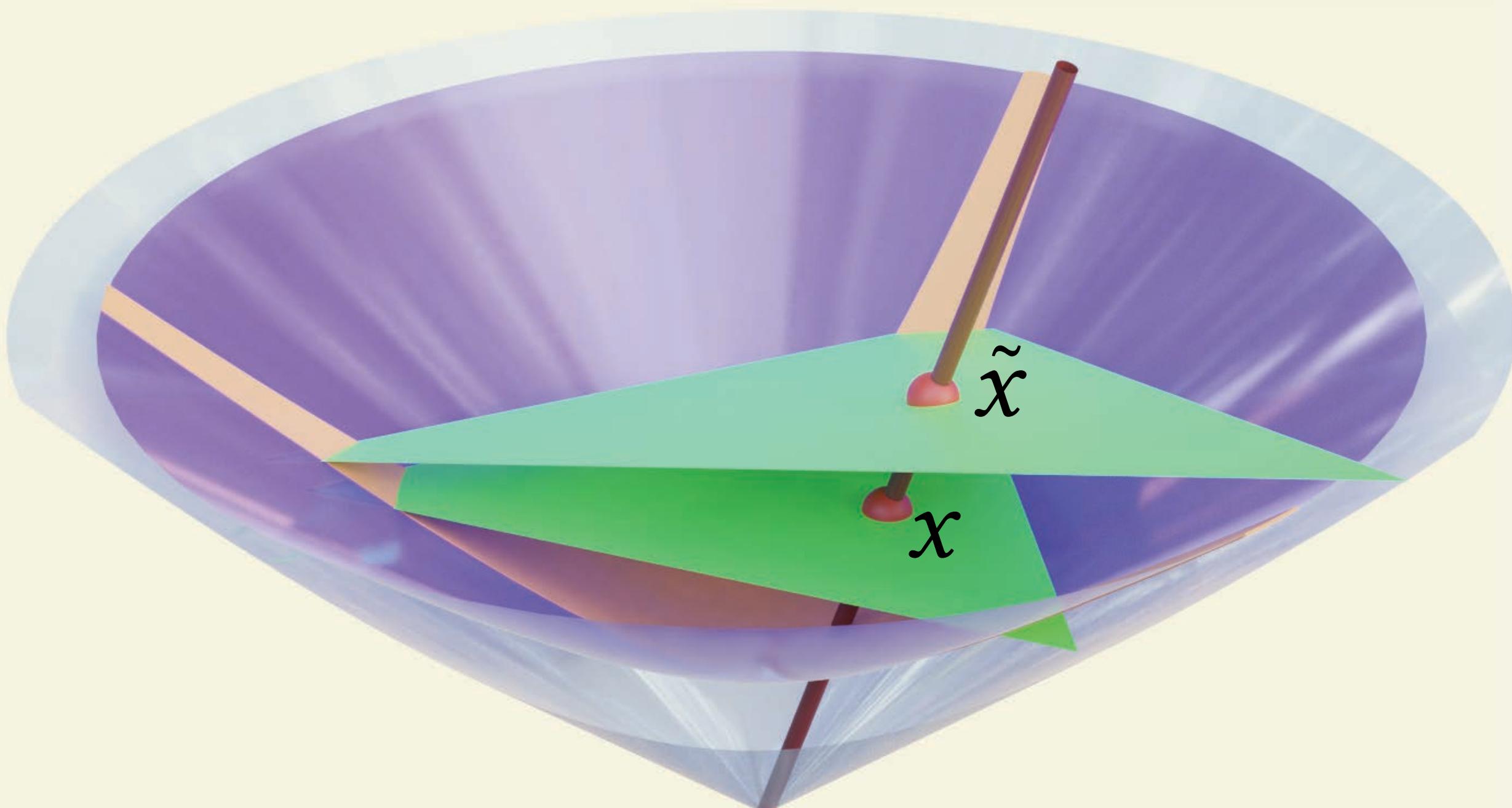


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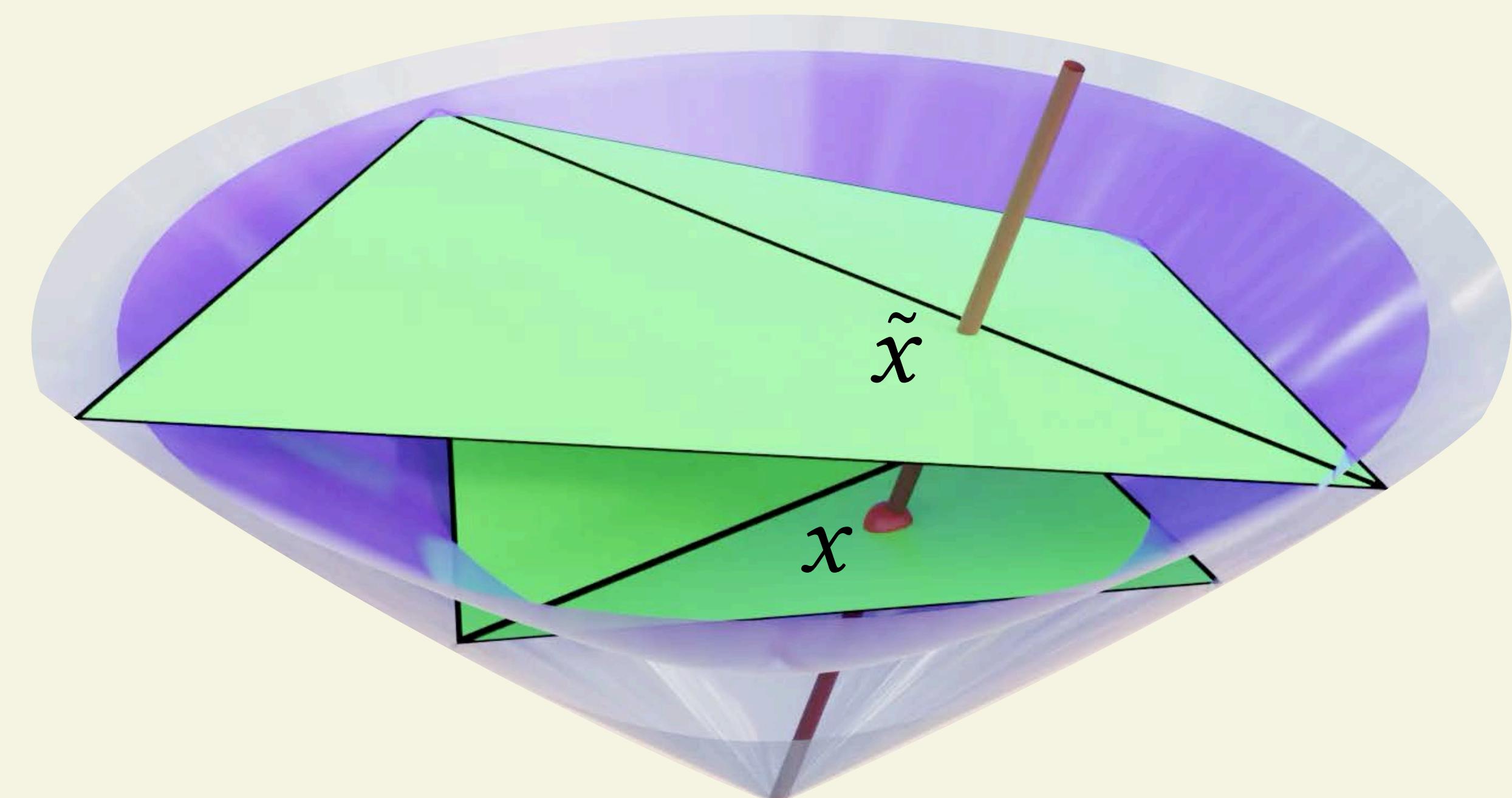
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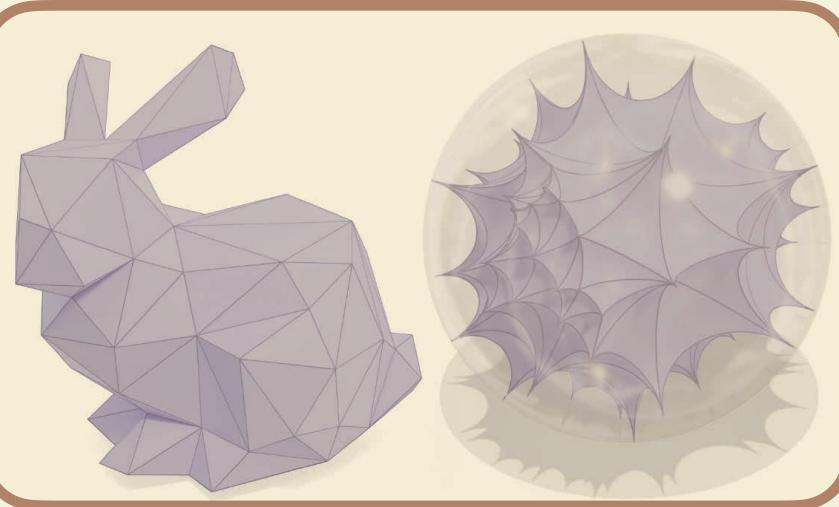


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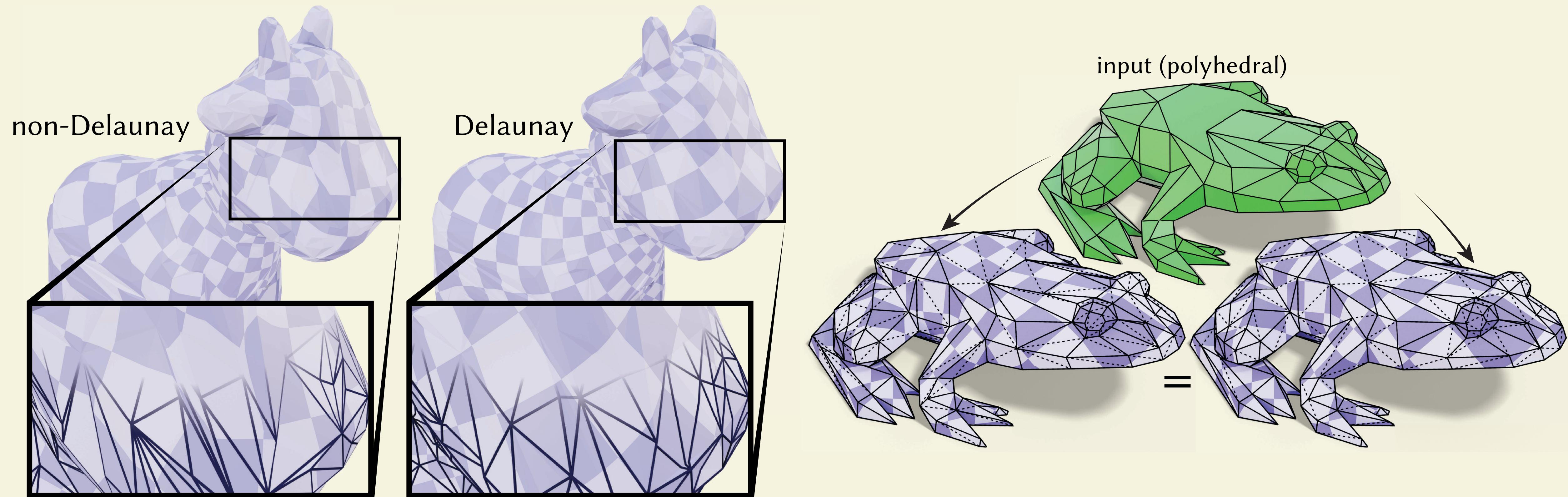


variable triangulation

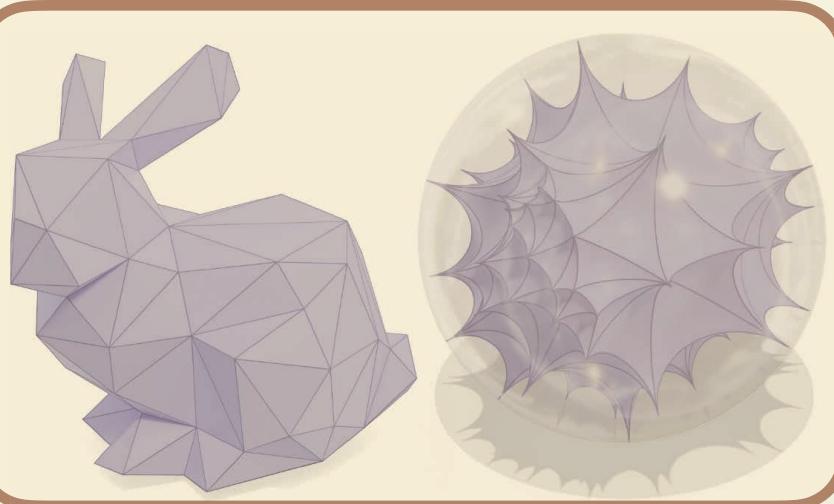
# Starting from Delaunay



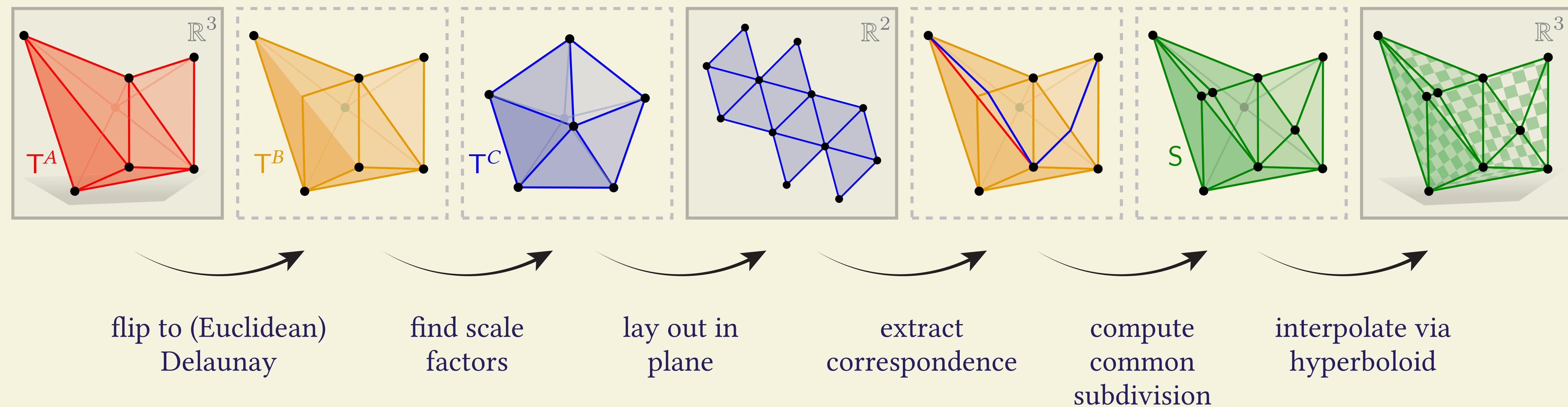
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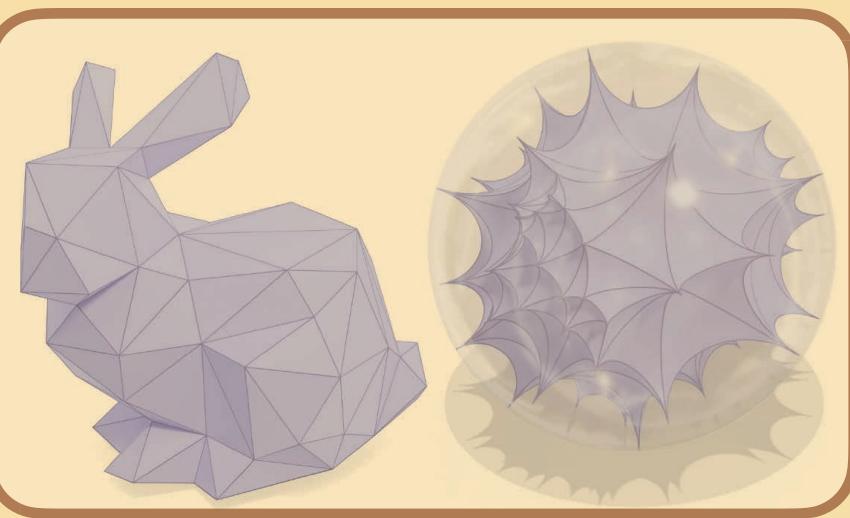


# Final algorithm



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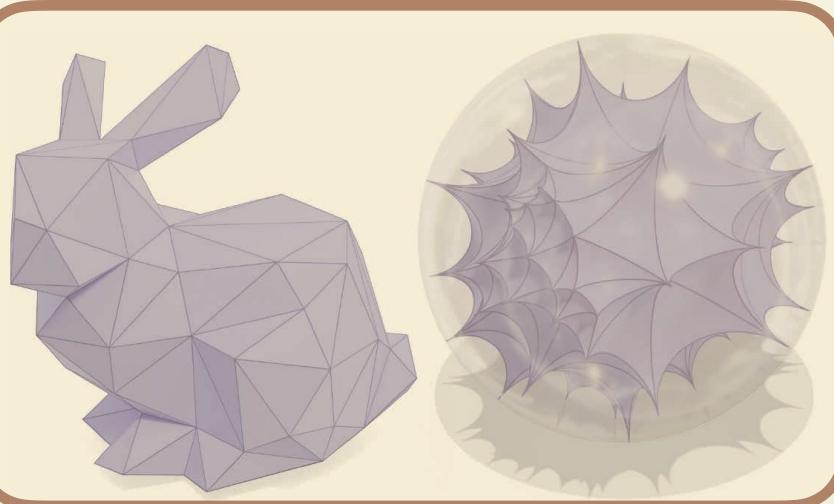




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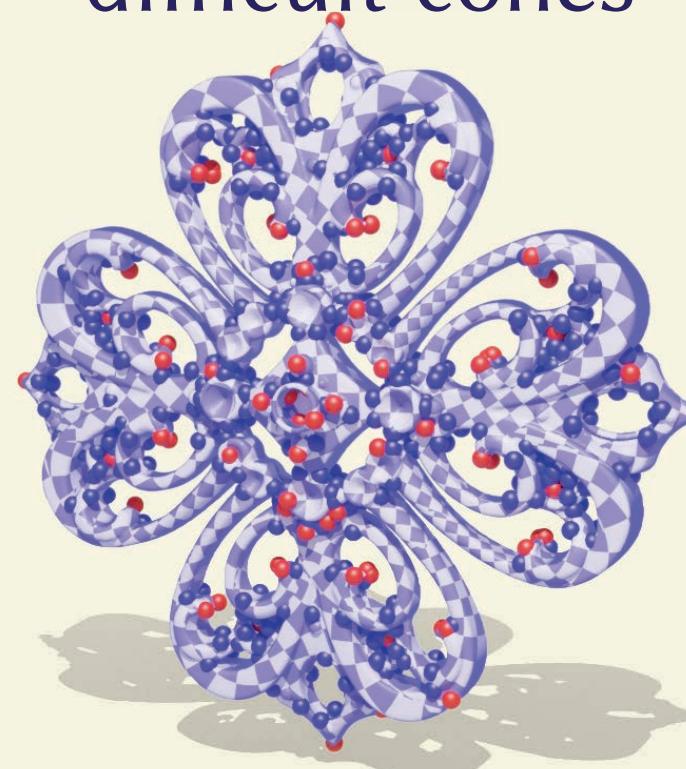
# Uniformization results

# Challenging datasets

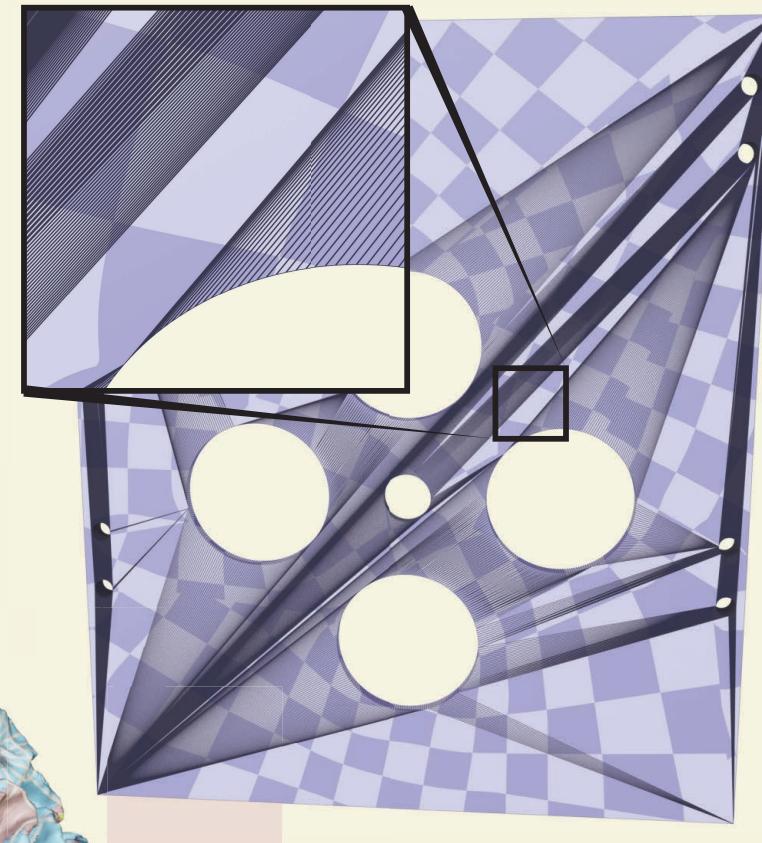


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► *results*

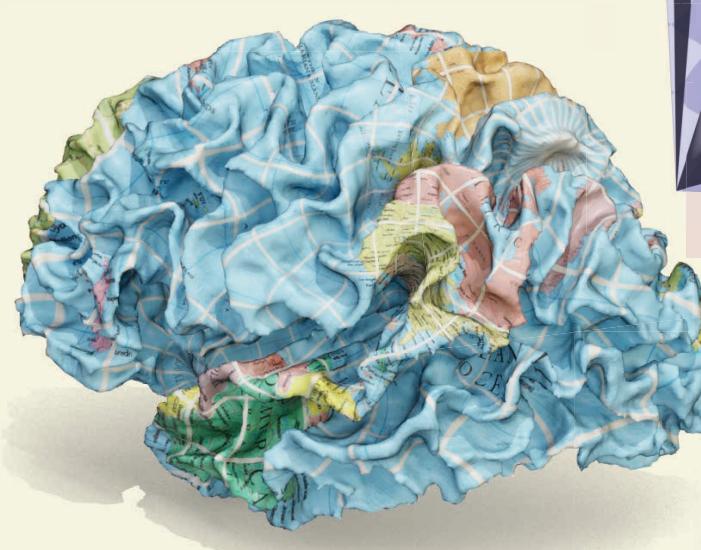
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cone flattening



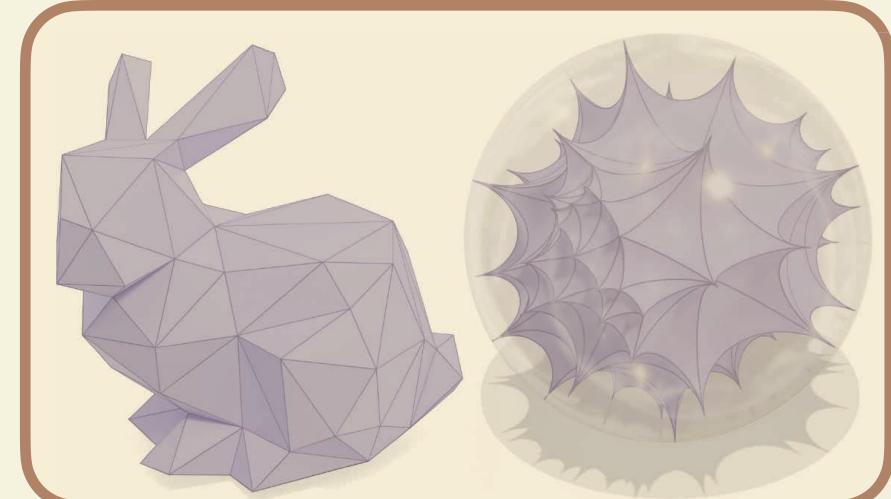
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uniformization

Dataset	# Models	Success rate	Average time
<b>MPZ</b> [Myles+ 2014]	114	100%	8s
<b>Thingi10k</b> [Zhou+ 2016]	32,744*	97.7%	57s†
<b>brain scans</b> [Yeo+ 2009]	78	100%	493s
<b>anatomical surfaces</b> [Boyer+ 2011]	187	100%	15s

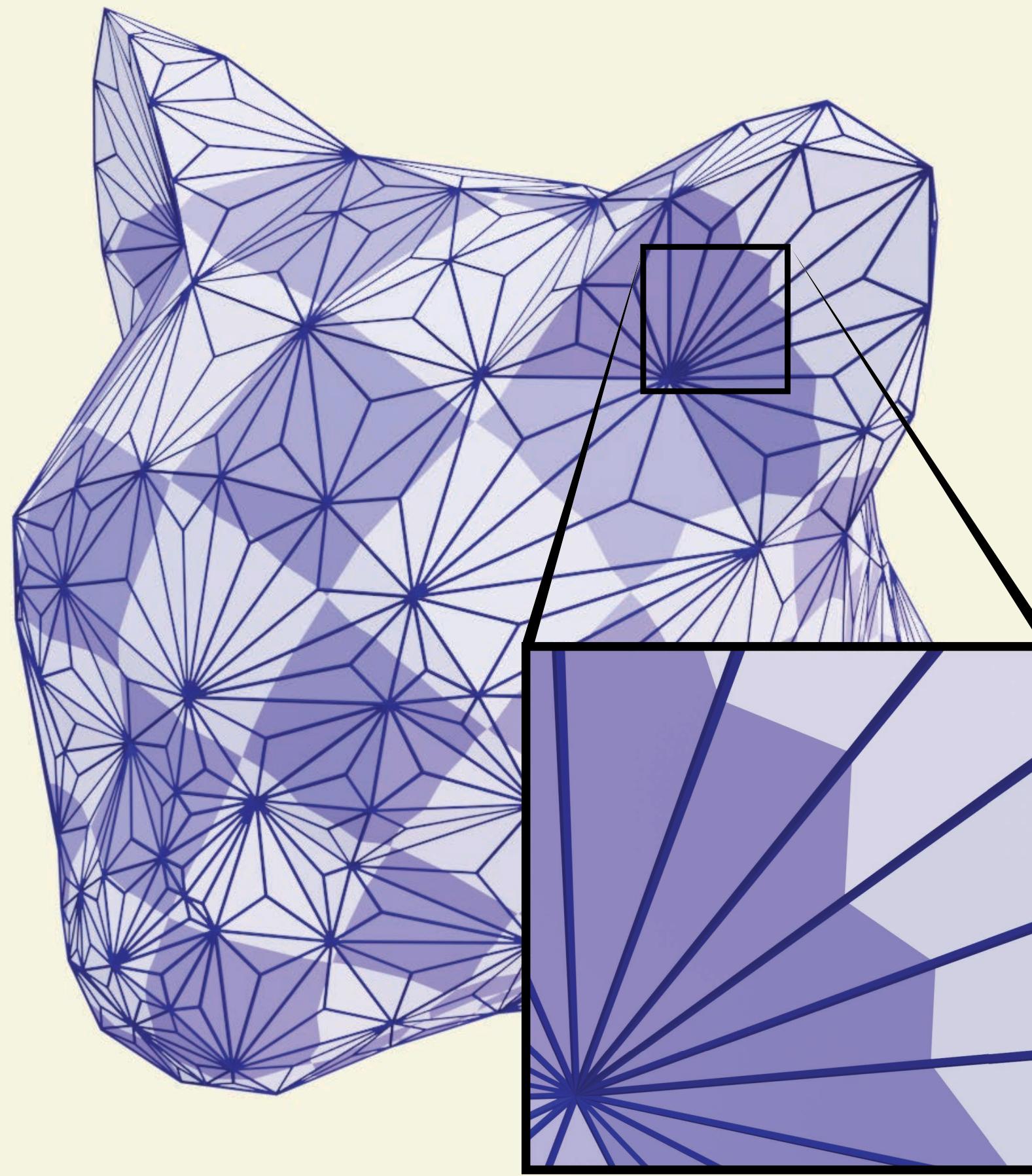
\* connected components of models from Thingi10k

† average time on models with > 1000 vertices 102

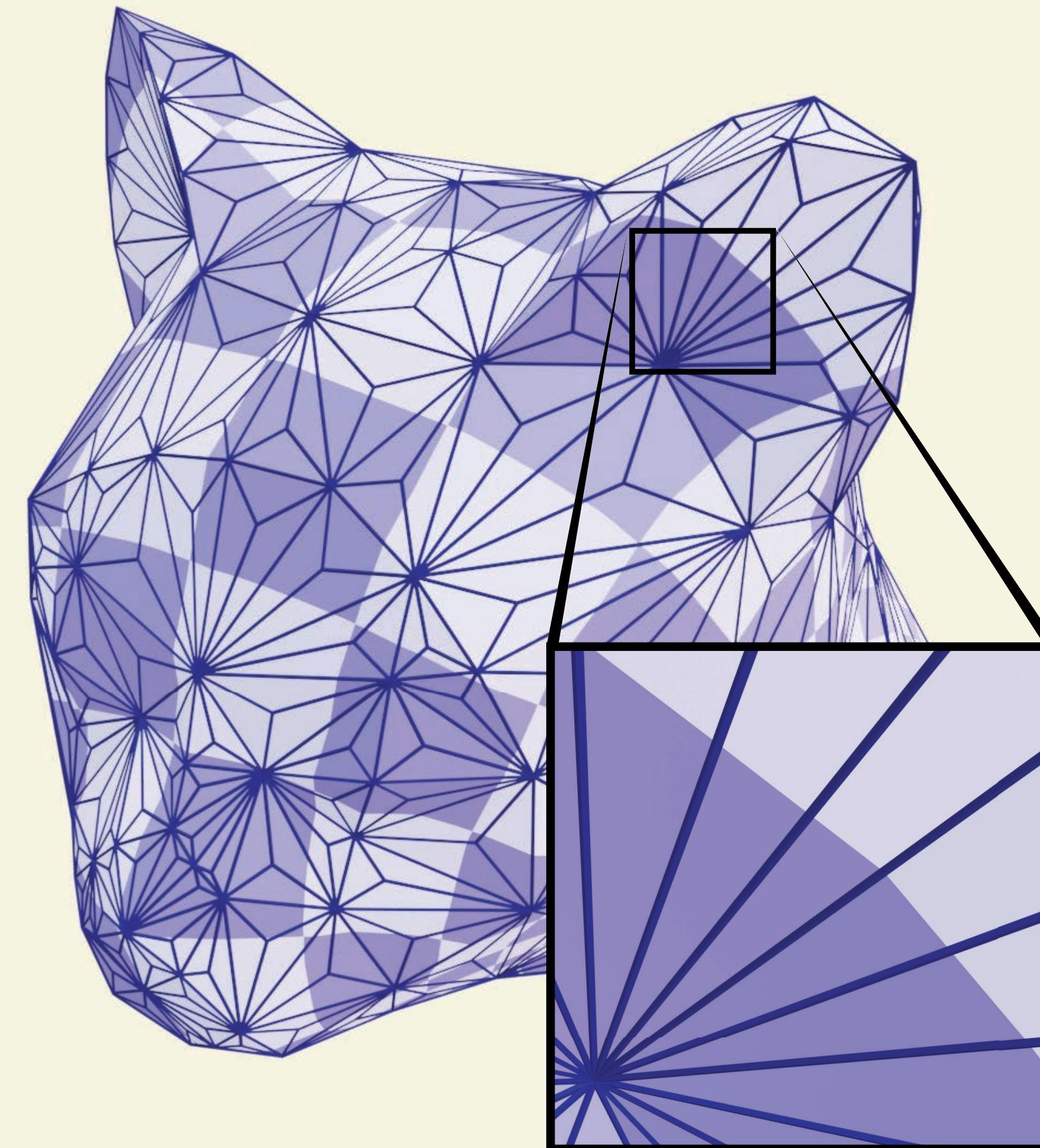
# Variable triangulation > fixed triangulation



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► results



Fixed triangulation (CETM)



Variable triangulation (CEPS)

# Boundary conditions



circular disk



polygonal



minimal area distortion



scale control



convex

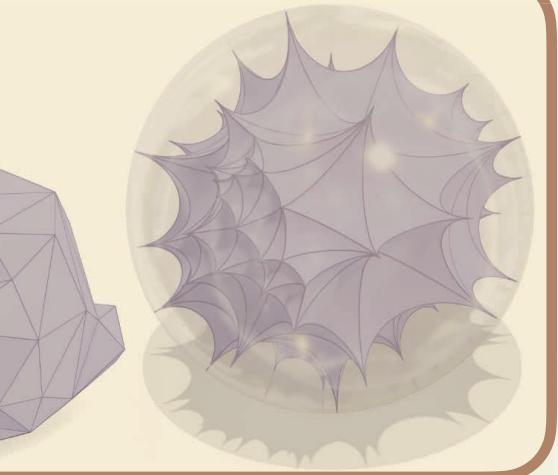


orthogonal

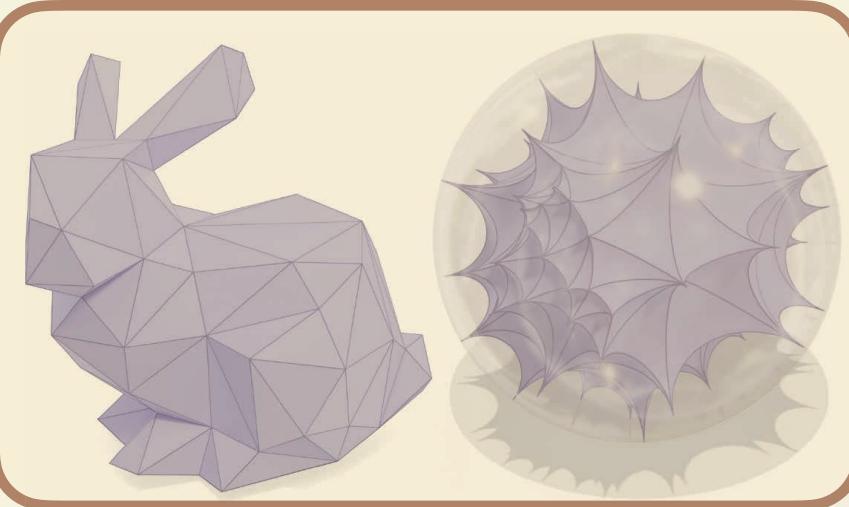


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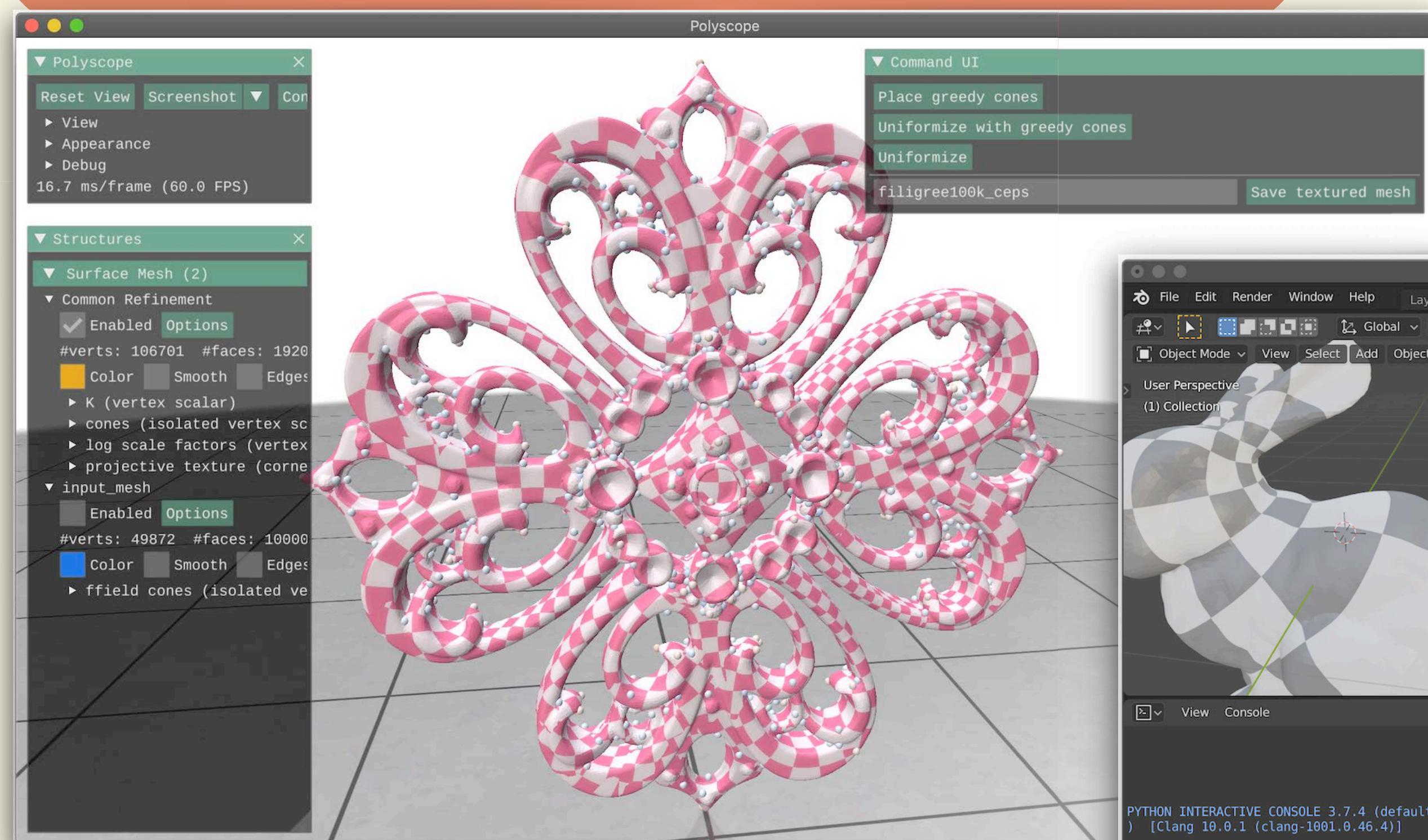
► results



# Try it out yourself



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► results



C++ application

projective interpolation in Blender

```

import bpy
import os

# Set mesh filename. If your mesh is in the build directory,
# you can just change bunny_ceps.obj to your own filename
current_file_dir = os.path.join(os.path.dirname(__file__), '..')
build_dir = os.path.abspath(os.path.join(current_file_dir, '..', 'build'))
mesh_file = os.path.join(build_dir, 'bunny_ceps.obj')

# Load mesh into a Blender object, along with xy coordinates of parameterization
bpy.ops.import_scene.obj(filepath=mesh_file, split_mode='OFF')

# Identify the imported mesh. Note that Blender selects a mesh when it is imported.
# We assume that only one mesh is imported. If more are imported, then there will also be
imported_object = bpy.context.selected_objects[0]

# Rename the first UV map
imported_object.data.uv_layers[0].name = 'UVMap_xy'

# Read in z channel of uv map
full_param_coords = []
with open(mesh_file) as f:
    for line in f:
        line = line.strip() # remove leading/trailing whitespace
        tokens = line.split()
        if tokens and tokens[0] == "vt": # only read texture coords
            full_param_coords.append([float(s) for s in tokens[1:]])

# Create second UV map
new_uv = imported_object.data.uv_layers.new(name='UVMap_yz')

# Loop over faces to set UVs
corner_idx = 0
for face in imported_object.data.polygons:
    for loop_idx in face.loop_indices:
        q = full_param_coords[corner_idx]
        imported_object.data.uv_layers[1].data[loop_idx].uv = (q[1], q[2])
    corner_idx += 1

# Apply projective checkerboard material
imported_object.data.materials[0] = bpy.data.materials["Projective-Checkerboard"]

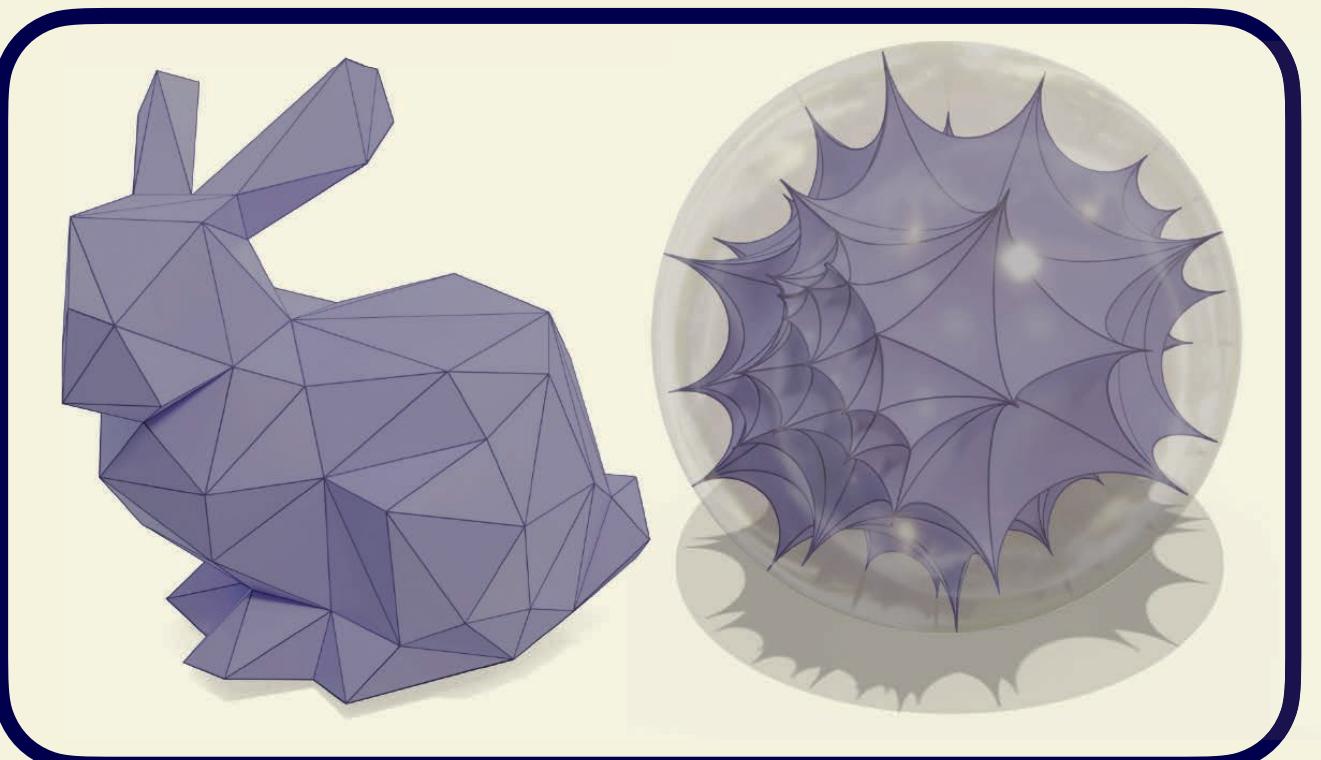
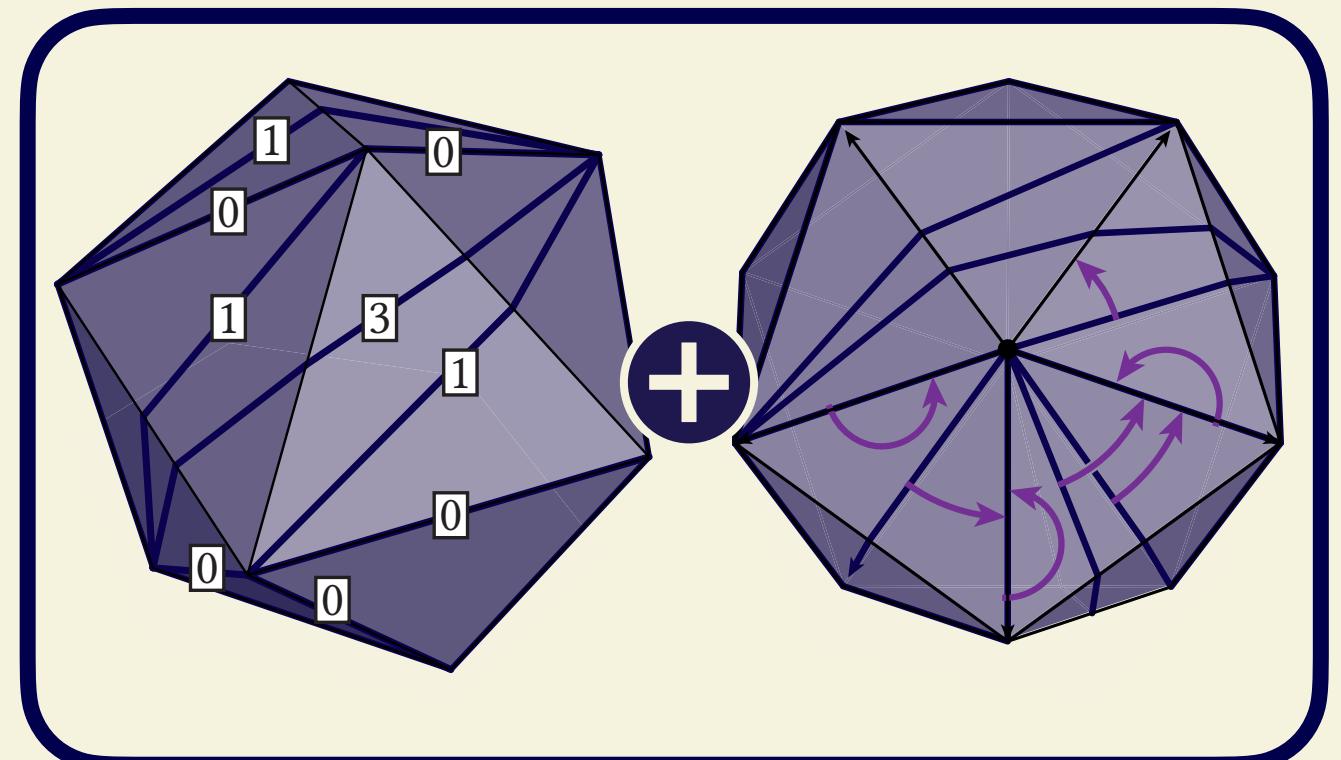
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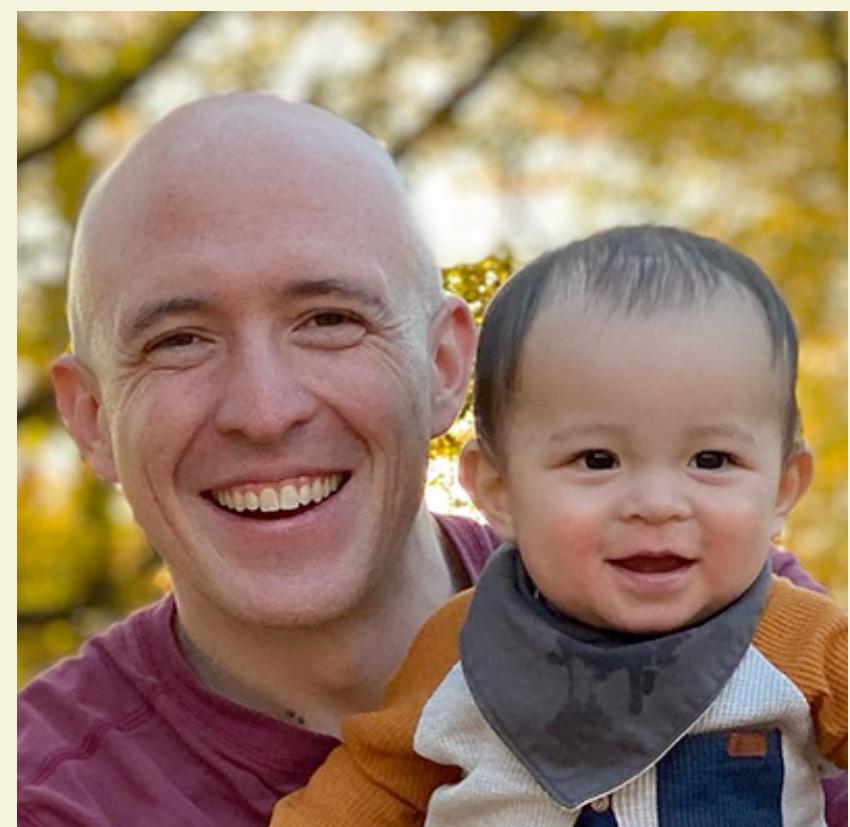
# Thanks for listening



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# Supplemental Slides

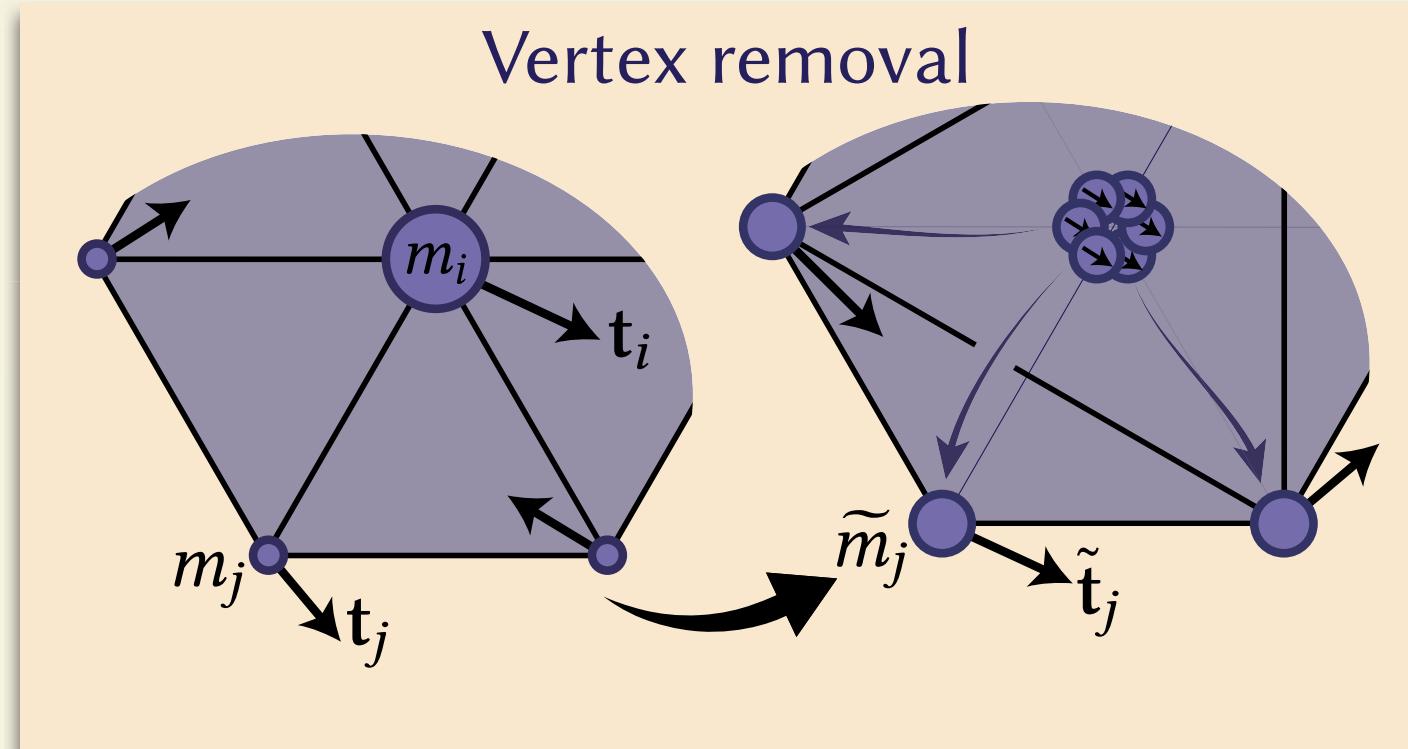
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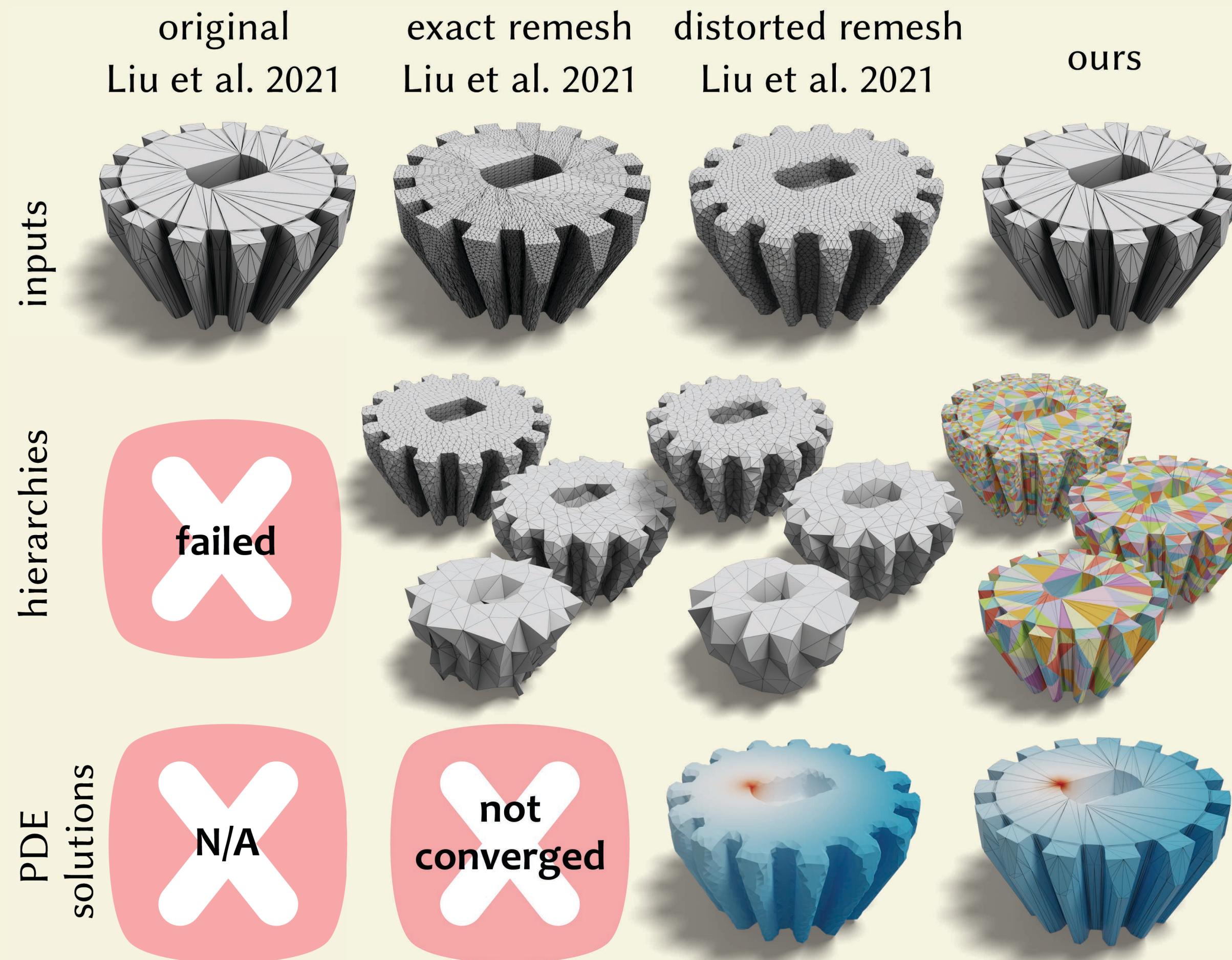
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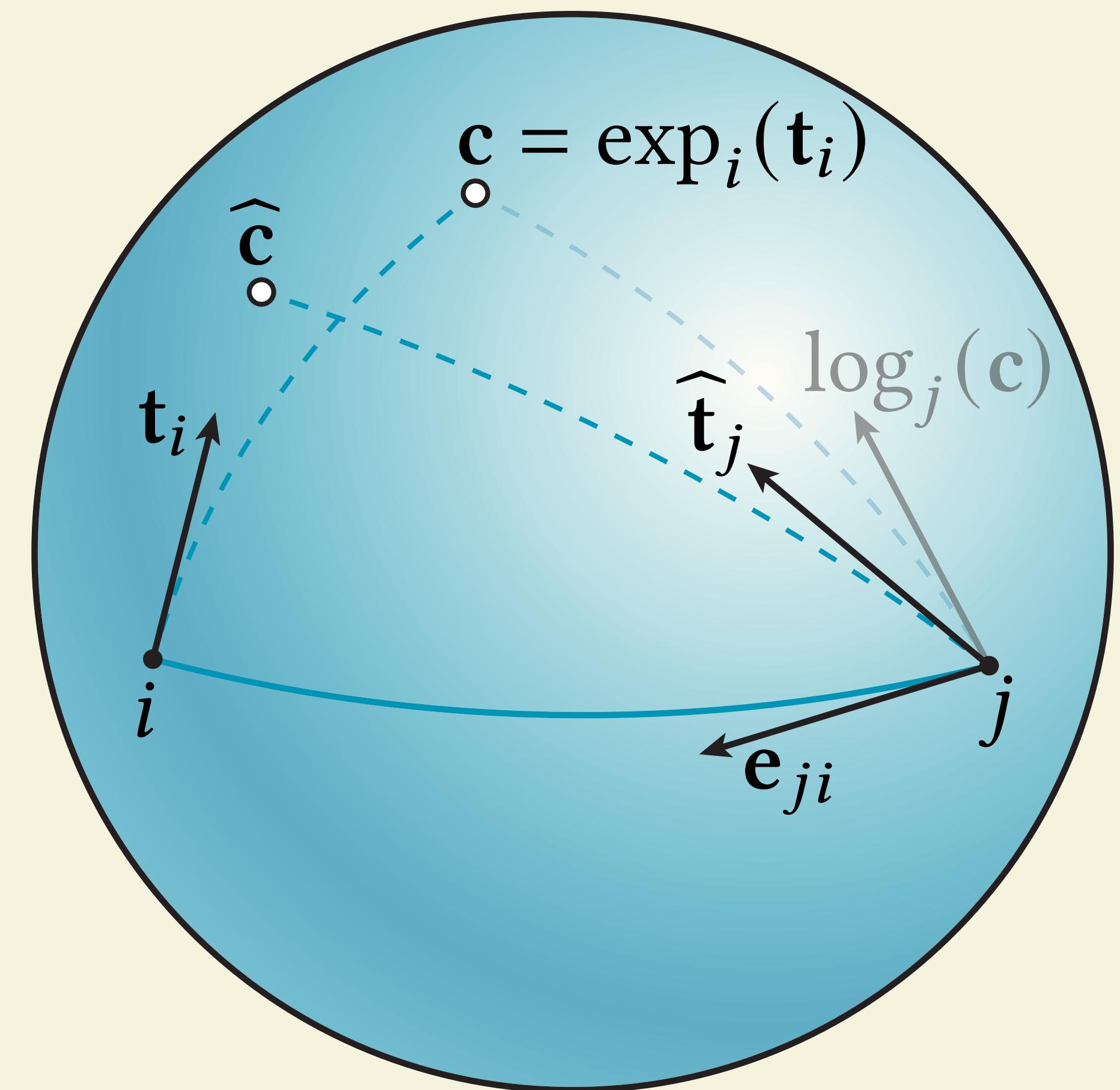
Full transport cost



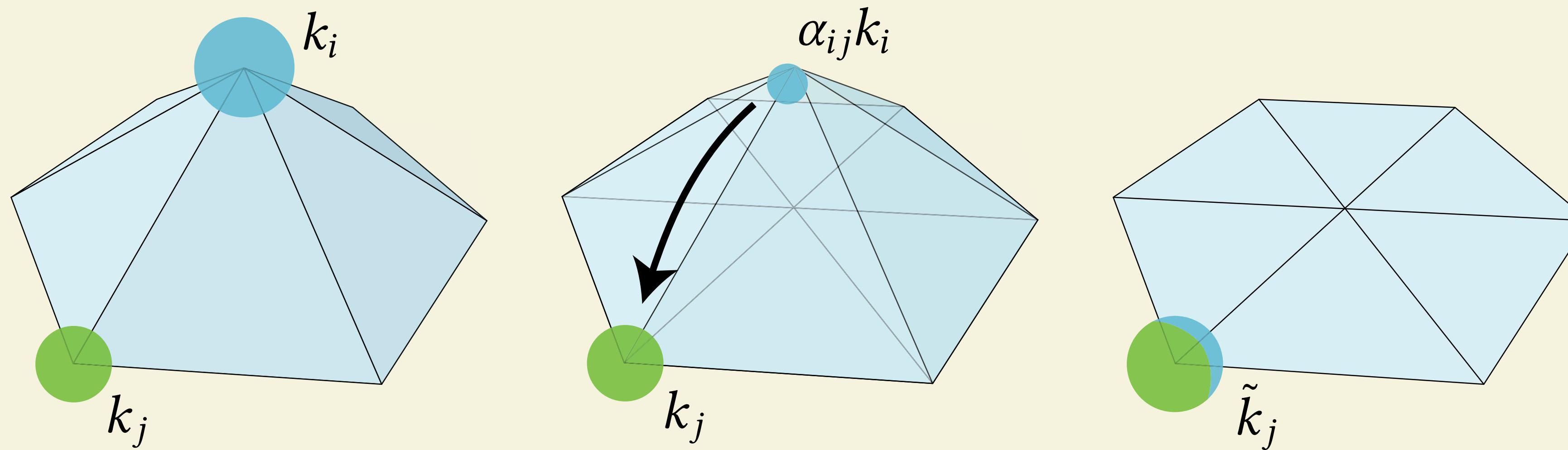
# Robust hierarchies



# Tangent space approximations



# Signed curvature transport



$$\alpha_{ij} := \frac{|\tilde{K}_j - K_j|}{\sum_{l \in \mathcal{N}_i} |\tilde{K}_l - K_l|}.$$