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In [ ]: import igl
import polyscope as ps
ps.init()
MESH_PATH = "/home/z/Teaching/CSC317-Computer-Graphics/computer-graphics-meshes/src/mesh_tutorial.torus.obj"
V, F = igl.read_triangle_mesh(MESH_PATH)
print(f"{V.shape=}, {F.shape=}")
ps.register_surface_mesh("torus", V, F) # with face connectivity
# ps.register_point_cloud("torus", V) # with only vertices, it is a point cloud
ps.show()
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[polyscope] Backend: openGL3_glfw -- Loaded openGL version: 4.6 (Core Profile) Mesa 23.0.4-0ubuntu1~22.04.1
V.shape=(24, 3), F.shape=(48, 3)
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This notebook is for CSC317-Computer Graphics, Meshes tutorial only.

It is **NOT** an official implementation guide for the course assignment.

Before we start, I personally would recommend you to implement A5 in the following order:

`src/write_obj.cpp`

[Here is a comprehensive guide](#) to the structure of a .obj file.

Hints:

- for every row of the matrix, print the row to one text line of the file, begins the line with what the row represents (e.g. "v", "vn", "f")
- do it for every matrix!
- be careful of the **number of columns**.

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// what you can do...
V.rows(); // would return # of vertices
F.rows(); // would return # of faces
V.cols(); // would return 3
UV.cols(); // would return 2

// you may not want to do this...
V.size(); // this would return the total number of elements in the matrix (# of rows x # of cols)
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`src/cube.cpp`

Literally just a cube.

Since it is a cube

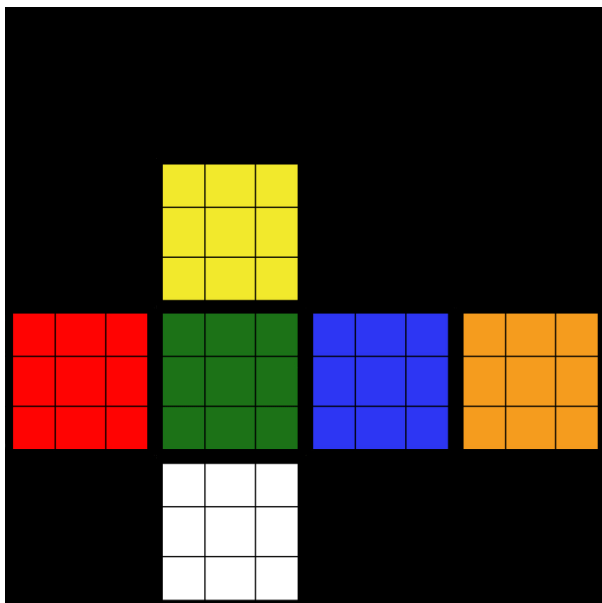
- you know exactly what's the position of each vertex (`V`)
- you know exactly what's the normal of each vertex (`VN`)

- you know exactly what's the texture coordinate of each vertex (UV)
- you know exactly what's the face connectivity of the cube (F)
- ...

Hint: in implementation it is just a long list of V, VN, UV, F,

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// you can fill in a matrix like this :)
V.resize(8,3);
V << 0,0,0,
      1,0,0,
      1,1,0,
      0,1,0,
      0,0,1,
      1,0,1,
      1,1,1,
      0,1,1;

// so you don't have to do V.row(0) = Eigen::Vector3d(0,0,0);
Consider the UV of the cube, it is just a "flatten" box, think of an origami cube.
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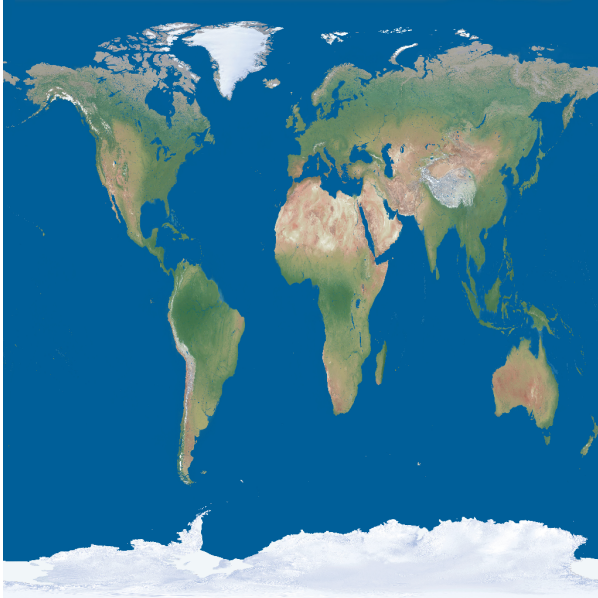
UV maps a 3D vertex to a 2D vertex on this image :)

src/sphere.cpp

Be creative, but as you can imagine it will be along the line of drawing polyline circles of different radius and height! Think of a globe, think of earth, think of **latitude and longitude**.

Hint:

- It is a good idea to index the vertex in a reasonable way so that it is easy to construct the connectivity matrix F .
- What's the normal defined on every vertex of the sphere? So easy lol.
- Consider the UV texture of the sphere as a world map (literally).



For every vertex of 3D coordinates (x, y, z) on our discretized sphere, we can map it to a 2D coordinate (u, v) on the world map following this expression:

$$u = \frac{\pi + \text{atan2}(y, x)}{2\pi}, v = \frac{\pi - \text{acos}\left(\frac{z}{\|x\|}\right)}{\pi}.$$

`src/triangle_area_normal.cpp`

It should return the normal of the triangle, but the length of the normal is the area of the triangle.

It is **NOT** a *normalized normal*.

Consider a triangle with vertices (p_0, p_1, p_2) ...

$$(p_1 - p_0) \times (p_2 - p_0) = 2A \cdot \mathbf{n}$$

where A is the area of the triangle, \mathbf{n} is the normalized normal of the triangle.

It now returns a normal with length $2A$, you know what to do.

`src/per_face_normals.cpp`

Since `src/triangle_area_normal.cpp` is defined for one triangle *face*, it is trivial to implement this function.

Hint: a recurring theme you will see in computer graphics when it comes to loop over faces is

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# python pseudo code
# V = (# of verts, 3) double matrix
# F = (# of faces, 3) integer matrix
for f in F:
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p0 = V[f[0]]
p1 = V[f[1]]
p2 = V[f[2]]
# do something with p0, p1, p2, the current triangle

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src/vertex_triangle_adjacency.cpp

We build an adjacency list mapping every vertex index to a face (triangle) index.

Hint: consider the face loop shown above...it is a mapping maps every face (triangle) in F to 3 vertices in V .

How do you construct an inverse *look-up table* of that? (mapping every vertex u to a list of faces contains vertex u)

Why is it not a fixed size matrix like F ? Why is it a adjacency list?

It is basically an super easy LeetCode question.

src/per_vertex_normals.cpp

We can also define a normal for each vertex, by averaging the normals of the faces that contains the vertex.

So you are going to use `src/vertex_triangle_adjacency.cpp` to find the faces that contains the vertex, and then average the normals of those faces.

Math for every vertex be like:

$$\mathbf{n}_v = \frac{\sum_{f \in Nb(v)} A_f \cdot \mathbf{n}_f}{\left\| \sum_{f \in Nb(v)} A_f \cdot \mathbf{n}_f \right\|}$$

where A_f is the area of the face (triangle) f , \mathbf{n}_f is the normalized normal of the face (triangle), $Nb(v)$ is the set of faces that contains vertex v .

Think what should be normalized! Hint: loops over neighboring faces of the vertex, and sum up the area-weighted normals of the faces. Then normalize the sum.

src/per_corner_normals.cpp

- Per vertex normal averaging over neighboring faces makes the normal on the sharp edge of the mesh looks smooth (see README picture).
- Per face normal is defined over one triangle, so global smoothness is not guaranteed (see README picture).

So we can improve per vertex/face normal by defining a normal for every face (triangle) corner.

By setting a threshold, if the angle between two neighboring faces is greater than a threshold angle, we should not average the normals of those two faces.

We define the threshold as a scale value ϵ , we then have per corner normals defined as...

$$\mathbf{n}_{f,c} = \frac{\sum_{g \in Nb(c) | \mathbf{n}_f \cdot \mathbf{n}_g > \epsilon} A_g \cdot \mathbf{n}_g}{\left\| \sum_{g \in Nb(c) | \mathbf{n}_f \cdot \mathbf{n}_g > \epsilon} A_g \cdot \mathbf{n}_g \right\|}$$

where A_g is the area of the face (triangle) g , \mathbf{n}_g is the normalized normal of the face (triangle), $Nb(c)$ is the set of faces that contains triangle f corner c .

Hint:

- why only consider the pairs where the dot product is greater than ϵ ? Consider the case where two vectors are orthogonal, the angle between them is 90 degree, and the dot product is 0.
- the function takes an angle (in degree), how do you convert the degree angle to a dot product threshold ϵ ?
- or how do you convert the dot product threshold to a degree angle?
- think about when to normalize...
- basically we are averaging face normal unless it is too crazily different
- think how you can the neighboring faces of a **face** (with `src/vertex_triangle_adjacency.cpp`)

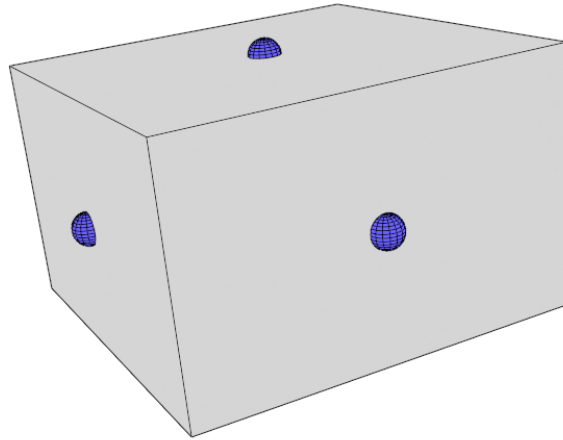
`src/catmull_clark.cpp`

Welcome to the most difficult part of the assignment 😞

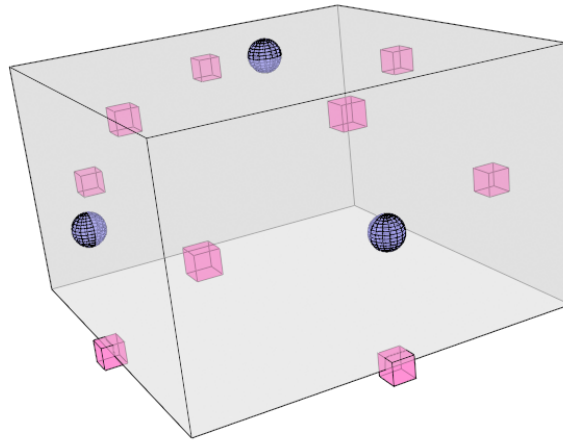
Refer to the [lecture slides](#) or [wiki](#) for the algorithm.

For every level of subdivision:

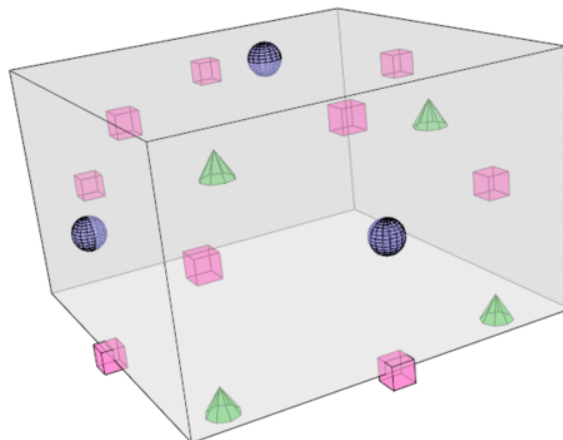
- Step 1: easy, average per face (blue)



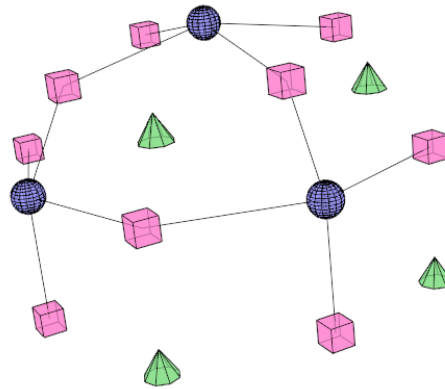
- Step 2: easy, average per edge and their neighboring 2 faces (pink)



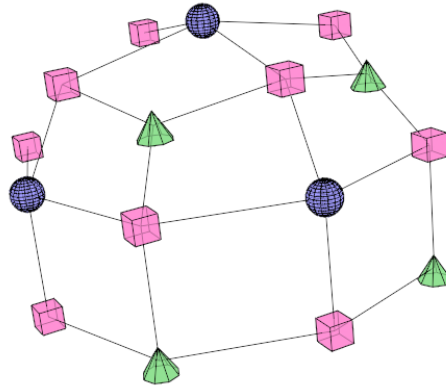
- Step 3: move original vertices to new places...



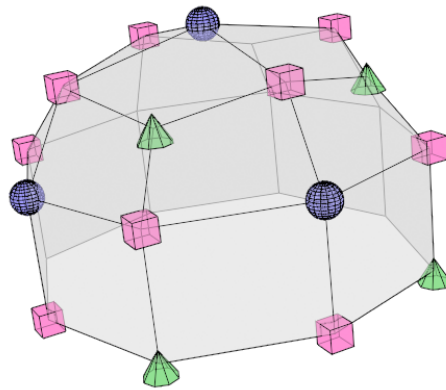
- Step 4: add new edges between face points (blue) and edge points (pink). (Note that in lecture this is step 3, but 3/4 can be in whatever order)
 - since new edge points are defined with ONE edge and the neighboring TWO faces of the edge, you need to construct a inverse look-up table to map edge to faces.
 - since every edge point *uniquely* maps to one edge, every edge *uniquely* maps to two faces, and every face *uniquely* maps a face point (from step 1), you can now connect the face points (from step 1) to the edge point (from step 2).
 - you can also go the other way -- since every face point is *uniquely* maps to a face, and every face *uniquely* maps to 4 edges, you can now connect the face points to the edge points.
 - Basically for every edge, it uniquely defines a three point pair.



- Step 5: connect moved points (green) with edge points (pink).
 - similar to step 4, every edge point is uniquely maps to an edge, and every edge is uniquely maps to two vertices (two moved points).
 - you can also go the other way.



- Step 6: done, move to the next iteration...



Misc

- `#include <igl/PI.h>` gives you the π constant with `igl::PI`.
- The dimension of the expected output is defined in header files, read header files!