

Convex Hulls (3D)

O'Rourke, Chapter 4

Outline



- Correction
- Polyhedra
 - Polytopes
 - Euler Characteristic
- (Oriented) Mesh Representation



For implementing the trapezoidalization, we described using a sorting function which changes dynamically:

```
float sweepHeight;

typedef function<br/>
bool (const EKey & , const EKey & ) > EComparator;

EComparator eComparator = [&](const EKey &k1 , const EKey &k2 )

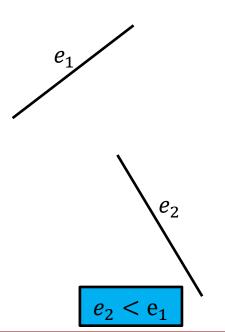
{
    // Compare the keys using the current value of sweepHeight
};
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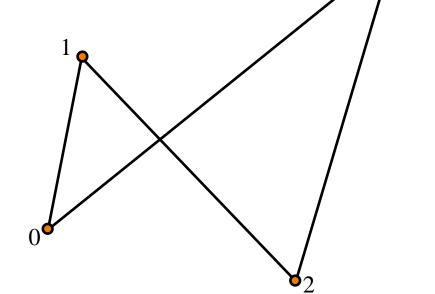
- If they do not, call the lower edge "first".
- Otherwise, draw a horizontal line through some point on the overlap of the y-spans and sort based on that.

 $e_1 < e_2$



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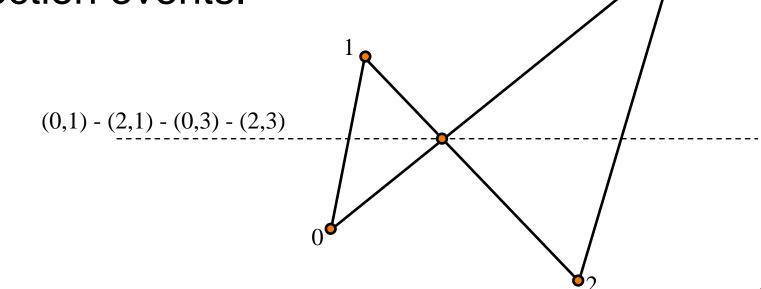
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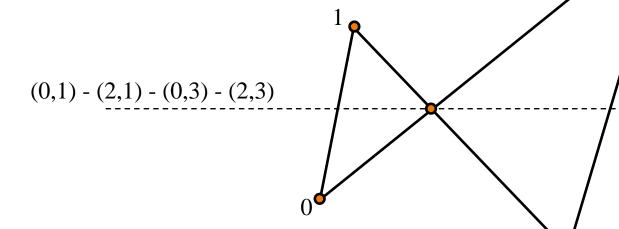
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Note: Only need to check for intersections

1. Between adjacent edges in the active-edge list

ch 2. Around newly added/removed edges

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Definition:

A *polyhedron* is a solid region in 3D space whose boundary is made up of planar polygonal faces comprising a connected 2D manifold.



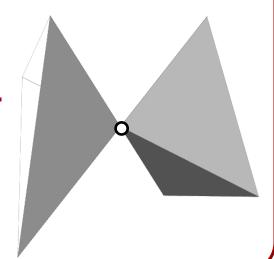
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- Intersections are proper:
 - » Elements don't overlap, or
 - » They share a single vertex, or
 - » They share an edge and the two vertices



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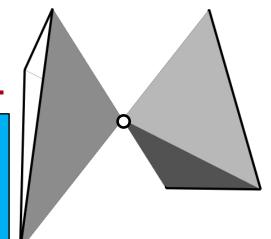




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Alternatively, the subgraph of the dual obtained by restricting to the adjacent faces (the link) is connected.





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 - » Exactly two faces meet at each edge.



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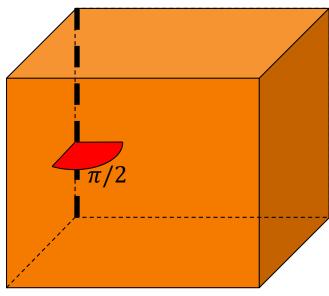
- Intersections are proper
- Locally manifold
- Globally connected

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Given an edge on a polyhedron, the dihedral angle of the edge is the internal angle between the two adjacent faces.



Aside:

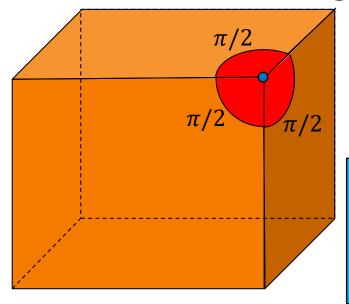
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Given a vertex on a polyhedron, the deficit angle at the vertex is 2π minus the sum of angles around the vertex.



$$\Rightarrow \pi/2$$

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The deficit angle is a discrete measure of Gauss curvature.

Polytopes



A convex polyhedron is a *polytope*:

- Non-negative mean curvature:
 All dihedral angles are less than or equal to π.
 (Necessary and sufficient.)
- Non-negative Gaussian curvature: Sum of angles around a vertex is at most 2π . (Necessary but not sufficient). Schwarz Lantern

Image courtesy of https://www.cut-the-knot.org/



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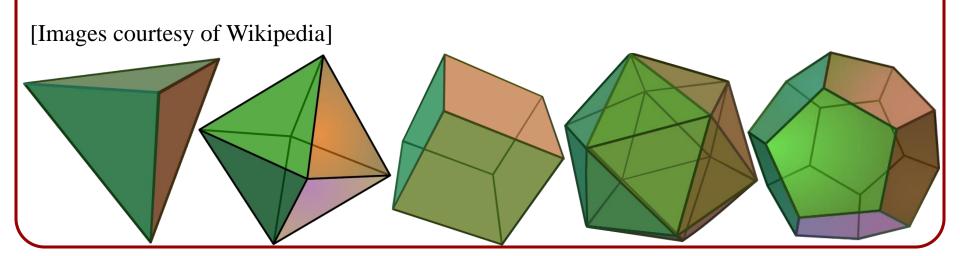
A regular polygon is a polygon with equal sides and equal angles.

A regular polyhedron is a convex polyhedron, with all faces congruent regular polygons and vertices having the same valence.



Claim:

The five platonic solids are the only regular polyhedra.





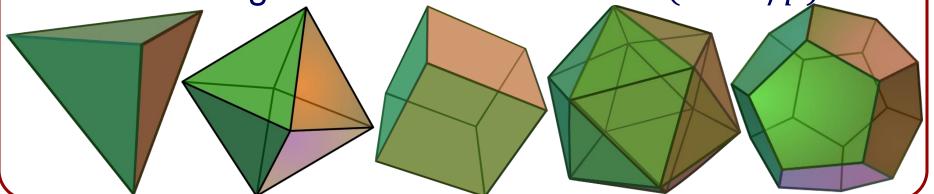
Proof:

Assume each face is p-sided:

- \Rightarrow The sum of angles in a face is $\pi(p-2)$
- \Rightarrow The angle at each vertex is $\pi(1-2/p)$

Assume each vertex has valence v:

 \Rightarrow The angle-sum at a vertex is $v\pi (1-2/p)$





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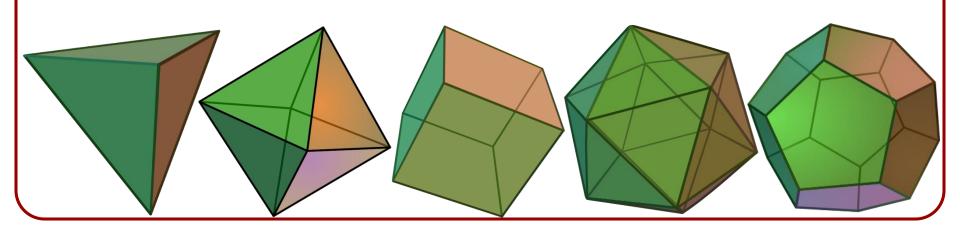
Since the polyhedron is convex:

$$v\pi(1-2/p) < 2\pi \iff v(1-2/p) < 2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow v(p-2) < 2p$$

$$\Leftrightarrow vp-2v-2p < 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (p-2)(v-2)-4 < 0$$



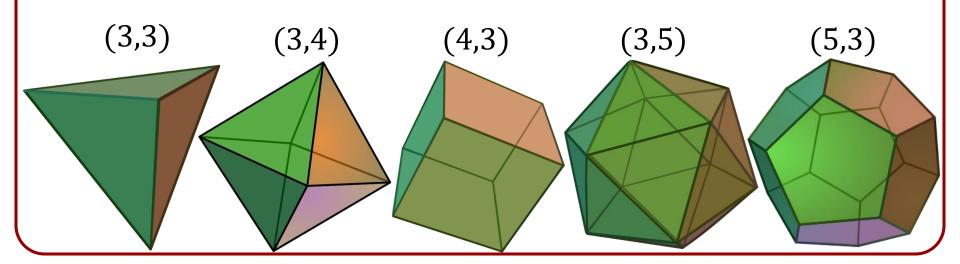


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Since $p, v \ge 3$, valid options are (p, v):





The platonic solids come in dual pairs, where one solid is obtained from the other by replacing faces with vertices:

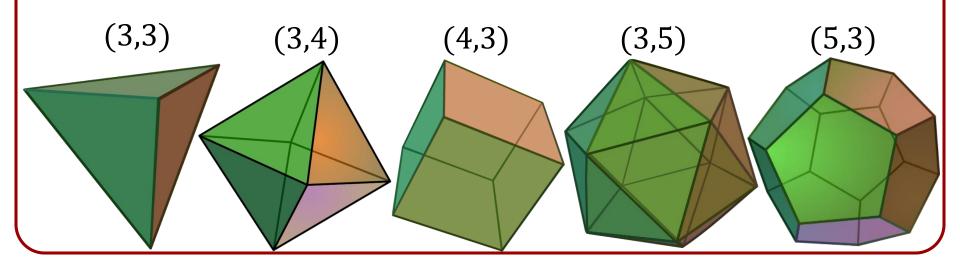
Cube ↔ Octahedron

Icosahedron

→ Dodecahedron

Tetrahedron

→ Tetrahedron





The boundary of a polyhedron can be expressed as a combination of vertices, edges, and faces:

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- Locally manifold
- Globally connected

- Geometric

Topological



If we ignore the vertex positions, we get a combinatorial structure composed of faces (cells), edges, and vertices.*



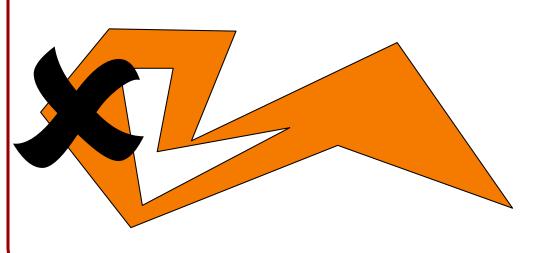
[Nivoliers and Levy, 2013]

^{*}These are CW complexes. (And, if faces are triangles, these are simplicial complexes).



Properties (CW Complex):

- Faces intersect at edges and vertices.
- Edges are topologically line segments and intersect at vertices.
- Interiors of faces have disk-topology and the boundary is a polygon made up of edges.







Properties (Manifold):

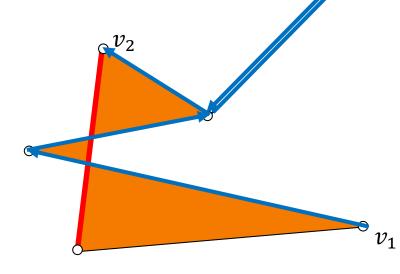
- Each vertex is on the boundary of some edge.
- Each edge is on the boundary of some face.
- Edges around a vertex can be sorted.
- An edge is on the boundary of two faces.



Note:

Given a topological polygon P, and given an edge $e \in P$ that only occurs once on P:

For any vertices $v_1, v_2 \in P$ there is a path from v_1 to v_2 that doesn't pass through e.



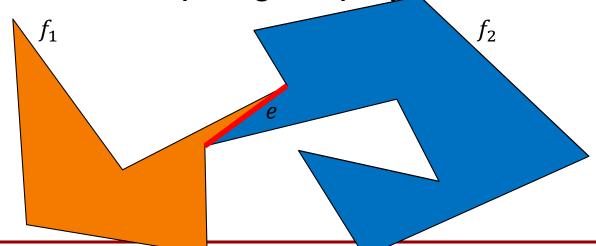


Claim:

If f_1 and f_2 are distinct faces of a topological polyhedron which share an edge e, then:

- replacing f_1 and f_2 with $f_1 \cup f_2$, and
- removing e from the edge list,

we still have a valid topological polyhedron.





Proof (CW Complex):

The edges/vertices of $f_1 \cup f_2$ are in the complex.

*Since the intersection $f_1 \cap f_2$ is connected and the interiors of f_1 and f_2 have disktopology, the interior of $f_1 \cup f_2$ also has disktopology.

^{*}This is just a sketch of the proof.



Proof (CW Complex):

The boundary of $f_1 \cup f_2$ is connected.

- Let $v \in e$ be an end-point.
- For $v_1, v_2 \in f_1 \cup f_2$, there is a curve connecting v to each v_i that does not contain the edge e.
- Concatenating the two curves we connect v_1 to v_2 along the boundary of $f_1 \cup f_2$.



Proof (Manifold):

The smaller polyhedron still passes through all the vertices.

The edge *e* is removed and all other edges remain adjacent to a face.



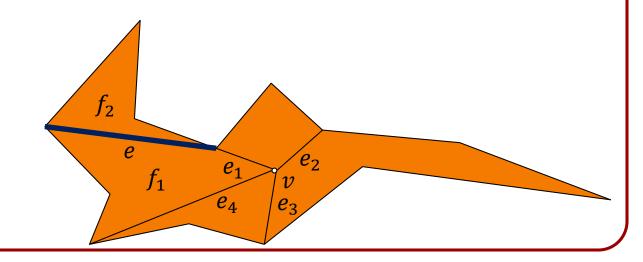
Proof (Manifold Edges):

The old edges still have only two faces on them (or one face twice).



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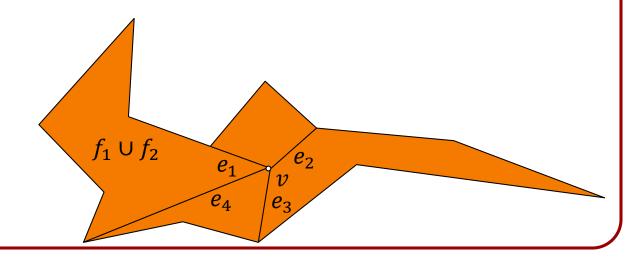
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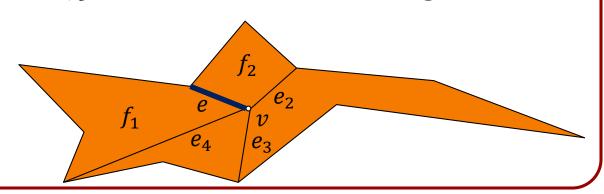


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Then e_k and e_2 are consecutive edges on $f_1 \cup f_2$ so $\{e_2, \dots, e_k\}$ is a valid ordering.



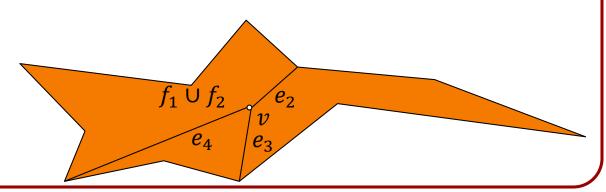


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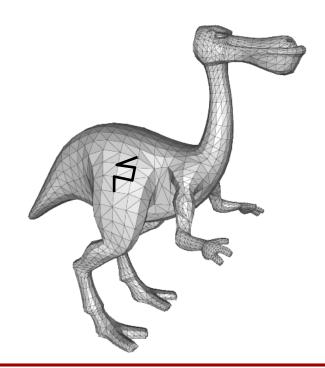
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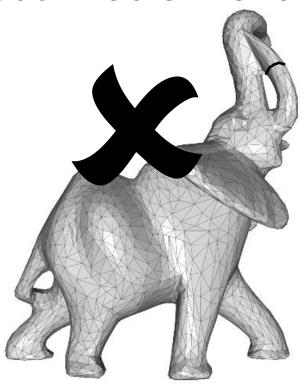


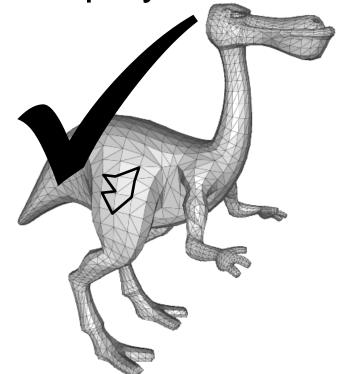
A (connected) *curve* on a topological polyhedron is a list of edges such that the ending vertex of one edge is the starting vertex of the next.

A *closed curve* is a curve whose starting and ending points are the same.



A polyhedron is *genus-0* (or *simply connected*) if every non-trivial closed curve disconnects the faces of the polyhedron.

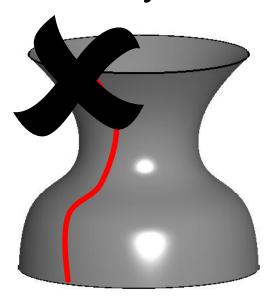


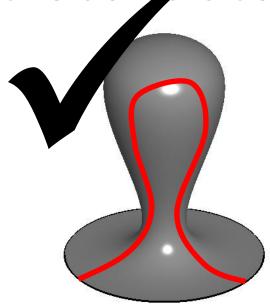




Aside:

The definition can be extended to surfaces with boundary if curves that start and end at the boundary are also considered closed.







Equivalently, given a topological polyhedron P we can define the dual graph $P^* = (V^*, E^*)$.

- \Rightarrow A curve $C \subset E$ corresponds to a set of dual edges $C^* \subset E^*$ of the dual.
- $\Rightarrow P$ is genus-0 if removing C^* disconnects P^* .



- 1. There is a continuous map from a polytope to a sphere.
 - (e.g. Put the center of mass at the origin and normalize the positions.)
- 2. By the Jordan Curve Theorem the sphere is genus-zero.

One Can Show:

⇒ The polytope must also be genus-0.



For a genus-0 polyhedron P, the number of vertices, |V|, the number of edges, |E|, and the number of faces, |F|, satisfy:

$$|V| - |E| + |F| = 2$$

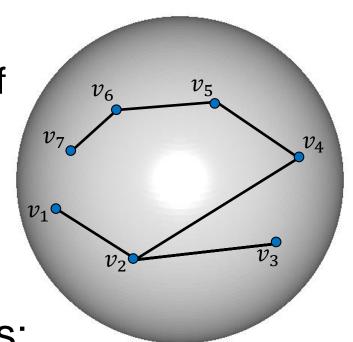


Base case: |F| = 1

We have:

$$\circ \quad V = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$$

*The edges on the boundary of the face form a connected tree (otherwise there is a closed loop and the interior of the face is disconnected).



Then there are n-1 edges:

$$|V| - |E| + |F| = n - (n - 1) + 1 = 2$$

*This is just a sketch of the proof.



Induction: Assume true for |F| = n - 1

Find $e \in E$ shared by two distinct faces.

If no such e exists, then all faces are adjacent to themselves, which contradicts the assumption that the polyhedron is connected.

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Find $e \in E$ shared by two distinct faces. Remove e and merge the two adjoining faces, f_1 and f_2 .

Claim:

The new polyhedron, P', is still genus-0.



Proof (P' is genus-zero):

Let C be a non-trivial curve on P'.

- \Rightarrow C is a non-trivial curve on P with $e \notin C$.
- \Rightarrow f_1 and f_2 are in the same component.
- \Rightarrow C disconnects $f_1 \cup f_2$ from a face g on P.
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P' is genus-0 with |E|-1 edges, |F|-1 faces, and |V| vertices.

By the induction hypothesis we have:

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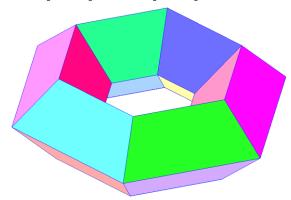


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More Generally:

If a polygon mesh is genus-g (g is the number of handles) then:

$$|V| - |E| + |F| = 2 - 2g$$
.



$$|V| = 24$$
, $|E| = 48$, $|F| = 24$

[Wikipedia: Toroidal Polyhedron]



Implication:

The number of faces and edges is linear in the number of vertices.



Proof:

Assume all faces are triangles. (Triangulating only increase |F| and |E|.)

Since each edge is shared by two triangles: |E| = 3|F|/2

Using Euler's Formula:

$$|V| - |E| + |F| = 2$$
 \updownarrow
 $|F| = 2|V| - 4 \text{ and } |E| = 3|V| - 6$

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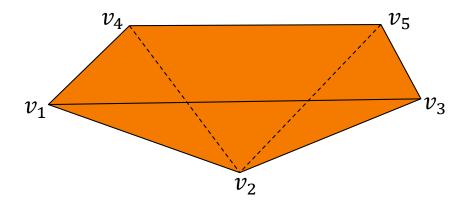
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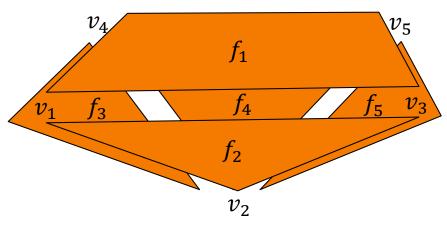
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1	-1	-1	0		
2	0	0	-1		
3	1	-1	0		
4	-1	1	0		
5	1	1	0		

Face List					
ld	#	lr	ndi	ce	S
1	4	1	3	5	4
2	3	1	2	3	
3	3	4	2	1	
4	3	5	2	4	
5	3	3	2	5	





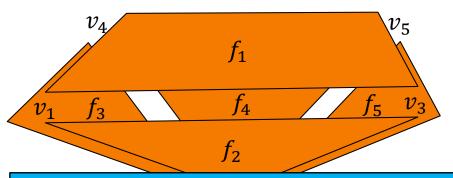
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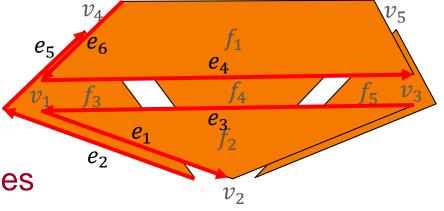
- Variable sized rows
- No explicit connectivity



Winged-Edge List:

Common representation for connectivity querying, represented using vertex, half-edge, and face lists:

- vertex Entry:
 - (x, y, z) coordinates
 - » Outgoing h.e. index
- Face Entry:
 - » h.e. index
- o Half-Edge Entry:
 - » in/out wing h.e. indices
 - » opposite h.e. index
 - » end vertex index
 - » face index



Vertex List							
ld	x	y	Z	h			
1	-1	-1	0	4			
2	0	0	-1	2			
3	1	-1	0	3			
4	-1	1	0	6			
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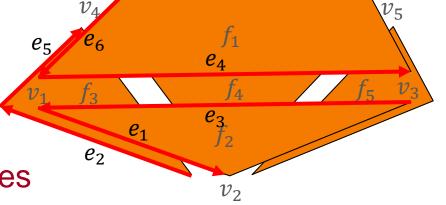
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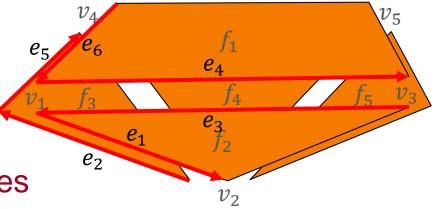
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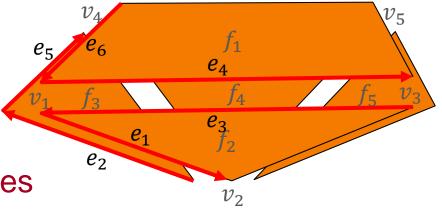
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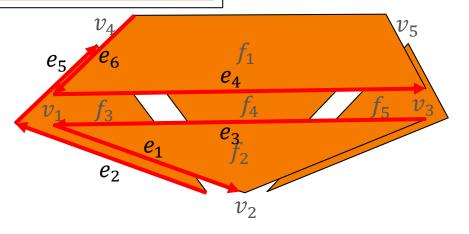


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Example:

Find CCW vertices around v_1 :



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3	1	-1	0	3		
4	-1	1	0	6		
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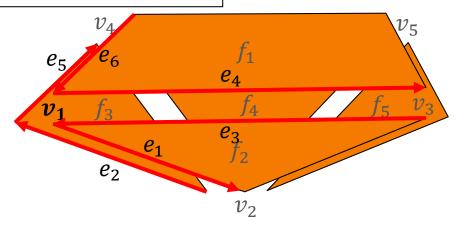


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Find CCW vertices around v_1 :



Vertex List					
ld	x	y	Z	h	
1	-1	-1	0	4	
2	0	0	-1	2	
3	1	-1	0	3	
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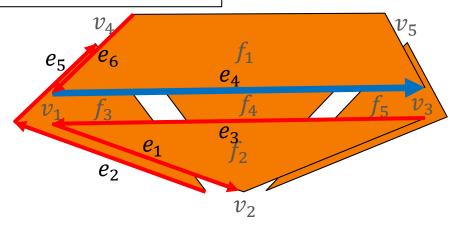


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Example:

Find CCW vertices around v_1 : v_3



Vertex List					
ld	x	y	Z	h	
1	-1	-1	0	4	
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3	1	-1	0	3	
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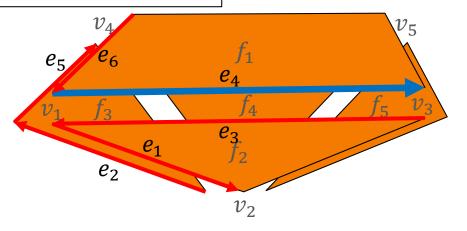


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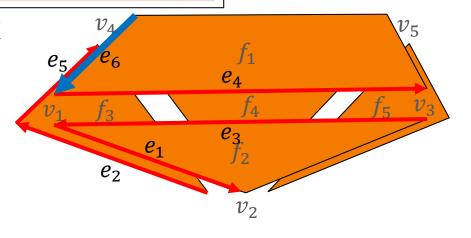


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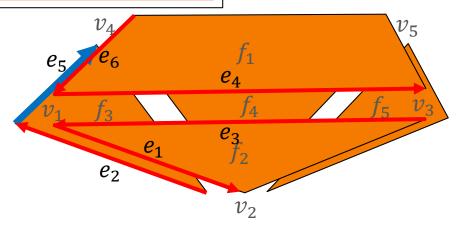
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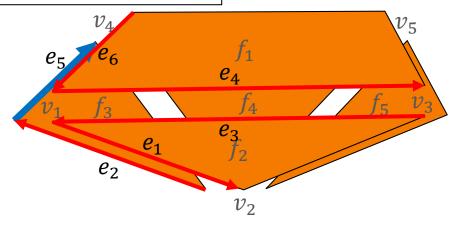
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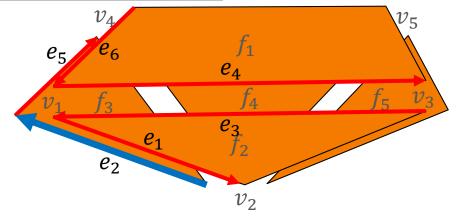
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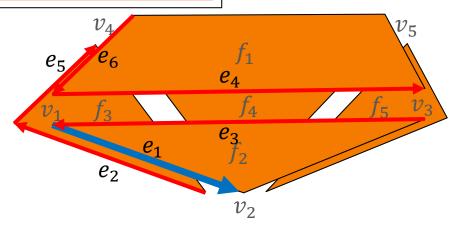
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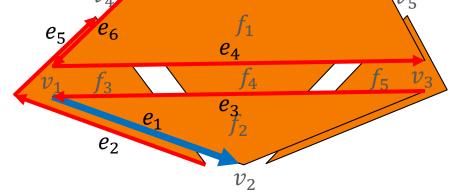
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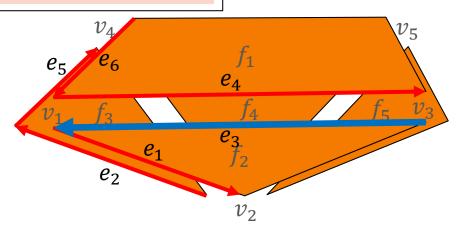
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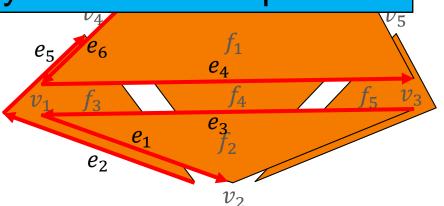


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Computational complexity is linear in output size.

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Example:





Goal:

Given a face-vertex representation of a mesh (V,F), convert it to a winged-edge representation (_V,_E,_F).



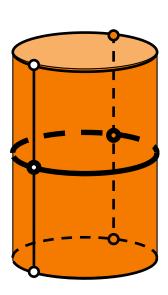
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Warning:

The following discussion assumes that in a mesh, a (directed) edge is uniquely determined by its starting and ending vertices.

This does not have to be true.





```
GenerateHalfEdge(V,F,_V,_E,_F)
  V.resize(v.size()), _F.resize(F.size())
  for( i=0 ; i<V.size() ; i++ ) _V[i].p = V[i]
  unordered_map< VertexPair, int > eMap
  ConstructEdgeToFaceMap(F, eMap)
  _E.resize( eMap.size() )
  SetHalfEdgeIndices(eMap,_V,_E,_F)
```

Assuming that:

• The VertexPair object defines a hashing function



```
ConstructEdgeToFaceMap( F , eMap )
  for( f=0 ; f<F.size() ; f++ )
    for( v=0 ; v<F[f].size() ; v++ )
        VertexPair key( F[f][v] , F[f][v+1] )
        eMap[key] = f</pre>
```

Assuming that:

• Indexing is modulo the face size



```
SetHalfEdgeIndices(eMap,_V,_E,_F)
  int e = 0
  for(iter i=eMap.begin(); i!=eMap.end(); i++, e++)
    int v1 = i.key.first , v2 = i.key.second , f = i.value
    E[e].v = v2, E[e].f = f
    V[v1].he = F[f].he = i.value = e
  for(f=0; f<F.size(); f++) for(v=0; v<F[f].size(); v++)
       VertexPair key(F[f][v ], F[f][v+1])
       VertexPair oKey( F[f][v+1], F[f][v ] )
       VertexPair nKey( F[f][v+1] , F[f][v+2] )
       _E[eMap[key]].opposite = eMap[oKey]
       _E[eMap[key]].next = eMap[nKey]
       _E[eMap[nKey]].previous = eMap[key]
```