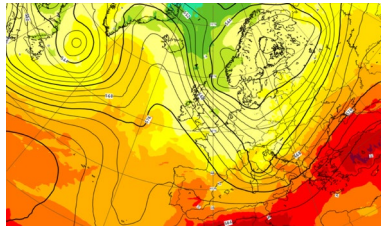


Conservative Interpolation Between Unstructured Meshes that Preserves Heterogeneity and Structure for Modeling Three-Dimensional Bone

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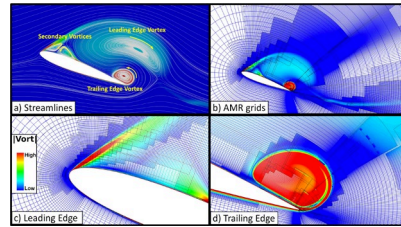
Meshing & Interpolation in Computational Science

When do we use meshing and mesh interpolation?



Weather Prediction

ECMWF's operational forecasts over Europe



Fluid Dynamics

NASA's Tools for Accurate Rotorcraft Analysis
and Design

Limitations



Accuracy



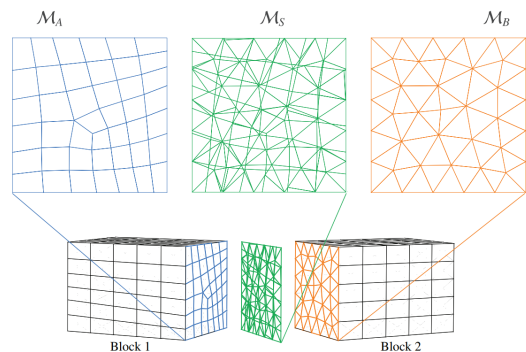
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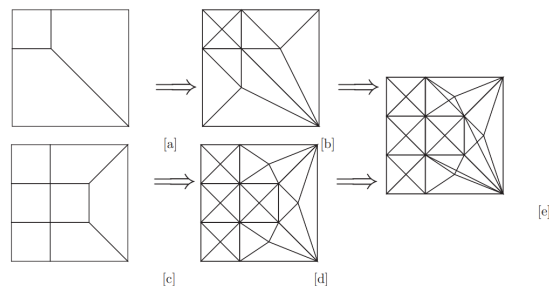
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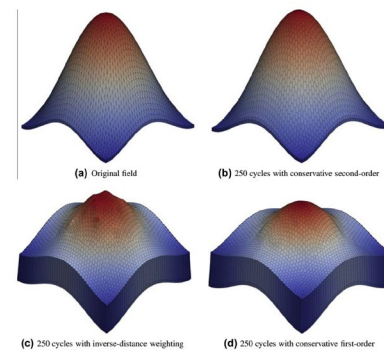
Previous Attempts at Creating/Using a 3D Supermesh



Flux-conserving treatment of non-conformal interfaces for finite-volume discretization of conservation laws (Rinaldi et al.)



A parallel adaptive viscoelastic flow solver with template based dynamic mesh refinement (Oner et al.)

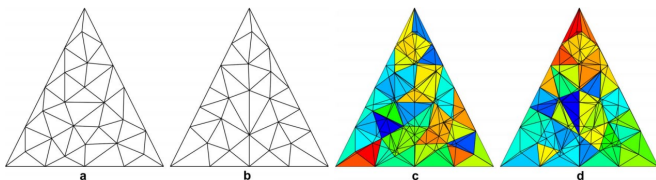


Conservative interpolation on unstructured polyhedral meshes: An extension of the supermesh approach to cell-centered finite-volume variables (Menon et al.)

Theoretical Background

A supermesh denoted \mathcal{T}_c of parent meshes \mathcal{T}_A and \mathcal{T}_B is defined as any mesh that fulfills the following 2 conditions:

- (1) Any node \mathcal{N} present in the parent mesh must exist in the supermesh.
- (2) The intersection of an element of \mathcal{T}_c with any element of either of the 2 parent meshes must either be the empty set or the whole element \mathcal{K}_c .



A simple conservative interpolation operator

$$\sum_{K_A \in \mathcal{T}_A} \int_{K_A} q(\mathbf{x}) dV = \sum_{K_B \in \mathcal{T}_B} \int_{K_B} \Pi_B[q](\mathbf{x}) dV.$$

$$\sum_{K_A \in \mathcal{T}_A} \int_{K_A} q(\mathbf{x}) dV = \sum_{K_B \in \mathcal{T}_B} \left(\sum_{K_C \in \mathcal{Z}_{BC}(K_B)} \int_{K_C} \Pi_C[q](\mathbf{x}) dV \right),$$

$$\sum_{K_A \in \mathcal{T}_A} \int_{K_A} q(\mathbf{x}) dV = \sum_{K_C \in \mathcal{T}_C} \int_{K_C} \Pi_C[q](\mathbf{x}) dV.$$

$$\int_{K_C} \Pi_C[q](\mathbf{x}) dV := \omega_{K_C} \int_{\mathcal{Z}_{CA}(K_C)} q(\mathbf{x}) dV,$$

where

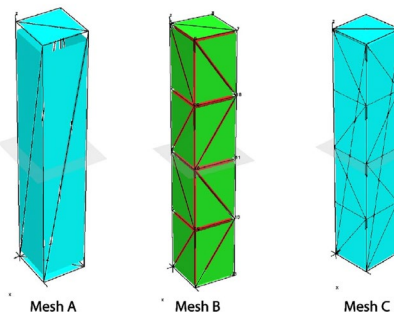
$$\omega_{K_C} := \int_{K_C} dV / \int_{\mathcal{Z}_{CA}(K_C)} dV.$$

$$q(\mathbf{x})|_{\mathbf{x} \in K_B} = \int_{K_B} q(\mathbf{x}) dV / V(K_B),$$

conservation
is retained

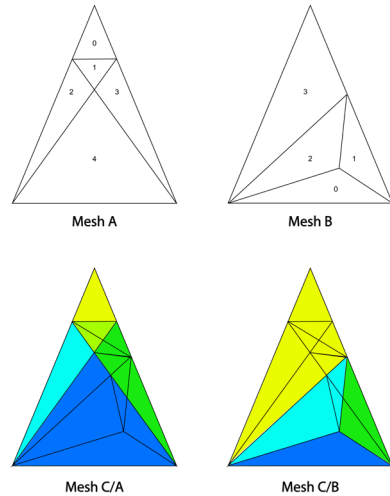
Steps to create 2D supermesh:

- (1) Obtain the union \mathcal{N} of all the nodes
- (2) Obtain the union \mathcal{D} of all the faces
- (3) \mathcal{N} and \mathcal{D} form an imperfect piece-wise linear complex
- (4) \mathcal{N} and \mathcal{D} are given to the Delaunay Triangulation method and a triangulated supermesh is obtained

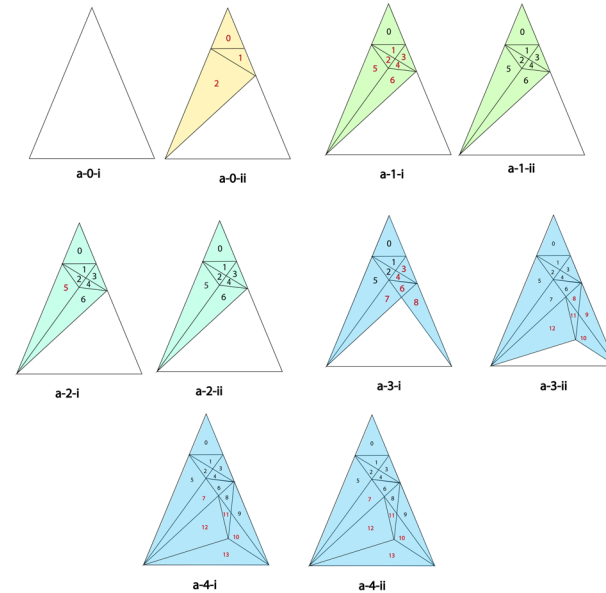


In this figure, Mesh A and Mesh B are two domains that were tetrahedralized by TetGen, with Mesh B being a more refined mesh. Mesh C shows the union of all the nodes of A and B as well as the union of their faces.

Method of Intersecting Tetrahedra Demonstration



Parent meshes and mappings



Supermeshing process using the method
of intersecting tetrahedra

Method of Intersecting Tetrahedra

Pseudocode

Algorithm 1 Intersecting Tetrahedra Algorithm for Generating a Supermesh

```
function supermesh(A, B):
    C = [ ] empty vector of tetrahedra
    marker = array of bools of size sizeof(B)
    for i in range(sizeof(A))
        AC, AB = [ ] empty vectors of int
        temp = [ ] empty array of tetrahedra
        t, c = 0

        // start of BLOCK I
        if (AC != empty)
            for j in range(sizeof(C))
                if A(i) intersects C(j) *
                    temp.push(C(j))
            for j in range(sizeof(B))
                if (!marker[j])
                    if A(i) intersects B(j) *
                        AB.push(j)

        // start of BLOCK II
        while true
            if (temp[t] intersects C[AC[c]]) *
                X = get_intersection (temp[t], C[AC[c]])
                if sizeof(X) == 1, go to else
                temp.remove(t)
                temp.push(X)
            else
                c++
                if (c == sizeof(AC))
                    c = 0; t++
                    if (t == sizeof(temp))
                        break

        // start of BLOCK III
        templ = [ ] empty vector of tetrahedra

        for j in range ( sizeof ( temp ) )
            if (One of temp(j)'s parents is uninitialized)
                temp.remove(temp(j))
                templ.push(temp(j))

        t, c = 0
        if (AB != empty)
            while true
                if ( templ[t] intersects B[AB[c]] ) *
                    X = intersection templ[t] and B[AB[c]]
                    if sizeof(X) == 1, go to else
                    templ.remove(t)
                    templ.push(X)
                else
                    c ++
                    if ( c == sizeof(AB))
                        c = 0
                        t++
                        if ( t == sizeof (templ))
                            break

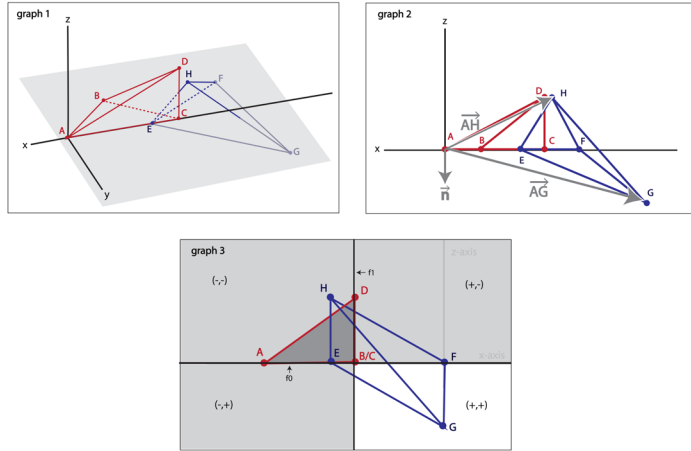
        // start of BLOCK IV
        for j in AB
            marker[j] = 1
        C.remove(all elements pointed at by AC and AB)
        C.push(temp, templ)
```

Pseudocode for the supermeshing algorithm which consists of 4 blocks

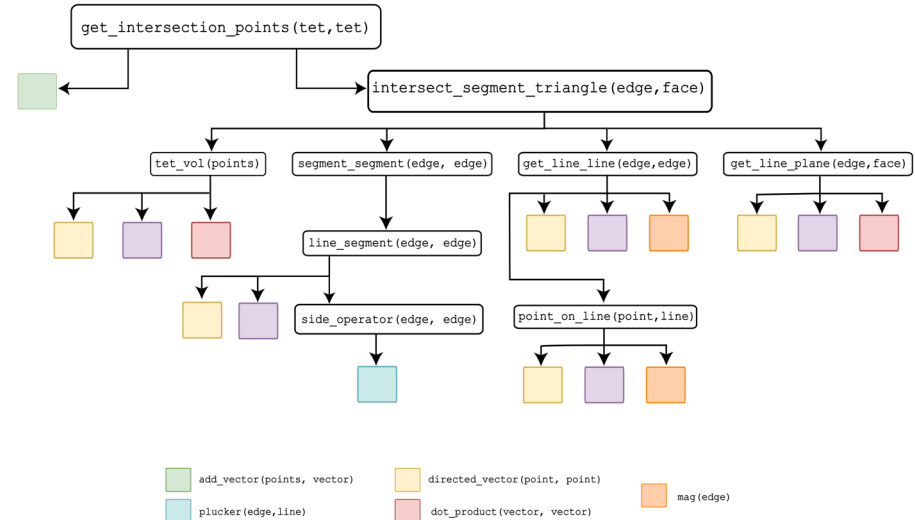
Method of Intersecting Tetrahedra

Key Methods

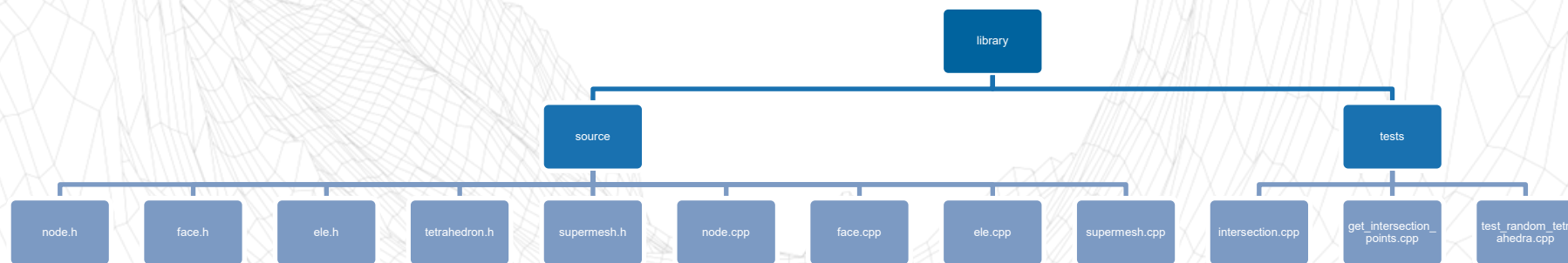
`intersect()`: check if two tetrahedra intersect



`get_intersection_points()`: get intersection points of 2 tetrahedra



Library Code Breakdown



Test Results

Steps:

- 1) Choose 3 intervals A, B and C such that $A \cap B \neq \{\}$ and $C \cap B \neq \{\}$ and $A \cap C = \{\}$
- 2) Create 2000 random tetrahedra confined to each of regions A, B and C
- 3) Time intersect() method for tetrahedra in A vs. B, and B vs. C.
- 4) Time get_intersection_points() method for tetrahedra in A vs. B, and B vs. C.

Tests for intersect() function:

Testing intersect() on a mix of tetrahedra:

Checking all intersections takes 79144.5 ms, with the ratio of overlap/no overlap being: 0.152417

now timing the intersect() function for another mix of tetrahedra:

Checking all intersections takes 96018.1 ms, with the ratio of overlap/no overlap being: 0.288302

On average, it took 0.0187265 ms to detect an overlap and 0.0164186 ms to detect no overlap.

Tests for get_intersection_points() function:

Testing get_intersection_points() on mix of tetrahedra:

Checking all intersections takes 95721.9 ms, with the ratio of overlap/no overlap being: 0.152417

Testing get_intersection_points() on another mix of tetrahedra:

Checking all intersections takes 116126 ms, with the ratio of overlap/no overlap being: 0.288302

On average, it took 0.0226444 ms to detect an overlap and 0.0198584 ms to detect no overlap.

Future Work & Acknowledgements



Complete `construct_intersection()`



Optimize code

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