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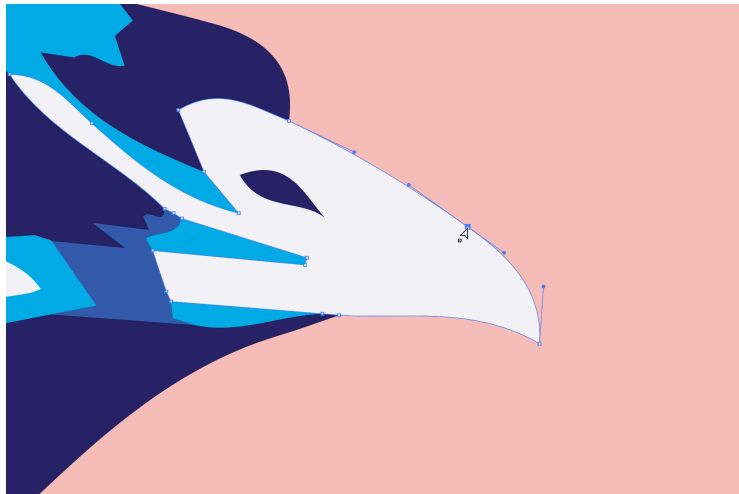
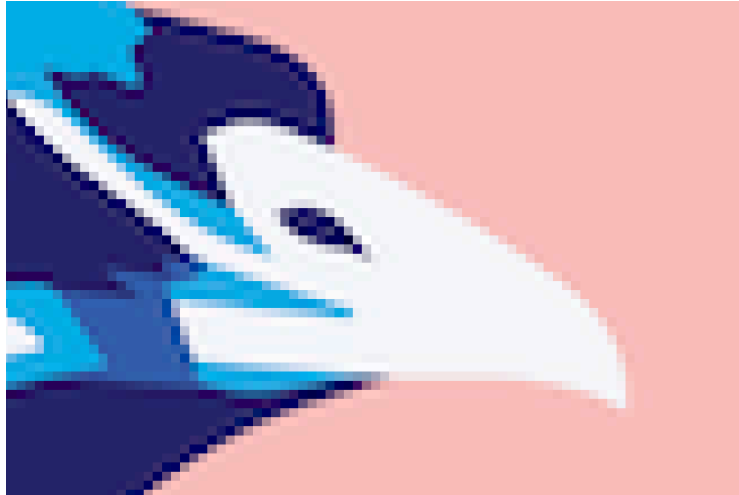
# Vector Graphics on Discrete Surfaces

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Raster graphics

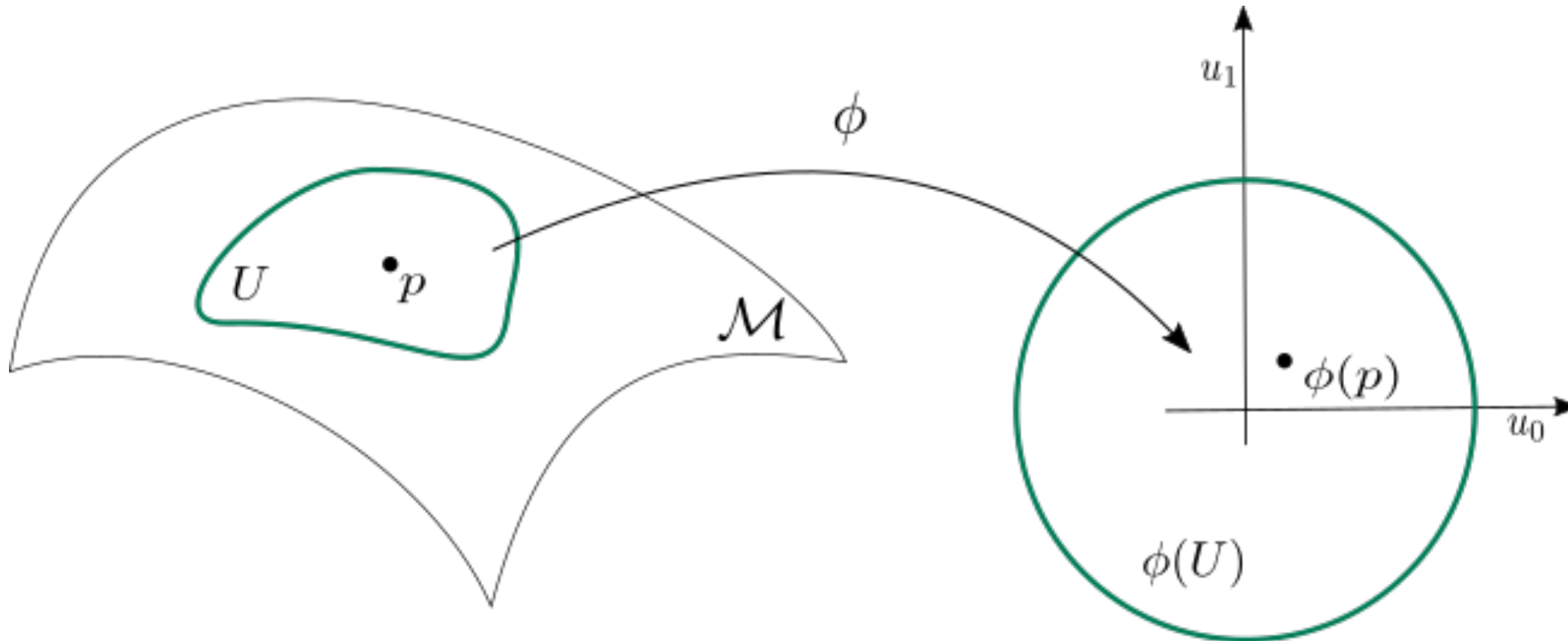


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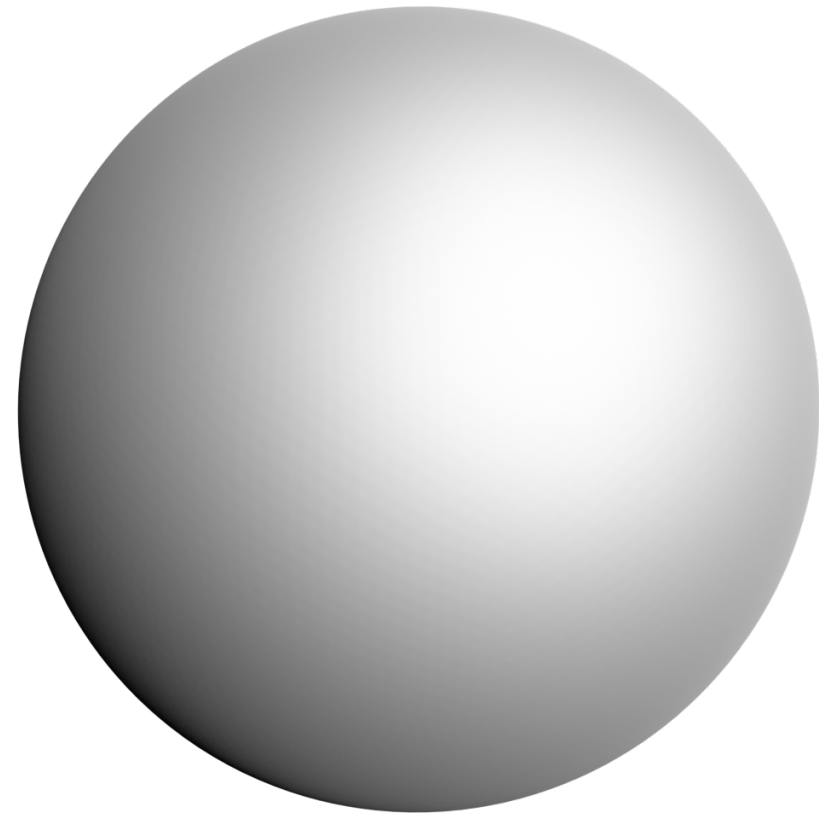


# Interactive Vector Graphics on Discrete Surfaces

Every point has a neighborhood that “looks like” an open set of the Euclidean plane

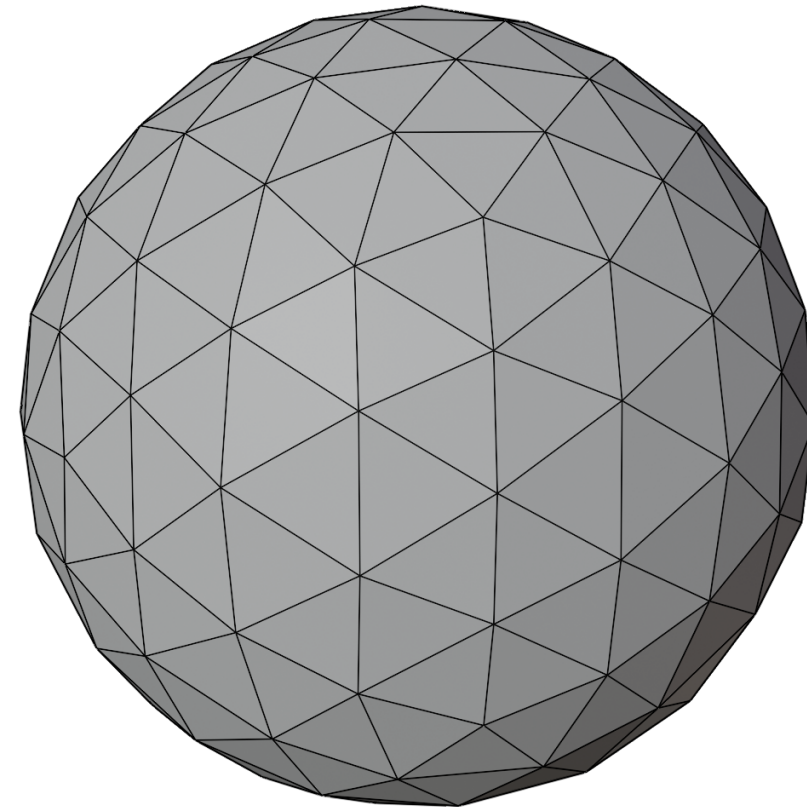
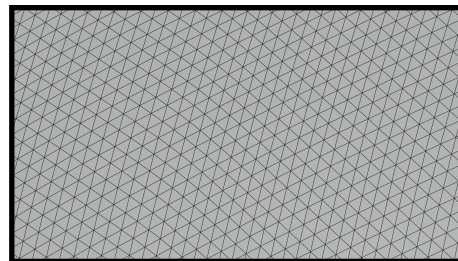
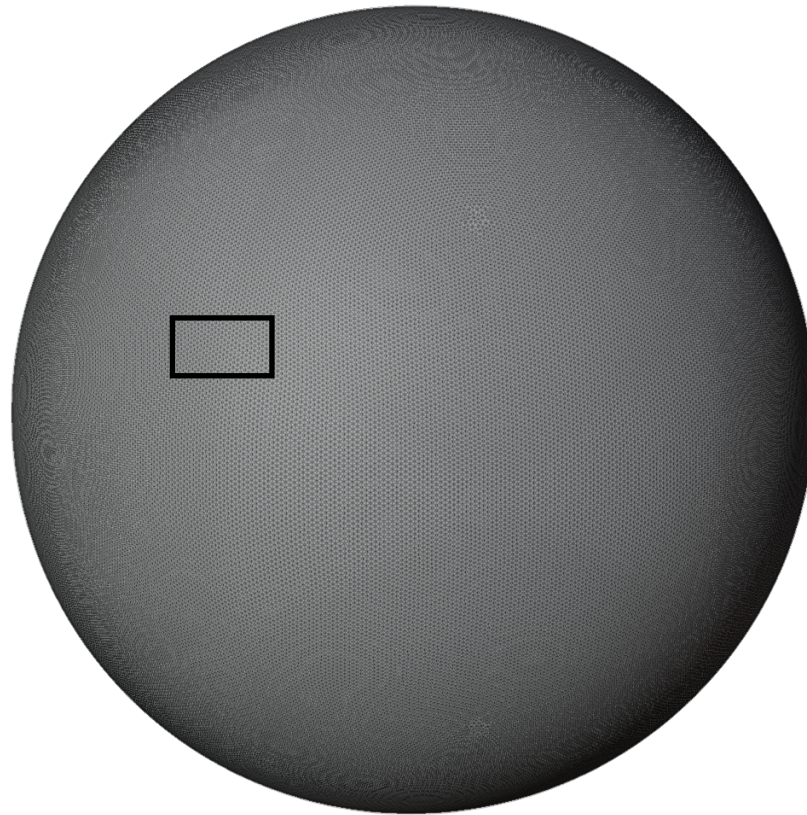


# *Interactive Vector Graphics on **Discrete Surfaces***



$$\{x \in \mathbb{R}^3 : \|x\| = 1\}$$

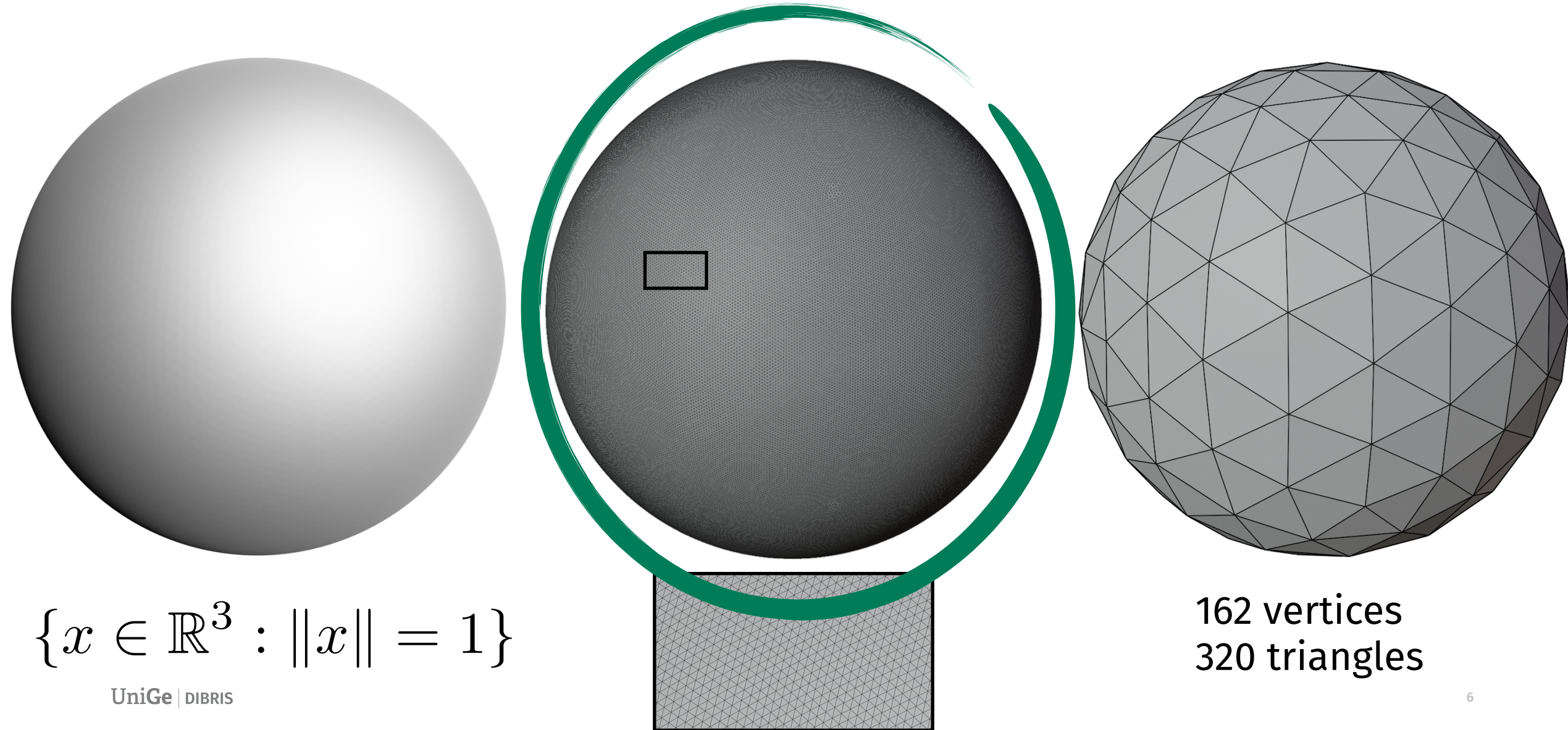
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162 vertices  
320 triangles

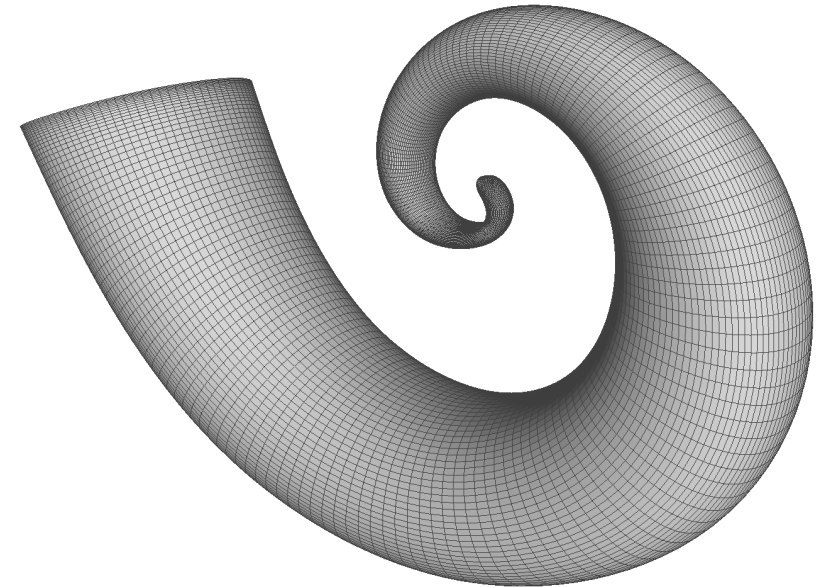
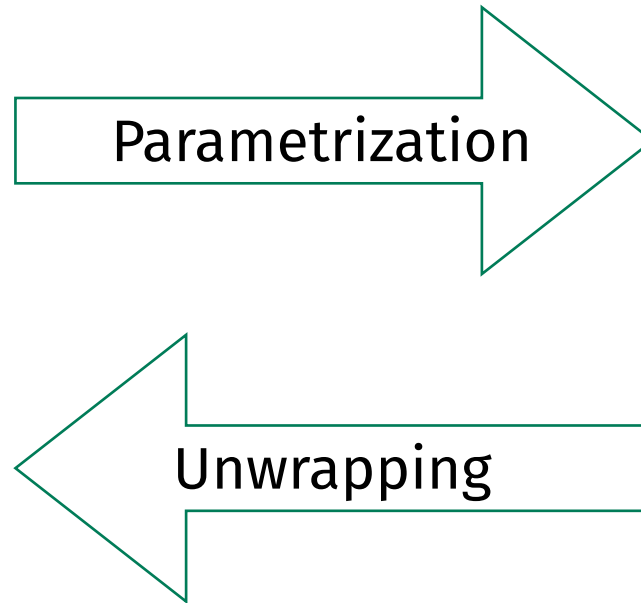
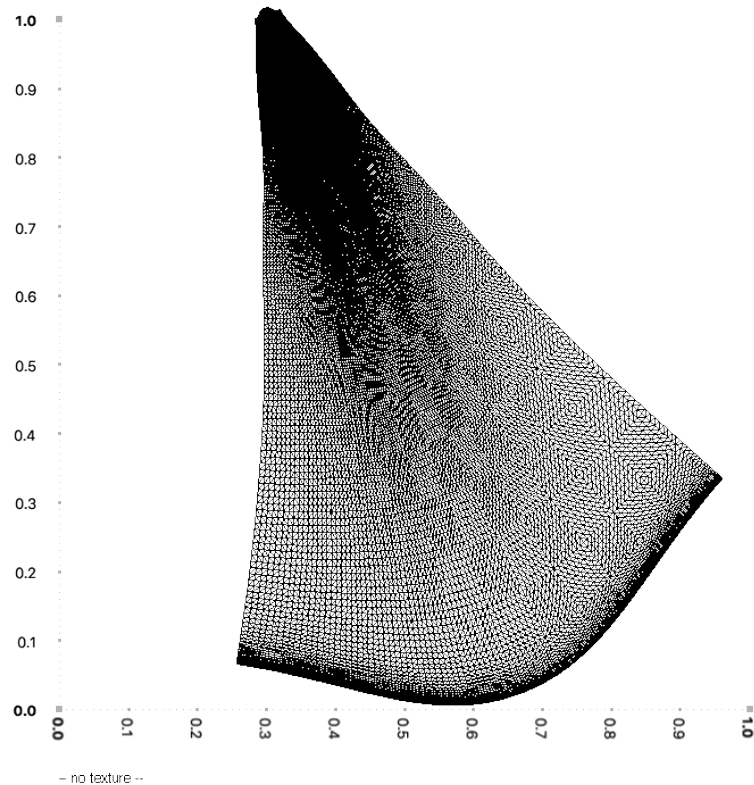


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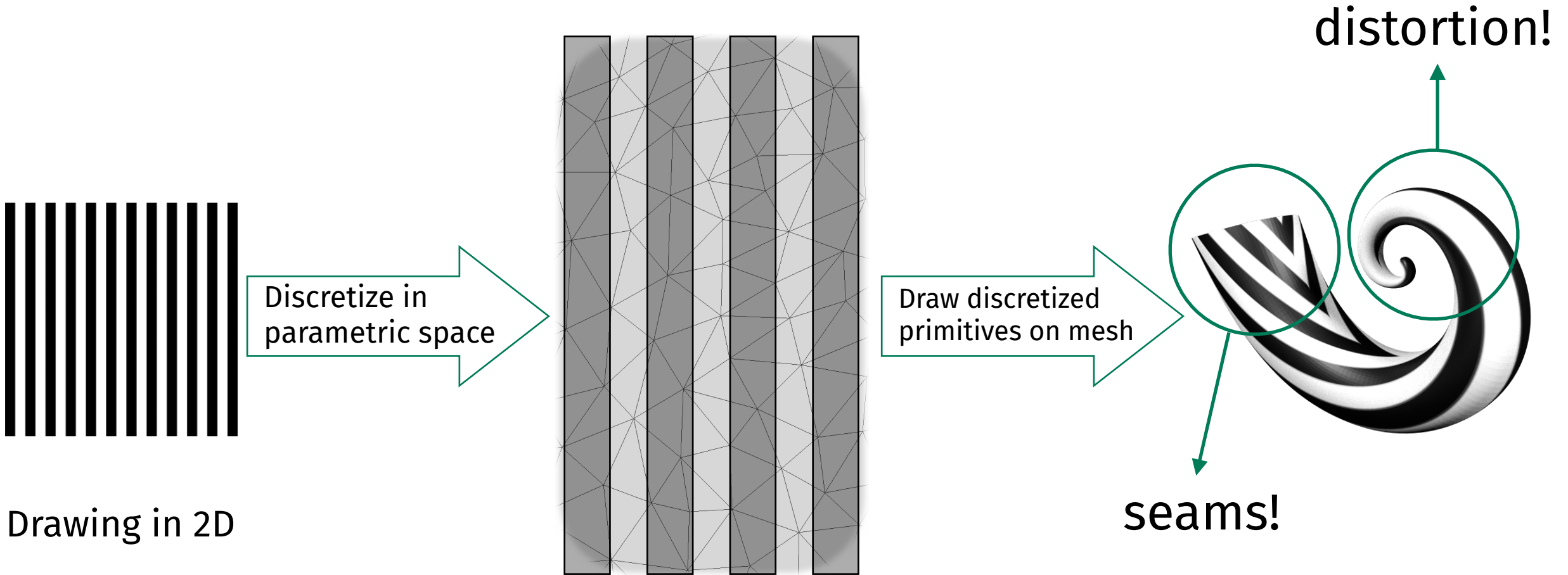


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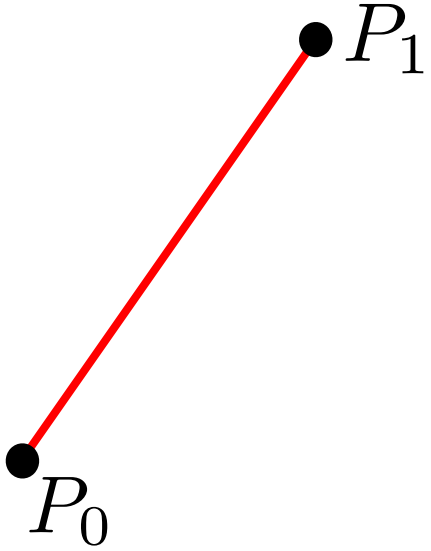
**Parametrization maps from 2D plane to the surface**



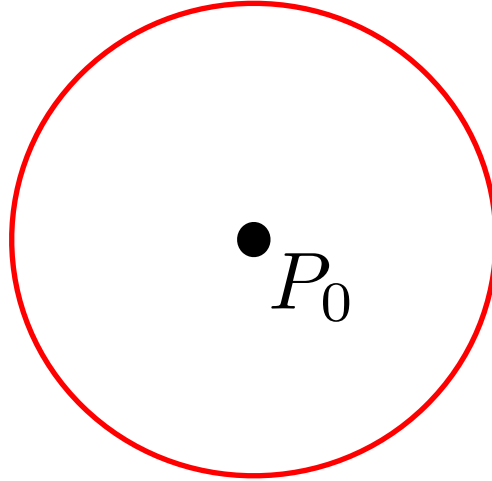
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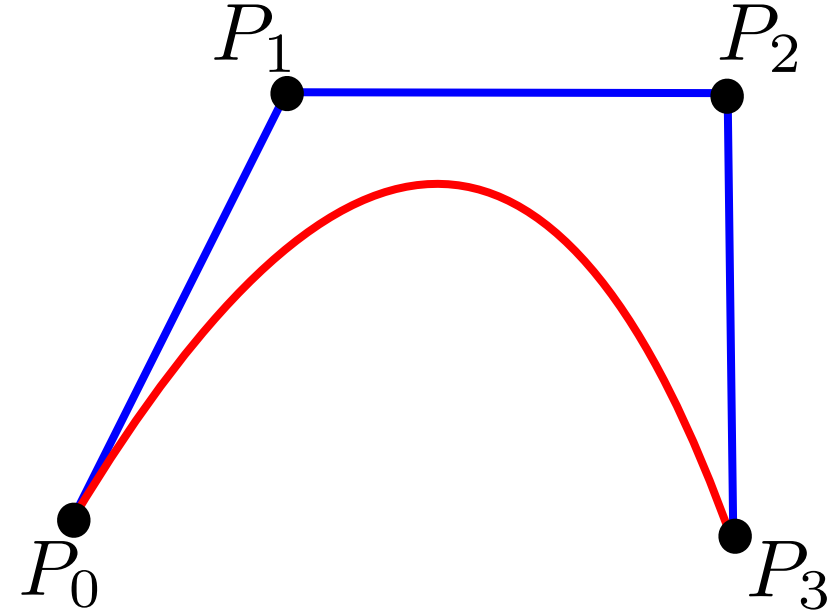
# Geometric Primitives in the Euclidean setting



$$(1 - t)P_0 + tP_1$$



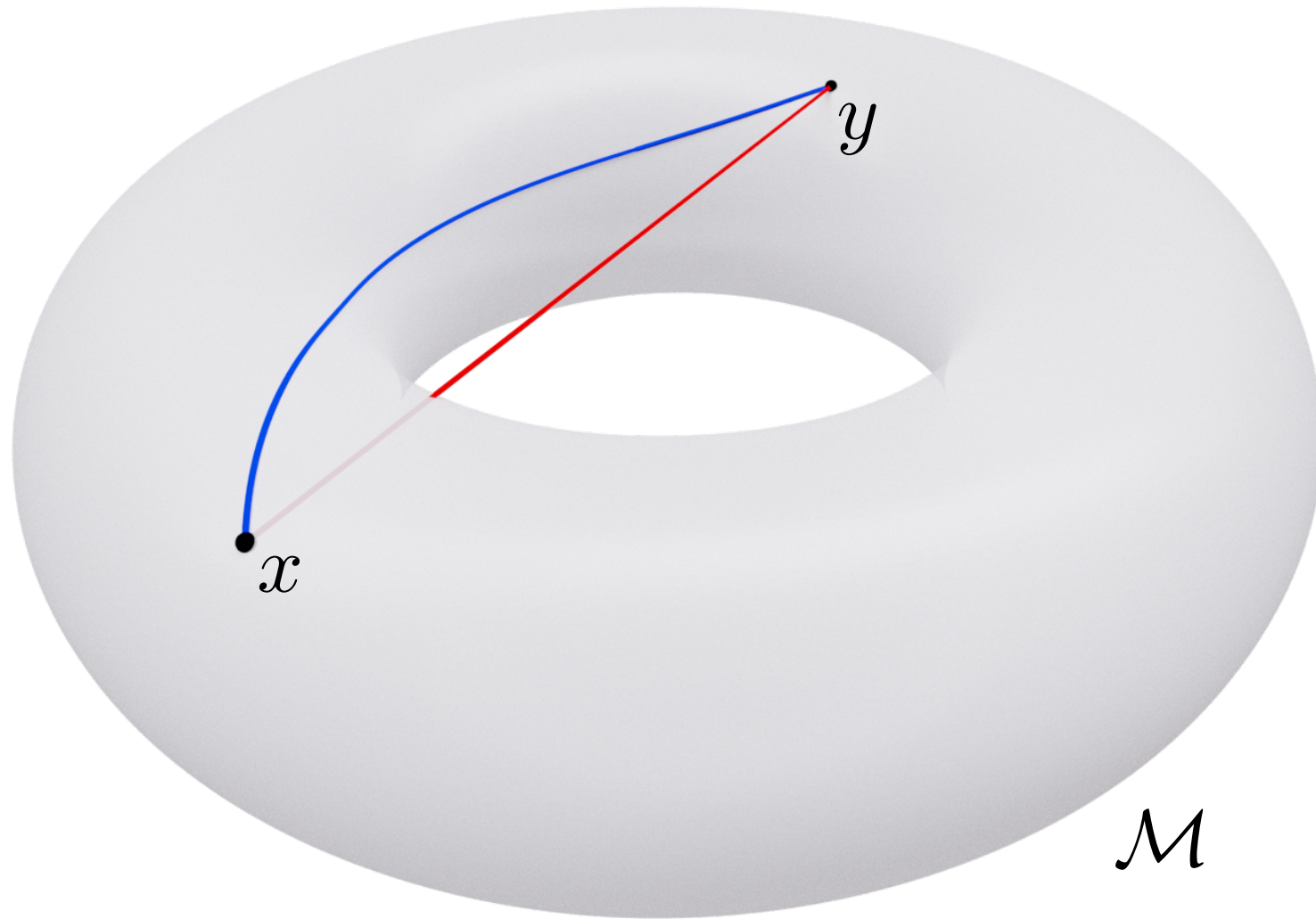
$$(x - x_0)^2 + (y - y_0)^2 = r^2$$



$$\sum_{i=0}^3 B_i^3(t) P_i$$



# Geodesic Distance





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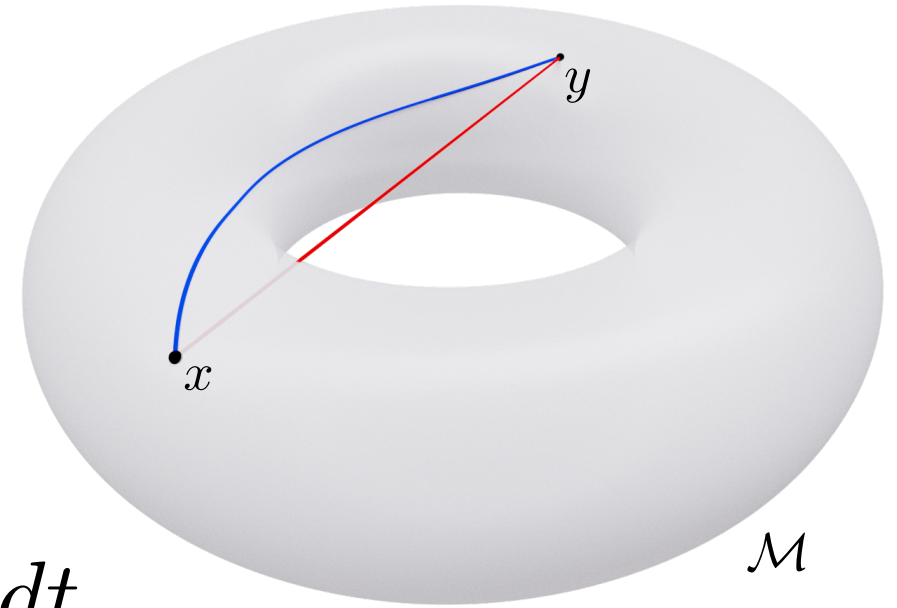
Let  $\gamma : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$  be a curve on  $\mathcal{M}$ .

Then its *length* is defined as

$$L(\gamma) = \int_a^b \|\dot{\gamma}(t)\|_{\gamma(t)} dt$$

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We will often consider the *geodesic distance field*

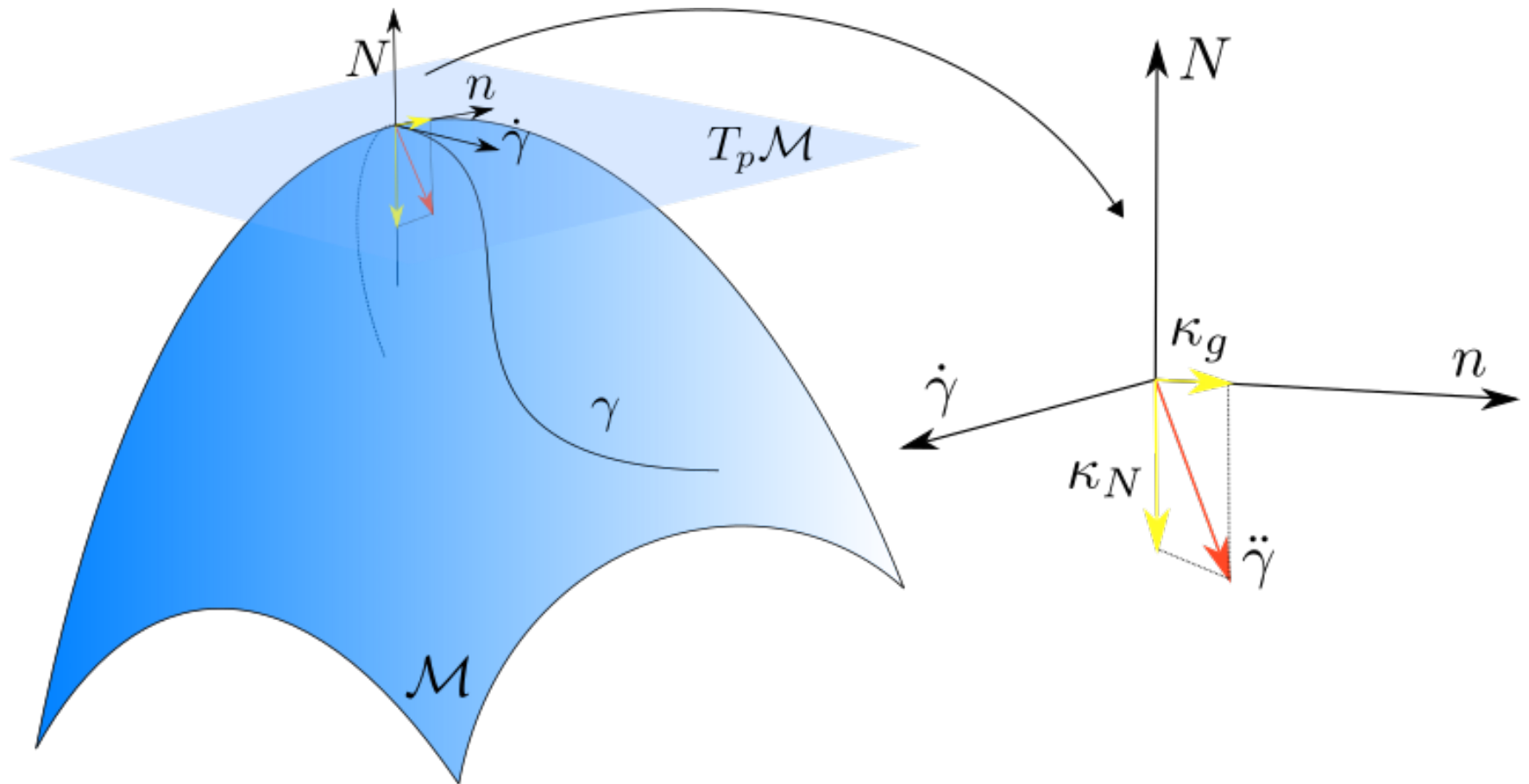
$$d_x : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$y \mapsto d(x, y)$$

# Geodesics

If a curve  $\gamma : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$  realizes the distance between two points, then  $\gamma$  is called a *geodesic*.

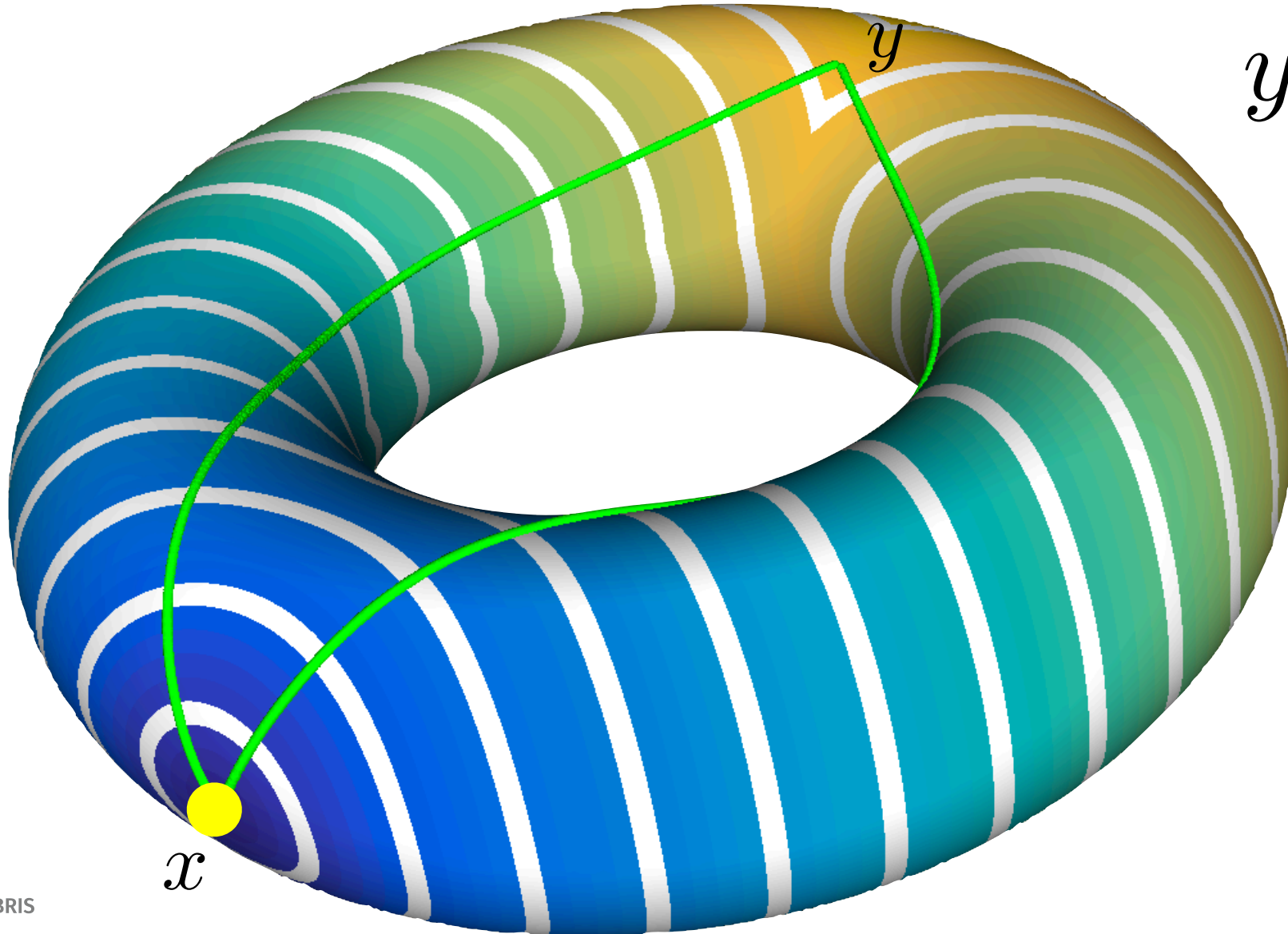
Geodesics have null (geodesic) curvature.



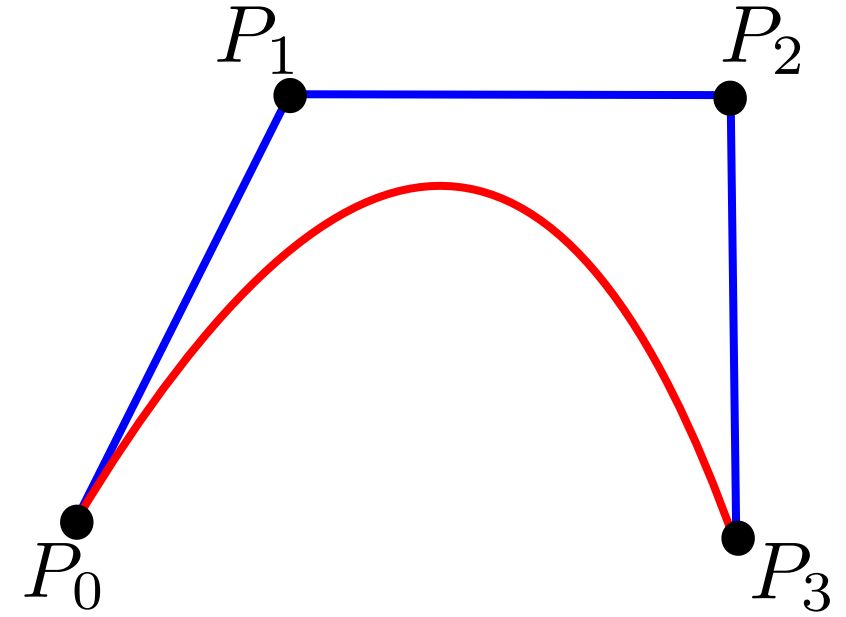
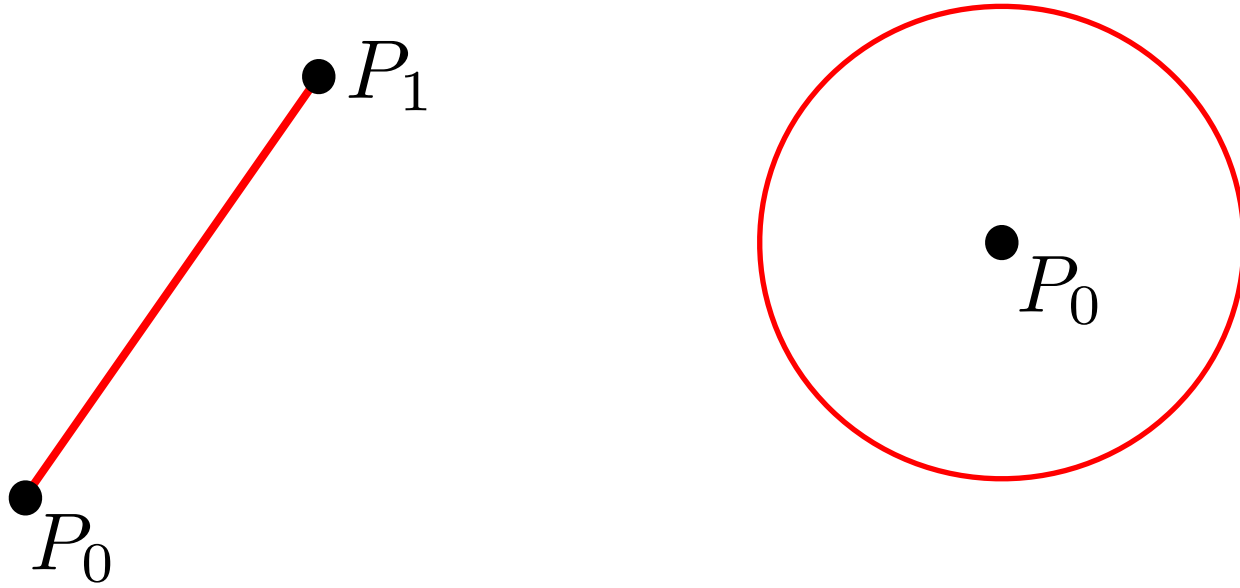
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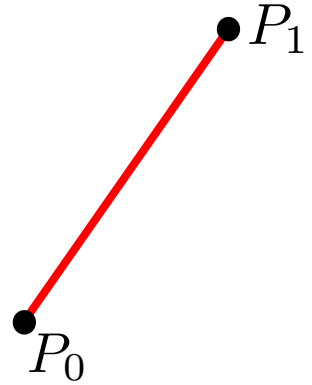


# Moving to the manifold setting



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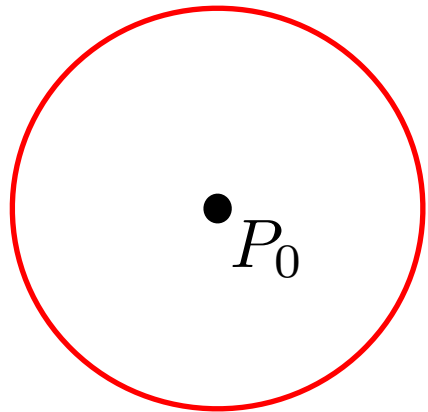
$\mathbb{R}^3$



*Straight line*



*Geodesic*



*Circle*



*Geodesic circle*

$\mathcal{M}$

# Moving to the manifold setting

$\mathbb{R}^3$

$\mathcal{M}$

$M$   
(discretization of  $\mathcal{M}$ )

*Straight line*



*Geodesic*



*Shortest path*

*Circle*

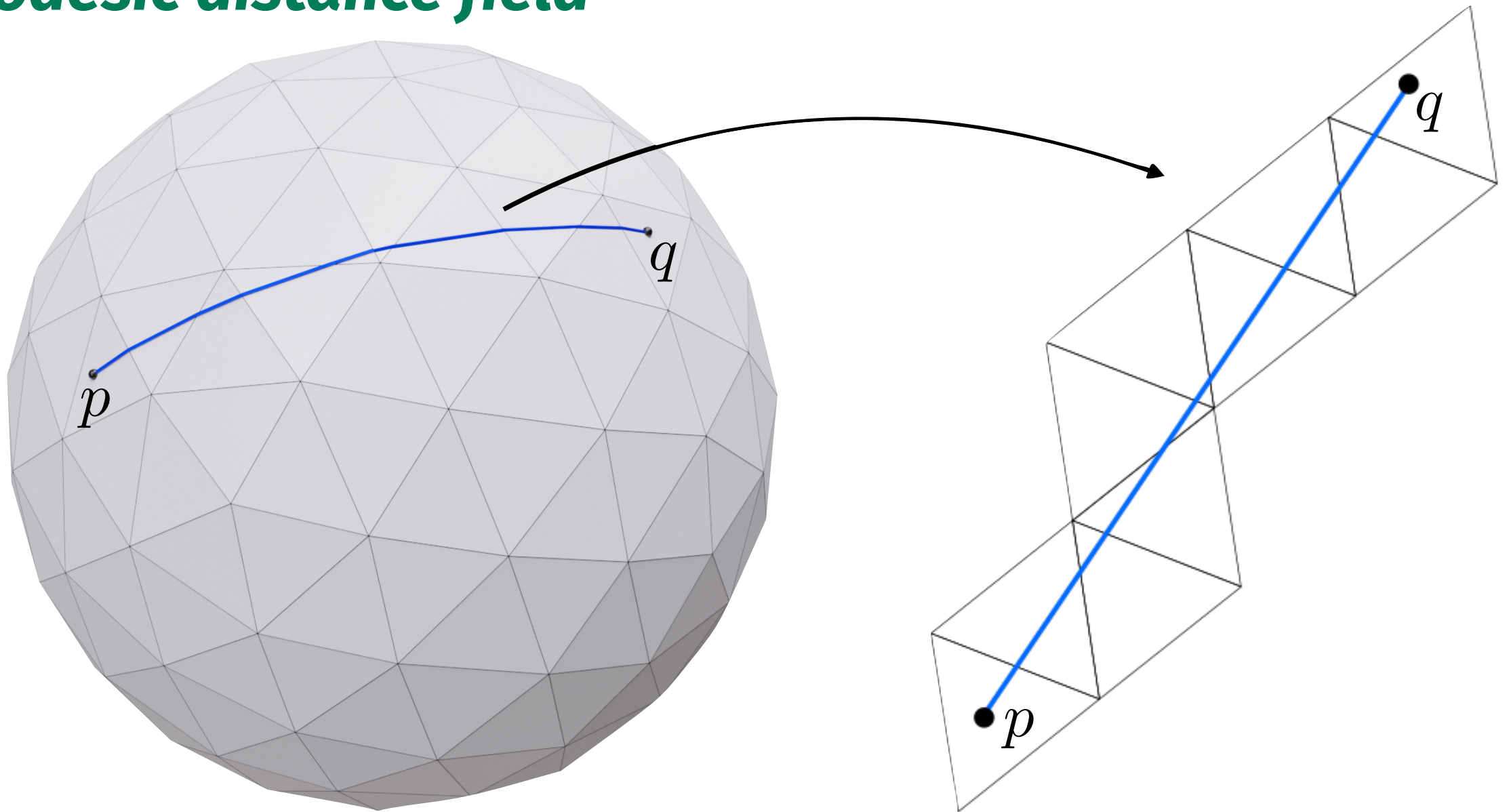


*Geodesic circle*



$d_x(\cdot)$

# Geodesic distance field

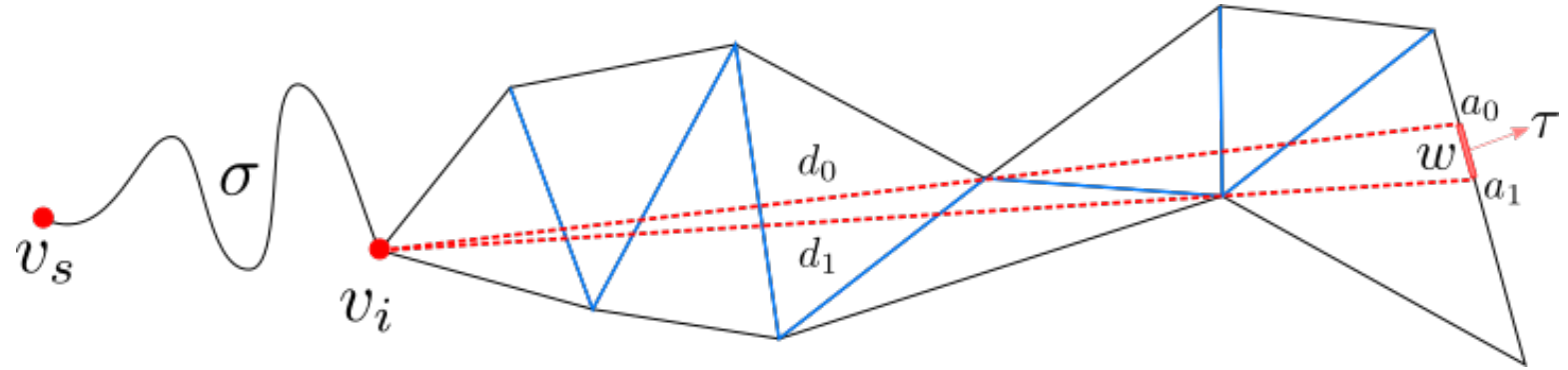




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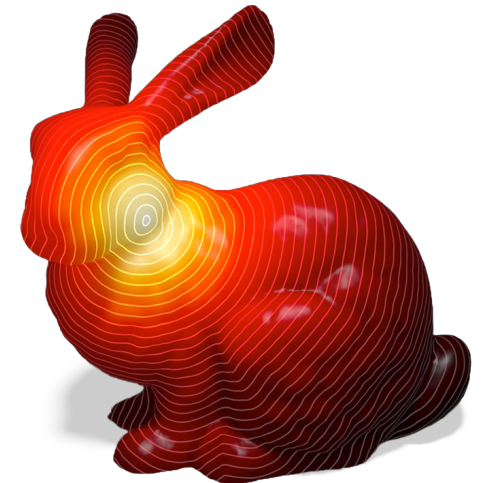
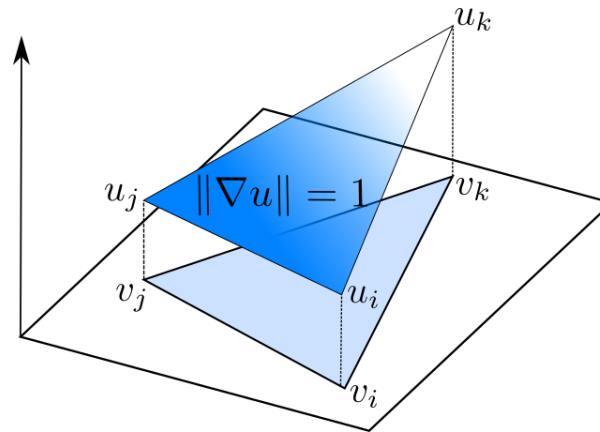
## Exact polyhedral methods

[Mitchell et al., 1987; Chen and Han, 1990; Surazhsky et al., 2005; Xin and Wang, 2007; Xu et al., 2015; Qin et al., 2016]



## PDE-based methods

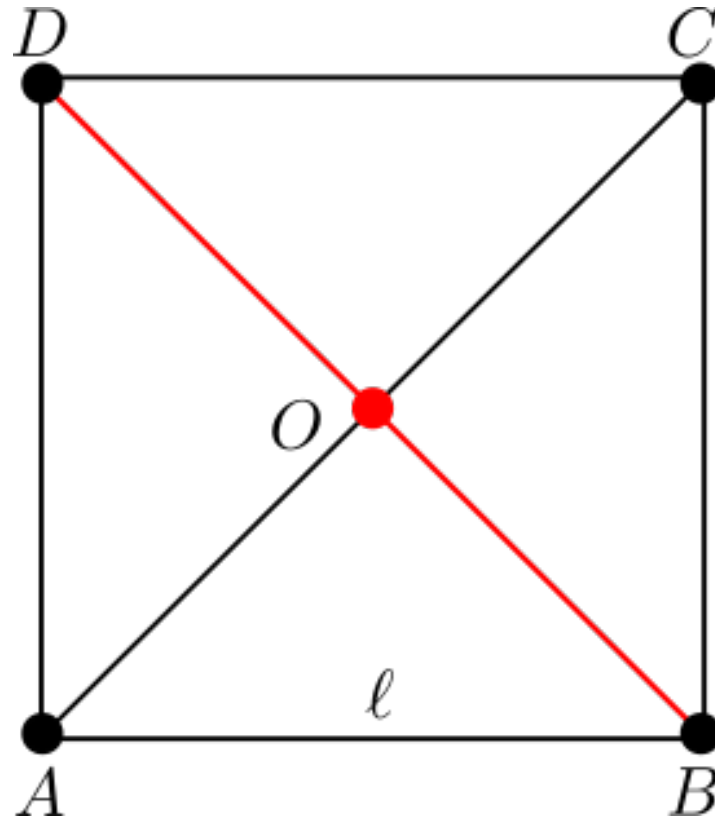
[Kimmel and Sethian, 1998; Crane et al. 2013]



# Geodesic distance field

## Graph-based methods

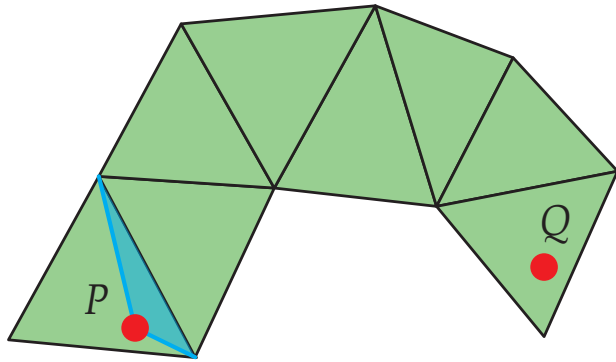
[Lanthier, 1997; Mata and Mitchell, 1997; Aleksandrov et al., 2000; Aleksandrov et al., 2005; Ying et al., 2013; Wang et al., 2017]



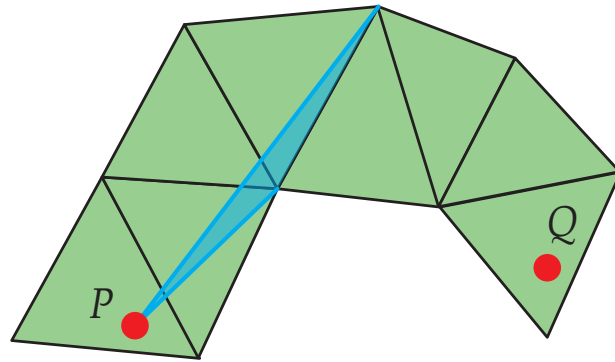
# Shortest paths tracing

## Local methods

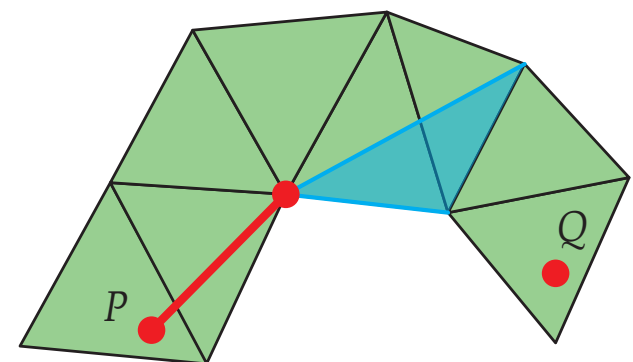
[Wan, 2004; Martínez et al., 2005; Xin et al., 2007; Sharp and Crane, 2020]



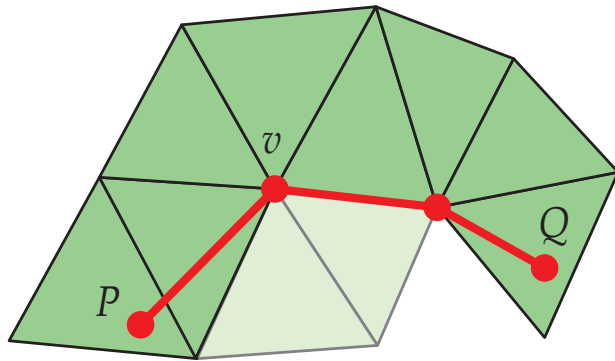
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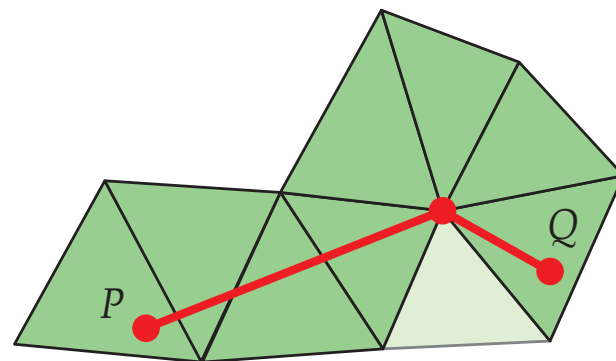
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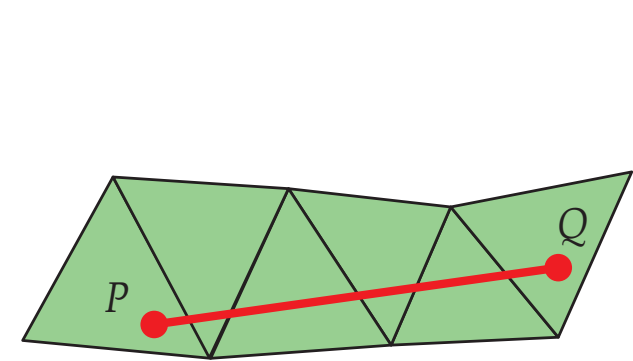
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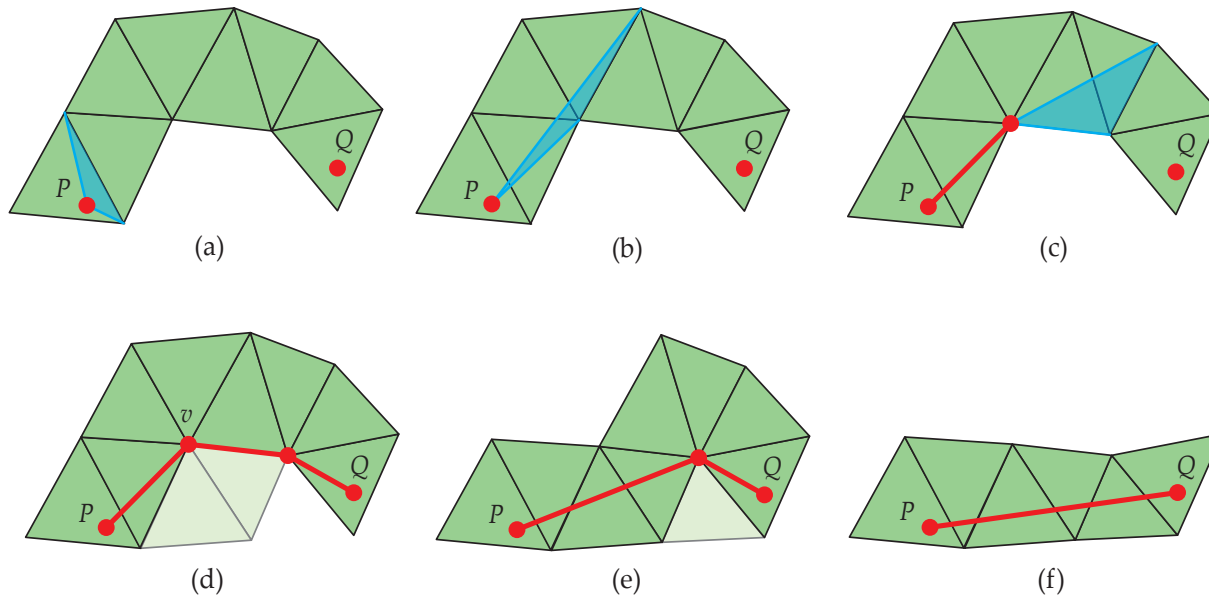


(f)

# Geodesic queries on triangle mesh

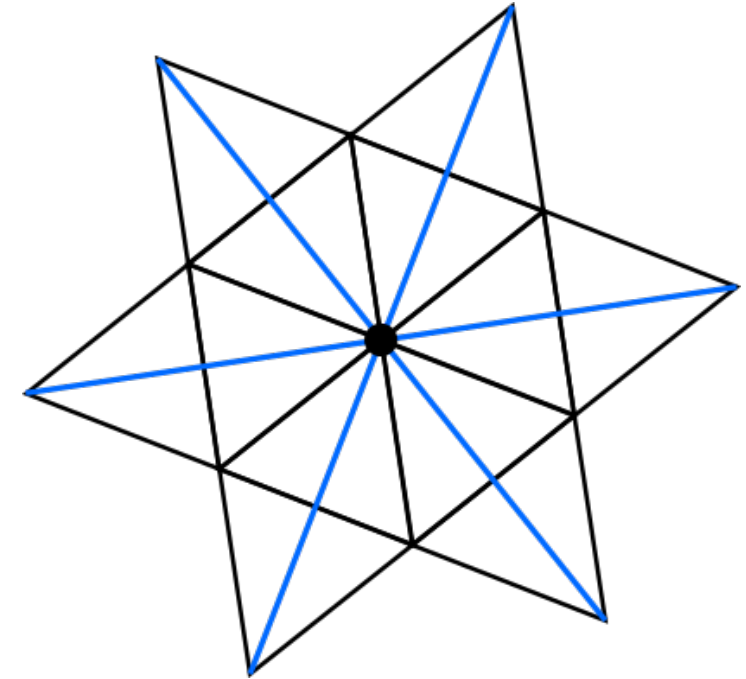
## Shortest paths

[Mancinelli et al., 2022]



## Geodesic distance fields

[Nazzaro et al., 2022]

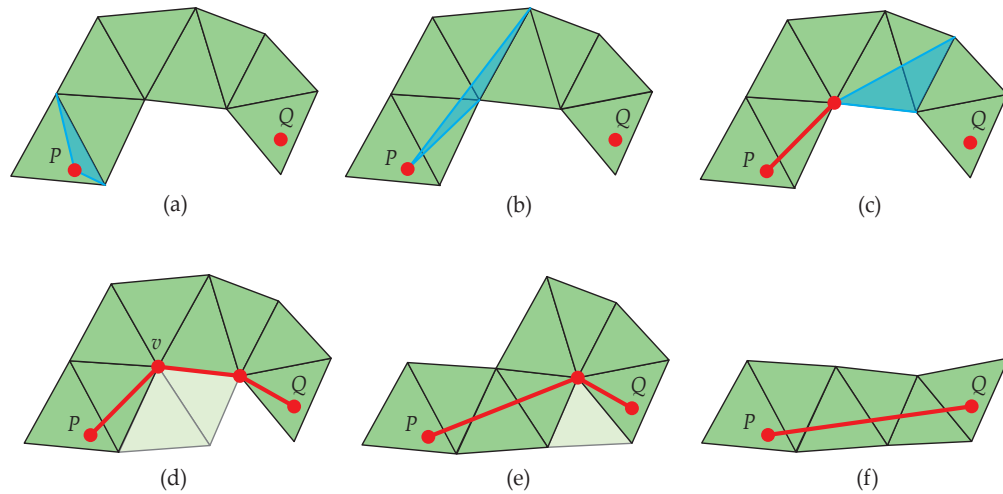


For more details see  
[Crane et al., 2020]

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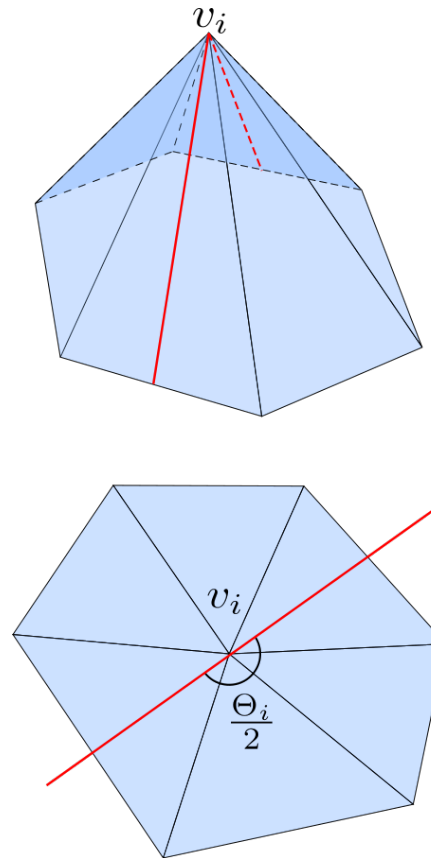
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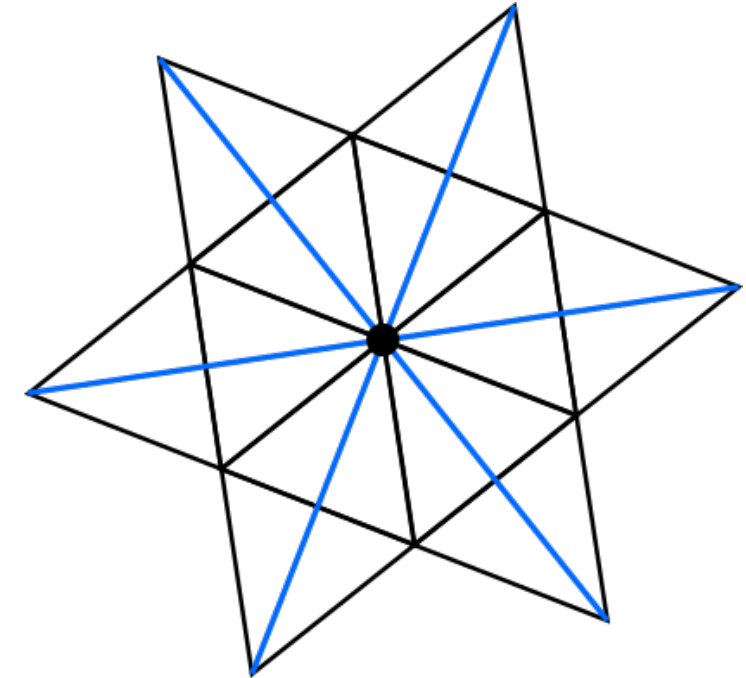
## Straightest paths

[Polthier and Schmies, 1998]



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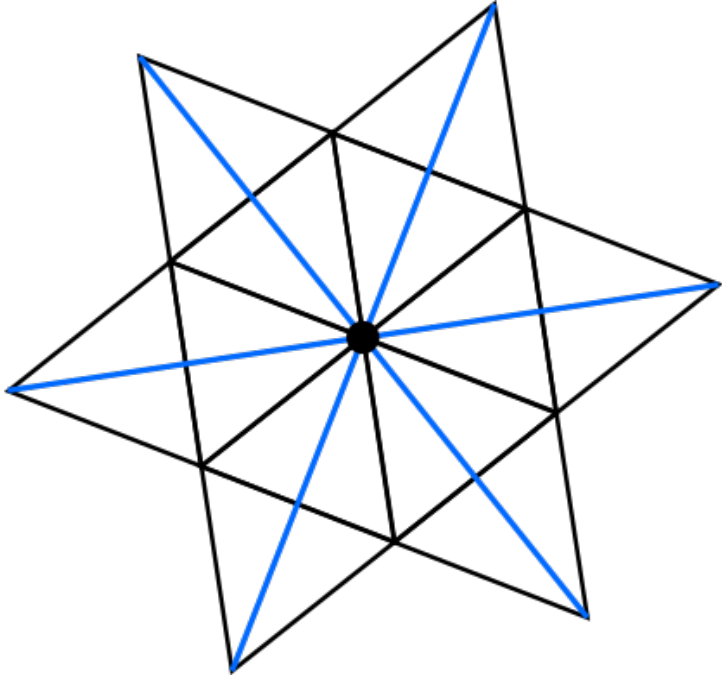
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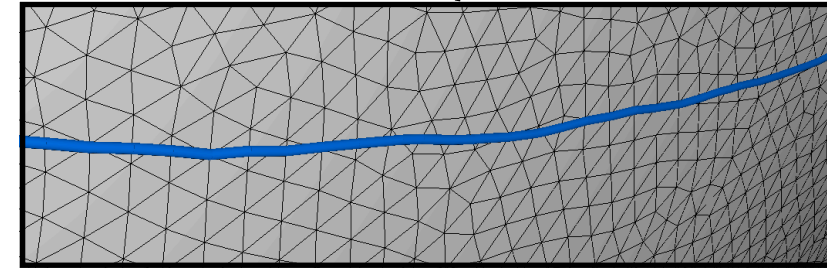
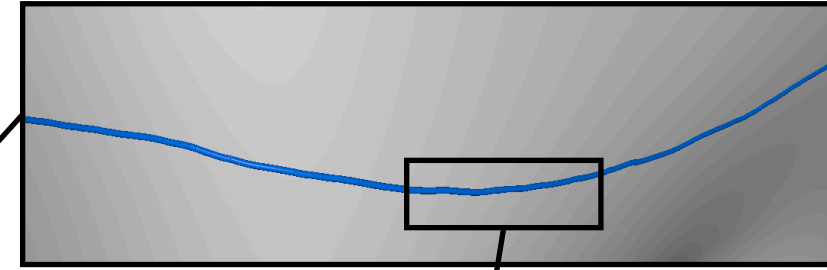
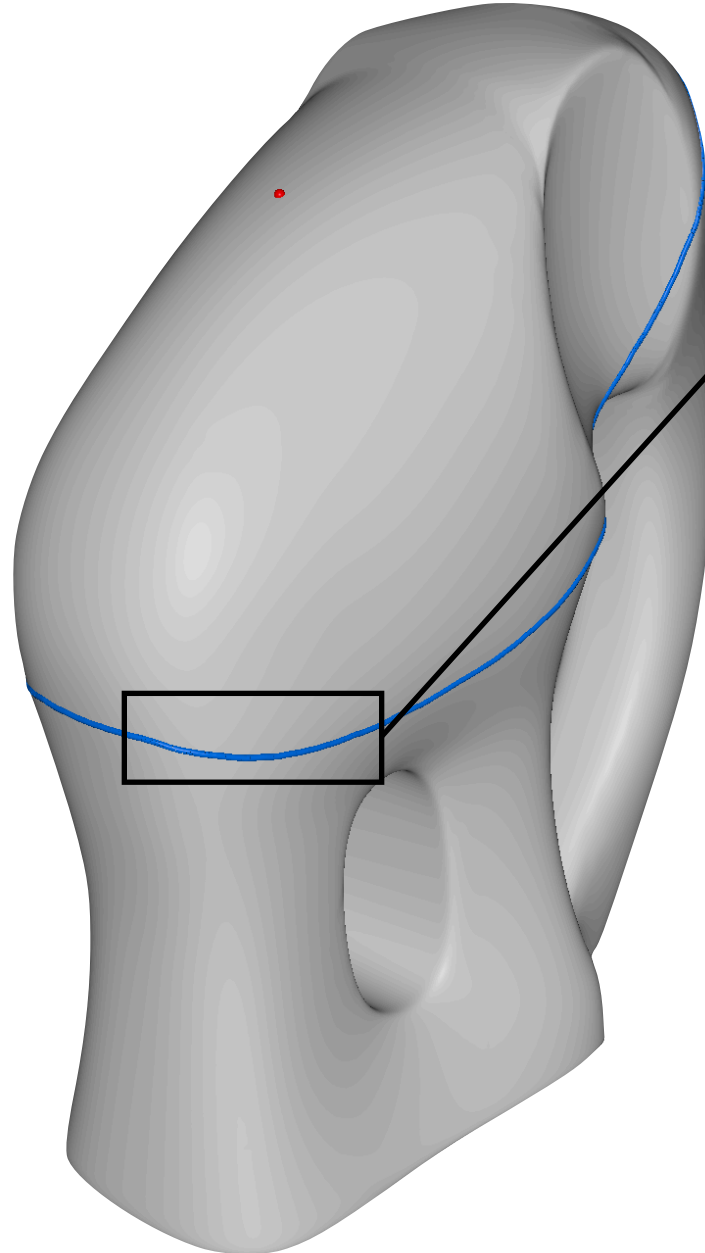
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# Geodesic queries on triangle mesh

1M triangles

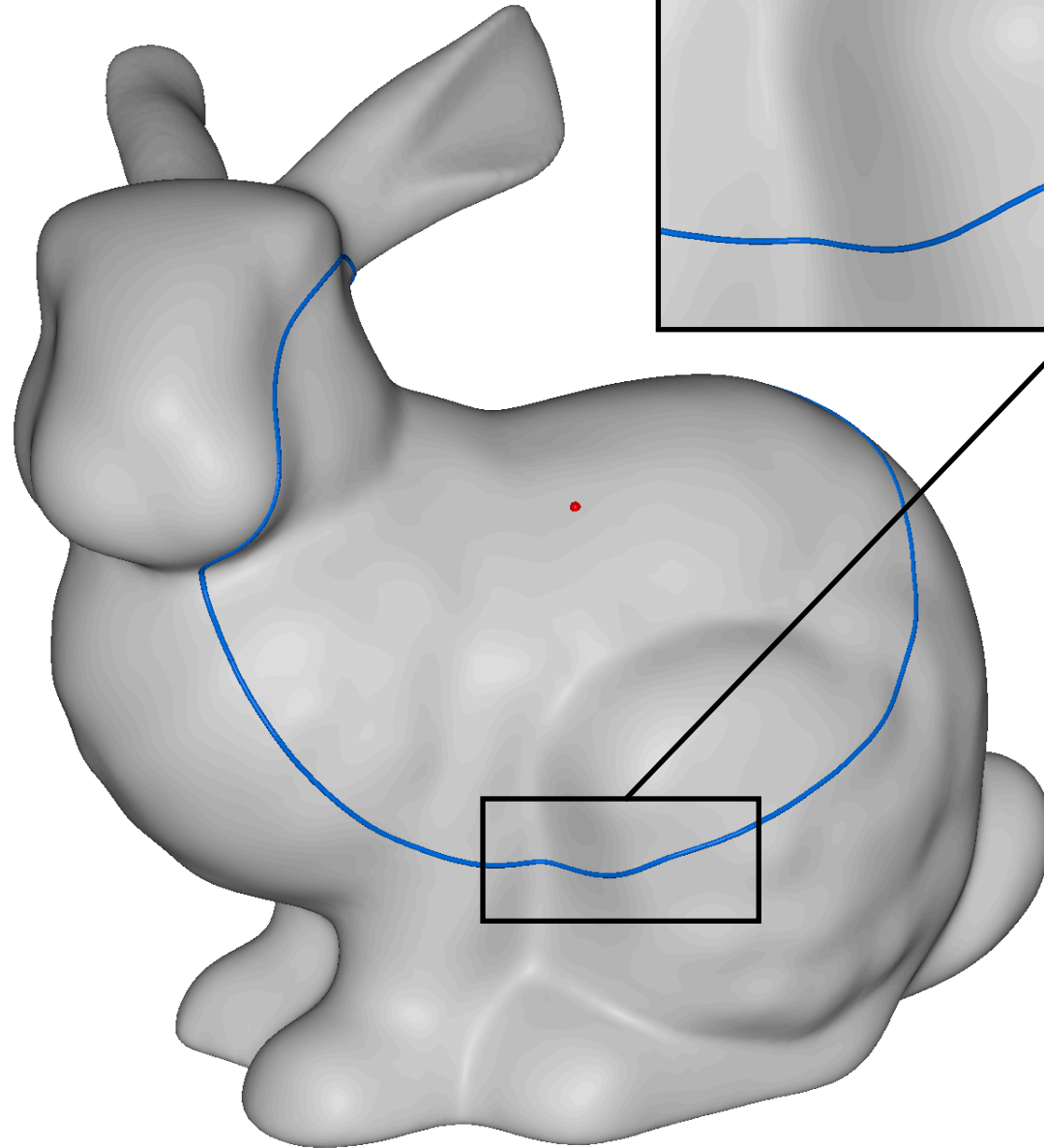
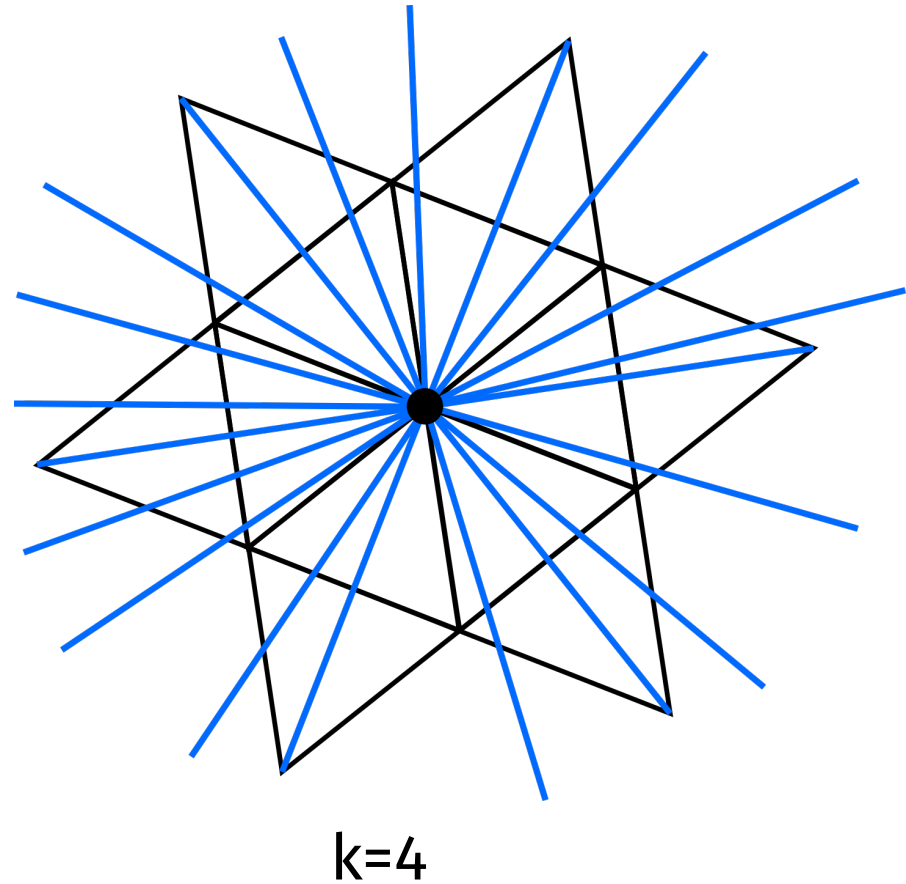


$k=1.5$



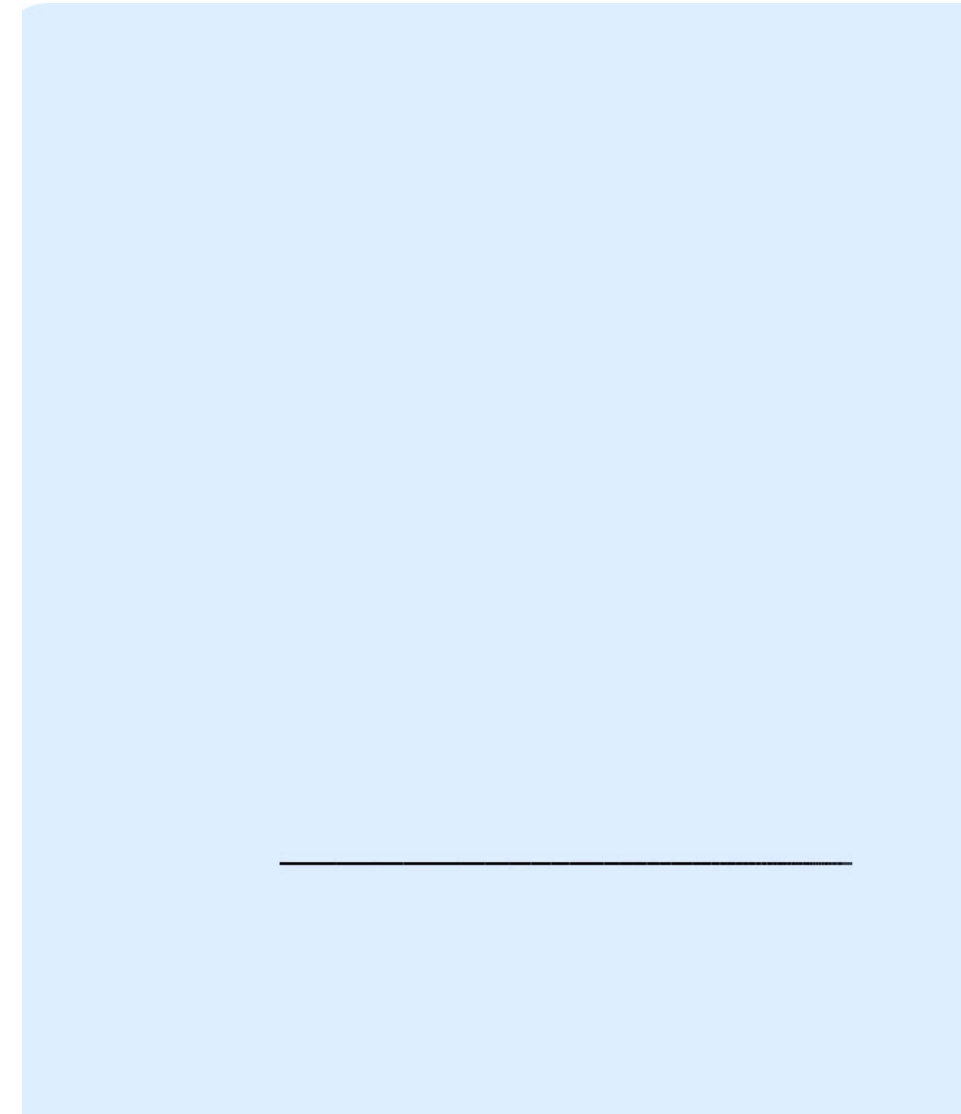
# Geodesic queries on triangle mesh

200k triangles



# ***Straightedge and compass constructions***

- Straightedge: can be positioned between any two points and extended indefinitely in both directions
- Compass: can trace circles of any radius by starting with its needle and pencil points at two given points in the plane



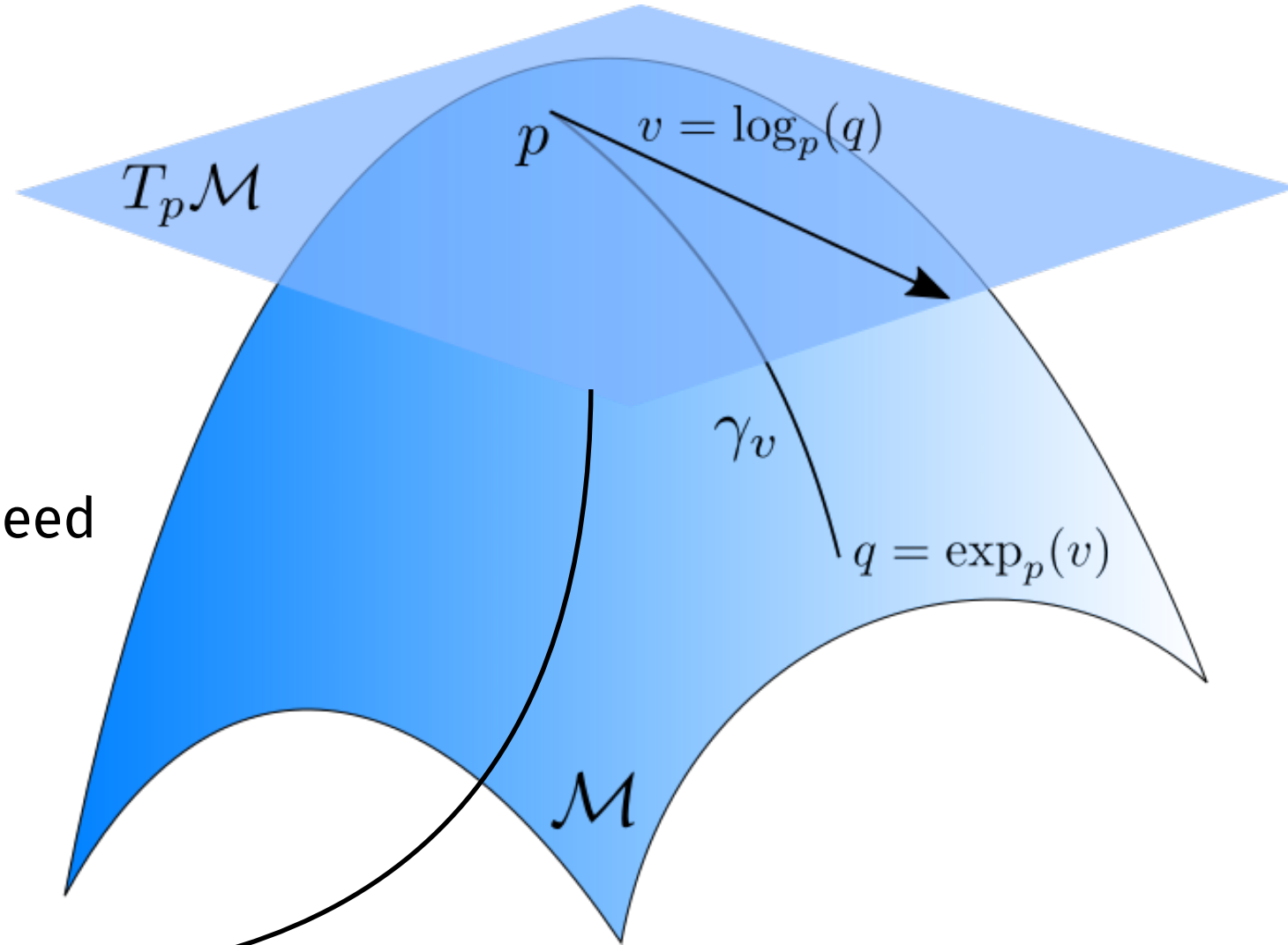


# Vector Graphics on Surfaces

## Preliminaries

The exponential map “shoots”  
geodesics from a given point

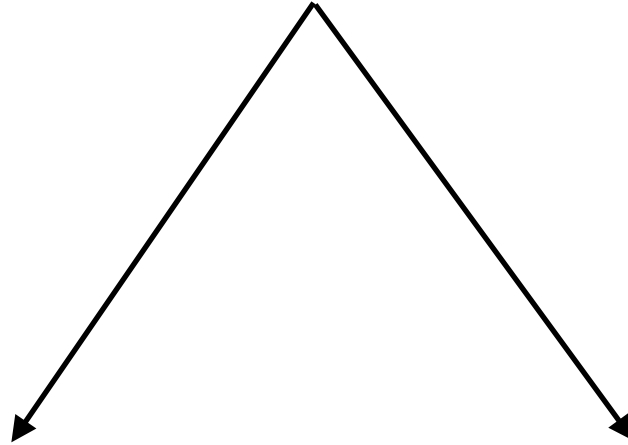
The logarithmic map returns  
the direction of the geodesic “you need  
to shoot”



Vector space of dimension 2

# ***Straightedge and compass constructions***

How do we port straightedge and compass constructions on surface?

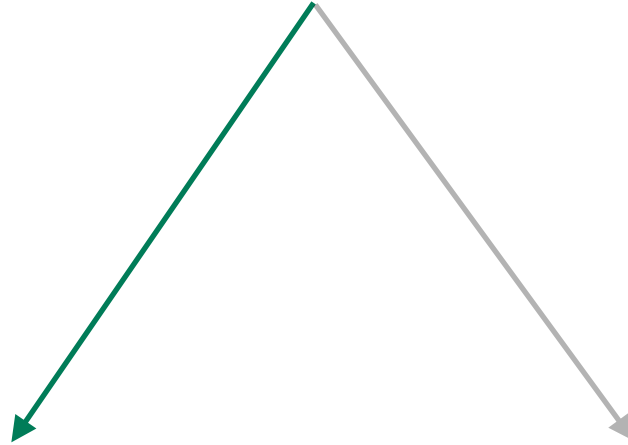


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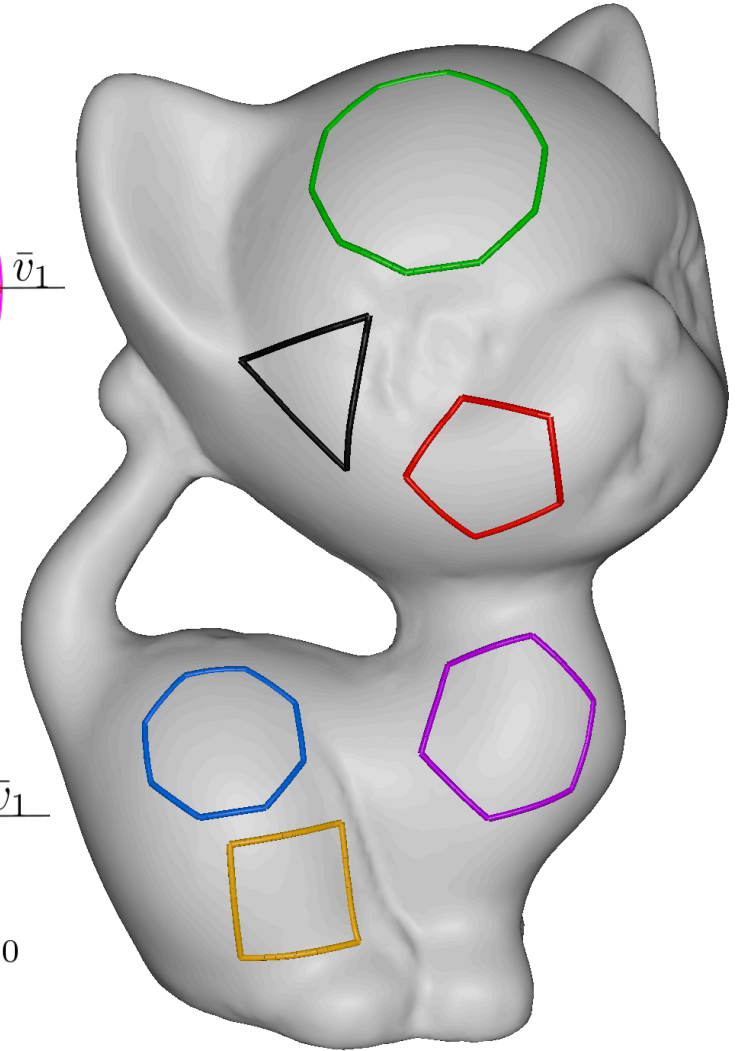
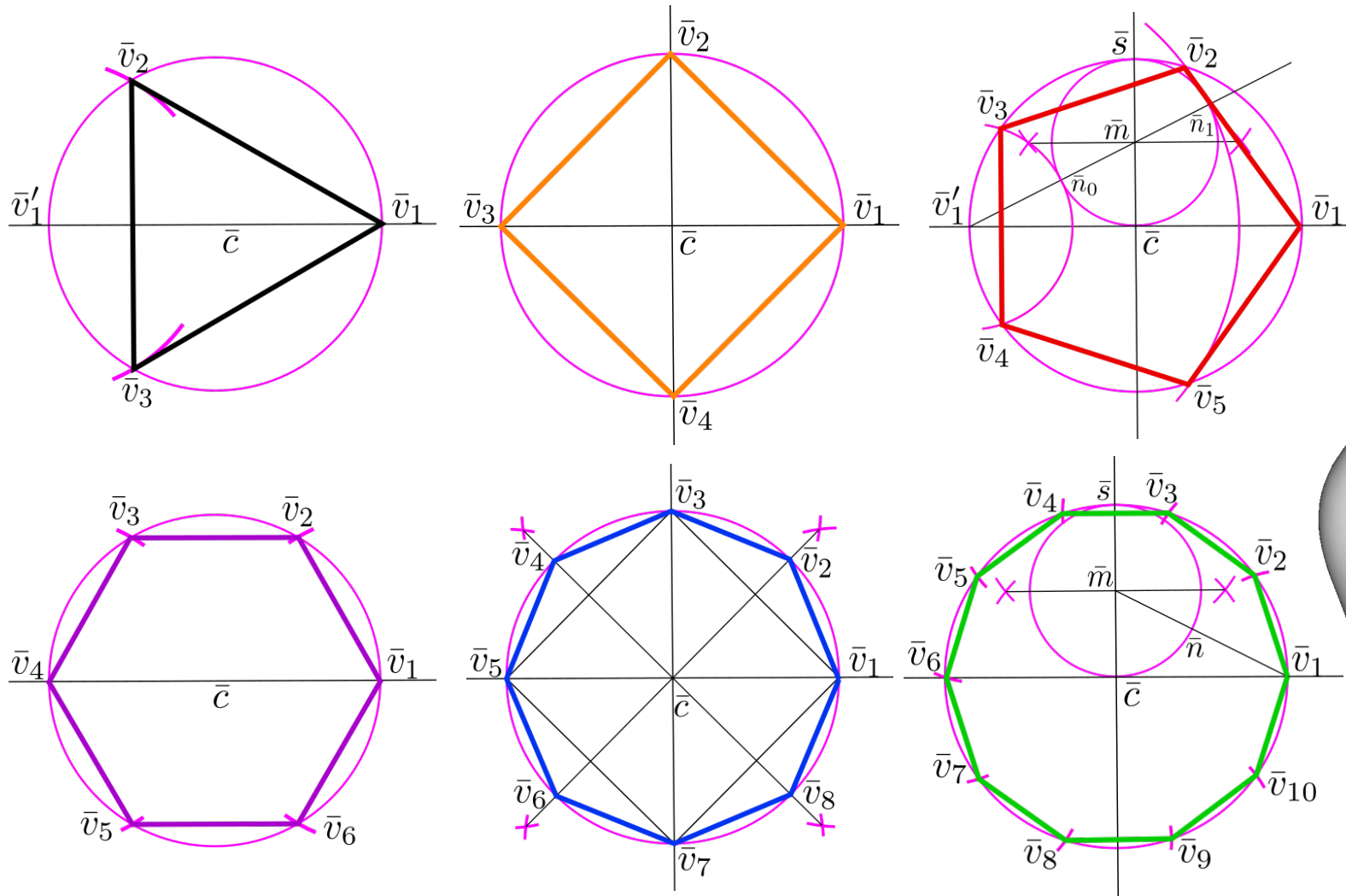


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Draw directly on the surface

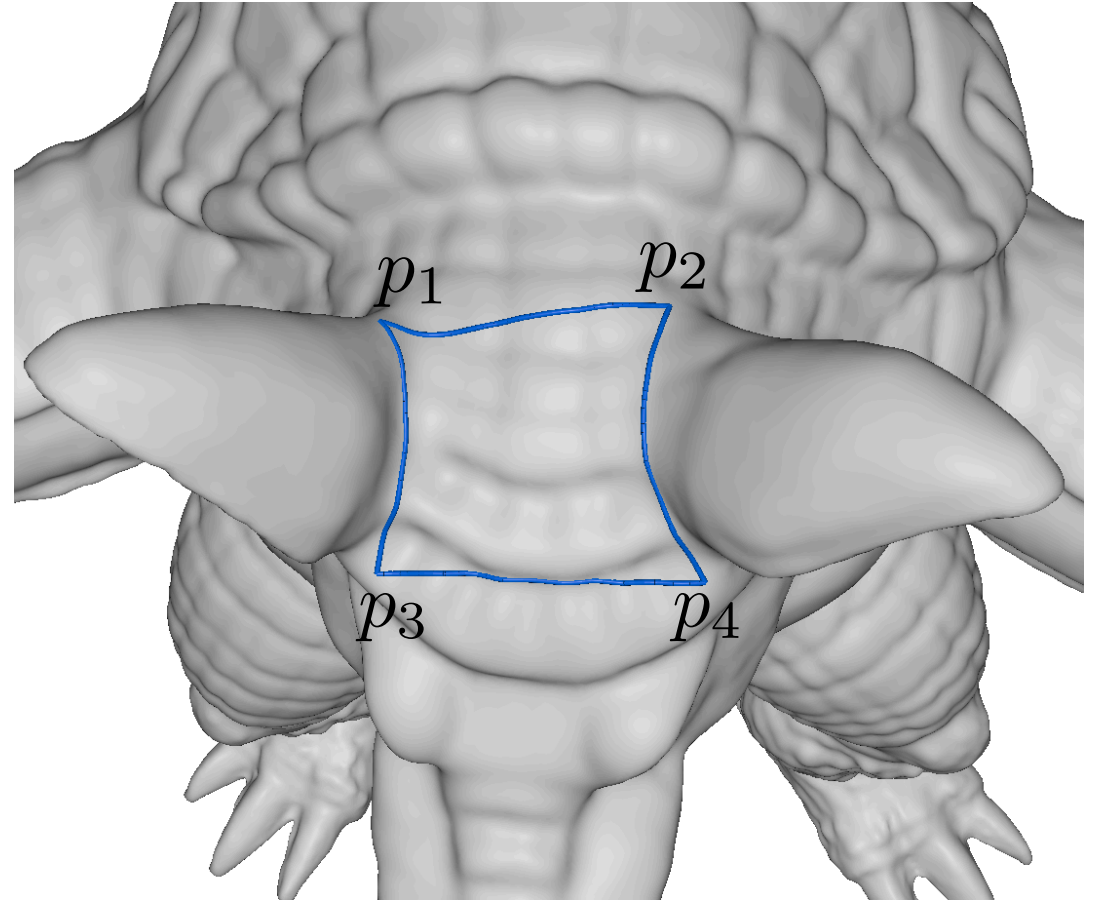
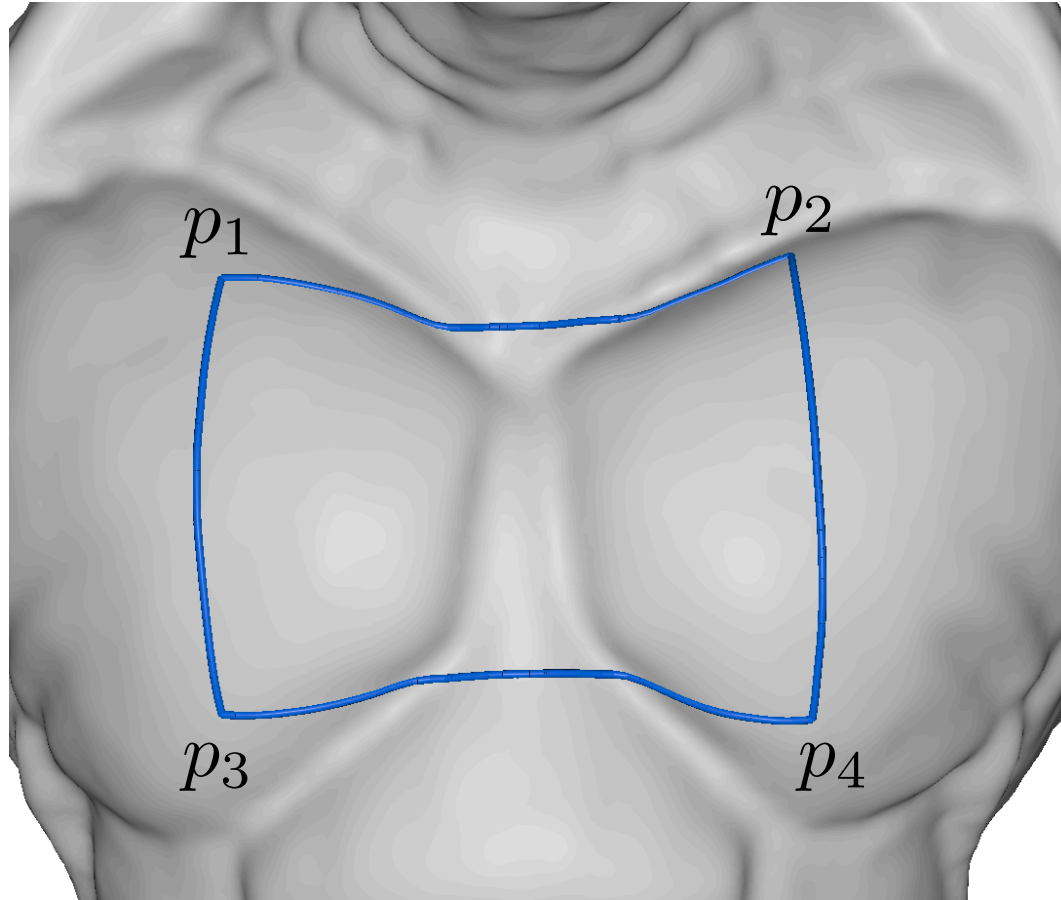
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## Tangent Space Constructions



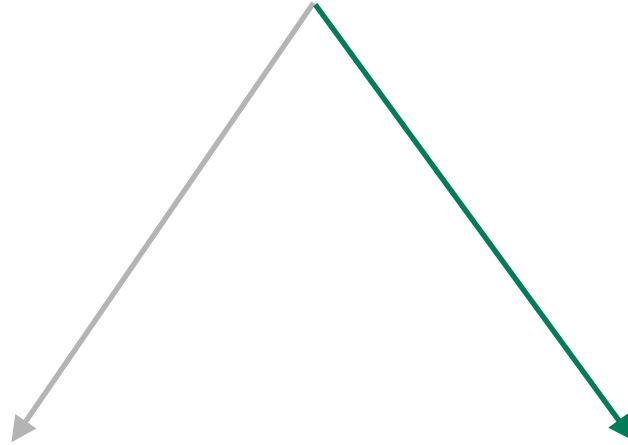
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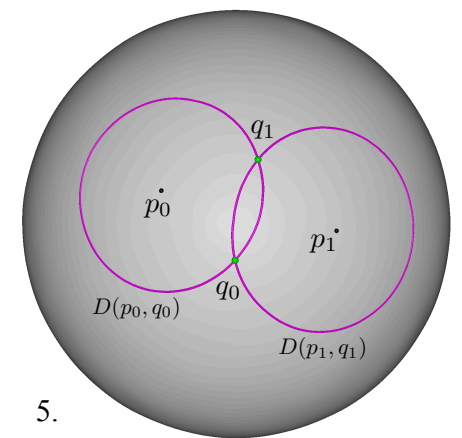
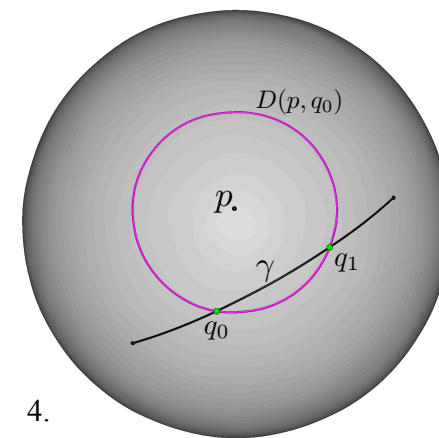
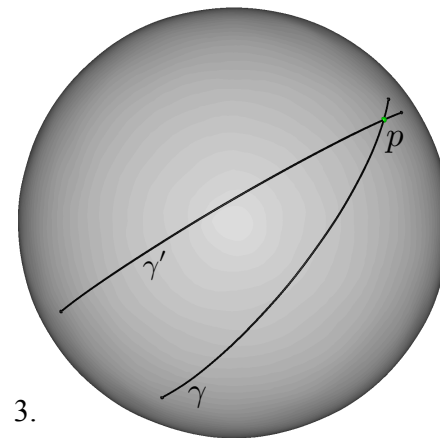
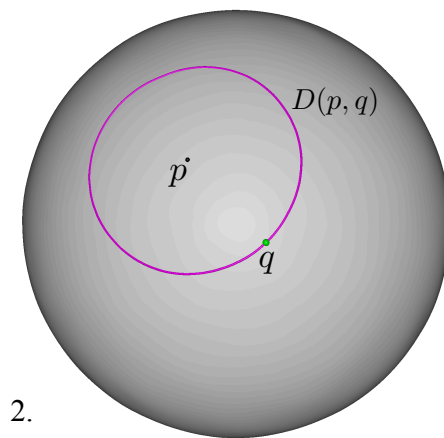
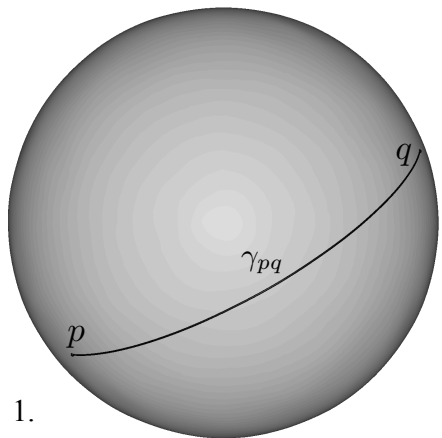


Draw on the tangent space and  
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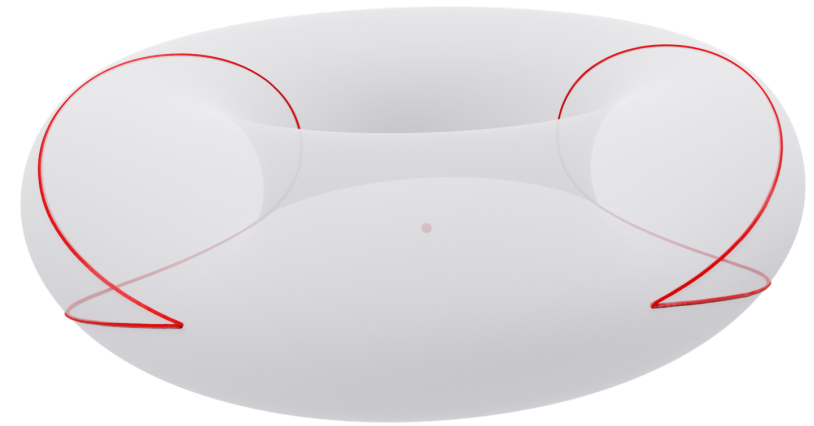
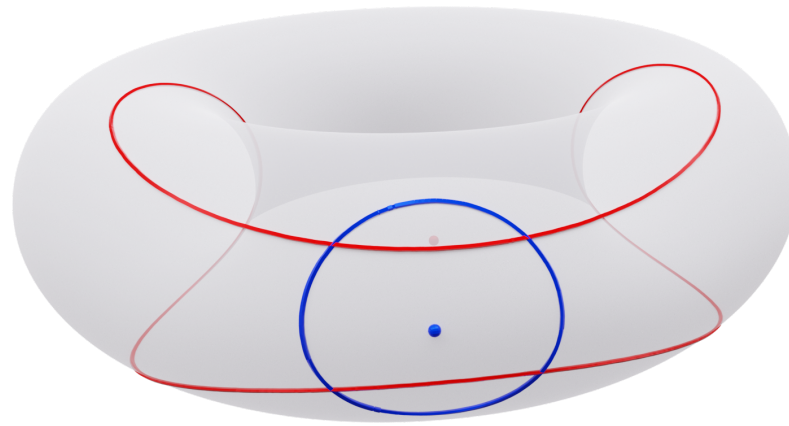
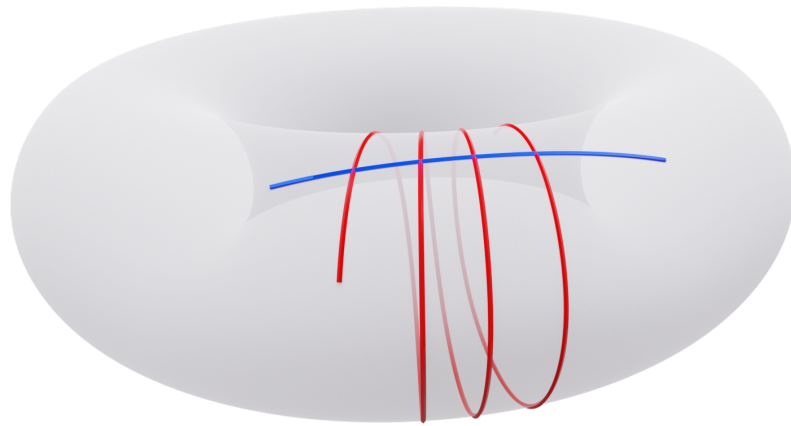
Draw directly on the surface

# Straightedge and compass constructions

1. Creating the line through two existing points
2. Creating the circle through one point with center another point
3. Creating the point which is the intersection of two non existing, non parallel lines
4. Creating the one or two points in the intersection of a line and a circle
5. Creating the one or two points in the intersection of two circles



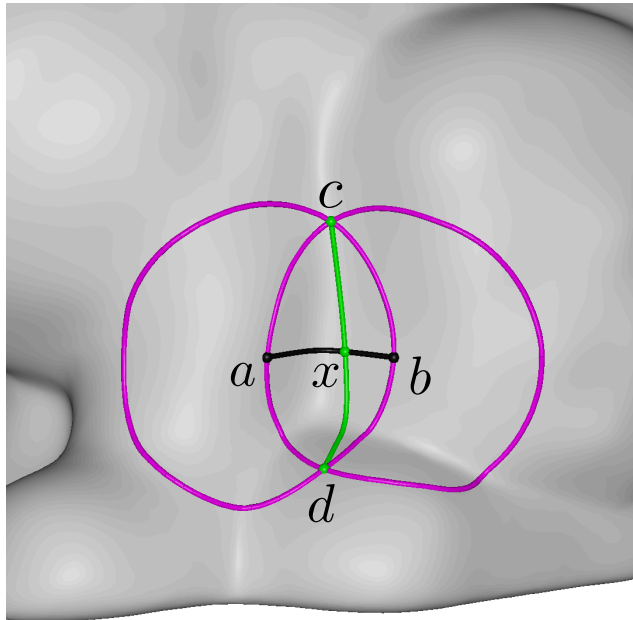
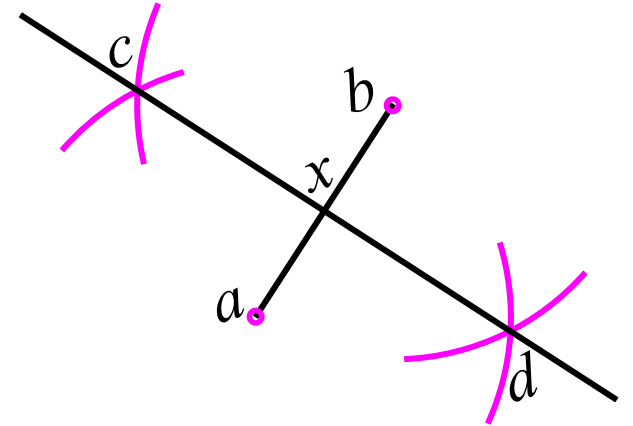
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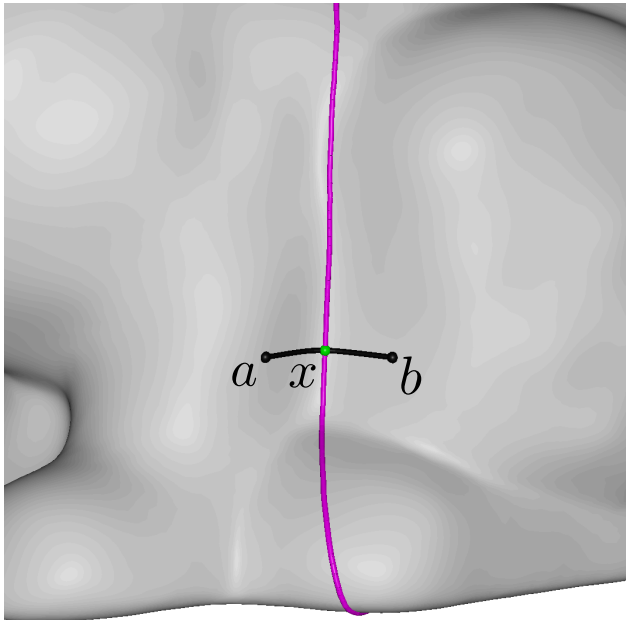


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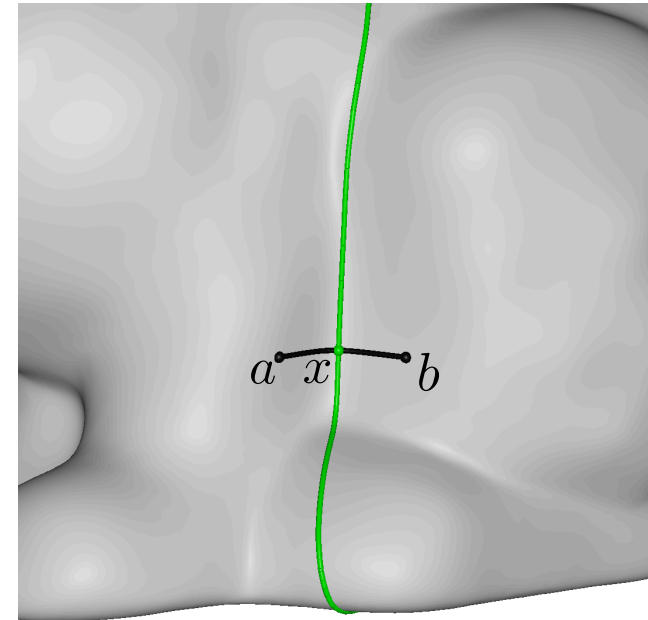
- i) the perpendicular bisector is a straight line
- ii)  $x$  is the midpoint of the segment
- iii) the bisector is orthogonal to the segment
- iv) all the points on the bisector have the same distance from  $a$  and  $b$



i) ✓ ii) ✗ iii) ✗ iv) ✗

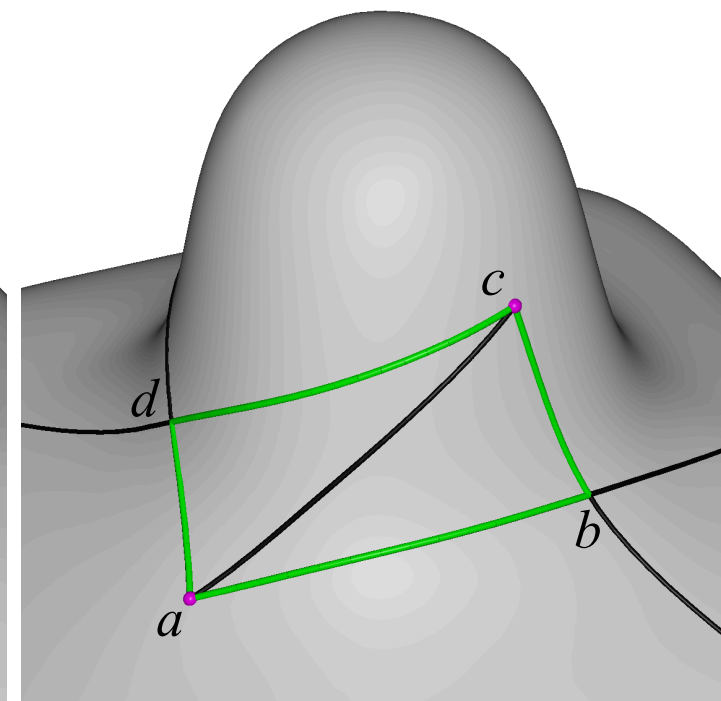
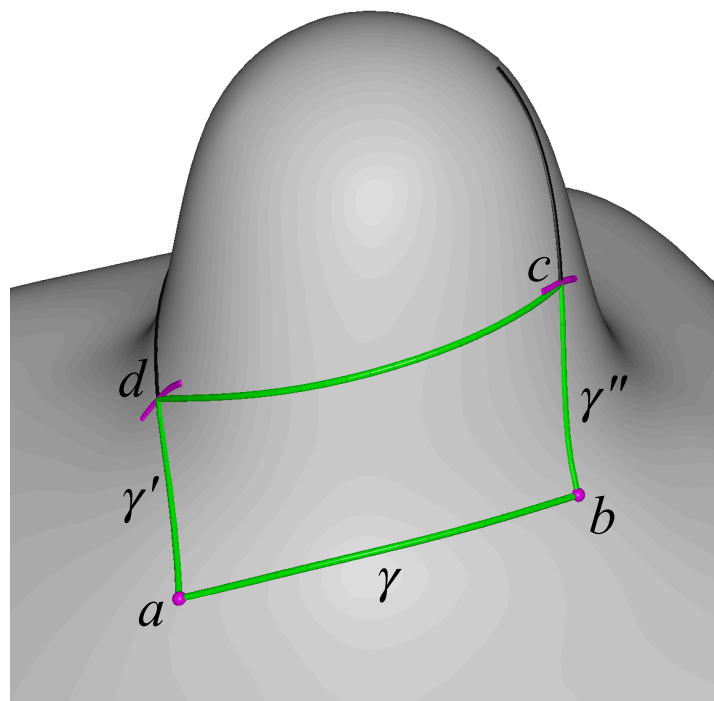
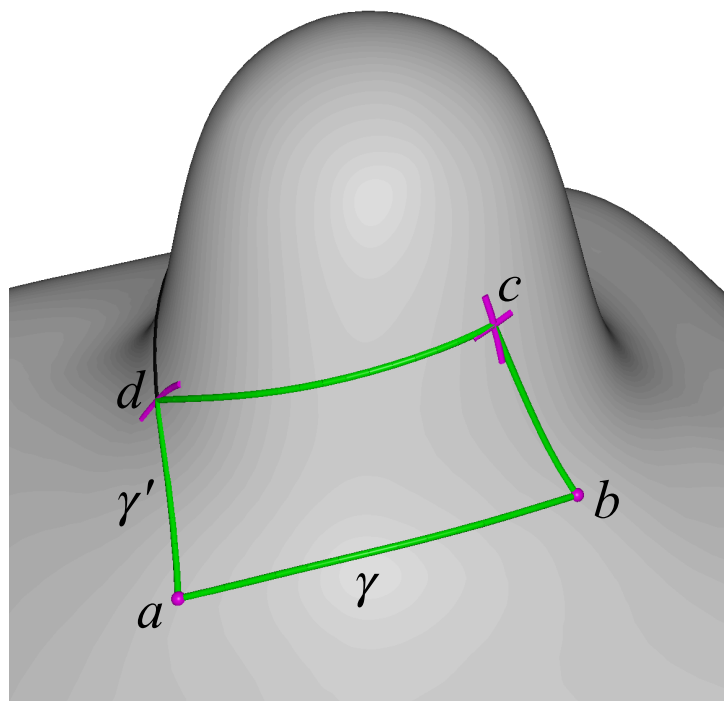
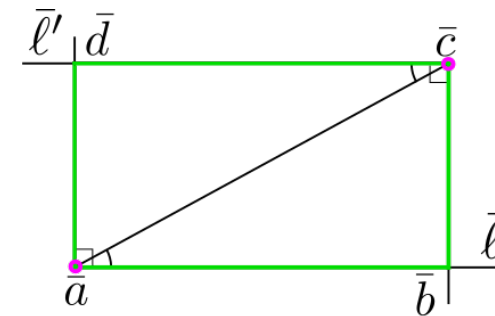
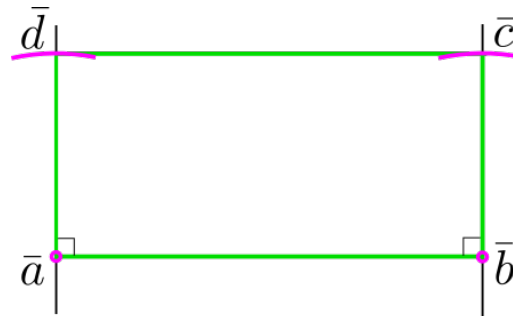
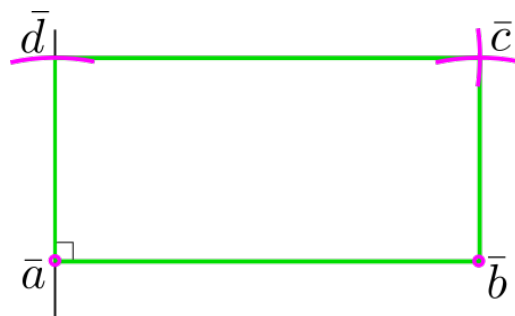


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# Straightedge and compass constructions



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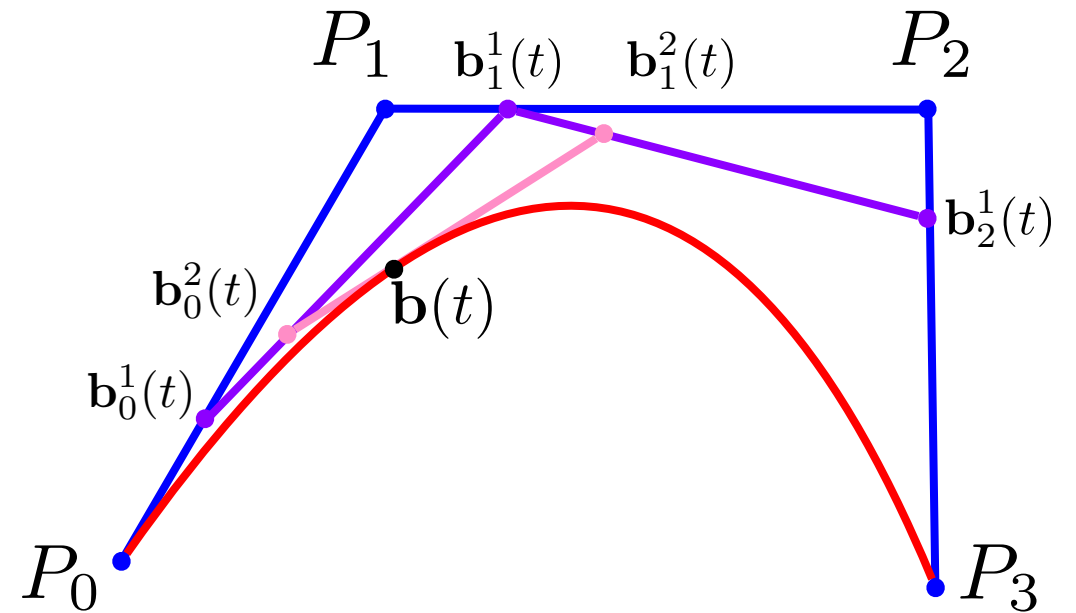
## Weighted Averages (Bernstein)

$$\mathbf{b}^k(t) = \sum_{i=0}^k B_i^k(t) P_i \quad t \in [0, 1]$$

## de Casteljau (recursive algorithm)

$$\mathbf{b}_i^0(t) = P_i$$

$$\mathbf{b}_i^r(t) = (1 - t)\mathbf{b}_i^{r-1}(t) + t\mathbf{b}_{i+1}^{r-1}(t)$$



# Bézier Curves

## Weighted Averages (Bernstein)

**Euclidean setting**

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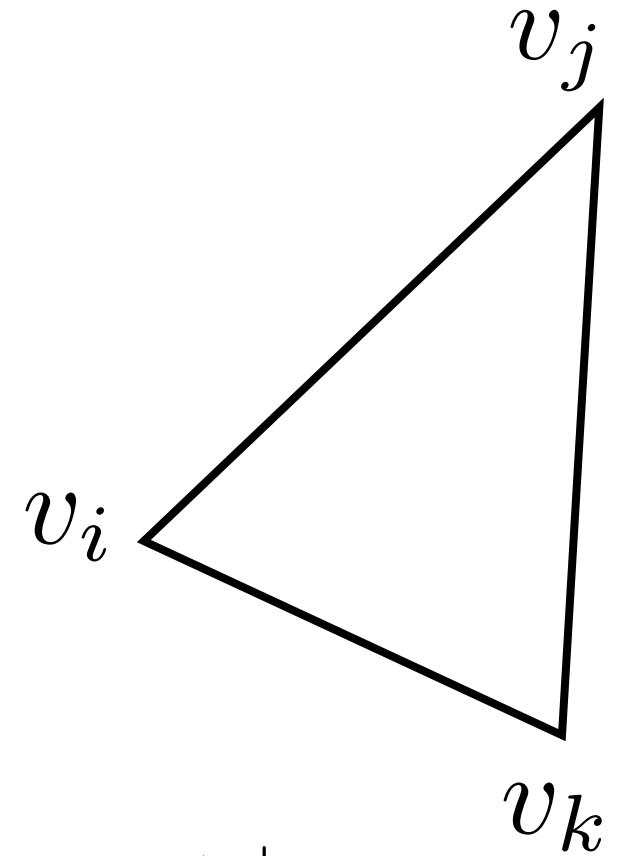
**Manifold setting**

$$\mathbf{b}^k(t) = \arg \min_{P \in M} \sum_{i=0}^k B_i^k(t) d^2(P, P_i)$$

## Excursus: gradient of a scalar field

$$f = \{f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n\}$$

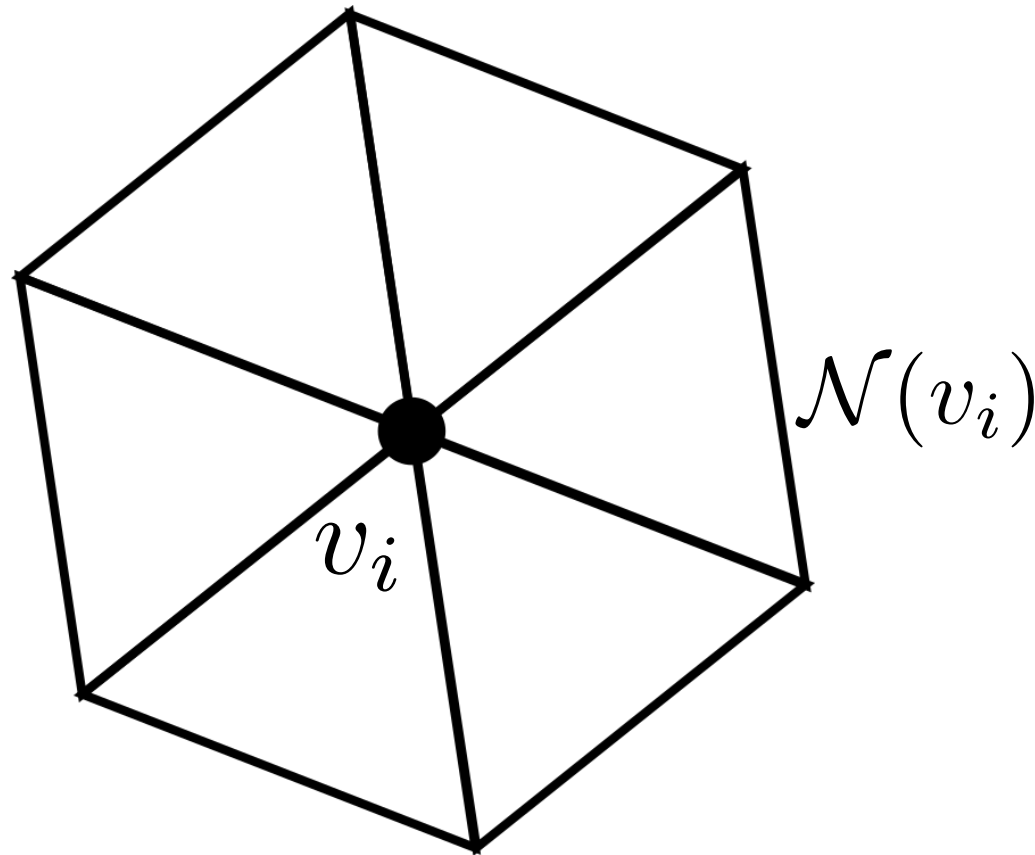
$$\nabla f_t \approx \frac{1}{A_t} \int_{A_t} \nabla f d\mathbf{a} = \frac{1}{A_t} \int_{\partial A_t} f \mathbf{n} d\ell$$



$$\nabla f_t = (f_j - f_i) \frac{(v_i - v_k)^\perp}{2A_t} + (f_k - f_i) \frac{(v_j - v_i)^\perp}{2A_t}$$

## Excursus: gradient of a scalar field

$$\nabla f_i = \frac{1}{\sum_{t_j \in \mathcal{N}(v_i)} A_{t_j}} \sum_{t_j \in \mathcal{N}(v_i)} A_{t_j} P_{t_j, v_i} (\nabla f_{t_j})$$

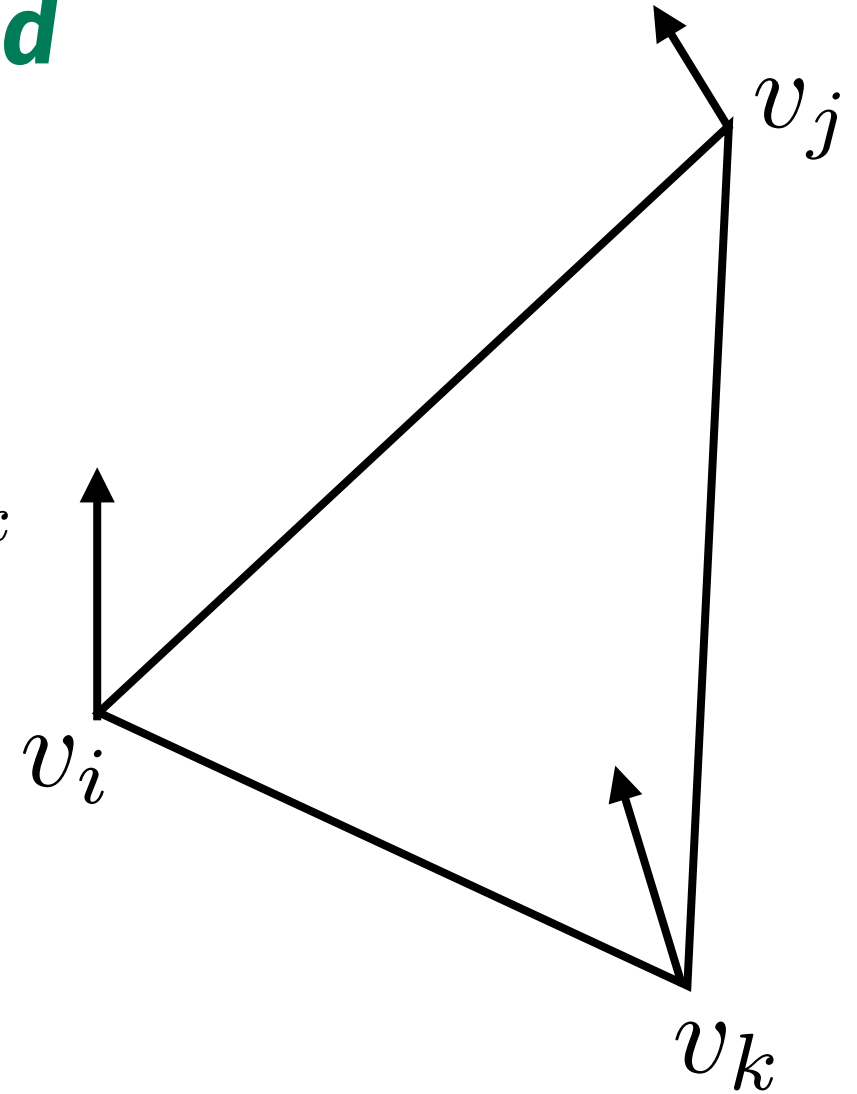


## Excursus: Hessian of a scalar field

$$V_i := \nabla f_i$$

$$X_t := (1 - \alpha - \beta)V_i + \alpha V_j + \beta V_k$$

$$\text{Hess} f_t = J(X_t)$$



# Solving an optimization problem on a triangle mesh

$$U(x) := \sum_{i=0}^k w_i d^2(x, P_i) \longrightarrow \nabla U(x) = 0$$

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**Algorithm 1:** Computation of the RCM with Newton's algorithm

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**Input:** Mesh  $M$ , Control points  $P_i$ , Weights  $w_i$ , Warm start  $Q$

**Output:** Riemannian center of mass  $\bar{P}$

**if**  $Q \neq \text{NONE}$  **then**

$\bar{P} \leftarrow Q$

**else**

$k \leftarrow \operatorname{argmax} w_i$

$\bar{P} \leftarrow P_k$

**while**  $\|\nabla U(\bar{P})\| > \varepsilon$  **do**

    solve the Newton equation  $\operatorname{Hess}U(\bar{P})\mathbf{s} = -\nabla U(\bar{P})$

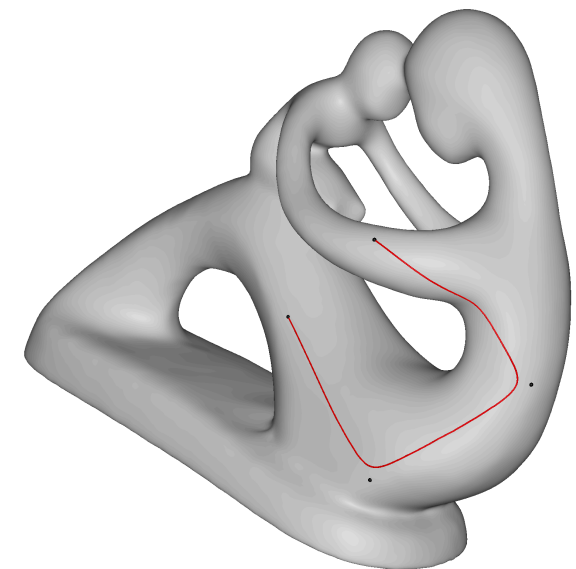
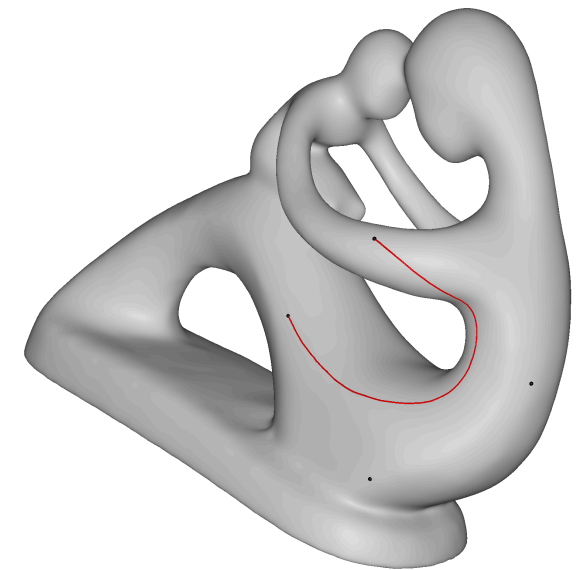
$\gamma \leftarrow \operatorname{trace\_geodesic}(\bar{P}, \mathbf{s})$

$\bar{P} \leftarrow \operatorname{argmin}_{P \in \gamma} \nabla U(P)$

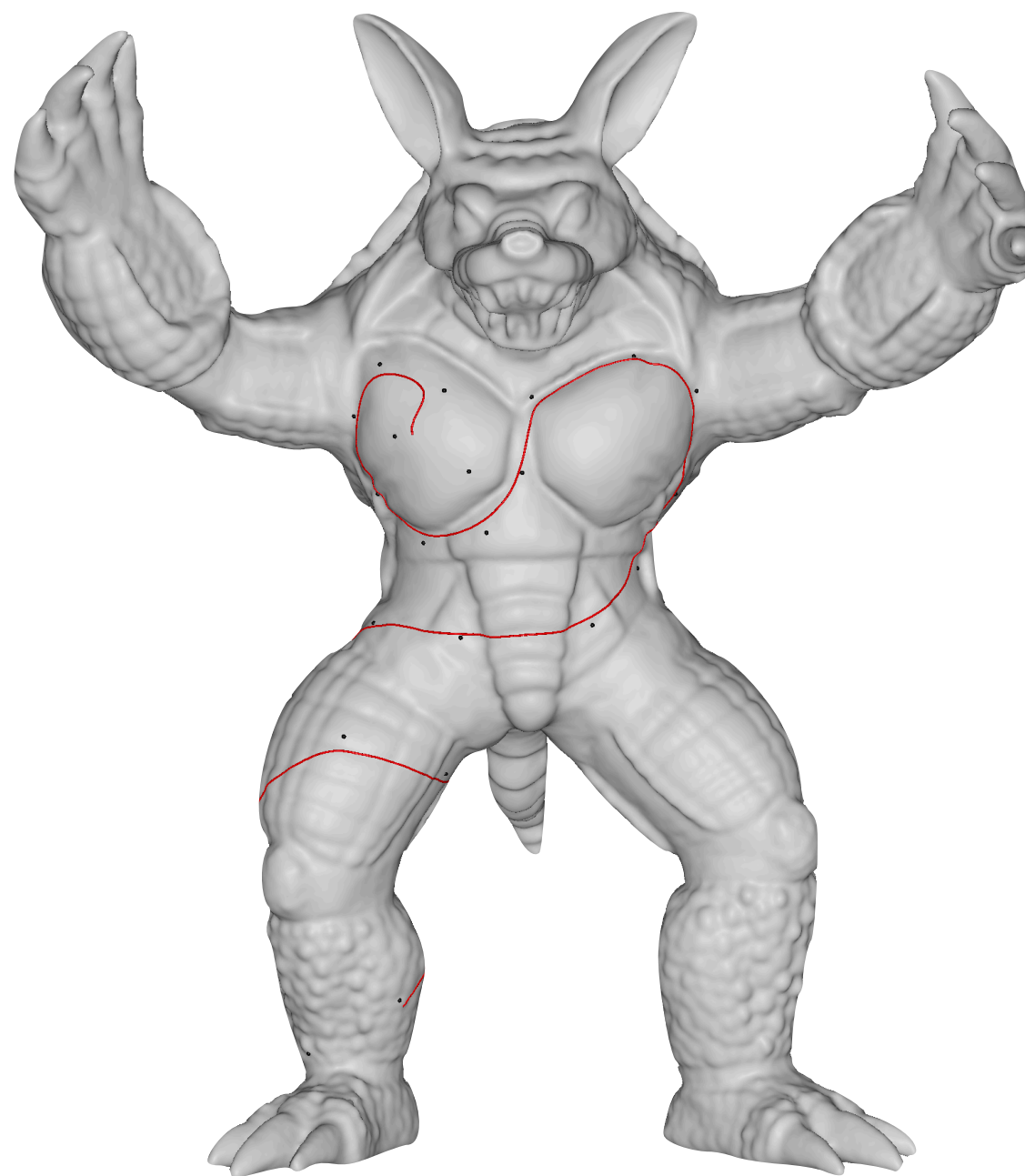
**return**  $\bar{P}$

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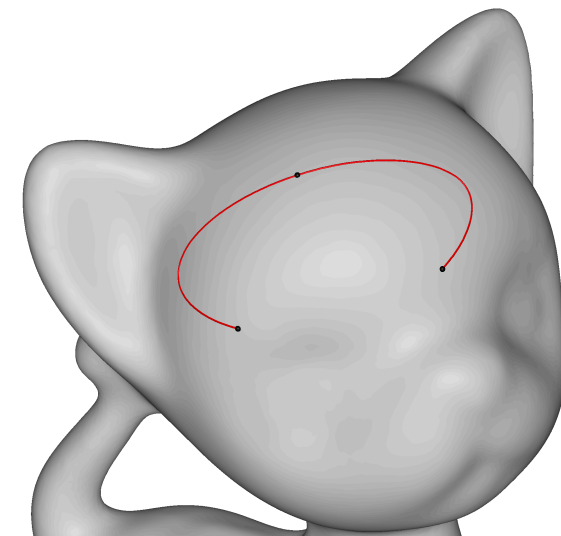
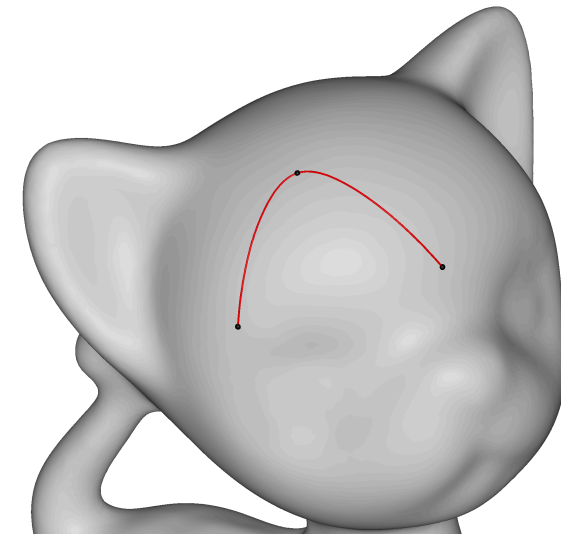




Rational Bézier



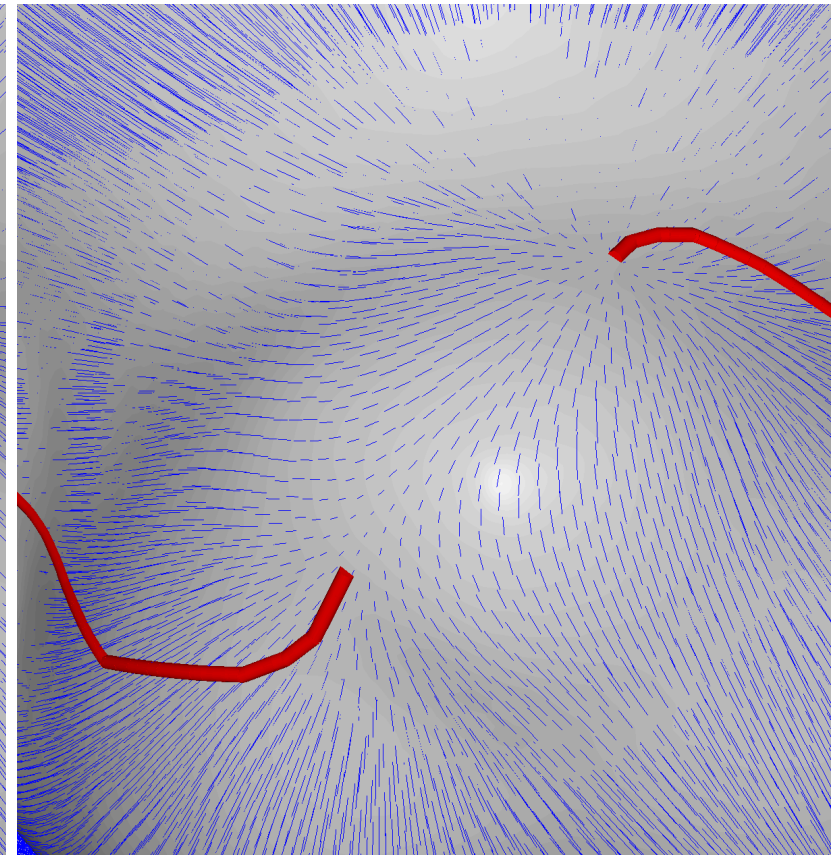
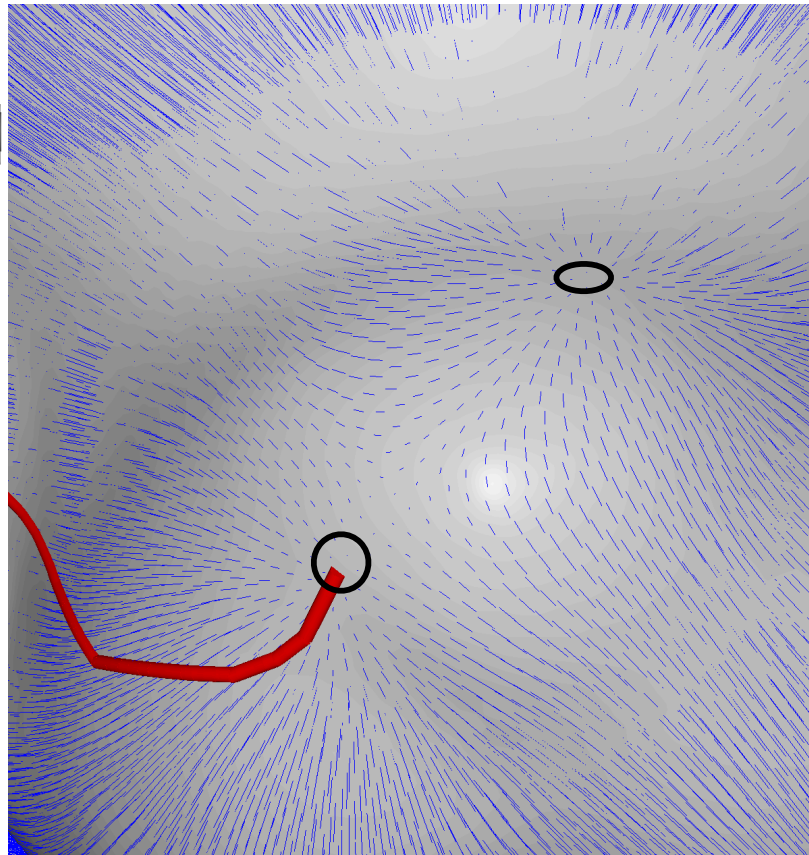
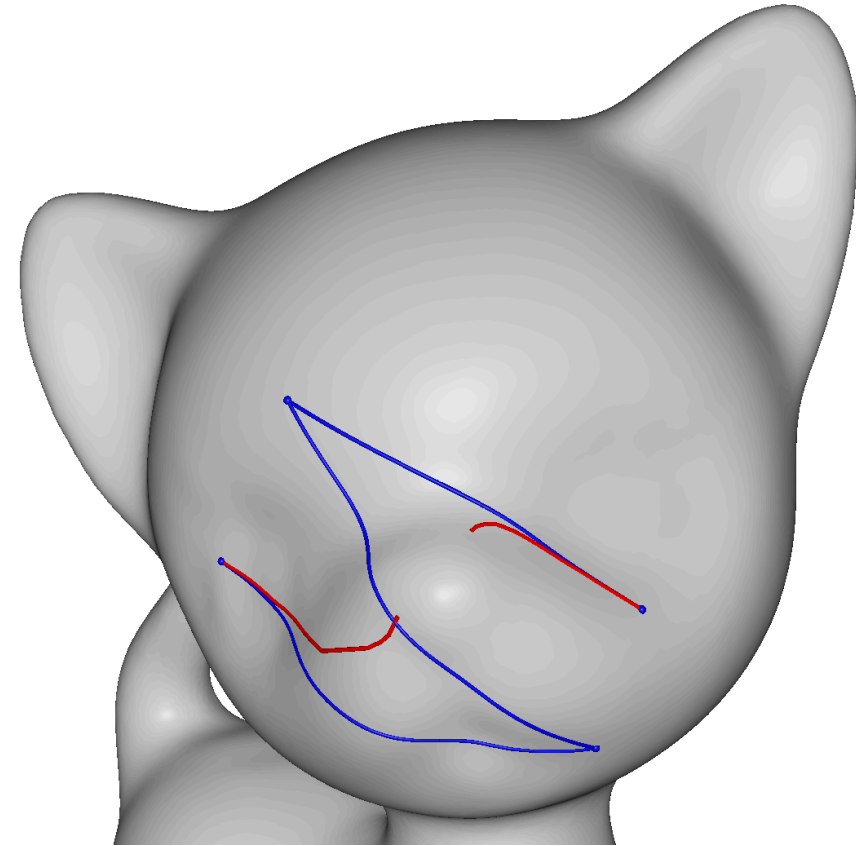
NURBS



[Ramantantoanina and Hormann, 2021]

# Limitations

We need convexity!!



# Bézier Curves de Casteljau on Manifolds

We define the *manifold average operator* between two points as

$$\mathcal{A} : M \times M \times [0, 1] \longrightarrow M; \quad (P, Q; w) \mapsto \gamma_{P,Q}(w)$$

Always well defined except at the cut locus

$$\mathbf{b}_i^0(t) = P_i$$

$$\mathbf{b}_i^r(t) = \mathcal{A}(\mathbf{b}_i^{r-1}(t), \mathbf{b}_{i+1}^{r-1}(t), t)$$

[Park and Ravani, 1995]

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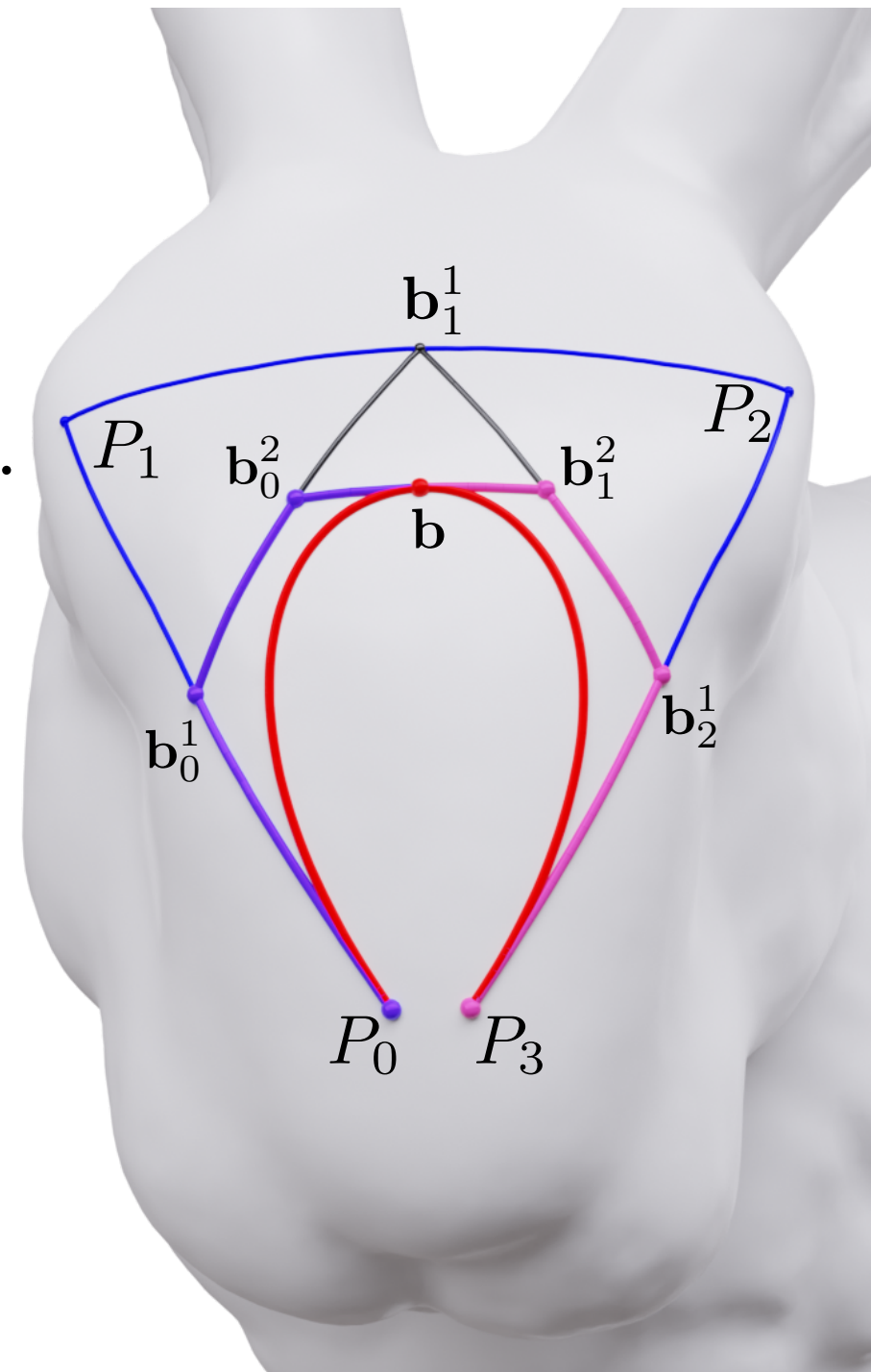
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## RDC

At each iteration, we split every control polygon into two sub-polygons using de Casteljau's algorithm.



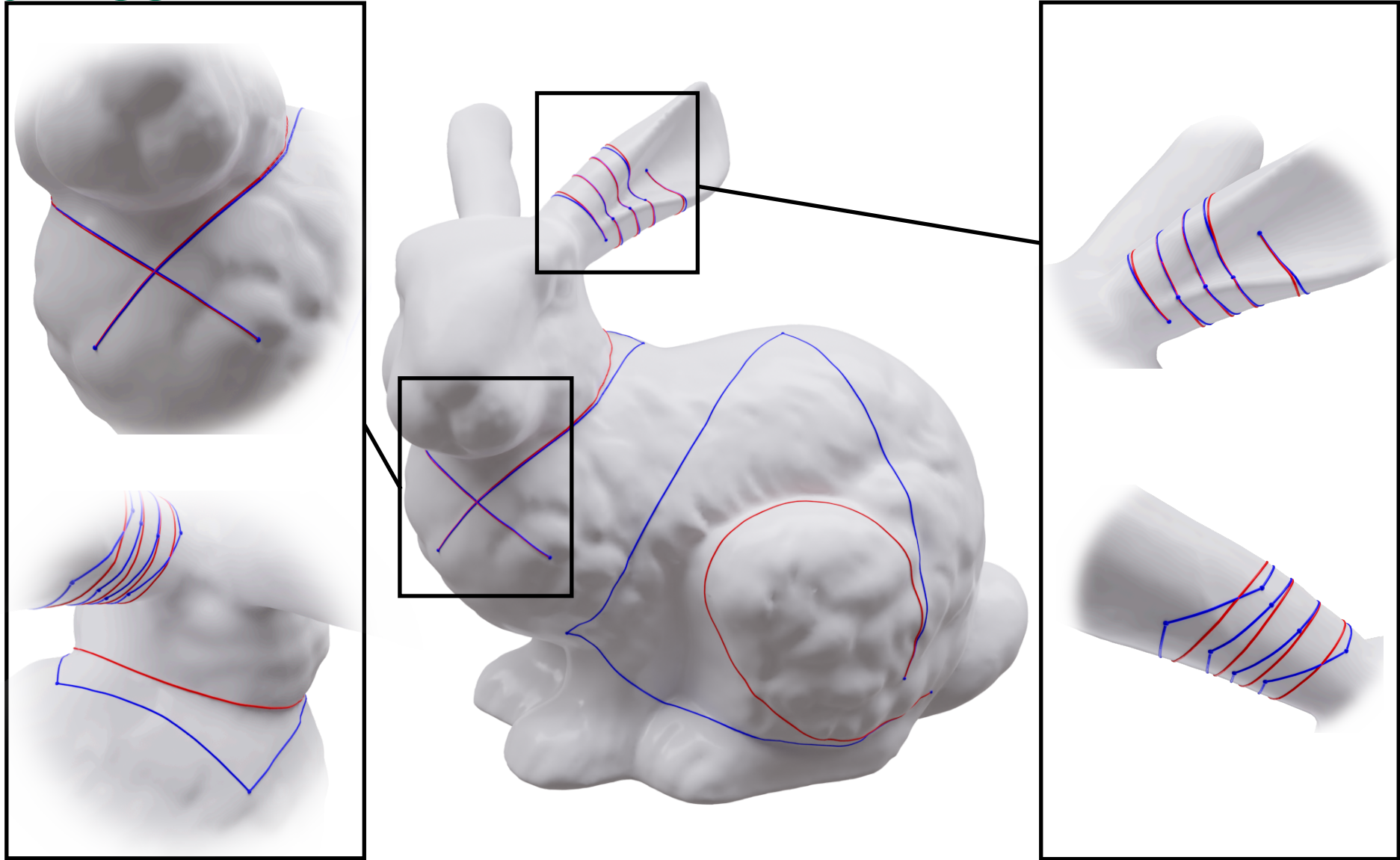
Converges to a  $\mathcal{C}^1$  curve  
[Noakes, 1998; Mancinelli et al., 2022]





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## RDC

- 2056 curves on the 394k Pumpkin
- 289 ms to trace all of them





