

Robust Computation in Engineering, Geometry and Duality

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Plzen (Pilsen) City



Plzen is an old city [first records of Plzen castle 976] city of culture, industry, and brewery.

City, where today's beer fermentation process was invented that is why today's beers are called Pilsner - world wide

Ostrava City



Ostrava is

- an industrial city of coal mining & iron melting
- 3rd largest city



University of West Bohemia 17530 students + 987 PhD students

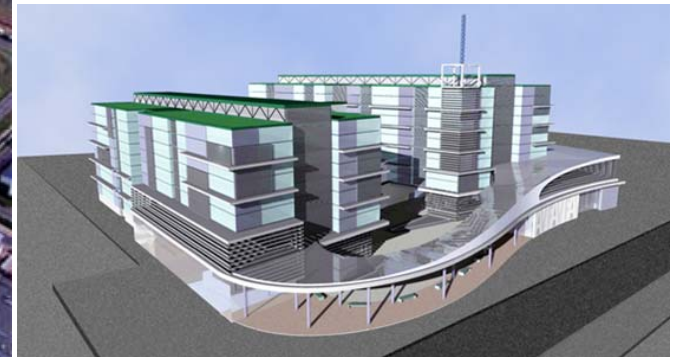
Computer Science and Engineering Mathematics (including Geomatics)

Physics

Cybernetics

Mechanics (Computational)

- Over **50%** of income from research and application projects
- NTIS project (investment of 27 mil. EUR)
- 2nd in the ranking of Czech technical / informatics faculties 2009, 2012



“Real science” in the XXI century

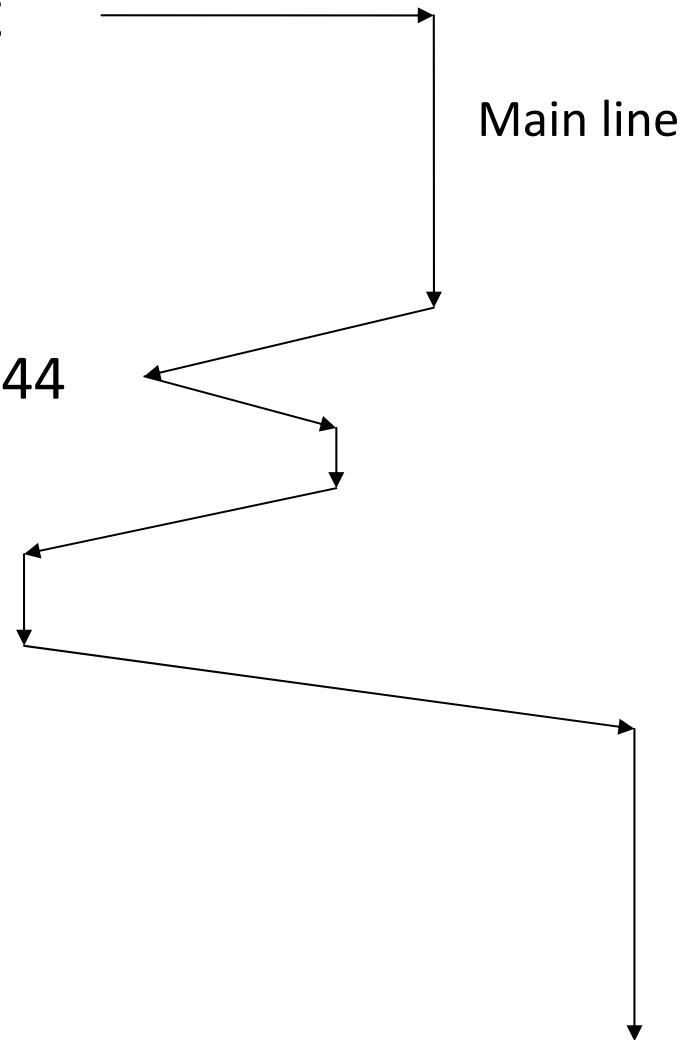


Courtesy of Czech Film, Barrandov

History of Mathematics

- Euclid - synthetic geometry 300 BC
- Descartes - analytic geometry 1637
- Gauss – complex algebra 1798
- Hamilton – quaternions 1843
- Grassmann – Grassmann Algebra 1844
- Cayley – Matrix Algebra 1854
- Clifford – Clifford algebra 1878
- Gibbs – vector calculus 1881
- Sylvester – determinants 1878
- Ricci – tensor calculus 1890
- Cartan – differential forms 1908
- Dirac, Pauli – spin algebra 1928

Hestenes – Space-time algebra 1966 ➔ Geometry Algebra 1984



Robust Computation in Engineering, Geometry and Duality

- Typical engineering and geometrical problems
- Euclidean and projective spaces
- Duality, property of dual transformation
- Algorithm complexity and dual problems
- Robustness & influence to algorithm design
- Typical examples of duality applications

Numerical systems

- Binary system is used nearly exclusively
- Octal & hexadecimal representation is used
- If we would be direct descendants of tetrapods – we would have a great advantage – “simple counting”

	Name	Base	Digits	E min	E max
BINARY					
B 16	Half	2	10+1	−14	15
B 32	Single	2	23+1	−126	127
B 64	Double	2	52+1	−1022	1023
B 128	Quad	2	112+1	−16382	16383
DECIMAL					
D 32		10	7	−95	96
D 64		10	16	−383	384
D 128		10	34	−6143	6144

IEEE 758-2008 standard



Courtesy Clive "Max" Maxfield and Alvin Brown

The first tetrapods had eight fingers on each hand

Figure 1

Mathematically perfect algorithms fail due to instability

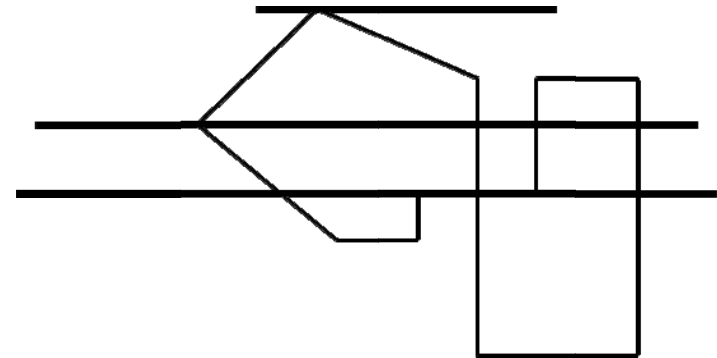
- Main issues
 - stability, robustness of algorithms
 - acceptable speed
 - linear speedup – results depends on HW, CPU parameters !
- Numerical stability
 - limited precision of **float** / **double**
 - tests $A \neq B$ with **floats**
 - **if $A = B$ then else ; if $A = 0$ then else**
should be forbidden in programming languages
 - division operation should be removed or postponed to the last moment if possible - “blue screens”, system resets

Typical examples of instability

- intersection of 2 lines in E3,
- point lies on a line in E2 or a plane in E3

$$Ax + By + C = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad Ax + By + Cz + D = 0$$

- detection if a line intersects a polygon, touches a vertex or passes through



Typical problem

```
double x = -1; double p = ....;
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while ( x < +1)
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{  if (x == p) Console.Out.WriteLine(" *** ")
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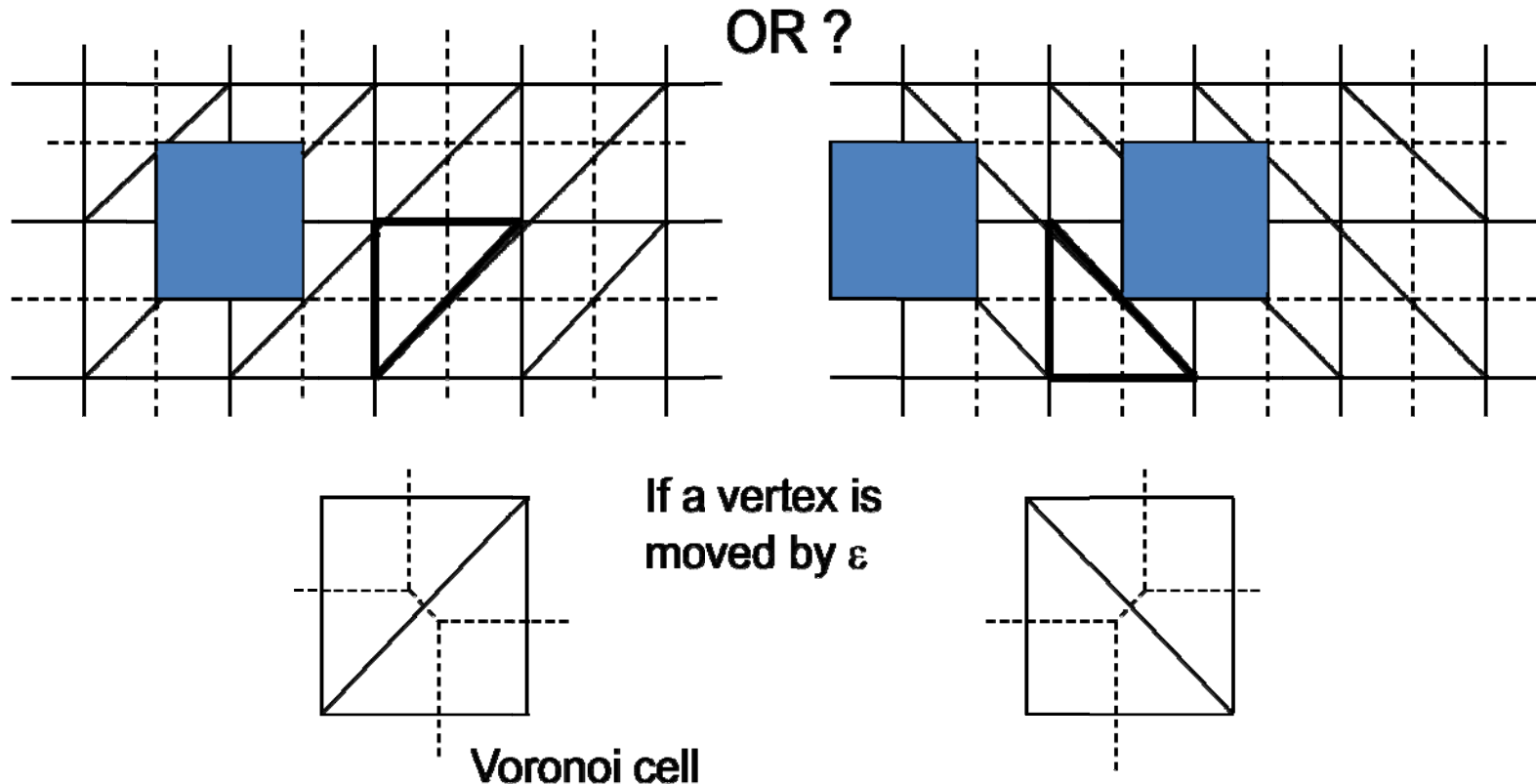
```
    x += p;
```

```
}
```

```
##      if p = 0.1 then no output,  if p = 0.25 then expected output
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Delaunay triangulation & Voronoi diagram

Point inside of a circle given by three points — problems with meshing points in regular rectangular grid.



It can be seen that the DT & VD is **very sensitive** to a point position change
?? ROBUSTNESS ??

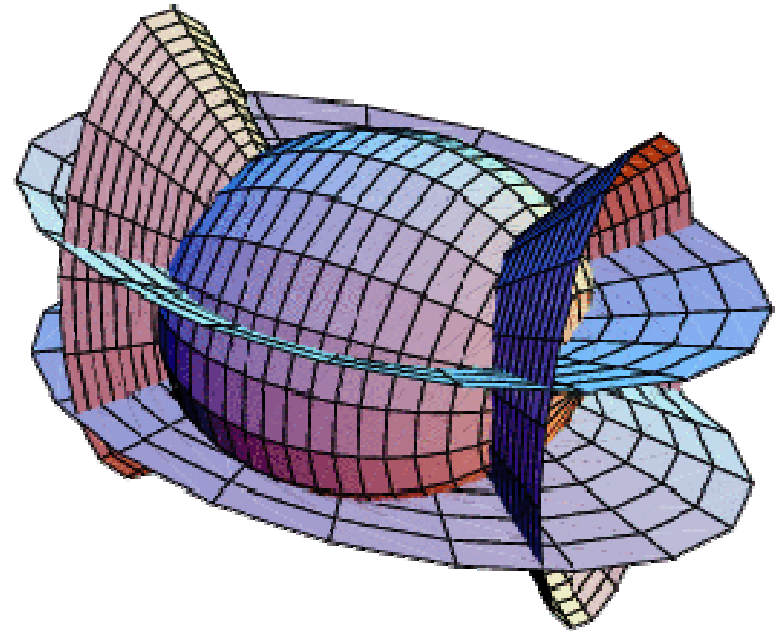
Vectors and Points in Geometry

Vectors – movable, no fixed position

Points – no size, position fixed in the
GIVEN coordinate system

Coordinate systems:

- Cartesian – left / right handed
right handed system is used
- Polar
- Spherical
- and many others, e.g. Confocal Ellipsoidal Coordinates
([http://mathworld.wolfram.com/ ConfocalEllipsoidalCoordinates.html](http://mathworld.wolfram.com/ConfocalEllipsoidalCoordinates.html))



Vectors and Points in Geometry

Vector representation $\mathbf{v} = (v_x, v_y, v_z : 0)$

Point representation $\mathbf{P} = (P_x, P_y, P_z : 1)$, resp. $(P_x, P_y, P_z : P_w)$,

Many libraries do not distinguish between points and vectors and treat them in the same manner

!! BE CAREFUL !!

$$\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{P}_1 - \mathbf{P}_0 = (P_{x1}, P_{y1}, P_{z1} : 1) - (P_{x0}, P_{y0}, P_{z0} : 1) = (P_{x1} - P_{x0}, P_{y1} - P_{y0}, P_{z1} - P_{z0} : 0) = (v_x, v_y, v_z : 0)$$

!!! Do not make it on CPU/GPU – result $(v_x, v_y, v_z : \varepsilon)$

It is a point $(v_x / \varepsilon, v_y / \varepsilon, v_z / \varepsilon)$ in E^3

Floating point

- Not all numbers are represented correctly
- Logarithmic arithmetic
- Continuous fractions
- Interval arithmetic

$$\pi = \frac{4}{1 + \frac{1^2}{3 + \frac{2^2}{5 + \frac{3^2}{\dots}}}}$$

$$\pi = [3; 7, 15, 1, 292, 1, 1, 1, 2, 1, 3, 1 \dots]$$

- NOT valid identities

$$\cos^2 \alpha + \cos^2 \beta = 1$$

$$x^2 - y^2 = (x - y)(x + y)$$

$$x + y = [a + c, b + d]$$

$$x = [a, b]$$

$$x - y = [a - d, b - c]$$

$$y = [c, d]$$

$$x \times y = [\min(ac, ad, bc, bd), \max(ac, ad, bc, bd)]$$

$$x / y = [\min(a/c, a/d, b/c, b/d),$$

$$\max(a/c, a/d, b/c, b/d)] \text{ if } y \neq 0$$

Statements like

if <float> = <float> then or if <float> ≠ <float> then

should not be

Quadratic equation

$$at^2 + bt + c = 0$$

If $b^2 \gg 4ac$ then

$$q = -(b + \text{sign}(b)\sqrt{b^2 - 4ac})/2$$

$$t_1 = q/a \quad t_2 = c/a$$

to get more reliable results.

Function value computation

at $x = 77617, y = 33096$

$$f(x, y) = 333.75y^6 + x^2(11x^2y^2 - y^6 - 121y^4 - 2) + 5.5y^8 + x/(2y)$$

$$f = 6.33835 \cdot 10^{29} \quad \text{single precision}$$

$$f = 1,1726039400532 \quad \text{double precision}$$

$$f = 1,1726039400531786318588349045201838 \quad \text{extended precision}$$

The correct result is “somewhere” in the interval of

$$[-0,827396059946821368141165095479816292005, \\ -0,827396059946821368141165095479816291986]$$

Exact solution

$$f(x, y) = -2 + \frac{x}{2y} = \frac{54767}{66192}$$

Summation is one of often used computations.

$$\sum_{i=1}^{10^3} 10^{-3} = 0.999990701675415$$

or

$$\sum_{i=1}^{10^4} 10^{-4} = 1.000053524971008$$

The result should be one. The correctness in summation is very important in power series computations. !!!!ORDER of summation

$$\sum_{n=1}^{10^6} \frac{1}{n} = 14.357357$$

$$\sum_{n=10^6}^1 \frac{1}{n} = 14.392651$$

Recursion

- Towers o Hanoi

```
MOVE (A, C, n);
{  MOVE (A, B, n-1);
    MOVE (A, C, 1);
    MOVE (B, C, n-1)
} # MOVE (from, to, number) #
```

- Ackermann function

$$A(m, n) = \begin{cases} n + 1 & \text{if } m = 0 \\ A(m - 1, 1) & \text{if } m > 0 \text{ and } n = 0 \\ A(m - 1, A(m, n - 1)) & \text{if } m > 0 \text{ and } n > 0 \end{cases}$$

The value of the function grows very fast as

$$A(4,4) = 2^{2^{2^{65536}}} = 2^{2^{10^{197296}}}$$

Numerical computations

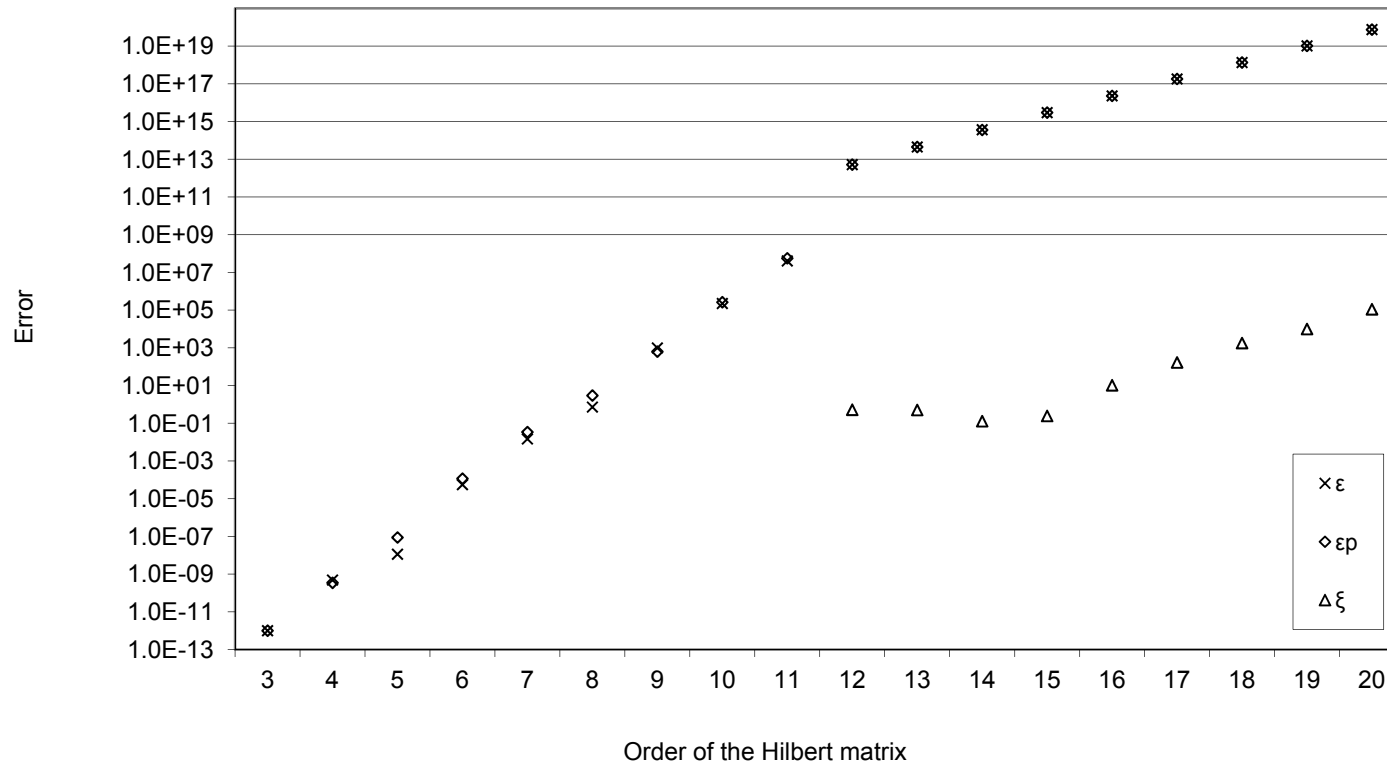
$$Ax = b$$

$$x = A^{-1}b$$

Hilbert's Matrix

$$H_{ij} = \frac{1}{i+j-1}$$

$$H_{ij}^{-1} = (-1)^{i+j} (i+j-1) \binom{n+i-1}{n-j} \binom{n+j-1}{n-i} \binom{i+j-2}{i-1}^2$$



Mathematical “forms”

There are several “forms”:

- **Implicit**

$$F(x, y, z) = 0 \qquad F(\mathbf{x}) = 0 \qquad F(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{0}$$

there is no orientation, e.g.

- o if $F(\mathbf{x}) = 0$ is a iso-curve there is no hint how to find another point of this curve, resp. a line segment approximating the curve
=> tracing algorithms
- o if $F(\mathbf{x}) = 0$ is a iso-surface there is no hint how to find another point of this surface => iso-surface extraction algorithms

- **Parametrical** – $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}(u)$ $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}(u, v)$

points of a curve are “ORDERED” according to a parameter a

- **Explicit**

$$z = f(x) \qquad z = f(x, y)$$

for the given values x , resp. x, y we get function value z

Implicit form

- Is used for separation – plane or for detection if a point is inside or outside, e.g. a circle etc.
- There is always a question how to compute **complexity** of computations × **precision** of computation
- Compiler optimization is **DANGEROUS** in general

$$\begin{vmatrix} A_x & A_y & A_x^2 + A_y^2 & 1 \\ B_x & B_y & B_x^2 + B_y^2 & 1 \\ C_x & C_y & C_x^2 + C_y^2 & 1 \\ D_x & D_y & D_x^2 + D_y^2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} A_x - D_x & A_y - D_y & (A_x^2 - D_x^2) + (A_y^2 - D_y^2) \\ B_x - D_x & B_y - D_y & (B_x^2 - D_x^2) + (B_y^2 - D_y^2) \\ C_x - D_x & C_y - D_y & (C_x^2 - D_x^2) + (C_y^2 - D_y^2) \end{vmatrix} > 0$$

Data processing - main field in computer science

Data processing itself can be split to two main areas:

- **processing of textual data**

limited interval of values, unlimited dimensionality

[char as one dimension -

Methionylthreonylthreonylglutaminylarginyl...isoleucine 189,819 chars]

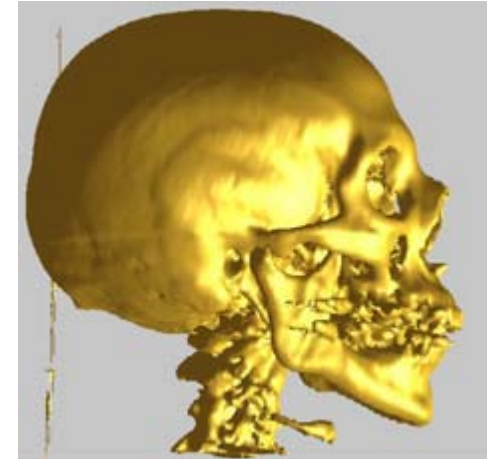
- no interpolation is defined

- **processing of numerical data**

unlimited interval of values,

limited dimensionality – usually 2 or 3

- interpolation **can be used**



	Textual	Graphical
Dim	∞	2, 3
Interval	0-255 (ASCII)	$(-\infty, \infty)$

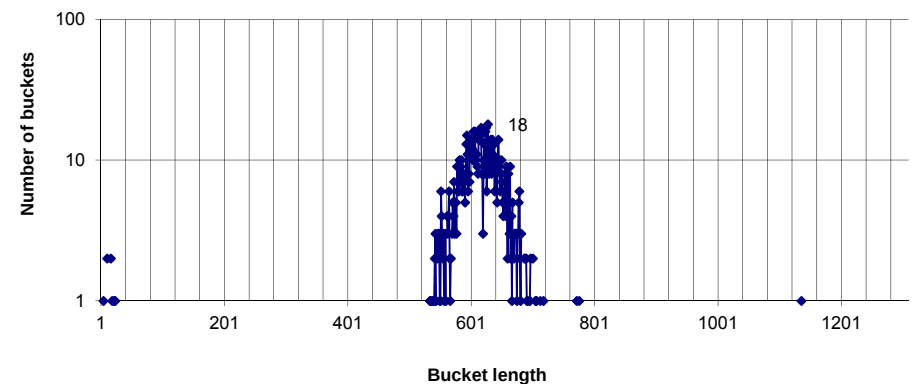
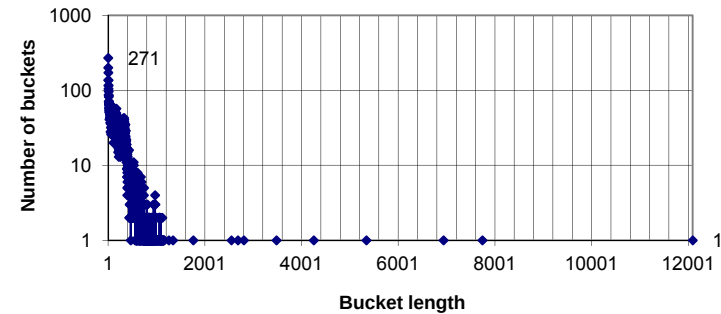
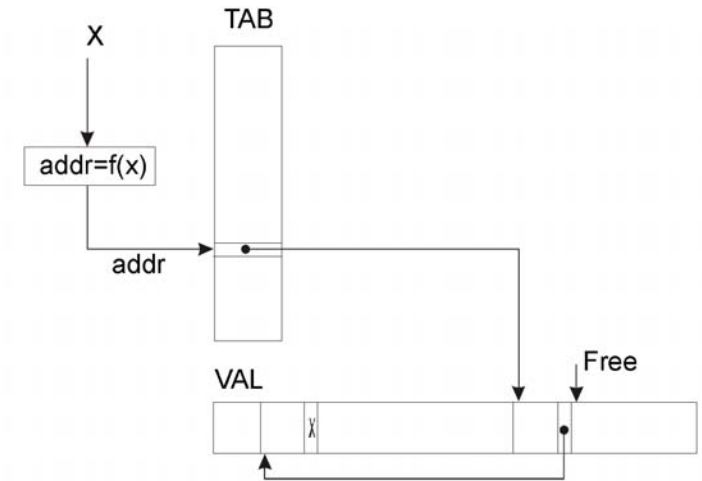
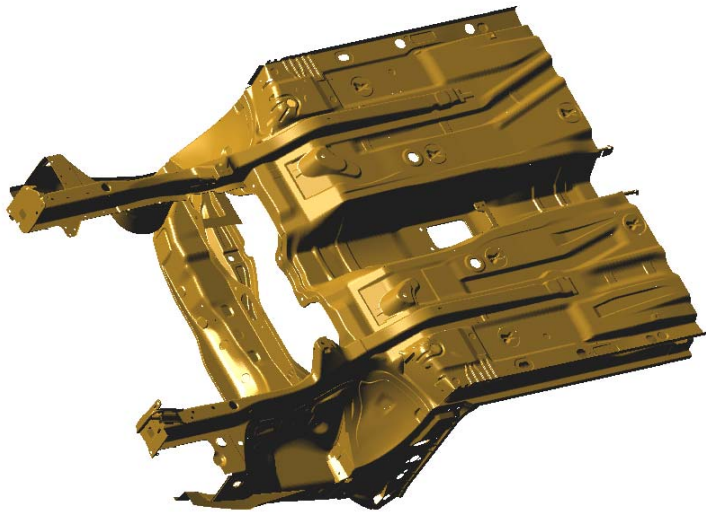
Hash functions

- usually used for textual data processing
- prime numbers and modulo operations are used for the hash function

Usual form

$$Addr = [3x + 5y + 7z] \bmod size$$

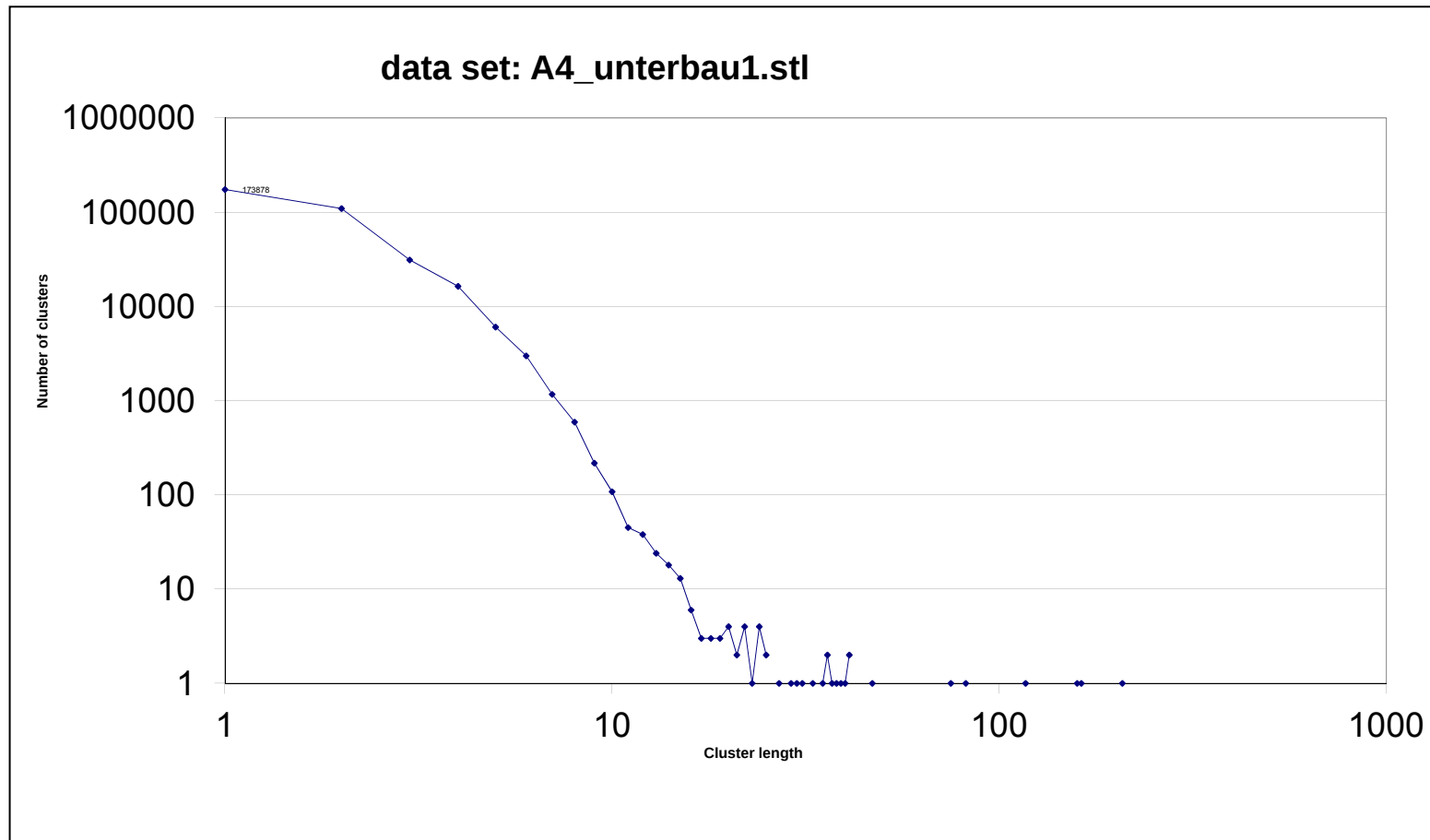
multiplication int * float is needed



If the hash function is constructed as

$$Addr = \lfloor \alpha x + \beta y + \gamma z \rfloor \bmod m$$

where α, β, γ are “irrational” numbers and $m = 2^k - 1$ better distribution is



obtained => much faster processing.

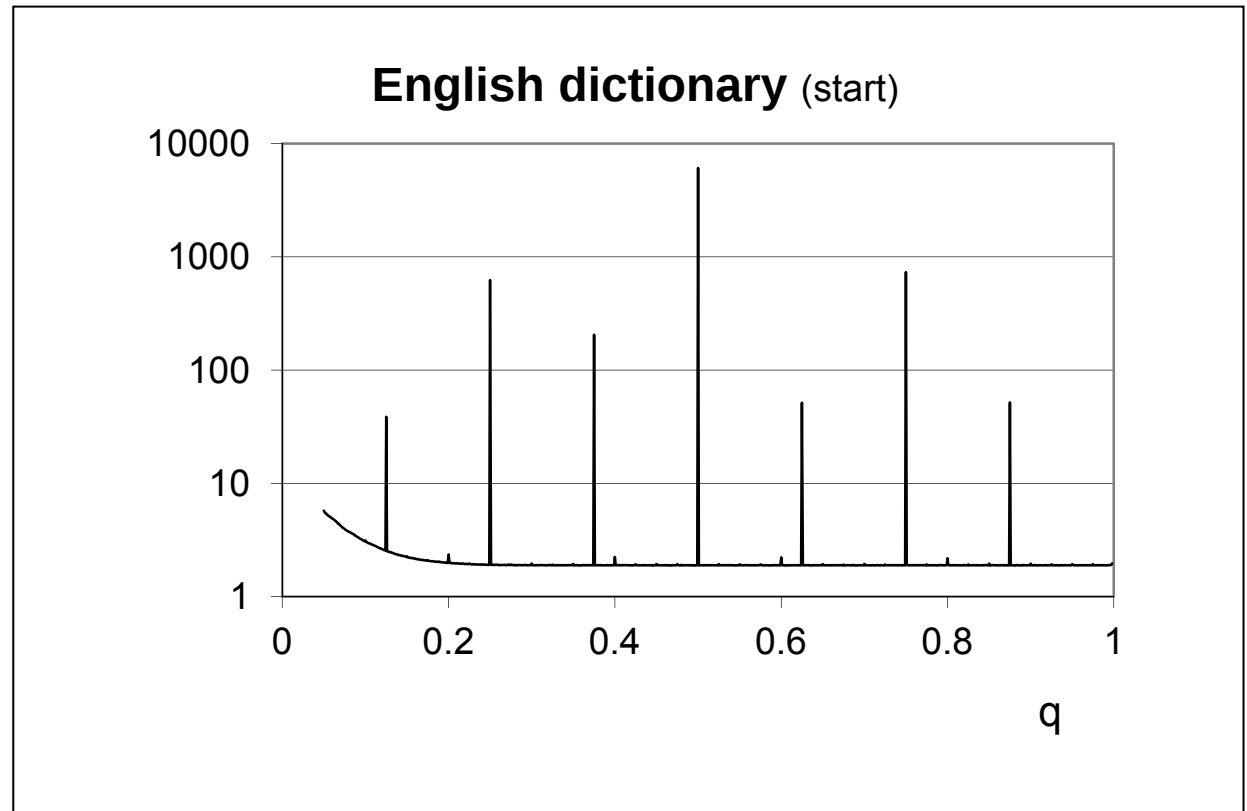
Textual processing

The has function is constructed as

$$h(x) = \left(C * \sum_{i=1}^L q^i x_i \right) \bmod m$$

q „irrational“ $0 < q < 1$

$$m = 2^k - 1$$



Both geometrical and textual hash function design have the same approach coefficients are “irrational” and no division operation is needed.

Some differences for Czech, Hebrew, English, German, Arabic, ... languages and “chemical” words.

Projective Space

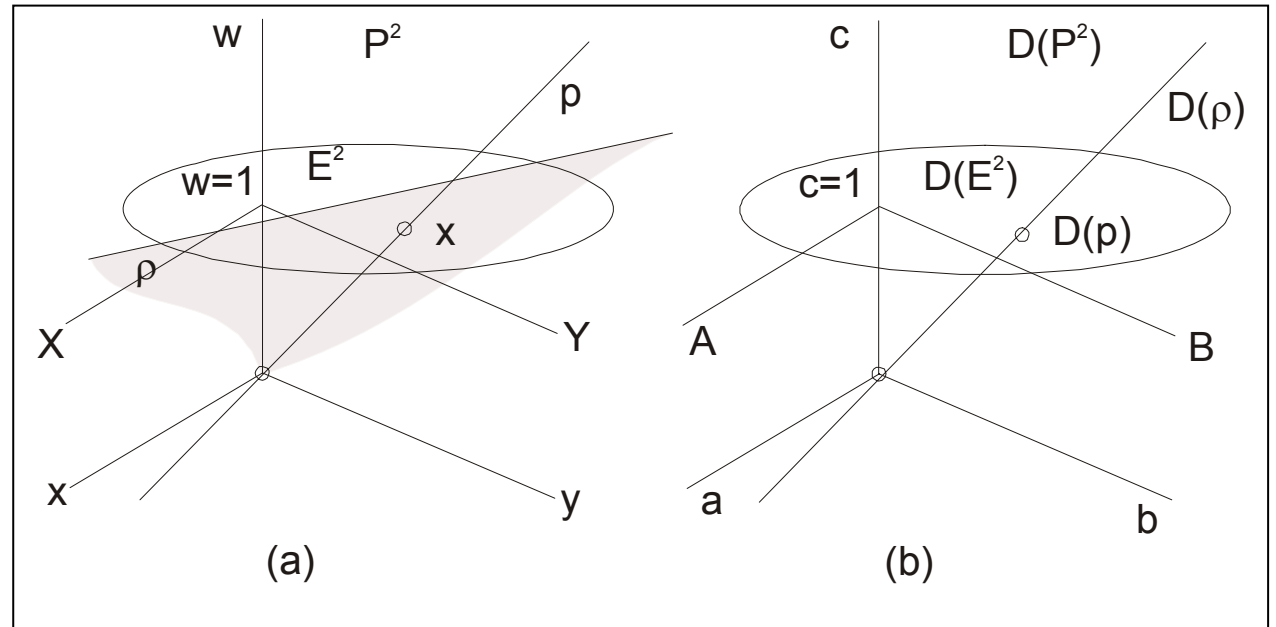
$$\mathbf{X} = [X, Y]^T \quad \mathbf{X} \in E^2$$

$$\mathbf{x} = [x, y: w]^T \quad \mathbf{x} \in P^2$$

Conversion:

$$X = x / w \quad Y = y / w$$

& $w \neq 0$



If $w = 0$ then $\mathbf{x}$ represents “an ideal point” - a point in infinity, i.e. it is a directional vector.

The Euclidean space E^2 is represented as a plane $w = 1$.

Duality

For simplicity, let us consider a line p defined as:

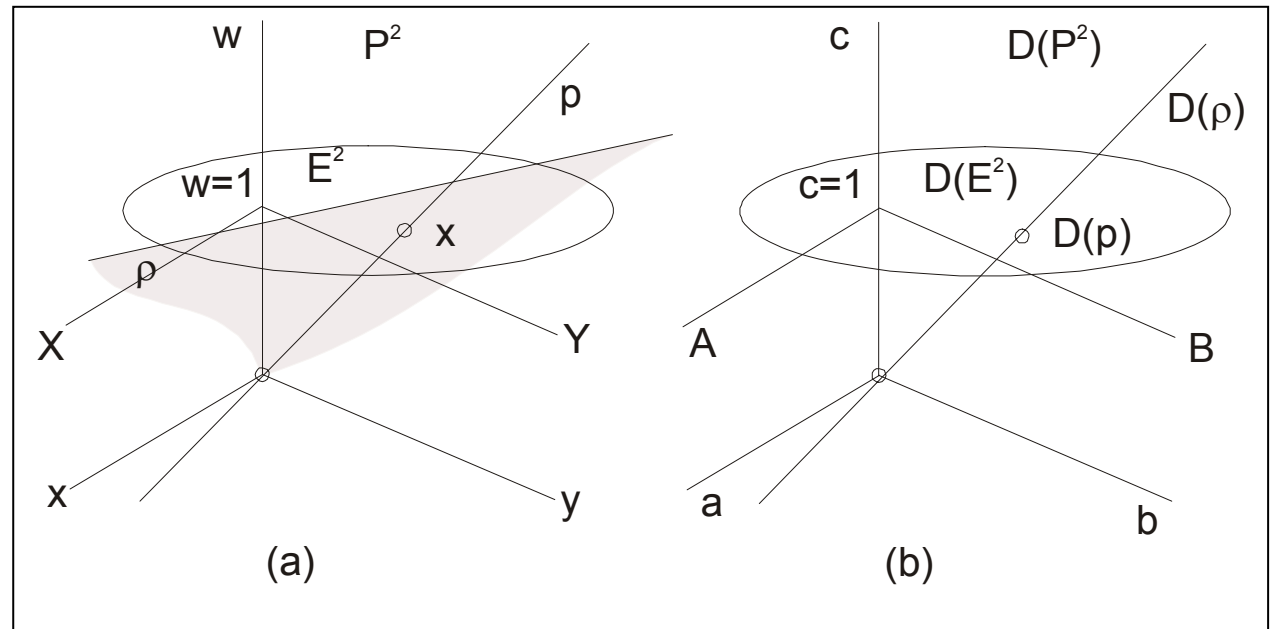
$$aX + bY + c = 0$$

We can multiply it by $w \neq 0$ and we get:

$$ax + by + cw = 0 \quad \text{i.e.}$$

$$\mathbf{p}^T \mathbf{x} = 0 \quad \mathbf{p} = [a, b: c]^T \quad \mathbf{x} = [x, y: w]^T$$

It is actually a plane in the projective space P^2 (point $[0, 0: 0]^T$ excluded), i.e. line $p \in E^2$:

$$\mathbf{p} = [a, b: c]^T$$


From the mathematical notation $\mathbf{p}^T \mathbf{x} = 0$

we cannot distinguish whether $\mathbf{p}$ is a line and $\mathbf{x}$ is a point or vice versa in the case of P^2 . It means that a *point* and a *line* **are dual** in the case of P^2 , and a *point* and a *plane* **are dual** in the case of P^3 .

The principle of duality in P^2 states that:

Any theorem remains true when we interchange the words “point” and “line”, “lie on” and “pass through”, “join” and “intersection”, “collinear” and “concurrent” and so on.

Once the theorem has been established, the dual theorem is obtained as described above.

This helps a lot to solve some geometrical problems.

Definition 1

The cross product of the two vectors $\mathbf{x}_1 = [x_1, y_1, w_1]^T$ and $\mathbf{x}_2 = [x_2, y_2, w_2]^T$ is defined as:

$$\mathbf{x}_1 \times \mathbf{x}_2 = \det \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ x_1 & y_1 & w_1 \\ x_2 & y_2 & w_2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ where: } \mathbf{i} = [1, 0, 0]^T, \mathbf{j} = [0, 1, 0]^T, \mathbf{k} = [0, 0, 1]^T$$

Please, note that homogeneous coordinates are used.

Theorem 1

Let two points $\mathbf{x}_1$ and $\mathbf{x}_2$ be given in the projective space. Then the coefficients of the $\mathbf{p}$ line, which is defined by those two points, are determined as the cross product of their homogeneous coordinates

$$\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{x}_1 \times \mathbf{x}_2$$

Proof 1

Let the line $\mathbf{p} \in E^2$ be defined in homogeneous coordinates as

$$ax + by + cw = 0$$

We are actually looking for a solution to the following equations:

$$\mathbf{p}^T \mathbf{x}_1 = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{p}^T \mathbf{x}_2 = 0 \quad \text{where: } \mathbf{p} = [a, b, c]^T$$

It means that any point $\mathbf{x}$ that lies on the p line must satisfy both the equation above and the equation $\mathbf{p}^T \mathbf{x} = 0$ in other words the $\mathbf{p}$ vector is

defined as

$$\mathbf{p} = \det \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ x_1 & y_1 & w_1 \\ x_2 & y_2 & w_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

We can write $(\mathbf{x}_1 \times \mathbf{x}_2)^T \mathbf{x} = 0$ i.e.

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} x & y & w \\ x_1 & y_1 & w_1 \\ x_2 & y_2 & w_2 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

Evaluating the determinant

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ x_1 & y_1 & w_1 \\ x_2 & y_2 & w_2 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

we get the line coefficients of the line p as:

$$a = \det \begin{bmatrix} y_1 & w_1 \\ y_2 & w_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad b = -\det \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & w_1 \\ x_2 & w_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad c = \det \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & y_1 \\ x_2 & y_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Note: for $w = 1$ we get the standard cross product formula and the cross product defines the p line, i.e. $\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{x}_1 \times \mathbf{x}_2$

where: $\mathbf{p} = [a, b, c]^T$

- An intersection of two lines $\Rightarrow \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$
- A line given by two points $\Rightarrow \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$

**Cross product is
equivalent to a solution
of a linear system of
equations !**

No division operation !

Computation in Projective Space

- Cross product definition
- A plane ρ is determined as a cross product of three given points

$$\mathbf{x}_1 \times \mathbf{x}_2 \times \mathbf{x}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} & \mathbf{l} \\ x_1 & y_1 & z_1 & w_1 \\ x_2 & y_2 & z_2 & w_2 \\ x_3 & y_3 & z_3 & w_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Due to the duality

- An intersection point $\mathbf{x}$ of three planes is determined as a cross product of three given planes

$$\rho_1 \times \rho_2 \times \rho_3 = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} & \mathbf{l} \\ a_1 & b_1 & c_1 & d_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 & d_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 & c_3 & d_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Computation of generalized cross product is equivalent to a solution of a linear system of equations => no division operation!

Computation in Projective Space

	E^2	E^3
	$\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{x}_1 \times \mathbf{x}_2$	$\boldsymbol{\rho} = \mathbf{x}_1 \times \mathbf{x}_2 \times \mathbf{x}_3$
Dual problem	$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{p}_1 \times \mathbf{p}_2$	$\mathbf{x} = \boldsymbol{\rho}_1 \times \boldsymbol{\rho}_2 \times \boldsymbol{\rho}_3$

In graphical applications position of points are changed by an interaction, i.e. $\mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{T}\mathbf{x}$. The question is how coefficients of a line, resp. a plane are changed without need to recompute them from the definition.

It can be proved that $\mathbf{p}' = \frac{1}{\det(\mathbf{T})} (\mathbf{T}^{-1})^T \mathbf{p}$, resp. $\boldsymbol{\rho}' = \frac{1}{\det(\mathbf{T})} (\mathbf{T}^{-1})^T \boldsymbol{\rho}$

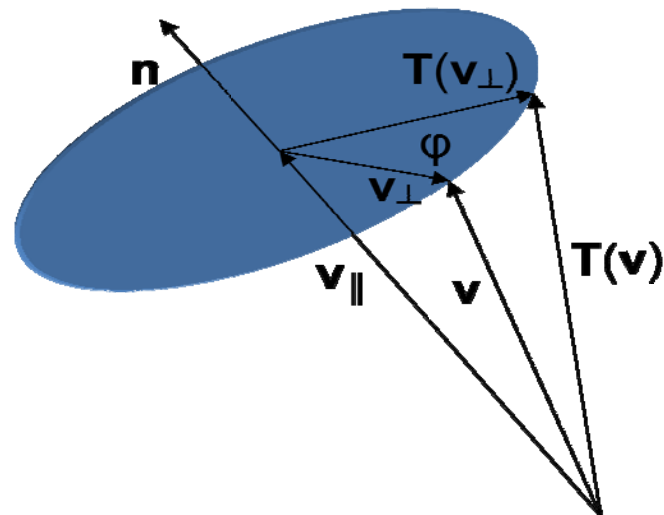
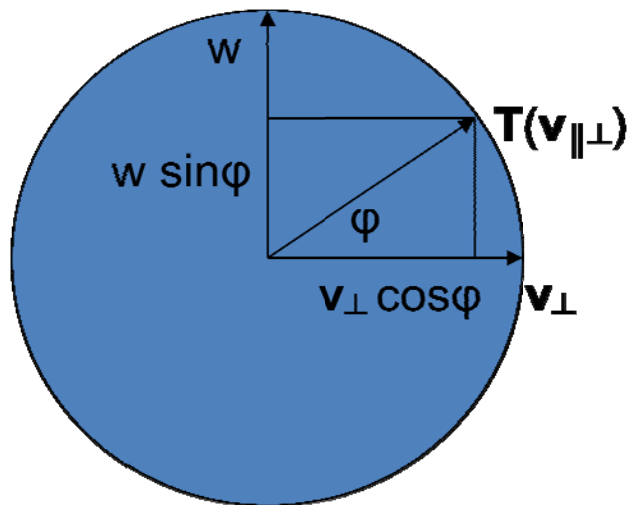
As the computation is made **in the projective space** we can write

$$\mathbf{p}' = (\mathbf{T}^{-1})^T \mathbf{p}, \text{ resp. } \boldsymbol{\rho}' = (\mathbf{T}^{-1})^T \boldsymbol{\rho}$$

THIS IS SIGNIFICANT SIMPLIFICATION OF COMPUTATIONS

Computation in Projective Space

Transformation about a general axis



Computation in Projective Space

Transformation about a general axis

$$Q = I \cos \varphi + (1 - \cos \varphi)(\mathbf{n} \otimes \mathbf{n}) + W \sin \varphi$$

$$\|\mathbf{n}\| = 1 \quad \mathbf{n} \otimes \mathbf{n} = \mathbf{n}^T \mathbf{n} \quad \text{where: } W\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{w} \times \mathbf{v}$$

Instead of usually used transformations:

$$Q = T^{-1} R_{xy}^{-1} R_{yz}^{-1} R(\vartheta) R_{zy} R_{xy} T$$

That is generally complex, unstable as a user has to select which axis is to be used for a rotation

Computation in Projective Space

Interpolation

Linear parametrization

$$\mathbf{X}(t) = \mathbf{X}_0 + (\mathbf{X}_1 - \mathbf{X}_0)t \quad t \in (-\infty, \infty)$$

Non-linear (monotonous) parametrization

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = \mathbf{x}_0 + (\mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{x}_0)t \quad t \in (-\infty, \infty)$$

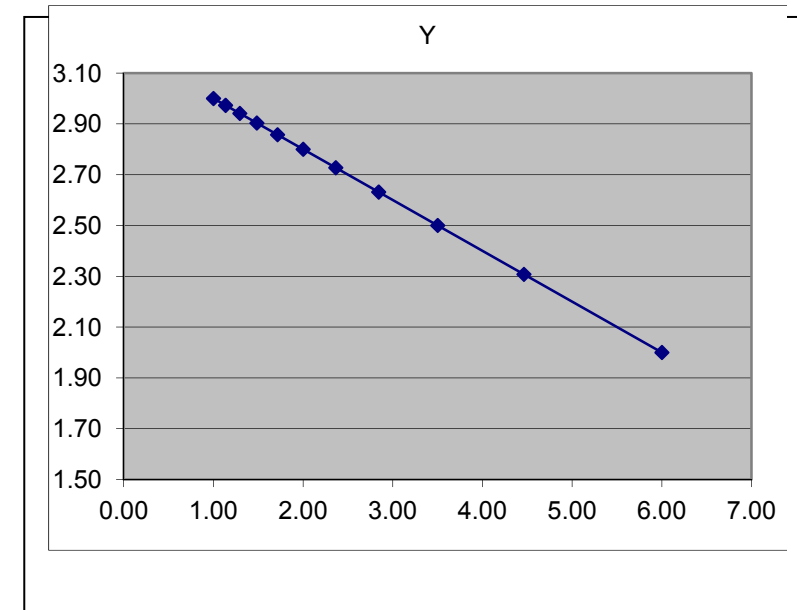
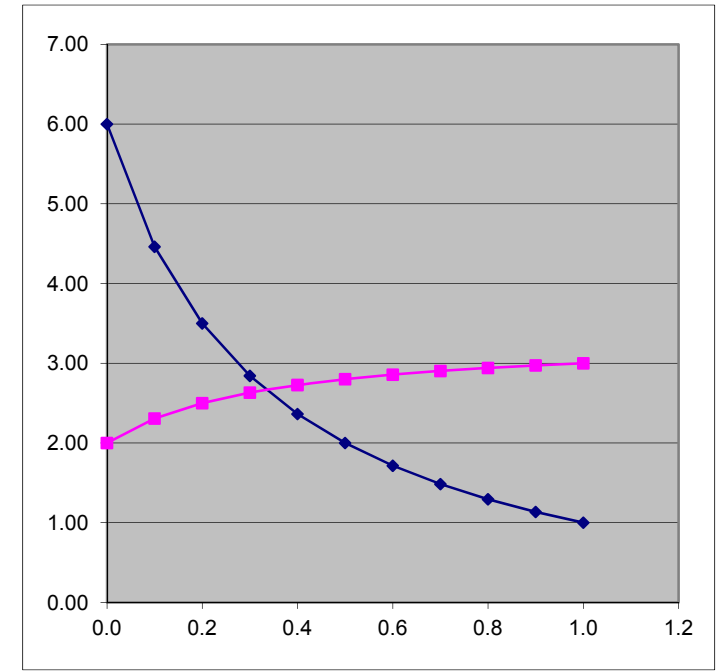
$$x(t) = x_0 + (x_1 - x_0)t \quad y(t) = y_0 + (y_1 - y_0)t$$

$$z(t) = z_0 + (z_1 - z_0)t \quad w(t) = w_0 + (w_1 - w_0)t \quad \bullet \text{ It}$$

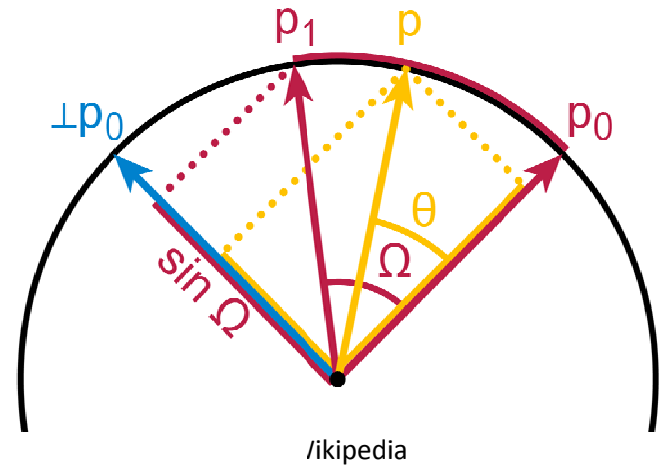
means that we can interpolate using homogeneous coordinates without a need of “normalization” to E^k !!

- Homogeneous coordinate $w \geq 0$

In many algorithms, we need “monotonous” parameterization, only



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Spherical interpolation

$$\text{slerp}(\mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{x}_1, t) = \frac{\sin[(1-t)\Omega]}{\sin \Omega} \mathbf{x}_0 + \frac{\sin[t\Omega]}{\sin \Omega} \mathbf{x}_1$$

Instability occurs if $\Omega \rightarrow k\pi$.

Mathematically formula is correct,

in practice the **code generally incorrect!** $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{slerp}_p(\mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{x}_1, t) &= \begin{bmatrix} \sin[(1-t)\Omega]\mathbf{x}_0 + \sin[t\Omega]\mathbf{x}_1 \\ \sin \Omega \end{bmatrix} \\ &= [\sin[(1-t)\Omega]\mathbf{x}_0 + \sin[t\Omega]\mathbf{x}_1 : \sin \Omega]^T \end{aligned}$$

 Homogeneous coordinate

Computation in Projective Space

Intersection line – plane

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = \mathbf{x}_0 + (\mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{x}_0)t \quad t \in (-\infty, \infty)$$

$$\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{x} = 0 \quad ax + by + cz + d = 0$$

$$\mathbf{a} = [a, b, c, d]^T \quad \mathbf{S} = \mathbf{X}_1 - \mathbf{X}_0$$

$$t = - \frac{\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{x}_0}{\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{s}}$$

$$\tau = -\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{x}_0 \quad \tau_w = \mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{s}$$

$$\mathbf{t} = [\tau : \tau_w] \quad \text{if } \tau_w \leq 0 \text{ then } \mathbf{t} := -\mathbf{t}$$

TEST

if $t > t_{\min}$ **then**.....

if $\tau * \tau_{\min_w} > \tau_w * \tau_{\min}$ **then**..... condition $\tau \geq 0$

An intersection of a plane with a line in E^2 / E^3 can be computed efficiently

Comparison operations must be modified !!!

Cyrus-Beck line clipping algorithm 10-25% faster

Line Clipping

procedure CLIP_L; {Skala – Vol.21, No.11, pp.905-914}

{ $\mathbf{x}_A, \mathbf{x}_B$ – in homogeneous coordinates }

{ The **EXIT** ends the procedure }

{ **input:** $\mathbf{x}_A, \mathbf{x}_B$; $\mathbf{x}_A = [x_A, y_A, 1]^T$ $\mathbf{p} = [a, b, c]^T$ }

begin

{1} $\mathbf{p} := \mathbf{x}_A \times \mathbf{x}_B$; { $ax + by + c = 0$ }

{2} **for** $k := 0$ **to** $N - 1$ **do** { $\mathbf{x}_k = [x_k, y_k, 1]^T$ }

{3} **if** $\mathbf{p}^T \mathbf{x}_k \geq 0$ **then** $c_k := 1$ **else** $c_k := 0$;

{4} **if** $\mathbf{c} = [0000]^T$ **or** $\mathbf{c} = [1111]^T$ **then EXIT**;

{5} $i := \text{TAB1}[\mathbf{c}]$; $j := \text{TAB2}[\mathbf{c}]$;

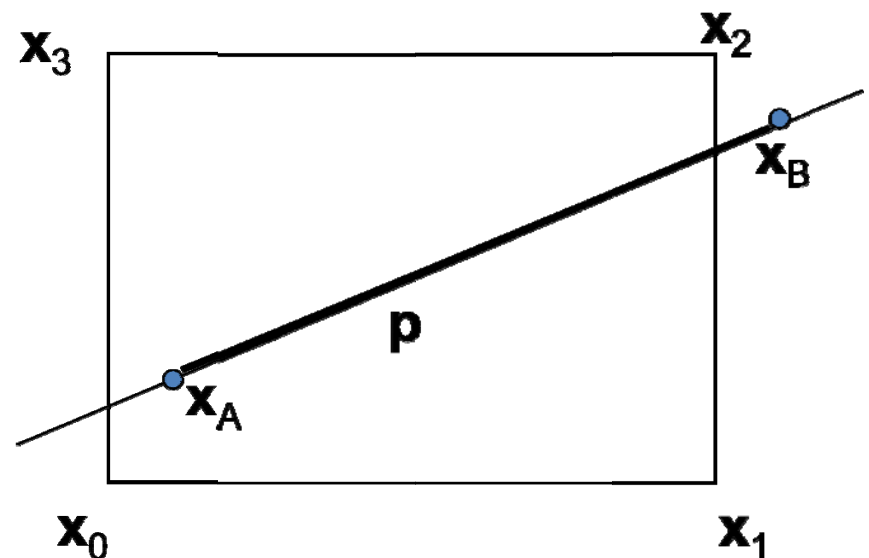
{6} $\mathbf{x}_A := \mathbf{p} \times \mathbf{e}_i$; $\mathbf{x}_B := \mathbf{p} \times \mathbf{e}_j$;

{7} **DRAW** ($\mathbf{x}_A; \mathbf{x}_B$) { $\mathbf{e}_i$ – i -th edge }

end {CLIP_L};

Line clipping in E^2 algorithms

- Cohen-Sutherland
- Liang-Barsky
- Hodgman
- Skala – modification of Clip_L for line segments



Computation in Projective Space - Barycentric coordinates

Let us consider a triangle with vertices $\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \mathbf{X}_3$,

A position of any point $\mathbf{X} \in E^2$ can be expressed as

$$a_1 X_1 + a_2 X_2 + a_3 X_3 = X$$

$$a_1 Y_1 + a_2 Y_2 + a_3 Y_3 = Y$$

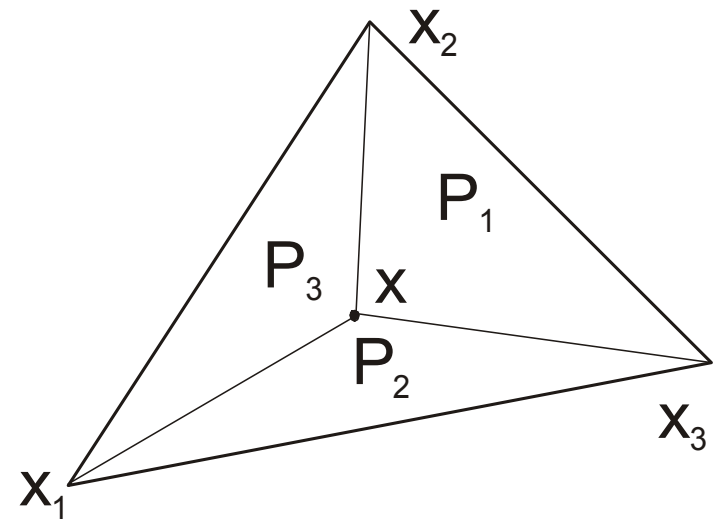
additional condition

$$a_1 + a_2 + a_3 = 1 \quad 0 \leq a_i \leq 1$$

$$a_i = \frac{P_i}{P} \quad i = 1, \dots, 3$$

Linear system must be solved

If points $\mathbf{x}_i$ are given as $[x_i, y_i, z_i : w_i]^T$ and $w_i \neq 1$ then $\mathbf{x}_i$ must be “normalized”



Computation in Projective Space

$$b_1X_1 + b_2X_2 + b_3X_3 + b_4X = 0$$

$$b_1Y_1 + b_2Y_2 + b_3Y_3 + b_4Y = 0$$

$$b_1 + b_2 + b_3 + b_4 = 0$$

$$b_i = -a_i b_4 \quad i = 1, \dots, 3 \quad b_4 \neq 0$$

Rewriting

$$\begin{bmatrix} X_1 & X_2 & X_3 & X \\ Y_1 & Y_2 & Y_3 & Y \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \\ b_4 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\mathbf{b} = \xi \times \eta \times \mathbf{w}$$

$$\mathbf{b} = [b_1, b_2, b_3, b_4]^T$$

$$\xi = [X_1, X_2, X_3, X]^T$$

$$\eta = [Y_1, Y_2, Y_3, Y]^T$$

$$\mathbf{w} = [1, 1, 1, 1]^T$$

Solution of the linear system of equations (LSE) is equivalent to generalized cross product

$$\mathbf{b} = \xi \times \eta \times \mathbf{w}$$

Computation in Projective Space

if $w_i \neq 1$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 & x_3 & x \\ y_1 & y_2 & y_3 & y \\ w_1 & w_2 & w_3 & w \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \\ b_4 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{0}$$

=> **entities:**

projective scalar, projective vector

(Skala,V.: Barycentric coordinates computation in homogeneous coordinates, Computers&Graphics, 2008)

$$\mathbf{b} = \xi \times \eta \times \mathbf{w}$$

$$\mathbf{b} = [b_1, b_2, b_3, b_4]^T$$

$$\xi = [x_1, x_2, x_3, x]^T$$

$$\eta = [y_1, y_2, y_3, y]^T$$

$$\mathbf{w} = [w_1, w_2, w_3, w]^T$$

$$0 \leq (-b_1 : w_2 w_3 w) \leq 1$$

$$0 \leq (-b_2 : w_3 w_1 w) \leq 1$$

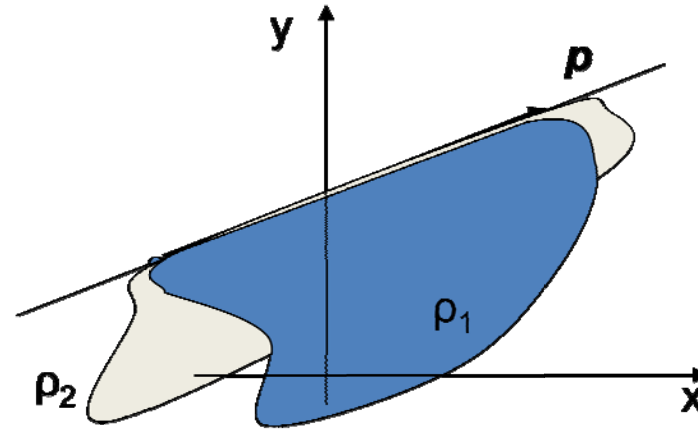
$$0 \leq (-b_3 : w_1 w_2 w) \leq 1$$

Computation in Projective Space

Line in E3 as Two Plane

Intersection

- Plücker's coordinates – **complicated** computation
- Projective computation



$$\mathbf{q}(\tau) = \frac{\boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{v}}{\|\mathbf{v}\|^2} + \mathbf{v}\tau$$

$$\boldsymbol{\omega} = [l_{41} \quad l_{42} \quad l_{43}]^T \quad \mathbf{v} = [l_{23} \quad l_{31} \quad l_{12}]^T$$

$$\mathbf{L} = \mathbf{a}_0 \mathbf{a}_1^T - \mathbf{a}_1 \mathbf{a}_0^T \quad \text{tensor product - matrix}$$

$$\mathbf{a}_i = [a_i, b_i, c_i, d_i]^T \quad i = 1, 2$$

Computation in Projective Space

Standard formula

$$\mathbf{s} = \mathbf{n}_1 \times \mathbf{n}_2 \quad \mathbf{x}(t) = \mathbf{x}_0 + \mathbf{s}t$$

$$x_0 = \frac{d_2 \begin{vmatrix} b_1 & c_1 \\ b_3 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} - d_1 \begin{vmatrix} b_2 & c_2 \\ b_3 & c_3 \end{vmatrix}}{DET}$$

$$z_0 = \frac{d_2 \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ a_3 & b_3 \end{vmatrix} - d_1 \begin{vmatrix} a_2 & b_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 \end{vmatrix}}{DET}$$

$$y_0 = \frac{d_2 \begin{vmatrix} a_3 & c_3 \\ a_1 & c_1 \end{vmatrix} - d_1 \begin{vmatrix} a_3 & c_3 \\ a_2 & c_2 \end{vmatrix}}{DET}$$

$$DET = \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 & c_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

The formula is quite “horrible” one and for students not acceptable as it is too complex and they do not see from the formula comes from.

Computation in Projective Space

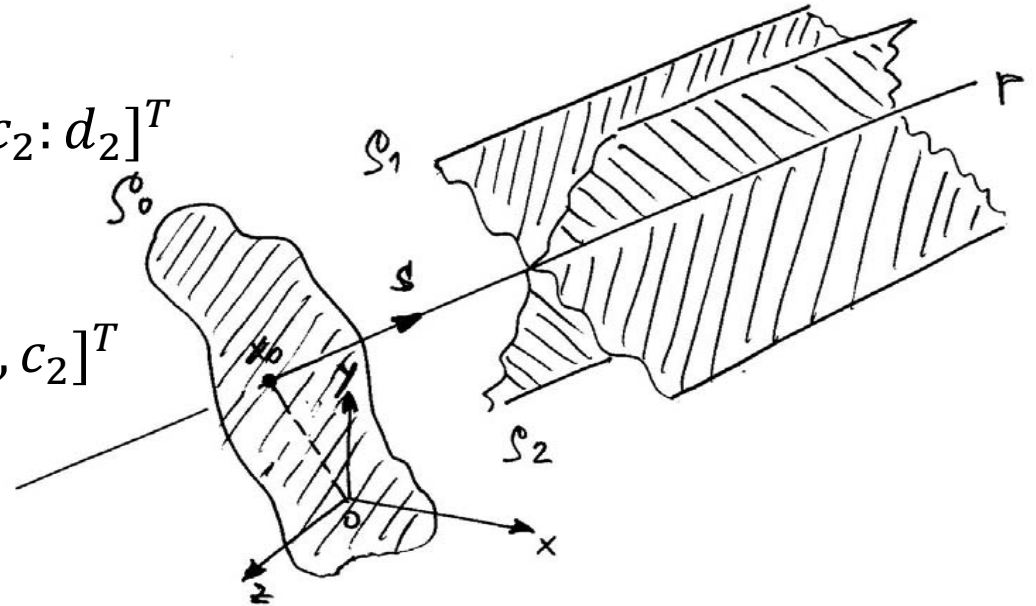
$$\rho_1 = [a_1, b_1, c_1 : d_1]^T \quad \rho_2 = [a_2, b_2, c_2 : d_2]^T$$

normal vectors are

$$\mathbf{n}_1 = [a_1, b_1, c_1]^T \quad \mathbf{n}_2 = [a_2, b_2, c_2]^T$$

directional vector of a line
of two planes ρ_1 and ρ_2 is given as

$$\mathbf{s} = \mathbf{n}_1 \times \mathbf{n}_2$$



“starting” point x_0 ???

A plane ρ_0 passing the origin with a normal vector $\mathbf{s}$, $\rho_0 = [a_0, b_0, c_0 : 0]^T$

The point x_0 is defined as $x_0 = \rho_1 \times \rho_2 \times \rho_0$

How simple formula supporting matrix-vector architectures like GPU and parallel processing

Computation in Projective Space

Advantages

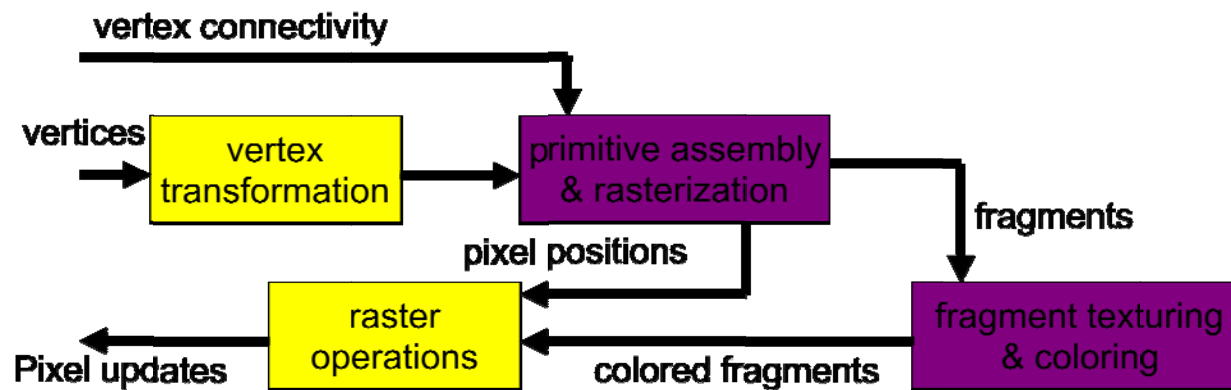
- “infinity” is well represented
- No division operation is needed
- Many mathematical formula are simpler
- One code sequence solve primary and dual problems
- Supports matrix – vector operations in hardware – like GPU etc.

Disadvantages

- Careful handling with formula as the projective space
- Exponents of the homogeneous vector can overflow – it should be normalized
not supported by the current hardware – P_Lib use on GPU (C# and C++)

Computation in Projective Space

- GPU (Graphical Processing Unit) -optimized for matrix-vector, vector-vector operation – especially for $[x,y,z,w]$
- Native arithmetic operations with homogeneous coordinates – without exponent “normalization”
- Programmable HW – parallel processing



Computation in Projective Space

4D cross product can be implemented in Cg/HLSL on GPU (not optimal implementation) as:

```
float4 cross_4D(float4 x1, float4 x2, float4 x3)
{ float4 a;
  a.x=dot(x1.yzw, cross(x2.yzw, x3.yzw));
  a.y=-dot(x1.xzw, cross(x2.xzw, x3.xzw));
  a.z=dot(x1.xyw, cross(x2.xyw, x3.xyw));
  a.w=-dot(x1.xyz, cross(x2.xyz, x3.xyz));
  return a;
}
```

Numerical disasters

Ariane 5

An **Ariane 5** rocket was launched by the European Space Agency (ESA) on June 4, 1996. The development cost over \$7 billion.

The rocket exploded after lift-off in about 40 sec. Destroyed rocket and cargo were valued at \$500 million. The cause of a failure was a software error in inertial reference system.



Courtesy of CNN

From the CNN article:

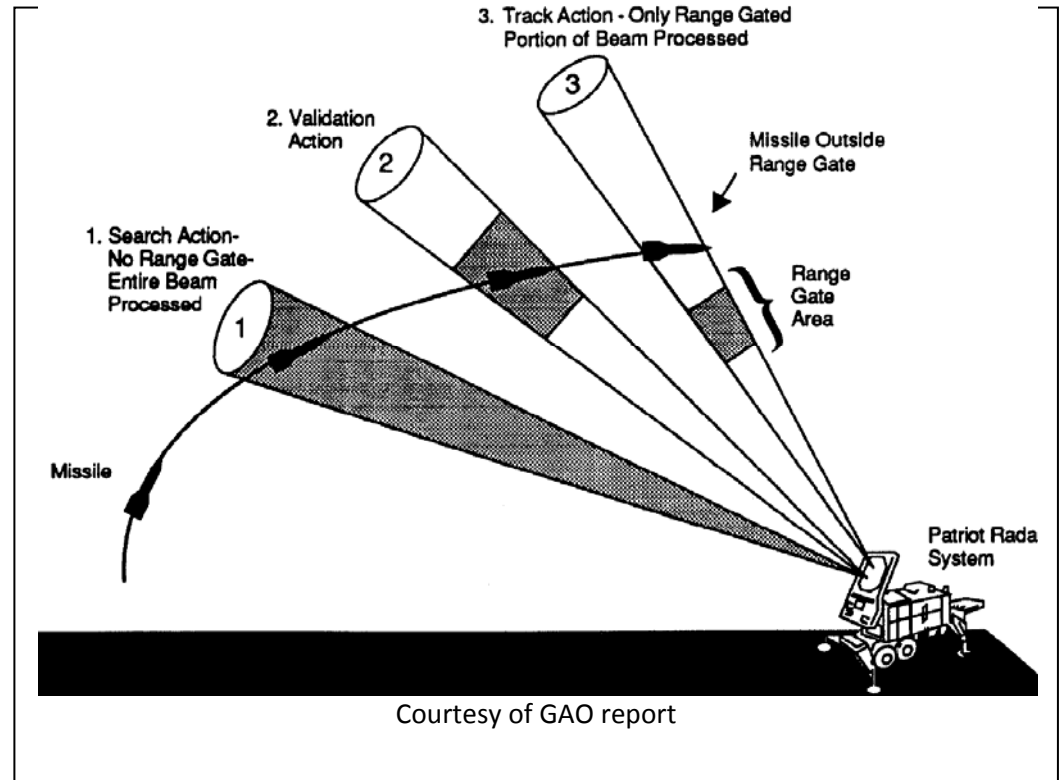
“The failure of the Ariane 501 was caused by the complete loss of guidance and attitude information 37 seconds after start of the main engine ignition sequence (30 seconds after lift-off). This loss of information was due to specification and design errors in the software of the inertial reference system.

The internal SRI[Inertial Reference System] software exception was caused during execution of a data conversion from 64-bit floating point to 16-bit signed integer value. The floating point number which was converted had a value greater than what could be represented by a 16-bit signed integer.”

The conversion to integer representation is very dangerous as it is not reported by an exception and stored value represents an existing number.

3.2 Patriot Missile Failure

There were several mishaps in the Patriot system failure. The system was originally designed in mid-1960 for a short and flexible operation. It was actually running for more than 100 hours) and for intercepting cruise missiles running at MACH 2 speed and was used to intercept the Scud missile running at MACH 5.



The computation of intercepting and hitting was based on time counting with 24 bits integers with the clock of 1/10[s] and speed computation in floats. The clock setting to 1/10[s] was a critical and not acceptable even for application in sport activities at that time.

Unfortunately $1/10 = 1/2^4 + 1/2^5 + 1/2^8 + 1/2^9 + 1/2^{12} + \dots$ and therefore the error on 24 bits is about 0.000000095 and in 100 hours the error is 0.34. As the Scud flies at MACH 5 , the errors is actually 687[m] and the missile was out of the “range gate” area.

As a result of the fault assumptions, incorrect software design and irresponsible attitude of the army officials, **28 Americans were killed and over 100 other people injured** in *the Iraq's Scud missile attack in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia on February 25, 1991 according to the GAO report.*

Offshore Platform Sinking

Another well known example is Sleipner offshore platform sinking.

The the top deck is about 57 000 tons and drilling and support equipments weight about 40 000 tons. The deck provides an accommodation for about 200 people.



Courtesy of SINTEF

The Sleipner platform structure was “optimized” using finite element system and the shear stresses were underestimated nearly by 50%. It led to serious cracks in the structure and leakage that the pumps were unable to cope with [SINTEF]. The sinking of the platform estimated cost is about \$700 million.

Conclusion

We have presented some basic facts on numerical precision, advantages of projective space representation and examples of some numerical disasters. Many engineering problems are somehow connected with geometry and geometrical computations with respecting physical phenomena. The majority of computations are made in the Euclidean space and using the Cartesian coordinate system.

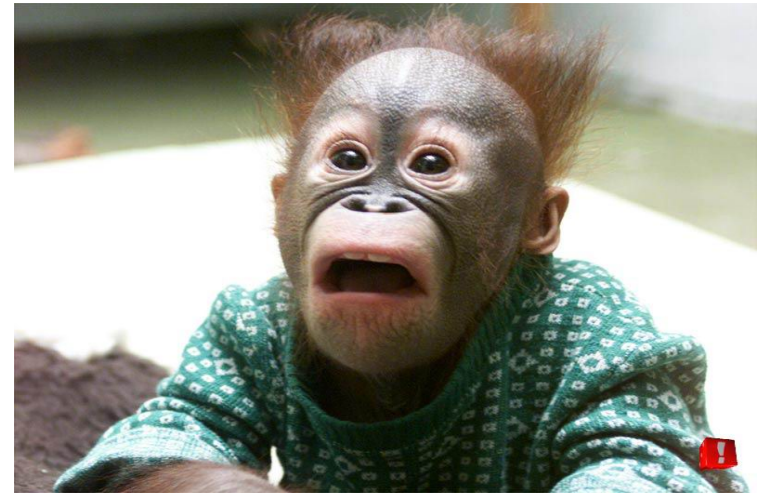
The non-Euclidean representation and the principle of duality can be used to solve some problems in a simple and elegant ways. It helps to avoid “division by zero”.

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RESOURCES FOR ROBUST COMPUTATION

Numerical nonrobustness causes all kinds of failures. But can you produce an example with an infinite loop? This and other forms of manifestation are discussed in [Anatomy of Algorithmic Failures](#). It is intended to provide classroom examples. Source code available.

Robust Geometric Algorithms and their Implementation, [Guest Editorial Forward](#) from a Special Issue of Computational Geometry: Theory and Applications (CGTA 33:1, 2006).

[Resource Page](#) for "Survey/Tutorial on Exact Geometric Computing" Lectures at Workshop on Geometric Computing, University of Hong Kong, June 27--29, 2001.

General Forums on Nonrobustness Issues

- [DIMACS Workshop on Implementation of Geometric Algorithms](#) Dec 4-6, 2002
- [SIAM Minisymposium: Robust Geometric Computation](#) (2001)
- [MSRI Workshop on Foundations of CAD](#) (1999)
- [SIAM Workshop on Integration of CAD and CFD](#) (1999)
- [Emerging Challenges in Computational Topology Report](#) (1999)
- [Computational Geometry Task Force Report](#) (1996)
- [SIGGRAPH'98 Panel](#) on Robust Geometry. [Position Statements](#) from panelists.
- [ACM Strategic Directions Report](#) (1996)
- Tom Peters's presentation on [Non-robustness Issues in CAGD](#) [here is a [local copy](#)] This work is part of the NSF/DARPA CARGO Program (2001-4) in which non-robustness and topological consistency issues are addressed.

Non-robustness in the News

- Patriot Missile Defense Saga, from [US General Accounting Office](#) ([local copy](#))
- Ariane 5 Saga, from [European Space Agency](#)
- Software Bugs Cost US economy \$59.5 billion/year. The report focused on the financial sector, and the automotive and aircraft manufacturing industries. In the latter 2 industries, the cost is estimated at \$1.8 billion/year. [Report](#) was prepared by Research Triangle Institute for NIST.
- Disasters attributable to numerical errors, from [Doug Arnold](#) (including the North Sea oil rig collapse)

Projects and Groups

- [K. Mehlhorn](#) at Max-Planck Institute of Computer Science is involved in various robustness projects (LEDA, CGAL, EXACUS).
- [PRISME Project](#) at INRIA, Sophia-Antipolia, directed by [J.-D. Boissonnat](#).
- [Superrobust Computation Project](#) of [K. Sugihara](#) at Tokyo University
- [Arenaire Project](#) of J.-M. Muller.
- [iRRAM Project](#) of N. Mueller is a C++ package for error-free real arithmetic based on the concept of a real RAM.
- [Professor Cuyt's Group](#) on Computer Arithmetic and Numerical Techniques.
- [Evaluation of Special Functions](#) from Dan Lozier at NIST: includes a function evaluator service.

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Software

- [GMP Home](#). New in [GMP 3.1](#) (FFT Based Multiplication!)
- [MPFR homepage](#) The MPFR library is a C library for multiprecision floating-point computations with exact rounding. It is based on the GMP multiprecision library and will replace the MPF class starting with version 3.1 of GMP. Here are some [timings](#).
- [Intel's Open source for Numerics](#)
- [Arithmetic Explorer](#)

Robust Meshing and Triangulation

- [GNU Triangulated Surface \(GTS\) Library](#): Open Source free software for 3D surfaces triangular meshes. Version 0.4.0 (Jan 2001).
FEATURES: based on the [GTK+](#) GUI Toolkit, 2D dynamic constrained Delaunay triangulation, robust predicates of Shewchuk, Boolean set operations, multiresolution models, dynamic view-independent LOD, some view-dependent LOD, Kd-trees, collision detection.
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Organizations and Web Resources

- [CCA Net](#) (Computability and Complexity in Analysis)
- [Interval Computation](#)
- [Real Algebraic and Analytic Geometry](#) (RAAG)
- [Foundations of Computational Mathematics](#)

Software Resources

- [Source Forge](#): free Open Source developer services (CVS, mailists, forums, site hosting, etc). Thousands of projects in every field.

Conferences

- [IEEE Symposium on Computer Arithmetic](#). Call for Papers for [15th Symposium on Computer Arithmetic](#) (Nov 1, 2000).
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