CSE328 Fundamentals of Computer Graphics: Concepts, Theory, Algorithms, and Applications

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Subdivision Surfaces



Subdivision surface

(different levels of refinement)







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Subdivision Schemes in Interactive Surface Design

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Basic Idea of Subdivision

- Start from an initial control polygon.
- Recursively refine it by some rules.
- A smooth surface (curve) in the limit.



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Chaikin's Algorithm

• A set of control points to define a polygon

$$\mathbf{p}_0^0, \mathbf{p}_1^0, \mathbf{p}_2^0, ..., \mathbf{p}_n^0$$

- Subdivision process (more control vertices)
- Rules (corner chopping)

$$\mathbf{p}_{2i}^{k+1} = \frac{3}{4}\mathbf{p}_{i}^{k} + \frac{1}{4}\mathbf{p}_{i+1}^{k}$$
$$\mathbf{p}_{2i+1}^{k+1} = \frac{1}{4}\mathbf{p}_{i}^{k} + \frac{3}{4}\mathbf{p}_{i+1}^{k}$$

$$\mathbf{p}_{0}^{k}, \mathbf{p}_{1}^{k}, \mathbf{p}_{2}^{k}, ..., \mathbf{p}_{2^{k}n}^{k}$$

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• **Properties:**

 quadratic B-spline curve, C1 continuous, tangent to each edge at its mid-point

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Chaikin's Algorithm



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Cubic Spline

• Subdivision rules

$$\mathbf{p}_{2i}^{k+1} = \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{p}_{i}^{k} + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{p}_{i+1}^{k}$$
$$\mathbf{p}_{2i+1}^{k+1} = \frac{1}{4}\left(\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{p}_{i}^{k} + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{p}_{i+2}^{k}\right) + \frac{3}{4}\mathbf{p}_{i+1}^{k}$$

- C2 cubic B-spline curve
- Corner-chopping
- No interpolation



Curve Interpolation

• Control points

$$\mathbf{p}_{-2}^{0}, \mathbf{p}_{-1}^{0}, \mathbf{p}_{0}^{0}, \dots \mathbf{p}_{n+2}^{0}$$

• Rules:

$$\mathbf{p}_{2i}^{k+1} = \mathbf{p}_{i}^{k}, -1 \le i \le 2^{k} n + 1$$

$$\mathbf{p}_{2i+1}^{k+1} = (\frac{1}{2} + w)(\mathbf{p}_{i}^{k} + \mathbf{p}_{i+1}^{k}) - w(\mathbf{p}_{i-1}^{k} + \mathbf{p}_{i+2}^{k}),$$

$$-1 \le i \le 2^{k} n$$

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- At each stage, we keep all the OLD points and insert NEW points "in between" the OLD ones
- Interpolation!
- The behaviors and properties of the limit curve depend on the parameter w

Generalize to SIX-point interpolatory scheme!

Curve Interpolation



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Polygonal Meshes

Advantages:

- Very general.
- Can describe very fine detail accurately.
- Direct hardware implementation.

Disadvantages:

- Heavy weight representation.
- A simplification algorithm is always needed.

Subdivision Schemes

Advantages:

- Arbitrary topology.
- Level of detail.
- Unified representation.

Disadvantages:

 Difficult for analysis of properties like smoothness and continuity.

Midedge Scheme

Midedge Scheme

(b)

(d)

Catmull-Clark Scheme

Initial mesh

Step 1

Step 2

Limit surface

Catmull-Clark Scheme

Face point:

the average of all the points defining the old face.

Edge point:

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the average of two old vertices and two new face points of the faces adjacent to the edge.

Vertex point: (F+2E+(n-3)V)/n

F: the average of the new face points of all faces adjacent to the old vertex.

E: the average of the midpoints of all adjacent edges.

V: the old vertex.

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"Geri's Game"

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Mesh Structure

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Interpolation Scheme

Initial mesh

One refinement step

Two refinement steps

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Modeling Sharp Features

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Piecewise Smooth Subdivision

(b)

(d) Hoppe et al. Siggraph 94

Hybrid Subdivision Scheme

(a)

(b)

(c)

(d)

DeRose et al. Siggraph 98

Hierarchical Editing

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Catmull-Clark Surface Example

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Catmull-Clark Patches

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Interactive Sculpting

More Examples

Subdivision Solids

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Scenes and Sculptures

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