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CSCI 621: Digital Geometry Processing

8.2 Surface Smoothing



Mesh Optimization

Smoothing

• Low geometric noise

Fairing

• Simplest shape

Decimation

• Low complexity

Remeshing

Triangle Shape











Filter out high frequency noise



Desbrun, Meyer, Schroeder, Barr: *Implicit Fairing of Irregular Meshes using Diffusion and Curvature Flow*, SIGGRAPH 99

Filter out high frequency noise





Advanced Filtering



input data

low pass

exaggerate

Kim, Rosignac: Geofilter: Geometric Selection of Mesh Filter Parameters, Eurographics 05

Fair Surface Design



Schneider, Kobbelt: Geometric fairing of irregular meshes for free-form surface design, CAGD 18(4), 2001

Hole filling with energy-minimizing patches



Outline

- Spectral Analysis
- Diffusion Flow
- Energy Minimization

Represent a function as a weighted sum of sines and cosines





Joseph Fourier 1768 - 1830

$$f(x) = a_0 + a_1 \cos(x)$$

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$$f(x) = a_0 + a_1 \cos(x) + a_2 \cos(3x)$$

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$$f(x) = a_0 + a_1 \cos(x) + a_2 \cos(3x) + a_3 \cos(5x)$$

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 $f(x) = a_0 + a_1 \cos(x) + a_2 \cos(3x) + a_3 \cos(5x) + a_4 \cos(7x) + \dots$



Convolution

Smooth signal by convolution with a kernel function

$$h(x) = f * g := \int f(y) \cdot g(x - y) \, \mathrm{d}y$$

Example: Gaussian blurring





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Convolution in spatial domain ⇔ Multiplication in frequency domain

$$H(\omega) = F(\omega) \cdot G(\omega)$$



Fourier Analysis

Low-pass filter discards high frequencies



spatial domain

frequency domain

Spatial domain $f(x) \rightarrow$ **Frequency domain** F(w)

$$F(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{-2\pi i \omega x} dx$$

Multiply by low-pass filter G(w)

$$F(\omega) \leftarrow F(\omega) \cdot G(\omega)$$

Frequency domain $F(w) \rightarrow$ Spatial domain f(x)

$$f(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(\omega) e^{2\pi i \omega x} d\omega$$

Consider L^2 -function space with inner product

$$\langle f,g \rangle := \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) \,\overline{g(x)} \, \mathrm{d}x$$

Complex "waves" build an orthonormal basis

$$e_{\omega}(x) := e^{-2\pi i\omega x} = \cos(2\pi\omega x) - i\sin(2\pi\omega x)$$

Fourier transform is a change of basis

$$f(x) = \sum_{\omega = -\infty}^{\infty} \langle f, e_{\omega} \rangle \ e_{\omega} \ d\omega \quad \frown \quad f(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \langle f, e_{\omega} \rangle \ e_{\omega} \ d\omega$$

Fourier Analysis on Meshes?

- Only applicable to parametric patches
- Generalize frequency to the discrete setting
- Complex waves are Eigenfunctions of Laplace

$$\Delta \left(e^{2\pi i \omega x} \right) = \frac{\mathrm{d}^2}{\mathrm{d}x^2} e^{2\pi i \omega x} = -\left(2\pi\omega\right)^2 e^{2\pi i \omega x}$$

Use Eigenfunctions of discrete Laplace-Beltrami

Function values sampled at mesh vertices

$$\mathbf{f} = [f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n] \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

• Discrete Laplace-Beltrami (per vertex)

$$\Delta_{\mathcal{S}} f(v_i) := \frac{1}{2A_i} \sum_{v_j \in \mathcal{N}_1(v_i)} \left(\cot \alpha_{ij} + \cot \beta_{ij} \right) \left(f(v_j) - f(v_i) \right)$$



- Discrete Laplace Operator (per mesh)
 - Sparse matrix $\mathbf{L} = \mathbf{DM} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \vdots \\ \Delta_{\mathcal{S}}f(v_i) \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{L} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \vdots \\ f(v_i) \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix}$$

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$$\mathbf{M}_{ij} = \begin{cases} \cot \alpha_{ij} + \cot \beta_{ij}, & i \neq j, \ j \in \mathcal{N}_1(v_i) \\ -\sum_{v_j \in \mathcal{N}_1(v_i)} (\cot \alpha_{ij} + \cot \beta_{ij}) & i = j \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\mathbf{D} = \operatorname{diag}\left(\dots, \frac{1}{2A_i}, \dots\right)$$



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Spectral Analysis

- Setup Laplace-Beltrami matrix L
- Compute k smallest eigenvectors $\{\mathbf{e}_1, \ldots, \mathbf{e}_k\}$
- Reconstruct mesh from those (component-wise)

$$\mathbf{x} := [x_1, \dots, x_n] \qquad \mathbf{y} := [y_1, \dots, y_n] \qquad \mathbf{z} := [z_1, \dots, z_n]$$
$$\mathbf{x} \leftarrow \sum_{i=1}^k (\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{e}_i) \mathbf{e}_i \qquad \mathbf{y} \leftarrow \sum_{i=1}^k (\mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{e}_i) \mathbf{e}_i \qquad \mathbf{z} \leftarrow \sum_{i=1}^k (\mathbf{z}^T \mathbf{e}_i) \mathbf{e}_i$$

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Too complex for

large meshes!



Bruno Levy: *Laplace-Beltrami Eigenfunctions: Towards an algorithm that understands geometry*, Shape Modeling and Applications, 2006

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Diffusion Flow on Height Fields

Diffusion equation (this one is heat equation)

diffusion constant

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} = \lambda \Delta f$$
Laplace operator



Diffusion Flow on Meshes

Iterate $\mathbf{p}_i \leftarrow \mathbf{p}_i + \lambda \Delta \mathbf{p}_i$



Uniform Laplace Discretization

- Smoothes geometry and triangulation
- Can be non-zero even for planar triangulation
- Vertex drift can lead to distortions
- Might be desired for mesh regularization



Desbrun et al., Siggraph 1999

Mean Curvature Flow

Use diffusion flow with Laplace-Beltrami

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{p}}{\partial t} = \lambda \Delta_{\mathcal{S}} \mathbf{p}$$

• Laplace-Beltrami is parallel to surface normal



Mean Curvature Flow



Numerical Integration

• Write update $\mathbf{p}_i^{(t+1)} = \mathbf{p}_i^{(t)} + \lambda \Delta \mathbf{p}_i^{(t)}$ in matrix notation

$$\mathbf{P}^{(t)} = \left(\mathbf{p}_1^{(t)}, \dots, \mathbf{p}_n^{(t)}\right)^T \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times 3}$$

Corresponds to explicit integration

$$\mathbf{P}^{(t+1)} = (\mathbf{I} + \lambda \mathbf{L}) \mathbf{P}^{(t)}$$

Requires small λ for stability!

Implicit integration is unconditionally stable

$$\left(\mathbf{I} - \lambda \mathbf{L}\right) \mathbf{P}^{(t+1)} = \mathbf{P}^{(t)}$$

(backward Euler method)

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Fairness

- Idea: Penalize "unaesthetic behavior"
- Measure fairness
 - Principle of the simplest shape
 - Physical interpretation
- Minimize some fairness functional
 - Surface area, curvature
 - Membrane energy, thin plate energy

Minimal Surfaces



Enneper's Surface



Scherk's First Surface



Catenoid



Scherk's Second Surface



Helicoid



Schwarz P Surface

source: http://www.msri.org/about/sgp/jim/geom/minimal/library/index.html

Soap Films



Surface Area

$$dA = \|\mathbf{x}_u \times \mathbf{x}_v\| \, du \, dv$$

infinitesimal
Area = $\sqrt{\mathbf{x}_u^T \mathbf{x}_u \cdot \mathbf{x}_v^T \mathbf{x}_v} - (\mathbf{x}_u^T \mathbf{x}_v)^2 \, du \, dv$
= $\sqrt{EG - F^2} \, du \, dv$

cross product \rightarrow determinant with unit vectors \rightarrow area

Non-Linear Energies

• Membrane energy (surface area)

$$\int_{\mathcal{S}} \mathrm{d}A \to \min \quad \text{with} \quad \delta\mathcal{S} = \mathbf{c}$$

• Thin-plate surface (curvature)

$$\int_{\mathcal{S}} \kappa_1^2 + \kappa_2^2 \, \mathrm{d}A \to \min \quad \text{with} \quad \delta \mathcal{S} = \mathbf{c}, \ \mathbf{n}(\delta \mathcal{S}) = \mathbf{d}$$

• Too complex... simplify energies

Membrane Surfaces

Surface parameterization

$$\mathbf{p}:\Omega\subset {\rm I\!R}^2\to {\rm I\!R}^3$$

• Membrane energy (surface Area)

$$\int_{\Omega} \|\mathbf{p}_u\|^2 + \|\mathbf{p}_v\|^2 \,\mathrm{d} u \,\mathrm{d} v \to \min$$

Variational Calculus in 1D

• 1D membrane energy

$$L(f) = \int_{a}^{b} {f'}^{2}(x) \, \mathrm{d}x \to \min$$

• Add test function u with u(a) = u(b) = 0

$$L(f + \lambda u) = \int_{a}^{b} (f' + \lambda u')_{f}^{2} = \int_{a}^{b} f'^{2} + 2\lambda f' u' + \lambda^{2} {u'}^{2}$$

• If f minimizes L, the following has to vanish

$$\frac{\partial L(f+\lambda u)}{\partial \lambda}\Big|_{\lambda=0} = \int_a^b 2f'u' \stackrel{!}{=} 0$$

Variational Calculus in 1D

• Has to vanish for any u with u(a) = u(b) = 0

$$f'' = \Delta f = 0$$

Euler-Lagrange equation

Bivariate Variational Caculus

• Find minimum of functional

$$\underset{f}{\operatorname{argmin}} \int_{\Omega} L\left(f_{uu}, f_{vv}, f_{u}, f_{v}, f, u, v\right)$$

• Euler-lagrange PDE defines the minimizer

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial f} - \frac{\partial}{\partial u}\frac{\partial L}{\partial f_u} - \frac{\partial}{\partial v}\frac{\partial L}{\partial f_v} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial u^2}\frac{\partial L}{\partial f_{uu}} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial u\partial v}\frac{\partial L}{\partial f_{uv}} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial v^2}\frac{\partial L}{\partial f_{vv}} = 0$$

Again, subject to suitable boundary constraints

Bivariate Variational Caculus

Surface parameterization

$$\mathbf{p}:\Omega\subset \mathbb{R}^2\to \mathbb{R}^3$$

- Membrane energy (surface area) $\int_{\Omega} \|\mathbf{p}_u\|^2 + \|\mathbf{p}_v\|^2 \,\mathrm{d} u \mathrm{d} v \ \to \ \min$
- Variational caculus

$$\Delta \mathbf{p} = 0$$

Thin-Plate Surface

Surface parameterization

$$\mathbf{p}: \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}^3$$

• Thin-plate energy (curvature)

$$\int_{\Omega} \left\| \mathbf{p}_{uu} \right\|^2 + 2 \left\| \mathbf{p}_{uv} \right\|^2 + \left\| \mathbf{p}_{vv} \right\|^2 \mathrm{d}u \mathrm{d}v \to \min$$

Variational caculus

$$\Delta^2 \mathbf{p} = 0$$

Energy Functionals



Analysis

Minimizer surfaces satisfy Euler-Lagrange PDE

$$\Delta_{\mathcal{S}}^{k}\mathbf{p} = 0$$

• They are stationary surfaces of Laplacian flow

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{p}}{\partial t} = \Delta_{\mathcal{S}}^k \mathbf{p}$$

• Explicit flow integration corresponds to iterative solution of linear system

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Next Time



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Parameterization

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Thanks!

