## Barycentric Coordinates

Adopted from Ju Tao and Scott Schaefer's lecture notes

## Coordinates

- Homogeneous coordinates
- Given points $v_{\Sigma}=\left\{v_{1}, \cdots, v_{i}, \cdots\right\}$
- Express a new point $x$ as affine combination of $v_{\Sigma}$

$$
x=\sum b_{i} v_{i}, \quad \text { where } \sum b_{i}=1
$$

- $b_{i}$ are called homogeneous coordinates
- Barycentric if all $b_{i} \geq 0$



## Applications

- Boundary interpolation

$$
f(x)=\sum b_{i} f_{i}
$$

- Color/Texture interpolation
- Mapping

$$
x^{\prime}=\sum b_{i} v_{i}^{\prime}
$$

- Shell texture
- Image/Shape deformation



## Boundary Value Interpolation

- Given $p_{i}$, compute $w_{i}$ such that $v=\frac{\sum_{i} w_{i} p_{i}}{\sum_{i} w_{i}}$
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## Wachspress Coordinates

$$
\phi_{i}(\mathbf{x})=\frac{w_{i}(\mathbf{x})}{\sum_{j=1}^{n} w_{j}(\mathbf{x})},
$$

## Mean Value Coordinates

$$
w_{i}(\mathbf{x})=\frac{\tan \left(\alpha_{i-1} / 2\right)+\tan \left(\alpha_{i} / 2\right)}{\left|\mathbf{v}_{i}-\mathbf{x}\right|},
$$



## General Construction

- Instead of a circle, pick any closed curve $G$

1. Project each edge $T=\left\{v_{1}, v_{2}\right\}$ of the polygon onto a curve segment $\bar{T}$ on $G$.
2. Write the integral of outward unit normal of each arc, $r^{T}$, using the two vectors:

$$
r^{T}=u_{1}^{T}\left(v_{1}-x\right)+u_{2}^{T}\left(v_{2}-x\right)
$$

3. The integral of outward unit normal over any closed curve is zero (Stoke's Theorem). So the following weights are homogeneous:

$$
w_{i}=\sum_{T: v_{i} \in T} u_{i}^{T}
$$



## Our General Construction

- To obtain $r^{T}$ :
- Apply Stoke's Theorem

$$
r^{T}=d_{1} n_{1}^{T}+d_{2} n_{2}^{T}
$$



## Examples

- Some interesting $G$ result in known coordinates
- We call $G$ the generating curve


Wachspress
( G is the polar dual)


Mean value
( $G$ is the unit circle)


Discrete harmonic ( G is the original polygon)

## General Construction in 3D

- Pick any closed generating surface $G$

1. Project each triangle $T=\left\{v_{1}, v_{2}, v_{3}\right\}$ of the polyhedron onto a surface patch $\bar{T}$ on $G$.
2. Write the integral of outward unit normal of each patch, $r^{T}$, using three vectors:

$$
r^{T}=\sum_{i=1}^{3} u_{i}^{T}\left(v_{i}-x\right)
$$

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$$

## Comparison


convex polygons
(Wachspress Coordinates)

closed polygons (Mean Value Coordinates)

## Comparison-Non-convex polygons

- Boundary interpolation


Non-convex polygons (Wachspress Coordinates)

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- Exactly same as 2D but must compute mean vector $m$ for a given spherical triangle
- Build wedge with face normals
$n_{k}$

$$
\sum_{k=1}^{3} \frac{1}{2} \theta_{k} n_{k}+m=0
$$



## General Construction in 3D

- To obtain $r^{T}$ :
- Apply Stoke's Theorem

$$
r^{T}=\sum_{i=1}^{3} d_{i-1, i+1} n_{i}^{T}
$$



## Examples



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| Real-time! |  |  |  |



## Deformation Examples

| Control Mesh | Surface | Computing Weights | Deformation |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 98 triangles | 96,966 triangles | 1.1 seconds | 0.05 seconds |



