# Introduction to Digital Geometry 

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## Motivations (2): $\mathbb{Z}^{d}$ as an efficient modelling space

- Shape optimization / fabrication
- As a proxy or an intermediate representation

light transport simulation, booleans, medial axis, distance fields, multiple interfaces/objects tracking in a simulation loop...


Focus: characteristic functions / labelled images / level sets / ...

## Digital Geometry

Topology and geometry processing on regular data:

- fast algorithms thanks to the regularity of the data
- simple topological structure
- integer based computations
- advanced surface based geometry processing
$\ldots$ in $\mathbb{Z}^{d}$
dgtal.org


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DGtal
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News

## https://dgtal.org

## DGtal release 1.3

Posted on November 25, 2022
We are thrilled to announce the release 1.3 of DGtal and its tools. Many new features, edits and bugfixes are listed in the Changelog, and we would like to thank all devs involved in this release. In this short review, we would like to only focus on selected new features.... [Read More]

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topology on $\mathbb{Z}^{d}$


## Before geometry : topological models for $\mathbb{Z}^{d}$

How to represent volumes, boundaries, curves, surfaces, partitions?

2. cubical complexes


## Digital topology


(8,4)-topology

(8,8)-topology

(4,8)-topology

## Good adjacencies for object/background

- Jordan separation theorem
- consistence borders and interior components
- definition of surfaces in $\mathbb{Z}^{d}$


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## Homotopic collapses


$x$ and $y$ are simple
but cannot be removed in parallel

## Needs cubical complex representation



Elementary collapse : removing cell pairs $(\mathrm{f}, \mathrm{g})$ where g is free preserves homotopy

## Homotopic collapses and critical kernels


cubical complex X


Both complexes $Y_{1}, Y_{2}$ are thinning, since $Z \subseteq Y_{i} \subseteq X$
critical cells: cells that do not collapse onto their neighborhood

All complexes Y , such that $Z \subseteq Y \subseteq X$ are homotopic to X !

Allows parallel algorithms for extracting skeletons

## Skeletons with critical kernels


« curved » skeleton

« surface » skeleton

## Digital surfaces



Primal surface
(here, digitization of some ellipsoid)

- digital surface $\approx$ set of faces of voxels
- in « ideal cases » 4-regular graph (3D)
- vertices $=$ surfels/faces
- generally not a manifold
- pinched on edges and/or vertices
- not a sampling, only approximation
- only 6 different normals in 3D
- even fine digital surface have poor normals


## Digital surfaces + topology (primal $\leftrightarrow$ dual)



Primal surface


Dual surface $(26,6)$ topology


Dual surface $(6,26)$ topology

Adding object/background topology allows manifoldness in arbitrary dimensions - exactly d-1 paths crossing at each point

## digital surface geometry



## Linking continuous and digital geometry : Gauss digitization with gridstep h



$$
X \quad \partial X-\quad\left(h \cdot \mathrm{G}_{h}(X)\right) \bullet \quad\left[\mathrm{G}_{h}(X)\right]_{h} \amalg \quad \partial\left[\mathrm{G}_{h}(X)\right]_{h}-
$$

«digitization»
«voxelization»
« digitized surface "

## What can we say for finer and finer digitization ? $(h \rightarrow 0)$

What can we say for finer and finer digitization? $(h-\infty)$

## Hausdorff closeness of digitized shapes



For any compact domain $X \in \mathbb{R}^{d}$ such that $\partial X$ has positive reach, and its digitization $X_{h}:=\left[G_{h}(X)\right]_{h}$ on a grid with grid-step $h$, then $d_{H}\left(\partial X, \partial X_{h}\right) \leq h \sqrt{d} / 2$ for small enough $h$

## Bijectivity of projection and manifoldness



$$
h=0.1
$$



$$
\begin{equation*}
\text { If } X \text { has positive reach, } \tag{LI16}
\end{equation*}
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[LT16]
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the size of the non-injective part of projection $\pi_{X}: \partial X_{h} \rightarrow \partial X$ tends to zero as $h \rightarrow 0$. (light gray + dark gray zones $\approx O(h)$ )

$$
h=0.05
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$h=0.025$

the size of the non-manifoldness part of $\partial X_{h}$ tends quickly to zero as $h \rightarrow 0$.
(dark gray zones $\approx O\left(h^{2}\right)$ )

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(Typically area, perimeter, integrals)

$M \in \mathbb{X}$

$\mathrm{G}_{1}(M)$

$\mathrm{G}_{0.5}(M)$
$\widehat{\text { Area }}\left(G_{h}(X), h\right):=h^{2} \#\left(G_{h}(X)\right)$ tends toward $\operatorname{Area}(M)$ as $h \rightarrow 0$

Convergence speed is $O(h)$ and even $O\left(h^{\frac{22}{15}}\right)$ for smooth enough M

## Multigrid convergence (local version)

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$\mathrm{G}_{0.25}(M)$

## Normal vector and curvatures estimation

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- ... [CLL2014], [LCL2017]


## Normal vector field estimation



Incremental computation : estimate at $y$ nearby $x$ only requires preceding result + looking at points within $B_{R}(y) \ominus B_{R}(x)$



hands on...

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auto implicit_shape = SH3:: makeImplicitShape3D ( params );
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Topology and geometry processing on regular data:

- fast algorithms thanks to the regularity of the data
- simple topological structure
- integer based computations
- advanced surface based geometry processing
$\ldots$ in $\mathbb{Z}^{d}$




## Challenges

- Foundation of Digital Geometry
- Objects (hyperplane, spheres..): arithmetical properties,
- Digital convexity
- Bijective transformations
- Alternative pavings
- Discrete <-> Continuous
- Digitization: stable properties (topology, geometric quantities...)
- Unified model
- Reconstruction (2d, 3d...)
- Applications
- Material sciences
- Image processing


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