# IFT 6113 SURFACE RECONSTRUCTION tiny.cc/6113 



Image from https://doc.cgal.org/latest/Poisson_surface_reconstruction_3/index.html

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## Some slides from Alla Sheffer, Justin Solomon, and Hao Li

## 3D Reconstruction Pipeline



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## Registration Problem



Align two overlapping objects

## Rough Plan

- ICP algorithm

A classic!

- ICP variants


## Starting Point



$$
q_{i}=R p_{i}+t
$$

## Can align given enough matches

## How many

 correspondences determine $R$ and $t$ ?
# How do you get correspondences? 

## Rough Approximation



Closest points correspond

## Try a Second Time...



## Iterative Closest Point (ICP)

- Choose e.g. 1000 random points
- Match each to closest point on other scan
- Reject pairs with distance $>k$ times median
- Minimize

$$
E[R, t]:=\sum_{i}\left\|R p_{i}+t-q_{i}\right\|^{2}
$$

- Iterate
"A method for registration of 3-D shapes."
Besl and McKay, PAMI 1992.


## On the Board

$$
\min _{t \in \mathbb{R}^{3}, R^{\top}} \sum_{R=I}\left\|R p_{i}+t-q_{i}\right\|^{2}
$$

Closed-form formulas!

## Many (!) Variants of ICP

- Source points from one or both meshes
- Matching to points in the other mesh
- Weighting correspondences
- Rejecting outlier point pairs
- Alternative error metrics


## Point-to-Plane Error Metric

## Flat parts can slide along each other



$$
\begin{aligned}
& E[R, t]:=\sum_{i}\left(\left(R p_{i}+t-q_{i}\right)^{\top} n_{i}\right)^{2} \\
& \approx \sum_{i}\left[\left(p_{i}-q_{i}\right)^{\top} n_{i}+r^{\top}\left(p_{i} \times n_{i}\right)+t^{\top} n_{i}\right)^{2} \text { after linearizing } \\
& \text { where } r:=\left(r_{x}, r_{y}, r_{z}\right) \\
& \text { LOeast- } \\
& \text { LObect modelling by registration of multiple range images" }
\end{aligned}
$$

Chen and Medioni, Image and Vision Computing 10.3 (1992); image courtesy N. Mitra

## Closest Compatible Point

Can improve matching effectiveness by restricting match to compatible points

- Compatibility of colors [Godin et al. 94]
- Compatibility of normals [Pulli 99]
- Other possibilities:
curvatures, higher-order derivatives, and other local features


# Choose Points to Improve Stability 



Uniform Sampling


Stable Sampling

## Local Covariance



3 small eigenvalues
2 translation
1 rotation


1 small eigenvalue
1 rotation


3 small eigenvalues 3 rotation


2 small eigenvalues
1 translation 1 rotation


1 small eigenvalue
1 translation
[Gelfand et al. 2004]

## Stability Analysis



Key:
3 DOFs stable
5 DOFs stable

4 DOFs stable
6 DOFs stable

## Alternative: Uniform Normals



Random Sampling


Normal-space Sampling

## Convergence Funnel Visualization



## Translation in cz plane Rotation about y


$\square$ Converges
$\square$ Does not converge

Slide courtesy N. Mitra

## Distance Field Method

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { Co } \\
& \text { - } \\
& \text { ( ) } \\
& \text { ( ) } \\
& \text { (1) } \\
& \text { ( } \\
& \text { C }
\end{aligned}
$$

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## Point-to-Plane

$$
\begin{array}{ccccc} 
\\
C O C O \\
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\end{array}
$$

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Issue: ICP Three Times


## Usually have $\geq 2$ scans

## Improve Sequential Alignment?



Prevent "drift"

# Simple Methods 

- Align everything to anchor scan Which to choose? Dependence on anchor?
- Align to union of previous scans Order dependence? Speed?
- Simultaneously align everything using ICP
Local optima? Computational expense?


## Graph Approach



Align similar scans, then assemble

## Lu and Milios

## - Pairwise phase Compute pairwise ICP on graph

- Global alignment

Least-squares rotation/translation

# Failed ICP in Global Registration 



Correct global registration

Possible to


Global registration including bad ICP

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Who are the neighbors?
$\Leftrightarrow$ What's the connectivity/topology

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## Basic Reconstruction: Zippering

## Single scan $\rightarrow$ mesh

- regular lattice of points in X and Y with changing depth $(Z)=$ height map
Register
Merge meshes



## One scan $\rightarrow$ mesh

- Find quadruples of lattice points
- Form triangles
- Find shortest diagonal
- Form two triangles (test depth)



## One scan $\rightarrow$ mesh

## Avoid connecting depth discontinuities



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# Merging <br> 2 overlapping meshes 

## Zippering

- Remove overlapping portion of the mesh
- Use for consensus geometry
- Clip one mesh against another
- Remove triangles introduced during clipping



## Post-processing



Move vertices to their average positions over all scans

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## 2D: connect the dots




Connectivity?
Edges should be far from other points

## 2D: connect the dots



## Delaunay Triangulation

Edge $e$ is Delaunay $\Leftrightarrow$ some circumcircle of $e$ contains no other sample points

## 2D: connect the dots



Which edges to pick?

## Recall:

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Edges should be "far" from Medial Axis

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Voronoi diagram approximates Medial Axis if points are sampled densely enough

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Edge $e$ in crust $\Leftrightarrow$
circumcircle of $e$ contains no other sample points or Voronoi vertices of $S$

## Crust: Algorithm



Compute Voronoi diagram of S

$$
V=\{\text { Voronoi vertices }\}
$$

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Compute Delaunay Triangulation of $S \cup V$ Crust = all edges between points of S

## 3D Crust Algorithm

- Extend 2D approach
- Voronoi vertex is equidistant from 4 sample points
- BUT in 3D not all Voronoi vertices are near medial axis (regardless of sampling density)



## 3D Crust Algorithm

Some vertices of the Voronoi cell are near medial axis
Intuitively - cell is closed not just from the sides but also from "top" \& "bottom"


## 3D Crust Algorithm

Solution: use only two farthest vertices of $V_{s}$ - one on each side of the surface

- Call vertices poles of $\mathrm{s}\left(\mathrm{p}^{+}, \mathrm{p}^{-}\right)$



## 3D Crust Algorithm

- Compute Voronoi diagram of S
- For each $s_{i} \in S$, compute

$$
P=\left\{p_{i}^{+}, p_{i}^{-}\right\}
$$

- Compute Delaunay triangulation $T$ of $S \cup P$

Crust $=$ all triangles in $T$ with vertices in $S$

## Results



## Problems \& Modifications

Correct in the absence of noise

Slow-ish
Need dense samples
Problems at sharp corners
Noise


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## Marching Cubes

- Each voxel:
- Has values at 8 corners
- Has 256 possible configurations
- 15 after counting symmetries and rotations
- Either
- Inside isosurface
- Outside isosurface
- Intersects isosurface

- Can extract triangulation independently per voxel


## Marching Cubes

For each intersecting voxel contains triangles of the isosurface


## Configurations

- For each configuration add 1-4 triangles to isosurface
- Isosurface vertices computed by:
- Interpolation along edges (according to grid values)


## Example



## Problem

Can produce non-manifold results and wrong genus


- What if those two are adjacent?
- Each is ambiguous
- Consistency?


## Ambiguous Faces



- Two locally valid interpretations

- Source of MC consistency problem


## Solution

For those cases, store multiple triangulations

2.0 Asymptotic Decider

Choose one that agrees with neighbor voxels

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# Signed distance function 

## Distance to points is not enough Need more structure



## Signed distance function

## How can we tell inside from outside? <br> Estimate normals.


$+$

## Estimating normals

- Fit a plane into neighborhood of each point
- Neighborhood $=k$ nearest neighbors
- Determine consistent normal orientation



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- Fit a plane into neighborhood of each point
- Neighborhood $=k$ nearest neighbors
- Use spatial decompositions (BSP-trees)
- Determine consistent normal orientation



## Fitting plane

$$
\min _{c \in \mathbb{R}^{3},\|n\|=1} \sum_{i}\left(n^{T}\left(p_{i}-c\right)\right)^{2}
$$

On the board, time permitting

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- Make sure $n_{i} \cdot n_{j}>0$ for neighbors



## Signed Distance Function

- Distance to tangent planes
- [Hoppe et al. ‘92]


150 samples

reconstruction
on $50^{3}$ grid

## Signed Distance Function

- Smoother: RBF basis


Hoppe '92
Compact RBF
Wendland $\mathrm{C}^{2}$
Global RBF
Triharmonic

## Signed Distance Function

- Poisson surface reconstruction
- [Kazhdan et al. ‘06]


## Signed Distance Function

- Poisson surface reconstruction
- Solve for indicator function

$$
\chi_{M}(p)= \begin{cases}1 & \text { if } p \in M \\ 0 & \text { if } p \notin M\end{cases}
$$



$$
\chi_{M}
$$



Oriented points

Indicator function $\chi_{M}$

## Idea

## Oriented normals =

 gradient of an indicator function?

Oriented points


Indicator gradient $\nabla \chi_{M}$

## Idea

# Oriented normals $\Rightarrow$ vector field $\vec{V}$ <br> Find indicator function: 

$$
\min _{\chi}\|\vec{V}-\nabla \chi\|^{2}
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Differentiate,


## Process




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