

Spectral Surface Reconstruction from Noisy Point Clouds

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Spectral Surface Reconstruction

Some Definitions

- S = sample points
- S^+ = S augmented with bounding box vertices
- T = Delauney Tetrahedralization of S^+
- Q = Voronoi Diagram of S^+

For each tetrahedron t in T , there is a dual
voronoi vertex v in Q

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Goal:

Label each tetrahedron
—or equivalently, each voronoi vertex—
inside or outside

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Identify the special Voronoi vertices called poles.

Recall poles are voronoi vertices that are likely to lie near
the medial axis of the surface being recovered. A
sample point S can have 2 poles.

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Form graph $G = (V, E)$
 V = voronoi vertices.
 E = edges.

For each point s with poles u, v , (u, v) is an edge in E .

For pairs of samples s and s' such that (s, s') is edge in T ,
where s has poles u, v and s' has poles u', v' , then
include edges (u, u') , (u, v') , (v, u') and (v, v') .

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assigning edge weights

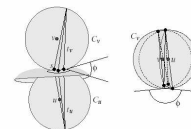


Figure 4: (a) Small angles of intersection between circumscribing spheres may indicate that two tetrahedra are on opposite sides of the surface being recovered. (b) Large angles of intersection usually indicate that two tetrahedra are on the same side of the surface.

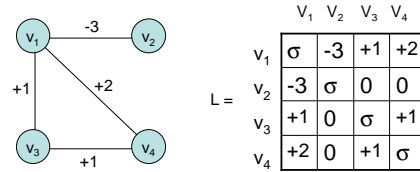
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Form graph $G' = (V, E)$

Collapse certain poles into single node which are known to be "outside".

- Any tetrahedron with a vertex of the bounding box
- Direction from laser range finder
- Visual inspection

Spectral Based Partitioning



$$\sigma = L_{ii} = \sum_{j \neq i} |L_{ij}|$$

From G' , construct a Laplacian Matrix L

Review: eigenvalues and eigenvectors

$$\begin{pmatrix} L_{11} & L_{12} & \dots & L_{1n} \\ L_{21} & L_{22} & \dots & L_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ L_{n1} & L_{n2} & \dots & L_{nn} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} L_{11}x_1 + L_{12}x_2 + \dots + L_{1n}x_n \\ L_{21}x_1 + L_{22}x_2 + \dots + L_{2n}x_n \\ \vdots \\ L_{n1}x_1 + L_{n2}x_2 + \dots + L_{nn}x_n \end{pmatrix}$$

If $L\mathbf{x} = \lambda\mathbf{x}$

then λ is an eigenvalue of L

\mathbf{x} is an eigenvector of L with a corresponding eigenvalue λ

note: that $D\mathbf{x}$ is also a eigenvector, for any constant D

Laplacian Spectrum Partitioning

Define \mathbf{x} as a partitioning vector of all of the nodes

$$\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \text{ s.t. } x_i = \begin{cases} -1 & i \in X \\ 1 & i \in X^c \end{cases}$$

That is, the sign of x will determine if a node is "inside" or "outside".

So we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{x}^T L \mathbf{x} &= (x_1, \dots, x_n) \begin{pmatrix} L_{11} & \dots & L_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ L_{n1} & \dots & L_{nn} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i L_{i1}, \dots, \sum_{i=1}^n x_i L_{in} \right) \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \sum_{i,j} x_i x_j L_{ij} \end{aligned}$$

\mathbf{x} which minimizes this (which is the same as the maximization) will also give us the separation between inside and outside

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Solving the generalized eigensystem

$$L\mathbf{x} = \lambda D\mathbf{x}$$

And taking \mathbf{x} for the smallest eigenvalue yields the solution.

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Recall: The pole matrix is positive definite.

Typically spectral based partitioning involves positive indefinite matrices, so that the smallest eigenvalue is 0, corresponding to x with all the same sign. This paper allows one to use the smallest eigenvalue, not second smallest because pole matrix is positive definite, because of $L_{ii} > 0$.