CS451 Deformation

free-form deformation

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Deformation Applications





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Challenges in Deformation

- Large meshes millions of polygons
- Need efficient techniques for computing and specifying the deformation





Digital Michelangelo Project

Deformation Handles

Low-resolution auxiliary shape controls deformation of high-resolution model



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Smoothness of Deformation

Constraining Bezier control points controls smoothness



Image taken from "Free-form Deformations of Solid Geometric Models"

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Volume Preservation

• Must ensure that the jacobian of the deformation is 1 everywhere $(\hat{x}, \hat{y}, \hat{z}) = (F(x, y, z), G(x, y, z), H(x, y, z))$

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial x} \quad \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} \quad \frac{\partial F}{\partial z} \\ \frac{\partial G}{\partial x} \quad \frac{\partial G}{\partial y} \quad \frac{\partial G}{\partial z} = 1$$

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial x} \quad \frac{\partial H}{\partial y} \quad \frac{\partial H}{\partial z}$$







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Free-Form Deformation Contributions

Smooth deformations of arbitrary shapes

- Local control of deformation
- Performing deformation is fast
- Widely used
 - Game/Movie industry
 - Part of nearly every 3D modeler

Embed object in uniform lattice

Represent each point in space as a weighted combination of grid vertices



Assume x_i are equally spaced
 Use Bernstein basis functions

$$v = \sum_{i} w_{i} x_{i} = \sum_{i} \binom{d}{i} t^{i} (1-t)^{d-i} x_{i}$$

$$x_{0} \qquad x_{1} \qquad v \qquad x_{2} \qquad x_{3}$$

Is the binomial coefficient

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Assume x_i are equally spaced

If we normalize the coordinate between 0 and 1

$$= \sum_{i} {d \choose i} t^{i} (1-t)^{d-i} x_{i} = \sum_{i} {d \choose i} t^{i} (1-t)^{d-i} \frac{i}{d} = t$$

$$x_{0} \qquad x_{1} \qquad v \qquad x_{2} \qquad x_{3} \text{ Real world}$$

$$0 \qquad \frac{1}{3} \qquad \frac{2}{3} \qquad 1$$
Parameterized world

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If we normalize the coordinate between 0 and 1











 $\left(\frac{4}{5},\frac{2}{3}\right)$



2D Example 1 0 0

 $u = \frac{4}{5}$ $v = \frac{2}{3}$

 $\left(\frac{4}{5},\frac{2}{3}\right)$



 u^2v^2

 $u = \frac{4}{5}$ $v = \frac{2}{3}$

 $2u^2(1-v)v$

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2D Example





Applying the Deformation

 $p_{i,j}$

 \mathcal{V}









Advantages

- Smooth Deformation of arbitrary shapes
- Local control of deformations
- Computing the deformation is easy
- Deformations are very fast



Disadvantages

- Must use boxes for deformation
- Restricted to uniform grid
- Deformation warps space... not surface
 - Does not take into account geometry/topology of surface
- May need many FFD's to achieve a simple deformation

Summary

- Widely used deformation technique
- Fast, easy to compute
- Some control over volume preservation/smoothness
- Uniform grids are restrictive