INF631 – Data Analysis: Geometry and Topology in Arbitrary Dimensions

Delaunay-Based Reconstruction

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Q What do you see? Why?



Input: point cloud $P \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ finite

Prior: points of P are sampled along some *unknown shape* M (manifold, compact set etc.), according to some *unknown measure* μ .

Goal: (support estimation) build an *approximation* (implicit, PL, simplicial, etc.) that is *structurally faithful* (homotopic, homeomorphic, isotopic, etc.) and *close* (in Hausdorff distance, in ℓ^2 -distance, etc.) to M.



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Where do the data come from? 3D scans Sources LASER stereo vision mechanical sensor Applications Reverse engineering Prototyping Quality control Cultural heritage





Stanford Michelangelo Project

(raw data with 2 billion polygons, sampling with a precision of $0.25~\rm{mm})$

Where do the data come from? Medical Imaging

Sources

MRI scan echograph

Applications



Intraoral 3d scanner

Diagnostic

- Endoscopy simulation
- Chirurgical intervention planning



Where do the data come from? Geography, Geology

Sources

satellite/aerial images ground probing seismograph

Applications

Maps making / Terrain modeling Prospection (tunnels, oil)



Where do the data come from? Higher-Dimensions Sources

Data bases

Simulations

Applications

Machine Learning

Robotics

Image processing

Biocomputing

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Topological Criteria







Geometric Criteria



Normals (order 1):



Curvature (order 2):



Geometric simplicial complexes

vertex set:
$$V = \{v_0, v_1, \dots, v_{n-1}\} \subset \mathbb{R}^d$$

k-simplex: $\sigma = CH\{v_{i_0}, v_{i_1}, \cdots, v_{i_k}\}$

inclusion property (τ *face* of σ): $\sigma \in K$ and $V(\tau) \subseteq V(\sigma) \Longrightarrow \tau \in K$

intersection property:

 $\sigma_1, \sigma_2 \in K \text{ and } \sigma_1 \cap \sigma_2 \neq \emptyset \Longrightarrow$ $\sigma_1 \cap \sigma_2 \in K \text{ and is a face of both}$

0-simplex 1-simplex 2-simplex 3-simplex





valid simplicial complex

Reconstruction using Delaunay



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Computing the Restricted Delaunay

Q How to compute $\mathcal{D}^M(P)$ when M is unknown?

 \rightarrow a whole family of algorithms use various Delaunay extraction criteria:



Crust Algorithm

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1. Compute Delaunay triangulation of PCrust algorithm [Amenta et al. 1997-98]







Crust algorithm ^{3.} Add poles to the set of vertices [Amenta et al. 1997-98]







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 \rightarrow manifold extraction step in post-processing



Witness Complex

Motivation: effect of scale / dimensionality

What is the reconstruction?



Multi-scale reconstruction



 \rightarrow the witness complex enables the use of the Delaunay paradigm

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Def. $C^W(L)$ is the largest abstract simplicial complex built over L, whose faces are weakly witnessed by points of W.



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 \rightarrow What if $W\!,L$ lie on or near a submanifold M?

Thm. 3 [Guibas, Oudot 2007] [Attali, Edelsbrunner, Mileyko 2007] Under some conditions, $C^W(L) = D^M(L) \simeq M$



Witness complex

(connection to reconstruction)

- $\bullet \ W \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ is given as input
- $L \subseteq W$ is generated
- \bullet underlying manifold M unknown
- only distance comparisons
- \Rightarrow algorithm is applicable in any metric space



 $\Rightarrow \begin{array}{ll} \mathsf{space} & \leq & O\left(d|W|\right) \\ \mathsf{time} & \leq & O\left(d|W|^2\right) \end{array}$



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 \rightarrow There is a plateau in the diagram of Betti numbers of $\mathcal{C}^W(L)$.

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Solution relax witness test.

 $\begin{array}{l} \Rightarrow \mathcal{C}^W_{\nu}(L) = \mathcal{D}^M(L) + \text{slivers} \\ \Rightarrow \mathcal{C}^W_{\nu}(L) \nsubseteq \mathcal{D}(L) \\ \Rightarrow \mathcal{C}^W_{\nu}(L) \text{ not embedded.} \end{array}$

Post-process extract manifold Mfrom $\mathcal{C}^W_{\nu}(L) \cap \mathcal{D}(L)$ [Amenta, Choi, Dey, Leekha]













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Relation with the restricted Delaunay

(arbitrary dimensions)

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assign weights to the landmarks to remove all slivers from the vicinity of $\mathcal{D}^M(L)$ [Cheng *et al.* 00]

 \rightarrow Source of problems: slivers

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- Under the same conditions on L, one has $\mathcal{C}^W_{\omega_0}(L) \subseteq \mathcal{D}^M_{\omega_0}(L)$ for all $W \subseteq M$.

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Application to reconstruction in arbitrary dimensions [Guibas, O. 07] [Boissonnat, Guibas, O. 07] [Boissonnat, Dyer, Ghosh, O. 17]

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Running time: $dn(2^{O(m)}n + 2^{O(m^2)} + O(mn)) + O(m^3n)$ **Space usage:** $n(d + 2^{O(m^2)}) + O(mn^2)$ (n = |W|, m = intrinsic dim.)

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Some results



Curve on Torus (diam.=10, rch=0.04:1, delta=0.01, noise=0, 50,000 witnesses)

Example of application: Sensor Networks

[Gao, Guibas, O., Wang '07]

Input: a set of nodes W sampling some unknown planar domain M.

 \rightarrow each node has:

- no location capabilities,
- limited computation power,
- limited memory,
- limited battery power,
- communication radius r.

Q What is the topology of X? How many nodes are needed to recover it?



[Ghrist, Muhammad, IPSN 05]



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