

# CS6491-2015 P2: Swirl

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## 1 Objective

We want to compute the mathematical formulation and the implementation of Steady Interpolating Similarity  $SIS(F_a, t, F_b)$ . and validate our solution by starting with user controlled frames  $F_0$  and  $F_1$ , by extrapolating a steady pattern of frames  $F_i$  such that the transformation  $T$  between  $F_i$  and  $F_{i+1}$  is independent of  $i$ , and by showing (visually) that  $F_i = SIS(F_0, i/k, F_k)$  for all  $i$ .

## 2 Definitions of Entities

A 3D frame  $\{I, J, K, O\}$  is a similarity frame if all its factors have the same magnitude, if each is orthogonal to the other two, and if  $(I \times J) \cdot K > 0$ .

A Similarity Motion is an similarity frame  $F(t)$  parameterize by time.

The Steady Interpolating Similarity  $SIS(F_a, t, F_b)$  is a Similarity Motion, such that:

- $SIS(F_a, 0, F_b) = F_a$ ,
- $SIS(F_a, 1, F_b) = F_b$ ,
- And the similarity transformation from  $SIS(F_a, t, F_b)$  to  $SIS(F_a, t+u, F_b)$  is independent of  $t$ ,

Figure 1 shows some of the 3D swirls in nature and man-made structures.

## 3 Approach

Steady interpolating similarity motion is a combination of rotation around a fixed axis, translation along that axis, and scaling. There are many kinds of SIS motions, where rotation, translation, and scaling are different combinations. For example we have,



Figure 1: (a) Swirl in nature

### 3.1 Screw Motion

Screw motion is the combination of rotation and translation. Assume the rotation is around axis  $(F, N)$ , initial point  $P_0$ , unit time rotation angle  $\alpha$ , speed along the axis is constant  $d$ , we can describe the screw motion as:

$$P(t) = F + FP_0^o(t\alpha) + dtN \quad (1)$$

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### 3.2 Spiral Motion

Spiral motion is the combination of rotation and scaling. One common spiral motion is log spiral. Assume the the rotation is around axis  $(F, N)$ , initial point  $P_0$ , unit time rotation angle  $\alpha$ , scaling factor is exponential of  $m$ , we can describe the log spiral motion as:

$$P(t) = F + m^t FP_0^o(t\alpha) \quad (2)$$

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### 3.3 Swirl Motion

Swirl motion is the combination (“commutatie composition”) of log spiral motion around an axis and exponential translation along the axis. Assume the the rotation is around axis  $(F, N)$ , initial point  $P_0$ , unit time rotation angle  $\alpha$ , scaling factor is exponential of  $m$ , velocity along the axis is exponential of  $d$ , we can describe the log spiral motion as:

$$P(t) = F + m^t FP_0^o(t\alpha, N) + d^t N \quad (3)$$

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## 4 Implementation

### 4.1 Computing $F_i$ from $F_0$ and $F_1$ in 3D

### 4.2 Computing $N$

For computing the  $N$  from  $F_0$  and  $F_1$ , suppose we are given the input of the coordinates  $(I_0, J_0, K_0)$  and  $(I_1, J_1, K_1)$  we can derive  $N$  as

$$N = \frac{\Delta I \times \Delta J + \Delta J \times \Delta K + \Delta I \times \Delta K}{3} \quad (4)$$

where  $\Delta I = I_1 - I_0$ ,  $\Delta J = J_1 - J_0$ ,  $\Delta K = K_1 - K_0$ .

### 4.3 Computing $F$

## 5 Analysis

## 6 Discussion