Efficient Collision Detection Using Bounding Volume Hierarchies of k-DOPs

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Introduction

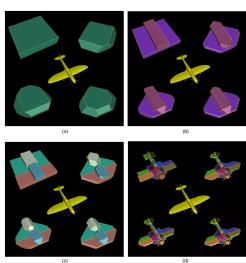
- Collision detection is of paramount importance for many applications in computer graphics and visualization.
- In this paper, author develop and analyze a method, based on bounding-volumn hierarchies, for efficient collision detection for objects moving within highly complex environments.
- Previous work
 - Octrees, k-d trees, BSP trees, and so on.
 - RAPID (Robust and Accurate Polygon Interference Detection) system based on OBBTrees.

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BV-Tree

- BVT(S): a BV-tree specifies a bounding volumn hierarchy on S.
- Set S: a set of n geometry triangles in 3D that specify the boundary of polygonal models.
- Each node v of BVT(S) corresponds to a subset, $S_v \subseteq S$.
- $b(S_v)$: a bounding volume, associated with node v of BST(S), is an approximation to the set S_v using a smallest instance of specified class of shapes.

BV-tree



Design Criteria

$$T = N_{v} \times C_{v} + N_{p} \times C_{p} + N_{u} \times C_{u}$$

- T: total cost function for collision detection.
- N_{ν} : number of pairs of bounding volumes tested for overlap.
- C_v : cost of testing a pair of bounding volumes for overlap.
- N_p : number of pairs of primitives tested for contact.
- C_p : cost of testing a pair of primitives for contact.
- N_u : number of nodes of the flying hierarchy must be updated.
- C_u : cost of updating such node.



k-DOP

- k-dop: k-discrete orientation polytope is a convex polytope whose facets are determined by k fixed orientations.
- 6-dop(AABB), 14-dop, 18-dop, 26-dop

	Sphere	AABB	OBB
N_i	big	median	small
C_{ν}	O(1)	O(k)	$O(\log^2 n)$
C_u	O(1)	$O(k^2)$	O(1)

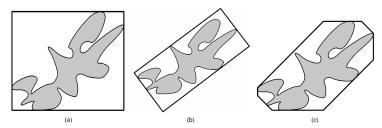


Fig. 1. Approximations of an object by three bounding volumes: an axis-aligned bounding box (AABB), an oriented bounding box (OBB), and a k-dop (where k = 8).

Splitting Rule

- Choice of Axis
 - Min Sum: $O(k|S_v|) + O(k\log k)$
 - Min Max: $O(k|S_v|) + O(k\log k)$
 - Splatter: $O(|S_v|)$
 - Longest Side: O(1)
- Choice of Split Point
 - median: more balanced.
 - mean: less total volume while not harming the balance of the tree severely.

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Collision Detection Using BV-Trees

- The method of updating the k-dops.
- The algorithm for comparing two BV-trees to determine if there is a collision.
- The depth of the hierarchy.
- The order in testing two k-dops for interection.

Updating the BV-Trees

- Hill climbing algorithm
 - Store the boundary representation of convex hull of S_v .
 - $O(k^2)$
- Approximation method
 - store the boundary vertices of the k-dop $b(S_v)$.
 - $O(k \log k)$

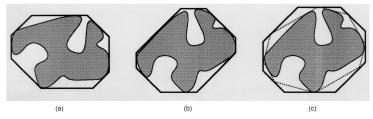


Fig. 2. Illustration of the approximation method of handling a rotating object.

Tree Traversal Algorithm

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Algorithm TraverseTrees(v_F, v_F)
Input: A node v_E of the flying hierarchy, a node v_E of the
environment hierarchy
1. if b(v_E) \cap b(v_E) \neq \emptyset then
     if v_E is a leaf then
3.
       if v_F is a leaf then
4.
         for each triangle t_E of S_{v_a}
5.
           for each triangle t_F of S_{v_F}
6.
             check test triangles t_F and t_F for intersection
       else
8.
         for each child v_f of v_F
           TraverseTrees(v_f, v_E)
10.
     else
11.
       for each child v_e of v_F
12.
         TraverseTrees(v_F, v_e)
13. return
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Algorithm 1: Pseudocode of the tree traversal algorithm.

Depth of the Flying Hierarchy

Overlap and Intersection Test

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Experiment for different k

TABLE 2 AVERAGE CD TIME (IN MS), USING OUR "SPLATTER" SPLITTING RULE

Pipes 747 Torus Swept Interior Env Size 143 690 98 114 100,000 40 000 169 944 (no tri) Object Size 143,690 20,000 14,646 36 404 (no. tri.) No. of 2 000 2 000 1 000 2 528 Steps No of 2,657 1,472 7,906 84,931 Contacts Hier Method (ms per check) 0.294 0.582 6-dop 0.487 1.639 4.375 14-dop 0.392 0.191 0.760 0.153 0.356 2.754 18-dop 0.366 0.184 0.109 0.525 0.210 0.415 RAPID 0.934 0.242 0.494 4.375

TABLE 1 AVERAGE COSTS OF C_v AND C_u (IN MS), FOR DIFFERENT CHOICES OF k

	6-dop	14-dop	18-dop	26-dop
C_{V}	0.0008	0.0016	0.0020	0.0028
C _u	0.0045	0.0174	0.0235	0.0509

Experiment for preprocessing time

TABLE 3
PREPROCESSING TIME (IN MINUTES),
USING OUR 18-DOP METHOD

Construction Method	Pipes	Torus	747	Swept	Interior
Longest Side	3.61	1.61	1.69	0.31	5.78
Min Sum	26.75	19.12	20.98	7.17	31.03
Min Max	28.03	19.16	20.87	7.19	31.13
Splatter	3.63	1.62	1.71	0.32	5.71
RAPID	1.05	0.69	0.71	0.26	1.31

Experiment for dividing method

TABLE 4
AVERAGE CD TIME (IN MS), USING OUR 18-DOP METHOD,
DIVIDING AT THE MEAN

Construction Method	Pipes	Torus	747	Swept	Interior
Longest Side	0.384	0.192	0.366	0.111	3.036
Min Sum	0.356	0.185	0.330	0.108	2.667
Min Max	0.391	0.191	0.439	0.111	2.783
Splatter	0.366	0.184	0.356	0.109	2.754

TABLE 5
AVERAGE CD TIME (IN MS), USING OUR 18-DOP METHOD,
DIVIDING AT THE MEDIAN

Construction Method	Pipes	Torus	747	Swept	Interior
Longest Side	0.476	0.193	0.412	0.116	3.164
Min Sum	0.450	0.192	0.359	0.111	2.822
Min Max	0.530	0.196	0.450	0.114	3.080
Splatter	0.481	0.194	0.396	0.113	2.774

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Conclusion

- Proposed a method for efficient collision detection among polygonal models, based on a bounding volumes hierarchy (BV-tree) whose bounding volumes are k-dops.
- Future work
 - Multiple flying objects.
 - Server and client system.