

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 α , 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 α , 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 α , 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

4.3 Computing F

5 Analysis

6 Discussion