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Two-dimensional arrangements

Definition

For a set of curves C in D with dim(D) = 2, the arrangement A(C) is the partitioning of D into cells of dimension 0, 1, and 2 induced by C. Cells are called *vertices*, *edges*, and *faces*.

Fundamental structure in Computational Geometry:

- computer vision
- geographic information systems
- robot motion planning
- we use it, e.g.,
 - for minimization diagram
 - as 2D-structure for stratification of surfaces

- model geometric problems in "arrangement"-lingo, e.g., using duality, or configuration space
- enables traversal & queries
- represents continuous problem in discretized (combinatorial) chunks



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Representation as DCEL



Doubly-connected-edge-list:



- \blacksquare Plane: Each face has ≤ 1 outer (counter-clockwise) boundary cycle and a ≥ 0 of inner (clockwise) boundary cycles
- Outer and inner cycles define *nesting graph*. Plane: tree



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Arrangement_2 package of

- constructs, maintains, modifies, traverses, queries arrangements of bounded curves in the plane (v3.2)
- modular due to generic programming
- efficient and robust, if used with exact geometric operations
- implements generic sweep line/zone algorithm, that
 - handle all degeneracies: e.g., vertical curves, multiple curves running through a common point, etc.
 - use visitor pattern to decouple combinatorics of sweep/zoning from output, e.g. reporting intersections or constructing DCEL
- Arrangement_2<GeoTraits,...>
 - parameter of the data structures and algorithms
 - $-\,$ defines the family of curves that induce the arrangement
 - must fulfill ArrangementTraits_2 concept



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Geometric operations

- Types: Curve_2, X_monotone_curve_2, Point_2
- Methods:
 - Subdivide a curve into x-monotone curves
 - Compare two points lexicographically
 - Determine the relative position of a point and an x-monotone curve
 - Determine the relative position of two xmonotone curves to the right (or left) of a point
 - Find all intersections of two xmonotone curves





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Arrangements of algebraic curves

- was assumed to be impossible only a few years ago
- uses CGAL's Algebraic_curve_kernel_2 efficient by extensive use of approximative, but certified methods



- Curved_kernel_via_analysis_2 rewrites analyses into geometric operations (GeometryTraits class)
 [B./Emeliyanenko 08]
- supports curves of arbitrary degree and all degeneracies





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Unbounded plane

Clipping the curves



- Sweep algorithm is unchanged
- Not online
- Single unbounded face



Infimaximal box [Mehlhorn & Seel, 2003]



- Sweep line modifications for linear objects, larger bit-lengths
- Online (no clipping)
- Result has multiple unbounded faces (and one ficticious)

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Generalization: Parametric surface

Definition (Parametric surface)

An orientable *parametric surface* P in u and v is defined by

$$\phi_P(u,v) = (x(u,v), y(u,v), z(u,v))$$

where $\phi_P : \Phi \to \mathbb{R}^3$ and $P = \phi_P(\Phi)$, with $\Phi = UxV$ being a continuous and simply connected two-dimensional parameter space.





On a surface?!



- Given: Parametric surface P; set of curves C embedded in P
- Goal: Compute and maintain arrangement

Motivation and Problems:

- P may be unbounded, also the curves in C
 - Minimization diagram of unbounded surfaces
 - Stratification of surfaces
- "international date line", poles, ...

Solution in CGAL

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Arrangement on a surface



- Decompose Φ into 5 parts: left, right, bottom, top, and interior
- Classify boundaries of parameter space (∂Φ) four options:
 - finite, or infinite, i.e., open end
 - contracted, e.g., $\forall u \in U, \phi_S(u, v_{\min}) = p_0 \in P$
 - identified, e.g., $\forall v \in V, \phi_S(u_{\min}, v) = \phi_S(u_{\max}, v)$
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No curve-end on boundary

 ⇒ Situation is "isomorphic" to bounded curves in the plane
 ⇒ special handling only if curves touching the boundary



Problem 1: Geometry





- Augment Arrangement Traits_2 with surface-specific set of
 - simple comparisons of curve-ends near boundary of Φ
 - and on boundary of $\Phi,$ if identified or finite





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Infinite algebraic curve-ends

- compare to the right of $x = -\infty$
- compare to the left of $x = +\infty$
- compute how two approach a vertical asymptote





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Lexicographic order in Φ



- Package provides case distinction combining them
- No duplicated (surface-independent) code in each geometry traits
- Example: Lexicographic order in Φ for curves/points on sphere





Output of predicates is wrt Φ - not their implemention

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Problem 2: DCEL

- Unique in planar case
- Already in unbounded plane different possibilities. Two examples:



Task: Maintain DCEL-records related to $\partial \Phi$ respecting topology of P





template <typename GeoTraits, typename TopTraits>
class Arrangement_on_surface_2

Helps to determine $\mathcal{A}(\mathcal{C})$'s actual representation:

- Locate and maintain vertices on boundary
- Locate curves incident to such vertices
- Construct and maintain possible fictitious edges
- Help to decide whether insertion of curve results in a face splitting
- Assign boundary cycles to maintain consistent nesting graph
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Available TopologyTraits classes



- Bounded plane (original case)
- Unbounded plane

Arrangements of algebraic curves

Surfaces
 Sphere





Voronoi diagrams of points in the plane



Lower envelopes of quadrics

Quadrics



Dupin cyclides





Reference Cyclide



- Cyclide: Surface homeomorphic to torus
- Standard algebraic parameterization Φ for cyclide P (no sin/cos!)

$$\left(\begin{array}{c} u\\ v\end{array}\right)\mapsto \left(\begin{array}{c} \frac{\mu(c(1+u^2)(1+v^2)-a(1-v^2)(1-u^2))+b^2(1-u^2)(1+v^2)}{a(1+u^2)(1+v^2)-c(1-u^2)(1-v^2)}\\ \frac{2u(a(1+v^2)-\mu(1-v^2))b}{a(1+u^2)(1+v^2)-c(1-u^2)(1-v^2)}\\ \frac{2v(c(1-u^2)-\mu(1+u^2))b}{a(1+u^2)(1+v^2)-c(1-u^2)(1-v^2)}\end{array}\right)$$

 Splits cyclide at *cut circles* and induces *pole* ("unfolding to the real plane")



- Also given: Set of algebraic surfaces S intersecting P
- Goal: Arrangement induced by $S \cap P$ with all $S \in S$

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GeometryTraits: Algebraic curves

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- Surface S defined by $f := f(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{Q}[x, y, z]$, $D := \deg(f)$
- $F(u,v) := f(x(u,v), y(u,v), z(u,v)) \in \mathbb{Q}[u,v]$
- defines real algebraic plane curve of bidegree (2D, 2D)



Enhance planar geometry for cyclide

- Interpret arcs towards infinity ⇒ arcs towards cut circles
- Interpret comparisons near infinity ⇒ comparisons near cut circles
- New: Comparisons on the boundary



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Cyclidean TopologyTraits



- Problem: Cut circles have two (four) preimages in Φ
 Goal: Store one DCEL-vertex for each set of identified preimages
 Solution: Two sorted sequences of vertices + one for pole
 - coordinates in Φ are given by asymptotes of curves in Φ
 - Task: Assign "unbounded" curve-arcs to asymptotes
 - Vertical: (f, x, a), but non-vertical: $(f, \pm \infty, a)$
 - \Rightarrow Buckets; *one* for each asymptote for $x \rightarrow -\infty$
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 - this cycle is non-seperating
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Experiments: Constructions



- Created interpolated surfaces (some with degeneracies wrt cyclide)
- Constructed arrangement on cyclide with sweep line (C)
- Constructed arrangement in unbounded plane (2D)

Instance- <deg></deg>	#S	#V,#E,#F (C)	t in s (C)	t in s (2D)
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ipl-1	20	384,682, 298	0.58	0.58
ipl-1	50	1837,3363,1526	2.14	2.00
ipl-2	10	358,575,217	1.07	1.25
ipl-2	20	1211,2147,937	3.14	3.04
ipl-3	10	542,847,305	4.84	4.62
ipl-3-6points	10	680,1092,412	32.43	31.17
ipl-3-2sing	10	694,1062,368	5.82	5.57
ipl-4	10	785,1204,419	50.42	49.97
ipl-4-6points	10	989,1529,540	461.74	450.54
ipl-4-2sing	10	933,1471,538	53.01	52.78

Choice of TopologyTraits does not influence performanceRunning time spent in analyses of planar curves







- is also rational parameterizable (as the cyclide is)
- but arrangement on this NON-ORIENTABLE surfaces cannot be represented as DCEL.
- requires quad-edge data structure

[Guibas and Stolfi]

not (yet) available in CGAL







- Adjacency graph of surfaces: [abstract version of Hemmer 08] Identify geometrically equal vertices on different surfaces
- Enhance data-structure to model arrangement of surfaces
- Arrangements on spheres: Minkowsi-Sums of (convex) polyhedra, assembly planning of polyhedra [Fogel 08]
- Configuration space of (some) two-link robot arms moving respecting obstacles: arrangement on a torus. Example: Molecules of some amino-acids have two main rotation axes


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Robot Motion Planning



- Goal: giving a motion description for a collision-"free" movement of a "robot" respecting obstacles
- also known as the 'Piano Mover's Problem'



Robot



- rather general term
- not needed to be motorized ("Piano")
- has some shape (of finite description)
- might be static, or has some degrees of freedom (arms)
- typical Movements: translation, rotation
- typical robots: objects, biological molecules, robotic manipulators, animated digital characters



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Collision-free movement



- Robot/object is allowed to freely move (according to its possibilites) in some domain, e.g., a room/flat.
- motion must be continuous
- Domain might be restricted by obstacles: Walls, furniture
- Two choices:
 - totally collision-free
 - "sliding" along an obstacle is allowed







- Workspace for domain, robot, and obstacles is 2D or 3D Euclidean space
- Motion is given as a (one-dimensional) path in configuration space C
- C might have much higher dimension (also depends on robot's number of DOF)



C-Space (Examples)



Robot is single point

Translating the robot in a 2D workspace, C is given by the position (x, y) in the plane: dim C = 2.

Robot is 2D shape in a 2D workspace

- Translation: Take a reference point (e.g., a corner). Robot's position is specified by position of reference (x, y): dim C = 2.
- With rotation: Add angle-parameter φ ∈ [0, 2π). Robot's configuration is given by triple: (x, y, φ) in ℝ² × [0, 2π): dim C = 3

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Robo = A revolute join (Drehgelenk) adds a dimension to C.

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- The subset $C_{\text{free}} \subseteq C$ that avoids collisions with any obstacle (touching or penetrative) is called the *free-space* (of the robot)
- The complement of C_{free} is the *obstacle* or *forbidden region*



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Algorithms



General idea

- Locate initial position A in free-space
- Locate final position *B* in free-space
- Find continuous path connecting both positions
- If there is no such path: Motion from A to B not feasible



Algorithms - Grid based



Work well for low dimensional C

- Overlay C with a grid (graph)
- Remove vertices and edges not fully contained in C_{free}
- Search shortest path in remaining graph between start and end configuration

Remarks

- Requires dense grid to find narrow passages, becoming slow
- Requires exponential number of vertices (in dim C)



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Algorithms - Sample based



Develop roadmap(-graph) in C_{free} .

- Sample *n* configurations in *C*; keep those in C_{free} as *milestones*
- Connect milestones P and Q with road (an edge) if $\overline{PQ} \subset C_{\text{free}}$
- Path-search adds A and B to roadmap: If connecting path can be found, return it. Else: "I don't know"

Remarks

- "State-of-the-art", even for high-dimensional *C* though:
- Sampled milestones do not suffice to find connecting path
- Spending more time increases probability to find existing solution path towards 1
- Variations: test only neighbors, non-uniform sampling, quasirandom, tree-growing for few searches

Algorithms - Geometric approach



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They are complete, i.e.,

always construct a feasible path if existing

Typical algorithm

- Construct Cfree
- Decompose C_{free} into cells of "constant" size, e.g., by vertical decomposition
- I ocate A and B in cells
- Use adjacency information of cells to conclude whether there is a free and continuous path passing cells and connecting A with B



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Construction of Cfree

Minkowski sum

$$M = P \oplus Q = \{p + q \mid p \in P, q \in Q\}$$

Collision Detection

$$P \cap Q \neq \emptyset \Leftrightarrow 0 \in M' := P \oplus (-Q)$$

(-Q means inverting at the origin)

Computing C_{free}

- Consider the set of obstacles as P
- Consider the robot as Q

•
$$C_{\text{free}} := \overline{P \oplus (-Q)}$$

"Sliding the robot" along the obstacles



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Examples







- Exact construction detects *one-dimensional* passage (sliding along at least two obstacles
- Rounded floating-point would probably be blind





P and Q convex polygons, n and m edges

Space O(m + n)

Question: How to compute in linear time?

P and Q polygons, only one convex, n and m edges

Space O(nm)

P and Q polygons, n and m edges

Space O((nm)²)

Remark: Minkowski sums are defined in any dimension. Computing is



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Not covered



- Rotations
- Analysis of DOFs



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Switch to slides by Ophir Setter, Tel-Aviv University.



Voronoi Diagrams

- Given *n* objects (Voronoi sites) in some space (e.g., R^d, S^d) and a distance function ρ
- The Voronoi Diagram subdivides the space into cells
- Each cell consists of points that are closer to one particular site than to any other site
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Voronoi diagram on the sphere



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Apollonius diagram (additively-weighted Voronoi diagram)



Lower Envelopes

and Voronoi Diagrams

Definition

Given a set of bivariate functions $S = \{s_1, \ldots, s_n\}$, their lower envelope is defined to be their pointwise minimum:

$$\Psi(x,y) = \min_{1 \le i \le n} s_i(x,y)$$

Corollary

Voronoi diagrams are the minimization diagrams of the distance functions from each site [Edelsbrunner & Seidel, 1986]



Distance functions are paraboloids



Looking from bottom gives us the Voronoi diagram



The Divide-and-Conquer Algorithm

Let S be a set of n sites

- Partition S into two disjoint subsets S_1 and S_2 of equal size
- 2 Construct $Vor_{\rho}(S_1)$ and $Vor_{\rho}(S_2)$ recursively
- Solution Merge the two Voronoi diagrams to obtain $Vor_{\rho}(S)$





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- Remove redundant features





Envelopes and Arrangements in CGAL

- Arrangement_on_surface_2 constructs and maintains arrangements on two-dimensional parametric surfaces
- Envelope_3 package computes lower and upper envelopes of general surfaces [Meyerovitch, 2006]
- Robust and Exact
 - All inputs are handled correctly (including degenerate input)
 - Exact number types are used to achieve exact results
- Generic Easy to interface, extend and adapt
- Modular Geometric and topological aspects are separated









Implementation

- Reduced and simplified interface for diagrams with one-dimensional bisectors
- Computing diagrams, the bisector curves of which are currently supported by the arrangement package, is made easy (e.g., linear and circular arcs, algebraic curves, geodesics on the sphere)
- The framework supports types of diagrams that most frameworks do not support:
 - Quadratic-size diagrams, e.g., Möbius diagrams and triangle-area distance-function Voronoi diagrams
 - Non-connected bisectors, e.g., anisotropic Voronoi diagrams
 - Two-dimensional bisectors
- Disadvantage: Though general, the method uses exact constructions of bisectors and Voronoi vertices, which makes the running time inferior to various dedicated implementations (e.g., Delaunay triangulations in CGAL)



Other Advantages

The diagrams are represented as CGAL arrangements

- The vertices, edges, and faces of the diagrams can easily be traversed while obtaining coordinates to any desired precision
- Point-location functionality
- Inserting and removing curves
- Overlay between diagrams, which is used, for example, for computing minimum-width annulus and for representing the local zones of two competing telecommunication operators [Baccelli et al., 2000]
- etc.



Overlaying an arrangement and a Voronoi diagram on the sphere



Nearest-Site Voronoi Diagrams



More Diagrams of Linear Objects





On the Sphere





Farthest-site Voronoi Diagrams (by constructing upper envelopes)





Application: Minimum-Width Annulus of Disks

- Goal: Given a set of disks in the plane, find an annulus of minimum width containing the disks
- Minimum-width annulus (MWA) has applications in tolerancing metrology and facility location
- We extended a known algorithm for computing a minimum-width annulus of points [Ebara et al., 1989] to disks





www.npl.co.uk/server.php



cgm.cs.mcgill.ca/~athens/cs507/ Projects/2004/Emory-Merryman



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Inner circle touches 3 points — center is a nearest-site Voronoi vertex





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The Connection to Voronoi Diagrams

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For points, only the third case occurs

The center of the MWA is a vertex of the overlay of the nearest-site and farthest-site Voronoi diagrams



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Farthest-point farthest-site is a farthest-site Apollonius with negative radii and was easily produced using our framework

MWA of Disks in the Plane, running times



No. Disks	Time (secs)	V	E	F
50	10.741	126	213	88
100	26.994	238	395	158
200	62.968	416	659	244
500	185.244	775	1174	400
1000	405.405	1242	1894	653





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Thank you Ophir, for providing the slides.

