LuBan

3D Window Mesh \rightarrow Split

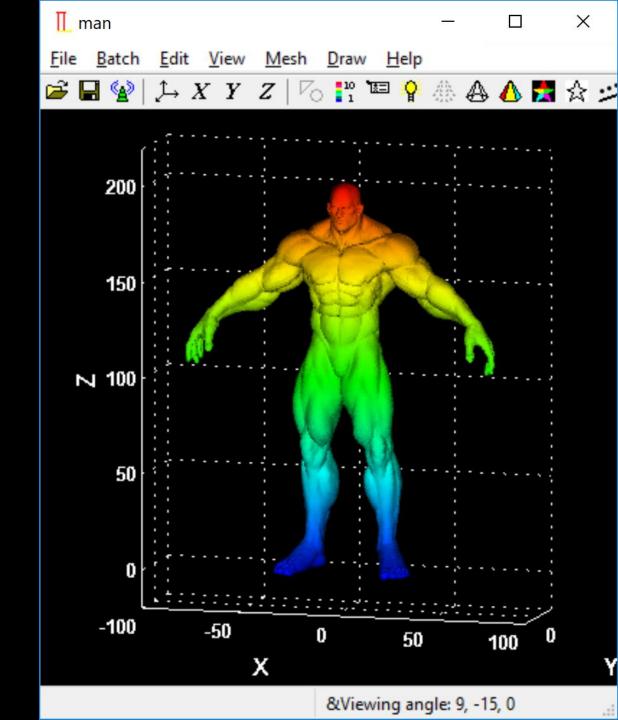
LuBan can segment a 3D mesh into parts automatically, as described in "Get started". LuBan also supports manual segmentation of a mesh by the use of a cutting plane.

You need to specify the cutting plane by a plane equation: Ax + By + Cz = D, where A, B, C, and D are parameters to input.

You can also specify whether you want connectors to be generated on split parts.

Say you want to cut the head off. The cutting plane is about z = 170.

Click "Mesh →
Split" and you
will see a dialog
box.



The cutting plane parameters are A = 0, B = 0, C = 1, and D = 170; so the input numbers are 0.01170. Click OK.

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Enter a cutting plane: $Ax + By + Cz = D$.	
Example 1: 1 0 0 -1 (Cutting plane: x = -1)	
Example 2: 0 1 0 40 (Cutting plane: y = 40)	
Example 3: 0 0 1 20 (Cutting plane: z = 20)	
0 0 1 170	
OK Cance	

The second dialog box is for setting up connectors. There are two types of connectors: plug and dowel. If using dowel, a hole is generated on each side of a connector.

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Enter connector setting:

- (1) depth-to-width ratio, (2) tolerance, (3) 2D shape,
- (4) 3D shape, (5) type, and (6) width of connectors.
- (3) 2D shape can be triangle, square, pentagon, hexagon, octagon, or circle.
- (4) 3D shape can be terrance or pyramid.
- (5) Type can be plug or dowel.
- (6) Width is used for dowels only.

 The width of plugs is automatically determined.

If the depth-to-width ratio is 0, no connector will be generated. The tolerance determines the tightness of the connectors. Increasing the tolerance makes the connectors tighter. Decreasing it makes them looser.

Example 1: 0 (No connector)

Example 2: 1.5 -0.2 square terrace plug (Depth-to-width: 1.5, tolerance: -0.2)

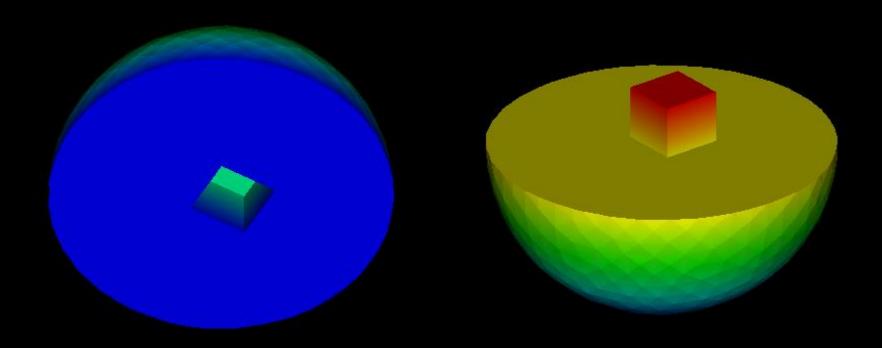
Example 3: 0.7 0.1 circle pyramid dowel 10 (Depth-to-width: 0.7, tolerance: 0.1, width: 10)

1 -0.2 square terrace plug

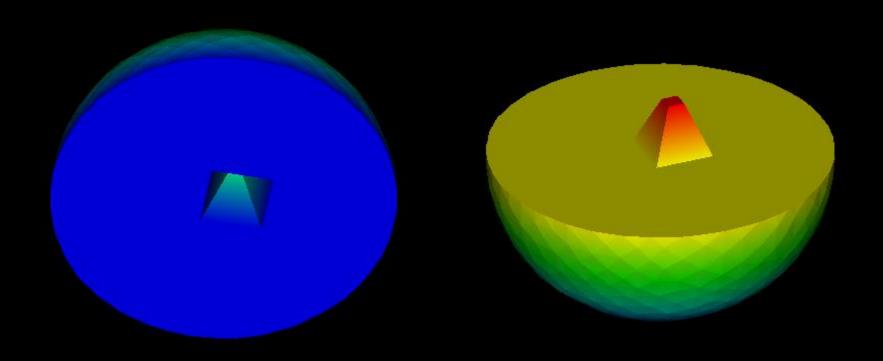
OK

Cancel

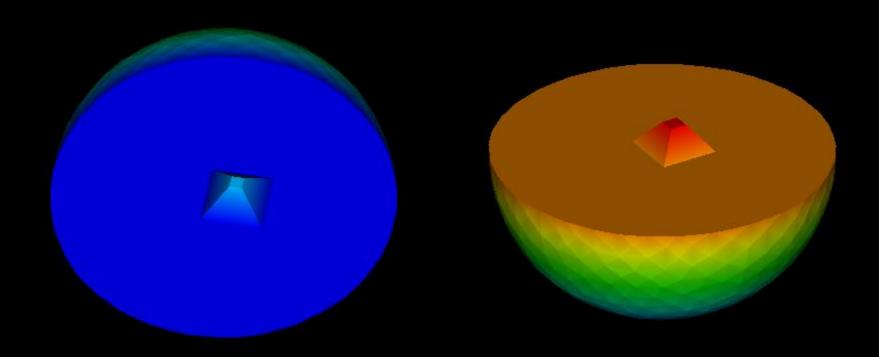
Input: 1 -0.2 square terrace plug



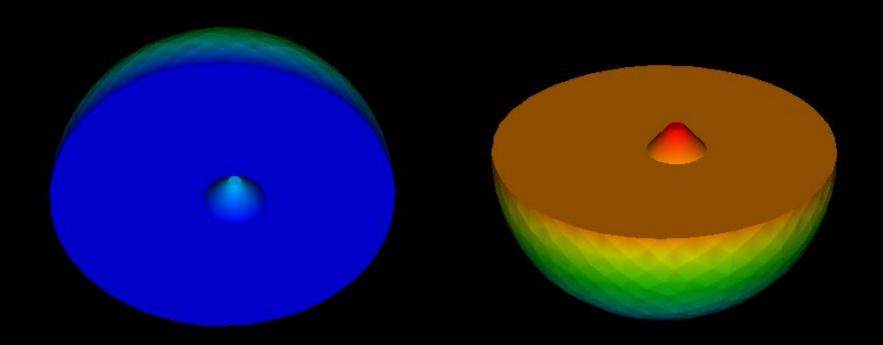
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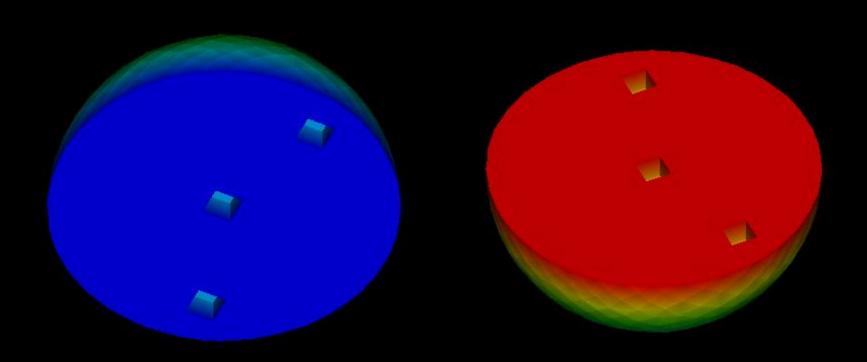
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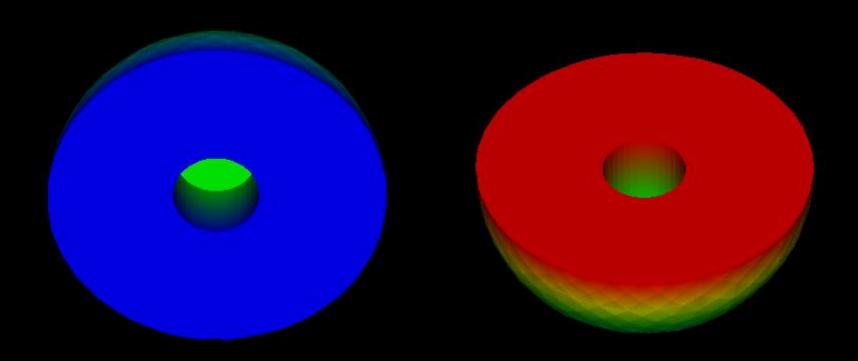
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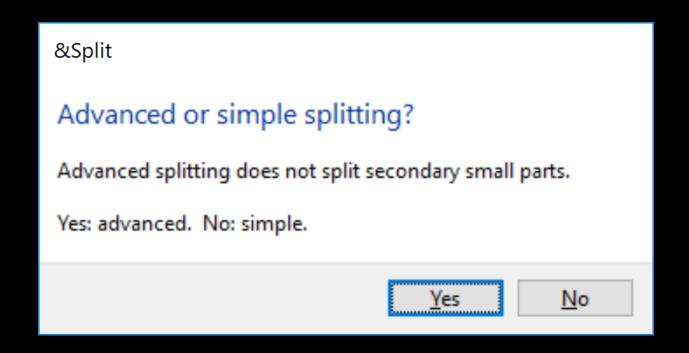
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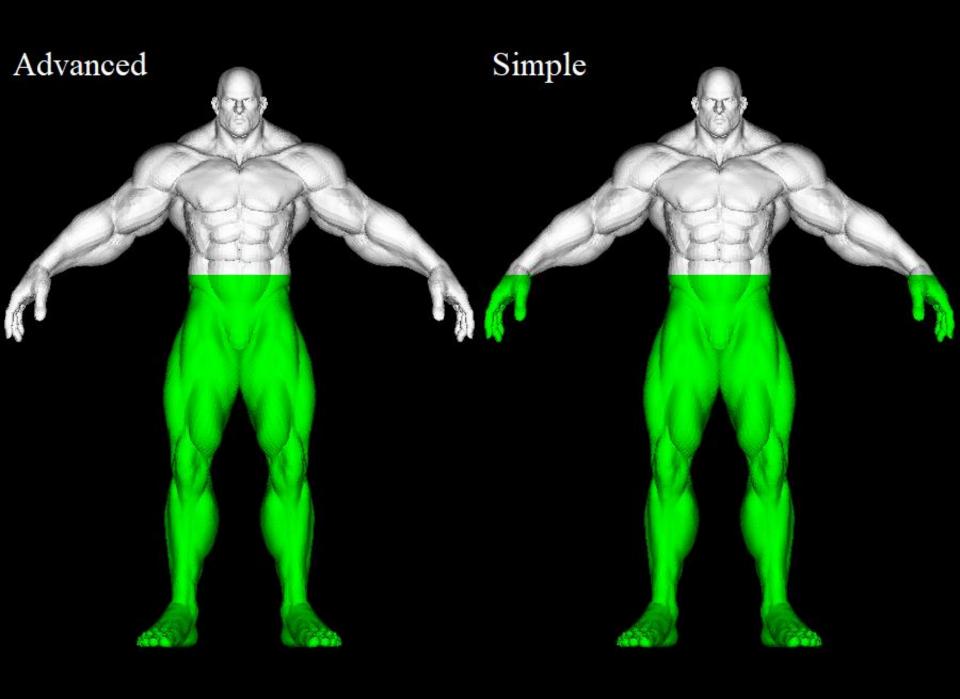


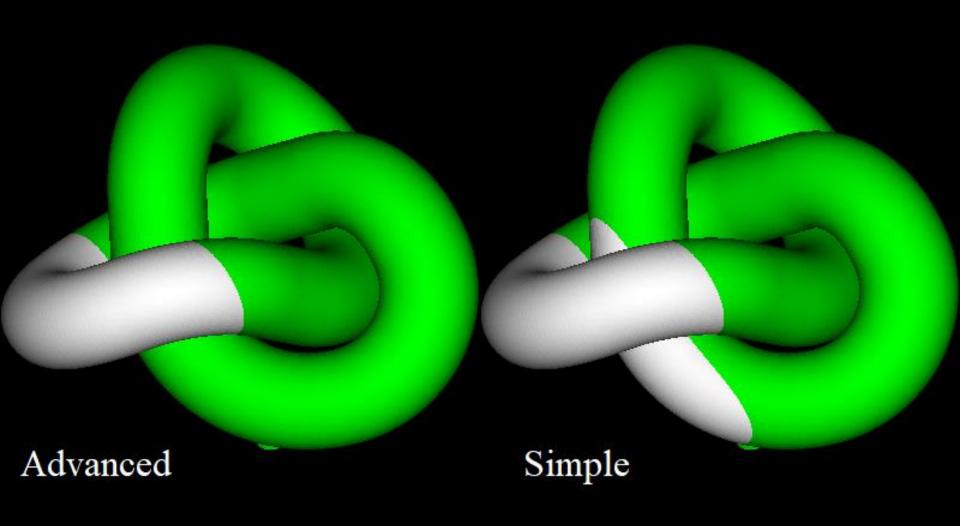
Input: 1 -0.2 circle terrace dowel 30



The third dialog box asks for a method of splitting. The advanced method does not split secondary small parts, while the simple method splits all parts.

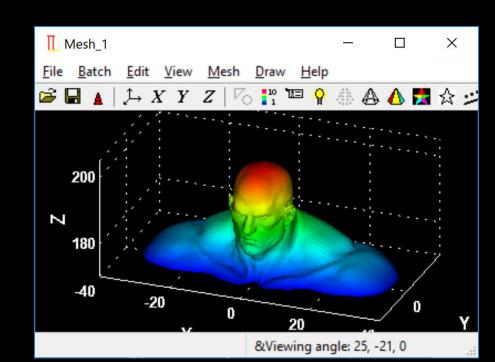




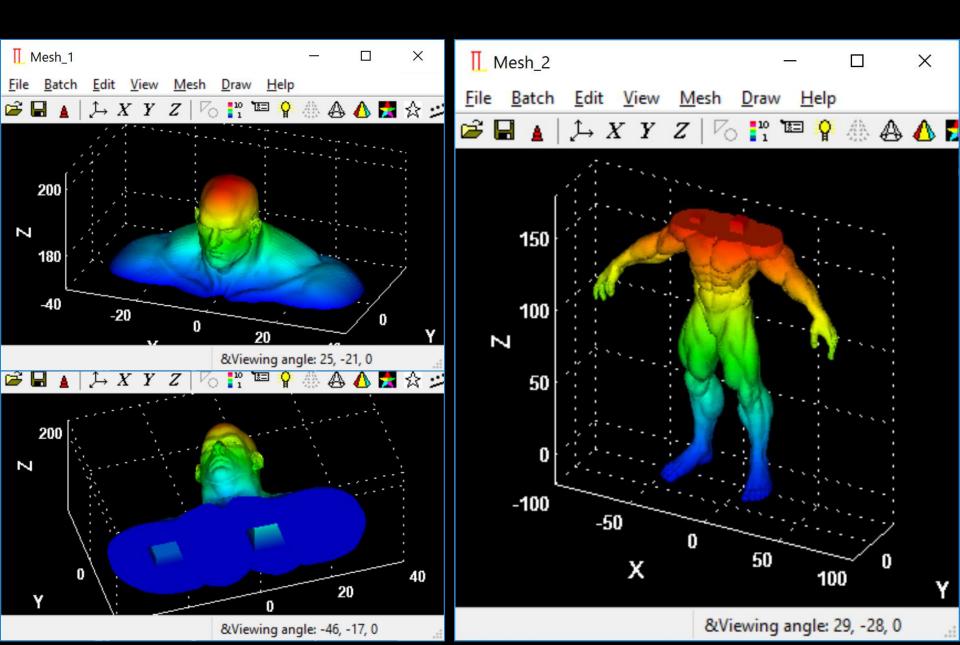


Select an exporting folder. LuBan will generate two mesh and load them into a new window. A window that has more than one figure files is called a batch in LuBan. You can press Up and Down, or Left and Right to browse a batch.

Each figure in the batch corresponds to a disk file that is just generated from "Mesh → Split".



In the results; connectors are generated.



Sometimes after split, you have a mesh with two separate parts. You can use "Mesh \rightarrow Separate" to separate the disconnected parts.

