



Morphology

- Shape complexity
- Distance
- Dilation, contraction
- Fill, round, combos
- Mortar and tolerance zone
- Mason
- Tightening
- Transforms (distance, stability, ball)

Overarching objective

SIMPLIFICATION

Understand what it means to simplify a shape

Develop an explicit mathematical formalism

not defined by an algorithm, but by a mathematical formulation
independently of any particular domain or representation

MULTI-SCALE ANALYSIS

Explore the possibility of analyzing a shape, as it is increasingly simplified, so as to understand its morphological structure and identify/measure its features

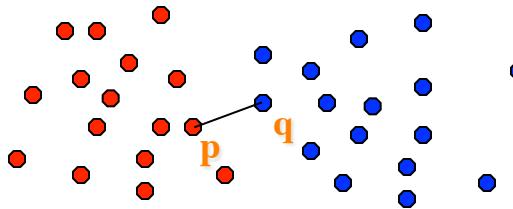
identify features of interior, boundary, exterior
assess their resilience to simplification

Motivation

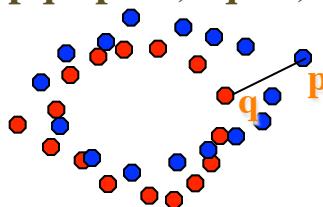
- a grown shape: primitive for many constructions and definitions
- minimum distance
 - Testing for clearance and design rules
 - Tracking possible collisions between moving shapes in animations
 - Translating objects to achieve desired contact
- maximum discrepancy (Hausdorff distance)
 - Testing how similar two shapes are for matching and statistics
 - Measuring the error between a shape and its approximation
 - Selecting the best next simplification operation

Distance/discrepancy between points clouds

- Consider a red cloud R and a blue cloud B of points (2D, 3D...)
- She picks one point p, I pick a point q of the other color
- Return the distance $\|pq\|$
- Define $D(p,S) \equiv \text{Min}(\|pq\|: q \in S)$
- Minimum distance: “*We love each other*”
 - $D(R,B) \equiv \text{Min}(D(p,B): p \in R)$
 - $D(R,B) \equiv \text{Min}(\|pq\|: p \in R, q \in B)$

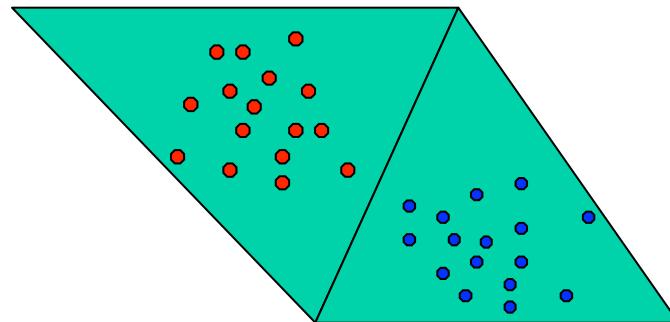


- Maximum discrepancy (Hausdorff distance): “*I love her, she hates me*”
 - $H(R,B) \equiv \text{Max}(\text{Max}(D(p,B): p \in R), \text{Max}(D(q,R): q \in B))$
 - $H(R,B) \equiv \text{Max}(\text{Max}(\text{Min}(\|pq\|: p \in R): q \in B), \text{Max}(\text{Min}(\|pq\|: q \in B): p \in R))$



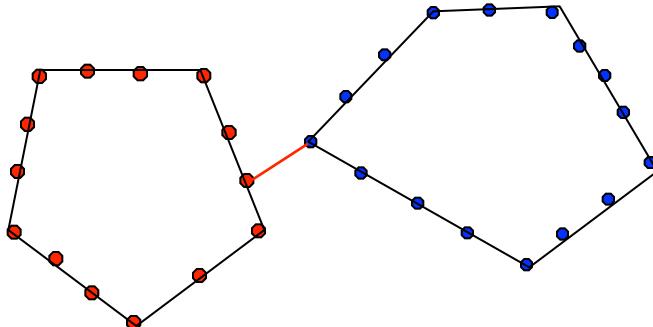
Approximate distance, discrepancy for T-meshes

- Approximate both T-meshes by dense clouds of points
- Compute distance or discrepancy between the two clouds
- Use them as approximations of the real ones
 - Trade-off between the accuracy of the approximating measures and the cost (number of pairs of points than must be considered)
- How to generate the clouds of points?



Approximate distance & discrepancy for curves

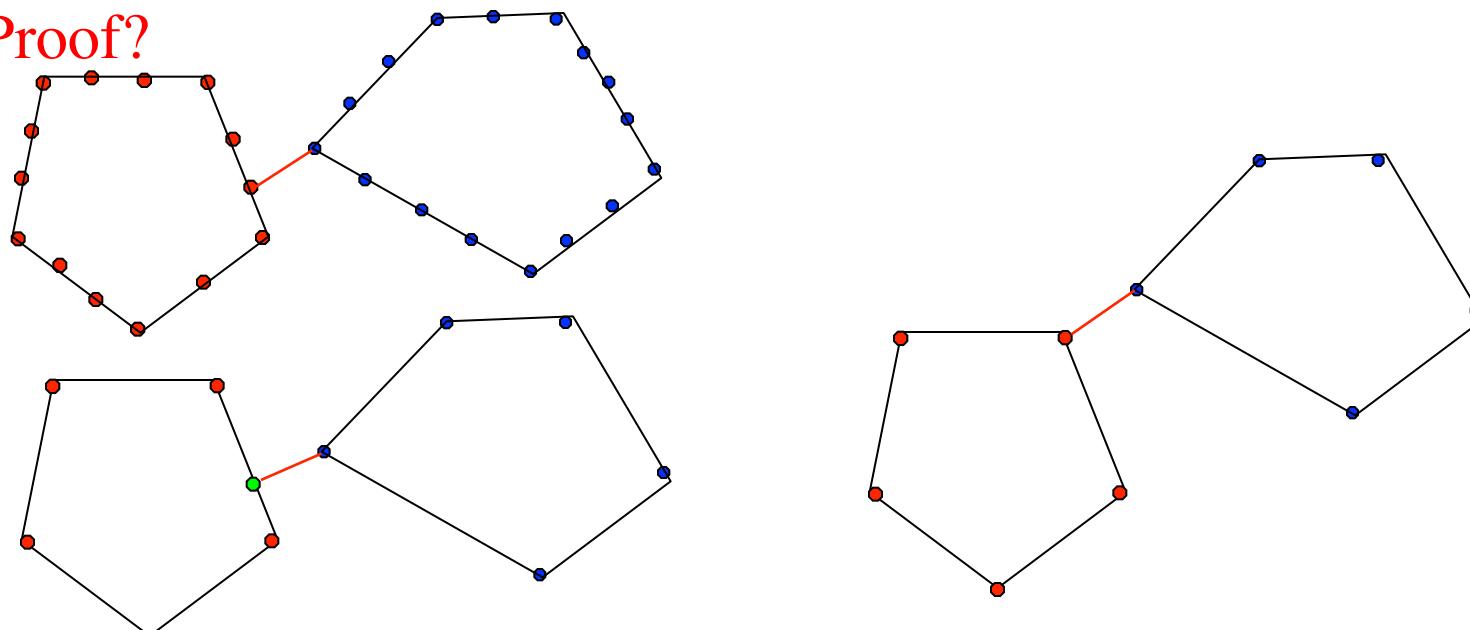
- Approximate both curves by dense series of points
- Compute distance / discrepancy between the two discrete sets
- Use them as approximations of the real ones
 - Trade-off between the accuracy of the approximating measures and the cost (number of pairs of points than must be considered)
- How to generate the points?
 - Want uniformly spaced points along each edge



Exact distance between two polygons

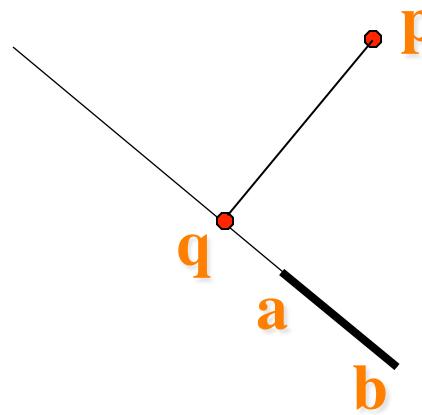
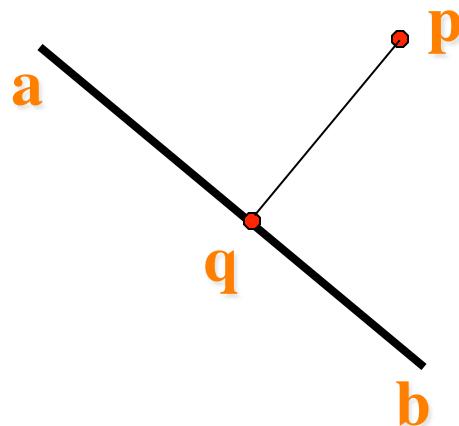
- Length of the shortest line that joins a vertex p of one shape (could be A or B, but try both) with a point q of the other shape.
- Point q is either a vertex or the closest projection of p on an edge.

Proof?



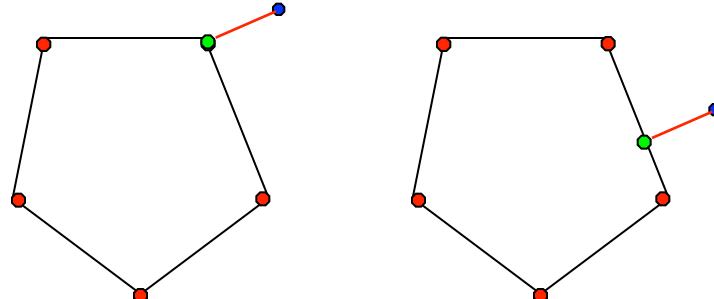
How to compute closest projection on edge

- Check that the projection falls between bounds
 - How to test that q lies between a and b?
 - Hint: dot product
 - How to compute $\|pq\|$
 - Hint: Pythagorean Theorem (<http://www.davis-inc.com/pythagor/proof2.html>)



How to compute point/polygon distance

- Return minimum of distance to all vertices and of distance to projections that fall on edges



How to compute polygon/polygon distance

d:=100000;

For each vertex p of A do

 For each vertex q of B do

 if $\|pq\| < d$ then $d := \|pq\|$;

For each vertex p of A do

 For each edge ab of B do

 If p projects onto edge(a,b) then {

$d' :=$ distance from p to its projection on the edge;

 If $d' < d$ then $d := d'$;}

For each vertex p of B do

 For each edge ab of A do

 If p projects onto edge(a,b) then {

$d' :=$ distance from p to its projection on the edge;

 If $d' < d$ then $d := d'$;}

Return(d);

Exact point-triangle distance

T has vertices a, b, c

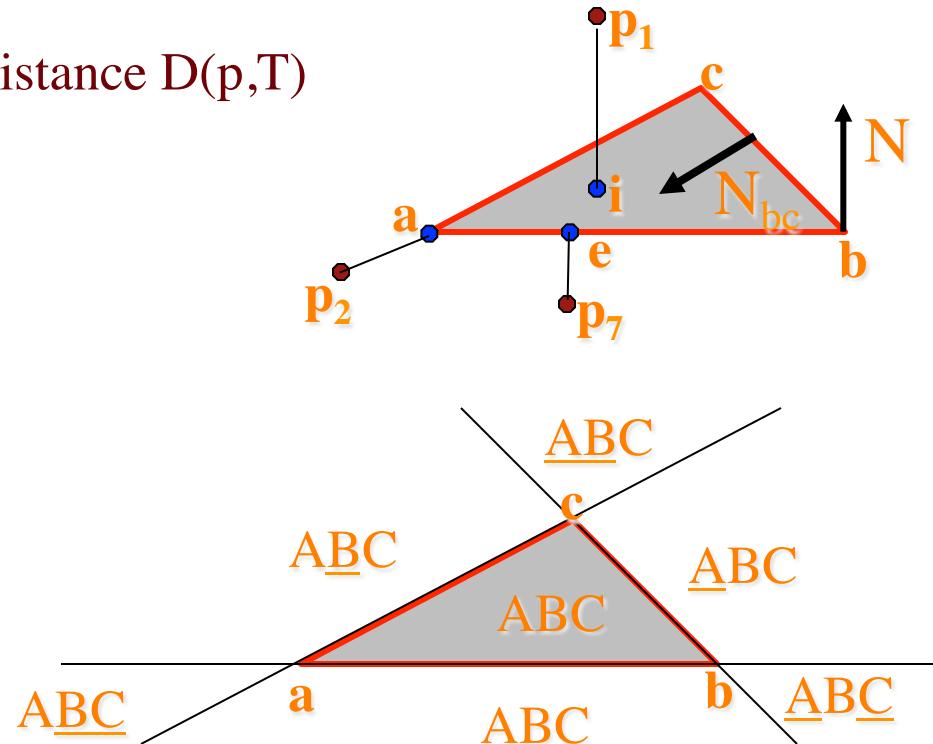
Algorithm for computing point-triangle distance $D(p, T)$

- $A := (bc \cdot bc)(ba \cdot bp) > bc \cdot ba)(bc \cdot bp)$
- $B := (ca \cdot ca)(cb \cdot cp) > (ca \cdot cb)(ca \cdot cp)$
- $C := (ab \cdot ab)(ac \cdot ap) > (ab \cdot ac)(ab \cdot ap)$
- RETURN
 1. if $A B C$ then $ap \cdot (ab \times ac) / \|ab \times ac\|$
 2. if $A \underline{B} \underline{C}$ then $\|ap\|$
 3. if $\underline{A} B \underline{C}$ then $\|bp\|$
 4. if $\underline{A} \underline{B} C$ then $\|cp\|$
 5. if $\underline{A} B C$ then $\|bc \times bp\| / \|bc\|$
 6. if $A \underline{B} C$ then $\|ca \times cp\| / \|ca\|$
 7. if $A B \underline{C}$ then $\|ab \times ap\| / \|ab\|$

Justification

- $N := bc \times ba$
- $N_{bc} := N \times bc = (bc \times ba) \times bc = (bc \cdot bc)ba - (bc \cdot ba)bc$
 - using $u \times (v \times w) = (u \cdot w)v - (u \cdot v)w$
- $A := N_{bc} \cdot bp > 0$

Cost: over 45 multiplications per triangle! Speed-ups?

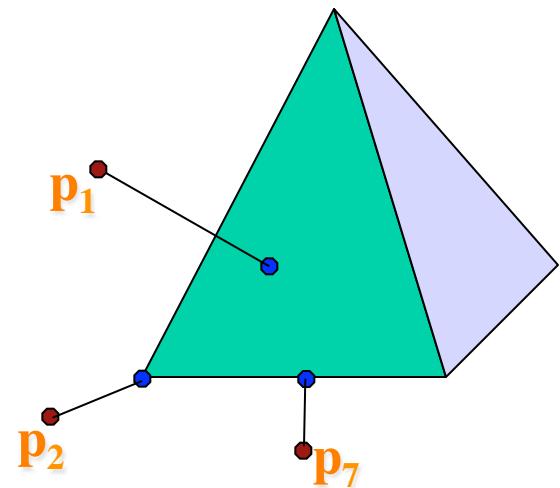


Exact point-surface distance for T-meshes

- $D(p,S) = \text{Min}(D(p,T) : T \text{ is a triangle of } S)$, using previous slide
- Speed-up
 - $d := \min(D(p,v) : v \text{ is a vertex of } S)$
 - For each triangle T of S do
 - $D(p,\text{plane}(T)) < d$ then if normal projection of P on T then $d := D(p,\text{plane}(T))$
 - For each edge E do
 - $D(p,\text{line}(E)) < d$ then if normal projection of P on E then $d := D(p,\text{line}(E))$
- Further speed-up
 - Preprocessing
 - Compute a minimal sphere around each triangle
 - Group neighboring triangles and compute spheres around groups
 - Build tree of spherical containers by recursively merging groups
 - Query for a point p
 - Go down the tree, picking at each node the sphere whose center is closest to p
 - $d :=$ distance to leaf triangle
 - Go down the tree again in depth first order, but only visit branches whose spheres are closer to p than d
 - At each visited leaf, update d

Distance between a point and a T-mesh

- The minimum distance may occur
 - In the middle of a face (p_1)
 - In the middle of an edge (p_7)
 - At a vertex (p_2)
- The distance to the solid bounded by a T-mesh S is
 - 0 if p is inside the solid
 - use parity of the number of intersections of ray with S
 - $D(p,S)$ otherwise



Distance between two T-meshes

- Minimum of distances between all pairs:

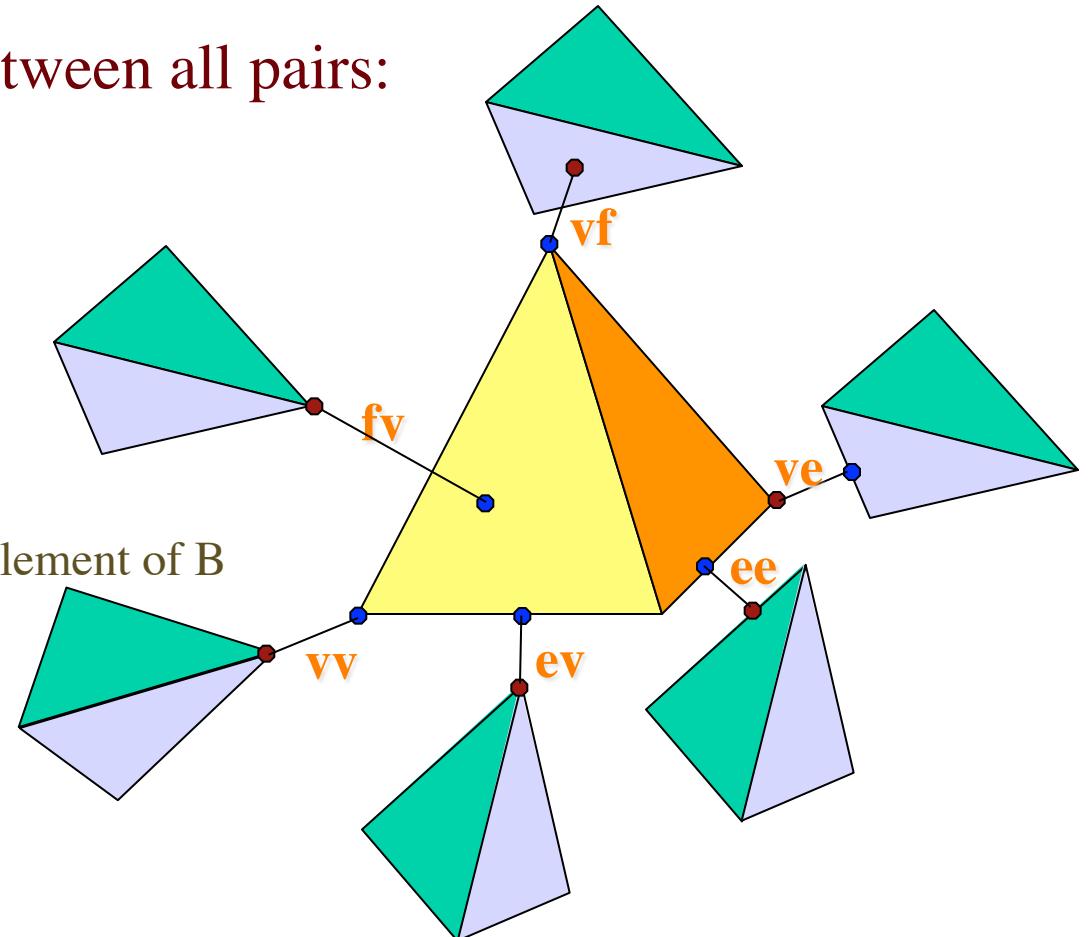
- face/vertex
- edge/vertex
- vertex/vertex
- vertex/edge
- vertex/face
- edge/edge

of an element of A and an element of B

$$N := (\mathbf{ab} \times \mathbf{cd}) / \|\mathbf{ab} \times \mathbf{cd}\|$$

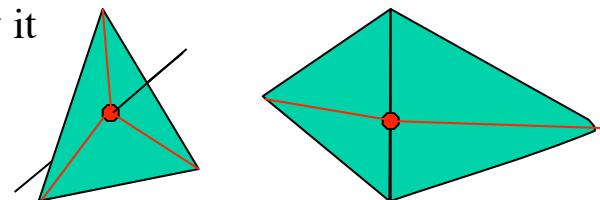
$$\text{Dist} := N \cdot \mathbf{ac}$$

ee test ?



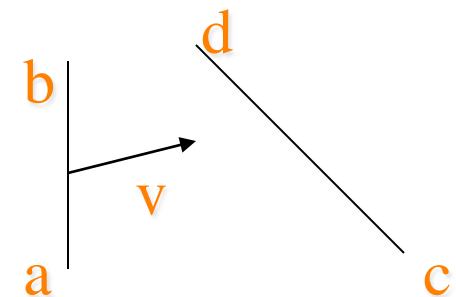
Intersection between T-meshes

- The triangle meshes A and B intersect if and only if the closure of an edge of one intersects the closure of a triangle of the other
 - The closure of an edge is the union of the edge with its vertices
 - The closure of a triangle is the union of the triangle with its boundary
 - These include the cases where an edge intersects or touches an edge or when a vertex touches a triangle
- How do we compute the intersection?
 - Assume A and B are represented by corner tables
 - Do all pairs of edge-triangle intersection tests
 - Each time you find an intersection, insert it in both meshes and subdivide the triangles to restore a valid triangulation and a correct corner table
 - With each vertex that you insert, associate the IDs of the 3 triangles involved
 - Two bounded by the edge and one intersected by it
 - Identify the intersection edges
 - They are new edges whose vertices share 2 IDs



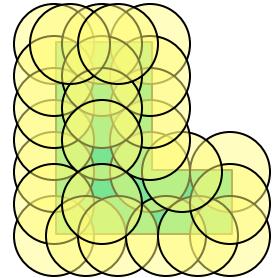
Collision prediction between T-meshes

- Assume A moves with constant velocity v and B is fixed
 - If both move, compute collision in local coordinate system of B
- Collision may occur between
 - A vertex p of A and (the closure of) a triangle T of B
 - Intersect Ray(p,v) with T
 - The closure of a triangle T of A with a vertex p of B
 - Intersect Ray($p,-v$) with T
 - An edge (a,b) of A with an edge (c,d) of B
 - Check when the volume of tetrahedron $(a+tv, b+tv, c, d)$ becomes zero
 - solve $(cd \times (ca+tv)) \cdot (cb+tv) = 0$ for t
 - $(cd \times (ca+tv)) \cdot cb + (cd \times (ca+tv)) \cdot tv = 0$
 - $(cd \times ca + t(cd \times v)) \cdot cb + (cd \times ca + t(cd \times v)) \cdot tv = 0$
 - $(cd \times ca) \cdot cb + t(cd \times v) \cdot cb + (cd \times ca) \cdot tv + t^2(cd \times v) \cdot v = 0$
 - $(cd \times ca) \cdot cb + t(cd \times v) \cdot cb + (cd \times ca) \cdot tv = 0$, because $(cd \times v) \cdot v = 0$
 - $t = (ca \times cd) \cdot cb / ((cd \times v) \cdot cb - (cd \times v) \cdot ca)$
 - $\mathbf{t = (ca \times cd) \cdot cb / (ab \times cd) \cdot v}$
 - Make sure that, at that time, the two edges intersect
 - Not just the lines



Growing a shape by a distance r

- $S \uparrow r \equiv \{p : r \geq D(p, S)\}$
 - $(S \uparrow r) \cup \{\text{points whose distance from } S \text{ is not exceeding } r\}$
- Equivalent definition of the “grown S ”
 - $S \uparrow r \equiv \bigcup \{ \text{ball}(p, r) : p \in S \}$
 - Replace each point of S by a ball of radius r and union them
- May be used to provide equivalent definitions of distance
 - “*I love her, she loves me*”
 - $D(A, B) \equiv \min(\|pq\| : p \in A, q \in B)$
 - $D(A, B) \equiv \max(r : (A \uparrow r) \cap B = \emptyset)$
 - *largest amount by which one can grow before it interferes with the other*
- May be used to provide equivalent definitions of discrepancy (Hausdorff)
 - “*I love her, she hates me*”
 - $H(A, B) \equiv \max(\max(\min(\|pq\| : p \in A, q \in B), \max(\min(\|pq\| : q \in B, p \in A)))$
 - $H(A, B) \equiv \min(r : A \subset (B \uparrow r) \text{ and } B \subset (A \uparrow r))$
 - *smallest amount by which each must grow to contain the original of the other*



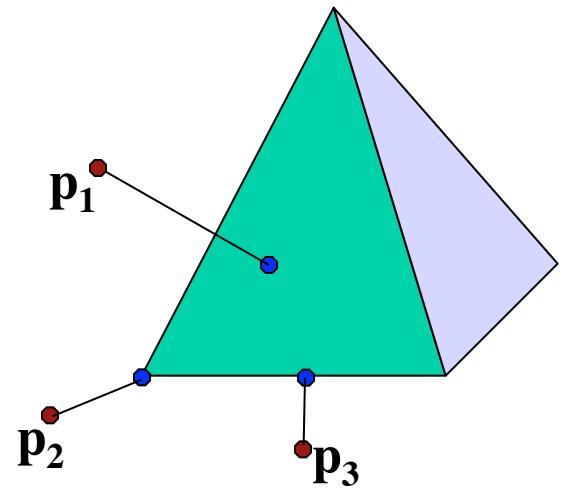
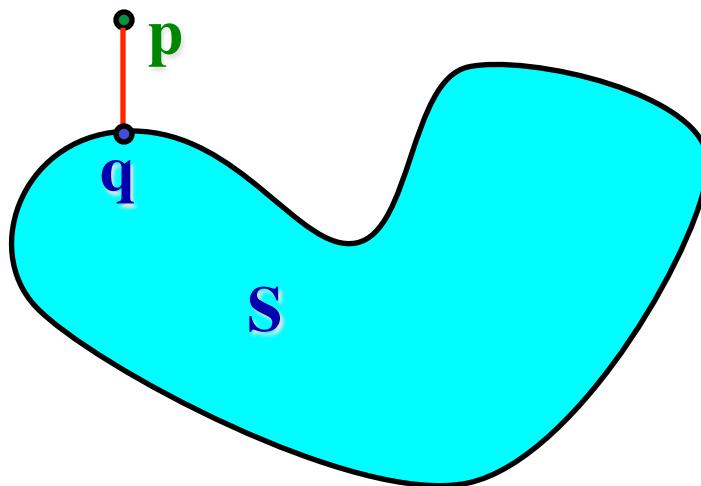
Distance and closest projection

$D_{\text{Min}}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{S})$ is the **minimum distance** from point \mathbf{p} to set \mathbf{S} .

The **closest projection** $C_{\mathbf{S}}(\mathbf{p}) = \{ \mathbf{q} : \|\mathbf{pq}\| = D_{\text{Min}}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{S}) \}$

If the boundary of \mathbf{S} is smooth, vector \mathbf{qp} is orthogonal to \mathbf{S} at \mathbf{q} .

If not, it is in the normal fan at \mathbf{q}



Hausdorff distance

- The Hausdorff distance $D_{\text{Haus}}(A,B)$ between two sets A and B is the **minimum** r such that $A \subset B \uparrow r$ and $B \subset A \uparrow r$

Where $A \uparrow r$ (also denoted A^r) is the dilation of A by a distance r

I love her and want to be close to her.

She hates me and want to keep me away.

She picks a set (A or B).

I have to stay on the other one.

I try to get as close as possible.

She finds a spot that is the furthest from my set.

We are separated by $D_{\text{Haus}}(A,B)$

Polygon/polygon maximum discrepancy

d:=0;

For each vertex p of A do if $\text{Dist}(p,B) > d$ then $d := \text{Dist}(p,B)$

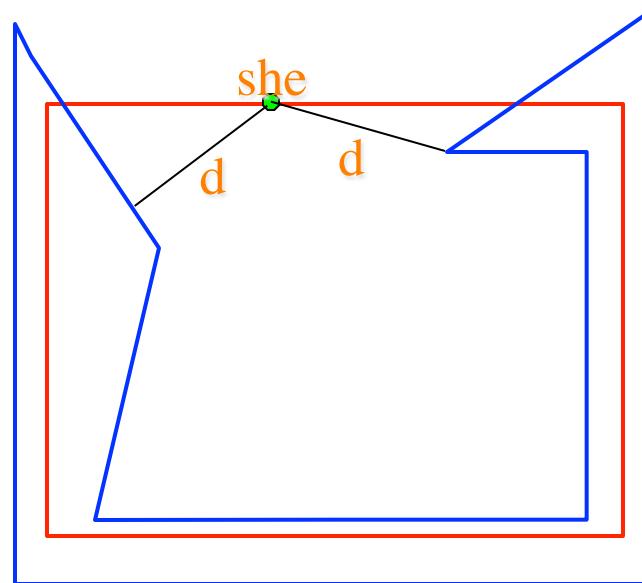
For each vertex p of B do if $\text{Dist}(p,A) > d$ then $d := \text{Dist}(p,A)$

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Return (d)

Is this sufficient ?

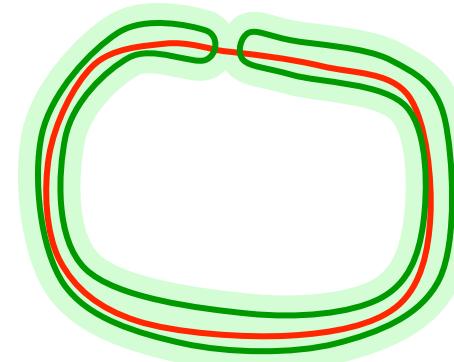
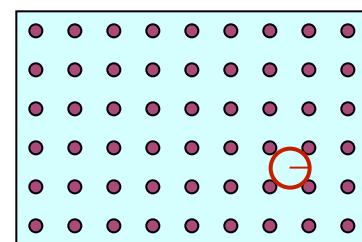
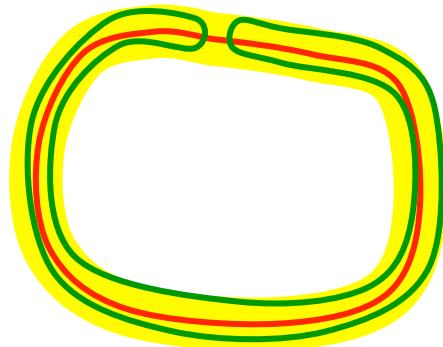
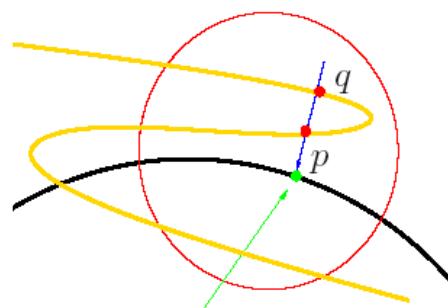
Complete the algorithm!



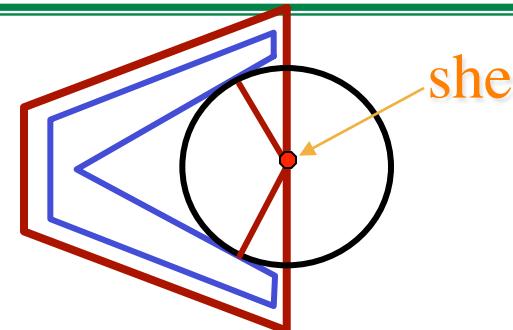
Hausdorff distance

It is expensive to compute
even in 2D

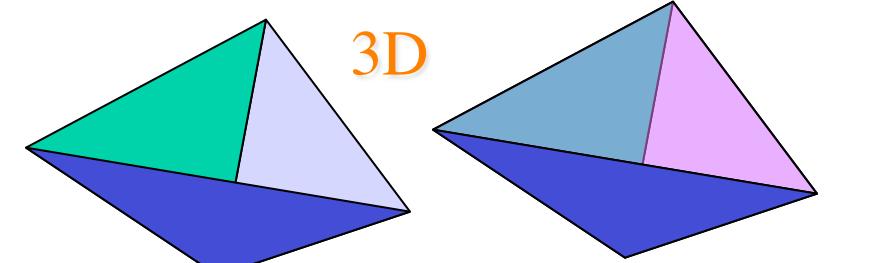
It is a poor measure of discrepancy
it is orientation and topology insensitive



2D



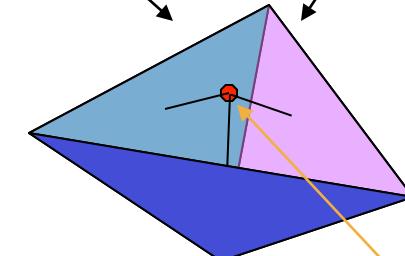
3D



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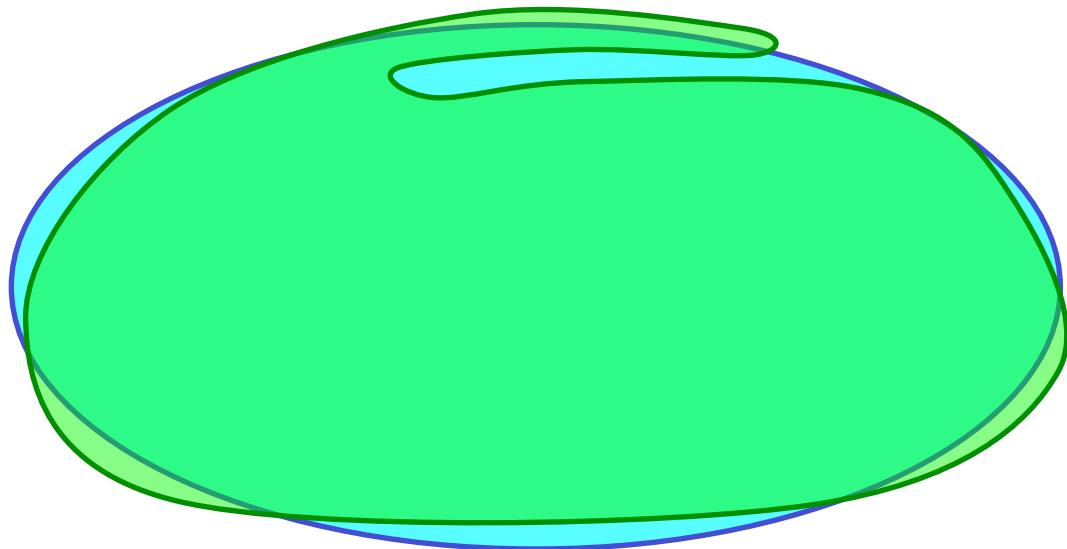
$Q = P +$



she is on the
cover triangle

Discrepancy Measures

- How can we measure the discrepancy between two shapes?
 - Local measure? If so, at each point of each shape or of space?
 - Global measures? If so, max, average?



Parametric and Fréchet distance

Parameterized curves: $\mathbf{P}(t)$ and $\mathbf{Q}(s)$ for s and $t \in [0,1]$

Map $\varphi: [0,1] \rightarrow [0,1]$

Parametric discrepancy:

$$D_\varphi(\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{Q}) = \max \| \mathbf{P}(t) - \mathbf{Q}(\varphi(t)) \| : t \in [0,1]$$

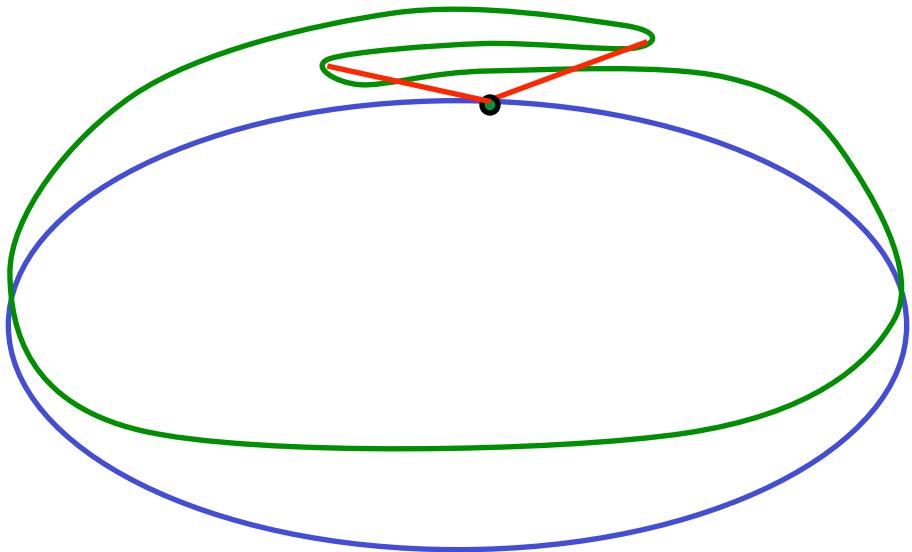
Fréchet distance:

$$D_{\text{Fre}}(\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{Q}) = \min D_\varphi(\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{Q}) : \forall \varphi$$

Man walks forward on \mathbf{P} .

Dog walks forward on \mathbf{Q} .

Length of shortest leash?



Examples of questions

- Definition of a grown set
- The definitions of distance and discrepancy
 - Metaphor, min/max, in terms of grown sets
- Their computation for clouds of points (sampling surfaces)
- The computation of point/triangle and point/T-mesh distance
- The prediction of collision for T-meshes under linear motion
- The volume change resulting form the collapse of a single edge
- The Hausdorff error resulting form the collapse of a single edge
- The formulation of the quadric error
- Its use for locating the optimal vertex and the formula

Example problem

Consider two triangle meshes A and B

A' = cloud of points on A

B' = cloud of points on B

For each one of the following statements, if it is always true, then justify it, otherwise, provide the correct version (by changing the inequality sign) and justify it.

1. $D(A', B') \leq D(A, B)$
2. $H(A', B') \leq H(A, B)$

Solution

Consider two triangle meshes A and B

A' = cloud of points on A

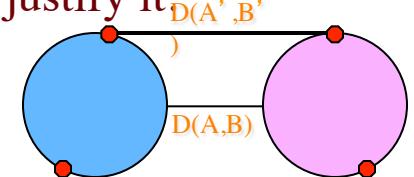
B' = cloud of points on B

For each one of the following statements, if it is always true, then justify it, otherwise, provide the correct version (by changing the inequality sign) and justify it

1. $D(A', B') \leq D(A, B)$ is wrong (counterexample)

$D(A, B) \leq D(A', B')$ is correct

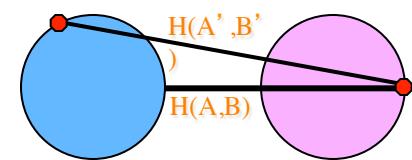
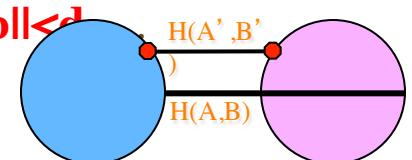
- Prove that $D(A, B) > D(A', B')$ is impossible
- Assume $D(A, B) = d$, then $\forall a \in A, \forall b \in B, d \leq \|ab\|$
- Suppose $D(A', B') < d$, then $\exists a' \in A' \subset A, \exists b' \in B' \subset B, \|a'b'\| < d$



2. $H(A', B') \leq H(A, B)$ is wrong (counterexample)

- Pick a single sample on each set

$H(A, B) \leq H(A', B')$ is also wrong (counterexample)



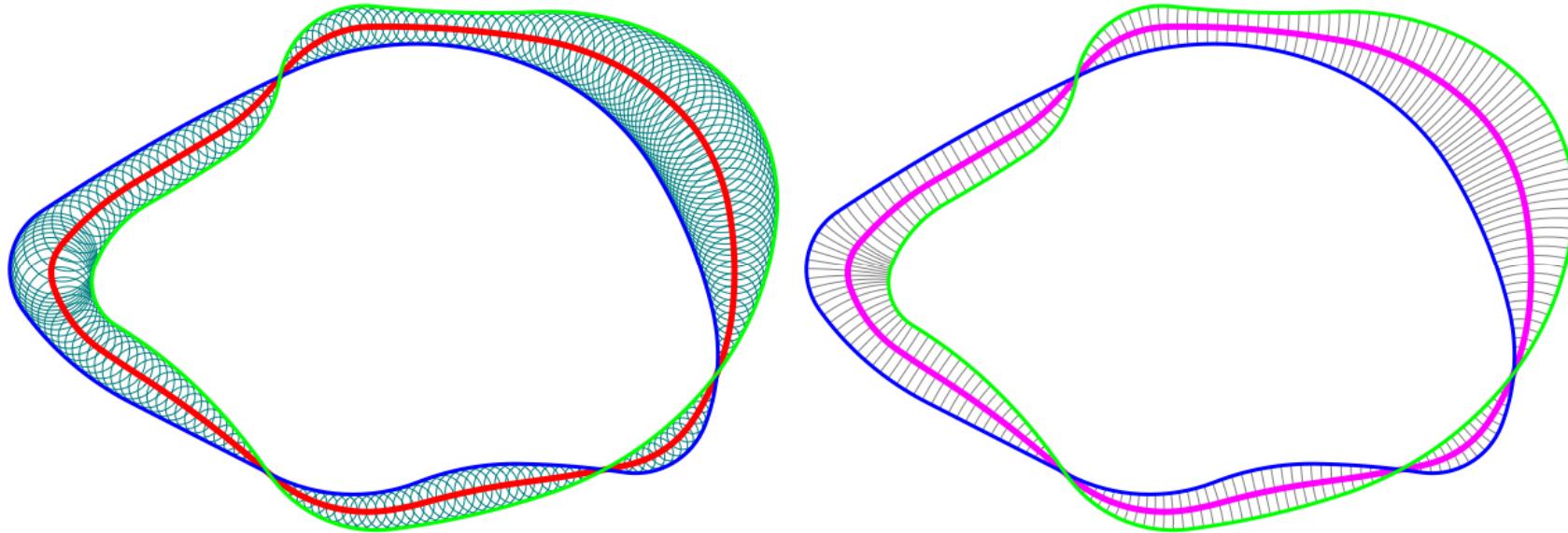
Ball distance ***new***

$D_{\text{Ball}}(\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{Q})$ = Diameter of largest ball that fits in the **gap** and touches both shapes

Good measure if shapes are **b-compatible** (single point contacts)

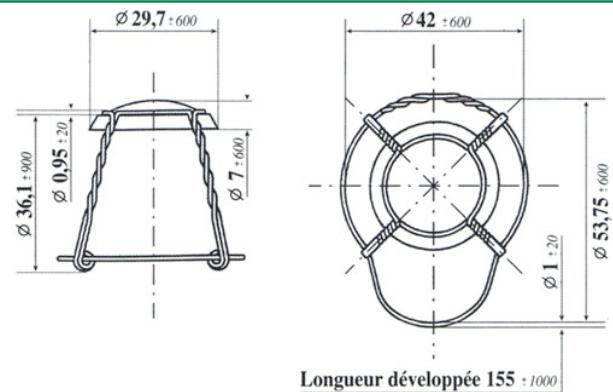
Takes distance and orientation into account.

Can be extended to incompatible shapes

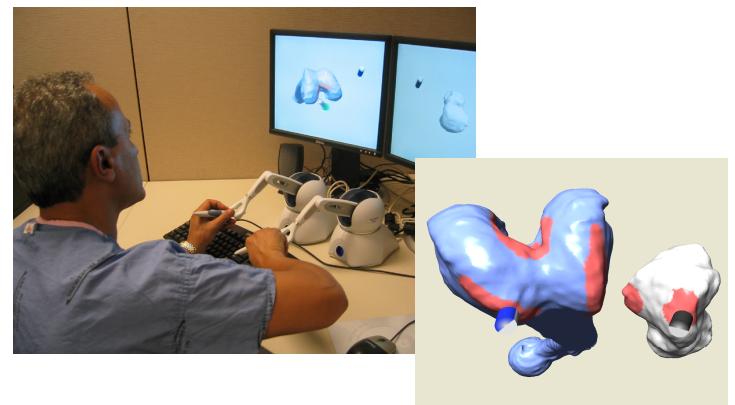


Applications

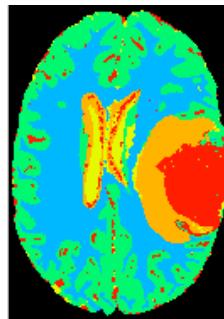
- Compare manufactured shape to nominal design



- Compare shape of weak cartilage to graft



- Compare stages in evolution of tumor or lake

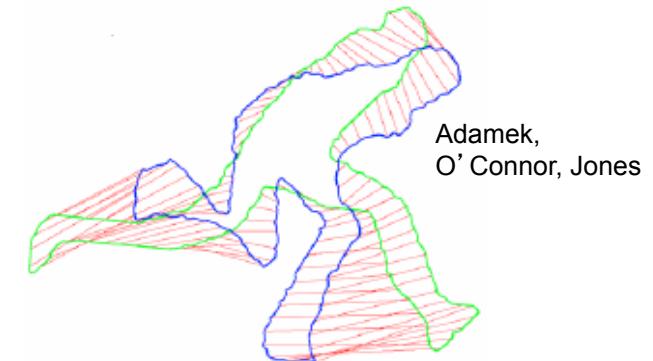
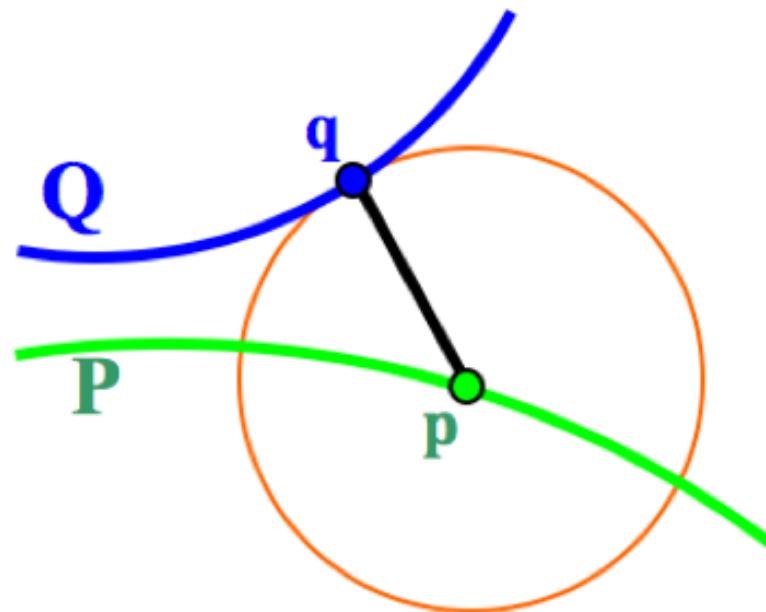


Old “Closest Point” c-map & c-morph

*Most of prior work (e.g.: ICP) was based on the **closest point map** or on intrinsic shape segmentation and matching (salient features, skeleton, parameterization...)*

$C_{P \rightarrow Q}$ maps $p \in P$ to the set of its closest points $q \in Q$

c-morph moves p towards q at constant speed



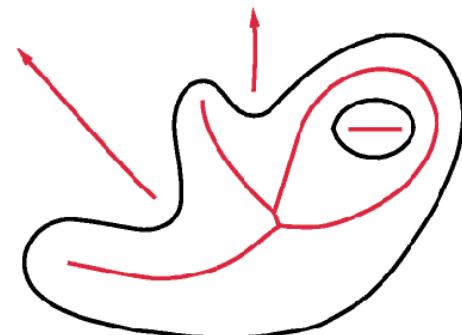
Improving upon c-map and c-morph

- The c-map has drawbacks and limitations
- The new b-map addresses or reduces them

Cut locus

The **cut locus**, $C(S)$, of S is the set of points with at least two closest points on bS .

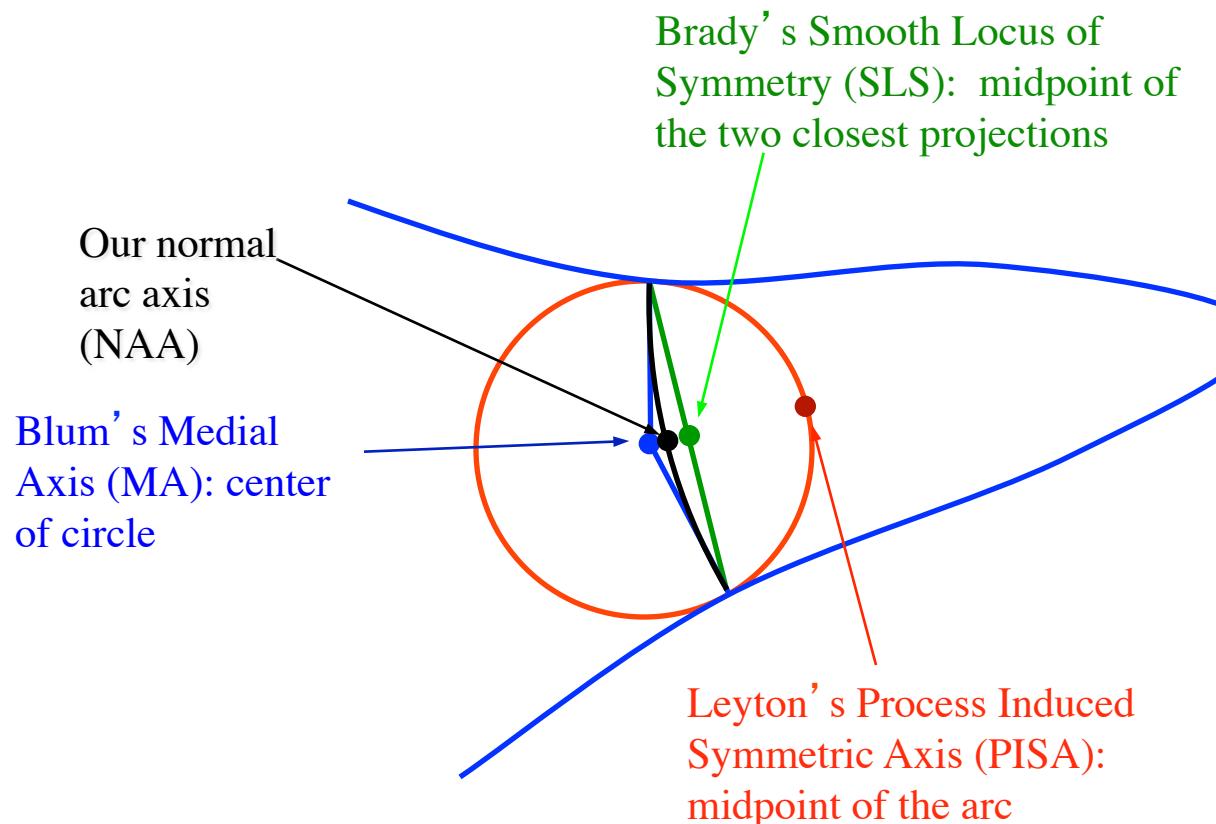
- $C(S)$ may be decomposed into
 - The **interior cut**, $C_i(S)$: the part in S , which is $M(S)$
 - The **exterior cut**, $C_e(S)$: the part in the complement S' of S
Note that $C_e(S) = C_i(S')$
- **Media Axis Transform MAT(S)**
 - To each point p of $C_i(S)$ we associate its distance $r(p)$ from bS



<http://www.lems.brown.edu/vision/Presentations/Wolter/>

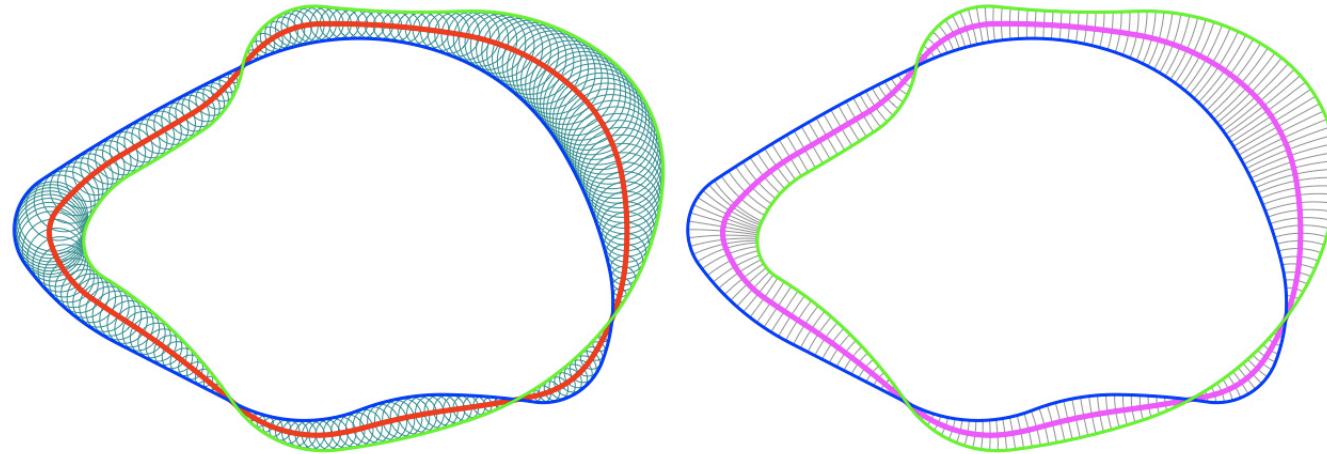
Variation of Medial Axis

Blum' s Medial Axis (center of tangent disk)



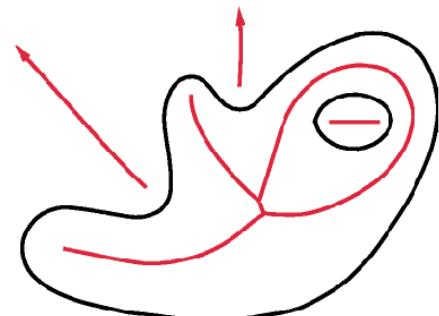
Median \mathbf{M} and half-arc curve \mathbf{H}

- The median \mathbf{M} is the set of centers of the spheres of T_{PQ} if $h < f$
 - \mathbf{M} has their topology
 - \mathbf{M} is C^k if P and Q are C^k
- \mathbf{H} is the locus of mid-arc curves, it is very close to \mathbf{M}

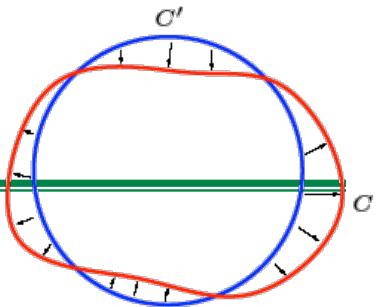


Local and Least Feature Size (lfs and LFS)

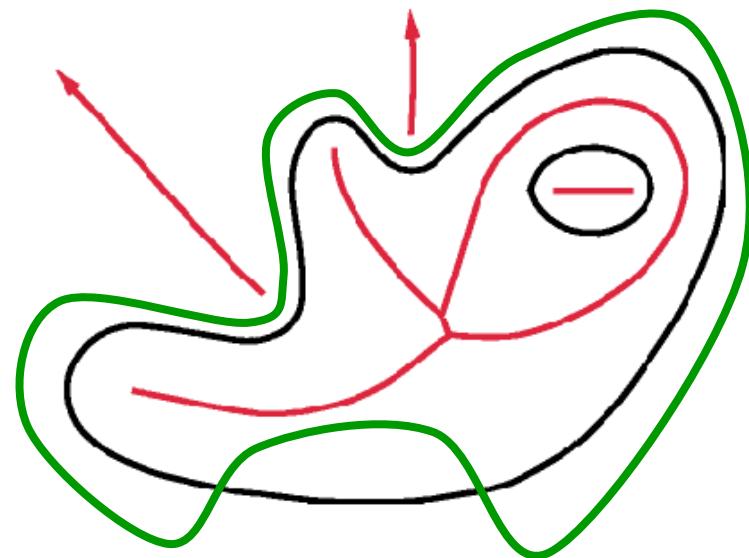
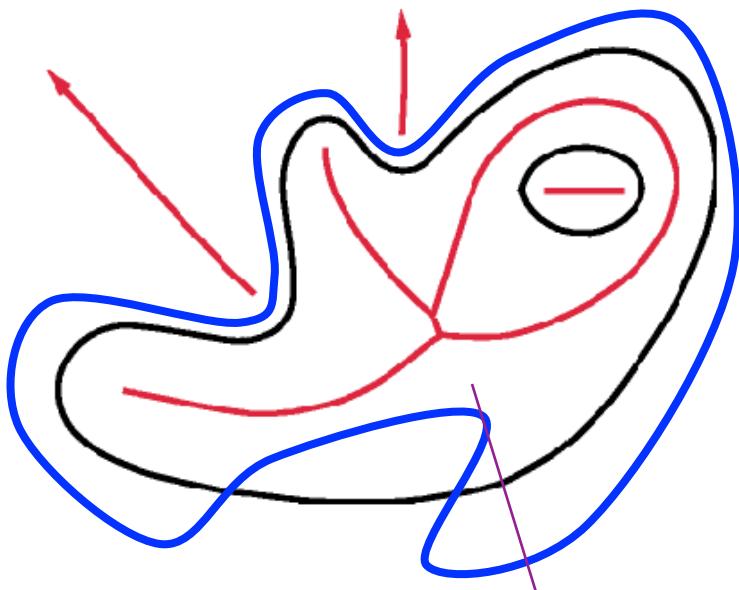
- The **Least Feature Size**, $LFS(S)$, of a set S is the minimum of $r(p)$ for all points p in $C(S)$
 - It is the distance between bS and $C(S)$
 - S is r -regular if $LFS(S)=r$
- The **local feature size**, $lfs(p)$, of a point p with respect to a set S is the radius of the *largest* open ball that contains it and does not intersect bS :
 - $lfs(p)=\max r(q)$ for all q of $C(S)$ such that $p \in B_{r(q)}(q)$
 - Extends Ruppert's definition of lfs to continuous sets
 - Corresponds to our definition of **r -regularity** at p



Normal Offsets of a manifold



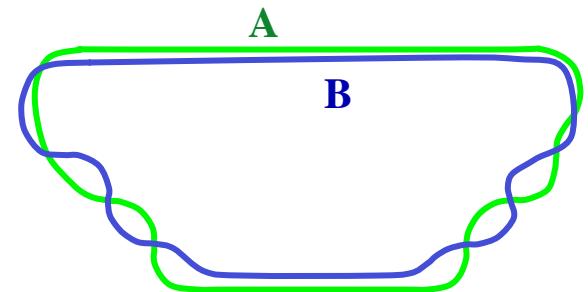
- When is a set B the normal offset of set A ?
 - When B may be obtained by displacing each point $A(t)$ of the boundary of A along the normal $N(t)$ by $h(t) \in [-h_i(t), h_e(t)]$.
 - Hence, we must have $C_i(A) \subset B$ and $C_e(A) \subset B'$
and $N_B(s)$ cannot be orthogonal to $B(s) - CP(B(s), bA)$



C-compatible curves

Two manifolds A and B are c-compatible if

$$D_{\text{Haus}}(A, B) < c \max(\text{LFS}(A), \text{LFS}(B)), \text{ with } c = 2\sqrt{2} \approx 0.58$$



$h < (2\sqrt{2})f \Rightarrow P \text{ and } Q \text{ are c-compatible}$

- $h = \text{Hausdorff distance } D_{\text{Haus}}(A, B) \text{ between } A \text{ and } B.$
- $h = \text{smallest } r \text{ such that } A \subset B^r \text{ and } B \subset A^r,$
where X^r is the set of points at distance r or less from X .
- $f = \min(\text{mfs}(A), \text{mfs}(B))$
minimum feature size $\text{mfs}(X) = \text{largest } r \text{ such that } X = F_r(X)$
where $F_r(X)$ is the set not reachable by open r -ball not intersecting X

C-map theorem

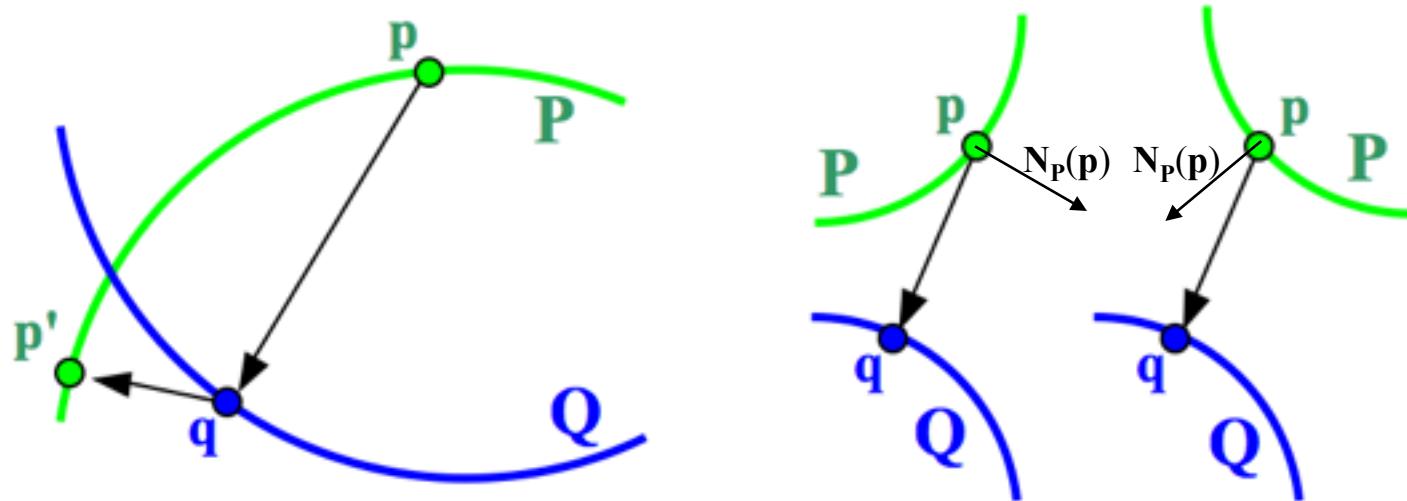
Theorem:

When A and B are **c-compatible**,
each is a **normal offset** of the other.

The definition of “c-compatible” and this theorem are true for smooth curves in 2D, surfaces in 3D, and hypersurfaces in nD!

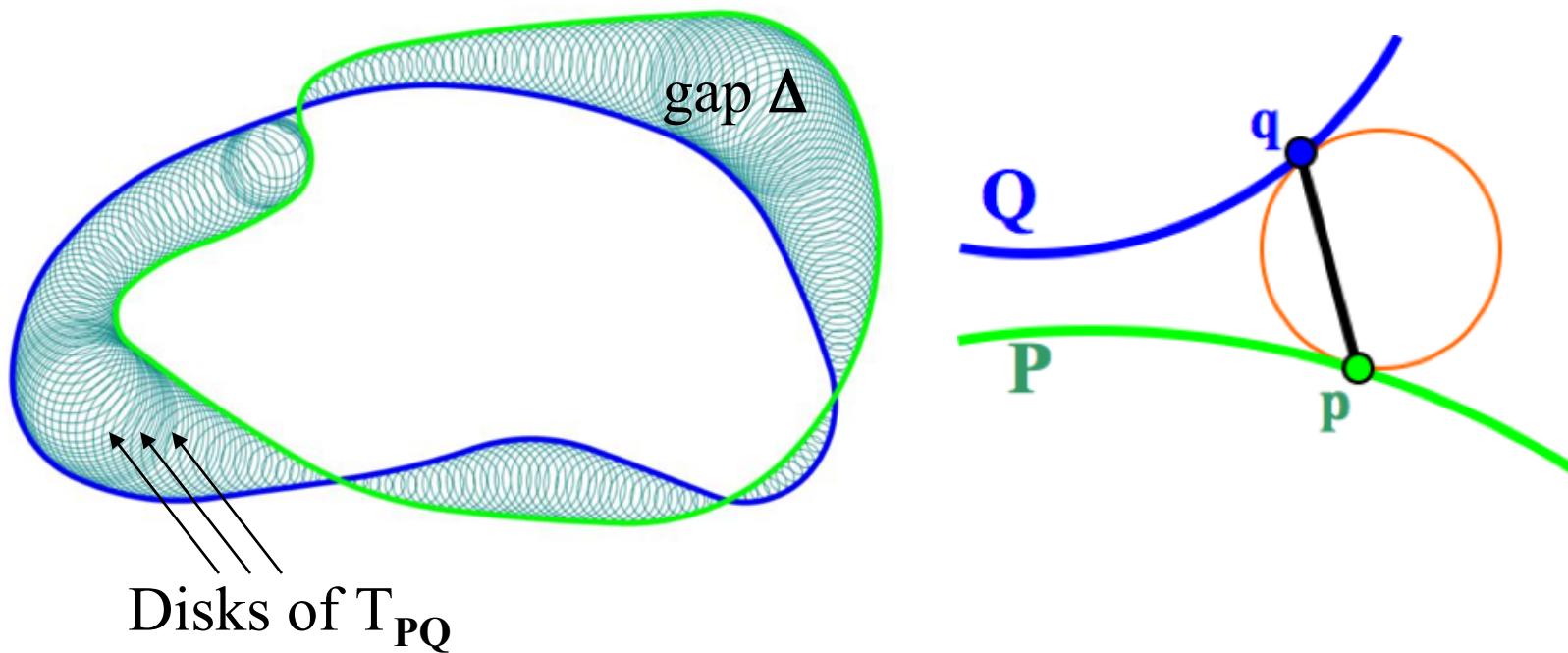
C-map drawbacks

- Not symmetric: $C_{Q \rightarrow P}(C_{P \rightarrow Q}(p)) \neq p$
- Insensitive to orientation: same q , $\forall N_P(p)$
- Unnecessary distortion
- Not all pairs are c-compatible
 - Would like a more forgiving condition than
 $H(A,B) < c \max(LFS(A), LFS(B))$, with $c = 2 - \sqrt{2}$



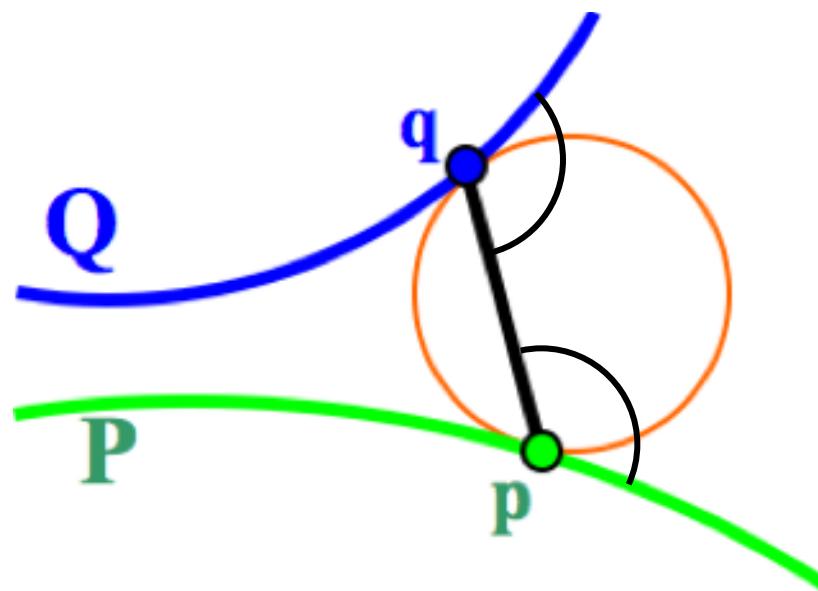
Our “Tangent Ball” b-map

- $\Delta = (\mathbf{iP} \oplus \mathbf{iQ}) \cup (\mathbf{P} \cap \mathbf{Q})$ is the **gap** between the two shapes
- $T_{\mathbf{PQ}}$ is the set of **disks/balls** in Δ that touch both \mathbf{P} and \mathbf{Q}
- $B_{\mathbf{P} \leftrightarrow \mathbf{Q}}$ maps $\mathbf{S} \cap \mathbf{P}$ to $\mathbf{S} \cap \mathbf{Q}$ for each disk \mathbf{S} of $T_{\mathbf{PQ}}$
Definition works in 2D (disks) and 3D (balls)



B-map advantages

- $B_{P \leftrightarrow Q}$ is symmetric: $B_{Q \leftrightarrow P}(B_{P \leftrightarrow Q}(p))=p$
- $B_{P \leftrightarrow Q}$ is sensitive to the orientation of both shapes



B-compatible curves

Two curves A and B are **b-compatible** if

$$H(A, B) < \max(LFS(A), LFS(B))$$

- $h < f \Rightarrow P$ and Q are b-compatible

h = **Hausdorff distance** between **A** and **B**.

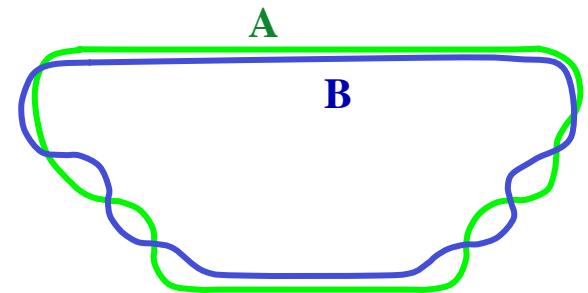
h = smallest r such that $A \subset B^r$ and $B \subset A^r$,

where X^r is the set of points at distance r or less from X .

$$f = \min(\text{mfs}(A), \text{mfs}(B))$$

minimum feature size $\text{mfs}(X)$ = largest r such that $X = F_r(X)$

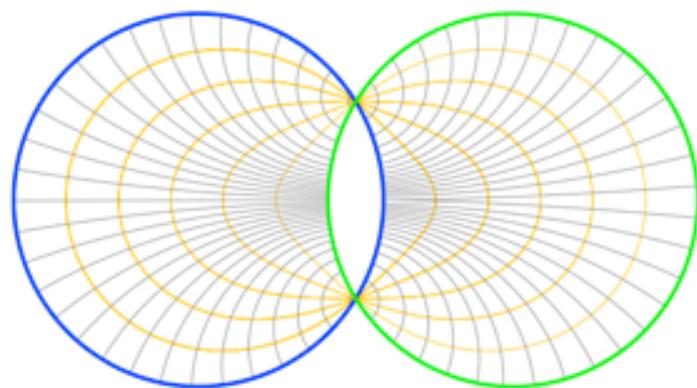
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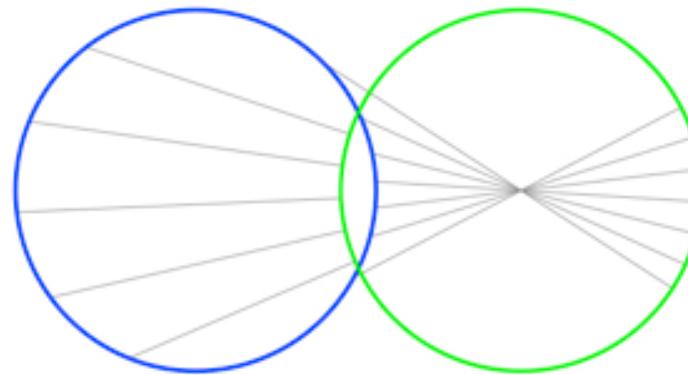
- $h < f$ is less constraining than: $h < 0.58 f \Rightarrow P$ and Q are c-compatible

Comparing compatibility conditions

- P and Q are **c-compatible** when both $C_{P \rightarrow Q}$ and $C_{Q \rightarrow P}$ are homeomorphisms
- c-compatibility implies b-compatibility
- P and Q are **b-compatible** when $B_{P \leftrightarrow Q}$ is a homeomorphism



b-compatible



not c-compatible

Complexity measures for 2D shapes

Many measures of complexity are useful in different contexts:

- **Transmission:** compressed file size
 - **Kolmogorov:** Length of data and program
- **Processing:** Number of bounding elements
- **Algebraic:** Polynomial degree of bounding curves
- **Visibility:** Number of guards needed
- **Graphics:** Number of intersections with “random” ray

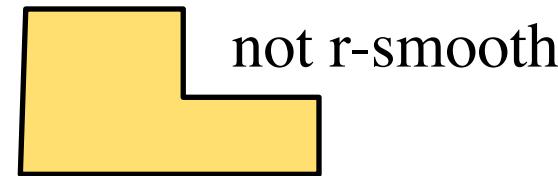
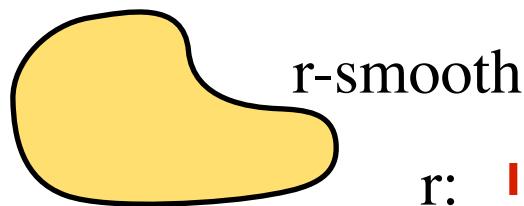
We focus primarily on morphological ones:

- **Sharpness:** curvature, high frequency energy
- **Regularity:** Minimal feature size
- **Topology:** Number of components, holes (, genus in 3D)
- **Tightness:** Perimeter length / surface area

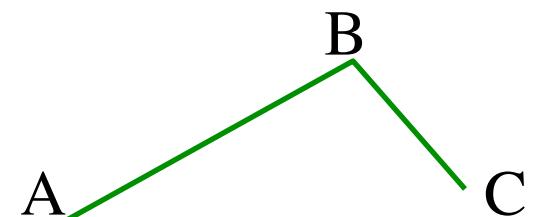


r-smoothness

- A shape S is r -smooth if the curvature of every point B in its boundary ∂S exceeds r



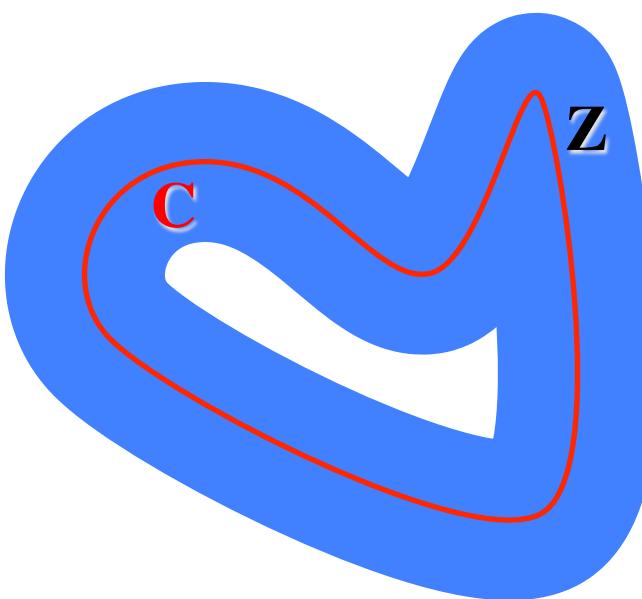
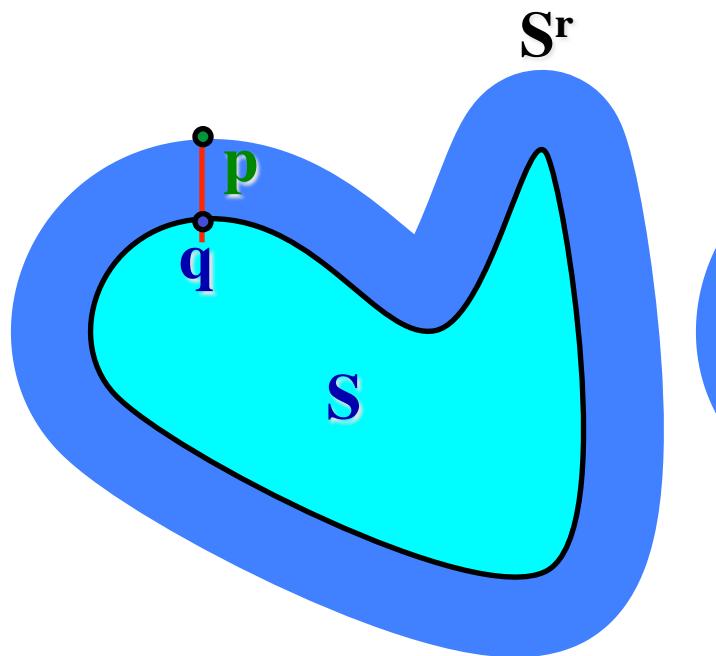
- How to check for r -smoothness at B ?
 - For C_2 curves: compare radius of curvature to r
 - For polygons: estimate radius of curvature
 - $R=v^2/(a \times v)_z$, where $v=AC/2$ and $a=BC-AB$



Dilation S^r and tolerance zone Z

The **dilation** S^r of S (also denoted $S \uparrow r$) = { $p : D_{\text{Min}}(p, S) \leq r$ }
= r -offset = Minkowski sum with a ball of radius r

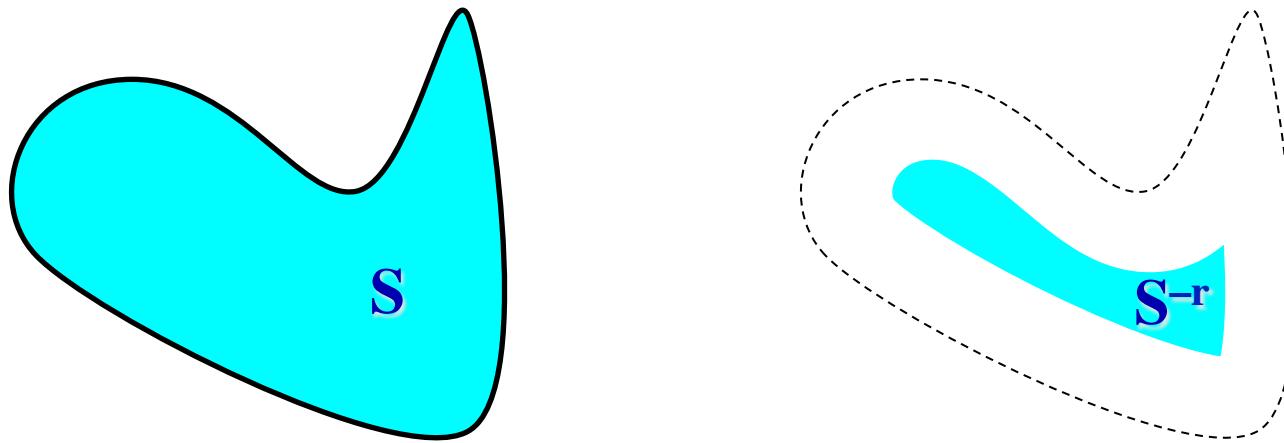
The dilation of a curve C defines a **tolerance zone** Z around it



Contraction S^{-r}

The **contraction** of S , denoted S^{-r} and also $S \downarrow r$, is $S - (bS)^r$

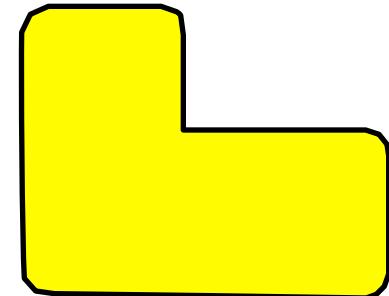
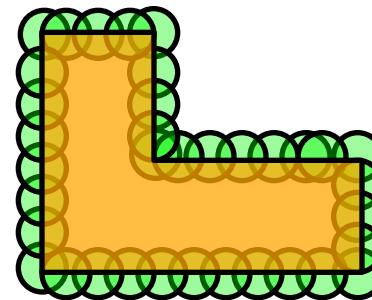
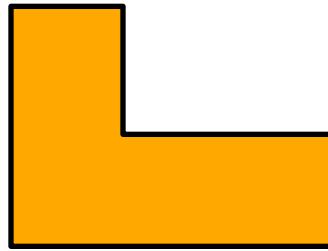
Remove all points within distance r from the boundary bS



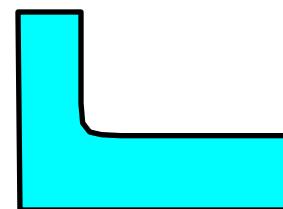
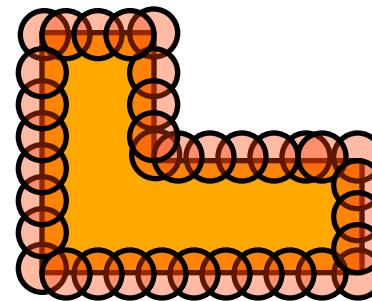
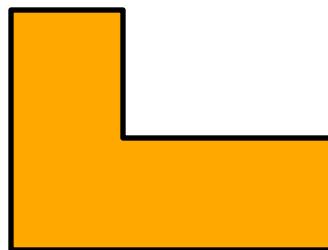
The contraction of curves and isolated points is empty.

Growing and shrinking

- To grow a shape by r means to add all points within distance r
- The grown version of S will be denoted S^r or $S \uparrow r$
- It is the union of all balls $B_r(c)$ of radius r whose center c is in S



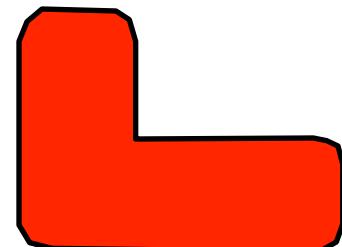
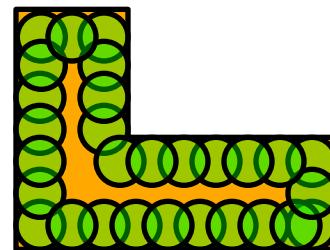
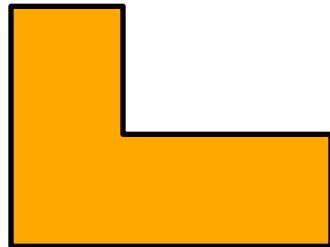
- To shrink a shape by r means to subtract all points within distance r from its boundary
- The shrunken version of S will be denoted S^{-r} or $S \downarrow r$
- It is the space that cannot be reached by $B_r(c)$, when c is out of S



Rounding and Filleting

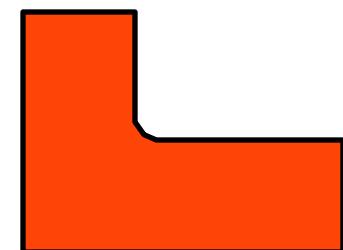
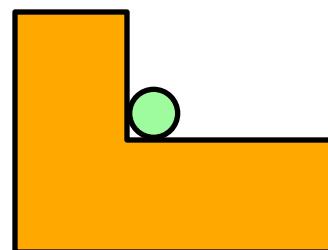
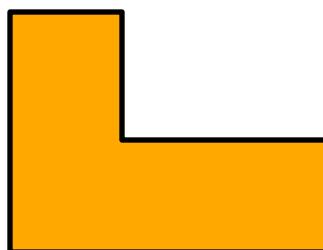
- Rounding $R_r(S) = (S \downarrow r) \uparrow r$, “opening”

- Union of all balls B_r in S
 - Rounds convex corners, removes hair



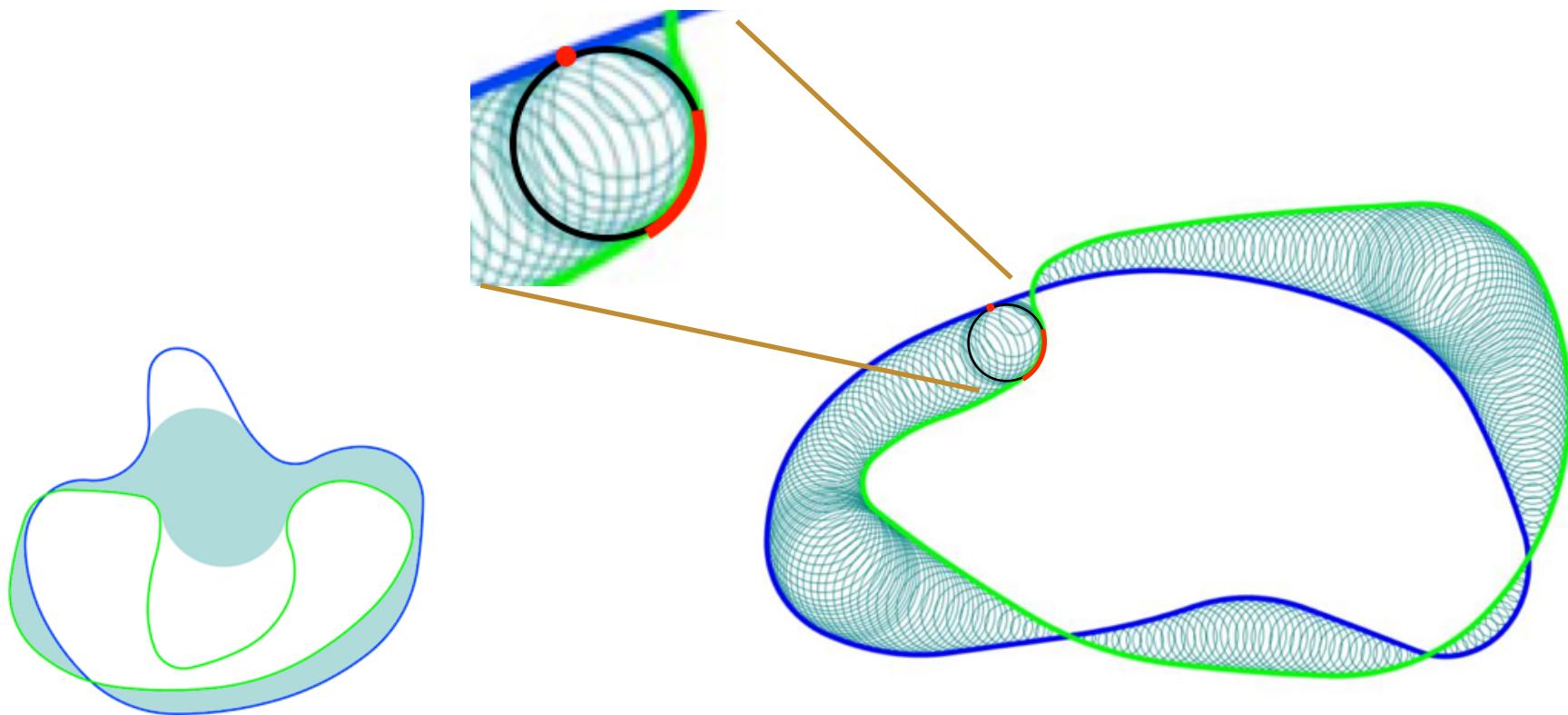
- Filleting $F_r(S) = (S \uparrow r) \downarrow r$, “closing”

- Region not reachable by B_r that does not interfere with S
 - Rounds concave corners, fills cracks



The canal C in the gap Δ

- The **canal C** is the union of all spheres of T_{PQ}
- P and Q are **b-compatible** $\Rightarrow C=\Delta$
- $(C=\Delta) \&\& (\text{not b-compatible}) \Rightarrow \text{quasi-compatible}$



Definition of relative rounding

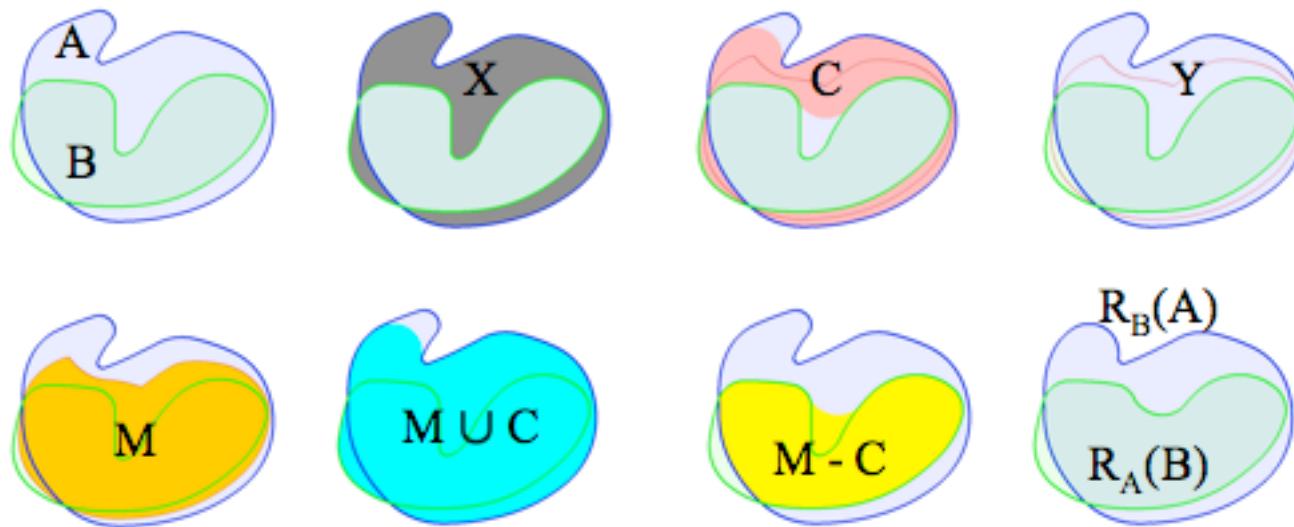
- The relative rounding of A with respect to B is

$$R_B(A) = A(M+C) + (M-C)$$

Moat $X = (A - iB) + (B - iA)$ is the extended symmetric difference

Canal C = union of maximal balls in X that intersect bA and bB

Mean M is set of points closer to $iA \cap iB$ than to $!(A+B)$

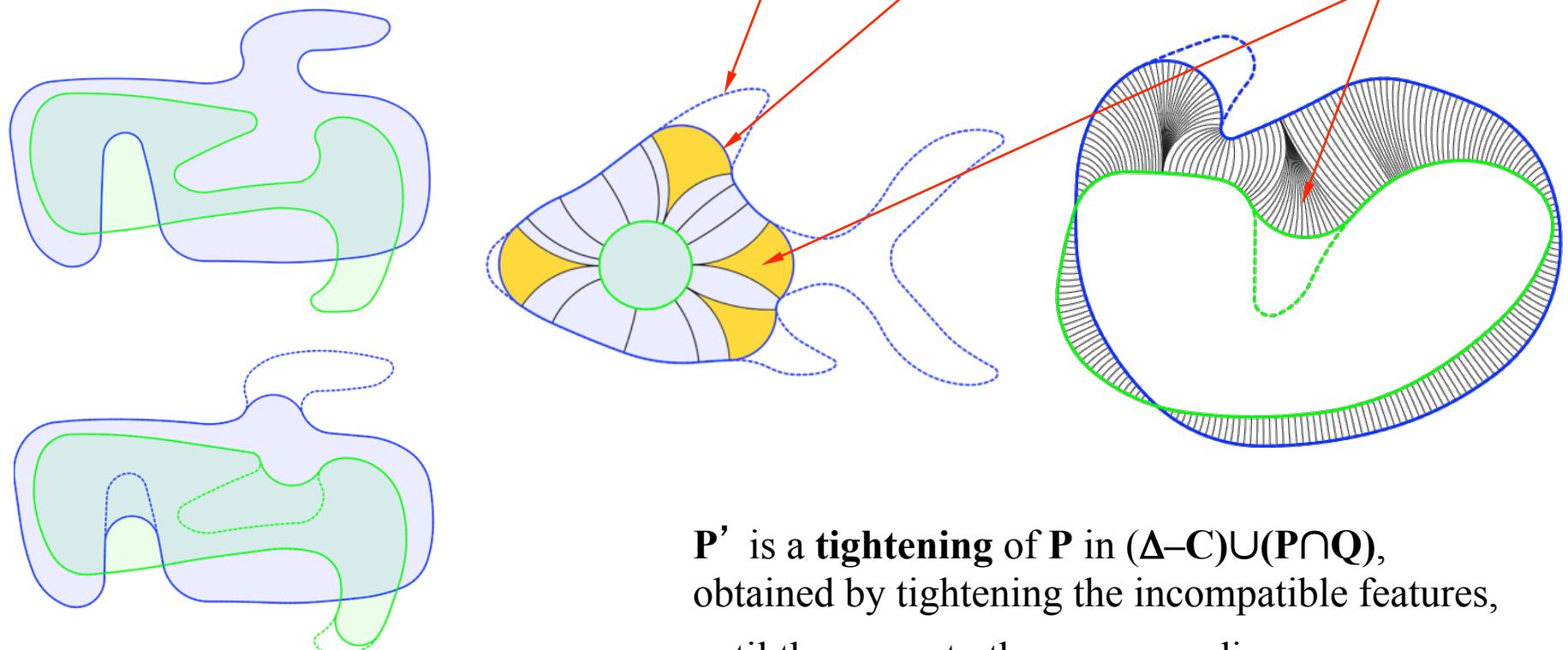


Relative b-roundings P' and Q'

Modified lacing identifies **incompatible features** that cannot be reached by any sphere of T_{PQ}

It replaces each one of them by a circular **cap**

The b-morph becomes one-to-many or many-to-one in the **fans**

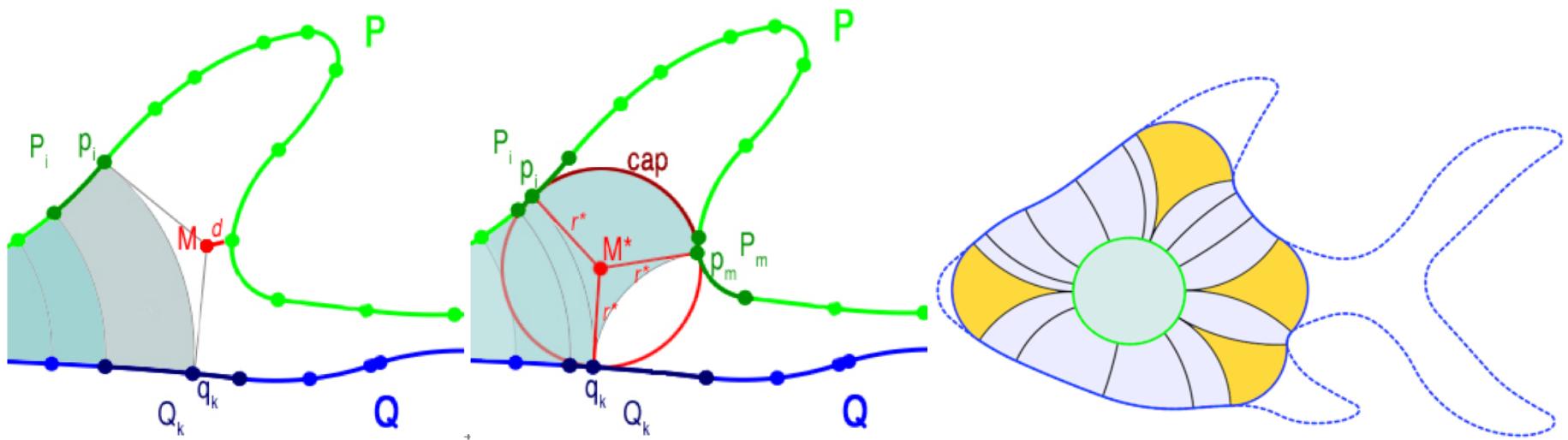


P' is a **tightening** of P in $(\Delta - C) \cup (P \cap Q)$, obtained by tightening the incompatible features, until they snap to the corresponding caps.

b-rounding via modified lacing

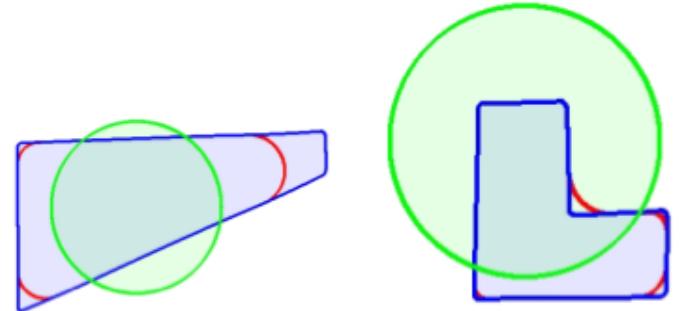
if $\text{Dist}(\mathbf{m}, \mathbf{Q}) < r$, find center \mathbf{m}^* and radius r^* of a circle \mathbf{K} in Δ that is tangent to \mathbf{P}_i , to \mathbf{Q}_k , and to another edge \mathbf{P}_m of \mathbf{P}
(the first one found along \mathbf{P})

The portion of \mathbf{K} between \mathbf{p}_i and \mathbf{p}_m is the **cap** and replaces the corresponding incompatible portion of \mathbf{P} .

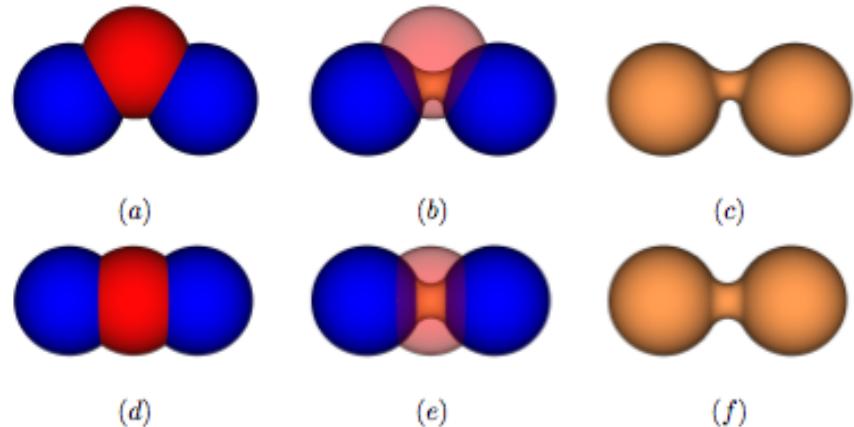
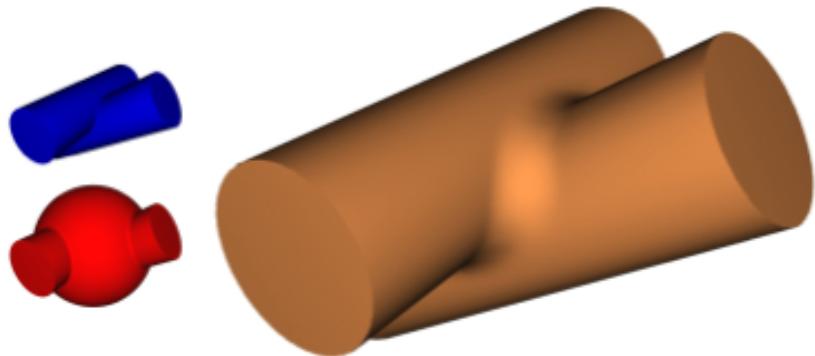


Examples of relative rounding

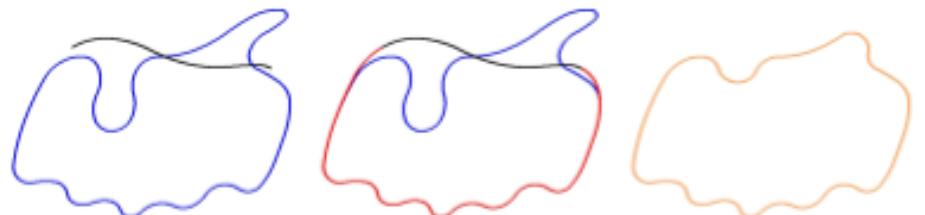
- Use green shape to control
- what is rounded and by how much



- Works the same in 3D



- Can use local control shape



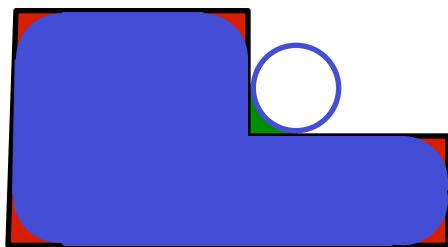
r-regularity

A shape S is r -regular if $S = F_r(S) = R_r(S)$

$F_r(S) = S \uparrow r \downarrow r$, r -Fillet (closing) = area not reachable by r -disks out of S

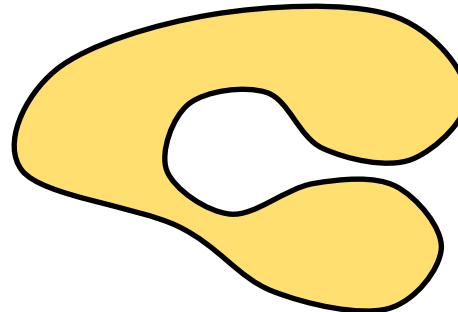
$R_r(S) = S \downarrow r \uparrow r$, r -Rounding (opening) = area reachable by r -disks in S

Each point of bS can be approached by a disk(r) in S and by one out of S

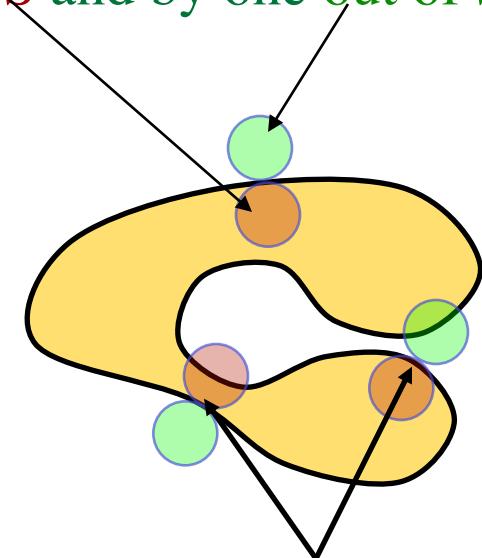


Original L is not r -regular

Removing the **red** and adding the **green** makes it r -regular

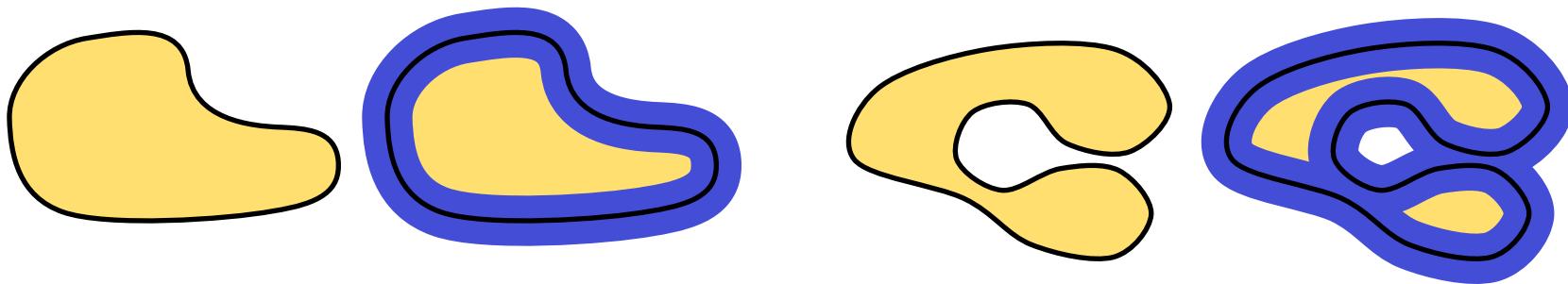


This shape is not r -regular

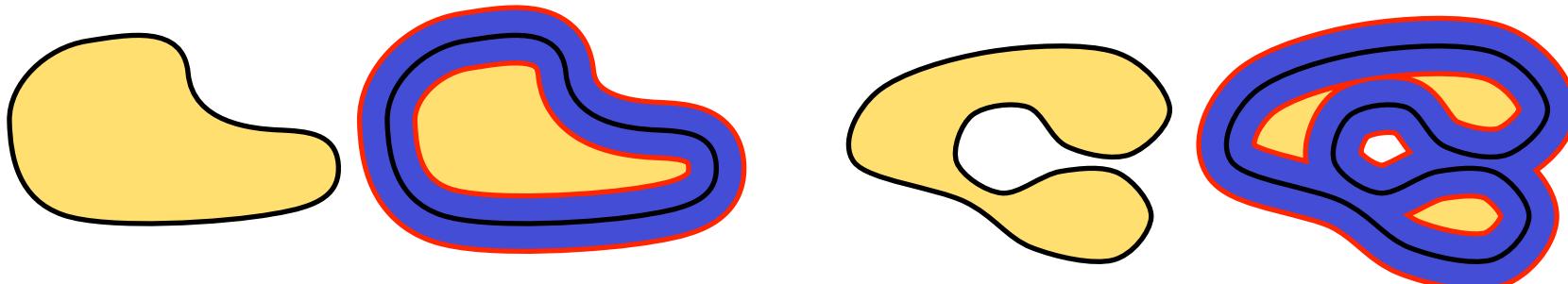


Properties of r-regular shapes

- Boundary is resilient to thickening by r
 - bS can be recovered from its rendering as a curve of thickness $2r$



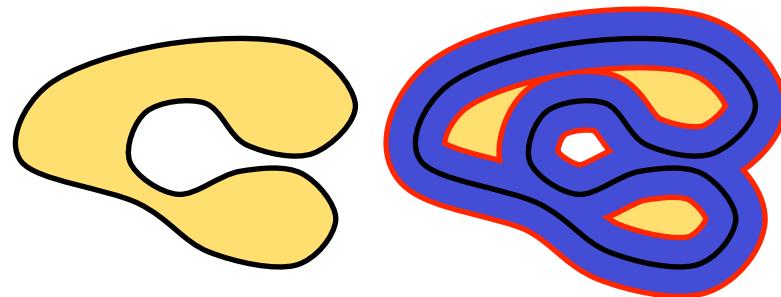
- One-to-one mapping from boundary to its two offsets by r
 - The **boundary** of $S \uparrow r$ (resp. $S \downarrow r$) may be obtained by offsetting each point of bS along the outward (resp. inward) normal. No need to trim.



- r -regularity implies r -smoothness

When is a point of bS regular?

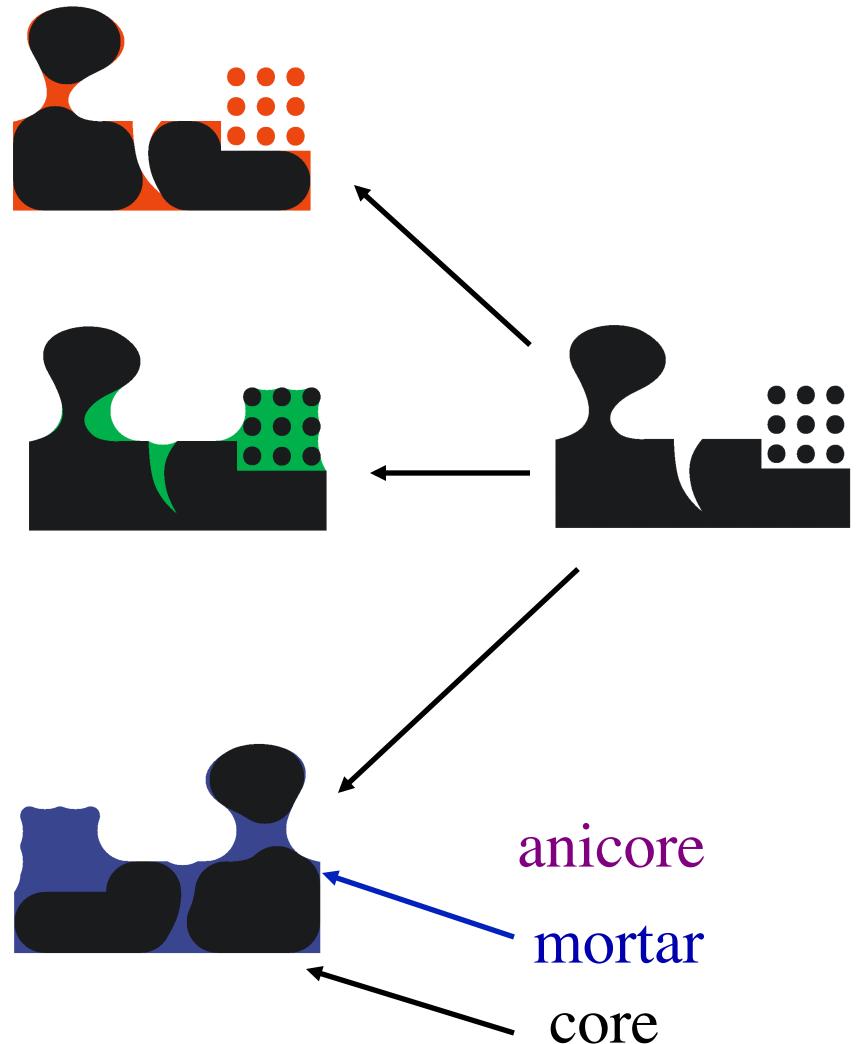
- How to check for r-regularity at B?
 - Check whether offset points is at distance r from bS
 - $\text{Dist}(B \pm rN, bS) < r$?



- Want a set-theoretic definition?
- B is r-regular if it does not lie in the mortar $M_r(S)$
 - The **mortar** is the set of all points that are not r-regular
 - It is defined in the next slide

Core, Fill, Anticore, Mortar

- Core: $R_r(S)$
 - $\cup B_r \subset S$
 - Removes the red
- Fill: $F_r(S)$
 - $(\cup B_r \subset S')'$
 - Adds the green
- Anticore: $(F_r(S))'$
 - $\cup B_r \subset S'$
 - Not black or green
- Mortar: $M_r(S) = F_r(S) - R_r(S)$
 - Green plus red
 - It is also $F_r(bS)$

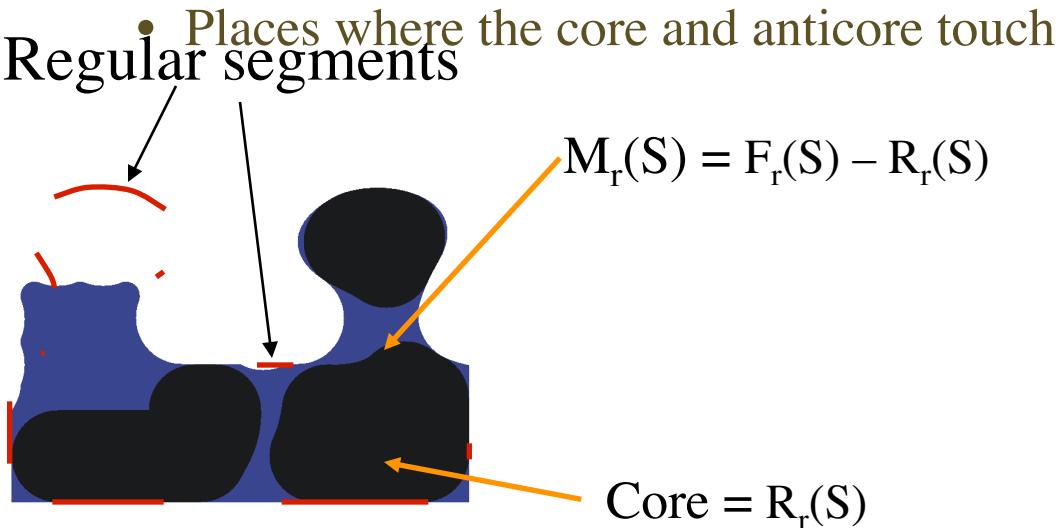


Using the Mortar to decompose bS

Given r , the **regular segments** of bS are defined as the connected components of r -regular points of bS .

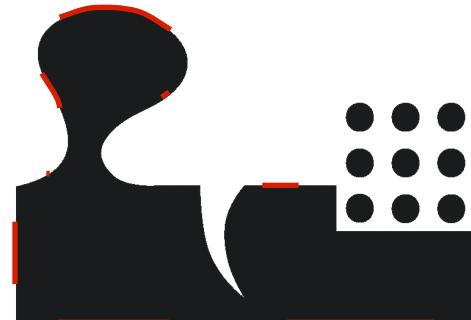
- Th1: Regular segment = connected component of $bS - M_r(S)$

Regular segments



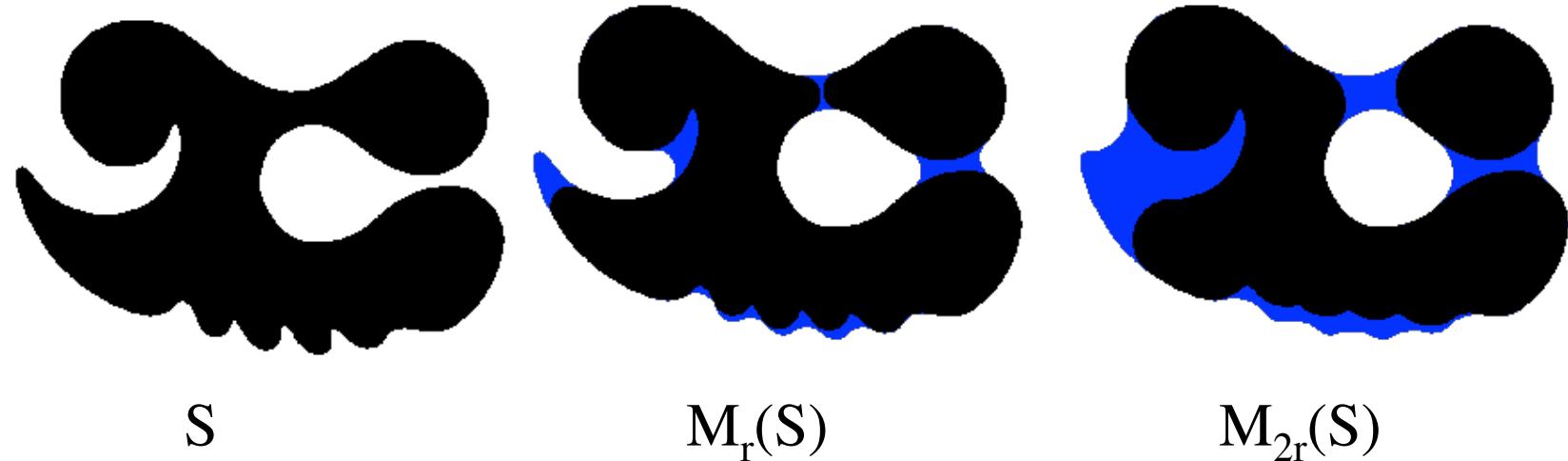
$$M_r(S) = F_r(S) - R_r(S)$$

$$\text{Core} = R_r(S)$$

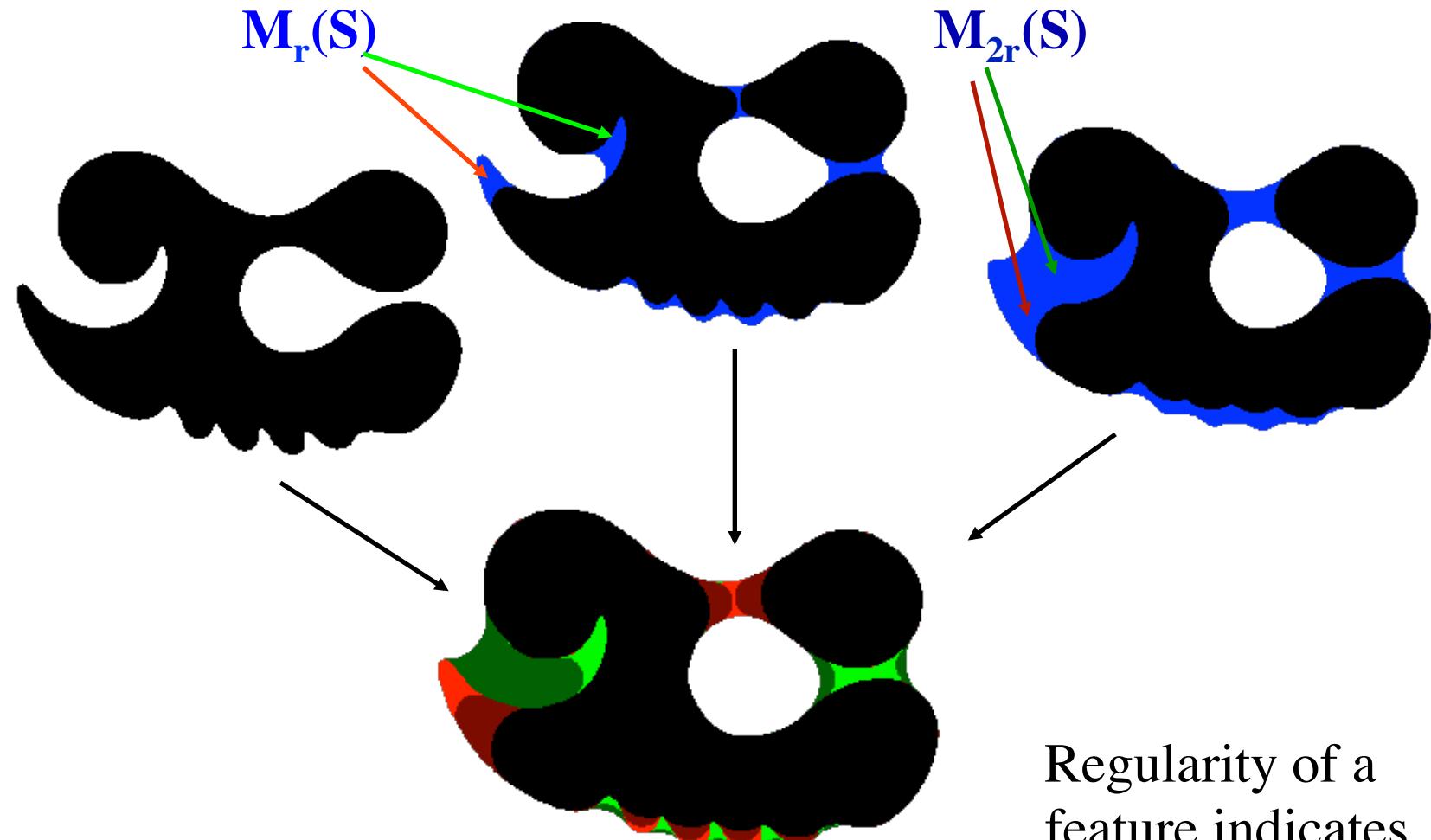


Properties of the mortar

- All points of the mortar are closer than r to the boundary bS
 - Restricting the effect of **simplification** to the **mortar** will ensure that we do not modify the shape in places **far from its boundary**
- The mortar excludes r -regular regions
 - Restricting the effect of **simplification** to the **mortar** will ensure that **regular portions** of the boundary are **not affected**



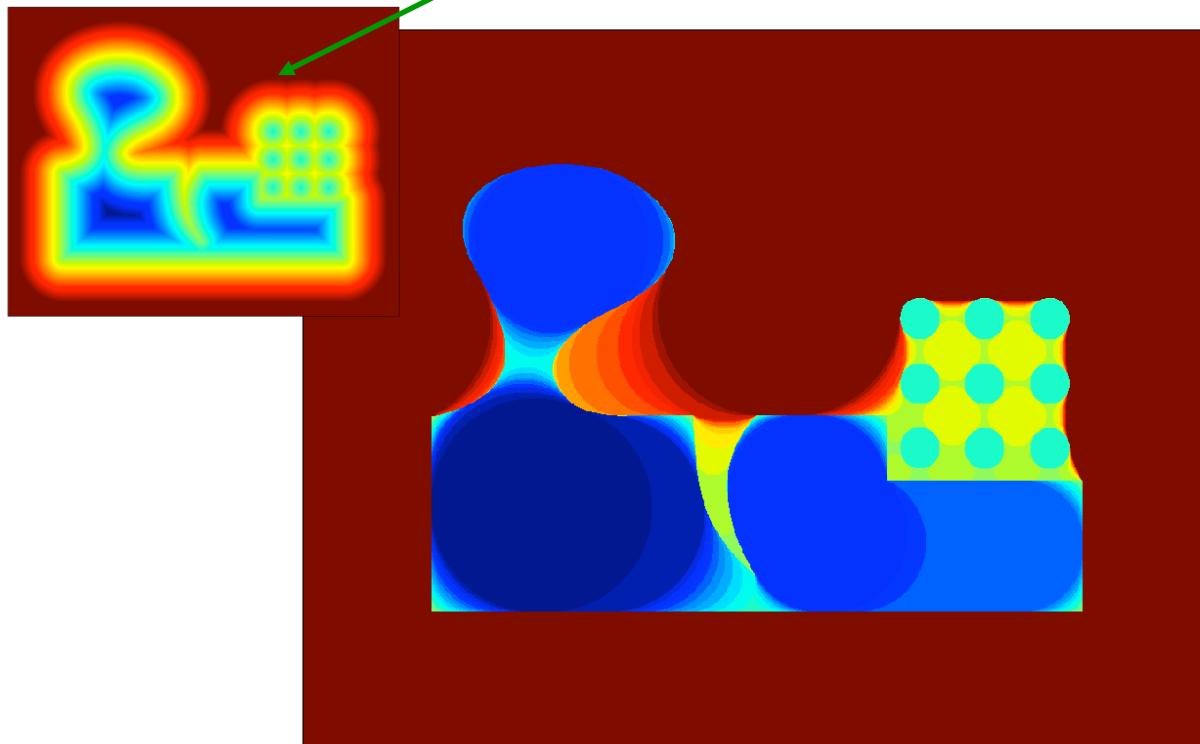
Mortar for multi-resolution analysis of space



Regularity of a
feature indicates
its “thickness”

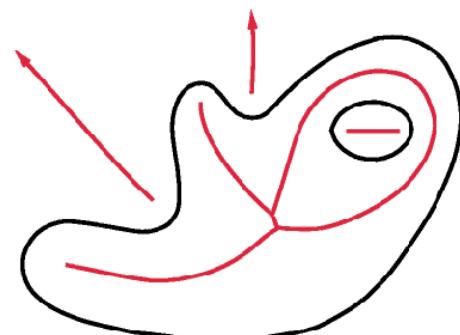
Analyzing the regularity of space

- The regularity of a point p with respect to a set S is defined as the minimum r for which $p \in M_r(S)$
 - Points close to sharp features or constrictions are less regular
 - Different from signed distance field



Medial Axis (Transform)

- The medial axis $M(S)$ of a set S is the locus of centers of disks in S that touch the boundary bS of S in at least 2 points. (Blum)
- The cut locus $C(S)$ of S is the set of points with at least two closest points on bS .
 - $C(S)$ may be decomposed into
 - The interior cut, $C_i(S)$: the part in S , which is $M(S)$
 - The exterior cut $C_e(S)$: the part in the complement S' of S
 - $C_e(S) = C_i(S')$
- Media Axis Transform $MAT(S)$
 - To each point p of $C_i(S)$ we associate its distance $r(p)$ from bS
 - S is the union of disks $B_{r(p)}(p)$ for all p in $C_i(S)$
 - S' is the union of $B_{r(p)}(p)$ for all p in $C_e(S)$



<http://www.lems.brown.edu/vision/Presentations/Wolter/>

Height fields in shape

- Distance Transform

Height at P = distance from P to bS

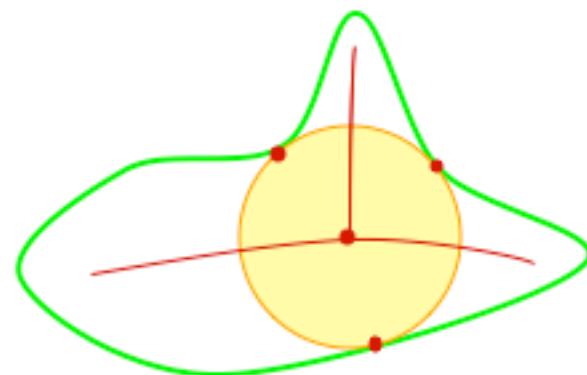
- Stability Transform

Height at P = radius of largest disk in S that contains P

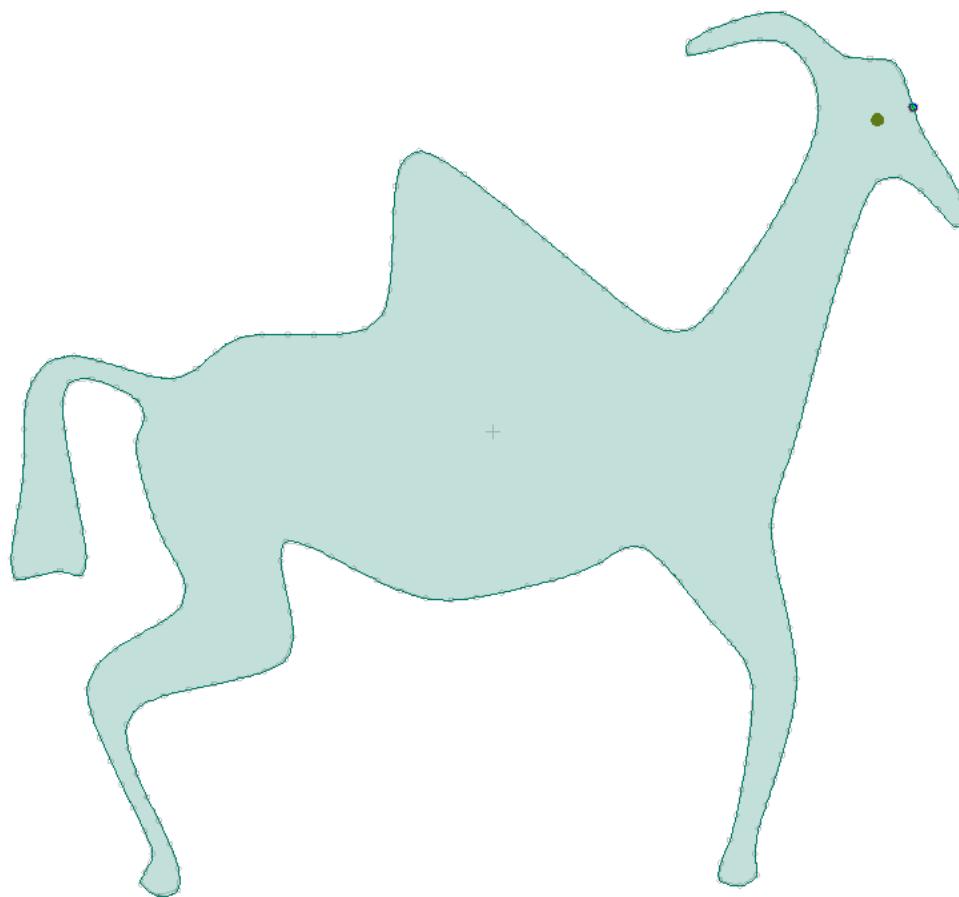
- Ball Transform *NEW*

Height at P = height at P of largest disk in S covering P

Union of all semi-spheres with base disk in S



Curve

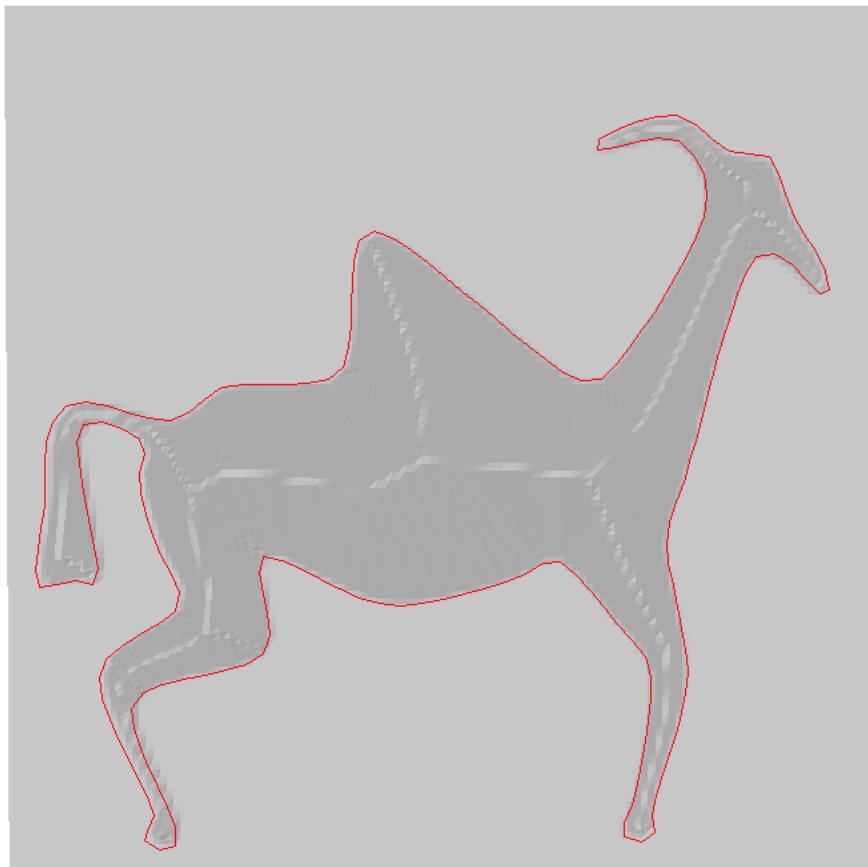


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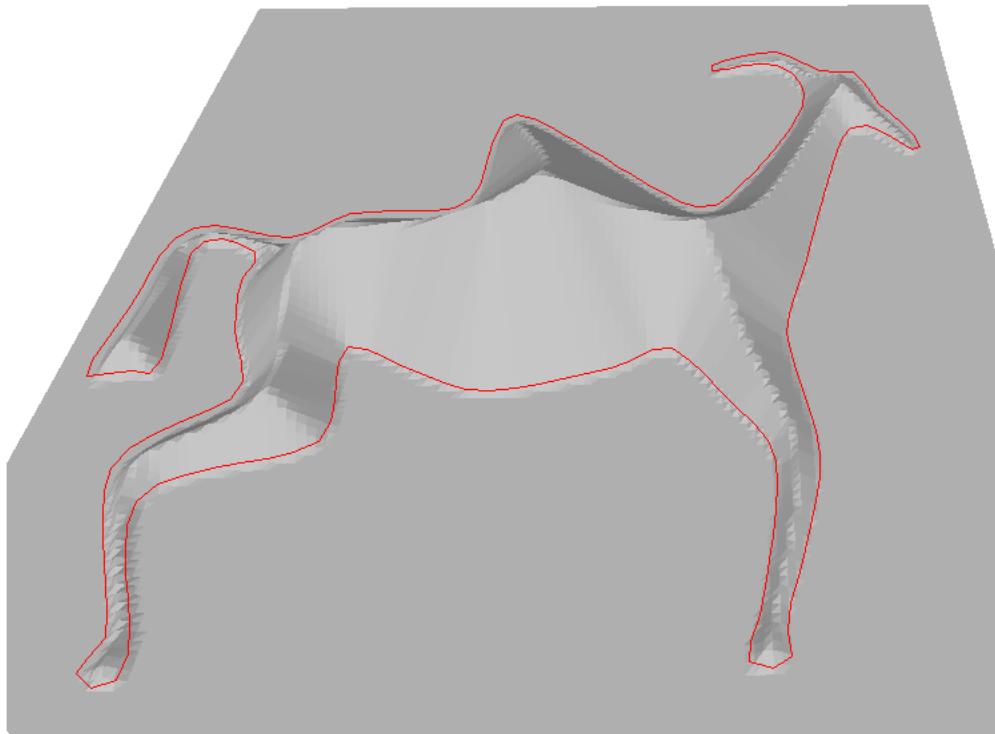
Demo of J's REFINEMENTS and RINGING
built in Processing by Jarek Rossignac
last file read: C0.pts
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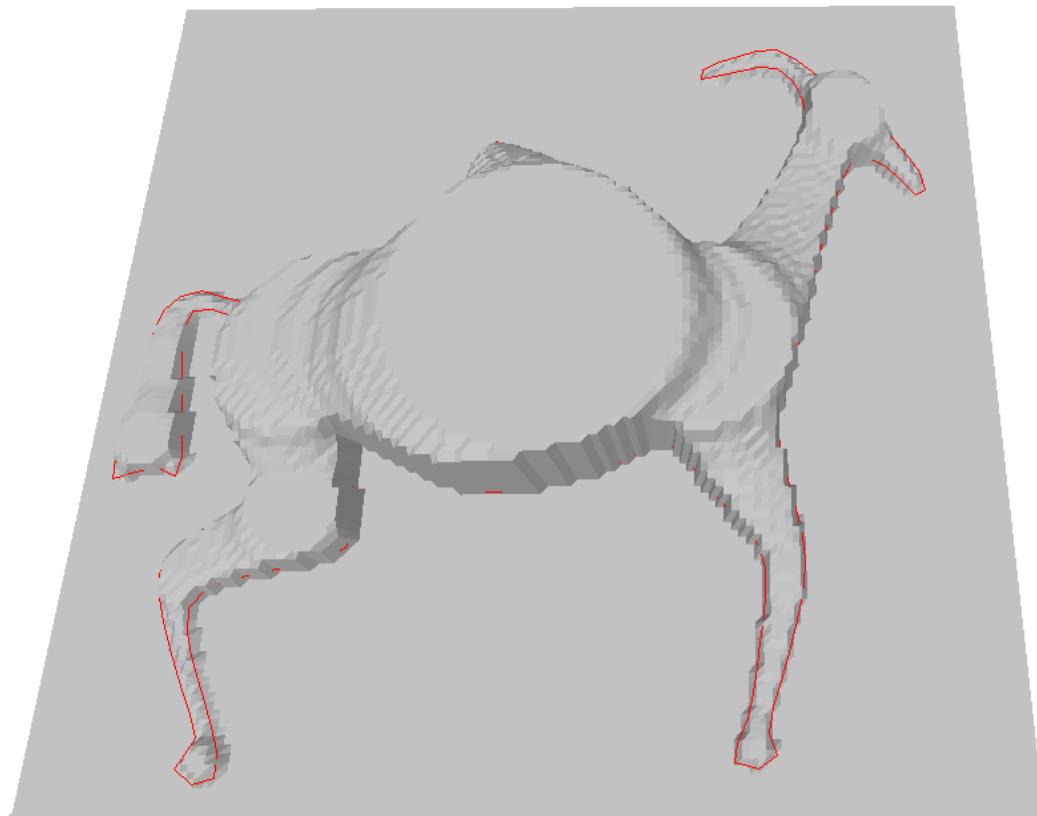
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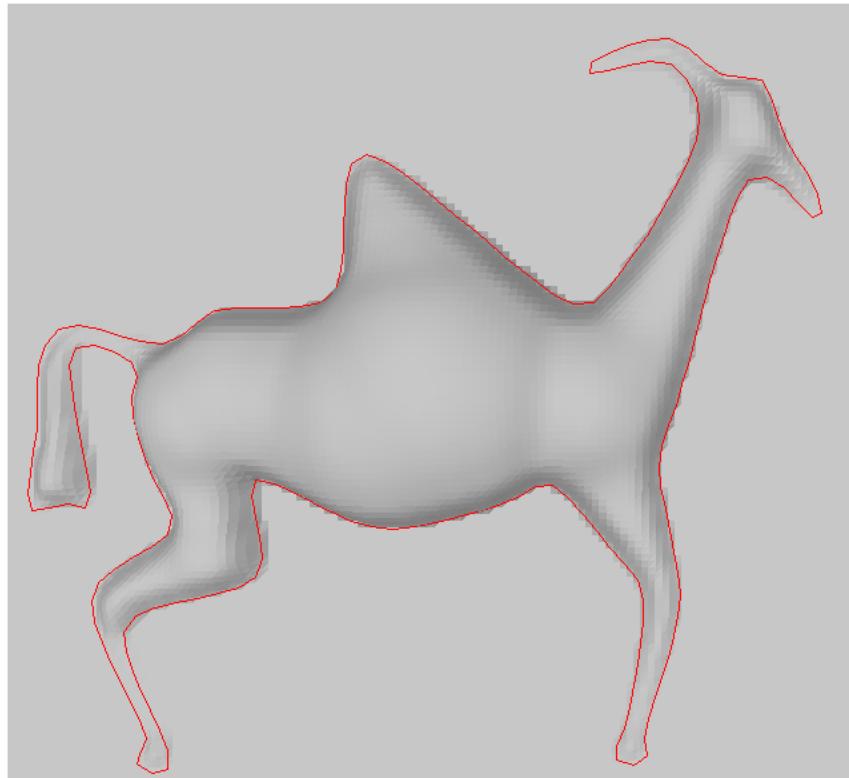
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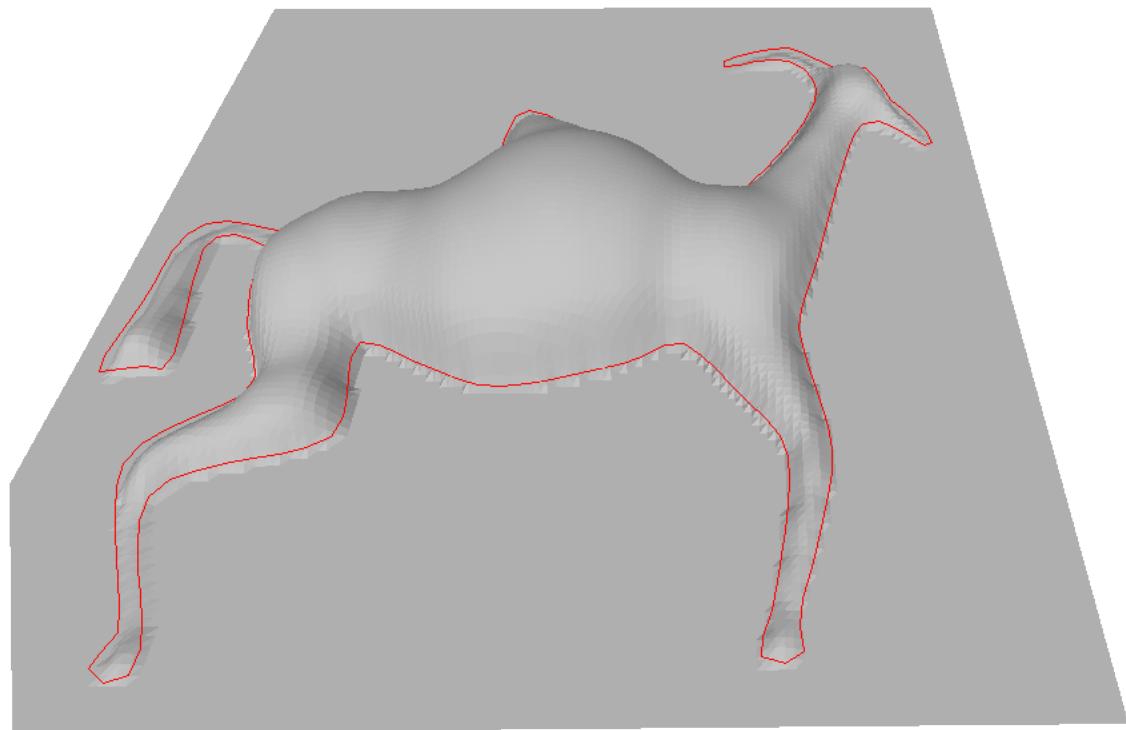
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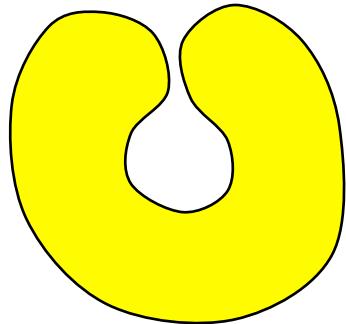


Ball Transform



Increasing the regularity of S

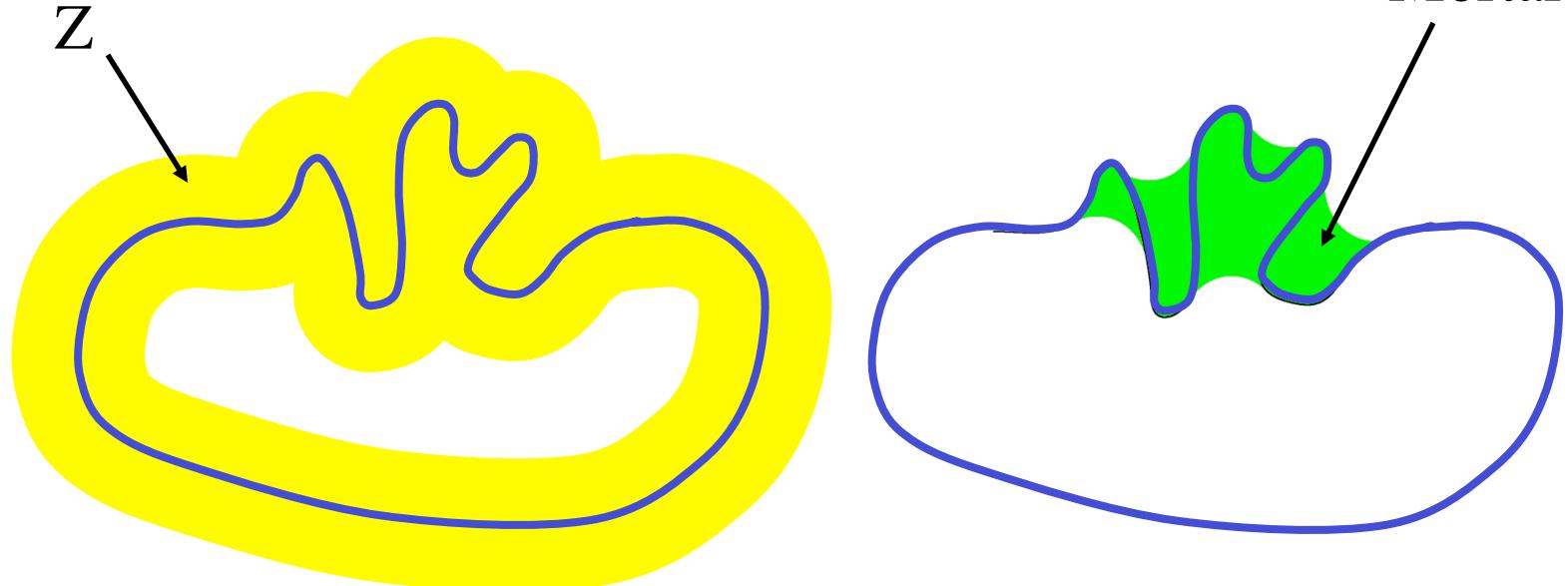
- Can we make S r -regular by removing from $C_i(S)$ all points p for which $r(p)$?
 - This would shrink S , but not necessarily make it r -regular
 - It may not fill cracks and thin passages
- Can we make S r -regular by removing from $C_i(S)$ and from $C_e(S)$ all points p for which $r(p)$?
 - The union of all $B_{r(p)}(p)$ for $p \in C(S)$ **will not cover all space**. Its complement is the **mortar** (if we assume that $B_{r(p)}(p)$ is open)
 - What is the new boundary of S ? We want to change it in the mortar, so as to preserve regularity and minimize other measures (area change, perimeter)



Restricting simplification to the mortar

- We want to restrict all changes to a tight zone around the boundary bS of the (solid) shape S
 - Tolerance zone $Z = (bS)^r$
 - Mortar $M_r(S) = ((bS)^r)^{-r} = Z^{-r}$

Simplify in the mortar.



What do we **simplify** and how much?

Simplification replaces a shape by a simpler one

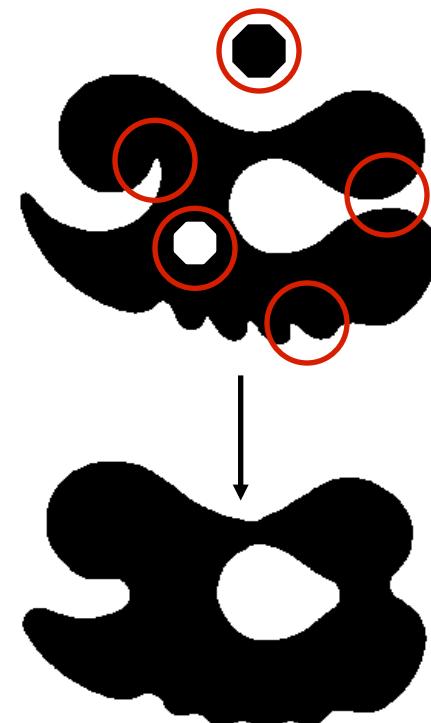
- What do we mean by “simpler”?

Informally, we want to

- Remove details
 - Reduce sharpness and wiggles
 - Eliminate small components and holes
 - Hence increase the smallest feature size
- Shorten (tighten) the perimeter
 - While minimizing local **changes in density**
 - Ratio of interior points per square unit

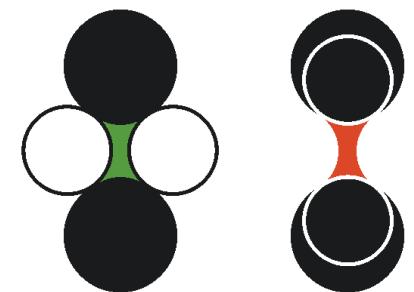
- How much do we want to simplify

- We want to be able to use a geometric measure, r , to specify which of the details should be simplified and how
- What does the measure mean? What is the size of a detail?



Morphological Simplifications

- **Fill** (closing) fills in creases and concave corners
- **Round** (opening) removes convex corners and branches
- Fill and round operations may be combined to produce more symmetric filters that tend to remove both concave and convex features ([Rossignac85])
- $F_r(R_r(S))$ and $R_r(F_r(S))$ combinations tend to:
 - **Simplify topology**: Eliminate small holes and components
 - **Smooth** the shape almost everywhere
 - **Regularize** almost everywhere
 - Increase roundness (by **reducing perimeter**)
- However they
 - Do not guarantee **r-regularity** or **r-smoothness**
 - Tend to increase or to decrease the density



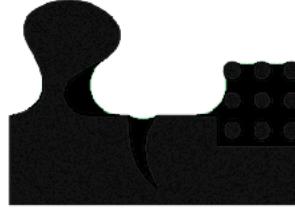
Neither $F_r(R_r(S))$ nor $R_r(F_r(S))$ will make this set r-regular

Fill F_r and Round R_r

- The r -filleting (or simply **fill**) $F_r(S) = (S^r)^{-r}$
 - Morphological closing with a ball of radius r [Serra 82]
 - $(S \uparrow r) \downarrow r$ [Rossignac 85]

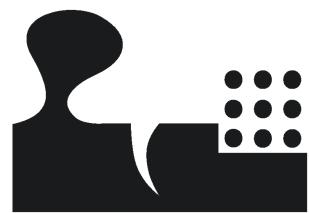


F_r adds
green



add area not
reachable by r -
disks out of S

- The r -rounding (or simply **Round**) $R_r(S) = (S^r)^r$
 - Morphological opening with a ball of radius r [Serra 82]
 - $(S \downarrow r) \uparrow r$ [Rossignac 85]

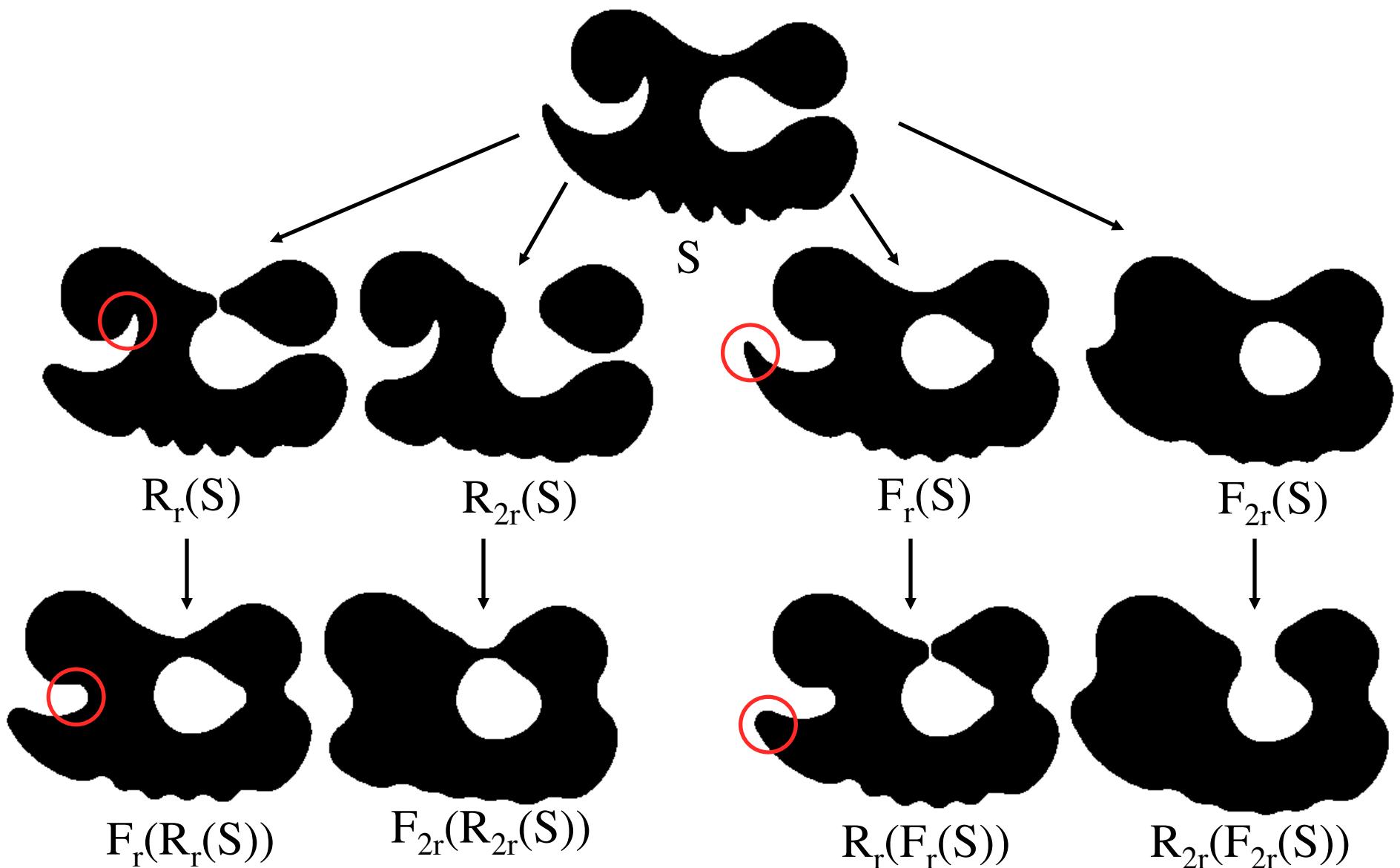


R_r removes
orange

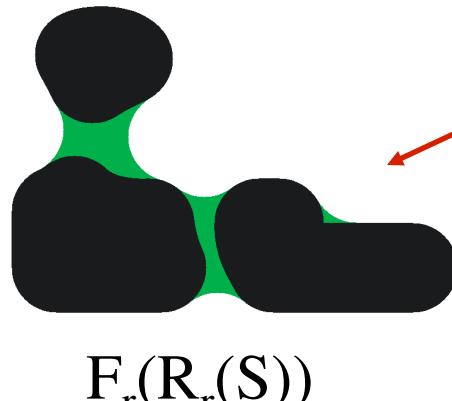
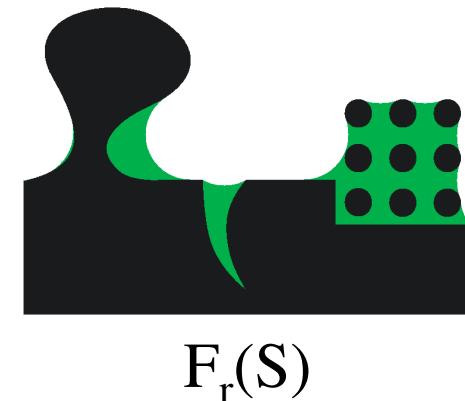
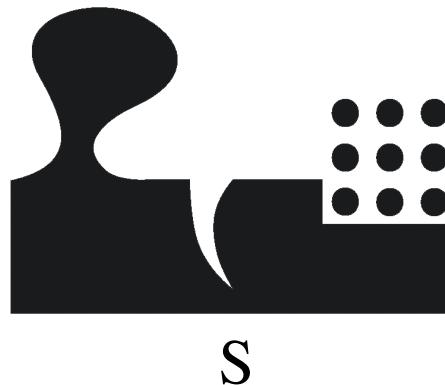
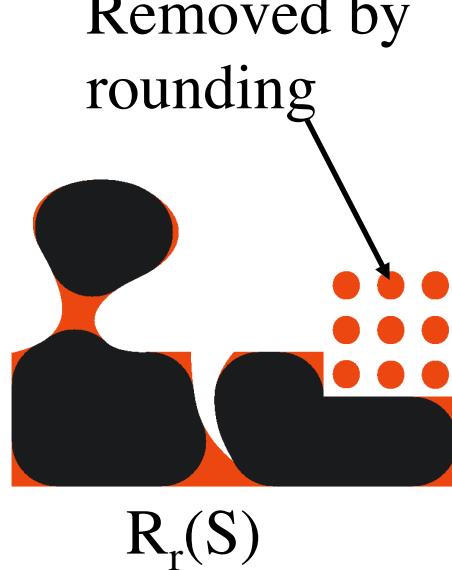


remove area
not reachable
by r -disks in S

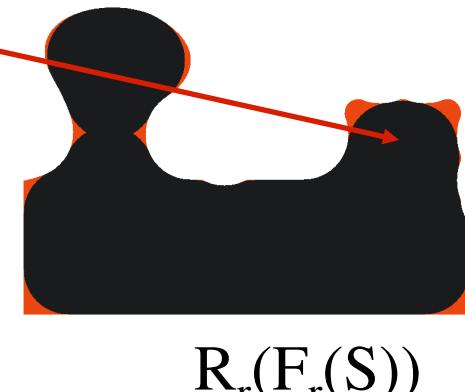
Fill & Round combos



Which is better: FR or RF?



Which option
is better?
Smallest area change?
Shortest perimeter?



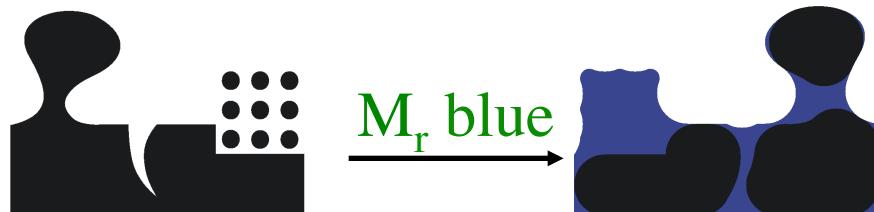
Mortar M_r

$M_r(S) = \text{not reachable by open } r\text{-balls disjoint from } bS$

Molecular surface [Connolly 83]

α -hull(A) for $\alpha=1/r$ [Edelsbrunner 93]

$$M_r(S) = F_r(bS)$$



mortar

$$M_r(S) = F_r(S) - R_r(S)$$



blue

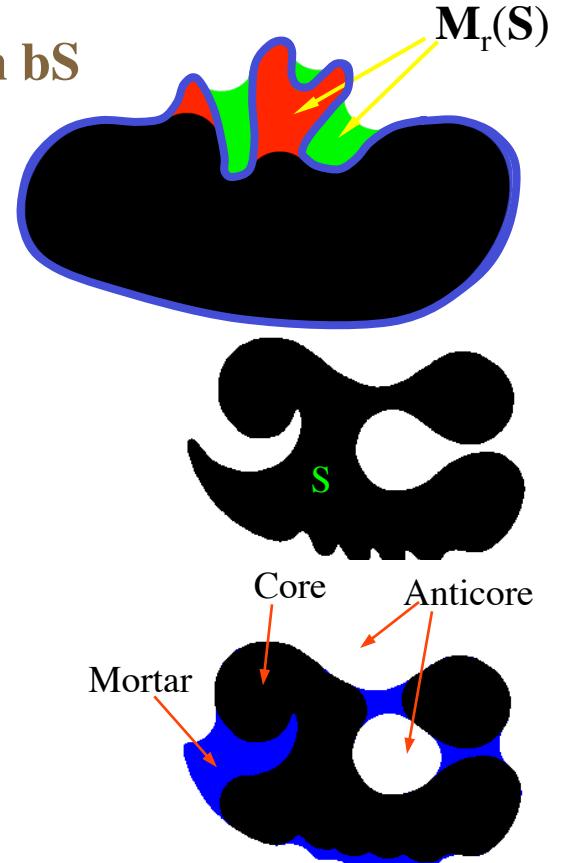


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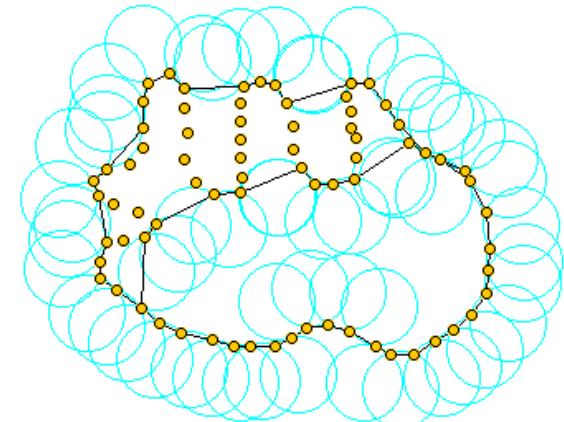
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core, $R_r(S)$
mortar, $M_r(S)$
aniticore, $\neg F_r(S)$



Relation to α -shapes

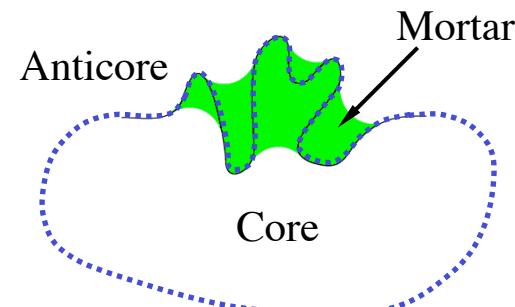
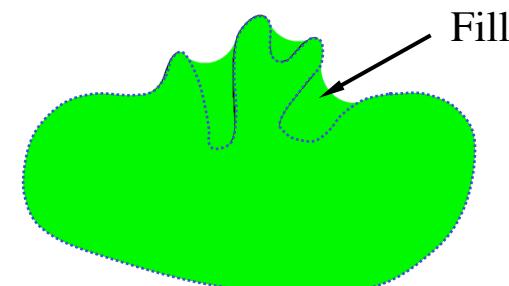
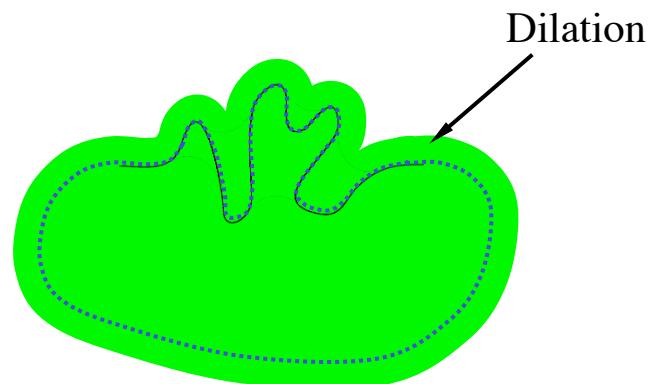
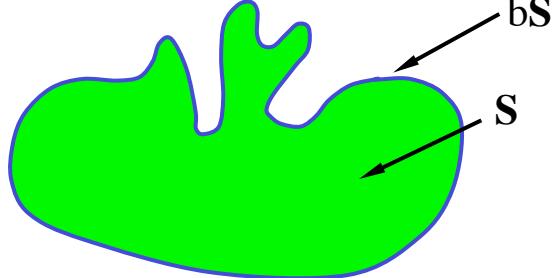
- $F_\alpha(S)$ generalizes the notion of α -hull to continuous sets
 - Not just isolated points
- $M_\alpha(S)$ generalizes the notion of α -shape to continuous sets
- An α -shape is a polygonal approximation of $M_\alpha(S)$
 - The result is a (possibly smooth) curved shape and not a polygon



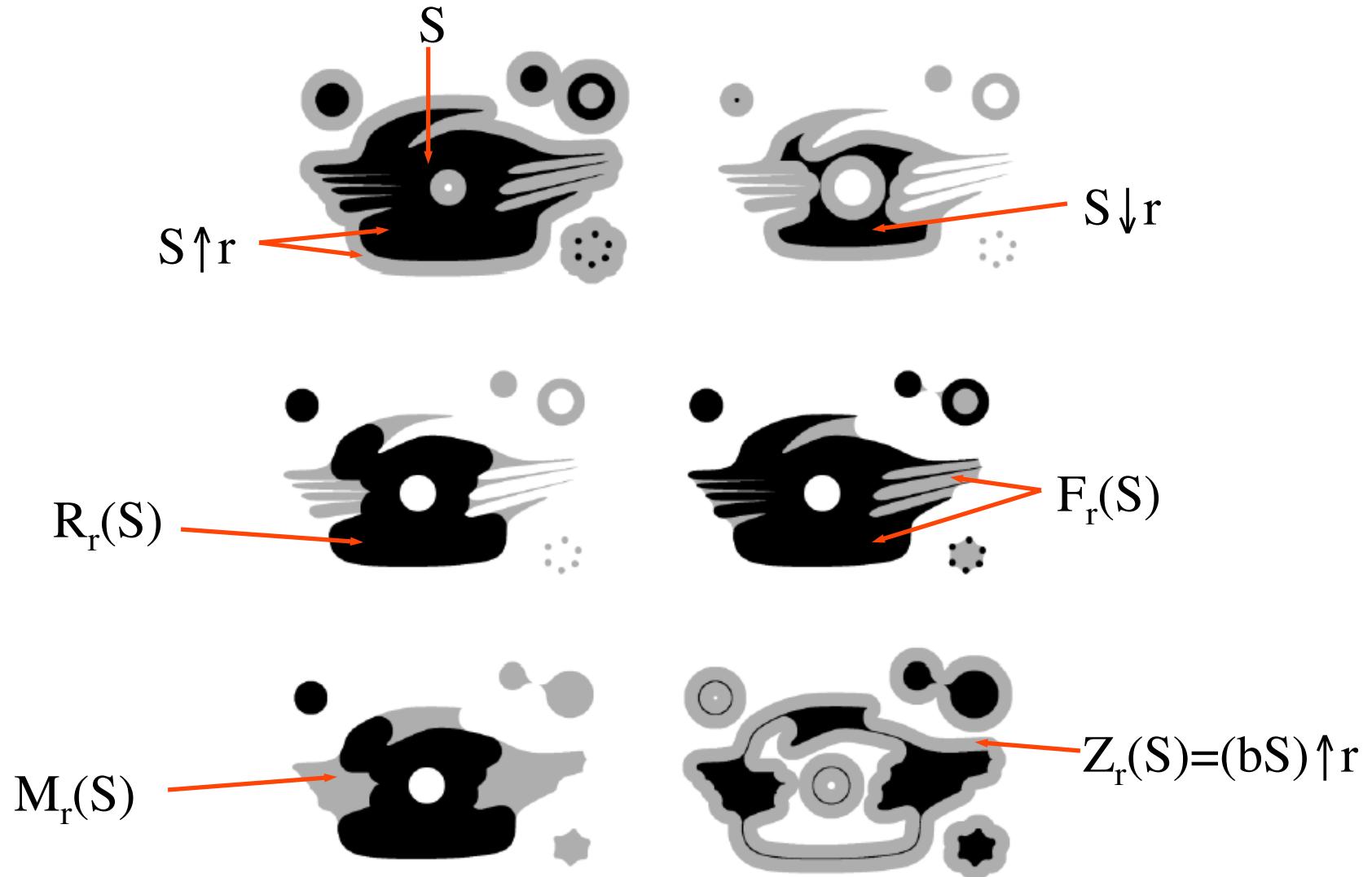
Morphological operators (summary)

r-ball : open ball of radius r

- **Dilation**, S^r : union of r-balls with centers in S
- **Fill**, $F_r(S)$: not reachable by r-balls disjoint from S
- **Mortar**, $M_r(S)$: not reachable by r-balls disjoint from bS

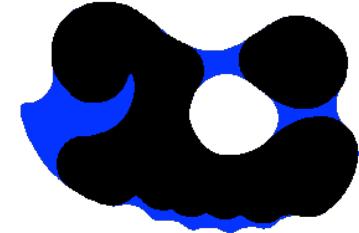


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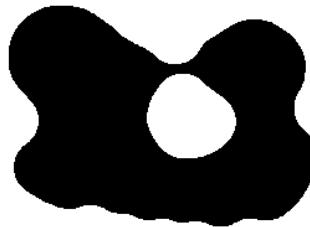


The Mason filter

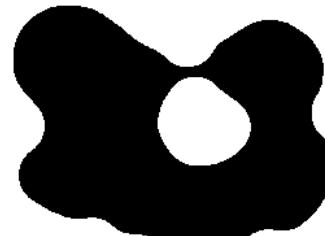
For each connected component M of $M_r(S)$ replace
 $M \cap S$ by $M \cap F_r(R_r(S))$ or by $M \cap R_r(F_r(S))$,
whichever best **preserves the shape**
(minimize area change in M)



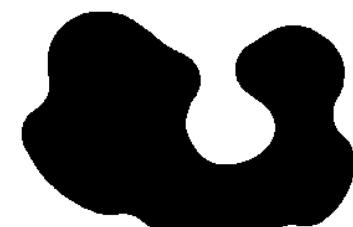
S



$F_r(R_r(S))$



Mason

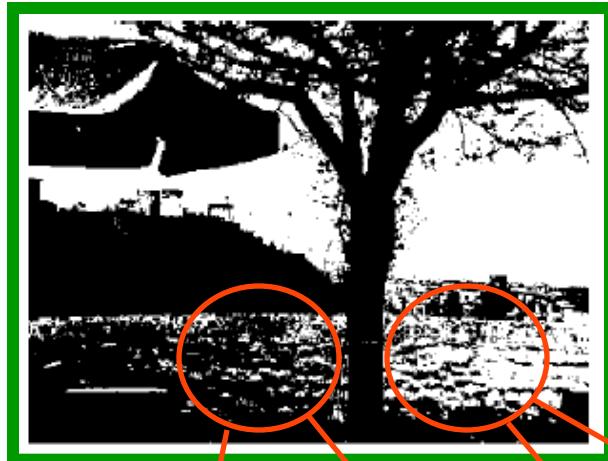


$R_r(F_r(S))$

Preserves density (average area) better than a global $F_r(R_r(S))$ or $R_r(F_r(S))$, but
does not guarantee smoothness nor minimality of perimeter

"Mason: Morphological Simplification", J. Williams, J. Rossignac. Graphical Models, 67(4)285:303, 2005.

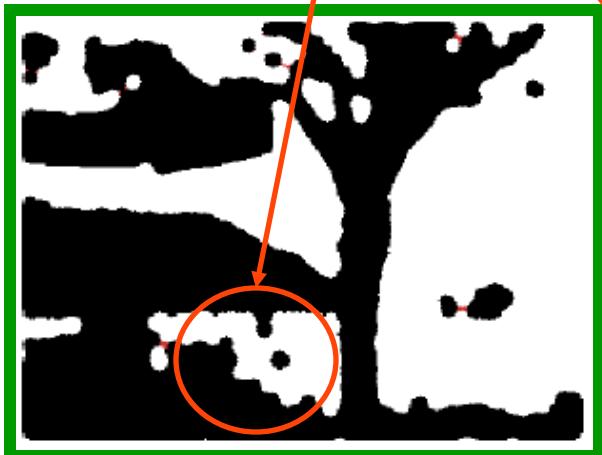
Mason in Granada



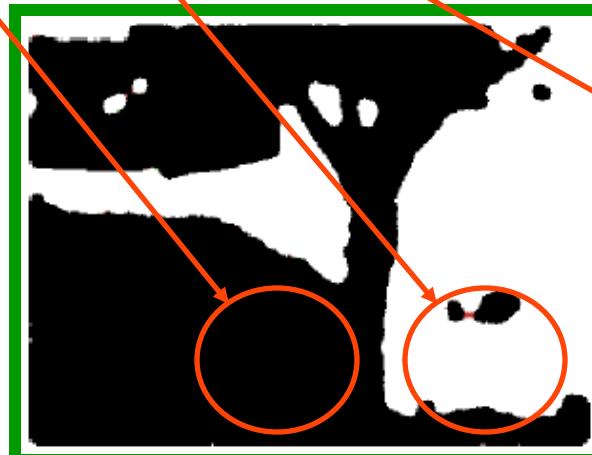
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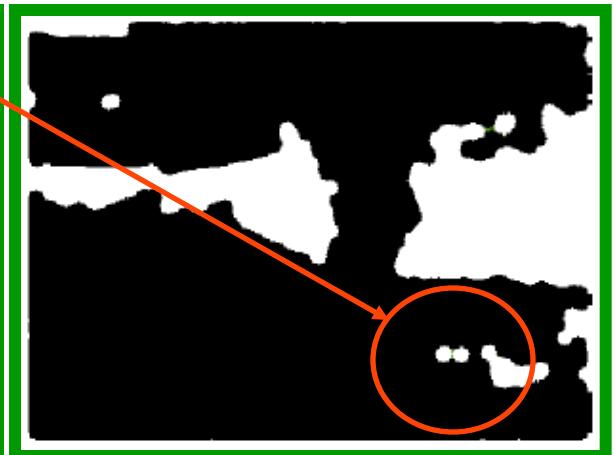
Mortar $M_r(S)$: removed&added



$F_r(R_r(S))$



Mason



$R_r(F_r(S))$

3D Mason



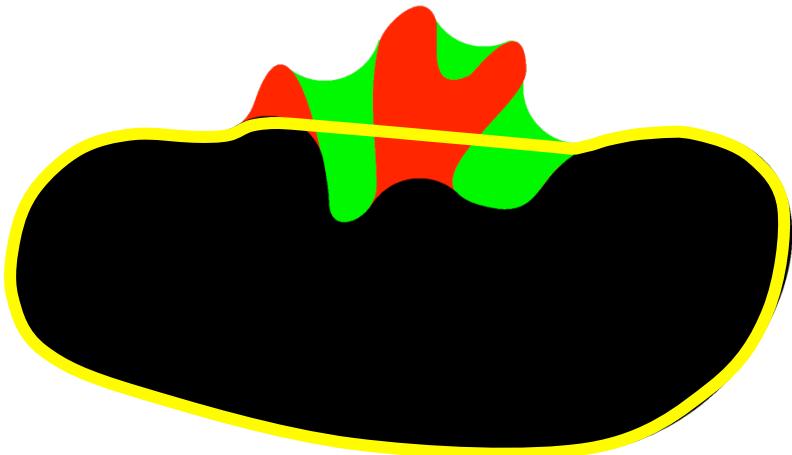
Can we improve on Mason?

- Want to ensure r-smoothness
 - Want to minimize perimeter
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- Willing to give up some r-regularity
 - Willing to give up some density preservation

Tightening is better than Mason

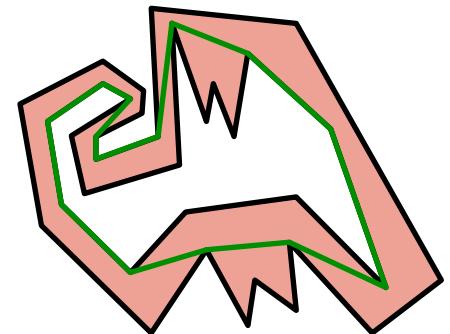
A **tightening**, $T_r(S)$, may be obtained by tightening bS in $M_r(S)$

- 2D: The shortest of all *homotopic* curves in $M_r(A)$
- 3D: Minimal area surface in Mortar

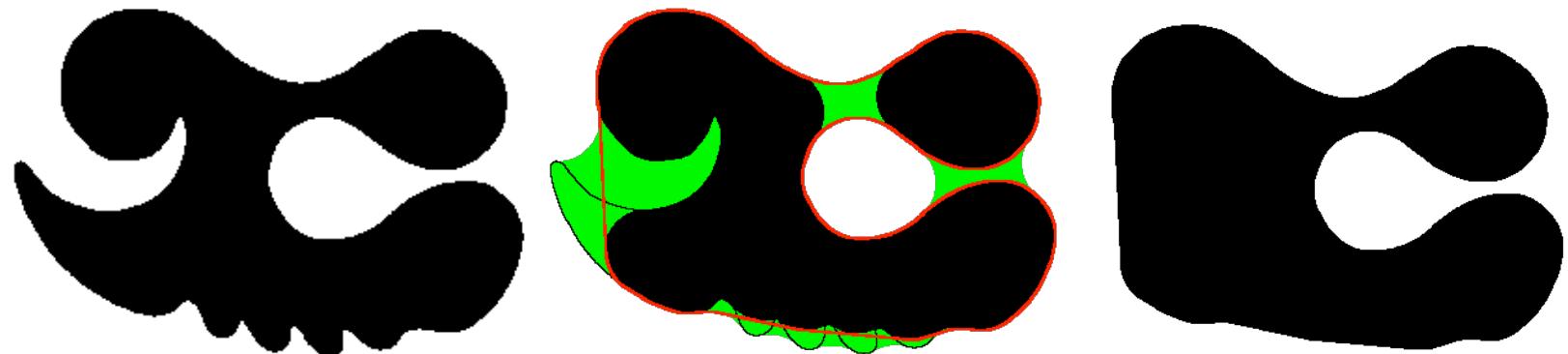


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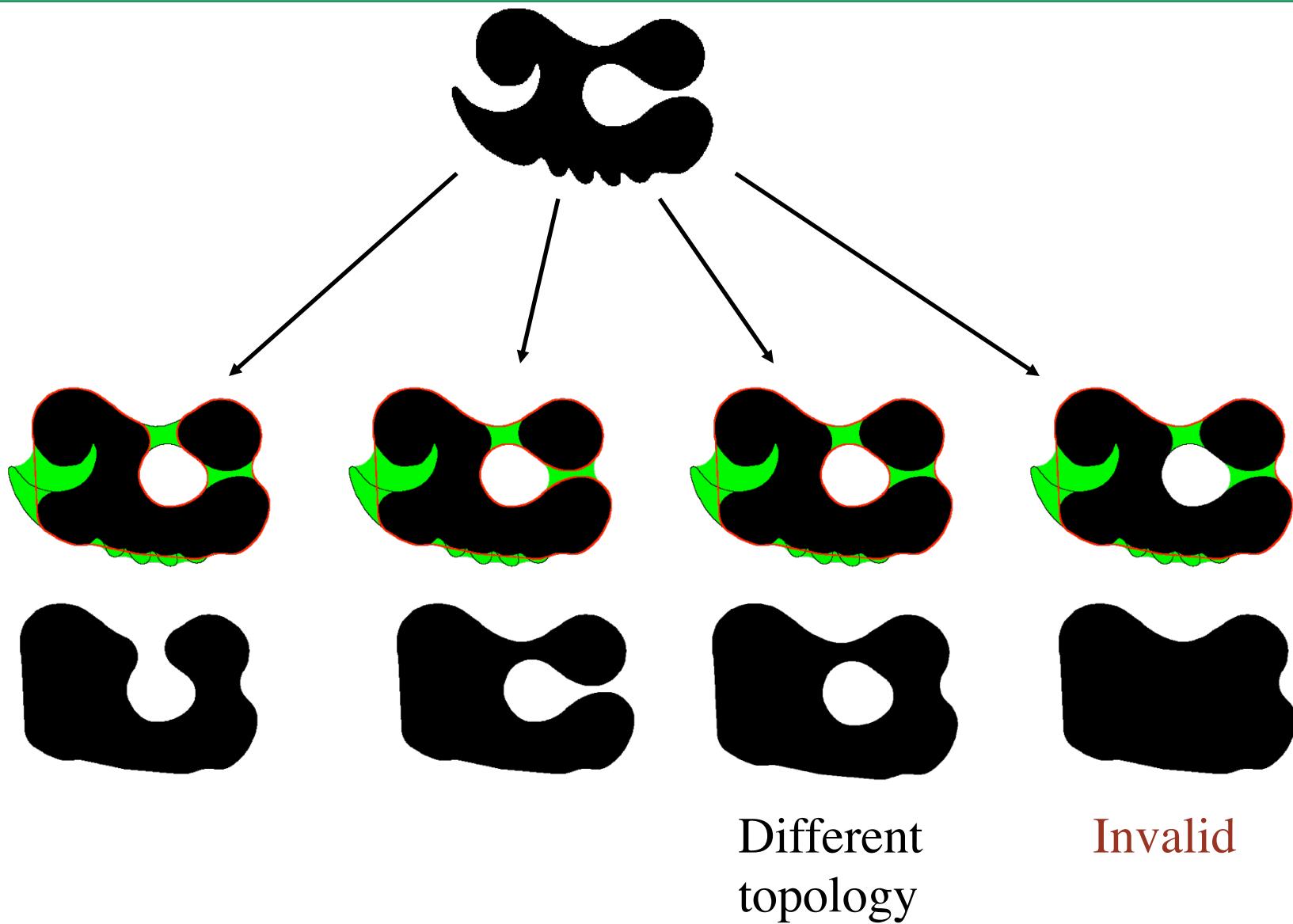
Related to the Tight Hull
[Sklansky&Kibler76 ,
Robinson97, Mitchell04],
but the hull is the mortar!



Example of tightening



Topological choices of tightening



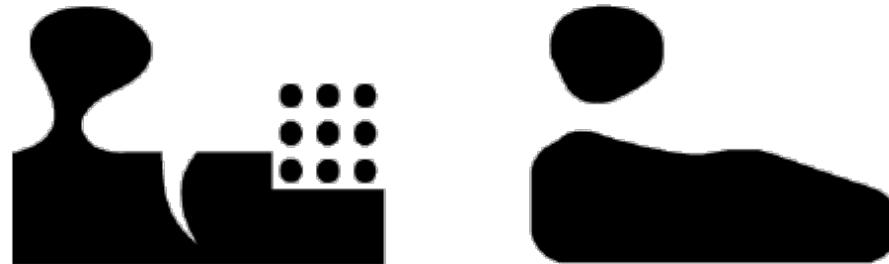
Tightening with curvature flow

We implemented the computation of the **Mortar** on discrete grids using fast **distance field** computation. (60 Sec)

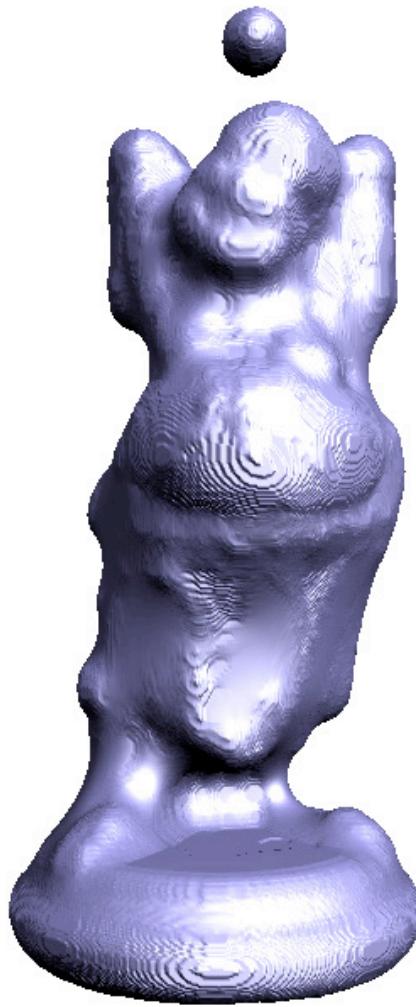
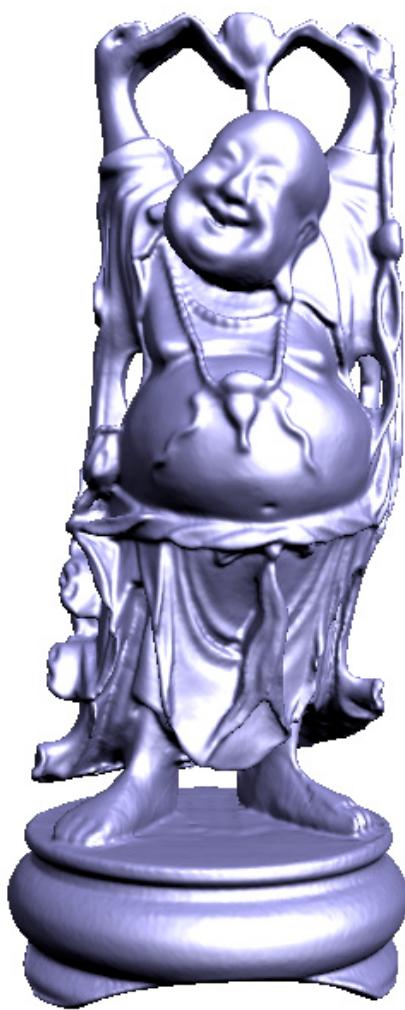


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We implemented **Tightening** as a **level-set curvature flow** constrained to the Mortar. (90 sec)



3D tightening

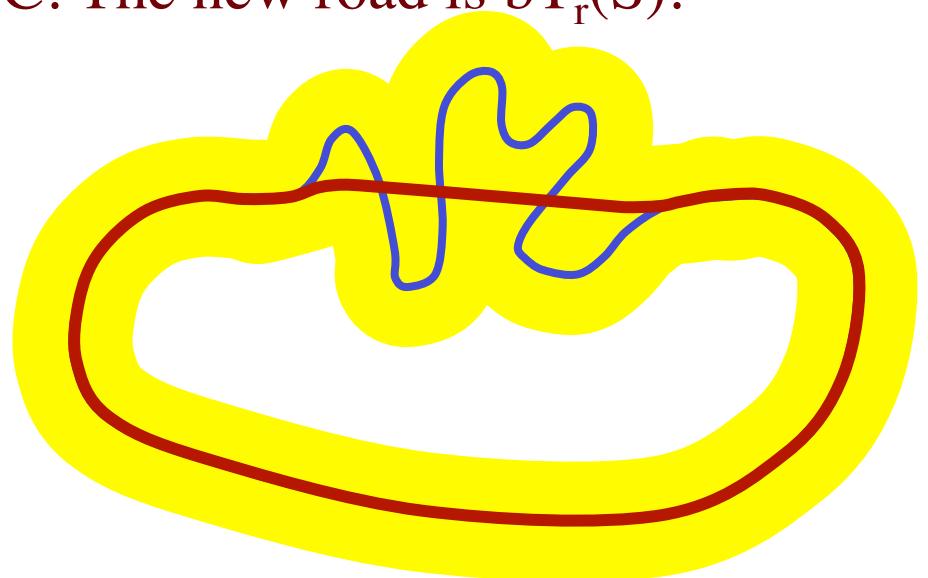
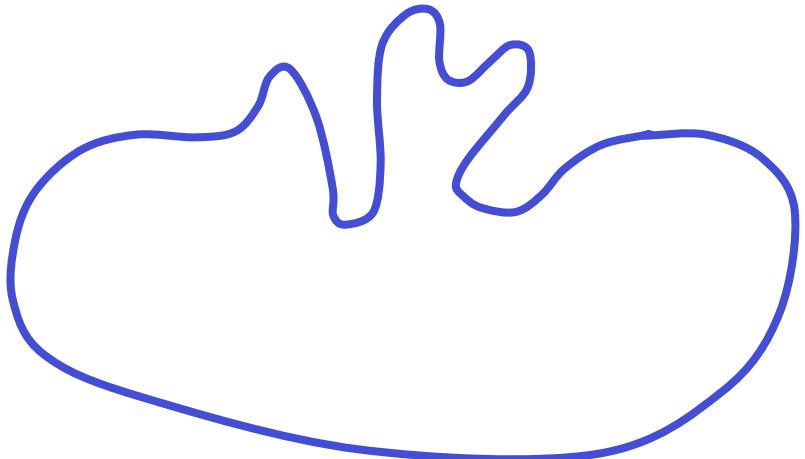


The road-tightening problem

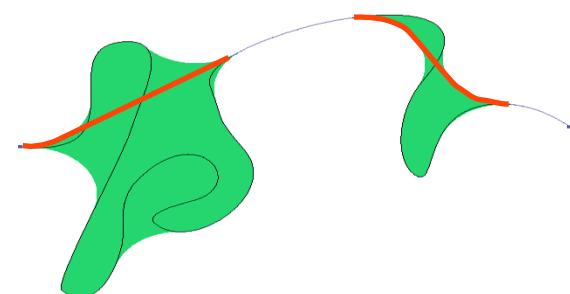
- By law, the state must own all land located at a distance less than or equal to r from a state road.
- The state owns an old road C and wants to make it r -smoother.
 - Want the radius of curvature to be $> r$ everywhere
- Can it do so without purchasing any new land?
 - For simplicity, assume first that C is a manifold closed loop.

The road-tightening solution

- Let S be the area enclosed by C . The new road is $bT_r(S)$.



We can extend this result to open road segments.



Comparing morphological simplifications

