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Geometric Proximity Queries



Given two object, how would you check:

- If they intersect with each other while moving?
- If they do not interpenetrate each other, how far are they apart?
- If they overlap, how much is the amount of penetration

Collision Detection



- Update configurations w/ TXF matrices
- Check for edge-edge intersection in 2D
 (Check for edge-face intersection in 3D)
- Check every point of A inside of B & every point of B inside of A
- Check for pair-wise edge-edge intersections

Imagine larger input size: $N = 1000 + \dots$

Classes of Objects & Problems



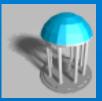
- 2D vs. 3D
- Convex vs. Non-Convex
- Polygonal vs. Non-Polygonal
- Open surfaces vs. Closed volumes
- Geometric vs. Volumetric
- Rigid vs. Non-rigid (deformable/flexible)
- Pairwise vs. Multiple (N-Body)
- CSG vs. B-Rep
- Static vs. Dynamic

And so on... This may include other geometric representation schemata, etc.

Some Possible Approaches



- Geometric methods
- Algebraic Techniques
- Hierarchical Bounding Volumes
- Spatial Partitioning
- Others (e.g. optimization)



• Given a set S of n points in R², for each point p_i in S, there is the set of points (x, y) in the plane that are closer to p_i than any other point in S, called Voronoi polygons. The collection of n Voronoi polygons given the n points in the set S is the "Voronoi diagram", Vor(S), of the point set S.

Voronoi Diagrams

Intuition: To partition the plane into regions, each of these is the set of points that are closer to a point p_i in S than any other. The partition is based on the set of closest points, e.g. bisectors that have 2 or 3 closest points.

Generalized Voronoi Diagrams



The extension of the Voronoi diagram to higher dimensional features (such as edges and facets, instead of points); i.e. the set of points closest to a feature, e.g. that of a polyhedron.

• FACTS:

- In general, the generalized Voronoi diagram has quadratic surface boundaries in it.
- If the polyhedron is convex, then its generalized Voronoi diagram has planar boundaries.

Voronoi Regions



• A <u>Voronoi region</u> associated with a **feature** is a set of points that are closer to that feature than any other.

• FACTS:

- The Voronoi regions form a partition of space outside of the polyhedron according to the closest feature.
- The collection of Voronoi regions of each polyhedron is the generalized Voronoi diagram of the polyhedron.
- The generalized Voronoi diagram of a convex polyhedron has linear size and consists of polyhedral regions. And, all Voronoi regions are convex.

Voronoi Marching

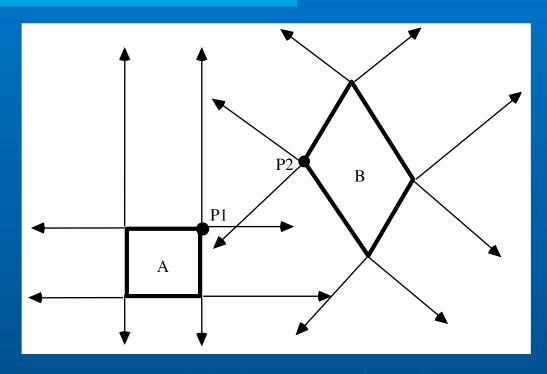


Basic Ideas:

- Coherence: local geometry does not change much, when computations repetitively performed over successive small time intervals
- Locality: to "track" the pair of closest features between 2 moving convex polygons(polyhedra) w/ Voronoi regions
- Performance: expected constant running time, independent of the geometric complexity

Simple 2D Example

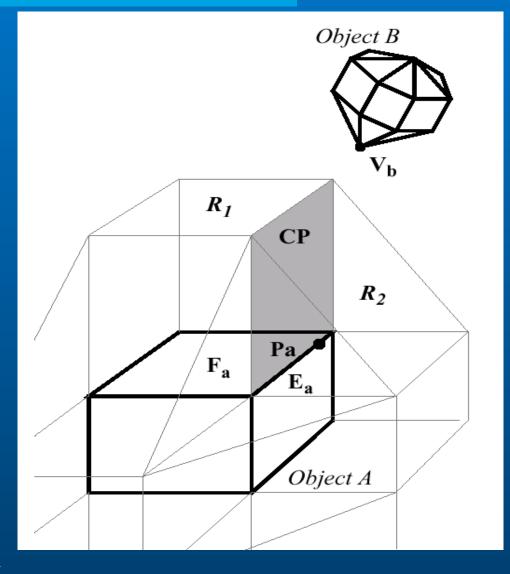




Objects A & B and their Voronoi regions: P1 and P2 are the pair of closest points between A and B. Note P1 and P2 lie within the Voronoi regions of each other.

Basic Idea for Voronoi Marching





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Linear Programming



In general, a *d*-dimensional linear programming (or linear optimization) problem may be posed as follows:

- Given a finite set A in \mathbb{R}^d
- For each a in A, a constant K_a in R, c in R^d
- Find x in R^d which minimize $\langle x, c \rangle$
- Subject to $\langle a, x \rangle \geq K_a$, for all a in A.

where <*, *> is standard inner product in \mathbb{R}^d .





Given two finite sets A, B in R^d For each a in A and b in B, Find x in R^d which minimize whatever Subject to $\langle a, x \rangle > 0$, for all a in AAnd $\langle b, x \rangle < 0$, for all b in B

where d = 2 (or 3).

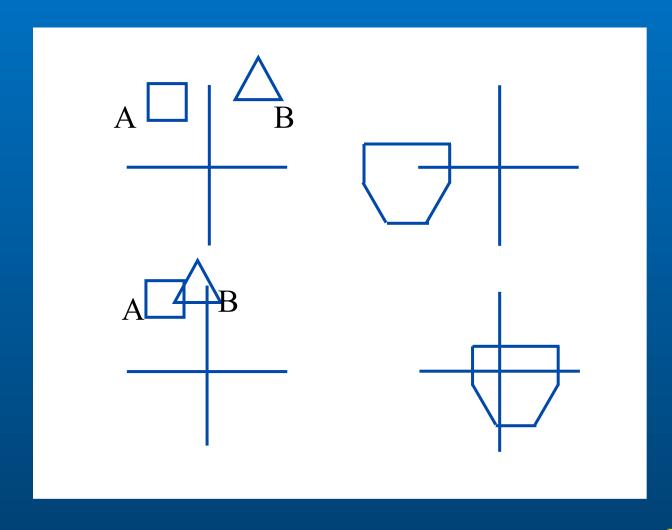
Minkowski Sums/Differences



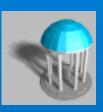
- Minkowski Sum (A, B) = { a + b | a ∈
 A, b ∈ B }
- Minkowski Diff (A, B) = { a b | a ∈ A, b ∈ B }
- A and B collide iff Minkowski
 Difference(A,B) contains the point 0.

Some Minkowski Differences





Minkowski Difference & Translation



• Minkowski-Diff(Trans(A, t₁), Trans(B, t₂)) = Trans(Minkowski-Diff(A,B), t₁ - t₂)

→ Trans(A, t₁) and Trans(B, t₂) intersect iff Minkowski-Diff(A,B) contains point (t₂ - t₁).

Properties



Distance

- distance(A,B) = min $a \in A$, $b \in B$ || a b ||₂
- distance(A,B) = min c∈ Minkowski-Diff(A,B) || c ||₂
- if A and B disjoint, c is a point on boundary of Minkowski difference

Penetration Depth

- pd(A,B) = min{ || t ||₂ | A \cap Translated(B,t) = Ø }
- $pd(A,B) = min_{t \notin Minkowski-Diff(A,B)} || t ||_2$
- if A and B intersect, t is a point on boundary of Minkowski difference

Practicality



- Expensive to compute boundary of Minkowski difference:
 - For convex polyhedra, Minkowski difference may take O(n²)
 - For general polyhedra, no known algorithm of complexity less than O(n⁶) is known

GJK for Computing Distance between Convex Polyhedra

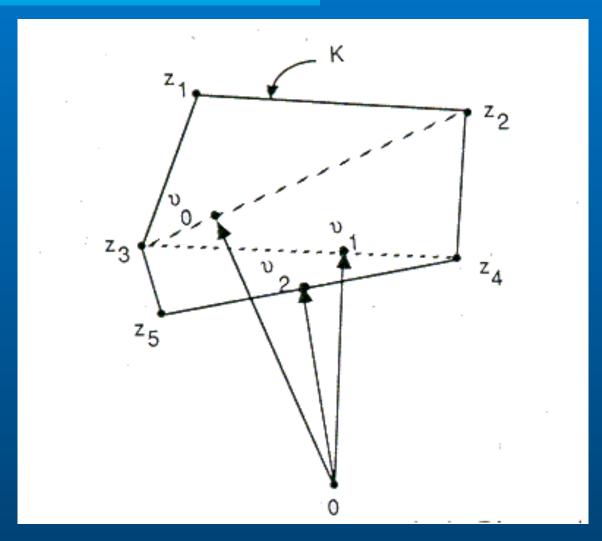


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GJK-DistanceToOrigin (P) // dimension is m
    Initialize P_0 with m+1 or fewer points.
   k = 0
2.
   while (TRUE) {
           if origin is within CH(Pk), return 0
4.
           else {
5.
6.
             find x \in CH(P_k) closest to origin, and S_k \subset P_k s.t. x \in CH(S_k)
             see if any point p_{-x} in P more extremal in direction -x
7.
             if no such point is found, return |x|
8.
             else {
9.
10.
                P_{k+1} = S_k \cup \{p_{-x}\}
11.
                k = k + 1
12.
13.
14. }
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An Example of GJK





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Running Time of GJK



- Each iteration of the while loop requires O(n) time.
- O(n) iterations possible. The authors claimed between 3 to 6 iterations on average for any problem size, making this "expected" linear.
- Trivial O(n) algorithms exist if we are given the boundary representation of a convex object, but GJK will work on point sets - computes CH lazily.

More on GJK



Given
$$A = CH(A')$$
 $A' = \{ a_1, a_2, ..., a_n \}$ and $B = CH(B')$ $B' = \{ b_1, b_2, ..., b_m \}$

- Minkowski-Diff(A,B) = CH(P), P = {a b | a∈ A', b∈ B'}
- Can compute points of P on demand:
 - $p_{-x} = a_{-x} b_x$ where a_{-x} is the point of A' extremal in direction -x, and b_x is the point of B' extremal in direction x.
- The loop body would take O(n + m) time, producing the "expected" linear performance overall.

Large, Dynamic Environments



- For dynamic simulation where the velocity and acceleration of all objects are known at each step, use the scheduling scheme (implemented as heap) to prioritize "critical events" to be processed.
- Each object pair is tagged with the estimated time to next collision. Then, each pair of objects is processed accordingly. The heap is updated when a collision occurs.

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Scheduling Scheme



- a_{max} : an upper bound on relative acceleration between any two *points* on any pair of objects.
- a_{lin} : relative absolute linear
- α: relative rotational accelerations
- \bullet ω : relative rotational velocities
- r: vector difference btw CoM of two bodies
- d: initial separation for two given objects

$$a_{max} = |a_{lin} + \alpha x r + \omega x \omega x r|$$

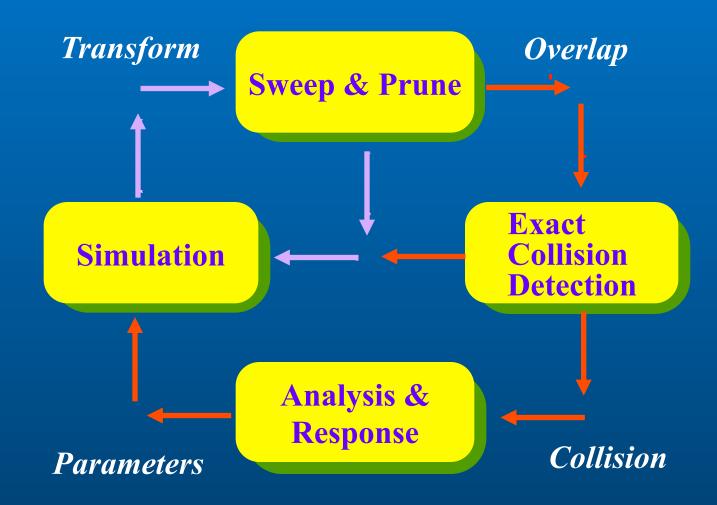
$$v_i = |v_{lin} + \omega x r|$$

Estimated Time to collision:

$$t_c = \{ (v_i^2 + 2 \ a_{max} \ d)^{1/2} - v_i \} / a_{max}$$

Collide System Architecture





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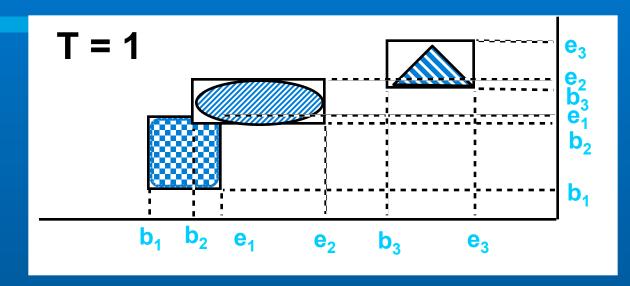
Sweep and Prune

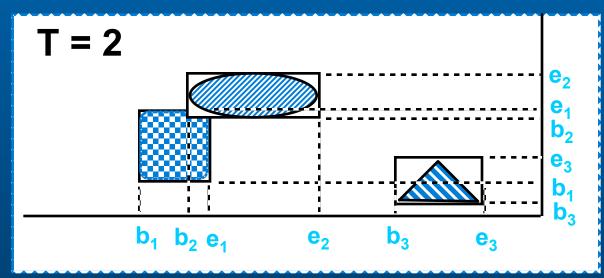


- Compute the axis-aligned bounding box (fixed vs. dynamic) for each object
- Dimension Reduction by projecting boxes onto each x, y, z- axis
- Sort the endpoints and find overlapping intervals
- Possible collision -- only if projected intervals overlap in all 3 dimensions

Sweep & Prune







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Updating Bounding Boxes



- Coherence (greedy algorithm)
- Convexity properties (geometric properties of convex polytopes)
- Nearly constant time, if the motion is relatively "small"

Use of Sorting Methods



- Initial sort -- quick sort runs in O(m log m)
 just as in any ordinary situation
- Updating -- insertion sort runs in O(m) due to coherence. We sort an almost sorted list from last stimulation step. In fact, we look for "swap" of positions in all 3 dimension.

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Implementation Issues



- Collision matrix -- basically adjacency matrix
- Enlarge bounding volumes with some tolerance threshold
- Quick start polyhedral collision test
 - -- using bucket sort & look-up table