

计算机图形学 Computer Graphics

Discrete Differential Coordinates

(Laplacian Coordinates)

Mesh Surface: 2D Graph in 3D



Cardinal Coordinates

(x, y, z) coordinates

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v 1.5 -0.960751 -1.2232 v 0.81 -0.891238 -3.74258 v 0.16 -0.233535 -2.28405 v 1.49 -2.44325 -3.6962 v 1.59 -2.98815 -4.15761 v 1.66 -2.81016 -4.10777 v 1.41 -1.14861 -1.92823 v 1 -1.40023 -3.80159 v 0.88 -1.33122 -3.83517 v 1.69 -2.60816 -4.12133 v 1.68 -2.36516 -4.13078



Pros and Cons?

Local Structure

Small-sized Cells

• 1-ring neighborhood



Differential Coordinates (Laplace Coordinates)

- Represent local detail at each surface point
 - better describe the shape
- Linear transition from global to differential
- Useful for operations on surfaces where surface details are important

What are the surface Details?

- Detail = surface smoothed (surface)
- Smoothing = averaging



Differential Coordinates

• Differential coordinates are defined by the discrete Laplacian operator:



Weighting Schemes (Barycentric coordinates)

• Uniform weight (geometry oblivious)

 $w_j = 1$

- Cotangent weight (geometry aware) $w_j = (\cot \alpha + \cot \beta)$
- Normalization

$$w_j = \frac{w_j}{\sum_j w_j}$$



What's the Difference?

• Absolute (global) Coordinate

$$v_i = (x_i, y_i, z_i)$$

• Relative (local) Coordinate

$$v_i = \sum_{j \in N(i)} w_j v_j + \delta_i$$





给定带有边界的空间三角网格,能否由边界及 Laplacian坐标唯一确定该网格?



Poisson Image Editing: 由边界及其内部的梯度(散度)可决定图像内容

Direct Detail Preservation



Rotation Transformation





$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{b}_1 - \mathbf{b}_i \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{b}_N - \mathbf{b}_i \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 - a_i \\ \vdots \\ a_N - a_i \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{R}_i$$

Laplacian Matrix

The transition between δ and xyz is linear:



$$A_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & i \in N(j) \\ 0 & otherwise \end{cases}$$
$$L = I - D^{-1} A$$
$$D_{ij} = \begin{cases} d_i & i = j \\ 0 & otherwise \end{cases}$$

Laplacian Matrix

The transition between δ and *xyz* is linear:



Reconstruction

- From relative coordinates to absolute coordinates
- Solving a sparse linear system

$$Lv = \delta$$



Basic properties

- rank(L) = n c (n 1 for connected meshes)
- We can reconstruct the geometry from δ up to global translation

$$Lx = \delta$$

Reconstruction

• Soft constraints

$$L^T L v = L^T \delta$$



Variational Viewpoint

• Laplacian Approximation

$$\widetilde{x} = \underset{x}{\operatorname{argmin}} \left(\left\| Lx - \delta^{(x)} \right\|^2 + \omega^2 \sum_{j \in C} \left\| x_j - c_j \right\|^2 \right)$$

• Gradient Approximation

$$\min_{\phi} \int_{\Omega} \|\nabla \phi - w\|^2 dA$$

Geometric Meaning

- DCs represent the **local** detail / shape description
 - The direction approximates the normal
 - The size approximates the mean curvature



$$\lim_{\operatorname{len}(\gamma)\to 0} \frac{1}{\operatorname{len}(\gamma)} \int_{v\in\gamma} (v_i - v) \, ds = H(v_i) n_i$$

Laplacian Mesh Editing

Laplacian editing

- Local detail representation enables detail preservation through various modeling tasks
- Representation with sparse matrices
- Efficient linear surface reconstruction



Laplacian editing – shape deformation



• "Peel" the coating of one surface and transfer to another



• Correspondence:



- Parameterization onto a common domain
- Warp to align features, if needed

• Detail peeling:



Smoothing by [Desbrun et al.99]

$$\xi_i = \delta_i - \tilde{\delta}_i$$

• Changing local frames:



• Reconstruction of target surface from: δ_{target}

$$\delta_{\text{target}} = \delta_i' + \xi_i'$$



Examples



Examples



Mixing Laplacians

• Taking weighted average of δ_i and δ'_i



Mesh transplanting

- The user defines
 - Part to transplant
 - Where to transplant
 - Spatial orientation and scale
- Topological stitching
- Geometrical stitching via Laplacian mixing



Mesh transplanting

• Details gradually change in the transition area





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Invariance – solutions

- Explicit transformation of the differential coordinates prior to surface reconstruction
 - Lipman et al, [SMI04], "Differential Coordinates for Interactive Mesh Editing",
 - Estimation of rotations from naive reconstruction
 - Yu et al [SIGGRAPH04], "Mesh Editing With Poisson-Based Gradient Field Manipulation",
 - Propagation of handle transformation to the rest of the ROI using geodesic distances
 - Zayer et al [EG 05], "Harmonic Guidance for Surface Deformation",
 - Propagation of handle transformation to the rest of the ROI using harmonic functions

Linear Rotation-invariant Coordinates

[Siggraph 05]

- Keep a local frame at each vertex
- Prescribe changes to some selected frames



- Encode the differences between adjacent frames
- Solve for the new frames in least-squares sense

$$\boldsymbol{a}_{i} - \boldsymbol{a}_{j} = \boldsymbol{\alpha}_{1}\boldsymbol{a}_{i} + \boldsymbol{\alpha}_{2}\boldsymbol{b}_{i} + \boldsymbol{\alpha}_{3}\boldsymbol{n}_{i}$$

$$\boldsymbol{b}_{i} - \boldsymbol{b}_{j} = \boldsymbol{\beta}_{1}\boldsymbol{a}_{i} + \boldsymbol{\beta}_{2}\boldsymbol{b}_{i} + \boldsymbol{\beta}_{3}\boldsymbol{n}_{i}$$

$$\boldsymbol{n}_{i} - \boldsymbol{n}_{j} = \boldsymbol{\gamma}_{1}\boldsymbol{a}_{i} + \boldsymbol{\gamma}_{2}\boldsymbol{b}_{i} + \boldsymbol{\gamma}_{3}\boldsymbol{n}_{i}$$

... ...



- Reconstruction:
 - After having the frames, solve for positions



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Differential Processing

- Local detail representation
- Representation with sparse matrices
- Efficient linear surface reconstruction

See:

[EG05 – Laplacian Mesh Processing]

Recap

- Differential coordinates represent local details
- Good for applications that wish to preserve local details
 - shape approximation
 - shape editing
- Reconstruction by linear least-squares
 - smoothly distributes the error across the domain
 - reasonably efficient

极小曲面 (Minimal Surface)



平均曲率处处为0的曲面











极小曲面的例子





建筑中的极小曲面: 膜结构



















• 给定带有边界的三角网格







• 平均曲率处处为0

 $H(v_i) = 0, \forall i$





 $\delta_i = \frac{1}{d_i} \sum_{v \in N(i)} (v_i - v)$

 $\frac{1}{\operatorname{len}(\gamma)} \int_{v \in \gamma} (v_i - v) \, ds$

$$\lim_{\operatorname{len}(\gamma)\to 0} \frac{1}{\operatorname{len}(\gamma)} \int_{v\in\gamma} (v_i - v) \, ds = H(v_i) n_i$$

思考:如何生成极小曲面?

• 插值给定空间边界曲线的极小曲面



Thank you! Questions?