## Adjacency Data Structures

includes material from Justin Legakis

## Last Time?

- Simple Transformations

- Classes of Transformations
- Representation
- homogeneous coordinates
- Composition
- not commutative
- Orthographic \& Perspective Projections


## Today

- Surface Definitions
- Simple Data Structures
- Fixed Storage Data Structures
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- Well-Formed Surfaces
- Orientable Surfaces
- Computational Complexity
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## Well-Formed Surfaces

- Components Intersect "Properly"
- Any pair of Faces are: disjoint, share single Vertex, or share 2 Vertices and the Edge joining them
- Every edge is incident to exactly 2 vertices
- Every edge is incident to exactly 2 faces
- Local Topology is "Proper"
- Neighborhood of a vertex is homeomorphic to a disk (permits stretching and bending, but not tearing)
- Also called a 2-manifold
- If boundaries are allowed, points on the boundary are homeomorphic to a half-disk, called a "manifold with boundaries"
- Global Topology is "Proper"
- Connected, Closed, \& Bounded


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## Closed Surfaces and Refraction

- Original Teapot model is not "watertight":
intersecting surfaces at spout $\&$ handle, no bottom,
a hole at the spout tip, a gap between lid \& base
- Requires repair before ray tracing with refraction



## Computational Complexity

## Questions?

- Adjacent Element Access Time
- linear, constant time average case, or constant time?
- requires loops/recursion/if?
- Memory
- variable size arrays or constant size?
- Maintenance
- ease of editing
- ensuring consistency


## Today

## List of Polygons:

- Surface Definitions
- Simple Data Structures
- List of Polygons
- List of Edges
- List of Unique Vertices \& Indexed Faces:
- Simple Adjacency Data Structure
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$(3,-2,5),(3,6,2),(-6,2,4)$
$(2,2,4),(0,-1,-2),(9,4,0)$



## List of Edges:

$(3,6,2), \quad(-6,2,4)$
$(2,2,4),(0,-1,-2)$
$(9,4,0),(4,2,9)$
$(8,8,7),(-4,-5,1)$
$(-8,2,7),(1,2,-7)$
$(3,0,-3),(-7,4,-3)$
$(9,4,0),(4,2,9)$
$(3,6,2),(-6,2,4)$
$(-3,0,-4),(7,-3,-4)$


## List of Unique Vertices \& Indexed Faces:

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
\text { Vertices: } & (-1,-1,-1) \\
& (-1,-1,1) \\
& (-1,1,-1) \\
& (-1,1,1) \\
& (1,-1,-1) \\
& (1,-1,1) \\
& (1,1,-1) \\
& (1,1,1)
\end{array}
$$

Faces:
1243
$\begin{array}{llll}5 & 7 & 8 & 6\end{array}$
1562
$\begin{array}{llll}3 & 4 & 8 & 7\end{array}$
1375
2684

## Problems with Simple Data Structures

- No Adjacency Information
- Linear-time Searches


Structured


Unstructured

- Adjacency is implicit for structured meshes, but what do we do for unstructured meshes?


## Mesh Data

- So, in addition to:
- Geometric Information (position)
- Attribute Information (color, texture, temperature, population density, etc.)
- Let's store:
- Topological Information (adjacency, connectivity)


## Simple Adjacency

## Questions?

- Each element (vertex, edge, and face) has a list of pointers to all incident elements
- Queries depend only on local complexity of mesh
- Data structures do not have fixed size
- Slow! Big! Too much work to maintain!



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## Winged Edge (Baumgart, 1975)

- Each edge stores pointers to 4 Adjacent Edges, 2 Face \& 2 Vertex neighbors
- Vertices and Faces have a single pointer to one incident Edge
- Data Structure Size? Fixed
- How do we gather all faces surrounding one vertex? Messy, because there is no consistent way to order pointers



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- SplitEdge
- Corner
- QuadEdge (Guibas and Stolfi, 1985)
- FacetEdge (Dobkin and Laszlo, 1987)


## HalfEdge (Eastman, 1982)

- Every edge is represented by two directed HalfEdge structures
- Each HalfEdge stores:
- vertex at end of directed edge
- symmetric half edge
- face to left of edge
- next points to the HalfEdge counter-clockwise around face on left
- Orientation is essential, but can be done consistently!



## HalfEdge (Eastman, 1982)

- Starting at a half edge, how do we find:
the other vertex of the edge? the other face of the edge? the clockwise edge around the face at the left?
all the edges surrounding the face at the left?
all the faces surrounding the vertex?



## HalfEdge (Eastman, 1982)

- Loop around a Face:

HalfEdgeMesh::FaceLoop (HalfEdge *HE) \{
HalfEdge *loop = HE;
do \{
loop = loop->Next;
\} while (loop != HE);
\}

- Loop around a Vertex:

HalfEdgeMesh: VertexLoop (HalfEdge *HE) \{ HalfEdge *loop = HE;
do \{
loop = loop->Next->Sym;
\} while (loop != HE);
\}

## HalfEdge (Eastman, 1982)

- Data Structure Size?

Fixed

- Data:
- geometric information stored at Vertices
- attribute information in Vertices, HalfEdges, and/or Faces
- topological information in HalfEdges only!
- Orientable surfaces only (no Mobius Strips!)
- Local consistency everywhere implies global consistency
- Time Complexity?
linear in the amount of information gathered


## Corner Data Structure:

- The Corner data structure is its own dual!



## SplitEdge Data Structure:



- HalfEdge and SplitEdge are dual structures!


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## QuadEdge (Guibas and Stolfi, 1985)

- Relations Between Edges: Edge Algebra
- Elements in Edge Algebra:
- Each of 8 ways to look at each edge
- Operators in Edge Algebra:
- Rot: Bug rotates 90 degrees to its left (switches to/from dual graph)
- Sym: Bug turns around 180 degrees
- Flip: Bug flips up-side down
- Onext: Bug rotates CCW to next edge with same origin (either Vertex or Face)


## QuadEdge (Guibas and Stolfi, 1985)

- Consider the Mesh and its Dual simultaneously
- Vertices and Faces switch roles, we just re-label them
- Edges remain Edges
- Now there are eight ways to look at each edge
- Four ways to look at primal edge
- Four ways to look at dual edge



## QuadEdge (Guibas and Stolfi, 1985)

- Some Properties of Flip, Sym, Rot, and Onext:
$-\mathrm{e} \operatorname{Rot}^{4}=\mathrm{e}$
- e $\operatorname{Rot}^{2} \neq \mathrm{e}$
- e Flip ${ }^{2}=\mathrm{e}$
- e Flip Rot Flip Rot = e
- e Rot Flip Rot Flip = e
- e Rot Onext Rot Onext = e
- e Flip Onext Flip Onext = e
- e Flip ${ }^{-1}=$ e Flip
- e Sym = e Rot ${ }^{2}$
- e $\operatorname{Rot}^{-1}=\mathrm{e} \operatorname{Rot}^{3}$
- $\operatorname{Rot}^{-1}=\mathrm{e}$ Flip Rot Flip
- e Onext ${ }^{-1}=$ e Rot Onext Rot
- e Onext ${ }^{-1}=$ e Flip Onext Flip


## QuadEdge (Guibas and Stolfi, 1985)

- Other Useful Definitions:
- e Lnext $=$ e Rot ${ }^{-1}$ Onext Rot
- e Rnext $=$ e Rot Onext Rot ${ }^{-1}$
- e Dnext $=$ e Sym Onext Sym ${ }^{-1}$
- e Oprev $=$ e Onext ${ }^{-1}=\mathrm{e}$ Rot Onext Rot
- e Lprev $=$ e Lnext ${ }^{-1}=$ e Onext Sym
- e Rprev $=$ e Rnext ${ }^{-1}=$ e Sym Onext
- e Dprev $=$ e Dnext ${ }^{-1}=$ R Rot $^{-1}$ Onext Rot
- All of these functions can be expressed as a constant number of Rot, Sym, Flip, and Onext operations independent of the local topology and the global size and complexity of the mesh.


## Questions?



FacetEdge (Dobkin and Laszlo, 1987)

- QuadEdge (2D, surface) $\rightarrow$ FacetEdge (3D, volume)
- Faces $\rightarrow$ Polyhedra / Cells
- Edge $\rightarrow$ Polygon \& Edge pair



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Hugues Hoppe "Progressive Meshes" SIGGRAPH 1996

## Pop Worksheet!

Teams of 2. NOT THE SAME PERSON YOU WORKED WITH LAST LECTURE! Hand in to Jeramey after we discuss.

- Perform a sequence of 3 edge collapses, one-at-a-time
- Always collapse the shortest edge that does not result in a zero area or "flipped"/upside-down triangle
- Replacement vertex should be at the midpoint of the edge




## Selective Refinement



Figure 10: Selective refinement of a terrain mesh taking into account view frustum, silhouette regions, and projected screen size of faces ( 7,438 faces).

## Progressive Meshes

- Mesh Simplification
- vertex split / edge collapse
- geometry \& discrete/scalar attributes
- priority queue
- Level of Detail
- geomorphs
- Progressive Transmission
- Mesh Compression
- Selective Refinement
- view dependent


## Preserving Discontinuity Curves

 Figure 12: Approximations of a mesh $\hat{M}$ using $(b-c)$ the PM representation, and (d d ) the MRA scheme of Eck et al. [7]. As demonstrated.
MRA camnot recover $\hat{M}$ exactly, cannot deal effectively with surface creases, and produces approximating meshes of inferior quality.

## Other Simplification Strategies

## When to Preserve Topology?

- Remove a vertex \& surrounding triangles, re-triangulate the hole

- Merge Nearby Vertices
- will likely change the topology..



Figure 3: On the left is a regular grid of 100 closely spaced cubes. In the middle, an approximation built using only edge contractions demonstrates unacceptable fragmentation. On the right, the result of using more general pair contractions to achieve aggregation is an approximation much closer to the original.
from Garland \& Heckbert, "Surface Simplification Using Quadric Error Metrics" SIGGRAPH 1997

## Quadric Error Simplification

- Contract (merge) vertices $v_{i}$ and $v_{j}$ if:
- $\left(v_{i}, v_{j}\right)$ is an edge, or
$-\left\|v_{i}-v_{j}\right\|<t$, where $t$ is a threshold parameter
- Track cumulative error by summing 4 x 4 quadric error matrices after each operation:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \Delta(\mathbf{v})=\sum_{\text {pephancs( }(\mathbf{v}}\left(\mathbf{v}^{\top} \mathbf{p}\right)\left(\mathbf{p}^{\top} \mathbf{v}\right) \\
& =\sum_{\mathrm{p} p \text { plancs(v) }} \mathbf{v}^{\top}\left(\mathbf{p p}^{\top}\right) \mathbf{v} \\
& =\mathbf{v}^{\top}\left(\sum_{\mathrm{pep} \text { lancoct }(\mathrm{v}} \mathrm{K}_{\mathrm{p}}\right) \mathrm{v} \\
& \mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{p}}=\mathbf{p p}^{\top}=\left[\begin{array}{llll}
a^{2} & a b & a c & a d \\
a b & b^{2} & b c & b d \\
a c & b c & c^{2} & c d \\
a d & b d & c d & d^{2}
\end{array}\right] \\
& \text { Garland \& Heckbert, } \\
& \text { "Surface Simplification } \\
& \text { Using Quadric Error Metrics" } \\
& \text { SIGGRAPH } 1997
\end{aligned}
$$

## Judging Element Quality

- How "equilateral" are the elements?
- For Triangles?
- Ratio of shortest to longest edge
- Ratio of area to perimeter ${ }^{2}$
- Smallest angle
- Ratio of area to area of smallest circumscribed circle
- For Tetrahedra?
- Ratio of volume ${ }^{2}$ to surface area ${ }^{3}$
- Smallest solid angle
- Ratio of volume to volume of smallest circumscribed sphere


- "Teddy: A Sketching Interface for 3D Freeform Design", Igarashi et al., SIGGRAPH 1999
- How do we represent objects that don't have flat polygonal faces \& sharp corners? What are the right tools to design/construct digital models of blobby, round, or soft things? What makes a user interface intuitive, quick, and easy-to-use for beginners?

- "Geometry Images", Gu, Gortler, \& Hoppe, SIGGRAPH 2002
- Can we leverage existing image formats and image compression methods to store geometry? How do we take a complex 3D shape an unroll/flatten/stretch it to a square image? File size? Quality?

