Data we are discussing in the class

Scientific data: $3D + \text{time (} n<4 \text{)}$, Scalar/vector/tensor

Information data: $nD (n>3)$, Heterogeneous

Source: VIS, University of Stuttgart
Scalar Data Analysis
Scalar Fields

- The approximation of certain scalar function in physical space $f(x,y,z)$.
- Discrete representation.
- Visualization primitives: colors, transparency, iso-contours (2D), iso-surfaces (3D), 3D textures.
3D Surface

- 3D surfaces can be considered some sub-sets corresponding to certain iso-values of some scalar functions (e.g. a distance field).

- Therefore, analyzing the characteristics of the surfaces can help understand the scalar function they represent.

Source: http://www.cs.utah.edu/~angel/vis/project3/
Shape Analysis

• What features do people care about?
  – Computing orientation and range of the shape
  – Computing extrema (protrusion)
  – Finding handles and holes
  – Finding ridges and valleys or other feature lines
  – Computing skeletal representation
Sub-Topics

- Compute bounding box
- Compute Euler Characteristic
- Estimate surface curvature
- Line description for conveying surface shape
- Morse function and surface topology--Reeb graph
- Scalar field topology--Morse-Smale complex
Bounding Box
Shape Descriptors

• We need centers and variances of all points on the surface.
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There are different definitions of centers.
Center of Mass

\[(x_i, y_i)\]

\[(x_j, y_j)\]
Center of Mass

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\[(x_i, y_i)\]

\[\left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N} x_i}{N}, \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N} y_i}{N}\right)\]
Geometric Center

- Geometric center

\[
(x^*_i, y^*_i) = \left( \frac{\min x_i + \max x_i}{2}, \frac{\min y_i + \max y_i}{2} \right)
\]
Centers

• Geometric center

\[
\left( \frac{\min x_i + \max x_i}{2}, \frac{\min y_i + \max y_i}{2} \right)
\]

• Center of Mass

\[
\left( \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N} x_i}{N}, \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N} y_i}{N} \right)
\]

• Which one is better and why?
Variance

• What are the dominant directions?

\[(x_i, y_i)\]

\[(x_j, y_j)\]
Variance

• What are the dominant directions?

• How are they defined?

• Principle components analysis
Variance

• What are the dominant directions?

\[
(x_i, y_i) \quad (x_j, y_j)
\]

\[
V = \begin{pmatrix}
\sum (x_i - c_x)(x_i - c_x) & \sum (x_i - c_x)(y_i - c_y) \\
\sum (x_i - c_x)(y_i - c_y) & \sum (y_i - c_y)(y_i - c_y)
\end{pmatrix}
\]

Covariance matrix
Variance

• What are the dominant directions?

\[(x_i, y_i)\]

• Major, minor eigenvectors give the directions
Variance

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
(x_k - c_x)^2 & (x_k - c_x)(y_k - c_y) \\
(x_k - c_x)(y_k - c_y) & (y_k - c_y)^2
\end{bmatrix}
= \begin{bmatrix}
x_k - c_x \\
y_k - c_y
\end{bmatrix}
\begin{bmatrix}
x_k - c_x & y_k - c_y
\end{bmatrix}
\]

\[(x_i, y_i)\]

\[(x_j, y_j)\]

\[p = (x_k, y_k)\]
Variance

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
(x_k - c_x)^2 & (x_k - c_x)(y_k - c_y) \\
(x_k - c_x)(y_k - c_y) & (y_k - c_y)^2
\end{bmatrix}
\begin{bmatrix}
(x_i - c_x) \\
(y_i - c_y)
\end{bmatrix}
= 
\begin{bmatrix}
x_k - c_x \\
y_k - c_y
\end{bmatrix}
\begin{bmatrix}
x_k - c_x & y_k - c_y
\end{bmatrix}
\]

\[
(x_i, y_i)
\]

\[
(x_j, y_j)
\]

\[
p = (x_k, y_k)
\]

• It is a voting scheme
Bounding Boxes

\[(x_i, y_i)\]

\[(x_j, y_j)\]

- Axis-aligned bounding box
- Oriented bounding box
Oriented Bounding Boxes

\((x_i, y_i)\)

\((x_j, y_j)\)
Oriented Bounding Boxes

\[(x_i, y_i)\]

\[(x_j, y_j)\]
Oriented Bounding Boxes
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\((x_i, y_i)\)

\((x_j, y_j)\)
Oriented Bounding Boxes

• How do you extend this to 3D?
Compute Euler Characteristics
Surface Representation

• Consider a discrete polygonal representation
  
  – V – number of vertices
  – E – number of edges
  – F – number of faces
  
  Euler characteristics $L = V-E+F$

Euler characteristic is a topological invariant, a number that describes a topological space's shape or structure regardless of the way it is bent. (Wiki)
Elementary Collapse on Edges
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V=E for a closed and simple planar curve.
Elementary Collapse on Edges

V=E for a closed and simple planar curve.

What about 3D surfaces?

Need to consider the merging of the faces!
Elementary Collapse for Faces

V=6  E=7  F=2  L= ?
V=6  E=6  F=1  L= ?
Euler Characteristic of a Cube

V=8
E=12
F=6
L= ?
Dual of a Hexahedron
Dual of a Hexahedron

Does this dual change the Euler characteristic?
What Do Different Euler Characteristics Tell us?

L=?
What Do Different Euler Characteristics Tell us?

$L = 0$
What Do Different Euler Characteristics Tell Us?

What is its Euler characteristic?
What Do Different Euler Characteristics Tell us?

What is its Euler characteristic?
What Do Different Euler Characteristics Tell us?

$L = -2!$

What about 3D surfaces?
What Do Different Euler Characteristics Tell us?

For 3D surfaces, $L = V - E + F =$?
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