

POINT NORMAL TRIANGLES

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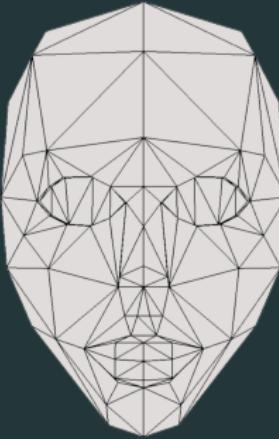
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[Rick] Welcome everybody. Tell people that PN means Point Normal triangles.



INPUT MESH



GOURAUD



PN GEOMETRY



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[Rick] Why PN triangles? Look at the nice result it gives :-) and we will see that it's easy to extend it to the 'existing' pipeline.



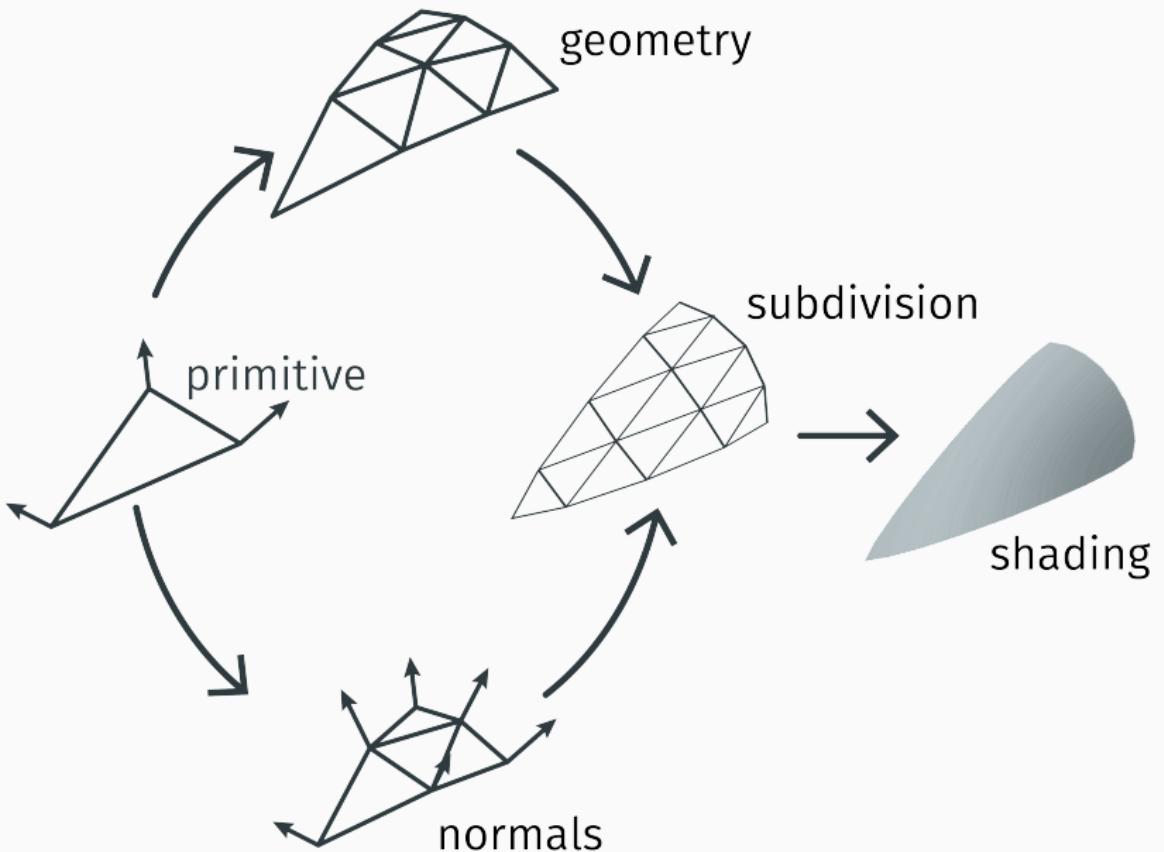
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└ Single PN Triangle

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SINGLE PN TRIANGLE

[Rick] How does one construct a single PN triangle?
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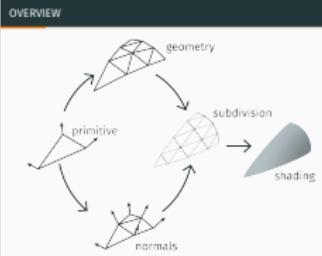


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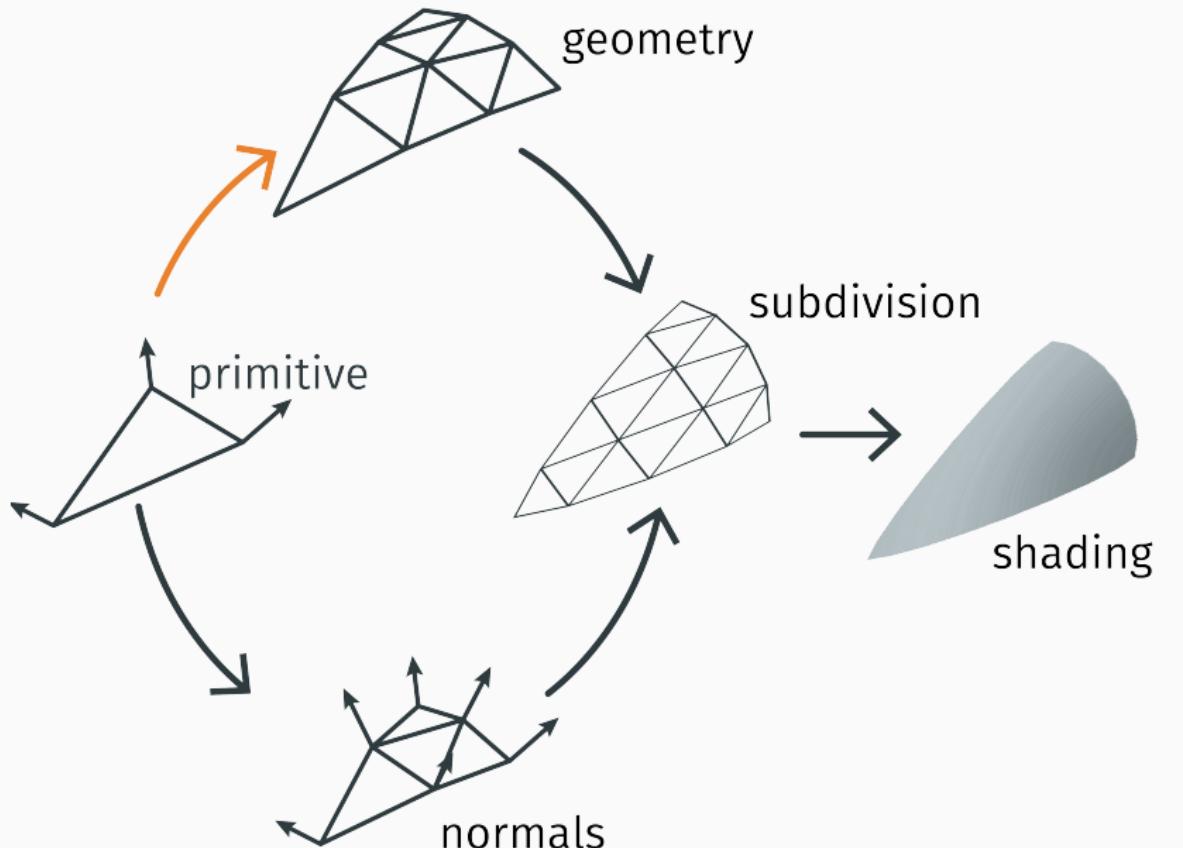
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Overview

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[Laura] PN triangle is defined by geometry and normal component.



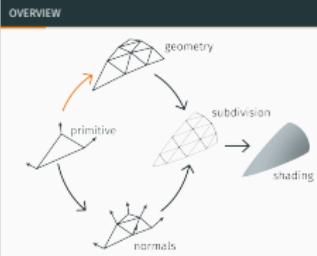
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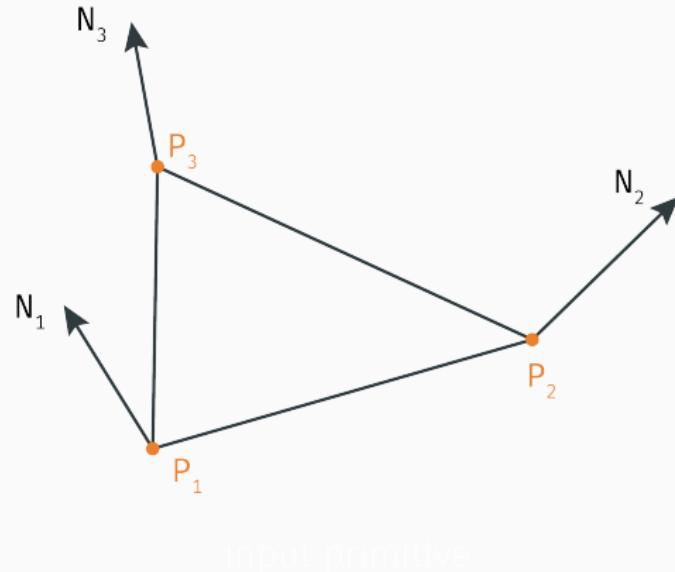
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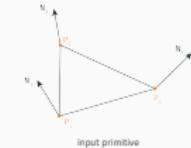
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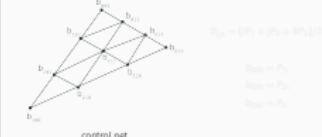
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[Laura] This a standard triangle primitive, defined by its vertices and normals.

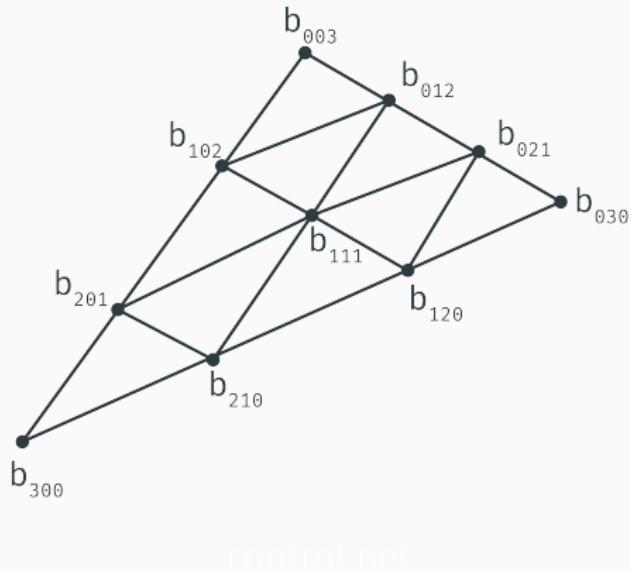
Focus on getting the different control primitives.

Note that we only have this input primitive, without information about its neighbours.





GEOMETRY - VERTEX COEFFICIENTS



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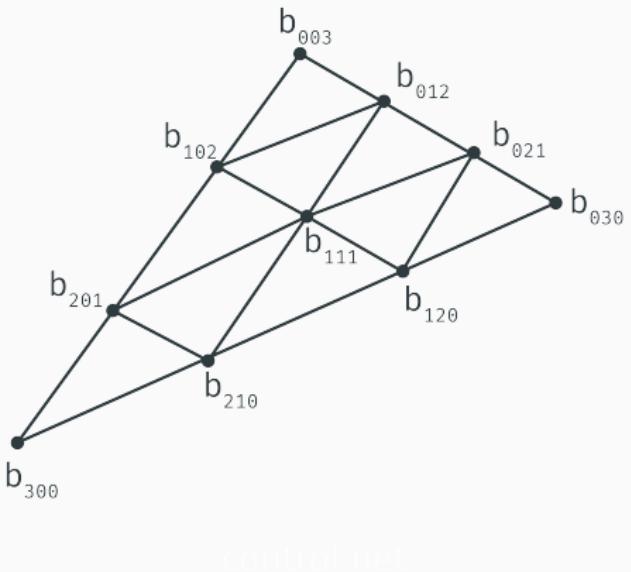
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└ Geometry - Vertex Coefficients

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[Laura] These are all the initial control point. Evenly divided on the triangle. -> formula

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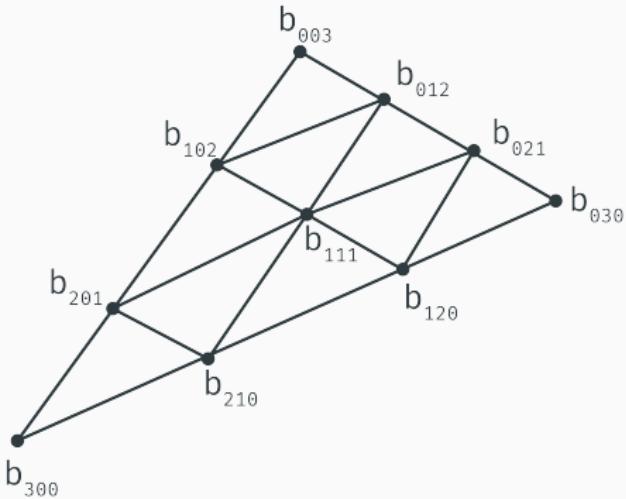
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[Laura] Nice formula

$$= (iP_1 + jP_2 + kP_3)/3$$

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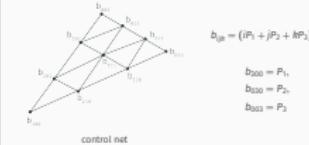
$$\begin{aligned}
 b_{ij0} &= P_1 \\
 b_{ij1} &= P_2 \\
 b_{ij2} &= P_3
 \end{aligned}$$

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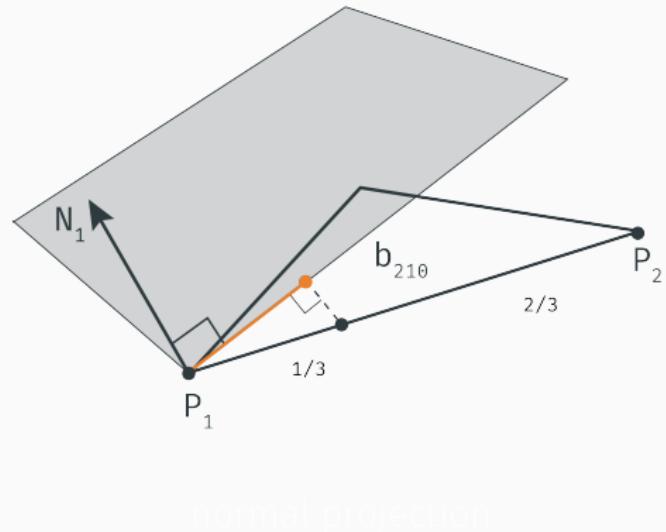
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└ Geometry - Vertex Coefficients

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[Laura] Stress that the vertex coefficients/control points are the one on the original vertices and that they do not move.



$$w_{ij} = (P_j - P_i) \cdot N_i \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$b_{210} = \frac{2P_1 + P_2 - w_{12}N_1}{3},$$

⋮

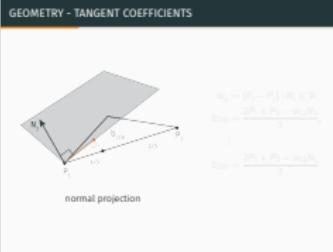
$$b_{201} = \frac{2P_1 + P_3 - w_{13}N_1}{3}$$

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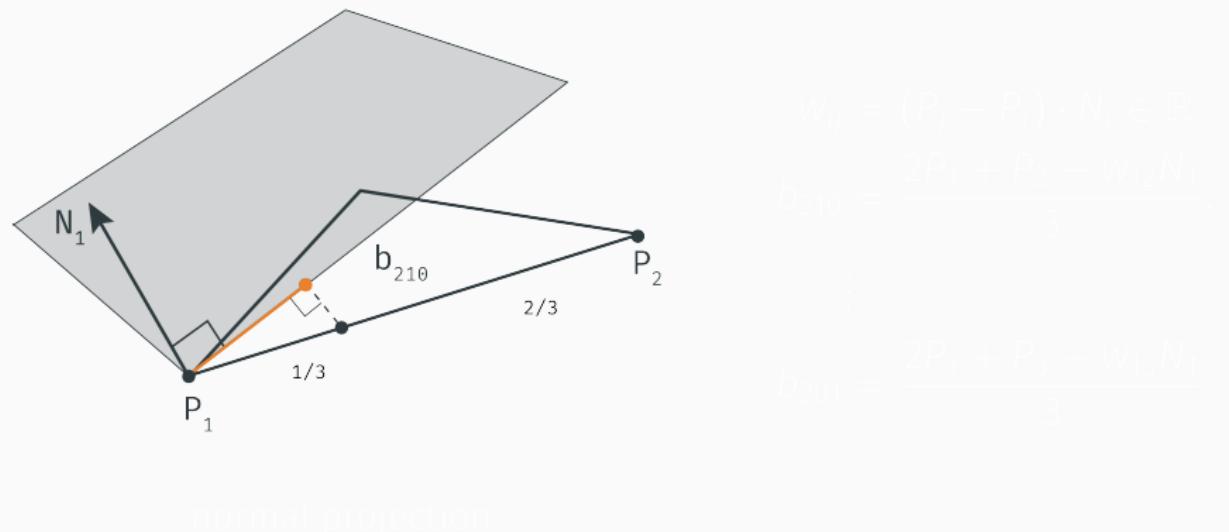
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[Laura] How to get the tangent coefficient (the ones on the edge but now curvy)

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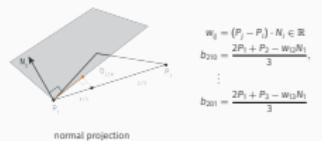


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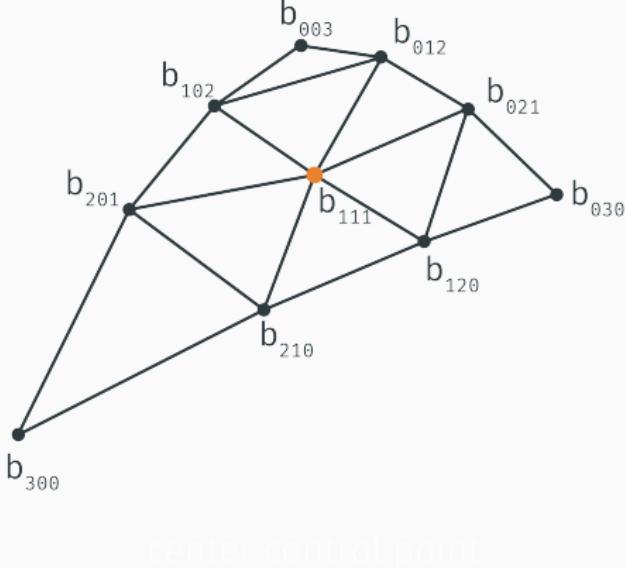
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[Laura] Projection of the initial control points on the normal plane of a vertex.

GEOMETRY - CENTER COEFFICIENT

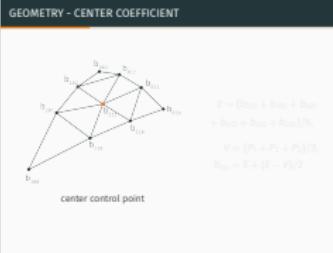


$$E = (b_{210} + b_{120} + b_{021} + b_{012} + b_{102} + b_{201})/6,$$
$$V = (P_1 + P_2 + P_3)/3,$$
$$b_{111} = E + (E - V)/2$$

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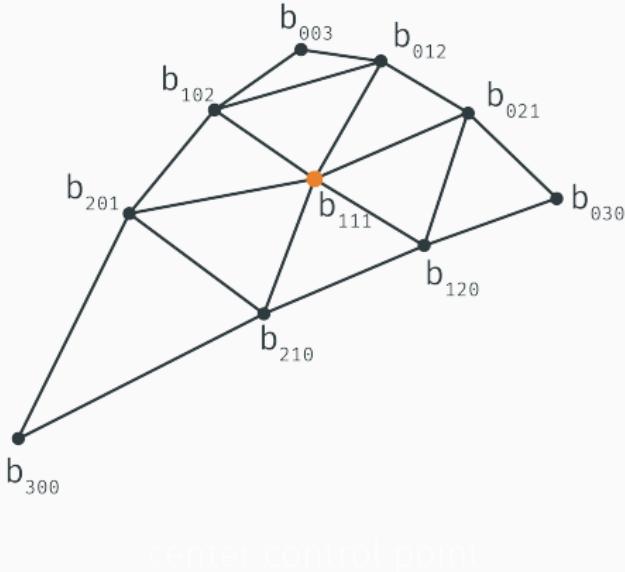
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[Laura] Note that this is the result of the previous step -> now only center coefficient is left.

GEOMETRY - CENTER COEFFICIENT



$$E = (b_{003} + b_{012} + b_{021} + b_{030} + b_{102} + b_{111} + b_{120} + b_{201}) / 8$$

$$V = (P_1 + P_2 + P_3) / 3$$

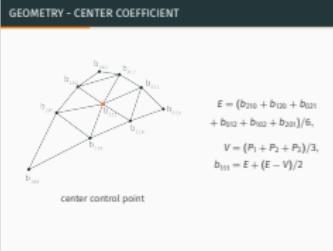
$$b_{111} = E - (E - V) / 2$$

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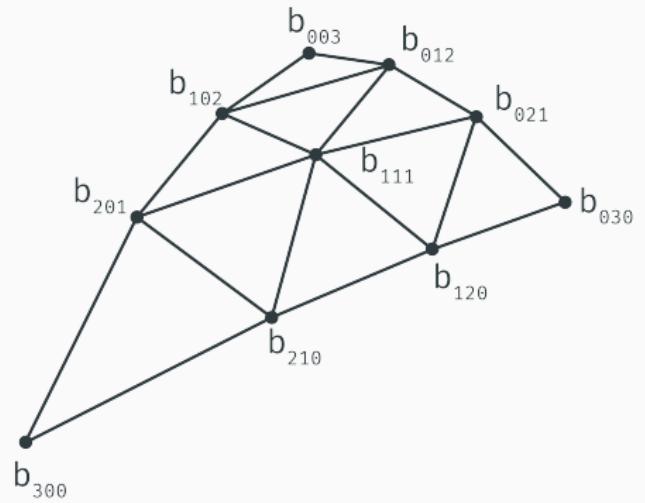
└ Geometry - Center Coefficient

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[Laura] Average of the tangent coefficients plus half the difference between the tangent and vertex coefficients. -> why?

GEOMETRY - RESULT



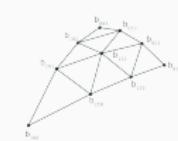
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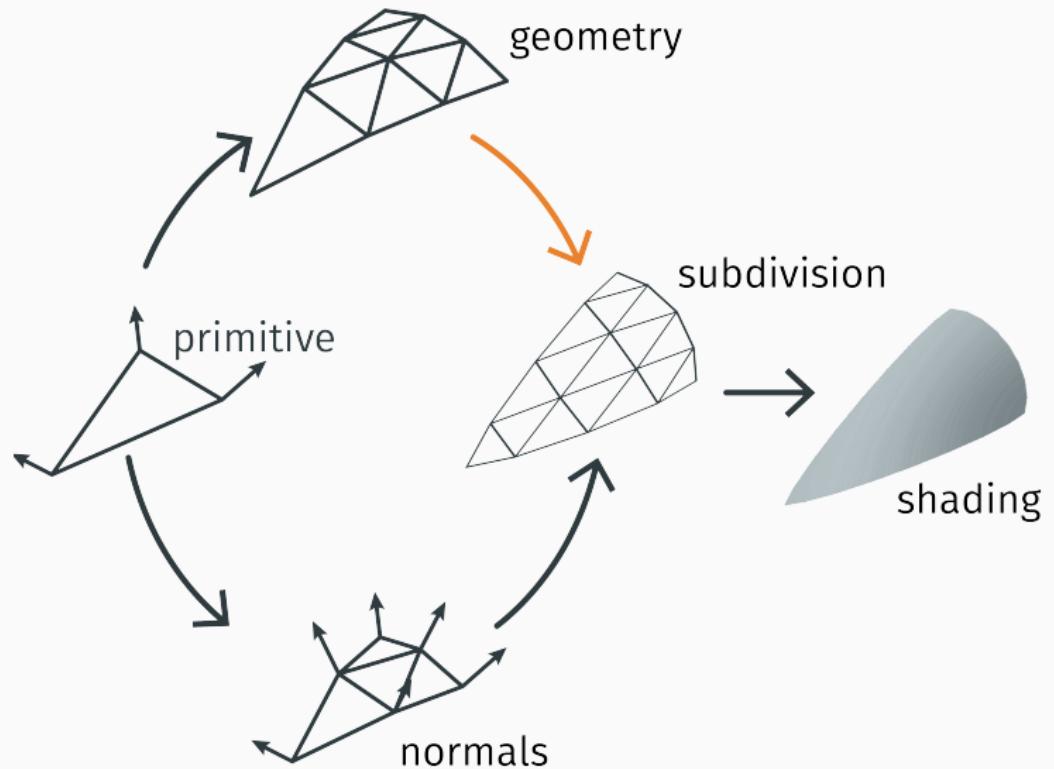
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└ Geometry - Result

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[Laura] Results





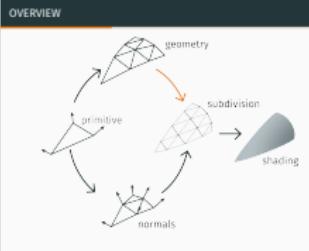
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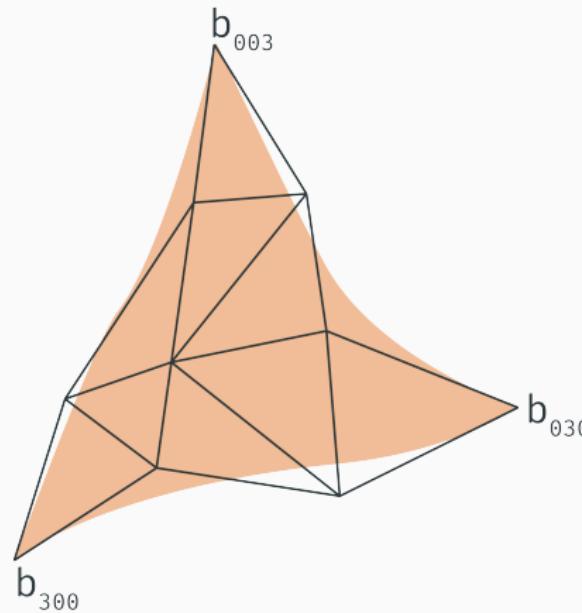
└ Overview

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[Rick] Overview -> how to get from this to shading.
Sample/subdivide with formula on following slide.



CUBIC BÉZIER PATCH



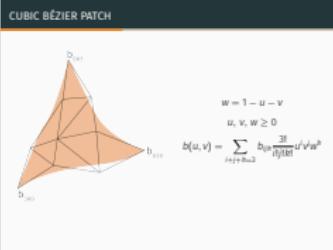
$$b(u, v) = \sum_{i+j+k=3} b_{ijk} \frac{u^i v^j w^k}{i! j! k!}$$

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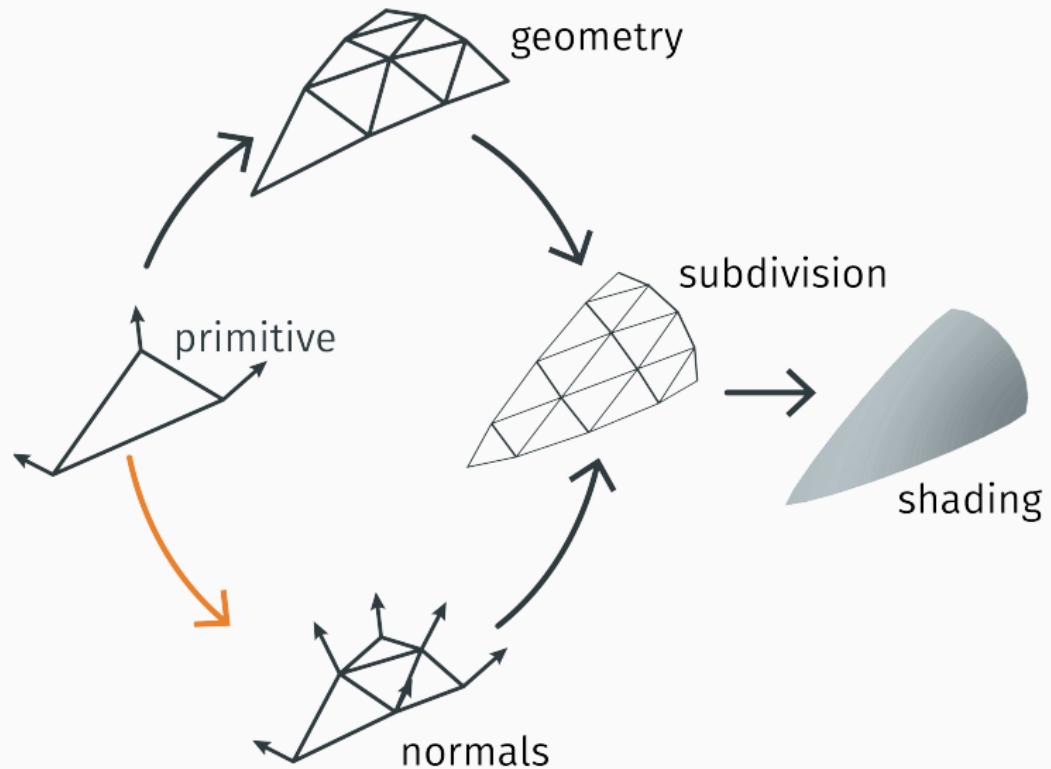
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u, v, w are a convex combination [Rick] Very nice formula with a nice picture. Mention **Barycentric coordinates**

OVERVIEW

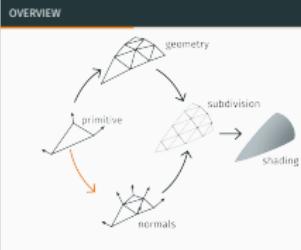


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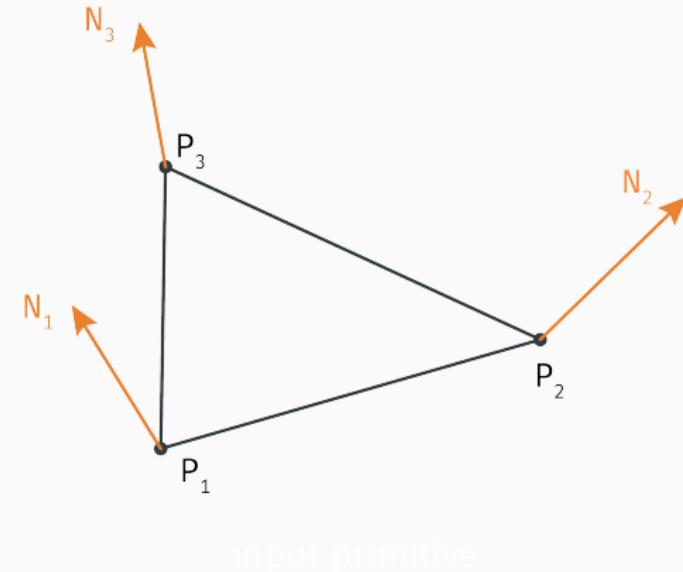
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[Rick] From the primitive normals the the PN triangle normals



NORMALS



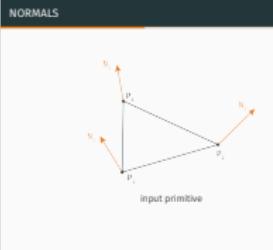
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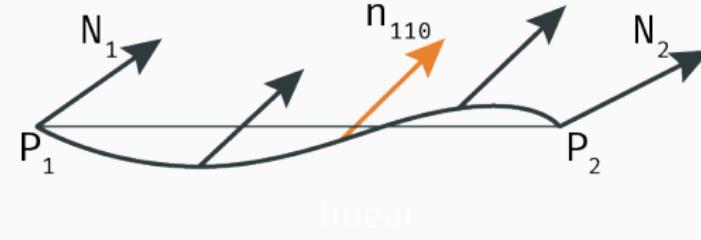
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[Rick] Recap input primitive and with emphasis on the normals.



NORMALS - THEORY



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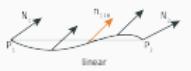
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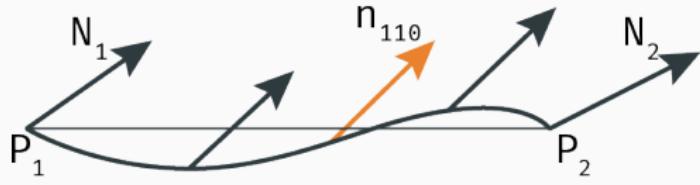
[Rick] Stress that there is a need to capture the cubic bezier curve (inflection points) and that this cannot be

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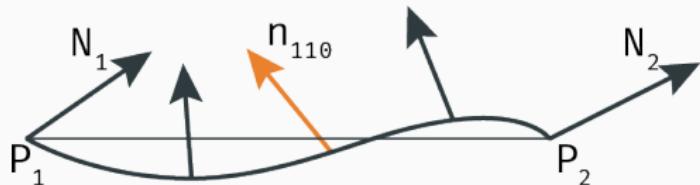


quadra

NORMALS - THEORY



linear



quadratic

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[Rick] Quadratic does capture inflection points. Trade off between performance and result (maybe?)

NORMALS - EXAMPLE



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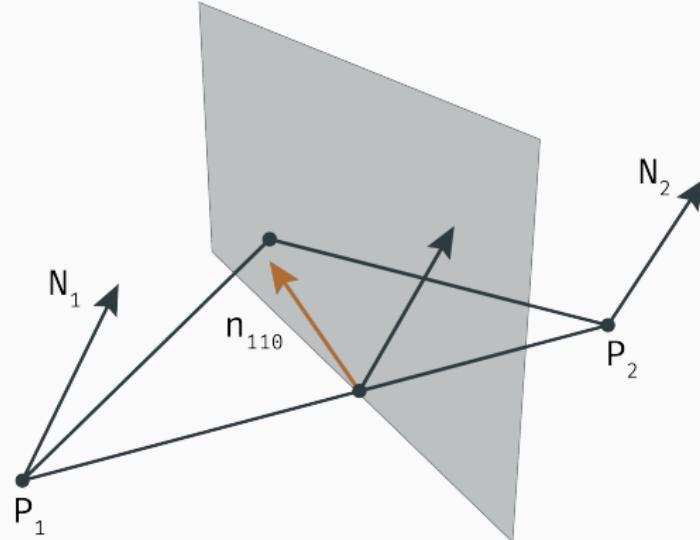
[Rick] Look how pretty.

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NORMALS - EXAMPLE



NORMALS - THEORY



$$v_{ij} = 2 \frac{(P_j - P_i) \cdot (N_i + N_j)}{(P_j - P_i) \cdot (P_j - P_i)} \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$h_{110} = N_1 + N_2 - v_{12}(P_2 - P_1)$$

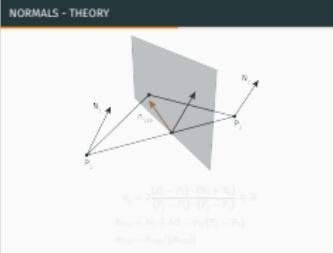
$$n_{110} = h_{110} / \|h_{110}\|$$

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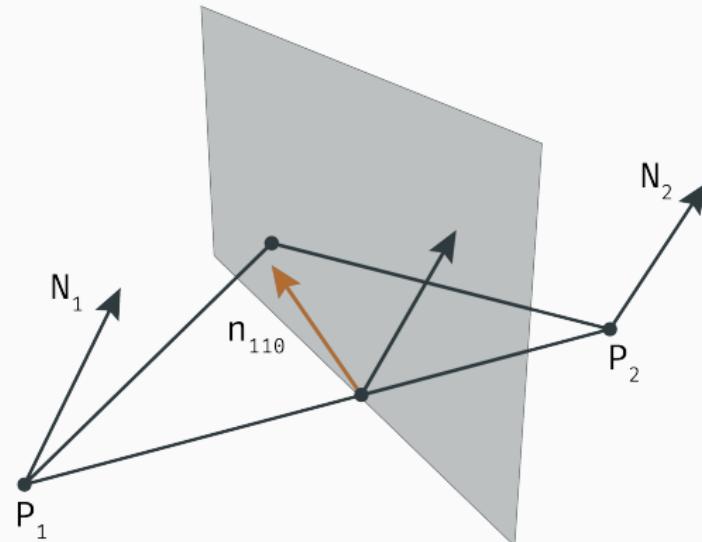
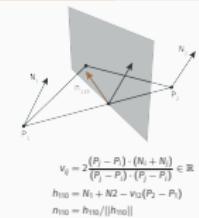
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[Rick] Formula in words: reflect the averaged normal (average of N1 and N2) on the plane orthogonal/perpendicular to the edge at the mid point.



$$\begin{aligned} n_{110} &= \frac{(P_1 - P) \cdot (N_1 + N_2)}{(P_1 - P_2) \cdot (P_2 - P)} \\ h_{110} &= N_1 + N_2 - v_{110}(P_2 - P_1) \\ n_{110} &= h_{110}/\|h_{110}\| \end{aligned}$$

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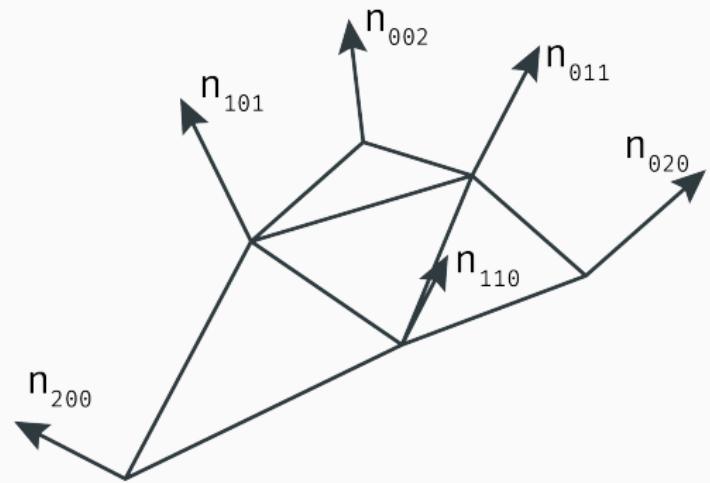
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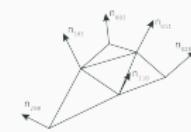
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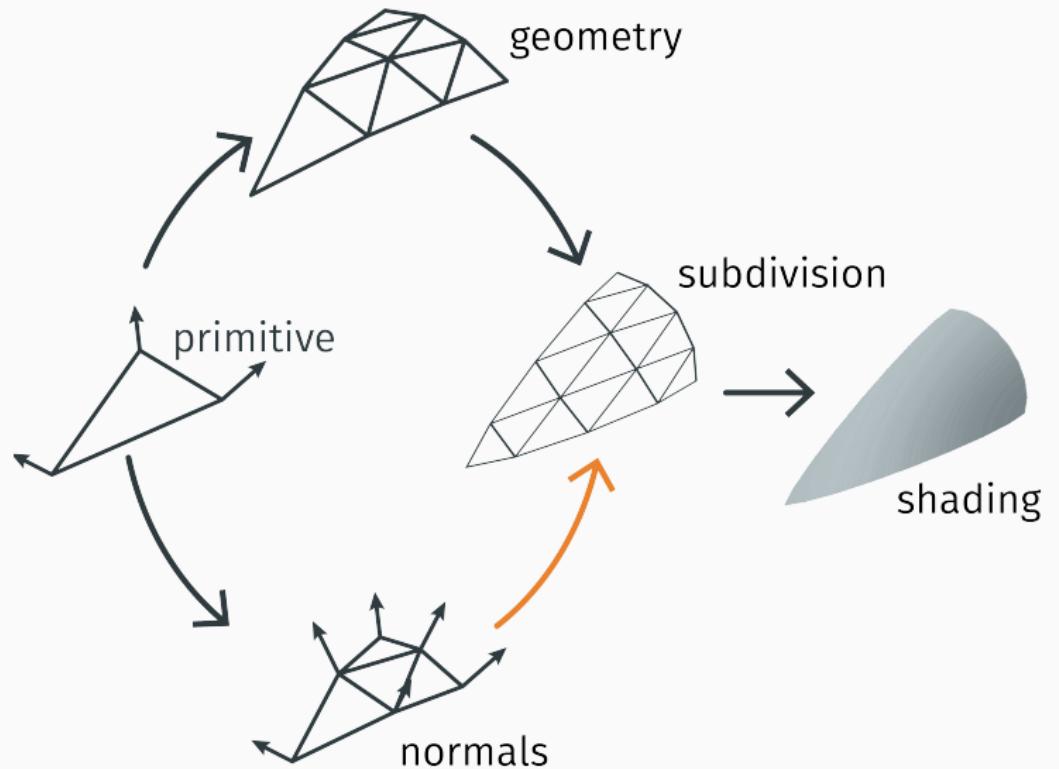
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└ Normals - result

[Rick] Result

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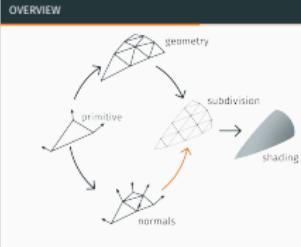


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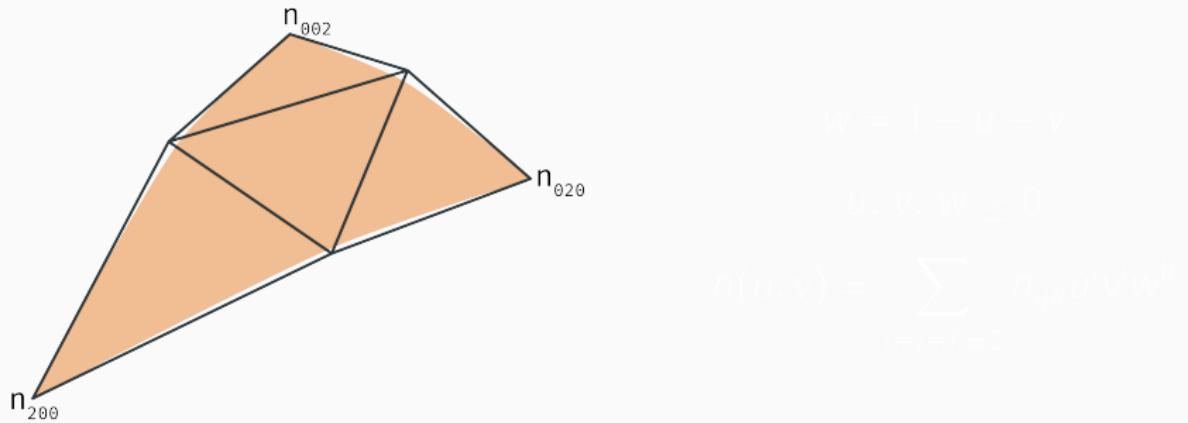
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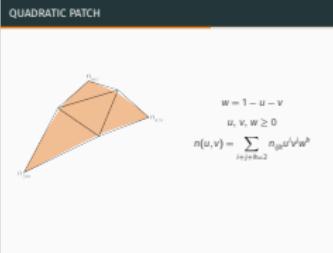


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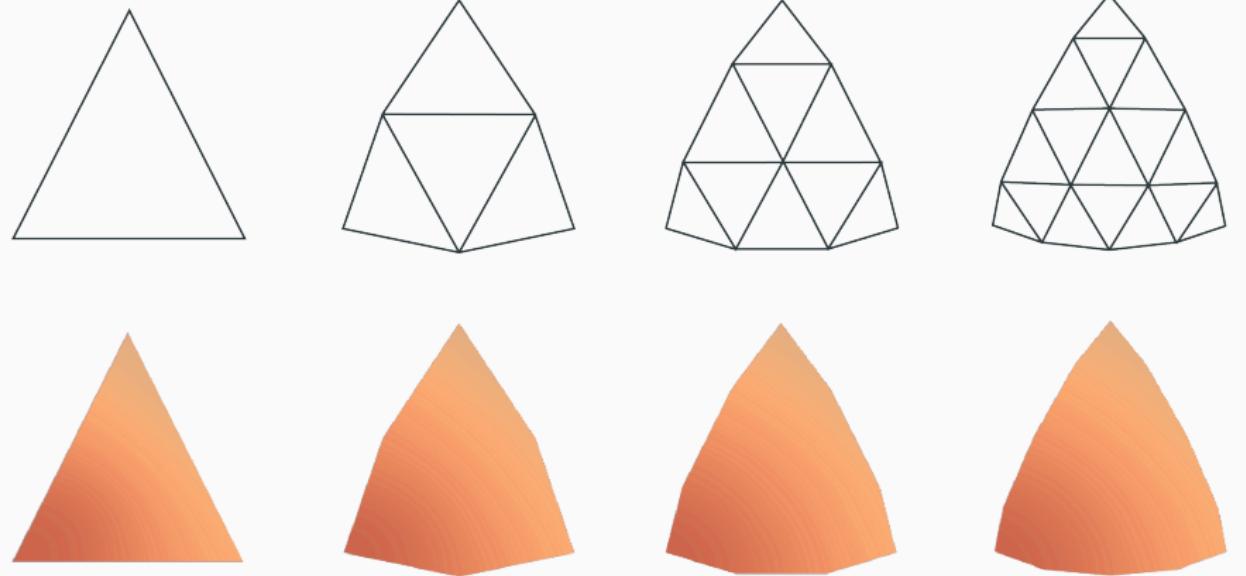
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[Laura] u, v and w are convex combinations

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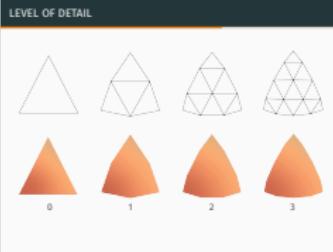


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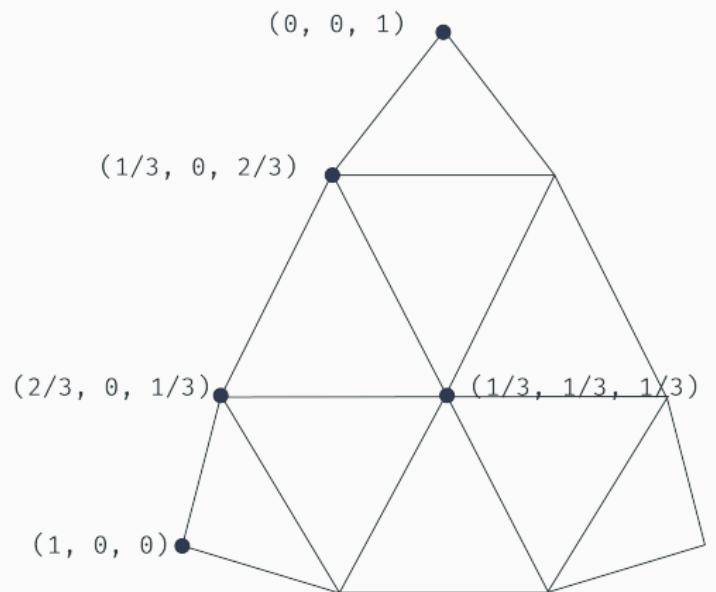
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[Laura] Level of detail -> subdivision -> how many triangles go through to the next shaders.



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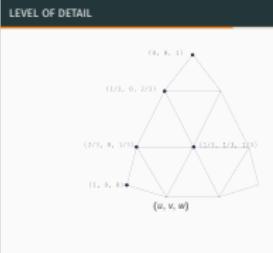


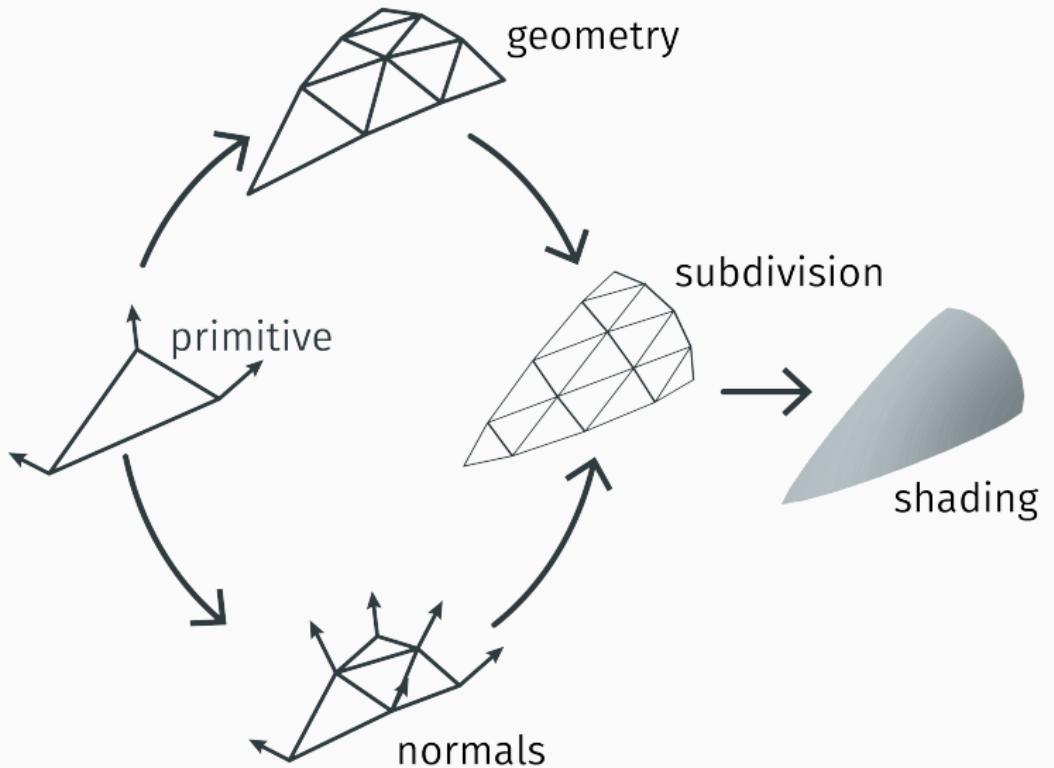
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└ Level Of Detail

[Laura] blaat



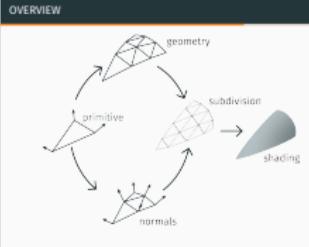


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[Laura] Shading out of the scope of this presentation [Laura] Why quadartic patch for normals, why cubic patch for geometry

A TRIANGLE MESH

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[rick] blaat

A TRIANGLE MESH

“PN triangles should not deviate too much from the original triangle to preserve the shape and avoid interference with other curved triangles.”¹

¹Vlachos et al.

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└ A Triangle Mesh

└ Properties

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[Rick] Problem when combining multiple triangles, so this is an important property

“PN triangles should not deviate too much from the original triangle to preserve the shape and avoid interference with other curved triangles.”¹

¹Marchis et al.

CONTINUITY

PN triangles have²

- C^1 continuity in the vertex points
- C^0 continuity along the edges
- C^∞ everywhere else

²Jiao and Alexander

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└ Continuity

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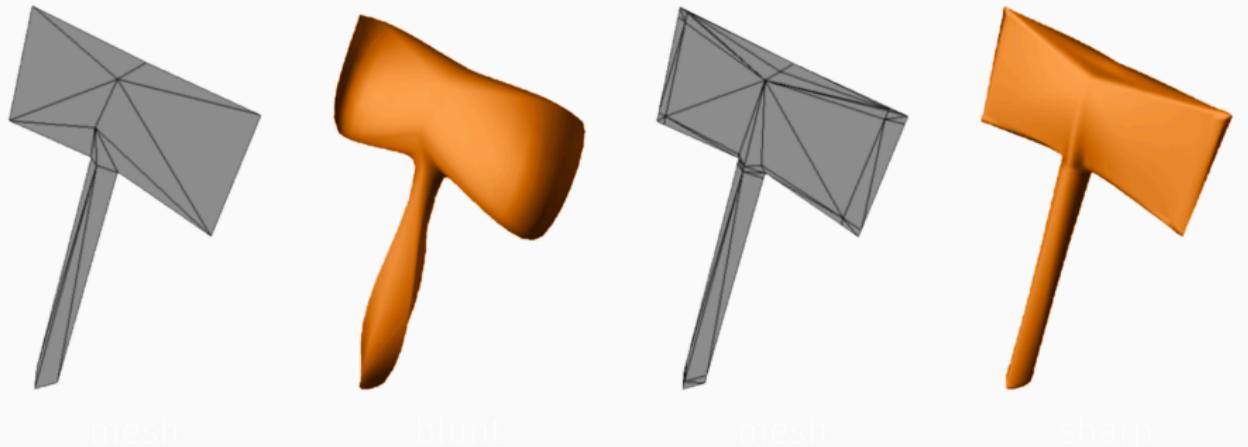
[Rick] Continuity C^0 is important -> no gaps. Higher is better because this gives a more smooth result.

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SHARP EDGES



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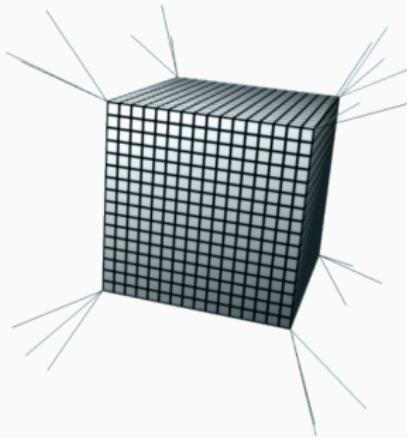
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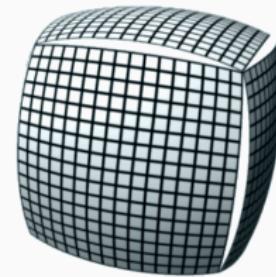


[Rick] Curved triangles do not always give the preferred results -> sharp edges. Solution is to insert more triangles at the sharp edges -> model needs to be changed :(

SEPARATE NORMALS



normals



smooth

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└ Separate Normals

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SEPARATE NORMALS



GRAPHICS PIPELINE

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GRAPHICS PIPELINE

[Laura] How does one construct a single PN triangle?

HARDWARE - PIPELINES



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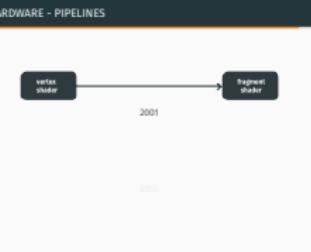
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└ Graphics Pipeline

└ Hardware - Pipelines

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[Laura] Great part of the paper stresses the point that it can easily be implemented as a preprocessing step (CPU).
2001 pipeline (OpenGL 1.3)

HARDWARE - PIPELINES

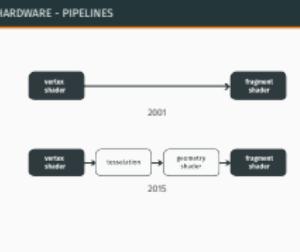


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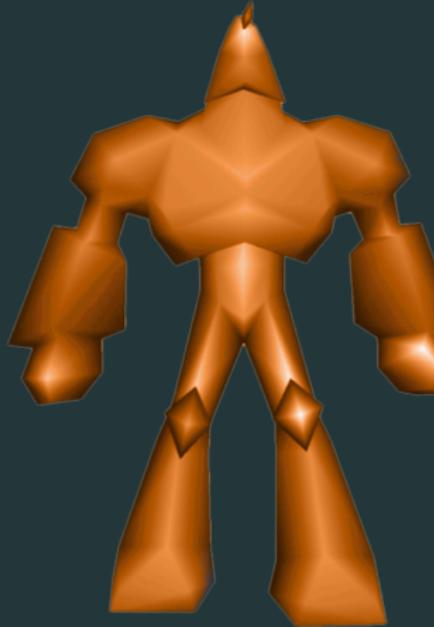
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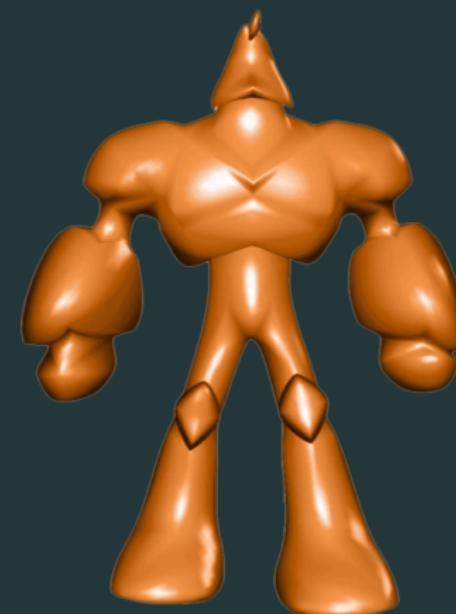


[Laura] 2015 we have OpenGL 4.5 with more programmable shaders and the whole process can be done on the GPU. Since PN triangles only uses the primitive, no neighboring primitives, easy in shaders.

QUESTIONS?



TRIANGLES



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Laura Why PN triangles are not suited to rendering for CAD: On real objects, the normal field is determined by the geometry and thus fixed. If you invent fake normals the rendering looks better but the user gets an unpleasant surprise when the product is actually manufactured.



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