

Meshes



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Announcements

Assignment 4 due Thursday (11/06)

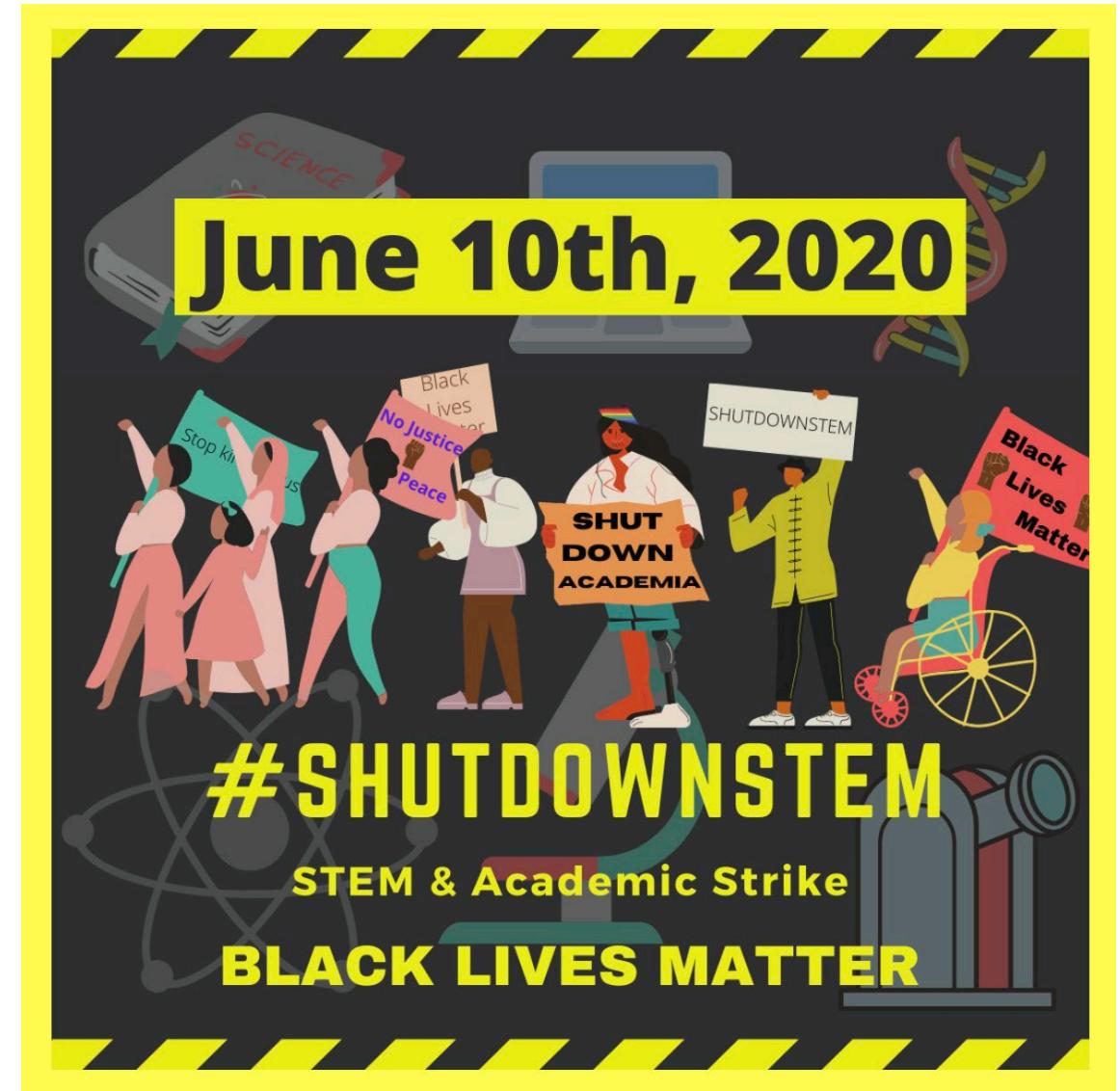
Mid-course evaluations

Announcements

No class Wednesday

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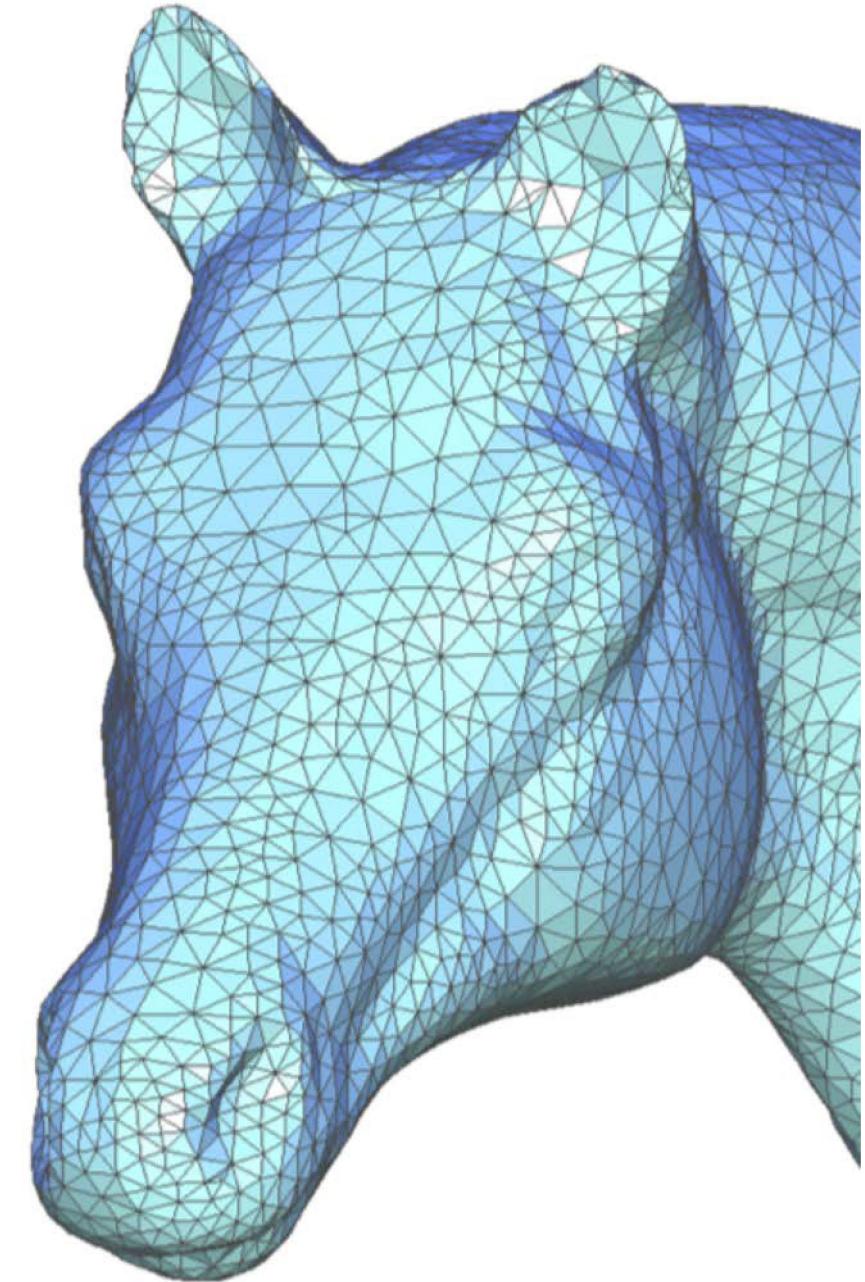
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Meshes



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Meshes

Today:

Types of Surfaces

Triangles

Data Structures for Triangle Meshes

Normals for Meshes

Next Monday:

Texture Mapping

Subdivision Surfaces

Any Questions?

Surface Representations in Graphics

What are the two main types of surface representations?

Surface Representations in Graphics

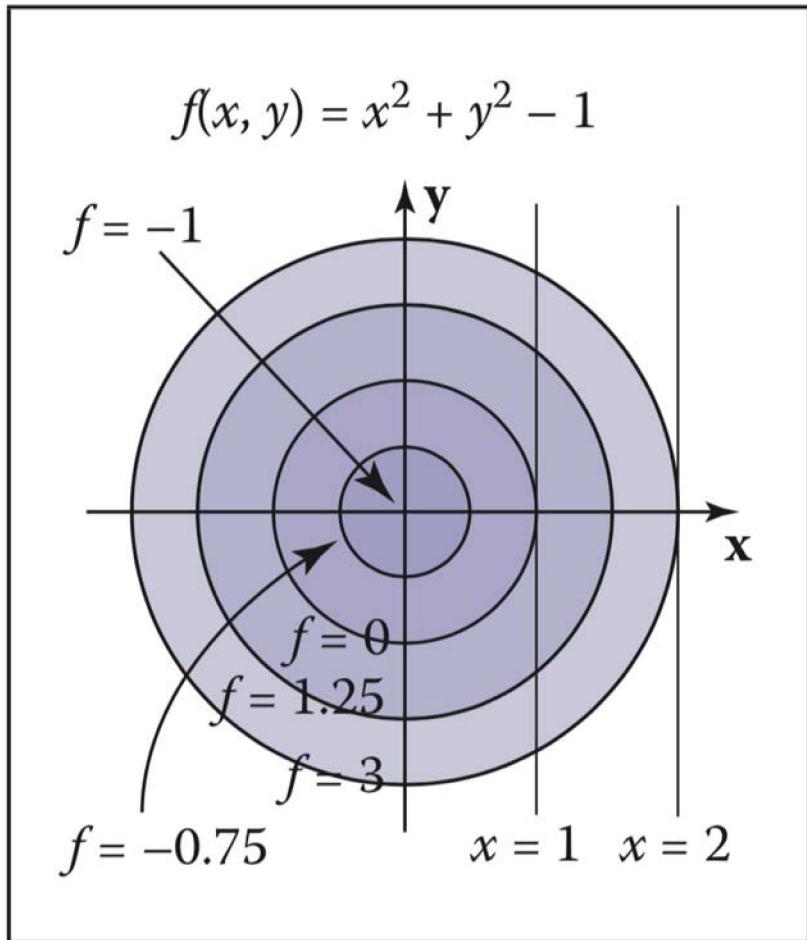
What are the two main types of surface representations ?

Implicit and Parametric

How do you define each type?

Surface Representations in Graphics

Implicit Surface



Parametric Surface

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

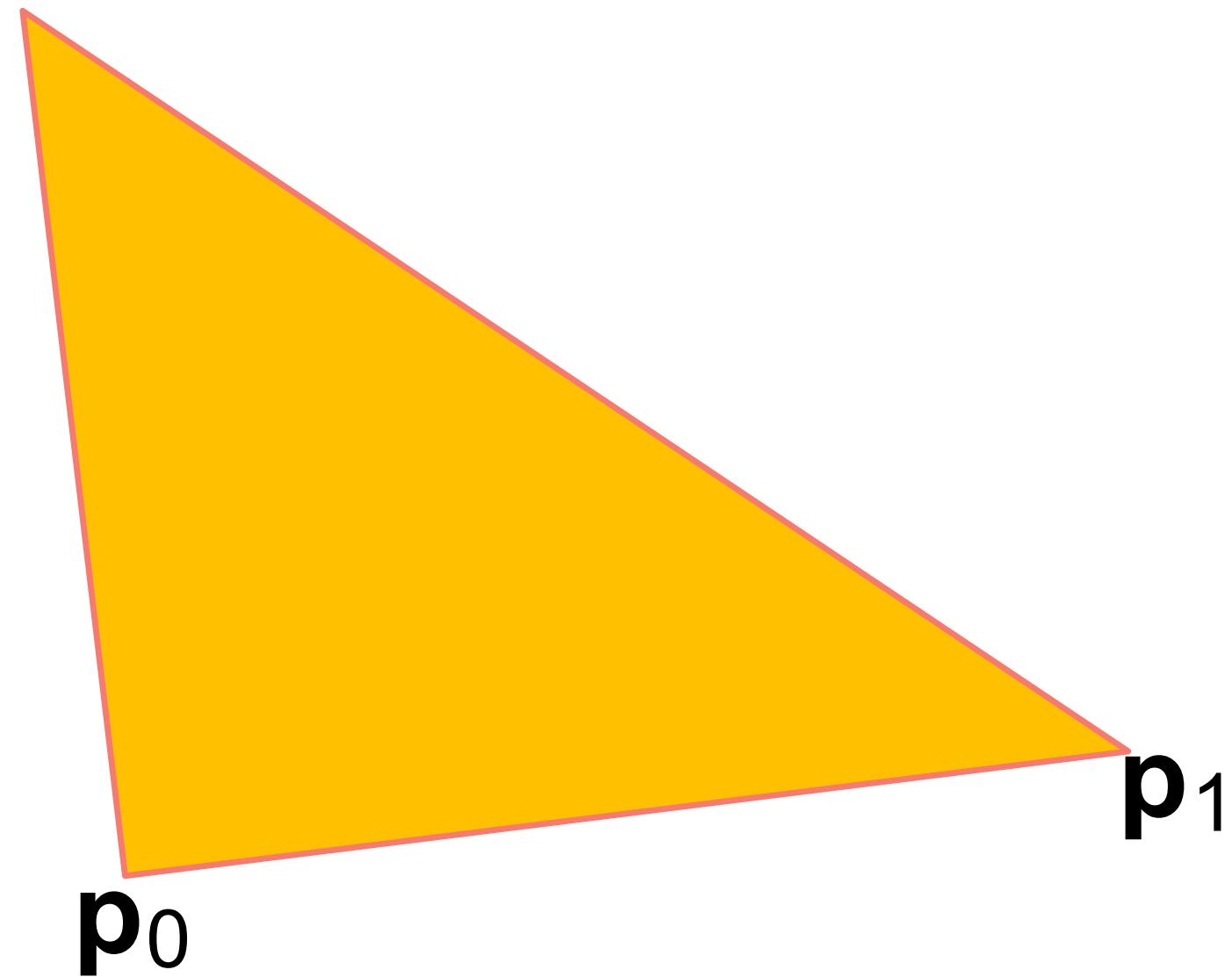
$$y = r \sin \phi \sin \theta,$$

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

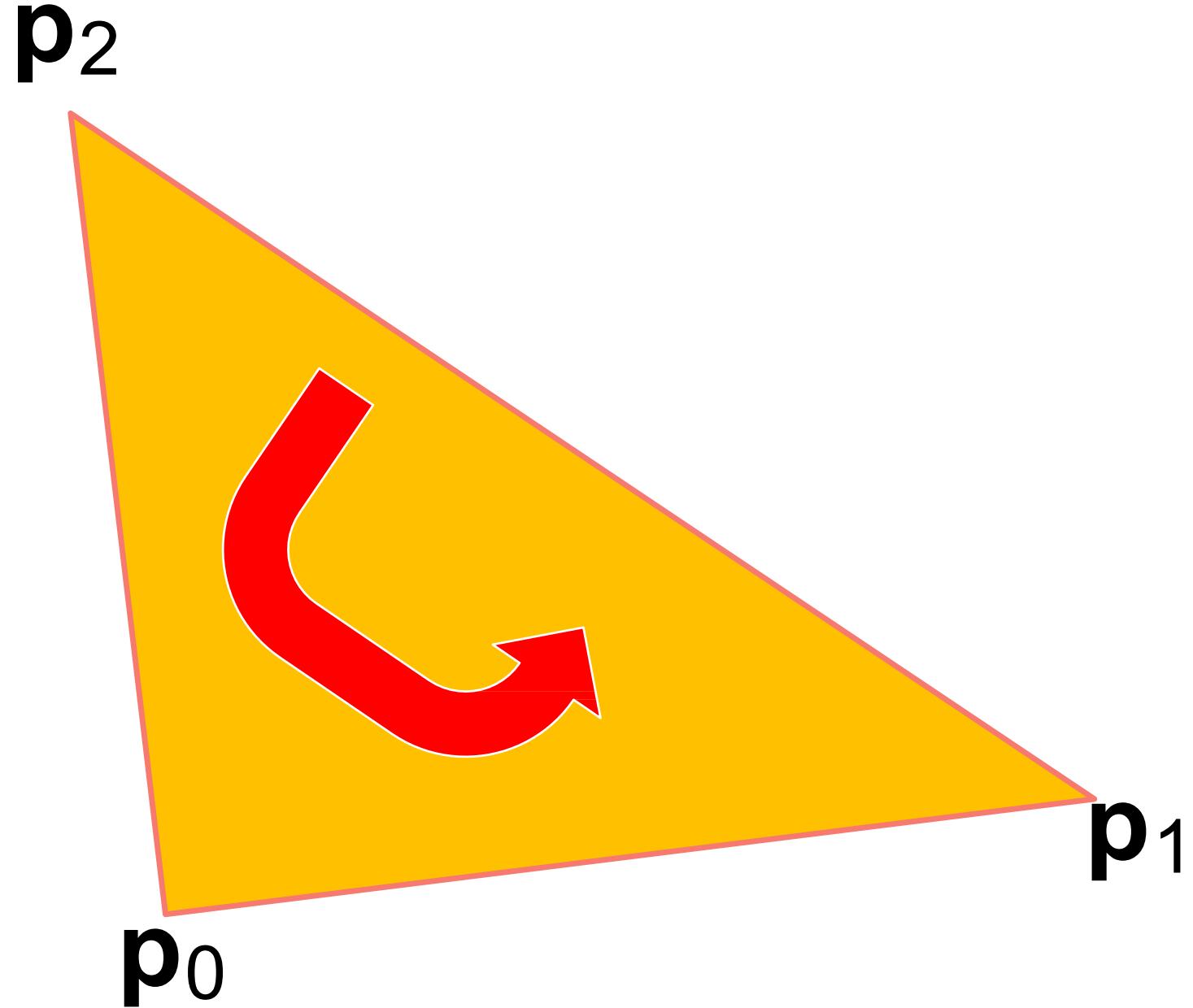


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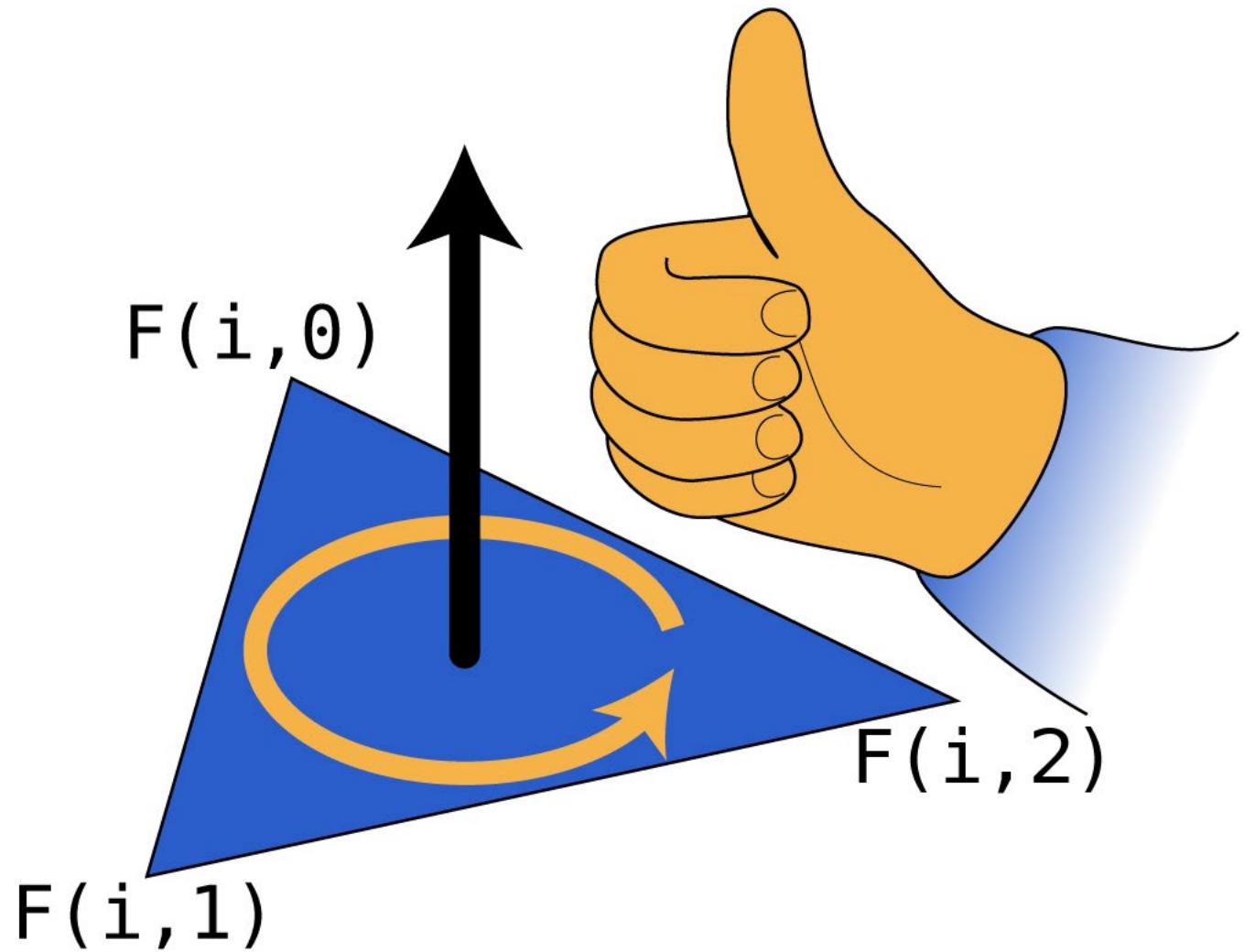
p₂



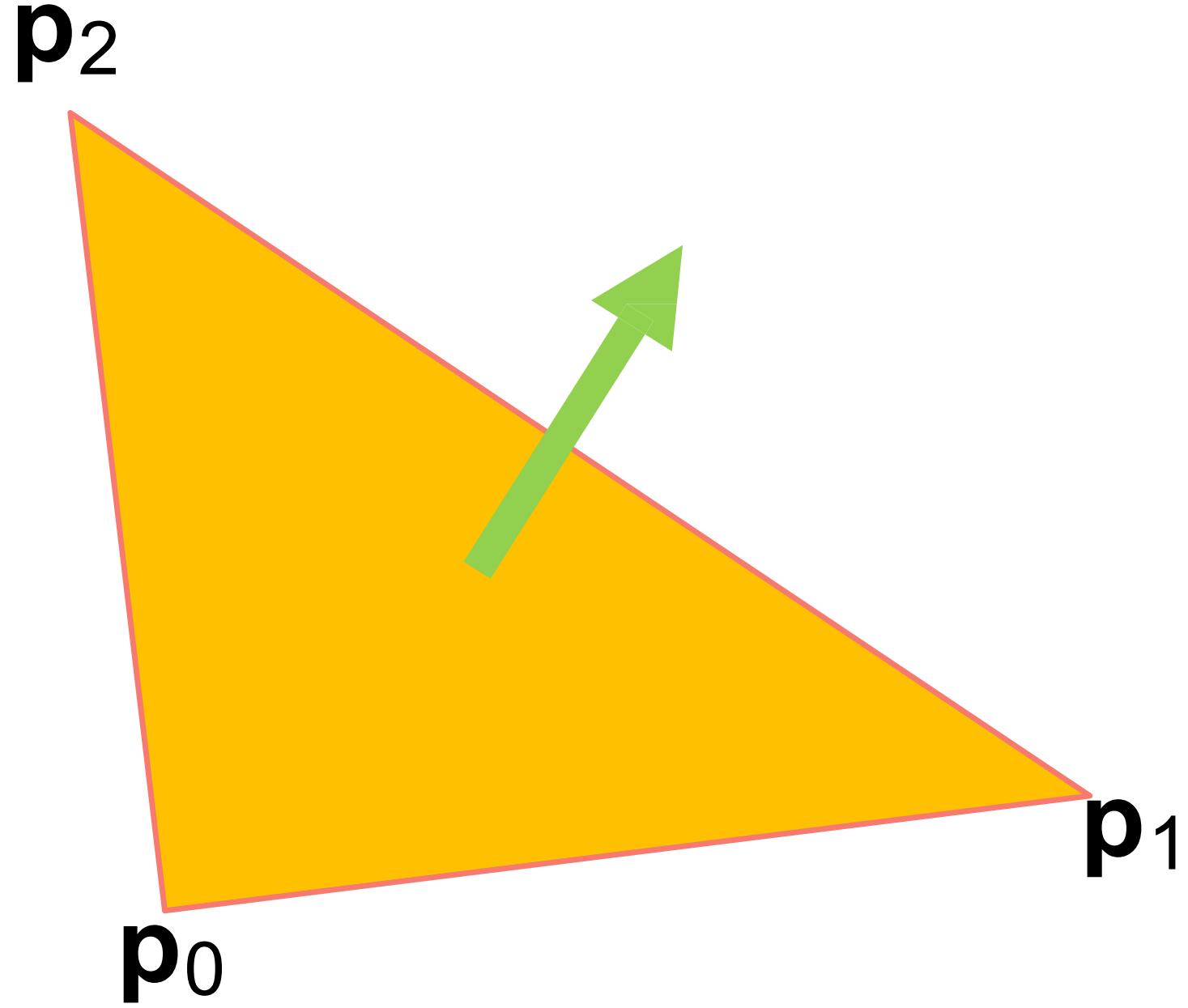
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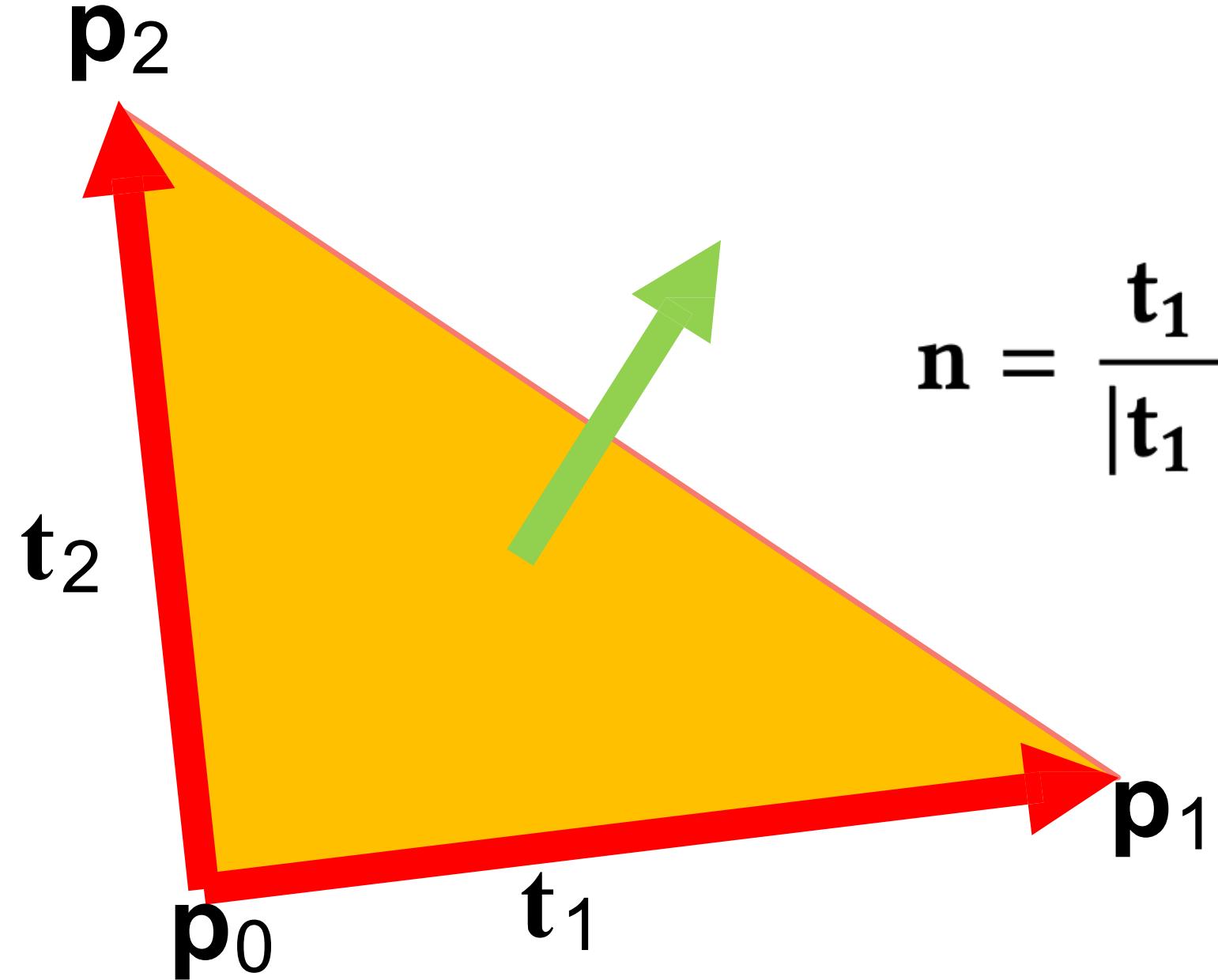
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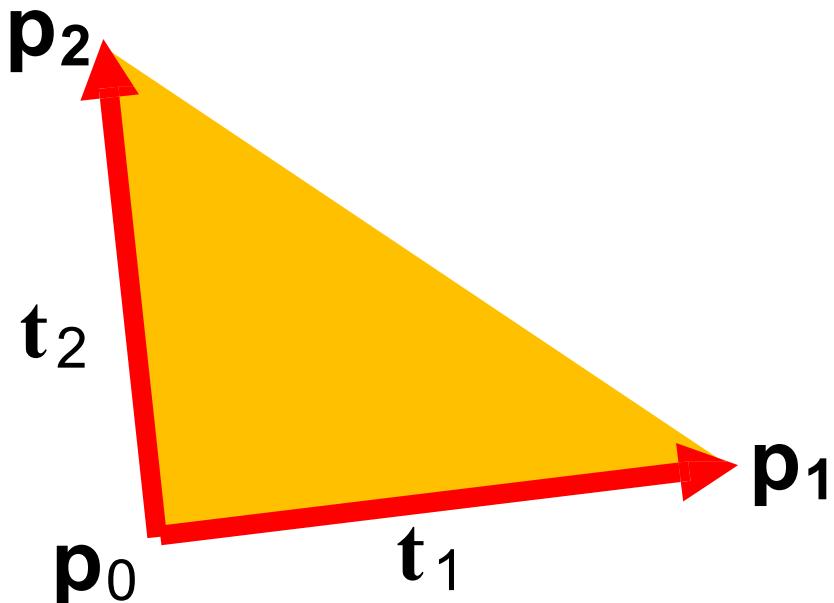
$$\mathbf{n} = \frac{\mathbf{t}_1 \times \mathbf{t}_2}{|\mathbf{t}_1 \times \mathbf{t}_2|}$$

Barycentric Coordinates

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

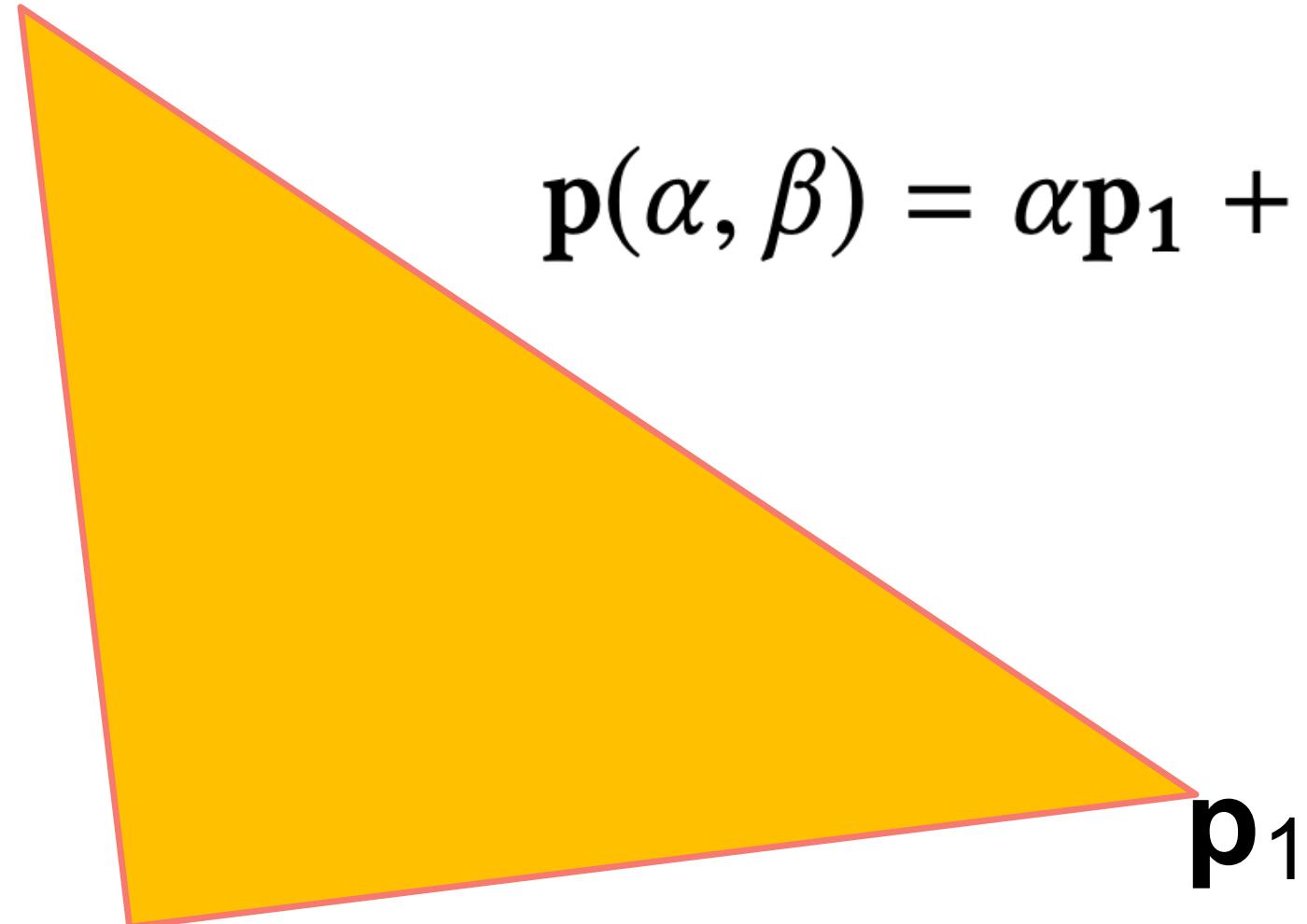
$$\mathbf{p}(\alpha, \beta) = \mathbf{p}_0 + \alpha(\mathbf{p}_1 - \mathbf{p}_0) + \beta(\mathbf{p}_2 - \mathbf{p}_0)$$

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



Barycentric Coordinates

\mathbf{p}_2



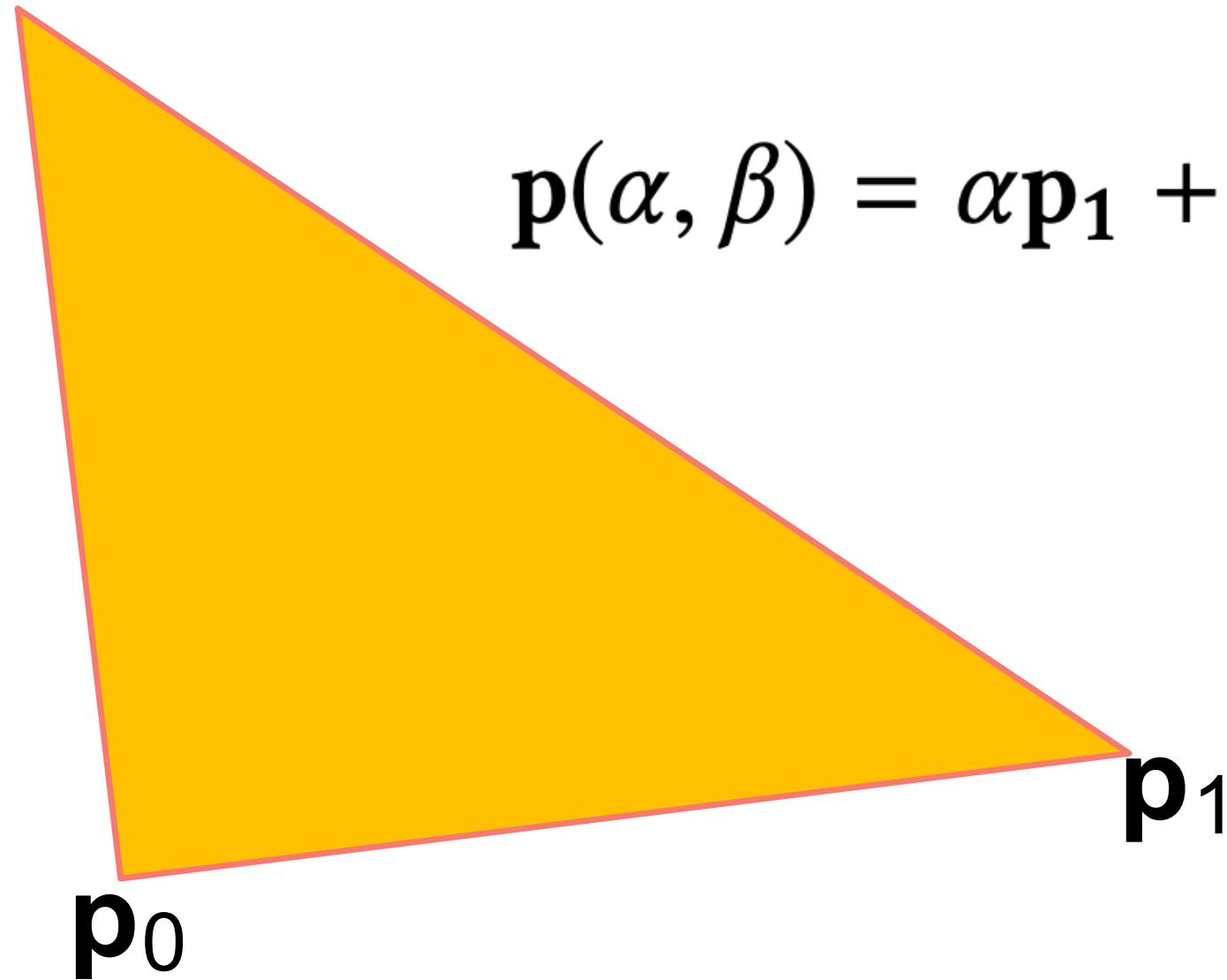
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\mathbf{p}_0

\mathbf{p}_1

Barycentric Coordinates

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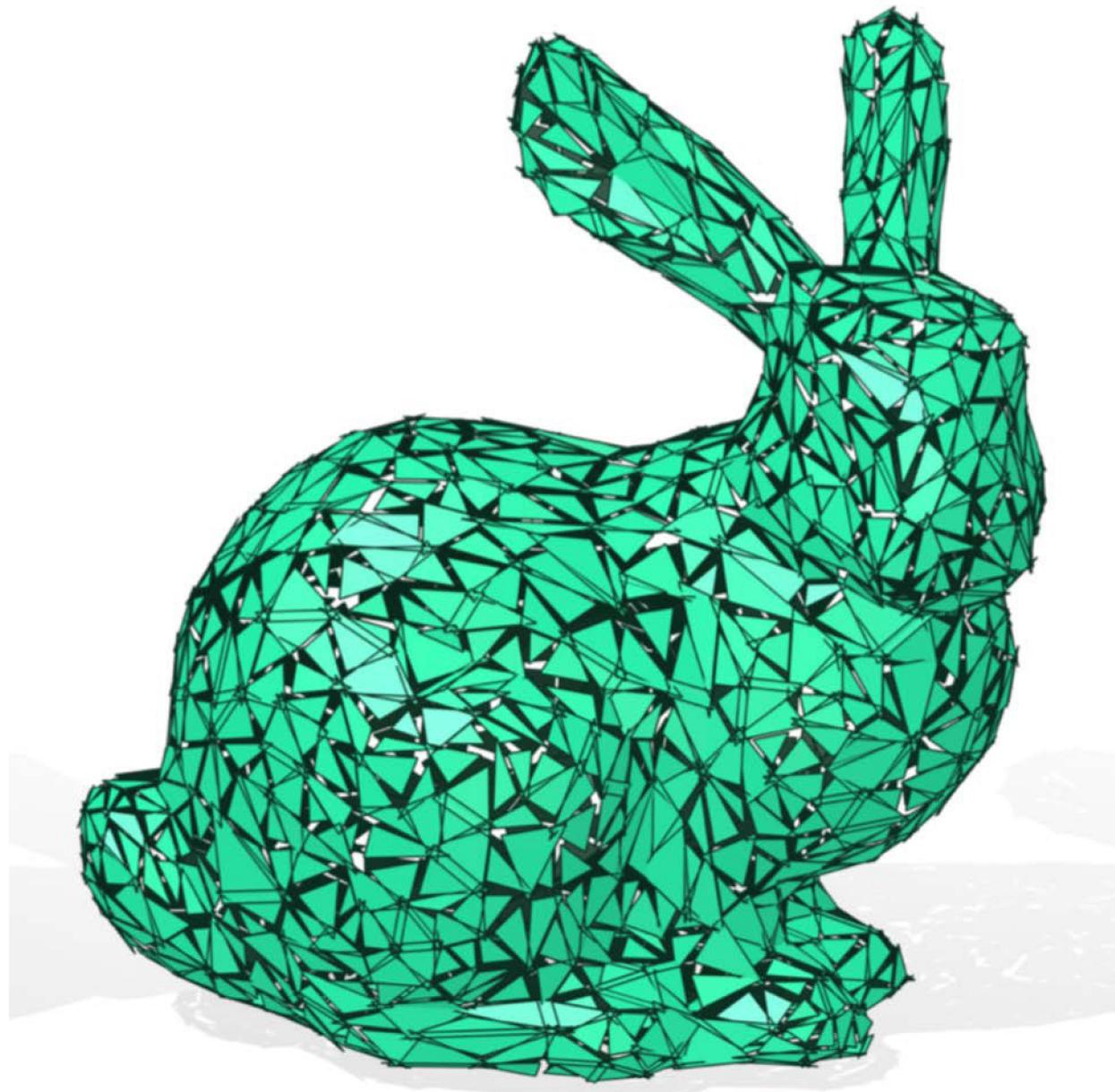
$$\alpha \geq 0$$

$$\beta \geq 0$$

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

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

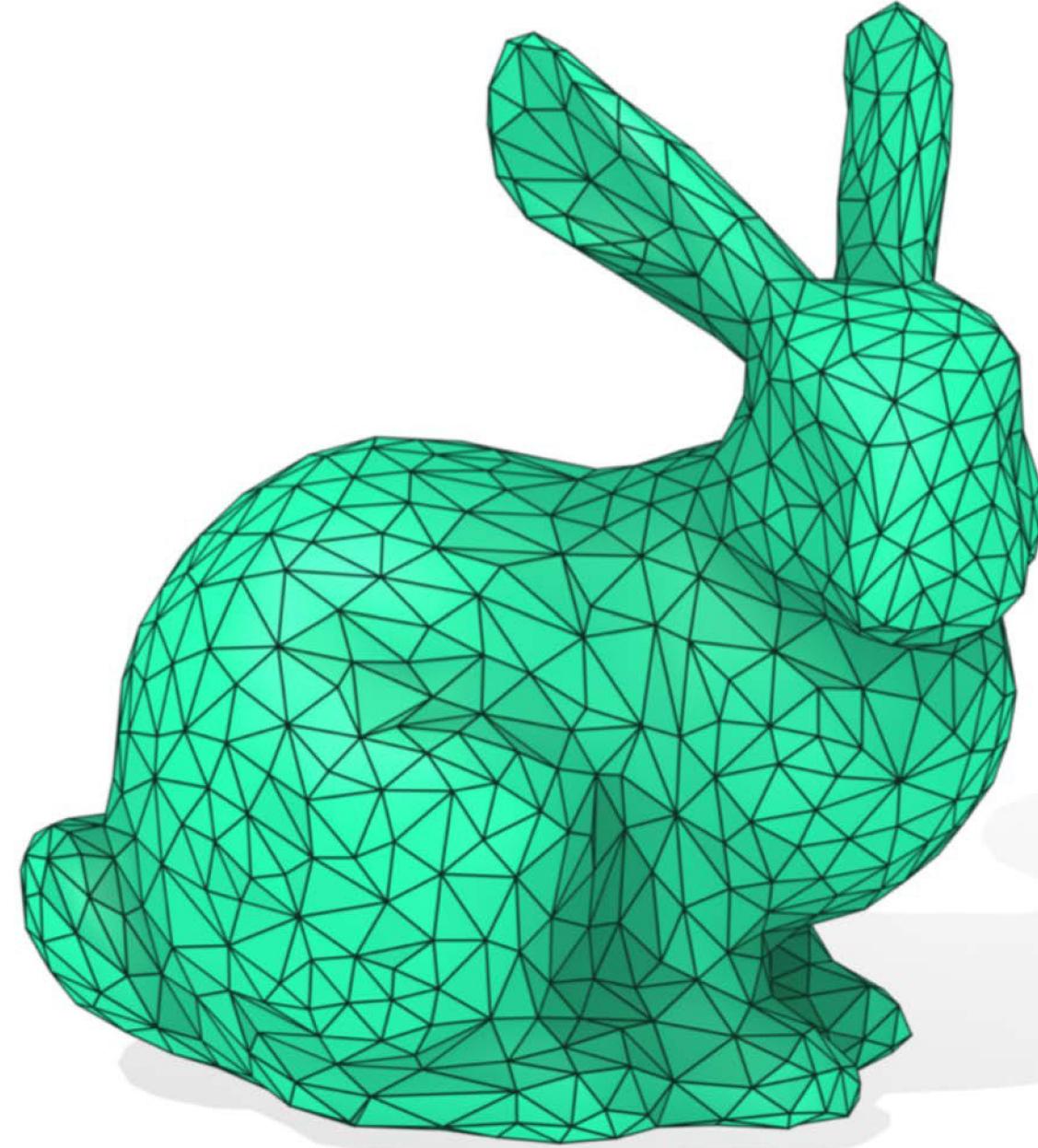
Triangle Soup



Triangle Mesh



Soup



Mesh

Topology

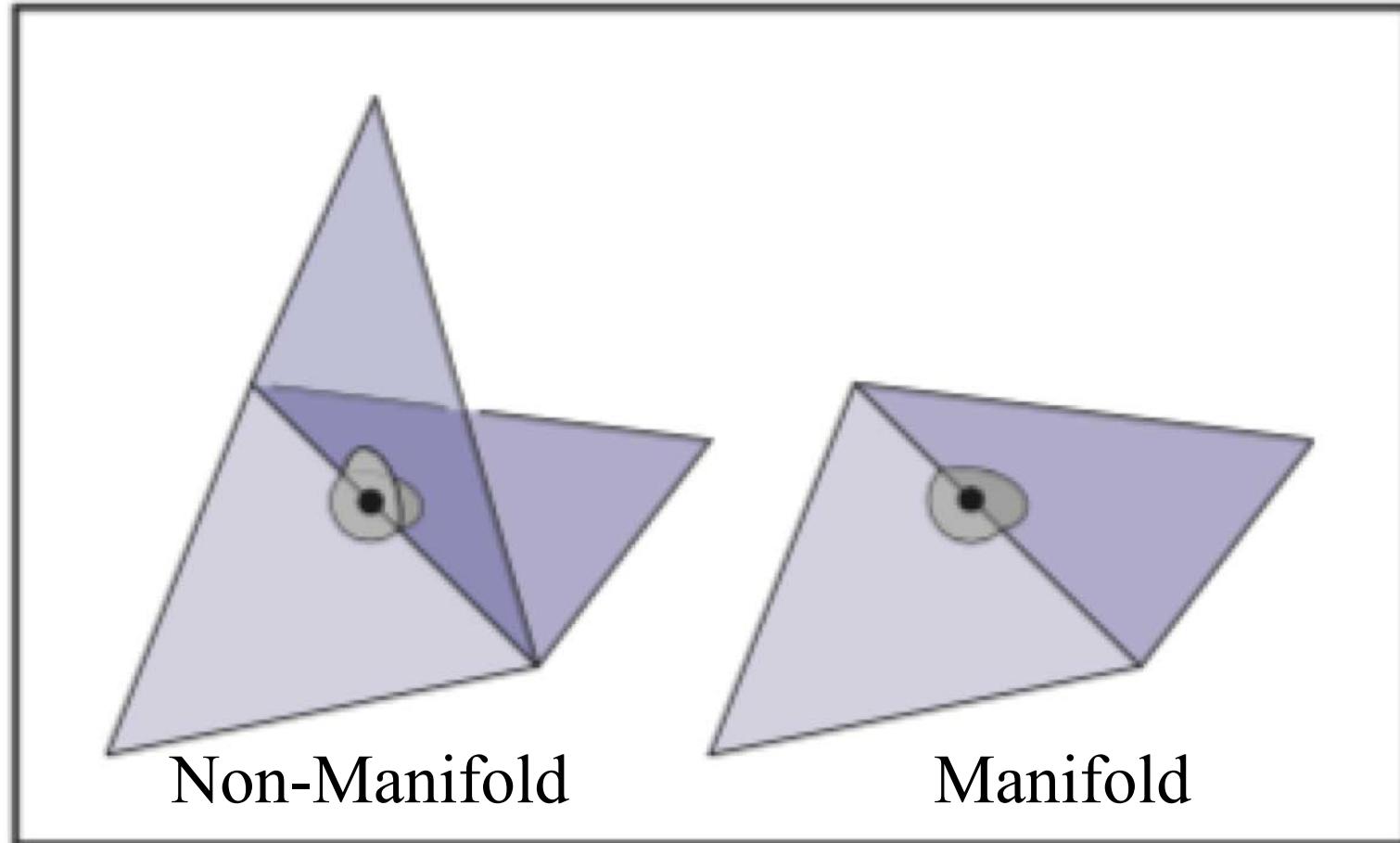
Topology is concerned with the connectivity of a mesh

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*

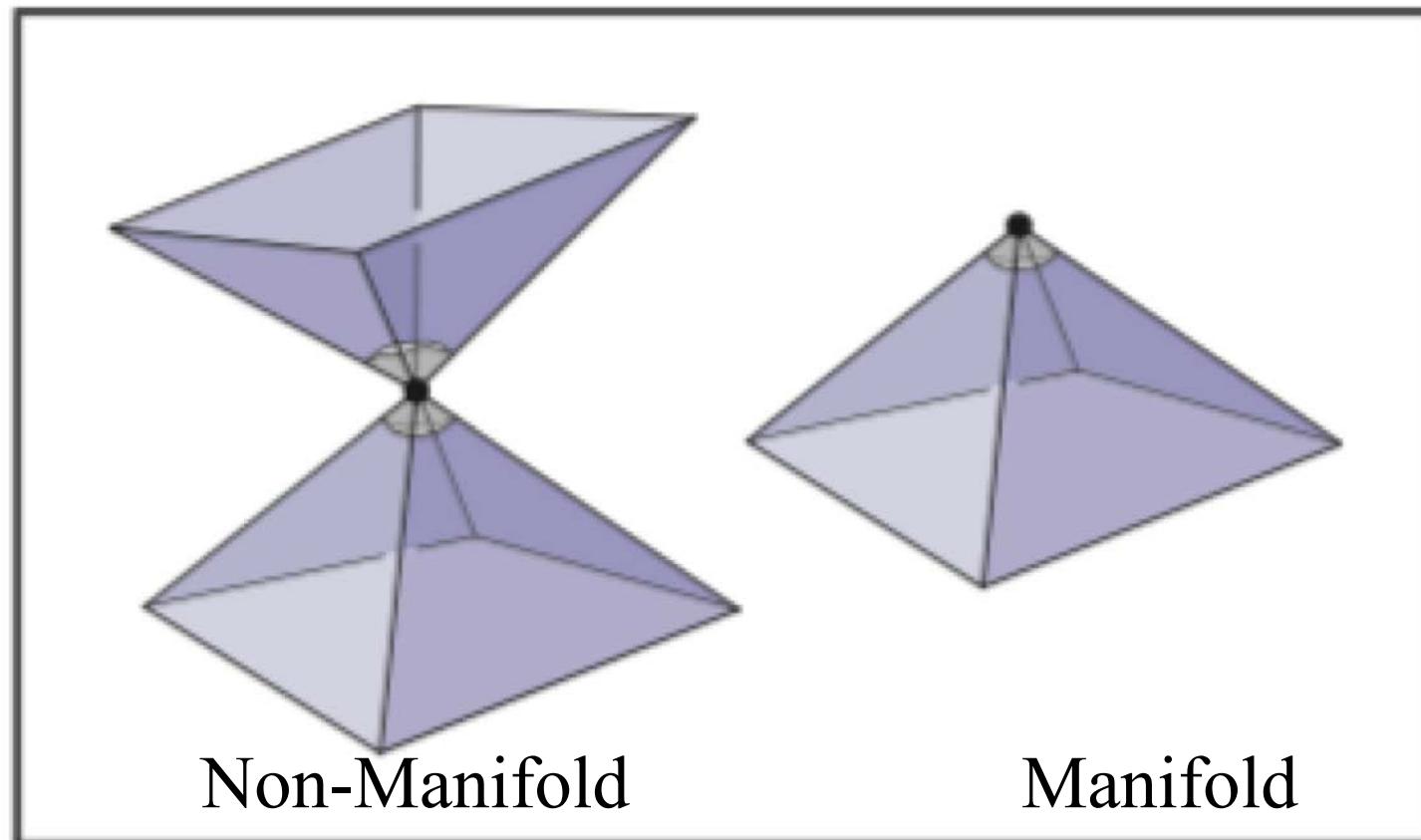
Manifold

A *2-manifold* is a surface for which the neighbourhood around any point can be flattened onto the plane



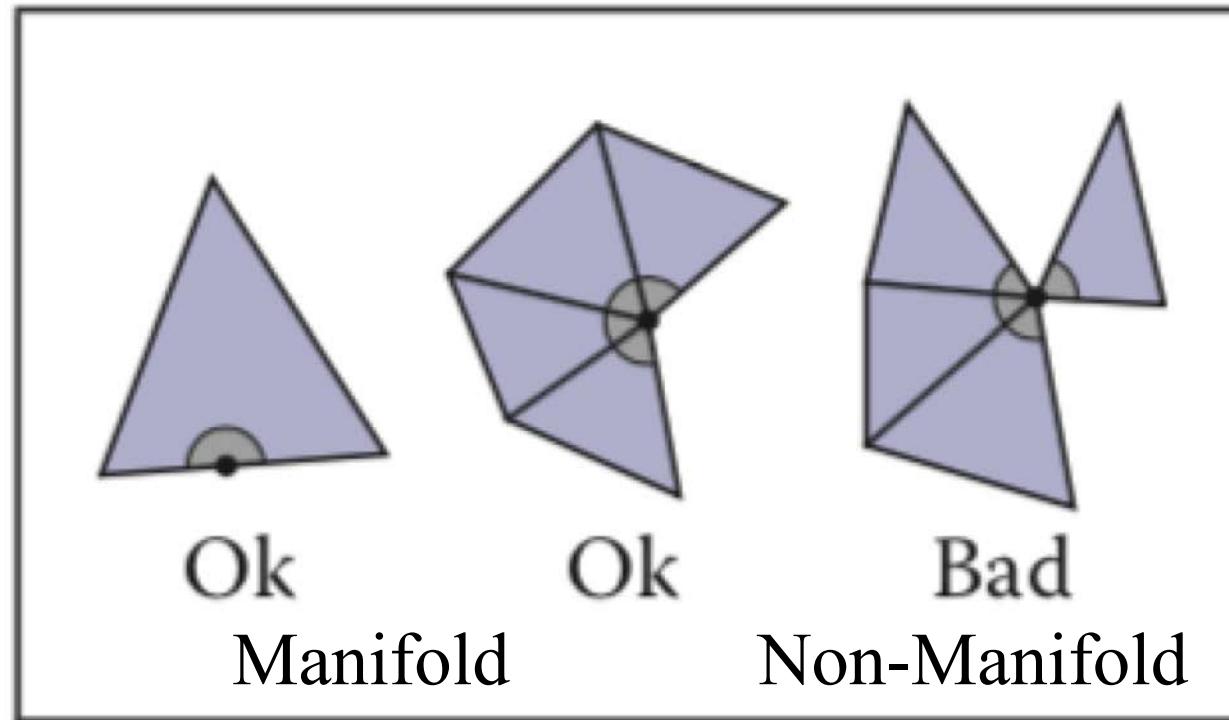
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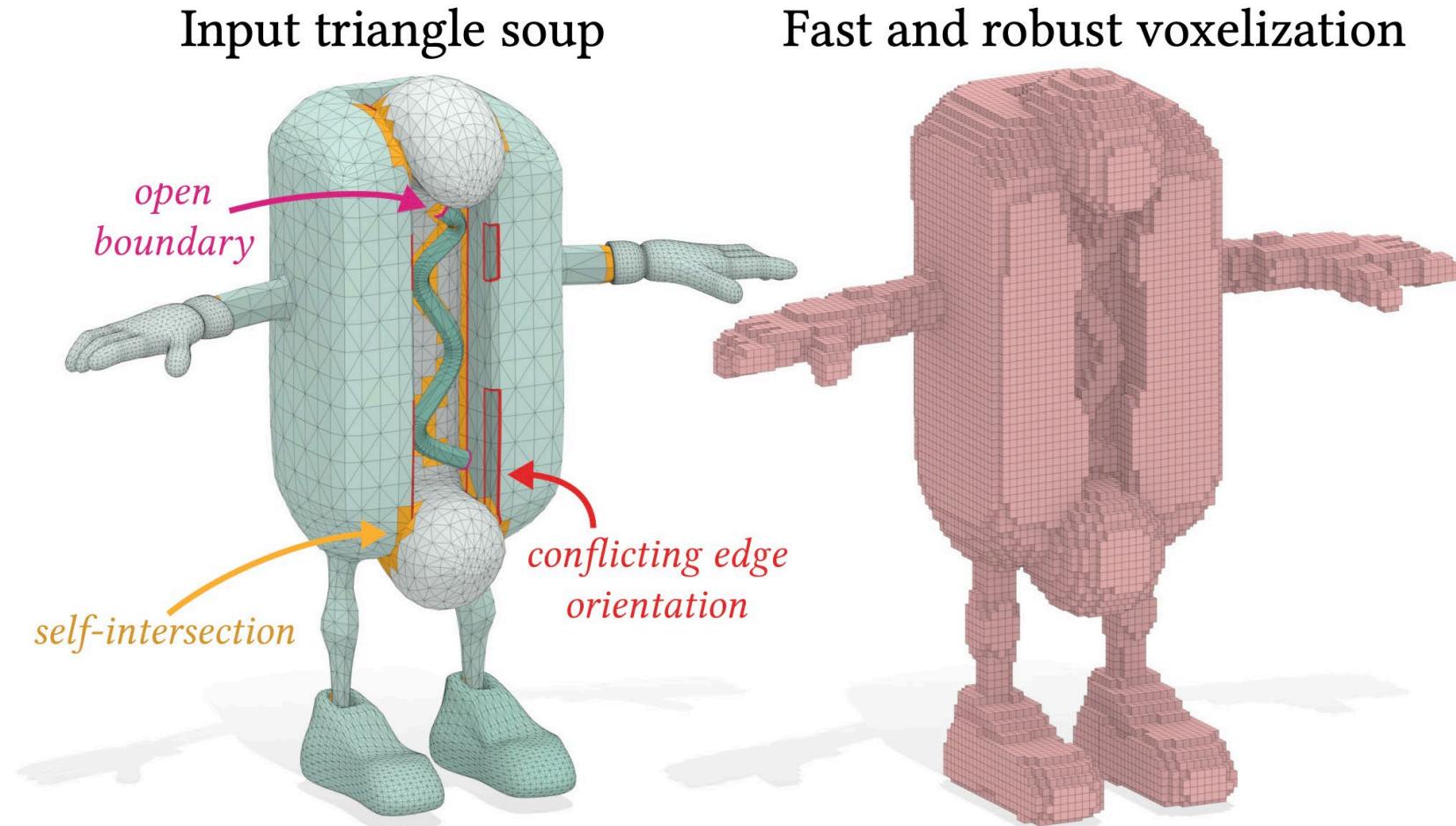
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Manifold with boundaries

Watertight

Watertight meshes have no holes



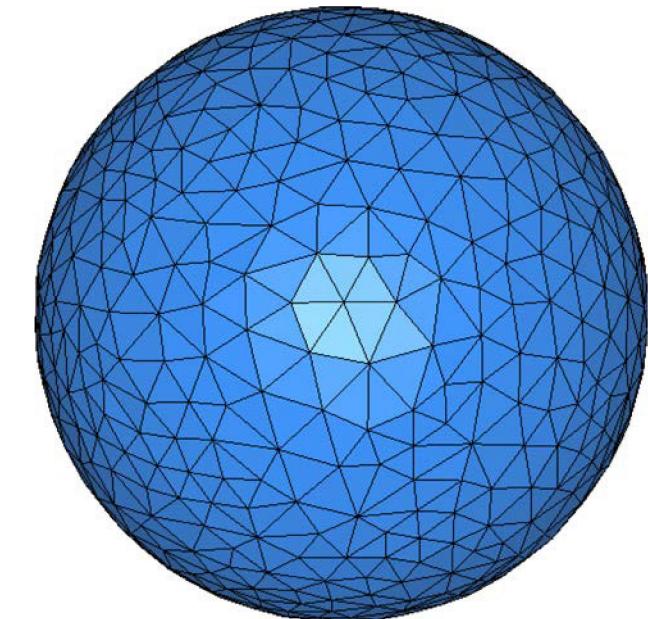
Geometry

Geometrically, a mesh is a **piecewise planar** surface

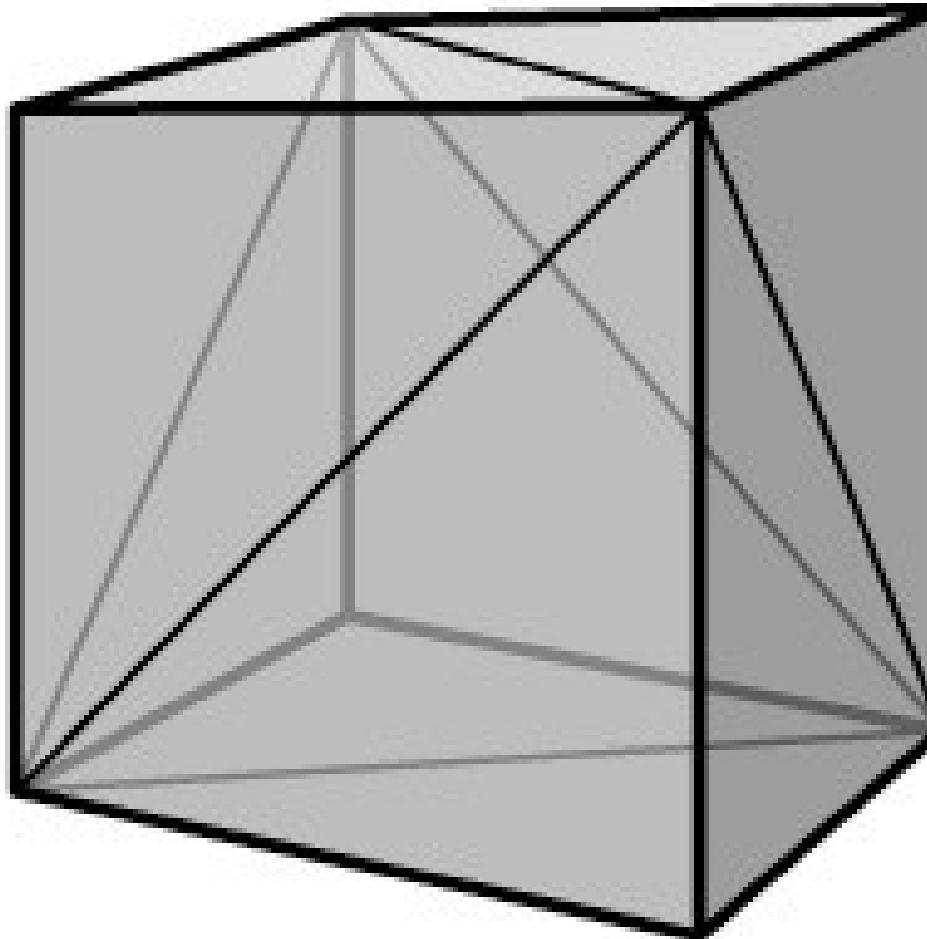
- almost everywhere, it is planar
- exceptions are at the edges where triangles join

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

$$\begin{aligned}x &= r \cos \phi \sin \theta, \\y &= r \sin \phi \sin \theta, \\z &= r \cos \theta.\end{aligned}$$



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 5438 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 (soup)

Indexed Triangle Set

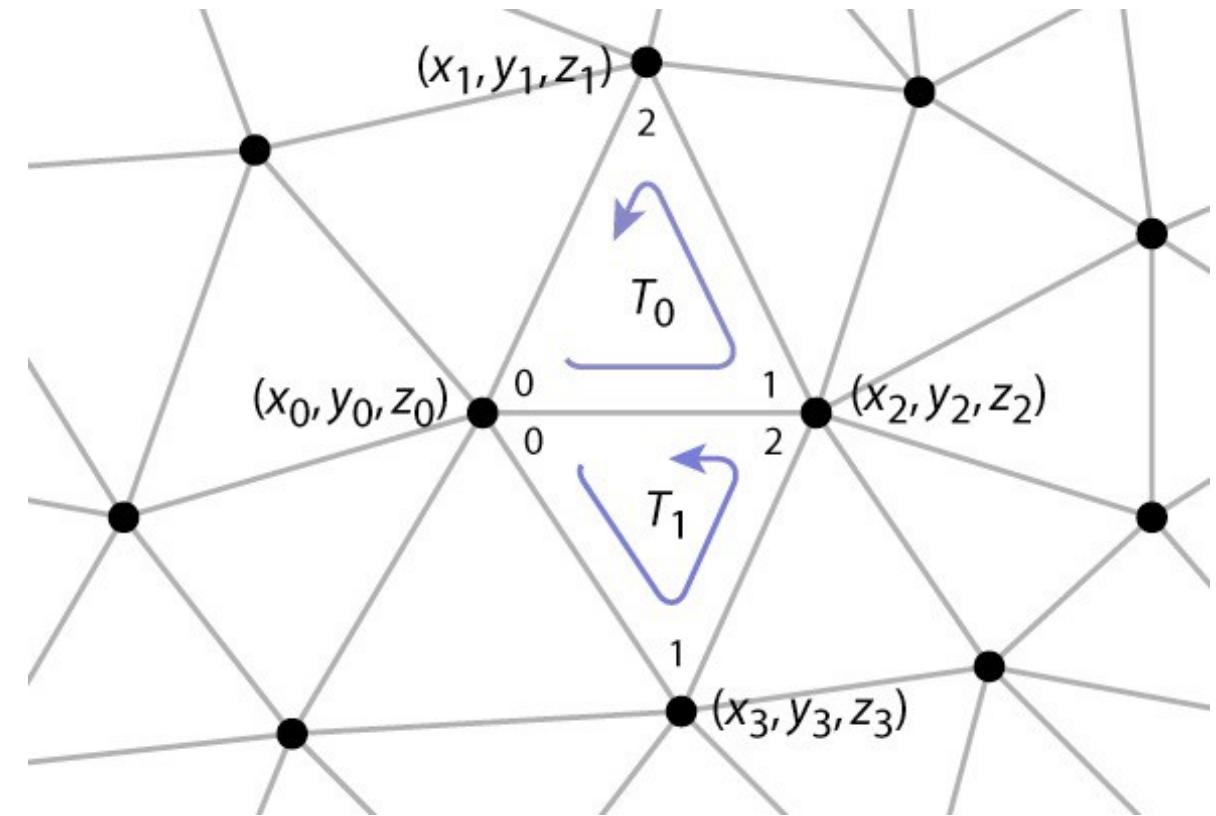
Triangle-Neighbour Data Structure

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

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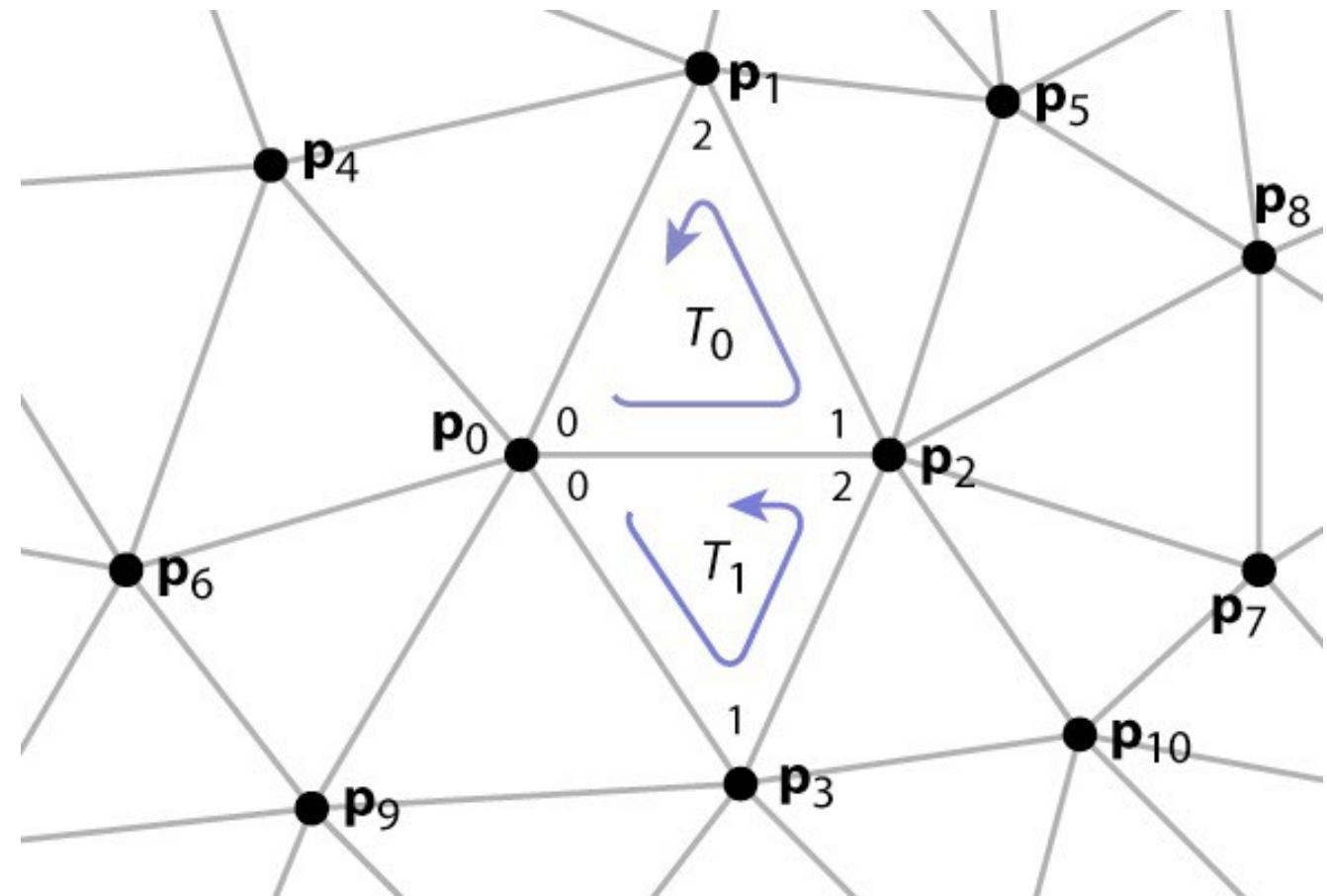
tInd[0]

0, 2, 1

tInd[1]

0, 3, 2

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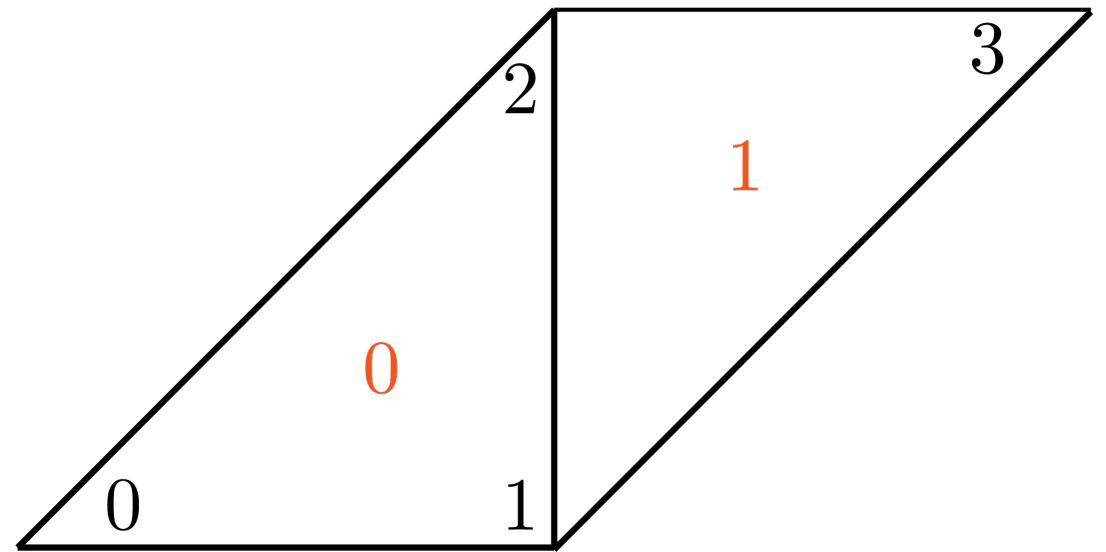


Storing Triangle Meshes

What do we care about ?

$$V = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

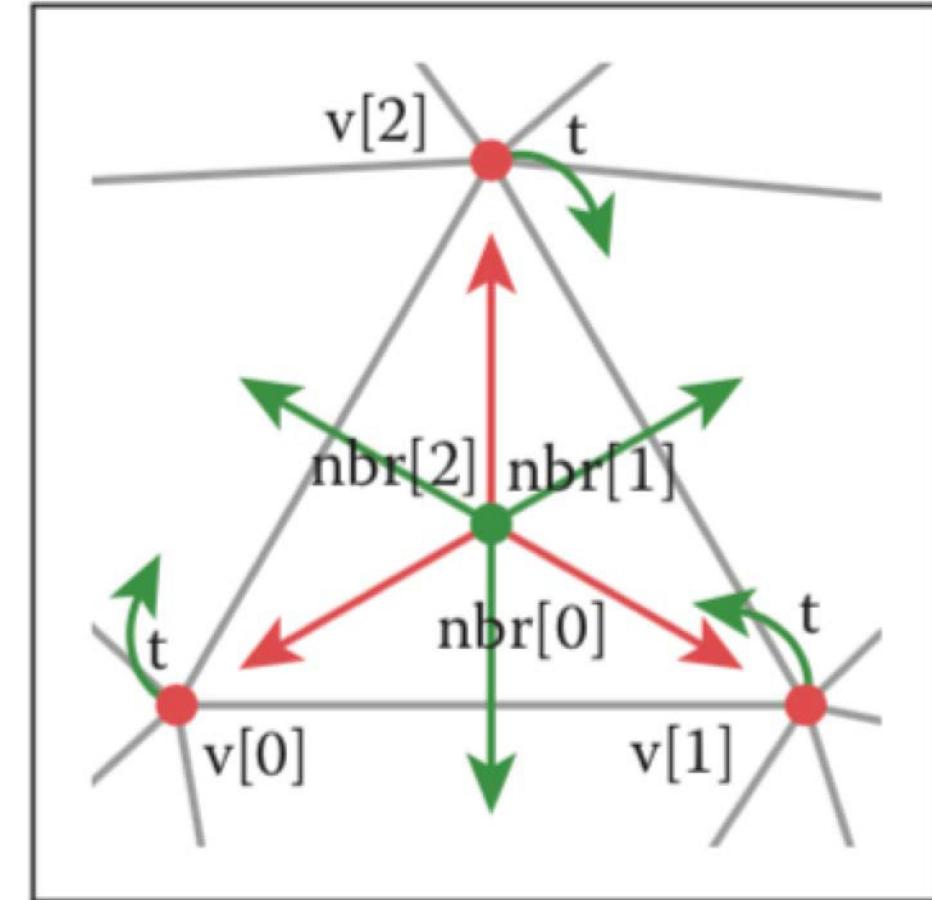
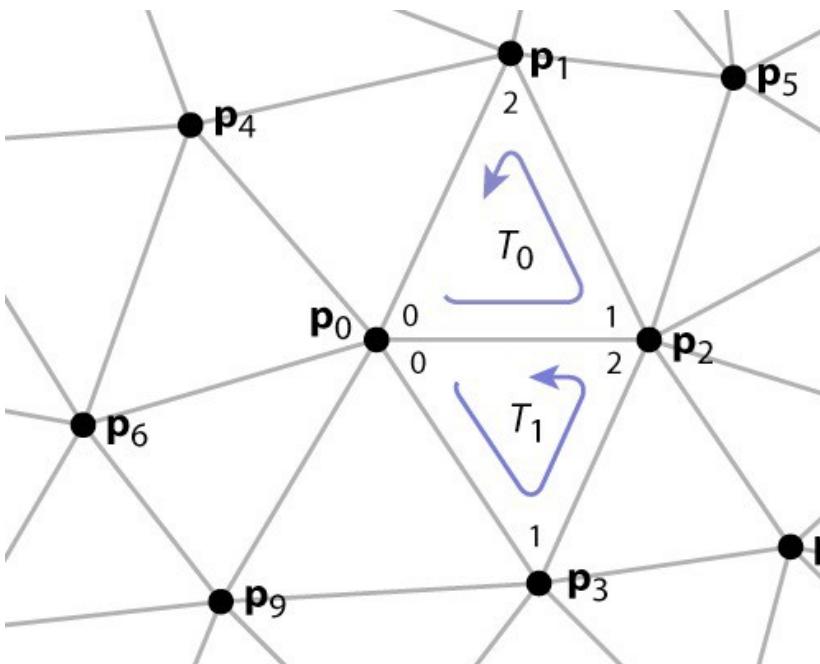
$$F = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$



Triangle-Neighbour Data Structure

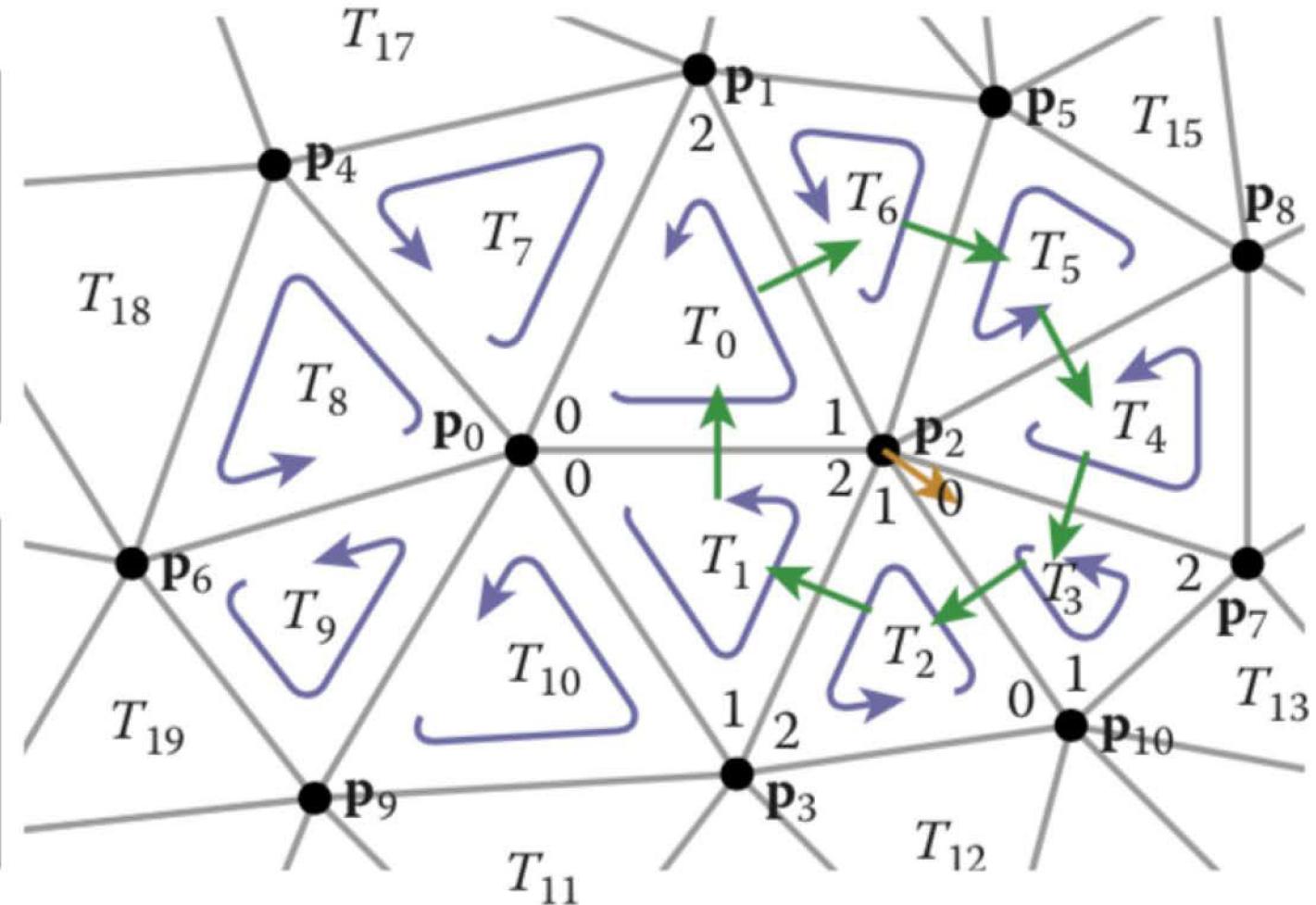
verts[0]	x_0, y_0, z_0
verts[1]	x_1, y_1, z_1
	x_2, y_2, z_2
	x_3, y_3, z_3
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tInd[0]	0, 2, 1
tInd[1]	0, 3, 2
:	



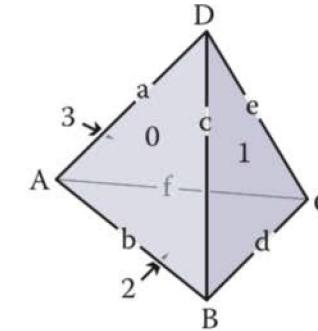
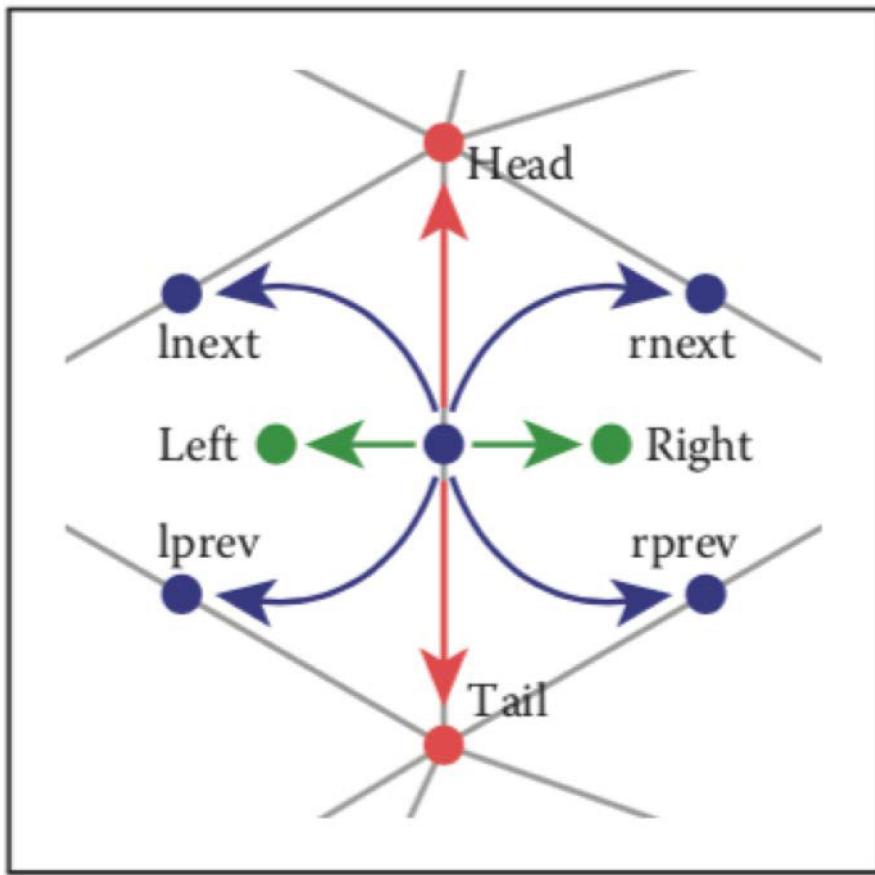
Triangle-Neighbour Data Structure

	tNbr
[0]	1, 6, 7
[1]	10, 2, 0
[2]	3, 1, 12
[3]	2, 13, 4
⋮	⋮
vTri	0
[0]	6
[1]	3
[2]	1
⋮	⋮
tInd	0, 2, 1
[0]	0, 3, 2
[1]	10, 2, 3
[2]	2, 10, 7
⋮	⋮



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

Winged-Edge Data Structure

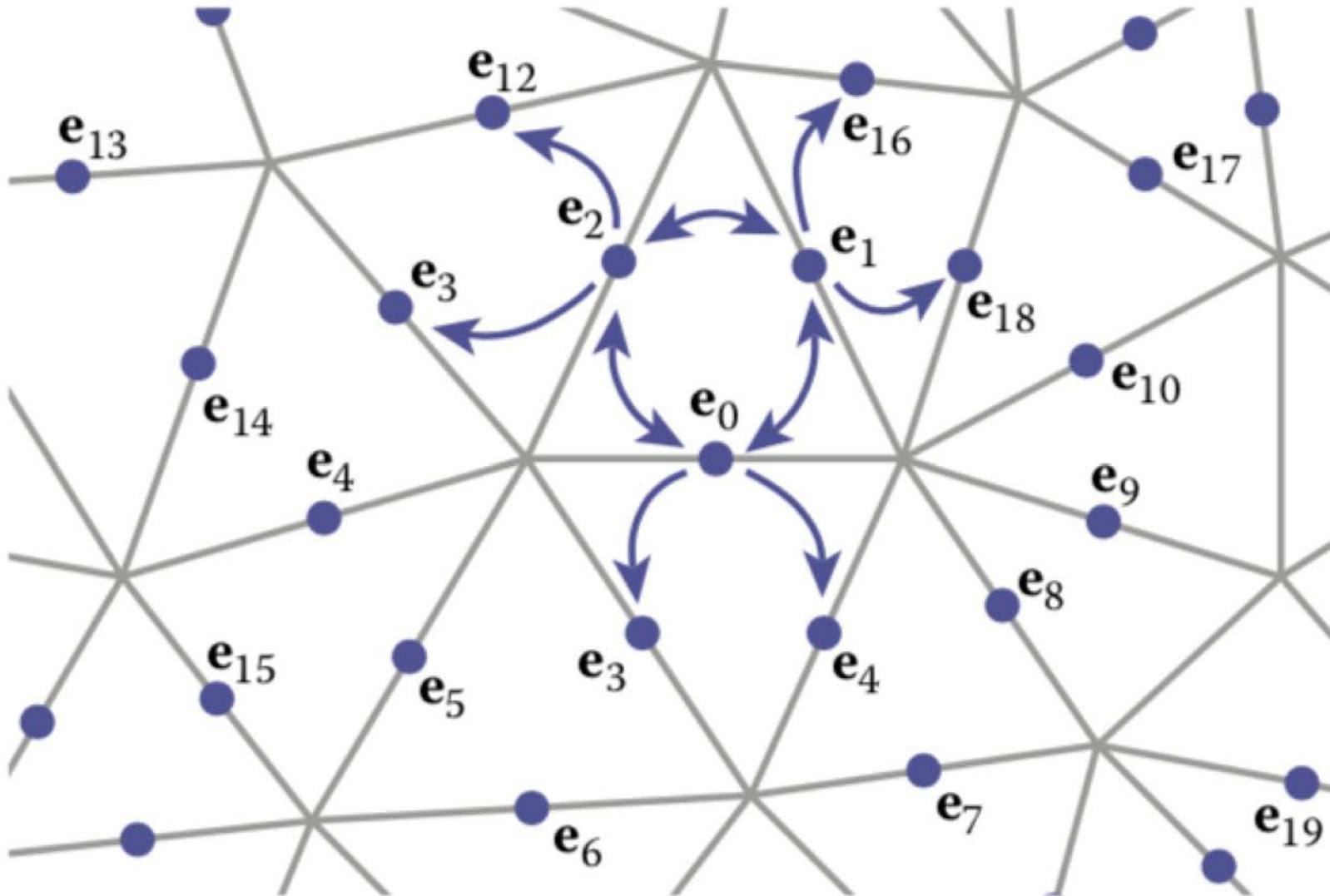


Edge	Vertex 1	Vertex 2	Face left	Face right	Pred left	Succ left	Pred right	Succ right
a	A	D	3	0	f	e	c	b
b	A	B	0	2	a	c	d	f
c	B	D	0	1	b	a	e	d
d	B	C	1	2	c	e	f	b
e	C	D	1	3	d	c	a	f
f	C	A	3	2	e	e	b	d

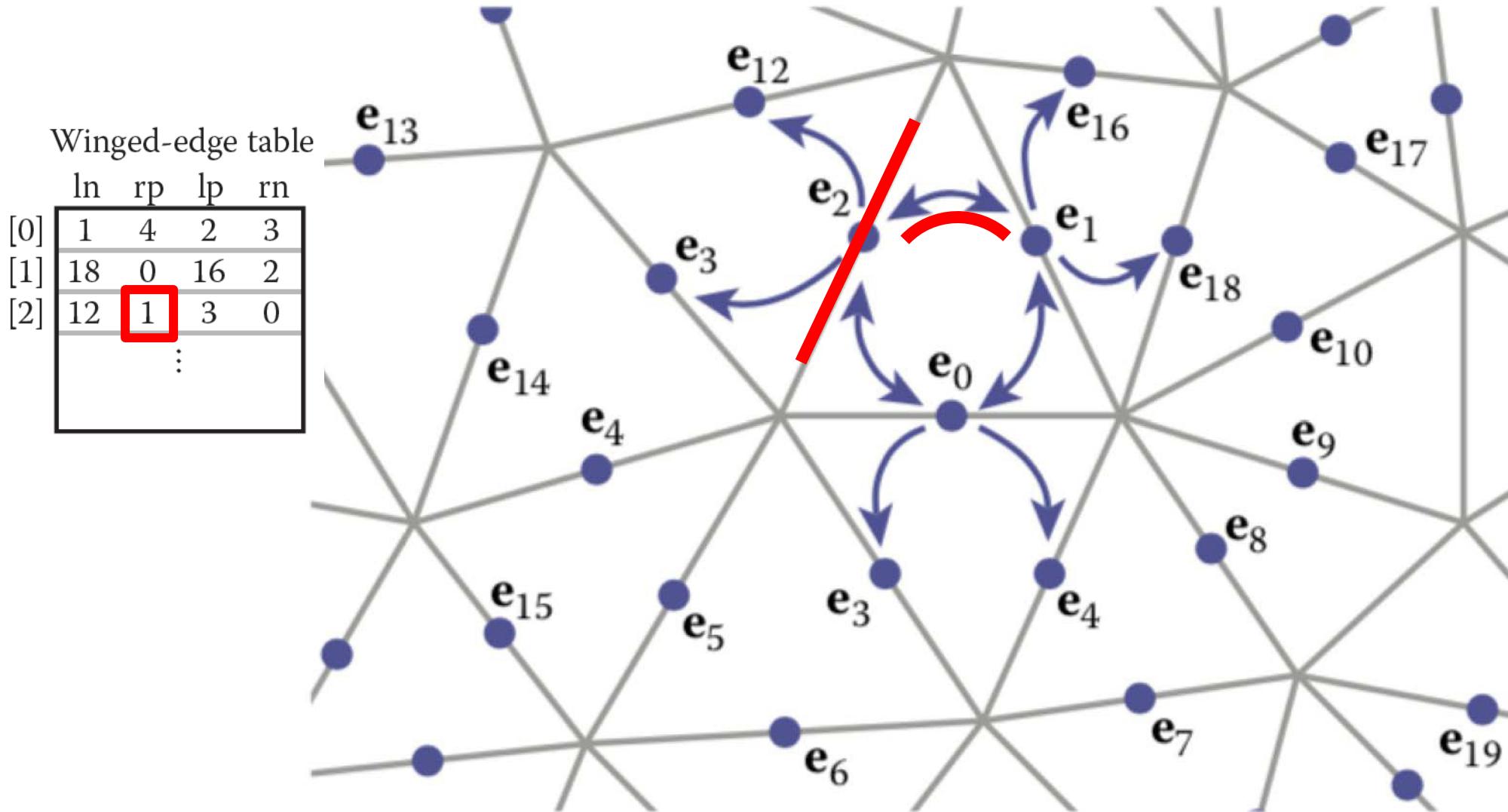
Vertex	Edge
A	a
B	d
C	d
D	e

Face	Edge
0	a
1	c
2	d
3	a

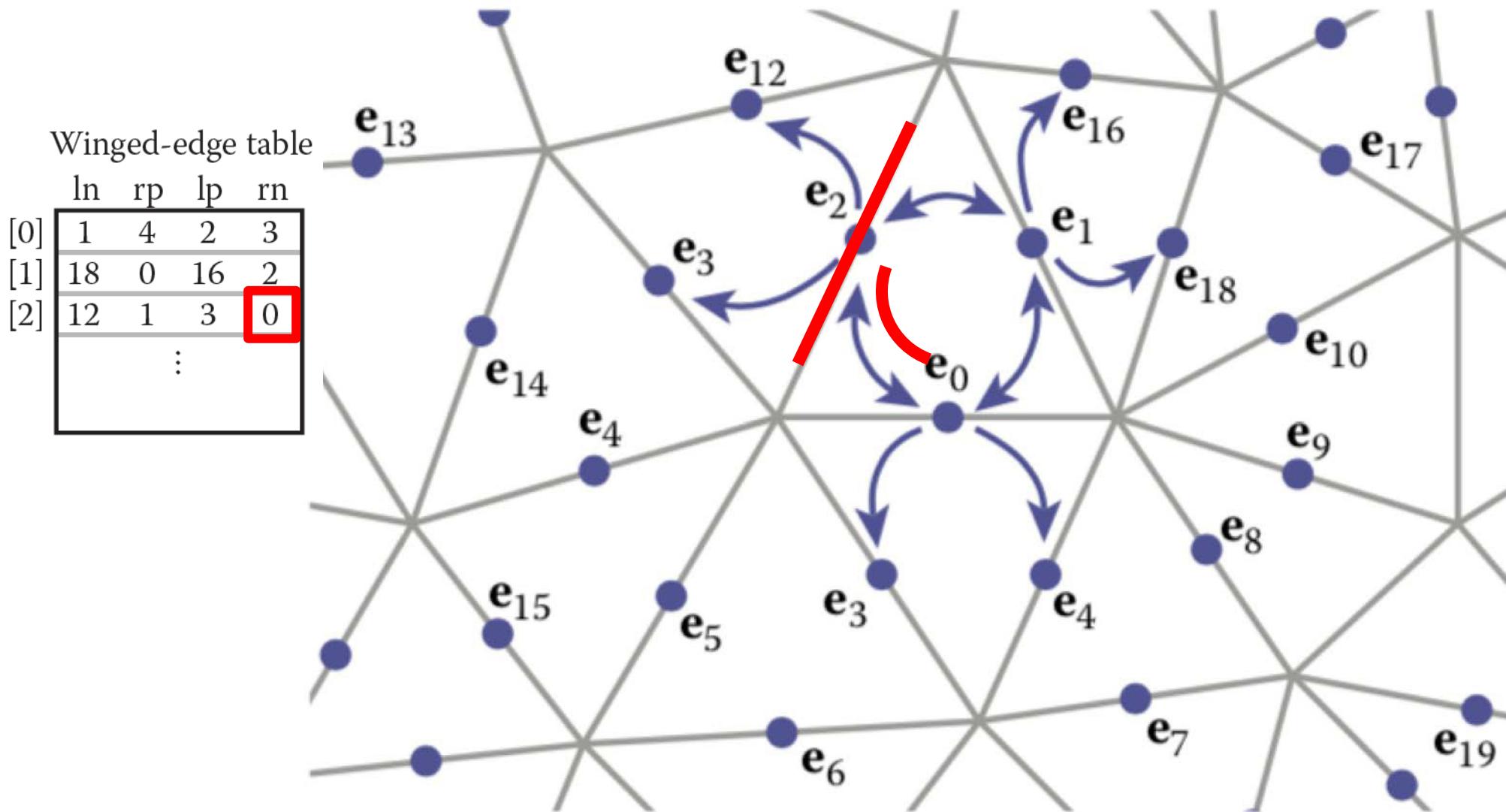
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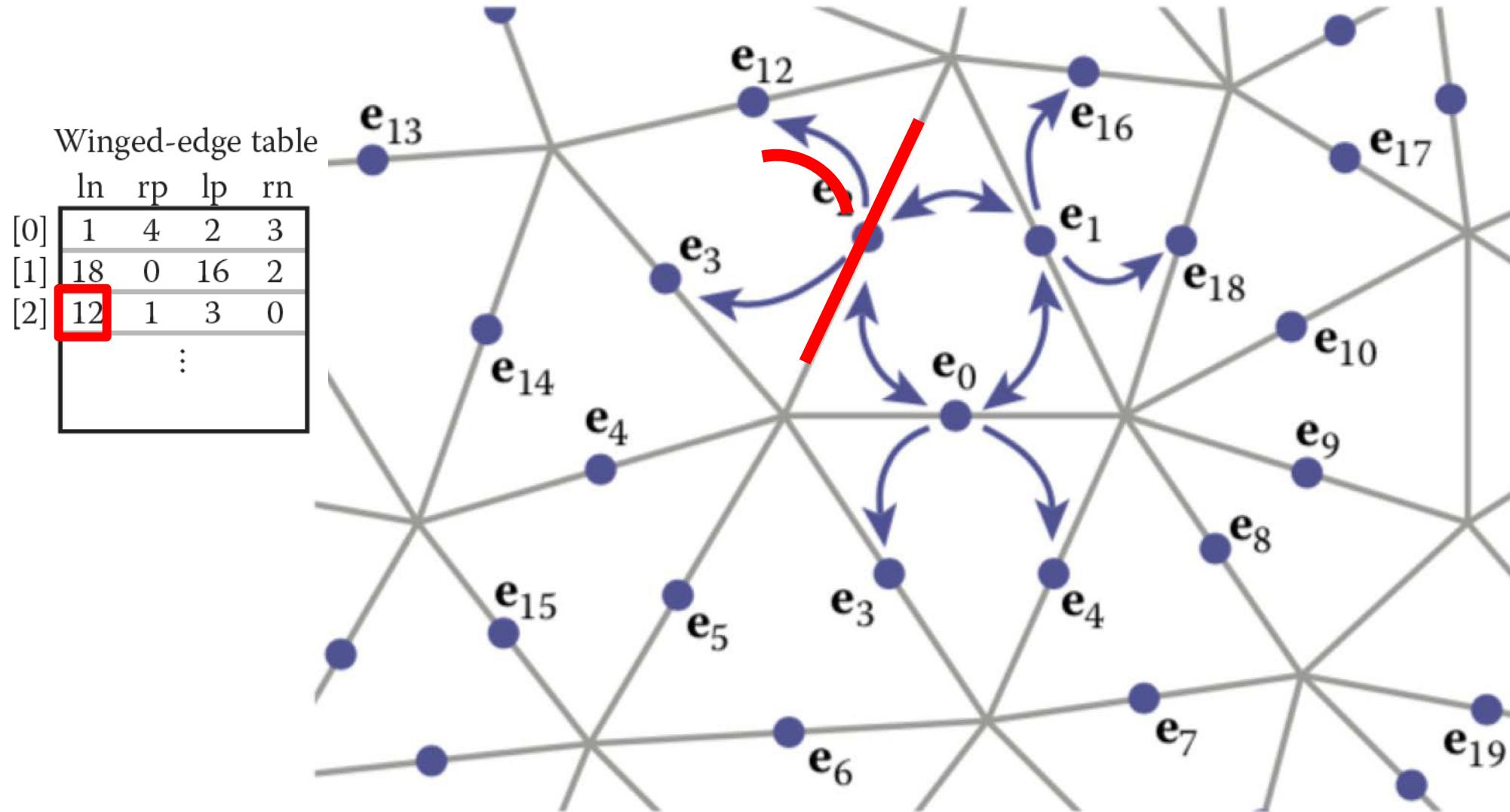
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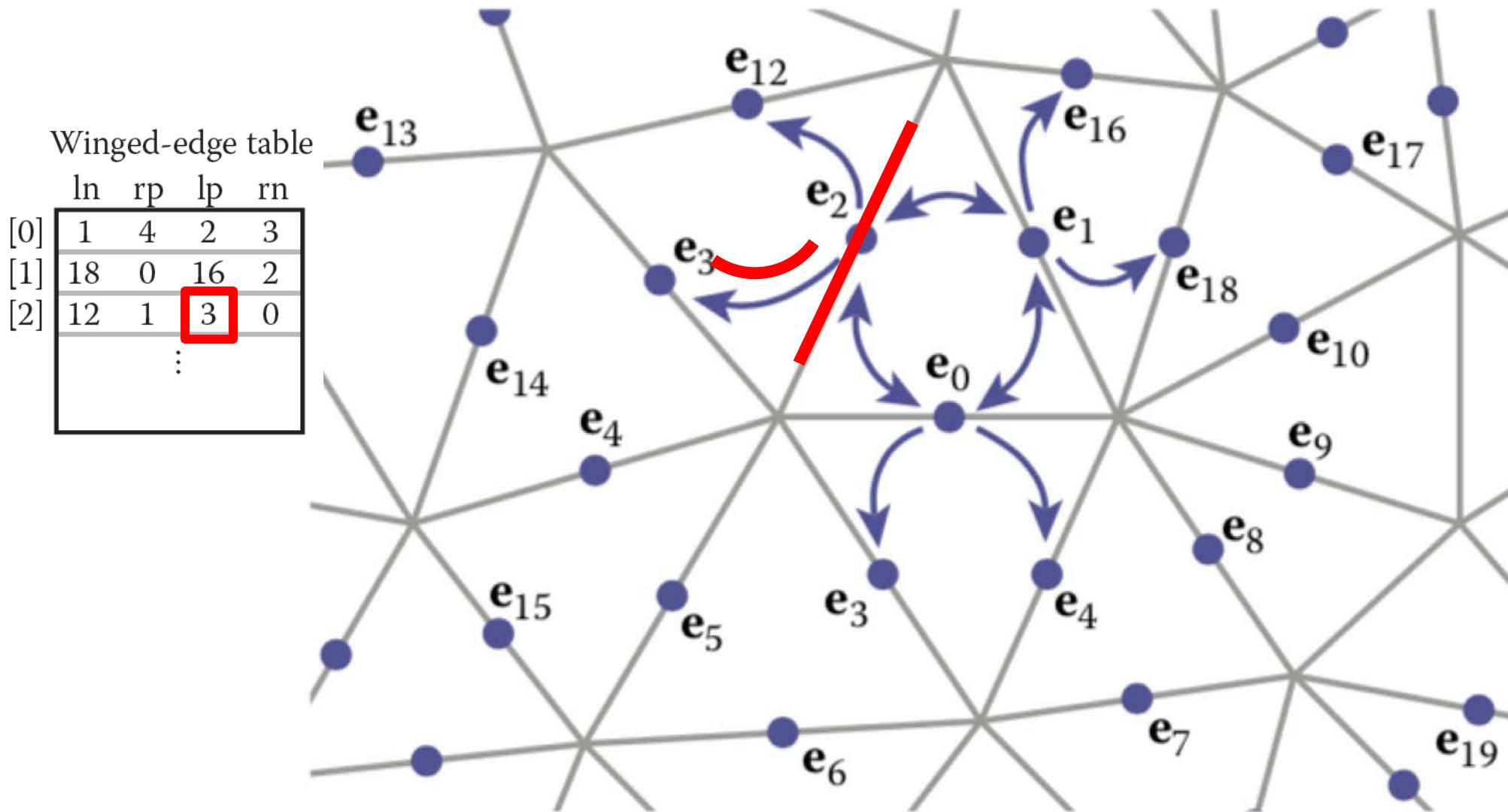
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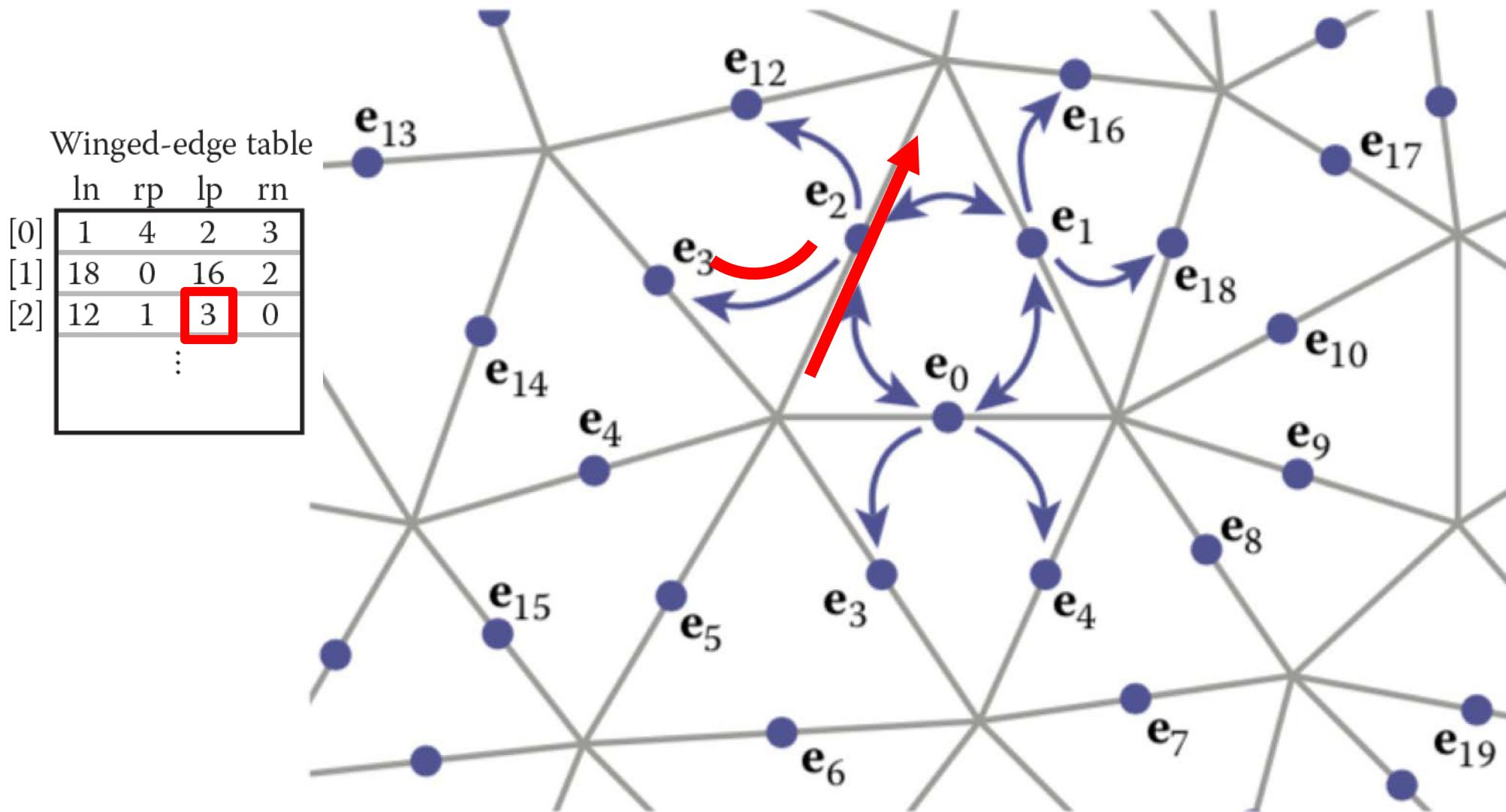
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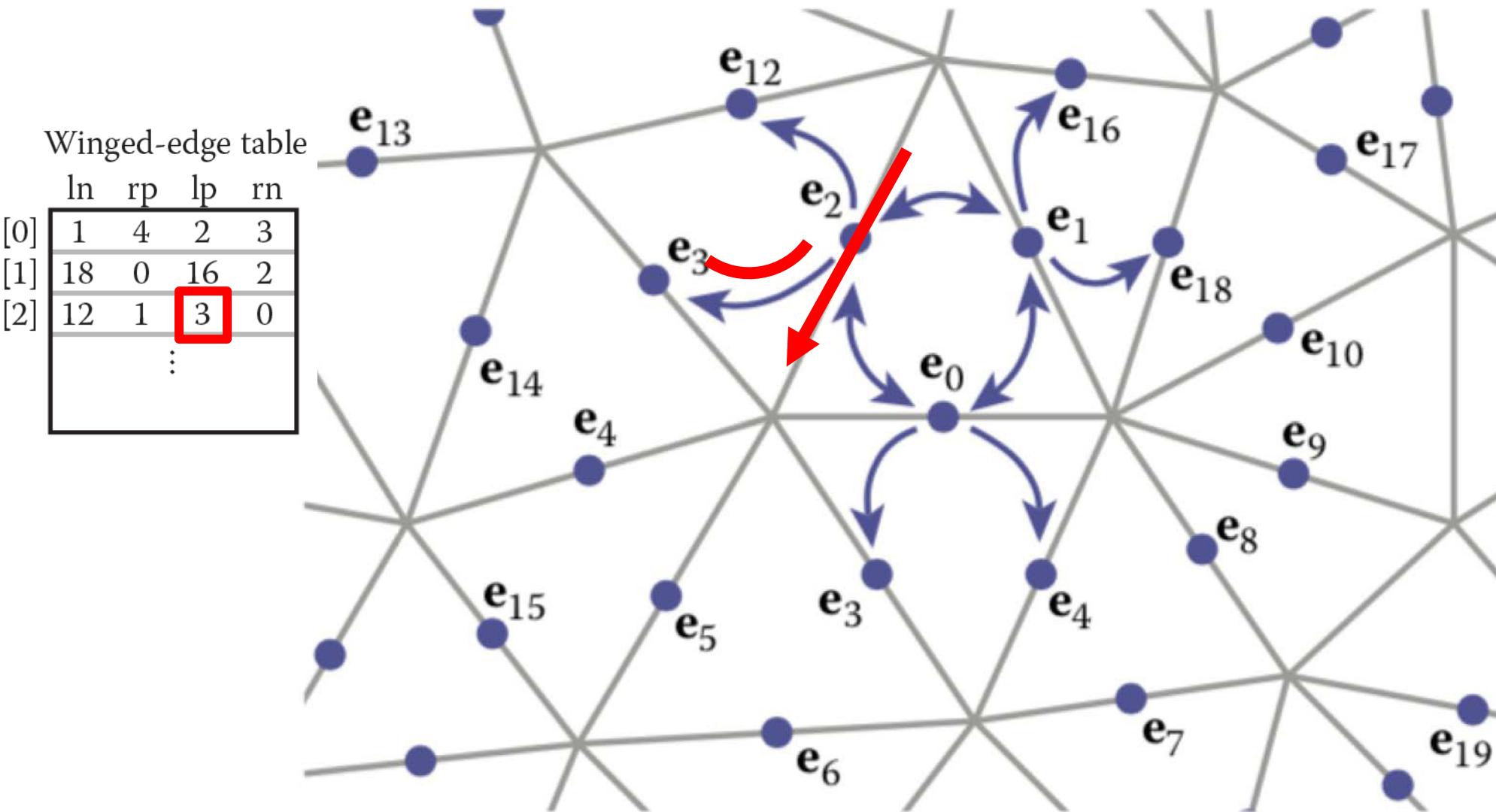
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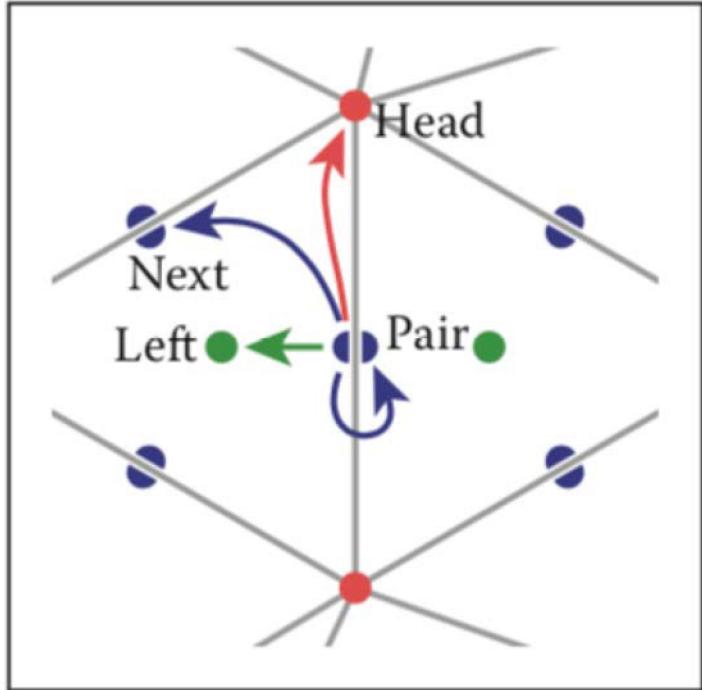
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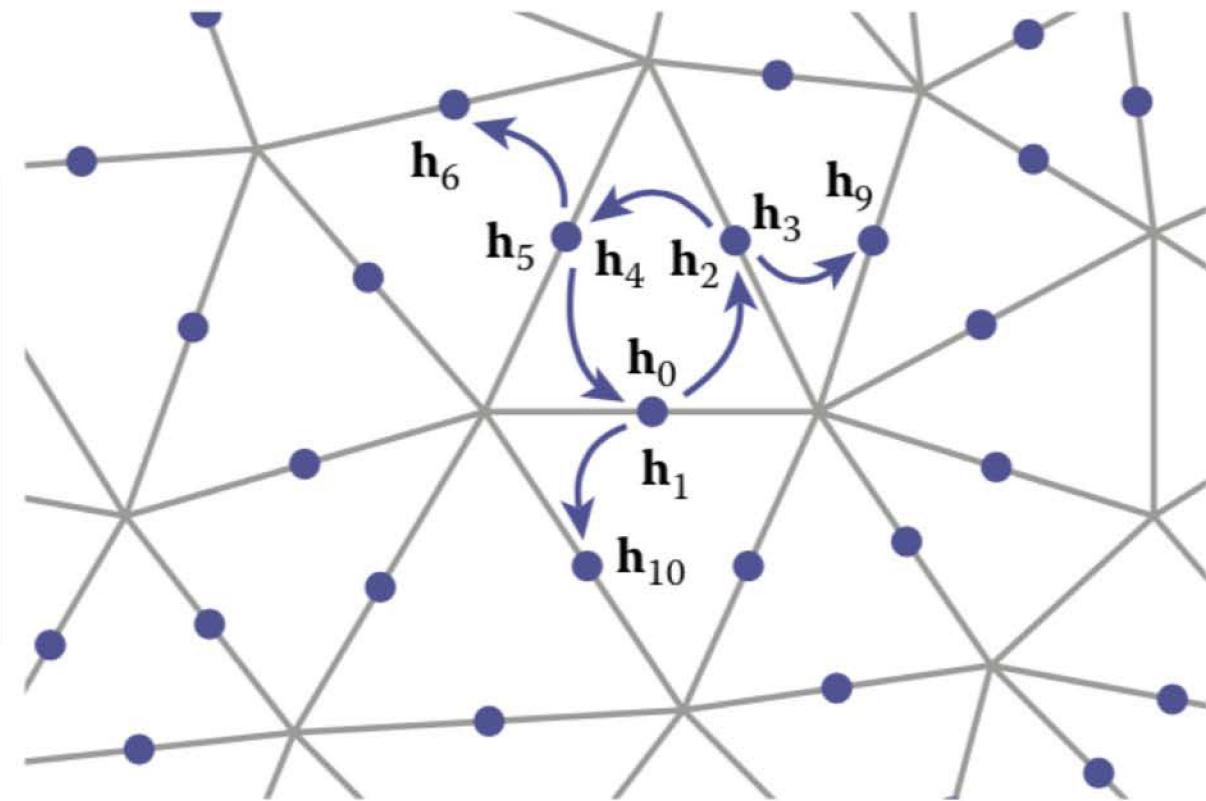
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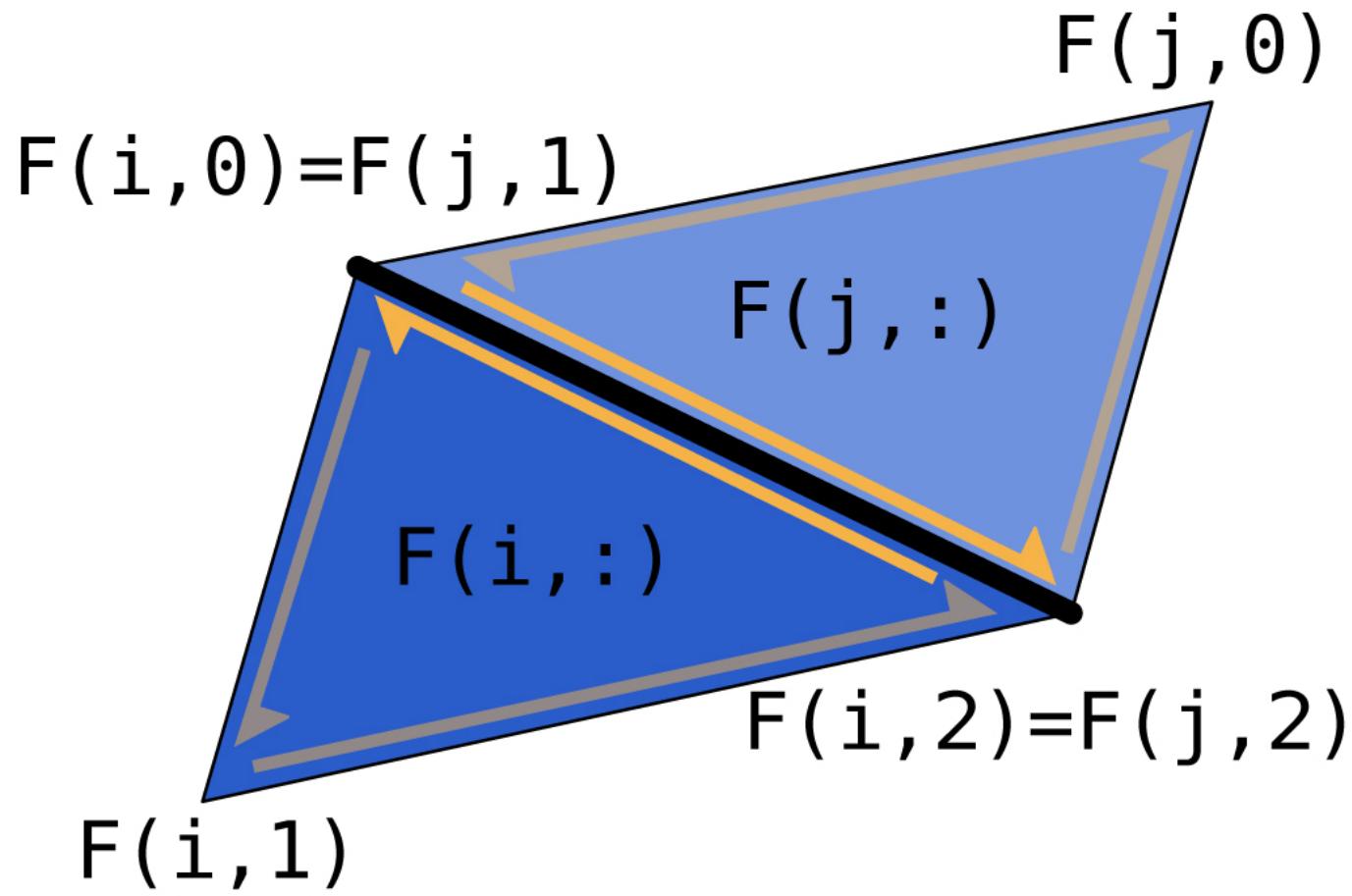
Half-Edge Data Structure



	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	
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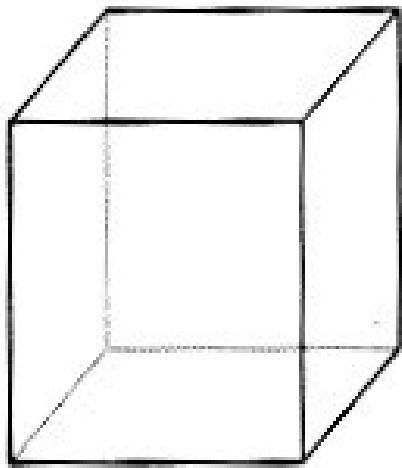


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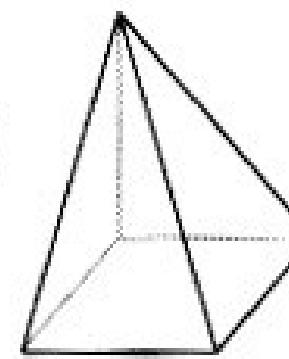


Relationships between primitive Types

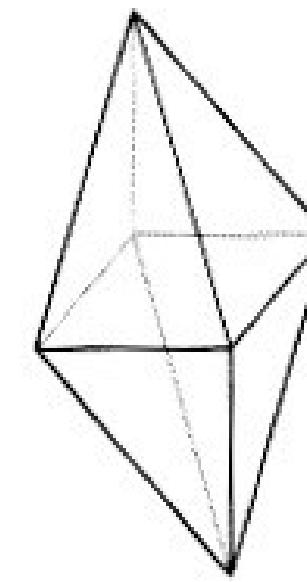
What is the relationship between the number of vertices, the number of edges and the number of triangles in a mesh?



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



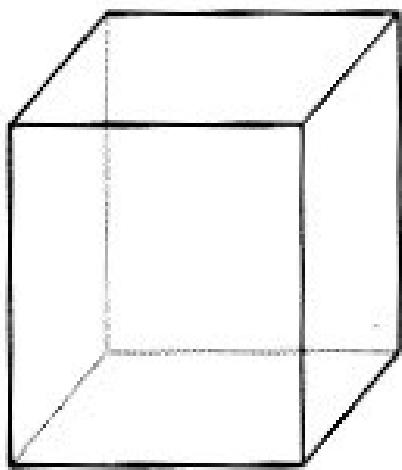
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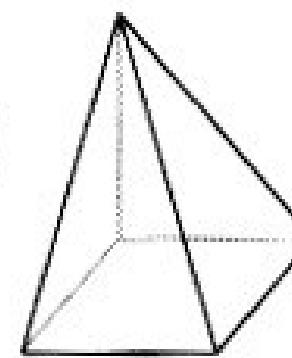
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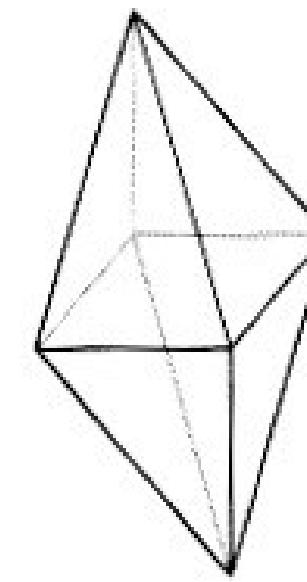
Euler's Formula: $V + F - E = 2$
(closed triangle mesh)



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



$$\begin{aligned}V &= 5 \\E &= 8 \\F &= 5\end{aligned}$$

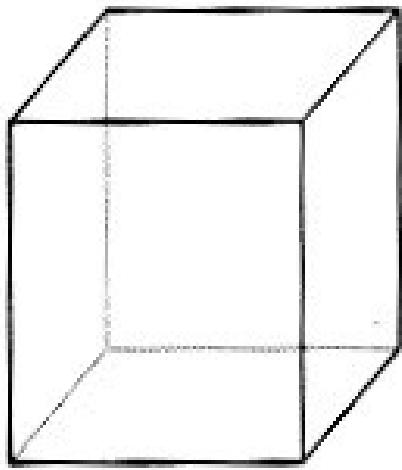


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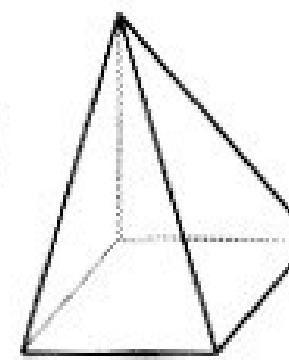
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$$3F = 2E$$

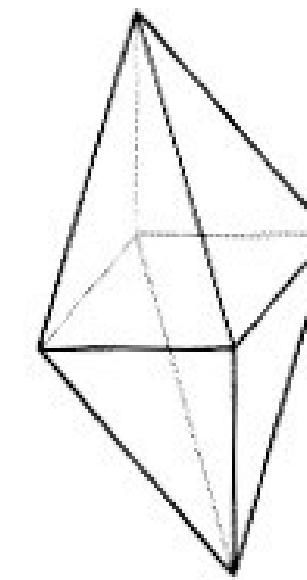
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 $E = 12$
 $F = 6$



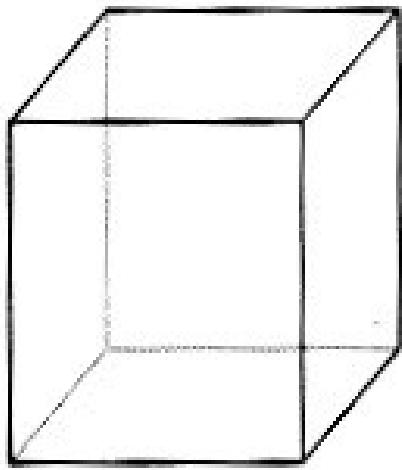
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 $F = 4$



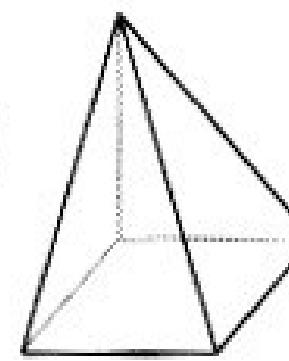
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 $F = 8$

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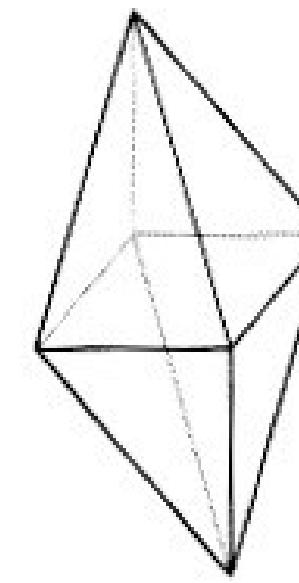
number of half edges = $2E$



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 $F = 6$



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 $F = 4$

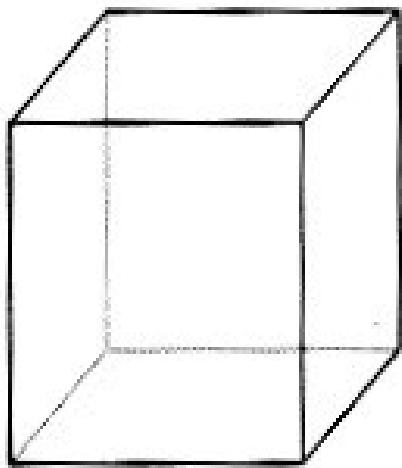


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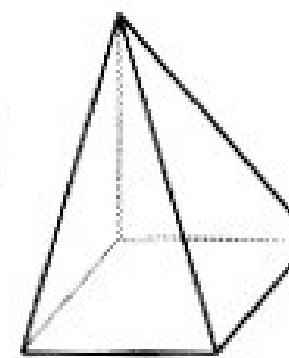
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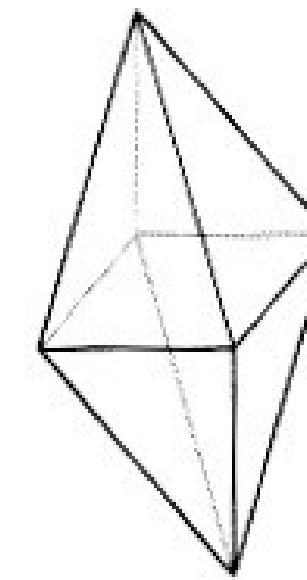
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$V = 5$
 $E = 8$
 $F = 5$



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

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

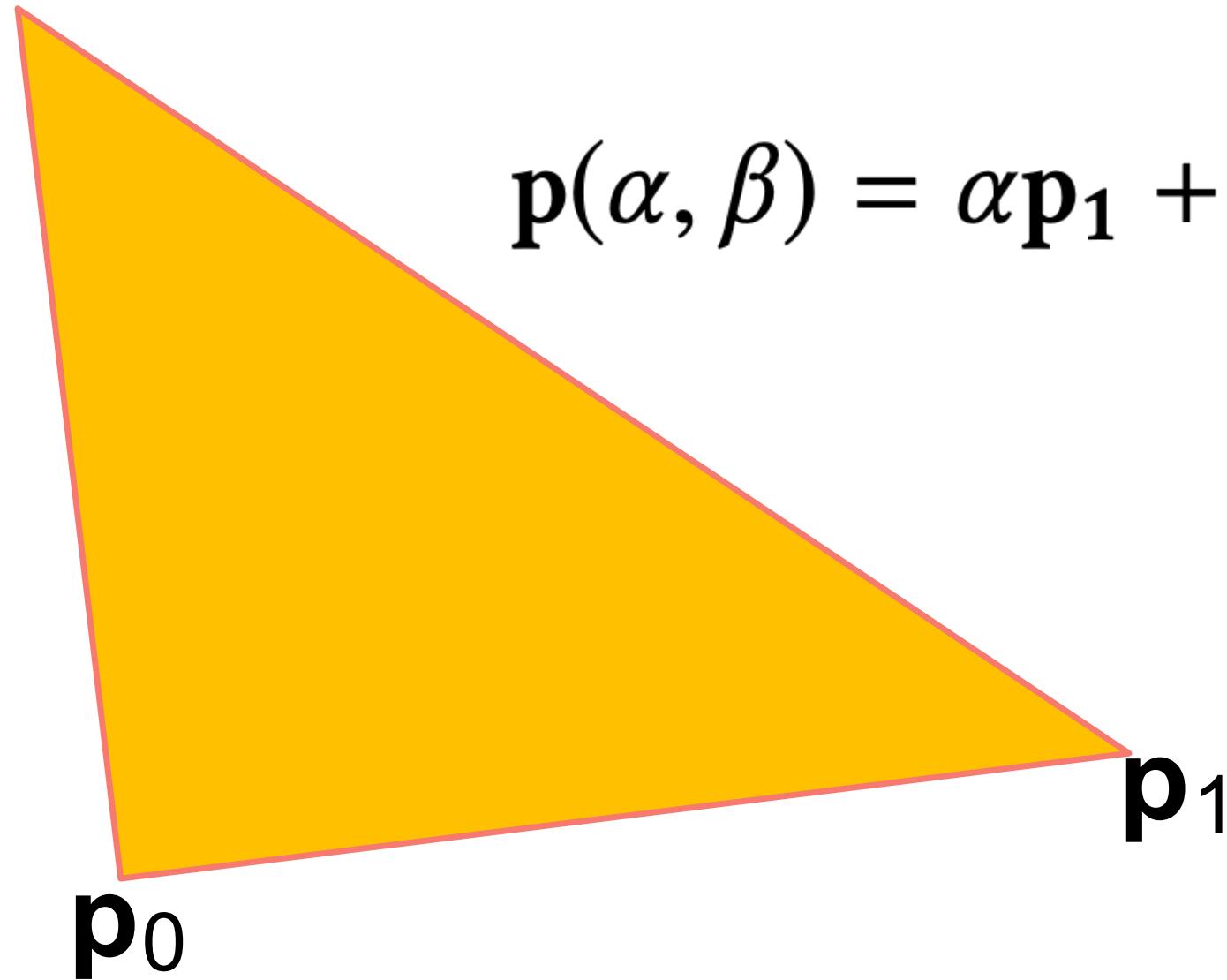
- when a mesh is approximating a curved surface, store normals at vertices

Texture coordinates

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

Barycentric Coordinates

\mathbf{p}_2



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

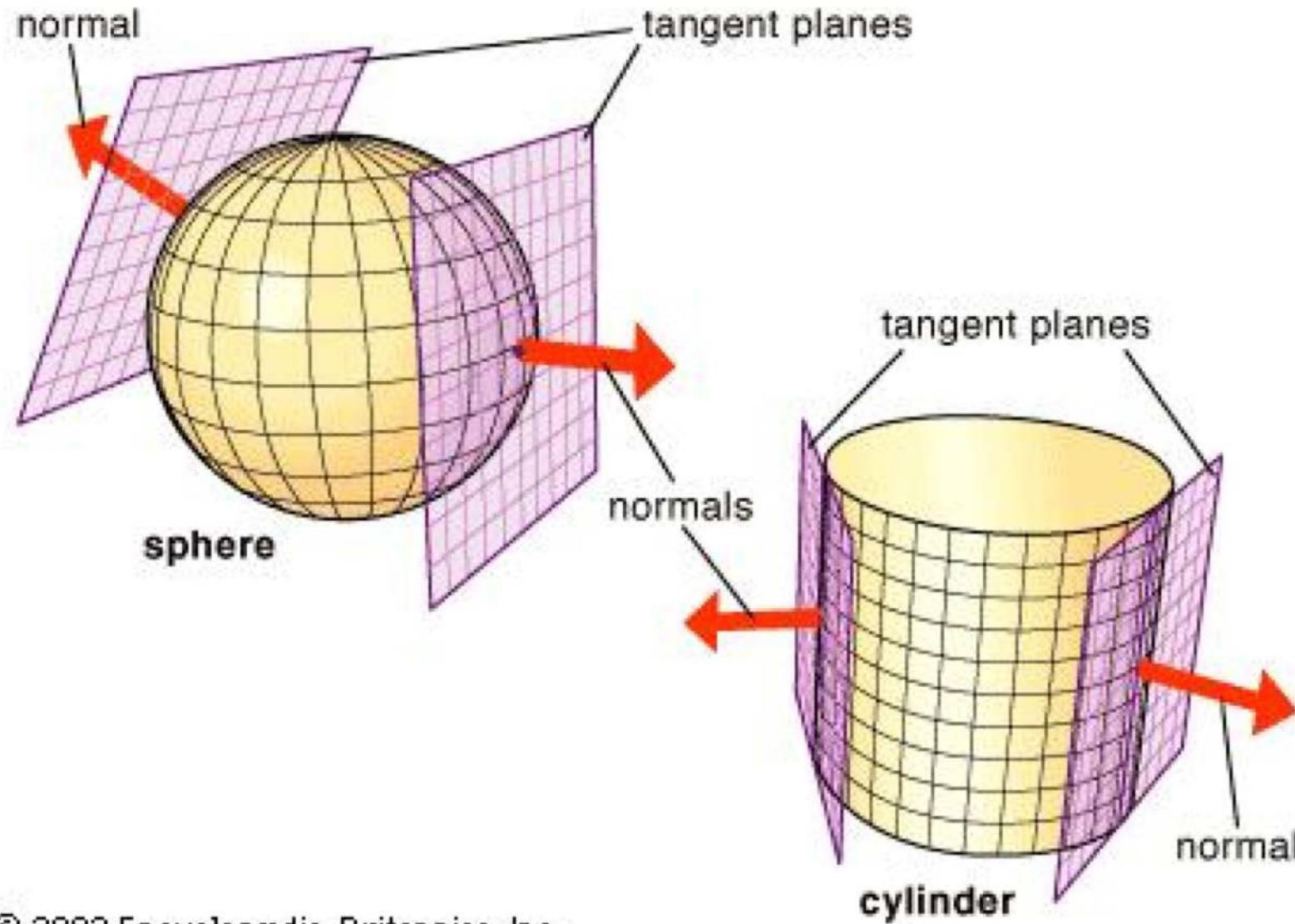
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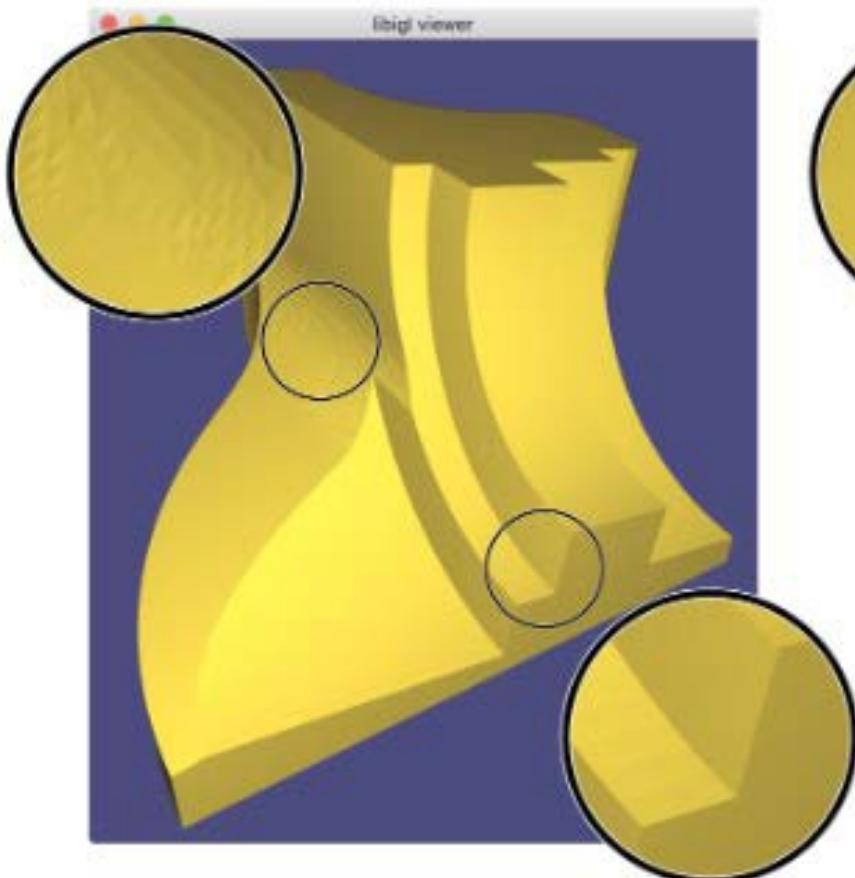
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Normal Vectors

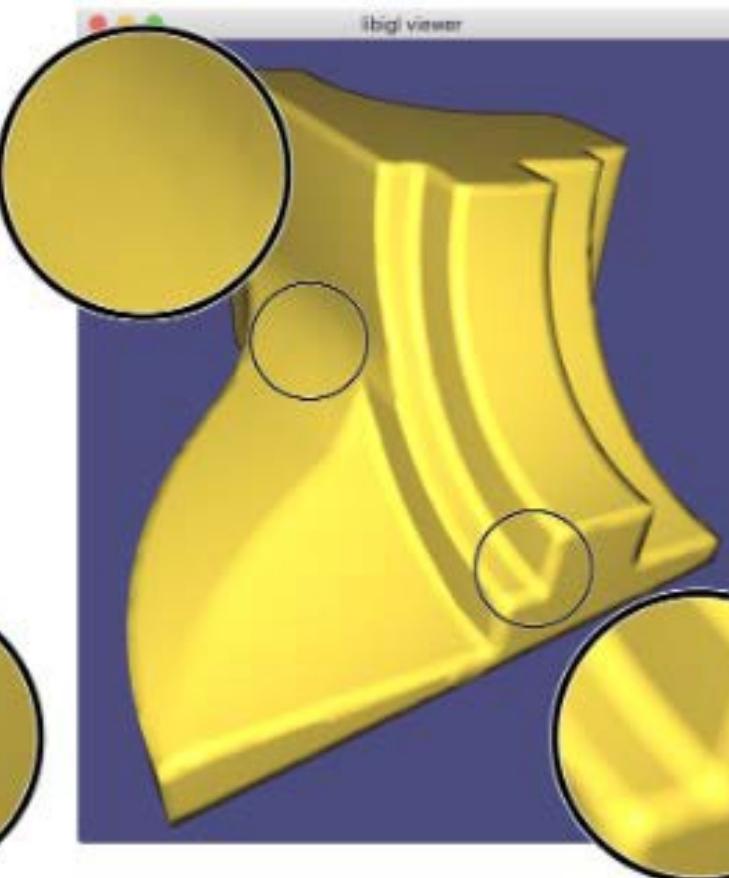


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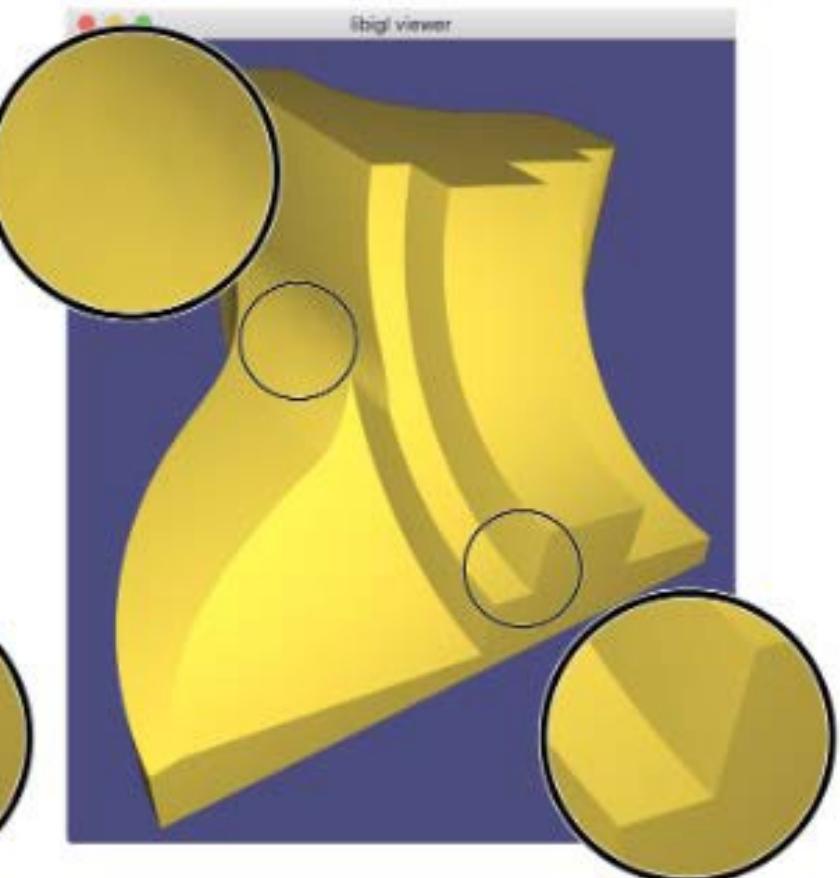
Per-Face Normals



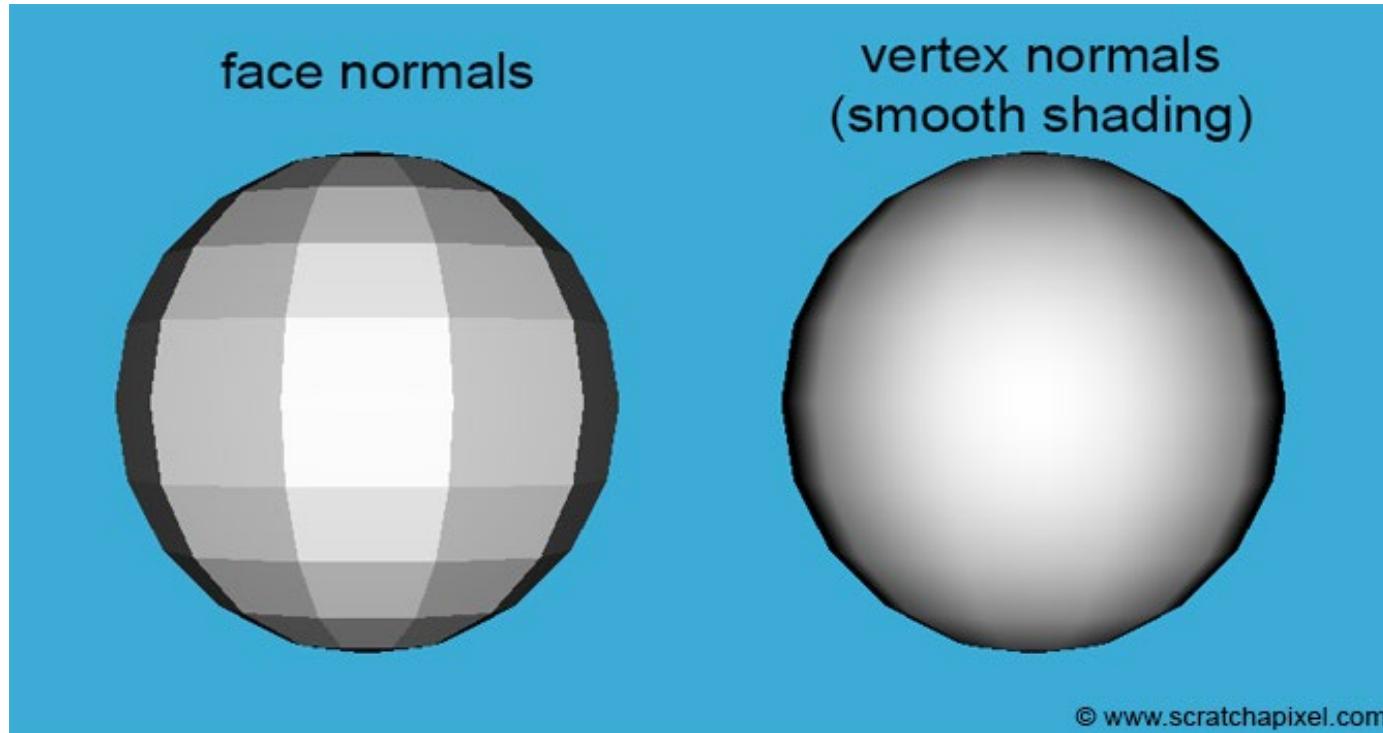
Per-Vertex Normals



Per-Corner Normals

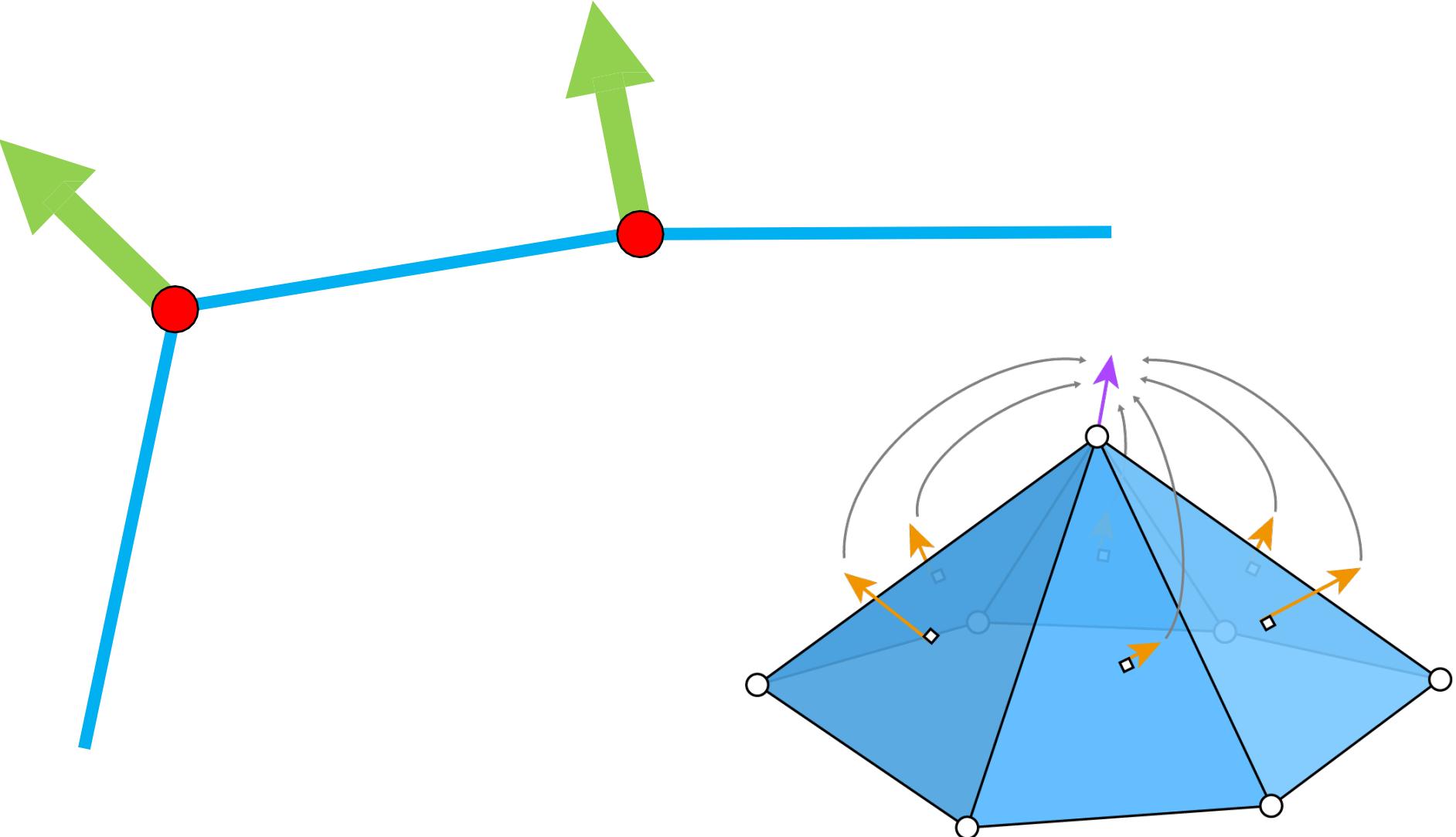


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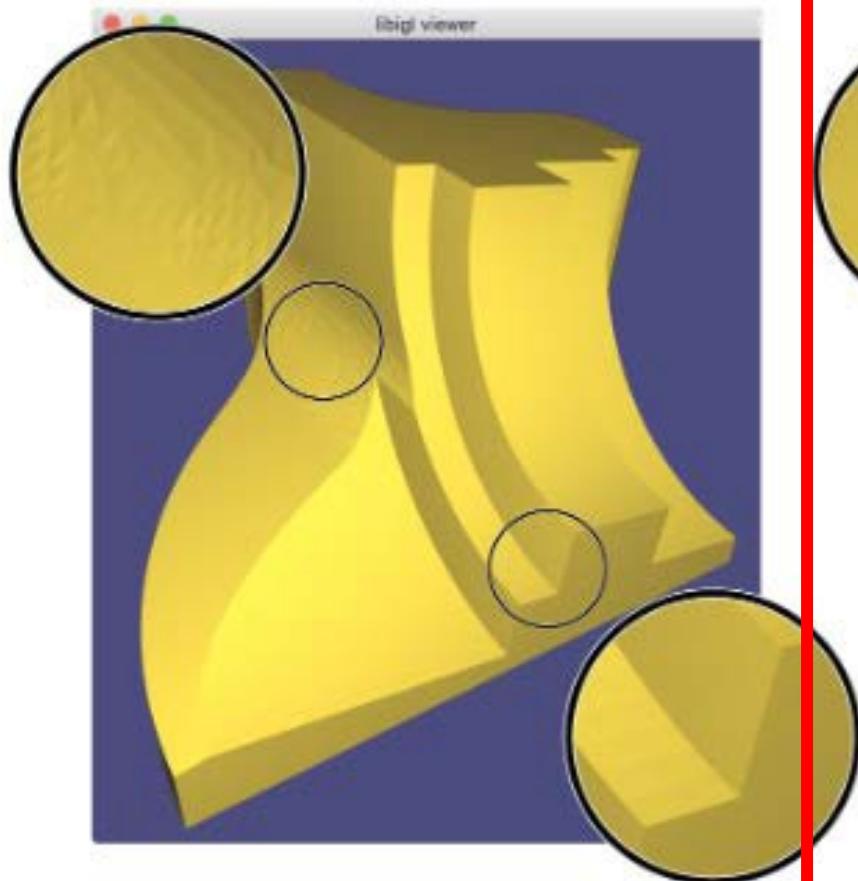
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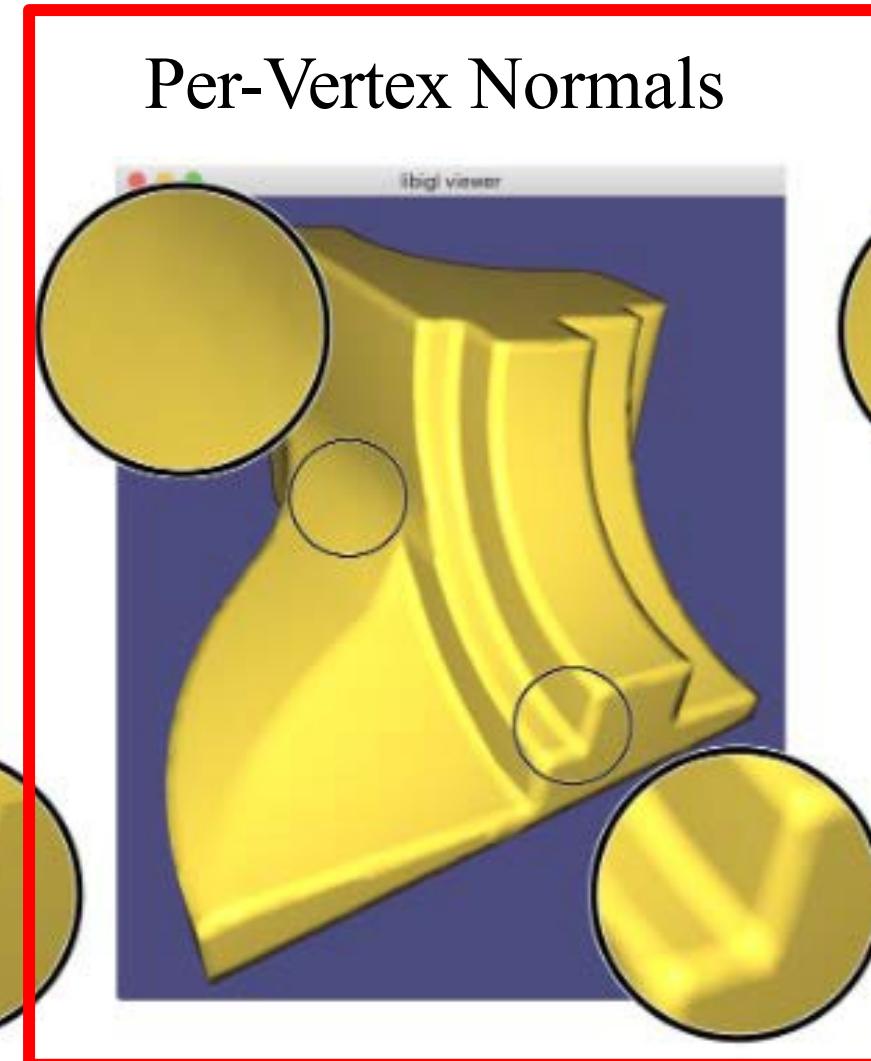


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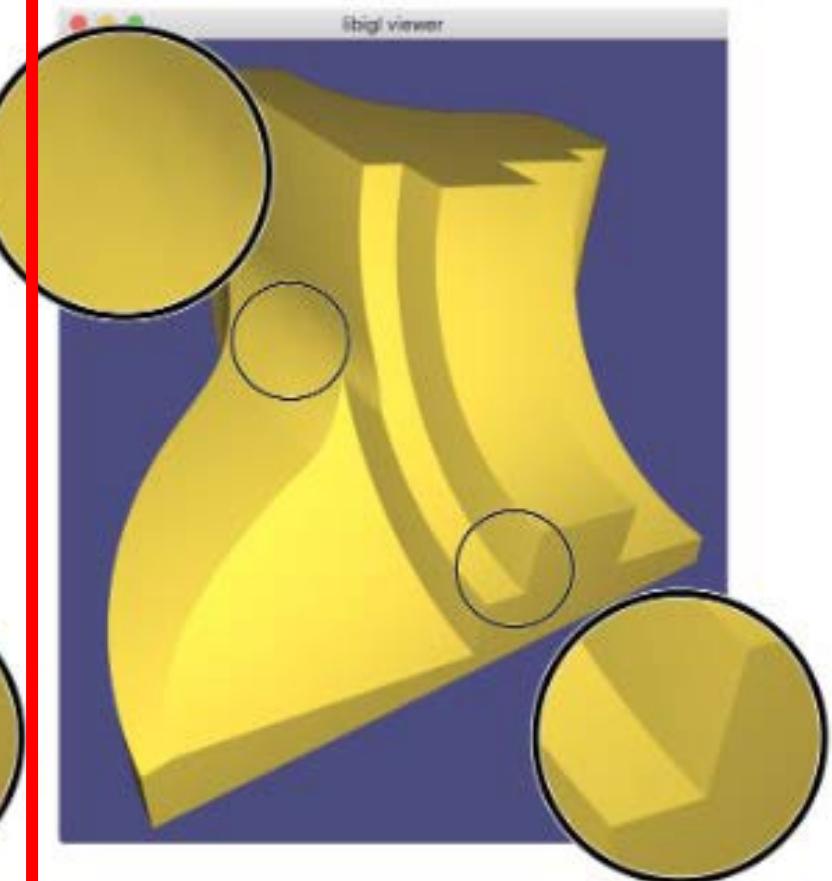
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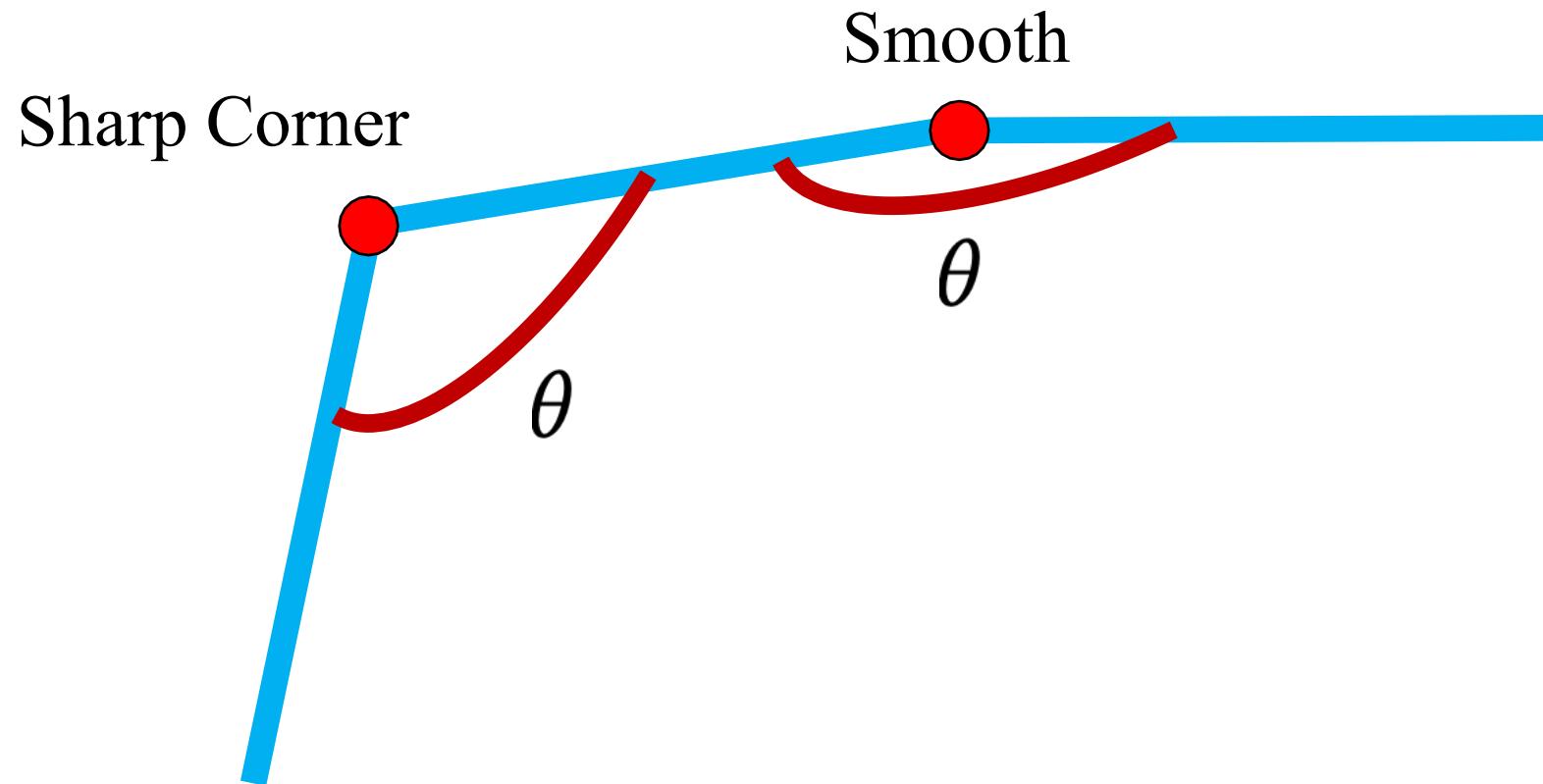
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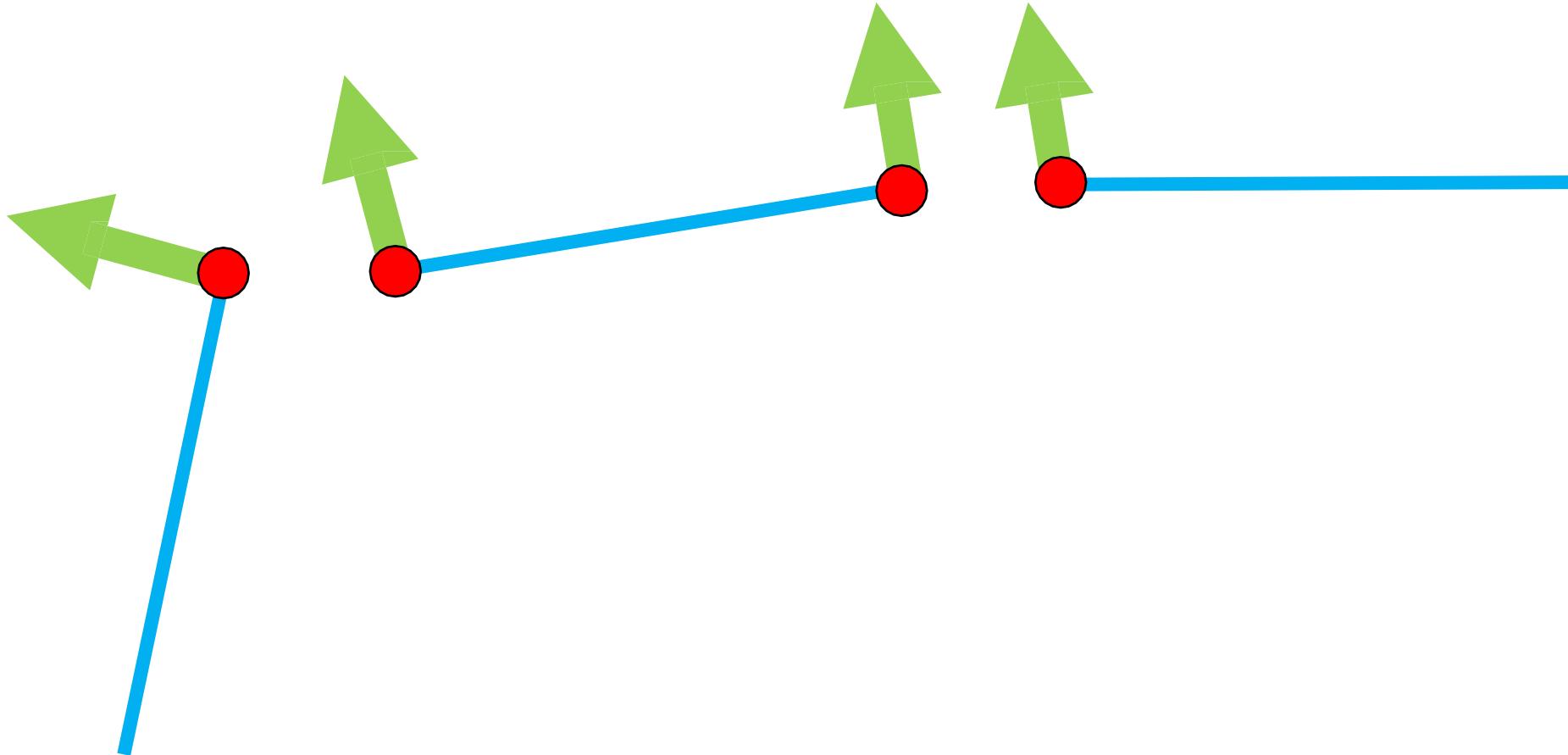
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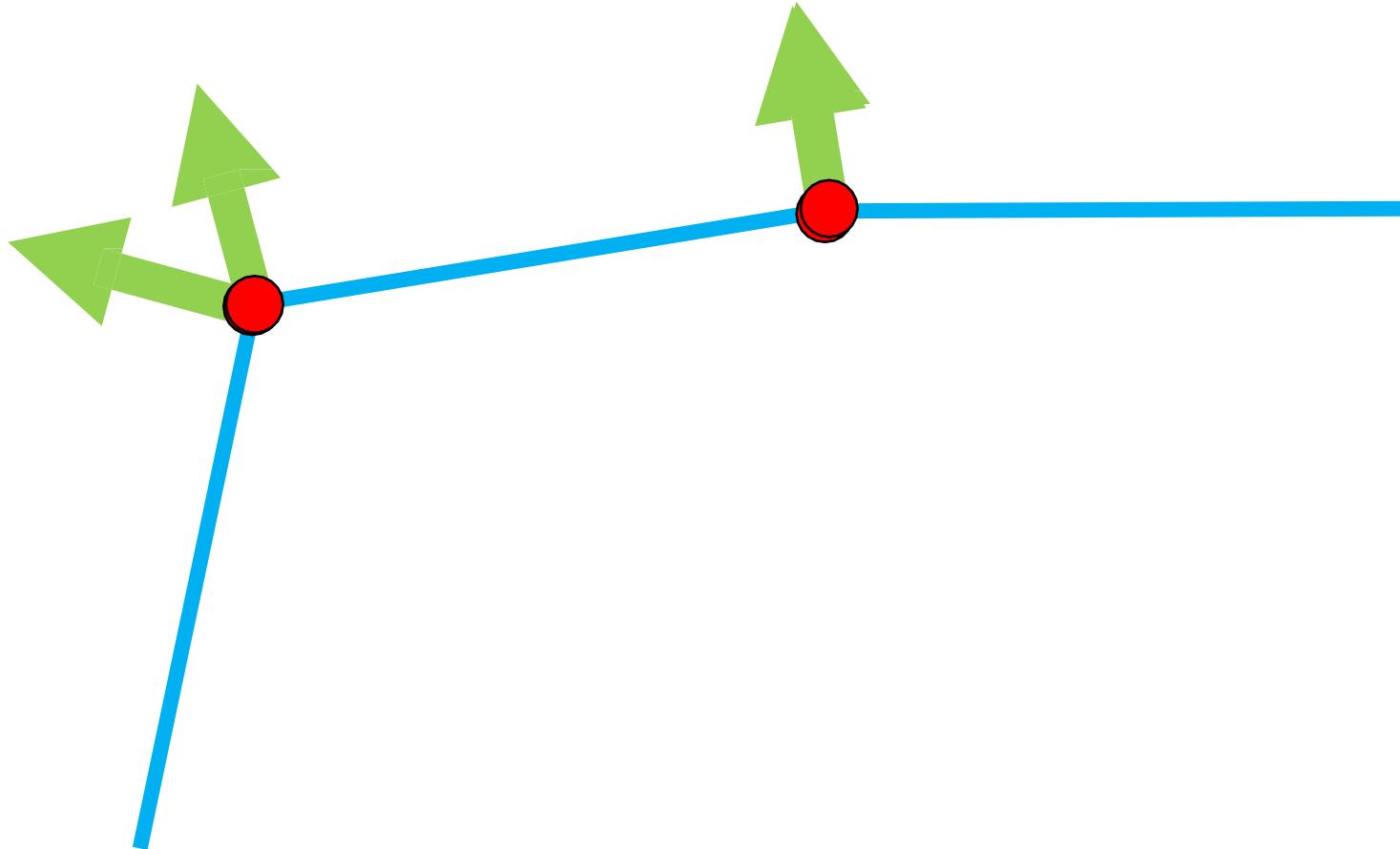
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Where to find meshes?

Make your own!

<https://www.blender.org/>

<https://www.autodesk.ca/en/products/maya/overview>



Download them!

<https://www.cs.cmu.edu/~kmcrane/Projects/ModelRepository/>

<https://www.turbosquid.com/>

<https://poly.google.com/>

<https://www.thingiverse.com/>

<https://ten-thousand-models.appspot.com/>

Done for today

No class Wednesday

