

CS271 Computer Graphics II

Lecture 1

Introduction of Computer Graphics

What is CG?

- Creation, Manipulation, and Storage of geometric objects (modelling) and their images (rendering).
- Display those images on screens or hardcopy devices.
- The overall methodology depends heavily on the underlying sciences of geometry, optics, physics, and perception.

Research Tasks of Computer Graphics

- Geometry
- Modeling
- Simulation/Animation
- Image/Video
- Rendering
- Visualization
- Interaction/VR
- Fabrication
- Sound Graphics
- ...

Let's have a Look!



Technical Papers Preview Trailer

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What drives CG?

- Movie Industry



How much progress has the
《刺杀小说家》 made for
special effects?



What drives CG?

- Game Industry

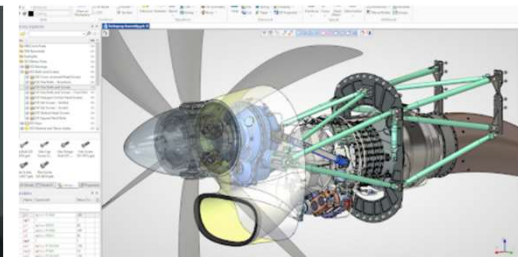
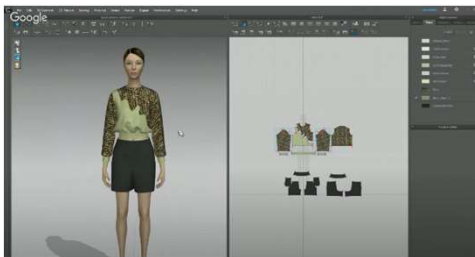


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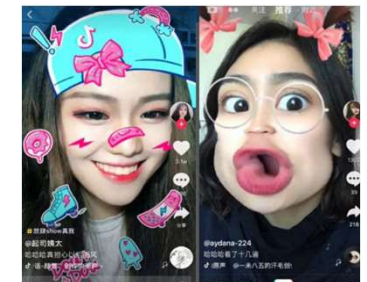
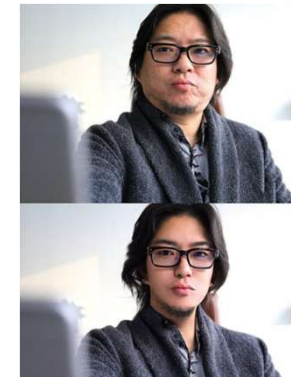
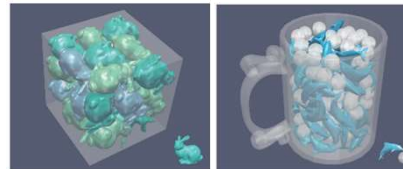
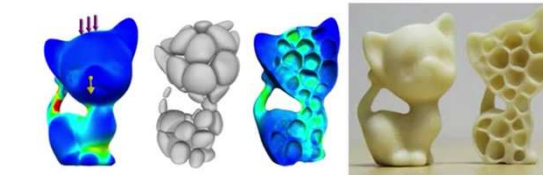
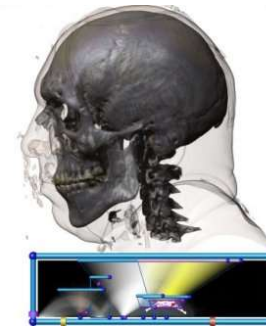
What drives CG?

- **Computer Aided Design**
 - Mechanical, Electronic, Architecture,...
 - Drives the high end of the hardware market
 - Integration of computing and display resources
 - Reduced design cycles == faster systems, sooner



What drives CG?

- Medical Imaging and Scientific Visualization
- Fabrication (3D Printing)
- Industrial application
- Service industry
- Entertainment
- ...



Course Chapters

Chapter 1. Introduction of Computer Graphics

Chapter 2. Computational Geometry

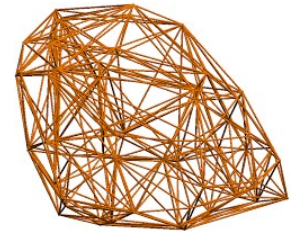
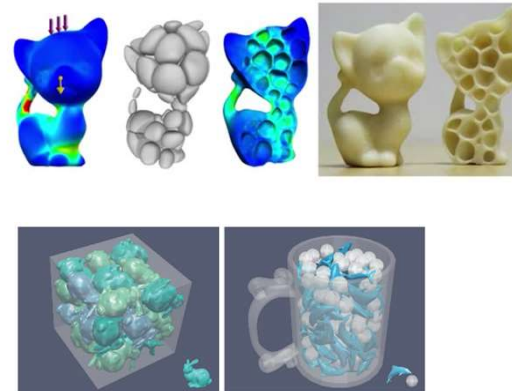
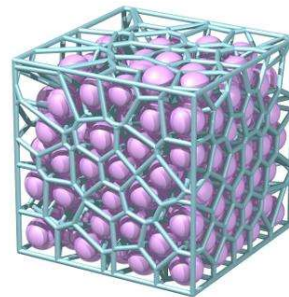
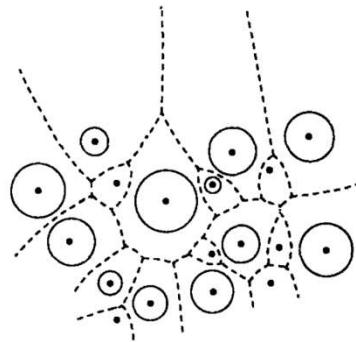
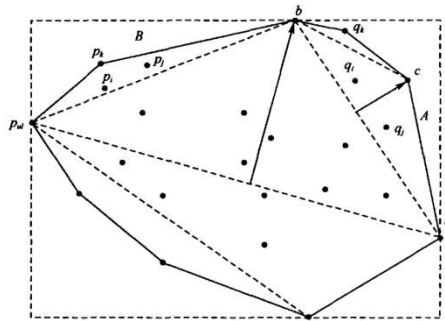
Chapter 3. Mesh

Chapter 4. Point Cloud

Chapter 5. Image Processing

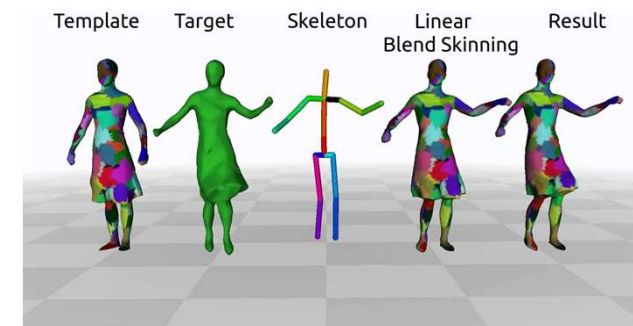
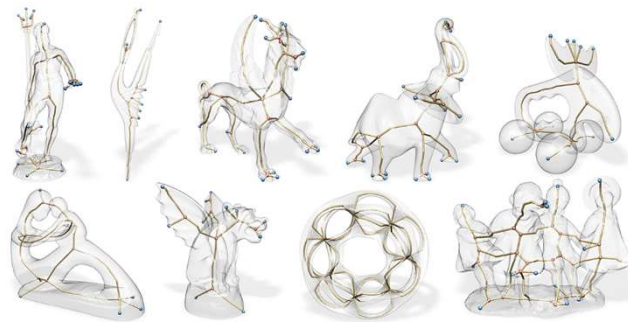
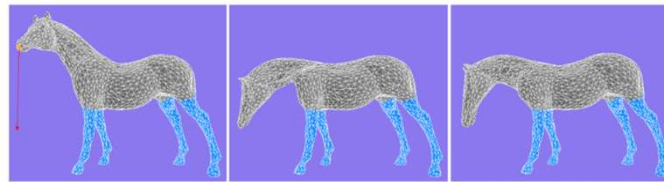
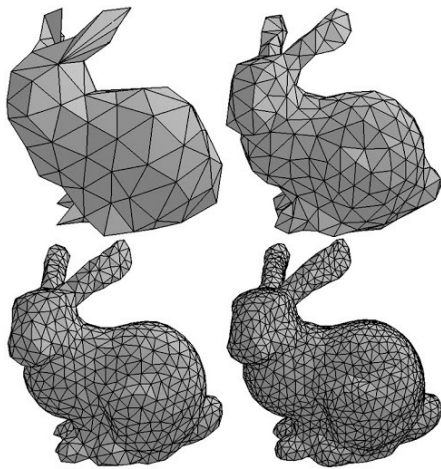
Computational Geometry

- convex hull, Voronoi graph, Delaunay triangulation, polygon triangulation, applications...



Mesh

- mesh data structure, mesh smoothing, mesh simplification, skeleton extraction, human motion capture and modeling...



[MeshLab download](#)

Point Cloud

- calculating surface normal, outlier removal, point cloud alignment (ICP, RANSAC), point cloud completion, point cloud perception, point cloud reconstruction, point cloud registration...

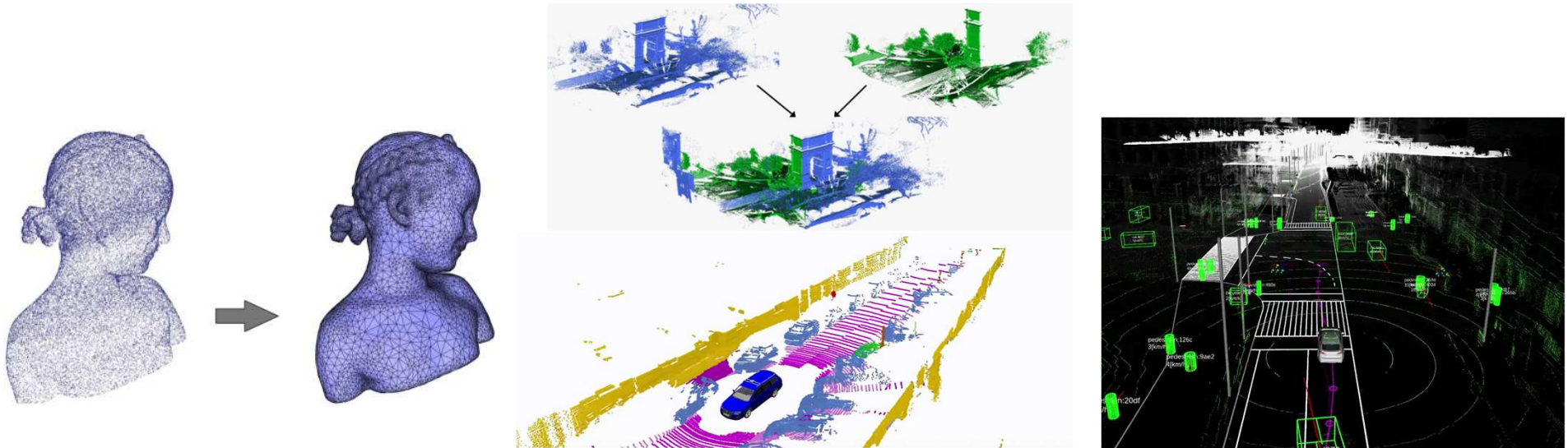
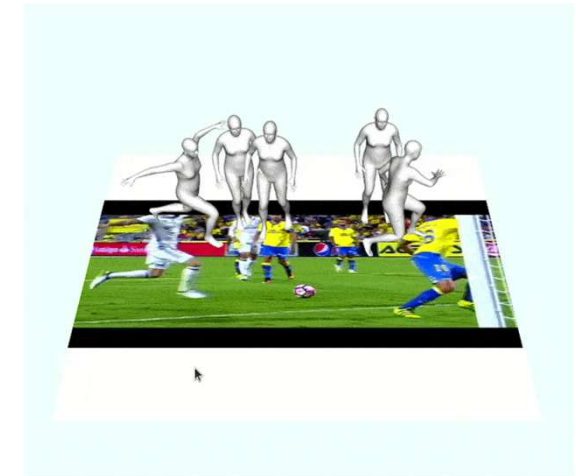
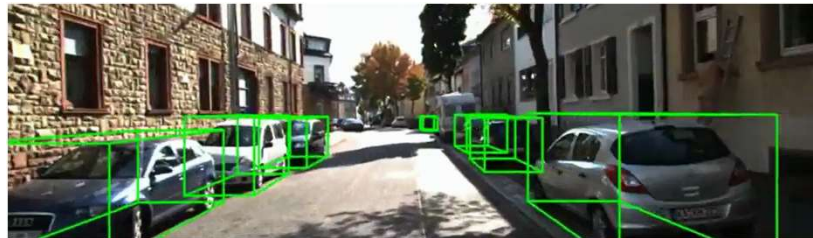
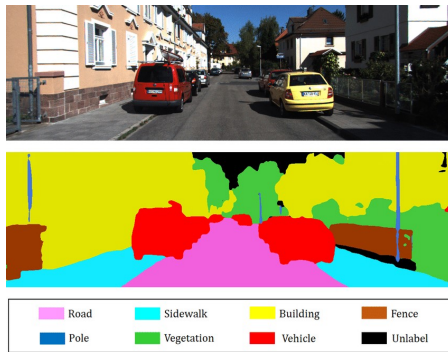


Image Processing

- image segmentation, image detection, 3D modeling from image...



Rendering ➡ CGI

- Programable Rendering Pipeline, Surface lighting, shading, and texturing, Shadow algorithms, Global illumination, and applications, e.g., scientific visualizations...

