CS 532: 3D Computer Vision Lecture 10



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Lecture Outline

- Meshes
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3D Polygonal Mesh

• Set of polygons representing a 2D surface embedded in 3D



3D Polygonal Mesh



3D Polygon

- Region "inside" a sequence of coplanar points
- Points in counter-clockwise order
 - Define normal

3D Polygonal Meshes

Why are they of interest?

- Simple, common representation
- Rendering with hardware support
- Output of many acquisition tools
- Input to many simulation/analysis tools

Surface Normals



Curvature



Figure 32: curvature of curve at P is 1/k

Rigid Transformations

- Compare with implicit representations
 - level sets







Deformations



Deformations



Smoothing



Thouis "Ray" Jones



Sharpen





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Definitions

- A polygonal mesh consists of three kinds of mesh elements: vertices, edges, and faces.
- The information describing the mesh elements are mesh connectivity and mesh geometry.
- The mesh connectivity, or topology, describes the incidence relations among mesh elements (e.g., adjacent vertices and edges of a face, etc).
- The mesh geometry specifies the position and other geometric characteristics of each vertex.

Definitions

- A polygonal mesh is a manifold if
 - Each edge is incident to only one or two faces, and
 - The faces incident to a vertex form a closed or an open fan.
- The orientation of a face is a cyclic ordering of the incident vertices.
- The orientation of a pair of adjacent faces is compatible, if the two vertices of the single common edge are in opposite order.
- A manifold mesh is orientable if any two adjacent faces have compatible orientation



Definitions

- Boundary edge: adjacent to exactly 1 face
- Regular edge: adjacent to exactly 2 faces
- Singular edge: adjacent to more than 2 faces
- Closed mesh: mesh with no boundary edges

Another Mesh Definition...

- A set of finite number of closed polygons
 - Intersection of inner polygonal areas is empty
 - Intersection of 2 polygons from is either empty, a point or an edge
 - Every edge belongs to at least one polygon
 - The set of all edges which belong only to one polygon are called edges of the polygonal mesh and are either empty or form a single closed polygon

Non-Manifold Meshes

- Manifold Conditions:
 - Each edge is incident to only one or two faces,
 - The faces incident to a vertex form a closed or an open fan.
- The following examples are non-manifold meshes!



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Euler-Poincaré Characteristic

 Given a 2-manifold mesh M without boundary, the Euler-Poincaré characteristic of M is χ(M)
 = V-E+F, where V, E and F are the number of vertices, number of edges, and number of faces.



V=8, E=12, F=6 $\chi(M) = V-E+F=2$

V=16, E=32, F=16 $\chi(M) = V-E+F=0$

V=28, E=56, F=26 $\chi(M) = V-E+F=-2$

Euler-Poincaré Characteristic

Euler-Poincaré characteristic χ(M) = V-E+F is independent of tessellation.

V=24, E=48, F=22 $\chi(M) = V-E+F=-2$



V=16, E=32, F=16 V=16, E=36, F=20 V=28, E=56, F=26 $\chi(M) = V-E+F=0$ $\chi(M) = V-E+F=0$ $\chi(M) = V-E+F=-2$

Homeomorphism

Two 2-manifold meshes A and B are homeomorphic if their surfaces can be transformed to the other by twisting, squeezing, and stretching without cutting and gluing.
 Thus, boxes, spheres and ellipsoids are homeomorphic to each other.





Homeomorphism

Two orientable 2-manifold meshes without boundary are *homeomorphic* if and only if they have the same Euler-Poincaré characteristic.

Low-level Operations

- Subdivide face
- Subdivide edge
- Collapse edge
- Merge vertices
- Remove vertex

Subdivide Face

• How should we split current triangle?



Subdivide Edge



Collapse Edge



Merge Vertices



Polygonal Mesh Representation

Important properties of mesh representation

- Efficient traversal of topology
- Efficient use of memory
- Efficient updates





Possible Data Structures

- List of independent faces
- Vertex and face tables
- Adjacency lists
- Winged edge
- Half edge
- etc.

Independent Faces

- A.k.a triangle soup
- Each face lists vertex coordinates
 - Redundant vertices
 - No adjacency information



Vertex and Face Tables

- Each face lists vertex references
 - Shared vertices
 - Still no adjacency information



Adjacency Lists

- Store all vertex, edge and face adjacencies
 - Efficient adjacency traversal
 - Extra storage requirements



Partial Adjacency Lists

• Can we store only some adjacency relationships and derive others?



- Adjacency encoded in edges
 All adjacencies in O(1) time
- Little extra storage (fixed records)
- Arbitrary polygons







VERTEX TABLE	EDGE TABLE 11 12 21 22	FACE
V ₁ X ₁ Y ₁ Z ₁ e ₁	e ₁ V ₁ V ₃ F ₁ e ₂ e ₂ e ₄ e ₃	
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If all faces are oriented clock-wise, each edge has *eight* pieces of incident information.



- •Given edge: *b***=XY**
- Incident faces: 1 and 2
- Pred. & succ. edges of 1
- •Pred. & succ. edges of 2
- The wings of edge b=XY are faces 1 and 2.
 Edge b is a winged-edge

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- •The first *four* pieces:
 - The *two* vertices of *b*: *X* and *Y*
 - The *two* incident faces: 1 and 2

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•The pred. and succ. edges of *b* with respect to face 1: *a* and *c*

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Left vs. Right Faces



- •Which one is left, 1 or 2?
- Choose a direction for edge
 b, say from X to Y or from
 Y to X.
- Going from the start vertex to the end vertex, we know which face is the left one!
 If the start vertex is X, the

left face is face 1.

Winged Edge Info

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Start	End	Left	Right	Left	Left	Right	Right	
Vertex	Vertex	Face	Face	Pred.	Succ.	Pred.	Succ.	

a

С

е

2

X

Y

1

Information for Edge *b* (from *X* to *Y*)



d

Winged Edge Info

Start	End	Left	Right	Left	Left	Right	Right
Vertex	Vertex	Face	Face	Pred.	Succ.	Pred.	Succ.
Y	X	2	1	е	d	а	с





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- The winged-edge data structure has three tables:
 edge table, vertex table, and face table.
- Each edge has one row in the edge table.
 - Each row contains the eight pieces of information of that edge.
- Each vertex has one entry in the vertex table.
 - Each entry has a pointer to an incident edge (in the edge table) of that vertex.
- Each face has one entry in the face table.
 - Each entry has a pointer to an incident edge (in the edge table) of that face.

The vertex table entry for vertex *X* may be the edge table entry of edges *c*, *b*, *e*, or any other incident edge.



The face table entry for face 1 may be the edge table entry of edges *a*, *b*, *c*, or any other incident edge.



The following tetrahedron has four vertices A, B, C and • D, six edges a, b, c, d, e, f, and four faces 1, 2, 3 and 4.



Vertex Table

Face Table				
Face Edge				
1	а			
2	с			
3	а			
4	b			

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Edge Table

Edge	Start Vtx	End Vtx	L. Face	R. Face	L. Pred	L. Succ	R. Pred	R. Succ
a	A	D	3	1	е	ſ	b	с
b	A	B	1	4	с	a	ſ	d
с	B	D	1	2	a	b	d	е
đ	B	С	2	4	е	с	b	f
е	С	D	2	3	с	d	ſ	a
ſ	A	С	4	3	d	b	a	е

- The winged-edge data structure permits a program to answer many topological inquires very efficiently.
- If (1) V, E and F are the numbers of vertices, edges, and faces and (2) each entry in the table uses one memory unit, the vertex table, edge, table, and face table require V, 8E and F memory units, respectively.

Half Edge

- Adjacency encoded in edges
 - All adjacencies in O(1) time
 - Little extra storage (fixed records)
 - Arbitrary polygons
- Similar to winged-edge, except adjacency encoded in half-edges



Half Edge

- Each undirected edge represented by two directed half edges
 - Unambiguously defines left and right
- Assume that there are no holes in faces



Half Edge

- Each vertex stores:
 - its coordinates
 - a pointer v.inc_edge to any directed edge that has vertex as its origin
- Each directed edge is associated with:
 - a pointer to the oppositely directed edge, called its twin
 - an origin and destination vertex
 - two faces, one to its left and one to its right.
- We only store:
 - a pointer to the origin vertex e.org (e.dest can be accessed as e.twin.org)
 - a pointer to the face to the left of the edge e.left (we can access the face to the right from the twin edge)
 - pointers to the next and previous directed edges in counterclockwise order about the incident face, e.next and e.prev, respectively
- Each face f stores a pointer to a single edge for which this face is the incident face, f.inc_edge



• From file with vertices and triangles



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 - Half-edges: pointer to next, pointer to face
 - Faces: pointer to one of the inner half-edges

Continue adding incrementally



Finding Adjacent Faces

- Check all outgoing half edges
 - V points to a half edge HE
 - ADD_FACE(HE)
 - Iterate:
 - X=HE.twin
 - Y=X.next
 - ADD_FACE(Y)
 - HE:=Y



- Create a new vertex v
- Remove faces



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- Remove edges
- Change pointers from half-edges to v₁ and v₂
- Remove v_1 and v_2
- Pick an outgoing edge for v



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