# Approximating Riemannian Voronoi Diagrams and Delaunay triangulations.

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## Introduction and previous work

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#### How to prescribe anisotropy

#### Metric field g

Continuous map  $g: p \in \Omega \mapsto g_p$ , positive symmetric definite matrix

Normally:

$$length(\gamma) = \int \langle \dot{\gamma}, \dot{\gamma} \rangle_g^{1/2} dt = \int \sqrt{\dot{\gamma}^t(t) g_{\gamma(t)} \dot{\gamma}(t)} dt$$
$$d_{\mathcal{M}}(p,q) = \inf_{\gamma} length(\gamma)$$

 $g_p$  also defines an anisotropic distance if domain  $\subset \mathbb{R}^d$ :

$$d_{g_p}(a,b) = d_p(a,b) = \sqrt{(a-b)^t g_p(a-b)}$$

#### Local approximations

Locally  $d_{g_p}(a, b)$  approximates  $d_{\mathcal{M}}(p, q)$ .

Moreover  $g_p$  defines and inner product, which after a linear transformation is the Euclidean.

Metric distortion  $\psi$ : x, y in  $\Omega$ , we have

$$\frac{1}{\psi}d_{G'}(x,y) \le d_G(x,y) \le \psi d_{G'}(x,y).$$

For  $G' = g_p$  and G = g the Metric distortion decreases if  $\Omega$  smaller,  $||g_p - g_x||$  small, for  $x, p \in \Omega$ .

# Blanket assumption: point sets $(\epsilon, \mu)$ -nets!

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#### Riemannian Voronoi diagrams and approximations

#### Riemannian Voronoi diagrams

The Riemannian Voronoi cell of the site p is given by

 $V_{\mathcal{M}}(p_i) = \{ x \in \Omega \mid d_{\mathcal{M}}(p_i, x) \le d_{\mathcal{M}}(p_j, x), \forall p_j \in \mathcal{P} \setminus p_i \}.$ 

#### Anisotropic Voronoi diagrams

The anisotropic Voronoi cell of the site  $p\ \mbox{is given by:}\ \mbox{Labelle}\ \mbox{and}\ \mbox{Shewchuk}$ 

$$V_{LS}(p) = \{ x \in \mathbb{R}^d : d_{g_p}(p, x) \le d_{g_q}(q, x), \forall q \in \mathcal{P}, q \neq p \}$$

Du and Wong

$$V_{DW}(p) = \{ x \in \mathbb{R}^d : d_{g_x}(p, x) \le d_{g_x}(q, x), \forall q \in \mathcal{P}, q \neq p \}$$

## Anisotropic Voronoi diagrams: Labelle and Shewchuk and Du and Wong

- Each site is within its cell
- Possibility of orphans (connected cells)
- The dual may not be a triangulation





Termination of up sampling and quality bounds can be proven in 2D [Labelle, Shewchuk 03]

#### Riemannian Voronoi Diagrams

- Each site is within its cell
- No orphans (connected cells)
- Theoretical guarantees for dual to be a triangulation (Boissonnat, Dyer, Ghosh)



#### Protection [Boissonnat et al. 13]

If  $B(c,\rho)$  circum ball, then no alien vertices in  $B(c,\rho+\delta).$  Gives:

- lower bounds on height
- stability of the circumcentre



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#### Power protection and height



B and B' circumspheres of simplices, that share a face. Common face lies in H. Distance  $H,\,\tilde{H}$  lower bounds height. Lower bound height, gives bounds on angles, because  $(\epsilon,\mu)$ -net.



#### Stability circumcentre

The circumcentre is stable with respect to perturbations and even with metric distortion



#### Stability in higher dimensions



With metric distortion intersection of the bisectors of 3 vertices of a face is constraint to a cylinder (in fact a parallel piped) orthogonal to the face, the circumcentre lies in the intersection of such cylinders. Induction on dimension is now possible.

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# Discrete approximations of the Voronoi diagram

#### Discrete Riemannian Voronoi diagrams

Geodesic distances cannot be computed exactly: must discretize

#### Canvas

The underlying structure used to compute geodesic distances (typically, an isotropic triangulation)

Many methods exist to compute geodesic distances and paths:

- Fast marching methods [Konukoglu et al. 07]
- Heat-kernel based methods [Crane et al. 13]
- Short-term vector Dijkstra [Campen et al. 13]

Computing geodesics from multiple sites is a natural extension from the propagation of geodesic distances from one site.

- Canvas generated fine enough so that the discrete diagram has the "correct" dual
- Color each vertex of the canvas with the closest site
- New sites of the discrete diagram are inserted through a farthest point refinement algorithm driven by a sizing field
- Connectivity is extracted



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## Combinatorial correctness of the discrete Voronoi diagram: Protection and Sperner's lemma

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#### Combinatorial correctness: 2D



Thanks to protected  $(\epsilon, \mu)$ -net well shaped Voronoi cells; distance between foreign objects is large. It is impossible for triangle to be coloured in a way that does not correspond to a Voronoi vertex.

#### Combinatorial correctness: 2D with metric distortion



With metric distortion one needs a margin.

#### Combinatorial correctness: 2D with metric distortion



The Riemannian Voronoi vertices are close to the Euclidean vertices if the distortion is small.

#### Combinatorial correctness: 2D with metric distortion



The canvas has to be dense

#### Combinatorial correctness: 2D



Thanks to induction one finds a three coloured simplex for every Voronoi vertex.

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#### Higher dimensions

Combinatorial correctness:

- You have everything: Sperner's lemma
- You don't get more than this (power) protection (same as in 2D)



#### Sperner's Lemma

#### Theorem (Sperner's lemma)

Let  $\sigma = (e_0, \ldots, e_n)$  be an *n*-simplex and  $T_{\sigma}$  a triangulation of the simplex. Let  $e' \in T_{\sigma}$  be colored such that:

- The vertices *e<sub>i</sub>* of *σ* all have different colors.
- If e' lies on a k-face (e<sub>i0</sub>,...e<sub>ik</sub>) of σ, then e' has the same color as one of the vertices of the face, that is e<sub>ii</sub>.

Then, there exists at least one simplex in  $T_{\sigma}$  whose vertices are colored with all n + 1 colors.





Find safe points (thanks to protection) on Voronoi objects.



The simplex with the canvas.



Technical details: shift away from the voronoi vertices.

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### Distortion and straight simplices; Delaunay triangulations

#### Embeddability of the straight dual: 2D

Low distortion: geodesics are close to straight edges



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#### Centres of mass in Euclidean space

Weighted average of points

$$\sum \mu_i p_i$$

with  $\sum \mu_i = 1$ . Generalizes to

$$\int p \,\mathrm{d}\mu(p),$$

which is where the minimum of

$$P_{\mathbb{R}^n}(x) = \frac{1}{2} \int \|x - p\|^2 \mathrm{d}\mu(p)$$

is attained.

#### Theorem (Karcher)

Let  $\mathcal{M}$  be a manifold whose sectional curvature K is bounded, that is  $\Lambda_l \leq K \leq \Lambda_u$ . Let  $P_{\mathcal{M}}$  the function on  $B_{\rho}$  defined by

$$P_{\mathcal{M}}(x) = \frac{1}{2} \int d_{\mathcal{M}}(x, p)^2 \mathrm{d}\mu(p),$$

where  $d\mu$  is a positive measure and the support of  $d\mu$  is contained in  $B_{\rho}$ . We now give two conditions on  $\rho$ :

- ρ is less than half the injectivity radius,
- if  $\Lambda_u > 0$  then

$$\rho < \frac{\pi}{2\sqrt{\Lambda_u}}.$$

If these conditions are met then  $P_M$  has a unique critical point in  $B_{\rho}$ , which is a minimum.

#### Riemannian simplices using Riemannian centres of mass

Definition (Riemannian simplex)

$$\mathcal{E}_{\lambda}(x) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i} \lambda_{i} d_{\mathcal{M}}(x, p_{i})^{2}$$

barycentric coordinates:  $\lambda_i \ge 0$ ,  $\sum \lambda_i = 1$ 

$$\mathcal{B}_{\sigma^j} : \triangle^j \to \mathcal{M}$$
$$\lambda \mapsto \operatorname*{argmin}_{x \in \bar{B}_{\rho}} \mathcal{E}_{\lambda}(x)$$

 $riangle^j$  the standard Euclidean j-simplex,  $\sigma_{\mathcal{M}}$  image

#### Smooth map



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#### Distortion



Riemannian simplex close to Euclidean simplex: straight simplex triangulation.

## Experimental results

#### Discrete Riemannian Voronoi diagram: Result

Voronoi diagram of  $750\ {\rm sites}$ 



#### Straight Delaunay triangulation

(Straight) dual of the previous diagram



#### Riemannian Delaunay triangulation

#### Anisotropic and curved elements



#### Approximating Riemannian simplices

Piecewise flat approximation of Riemannian simplices



# Thanks to Ramsay Dyer for suggesting Sperner's lemma, instead of dimension theory.

## Questions?