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# Lecture 9

# Introduction to Numerical Geometry

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# Outline

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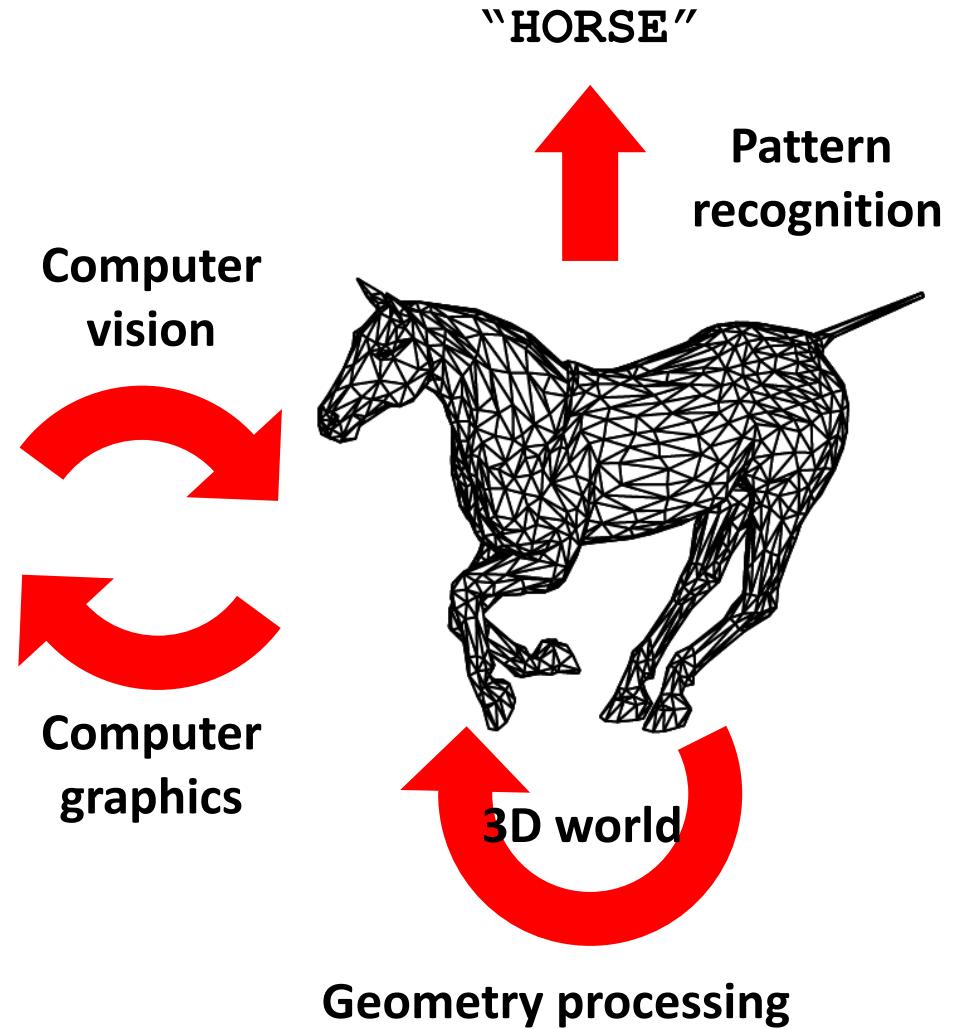


# Introduction

## Landscape



Image processing





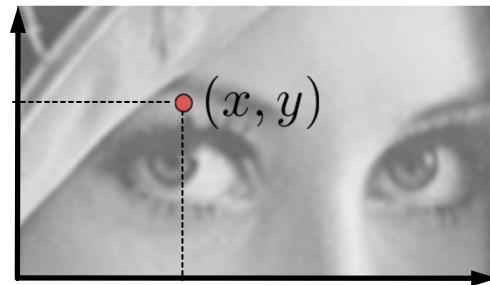
# Shapes VS Images

## Geometry



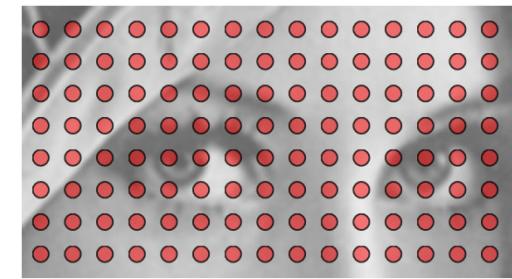
Euclidean (flat)

## Parametrization

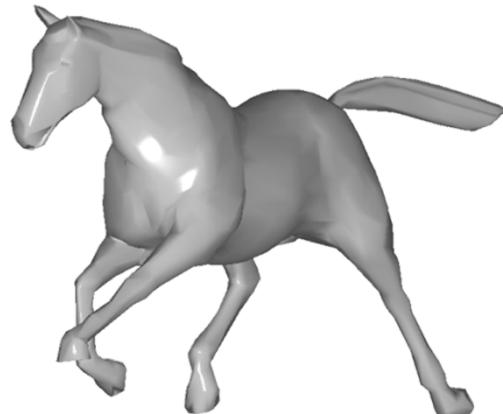


Global

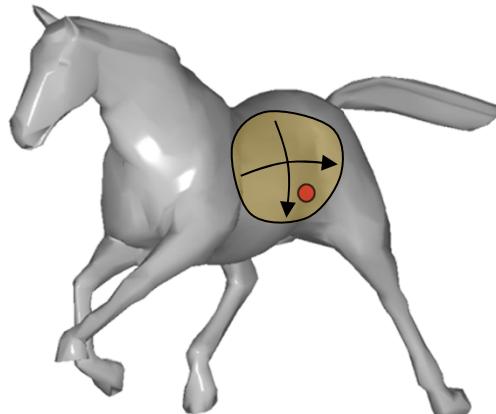
## Sampling



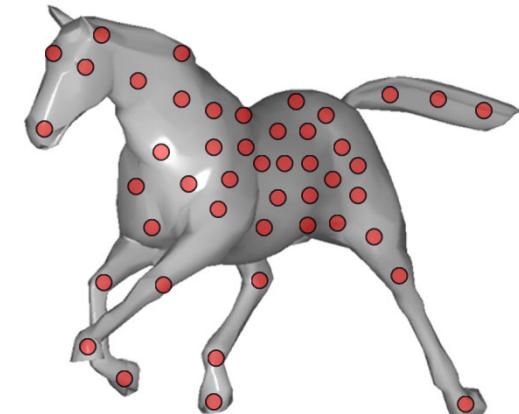
Uniform Cartesian



Non-Euclidean  
(curved)



Local

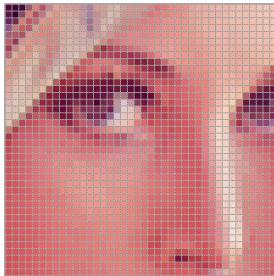


“Uniform” is not  
well-defined

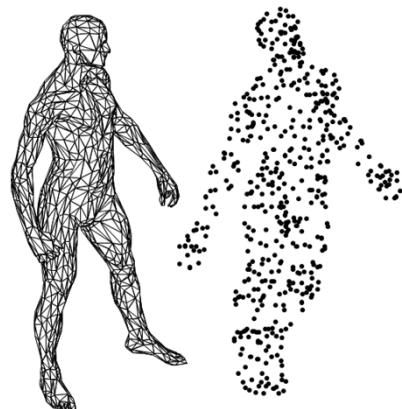


# Shapes VS Images

## Representation

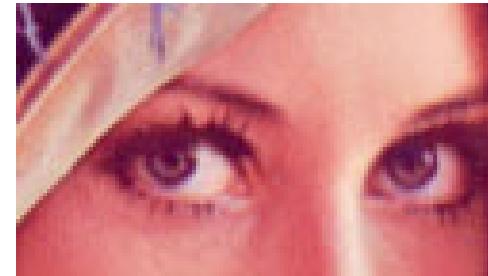


Array of pixels



Cloud of points,  
mesh, etc, etc.

## Deformations



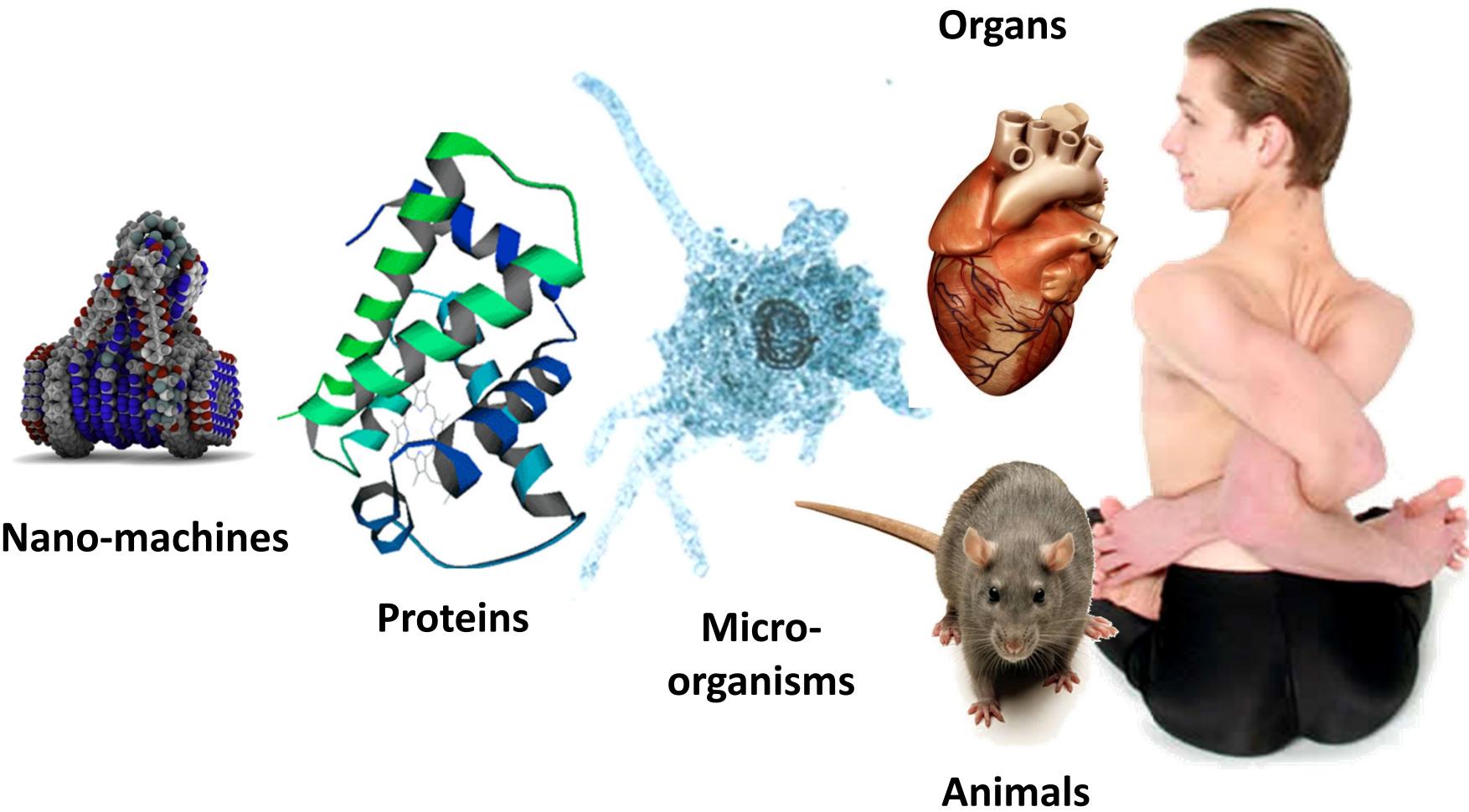
Rotation, affine,  
projective, etc.



Wealth of non-rigid  
deformations

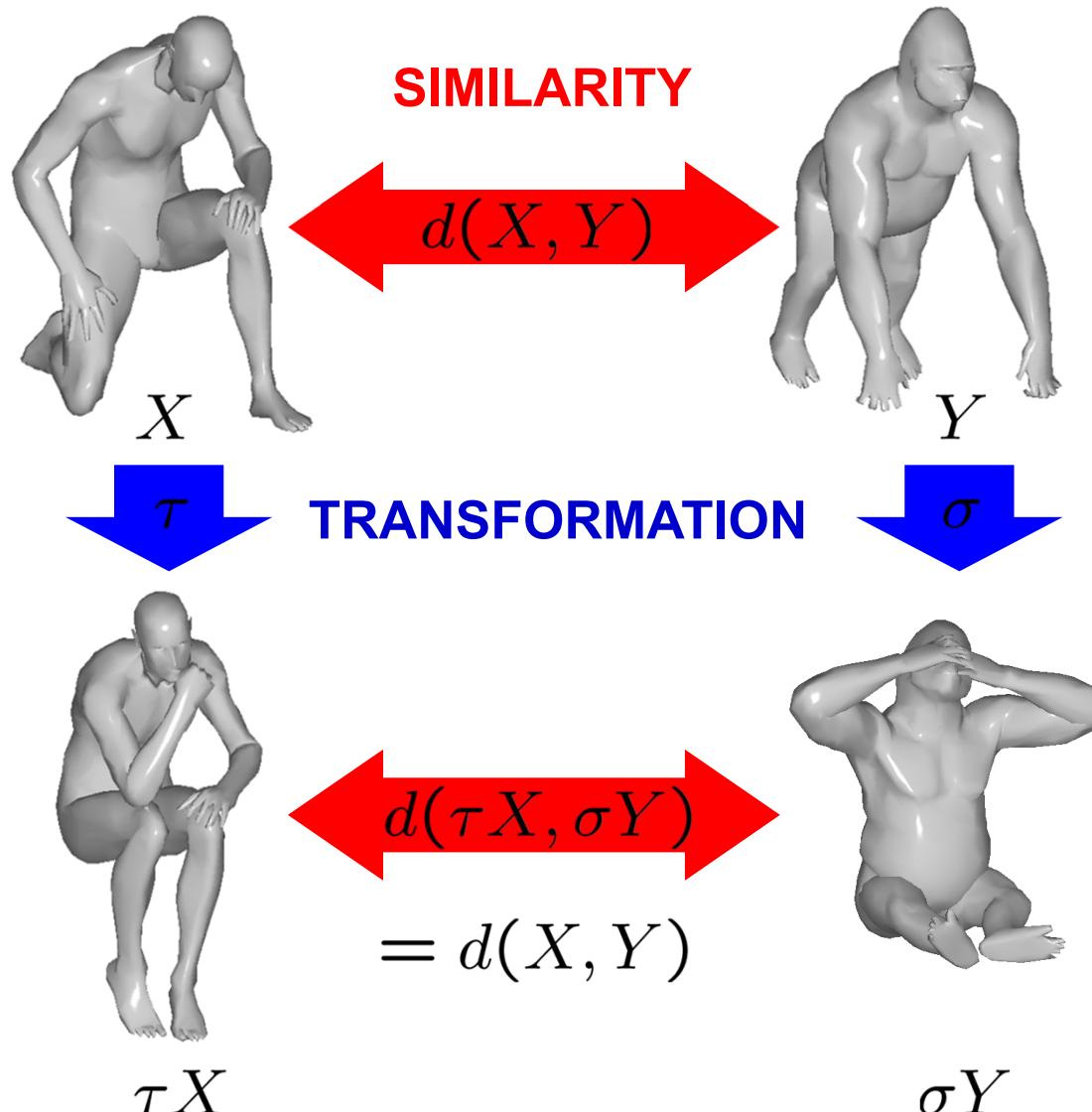


# Non-rigid world from macro to nano





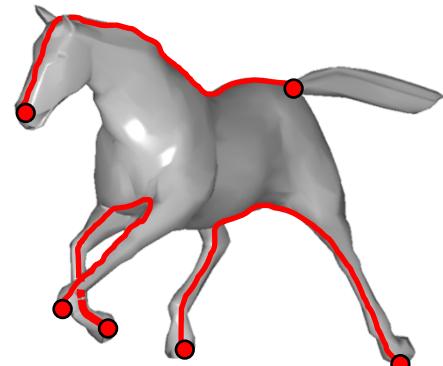
# Invariant similarity



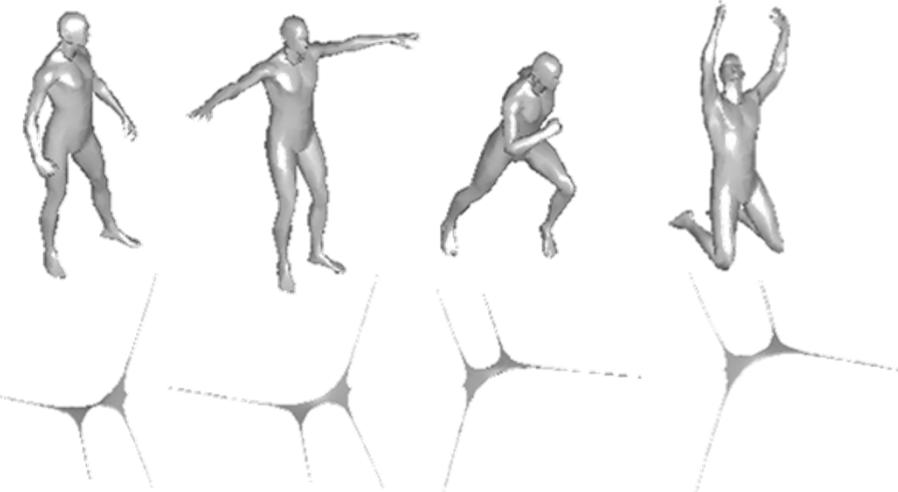


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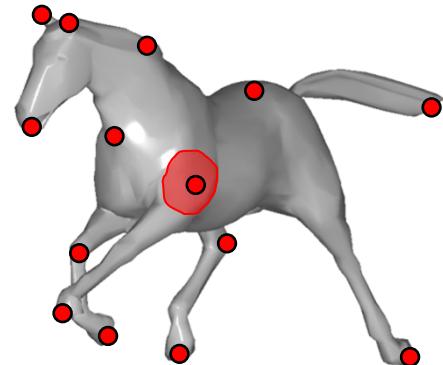
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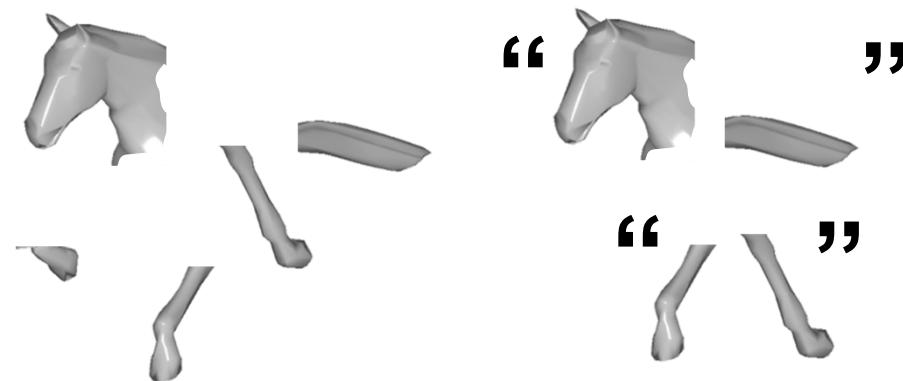
Metric spaces



Canonical forms



Local features



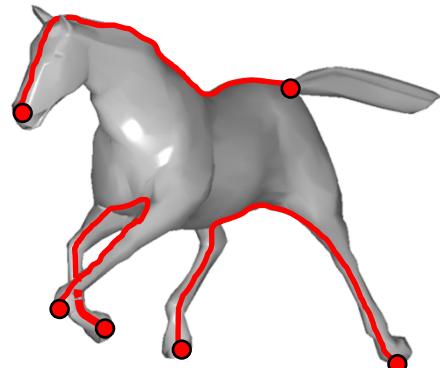
Shape Representation

Geometric words



# Tools

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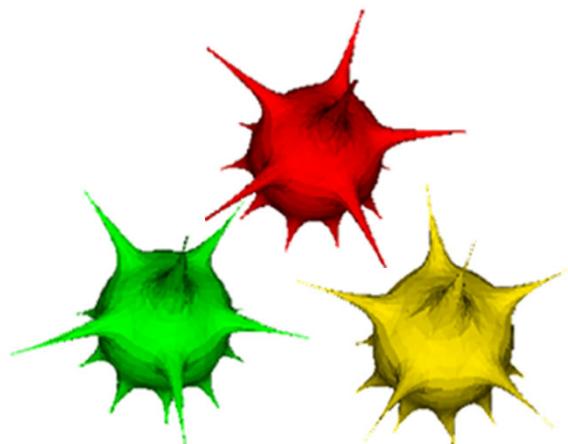
Metric geometry



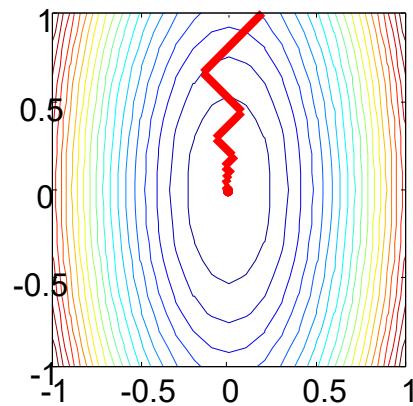
Fast marching



Iterative closest point algorithms



Multidimensional scaling

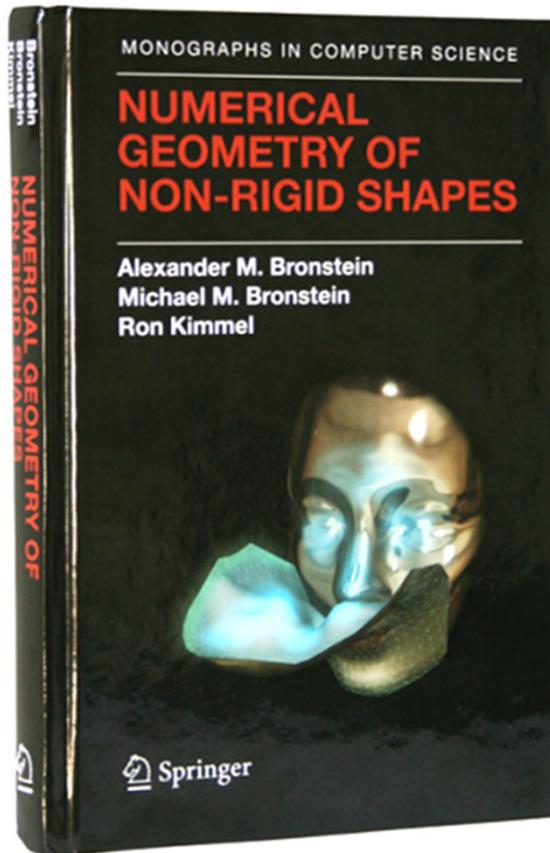


Convex optimization



# Materials

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A. M. Bronstein et al., Numerical geometry of non-rigid shapes,  
Springer 2008



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# Distances



Euclidean



Manhattan



Geodesic

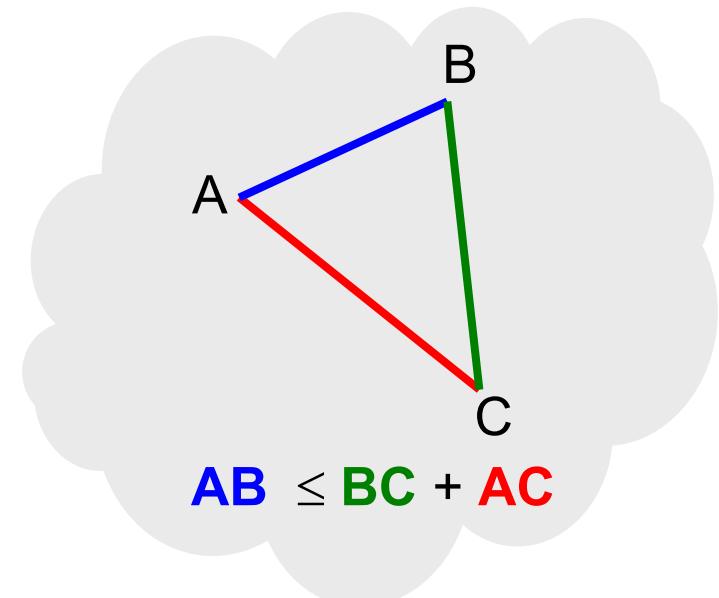


# Metric

A function  $d : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  satisfying for all  $x_1, x_2, x_3 \in X$

- **Non-negativity:**  $d(x_1, x_2) \geq 0$
- **Indiscernability:**  $d(x_1, x_2) = 0$  if and only if  $x_1 = x_2$
- **Symmetry:**  $d(x_1, x_2) = d(x_2, x_1)$
- **Triangle inequality:**  $d(x_1, x_3) \leq d(x_1, x_2) + d(x_2, x_3)$

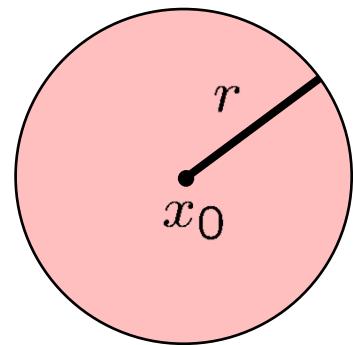
$(X, d)$  is called a **metric space**





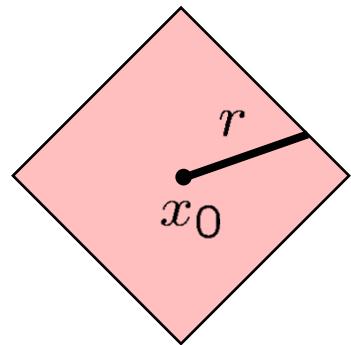
# Metric balls

- **Open ball:**  $B_r(x_0) = \{x \in X : d(x, x_0) < r\}$
- **Closed ball:**  $\bar{B}_r(x_0) = \{x \in X : d(x, x_0) \leq r\}$



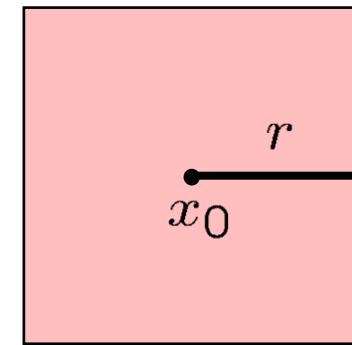
**Euclidean ball**

$$\|x - x_0\|_2 = \sqrt{\sum_k |x^k - x_0^k|^2} \leq r$$



**$L_1$  ball**

$$\|x - x_0\|_1 = \sum_k |x^k - x_0^k| \leq r$$



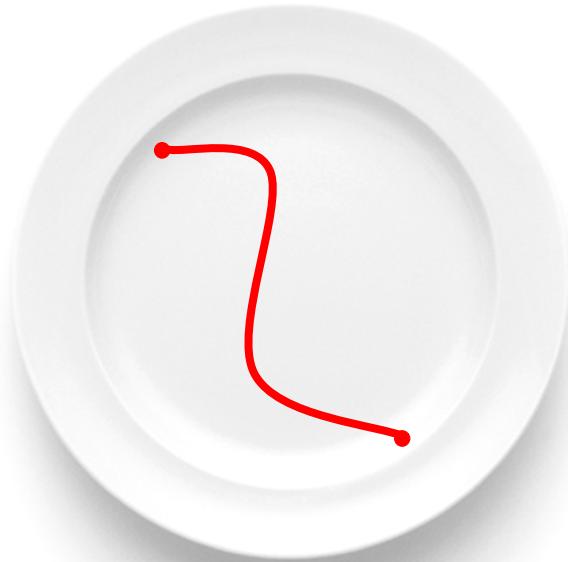
**$L_\infty$  ball**

$$\|x - x_0\|_\infty = \max_k |x^k - x_0^k| \leq r$$

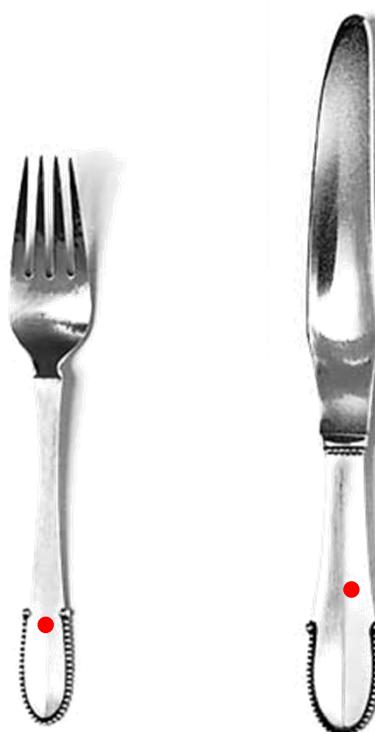


# Connectivity

The space  $X$  is **connected** if it cannot be divided into two disjoint nonempty open sets, and **disconnected** otherwise



**Connected**



**Disconnected**

Stronger property: **path connectedness**

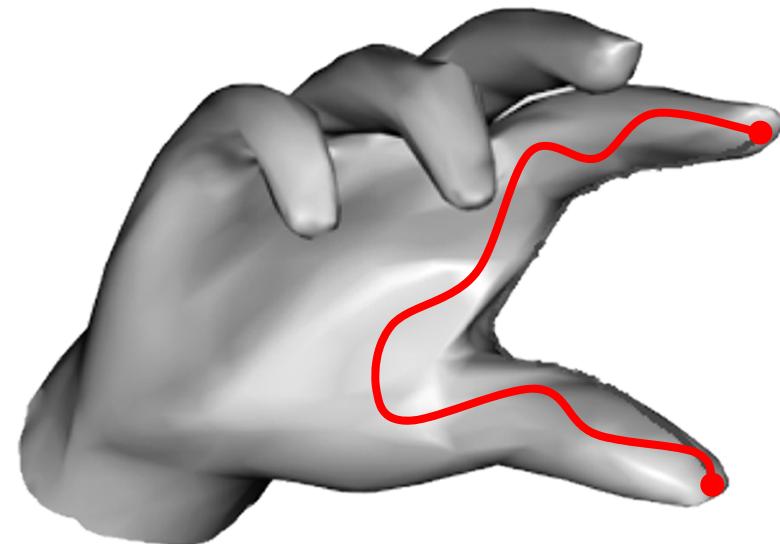


# Examples of metrics

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**Euclidean**



**Path length**



# Homeomorphisms

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A **bijective** (one-to-one and onto) continuous function with a continuous inverse is called a **homeomorphism**

Homeomorphisms copy topology – homeomorphic spaces are **topologically equivalent**



Torus and cup are **homeomorphic**



# Homeomorphisms

Topology of Latin alphabet

a b d e  
o p q

c f h k l m  
n r s t u z  
v w x y

homeomorphic to

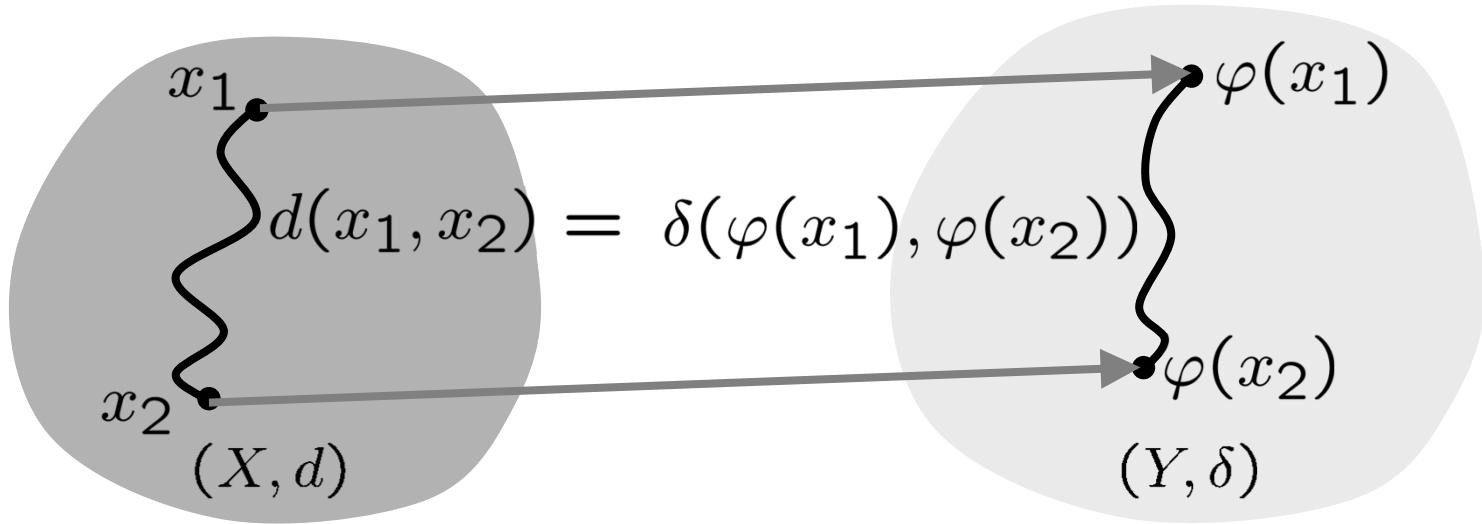
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# Isometries



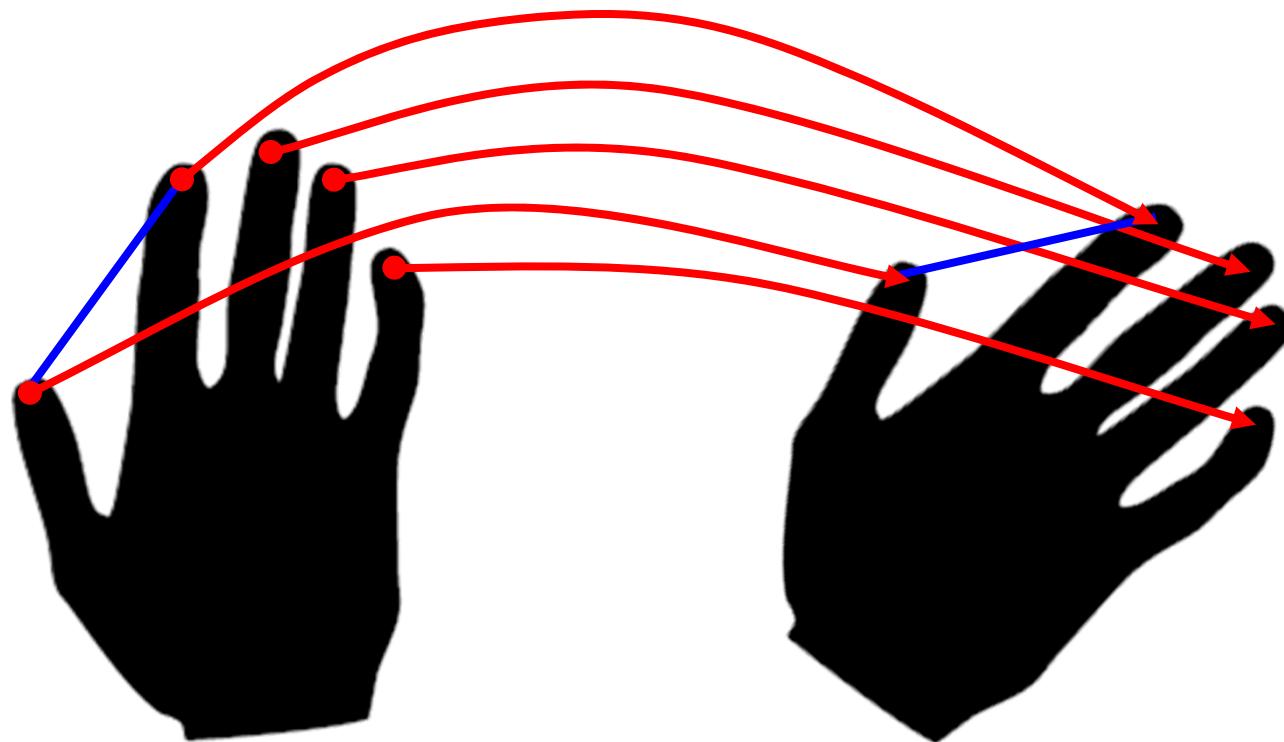
- Two metric spaces  $(X, d)$  and  $(Y, \delta)$  are equivalent if there exists a **distance-preserving map (isometry)**  $\varphi : (X, d) \rightarrow (Y, \delta)$  satisfying
$$\delta \circ (\varphi(x_1), \varphi(x_2)) = d(x_1, x_2)$$
- Such  $(X, d)$  and  $(Y, \delta)$  are called **isometric**, denoted  $(X, d) \sim (Y, \delta)$
- Isometries copy **metric geometries** – isometric spaces are equivalent from the point of view of metric geometry



# Isometries

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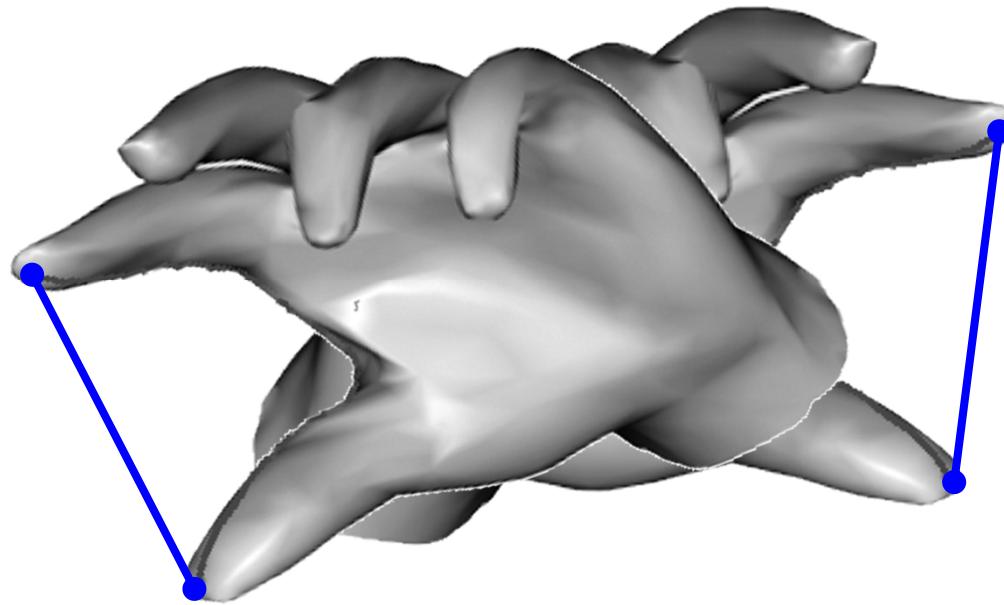
## Euclidean isometries





# Isometries

## Euclidean isometries



**Rotation**

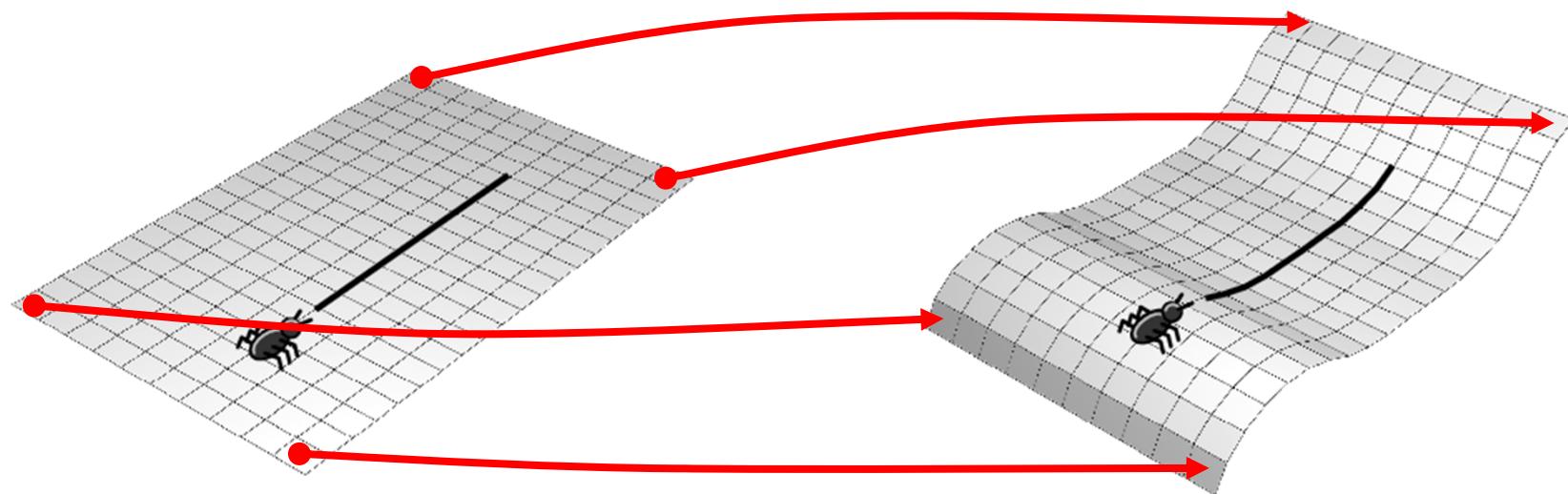
**Translation**

**Reflection**



# Isometries

## Geodesic isometries





# Similarity as metric

Human and monkey are  
 $\epsilon$ -similar

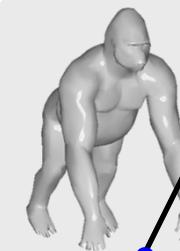
Two deformations of a  
human are equivalent

$$d(X, \tau X) = 0$$



$X$

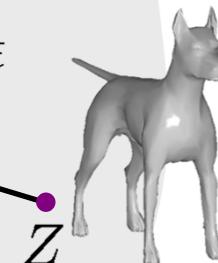
$$d(X, Y) = \epsilon$$



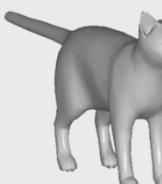
$Y$

$$d(Y, Z) = 2\epsilon$$

Human is twice more similar to  
monkey than to dog



$Z$



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Shape space



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# Metric for discrete geometry

## Discretization

### Continuous world

- Surface  $X$
- Metric  $d_X$
- Topology

### Discrete world

- Sampling  
$$X' = \{x_1, \dots, x_N\} \subset X$$
- Discrete metric (matrix of distances)  
$$D_X = (d_X(x_i, x_j))$$
- Discrete topology (connectivity)



# Metric for discrete geometry

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## How to compute the intrinsic metric?

- So far, we represented  $X$  itself.
- Our model of non-rigid shapes as metric spaces  $(X, d_X)$  involves the **intrinsic metric**

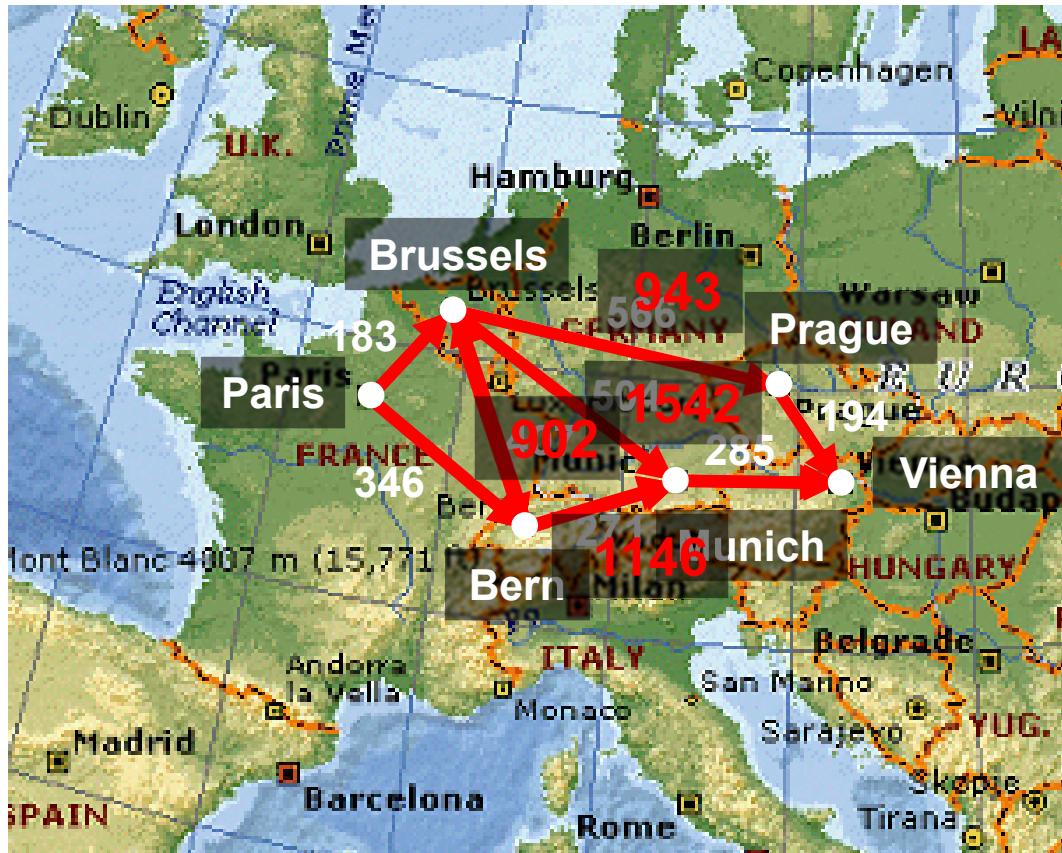
$$d_X(x, x') = \min_{\Gamma(x, x')} \int_{\Gamma} d\ell$$

- **Sampling** procedure requires  $d_X$  as well.
- We need a tool to **compute geodesic distances** on  $X$ .



# Metric for discrete geometry

## Shortest path problem





# Metric for discrete geometry

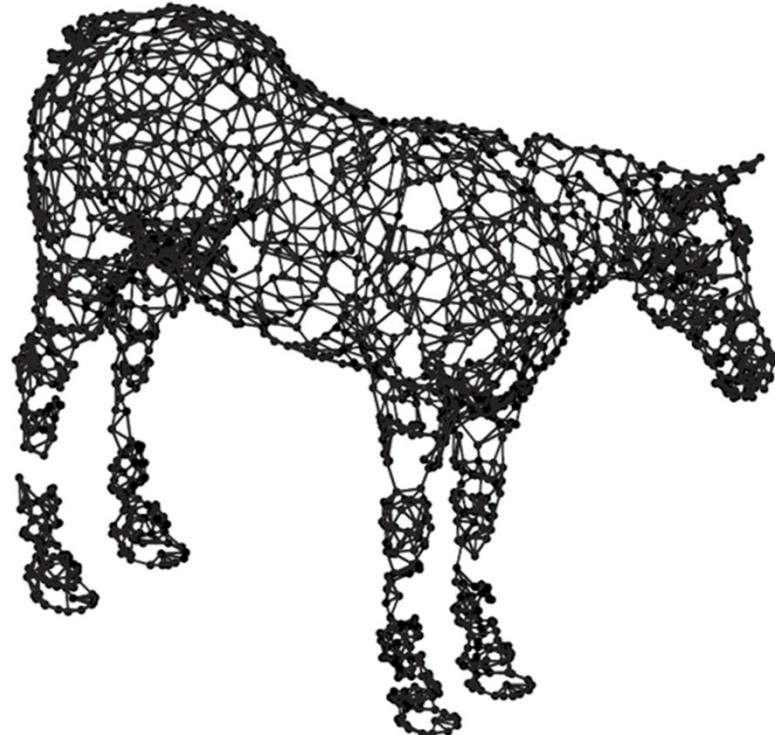
## Shapes as graphs

- **Sample** the shape at  $N$  vertices  $X = \{x_1, \dots, x_N\}$ .
- Represent shape as an **undirected graph**

$$G = (X, E)$$

- $E \subseteq X \times X$  set of **edges** representing **adjacent** vertices.
- Define **length function**  $L : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  measuring **local distances** as **Euclidean** ones,

$$L(x_i, x_j) = \|x_i - x_j\|_2$$





# Metric for discrete geometry

## Shapes as graphs

- **Path** between  $x_i, x_j \in X$  is an **ordered set of connected edges**

$$\begin{aligned}\Gamma(x_i, x_j) &= \{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_k\} \subset E \\ &= \{(x_{i_1}, x_{i_2}), (x_{i_2}, x_{i_3}), \dots, (x_{i_{k-1}}, x_{i_k}), (x_{i_k}, x_{i_{k+1}})\}\end{aligned}$$

where  $x_{i_1} = x_i$  and  $x_{i_{k+1}} = x_j$ .

- **Path length** = sum of edge lengths

$$L(\Gamma(x_i, x_j)) = \sum_{n=1}^k L(e_n) = \sum_{n=1}^k L(x_{i_n}, x_{i_{n+1}})$$



# Metric for discrete geometry

## Geodesic distance

- **Shortest path** between  $x_i, x_j \in X$

$$\Gamma^*(x_i, x_j) = \arg \min_{\Gamma(x_i, x_j)} L(\Gamma(x_i, x_j))$$

- **Length metric** in graph

$$d_L(x_i, x_j) = \min_{\Gamma(x_i, x_j)} L(\Gamma(x_i, x_j))$$

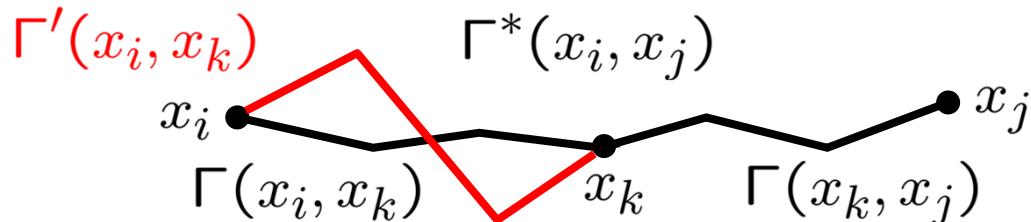
- Approximates the **geodesic distance**  $d_X \approx d_L$  on the shape.
- **Shortest path problem:** compute  $\Gamma^*(x_i, x_j)$  and  $d_L(x_i, x_j)$  between any  $x_i, x_j \in X$ .
- *Alternatively:* given a **source point**  $x_0 \in X$ , compute the **distance map**  $d(x_i) = d_L(x_0, x_i)$ .



# Metric for discrete geometry

## Bellman's principle of optimality

- Let  $\Gamma^*(x_i, x_j)$  be **shortest path** between  $x_i, x_j \in X$  and  $x_k \in \Gamma^*(x_i, x_j)$  a point on the path.
- Then,  $\Gamma(x_i, x_k)$  and  $\Gamma(x_k, x_j)$  are **shortest sub-paths** between  $x_i, x_k$ , and  $x_k, x_j$ .



Richard Bellman  
(1920-1984)

- Suppose there exists a **shorter** path  $\Gamma'(x_i, x_k)$ .

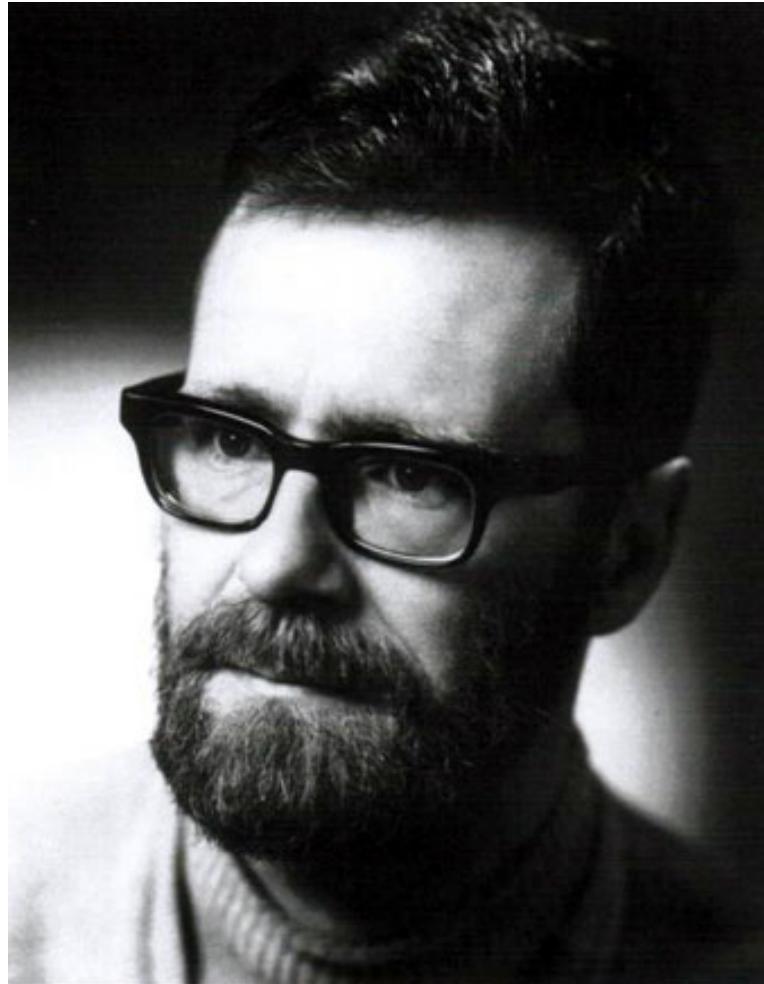
$$\begin{aligned} L(\Gamma'(x_i, x_j)) &= L(\Gamma'(x_i, x_k)) + L(\Gamma(x_k, x_j)) \\ &< L(\Gamma(x_i, x_k)) + L(\Gamma(x_k, x_j)) = L(\Gamma^*(x_i, x_j)) \end{aligned}$$

- Contradiction** to  $\Gamma^*(x_i, x_j)$  being shortest path.



# Metric for discrete geometry

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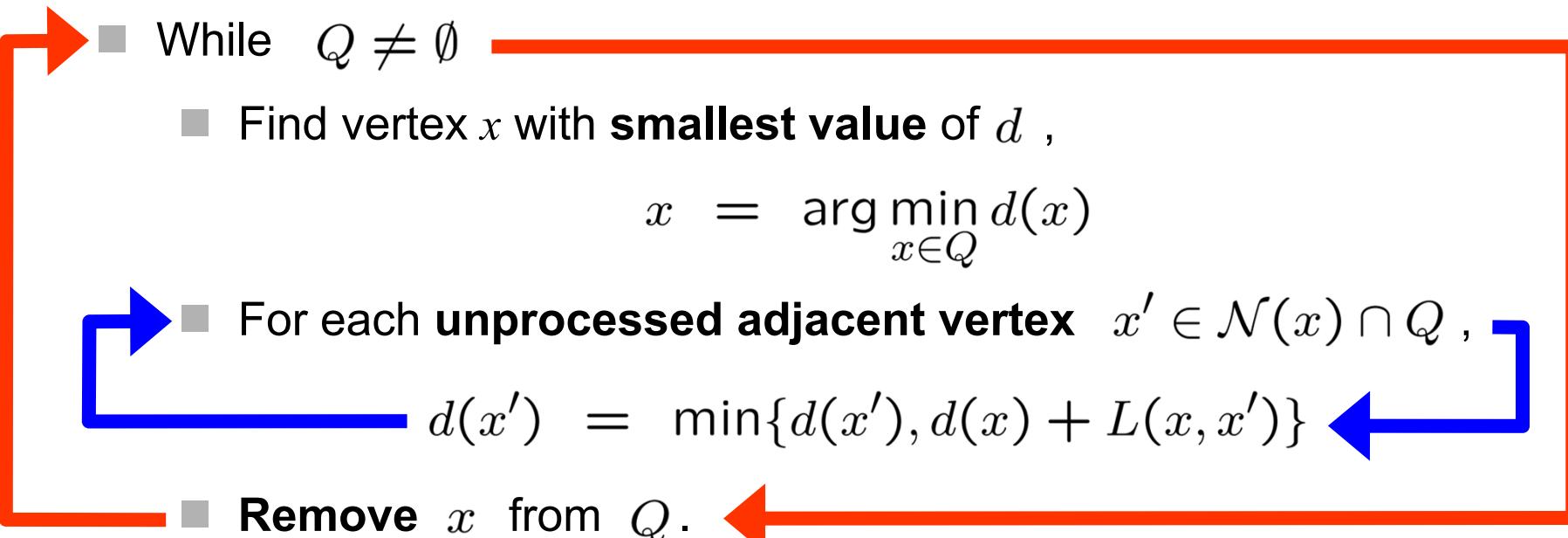
**Edsger Wybe Dijkstra (1930–2002)**



# Metric for discrete geometry

## Dijkstra's algorithm

- Initialize  $d(x_0) = 0$  and  $d(x_i) = \infty$  for the rest of the graph;  
Initialize **queue of unprocessed vertices**  $Q = X$ .



- Return **distance map**  $d(x_i) = d_L(x_0, x_i)$  .



# Metric for discrete geometry

## Troubles with the metric

- Grid with **4-neighbor connectivity**.

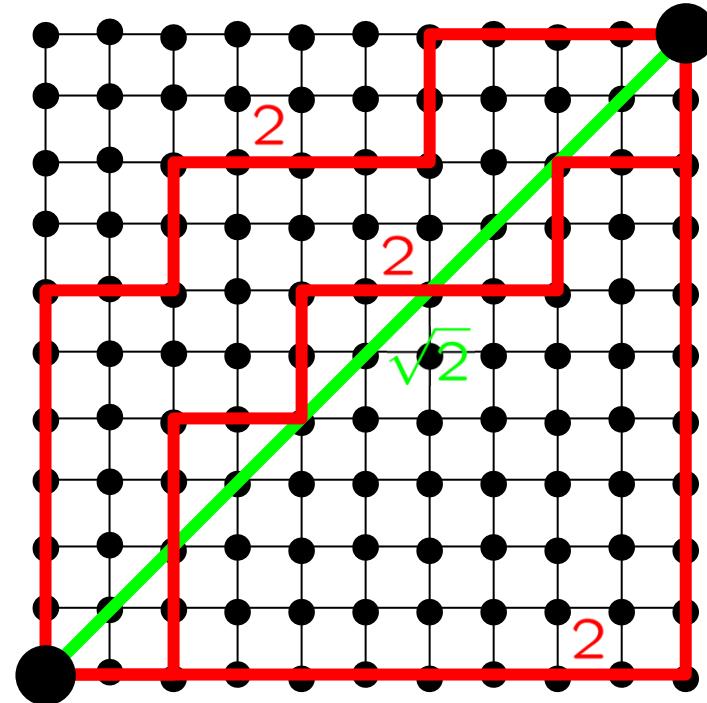
- True **Euclidean distance**

$$d_{\mathbb{R}^2} = \sqrt{2}$$

- Shortest path in **graph (not unique)**

$$d_L = 2$$

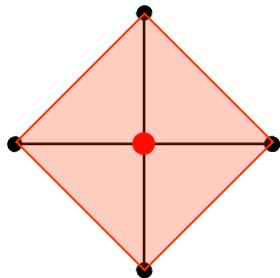
- Increasing **sampling density** does not help.





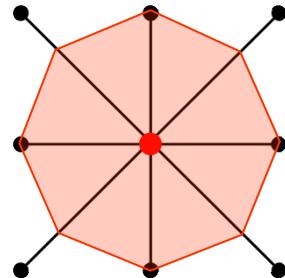
# Metric for discrete geometry

## Metrication error

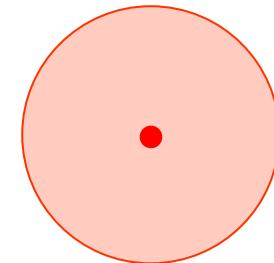


**4-neighbor topology**  
**Manhattan distance**

$$d_{L_1} = \sum_i |x_1^i - x_2^i|$$



**8-neighbor topology**



Continuous  $\mathbb{R}^2$   
**Euclidean distance**

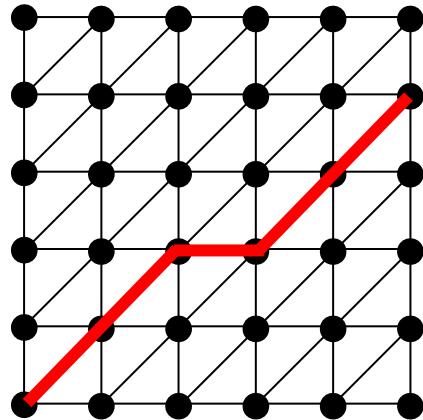
$$d_{L_2} = \sqrt{\sum_i (x_1^i - x_2^i)^2}$$

- **Graph representation** induces an **inconsistent metric**.
- Increasing **sampling size** does not make it consistent.
- Neither does increasing **connectivity**.

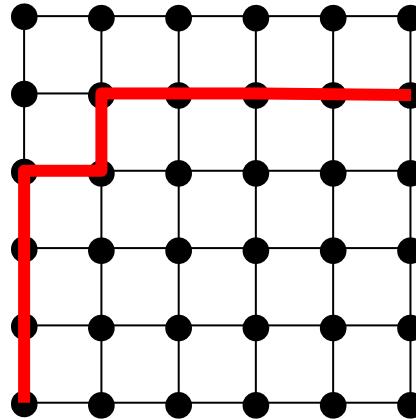


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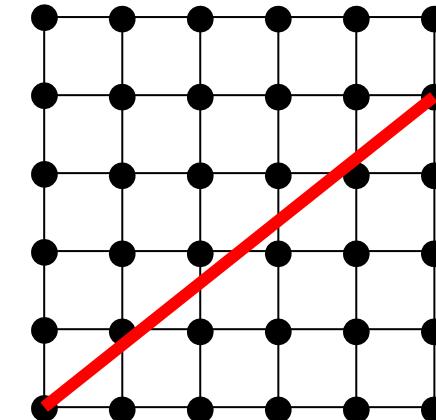
Discrete solution



- Stick to **graph** representation
- Change **connectivity**
- Consistency guaranteed under certain conditions



Continuous solution



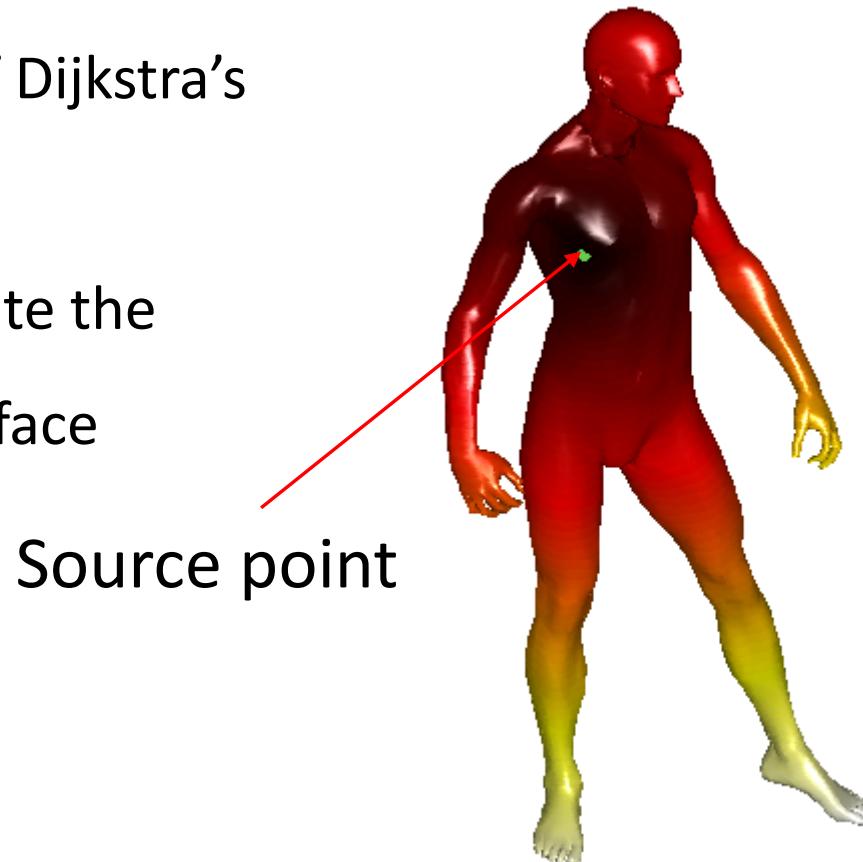
- Stick to given **sampling**
- Compute distance map on the **surface**
- **New algorithm!**



# Metric for discrete geometry

To solve the above issue, we can use ***fast marching methods***

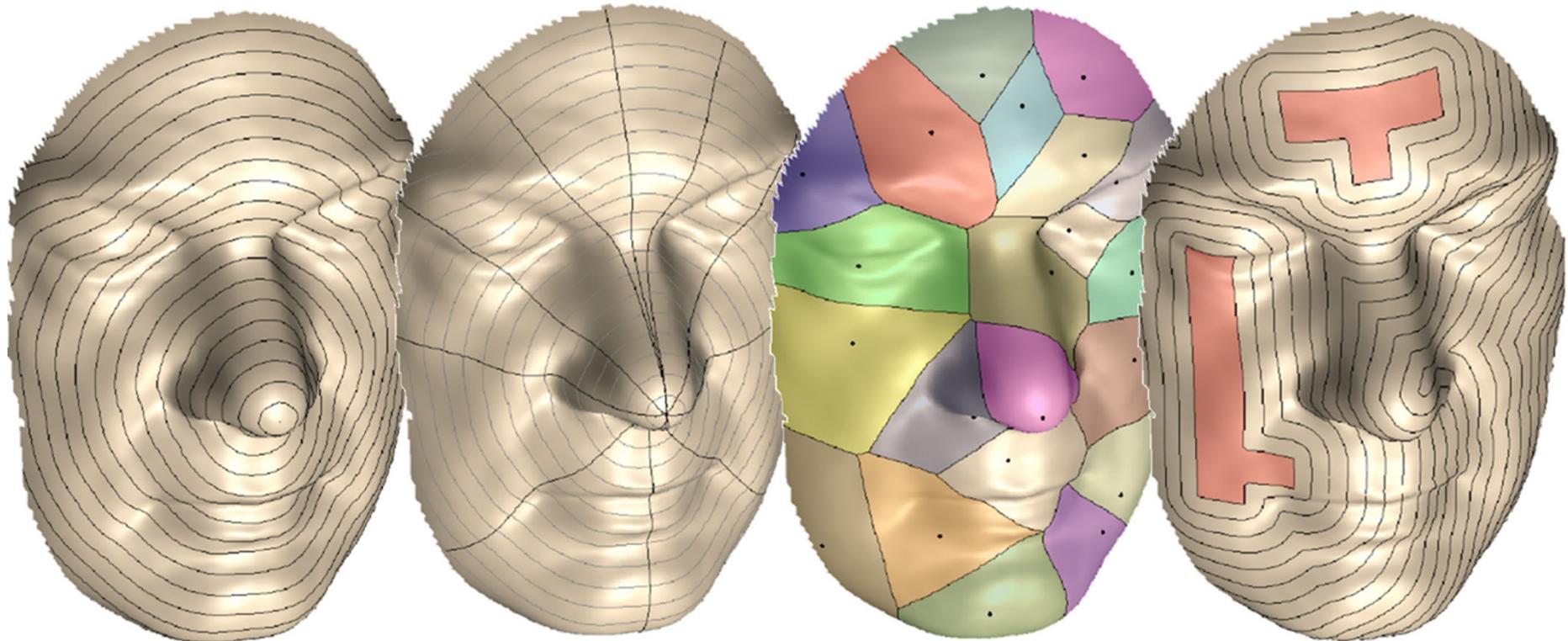
- A continuous variant of Dijkstra's algorithm
- Consistently approximate the intrinsic metric on the surface





# Metric for discrete geometry

## Usages of fast marching



**Geodesic  
distances**

**Minimal  
geodesics**

**Voronoi  
tessellation &  
sampling**

**Offset  
curves**



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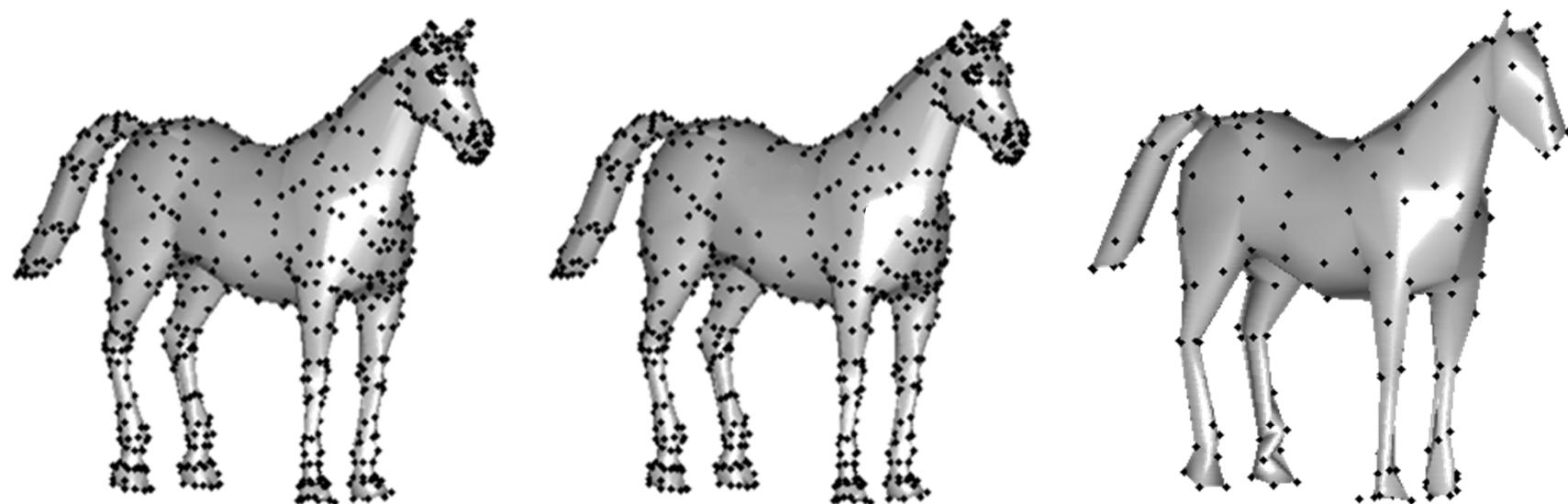
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# How good is a sampling?

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# Sampling density

- How to quantify **density** of sampling?
- $X'$  is an  $r$ -**covering** of  $X$  if

$$\bigcup_{x_i \in X'} B_r(x_i) = X$$

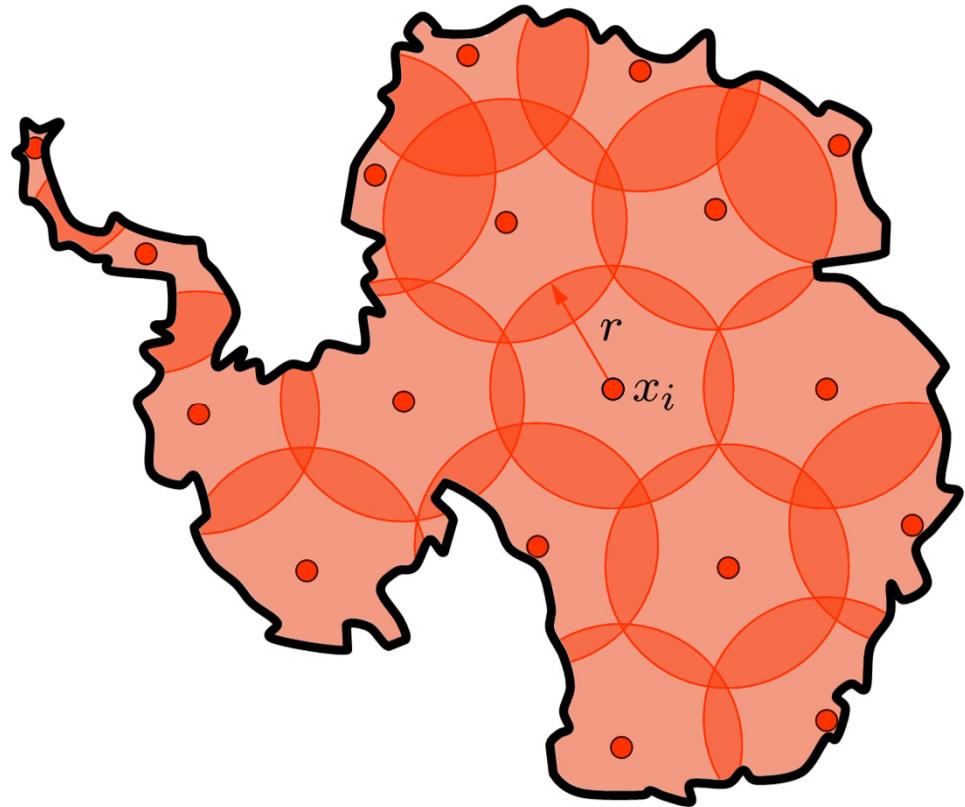
Alternatively:

$$d_X(x, X') \leq r$$

for all  $x \in X$ , where

$$d_X(x, X') = \inf_{x_i \in X'} d_X(x, x_i)$$

is the **point-to-set distance**.





# Sampling efficiency

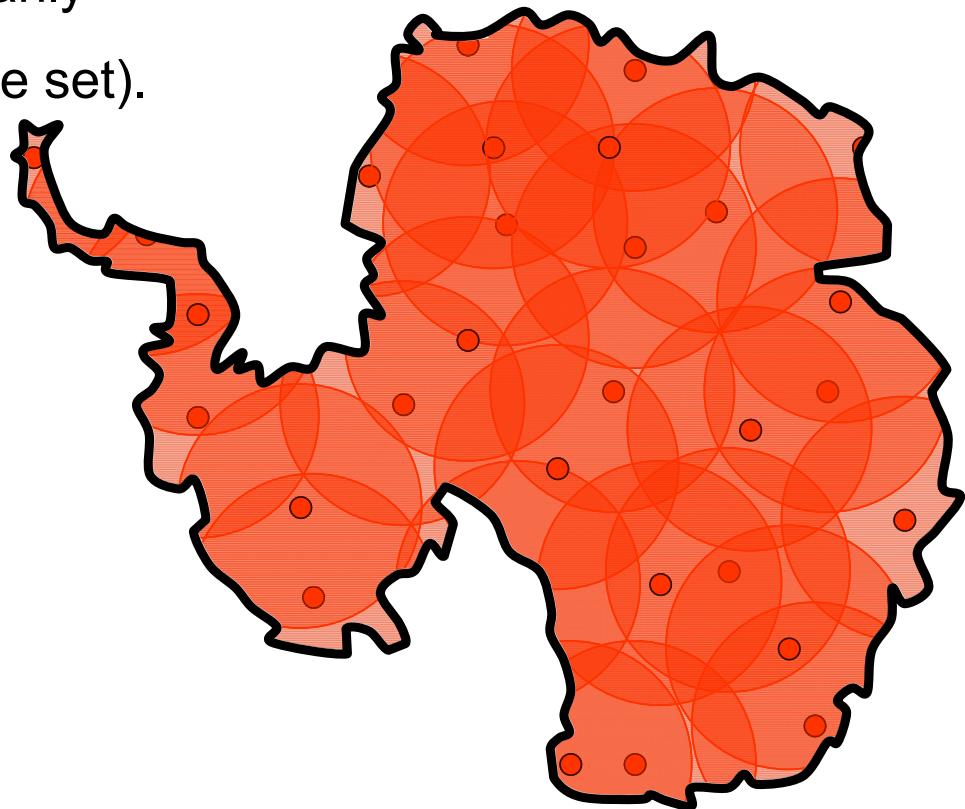
- Are all points **necessary**?
- An  $r$ -covering may be unnecessarily dense (may even not be a discrete set).

- Quantify how well the samples are **separated**.
- $X'$  is  $r'$ -**separated** if

$$d_{X'}(x_i, x_j) \geq r'$$

for all  $x_i, x_j \in X'$ .

- For  $r' > 0$ , an  $r'$ -separated set is **finite** if  $X'$  is **compact**.



Also an  $r$ -covering!



# Farthest point sampling

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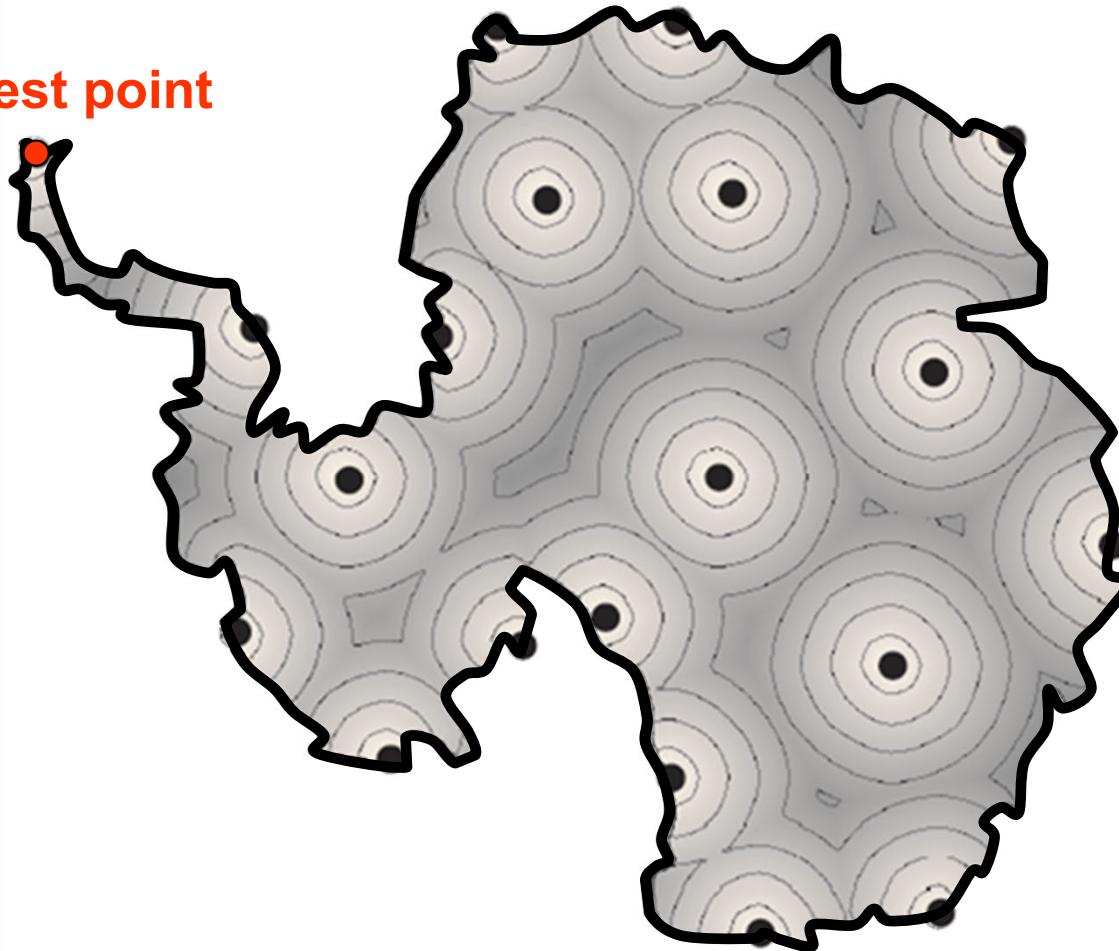
- Good sampling has to be **dense** and **efficient** at the same time.
- Find a  $r$ -**separated** and  $r$ -**covering**  $X'$  of  $X$ .
- Achieved using **farthest point sampling**.



# Farthest point sampling

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Farthest point





# Farthest point sampling

- Start with some  $X' = \{x_1 \in X\}$ .

- Determine **sampling radius**

$$r = \max_{x \in X} d_X(x, X')$$

- If  $r \leq r_{\text{target}}$  **stop**.

- Find the **farthest point** from  $X'$

$$x' = \arg \max_{x \in X} d_X(x, X')$$

- Add  $x'$  to  $X'$



# Farthest point sampling

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- Outcome:  $r$ -separated  $r$ -covering of  $X$ .
- Produces sampling with **progressively increasing** density.
- A **greedy algorithm**: previously added points remain in  $X'$ .
- There might be another  $r$ -separated  $r$ -covering containing less points.
- In practice used to **sub-sample** a densely sampled shape.
- Straightforward time complexity:  $\mathcal{O}(MN)$   
 $M$  number of points in dense sampling,  $N$  number of points in  $X'$ .
- Using **efficient data structures** can be reduced to  $\mathcal{O}(N \log M)$ .



# Sampling as representation

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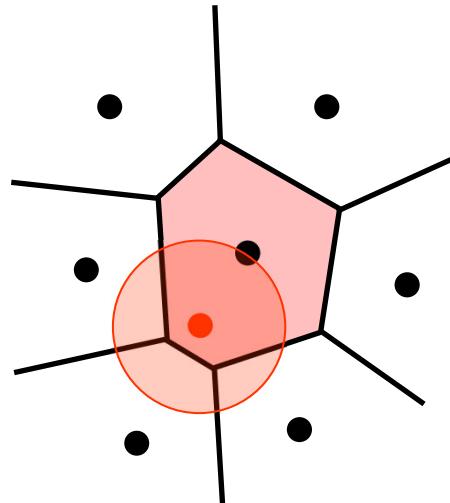
- Sampling **represents** a region on  $X$  as a single point  $x_i \in X'$ .
- Region of points on  $X$  **closer** to  $x_i$  than to any other  $x_j$

$$V_i(X') = \{x \in X : d_X(x, x_i) < d_X(x, x_j), x_j \neq i \in X'\}$$

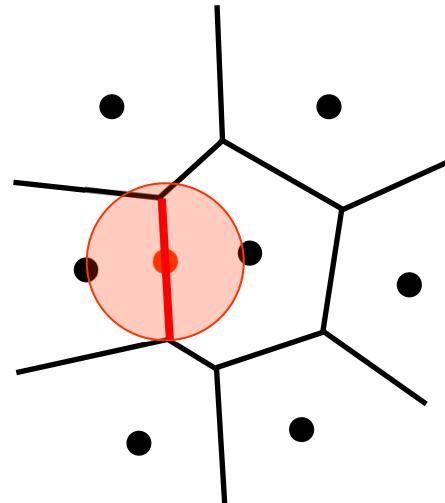
- **Voronoi region** (Dirichlet or Voronoi-Dirichlet region, Thiessen polytope or polygon, Wigner-Seitz zone, domain of action).



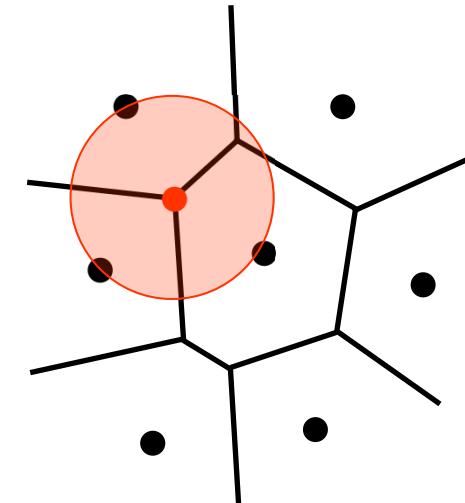
# Voronoi decomposition



**Voronoi region**



**Voronoi edge**



**Voronoi vertex**

- A point  $x \in X$  can belong to one of the following
  - **Voronoi region**  $V_i$  ( $x$  is closer to  $x_i$  than to any other  $x_j$ ).
  - **Voronoi edge**  $V_{ij} = \overline{V}_i \cap \overline{V}_j$  ( $x$  is **equidistant** from  $x_i$  and  $x_j$ ).
  - **Voronoi vertex**  $V_{ijk} = \overline{V}_i \cap \overline{V}_j \cap \overline{V}_k$  ( $x$  is equidistant from three points  $x_i, x_j, x_k$ ).



# Voronoi decomposition

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# Voronoi decomposition

- Voronoi regions are **disjoint**.
- Their closure

$$\bigcup_i \overline{V}_i = X$$

covers the entire  $X$ .

- Cutting  $X$  along Voronoi edges produces a collection of **tiles**  $\{V_i\}$ .
- The tiles are **topological disks** (are homeomorphic to a disk).





**Voronoi tessellations in Nature**



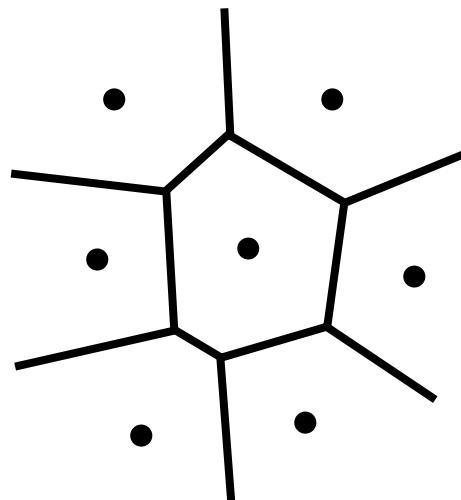
# Delaunay tessellation

Define connectivity as follows: a pair of points whose Voronoi cells are adjacent are connected

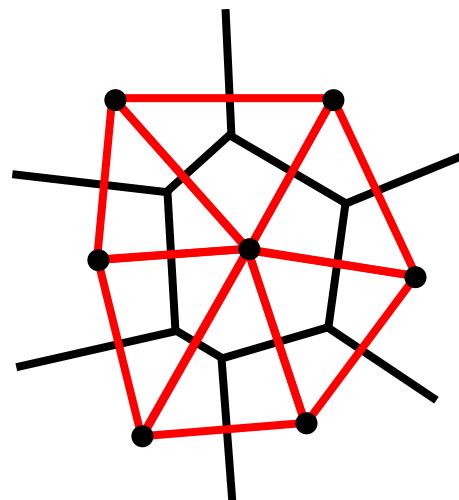
The obtained connectivity graph is **dual** to the Voronoi diagram and is called **Delaunay tessellation**



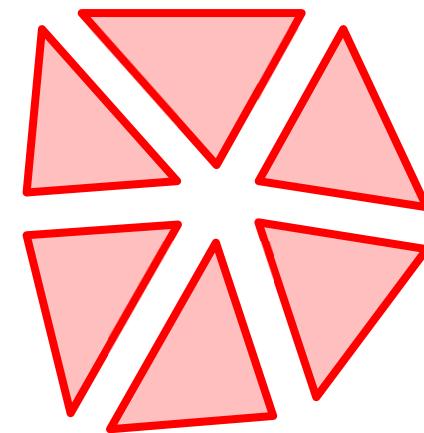
Boris Delaunay (1890-1980)



Voronoi regions



Connectivity



Delaunay tessellation



# Delaunay tessellation

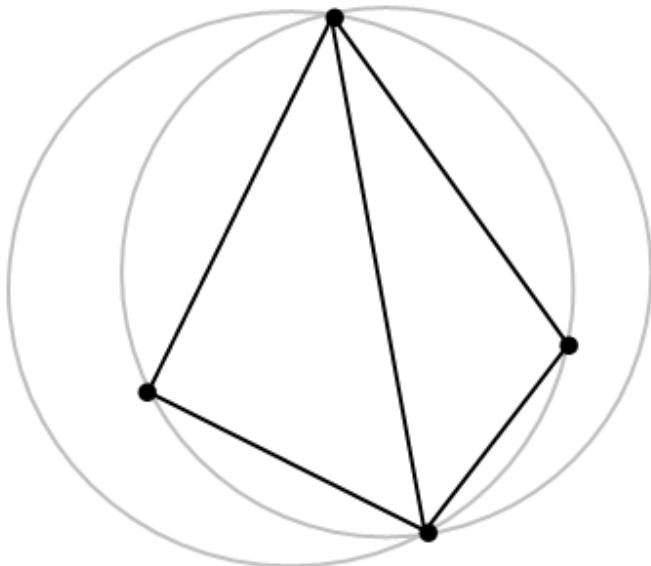
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- For a set  $P$  of points in the ( $d$ -dimensional) Euclidean space, a Delaunay triangulation is a triangulation  $DT(P)$  such that no point in  $P$  is inside the circumhypersphere of any simplex in  $DT(P)$
- It is known that there exists a unique Delaunay triangulation for  $P$  if  $P$  is a set of points in general position
- In the plane, the Delaunay triangulation maximizes the minimum angle

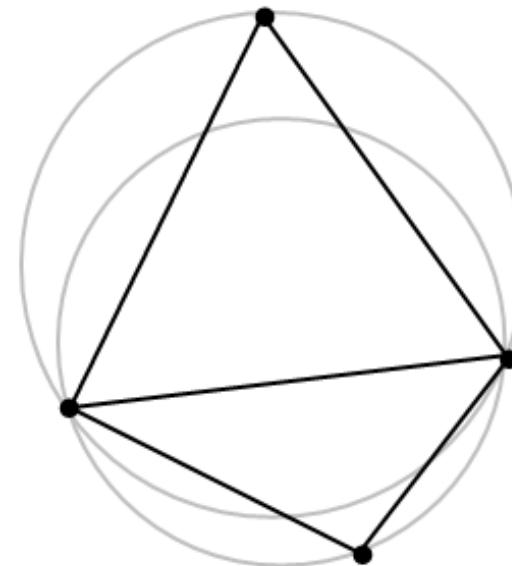


# Delaunay tessellation

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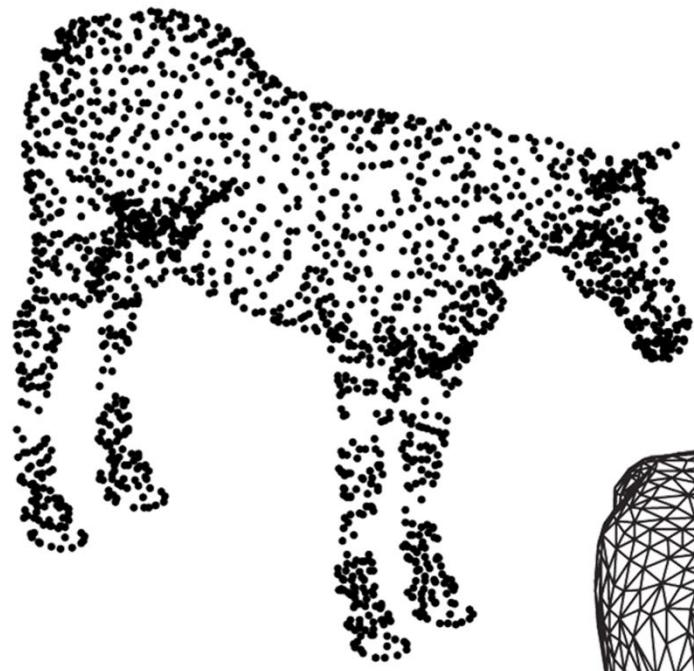
This triangulation does not meet the Delaunay condition (the circumcircles contain more than three points)



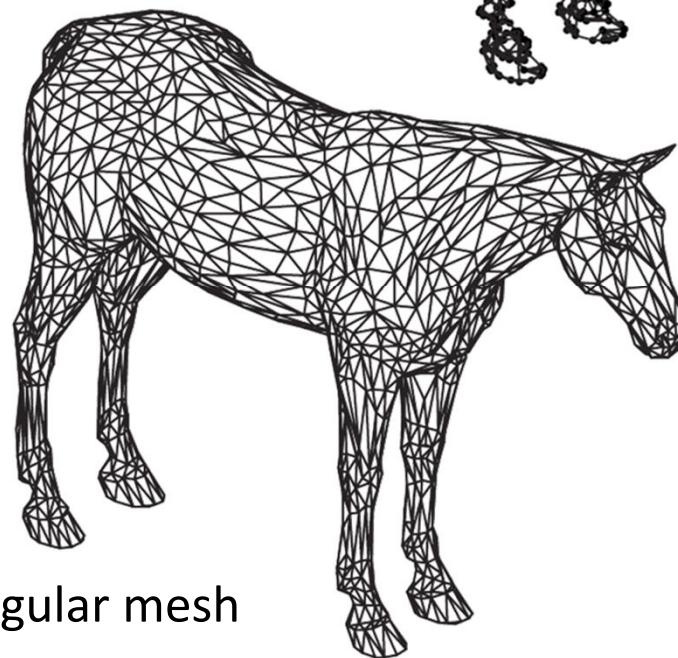
Flipping the common edge produces a Delaunay triangulation for the four points



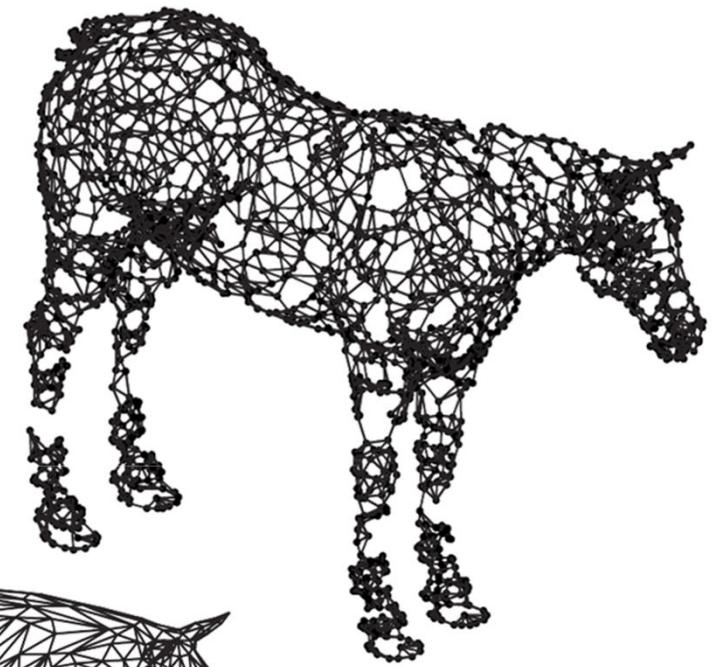
# Shape representation



Cloud of points



Triangular mesh



Graph



# Triangular meshes

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A structure of the form  $(I, E, T)$  consisting of

- **Vertices**     $I = \{1, \dots, N\}$
- **Edges**       $E = \{(i, j) \in I \times I : x_j \in \mathcal{N}(x_i)\}$
- **Faces**        $T = \{(i, j, k) \in I \times I \times I : (i, j), (i, k), (k, j) \in E\}$

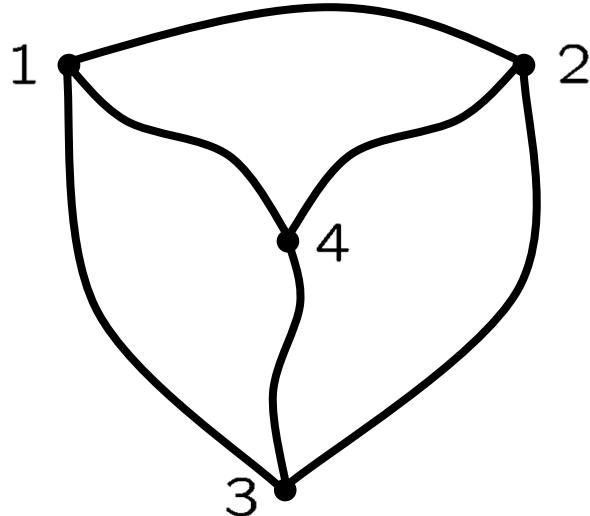
is called a **triangular mesh**

The mesh is a purely **topological** object and does not contain any geometric properties

The faces can be represented as an  $N_F \times 3$  matrix of indices, where each row is a vector of the form  $t_k = (t_k^1, t_k^2, t_k^3)$ ,  $t_k^i \in I$  and  $k = 1, \dots, N_F$

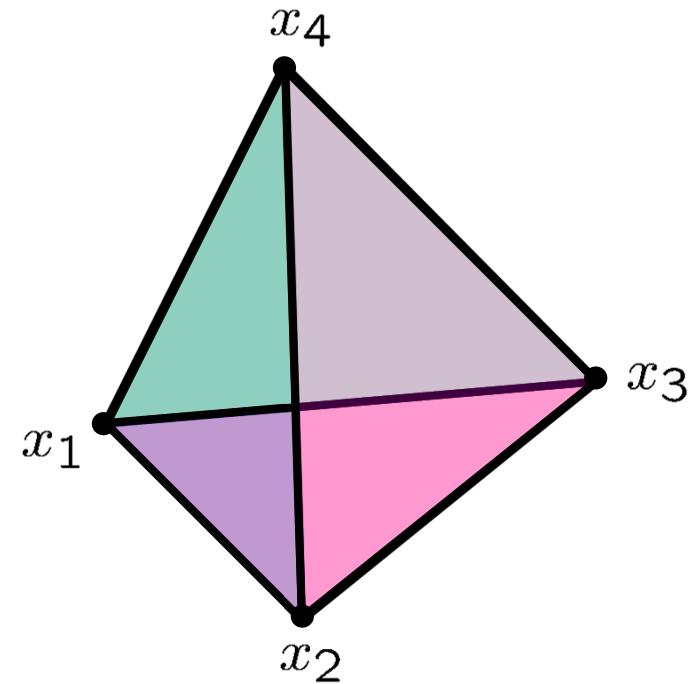


# Example of triangular mesh



Vertices	1	2	3	4		
Edges	(1, 2)	(1, 3)	(1, 4)	(4, 2)	(4, 3)	(2, 3)
Faces	(2, 4, 3)	(1, 4, 2)	(3, 4, 1)	(2, 3, 1)		

Topological



Coordinates	(0.5, 0.86, 0)
	(0, 0, 0)
	(1, 0, 0)
	(0.5, 0.28, 0.86)

Geometric



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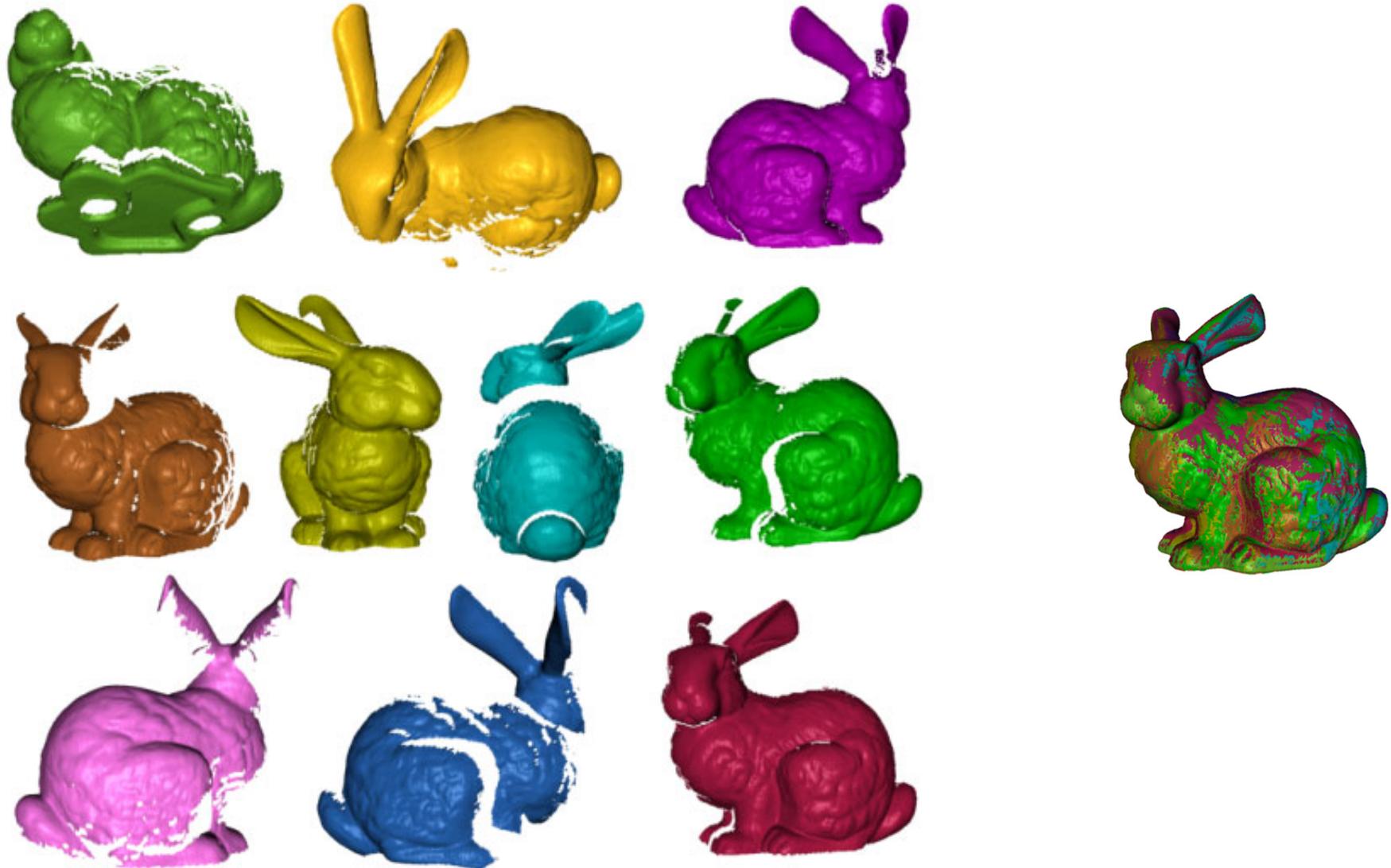


A fairy tale shape similarity problem



# Extrinsic shape similarity

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# Extrinsic shape similarity

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- Given two shapes  $X$  and  $Y$ , find the degree of their **incongruence**.
- Compare  $X$  and  $Y$  as subsets of the Euclidean space  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .
- Invariance to rigid motion: **rotation, translation, (reflection)**:

$$x' = Rx + t$$

- $R$  is a rotation matrix,  $R^\top R = I$
- $t$  is a translation vector



# How to get rid of Euclidean isometries?

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- How to remove translation and rotation ambiguity?
- Find some “canonical” placement of the shape  $X$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .
- **Extrinsic centroid (center of mass, or center of gravity):**

$$x_0 = \frac{\int_X x dx}{\int_X dx}$$

- Set  $t = -x_0$  to resolve translation ambiguity.
- Three degrees of freedom remaining...



# How to get rid of Euclidean isometries?

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- Find the direction  $d_1$  in which the surface has **maximum extent**.
- Maximize **variance** of projection of  $X$  onto  $d_1$

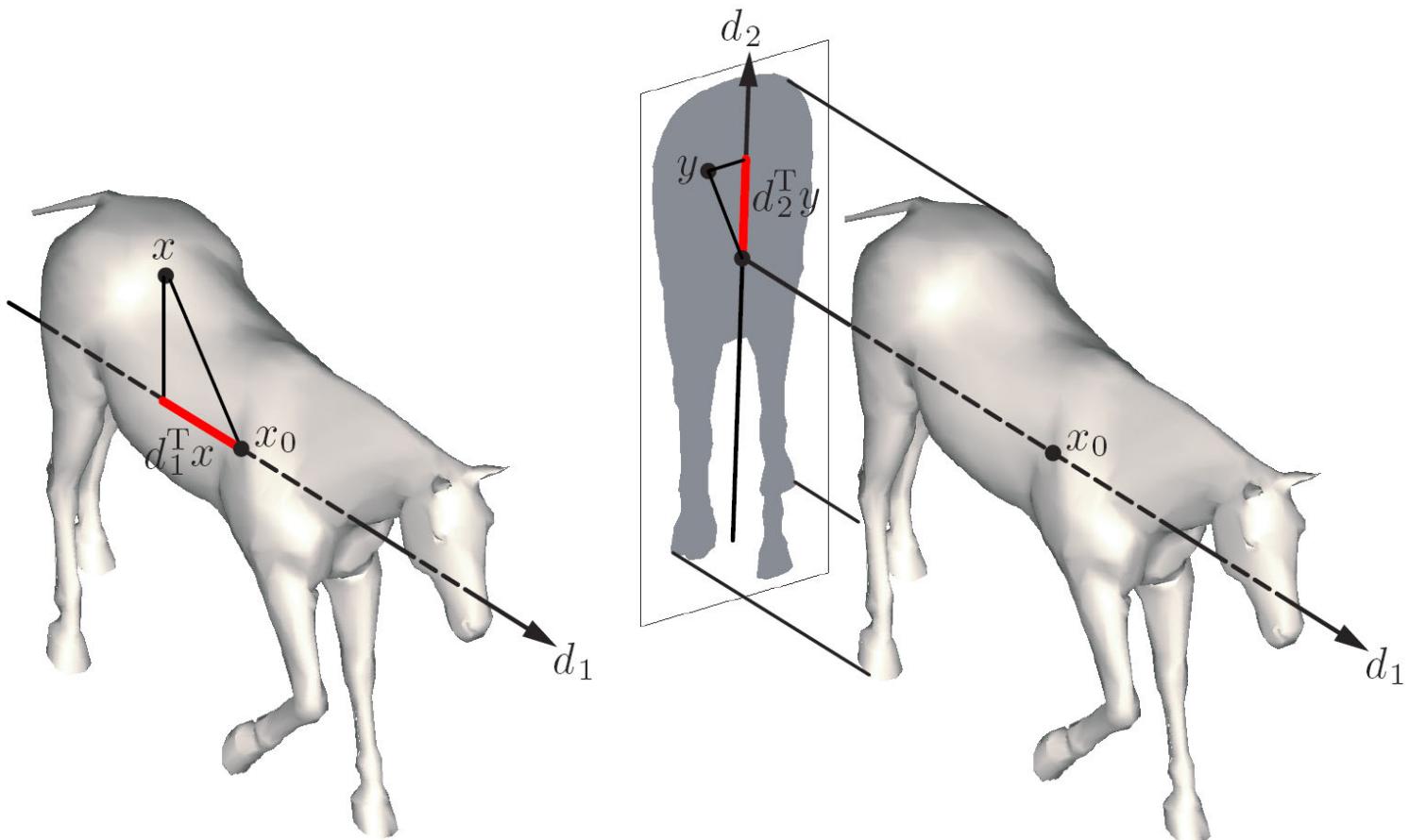
$$\begin{aligned} d_1 &= \arg \max_{d_1: \|d_1\|_2=1} \int_X (d^\top x)^2 dx \\ &= \arg \max_{d_1: \|d_1\|_2=1} d_1^\top \left( \int_X x x^\top dx \right) d_1 \\ &= \arg \max_{d_1: \|d_1\|_2=1} d_1^\top \Sigma_X d_1 \end{aligned}$$

- $\Sigma_X$  is the **covariance matrix**
- $d_1$  is the first **principal direction**



# How to get rid of Euclidean isometries?

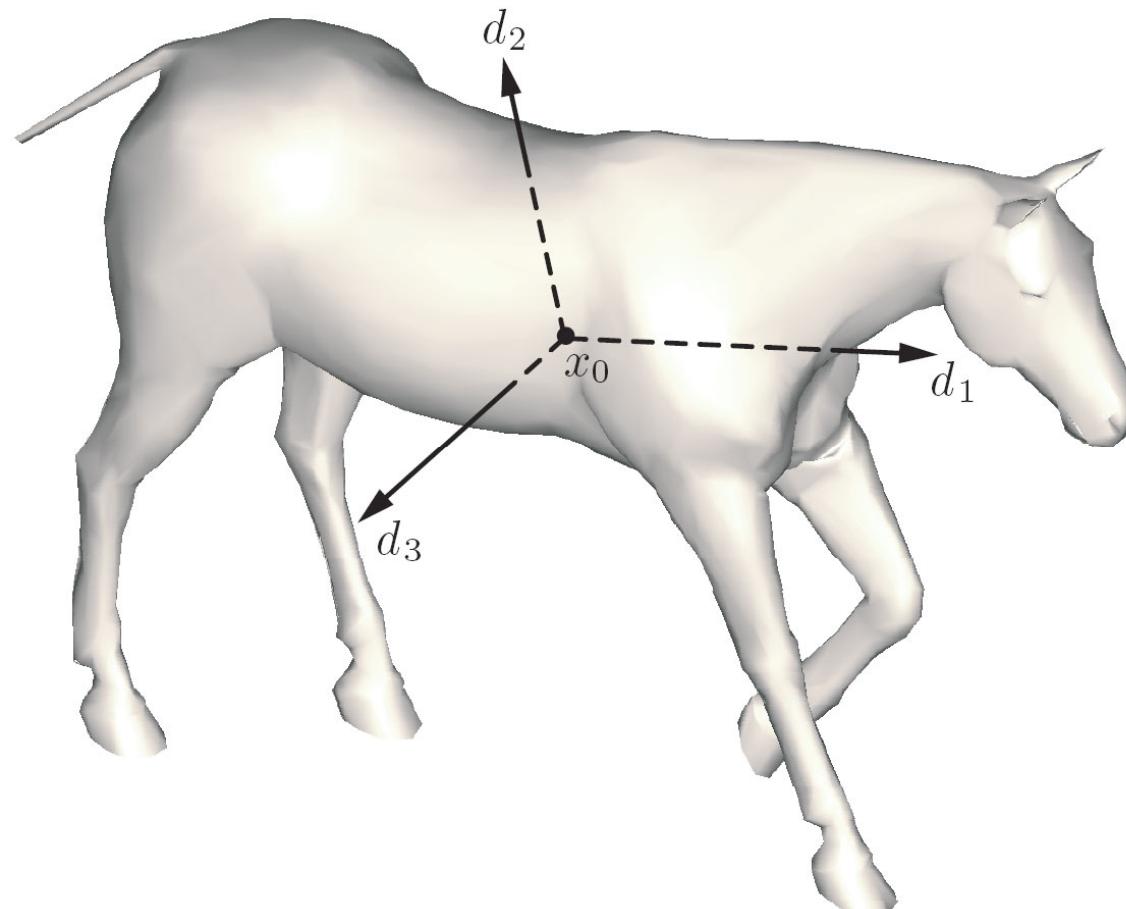
- Project  $X$  on the plane orthogonal to  $d_1$ .
- Repeat the process to find second and third principal directions  $d_2, d_3$ .





# How to get rid of Euclidean isometries?

## Canonical basis



- $d_1 \perp d_2 \perp d_3$  span a canonical orthogonal basis for  $X$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .



# How to get rid of Euclidean isometries?

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- Direction maximizing  $d_1^T \Sigma_X d_1$  = **largest eigenvector** of  $\Sigma_X$ .
- $d_2$  and  $d_3$  correspond to the second and third eigenvectors of  $\Sigma_X$ .
- $\Sigma_X$  admits **unitary diagonalization**  $\Sigma_X = U^T \Lambda U$ .

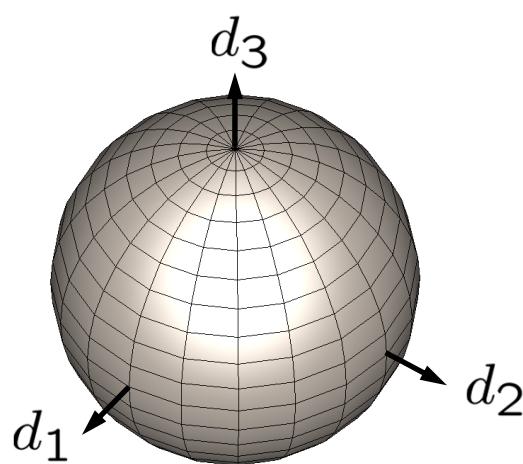
where  $U = \begin{pmatrix} d_1^T \\ d_2^T \\ d_3^T \end{pmatrix}$ .

- **Principal component analysis** (PCA), or **Karhunen-Loéve transform** (KLT), or **Hotelling transform**.

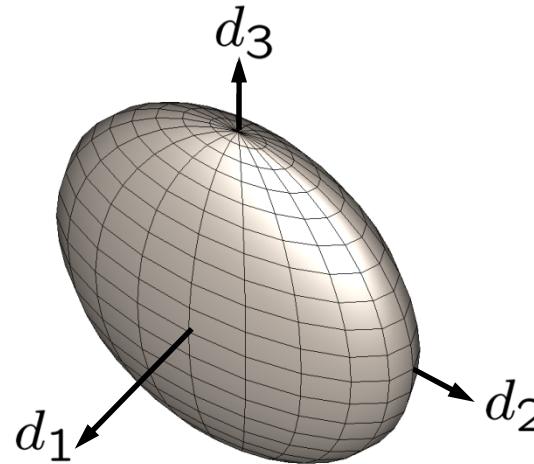


# Second-order geometric moments

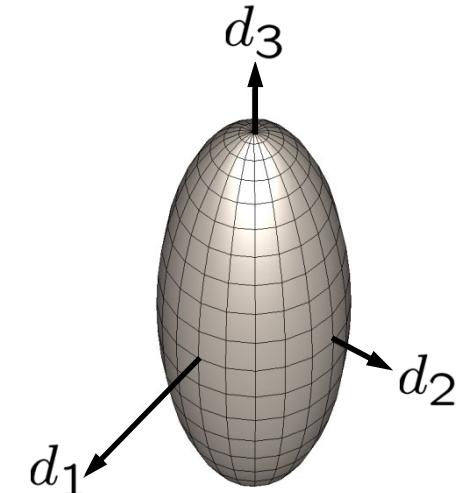
- **Eigenvalues** of  $\Sigma_X$  are **second-order moments**  $\sigma_{ii}$  of  $X$ .
- **Second-order geometric moments** of  $X$  :  $\sigma_{ij} = \int_X x^i x^j dx$
- In the canonical basis, **mixed moments**  $\sigma_{ij}$  vanish.
- **Ratio**  $\sigma_{11} : \sigma_{22} : \sigma_{33}$  describe **eccentricity** of  $X$ .
- **Magnitudes** of  $\sigma_{ii}$  express shape **scale**.



$$\sigma_{11} \approx \sigma_{22} \approx \sigma_{33}$$



$$\sigma_{11} \ll \sigma_{22} \approx \sigma_{33}$$

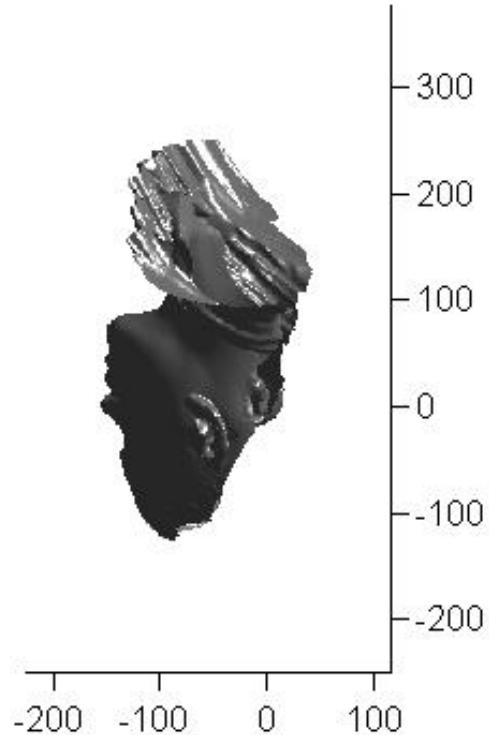


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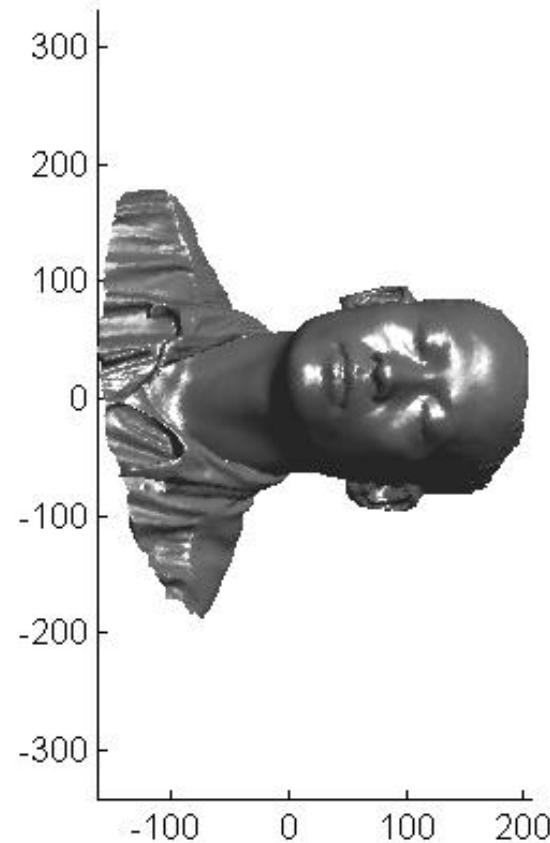


# How to get rid of Euclidean isometries?

## Examples



**Without self-alignment**



**With self-alignment by using PCA**



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# Iterative closest point (ICP) algorithms

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- Given two point sets  $\{m_i\}_{i=1}^N$  and  $\{n_j\}_{j=1}^M$ , find the best motion  $(s, R, t)$  bringing  $\{sR(n_j) + t\}$  **as close as possible** to  $\{m_i\}_{i=1}^N$ :

$$d_{ICP}\left(\{m_i\}, \{n_j\}\right) = \min_{s,R,t} d\left(\{sR(n_j) + t\}, \{m_i\}\right)$$

- $d\left(\{sR(n_j) + t\}, \{m_i\}\right)$  is some **shape-to-shape distance**.
- Minimum** = extrinsic dissimilarity of  $\{m_i\}_{i=1}^N$  and  $\{n_j\}_{j=1}^M$ .
- Minimizer** = best alignment between  $\{m_i\}_{i=1}^N$  and  $\{n_j\}_{j=1}^M$ .
- ICP is a **family of algorithms** differing in
  - The choice of the **shape-to-shape distance**.
  - The choice of the **numerical minimization** algorithm.



# Iterative closest point (ICP) algorithms

$[s, R, T] = \text{ICP}(\{m_i\}_{i=1}^N, \{n_j\}_{j=1}^M)$  (suppose  $N < M$ )

calculate the point correspondences  $\{m_i, n_i\}_{i=1}^N$  (closest point)

calculate the error:  $\Sigma^2 = \sum_{i=1}^N (m_i - n_i)^2$

While not convergent

Evaluate  $s$ ,  $R$  and  $T$  according to the pairs  $\{m_i, n_i\}_{i=1}^N$

Apply  $s$ ,  $R$  and  $T$  to  $\{n_j\}$  to get  $\{n'_j\}$

Let  $\{n_j\} = \{n'_j\}$

Re-calculate the point correspondences  $\{m_i, n_i\}_{i=1}^N$

re-calculate the error:  $\Sigma^2 = \sum_{i=1}^N (m_i - n_i)^2$

End

Return  $s$ ,  $R$ ,  $T$



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calculate the error:  $\Sigma^2 = \sum_{i=1}^N (m_i - n_i)^2$  Can be efficiently computed by using Delaunay triangulation

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While not convergent

Evaluate  $s$ ,  $R$  and  $T$  according to the pairs  $\{m_i, n_i\}_{i=1}^N$  How?

Apply  $s$ ,  $R$  and  $T$  to  $\{n_j\}$  to get  $\{n'_j\}$

Let  $\{n_j\} = \{n'_j\}$

Re-calculate the point correspondences  $\{m_i, n_i\}_{i=1}^N$

re-calculate the error:  $\Sigma^2 = \sum_{i=1}^N (m_i - n_i)^2$

End

Return  $s$ ,  $R$ ,  $T$



# Iterative closest point (ICP) algorithms

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Problem definition:

Given a set of point correspondence pairs  
 $\{m_i, n_i\}_{i=1}^N$ , how to evaluate  $s$ ,  $R$  and  $T$  to minimize

$$\Sigma^2 = \sum_{i=1}^N \|m_i - (sR(n_i) + T)\|^2$$



# Iterative closest point (ICP) algorithms

We assume that there is a similarity transform between point sets  $\{m_i\}_{i=1}^N$  and  $\{n_i\}_{i=1}^N$

Find  $s$ ,  $R$  and  $T$  to minimize

Note:  $R$  is an orthogonal matrix.

$$\Sigma^2 = \sum_{i=1}^N e_i^2 = \sum_{i=1}^N \|m_i - (sR(n_i) + T)\|^2 \quad (1)$$

Let

$$\bar{m} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N m_i, \bar{n} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N n_i, m_i' = m_i - \bar{m}, n_i' = n_i - \bar{n}$$

$$\text{Note that: } \sum_{i=1}^N m_i' = \mathbf{0}, \sum_{i=1}^N n_i' = \mathbf{0}$$



# Iterative closest point (ICP) algorithms

Then:

$$e_i = \vec{m}_i - sR(\vec{n}_i) - T = \vec{m}_i + \bar{\vec{m}} - sR(\vec{n}_i + \bar{\vec{n}}) - T = \vec{m}_i + \bar{\vec{m}} - sR(\vec{n}_i) - sR(\bar{\vec{n}}) - T$$

$$= \vec{m}_i - sR(\vec{n}_i) - (T - \bar{\vec{m}} + sR(\bar{\vec{n}})) = \vec{m}_i - sR(\vec{n}_i) - e_0$$

$e_0 = T - \bar{\vec{m}} + sR(\bar{\vec{n}})$  is independent from  $\{\vec{m}_i, \vec{n}_i\}$

(1) can be rewritten as:

$$\Sigma^2 = \sum_{i=1}^N e_i^2 = \sum_{i=1}^N \|\vec{m}_i - sR(\vec{n}_i) - e_0\|^2 = \sum_{i=1}^N \|\vec{m}_i - sR(\vec{n}_i)\|^2 - 2e_0 \cdot \sum_{i=1}^N (\vec{m}_i - sR(\vec{n}_i)) + Ne_0^2$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^N \|\vec{m}_i - sR(\vec{n}_i)\|^2 - 2e_0 \cdot \sum_{i=1}^N (\vec{m}_i) + 2e_0 \cdot \sum_{i=1}^N (sR(\vec{n}_i)) + Ne_0^2$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^N \|\vec{m}_i - sR(\vec{n}_i)\|^2 + Ne_0^2$$

Variables are separated and can be minimized separately.

$$e_0^2 = 0 \Leftrightarrow T = \bar{\vec{m}} - sR(\bar{\vec{n}})$$

If we have  $s$  and  $R$ ,  $T$  can be determined.



# Iterative closest point (ICP) algorithms

Then the problem simplifies to: how to minimize

$$\Sigma^2 = \sum_{i=1}^N \|m_i' - sR(n_i')\|^2$$

Consider its geometric meaning here.

We revise the error item as a symmetrical one:

$$\begin{aligned}\Sigma^2 &= \sum_{i=1}^N \left\| \frac{1}{\sqrt{s}} m_i' - \sqrt{s} R(n_i') \right\|^2 = \frac{1}{s} \sum_{i=1}^N \|m_i'\|^2 - 2 \sum_{i=1}^N m_i' \cdot R(n_i') + s \sum_{i=1}^N \|R(n_i')\|^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{s} \sum_{i=1}^N \|m_i'\|^2 - 2 \sum_{i=1}^N m_i' \cdot R(n_i') + s \sum_{i=1}^N \|n_i'\|^2\end{aligned}$$

Variables are separated.

$$\Sigma^2 = \frac{1}{s} P - 2D + sQ = \left( \sqrt{s} \sqrt{Q} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{s}} \sqrt{P} \right)^2 + 2(\sqrt{PQ} - D)$$

Thus,



# Iterative closest point (ICP) algorithms

$$\left( \sqrt{s} \sqrt{Q} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{s}} \sqrt{P} \right)^2 = 0 \Leftrightarrow s = \sqrt{\frac{P}{Q}} = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^N \|m_i'\|^2}{\sum_{i=1}^N \|n_i'\|^2}}$$

**Determined!**

Then the problem simplifies to: how to maximize

$$D = \sum_{i=1}^N m_i' \cdot R(n_i')$$

**Note that: D is a real number.**

$$D = \sum_{i=1}^N m_i' \cdot R n_i' = \sum_{i=1}^N (m_i')^T R n_i' = \text{trace} \left( \sum_{i=1}^N R n_i' (m_i')^T \right) = \text{trace}(RH)$$

$$H \equiv \sum_{i=1}^N n_i' (m_i')^T$$

Now we are looking for an orthogonal matrix  $R$  to maximize the trace of  $RH$ .



# Iterative closest point (ICP) algorithms

Lemma

For any positive semi-definite matrix  $C$  and any orthogonal matrix  $B$ :

$$\text{trace}(C) \geq \text{trace}(BC)$$

Proof:

From the positive definite property of  $C$ ,  $\exists A, C = AA^T$   
where  $A$  is a non-singular matrix.

Let  $a_i$  be the  $i$ th column of  $A$ . Then

$$\text{trace}(BAA^T) = \text{trace}(A^TBA) = \sum_i a_i^T (Ba_i)$$

According to Schwarz inequality:  $|\langle x, y \rangle| \leq \|x\| \|y\|$

$$a_i^T (Ba_i) \leq \|a_i^T\| \|Ba_i\| = \sqrt{(a_i^T a_i)(a_i^T B^T B a_i)} = a_i^T a_i$$

Hence,

$$\text{trace}(BAA^T) \leq \sum_i a_i^T a_i = \text{trace}(AA^T) \text{ that is, } \text{trace}(BC) \leq \text{trace}(C)$$



# Iterative closest point (ICP) algorithms

Consider the SVD of  $H \equiv \sum_{i=1}^N n_i (m_i)^T \quad H = U \Lambda V^T$

According to the property of SVD,  $U$  and  $V$  are orthogonal matrices, and  $\Lambda$  is a diagonal matrix with nonnegative elements.

Now let  $X = VU^T$

Note that: X is orthogonal.

We have  $XH = VU^T U \Lambda V^T = V \Lambda V^T$  which is positive semi-definite.

Thus, from the lemma, we know: for any orthogonal matrix  $B$

$$\text{trace}(XH) \geq \text{trace}(BXH)$$

↓  
for any orthogonal matrix  $\Psi$

$$\text{trace}(XH) \geq \text{trace}(\Psi H)$$

*It's time to go back to our objective now...*

***R should be X***



# Iterative closest point (ICP) algorithms

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Now,  $s$ ,  $R$  and  $T$  are all determined.

$$H \equiv \sum_{i=1}^N \vec{n}_i \left( \vec{m}_i \right)^T = U \Lambda V^T$$

$$R = VU^T \quad s = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^N \|\vec{m}_i\|^2}{\sum_{i=1}^N \|\vec{n}_i\|^2}} \quad T = \bar{\vec{m}} - sR(\bar{\vec{n}})$$



# ICP Matching—An Example



bottle1



bottle2



ac1



ac2

bottle1~bottle2: 0.8131

ac1~ac2: 0.8939

bottle1~ac1: 9.8462

bottle1~ac2: 10.3231

bottle2~ac1: 7.9172

bottle2~ac2: 10.3362



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