# Structured Mesh Generation and Abel Differential 

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## Quadrilateral Mesh Generation Theory

## Colorable Quad-Mesh



Figure: A red-blue (colorable) Quad-Mesh.

## Colorable Quad-Mesh



Figure: A quad-mesh induced by a holomorphic 1-form.

## Singularities on a Topological Torus



## Topological Torus

$$
\begin{gathered}
\chi=2-2 g=0 \\
\sum K=2 \pi \chi=0
\end{gathered}
$$

It is impossible to construct a quad mesh on a topological torus with one valence 3 singular point and one valence 5 singular point.

Otherwise, the valence 3 vertex $p$ and the valence 5 vertex $q$ become to the pole and the zero of a meromorphic function. By Abel condition, $\mu(p)=\mu(q)$, the pole and the zero coincide, contradiction.

## Quad-Mesh

The number of singularities, and the layouts of separatrices are different.


Figure: Quad-meshes with different number of singularities.

## Quad-Meshes

## Aim

Establish complete mathematical theory for structural mesh.


Figure: A quad-mesh of a genus two surface with different number of singularities.

## Central Questions

Given a Riemannian surface $(S, \mathbf{g})$ two quad-meshes are equivalent if they differ by a finite step of subdivisions,
(1) How many quad-mesh equivalent classes are there on $S$ ? infinite
(2) What is the dimension of the space of all the quad-mesh equivalent classes on $S$ ?
Riemann-Roch theorem
(3) What is the governing equation for the singularities ?

Abel-Jacobi theorem

## Mathematical View of Structural Quad Mesh

## Discrete Metrics

## Definition (Discrete Metric)

A Discrete Metric on a triangular mesh is a function defined on the vertices, $I: E=\{$ all edges $\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{+}$, satisfies triangular inequality.

A mesh has infinite metrics.


## Discrete Curvature

## Definition (Discrete Curvature)

Discrete curvature: $K: V=\{$ vertices $\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{1}$.

$$
K\left(v_{i}\right)=2 \pi-\sum_{j k} \theta_{i}^{j k}, v_{i} \notin \partial M ; K\left(v_{i}\right)=\pi-\sum_{j k} \theta_{j k}, v_{i} \in \partial M
$$

Theorem (Discrete Gauss-Bonnet theorem)

$$
\sum_{v \notin \partial M} K(v)+\sum_{v \in \partial M} K(v)=2 \pi \chi(M)
$$



## Quad-Mesh Metric

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Given a quad-mesh $\mathcal{Q}$, each face is treated as the unit planar square, this will define a Riemannian metric, the so-called quad-mesh metric $\mathbf{g}_{\mathcal{Q}}$, which is a flat metric with cone singularities.


## Discrete Gauss Curvature

## Definition (Curvature)

Given a quad-mesh $\mathcal{Q}$, for each vertex $v_{i}$, the curvature is defined as

$$
K(v)= \begin{cases}\frac{\pi}{2}(4-k(v)) & v \notin \partial \mathcal{Q} \\ \frac{\pi}{2}(2-k(v)) & v \in \partial \mathcal{Q}\end{cases}
$$

where $k(v)$ is the topological valence of $v$, i.e. the number of faces adjacent to $v$.

$k=\pi / 2$

$k=0$

$k=-\pi / 2$


$$
k=-\pi
$$

$$
k=-2 \pi
$$

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## Theorem (Quad-Mesh Metric Conditions)

Given a quad-mesh $\mathcal{Q}$, the induced quad-mesh metric is $\mathbf{g}_{\mathcal{Q}}$, which satisfies the following four conditions:
(1) Gauss-Bonnet condition;
(2) Holonomy condition;
(3) Boundary Alignment condition;
(9) Finite geodesic lamination condition.

## 1. Gauss-Bonnet Condition

## Theorem (Gauss-Bonnet)

Given a quad-mesh $\mathcal{Q}$, the induced metric is $\mathbf{g}_{\mathcal{Q}}$, the total curvature satisfies

$$
\sum_{v_{i} \in \partial \mathcal{Q}} K\left(v_{i}\right)+\sum_{v_{i} \notin \partial \mathcal{Q}} K\left(v_{i}\right)=2 \pi \chi(\mathcal{Q})
$$

Namely

$$
\sum_{v_{i} \in \partial \mathcal{Q}}\left(2-k\left(v_{i}\right)\right)+\sum_{v_{i} \notin \partial \mathcal{Q}}\left(4-k\left(v_{i}\right)\right)=4 \chi(\mathcal{Q}) .
$$

## 2. Holonomy Condition

## Theorem (Holonomy Condition)

Suppose $\mathcal{Q}$ is a closed quad-mesh, then the holonomy group induced by $\mathbf{g}_{\mathcal{Q}}$ is a subgroup of the rotation group $\left\{e^{i \frac{k}{2} \pi}, k \in \mathbb{Z}\right\}$.


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The stream lines parallel to the cross field are finite geodesic loops. This is the finite geodesic lamination condition.


## Genus One Polycube Surface Example

A genus one closed surface $S$, which is a polycube surface (union of canonical unit cubes). The holomorphic one form $\omega \in \Omega^{1}(S)$.


## Genus One Polycube Surface Example

The homology basis is $\{a, b\}$, the surface is sliced along $\{a, b\}$ to get a fundamental domain $D, \partial D=a b a b^{-1} b^{-1}$. The conformal mapping $\mu: D \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is given by

$$
\mu(q)=\int_{p}^{q} \omega
$$

where $p$ is a base point and the integration path is arbitrarily chosen.


## Genus One Polycube Surface Example

Suppose $q_{i}$ 's are poles (degree 3 ), $p_{j}$ 's are zeros (degree 5), then we have found that the number of poles equals to that of the zeros, furthermore,

$$
\sum_{j=1}^{22} \mu\left(p_{j}\right)-\sum_{i=1}^{22} \mu\left(q_{i}\right)=0
$$



## Genus Two Polycube Surface Example

la Suppose $S$ is a genus two polycube surface, $\omega$ is a holomorphic one-form. The red circles show the poles (degree 3), the blue circles show the zeros (degree 5), the purple circles the zeros of $\omega$.

(a). front view

(b). back view

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The surface is sliced along $a_{1}, b_{1}, a_{2}, b_{2}, \tau$, and integrate $\omega$ to obtain $\mu: S \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$

$$
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it branch covers the plane, the branching points are zeros of $\omega, c_{1}, c_{2}$.

(a). cuts

(b). conformal fattening

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Suppose $p_{i}$ 's are zeros (degree 5 ), $q_{j}$ 's are poles (degree 3 ), $c_{k}$ 's are branch points, then we have

$$
\sum_{i=1}^{16} \mu\left(p_{i}\right)-\sum_{j=1}^{8} \mu\left(q_{j}\right)=4 \sum_{k=1}^{2} \mu\left(c_{k}\right)
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## Algorithm Pipeline



Figure: Step 1. Compute the singularities by optimizing Abel-Jacobi condition.

## Algorithm Pipeline



Figure: Step 2. Compute the flat cone metric using surface Ricci flow, and compute the motorcycle graph.

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Figure: Step 3. Partition the surface into patches, each patch is conformally flattened onto a quadrilateral.

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