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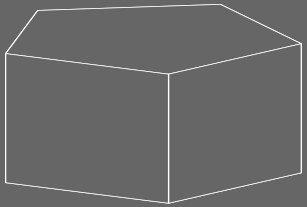
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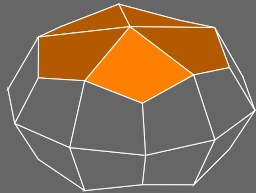
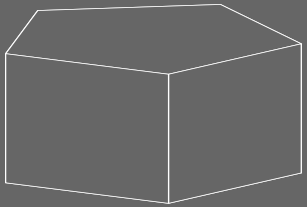


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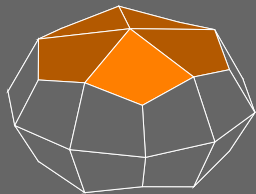
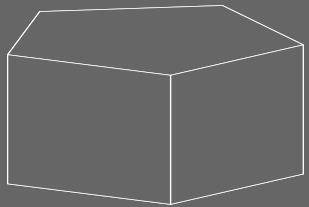


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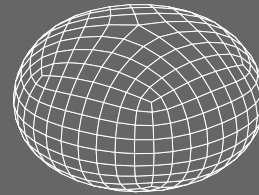
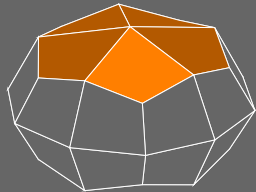
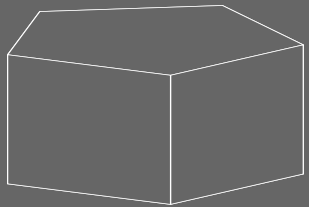


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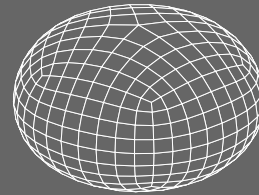
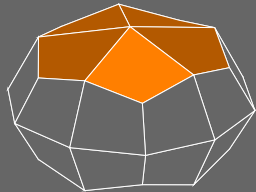
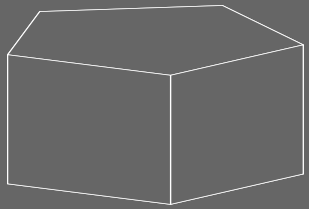
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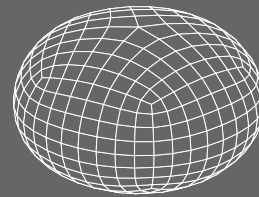
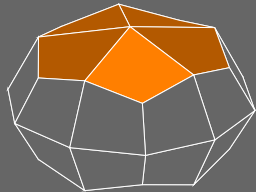
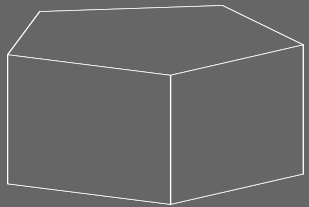


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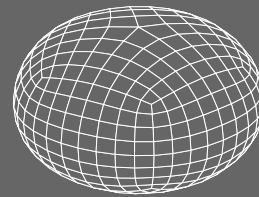
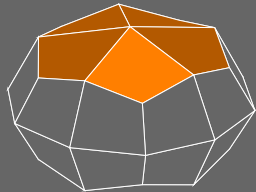
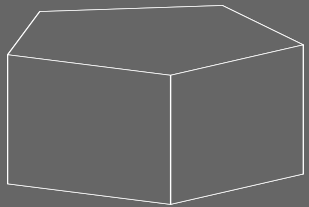
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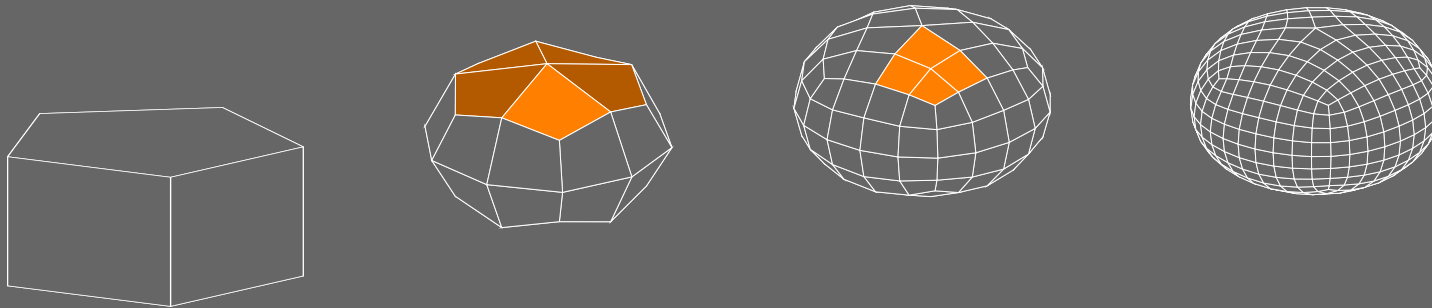


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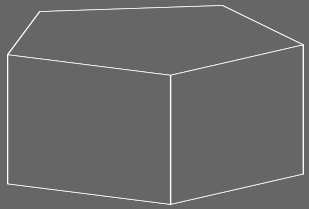


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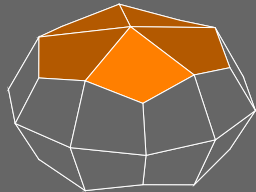
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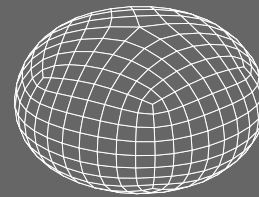
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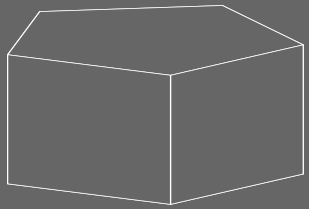


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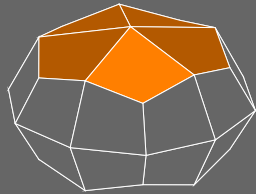
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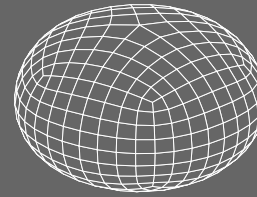
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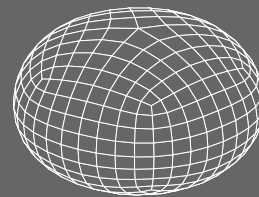
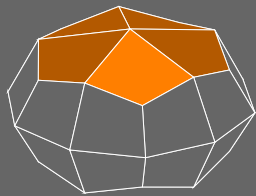
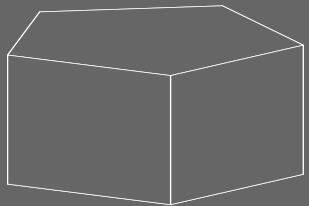


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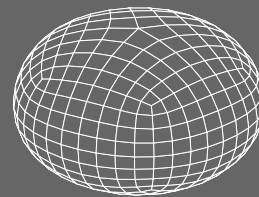
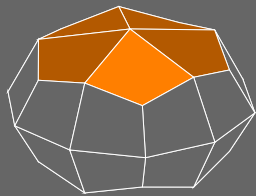
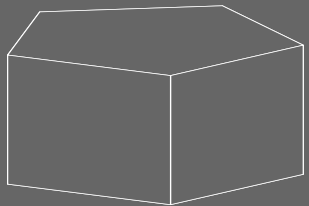
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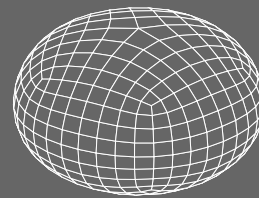
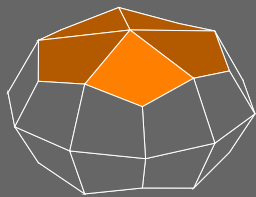
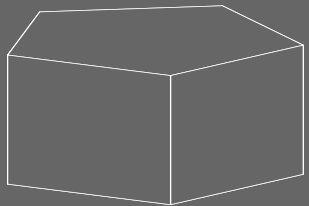


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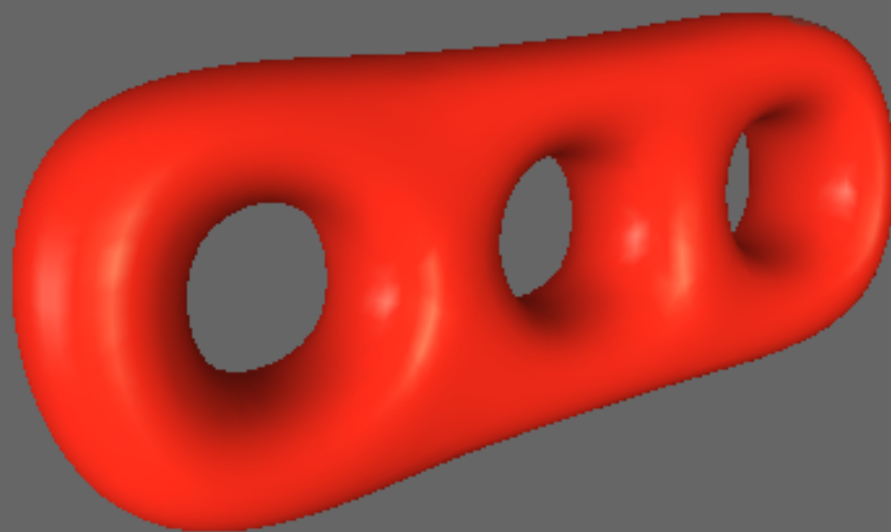
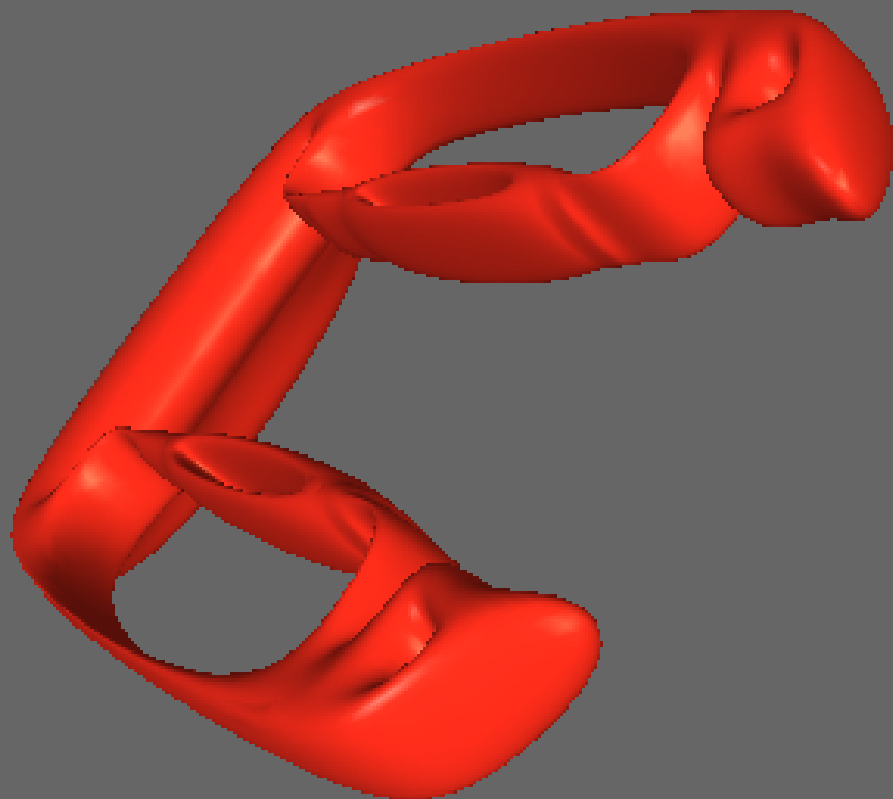
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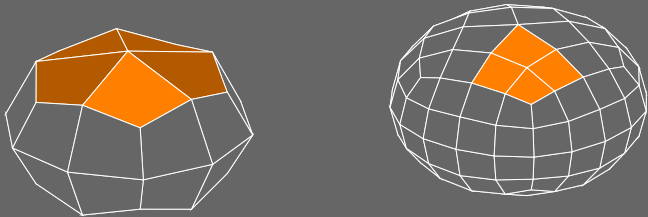
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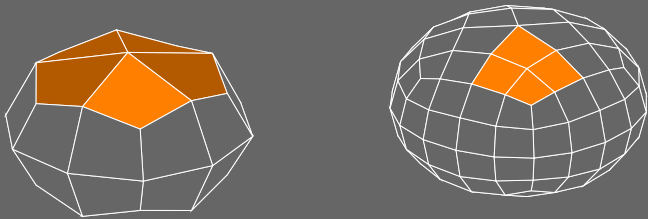
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- join as smoothly and largely agree with the Catmull-Clark limit surface.

*PCCM* Patching Catmull-Clark Meshes

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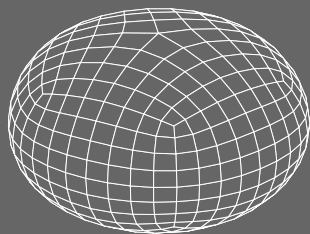
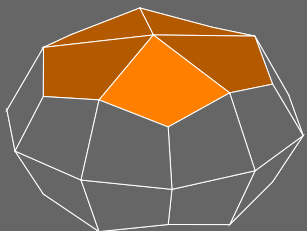
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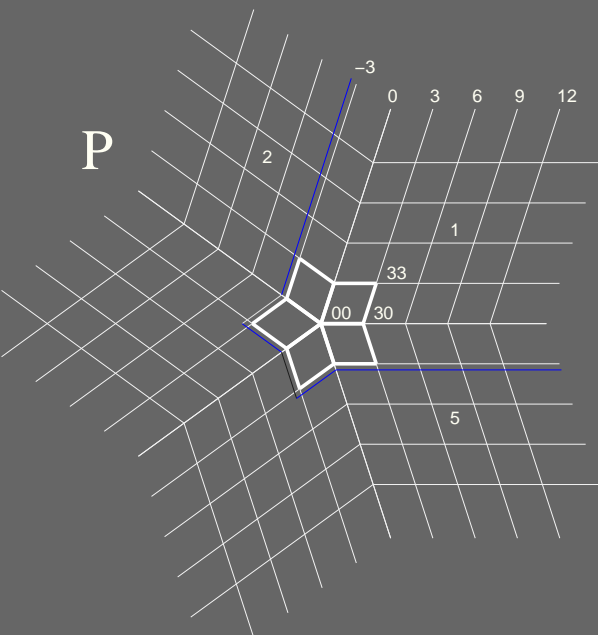
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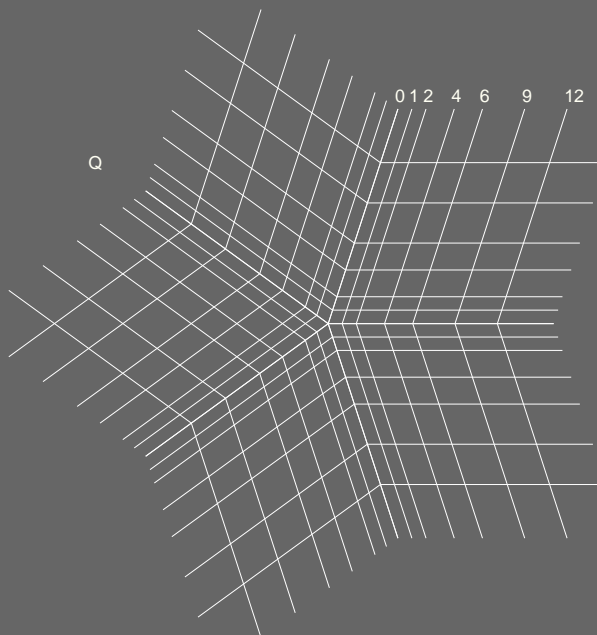
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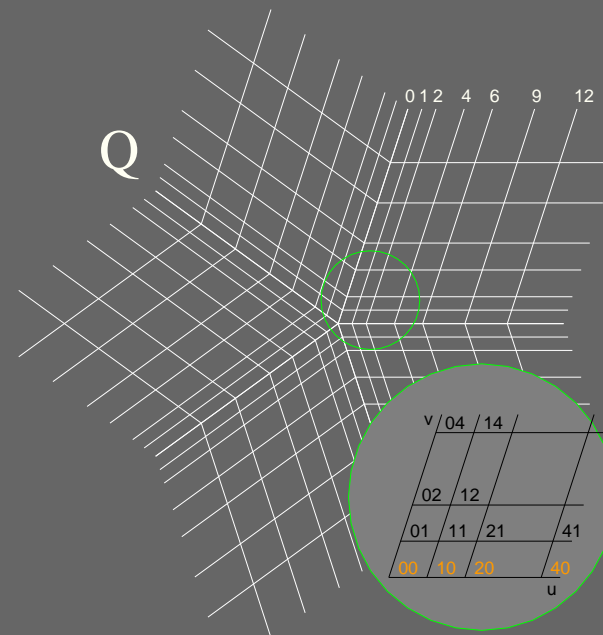
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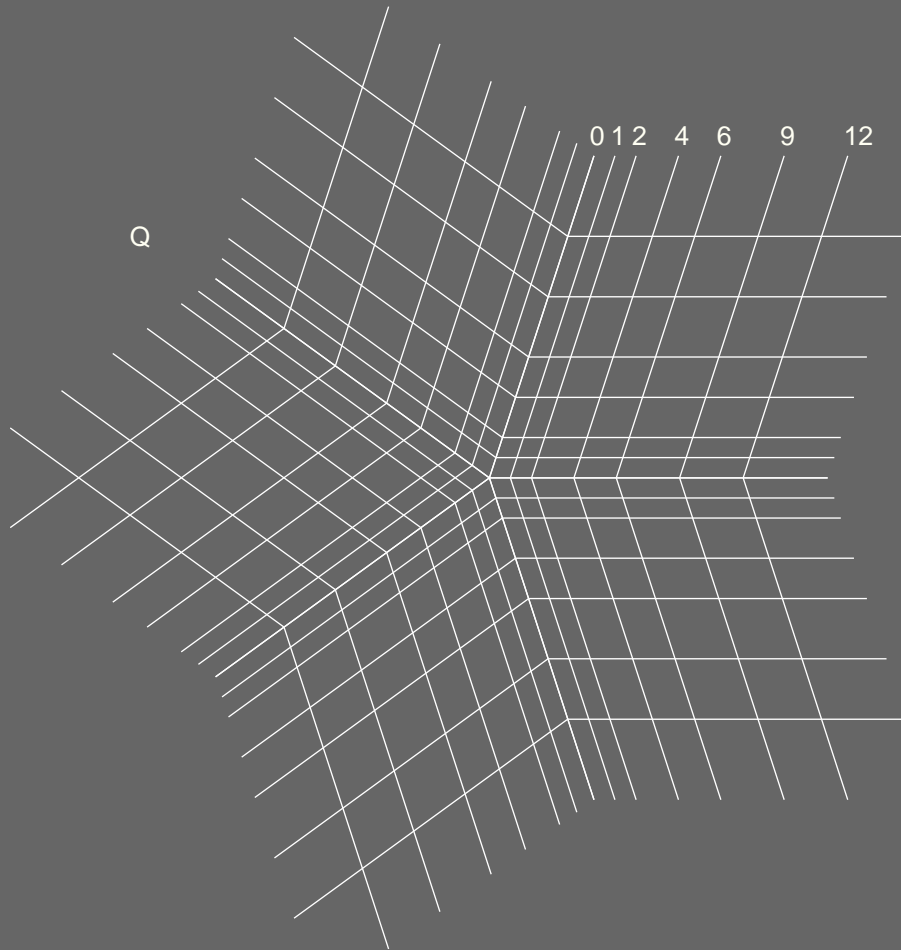


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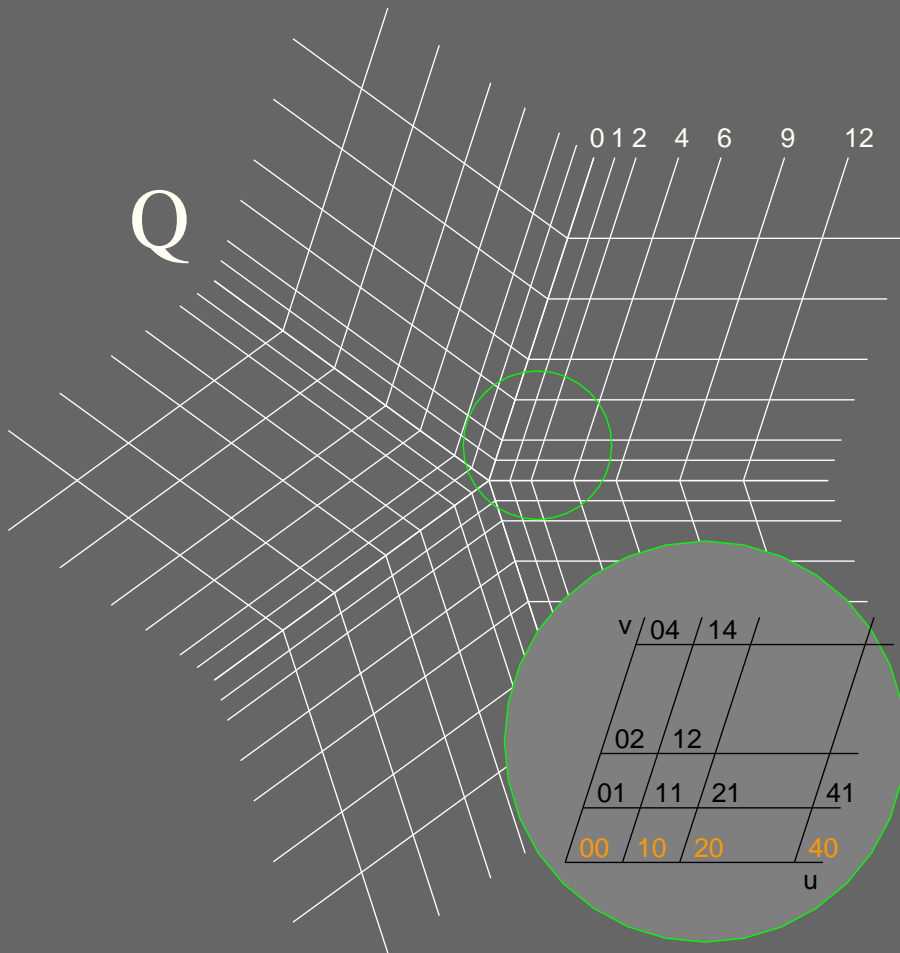
*Corner point* is placed directly on the Catmull-Clark limit surface:

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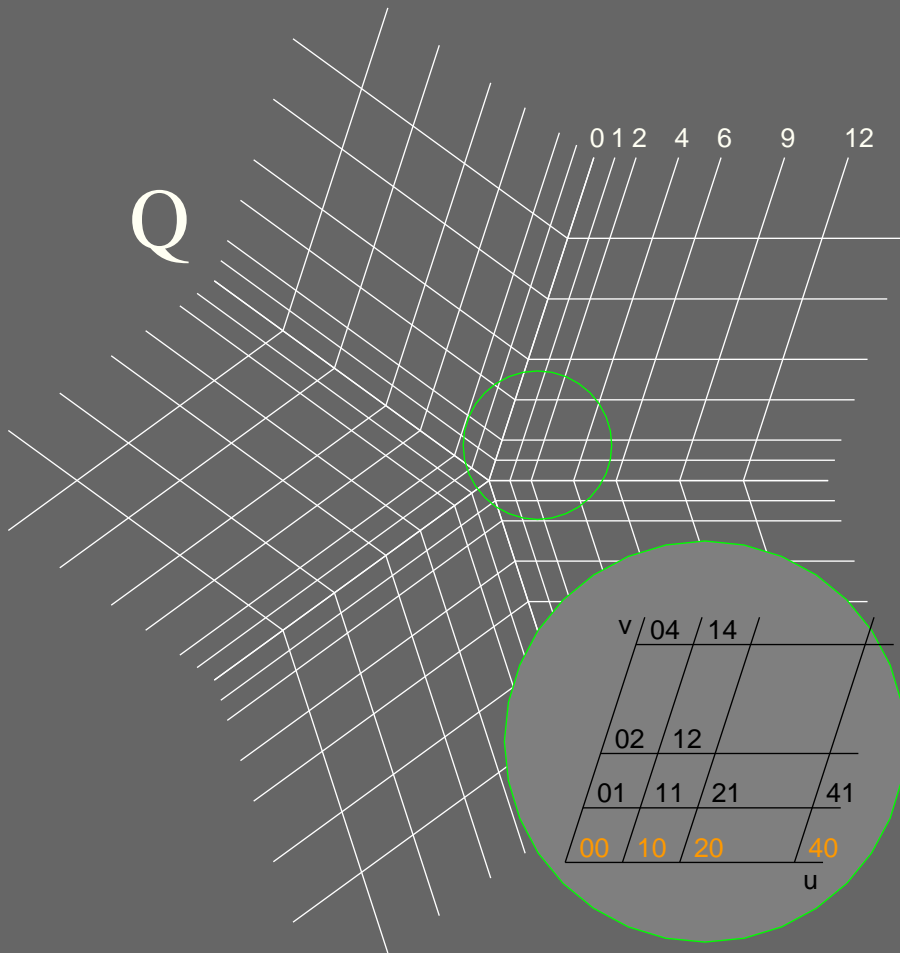
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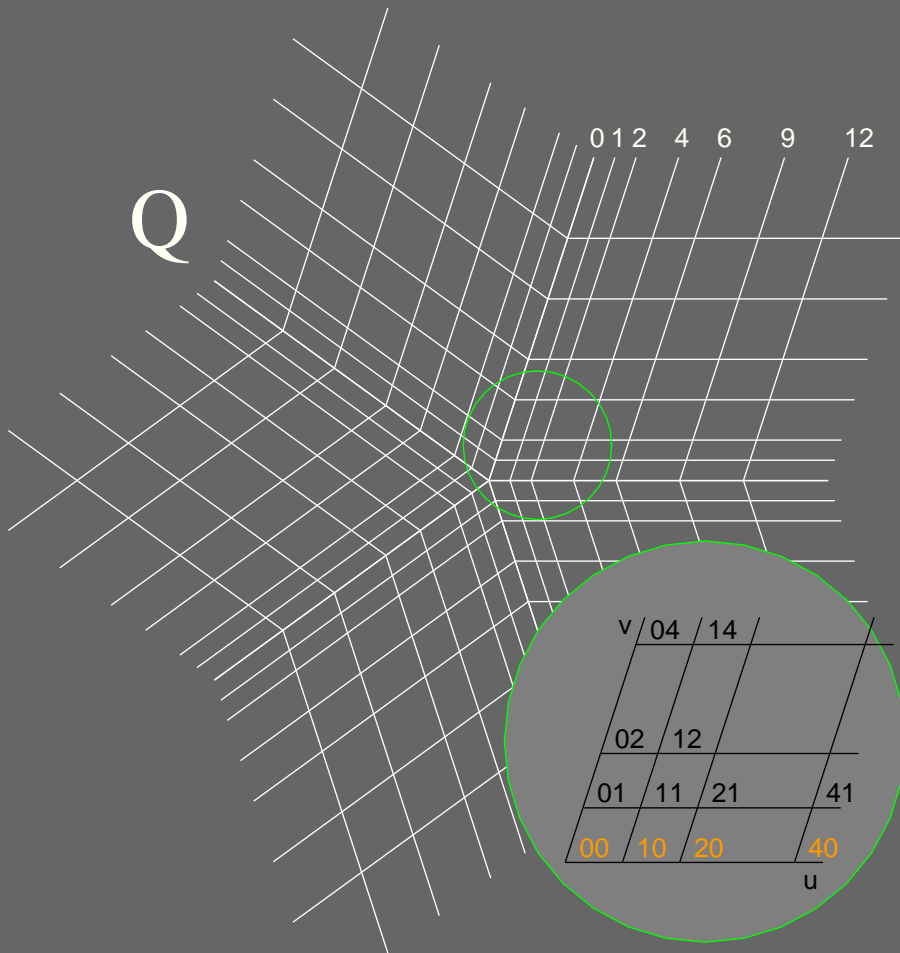
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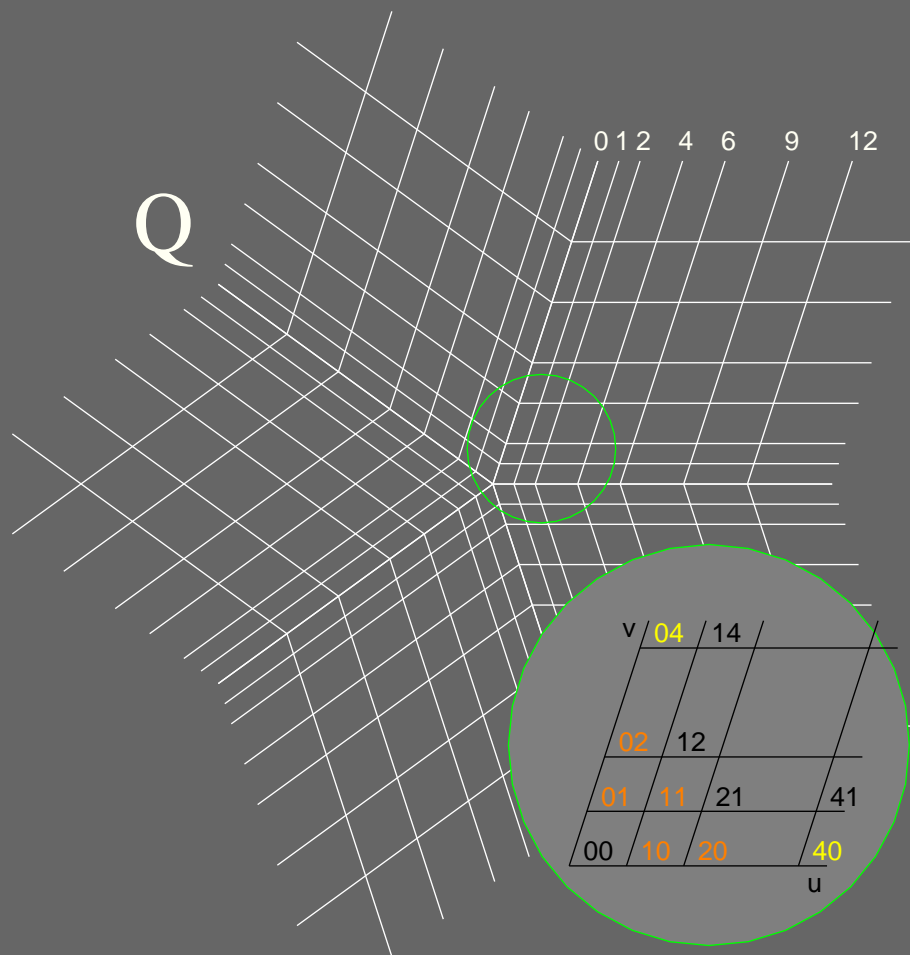
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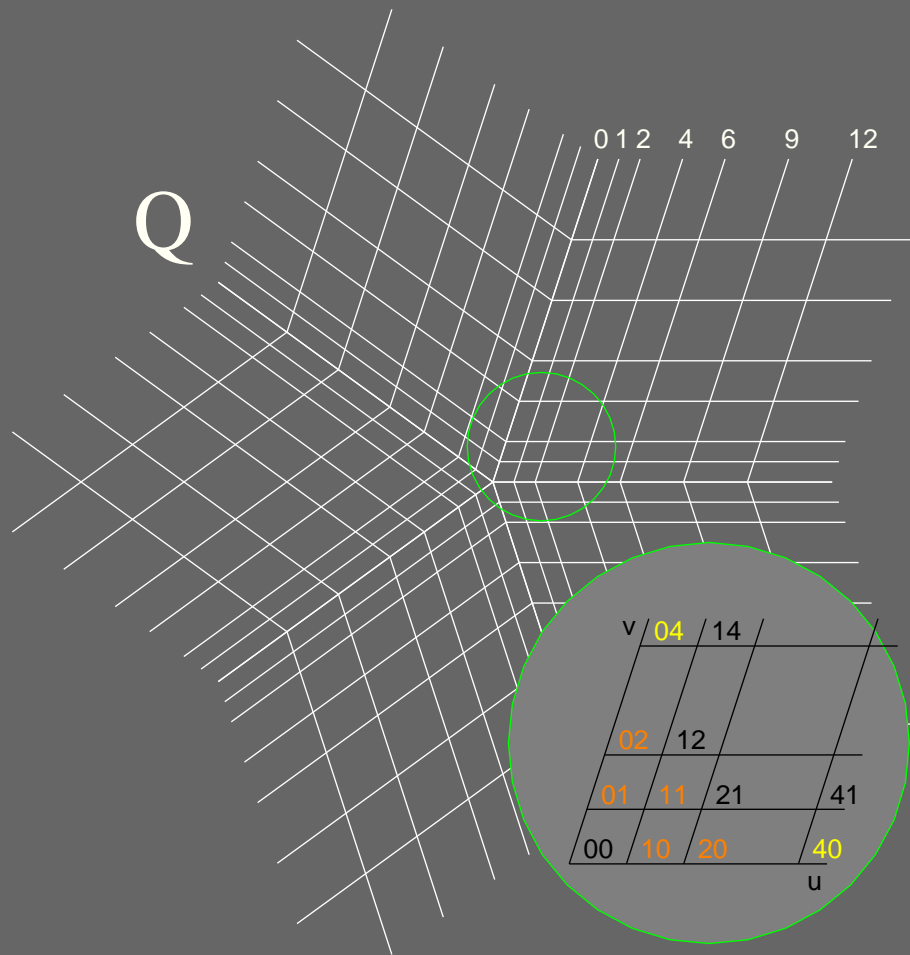
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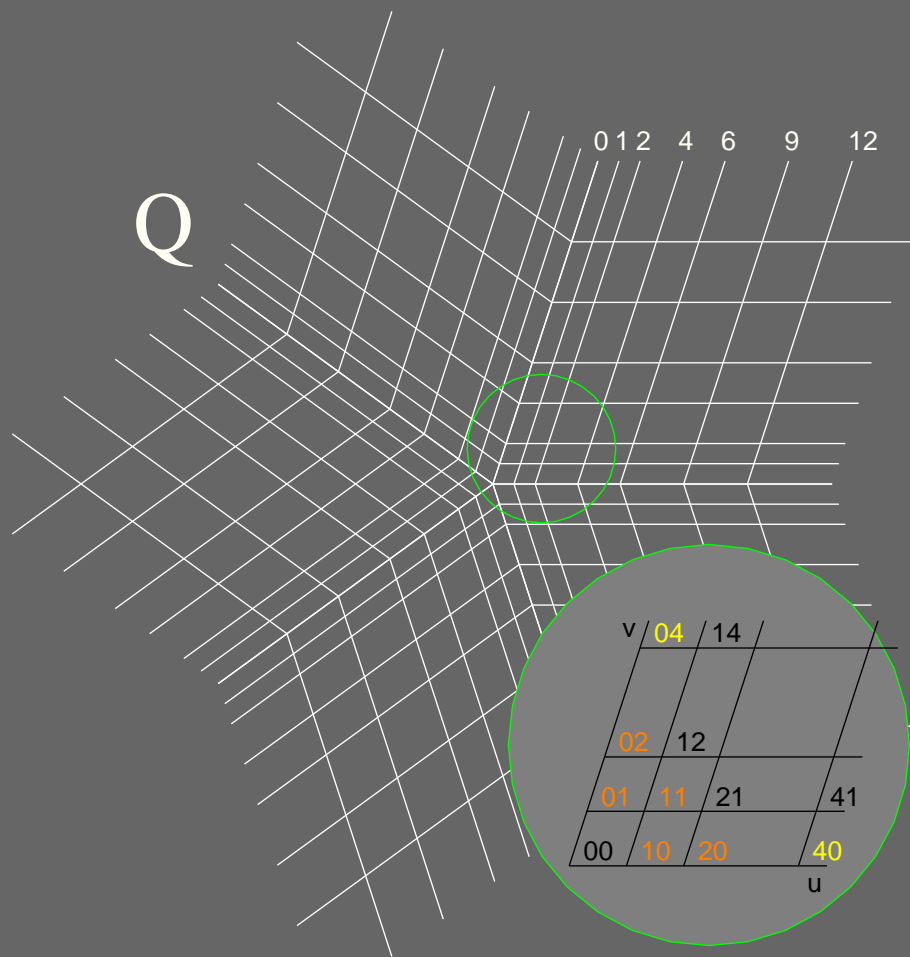
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Only if  $n$  is even and greater than 4,  
 $r = \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^i \bar{Q}_{40}(i) / n$  and  
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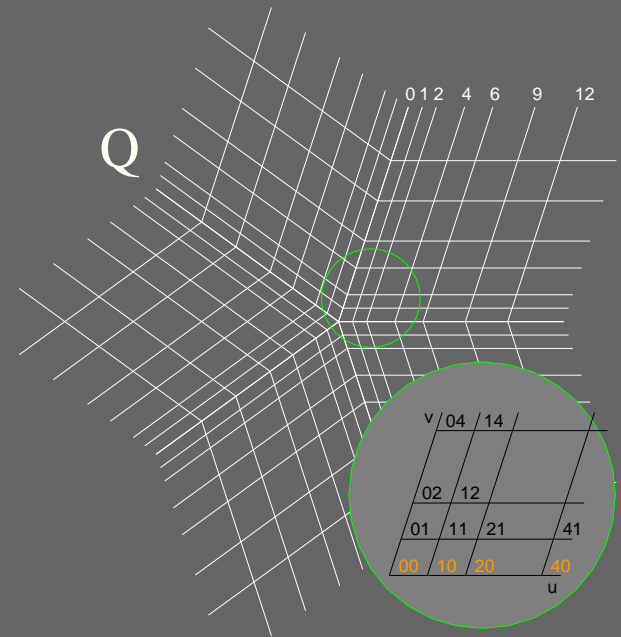
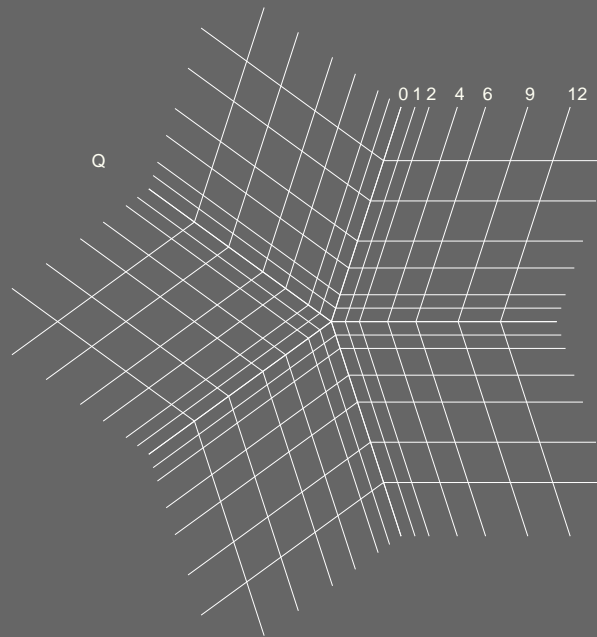
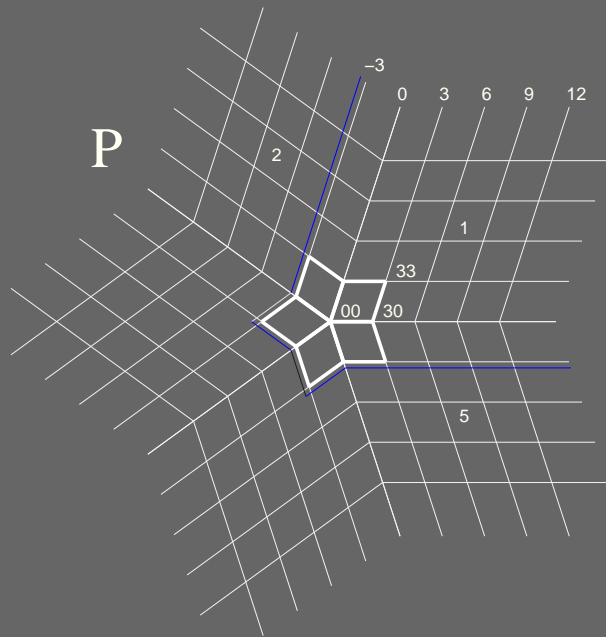
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 copy  $Q_{v0}(i + 1) = Q_{0v}(i)$  for  $v \in \{1, 2, 4\}$  and  
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Difference:

Generically only in *bi-3 polynomial corner pieces* of NURBS at EON; clamped: *positions and tangents agree* with Catmull-Clark at boundaries and EON!

Difference shrinks like  $O(h^5)$

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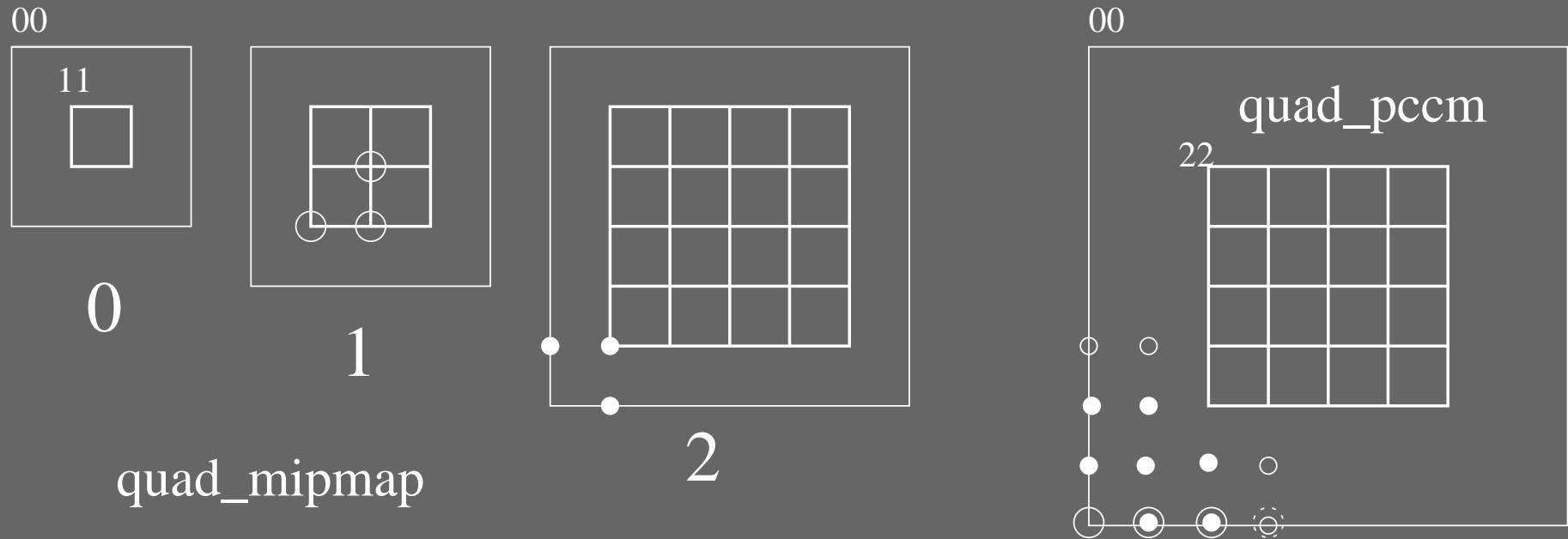
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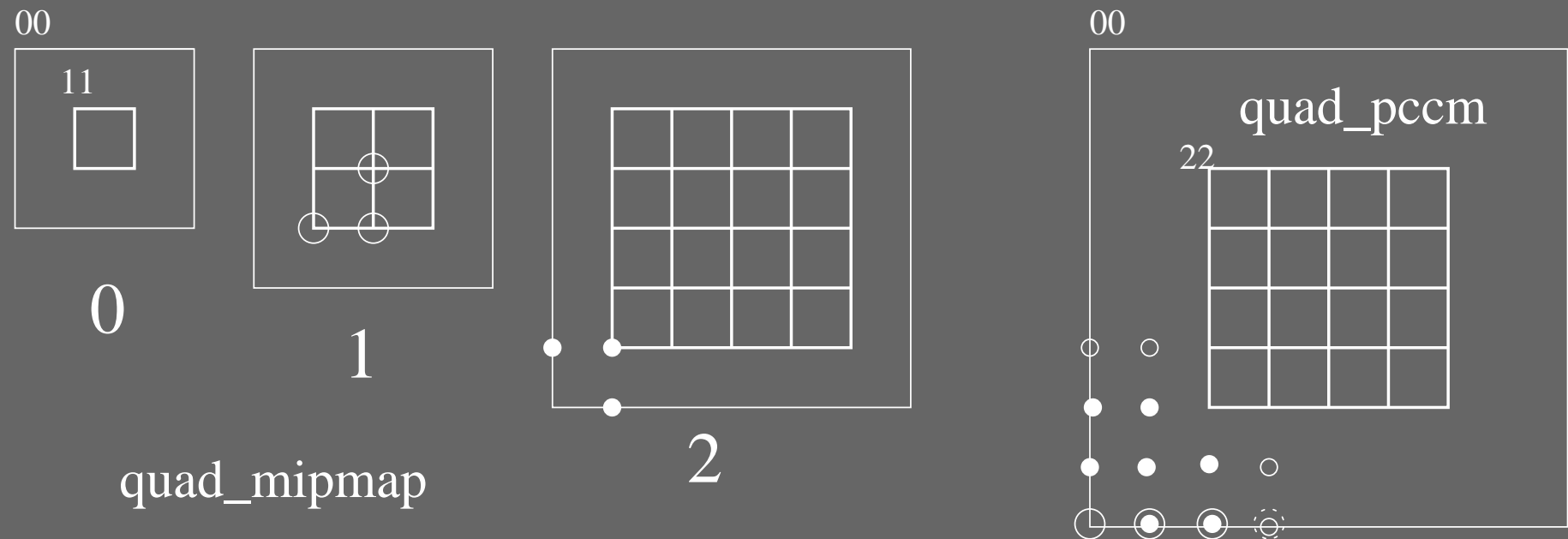
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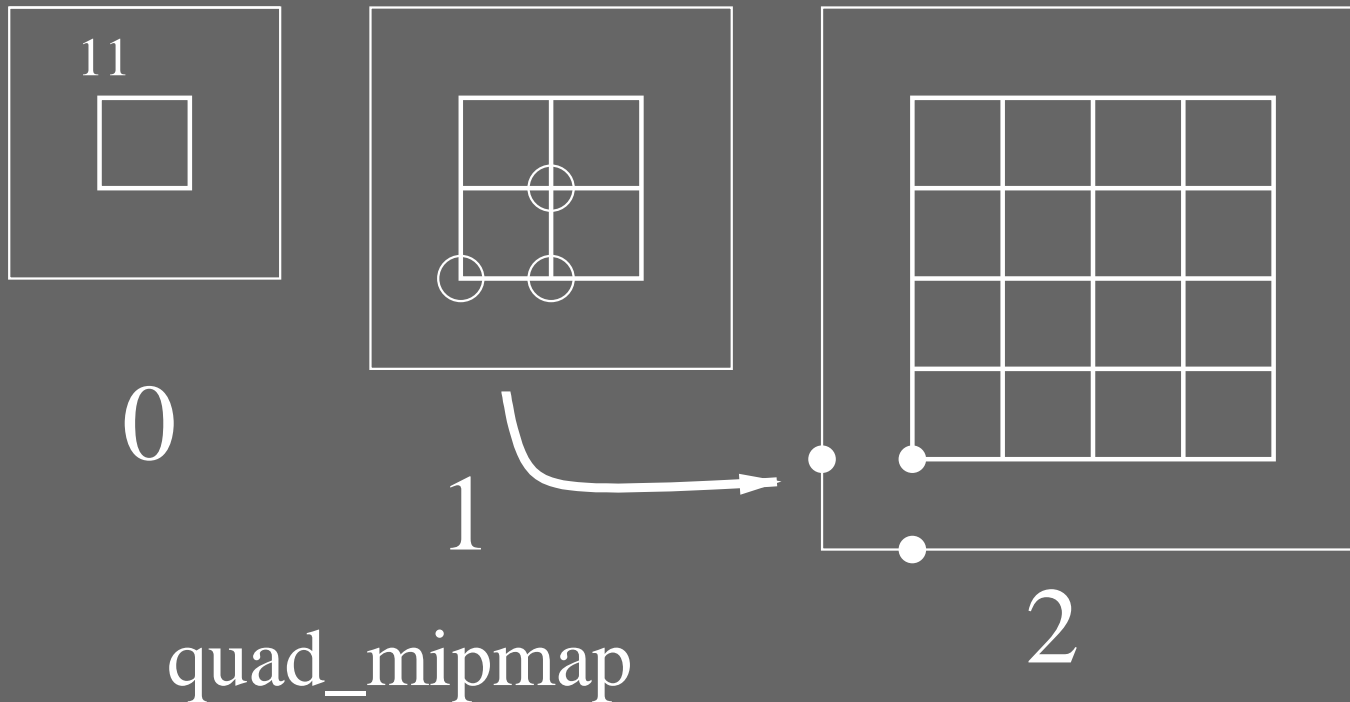
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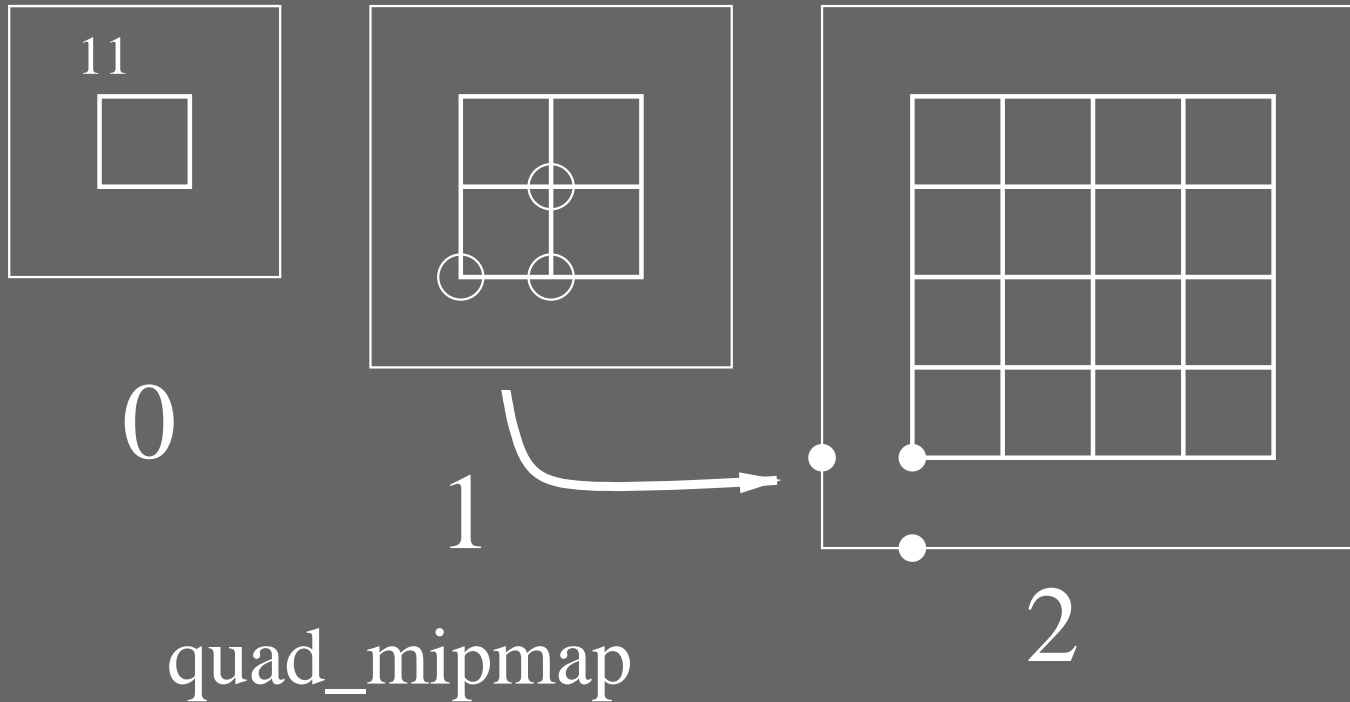


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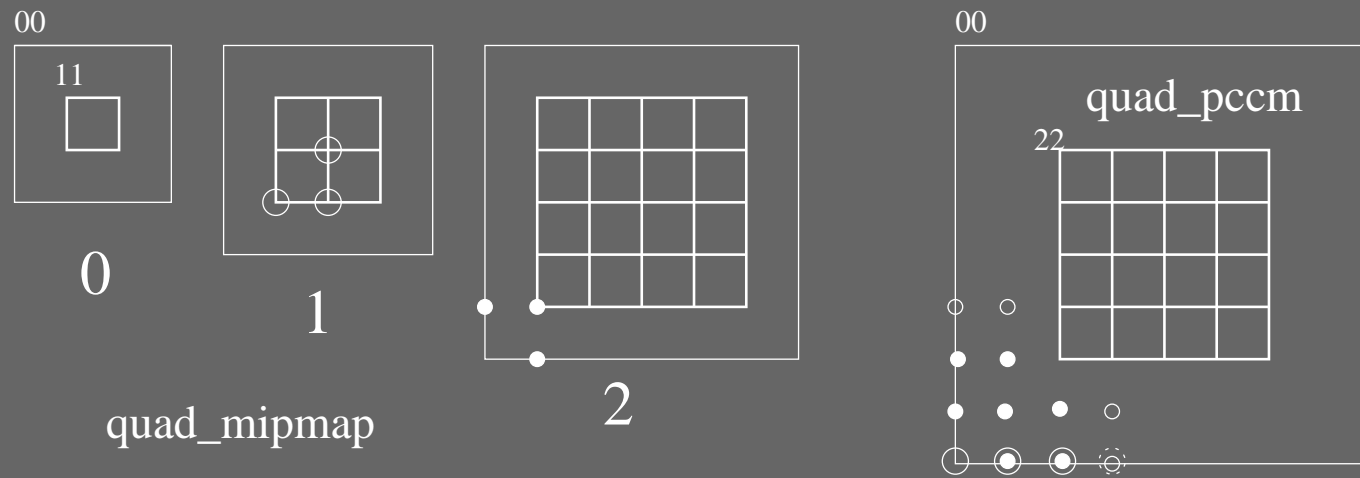
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