# Convex and concave decomposition of digitized shapes using plane probing and visibility

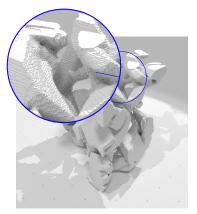
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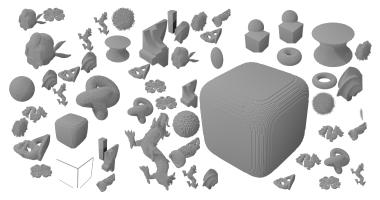
MRI, CT-scan, PET-scan, confocal microscopy, . . .



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geometric modeling, shape indexing, machine learning, ...



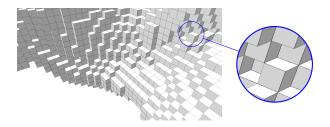
(https://github.com/dcoeurjo/VolGallery)

### Digitized shapes and surfaces

#### **Definitions**

Digitized shape Z = set of voxels, i.e., unit cubes

Digitized surface  $\partial Z$  = boundary of Z, set of unit squares

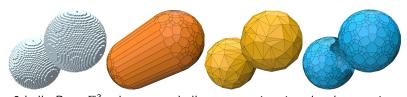


### Properties of digitized surfaces

topology closed, oriented, but non manifold in general

geometry approximate positions, integer points (arithmetic), uniform density, few normals

# How to identify/represent convex and concave parts?



2 balls  $B_{25} \cap \mathbb{Z}^3$  the convex hull an approximation local convexity

- ▶ identify vertices that are locally extremal in some direction
- ▶ identify edges and faces joining them
  - edges should form convex angles, faces around vertices should form convex cones
  - edges and faces should stay close to the digitized surface, without crossing it

### Outline

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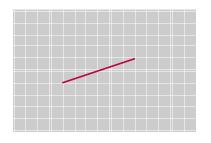
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### Framework

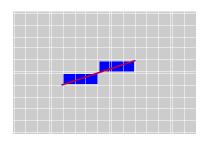
#### Cubical grid

- cubical grid  $C^d$ : partition of  $\mathbb{R}^d$ , where every cell is a cartesian product of d intervals of the form  $\{x\}$  (closed) or (x, x + 1) (open)
- ▶ the dimension of a cell is the number of open intervals
- lacksquare denotes the set of k-dimensional cells (k-cells),  $\mathcal{C}_0^d=\mathbb{Z}^d$

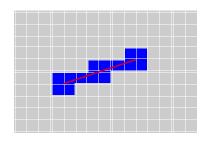




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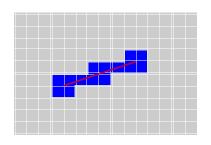


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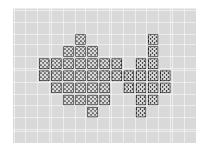
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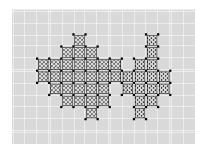
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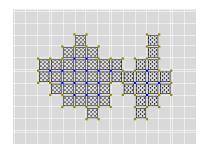
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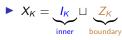
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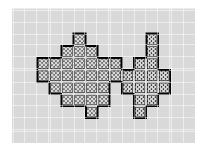


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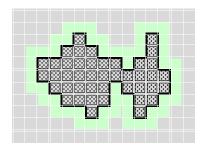




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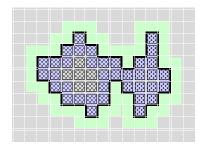
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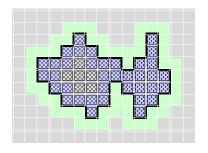
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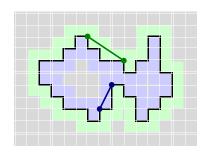
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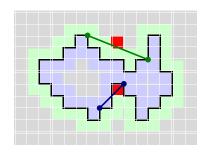
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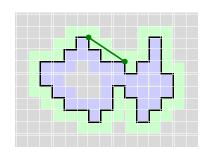
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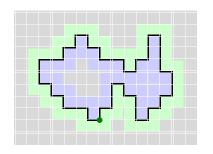
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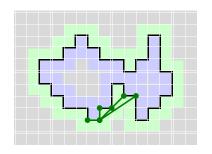
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From now on, focus on convex visibility (concave visibility is entirely symmetric).



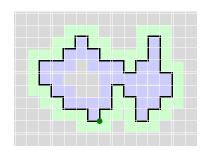
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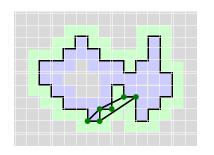
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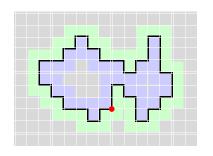
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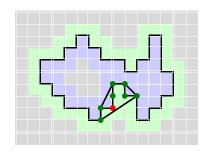
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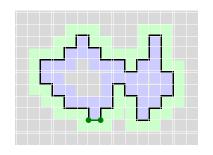
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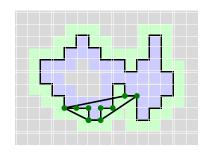
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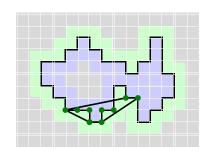
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If F is locally convex in K, then any subset of F is locally convex in K.

# Full convexity implies local convexity

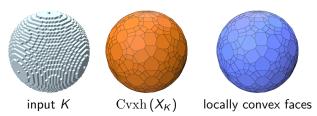
#### Full convexity [Lachaud. 2021]

The digital set  $X \subset \mathbb{Z}^d$  is fully convex iff  $\operatorname{Star}(\operatorname{Cvxh}(X)) \subset \operatorname{Star}(X)$ .

- full convexity implies classical digital convexity
- full convexity implies connectedness

#### **Theorem**

Let  $K \subset \mathcal{C}_d^d$  and  $X_K$  fully convex. The vertices and the faces of  $\operatorname{Cvxh}(X_K)$  are locally convex vertices and locally convex faces of K.



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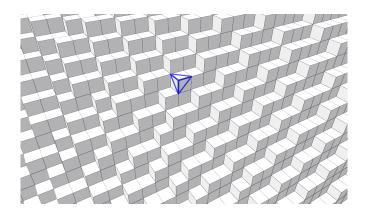
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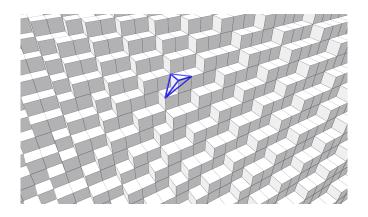
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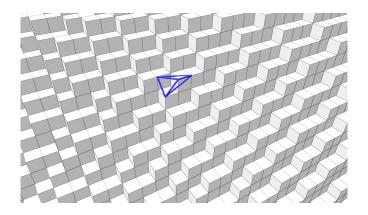
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- method to find v: a variant of plane probing, normally used for plane recognition [Lauchaud, Provençal, Roussillon. 17]



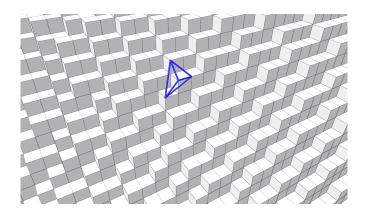
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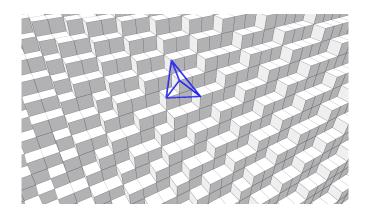
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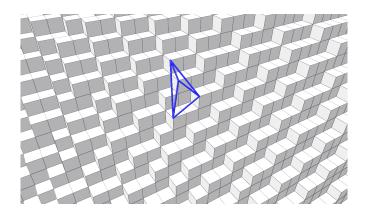
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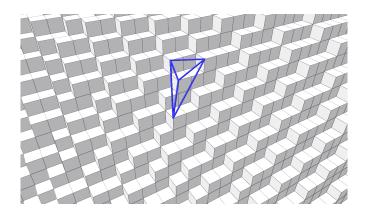
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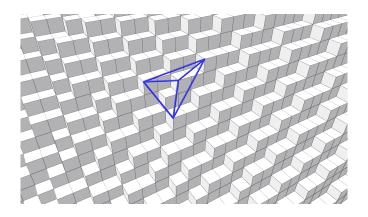
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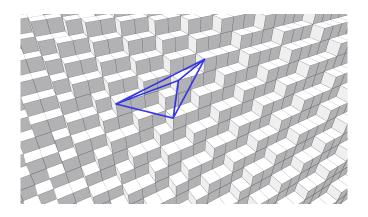
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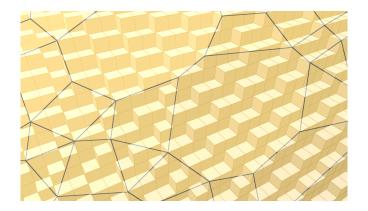
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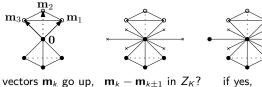
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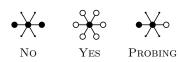
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- ▶ Invariant:  $det(M) = 1, -m_k \in Z_K, m_k \notin Z_K$
- ▶ Loop these steps:



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**possible configurations at the six points**  $\mathbf{m}_k - \mathbf{m}_{k\pm 1}$ :



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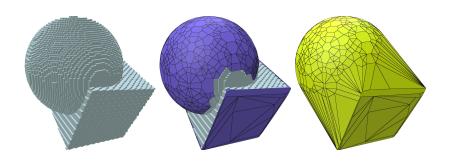
If the point to test  $\mathbf x$  is a vertex of  $\operatorname{Cvxh}(Z_k)$ , algorithm  $\operatorname{ISEXTREMAL}$  returns YES after at most n iterations, with  $n \leqslant 2\sqrt{3}A$  and A the total area of the facets of  $\operatorname{Cvxh}(Z_K)$  incident to  $\mathbf x$ .

### How good is the probing algorithm as a filter?

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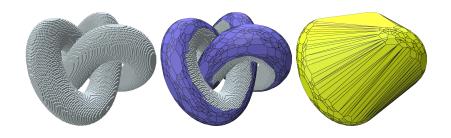
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0.01	2.488.104	186.664	33.864	33.784

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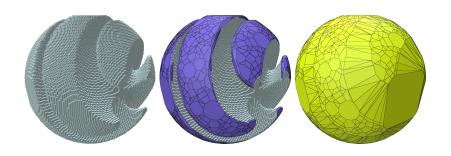
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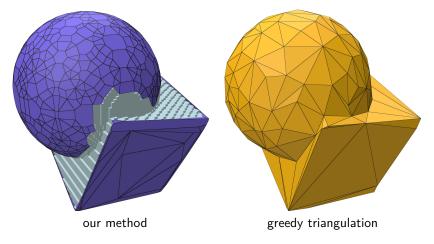
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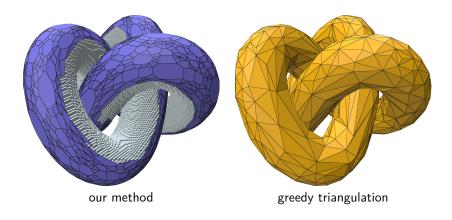
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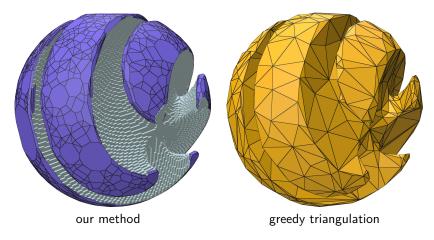
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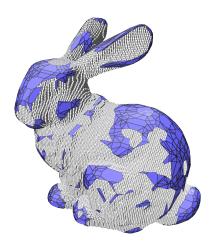
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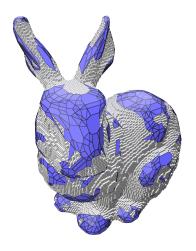


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