

Mesh Generation

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Goal: Partition domain into simplices.

Simplex: \emptyset , vertex, segment, triangle, Tetrahedron

Partition: Intersection of 2 simplices is a simplex

Conforming: to input

Well-shaped simplices

a) no small angles $\approx 0^\circ$

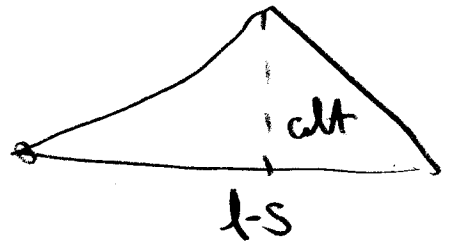
b) no large angles $\approx 180^\circ$

Small number of simplices (optimal size)

Aspect Ratio

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$$A(a, b, e) = \frac{\text{longest-side}}{\text{alt}}$$



$$R(a, b, e) = \frac{\text{longest-side}}{\text{shortest-side}}$$

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Smallest-angle

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180°-largest-angle

radius-edge ratio = r/e

r = radius of circum sphere

e = shortest edge

Mesh Generation Methods

- 1) Quadtree (today)
- 2) Delaunay Refinement (to do)
- 3) Advancing Front
- 4) Ball-Packing
- 5) Voronoi Refinement

In 2D our input will be PSLG.

Simplex & Simplicial Complex

Def: $P_0, \dots, P_k \in \mathbb{R}^d$ are affinely independent of dimension k .

if $P_1 - P_0, \dots, P_k - P_0$ are independent.

Def If P_0, \dots, P_k are a-ind then $CC(P_0, \dots, P_k)$ is a

k -simplex & $\forall S \subseteq \{P_0, \dots, P_k\}$ $CC(S)$ is

a sub-simplex

Def A set K of simplices in \mathbb{R}^d is a

Simplicial Complex if:

1) K is closed under sub-simplex

2) $S, T \in K$ then $S \cap T$ sub-simplex of T

Def $\dim(K) = \max \dim S \in K$

Note PSLG is a 1-dim simplicial complex in \mathbb{R}^2 5

K & K' are simplicial complexes

Def K' is a refinement of K if

$\forall S \in K$ of dim $k \exists S_1, \dots, S_t \in K'$ of dim k

$$\text{s.t. } S = \bigcup_{i=1}^t S_i$$

Input: Simplicial complex K & Domain Ω

$$S \in K \Rightarrow S \subseteq \Omega$$

Output: refinement K' of K s.t. $\bigcup_{S \in K'} S = \Omega$

Quad-Tree Meshing

Input: set $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$ of points $X \subseteq B$ (box) $|X|=n$

Def QT is a tree of nested square boxes.

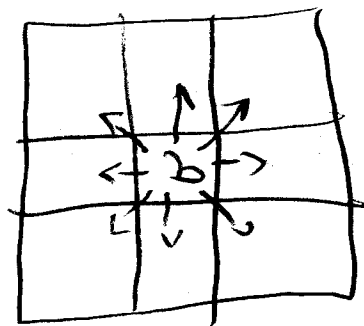
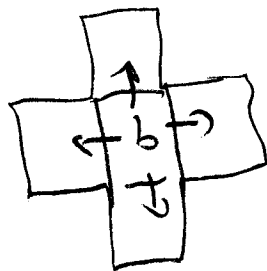
The children of box b are either

1) empty (leaf box)

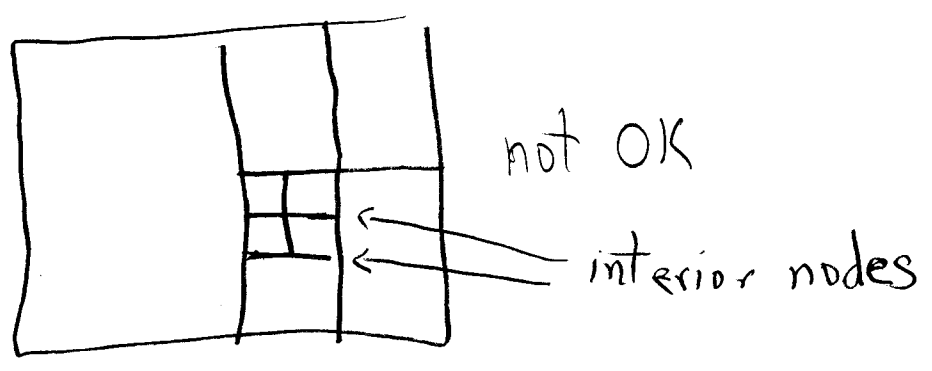
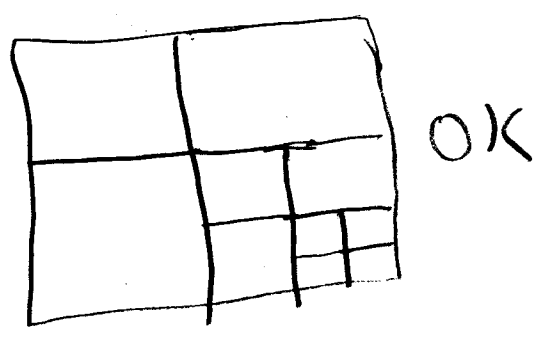
2) 4 children of half the size (split of b)

Neighbors: 4 direct neighbors

8 extended neighbors



Def QT is balanced if every leaf box has no side containing more than one interior node.



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Build-QT(X, B)

Init: QT $T = (X, B)$

- 1) While \exists leaf box (x', b) st. b is "crowded"
split b and assign x' to new boxes.
- 2) Balance T by splitting.
- 3) Split all boxes containing a point until it
has 8 extended neighbors. (leaf boxes).

Def Leaf box b is crowded if $\exists x \in b$

and one of the following holds:

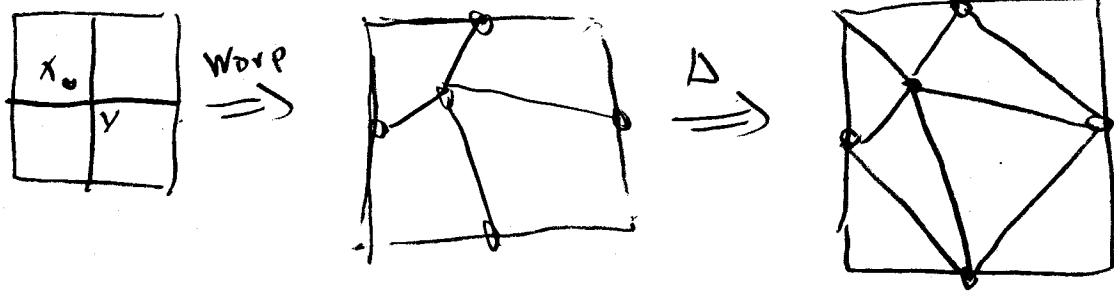
(1) $\exists y \neq x \in b$

(2) $\exists y \in X$ st $\text{dist}(x, y) \leq 2\sqrt{2} \cdot \text{sidelength}(b)$

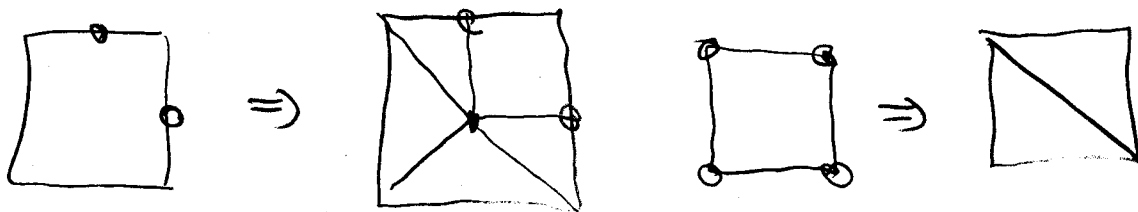
(3) An extended neig of b is split.

Warping

$x \in b$ & y closest corner of b then warp y .



b empty & not warped



Cost to Balance

Thm T is a QT & T' is its balanced version
then $|T'| = O(|T|)$ $|T| = \# \text{ boxes}$

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note T is a proper k -ary tree

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has size $k \cdot i + 1$ (induct)

Def A box of T in T' is old.

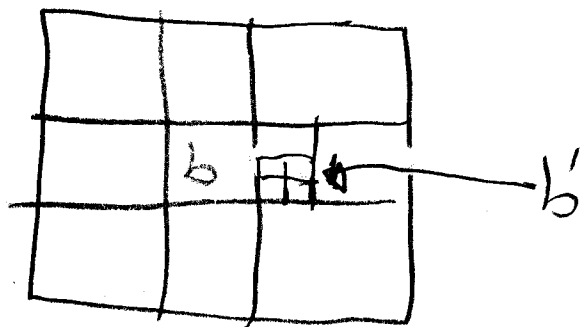
Claim A new internal box has an extended neigh
which is old.

Proof by contraction

Let b be the smallest internal new box
with no old ext neigh.

b internal \Rightarrow a side of b is split twice.

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b' is new with no old neigh. Contra!

$$\# \text{int}(\mathcal{T}') \leq 8 \cdot n \quad (9n)?$$

$$\#(\mathcal{T}') \leq 4 \cdot (\# \text{int}(\mathcal{T}') + 1) \leq 32n + 4$$

Thm Balanced QT can be computed in $O(dn)$
time $d = \text{depth}$.