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# 几何建模与处理基础

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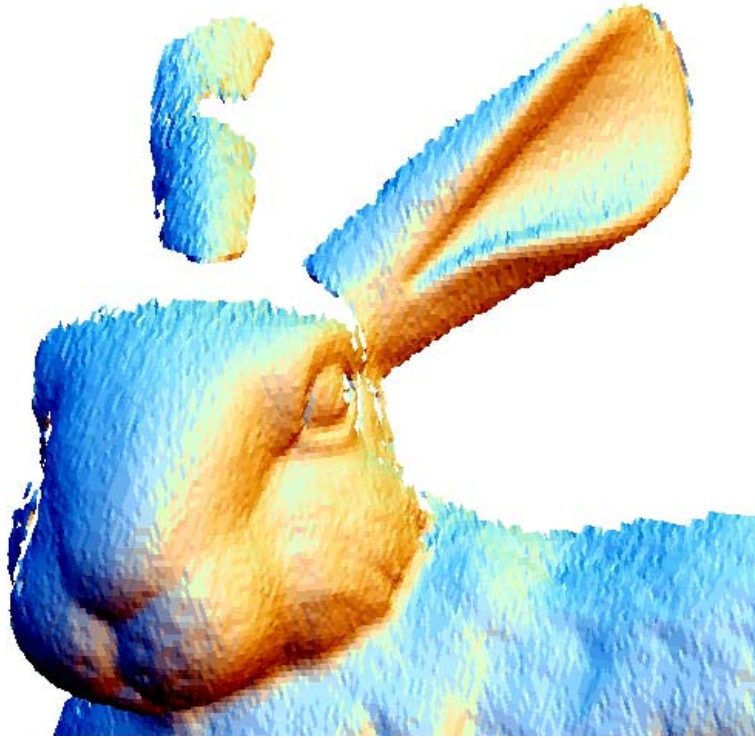


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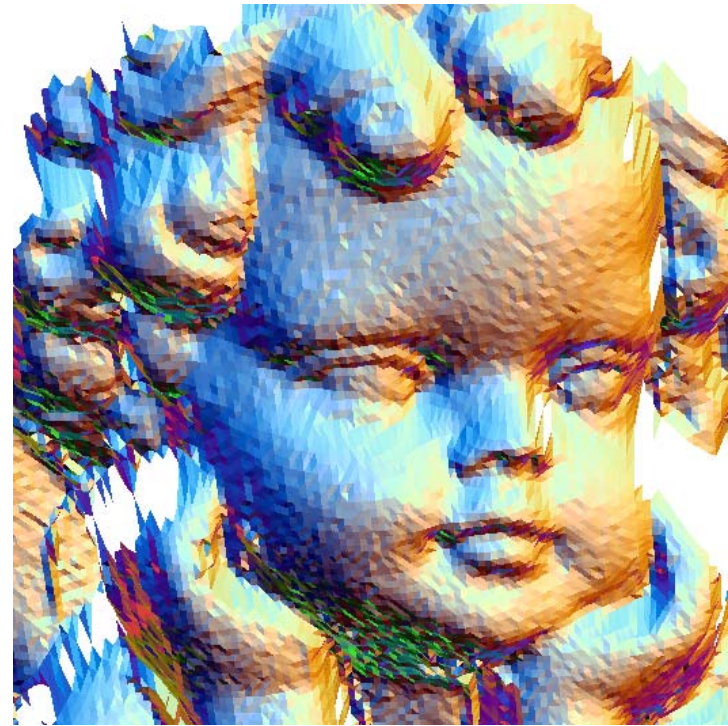
# 曲面去噪

# 网格曲面上的噪声

Meshes obtained from real world objects are often noisy.

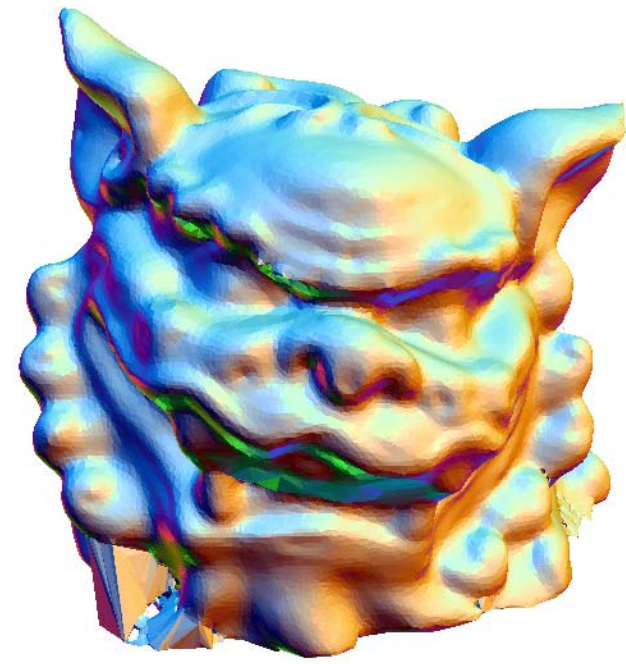
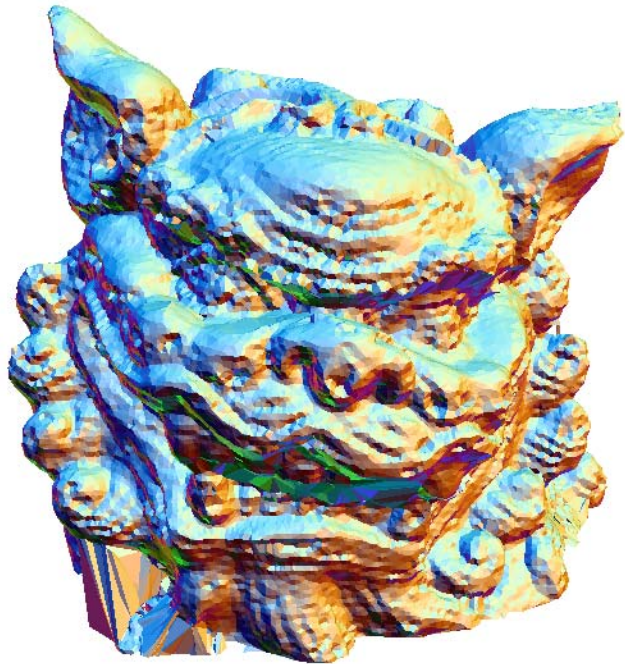


**Stanford Bunny**



**Angel model**

# Mesh (surface) Denoising



- Mesh denoising
- Mesh smoothing
- Mesh filtering
- Mesh improvement
- Surface fairing (\*)

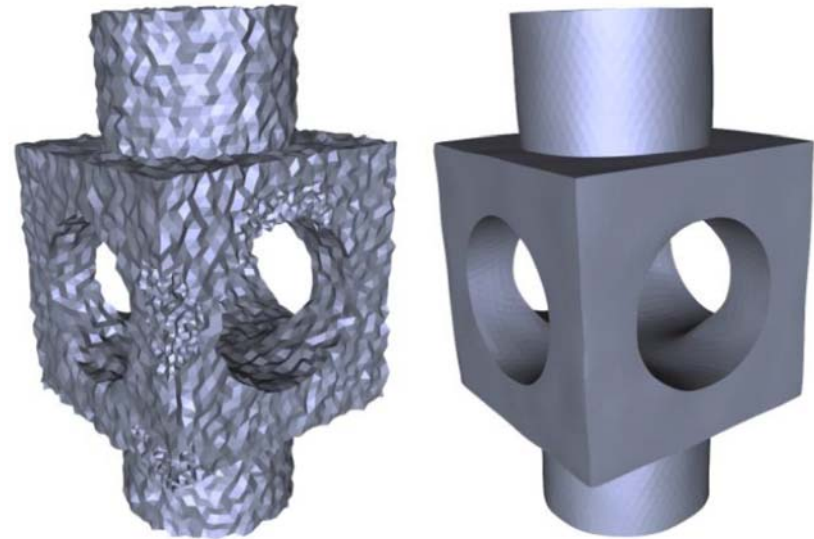


# Image denoising



# What is noise?

- High-frequent tiny parts
- Small bumps on the surface
- High curvature parts
- High fairing energy parts
- ...

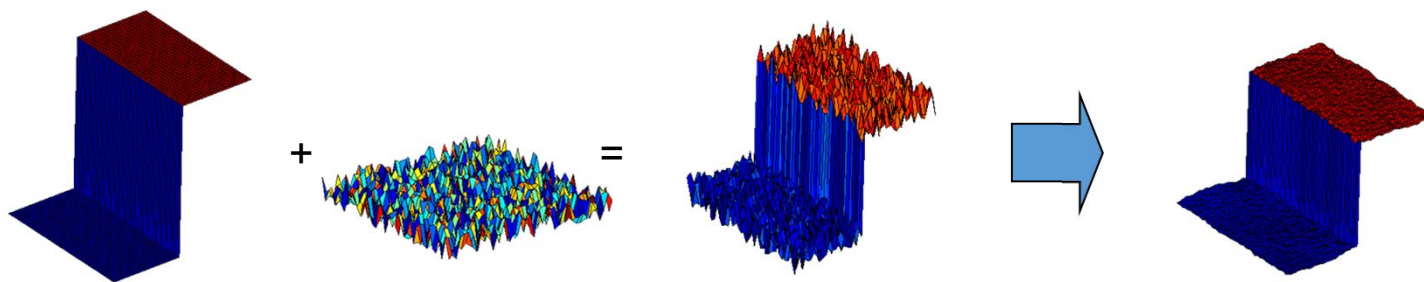


noise or feature?

**No Precise Mathematical Definition!**

# Denoising / Smoothing [From Wiki]

- In statistics and image processing, to smooth a data set is to create **an approximating function** that attempts to capture **important patterns** in the data, while leaving out noise or other fine-scale structures/rapid phenomena.
  - Eliminate high frequency
  - Preserve global features



# Smoothing / Denoising Problem

- Input:  $M$  (含噪声的网格曲面)
- Output:  $M^0$  (无噪声的网格曲面)

- Denoising model:

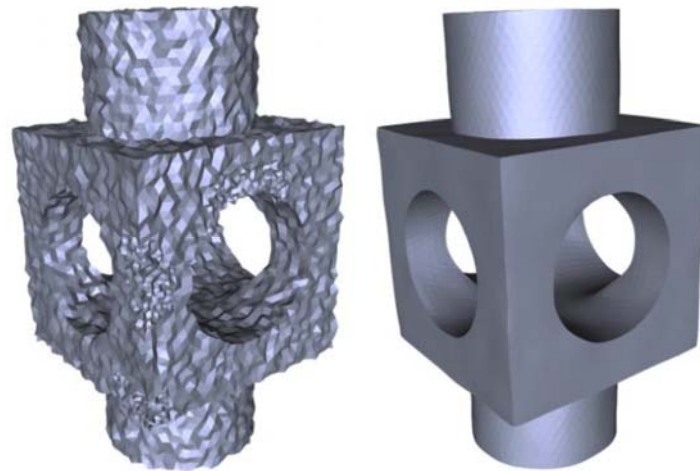
$$M = M^0 + \varepsilon$$

- Challenges
  - Both the ideal mesh  $M^0$  and the noise  $\varepsilon$  are unknown
  - “ill-posed” problem!



# Mesh smoothing

- 假定：网格顶点的数据及连接关系不变
- 问题转化为：求顶点的新位置，使得“噪声”减少！
  - 顶点进行适当的扰动或偏移



- 问题：顶点偏移的方向？

# Mesh Smoothing Problem

- Input:  $M$  (含噪声的网格曲面)
- Output:  $M^0$  (无噪声的网格曲面)

- Mesh smoothing model:

$$\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}^0 + \varepsilon \mathbf{n} \quad (\text{for all } \mathbf{v} \in M)$$

- Questions:
  - What is the displacement vector  $\mathbf{n}$  for vertex  $\mathbf{v}$ ?

# Mesh Smoothing Model

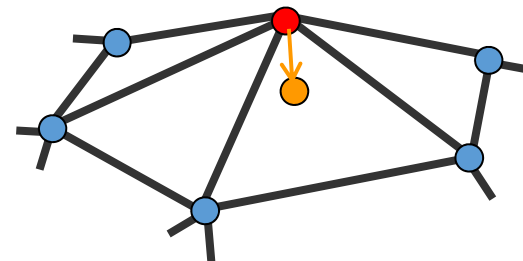
$$\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}^0 + \varepsilon \mathbf{n} \quad (\text{for all } \mathbf{v} \in M)$$

- Displacement vector  $\mathbf{n}$ 
  - The normal of  $\mathbf{v}^0$ ? -- unknown! ill-posed too!
  - The normal of  $\mathbf{v}$ : doable

- New model:

$$\mathbf{v}^0 = \mathbf{v} - \varepsilon \mathbf{n}$$

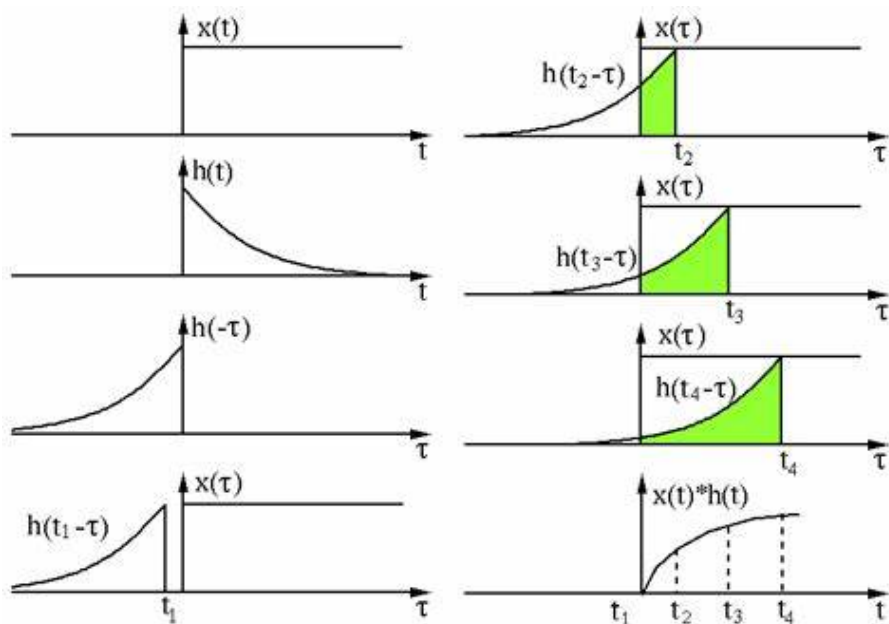
- Key:  $\varepsilon = ?$



# Filtering

- Convolution  $(x * h)(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(\tau)h(t - \tau)d\tau$

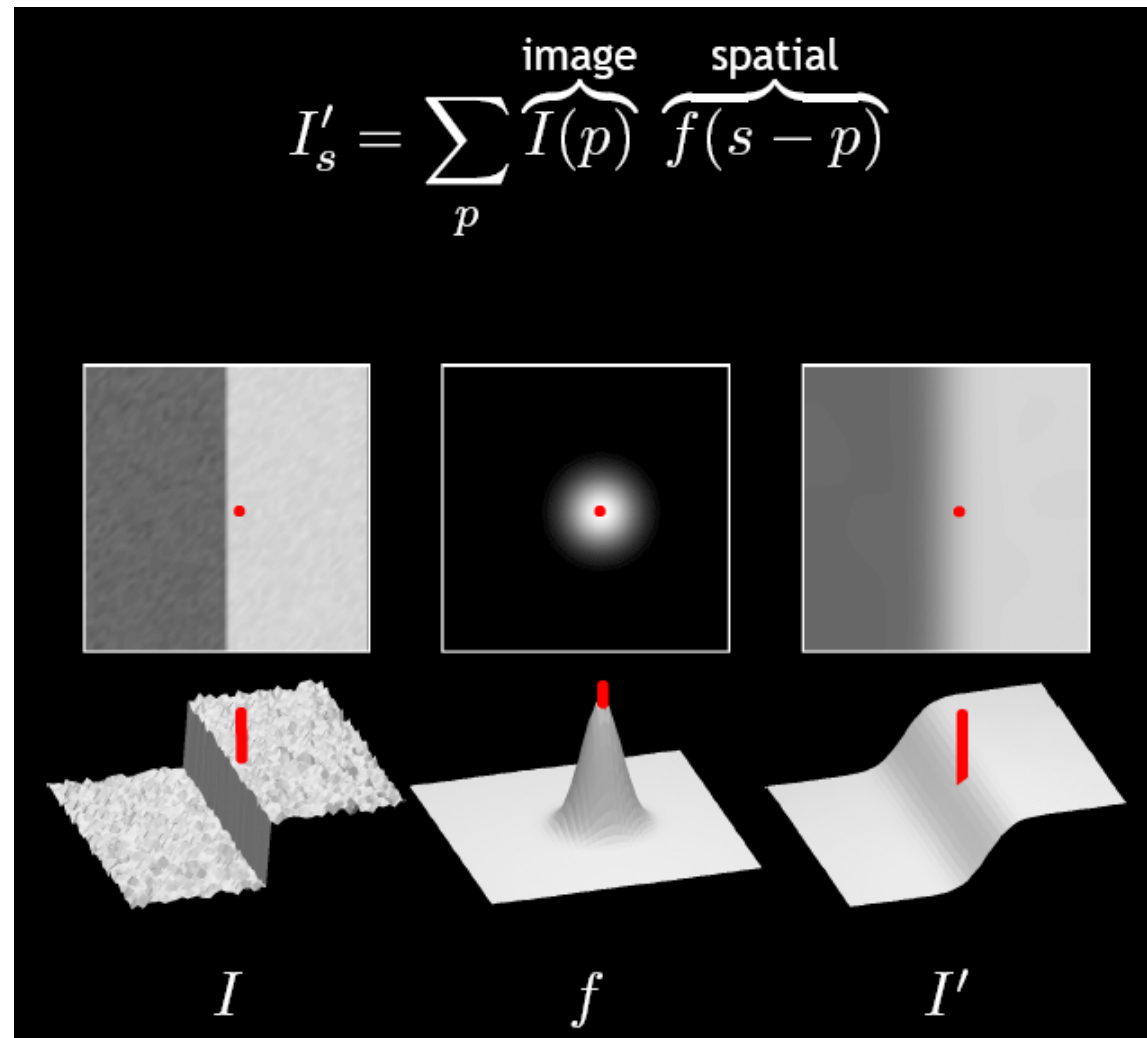
- Discrete form  $(x * h)(t) = \sum_{\tau=-\infty}^{\infty} x(\tau)h(t - \tau)$



几何意义：将函数 $h(t)$ 作为权来对 $x(t)$ 进行加权平均（滤波）

- 将 $x(t)$ 的局部信息进行混合平均

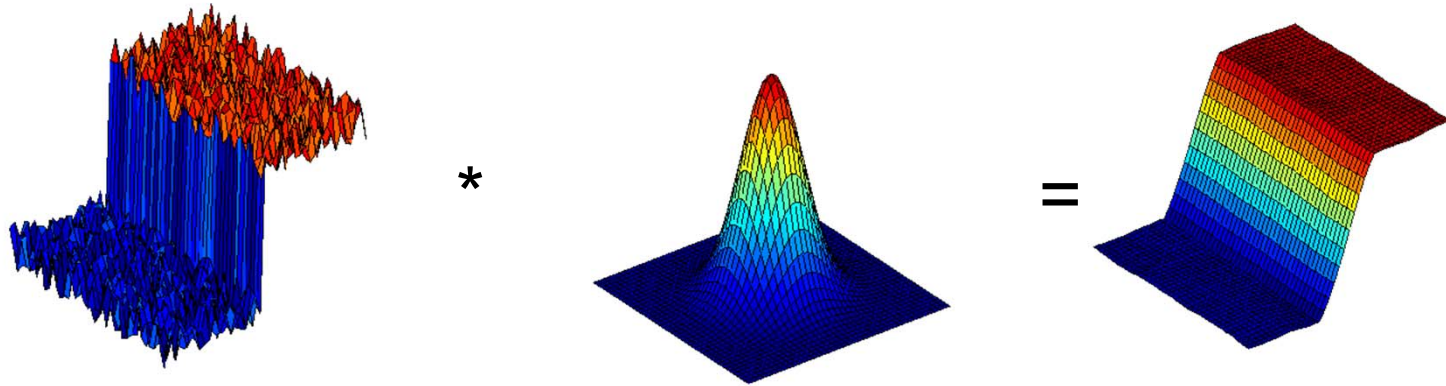
# Image Filtering



# Gaussian Filtering

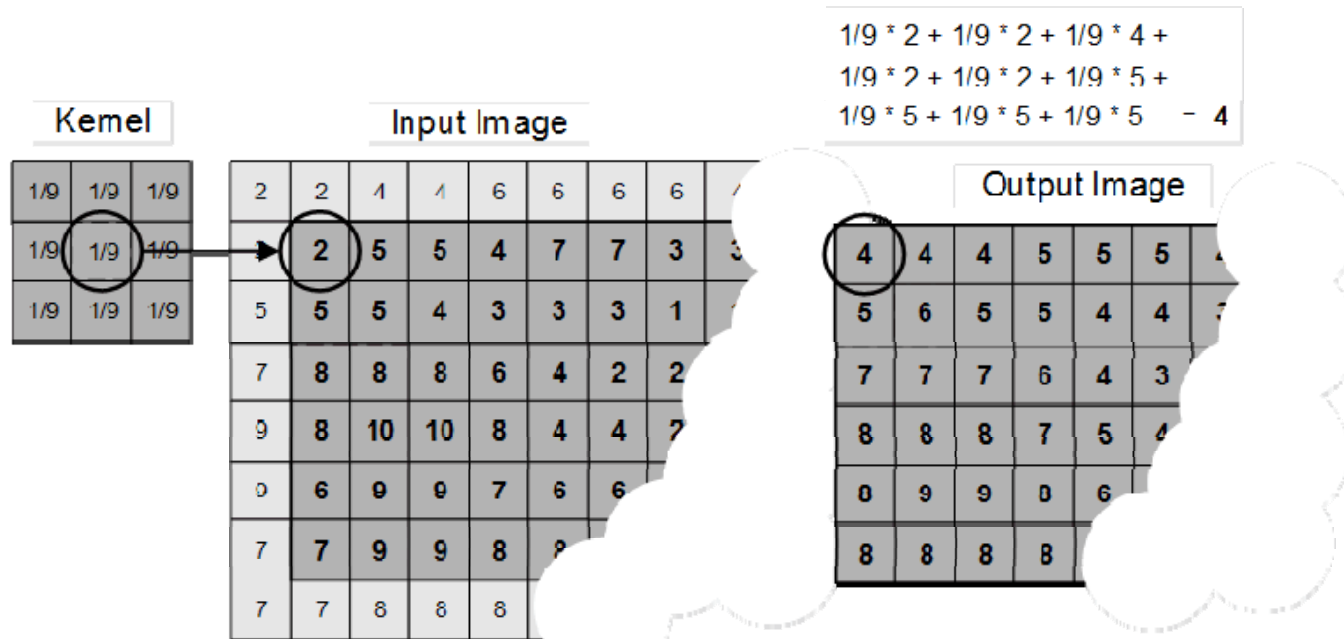
- 使用Gauss函数作为权函数

$$I'(u) = \sum_{p \in N(u)} e^{-\frac{\|u-p\|^2}{2\sigma^2}} I(p)$$



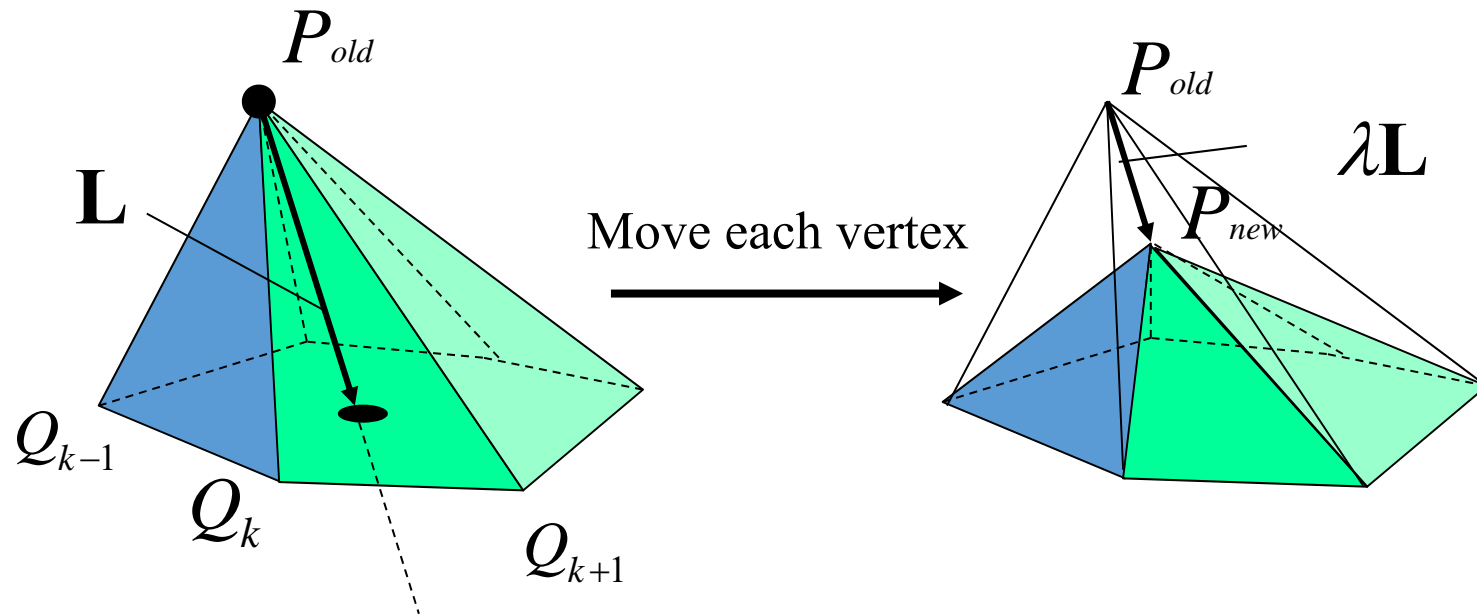


# Discrete Filtering (mask)



# Mesh Vertex Filtering: Laplacian operator / Umbrella Operator

$$P_{new} \leftarrow P_{old} + \lambda \mathbf{L}(P_{old})$$

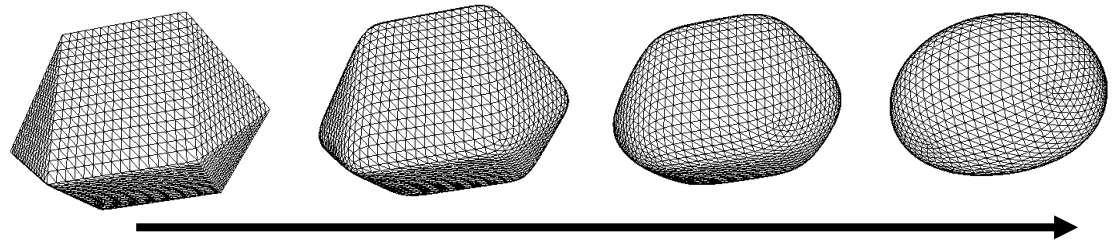


# 滤波对象

- Vertex
- Normal
- Curvature
- Color
- Other physical properties (texture, albedo, ... )

- Challenges:

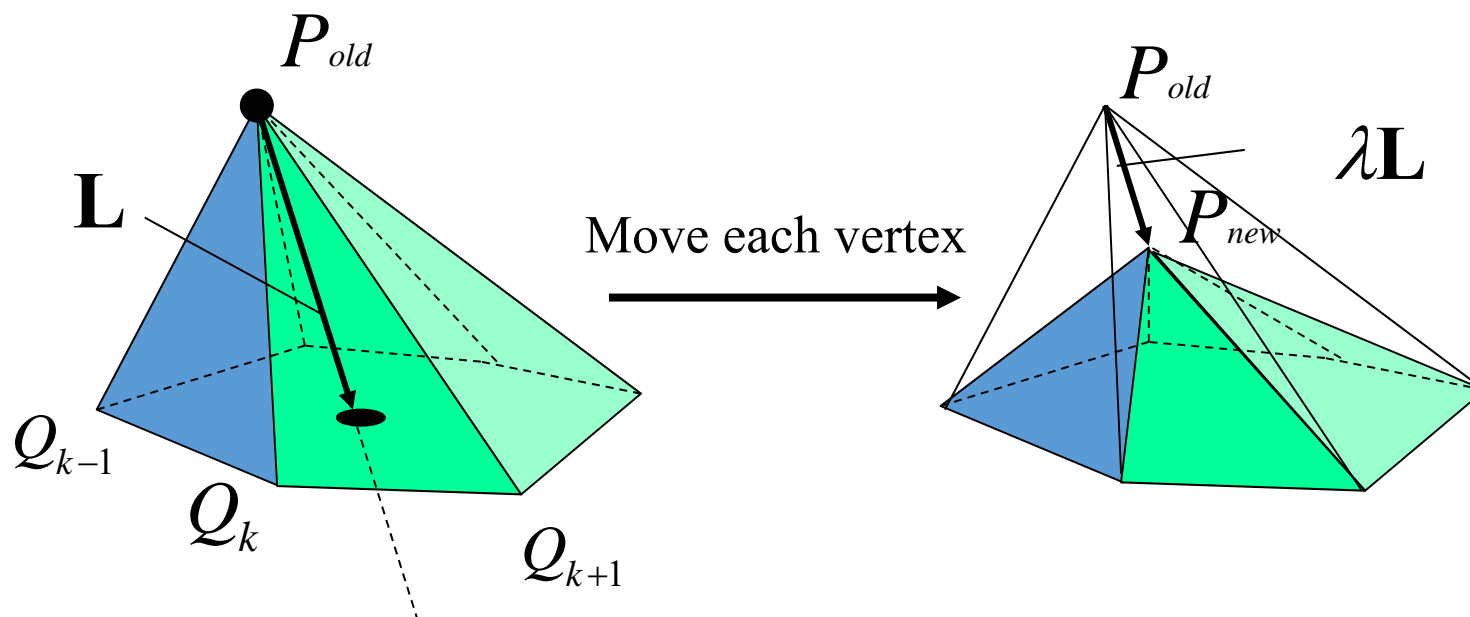
- Iteration number
- Shrinkage



# 1. Vertex Filtering

# 1.1 Laplacian Smoothing

$$P_{new} \leftarrow P_{old} + \lambda \mathbf{L}(P_{old})$$



# Laplacian Smoothing

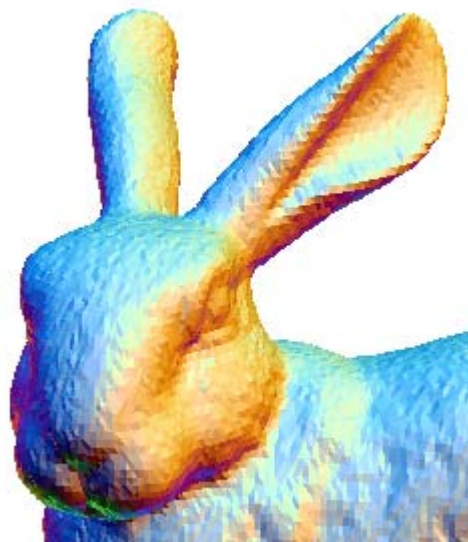
$$P^{new} = P^{old} + \lambda L(P^{old})$$

- Equivalent to box filter in signal processing
- Apply to all vertices on mesh
- Typically repeat several times
- Can describe as energy minimization
  - Energy = sum of squared edge lengths in mesh
  - Parameter  $\lambda > 0$  controls convergence "speed"



# Problem of Over-smoothing

How to find appropriate  $\lambda$  and number of iterations?



**Noisy**



**Best**

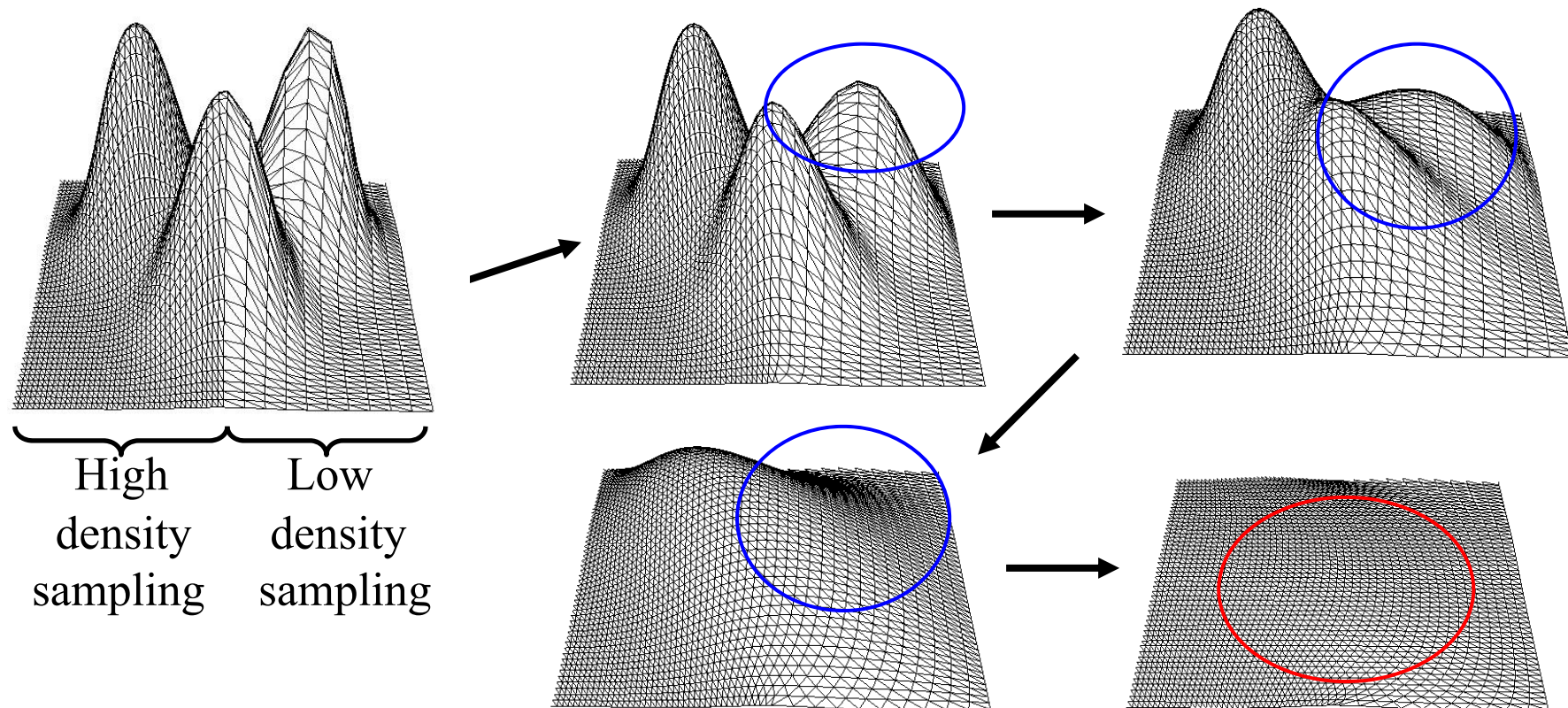


**Over-smoothing**

Iterations →

# Shrinkage Problem

- Increases mesh regularity
- Develops unnatural deformations



# Improved Laplacian

- Laplacian

$$P^{new} = P^{old} + \lambda L(P^{old})$$

- Taubin'95

- Laplacian + Expansion

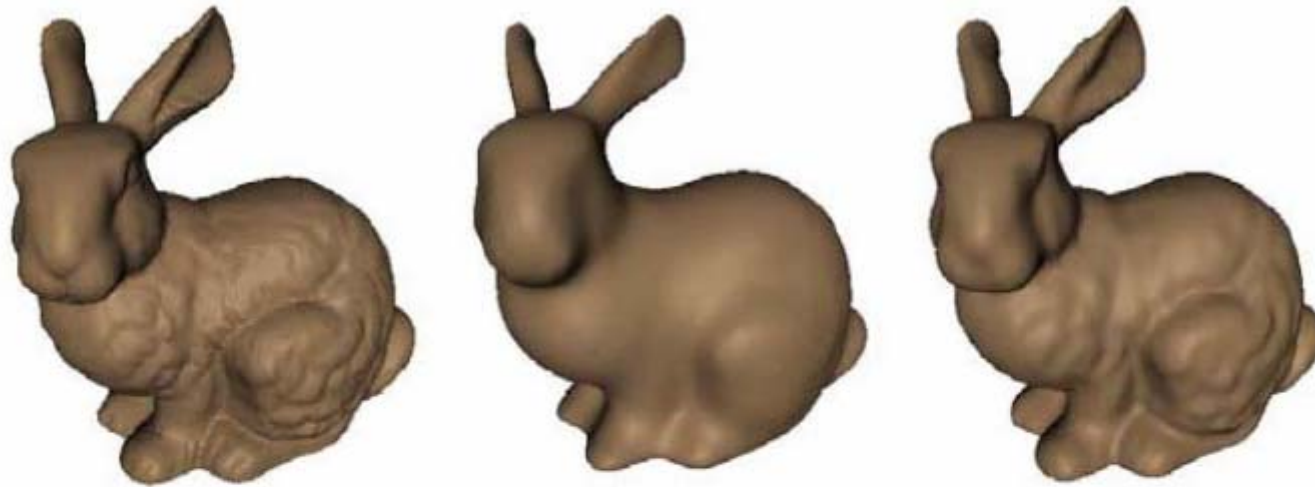
$$P^{new} = P^{old} - (\mu - \lambda) L(P^{old}) - \mu \lambda L^2(P^{old}), \mu > \lambda > 0$$

- Bilaplacian

- Special case of Taubin's

$$P^{new} = P^{old} + \lambda L^2(P^{old})$$

# Comparison



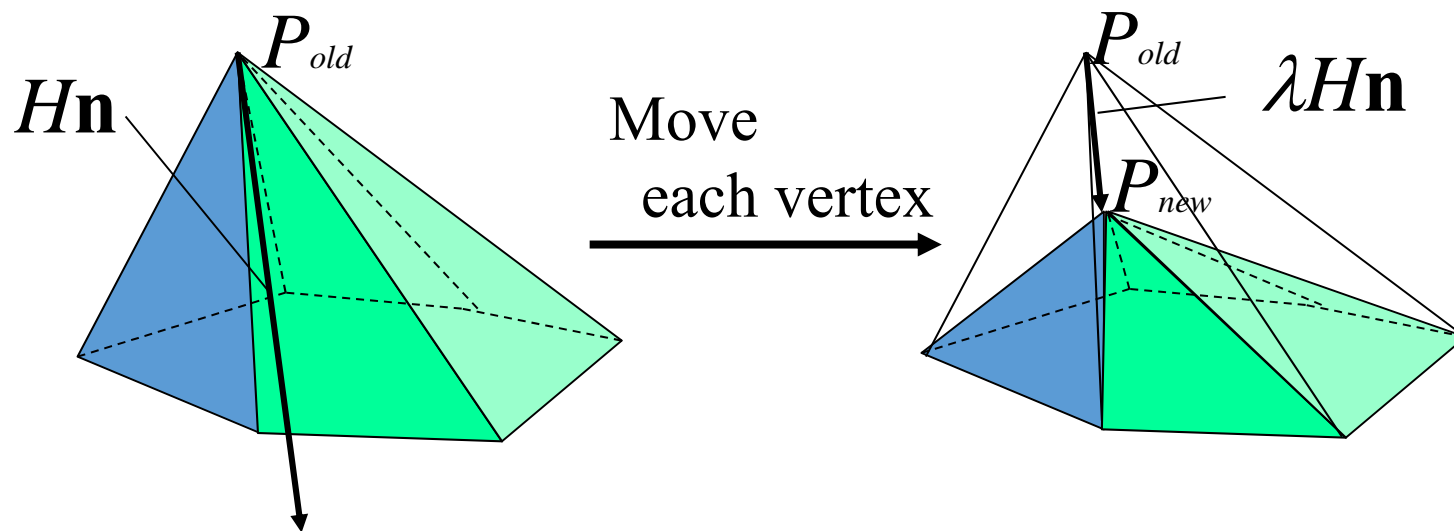
- Drawbacks
  - Slow
  - No stopping criteria

# 1.2 Mean Curvature Flow

$$P_{new} \leftarrow P_{old} + \lambda \boxed{H(P_{old})} \boxed{\mathbf{n}(P_{old})}$$

Speed = discrete mean curvature

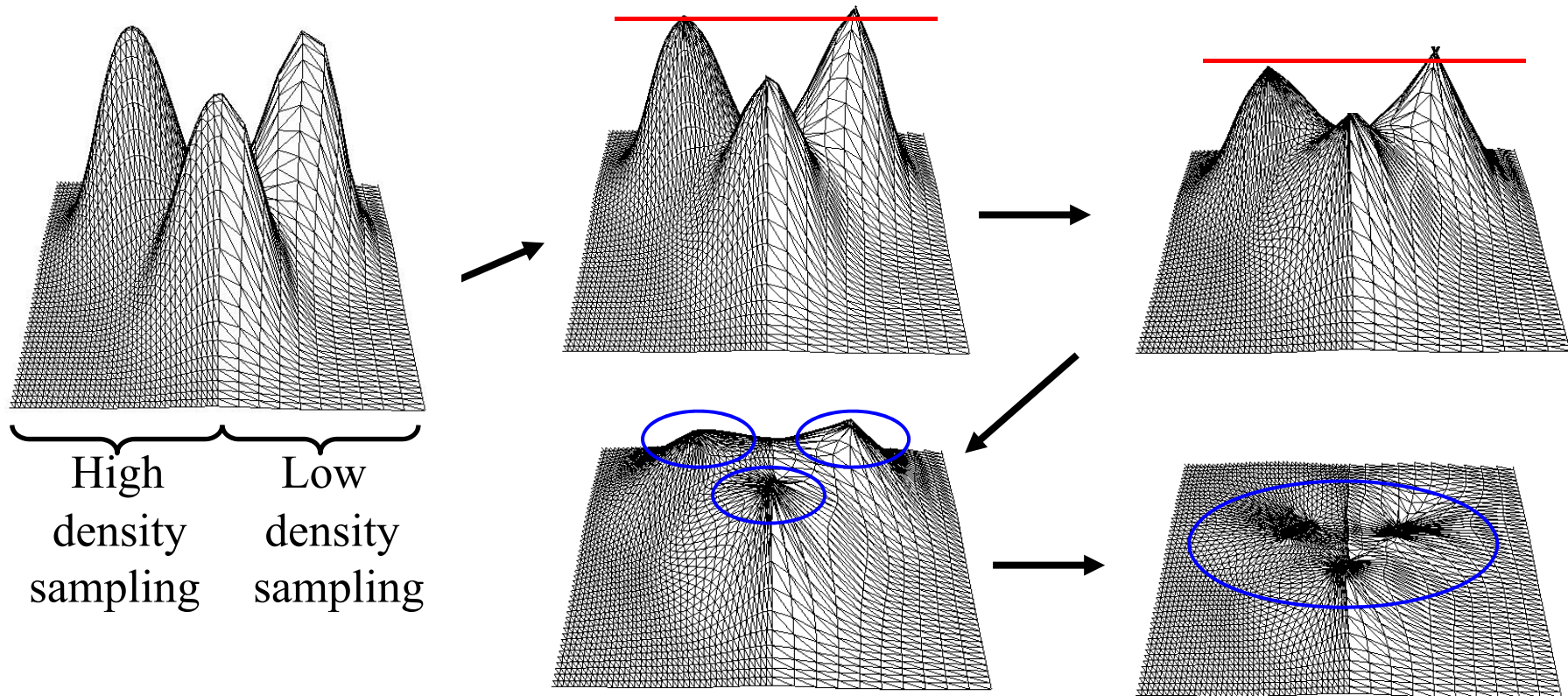
Direction = normal





# Mean Curvature Filtering

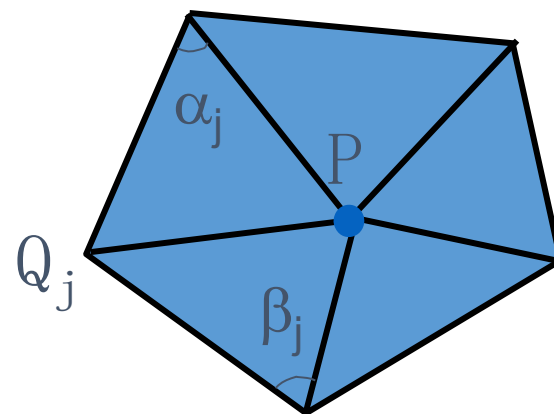
- Increases mesh irregularity.
- Doesn't develop unnatural deformations





# Discrete Mean Curvature

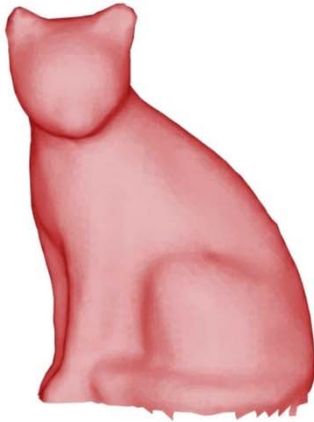
$$H\mathbf{n} = \frac{\nabla_P A}{2A}$$



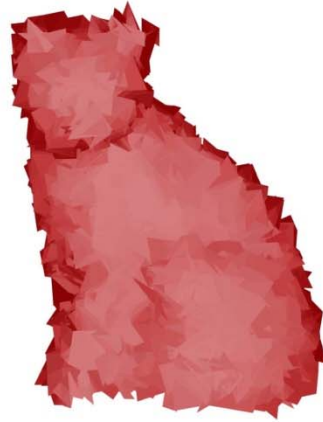
$$H\mathbf{n} = \frac{1}{4A} \sum_j (\cot \alpha_j + \cot \beta_j) (\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{Q}_j)$$

# Comparisons

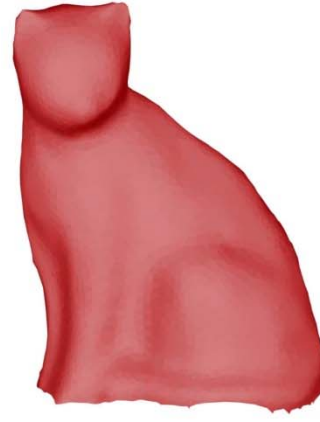
Original



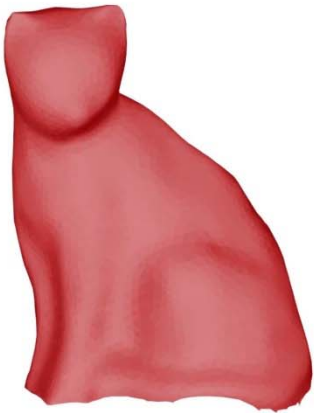
10% noise



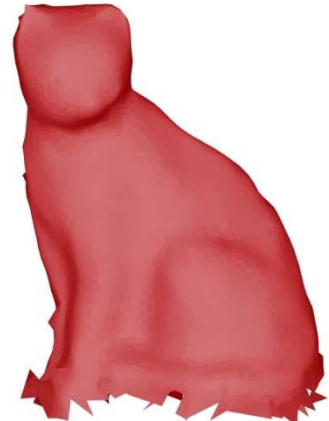
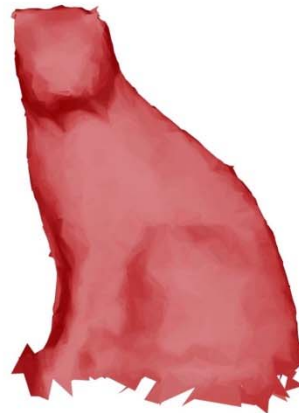
Laplacian



Bilaplacian



Mean curvature  $M$  Mean curvature



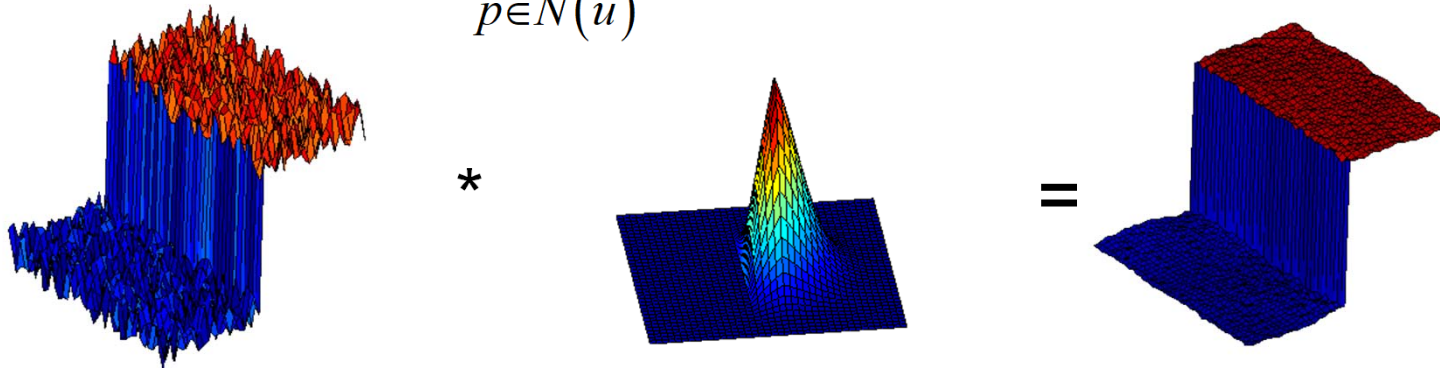
# 1.3 Bilateral filtering

$$I'(u) = \frac{\sum_{p \in N(u)} e^{-\frac{\|u-p\|^2}{2\sigma_c^2}} e^{-\frac{|I(u)-I(p)|}{2\sigma_s^2}} I(p)}{\sum_{p \in N(u)} e^{-\frac{\|u-p\|^2}{2\sigma_c^2}} e^{-\frac{|I(u)-I(p)|}{2\sigma_s^2}}}$$

Denoise

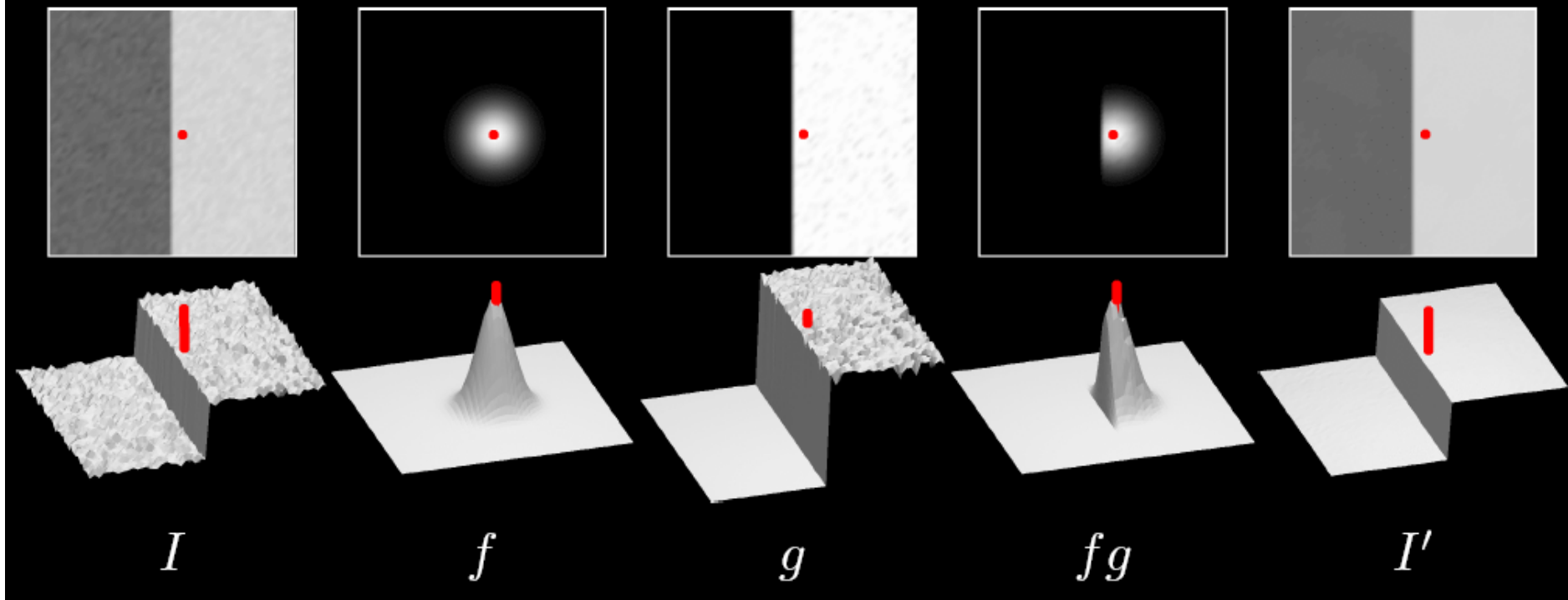
Feature preserving

Normalization



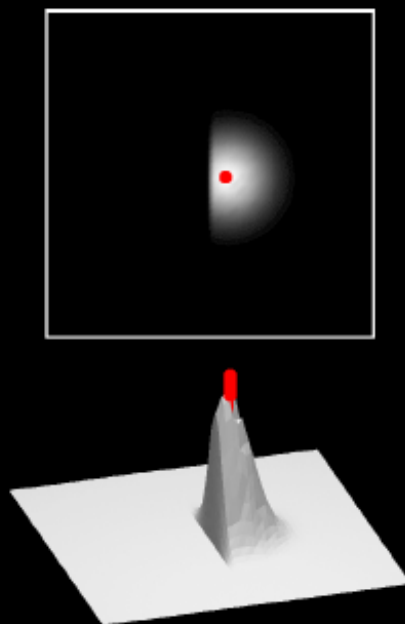
# Bilateral filtering

$$I'_s = \frac{1}{k_s} \sum_p \overbrace{I(p)}^{\text{image}} \overbrace{f(s-p)}^{\text{spatial}} \overbrace{g(I_s - I_p)}^{\text{influence}}$$



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$$k_s = \sum_p f(s-p) g(I_s - I_p)$$

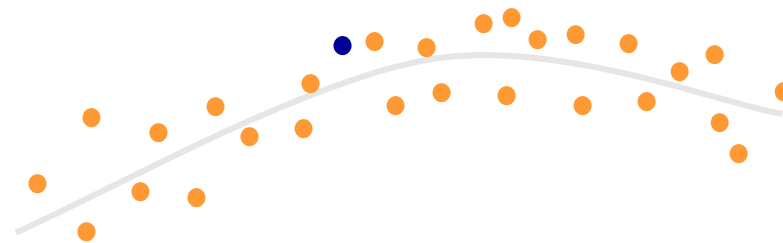


# Bilateral filtering of meshes

[Siggraph 2003]

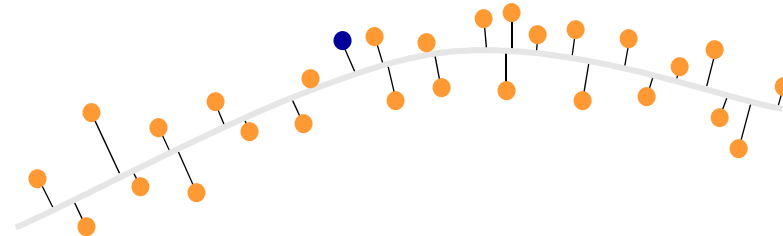


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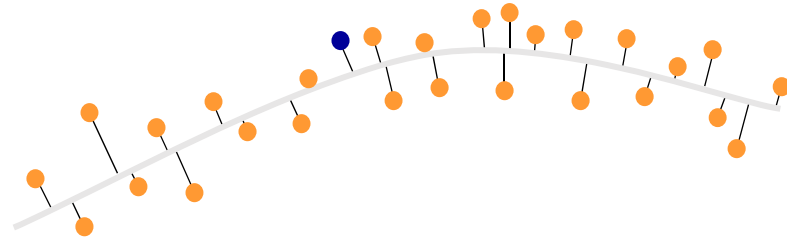
- Height above surface is equivalent to the gray level values in images





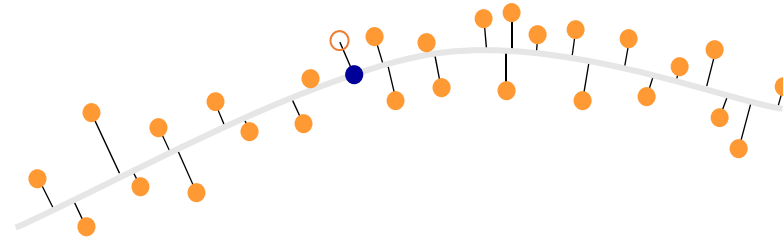
# Bilateral filtering of meshes

- Height above surface is equivalent to the gray level values in images
- Apply the bilateral filter to heights



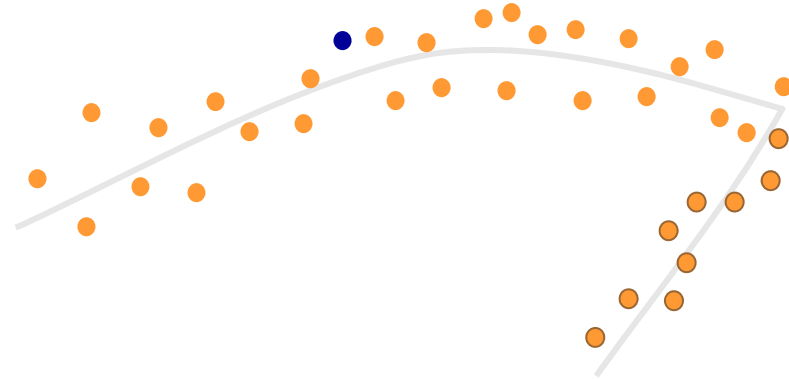
# Bilateral filtering of meshes

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- Apply the bilateral filter to heights
- Move the vertex to its new height



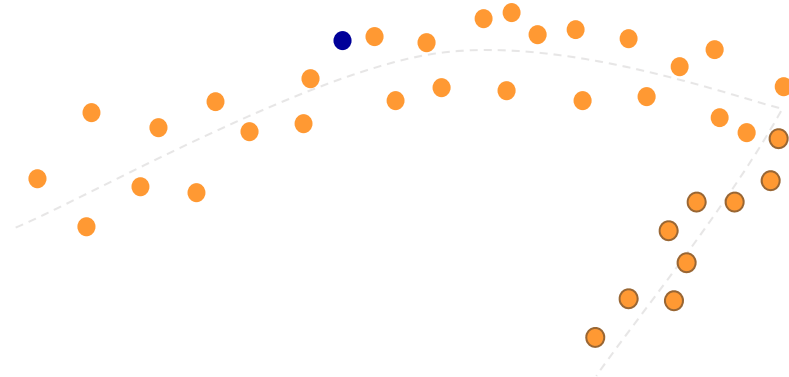
# Bilateral filtering of meshes

- Height above surface is equivalent to the gray level values in images
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- In practice:
  - Sharp features



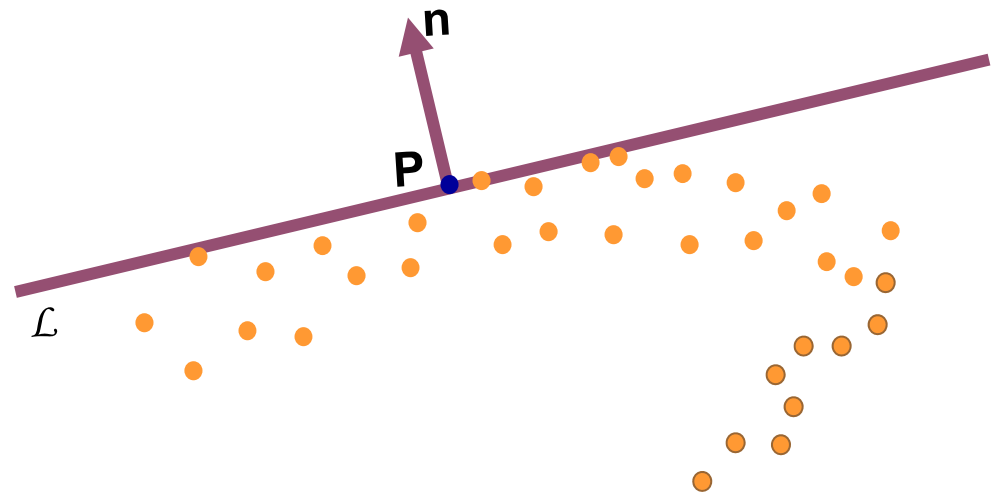
# Bilateral filtering of meshes

- Height above surface is equivalent to the gray level values in images
- Apply the bilateral filter to heights
- Move the vertex to its new height
- In practice:
  - Sharp features
  - The noise-free surface is unknown



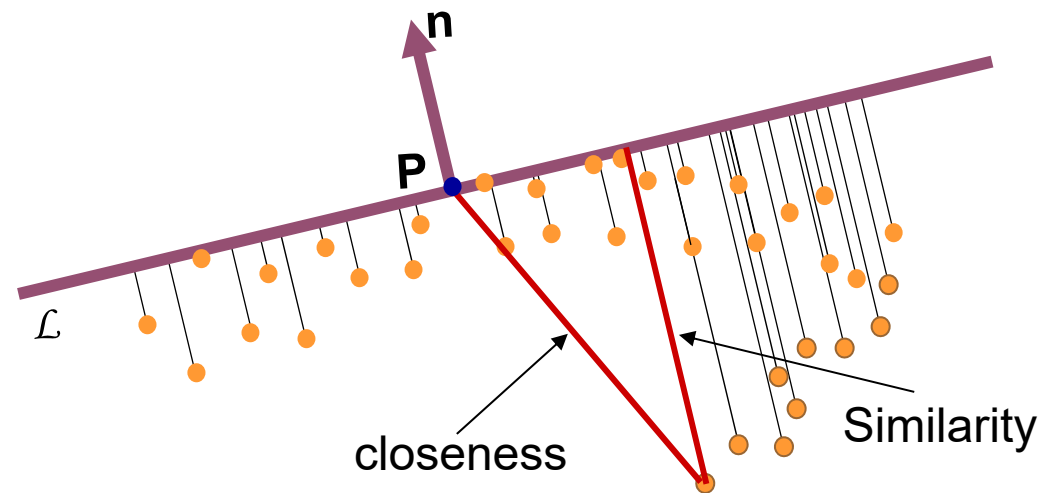
# Solution

- A plane that passes through the point is the estimator to the smooth surface
- Plane  $\mathcal{L}=(\mathbf{p},\mathbf{n})$



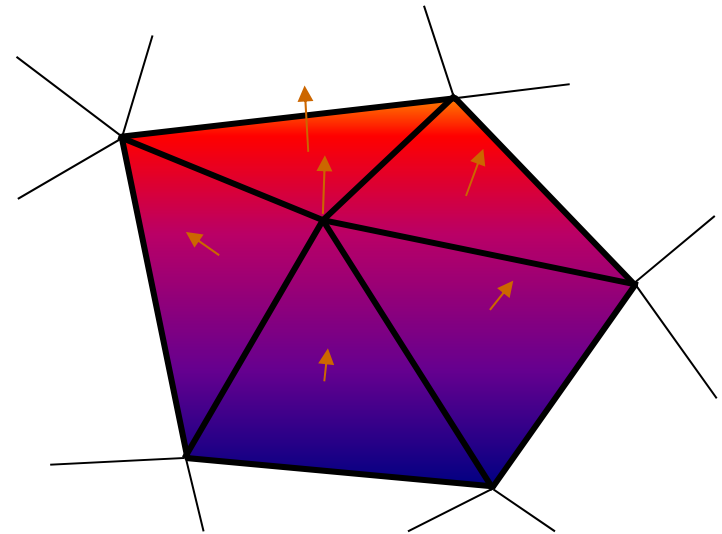
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# Computing the plane

- The approximating plane should be:
  - A good approximation to the surface
  - Preserve features
- Average of the normal to faces in the 1-ring neighborhood



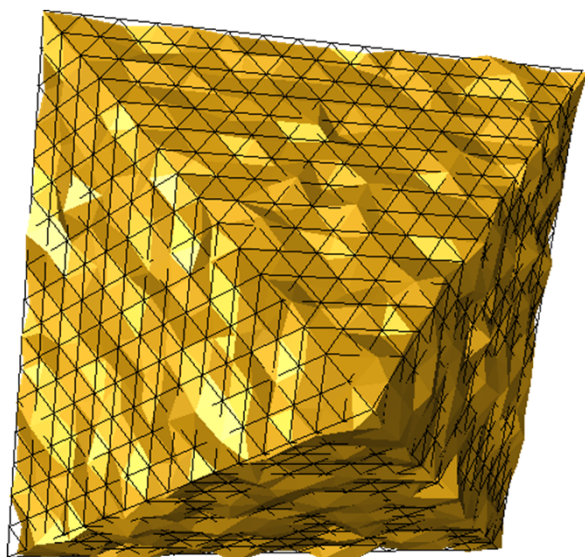
# Parameters

- The two parameters to the weight function:  $\sigma_c$ ,  $\sigma_s$ 
  - Interactively select a point  $\mathbf{p}$  and the neighborhood radius  $\rho$
  - $\sigma_c = 1/2 \rho$
  - $\sigma_s = \text{stdv}(\text{Nbhd}(\mathbf{p}, \rho))$
- Number of Iterations





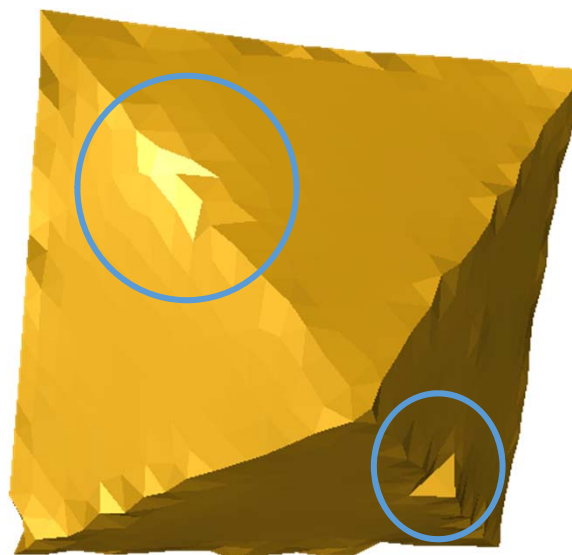
# Results



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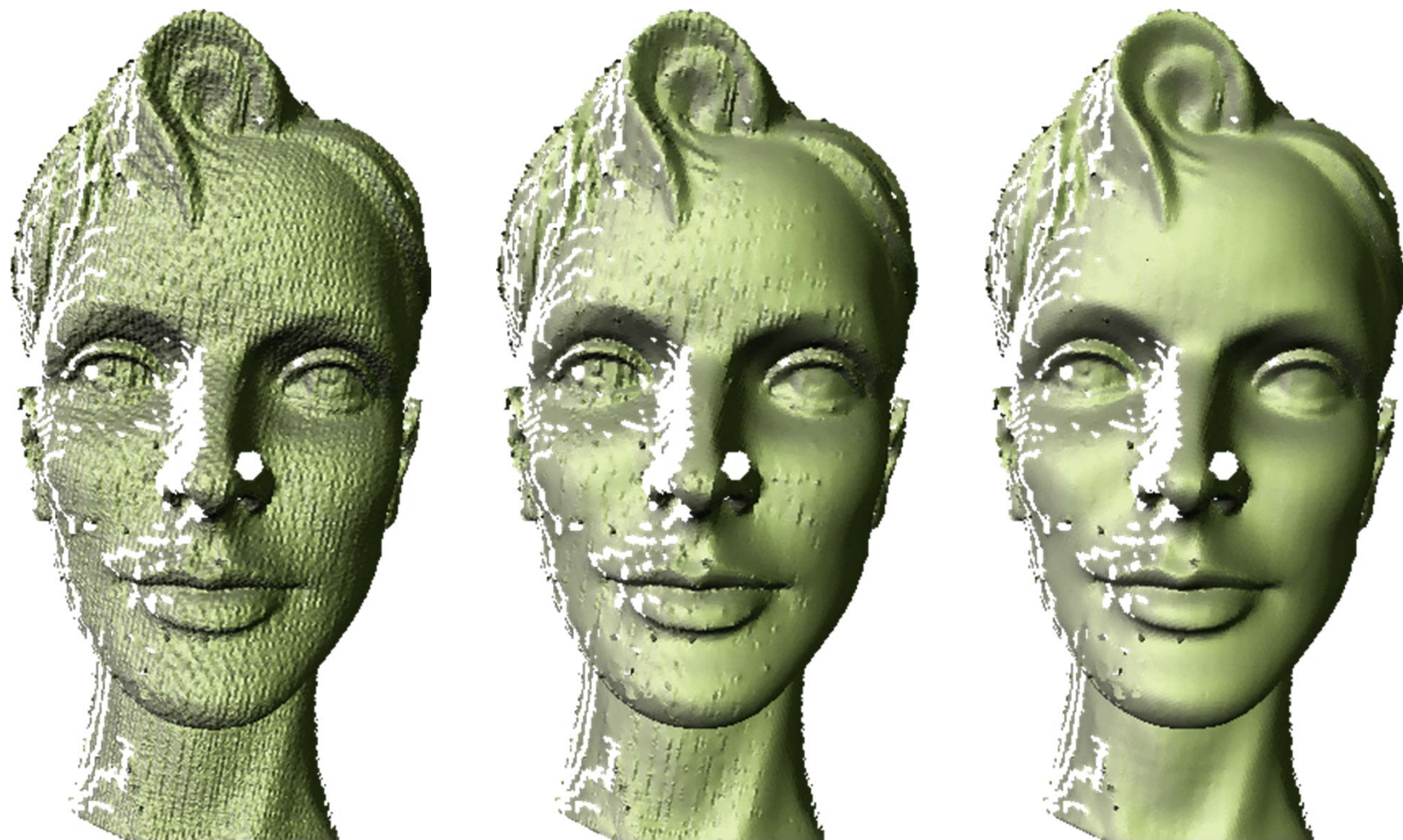


Two iterations



Five iterations

# Experimental Result



## 1.4 Implicit Mesh Evolutions

Shape evolution  $\frac{\partial P}{\partial t} = \mathbf{F}(P)$

$$M_{n+1} = M_n + \lambda \mathbf{L}(M_n) \quad \text{explicit scheme}$$

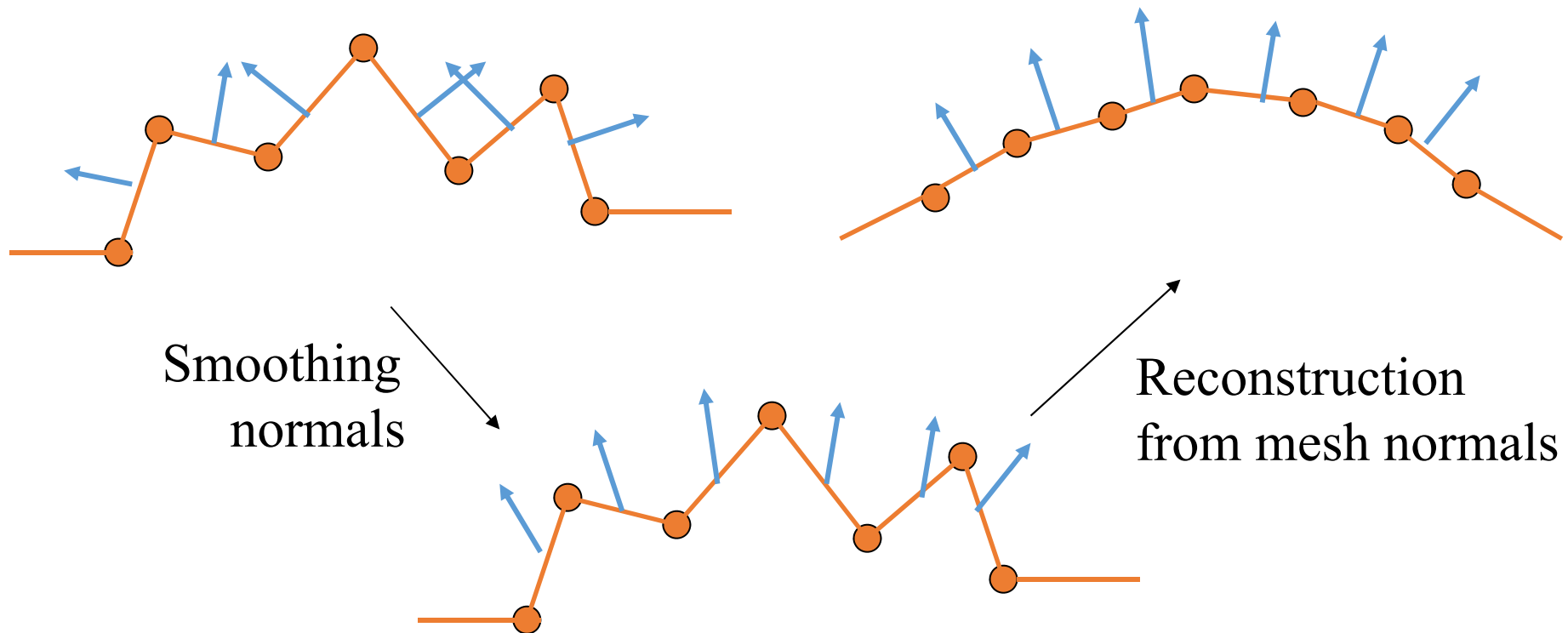
$$M_{n+1} = M_n + \lambda \mathbf{L}(M_{n+1}) \quad \text{implicit scheme}$$

$$\Rightarrow (I - \lambda \mathbf{L}) M_{n+1} = M_n$$

## 2. Normal Filtering

# Normal Filtering

- 先对法向进行滤波：可使用顶点滤波的任何方法
- 根据滤波后的法向重建网格顶点



# 由法向重建顶点

- 输入：滤波后的法向量场
- 输出：重建网格顶点，使得其法向量接近输入
- 优化方法：

Vertex Updating:

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{n}_f^T \cdot (\mathbf{x}_j - \mathbf{x}_i) = 0 \\ \mathbf{n}_f^T \cdot (\mathbf{x}_k - \mathbf{x}_j) = 0 \\ \mathbf{n}_f^T \cdot (\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_k) = 0 \end{cases}$$

求解线性方程组

Energy:

$$E = \sum_{f_k} \sum_{i,j \in f_k} \left( \mathbf{n}_k^T \cdot (\mathbf{x}_j - \mathbf{x}_i) \right)^2$$

See more in [Zhang et al. Guided Mesh Normal Filtering. PG 2015.]

# 3. Global Smoothing

Liu et al. Non-Iterative Approach for Global Mesh Optimization. CAD 2007.

# Smoothing Formulation

- Find a smoothed surface with minimum fairing energy

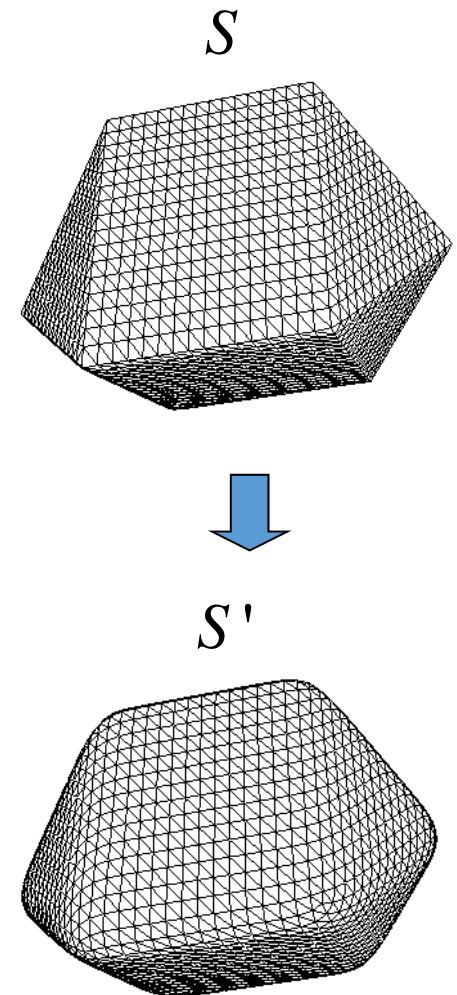
$$\min_{S'} E(S'),$$

- Fairing energy:

$$E(S') = \underbrace{\alpha \int_{\Omega} \Psi(S') dudv}_{\text{Smoothness constraint}} + \underbrace{\beta \int_{\Omega} (S' - S)^2 dudv}_{\text{Data fidelity}},$$

$$\int_{\Omega} \Psi(S') dudv = \int_{\Omega} (F_u^2 + F_v^2) dudv,$$

$$\int_{\Omega} \Psi(S') dudv = \int_{\Omega} (F_{uu}^2 + 2F_{uv}^2 + F_{vv}^2) dudv.$$





# Smoothing Problem

- A global optimization problem
  - Minimize smoothness energy within some tolerance

$$\min_{S'} E(S')$$

- A mathematical model

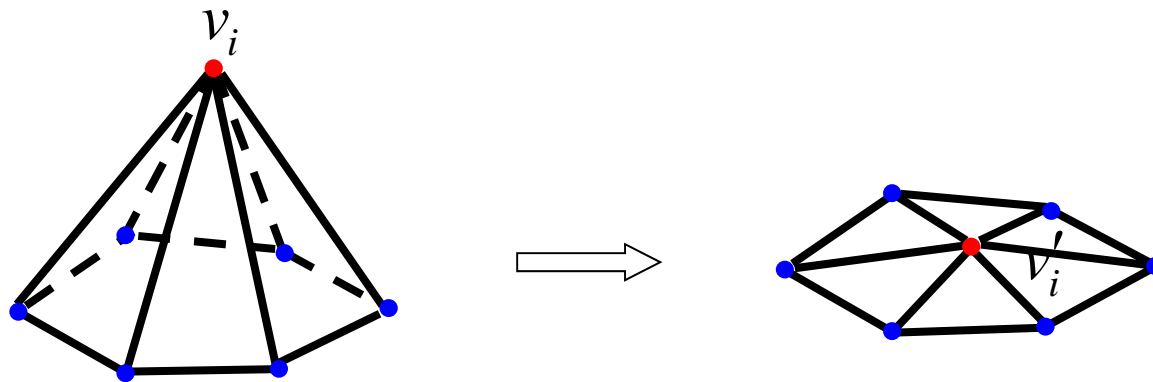
$$E(S') = \alpha \int_{\Omega} \Psi(S') dudv + \beta \int_{\Omega} (S' - S) dudv$$

- **Smoothness term**  
membrane, thin-plate...

- **Fidelity term**

# Local Laplacian Fairness

- Local discrete Laplacian smoothing operator

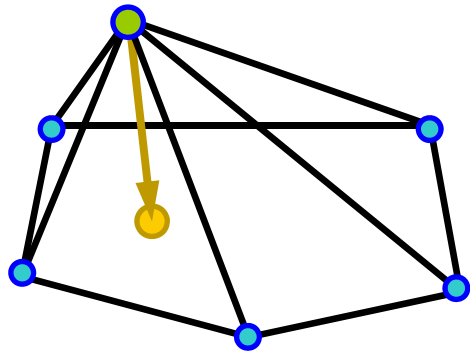


$$L(v_i) = v_i - \sum_{j \in N(i)} \omega_{ij} v_j = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\delta_{\text{cotangent}} : W_{ij} = \cot \alpha_{ij} + \cot \beta_{ij}$$

# Laplacian of Mesh

- Discrete Laplacians



$$L(v_i) = v_i - \sum_{j \in N(i)} \omega_{ij} v_j = 0$$

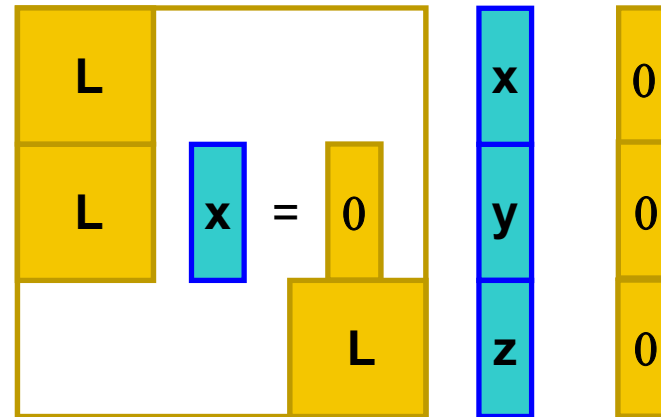
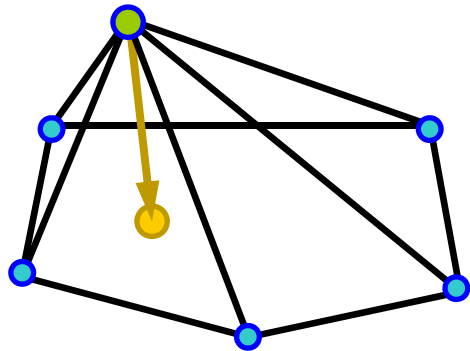
$$\mathbf{L} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$$

$$L_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1, & i = j, \\ -\omega_{ij}, & (i, j) \in E, \\ 0, & \text{other.} \end{cases}$$

- Laplacian of the mesh

# Laplacian of Mesh

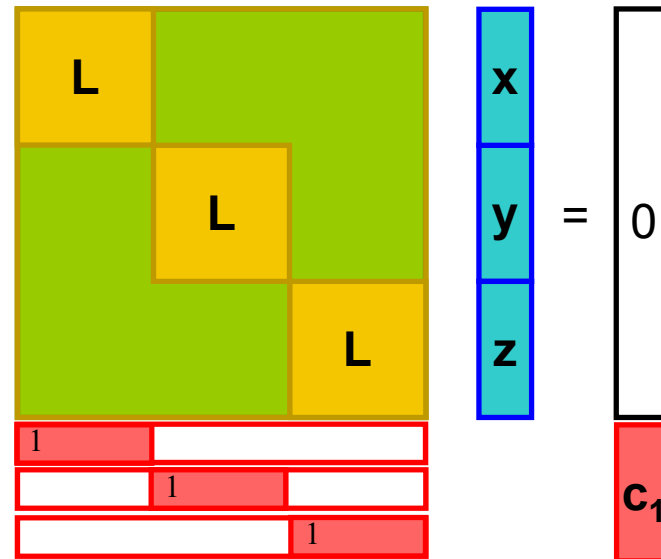
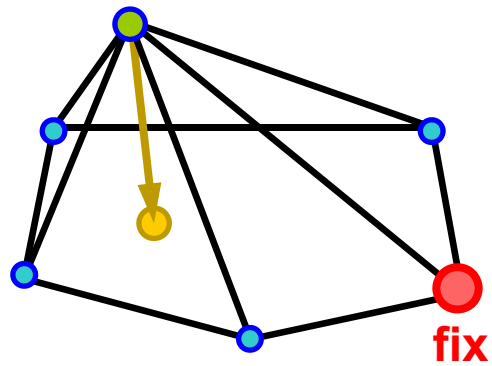
- Surface reconstruction



$$L(v_i) = v_i - \sum_{j \in N(i)} \omega_{ij} v_j = 0$$

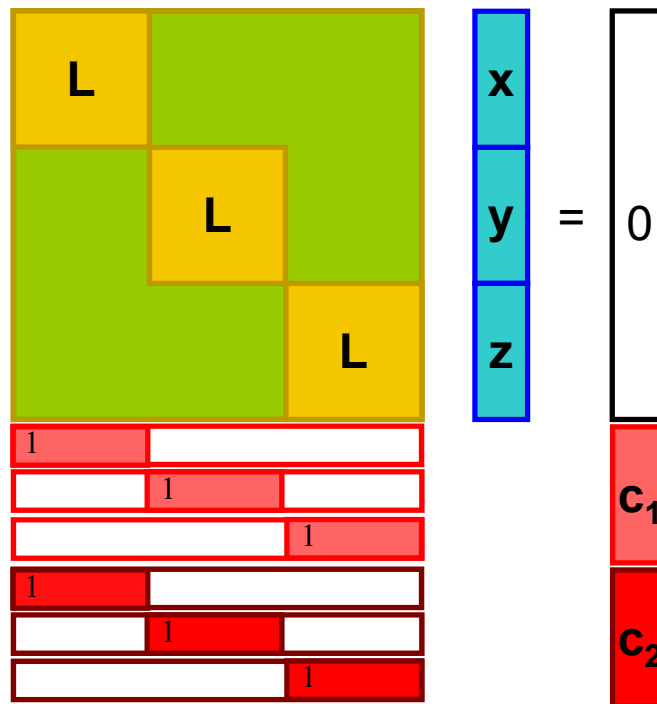
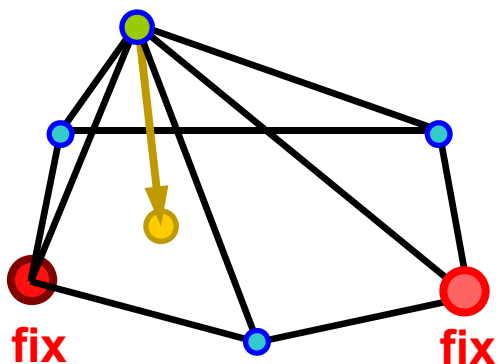
# Vertex Constraints

- Add position constraint for one vertex



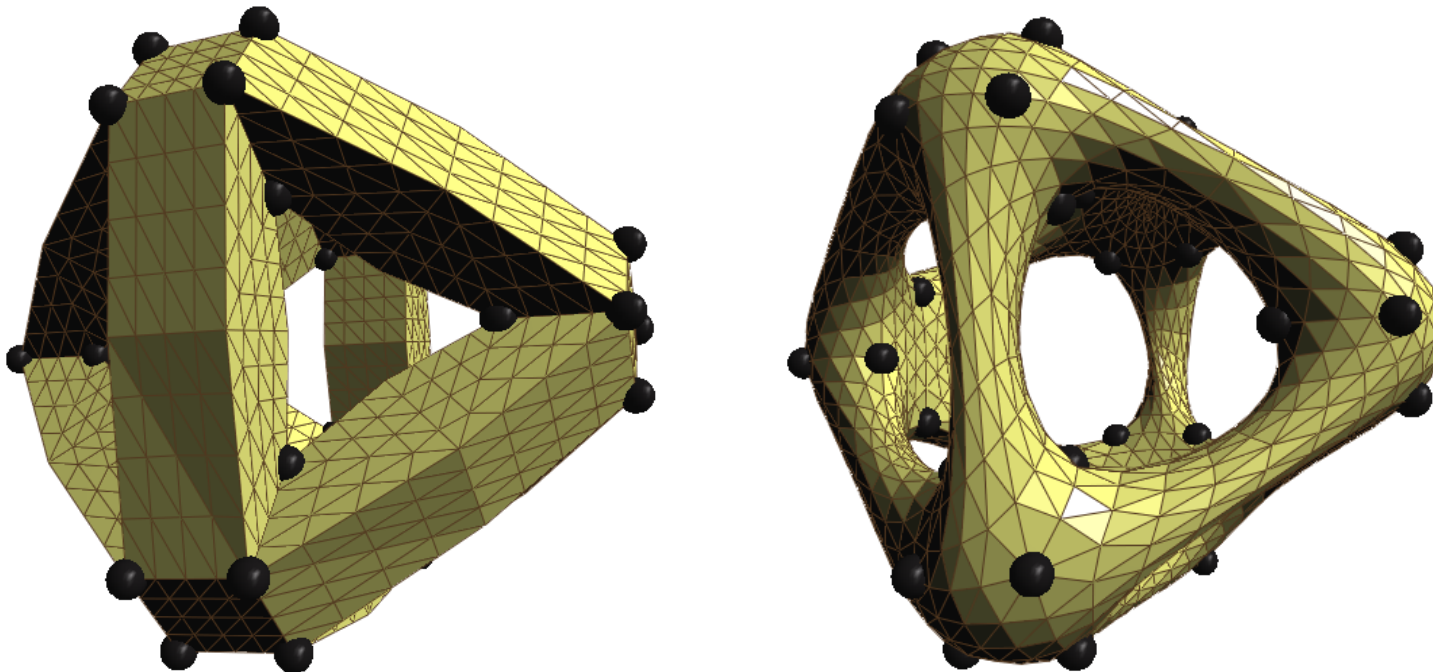
# Vertex Constraints

- Add position constraints for more vertices



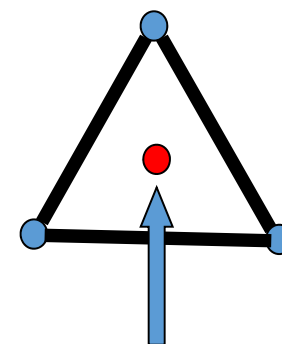
# Adding Vertex Constraints

$$\min_{X'} \left\{ \|LX'\|^2 + \mu^2 \sum_{i \in C} |v_i' - v_i|^2 \right\}$$



# Face Constraints

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \begin{array}{c}
 \text{Green box} \\
 L \\
 \text{Orange box} \\
 \begin{array}{cccc}
 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\
 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\
 \end{array} \\
 \text{Grey box} \\
 \begin{array}{cccc}
 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\
 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\
 \end{array}
 \end{array} \\
 A
 \end{array}
 \begin{array}{c}
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 \begin{array}{c}
 x_1 \\
 x_2 \\
 \vdots \\
 x_n
 \end{array}
 \end{array} \\
 x
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 =
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 \end{array}$$



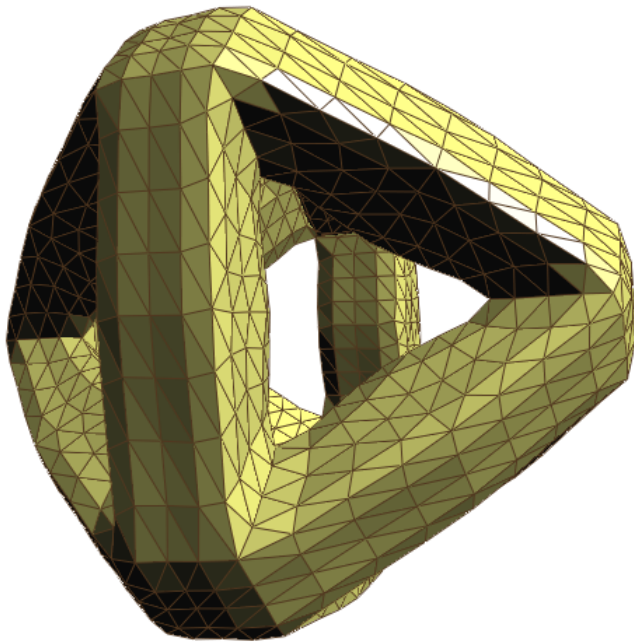
**barycenter**

$$v_{center} = \frac{1}{3}(v_i + v_j + v_k)$$

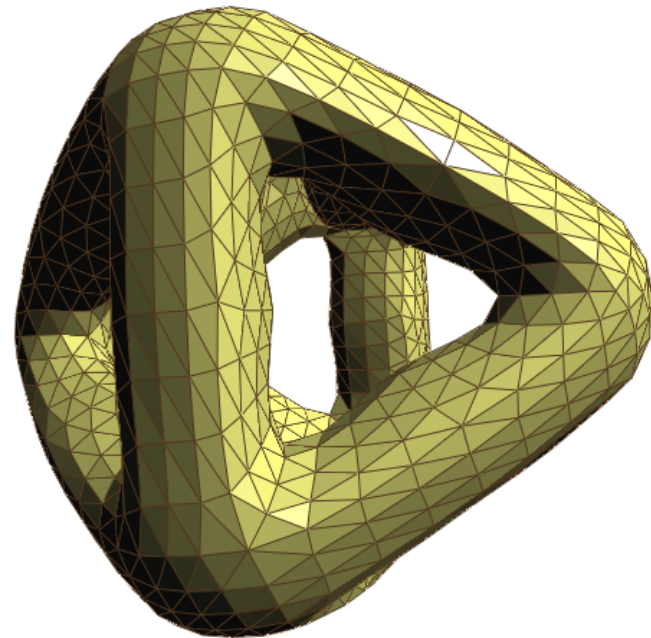


# Adding Face Constraints

$$\min_{X'} \left\{ \|LX'\|^2 + \sum_{\langle i,j,k \rangle \in T} \lambda^2 \left| (v'_i + v'_j + v'_k) - (v_i + v_j + v_k) \right|^2 \right\}$$



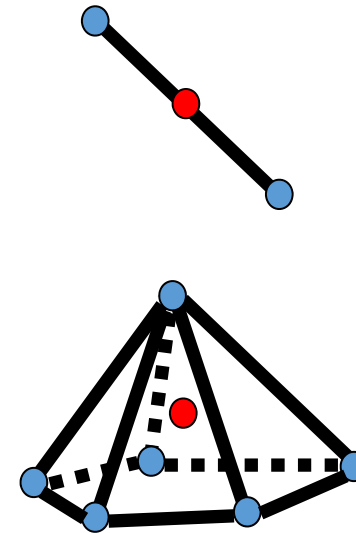
$\lambda=0.5$



$\lambda=0.3$

# Other Constraints

- Edge constraints
- 1-ring barycenter constraints
- Other linear constraints



# Minimizing Energy

$$\min_{X'} \left\{ \|LX'\|^2 + \sum_{i \in C} \mu^2 |v'_i - v_i|^2 + \sum_{\langle i, j, k \rangle \in T} \lambda^2 |(v'_i + v'_j + v'_k) - (v_i + v_j + v_k)|^2 \right\}$$



$$Ax = b$$

# Least Square Solution

- An over-determined system:

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

- Normal equation:

$$\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{b}$$

$$\mathbf{x} = (\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{b}$$

# One Channel Solution

- Very efficient solution by Cholesky factorization of  $A^T A$ :

$$A^T A = R^T R$$

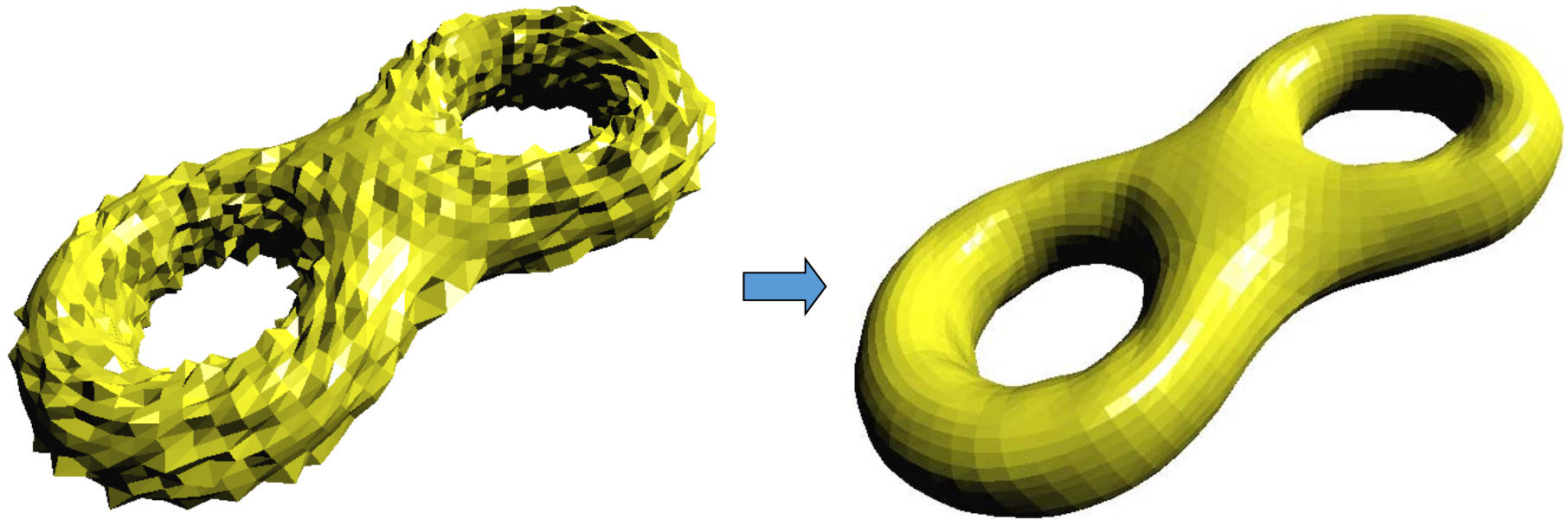
R is upper-triangular and sparse

Once R is computed, solving for  $\mathbf{x}$ ,  $\mathbf{y}$ ,  $\mathbf{z}$  by back-substitution:

$$R^T \xi = A^T \mathbf{b}$$

$$R\mathbf{x} = \xi$$

# Results

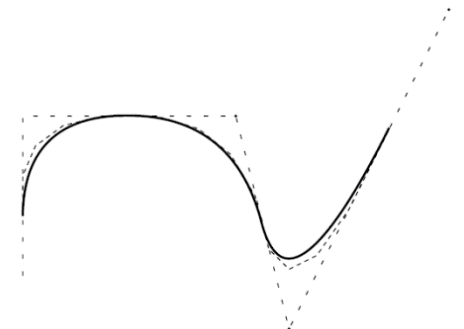
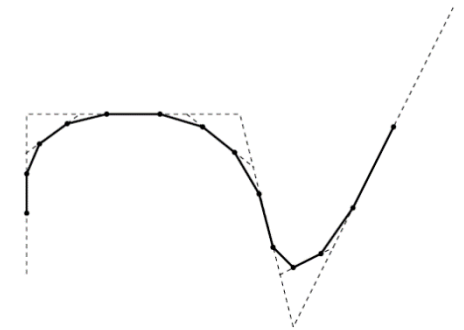
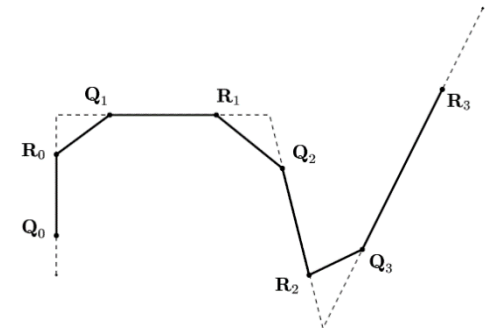
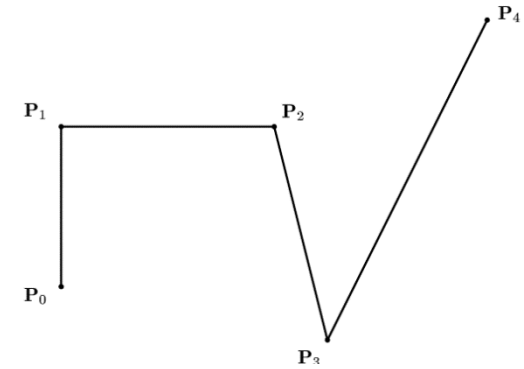


**'8'-like mesh model  
3070 vertices, 6144 triangles**

# 4. Mesh Improvement

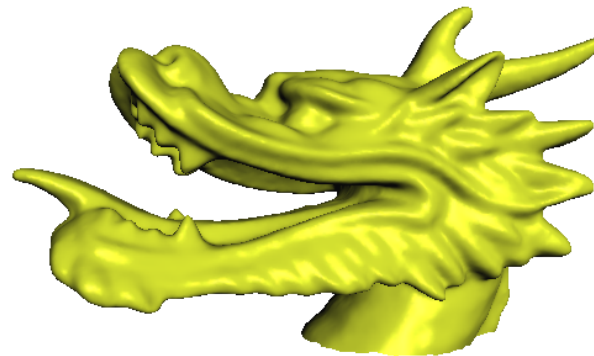
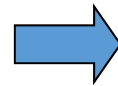
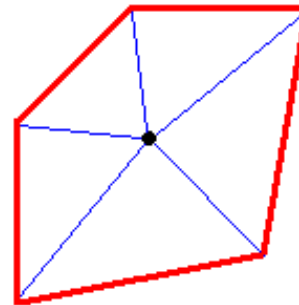
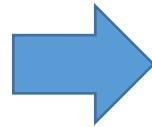
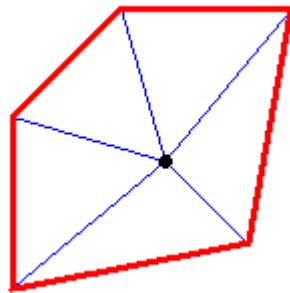
# Smoothing Everywhere

- Real life applications
  - Sculpture
  - Decoration
- Methods
  - Corner cutting
- Geometric modeling
  - Chaikin's scheme
  - Bézier: de Castljour algorithm
  - B-spline: knot insertion
  - Subdivision surface





# Mesh Improvement



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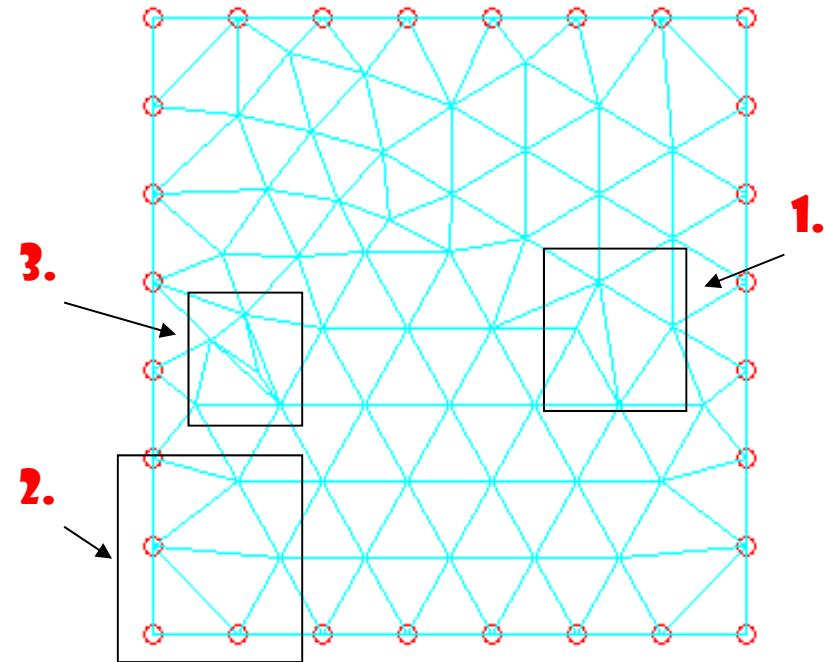
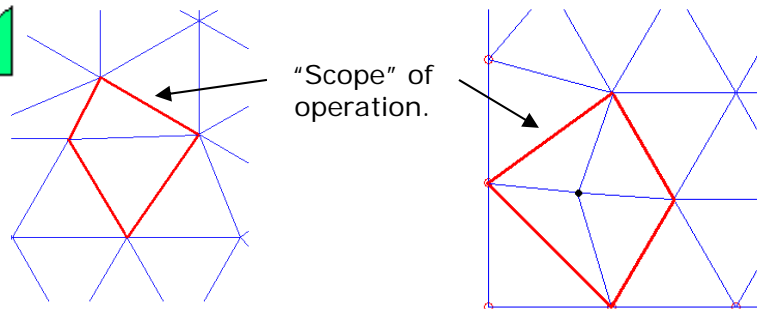
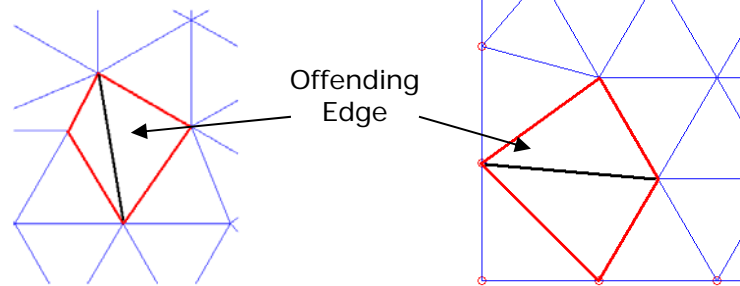


Topology changes

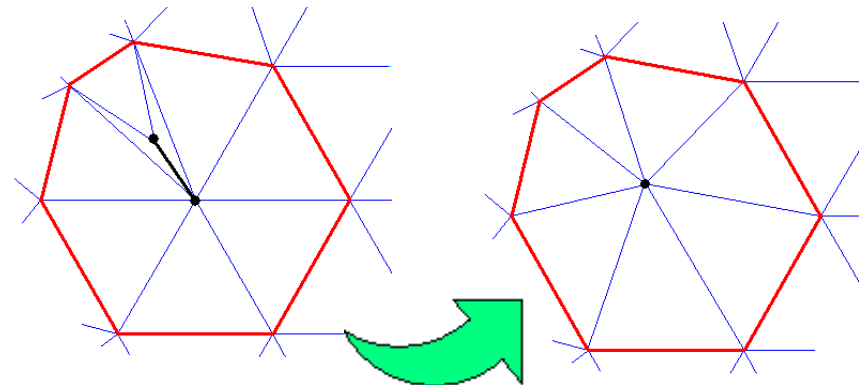
Local correction strategies

**1. Flip an edge.**

**2. Split an edge.**

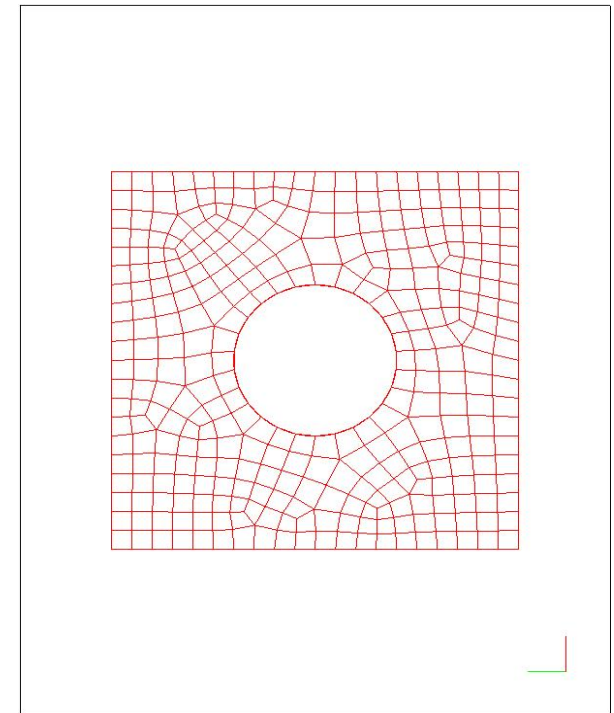
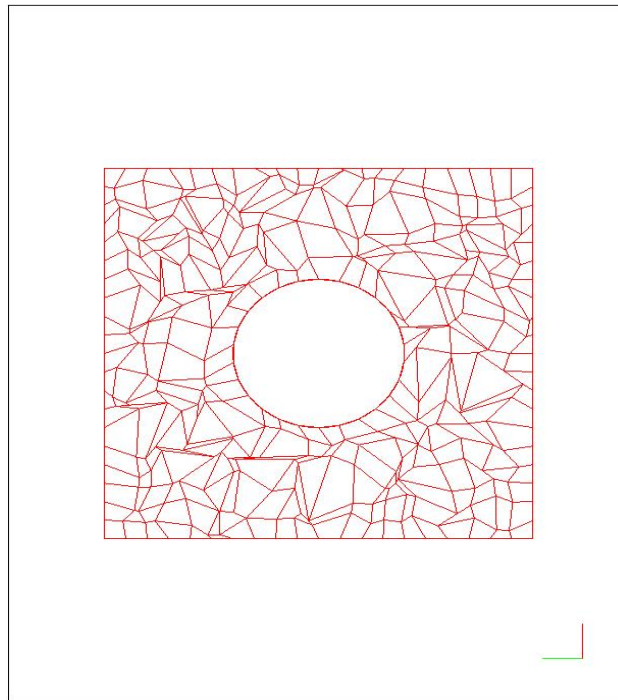
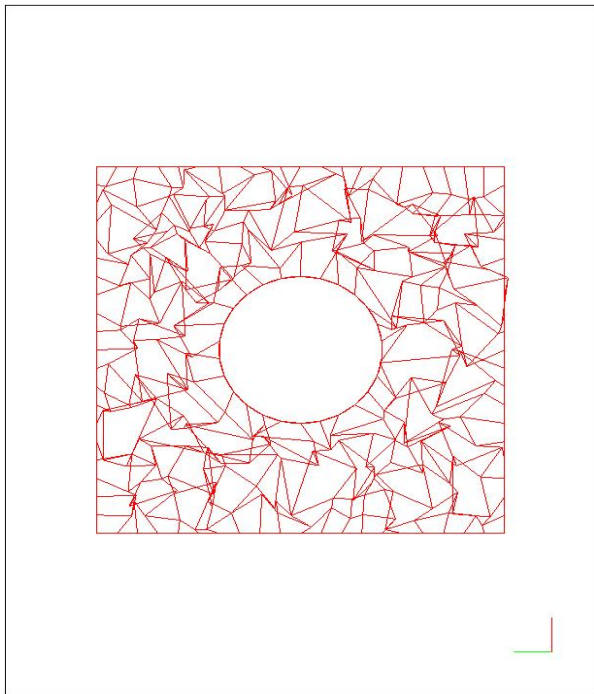


**3. Collapse an edge.**



# Mesh Improvement

- Example



# 其他去噪方法

- 基于稀疏优化的方法
  - He and Schaefer. Mesh denoising via L0 minimization. Siggraph 2013.
- 基于压缩感知的方法
  - Wang et al. Decoupling Noises and Features via Weighted L1-analysis Compressed Sensing. ACM TOG, 2014.
- 基于机器学习的方法
  - Wang et al. Mesh Denoising via Cascaded Normal Regression. Siggraph 2016.
- 很多很多工作...

# 其他数据的去噪

- Point cloud
- Volumetric data
- Depth images

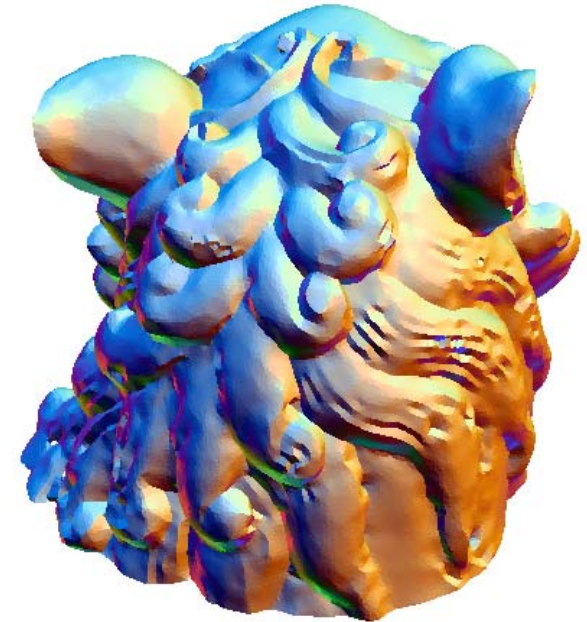
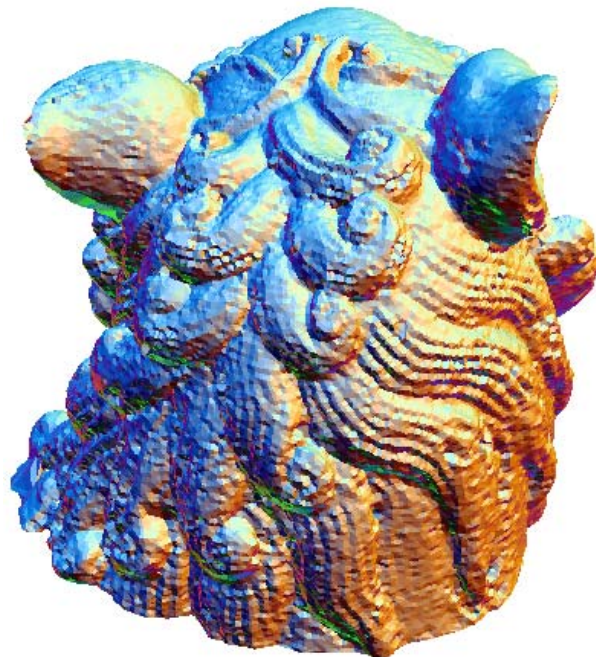
# Many Problems Remain

Mesh smoothing remains to be an active research area



Photo

Scanned mesh



Smoothed mesh



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