

A Star Wars scene featuring Stormtroopers on a beach at sunset. In the foreground, a Stormtrooper stands on the right, holding a blaster. In the background, another Stormtrooper stands near some palm trees. A speeder bike flies through the sky above the horizon, leaving a trail of smoke. The sky is filled with warm, orange and yellow hues of a setting sun.

# CSC418/2504 Computer Graphics

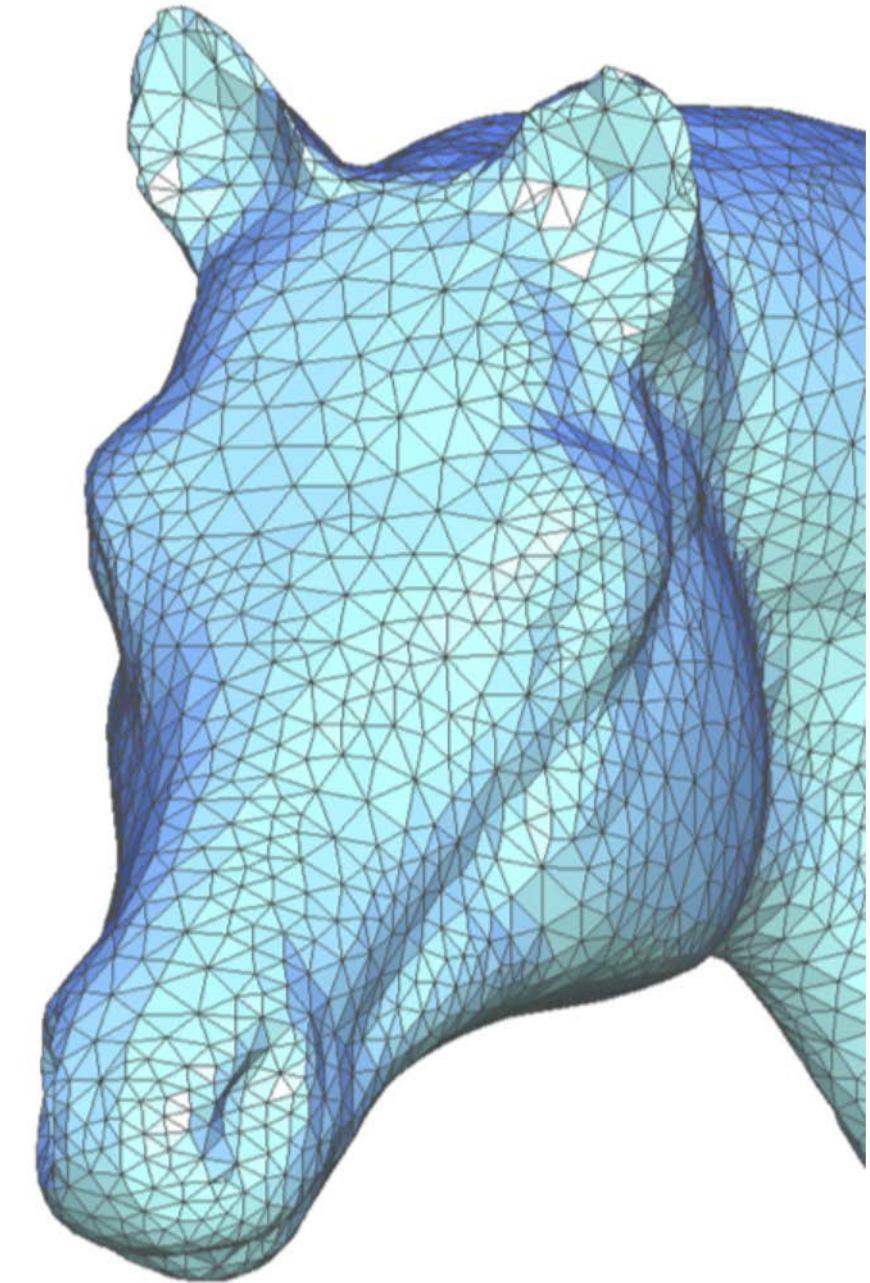
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Some Slides/Images adapted from Marschner and Shirley

# Meshes



Ottawa Convention Center



# Meshes

Types of Surfaces

Triangles

Data Structures for Triangle Meshes

Normals for Meshes

Texture Mapping

Subdivision Surfaces

# **Announcements**

Assignment 4 due Friday

Assignment 5 out soon

**Any Questions ?**

# **Surface Representations in Graphics**

What are the two main types of surface representations ?

# Surface Representations in Graphics

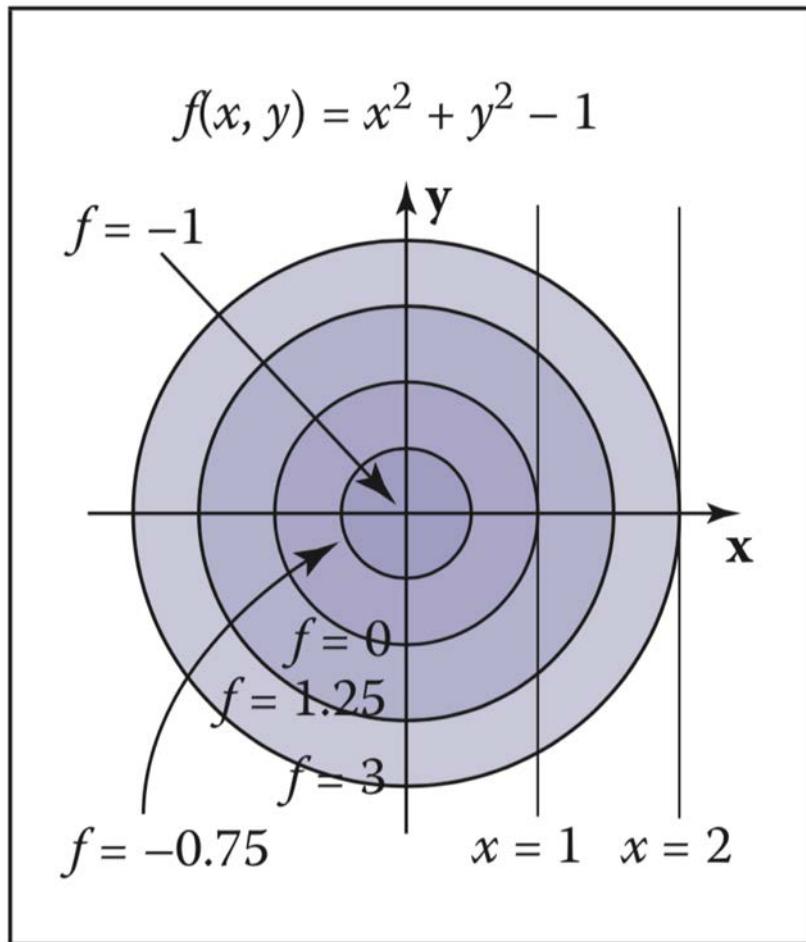
What are the two main types of surface representations ?

*Implicit and Parametric*

How do you define each type ?

# Surface Representations in Graphics

## Implicit Surface



## Parametric Surface

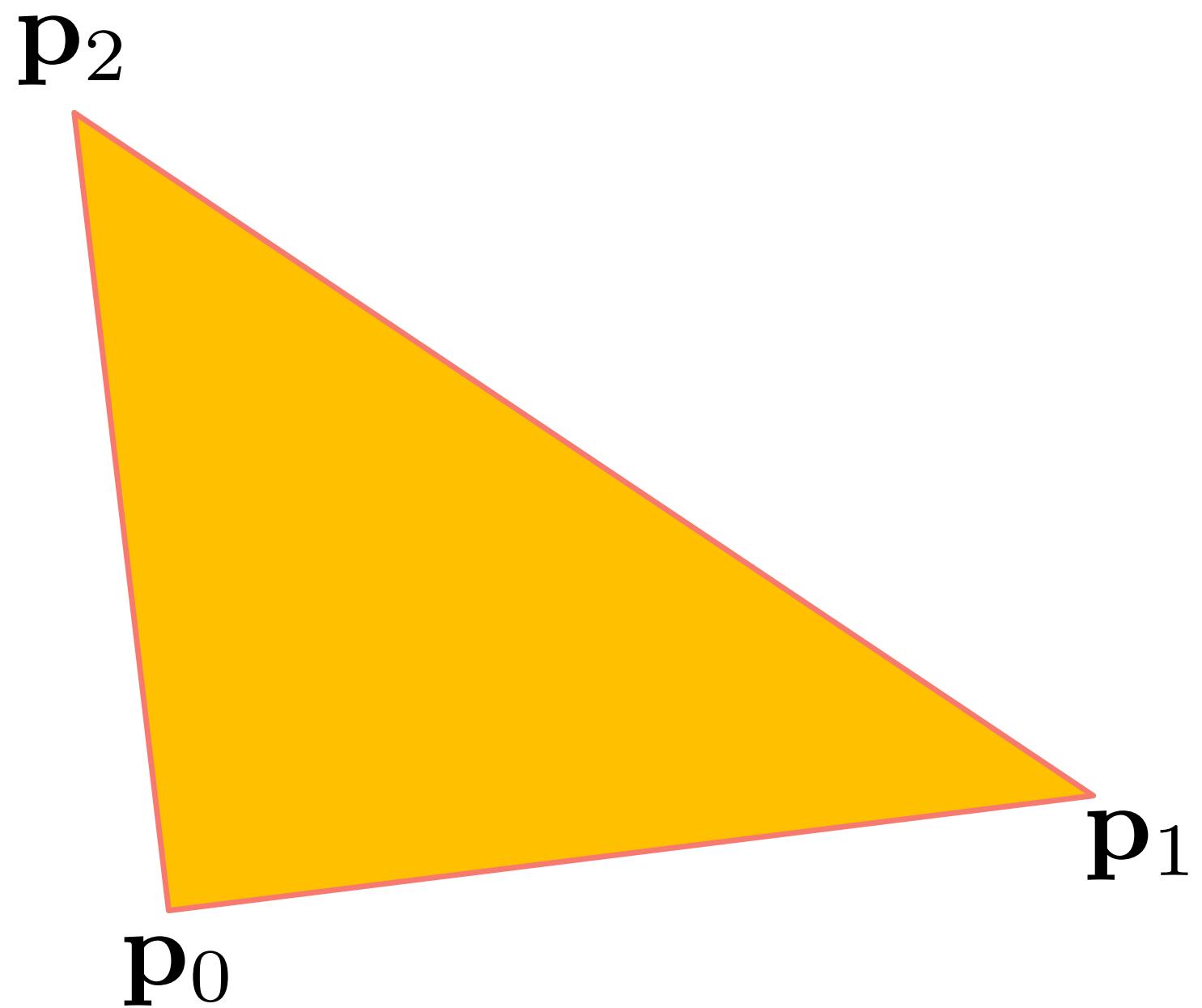
$$x = r \cos \phi \sin \theta,$$

$$y = r \sin \phi \sin \theta,$$

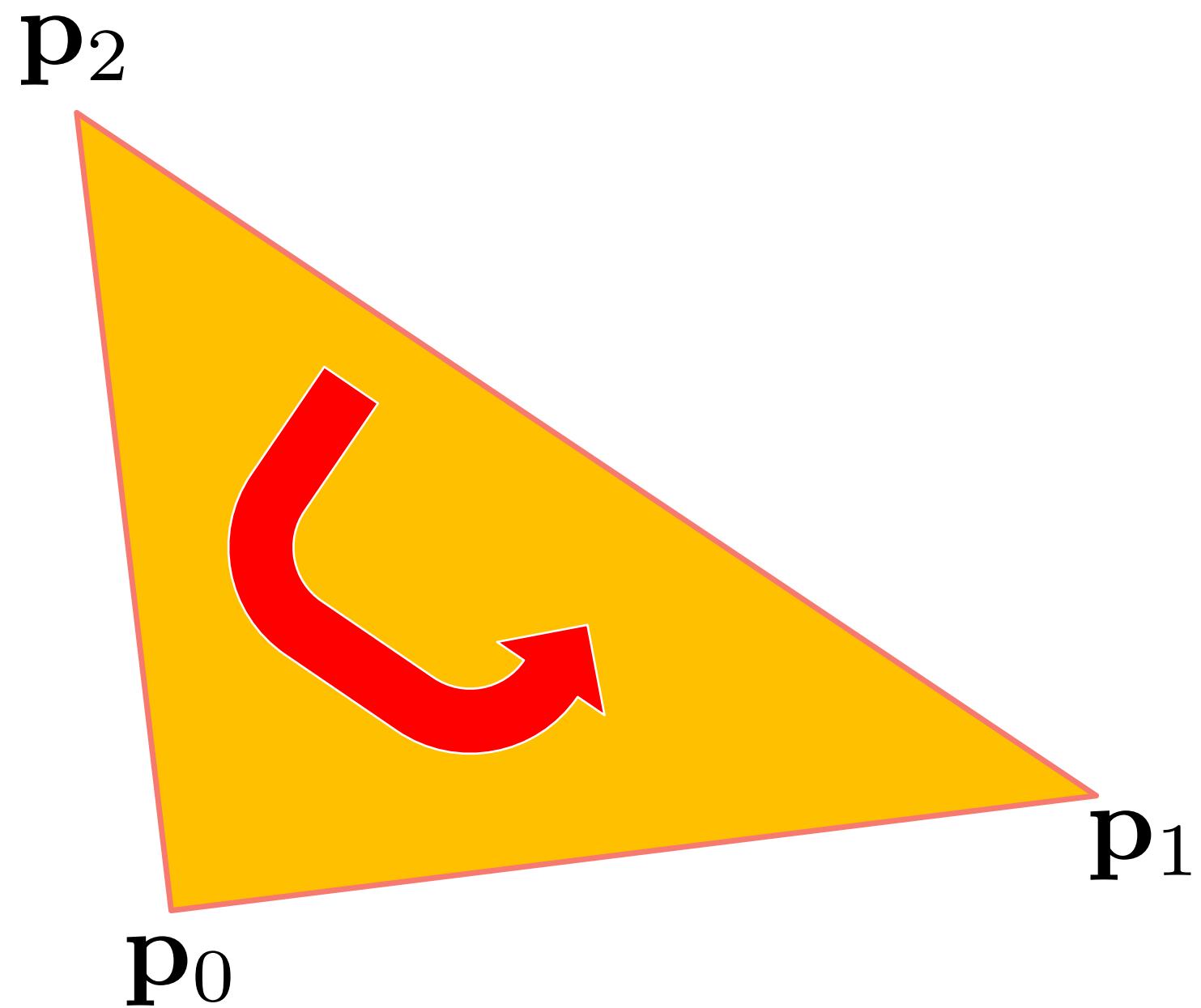
$$z = r \cos \theta.$$



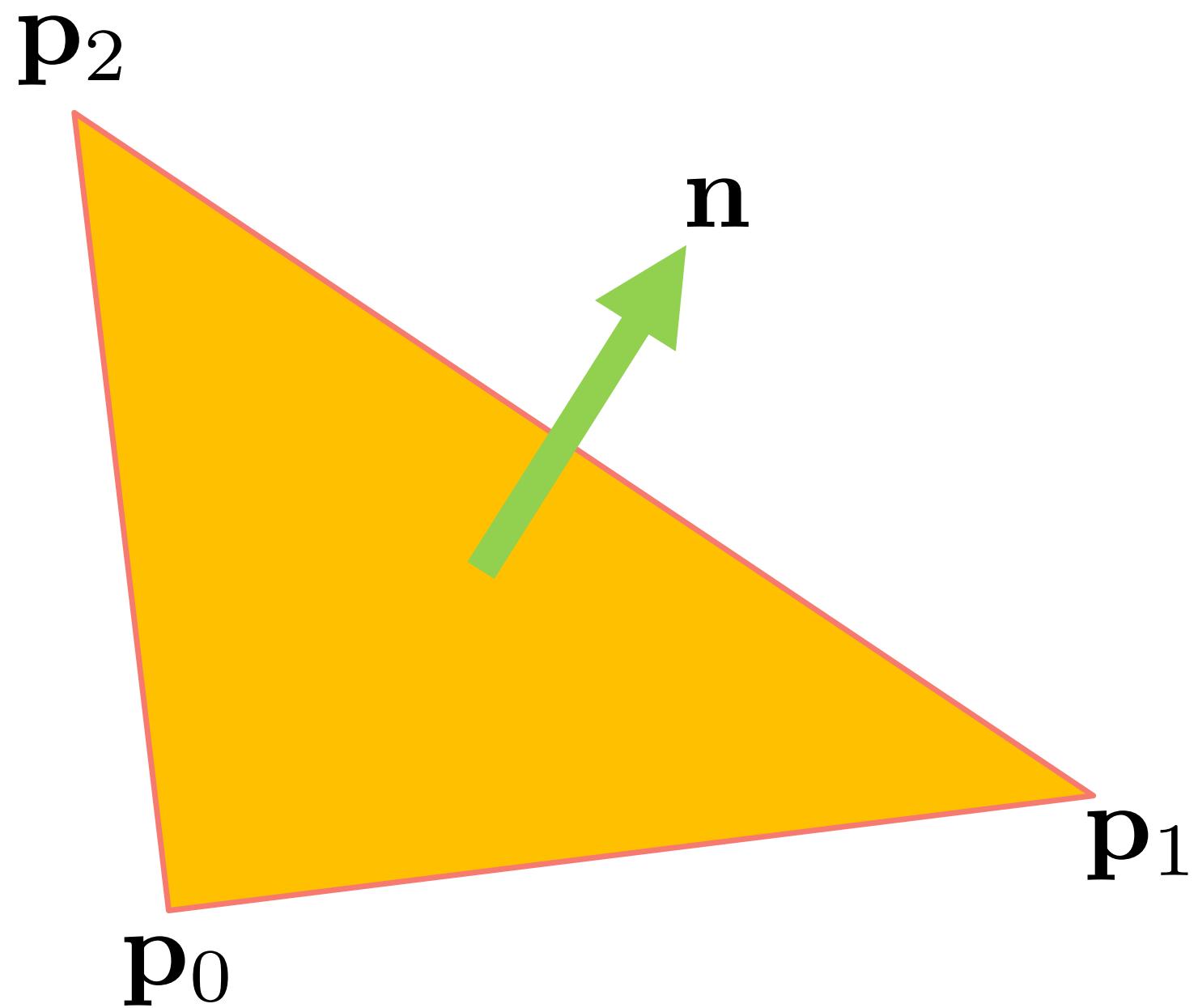
# Triangles



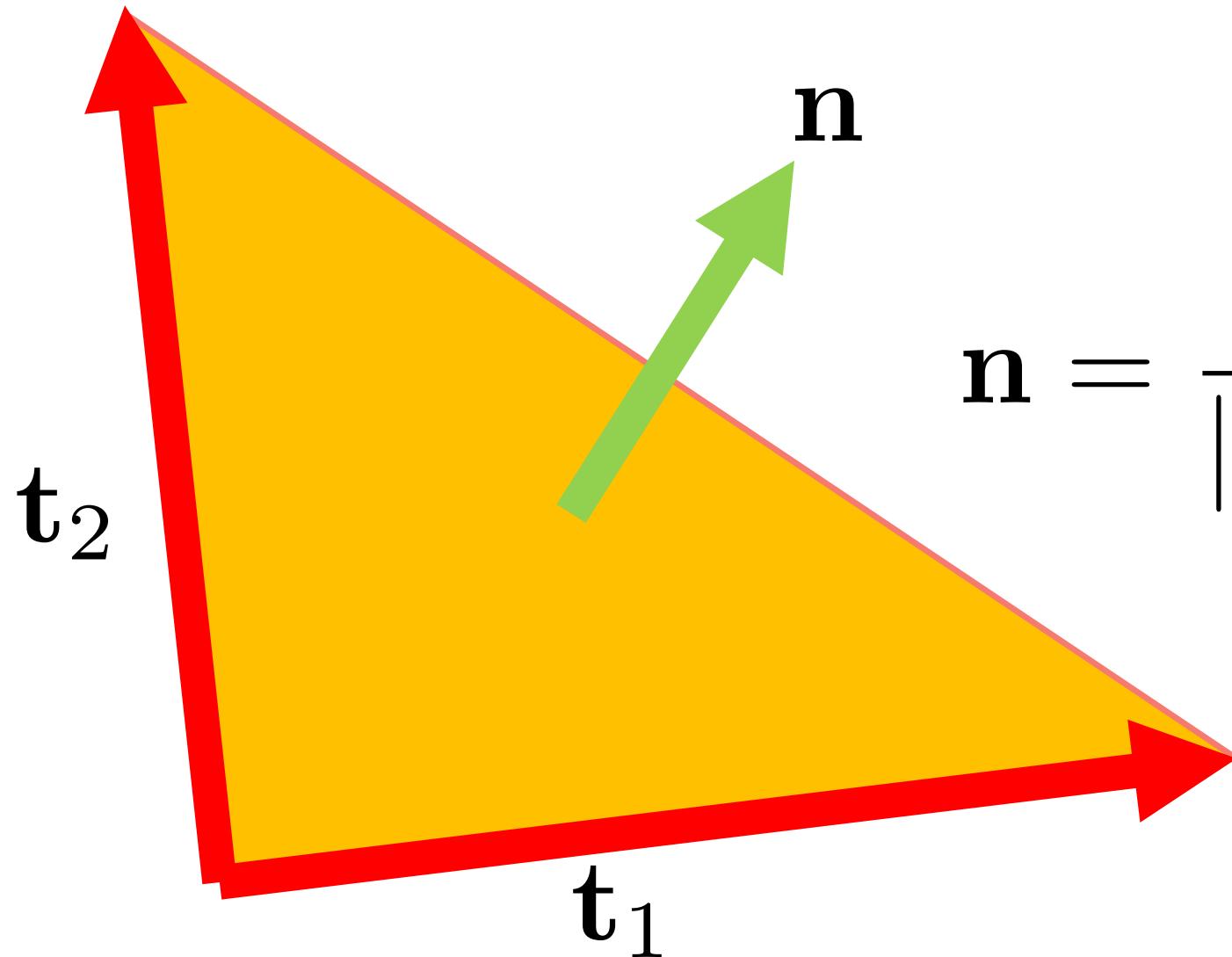
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$$\mathbf{n} = \frac{\mathbf{t}_1 \times \mathbf{t}_2}{|\mathbf{t}_1 \times \mathbf{t}_2|}$$

# Barycentric Coordinates

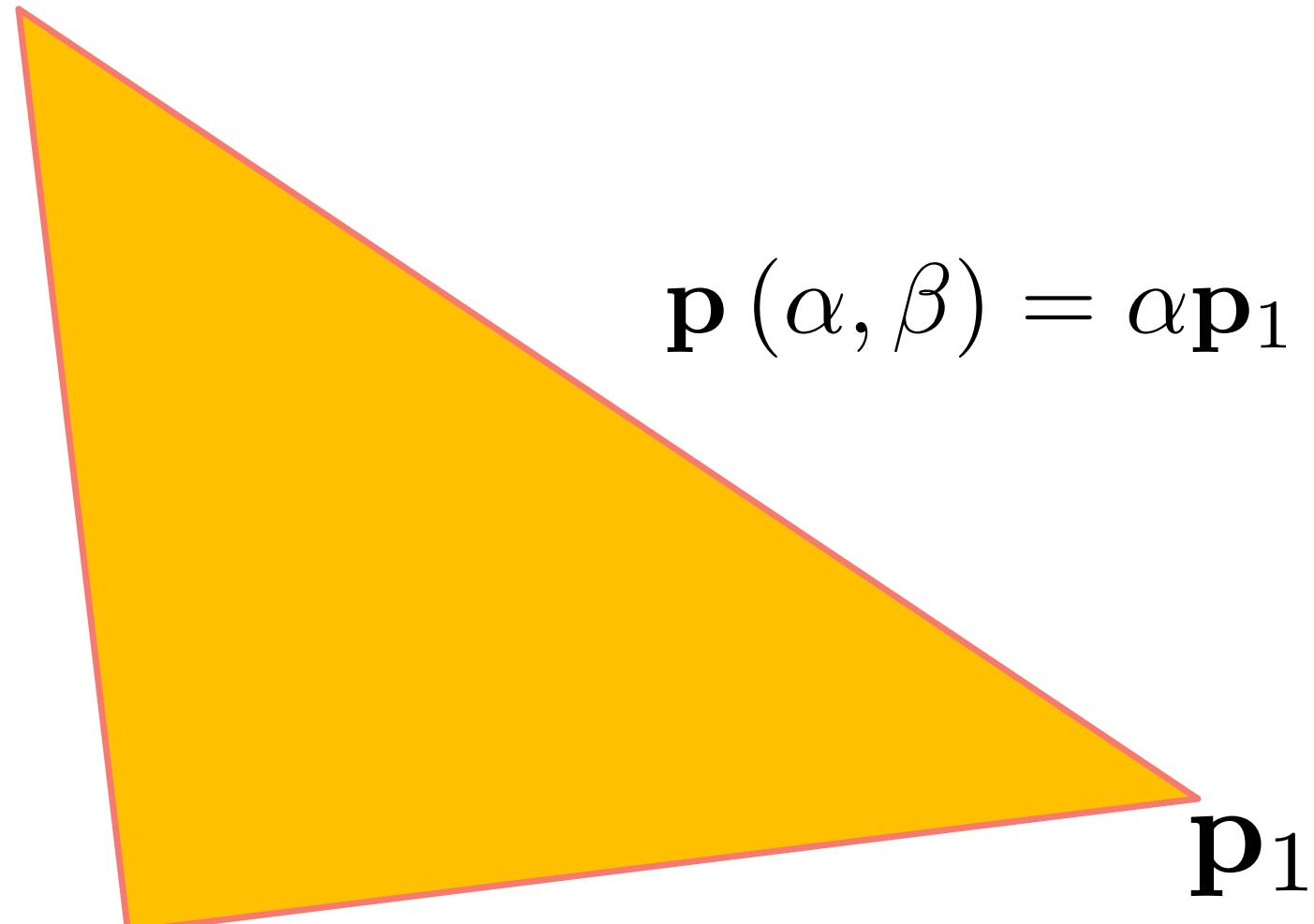
$$\mathbf{p}_1 = \alpha \mathbf{t}_1 + \beta \mathbf{t}_2 + \mathbf{p}_0$$

$$\mathbf{p}(\alpha, \beta) = \alpha (\mathbf{p}_1 - \mathbf{p}_0) + \beta (\mathbf{p}_2 - \mathbf{p}_0) + \mathbf{p}_0$$

$$\mathbf{p}(\alpha, \beta) = \alpha \mathbf{p}_1 + \beta \mathbf{p}_2 + (1 - \alpha - \beta) \mathbf{p}_0$$

# Barycentric Coordinates

$\mathbf{p}_2$

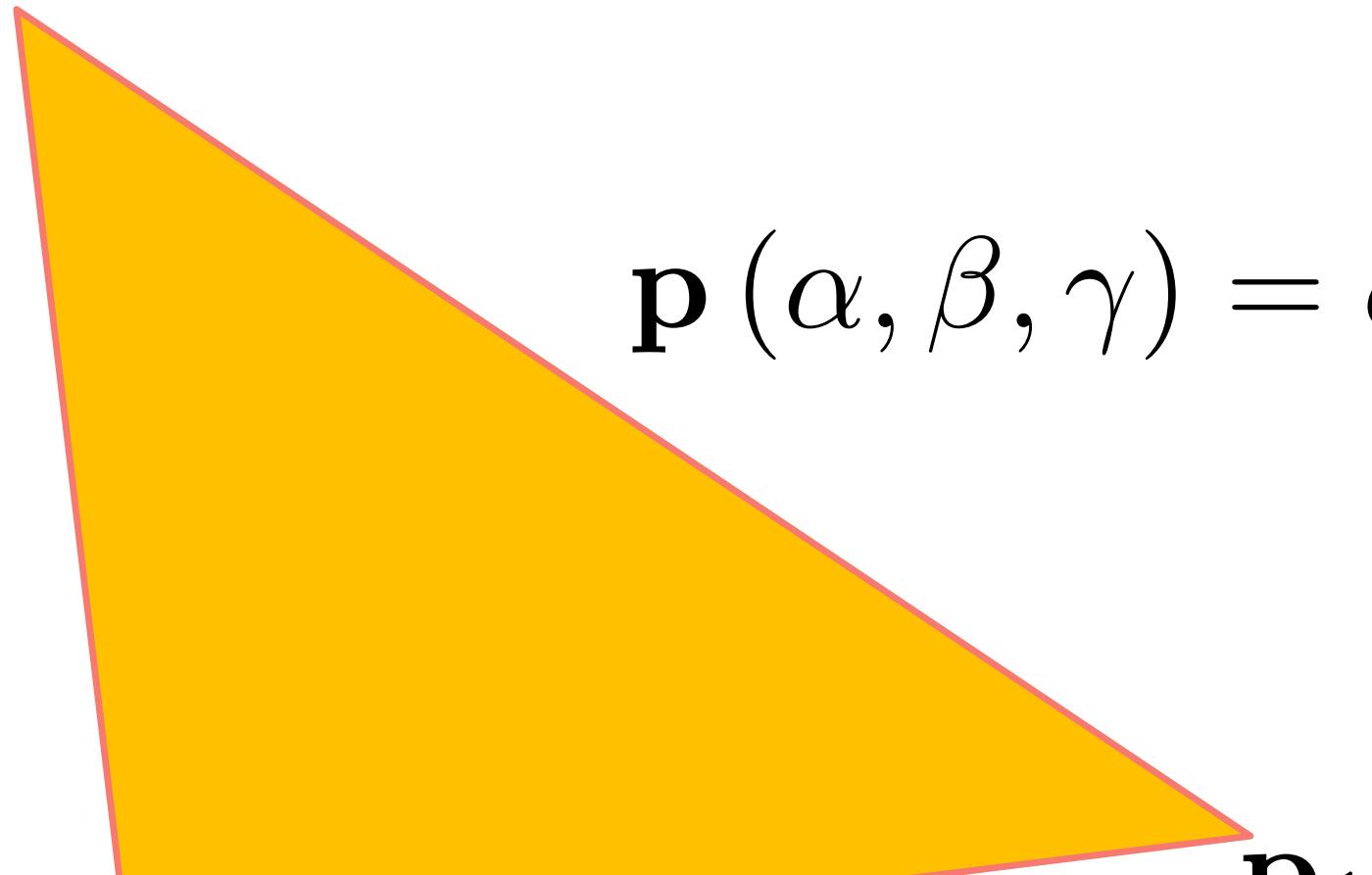


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# Barycentric Coordinates

$\mathbf{p}_2$



$$\mathbf{p}(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) = \alpha\mathbf{p}_1 + \beta\mathbf{p}_2 + \gamma\mathbf{p}_0$$

$$\alpha \geq 0$$

$$\beta \geq 0$$

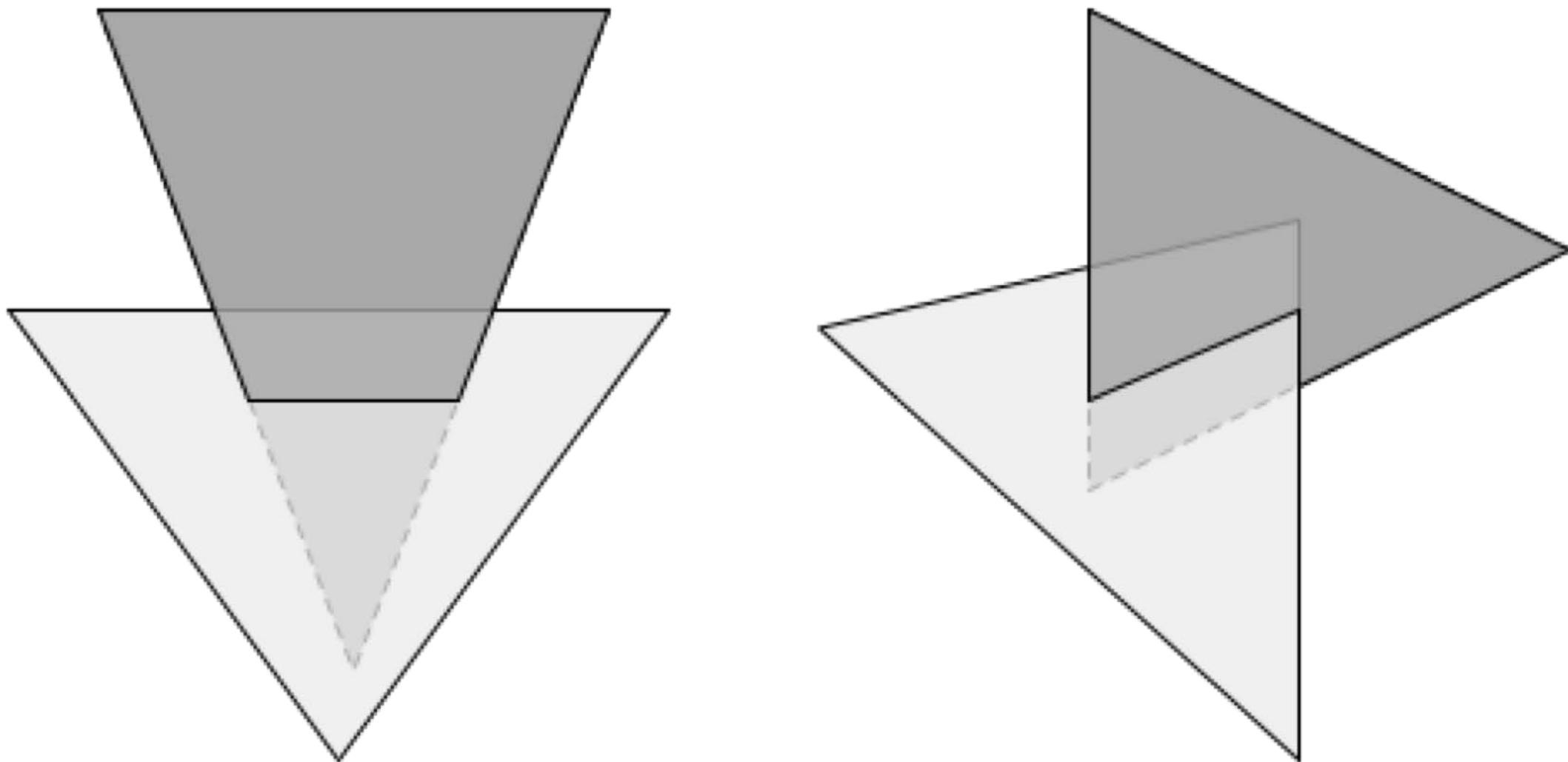
$$\alpha + \beta \leq 1$$

$$\gamma = 1 - \alpha - \beta$$

$\mathbf{p}_0$

$\mathbf{p}_1$

# Triangle-Triangle Intersection Test



<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/7113344/find-whether-two-triangles-intersect-or-not>

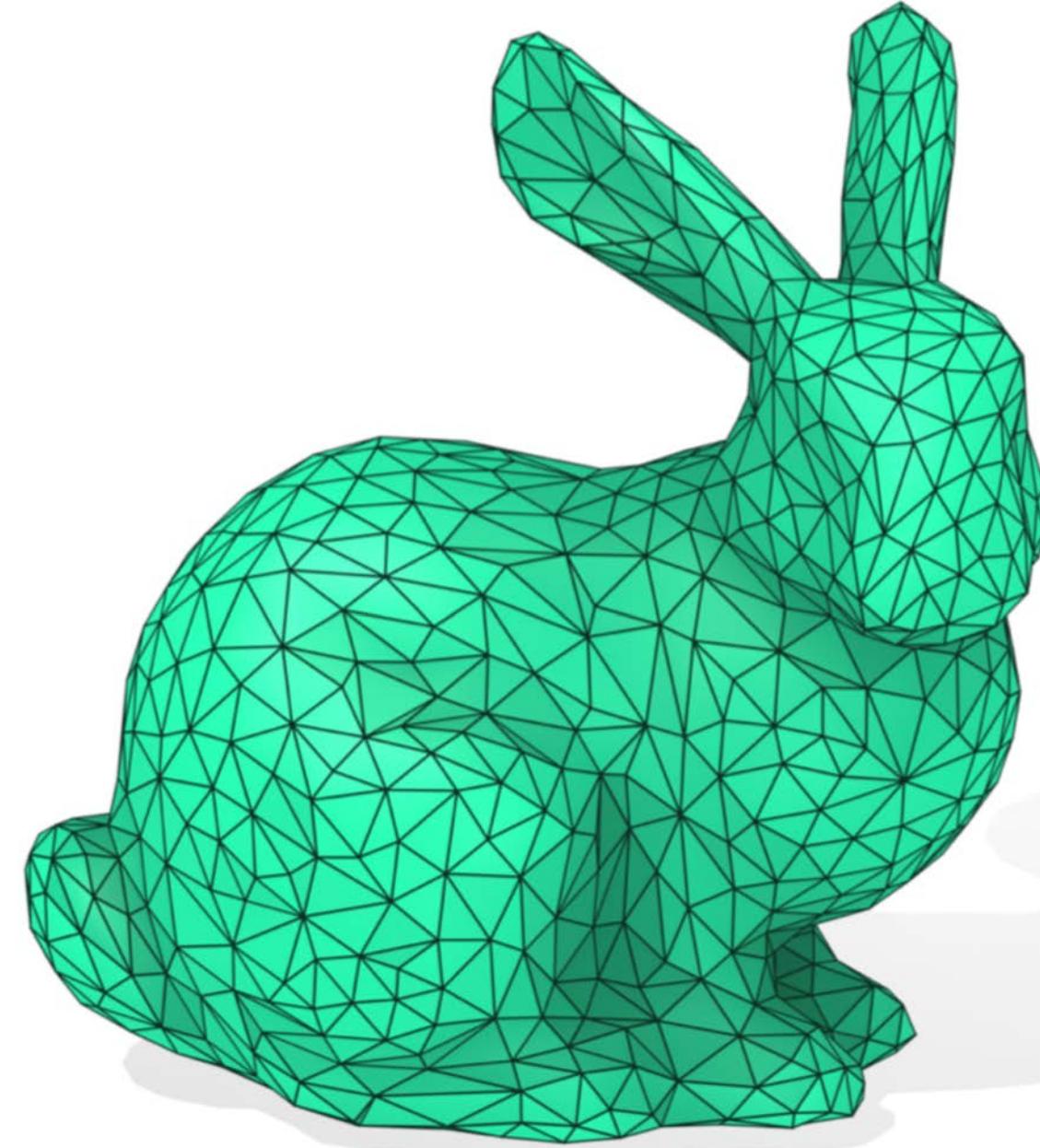
# Triangle Soup



# Triangle Mesh



Soup



Mesh

# **Topology**

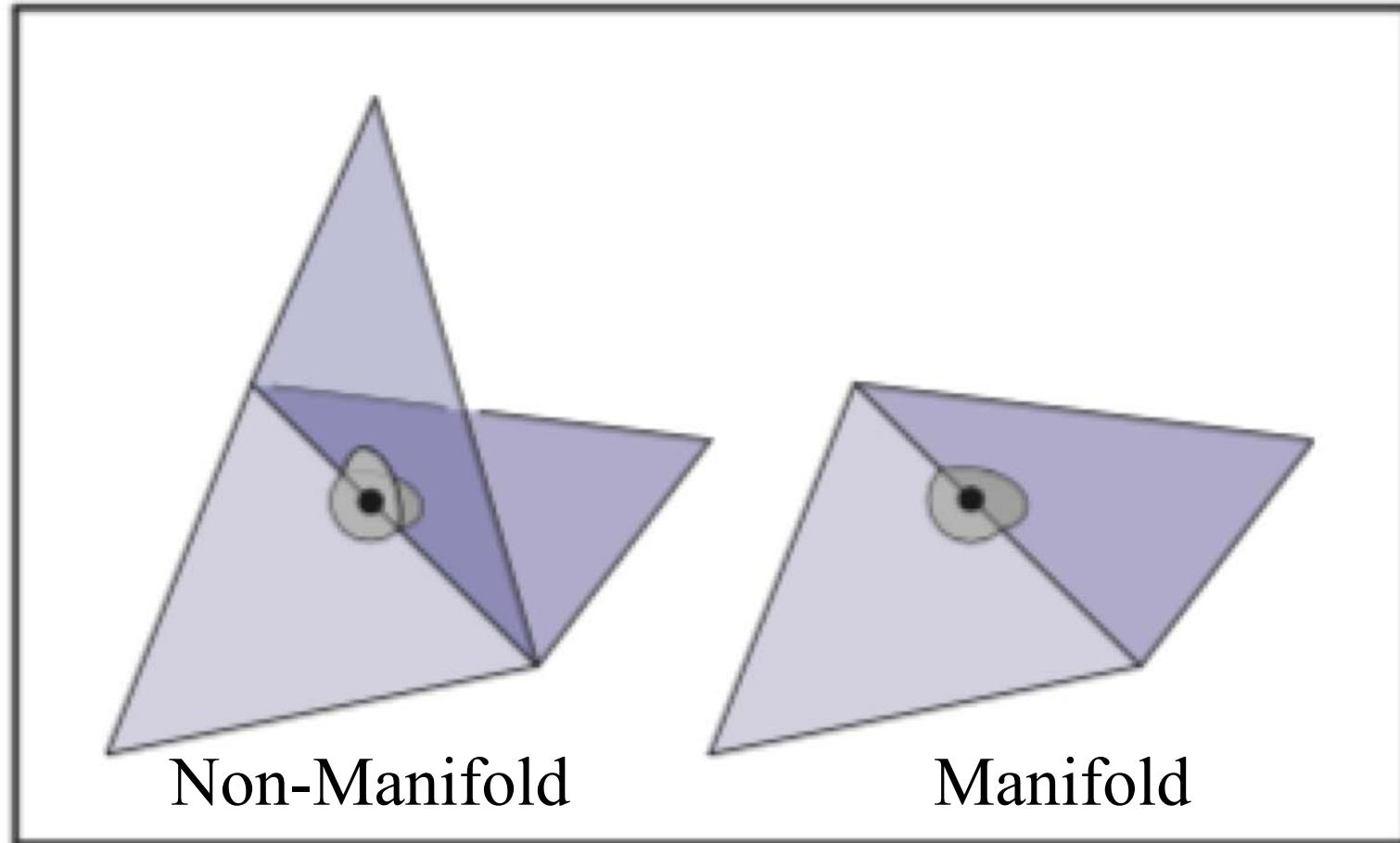
*Topology* is concerned with the connectivity of a mesh

Many algorithms are easier to implement or more efficient when connectivity data is available (we'll see an example of this later on).

We are going to assume that our meshes are *2-manifolds*

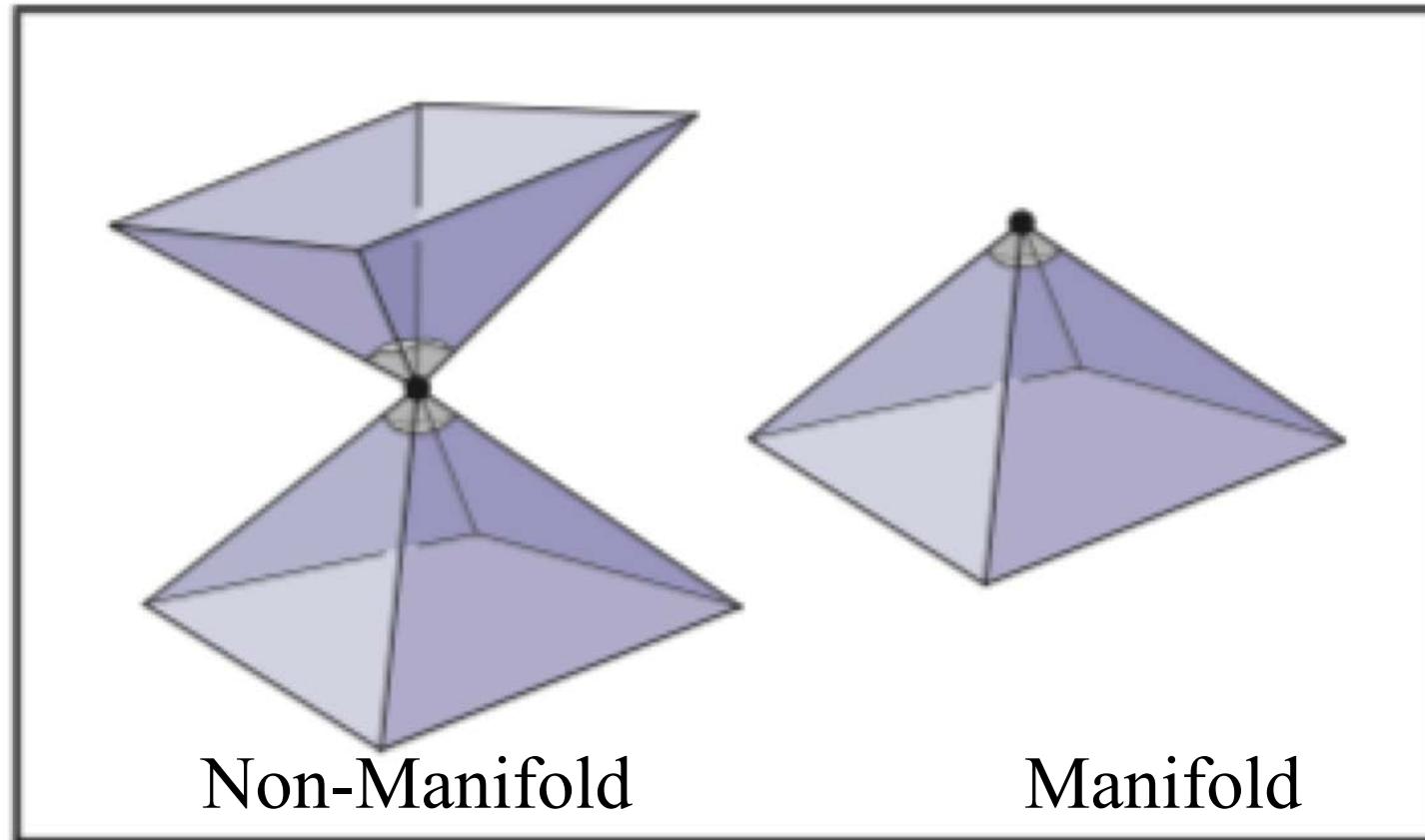
# Manifold

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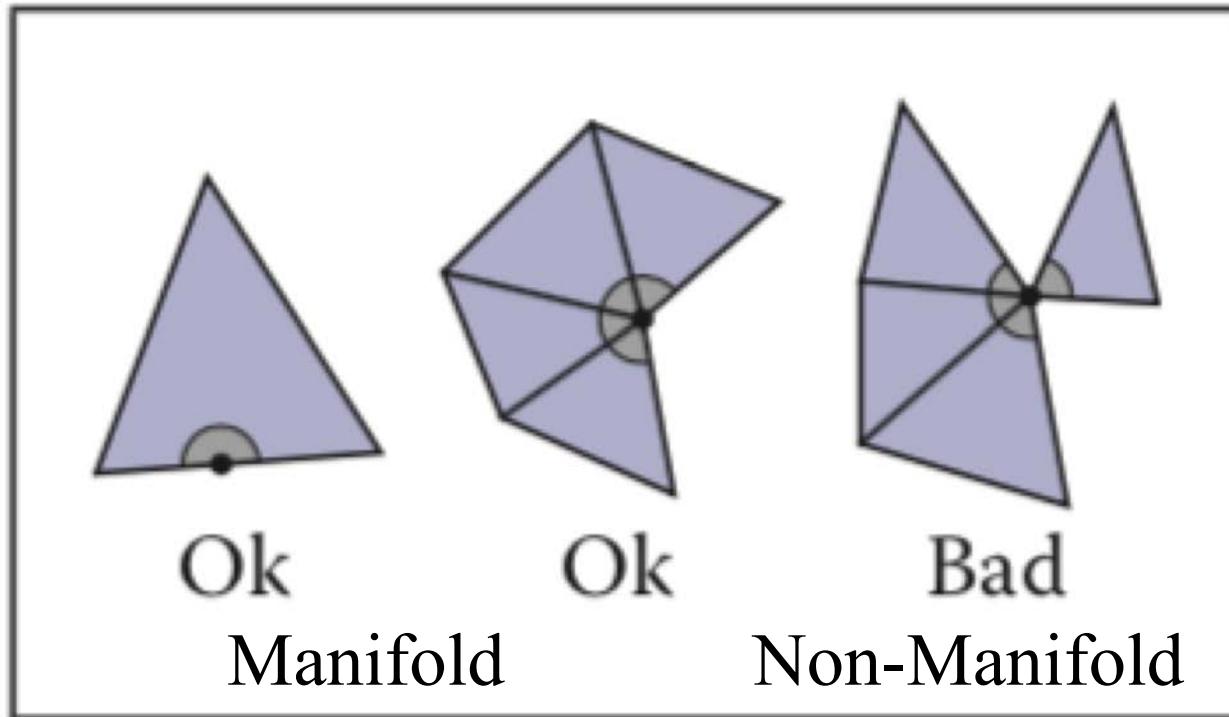
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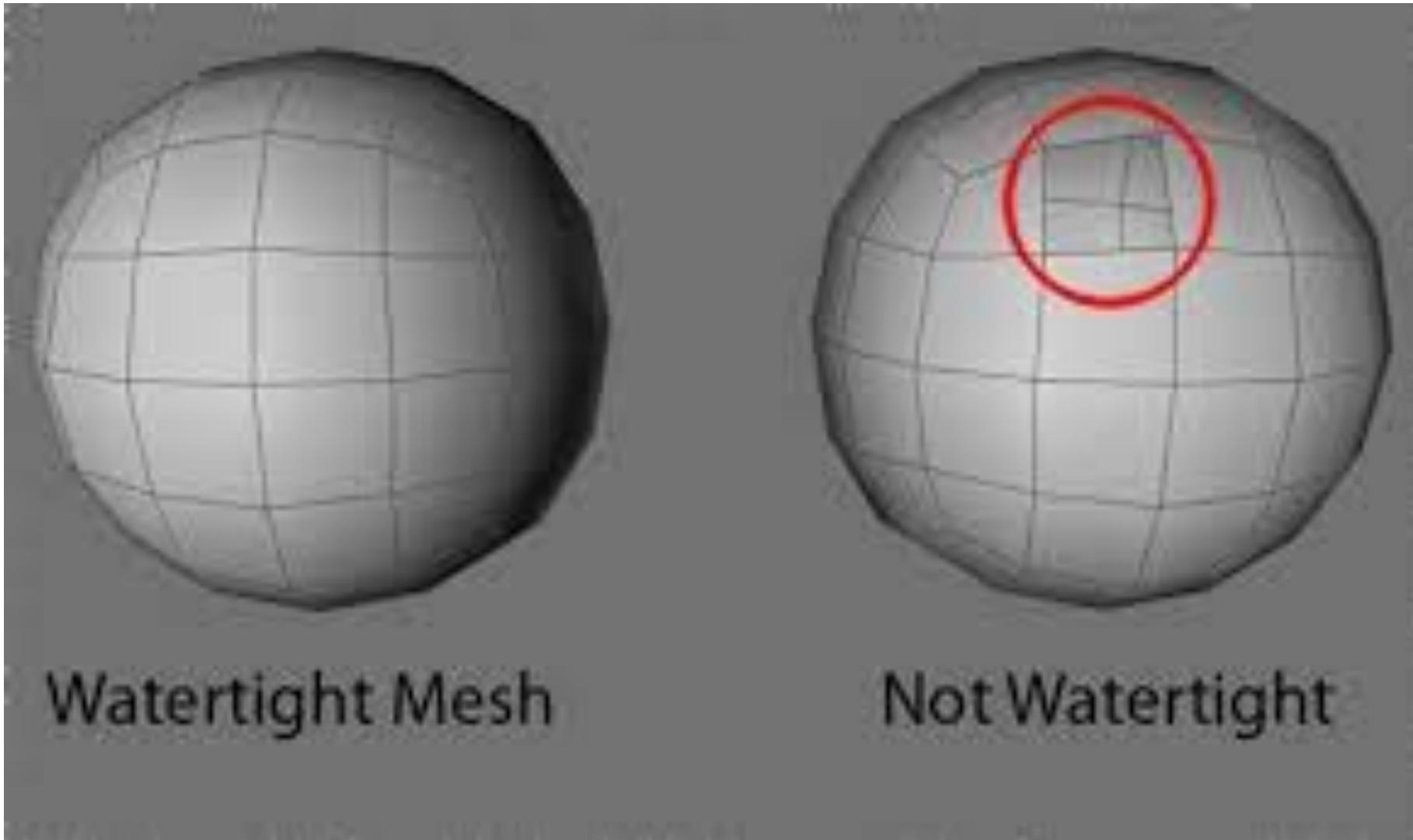
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# Watertight

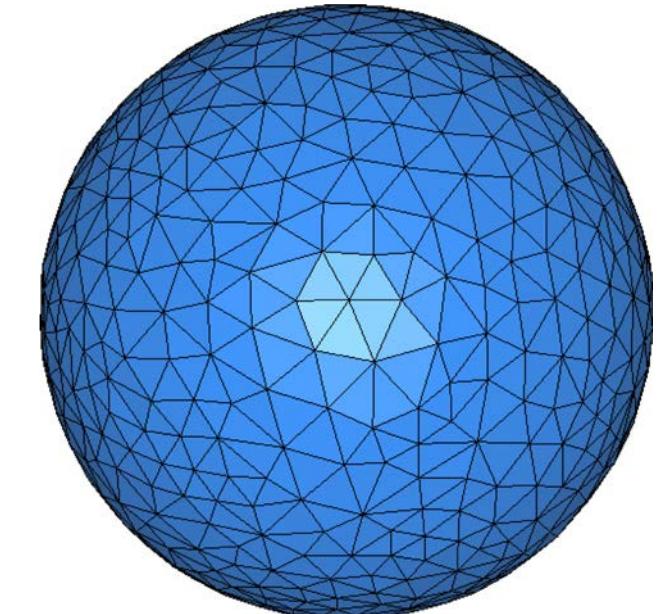
Watertight meshes have no holes



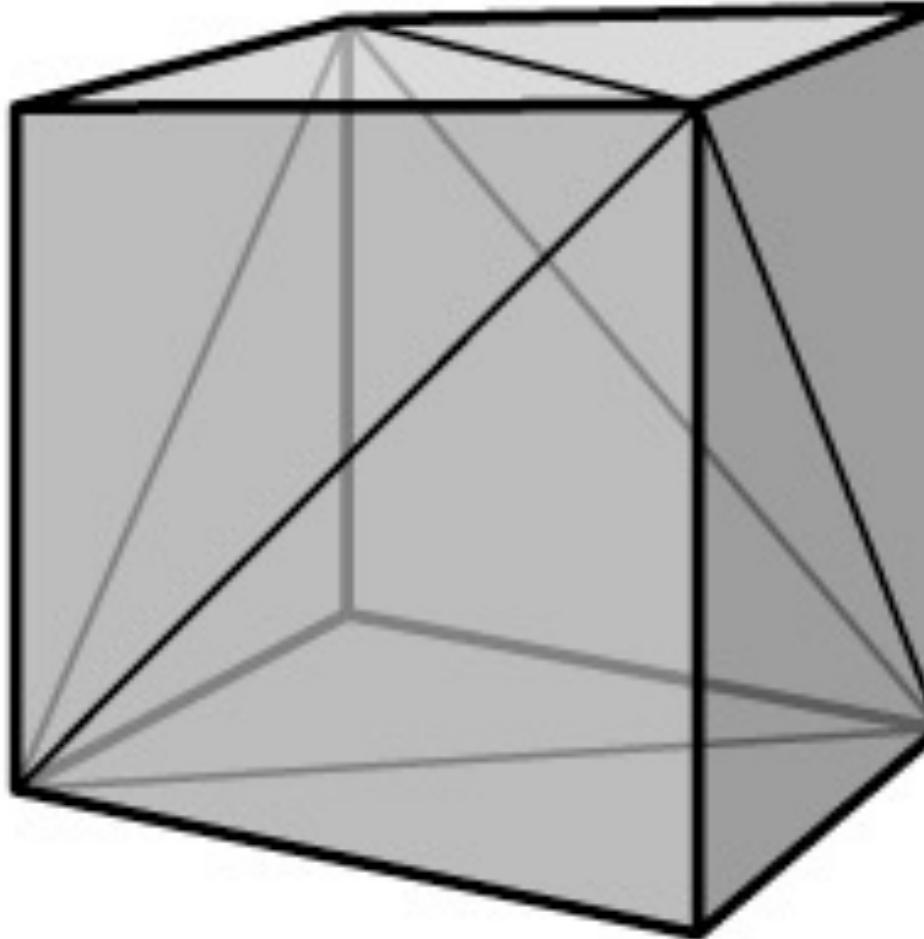
# Geometry

Geometrically, a mesh is a piecewise planar surface  
almost everywhere, it is planar  
exceptions are at the edges where triangles join

Often, it's a piecewise planar approximation of a smooth surface



# Examples of Meshes



12 triangles, 8 vertices

# Examples of Meshes



10 million triangles from a high-resolution 3D scan

Traditional Thai sculpture—scan by XYZRGB, inc.,  
image by MeshLab project



About a trillion triangles from automatically processed satellite and aerial photography.

Google earth

42°26'48.26" N 76°29'14.80" W elev 720 ft eye alt 1438 ft

# **Storing Triangle Meshes**

What do we care about ?

# Storing Triangle Meshes

What do we care about ?

1. Compactness
2. Efficiency of queries
  - all vertices of a triangle
  - all triangles around a vertex
  - neighboring triangles of a triangle

# Data Structures for Triangle Meshes

Separate Triangles

Indexed Triangle Set

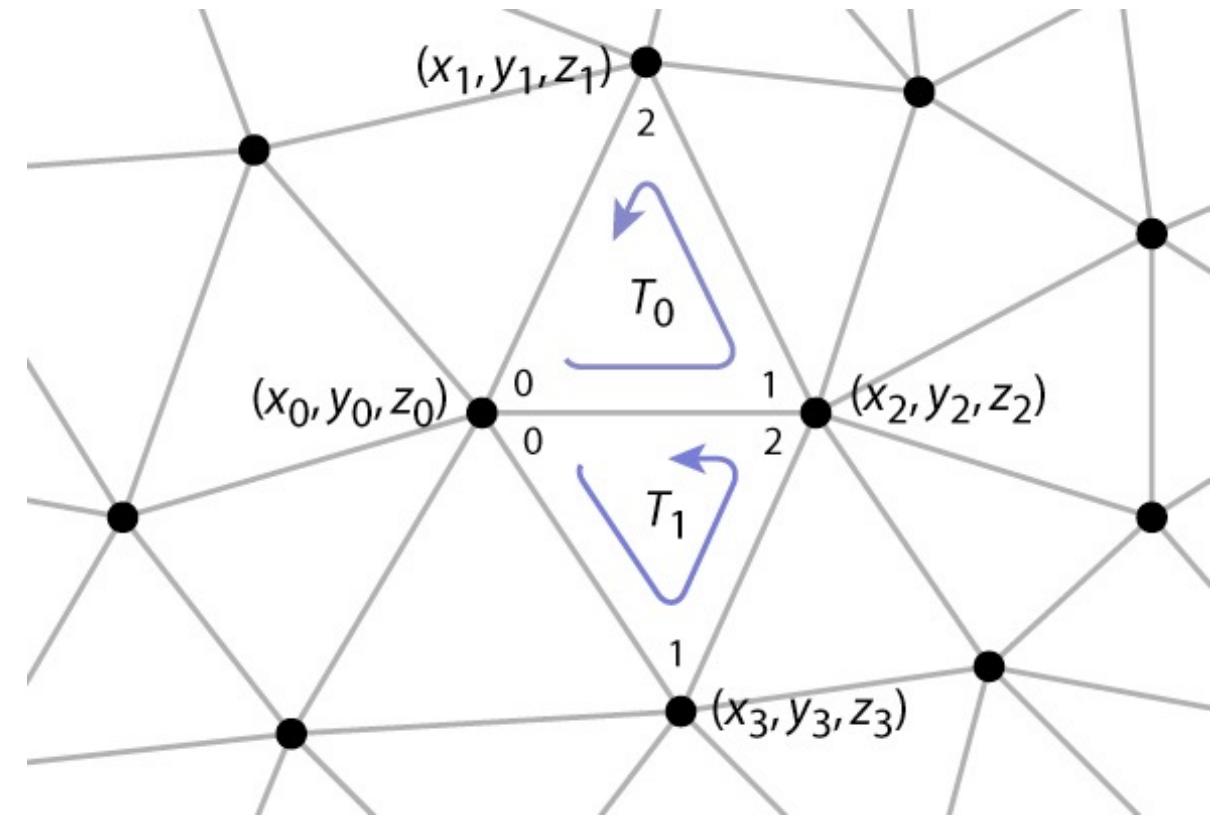
Triangle-Neighbour Data Structure

Winged-Edge Data Structure

Half-Edge Data Structure

# Separate triangles

	[0]	[1]	[2]
tris[0]	$x_0, y_0, z_0$	$x_2, y_2, z_2$	$x_1, y_1, z_1$
tris[1]	$x_0, y_0, z_0$	$x_3, y_3, z_3$	$x_2, y_2, z_2$
:	:	:	:



# Indexed triangle set

verts[0]

$x_0, y_0, z_0$

verts[1]

$x_1, y_1, z_1$

$x_2, y_2, z_2$

$x_3, y_3, z_3$

$\vdots$

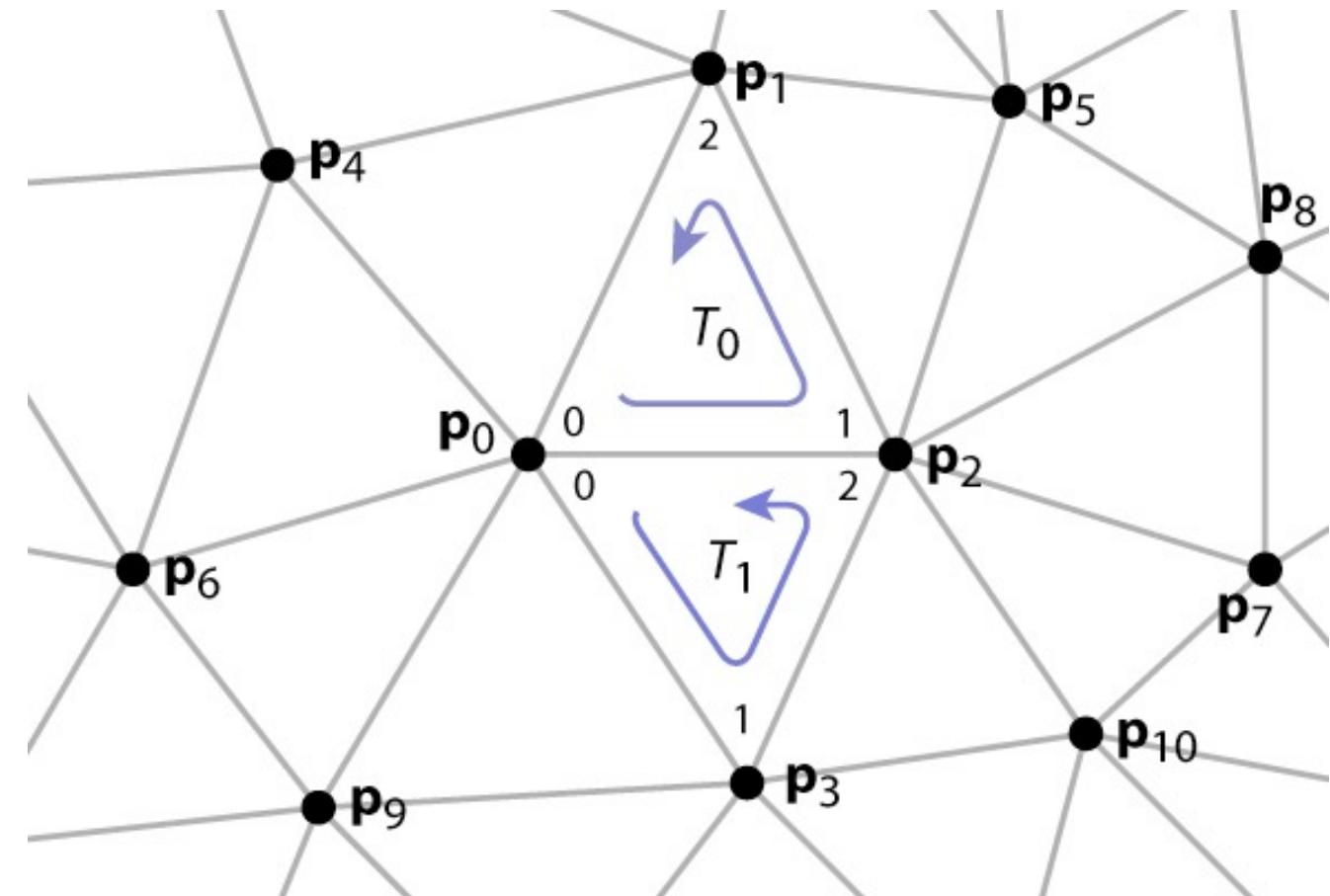
tInd[0]

0, 2, 1

tInd[1]

0, 3, 2

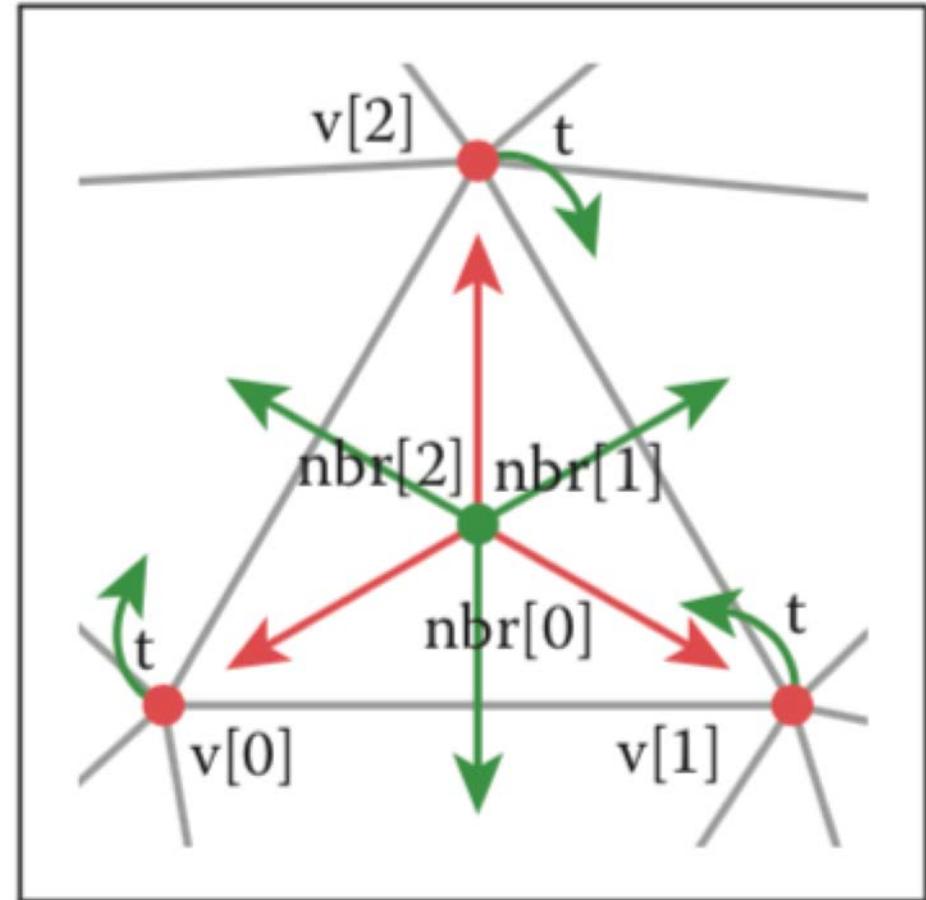
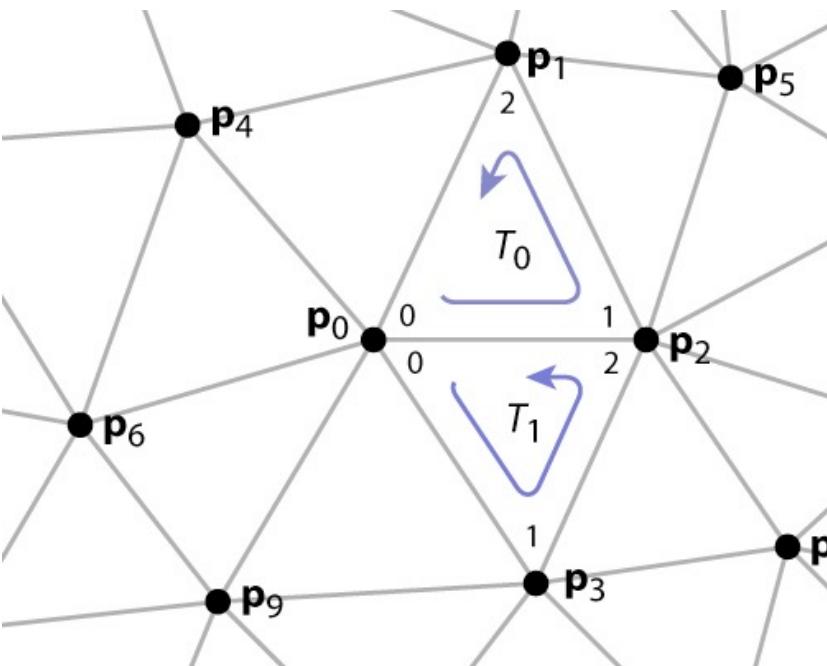
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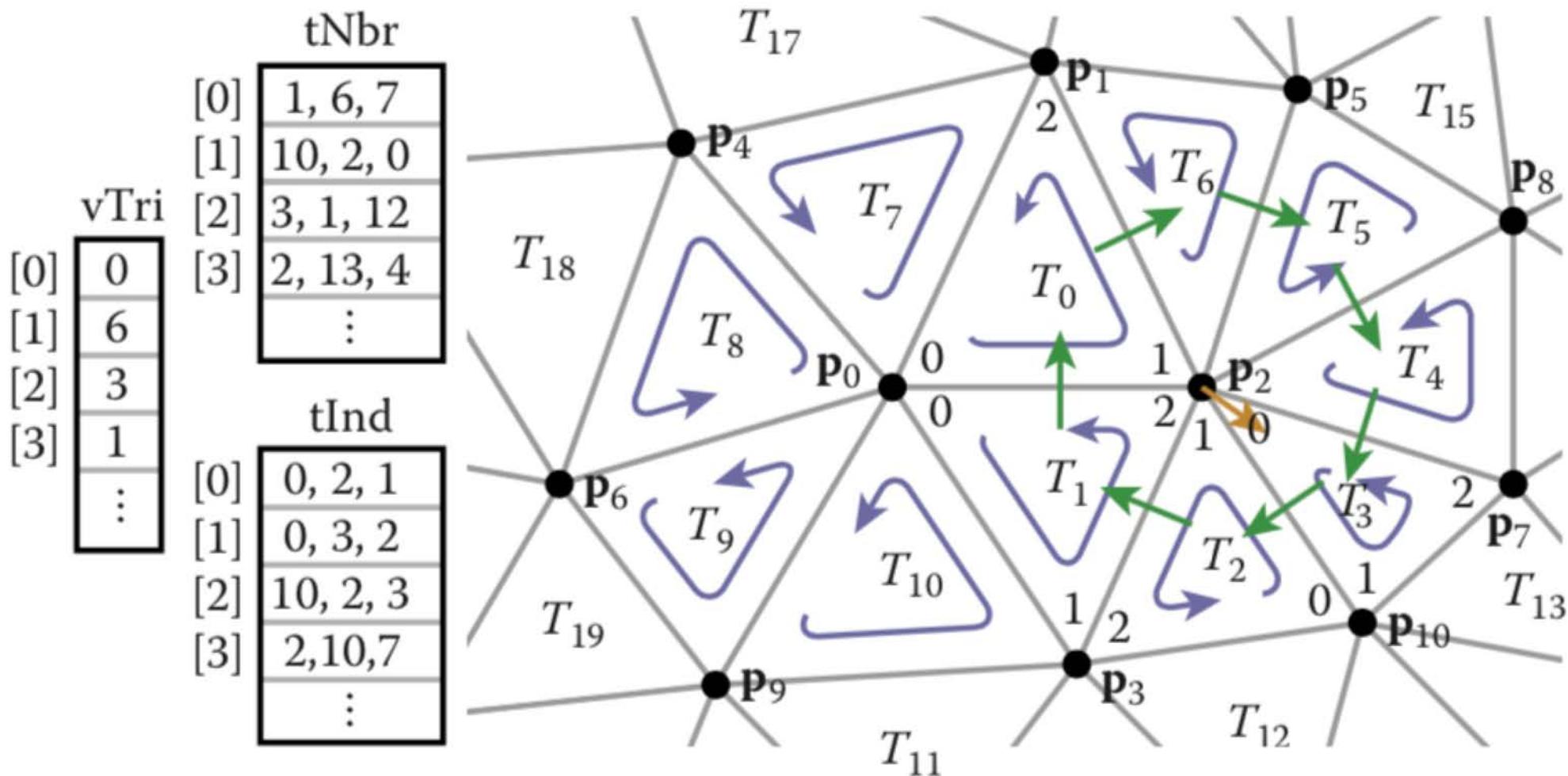
# Triangle-Neighbour Data Structure

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verts[1]	$x_1, y_1, z_1$
	$x_2, y_2, z_2$
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:	

tInd[0]	0, 2, 1
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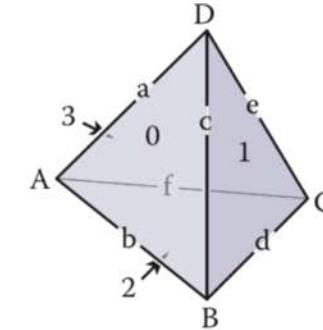
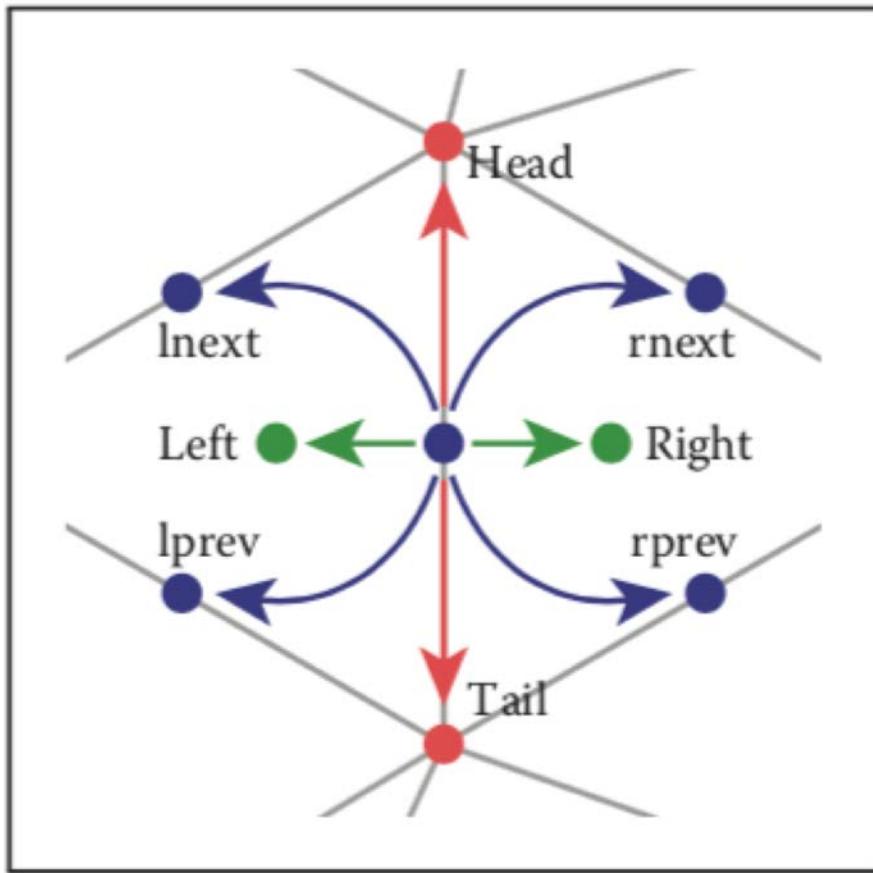


# Triangle-Neighbour Data Structure



The  $k$ th entry of tNbr points to the neighboring triangle that shares vertices  $k$  and  $k + 1$

# Winged-Edge Data Structure

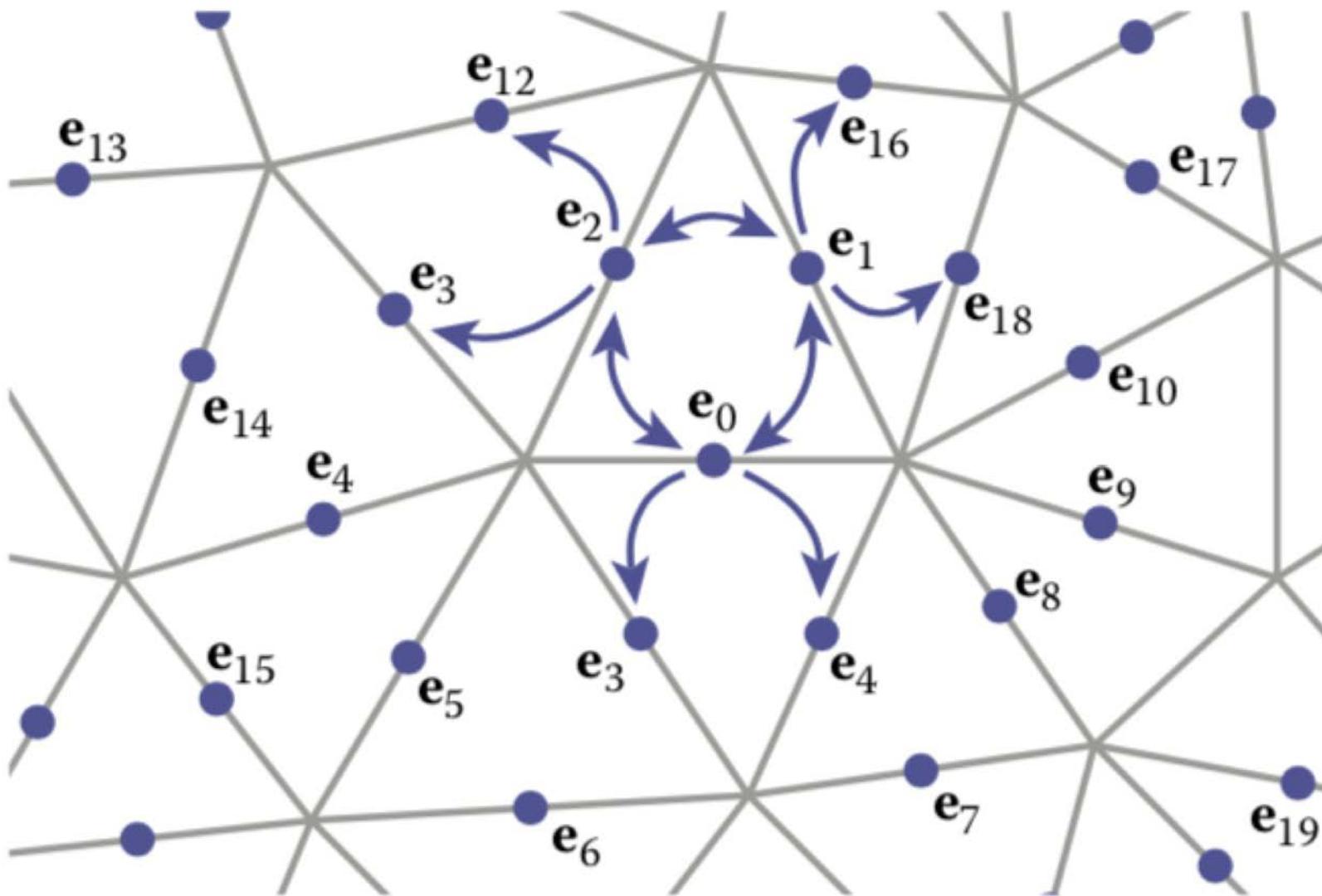


Edge	Vertex 1	Vertex 2	Face left	Face right	Pred left	Succ left	Pred right	Succ right
a	A	D	3	0	f	e	c	b
b	A	B	0	2	a	c	d	f
c	B	D	0	1	b	a	e	d
d	B	C	1	2	c	e	f	b
e	C	D	1	3	d	c	a	f
f	C	A	3	2	e	e	b	d

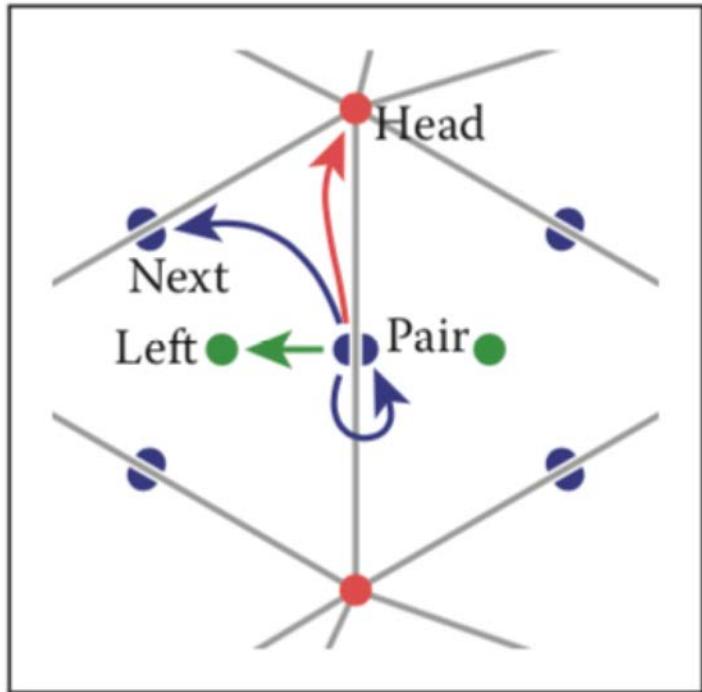
Vertex	Edge
A	a
B	d
C	d
D	e

Face	Edge
0	a
1	c
2	d
3	a

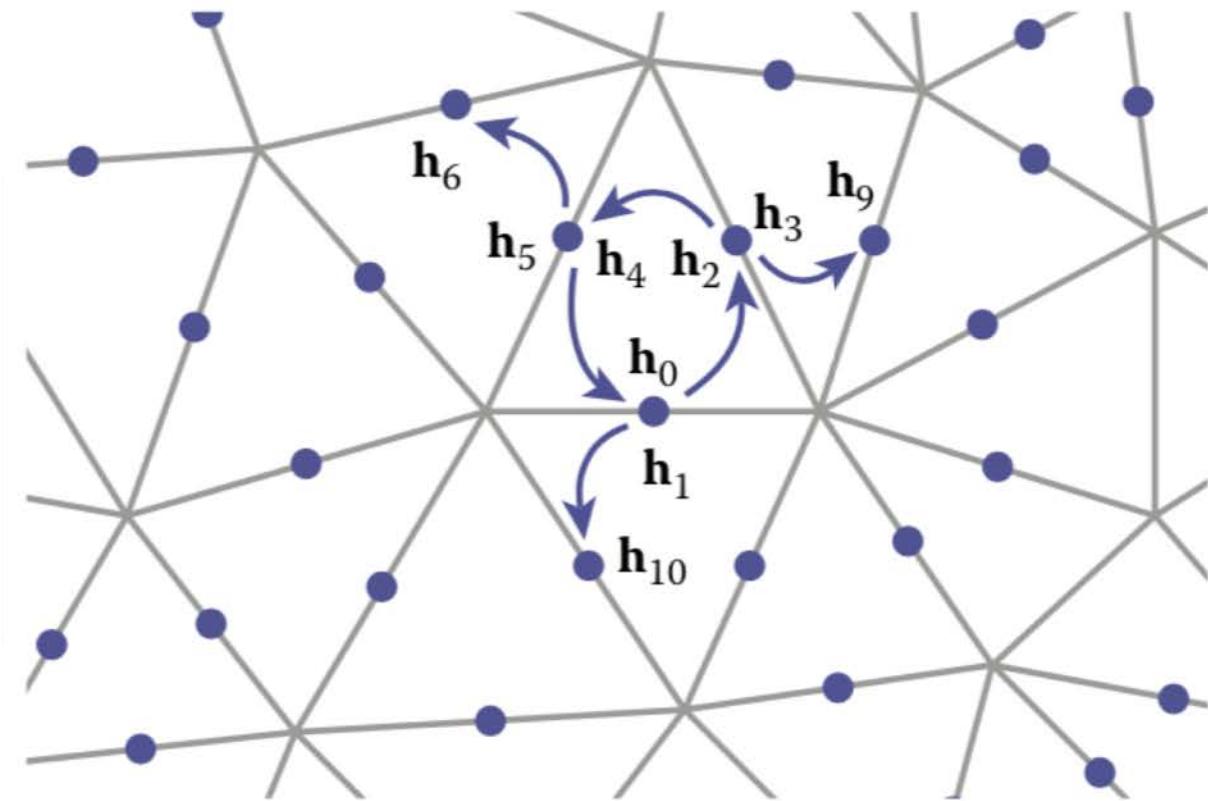
# Winged-Edge Data Structure



# Half-Edge Data Structure

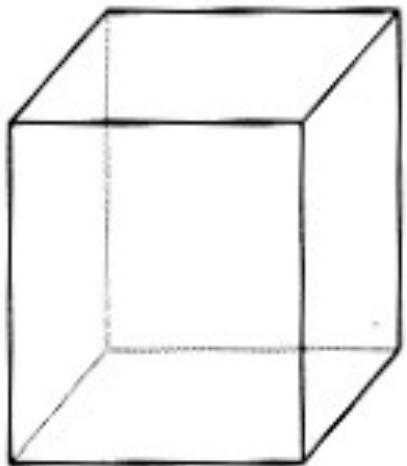


	Pair	Next
hedge[0]	1 2	
hedge[1]	0 10	
hedge[2]	3 4	
hedge[3]	2 9	
hedge[4]	5 0	
hedge[5]	4 6	
	:	

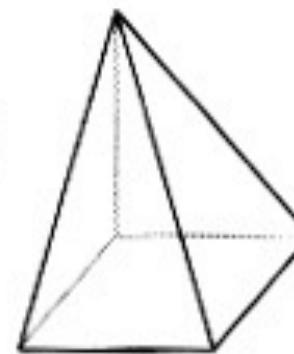


# Relationships between primitive Types

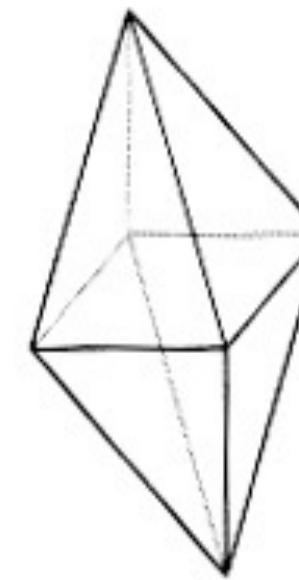
What is the relationship between the number of vertices, the number of edges and the number of triangles in a mesh ?



$$\begin{aligned}V &= 8 \\E &= 12 \\F &= 6\end{aligned}$$



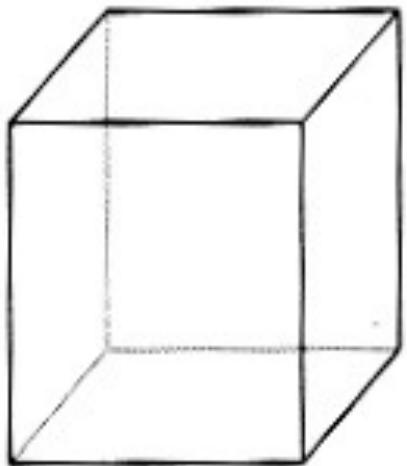
$$\begin{aligned}V &= 4 \\E &= 6 \\F &= 4\end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}V &= 6 \\E &= 12 \\F &= 8\end{aligned}$$

# Relationships between primitive Types

Euler's Formula:  $V + F - E = 2$   
(closed triangle mesh)



$V = 8$   
 $E = 12$   
 $F = 6$



$V = 5$   
 $E = 8$   
 $F = 5$

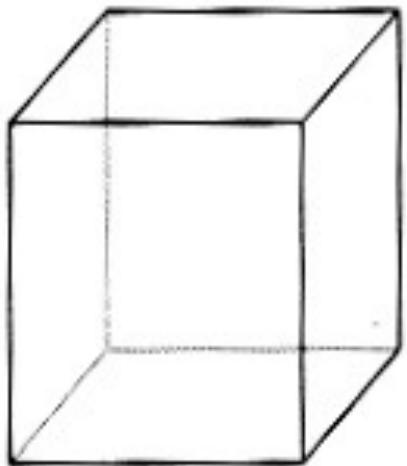


$V = 6$   
 $E = 12$   
 $F = 8$

# Relationships between primitive Types

$$3F = 2E$$

(closed triangle mesh)



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 $F = 6$



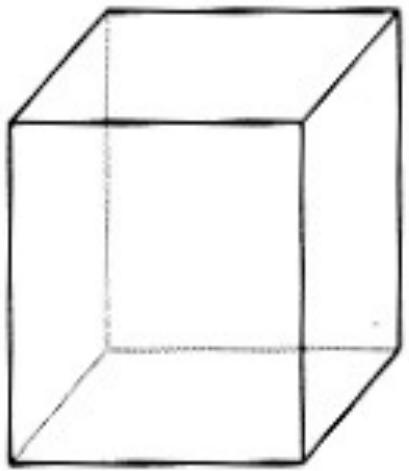
$V = 5$   
 $E = 8$   
 $F = 5$



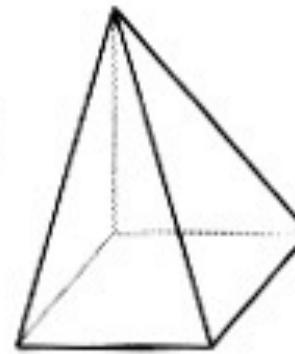
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 $E = 12$   
 $F = 8$

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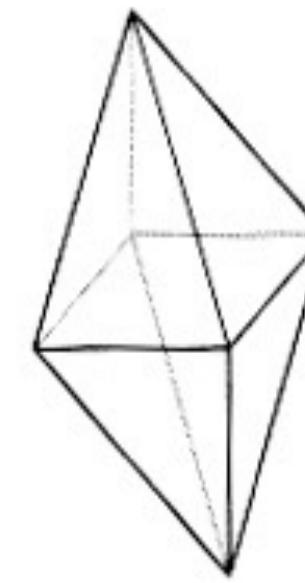
number of half edges =  $2E$



$V = 8$   
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 $F = 6$



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 $F = 5$

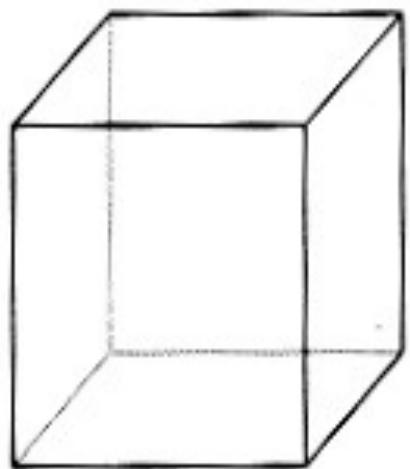


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 $F = 8$

# Relationships between primitive Types

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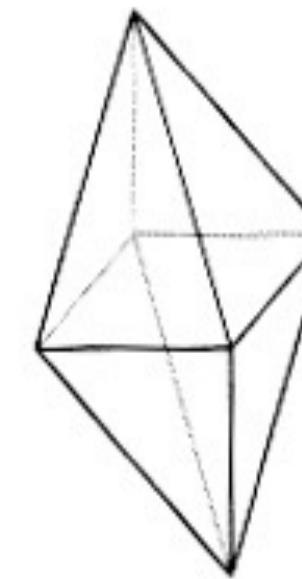
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 $F = 8$

# Data on meshes

Often need to store additional information besides just the geometry

Can store additional data at faces, vertices, or edges

## Examples

- colours stored on faces, for faceted objects
- information about sharp creases stored at edges
- any quantity that varies continuously (without sudden changes, or discontinuities) gets stored at vertices

# Key types of vertex data

## Positions

- at some level this is just another piece of data
- position varies continuously between vertices

## Surface normals

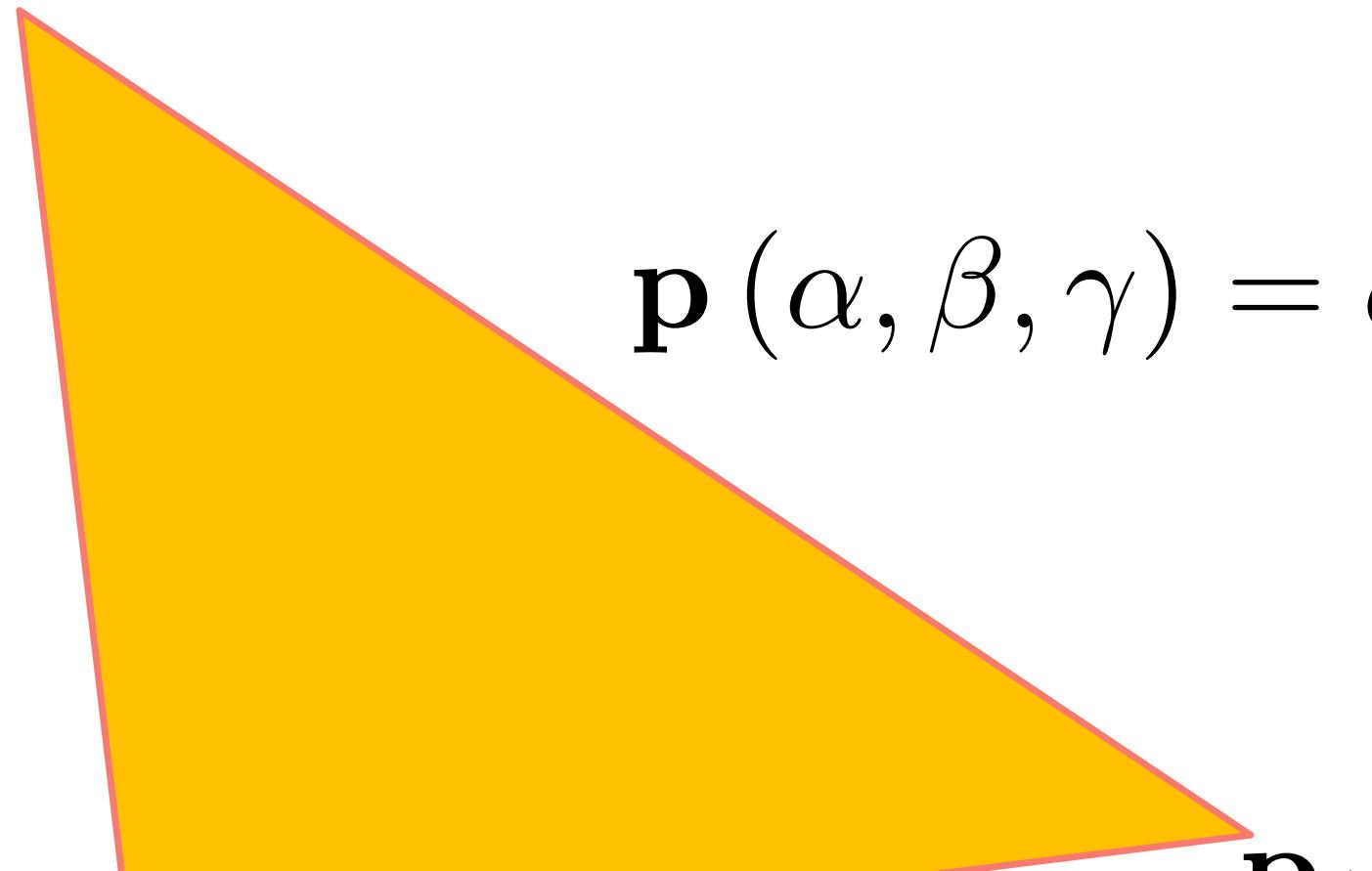
- when a mesh is approximating a curved surface, store normals at vertices

## Texture coordinates

- 2D coordinates that tell you how to paste images on the surface

# Barycentric Coordinates

$\mathbf{p}_2$



$$\mathbf{p}(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) = \alpha\mathbf{p}_1 + \beta\mathbf{p}_2 + \gamma\mathbf{p}_0$$

$$\alpha \geqslant 0$$

$$\beta \geqslant 0$$

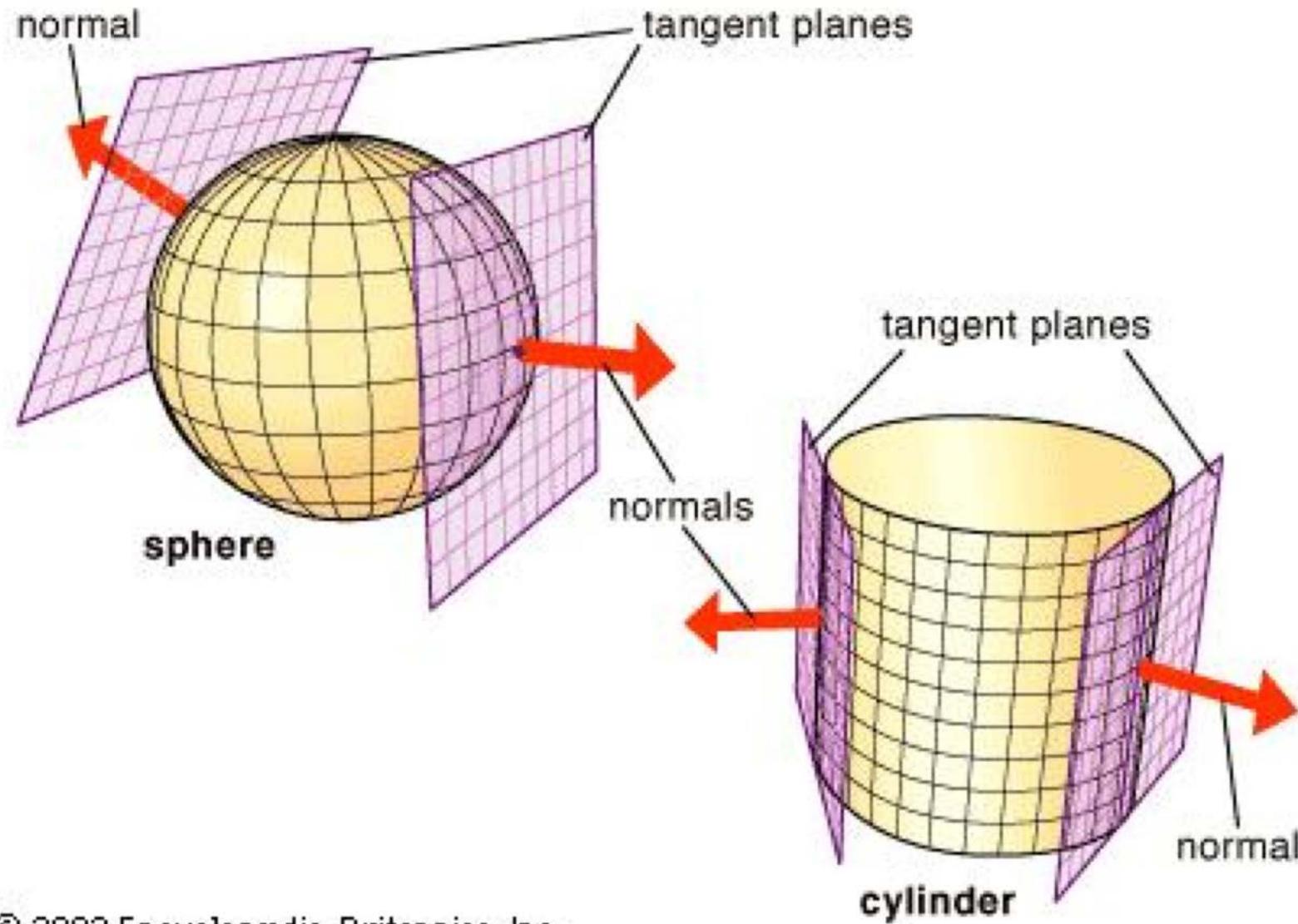
$$\alpha + \beta \leqslant 1$$

$$\gamma = 1 - \alpha - \beta$$

$\mathbf{p}_0$

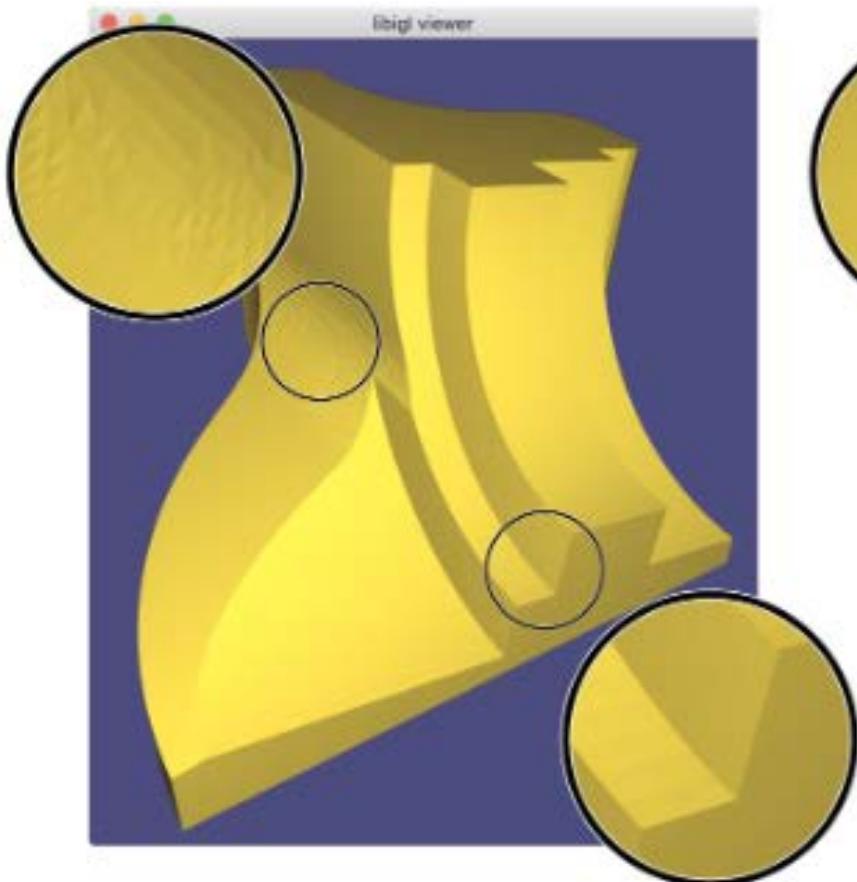
$\mathbf{p}_1$

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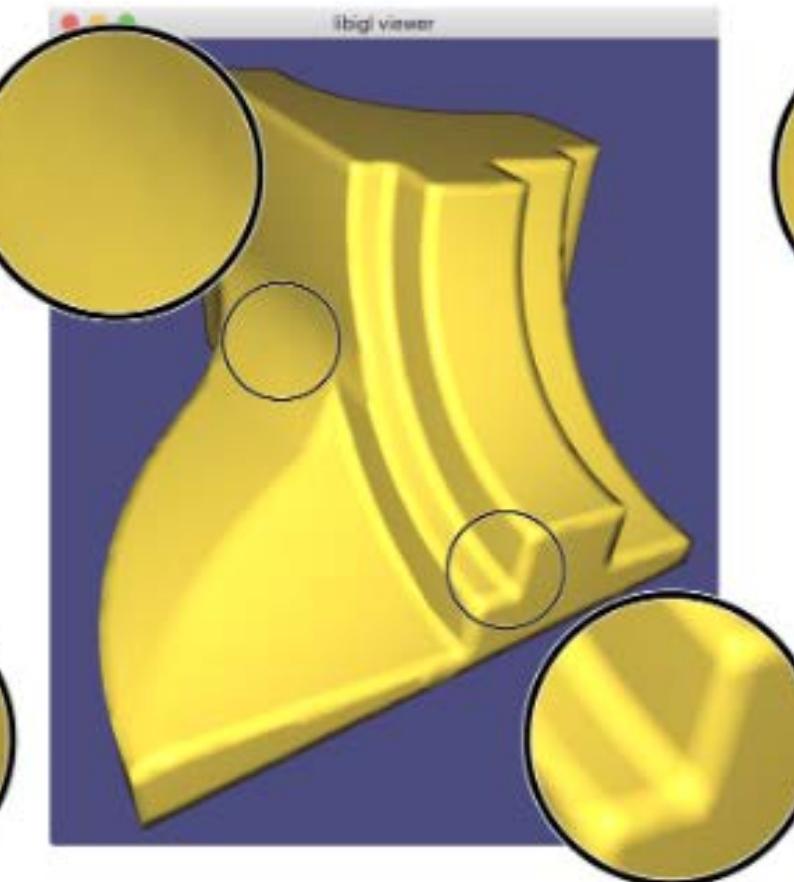


# Computing a Per-vertex Normals

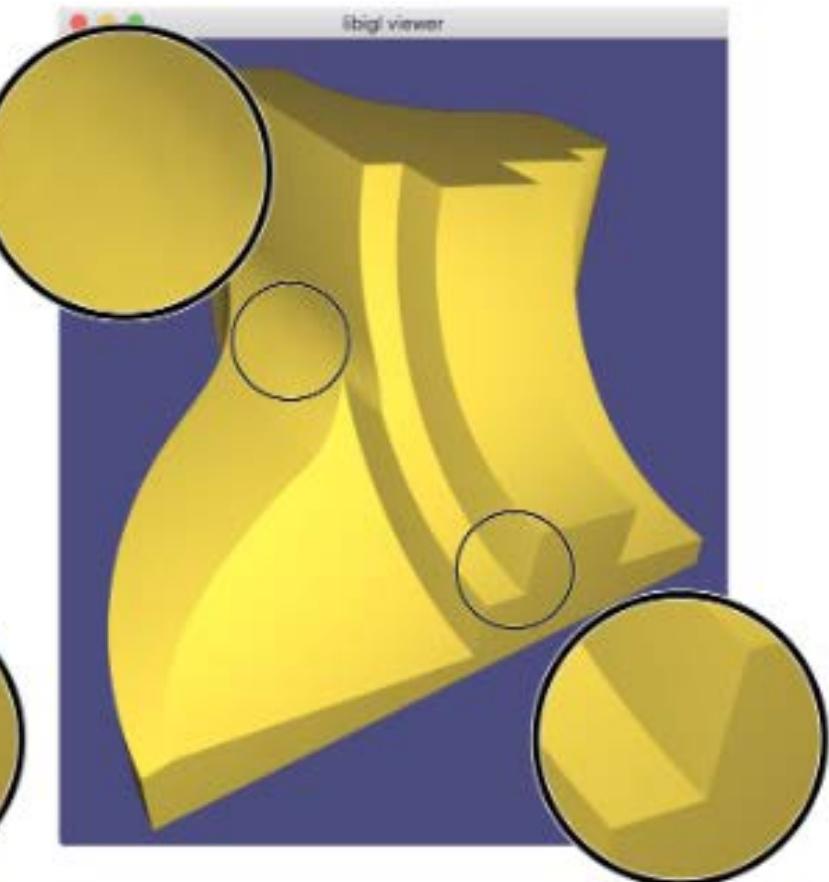
Per-Face Normals



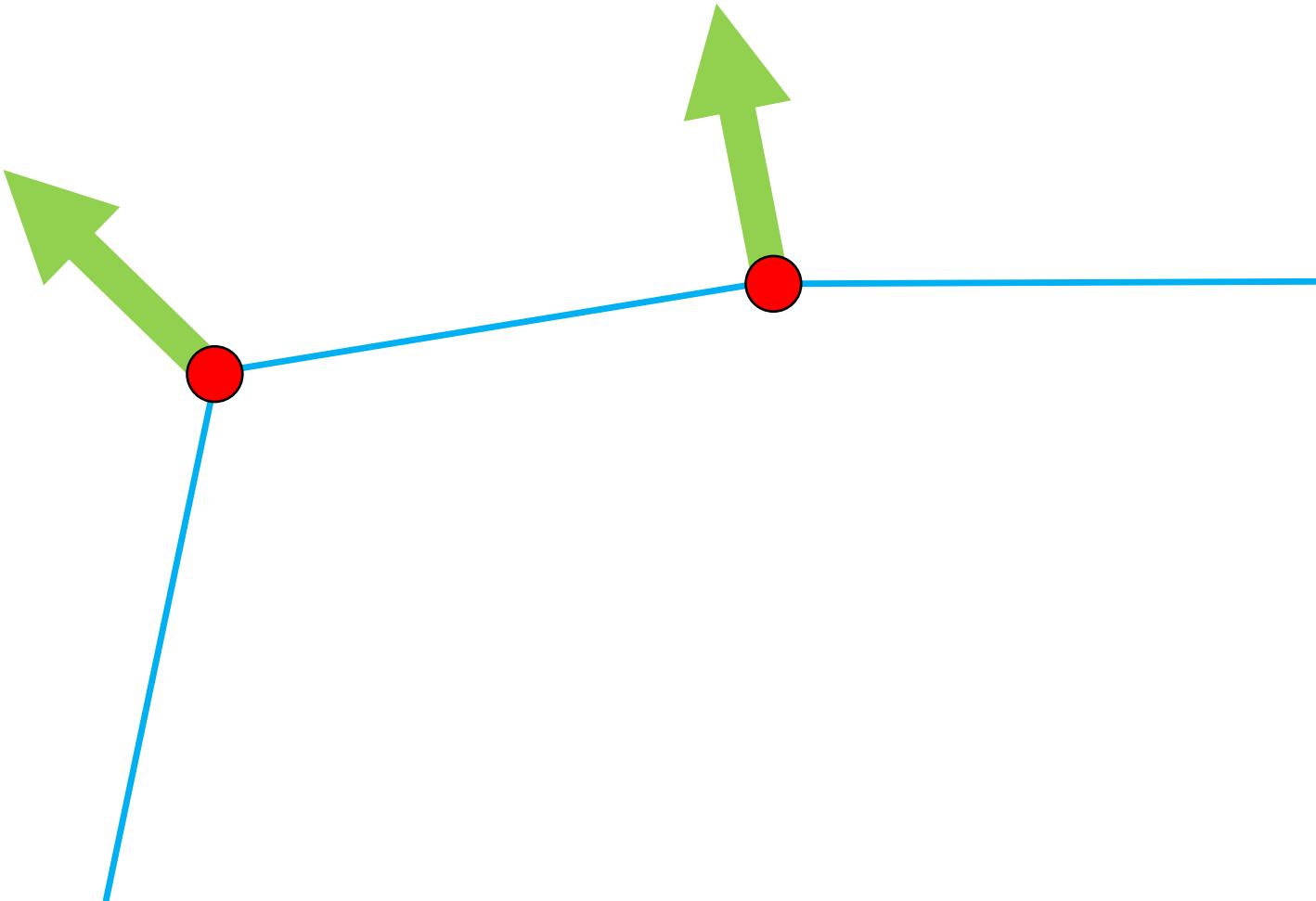
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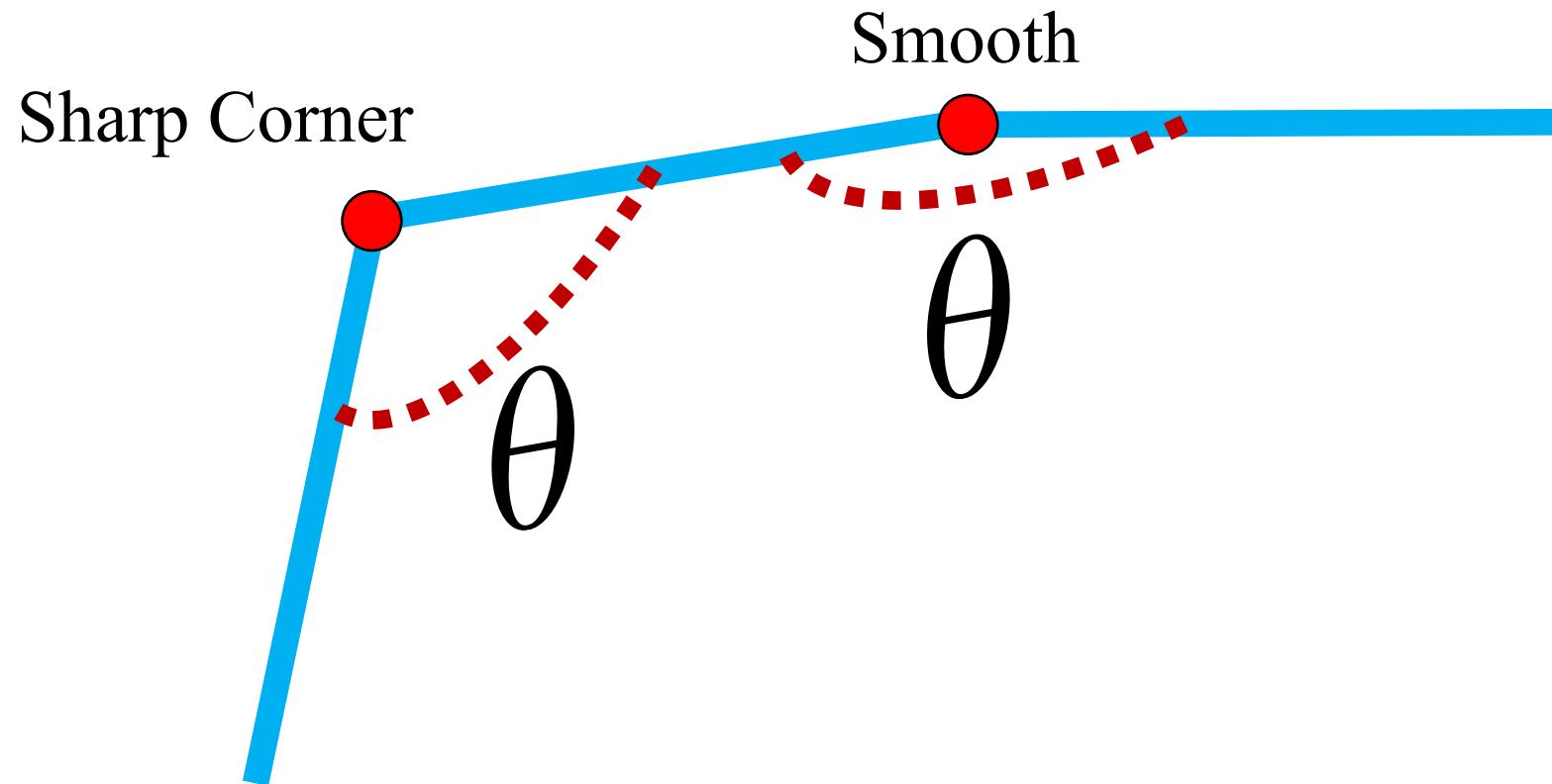
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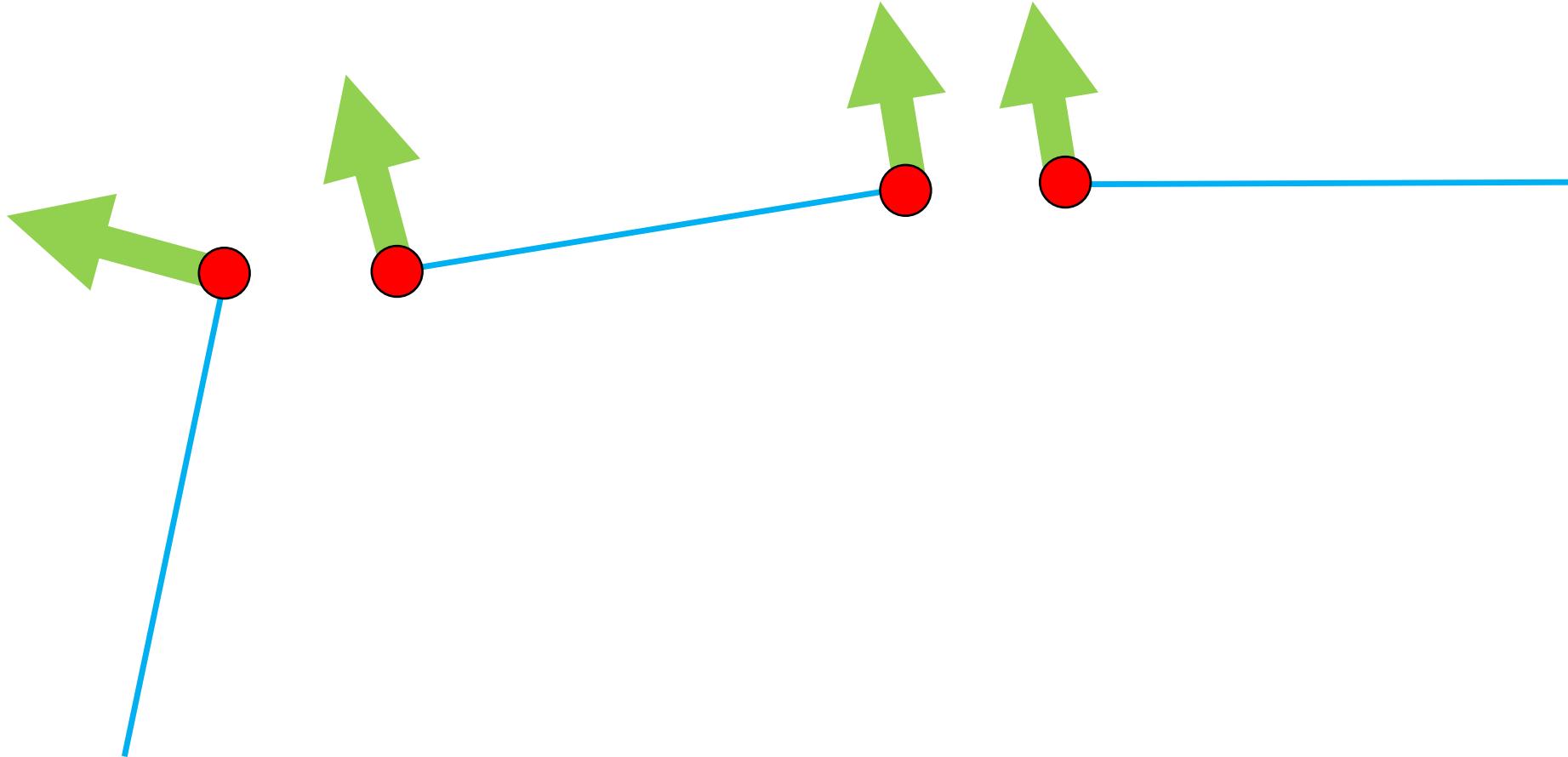
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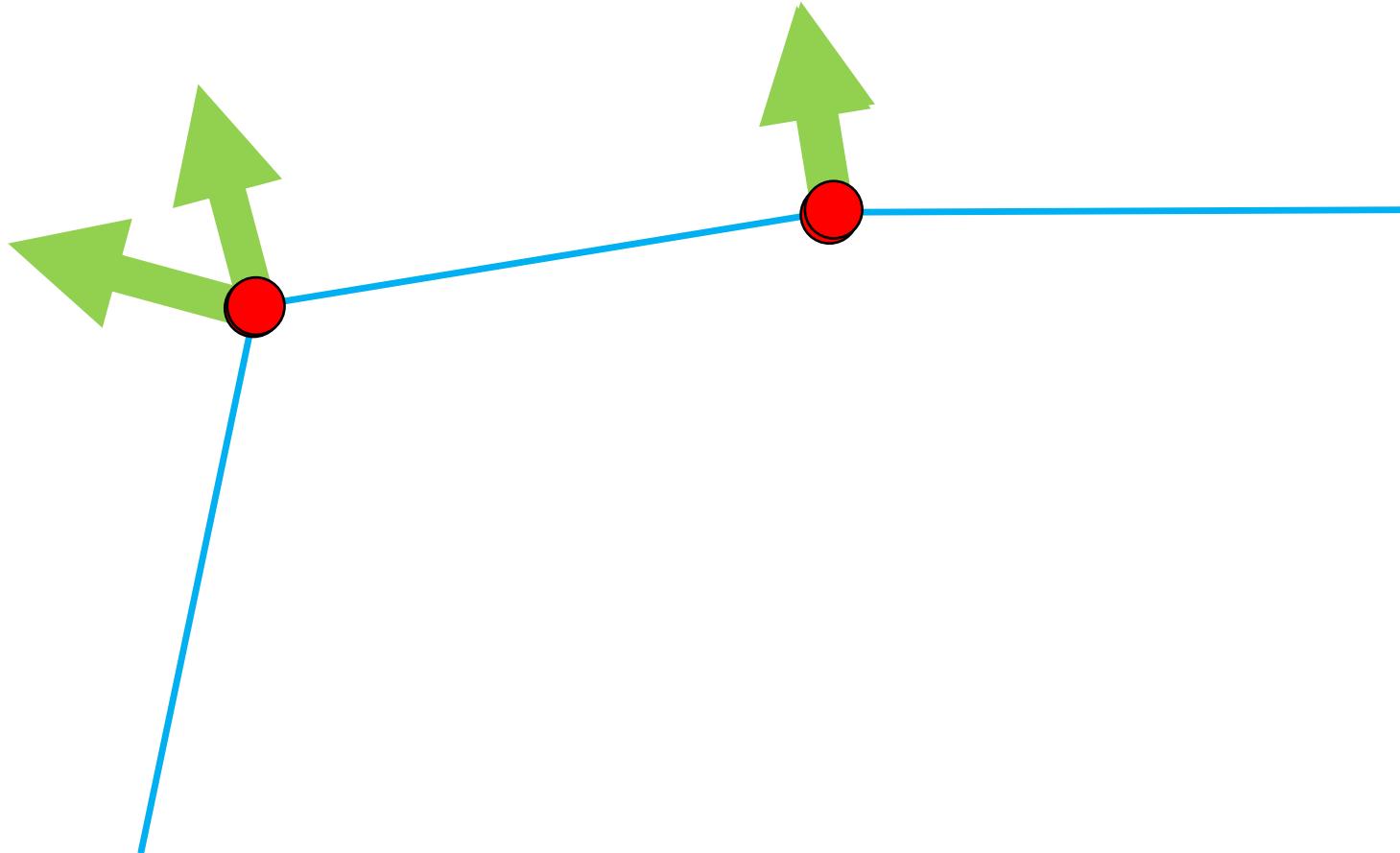
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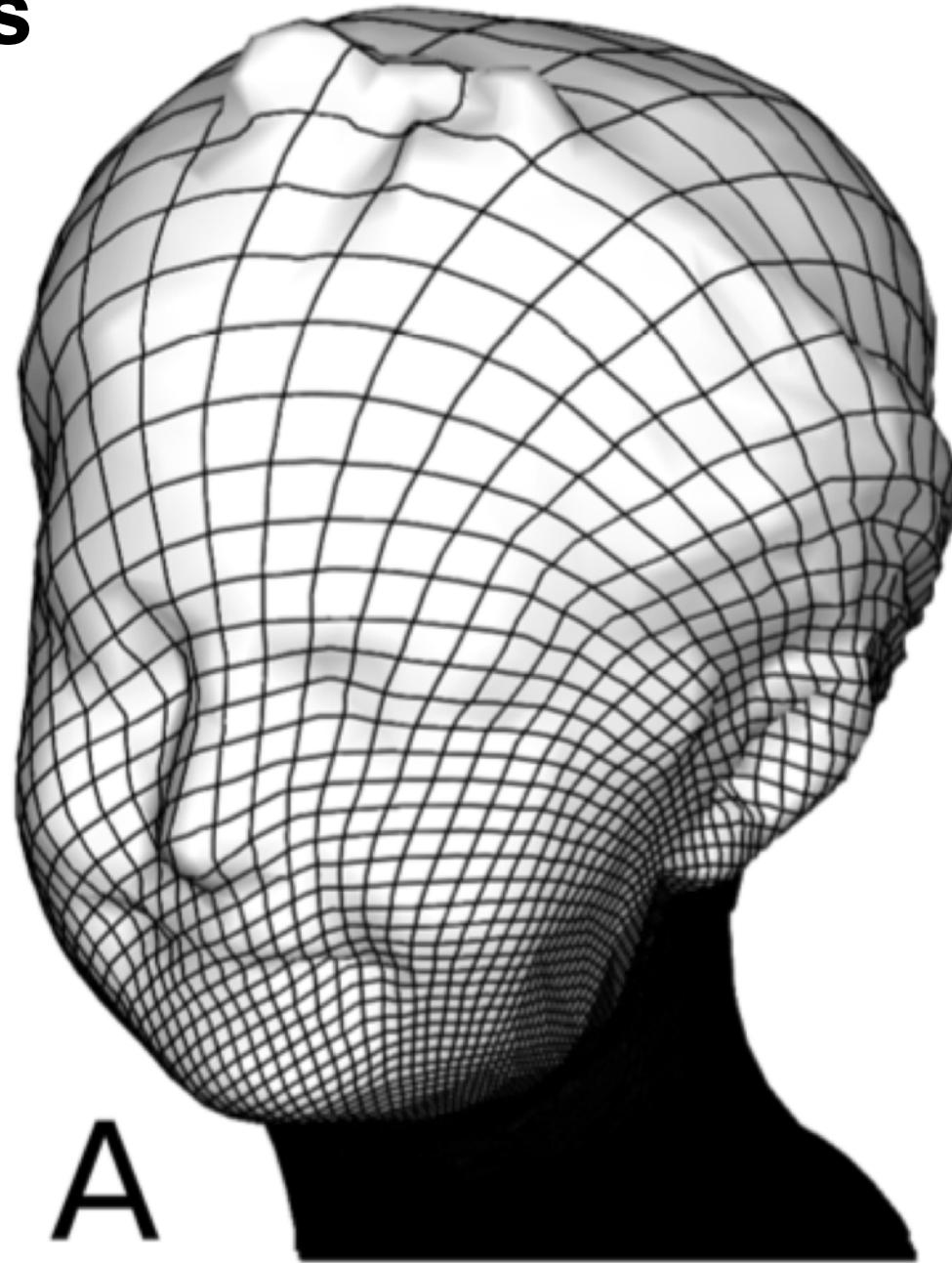
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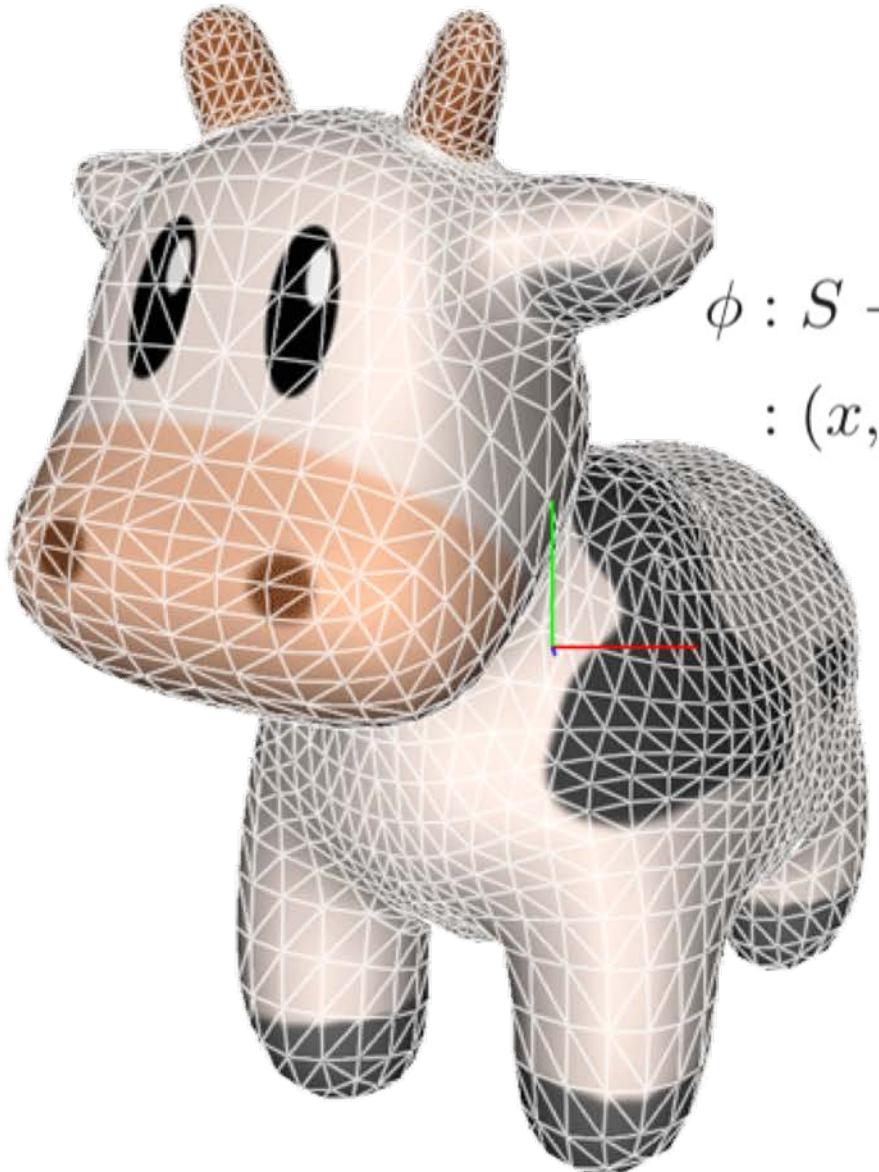


# Quadrilateral (Quad) Meshes

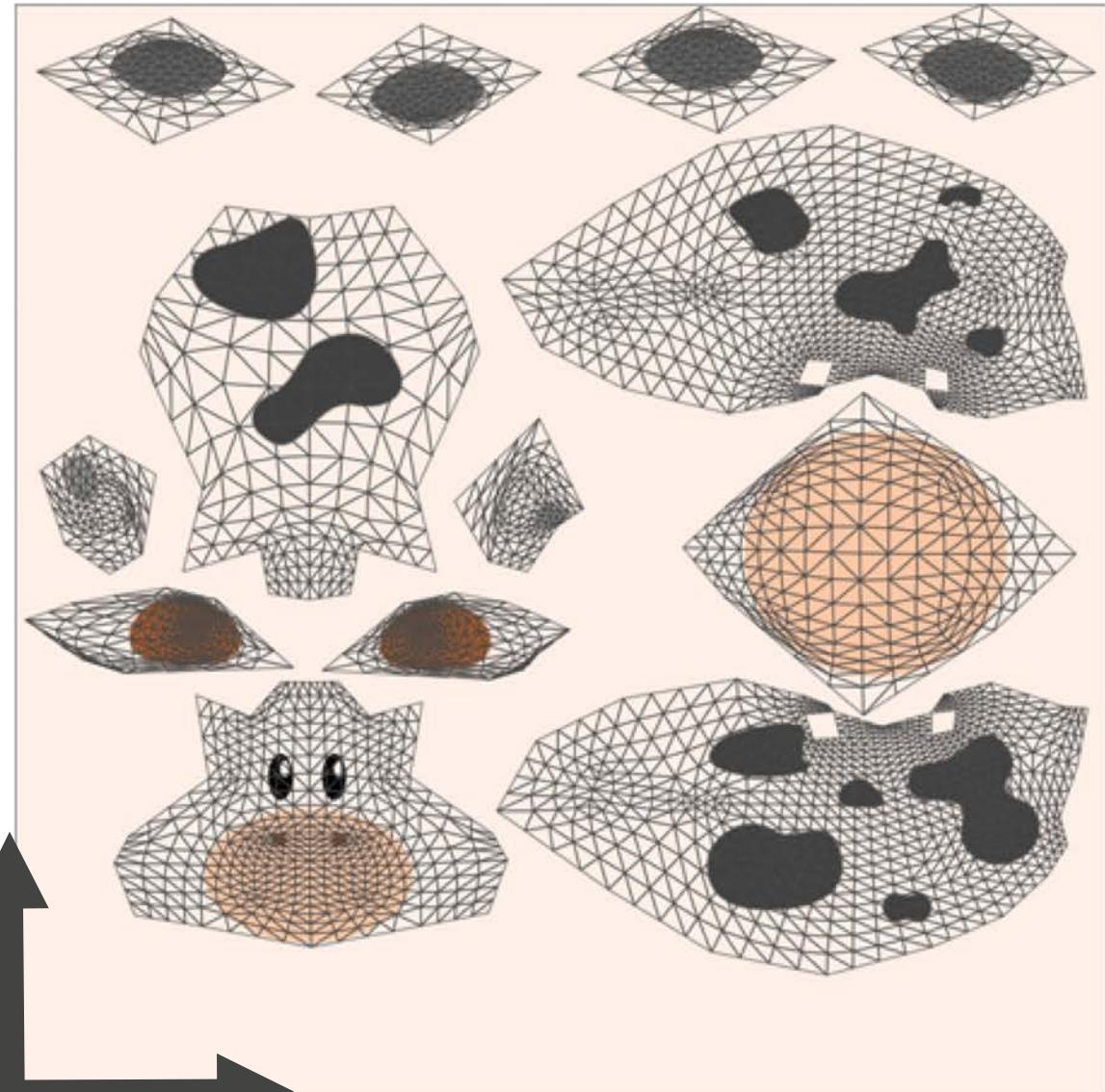
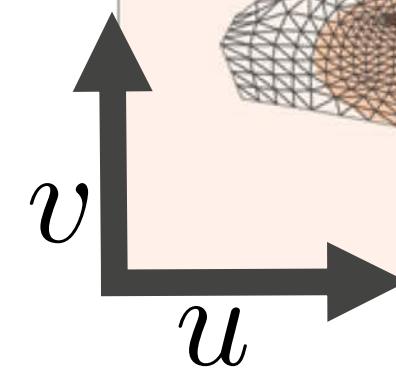


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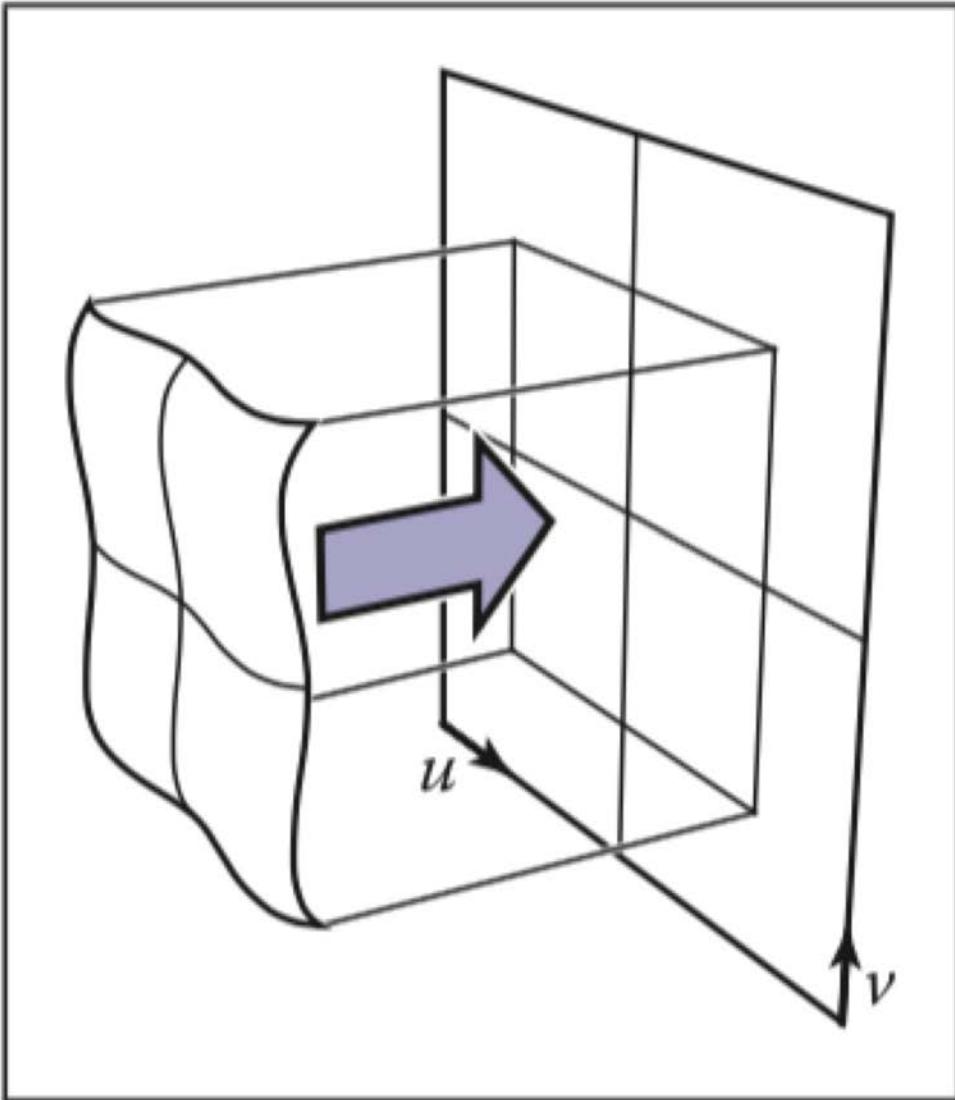
# Texture coordinates



$$\begin{aligned}\phi : S &\rightarrow T \\ : (x, y, z) &\mapsto (u, v)\end{aligned}$$



# Planar Texture Map



$$\phi(x, y, z) = (u, v)$$

where

$$\begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ * \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = M_t \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Spherical Texture Map

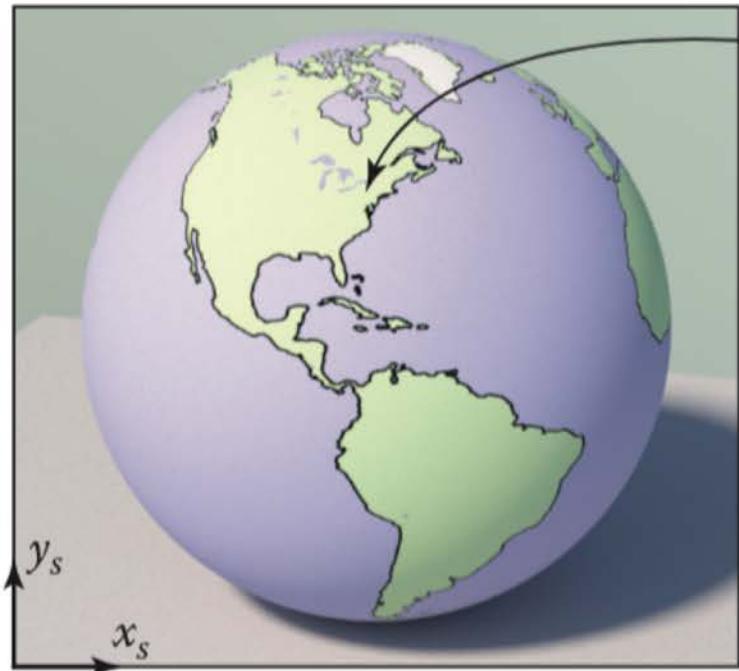
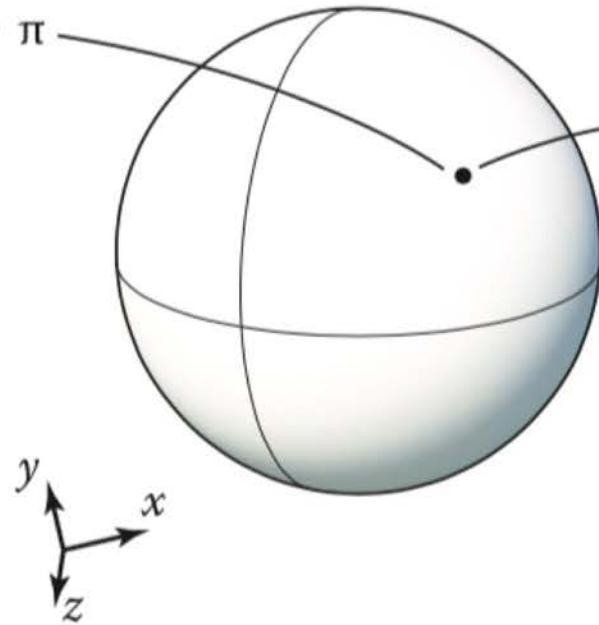
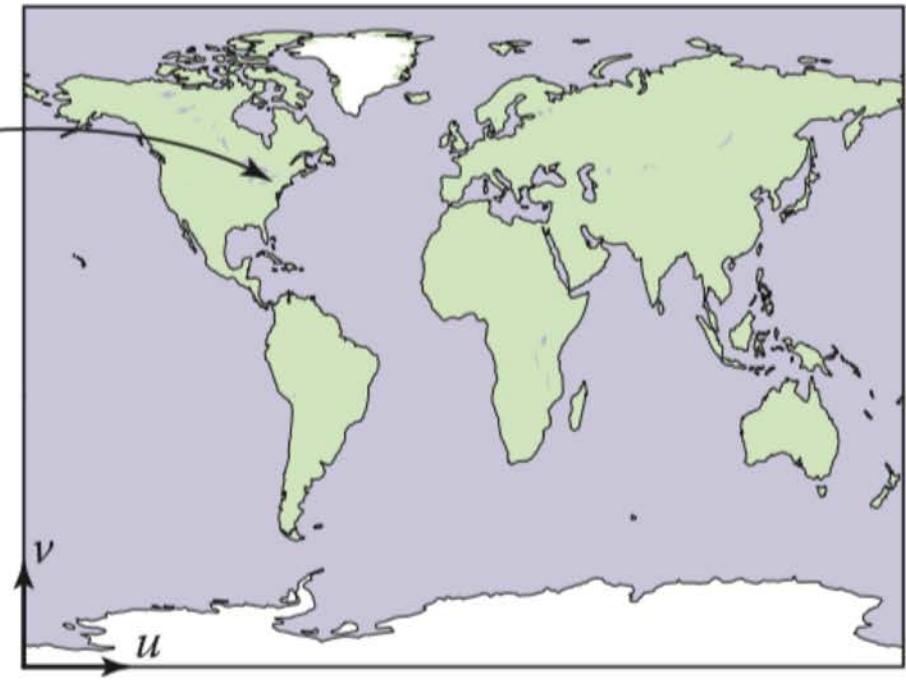


Image space



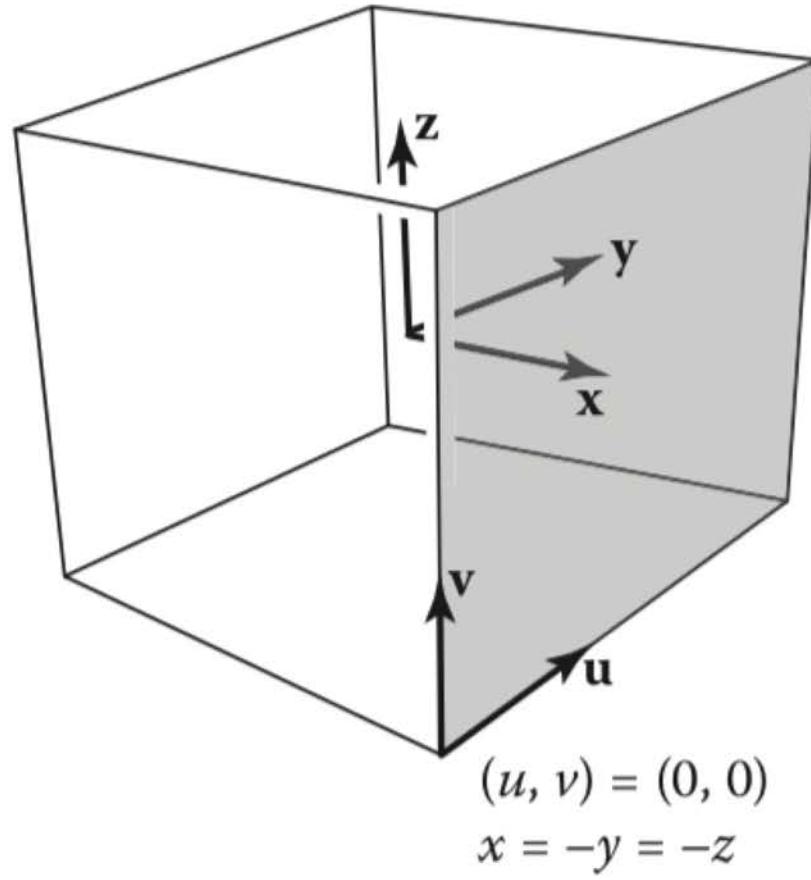
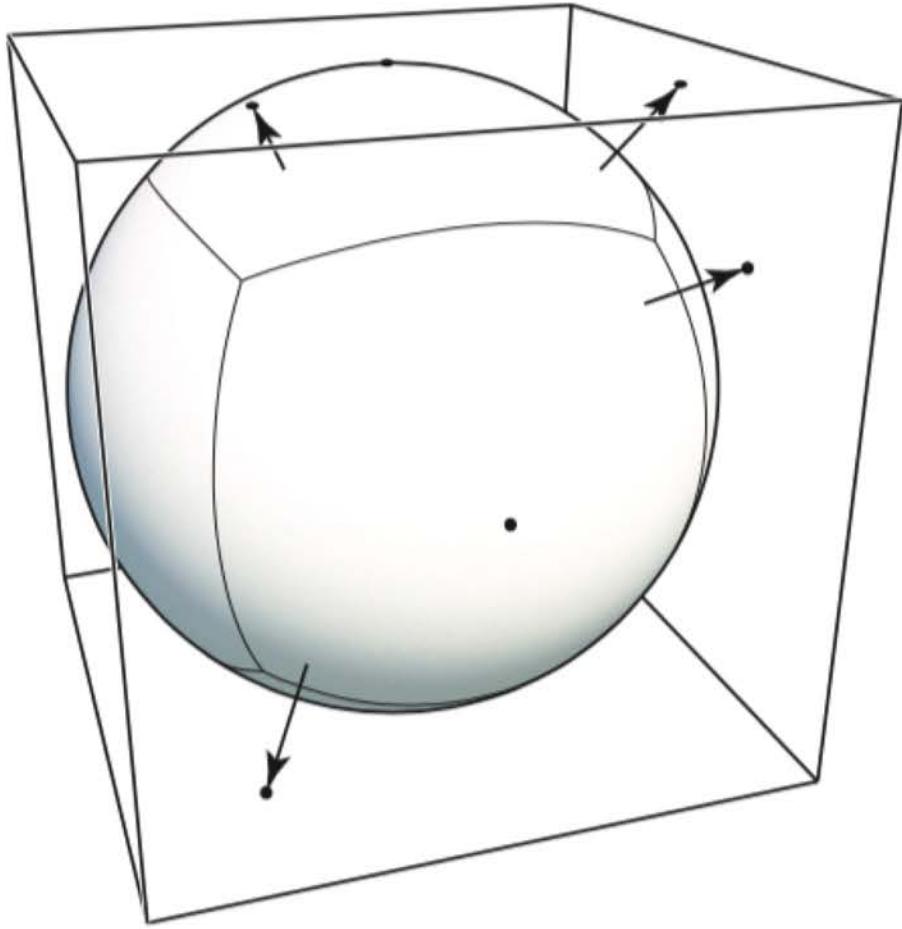
Surface  $S$  in world space



Texture space,  $T$

$$\phi(x, y, z) = ([\pi + \text{atan2}(y, x)]/2\pi, [\pi - \text{acos}(z/\|x\|)]/\pi)$$

# Cube Texture Map

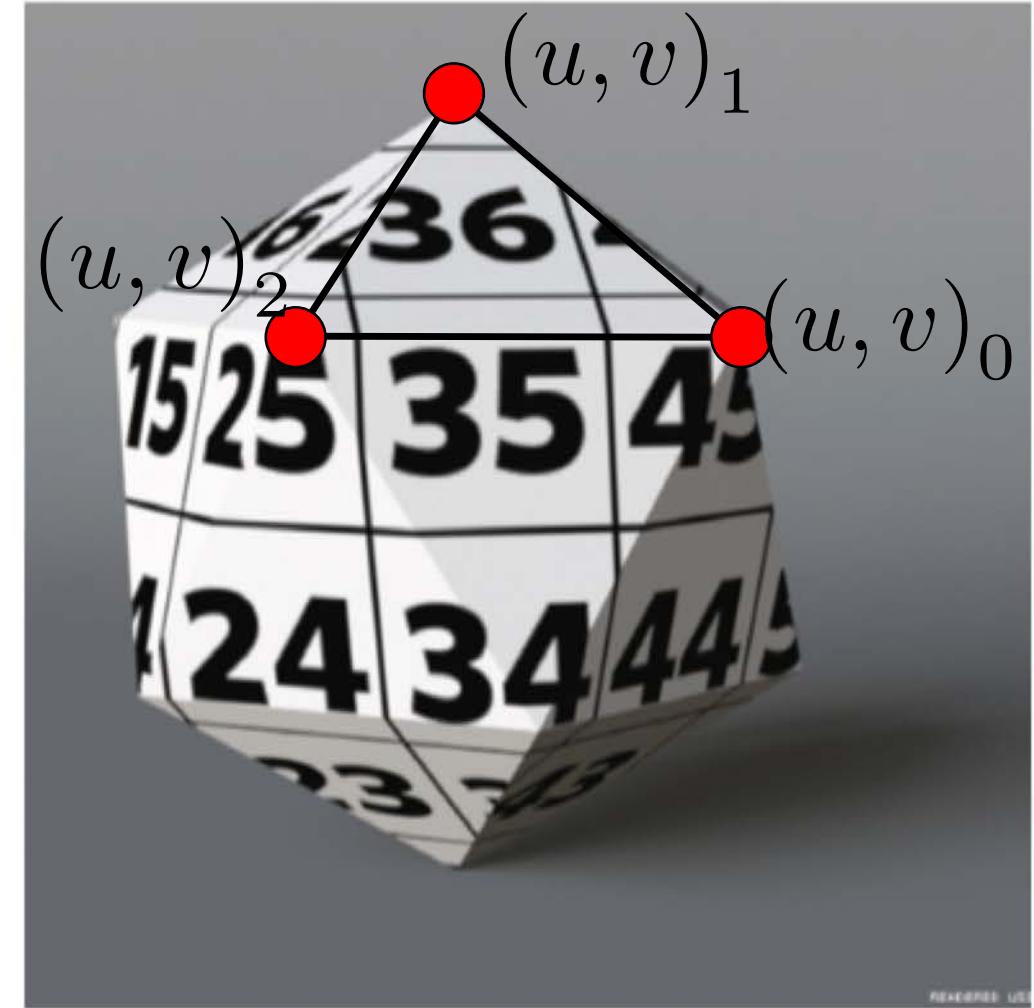
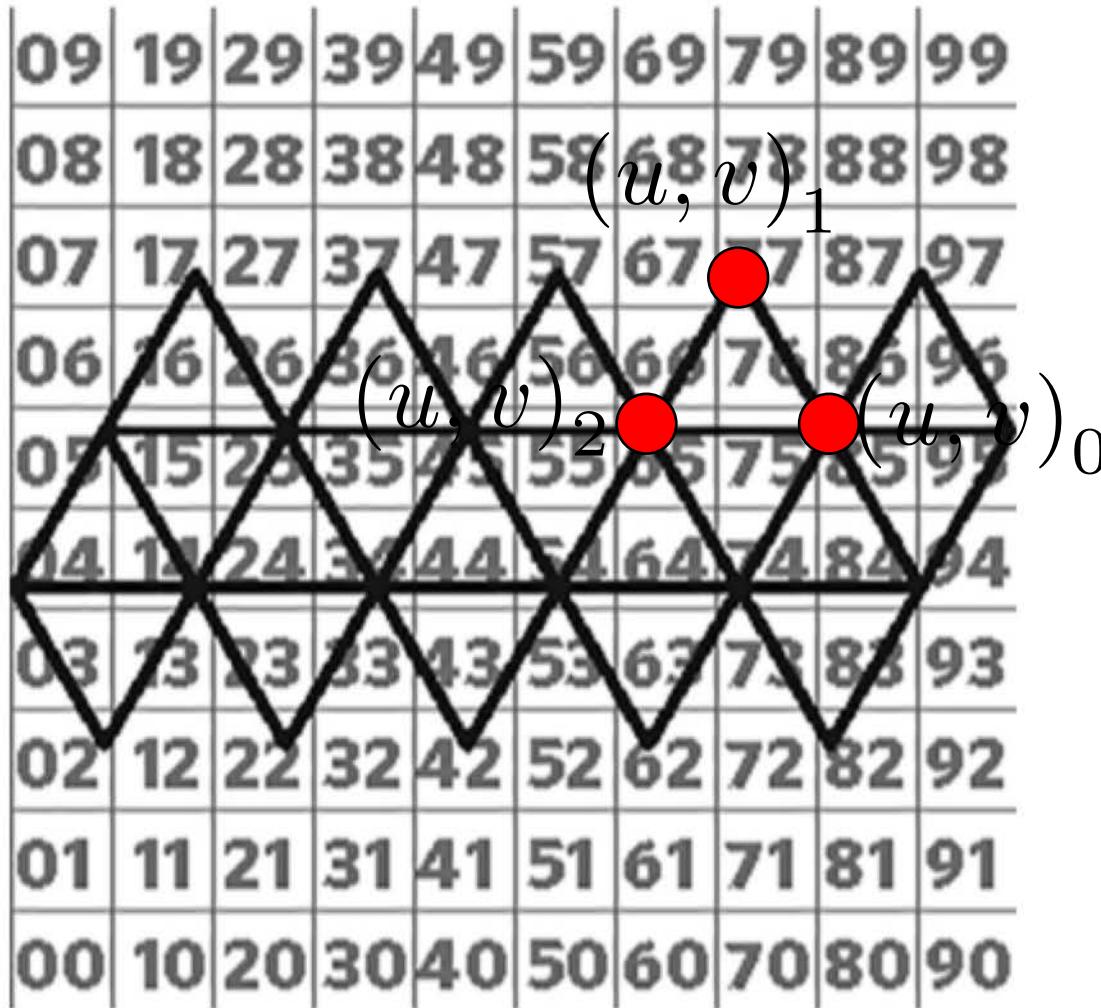


$$(u, v) = (1, 1)$$
$$x = y = z$$

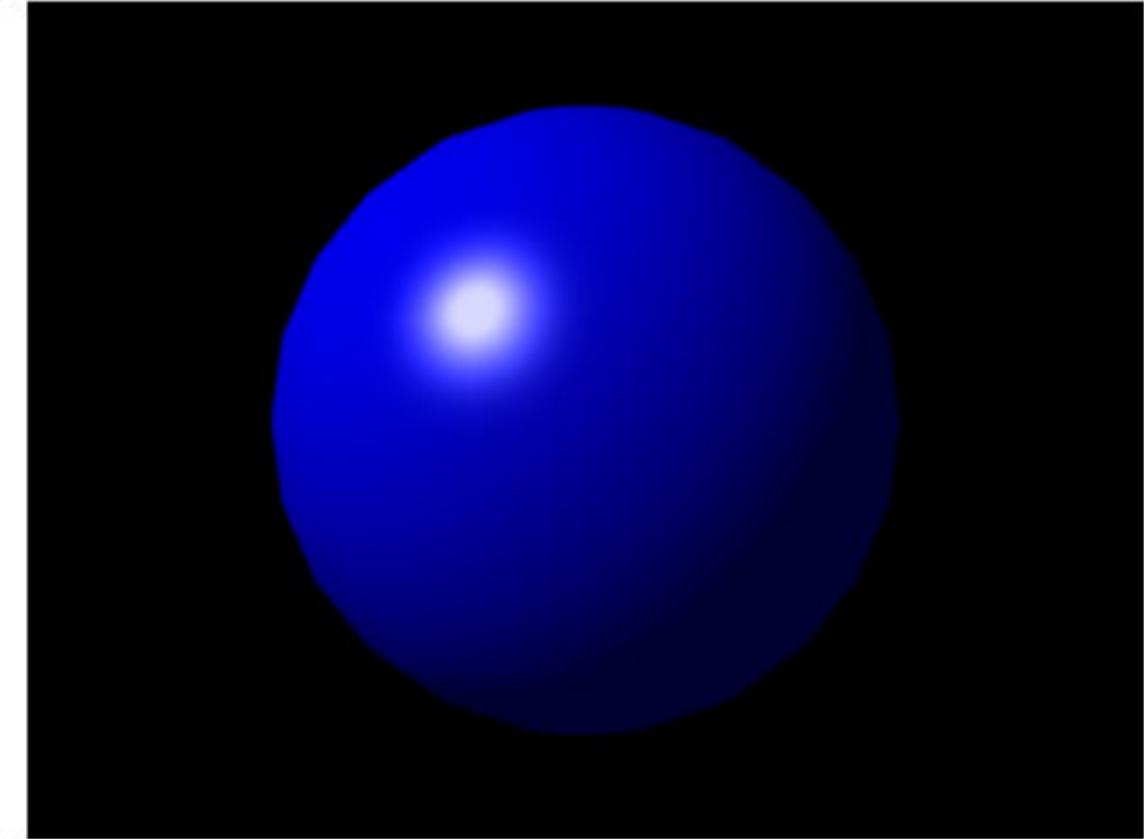
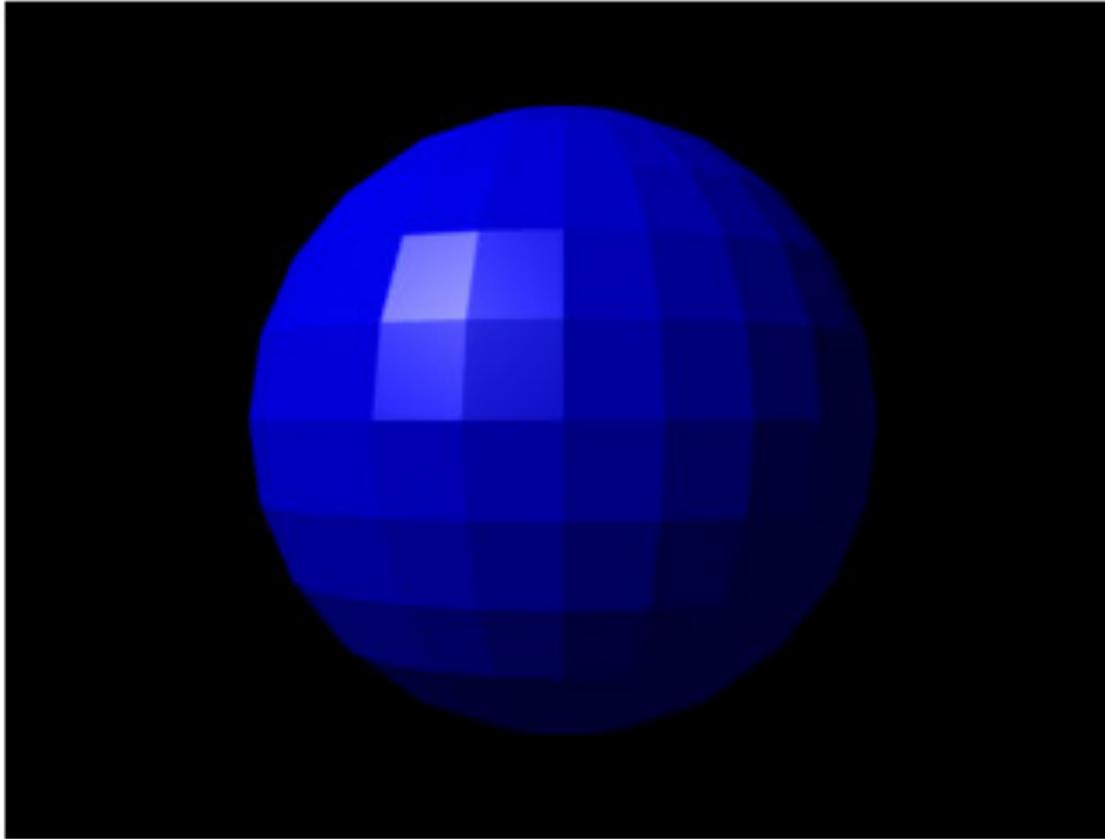
Right face has  
 $x > |y|$  and  
 $x > |z|$

$$(u, v) = (0, 0)$$
$$x = -y = -z$$

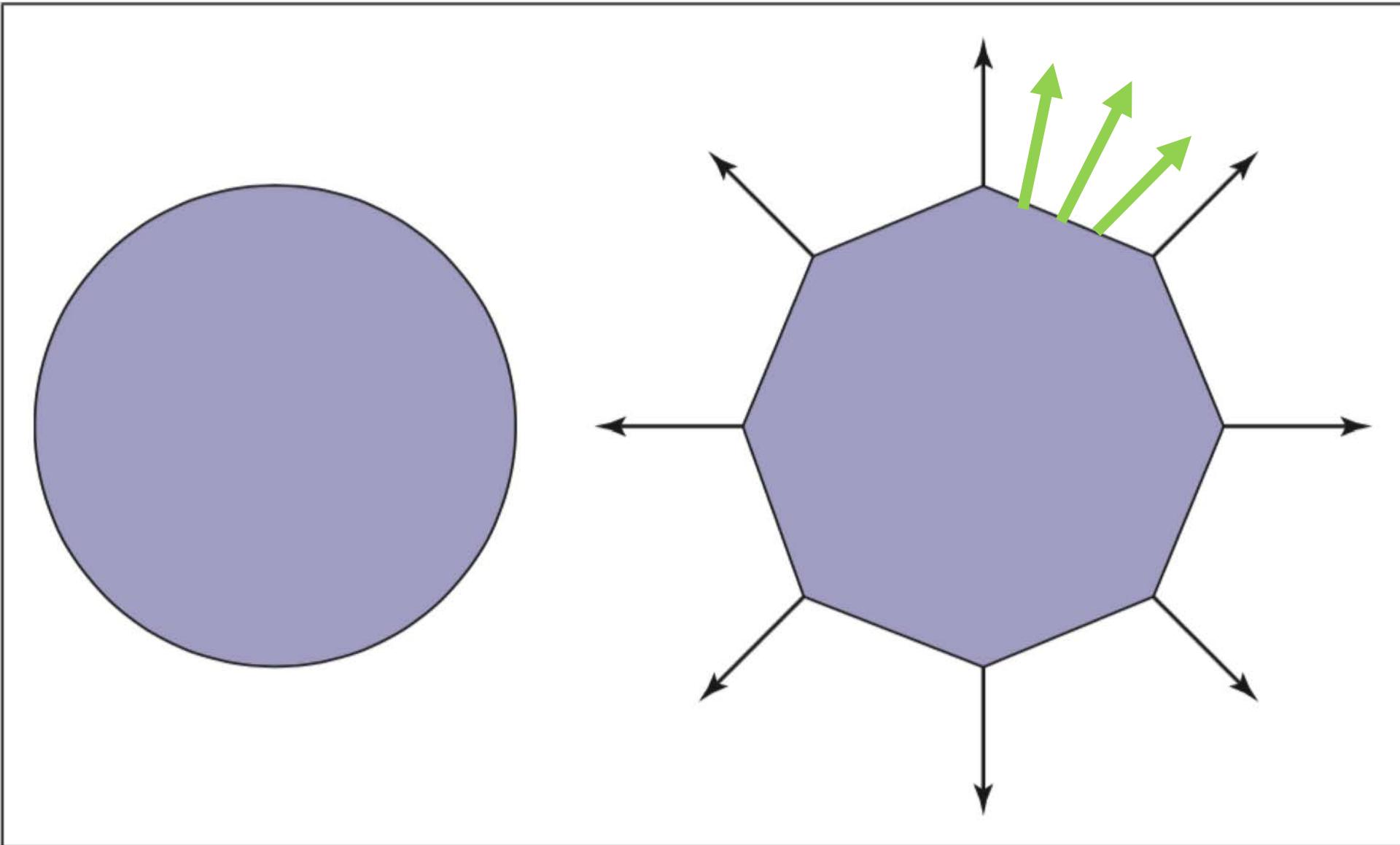
# Interpolated Texture Coordinates



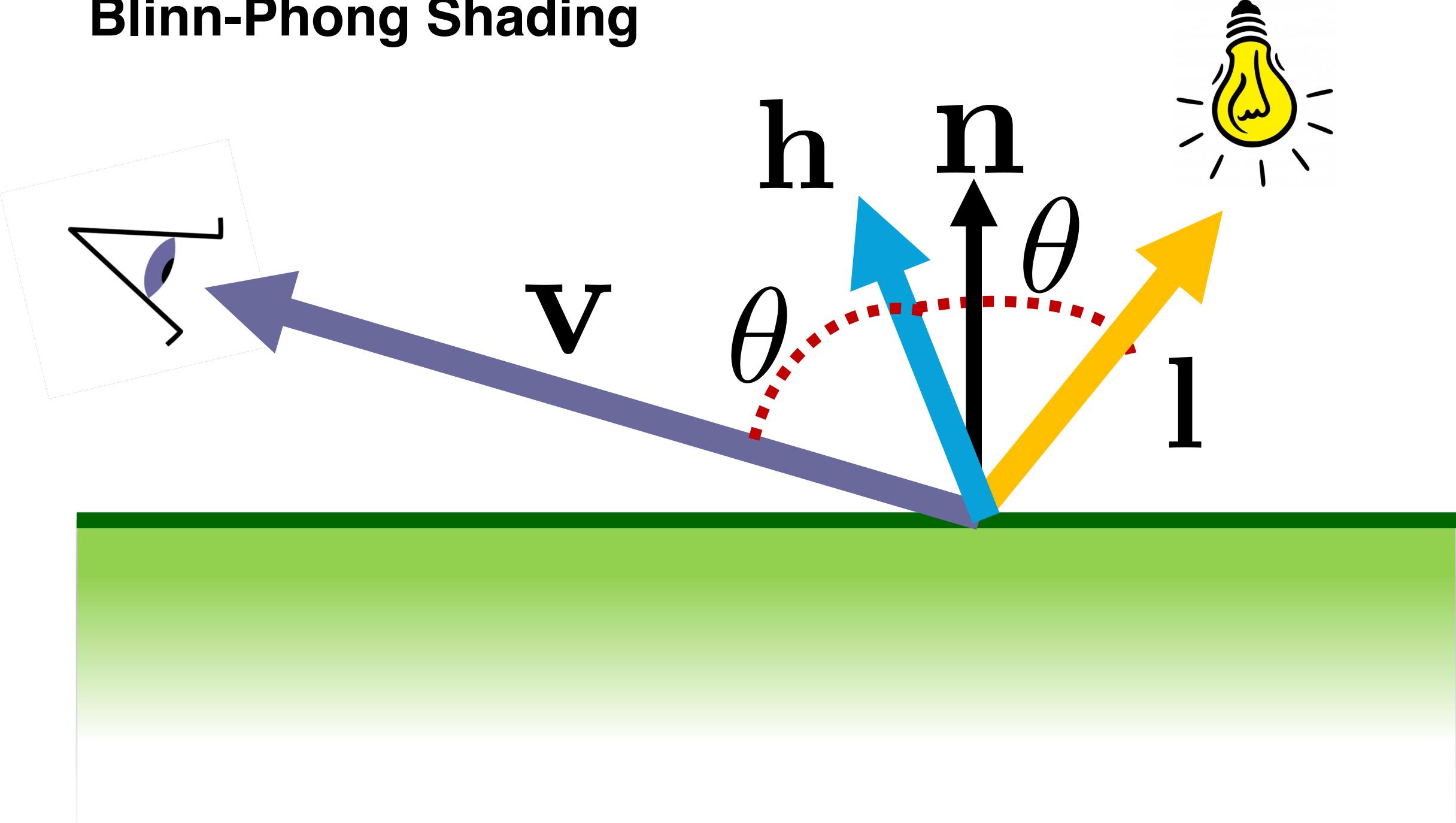
# Smooth Surfaces in Computer Graphics



# Phong Shading



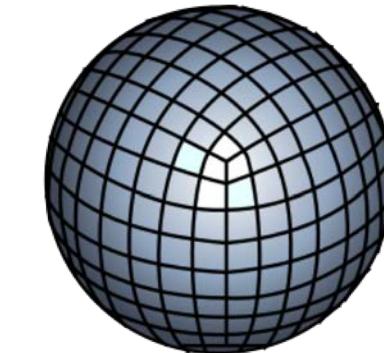
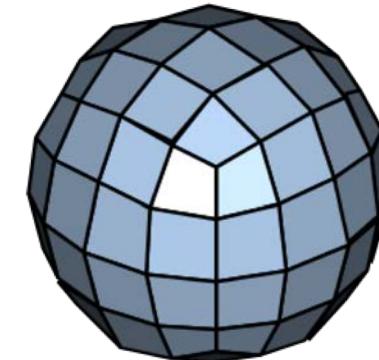
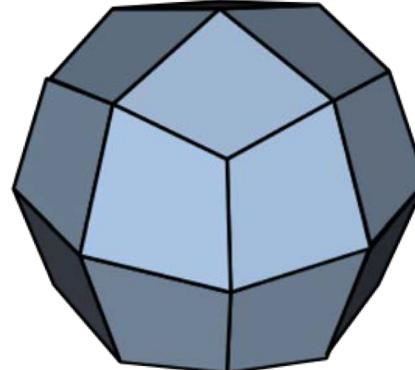
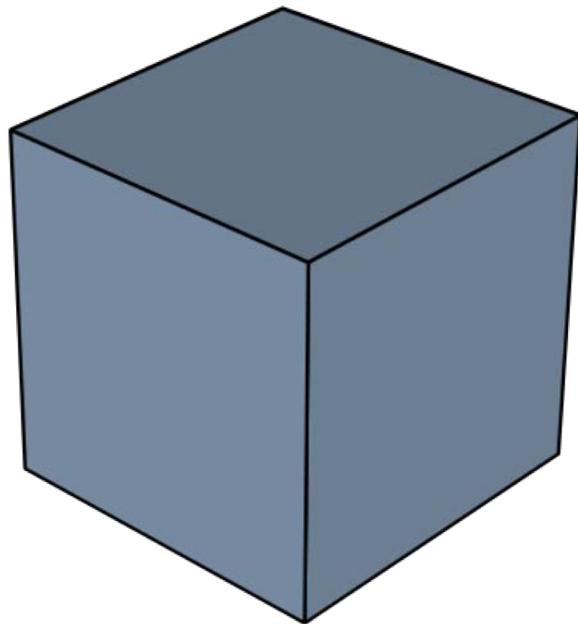
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# Subdivision Surfaces

Recursive refinement of polygonal mesh

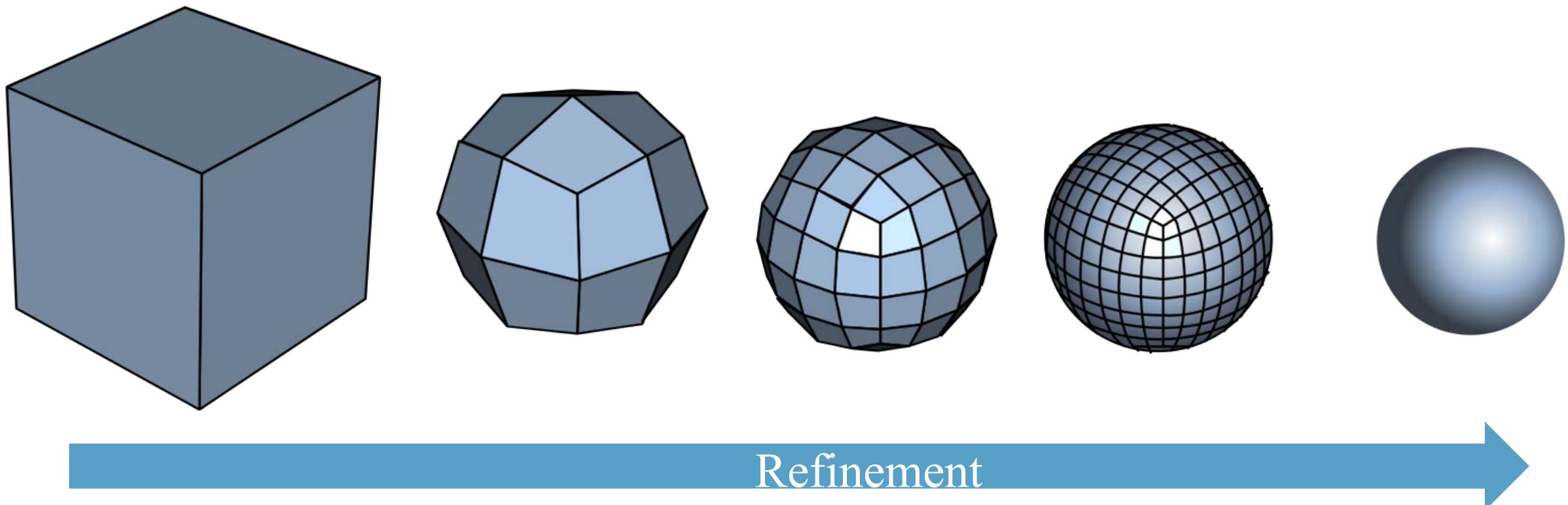
Results in a smooth “limit surface”



Refinement

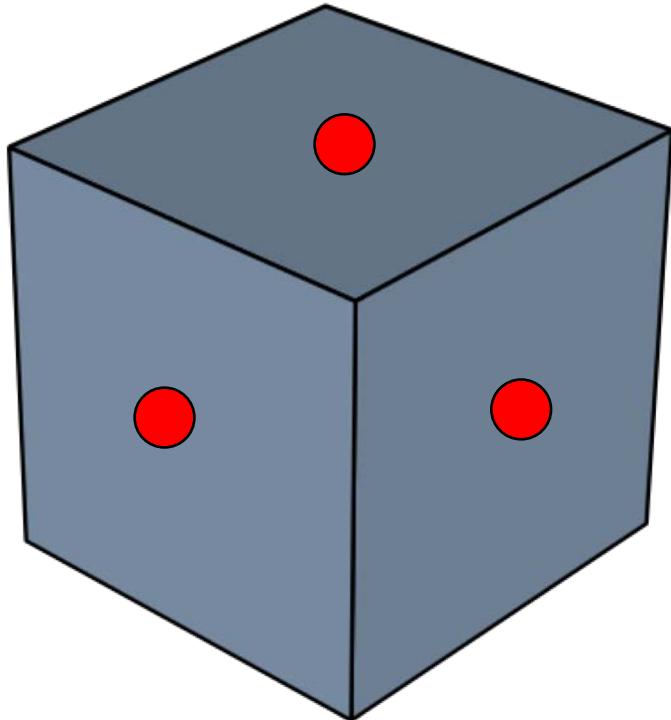
# Catmull-Clark Subdivision

Particular type of subdivision scheme.



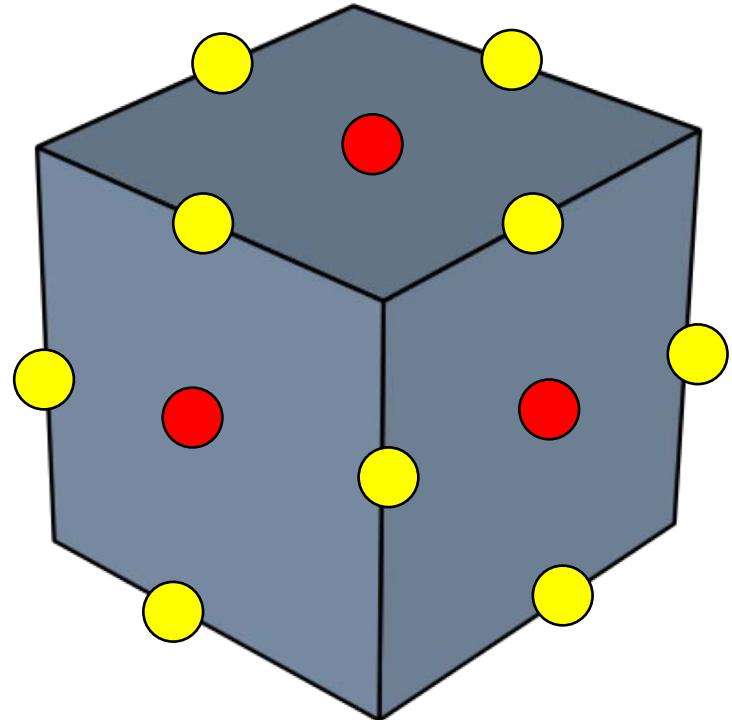
# Catmull-Clark Subdivision

Step 1: Set the face point for each facet to be the average of its vertices



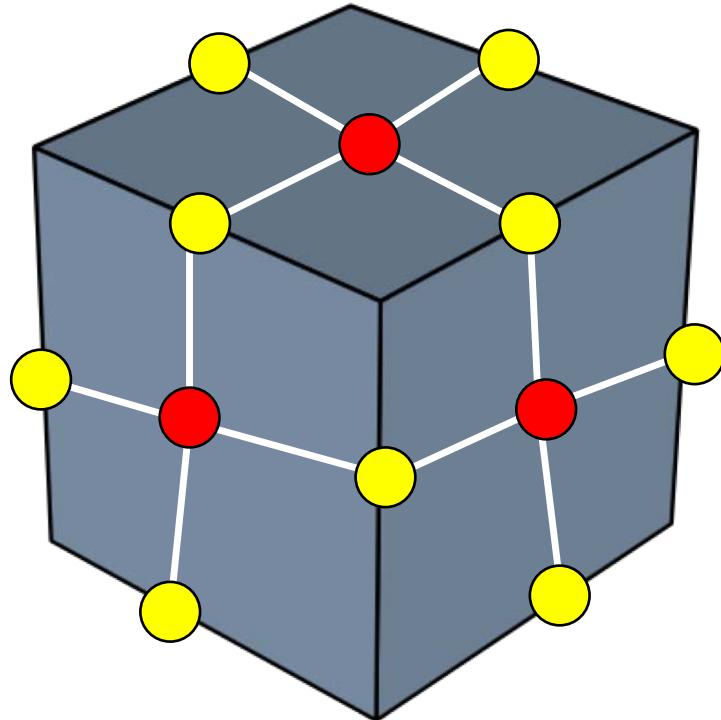
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Step 2: Add edge points – average of two neighbouring face points and edge end points



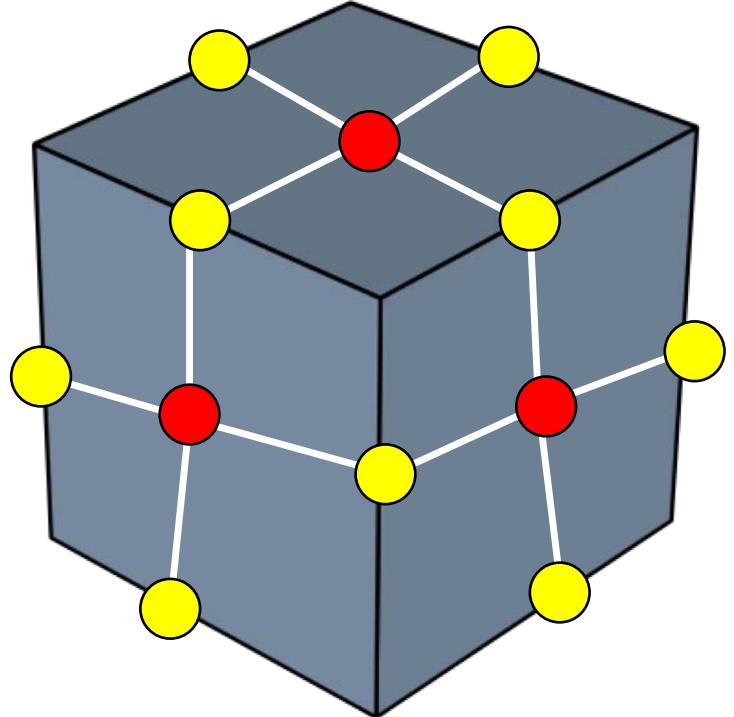
# Catmull-Clark Subdivision

Step 3: Add edges between face points and edge points



# Catmull-Clark Subdivision

Step 4: Move each original vertex according to new position given by:



$$\frac{F + 2R + (n - 3)P}{n}$$

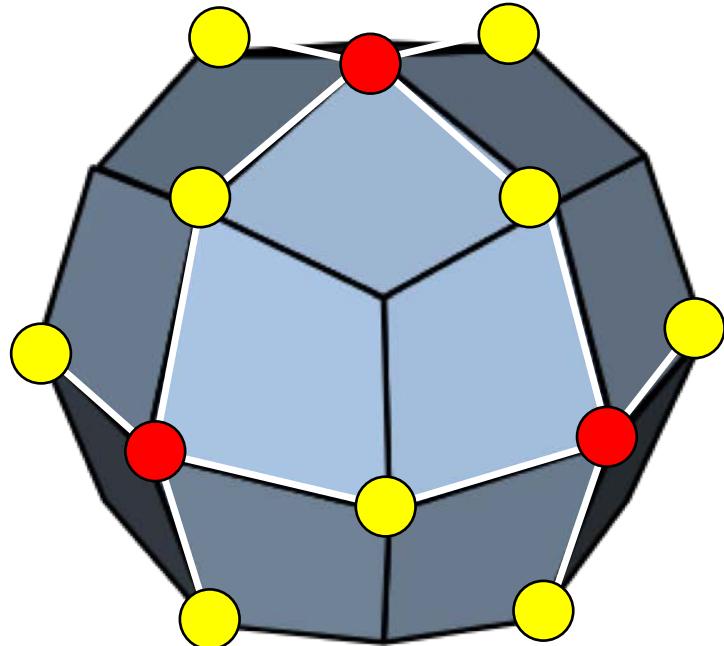
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# Catmull-Clark Subdivision

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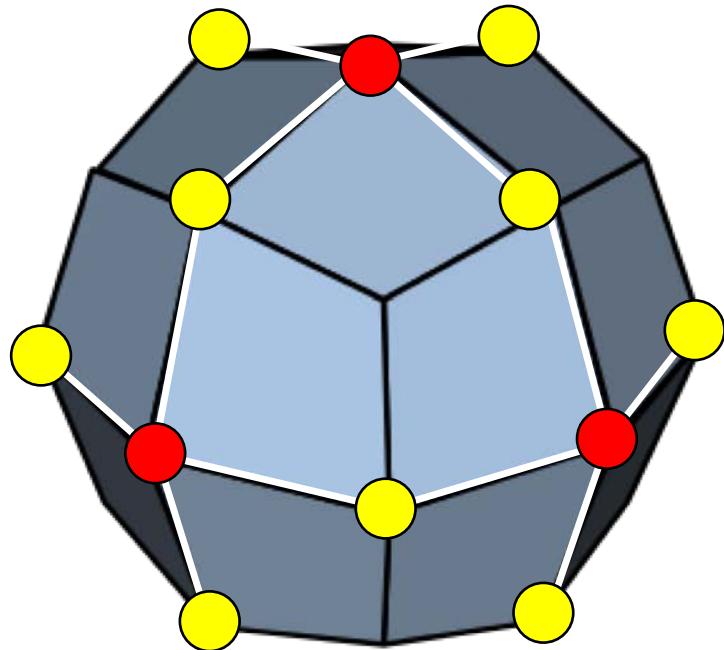


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# Catmull-Clark Subdivision

Step 5: Connect up original points to make facets



# Subdivision Surfaces in Action



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**Done**

Assignment 4 due on Friday

Assignment 5 out soon

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