Random Notes

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1 Coordinate system transformation

Notations:

Local coordinate system is denoted by C_L , and global (world) coordinate system is denoted by C_W . We define

$$C_L = \begin{pmatrix} e_1 & e_2 & e_3 & 0 \\ & 0 & & 1 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{4 \times 4},\tag{1}$$

which translates a homogeneous coordinate x_L in C_L to x_W in C_W .

In C_L , we define two transformations (rotation, translation, scaling) $T_1^L, T_2^L \in \mathbb{R}^{4 \times 4}$ of **local coordinate system** C_L **w.r.t. global coordinate system** C_W , and T_1 is applied before T_2 . It's easy to derive in world space C_W , $T_1^{W \mapsto W} = C_L T_1^L C_L^{-1}$, and this is a mapping from global coordinate to global coordinate. Similarly, $T_1^{L \mapsto W} = T_1^{W \mapsto W} C_L = C_L T_1^L$.

Consider combining these transformations, we have (this time C_L is actually $C_L T_1^L$, because we've moved our local coordinate system)

$$T_2 \circ T_1 \equiv (T_2 \circ T_1)^{L \to W} = (C_L T_1^L) T_2 (C_L T_1^L)^{-1} C_L T_1^L = C_L T_1^L T_2^L, \tag{2}$$

and to be clear, this mapping is applied on local coordinate system and produce global coordinate.

2 Simple linear elasticity and implementation

We use a variant of classical linear elasticity:

$$E(x) = \sum_{t} \frac{\mu}{2} \|D_s - D_m\|_{F}^2$$
 (3)

where D_s and D_m are shape matrices, D_m is a constant matrix, $D_s = G_t \cdot x$ where G_t is a linear mapping (tensor) . Let $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)^T \in \mathbb{R}^{3n}$. We denote restpose with x_m and deformed pose with x_s .

If we are to use a general optimizer like LBFGS (implemented in master branch), we need the gradient:

$$\nabla E(x_i) = \operatorname{tr}\left[(D_s - D_m)^{\mathrm{T}} \cdot \frac{\partial D_s}{\partial x_i} \right]$$
(4)

The constraints is given by fixed boundaries on certain DoFs.

2.1 Quadratic minimization

Since *E* is a quadratic form, we can convert this problem to a quadratic minimization. This is done as follows:

For every tet, we define $vec(D_s) = S_t \otimes I_3 \cdot x_s = Gx_s \in \mathbb{R}^{9 \times 1}$, where S_t is a selector matrix, defined by: $S_{t,ij} = 1$ iff i = 1,2,3 and j is the index of that point, and $S_{t,ij} = -1$ iff i = 4 and j is the index of that point.

G is a $9 \times 3n$ matrix, and vec is a vectorization denoted as $vec((a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)) = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)^T$.

Also note that tr(AB) = tr(BA), tr(A + B) = tr(A) + tr(B), and $tr(A^T) = tr(A)$, then

$$E(x) = \sum_{s} \frac{\mu}{2} ||D_s - D_m|_F^2 = \sum_{s} \frac{\mu}{2} \cdot \text{tr}((D_s - D_m) \cdot (D_s - D_m)^T)$$
 (5a)

$$= \sum_{s} \frac{\mu}{2} \text{tr}(D_s^{\mathsf{T}} D_s - 2D_s^{\mathsf{T}} D_m + D_m D_m^{\mathsf{T}})$$
 (5b)

It's easy to derive:

$$tr(D_s^T D_s) = x^T G^T G x, (6a)$$

$$\operatorname{tr}(D_s^{\mathsf{T}} D_m) = x^{\mathsf{T}} G^{\mathsf{T}} \cdot \operatorname{vec}(D_m) = x^{\mathsf{T}} G^{\mathsf{T}} G x_m. \tag{6b}$$

Thus we have

$$E(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^{\mathrm{T}}Ax - x^{\mathrm{T}}b + c,$$
 (7)

where

$$A = \mu \sum G^{\mathrm{T}} G \ge 0, \tag{8a}$$

$$b = \mu \sum G^{\mathrm{T}} G x_m, \tag{8b}$$

$$c = \frac{\mu}{2} \sum \text{tr}(D_m D_m^{\text{T}}). \tag{8c}$$

The stationary point of *E* can be obtained by solving Ax = b.

2.2 Constraints

Two ways to impose *m* constraints:

The constraint can be written as $Qx = q \Rightarrow x^TQ^T - q^T = 0$, where $Q \in R^{3m \times 3n}$, $q \in R^{3m \times 1}$, $m \le n$.

2.2.1 Soft constraints

Let w become a constraint parameter, the objective becomes

$$E(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^{T}Ax - x^{T}b + c + w(x^{T}Q^{T}Qx - 2x^{T}Q^{T}q + q^{T}q).$$
(9)

The final linear system to minimize *E* becomes solving

$$(A + 2wQTQ)x = b + 2wQTq.$$
 (10)

2.2.2 Lagrangian multipliers

The Lagrangian of *E* is

$$L(x,\lambda) = \frac{1}{2}x^{T}Ax - b^{T}x + c + \lambda^{T}(Qx - q) = \frac{1}{2}x^{T}Ax + (\lambda^{T}Q - b^{T})x + c - \lambda^{T}q.$$
 (11)

Let

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x} = Ax + Q^{\mathrm{T}}\lambda - b = 0. \tag{12}$$

Hence the dual form of the problem:

$$\begin{pmatrix} A & Q^{T} \\ Q & 0 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x \\ \lambda \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} b \\ q \end{pmatrix} \tag{13}$$

Tips for implementation: Creating sparse matrices in a loop is costly. An efficient evaluation of *A*:

$$A = \mu \sum_{i} (G_i^{\mathsf{T}} G_i) = \sum_{i} (S_i \otimes I_3)^{\mathsf{T}} (S_i \otimes I_3) = (\sum_{i} S_i^{\mathsf{T}} S_i) \otimes I_3.$$

$$(14)$$

Precomputing $(\sum_i S_i^T S_i)$ can be done via coo_matrix (in scipy) on (i, j, k) tuples.

References