



GL Shading Language (GLSL)

- GLSL: high level C-like language
- Main program (e.g. example1.cpp) program written in C/C++
- Vertex and Fragment shaders written in GLSL
- From OpenGL 3.1, application must use shaders

What does keyword out mean?

```
const vec4 red = vec4(1.0, 0.0, 0.0, 1.0);  
out vec3 color_out;  
  
void main(void){  
    gl_Position = vPosition;  
    color_out = red;  
}
```

Example code
of vertex shader

gl_Position not declared
Built-in types (already declared, just use)

Passing values



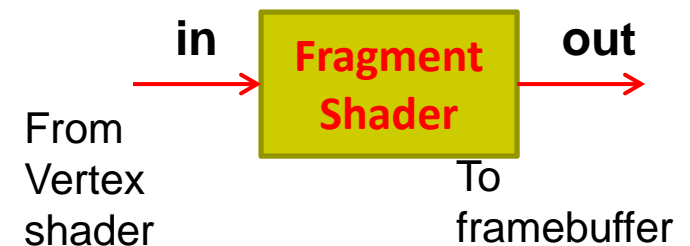
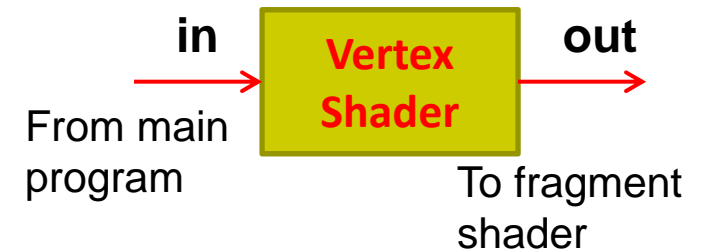
- Variable declared **out** in vertex shader can be declared as **in** in fragment shader and used
- Why? To pass result of vertex shader calculation to fragment shader

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}
```

Vertex
shader

```
in vec3 color_out;  
  
void main(void){  
    // can use color_out here.  
}
```

Fragment
shader



Data Types



- C types: `int`, `float`, `bool`

- GLSL types:

- `float vec2`: e.g. `(x,y)` // vector of 2 floats
- `float vec3`: e.g. `(x,y,z)` or `(R,G,B)` // vector of 3 floats
- `float vec4`: e.g. `(x,y,z,w)` // vector of 4 floats

```
Const float vec4 red = vec4(1.0, 0.0, 0.0, 1.0);
out float vec3 color_out;

void main(void){
    gl_Position = vPosition;
    color_out = red;
}
```

Vertex
shader

C++ style constructors

- Also:
 - `int` (`ivec2`, `ivec3`, `ivec4`) and
 - `boolean` (`bvec2`, `bvec3`, `bvec4`)



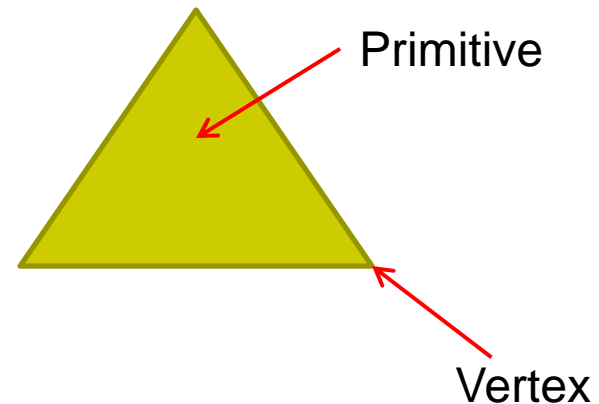
Data Types

- Matrices: mat2, mat3, mat4
 - Stored by columns
 - Standard referencing `m[row][column]`
- Matrices and vectors are basic types
 - can be passed in and out from GLSL functions
- E.g.
mat3 func(mat3 a)
- **No pointers** in GLSL
- Can use C structs that are copied back from functions



Qualifiers

- GLSL has many C/C++ qualifiers such as **const**
- Supports additional ones
- Variables can change
 - Once per vertex
 - Once per fragment
 - Once per primitive (e.g. triangle)
 - At any time in the application
- Example: variable `vPosition` may be assigned once per vertex



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void main(void){
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}
```



Operators and Functions

- Standard C functions
 - **Trigonometric:** cos, sin, tan, etc
 - **Arithmetic:** log, min, max, abs, etc
 - Normalize, reflect, length
- Overloading of vector and matrix types

```
mat4 a;  
vec4 b, c, d;  
c = b*a;      // a column vector stored as a 1d array  
d = a*b;      // a row vector stored as a 1d array
```



Swizzling and Selection

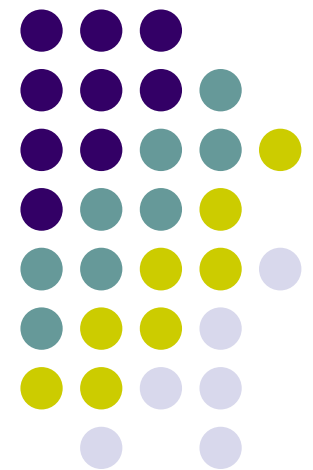
- Can refer to array elements by element using [] or selection (.) operator with
 - x, y, z, w
 - r, g, b, a
 - s, t, p, q
 - `vec4 a;`
 - `a[2]`, `a.b`, `a.z`, `a.p` are the same
- **Swizzling** operator lets us manipulate components
`a.yz = vec2(1.0, 2.0);`

Computer Graphics (CS 4731)

Lecture 7: Building 3D Models

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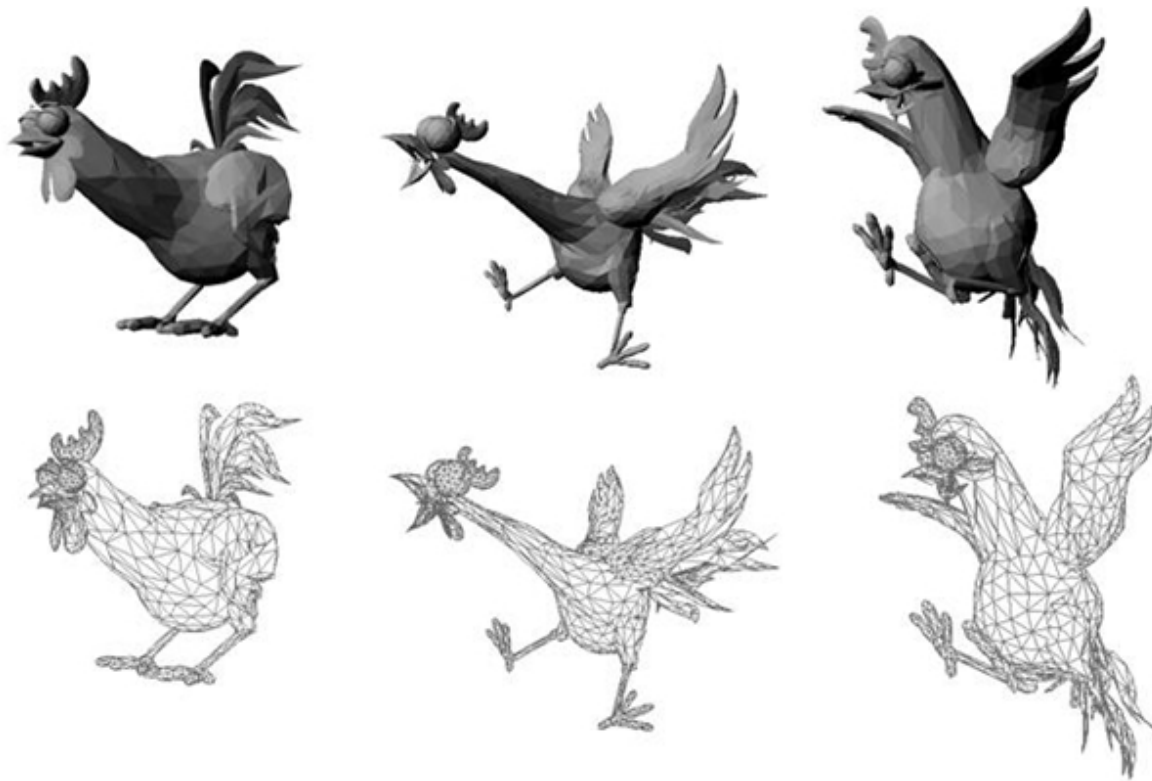
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3D Applications

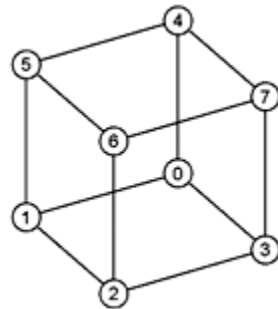
- **2D points:** (x,y) coordinates
- **3D points:** have (x,y,z) coordinates



Setting up 3D Applications: Main Steps



- Programming 3D similar to 2D
 1. Load representation of 3D object into data structure



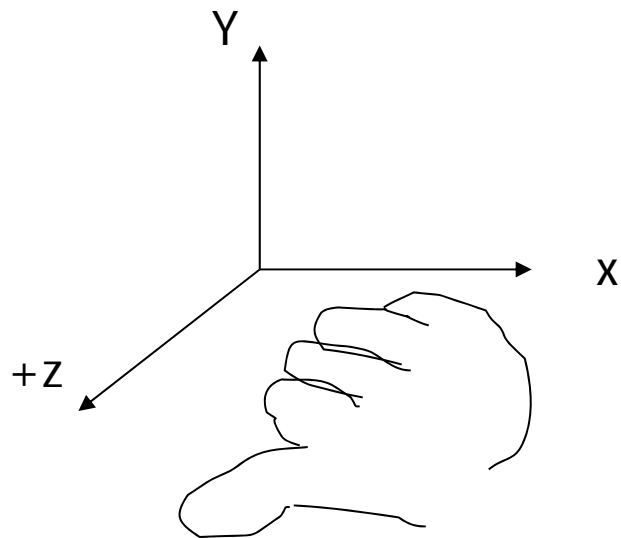
Each vertex has (x,y,z) coordinates.
Store as **vec3** NOT **vec2**

2. Draw 3D object
3. **Set up Hidden surface removal:** Correctly determine order in which primitives (triangles, faces) are rendered (e.g Blocked faces **NOT** drawn)

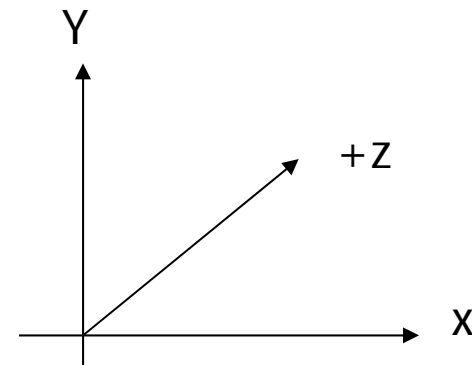


3D Coordinate Systems

- Vertex (x,y,z) positions specified on coordinate system
- OpenGL uses **right hand coordinate system**



Right hand coordinate system
Tip: sweep fingers x-y: thumb is z

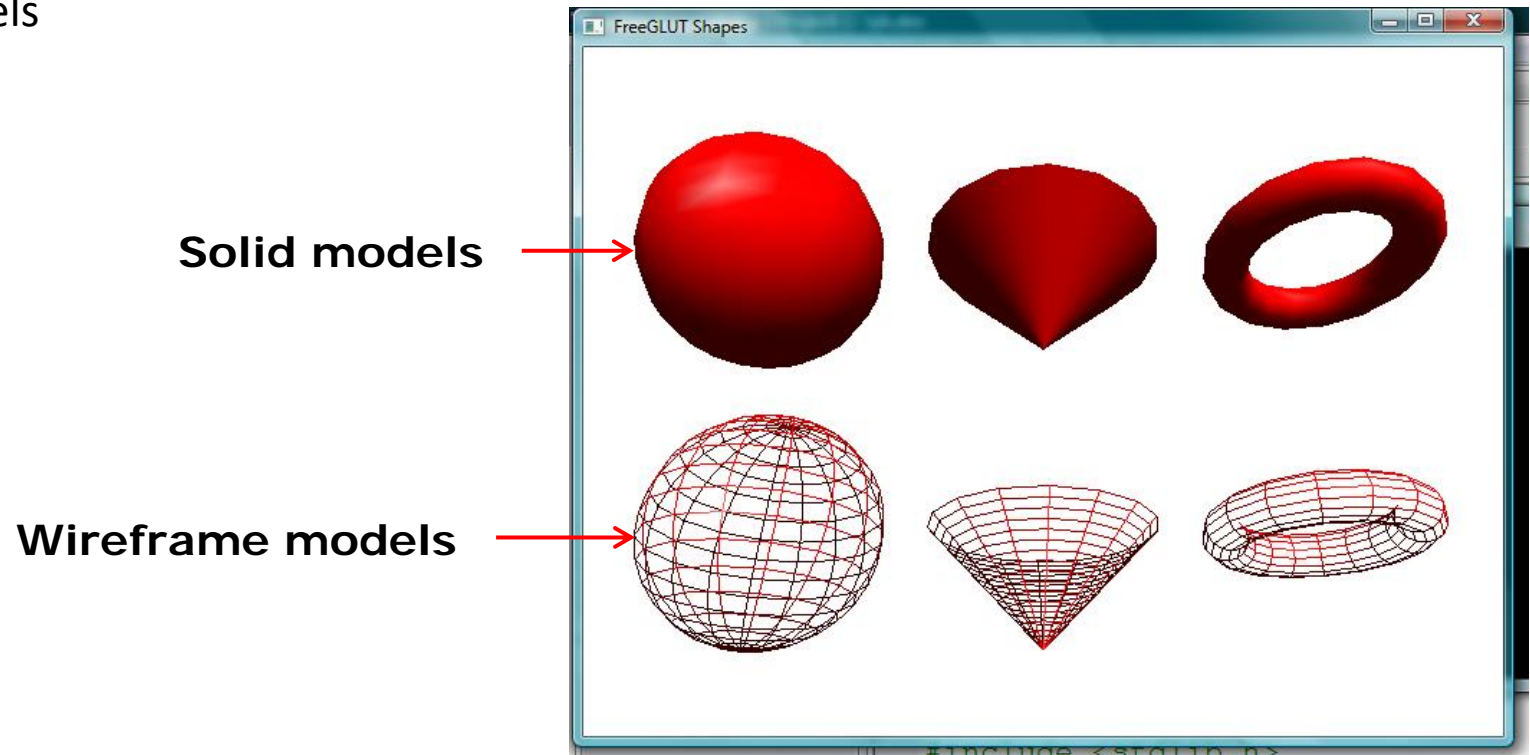


Left hand coordinate system
•Not used in OpenGL



Generating 3D Models: GLUT Models

- Make GLUT 3D calls in **OpenGL program** to generate vertices describing different shapes (Restrictive?)
- Two types of GLUT models:
 - Wireframe Models
 - Solid Models

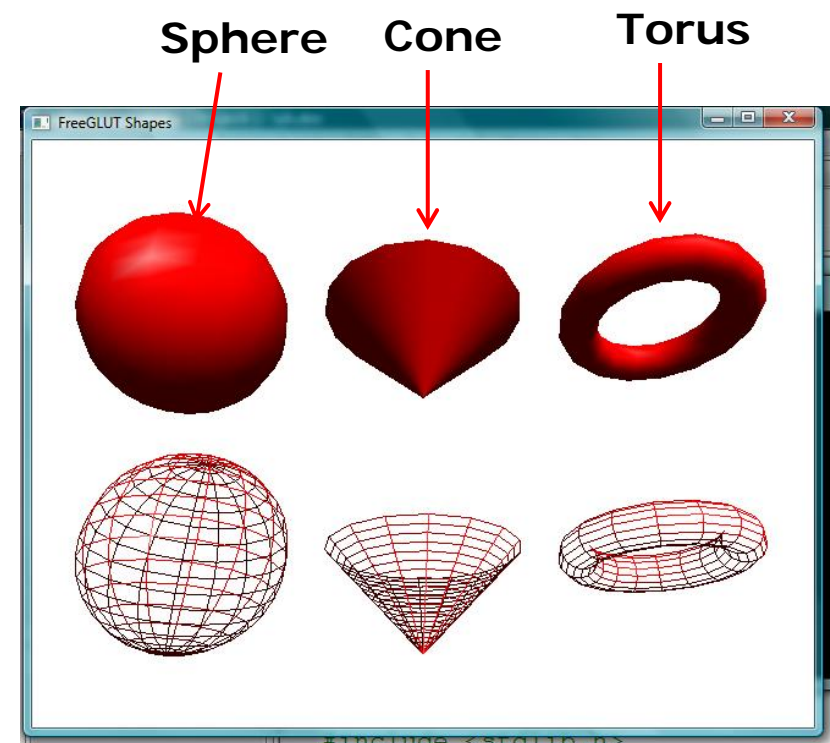
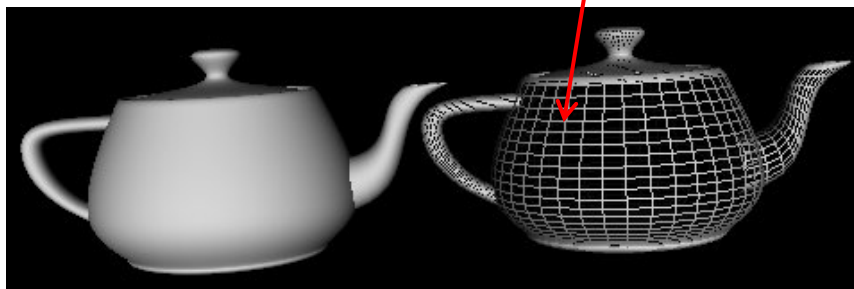




3D Modeling: GLUT Models

- Basic Shapes
 - **Cone:** `glutWireCone()`, `glutSolidCone()`
 - **Sphere:** `glutWireSphere()`, `glutSolidSphere()`
 - **Cube:** `glutWireCube()`, `glutSolidCube()`
- More advanced shapes:
 - Newell Teapot: (symbolic)
 - Dodecahedron, Torus

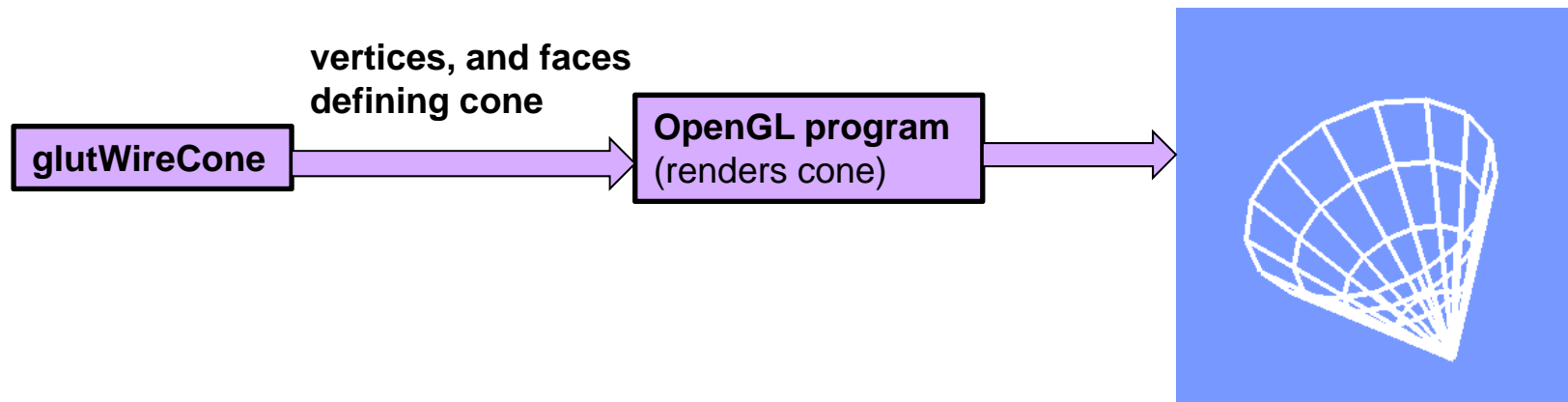
Newell Teapot





3D Modeling: GLUT Models

- Glut functions under the hood
 - generate sequence of points that define a shape
 - Generated vertices and faces passed to OpenGL for rendering
- **Example:** `glutWireCone` generates sequence of vertices, and faces defining `cone` and connectivity

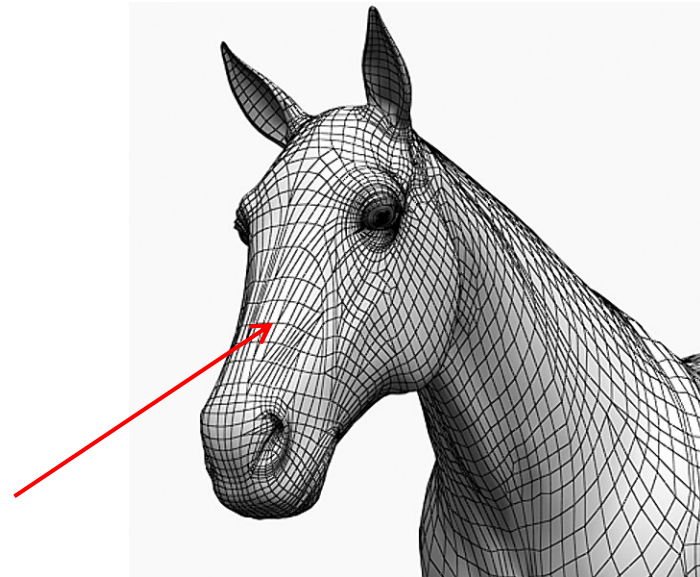




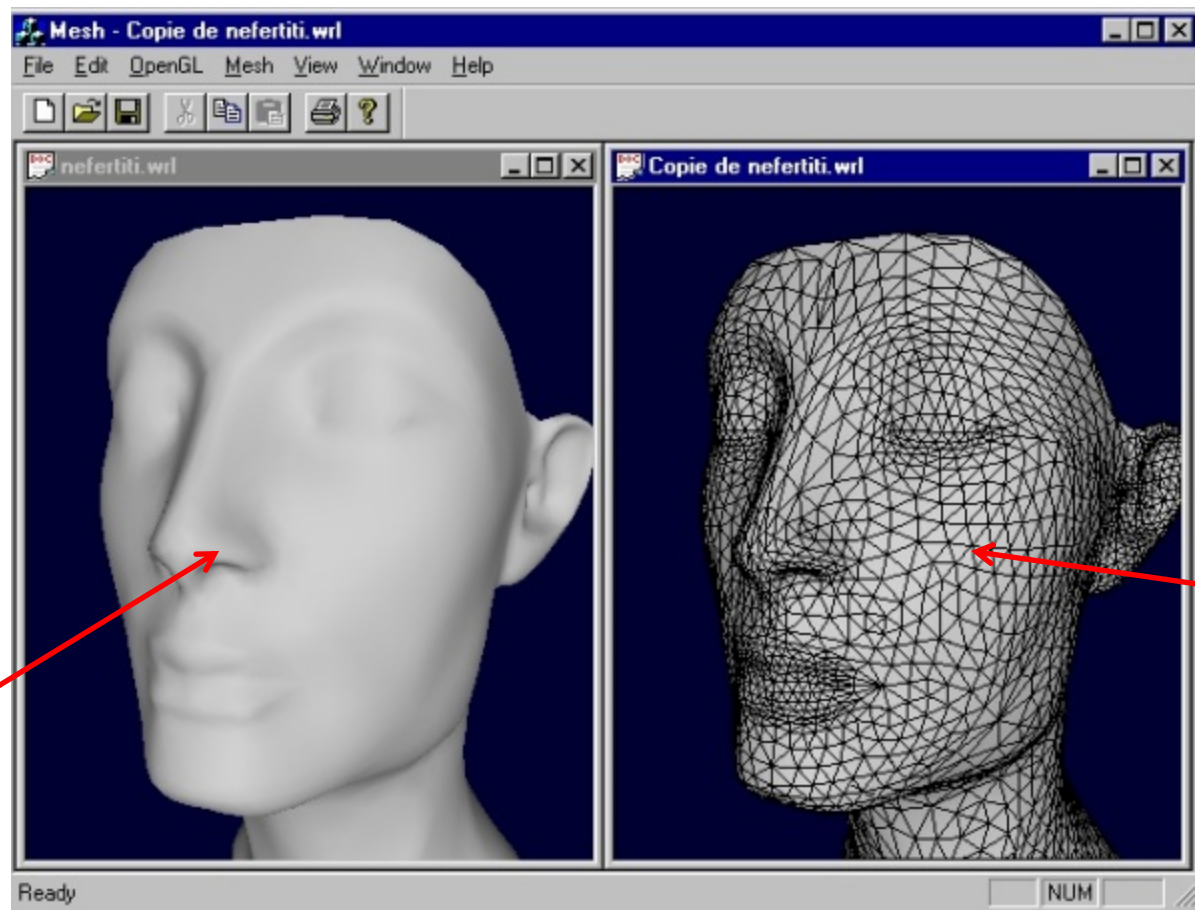
Polygonal Meshes

- Modeling with GLUT shapes (cube, sphere, etc) too restrictive
- Difficult to approach realism. E.g. model a horse
- Preferred way is using polygonal meshes:
 - Collection of polygons, or faces, that form “skin” of object
 - More flexible, represents complex surfaces better
 - Examples:
 - Human face
 - Animal structures
 - Furniture, etc

**Each face of mesh
is a polygon**



Polygonal Mesh Example



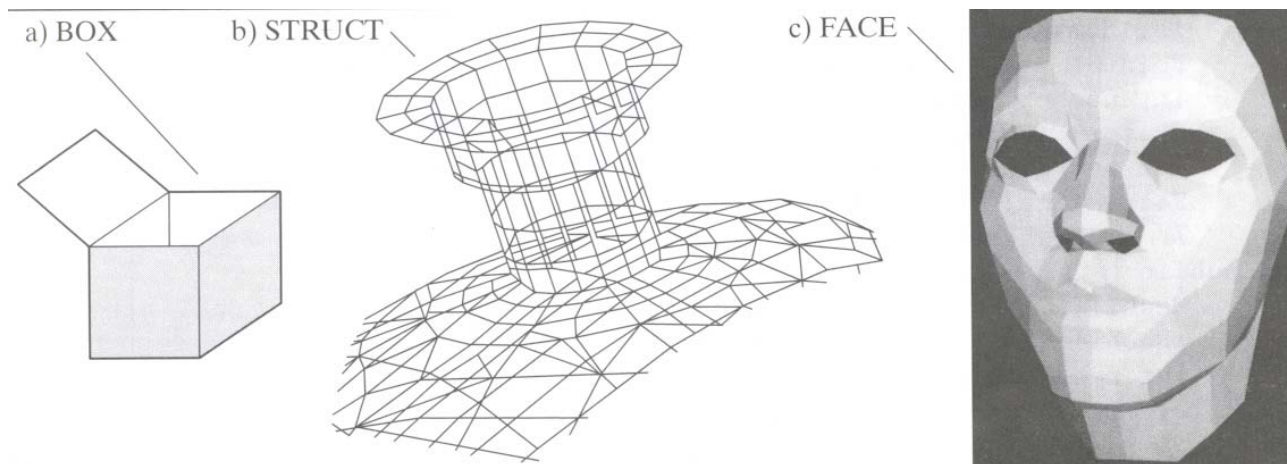
Smoothed
Out with
Shading
(later)

Mesh
(wireframe)

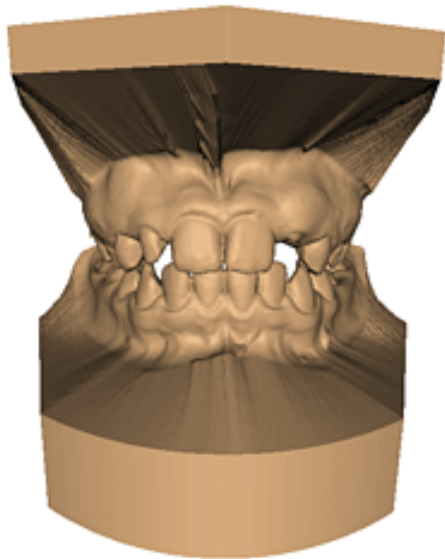


Polygonal Meshes

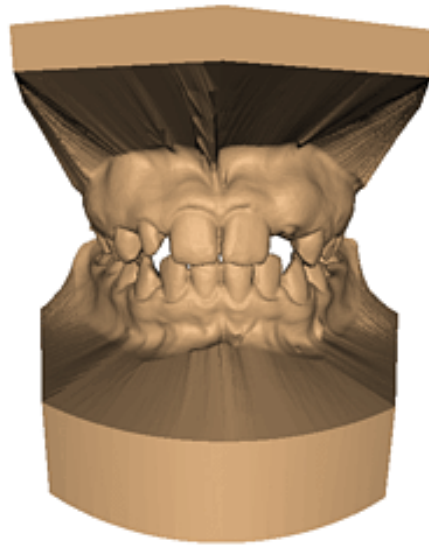
- Meshes now standard in graphics
- OpenGL Good at drawing polygons, triangles
- Mesh = sequence of polygons forming thin skin around object
- Simple meshes exact. (e.g barn)
- Complex meshes approximate (e.g. human face)



Different Resolutions of Same Mesh



**Original: 424,000
triangles**



**60,000 triangles
(14%).**



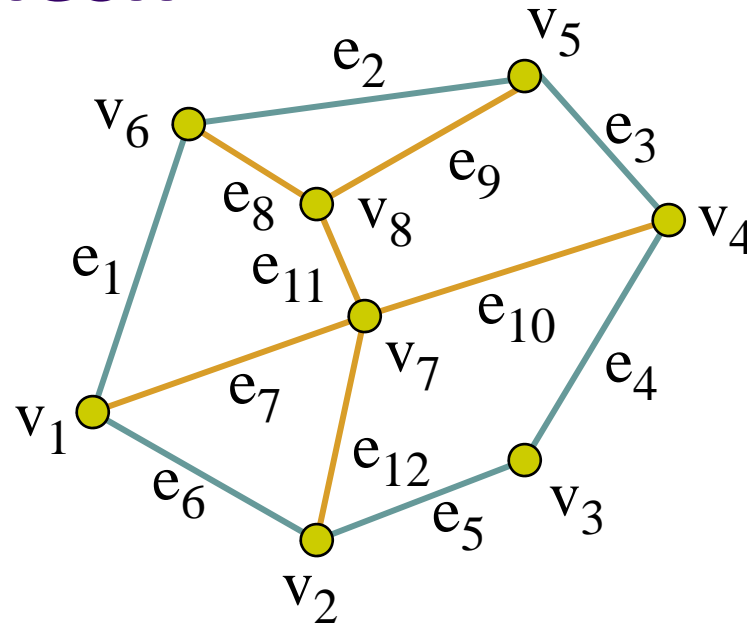
**1000 triangles
(0.2%)**

(courtesy of Michael Garland and Data courtesy of Iris Development.)



Representing a Mesh

- Consider a mesh



- There are 8 vertices and 12 edges
 - 5 interior polygons
 - 6 interior (shared) edges (shown in orange)
- Each vertex has a location $v_i = (x_i \ y_i \ z_i)$



Simple Representation

- Define each polygon by (x,y,z) locations of its vertices
- OpenGL code

```
vertex[i]    = vec3(x1, y1, z1);  
vertex[i+1]  = vec3(x6, y6, z6);  
vertex[i+2]  = vec3(x7, y7, z7);  
i+=3;
```

Issues with Simple Representation

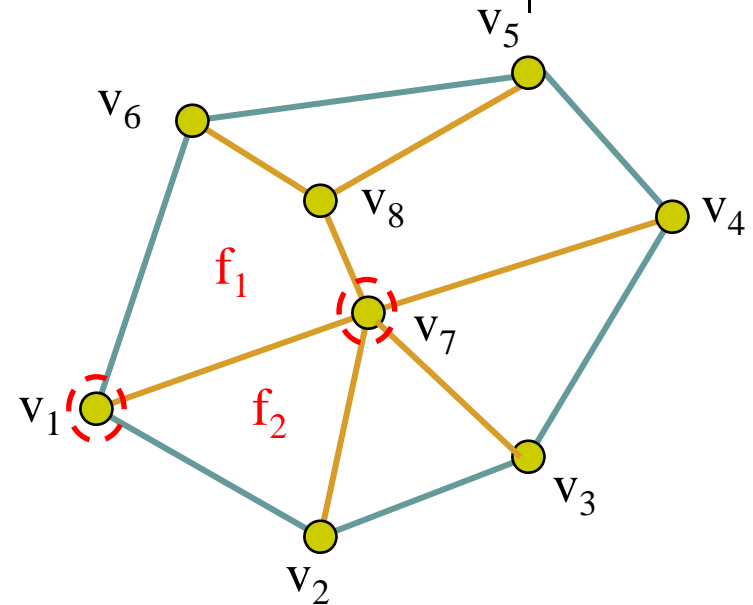


- Declaring face f1

```
vertex[i] = vec3(x1, y1, z1);  
vertex[i+1] = vec3(x7, y7, z7);  
vertex[i+2] = vec3(x8, y8, z8);  
vertex[i+3] = vec3(x6, y6, z6);
```

- Declaring face f2

```
vertex[i] = vec3(x1, y1, z1);  
vertex[i+1] = vec3(x2, y2, z2);  
vertex[i+2] = vec3(x7, y7, z7);
```



- Inefficient and unstructured

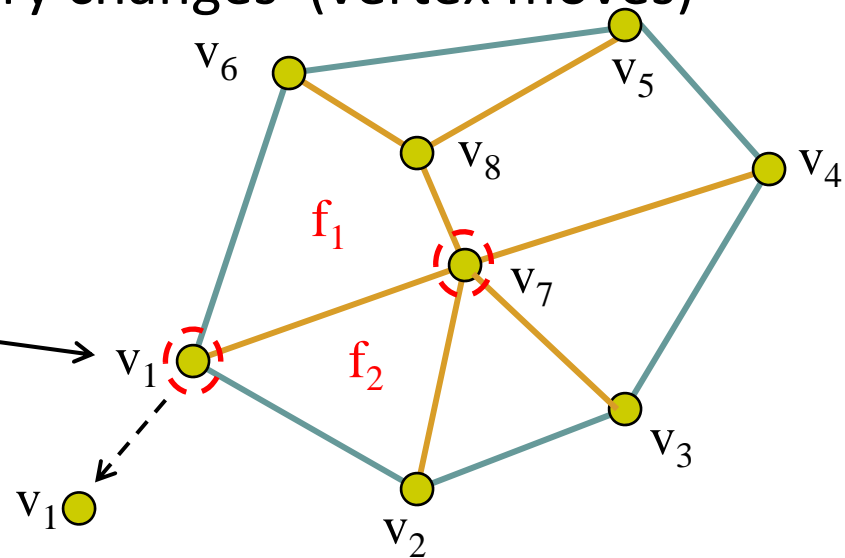
- **Repeats:** vertices **v1 and v7 repeated** while declaring f1 and f2
- Shared vertices shared declared multiple times
- Delete vertex? Move vertex? Search for all occurrences of vertex



Geometry vs Topology

- Better data structures separate **geometry** from **topology**
 - **Geometry:** (x,y,z) locations of the vertices
 - **Topology:** How vertices and edges are connected
 - **Example:**
 - A polygon is **ordered list** of vertices
 - An edge connects successive pairs of vertices
 - Topology holds even if geometry changes (vertex moves)

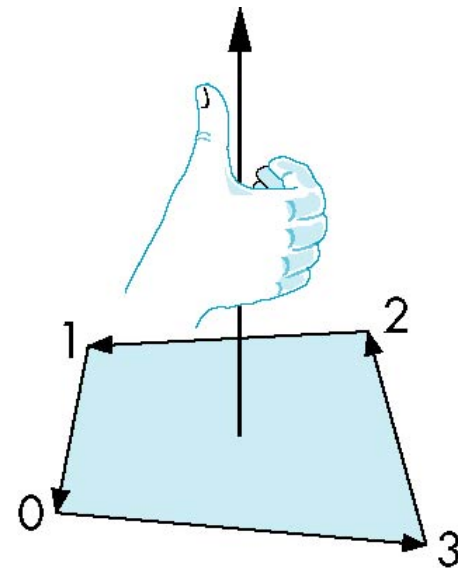
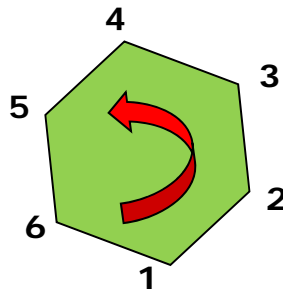
Example: even if we move (x,y,z) location of v_1 , v_1 still connected to v_6 , v_7 and v_2





Polygon Traversal Convention

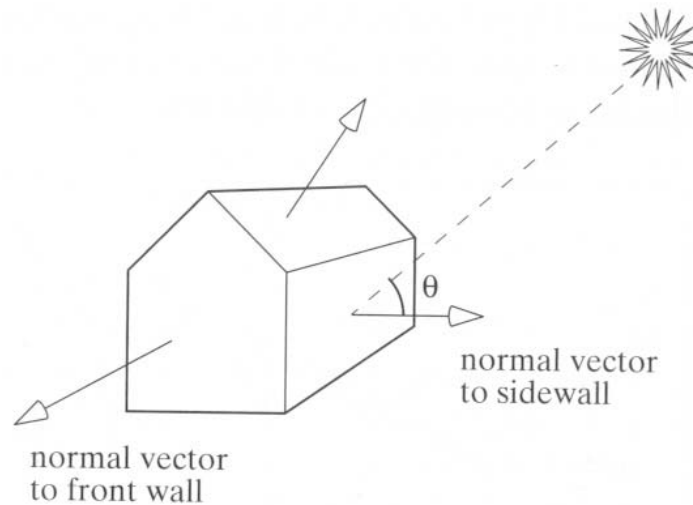
- Use the **right-hand rule = counter-clockwise** encirclement of outward-pointing normal
- Focus on direction of traversal
 - Orders $\{v_1, v_0, v_3\}$ and $\{v_3, v_2, v_1\}$ are same (**ccw**)
 - Order $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$ is different (**clockwise**)
- What is **outward-pointing normal**?





Normal Vector

- **Normal vector:** Direction each polygon is facing
- Each mesh polygon has a **normal vector**
- Normal vector used in shading

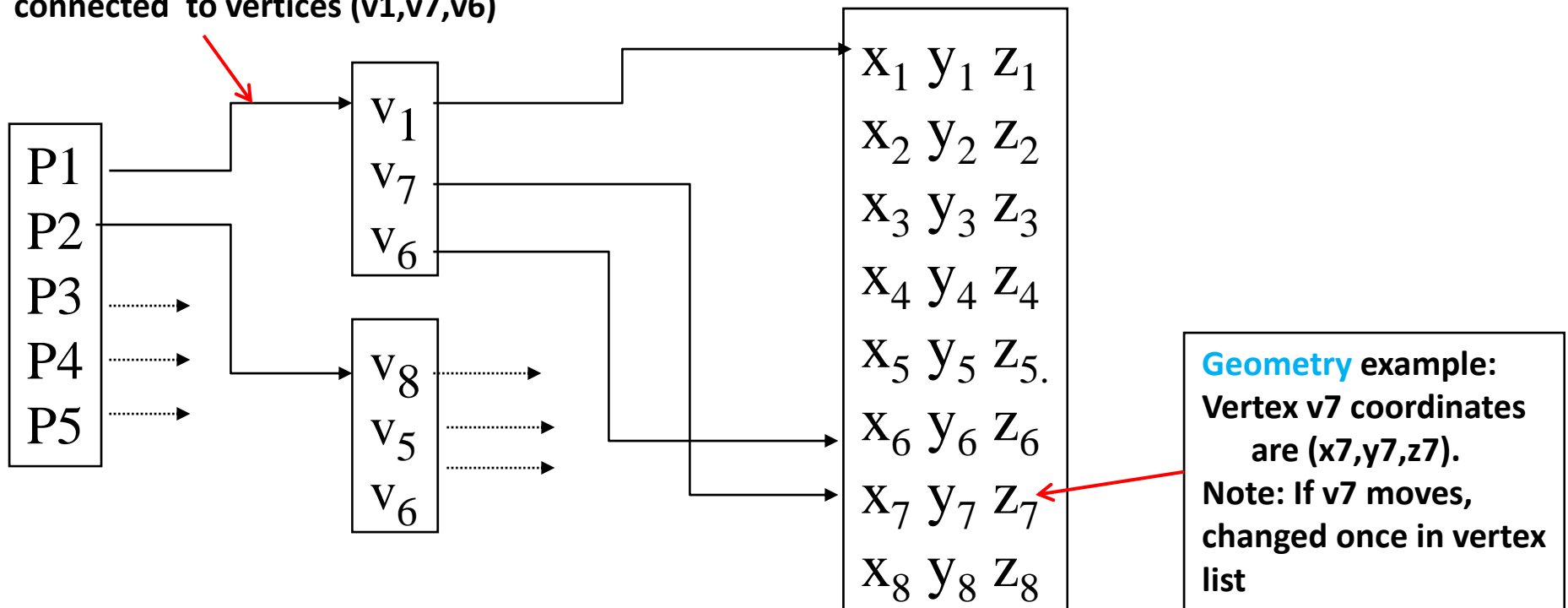




Vertex Lists

- **Vertex list:** (x,y,z) of vertices (its geometry) are put in array
- Use pointers from vertices into vertex list
- **Polygon list:** vertices connected to each polygon (face)

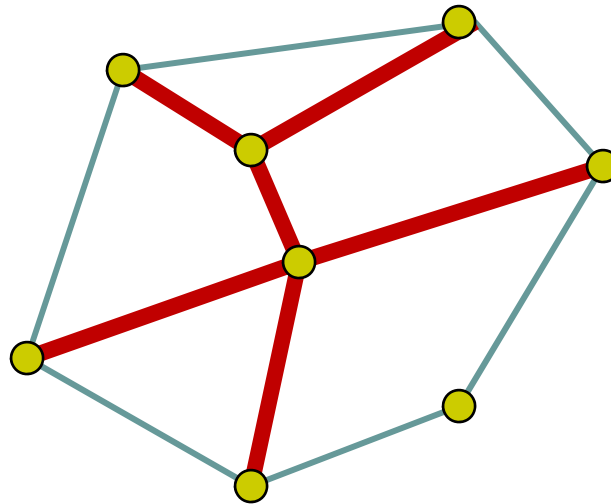
Topology example: Polygon P1 of mesh is connected to vertices (v1,v7,v6)





Vertex List Issue: Shared Edges

- Vertex lists draw filled polygons correctly
- If each polygon is drawn by its edges, shared edges are drawn twice

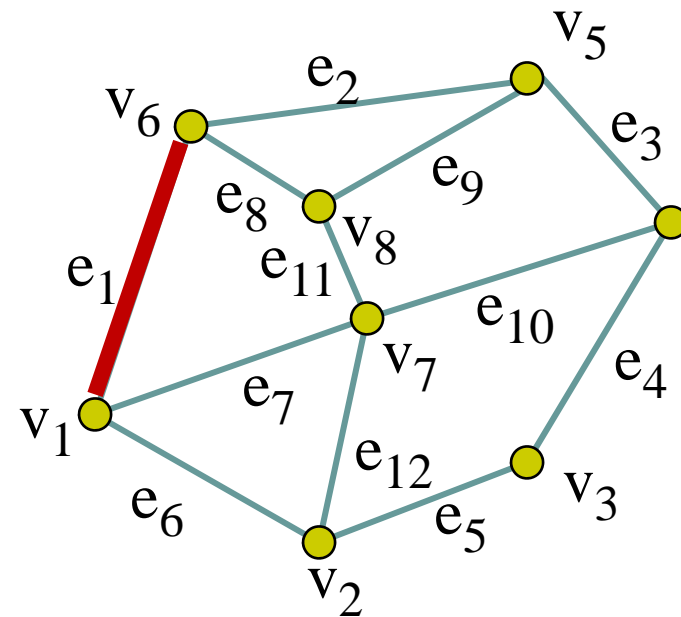
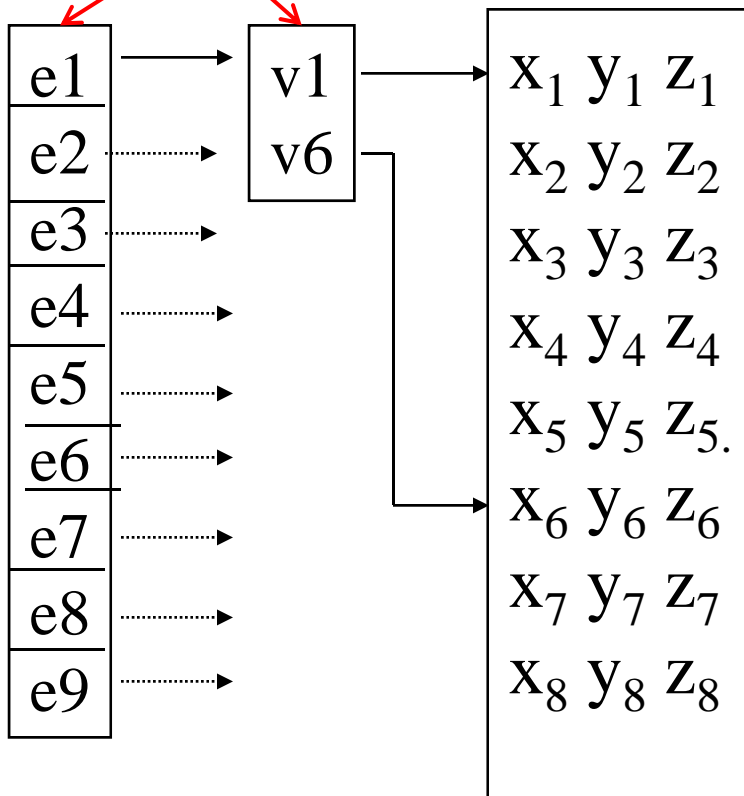


- **Alternatively:** Can store mesh by *edge list*



Edge List

Simply draw each edges once
E.g e1 connects v1 and v6

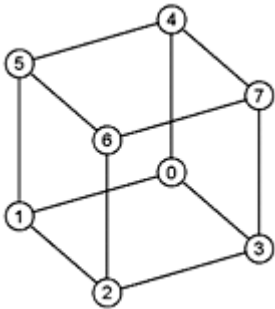


Note polygons are not represented



Modeling a Cube

- In 3D, declare vertices as (x,y,z) using **point3 v[3]**
- Define **global arrays** for vertices and colors



```
typedef vec3 point3;  
point3 vertices[] = {point3(-1.0,-1.0,-1.0),  
                    point3(1.0,-1.0,-1.0), point3(1.0,1.0,-1.0),  
                    point3(-1.0,1.0,-1.0), point3(-1.0,-1.0,1.0),  
                    point3(1.0,-1.0,1.0), point3(1.0,1.0,1.0),  
                    point3(-1.0,1.0,1.0)};
```

x y z

```
typedef vec3 color3;  
color3 colors[] = {color3(0.0,0.0,0.0),  
                  color3(1.0,0.0,0.0), color3(1.0,1.0,0.0),  
                  color(0.0,1.0,0.0), color3(0.0,0.0,1.0),  
                  color3(1.0,0.0,1.0), color3(1.0,1.0,1.0),  
                  color3(0.0,1.0,1.0)};
```

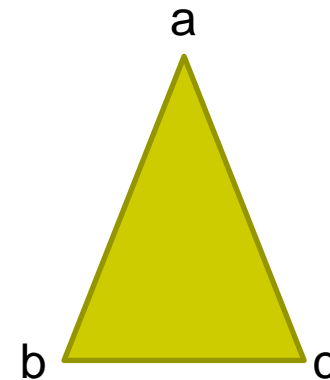
r g b



Drawing a triangle from list of indices

Draw a triangle from a list of indices into the array **vertices** and assign a color to each index

```
void triangle(int a, int b, int c, int d)
{
    vcolors[i] = colors[d];
    position[i] = vertices[a];
    vcolors[i+1] = colors[d];
    position[i+1] = vertices[b];
    vcolors[i+2] = colors[d];
    position[i+2] = vertices[c];
    i+=3;
}
```



Variables **a, b, c** are indices into vertex array

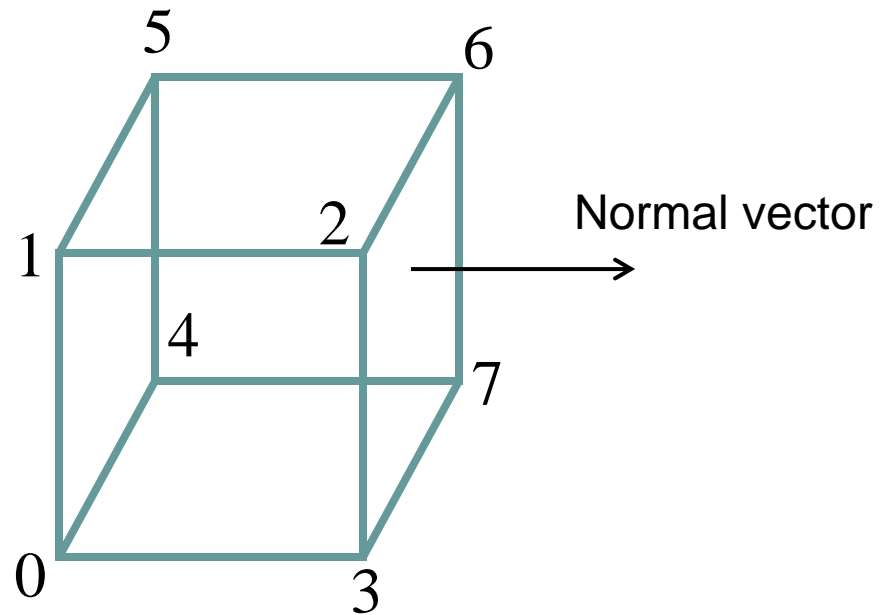
Variable **d** is index into color array

Note: Same face, so all three vertices have same color

Draw cube from faces



```
void colorcube( )  
{  
    quad(0,3,2,1);  
    quad(2,3,7,6);  
    quad(0,4,7,3);  
    quad(1,2,6,5);  
    quad(4,5,6,7);  
    quad(0,1,5,4);  
}
```



Note: vertices ordered (**counterclockwise**)
so that we obtain correct outward facing normals



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