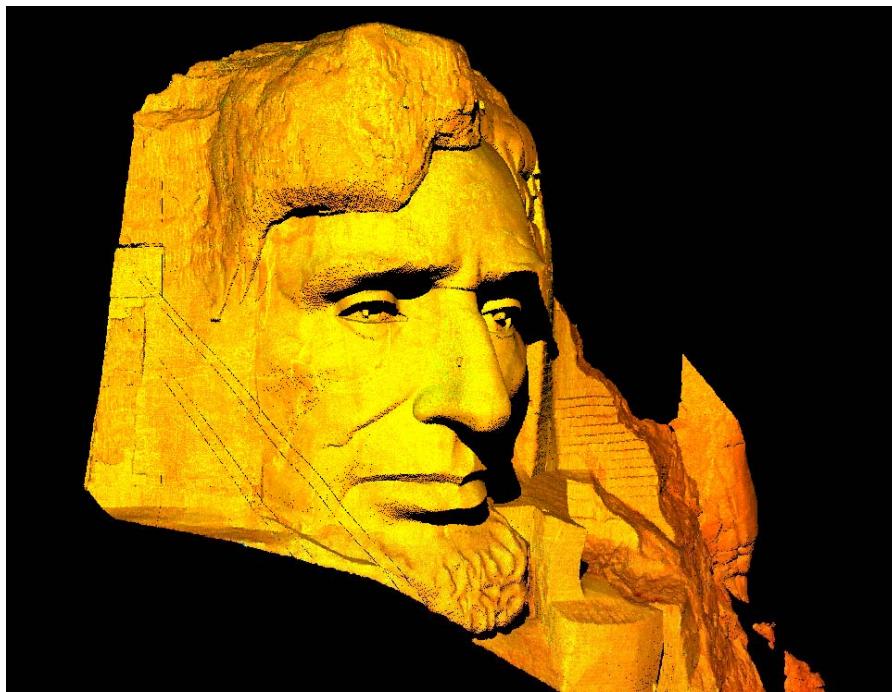
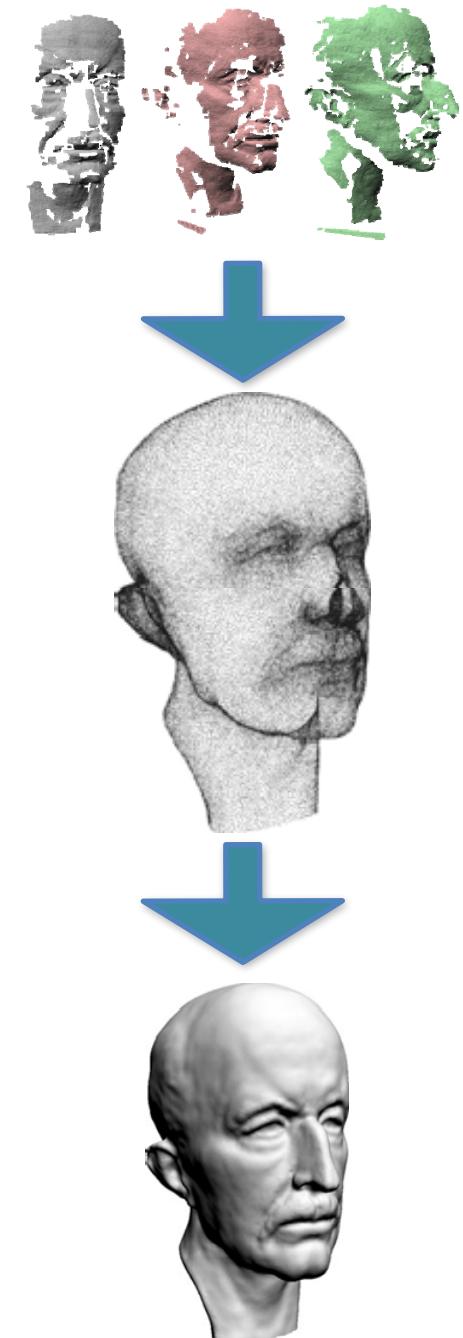


Surface Reconstruction: Part II



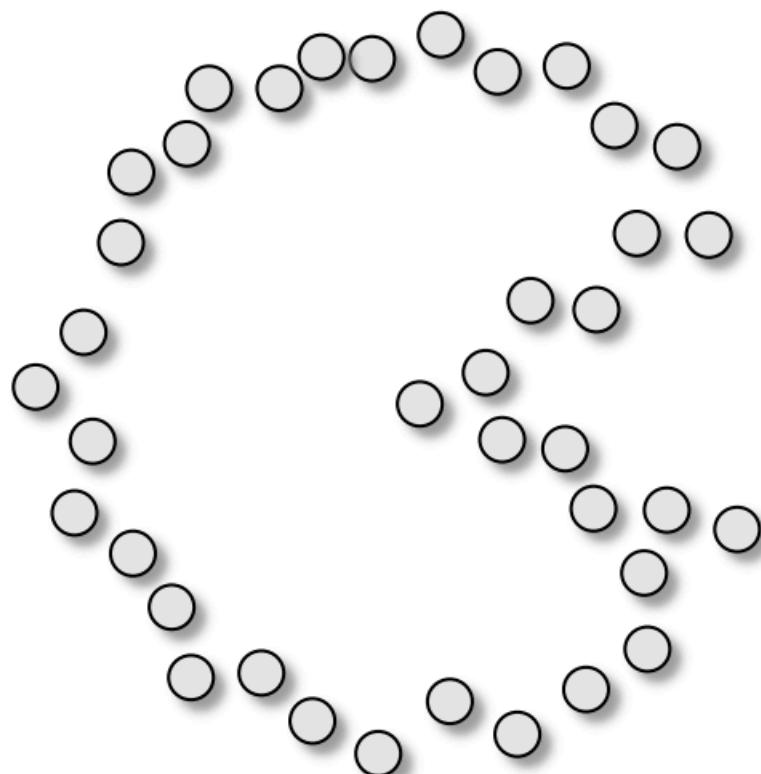
Input Data

- Set of range scans
 - Scans registered in common coordinate system
- Set of irregular sample points
 - Typically **with normal vectors**
 - More general
- Surface Extraction

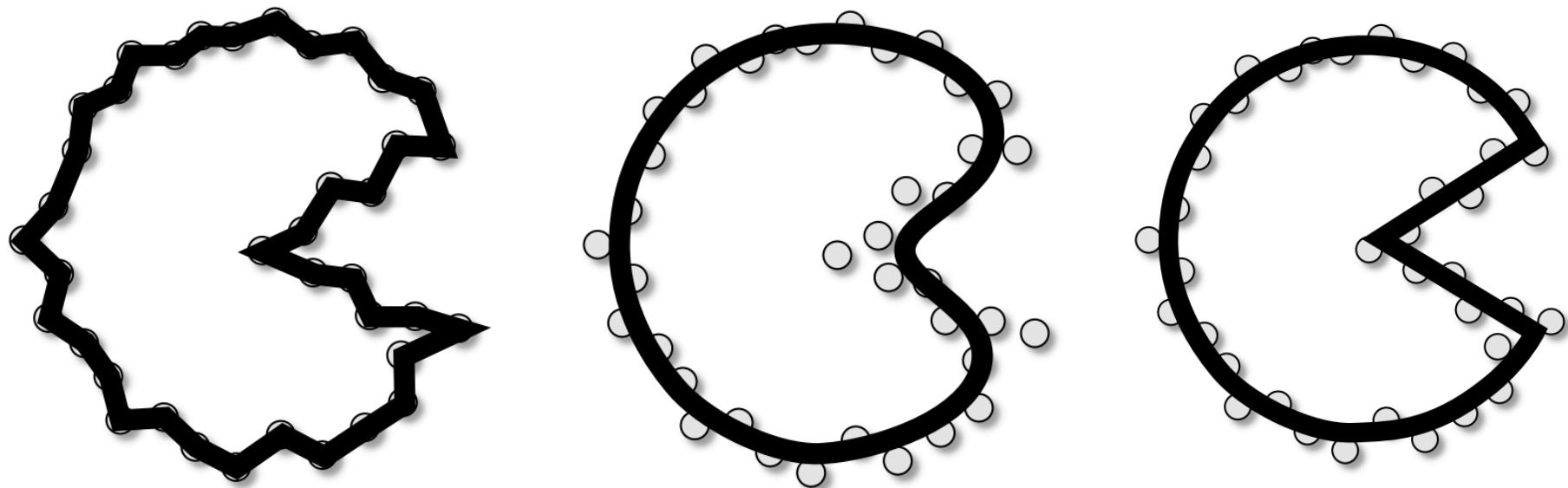


Point Cloud

- In how many ways can we connect the points?
 - Many candidate shapes
 - Ill Posed Problem!!!

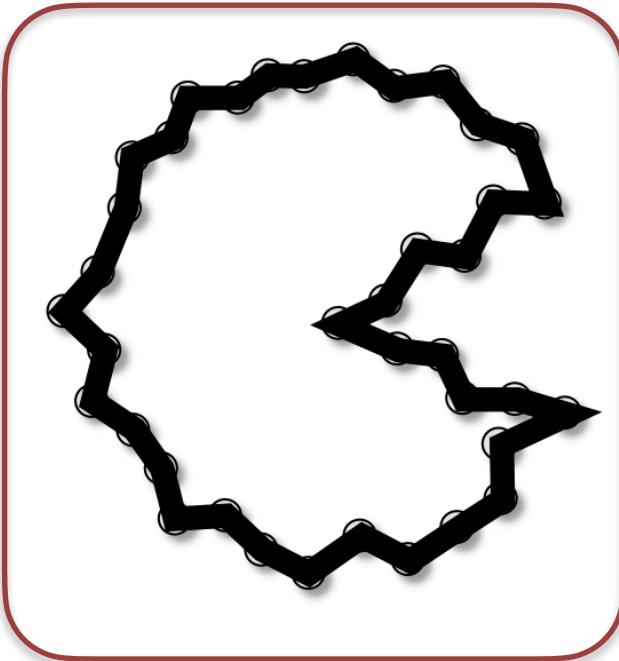


Ill Posed Problem

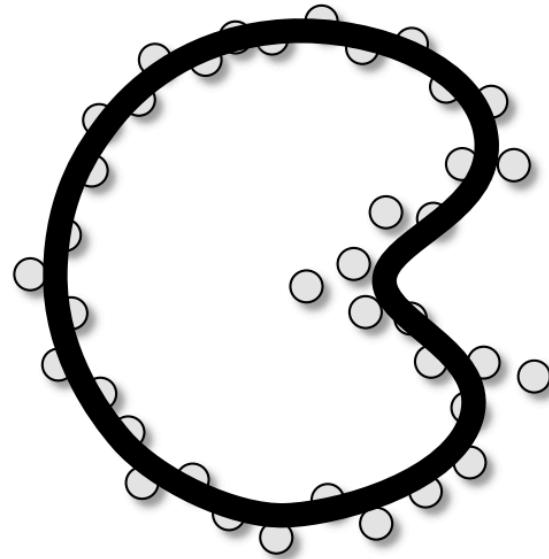


Many candidate shapes for the reconstruction problem

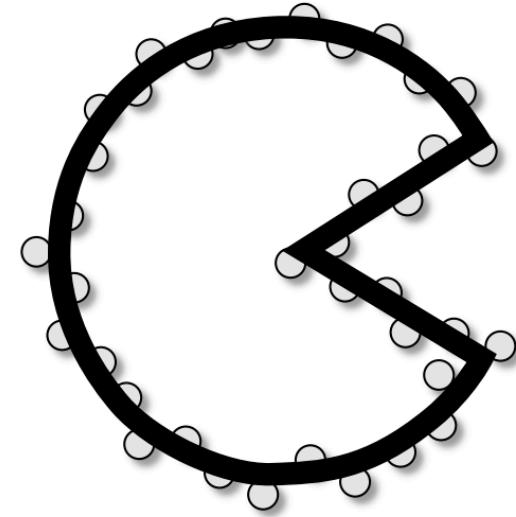
Priors



Exhaustive
Connection



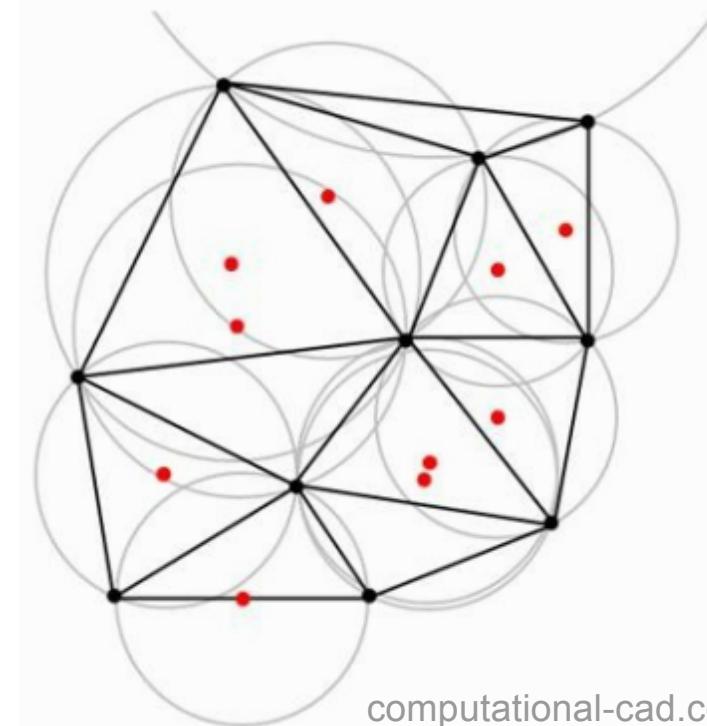
Smooth



Piece-wise
Smooth

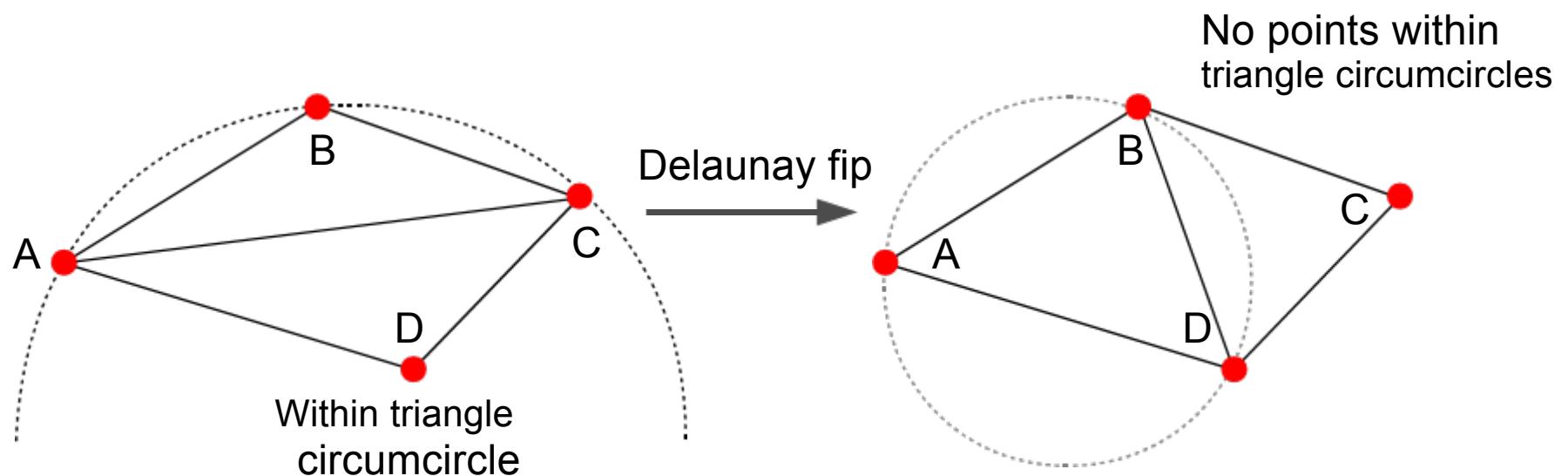
Delaunay Triangulation

- Used to generate a planar base mesh whose vertices are a set of points P
- A triangulation is **Delaunay** if no point in P lies within the circumcircle of any triangle
 - It also happens to **maximize the minimum angle** of any triangle, which is why it's useful

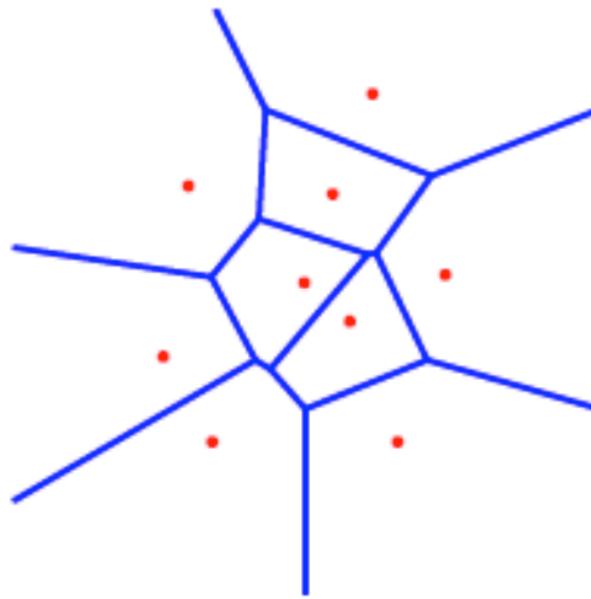


Lawson's Flip Algorithm

- Iteratively apply Delaunay flips to improve the triangulation
 - Identify two adjacent triangles
 - Flip the shared edge if the minimum of the 6 angles increases (i.e. if the circumcircle property can be restored)

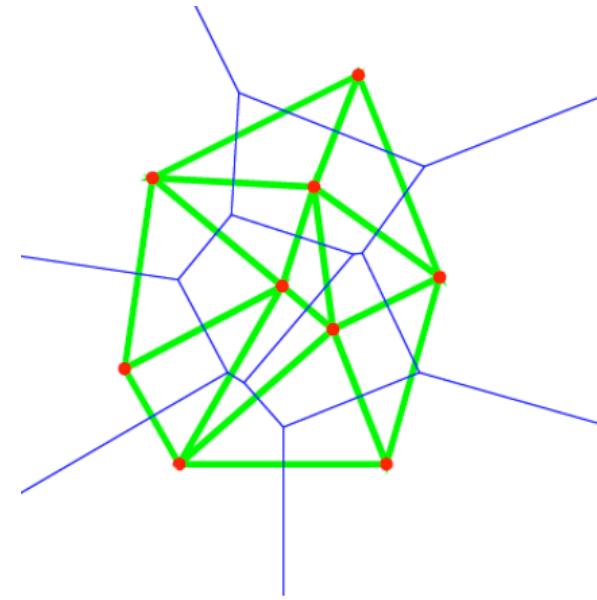


Voronoi Tesselation and Delaunay Triangulation



Voronoi diagram – each cell consists of points nearer the cell centre than any other point in P

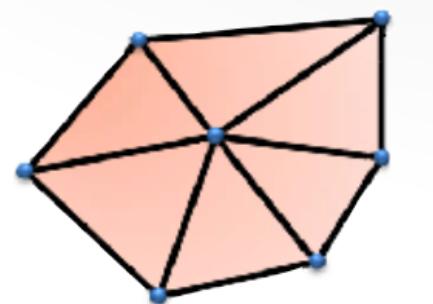
$$V(p_i) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^d : \|x - p_i\| \leq \|x - p_j\|, \forall j \leq n\}.$$



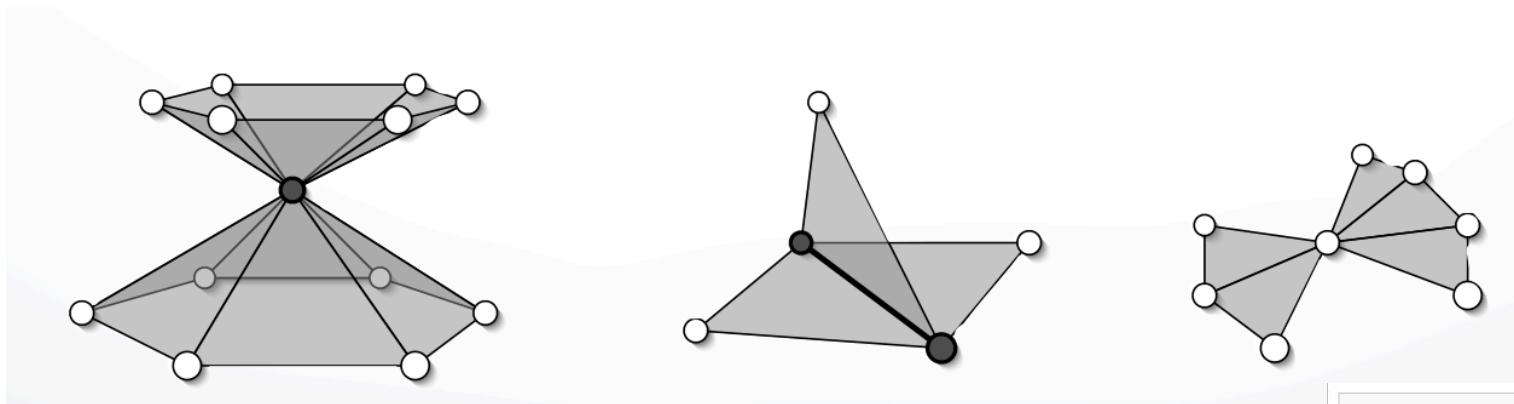
For each vertex of the Voronoi diagram, there is a Delaunay face. Two faces are adjacent if the corresponding vertices are connected by a Voronoi edge.

More on Triangle Meshes

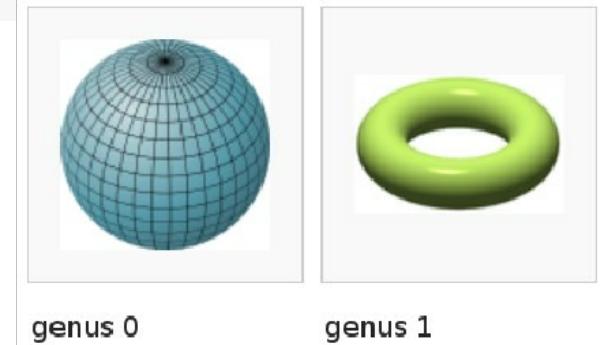
- Local neighbourhood is disk shaped and half-disk shaped at boundary



- Not a valid triangulation:

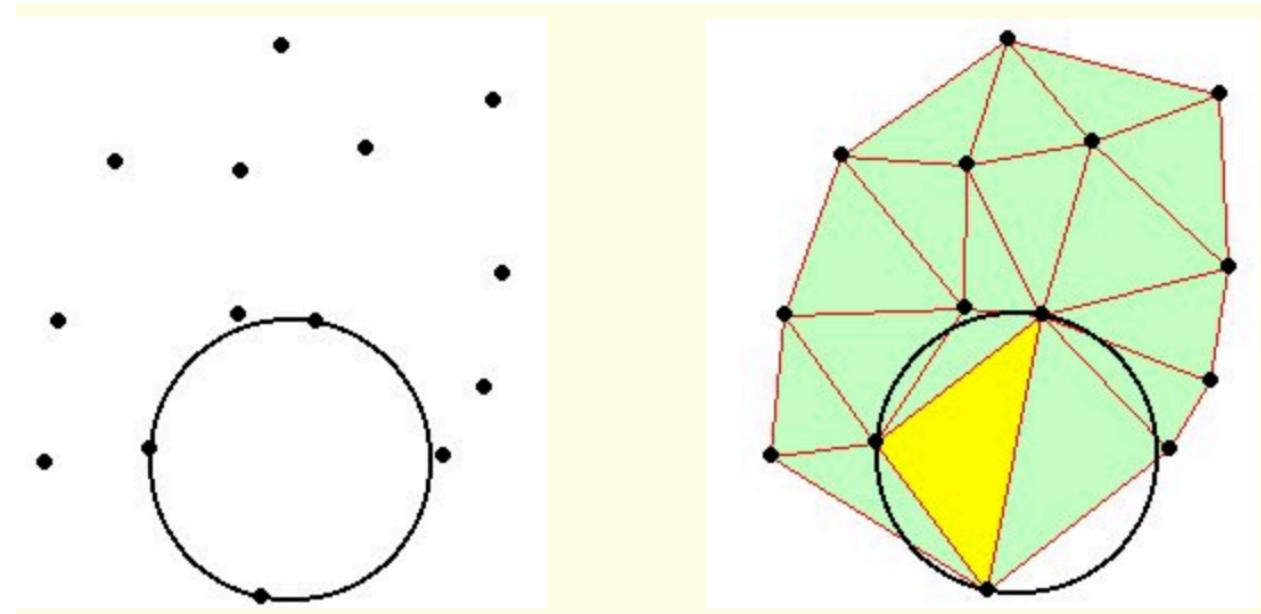


- Euler's formula: $V-E+F = 2(1-g)$



Comments...

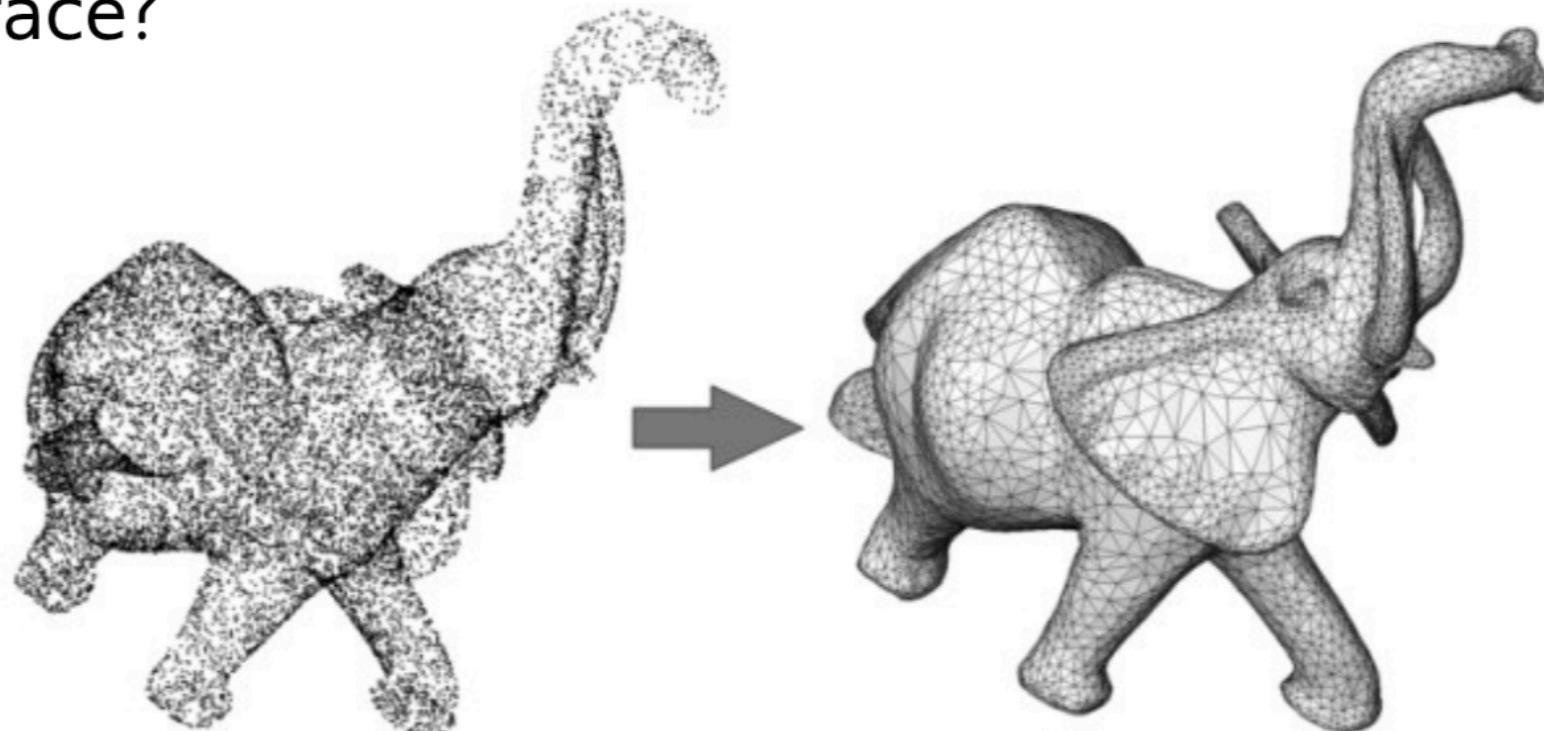
- Triangulations is sensitive to holes, sampling pattern, outlier noise



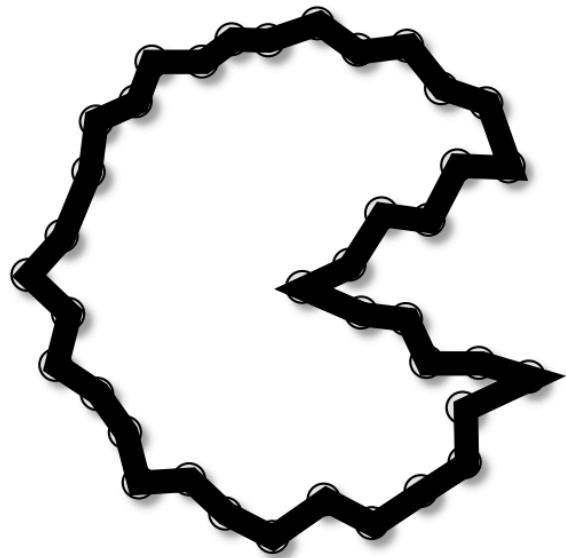
- Can we estimate underlying surface more robustly?

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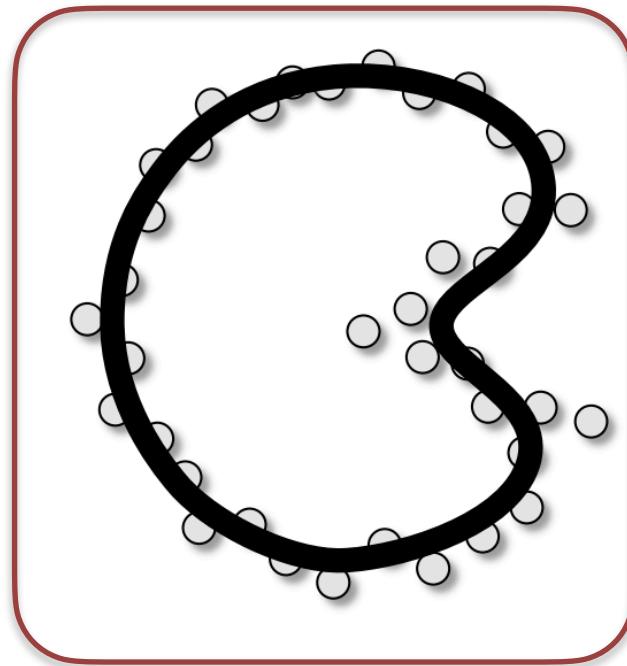
- Triangulation is sensitive to noise, sampling pattern, omissions etc
- Can we more robustly recover the underlying surface?



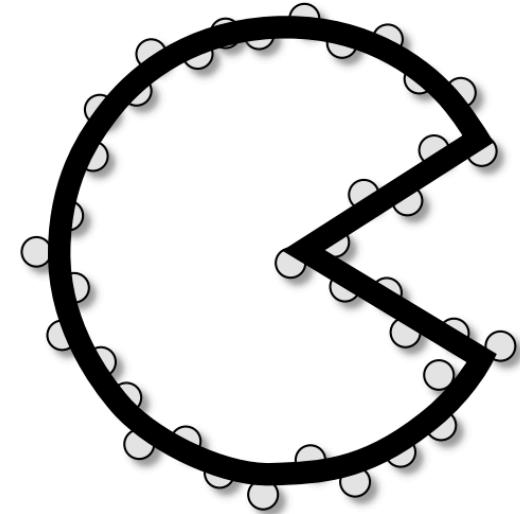
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Surfaces: Representations

- Parametric Surfaces:
 - Vector-valued parameterization ‘ f ’
 - Maps 2D parameter domain $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ to the surface $\mathcal{S} = f(\Omega) \subset \mathbb{R}^3$
 - Implicit Surfaces:
 - Defined by the zero level set of a scalar-valued function
- $$\mathcal{S} = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid F(\mathbf{x}) = 0\}$$

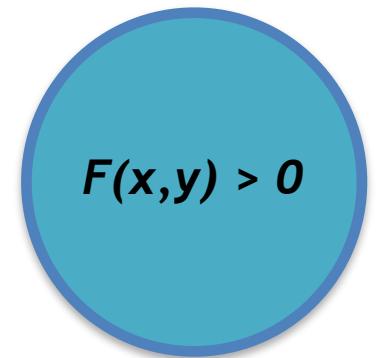
Shape Representations

- Explicit/parametric representation

- Image of parametrization

$$f(t) = (x(t), y(t)) = (r \cos(t), r \sin(t))$$

$$F(x, y) = 0$$



$$F(x, y) > 0$$

- Implicit representation

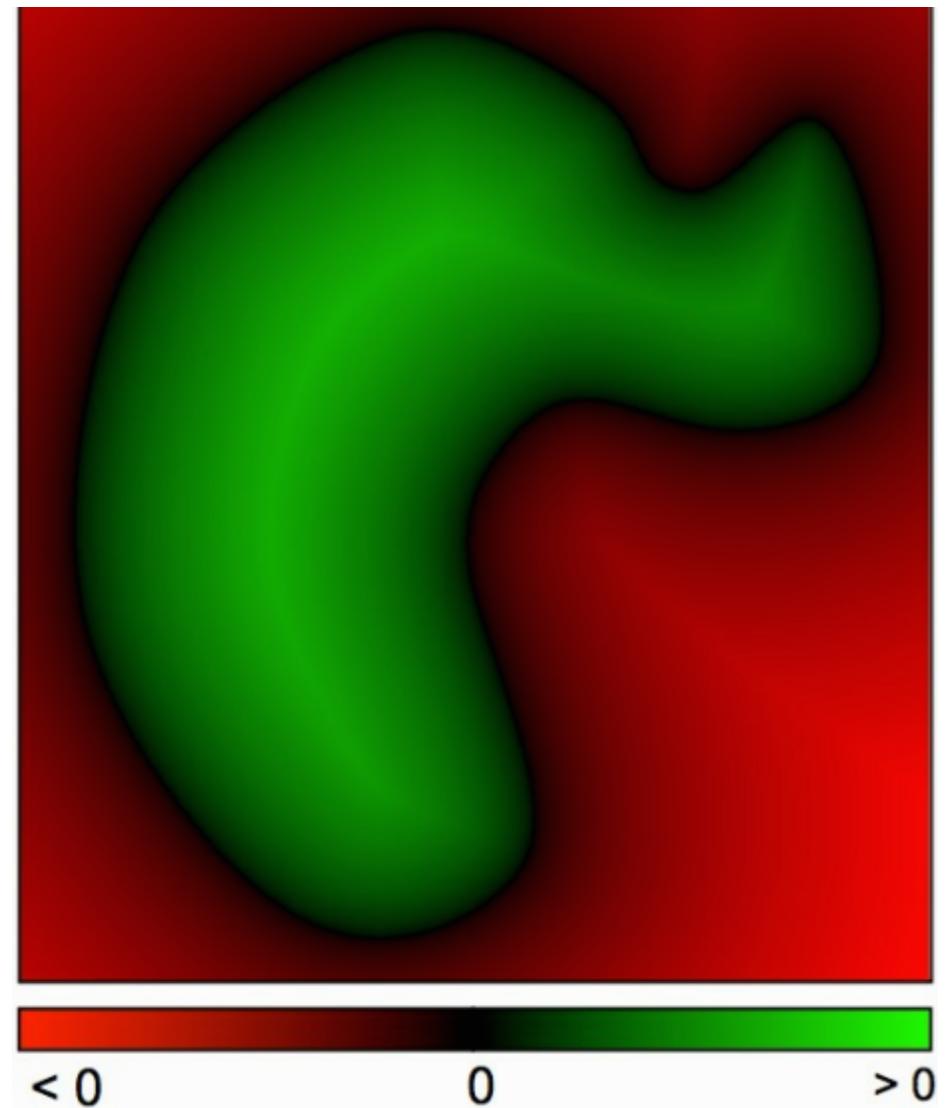
- Zero set of distance function

$$F(x, y) < 0$$

$$F(x, y) = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} - r$$

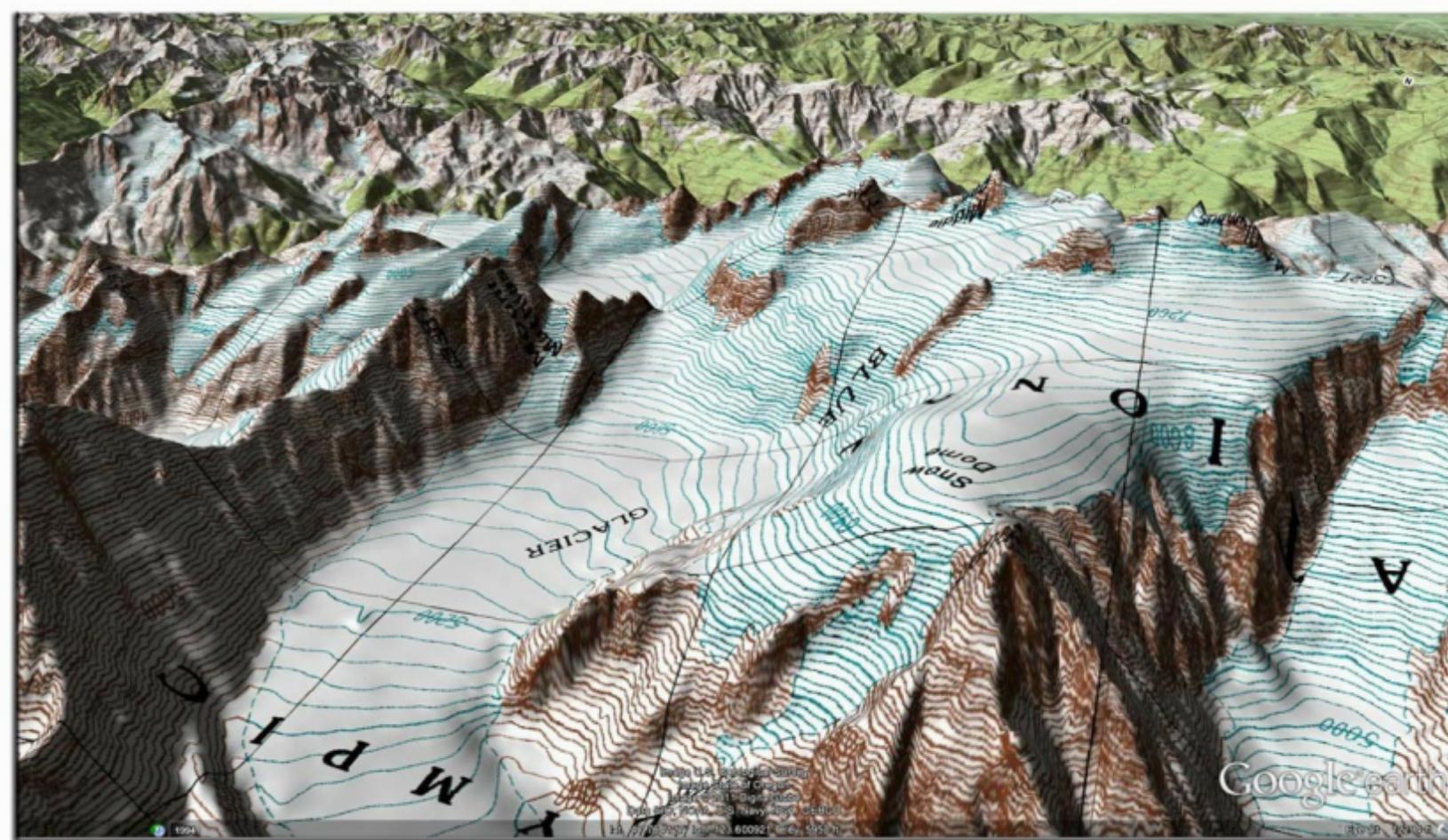
Implicit Function Approach

- Define a function with positive values inside the model and negative values outside



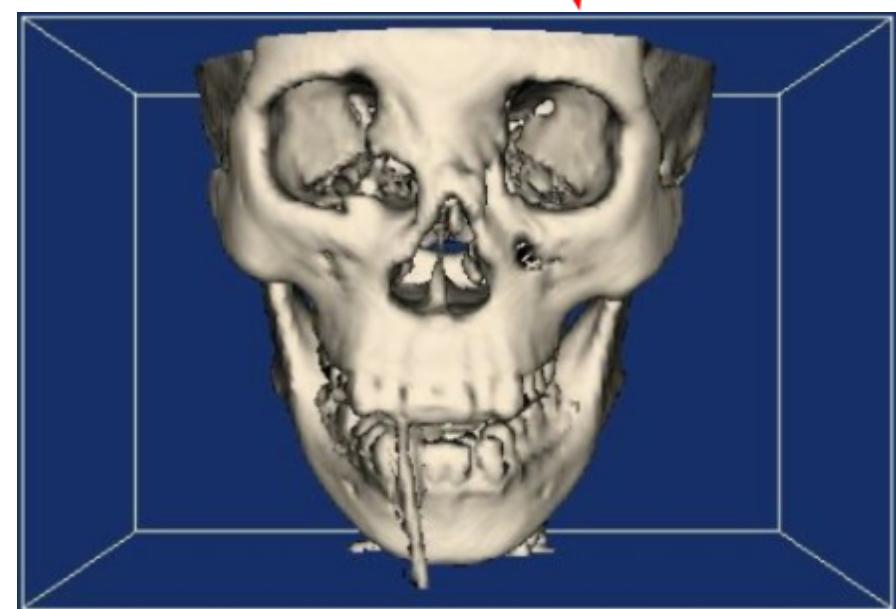
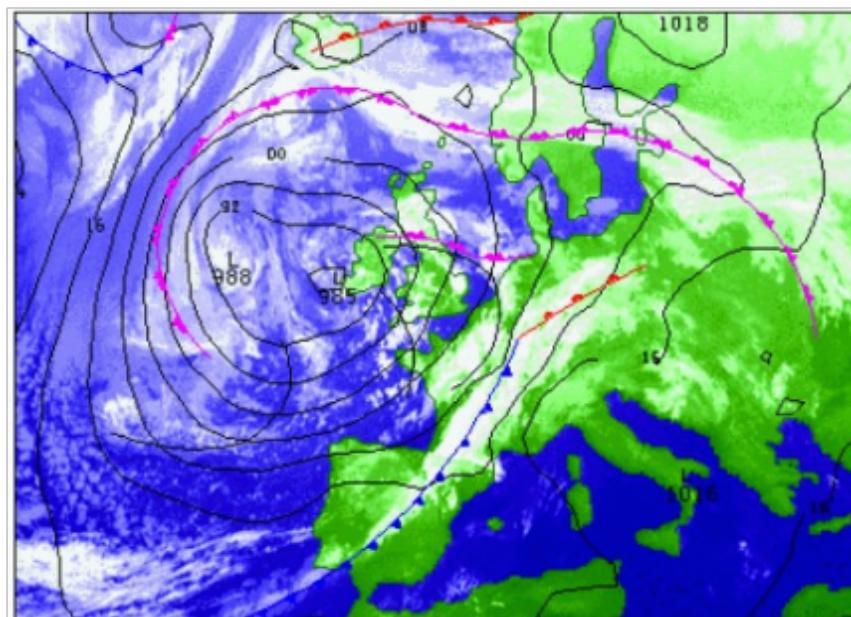
Level Set

- **c-Level set:** The set of points where a function takes a constant value c



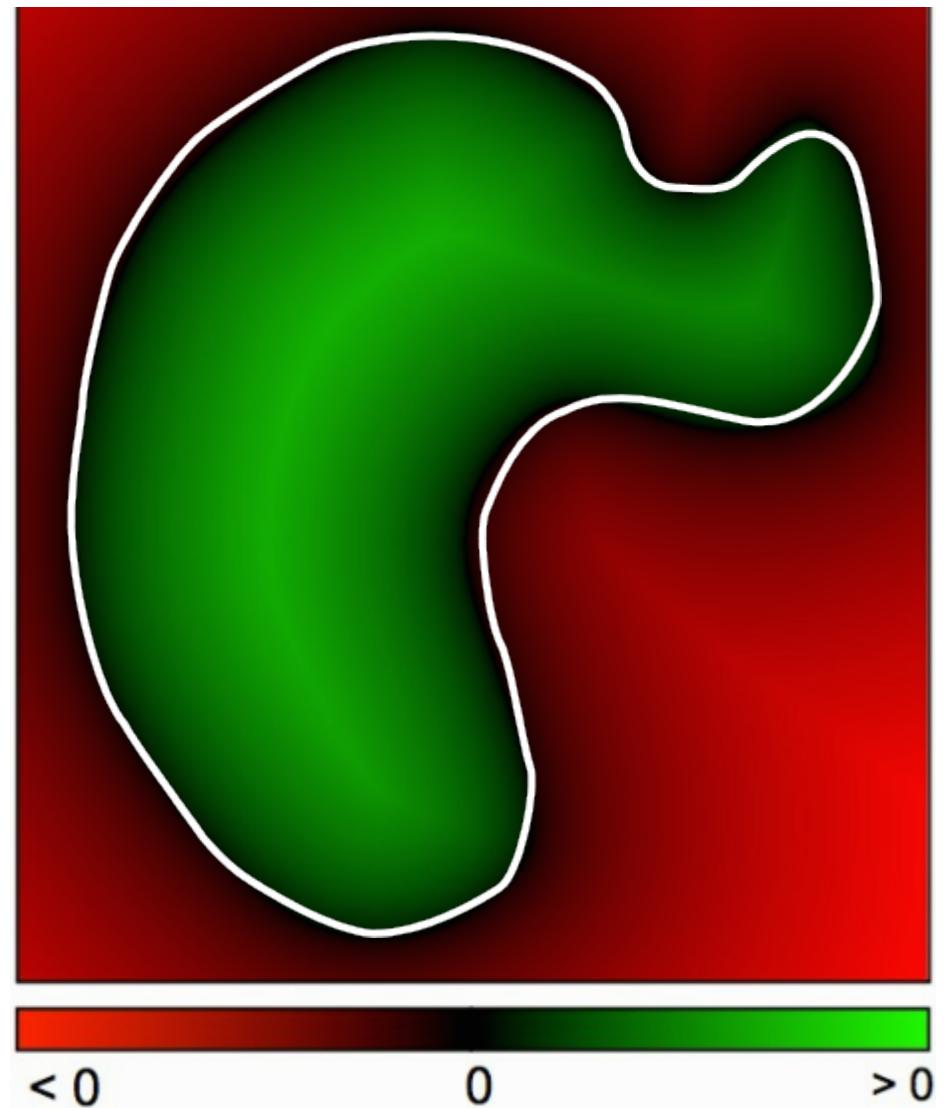
Level Set

- **c-Level set**: The set of points where a function takes a constant value c
 - **Isocontour**: Level set of a 2D function
 - **Isosurface**: Level set of a 3D function



Implicit Function Approach

- Define a function with positive values inside the model and negative values outside
- Extract the zero-set

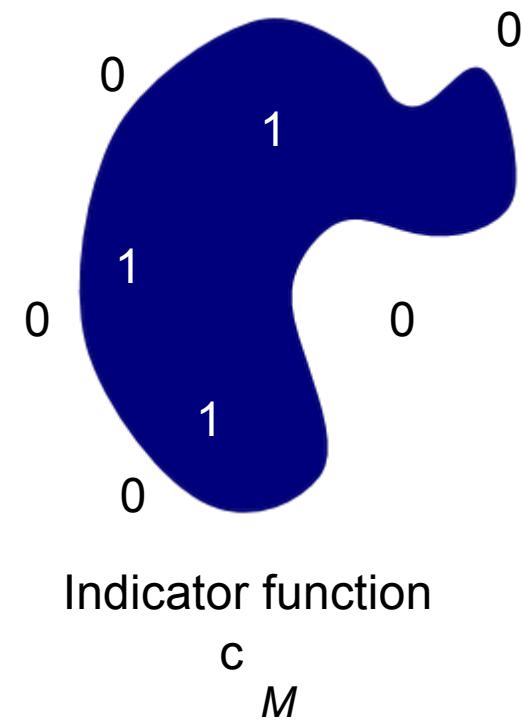


Key Idea

- Reconstruct the surface of the model by solving for the indicator function of the shape

$$x_M(p) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } p \in M \\ 0 & \text{if } p \notin M \end{cases}$$

In practice, we define the indicator function to be $-1/2$ outside the shape and $1/2$ inside, so that the surface is the zero level set. We also smooth the function a little, so that the zero set is well defined.

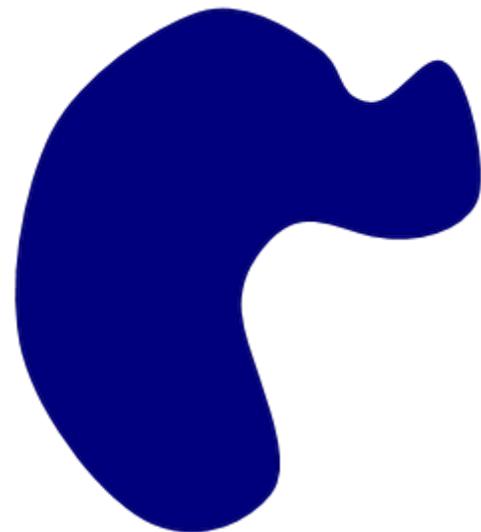


Challenge

- How to construct the indicator function?



Oriented points



Indicator function

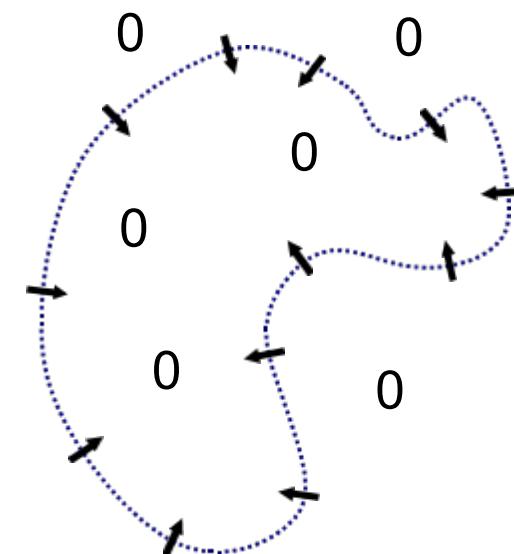
$$\chi_M$$

Gradient Relationship

- There is a relationship between the normal field at the shape boundary, and the gradient of the (smoothed) indicator function



Oriented points



Indicator gradient

$$\nabla \chi_M$$

Linear Least Squares

- Need to solve set of equations $Ax = b$ in a least squares
- Minimize $\|r\| = \|b - Ax\|^2$
- The minimum is achieved when

$$A^T A x = A^T b$$

$$x = \frac{A^T b}{A^T A}$$

Poisson Surface Reconstruction

- Represent the point normals by a vector field V
- Find the function χ whose gradient best approximates V
$$\min_{\chi} \|\nabla \chi - V\|^2$$
- Applying the divergence operator,

$$\nabla \cdot (\nabla \chi) = \nabla \cdot V \quad \xrightarrow{\hspace{1cm}} \quad \Delta \chi = \nabla \cdot V$$



$$\text{Laplacian } \Delta \chi = \frac{\partial^2 \chi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \chi}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \chi}{\partial z^2}$$

$$\text{Divergence } \nabla \cdot V = \frac{\partial V_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial V_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial V_z}{\partial z}$$

Discrete Derivative

Continuous

- Function: f
- Operator: $\frac{d}{dx}$
- Applying operator:

$$\frac{df}{dx} = f'$$

Discrete

- Vector: $\mathbf{f} = [f(x_1), f(x_2) \dots f(x_n)]$
- Matrix:

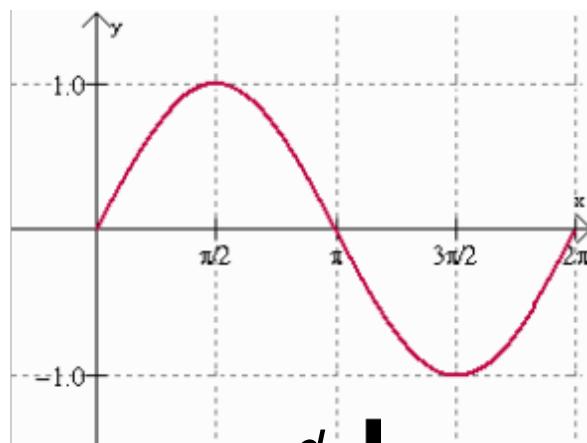
$$A = \begin{matrix} -1 & 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & & & \ddots & & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & & 0 & -1 \end{matrix}$$

- Applying matrix:

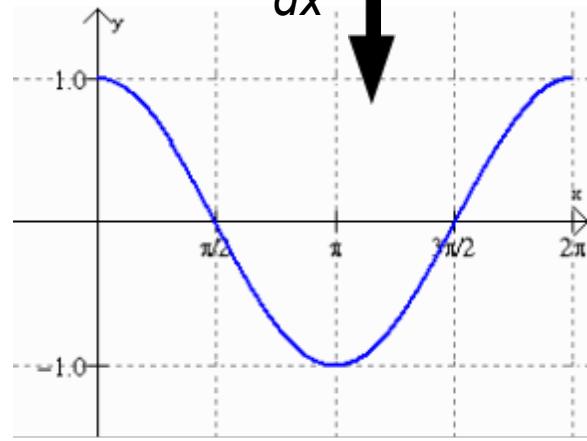
$$A\mathbf{f} = \mathbf{f}'$$

Example: Discrete Derivative

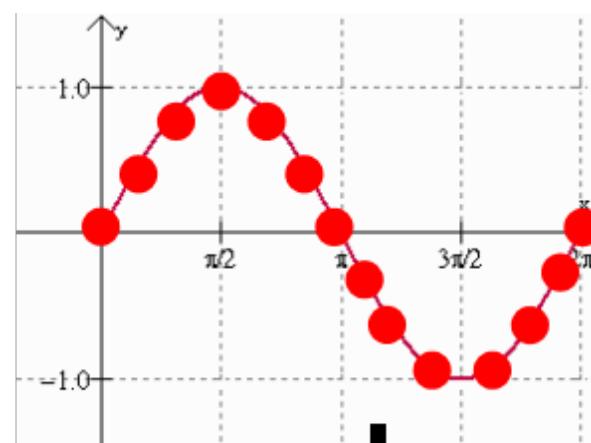
Continuous



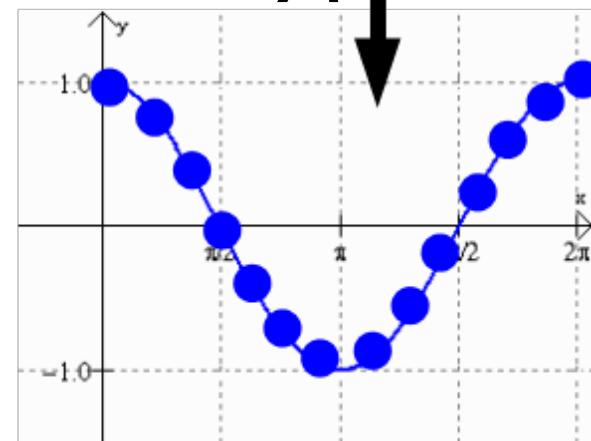
$$\frac{d}{dx}$$



Discrete



$$A$$



Discrete 2nd Derivative

Continuous

- Function: f
- Operator: $\frac{d^2}{dx^2}$
- Applying operator:

$$\frac{d^2 f}{dx^2} = f''$$

$$f''(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - 2f(x) + f(x-h)}{h^2}.$$

Discrete

- Vector: $\mathbf{f} = [f(x_1), f(x_2) \dots f(x_n)]$
- Matrix:

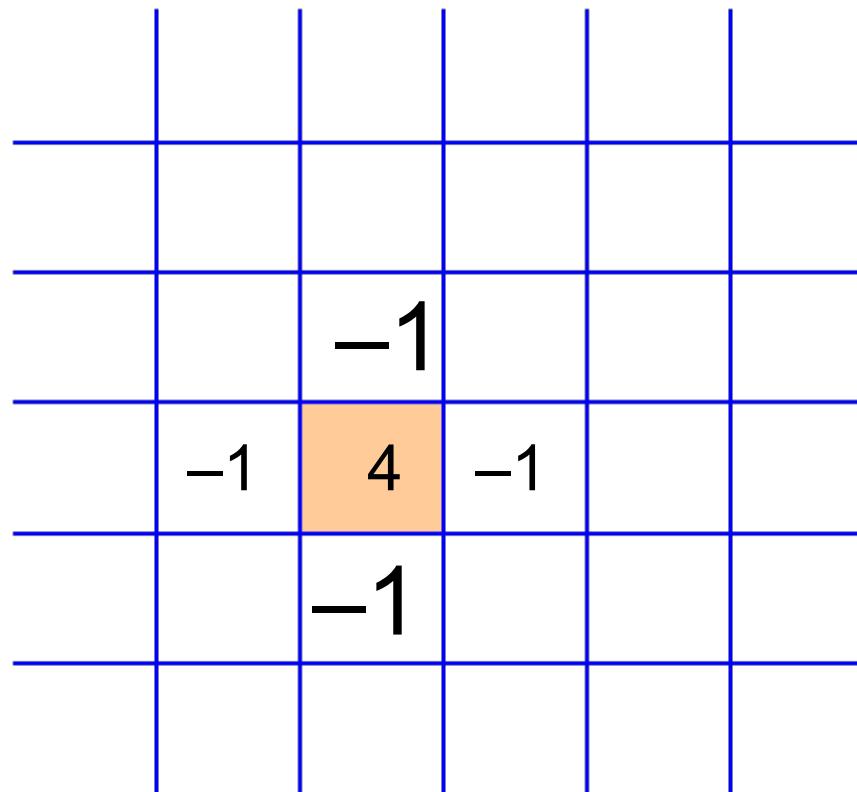
$$L = \frac{1}{h^2} \begin{matrix} -2 & 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ & 1 & -2 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & & \ddots & & \vdots & \\ & 0 & 0 & \cdots & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 1 & -2 & 0 \end{matrix}$$

- Applying matrix:

$$L\mathbf{f} = \mathbf{f}''$$

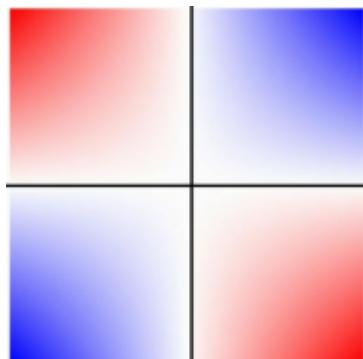
Discrete 2D Laplacian

- The Laplacian is computed via differences of a cell from its neighbours

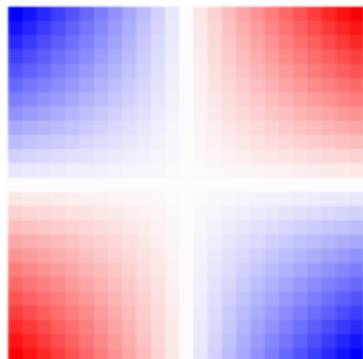


Operators in higher dimensions

- The underlying function space can have a higher-dimensional domain



Continuous function



Discrete approximation

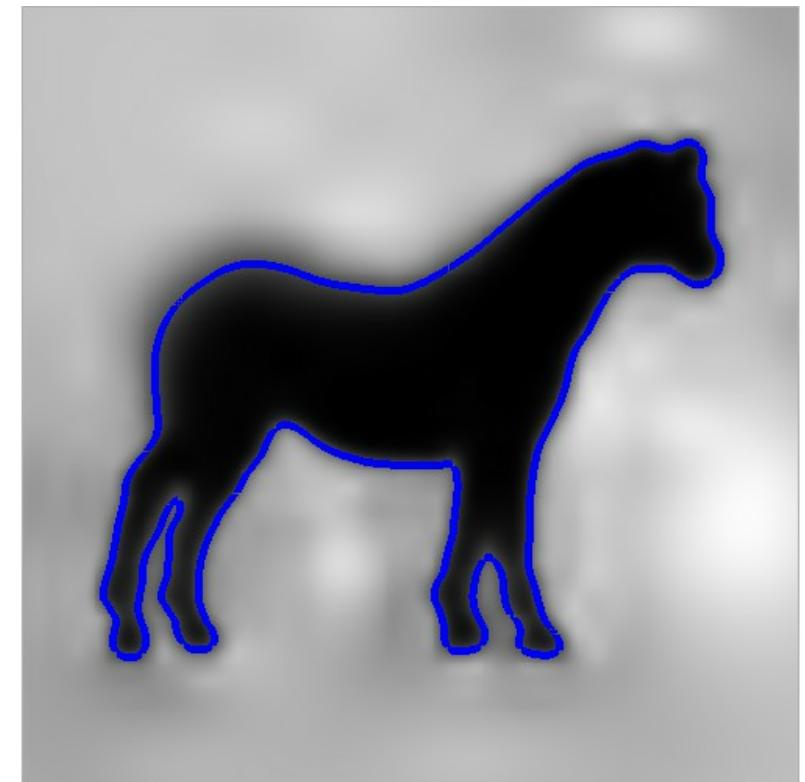
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2D discrete Laplace operator

Final step of Poisson reconstruction



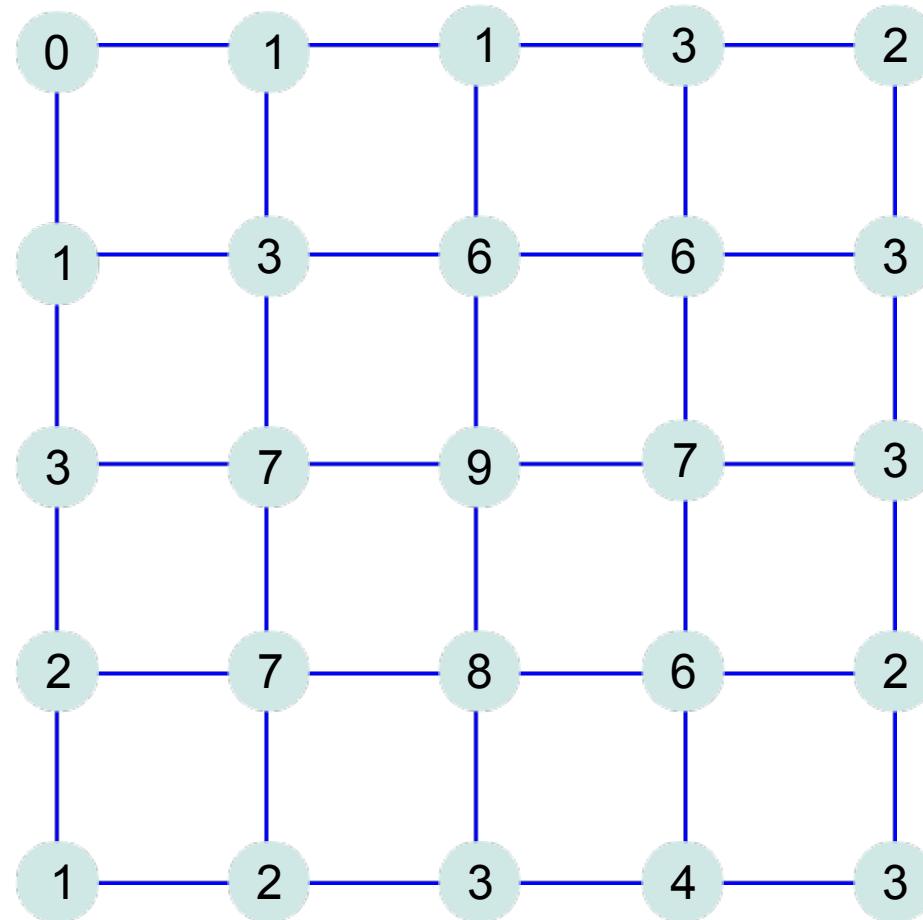
Output of Poisson Reconstruction



ToDo: Isosurface

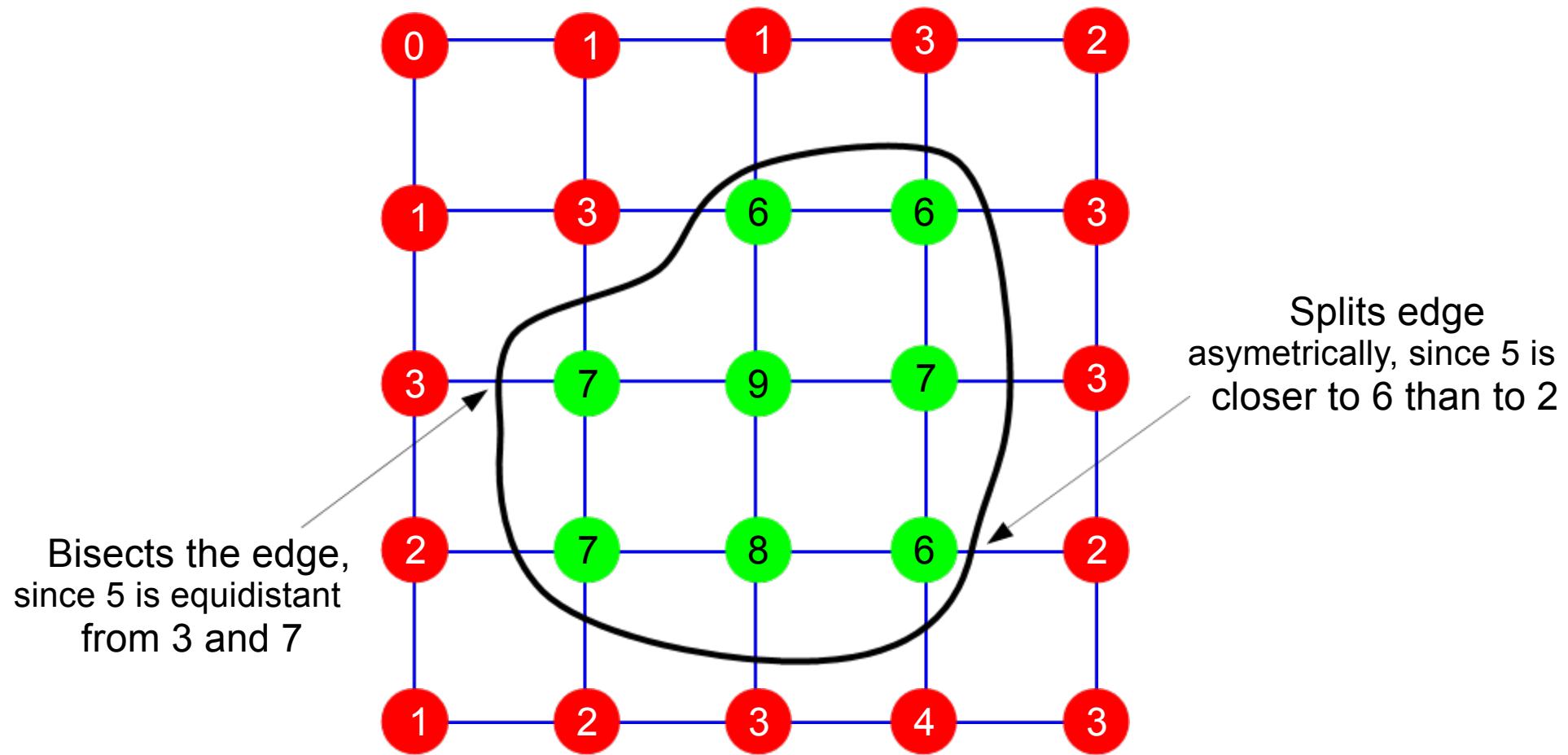
Isocontours

- **Data:** 2D structured grid of scalar values



Isocontours

- The 5-level set:

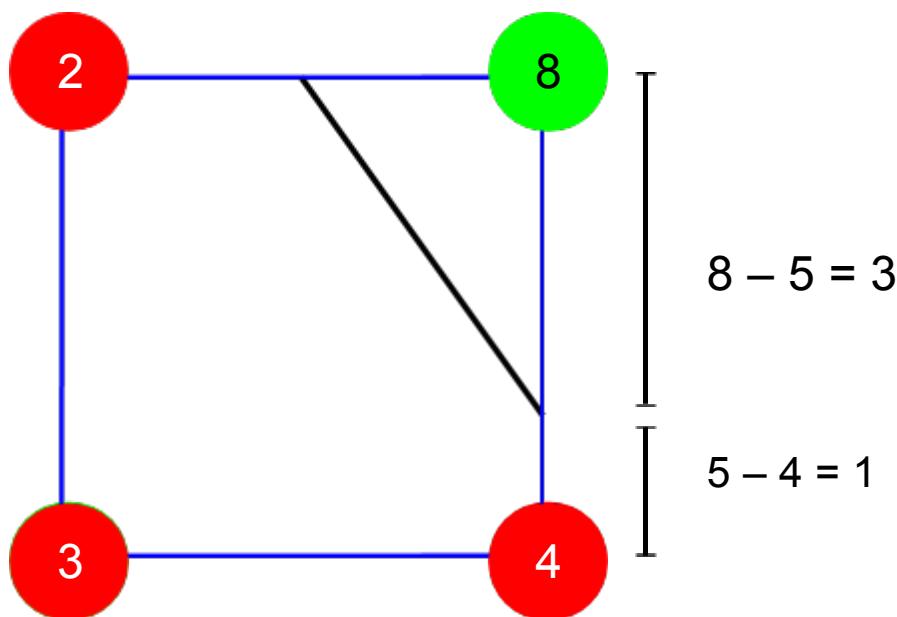


Where is the intersection?

- Find location of contour intersection with edge by interpolating vertex values

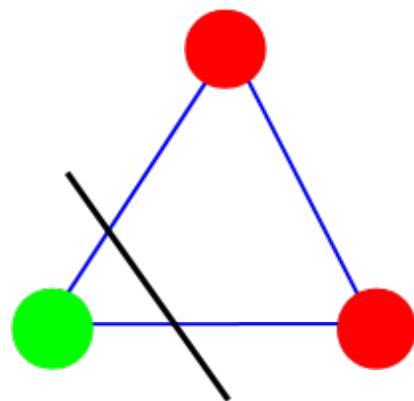
The value 5 splits the edge in a 1:1 ratio

$$8 - 5 = 3 \quad 5 - 2 = 3$$

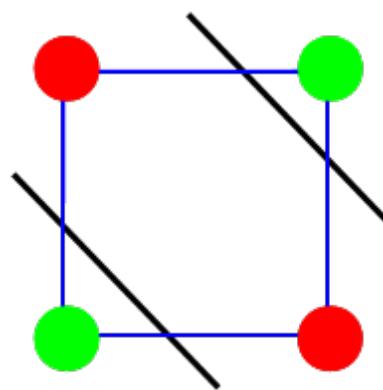


Isocontours: Ambiguity

- Where is the contour?



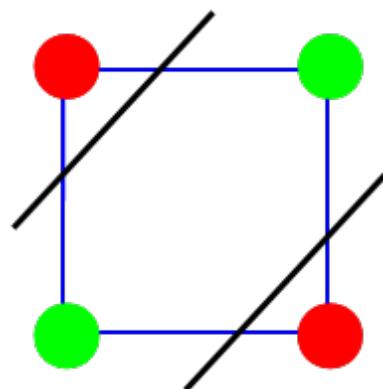
Triangular cell:
No ambiguities



“Split” green (inner) region

or

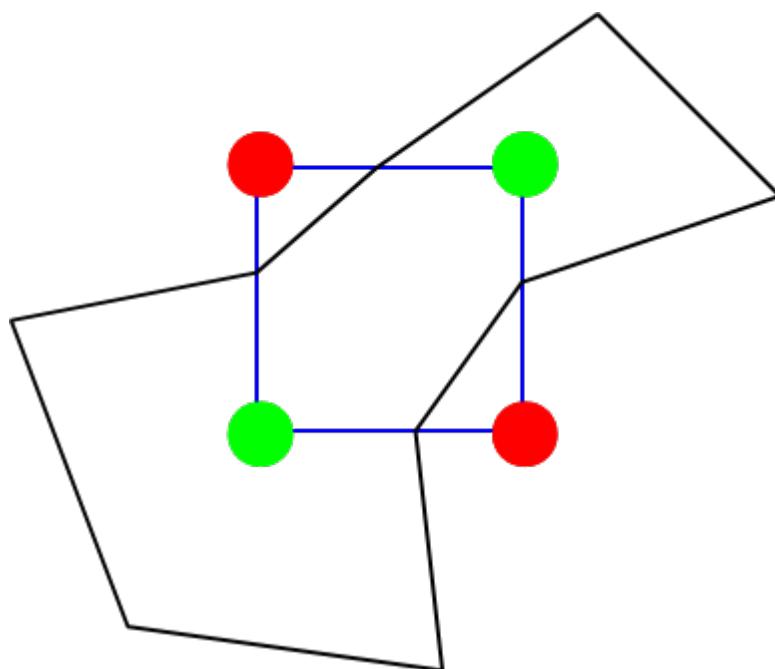
Square cell:
2 ambiguous cases



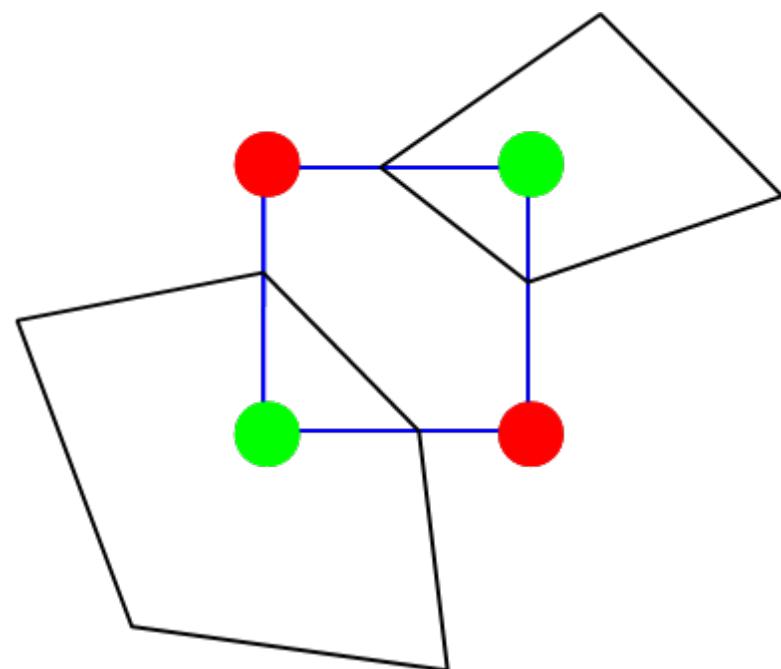
“Join” green (inner) region

Isocontours: Ambiguity

- Where is the contour?



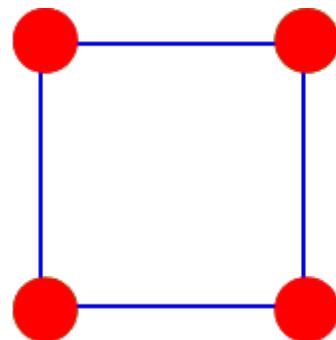
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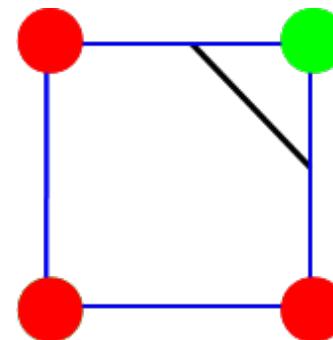
Split

Isocontours: Cell Configurations

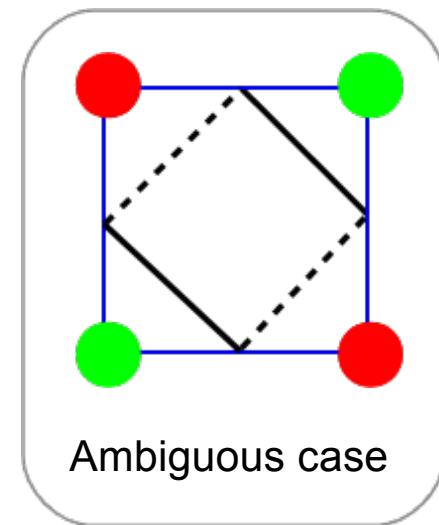
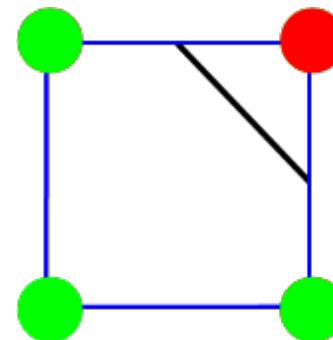
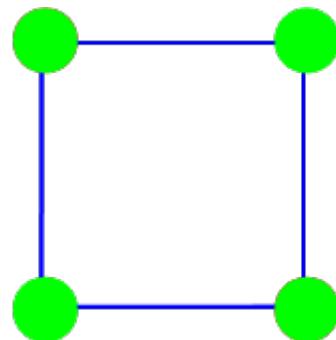
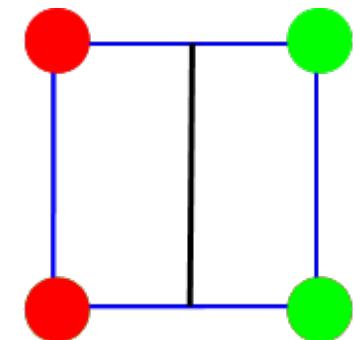
No intersections



1 vertex different



2 vertices different



Ambiguous case

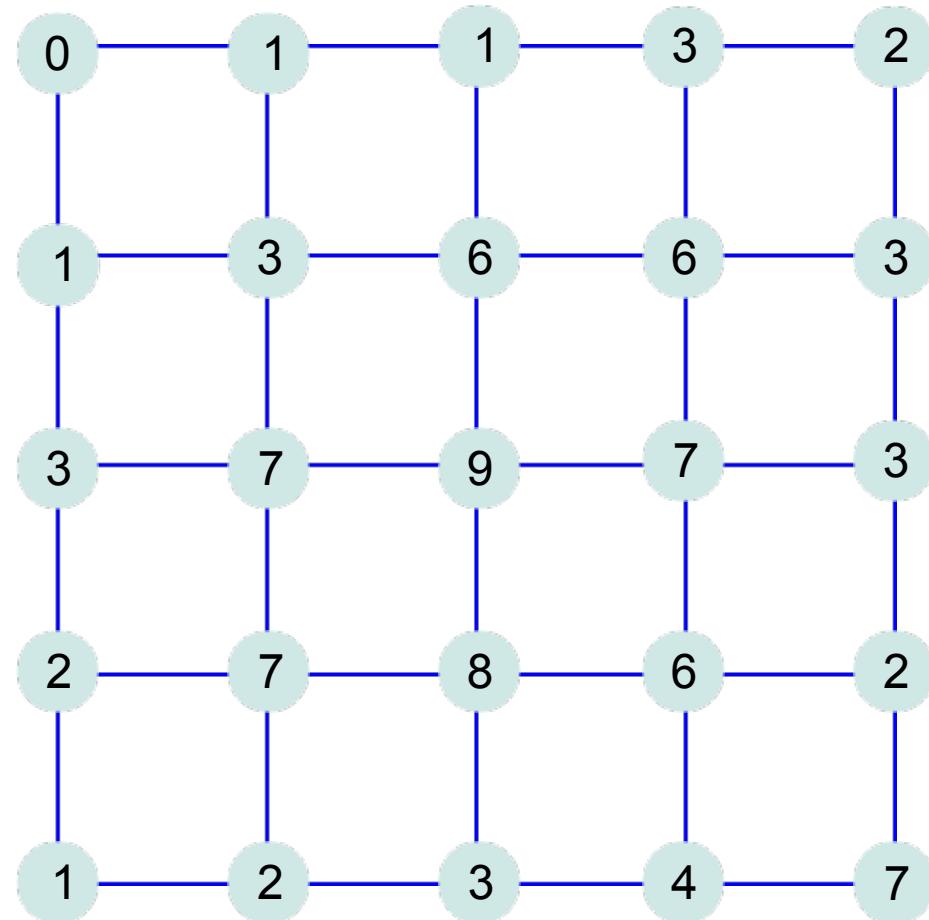
$2^4 = 16$ different possibilities, reducible to just 6 distinct cases after factoring out symmetries

Marching Squares Algorithm

- Select a starting cell
- Calculate inside/outside state for each vertex
- Classify cell configuration
 - Determine which edges are intersected
- Find exact locations of edge intersections
- Link up intersections to produce contour segment(s)
- Move (or “march”) into next cell and repeat
 - ... until all cells have been visited

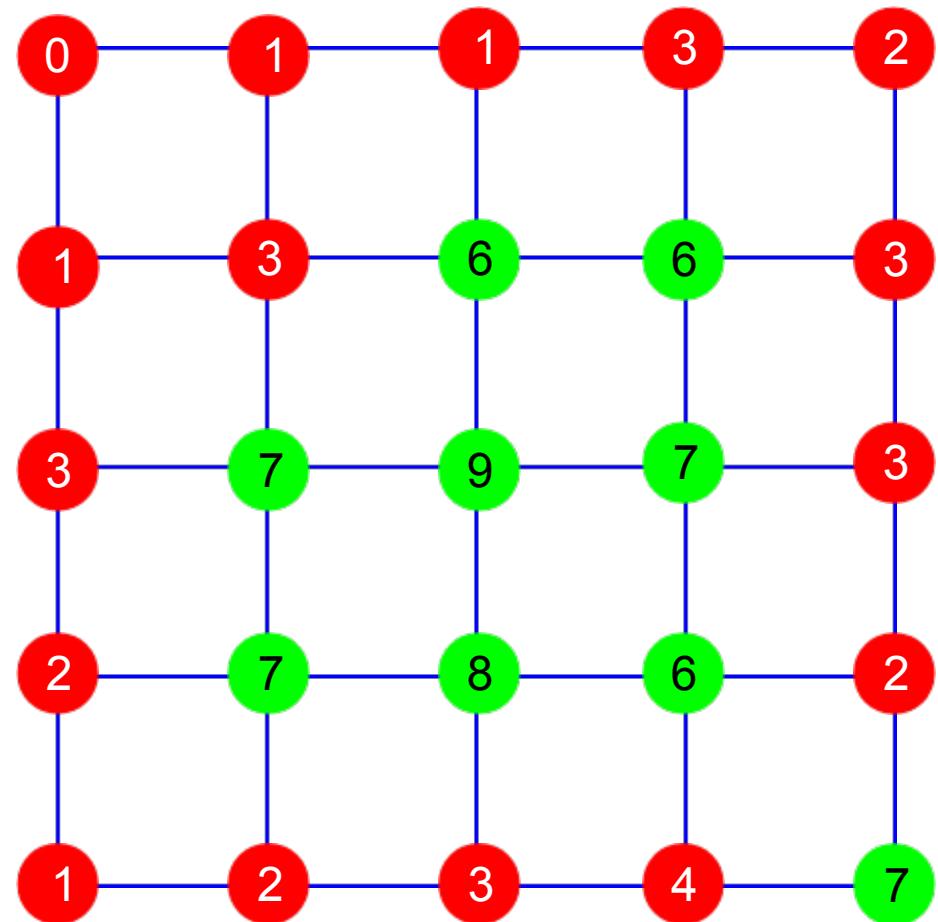
Example: Marching Squares

Find 5-contour of
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values at vertices of a
uniform grid

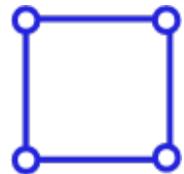


Step 1: Classify vertices

Green: inside
Red: outside



Step 2: Classify cells



No intersections



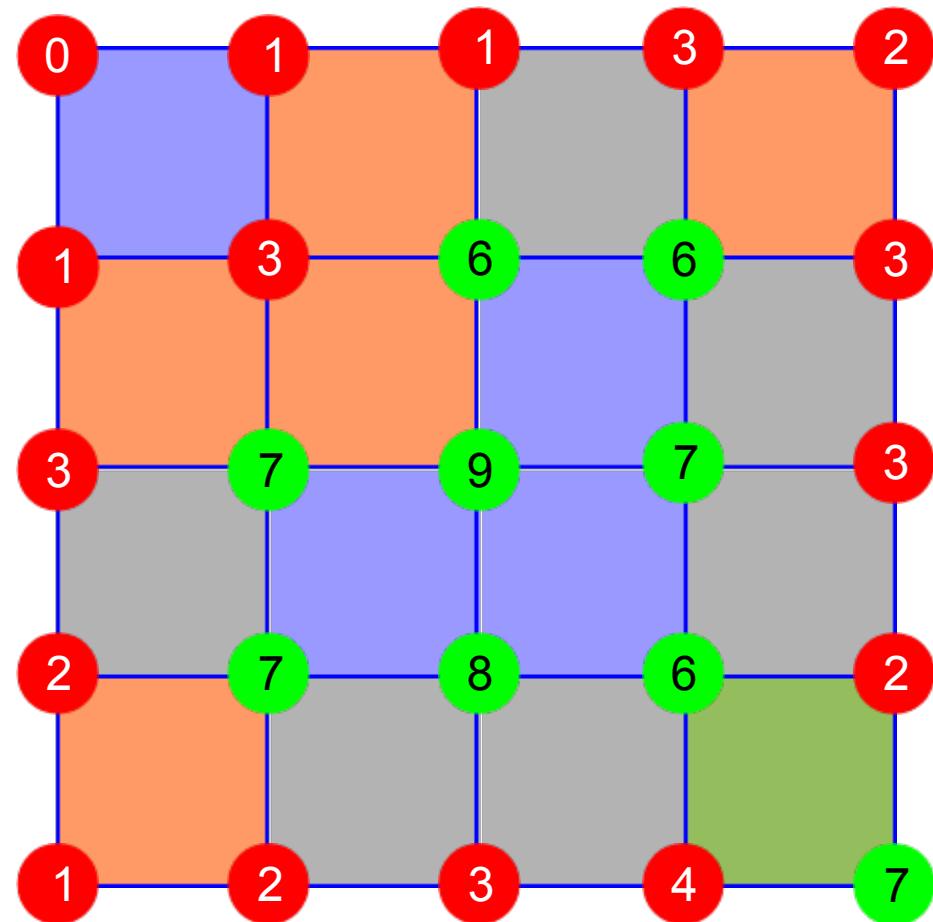
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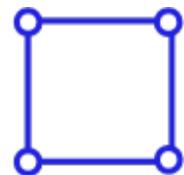
Opposite edges



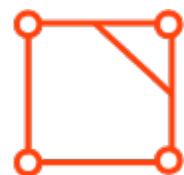
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Step 3: Interpolate contour intersections



No intersections



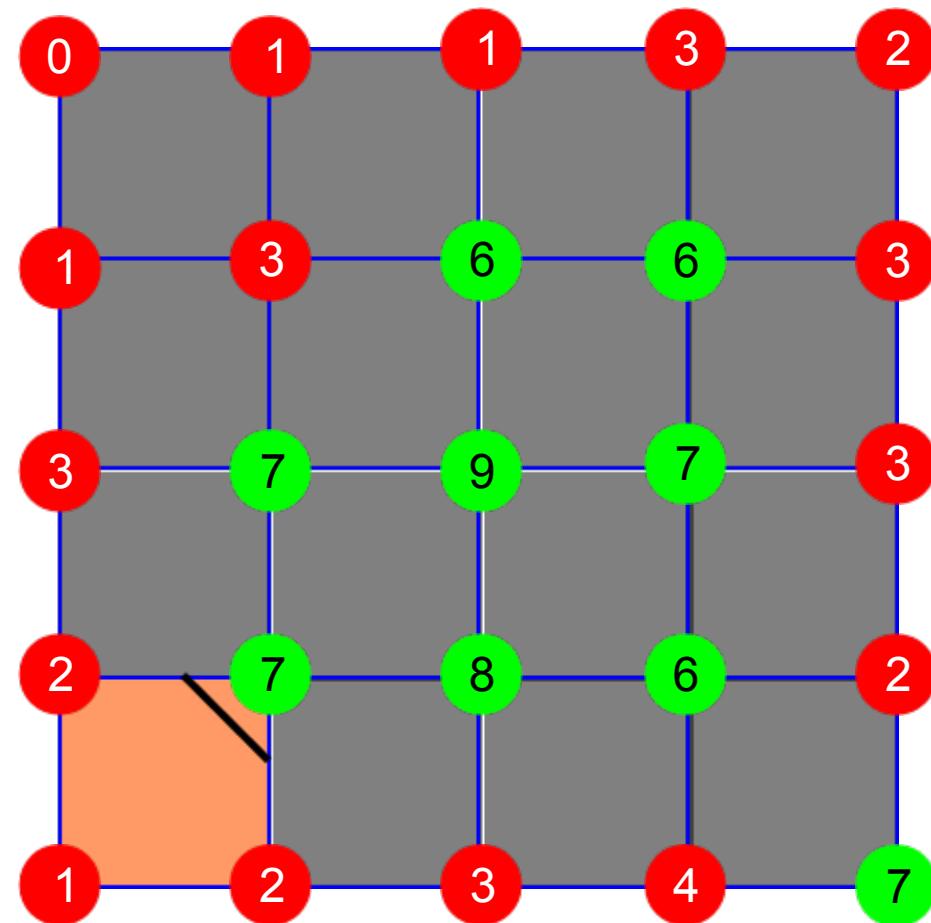
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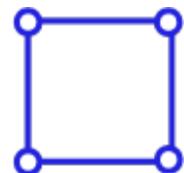
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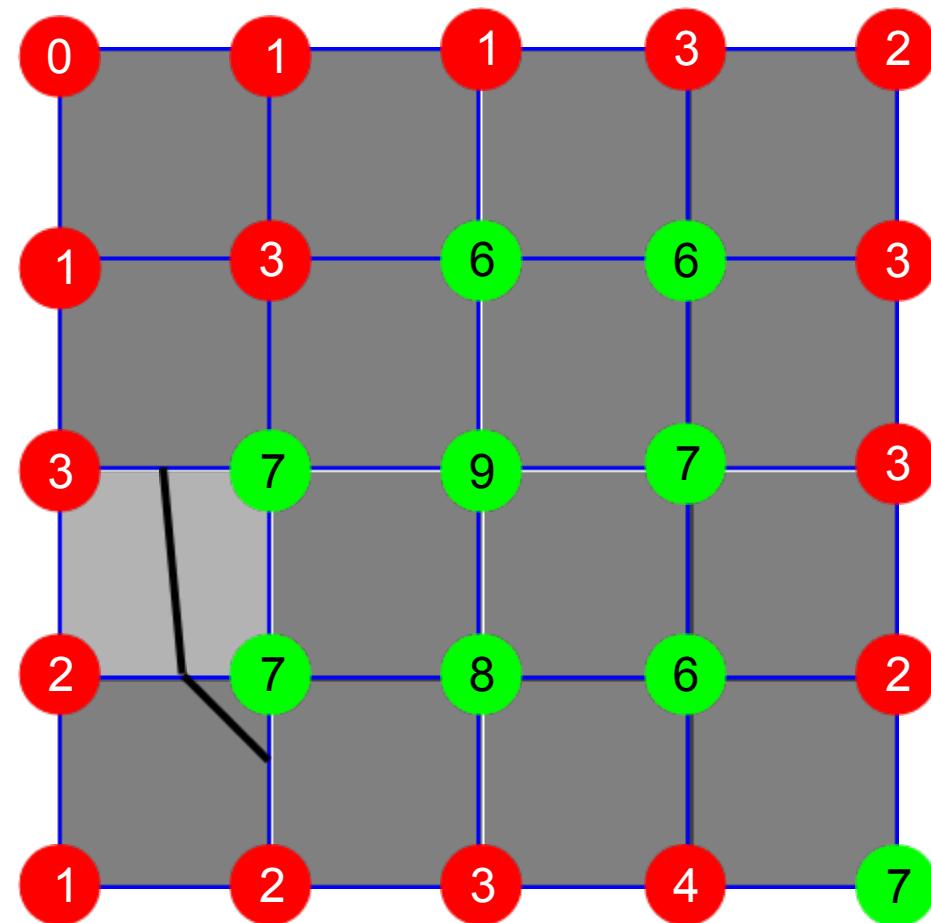
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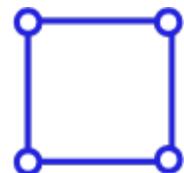
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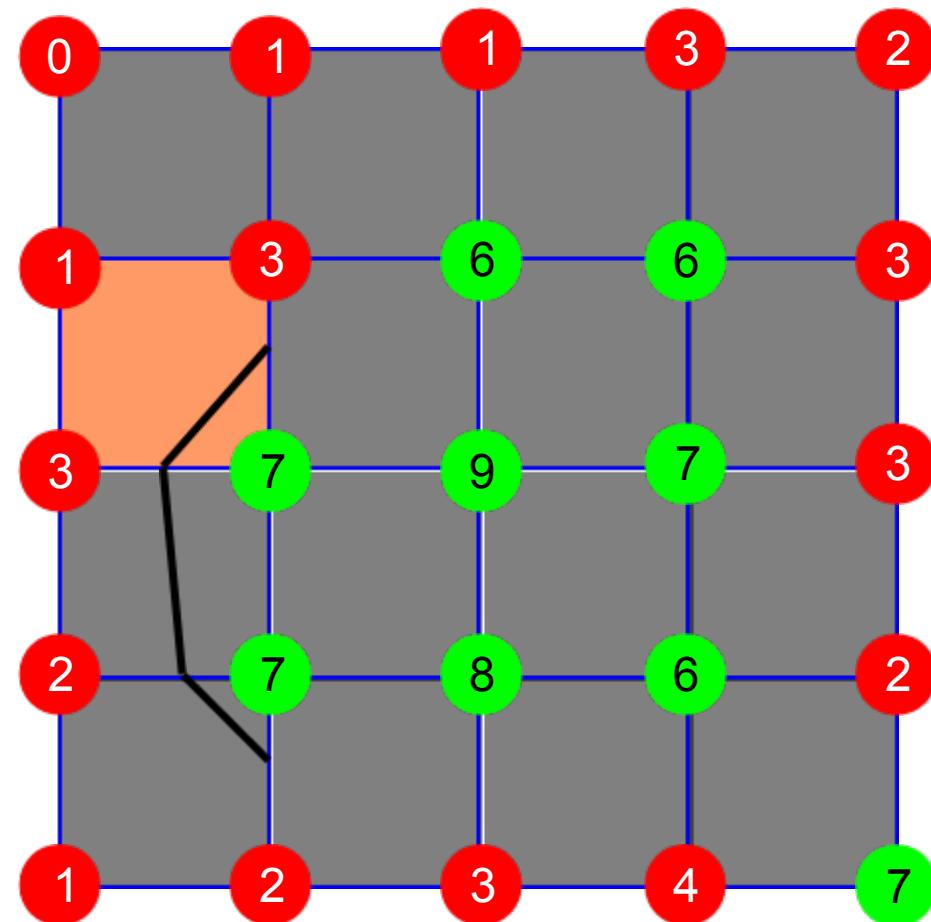
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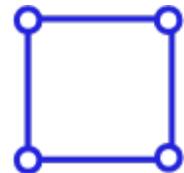
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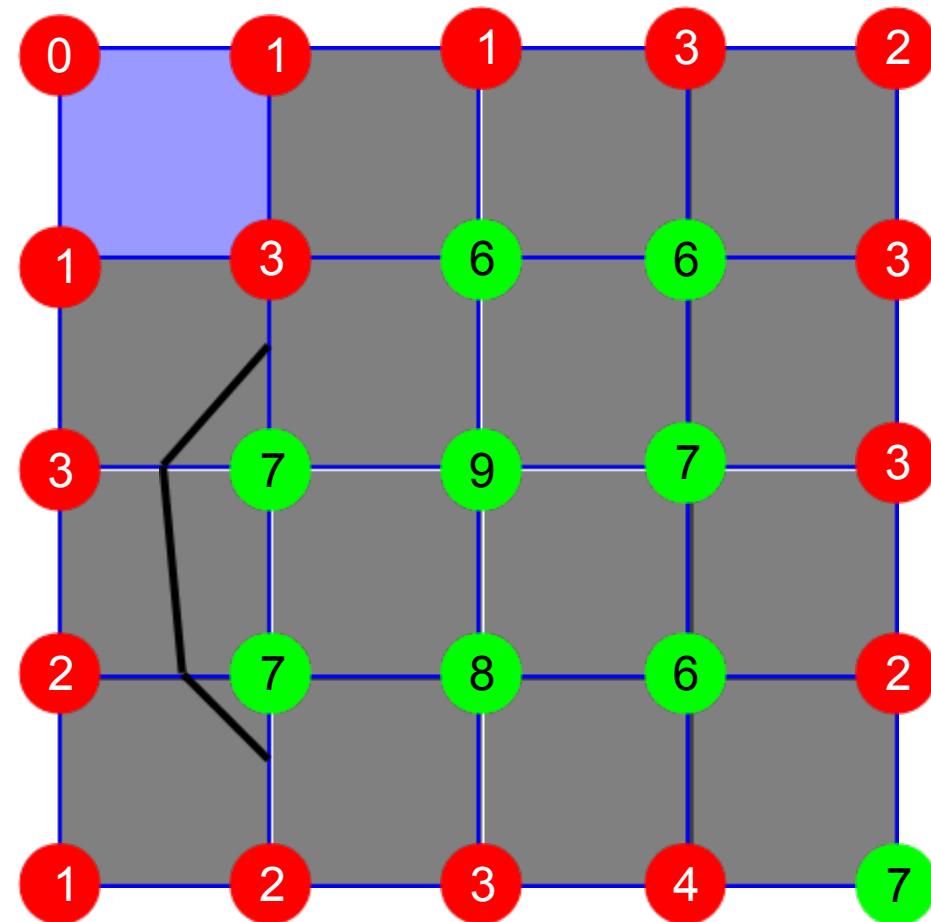
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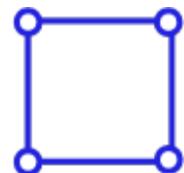
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Step 3: Interpolate contour intersections



No intersections



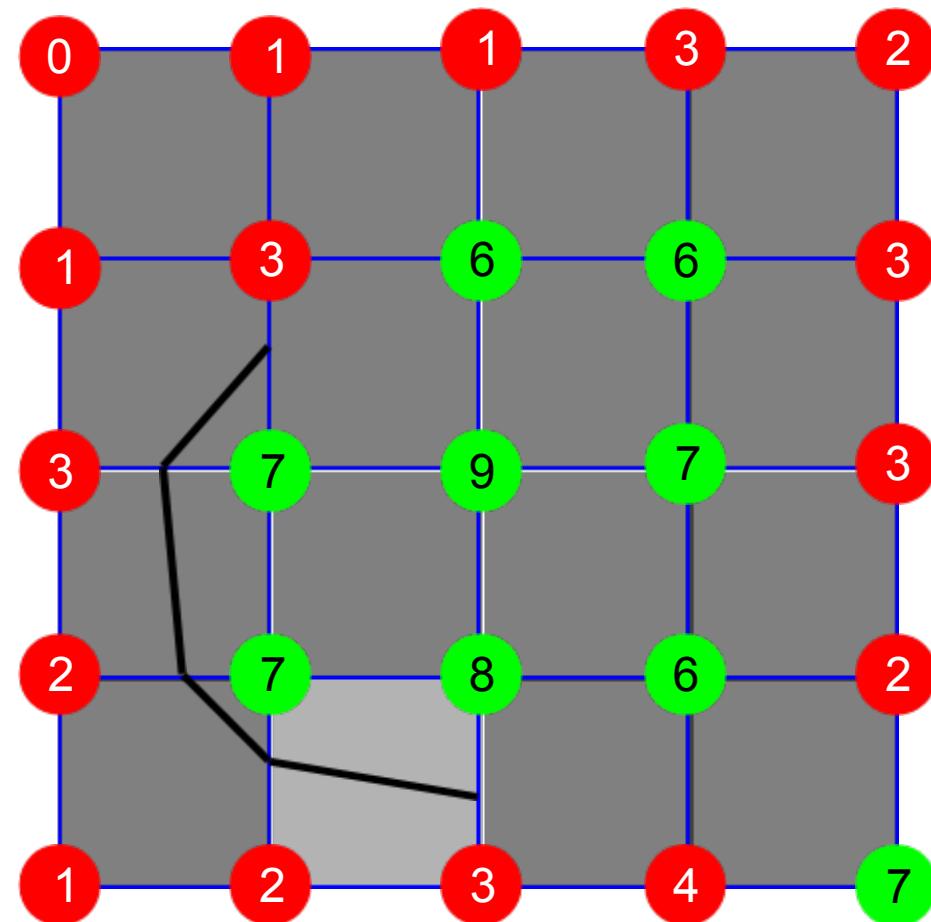
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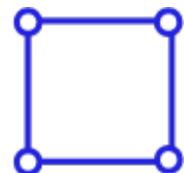
Opposite edges



Ambiguous



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No intersections



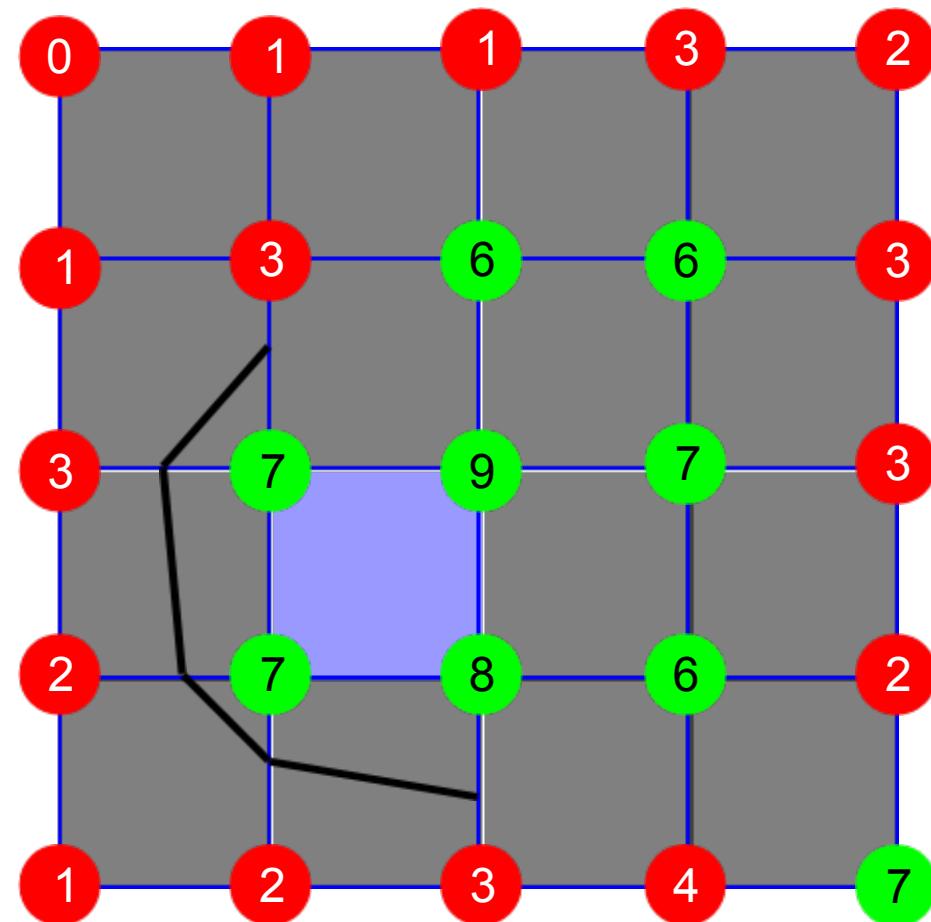
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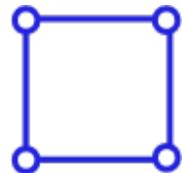
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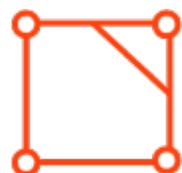
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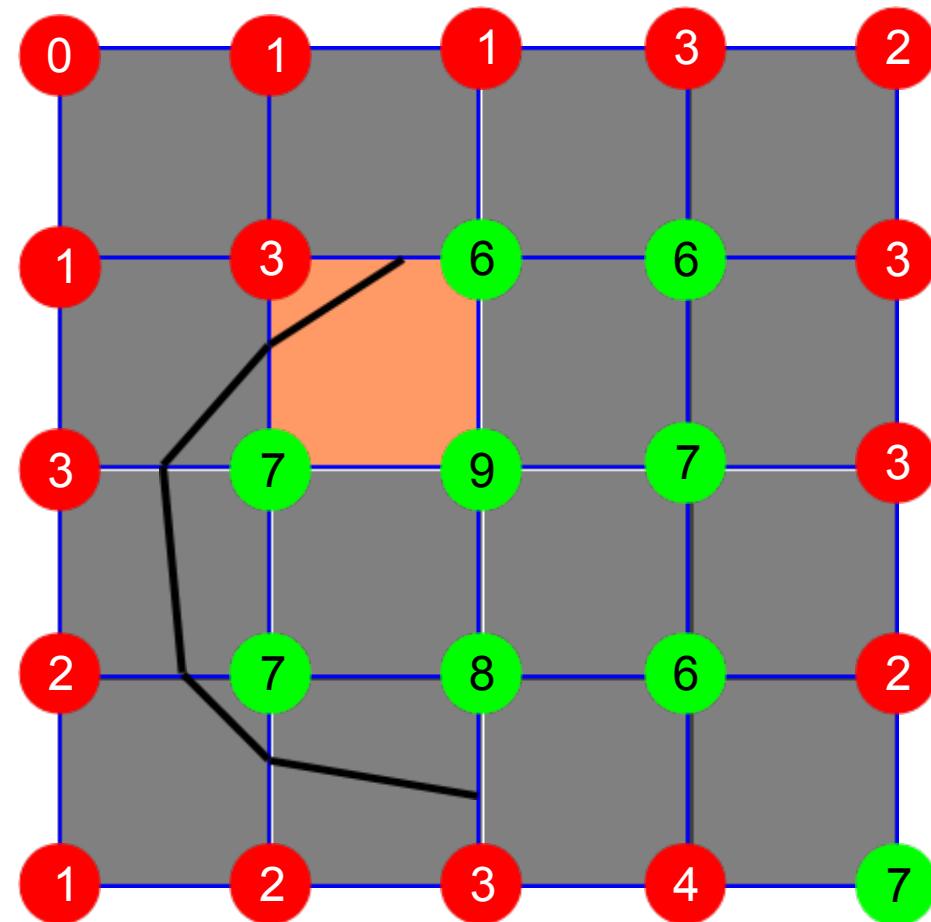
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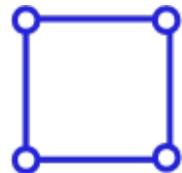
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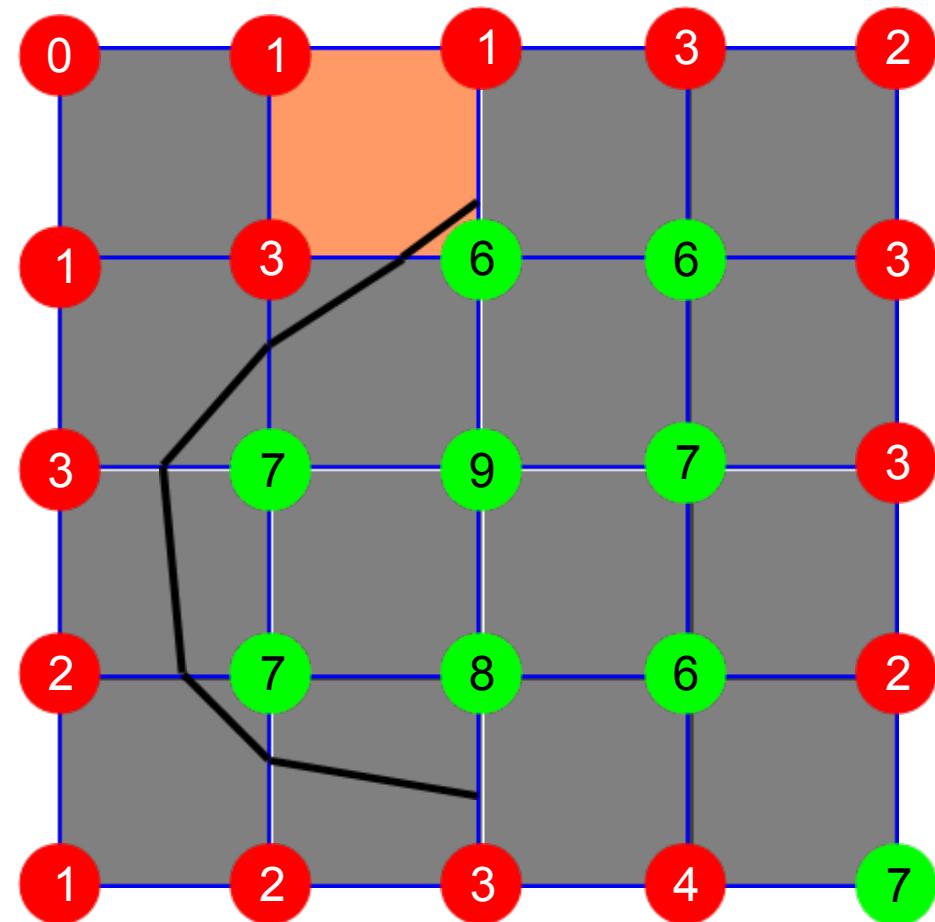
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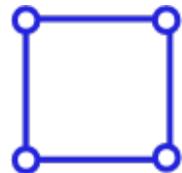
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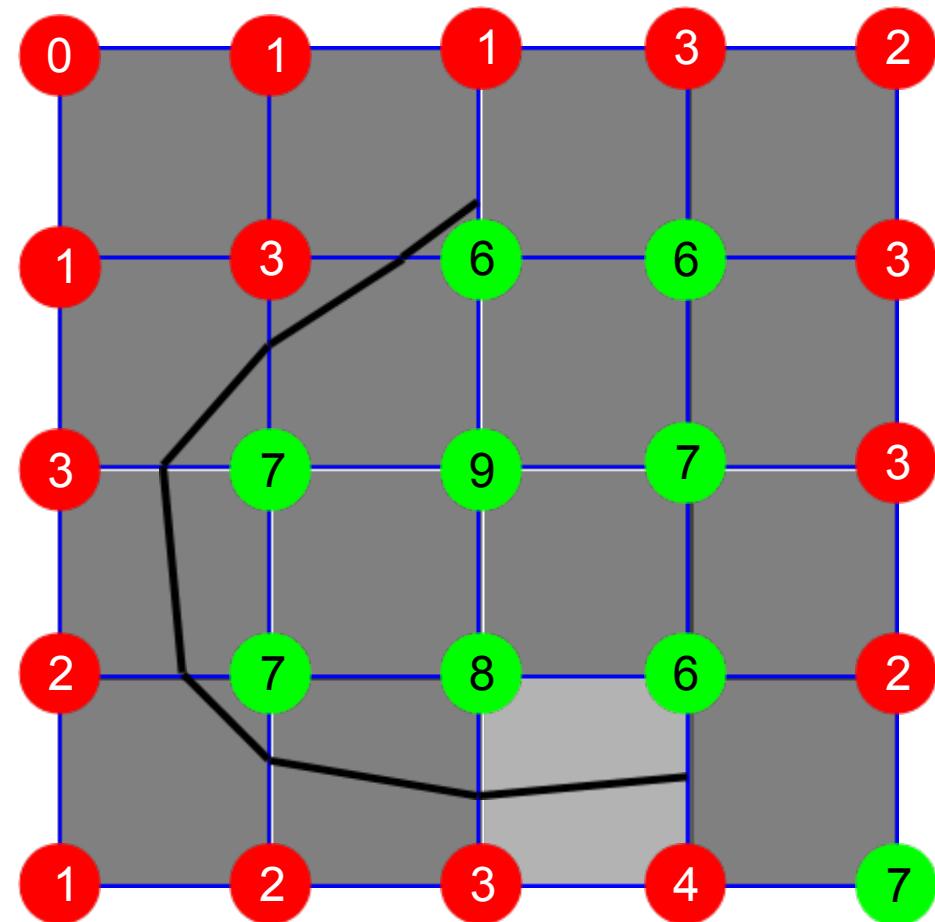
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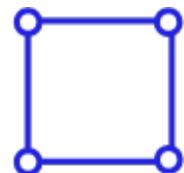
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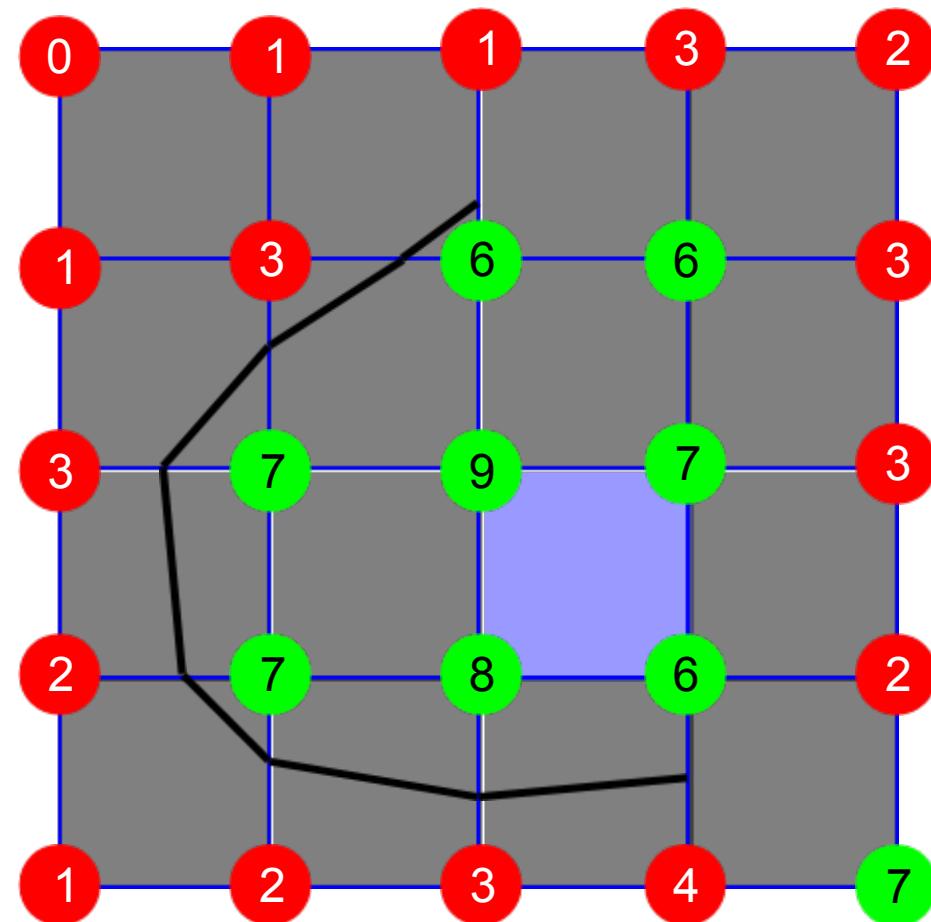
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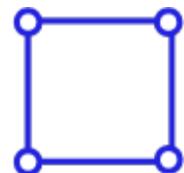
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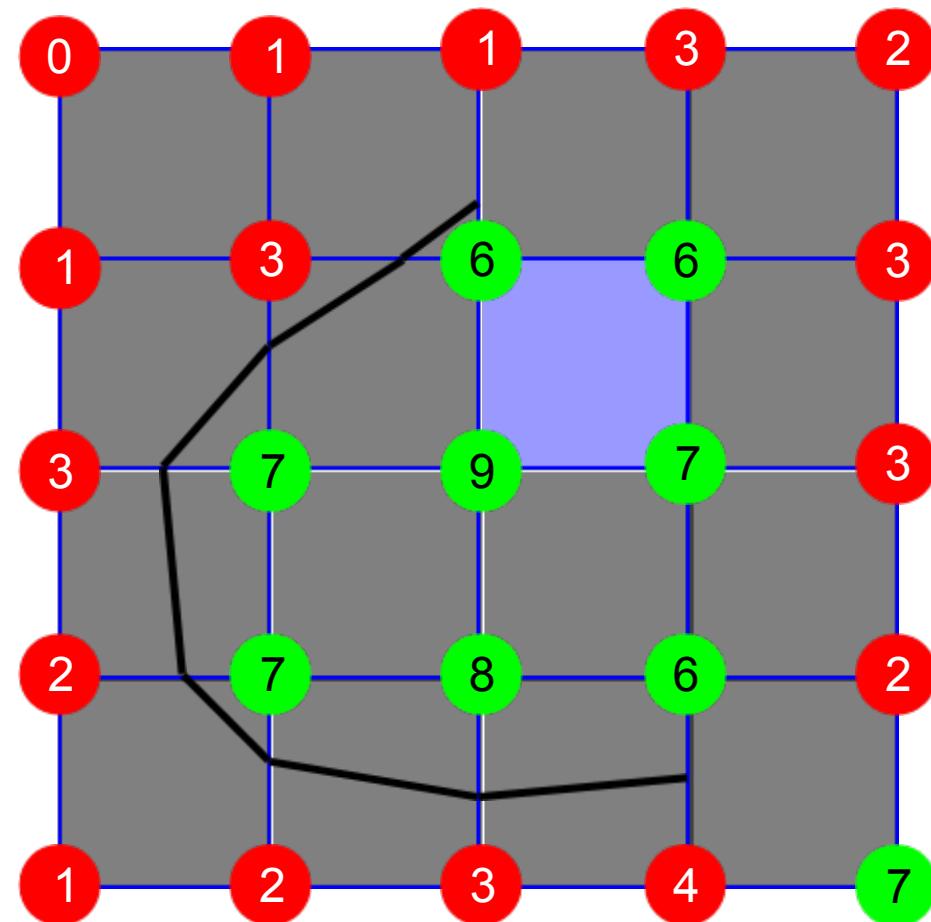
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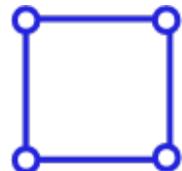
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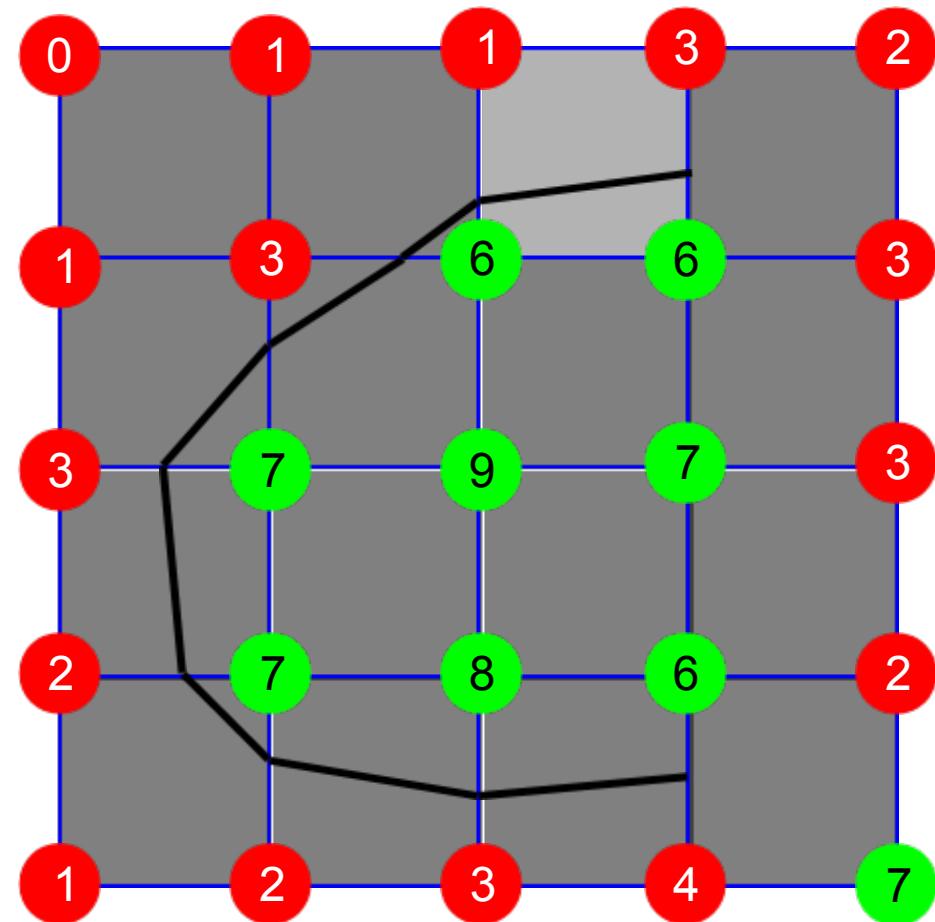
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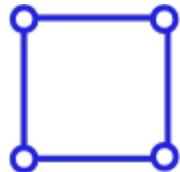
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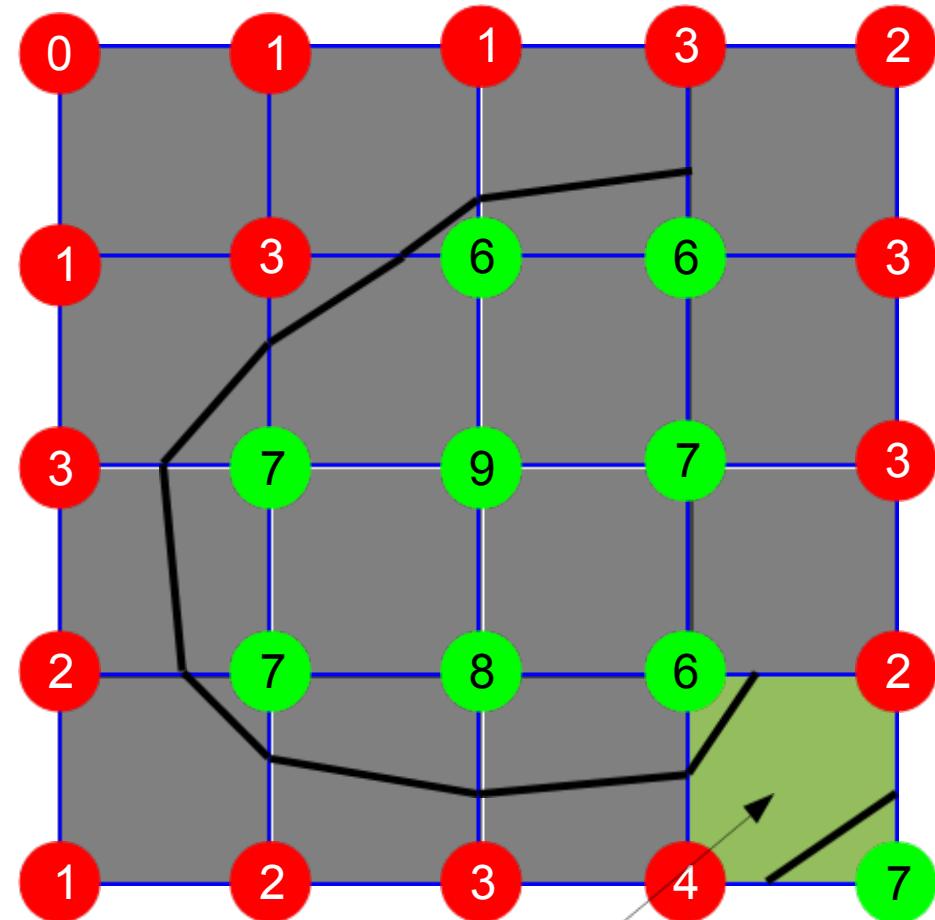
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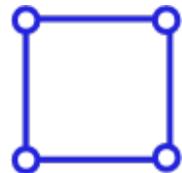


Ambiguous



Arbitrarily choose to split here, instead of join. We could also have gone the other way.

Step 3: Interpolate contour intersections



No intersections



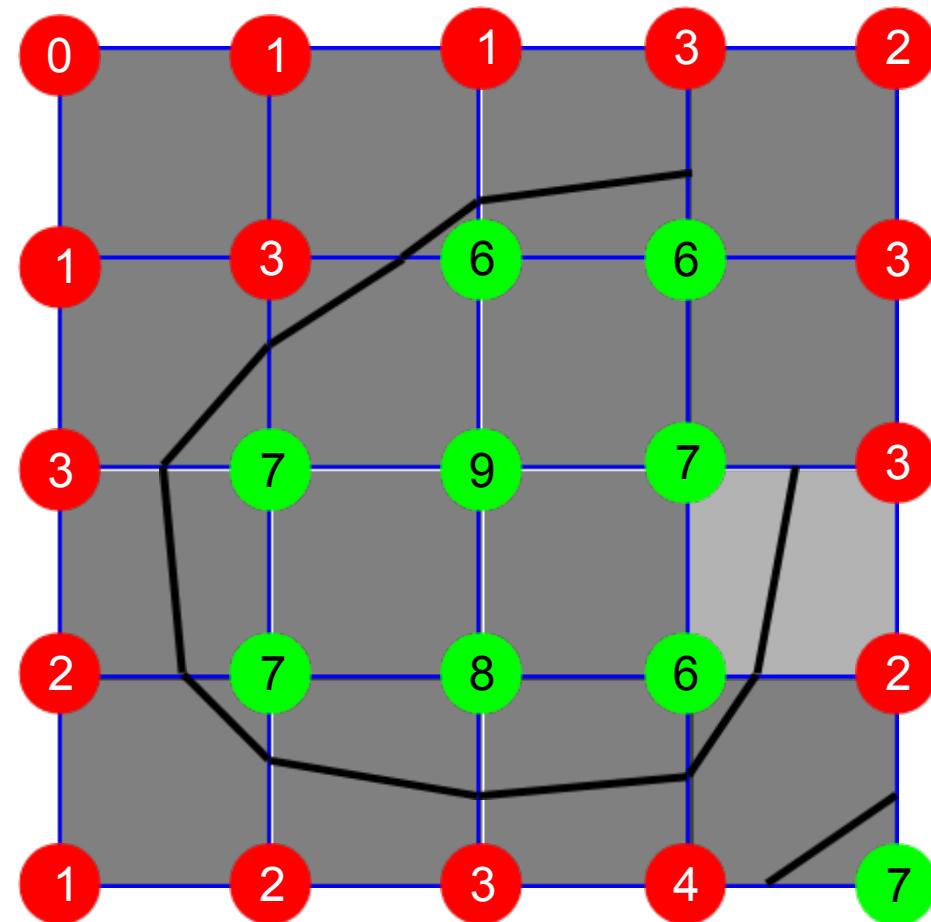
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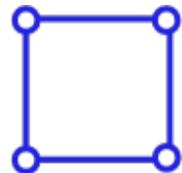
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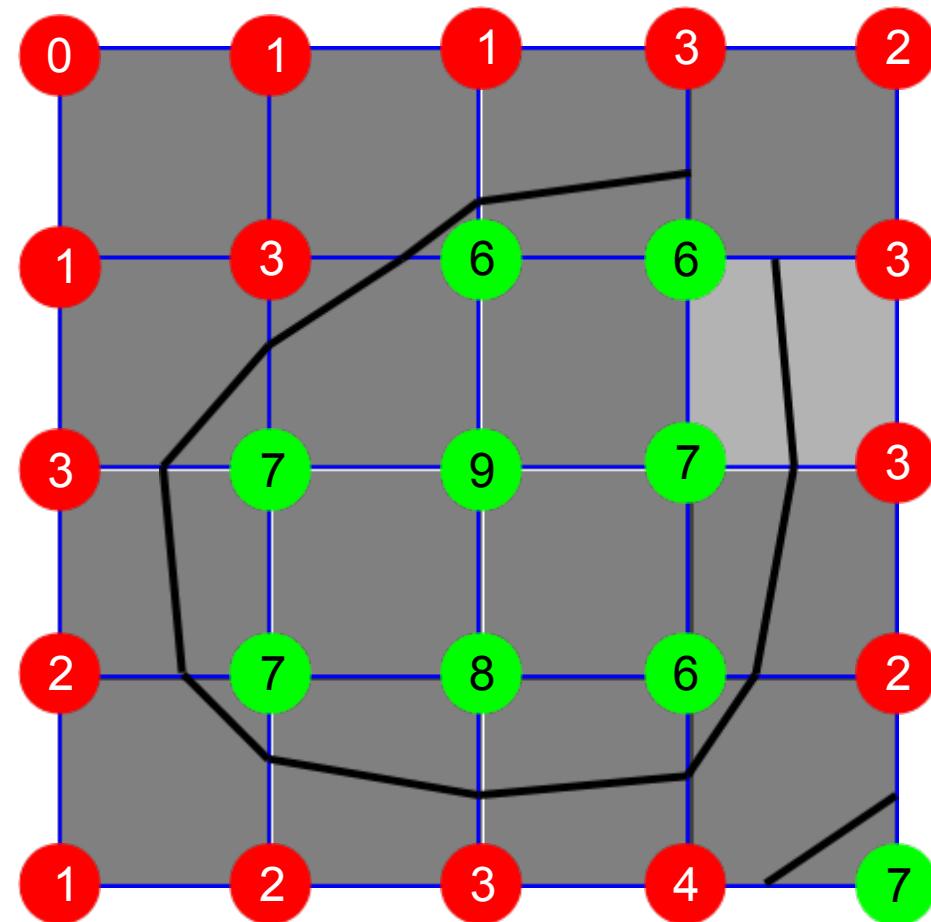
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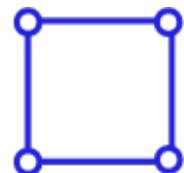
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No intersections



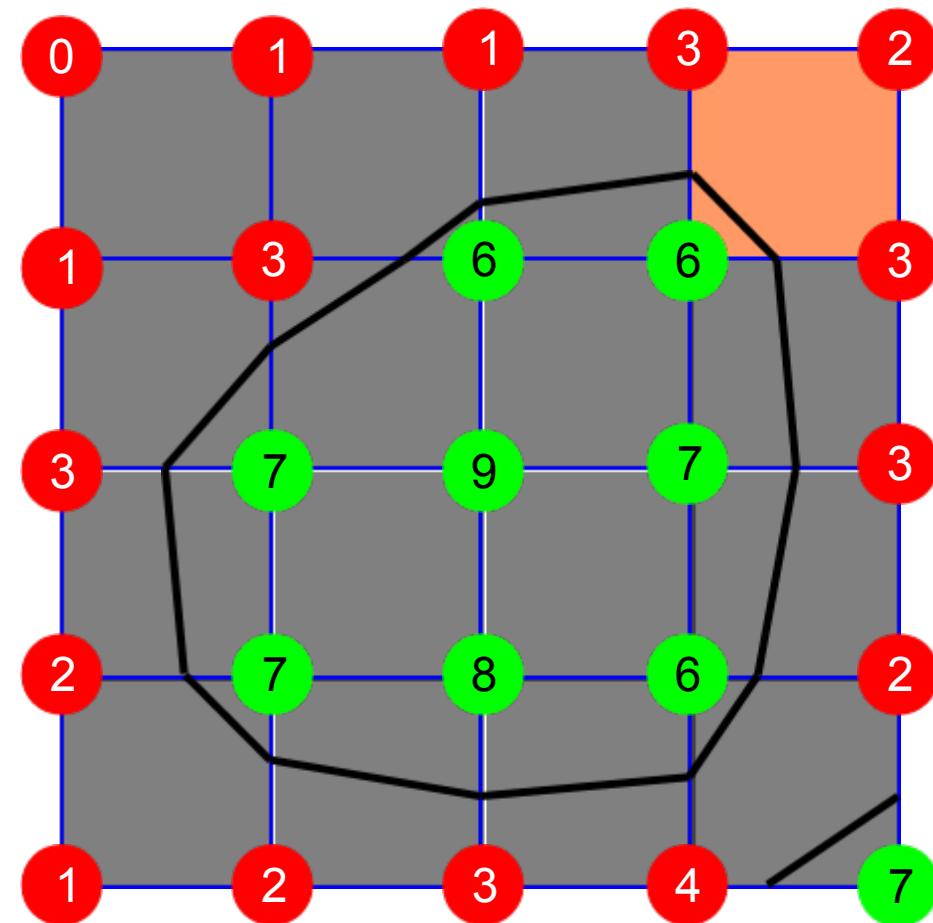
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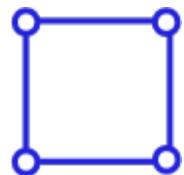
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Ambiguous



Resolving ambiguities



No intersections



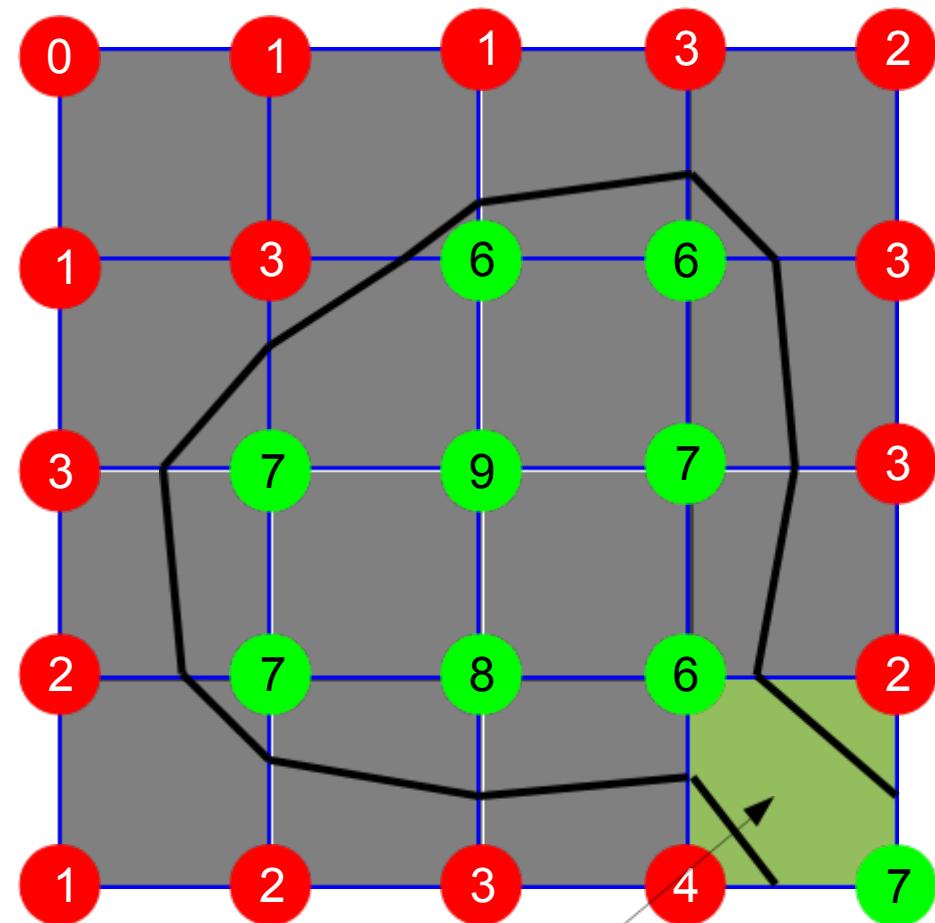
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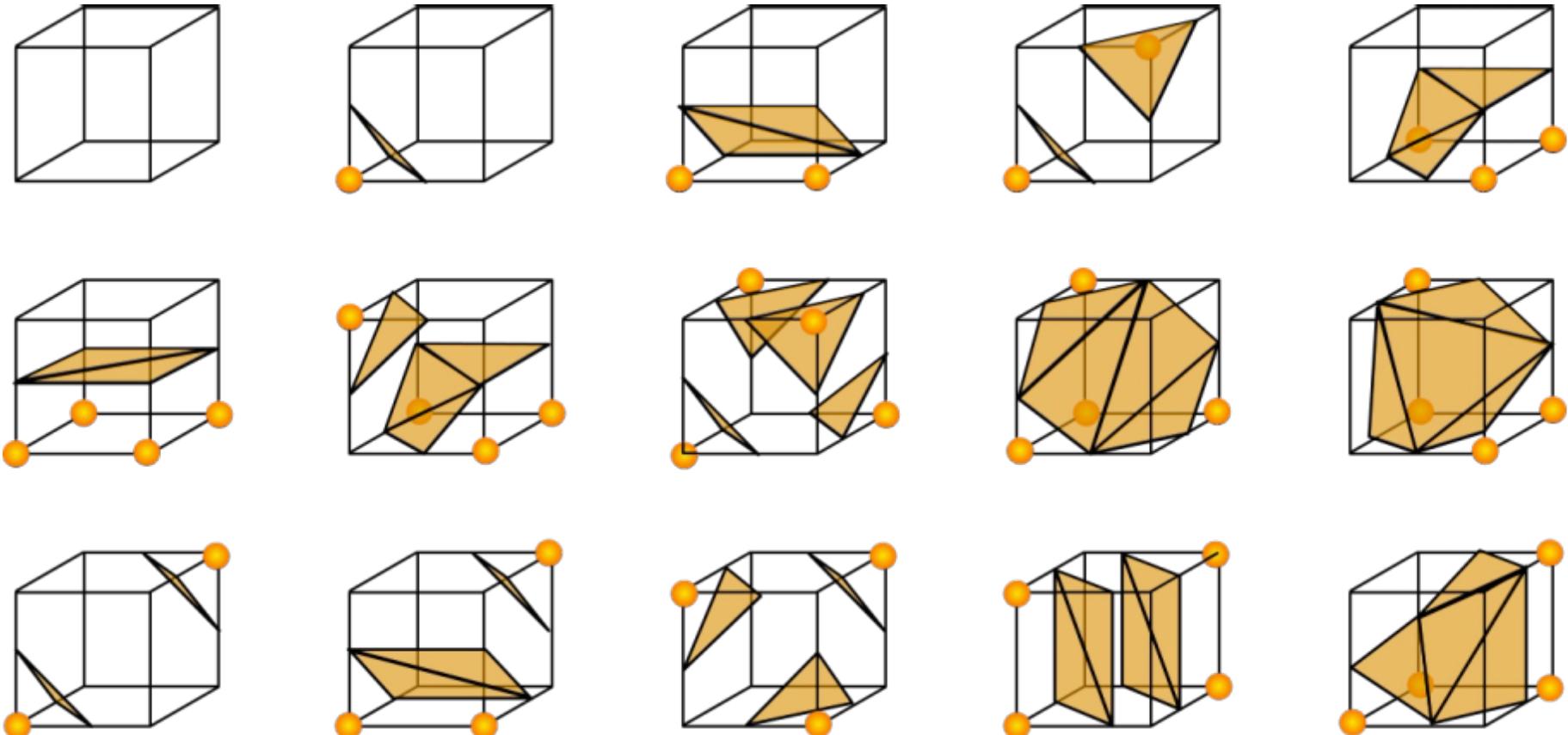
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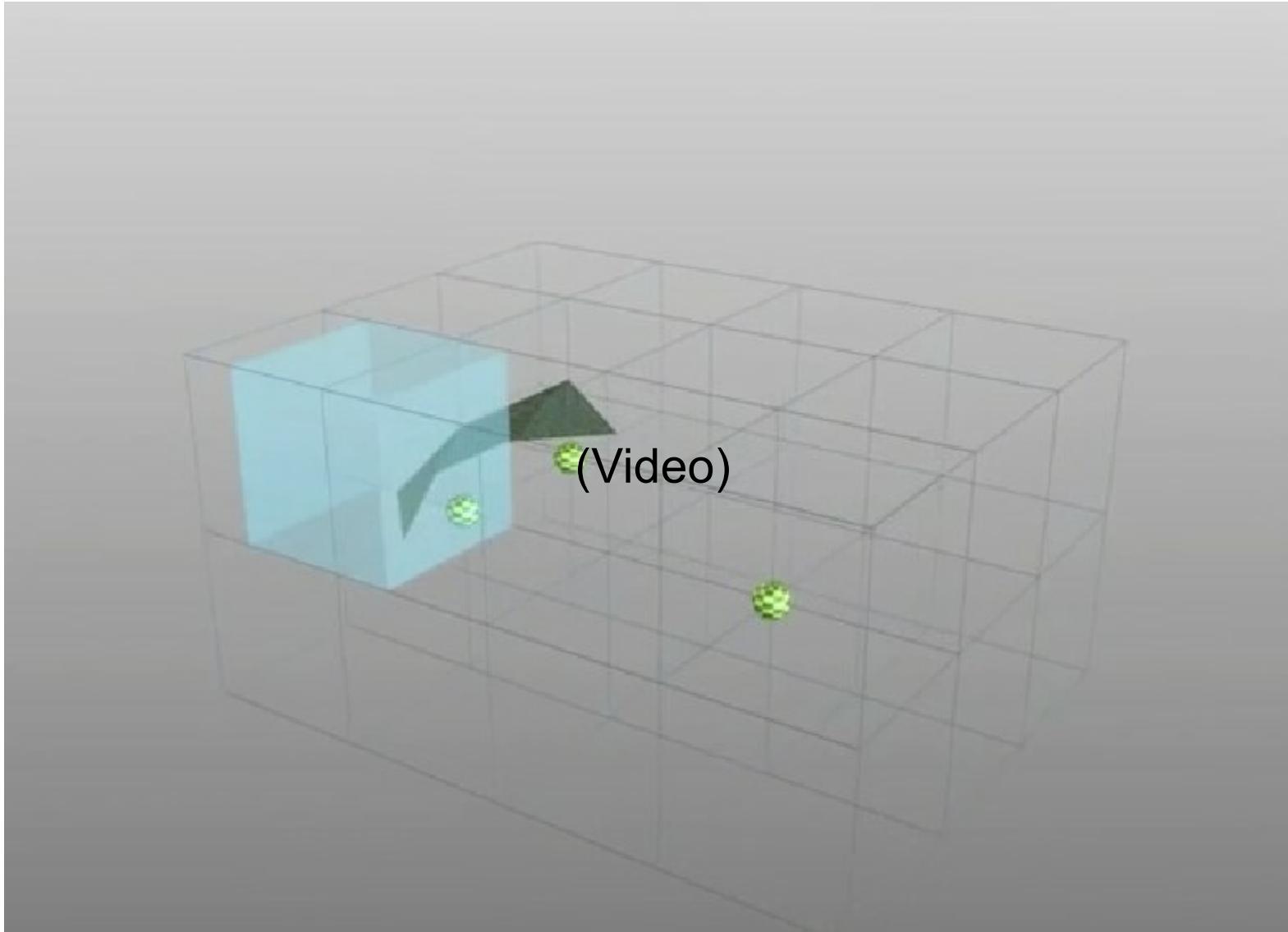
Choosing to join instead

In 3D: Marching Cubes

Exactly the same algorithm, but cells are now cubes (15 distinct configurations) and output is triangles (or a polygon mix)

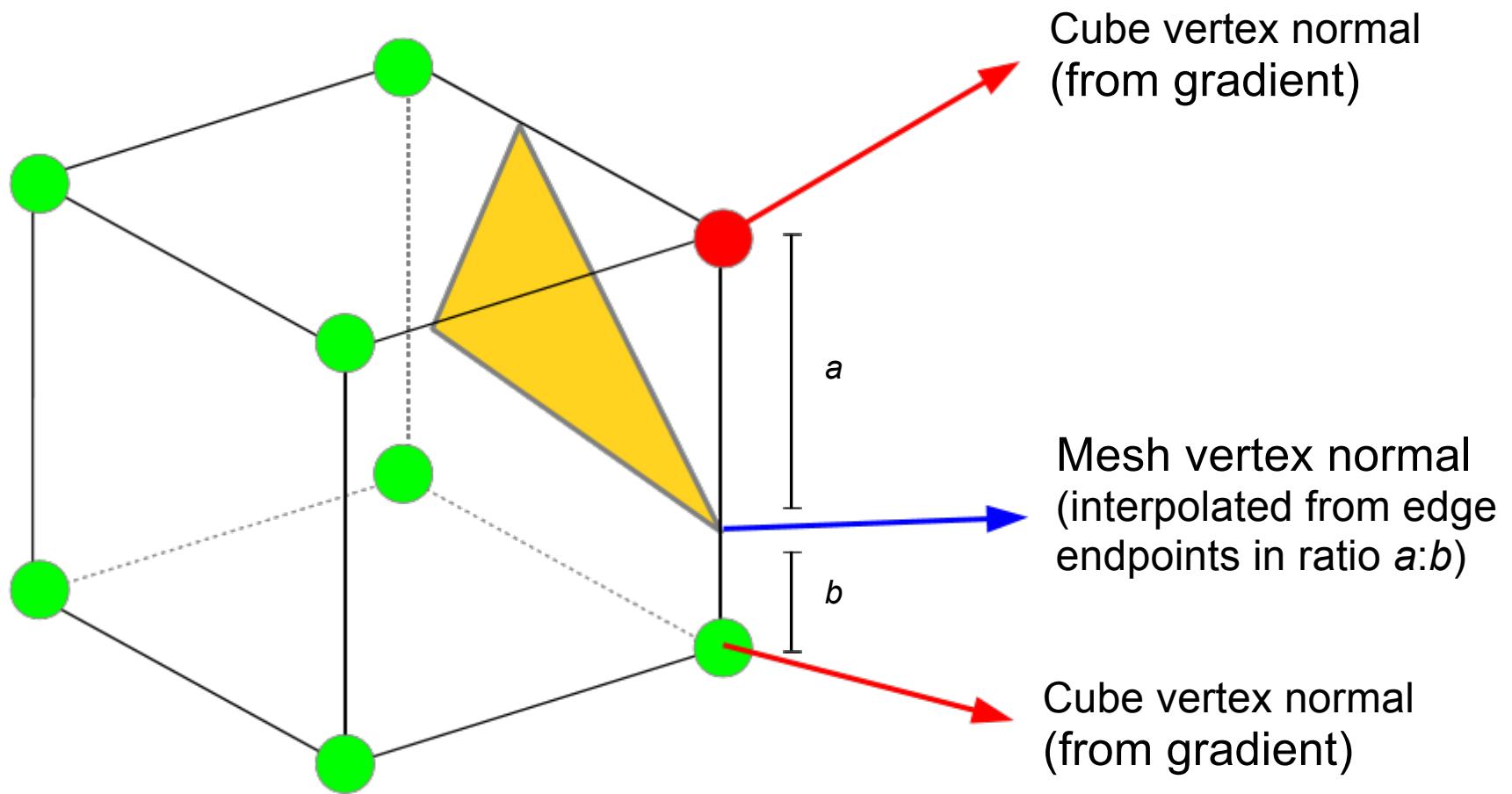


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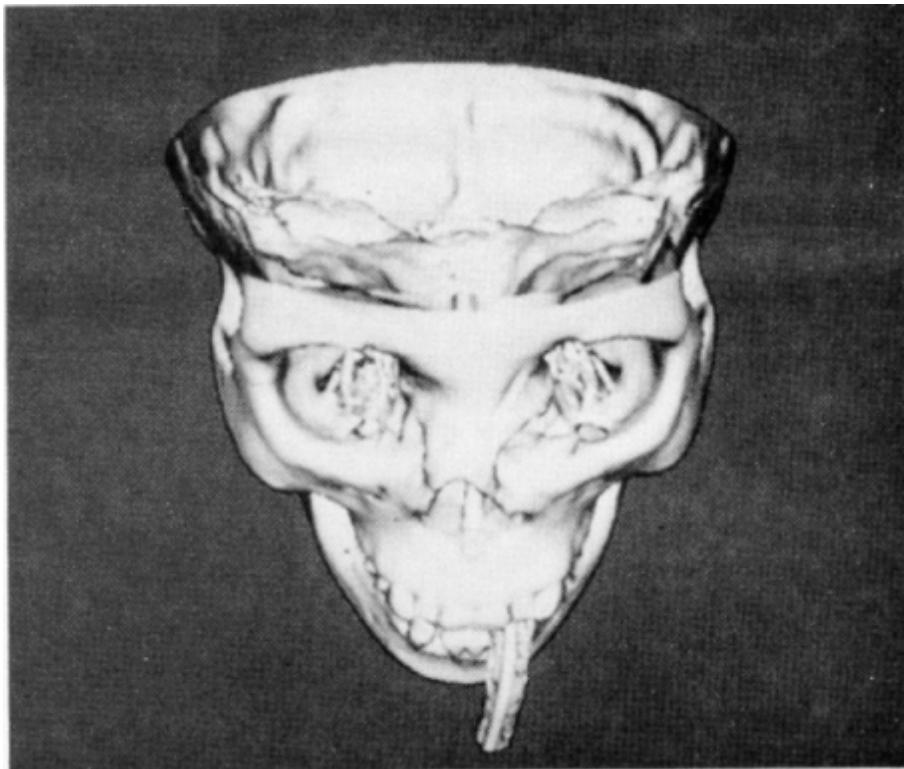


Koen Samyn, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LfttaAepYJ8>

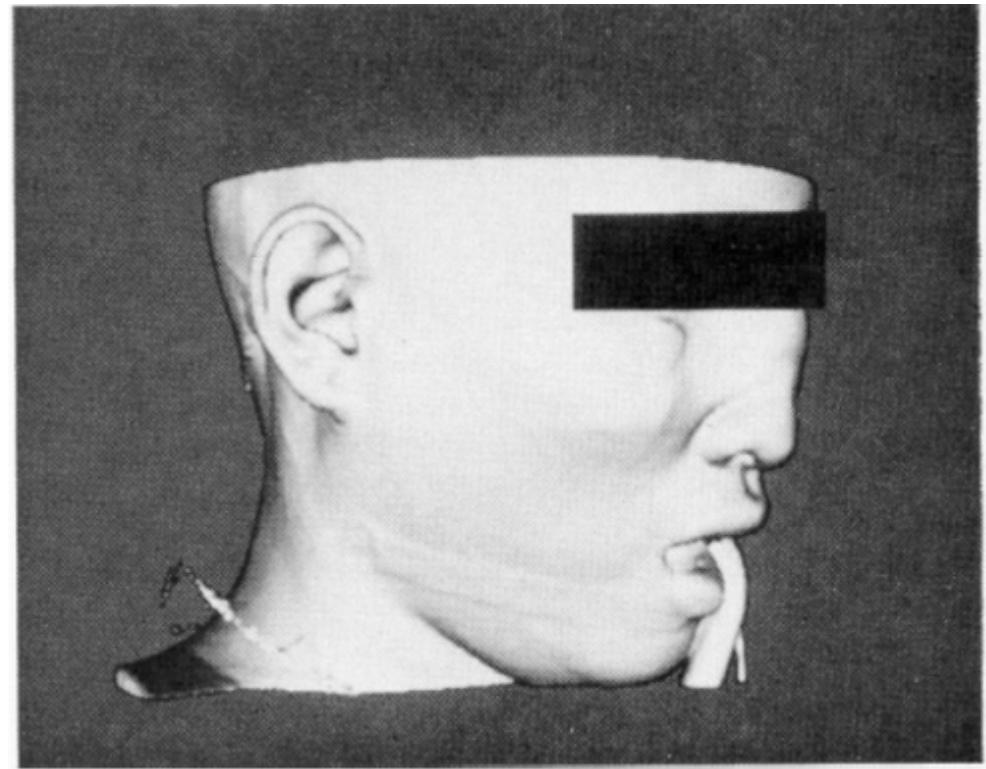
Normals at Mesh Vertices



Example: Different level sets of CT scan

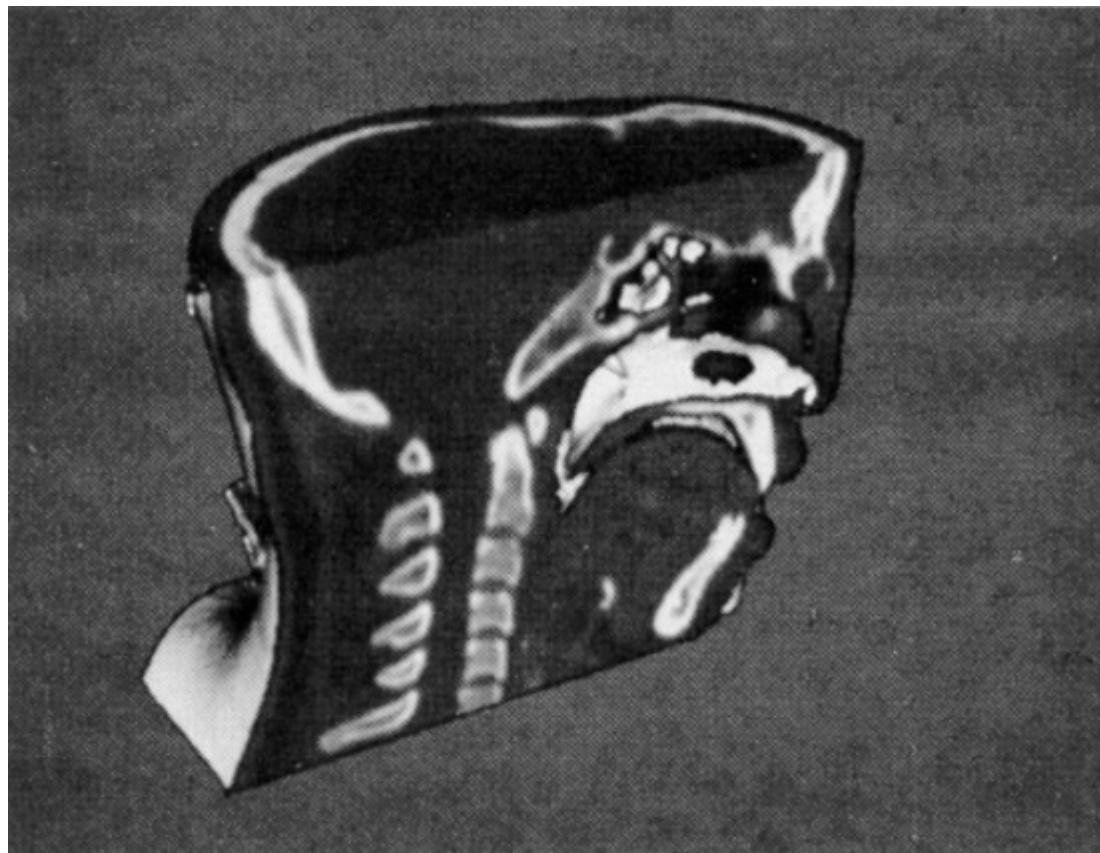


Bone surface



Soft tissue surface

Example: Different level sets of CT scan



Alignment with original volumetric data