


- Motivation: Add interesting and/or realistic detail to surfaces of objects.
- Problem: Fine geometric detail is difficult to model and expensive to render.
- Idea: Modify various shading parameters of the surface by mapping a function (such as a 2D image) onto the surface.



## Textures and Shading



## Texture Mapping - Simple Example



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## Simple parametrization

## Mapping is not unique



## Bump Mapping



## Bump Mapping

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## Surface Parametrization

## Triangle mesh

- Discrete surface representation
- Piecewise linear surface (made of triangles)



## Triangle mesh

- Geometry:
$\square$ Vertex coordinates
$\left(\mathrm{x}_{1}, \mathrm{y}_{1}, \mathrm{z}_{1}\right)$
$\left(\mathrm{X}_{2}, \mathrm{y}_{2}, \mathrm{z}_{2}\right)$
$\left(x_{n}, y_{n}, z_{n}\right)$
- Connectivity (the graph)
$\square$ List of triangles
( $\mathrm{i}_{1}, \mathrm{j}_{1}, \mathrm{k}_{1}$ )
$\left(\mathrm{i}_{2}, \mathrm{j}_{2}, \mathrm{k}_{2}\right)$
( $i_{m}, j_{m}, k_{m}$ )



## What is a parameterization?

$S \subseteq R^{3}$ - given surface
$D \subseteq R^{2}$ - parameter domain
$s: D \rightarrow S \quad$ 1-1 and onto

$$
\mathbf{s}(u, v)=\left(\begin{array}{l}
x(u, v) \\
y(u, v) \\
z(u, v)
\end{array}\right)
$$

## Example - flattening the earth



## Mesh Parameterization



## World Atlas



## Parameterizations are atlases



## World Atlas



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## World Atlas



## The true size of Africa

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## Another view of the same idea



## There are many possible maps

 - Is one of them "correct"?

## Can't flatten without distorting



## Another example:



Parameters: $\alpha, h$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \mathrm{D}=[0, \pi] \times[-1,1] \\
& x(\alpha, h)=\cos (\alpha) \\
& y(\alpha, h)=h \\
& z(\alpha, h)=\sin (\alpha)
\end{aligned}
$$

## Triangular Mesh



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## Mesh Parameterization

- Uniquely defined by mapping mesh vertices to the parameter domain:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& U:\left\{\mathrm{v}_{1}, \ldots, \mathrm{v}_{\mathrm{n}}\right\} \rightarrow D \subseteq R^{2} \\
& U\left(\mathrm{v}_{\mathrm{i}}\right)=\left(u_{i}, v_{i}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

- No two edges cross in the plane (in $D$ )

Mesh parameterization $\Leftrightarrow$ mesh embedding

## Mesh parameterization



Parameter domain
$D \subseteq R^{2}$

Mesh surface
$S \subseteq R^{3}$


## Application - Texture mapping



## Requirements

- Bijective (1-1 and onto): No triangles fold over.
- Minimal "distortion"
$\square$ Preserve 3D anglesPreserve 3D distancesPreserve 3D areas
$\square$ No "stretch"



## Distortion minimization



## More texture mapping



## Resampling problems




Resampling on regular grid


## Remeshing examples



## Remeshing



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## More remeshing examples




## Non-simple domains



## Cutting

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## Parameterization of closed genus-0 triangle meshes



## Introducing seams (cuts)



## Partition




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## Bad parameterization



## Better...(free boundary)



## Partition - problems

- Discontinuity of parameterization
- Visible artifacts in texture mapping
- Require special treatment
$\square$ Vertices along seams have several (u,v) coordinates
$\square$ Problems in mip-mapping

Make seams short and hide them

## Summary

- "Good" parameterization = non-distorting
$\square$ Angles and area preservation
$\square$ Continuous param. of complex surfaces cannot avoid distortion.

■ "Good" partition/cut:
$\square$ Large patches, minimize seam length
$\square$ Align seams with features (=hide them)

## Mesh parameterization

$\boldsymbol{s}$ and $\boldsymbol{U}$ are piecewise-linear
Linear inside each mesh triangle


A mapping between two triangles is a unique affine mapping

## Barycentric coordinates



## Mapping triangle to triangle



$$
\mathbf{s}(\mathbf{p})=\frac{\left\langle\mathbf{p}, p_{2}, p_{3}\right\rangle}{\left\langle p_{1}, p_{2}, p_{3}\right\rangle} q_{1}+\frac{\left\langle\mathbf{p}, p_{3}, p_{1}\right\rangle}{\left\langle p_{1}, p_{2}, p_{3}\right\rangle} q_{2}+\frac{\left\langle\mathbf{p}, p_{1}, p_{2}\right\rangle}{\left\langle p_{1}, p_{2}, p_{3}\right\rangle} q_{3}
$$

## Some techniques

## Convex mapping (Tutte, Floater)

- Works for meshes equivalent to a disk
- First, we map the boundary to a convex polygon
- Then we find the inner vertices positions

$\boldsymbol{v}_{1}, \boldsymbol{v}_{2}, \ldots, \boldsymbol{v}_{\mathrm{n}}$ - inner vertices; $\quad \boldsymbol{v}_{\mathrm{n}}, \boldsymbol{v}_{\mathrm{n}+1}, \ldots, \boldsymbol{v}_{\mathrm{N}}$ - boundary vertices


## Inner vertices

- We constrain each inner vertex to be a weighted average of its neighbors:

$$
\begin{gathered}
v_{i}=\sum_{j \in N(i)} \lambda_{i, j} v_{j}, \quad i=1,2, \ldots, n \\
\lambda_{i, j}=\left\{\begin{array}{cc}
0 & i, j \text { are not neighbors } \\
>0 & (i, j) \in E \text { (neighbours) } \\
\sum_{j \in N(i)} \lambda_{i, j}=1
\end{array}\right.
\end{gathered}
$$



## Linear system of equations

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \boldsymbol{v}_{i}-\sum_{j \in N(i)} \lambda_{i, j} \boldsymbol{v}_{j}=0, \quad i=1,2, \ldots, n \\
& \boldsymbol{v}_{i}-\sum_{j \in N(i) \backslash B} \lambda_{i, j} \boldsymbol{v}_{j}=\sum_{k \in N(i) \cap B} \lambda_{i, k} \boldsymbol{v}_{k}, \quad i=1,2, \ldots, n \\
& \left(\begin{array}{ccccc}
1 & & -\lambda_{1, j_{1}} & & -\lambda_{1, j_{d 1}} \\
& 1 & & & \\
& & 1 & & \\
& -\lambda_{4, j_{1}} & & \ddots & \\
& & -\lambda_{n, j_{5}} & & 1
\end{array}\right)\left(\begin{array}{c}
\boldsymbol{v}_{1} \\
\boldsymbol{v}_{2} \\
\\
\end{array}\right.
\end{aligned}
$$

## Shape preserving weights



To compute $\lambda_{1}, \ldots, \lambda_{5}$, a local embedding of the patch is found:

1) $\left\|\mathbf{p}_{i}-\mathbf{p}\right\|=\left\|\mathbf{x}_{i}-\mathbf{x}\right\|$
2) $\operatorname{angle}\left(\mathbf{p}_{i}, \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{p}_{i+1}\right)=\left(2 \pi / \Sigma \theta_{i}\right) \operatorname{angle}\left(\boldsymbol{v}_{i}, \boldsymbol{v}, \boldsymbol{v}_{i+1}\right)$

$$
\exists \lambda_{i},\left\{\begin{array}{l}
\mathbf{p}=\Sigma \lambda_{i} \mathbf{p}_{i} \\
\lambda_{i}>0 \\
\sum \lambda_{i}=1
\end{array} \Rightarrow \text { use these } \lambda\right. \text { as edge weights. }
$$

## Linear system of equations

- A unique solution always exists
- Important: the solution is legal (bijective)
- The system is sparse, thus fast numerical solution is possible
- Numerical problems (because the vertices in the middle might get very dense...)



## Harmonic mapping

- Another way to find inner vertices
- Strives to preserve angles (conformal)
- We treat the mesh as a system of springs.
- Define spring energy:

$$
E_{\text {harm }}=\frac{1}{2} \sum_{(i, j) \in E} k_{i, j}\left\|\boldsymbol{v}_{i}-\boldsymbol{v}_{j}\right\|^{2}
$$

where $v_{i}$ are the flat position (remember that the boundary vertices $\boldsymbol{v}_{n}, \boldsymbol{v}_{n+1}, \ldots, \boldsymbol{v}_{N}$ are constrained).

## Energy minimization - least squares

- We want to find such flat positions that the energy is as small as possible.
- Solve the linear least squares problem!

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \boldsymbol{v}_{i}=\left(x_{i}, y_{i}\right) \\
& E_{\text {harm }}\left(x_{1}, \ldots, x_{n}, y_{1}, \ldots, y_{n}\right)=\frac{1}{2} \sum_{(i, j) \in E} k_{i, j}\left\|\boldsymbol{v}_{i}-\boldsymbol{v}_{j}\right\|^{2}= \\
& =\frac{1}{2} \sum_{(i, j) \in E} k_{i, j}\left(\left(x_{i}-x_{j}\right)^{2}+\left(y_{i}-y_{j}\right)^{2}\right) . \\
& \quad E_{\text {harm }} \text { is function of } 2 n \text { variables }
\end{aligned}
$$

## Energy minimization - least squares

- To find minimum: $\nabla E_{\text {harm }}=0$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{i}} E_{\text {harm }}=\frac{1}{2} \sum_{j \in N(i)} 2 k_{i, j}\left(x_{i}-x_{j}\right)=0 \\
& \frac{\partial}{\partial y_{i}} E_{\text {harm }}=\frac{1}{2} \sum_{j \in N(i)} 2 k_{i, j}\left(y_{i}-y_{j}\right)=0
\end{aligned}
$$

$\square$ Again, $x_{n+1}, \ldots, x_{N}$ and $y_{n+1}, \ldots, y_{N}$ are constrained.

## Energy minimization - least squares

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$$
\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{j \in N(i)} k_{i, j}\left(x_{i}-x_{j}\right)=0, \quad i=1,2, \ldots, n \\
& \sum_{j \in N(i)} k_{i, j}\left(y_{i}-y_{j}\right)=0, \quad i=1,2, \ldots, n
\end{aligned}
$$

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## The spring constants $k_{i, j}$

- The weights $k_{i, j}$ are chosen to minimize angles distortion:
$\square$ Look at the edge ( $i, j$ ) in the 3D mesh
$\square$ Set the weight $k_{i, j}=\cot \alpha+\cot \beta$



## Discussion

- The results of harmonic mapping are better than those of convex mapping (local area and angles preservation).
- But: the mapping is not always legal (the weights can be negative for badly-shaped triangles...)
- Both mappings have the problem of fixed boundary it constrains the minimization and causes distortion.
- There are more advanced methods that do not require boundary conditions.


## Convex weights for inner vertices

$$
\mathbf{v}_{i}=\sum_{(i, j) \in N(i)} w_{i j} \mathbf{v}_{j} \text { s.t. } \sum_{(i, j) \in N(i)} w_{i j}=1 \text { and } w_{i j} \geq 0
$$

- If the weights are convex, the solution is always valid (no selfintersections) [Floater 97]
- The cotangent weight in Harmonic Mapping can be negative $\Rightarrow$ sometimes there are triangle flips
- In [Floater 2003] new convex weights are proposed that approximate harmonic mapping


## Angle-based Flattening (ABF) <br> [Sheffer and de Sturler 2001]

- Angle-preserving parameterization
- The energy functional is formulated using the flat mesh angles only!
- Allows free boundary


## Angle-based Flattening (ABF) <br> [Sheffer and de Sturler 2001]

- The goal: minimize the difference

$$
\sum_{i=1}^{N}\left(\alpha_{i}-\beta_{i}\right)^{2}
$$

where $\beta_{i}$ are angles of original (3D) mesh and $\alpha_{i}$ are the unknowns (the flat mesh)

The angles equations (constraints)

All angles are positive:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\alpha_{i}>0 \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

Angles around an inner vertex in 2D sum up to $2 \pi$

$$
\begin{equation*}
\sum \alpha_{j}=2 \pi \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
$$

Angles in a triangle sum up to $\pi$

$$
a_{i_{1}}+a_{i_{2}}+a_{i_{3}}=\pi
$$

## The angles equations (constraints)

- Finally, something like the sine theorem must hold:

$$
\text { (4) } \frac{\prod_{j=1}^{N(i)} \sin \alpha_{j}}{\prod_{j=1}^{N(i)} \sin \tilde{\alpha}_{j}}=1
$$



## The angles equations (constraints)

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## The final optimization:

- We minimize

$$
\sum_{i=1}^{N}\left(\alpha_{i}-\beta_{i}\right)^{2}
$$

under the 4 constraints

- It's enough to fix one triangle in the plane to define the whole flat mesh


## Results



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## Discussion

- Pros:
$\square$ Angle preserving
$\square$ Always valid (at least internally)
$\square$ No rigid boundary constraints
- Cons:
$\square$ Non-linear optimization
- Expensive (but now a multi-grid method exists)
$\square$ Building the mesh from angles can be unstable


## Solid Textures <br> (Peachey 1985, Perlin 1985)

- Problem: mapping a 2D image/function onto the surface of a general 3D object is a difficult problem:
$\square$ Distortion
$\square$ Discontinuities
- Idea: use a texture function defined over a 3D domain - the 3D space containing the object
$\square$ Texture function can be digitized or procedural


## Solid Textures







Thanks

