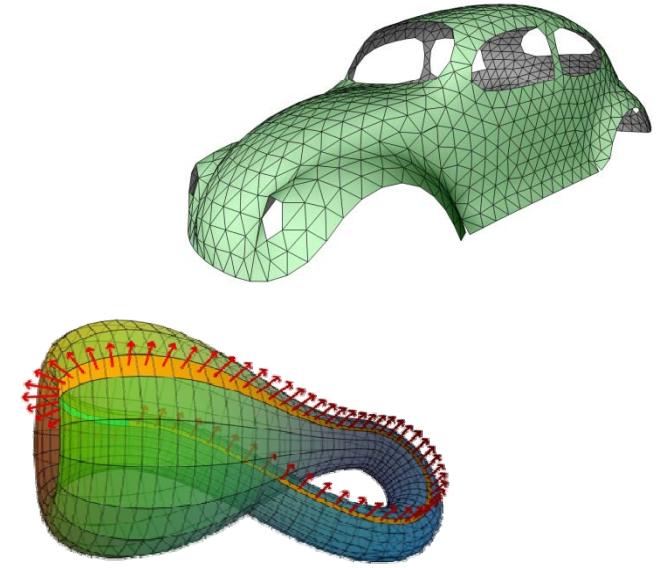
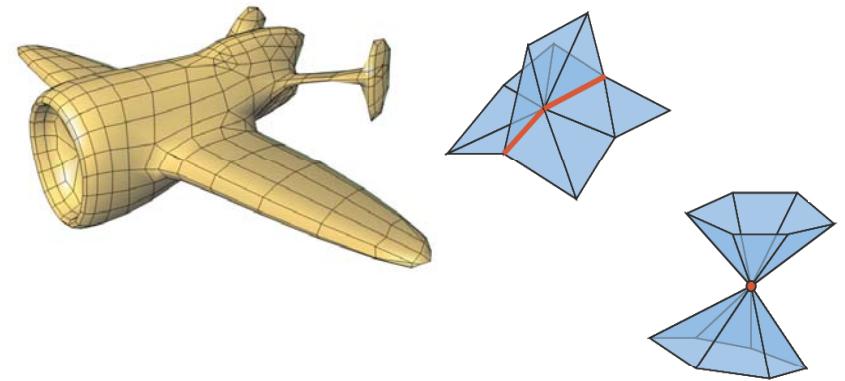




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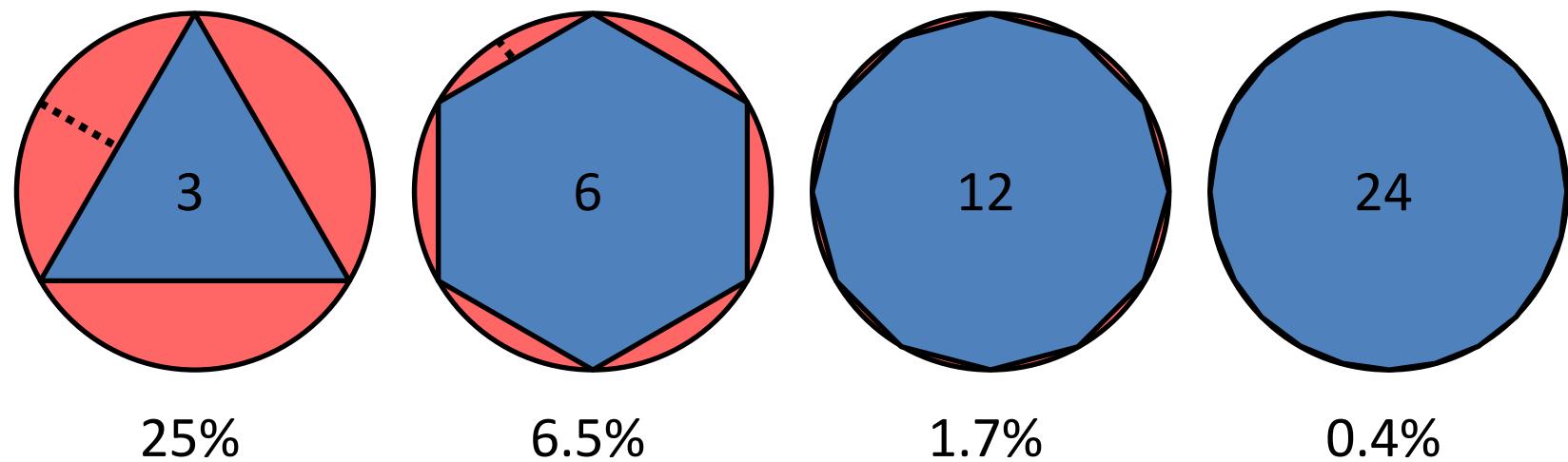


# Today

- Mesh basics
  - Zoo
  - Definitions
  - Important properties
- Mesh data structures
- HW1

# Polygonal Meshes

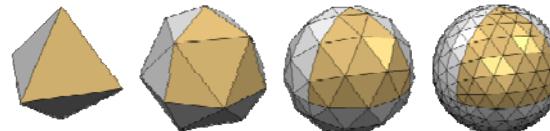
- Piecewise linear approximation
  - Error is  $O(h^2)$



# Polygonal Meshes

- Polygonal meshes are a good representation

- approximation  $O(h^2)$



- arbitrary topology



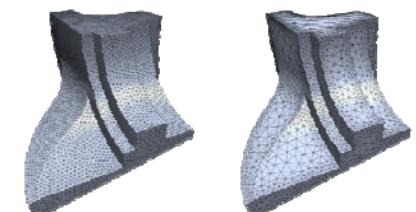
- piecewise smooth surfaces



- adaptive refinement



- efficient rendering



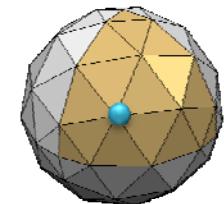
# Triangle Meshes

- Connectivity: vertices, edges, triangles

$$\mathcal{V} = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$$

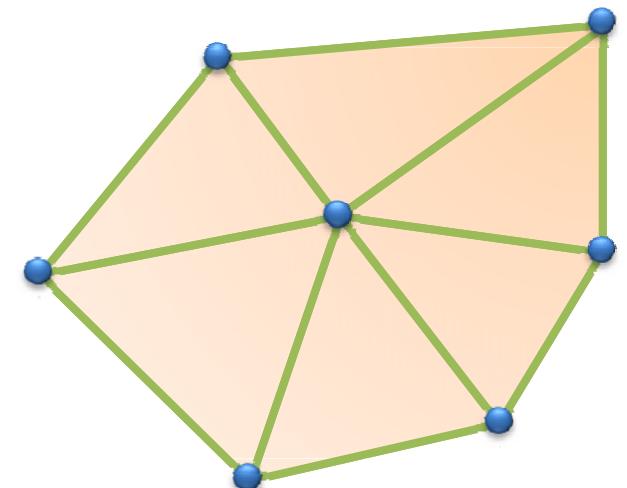
$$\mathcal{E} = \{e_1, \dots, e_k\}, \quad e_i \in \mathcal{V} \times \mathcal{V}$$

$$\mathcal{F} = \{f_1, \dots, f_m\}, \quad f_i \in \mathcal{V} \times \mathcal{V} \times \mathcal{V}$$

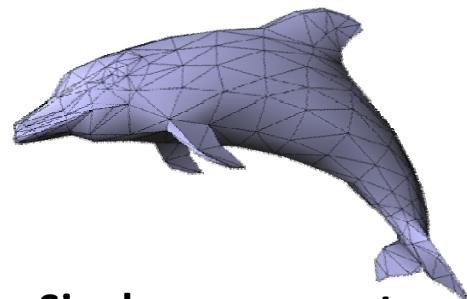


- Geometry: vertex positions

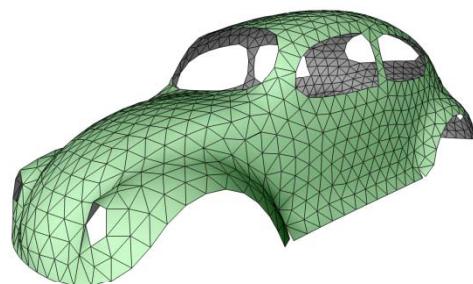
$$\mathcal{P} = \{\mathbf{p}_1, \dots, \mathbf{p}_n\}, \quad \mathbf{p}_i \in \mathbb{R}^3$$



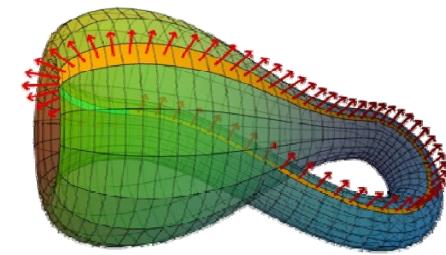
# Mesh Zoo



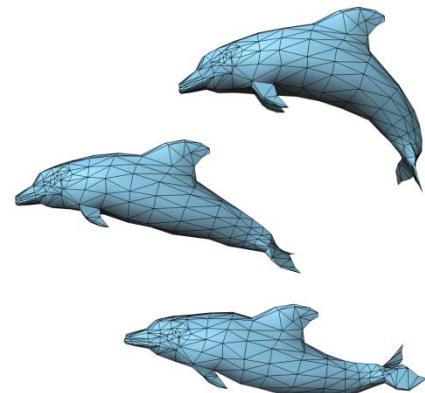
Single component,  
closed, triangular,  
orientable manifold



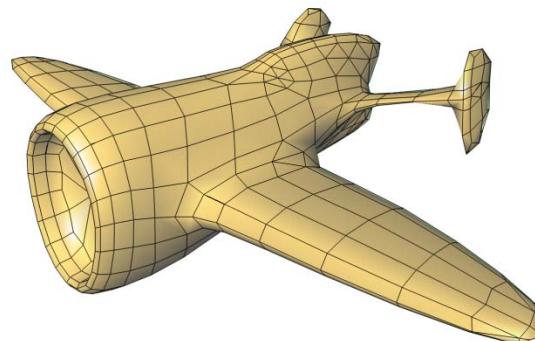
With boundaries



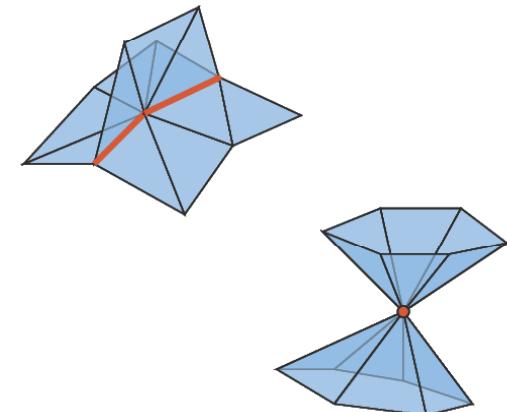
Not orientable



Multiple components



Not only triangles

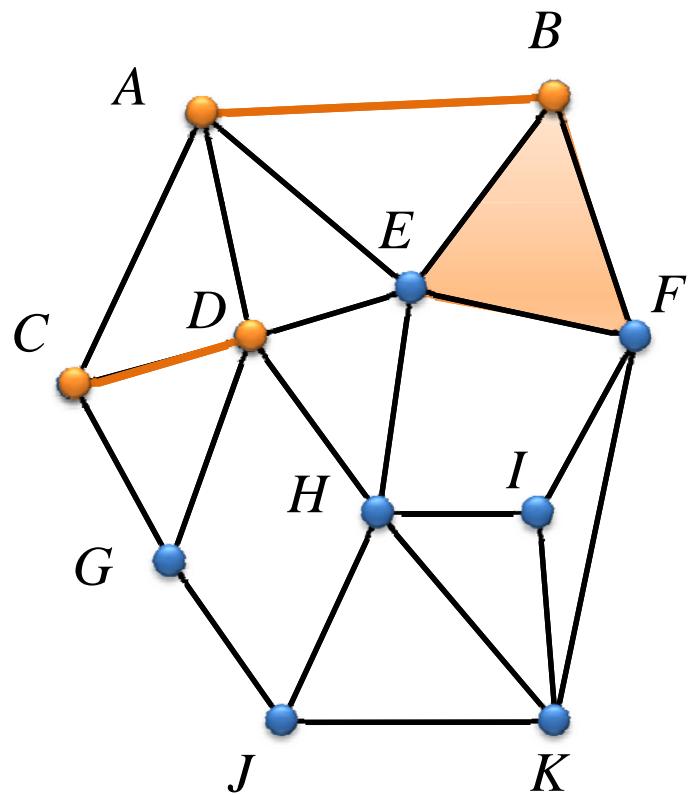


Non manifold

# Mesh Definitions

- Need vocabulary to describe zoo meshes
- The connectivity of a mesh is just a graph
- We'll start with some graph theory

# Graph Definitions



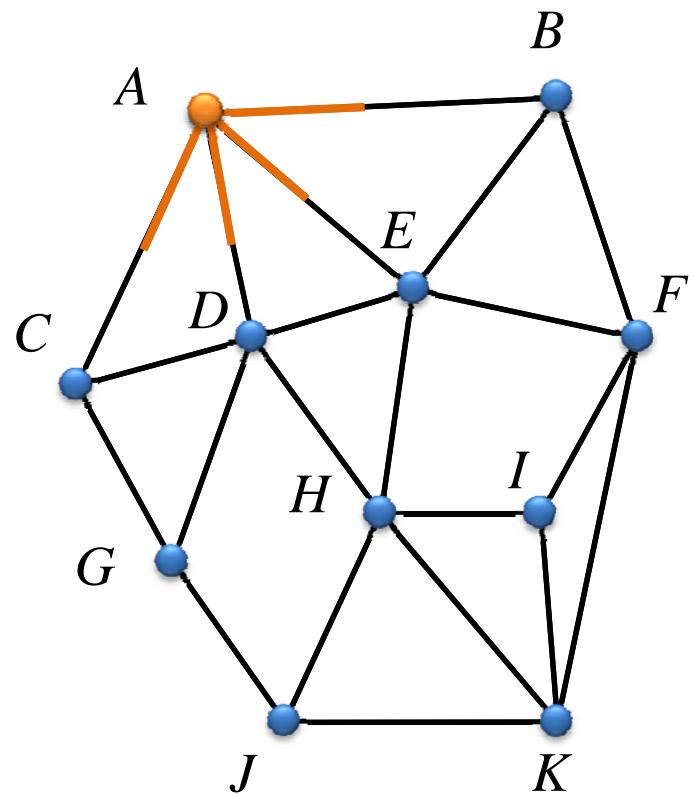
$G = \text{graph} = \langle V, E \rangle$

$V = \text{vertices} = \{A, B, C, \dots, K\}$

$E = \text{edges} = \{(AB), (AE), (CD), \dots\}$

$F = \text{faces} = \{(ABE), (DHJG), \dots\}$

# Graph Definitions



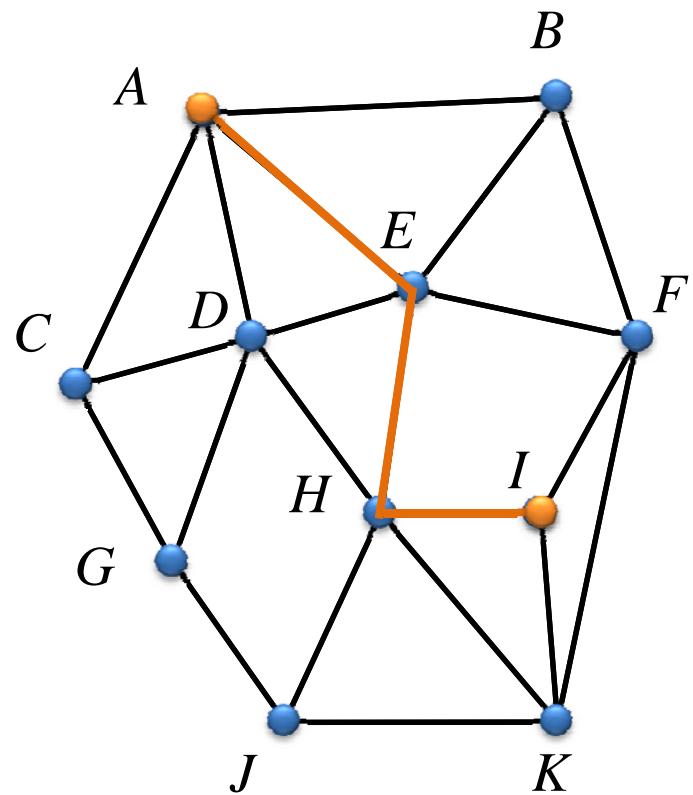
**Vertex degree or valence =**  
number of incident edges

$$\deg(A) = 4$$

$$\deg(E) = 5$$

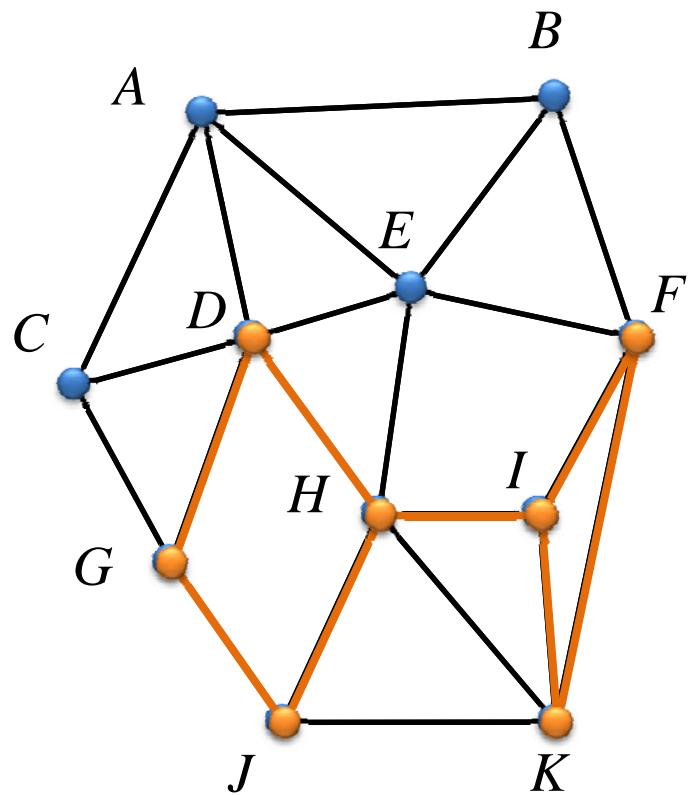
**Regular mesh =**  
all vertex degrees are equal

# Connectivity



**Connected** =  
path of edges connecting every two  
vertices

# Connectivity



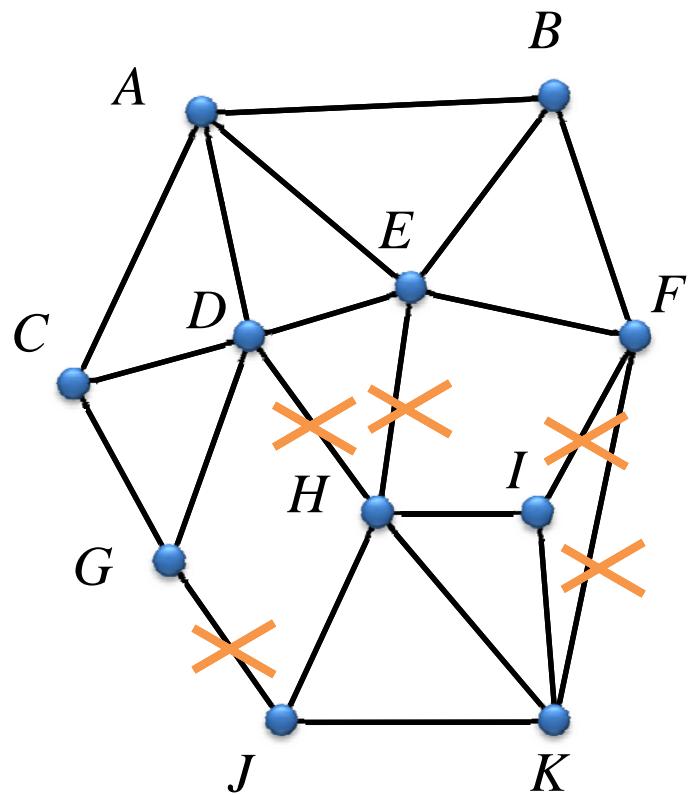
**Connected** =

path of edges connecting every two vertices

**Subgraph** =

$G' = \langle V', E' \rangle$  is a subgraph of  $G = \langle V, E \rangle$  if  
 $V'$  is a subset of  $V$  and  
 $E'$  is the subset of  $E$  incident on  $V'$

# Connectivity



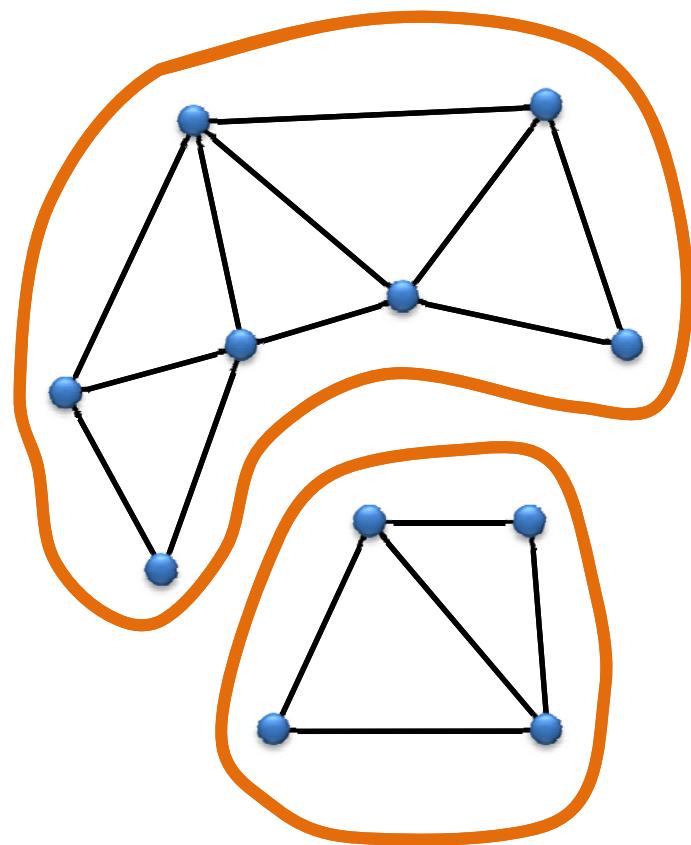
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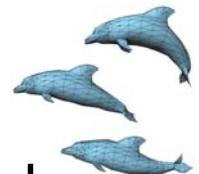
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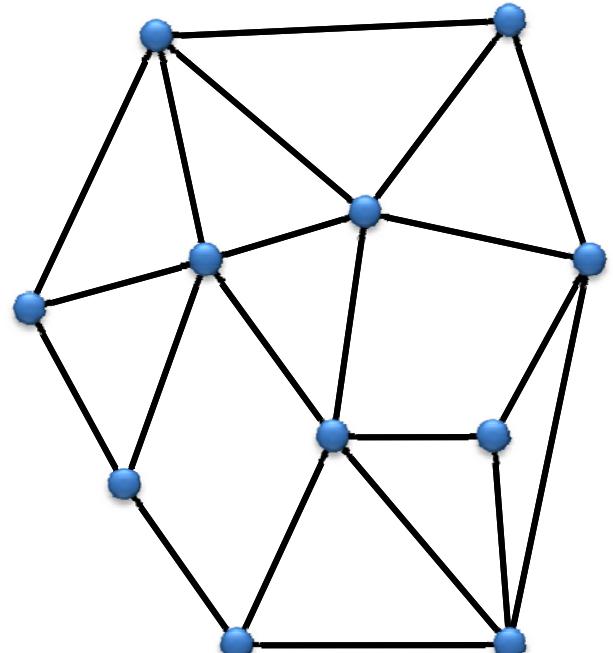
**Connected Component** =

maximally connected subgraph

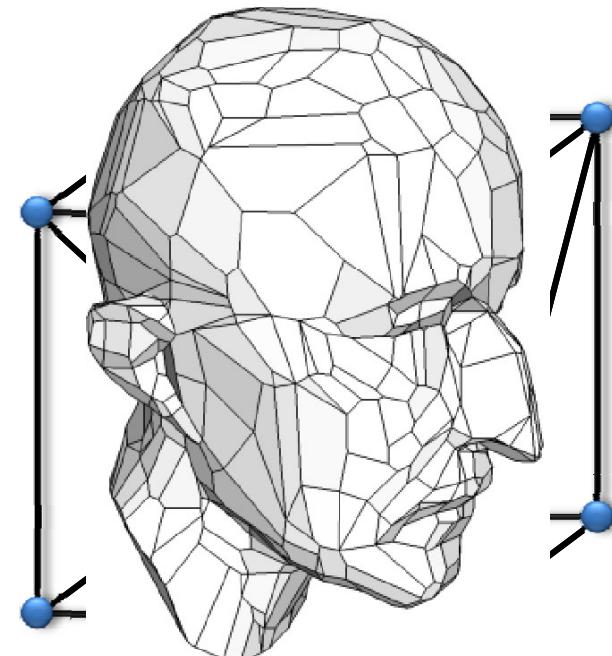


# Graph Embedding

**Embedding:**  $G$  is embedded in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ , if each vertex is assigned a position in  $\mathbb{R}^d$



Embedded in  $\mathbb{R}^2$



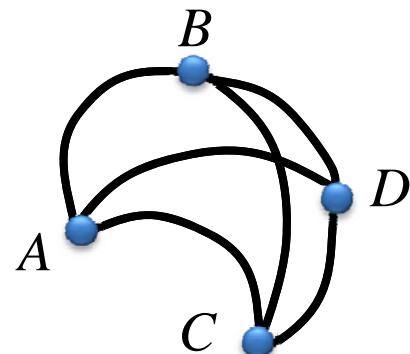
Embedded in  $\mathbb{R}^3$

# Planar Graphs

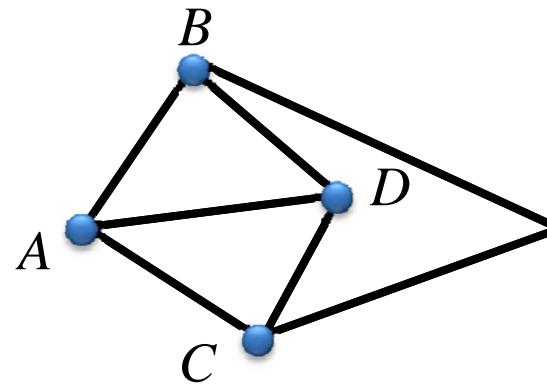
**Planar Graph =**

Graph whose vertices and edges  
*can be* embedded in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  such that  
its edges do not intersect

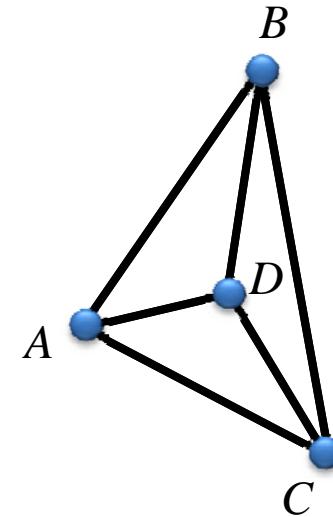
**Planar Graph**



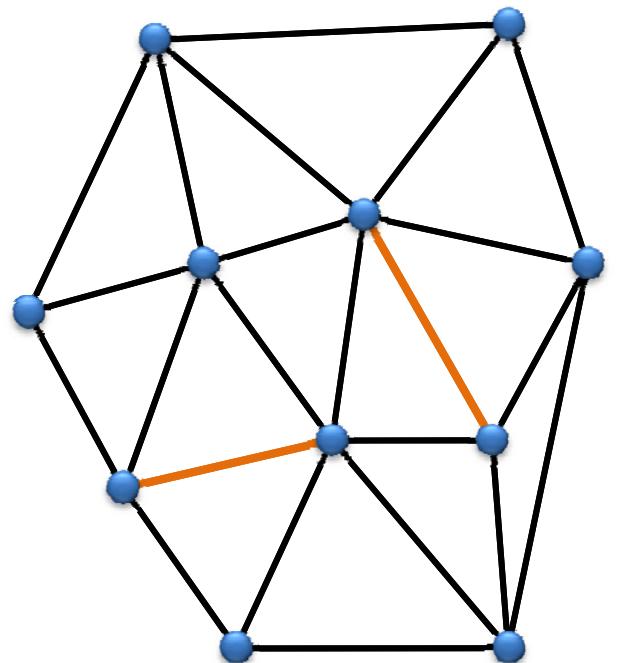
**Plane Graph**



**Straight Line Plane Graph**



# Triangulation

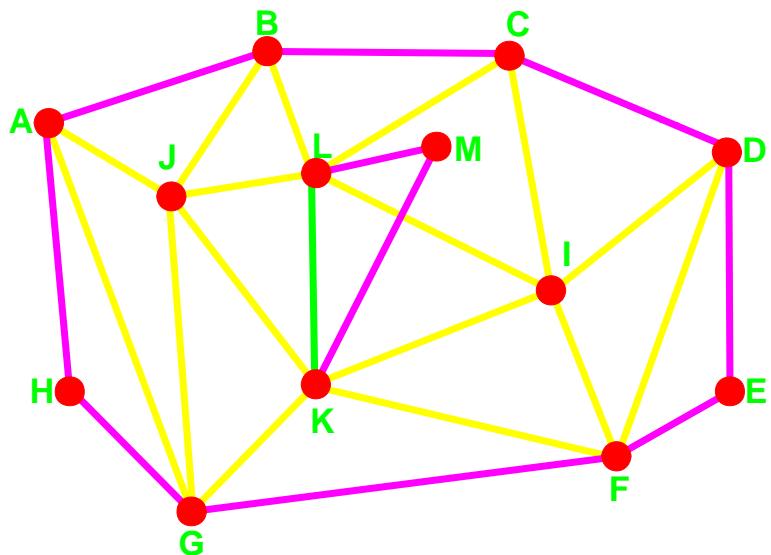


**Triangulation:**  
Straight line plane graph where every  
face is a *triangle*.

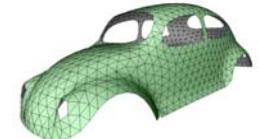
# Mesh

**Mesh:**

straight-line graph embedded in  $R^3$



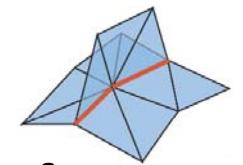
**Boundary edge:**



adjacent to exactly *one* face

**Regular edge:**

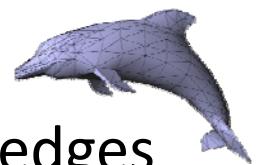
adjacent to exactly *two* faces



**Singular edge:**

adjacent to more than two faces

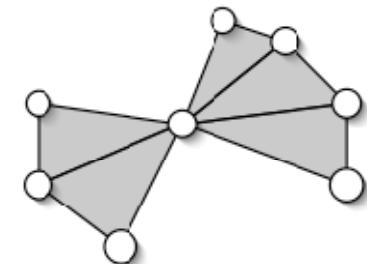
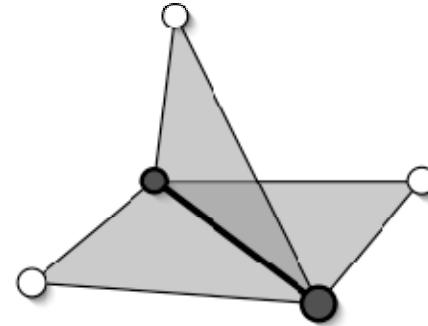
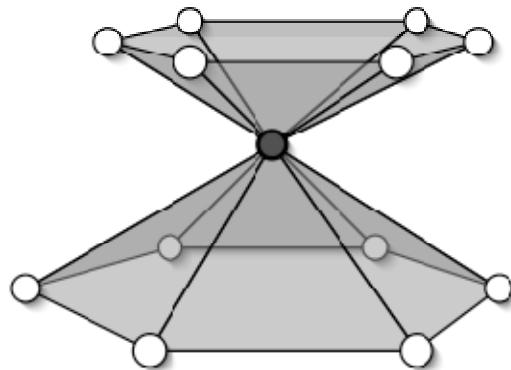
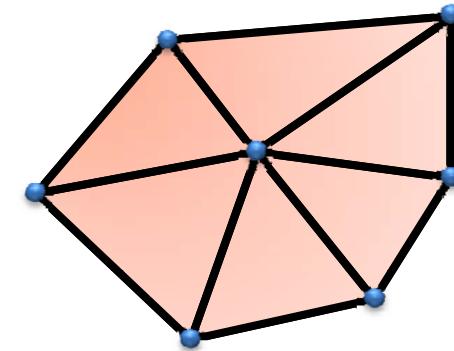
**Closed mesh:**



mesh with no boundary edges

# 2-Manifolds Meshes

Disk-shaped neighborhoods

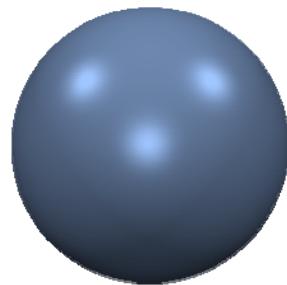


non-manifolds

# Global Topology: Genus

## Genus:

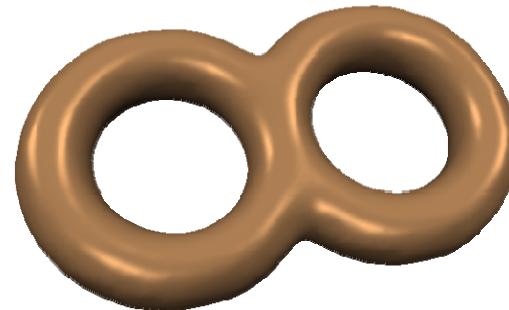
Half the maximal number of closed paths that do not disconnect the mesh (= the number of holes)



Genus 0



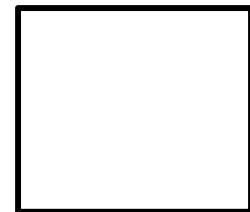
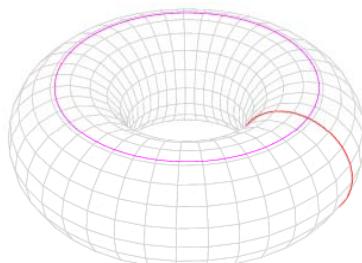
Genus 1



Genus 2



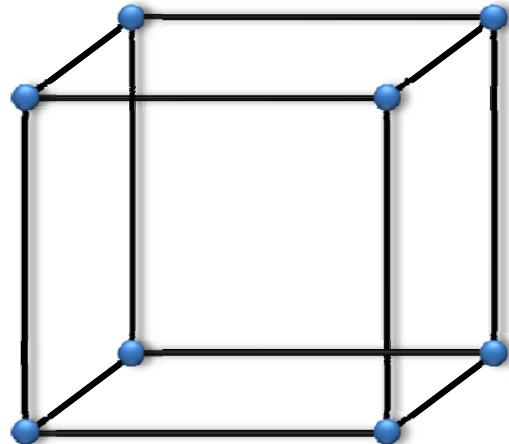
Genus ?



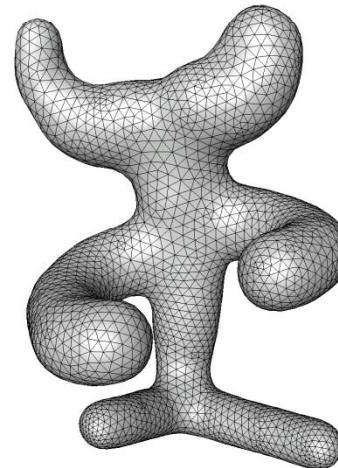
# Closed 2-Manifold Polygonal Meshes

Euler-Poincaré formula

$$V + F - E = \boxed{\chi} \quad \text{Euler characteristic}$$



$$\begin{aligned} V &= 8 \\ E &= 12 \\ F &= 6 \\ \chi &= 8 + 6 - 12 = 2 \end{aligned}$$

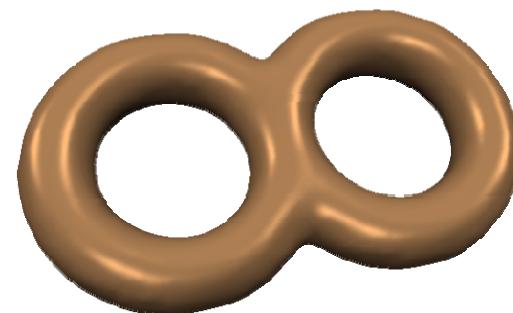


$$\begin{aligned} V &= 3890 \\ E &= 11664 \\ F &= 7776 \\ \chi &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

# Closed 2-Manifold Polygonal Meshes

Euler-Poincaré formula

$$V + F - E = \chi = 2$$



$$V = 1500, E = 4500$$

$$F = 3000, g = 1$$

$$\chi = 0$$

$$g = 2$$

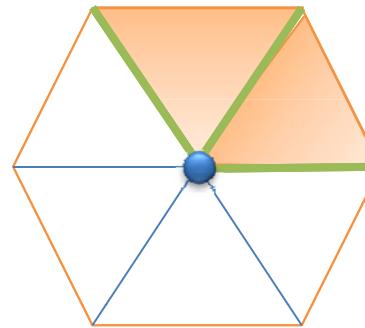
$$\chi = -2$$

# Closed 2-Manifold Triangle Meshes

- *Triangle* mesh statistics

$$E \approx 3V$$

$$F \approx 2V$$



- Avg. valence  $\approx 6$

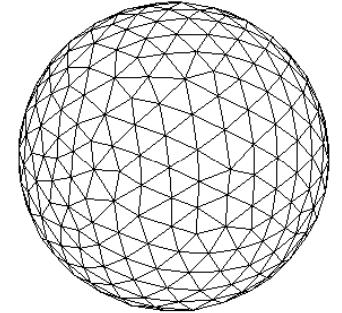
*Show using Euler Formula*



- When can a closed triangle mesh be 6-regular?



# Exercise



**Theorem:** Average vertex degree in closed manifold triangle mesh is  $\sim 6$

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**Proof:** In such a mesh,  $3F = 2E$  by counting edges of faces.

By Euler's formula:  $V+F-E = V+2E/3-E = 2-2g$ .  
Thus  $E = 3(V-2+2g)$

So  $\text{Average}(\text{deg}) = 2E/V = 6(V-2+2g)/V \sim 6$  for large  $V$

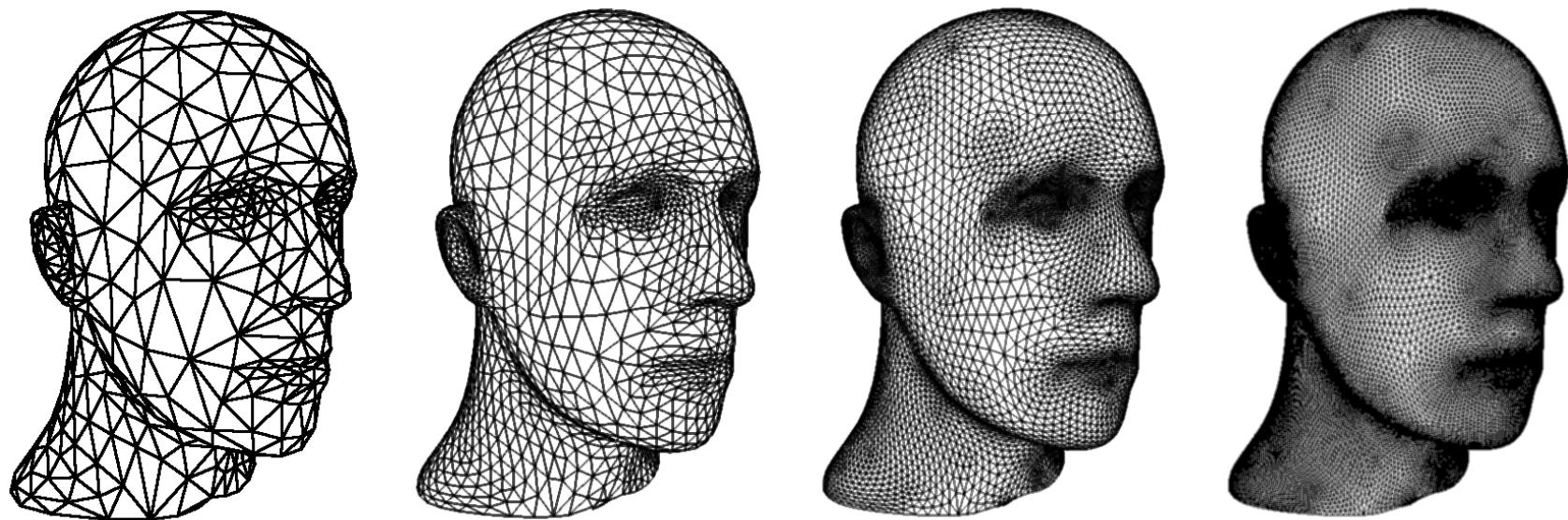
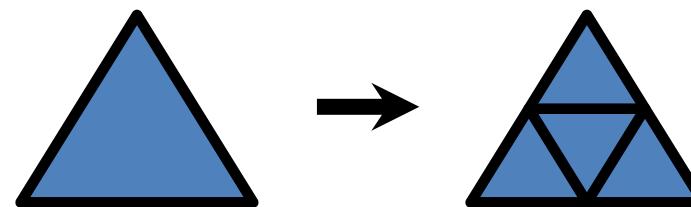


**Corollary:** Only toroidal ( $g=1$ ) closed manifold triangle mesh can be regular (all vertex degrees are 6)

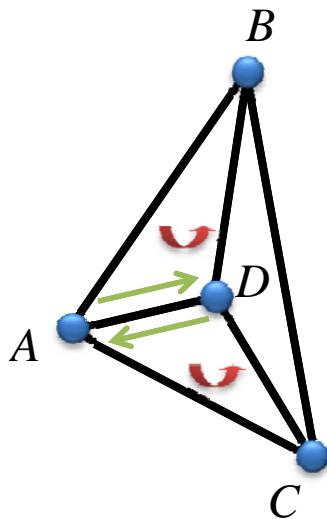
**Proof:** In regular mesh average degree is *exactly* 6.  
Can happen only if  $g=1$

# Regularity

- semi-regular



# Orientability



**Face Orientation =**  
clockwise or anticlockwise order in  
which the vertices listed

defines direction of face **normal**

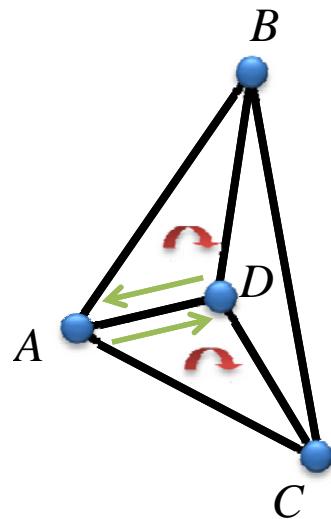
Oriented **CCW**:

$\{(C, \text{D}, \text{A}), (\text{A}, \text{D}, \text{B}), (\text{C}, \text{B}, \text{D})\}$

Oriented **CW**:

$\{(\text{C}, \text{A}, \text{D}), (\text{D}, \text{A}, \text{B}), (\text{B}, \text{C}, \text{D})\}$

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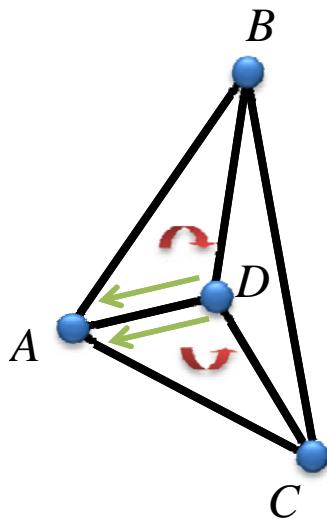
Oriented **CW**:

$\{(C,\textcolor{brown}{A},\textcolor{brown}{D}), (\textcolor{brown}{D},\textcolor{brown}{A},B), (B,C,D)\}$

Not oriented:

$\{(C,D,A), (D,A,B), (C,B,D)\}$

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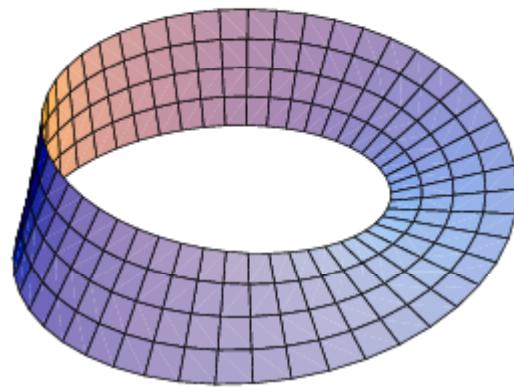
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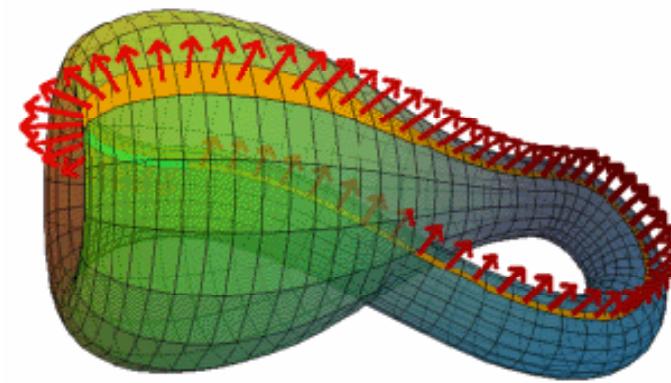
$\{(C,\textcolor{brown}{D},\textcolor{brown}{A}), (\textcolor{brown}{D},\textcolor{brown}{A},B), (C,B,D)\}$

**Orientable Plane Graph =**  
orientations of faces can be chosen  
so that each non-boundary edge is  
oriented in *both* directions

# Non-Orientable Surfaces



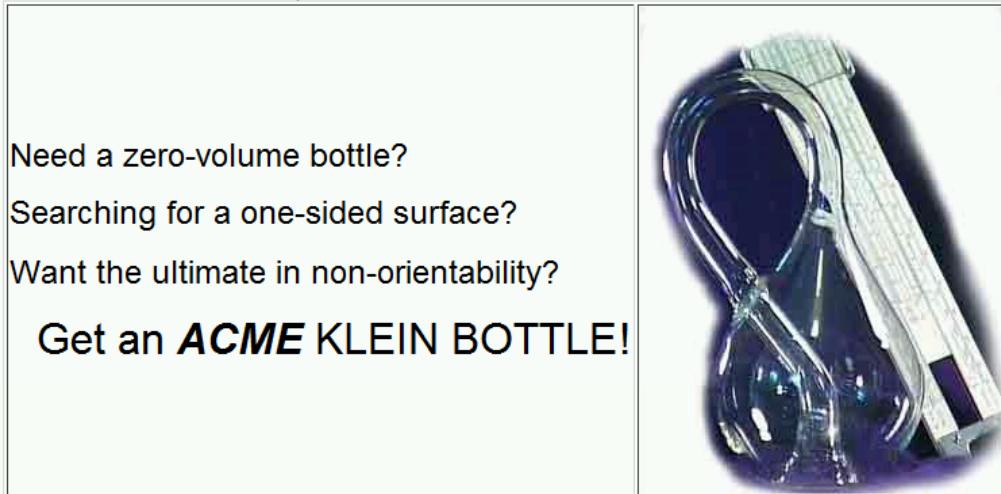
Möbius Strip



Klein Bottle

# Garden Variety Klein Bottles

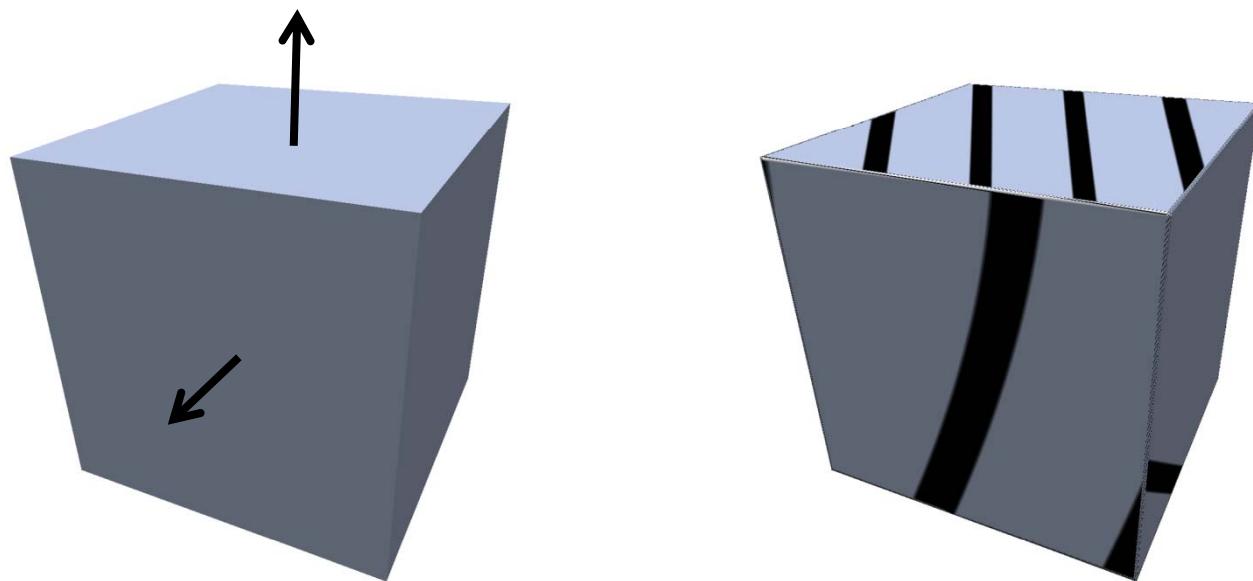
Glass Klein Bottles for sale - inquire within



<http://www.kleinbottle.com/>

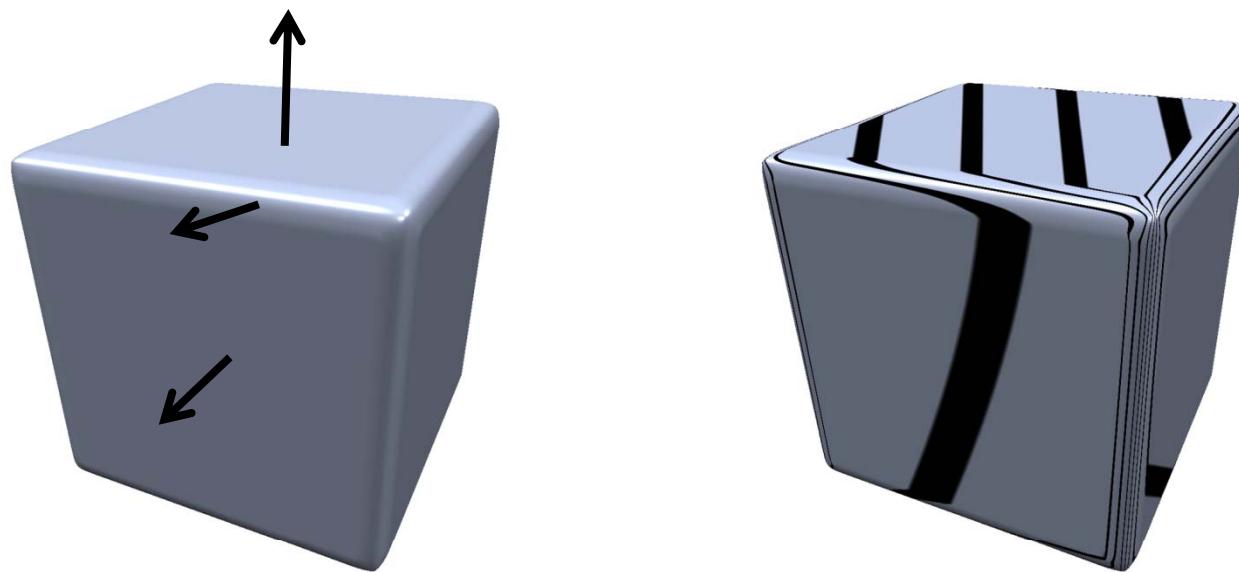
# Smoothness

- Position continuity =  $C^0$



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- Tangent continuity  $\approx C^1$



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- Curvature continuity  $\approx C^2$

