GENERATING ADAPTIVE DISTANCE FIELDS FROM TRIANGLE MESHES

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SIGNED DISTANCE FUNCTION AND FIELD



- f(p) is the distance from p to the surface;
- Negative if inside, positive if outside;
- Example:
 - Unit sphere: $f(p) = ||p||_2 1$.

$$f(p) = \begin{cases} d(p, \partial \Omega), & \text{if } p \notin \Omega \\ -d(p, \partial \Omega), & \text{if } p \in \Omega \end{cases}$$

OCTREE

- Spatial data structure;
- Eight children;
- Much less memory footprint;
- Quick access to SDF values;
- High level of regularity;
- GPU friendly.



DISCRETIZING SDFs USING OCTREES OCTREE CREATION

Steps

- 1. Calculate root node's bounding box;
- 2. Recursively create child nodes until:
 - 1. A depth limit has been reached, or
 - 2. The number of triangles inside the node's bounding box is below a predefined value, or
 - 3. Discretization error is negligible;

Subproblem 1:

Box \cap Triangle \rightarrow Separating Axis Theorem;

Subproblem 2:

SDF computing for corners of leaf nodes.

DISCRETIZING SDFs USING OCTREES OCTREE CREATION: SEPARATION AXES THEOREM

- Intersection of convex shapes;
- Separating hyperplane;
- Project objects onto perpendicular axes;
- Do the intervals overlap?
- Find non-overlapping axis.
- If there is none, shapes intersect.
- For box and triangle, 13 tests.

"If two convex objects are not penetrating, there exists an axis for which the projection of the objects will not overlap."



DISCRETIZING SDFs USING OCTREES OCTREE CREATION: SDF COMPUTING

Steps

- 1. For every leaf's corner:
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 - 2. Keep minimum;

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Does it work?

DISCRETIZING SDFs USING OCTREES OCTREE CREATION: SDF COMPUTING





Confidence based graph

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Confidence computing algorithm

- Starting node: utmost negative corner, c = 1.0
- Priority queue hosts unprocessed nodes (highest confidence first)
- Confidence of a node = weighted average of neighbors' confidence
- 1) Apply Lipschitz Continuity \rightarrow solves a set of nodes
- 2) Undecided nodes \rightarrow triangle intersection count

Outside



Inside



DISCRETIZING SDFs USING OCTREES OPTIMIZATIONS

Number of nodes: 21.801



DISCRETIZING SDFs USING OCTREES OPTIMIZATIONS

Adaptively Sampled Distance Fields (ADFs)

- Removes unnecessary child nodes
- Child nodes are removed if their sdf values can be approximated interpolating the parent's sdf values

DISCRETIZING SDFs USING OCTREES OPTIMIZATIONS

Number of nodes: 10.825 (-50%)



RESULTS

81.000 triangles, octree depth: 7





RESULTS SDF vs TRIANGLE LIST

81.000 triangles, octree depth: 5



5.002 triangles, octree depth: 7

RESULTS SOFT SHADOWS

12776 triangles, octree depth: 5

RESULTS OFFSET OPERATION

5.002 triangles, octree depth: 5

Original

More Offset

RESULTS NEGATIVE OFFSET OPERATION

5.002 triangles, octree depth: 5

More Offset

Original

Offset

DEBUGGING TOOL

FUTURE WORK

- Optimize generation to support live updates;
- Parallelize creation and painting of octree;
- Introduce more interpolation techniques for smoother results;
- Rediscretization with offset surfaces yield shape deformations.

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