Administrative Stuff

- Exercise grade are 25% of the final grade
- Six programming exercises
- One assignment every two week
- In odd weeks, we discuss solutions
- You can work alone or in group of two
- Send solutions to surgem@inf.ethz.ch

Polygonal mesh processing

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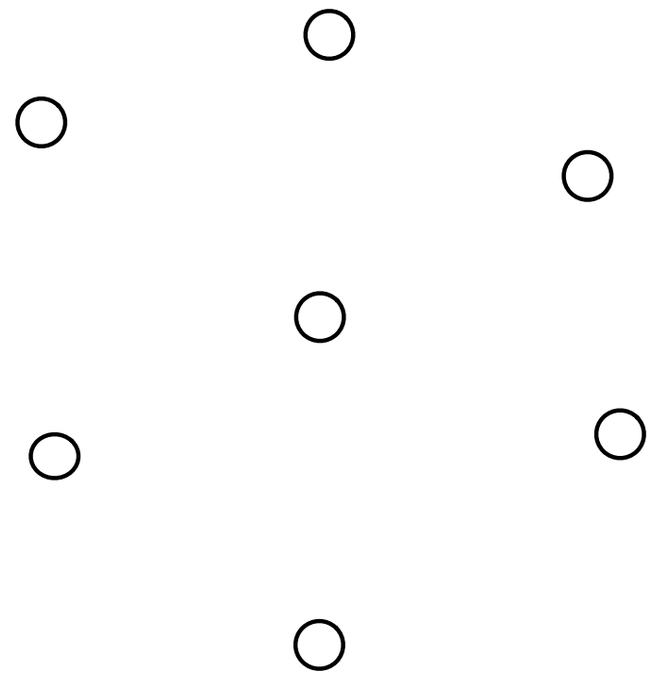

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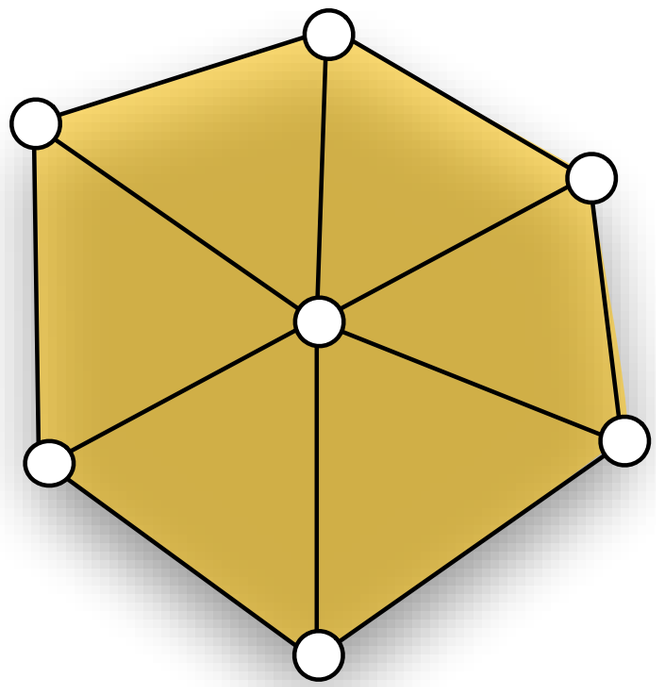


How do we represent geometric entities?

Requirements

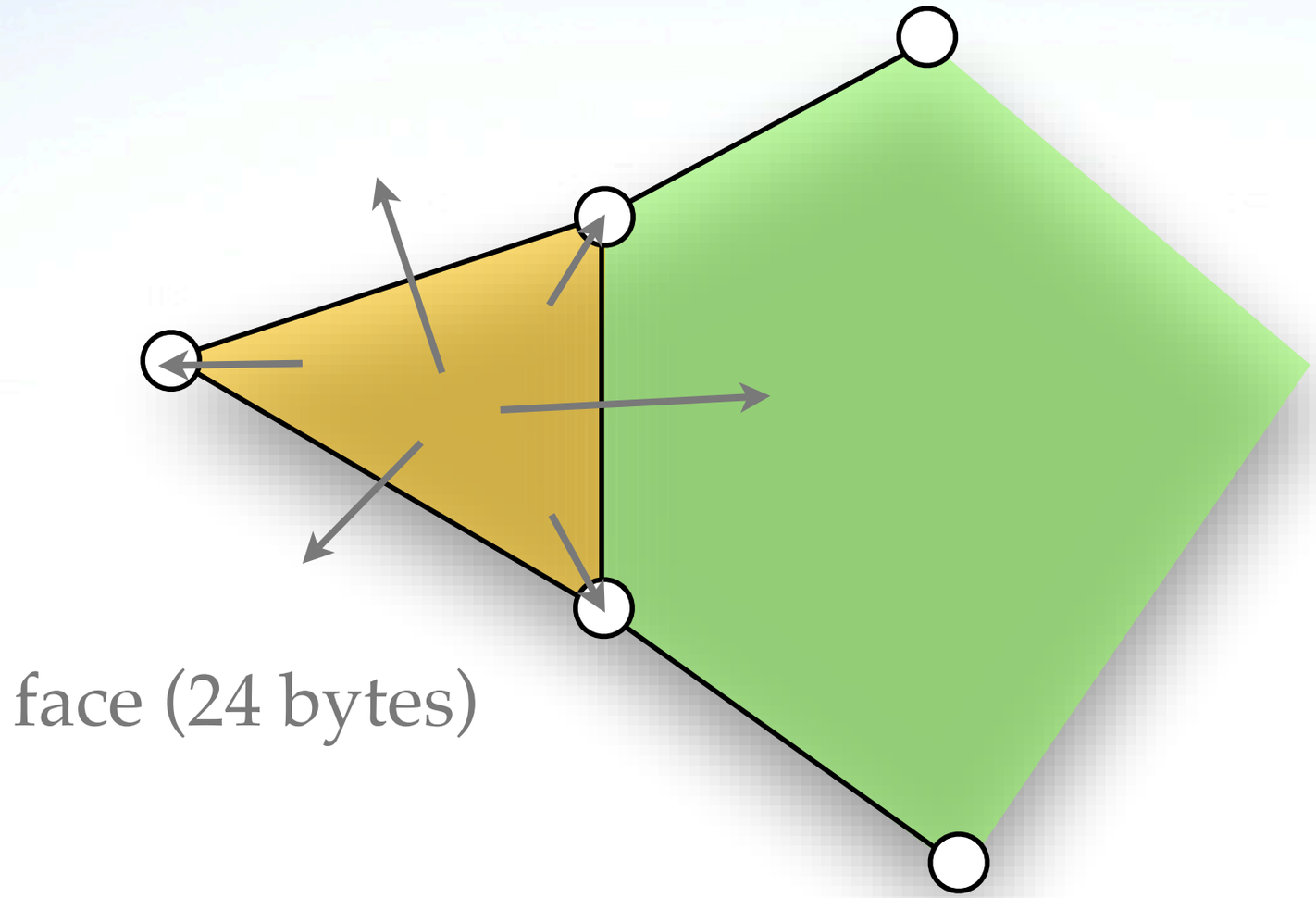
- Random access to vertices, edges and faces
- Fast mesh traversal
- Fast neighborhood query
- Memory efficiency

Different data structures
Different topological data storage

- Two main approaches: Face and edge-based (since they encode connectivity)

- Design decision ~ Memory / speed trade-off

Why not face-based data structure?



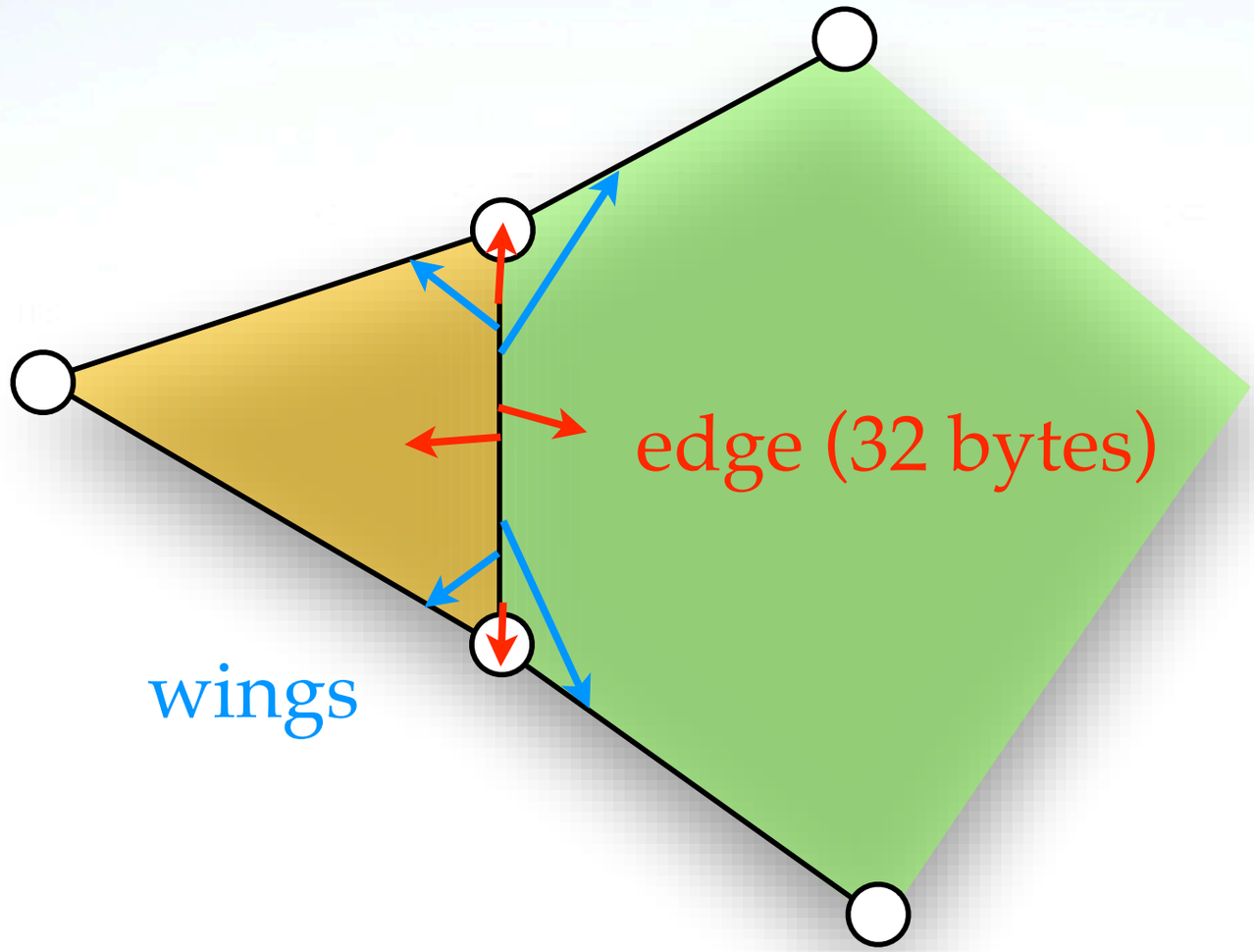
face (24 bytes)

Arbitrary polygons → special case handling

Edges always have the same topological structure

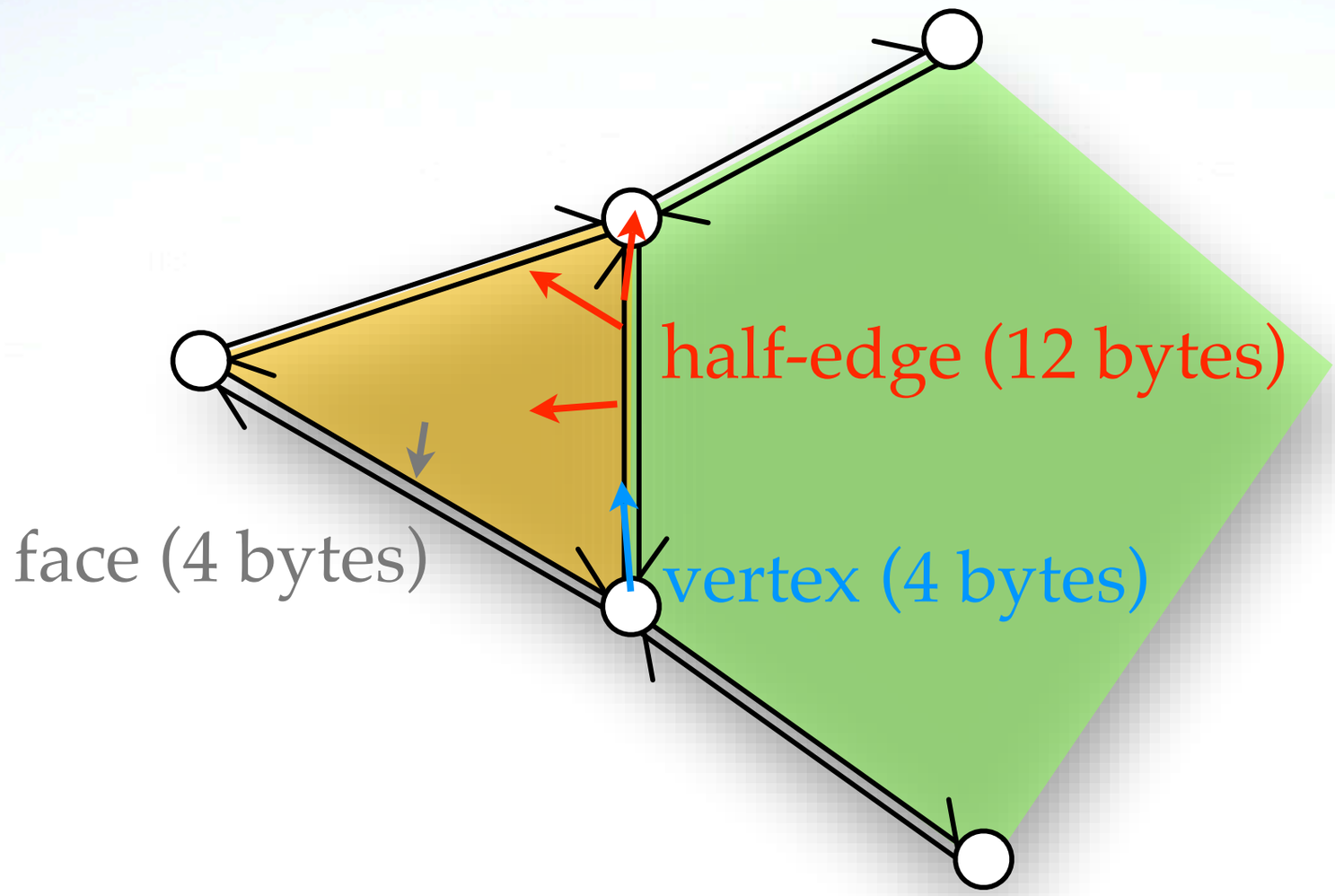
Efficient handling of polygons with variable valence

Why not winged-edge data structure?



Edges do not encode orientation → special case handling for neighborhood traversal

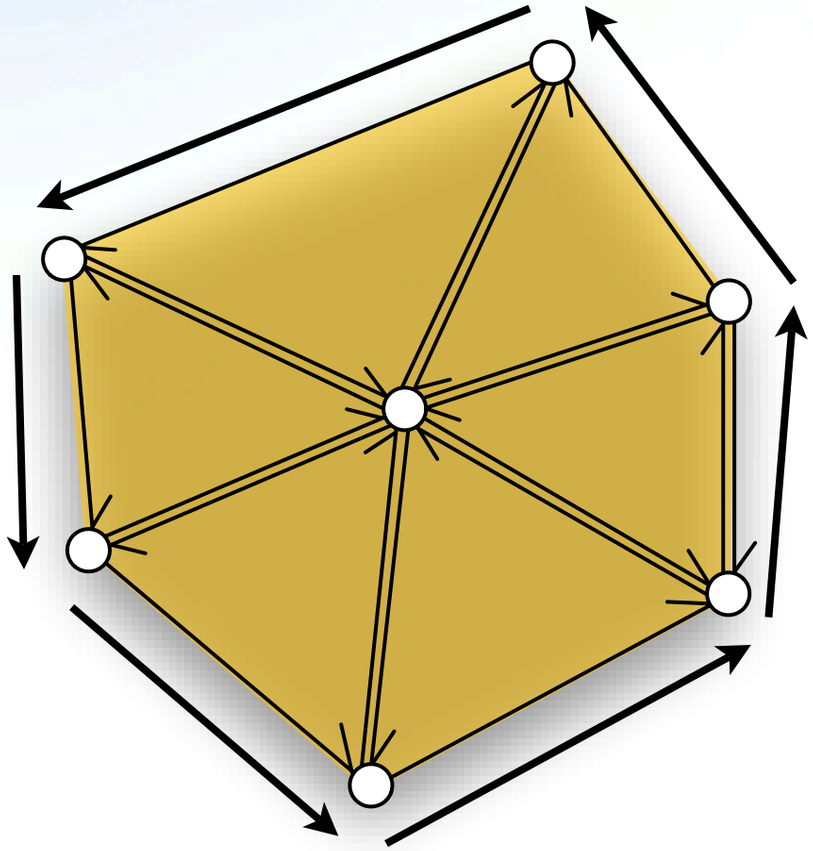
Why half-edge data structure?



Stores main connectivity informations

No run-time overhead due to arbitrary faces

One-ring neighborhood traversal in O(1)



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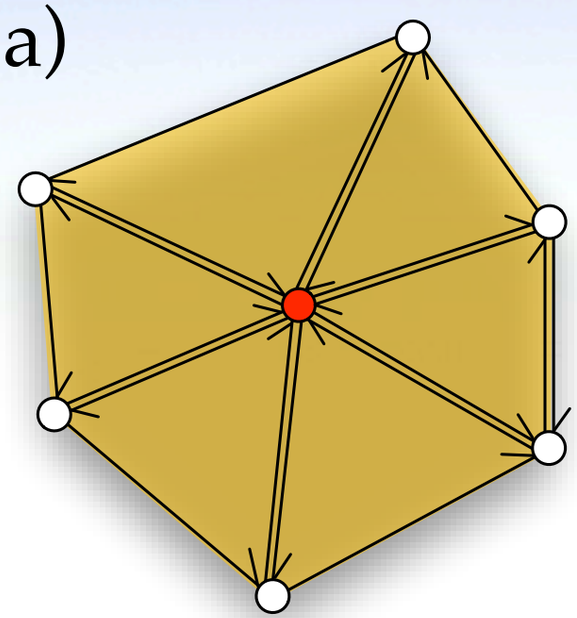

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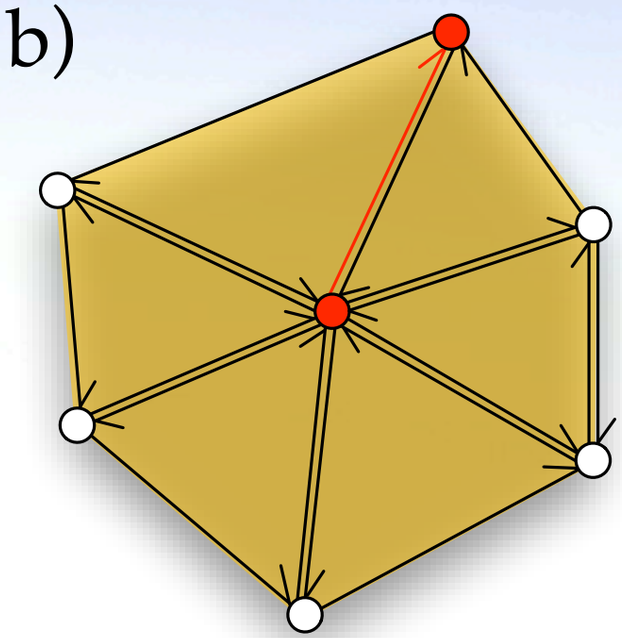

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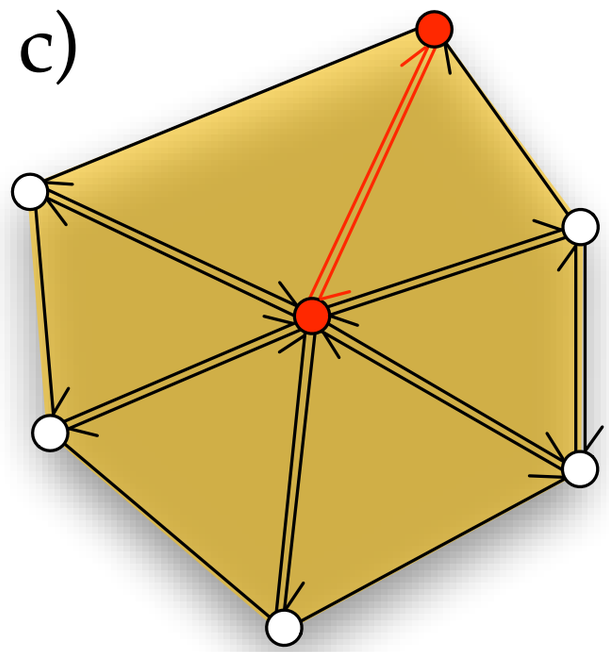

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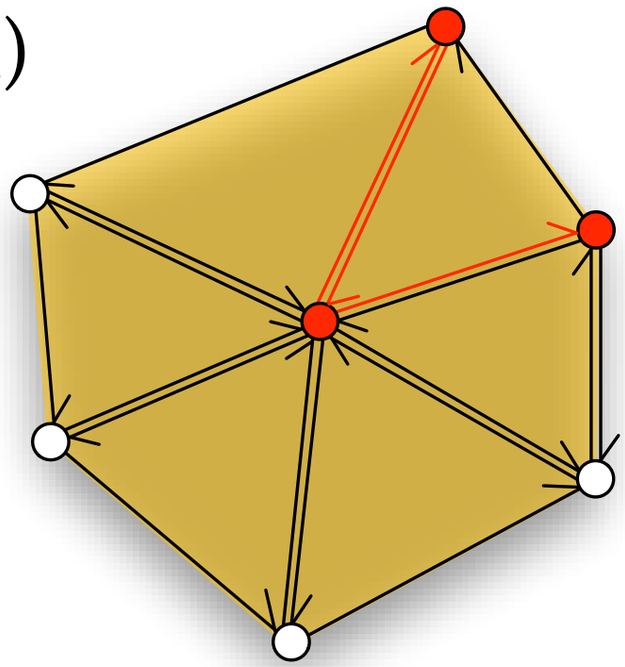


opposite half-edge implicitly encoded

*Open*Mesh 1.0

- ACG – RWTH Aachen
- C++ library
- Implements **half-edge** data structure
- Integrated **basic geometric operations**
- 3-D model file reader / writer

why *Open*Mesh ?

Flexible

- Random access to vertices, edges, and faces
- Arbitrary scalar types
- Arrays or lists as underlying kernels

Efficient in space and time

- Dynamic memory management for array-based meshes (not in CGAL)

- Extendable to specialized kernels for non-manifold meshes (not in CGAL)

It is easy to use...

Integrated geometric operations

```
OpenMesh::Vec3f x,y,n,crossproductXY;
...
l = (x-y).length();
n = x.normalize();
scalarProductXY = (x | y);
crossProductXY = x % y;
...
```

Mesh definition

```
#include <OpenMesh/Core/IO/MeshIO.hh>
#include <OpenMesh/Core/Mesh/Types/TriMesh_ArrayKernelT.hh>

typedef Openmesh::TriMesh_ArrayKernelT<> Mesh;
```

name space

mesh type:
– triangle mesh
– array kernel
– default traits

Loading and writing a mesh

```
Mesh * myMesh;

OpenMesh::IO::Options readOptions;

OpenMesh::IO::read_mesh(*myMesh,”/path/to/bunny.off”,readOptions)
```

reader / writer settings:

– enable vertex normals / colors / texture coordinates?

– enable face normals / colors?

Adding attributes

Mesh * myMesh;

OpenMesh::IO::Options readOptions;

OpenMesh::IO::read_mesh(*myMesh,”/path/to/bunny.off”,readOptions)

```
if(!readOptions.check(OpenMesh::IO::Options::FaceNormal))
{
   myMesh->update_face_normals();
}

if(! readOptions.check(OpenMesh::IO::Options::VertexNormal))
{
   myMesh->update_vertex_normals();
}
```

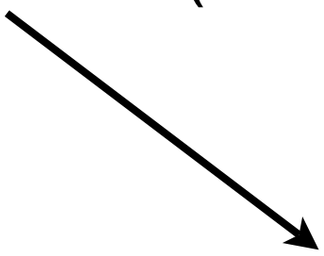
Iterating over vertices

```
typedef Openmesh::TriMesh_ArrayKernelIT<> Mesh;
Mesh * myMesh;
```

```
Mesh::VertexIter vIt,vBegin,vEnd;

vBegin = myMesh->vertices_begin();
vEnd = myMesh->vertices_end();

for( vIt = vBegin ; vIt != vEnd; ++vIt )
{
   doSomethingWithVertex(vIt.handle());
}
```



mesh processing

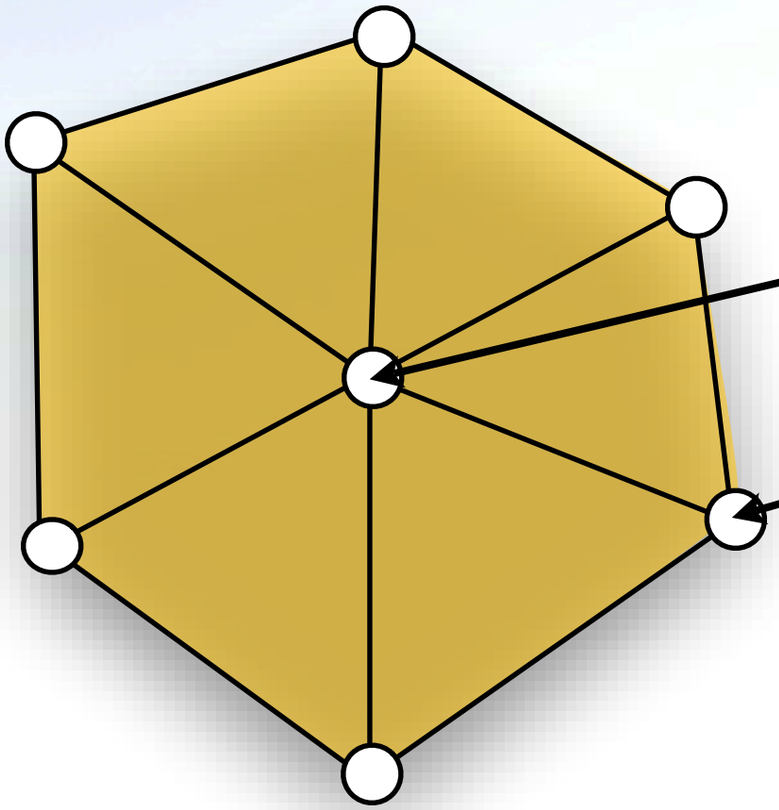
Iterating over faces

Mesh::VertexIter → Mesh::FaceIter

vertices_begin() → faces_begin()

vertices_end() → faces_end()

Circulating over faces around a vertex



```
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vBegin = myMesh->vertices_begin();
vEnd = myMesh->vertices_end();

for( vIt = vBegin ; vIt != vEnd; ++vIt )
{
   Mesh::VertexFaceIter vfIt,vfBegin;
   vfBegin = myMesh->vf_iter(vIt);

   for( vfIt = vfBegin ; vfIt ; ++vfIt)
   {
      doSomethingWithFace(vfIt.handle());
   }
}
```

returns false after a complete circulation round

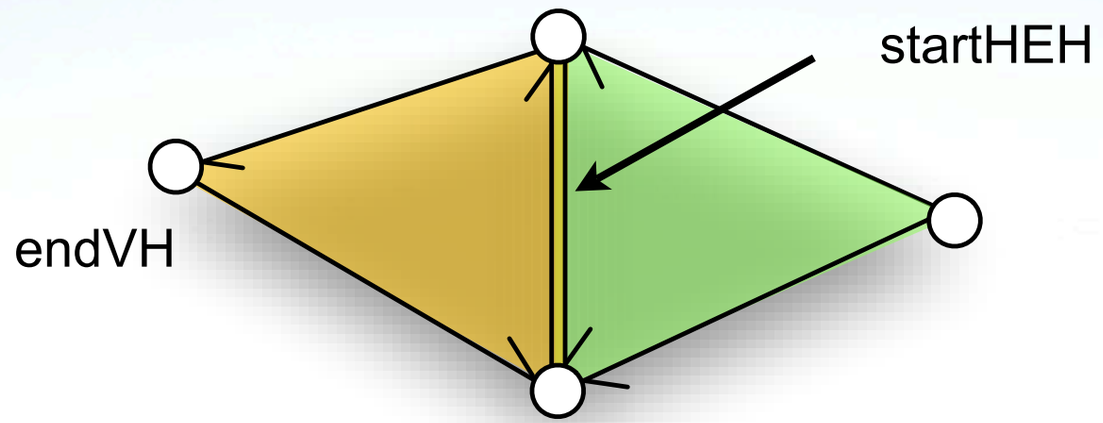
Triangle geometry

```
void analyzeTriangle(OpenMesh::FaceHandle & _fh)
{
        OpenMesh::Vec3f pointA,pointB,pointC;
        Mesh::ConstFaceVertexIter cfvIt;

        cfvIt = myMesh->cfv_iter(_fh);
        pointA = myMesh->point(cfvIt.handle());
        pointB = myMesh->point((++cfvIt).handle());
        pointC = myMesh->point((++cfvIt).handle());

        perimeter(pointA,pointB,pointC);
        area(pointA,pointB,pointC)
}
```

Neighborhood access in O(1)




```
OpenMesh::VertexHandle endVH;
OpenMesh::HalfEdgeHandle startHEH,oppositeHEH,nextHEH;

startHEH = hehIt.handle();
```

mesh topology involved

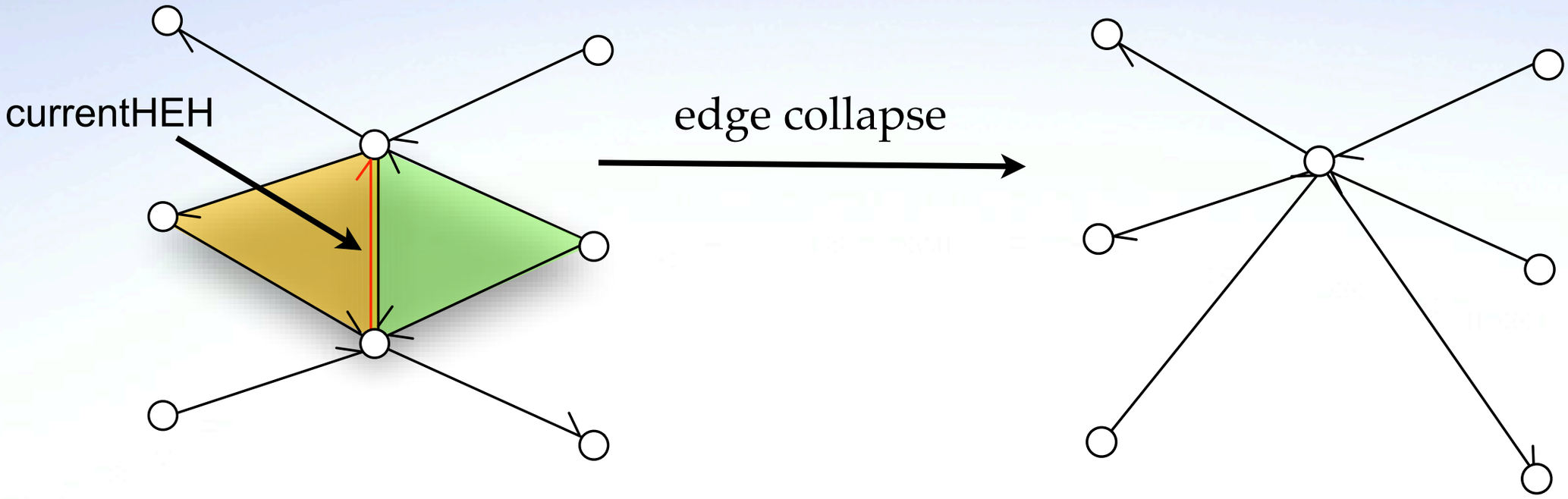
```
oppositeHEH = myMesh->opposite_halfedge_handle(startHEH);
nextHEH = myMesh->next_halfedge_handle(oppositeHEH);
endVH =  myMesh->to_vertex_handle(nextHEH);
```

Modifying the geometry

```
for( vIt = vBegin ; vIt != vEnd; ++vIt )
{
   scale(vIt.handle(),2.0);
}
```

```
void scale(OpenMesh::VertexHandle & _vh,double _alpha)
{
      OpenMesh::Vec3f newCoordinate;
      newCoordinate = myMesh->point(_vh);
      myMesh->set_point(_vh, newCoordinate * _alpha);
}
```

Changing the topology




```
myMesh->request_vertex_status();
myMesh->request_edge_status();
myMesh->request_face_status();
```

```
OpenMesh::HalfedgeHandle currentHEH = heIt.handle();
```

```
myMesh->collapse(currentHEH);
myMesh->garbage_collection();
```

Customizing the Mesh

- Face type with predefined array kernel

```
typedef Openmesh::TriMesh_ArrayKernelT<> Mesh;
typedef Openmesh::PolyMesh_ArrayKernelT<> Mesh;
```

- Traits

predefined attributes:
– normals / colors
– coordinate types: 2-D, 3-D, ..., *n*D
– scalar types: float, double, ...

custom attributes: centerOfGravity, ...

Traits – static customization

```
#include <OpenMesh/Core/IO/MeshIO.hh>
#include <OpenMesh/Core/Mesh/Types/TriMesh_ArrayKernelT.hh>
```

```
struct myMeshTraits : public OpenMesh::DefaultTraits
{
    typedef OpenMesh::Vec4f Color;

    VertexAttributes (
            OpenMesh::Attributes::Normal |
            OpenMesh::Attributes::Color);

    FaceAttributes (
            OpenMesh::Attributes::Normal |
            OpenMesh::Attributes::Color);

}
```

```
typedef Openmesh::TriMesh_ArrayKernelT<myMeshTraits> Mesh;
```

Dynamic customization of predefined attributes

```
typedef Openmesh::TriMesh_ArrayKernelT<> Mesh;

Mesh * myMesh;

... // load file into myMesh

myMesh->request_vertex_normals();
myMesh->request_vertex_colors();
myMesh->request_face_normals();

...

myMesh->set_color(currentVH,Mesh::Color(0,0,255));

blueColor = myMesh->color(currentVH);
```

Dynamic customization of custom attributes

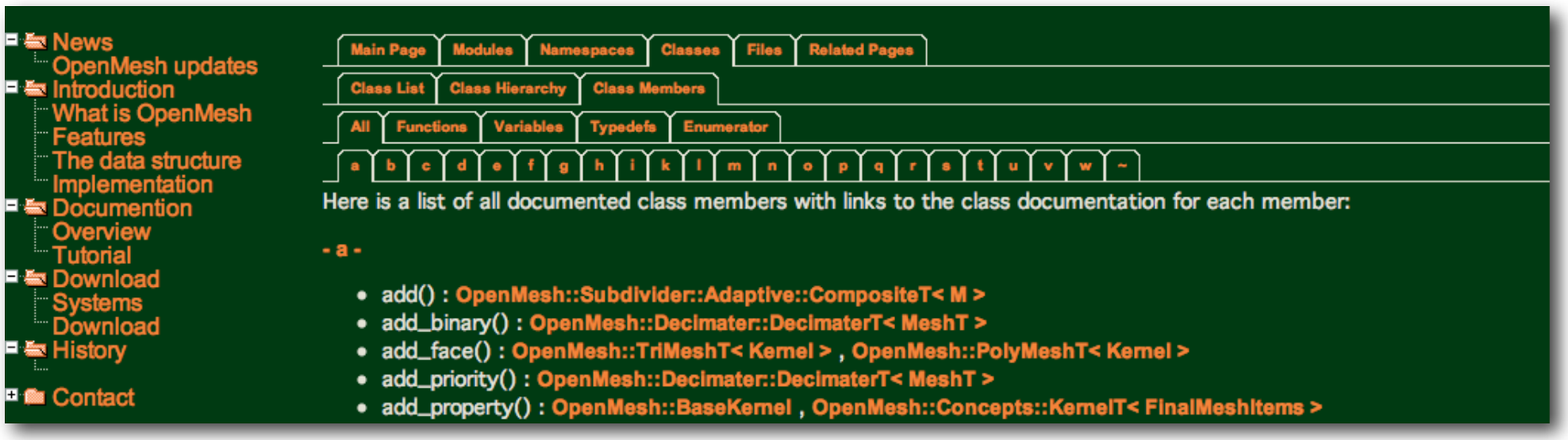
```
OpenMesh::FPropHandleT<bool> marked;
myMesh->add_property(marked);
```

```
for(fIt = fBegin; fIt != fEnd; ++fIt)
{
    if(shouldMark(fIt))
        myMesh->property(marked,fIt) = true;
    else
        myMesh->property(marked,fIt) = false;
}

for(fIt = fBegin; fIt != fEnd; ++fIt)
{
    if(myMesh->property(marked,fIt))
        doSomething(fIt);
}
```

Three important links

www.openmesh.org → Overview
www.openmesh.org → Tutorial
www.openmesh.org → Documentation
→ Classes
→ Class Members



Further readings

- Documention: http://www.openmesh.org/
- OpenMesh – a generic and efficient polygon mesh data structure [Botsch et al. 2002]

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