

## Geometric Modeling - Basics



## Geometry

- Mathematical models of real world shapes - Most common: Boundary representations


Freeform smooth surface


- Alternative: Volumetric representations


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## Splines - Free Form Curves

- Geometric meaning of coefficients (base)
- Approximate/interpolate set of positions, derivatives, etc..



## Splines - Free Form Curves

- Usually parametric
- $C(t)=[x(t), y(t)]$ or $C(t)=[x(t), y(t), z(t)]$
- Description = basis functions + coefficients

$$
\begin{aligned}
& C(t)=\sum_{i=0}^{n} P_{i} B_{i}(t)=(x(t), y(t)) \\
& x(t)=\sum_{i=0}^{n} P_{i}^{x} B_{i}(t) \\
& y(t)=\sum_{i=0}^{n} P_{i}^{y} B_{i}(t)
\end{aligned}
$$

- Same basis functions for all coordinates
- Geometrically-oriented coefficients
- 2 positions +2 tangents
- Require $C(0)=P_{0}, C(1)=P_{1}, C^{\prime}(0)=T_{0}, C^{\prime}(1)=T_{1}$
- Define basis function per requirement

$$
C(t)=P_{0} h_{00}(t)+P_{1} h_{01}(t)+T_{0} h_{10}(t)+T_{1} h_{11}(t)
$$

## Hermite Basis Functions

$$
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$$

- To enforce $C(0)=P_{0}, C(1)=P_{1}, C^{\prime}(0)=T_{0}, C^{\prime}(1)=T_{1}$ basis should satisfy

$$
h_{i j}(t): i, j=0,1, t \in[0,1]
$$

| curve | $C(0)$ | $C(1)$ | $C^{\prime}(0)$ | $C^{\prime}(1)$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $h_{00}(t)$ | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| $h_{01}(t)$ | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| $h_{10}(t)$ | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| $h_{11}(t)$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |

## Hermite Cubic Basis

- Can satisfy with cubic polynomials as basis

$$
h_{i j}(t)=a_{3} t^{3}+a_{2} t^{2}+a_{1} t+a_{0}
$$

- Obtain - solve 4 linear equations in 4 unknowns for each basis function

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## Hermite Cubic Basis

- Four polynomials that satisfy the conditions

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
h_{00}(t)=t^{2}(2 t-3)+1 & h_{01}(t)=-t^{2}(2 t-3) \\
h_{10}(t)=t(t-1)^{2} & h_{11}(t)=t^{2}(t-1)
\end{array}
$$





## From Curves to Surfaces - Tensor Splines

- Curve is expressed as inner product of $P_{i}$ coefficients and basis functions

$$
C(u)=\sum_{i=0}^{n} P_{i} B_{i}(u)
$$

- To extend curves to surfaces - treat surface as a curve of curves
- Assume $P_{i}$ is not constant, but a function of second parameter v: $P_{i}(v)=\sum_{j=0}^{m} Q_{i j} B_{j}(v)$

$$
C(u, v)=\sum_{i=0}^{n} \sum_{j=0}^{m} Q_{i j} B_{j}(v) B_{i}(u)
$$



## Bilinear Patches

- Bilinear interpolation of 4 3D points

$$
P_{00}, P_{01}, P_{10}, P_{11}
$$

- surface analog of line segment curve



## Bilinear Patches

- Given $P_{00}, P_{01}, P_{10}, P_{11}$ associated parametric bilinear surface for $u, v \in[0,1]$ is:

$$
P(u, v)=(1-u)(1-v) P_{00}+(1-u) v P_{01}+u(1-v) P_{10}+u v P_{11}
$$

- Questions:
- What does an isoparametric curve of a bilinear patch look like ?
- When is a bilinear patch planar?



## Voxels

- Voxel - cube with values at eight corners
- Each value is above or below isovalue $\alpha$
- $2^{8}=256$ possible configurations (per voxel)
- reduced to 15 (symmetry and rotations)
- Each voxel is either:
- Entirely inside isosurface
- Entirely outside isosurface
- Intersected by isosurface

- MC main observation: Can extract triangulation independently per voxel


## Basic MC Algorithm

- For each voxel produce set of triangles
- Based on above/below corner configuration
- Empty for non-intersecting voxels
- Approximate surface inside voxel

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## Configurations

- For each configuration add 1-4 triangles to isosurface
- Isosurface vertices computed by:
- Interpolation along edges (according to grid values)
- better shading, smoother surfaces
- Default - mid-edges


- Voxel with configuration 6 sharing face with

Complement of configuration 3
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## Ambiguous Faces

- Face containing two diagonally opposite marked grid points and two unmarked ones

- Two locally valid interpretations



## Consistency

- Problem:
- Connection of isosurface points on shared face done one way on one face \& another way on the other
- Need consistency $\rightarrow$ use different triangulations
- If choices are consistent get topologically correct surface


## Solution

- For each problematic configuration have more than one triangulation

- Distinguish different cases by choosing pairwise connections of four vertices on common face

- Example:


## Asymptotic Decider

- "Guess" value at quad center
- Use bilinear interpolation to obtain


$$
\begin{gathered}
B(s, t)=\left(\begin{array}{ll}
1-s & s
\end{array}\right)\left(\begin{array}{ll}
B_{00} & B_{01} \\
B_{10} & B_{11}
\end{array}\right)\binom{1-t}{t} \\
\{(s, t): 0 \leq s \leq 1, \quad 0 \leq t \leq 1\} \\
=B_{i j} \text { - isovalues at face corners }
\end{gathered}
$$

## Ambiguous Faces

- If center value closer to "green" choose

. Else



## Various Cases

- Some configurations have no ambiguous faces $\rightarrow$ no modifications
- Other configurations need modifications according to number of ambiguous faces
- Apply decoder to each face to decide on triangulation template


