

Map for Mobile Robots

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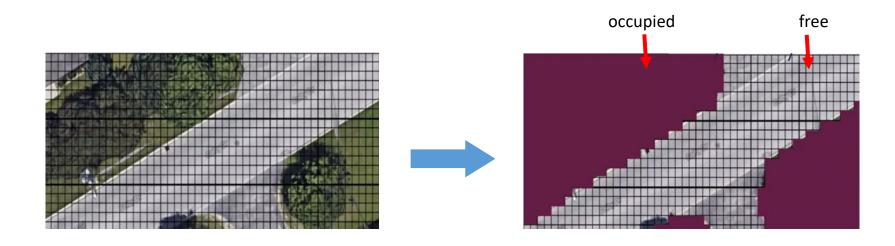


- Occupancy Grid Map
- Euclidean Signed Distance Field

Occupancy Grid Map^[1]

S Gird Map

- In trajectory planning, we need to know which places are obstacles and which places are passable. Grid map is a widely used method.
- By dividing the map into grids, each grid is filled with binary values (0 or 1, 0 means free; 1 means occupied) according to whether it is an obstacle or not.





- In practice, the sensor measurement data is noisy and uncertain.
- The basic idea of the occupancy grid is to represent a map of the environment as an evenly spaced field of binary random variables each representing the presence of an obstacle at that location in the environment.



 Based on existing observations of a grid, occupancy grid algorithms compute approximate posterior estimates for these random variables.

Notation Definition

 $p(m_i = 1) \rightarrow p(m_i)$ $p(m_i = 0) \rightarrow p(\overline{m_i})$

For a grid m_i in occupancy grid map,

- the probability of the grid state being occupied: $p(m_i=1)$, called $p(m_i)$,
- the probability of the grid state being free : $p(m_i=0)$, called $p(\overline{m_i})$, note that $p(m_i)=1-p(\overline{m_i})$.

For observations **z**,

• the observation that we get at the t-th time is denoted as z_t .

Calculate the posterior probability of the grid state based on existing observations



Calculate $p(m_i|z_{1:t})$ and $p(\overline{m_i}|z_{1:t})$

♦ Bayesian Filter

• The probability of the grid state being occupied

Bayes Formula:
$$p(A|B) = \frac{p(B|A)p(A)}{p(B)}$$

$$p(m_i|z_{1:t}) = \frac{p(z_t|z_{1:t-1}, m_i)p(m_i|z_{1:t-1})}{p(z_t|z_{1:t-1})}$$

Expansion based on Bayes Formula

 $z_1, z_2, z_3, ..., z_{t-1}, z_t$, can also be written as: $z_{1:t-1}, z_t$

$$p(m_i|z_t) = \frac{p(z_t|m_i)p(m_i)}{p(z_t)}$$

Bayesian Filter

The probability of the grid state being occupied

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$$= \frac{p(z_t|m_i)p(m_i|z_{1:t-1})}{p(z_t|z_{1:t-1})}$$

$$= \frac{p(m_i|z_t)p(z_t)}{p(m_i)} \frac{p(m_i|z_{1:t-1})}{p(z_t|z_{1:t-1})}$$

Bayes Formula: $p(A|B) = \frac{p(B|A)p(A)}{p(B)}$

We then make the Markov assumption: $p(z_t|z_{1:t-1},m_i)=p(z_t|m_i)$

Expansion based on Bayes Formula



♦ Bayesian Filter

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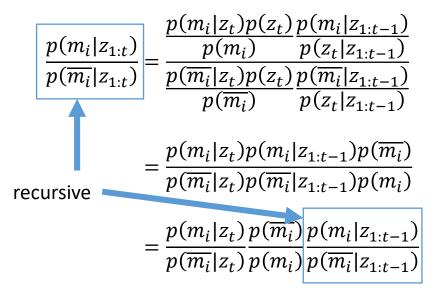
update rule

• Based on the above, we can obtain the probability of the grid state being free

$$p(\overline{m_i}|z_{1:t}) = \frac{p(\overline{m_i}|z_t)p(z_t)}{p(\overline{m_i})} \frac{p(\overline{m_i}|z_{1:t-1})}{p(z_t|z_{1:t-1})}$$

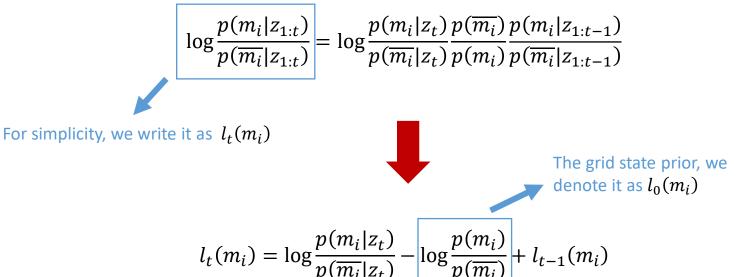


Divide Two Update Rules





♦ Use log Function



♦ Recursive Update

• The equation the grid m_i 's state updated recursively from observations z are

$$l_t(m_i) = \log \frac{p(m_i|z_t)}{p(\overline{m_i}|z_t)} - l_0(m_i) + l_{t-1}(m_i)$$

where

 $p(z_t|m_i)$ is sensor model,

 $p(m_i|z_t)$ is inverse sensor model.



◆ Inverse Sensor Model

- Inverse sensor model specifies a distribution over the (binary) state variable as a function of the measurement z_t .
- Expansion based on Bayes Formula

$$\begin{cases} p(m_i|z_t) = \frac{p(z_t|m_i)p(m_i)}{p(z_t)} \\ p(\overline{m_i}|z_t) = \frac{p(z_t|\overline{m_i})p(\overline{m_i})}{p(z_t)} \end{cases}$$



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♦ Recursive Update

- Substitute the formula on the previous page into the incremental term of the recursive update formula,
- recursive update formula : $l_t(m_i) = \log \frac{p(m_i|z_t)}{p(\overline{m_i}|z_t)} l_0(m_i) + l_{t-1}(m_i)$
- We can get

$$\log \frac{p(m_i|z_t)}{p(\overline{m_i}|z_t)} = \log \frac{\frac{p(z_t|m_i)p(m_i)}{p(z_t)}}{\frac{p(z_t|\overline{m_i})p(\overline{m_i})}{p(z_t)}} = \log \frac{p(z_t|m_i)p(m_i)}{p(z_t|\overline{m_i})p(\overline{m_i})} = \log \frac{p(z_t|m_i)p(m_i)}{p(z_t|\overline{m_i})} + \log \frac{p(m_i)}{p(\overline{m_i})}$$

The grid state prior, we denote as $l_0(m_i)$

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$$\log \frac{p(m_i|z_t)}{p(\overline{m_i}|z_t)} = \log \frac{p(z_t|m_i)}{p(z_t|\overline{m_i})} + l_0(m_i)$$

sensor model

• New recursive update formula:

$$l_t(m_i) = \log \frac{p(z_t|m_i)}{p(z_t|\overline{m_i})} + l_{t-1}(m_i)$$

♦ Recursive Update

Recall the previous notion definition:

- The probability of the grid state being occupied: $p(m_i = 1)$, called $p(m_i)$
- The probability of the grid state being free : $p(m_i = 0)$, called $p(\overline{m_i})$

SO

$$\frac{p(z_t|m_i)}{p(z_t|\overline{m_i})} = \frac{p(z_t|m_i=1)}{p(z_t|m_i=0)}$$

♦ Recursive Update

• $\frac{p(z_t|m_i=1)}{p(z_t|m_i=0)}$ only has two cases based on the observation.

the grid is observed as free:
$$\log\left(\frac{p(z_t=0|m_i=1)}{p(z_t=0|m_i=0)}\right)$$
the grid is observed as occupancy:
$$\log\left(\frac{p(z_t=0|m_i=1)}{p(z_t=1|m_i=1)}\right)$$

We assume that there will be no change in the sensor model during mapping, so the above
two terms are fixed values. After the above derivation, updating the state of a grid only
requires simple addition and subtraction according to the following recursive formula

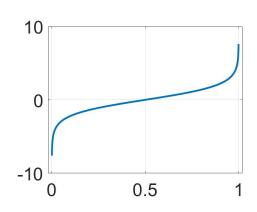
$$l_t(m_i) = \log \frac{p(z_t|m_i)}{p(z_t|\overline{m_i})} + l_{t-1}(m_i)$$

Supplementary Knowledge

• Recall the definition of $l_t(m_i)$

$$l_t(m_i) = \log \frac{p(m_i|z_{1:t})}{p(\overline{m_i}|z_{1:t})} = \log \frac{p(m_i|z_{1:t})}{1 - p(m_i|z_{1:t})}$$

• We analysis the function

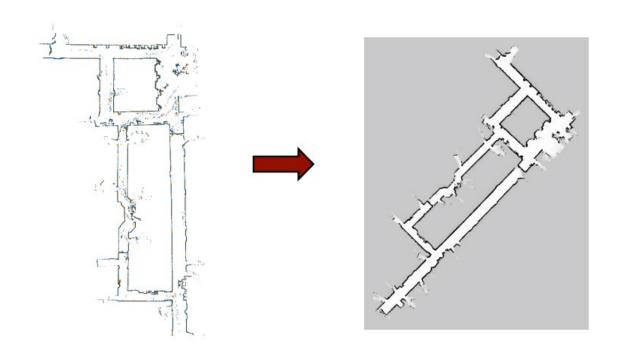


$$f(x) = \log \frac{x}{1 - x}$$

f(x) can map the independent variable from (0,1) monotonically to $(-\infty, +\infty)$ of the range.

- Occupancy grid map divides the map into separate grids.
- Inside each grid is a binary random variable to estimate whether the grid is occupied or free.
- Each grid is a binary Bayesian filter.
- This method can be easily used in the mapping of sensors with known sensor posture but noisy observation data.
- The log function is introduced to update the grid state, which only needs addition and subtraction calculation.

♦ 2D-Lidar



Map noise is reduced obviously



The map, which was incorrect due to the noise of the original observation data, was updated to the correct state after multiple observations.

Depth Camera

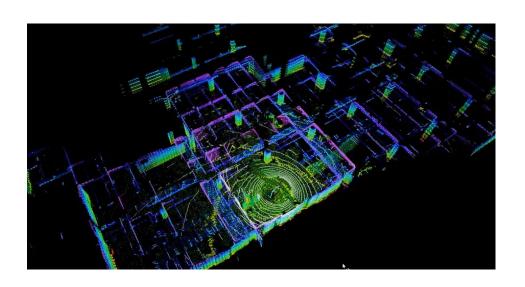
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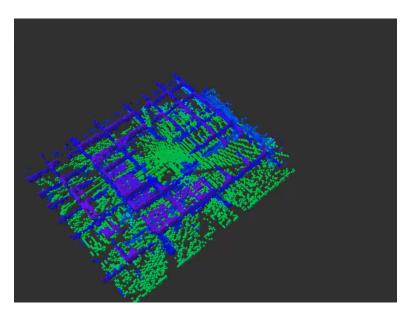
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♦ 3D-Lidar





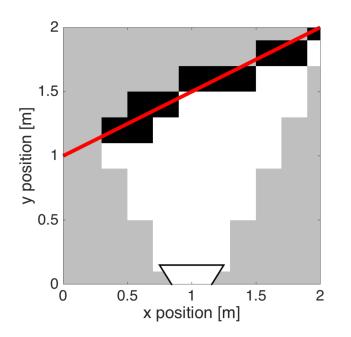
scorll occupancy grid map

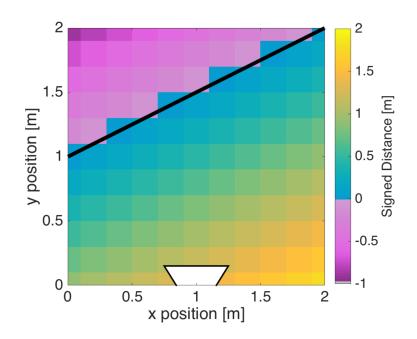
3D-Lidar SLAM

Euclidean Signed Distance Field[1]



♦ Map Comparison



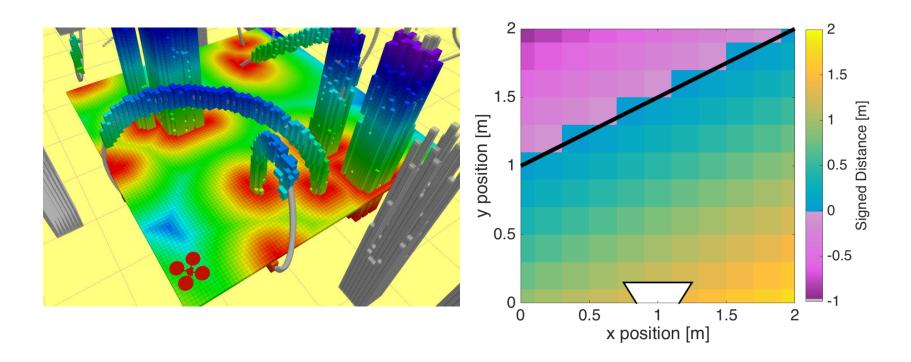


Left: Occupancy representation, where each cell is either labelled as occupied or free.

Right: ESDF, which represents the Euclidean distance to the surface at each cell.

S ESDF

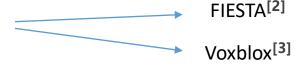
 Euclidean Signed Distance Field is a grid map that stores the distance to the nearest obstacle in each grid.





♦ Classic Frameworks

ESDF incremental update from TSDF



 ESDF generation in batch from grid map ——> The Chapter 2 of Distance Transforms of Sampled Functions^[4]

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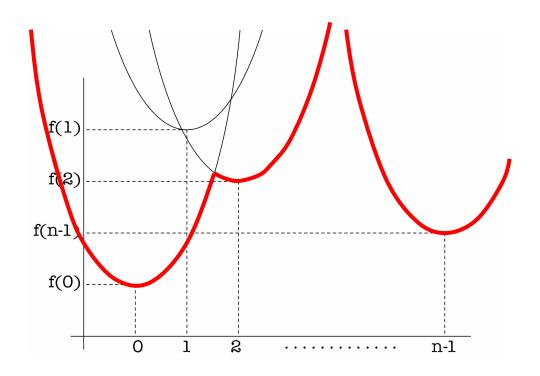
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♦ Generation in Batch

The basic idea:

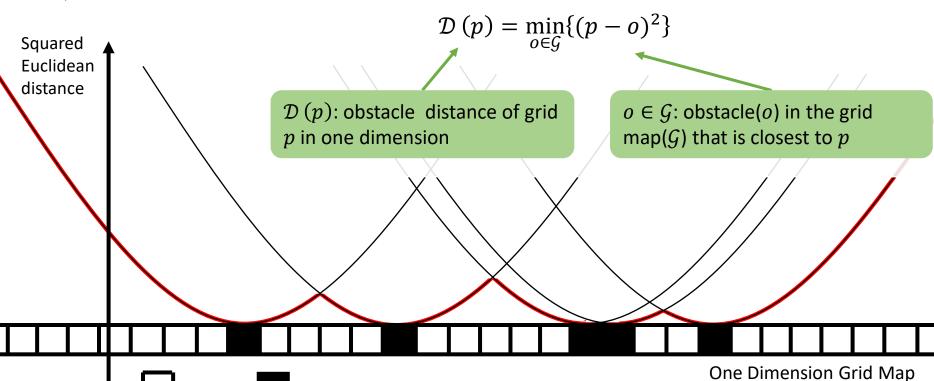




♦ One Dimension Case

Free

Occupied





 $q \in \mathcal{G}$: grid(q) in the grid map (\mathcal{G})

♦ General Form

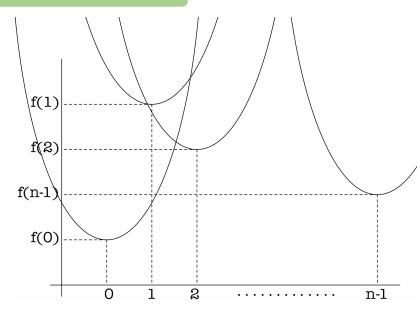
$$\mathcal{D}(p) = \min_{q \in \mathcal{G}} \{ (p - q)^2 + f(q) \}$$

 $\mathcal{D}(p)$: distance value of grid p

f(q): sampled function of q

- Note that any two parabolas defining the distance transform intersect at exactly one point
- Simple algebra yields the horizontal position of the intersection between the parabola coming from grid position q and the one from p as

$$s = \frac{(p^2 + f(p)) - (q^2 + f(q))}{2(p - q)}$$





General Form

 $2. \quad v[0] \leftarrow 0$ 3. $z[0] \leftarrow -\infty$

4. $z[1] \leftarrow +\infty$ 5. **for** q = 1 **to** n - 1

1. $k \leftarrow 0$

Algorithm DT(f)

 $s \leftarrow ((f(q) + q^2) - (f(v[k]) + v[k]^2))/(2q - 2v[k])$ if $s \leq z[k]$

then $k \leftarrow k-1$ 9. goto 6

else $k \leftarrow k+1$ 10. $v[k] \leftarrow q$ 11. 12.

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14. $k \leftarrow 0$

15. **for** q = 0 **to** n - 1

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while z[k+1] < q16. $k \leftarrow k + 1$ 17.

 $\mathcal{D}_f(q) \leftarrow (q - v[k])^2 + f(v[k])$

Algorithm 1: The distance transform algorithm for the squared Euclidean distance in

(* Fill in values of distance transform *)

(* Index of rightmost parabola in lower envelope *)

(* Locations of parabolas in lower envelope *)

(* Compute lower envelope *)

(* Locations of boundaries between parabolas *)

 $z[k] \leftarrow s$

 $z[k+1] \leftarrow +\infty$

one-dimension.



Arbitrary Dimensions

• The two dimensional distance transform under the squared Euclidean distance is given by

$$\mathcal{D}_f(x,y) = \min_{x',y'} \{ (x - x')^2 + (y - y')^2 + f(x',y') \}$$

• The first term does not depend on y' so we can rewrite this equation as

$$\mathcal{D}_{f}(x,y) = \min_{x'} \{ (x - x')^{2} \} + \min_{x',y'} \{ (y - y')^{2} + f(x',y') \}$$
$$= \min_{x'} \{ (x - x')^{2} + \mathcal{D}_{f|x'}(x',y) \}$$



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One Dimension Case



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$$\mathcal{D}_{f}(x,y) = \min_{x'} \{(x-x')^{2}\} + \min_{x',y'} \{(y-y')^{2} + f(x',y')\}$$
$$= \min_{x'} \{(x-x')^{2} + \mathcal{D}_{f|x'}(x',y)\}$$

Arbitrary Dimensions

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 $\mathcal{D}(x) = \min_{x'} \{ (x - x')^2 + f(x') \}$

$$(x) = m$$

One Dimension Case

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Arbitrary Dimensions

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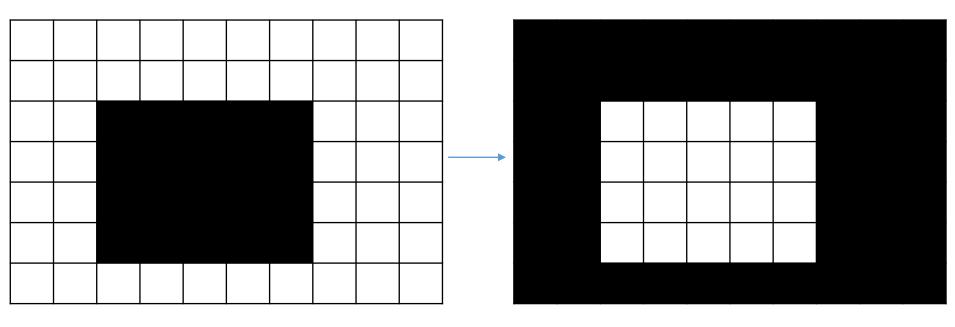
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One Dimension Case

 $\mathcal{D}(x) = \min_{x'} \{ (x - x')^2 + f(x') \}$



♦ Signed





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Eigen::Vector3i max_esdf = md_.local_bound_max_;

min esdf[0], max_esdf[0], 0);

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for (int x = min \ esdf[0]; x \leftarrow max \ esdf[0]; x++) {
           for (int y = min \ esdf[1]; \ y \leftarrow max \ esdf[1]; \ y++) 
             fillESDF(
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                  [&](int z) {
                   return md .occupancy buffer inflate [toAddress(x, y, z)] == 1 ?
                       std::numeric limits<double>::max();
                 [&](int z, double val) { md .tmp buffer1 [toAddress(x, y, z)] = val; }, min esdf[2],
                  max esdf[2], 2);
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           for (int z = min \ esdf[2]; z \leftarrow max \ esdf[2]; z++)
            fillESDF([&](int y) { return md .tmp buffer1 [toAddress(x, y, z)]; },
                      [&](int y, double val) { md_.tmp_buffer2_[toAddress(x, y, z)] = val; }, min_esdf[1],
                       max esdf[1], 1);
         for (int y = min \ esdf[1]; \ y \leftarrow max \ esdf[1]; \ y++) {
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           for (int z = min \ esdf[2]; z \leftarrow max \ esdf[2]; z++)
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            fillESDF([&](int x) { return md_.tmp_buffer2_[toAddress(x, y, z)]; },
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for (int y = min \ esdf(1); y \leftarrow max \ esdf(1); ++y)
             for (int z = min_esdf(2); z \leftarrow max_esdf(2); ++z) {
               int idx = toAddress(x, y, z);
               if (md_.occupancy_buffer_inflate_[idx] == 0) {
                 md .occupancy buffer neg[idx] = 1;
               } else if (md .occupancy buffer inflate [idx] == 1) {
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                 md .occupancy buffer neg[idx] = 0;
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                 ROS ERROR("what?");
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         for (int x = min \ esdf[0]; x \leftarrow max \ esdf[0]; x++) {
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           for (int y = min \ esdf[1]; y \leftarrow max \ esdf[1]; y++) {
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                 [&](int z) {
                   return md .occupancy buffer neg[x * mp .map voxel num (1) * mp .map voxel num (2) +
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                      max esdf[1], 1);
        for (int y = min \ esdf[1]; \ y \leftarrow max \ esdf[1]; \ y++) 
           for (int z = min \ esdf[2]; z \leftarrow max \ esdf[2]; z++) {
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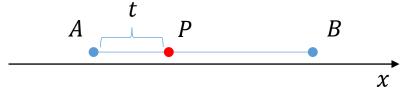
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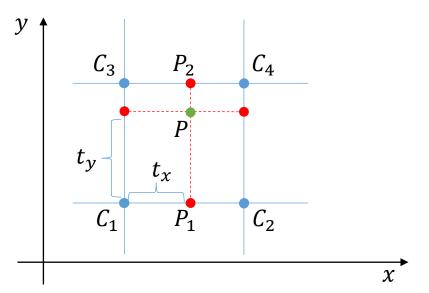
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◆ Linear Interpolation



♦ Bilinear Interpolation



$$||AB||_2 = 1 \text{ and } t \in [0,1]$$

$$P = A + (B - A)t = A(1 - t) + B$$
Denote as $L(A, B, t)$

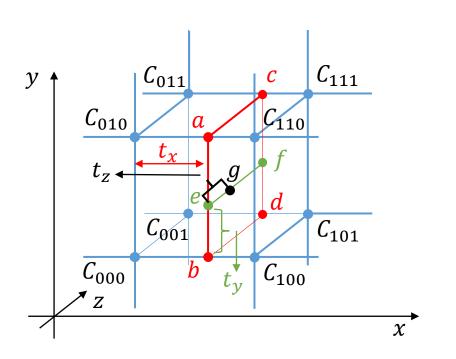
$$P_1 = L(C_1, C_2, t_x)$$

$$P_2 = L(C_3, C_4, t_x)$$

$$P = L(P_1, P_2, t_y)$$



◆ Trilinear Interpolation



$$a = L(C_{010}, C_{110}, t_x)$$

$$b = L(C_{000}, C_{100}, t_x)$$

$$c = L(C_{011}, C_{111}, t_x)$$

$$d = L(C_{001}, C_{101}, t_x)$$

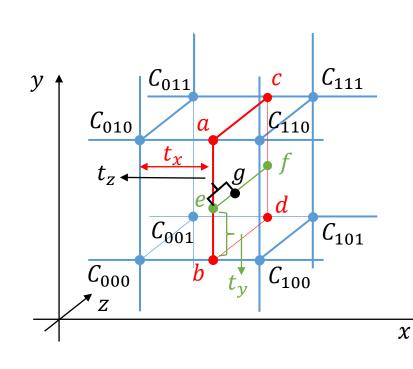
$$e = L(b, a, t_y)$$

$$f = L(d, c, t_y)$$

$$g = L(e, f, t_z)$$



♦ Gradient



$$grad_{z} = \frac{f - e}{\Delta}$$

$$grad_{y}(e) = \frac{a - b}{\Delta}, grad_{y}(f) = \frac{c - d}{\Delta}$$

$$grad_{y}(g) = L(grad_{y}(e), grad_{y}(f), t_{z})$$

$$grad_{x}(a) = \frac{C_{110} - C_{010}}{\Delta}, grad_{x}(b) = \frac{C_{100} - C_{000}}{\Delta}$$

$$grad_{x}(c) = \frac{C_{111} - C_{011}}{\Delta}, grad_{x}(d) = \frac{C_{101} - C_{001}}{\Delta}$$

$$grad_{x}(e) = L(grad_{x}(b), grad_{x}(a), t_{y})$$

$$grad_{x}(f) = L(grad_{x}(d), grad_{x}(c), t_{y})$$

 $grad_{r}(g) = L(grad_{r}(e), grad_{r}(f), t_{z})$

Thanks for Listening