Introduction to Computer Graphics

Modeling (3) –

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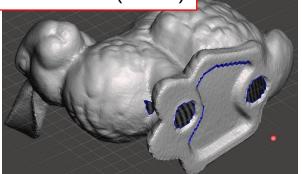
Solid modeling

Solid models

 Clear definition of "inside" & "outside" at any 3D point

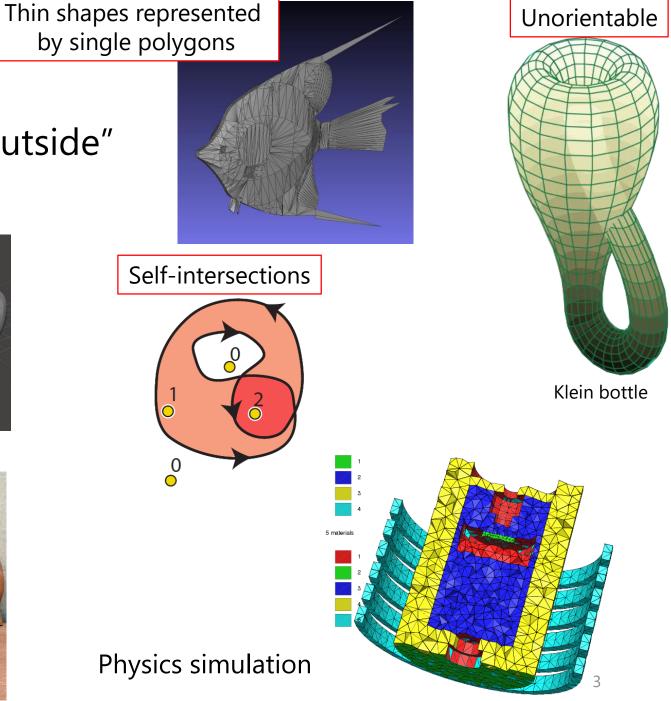
Open boundaries (holes)

Non-solid cases



Main usage:





3D printing

Predicate function of a solid model

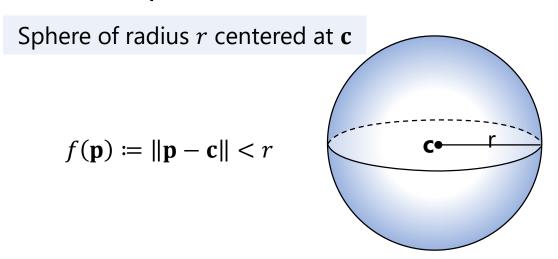
• Function that returns true/false if a 3D point $\mathbf{p} \in \mathbb{R}^3$ is inside/outside of the model

$$f(\mathbf{p}): \mathbb{R}^3 \mapsto \{ \text{ true, false } \}$$

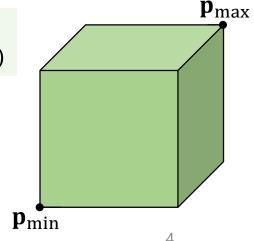
• The whole interior of the model:

$$\{ \mathbf{p} \mid f(\mathbf{p}) = \text{true} \} \subset \mathbb{R}^3$$

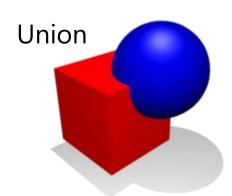
Examples:



Box whose min & max corners are $(x_{\min}, y_{\min}, z_{\min}) \& (x_{\max}, y_{\max}, z_{\max})$



Constructive Solid Geometry (Boolean operations)



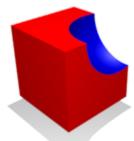
$$f_{A\cup B}(\mathbf{p}) \coloneqq f_A(\mathbf{p}) \vee f_B(\mathbf{p})$$

Intersection

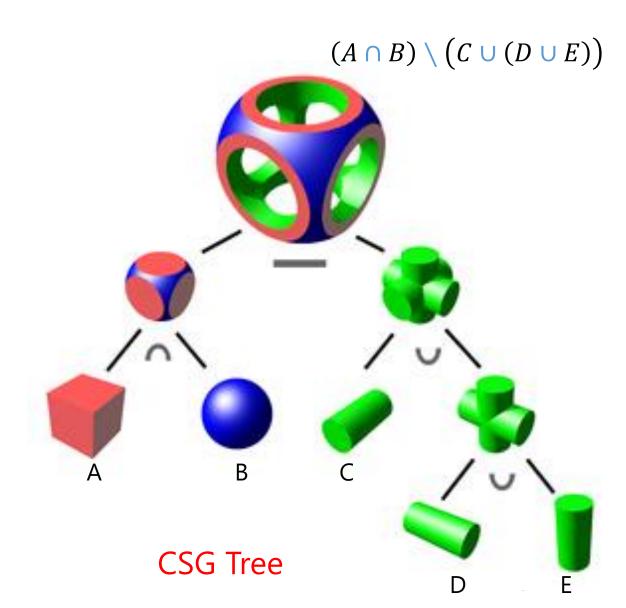


$$f_{A\cap B}(\mathbf{p})\coloneqq f_A(\mathbf{p})\wedge f_B(\mathbf{p})$$





$$f_{A \setminus B}(\mathbf{p}) \coloneqq f_A(\mathbf{p}) \land \neg f_B(\mathbf{p})$$



Solid model represented by Singed Distance Field

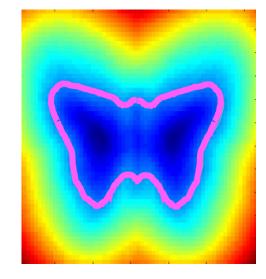
 Shortest distance from 3D point to model surface:

$$d(\mathbf{p}): \mathbb{R}^3 \mapsto \mathbb{R}$$

- Signed: positive → outside, negative → inside
- Corresponding predicate describing the solid: $f(\mathbf{p}) \coloneqq d(\mathbf{p}) < 0$
- Zero isosurface → model surface:

$$\{\mathbf{p} \mid d(\mathbf{p}) = 0\} \subset \mathbb{R}^3$$

- Aka. "implicit" or "volumetric" representation
- Isosurface normal matches with direction of gradient $\nabla d(\mathbf{p})$



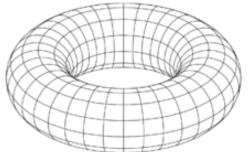
Sphere of radius r centered at \mathbf{c}

$$d(\mathbf{p}) \coloneqq \|\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{c}\| - r$$

$$\mathbf{p}$$

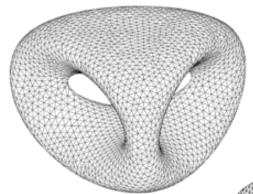
Examples of implicit functions

Not necessarily distance functions

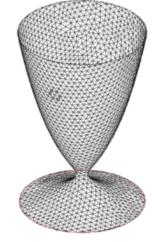


Torus with major & minor radii R & a

$$(x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + R^2 - a^2)^2 - 4R^2(x^2 + y^2) = 0$$



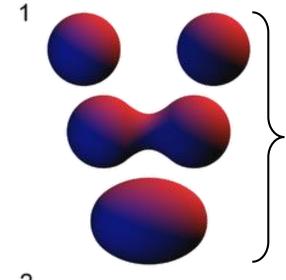
$$2y(y^2 - 3x^2)(1 - z^2) + (x^2 + y^2)^2 - (9z^2 - 1)(1 - z^2) = 0$$



$$x^{2} + y^{2} - (\ln(z + 3.2))^{2} - 0.02 = 0$$

Examples of implicit functions: Metaballs

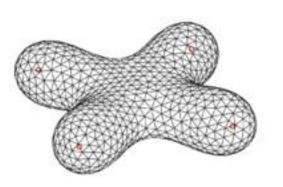
$$d_i(\mathbf{p}) = \frac{q_i}{\|\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{c}_i\|} - r_i \qquad \mathbf{c}_1 \bullet \qquad \mathbf{c}_2 \bullet \qquad \mathbf{c}_3 \qquad d(\mathbf{p}) = d_1(\mathbf{p}) + d_2(\mathbf{p}) + d_3(\mathbf{p}) + d_4(\mathbf{p})$$

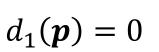


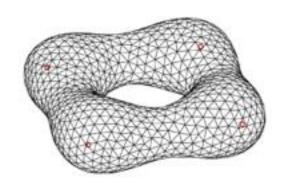
$$d(\mathbf{p}) = d_1(\mathbf{p}) + d_2(\mathbf{p})$$

$$d(\mathbf{p}) = d_1(\mathbf{p}) - d_2(\mathbf{p})$$

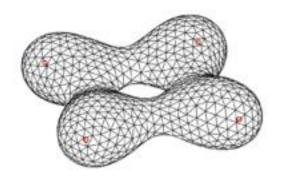
Morphing by interpolating implicit functions



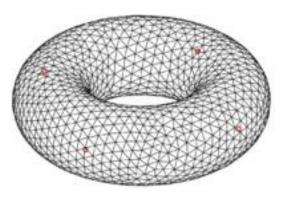




$$\frac{1}{3}d_1(\mathbf{p}) + \frac{2}{3}d_2(\mathbf{p}) = 0$$



$$\frac{1}{3}d_1(\mathbf{p}) + \frac{2}{3}d_2(\mathbf{p}) = 0 \qquad \frac{2}{3}d_1(\mathbf{p}) + \frac{1}{3}d_2(\mathbf{p}) = 0$$



$$d_2(\boldsymbol{p}) = 0$$

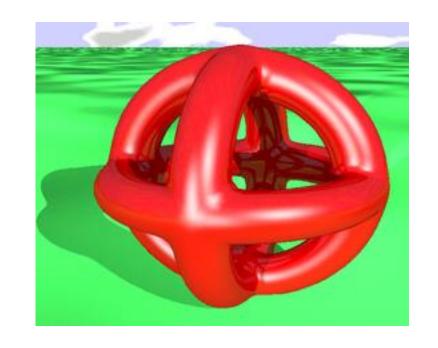
Modeling by combining implicit functions

$$F_1 = (x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + R^2 - a^2)^2 - 4R^2(x^2 + y^2) = 0$$

$$F_2 = (x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + R^2 - a^2)^2 - 4R^2(x^2 + z^2) = 0$$

$$F_3 = (x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + R^2 - a^2)^2 - 4R^2(y^2 + z^2) = 0$$

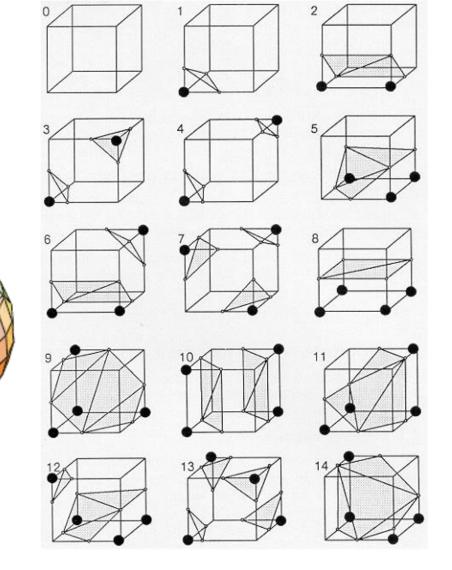
$$F(x, y, z) = F_1(x, y, z) \cdot F_2(x, y, z) \cdot F_3(x, y, z) - c = 0$$



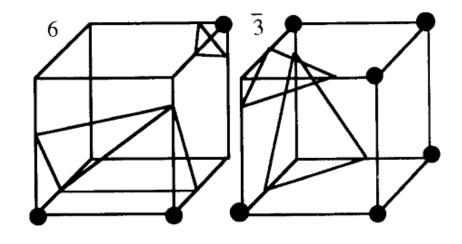
Visualizing implicit functions: Marching Cubes

- Extract isosurface as triangle mesh
- For every lattice cell:
 - (1) Compute function values at 8 corners
 - (2) Determine type of output triangles based on the sign pattern
 - Classified into 15 using symmetry
 - (3) Determine vertex positions by linearly interpolating function values

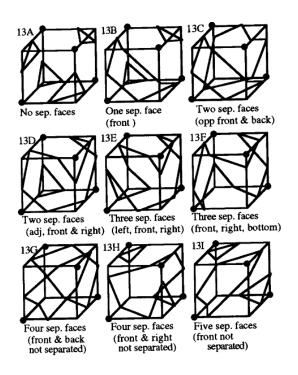
(Once patented⊕, now expired⊕)



Ambiguity in Marching Cubes



Discontinuous faces across neighboring cells

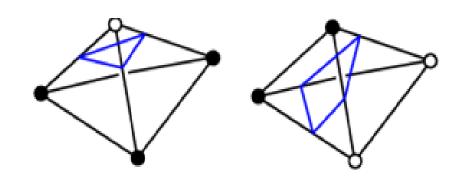


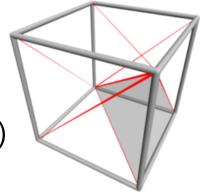
New rules to resolve ambiguity

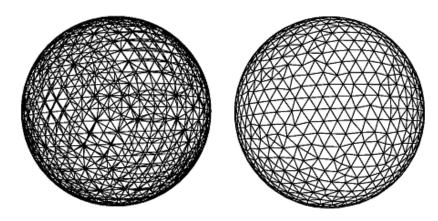
Marching Tetrahedra

- Use tetrahedra instead of cubes
 - Fewer patterns, no ambiguity
 - → Simpler implementation
- A cube split into 6 tetrahedra
 - (Make sure consistent splitting across neighboring cubes)

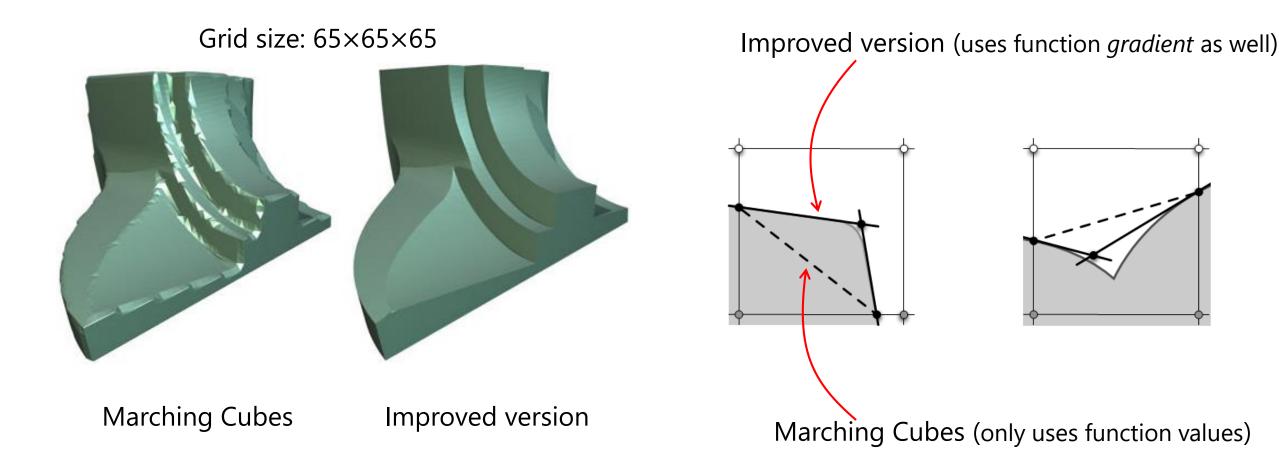








Isosurface extraction preserving sharp edges

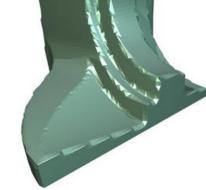


Feature Sensitive Surface Extraction from Volume Data [Kobbelt SIGGRAPH01]

Dual Contouring of Hermite Data [Ju SIGGRAPH02]

CSG with surface representation only

- Volumetric representation (=isosurface extraction using MC)
 - → Approximation accuracy depends on grid resolution ⊗
- CSG with surface representation only
 - → Exactly keep original mesh geometry ©

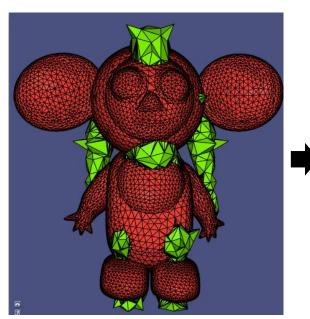


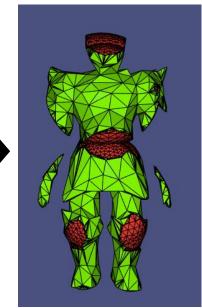
- Difficult to implement robust & efficient 🕾
 - Floating point error
 - Exactly coplanar faces



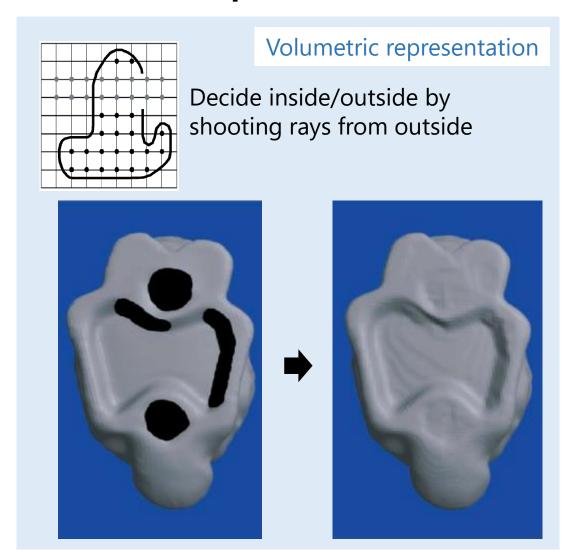
Notable advances in recent years

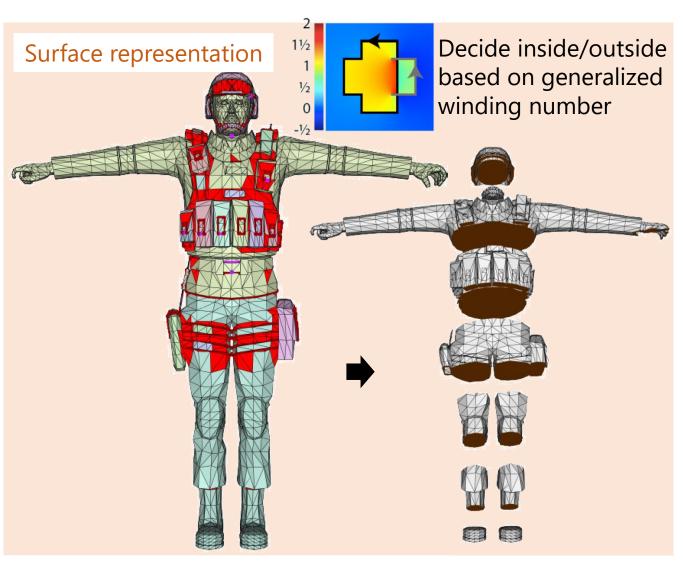
Fast, exact, linear booleans [Bernstein SGP09]
Exact and Robust (Self-)Intersections for Polygonal Meshes [Campen EG10]
Mesh Arrangements for Solid Geometry [Zhou SIGGRAPH16]
https://libigl.github.io/libigl/tutorial/tutorial.html#booleanoperationsonmeshes





Mesh repair





Simplification and Repair of Polygonal Models Using Volumetric Techniques [Nooruddin TVCG03] Robust Inside-Outside Segmentation using Generalized Winding Numbers [Jacobson SIGGRAPH13]

Surface reconstruction from point cloud

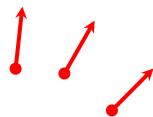
Measuring 3D shapes



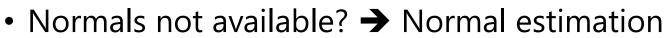
Range Scanner (LIDAR)



Structured Light



- Obtained data: point cloud
 - 3D coordinate
 - Normal (surface orientation)

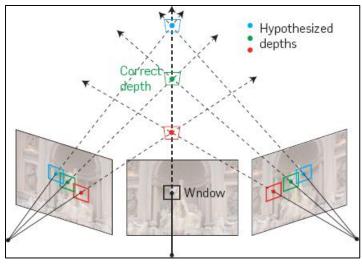


• Too noisy?

→ Denoising



Depth Camera

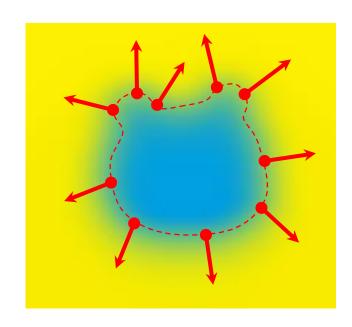


Multi-View Stereo

Typical Computer Vision problems

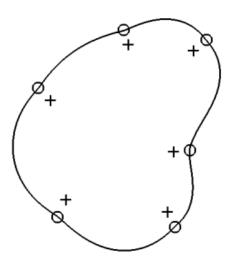
Surface reconstruction from point cloud

- Input: N points
 - Coordinate $\mathbf{x}_i = (x_i, y_i, z_i)$ & normal $\mathbf{n}_i = (n_i^x, n_i^y, n_i^z)$, $i \in \{1, ..., N\}$
- Output: function $f(\mathbf{x})$ satisfying value & gradient constraints
 - $f(\mathbf{x}_i) = f_i$
 - $\nabla f(\mathbf{x}_i) = \mathbf{n}_i$
 - Zero isosurface $f(\mathbf{x}) = 0$ output surface
- "Scattered Data Interpolation"
 - Moving Least Squares
 - Radial Basis Function Important to other fields (e.g. Machine Learning) as well

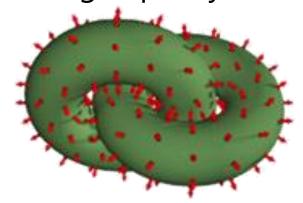


Two ways for controlling gradients

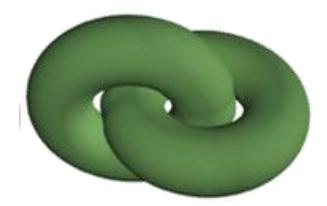
- Additional value constraints at offset locations
 - Simple



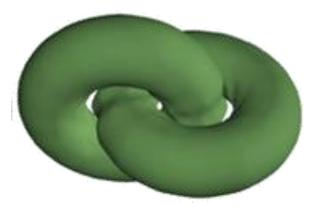
- Directly include gradient constraint in the mathematical formulation (Hermite interpolation)
 - High-quality



Value+gradient constraints



Hermite interpolation



Simple offsetting

Interpolation using Moving Least Squares

Starting point: Least SQuares

- For now, assume the function as linear: $f(\mathbf{x}) = ax + by + cz + d$
 - Unknowns: *a*, *b*, *c*, *d*

$$\mathbf{x} \coloneqq (x, y, z)$$

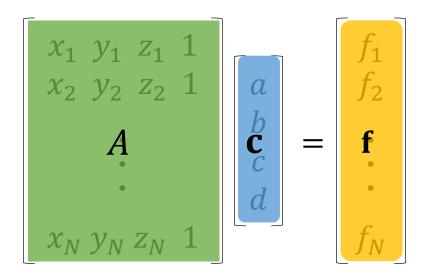
Value constraints at data points

$$f(\mathbf{x}_1) = ax_1 + by_1 + cz_1 + d = f_1$$

$$f(\mathbf{x}_2) = ax_2 + by_2 + cz_2 + d = f_2$$

$$\vdots$$

$$f(\mathbf{x}_N) = ax_N + by_N + cz_N + d = f_N$$

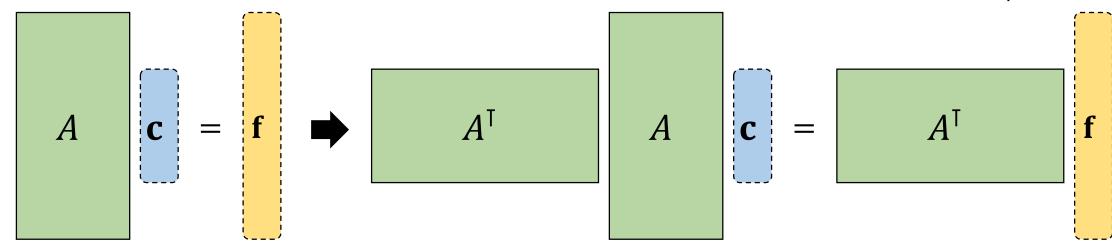


• (Forget about gradient constraints for now)

Overconstrained System

- #unknowns < #constraints (i.e. taller matrix)
 - → cannot exactly satisfy all the constraints

"normal equation"



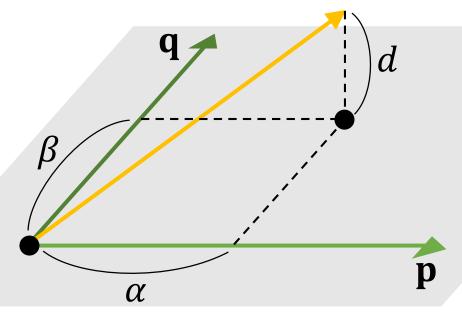
Minimizing fitting error

$$||A \mathbf{c} - \mathbf{f}||^2 = \sum_{i=1}^{N} ||f(\mathbf{x}_i) - f_i||^2$$

$$\mathbf{c} = \begin{bmatrix} (A^{\mathsf{T}}A)^{-1} \end{bmatrix} A^{\mathsf{T}}$$

Geometric interpretation of LSQ

$$\begin{bmatrix} p_{\mathbf{x}} & q_{\mathbf{x}} \\ p_{\mathbf{y}} & q_{\mathbf{y}} \\ p_{\mathbf{z}} & q_{\mathbf{z}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} r_{\mathbf{x}} \\ r_{\mathbf{y}} \\ r_{\mathbf{z}} \end{bmatrix}$$

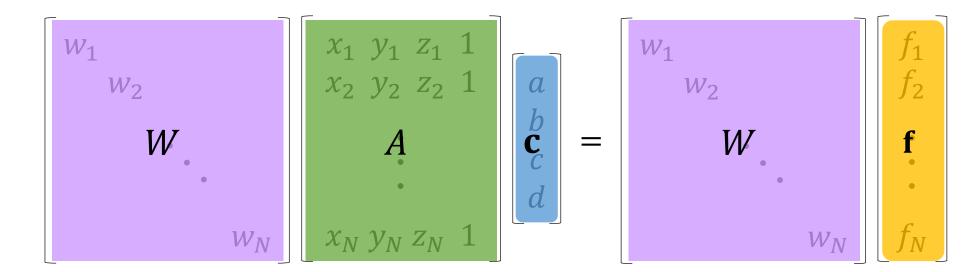


- Project r onto a plane spanned by p & q
 - Fitting error = projection distance $d^2 = \|\alpha \mathbf{p} + \beta \mathbf{q} \mathbf{r}\|^2$

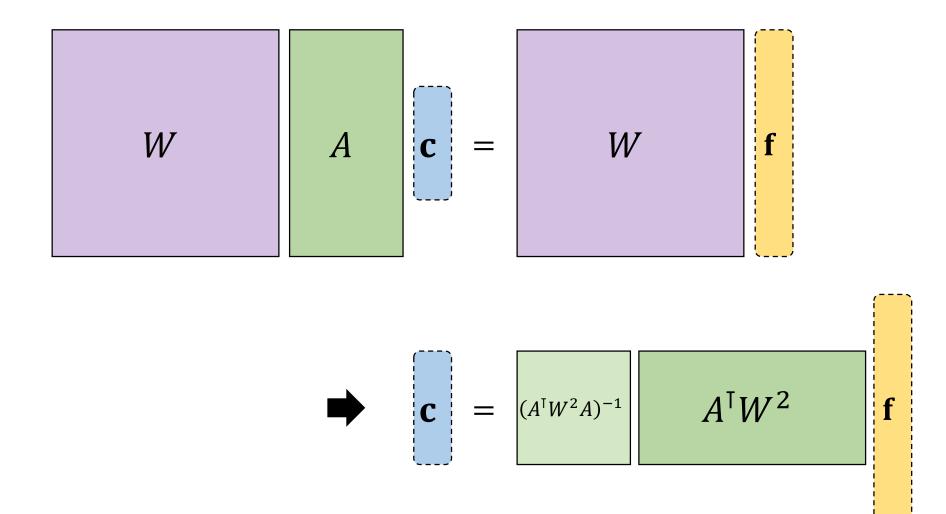
Weighted Least Squares

- Each data point is weighted by w_i
 - Importance, confidence, ...
- Minimize the following fitting error:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{N} ||w_i(f(\mathbf{x}_i) - f_i)||^2$$



Weighted Least Squares



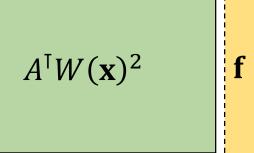
Moving Least Squares

- Weight w_i is a function of evaluation point \mathbf{x} : $w_i(\mathbf{x}) = w(\|\mathbf{x} \mathbf{x}_i\|)$
- Popular choices for the function (kernel):
 - $w(r) = e^{-r^2/\sigma^2}$
 - $w(r) = \frac{1}{r^2 + \epsilon^2}$

Larger the weight as \mathbf{x} is closer to \mathbf{x}_i

- Weighting matrix W is a function of \mathbf{x}
 - \rightarrow Coeffs a, b, c, d are functions of \mathbf{x}

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} x & y & z & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} a(\mathbf{x}) \\ b(\mathbf{x}) \\ A(\mathbf{w}) \\ c(\mathbf{x}) \\ d(\mathbf{x}) \end{vmatrix}^{2A}^{-1}$$



Introducing gradient (normal) constraints

• Consider linear function represented by each data point: $g_i(\mathbf{x}) = f_i + (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_i)^\mathsf{T} \mathbf{n}_i$

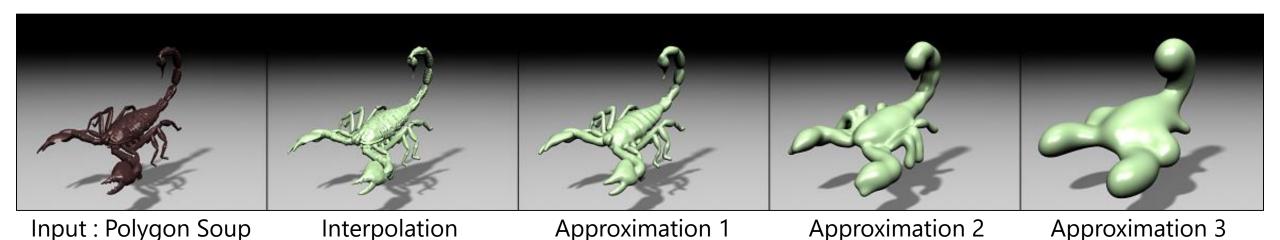
• Minimize fitting error to each g_i evaluated at \mathbf{x} :

$$\sum_{i=1}^{N} \|w_i(\mathbf{x})(f(\mathbf{x}) - g_i(\mathbf{x}))\|^2$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} w_1(\mathbf{x}) & & \\ w_2(\mathbf{x}) & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & w_N(\mathbf{x}) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x & y & z & 1 \\ x & y & z & 1 \\ & \ddots & \\ & \vdots & \\ x & y & z & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} w_1(\mathbf{x}) & & \\ w_2(\mathbf{x}) & & \\ & w_2(\mathbf{x}) & & \\ & \vdots & & \\ & w_N(\mathbf{x}) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} g_1(\mathbf{x}) \\ g_2(\mathbf{x}) \\ \vdots & & \\ & g_N(\mathbf{x}) \end{bmatrix}$$

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Interpolation using Radial Basis Functions

Basic idea

• Define $f(\mathbf{x})$ as weighted sum of basis functions $\phi(\mathbf{x})$:

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} w_i \phi(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_i)$$

Basis function translated to each data point \mathbf{x}_i

- Radial Basis Function $\phi(\mathbf{x})$: only depends on the length of \mathbf{x}

 - $\phi(\mathbf{x}) = e^{-\|\mathbf{x}\|^2/\sigma^2}$ (Gaussian) $\phi(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\|\mathbf{x}\|^2 + c^2}}$ (Inverse Multiquadric)
- Determine weights w_i from constraints at data points $f(\mathbf{x}_i) = f_i$

Basic idea

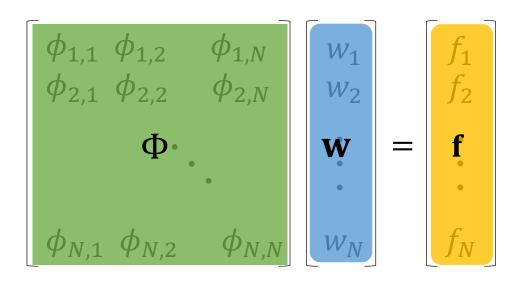
Notation: $\phi_{i,j} = \phi(\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j)$

$$f(\mathbf{x}_1) = w_1 \phi_{1,1} + w_2 \phi_{1,2} + \dots + w_N \phi_{1,N} = f_1$$

$$f(\mathbf{x}_2) = w_1 \phi_{2,1} + w_2 \phi_{2,2} + \dots + w_N \phi_{2,N} = f_2$$

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$$f(\mathbf{x}_N) = w_1 \phi_{N,1} + w_2 \phi_{N,2} + \dots + w_N \phi_{N,N} = f_N$$

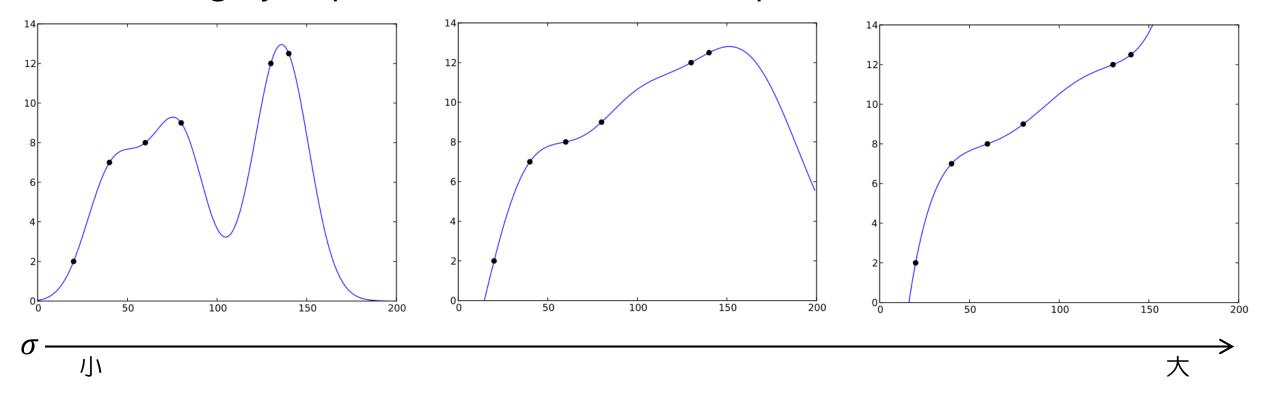


Solve this!

When using Gaussian RBF

$$\phi(\mathbf{x}) = e^{-\|\mathbf{x}\|^2/\sigma^2}$$

• Results highly dependent on the choice of parameter $\sigma \otimes$



How to obtain the as-smooth-as-possible result?

Measuring function's "bend": Thin-Plate Energy

• 2nd derivative (=curvature) magnitude integrated over the whole domain

$$E_2[f] = \int_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d} \| \Delta f(\mathbf{x}) \|^2 d\mathbf{x}$$

Laplacian operator

• 1D case:

$$E_2[f] = \int_{x \in \mathbb{R}} f''(x)^2 dx$$

• 2D case:

$$E_2[f] = \int_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^2} (f_{xx}(\mathbf{x})^2 + 2f_{xy}(\mathbf{x})^2 + f_{yy}(\mathbf{x})^2) d\mathbf{x}$$

• 3D case:

$$E_2[f] = \int_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^3} (f_{xx}(\mathbf{x})^2 + f_{yy}(\mathbf{x})^2 + f_{zz}(\mathbf{x})^2 + 2f_{xy}(\mathbf{x})^2 + 2f_{yz}(\mathbf{x})^2 + 2f_{zx}(\mathbf{x})^2) d\mathbf{x}$$

Known theory in the math literature

- Of all functions satisfying $\{f(\mathbf{x}_i) = f_i\}$, the minimizer of E_2 is represented as RBFs with the following basis:
 - 1D case: $\phi(x) = |x|^3$
 - 2D case: $\phi(\mathbf{x}) = \|\mathbf{x}\|^2 \log \|\mathbf{x}\|$
 - 3D case: $\phi(x) = ||x||$
- FYI
 - Finite Element Method: Find f minimizing E_2 discretized over mesh
 - RBF: Find f minimizing E_2 analytically

Additional linear term

- $E_2[f]$ is defined using 2nd derivative
 - \rightarrow Any additional linear term $p(\mathbf{x}) = ax + by + cz + d$ has no effect:

$$E_2[f+p] = E_2[f]$$

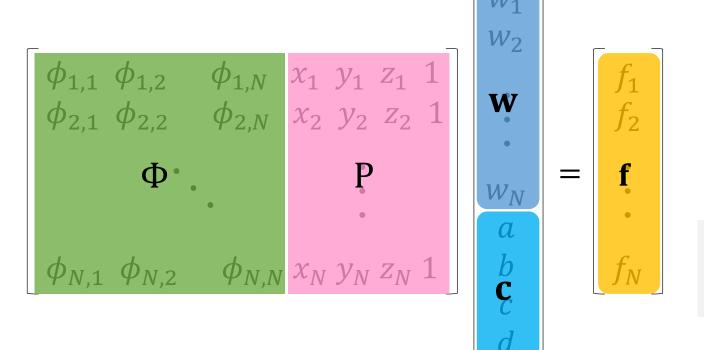
• Make f unique by regarding linear term as additional unknowns:

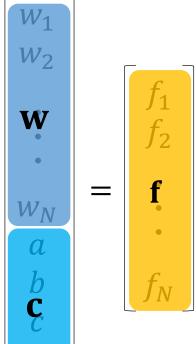
$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} w_i \, \phi(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_i) + ax + by + cz + d$$

With linear term
$$f(\mathbf{x}_1) = w_1\phi_{1,1} + w_2\phi_{1,2} + \dots + w_N\phi_{1,N} + ax_1 + by_1 + cz_1 + d = f_1$$

 $f(\mathbf{x}_2) = w_1\phi_{2,1} + w_2\phi_{2,2} + \dots + w_N\phi_{2,N} + ax_2 + by_2 + cz_2 + d = f_2$

$$f(\mathbf{x}_N) = w_1 \phi_{N,1} + w_2 \phi_{N,2} + \dots + w_N \phi_{N,N} + ax_N + by_N + cz_N + d = f_N$$





4 unknowns *a*, *b*, *c*, *d* added → 4 new constraints needed

Additional constraints: reproduction of all linear functions

- "If all data points (\mathbf{x}_i, f_i) are sampled from a linear function, RBF should reproduce the original function"
- Additional constraints:

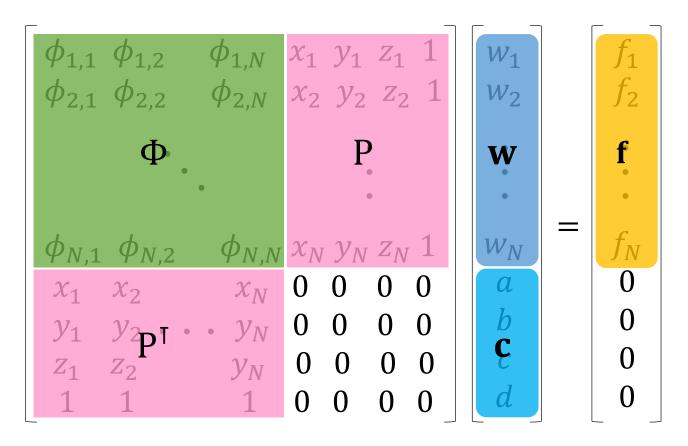
$$\bullet \ \sum_{i=1}^N w_i = 0$$

$$\bullet \ \sum_{i=1}^{N} x_i w_i = 0$$

$$\bullet \ \sum_{i=1}^N y_i w_i = 0$$

$$\bullet \ \sum_{i=1}^N z_i w_i = 0$$

Makes the matrix symmetric



Introducing gradient constraints

• Introduce weighted sum of basis' gradient $\nabla \phi$:

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \{ w_i \phi(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_i) + \mathbf{v}_i^\mathsf{T} \nabla \phi(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_i) \} + ax + by + cz + d$$
Unknown 3D vector

• Gradient of *f* :

$$\nabla f(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \left\{ w_i \nabla \phi(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_i) + \mathbf{H}_{\phi}(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_i) \mathbf{v}_i \right\} + \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix}$$

• Incorporate gradient constraints $\nabla f(\mathbf{x}_i) = \mathbf{n}_i$

$$\mathbf{H}_{\boldsymbol{\phi}}(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_{\mathrm{xx}} & \phi_{\mathrm{xy}} & \phi_{\mathrm{xz}} \\ \phi_{\mathrm{yx}} & \phi_{\mathrm{yy}} & \phi_{\mathrm{yz}} \\ \phi_{\mathrm{zx}} & \phi_{\mathrm{zy}} & \phi_{\mathrm{zz}} \end{pmatrix}$$

Introducing gradient constraints

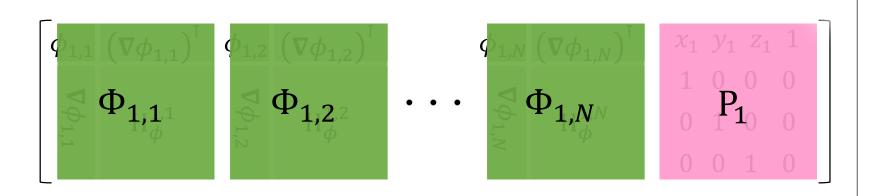
• 1st data point:

Value constraint:

$$f(\mathbf{x}_1) = w_1 \phi_{1,1} + \mathbf{v}_1^{\mathsf{T}} \nabla \phi_{1,1} + w_2 \phi_{1,2} + \mathbf{v}_2^{\mathsf{T}} \nabla \phi_{1,2} + \dots + w_N \phi_{1,N} + \mathbf{v}_N^{\mathsf{T}} \nabla \phi_{1,N}$$

Gradient constraint:

$$\nabla f(\mathbf{x}_1) = w_1 \nabla \phi_{1,1} + H_{\phi}^{1,1} \mathbf{v}_1 + w_2 \nabla \phi_{1,2} + H_{\phi}^{1,2} \mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + w_N \nabla \phi_{1,N} + H_{\phi}^{1,N}$$



 w_1

 \mathbf{V}_1

 w_2

 \mathbf{v}_2

 $by_1 + cz_1 + d = f_1$

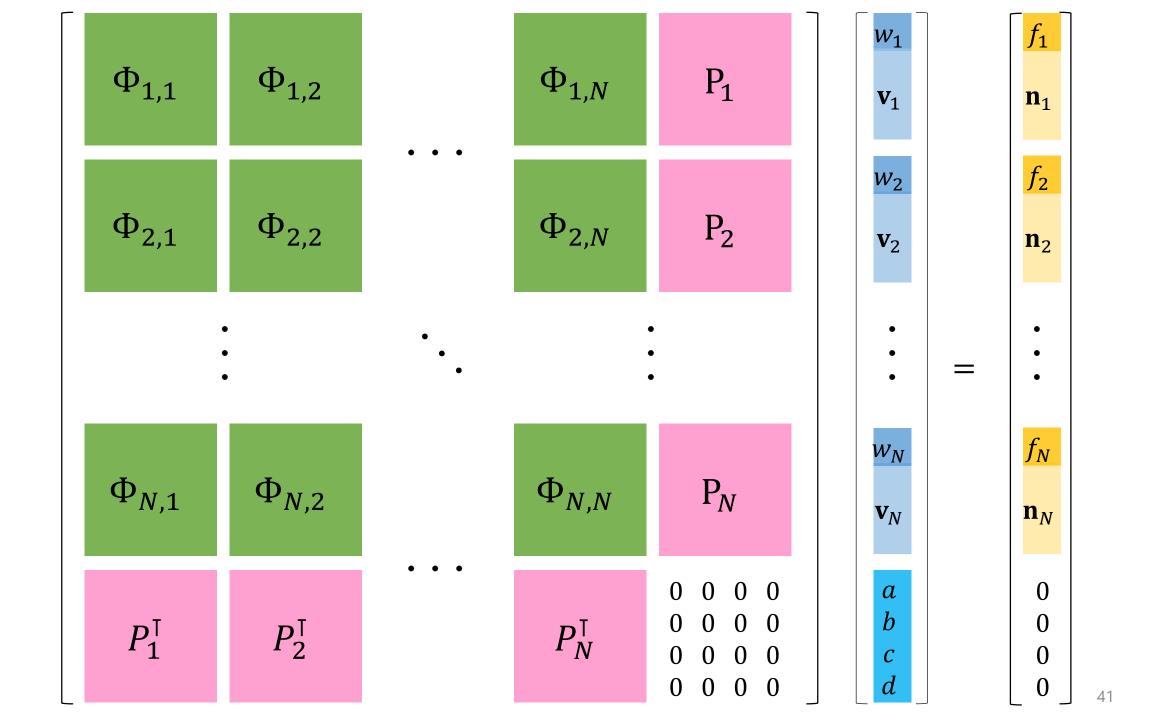
 \mathbf{n}_1

 V_N

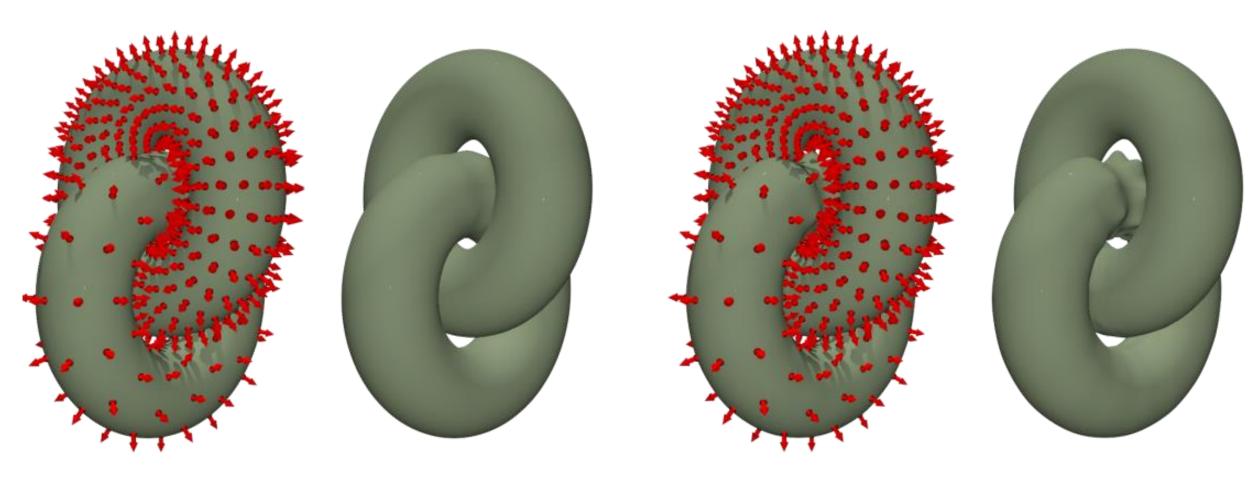
 J_{N}

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Comparison



Gradient constraints

Simple offsetting with value constraints only

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