

# Simplicial Surfaces GAP Package

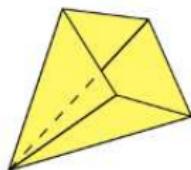
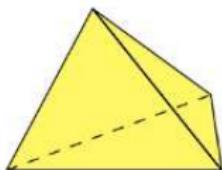
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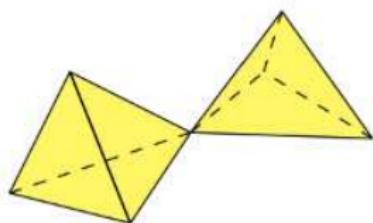
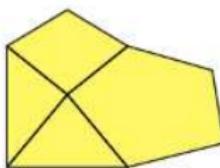
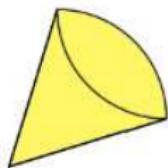
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# Simplicial Surfaces



The package allows computations with generalisations of triangulations like polygonal complexes:



When examining simplicial surfaces, one can consider them:

1. In a combinatorial way → GAP package
2. By working with embeddings → Maple package by Daniel Robertz

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Different combinatorial ways for constructing surfaces:

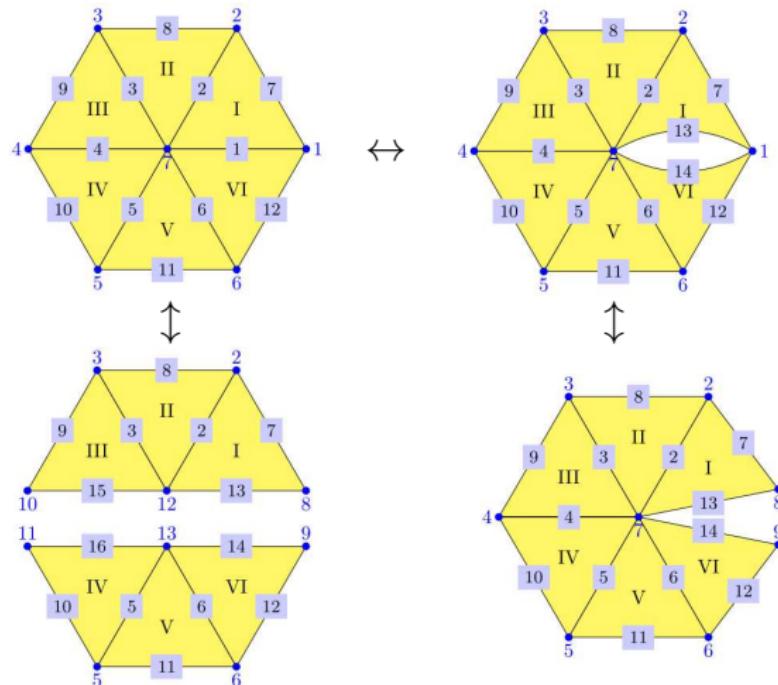
- ▶ With the vertices of edges and the edges of faces
- ▶ With the vertices of faces
- ▶ With the faces of vertices → Umbrella Descriptor



```
gap> SimplicialSurfaceByUmbrellaDescriptor([ (1,5,4,3,2), (1,6,11,7,2), (1,6,15,10,5),
> (2,7,12,8,3), (3,8,13,9,4), (4,9,14,10,5), (6,15,20,16,11), (7,12,17,16,11),
> (8,13,18,17,12), (9,14,19,18,13), (10,14,19,20,15), (16,17,18,19,20) ]);
simplicial surface (12 vertices, 30 edges, and 20 faces)
```

# Modifying complexes

- ▶ Splitting/Joining along a path
- ▶ Removing faces
- ▶ Disjoint Union



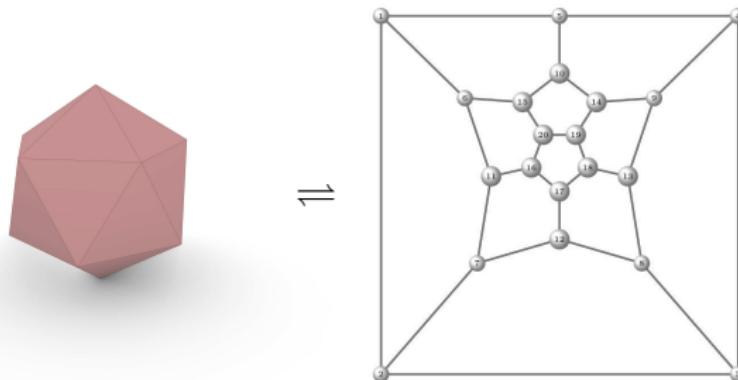
# Facegraph

## From surface to graph:

- Nodes: the faces of the simplicial surfaces
  - Edges: the edges between faces of the simplicial surfaces
- ⇒ Facegraph of a simplicial surface is unique

**From graph to surface:** In general, the corresponding simplicial surface of a cubic graph is not unique.

Both ways can be calculated in the package.



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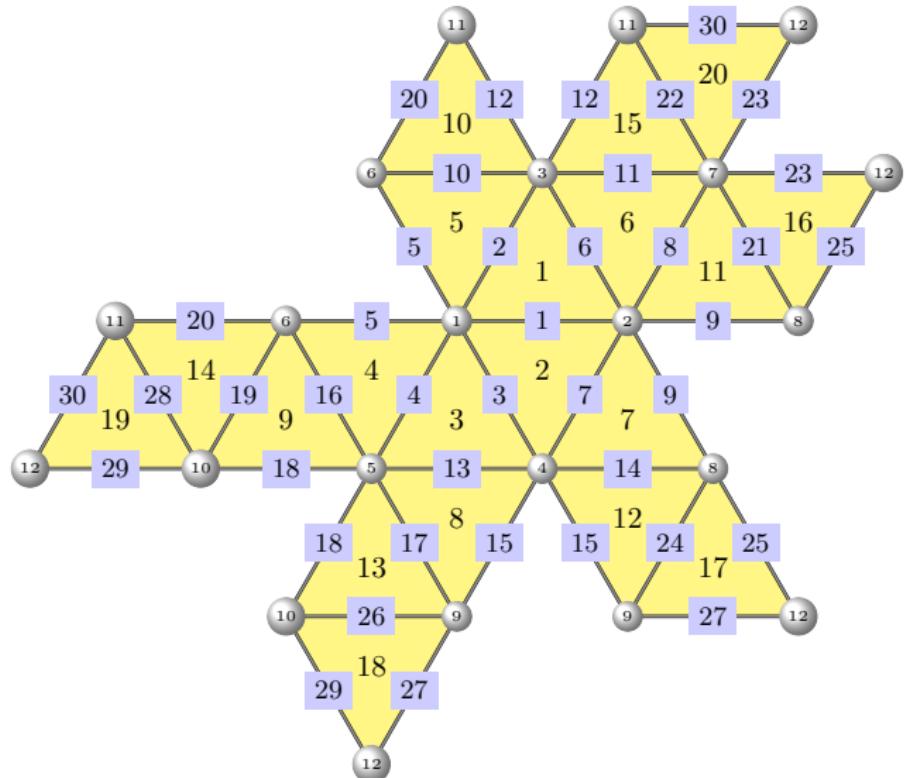
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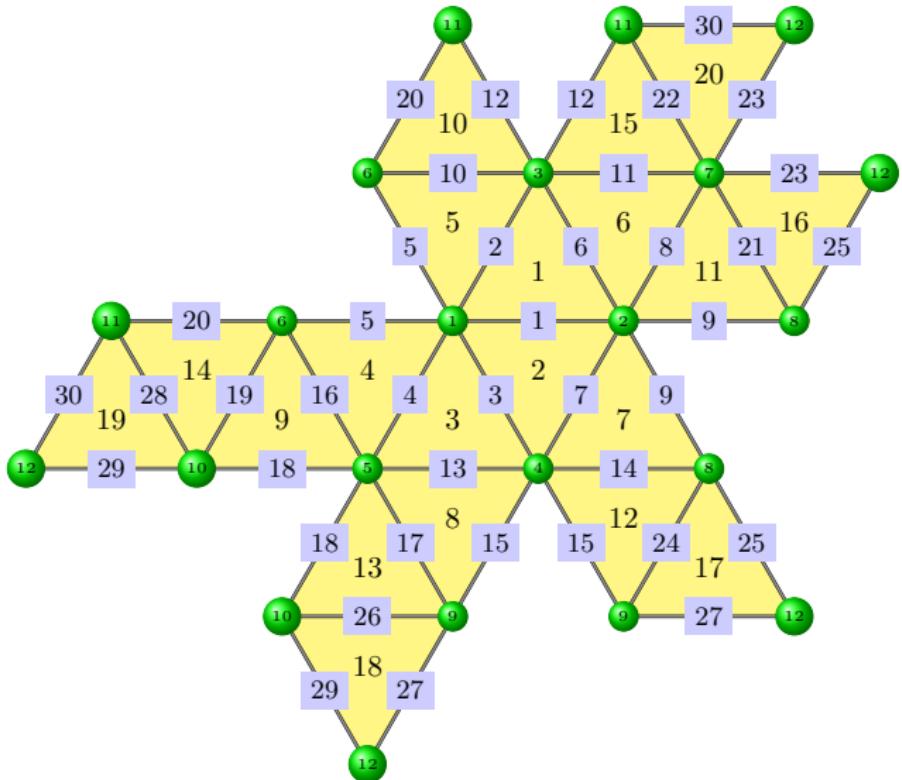
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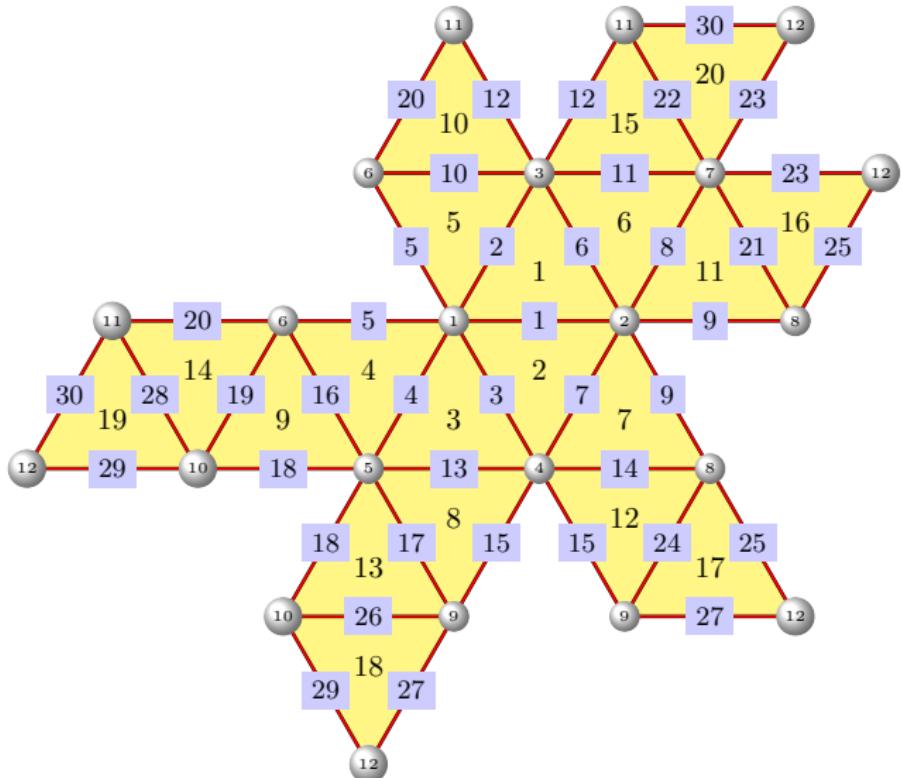
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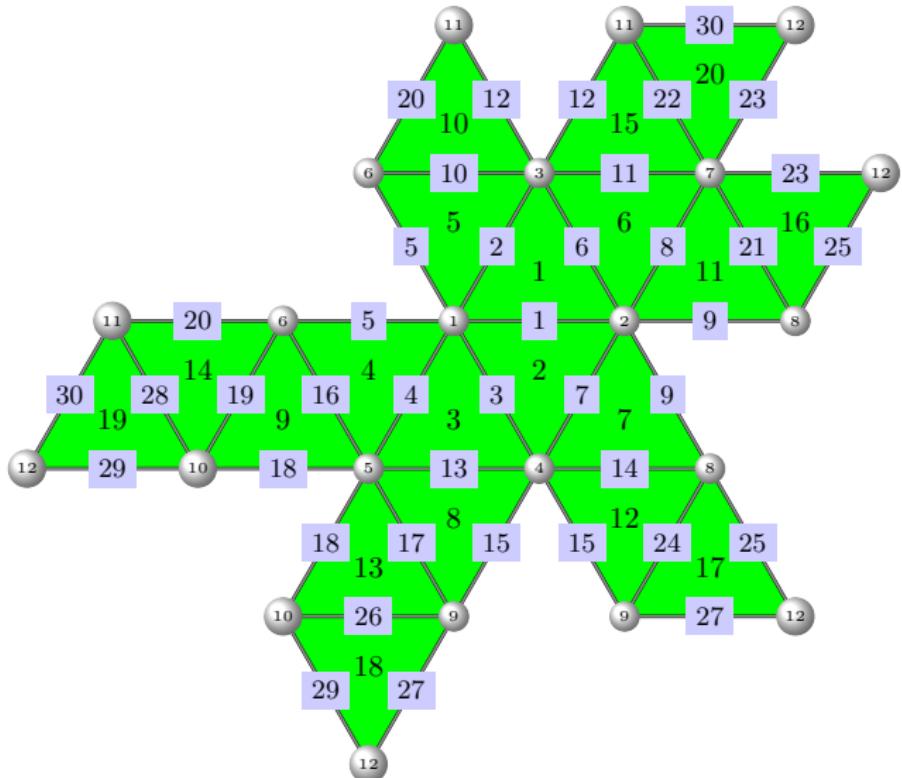
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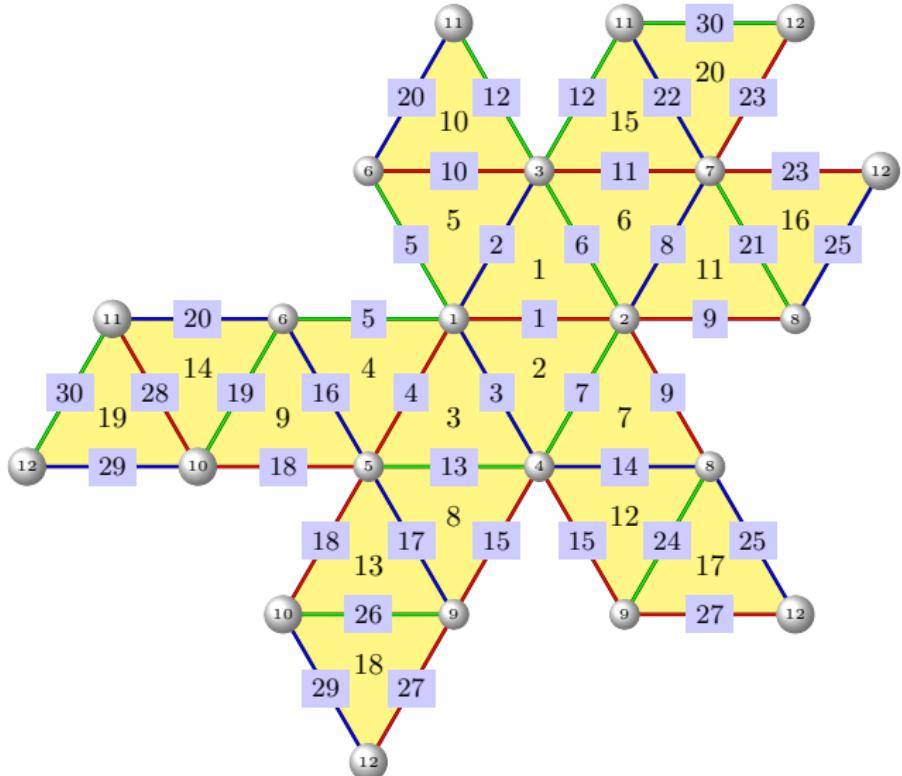
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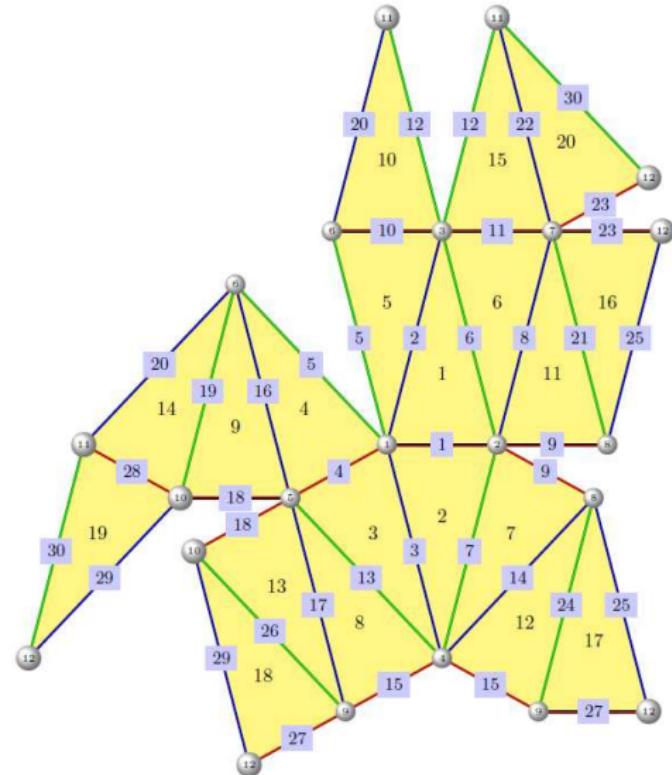
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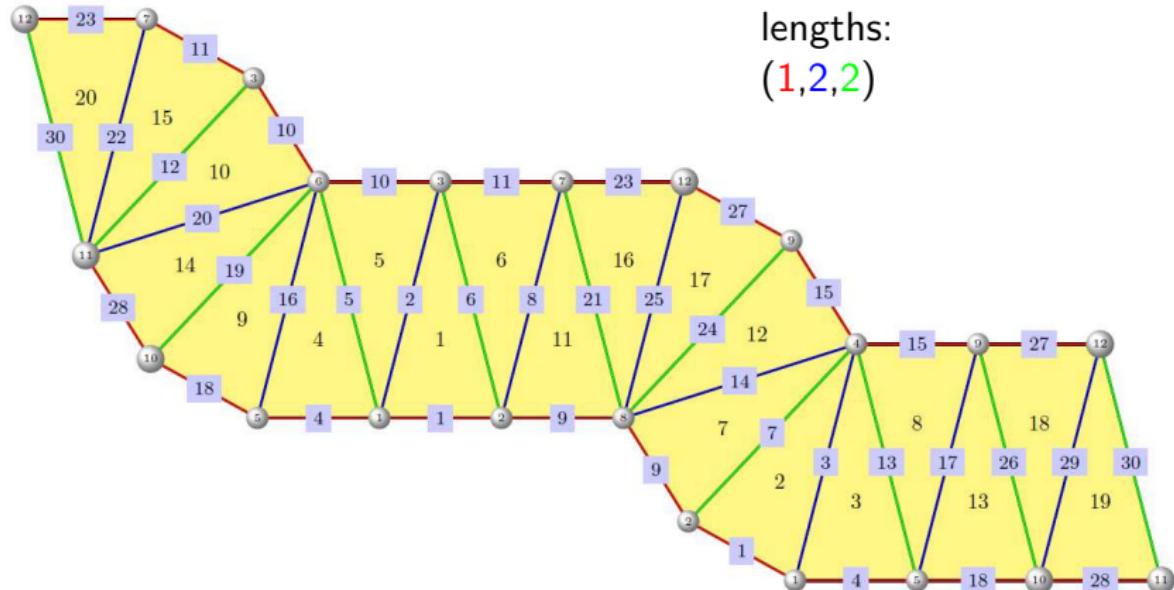
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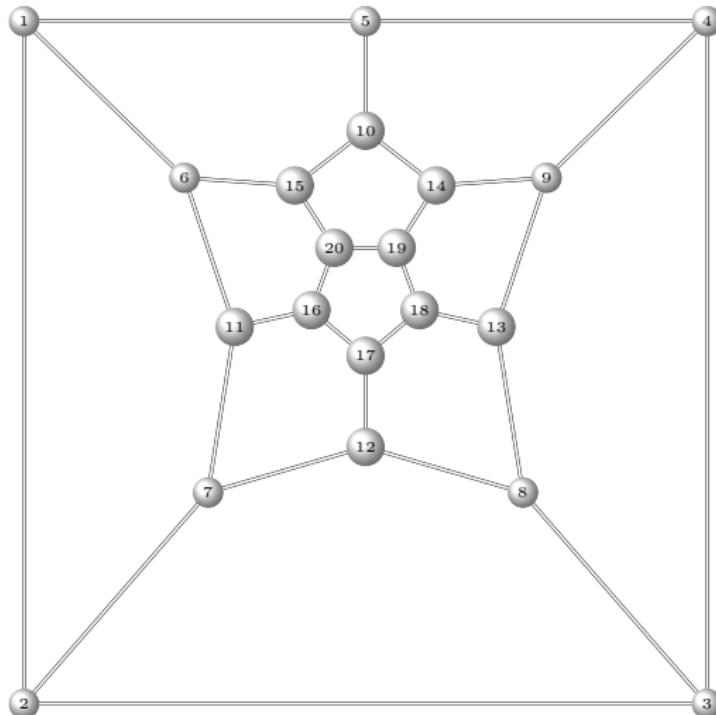
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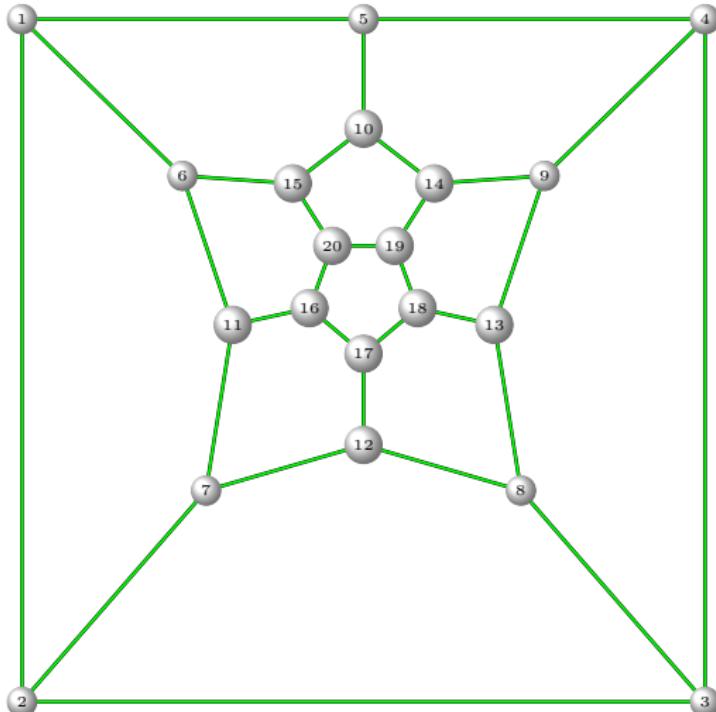
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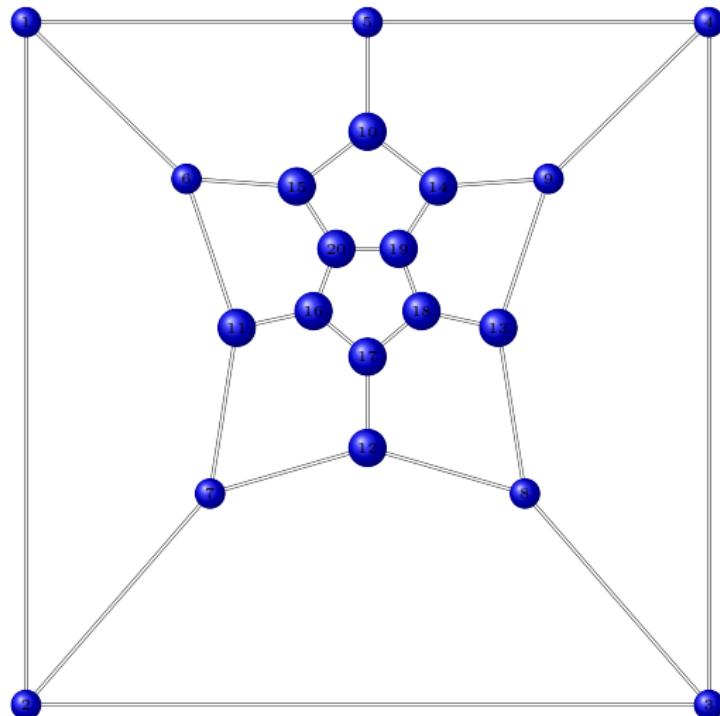
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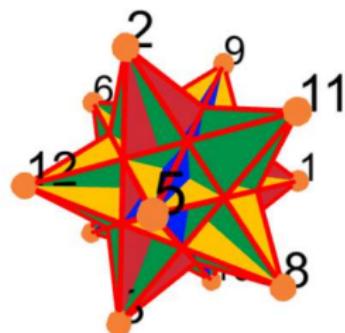
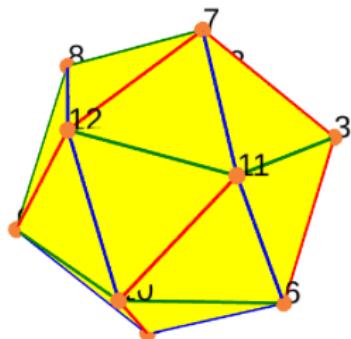
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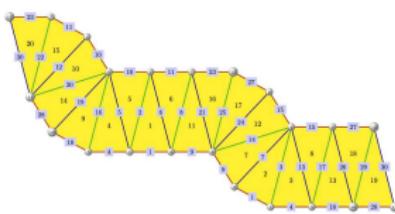
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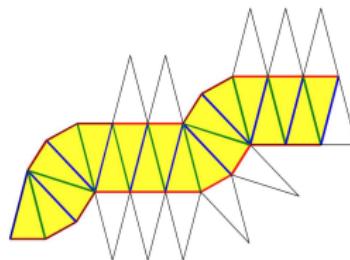
# Folding and Cutting - Cricut Maker

Want to fold surfaces:

- ▶ Free choice of edge lengths
- ▶ Create SVG file with GAP
- ▶ Print → Cut → Fold → Glue :)



Tikz-Picture



SVG-Picture adapted to Cricut Maker

```
gap> ico:=AllWildColouredSurfaces(Icosahedron())[1];
gap> pr:=rec();
gap> pr.edgeDrawOrder:=[[29,26,17,13,3,7,14,24,25,21,8,6,2,5,16,19,28,12,22,30]];
gap> pr.edgeColourClassLengths:=[1,2,2];
gap> pr.edgeColourClassColours:=[“red”,“green”,“blue”];
gap> pr.faceColours:=list(Faces(ico),i->“yellow”);
gap> pr.AddFlapTriangle:=true;
true
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gap> pr:=DrawSurfaceToSVG(ico,“Examples/icosahedron_test”,pr);
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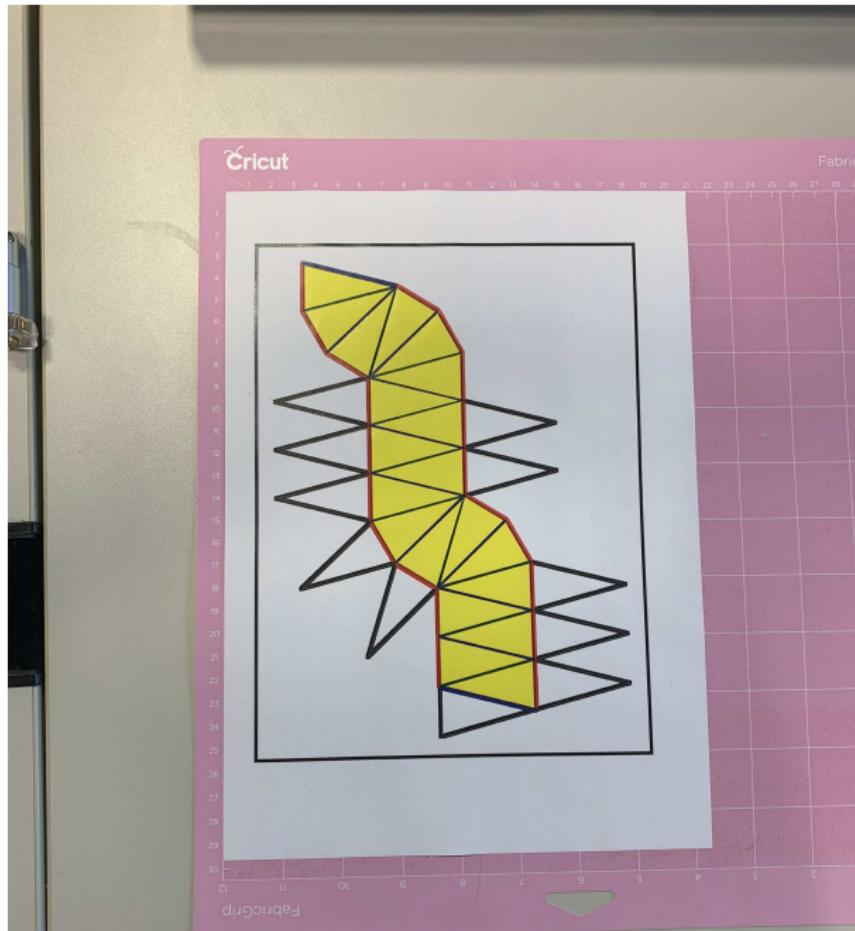
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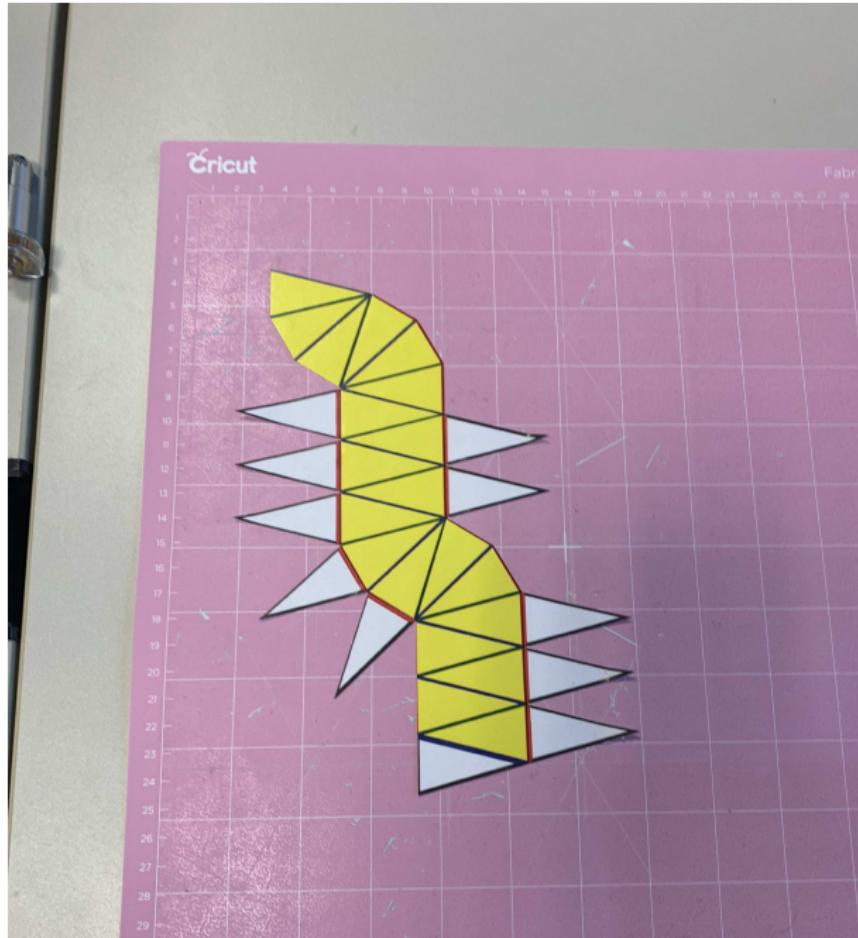
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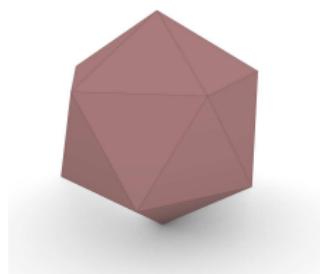
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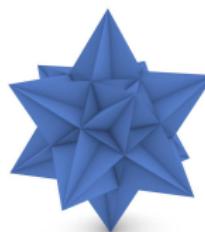
# 3D-Modelling and 3D-Printing of Surfaces

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- ▶ Triangles can intersect
- ▶ Geometric properties
- ▶ Compute nice triangulation → STL-file → Print :)



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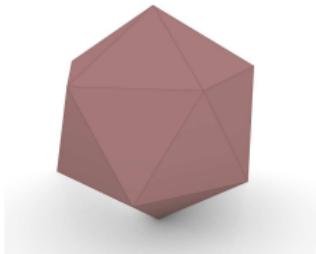


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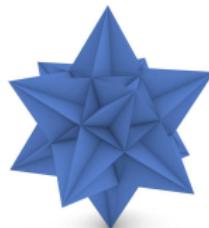
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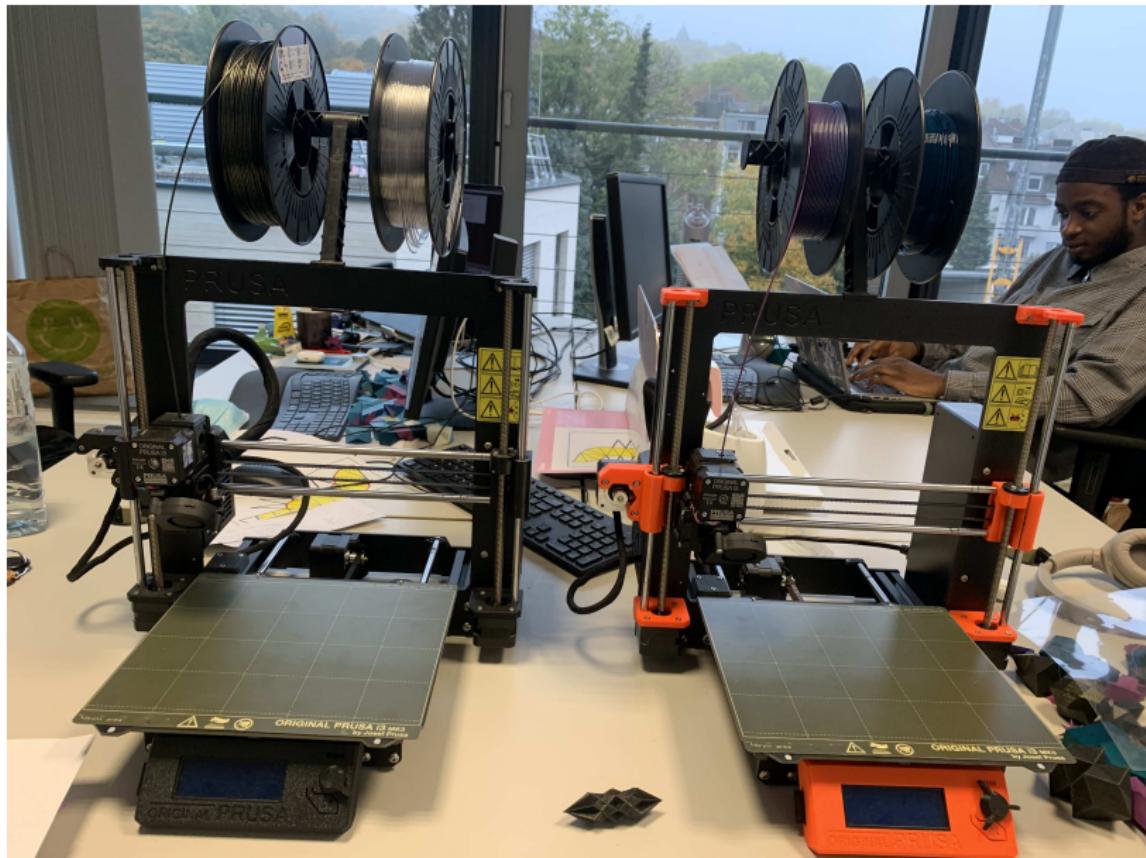
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gap> components:=components(t,points);
gap> Size(components[1]);
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gap> components[1][2];
simplicial surface (92 vertices, 270 edges, and 180 faces)
gap> DrawSTLwithNormals(components[1][2],"ico_2_1",points,components[2][2],[]);
```

Saved file

```
gap> # components[2][i] saves normals for each face contained in the surface components[1][i]
```

# 3D-Printing



## Next steps and TODOs

- ▶ Include Folding and Printing functions
- ▶ Simplify compiling the manual (434 pages)
- ▶ Simplify installing the package
- ▶ Work on package dependencies (AttributeScheduler, GRAPE, DIGRAPH, NAUTYTRACES, GAPDOC)