Tutorial on Conformal Geometry for Computer Vision

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Learning Materials



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Books

The theory, algorithms and sample code can be found in the following books.



You can find them in the book store.

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Detailed lecture notes can be found at:

http://www.cs.sunysb.edu/~gu/lectures/index.html

Binary code and demos can be found at:

http://www.cs.sunysb.edu/~gu/software/index.html

Source code and data sets:

http://www.cs.sunysb.edu/~gu/software/index.html

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Complete Tools

Computational Conformal Geometry Library

- Compute conformal mappings for surfaces with arbitrary topologies
- Compute conformal modules for surfaces with arbitrary topologies
- Compute Riemannian metrics with prescribed curvatures
- Compute quasi-conformal mappings by solving Beltrami equation

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Please email me gu@cs.sunysb.edu for updated code library on computational conformal geometry.



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3D Geometric Data Acquisition



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3D Scanning

3D scanning technology becomes mature, it is easier to obtain surface data.



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3D Scanning Results



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Geometric Informatics

Our group has developed high speed 3D scanner, which can capture dynamic surfaces 180 frames per second.



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With huge amount real time 3D geometric data, it is critical to develop methods to efficiently and accurately process them.

Central Tasks

- Shape Space: Consider all shapes in real world, how to classify them, measure distances among them, deform from one to the other.
- Mapping Space: Study all the mappings between two given shapes, how to find the optimal mapping.

Solution

Methods based on differential geometry: mathematical rigor, efficiency, efficacy.

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Klein's Erlangen Program

Different geometries study the invariants under different transformation groups.

Geometries

- Topology homeomorphisms
- Conformal Geometry Conformal Transformations
- Riemannian Geometry Isometries
- Differential Geometry Rigid Motion

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Conformal Geometric methods have merits:

- Unification: All the surfaces in real life can be eventually unified to one of three canonical shapes, the sphere, the plane or the hyperbolic disk.
- Dimension Reduction: All 3D geometric processing problems are converted to 2D image processing problems.
- Information Preservation: All the deformation preserves the intrinsic geometric information.
- General Transformation: Capable of modeling all the mappings among surfaces.

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In Pure Mathematics

Conformal geometry is the intersection of complex analysis, algebraic topology, Riemann surface theory, algebraic curves, Teichmüller theory, differential geometry, partial differential equation and so on. It has intrinsic relation to theoretic physics as well.

In Applied Mathematics

Computational complex function theory has been developed, and applied in mechanics, electro-magnetic field design, fluid dynamics and areospace design and so on. However, most existing methods focus on the conformal mappings between planar domains.

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Fundamental Problems

- Given a Riemannian metric on a surface with an arbitrary topology, determine the corresponding conformal structure.
- Compute the complete conformal invariants (conformal modules), which are the coordinates of the surface in the Teichmuller shape space.
- Fix the conformal structure, find the simplest Riemannian metric among all possible Riemannian metrics
- Given desired Gaussian curvature, compute the corresponding Riemannian metric.
- Given the distortion between two conformal structures, compute the quasi-conformal mapping.
- Compute the extremal quasi-conformal maps.
- Conformal welding, glue surfaces with various conformal modules, compute the conformal module of the glued surface.

Retinotopic Mapping



The retinotopic mapping is clearly demonstrated by an experiment (Tootell et al, 1982).

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Retinotopic Mapping



Connolly and Van Essen 1984 showed the mapping.

Retinotopic Mapping



Retinotopic mapping is conformal.

Basic Concepts



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Curve Curvature

Let $\gamma : [0,1] \to \mathbb{R}^3$ is a curve, $\gamma(t) = (x(t), y(t), z(t))$

The arc length is

$$s(t) = \int_0^t \sqrt{\dot{\gamma}(\tau), \dot{\gamma}(\tau)} d\tau$$

Reparameterize the curve using arc length parameter. The curvature is given by

$$k(s) = \frac{d^2\gamma(s)}{ds^2}$$



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Surface

Let Ω be a planar domain, $\gamma\colon\Omega\to\mathbb{R}^3$ is a surface patch,

$$\gamma(u,v) = (x(u,v), y(u,v), z(u,v))$$

a regular parameterization

$$\frac{\partial \gamma}{\partial u} \times \frac{\partial \gamma}{\partial v} \neq 0, \text{ everywhere }$$

The tangent vector is

$$d\gamma = \gamma_u du + \gamma_v dv$$
,

The normal is

$$\mathbf{n} = \frac{\gamma_u \times \gamma_v}{|\gamma_u \times \gamma_v|}$$



The first fundamental form is

 $I = \langle d\gamma, d\gamma \rangle$

The second fundamental form is

$$II = \langle d^2 \gamma, \mathbf{n} \rangle = - \langle d\gamma, d\mathbf{n} \rangle$$



uv - plane

Surface

Given a tangent vector $d\gamma$ at point p, the plane $span\{d\gamma, \mathbf{n}\}$ intersects the surface, the curvature of the intersection curve at p is called the the normal curvature

$$k_n = \frac{II}{I}$$

By changing the tangent direction, the max, min normal curvatures are principle curvatures,the corresponding directions are principle directions.



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The product of the principle curvatures are called Gaussian curvature

$$K = k_1 k_2 = \frac{\det(II)}{\det(I)}$$

Theorem (Gauss)

The Gaussian curvature is solely determined by the first fundamental form, therefore it is intrinsic.



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Theorem (Gauss-Bonnet)

The total Gaussian curvature is a topological invariant

$$\int_{\mathcal{S}} K dA + \int_{\partial S} k_g dS = 2\pi \chi(S),$$

where ∂S is the boundary of the surface, k_g the geodesic curvature, $\chi(S)$ is the Euler characteristics number of S.



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Manifold

Definition (Manifold)

S is a topological space, for each point $p \in M$, there is a neighborhood *U* and a homeomorphism $\phi : U \to \mathbb{R}^n$, which maps *U* to an open set in \mathbb{R}^n .

 (U, ϕ) is a local chart. Two charts overlaps, then each point $p \in U_{\alpha} \cap U_{\beta}$ has two local parameters $\phi_{\alpha}(p)$ and $\phi_{\beta}(p)$, this induces the chart transition map $\phi_{\alpha\beta} : \phi_{\alpha}(U_{\alpha} \cap U_{\beta}) \rightarrow \phi_{\beta}(U_{\alpha} \cap U_{\beta})$ such that

$$\phi_{\alpha\beta}=\phi_{\beta}\circ\phi_{\alpha}^{-1}.$$



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Definition (Riemannian metric)

Given a topological manifold, at each point p, one gives an inner product $\mathbf{g}(p)$ on the tangent space T_pM , then \mathbf{g} is a Riemannian metric on M.

Choose a local chart $(U_{\alpha}, \phi_{\alpha})$ with parameters (u_{α}, v_{α}) , the metric tensor is represented as a symmetric positive definite matrix,

$$\mathbf{g}_{lpha}=\left(egin{array}{cc} g_{11} & g_{12} \ g_{21} & g_{22} \end{array}
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Change to another local chart $(U_{\beta}, \phi_{\beta})$ with parameters (u_{β}, v_{β}) , the metric tensor satisfies

$$\mathbf{g}_{lpha} = D\phi_{lphaeta}^{T}\mathbf{g}_{eta}D\phi_{lphaeta}$$

where $D\phi_{\alpha\beta}$ is the Jacobian matrix of $\phi_{\alpha\beta}$.

$$D\phi_{\alpha\beta} = \left(\begin{array}{cc} \frac{\partial u_{\beta}}{\partial u_{\alpha}} & \frac{\partial u_{\beta}}{\partial v_{\alpha}} \\ \frac{\partial v_{\beta}}{\partial u_{\alpha}} & \frac{\partial v_{\beta}}{\partial v_{\alpha}} \end{array}\right)$$


Riemannian Metric

Riemannian metric defines inner product

$$\langle d\gamma, \delta\gamma \rangle_{\mathbf{g}} = \begin{pmatrix} du & dv \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} g_{11} & g_{12} \\ g_{21} & g_{22} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \delta u \\ \delta v \end{pmatrix}$$

to measure lengths

$$|d\gamma|_{g} = \sqrt{\langle d\gamma, d\gamma
angle_{g}}$$

angles

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area

$$dA = (g_{11}g_{22} - g_{12}g_{21})dudv.$$



Suppose $\varphi : (M, \mathbf{g}) \rightarrow (N, \mathbf{h})$ be a mapping, with local presentation

$$\varphi:(\mathbf{X},\mathbf{Y})\to(\mathbf{U},\mathbf{V}),$$

The pull back metric by φ is given by

$$\varphi^* \mathbf{h} = \begin{pmatrix} u_x & u_y \\ v_x & v_y \end{pmatrix}^T \begin{pmatrix} h_{11} & h_{12} \\ h_{21} & h_{22} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_x & u_y \\ v_x & v_y \end{pmatrix}$$

Suppose $\gamma \subset M$ is a path on the source, $\varphi(\gamma)$ is a path on the target. We measure the length of $\varphi(\gamma)$ using **h** on *N*, this gives the pull back metric induced by φ on *M*.

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Conformal Mapping



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Nine Golden Fish



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Definition (Holomorphic Function)

Suppose $f : \mathbb{C} \to \mathbb{C}$ is a complex function, $f : x + iy \to u(x, y) + iv(x, y)$, if f satisfies Riemann-Cauchy equation

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial v}{\partial x},$$

then f is a holomorphic function.

Denote

$$dz = dx + idy, d\bar{z} = dx - idy, \frac{\partial}{\partial z} = \frac{1}{2}(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} - i\frac{\partial}{\partial y}), \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{z}} = \frac{1}{2}(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} + i\frac{\partial}{\partial y})$$

then if $\frac{\partial f}{\partial z} = 0$, then *f* is holomorphic.

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biholomorphic Function

Definition (biholomorphic Function)

Suppose $f : \mathbb{C} \to \mathbb{C}$ is invertible, both f and f^{-1} are holomorphic, then then f is a biholomorphic function.



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Conformal Map



The restriction of the mapping on each local chart is biholomorphic, then the mapping is conformal.

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Definition (Conformal Map)

Let $\phi: (S_1, \mathbf{g}_1) \to (S_2, \mathbf{g}_2)$ is a homeomorphism, ϕ is conformal if and only if

$$\phi^*\mathbf{g}_2=e^{2u}\mathbf{g}_1.$$

Conformal Mapping preserves angles.



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Conformal maps Properties

Map a circle field on the surface to a circle field on the plane.



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Quasi-Conformal Map

Diffeomorphisms: maps ellipse field to circle field.



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Conformal Structure



Intuition

- A conformal structure is a equipment on a surface, such that the angles can be measured, but the lengths, areas can not.
- A Riemannian metric naturally induces a conformal structure.
- Oifferent Riemannian metrics can induce a same conformal structure.

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Definition (Manifold)

M is a topological space, $\{U_{\alpha}\} \alpha \in I$ is an open covering of *M*, $M \subset \bigcup_{\alpha} U_{\alpha}$. For each $U_{\alpha}, \phi_{\alpha} : U_{\alpha} \to \mathbb{R}^{n}$ is a homeomorphism. The pair $(U_{\alpha}, \phi_{\alpha})$ is a chart. Suppose $U_{\alpha} \cap U_{\beta} \neq \emptyset$, the transition function $\phi_{\alpha\beta} : \phi_{\alpha}(U_{\alpha} \cap U_{\beta}) \to \phi_{\beta}(U_{\alpha} \cap U_{\beta})$ is smooth

$$\phi_{lphaeta} = \phi_eta \circ \phi_lpha^-$$

then *M* is called a smooth manifold, $\{(U_{\alpha}, \phi_{\alpha})\}$ is called an atlas.

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Manifold



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Definition (Conformal Atlas)

Suppose *S* is a topological surface, (2 dimensional manifold), \mathfrak{A} is an atlas, such that all the chart transition functions $\phi_{\alpha\beta}: \mathbb{C} \to \mathbb{C}$ are bi-holomorphic, then *A* is called a conformal atlas.

Definition (Compatible Conformal Atlas)

Suppose *S* is a topological surface, (2 dimensional manifold), \mathfrak{A}_1 and \mathfrak{A}_2 are two conformal atlases. If their union $A_1 \cup A_2$ is still a conformal atlas, we say \mathfrak{A}_1 and \mathfrak{A}_2 are compatible.

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The compatible relation among conformal atlases is an equivalence relation.

Definition (Conformal Structure)

Suppose S is a topological surface, consider all the conformal atlases on M, classified by the compatible relation

 $\{all \ conformal \ atlas\}/\sim$

each equivalence class is called a conformal structure.

In other words, each maximal conformal atlas is a conformal structure.

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Relation between Riemannian metric and Conformal Structure

Definition (Isothermal coordinates)

Suppose (S,g) is a metric surface, $(U_{\alpha}, \phi_{\alpha})$ is a coordinate chart, (x, y) are local parameters, if

$$g=e^{2u}(dx^2+dy^2),$$

then we say (x, y) are isothermal coordinates.

Theorem

Suppose S is a compact metric surface, for each point p, there exits a local coordinate chart (U, ϕ) , such that $p \in U$, and the local coordinates are isothermal.

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Riemannian metric and Conformal Structure

Corollary

For any compact metric surface, there exists a natural conformal structure.

Definition (Riemann surface)

A topological surface with a conformal structure is called a Riemann surface.

Theorem

All compact orientable metric surfaces are Riemann surfaces.

Uniformization

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Conformal Canonical Representations

Theorem (Poincaré Uniformization Theorem)

Let (Σ, \mathbf{g}) be a compact 2-dimensional Riemannian manifold. Then there is a metric $\tilde{\mathbf{g}} = e^{2\lambda} \mathbf{g}$ conformal to \mathbf{g} which has constant Gauss curvature.



Definition (Circle Domain)

A domain in the Riemann sphere $\hat{\mathbb{C}}$ is called a circle domain if every connected component of its boundary is either a circle or a point.

Theorem

Any domain Ω in $\hat{\mathbb{C}}$, whose boundary $\partial \Omega$ has at most countably many components, is conformally homeomorphic to a circle domain Ω^* in $\hat{\mathbb{C}}$. Moreover Ω^* is unique upto Möbius transformations, and every conformal automorphism of Ω^* is the restriction of a Möbius transformation.

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Definition (Circle Domain in a Riemann Surface)

A circle domain in a Riemann surface is a domain, whose complement's connected components are all closed geometric disks and points. Here a geometric disk means a topological disk, whose lifts in the universal cover or the Riemann surface (which is \mathbb{H}^2 , \mathbb{R}^2 or \mathbb{S}^2 are round.

Theorem

Let Ω be an open Riemann surface with finite genus and at most countably many ends. Then there is a closed Riemann surface R^* such that Ω is conformally homeomorphic to a circle domain Ω^* in R^* . More over, the pair (R^*, Ω^*) is unique up to conformal homeomorphism.

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Uniformization of Open Surfaces



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Conformal Canonical Representation

Simply Connected Domains



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Topological Quadrilateral



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High Genus Surface with holes



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Teichmüller Space



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Shape Space - Intuition

- All metric surfaces are classified by conformal equivalence relation.
- All conformal equivalent classes form a finite dimensional manifold.
- The manifold has a natural Riemannian metric, which measures the distortions between two conformal structures.

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Teichmüller Theory: Conformal Mapping

Definition (Conformal Mapping)

Suppose (S_1, \mathbf{g}_1) and (S_2, \mathbf{g}_2) are two metric surfaces, $\phi : S_1 \rightarrow S_2$ is conformal, if on S_1

$$\mathbf{g}_1 = \mathbf{e}^{2\lambda} \phi^* \mathbf{g}_2,$$

where $\phi^* \mathbf{g}_2$ is the pull-back metric induced by ϕ .

Definition (Conformal Equivalence)

Suppose two surfaces S_1 , S_2 with marked homotopy group generators, $\{a_i, b_i\}$ and $\{\alpha_i, \beta_i\}$. If there exists a conformal map $\phi : S_1 \to S_2$, such that

$$\phi_*[\boldsymbol{a}_i] = [\alpha_i], \phi_*[\boldsymbol{b}_i] = [\beta_i],$$

then we say two marked surfaces are conformal equivalent.

Definition (Teichmüller Space)

Fix the topology of a marked surface *S*, all conformal equivalence classes sharing the same topology of *S*, form a manifold, which is called the Teichmüller space of *S*. Denoted as T_S .

- Each point represents a class of surfaces.
- A path represents a deformation process from one shape to the other.
- The Riemannian metric of Teichmüller space is well defined.

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Topological Quadrilateral



Conformal module: $\frac{h}{w}$. The Teichmüller space is 1 dimensional.

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Multiply Connected Domains



Conformal Module : centers and radii, with Möbius ambiguity. The Teichmüller space is 3n-3 dimensional, *n* is the number of holes.

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Topological Pants



Genus 0 surface with 3 boundaries is conformally mapped to the hyperbolic plane, such that all boundaries become geodesics.

Teichmüller Space - Topological Pants



The lengths of 3 boundaries are the conformal module. The Teichmüller space is 3 dimensional.

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Topological Pants Decomposition - 2g - 2 pairs of Pants



The Teichmüller space is of 6g - 6 dimension, for genus g > 1.

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Compute Teichmüller coordinates

Step 1. Compute the hyperbolic uniformization metric.



Step 2. Compute the Fuchsian group generators.



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Compute Teichmüller Coordinates

Step 3. Pants decomposition using geodesics and compute the twisting angle.



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Compute Teichmüller coordinates

Compute the pants decomposition using geodesics and compute the twisting angle.



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General Shape Space

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Klein's Erlangen Program

Different geometries study the invariants under different transformation groups.

Geometries

- Topology homeomorphisms
- Conformal Geometry Conformal Transformations
- Riemannian Geometry Isometries
- Differential Geometry Rigid Motion

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Suppose a mapping $\varphi : (S_1, \mathbf{g}_1) \rightarrow (S_2, \mathbf{g}_2)$ is given,

- Homeomorphism: φ is continuous, bijective, φ^{-1} is also continuous.
- Conformal: the pull back metric is proportional to the original metric

$$\varphi^*\mathbf{g}_2=\mathbf{e}^{2\lambda}\mathbf{g}_1,$$

where $\lambda:S_1\to\mathbb{R}$ is the conformal factor function.

Isometry: the pull back metric equals to the original metric

$$\varphi^*\mathbf{g}_2=\mathbf{g}_1.$$

3 Rigid motion: rotation and translation in \mathbb{R}^3 .

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The transformation groups have the relation:

{*rigid motion*} < {*isometry*} < {*conformal*} < {*homeomorphism*}

The corresponding shape spaces

 $\mathscr{S}/\{\text{rigid motion}\} \triangleright \mathscr{S}/\{\text{isometry}\} \triangleright \mathscr{S}/\{\text{conformal}\} \triangleright \mathscr{S}/\{\text{homeomodel}\}$

where

 $\mathscr{S} = \{ \text{ compact orientatable metric surfaces embedded in } \mathbb{E}^3 \}.$

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Definition (Topologically Equivalence)

Two surfaces are topologically equivalent, if there exists a homeomorphism between them.

Definition (Topological Invariants)

Orientability, genus, number of boundaries. Fundamental group, homology group, cohomology group.

Definition (Conformal Equivalence)

Two surfaces are conformal equivalent, if there exists a conformal mapping between them.

Definition (Conformal Invariants)

Conformal module, uniformization domain:

 $S/\Gamma - \cup_{i=1}^{n} C(c_i, r_i),$

- S is a constant curvature space, the unit sphere \mathbb{S}^2 , the Euclidean plane \mathbb{E}^2 and the hyperbolic plane \mathbb{H}^2 .
- Γ is a fixed point free subgroup of the rigid motion group of S.
- C(c_i, r_i) is a geodesic circle on S/Γ with center c_i and radius r_i.

Definition (Isometric Equivalence)

Two surfaces are isometric equivalent, if there exists an isometric mapping between them.

Definition (Isometric Invariants)

Suppose the surface (M, \mathbf{g}) has the canonical conformal representation $S/\Gamma - \bigcup_{i=1}^{n} C(c_i, r_i)$, the Riemannnian metric of M is given by

$$\mathbf{g} = \mathbf{e}^{2\lambda} \mathbf{g}_{\mathcal{S}},$$

where λ is the conformal factor, \mathbf{g}_{S} is the spherical, Euclidean, or hyperbolic metric.

Therefore, a compact, orienatable metric surface has the representation

$$(S/\Gamma - \cup_{i=1}^{n} C(c_i, r_i), \lambda)$$

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Differential Geometry in \mathbb{E}^3

Suppose two compact surfaces embedded in \mathbb{E}^3 , (S_1, \mathbf{g}_1) and (S_2, \mathbf{g}_2) differ by a rigid motion, if and only if they share the same

1 conformal representation
$$S/\Gamma - \bigcup_{i=1}^{n} C(c_i, r_i)$$
,

- 2 conformal factor λ ,
- mean curvature H.
- conformal factor and mean curvature satisfies Gauss-Codazzi equations

$$(\log \lambda)_{z\bar{z}} = \frac{\mu\bar{\mu}}{\lambda^2} - \frac{\lambda^2}{4}H^2,$$
$$\mu_{\bar{z}} = \frac{\lambda^2}{2}H_z,$$
$$\mu_{z\bar{z}} = \frac{1}{2}\lambda(2\lambda_z H_z + \lambda H_{zz})$$

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Canonical Representation

Suppose (M, \mathbf{g}) is a compact, orientable, metric surface embedded in \mathbb{E}^3 , then its representation is a triple

$$(S/\Gamma - \cup_{i=1}^{n} C(c_i, r_i), \lambda, H).$$

where λ and *H* satisfy Gauss-Codazzi equations.

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Hyperbolic Ricci Flow



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Hyperbolic Yamabe Flow



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Suppose (M, \mathbf{g}) is a genus two closed surface, then its representation is

 $(\mathbb{H}^2/\Gamma,\lambda,H),$

where Γ is the Fuchsian group of the surface

$$\Gamma = \langle \alpha_1, \beta_1, \alpha_2, \beta_2 | \alpha_1 \beta_1 \alpha_1^{-1} \beta_1^{-1} \alpha_2 \beta_2 \alpha_2^{-1} \beta_2^{-1} \rangle$$

each generator α_k or β_k is a Möbius transformation, and can be represented as a complex linear fraction map

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Quasi-Conformal Maps



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Intuition

- All diffeomorphisms between two compact Riemann surfaces are quasi-conformal.
- Each quasi-conformal mapping corresponds to a unique Beltrami differential.
- The space of diffeomorphisms equals to the space of all Beltrami differentials.
- Variational calculus can be carried out on the space of diffeomorphisms.

Quasi-Conformal Map

Most homeomorphisms are quasi-conformal, which maps infinitesimal circles to ellipses.



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Beltrami-Equation



Beltrami Coefficient

Let $\phi : S_1 \to S_2$ be the map, *z*, *w* are isothermal coordinates of S_1 , S_2 , Beltrami equation is defined as $\|\mu\|_{\infty} < 1$

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \bar{z}} = \mu(z) \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z}$$

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Theorem

Given two genus zero metric surface with a single boundary,

$$\{\text{Diffeomorphisms}\} \cong \frac{\{\text{Beltrami Coefficient}\}}{\{\text{Mobius}\}}.$$



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Quasi-Conformal Map Examples



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Let $\{\mu(t)\}$ be a family of Beltrami coefficients depends on a parameter *t*,

$$\mu(t)(z) = \mu(z) + tv(z) + t\varepsilon(t)(z)$$

for $z \in \mathbb{C}$, with suitable μ , $v, \varepsilon(t) \in L^{\infty}(\mathbb{C})$,

$$f^{\mu(t)}(w) = f^{\mu}(w) + tV(f^{\mu}, v)(w) + o(|t|)$$

where as $t \rightarrow 0$,

$$V(f^{\mu},v)(w) = -\frac{f^{\mu}(w)(f^{\mu}(w)-1)}{\pi} \int_{\mathbb{C}} \frac{v(z)((f^{\mu})_{z}(z))^{2}}{f^{\mu}(z)(f^{\mu}(z)-1)(f^{\mu}(z)-f^{\mu}(w))} dx$$

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Solving Beltrami Equation



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Landmark-based Registration

Problem

$$v^* = \operatorname{argmin}_{v} lpha \int |v|^{p} + eta \int |
abla v|^2$$

subject to:

v* = $\mu(f)$ ||v*||_∞ < 1
 f(p_i) = q_i (landmark constraints).

key ideas

- Beltrami coefficient v controls conformality distortion ∫ |v|^p, smoothness ∫ |∇v|² and bijectivity ||v||_∞ < 1.
- Existence of minimizer v* has theoretic guaranteed.

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Strategy: Transform the problem to

$$(v^*, f^*) = \operatorname{argmin}_{v, f} \alpha \int |v|^p + \beta \int |\nabla v|^2 + \gamma \int |v - \mu(f)|^2$$

subject to:

key ideas

- Introduce auxiliary variable f
- Alternate optimization over *f* and *v* to decouple the minimization

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Algorithm

$$\operatorname{argmin}_{v,f} \alpha \int |v|^{p} + \beta \int |\nabla v|^{2} + \gamma \int |v - \mu(f)|^{2}$$

(A): Fix f_n , minimize $v_{n+1} = \underset{f}{\operatorname{argmin}}_{v} \int \alpha |v|^2$ $+ \int \beta |\nabla v|^2 + \int |v - \mu(f_n)|^2$ (B): Fix v_{n+1} , minimize $f_{n+1} = \operatorname{argmin}_{f} \int |v_{n+1} - \mu(f)|^2$

Alternatively update v_n and f_n using (A) and (B).

Algorithm

- Start with initial Beltrami coefficient v₀ (set to be 0)
- Obtain $v_{n+1} = \operatorname{argmin}_{v} \alpha \int |v|^2 + \beta \int |\nabla v|^2 + \gamma \int |v v_n|^2$
- Seconstruct f_{n+1} from v_{n+1} satisfying landmark and boundary constraints.
- Iterate step 2 and 3 until $|v_n v_{n+1}| \le \varepsilon$ to get the result map $f = f_n$.
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Applications

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Medical Imaging

Quantitatively measure and analyze the surface shapes, to detect potential abnormality and illness.

- Shape reconstruction from medical images.
- Compute the geometric features and analyze shapes.
- Shape registration, matching, comparison.
- Shape retrieval.

Conformal Brain Mapping

Brain Cortex Surface

Conformal Brain Mapping for registration, matching, comparison.



Conformal Brain Mapping

Using conformal module to analyze shape abnormalities.

Brain Cortex Surface



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Automatic sulcal landmark Tracking

- With the conformal structure, PDE on Riemann surfaces can be easily solved.
- Chan-Vese segmentation model is generalized to Riemann surfaces to detect sulcal landmarks on the cortical surfaces automatically



Abnormality detection on brain surfaces

The Beltrami coefficient of the deformation map detects the abnormal deformation on the brain.



Abnormality detection on brain surfaces

The brain is undergoing gyri thickening (commonly observed in Williams Syndrome) The Beltrami index can effectively measure the gyrification pattern of the brain surface for disease analysis.



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Alzheimer Study





Alzheimer Study



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Virtual Colonoscopy

Colon cancer is the 4th killer for American males. Virtual colonosocpy aims at finding polyps, the precursor of cancers. Conformal flattening will unfold the whole surface.





Colon Flattening



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Virtual Colonoscopy

Supine and prone registration. The colon surfaces are scanned twice with different postures, the deformation is not conformal.



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Supine and prone registration. The colon surfaces are scanned twice with different postures, the deformation is not conformal.



Colon Registration



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Computer Vision



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Vision

- Compute the geometric features and analyze shapes.
- Shape registration, matching, comparison.
- Tracking.

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Surface Matching

Isometric deformation is conformal. The mask is bent without stretching.



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Surface Matching

Facial expression change is not-conformal.



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Surface Matching

3D surface matching is converted to image matching by using conformal mappings.



Face Surfaces with Different Expressions are Matched



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Face Surfaces with Different Expressions are Matched



Face Expression Tracking



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Face Expression Tracking



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Surface Registration



2D Shape Space-Conformal Welding

$$\{\text{2D Contours}\} \cong \frac{\{\text{Diffeomorphism on } S^1\} \cup \{\text{Conformal Module}\}}{\{\text{Mobius Transformation}\}}$$



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- Basic concepts in surface differential geometry
- Basic concepts and theories in conformal geometry
- Shape Space Teichmüller space
- Mapping Space Quasi-conformal mapping
- Applications

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Thank you!

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