3D Bézier Volume Model From a Stick Figure Using Semi-Simploidal Sets

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Modeling a 3D free-form object

Skeletons

+ intuitivemodeling+ adapted for



Surface mesh

+ classical model



Volume mesh

- + supports physical
- + simulation
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Context & Goal

Goals :

Benefit from advantages of the three representations :

- start from a (1D) skeleton in \mathbb{R}^3
- a surface (quad) mesh around the skeleton
 - same number of quads around each edge
 - small number of quads around each edge
- a **volume mesh** filling the surface mesh
 - only one 3D cell type
 - non degenerate cells
 + Control topology and geometry







Mesh Scaffold from Skeleton

• B-Mesh



Quad layout



Extraction of the Quad Layout of a Triangle Mesh Guided by Its Curve Skeleton, Usai et al. ACM ToG 2015



Converting skeletal structures to quad dominant meshes, Bærentzen et al. SMI 2012



Scaffolding skeletons using spherical Voronoi diagrams: Feasibility, regularity and symmetry, Suárez et al. – CAD 2018







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Based on Simploidal Bézier sets

Handling Subdivided objects

- Combinatorial structure (topology) + operations
- Bézier Embedding (geometry)



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Filling The Scaffold

First Idea: cubical sets



Filling the nodes ?

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Filling The Scaffold



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Filling The Scaffold









Generation of simplices



Cone operation **type** : (k)

dimension : k







Cuboids

o Generation of cuboids



Product operation **type** : (1, ..., 1) **dimension** : k







Simploids

[Dahmen - Michelli 82]

Products of simplices







Semi-Simploidal Sets [Peltier et al. 09]

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Geometric Modeling with Bézier spaces

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Non linear : Bézier

 A 1D-object is embedded into 3D as a Bézier curve





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- $\circ P_{lpha}$ Control points
- multi-indices $\Gamma_d^i = \{ \alpha = (\alpha_0, \cdots, \alpha_i) \mid \alpha_0 + \cdots + \alpha_i = d \}$
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Semi-simplicial set of dimension n $K = \{K^i\}_{i \in [0..n]}$ set of abstract simplices $d_j : K^i \to K^{i-1}$ face operators $d_j d_l = d_l d_{j-1}, j > l$ commutation properties

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Each simplex stores its « proper » control points

No redundancy

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- Keeps topology consistency
- > Multi-indices can be retrieved using face operators





Cubical Bézier Spaces



Semi-Cubical sets [Brown Higgins 81]

- abstract cubes
- face operators

$$(e_1 \times e_2)d_j^1 = (e_1d_j \times e_2)$$
$$(e_1 \times e_2)d_j^2 = (e_1 \times e_2d_j)$$

commutation properties



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Bézier Simploid [DeRose et al. 93]

of type (a_1, \ldots, a_n) and degree (d_1, \ldots, d_n) :

 $P(u^{1}, \dots, u^{n}) = \sum_{\alpha^{1} \in \Gamma_{d_{1}}^{a_{1}}} \dots \sum_{\alpha^{n} \in \Gamma_{d_{n}}^{a_{n}}} P_{(\alpha^{1}, \dots, \alpha^{n})} B_{\alpha^{1}}^{d_{1}}(u^{1}) \times \dots \times B_{\alpha^{n}}^{d_{n}}(u^{n})$ control points $\{P_{(\alpha^{1}, \dots, \alpha^{n})}\}$ identified by tuples of multi-indices



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Branches & Kites

Branch : Semi-simploidal Set (assembly of 4 prisms)











Branches & Kites



Generating a free from volume



- Each branch is a 4-prism (semi-simploidal Bézier set)
- Each prism is a Bézier volume (simploid) of degree 3
- **Topology consistency**, C⁰ at the joints







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arity 2









arity 3







Volume Mesh : assembly of branches (identification of kytes) **built incrementaly**









Joining the branches in 2D





Contraction Contra



Joining the branches in 3D

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4 quads around each edge

-> proves minimal for regular branches

-> constructs a quad mesh around the joint in 3D (more general than 2D)

BUT the proposed construction does not generate all possible configurations







Joining the branches in 3D On going work

Generalizes to arbitrary number of branches in 3D → Any arity can be handled (+ cells orientation)







Joining the branches in 3D On going work

We show that all (non degenerate) topological joining configurations may be generated through an iterative kite opening process







Joining the branches in 3D

We showed that :

Incremental kite opening leads to any configuration !

Future work (current work of Damien !)

- Geometric embeding for the points
 - ➤ Linear setting
 - Non linear setting
- Independance to branch order
- Convexity of the branches





Conclusion

Conclusion:

We propose an algorithm for Bézier volume mesh generation from skeleton

- 4 quads around each edge
- > only one volume cell type (prisms)
- border is a Bézier surface mesh

Topology : no cracks !

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Future work - long term

Model smoothness

≻ C⁰ is « for free »≻ Splines,...

Animation / Simulation

- Motion on control points
- Continuous motion over the mesh
- Phycical constraints







• Question ?









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Given a sphere with k points

Canonical Quad mesh with k quads

In this case, we can obtain a canonical Volume Mesh







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