

# Barycentric Coordinates

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**Welcome** to the **Barycentric Coordinates** homepage! This website follows our minisymposia given at the 10th SIAM Conference on Geometric Design & Computing and the 2011 SIAM Conference on Geometric & Physical Modeling. It provides links to online resources, including slides and papers.

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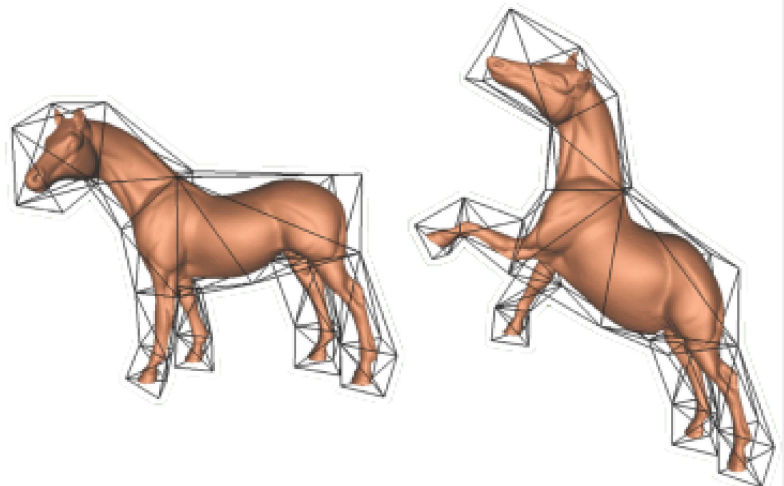
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## Slides

### Minisymposium on **Barycentric Coordinates and Transfinite Interpolation**

Lecture 1: Generalized Barycentric Coordinates by Kai Hormann

Lecture 2: Barycentric Coordinates for Closed Curves by Scott Schaefer

Lecture 3: Hermite Mean Value Interpolation by Michael S. Floater

Lecture 4: A General, Geometric Construction of Coordinates in any Dimensions by Tao Ju

Lecture 5: Transfinite Mean Value Interpolation over Volumetric Domains by Solveig Bruvoll

Lecture 6: Barycentric Finite Element Methods by N. Sukumar

### Minisymposium on **Theory and Applications of Barycentric Coordinates**

Lecture 1: Constructing Barycentric Coordinates on Surfaces by Raif Rustamov

Lecture 2: Injective Barycentric Mappings on Convex Domains by Jiří Kosinka

Lecture 3: Geometric Criteria for Generalized Barycentric Finite Elements by Andrew Gillette

Lecture 4: Variational Space Deformations with Barycentric Coordinates by Mirela Ben-Chen

Keynote Lecture on Generalized Barycentric Coordinates by Kai Hormann

## Papers

before 1900

Der barycentrische Calcul  
August F. Möbius, 1827

before 2000

Continuity and convexity of projections and barycentric coordinates in convex polyhedra  
John A. Kalman, 1961

A rational basis for function approximation  
Eugene L. Wachspress, 1971

A rational basis for function approximation. II: Curved sides  
Eugene L. Wachspress, 1973

Pseudo-harmonic interpolation on convex domains  
William J. Gordon and James A. Wixom, 1974

**A Rational Finite Element Basis**

Eugene L. Wachspress, 1975

**Rational basis functions for curved elements**

Eugene L. Wachspress, 1979

**High-order curved finite elements**

Eugene L. Wachspress, 1981

**A pentagonal surface patch for computer aided geometric design**

Peter Charrot and John A. Gregory, 1984

**A multisided generalization of Bézier surfaces**

Charles T. Loop and Tony D. DeRose, 1989

**Computing discrete minimal surfaces and their conjugates**

Ulrich Pinkall and Konrad Polthier, 1993

**Multiresolution analysis of arbitrary meshes**

Matthias Eck, Tony DeRose, Tom Duchamp, Hugues Hoppe, Michael Lounsbery, and Werner Stuetzle, 1995

**Barycentric coordinates for convex polytopes**

Joe Warren, 1996

**Parametrization and smooth approximation of surface triangulations**

Michael S. Floater, 1997

**Reflection space image based rendering**

Brian Cabral, Marc Olano, and Philip Nemec, 1999

2002

**Generalized barycentric coordinates on irregular polygons**

Mark Meyer, Haeyoung Lee, Alan Barr, and Mathieu Desbrun

2003

**Interpolants within convex polygons: Wachspress' shape functions**

Gautam Dasgupta

**Integration within polygonal finite elements**

Gautam Dasgupta

**Mean value coordinates**

Michael S. Floater

**On the uniqueness of barycentric coordinates**

Joe Warren

2004

**A quadrilateral rendering primitive**

Kai Hormann and Marco Tarini

**Interpolations for temperature distributions: A method for all non-concave polygons**

Elisabeth A. Malsch and Gautam Dasgupta

**Shape functions for polygonal domains with interior nodes**

Elisabeth A. Malsch and Gautam Dasgupta

**Construction of polygonal interpolants: A maximum entropy approach**

N. Sukumar

**Conforming polygonal finite elements**

N. Sukumar and Alireza Tabarraei

2005

**Mean value coordinates in 3D**

Michael S. Floater, Géza Kós, and Martin Reimers

Sharp error estimates for interpolatory approximation on convex polytopes

Allal Guessab and Gerhard Schmeisser

Algebraic construction of smooth interpolants on polygonal domains

Elisabeth A. Malsch and Gautam Dasgupta

Smooth two dimensional interpolants: A recipe for all polygons

Elisabeth A. Malsch, John J. Lin, and Gautam Dasgupta

Mean value coordinates for closed triangular meshes

Tao Ju, Scott Schaefer, and Joe Warren

Geometric construction of coordinates for convex polyhedra using polar duals

Tao Ju, Scott Schaefer, Joe Warren, and Mathieu Desbrun

2006

Local *maximum-entropy* approximation schemes: a seamless bridge between finite elements and meshfree methods.

Marino Arroyo and Michael Ortiz

On transfinite barycentric coordinates

Alexander Belyaev

A general construction of barycentric coordinates over convex polygons

Michael S. Floater, Kai Hormann, and Géza Kós

Mean value coordinates for arbitrary planar polygons

Kai Hormann and Michael S. Floater

Spherical barycentric coordinates

Torsten Langer, Alexander Belyaev, and Hans-Peter Seidel

Recent advances in the construction of polygonal finite element interpolants

N. Sukumar and Elisabeth A. Malsch

2007

Barycentric rational interpolation with no poles and high rates of approximation

Michael S. Floater and Kai Hormann

Harmonic coordinates for character articulation

Pushkar Joshi, Mark Meyer, Tony DeRose, Brian Green, and Tom Sanocki

A general geometric construction of coordinates in a convex simplicial polytope

Tao Ju, Peter Liepa, and Joe Warren

Mean value coordinates for arbitrary spherical polygons and polyhedra in  $\mathbb{R}^3$

Torsten Langer, Alexander Belyaev, and Hans-Peter Seidel

Mean value Bézier surfaces

Torsten Langer and Hans-Peter Seidel

GPU-assisted positive mean value coordinates for mesh deformations

Yaron Lipman, Johannes Kopf, Daniel Cohen-Or, and David Levin

A unified, integral construction for coordinates over closed curves

Scott Schaefer, Tao Ju, and Joe Warren

Deriving the continuity of maximum-entropy basis functions via variational analysis

N. Sukumar and Roger J-B Wets

Overview and construction of meshfree basis functions: from moving least squares to entropy approximants

N. Sukumar and Roy W. Wright

Discrete Laplace operators: No free lunch

Max Wardetzky, Saurabh Mathur, Felix Kälberer, and Eitan Grinspun

Barycentric coordinates for convex sets

Joe Warren, Scott Schaefer, Anil N. Hirani, and Mathieu Desbrun

## 2008

**The adjoint for an algebraic finite element**

Gautam Dasgupta and Eugene L. Wachspress

**Basis functions for concave polygons**

Gautam Dasgupta and Eugene L. Wachspress

**Pointwise radial minimization: Hermite interpolation on arbitrary domains**

Michael S. Floater and Christian Schulz

**Maximum entropy coordinates for arbitrary polytopes**

Kai Hormann and N. Sukumar

**Reusable skinning templates using cage-based deformations**

Tao Ju, Qian-Yi Zhou, Michiel van de Panne, Daniel Cohen-Or, and Ulrich Neumann

**Higher order barycentric coordinates**

Torsten Langer and Hans-Peter Seidel

**Mean value Bézier maps**

Torsten Langer and Hans-Peter Seidel

**Green coordinates**

Yaron Lipman, David Levin, and Daniel Cohen-Or

**Polyhedral finite elements using harmonic basis functions**

Sebastian Martin, Peter Kaufmann, Mario Botsch, Martin Wicke, and Markus Gross

**Boundary element formulation of harmonic coordinates**

Raif M. Rustamov

**Barycentric coordinates computation in homogeneous coordinates**

Vaclav Skala

**Extended finite element method on polygonal and quadtree meshes**

Alireza Tabarraei and N. Sukumar

**Voronoi-based interpolants for fracture modelling**

N. Sukumar and John E. Bolander

## 2009

**Variational harmonic maps for space deformation**

Mirela Ben-Chen, Ofir Weber, and Craig Gotsman

**Spatial deformation transfer**

Mirela Ben-Chen, Ofir Weber, and Craig Gotsman

**Transfinite mean value interpolation in general dimension**

Solveig Bruvold and Michael S. Floater

**Transfinite mean value interpolation**

Christopher Dyken and Michael S. Floater

**Coordinates for instant image cloning**

Zeev Farbman, Gil Hoffer, Yaron Lipman, Daniel Cohen-Or, and Dani Lischinski

**On the injectivity of Wachspress and mean value mappings between convex polygons**

Michael S. Floater and Jiří Kosinka

**Poisson-based weight reduction of animated meshes**

Eric Landreneau and Scott Schaefer

**Interior distance using barycentric coordinates**

Raif Rustamov, Yaron Lipman, and Thomas Funkhouser

**Complex barycentric coordinates with applications to planar shape deformation**

Ofir Weber, Mirela Ben-Chen, and Craig Gotsman

## 2010

**Barycentric interpolation and mappings on smooth convex domains**

Michael S. Floater and Jiří Kosinka

**Derivation and analysis of Green coordinates**

Yaron Lipman and David Levin

**Moving least squares coordinates**

Josiah Manson and Scott Schaefer

**Barycentric coordinates on surfaces**

Raif Rustamov

**A versatile framework for shape description**

Raif Rustamov

**Conversion of performance mesh animation into cage-based animation**

Yann Savoye and Jean-Sébastien Franco

**Cage-based tracking for performance animation**

Yann Savoye and Jean-Sébastien Franco

**CageIK: dual-Laplacian cage-based inverse kinematics**

Yann Savoye and Jean-Sébastien Franco

**Volumetric modeling with diffusion surfaces**

Kenshi Takayama, Olga Sorkine, Andrew Nealen, and Takeo Igarashi

**Controllable conformal maps for shape deformation and interpolation**

Ofir Weber and Craig Gotsman

## 2011

**Discrete Laplacians on general polygonal meshes**

Marc Alexa and Max Wardetzky

**Error estimates for generalized barycentric interpolation**

Andrew Gillette, Alexander Rand, and Chandrajit Bajaj

**Bounded biharmonic weights for real-time deformation**

Alec Jacobson, Ilya Baran, Jovan Popović, and Olga Sorkine

**Positive Gordon–Wixom coordinates**

Josiah Manson, Kuiyu Li, and Scott Schaefer

**HOT: Hodge-optimized triangulations**

Patrick Mullen, Pooran Memari, Fernando de Goes, and Mathieu Desbrun

**Quadratic serendipity finite elements on polygons using generalized barycentric coordinates**

Alexander Rand, Andrew Gillette, and Chandrajit Bajaj

**Interpolated eigenfunctions for volumetric shape processing**

Raif Rustamov

**Video-based toon character from surface performance capture**

Yann Savoye

**Geometric computation, duality and projective space**

Vaclav Skala

**Jacobians and Hessians of mean value coordinates for closed triangular meshes**

Jean-Marc Thiery, Julien Tierny, and Tamy Boubekur

**Affine generalised barycentric coordinates**

Shayne Waldron

**A complex view of barycentric mappings**

Ofir Weber, Mirela Ben-Chen, Craig Gotsman, and Kai Hormann

## 2012

**Direct and converse results for generalized multivariate Jensen-type inequalities**

Allal Guessab

**A multivariate extension of an inequality of Brenner–Alzer**

Allal Guessab, Otheman Nouisser, and Josip Pečarić

**PolyMesher: a general-purpose mesh generator for polygonal elements written in Matlab**

Cameron Talischi, Glaucio H. Paulino, Anderson Pereira, and Ivan F. M. Menezes

**PolyTop: a Matlab implementation of a general topology optimization framework using unstructured polygonal finite element meshes**

Cameron Talischi, Glaucio H. Paulino, Anderson Pereira, and Ivan F. M. Menezes

2013

**Generalized barycentric coordinates and Jensen type inequalities on convex polytopes**

Allal Guessab

**Generalized barycentric coordinates and approximations of convex functions on arbitrary convex polytopes**

Allal Guessab

**Poisson coordinates**

Xian-Ying Li and Shi-Min Hu

**Cubic mean value coordinates**

Xian-Ying Li, Tao Ju, and Shi-Min Hu

**Interpolation error estimates for mean value coordinates**

Alexander Rand, Andrew Gillette, and Chandrajit Bajaj

**Bijective composite mean value mappings**

Teseo Schneider, Kai Hormann, and Michael S. Floater

2014

**Wachspress and mean value coordinates**

Michael S. Floater

**Gradient bounds for Wachspress coordinates on polytopes**

Michael S. Floater, Andrew Gillette, and N. Sukumar

**Local barycentric coordinates**

Juyong Zhang, Balin Deng, Zishun Liu, Giuseppe Patanè, Sofien Bouaziz, Kai Hormann, and Ligang Liu

**Geodesic based conformal mesh parameterization**

Qiang Zou, Jibin Zhao, Yanguo Zhao, Guangbao Liu, and Haiyang Jin

2015

**On transfinite Gordon–Wixom interpolation schemes and their extensions**

Alexander G. Belyaev and Pierre-Alain Fayolle

**Generalized barycentric coordinates and applications**

Michael S. Floater

**Optimality of gradient bound for polyhedral Wachspress coordinates**

Michael S. Floater

**Links**[basic facts on barycentric coordinates](#)[Barycentric coordinates from Wolfram MathWorld](#)[Barycentric coordinates from Wikipedia](#)[Barycentric coordinates from Cut-the-Knot](#)[Barycentric coordinates from Ken Joy's On-Line Computer Graphics Notes](#)

other useful online resources

Ceva's Theorem

Routh's Theorem

Van Obel's Theorem