



# Geometric Modeling

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- How to design a graphical model?

- Design

- How to create a digital description of a real-world object?

- Digitize



# By other names

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- Data Generation
- CAD: Computer-Aided Design
- CAAD: Computer-Aided Architectural Design
- Geometric Modeling
- Computational Geometry



# Approaches

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- interactive design
- procedural composition & construction
- CSG: constructive solid geometry & boolean operators
- subdivision surfaces
- fractals
- isosurfaces of implicit functions



# Geometric Modeling Basics

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- types of polygons & polyhedra
- computing normals
- geometric computations
- OpenGL concerns
- procedural approaches



# types of polygons & polyhedra

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- triangle – fixed length polygons
- convex polygon / polyhedron
- concave polygon / polyhedron
- non-planar polygon
- sliver triangles – error-prone normals



# Polygonal processing

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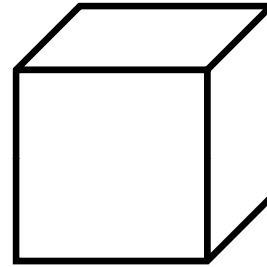
- triangulation
- converting to convex polyhedra
- intersection testing
- closure testing
- well-formed polyhedron:
  - closed,
  - non-self intersecting
  - 2D manifold



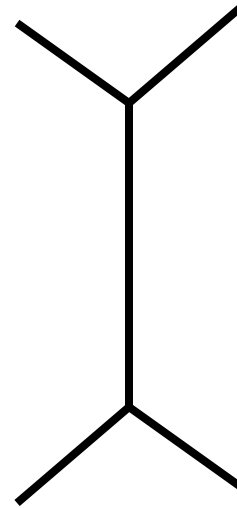
# Data structures

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- face-based



- winged edge





# computing normals

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- cross-product of edges
- ordered edges at convex corner

$$N = (v_0 - v_1) \times (v_2 - v_1)$$

- summation method

$$N_x = \sum ((z_i + z_{i+1}) \times (y_{i+1} - y_i))$$

$$N_y = \sum ((x_i + x_{i+1}) \times (z_{i+1} - z_i))$$

$$N_z = \sum ((y_i + y_{i+1}) \times (x_{i+1} - x_i))$$





# computing vertex normals

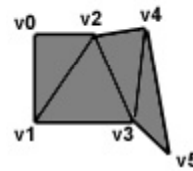
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- for each vertex,  $i$ ,  $n[i] = (0,0,0)$
- for each face,  $j$ 
  - Compute the normal,  $nrml$ , for the face
  - For each vertex,  $i$ , of the face  $n[i] += nrml$
- for each vertex,  $i$ , normalize  $n[i]$

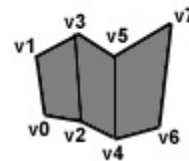
# OpenGL concerns

- vertex normals
- convex polygons

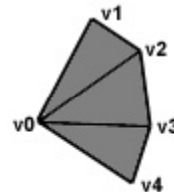
- triangle strip



- quad strips



- triangle fans





# geometric computations

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- topology: genus, holes, & handles
- Euler's formula:  $E + 2 = F + V + 2G$
- Convex hull
- distance to, contained in, intersected by
- meshing & simplification
- LoD: level of detail representations



# Procedural Approaches

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- composition from primitive shapes
- extrusion
- solid of revolution
- lofting
- sweep operator



# Scene Graph

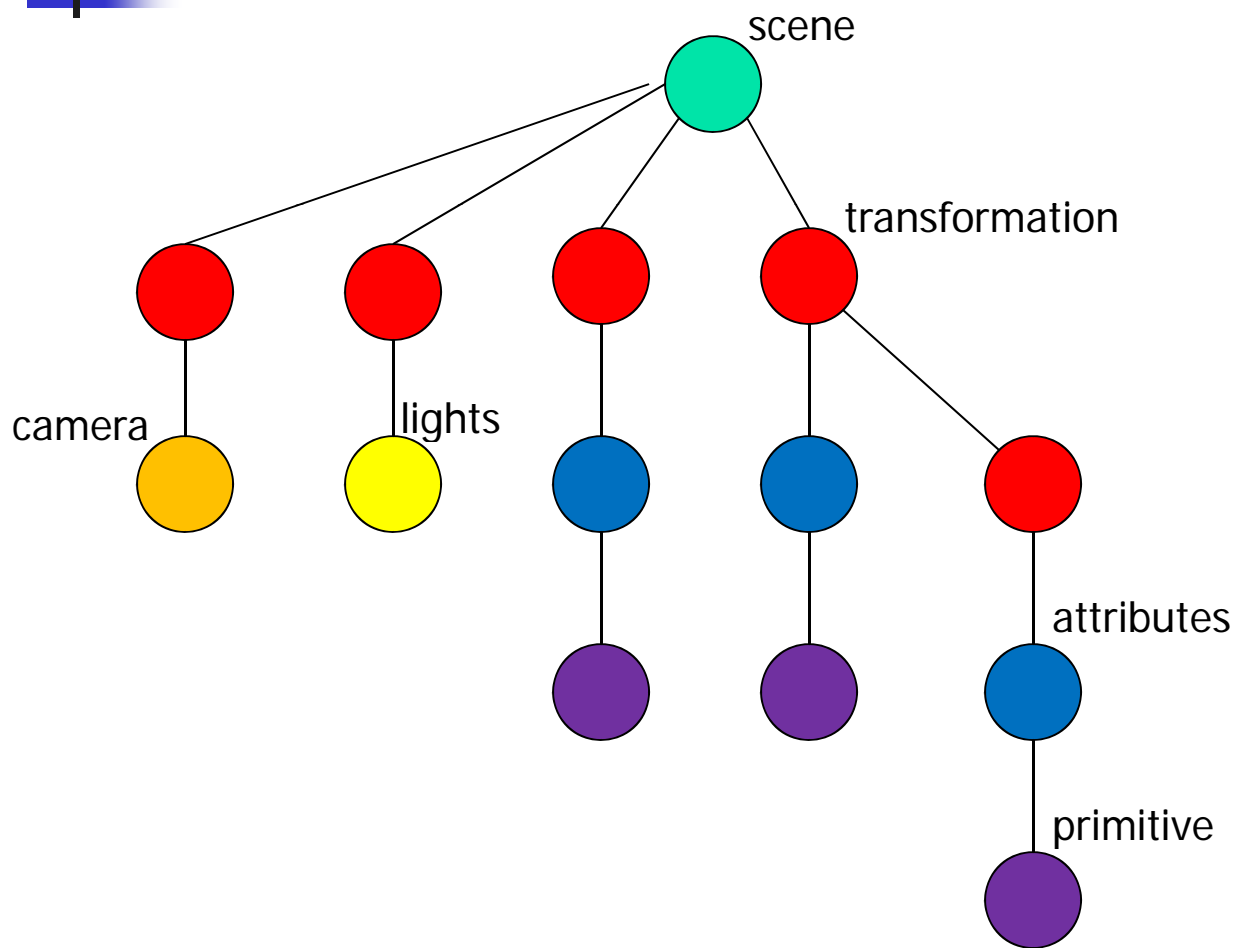
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**Hierarchical representation**  
**File format to record scene description**

- Describe a scene
  - transformations
  - primitive objects
  - attributes
  - camera
  - lights



# Scene Graph



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Scene {
  transform {
    attribute
    primitive
  }
  transform {
    attribute
    primitive
    transform {
      attribute
      primitive
    }
  }
  ...
}
  
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