CSCI 4530/6530 Advanced Computer Graphics

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Lecture 2: Adjacency Data Structures

includes material from Justin Legakis

Worksheet: Transformations!

Write down the 3x3 matrix that transforms this set of 4 points:

A: (0,0) B: (1,0) C: (1,1) D: (0,1)

to the

NOTE: We'll be doing pair worksheets throughout the term. Bonus points if you work with a different partner for every worksheet!

Show your work.

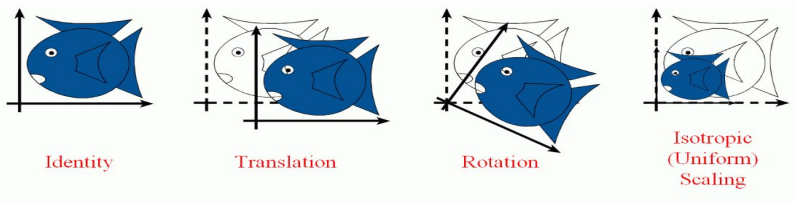
If you finish early…
Solve the problem using a different technique.

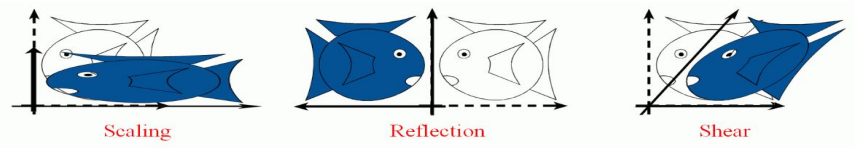
Cubic Tragedy

Ming-Yuan Chuan & Chun-Wang Sun, SIGGRAPH 2005

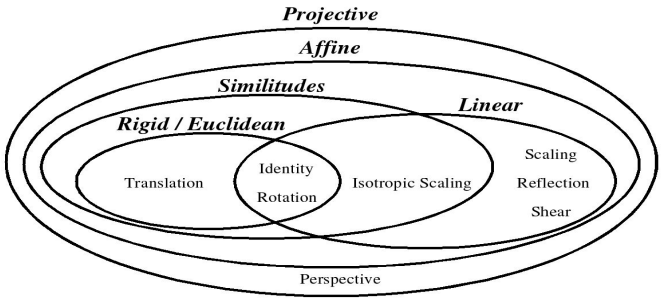
Last Time?

- Simple Transformations

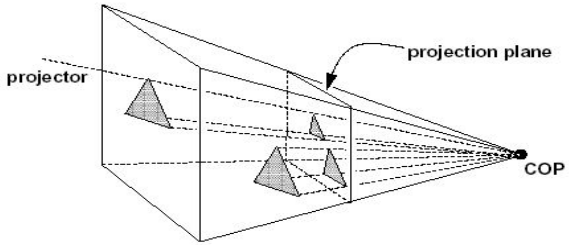




- Classes of Transformations
- Representation
  - homogeneous coordinates
- Composition
  - not commutative
- Orthographic & Perspective Projections

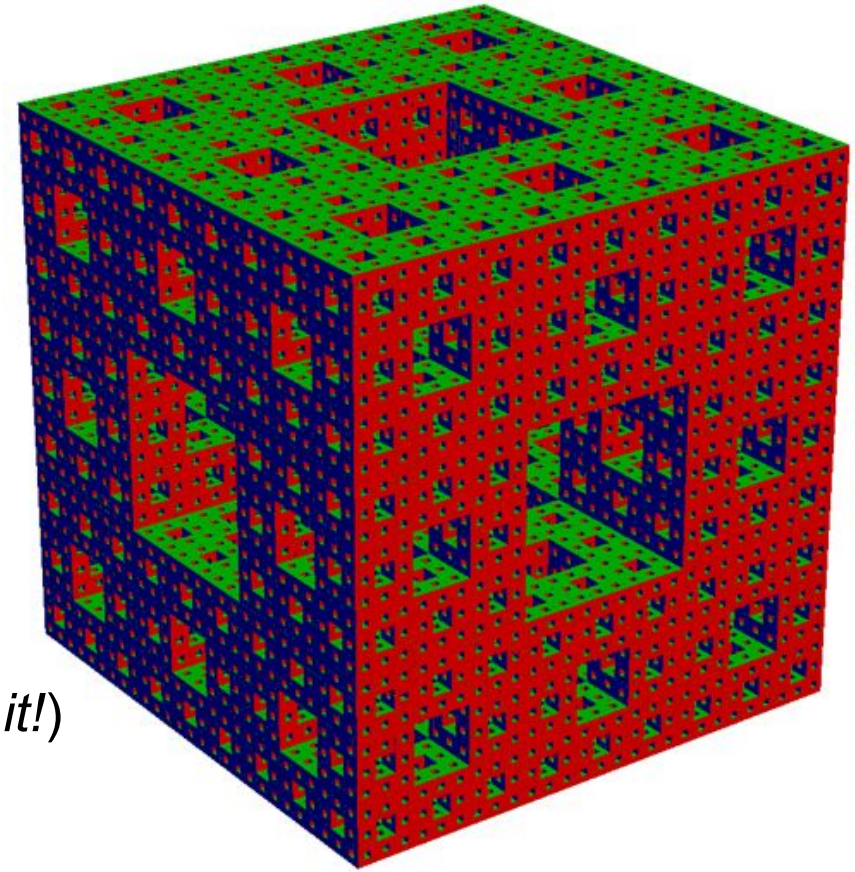


$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ z' \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c & d \\ e & f & g & h \\ i & j & k & l \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



Homework 0: OpenGL/Metal Warmup

- Get familiar with:
  - C++ environment
  - OpenGL / Metal
  - Transformations
  - Simple Vector & Matrix classes



- Due ASAP…
- ¼ of the points of the other HWs (*but you should still do it and submit it!*)
- *Any Questions?*

Reminder: Participation/Laptops in Class Policy

- Lecture is intended to be discussion-intensive
- Laptops, tablet computers, smart phones, and other internet-connected devices are not allowed
  - Except during the discussion of the day's assigned paper: students may use their laptop/tablet to view an electronic version of the paper.
  - Other exceptions to this policy are negotiable; please see the instructor in office hours

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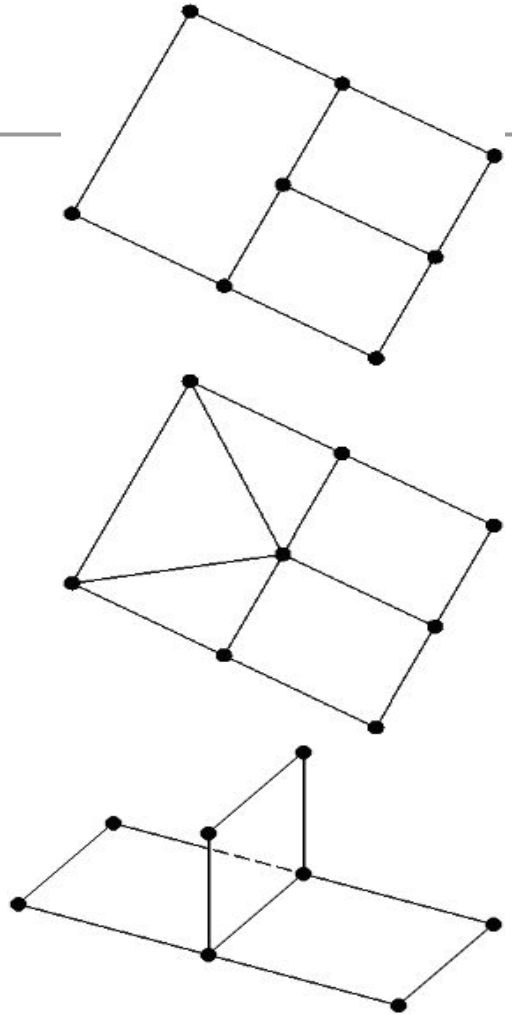
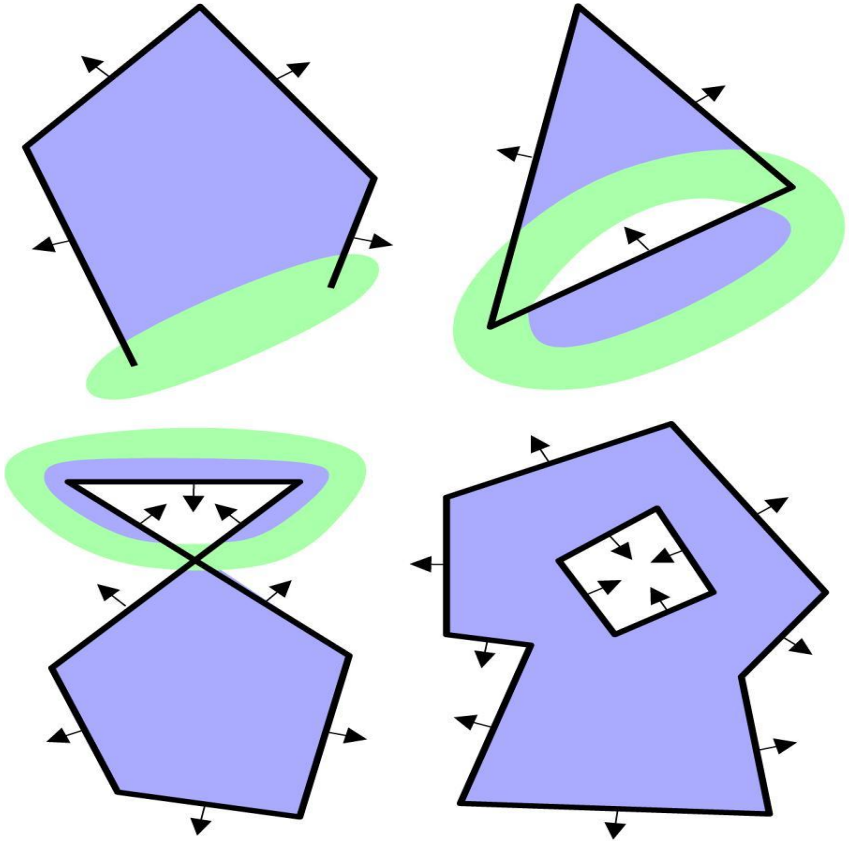
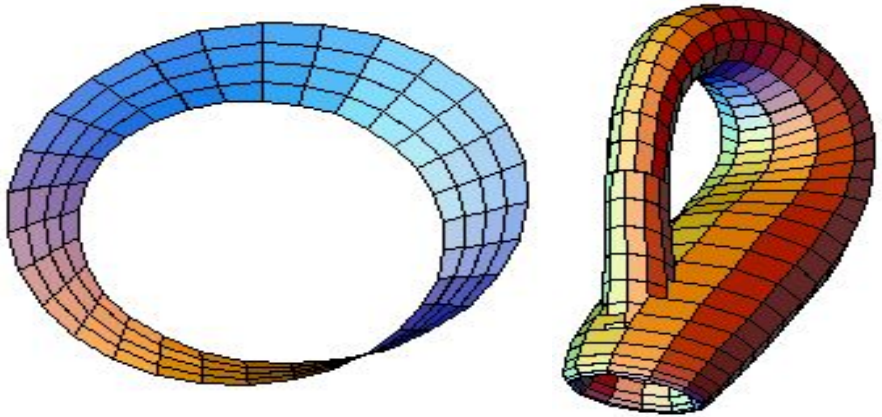
Well-Formed Surfaces

- Components Intersect "Properly"
  - Any pair of Faces are: disjoint, share single Vertex, *or* share 2 Vertices and the Edge joining them
  - Every edge is incident to exactly 2 vertices
  - Every edge is incident to exactly 2 faces
- Local Topology is "Proper"
  - Neighborhood of a vertex is *homeomorphic* to a disk (permits stretching and bending, but not tearing)
  - Also called a 2-manifold
  - If boundaries are allowed, points on the boundary are homeomorphic to a half-disk, called a "manifold with boundaries"
- Global Topology is "Proper"
  - Connected, Closed, & Bounded



Orientable Surfaces?





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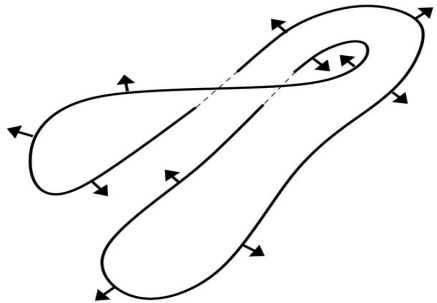
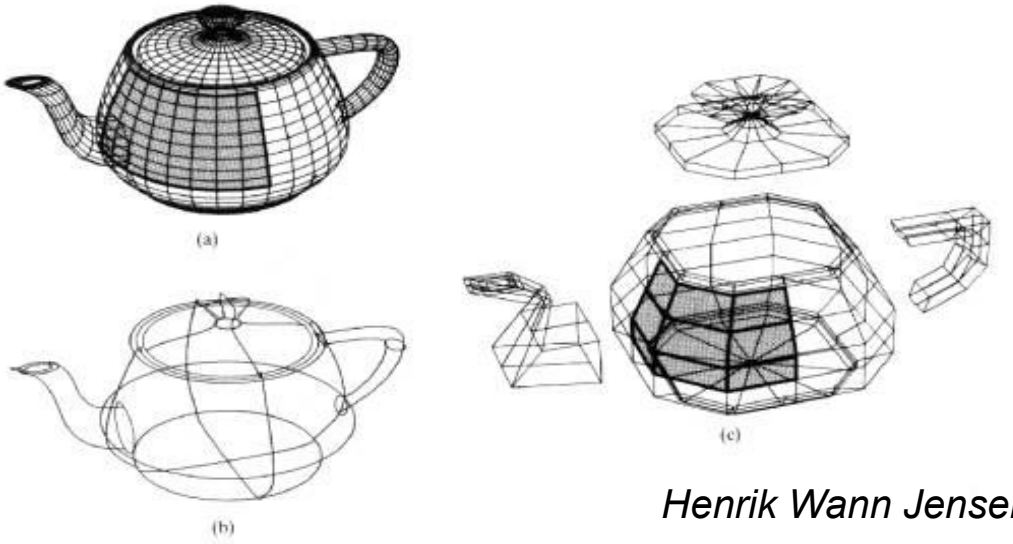


Closed Surfaces and Refraction

- Original Teapot model is not "watertight":
  - intersecting surfaces at spout & handle, no bottom, a hole at the spout tip, a gap between lid & base
- Requires repair before ray tracing with refraction



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Computational Complexity

- Adjacent Element Access Time
  - linear, constant time average case, or constant time?
  - requires loops/recursion/if ?
- Memory
  - variable size arrays or constant size?
- Maintenance
  - ease of editing
  - ensuring consistency

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  - List of Polygons
  - List of Edges
  - List of Unique Vertices & Indexed Faces:
  - Simple Adjacency Data Structure
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List of Polygons:

```
(3,-2,5), (3,6,2), (-6,2,4)
(2,2,4), (0,-1,-2), (9,4,0), (4,2,9)
(1,2,-2), (8,8,7), (-4,-5,1)
(-8,2,7), (-2,3,9), (1,2,-7)
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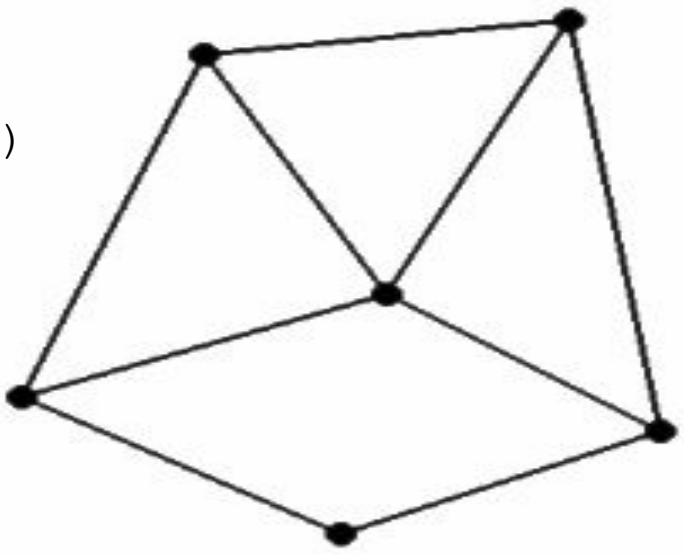

How do you identify/count the triangles vs. the quads?
How do you identify which vertices are shared by one or more elements?
Can you find the elements that share an edge with a specific triangle?
Are there any concerns with using floating point / decimal coordinates?

List of Edges:

(3,6,2), (-6,2,4)

(2,2,4), (0,-1,-2)

(9,4,0), (4,2,9)

(8,8,7), (-4,-5,1)

(-8,2,7), (1,2,-7)

(3,0,-3), (-7,4,-3)

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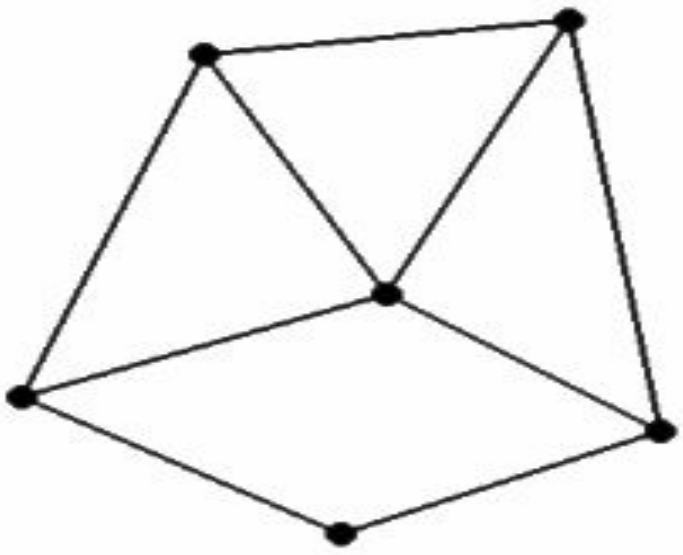
(-3,0,-4), (7,-3,-4)



Which vertex has the highest valence? (valence = # of edges)
Which edges are boundary edges? (Used by only 1 element)
Do any of the edges cross?

List of Unique Vertices & Indexed Faces:

Vertices:

```
(-1, -1, -1)
(-1, -1, 1)
(-1, 1, -1)
(-1, 1, 1)
(1, -1, -1)
(1, -1, 1)
(1, 1, -1)
(1, 1, 1)
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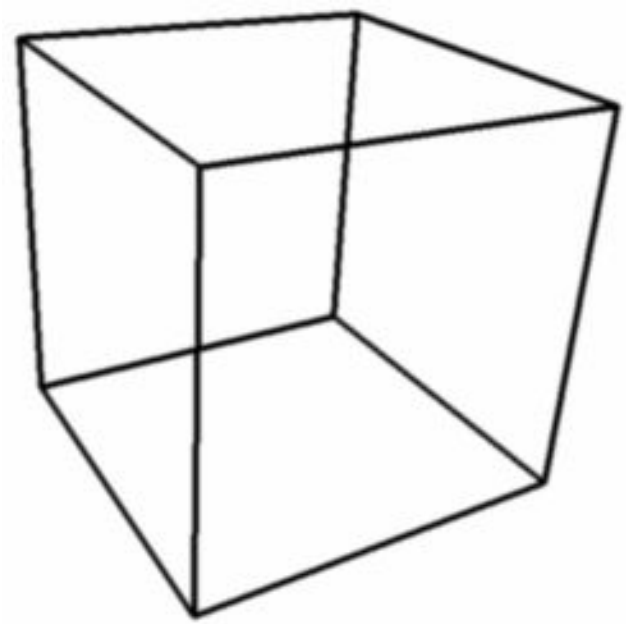


Faces:

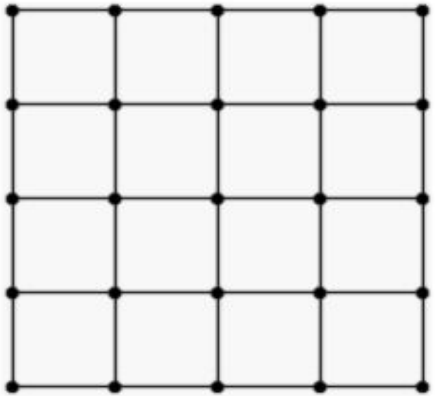
```
1 2 4 3
5 7 8 6
1 5 6 2
3 4 8 7
1 3 7 5
2 6 8 4
```

Does this use more or less memory than a simple list of polygons?

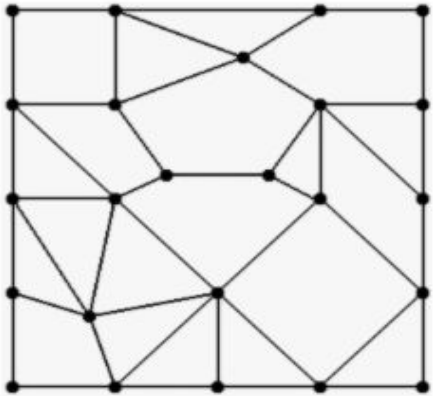
Primary advantage? *Eliminates concerns about floating point rounding/imprecision when comparing point values.*

Problems with Simple Data Structures

- No Adjacency information
- Linear-time searches for neighbors



Structured



Unstructured

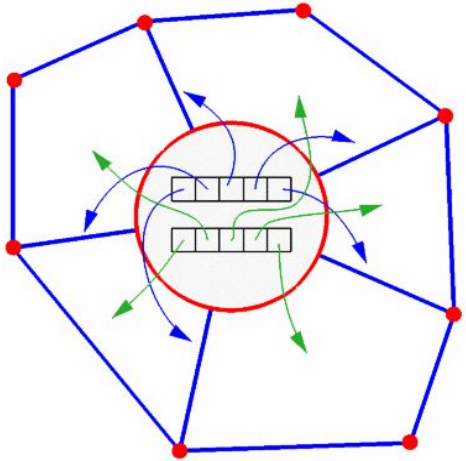
- Adjacency is implicit for structured meshes, but what do we do for unstructured meshes?

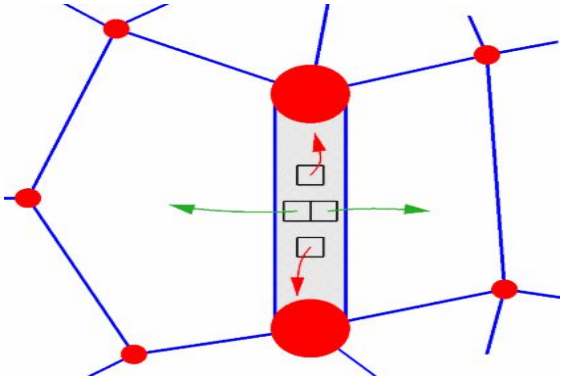
Mesh Data

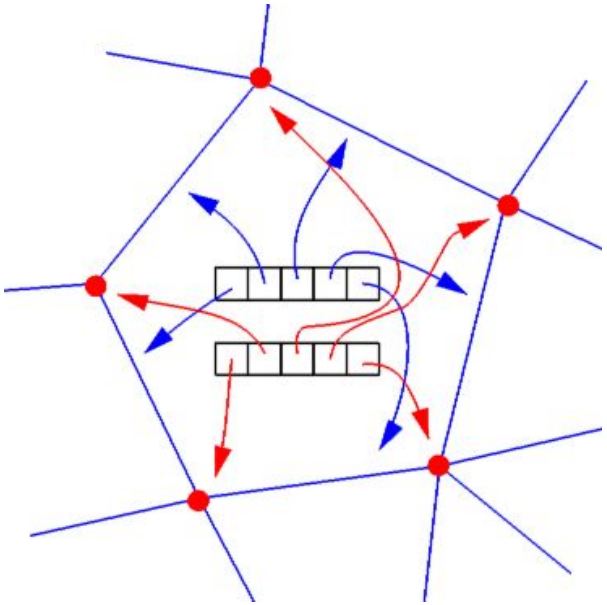
- So, in addition to:
  - Geometric Information (position)
  - Attribute Information
    (color, texture, temperature, population density, etc.)
- Let’s store:
  - Topological Information
    (adjacency / connectivity / neighbors)

Simple Adjacency

- Each element (vertex, edge, and face) has a list of pointers to all incident elements
- Queries depend only on local complexity of mesh
- Data structures do not have fixed size
- Slow! Big! Too much work to maintain!







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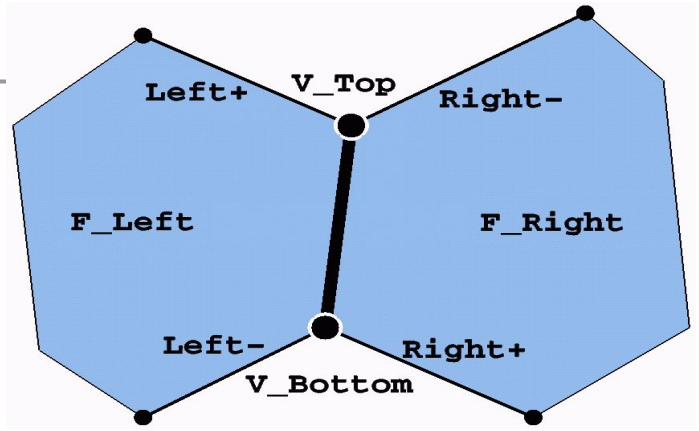
Winged Edge (Baumgart, 1975)

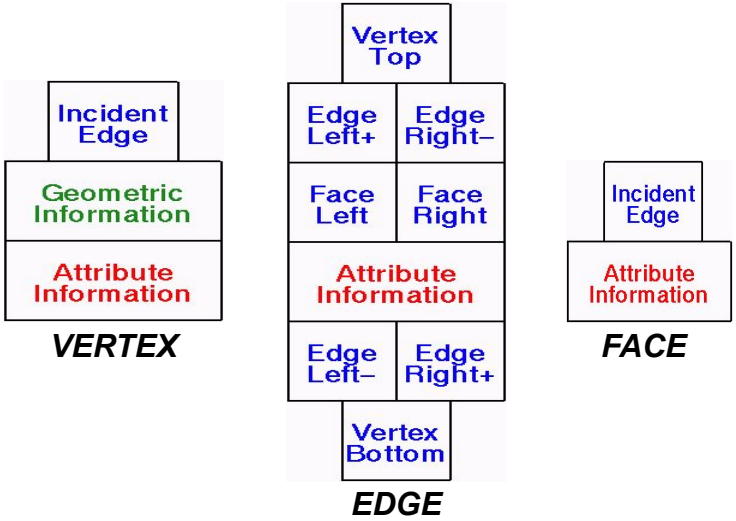
- Each edge stores pointers to 4 Adjacent Edges, 2 Face & 2 Vertex neighbors
- Vertices and Faces have a single pointer to one incident Edge
- Data Structure Size?

  Fixed/constant number of bytes!

- How do we gather all faces surrounding one vertex?

  Messy, because there is no consistent way to order pointers





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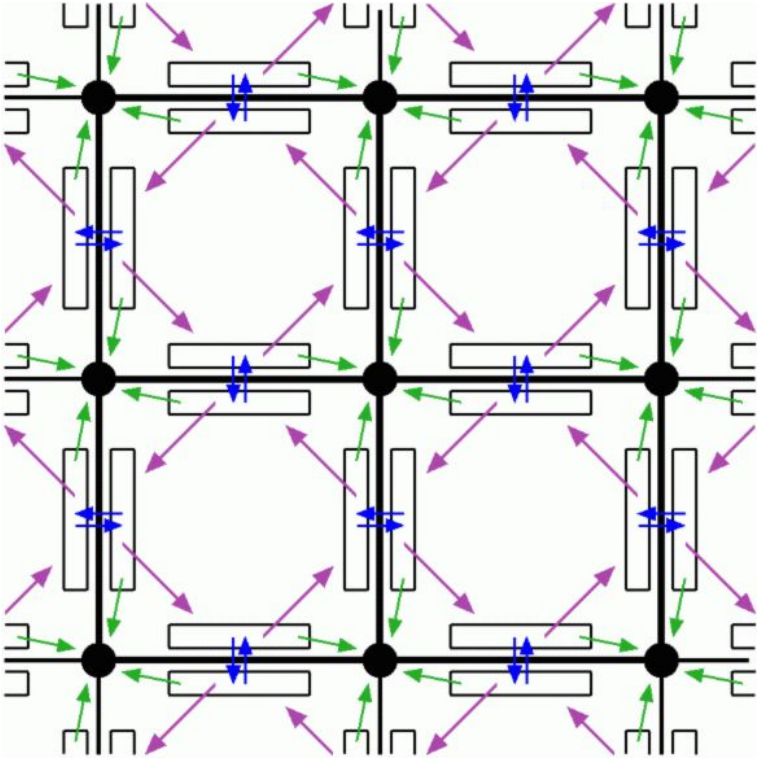
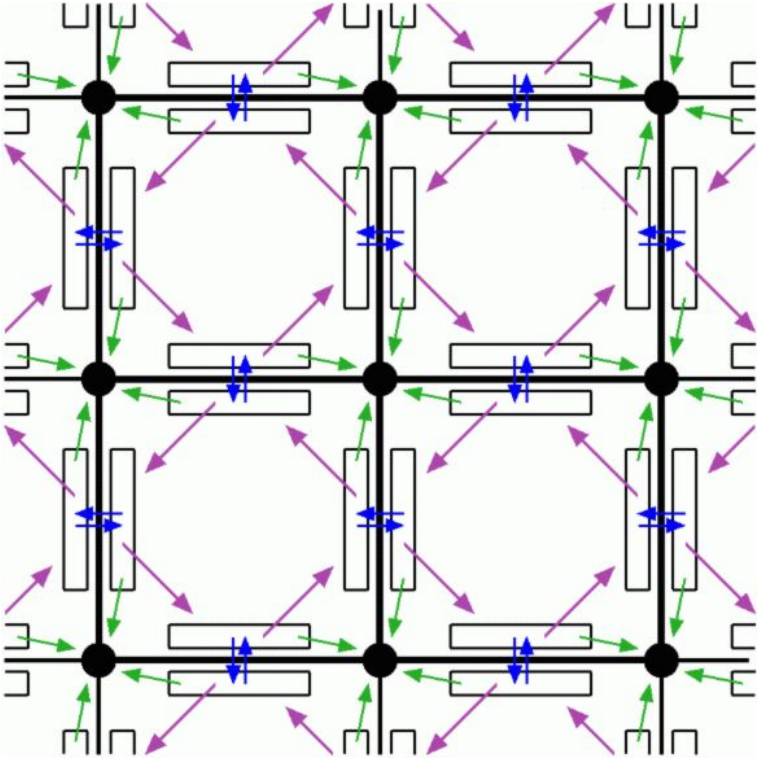
HalfEdge (Eastman 1982)

- Every edge is represented by two directed HalfEdge structures
- Each HalfEdge stores:
  - **vertex** at end of directed edge
  - **symmetric** half edge
  - **face** to left of edge
  - **next** points to the HalfEdge counter-clockwise around face on left
- Orientation is essential, but can be done consistently!



HalfEdge (Eastman 1982)

- Starting at a half edge, how do we find:
  - the other vertex of the edge?
  - the other face of the edge?
  - the clockwise edge around the face at the left?
  - all the edges surrounding the face at the left?
  - all the faces surrounding the vertex?



HalfEdge (Eastman 1982)

- Loop around a Face:

```
HalfEdgeMesh::FaceLoop(HalfEdge *HE) {
   HalfEdge *loop = HE;
   do {
      loop = loop->Next;
   } while (loop != HE);
}
```

- Loop around a Vertex:

```
HalfEdgeMesh::VertexLoop(HalfEdge *HE) {
   HalfEdge *loop = HE;
   do {
      loop = loop->Next->Sym;
   } while (loop != HE);
}
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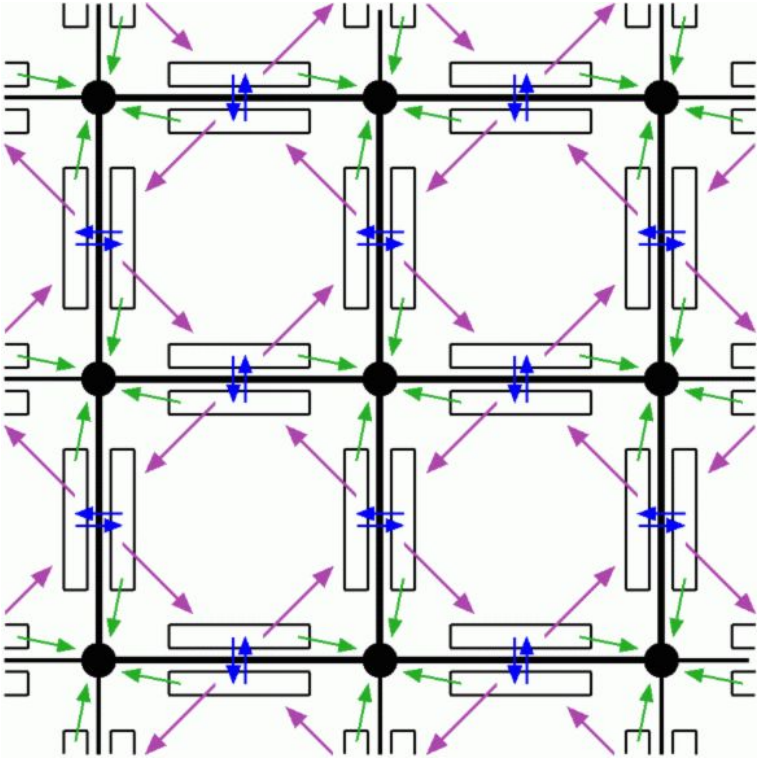

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- Data Structure Size?

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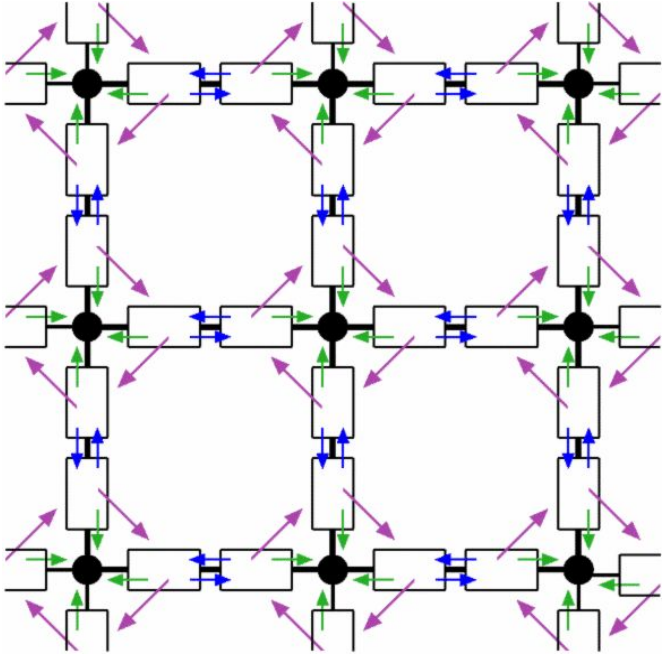
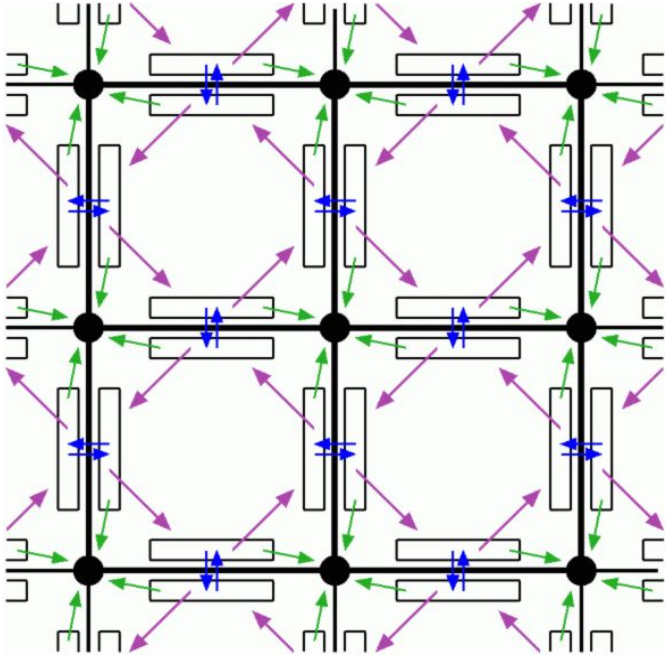
- Data:
  - geometric information stored at Vertices
  - attribute information in Vertices, HalfEdges, and/or Faces
  - topological information in HalfEdges only!
- Orientable surfaces only (no Mobius Strips!)
- Local consistency everywhere implies global consistency
- Time Complexity?

  Linear in the amount of information gathered

SplitEdge Data Structure





HalfEdge and SplitEdge are dual structures!

```
SplitEdgeMesh::FaceLoop() = HalfEdgeMesh::VertexLoop()
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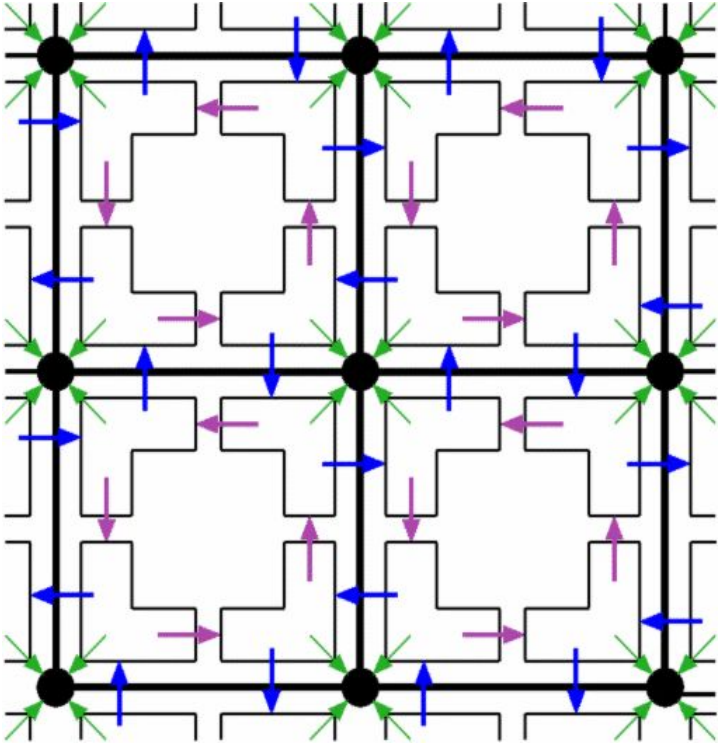
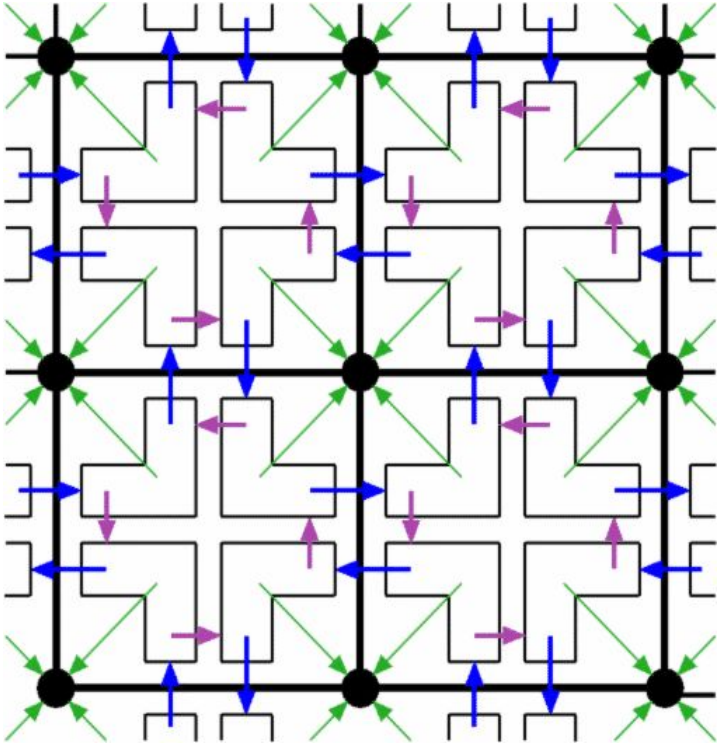
```

Corner Data Structure

The Corner Data Structure is its own dual!





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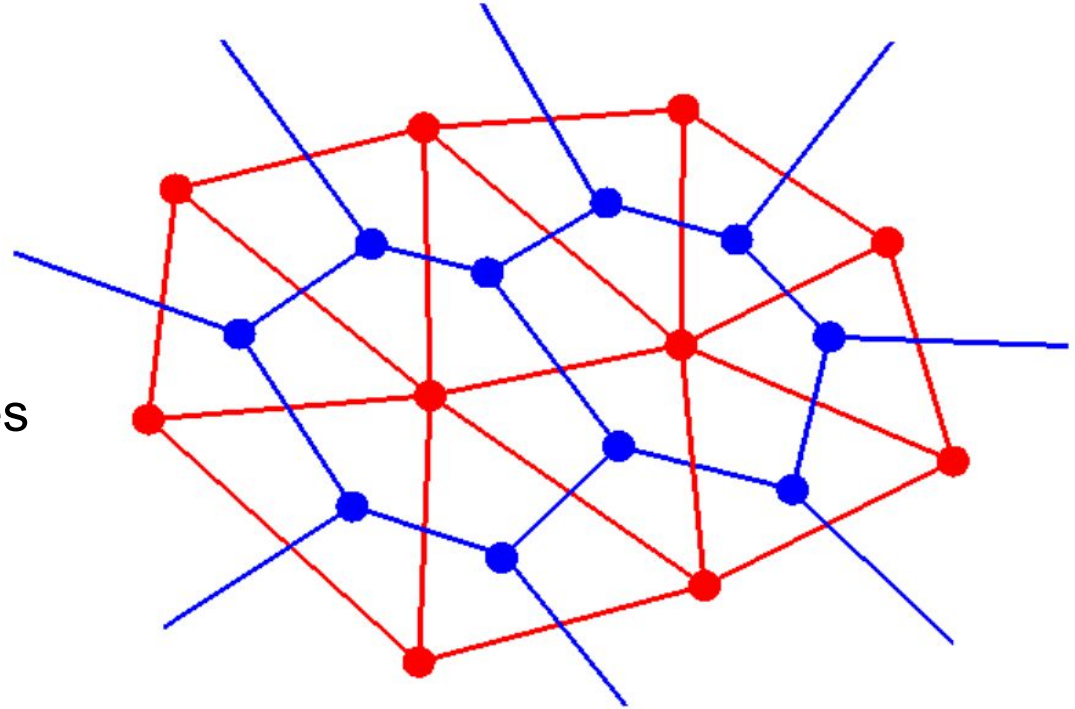
QuadEdge (Guibas and Stolfi, 1985)

- Consider the Mesh and *its Dual Mesh* simultaneously
  - Vertices and Faces switch roles, we just re-label them
  - Edges remain Edges

- Classic dual mesh example:
  - Delaunay Triangulation*
  - Voronoi Diagram*

* has other special properties



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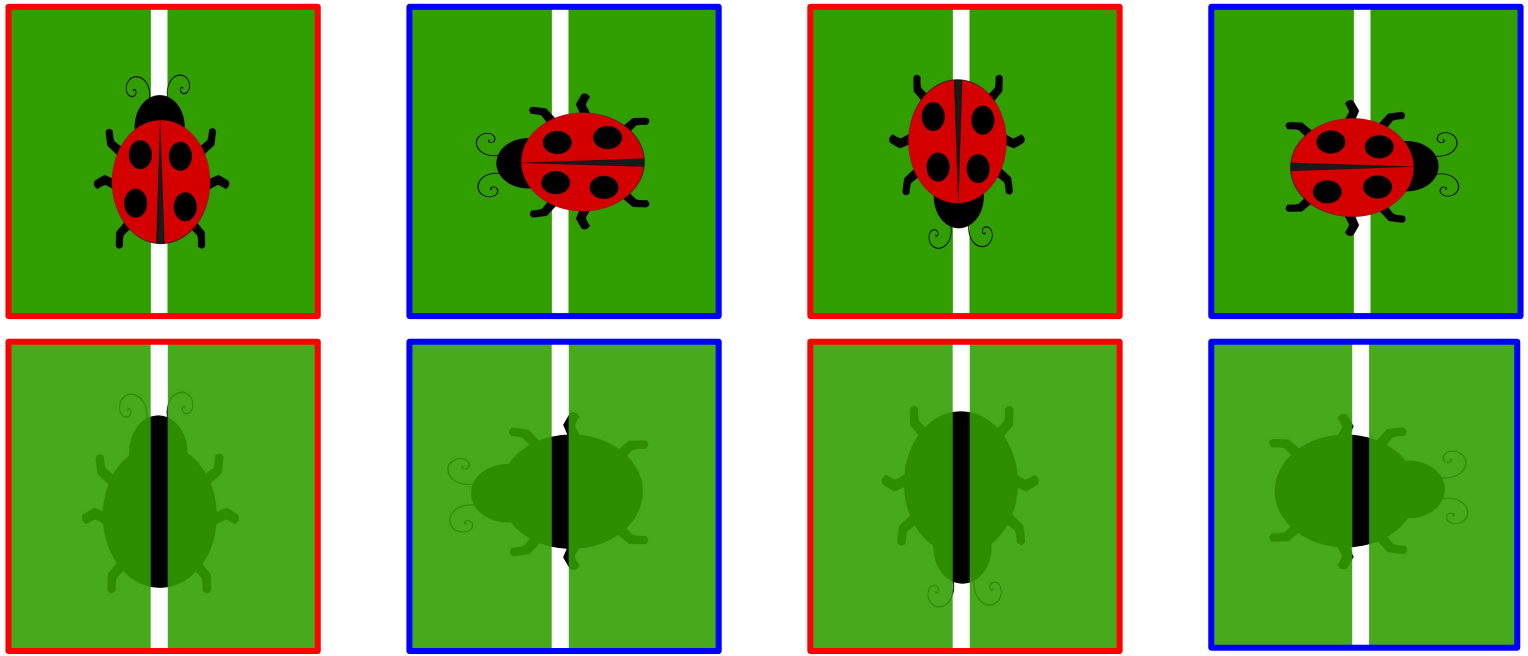
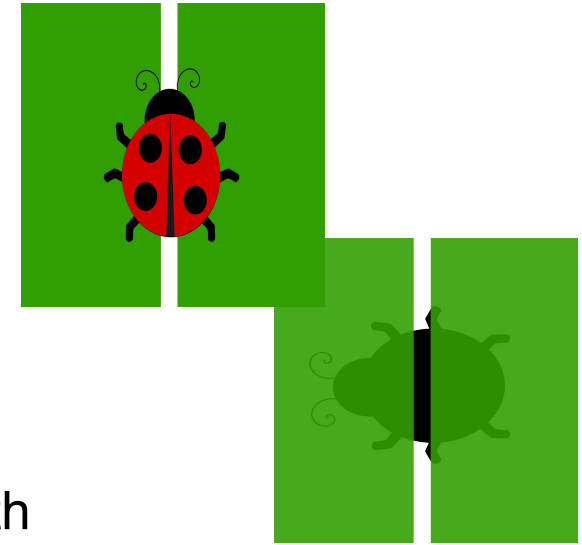
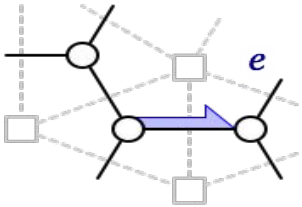
- Eight ways to look at each edge
  - Four ways to look at primal edge
  - Four ways to look at dual edge

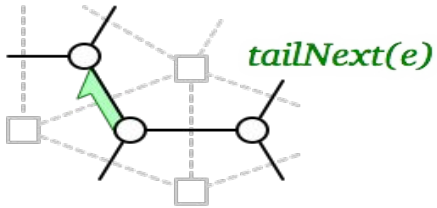


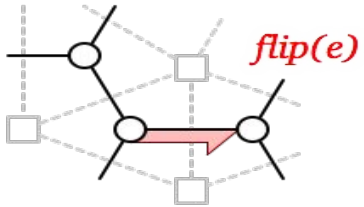
QuadEdge (Guibas and Stolfi, 1985)

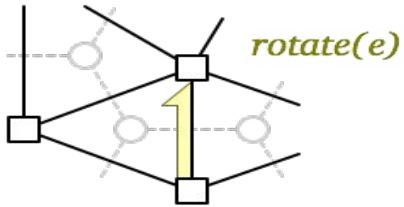
- Operators in Edge Algebra:
  - **Rot**: Bug rotates 90 degrees to its left (switches to/from dual graph)
  - **Sym**: Bug turns around 180 degrees
  - **Flip**: Bug flips upside down (other side of the leaf)
  - **Onext**: Bug rotates CCW to next edge with same origin (either Vertex or Face)











Note: different authors use different terminology...

QuadEdge (Guibas and Stolfi, 1985)

- Some Properties of Flip, Sym, Rot, and Onext:
  - e Rot^4 = e
  - e $Rot^2 \neq$ e
  - e $Flip^2$ = e
  - e Flip Rot Flip Rot = e
  - e Rot Flip Rot Flip = e
  - e Rot Onext Rot Onext = e
  - e Flip Onext Flip Onext = e
  - e $Flip^{-1}$ = e Flip
  - e Sym = e Rot^2
  - e Rot^{-1} = e Rot^3
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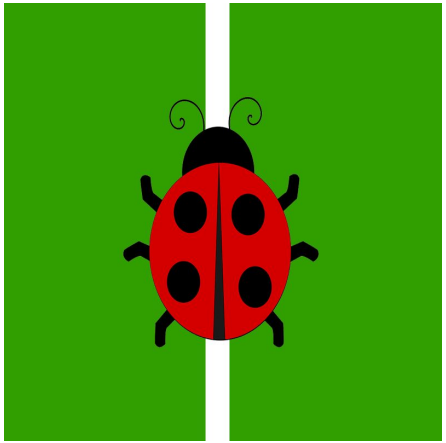
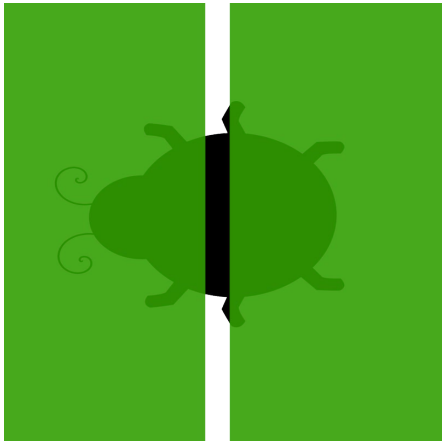
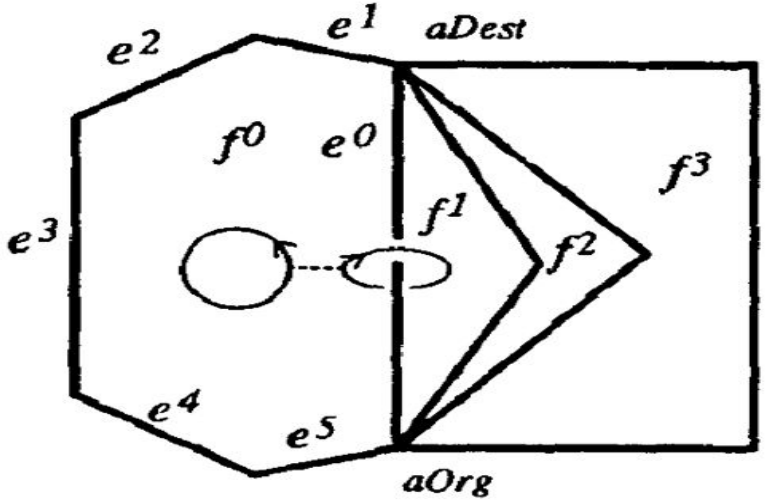


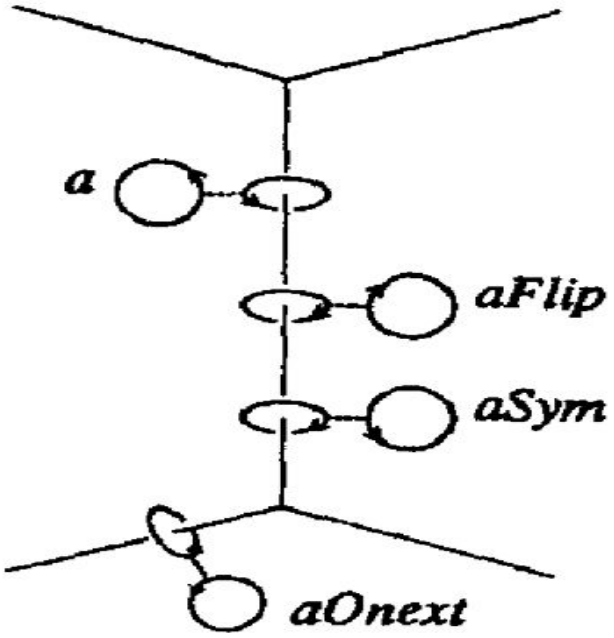


*All of these functions can be expressed as a constant number of **Rot**, **Sym**, **Flip**, and **Onext** operations independent of the local topology and the global size and complexity of the mesh.*

FacetEdge (Dobkin and Laszlo, 1987)

- QuadEdge (2D / surface) → FacetEdge (3D / volume)
- Faces → Polyhedra / Cells
- Edge → Polygon & Edge pair





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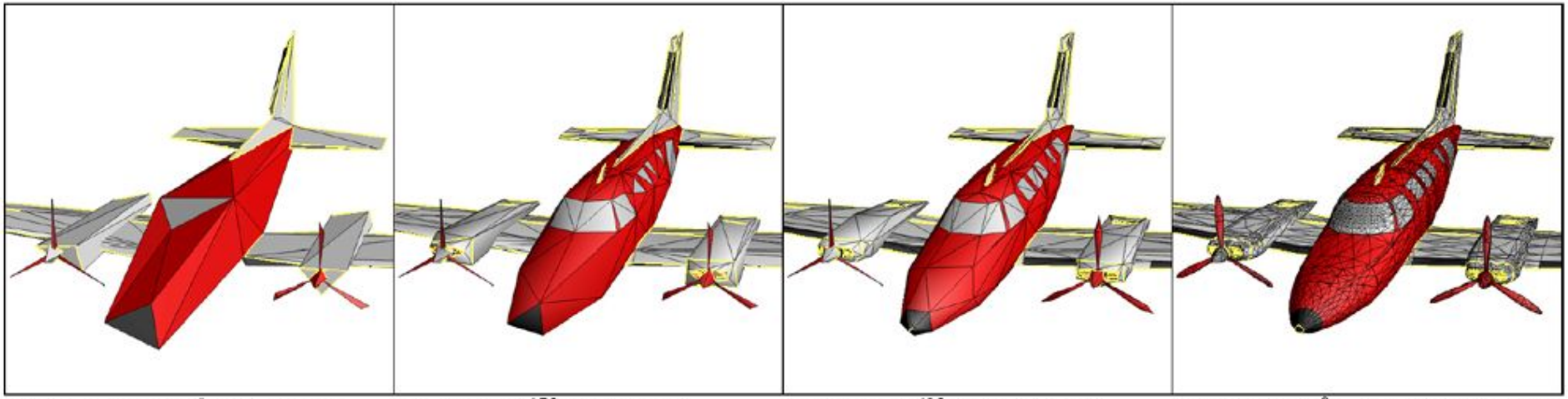
- Hugues Hoppe "Progressive Meshes" SIGGRAPH 1996



(a) Base mesh M^0 (150 faces) (b) Mesh M^{175} (500 faces) (c) Mesh M^{425} (1,000 faces) (d) Original $\hat{M}=M^n$ (13,546 faces)

Progressive Meshes

- Mesh Simplification
  - vertex split / edge collapse
  - geometry & discrete/scalar attributes
  - priority queue
- Level of Detail
  - geomorphs
- Progressive Transmission
- Mesh Compression
- Selective Refinement
  - view dependent

Selective Refinement

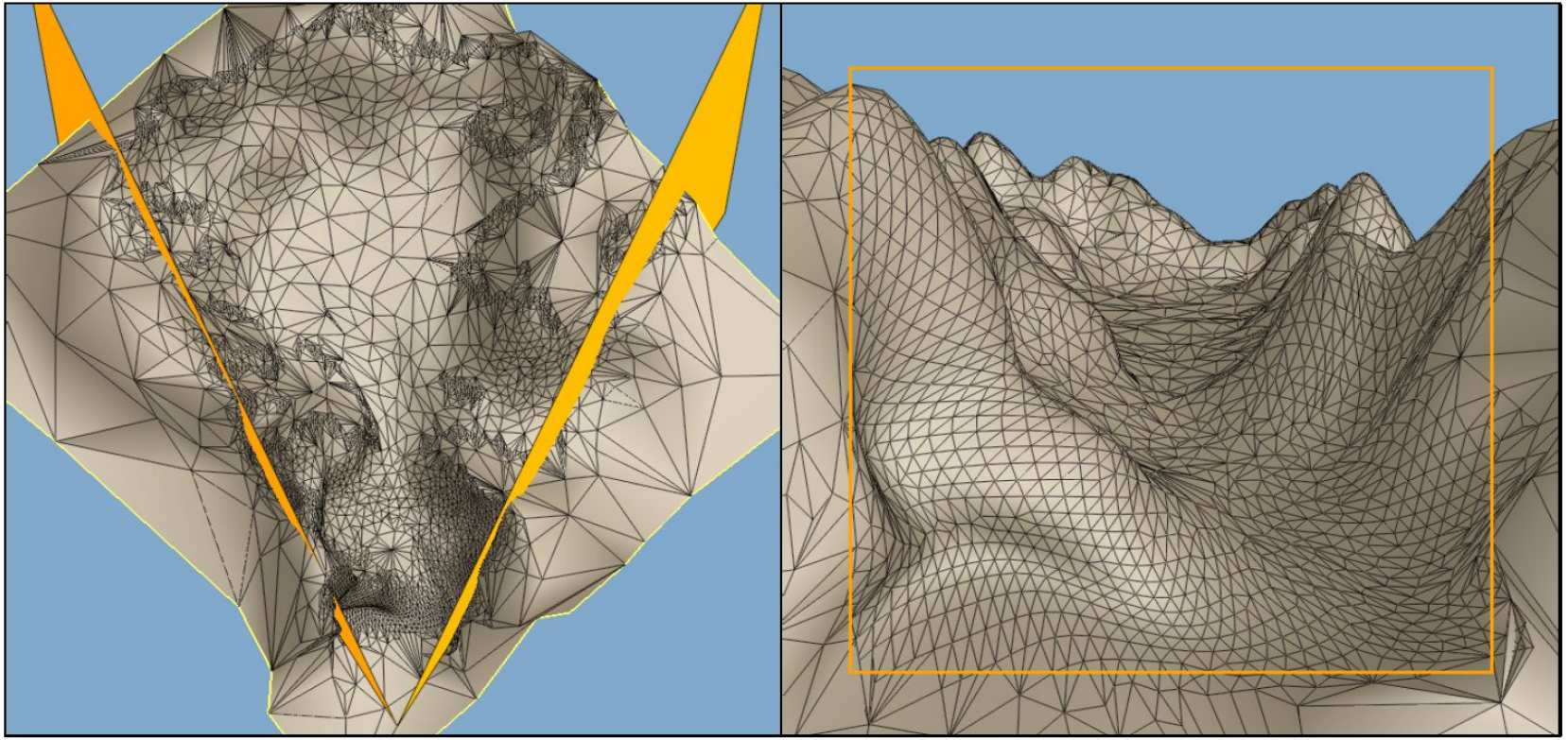
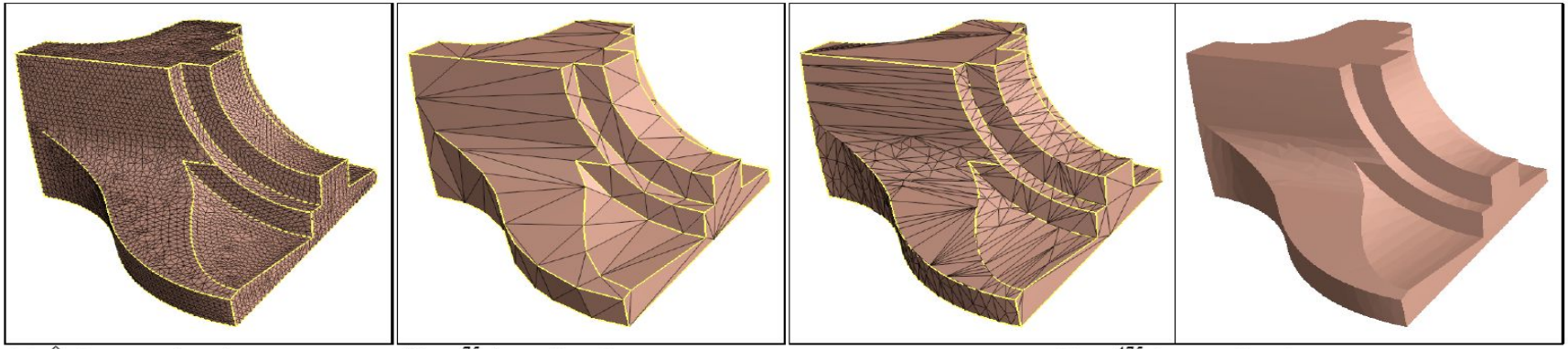
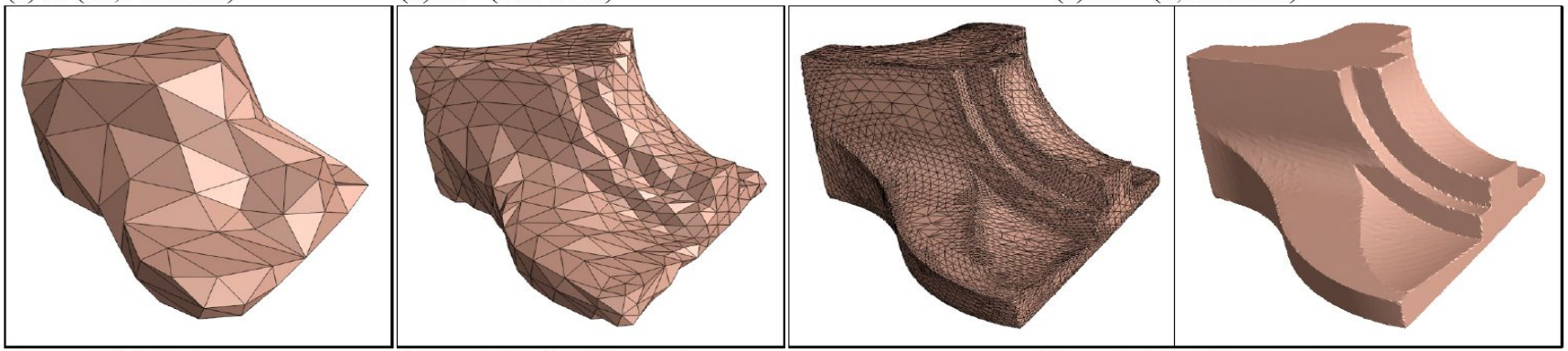


Figure 10: Selective refinement of a terrain mesh taking into account view frustum, silhouette regions, and projected screen size of faces (7,438 faces).

Preserving Discontinuity Curves



(a) $\hat{M}$ (12,946 faces) (b) M^{75} (200 faces) (c) M^{475} (1,000 faces)



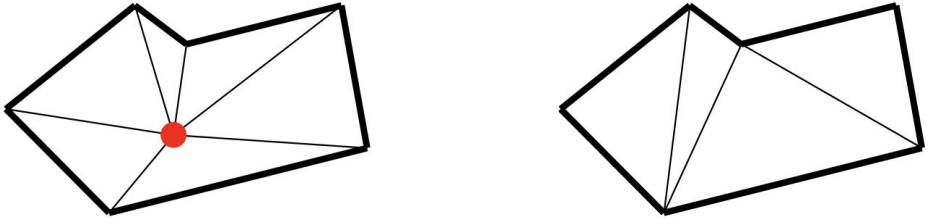
(d) $\epsilon = 9.0$ (192 faces) (e) $\epsilon = 2.75$ (1,070 faces) (f) $\epsilon = 0.1$ (15,842 faces)

Figure 12: Approximations of a mesh $\hat{M}$ using (b–c) the PM representation, and (d–f) the MRA scheme of Eck et al. [7]. As demonstrated, MRA cannot recover $\hat{M}$ exactly, cannot deal effectively with surface creases, and produces approximating meshes of inferior quality.

- Problematic / visible “popping” between LODs, geomorphing
- Discrete vs continuous LOD – is continuous necessary?
  Progressive transmission, progressive refinement
- Lossless / invertible
- Research: appreciate original context, iterating/extending prior work,
  hybrid techniques, future work
- Research directly used by / influencing games/other industry?
- Triangles vs quads, collapse vs. other ops (split, swap, etc)
- Expensive cost? Precompute vs on-the fly?
  Can we reduce this by approximation? Or parallelize it?
- Mesh formalism, Energy function (springs?) to select edge
  – how it works not immediately intuitive
- Limitations? Incorrectly, preserve unimportant details,
  store unnecessary high resolution? Can’t use on animated meshes

Other Simplification Strategies

- Remove a vertex & surrounding triangles, re-triangulate the hole



- Merge Nearby Vertices (*will likely change the topology)*

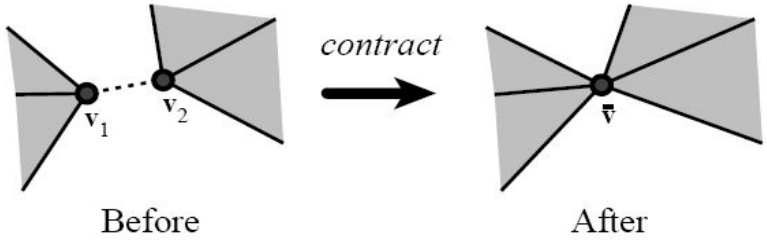


Figure 2: **Non-edge contraction.** When non-edge pairs are contracted, unconnected sections of the model are joined. The dashed line indicates the two vertices being contracted together.

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Is it Important to Preserve Original Topology?

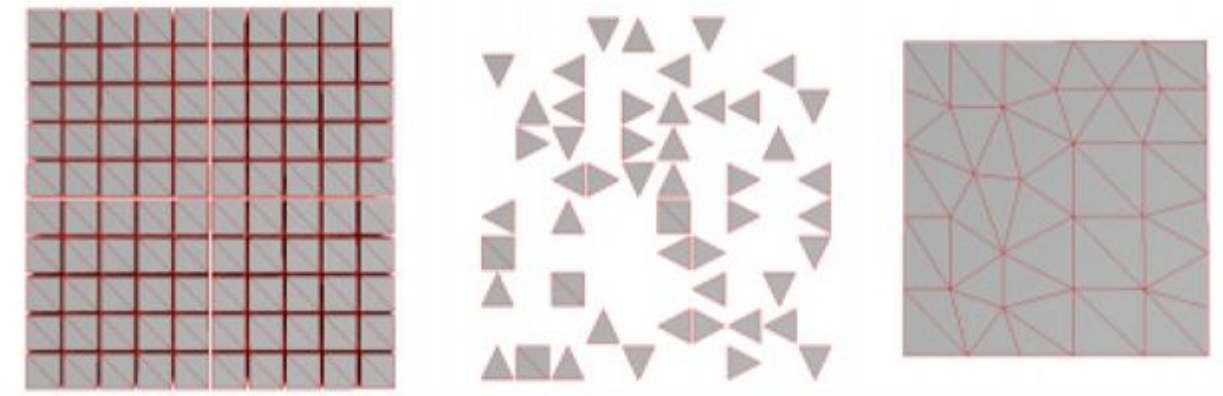

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Figure 3: On the left is a regular grid of 100 closely spaced cubes. In the middle, an approximation built using only edge contractions demonstrates unacceptable fragmentation. On the right, the result of using more general pair contractions to achieve aggregation is an approximation much closer to the original.

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Reading for Tuesday

Need 2 volunteers to be "Discussants"

"Teddy:
A Sketching Interface for 3D Freeform Design",
Igarashi et al.,
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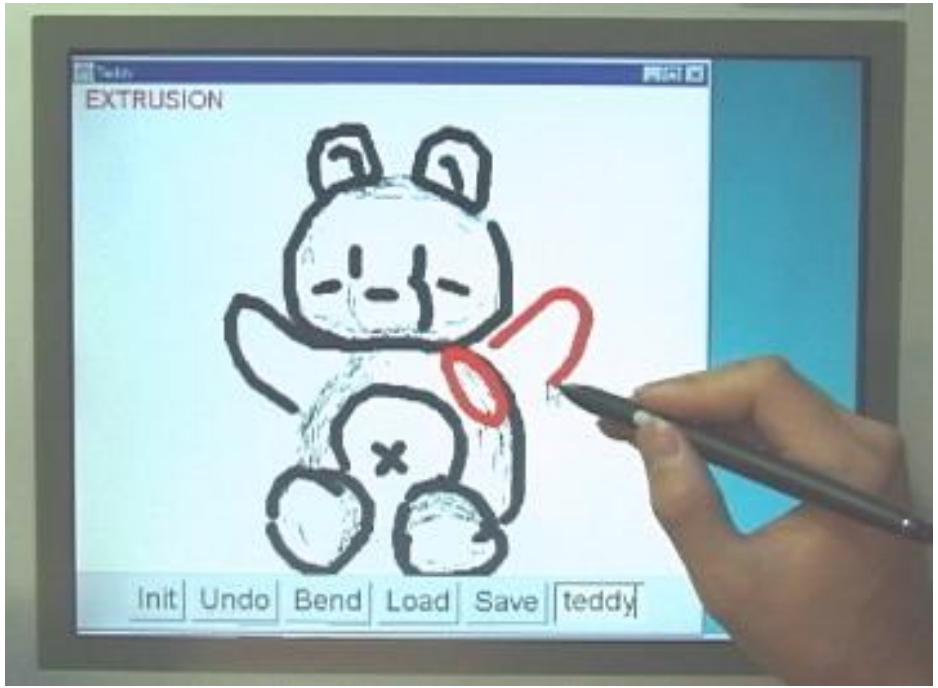

How do we represent objects that don't have flat polygonal faces & sharp corners?
What are the right tools to design/construct digital models of blobby, round, or soft things?
What makes a user interface intuitive, quick, and easy-to-use for beginners?

Homework 1 *Coming Soon!*