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"Shape and Image Cognition, Construction and Compression via Tools from Differential Geometry"

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Three Fundamental Problems in Geometry and Image Processing

Shape and image...

- **C**ognition
- **C**onstruction
- **C**ompression

Overview

- Laplace-Beltrami spectra for shape and image recognition
- Euclidean Medial Axis (Inverse) Transform for Shape Modeling
- Generalization of Medial Axis and Voronoi Diagrams to Curved Surfaces and Riemannian Spaces
- Application of Medial Modeling to Shape Optimization

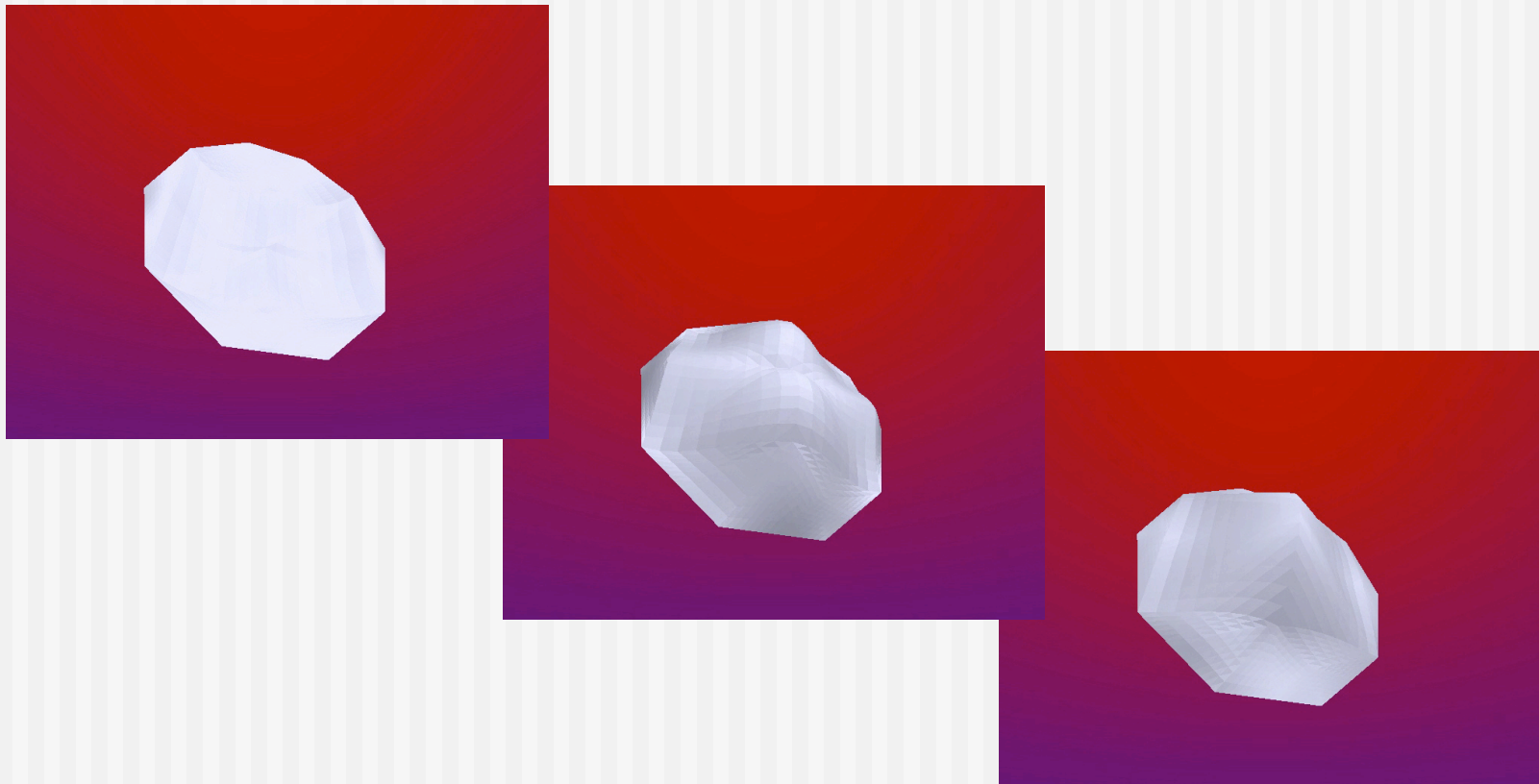
Global Shape Characteristica of Solids

- Volume, area, length, angles, ...
- Principal Component Analysis (PCA)
- **Spectrum of Laplace-Beltrami operator**
- **Medial axis**
- **Geodesic structure**
- Curvature lines and umbilics
- ...

The Laplace and Laplace-Beltrami Operator

Capturing shape via analysis of acoustical properties

“Can we hear the shape of a drum?”

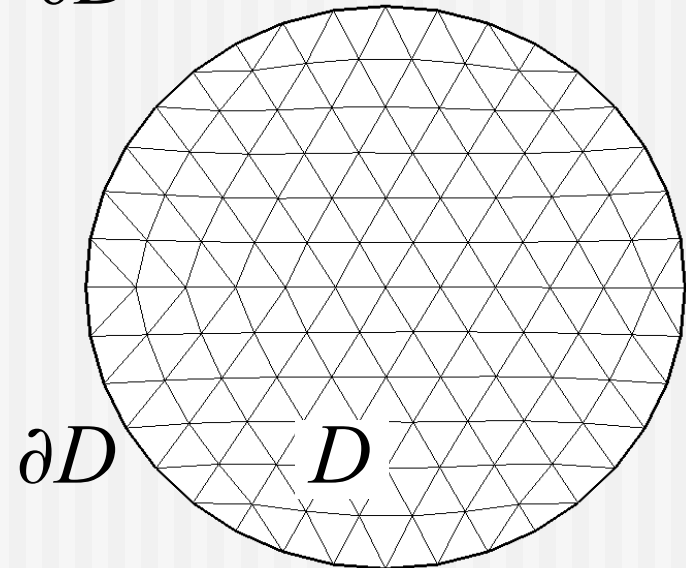


Laplace spectrum

Find $f : D \subset \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and λ with

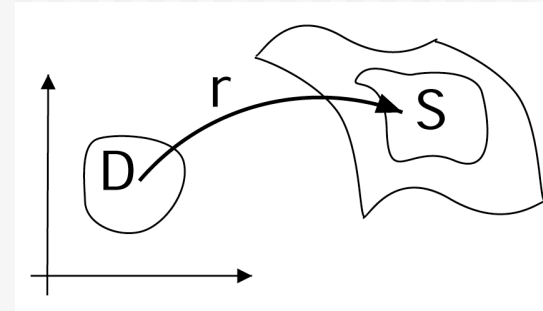
$$\Delta f = \lambda f, \quad f|_{\partial D} = 0$$

where $\Delta f = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial u^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial v^2}$



Laplace-Beltrami operator

$$r : D \subset \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow S \subset \mathbb{R}^3$$



Metric tensor:

$$(g_{ij}) = \begin{pmatrix} g_{11} & g_{12} \\ g_{12} & g_{22} \end{pmatrix} \quad g_{ij} = \left\langle \frac{\partial r}{\partial u^i}, \frac{\partial r}{\partial u^j} \right\rangle$$

$$(g^{ij}) := (g_{ij})^{-1}$$

Laplace-Beltrami operator

Define Christoffel symbols Γ_{ij}^k via:

$$\frac{\partial^2 r}{\partial u^i \partial u^j} = \sum_{i,j} \Gamma_{ij}^k \frac{\partial r}{\partial u^k} + L_{ij} N$$

In general:

$$\Gamma_{ij}^k = \frac{1}{2} \sum_m g^{km} \left(\frac{\partial g_{kj}}{\partial u^i} + \frac{\partial g_{ik}}{\partial u^j} - \frac{\partial g_{ij}}{\partial u^k} \right)$$

Laplace-Beltrami operator

Differential operator mapping

$$f : R^2 \rightarrow R$$

to

$$\Delta f := \sum_{i,j=1}^2 \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial u^j} [g^{ij} f_i] \right) + \sum_{k=1}^2 \Gamma_{jk}^k g^{ij} f_i$$

**extendable to higher dimensions
(hearing the shape of a volume)**

Spectral information

- Eigenvalues determine:
 - Volume
 - Volume of boundary
 - Curvature integrals
 - Euler characteristic
 - ...
- Spectrum can be used as „Shape-DNA“ for
 - Surfaces
 - Solids
 - Images
 - ...

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Computing of spectra via FEM–methods

Variational formulation

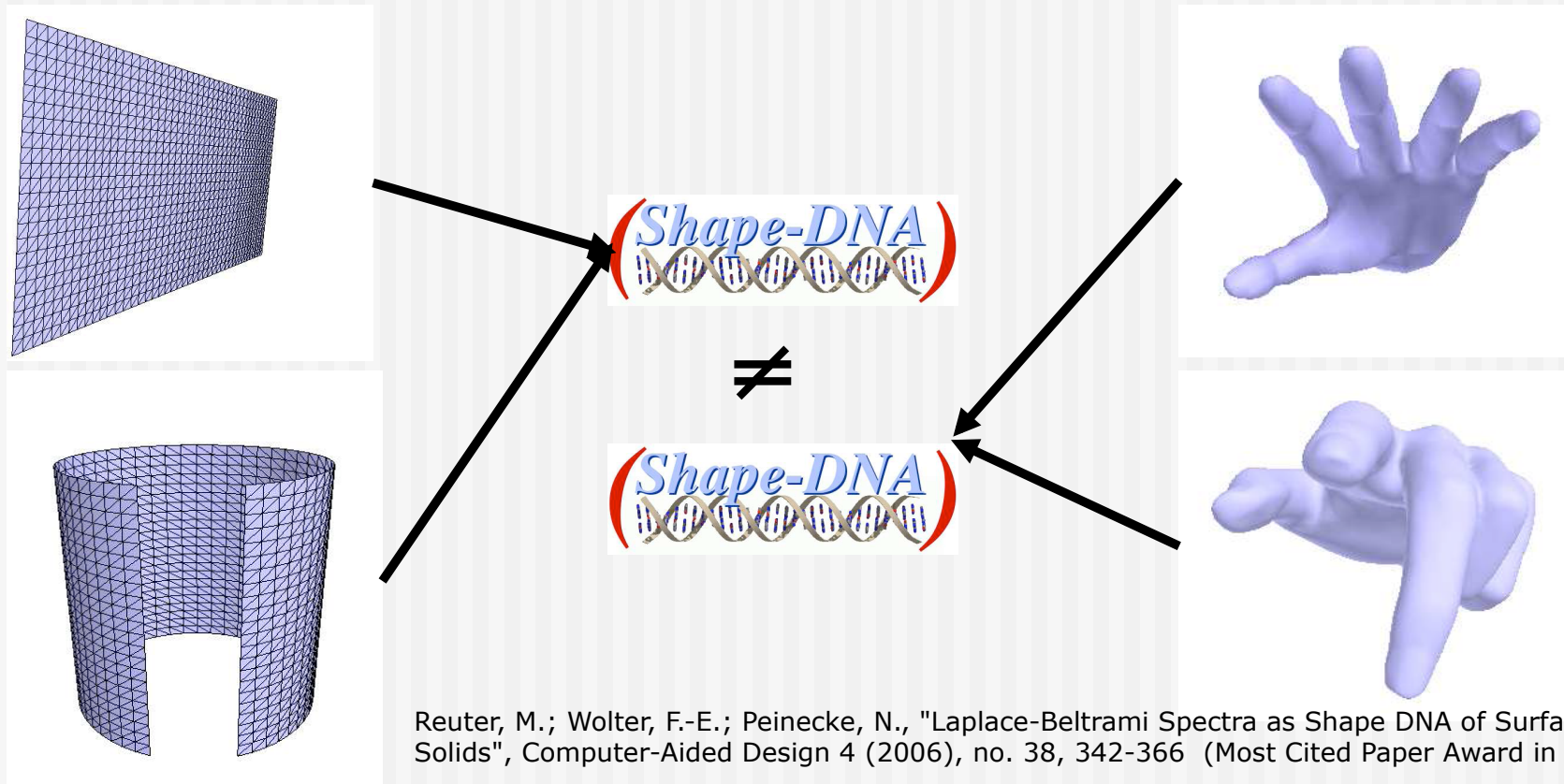
$$\int_S \langle \nabla f, \nabla \varphi \rangle dA = \lambda \int_S f \varphi dA \quad \forall \varphi$$

Galerkin Discretization $f = \sum_i f_i \psi_i :$

$$\int_S \langle \nabla \psi_i, \nabla \psi_j \rangle f_i dA = \lambda \int_S \psi_i \psi_j dA \quad \forall j$$

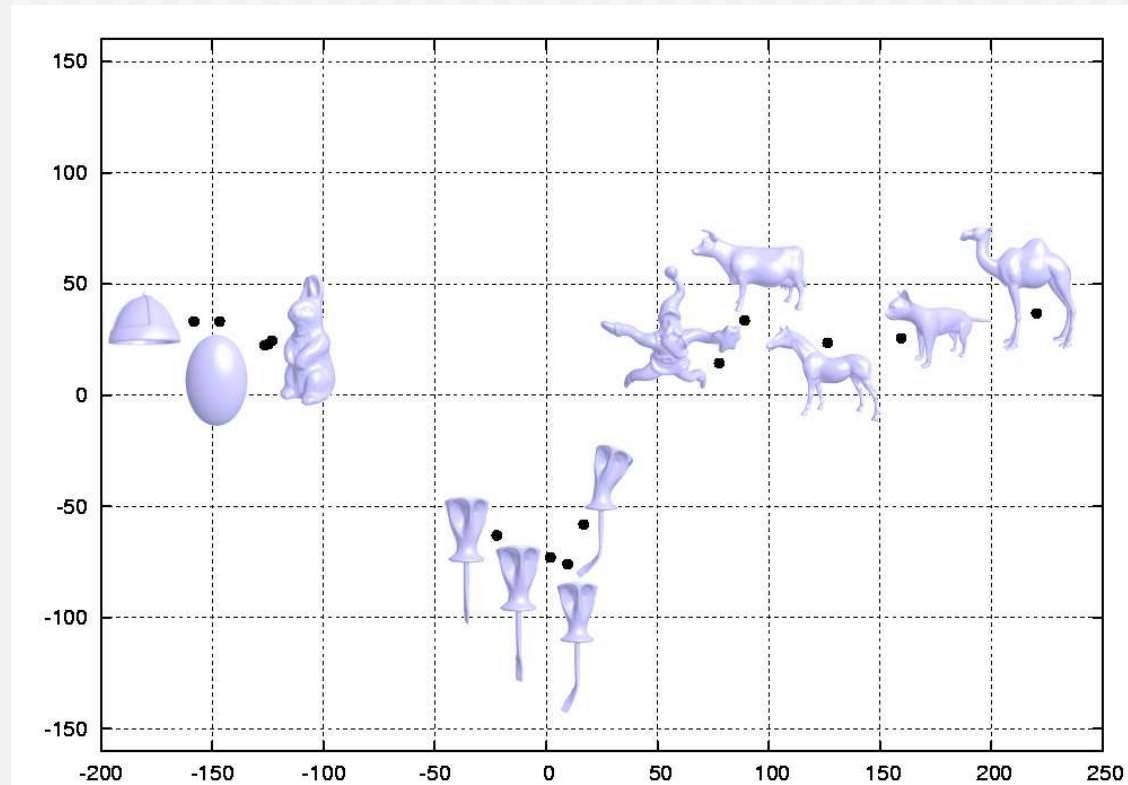
Using Eigenvalues for Shape Matching

- **Theorem:** Isometric shapes \Rightarrow Same spectra



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Clusterings via Shape DNA for Surfaces



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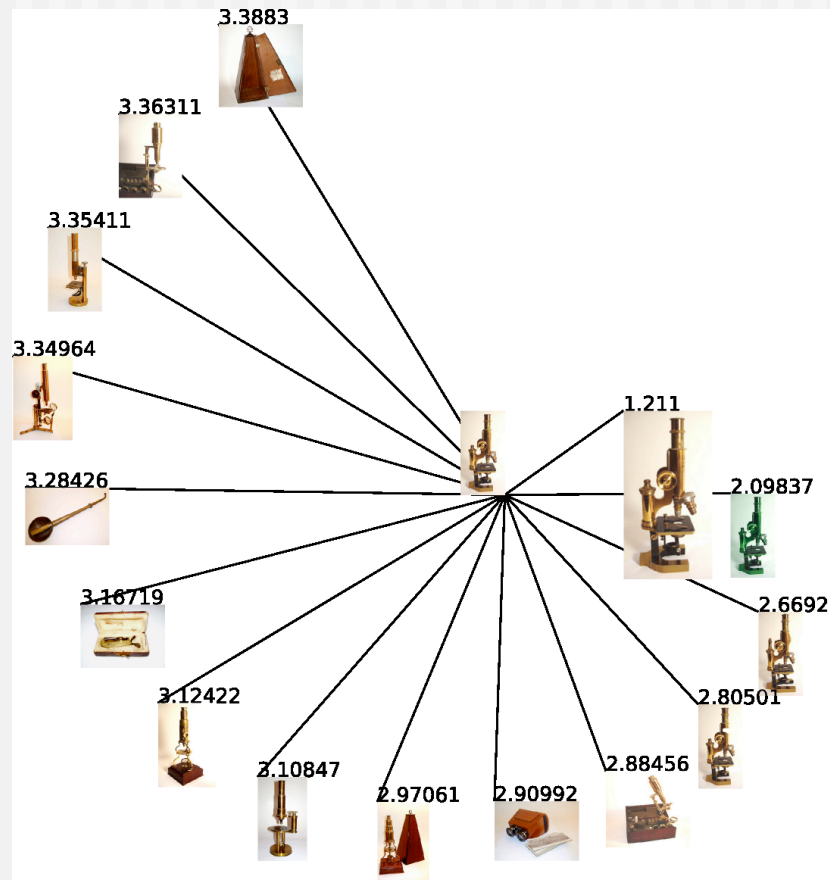
Interpret images as manifolds

- Grayscale image v as height function

$$(u^1, u^2) \longrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} u^1 \\ u^2 \\ v(u^1, u^2) \end{bmatrix}$$

- RGB Color image as a surface in \mathbb{R}^5

Clusterings via Spectral DNA for Images



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Influence of noise



original



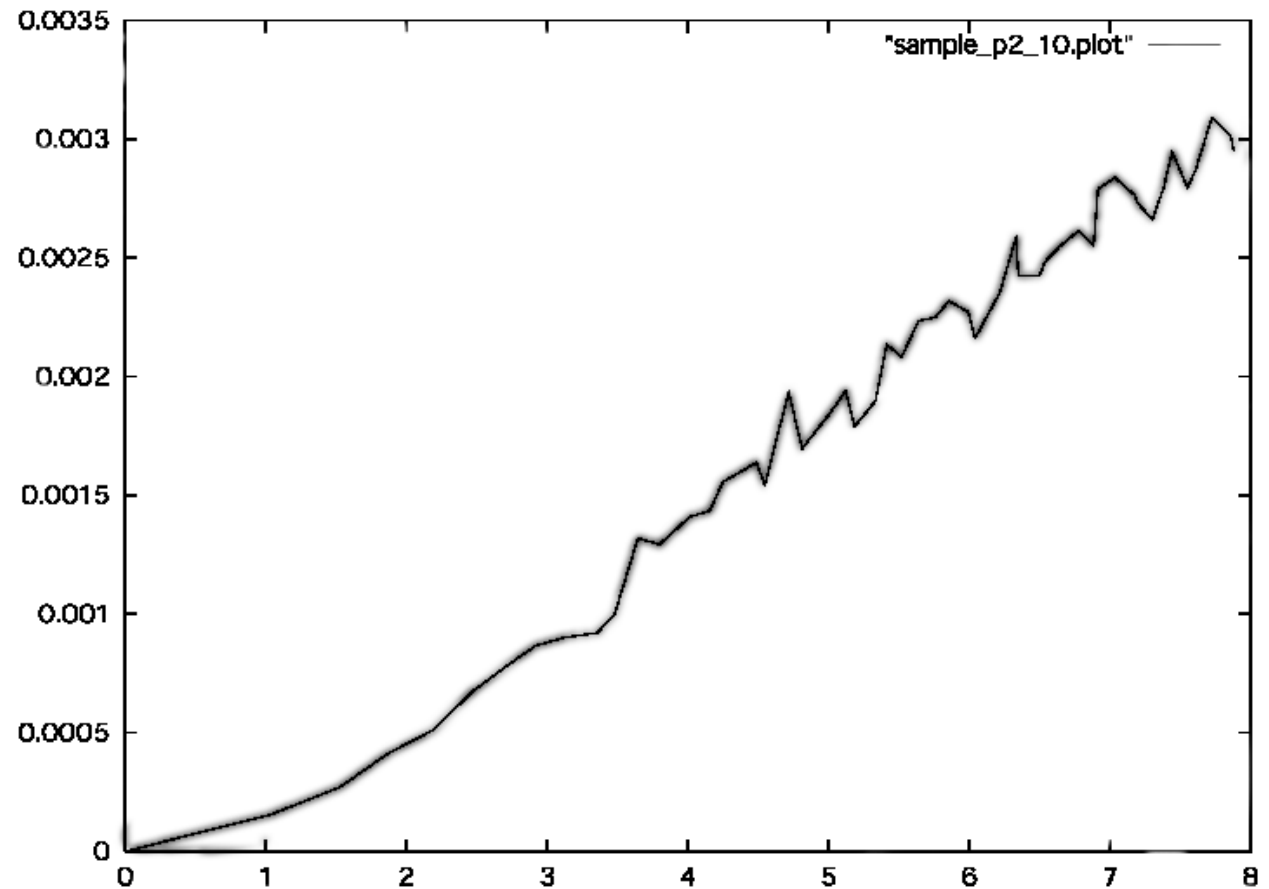
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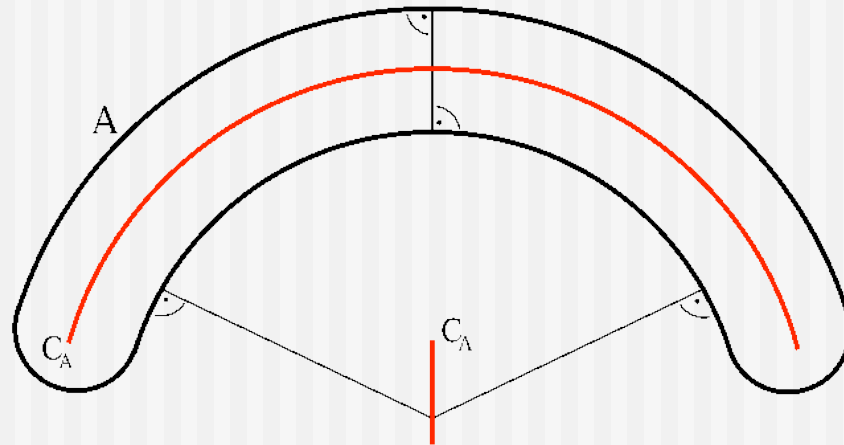
Reconstruction, Modification Design and Compression of Shape

Medial Axis Transform as Basis
for Shape Interrogation,
Compression and Intuitive
Design

Definition: Cut Locus

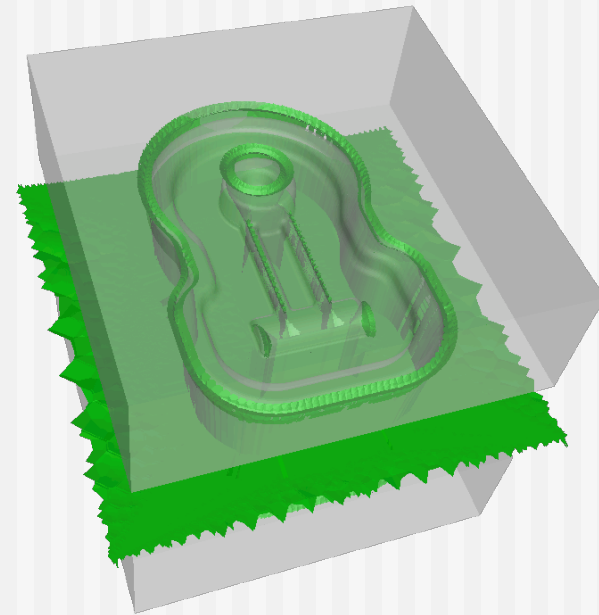
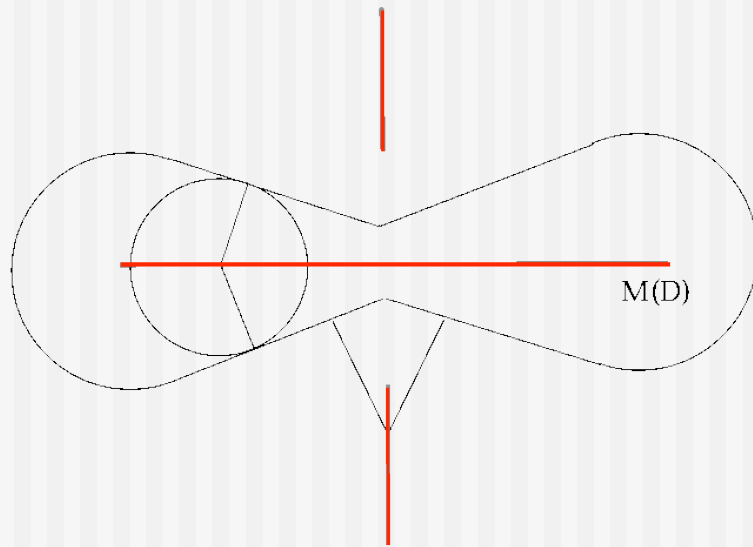
Cut Locus C_A of a closed set $A \subset \mathbb{R}^n$:

$C_A = \{q \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid q \text{ has at least two shortest paths to } A\}$



Definition: Medial Axis

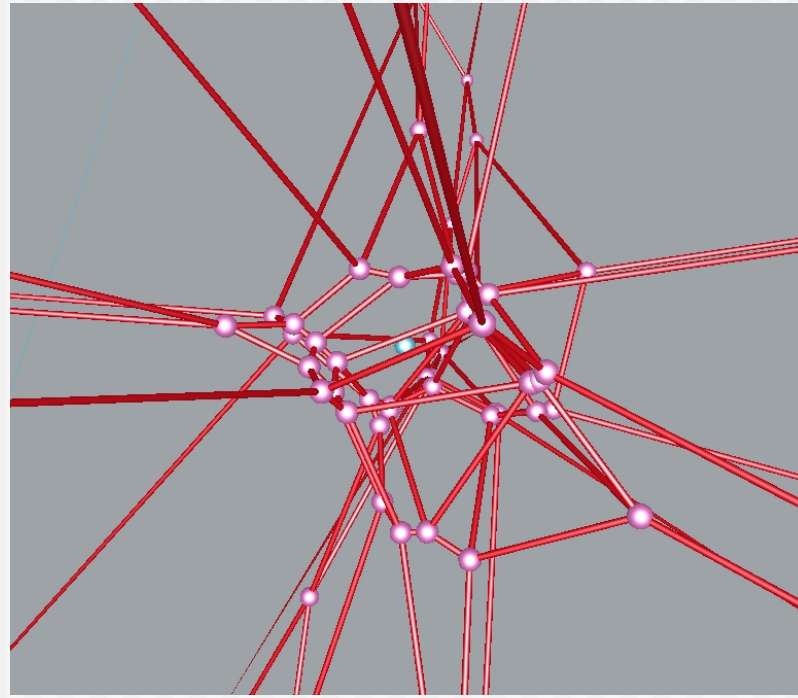
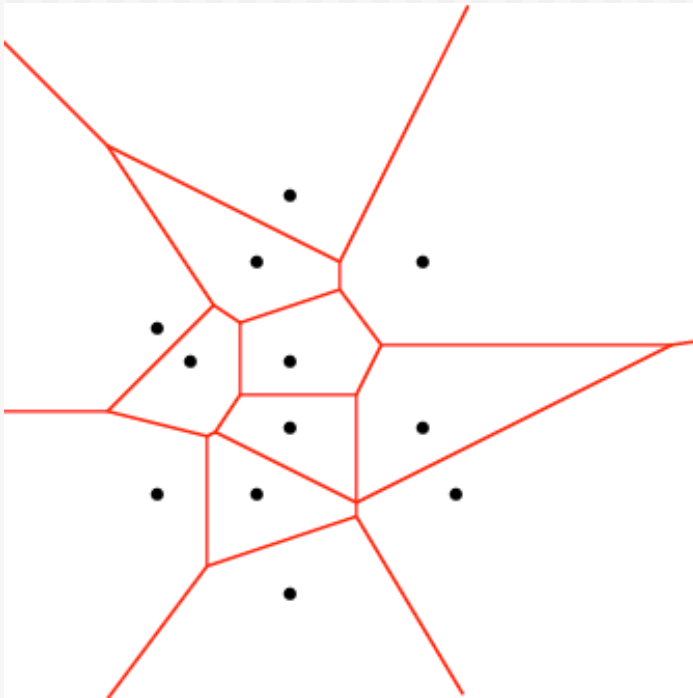
$M(D) = \{q \in R^n \mid q \text{ center of any maximal disc in } D\}$



$$M(D) = C_{\partial D} \cap D$$

Definition: Voronoi Diagram

Voronoi Diagram = Cut Locus of point set



Medial Axis Transform as a Tool to Capture and Model 2D and 3D objects

The Medial Axis Transform (MAT)

Compute for a shape D :

- **medial axis $M(D)$**
centers of all maximal balls that fit inside the body
- **the *radius function* $r : M(D) \rightarrow R$**
radius of the associated maximal balls

MA contains shape topology

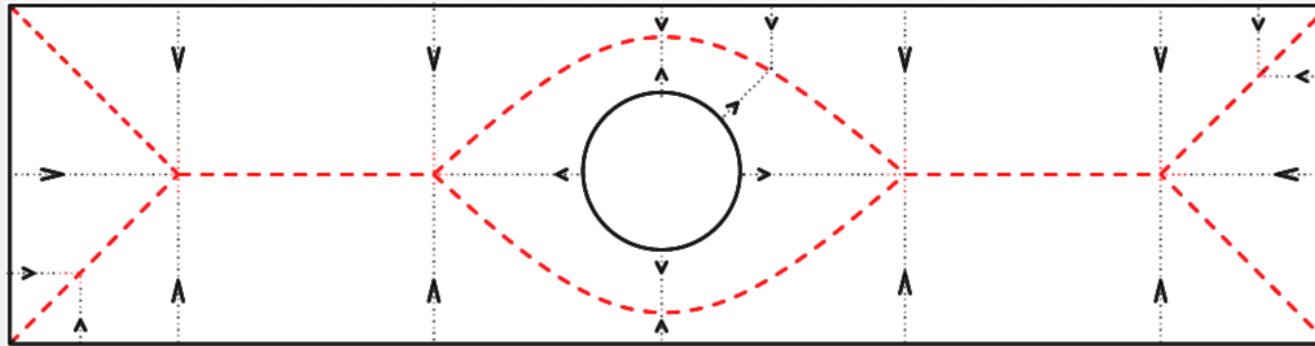
D has a benign boundary

$\Rightarrow M(D)$ is a deformation retract of D .

$\Rightarrow M(D)$ has the **homotopy type** of D .

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Deformation Retract



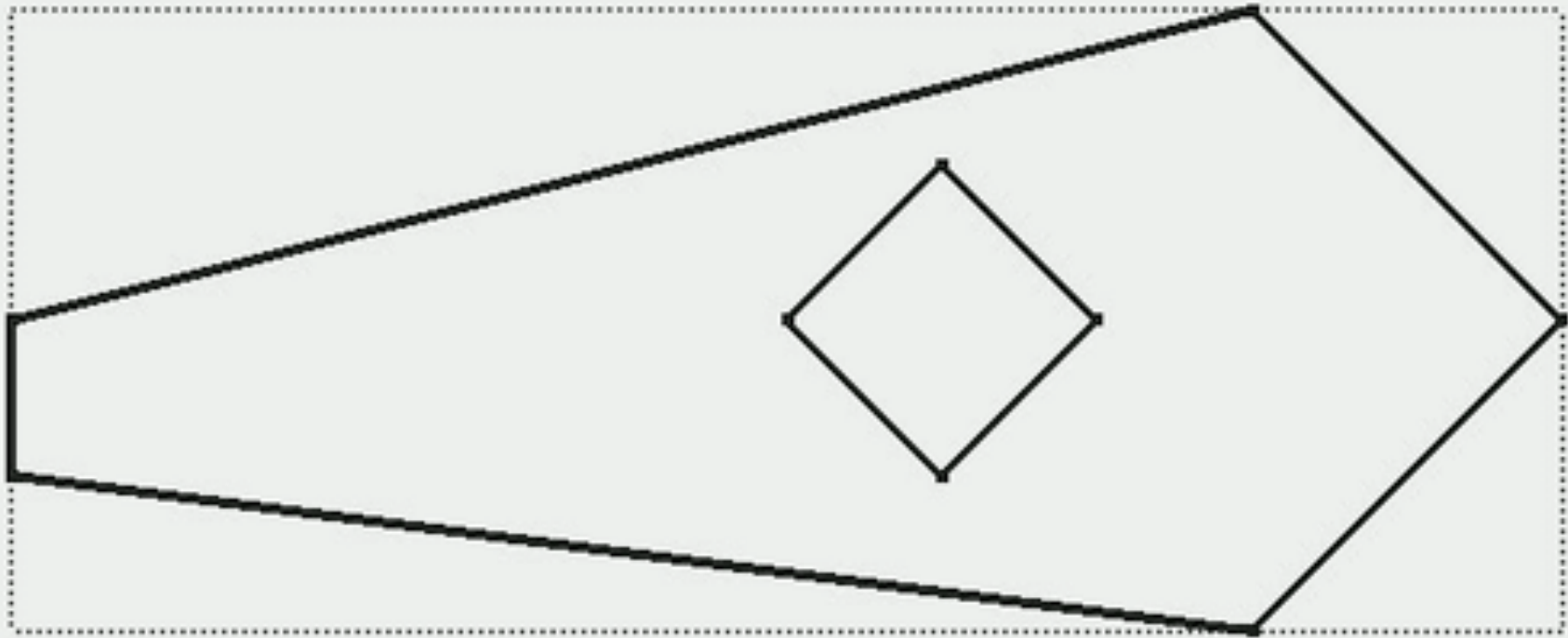
Homotopy $H(x,t) : (D \setminus \partial D) \times [0,1] \rightarrow (D \setminus \partial D)$

$$H(x,0) = x \forall x \in D \setminus \partial D$$

$$H(x,t) = x \forall x \in M(D) \setminus \partial D$$

$$H(x,1) = R(x) \text{ with } R : D \setminus \partial D \rightarrow M(D) \setminus \partial D$$

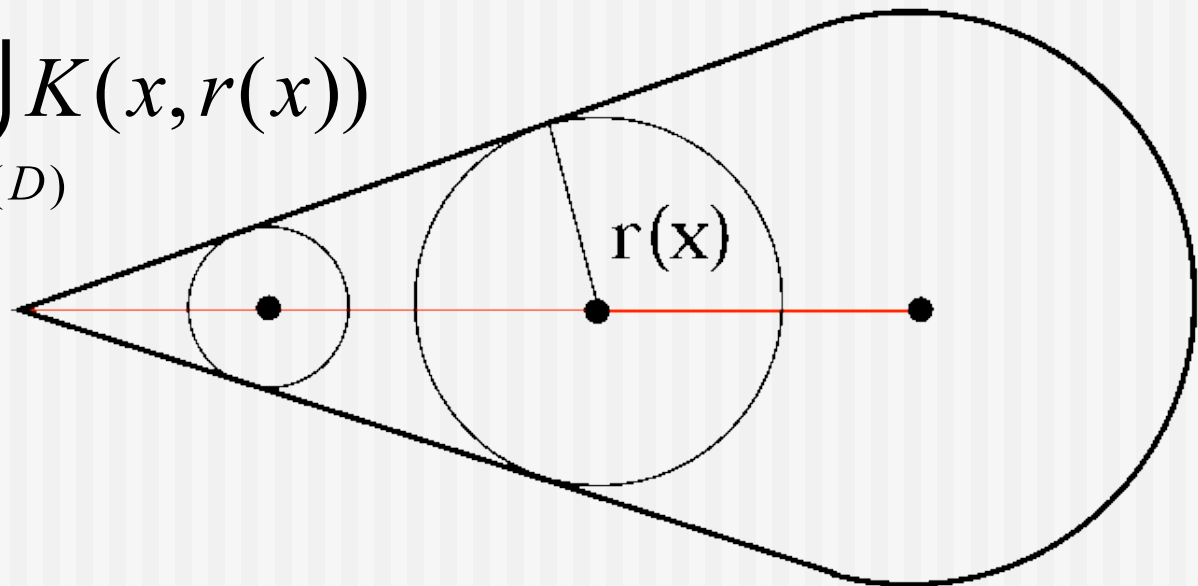
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Inverse MAT: Reconstruction Theorem

Reconstruct D from MAT :

$$D = \bigcup_{x \in M(D)} K(x, r(x))$$



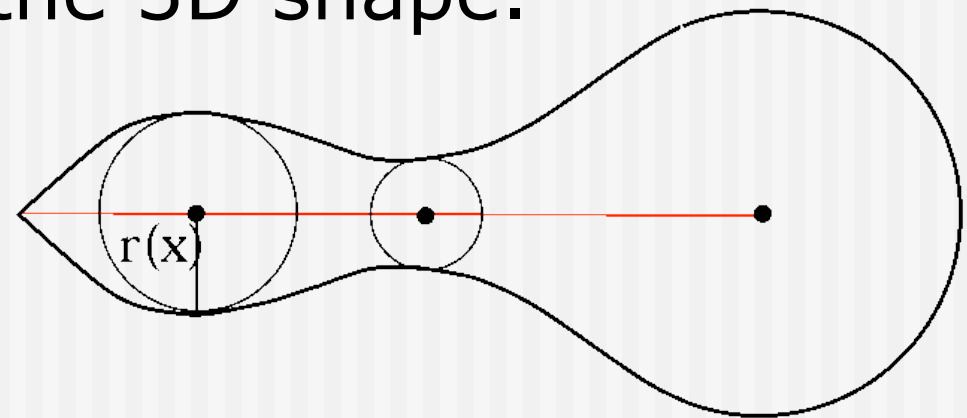
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Inverse MAT: Shape design

Modify the value of the radius function $r(x)$:

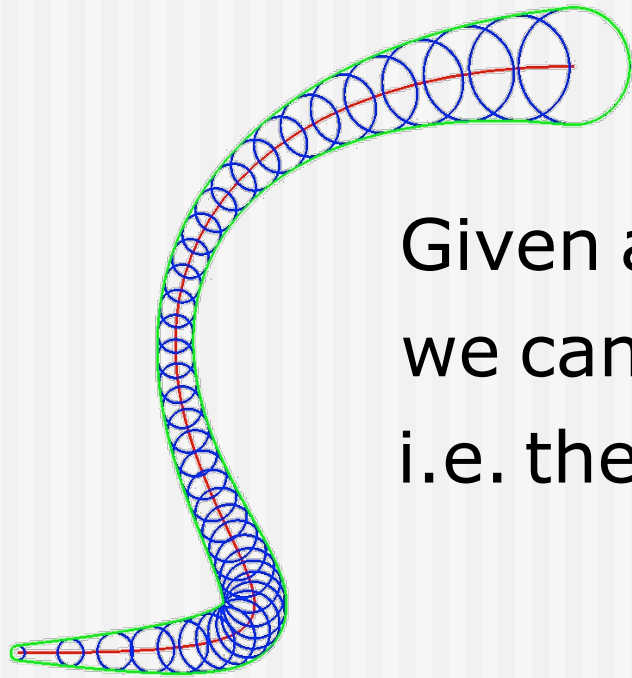
- natural global **thickening**
- and **thinning** of the 3D shape.



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Inverse MAT: Computation

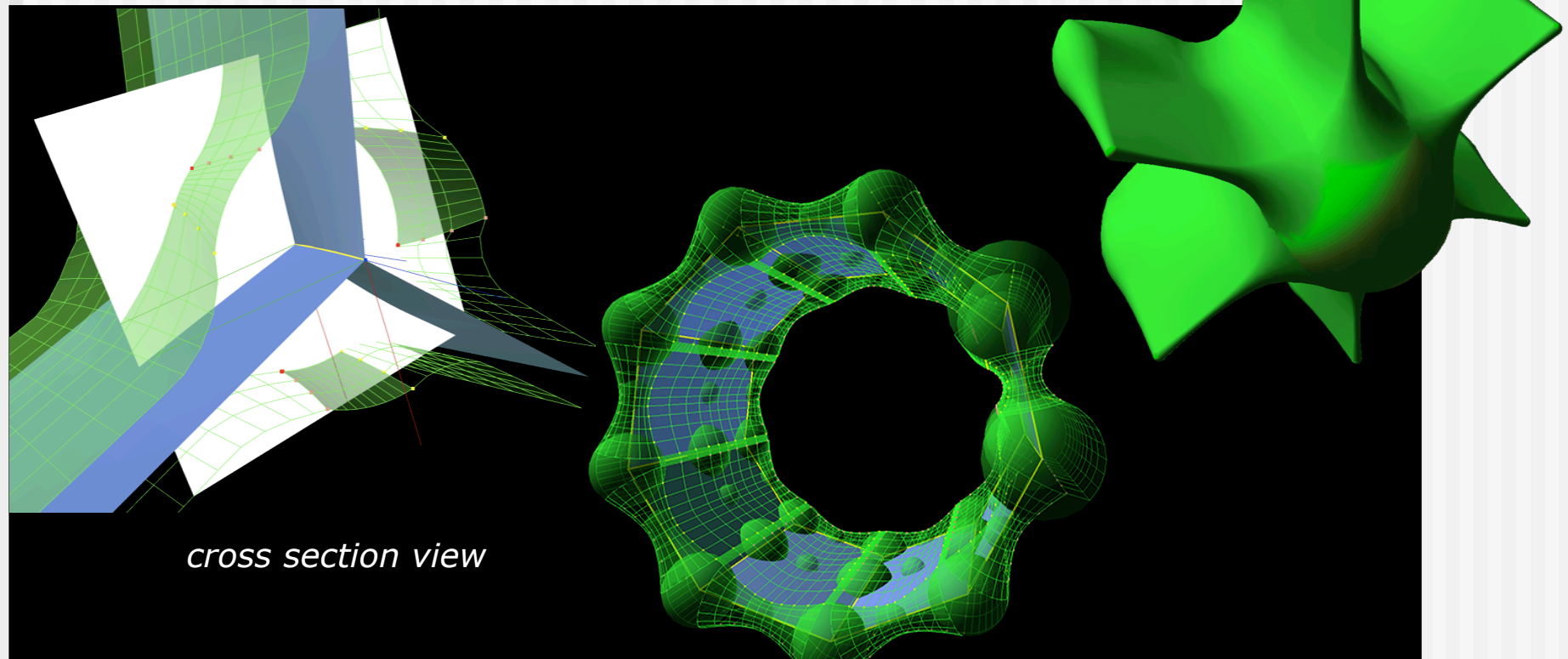


Given a parametrization of the MAT,
we can rapidly compute the boundary,
i.e. the enveloping curve/surface ∂D .

MA and Enveloping curve

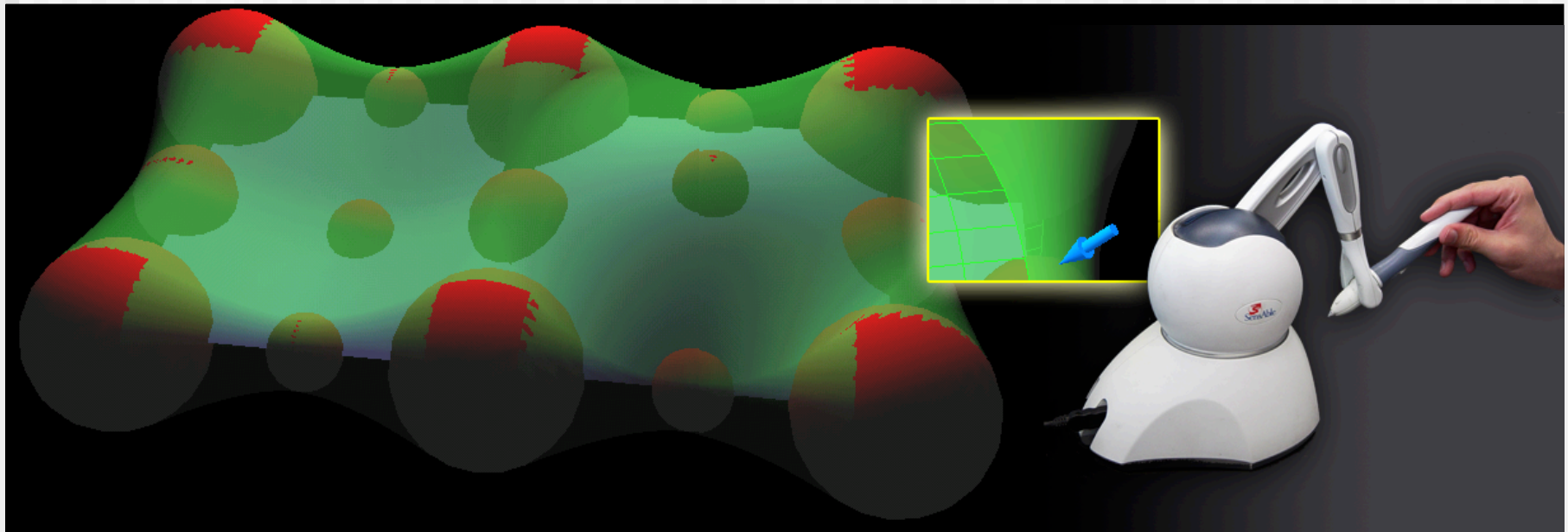
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Modeling Complex Shapes by Bifurcated Medial Axes



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Haptic Deformation of Medial Surfaces



Generalization of Medial Axis to Curved Surfaces and Riemannian Spaces

Geodesic Medial Axis and
Geodesic Voronoi Diagrams

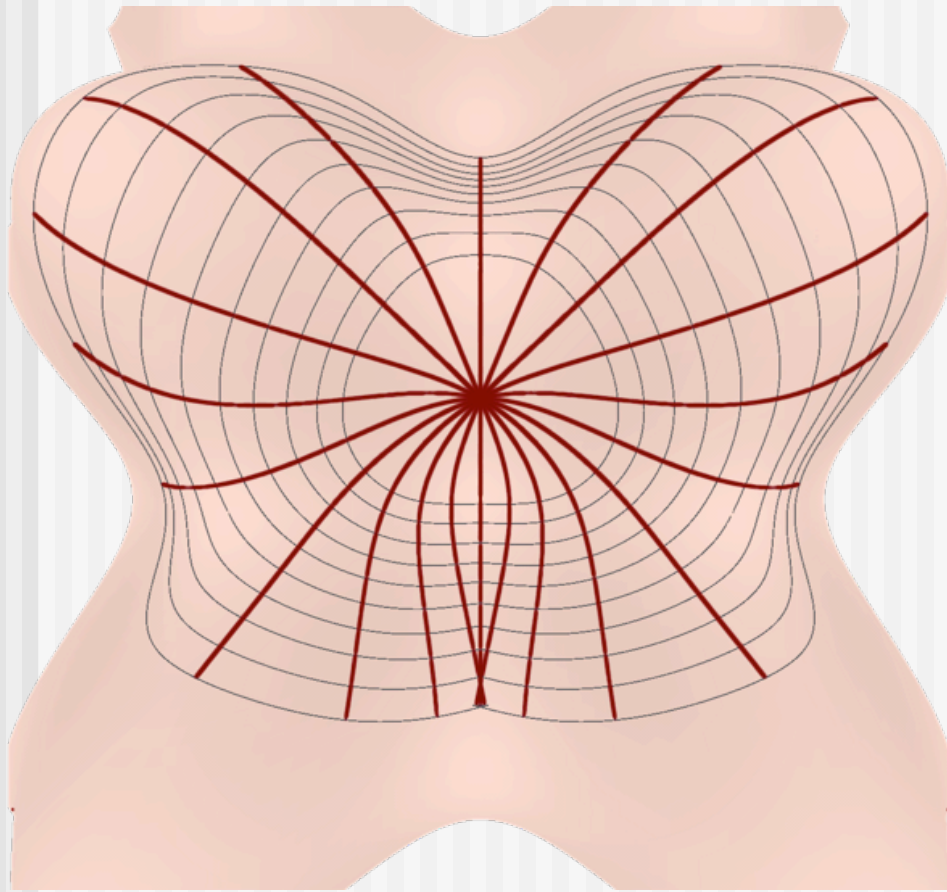
Tools for computational geometry in curved spaces

- Geodesic differential equations
- Geodesic polar coordinates
- Variation of geodesic diff. equation
- Geodesic medial differential equation
- Geometrically motivated homotopy methods for computing geodesic connections

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Geodesic polar coordinates

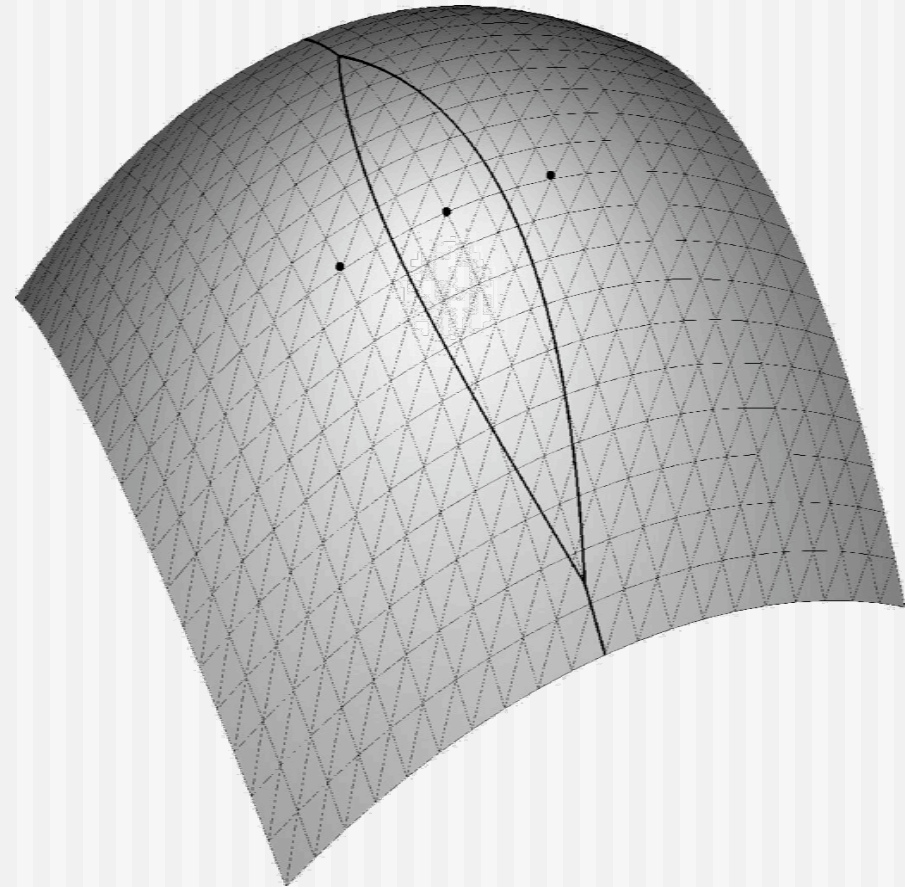
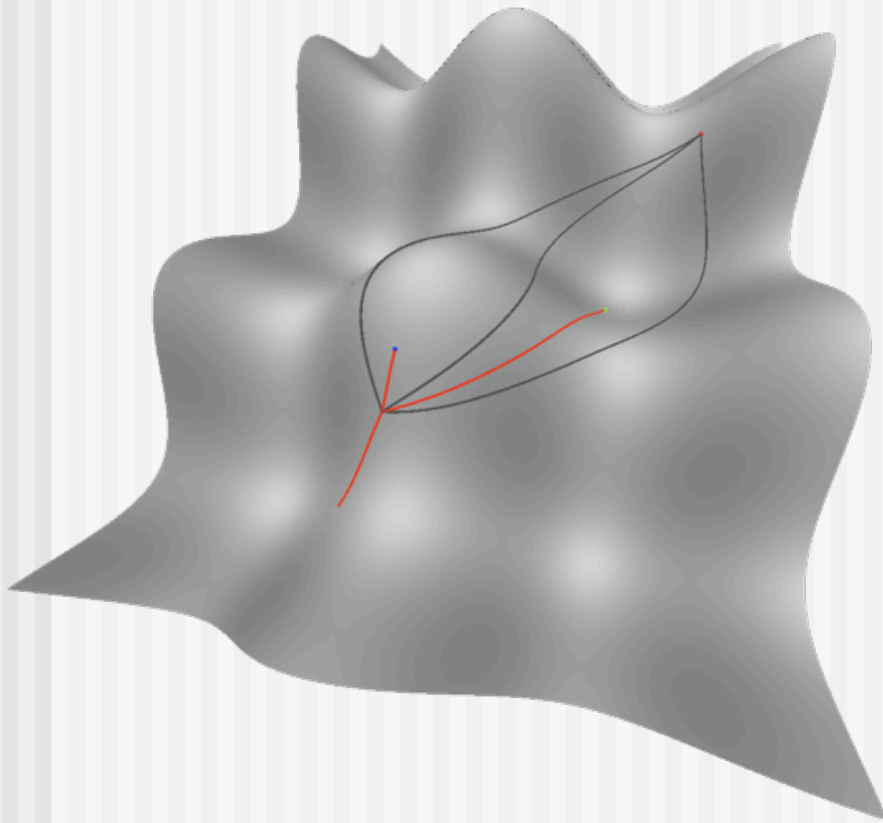


Difficulty:

Geodesic connections
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unique

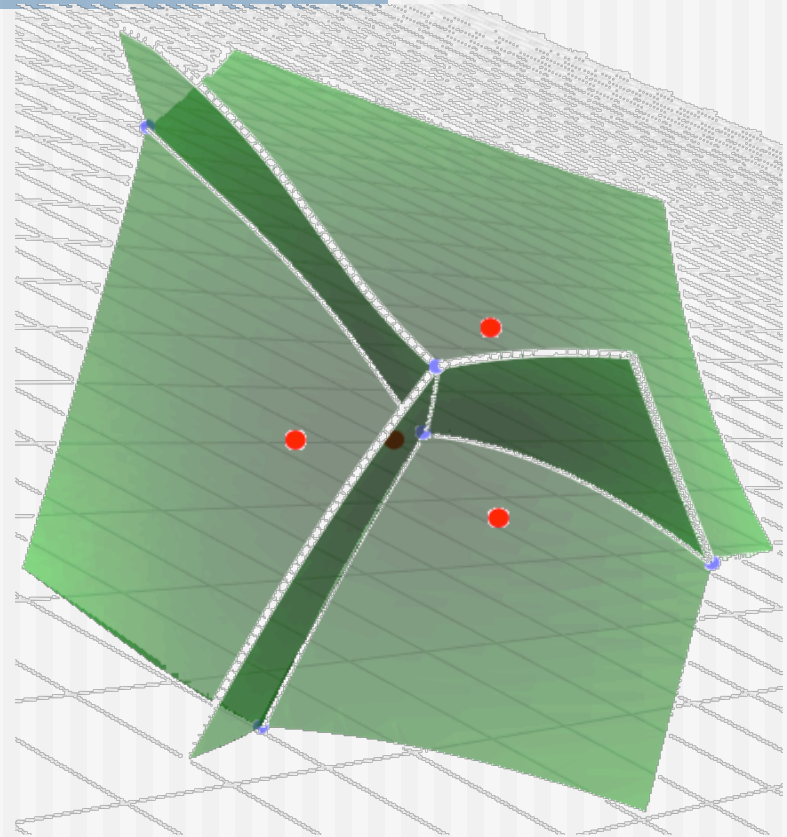
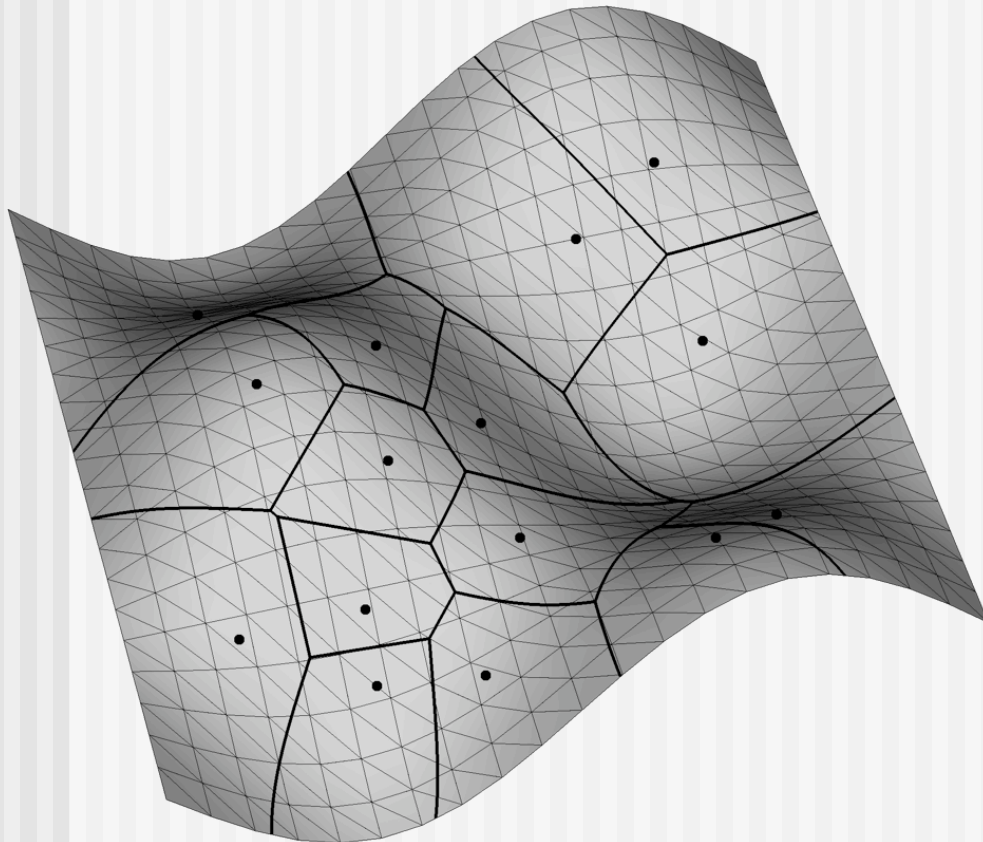
⇒ new topological
structures

Topological difficulties



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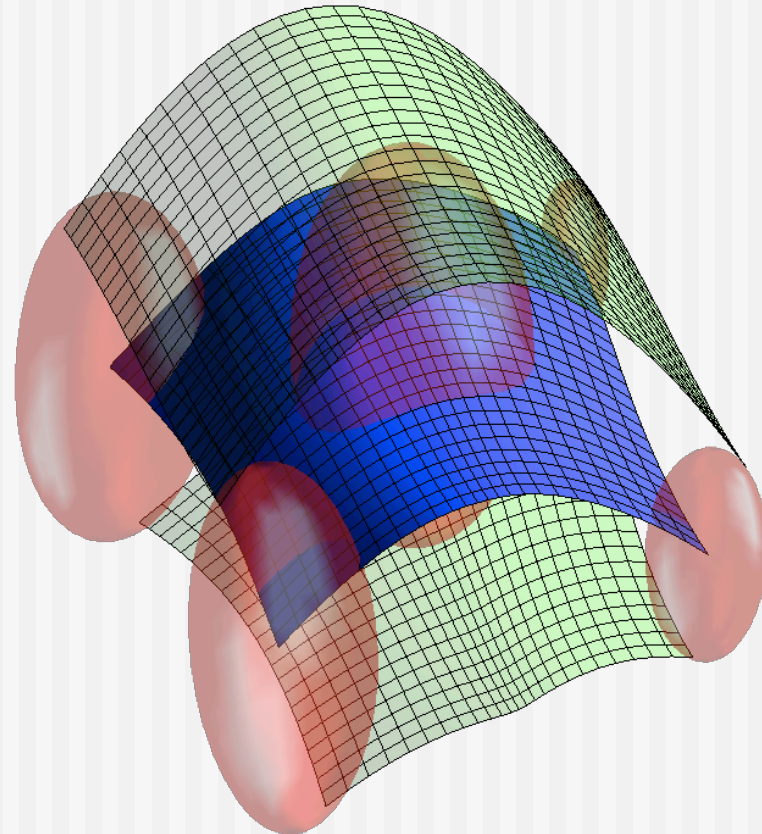
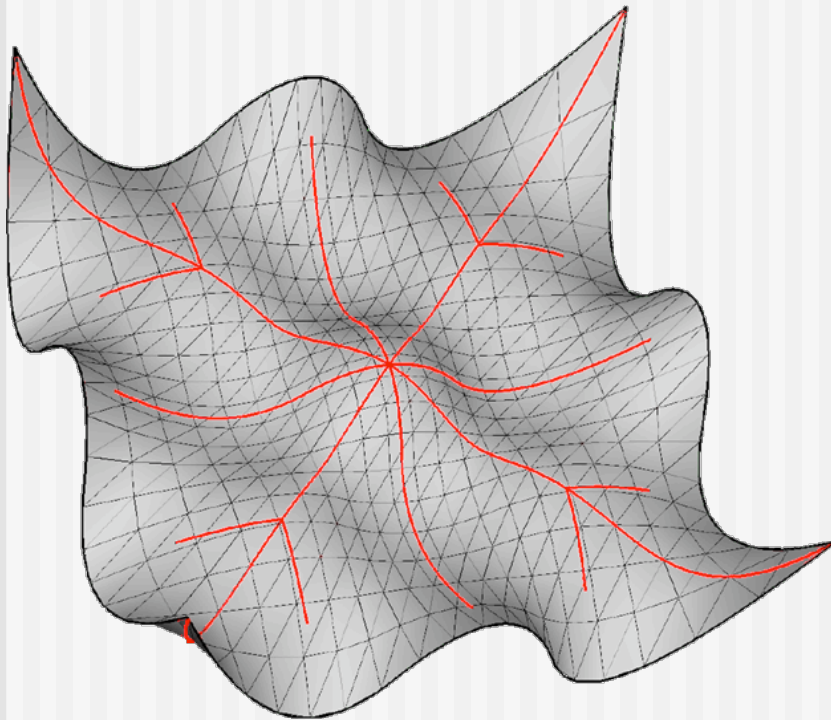
Geodesic Voronoi Diagrams



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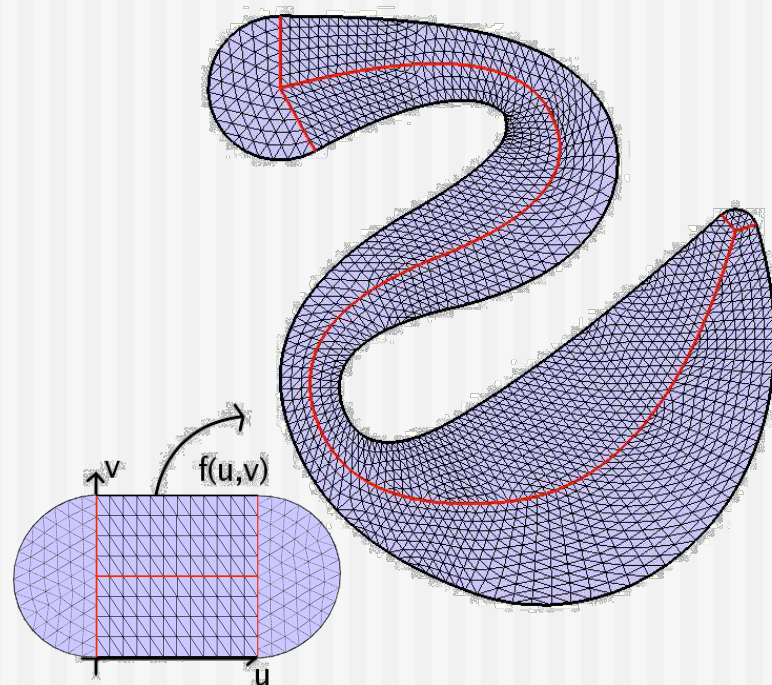
Geodesic Medial Axis



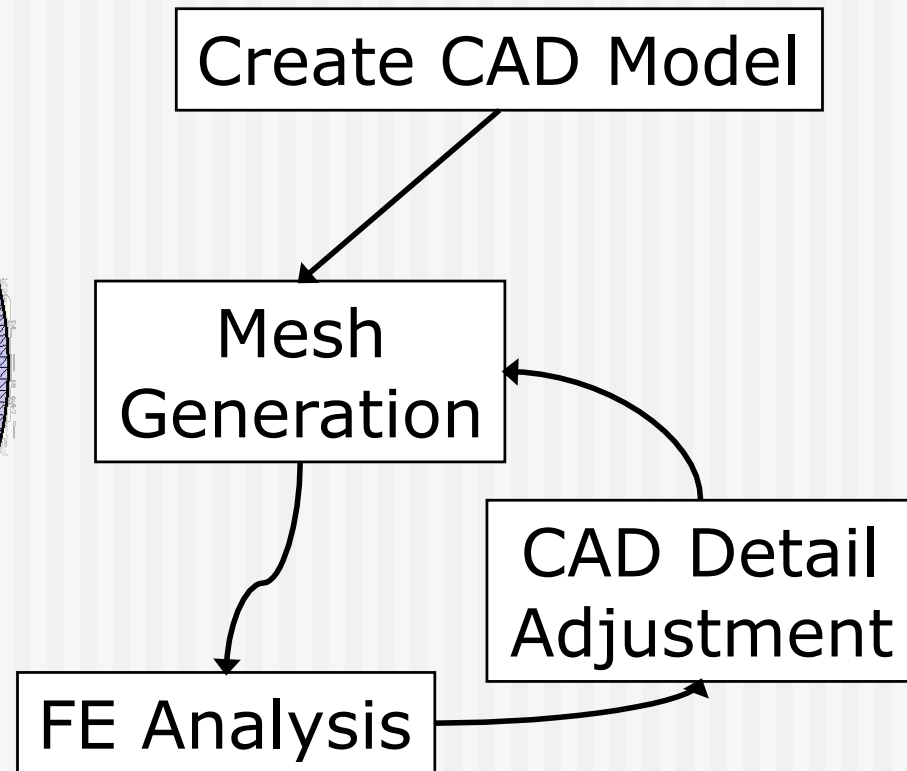
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Application: FE shape optimization



2D IMAT triangulation



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Conclusions

- Laplace-Beltrami Spectra are useful for shape and image classification
- MAT and IMAT are useful for shape modeling and compression, (also in Riemannian worlds)
- Parametrization induced by MAT can be used in numerical shape optimization problems (also in Riemannian worlds)

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