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## Mesh Generation

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

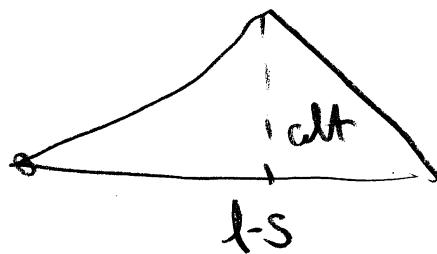
- a) no small angles  $\approx 0^\circ$
- b) no large angles  $\approx 180^\circ$

Small number of simplices (optimal size)

## Aspect Ratio

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



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

$$\frac{1}{\text{smallest-angle}}$$

$$\frac{1}{180^\circ - \text{largest-angle}}$$

$$\text{radius-edge ratio} = r/e$$

$r$  = radius of circum sphere

$e$  = shortest edge

## Mesh Generation Methods

- 1) Quadtree (today)
  - 2) Delaunay Refinement (Thursday)
  - 3) Advancing Front
  - 4) Ball-Packing
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In 2D our input will be PSLG.

# Simplex & Simplicial Complex

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Def.:  $P_0, \dots, P_k \in \mathbb{R}^d$  are affinely independent of dimension  $K$ .  
if  $P_i - P_0, \dots, P_k - P_0$  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  $\mathbb{R}^2$

$K$  &  $K'$  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  $\mathcal{N}$

$$s \in K \Rightarrow s \subseteq \mathcal{N}$$

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

# Quad-Tree Meshing

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

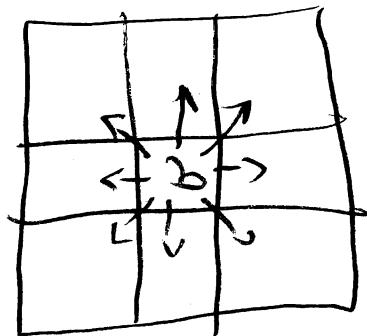
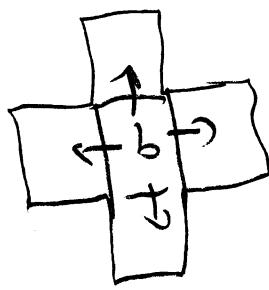
Def QT is a tree of nested square boxes.

The children of box  $b$  are either

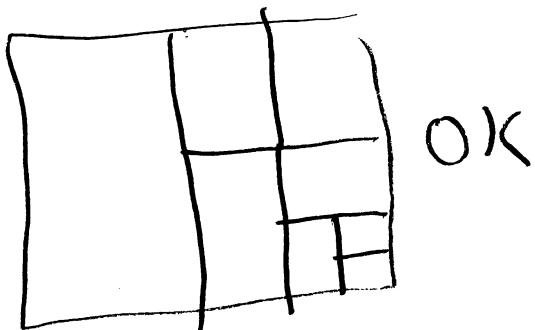
- 1) empty (leaf box)
- 2) 4 children of half the size (split of  $b$ )

Neighbors: 4 direct neighbors

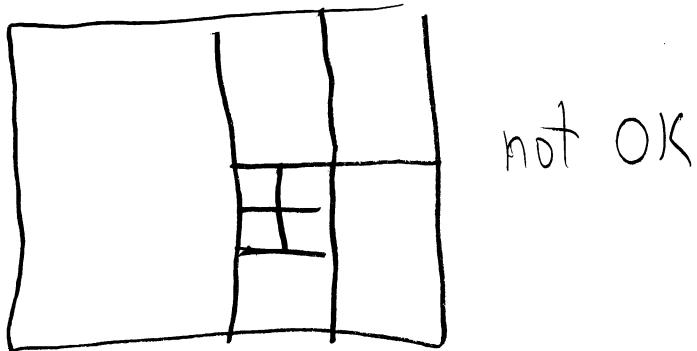
8 extended neighbors



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



OK



not OK

Build-QT( $X, B$ )

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

1) While  $\exists$  leaf box  $(x', b)$ , s.t.  $b$  is crowded

split  $b$  and split  $x'$

2) Balance  $T$  by splitting.

3) Split all boxes containing a point

has 8 extended neighbors (leaf boxes).

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

and one of the following holds:

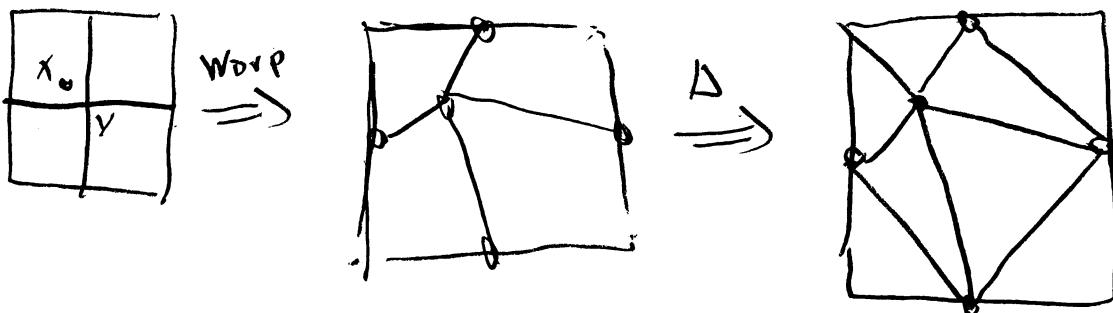
(1)  $\exists y \neq x \in b$

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

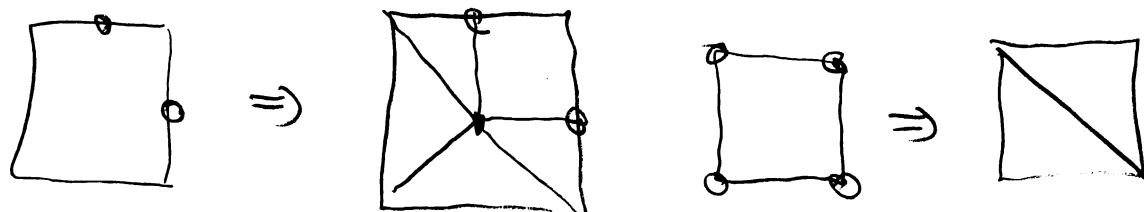
(3) An extended neig of  $b$  is split.

## 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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boxes of  $T$  are old.

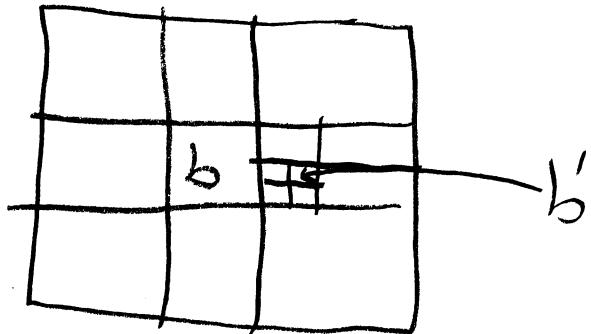
Claim A new internal box has an extended neighbor which is old.

Proof by contradiction

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

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

e.g.



$b'$  is new with no old neigh. contra!

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$$\#\text{int}(\tau') \geq 8 \cdot n$$

$$\#(\tau') \leq 4 \cdot \#\text{int}(\tau') + 1 \leq 32n + 1$$


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Thm Balanced QT can be computed in  $O(dn)$

time  $d = \text{depth}$ .