

# **CSCI 4530/6530 Advanced Computer Graphics**

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## **Lecture 5: Implicit Surfaces, Collision Detection, & Volumetric Data Structures**





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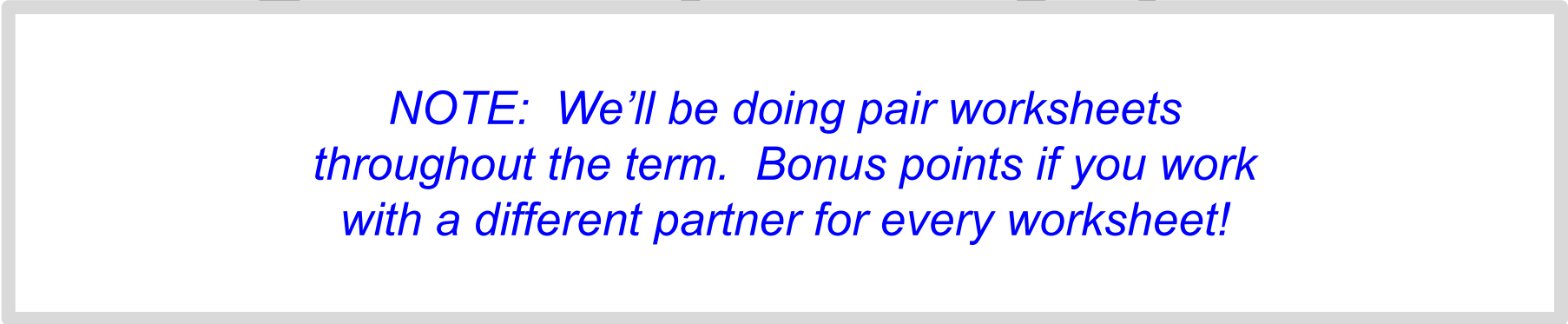
<https://imgur.com/gallery/aP3KVeX>

# Worksheet: Subdivision Surfaces Connectivity

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Sketch the polygonal mesh after performing 2 iterations of subdivision (Loop/Butterfly, Catmull-Clark, and Doo-Sabin).

If necessary, pre-process the mesh to allow use of the specified method.

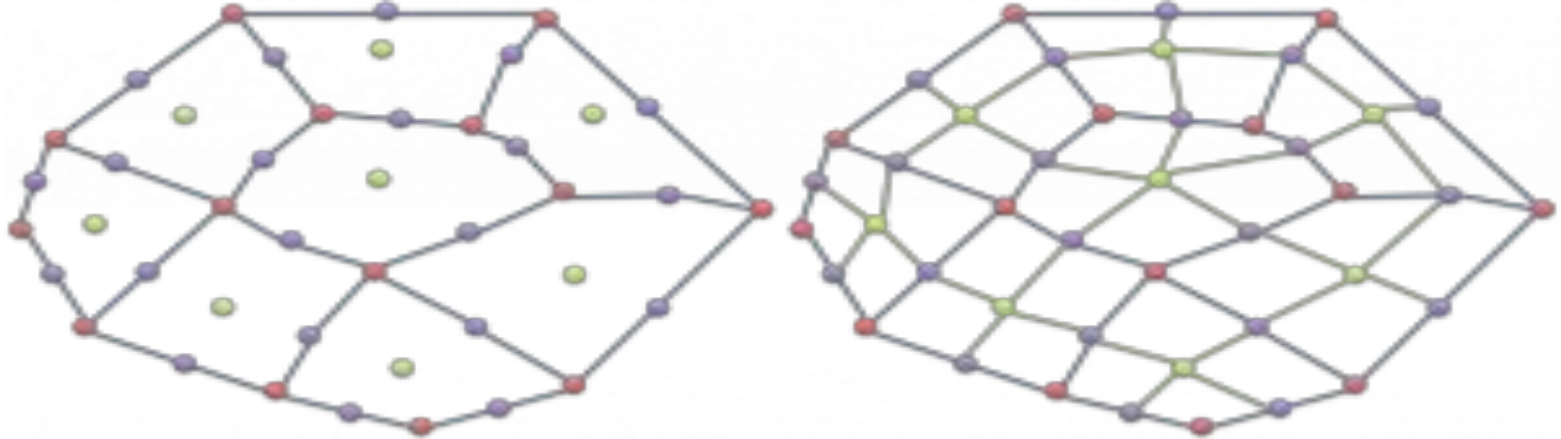


*NOTE: We'll be doing pair worksheets throughout the term. Bonus points if you work with a different partner for every worksheet!*

# Catmull Clark Subdivision

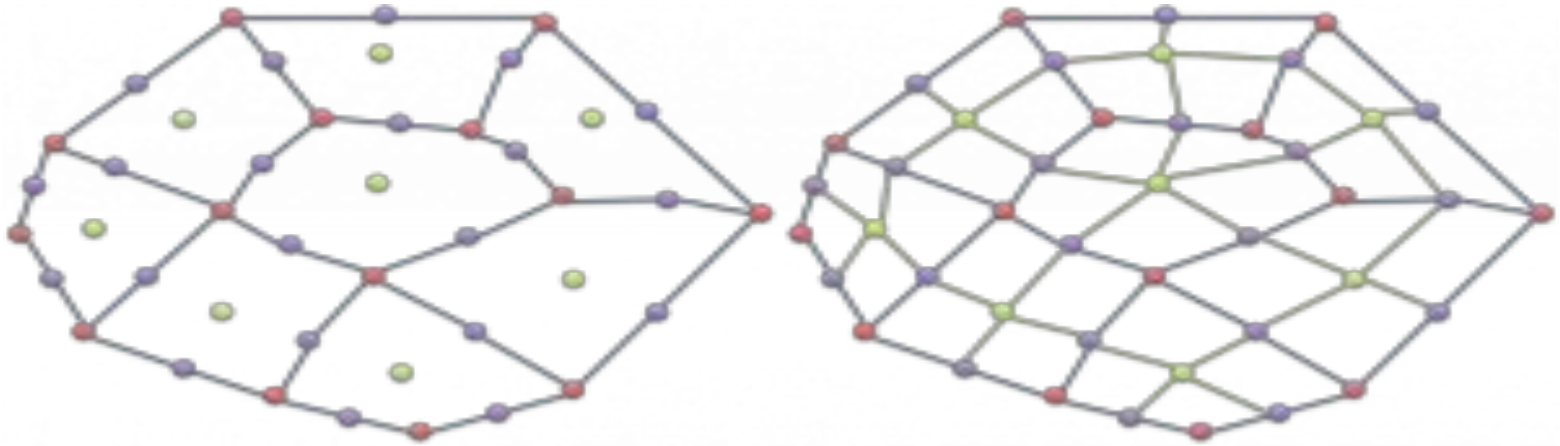
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- Add a vertex in the middle of each original edge
- Add a vertex in the middle of each original face
- Connect each new edge vertex to each new face vertex
- *NOTE: The mesh contains only quads after 1 iteration.*

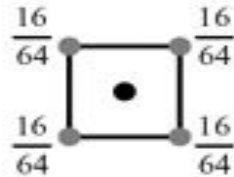




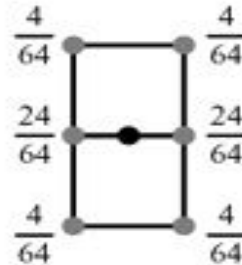
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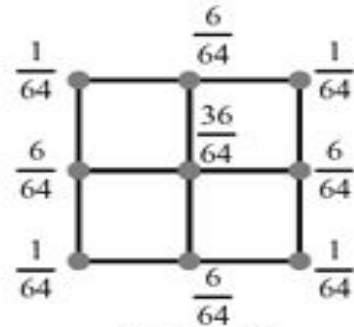
Adjust/average the position of every vertex (old & new) using these masks:



**face**



**edge**

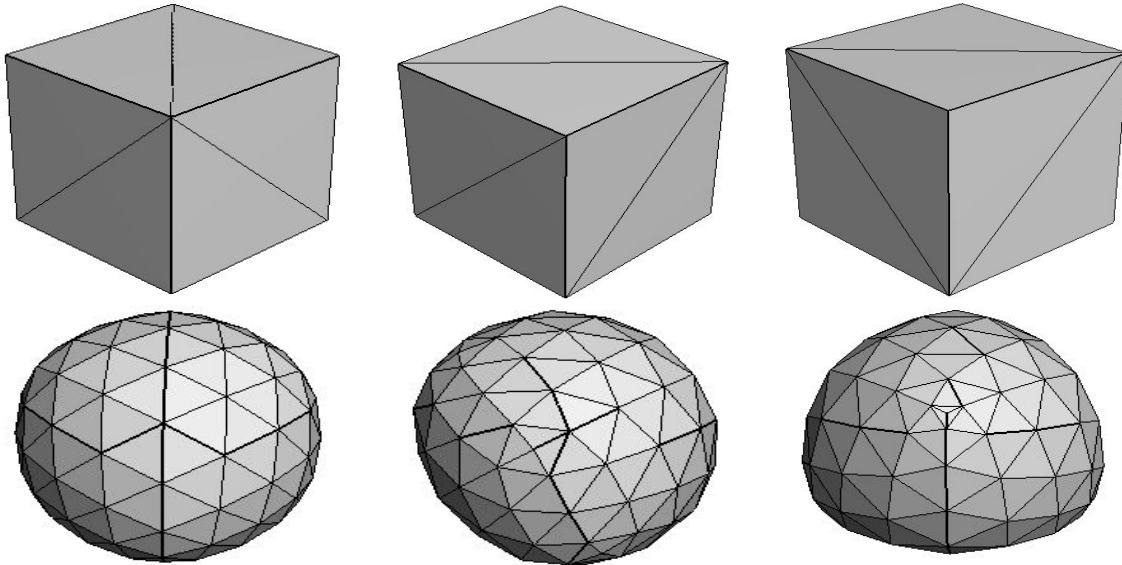


**vertex**

<http://www.cl.cam.ac.uk/teaching/2005/AdvGraph/exercise2.html>

# Catmull Clark is preferred by Artists

- Catmull-Clark is based on quadrilaterals
  - Like NURBS, specifically cubic BSplines
  - Implicit adjacency in subdivided microgeometry
  - *Quads are better than triangles for symmetric objects*



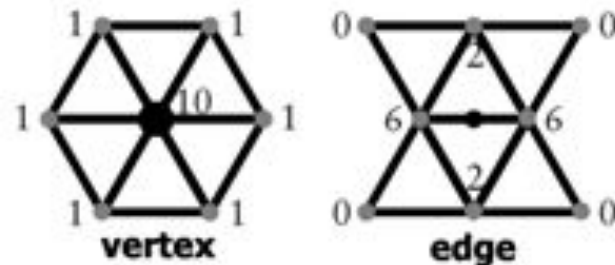
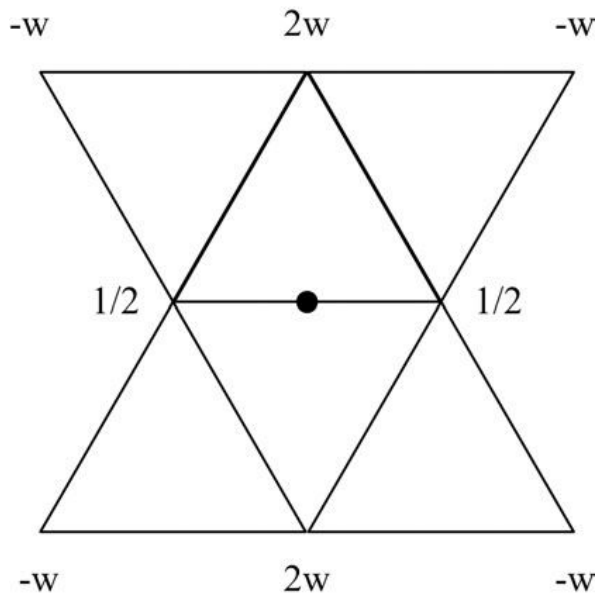
*Does a cube  
turn into a sphere  
with Loop subdivision?  
What about with  
Catmull-Clark subdivision?*

# Butterfly Subdivision

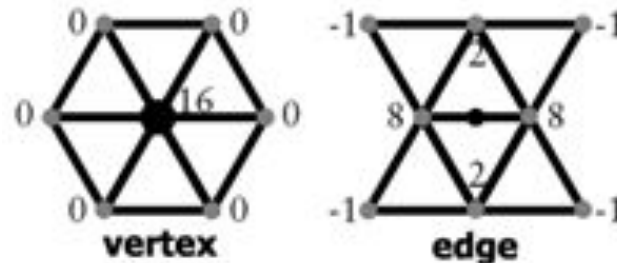
- Triangle-based subdivision
- Alternate scheme to Loop



every triangle  
is split into four

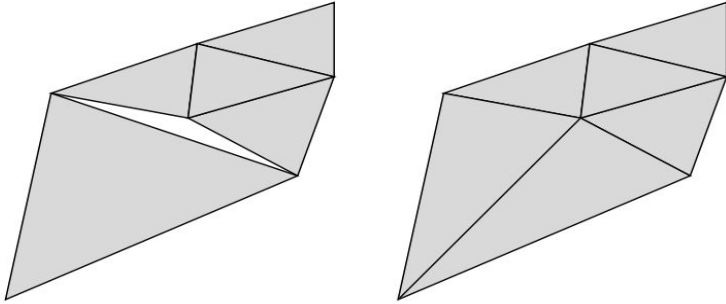


Loop scheme



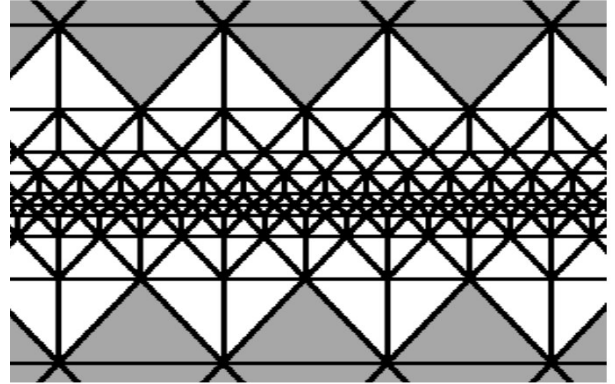
Butterfly scheme

# $\sqrt{3}$ Subdivision Kobbelt, SIGGRAPH 2000

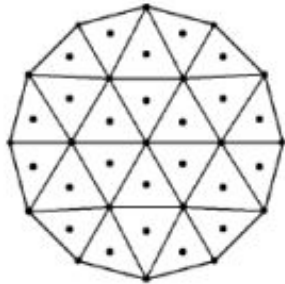
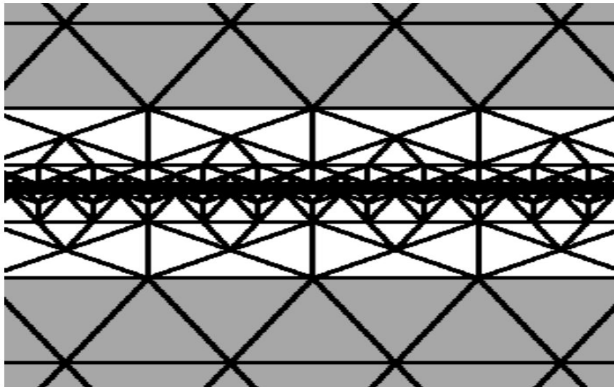


Adaptive Subdivision (Loop): Need to close gaps between different levels of refinement

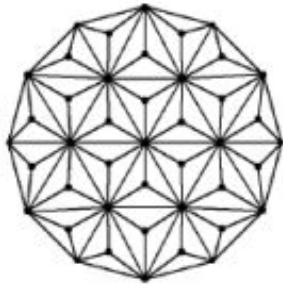
Loop: less localized refinement



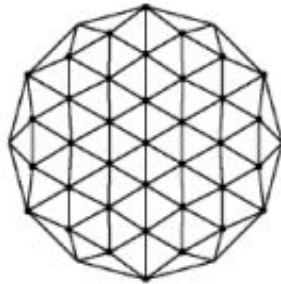
$\sqrt{3}$ : more localized refinement



the split operation places a midvertex at the centre of each triangle



joining the midvertex to the vertices of the triangle realises the 1-to-3 split



after smoothing each old vertex, edges are flipped to connect pairs of midvertices



# Traveler's Insurance, Snowball

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*Weta Digital, 2007*

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# Output-Sensitive Collision Processing for Reduced-Coordinate Deformable Models

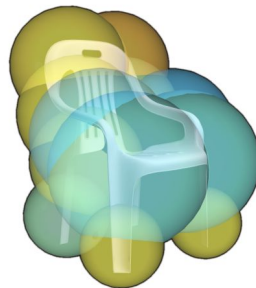
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Level 0



Level 2



Level 4



Level 6

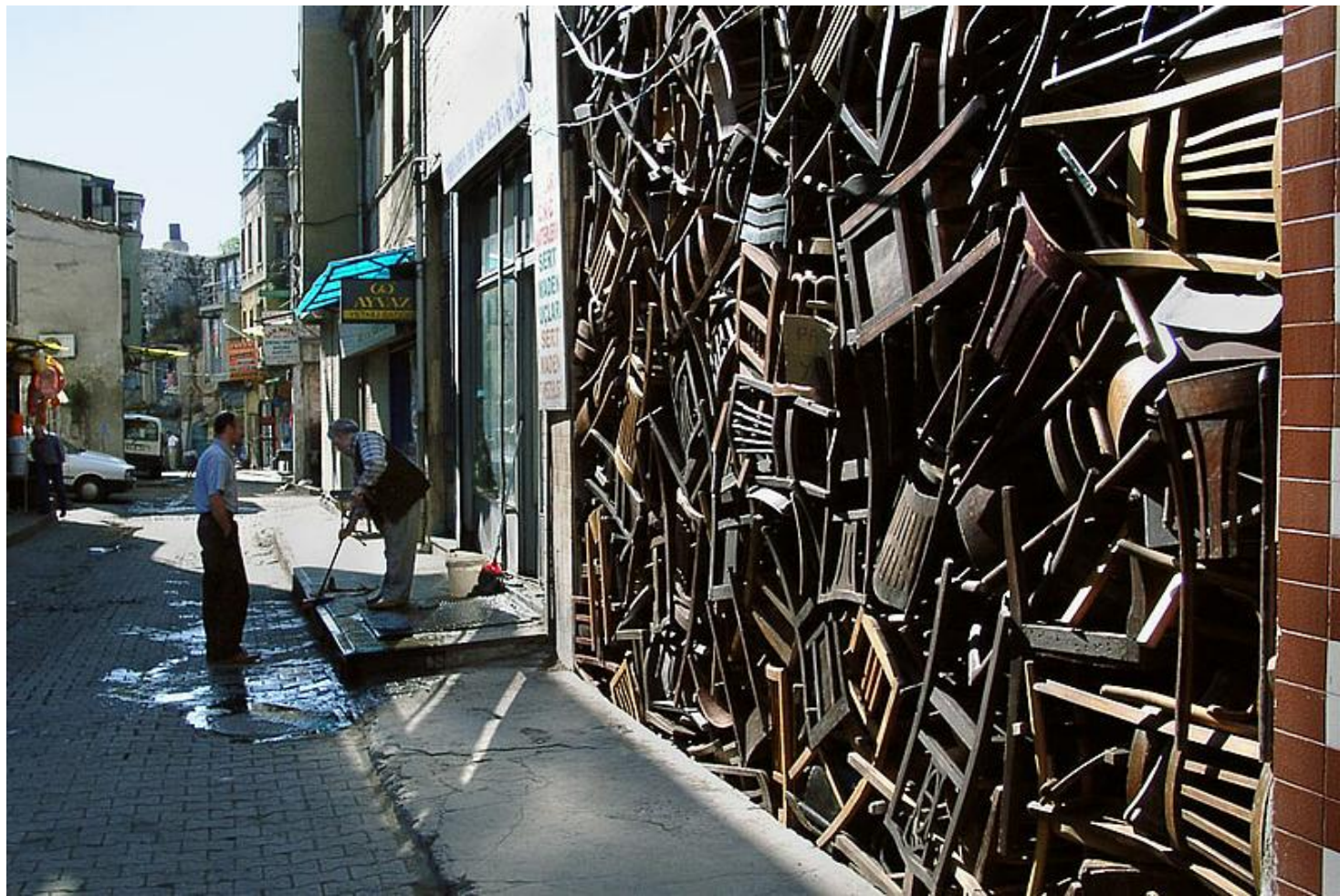






*Untitled, 1550 chairs stacked, Doris Salcedo, 2003*





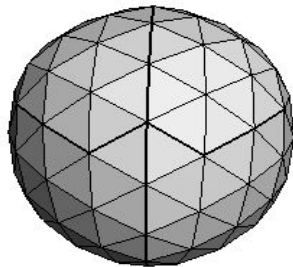
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# Last Time?

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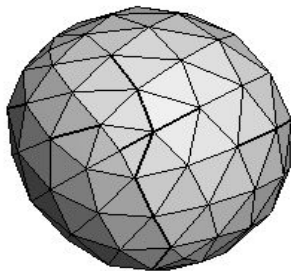
- Spline Surfaces

- complex topology is challenging, requires trimming curves

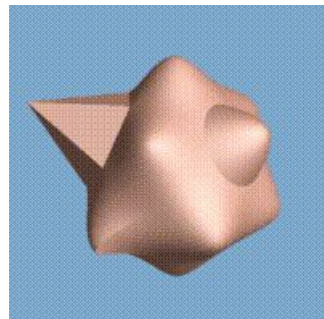
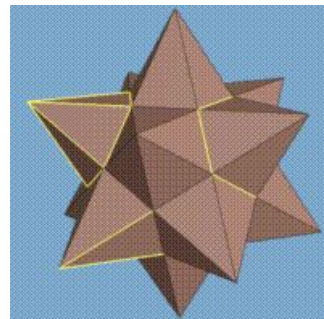
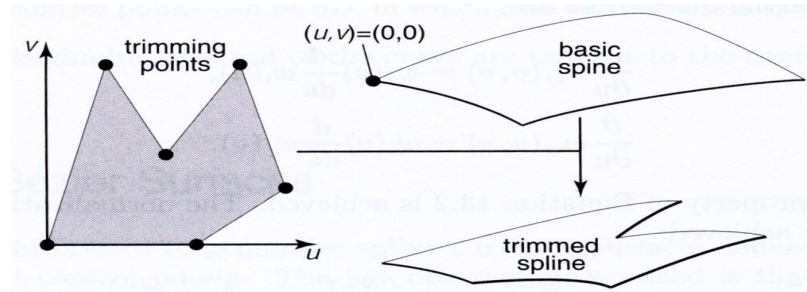
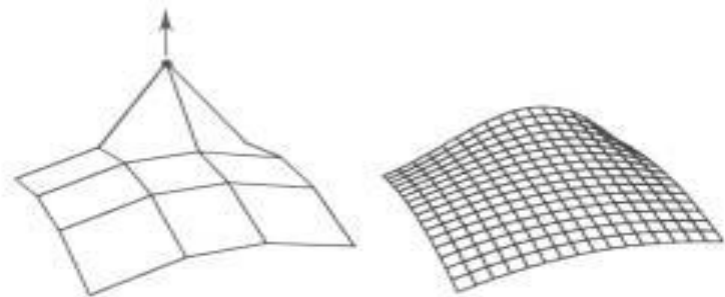


- Subdivision Zoo

- Doo-Sabin
- Loop
- Catmull-Clark



- Subdivision w/ Creases





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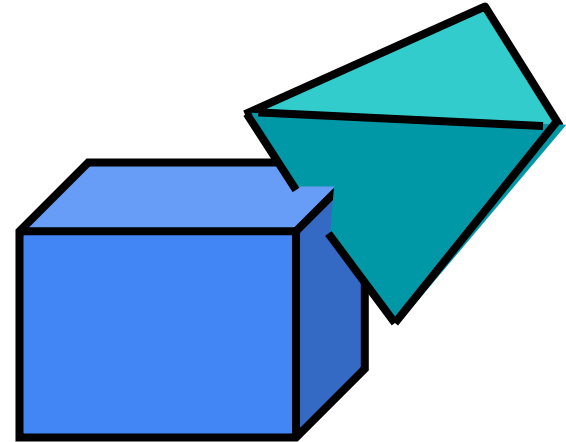
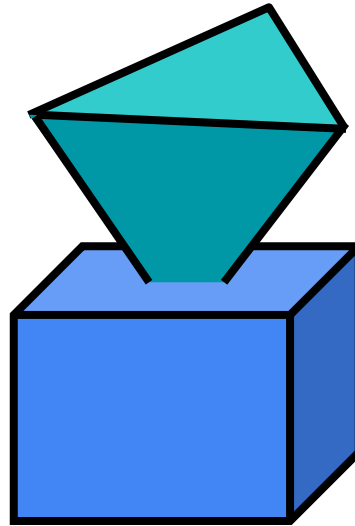
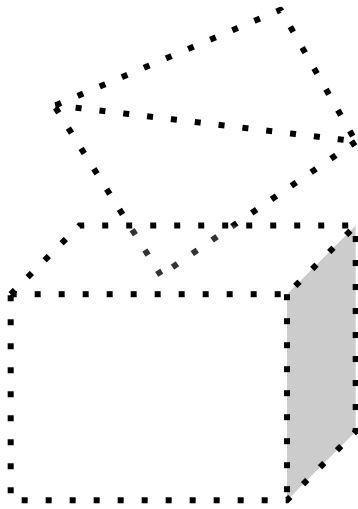
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# Collision Detection for Solids

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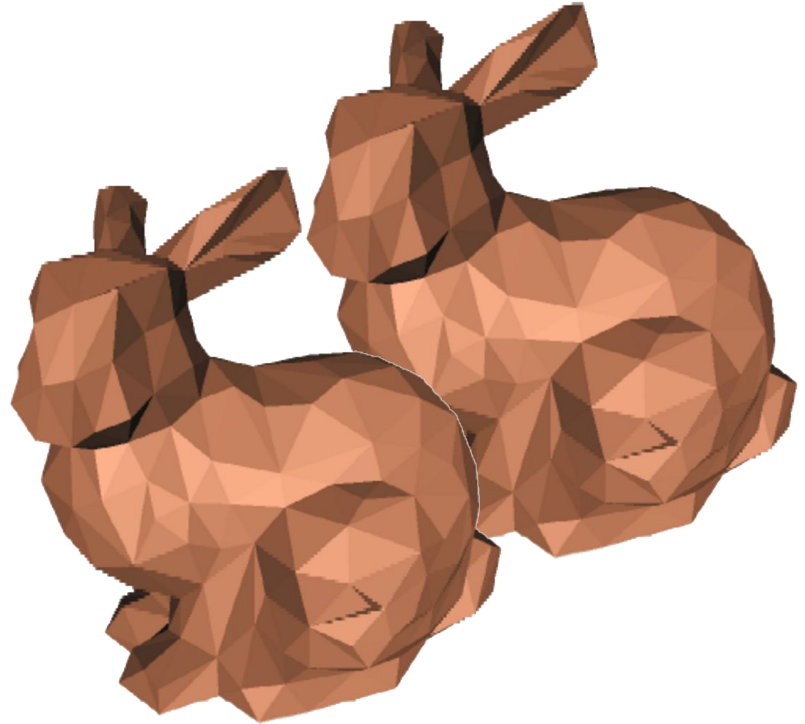
- How to detect collision between 2 polyhedra?
- Need an inside/outside test
- Test if a vertex is inside the other polyhedron
- But treat also edge-edge intersection



# Cost of Detection?

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- Test each edge with each face?
  - $O(N^2)$ ,  
*where  $N$  is the # of faces*
- How would you detect collision between two bunnies?
  - $O(N^2)$  is too expensive...
  - How can we eliminate some of that checking?
  - Let's use a spatial data structure!



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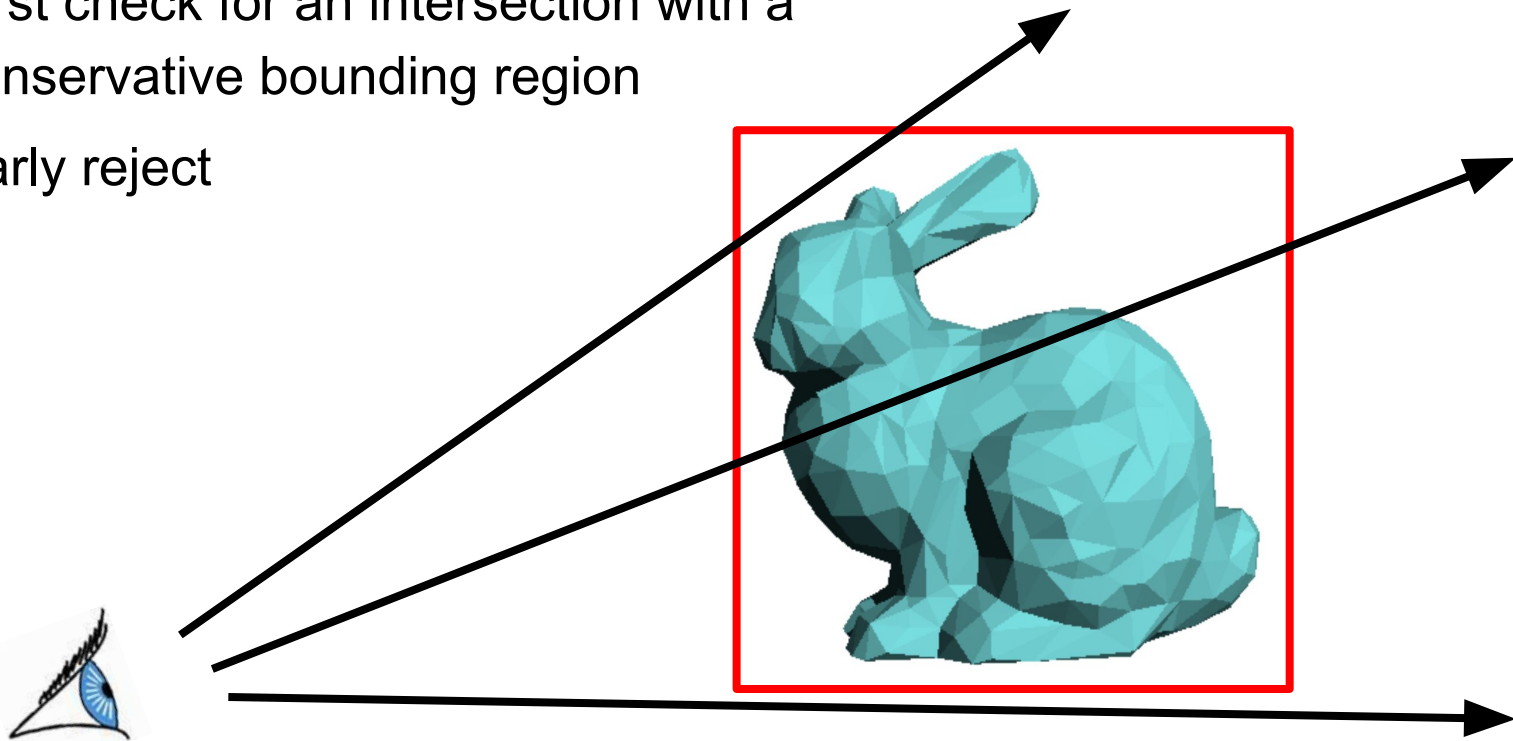
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# Conservative Bounding Region

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- First check for an intersection with a conservative bounding region
- Early reject

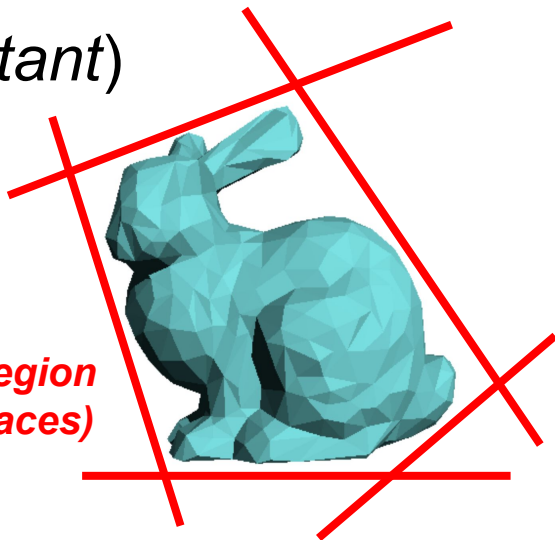


Another Expensive Application: Ray Tracing  
Intersect object & ray... *more later this semester!!*

# Conservative Bounding Regions

- tight → avoid false positives
- fast to intersect
- easy/fast/perfect construction  
(*less important*)

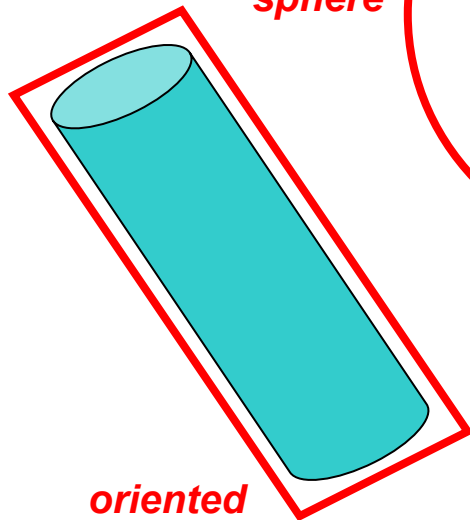
*arbitrary convex region  
(bounding half-spaces)*



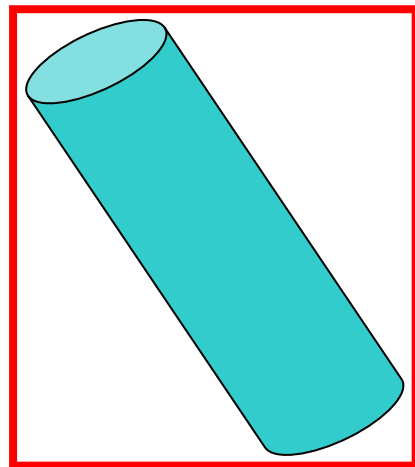
*bounding  
sphere*



*oriented  
bounding box*



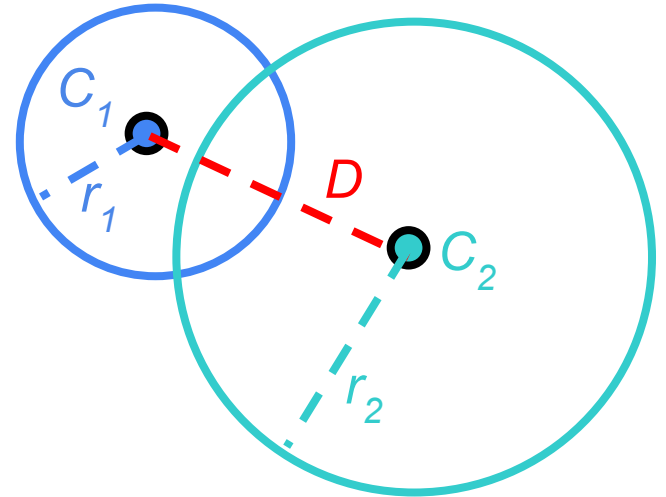
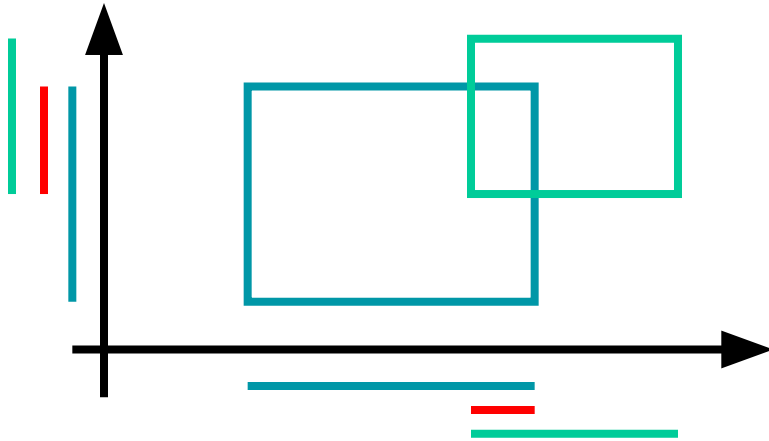
*axis-aligned  
bounding box*



# Overlap Test

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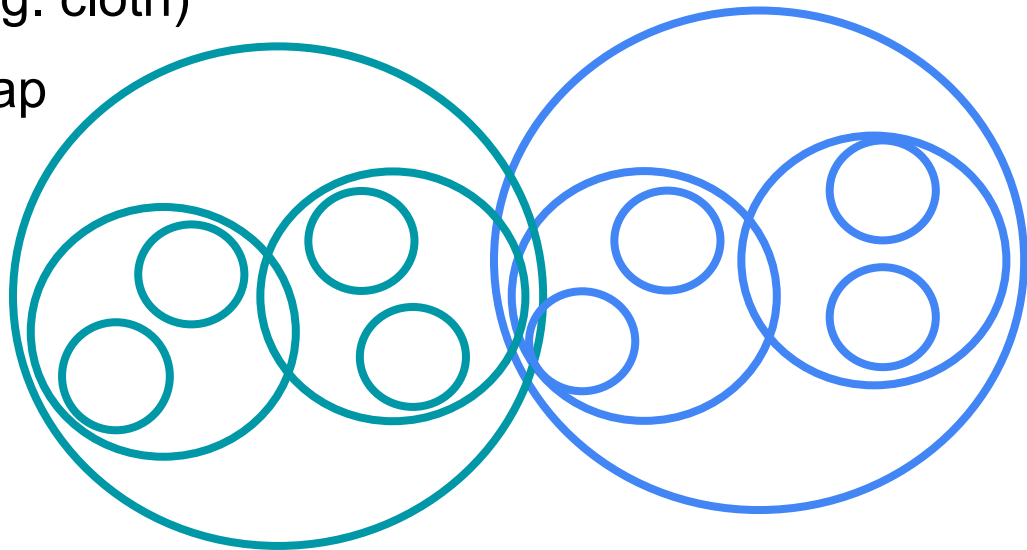
- Overlap between two axis-aligned boxes?
  - *Check if the intervals along the 3 dimensions overlap*
- Overlap test between two spheres?
  - $D(\text{center}_1, \text{center}_2) < r_1 + r_2$



# General Collision Detection

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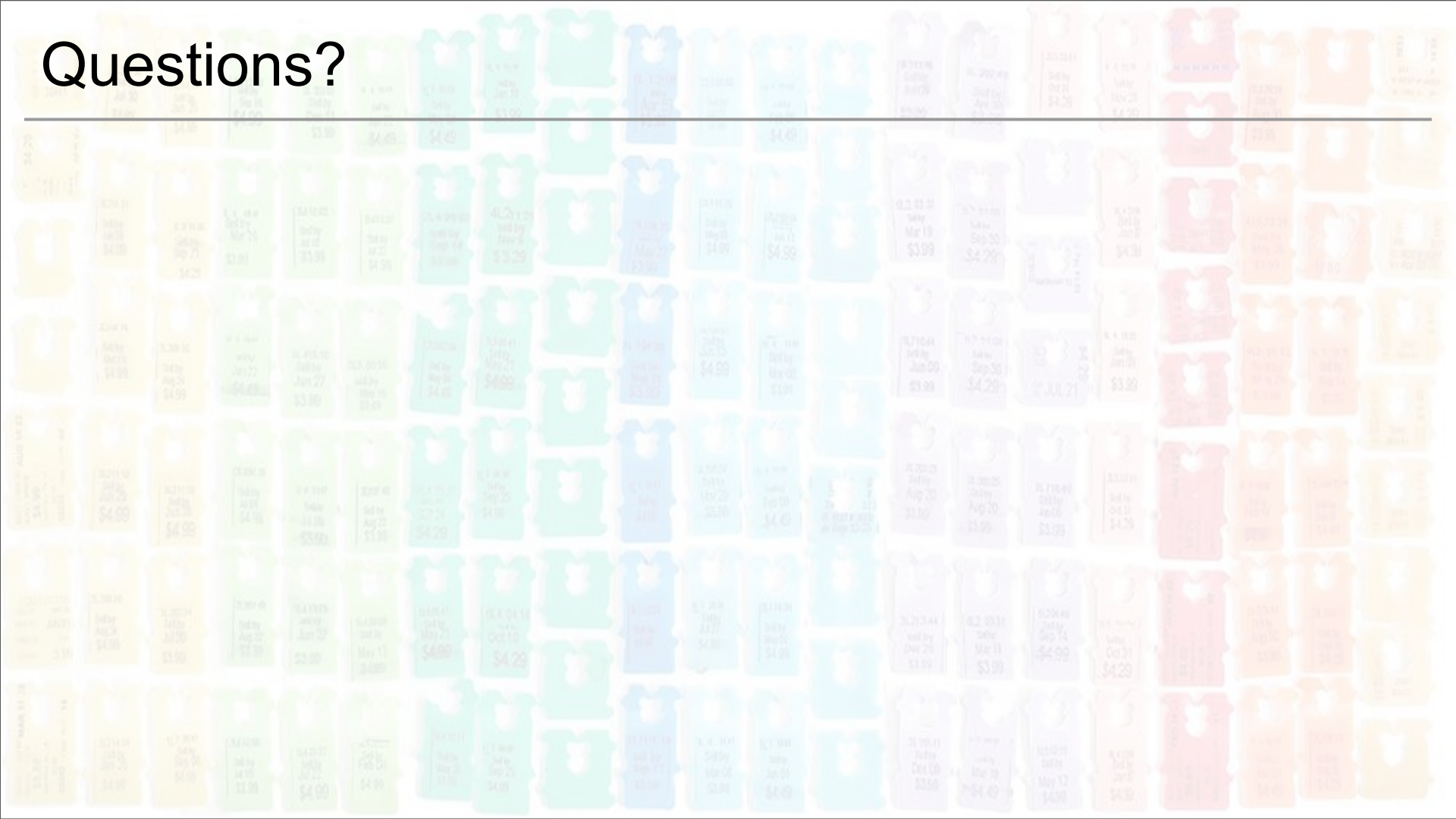
- Put a hierarchy around your objects
- Use the fast overlap test recursively
- Handle exact case at the leaves (when necessary)
- More difficult for self-collision (e.g. cloth)
  - Because there is more overlap





# Questions?

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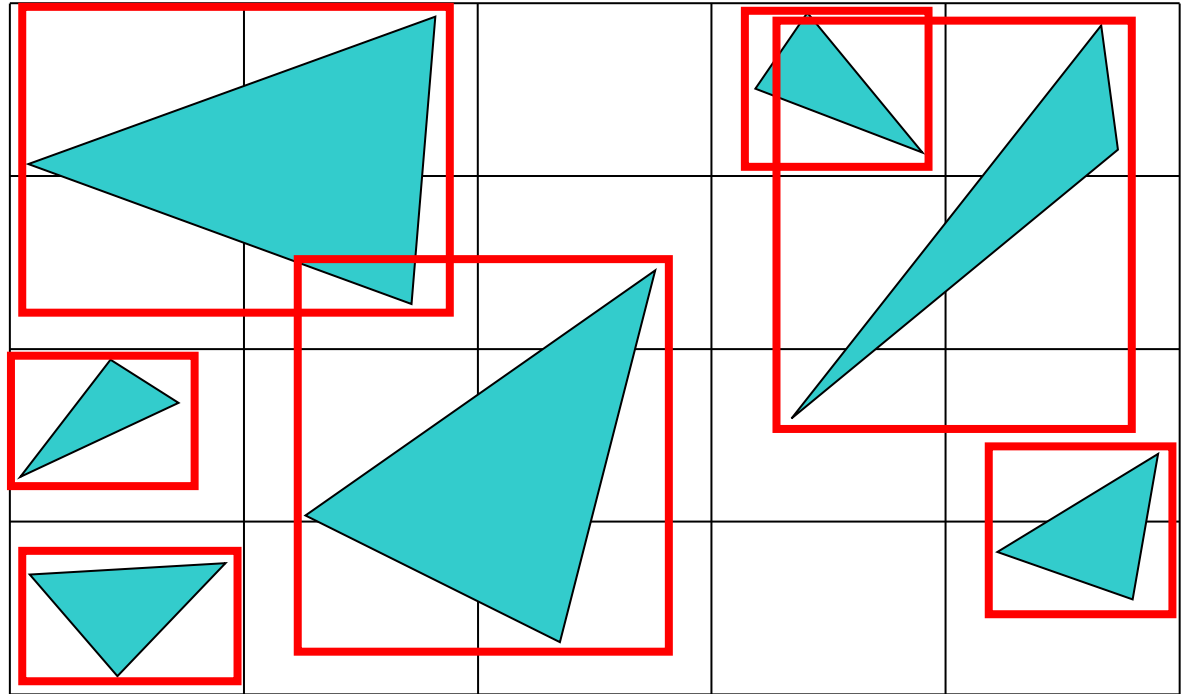
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# Fixed/Uniform/Regular Grid

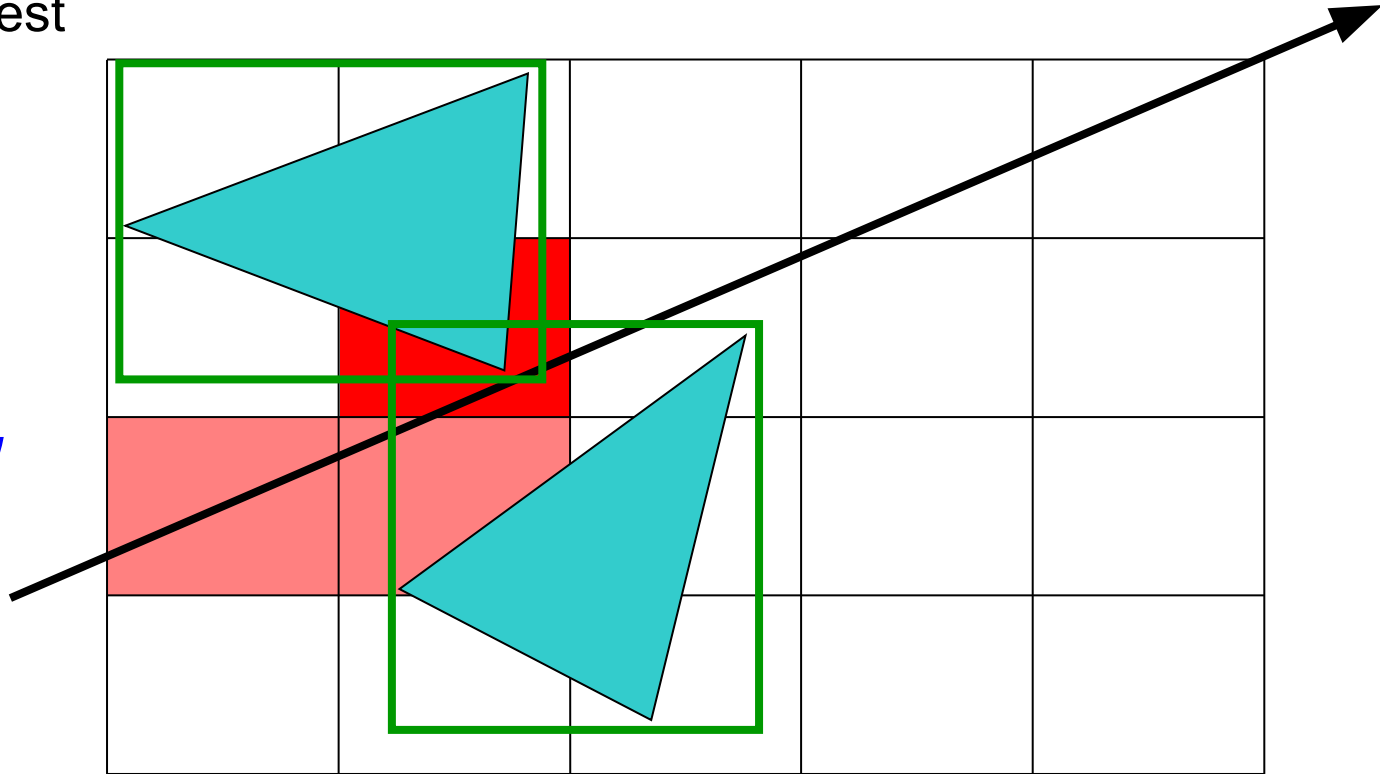
- Separate geometry into regions
- Reduces pairwise comparisons
- What to do with primitives that overlap multiple cells?

*Insert into  
multiple cells  
(use pointers)*



# For Each Cell Along a Ray

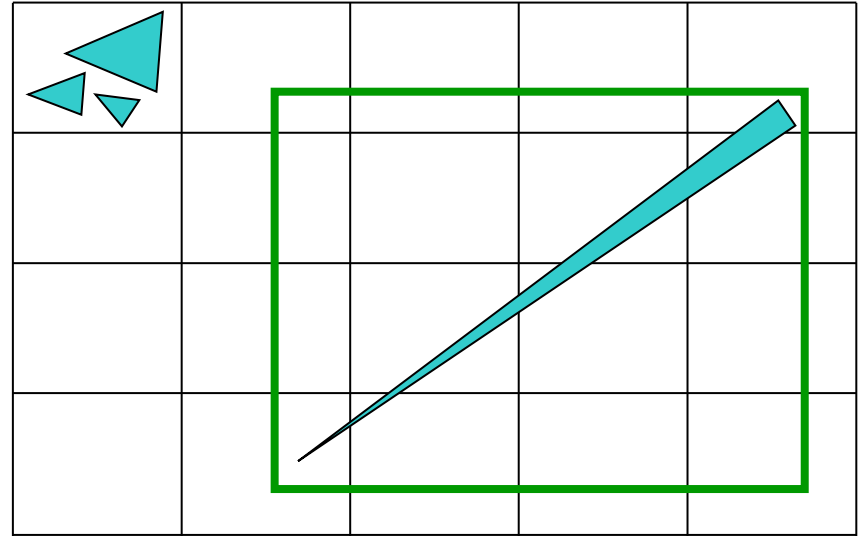
- Does the cell contain an intersection?
- Yes: return closest intersection
- No: continue to march along ray
- *Be thorough with debugging!*



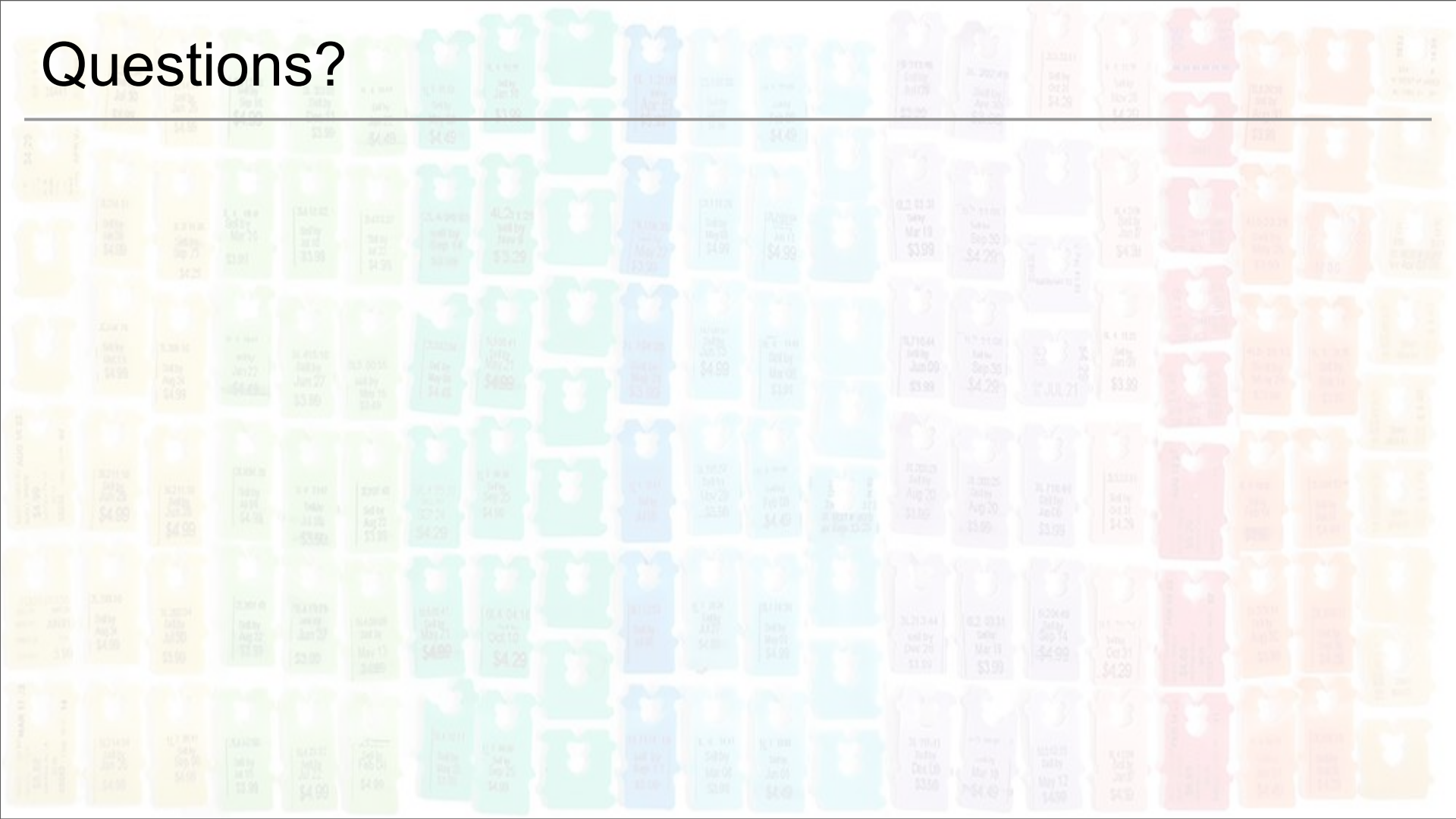
# Fixed/Uniform Grid Discussion

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- Advantages?
  - *easy to construct*
  - *easy to traverse*
- Disadvantages?
  - *may be only sparsely filled*
  - *geometry may still be clumped*
  - *object bounding box may overlap many cells*



# Questions?





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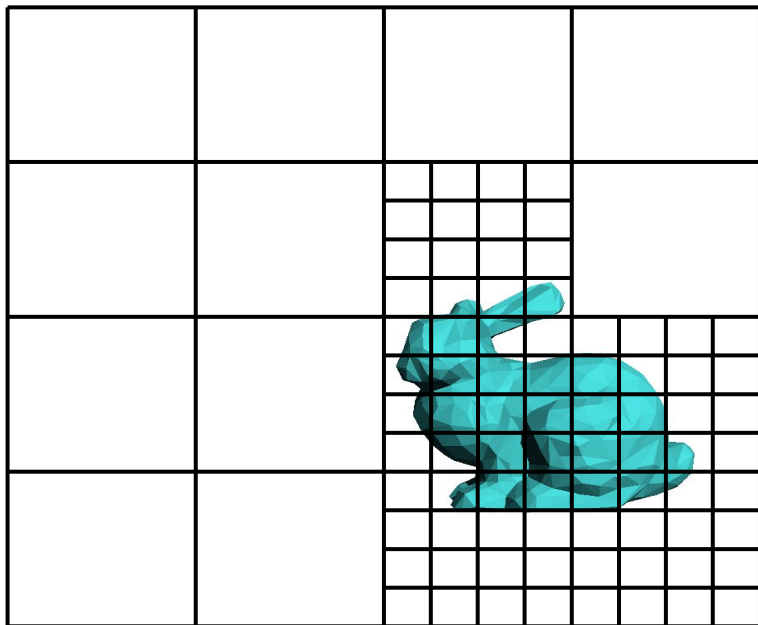
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***Adaptive Grids***

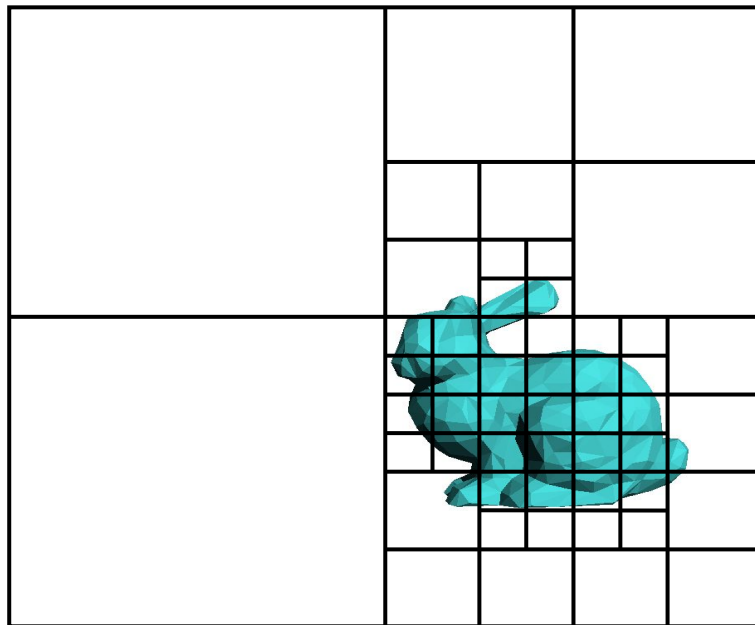
# Adaptive Grids

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- Subdivide until each cell contains no more than  $n$  elements, or maximum depth  $d$  is reached



*Nested Grids*

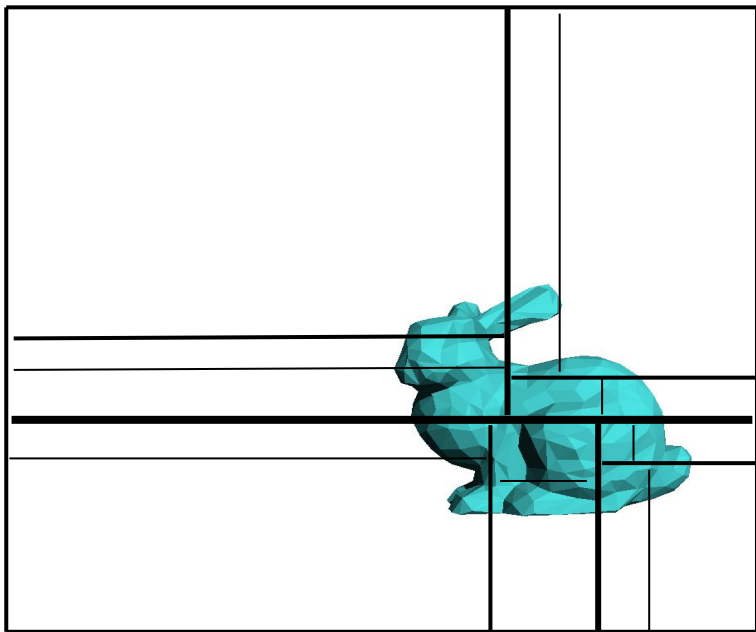


*Octree/(Quadtree)*

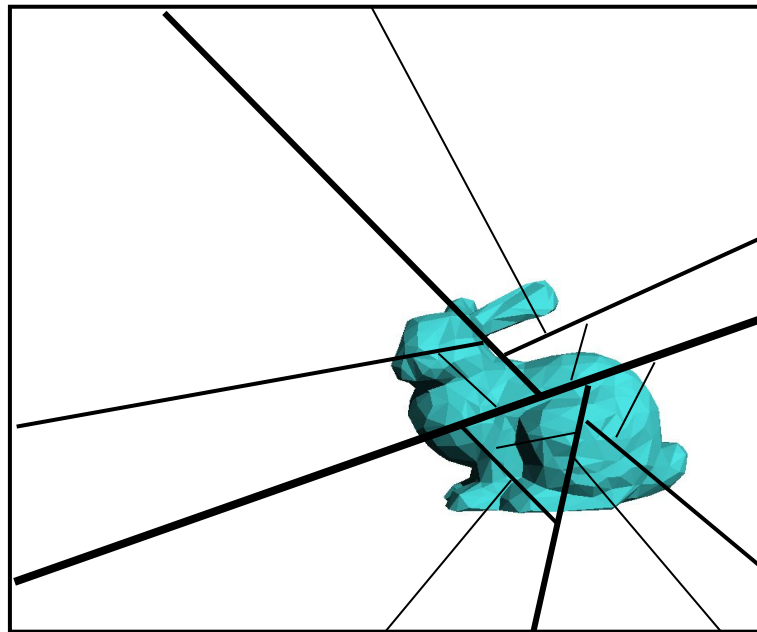
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*K-D Tree*

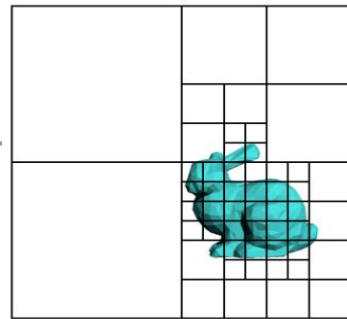


*Binary Space Partition (BSP)*

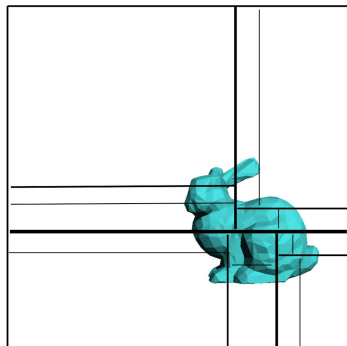
# Variations of Adaptive Grids

Quadtree/Octree

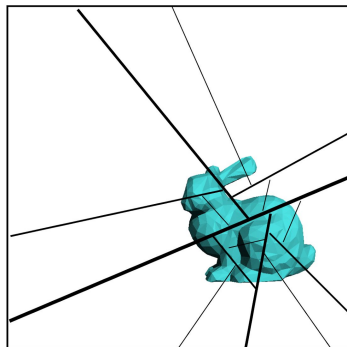
- When to split? *When a cell contains “lots” of geometry, but has not yet reached the max tree depth*
- Where to split?
  - Quadtree/Octree: *split every dimension in half, always axis aligned*
  - kd-tree: *choose one dimension (often the largest dimension) and split it axis aligned (but not necessarily at the midpoint)*
  - Binary Space Partition (BSP): *choose an arbitrary cut plane*
- Which one is best? *all improve  $O(n^2) \rightarrow O(n \log n)$  but application needs & performance details vary*



kd tree

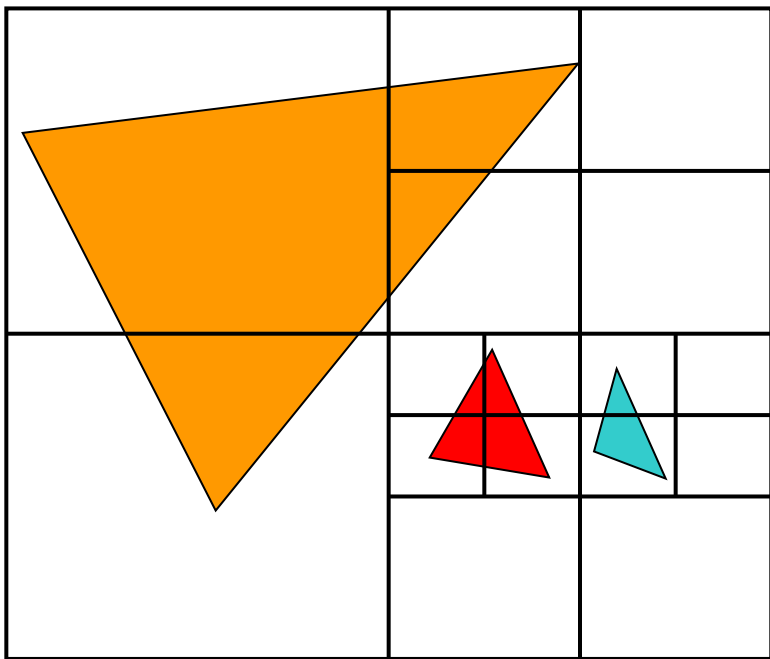


BSP

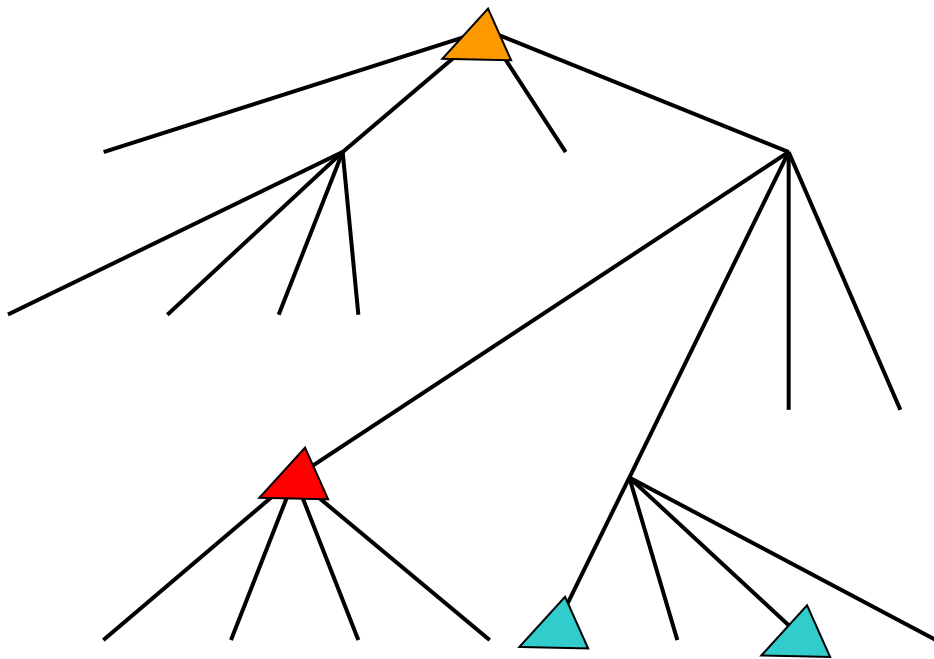


# Primitives in an Adaptive Grid

- Can live at intermediate levels, or be pushed to lowest level of grid



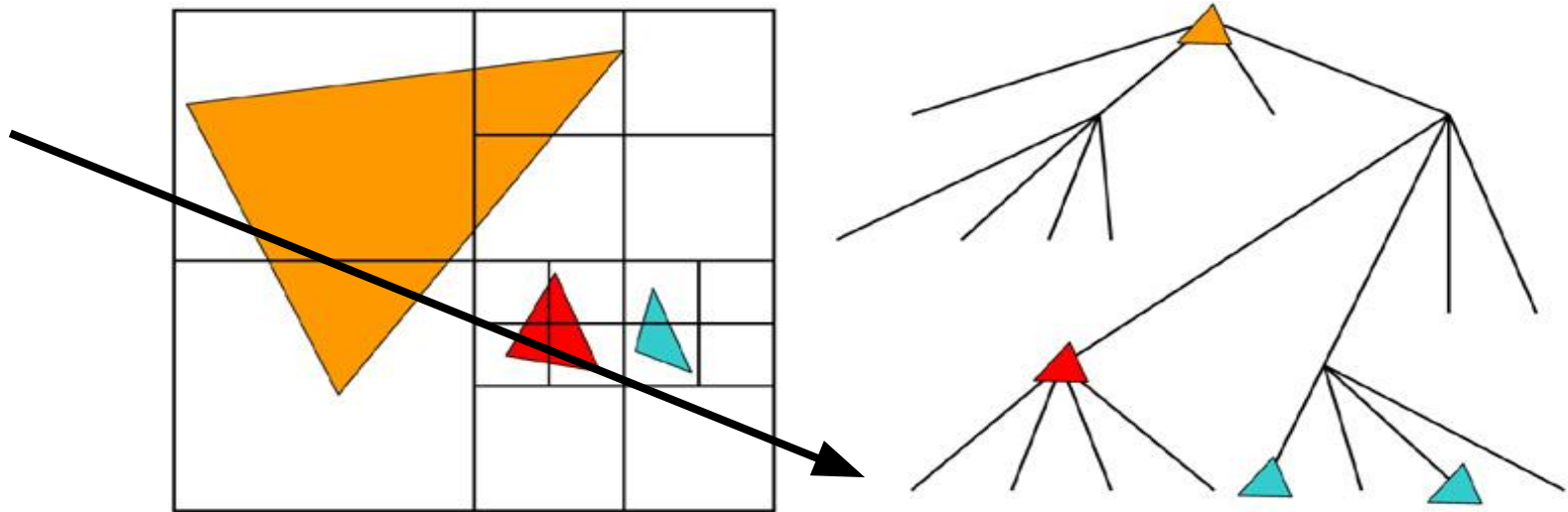
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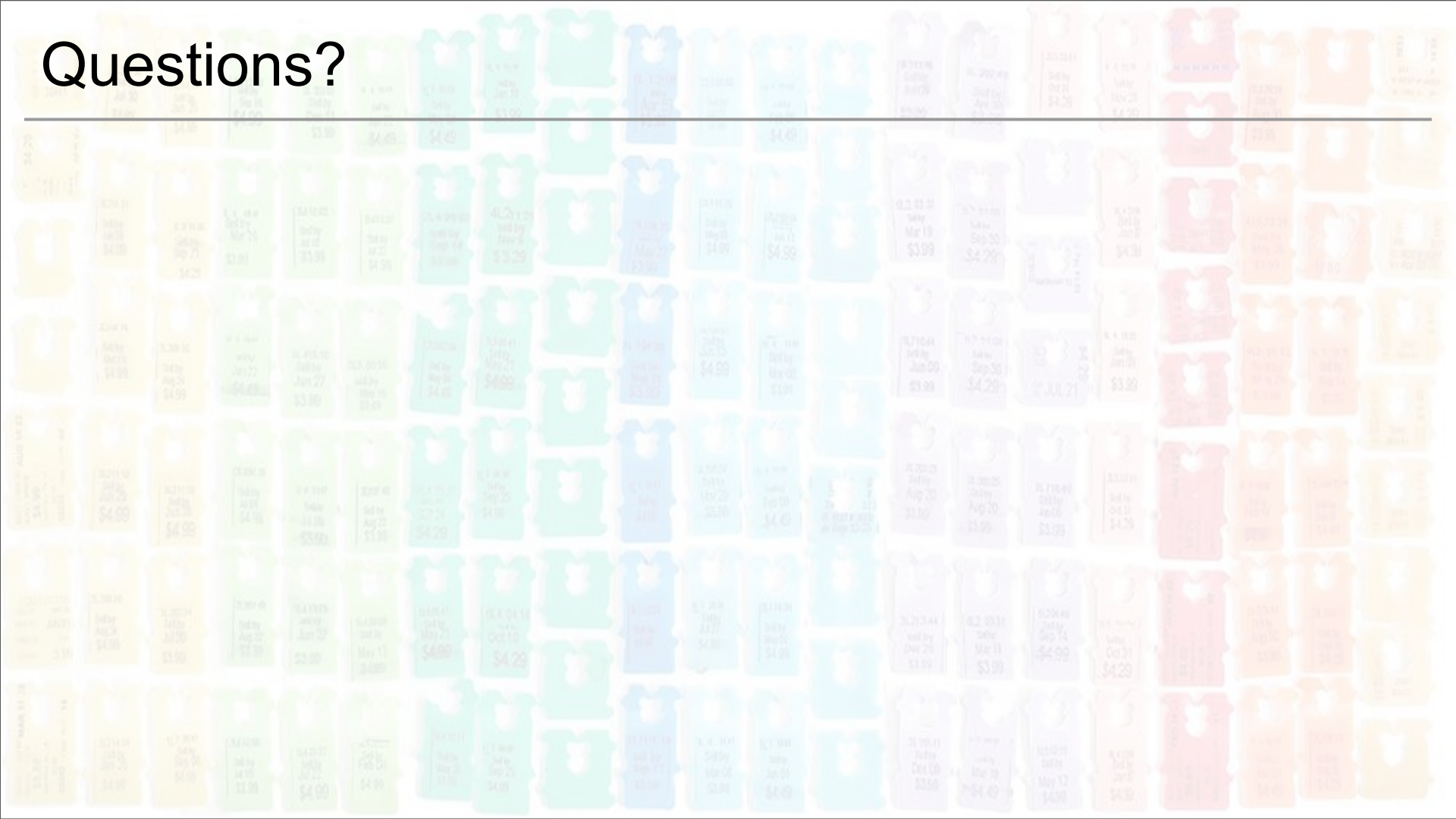
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- Advantages?
  - *grid complexity matches geometric density*
- Disadvantages?
  - *more expensive to traverse (binary tree, lots of pointers)*





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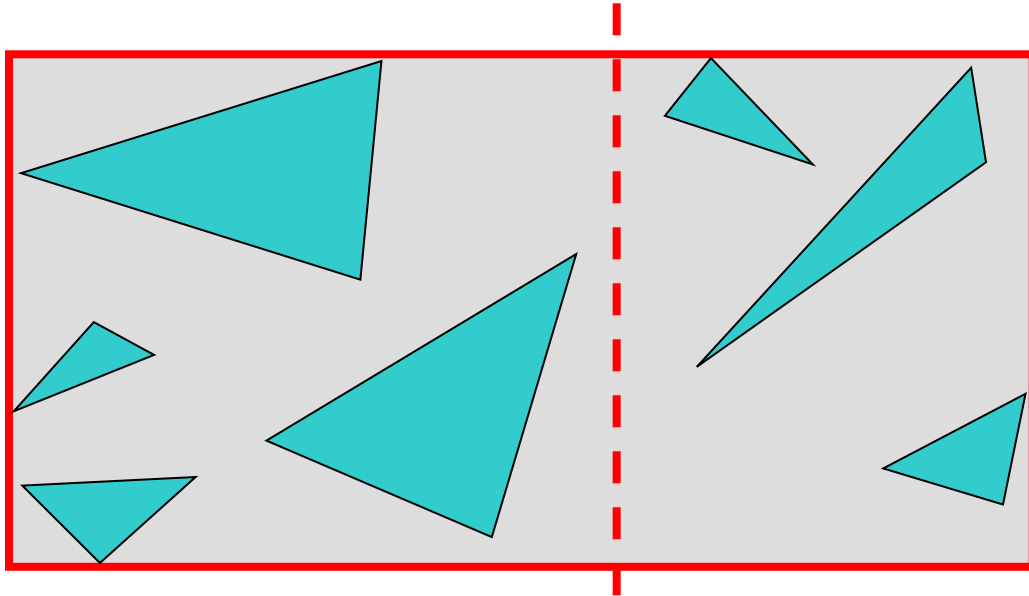
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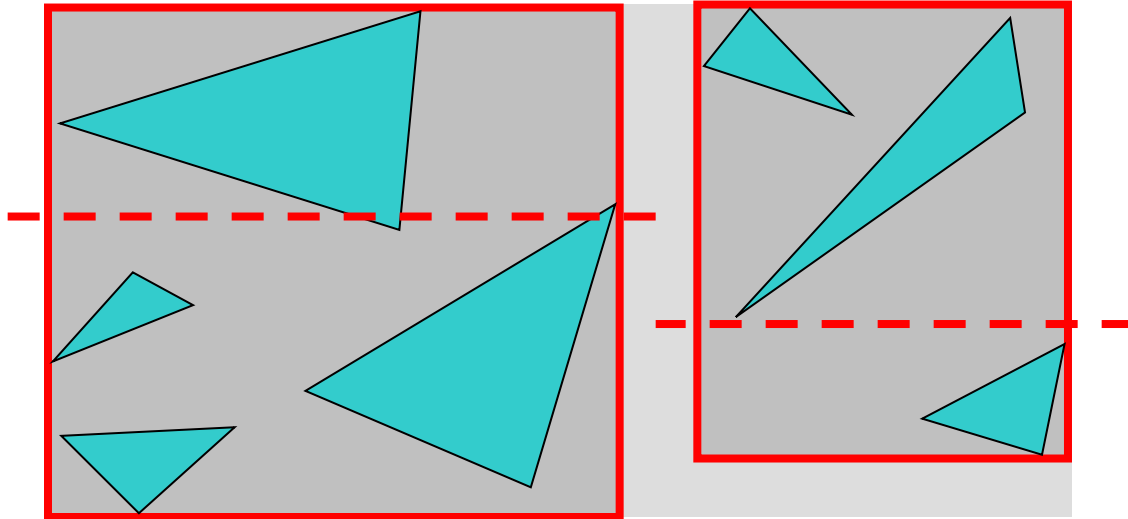
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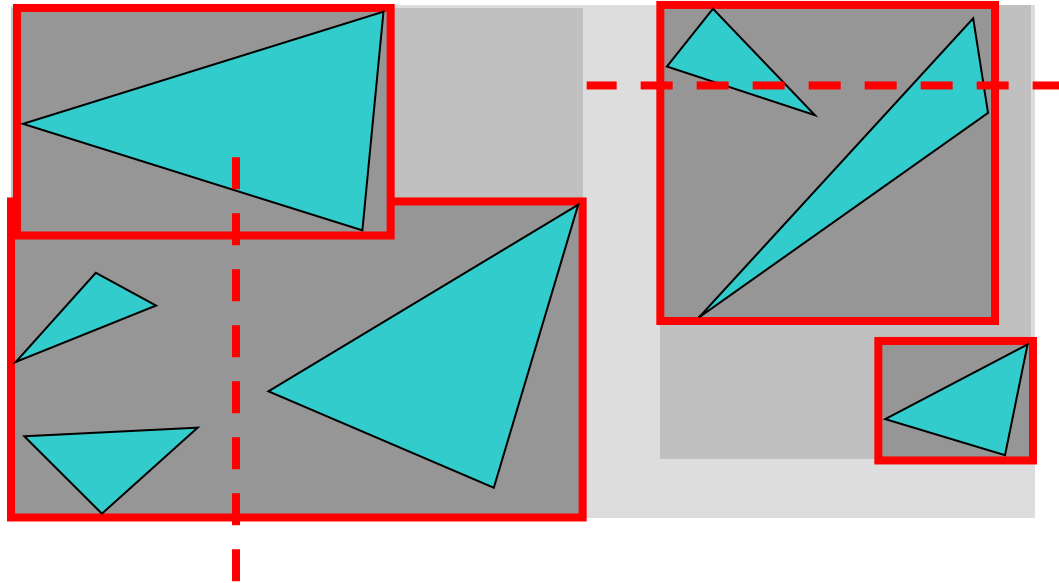
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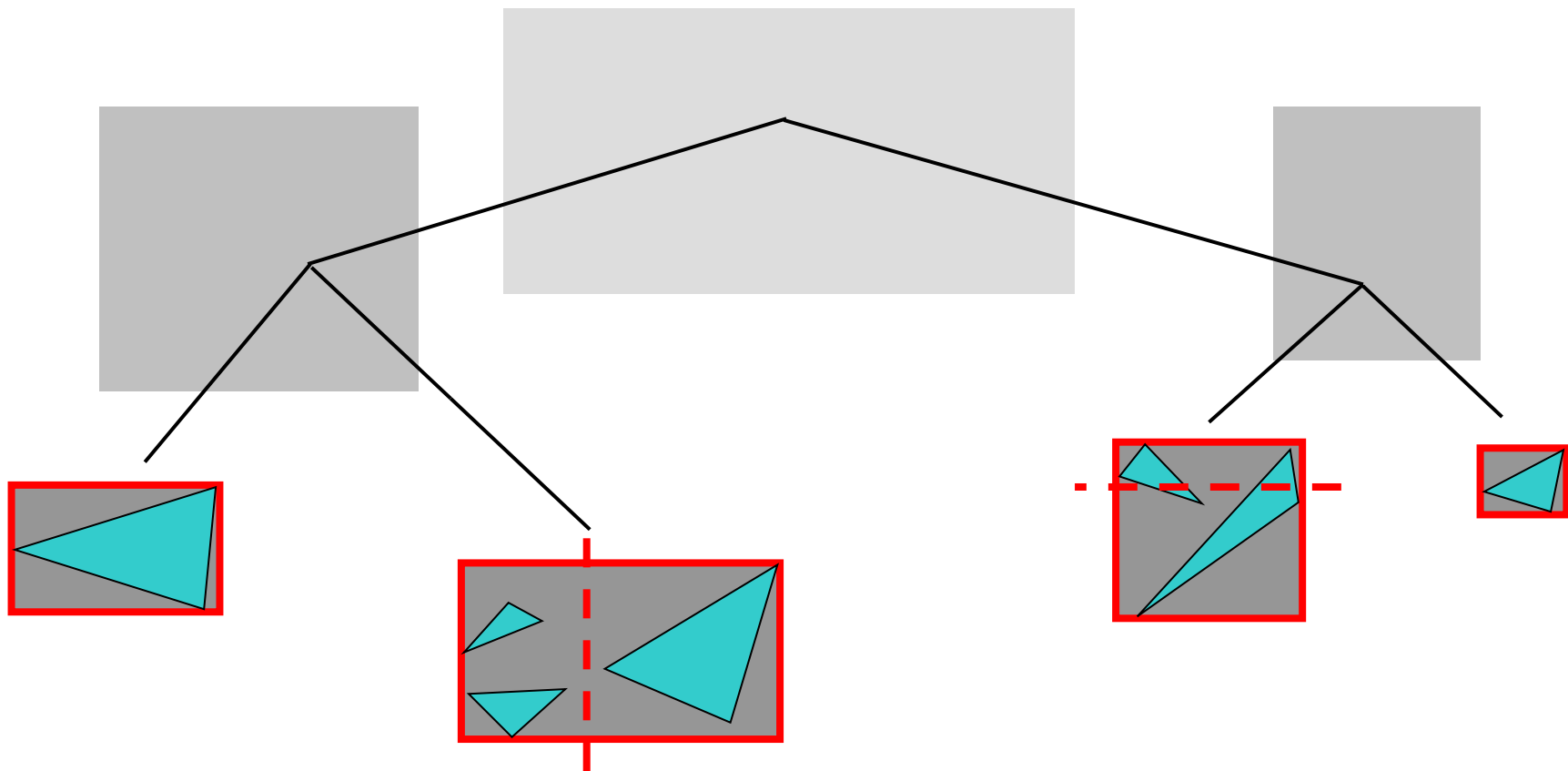
# Where to Split Objects?

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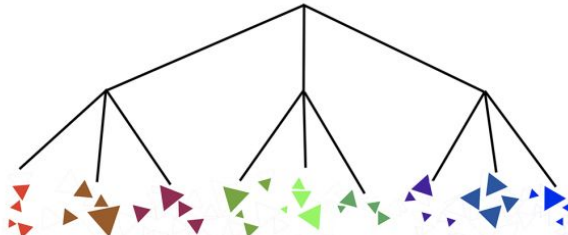
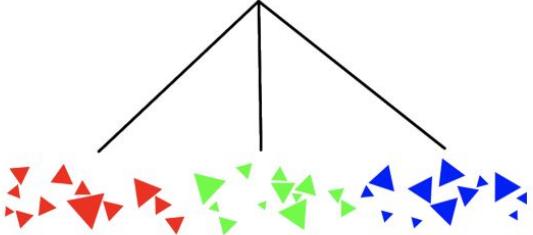
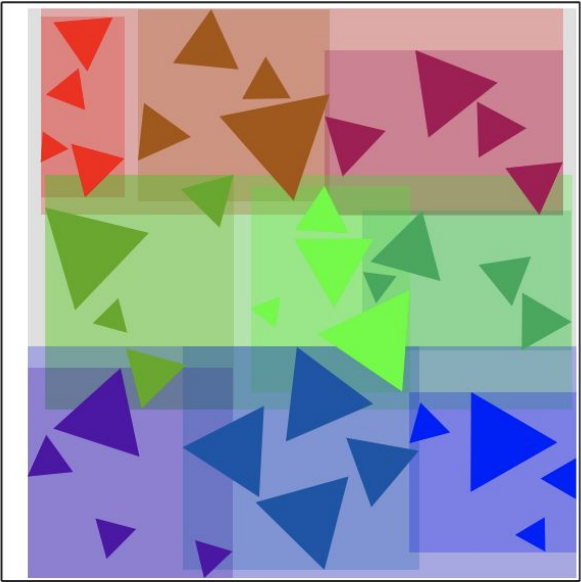
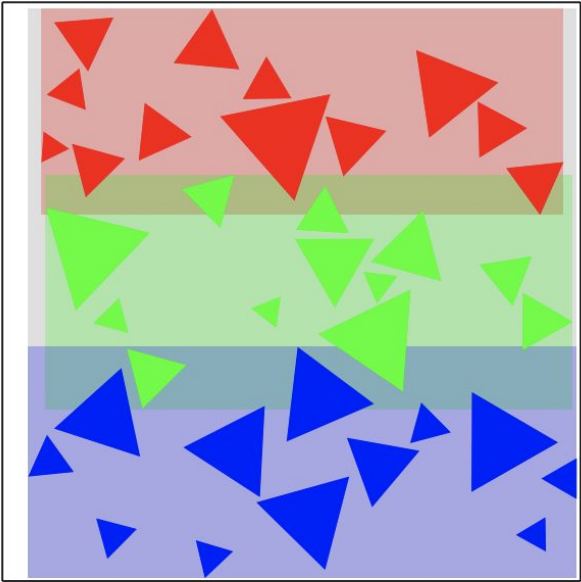
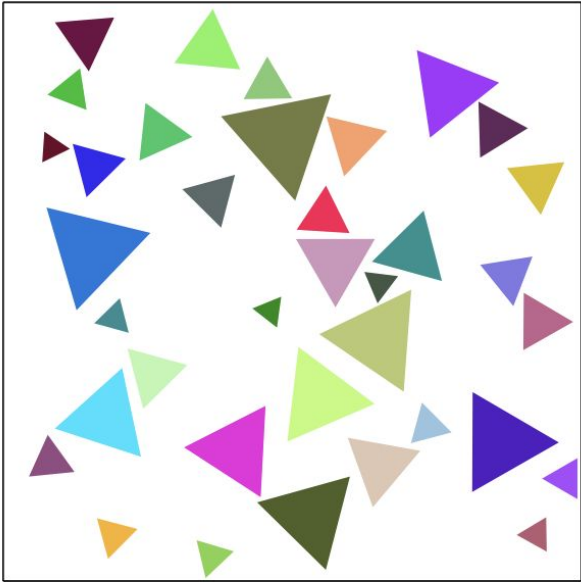
- At midpoint OR
- Sort, and put half of the objects on each side OR
- Use modeling hierarchy







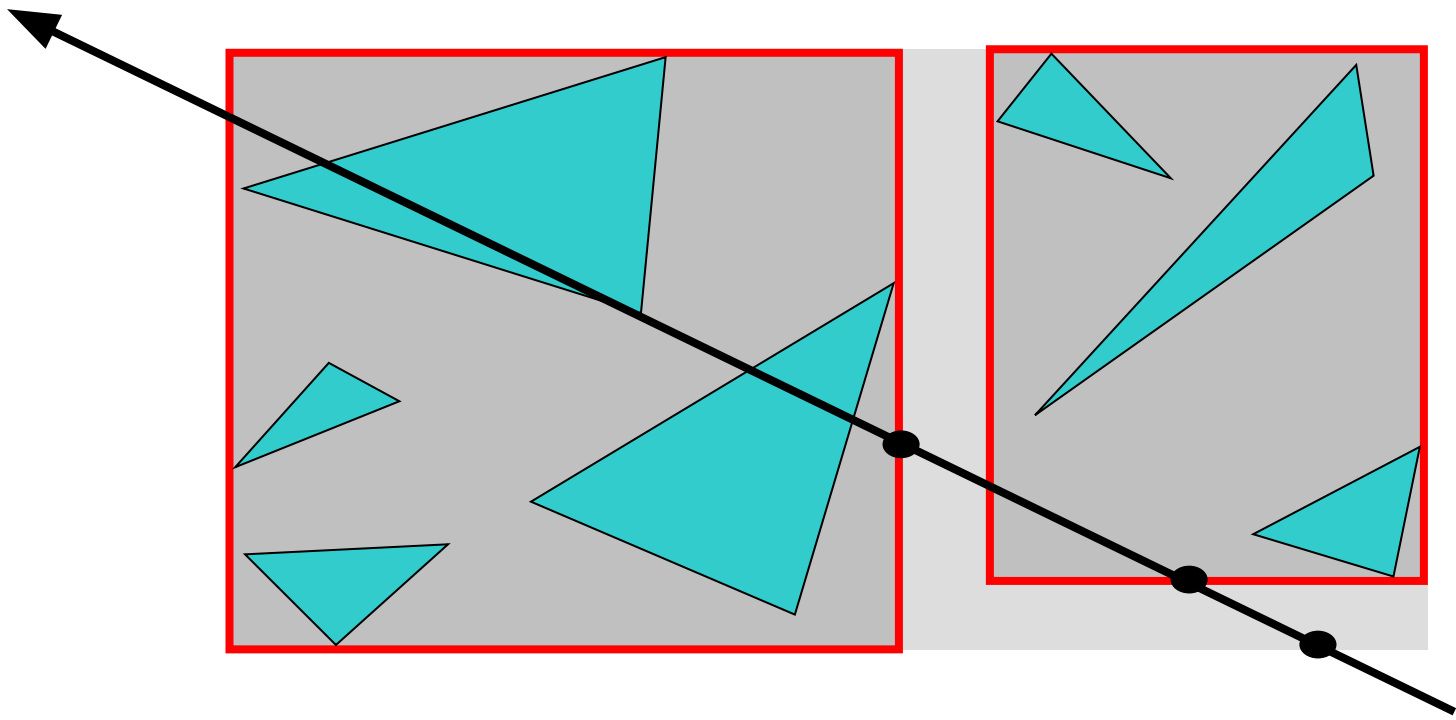
# Data Structures Homework 8



# Intersection with BVH

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- Check sub-volume with closer intersection first
- Requires careful & thorough with debugging!



# Bounding Volume Hierarchy Discussion

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- Advantages

- *easy to construct*
- *easy to traverse*
- *binary*

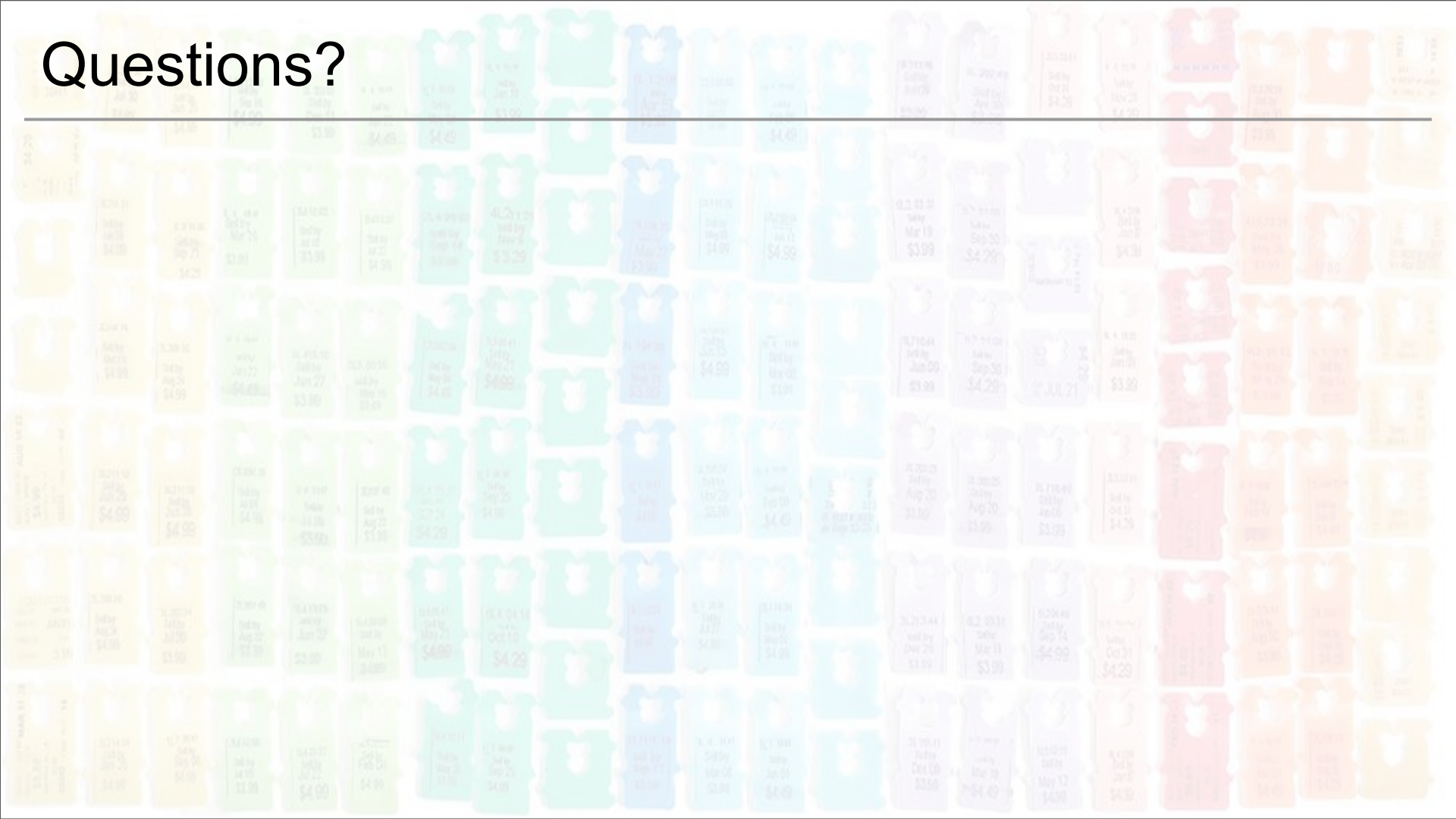
- Disadvantages

- *may be difficult to choose a good split for node*
- *poor split may result in minimal spatial pruning*



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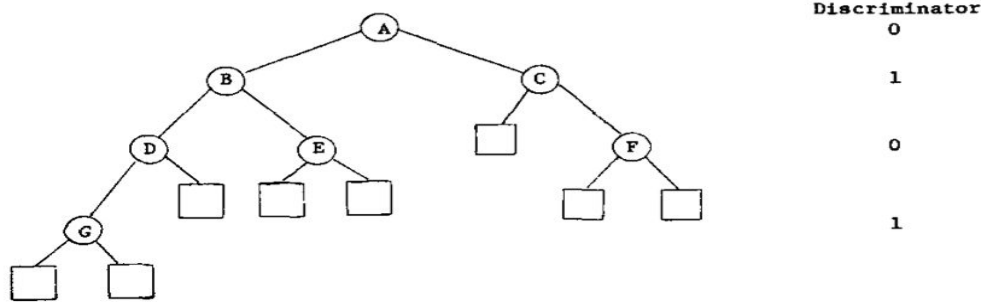
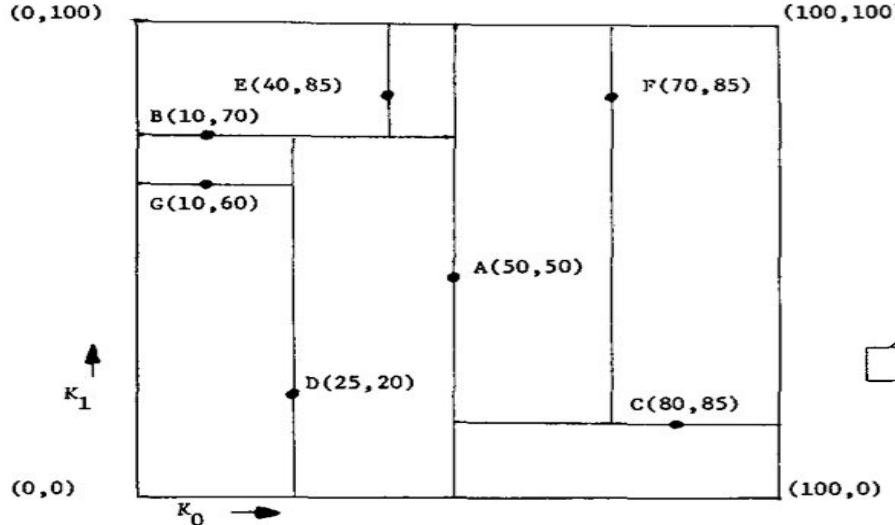
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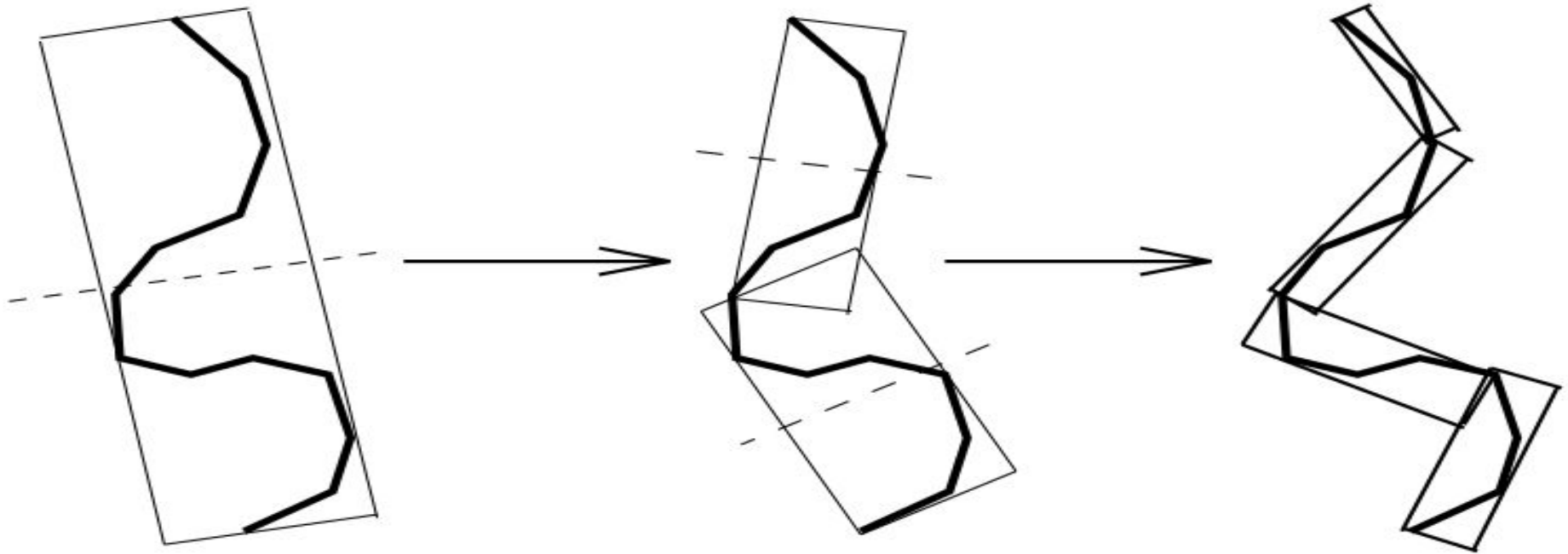
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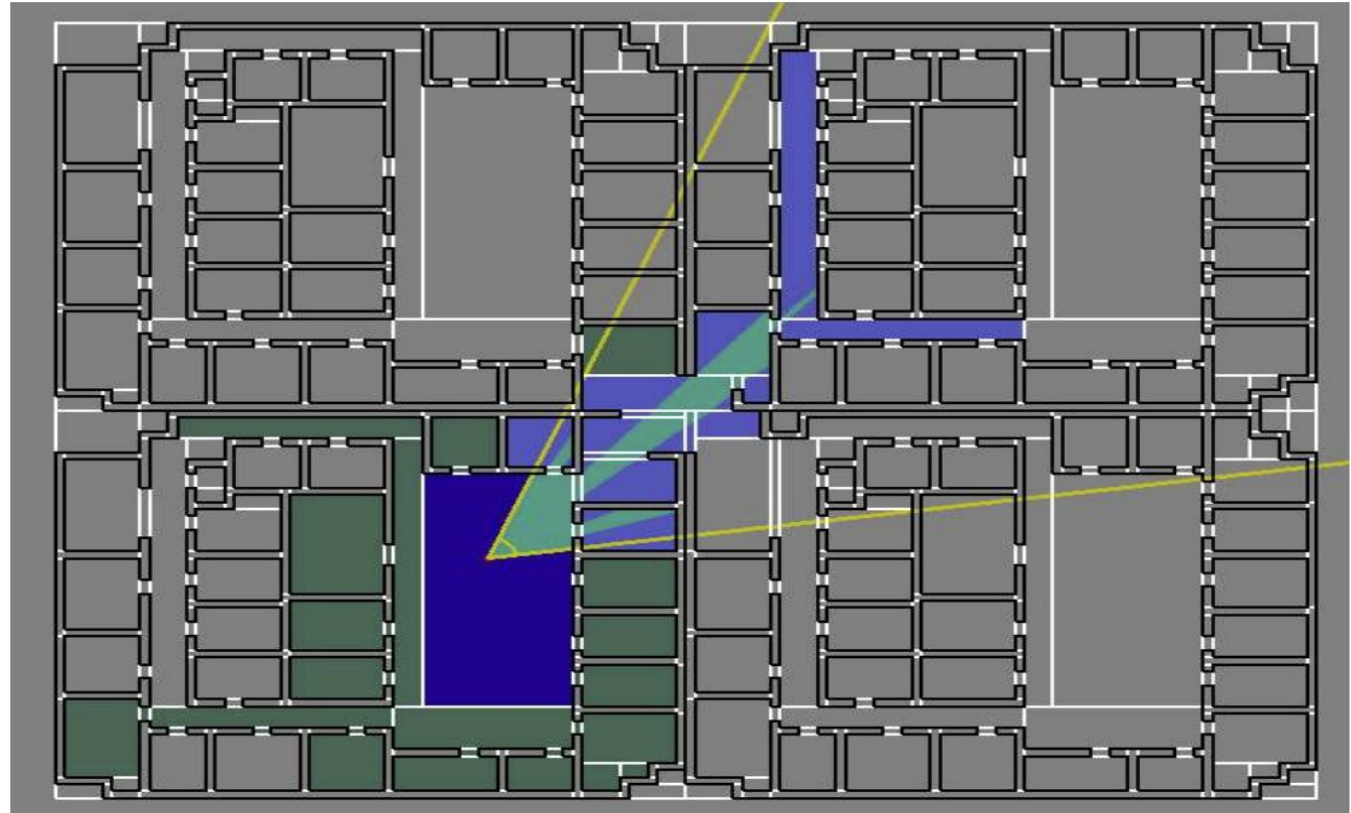
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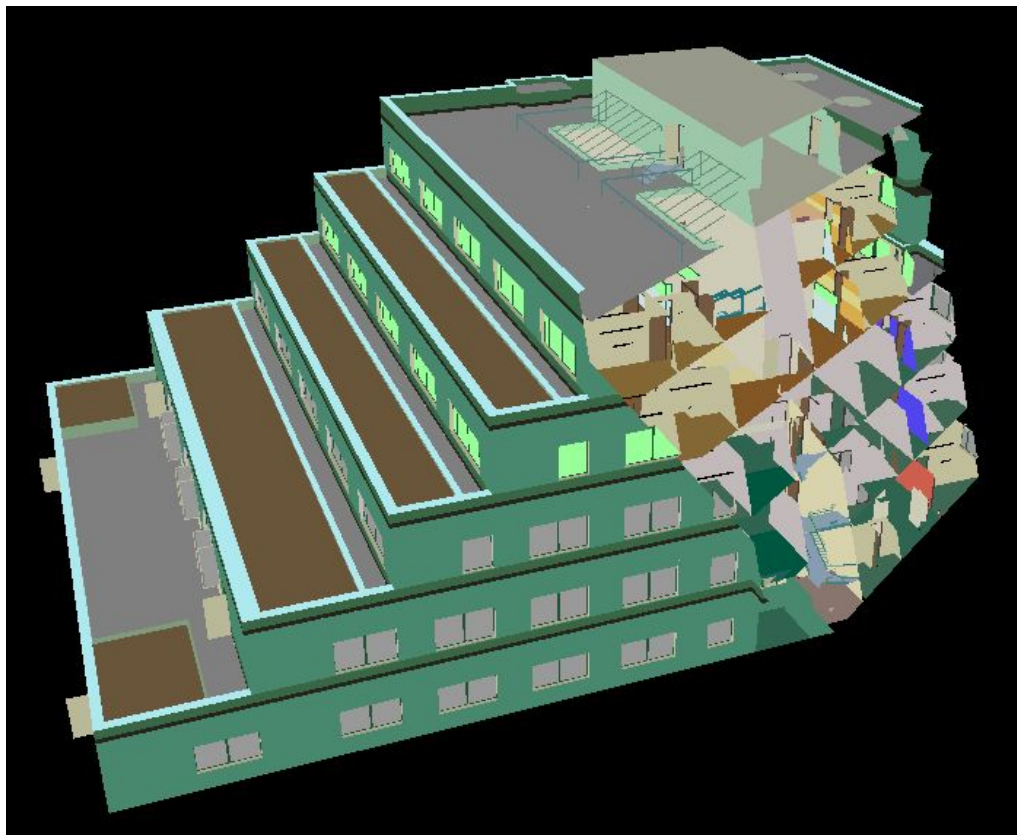
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SIGGRAPH 1991.





# Motivation: Architectural Walkthrough

- UC Berkeley's new Computer Science building
- Pre-construction visualization
- Very large dataset!
- Interactive/  
real-time  
camera motion!



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- Performance requirement: Interactive vs real time
- Conservative visibility: overestimate of polygons that might be visible (neither “exact” nor “underestimate”)
- Input assumptions - parallel to x or y axis & integer grid coordinates
- Subdivide space into ‘cells’ (rooms) & identify ‘portals’ between cells
- Portal sequences, sightlines, & stab tree
- Worst case quadratic storage not expected in typical architectural scenarios
- Temporal coherence (re-use/cache recent computations)
- 3D is challenging, windows made of many small panes of glass challenges scalability



# Today

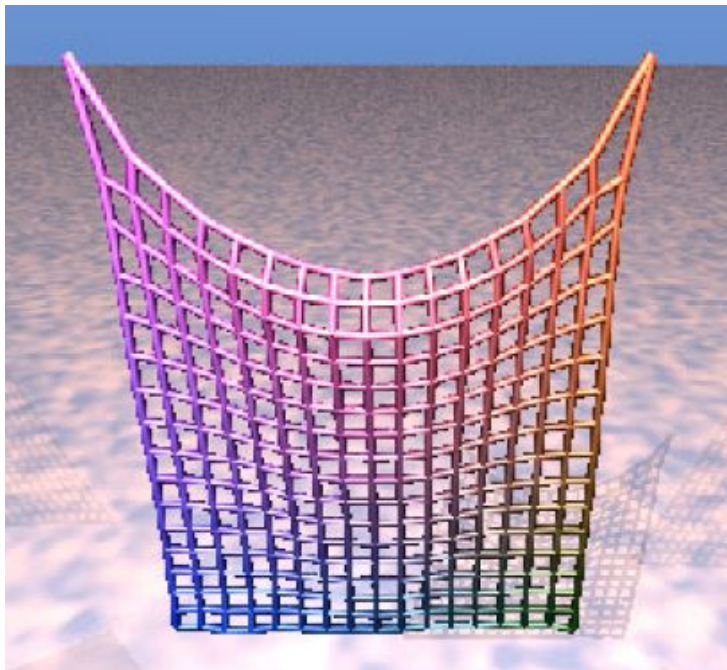
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- Worksheet on Subdivision Surfaces
- Motivation: Collision Detection is Expensive
- Conservative Bounding Region
- Spatial Acceleration Data Structures
- Readings for Today
- **Papers for Friday**

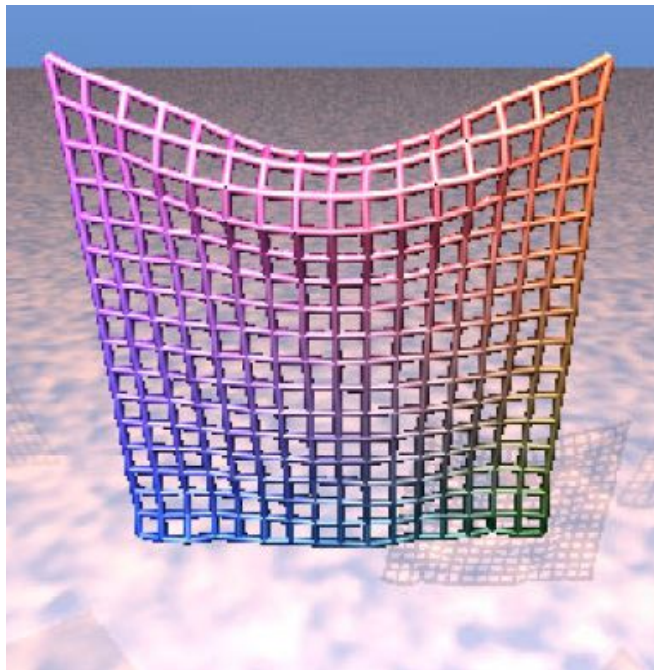
# Reading for Next Time:

*Everyone should read this paper!  
(simple cloth model used in HW2)*

- “Deformation Constraints in a Mass-Spring Model to Describe Rigid Cloth Behavior”, Provot, 1995.



*Simple mass-spring system*



*Improved solution*



# Cloth in Practice (w/ Animation)

*Optional Reading for Friday*

- Baraff, Witkin & Kass, *Untangling Cloth*, SIGGRAPH 2003

