

Computational Graphics: Lecture 7

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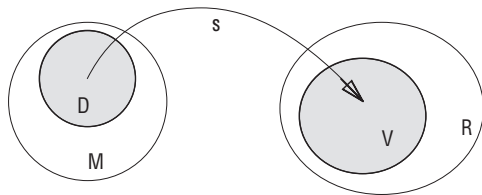
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Solid Modeling

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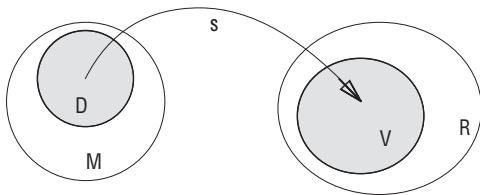
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Representation schemes

Most of such papers introduce or discuss one or more representation schemes ...

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and much more ...

Space decompositions

Join of pointsets

The **join** of two sets $P, Q \subset \mathbb{E}^n$ is the convex hull of their points:

$$PQ = \text{join}(P, Q) := \{\gamma p + \lambda q, p \in P, q \in Q\}$$
$$\gamma, \lambda \in \mathbb{R}, \gamma, \lambda \geq 0, \gamma + \lambda = 1$$

The join operation is **associative** and **commutative**.

Join of pointsets: examples

```
pts = [[0,0],[.5,0],[0,.5],[.5,.5],
        [1,.5],[1.5,.5],[1.5,1],[.25,1]]
```

```
P = AA(MK)(pts)
```

```
S = AA(JOIN)([P[0:4],P[4:7],P[7:]])
```

```
H = JOIN(S)
```

coords

0-polyhedra

array of d-polyhedra

2-polyhedron

```
VIEW(STRUCT(AA(SKELETON(1))(S)))
```

```
VIEW(H)
```

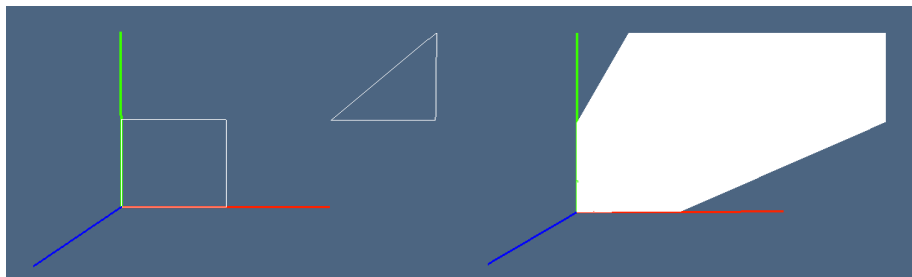


Figure: (a) 1-skeleton of pointsets in S ; (b) convex hull H of pointset P

Simplex

A **simplex** $\sigma \subset \mathbb{E}^n$ of order d , or d -simplex, is the **join** of $d + 1$ **affinely independent points**, called **vertices**.

The $n + 1$ points p_0, \dots, p_n are **affinely independent** when the n vectors $p_1 - p_0, \dots, p_n - p_0$ are **linearly independent**.

A **d -simplex** can be seen as a **d -dimensional triangle**: 0-simplex is a **point**, 1-simplex is a **segment**, 2-simplex is a **triangle**, 3-simplex is a **tetrahedron**, and so on.

Simplex: examples

```
s0,s1,s2,s3 = [SIMPLEX(d) for d in range(4)] # array of standard d-simplices
VIEW(s1); VIEW(s2); VIEW(s3);

points = [[1,1,1],[0,1,1],[1,0,0],[1,1,0]] # coords of 4 points
tetra = JOIN(AA(MK)(points)) # 3-simplex
VIEW(tetra)
```

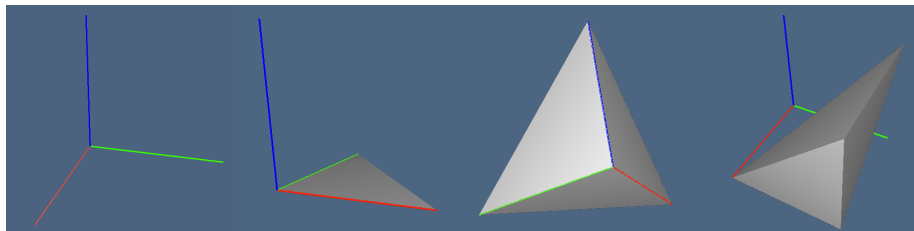


Figure: (a,b,c) 1-, 2-, and 3-standard simplex; (d) 3-simplex defined by 4 points

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Geometric carrier $|\Sigma|$ is the pointset union of simplices in Σ .

Simplicial complex: examples

```
from larcc import *
V,CV = larSimplexGrid([5,5,5])
FV = larSimplexFacets(CV)
EV = larSimplexFacets(FV)
VIEW(EXPLODE(1.5,1.5,1.5)(MKPOLs((V,CV))))
VIEW(EXPLODE(1.5,1.5,1.5)(MKPOLs((V,FV))))
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```

```
BV = [FV[t] for t in boundaryCells(CV,FV)]
VIEW(EXPLODE(1.5,1.5,1.5)(MKPOLs((V,BV))))
```

```
# import LAR library
# structured simplicial grid
# 2-simplicial grid
# 1-simplicial grid
```

```
# boundary 2-simplices
```

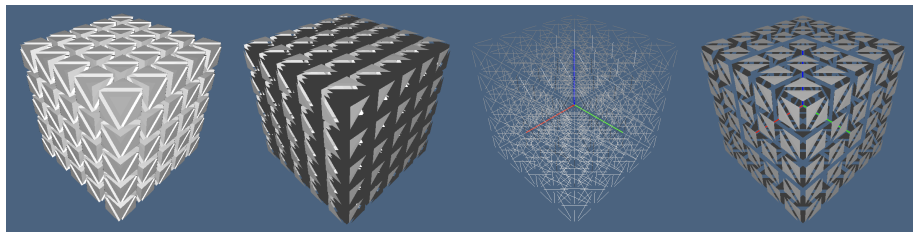


Figure: (a) 3-complex; (b) 2-subcomplex; (c) 1-subcomplex; (d) 2-boundary.

Simplicial complex: examples

(see Disk Point Picking)

```
from larcc import *; from random import random as rand
points = [[2*PI*rand(),rand()] for k in range(1000)]
V = [[SQRT(r)*COS(alpha),SQRT(r)*SIN(alpha)] for alpha,r in points]
cells = [[k+1] for k,v in enumerate(V)]
VIEW(MKPOL([V,cells,None]))

from scipy.spatial import Delaunay
FV = Delaunay(array(V)).vertices
VIEW(EXPLODE(1.2,1.2,1)(MKPOLS((V,FV))))
VIEW(SKELETON(1)(STRUCT(MKPOLS((V,FV)))))
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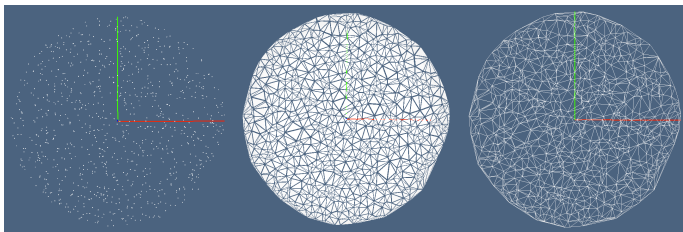


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```
from larcc import *; from random import random as rand
points = [[2*rand()-1,2*rand()-1,2*rand()-1] for k in range(30000)]
V = [p for p in points if VECTNORM(p) <= 1]
VIEW(STRUCT(MKPOLS((V,AA(LIST)(range(len(V)))))))
```

```
from scipy.spatial import Delaunay
CV = Delaunay(array(V)).vertices
def test(tetra): return AND([v[-1] < 0 for v in tetra])
CV = [cell for cell in CV if test([V[v] for v in cell])]
VIEW(STRUCT(MKPOLS((V,CV))))
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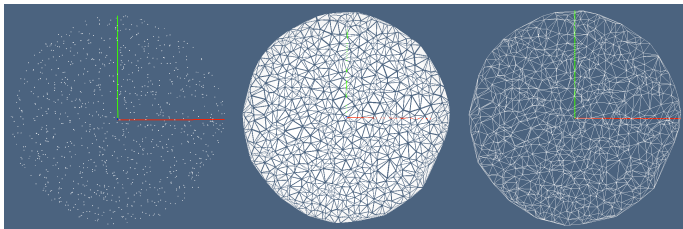


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- 3 In cuboidal complexes cells are cuboids, (in general, sets homeomorphic to) Cartesian products of intervals, i.e. d -polyedra with $2d$ facets and $2d$ vertices.

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- a hexahedron (3-cuboids) has $2^3 = 8$ vertices and 8 facets, etc.

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Simplicial mapping

Simplicial mapping: definition

Definition

A **simplicial map** is a map **between simplicial complexes** with the property that the images of the vertices of a simplex always span a simplex.

Remarks

Simplicial maps are **determined by their effects on vertices**
for a precise definition of **Simplicial Map** look at [Wolfram MathWorld](#)

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MAP examples: 1-sphere (S^1) and 2-disk (D^2)

```
def sphere1(p): return [COS(p[0]), SIN(p[0])] # point function
def domain(n): return INTERVALS(2*PI)(n)     # generator of domain decomp
VIEW( MAP(sphere1)(domain(32)) )              # geometric value (HPC type)

def disk2D(p):                                # point function
    u,v = p
    return [v*COS(u), v*SIN(u)]               # coordinate functions
domain2D = PROD([INTERVALS(2*PI)(32), INTERVALS(1)(3)]) # 2D domain decompos
VIEW( MAP(disk2D)(domain2D) )
VIEW( SKELETON(1)(MAP(disk2D)(domain2D)) )
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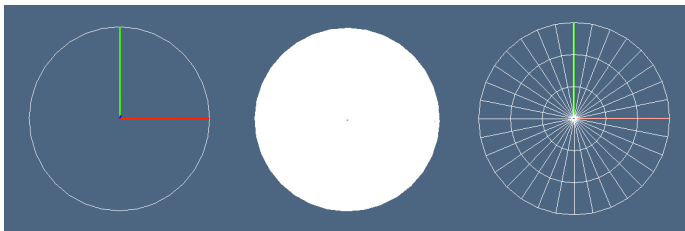


Figure: (a) sphere S^1 (b) disk D^2 ; (c) 1-skeleton.

LAR-CC library

download from github

```
$ git clone git@github.com:cvdlab/lar-cc.git
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In your python files:

```
import sys
""" import modules from lar-cc/lib """
sys.path.insert(0, 'lar-cc/lib/py/')
from simplexn import *
from larcc import *
from lar2psm import *
from largrid import *
```

LAR representation

Input of a simplicial complex (brc2csr)

From BRC (Binary Row Compressed) to CSR (Compressed Sparse Row)

- LAR model: (V,FV,EV)

```
V = [[0, 0], [1, 0], [2, 0], [0, 1], [1, 1], [2, 1]]
FV = [[0, 1, 3], [1, 2, 4], [1, 3, 4], [2, 4, 5]]
EV = [[0,1],[0,3],[1,2],[1,3],[1,4],[2,4],[2,5],[3,4],[4,5]]
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```
csrFV = csrCreate(FV)
csrEV = csrCreate(EV)
```

```
print "\ncsrCreate(FV) =\n", csrFV
print "\n>>> csr2DenseMatrix"
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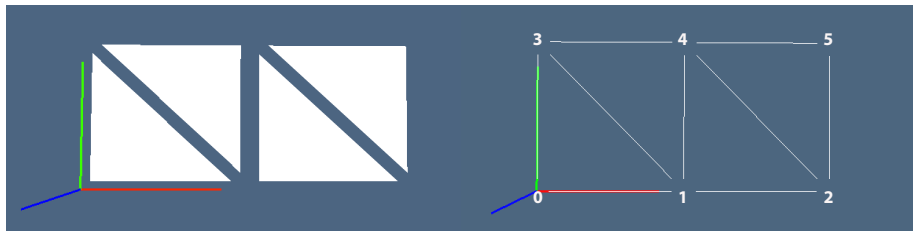
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```
csrCreate(FV) =
(0, 0)      1
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(0, 3)      1
(1, 1)      1
(1, 2)      1
(1, 4)      1
(2, 1)      1
(2, 3)      1
(2, 4)      1
(3, 2)      1
(3, 4)      1
(3, 5)      1
```

```
>>> csr2DenseMatrix
```

```
FV =
[[1 1 0 1 0 0]
 [0 1 1 0 1 0]
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```

```
EV =
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- Each of the $d + 1$ facets of σ^d , obtained by removing a vertex from σ^d , is a $(d - 1)$ -simplex.
- A simplex may be oriented in two different ways according to the permutation class of its vertices.
- The simplex **orientation** is so changed by either multiplying the simplex by -1 , or by executing an odd number of exchanges of its vertices.

Facet extraction from simplices

combinatorial approach

The **chain** of **oriented boundary facets** of σ^d , usually denoted as $\partial\sigma^d$, is **generated combinatorially** as follows:

$$\partial\sigma^d = \sum_{k=0}^d (-1)^k \langle v_0, \dots, v_{k-1}, v_{k+1}, \dots, v_d \rangle$$

Implementation

```
def larSimplexFacets(simplices):
    ''' To return the facets of a list of d-simplices '''
    out = []
    d = len(simplices[0])
    for simplex in simplices:
        out += [simplex[0:k]+simplex[k+1:d]
                for k in range(d)]
    out = sorted(out)
    return [facet for k, facet in enumerate(out[:-1])
            if out[k] != out[k+1]] + [out[-1]]
```

Test of implementation

```
>>>larSimplexFacets([[0]])  
[[]]  
>>>larSimplexFacets([[0,1]])  
[[0],[1]]  
>>>larSimplexFacets([[0,1,2,]])  
[[0,1],[0,2],[1,2]]  
>>>larSimplexFacets([[0,1,2,3]])  
[[0,1,2],[0,1,3],[0,2,3],[1,2,3]]  
>>>larSimplexFacets([[0,1,2,3,4]])  
[[0,1,2,3],[0,1,2,4],[0,1,3,4],[0,2,3,4],[1,2,3,4]]
```

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[[0,1,2],[0,1,3],[0,2,3],[1,2,3]]  
>>>larSimplexFacets([[0,1,2,3,4]])  
[[0,1,2,3],[0,1,2,4],[0,1,3,4],[0,2,3,4],[1,2,3,4]]
```

are such facets **oriented**?

Examples of facet extraction from 3D simplicial cube

```
V,CV = larSimplexGrid([1,1,1])  
  
VIEW(EXPLODE(1.5,1.5,1.5)(MKPOL((V,CV))))  
SK2 = (V,larSimplexFacets(CV))  
VIEW(EXPLODE(1.5,1.5,1.5)(MKPOL(SK2)))  
SK1 = (V,larSimplexFacets(SK2[1]))  
VIEW(EXPLODE(1.5,1.5,1.5)(MKPOL(SK1)))
```

look also at

```
V,CV = larSimplexGrid([5,5,2])
```

Assignment

Change the `larSimplexFacets` so that the extracted facets are **coherently oriented**

Boundary computation

From cells and facets to boundary operator

```
def boundary(cells, facets):  
    csrCV = csrCreate(cells)  
    csrFV = csrCreate(facets)  
    csrFC = matrixProduct(csrFV, csrTranspose(csrCV))  
    facetLengths = [csrCell.getnnz() for csrCell in csrCV]  
    return csrBoundaryFilter(csrFC, facetLengths)  
  
def coboundary(cells, facets):  
    Boundary = boundary(cells, facets)  
    return csrTranspose(Boundary)
```

Oriented boundary example

```

V,CV = larSimplexGrid([4,4,4])
VIEW(EXPLODE(1.5,1.5,1.5)(MKPOLs((V,CV))))

FV = larSimplexFacets(CV)
EV = larSimplexFacets(FV)
VIEW(EXPLODE(1.5,1.5,1.5)(MKPOLs((V,FV))))

csrSignedBoundaryMat = signedBoundary (V,CV,FV)
boundaryCells_2 = signedBoundaryCells(V,CV,FV)
def swap(l): return [l[1],l[0],l[2]]
boundaryFV = [FV[-k] if k<0 else swap(FV[k]) for k in boundaryCells_2]
boundary = (V,boundaryFV)
VIEW(EXPLODE(1.5,1.5,1.5)(MKPOLs(boundary)))

```

Oriented boundary example

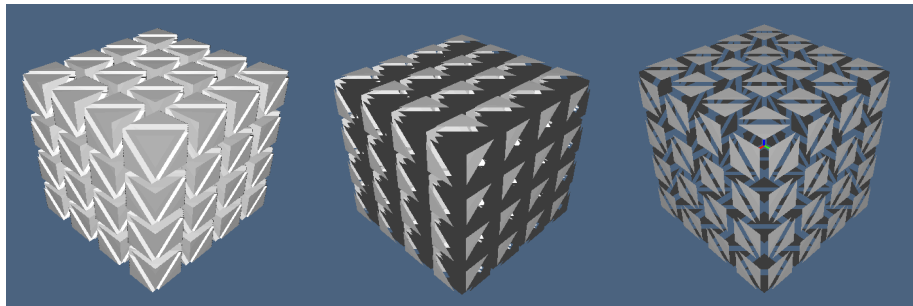


Figure: Simplicial complexes: (a) 3-complex S_3 ; (b) 2-complex $S_2 = K_2(S_3)$; (c) 2-complex $T_2 = \partial S_3 \subset S_2$

Extrusion

Simplicial extrusion

Computation

Figure 1: Extrusion of (a) a point; (b) a straight line segment; (c) a triangle.

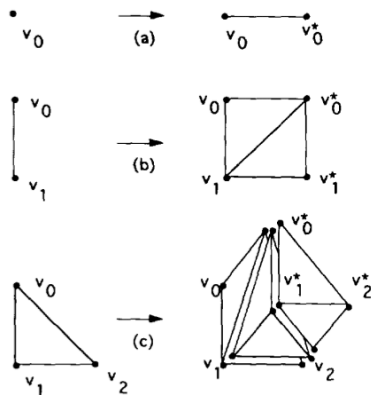


Figure: example caption

Simplicial extrusion

Computation

Let us concentrate on the generation of the simplex chain γ^{d+1} of dimension $d + 1$ produced by combinatorial extrusion of a single simplex

$$\sigma^d = \langle v_0, v_1, \dots, v_d \rangle.$$

Then we have, with $|\gamma^{d+1}| = \sigma^d \times I$, and $I = [0, 1]$:

$$\gamma^{d+1} = \sum_{k=0}^d (-1)^{kd} \langle v_k, \dots, v_d, v_0^*, \dots, v_k^* \rangle$$

with $v_k \in \sigma^d \times \{0\}$ and $v_k^* \in \sigma^d \times \{1\}$, and where the term $(-1)^{kd}$ is used to generate a chain of coherently-oriented extruded simplices.

Example of simplicial complex extrusion

```
V = [[0,0],[1,0],[2,0],[0,1],[1,1],[2,1],[0,2],[1,2],[2,2]]
FV = [[0,1,3],[1,2,4],[2,4,5],[3,4,6],[4,6,7],[5,7,8]]
model = larExtrude((V,FV),4*[1,2,-3])
VIEW(EXPLODE(1,1,1.2)(MKPOLS(model)))
```

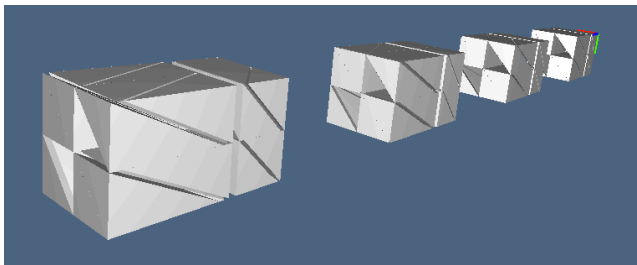


Figure: A simplicial complex providing a quite complex 3D assembly of tetrahedra.

Multidimensional simplicial grids

The generation of simplicial grids of any dimension and shape is amazingly simple

The input parameter `shape` is either a tuple or a list of integers used to specify the `shape` of the created array

```
VOID = V0,CV0 = [[]],[[0]]           # the empty simplicial model
```

```
def larSimplexGrid(shape):
    model = VOID
    for item in shape:
        model = larExtrude(model,item*[1])
    return model
```

The returned `model` has integer vertices, to be scaled and/or translated and/or mapped

Cartesian product of complexes

Cartesian product of two LAR models

```
def larModelProduct(twoModels):  
    (V, cells1), (W, cells2) = twoModels  
    @< Cartesian product of vertices @>  
    @< Topological product of cells @>  
    model = [list(v) for v in vertices.keys()], cells  
    return model
```

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Cartesian product of vertices

```
vertices = collections.OrderedDict(); k = 0
for v in V:
    for w in W:
        id = tuple(v+w)
        if not vertices.has_key(id):
            vertices[id] = k
            k += 1 @}
```

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```

Topological product of cells

```
cells = [ [vertices[tuple(V[v] + W[w])]] for v in c1 for w in c2]
        for c1 in cells1 for c2 in cells2] @}
```

Cuboidal grids

```
VIEW(EXPLODE(1.5,1.5,1.5)(MKPOLS(larCuboids([3,2,1],True))))
```

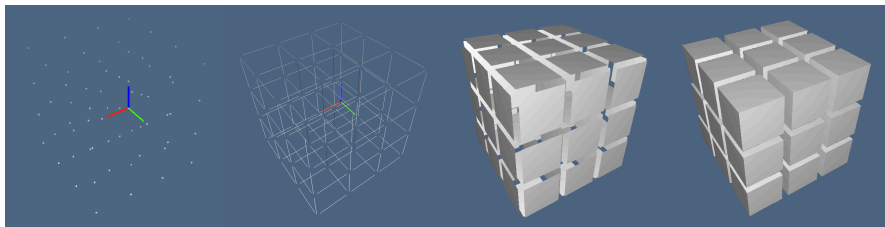


Figure: Exploded views of 0-, 1-, 2-, and 3-dimensional skeletons.

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```

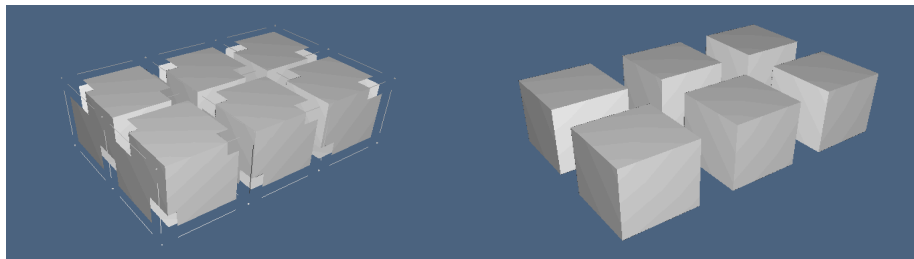


Figure: Exploded views of 0-, 1-, 2-, and 3-dimensional skeletons.

Skeletons

Cuboidal skeletons

A list of BRC characteristic matrices of cellular k -complexes ($0 \leq k \leq d$) with dimension d , where $d = \text{len}(\text{shape})$, is returned by the function `gridSkeletons` in the macro below, where the input is given by the `shape` of the grid, i.e. by the list of cell items in each coordinate direction.

```
def gridSkeletons(shape):  
    gridMap = larGridSkeleton(shape)  
    skeletonIds = range(len(shape)+1)  
    skeletons = [ gridMap[id] for id in skeletonIds ]  
    return skeletons
```


Cuboidal skeletons

Just notice that the number of returned d -cells is equal to $\text{PROD}(\text{shape})$

```
print "\ngridSkeletons([3]) =\n", gridSkeletons([3])
print "\ngridSkeletons([3,2]) =\n", gridSkeletons([3,2])
print "\ngridSkeletons([3,2,1]) =\n", gridSkeletons([3,2,1])
```

Generation of grid boundary complex

```
def gridBoundaryMatrices(shape):
    skeletons = gridSkeletons(shape)
    boundaryMatrices = [boundary(skeletons[k+1], faces)
                        for k, faces in enumerate(skeletons[:-1])]
    return boundaryMatrices

for k in range(1):
    print "\ngridBoundaryMatrices([3]) =\n", \
          csr2DenseMatrix(gridBoundaryMatrices([3])[k])
for k in range(2):
    print "\ngridBoundaryMatrices([3,2]) =\n", \
          csr2DenseMatrix(gridBoundaryMatrices([3,2])[k])
for k in range(3):
    print "\ngridBoundaryMatrices([3,2,1]) =\n", \
          csr2DenseMatrix(gridBoundaryMatrices([3,2,1])[k])
```

References

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