# Full convexity: new characterisations and applications

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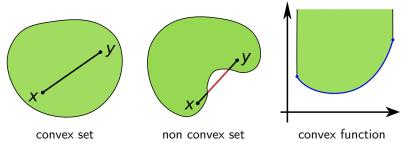
Characterizations of full convexity

Fully convex hulls

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Conclusion

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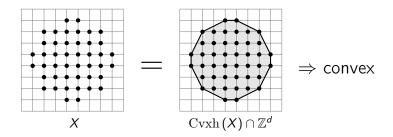


- convexity is a central tool in (continuous) mathematics
- study the geometry of shapes (not smooth everywhere)
- study the geometry of functions (not differentiable everywhere)
- ▶ allow convex analysis, convex optimization
- extensions to metric space, matrices, etc.

What about defining convexity in images, where data is discrete?

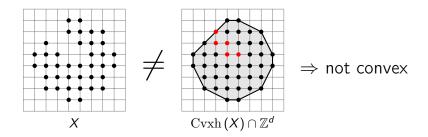
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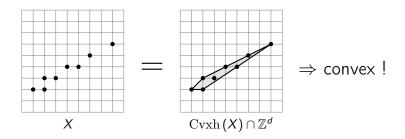
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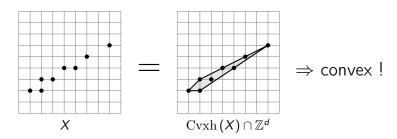
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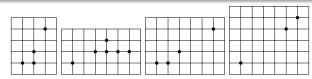


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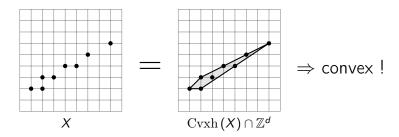


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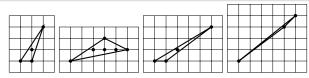


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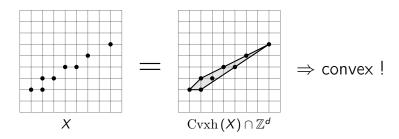


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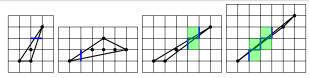


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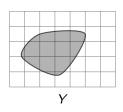
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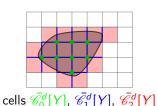


# Cubical grid, intersection complex

- ightharpoonup cubical grid complex  $\mathscr{C}^d$ 
  - $ightharpoonup \mathscr{C}_0^d$  vertices or 0-cells  $= \mathbb{Z}^d$
  - $\mathscr{C}_1^d$  edges or 1-cells = open unit segment joining 0-cells
  - $ightharpoonup \mathscr{C}_2^d$  faces or 2-cells = open unit square joining 1-cells
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- ▶ intersection complex of  $Y \subset \mathbb{R}^d$

$$\mathscr{E}_k^d[Y] := \{c \in \mathscr{C}_k^d, \bar{c} \cap Y \neq \emptyset\}$$





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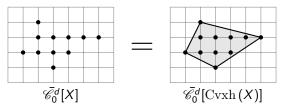
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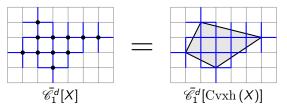
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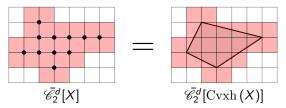
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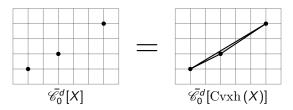
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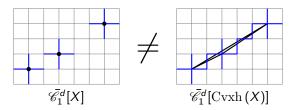
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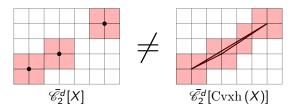
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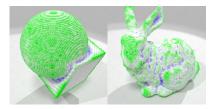
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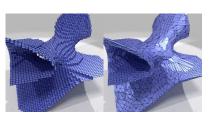
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- full convexity eliminates too thin digital convex sets in arbitrary dimension
- ▶ fully convex sets are (simply) digitally connected
- digital lines and planes are fully convex
- connectedness allows local geometric analysis of digital shapes

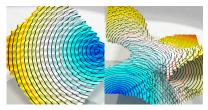
# Applications of full convexity to digital shape analysis



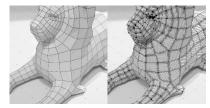
exact local shape analysis (convex, concave, planar (white))



polyhedrization (close and reversible)



geodesics (Euclidean distance in digital planes)



digital polyhedron (cells are fully convex)

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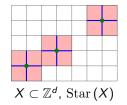
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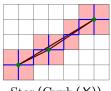
#### Star of a set

For any  $Y \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ ,

$$\operatorname{Star}(Y) = \{c \in \mathscr{C}^d, \bar{c} \cap Y\} = \bigcup_{0 \leqslant k \leqslant d} \bar{\mathscr{C}}_k^d[Y]$$



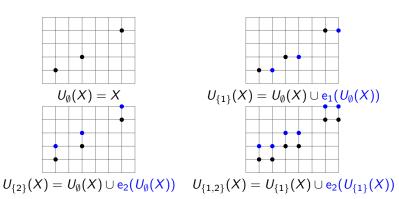
Full convexity =?



 $\operatorname{Star}\left(\operatorname{Cvxh}\left(X\right)\right)$ 

Discrete Minkowski sum  $U_{\alpha}$ 

- ▶ let  $X \subset \mathbb{Z}^d$ , denote  $e_i(X)$  the translation of X with axis vector  $e_i$
- let  $I^d := \{1, ..., d\}$  be the set of possible directions
- ▶ let  $U_{\emptyset}(X) := X$ , and, for  $\alpha \subset I^d$  and  $i \in \alpha$ , recursively  $U_{\alpha}(X) := U_{\alpha \setminus i}(X) \cup e_i(U_{\alpha \setminus i}(X))$ .



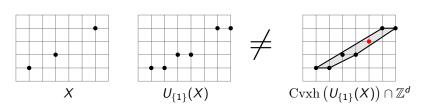
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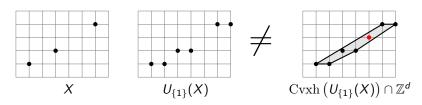
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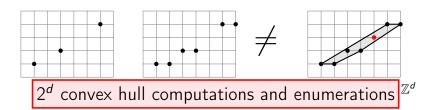
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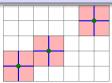
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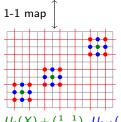
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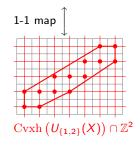
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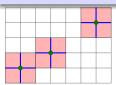
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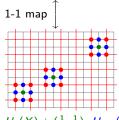
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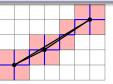
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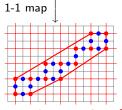
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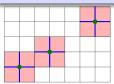


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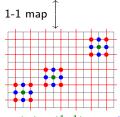


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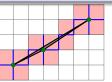
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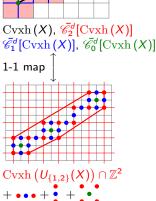


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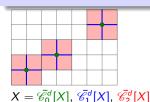


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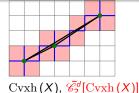




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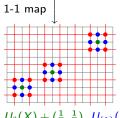


Full convexity



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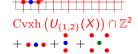
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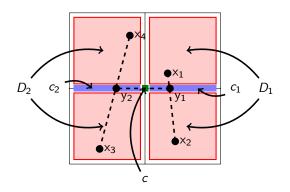
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### Main argument of the proof



#### Lemma

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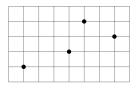
# Looking for other characterizations of full convexity

- 1. characterization through "natural" segment convexity
- 2. characterization through projections

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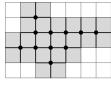


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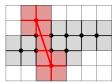
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#### Lemma

If  $X \subset \mathbb{Z}^d$  is fully convex, then  $\forall j, 1 \leq j \leq d$ ,  $\mathscr{P}_j(X)$  is fully convex (in  $\mathbb{Z}^{d-1}$ ).

#### Definition (Projection convexity)

 $X \subset \mathbb{Z}^d$  is P-convex iff:

- (i) X is 0-convex,
- (ii) when d > 1,  $\forall j, 1 \leqslant j \leqslant d$ ,  $\mathscr{P}_j(X)$  is P-convex.

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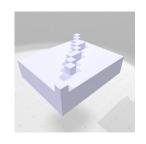
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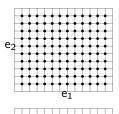
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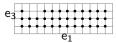
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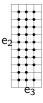
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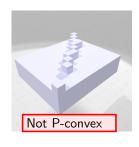
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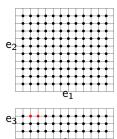
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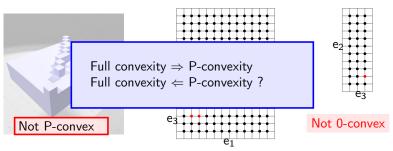
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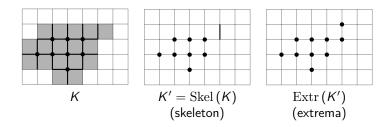
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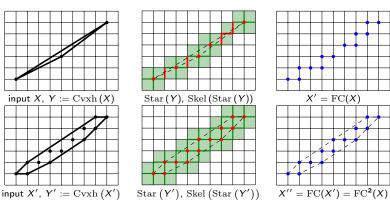
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- ▶ for any complex  $K \subset \mathscr{C}^d$ , let  $Skel(K) := \bigcap_{K' \subset K \subset Star(K')} K'$
- ▶ for any complex  $K \subset \mathscr{C}^d$ , let  $\operatorname{Extr}(K) := \operatorname{Cl}(K) \cap \mathbb{Z}^d$

### Fully convex enveloppe $FC^*(X)$

- Iterative method for computing a fully convex enveloppe
- ▶ Let FC(X) := Extr(Skel(Star(Cvxh(X))))
- ▶ Iterative composition  $FC^n(X) := \underbrace{FC \circ \cdots \circ FC}_{n \text{ times}}(X)$
- ▶ Fully convex envelope of X is  $FC^*(X) := \lim_{n\to\infty} FC^n(X)$ .



# Fully convex enveloppe $FC^*(X)$ Properties

#### **Theorem**

 $X \subset \mathbb{Z}^d$  is fully convex if and only if X = FC(X).

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For any finite  $X \subset \mathbb{Z}^d$ ,  $\mathrm{FC}^*(X)$  is fully convex.

### Fully convex sets from Minkowski sums

- $ightharpoonup H^+ := [0,1]^d$  (closed unit hypercube of positive orthant)
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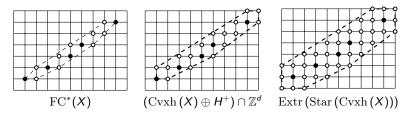
Let A and B be real closed convex sets, with  $H^+ \subset B$ , then  $(A \oplus B) \cap \mathbb{Z}^d$  is a fully convex set.

#### **Theorem**

Let  $X \subset \mathbb{Z}^d$ , then

- 1.  $(\operatorname{Cvxh}(X) \oplus H^+) \cap \mathbb{Z}^d$  is fully convex,
- 2. Extr  $(\operatorname{Star}(\operatorname{Cvxh}(X)))$  is fully convex.

### Comparison between hull operators



operator	$FC^*(X)$	$(\operatorname{Cvxh}(X) \oplus H^+) \cap \mathbb{Z}^d$	$\operatorname{Extr}\left(\operatorname{Star}\left(\operatorname{Cvxh}\left(X\right)\right)\right)$
Id. on fully cvx.	yes	no	no
idempotence	yes	no	no
symmetry	yes	no	yes
# (Out)/# (In)	low	medium	high
efficiency	iterative	yes	yes

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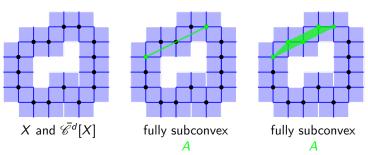
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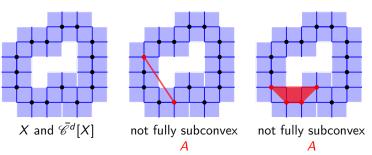
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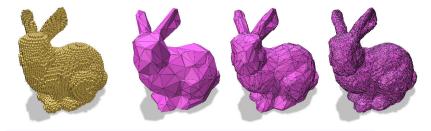
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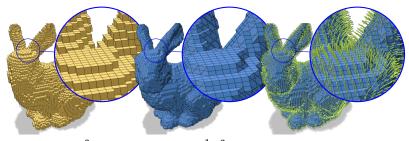


- ▶ **Input**: digital set  $X \subset \mathbb{Z}^d$ , its digital boundary  $B := \partial X$
- ▶ **Output**: a polyhedral surface P approaching  $\partial X$
- ▶ ideally, edges and faces of P should be fully subconvex to  $\partial X$ , i.e.

$$\forall \mathsf{edge}(p,q) \in P, \mathrm{Star}\left(\mathrm{Cvxh}\left(\{p,q\}\right)\right) \subset \mathrm{Star}\left(\partial X\right)$$
  
 $\forall \mathsf{face}(p,q,r) \in P, \mathrm{Star}\left(\mathrm{Cvxh}\left(\{p,q,r\}\right)\right) \subset \mathrm{Star}\left(\partial X\right)$ 

▶ faces of P should align with pieces of digital planes of  $\partial X$ 

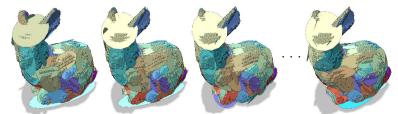
#### Mixed variational and digital method Initialization



- points in  $\mathbb{Z}^3$  vertices in  $\frac{1}{2}\mathbb{Z}^3$
- 1. compute dual surface S to digital surface  $\partial X$ ⇒ a combinatorial 2-manifold
- 2. estimate normal vector field u to X using for instance integral invariant normal estimator

#### Mixed variational and digital method

Progressive proxy fitting, similar to "Variational shape approximation" [Alliez et al. 2004]



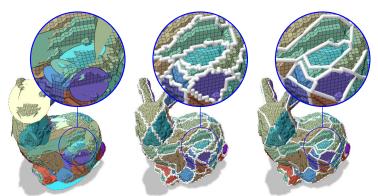
1. Proxies: choose K initial facets among N facets randomly,  $i_1, \ldots, i_k$ 

$$E(\text{label}, i_1, \dots, i_k) := \sum_{k=1}^K \sum_{\substack{i=1 \\ \text{label}(i) = k}}^N \text{Area}(f_i) \|\mathbf{u}_i - \mathbf{u}_{i_k}\|^2$$

- 2. Label the N-K remaining facets to one proxy by progressive aggregation to minimize E (with  $i_1, \ldots, i_k$  fixed).
- For each proxy k, determine the new best representant ik to minimize E (label is fixed).
- 4. Loop back to 2 as long as E decreases

### Mixed variational and digital method

Split region boundaries into tangent paths



- **b** boundaries between regions i and j are polylines with vertex set  $P_{i,j}$  in  $\frac{1}{2}\mathbb{Z}^3$
- $ightharpoonup D_{i,j} := \operatorname{Extr}\left(\operatorname{Star}\left(P_{i,j}\right)\right)$  defines the constraint domain in  $\frac{1}{2}\mathbb{Z}^3$
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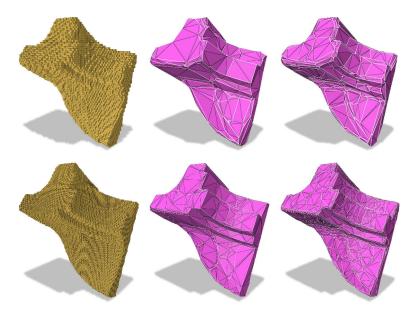


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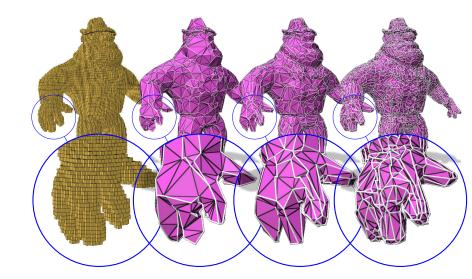
- ightharpoonup vertices of simplified boundaries  $B_{i,j}$  are projected onto proxy plane
- projected points triangulated using Delaunay triangulation, constrained with the projected edges of B<sub>i,j</sub>
- triangles are projected back in 3D to get final triangulation



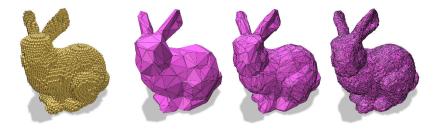
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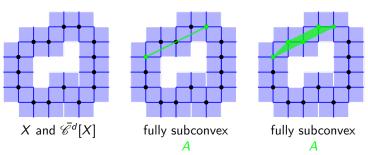


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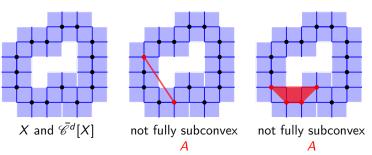
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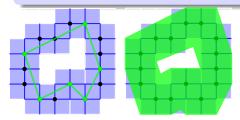
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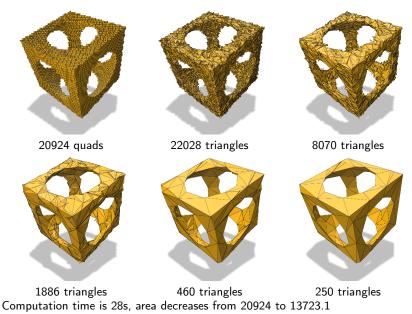
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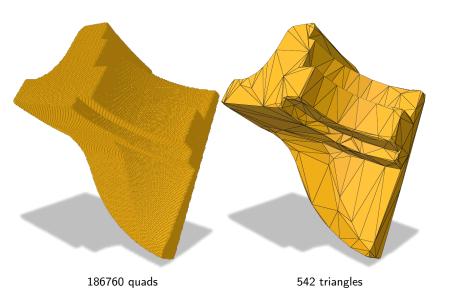
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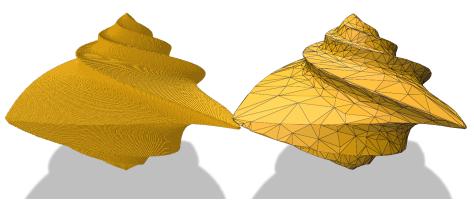
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- ightharpoonup initial polyhedron P: triangulated digital surface X
- ▶ Let L(i) = i be the initial labeling of vertices  $X = (x_i)$
- **foreach** initial edge (i,j) of P taken in random number
  - 1. if L(i) = L(j) then continue
  - 2.  $m_1 \leftarrow \text{mergeScore}(L(i), L(j))$
  - 3.  $m_2 \leftarrow \text{mergeScore}(L(j), L(i))$
  - 4. if  $min(m_1, m_2) = +\infty$  then continue
  - 5. if  $m_1 < m_2$  then merge  $L(j) \leftarrow L(i)$
  - 6. **else** merge  $L(i) \leftarrow L(j)$
- mergeScore(k, I) test the edge merge (k, I) by identifying vertex I to vertex k. Returns either  $+\infty$  if the new faces are not fully subconvex or covering, or returns the difference of area induced by the merge.
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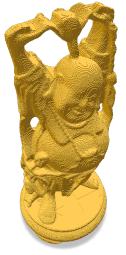






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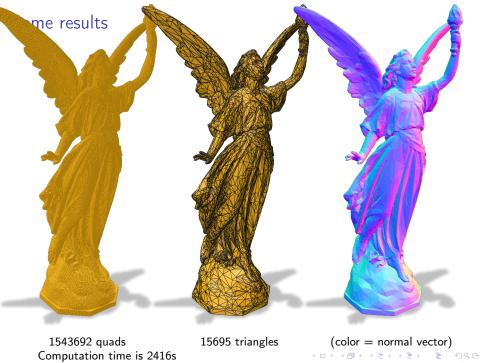
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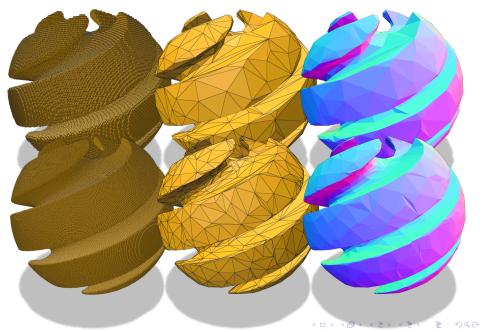


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- prove remaining characterizations
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- speed-up polyhedrization
- smarter optimizations for polyhedrization ?

### Smarter optimization following curvature information

