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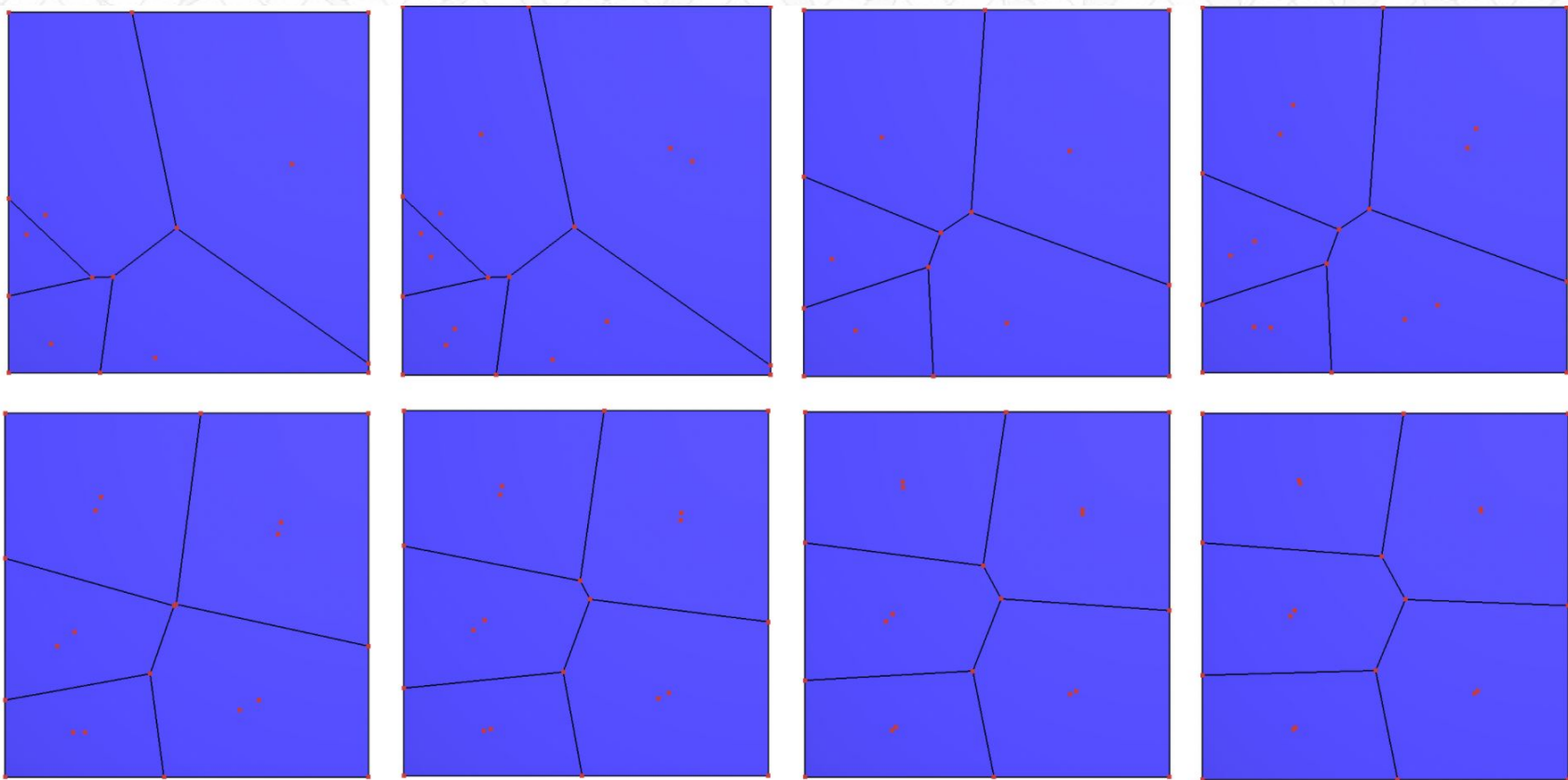
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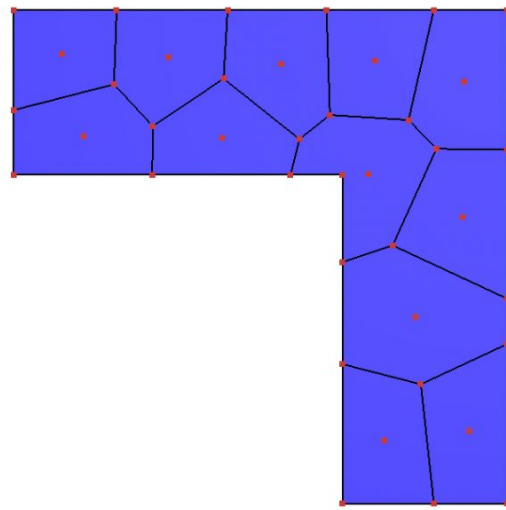
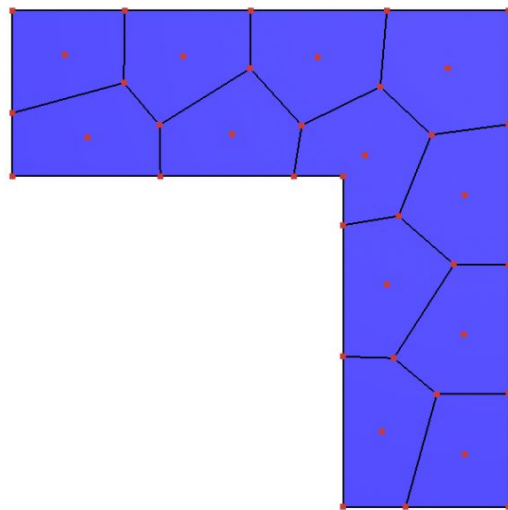
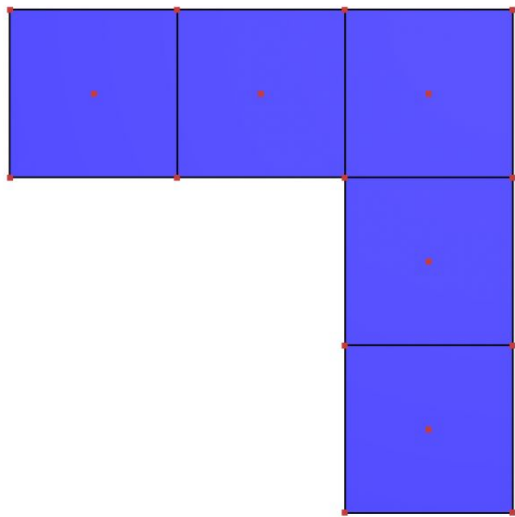
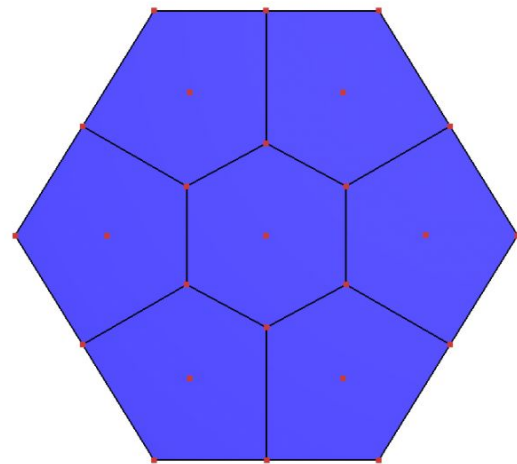
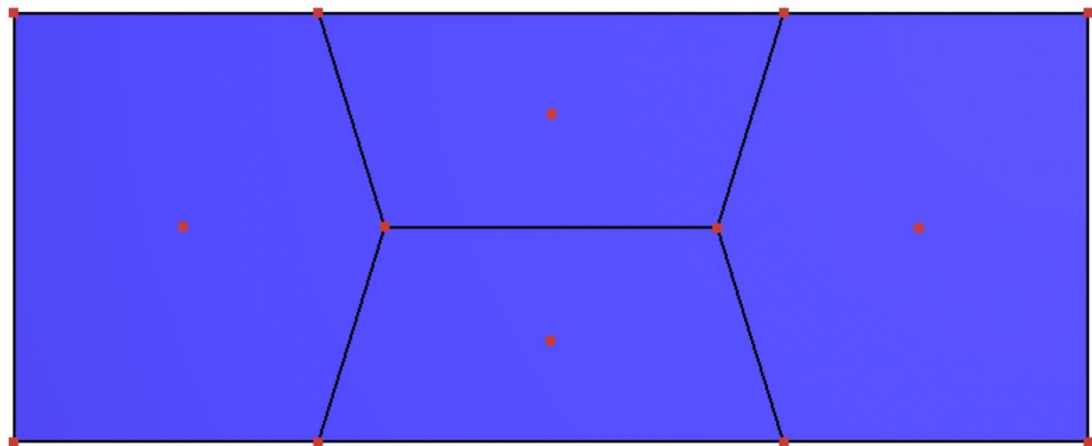
# Lecture 19: Polyominoes & Tiling

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# Homework 5 Questions?





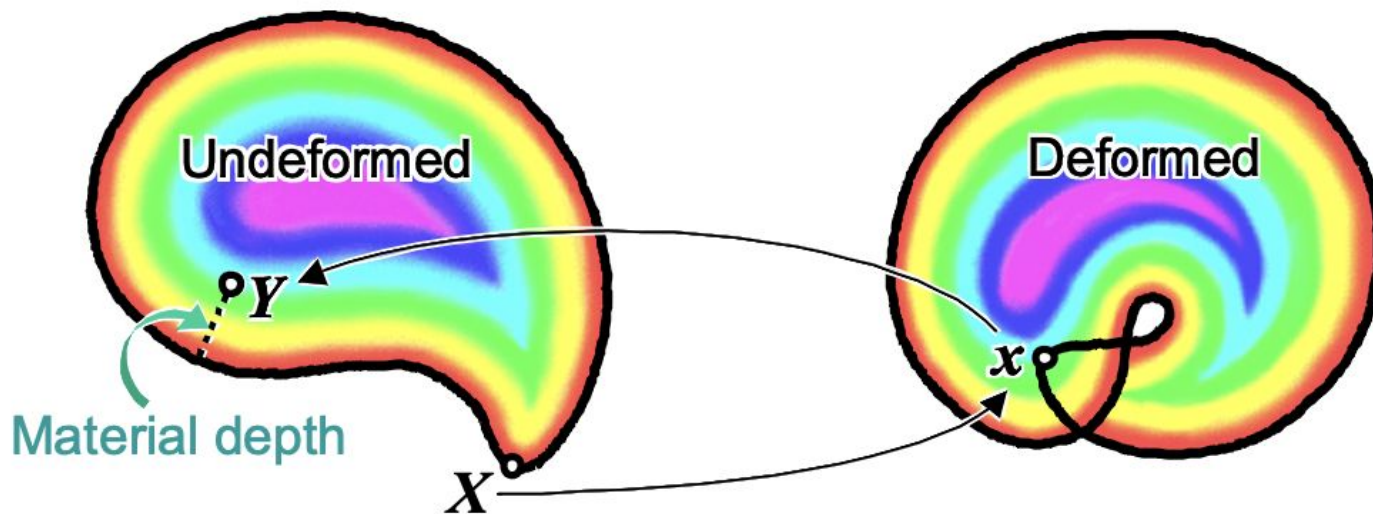
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# Motivation: Collision Detection

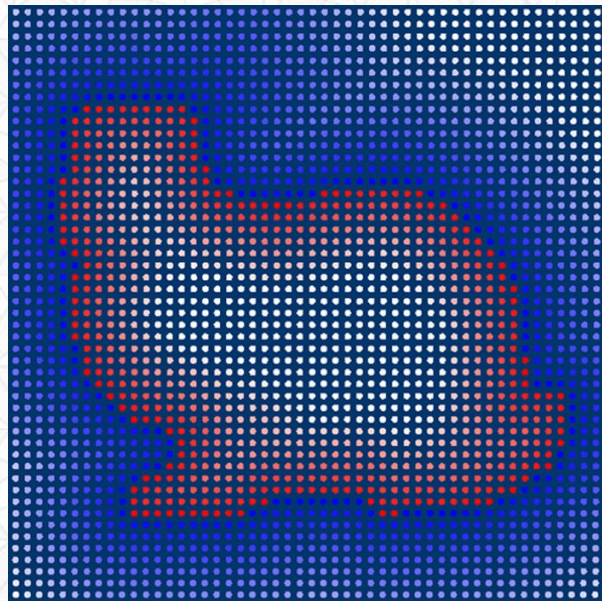
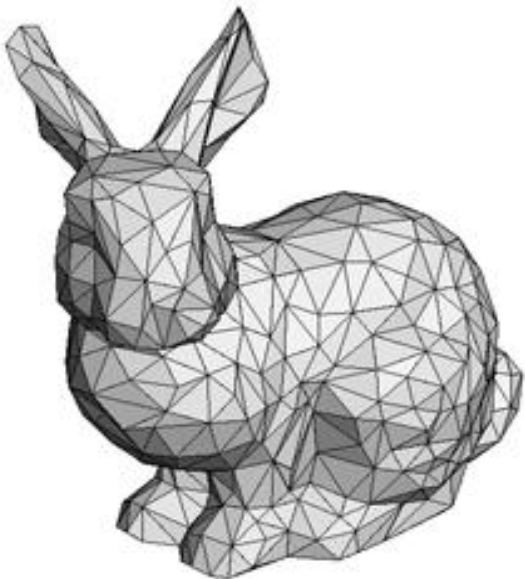
- Detect the intersection
- Depth of intersection penetration
- Gradient & normal of closest surface –  
Determine penalty force to resolve collision

“An Implicit Finite Element Method  
for Elastic Solids in Contact”,  
Hirota, Fisher, State, Lee, & Fuchs,  
SCA 2001



# Explicit vs. Implicit Surface Representations

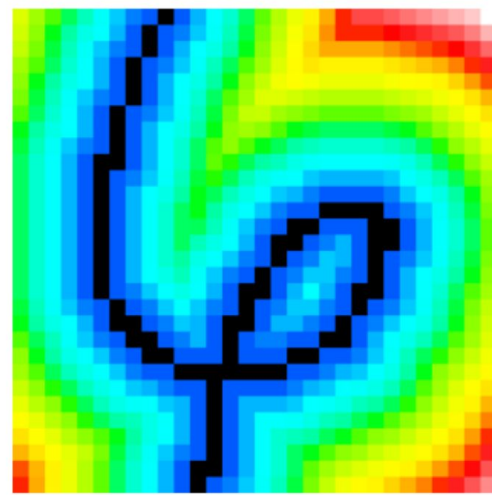
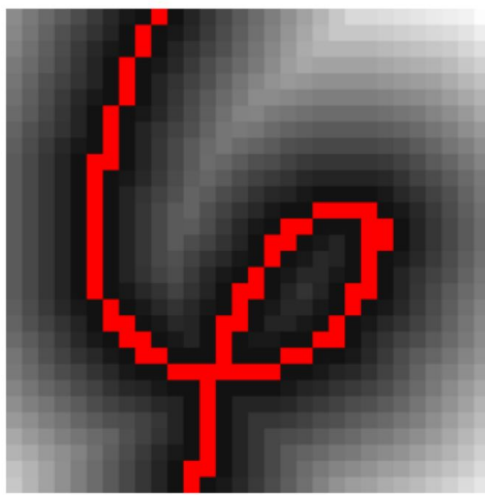
- We may not be able to construct a compact mathematical function...
- But can we convert the bunny mesh into a signed distance field?



# Computing a Signed Distance Field

- Given a shape/surface
- Cost to compute shortest distance to original shape for each point (on a grid) in the volume?

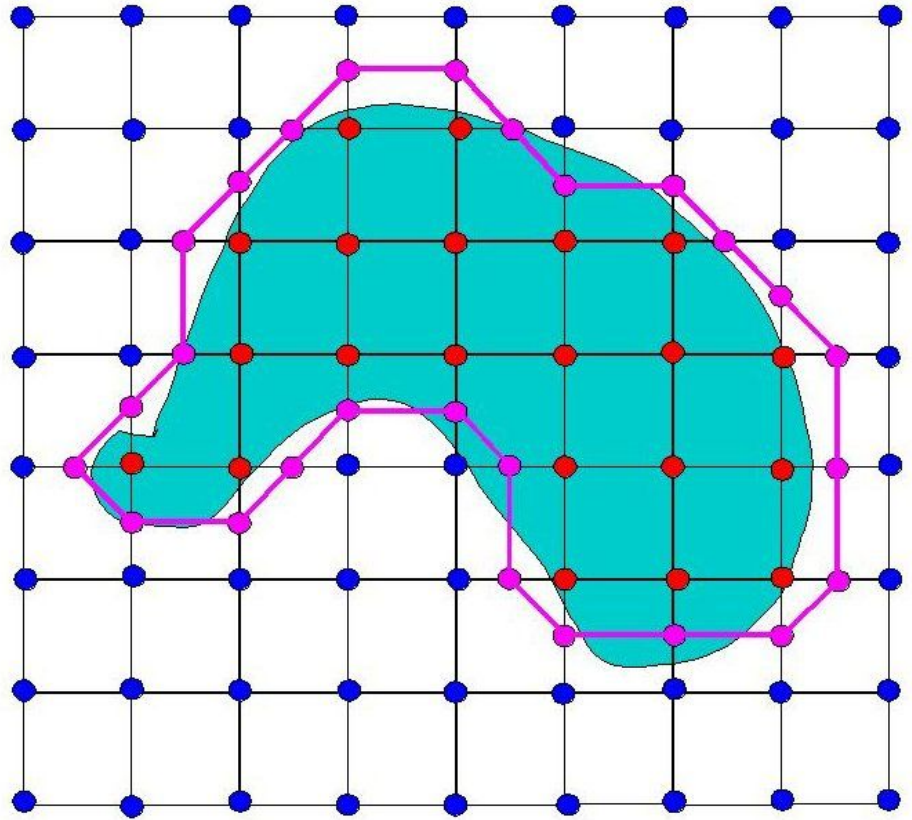
*Naive:  $O(\text{\# of volume grid samples} * \text{\# of surface elements}) = O(w^2h^2)$*





# Marching Cubes

- Each point in the 3D grid is labeled “inside” (red dots) or “outside” (blue dots) the unknown surface.
- Any cell in the grid that has at least one red vertex and at least one blue vertex, must be crossed by the unknown surface.
- We can piecewise construct an approximation of the surface.

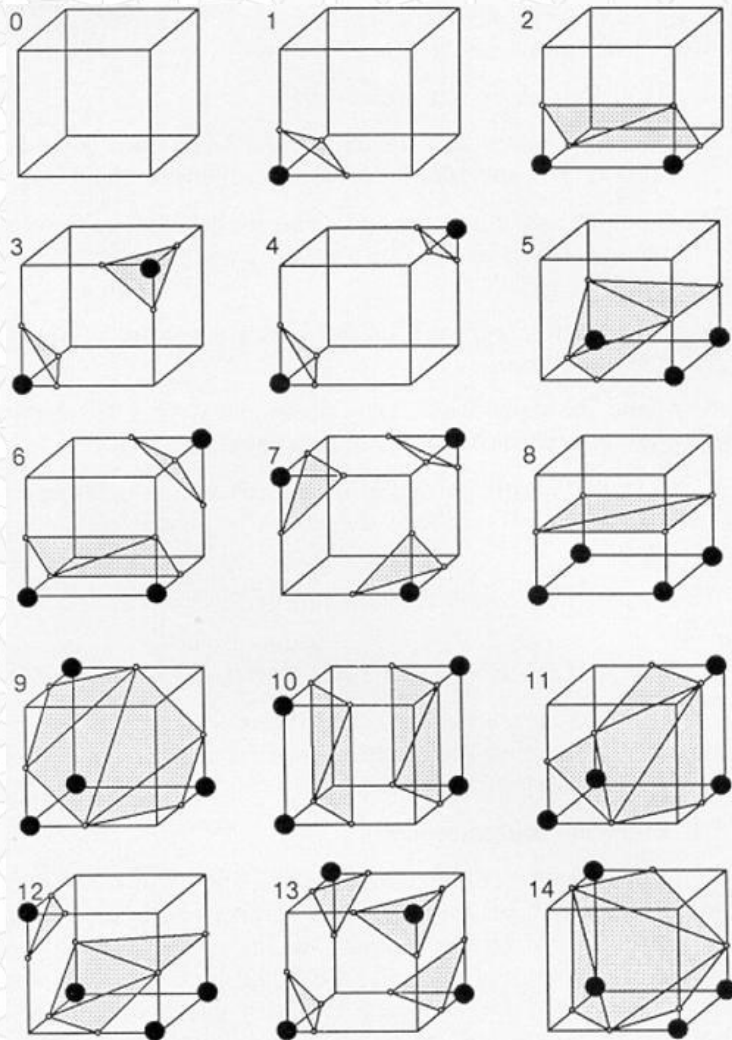


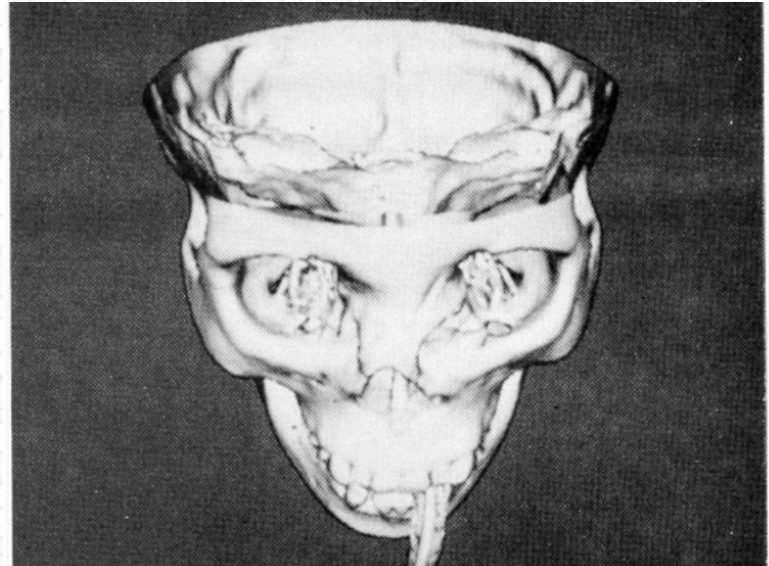
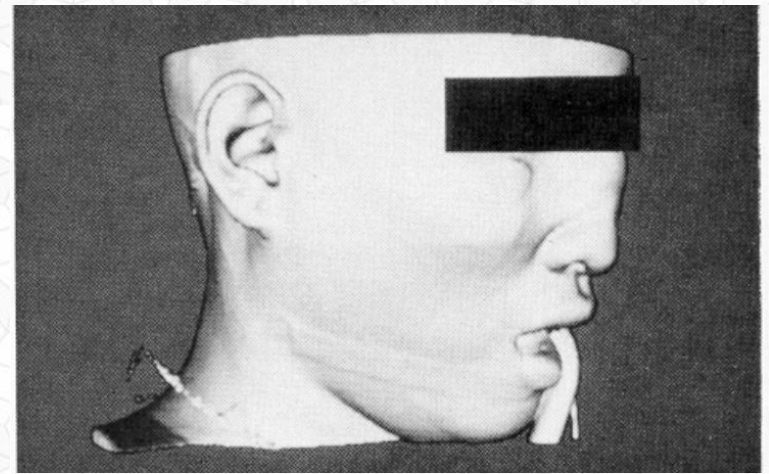
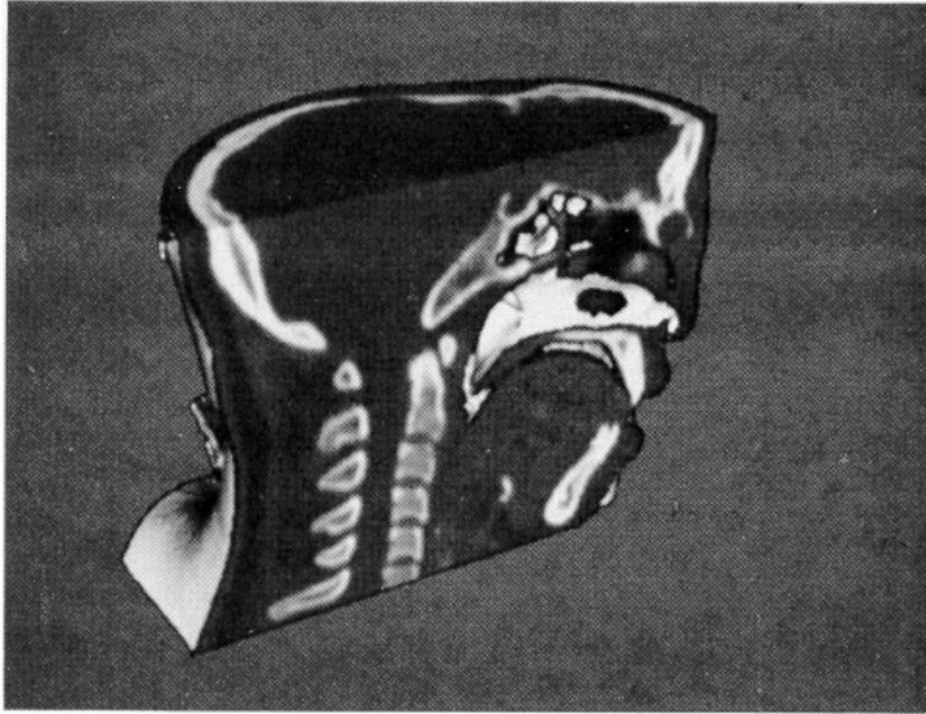
[http://www.cs.carleton.edu/cs\\_comps/0405/shape/marching\\_cubes.html](http://www.cs.carleton.edu/cs_comps/0405/shape/marching_cubes.html)

# Marching Cubes

- 256 possible inside/outside labelings of each grid cube.
- Merging rotations...  
15 unique cases to implement

"Marching Cubes: A High Resolution 3D Surface Construction Algorithm",  
Lorensen and Cline, SIGGRAPH '87.





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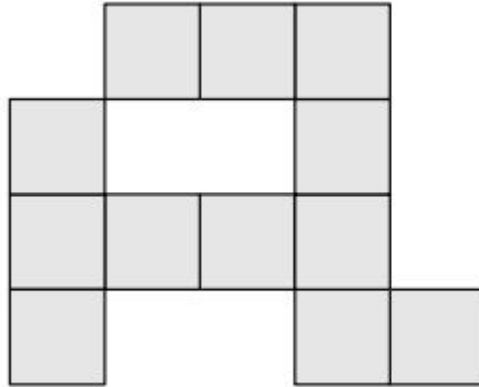
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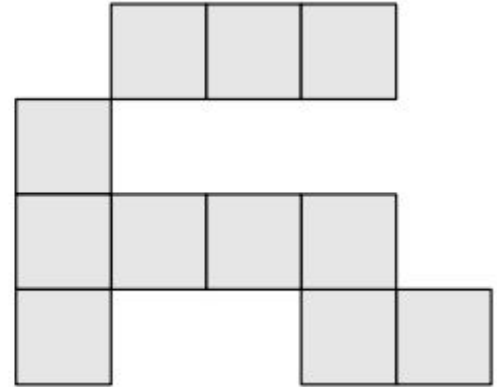
# What is a Polyomino?

- An n-omino is a set of n cells on a square graph that is connected

is a polyomino



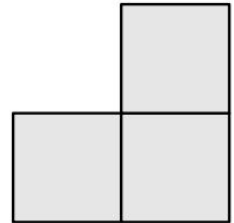
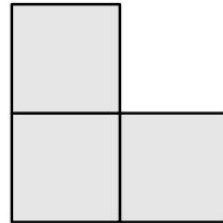
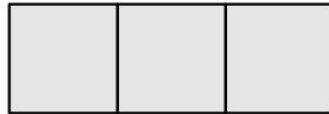
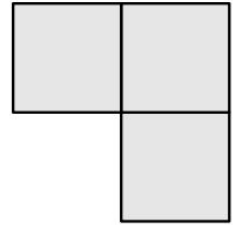
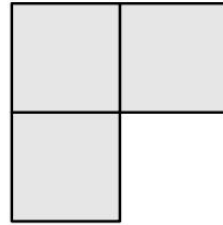
is NOT a polyomino



“Ch 14: Polyominoes”, Barequet, Golomb, & Klarner,  
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# Translation-Equivalent / Fixed Polyomino

- Only left/right/up/down translation is allowed
- There are 6 unique Fixed 3-ominoes (a.k.a. trominoes):

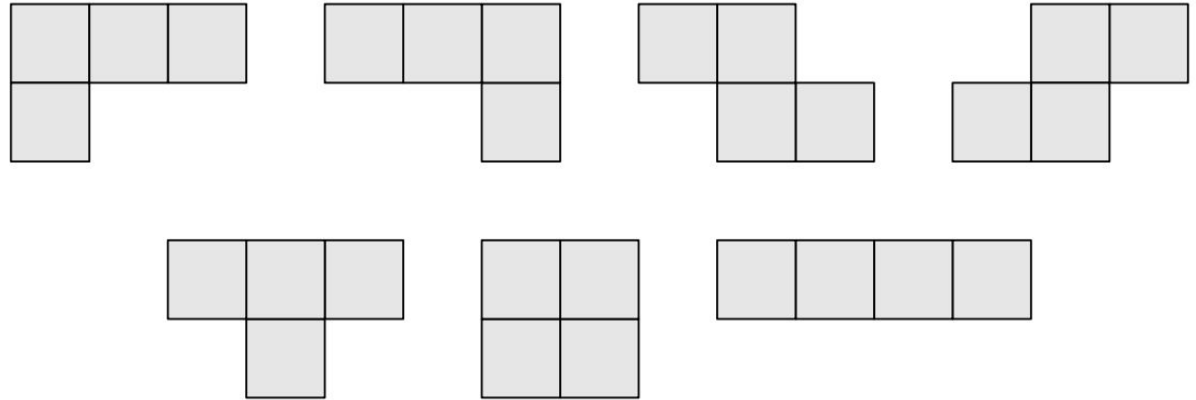


# Translation-Equivalent / Fixed Polyomino

- Only left/right/up/down translation is allowed
- *How many fixed 2-ominoes (a.k.a. dominoes) are there?*
- *Draw them!*

# Rotation-Equivalent / Chiral Polyomino

- left/right/up/down translation allowed
- $90^\circ/180^\circ/270^\circ$  rotation allowed

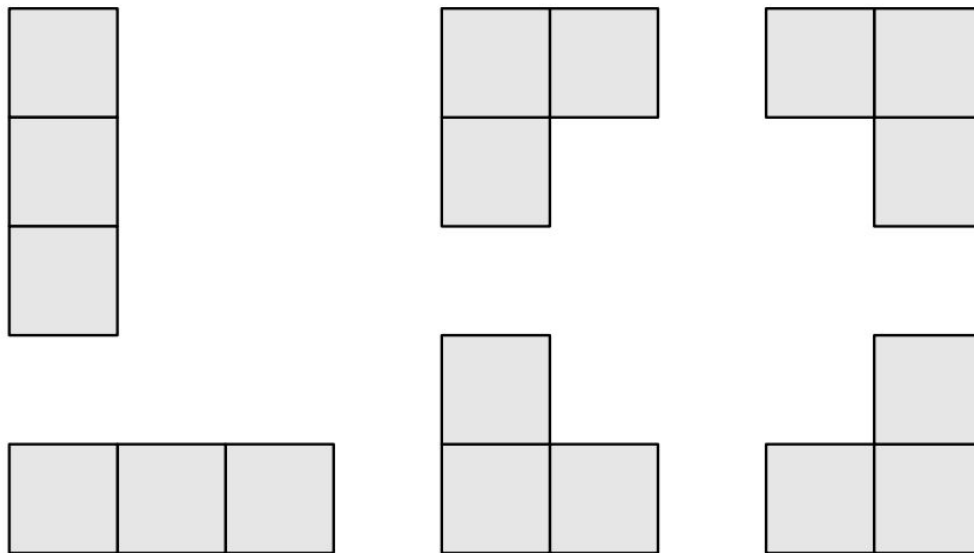


- There are 7 unique chiral 4-ominoes (a.k.a. tetrominoes):



# Rotation-Equivalent / Chiral Polyomino

- left/right/up/down translation allowed
- $90^\circ/180^\circ/270^\circ$  rotation allowed
- *How many chiral 3-ominoes are there?*
- *Which of these shapes are rotationally-equivalent?*

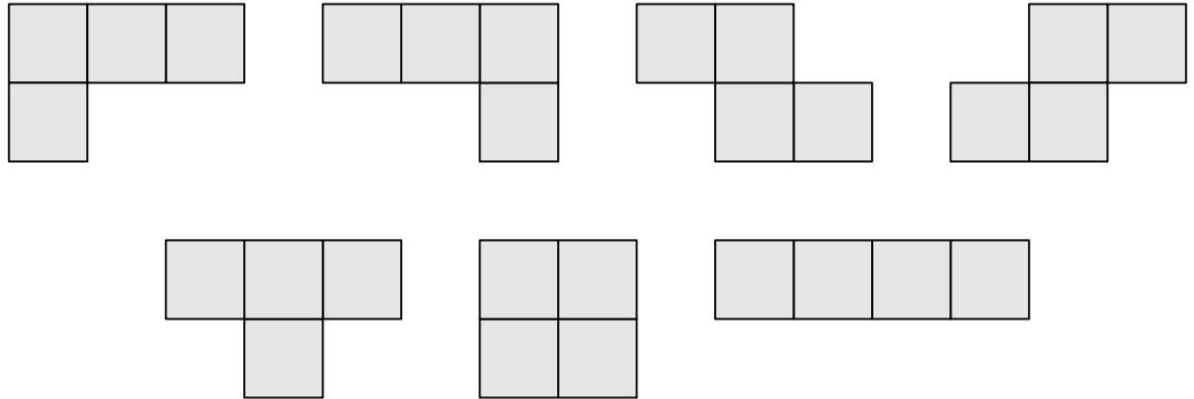


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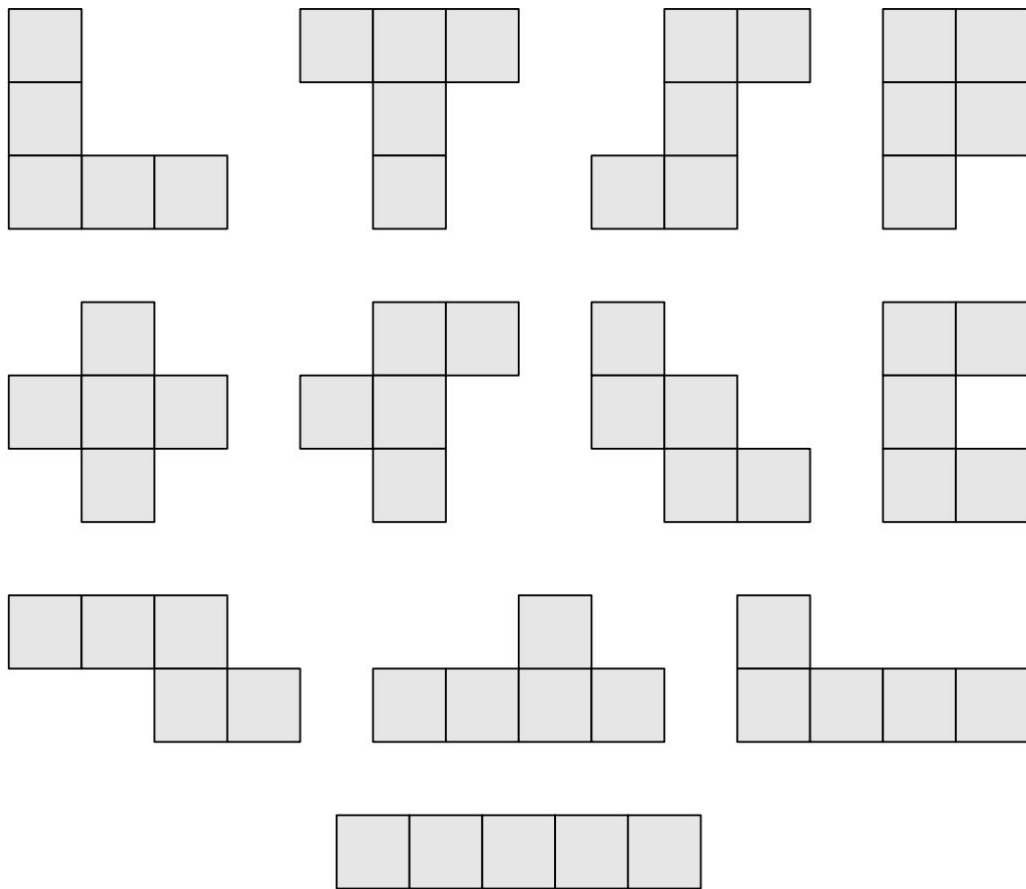
- *How many fixed 4-ominoes are there?*

- *Which of these shapes are unique when rotated?*



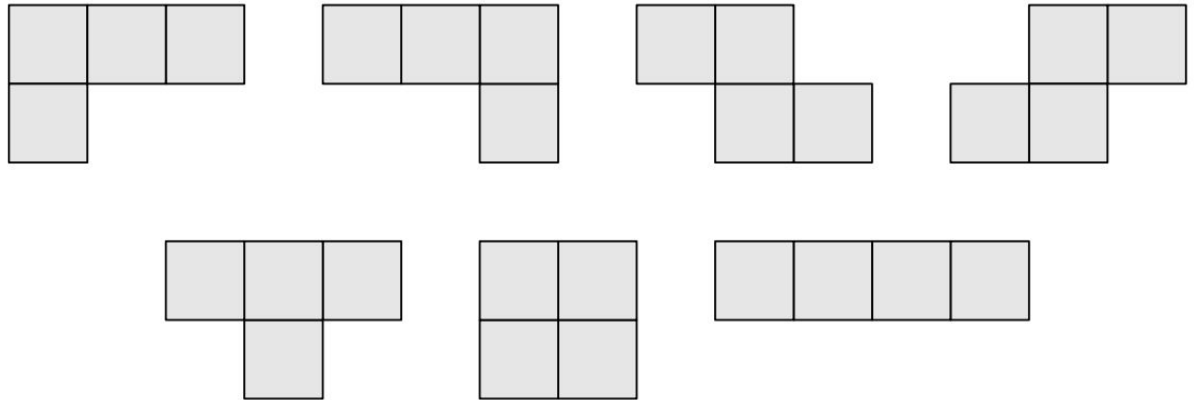
# Free Polyomino

- Translation allowed
- Rotation allowed
- Reflection allowed
- There are 12 unique free 5-ominoes (a.k.a. pentominoes):



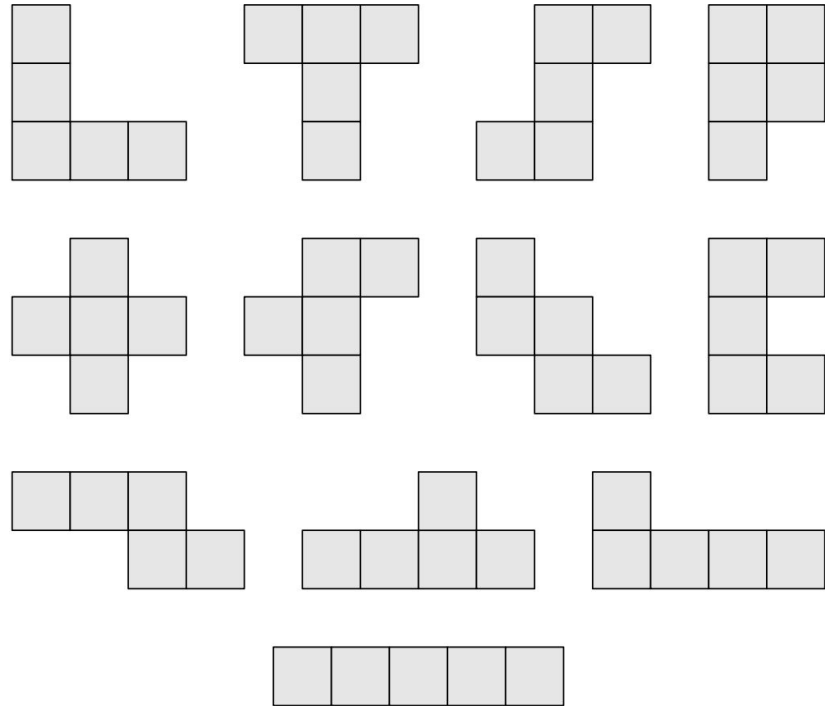
# Congruent / Free Polyomino

- *How many free 4-ominoes are there?*
- *Which of these shapes are congruent? (duplicates when reflected)*



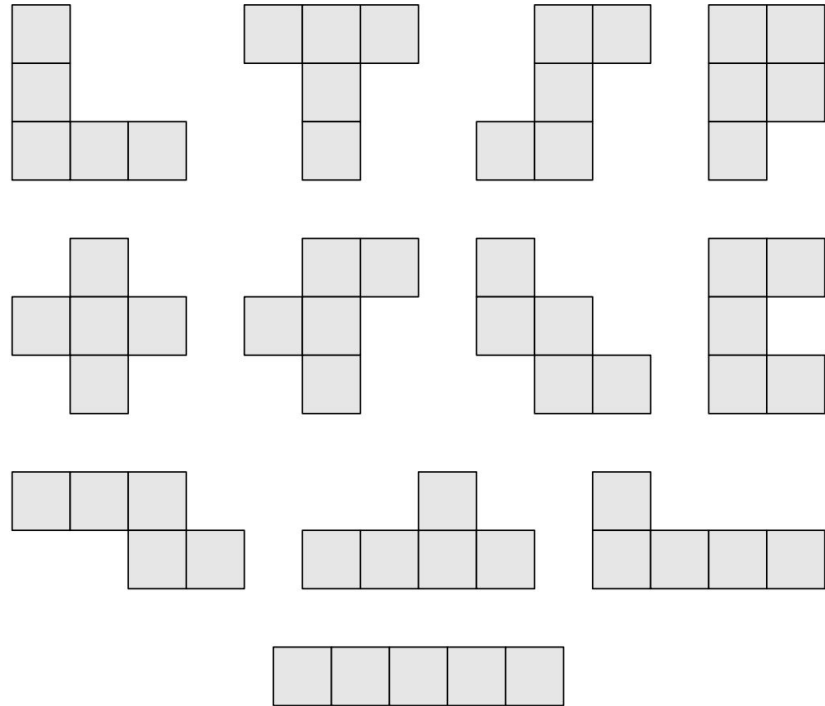
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- *How many chiral 5-ominoes are there?*
- *Which of these shapes are unique when reflected?*



# Translation-Equivalent / Fixed Polyomino

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- *Which of these shapes are unique when rotated and/or reflected?*



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# Counting Fixed, Chiral, and Free Polyominoes

fixed

translation-only

chiral

translation & rotation  
(no reflection)

free

translation, rotation, &  
reflection

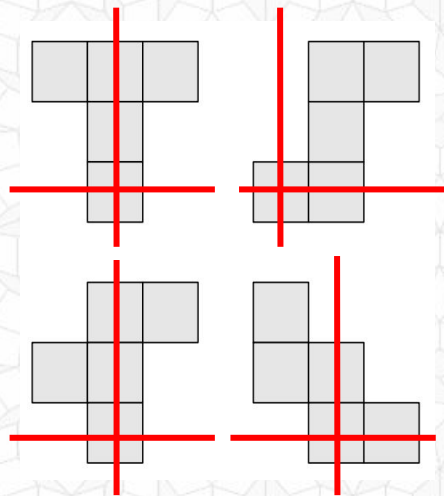
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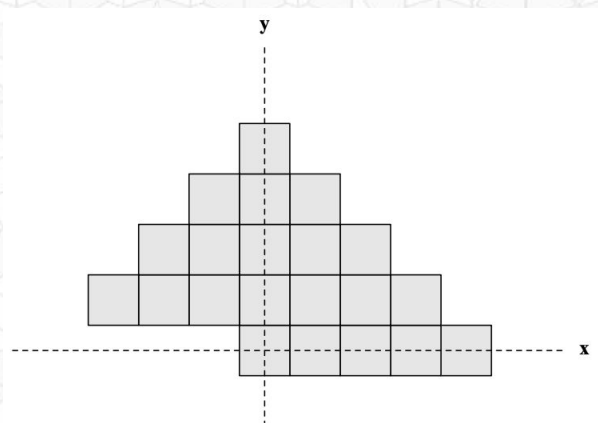
# Counting Polyominoes

- $n$ -omino Standard Position: Translate to place the leftmost cell in the bottom row at the origin.
- Enumerate all combinations of all possible cells
- Eliminate disconnected & duplicate ominoes
- At most

$$\binom{3(n-1)}{n-1}$$



all possible cells for 5-ominoes



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$$\frac{t(n)}{8} \leq s(n) \leq r(n) \leq t(n)$$

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# Counting Polyominoes

- The number of polyominoes,  $t(n)$  is exponential in  $n$ .

Current unproved estimate  $\approx 4.06^n$

- The running time of the current best algorithm to count  $t(n)$  is also exponential (but smaller)

$O(3^{n/2}) \approx O(1.73^n)$

- Can  $t(n)$  be computed in poly time?

*Open problem!!*

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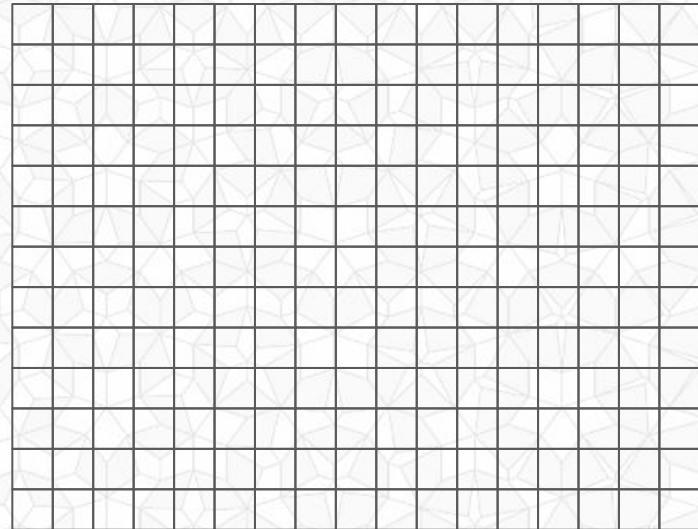
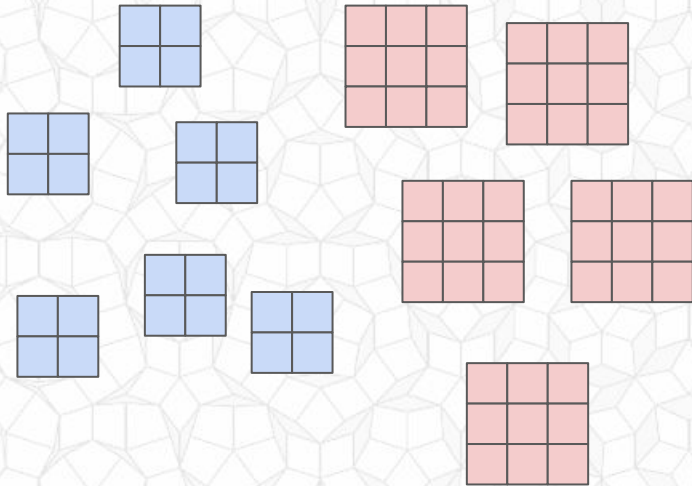
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# Packing Polyominoes

- Can we use  $2 \times 2$  square 4-ominoes and  $3 \times 3$  square 9-ominoes to cover (without overlaps) a  $13 \times 17$  rectangle?



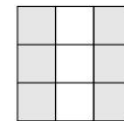


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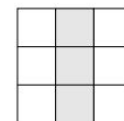
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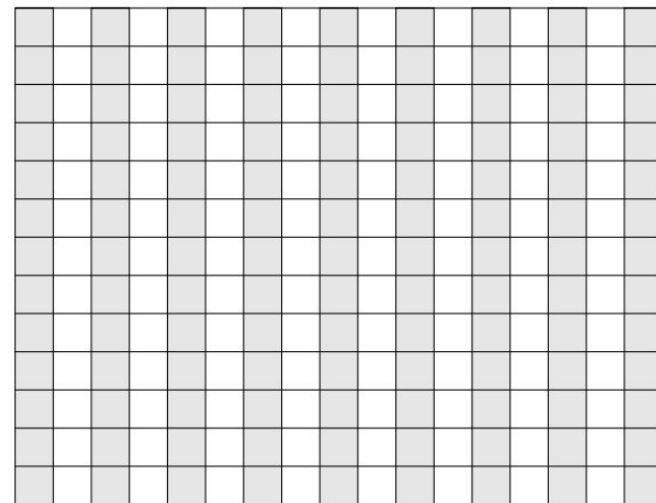
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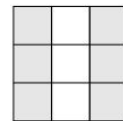
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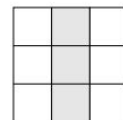
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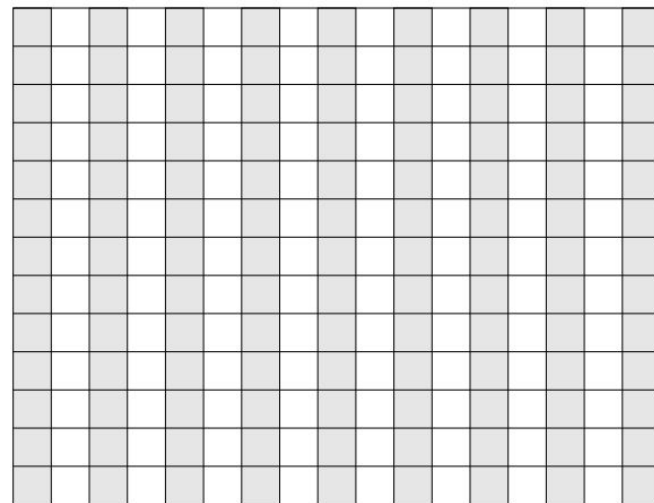
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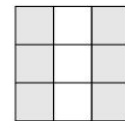
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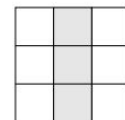
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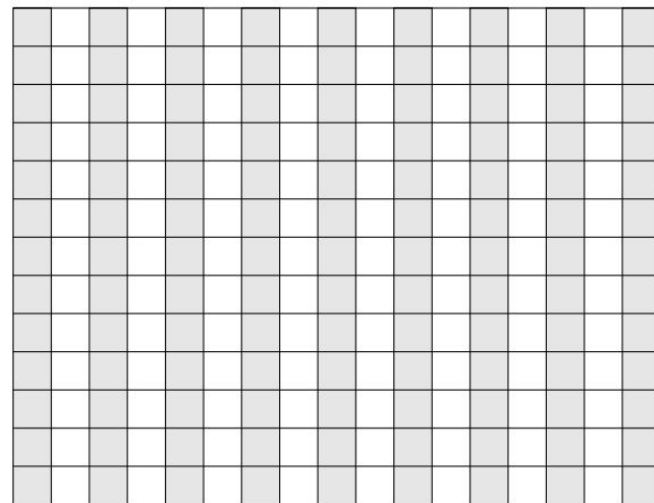
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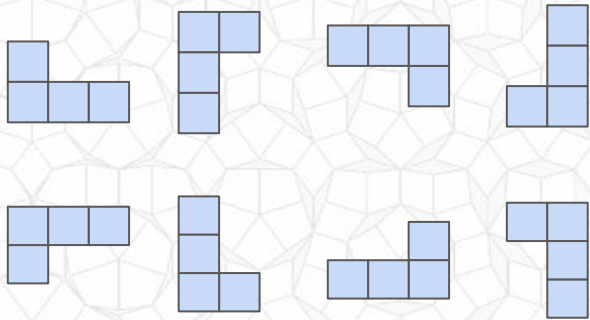


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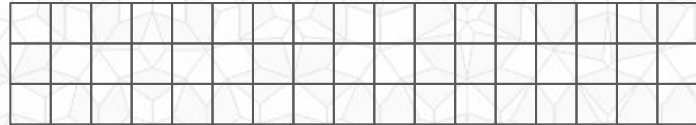


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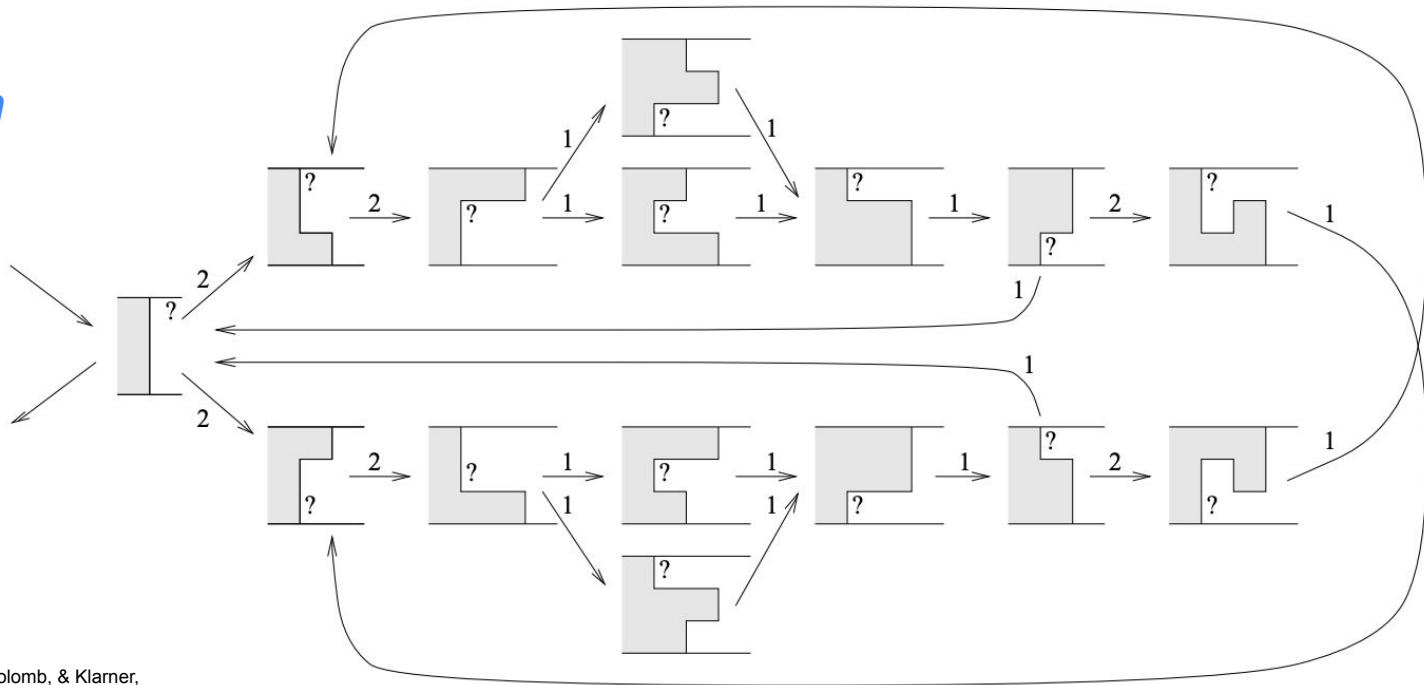


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- *Yes, we can build the following automaton of all of states:*



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# Puzzle from *Games Magazine* January 2022

## PENTOMINO PROBLEMS

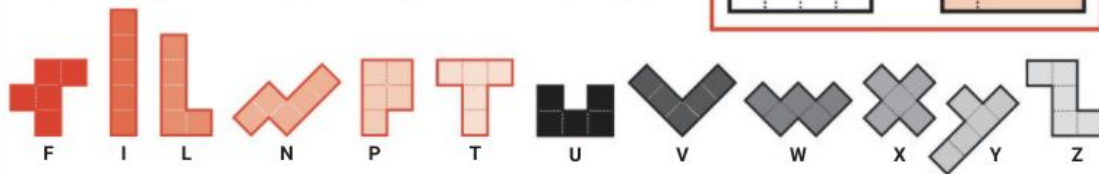
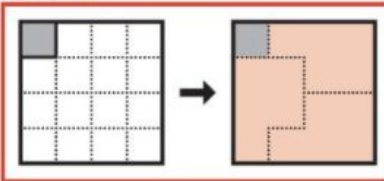
BY RODOLFO KURCHAN

The pentominoes are the 12 different shapes that you can make with 5 unit squares. They are often identified by the letters they resemble, as shown below.

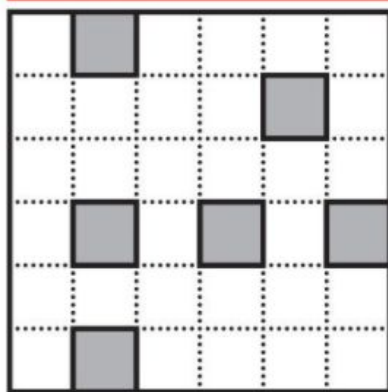
In these problems, your goal is to cover the white portion of each grid with copies of the same pentomino. Pentominoes may be rotated or reflected as needed. At right is an example of a 4x4 puzzle.

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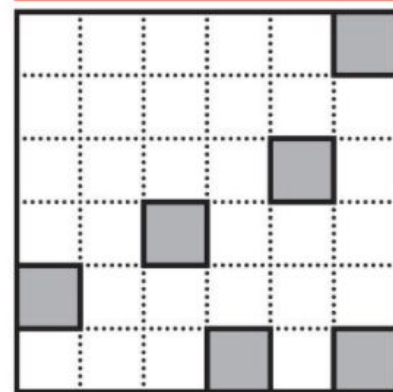
### EXAMPLE



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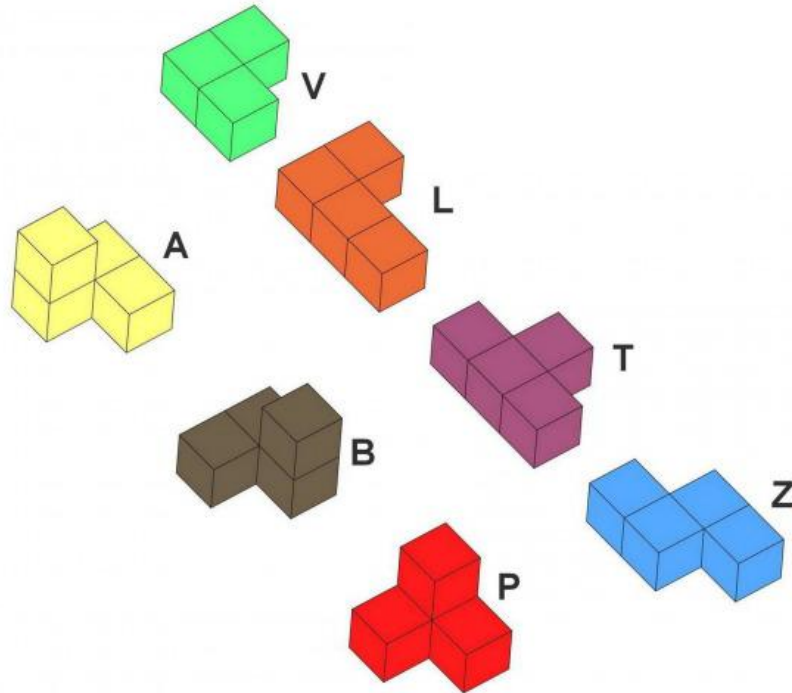


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# 3D Packing Puzzle: Soma Cube

*all possible combinations of three or four unit cubes, joined at their faces, such that at least one inside corner is formed.*

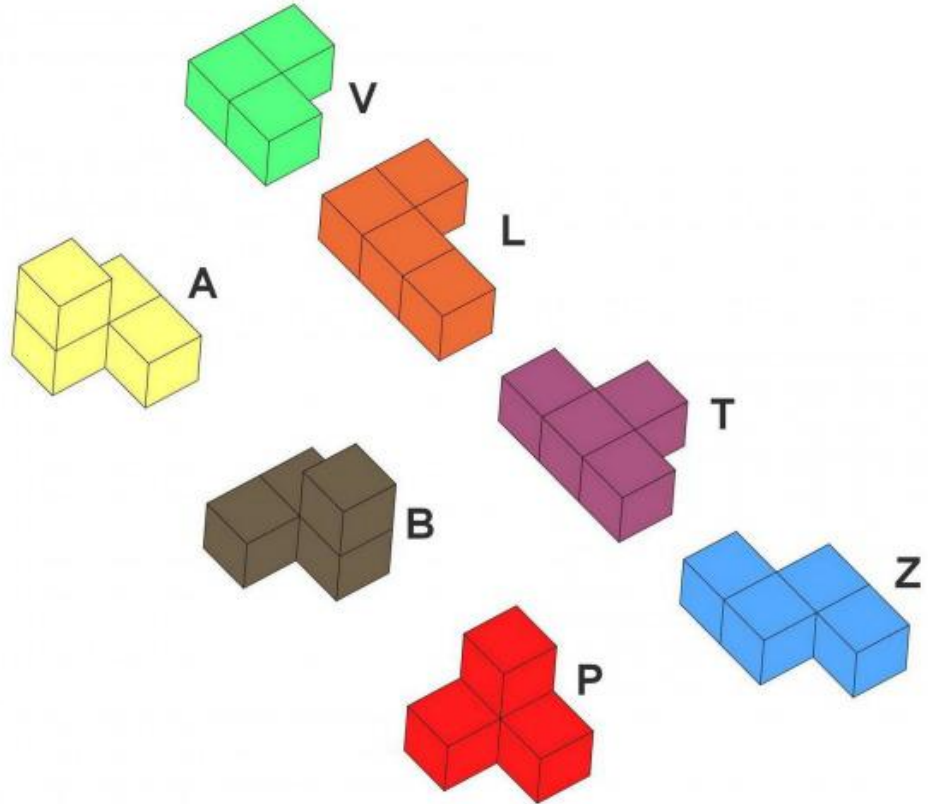


**Pack into a  
3x3x3 box**

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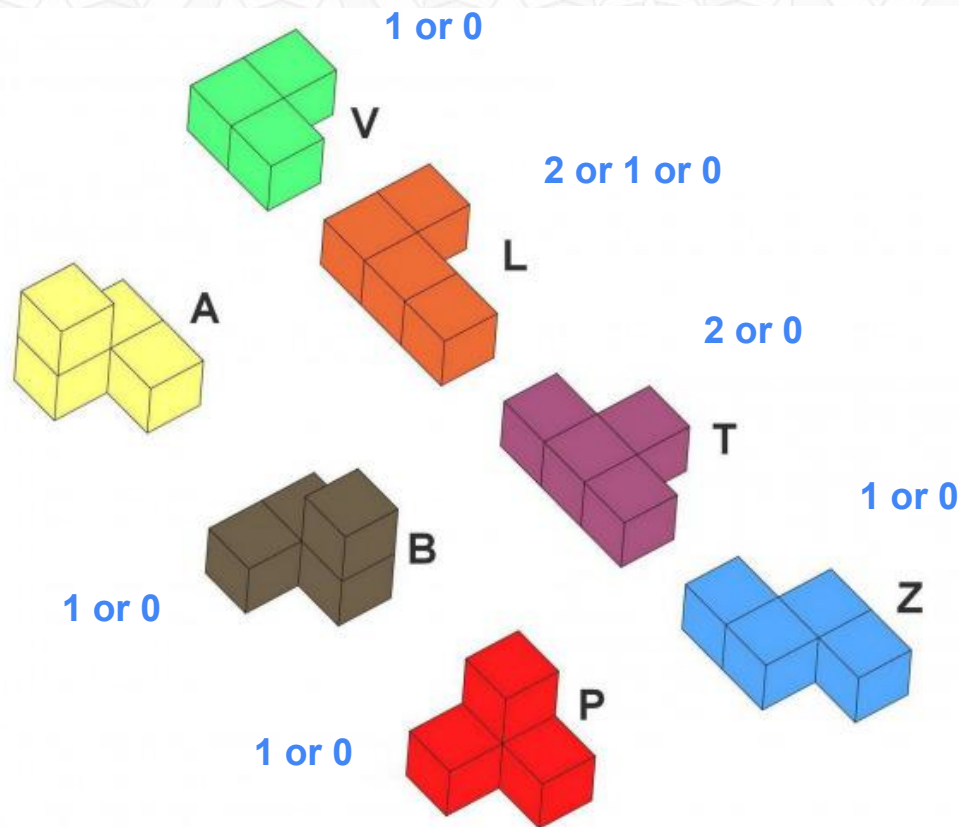




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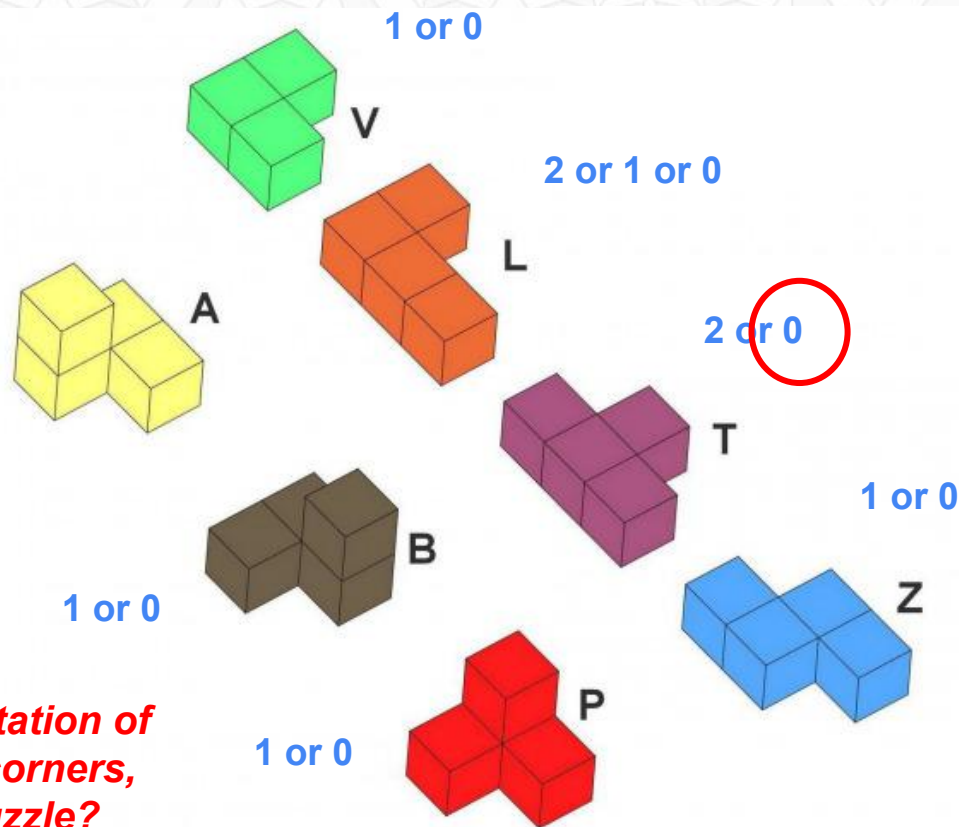


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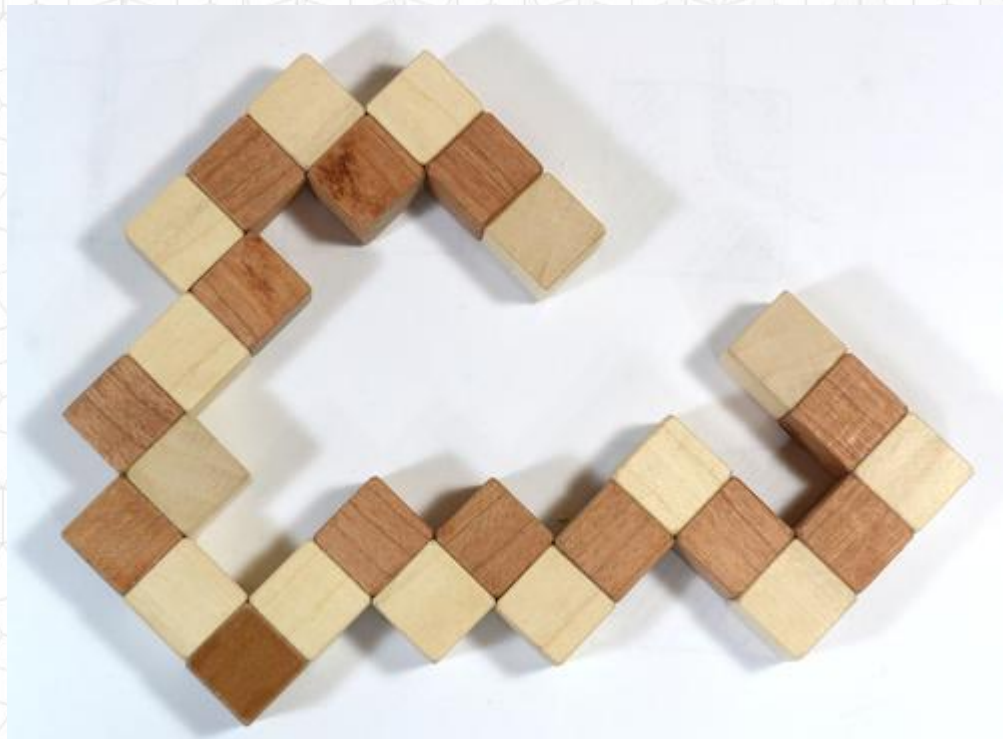
***If we choose the orientation of the T that covers no corners, can we solve the puzzle?***



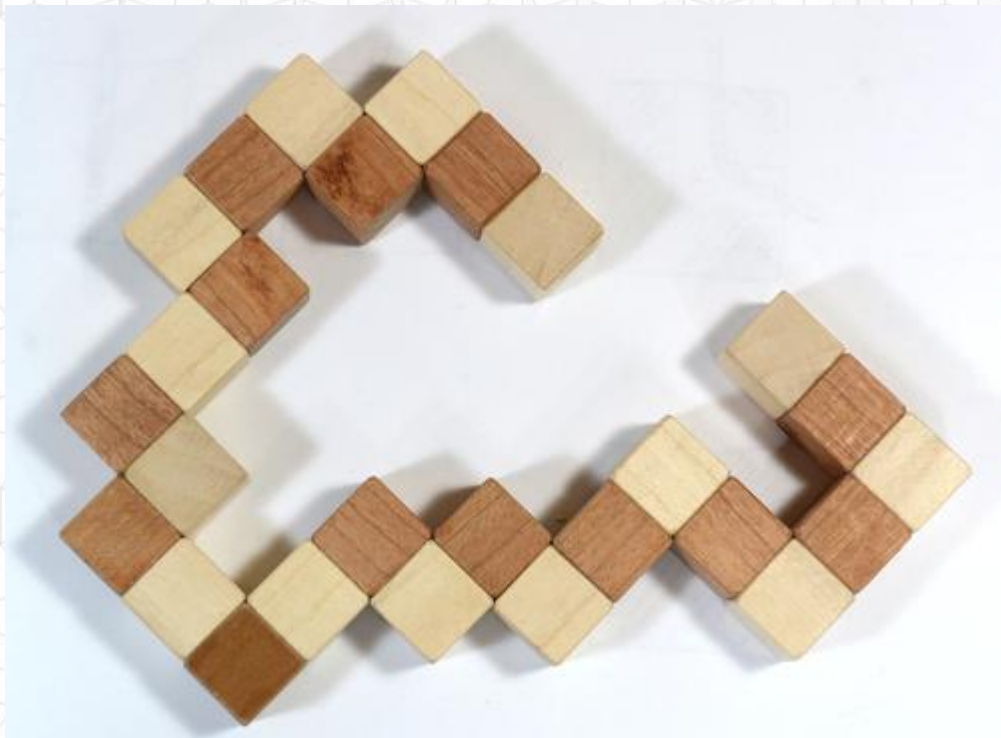
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# 3D Packing Puzzle: Snake Cube



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# 3D Packing Puzzle: Splitting Headache



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# Outline for Today

- Homework 5 Questions?
- Last Time: Signed Distance & Level Sets
- Polyominoes Terminology
- Counting Polyominoes
- Tiling / Packing Polyominoes
- Polyomino Themed Puzzles
- **Next Time: More Tiling!**