Volumetric Parameterization and Trivariate B-spline Fitting using Harmonic Functions Tobias Martin Elaine Cohen Mike Kirby School of Computing, University of Utah



Summary:

A methodology to establish a bijective mapping (parameterization) of a volumetric model in a way that it can be used to fit a single volumetric (trivariate) B-spline to data so that simulation attributes can also be modeled and physical simulation can be directly applied to the representation. The methodology is based on functions which do not have local maxima and minima (harmonic functions). Input data consists of both a closed triangle mesh representing the exterior geometric shape of the object and interior triangle meshes representing material attributes (e.g. different bone materials) or other interior features. Trivariate B-spline geometric and attribute representations

are generated from the resulting parameterization with guaranteed quality of approximation to the original data.

B-splines are piecewise polynomials with minimal support with respect to degree, smoothness and domain partition.
Goal in Geometric Modeling: Given exterior and interior boundaries of a model, generate a

single trivariate B-spline representation.



Parameterization:

• A Harmonic Function is a function $u : \Omega \to \hat{\Omega}_u$ where $\Omega \in \mathbb{R}^3$, $\hat{\Omega}_u \in \mathbb{R}$ satisfying Laplace's Equation: $\nabla^2 u = 0$

Data Fitting:

Hybrid Approximation/Interpolation Method



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