Non-uniform Refine and Smooth Subdivision for General Degree B-splines

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- NURBS surfaces use a rectangular control grid
- Industry standard for Computer-Aided Design (CAD)



Subdivision Surfaces

- Control meshes without a rigid rectangular grid
- Vertices with irregular valency are called extraordinary points
- Used heavily in animation since 'Geri's Game' (Pixar, 1997)



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- and Smooth
 - each step creates another polygon
 - points moved using local filters
- More smoothing steps for higher degree











































Why Refine and Smooth?



Problem statement

We want a knot insertion algorithm that is

- non-uniform,
- general degree, and uses
- refine and smooth

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Properties: symmetric, multiaffine, diagonal

Blossoming and B-spline control points

Control points are the blossom evaluated at consecutive knots



Blossoming and knot insertion










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Schaefer's algorithm is asymmetric

The asymmetry in Schaefer's algorithm makes it hard to use on surfaces



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- There are non-uniform analogues of the Lane-Riesenfeld refine and smooth algorithm
- In fact there are several, each for different requirements
- A symmetric algorithm may lead to subdivision schemes generalising NURBS
- Multiple knots fit into a common framework
- Next step: extraordinary points

Outlook







