## Parametrization

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## What is a parametrization?

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Mollweide-Projektion


Peters-Projektion


Senkrechte Umgebungsperspektive


Gnomonische Projektion


Mercator-Projektion


Längentreue Azimuthalprojektion


Robinson-Projektion


Flächentreue Kegelprojektion


Stereographische Projektion


Hotine Oblique Mercator-Projektion


Transuerse Mercator-Proiektion


Hammer-Aitoff-Projektion


Behrmann-Projektion


Sinusoidale Projektion


Cassini-Soldner-Proiektion
http://vcg.isti.cnr.it/~tarini/spinnableworldmaps/

## Why Parametrization?

- Texture Mapping



## Why Parametrization?

- Manual UV mapping
- An advanced artistic skill



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- Remeshing



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QUADRILATERAL


Bommes, et AL.: Mixed Integer Quadrangulation

## HEXAGONAL



TRIANGULAR


Pietorni, et AL. :Almost isometric mesh parameterization through abstract domains

HEXAHEDRAL


Nieser, et AL. : CUBECOVER - Parameterization of 3D Volumes

## Why Parametrization?

- Analysis.... 2D is easier than 3D


Pietroni, et AL.: An Interactive Local Flattening Operator to Support Digital Investigations on Artwork Surfaces

## Parametrization: what we need?

- A strategy to flatten a 3D surface on 2D domain
- Introducing as few distortion as possible

- A strategy to introduce cuts



## Flattening a surface

- surface $S \subset \mathbb{R}^{3}$
- parameter domain $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^{2}$
$\square$ mapping $f: \Omega \rightarrow S$ and $f^{-1}: S \rightarrow \Omega$



## Parametrization: Cylindrical coords



## Minimize Distortion

- Angle preservation: conformal
$\square$ Area preservation: equiareal

$\square$ Area and Angle: Isometric



## Distortion

What happens to the surface point $f(u, v)$ as we move a tiny little bit away from $(u, v)$ in the parameter domain?

- Approximate with first order Taylor expansion

$$
\tilde{f}(u+\Delta u, v+\Delta v)=f(u, v)+f_{u}(u, v) \Delta u+f_{v}(u, v) \Delta v . \quad f_{u}=\frac{\partial f}{\partial u} \quad \text { and } \quad f_{v}=\frac{\partial f}{\partial v}
$$

$$
\tilde{f}(u+\Delta u, v+\Delta v)=\boldsymbol{p}+J_{f}(\boldsymbol{u})\binom{\Delta u}{\Delta v},
$$

$$
J_{f}=U \Sigma V^{T}=U\left(\begin{array}{cc}
\sigma_{1} & 0 \\
0 & \sigma_{2} \\
0 & 0
\end{array}\right) V^{T}
$$

- $J_{f}$ Jacobian of $f$, i.e. the $3 \times 2$ matrix with partial derivatives of $f$ as column vectors



## Distortion

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- Consider singular value decomposition of the Jacobian
singular values $\sigma_{1} \geq \sigma_{2}>0$ and orthonormal matrices $U \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$ and $V \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$
- The transformation $V^{\top}$ first rotates all points around $u$ such that the vectors $V_{1}$ and $V_{2}$ are in alignment with the $u$ - and the v-axes afterwards.
- The transformation $\Sigma$ then stretches by the factor $\sigma_{1}$ in the $u$ - and by $\sigma_{2}$ in the $v$-direction.
- The transformation $U$ finally maps the unit vectors $(1,0)$ and $(0,1)$ to the vectors $U_{1}$ and $U_{2}$ in the tangent plane $T_{p}$ at $p$.
$\mathbb{R}^{2} \quad \mathbb{R}^{3}$



## Distortion

- In practice the values $\sigma_{1}$ and $\sigma_{2}$ describe the amount of the local deformations



## Isometric Mapping

- $\sigma_{1}=\sigma_{2}=1$

- preserves areas, angles and lengths


## Conformal Mapping

- $\sigma_{1} / \sigma_{2}=1$

- preserves angles



## Conformal Mapping

- $\sigma_{1} / \sigma_{2}=1$



## Equiareal Mapping

- $\sigma_{1} \cdot \sigma_{2}=1$


ㅁ preserves areas


## Bijectivity

- Parametrization map must be bijective $\Leftrightarrow$ triangles in parametric domain do not overlap (no triangle flips)



## Bijectivity

## should

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## Cuts 1

- Clearly needed for closed surfaces



## sphere in 3D



2D surface disk

## Cuts 2

- Usually more cuts -> less distortion



## sphere in 3D



2D surface

## Cuts 3: closed surfaces

- How many cuts?

for a genus 0 surface ?

any tree of cuts (more on this later)


## Cuts 3: closed surfaces

- How many cuts?

for a genus 1 surface?

two looped cuts


## Cuts 3: closed surfaces

- How many cuts?

for a genus 3 surface?
6 looped cuts


## Cuts 3: closed surfaces

- How many cuts?
for a genus n surface?

genus 6
$2 n$ looped cuts


## Generic Cut Strategies

$\square$ Texture Mapping


Lévy, et AL.: Least squares conformal maps for automatic texture atlas generation


Brent Burley et al : Ptex: Per-Face Texture Mapping for Production Rendering

## Globally Smoothess

- Tangent directions varyes smoothly across seams



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## Feature Alignment

- Useful for quadrangulation
- Need good placement of singularities



## Details: Parametrization

- triangle mesh $S \subset \mathbb{R}^{3}$

ㅁ vertices $\boldsymbol{p}_{1}, \ldots, \boldsymbol{p}_{n+b}$
ㅁ Triangles $T_{1}, \ldots, T_{m}$
$\square$ parameter mesh $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^{2}$

- parameter points $\boldsymbol{u}_{1}, \ldots, \boldsymbol{u}_{n+b}$
- parameter triangles $t_{1}, \ldots, t_{m}$
$\square$ parameterization $\quad f: \Omega \rightarrow S$
- piecewise linear map $f\left(t_{j}\right)=T_{j}$



## Parametrization: Mass-Spring

- replace edges by springs
- Position of vertices $\mathrm{p}_{0} . . \mathrm{p}_{\mathrm{n}}$
$\square$ UV Position of vertices $U_{0} . . U_{n}$
$\square$ relaxation process



## Energy Minimization

$\square$ energy of spring between $\mathrm{p}_{\mathrm{i}}$ and $\mathrm{p}_{\mathrm{j}}: \frac{1}{2} D_{i j} s_{i j}{ }^{2}$

- spring constant (stiffness) $D_{i j}>0$
$\square$ spring length (in parametric space) $s_{i j}=\left\|\boldsymbol{u}_{i}-\boldsymbol{u}_{j}\right\|$
- total energy

$$
E=\sum_{(i, j) \in \mathcal{E}} \frac{1}{2} D_{i j}\left\|\boldsymbol{u}_{i}-\boldsymbol{u}_{j}\right\|^{2}
$$

$\square$ partial derivative

$$
\frac{\partial E}{\partial \boldsymbol{u}_{i}}=\sum_{j \in N_{i}} D_{i j}\left(\boldsymbol{u}_{i}-\boldsymbol{u}_{j}\right)
$$



## Linear System

$\square u_{i}$ is expressed as a convex combination of its neighbours $u_{j}$

$$
\boldsymbol{u}_{i}=\sum_{j \in N_{i}} \lambda_{i j} \boldsymbol{u}_{j}
$$

- With weights

$$
\lambda_{i j}=D_{i j} / \sum_{k \in N_{i}} D_{i k}
$$

- LEAD to Linear System!



## Which Weights?



- uniform spring constants

- Proportional to 3D distance



## Which Weights?

- NO linear reproduction
$\square$ Planar mesh are distorted



## Which Weights?

- suppose $\mathbf{S}$ to be is planar
$\square$ specify weights $\lambda_{i j}$ such that

$$
\boldsymbol{p}_{i}=\sum_{j \in N_{i}} \lambda_{i j} \boldsymbol{p}_{j}
$$


$\square$ Then solving

$$
\boldsymbol{u}_{i}=\sum_{j \in N_{i}} \lambda_{i j} \boldsymbol{u}_{j}
$$

- Reproduces S



## Which Weights?

- Wachspress coordinates

$$
w_{i j}=\frac{\cot \alpha_{j i}+\cot \beta_{i j}}{r_{i j}^{2}}
$$

$\square$ discrete harmonic coordinates

$$
w_{i j}=\cot \gamma_{i j}+\cot \gamma_{j i}
$$

- mean value coordinates

$$
w_{i j}=\frac{\tan \frac{\alpha_{i j}}{2}+\tan \frac{\beta_{j i}}{2}}{r_{i j}}
$$


normalization

$$
\lambda_{i j}=\frac{w_{i j}}{\sum_{k \in N_{i}} w_{i k}}
$$

## Recap

- Parametrization



## Weighted average

- discrete harmonic coordinates

$$
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normalization

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## Harmonic parametrization

- Linear sistem
$\square$ Sparse matrix ( $2 \mathrm{n} \times 2 \mathrm{n}$ ), where n is number of vertices of the mesh
- Express each point as weighted sum of its neighbors
- Find $x$ such that $A x=0$
- x are the final UV coordinates!


## Harmonic parametrization

－Fix the boundary of the mesh to UV
－Express each UV position as linear combination of neighbors
－Use cotangent weights！


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## Harmonic Weights

- Used to smoothly interpolate scalar values over a mesh given some sparse constraint

- Useful to interpolate deformations



## Least Squares Conformal maps

- Doesn't need the entire boundary to be fixed
- Imposing that two vectors on UV maps to 2 orthogonal, same length vectors in 3D.



## Least Squares Conformal maps

$\square$ Need to fix only 2 vertices to disambiguate

- Why?



## As-rigid-as-possible parametrization (0)

Local-Global Approach


## As-rigid-as-possible parametrization (1)

- Each individual triangle is independently flattened into plane without any distortion



## As-rigid-as-possible parametrization (1)

- Merge in UV space (averaging or more sophisticated strategied)


Reference triangles x


Parameterization $u$

## As-rigid-as-possible parametrization (1)

- Warning: it does not guarantee injectivity...



## Deriving Cuts

- Splitting the mesh in sub-partitions
- Each patch must be disk-like



## Orthoprojection (0)

- Use orthographics Projection from multiple directions
- Map each triangle in the "best projection"
- Use depth peeling for handling overlapping parts


3D


## Depth peeling

$\square$ Depth peeling is a multipass technique to render translucent polygonal geometry without sorting polygons. (zbuffer and transparency do not work well together)

- The idea is to to peel geometry from front to back until there is no more geometry to render.


## Orthoprojection (1)

- Small isolated pieces are removed and merged with bigger areas, to avoid fragmentation
- Useful for Color-to-Geometry mapping
- If you have a set of photos aligned over a 3D objec $\dagger$ they induce a direct parametrization by simply assigning each triangle to the best photo



## Growing Cuts



Find the shortest path from the point with the highest distortion to the boundary. Iterate.

## Measuring Parametrization Quality

$\square$ Not an easy task to be done in a synthetic way

- Many different measures

■ see Real-World Textured Things dataset -> https://texturedmesh.isti.cnr.it/index

- Atlas crumbliness and solidity
- Crumbliness is the ratio of the total length of the perimeter of the atlas charts, summed over all charts, over to the perimeter of an ideal circle having the same area as the summed area of all charts.


