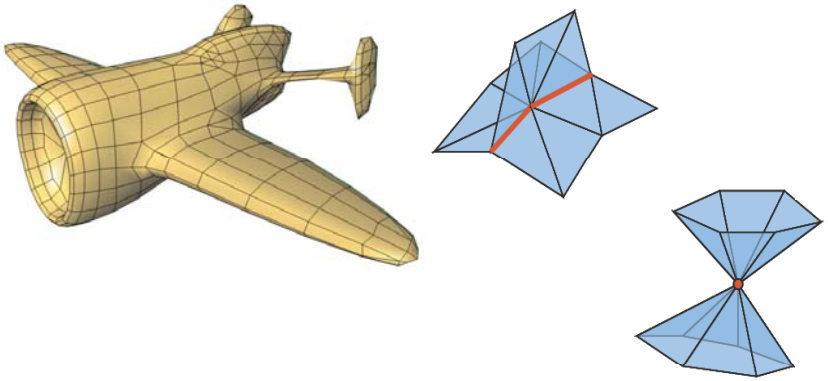

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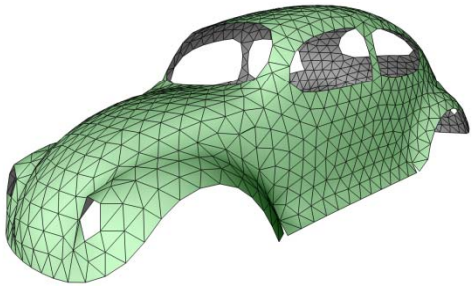
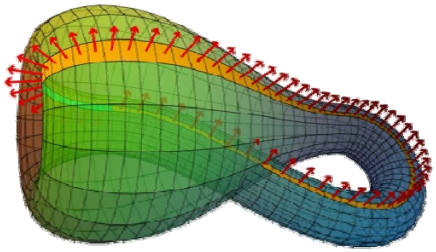


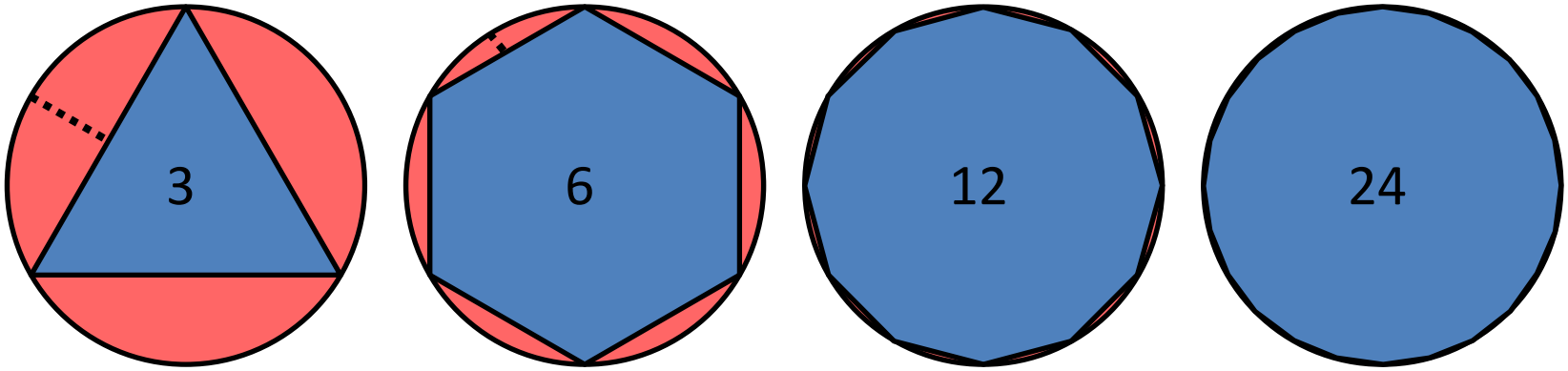


Today

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

Polygonal Meshes

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



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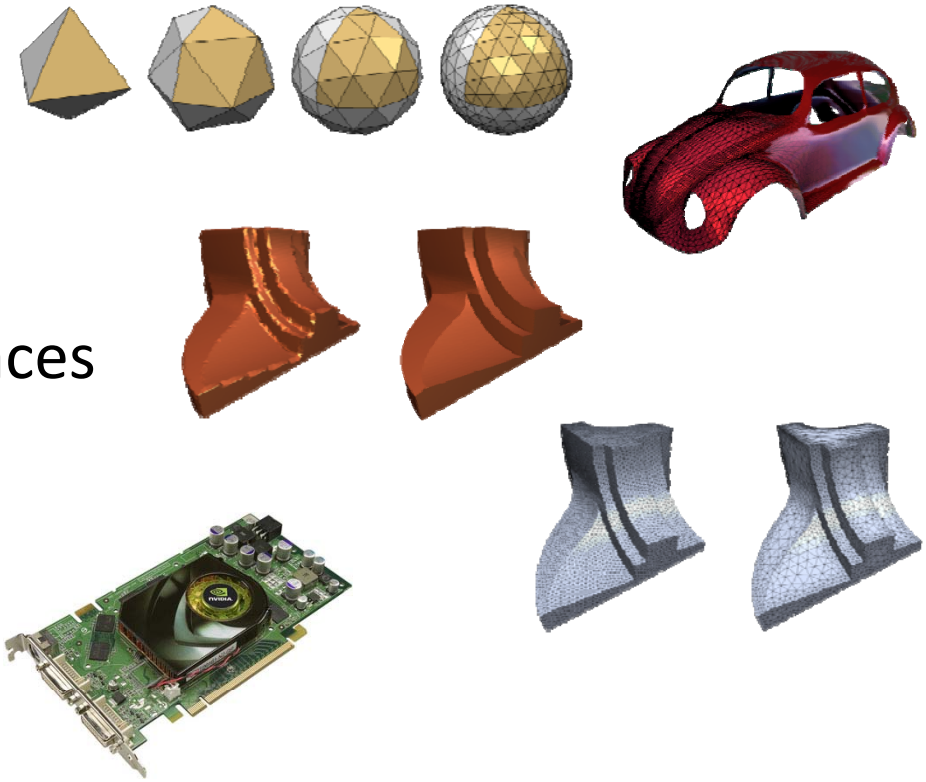
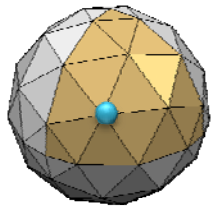
Polygonal Meshes

- 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



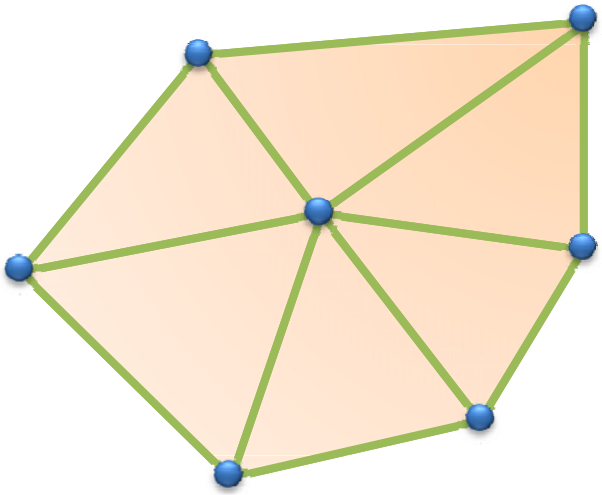
$$\mathcal{V} = \{v_1, \ldots, v_n\}$$

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

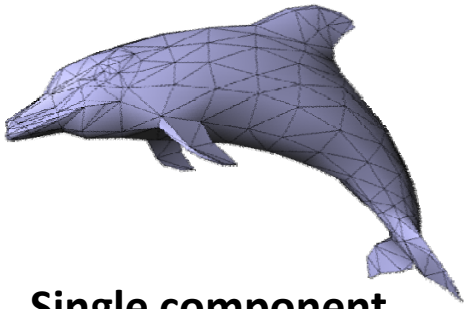
$$\mathcal{F} = \{f_1, \ldots, f_m\}\ , \quad f_i \in \mathcal{V} \times \mathcal{V} \times \mathcal{V}$$

- Geometry: vertex positions

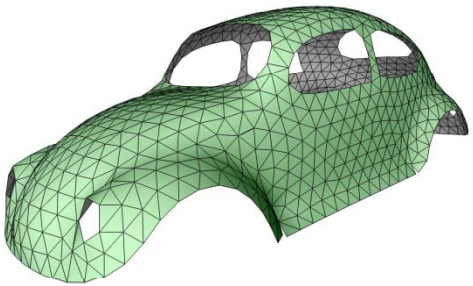
$$\mathcal{P} = \{\mathbf{p}_1, \ldots, \mathbf{p}_n\}\ , \quad \mathbf{p}_i \in \mathbb{R}^3$$



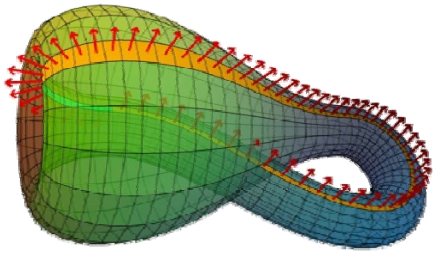
Mesh Zoo



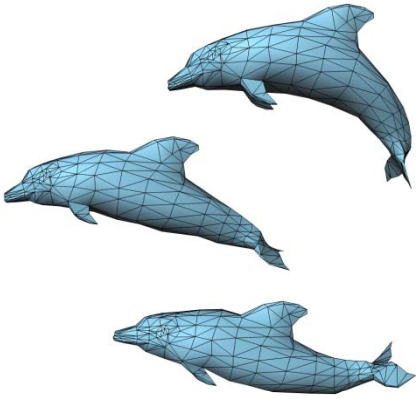
Single component, closed, triangular, orientable manifold



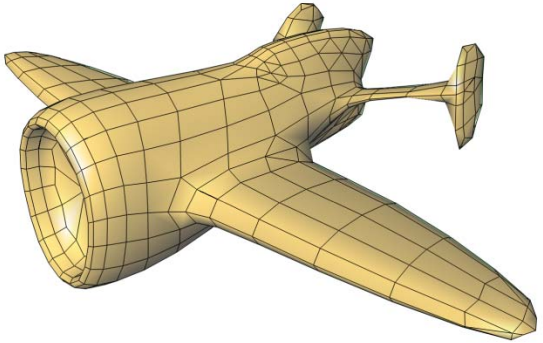
With boundaries



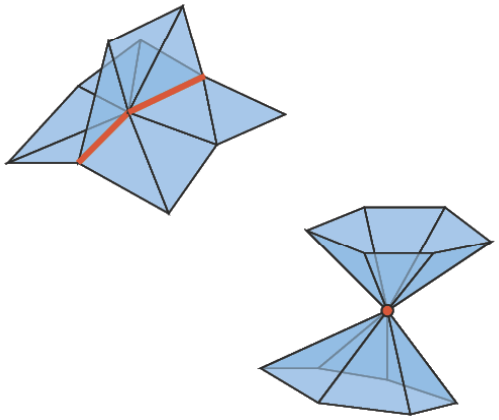
Not orientable



Multiple components



Not only triangles

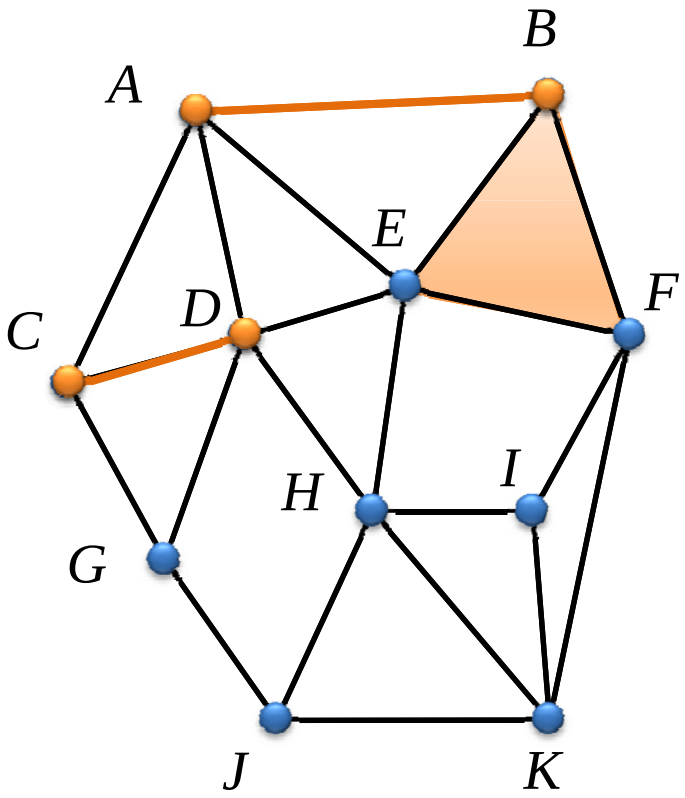


Non manifold

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



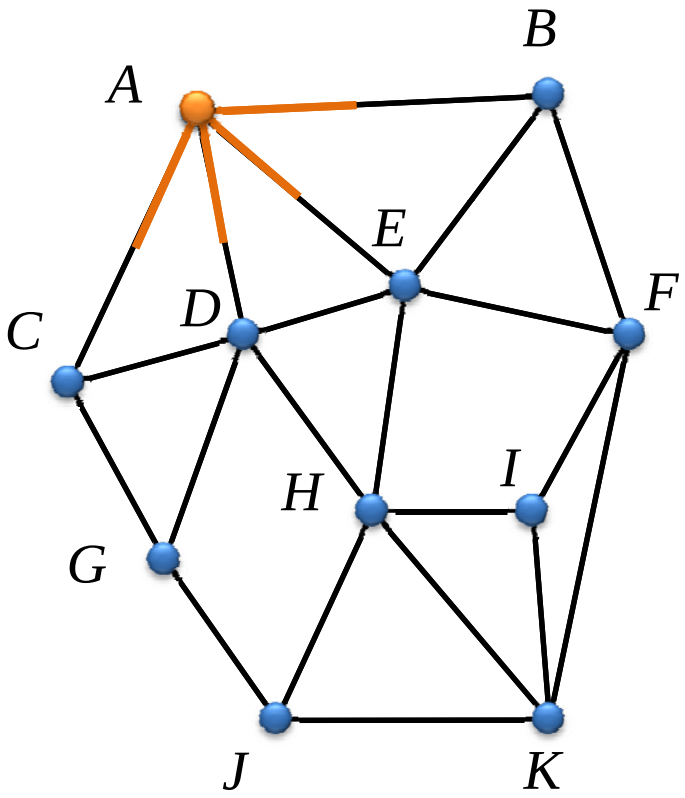
G = graph = <V, E>

V = vertices = {A, B, C, …, K}

E = edges = {(AB), (AE), (CD), …}

F = faces = {(ABE), ($DHJG$), …}

Graph Definitions



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

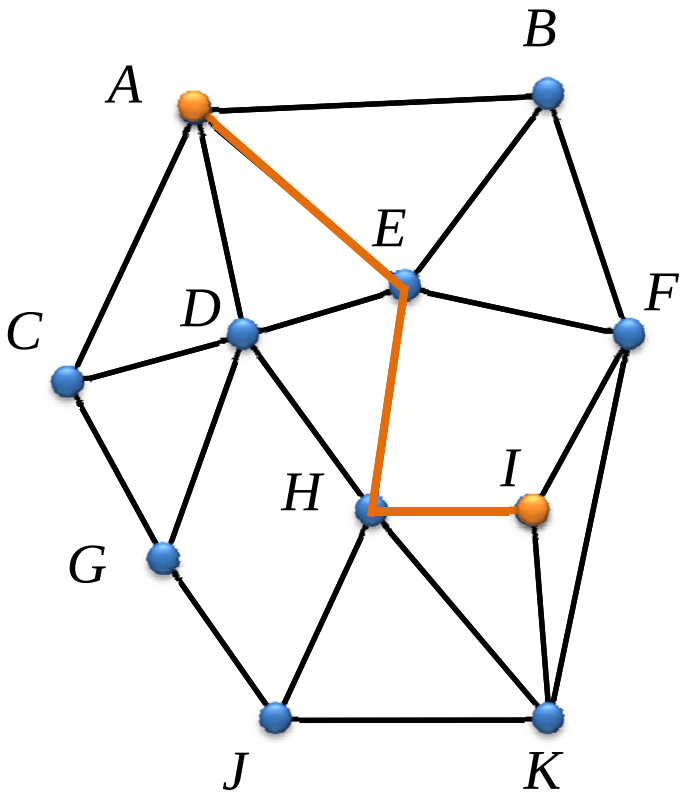
deg(A) = 4

deg(E) = 5

Regular mesh =

all vertex degrees are equal

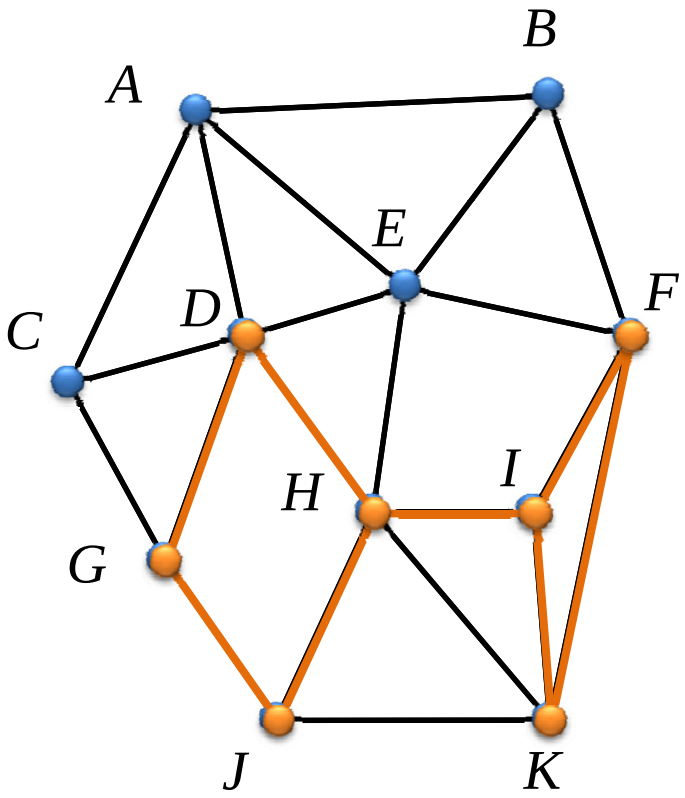
Connectivity



Connected =

path of edges connecting every two vertices

Connectivity



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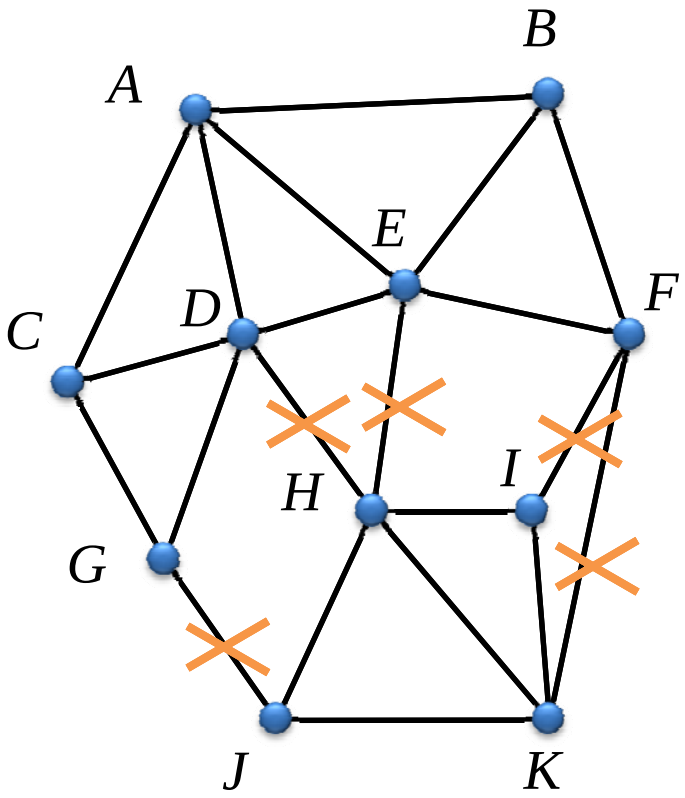
Subgraph =

G'=<V',E'> is a subgraph of G=<V,E> if

V' is a subset of V and

E' is a subset of E incident on V'

Connectivity



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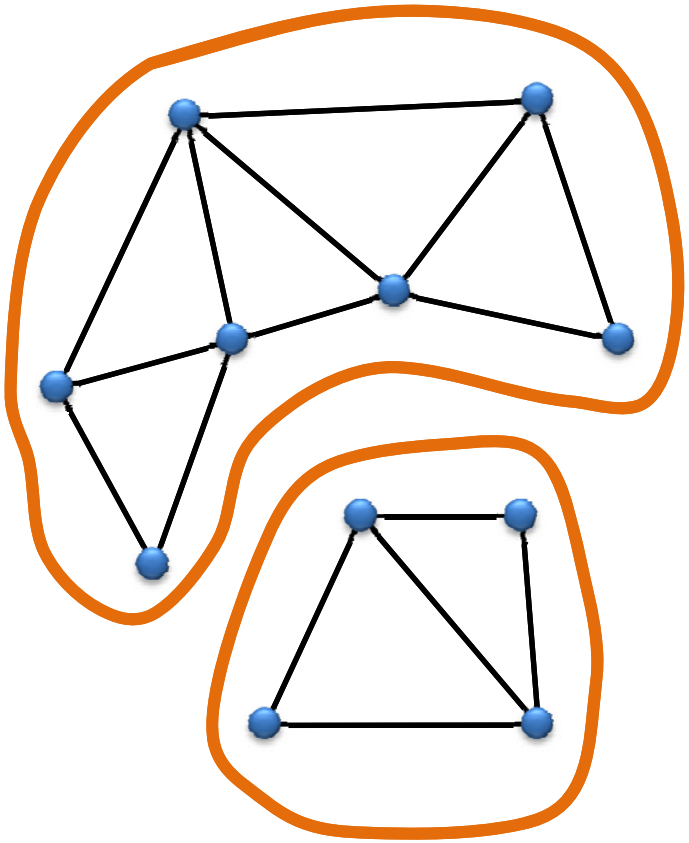

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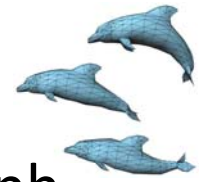
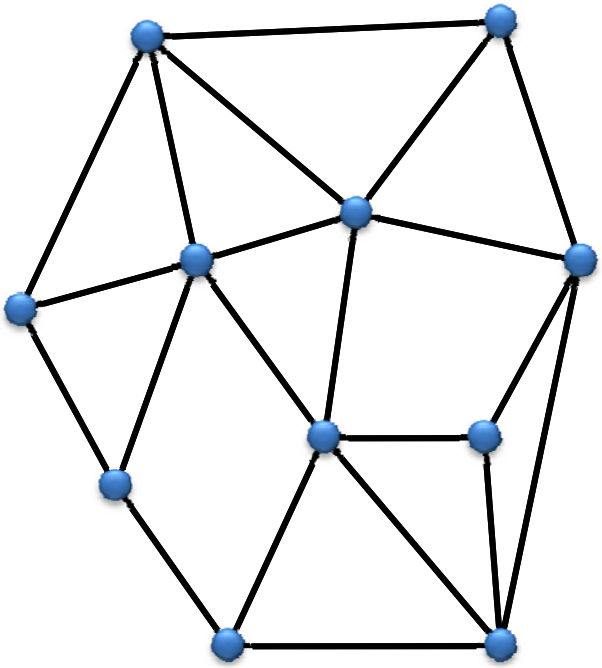


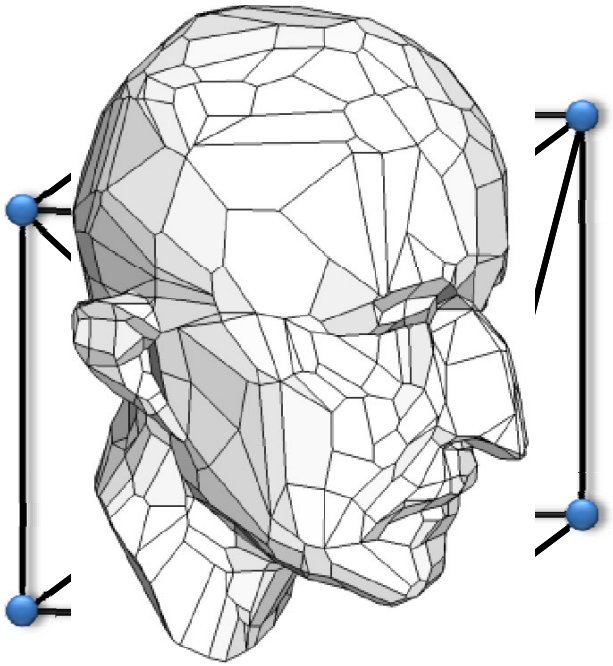
maximally connected subgraph

Graph Embedding

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



Embedded in R^2

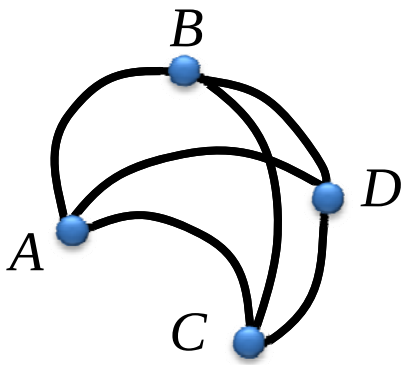


Embedded in R^3

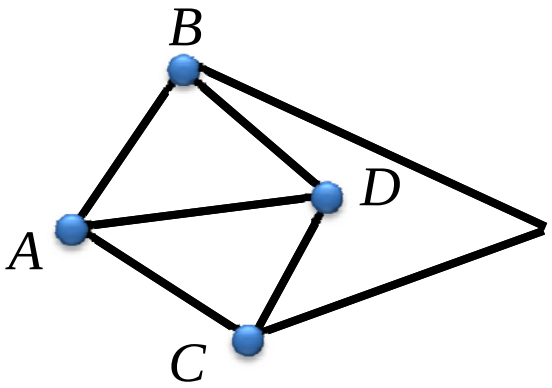
Planar Graphs

Planar Graph =
Graph whose vertices and edges
can be embedded in R^2 such that
its edges do not intersect

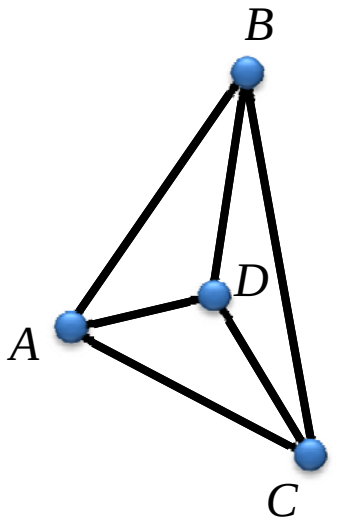
Planar Graph



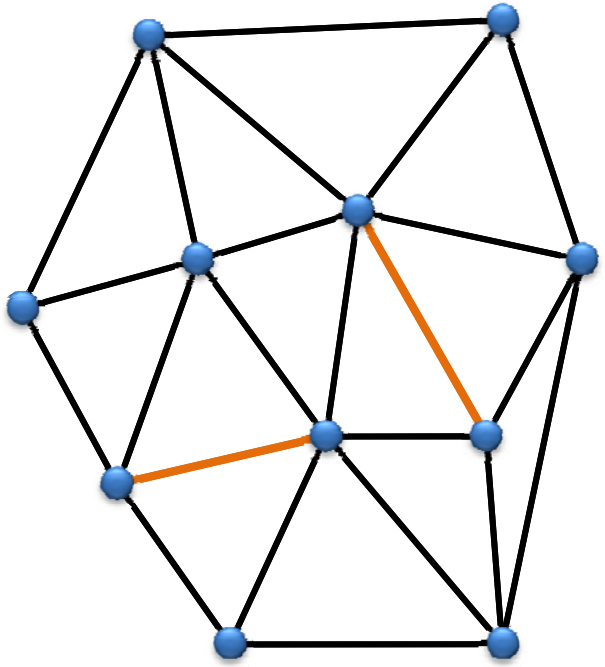
Plane Graph



Straight Line Plane Graph



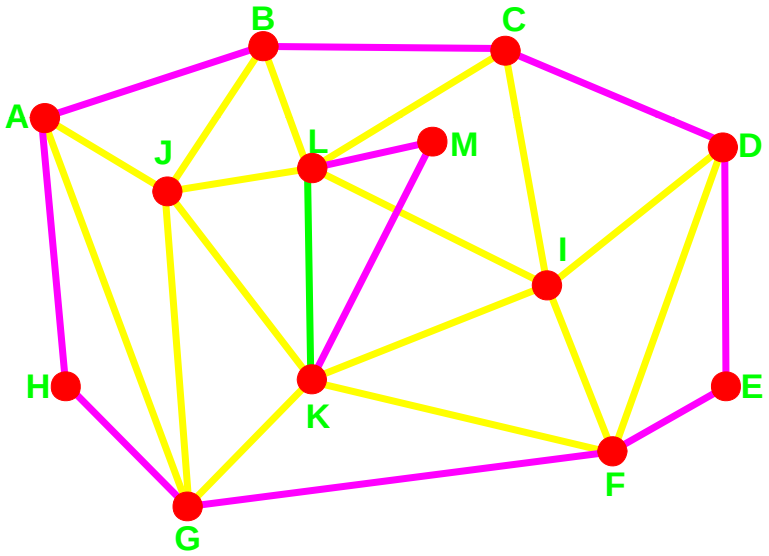
Triangulation



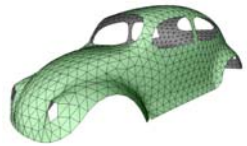
Triangulation:

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

Mesh

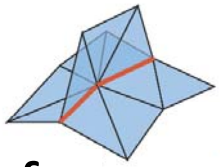


Mesh:
straight-line graph embedded in R^3

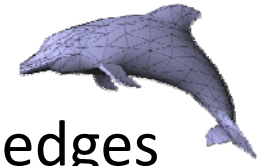


Boundary edge:
adjacent to exactly *one* face

Regular edge:
adjacent to exactly *two* faces



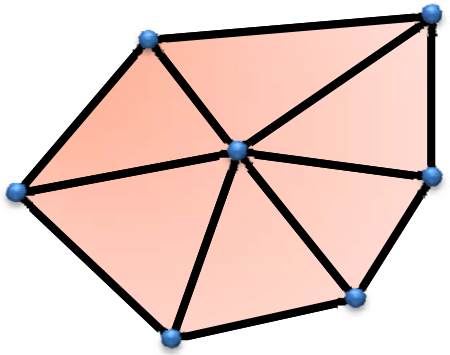
Singular edge:
adjacent to more than two faces

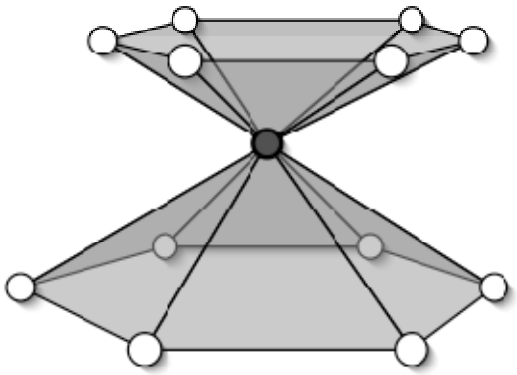


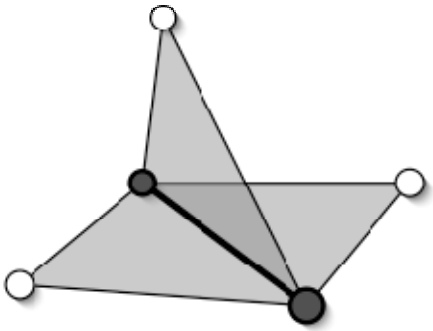
Closed mesh:
mesh with no boundary edges

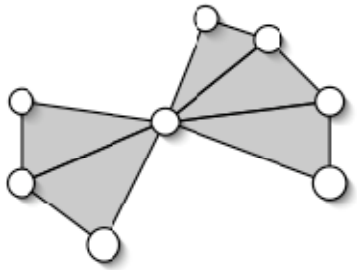
2-Manifold Meshes

Disk-shaped neighborhoods







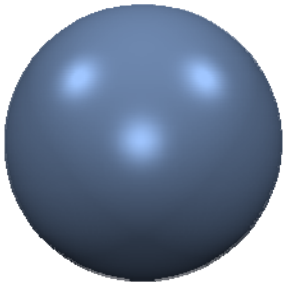


non-manifolds

Global Topology: Genus

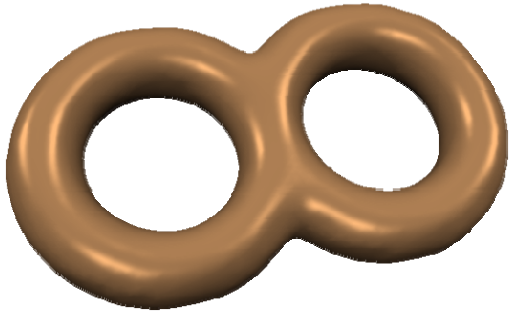
Genus:

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



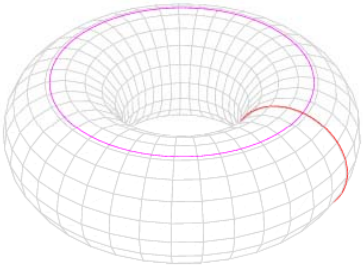
Genus 0

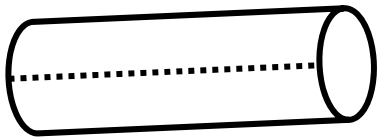
Genus 1



Genus 2

Genus ?

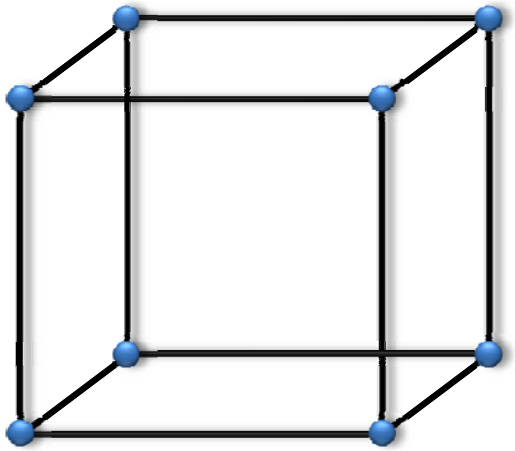




Closed 2-Manifold Polygonal Meshes

Euler-Poincaré formula

$$V + F - E = \chi$$ **Euler characteristic**

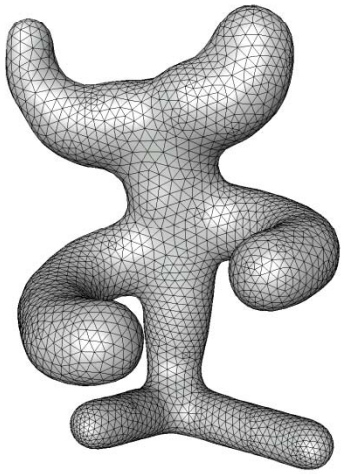


$V = 8$

$E = 12$

$F = 6$

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



$V = 3890$

$E = 11664$

$F = 7776$

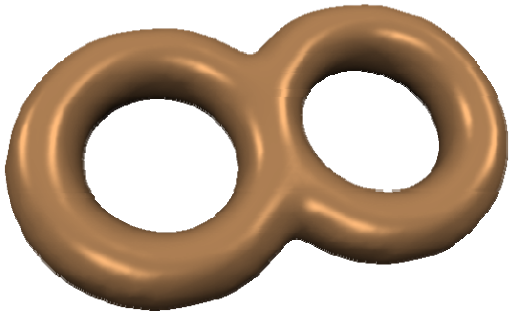
$\chi = 2$

Closed 2-Manifold Polygonal Meshes

Euler-Poincaré formula

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

$V = 1500, E = 4500$
$F = 3000$, **g = 1**
χ = **0**



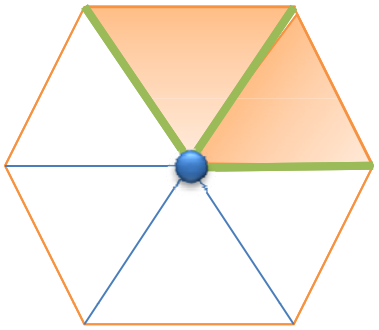
g = 2
χ = **-2**

Closed 2-Manifold Triangle Meshes

- *Triangle* mesh statistics

$$E \approx 3V$$

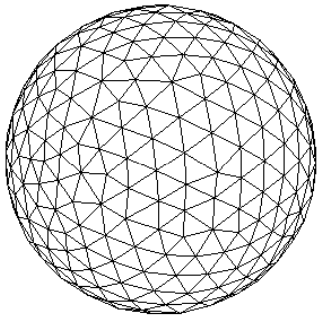
$$F \approx 2V$$



- 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 = V+2E/3-E = 2-2g.
Thus E = 3(V-2+2g)

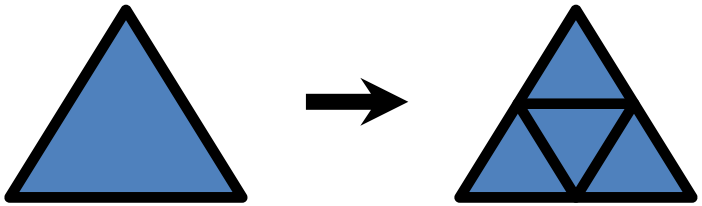
So Average(deg) = 2E/V = 6(V-2+2g)/V ~ 6 for large V

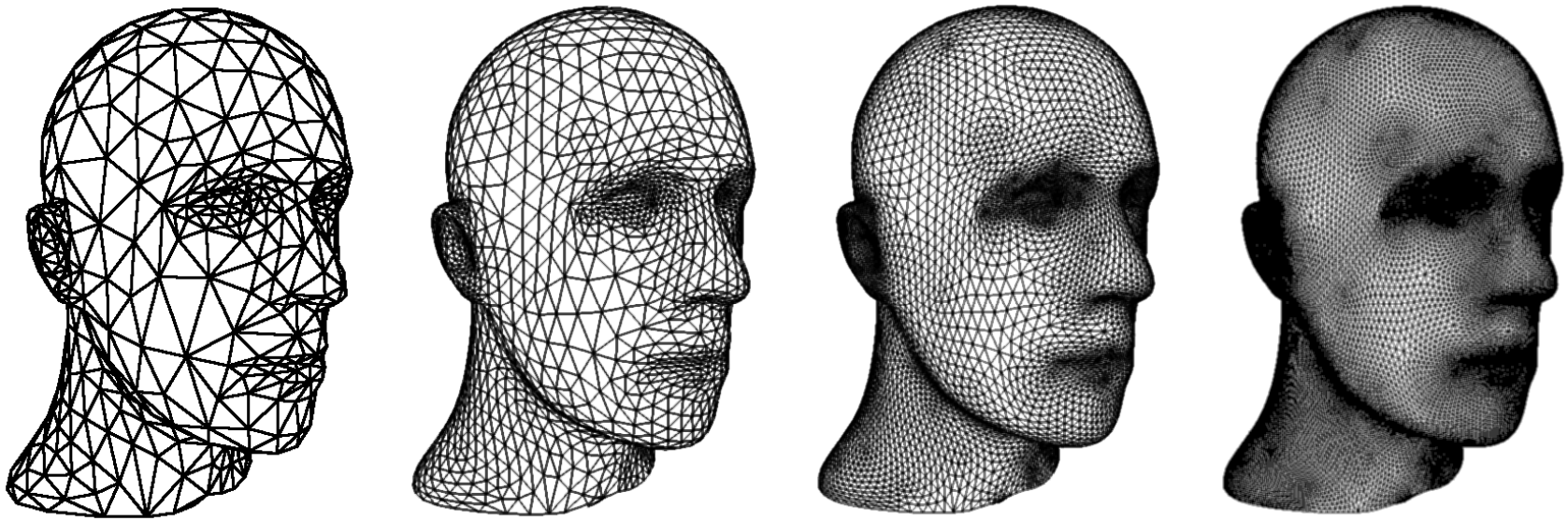
Corollary: Only toroidal (g=1) closed manifold triangle mesh can be regular (all vertex degrees are 6)

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

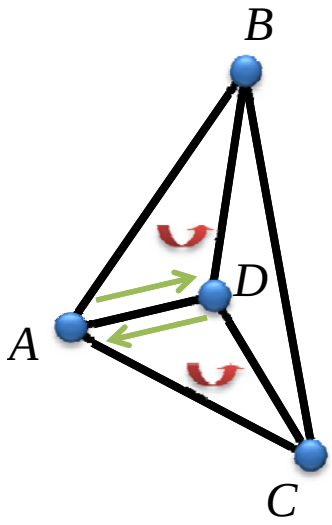
Regularity

- semi-regular





Orientability



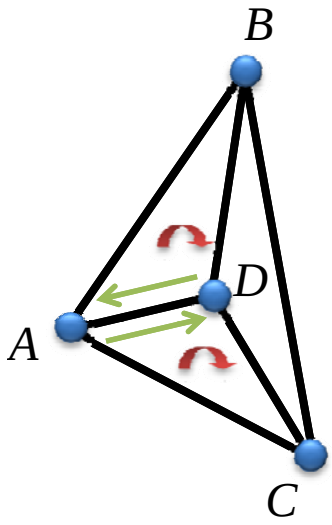
Face Orientation =
clockwise or anticlockwise order in which the vertices listed

defines direction of face **normal**

Oriented **CCW**:
{(C,**D,A**), (**A,D**,B), (C,B,D)}

Oriented **CW**:
{(C,A,D), (D,A,B), (B,C,D)}

Orientability



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Oriented **CW**:
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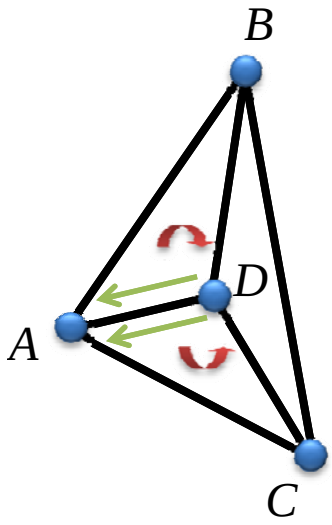

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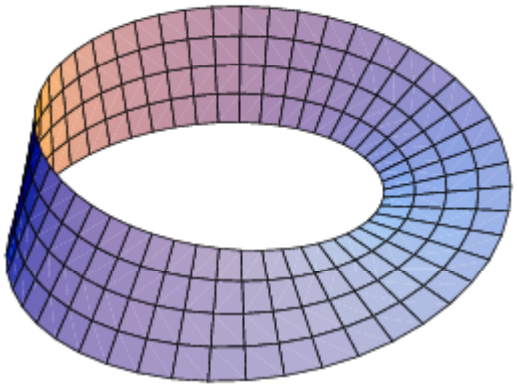
Orientable Plane Graph =
orientations of faces can be chosen so that each non-boundary edge is oriented in *both* directions

Non-Orientable Surfaces



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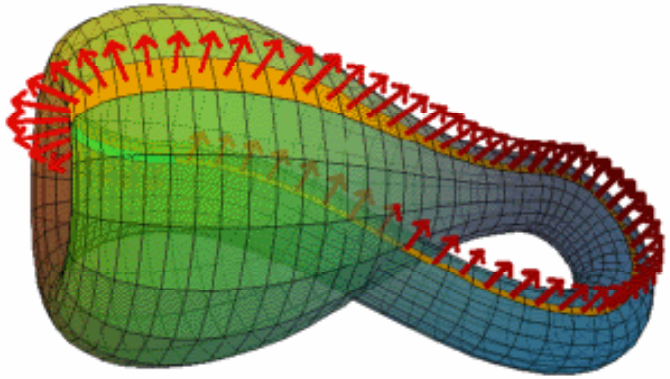
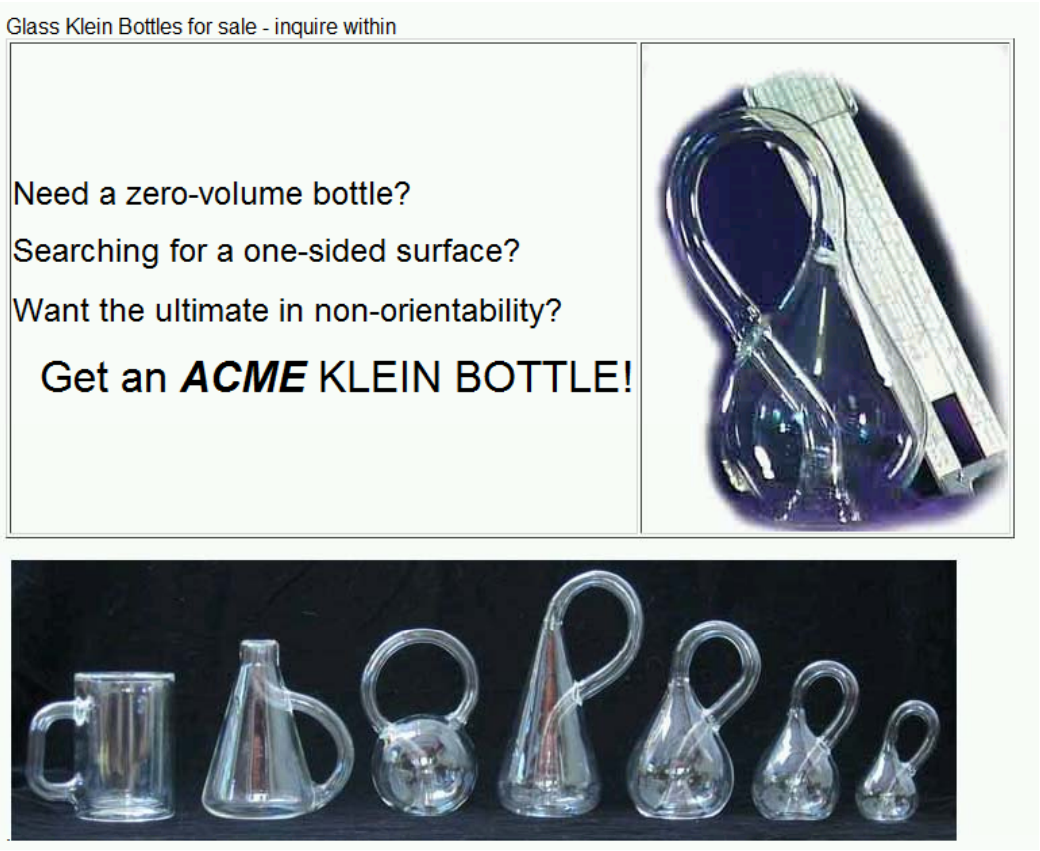
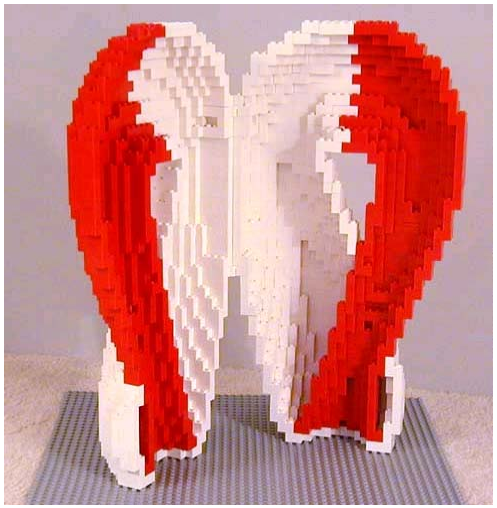


Klein Bottle

Garden Variety Klein Bottles





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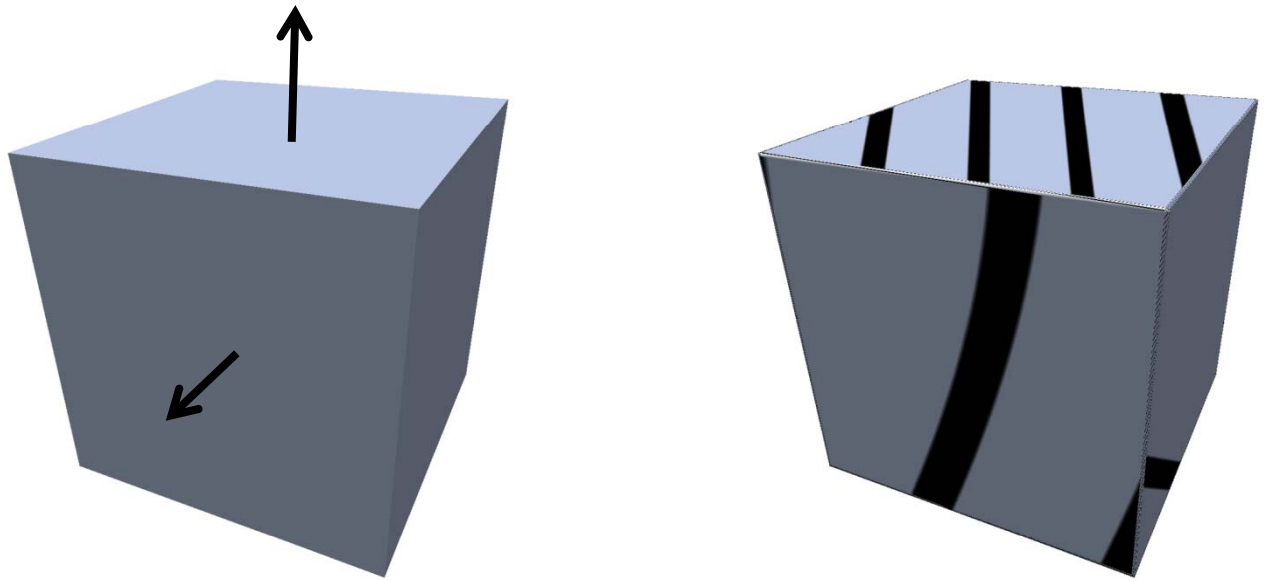
Smoothness

- Position continuity = C^0



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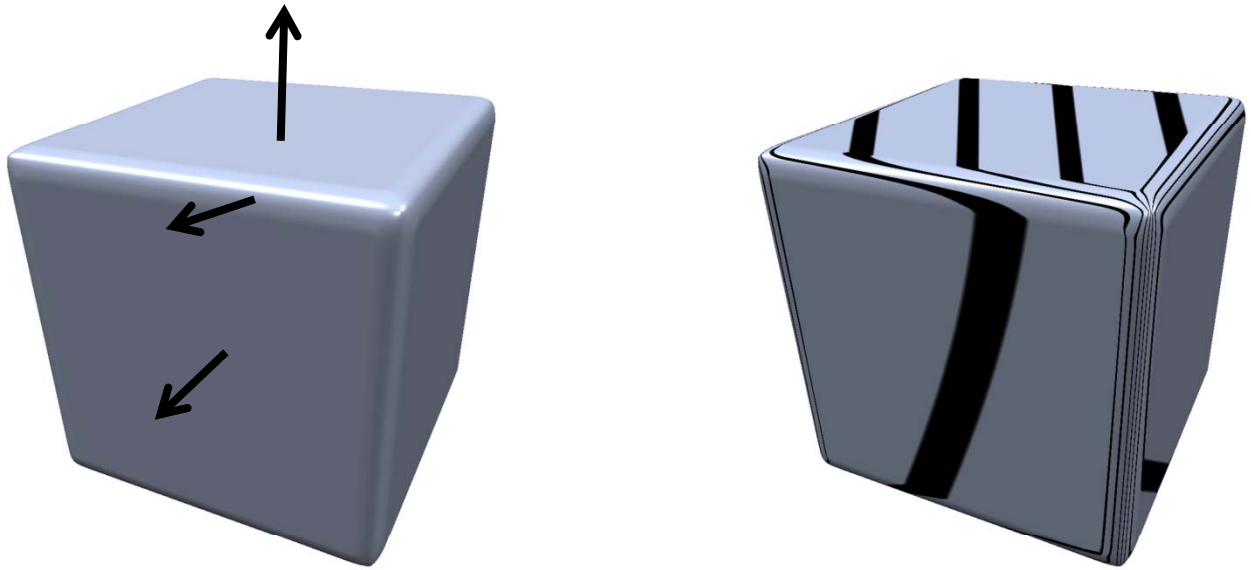
- Position continuity = C^0
- Tangent continuity ≈ C^1



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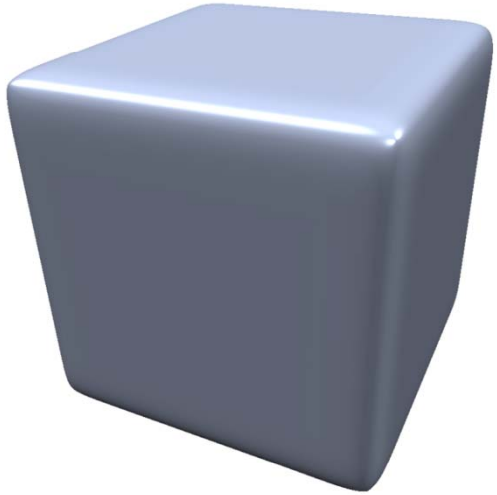
- Position continuity = C^0
- Tangent continuity ≈ C^1
- Curvature continuity ≈ C^2