

Advanced Computer Graphics

Lecture-02 3D geometry

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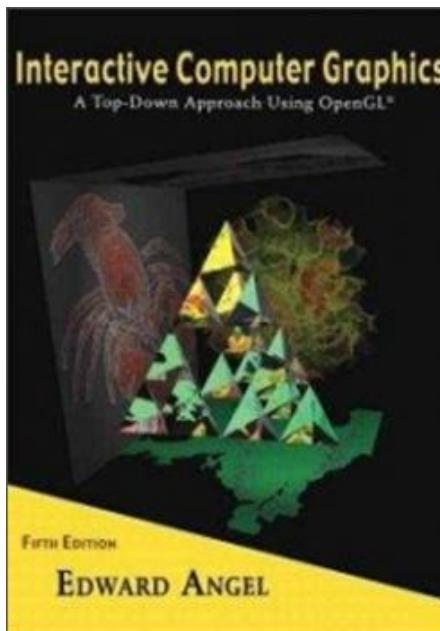
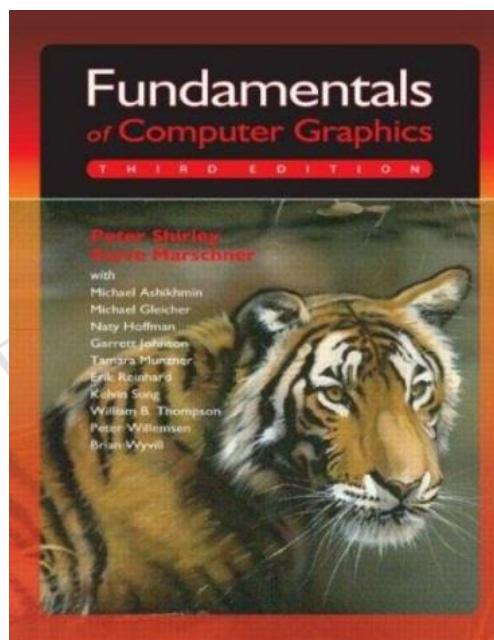
3D Geometry

- Simple 3D processing in Graphics
- Geometrical / topological definition
- Graphics pipeline
- 3D data format (STL/OBJ/PLY)



Content from textbook

- Fundamentals of computer graphics: chapter 3.
- Interactive computer graphics a top-down approach using OpenGL:
Chapter 1&3&4.
- Online resource.





Data format in computer graphics-1

- Mathematical definition
- 2D / 3D point
 - Not occupy an area, no volume, and zero in size.
 - Not able be divided, no able to merge.
- 2D / 3D line (curve)
 - No width, but has specific length.
 - Able be divided into infinite lines, and able to merge.
 - 1D curvature (regional differential).
- 2D / 3D plane (surface)
 - No thickness, no volume, but has specific area.
 - 2D curvature (2x2 tensor).

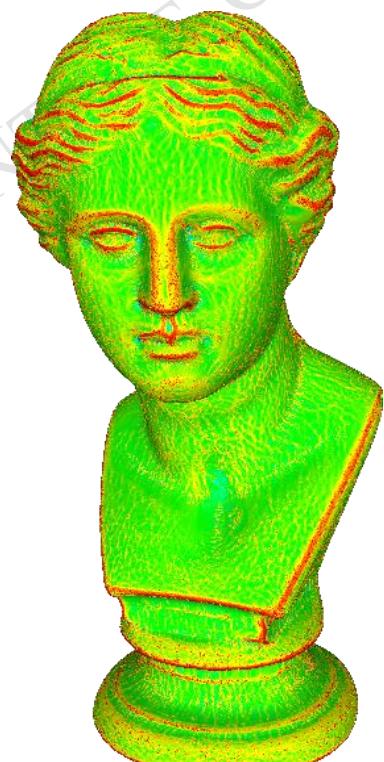


Data format in computer graphics-2

- Computer rendering on screen
- 2D / 3D point
 - The minimum area is 1 pixel on display.
- 2D / 3D line (curve)
 - Minimum width is 1 pixel on display.
 - 1D curvature (finite difference).
- 2D / 3D plane (surface)
 - Could have thickness.
 - Consist of finite lines (or points).
 - 2D curvature (finite difference).



Comparison between vector and pixel



First eigenvalue



Second eigenvalue

Surface curvature
estimation from vectors



Blur
Gaussian filter



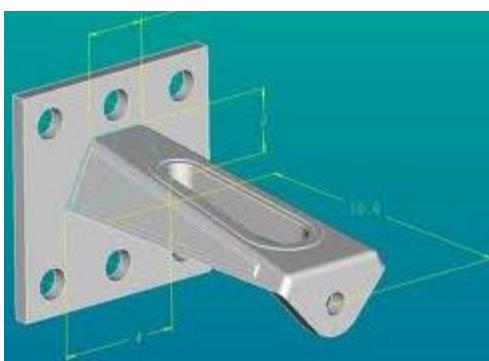
Edge detection
(curvature)

Process on frame-buffer
(or so-called image processing)

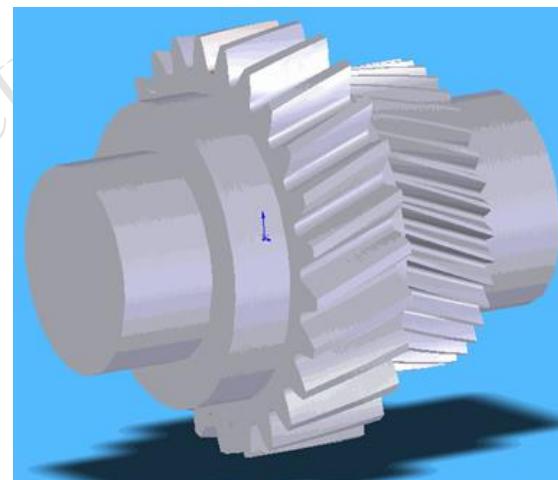


Data definition in “Solid model” field

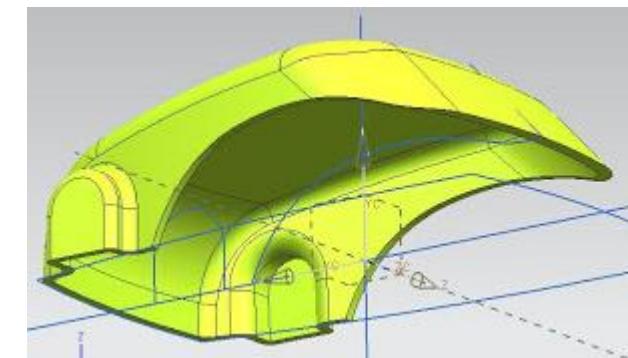
- Represent a volume (consist of enclosed face).
- Physical topology.
- Able to process boolean, division, merge.
- Physical property: weight, inertia, un-isotropic material, density, et. al.



ProE



Solidworks

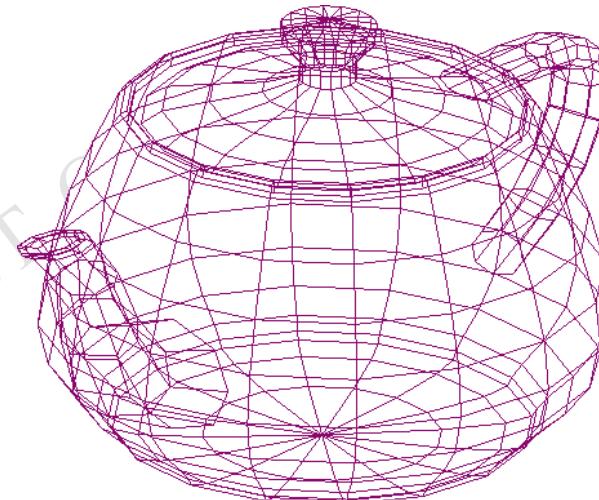


UnitGraphics
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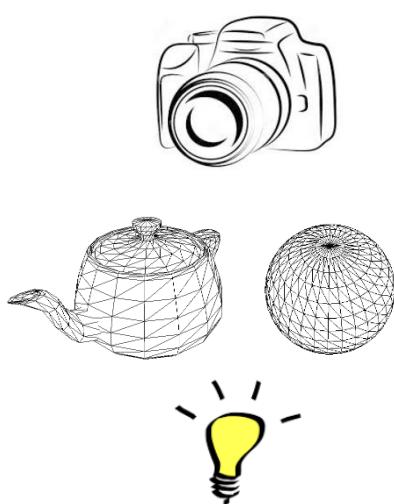
Vector data in “Computer graphics” field

- Geometry base including vertex, line(curve), surface.
- Consider ONLY the “surface” (very thin shell).
- Usually do NOT have property definition on physical behavior.

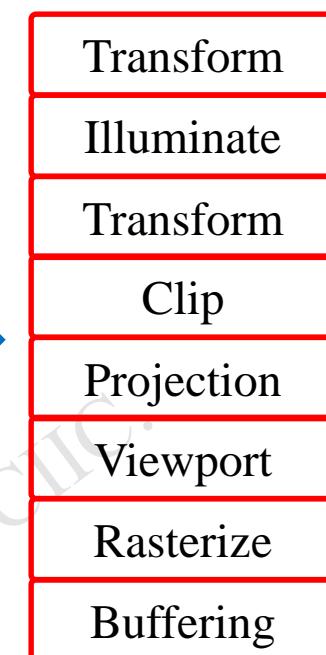




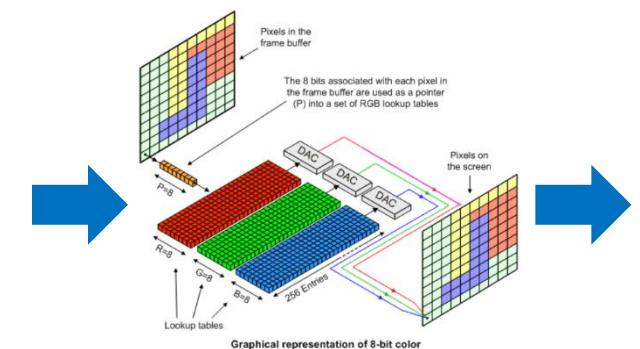
Rendering 3D scene



Models, light, camera,
and screen



Processing



Frame buffer

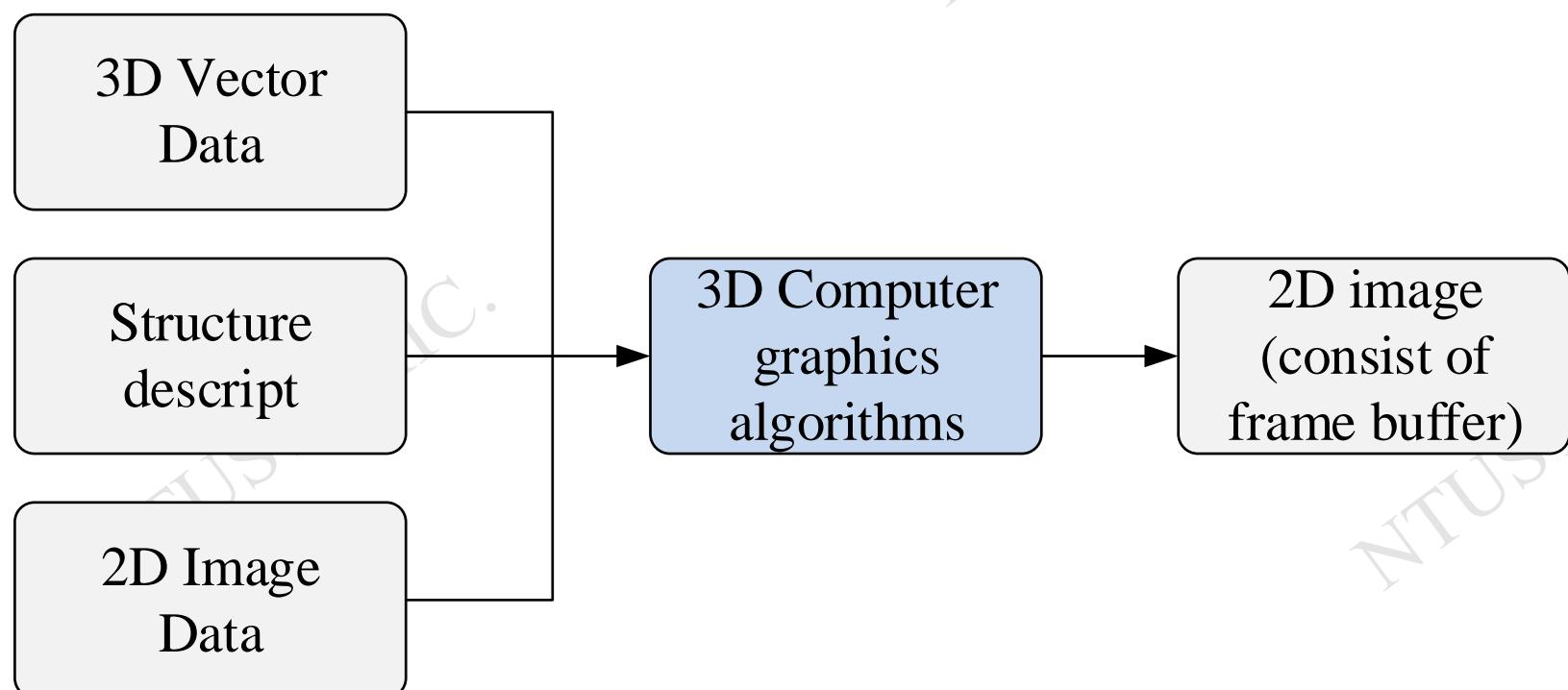


Display



Rendering 3D scene (data type)

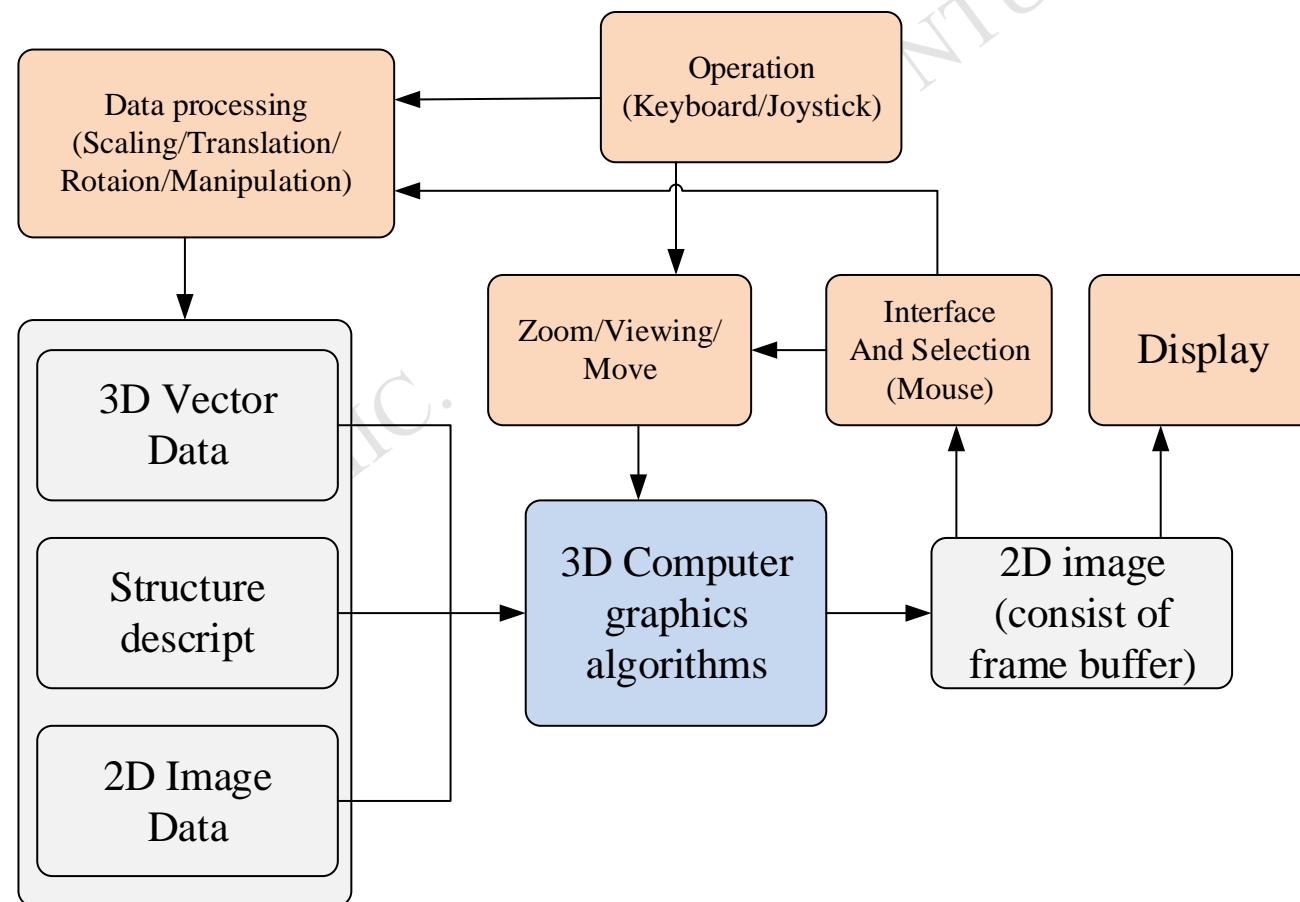
- In summary, the “computer graphics algorithm” converts vector data into “frame buffer”, then draw on the screen.





Interaction with rendering 3D scene (data type)

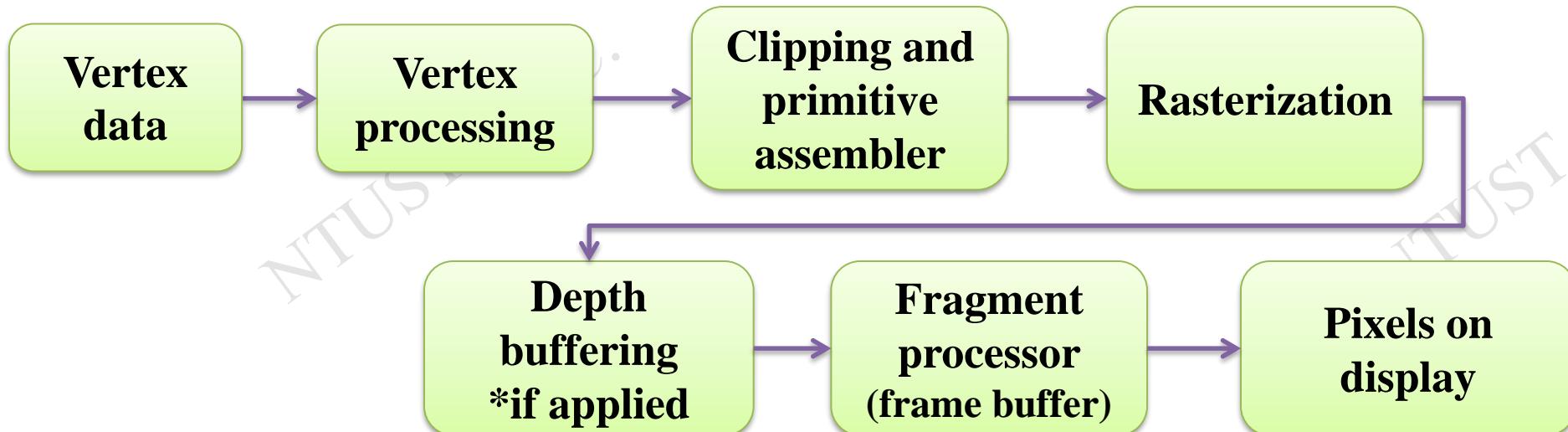
- Keyboard, mouse or event could trigger an action to update current scene.





A simple pipeline for rendering vertices

- Vertex data: the vectors we want to draw on screen
- Vertex processing: to transform (usually a 4x4 matrix including translation, rotation, scale, etc.) vertexes to new positions, and then, to transform to the camera coordinate.





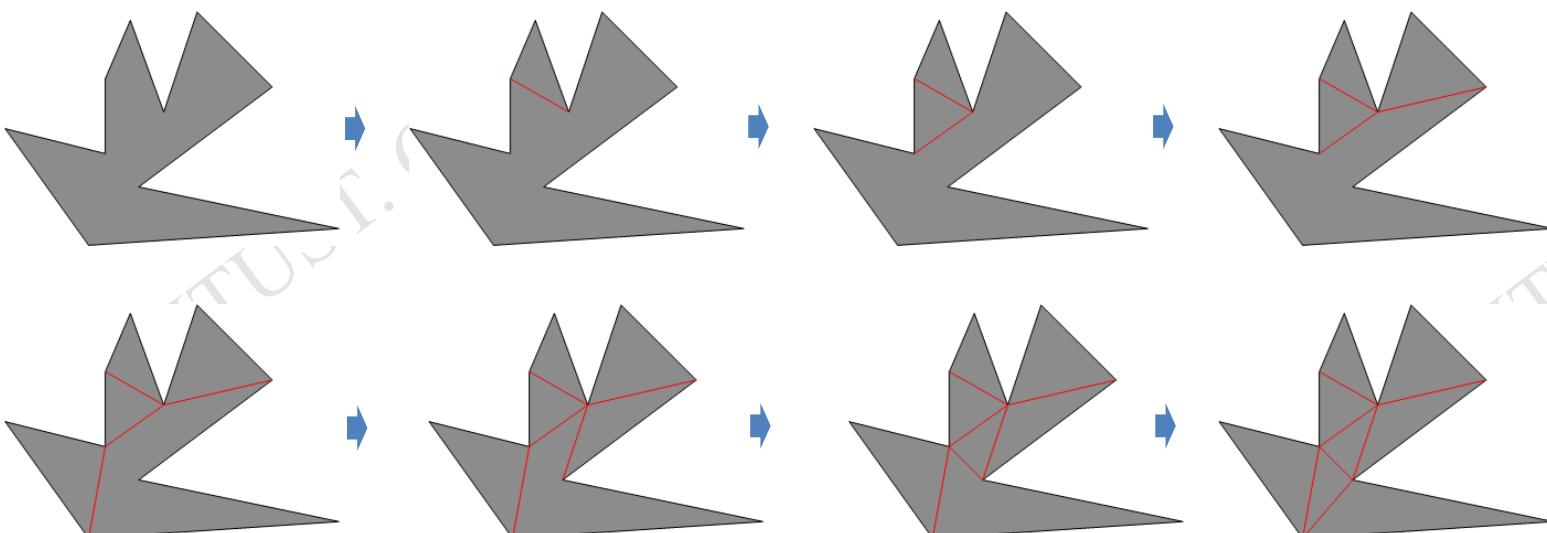
A simple pipeline for rendering vertices—cont.

- Clipping and primitive assembler: remove the part outside the “viewing volume”.
- Rasterization: to convert vectors into integrals (or pixels).
- Depth buffer: in “Rasterization”, the distance comparison to the camera is usually required for representing 3D priority
- Fragment processor: combine with other “image processing” methods for texture or other effects.



2D Tessellation (polygon triangulation)

- Two ears theorem (also called art gallery problem or museum problem)
 - Travel all vertexes of the polygon
 - If current vertex is concave, connect to next-next concave vertex, then split out this triangle.
 - Continue to split a triangle until the polygon becomes a triangle





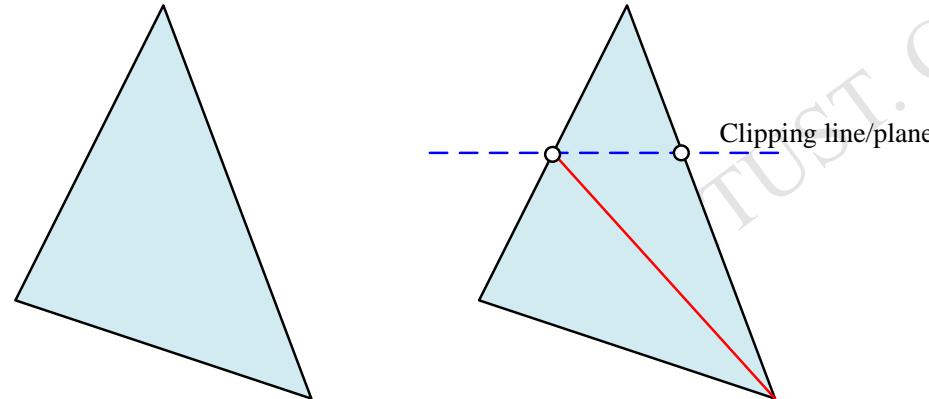
Why triangulation?

- A triangle is the most compact “convex” shape. Any “simple polygon” can be divided into triangles.
- Easy to implement in sub-division, merge.
- Can define unique plane.
- Convex shape, easy to fill color.

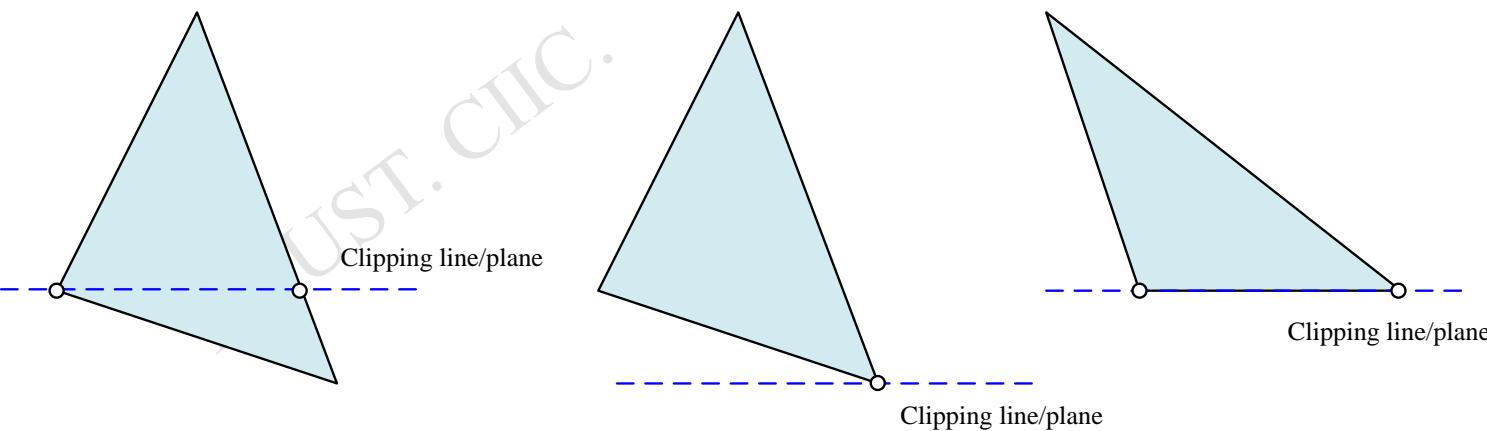


Clipping a triangle (as well as slicing in 3D printing)

■ General case



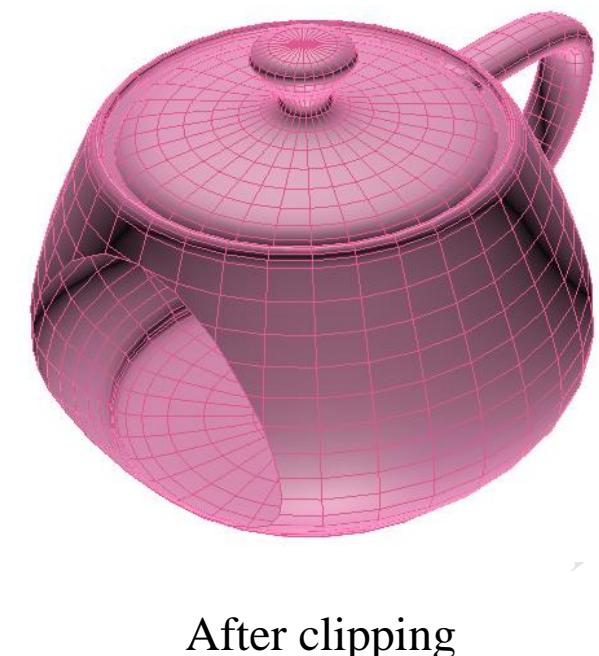
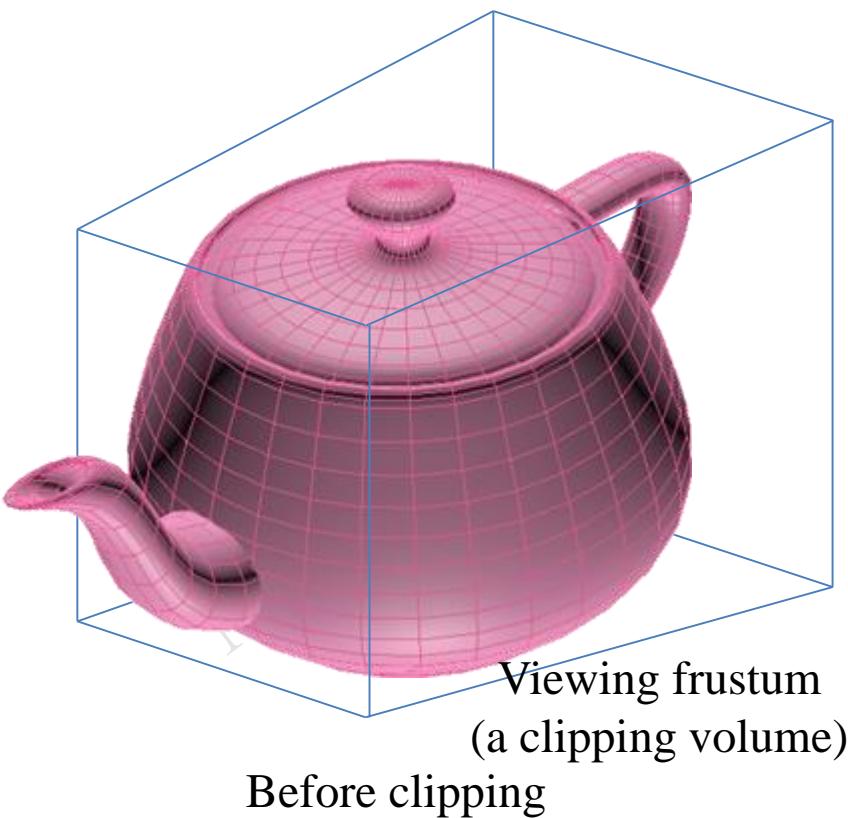
■ Special case





Clipping triangles of 3D model

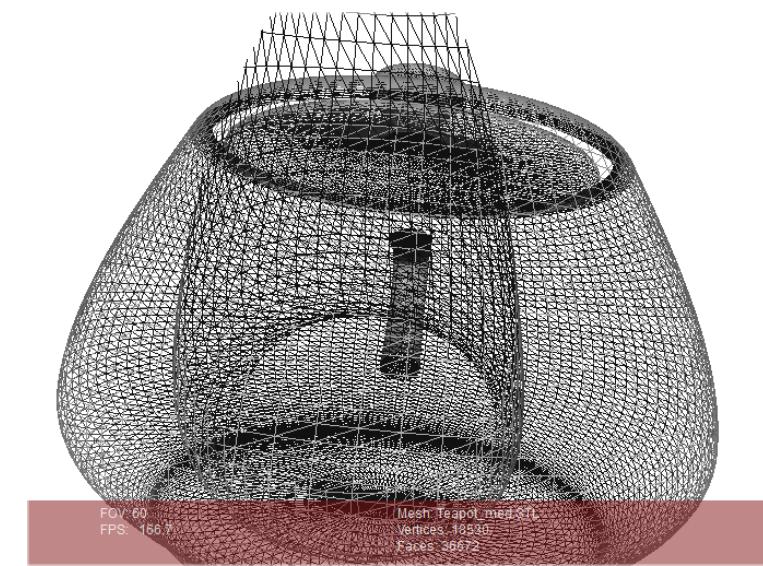
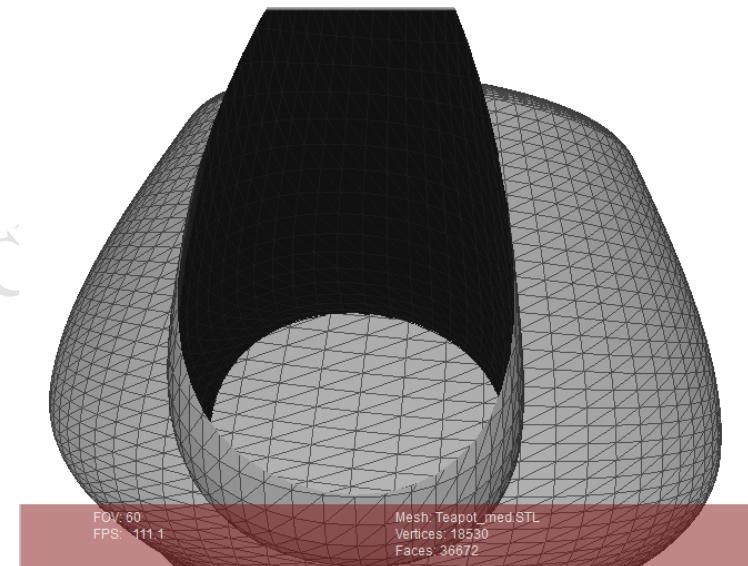
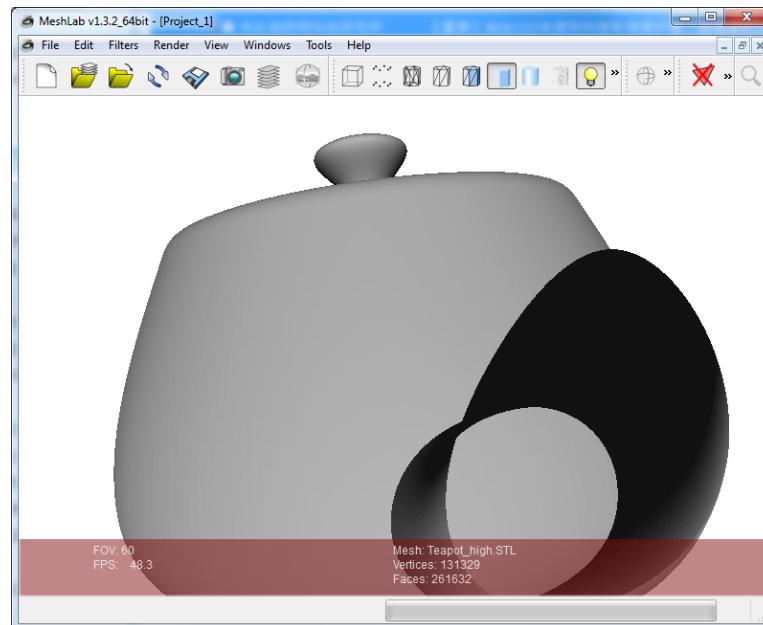
■ Example





Clipping triangles of 3D model

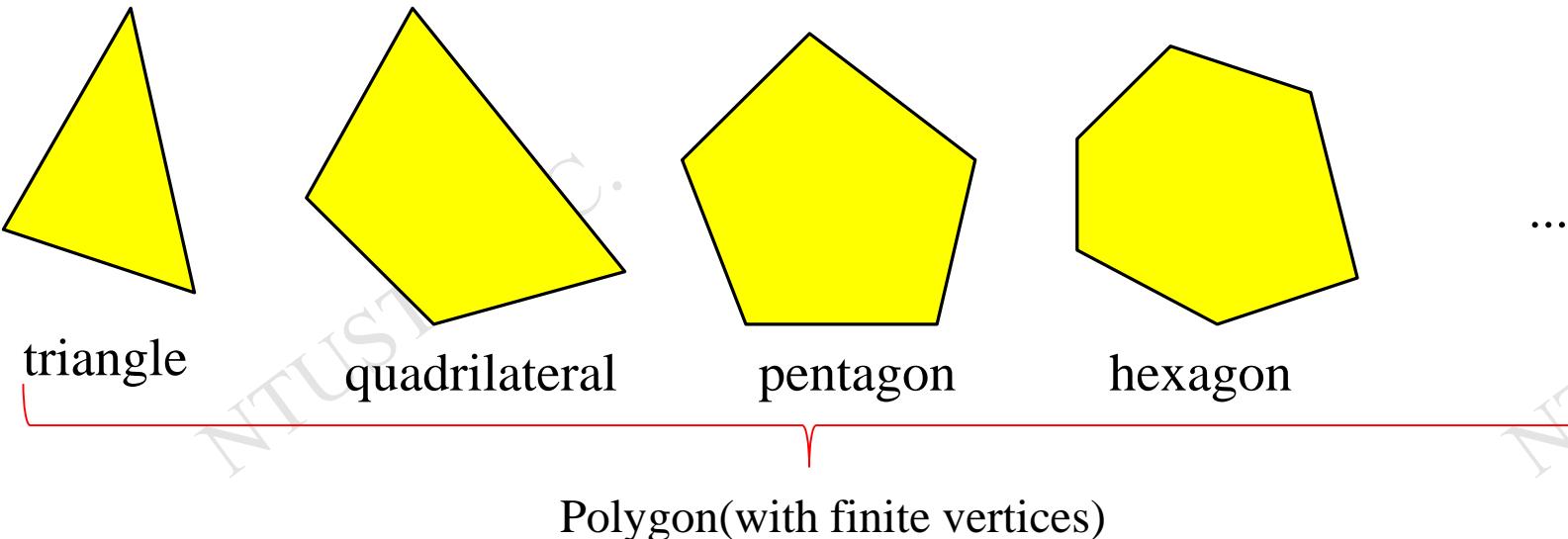
- Example (meshlab software)





2D geometry: how a shape defined?

- Polygon: consist of finite vertexes which are stored in sequence.





2D geometry: how a shape defined?

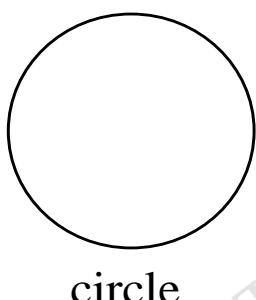
- The shape is dominated by equations or function.

- Implicit function representation:

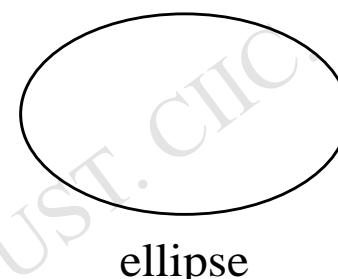
$$x^2 + y^2 = 1$$

- Explicit function representation:

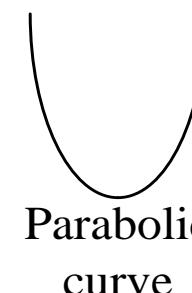
$$y = x^2 + 2x - 1$$



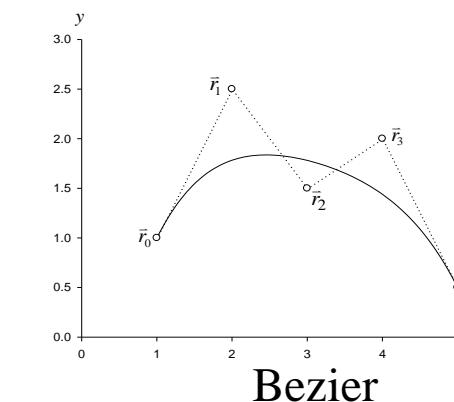
circle



ellipse



Parabolic
curve

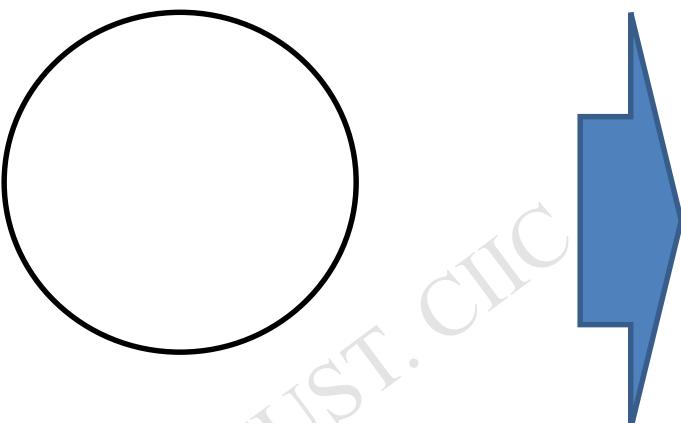


Bezier

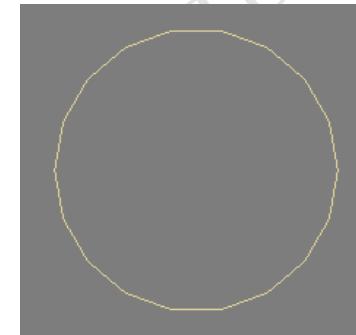
Mathematical function(Implicit / Explicit)



2D geometry in computer graphics



1. Proper piecewise lines



For example: octadecagon

2. Governing equation/function (math.) Explicit form:

$$x = \cos \theta$$

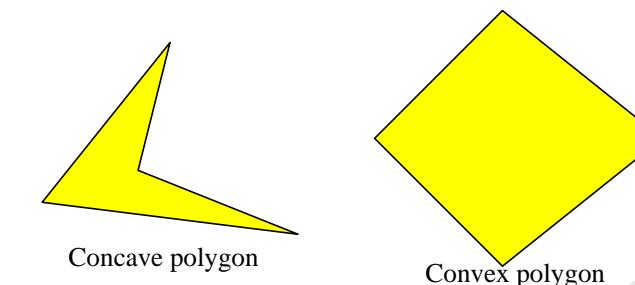
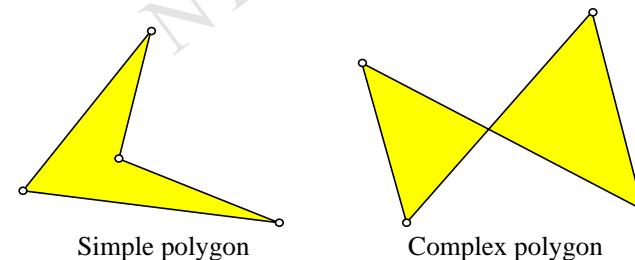
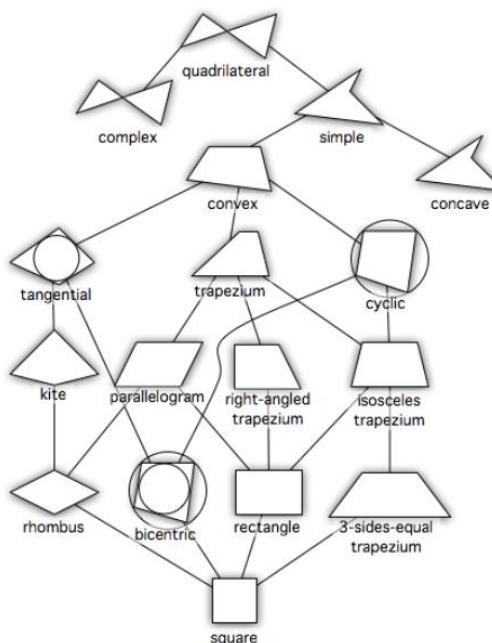
$$y = \sin \theta$$

$$\theta = -\pi \sim \pi$$



2D geometry: Polygon definition

■ Simple polygon vs Complex polygon

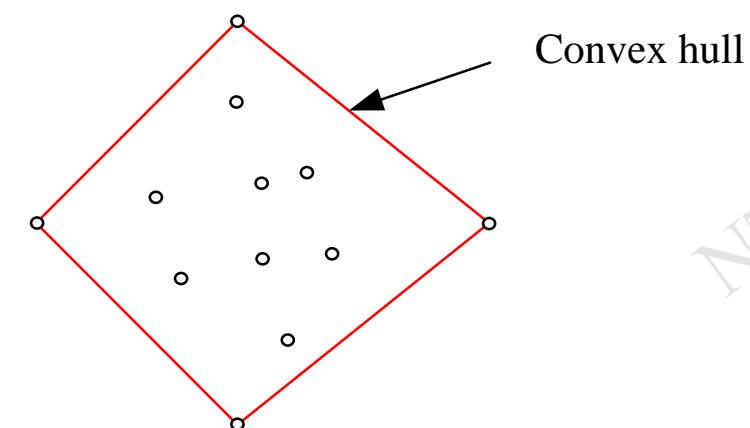
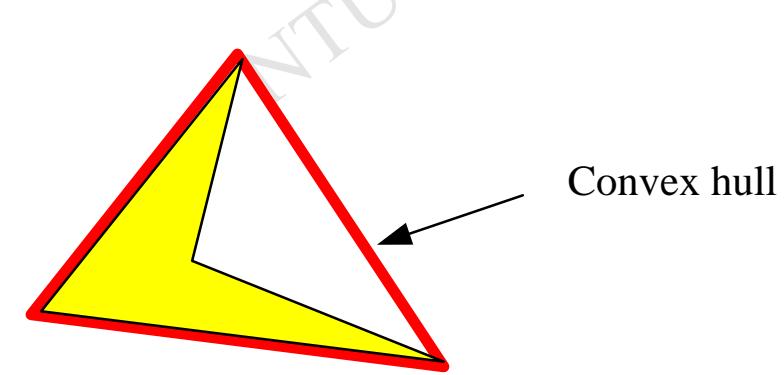
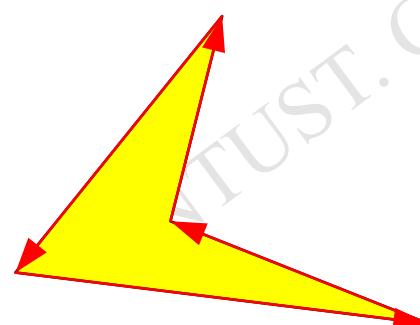
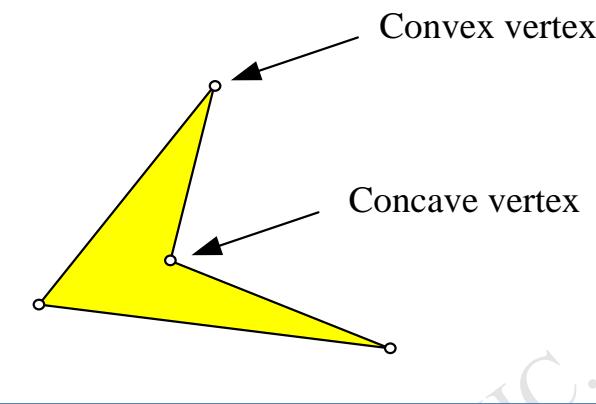


Triangulation for convex polygon
is without problem.



2D geometry

■ Definition of convex/concave for 2D

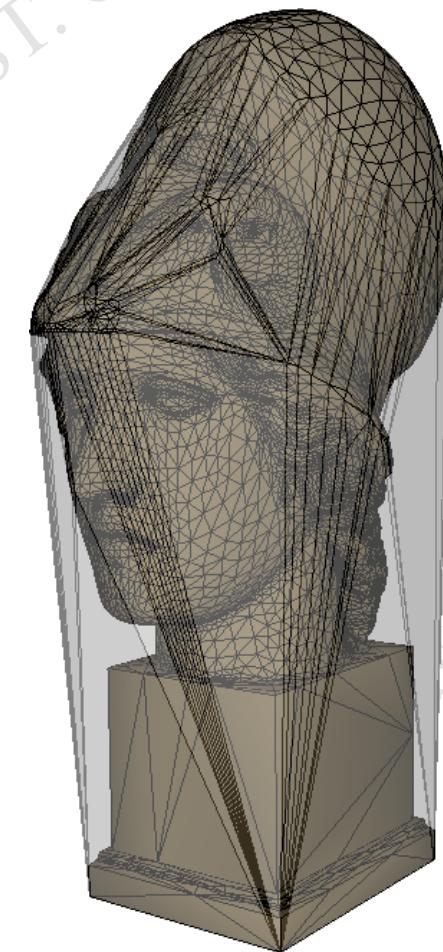
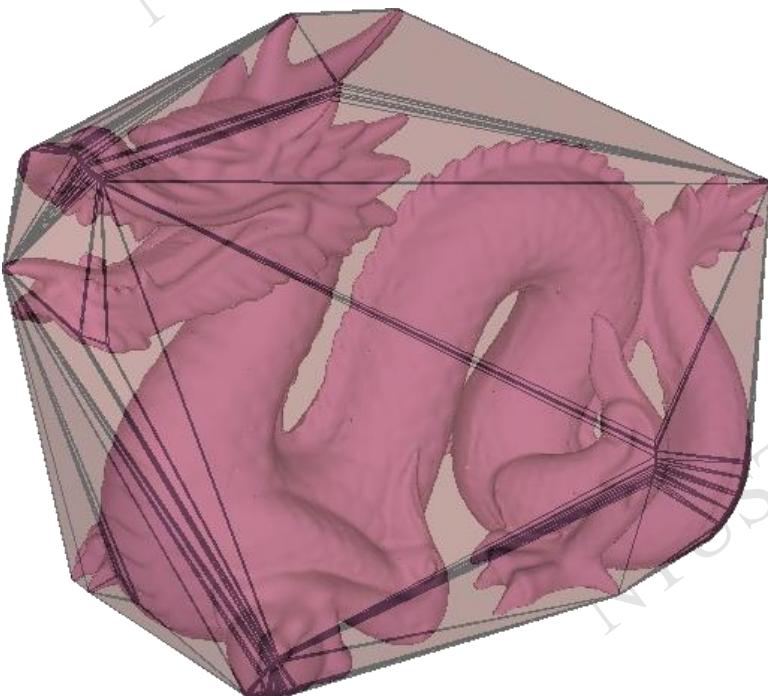


Right hand rule



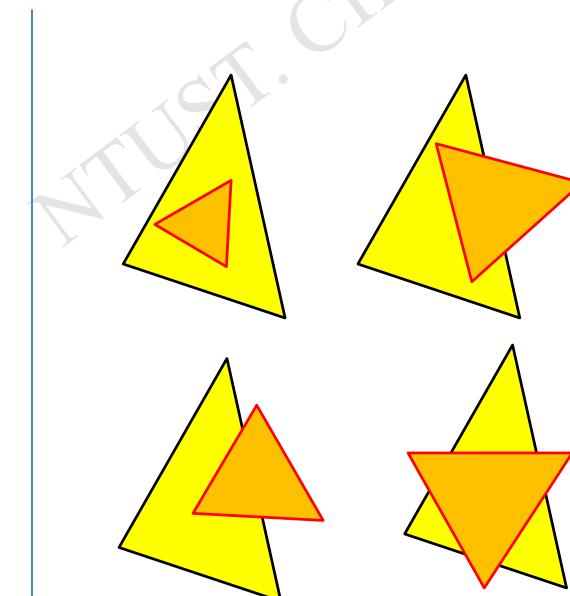
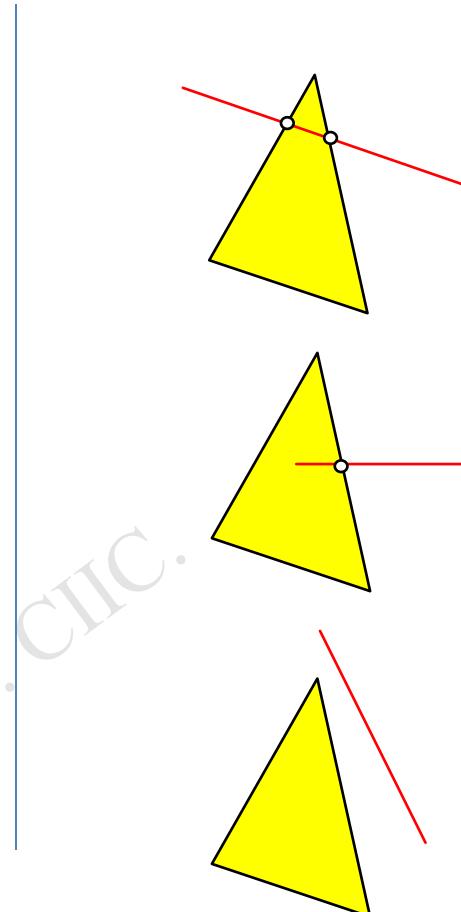
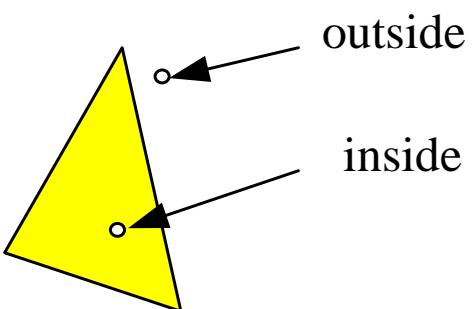
3D geometry, 3D convex hull example

- The smallest enclosed volume.





2D geometry intersection



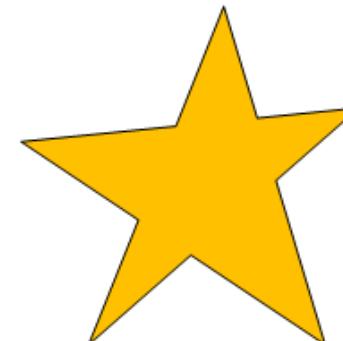
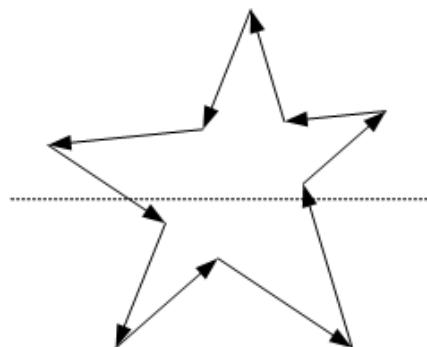
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Divided into small triangles,
then process.

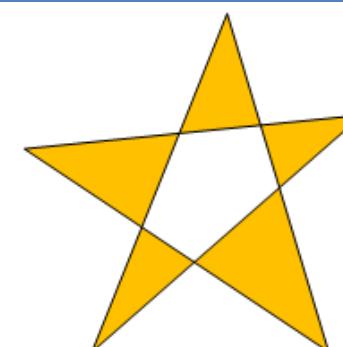
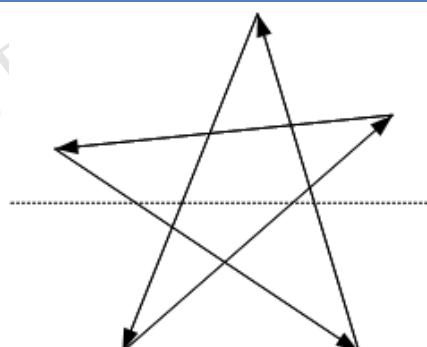


Scan line rendering

- Switch the filling index by winding number



Simple polygon



Complex polygon



Scan line rendering

- Traditional TEXT v.s. True Type

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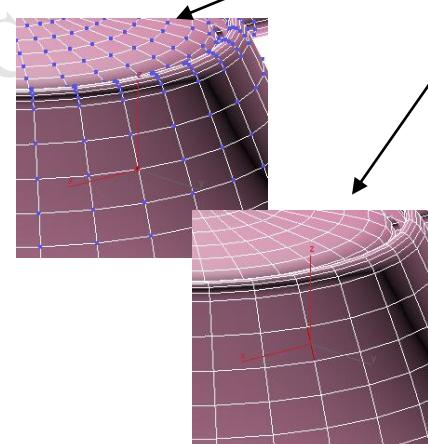
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Basic 3D geometry data structure

- For Representation?
- For Storage ?
- For Computation ?



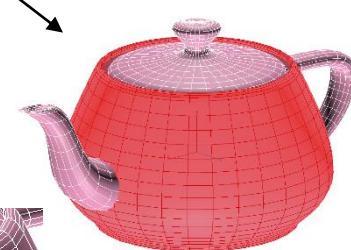
Definition in 3DMax

Convert to Editable Mesh
Convert to Editable Poly
Convert to Deformable gPoly
Convert to Editable Patch
Convert to NURBS

1. Structure types



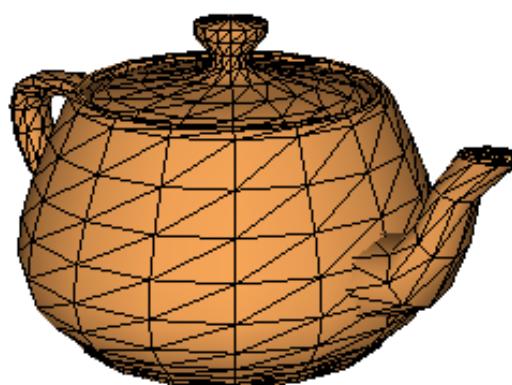
2. Level definition





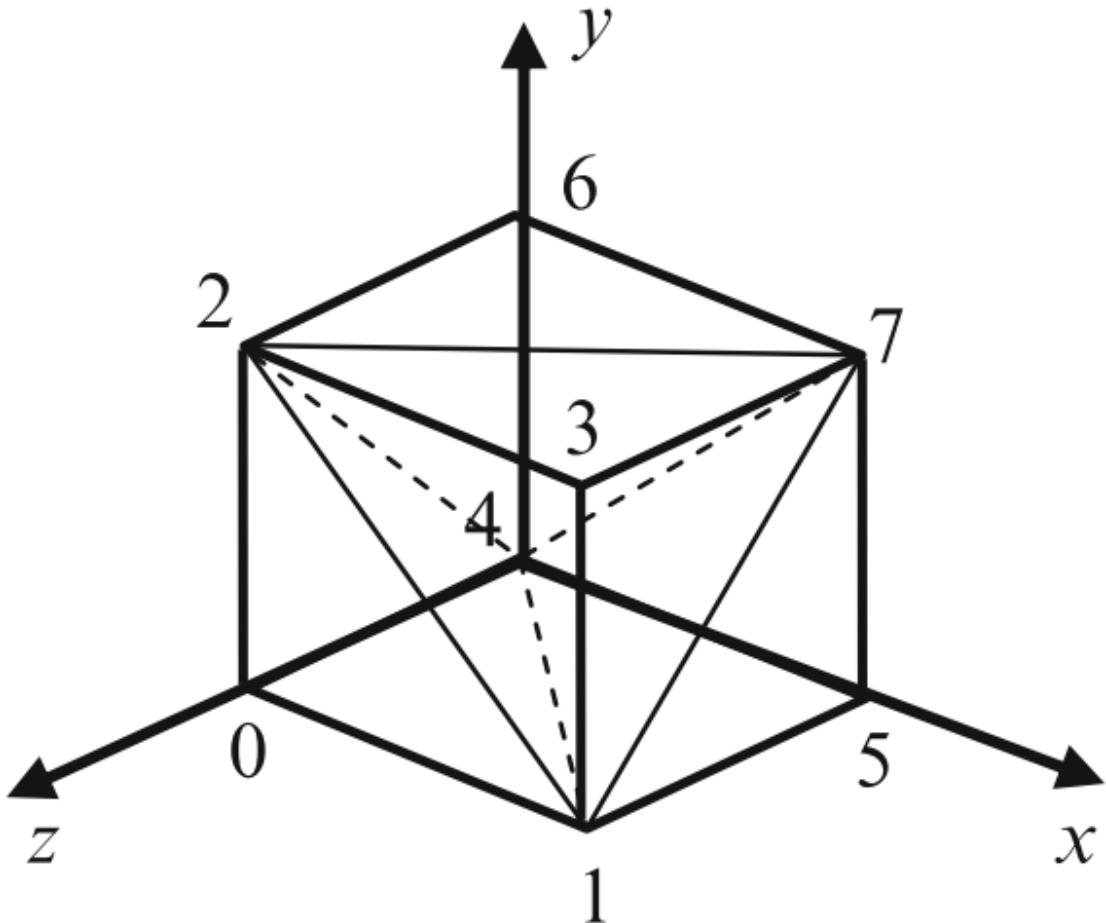
Basic 3D geometry data structure

- The most fundamental definition (for triangle mesh):
- **Vectors of vertexes**—Required
- **Vertex indexes of the triangles**—Required
- Edge / half-edge → for speed up searching—Optional
- Normals of triangles → for render—Optional
- Normals of vertexes → for render—Optional





Mesh representation: for most 3D file format

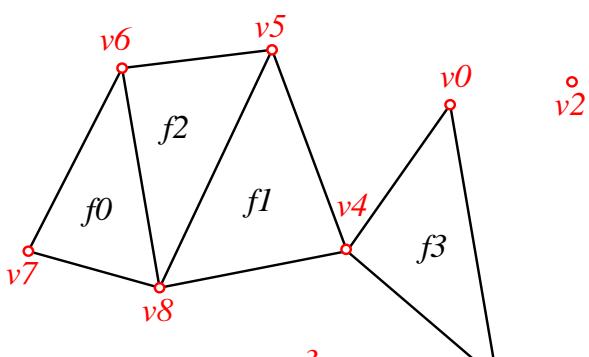


Vertex List		
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0.0	1.0	1.0
1.0	1.0	1.0
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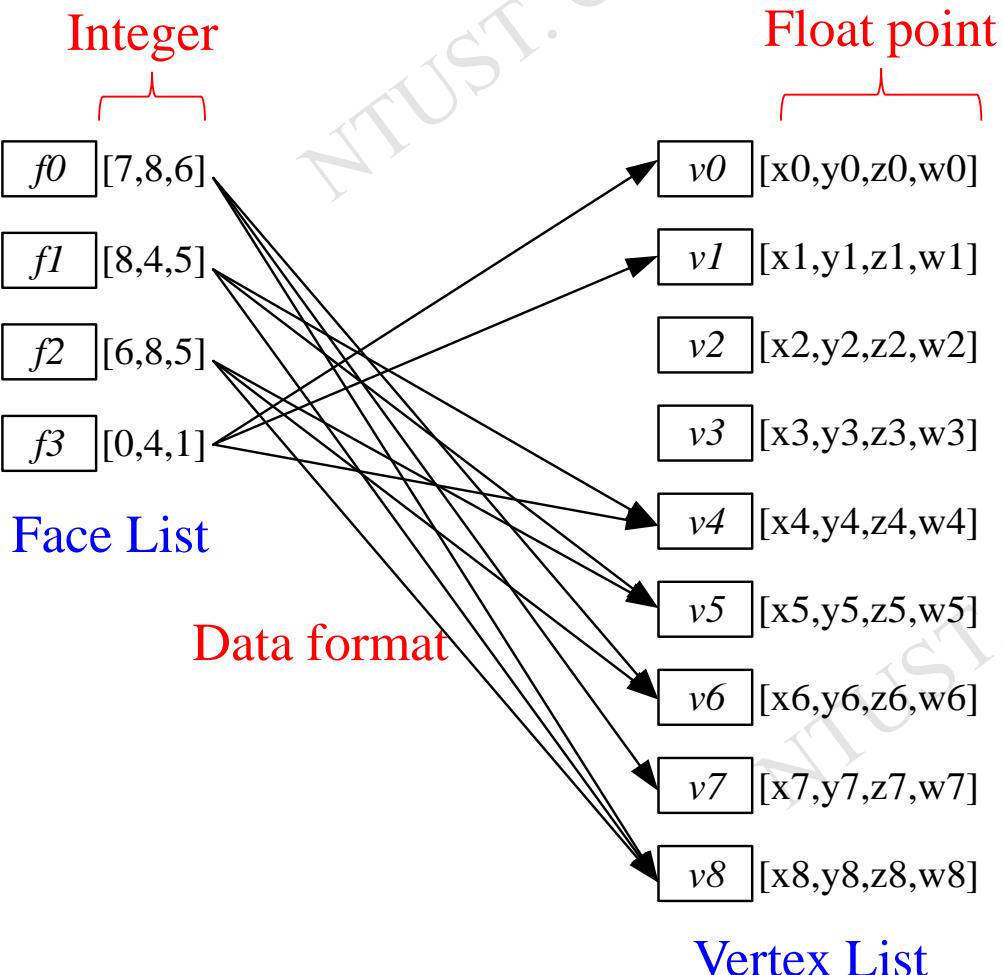
Triangle List		
i	j	k
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1	3	2
2	3	7
2	7	6
1	7	3
1	5	7
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7	5	4
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1	4	5
2	6	4
0	2	4



3D geometry data structure (example)



Shape appearance

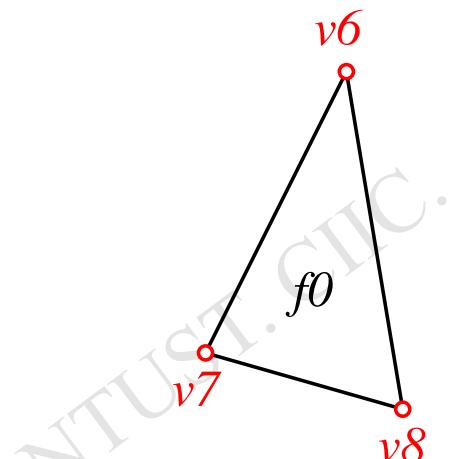




3D geometry data structure (example) cont.

■ Index alternation

- This means the vertex index of triangle can be [7, 8, 6], [8, 6, 7] or [6, 7, 8].
They indicate the exact same triangle.



Ex:

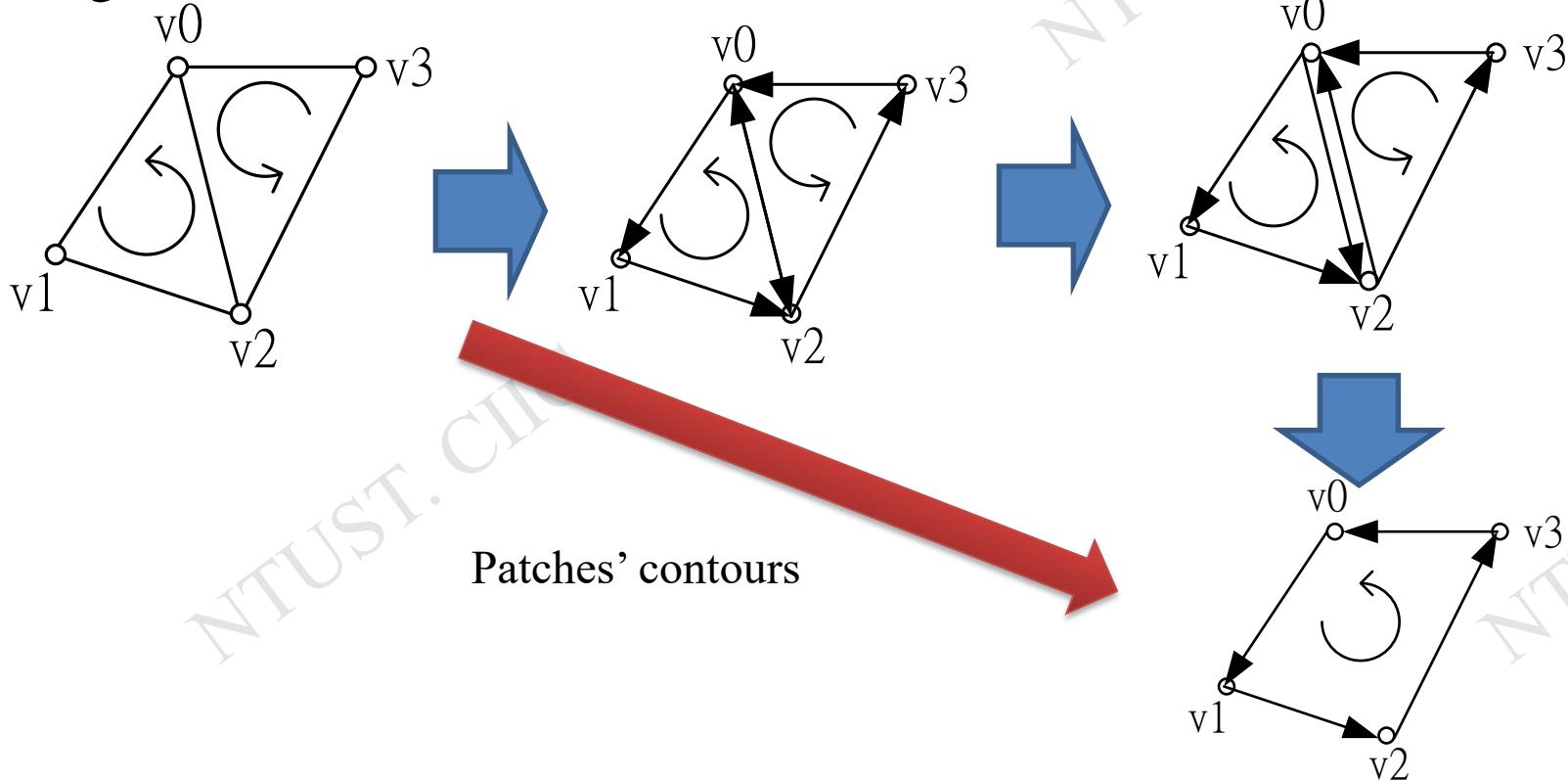
[7,8,6]
[8,6,7]
[6,7,8]



3D geometry data structure

■ The connection between neighboring triangles

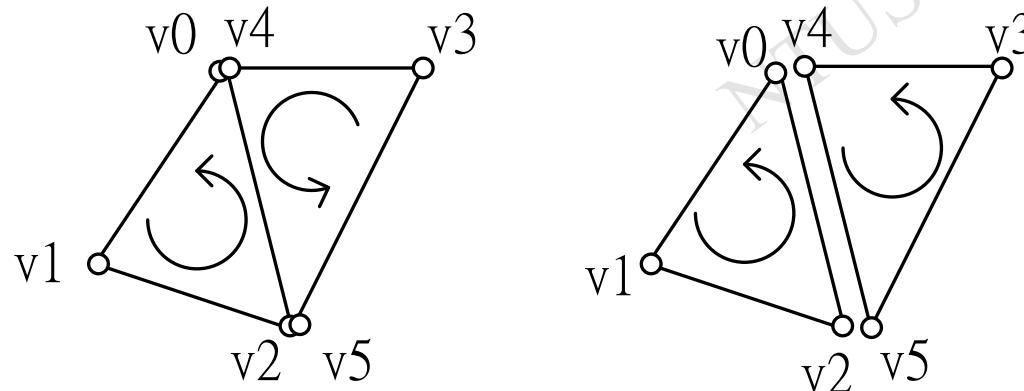
■ Half-edge





3D geometry data structure

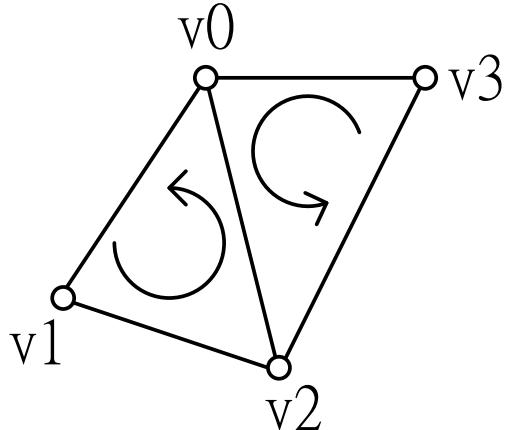
- Isolated triangles vs Connecting triangles



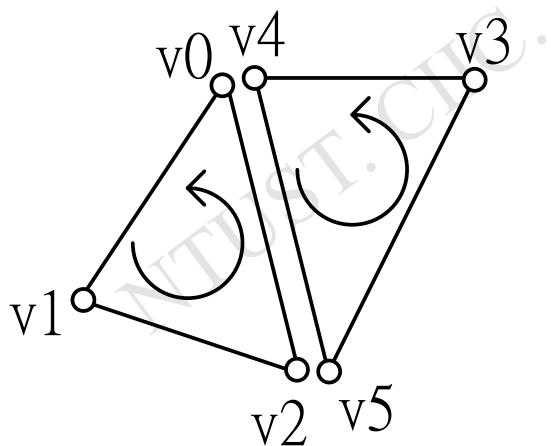
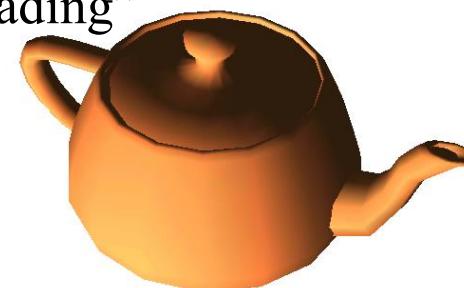
- Vertex V0 and V4 are defined twice for the exact same position. (V2 and V5, as well)



3D geometry data structure—comparison



Continuing structure → Considered as single patch. Be able to render as “smooth shading”

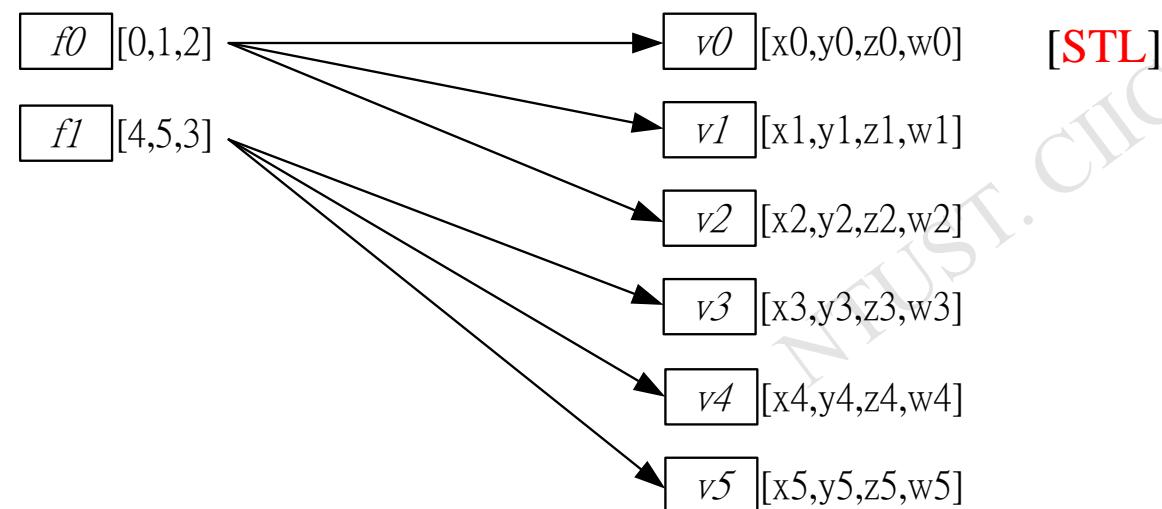
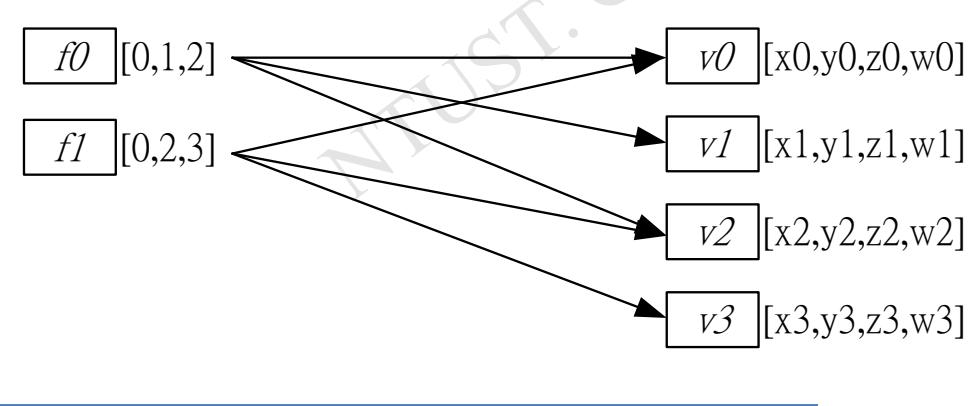
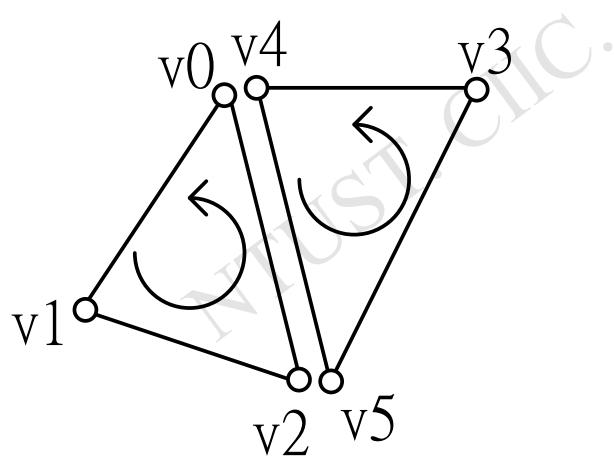
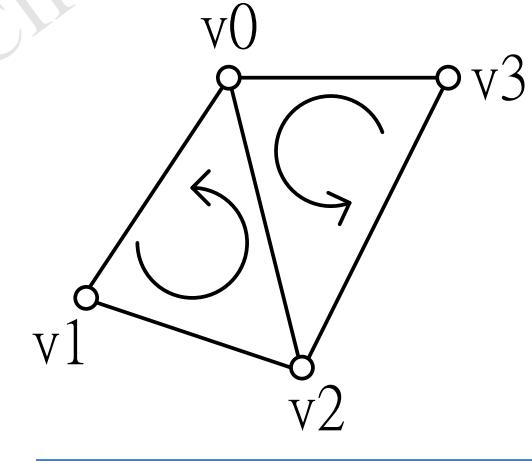


Discontinue structure → be isolated triangles (plane) → Flat shading only



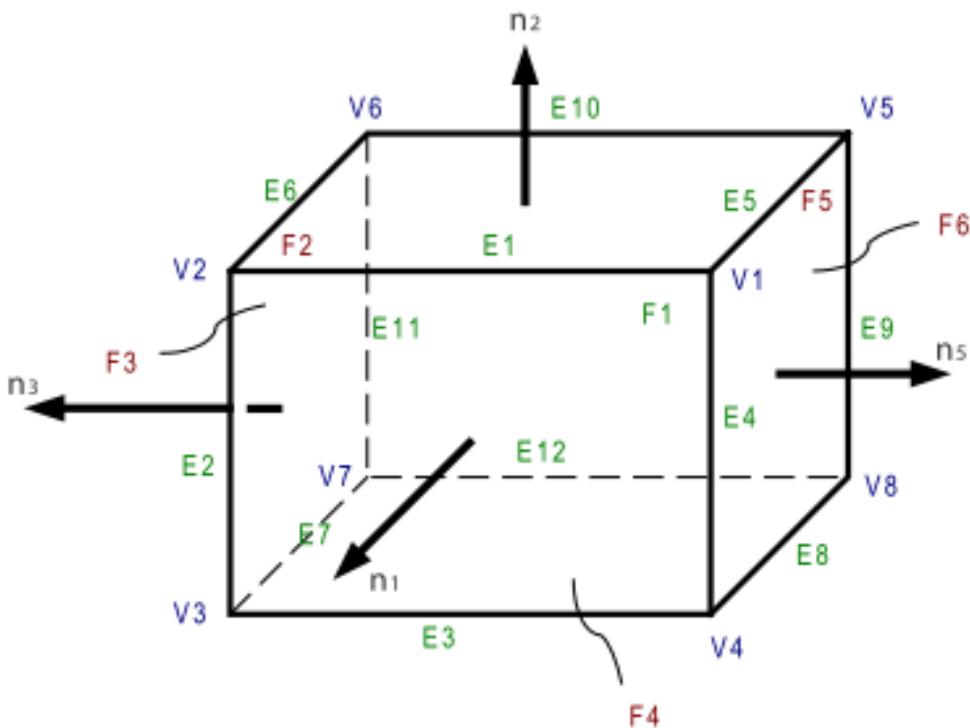


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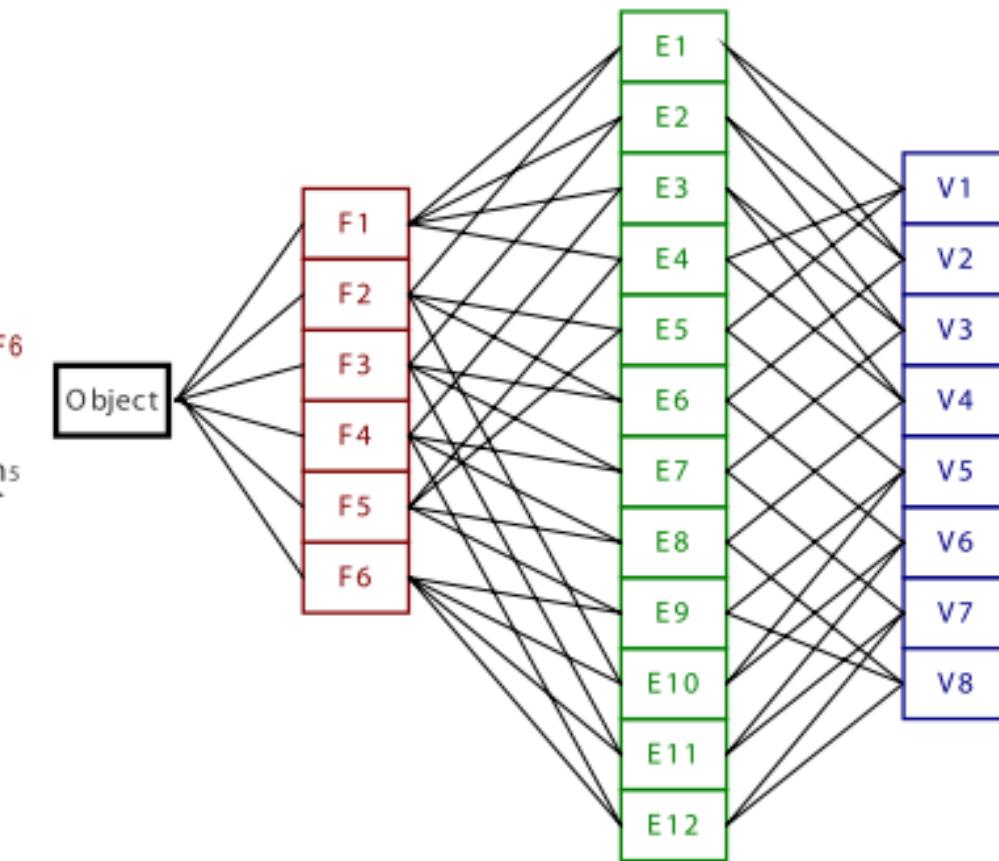




3D geometry data structure: B-Rep type



(a)



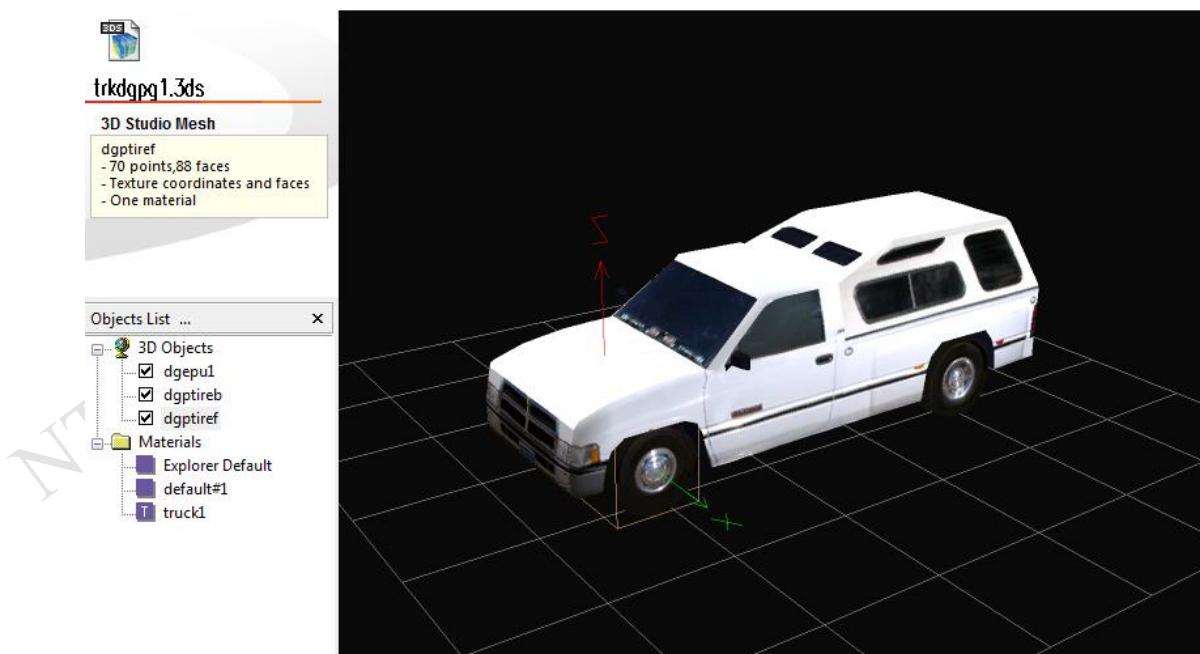
(b)



3D geometry data structure

■ Hierarchy structure

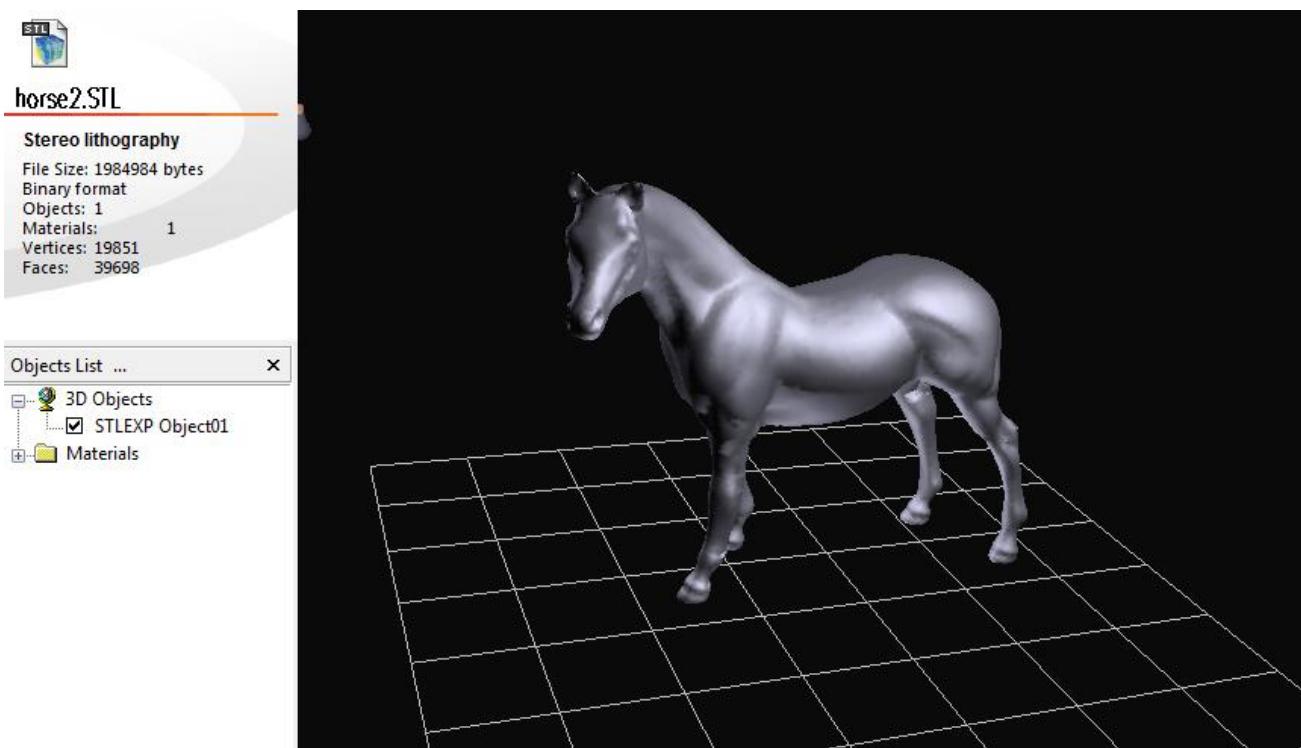
- Structure includes “group”, ex *.3ds.
- Some file may have animation key-frame, *.wrl





3D geometry data structure

- Single object:
 - For example: stl





3D geometry data structure

■ Common format

- I recommend you that understanding a popular 3D file format as possible(obj is good)
- And use freeware to convert among the rest formats

■ Useful conversion tool: meshlab

3D-Studio File Format (*.3ds)
Stanford Polygon File Format (*.ply)
STL File Format (*.stl)
Alias Wavefront Object (*.obj)
Quad Object (*.qobj)
Object File Format (*.off)
PTX File Format (*.ptx)
VCG Dump File Format (*.vmi)
Breuckmann File Format (*.bre)
Collada File Format (*.dae)
Epoch Reconstructed mesh (*.v3d)
Expe's point set (binary) (*.pts)
Expe's point set (ascii) (*.apts)
XYZ point with normal (*.xyz)
GNU Triangulated Surface (*.gts)
Protein Data Bank (*.pdb)
TRI (photogrammetric reconstructions) (*.tri)
ASC (ascii triplets of points) (*.asc)
X3D File Format - XML encoding (*.x3d)
X3D File Format - VRML encoding (*.x3dv)
VRML 2.0 File Format (*.wrl)
ALN project (*.aln)



3D File format : Standards

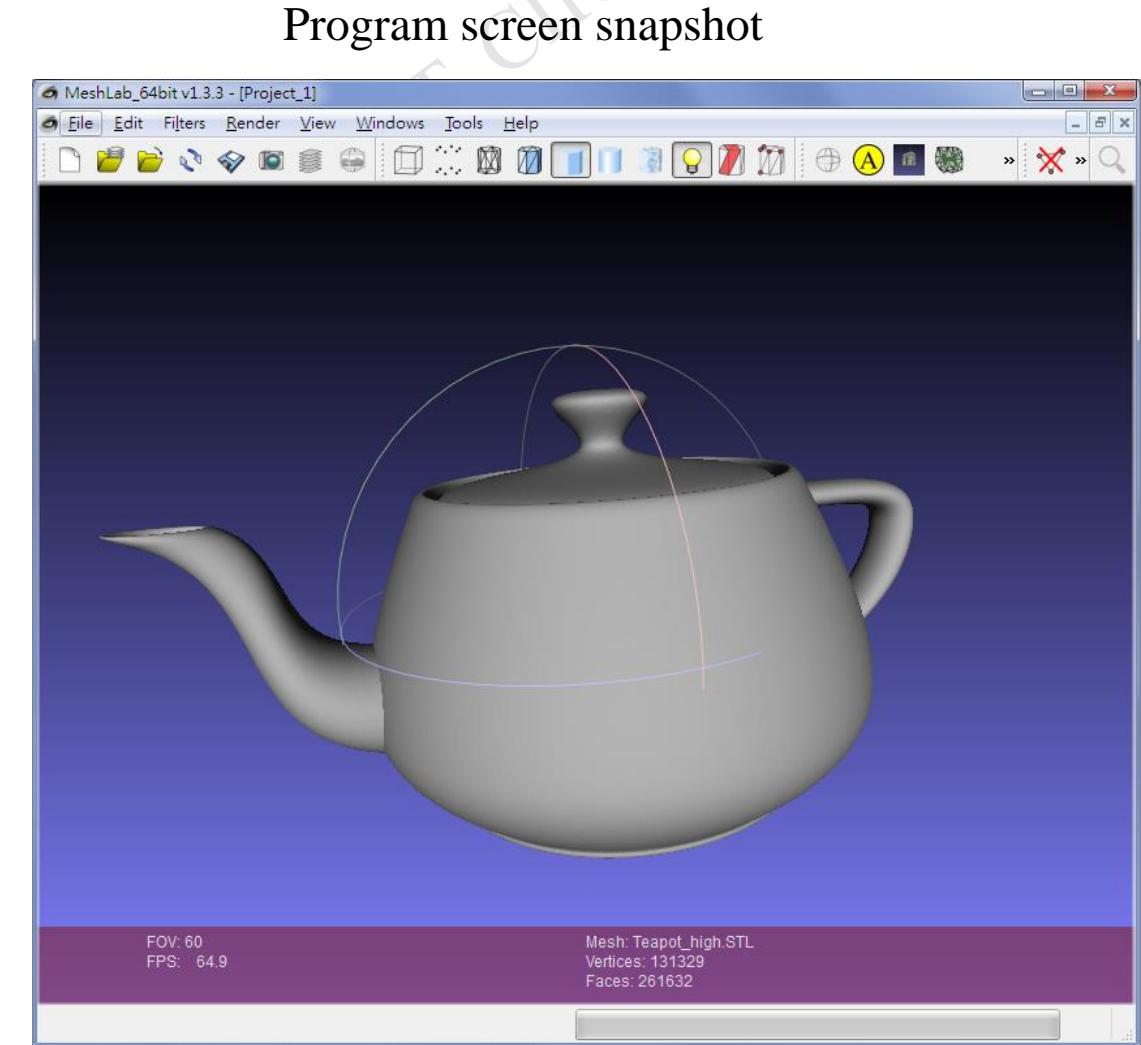
- Triangle / Point / Quad (vertex + boundary)
 - 3MF
 - STL
 - OBJ
 - PLY
 - XYZ
- Animation available
 - 3DS
 - VRML



Meshlab (opensource - free)

The screenshot shows the official download page for MeshLab on SourceForge.net. The main content area features a large "MeshLab" logo and a brief description of the software as an open-source system for processing unstructured 3D triangular meshes. Below this is a detailed technical overview of the software's history and development. A sidebar on the right contains links to "SOURCEFORGE.NET", "Like!", "Facebook", and "MeshLab's Blog". At the bottom of the page, there is a prominent red-bordered section titled "Download V1.3.2" which lists download links for Windows, Windows (x64), Linux (src), Mac OSX (intel only), and MeshLab for Mobiles (iOS). The URL in the browser bar is <http://meshlab.sourceforge.net/>.

Download page



Program screen snapshot



3D file format

File format	Color resolution	Surface color representation	Note
PLY	32 bit on vertex	Interpolate in triangle	PLY (Stanford triangle format)
OBJ	32 bit on vertex 32 bit texture map	Interpolate in triangle Interpolate in image space	OBJ (wavefront object)
STL	16 bit on facet	Uniform color in a triangle	STL (stereo lithography)

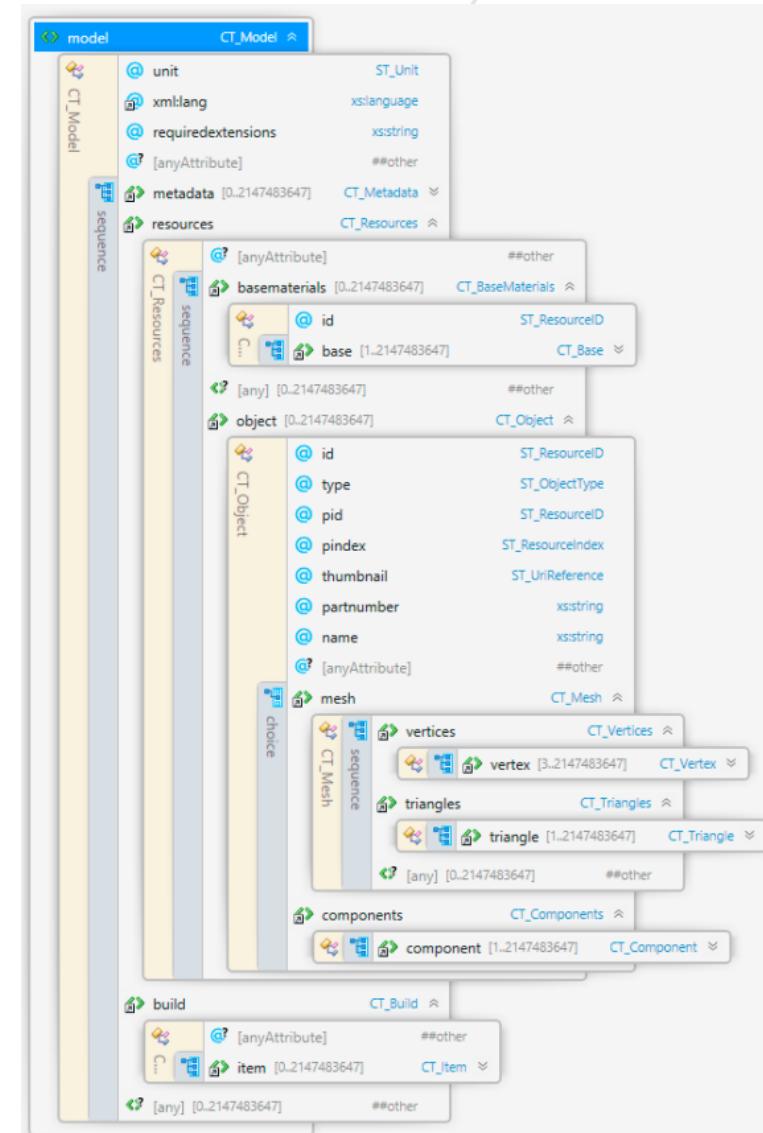




3MF (3D Manufacturing Format)

■ Design for 3D printing

The screenshot shows the 3MF Consortium website at <http://3mf.io/what-is-3mf/>. The page title is "3MF Specification". It features a large image of a 3D printed model. Below the title, it says: "The 3MF specification document clearly defines the following:" followed by a bulleted list: "• The standard, mandatory parts of the spec", "• The optional parts of the spec", and "• Areas where proprietary information can be added to a 3MF file". It also states: "The specification also sets a baseline that can be used for adding new capabilities in the future." There are download links for "DOWNLOAD ENGLISH VERSION", "DOWNLOAD JAPANESE VERSION", "DOWNLOAD MATERIALS SPECIFICATION", and "OPEN SOURCE LIBRARY". A note thanks "Associate Member Kabuku for translating the specification." At the bottom, there's a "WHAT IS 3MF?" section with "Overview" and "3MF Specification" links, and an "ENEWS SIGN UP" form.





3DS (Autodesk 3D Studio) file format

- Binary format
- Hierarchical structure
 - Object (Vertex, Face Description, Material)
 - Local coordinate
 - Light
 - Camera
 - Keyframe

```
0x4D4D // Main Chunk
|- 0x0002 // M3D Version
|- 0x3D3D // 3D Editor Chunk
  |- 0x4000 // Object Block
    |- 0x4100 // Triangular Mesh
      |- 0x4110 // Vertices List
      |- 0x4120 // Faces Description
        |- 0x4130 // Faces Material
          |- 0x4150 // Smoothing Group List
        |- 0x4140 // Mapping Coordinates List
        |- 0x4160 // Local Coordinates System
    |- 0x4600 // Light
      |- 0x4610 // Spotlight
    |- 0x4700 // Camera
  |- 0xAFFF // Material Block
    |- 0xA000 // Material Name
    |- 0xA010 // Ambient Color
    |- 0xA020 // Diffuse Color
    |- 0xA030 // Specular Color
    |- 0xA200 // Texture Map 1
    |- 0xA230 // Bump Map
    |- 0xA220 // Reflection Map
      /* Sub Chunks For Each Map */
      |- 0xA300 // Mapping Filename
      |- 0xA351 // Mapping Parameters
  |- 0xB000 // Keyframer Chunk
    |- 0xB002 // Mesh Information Block
    |- 0xB007 // Spot Light Information Block
    |- 0xB008 // Frames (Start and End)
      |- 0xB010 // Object Name
      |- 0xB013 // Object Pivot Point
      |- 0xB020 // Position Track
      |- 0xB021 // Rotation Track
      |- 0xB022 // Scale Track
      |- 0xB030 // Hierarchy Position
```



STL (Stereo lithography) file format

- STL: binary / ascii → popular in medical image and computer aided design
 - `UINT8[80]` – Header
 - `UINT32` – Number of triangles for each triangle
 - `REAL32[3]` – Normal vector
 - `REAL32[3]` – Vertex 1
 - `REAL32[3]` – Vertex 2
 - `REAL32[3]` – Vertex 3
 - `UINT16` – Attribute byte count end (or color information)



STL (Stereo lithography) file format—cont.

ASCII

```

1 solid vcg
2 facet normal 0.000000e+000 0.000000e+000 -1.000000e+000
3     outer loop
4         vertex -2.395210e+001 -2.371260e+001 0.000000e+000
5         vertex -2.395210e+001 2.227540e+001 0.000000e+000
6         vertex 2.395210e+001 2.227540e+001 0.000000e+000
7     endloop
8 endfacet
9 facet normal 0.000000e+000 -0.000000e+000 -1.000000e+000
10    outer loop
11        vertex 2.395210e+001 2.227540e+001 0.000000e+000
12        vertex 2.395210e+001 -2.371260e+001 0.000000e+000
13        vertex -2.395210e+001 -2.371260e+001 0.000000e+000
14    endloop
15 endfacet
16 facet normal 0.000000e+000 0.000000e+000 1.000000e+000
17    outer loop
18        vertex -2.395210e+001 -2.371260e+001 3.640720e+001
19        vertex 2.395210e+001 -2.371260e+001 3.640720e+001
20        vertex 2.395210e+001 2.227540e+001 3.640720e+001
21    endloop
22 endfacet
23 facet normal 0.000000e+000 0.000000e+000 1.000000e+000
24    outer loop
25        vertex 2.395210e+001 2.227540e+001 3.640720e+001
26        vertex -2.395210e+001 2.227540e+001 3.640720e+001
27        vertex -2.395210e+001 -2.371260e+001 3.640720e+001
28    endloop
29 endfacet
30 facet normal 0.000000e+000 -1.000000e+000 0.000000e+000

```

Binary

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	a	b	c	d	e	f	
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00000010h:	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	;
00000020h:	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	;
00000030h:	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	;
00000040h:	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	;
00000050h:	0C	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	80	BF	;?.
00000060h:	E7	9D	BF	C1	68	B3	BD	C1	00	00	00	00	E7	9D	BF	C1	; ?螟h魚?...?螟
00000070h:	05	34	B2	41	00	00	00	00	E7	9D	BF	41	05	34	B2	41	; .4穗....?澤.4穗
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000000d0h:	E7	9D	BF	41	68	B3	BD	C1	F9	A0	11	42	E7	9D	BF	41	; ?澤h魚鞠?B?澤
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STL (Stereo lithography) file format—cont.

Triangle num. : 12

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00000030h:	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20
00000040h:	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20
00000050h:	0C	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	BF
00000060h:	E7	9D	BF	C1	68	B3	BD	C1	00	00	00	00	E7	9D	BF	C1
00000070h:	05	34	B2	41	00	00	00	00	E7	9D	BF	41	05	34	B2	41
00000080h:	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	80	00	00
00000090h:	80	BF	E7	9D	BF	41	05	34	B2	41	00	00	00	E7	9D	;
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000000b0h:	BD	C1	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
000000c0h:	00	00	80	3F	E7	9D	BF	C1	68	B3	BD	C1	F9	A0	11	42
000000d0h:	E7	9D	BF	41	68	B3	BD	C1	F9	A0	11	42	E7	9D	BF	41
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00000120h:	00	00	80	BF	00	00	00	00	E7	9D	BF	C1	68	B3	BD	C1
00000130h:	00	00	00	00	E7	9D	BF	41	68	B3	BD	C1	00	00	00	00
00000140h:	E7	9D	BF	41	68	B3	BD	C1	F9	A0	11	42	00	00	00	00

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/STL_\(file_format\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/STL_(file_format))

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UINT32 – Number of triangles

for each triangle

REAL32[3] – Normal vector

REAL32[3] – Vertex 1

REAL32[3] – Vertex 2

REAL32[3] – Vertex 3

UINT16 – Attribute byte count end

float tmp;

fread(&tmp,4,1,stream);

→ read binary, then convert into float

(see example code)



OBJ (wavefront object) file format

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Wavefront .obj file

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For other uses, see [Obj \(disambiguation\)](#).

OBJ (or .OBJ) is a geometry definition file format first developed by [Wavefront Technologies](#) for its [Advanced Visualizer](#) animation package. The file format is open and has been adopted by other 3D graphics application vendors. For the most part it is a universally accepted format.

The OBJ file format is a simple data-format that represents 3D geometry alone — namely, the position of each vertex, the UV position of each texture coordinate vertex, normals, and the faces that make each polygon defined as a list of vertices, and texture vertices. Vertices are stored in a counter-clockwise order by default, making explicit declaration of normals unnecessary.

OBJ geometry format

Filename extension	.obj
Internet media type	application/x-tgif?
Developed by	Wavefront Technologies
Type of format	3D model format

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 - 1.1.3 Vertex/texture-coordinate/normal
 - 1.1.4 Vertex/normal
- 1.2 Referencing materials
- 1.3 Relative and absolute indices

2 Material template library

- 2.1 Synopsis
- 2.2 Introduction
 - 2.2.1 Basic materials
 - 2.2.2 Texture maps



OBJ (wavefront object) file format

- A text script (description) for 3D model
 - Vertex color / texture map
 - Supper material and light shading color
 - Easy to parse and modified
 - Group or hierarchical structure

```
mtllib [external .mtl file name]
...
o [object name]
...
g [group name]
...
usemtl [material name]
...

v 0.123 0.234 0.345 1.0
vt 0.500 -1.352 [0.234]
vn 0.707 0.000 0.707

f v1/vt1/vn1 v2/vt2/vn2 v3/vt3/vn3 ...
```

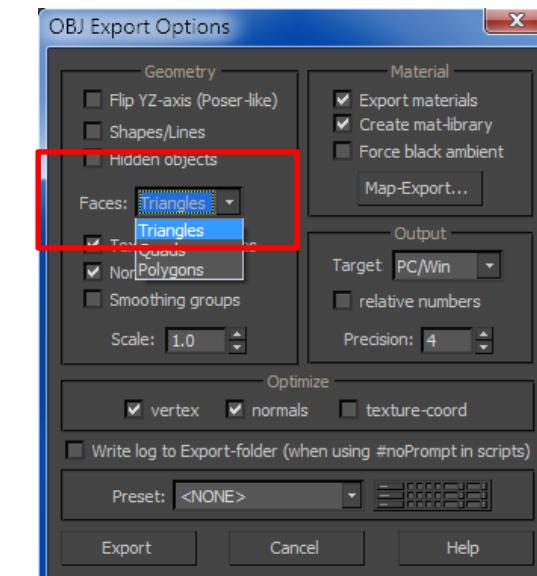
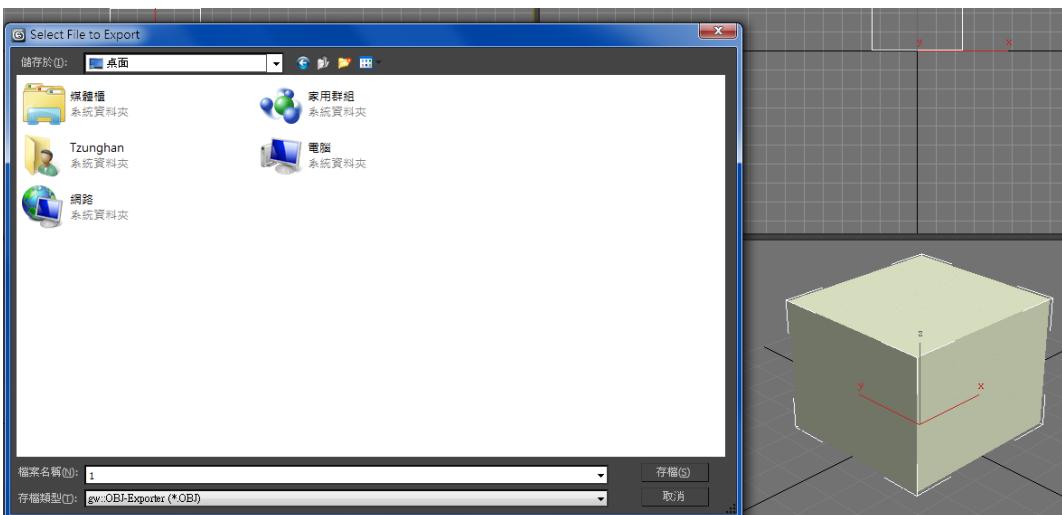




OBJ (wavefront object) file format—cont.

■ Practice:

- Use 3DMax, and draw a box, then export to a Obj file
- Note the export setting.
- Use other 3D software to open this file (ex. Meshlab)
- Use “Text Editor” to manipulate the Obj file, then open by Meshlab program





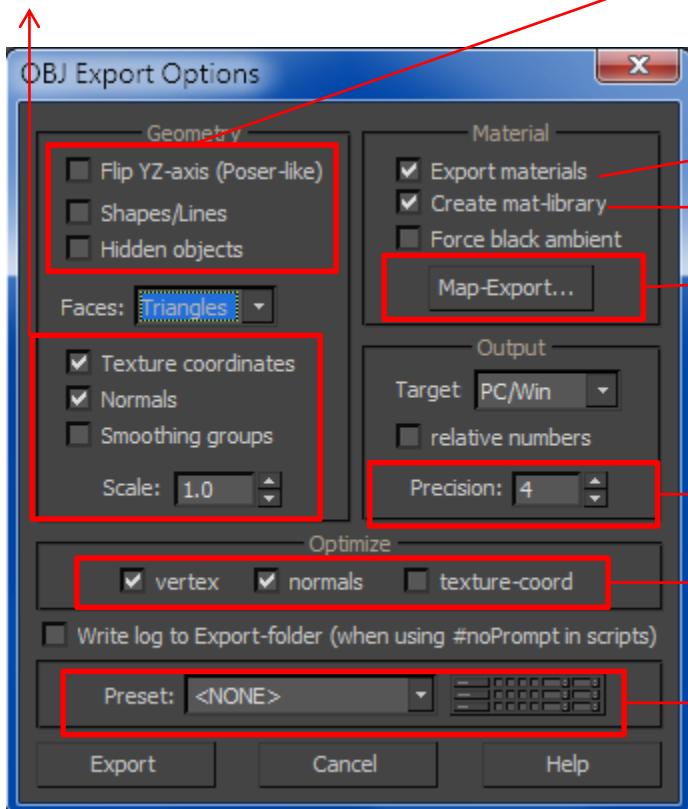
OBJ (wavefront object) file format—cont.

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PLY (Polygon File Format)

- So called the Stanford Triangle Format
 - Support “triangle” only
 - Only “vertex color ” render

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PLY (file format)

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PLY is a computer file format known as the [Polygon File Format](#) or the [Stanford Triangle Format](#). The format was principally designed to store three-dimensional data from 3D scanners. It supports a relatively simple description of a single object as a list of nominally flat polygons. A variety of properties can be stored including: color and transparency, surface normals, texture coordinates and data confidence values. The format permits one to have different properties for the front and back of a polygon.

There are two versions of the [file format](#), one in [ASCII](#), the other in [binary](#).

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The File Format [edit]

A complete description of the PLY format is beyond the scope of this article - but one may obtain a good understanding of the basic concepts from the following description:

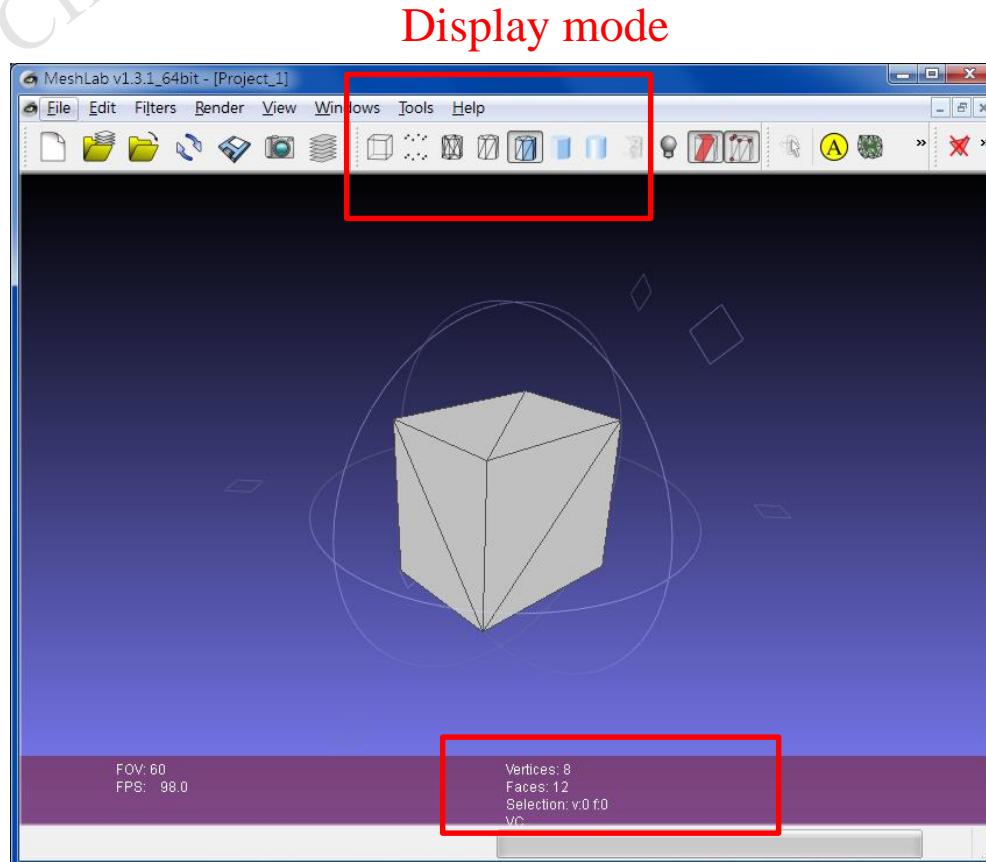
Files are organised as a header, that specifies the elements of a mesh and their types, followed by the list of elements.



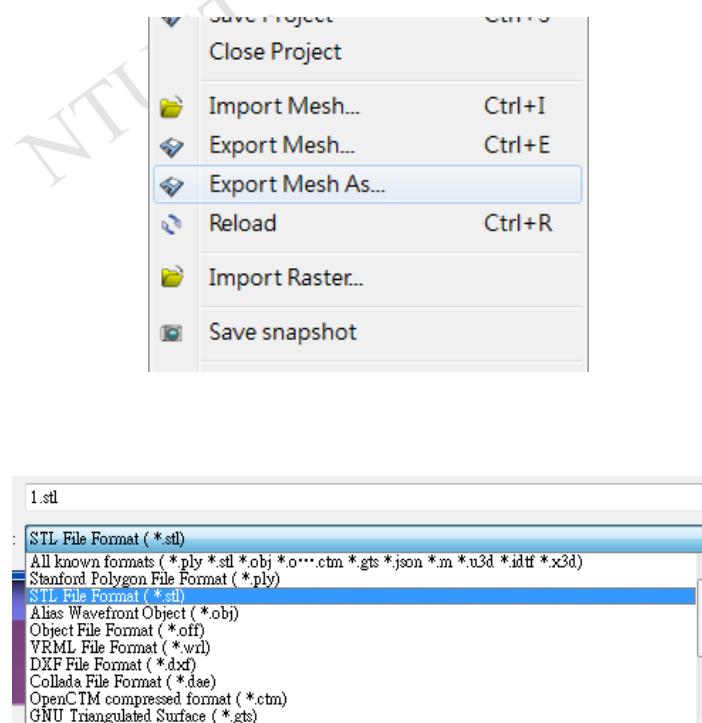
The Digital Michelangelo Project at Stanford University used the PLY format for an extremely high resolution 3D scan of the Michelangelo "David" sculpture.



Meshlab (3D tools)



Model information





3D format (animation): glTF

GLB

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What is a GLB file?

GLB is the binary file format representation of 3D models saved in the GL Transmission Format (glTF). Information about 3D models such as node hierarchy, cameras, materials, animations and meshes in binary format. This binary format stores the glTF asset (JSON, .bin and images) in a binary blob. It also avoids the issue of increase in file size which happens in case of glTF. GLB file format results in compact file sizes, fast loading, complete 3D scene representation, and extensibility for further development. The format uses model/gltf-binary as MIME type.

GLB File Format

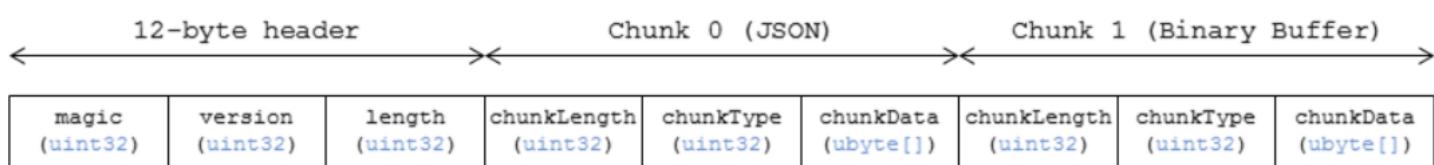
The content delivery methods used by glTF result in extra processing to decode the base-64 encoded binary data and also increases the file size by ~33%. These delivery methods, which contributed to the formation of GLB file format, include:

- glTF JSON points to external binary data (geometry, key frames, skins), and images.
- glTF JSON embeds base64-encoded binary data, and images inline using data URIs.

GLB as a container format was introduced as binary file format for representation of glTF asset in a binary blob to avoid the issues caused by glTF. GLB file format [specifications](#) should be referred for any reader/writer implementation of the same for applications development.

File Structure

GLB file format is based on little endian and its structure is as shown below:





3D format (animation): glTF

glTF Basics

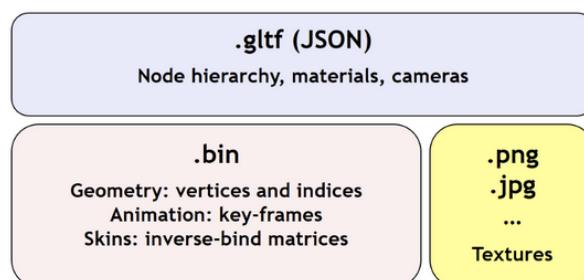
This section is non-normative.

glTF assets are JSON files plus supporting external data. Specifically, a glTF asset is represented by:

- A JSON-formatted file (`.gltf`) containing a full scene description: node hierarchy, materials, cameras, as well as descriptor information for meshes, animations, and other constructs
- Binary files (`.bin`) containing geometry and animation data, and other buffer-based data
- Image files (`.jpg` , `.png`) for textures

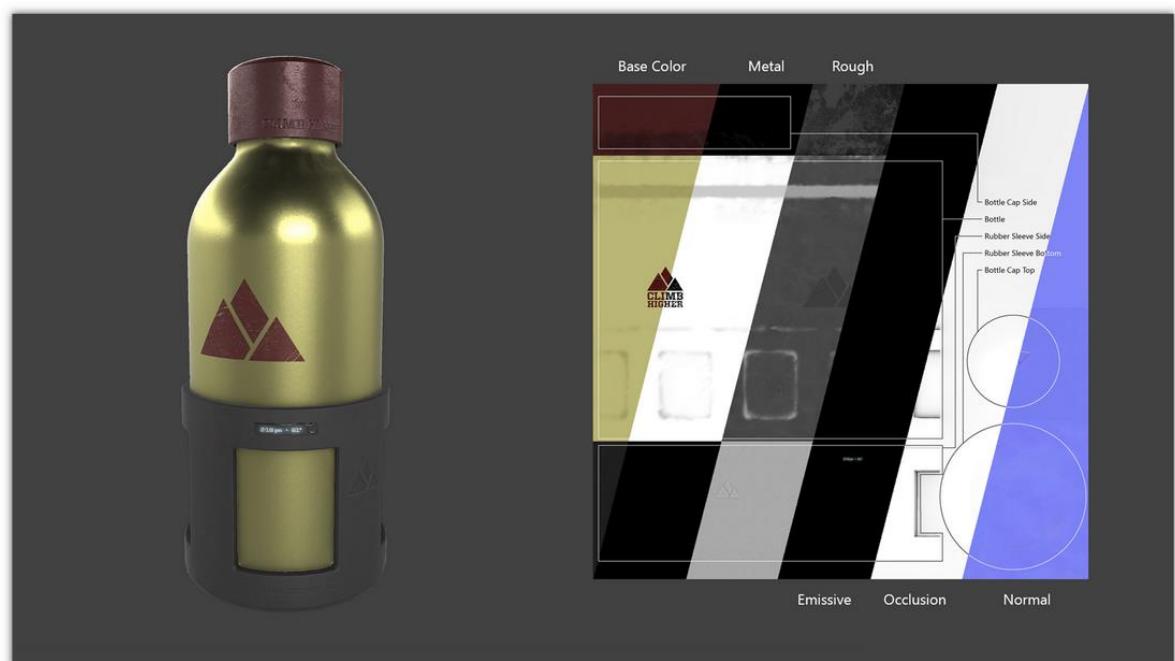
Assets defined in other formats, such as images, may be stored in external files referenced via URI, stored side-by-side in GLB container, or embedded directly into the JSON using [data URLs](#).

Valid glTF asset must specify its version.



Materials

glTF defines materials using a common set of parameters that are based on widely used material representations from Physically-Based Rendering (PBR). Specifically, glTF uses the metallic-roughness material model. Using this declarative representation of materials enables a glTF file to be rendered consistently across platforms.



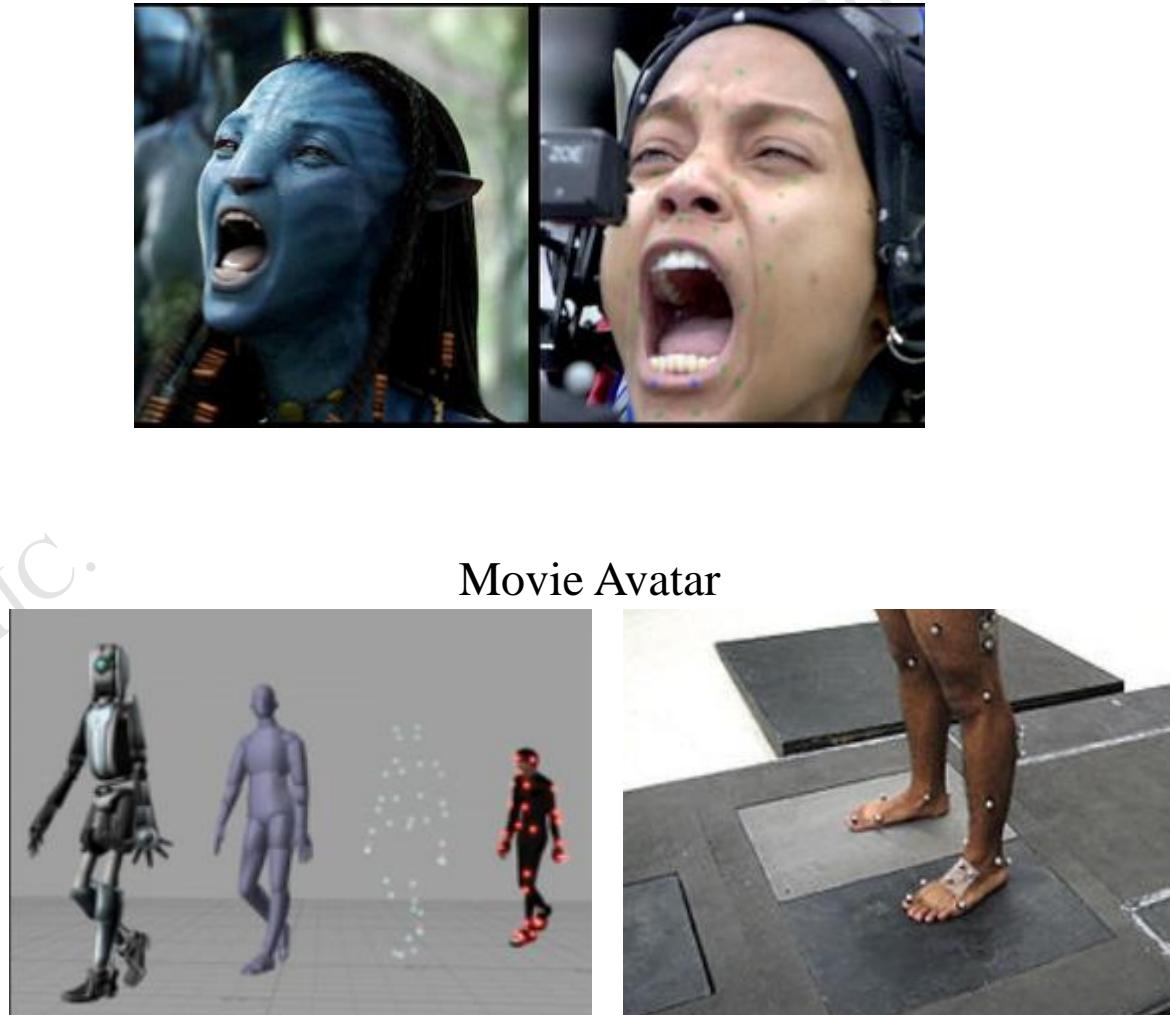


Supplementary material

■ Motion capture



From CMU Prof. Kanade

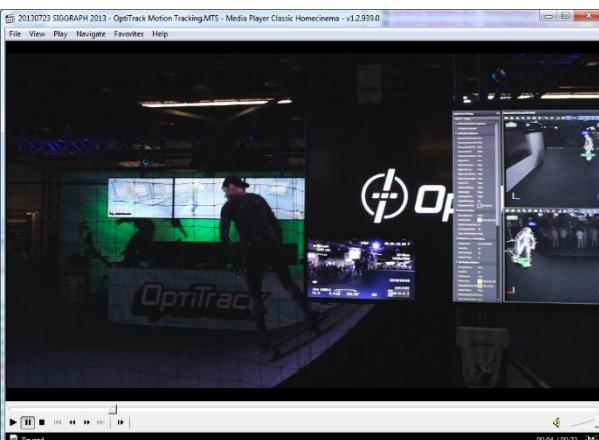
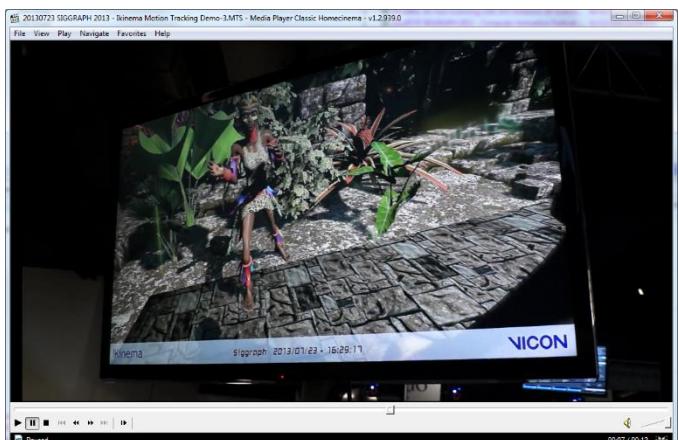
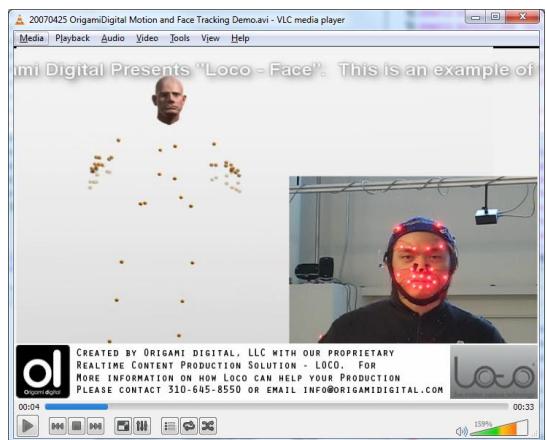


Movie Avatar



Supplementary material

■ Motion capture



2007 OrigamiDigital Motion and Face Tracking Demo
SIGGRAPH 2013 - Ikinema Motion Tracking Demo-3
SIGGRAPH 2013 - OptiTrack Motion Tracking



Supplementary material

- Numerical Error
- Truncated error (Truncation error):
 - Ex. $3.141592654 \rightarrow 3.141592$
- Round off error:
 - Ex. $3.141592654 \rightarrow 3.141593$



Supplementary material: Euler formula

is called a regular mesh. The number of vertices (V), edges (E), and faces (F) in a closed polygonal mesh are related by the Euler-Poincare formula

$$V + F - E = 2(1 - g) \quad (8.1)$$

where g , the genus, denotes the number of holes/handles in the mesh. The right-hand side of the above equation is called the Euler Characteristic. For the torus in Fig. 8.3 and the Möbius strip in Fig. 8.7b, $g = 1$, and hence $V + F = E$. For polyhedral objects without any holes, $V + F = E + 2$. This equation is generally referred to as the Euler's formula. In a triangular mesh without holes, the average valence of a vertex is six, and we can get an estimate of the number of faces and edges in terms of the vertices as

$$\begin{aligned} F &\approx 2V \\ E &\approx 3V \end{aligned} \quad (8.2)$$

Also in a triangular mesh, every face has three edges, and every edge is counted twice while counting the number of faces. Therefore the number of faces and edges are connected by the equation $E = 3F/2$.

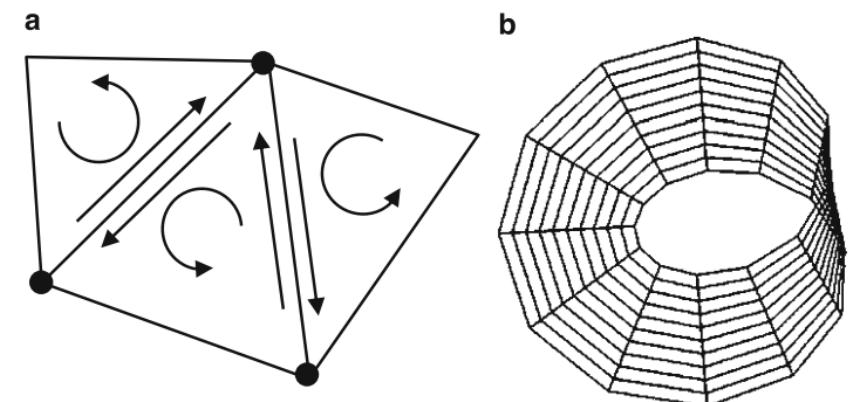


Fig. 8.7 (a) Compatible faces in an orientable mesh. (b) The Möbius strip is an example of a non-orientable mesh



Supplementary material: Mesh simplification

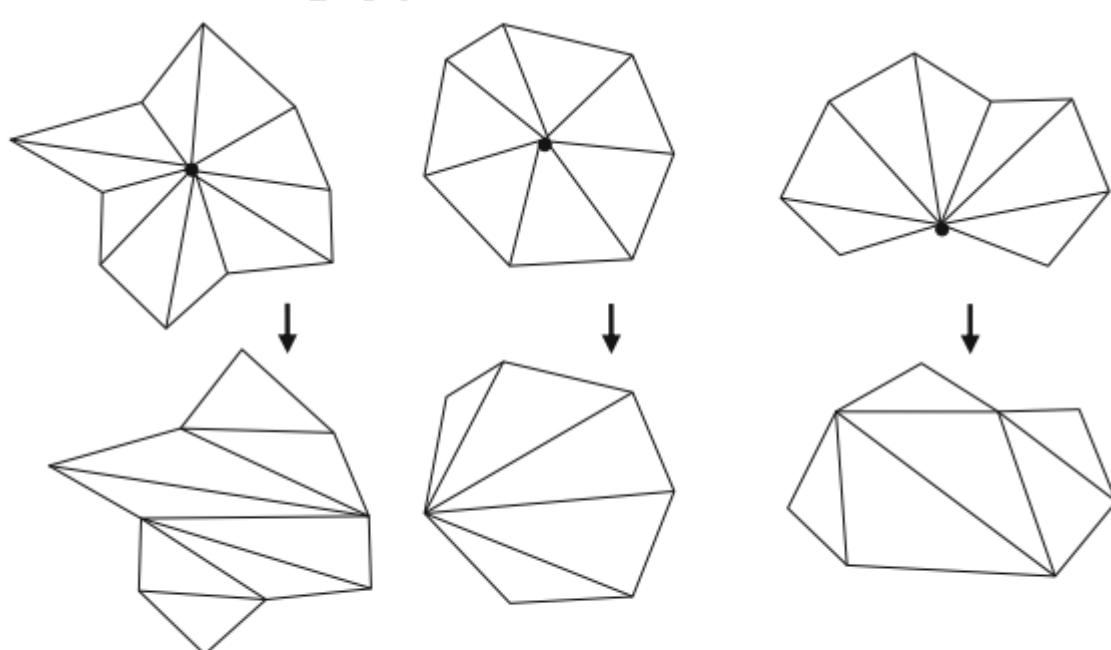


Fig. 8.18 Removal of internal and boundary vertices and the triangulation of the resulting polygons

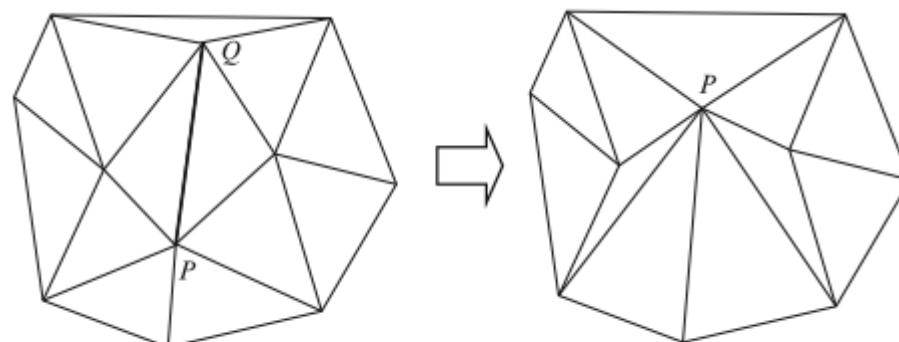


Fig. 8.19 An edge collapse operation performed by moving the vertex P towards Q

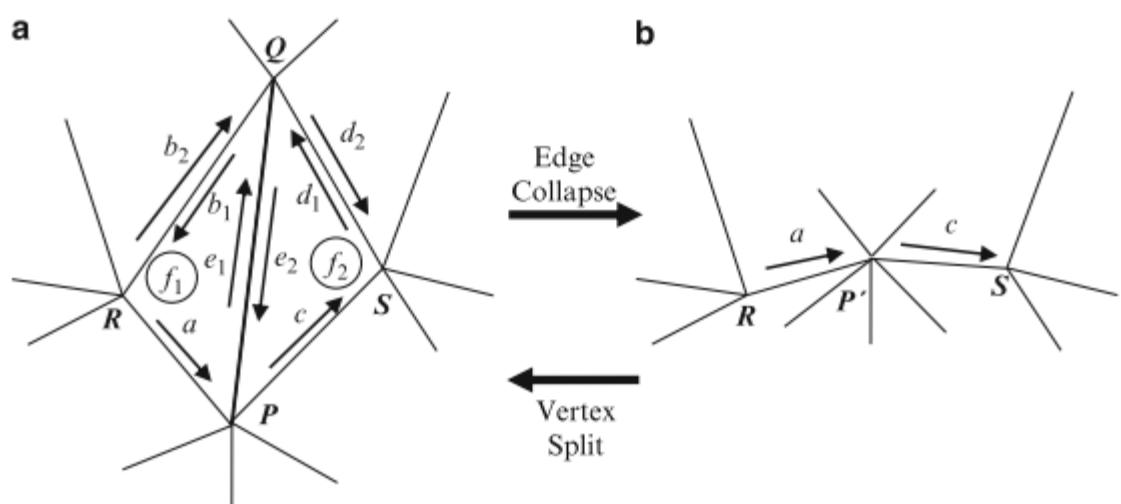


Fig. 8.20 Edge references used by the edge collapse algorithm in Listing 8.9



Supplementary material: Mesh subdivision

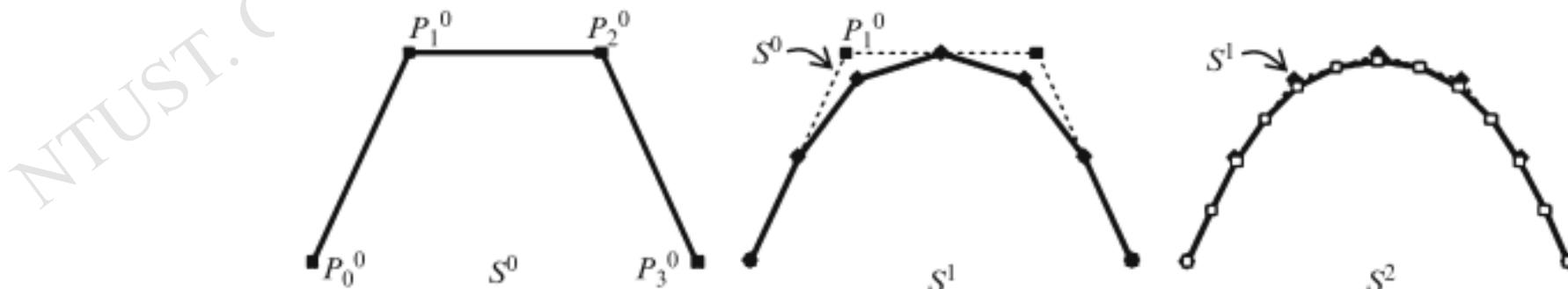


Fig. 8.23 A control polygonal line and the next two levels of its subdivision

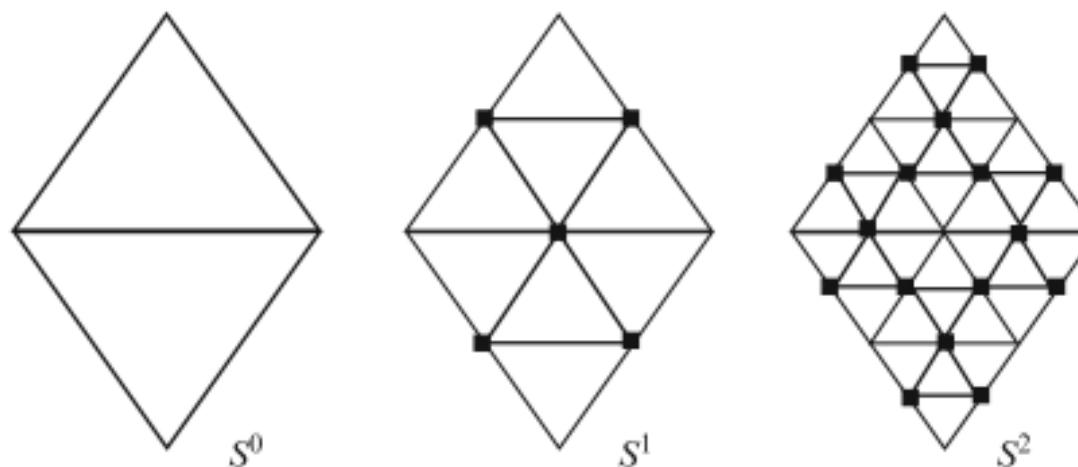
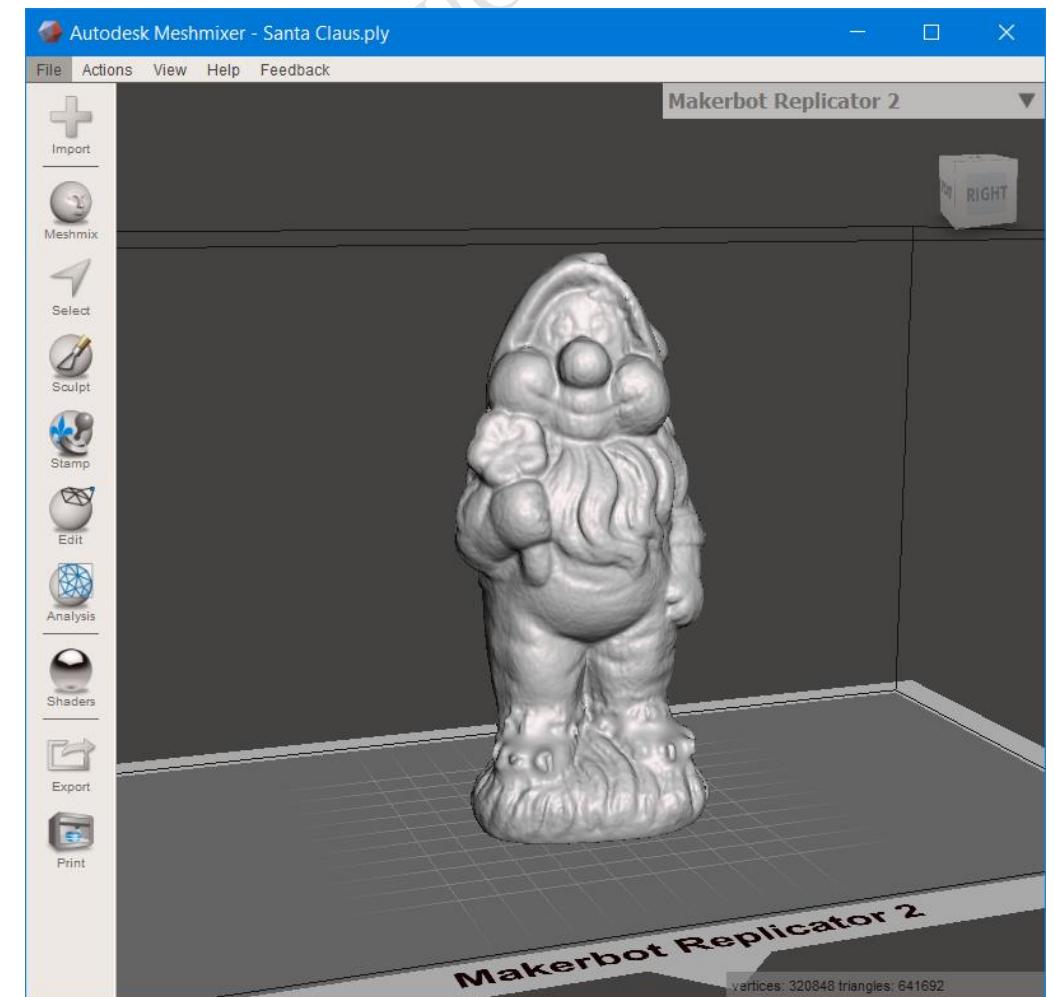
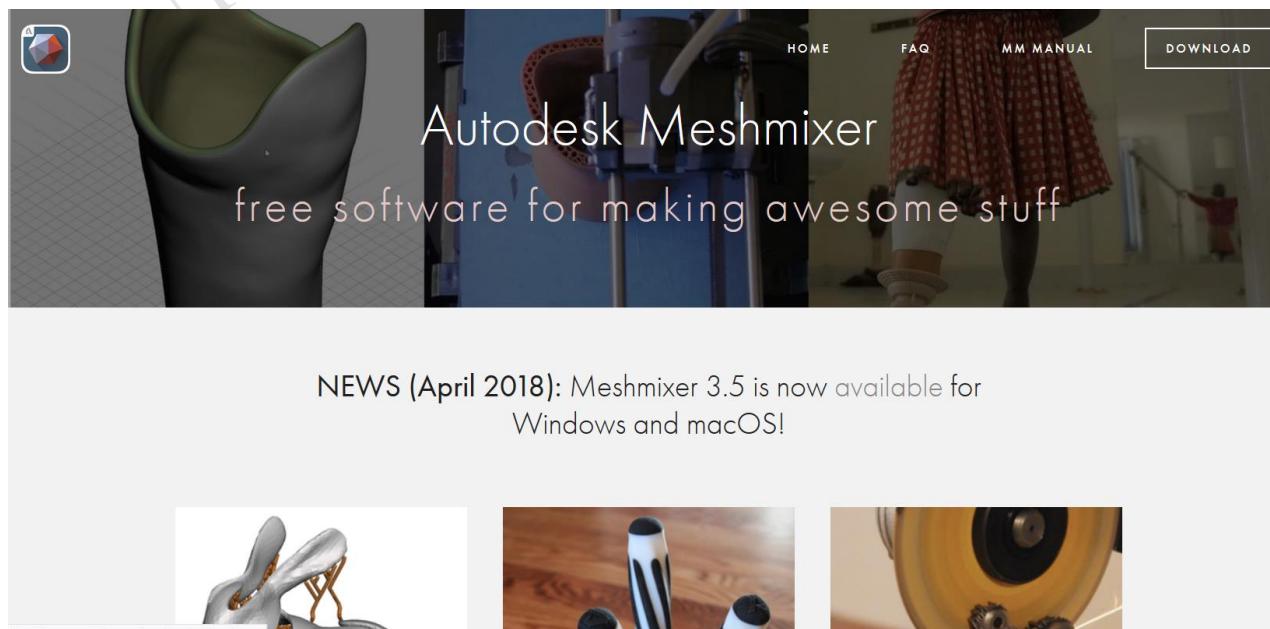


Fig. 8.25 Triangular subdivision scheme



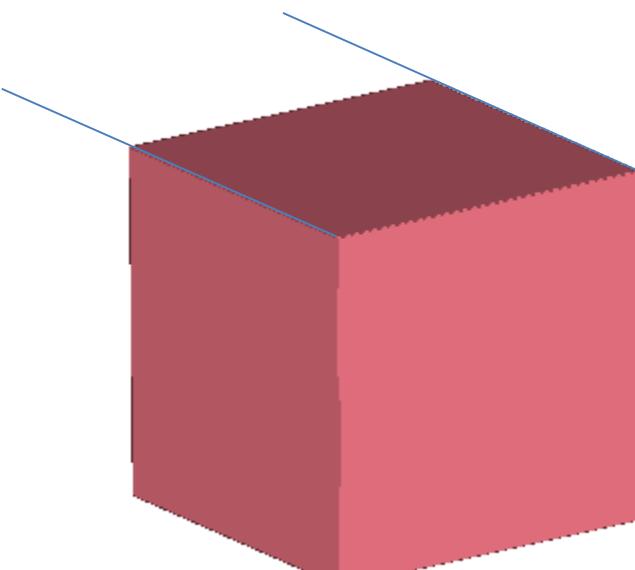
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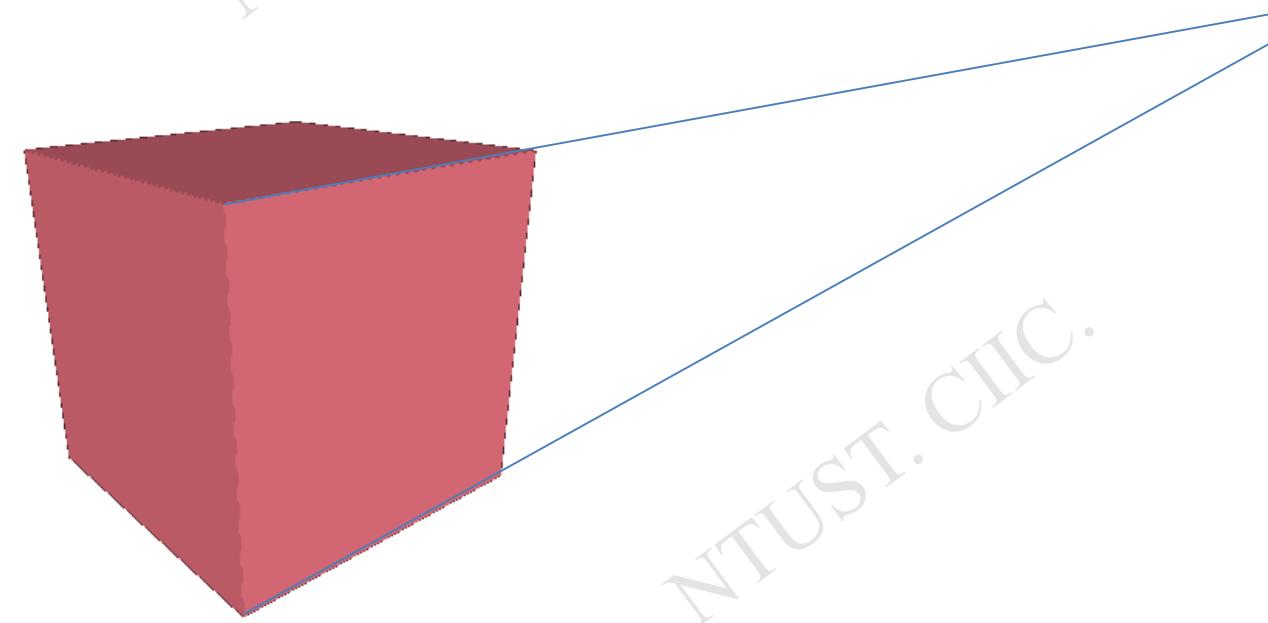


Parallel projection & Perspective projection

- Note: In graphics, pinhole camera belongs to perspective projection



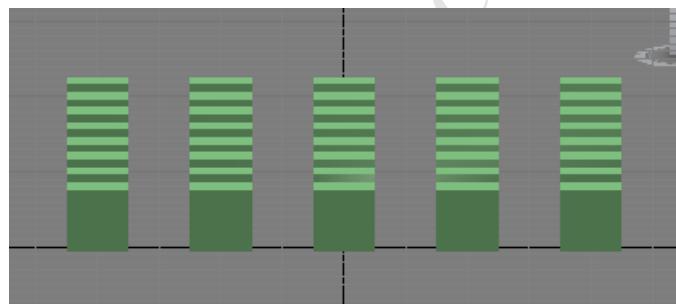
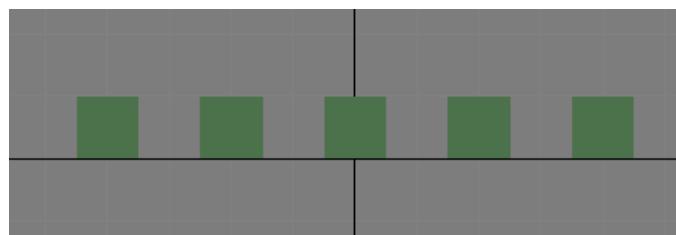
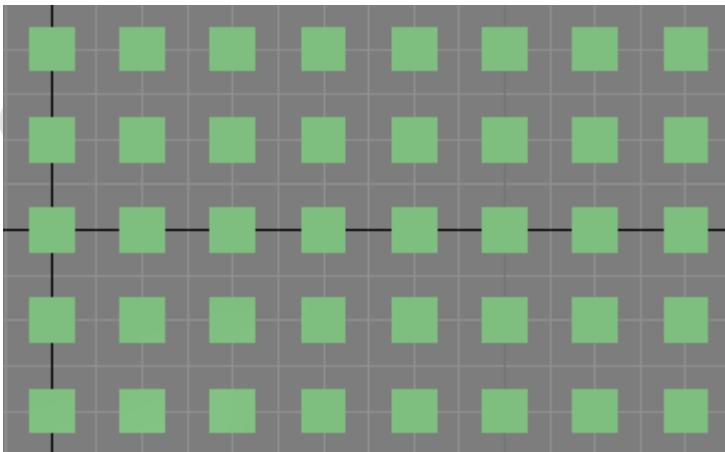
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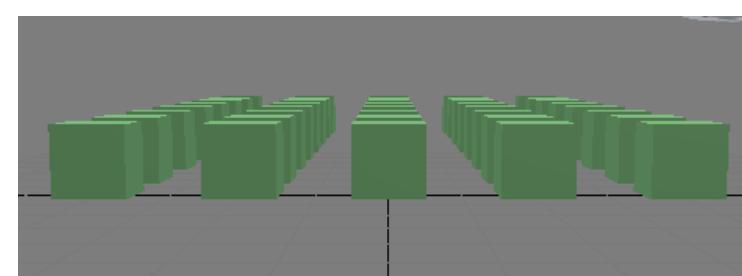
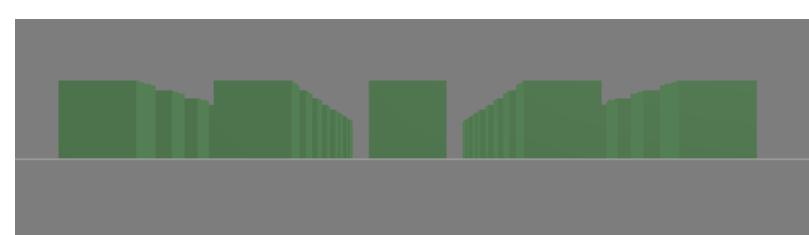
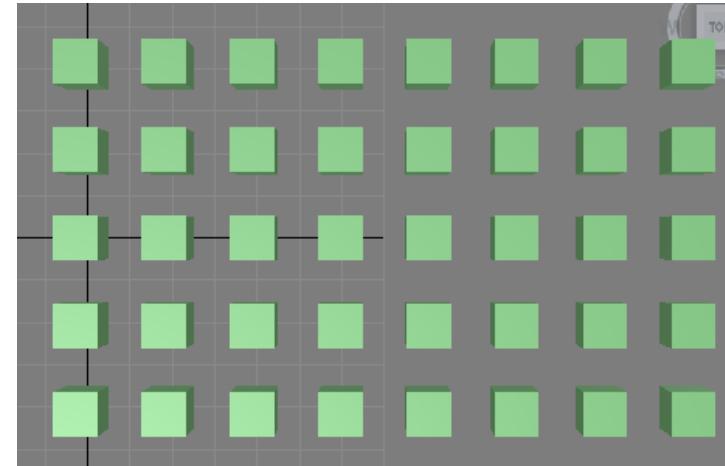
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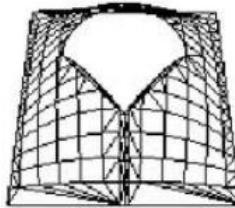
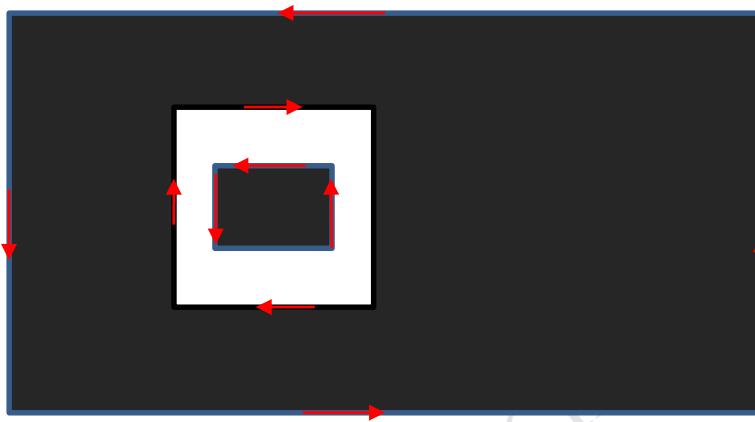
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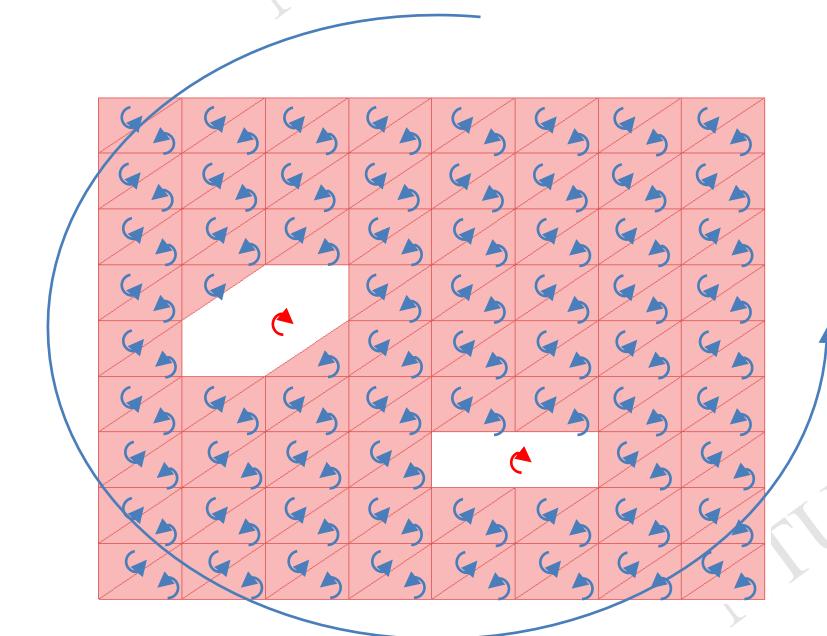


Supplementary material

■ Trimmed surface in OpenGL



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- Half-edge: assist for searching “boundary of surface”





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