Computational Topology in Reconstruction, Mesh Generation, and Data Analysis

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- d-ball B^d $\{x \in \mathbb{R}^d \mid ||x|| \leq 1\}$
- *d*-sphere S^d $\{x \in \mathbb{R}^d \mid ||x|| = 1\}$



- k-manifold: neighborhoods 'homeomorphic' to open k-ball
 - 2-sphere, torus, double torus are 2-manifolds

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Maps

- Homeomorphism h: T₁ → T₂ where h is continuous, bijective and has continuous inverse
- Isotopy : continuous deformation that maintains homeomorphism
- homotopy equivalence: map linked to continuous deformation only







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• Triangulation: K is a triangulation of a topological space T if $T \approx |K|$

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Surface Reconstruction



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Sampling

• Sample $P \subset \Sigma \subset \mathbb{R}^3$



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Local Feature Size



• Lfs(x) is the distance to medial axis

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ε -sample (Amenta-Bern-Eppstein 98)



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Theorem (Cocone: Amenta-Choi-Dey-Leekha 2000)

The output surface computed by COCONE from an ε – sample is homeomorphic to the sampled surface for ε < 0.06.

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Restricted Voronoi/Delaunay

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Restricted Voronoi: $\operatorname{Vor} P|_{\Sigma}$: Intersection of $\operatorname{Vor} (P)$ with the surface/manifold Σ .



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Restricted Delaunay: $\operatorname{Del} P|_{\Sigma}$: dual of $\operatorname{Vor} P|_{\Sigma}$



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Theorem (D.-Li-Ramos-Wenger 2009)

Given a sufficiently dense sample of a smooth compact surface Σ with boundary one can compute a Delaunay mesh isotopic to Σ .

Open: Reconstructing nonsmooth surfaces

• Guarantee of homeomorphism is open





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Surface and volume mesh



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Mesh generation

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Sampling Theorem Modified

Theorem (Boissonnat-Oudot 05)

If $P \in \Sigma$ is such that each Voronoi edge-surface intersection x lies within $\varepsilon Lfs(x)$ from a sample, then for $\varepsilon < 0.09$, $Del P|_{\Sigma}$ satisfies:

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Basic Delaunay Refinement

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Surface Delaunay Refinement

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- If some Voronoi edge intersects Σ at x with d(x, P) > λLFS(x), insert x in P and repeat
- If restricted triangles around a vertex p do not form a topological disk, insert furthest x where a dual Voronoi edge of a triangle around p intersects Σ
- Return Del P|_Σ

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Data Analysis by Persistent Homology

• Persistent homology [Edelsbrunner-Letscher-Zomorodian 00], [Zomorodian-Carlsson 02]



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Topological persistence

- r(x) = d(x, P): distance to point cloud P
- Sublevel sets $r^{-1}[0, a]$ are union of balls
- Evolution of the sublevel sets with increasing *a*–left hole persists longer
- Persistent homology quantizes this idea



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Persistent Homology

- $f:\mathbb{T}\to\mathbb{R}; \mathbb{T}_a=f^{-1}(-\infty,a]$, the sublevel set
- T_a ⊆ T_b for a ≤ b provides inclusion map ι : T_a → T_b
- Induced map $\iota_* : H_p(\mathbb{T}_a) \to H_p(\mathbb{T}_b)$ giving the sequence



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Theorem (Cohen-Steiner, Edelsbrunner, Harer 06)

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