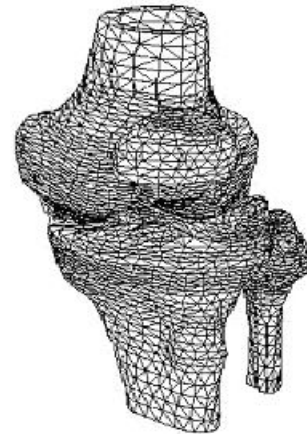


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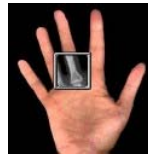
1. Sources, characteristics, representation



2. Mesh Processing



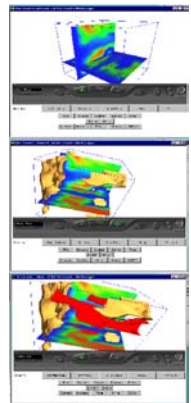
3. Contouring



4. Volume Rendering



5. Flow, Vector, Tensor Field Visualization



6. Application Case Studies

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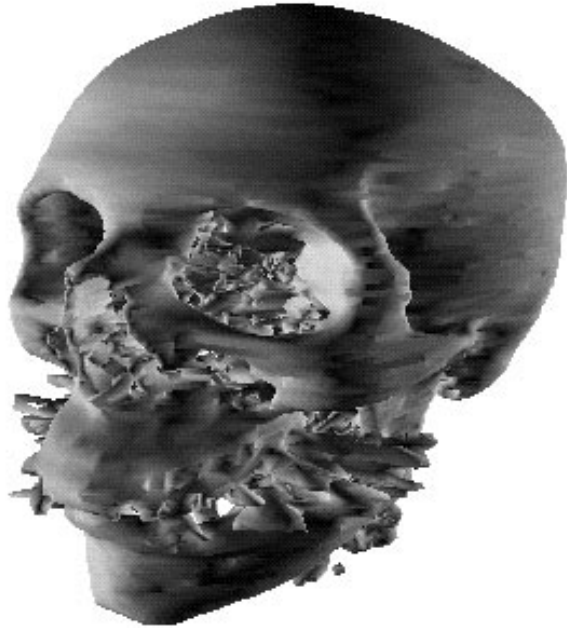
Mesh Processing

Lecture 2

Outline

- Triangle and Tetrahedral Meshing
- Hexahedral Meshing
- Filtering (Anisotropic Diffusion)

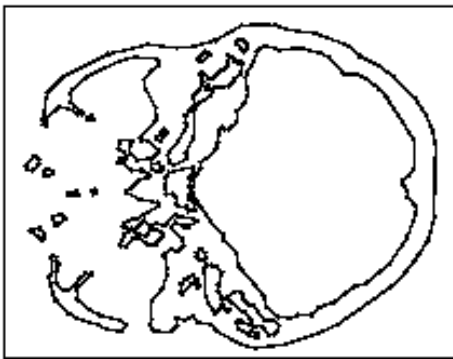
Meshing I



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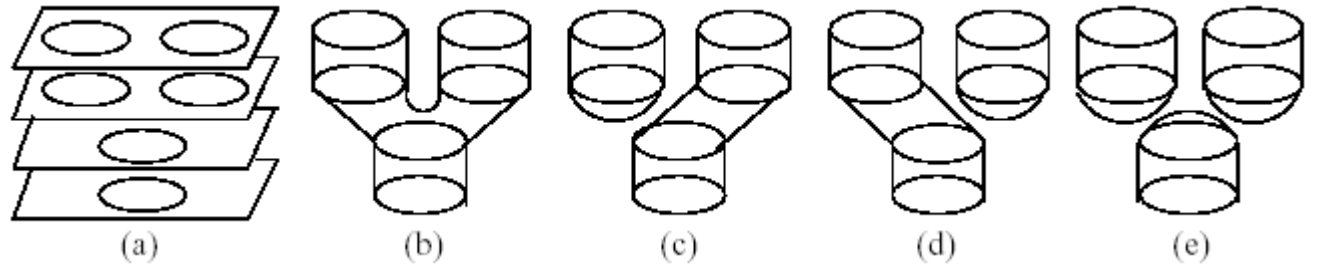


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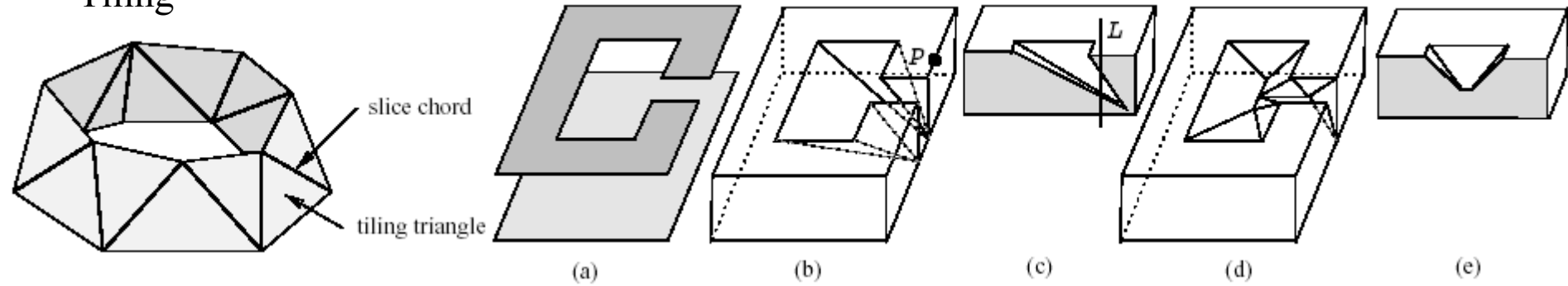
- To generate a boundary element triangular mesh from a set of cross-section polygonal slice data.
- Subproblems
 - The correspondence problem
 - The tiling problem
 - The branching problem

Sub-problems

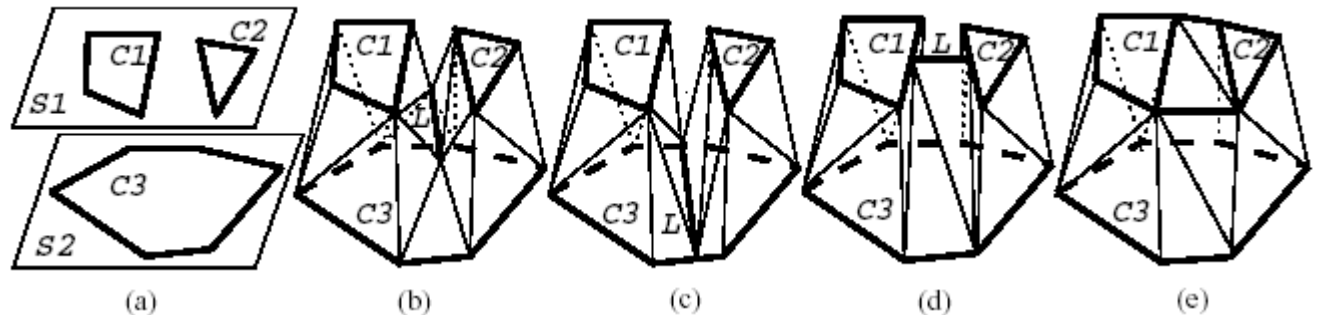
- Correspondence



- Tiling



- Branching



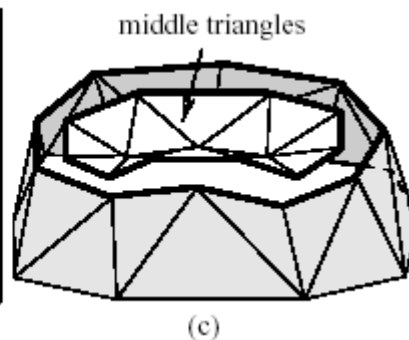
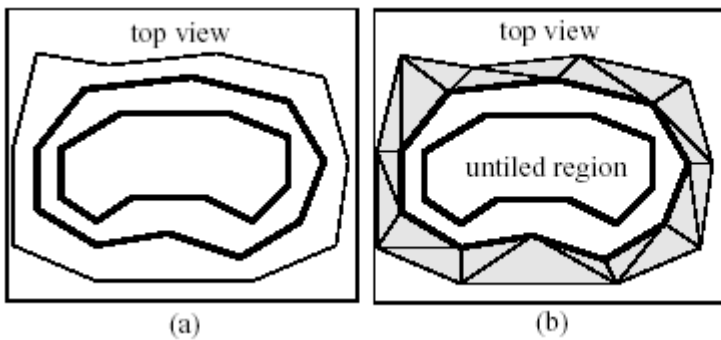
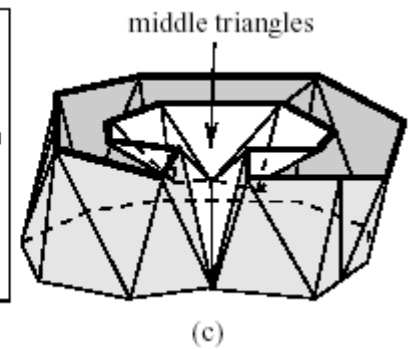
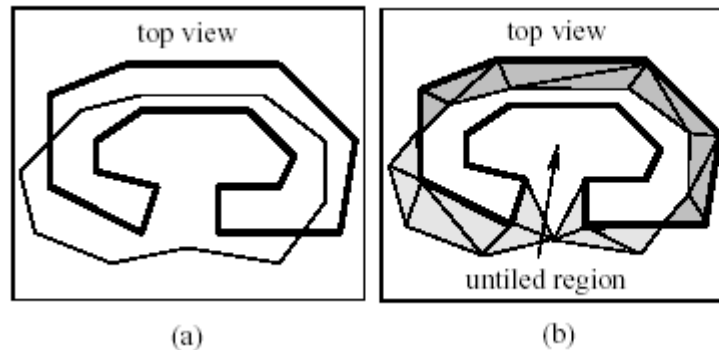
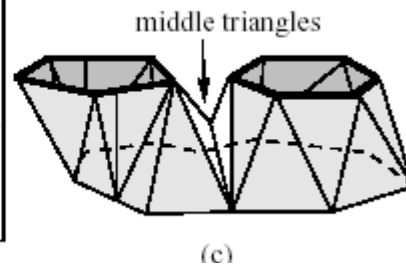
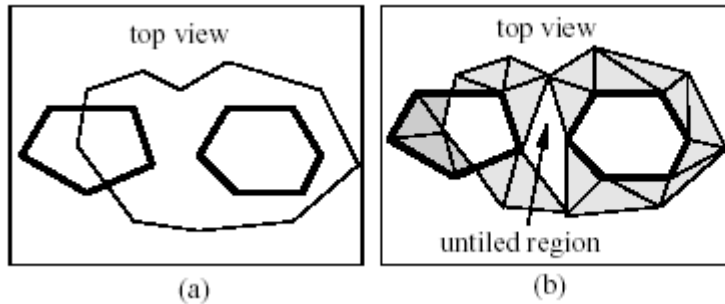
Incremental Construction

Algorithm Steps

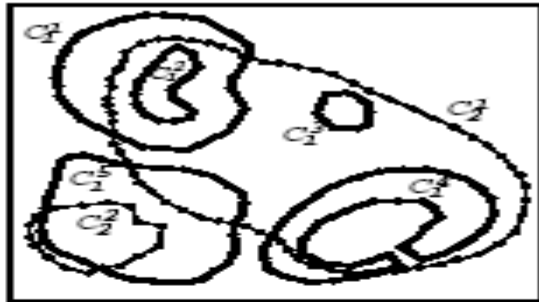
- Step 1: Form closed contours from image slices.
- Step 2: Create any required augmented contours.
- Step 3: Find correspondences between contours.
- Step 4: Form the tiling region of each vertex.
- Step 5: Construct the tiling.
- Step 6: Collect the boundaries of untiled regions.
- Step 7: Form triangles to cover untiled regions based on their edge Voronoi diagram (EVD).

Algorithm Steps

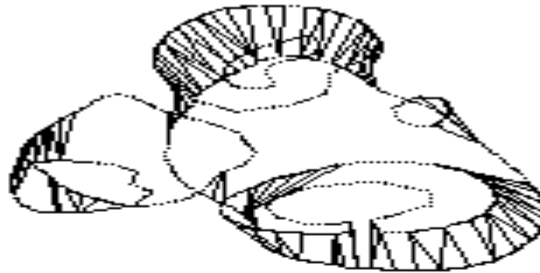
- A multi-pass tiling approach followed by the postprocessing of untilted regions



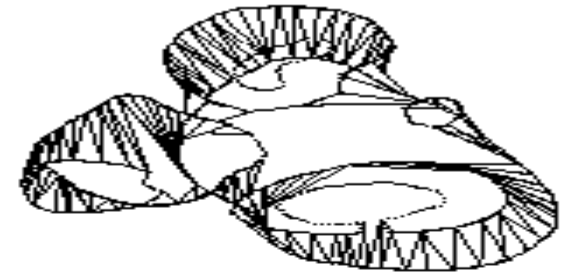
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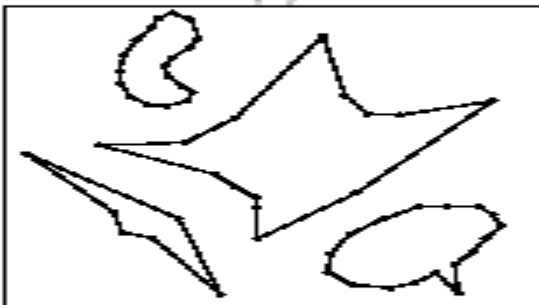
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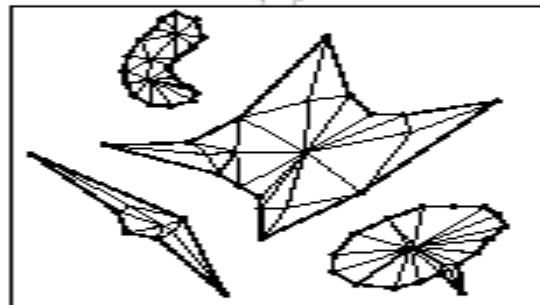
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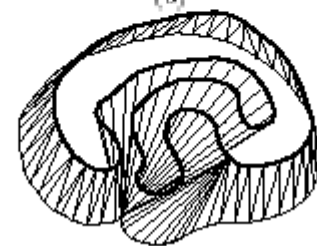
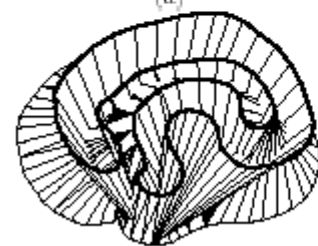
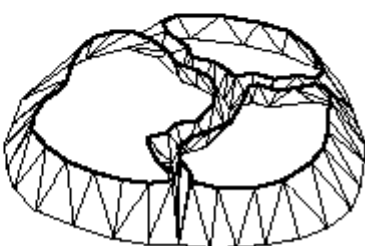
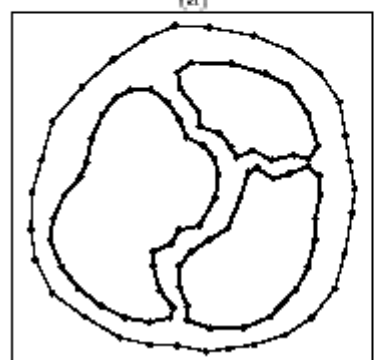
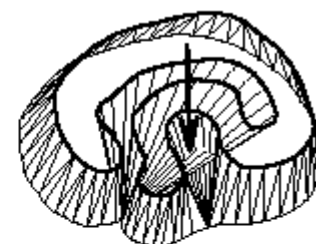
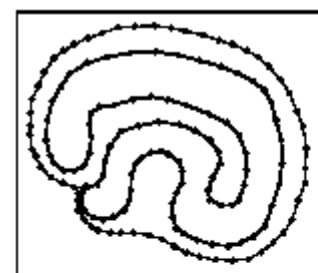
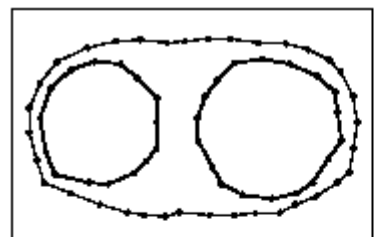
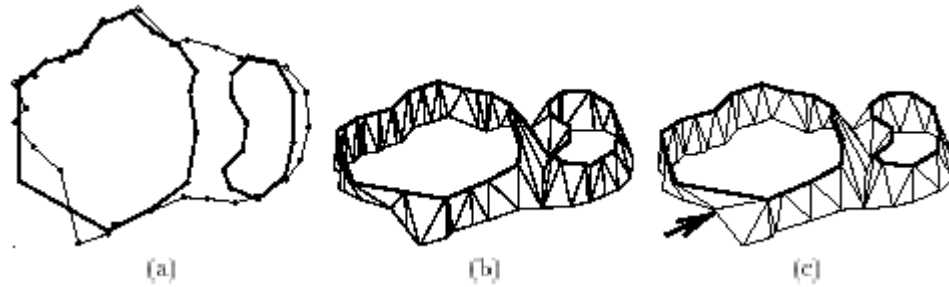


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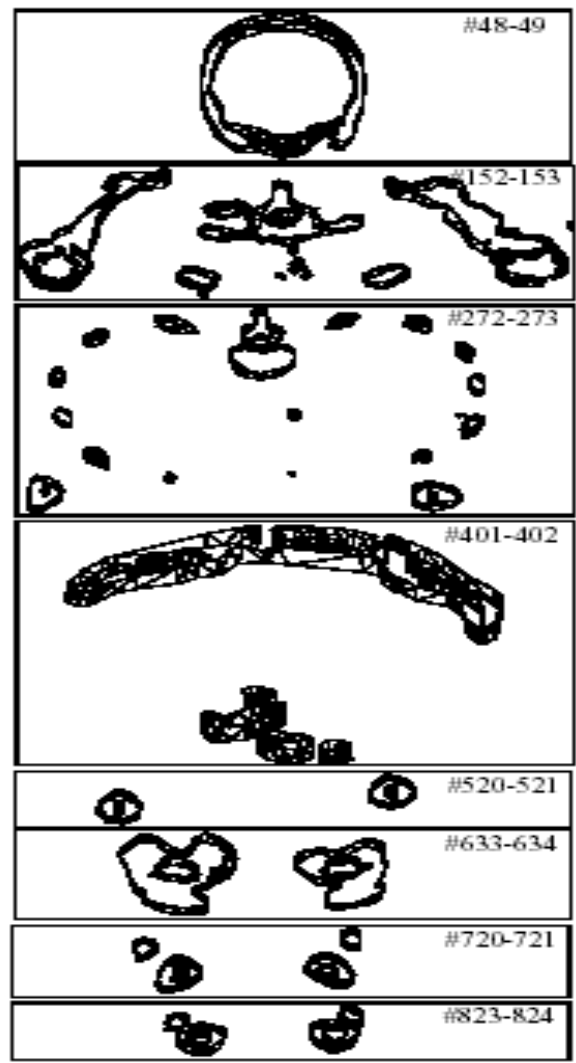
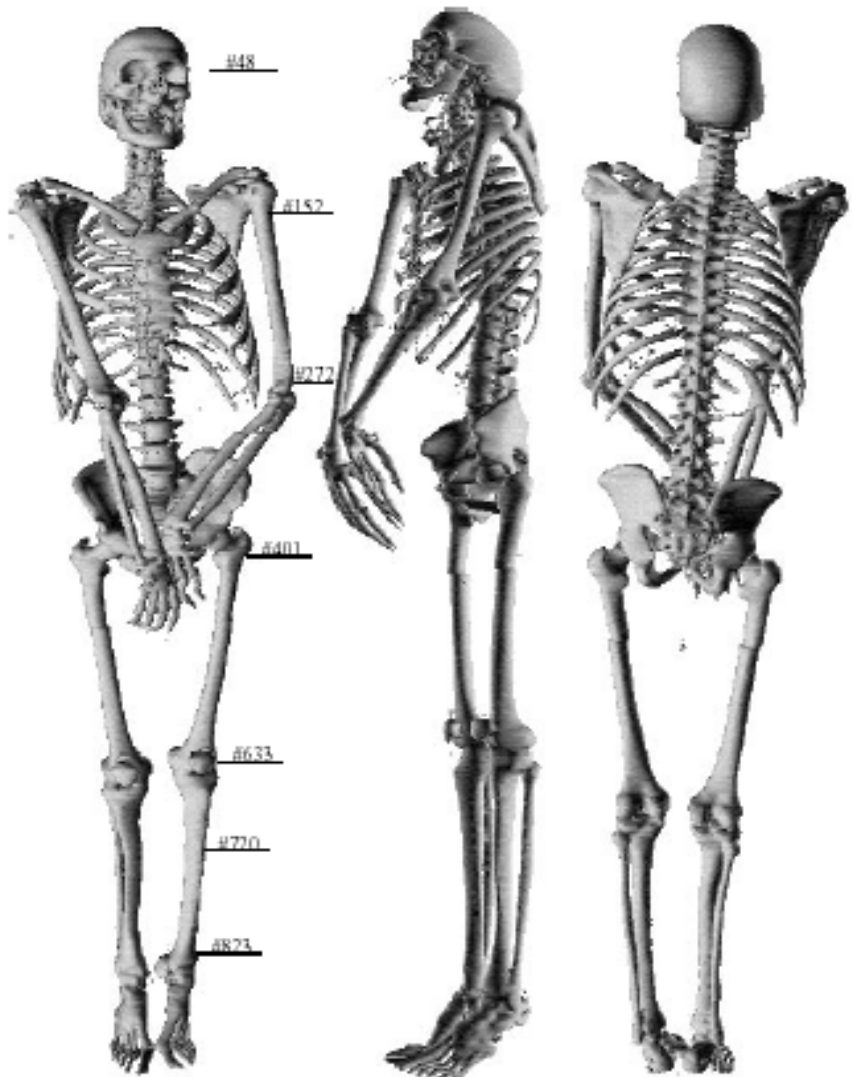


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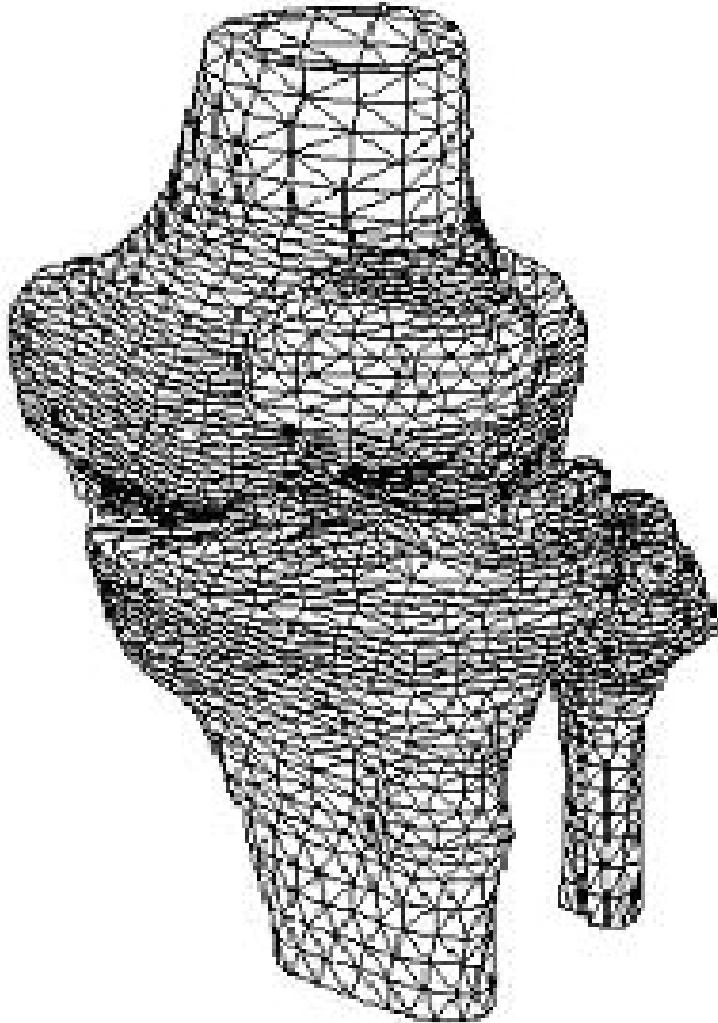
Using the Edge Voronoi Diagram as Ridges



Boundary Element Triangular Mesh



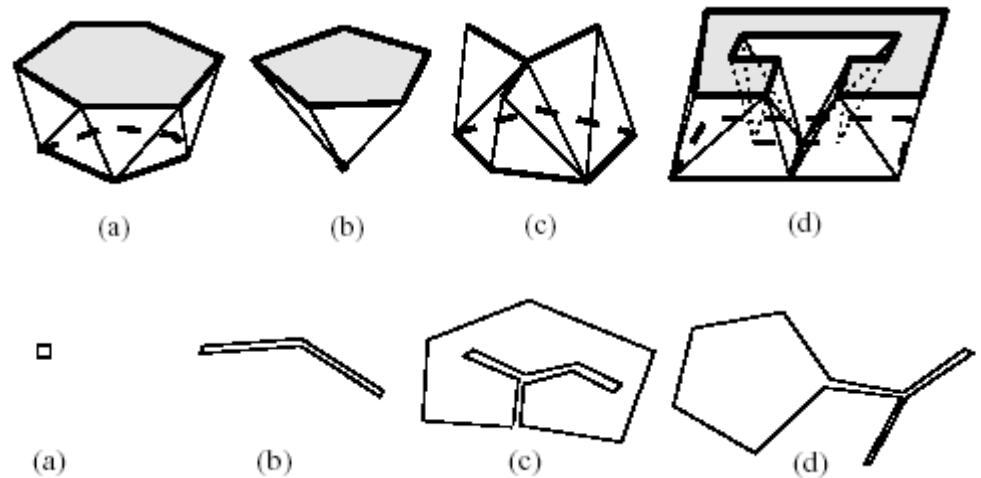
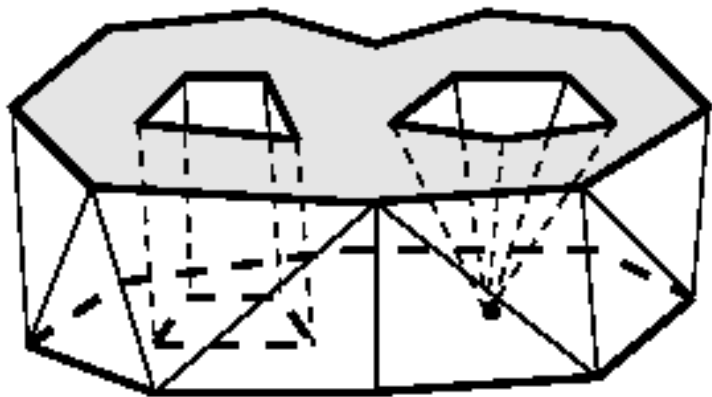
Meshing II



- To generate a 3D finite element tetrahedral mesh of the simplicial polyhedron obtained via the BEM construction of cross-section polygonal slice data.
- Subproblems
 - The shelling of tetrahedra to reduce polyhedron to prisms
 - The tetrahedralization of prisms

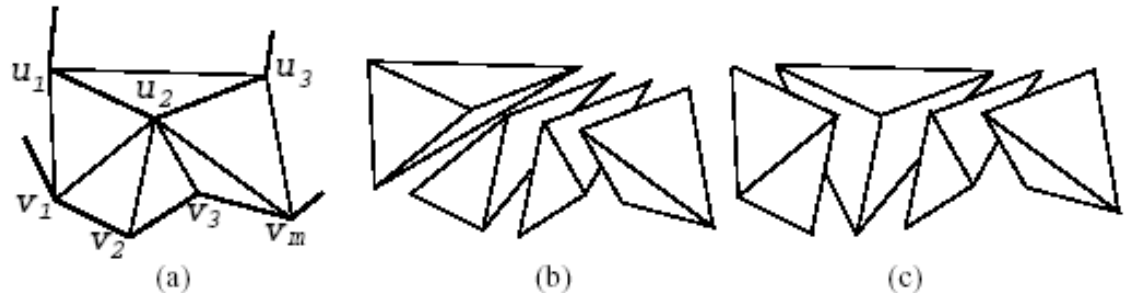
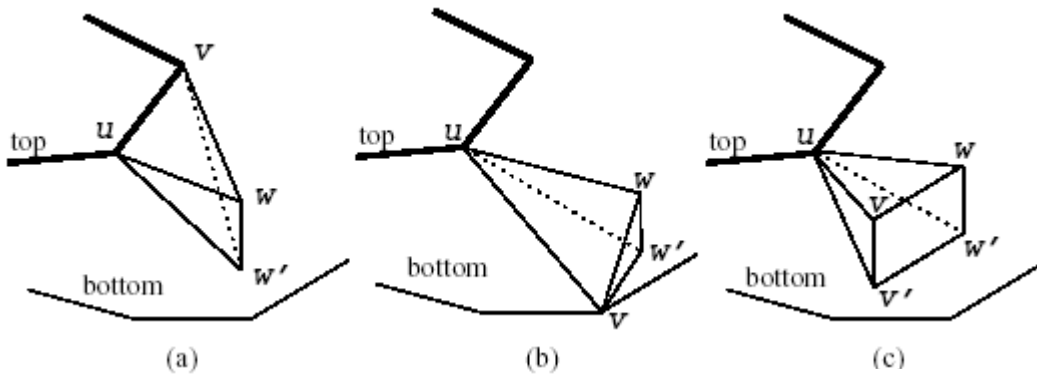
What is prismatoid?

A prismatoid is a polyhedron having for bases two polygons in parallel planes, and for lateral faces triangles or trapezoids with one side lying in one base, and the opposite vertex or side lying in the other base, of the polyhedron.



The Shelling Step

- Shell tetrahedra from the polyhedron, so the remaining part is a prismaticoid or can be divided into prismaticoids.



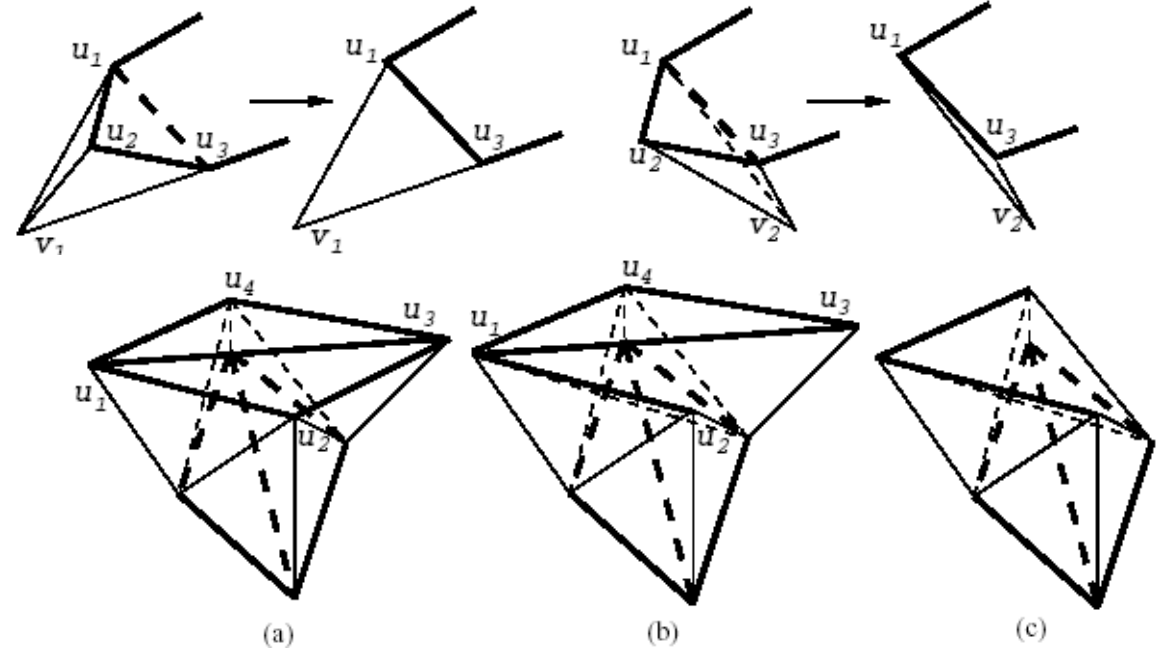
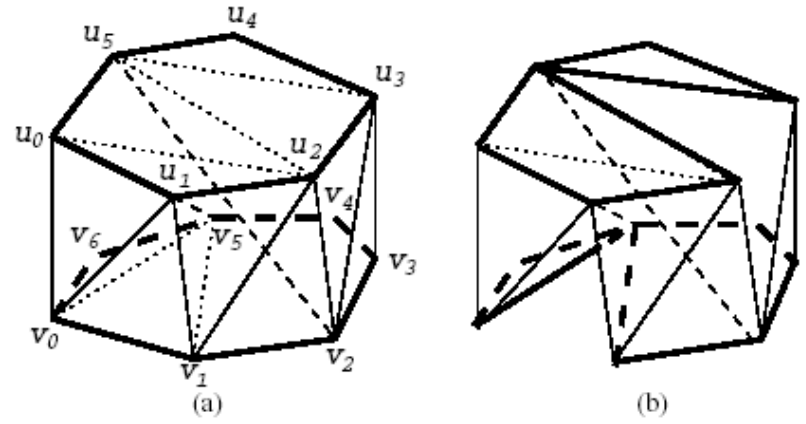
Prismatoid \rightarrow Tetrahedra

- To tetrahedralize a non-nested prismatoid without Steiner points.
 1. For each boundary triangle on both slices, calculate its metric.
 2. Pick up the boundary triangle with the best metric and form one set of tetrahedra.
 3. Update the advancing front and go to Step 1.
 4. If the remaining part is non-tetrahedralizable, postprocess it.

Metric, Weight Factor, Grouping

- Metric = volume/(edge)³
- Weight factor

$$w = \begin{cases} 2(1 - \frac{d}{h}) & \text{if } d \leq 0.5h \\ 1 & \text{if } 0.5h < d < h \\ \frac{h}{d} & \text{if } d \geq h \end{cases}$$

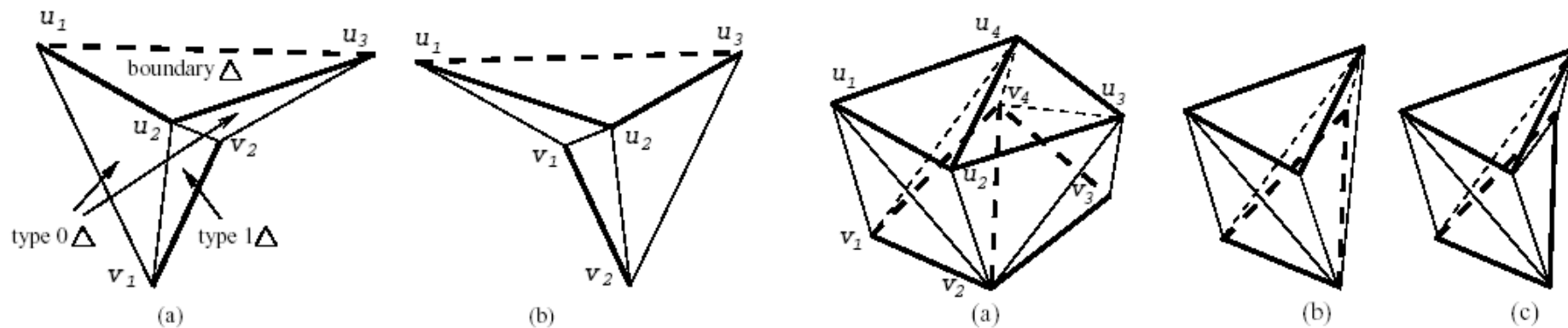


- Grouping can avoid irregular remaining part

Protection Rule

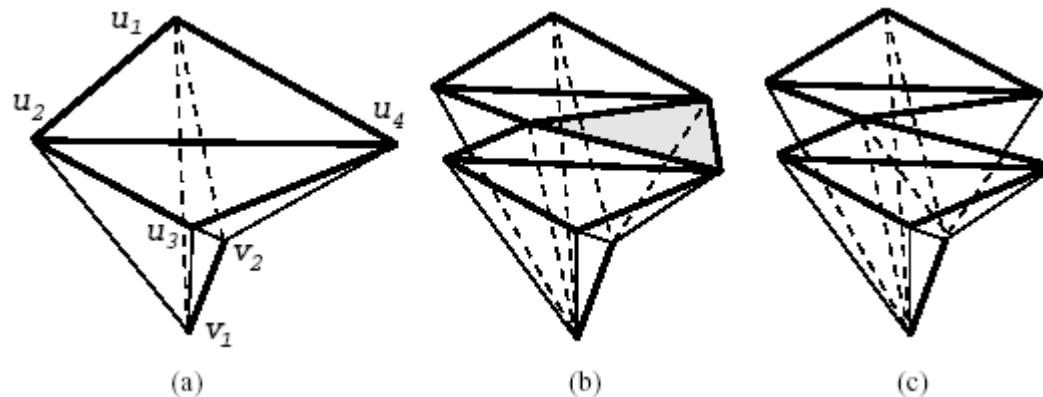
Lemma 1: Suppose a top boundary triangle $\Delta u_1 u_2 u_3$ is under the constraint that no more than one type 1 triangle is between the two type 0 triangles containing the contour segments $u_1 u_2$ and $u_2 u_3$. Furthermore, let the bottom vertices of the two type 0 triangles be v_1 and v_2 . Our grouping operation cannot apply to $\Delta u_1 u_2 u_3$ to form a set of tetrahedra, if and only if all the following conditions are satisfied.

1. $v_1 v_2$ is exactly one contour segment.
2. One of the slice chords $u_2 v_1$ and $u_2 v_2$ is reflex and the other is convex.
3. Both $u_1 v_2$ and $u_3 v_1$ are not inside the prismatoid.

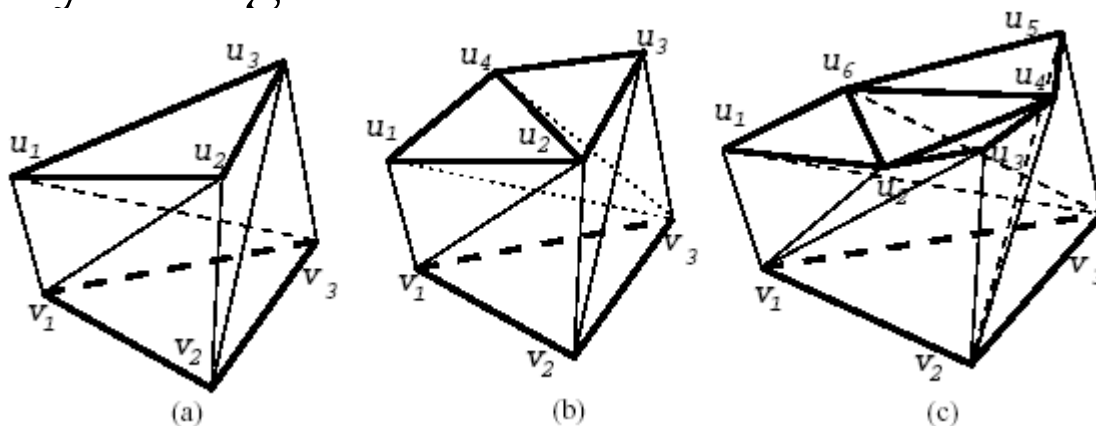


Classification of Untetrahedralizable Prismatoids

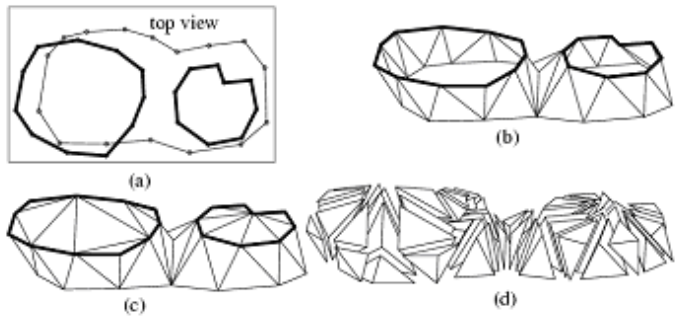
1. Has two boundary triangles on the top face and one line segment on the bottom face.



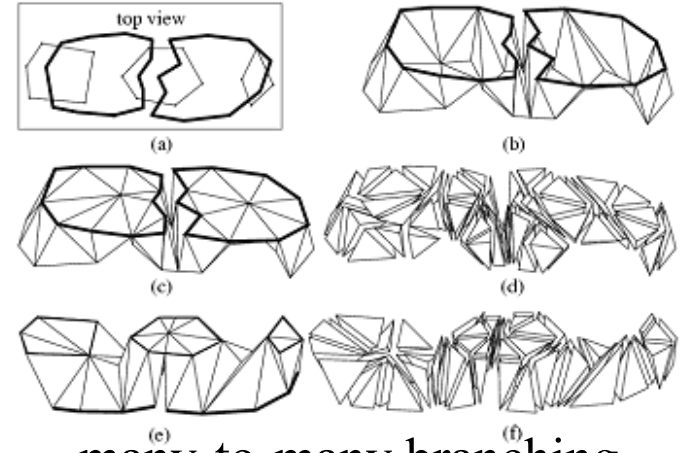
2. Has one bottom triangle which is treated as three boundary triangles.



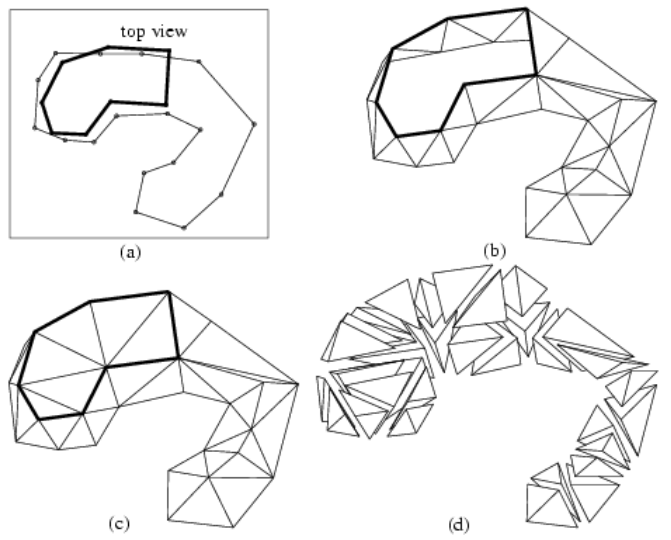
Multiple Tetrahedralizable Cases



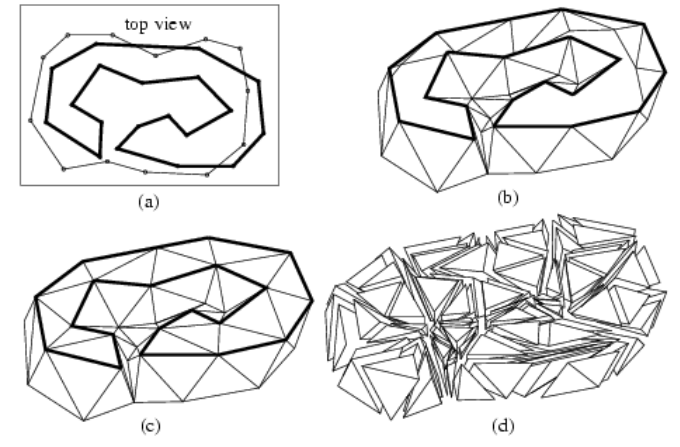
One-to-many branching



many-to-many branching

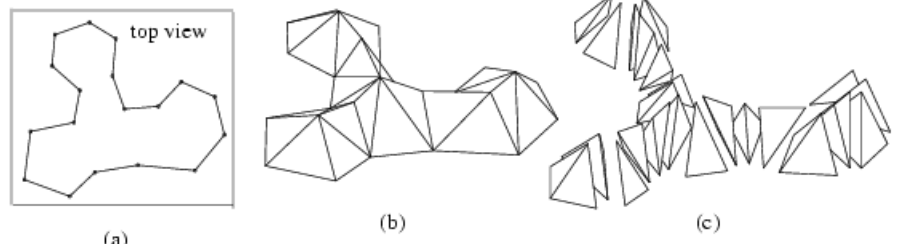


Dissimilar region (the right bottom portion of the bottom contour)

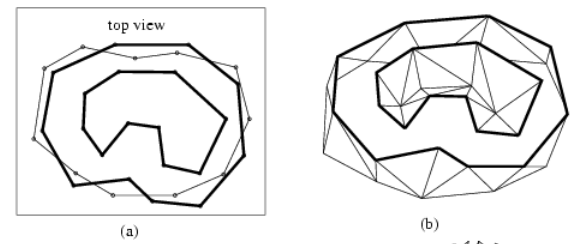


Dissimilar region (the inner portion of the top contour)

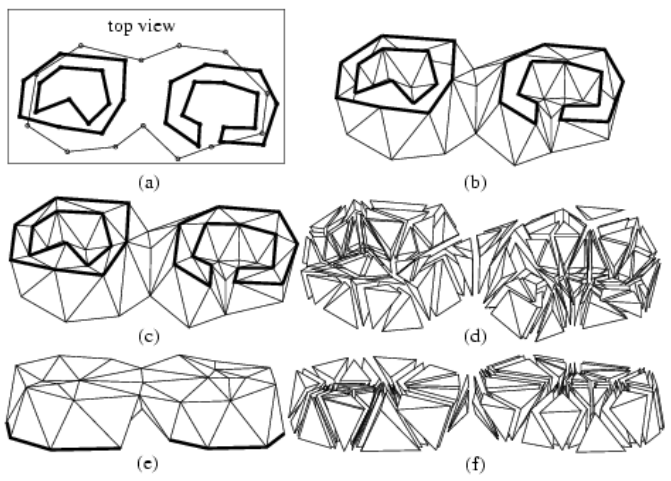
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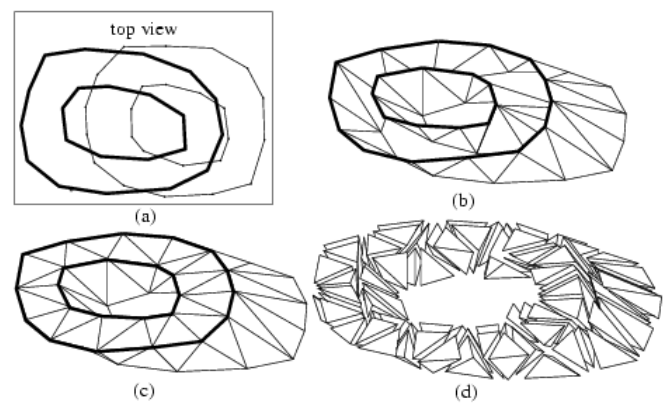
(a) Appearing/disappearing vertical feature of a solid interior



(a) Appearing/disappearing vertical feature (the top inner contour) of a void interior

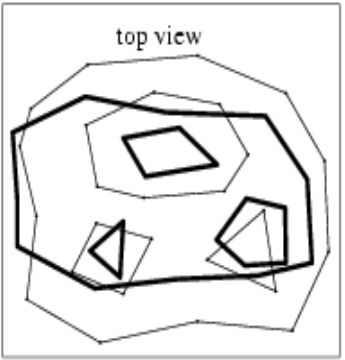


A branching, a dissimilar portion (the inner portion of the top right contour), and an appearing/disappearing vertical feature (the inner contour at the left of the top slice)

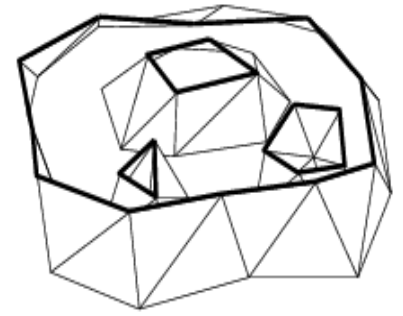


Nested prisms

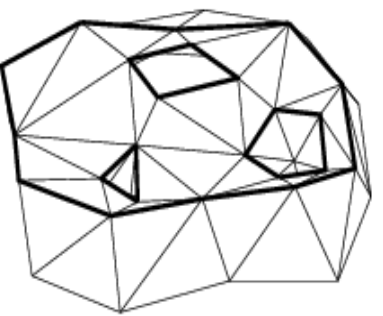
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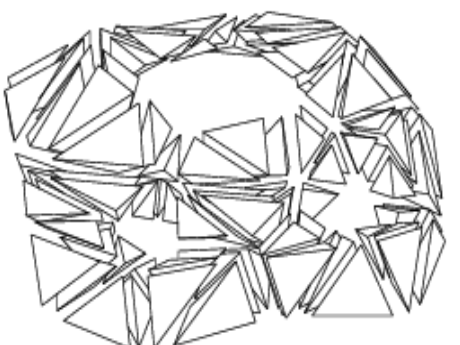
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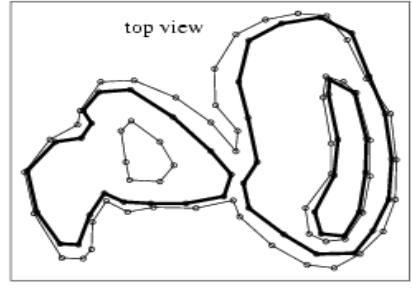


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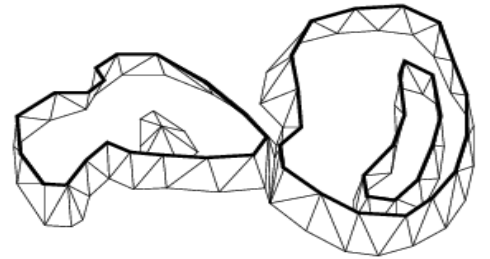


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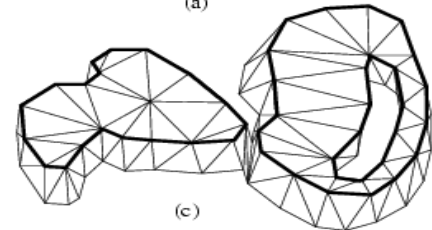
Multiply-nested prismatoid



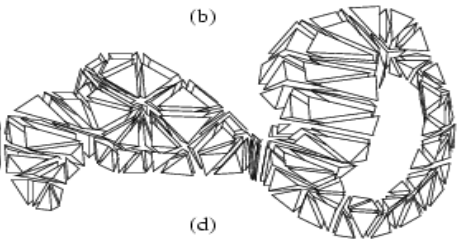
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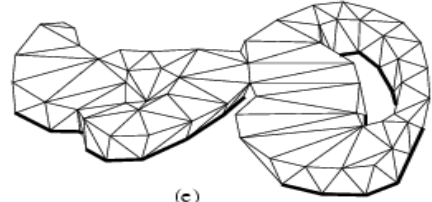
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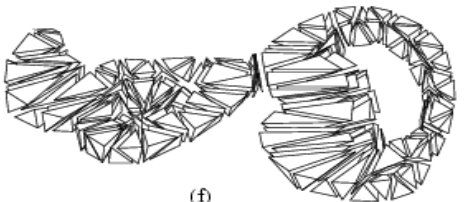
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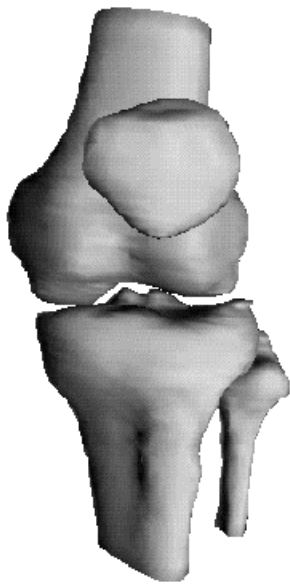
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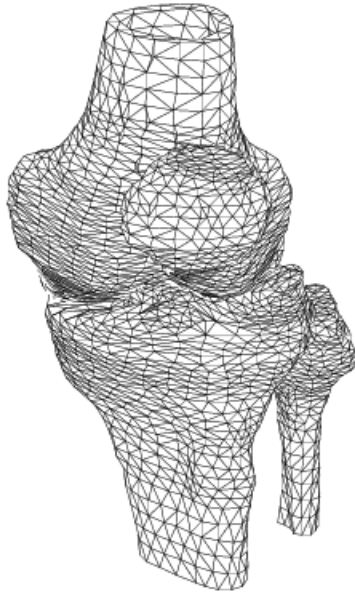
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Solid region between two slices
of a human tibia

Examples



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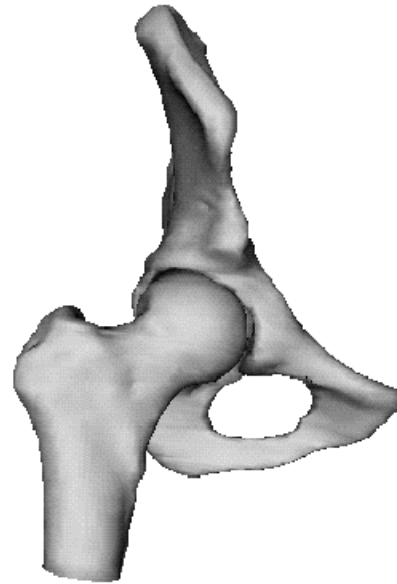


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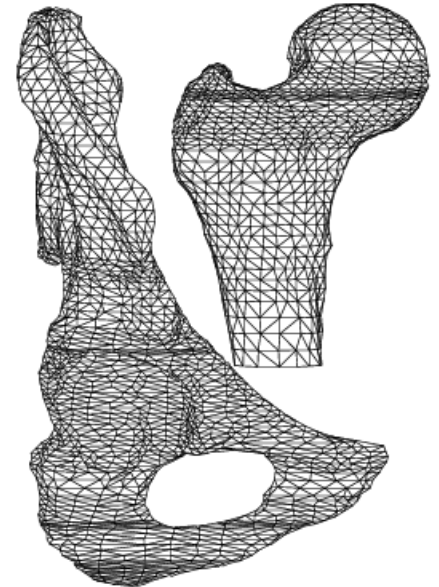
Knee joint (the lower femur, the upper tibia and fibula and the patella)

(a) Gouraud shaded

(b) The tetrahedralization



(a)



(b)

Hip joint (the upper femur and the pelvic joint)

(a) Gouraud shaded

(b) The tetrahedralization

Mini-summary

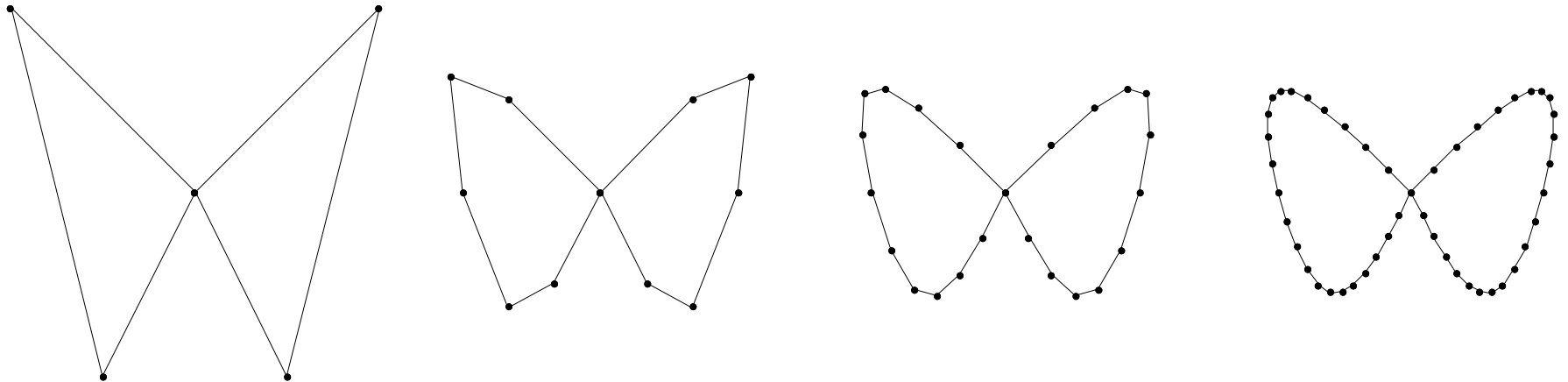
- The characterization, avoidance of non-tetrahedralizable polyhedra is one of the main challenges
- The mix of numerical precision and topological decision making needs precise rules so errors don't propagate.

Further reading

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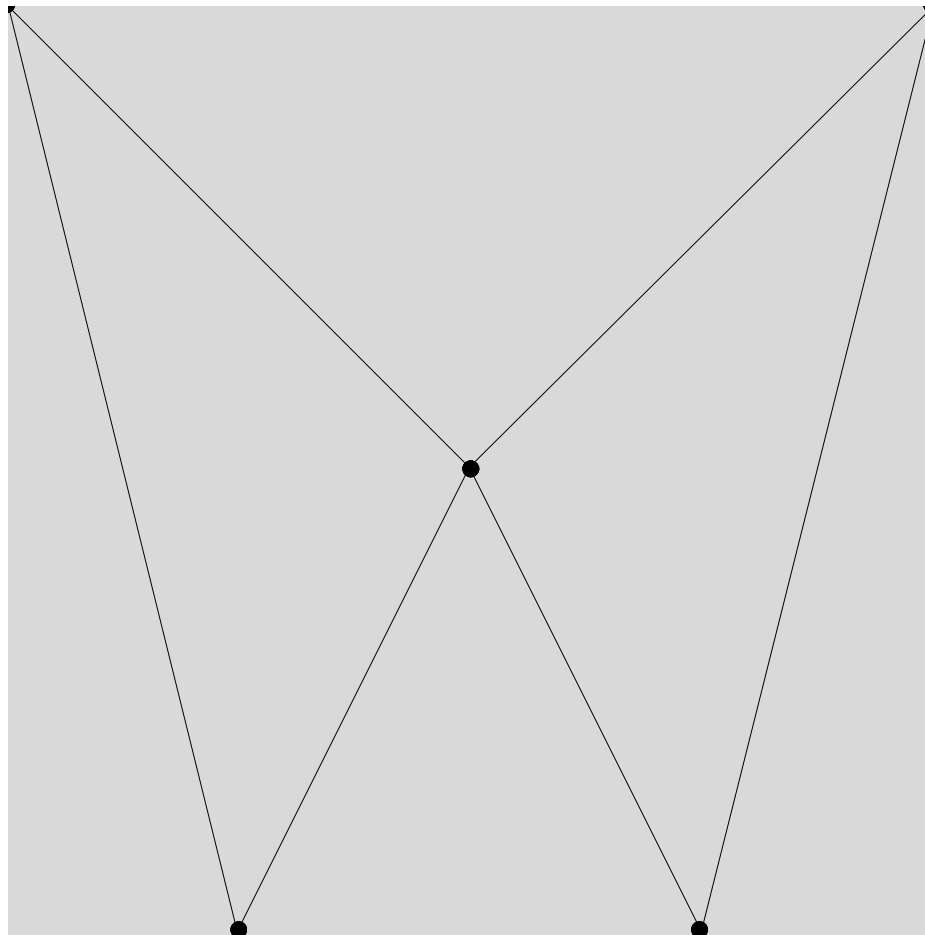
Univariate Subdivision

Subdivision Curves

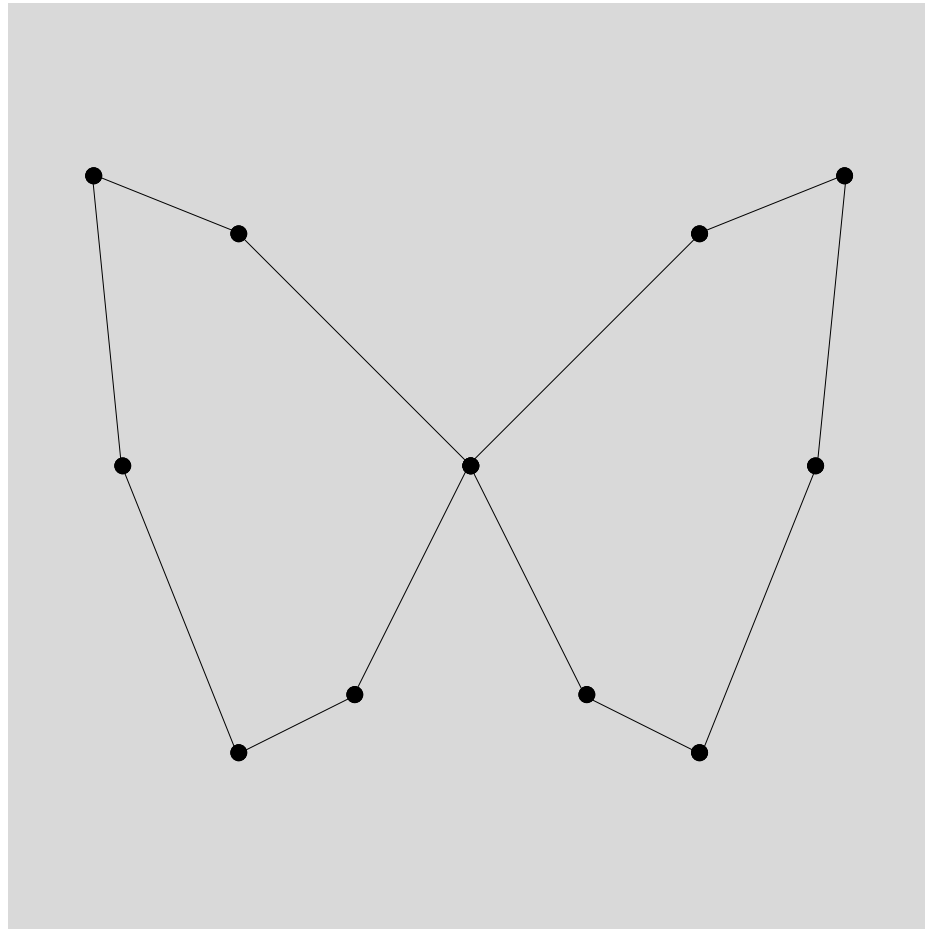


Butterfly curve

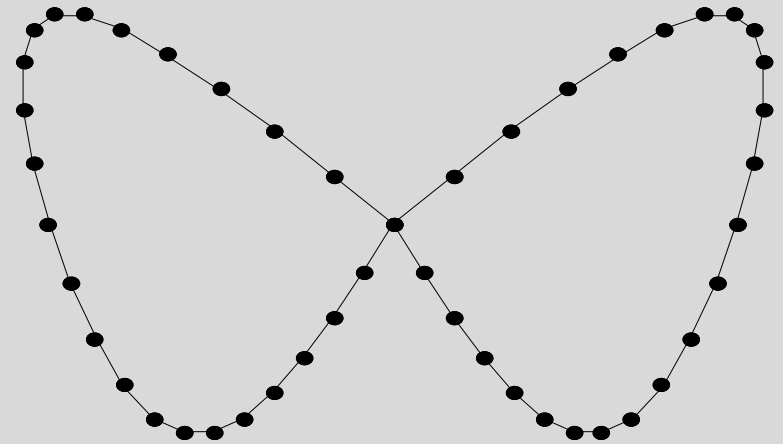
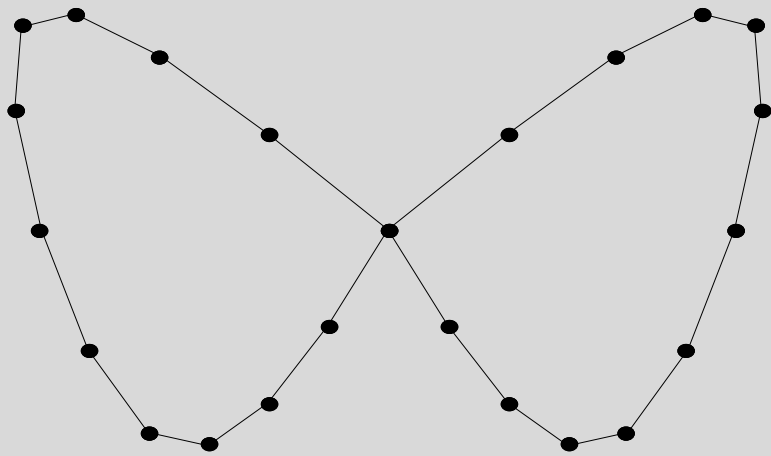
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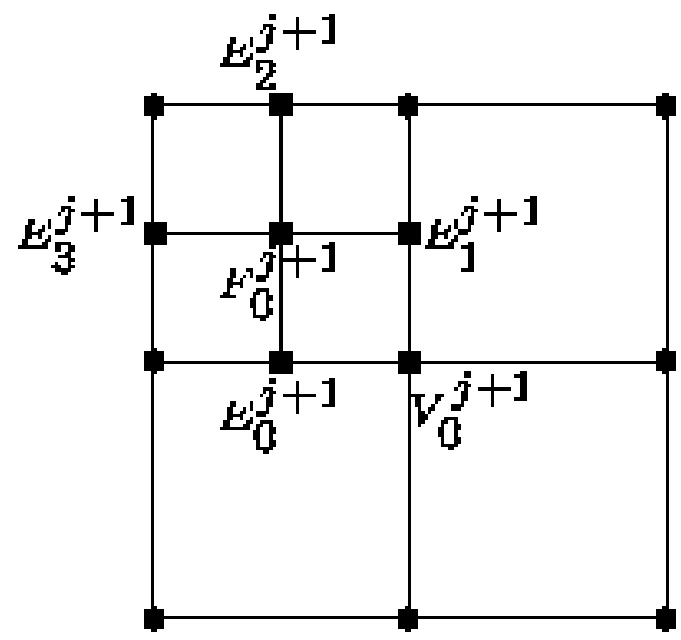
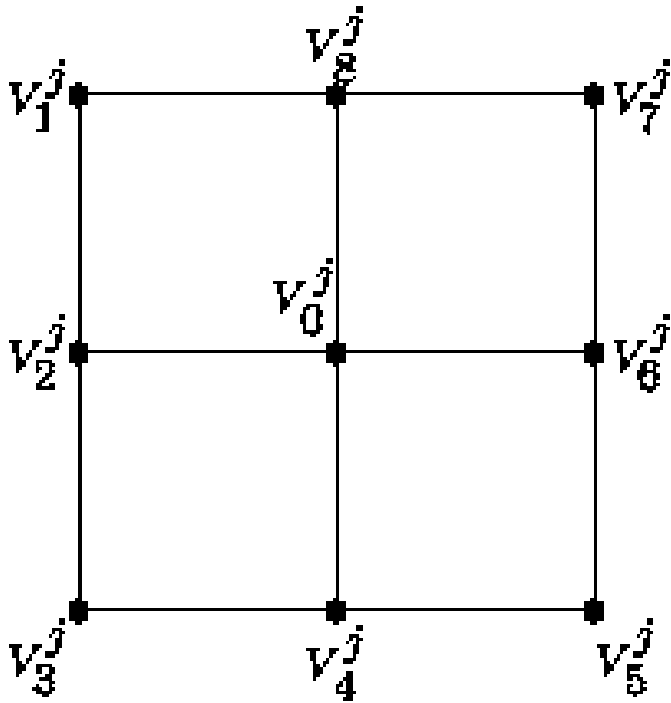


Subdivision



Bivariate Subdivision

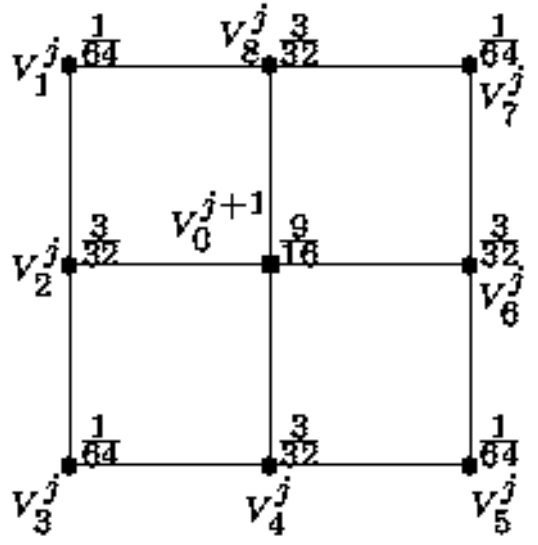
Catmull Clark Subdivision^[1]:



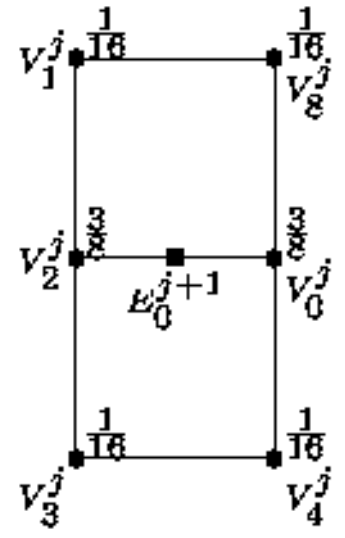
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Bivariariate Subdivision (contd)

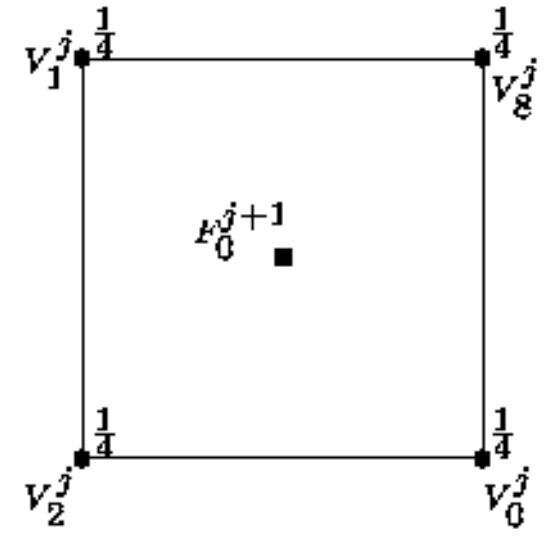
Vertex Rule



Edge Rule

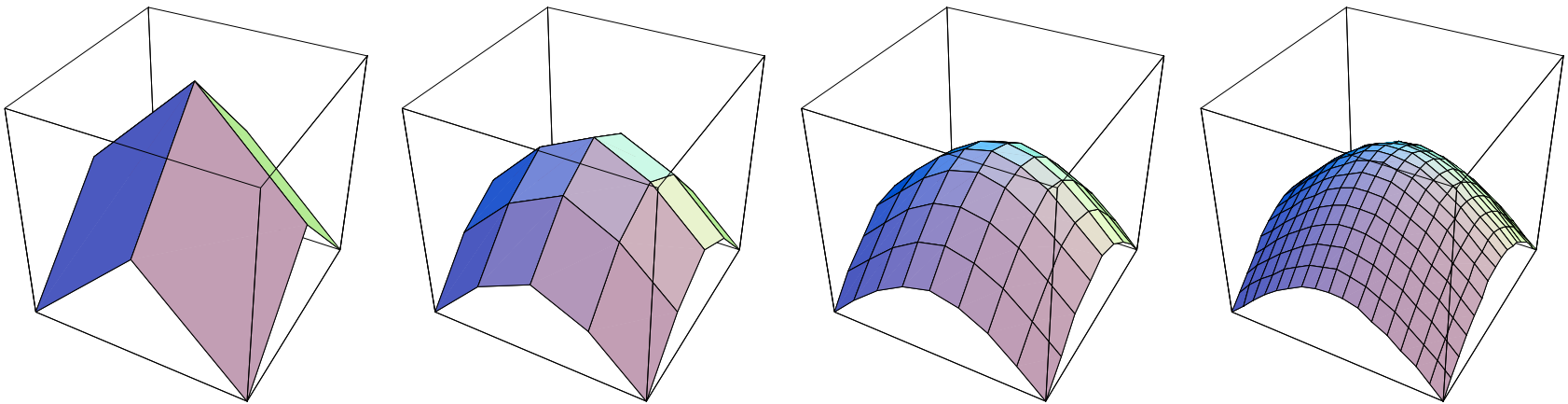


Face Rule



Surface Subdivision

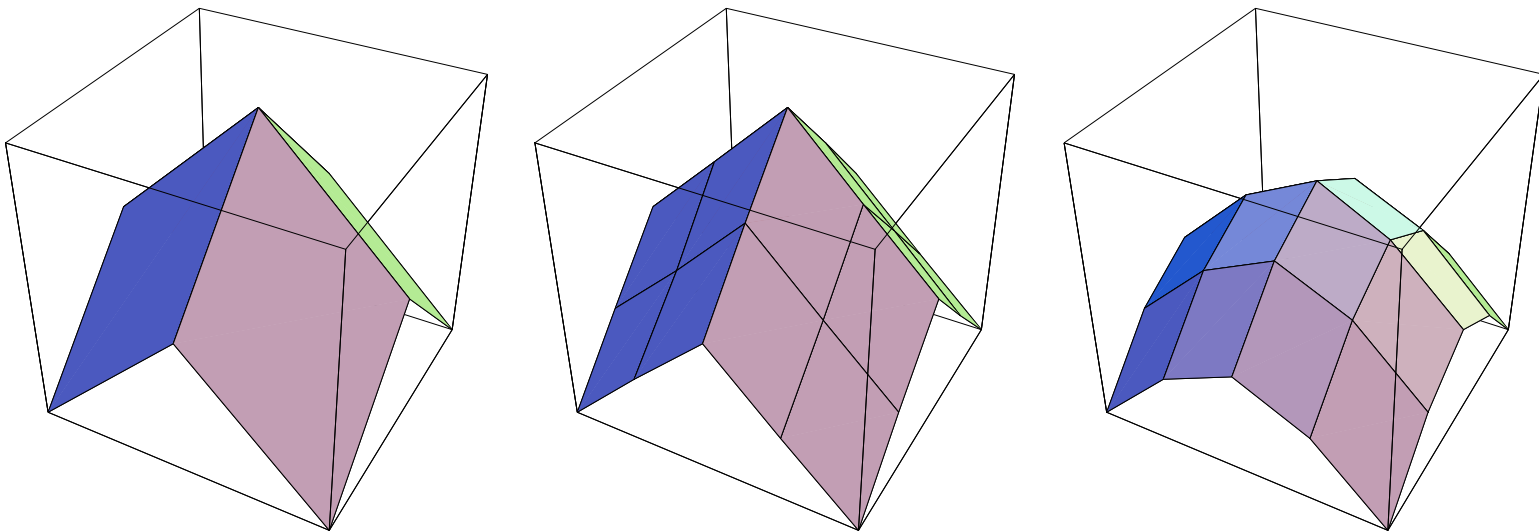
Limit surface is C^2



Tensor product cubic B-spline

Bivariate Subdivision

- Alternate formulation of Catmull Clark:



- Bilinear subdivision plus smoothing

Univariate Subdivision

The subdivision rule for cubic B-splines can be expressed as linear subdivision followed by smoothing with the mask $(\frac{1}{4} \quad \frac{1}{2} \quad \frac{1}{4})$.

Geometric interpretation of mask: reposition a vertex as the midpoint of the midpoints of the two segments that contain the vertex.

Bivariate Subdivision

Bi-cubic subdivision is equivalent to Bi-linear subdivision followed by smoothing with the tensor product of the univariate mask with itself, i.e.

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{16} & \frac{1}{8} & \frac{1}{16} \\ \frac{1}{8} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{8} \\ \frac{1}{16} & \frac{1}{8} & \frac{1}{16} \end{pmatrix}.$$

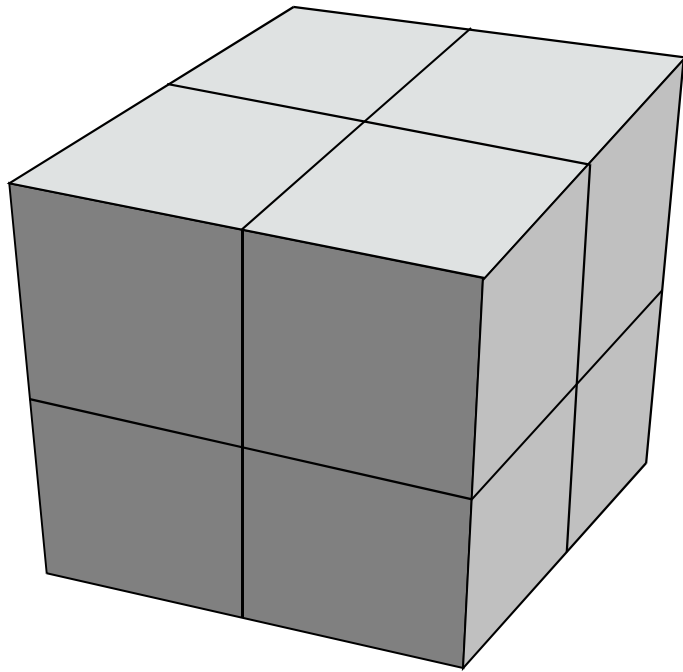
Trivariate Subdivision

Centroid smoothing: Given a vertex v , compute the centroids of the topological d -cubes that contain v . Reposition v at the centroid of these centroids.

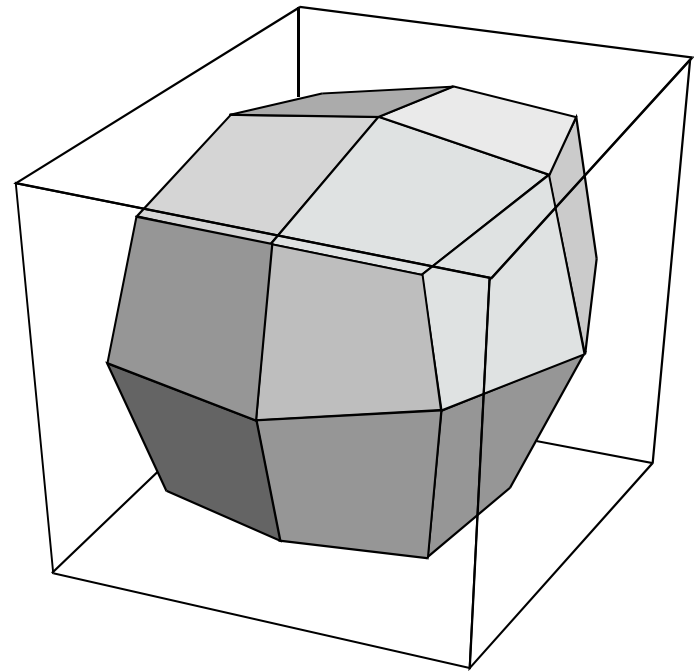
Multivariate Subdivision

Generalization to MLCS:

Multi linear Interpolation

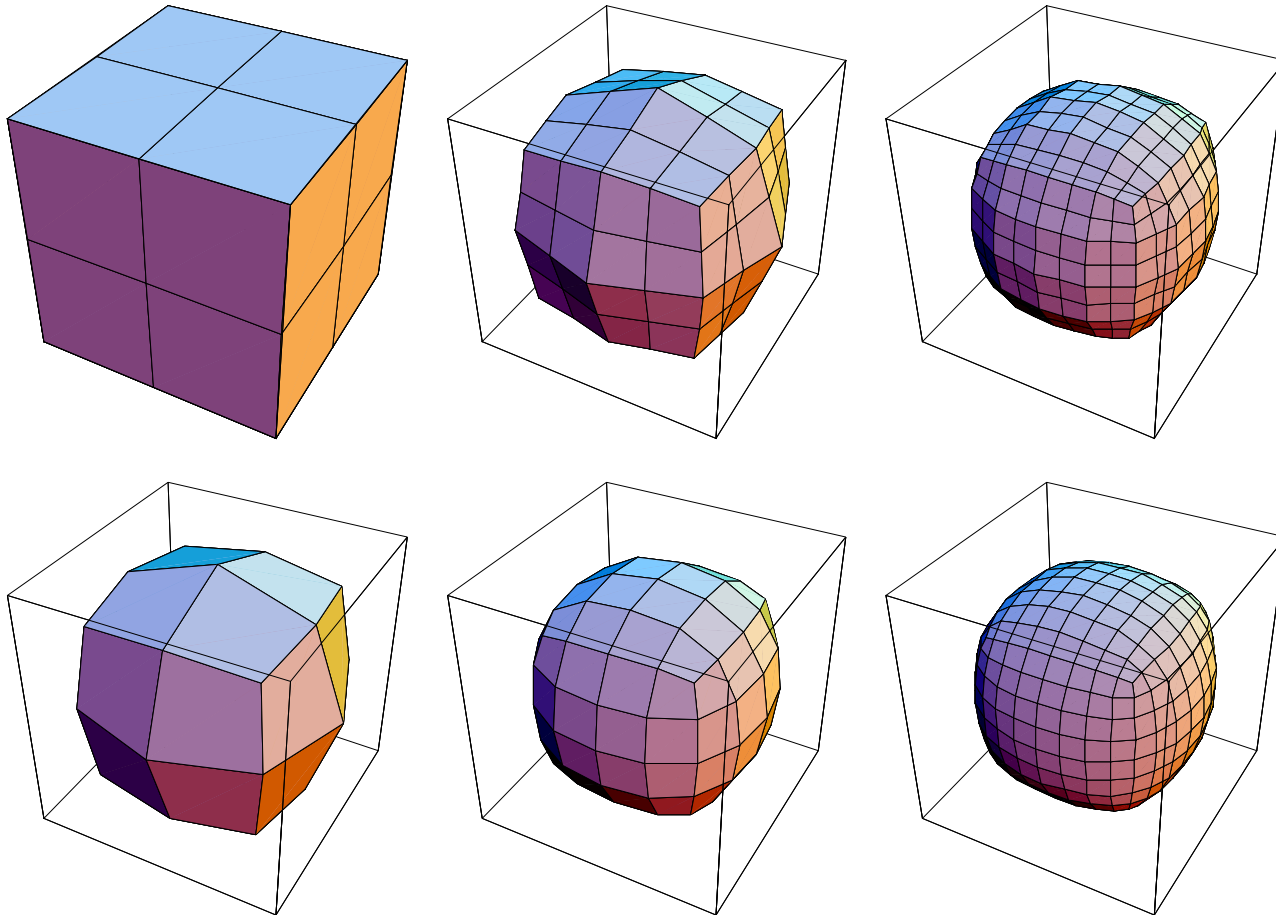


Centroid smoothing



Subdivision

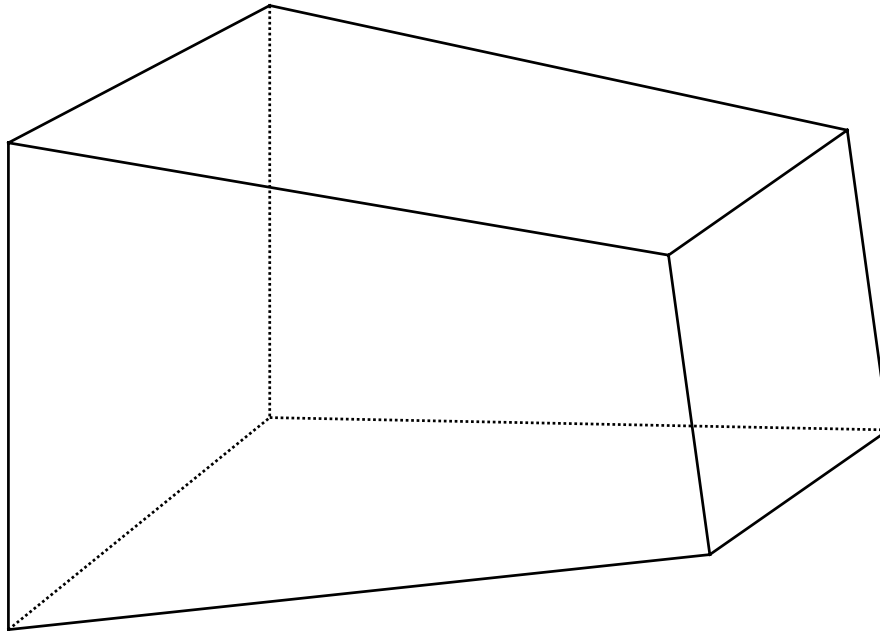
MLCS Subdivision of a cube:



Subdivision

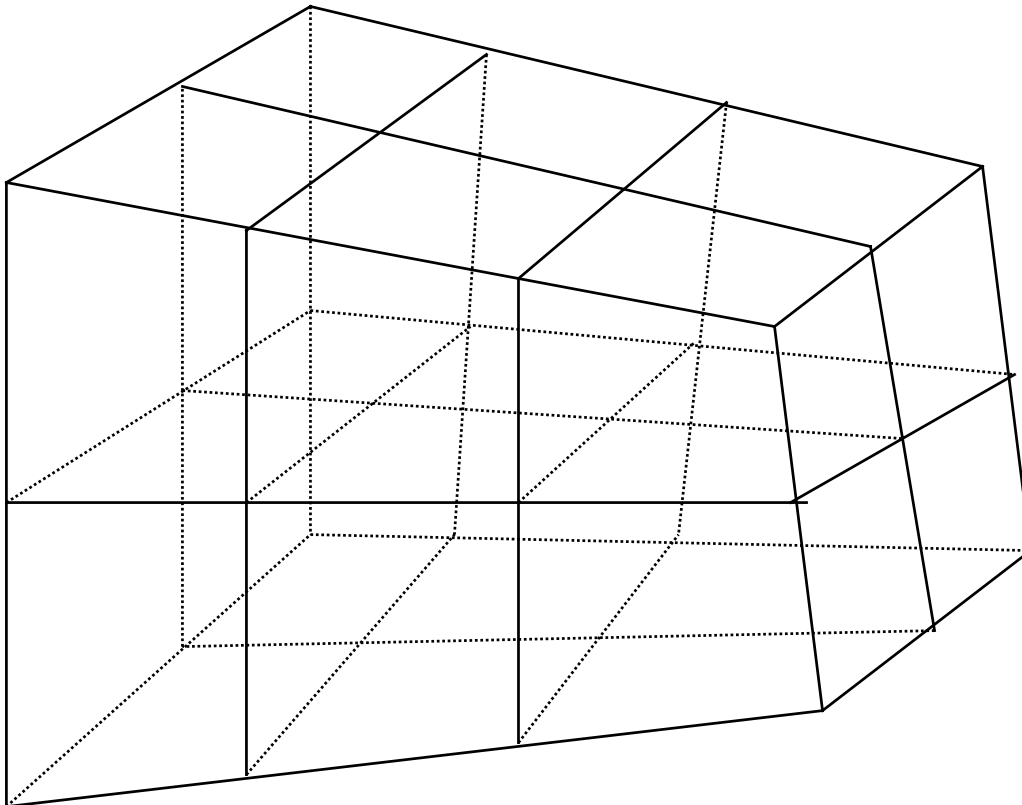
Hexahedron:

- The hexahedron is a polyhedron with 6 planar faces.
- A hexahedral mesh consists of only the hexahedra



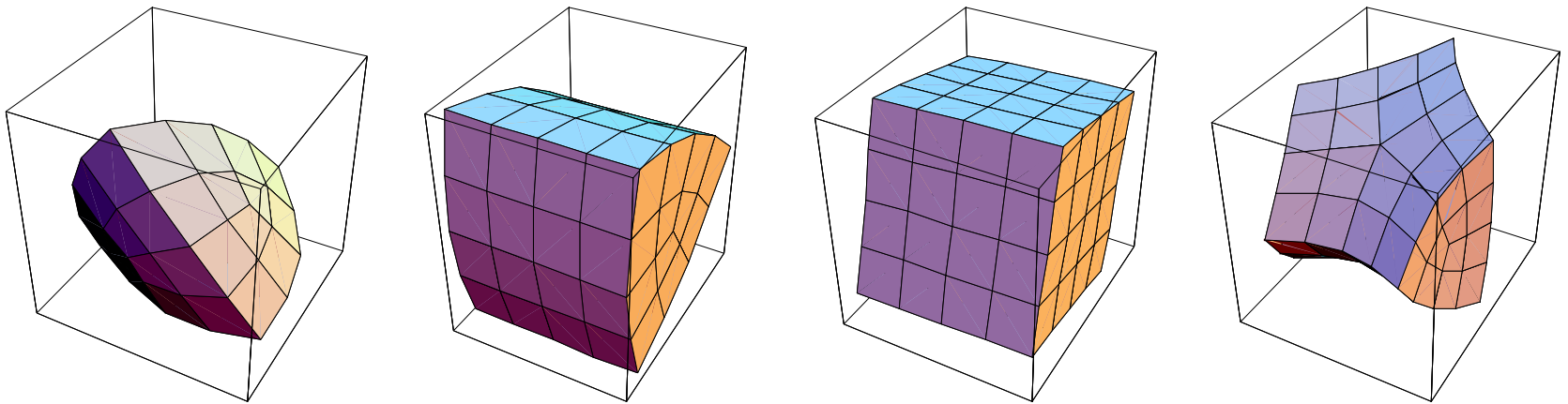
Subdivision

Hexahedral mesh with MLCS:



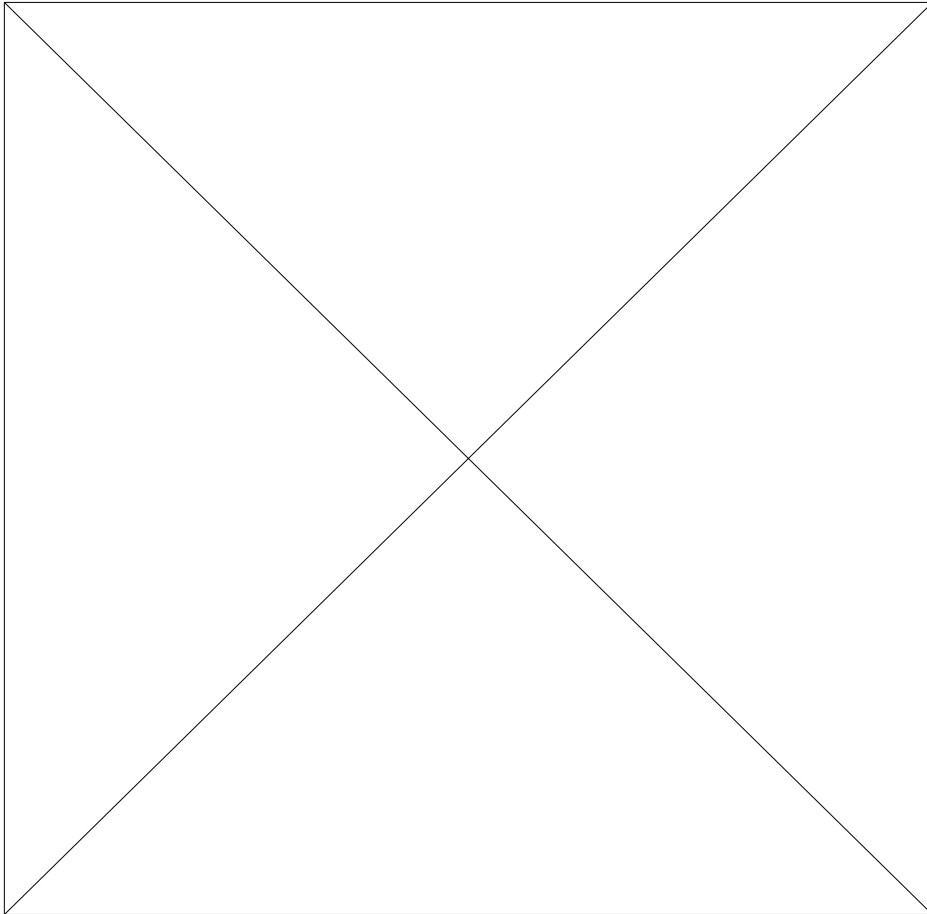
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MLCS with Creases:

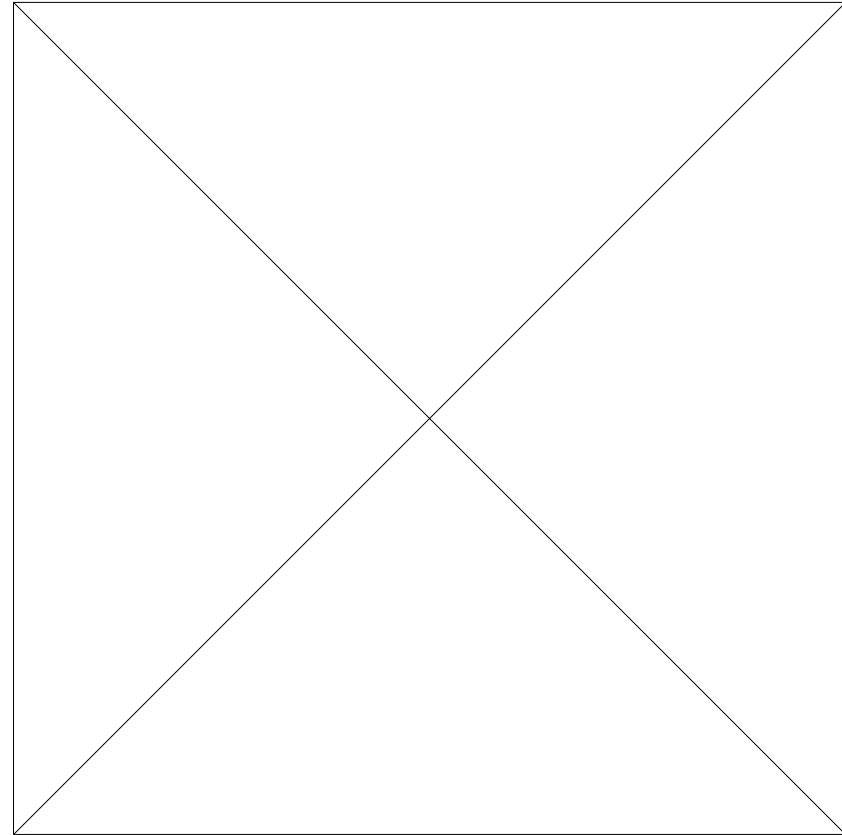


Bring on the coffee! Or
Mineral Wasser !!

Filtering Meshes and Function Fields on Meshes



Surface Mesh



Function on surface mesh

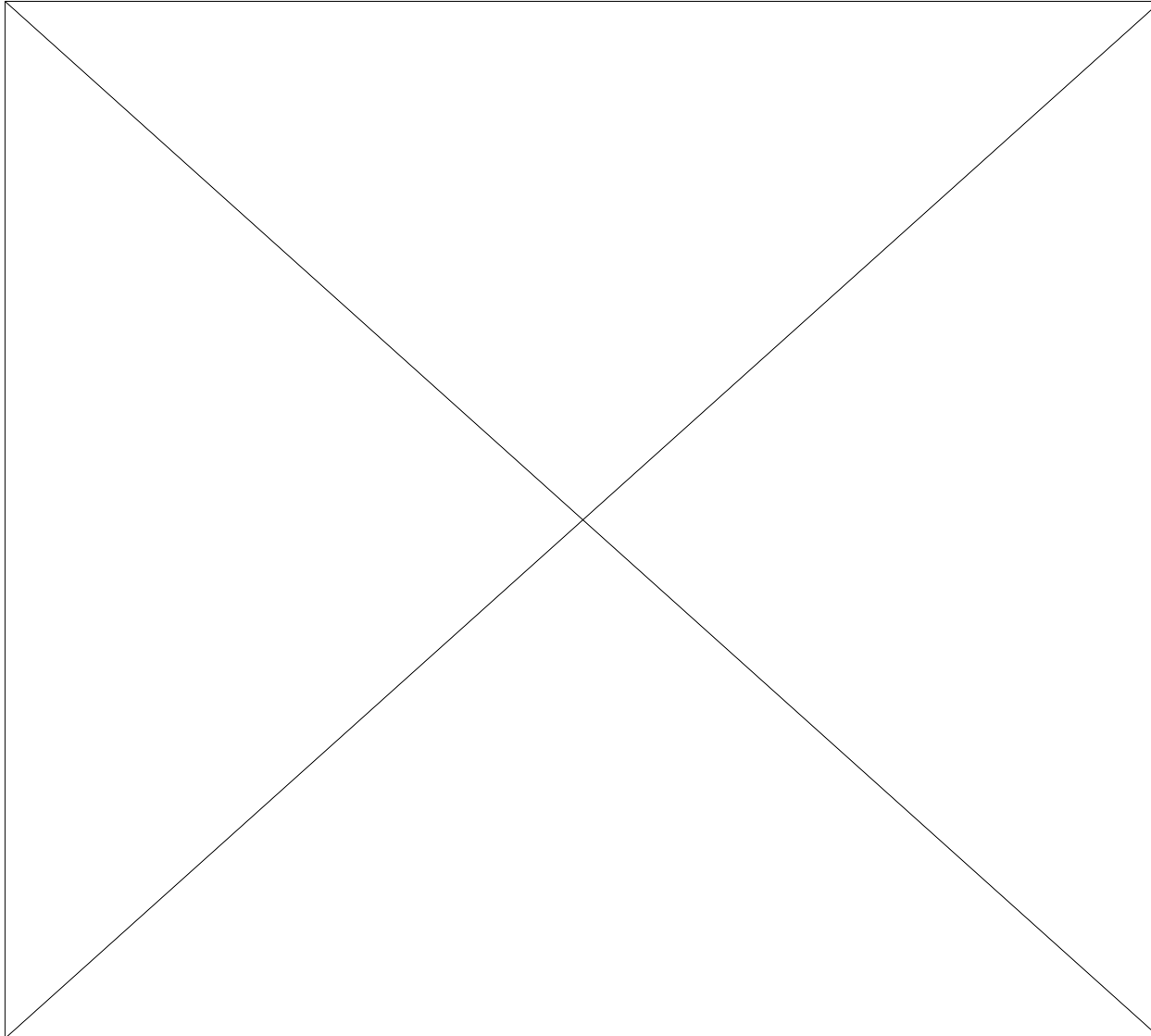
Filtering Problem

Given a discretized noisy triangular surface mesh $G_d \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ (geometric information) and a discretized noisy function-vector $F_d \subset \mathbb{R}^{k-3}$.

Our goals are :

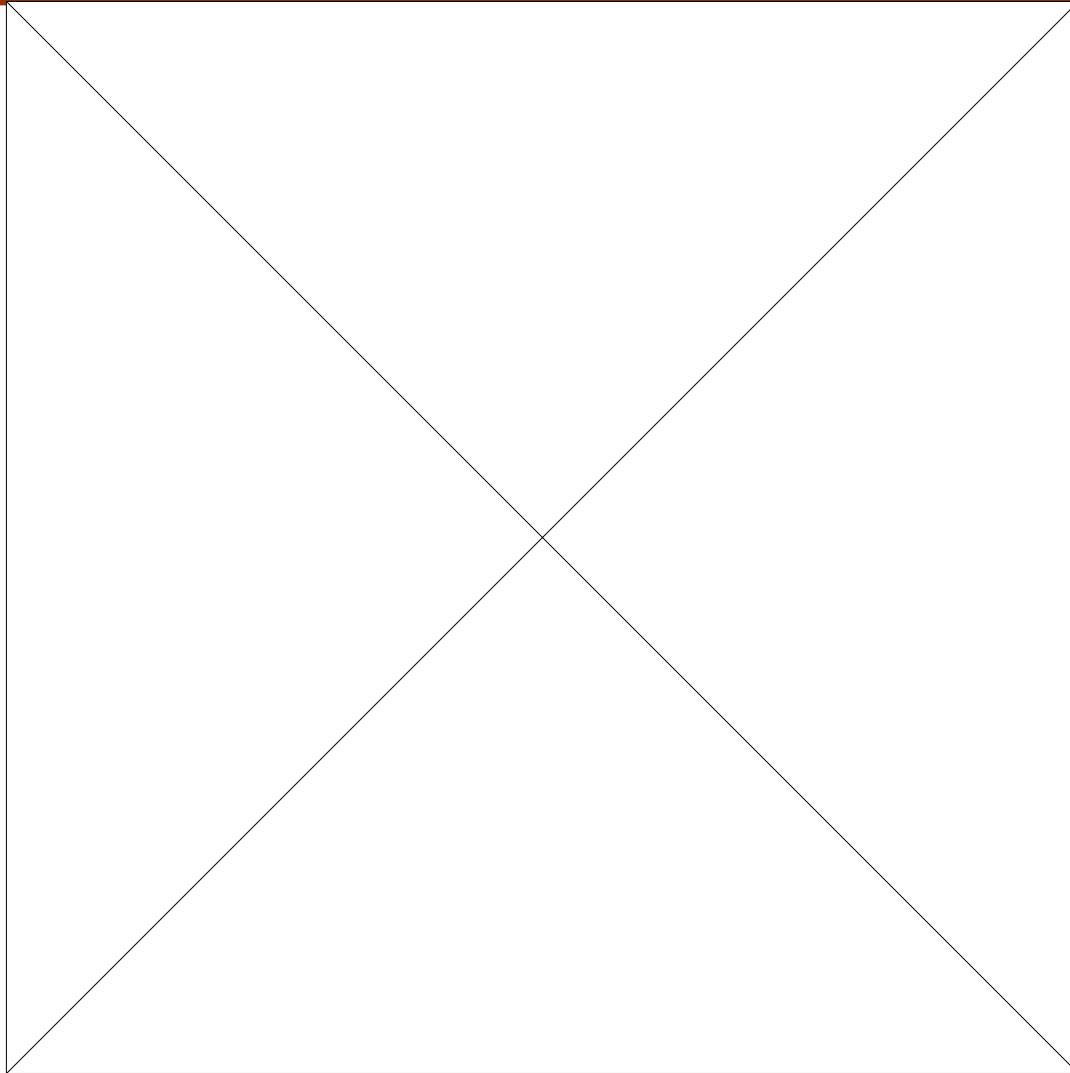
- Smooth out the noise and to obtain smooth geometry as well as surface function data at different scales.
- Construct continuous (non-discretized) representations for the smoothed geometry and surface function data.
- Provide approaches for visualizing the smoothness of both the geometric and physical information during the smoothing process.

De-Noising/Fairing Surfaces



Triangle
Surface
Mesh

Fairing Functions on Surface: Texture Map



Related work in Image Processing

- Gabor ,1965, PDE based image processing, Jian, 1977, Took off thanks to Koenderink, 1984 Witkin 1983.
- Perona and Malik, 1990, anisotropic diffusion, smoothing and enhancing sharp features.
- Osher and Sethian, 1988, curvature based velocities.
- Mumford and Shah, 1989, PDE based segmentation.
- Terzopoulos et al, 1988, PDE based on active contours for image segmentation.

Previous Work for Mesh Fairing

1. Optimization

- a. Minimize thin plate energy (Kobbelt 1996, Desbrun, Meyer, Schroder, 1999).

$$E_p(f) = \int f_{uu}^2 + 2f_{uv}^2 + f_{vv}^2$$

- b. Minimize membrane energy(Kobbelt, 1998 , Desbrun, Meyer, Schroder, 1999).

$$E_m(f) = \int f_u^2 + f_v^2$$

- c. Minimize curvature (Welch, Witkin, 1992).

$$E_c(S) = \int \kappa_1^2 + \kappa_2^2$$

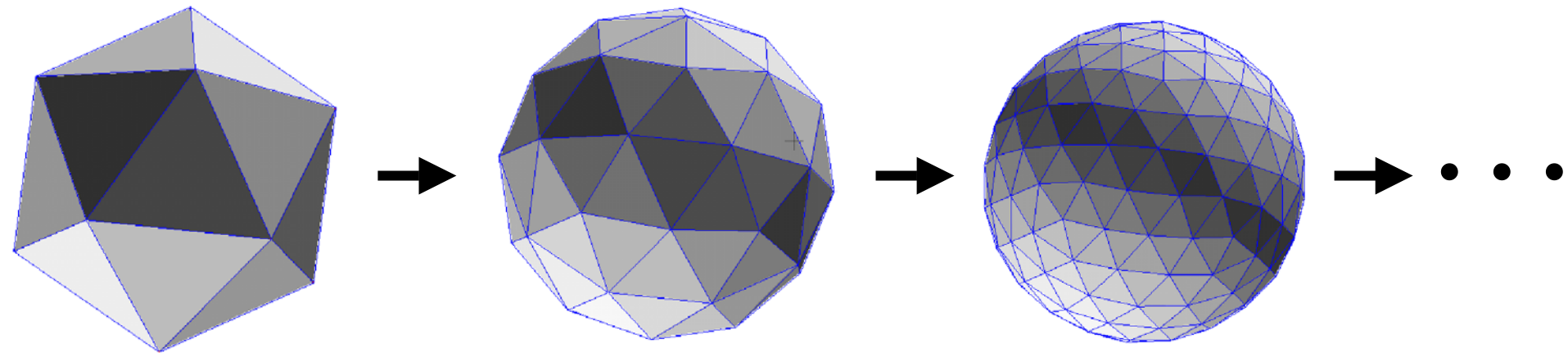
- d. Spring energy(2000).

2. Signal Processing(Guskov, Sweldens, Schroder,1999; Taubin, 1995) using surface relaxation as low pass filter

$$Rp_i = \sum_{j \in V_2(i)} w_{i,j} p_j$$

where $w_{i,j}$ are chosen to minimize something, e.g. the dihedral angles.

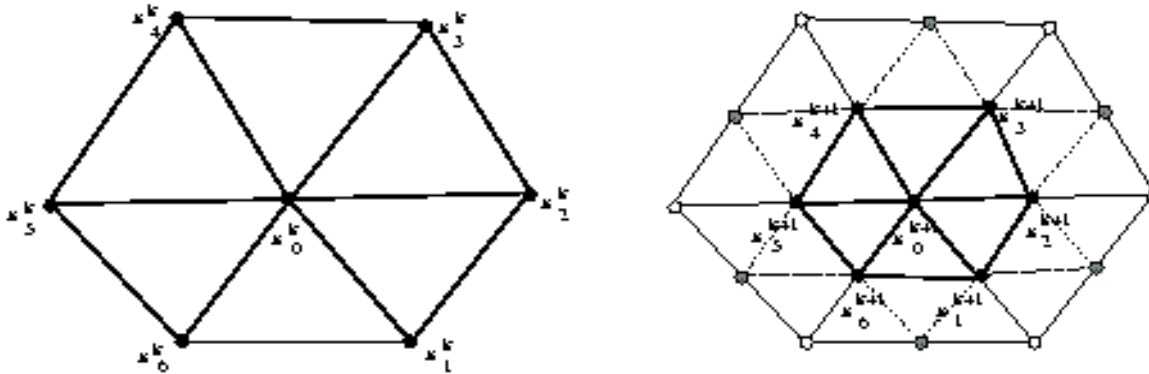
Loop Subdivision Surfaces



Loop's Subdivision Surface Scheme

Edge rule:

$$x_i^{k+1} = \frac{3x_0^k + 3x_i^k + x_{i-1}^k + x_{i+1}^k}{8}, i = 1, \dots, n,$$

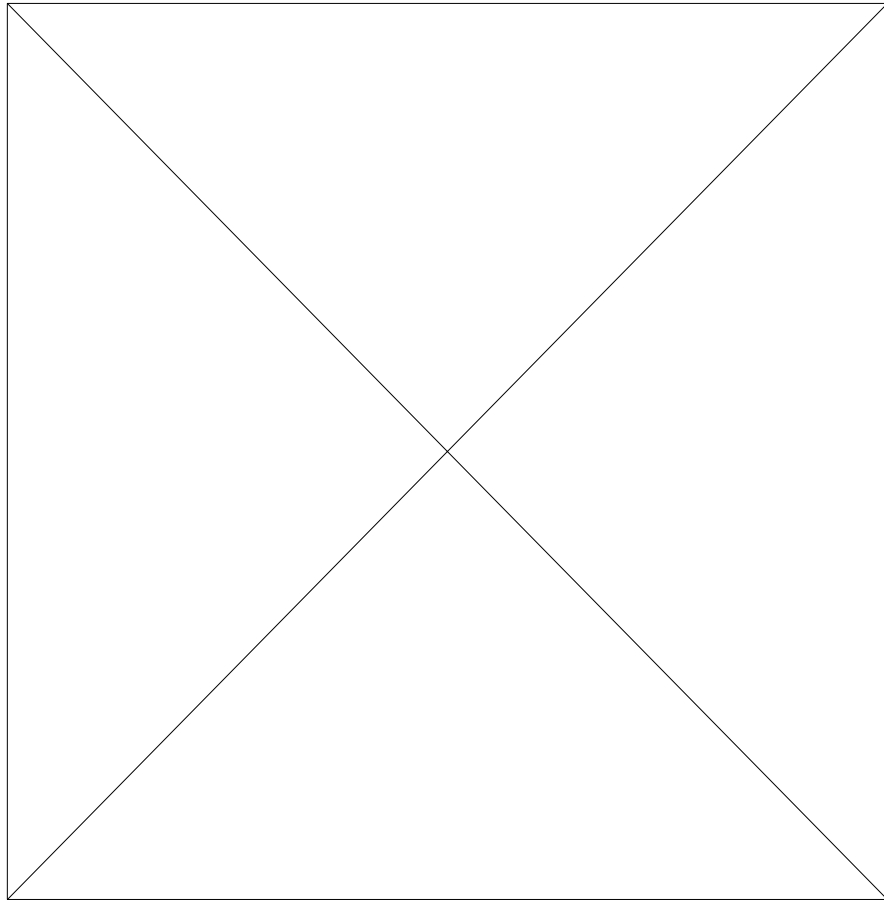


Refinement of a triangular mesh around a vertex

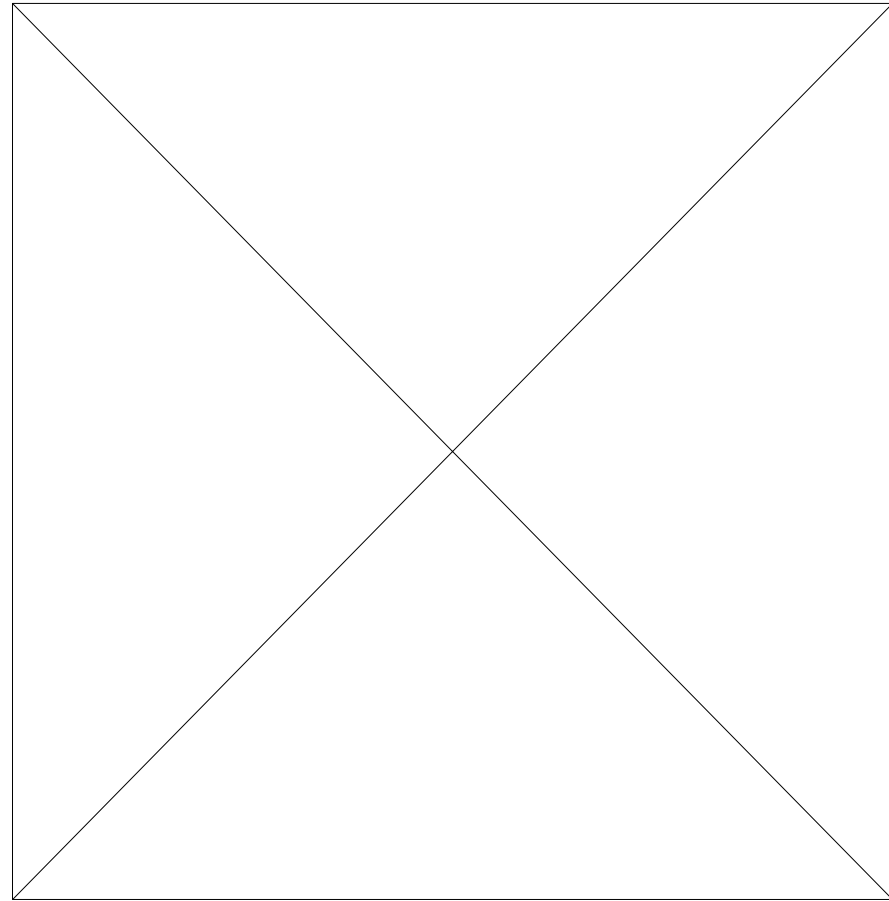
Vertex rule:

$$x_0^{k+1} = (1 - na)x_0^k + a(x_1^k + x_2^k + \dots + x_n^k).$$

Filtering by Loop Subdivision Limit Surfaces

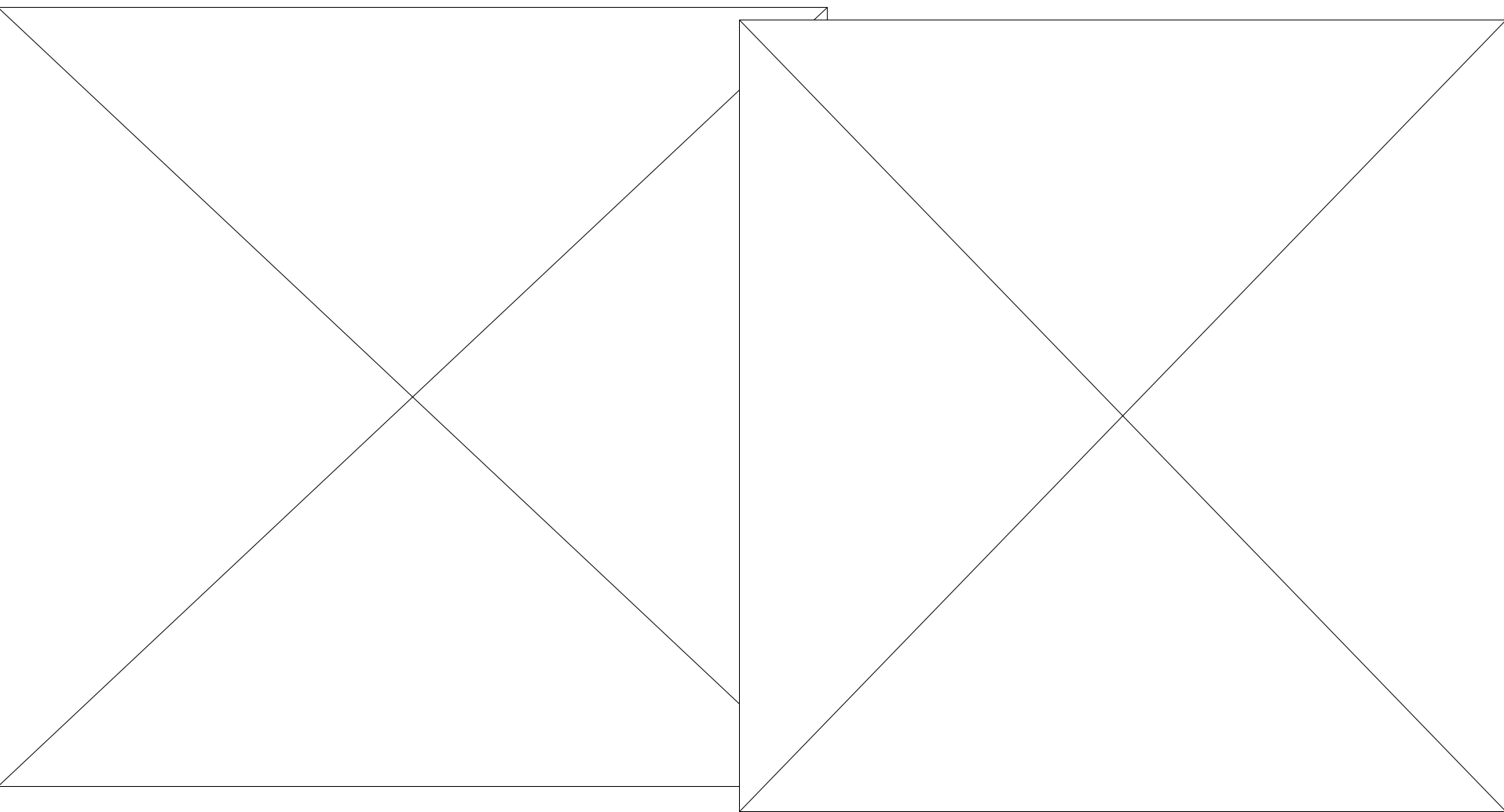


Triangulation Meshes



Limit Surfaces

Isocontours from volumetric data



Geometry Driven Diffusion

Evolution (time dependent)

Linear heat conduction equation.

$$\partial_t \rho - \Delta \rho = 0, \quad \Delta = \text{div} \cdot \nabla$$

For equalizing spatial variation in concentration

For the surface M , the counterpart of the Laplacian Δ is the Laplace Beltrami operator Δ_M . Hence, one obtains the geometric diffusion equation

$$\partial_t x - \Delta_M x = 0, \quad \Delta_M = \operatorname{div}_M \cdot \nabla$$

for surface point $x(t)$ on the surface $M(t)$

Model of Geometric Diffusion

Partial Differential Equation

$$\partial_t x(t) - \operatorname{div}_{M(t)} (\nabla_{M(t)} x(t)) = 0$$

$$M(0) = M$$

where $M(t)$ is the solution surface at time t , $x(t)$ is surface point.

Divergence $\operatorname{div}_{M(t)} v$ for a vector field $v \in V$ is defined as the dual operator of the gradient:

$$\int_M \operatorname{div}_M v \phi dx := - \int_M v^T \nabla \phi dx, \quad \forall \phi \in C^\infty(M)$$

More Related Work

- Desbrun et al (1999), use an implicit discretization of geometric diffusion to obtain strongly stable numerical smoothing scheme.
- Clarenz et. al (2000) introduce the anisotropic geometric diffusion to enhance features while smoothing

Above based on a discretized surface model.
Hence, the first and the second order derivative information, such as normals, tangents and curvatures are estimated using some local averaging or fitting scheme.

Variational form

$$(\partial_t x(t), \theta)_{M(t)} + (\nabla_{M(t)} x(t), \nabla_{M(t)} \theta)_{TM(t)} = 0,$$

$$\forall \theta \in C^\infty(M(t))$$

where

$$(f, g)_M = \int_M fg dx, \quad (\phi, \psi)_{TM} = \int_M \phi^T \psi dx$$

- How to represent $M(t)$?
- How to choose θ ?

Spatial Discretization

$$(\partial_t x(t), \theta)_{M(t)} + (\nabla_{M(t)} x(t), \nabla_{M(t)} \theta)_{TM(t)} = 0, \quad \forall \theta \in V_{M(t)}$$

Let

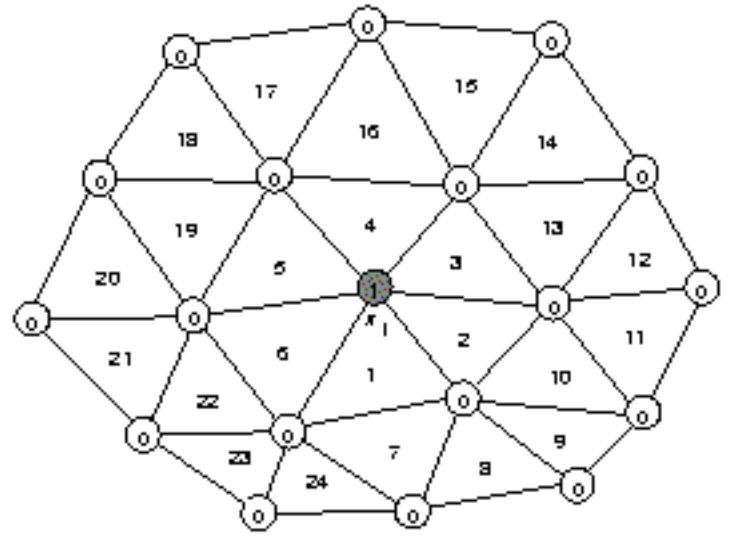
$$x(t) = \sum_{i=1}^m c_i(t) \phi_i(x), \quad \theta = \phi_j(x)$$

Then we have a set of ordinary differential equations

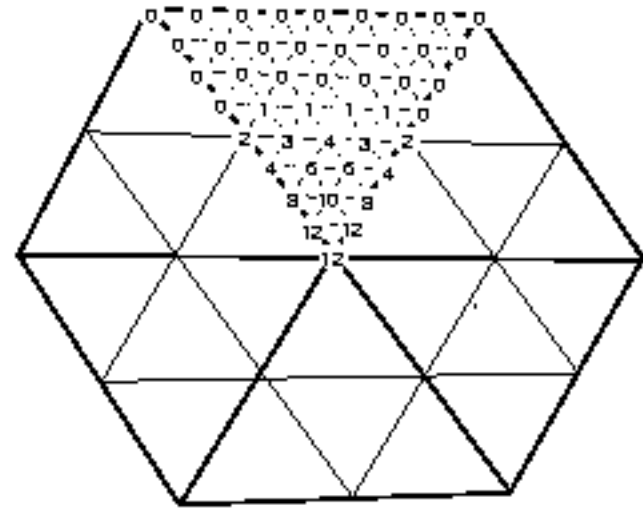
$$\sum_{i=1}^m c'_i(t) (\phi_i(x), \phi_j(x))_{M(t)} + \sum_{i=1}^m c_i(t) (\nabla_{M(t)} \phi_i(x), \nabla_{M(t)} \phi_j(x))_{TM(t)} = 0$$

$$j = 1, \dots, m$$

Where ϕ_i are the Loop limit surface basis functions (box splines)



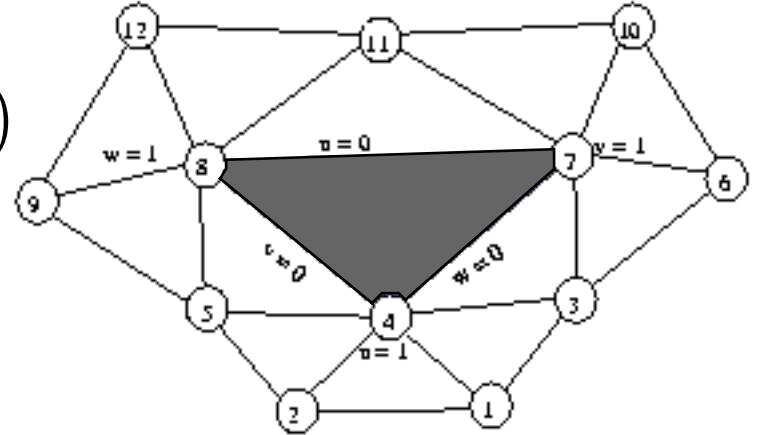
(a)



(b)

Loop Subdivision Limit Surfaces (Box splines)

$$x(t) = \sum_{i=1}^m c_i(t) \phi_i(x), \quad \theta = \phi_j(x)$$



$$N_1 = \frac{1}{12} (u^4 + 2u^3v),$$

$$N_2 = \frac{1}{12} (u^4 + 2u^3w),$$

$$N_3 = \frac{1}{12} [u^4 + v^4 + 6u^3v + 6uv^3 + 12u^2v^2 + (2u^3 + 2v^3 + 6u^2v + 6uv^2)w],$$

$$N_4 = \frac{1}{12} [6u^4 + 24u^3(v+w) + u^2(24v^2 + 60vw + 24w^2) + u(8v^3 + 36v^2w + 36vw^2 + 8w^3) + (v^4 + 6v^3w + 12v^2w^2 + 6vw^3 + w^4)]$$

$$(u, v, w) \rightarrow (v, w, u): \quad N_1, N_2, N_3, N_4 \rightarrow N_{10}, N_6, N_{11}, N_7$$

$$(u, v, w) \rightarrow (w, u, v): \quad N_1, N_2, N_3, N_4 \rightarrow N_9, N_{12}, N_5, N_8$$

Time Discretization

Let X^n be approximation of $x(n\tau)$, where τ is the timestep. Then
 The semi-implicit discretization is

$$\left(\frac{X^{n+1} - X^n}{\tau}, \phi_i \right)_{M(n\tau)} +$$

$$\left(\nabla M(n\tau) X^{n+1}, \nabla M(n\tau) \phi_i \right)_{TM(n\tau)} = 0, i = 1, \dots, m$$

Since

$$x(t) = \sum_{i=1}^m c_i(t) \phi_i(x)$$

Then we have a linear system.

$$(M^n + \tau L^n)C((n + 1)\tau) = M^n C(n\tau)$$

where $C(t) = [c_1(t), \dots, c_m(t)]$

$$M^n = \left((\phi_i, \phi_j)_{M(n\tau)} \right)_{i,j=1}^m$$

and

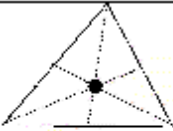

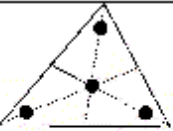
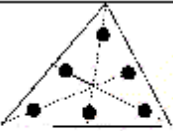
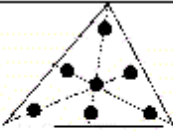
$$L^n = \left((\nabla_{M(n\tau)} \phi_i, \nabla_{M(n\tau)} \phi_j)_{TM(n\tau)} \right)_{i,j=1}^m$$

Solving the linear system

- M^n and L^n are sparse.
- M^n is symmetric and positive definite.
- L^n is symmetric and nonnegative definite.
- $M^n + \tau L^n$ is symmetric and positive definite.

The system is solved by the conjugate gradient method.

Numerical Integration

					
v_1	0.3333333333	0.0	0.1333333333	0.8168475729	0.05961587
v_2		0.5	0.1333333333	0.0915762135	0.47014206
v_3		0.5	0.7333333333	0.0915762135	0.47014206
v_4			0.3333333333	0.1081030181	0.79742699
v_5				0.4459484909	0.10128651
v_6				0.4459484909	0.10128651
v_7					0.33333333
w_1	0.3333333333	0.5	0.7333333333	0.0915762135	0.47014206
w_2		0.0	0.1333333333	0.8168475729	0.05961587
w_3		0.5	0.1333333333	0.0915762135	0.47014206
w_4			0.3333333333	0.1459484909	0.10128651
w_5				0.1081030181	0.79742699
w_6				0.4459484909	0.10128651
w_7					0.33333333
W_1	1.0	0.3333333333	0.5208333333	0.1099517436	0.13239415
W_2		0.3333333333	0.5208333333	0.1099517436	0.13239415
W_3		0.3333333333	0.5208333333	0.1099517436	0.13239415
W_4			0.5625	0.2233815896	0.12593918
W_5				0.2233815896	0.12593918
W_6				0.2233815896	0.12593918
W_7					0.225
p	1	2	3	4	5

Integration rules over triangle. $(1 - v_i - w_i, v_i, w_i)$ are barycentric coordinates of the nodes, W_i are the weights. The last row represents the algebraic precision.

Anti-Shrinking

Denote the x, y and z components of the surface point $x(t)$ as $x_1(t)$, $x_2(t)$ and $x_3(t)$, respectively. Then, we have

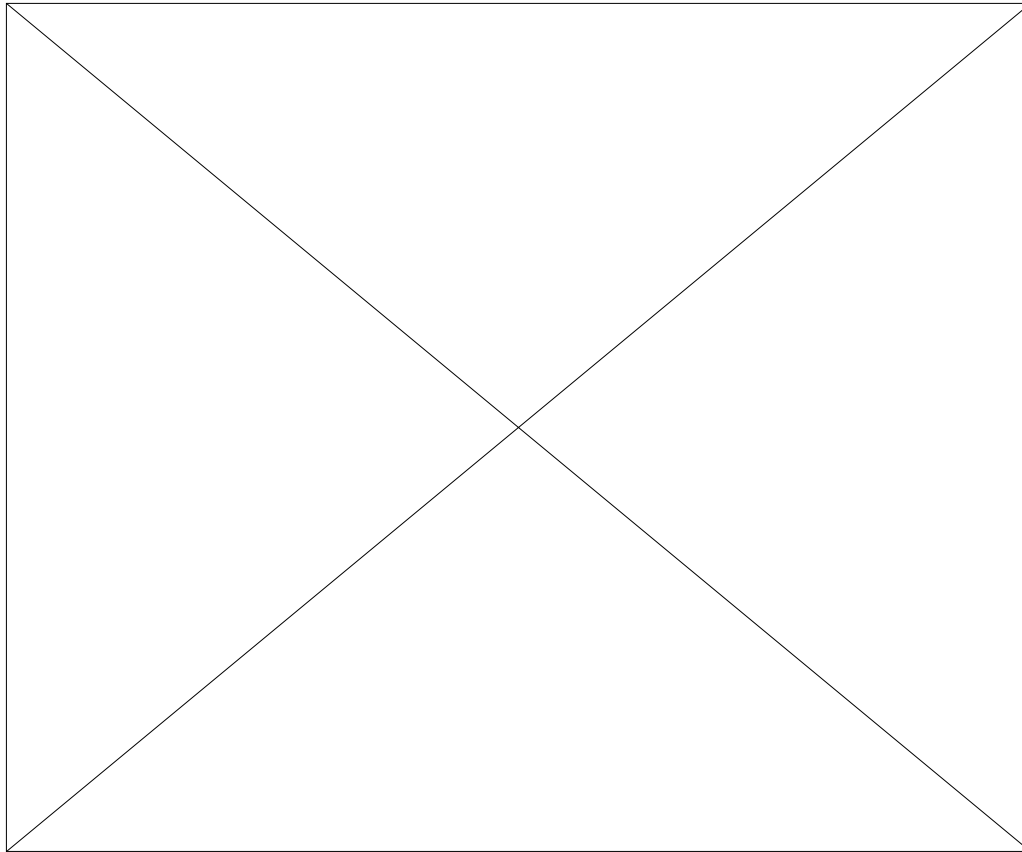
$$(\partial_t x_i(t), x_i(t))_{M(t)} = - (\nabla_{M(t)} x_i(t), \nabla_{M(t)} x_i(t))_{TM(t)}$$

and

$$\frac{\partial (x(t), x(t))_{M(t)}}{\partial t} = 2(\partial_t x(t), x(t))_{M(t)} = -4Area(M(t))$$

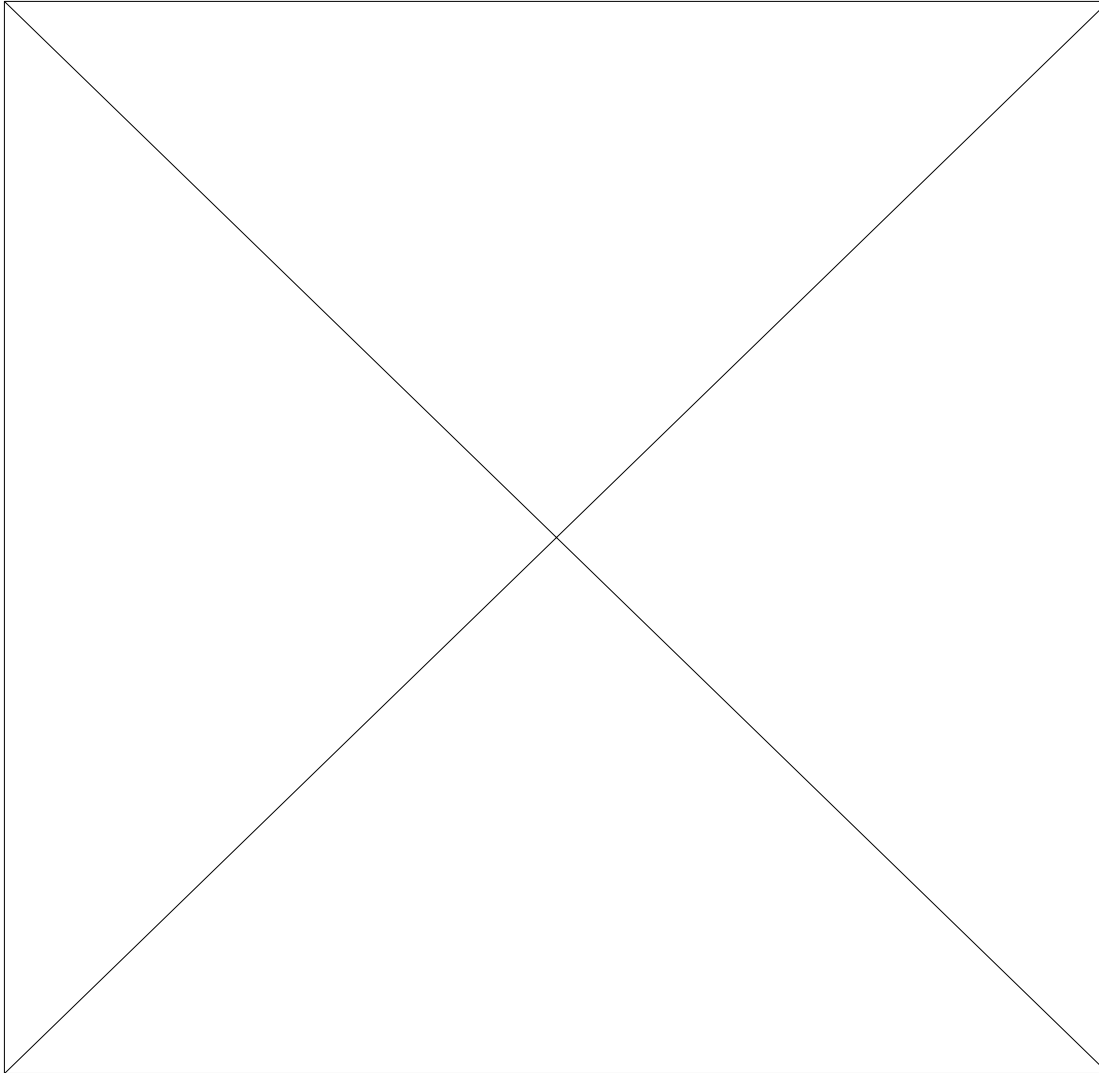
$$\frac{\partial (Area(M(t)))}{\partial t} = - \int_{M(t)} H^2 dx$$

Since $Area(M(t)) > 0$, the surface point $x(t)$ shrinks towards the origin at the average speed of $4Area(M(t))$.



To avoid such a shrinking, the surface point is magnified by a factor

$$\alpha = \sqrt[4]{\frac{(x(0), x(0))_{M(0)}}{(x(t), x(t))_{M(t)}}} \geq 1$$



Diffusion Tensor

$$\partial_t x(t) - \operatorname{div}(a(x) \nabla_{M(t)} x(t)) = 0$$

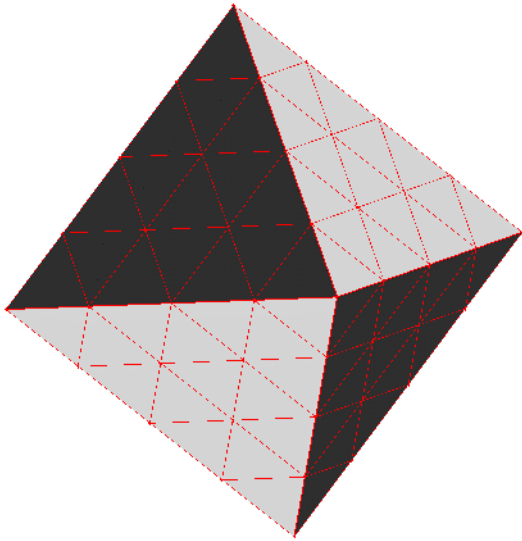
$a(x)$ is a symmetric, positive definite linear mapping on the Tangent space

$$a(x) : TM \rightarrow TM$$

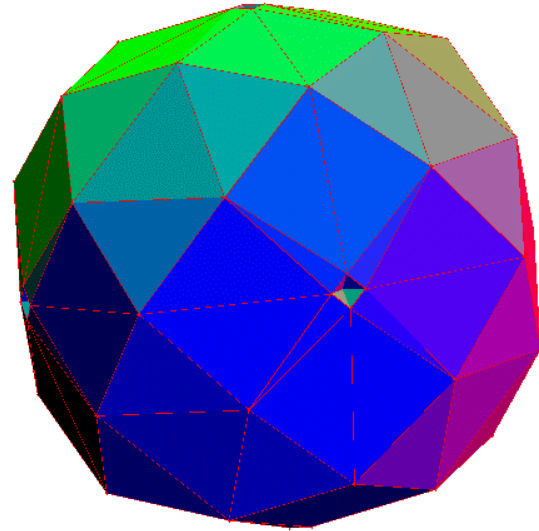
The problem is how to choose the diffusion tensor?

Anti – Crease by Diffusion Tensor

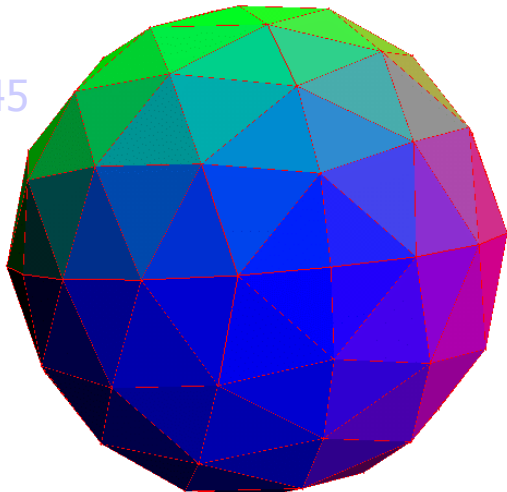
Initial
Mesh



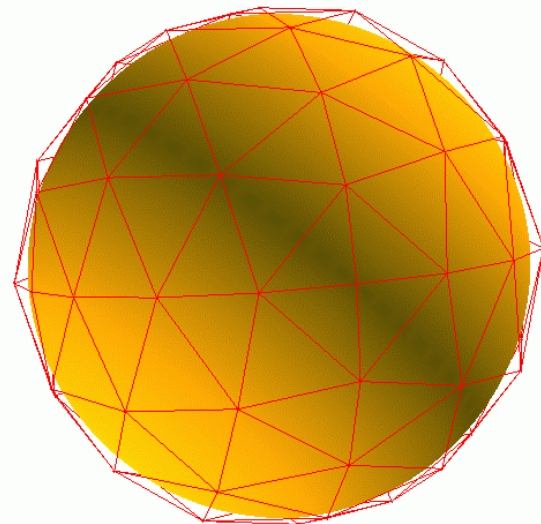
After
11,114
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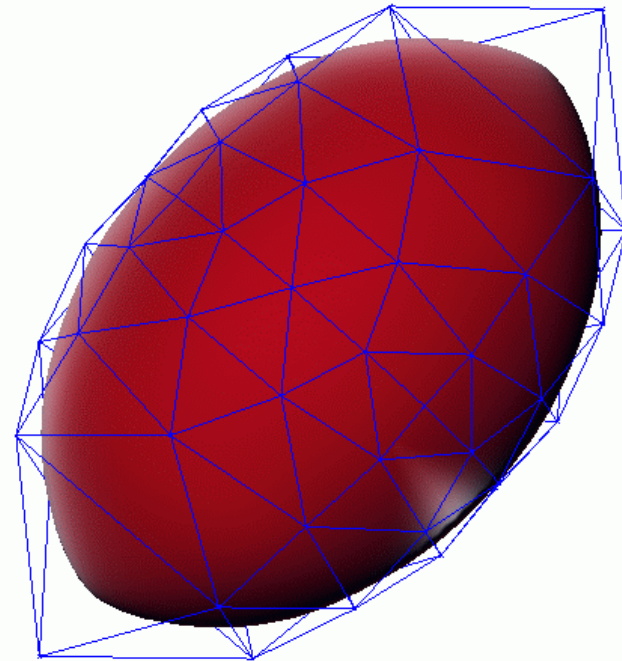
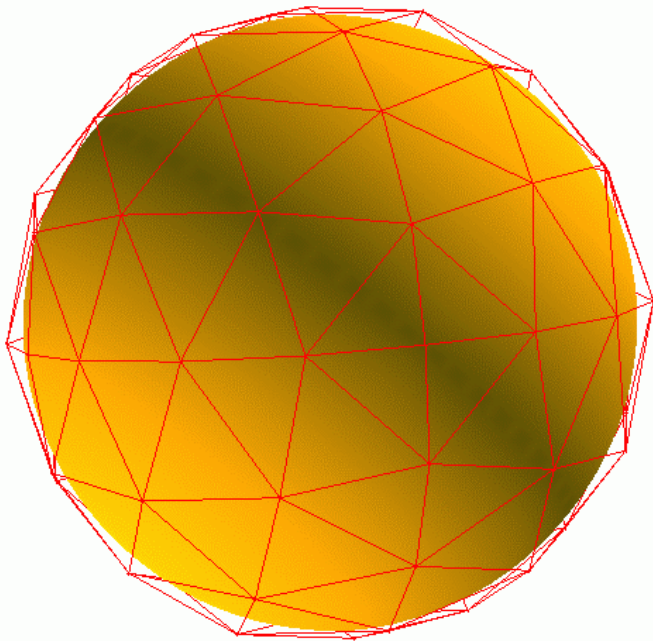
$a = (\text{area})^{0.45}$
of triangle.
After 2228
iterations.



Limit
surface



Change Shape by Diffusion Tensor



$$a(x) = x_1^2 + x_2^2, \quad \text{where} \quad x = (x_1, x_2, x_3)$$

Enhance Sharp Features

Let $v^{(1)}(x), v^{(2)}(x)$, be the principle directions of $M(t)$ at point $x(t)$.
 $N(x)$ Be the normal at that point.

Then any vector z in the tangent plane could be expressed as

$$z = \alpha v^{(1)}(x) + \beta v^{(2)}(x) + \delta N(x)$$

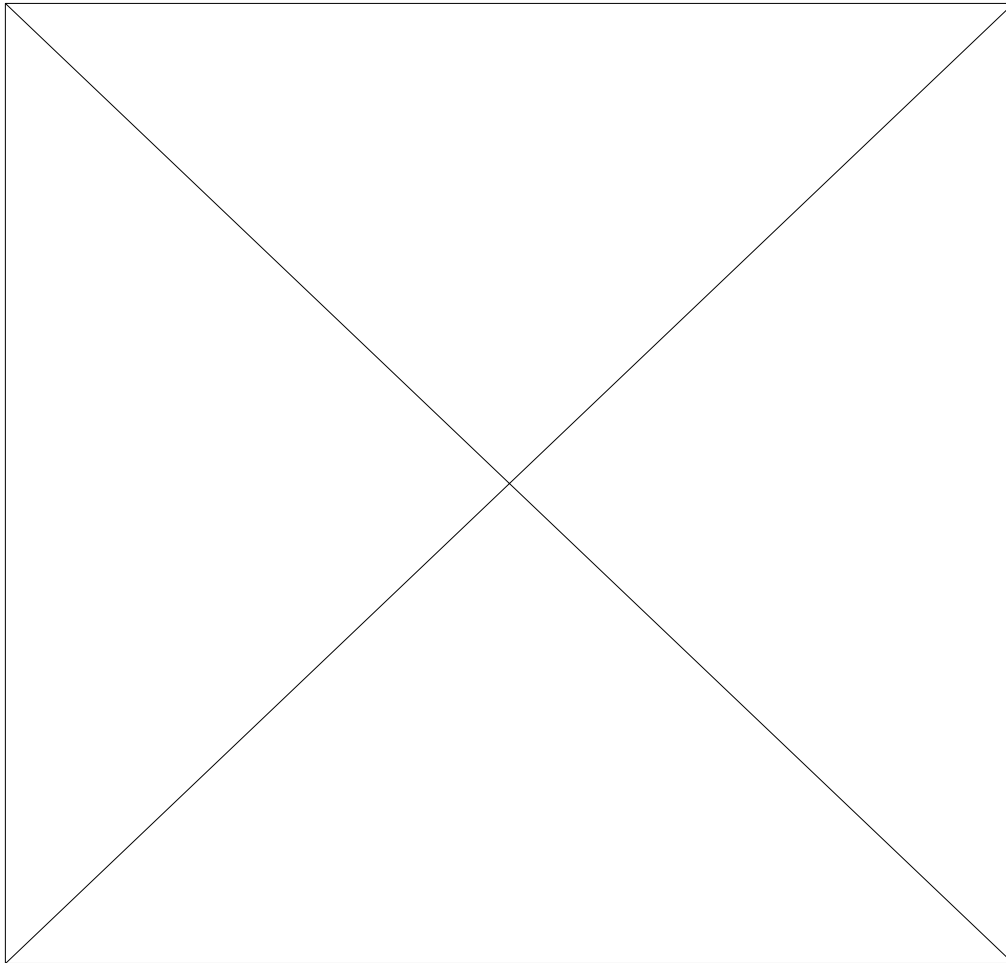
Then define a , such that

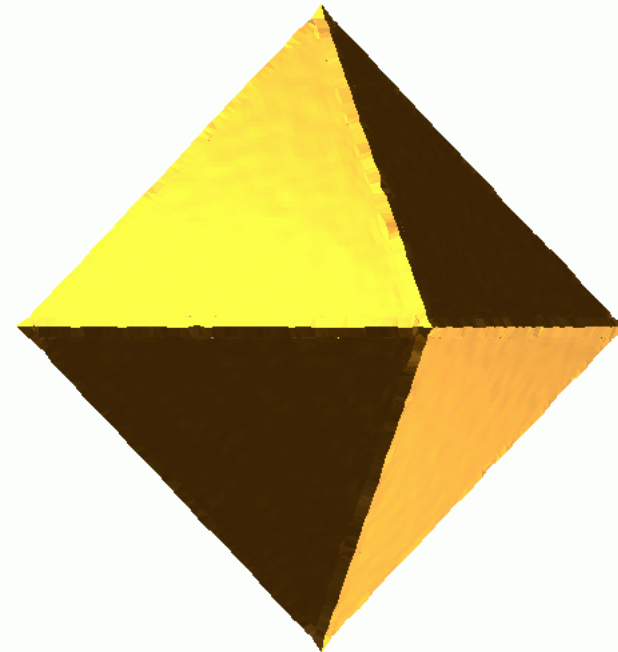
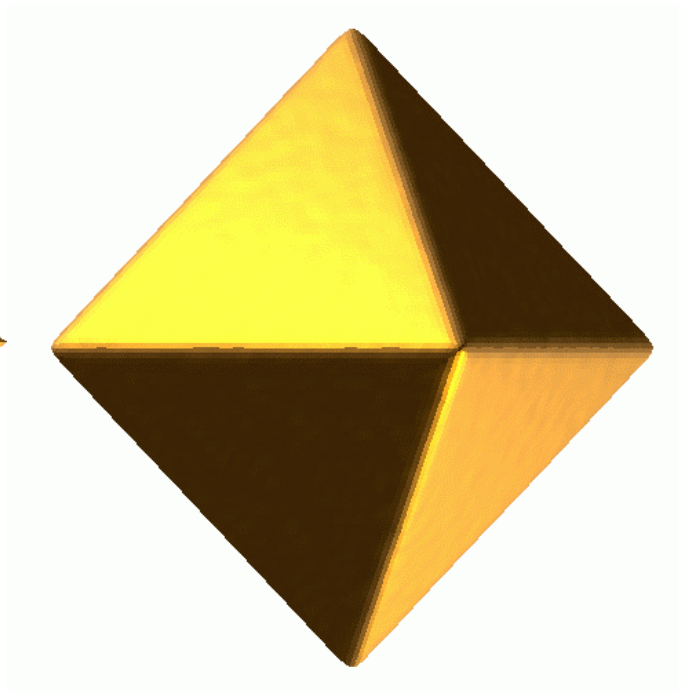
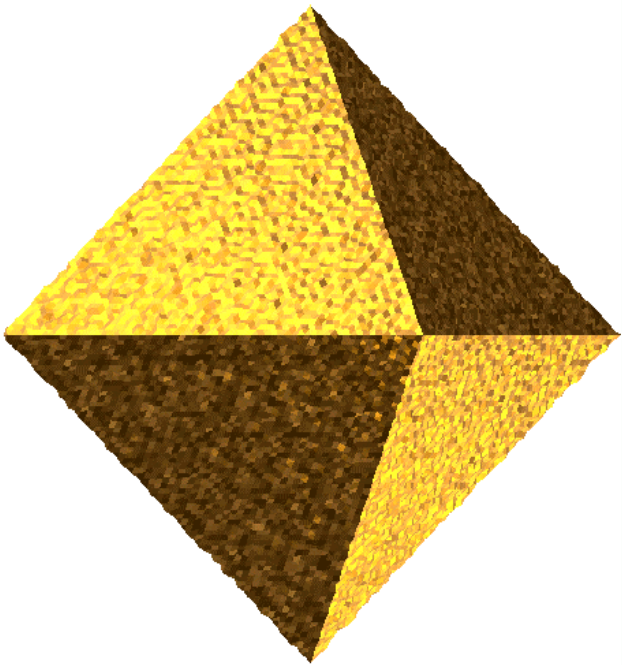
$$az = g(k_1)\alpha v^{(1)}(x) + g(k_2)\beta v^{(2)}(x) + \delta N(x)$$

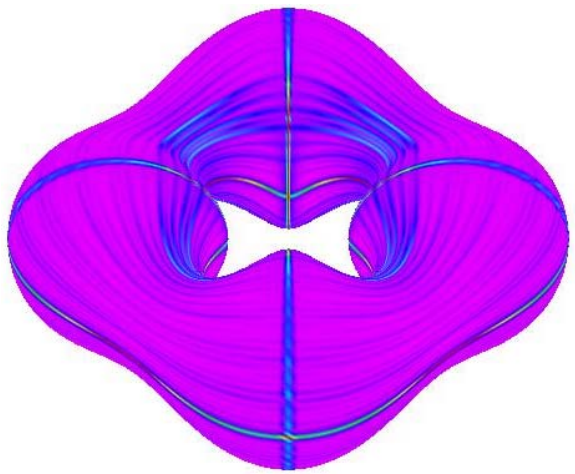
where

$$g(s) = \begin{cases} 1, & s \leq \lambda \\ 2(1 + \frac{s^2}{\lambda^2})^{-1}, & s > \lambda \end{cases}$$

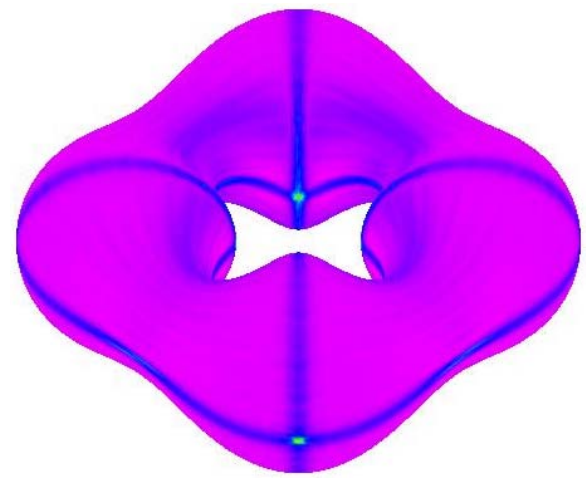
$\lambda > 0$ is given constant.



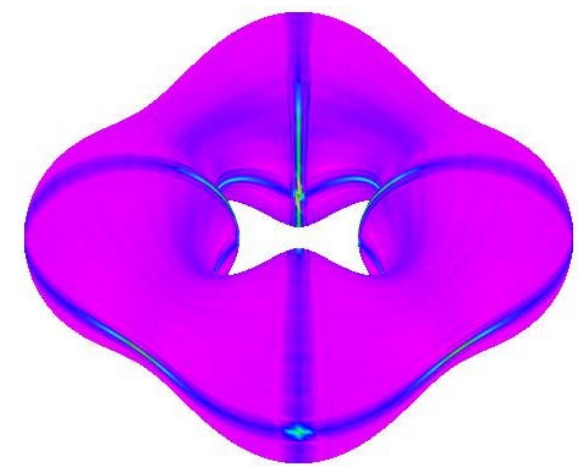




Initial functions



After three iterations

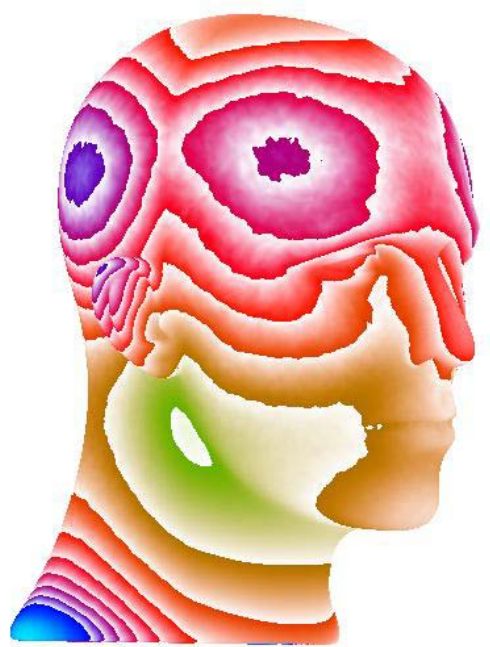


After five iterations

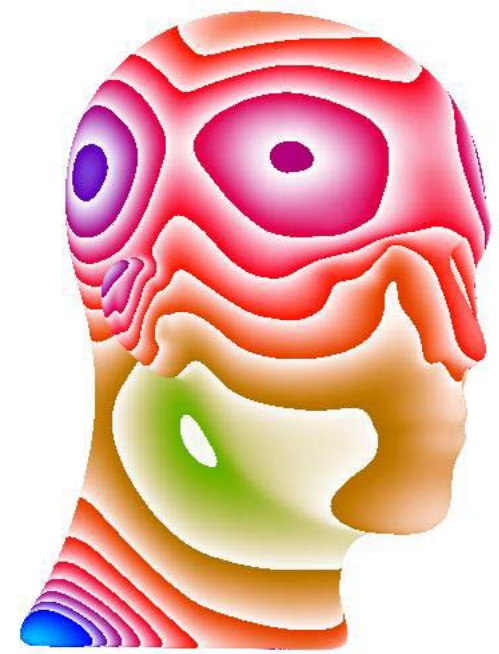
Mean curvature plot: non-smooth functions at $x=0, y=0, z=0$

Smoothness visualization

Iso – Contour plot

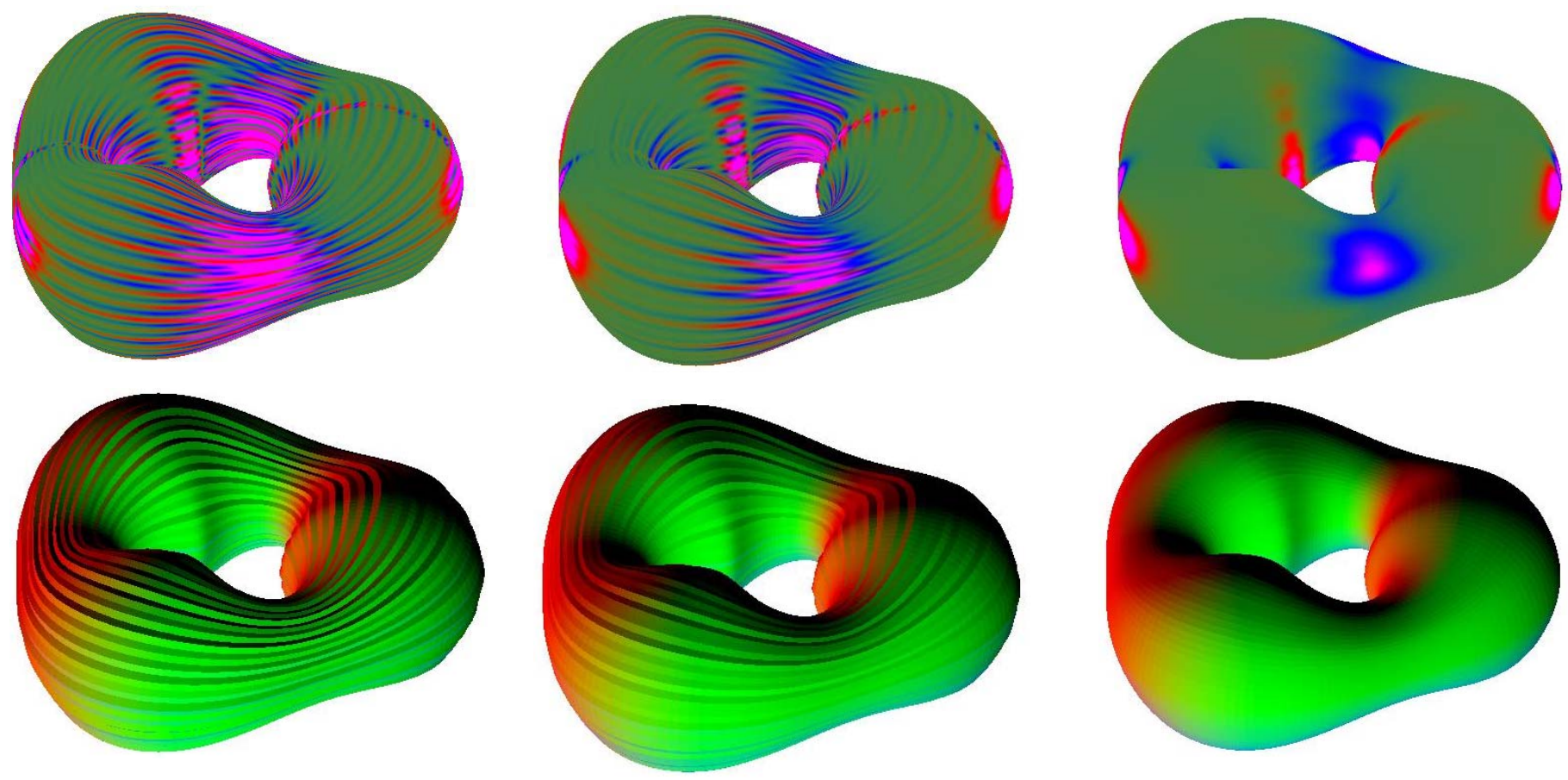


Initial data



After 4 fairing iterations

Riemannian Curvature Plot

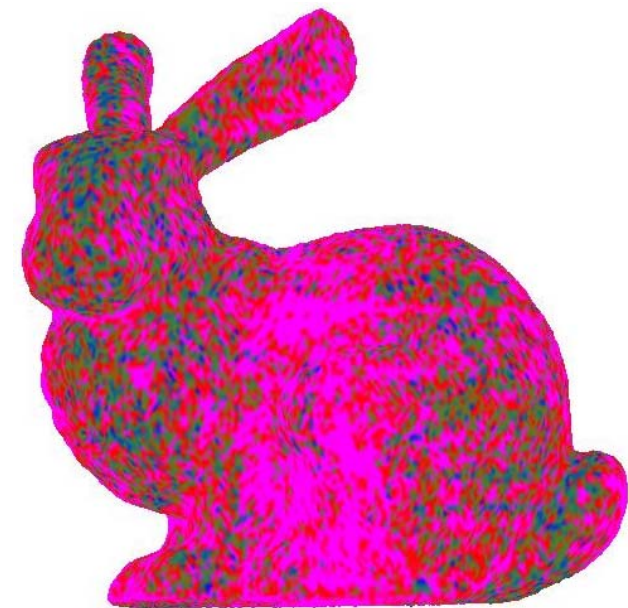


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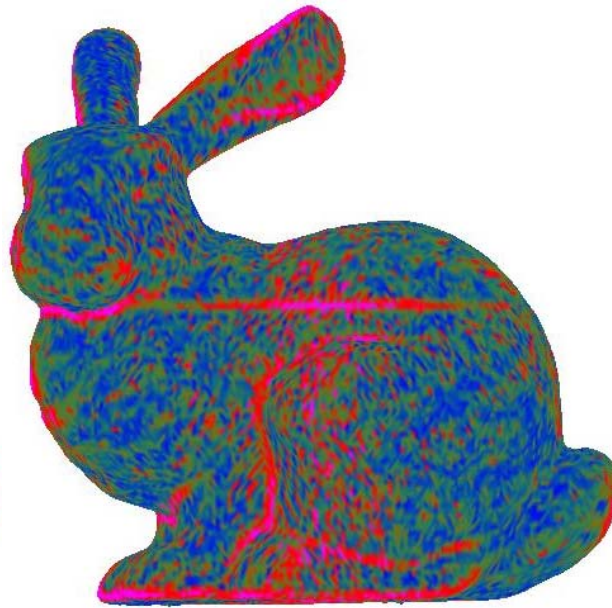
After 1 iteration

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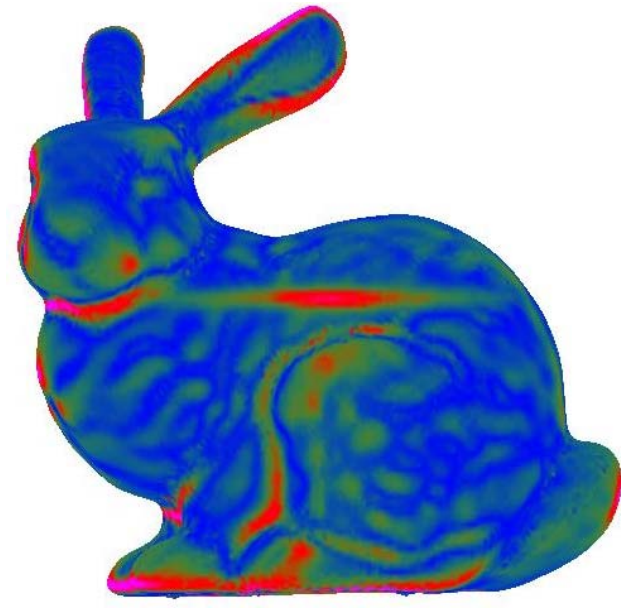
Mean Curvature Plot



Initial data

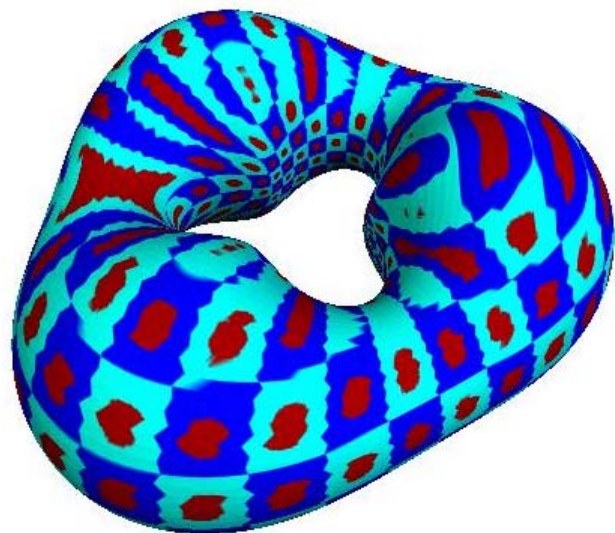


After 1 iteration

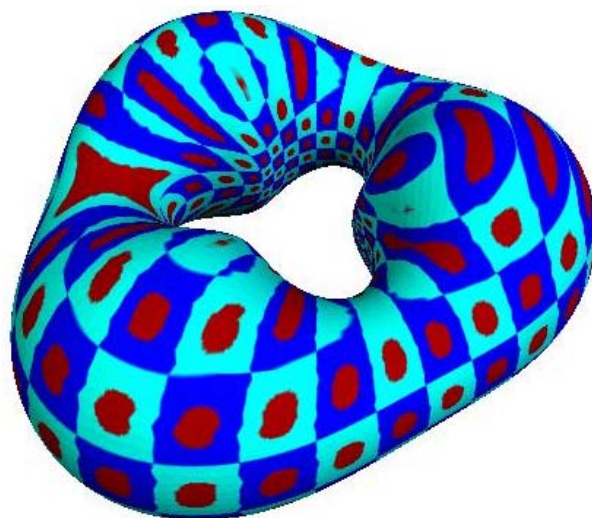


After 4 iterations

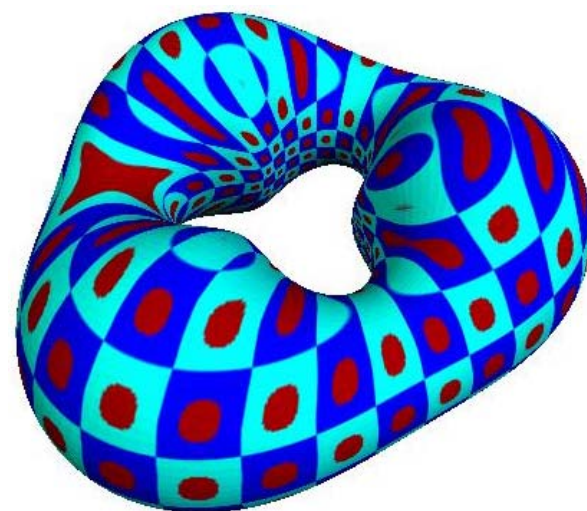
Functions on Surface: Texture Map



Initial data



After 1 iteration



After 4 iterations

Remaining Problems

1. Error analysis
2. Play with the tensor.
3. Bad triangulations.

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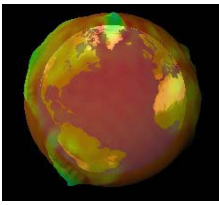
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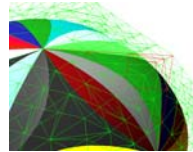


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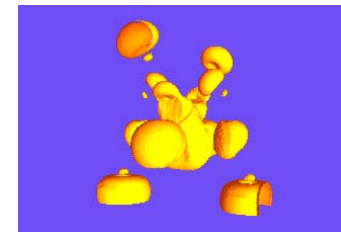
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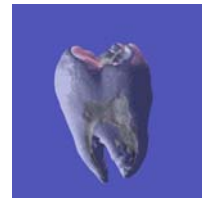
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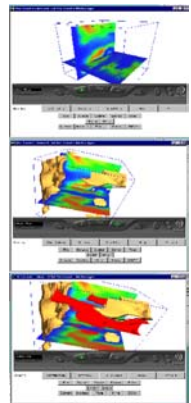
3. Contouring



4. Volume Rendering



5. Flow, Vector, Tensor Field Visualization



6. Application Case Studies