

Introduction to Computer Graphics

– Modeling (3) –

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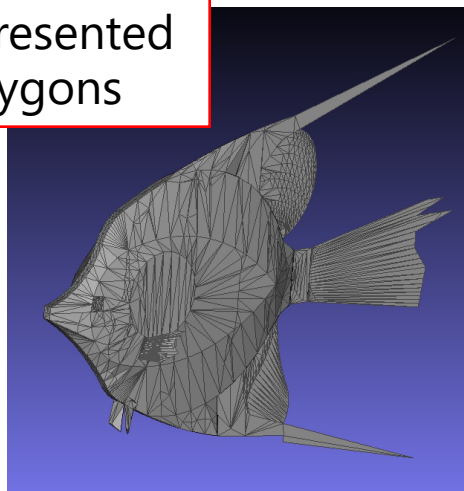
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Solid modeling

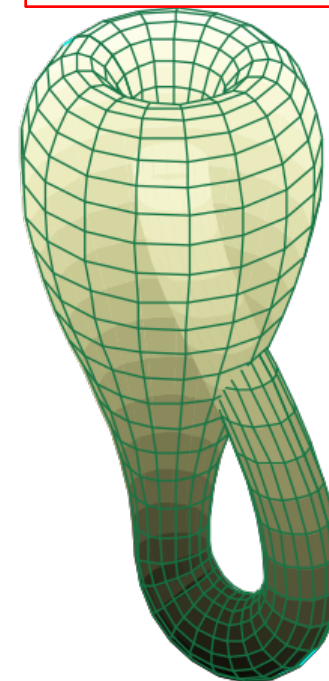
Solid models

- Clear definition of "inside" & "outside" at any 3D point

Thin shapes represented by single polygons

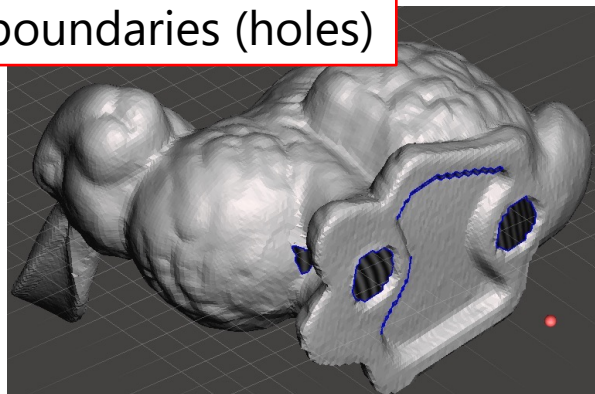


Unorientable



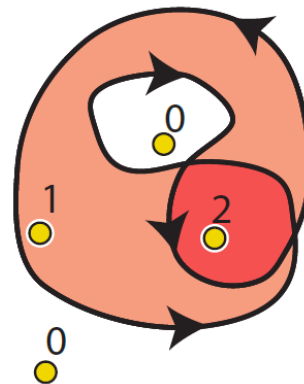
Klein bottle

Open boundaries (holes)



Non-solid cases

Self-intersections

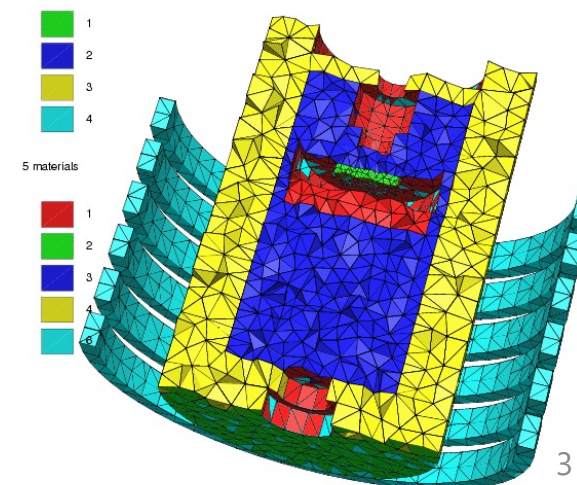


- Main usage:

3D printing



Physics simulation



Predicate function of a solid model

- Function that returns true/false if a 3D point $\mathbf{p} \in \mathbb{R}^3$ is inside/outside of the model

$$f(\mathbf{p}): \mathbb{R}^3 \mapsto \{ \text{true}, \text{false} \}$$

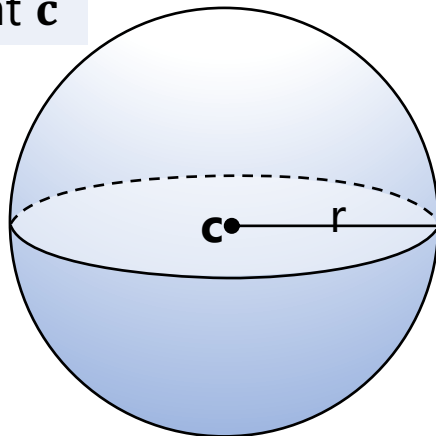
- The whole interior of the model:

$$\{ \mathbf{p} \mid f(\mathbf{p}) = \text{true} \} \subset \mathbb{R}^3$$

- Examples:

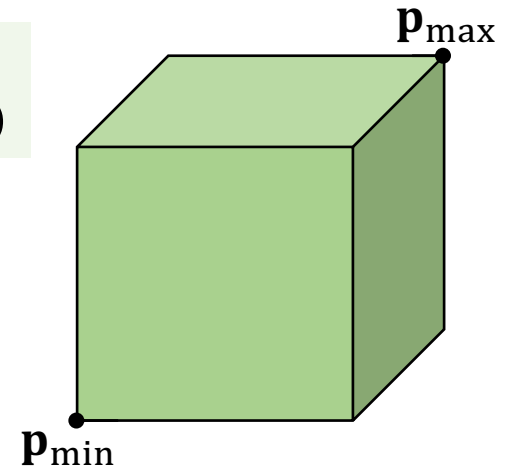
Sphere of radius r centered at \mathbf{c}

$$f(\mathbf{p}) := \|\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{c}\| < r$$



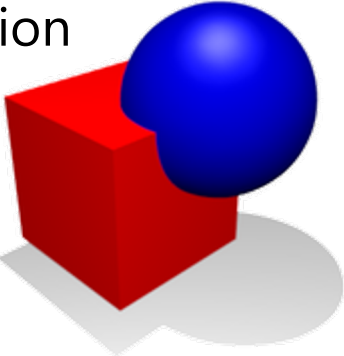
Box whose min & max corners are $(x_{\min}, y_{\min}, z_{\min})$ & $(x_{\max}, y_{\max}, z_{\max})$

$$\begin{aligned} f(x, y, z) := & (x_{\min} < x < x_{\max}) \\ & \wedge (y_{\min} < y < y_{\max}) \\ & \wedge (z_{\min} < z < z_{\max}) \end{aligned}$$



Constructive Solid Geometry (Boolean operations)

Union



$$f_{A \cup B}(\mathbf{p}) := f_A(\mathbf{p}) \vee f_B(\mathbf{p})$$

Intersection

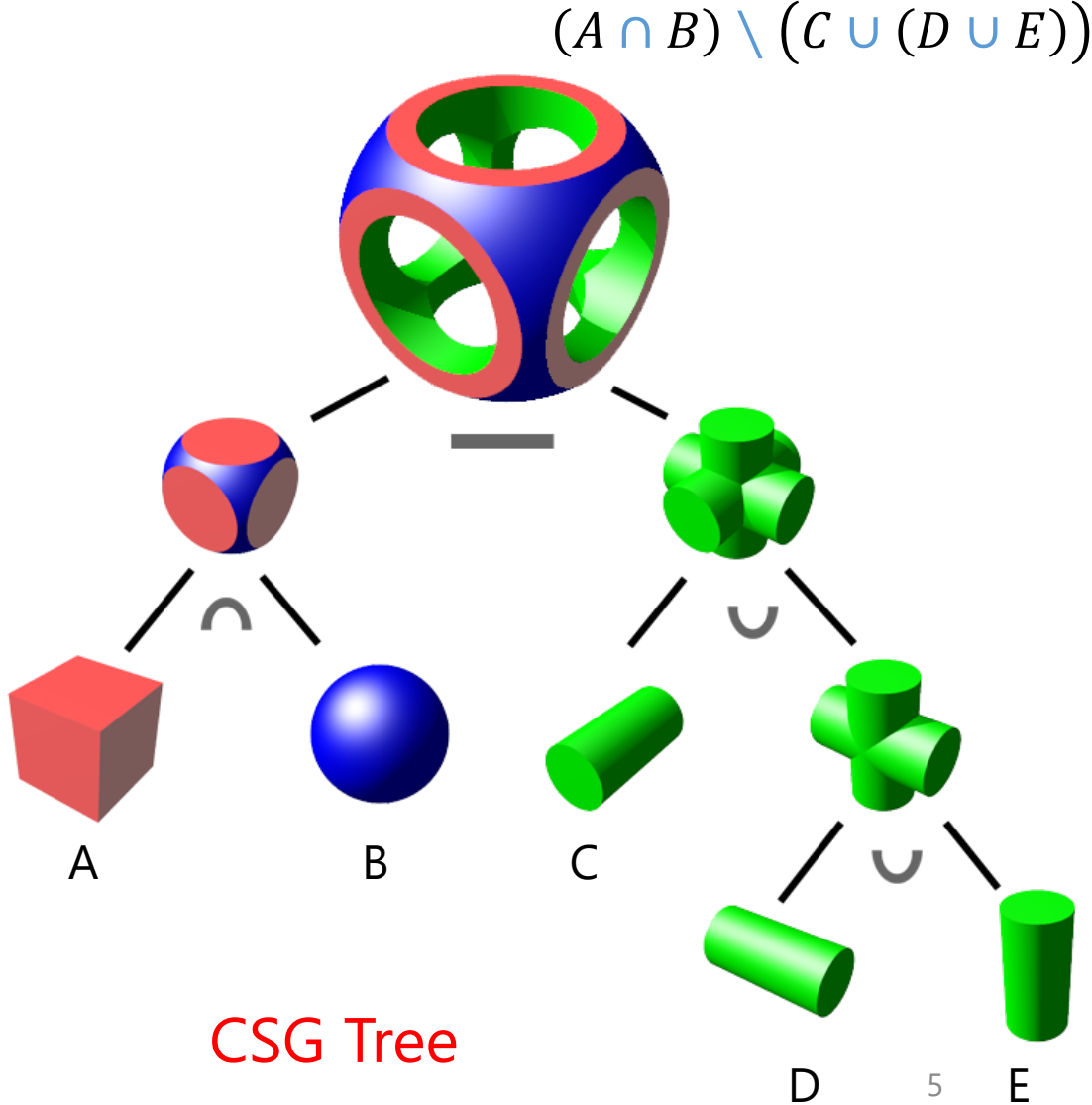


$$f_{A \cap B}(\mathbf{p}) := f_A(\mathbf{p}) \wedge f_B(\mathbf{p})$$

Subtraction



$$f_{A \setminus B}(\mathbf{p}) := f_A(\mathbf{p}) \wedge \neg f_B(\mathbf{p})$$

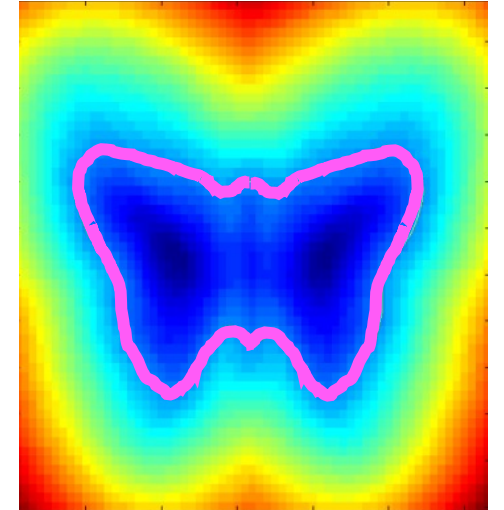


Solid model represented by Signed Distance Field

- Shortest distance from 3D point to model surface:

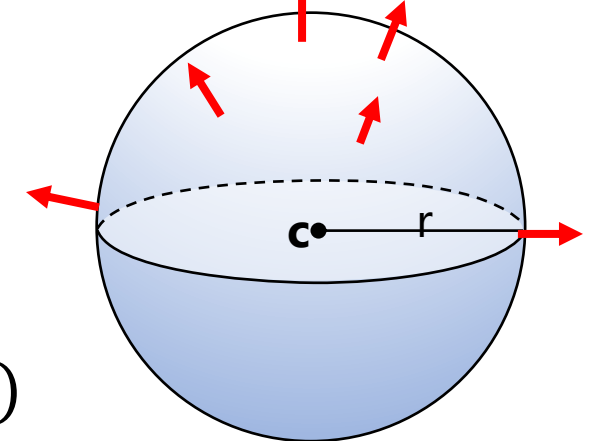
$$d(\mathbf{p}): \mathbb{R}^3 \mapsto \mathbb{R}$$

- Signed: positive \rightarrow outside, negative \rightarrow inside
- Corresponding predicate describing the solid:
$$f(\mathbf{p}) := d(\mathbf{p}) < 0$$
- Zero isosurface \rightarrow model surface:
$$\{\mathbf{p} \mid d(\mathbf{p}) = 0\} \subset \mathbb{R}^3$$
- Aka. "implicit" or "volumetric" representation
- Isosurface **normal** agrees with direction of gradient $\nabla d(\mathbf{p})$



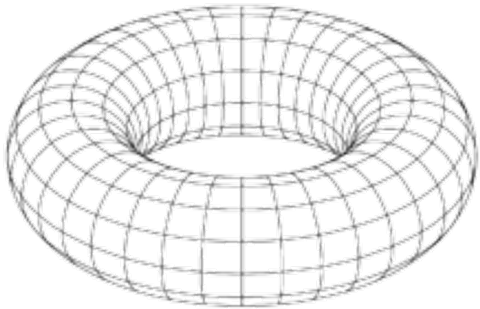
Sphere of radius r centered at \mathbf{c}

$$d(\mathbf{p}) := \|\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{c}\| - r$$



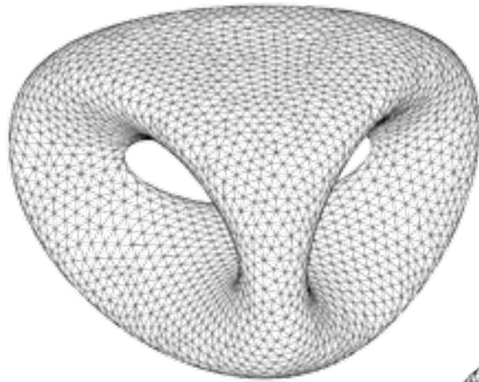
Examples of implicit functions

Not necessarily distance functions

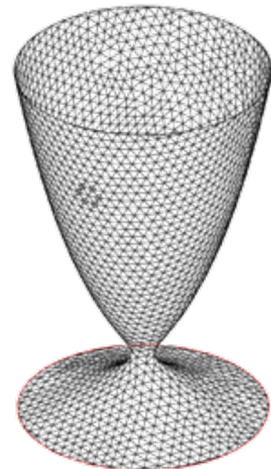


Torus with major & minor radii R & a

$$(x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + R^2 - a^2)^2 - 4R^2(x^2 + y^2) = 0$$



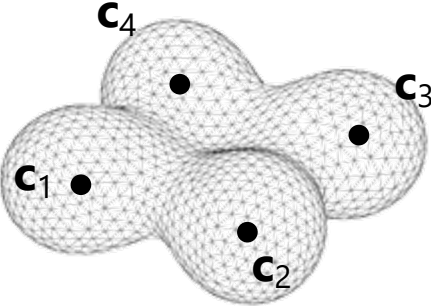
$$2y(y^2 - 3x^2)(1 - z^2) + (x^2 + y^2)^2 - (9z^2 - 1)(1 - z^2) = 0$$



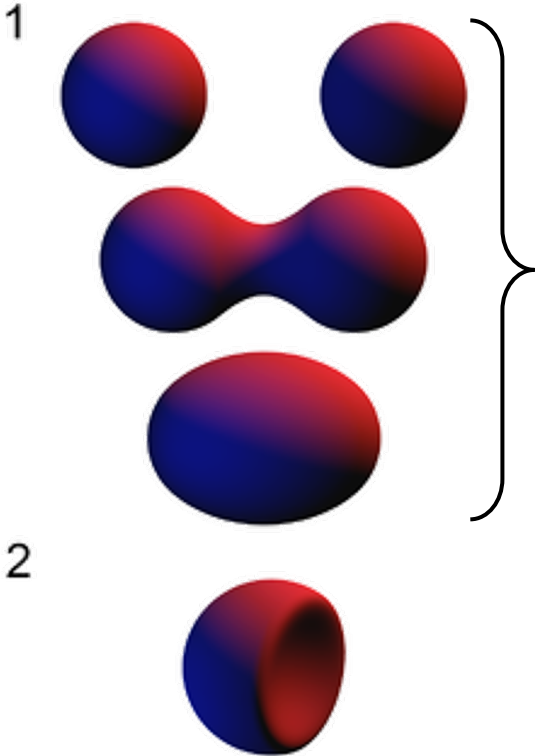
$$x^2 + y^2 - (\ln(z + 3.2))^2 - 0.02 = 0$$

Examples of implicit functions: Metaballs

$$d_i(\mathbf{p}) = \frac{q_i}{\|\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{c}_i\|} - r_i$$



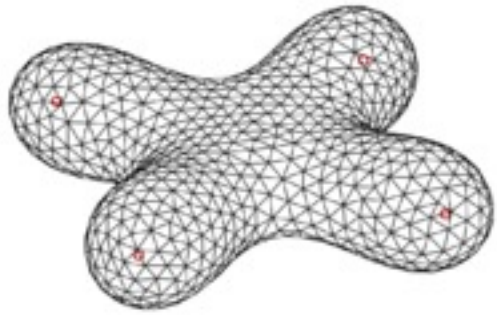
$$d(\mathbf{p}) = d_1(\mathbf{p}) + d_2(\mathbf{p}) + d_3(\mathbf{p}) + d_4(\mathbf{p})$$



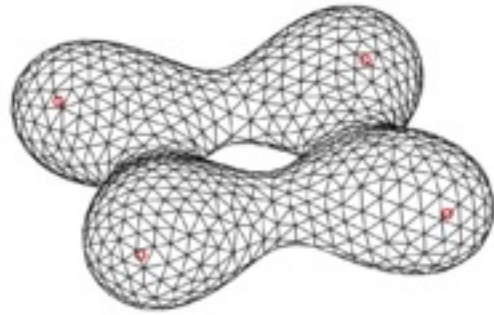
$$d(\mathbf{p}) = d_1(\mathbf{p}) + d_2(\mathbf{p})$$

$$d(\mathbf{p}) = d_1(\mathbf{p}) - d_2(\mathbf{p})$$

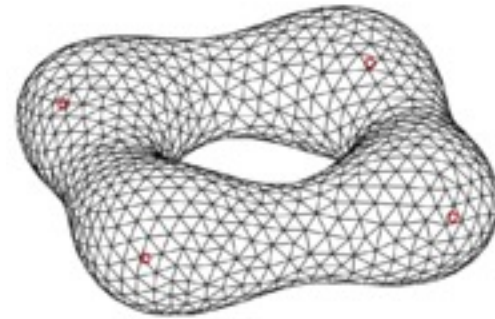
Morphing by interpolating implicit functions



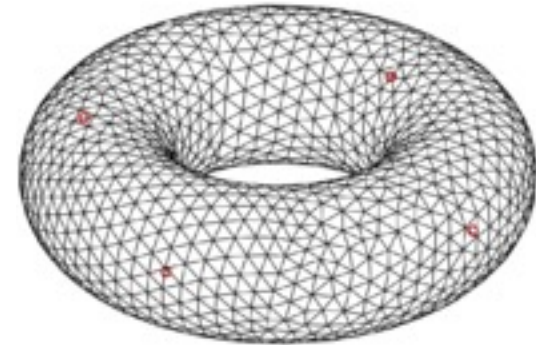
$$d_1(\mathbf{p}) = 0$$



$$\frac{2}{3}d_1(\mathbf{p}) + \frac{1}{3}d_2(\mathbf{p}) = 0$$



$$\frac{1}{3}d_1(\mathbf{p}) + \frac{2}{3}d_2(\mathbf{p}) = 0$$



$$d_2(\mathbf{p}) = 0$$

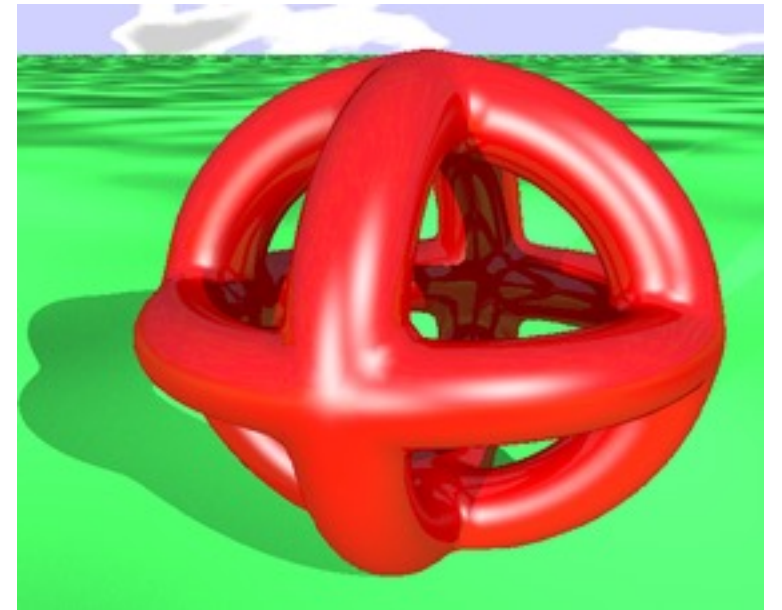
Modeling by combining implicit functions

$$F_1 = (x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + R^2 - a^2)^2 - 4R^2(x^2 + y^2) = 0$$

$$F_2 = (x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + R^2 - a^2)^2 - 4R^2(x^2 + z^2) = 0$$

$$F_3 = (x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + R^2 - a^2)^2 - 4R^2(y^2 + z^2) = 0$$

$$F(x, y, z) = F_1(x, y, z) \cdot F_2(x, y, z) \cdot F_3(x, y, z) - c = 0$$



More advanced blending

- When blending two implicit functions, consider their **gradient directions** and choose different blending accordingly



Traditional
(simple sum)



Proposed



Example of 3D modeling tool using implicit surfaces

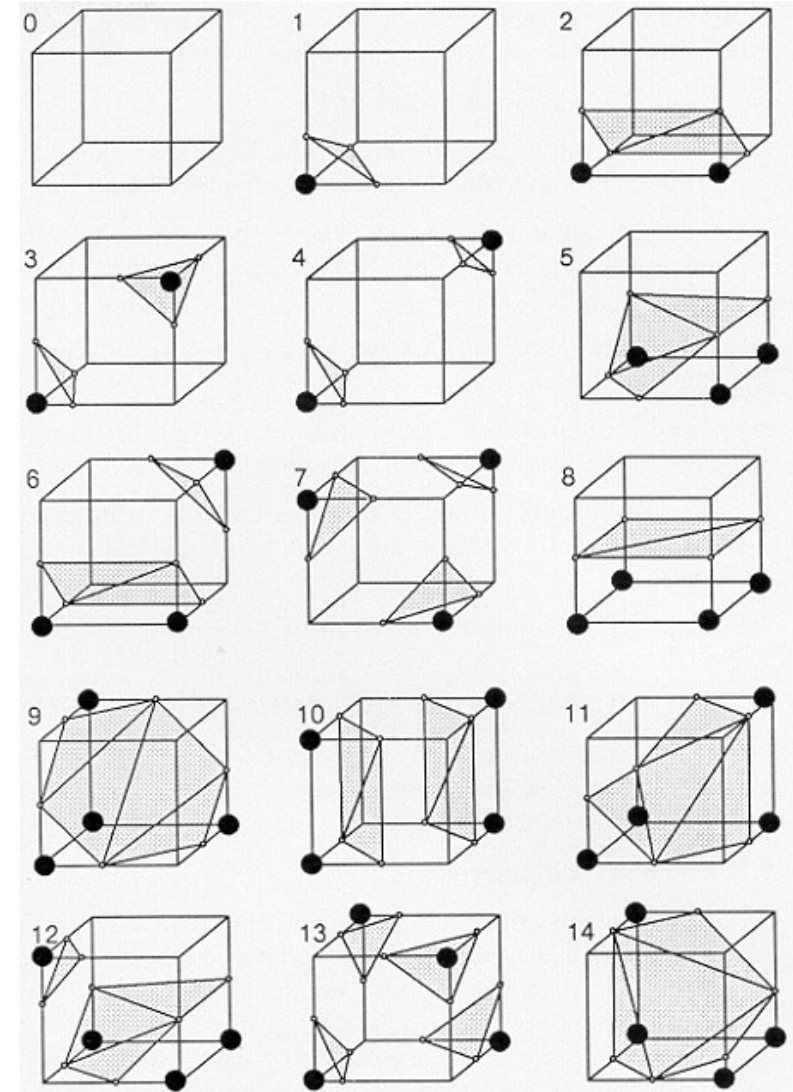
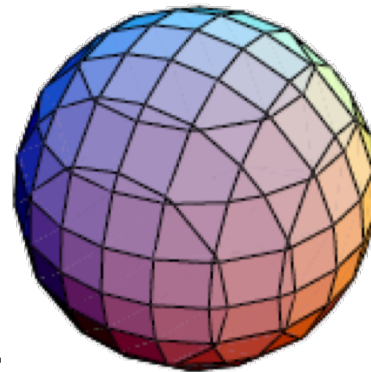


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Sketching Interface
for Modeling Internal
Structure of 3D Shapes

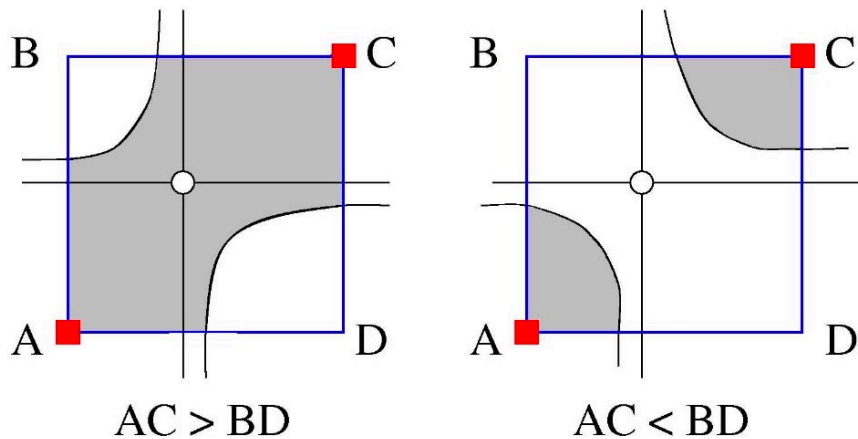
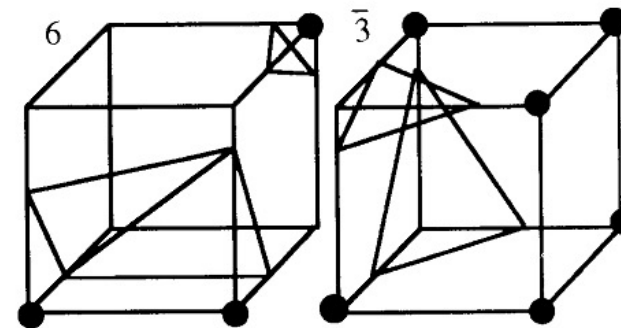
Visualizing implicit functions: Marching Cubes

- Extract isosurface as triangle mesh
- For every lattice cell:
 - (1) Compute function values at 8 corners
 - (2) Determine type of output triangles based on the sign pattern
 - Classified into 15 using symmetry
 - (3) Determine vertex positions by linearly interpolating function values



(Once patented☹, now expired☺)

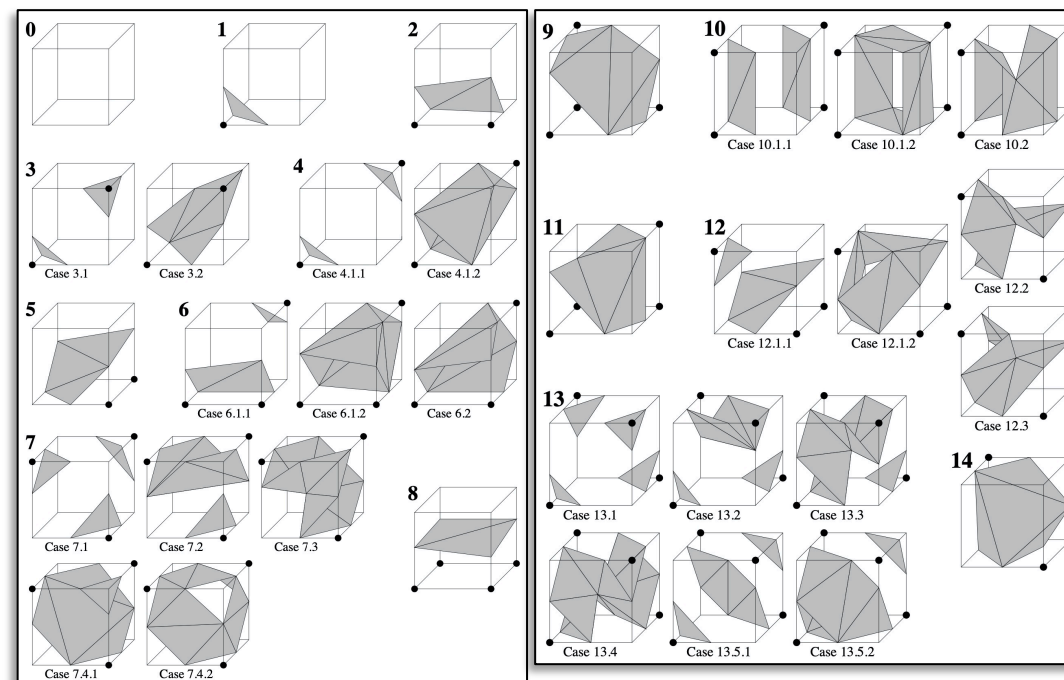
Ambiguity in Marching Cubes



Inconsistent faces between neighboring cubes

Solution: use bilinear/trilinear interpolation to determine topology

33 patterns for resolving topological ambiguity
(Implementing them correctly can be tricky...)



The asymptotic decider: resolving the ambiguity in marching cubes [Nielson VIS91]

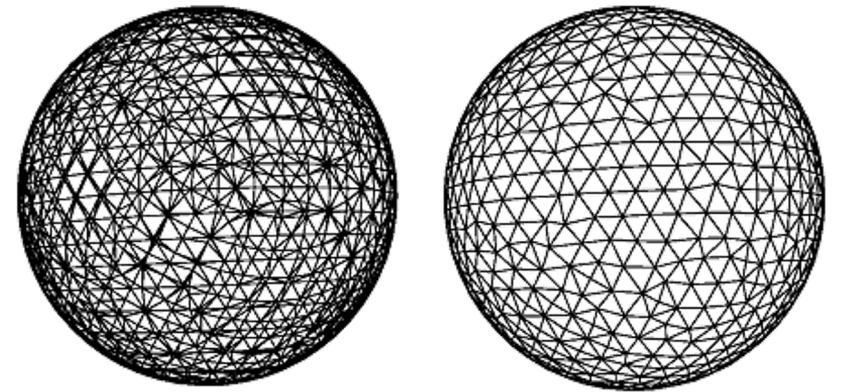
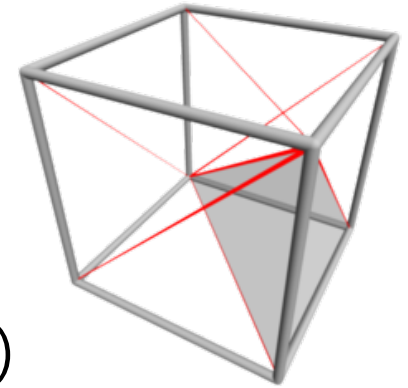
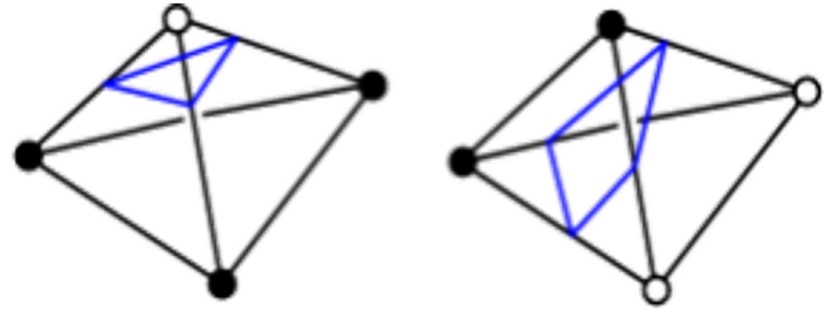
Marching cubes 33: Construction of topologically correct isosurfaces [Chernyaev Tech.Rep. 95]

Topology Verification for Isosurface Extraction [Etiene TVCG12]

A Fast and Memory Saving Marching Cubes 33 Implementation with the Correct Interior Test [Vega JCGT19]

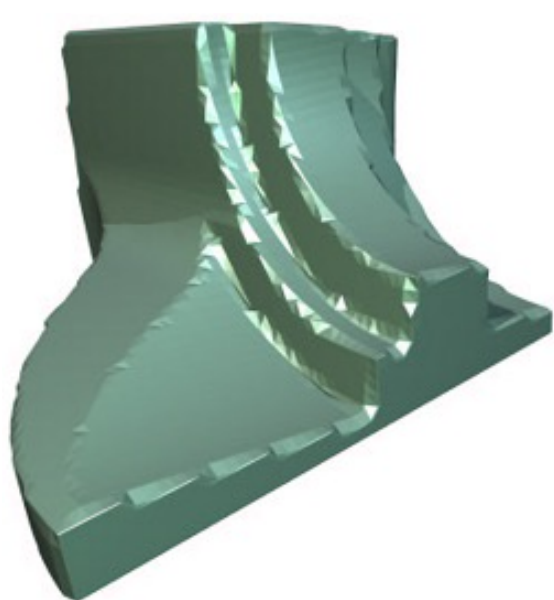
Marching Tetrahedra

- Use tetrahedra instead of cubes
 - Fewer patterns, no ambiguity 😊
→ Simpler implementation
 - More triangles compared to marching cubes 😞
- A cube split into 6 tetrahedra
 - (Make sure consistent splitting across neighboring cubes)
- Some techniques to improve mesh quality

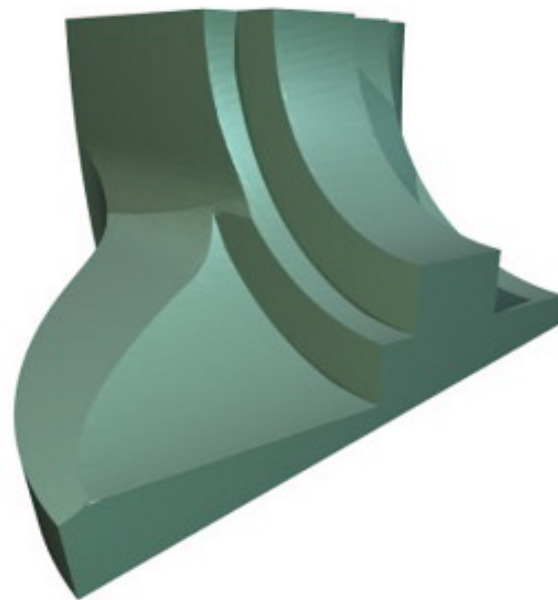


Isosurface extraction preserving sharp edges

Grid size: 65×65×65

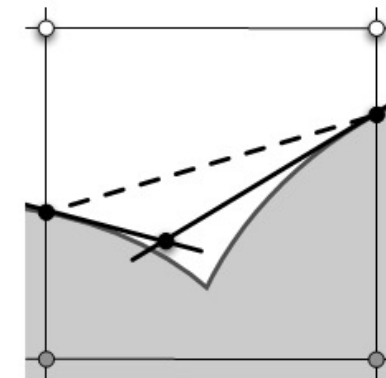
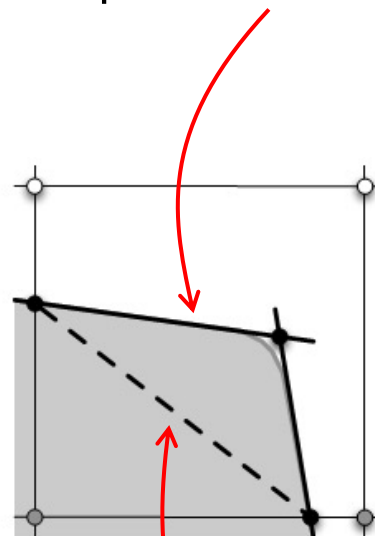


Marching Cubes



Improved version

Improved version (uses function *gradient* as well)



Marching Cubes (only uses function values)

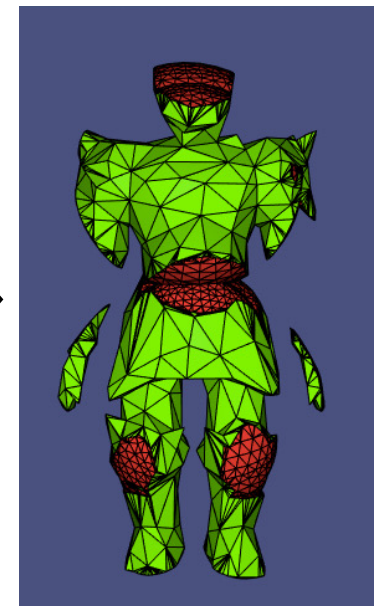
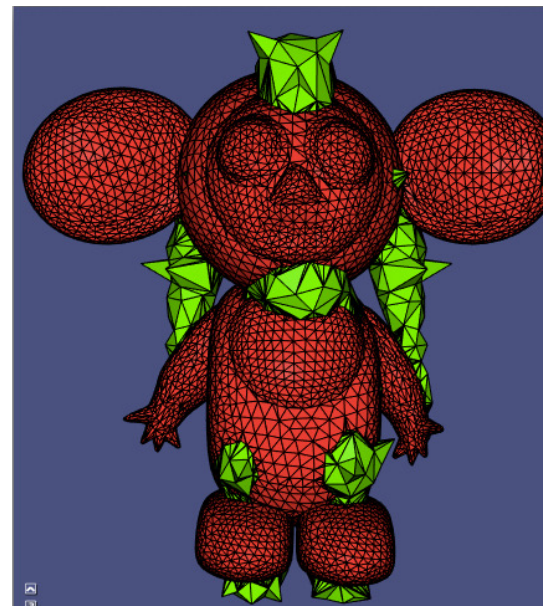
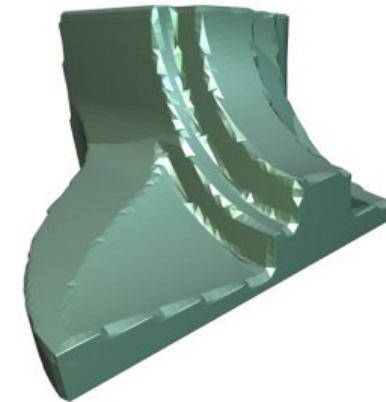
Feature Sensitive Surface Extraction from Volume Data [Kobbelt SIGGRAPH01]

Dual Contouring of Hermite Data [Ju SIGGRAPH02]

<http://www.graphics.rwth-aachen.de/IsoEx/>

CSG with surface representation only

- Volumetric representation (=isosurface extraction using MC)
 - Approximation accuracy depends on grid resolution ☹️
- CSG with surface representation only
 - Exactly keep original mesh geometry 😊
- Difficult to implement robust & efficient ☹️
 - Floating point error
 - Exactly coplanar faces
- Notable advances in recent years



Fast, exact, linear booleans [Bernstein SGP09]

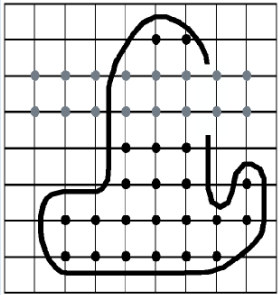
Exact and Robust (Self-)Intersections for Polygonal Meshes [Campen EG10]

Mesh Arrangements for Solid Geometry [Zhou SIGGRAPH16]

<https://libigl.github.io/libigl/tutorial/tutorial.html#booleanoperationsonmeshes>

Mesh repair

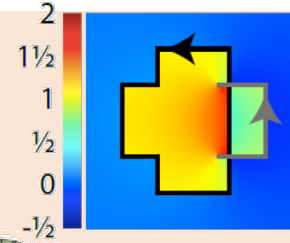
Volumetric representation



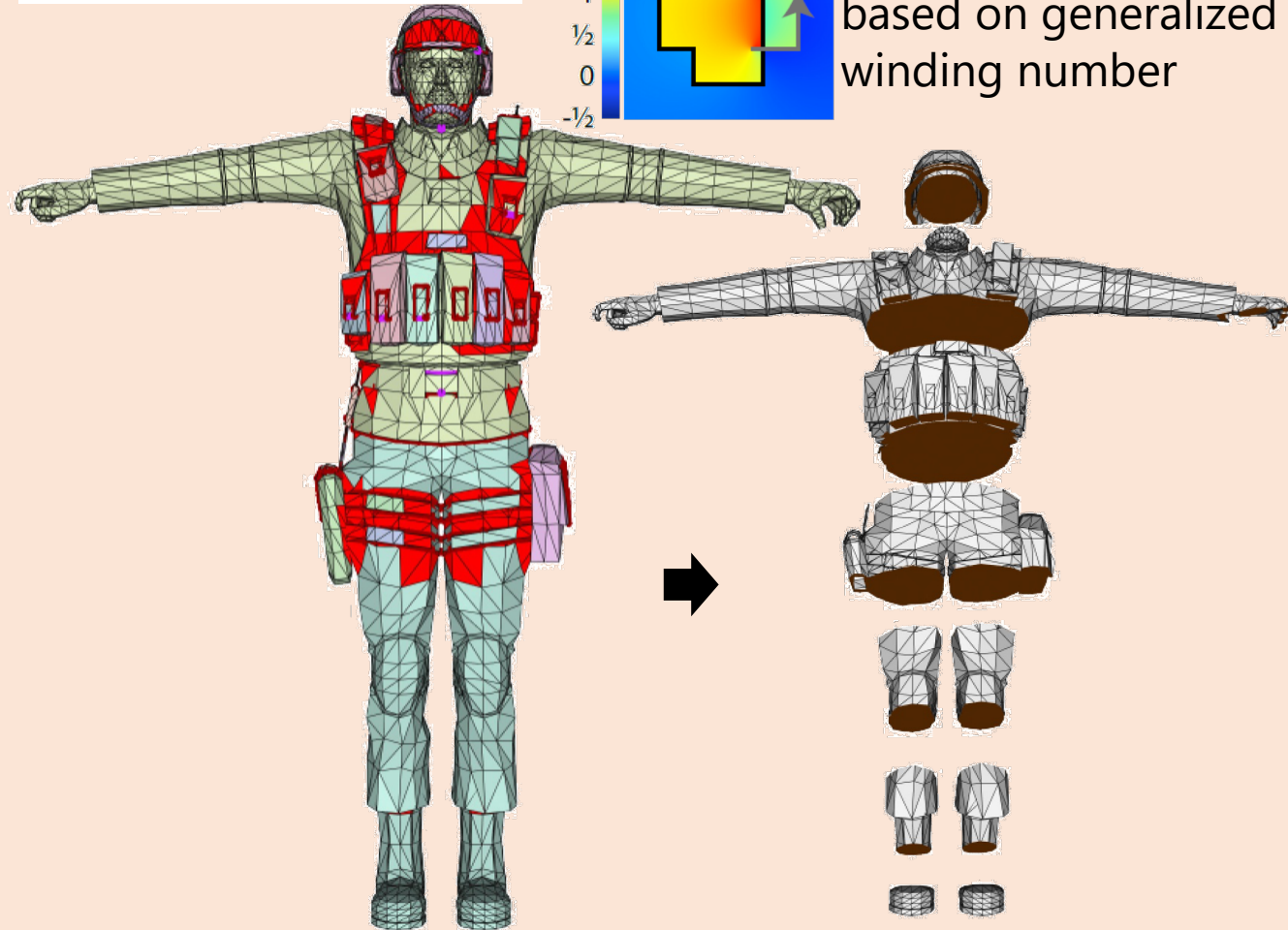
Decide inside/outside by shooting rays from outside



Surface representation



Decide inside/outside based on generalized winding number



Surface reconstruction from point cloud

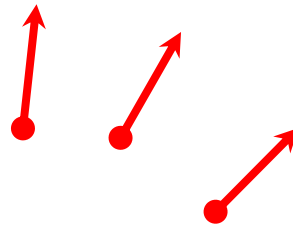
Measuring 3D shapes



Range Scanner
(LIDAR)



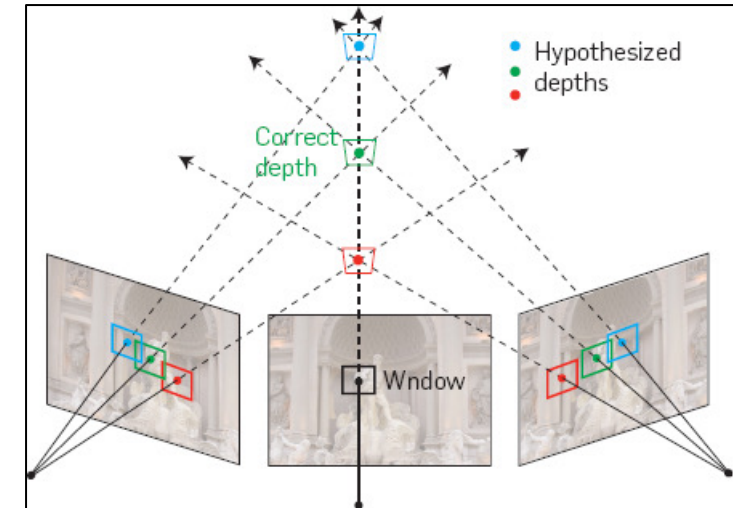
Structured Light



- Obtained data: point cloud
 - 3D coordinate
 - Normal (surface orientation)
- Normals not available? → Normal estimation
- Too noisy? → Denoising



Depth Camera

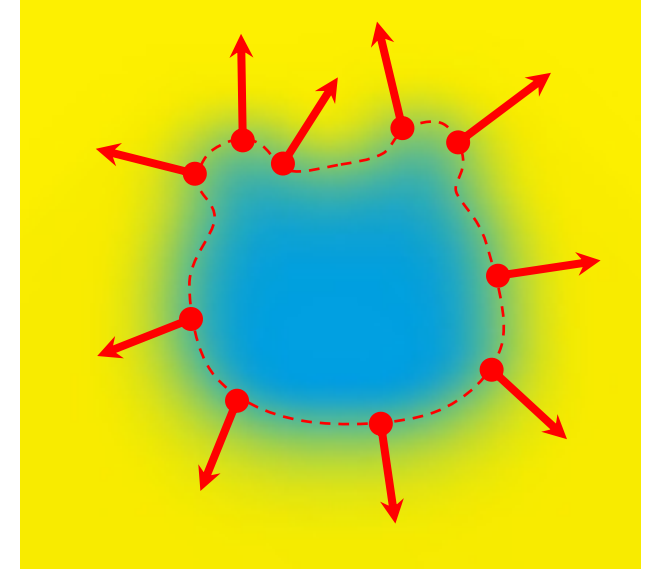


Multi-View Stereo

} Typical Computer Vision problems

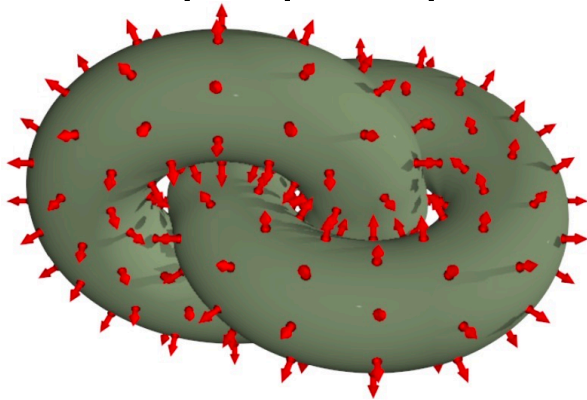
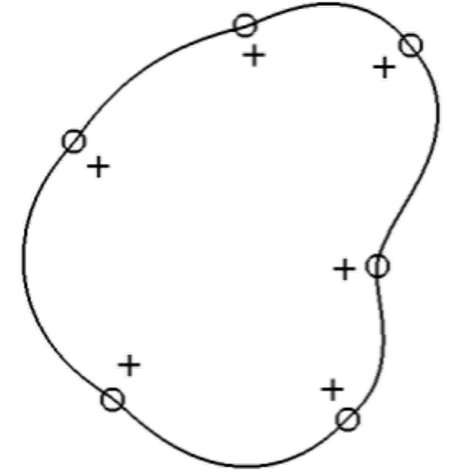
Surface reconstruction from point cloud

- Input: N points
 - Coordinate $\mathbf{x}_i = (x_i, y_i, z_i)$ & normal $\mathbf{n}_i = (n_i^x, n_i^y, n_i^z)$, $i \in \{1, \dots, N\}$
- Output: function $f(\mathbf{x})$ satisfying value & gradient constraints
 - $f(\mathbf{x}_i) = f_i$
 - $\nabla f(\mathbf{x}_i) = \mathbf{n}_i$
 - Zero isosurface $f(\mathbf{x}) = 0 \rightarrow$ output surface
- “Scattered Data Interpolation”
 - **Moving Least Squares**
 - **Radial Basis Function**
 - Important to other fields (e.g. Machine Learning) as well

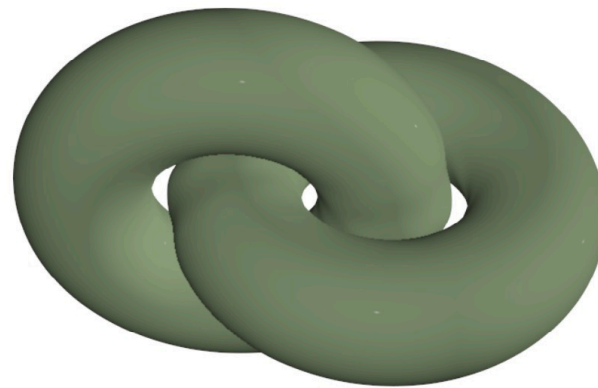


Two ways for controlling gradients

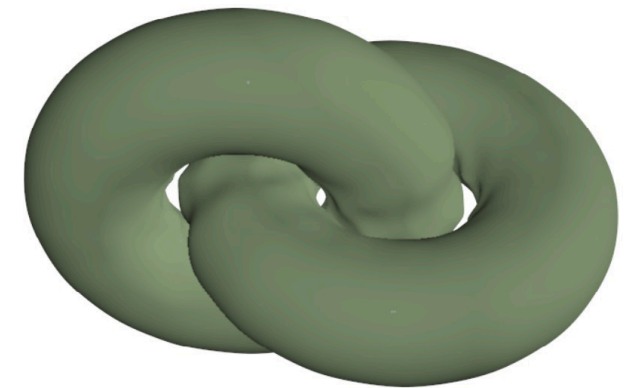
- Additional value constraints at offset locations
 - Simple
- Directly include gradient constraint in the mathematical formulation (Hermite interpolation)
 - High-quality



Value+gradient constraints



Hermite interpolation



Simple offsetting

Interpolation using **Moving Least Squares**

Starting point: Least Squares

- For now, assume the function as linear: $f(\mathbf{x}) = ax + by + cz + d$
 - Unknowns: a, b, c, d

$$\mathbf{x} := (x, y, z)$$

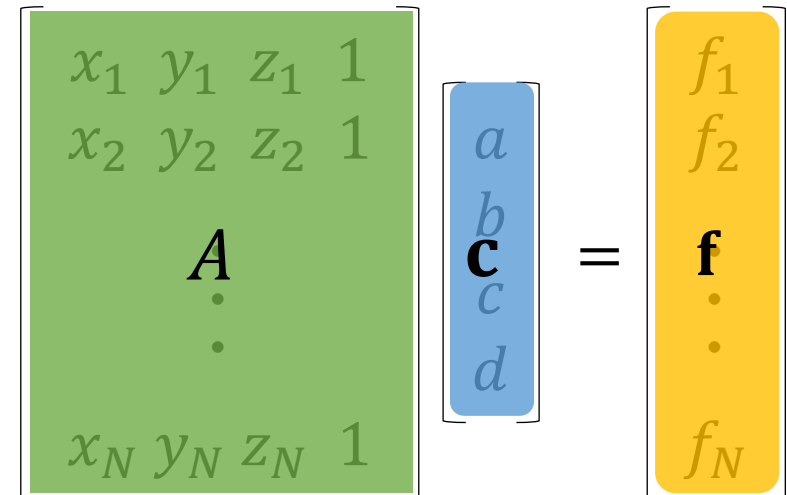
- Value constraints at data points

$$f(\mathbf{x}_1) = ax_1 + by_1 + cz_1 + d = f_1$$

$$f(\mathbf{x}_2) = ax_2 + by_2 + cz_2 + d = f_2$$

⋮

$$f(\mathbf{x}_N) = ax_N + by_N + cz_N + d = f_N$$

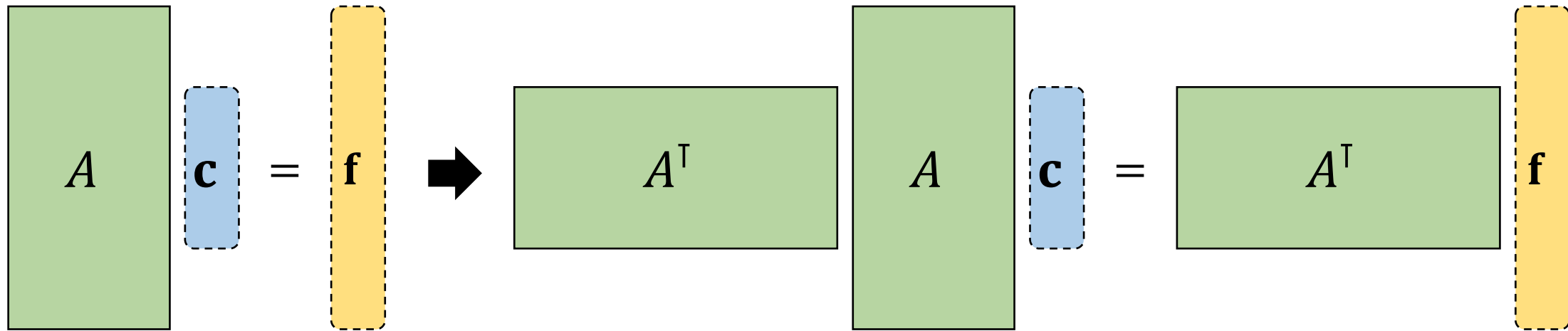


The diagram illustrates the matrix equation $A\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{f}$. On the left, a green matrix A is shown with rows $[x_1 \ y_1 \ z_1 \ 1]$, $[x_2 \ y_2 \ z_2 \ 1]$, and $[x_N \ y_N \ z_N \ 1]$. In the center, a blue vector \mathbf{c} contains the unknowns a , b , c , and d . On the right, a yellow vector \mathbf{f} contains the values f_1 , f_2 , and f_N . An equals sign is placed between the matrix and the vector \mathbf{f} .

- (Forget about gradient constraints for now)

Overconstrained System

- #unknowns < #constraints (i.e. taller matrix)
→ cannot exactly satisfy all the constraints



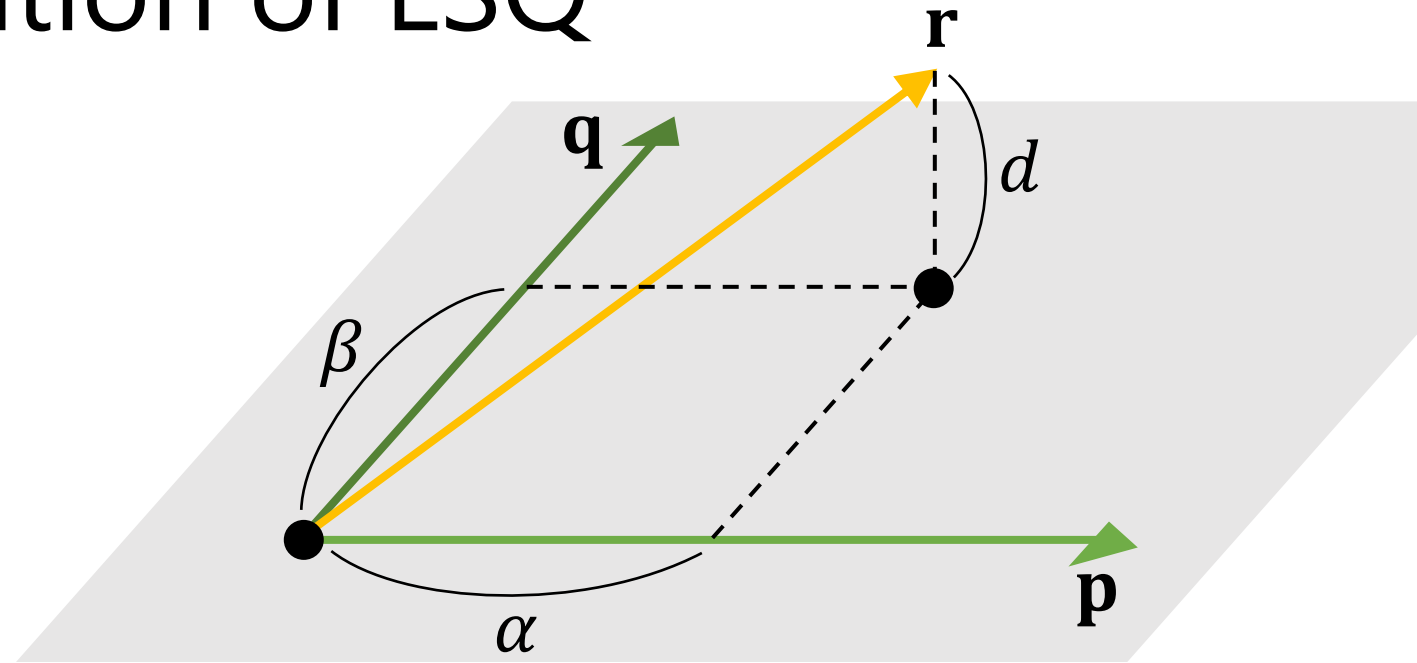
- Minimizing fitting error

$$\|A \mathbf{c} - \mathbf{f}\|^2 = \sum_{i=1}^N \|f(\mathbf{x}_i) - f_i\|^2$$

$$\mathbf{c} = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T \mathbf{f}$$

Geometric interpretation of LSQ

$$\begin{bmatrix} p_x & q_x \\ p_y & q_y \\ p_z & q_z \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} r_x \\ r_y \\ r_z \end{bmatrix}$$



- Project \mathbf{r} onto a plane spanned by \mathbf{p} & \mathbf{q}
 - Fitting error = projection distance

$$d^2 = \|\alpha\mathbf{p} + \beta\mathbf{q} - \mathbf{r}\|^2$$

Weighted Least Squares

- Each data point is weighted by w_i
 - Importance, confidence, ...

- Minimize the following fitting error:

$$\sum_{i=1}^N \|w_i(f(\mathbf{x}_i) - f_i)\|^2$$

The diagram illustrates the matrix formulation of the Weighted Least Squares problem. It shows the equation $W \cdot A \cdot \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{bmatrix} = W \cdot \begin{bmatrix} f_1 \\ f_2 \\ \vdots \\ f_N \end{bmatrix}$.

- Matrix W (purple):** A diagonal matrix with weights w_1, w_2, \dots, w_N on the diagonal.
- Matrix A (green):** A matrix with rows representing data points: $(x_1, y_1, z_1, 1), (x_2, y_2, z_2, 1), \dots, (x_N, y_N, z_N, 1)$.
- Parameter Vector (blue):** A column vector $\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{bmatrix}$.
- Target Vector \mathbf{f} (yellow):** A column vector $\begin{bmatrix} f_1 \\ f_2 \\ \vdots \\ f_N \end{bmatrix}$.

Weighted Least Squares

The diagram illustrates the Weighted Least Squares (WLS) problem and its solution. It consists of two parts, separated by a large black arrow pointing from left to right.

Top part: Shows the WLS equation. On the left, a purple square labeled W is followed by a green square labeled A , which is followed by a blue vertical rectangle labeled \mathbf{c} . An equals sign follows. On the right, the same purple square W is followed by a yellow vertical rectangle labeled \mathbf{f} . Dashed lines around \mathbf{c} and \mathbf{f} indicate they are vectors.

Bottom part: Shows the solution for \mathbf{c} . A large black arrow points from the top part to this equation. On the left is the blue vertical rectangle \mathbf{c} . An equals sign follows. On the right, a green square labeled $(A^T W^2 A)^{-1}$ is followed by a larger green rectangle labeled $A^T W^2$, which is followed by the yellow vertical rectangle \mathbf{f} . Dashed lines around \mathbf{c} and \mathbf{f} indicate they are vectors.

Moving Least Squares

- Weight w_i is a function of evaluation point \mathbf{x} :

$$w_i(\mathbf{x}) = w(\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_i\|)$$

- Popular choices for the function (kernel):

- $w(r) = e^{-r^2/\sigma^2}$

- $w(r) = \frac{1}{r^2 + \epsilon^2}$

Larger the weight as \mathbf{x} is closer to \mathbf{x}_i

- Weighting matrix W is a function of \mathbf{x}

→ Coeffs a, b, c, d are functions of \mathbf{x}

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = [x \ y \ z \ 1] \begin{bmatrix} a(\mathbf{x}) \\ b(\mathbf{x}) \\ c(\mathbf{x}) \\ d(\mathbf{x}) \end{bmatrix} (A^T W(\mathbf{x})^2 A)^{-1} A^T W(\mathbf{x})^2 \mathbf{f}$$

Introducing gradient (normal) constraints

- Consider linear function represented by each data point:

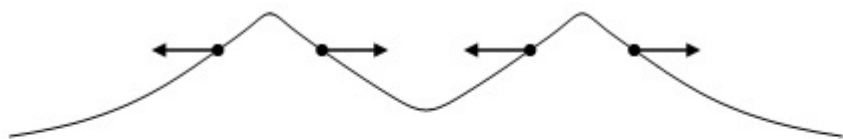
$$g_i(\mathbf{x}) = f_i + (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_i)^\top \mathbf{n}_i$$

- Minimize fitting error to each g_i evaluated at \mathbf{x} :

$$\sum_{i=1}^N \|w_i(\mathbf{x})(f(\mathbf{x}) - g_i(\mathbf{x}))\|^2$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} w_1(\mathbf{x}) \\ w_2(\mathbf{x}) \\ \vdots \\ w_N(\mathbf{x}) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x & y & z & 1 \\ x & y & z & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ x & y & z & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} w_1(\mathbf{x}) \\ w_2(\mathbf{x}) \\ \vdots \\ w_N(\mathbf{x}) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} g_1(\mathbf{x}) \\ g_2(\mathbf{x}) \\ \vdots \\ g_N(\mathbf{x}) \end{bmatrix}$$

Introducing gradient (normal) constraints



Normal constraints



Simple offsetting



Input : Polygon Soup

Interpolation

Approximation 1

Approximation 2

Approximation 3

Interpolation using **Radial Basis Functions**

Basic idea

- Define $f(\mathbf{x})$ as weighted sum of basis functions $\phi(\mathbf{x})$:

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^N w_i \phi(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_i)$$

Unknown

Basis function translated to each data point \mathbf{x}_i

- **Radial Basis Function** $\phi(\mathbf{x})$: only depends on the length of \mathbf{x}

- $\phi(\mathbf{x}) = e^{-\|\mathbf{x}\|^2/\sigma^2}$ (Gaussian)
- $\phi(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\|\mathbf{x}\|^2 + c^2}}$ (Inverse Multiquadric)

- Determine weights w_i from constraints at data points $f(\mathbf{x}_i) = f_i$

Basic idea

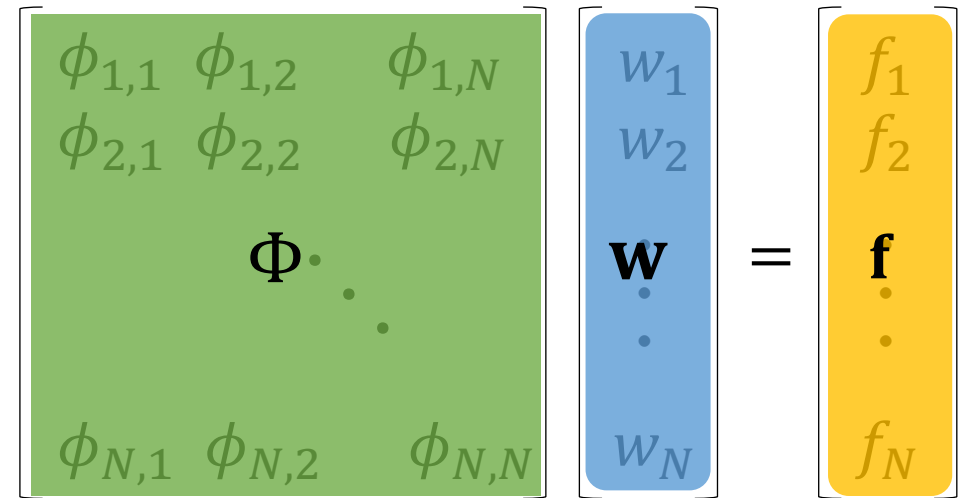
Notation: $\phi_{i,j} = \phi(\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j)$

$$f(\mathbf{x}_1) = w_1\phi_{1,1} + w_2\phi_{1,2} + \dots + w_N\phi_{1,N} = f_1$$

$$f(\mathbf{x}_2) = w_1\phi_{2,1} + w_2\phi_{2,2} + \dots + w_N\phi_{2,N} = f_2$$

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$$f(\mathbf{x}_N) = w_1\phi_{N,1} + w_2\phi_{N,2} + \dots + w_N\phi_{N,N} = f_N$$



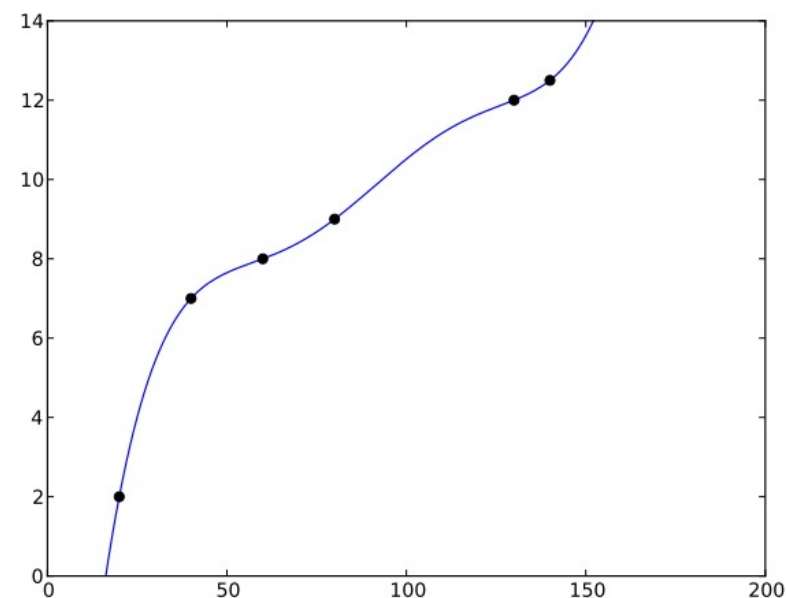
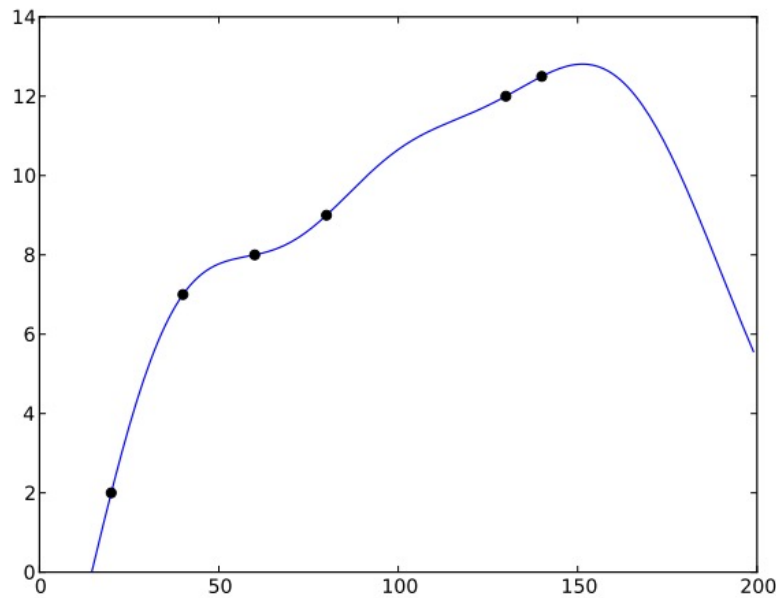
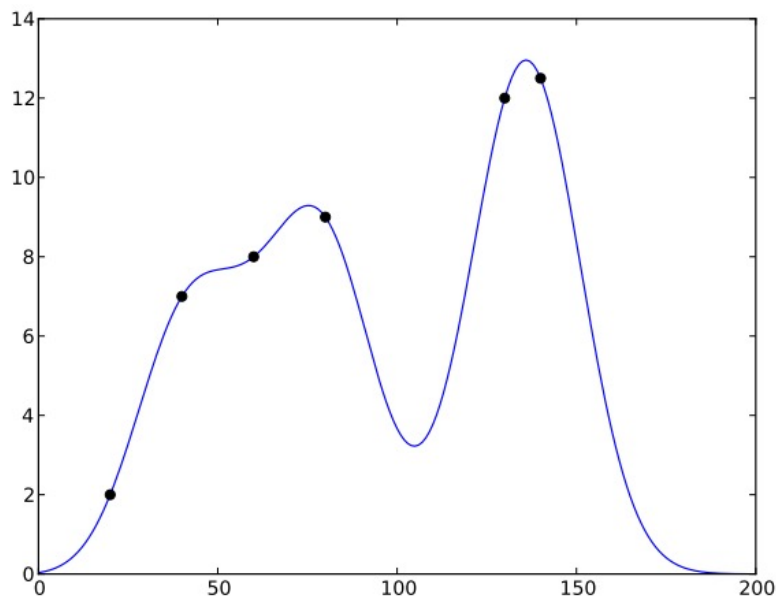
A diagram illustrating the matrix equation $\Phi \mathbf{w} = \mathbf{f}$. On the left, a green rectangular box represents the matrix Φ , containing elements $\phi_{1,1}, \phi_{1,2}, \phi_{1,N}$ in the first row, $\phi_{2,1}, \phi_{2,2}, \phi_{2,N}$ in the second row, and $\phi_{N,1}, \phi_{N,2}, \phi_{N,N}$ in the last row. A large Φ symbol is centered within this box. To the right of the matrix is a blue vertical box representing the weight vector \mathbf{w} , containing elements w_1, w_2, \dots, w_N . An equals sign follows, leading to a yellow vertical box representing the target vector \mathbf{f} , containing elements f_1, f_2, \dots, f_N .

Solve this!

When using Gaussian RBF

$$\phi(\mathbf{x}) = e^{-\|\mathbf{x}\|^2/\sigma^2}$$

- Results highly dependent on the choice of parameter σ ☹️



σ —————→
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- How to obtain the as-smooth-as-possible result?

Measure of function's smoothness

$$E_m[f] := \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \|\nabla^m f(\mathbf{x})\|^2 d\mathbf{x}$$

	2D	3D
$m = 2$	$\nabla^2 f(x, y) := (f_{xx}, f_{xy}, f_{yx}, f_{yy})$ $E_2[f] := \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} f_{xx}^2 + f_{yy}^2 + 2f_{xy}^2 \text{ "Thin-plate" energy}$	$\nabla^2 f(x, y, z) := (f_{xx}, f_{xy}, f_{xz}, f_{yx}, f_{yy}, f_{yz}, f_{zx}, f_{zy}, f_{zz})$ $E_2[f] := \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} f_{xx}^2 + f_{yy}^2 + f_{zz}^2 + 2(f_{xy}^2 + f_{yz}^2 + f_{zx}^2)$
$m = 3$	$\nabla^3 f(x, y) := (f_{xxx}, f_{xxy}, f_{xyx}, f_{xyy}, f_{yxx}, f_{yxy}, f_{yyx}, f_{yyy})$ $E_3[f] := \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} f_{xxx}^2 + f_{yyy}^2 + 2(f_{xxy}^2 + f_{yyx}^2)$	$\nabla^3 f(x, y) := \begin{pmatrix} f_{xxx}, f_{xxy}, f_{xxz}, f_{xyx}, f_{xyy}, f_{xyz}, f_{xzx}, f_{xzy}, f_{xzz}, \\ f_{yxx}, f_{yxy}, f_{yxz}, f_{yyx}, f_{yyy}, f_{yyz}, f_{yzy}, f_{yzz}, \\ f_{zxx}, f_{zxy}, f_{zxz}, f_{zyx}, f_{zyy}, f_{zyz}, f_{zzx}, f_{zzy}, f_{zzz} \end{pmatrix}$ $E_3[f] := \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} f_{xxx}^2 + f_{yyy}^2 + f_{zzz}^2 + 3(f_{xxy}^2 + f_{yyz}^2 + f_{zzx}^2 + f_{xyy}^2 + f_{yzz}^2 + f_{zxx}^2) + f_{xyz}^2$

Great discovery (Duchon 1977)

- Of all functions satisfying $\{ f(\mathbf{x}_i) = f_i \}$, the minimizer of $E_m[f]$ is represented as RBFs with the following basis:
 - When the space dimension is odd: $\phi(\mathbf{x}) = \|\mathbf{x}\|^{2m-3}$
 - When the space dimension is even: $\phi(\mathbf{x}) = \|\mathbf{x}\|^{2m-2} \log\|\mathbf{x}\|$
 - Assume $\phi(0) = 0$
- Popular choice:
 - For 2D: $\phi(\mathbf{x}) = \|\mathbf{x}\|^2 \log\|\mathbf{x}\|$ (minimizes E_2)
 - For 3D: $\phi(\mathbf{x}) = \|\mathbf{x}\|^3$ (minimizes E_3)

Additional linear term

- $E_2[f]$ is defined using 2nd derivative
→ Any additional linear term $p(\mathbf{x}) = ax + by + cz + d$ has no effect:

$$E_2[f + p] = E_2[f]$$

- Make f unique by regarding linear term as additional unknowns:

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^N w_i \phi(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_i) + ax + by + cz + d$$

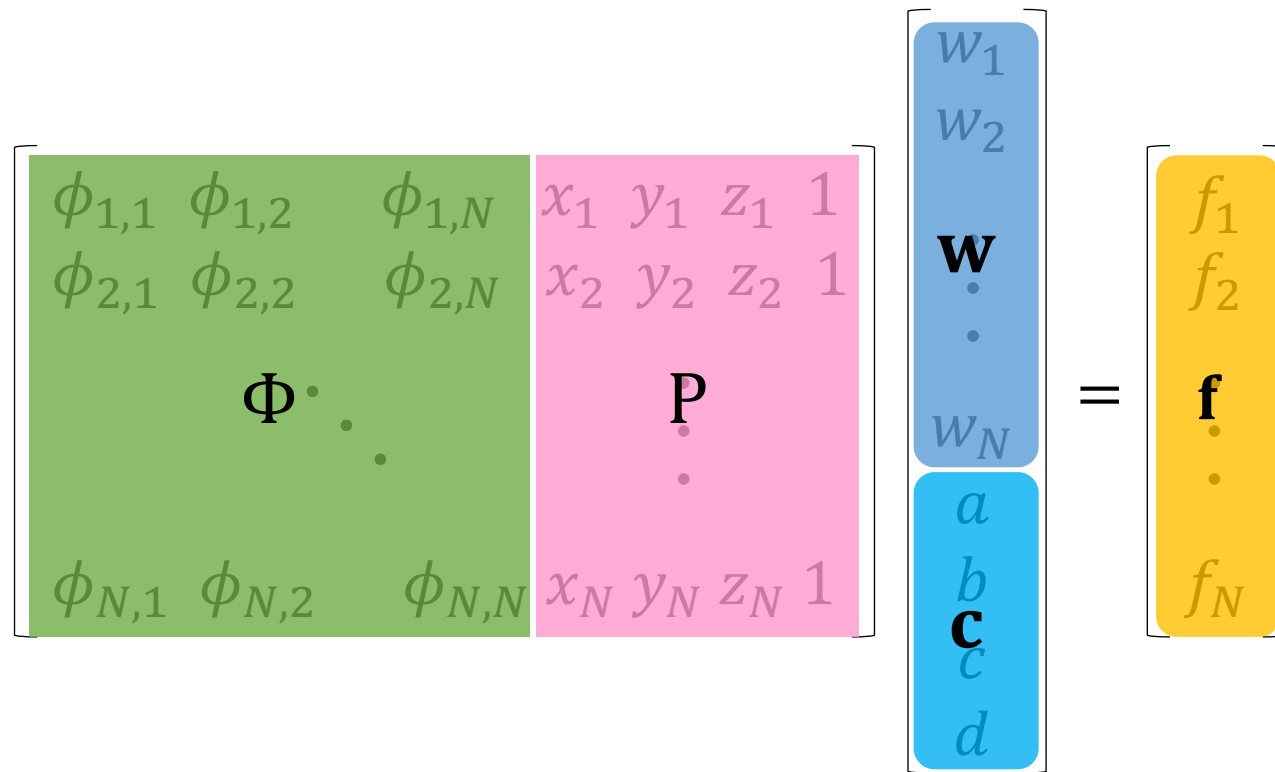
With linear term

$$f(\mathbf{x}_1) = w_1\phi_{1,1} + w_2\phi_{1,2} + \dots + w_N\phi_{1,N} + ax_1 + by_1 + cz_1 + d = f_1$$

$$f(\mathbf{x}_2) = w_1\phi_{2,1} + w_2\phi_{2,2} + \dots + w_N\phi_{2,N} + ax_2 + by_2 + cz_2 + d = f_2$$

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$$f(\mathbf{x}_N) = w_1\phi_{N,1} + w_2\phi_{N,2} + \dots + w_N\phi_{N,N} + ax_N + by_N + cz_N + d = f_N$$



4 unknowns a, b, c, d added \rightarrow 4 new constraints needed

Additional constraints: reproduction of all linear functions

- “If all data points (\mathbf{x}_i, f_i) are sampled from a linear function, RBF should reproduce the original function”

- Additional constraints:

- $\sum_{i=1}^N w_i = 0$

- $\sum_{i=1}^N x_i w_i = 0$

- $\sum_{i=1}^N y_i w_i = 0$

- $\sum_{i=1}^N z_i w_i = 0$

- Makes the matrix symmetric

$$\begin{bmatrix}
 \phi_{1,1} & \phi_{1,2} & \dots & \phi_{1,N} & x_1 & y_1 & z_1 & 1 \\
 \phi_{2,1} & \phi_{2,2} & \dots & \phi_{2,N} & x_2 & y_2 & z_2 & 1 \\
 \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\
 \phi_{N,1} & \phi_{N,2} & \dots & \phi_{N,N} & x_N & y_N & z_N & 1 \\
 x_1 & x_2 & \dots & x_N & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 y_1 & y_2 & \dots & y_N & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 z_1 & z_2 & \dots & z_N & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0
 \end{bmatrix}
 \begin{bmatrix}
 w_1 \\
 w_2 \\
 \vdots \\
 w_N \\
 a \\
 b \\
 c \\
 d
 \end{bmatrix}
 =
 \begin{bmatrix}
 f_1 \\
 f_2 \\
 \vdots \\
 f_N \\
 0 \\
 0 \\
 0 \\
 0
 \end{bmatrix}$$

Introducing gradient constraints

- Introduce weighted sum of basis' gradient $\nabla\phi$:

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^N \{w_i \phi(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_i) + \mathbf{v}_i^T \nabla\phi(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_i)\} + ax + by + cz + d$$

Unknown 3D vector

- Gradient of f :

$$\nabla f(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^N \{w_i \nabla\phi(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_i) + \mathbf{H}_\phi(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_i) \mathbf{v}_i\} + \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix}$$

- Incorporate gradient constraints $\nabla f(\mathbf{x}_i) = \mathbf{n}_i$

$$\mathbf{H}_\phi(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_{xx} & \phi_{xy} & \phi_{xz} \\ \phi_{yx} & \phi_{yy} & \phi_{yz} \\ \phi_{zx} & \phi_{zy} & \phi_{zz} \end{pmatrix}$$

Hessian matrix (function) 42

Introducing gradient constraints

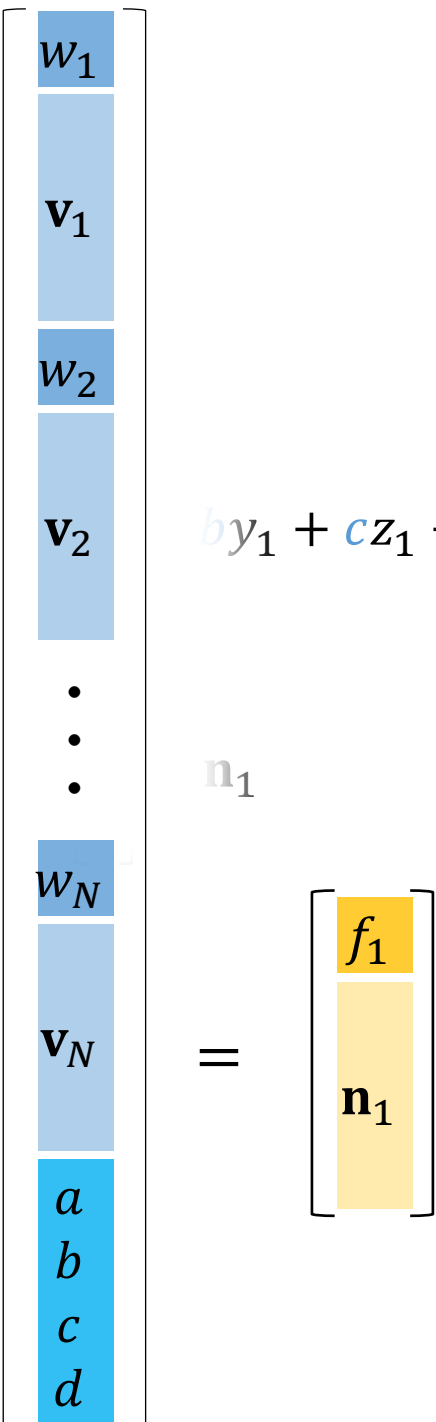
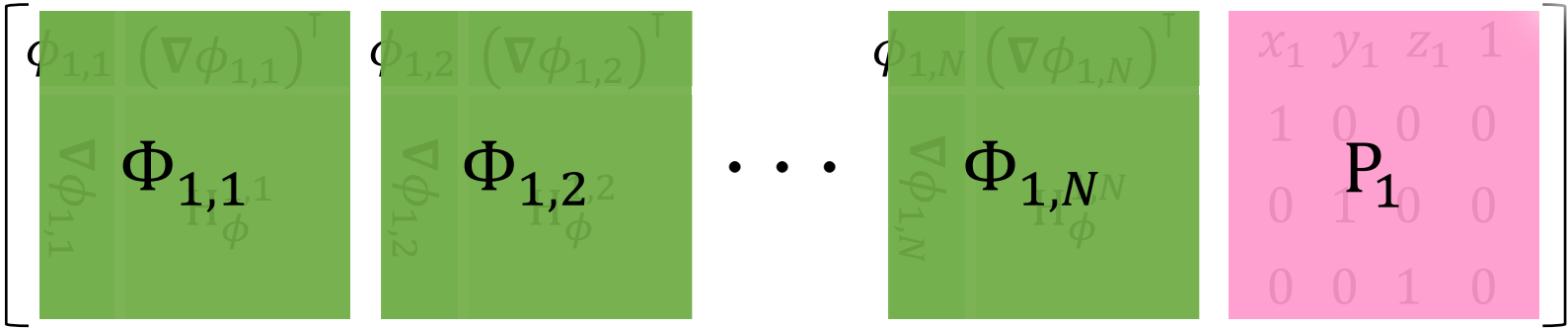
- 1st data point:

Value constraint:

$$f(\mathbf{x}_1) = w_1\phi_{1,1} + \mathbf{v}_1^T \nabla\phi_{1,1} + w_2\phi_{1,2} + \mathbf{v}_2^T \nabla\phi_{1,2} + \dots + w_N\phi_{1,N} + \mathbf{v}_N^T \nabla\phi_{1,N} \quad by_1 + cz_1 + d = f_1$$

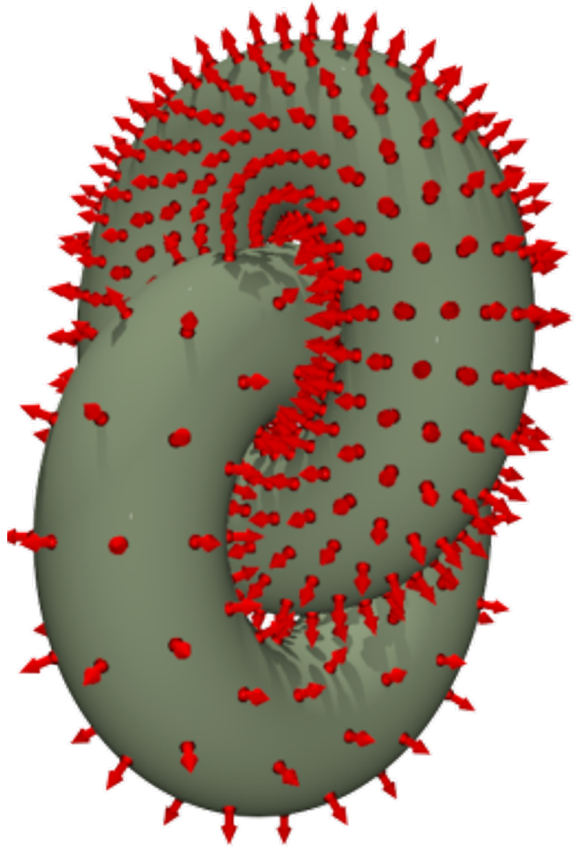
Gradient constraint:

$$\nabla f(\mathbf{x}_1) = w_1 \nabla\phi_{1,1} + H_\phi^{1,1} \mathbf{v}_1 + w_2 \nabla\phi_{1,2} + H_\phi^{1,2} \mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + w_N \nabla\phi_{1,N} + H_\phi^{1,N} \mathbf{v}_N \quad \mathbf{n}_1$$

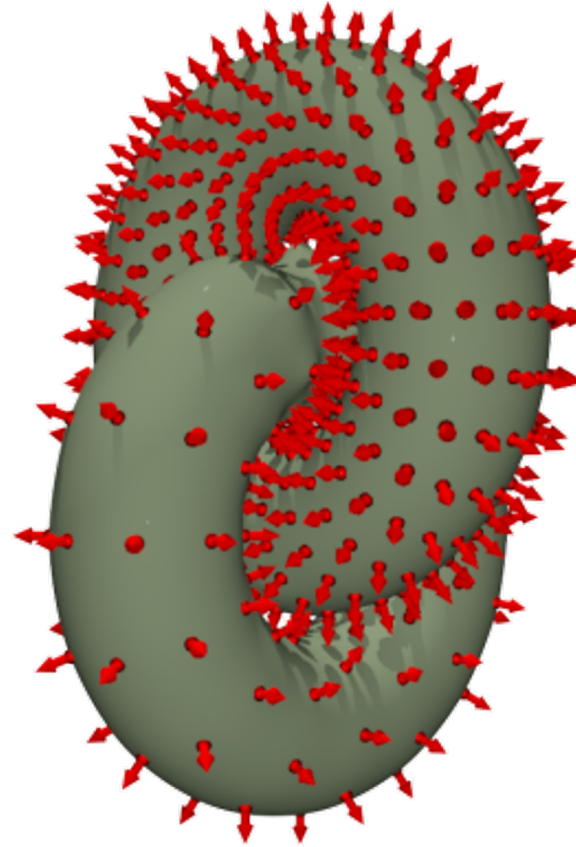
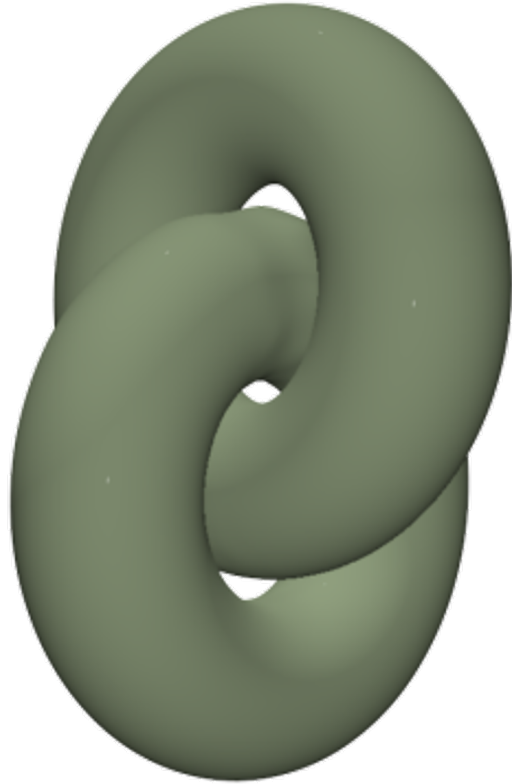


$$\begin{bmatrix}
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 \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\
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Comparison



Gradient constraints



Simple offsetting with
value constraints only

Recent work: global normal estimation

- With known locations $\{\mathbf{x}_i\}$ and unknown normals $\{\mathbf{n}_i\}$, a function f satisfying

$$\text{value constraints} \quad f(\mathbf{x}_i) = 0$$

$$\text{gradient constraints} \quad \nabla f(\mathbf{x}_i) = \mathbf{n}_i$$

can be uniquely specified by using RBF

→ Unknown normals $\{\mathbf{n}_i\}$ determine the function: $f_{\{\mathbf{n}_i\}}$

→ Unknown normals $\{\mathbf{n}_i\}$ determine the function's smoothness:

$$\begin{aligned} E_{\{\mathbf{n}_i\}} &:= E[f_{\{\mathbf{n}_i\}}] \\ &= \mathbf{n}^\top H \mathbf{n} \end{aligned}$$

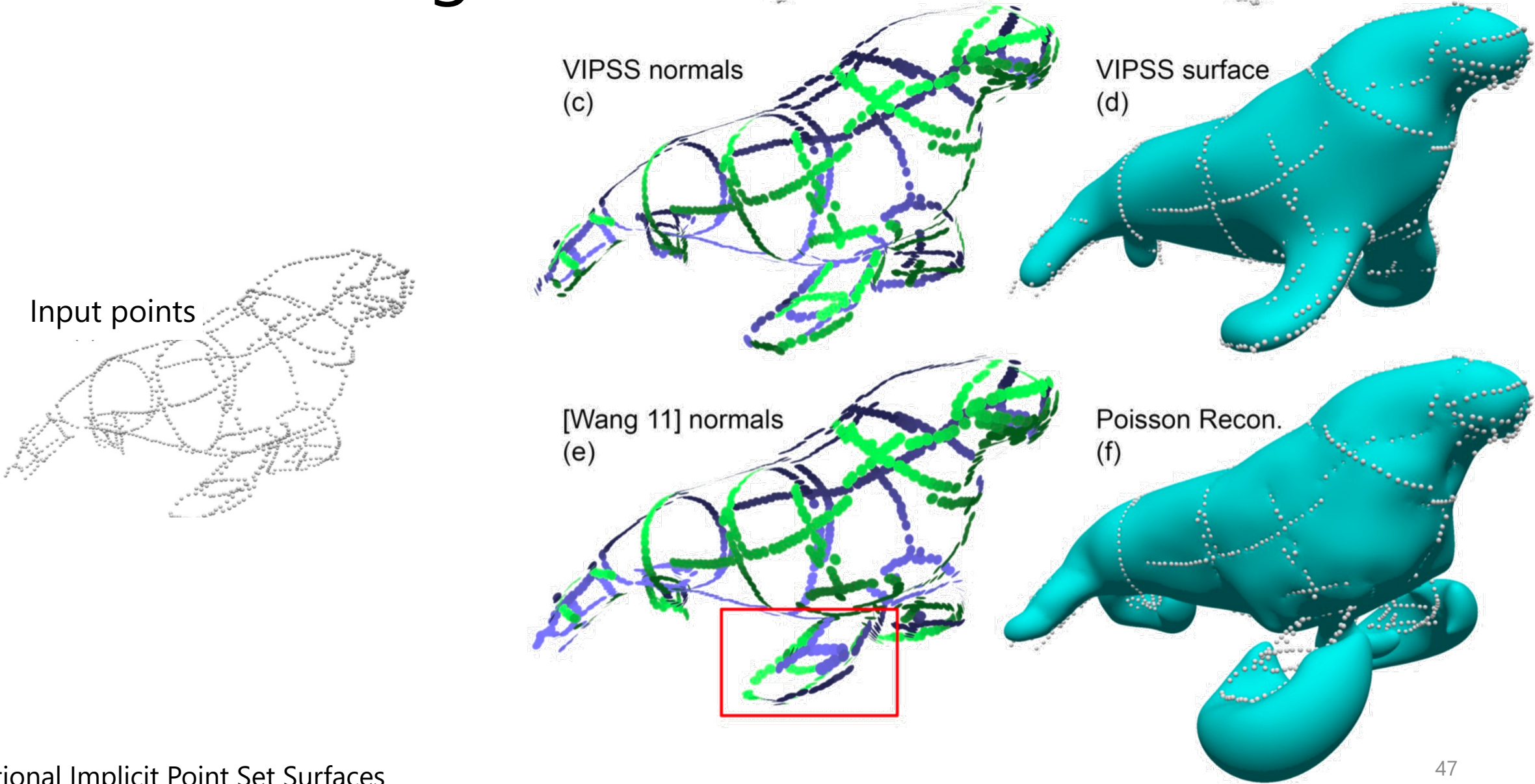
$$\mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} \vdots \\ \mathbf{n}_i^\top \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix}$$

Matrix H depends only on $\{\mathbf{x}_i\}$

- Formulated as a quadratically-constrained quadratic programming:

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{minimize } \mathbf{n}^\top H \mathbf{n} \\ &\text{s. t. } \mathbf{n}_i^\top \mathbf{n}_i = 1 \quad \forall i \end{aligned}$$

Recent work: global normal estimation



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