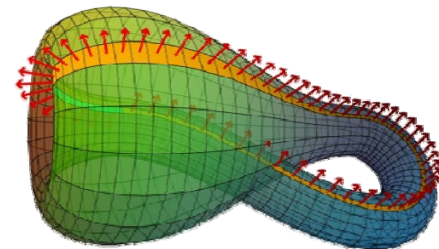
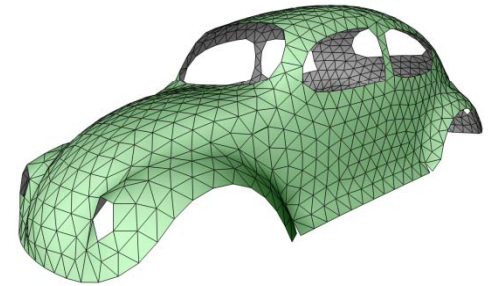


Basic Concepts



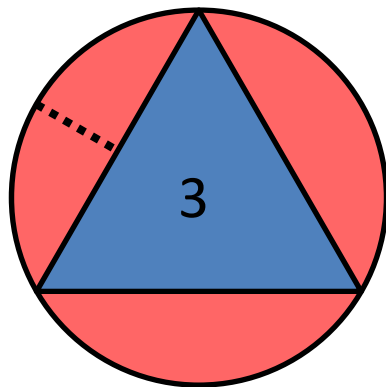
Today

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

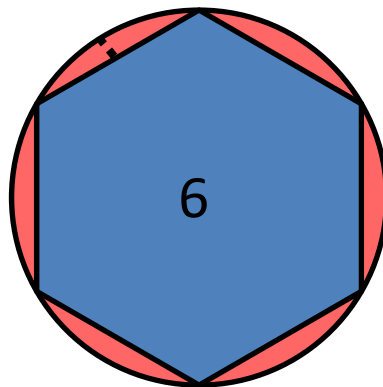
Polygonal Meshes



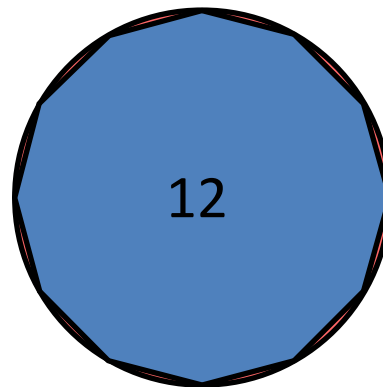
- Piecewise linear approximation
 - Error is $O(h^2)$



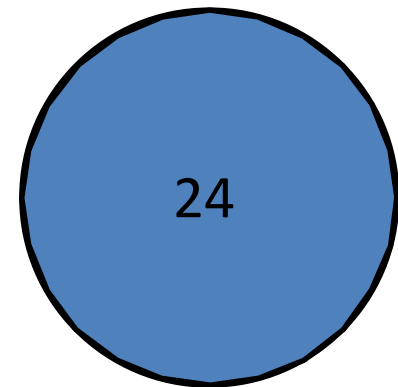
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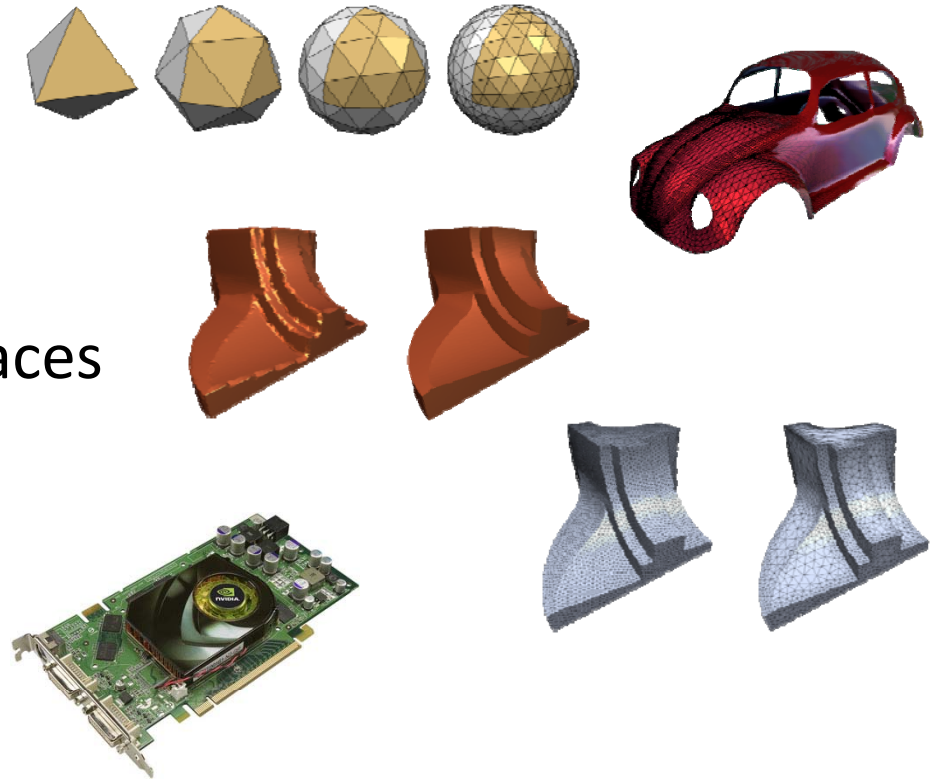


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Polygonal Meshes

- 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

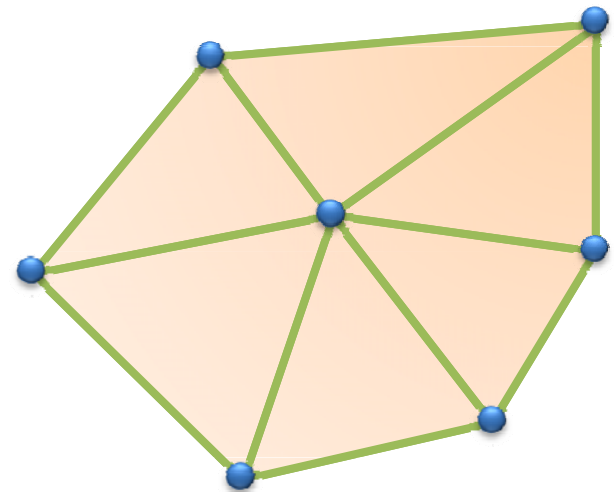
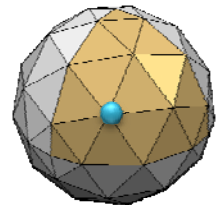
$$\mathcal{V} = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$$

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

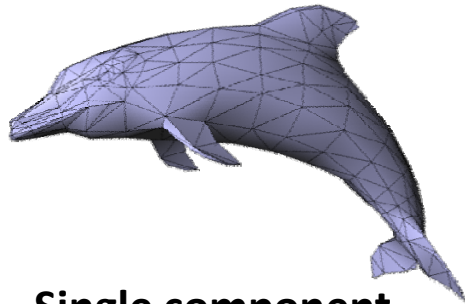
$$\mathcal{F} = \{f_1, \dots, f_m\} , \quad f_i \in \mathcal{V} \times \mathcal{V} \times \mathcal{V}$$

- Geometry: vertex positions

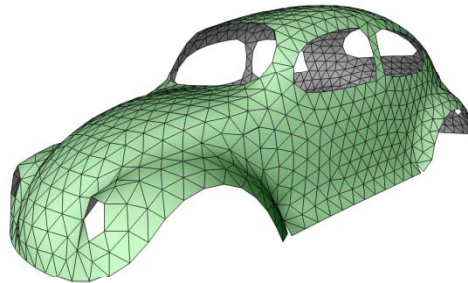
$$\mathcal{P} = \{p_1, \dots, p_n\} , \quad p_i \in \mathbb{R}^3$$



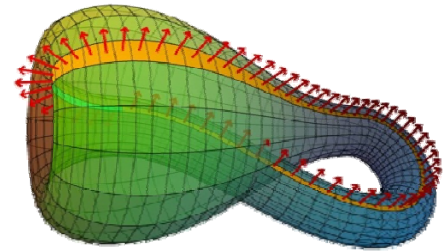
Mesh Zoo



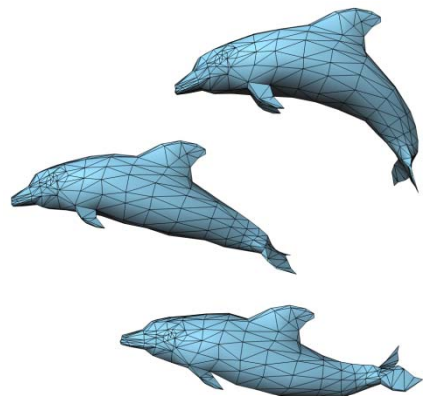
**Single component,
closed, triangular,
orientable manifold**



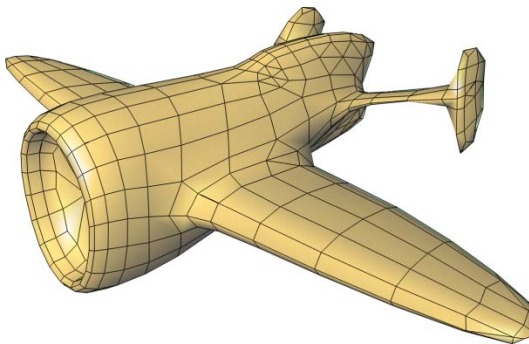
With boundaries



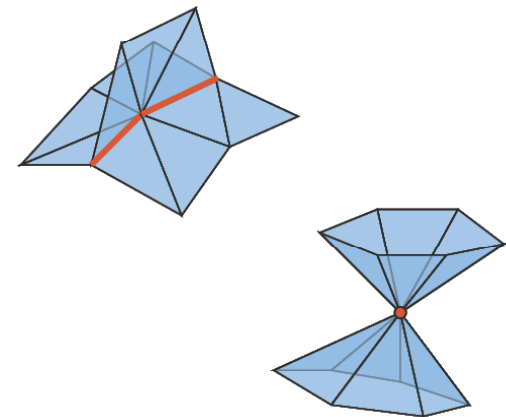
Not orientable



Multiple components



Not only triangles

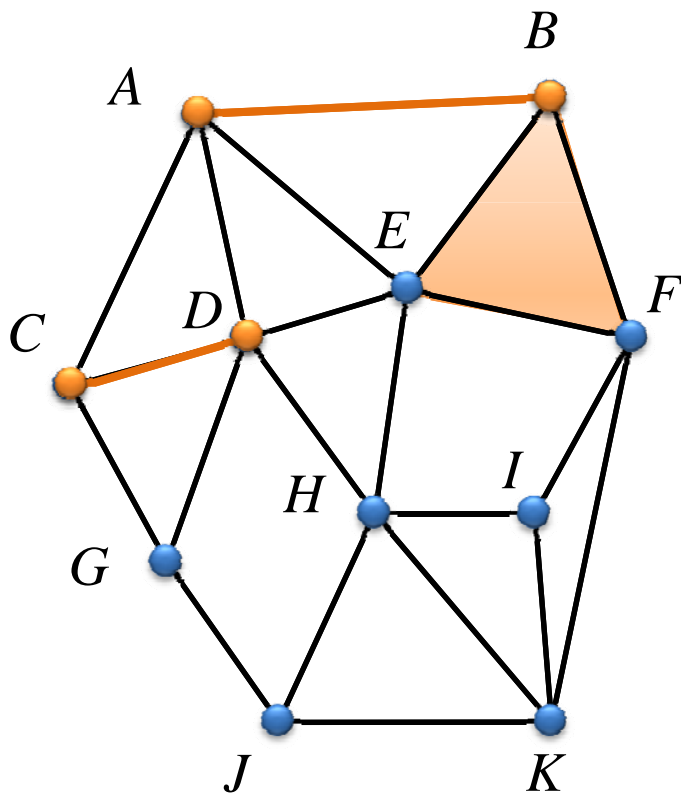


Non manifold

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



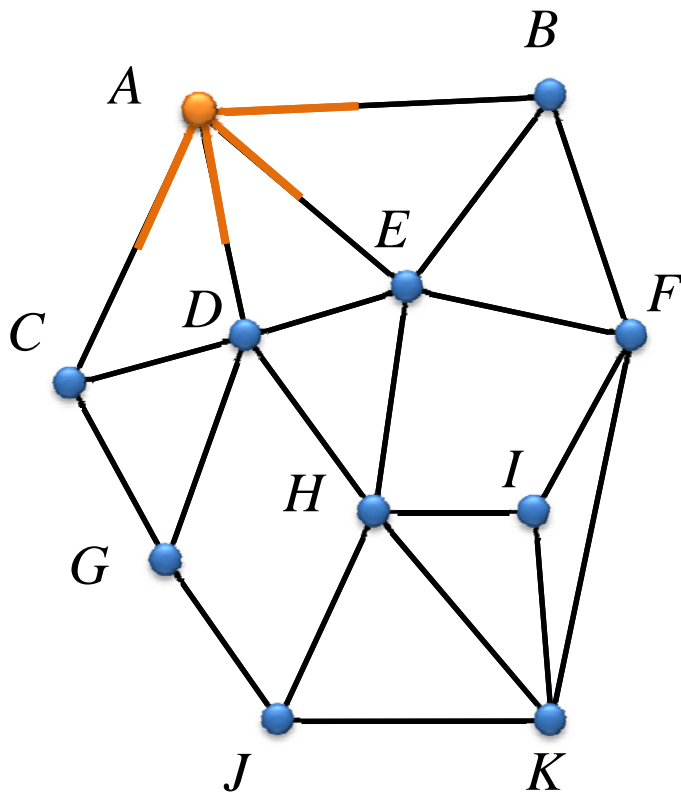
$G = \text{graph} = \langle V, E \rangle$

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

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

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

Graph Definitions



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

$$\deg(A) = 4$$

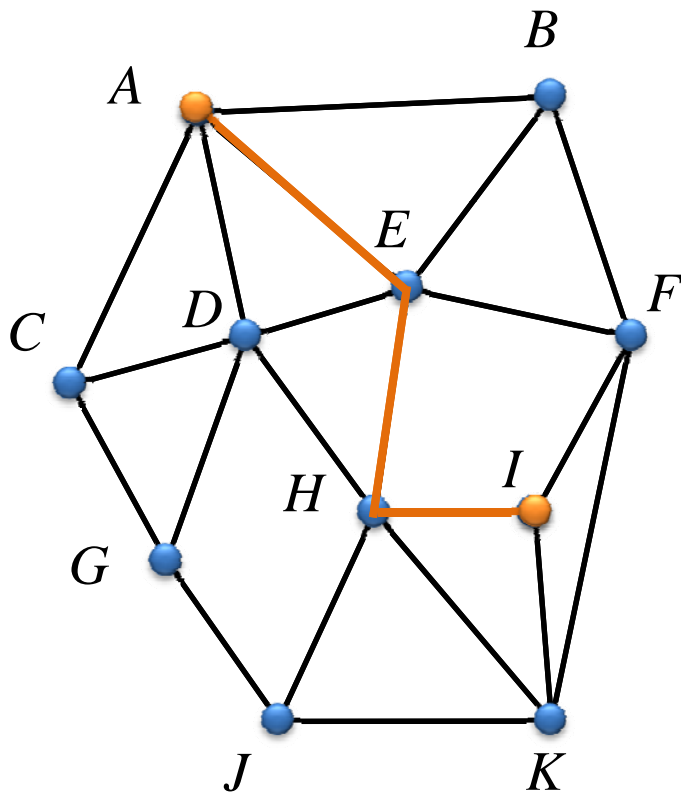
$$\deg(E) = 5$$

Regular mesh =
all vertex degrees are equal

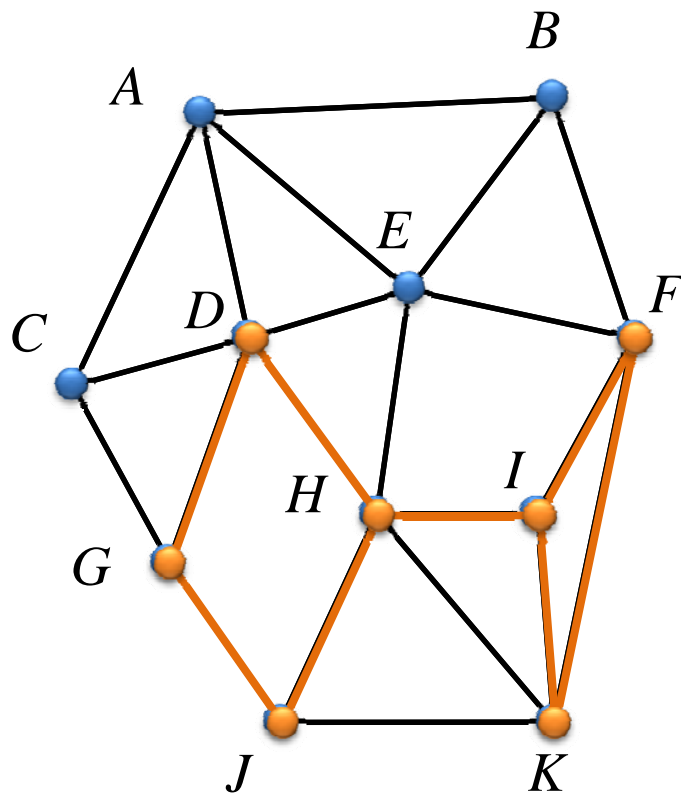
Connectivity

Connected =

path of edges connecting every two
vertices



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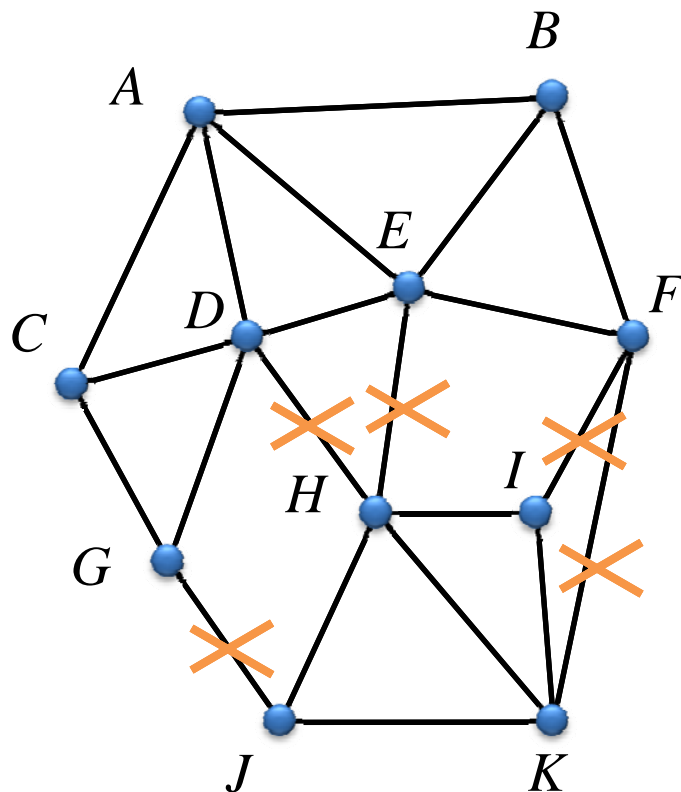
Subgraph =

$G' = \langle V', E' \rangle$ 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



Connected =

path of edges connecting every two vertices

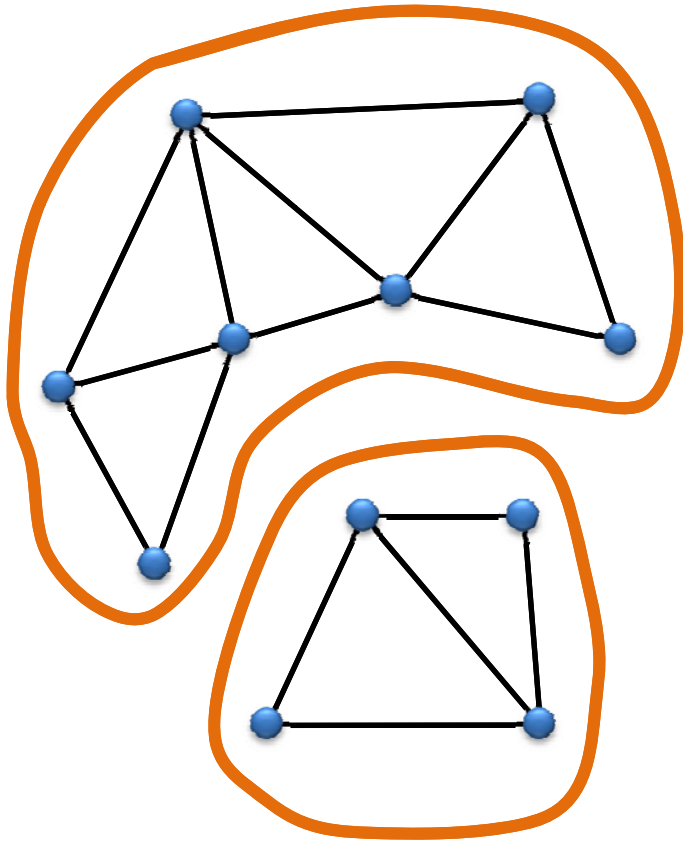
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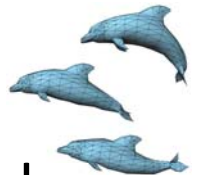
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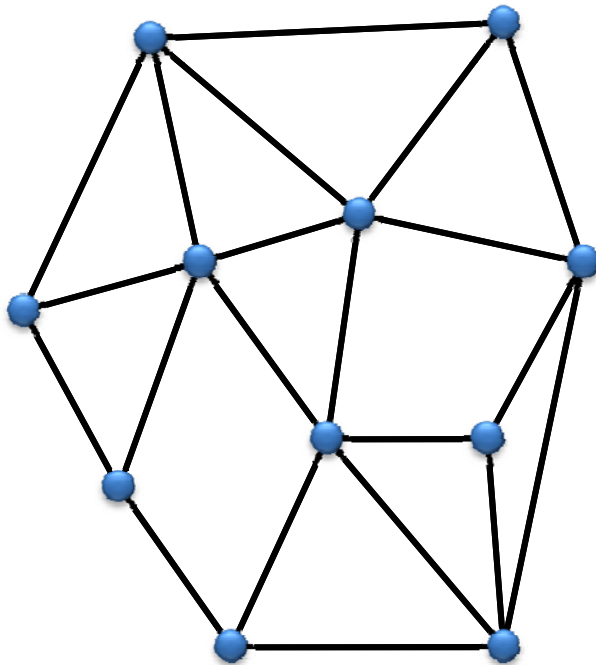
Connected Component =

maximally connected subgraph

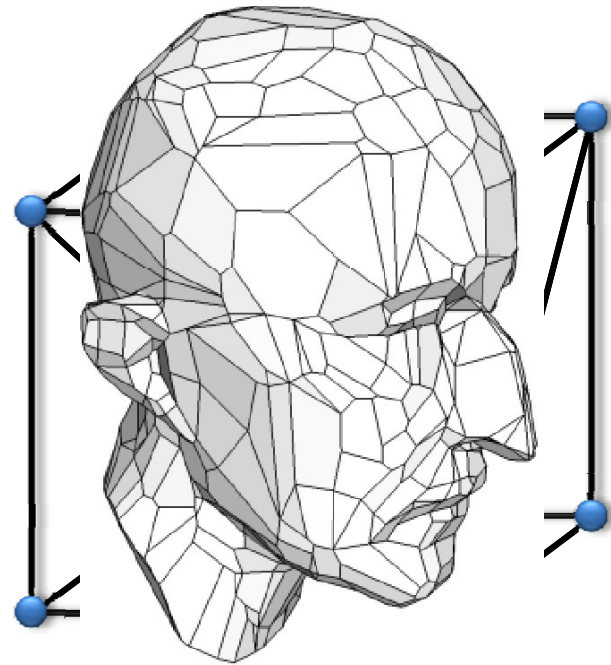


Graph Embedding

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



Embedded in \mathbb{R}^2



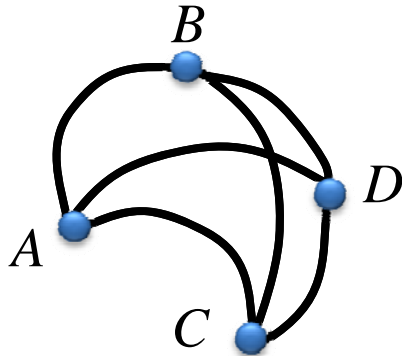
Embedded in \mathbb{R}^3

Planar Graphs

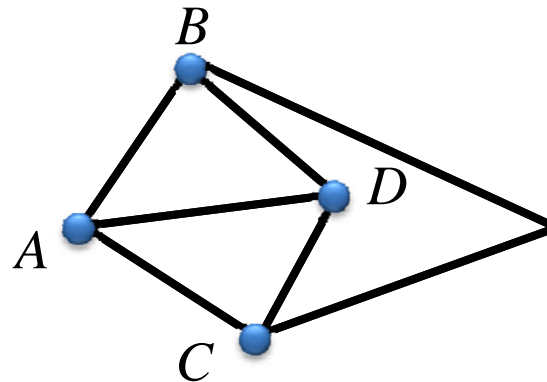
Planar Graph =

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

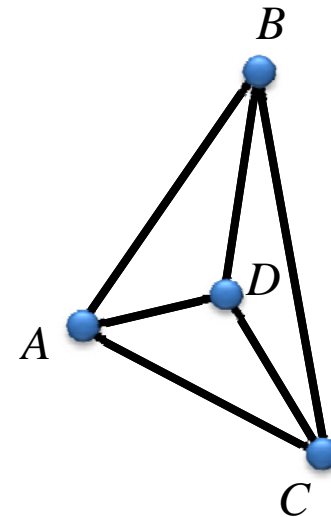
Planar Graph



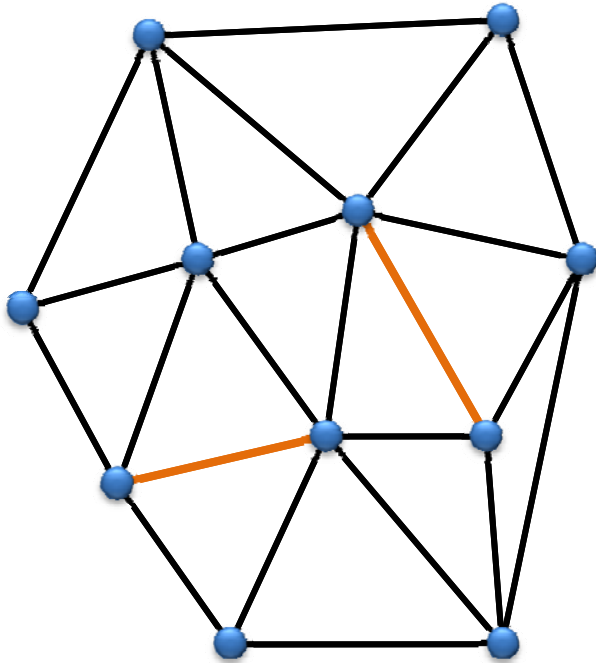
Plane Graph



Straight Line Plane Graph



Triangulation



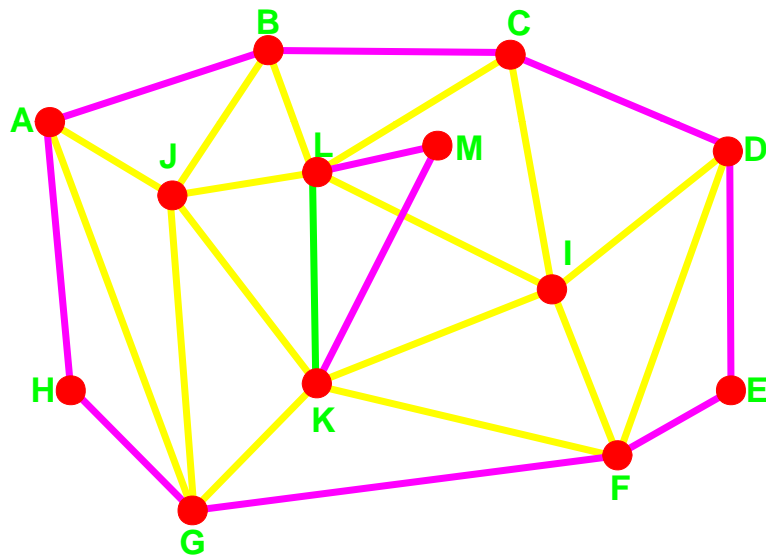
Triangulation:

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

Mesh

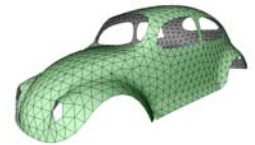
Mesh:

straight-line graph embedded in R^3



Boundary edge:

adjacent to exactly *one* face

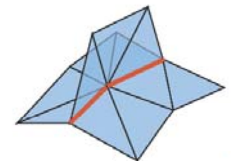


Regular edge:

adjacent to exactly *two* faces

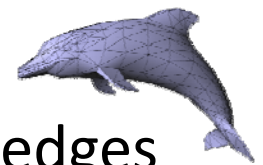
Singular edge:

adjacent to more than two faces



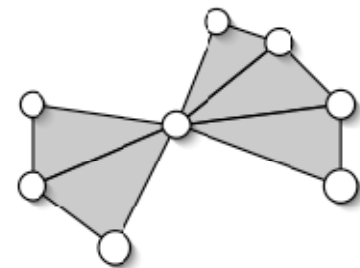
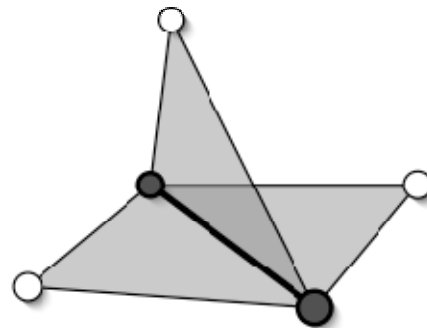
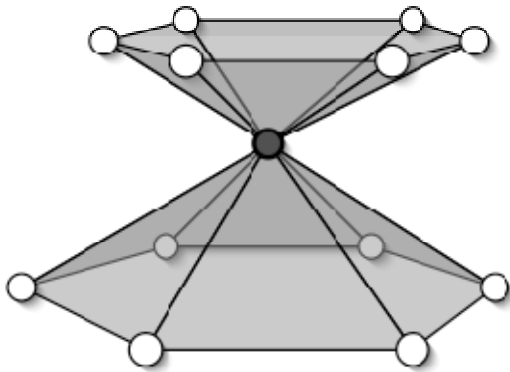
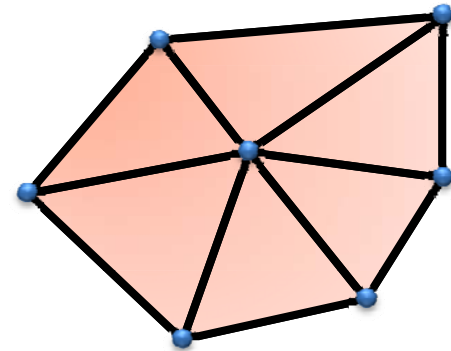
Closed mesh:

mesh with no boundary edges



2-Manifolds Meshes

Disk-shaped neighborhoods

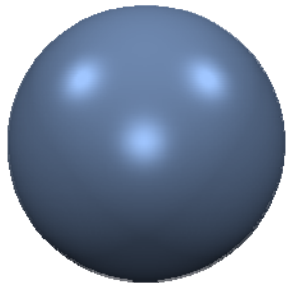


non-manifolds

Global Topology: Genus

Genus:

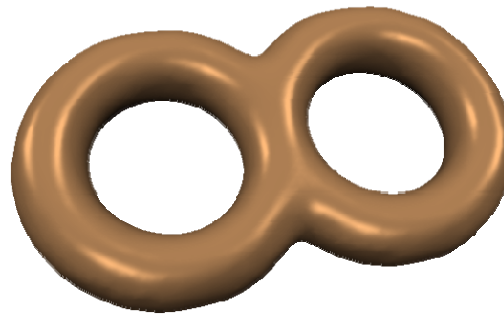
Half the maximal number of closed paths that do not disconnect the mesh (= the number of holes)



Genus 0



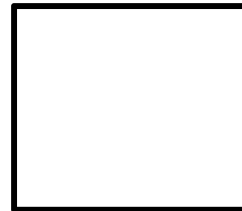
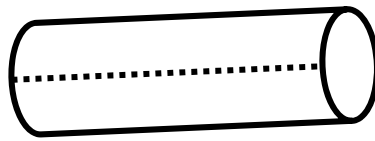
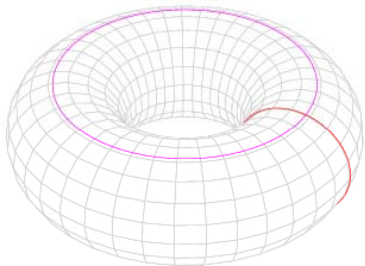
Genus 1



Genus 2



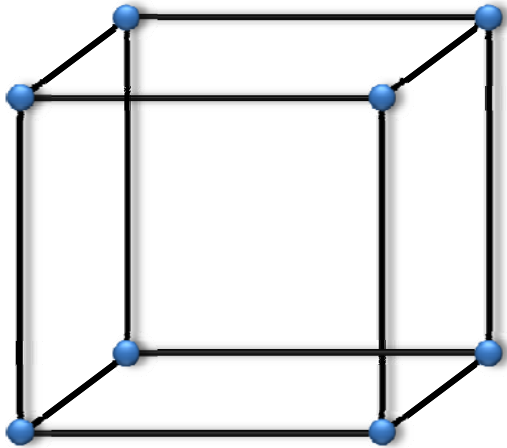
Genus ?



Closed 2-Manifold Polygonal Meshes

Euler-Poincaré formula

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

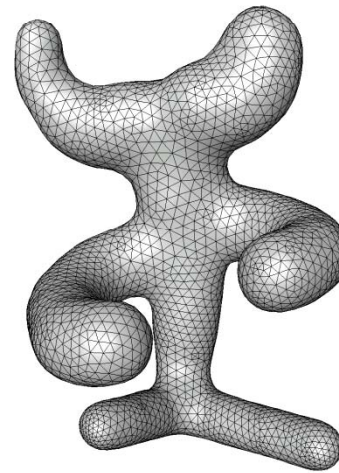


$$V = 8$$

$$E = 12$$

$$F = 6$$

$$\chi = 8 + 6 - 12 = 2$$



$$V = 3890$$

$$E = 11664$$

$$F = 7776$$

$$\chi = 2$$

Closed 2-Manifold Polygonal Meshes

Euler-Poincaré formula

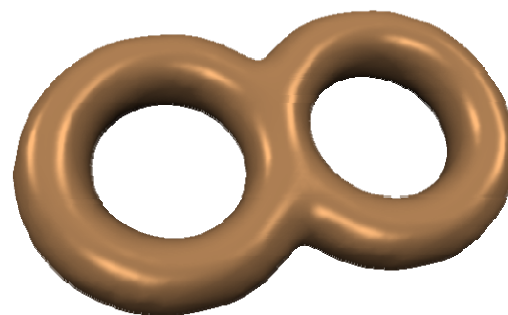
$$V + F - E = \chi = 2$$



$$V = 1500, E = 4500$$

$$F = 3000, \mathbf{g} = \mathbf{1}$$

$$\chi = \mathbf{0}$$



$$\mathbf{g} = \mathbf{2}$$

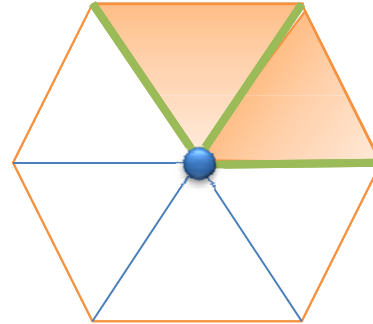
$$\chi = \mathbf{-2}$$

Closed 2-Manifold Triangle Meshes

- *Triangle* mesh statistics

$$E \approx 3V$$

$$F \approx 2V$$



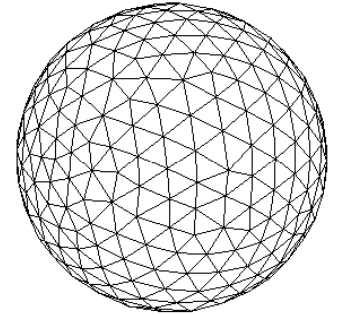
- Avg. valence ≈ 6
Show using Euler Formula



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



Exercise



Theorem: Average vertex degree in closed manifold triangle mesh is ~ 6

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

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

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

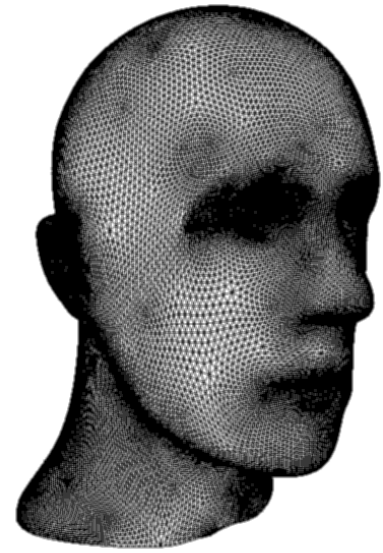
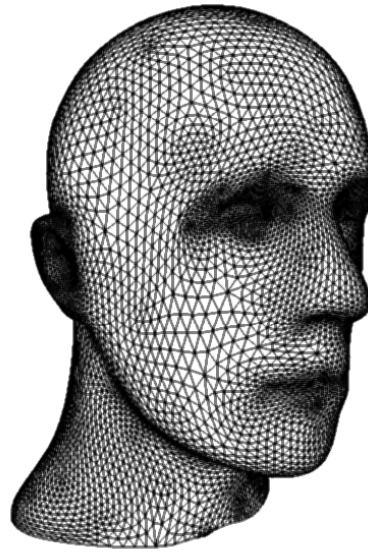
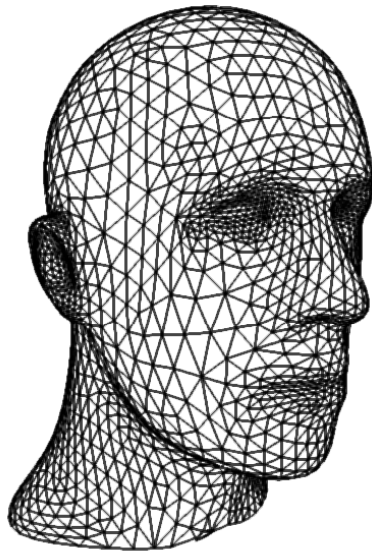
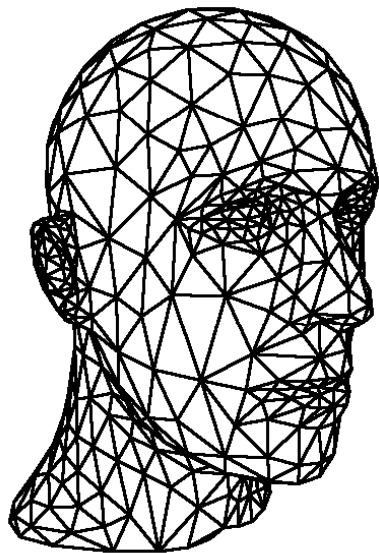
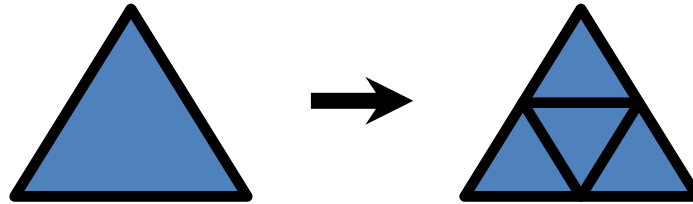


Corollary: Only toroidal ($g=1$) closed manifold triangle mesh can be regular (all vertex degrees are 6)

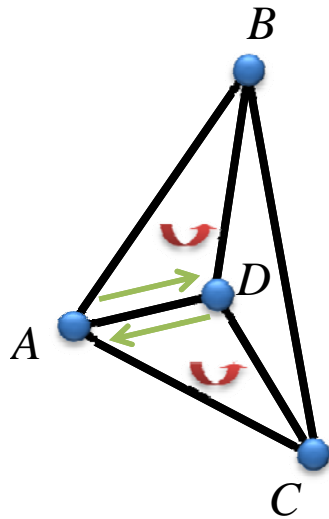
Proof: In regular mesh average degree is *exactly* 6.
Can happen only if $g=1$

Regularity

- semi-regular



Orientability



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

defines direction of face **normal**

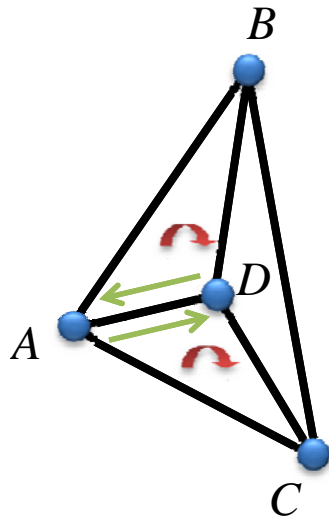
Oriented **CCW**:

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

Oriented **CW**:

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

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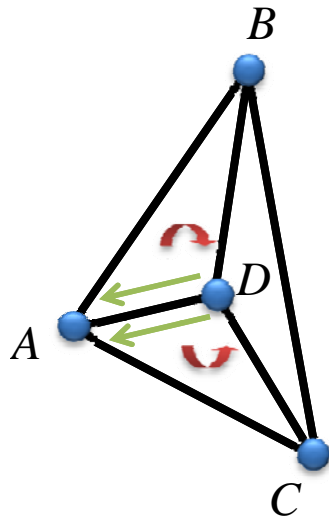
Oriented **CW**:

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

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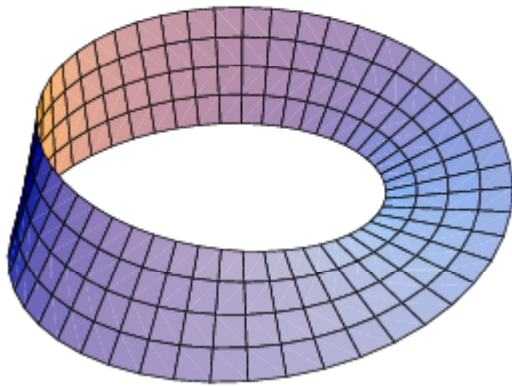
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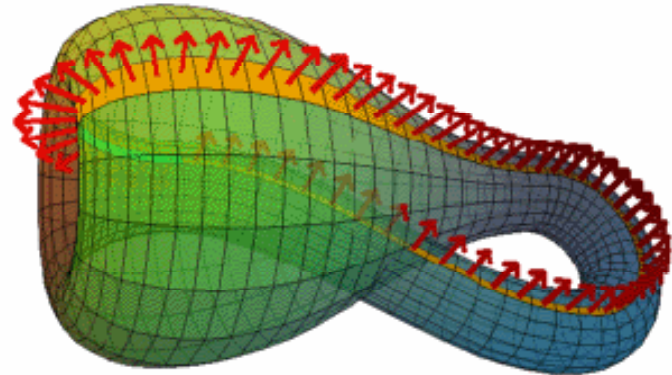
$\{(C,\mathbf{D},A), (\mathbf{D},A,B), (C,B,D)\}$

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

Non-Orientable Surfaces



Mobius Strip



Klein Bottle

Garden Variety Klein Bottles

Glass Klein Bottles for sale - inquire within

Need a zero-volume bottle?

Searching for a one-sided surface?

Want the ultimate in non-orientability?

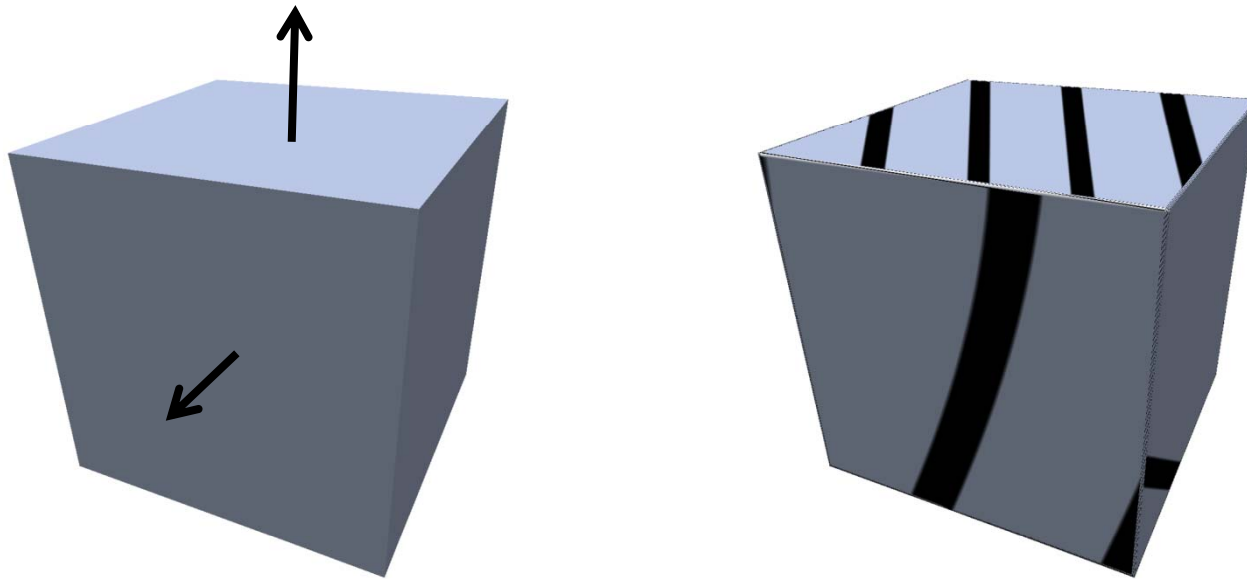
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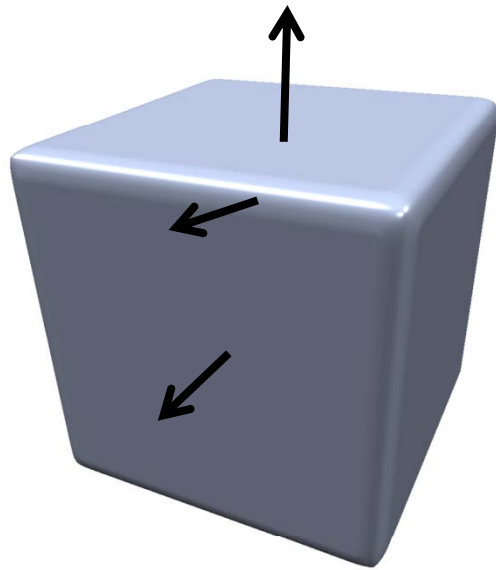
Smoothness

- Position continuity = C^0



Smoothness

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- Tangent continuity $\approx C^1$



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- Curvature continuity $\approx C^2$

