

# Geometric Modeling

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# Surface Parameterization

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# Problem

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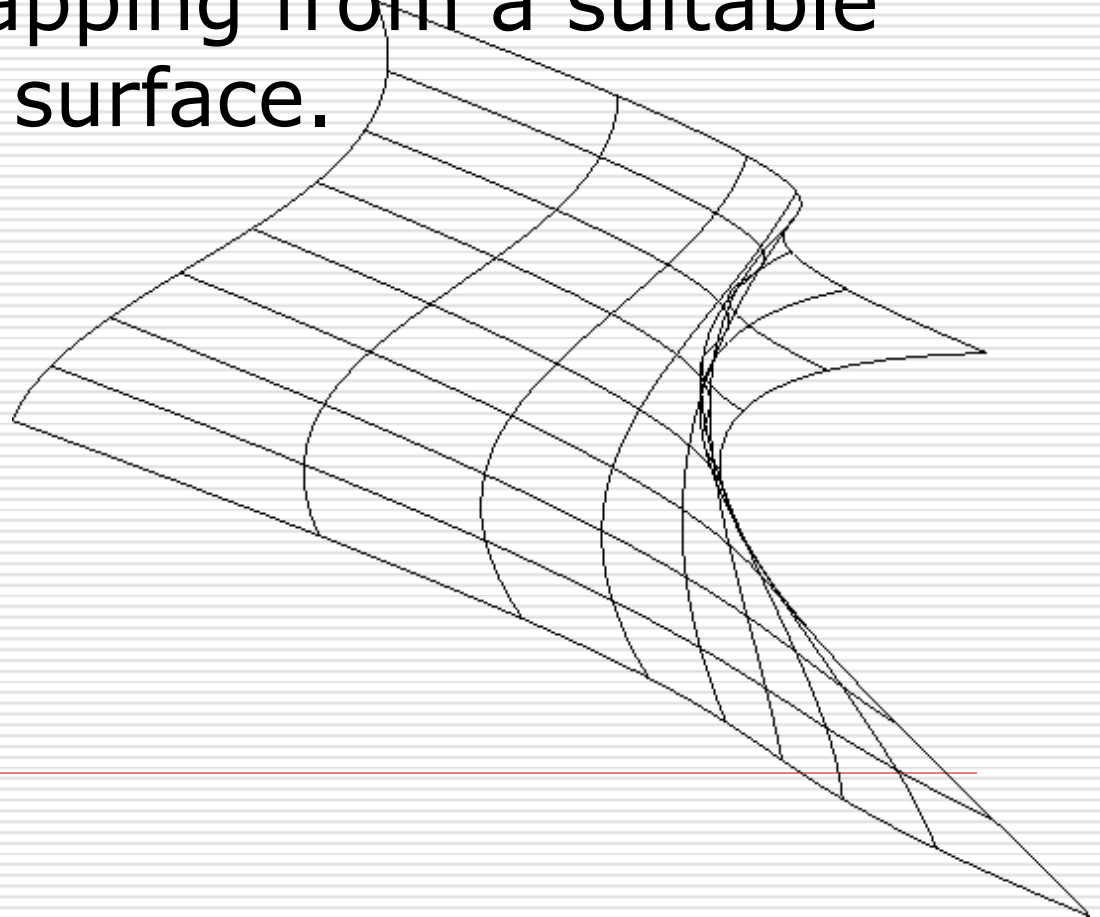
- ❑ 1-1 mapping from domain to surface
- ❑ Original application:
  - Texture mapping
    - ❑ Images have a natural parameterization
  - Goal: map onto surfaces
- ❑ Geometry processing
  - Approximation
  - Remeshing
  - Data fitting
- ❑ Input: Piecewise (PL) triangular meshes



# Introduction

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- A parameterization of a surface is a one-to-one mapping from a suitable domain to the surface.



# Introduction

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- In general, the parameter domain itself will be a surface.
  - Constructing a parameterization means mapping a surface into another.
  - Usually the surfaces are either represented by or approximated by triangular meshes and the mappings are ***piecewise linear***.
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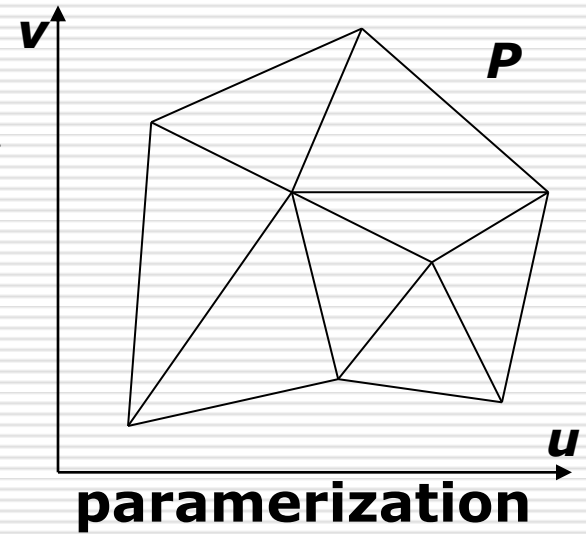
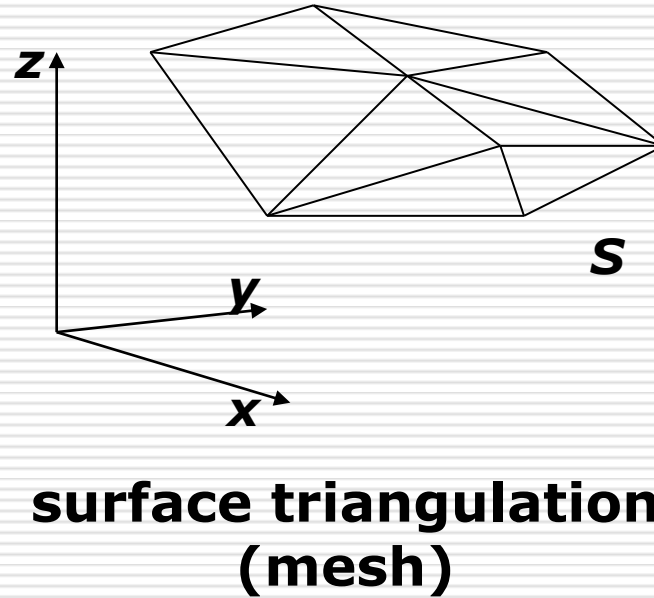
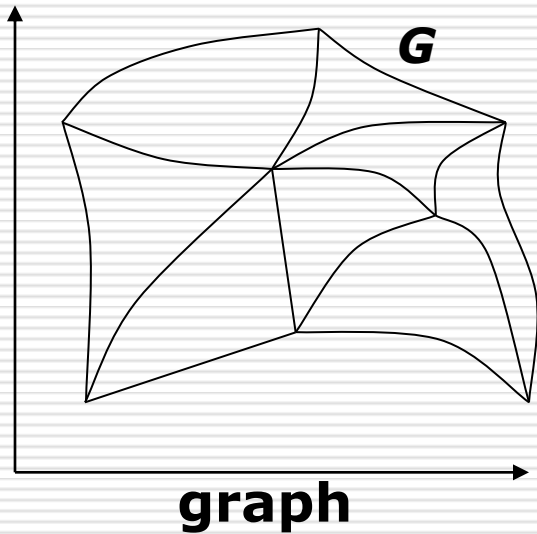
# Applications

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- ❑ Scattered data fitting.
  - ❑ Reparameterization of Spline surfaces
  - ❑ Texture-mapping
  - ❑ Mesh compression
  - ❑ Surface approximations & remeshing
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# What is Parameterization?

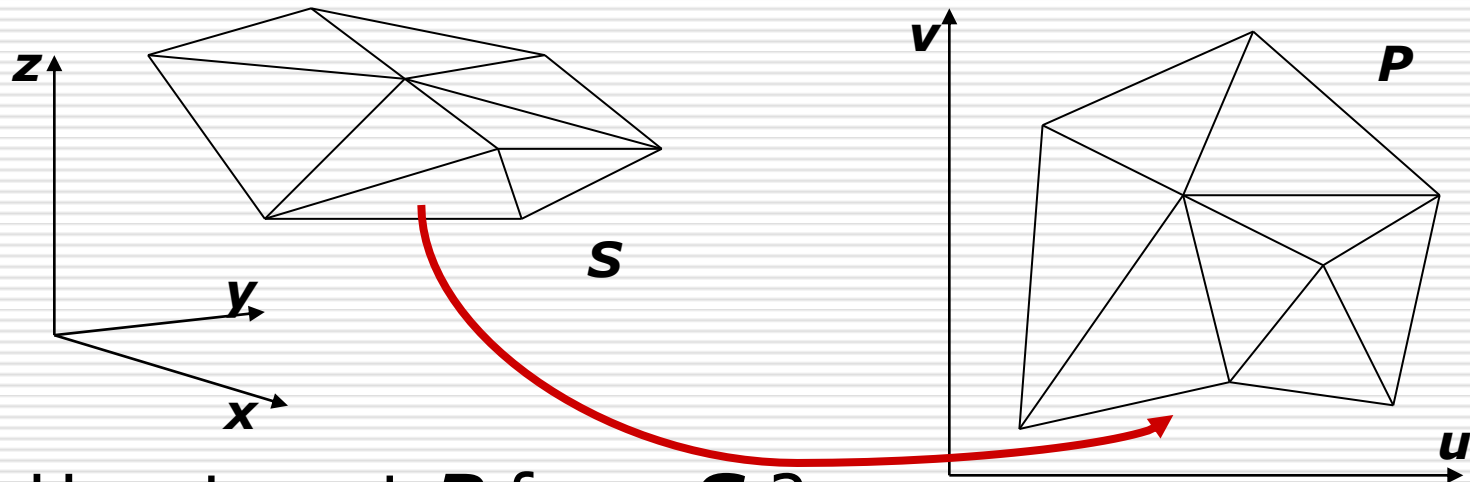
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- $G(V, E, F)$
  - $S(G, X), X = \{x_i \in \mathbb{R}^3\}$
  - $P(G, U), U = \{u_i \in \mathbb{R}^2\}$
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# What is Parameterization?

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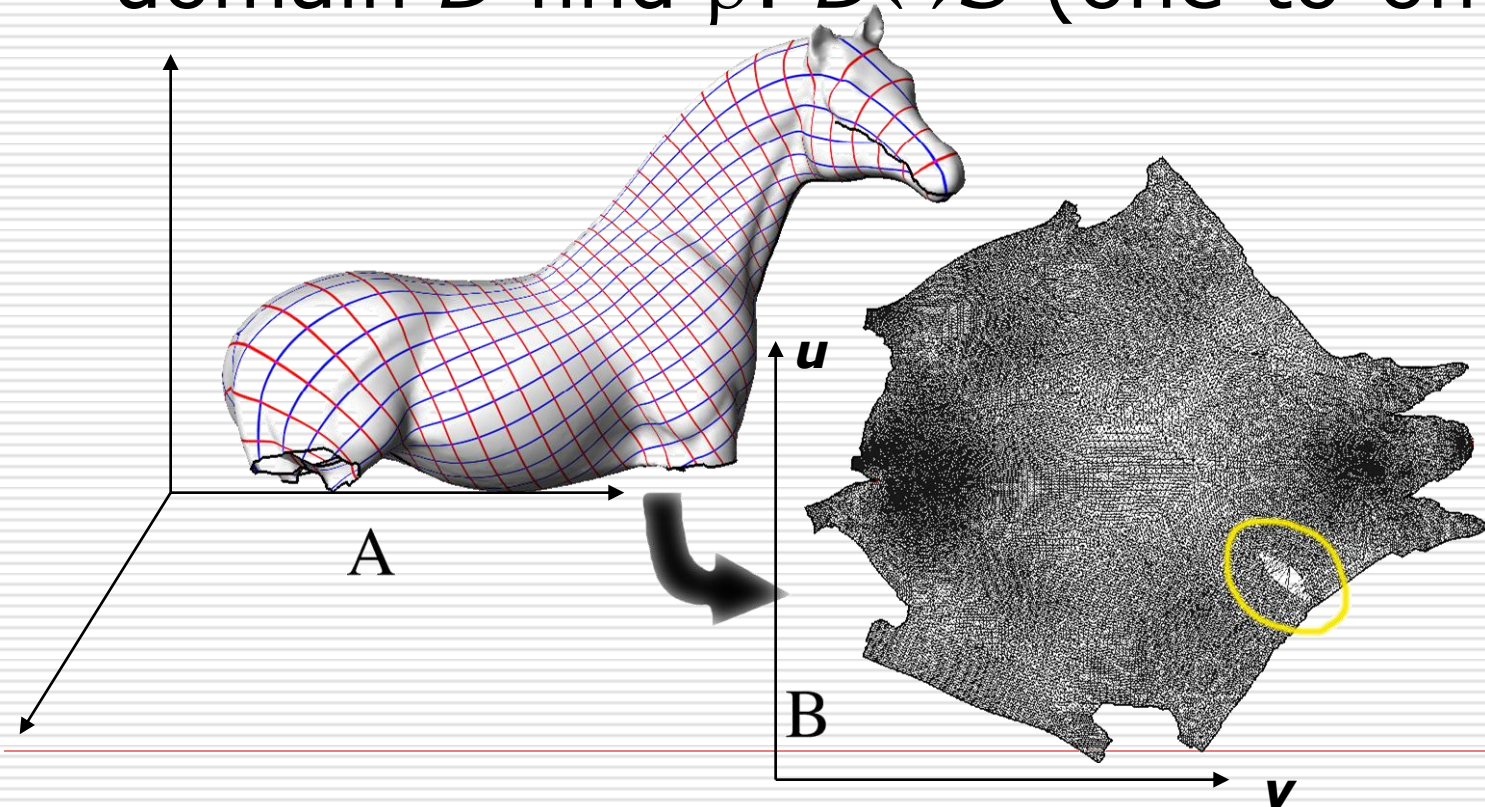
- How to get  $P$  from  $S$  ?
    - for each vertex of  $S$ , find its  $(u,v)$
    - from  $(u,v)$  of  $P$ , map image to  $S$
  - A parameterization of a surface is a mapping  $\rho: (x,y,z) \rightarrow (u,v)$  from 3D space to 2D space
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# Problem Definition

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- Given a surface (mesh)  $S$  in  $R^3$  and a domain  $D$  find  $\rho: D \leftrightarrow S$  (one-to-one)



# Recall: Applications

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## □ Texture-mapping

- $\rho: (x,y,z) \rightarrow (u,v)$  from 3D to 2D

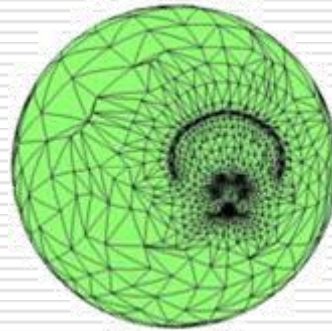
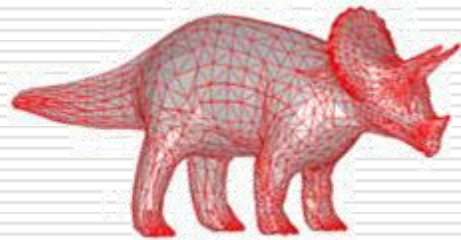
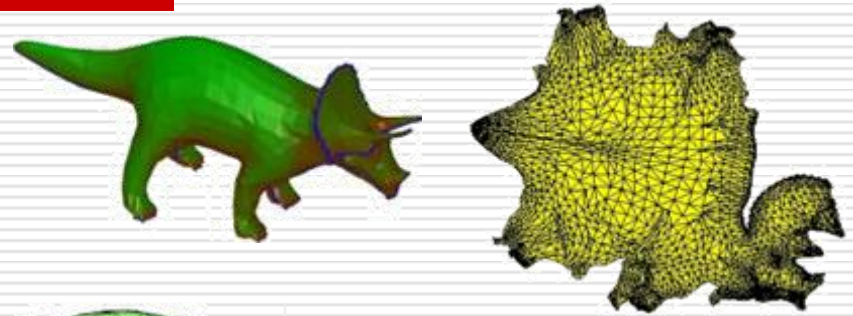
## □ Remeshing

- $\rho^{-1}: (u,v) \rightarrow (x,y,z)$  from 2D to 3D
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# Typical Domains

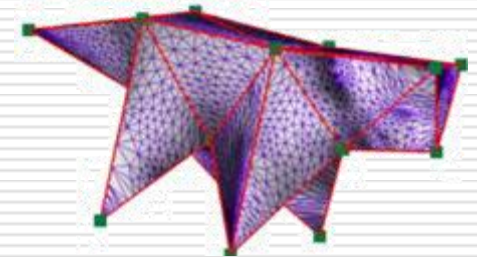
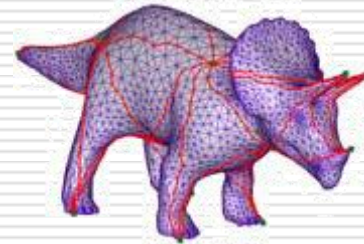
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sub-domain of  $R^2$   
- genus-0 + **boundary**



sphere  
- closed genus-0

base mesh  
- all (closed) models



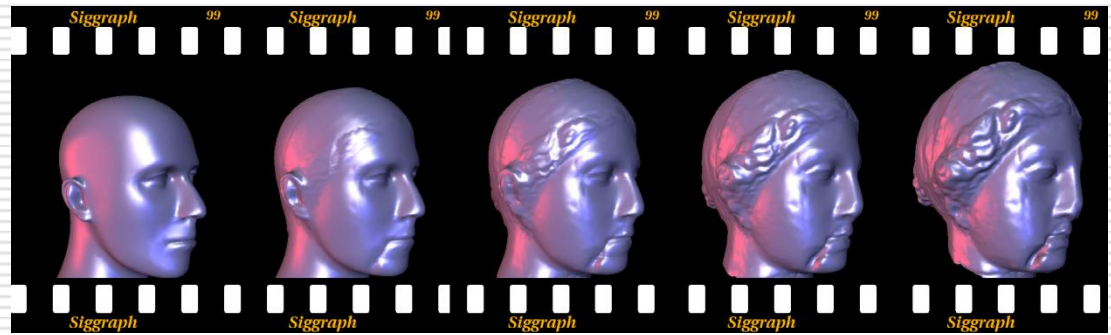
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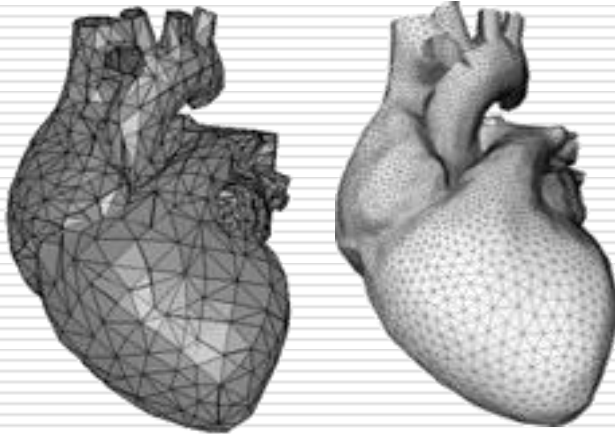
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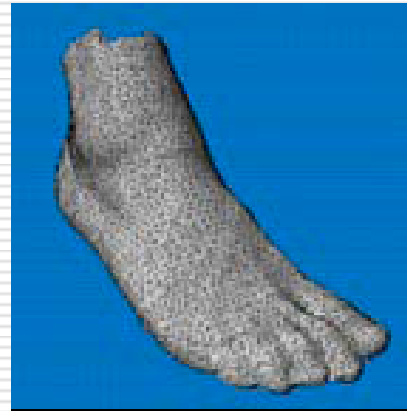
morphing



remeshing



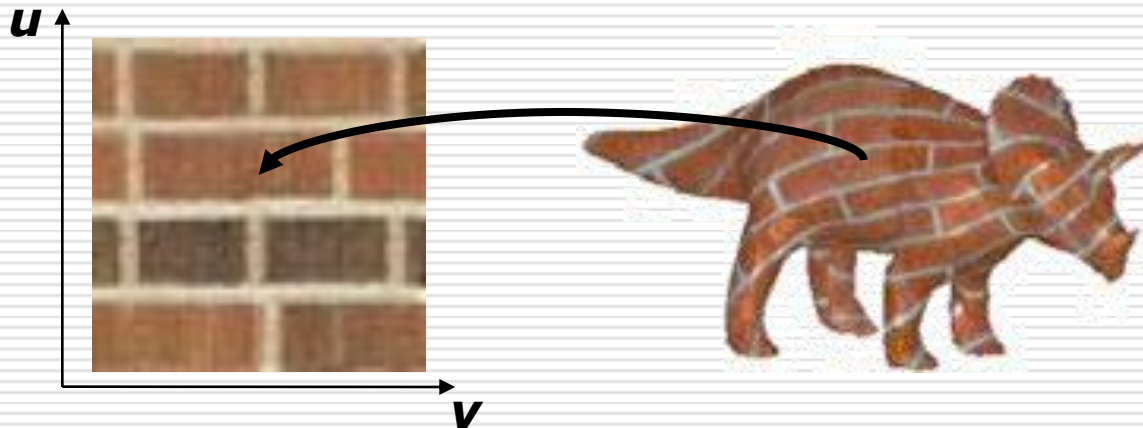
reconstruction



# Texture Mapping

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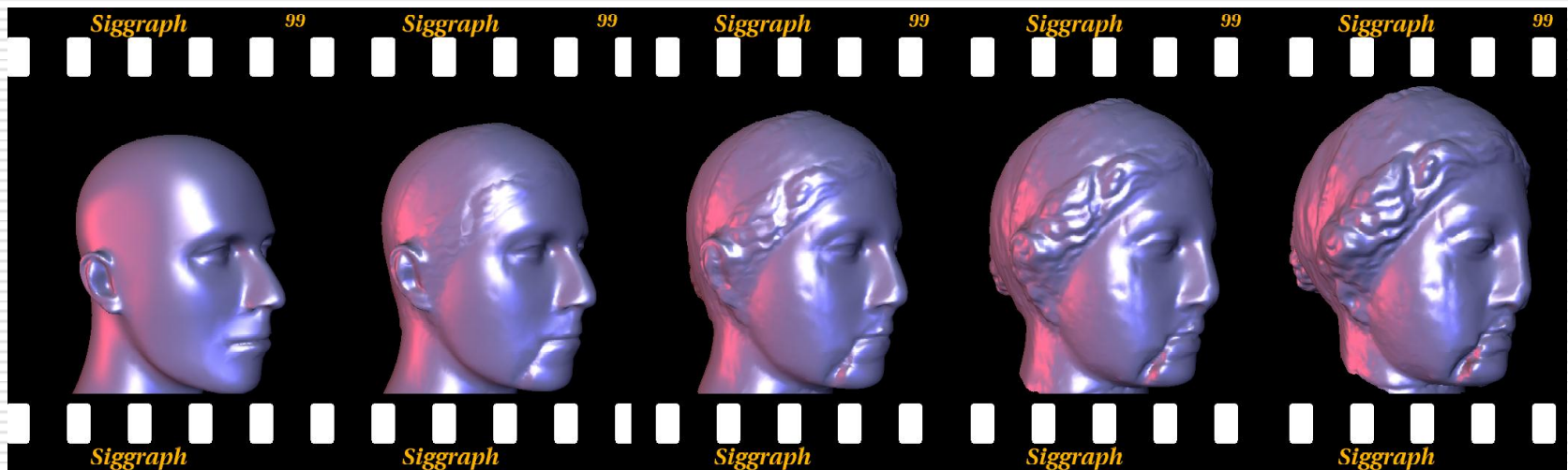
- ❑ Real life objects not uniform in terms of color
- ❑ **Texturing** - define color for each point on object surface
- ❑ Map 2D texture to model surface:
  - Have texture pattern defined over  $(u,v)$  domain (Image)
  - Assign  $(u,v)$  coordinates to each point on object surface



# Morphing

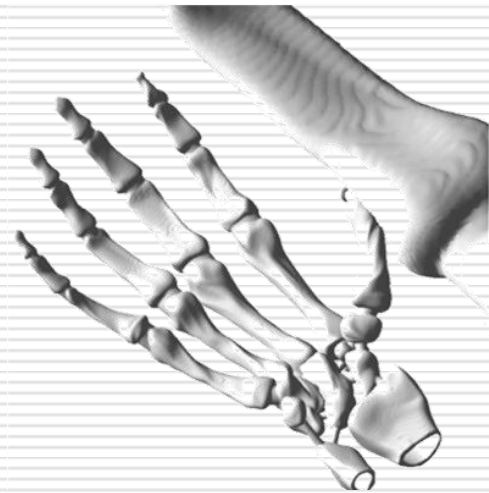
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- Morphing requires one-to-one correspondence between the surfaces of the two models

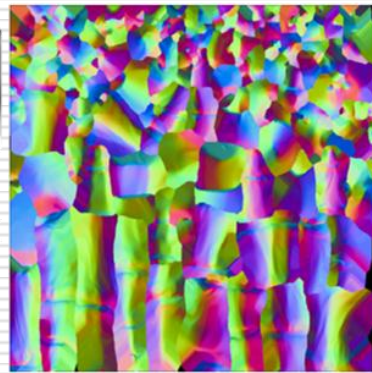


# Normal / Bump Mapping

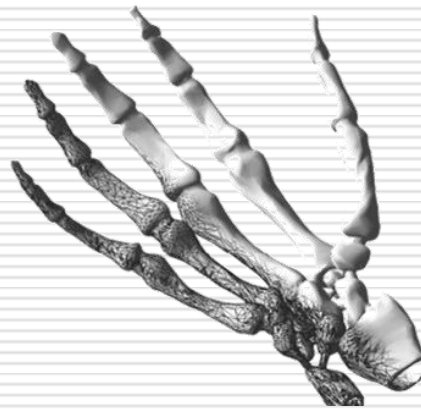
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**650K faces**



**normal map**



**29K faces**

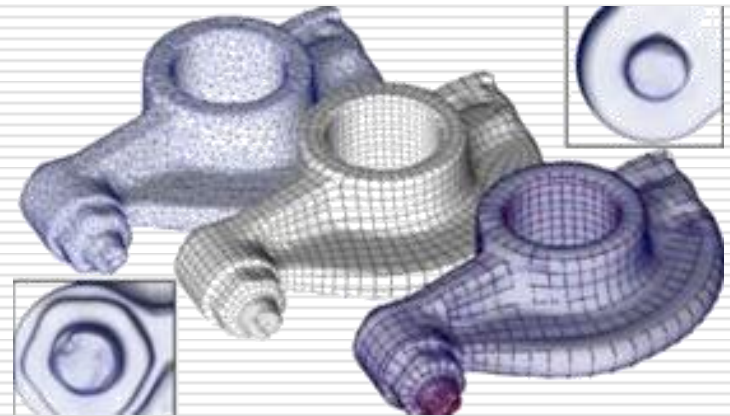
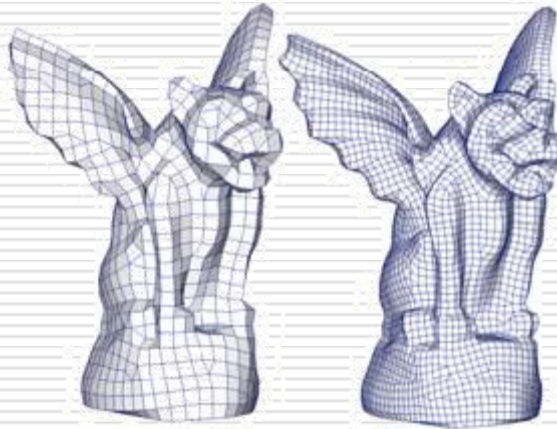
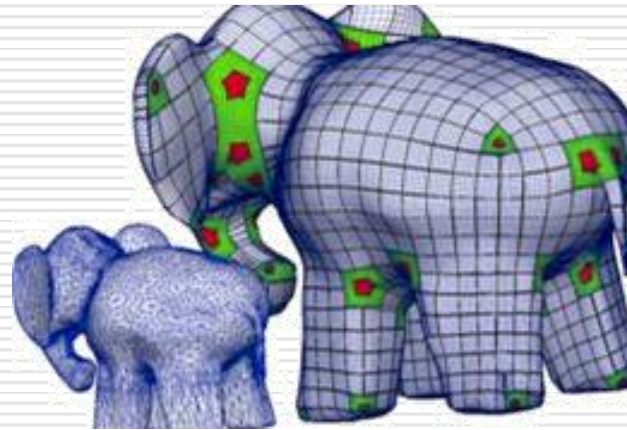


**normal mapped  
simplified mesh**

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# Remeshing & Surface Fitting

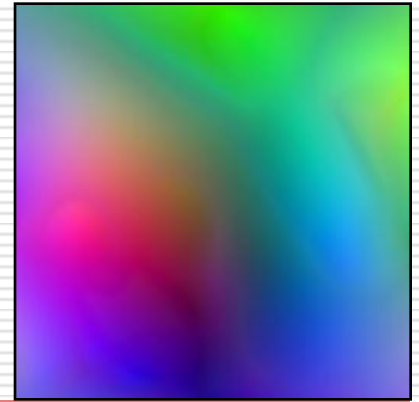
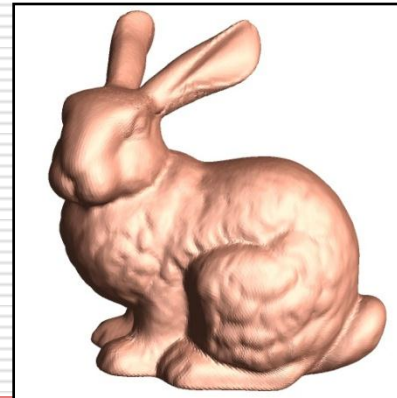
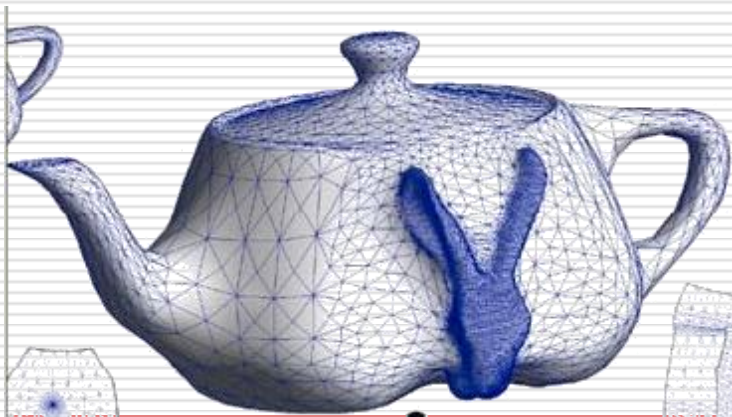
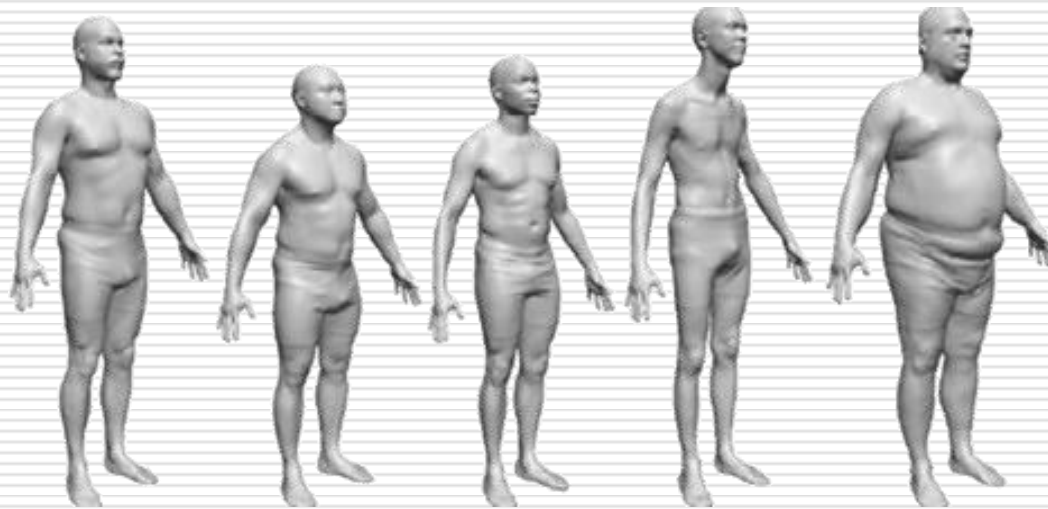
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# More Applications

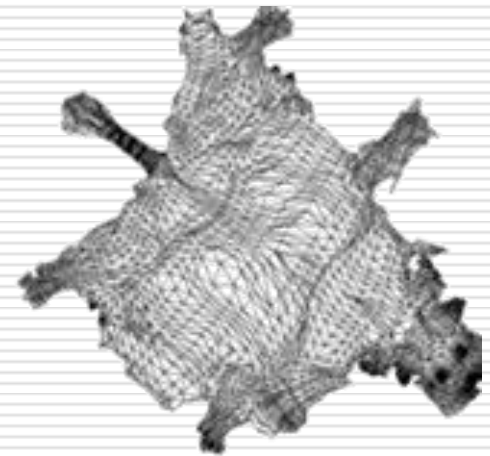
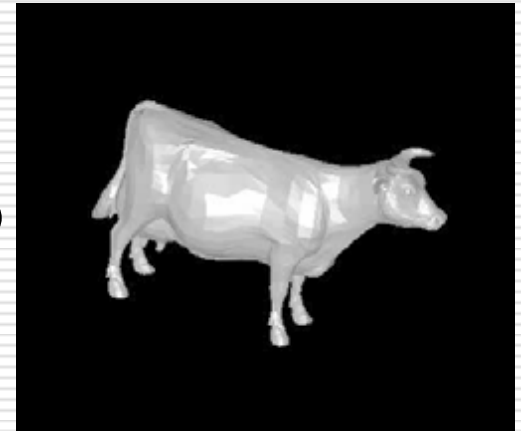
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# Mesh Parameterization (2D)

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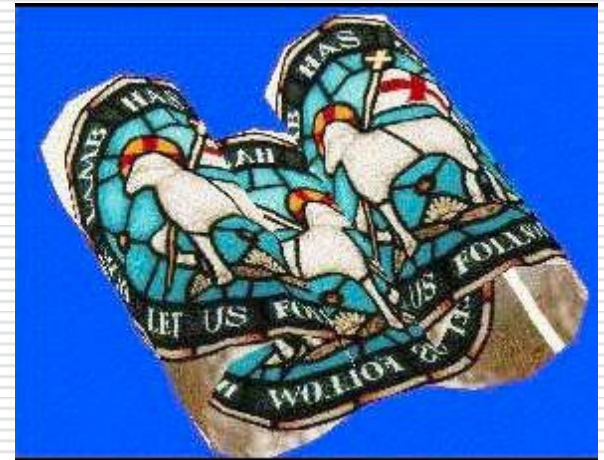
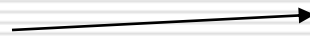
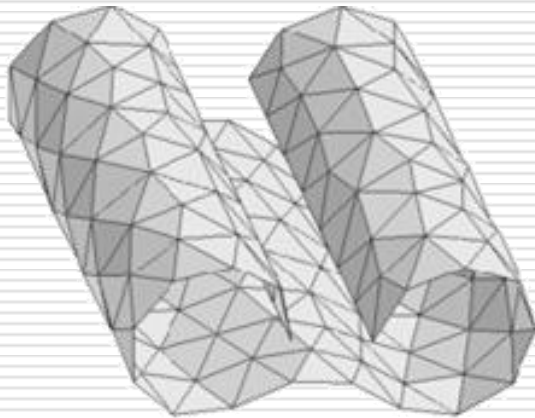
- Problem definition:
  - Input:
    - triangulated surface mesh in 3D
  - Output:
    - valid 2D mesh with same connectivity & minimal metric distortion
      - Mapping defined by vertex correspondence + barycentric coordinates
  - Validity – no inverted (overlapping) triangles



# Parameterization in 2D

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- ❑ Can do only for genus 0 surfaces with boundary
- ❑ Metrics preserved fully only for developable surfaces (Gaussian curvature = 0)



# Distortion

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- Function of second fundamental form

$$J = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ b & c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial u}\right)^2 & \frac{\partial f}{\partial u} \frac{\partial f}{\partial v} \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial u} \frac{\partial f}{\partial v} & \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial v}\right)^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Isometry (0-distortion) if  $J$  is identity matrix
  - Components measure
    - Shear (angles)
    - Stretch (lengths)
    - Conformality: angles + equal stretch
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# Mapping Properties

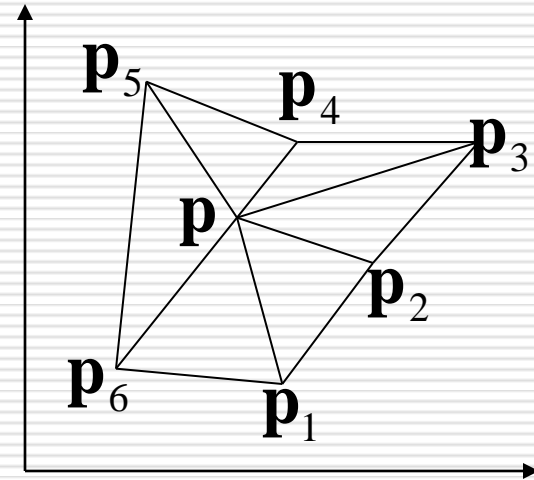
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- Validity: no folded over triangles
  
  - Distortion – preserve (as much as possible) lengths, angles, and areas
    - isometric (length-preserving) mappings
    - conformal (angle-preserving) mappings
    - equiareal (area-preserving) mappings
  
  - (Theorem)  
isometric  $\Leftrightarrow$  conformal + equiareal
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# Barycentric Combination

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$$\square \mathbf{p} = \sum \lambda_i \mathbf{p}_i,$$
$$i = 1 \dots n, \sum \lambda_i = 1$$



i.e., a combination of its neighbors

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# Barycentric Combination

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Choose  $\mathbf{u}_{n+1}, \dots, \mathbf{u}_N$  to be the vertices of any  $K$ -sided convex polygon in an anticlockwise sequence.

For each  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ , choose any set of real numbers  $\lambda_{i,j}$  for  $j = 1, \dots, N$  such that

$$\lambda_{i,j} = \begin{cases} > 0 & (i, j) \in E \\ 0 & (i, j) \notin E \end{cases} \quad \sum_{j=1}^N \lambda_{i,j} = 1$$

and define  $\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_n$  to be the solution of the linear system of equations.

$$\mathbf{u}_i = \sum_{j=1}^N \lambda_{i,j} \mathbf{u}_j$$

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# Barycentric Combination

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$$\mathbf{u}_i = \sum_{j=1}^N \lambda_{i,j} \mathbf{u}_j \Rightarrow \mathbf{u}_i - \sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_{i,j} \mathbf{u}_j = \sum_{j=n+1}^N \lambda_{i,j} \mathbf{u}_j$$

By considering the two components  $u_i$  and  $v_i$  of  $\mathbf{u}_i$  separately this is equivalent to the matrix equation

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{b}$$

where the matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is  $n \times n$  having elements

$$a_{i,j} = \begin{cases} 1 & i = j \\ -\lambda_{i,j} & i \neq j \end{cases}$$

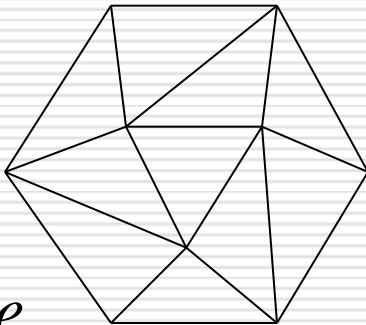
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# 2D Barycentric Embeddings

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- Fix 2D boundary to convex polygon
- Define embedding as a solution of

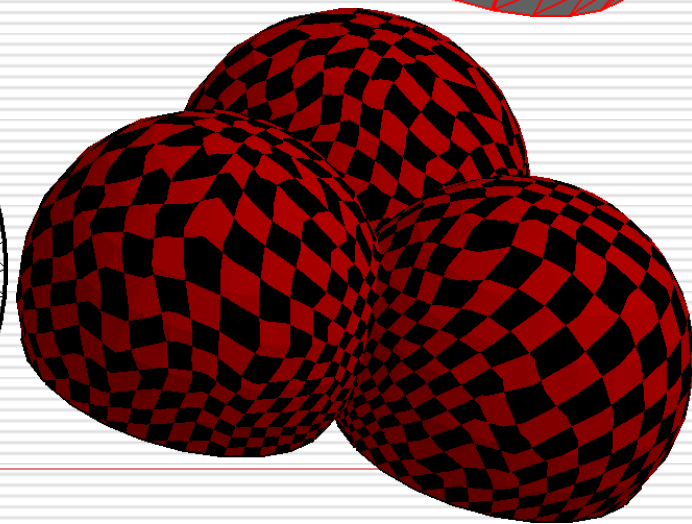
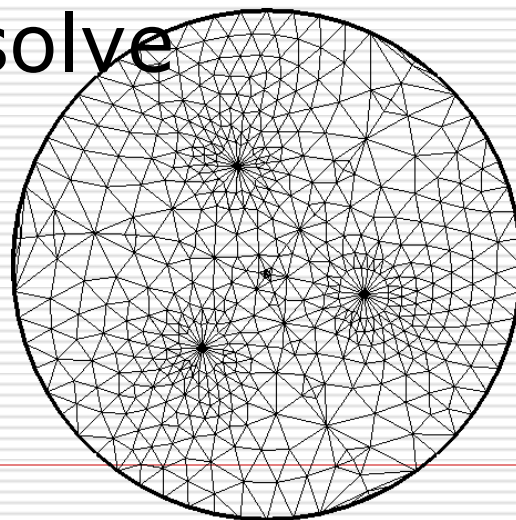
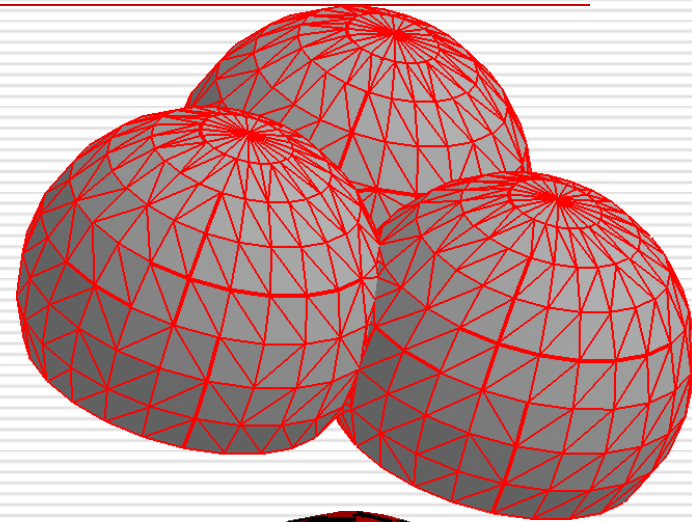
$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{W}x &= b_x \\ \mathbf{W}y &= b_y \end{aligned} \quad w_{ij} = \begin{cases} < 0 & (i, j) \in E \\ -\sum_{j \neq i} w_{ij} & (i, i) \\ 0 & \textit{otherwise} \end{cases}$$


- $\mathbf{W}$  is symmetric:  $w_{ij} = w_{ji}$
  - weights  $w_{ij}$  control parameterization shape
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# Weights – Uniform (Tutte)

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- Set  $w_{ij} = 1 \quad \left( \lambda_{i,j} = \frac{1}{d_i} \right)$
- No shape information
  - equilateral triangles
- Fastest to solve



# Weights – Shape Preserving (Floater)

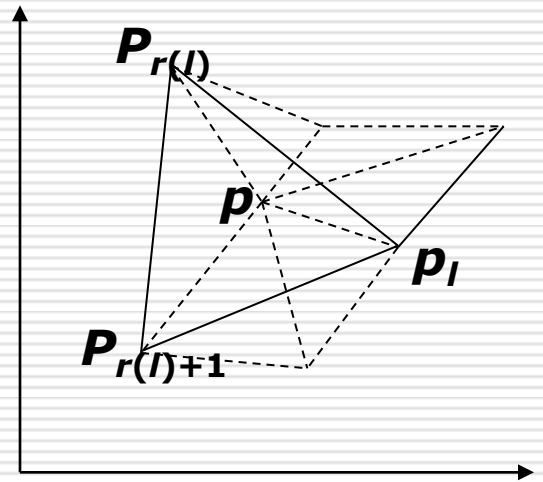
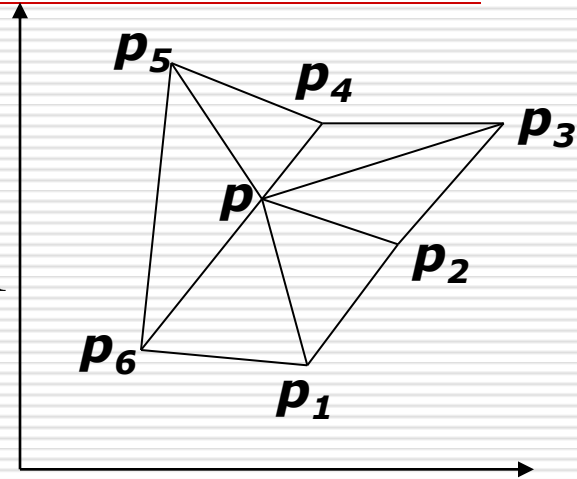
For each  $l \in \{1, \dots, d_i\}$ ,  $\overline{\mathbf{p}_l \mathbf{p}}$  will intersect  $\overline{\mathbf{p}_{r(l)} \mathbf{p}_{r(l)+1}}$ , then we can have

$$\mathbf{p} = \delta_1 \mathbf{p}_l + \delta_2 \mathbf{p}_{r(l)} + \delta_3 \mathbf{p}_{r(l)+1} \quad \delta_1 + \delta_2 + \delta_3 = 1$$

Define  $\mu_{k,l}$  for  $k = 1, \dots, d_i$ , by  $\mu_{l,l} = \delta_1$ ,  $\mu_{r(l),l} = \delta_2$ ,  $\mu_{r(l)+1,l} = \delta_3$ , and  $\mu_{k,l} = 0$  otherwise. Then for each  $l$  we now find

$$\mathbf{p} = \sum_{k=1}^{d_i} \mu_{k,l} \mathbf{p}_k \quad \sum_{k=1}^{d_i} \mu_{k,l} = 1$$

Finally define  $\lambda_{i,j} = \frac{1}{d_i} \sum_{l=1}^{d_i} \mu_{j,l}$



# Weights – Harmonic Mapping

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- Quasi – conformal : minimize angular distortion
  - Locally, preserving angles preserves distances (ratios)
  - For fixed boundary have unique *harmonic* map which minimizes conformal energy
    - Riemann theorem: any  $C^1$  continuous surface in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  can be mapped conformally to fixed domain in  $\mathbb{R}^2$
    - Nearly true for meshes
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# Weights – Harmonic Mapping

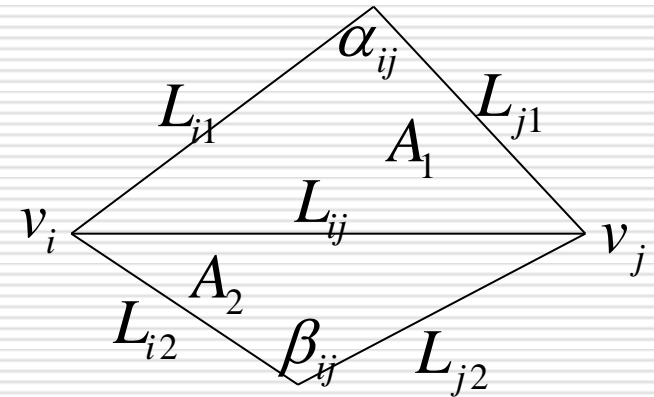
- Approximate harmonic map for fixed boundary
- Represent as configuration of springs on mesh edges

$$E(v) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{(i,j)} w_{ij} \|v_i - v_j\|^2$$

- Spring coefficients

$$w_{ij} = \frac{L_{i1}^2 + L_{j1}^2 - L_{ij}^2}{A_1} + \frac{L_{i2}^2 + L_{j2}^2 - L_{ij}^2}{A_2}$$

$$= \frac{\cot(\alpha_{ij}) + \cot(\beta_{ij})}{2}$$



- $L_{ij}$  - edge length in 3D
- $A_{ijk}$  - triangle area in 3D
- $\alpha_{ij}$  and  $\beta_{ij}$  - opposing angles in 3D

# Weights – Conformal Mapping

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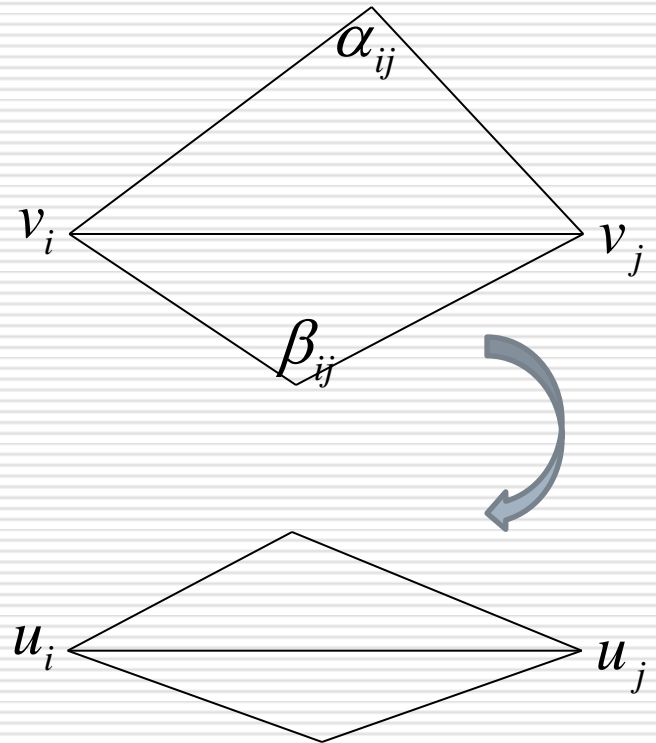
- Represent as configuration of springs on mesh edges

$$E(v) = \sum_{(i,j)} w_{ij} \|u_i - u_j\|^2$$

- Spring coefficients

$$w_{ij} = \cot(\alpha_{ij}) + \cot(\beta_{ij})$$

- $\alpha_{ij}$  and  $\beta_{ij}$  - opposing angles in 3D



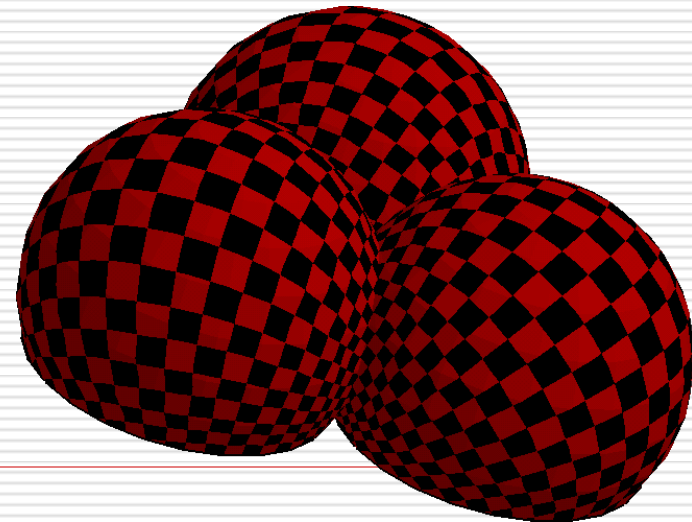
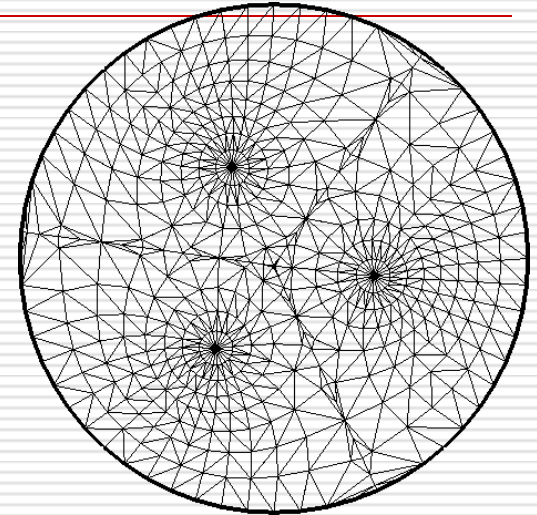
# Barycentric Formulation

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- $E(v)$  minimum reached when gradient equal 0

$$\frac{\partial E(v)}{\partial v_i} = \sum_j w_{ij} (v_i - v_j) = 0$$

- Barycentric embedding formulation
- Can have negative weights – does not guarantee validity

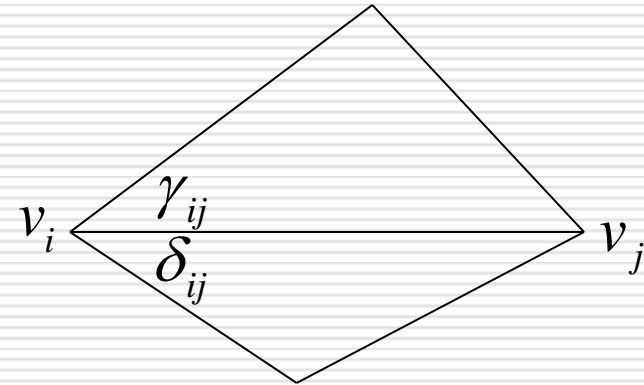


# Weights – Mean Value

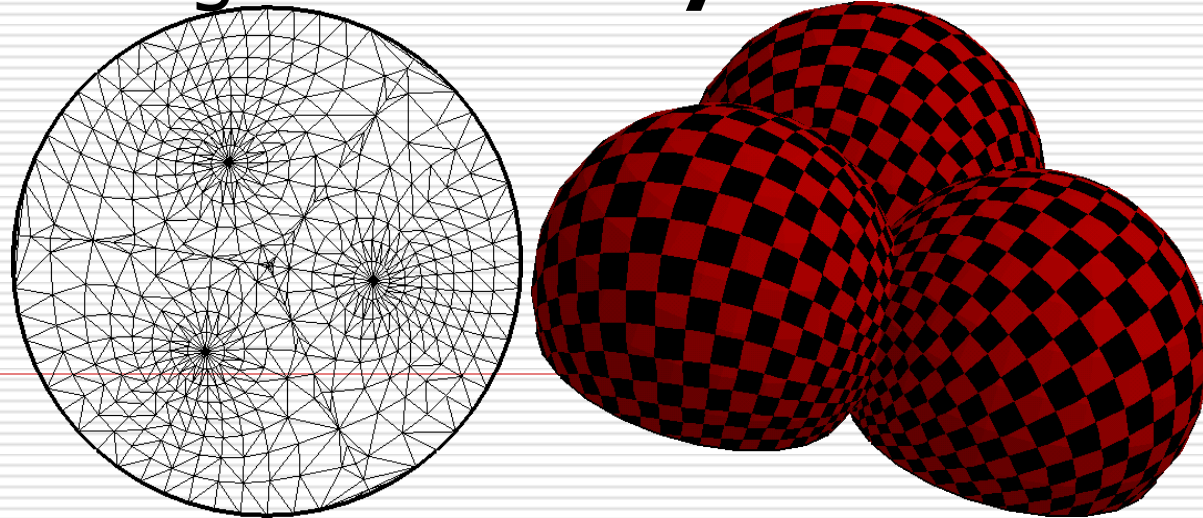
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## □ Set

$$w_{ij} = \frac{(\tan(\gamma_{ij} / 2) + \tan(\delta_{ij} / 2)) / 2}{\|v_i - v_j\|}$$



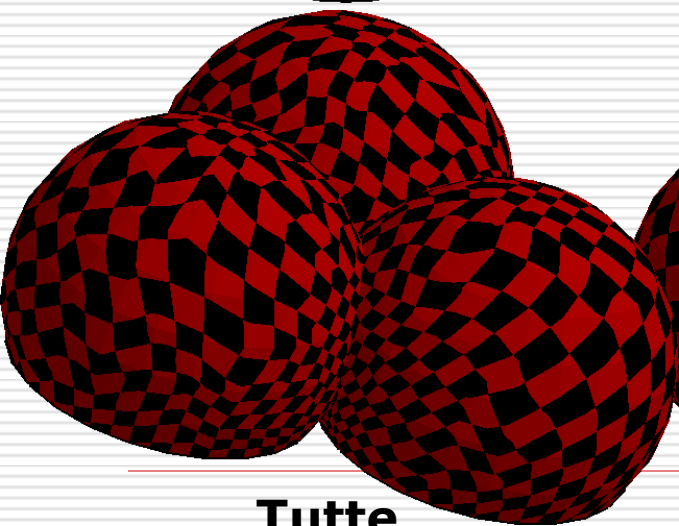
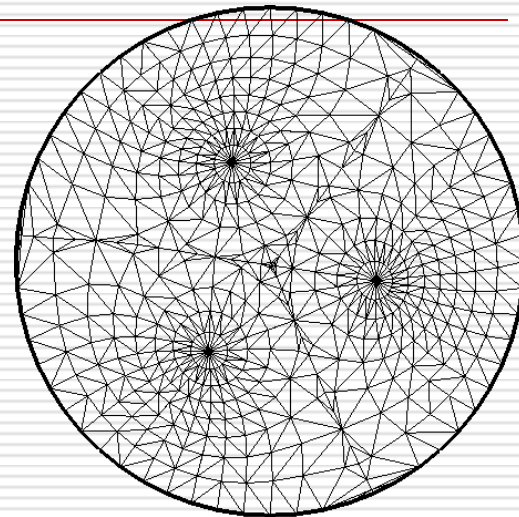
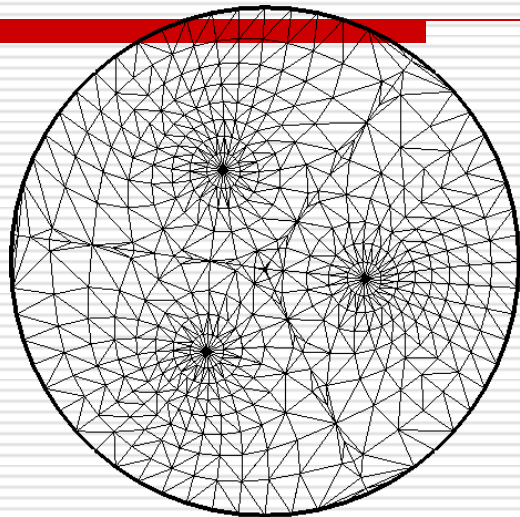
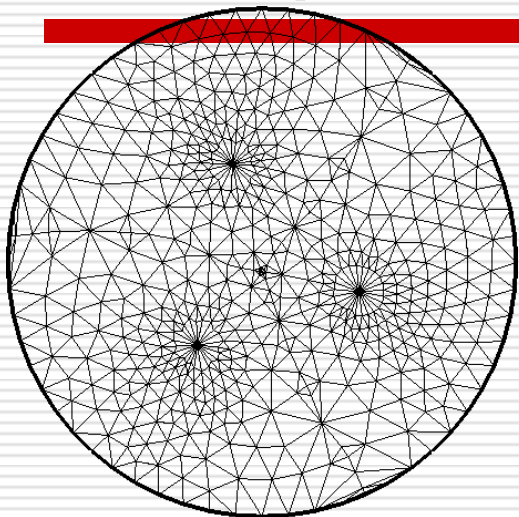
- Result visually identical to conformal
- No negative weights – **always** valid



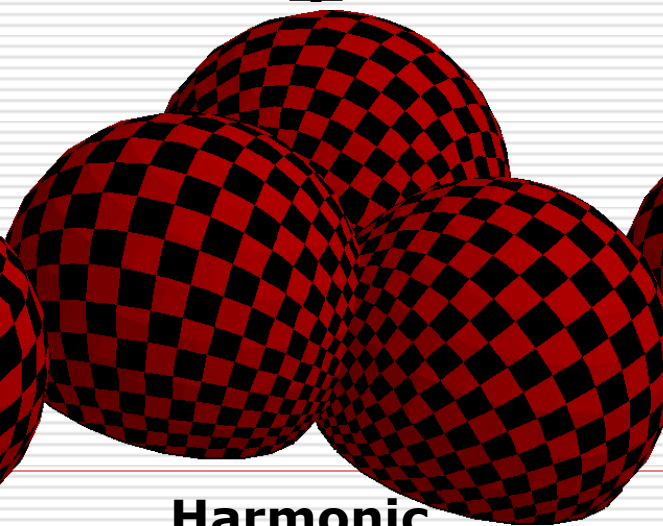


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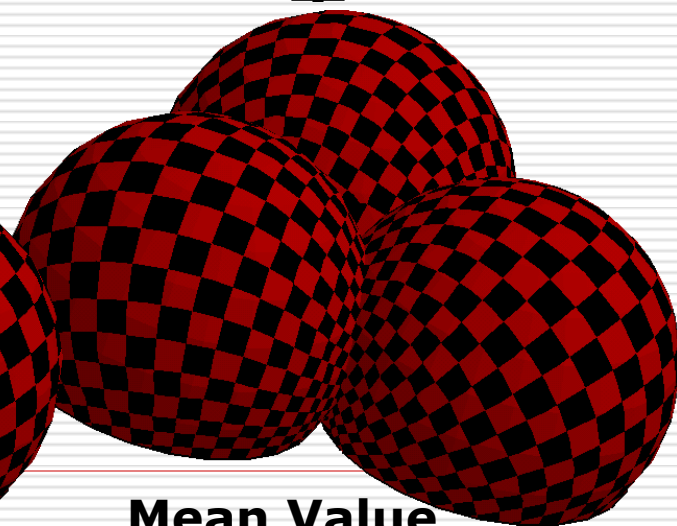
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**Tutte**



**Harmonic**



**Mean Value**

# Practical Implementation

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## □ Boundary

- Popular options: Square, circle, triangle
- Application specific
  - Reconstruction – rectangle
  - Mapping to base mesh– triangle
  - Spreading points along boundary
  - Cord length

## □ Solve

$$\mathbf{W}x = b_x$$
$$\mathbf{W}y = b_y$$

- Right hand side determined from boundary vertices
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# Practical Implementation

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- Solving linear system expensive ( $O(n^3)$ )
- Use iterative solution:
  - Get initial guess for interior nodes
  - While conditions not met:

- Set each interior node to weighted average of neighbors:

$$v_i = \frac{1}{\sum_{(i,j)} w_{ij}} \sum_{(i,j)} w_{ij} v_j$$

- Stopping conditions:
  - Convergence: vertices do not move
  - Exceed maximal number of iterations
  - Parameterization is valid
- Solution exists & is reached thanks to matrix structure

# Fixed vs. Free Boundary

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## □ Fixed

- Useful when boundary fixed a priori (e.g. mapping to base mesh)
- Increase distortion

## □ Free

- Typically less distortion
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# Local Unfolding

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- While not all mesh flattened
    - Select seed triangle & map as is to 2D
    - Define front - boundary of unfolded patch
    - Assign cost to each vertex adjacent to boundary—amount of distortion caused by mapping it to 2D
    - Map best current vertex to 2D (if cost below threshold), add it to front & recompute adjacent costs
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# Local Unfolding

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## □ Advantages

- Bounded distortion
- Simple

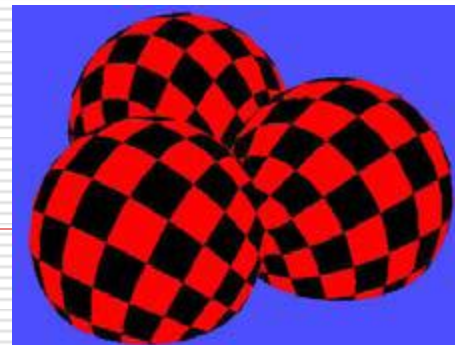
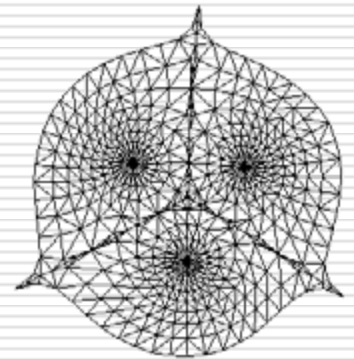
## □ Drawback

- Generate long seams –  
parameterization/texture discontinuities
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# Angle Based Flattening (ABF)

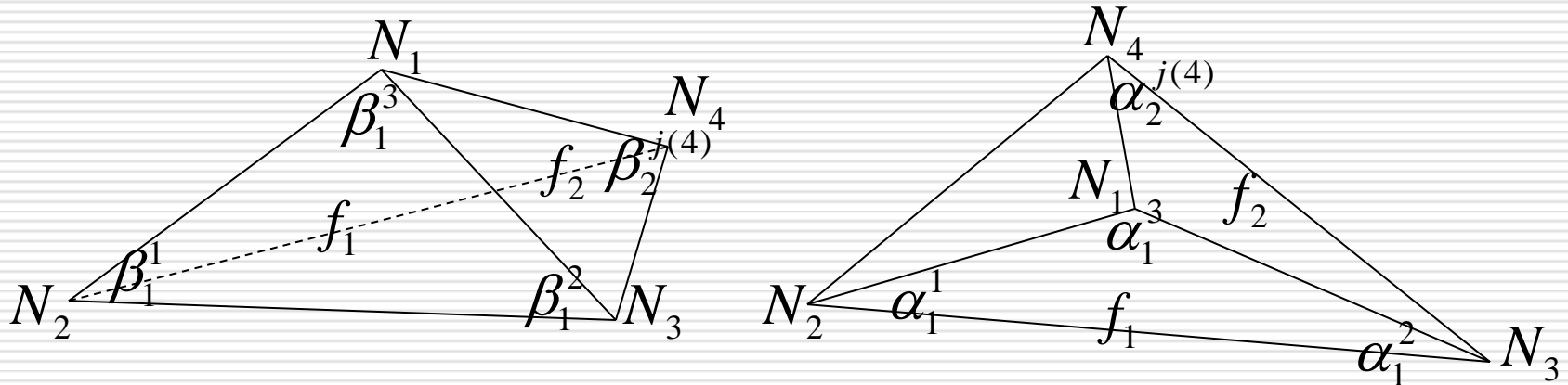
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- Fact:
  - Triangular 2D mesh is defined by its angles
- Define problem in angle space
- Angle based formulation:
  - Distortion as function of angles
  - Validity - set of angle constraints



# Constrained Minimization

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- Objective: minimize (relative) deviation of angles

$$F(\alpha) = \sum_{i,j} w_i^j (\alpha_i^j - \beta_i^j)^2$$

- Initial choice for weights:

$$w_i^j = \beta_i^{j-2}$$

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# Constraints

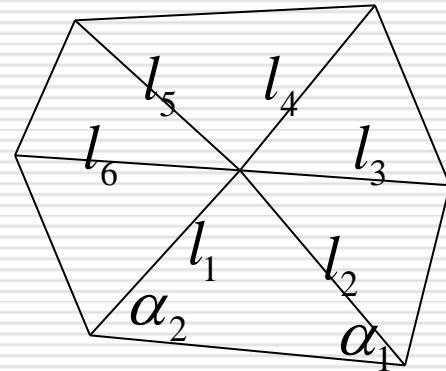
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$$g^1(\alpha) \equiv \alpha_i^j \geq \varepsilon$$

$$g^2(\alpha) \equiv \alpha_i^1 + \alpha_i^2 + \alpha_i^3 = \pi$$

$$g^3(\alpha) \equiv \sum_k \alpha_i^{j(k)} = 2\pi$$

$$g^4(\alpha) \equiv \prod_k \sin(\alpha_i^{j(k)-1}) - \prod_k \sin(\alpha_i^{j(k)+1}) = 0$$



$$\frac{l_1}{l_2} = \frac{\sin(\alpha_1)}{\sin(\alpha_2)}$$

$$\frac{l_1}{l_2} \cdots \frac{l_6}{l_1} = \frac{\sin(\alpha_1)}{\sin(\alpha_2)} \cdots \frac{\sin(\alpha_6)}{\sin(\alpha_1)}$$

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# Solution

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- Use Lagrange Multipliers

$$F^*(\alpha, \mu) = F(\alpha) + \mu_1 g^2(\alpha) + \mu_2 g^3(\alpha) + \mu_3 g^4(\alpha)$$

- Solve the min-max problem  
(minimum on  $\alpha$ , maximum on  $\mu$ )
  - Reached when all derivatives are zero
  - Have non-linear system of equations
  - Use Newton method to solve
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# ABF Summary

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## □ Advantages

- No fixed boundary – less distortion
- No flipped triangles
- Proven to converge to solution for any valid input

## □ Drawbacks

- Expensive – solve non linear system
  - Linear sub-systems can't be solved iteratively FAST
  - Can have boundary overlaps
  - Can't handle multiple boundary loops
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