Computational Graphics: Lecture 4

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If you need to convert files from one markup format into another, pandoc is your swiss-army knife.

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In particular, provides the efficient creation of simplicial complexes generated by simplicial complexes of lower dimension, the production of simplicial grids of any dimension, and the extraction of facets (i.e.~of $(d-1)$-faces) of complexes of d-simplices.

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Such a goal is achieved by calculating each cell in the output via closed combinatorial formulas, that do not require any searching nor data structure traversal to produce their results.

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The chain of oriented boundary facets of σ^d, usually denoted as $\partial \sigma^d$, is generated combinatorially as follows:

$$\partial \sigma^d = \sum_{k=0}^{d} (-1)^d \langle v_0, \ldots, v_{k-1}, v_{k+1}, \ldots, v_d \rangle$$

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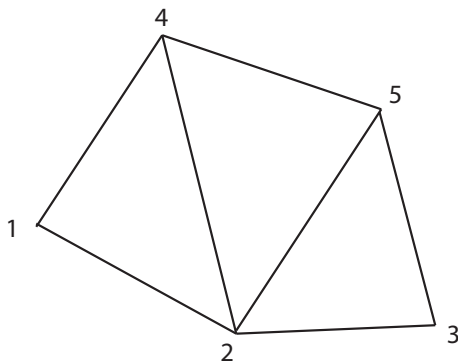
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The final steps are used to remove the duplicates (facets), by transforming the sorted facets into a set of tuples, so removing the duplicated elements.

```
def larSimplexFacets(simplices):
    out = []
    d = len(simplices[0])
    for simplex in simplices:
        out += AA(sorted)(
            [simplex[0:k]+simplex[k+1:d] for k in range(d)])
    out = set(AA(tuple)(out))
    return  sorted(out)
```

Example


```
In [13]: simplices = [[1,2,4],[2,4,5],[2,3,5]]

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- This method is computationally optimal, since it does not require any search or traversal of data structures.

Algorithm 1/2

Figure 1:Extrusion of (a) a point; (b) a straight line segment; (c) a triangle.
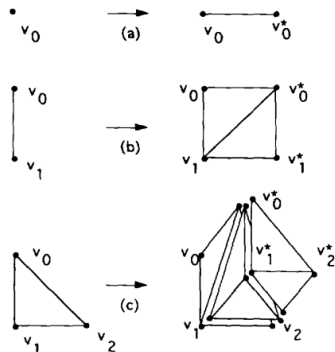
Algorithm 2/2

Let us concentrate on the generation of the simplex chain γ^{d+1} of dimension $d + 1$ produced by combinatorial extrusion of a single simplex

$$\sigma^d = \langle v_0, v_1, \ldots, v_d, \rangle.$$

Then we have, with $|\gamma^{d+1}| = \sigma^d \times I$, and $I = [0, 1]$:

$$\gamma^{d+1} = \sum_{k=0}^{d} (-1)^{kd} \langle v_k, \ldots v_d, v_0^*, \ldots v_k^* \rangle$$

with $v_k \in \sigma^d \times \{0\}$ and $v_k^* \in \sigma^d \times \{1\}$, and where the term $(-1)^{kd}$ is used to generate a chain of coherently-oriented extruded simplices.

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Therefore, a value `pattern = [1,1,-1,1]` must be interpreted as the 1D simplicial complex

$$[0,1] \cup [1,2] \cup [3,4]$$

with five vertices `W = [[0.0], [1.0], [2.0], [3.0], [4.0]]` and three 1-cells `[[0,1], [1,2], [3,4]]`.

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The `cellGroups` variable is used to select the groups of $(d + 1)$-simplices corresponding to solid intervals in the input `pattern`, and `CAT` provides to flatten their set, by removing a level of square brackets.

Implementation 3/3

```
def larExtrude1(model,pattern):
    """ Simplicial model extrusion in accord with a 1D pattern """
    V, FV = model
    d, m = len(FV[0]), len(pattern)
    coords = list(cumsum([0]+(AA(ABS)(pattern))))
    offset, outcells, rangelimit = len(V), [], d*m
    for cell in FV:
        tube = [v + k*offset for k in range(m+1) for v in cell]
        cellTube = [tube[k:k+d+1] for k in range(rangelimit)]
        outcells += [reshape(cellTube, newshape=(m,d,d+1)).tolist()]
    outcells = AA(CAT)(TRANS(outcells))
    cellGroups = [group for k,group in enumerate(outcells) if pattern[k]>0
    outVertices = [v+[z] for z in coords for v in V]
    outModel = outVertices, CAT(cellGroups)
    return outModel
```

Examples

```
model = [[0,0],[1,0],[0,1]], [[0,1,2]]
pattern = [1]

larExtrude1(model,pattern)

VIEW(STRUCT(MKPOLS((larExtrude1(model,pattern)))))
VIEW(EXPLODE(1.2,1.2,1.2)(MKPOLS((larExtrude1(model,pattern)))))

pattern = [1]*10
VIEW(STRUCT(MKPOLS((larExtrude1(model,pattern)))))
```

Examples

The examples show that the implemented `larExtrude1` algorithm is fully multidimensional.

Note the initial definition of the empty `model`, as a pair with the empty list as vertex set, and the list `[[0]]` as cell list.

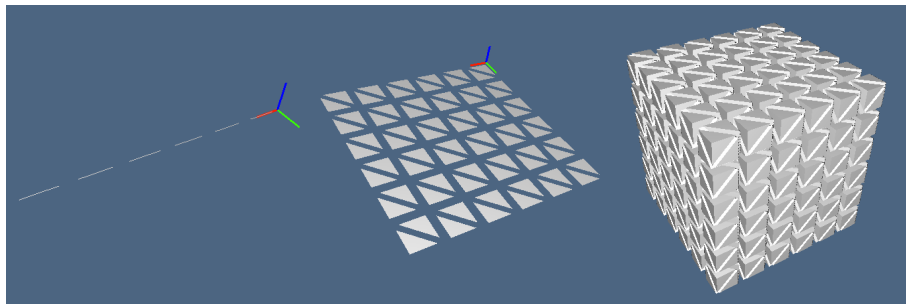Such initial value is used to define a predefinite constant `VOID`.

Figure 2:1-, 2-, and 3-dimensional simplicial complex generated by repeated extrusion with the same pattern.

Examples

```
# example 1
V = [[0,0],[1,0],[2,0],[0,1],[1,1],[2,1],[0,2],[1,2],[2,2]]
FV = [[0,1,3],[1,2,4],[2,4,5],[3,4,6],[4,6,7],[5,7,8]]
model = larExtrude1((V,FV),4*[1,2,-3])
VIEW(EXPLODE(1,1,1.2)(MKPOLS(model)))

# example 2
model = larExtrude1( VOID, 10*[1] )
VIEW(EXPLODE(1.5,1.5,1.5)(MKPOLS(model)))
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# example 3
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model = larExtrude1( model, 10*[1] )
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