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# Lecture 9

## Introduction to Numerical Geometry

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# Outline

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- Introduction
- Basic concepts in geometry
- Discrete geometry
  - Metric for discrete geometry
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  - Euclidean isometries removal
  - ICP-based shape matching



# Introduction

## Landscape



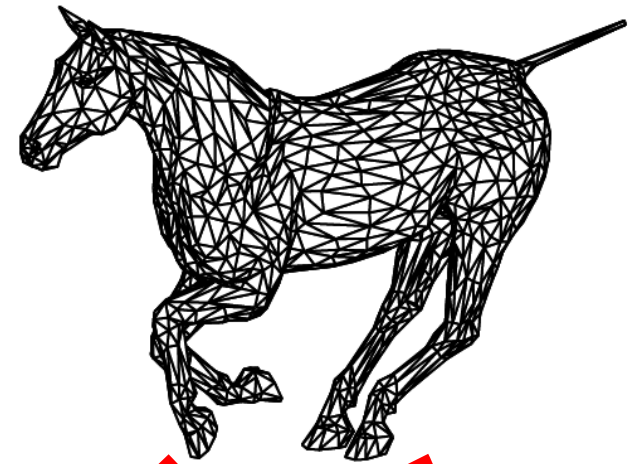
2D world

Image processing

Computer vision



Computer graphics



3D world

Geometry processing

"HORSE"

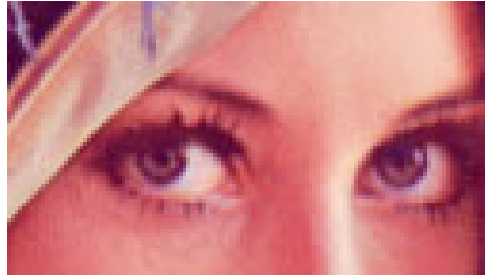


Pattern recognition

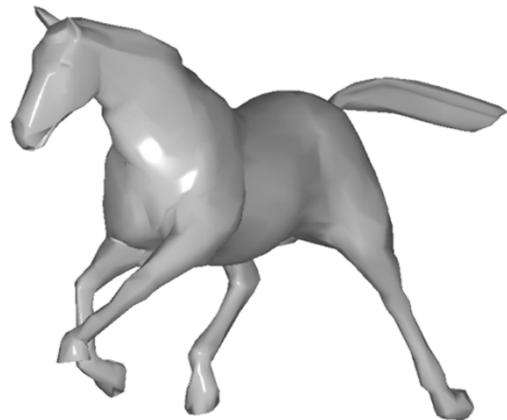


# Shapes VS Images

## Geometry

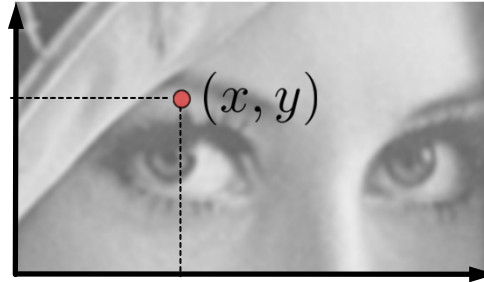


Euclidean (flat)

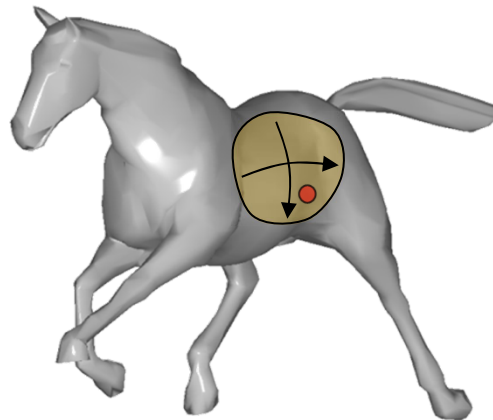


Non-Euclidean  
(curved)

## Parametrization

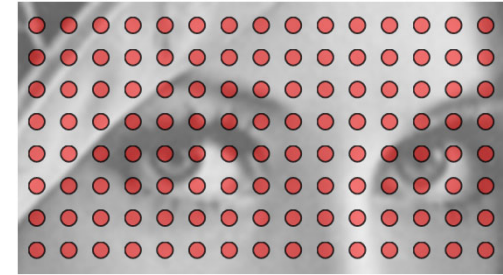


Global

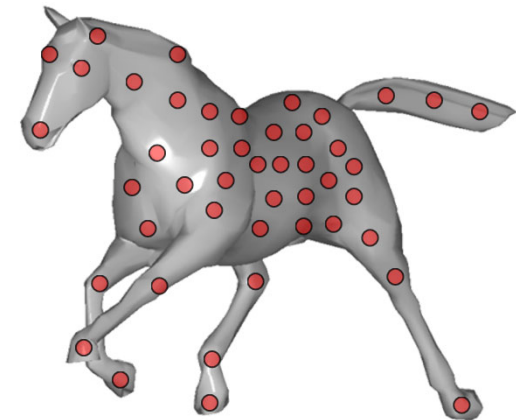


Local

## Sampling



Uniform Cartesian



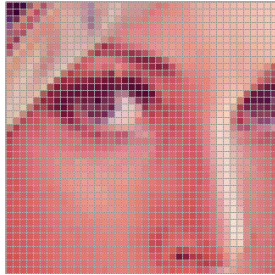
“Uniform” is not  
well-defined



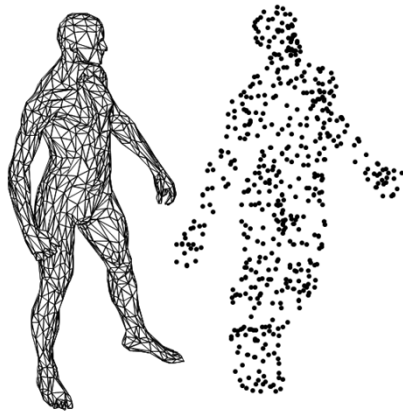


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## Representation

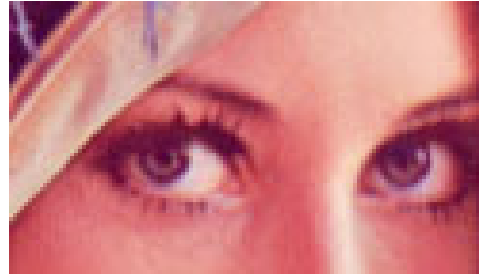


Array of pixels



Cloud of points,  
mesh, etc, etc.

## Deformations



Rotation, affine,  
projective, etc.

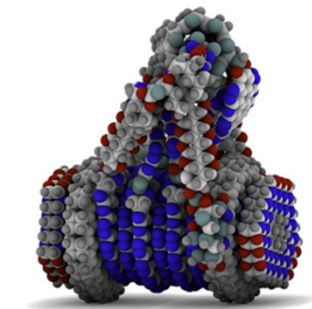


Wealth of non-rigid  
deformations

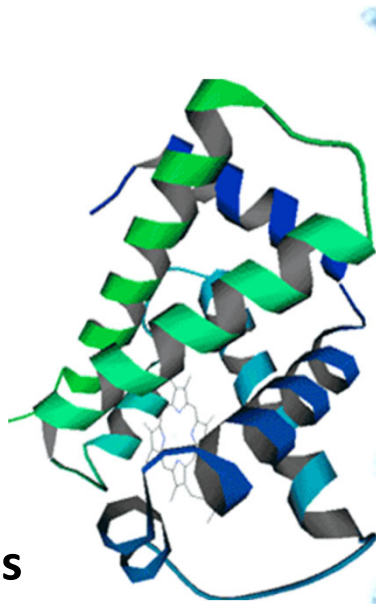


# Non-rigid world from macro to nano

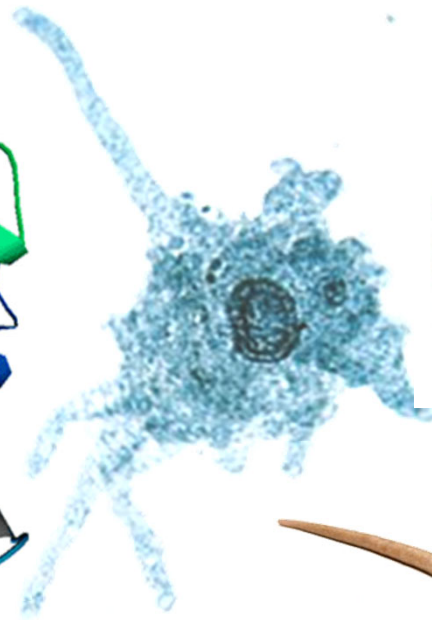
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**Nano-machines**

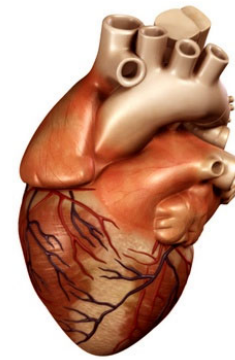


**Proteins**



**Micro-organisms**

**Organs**

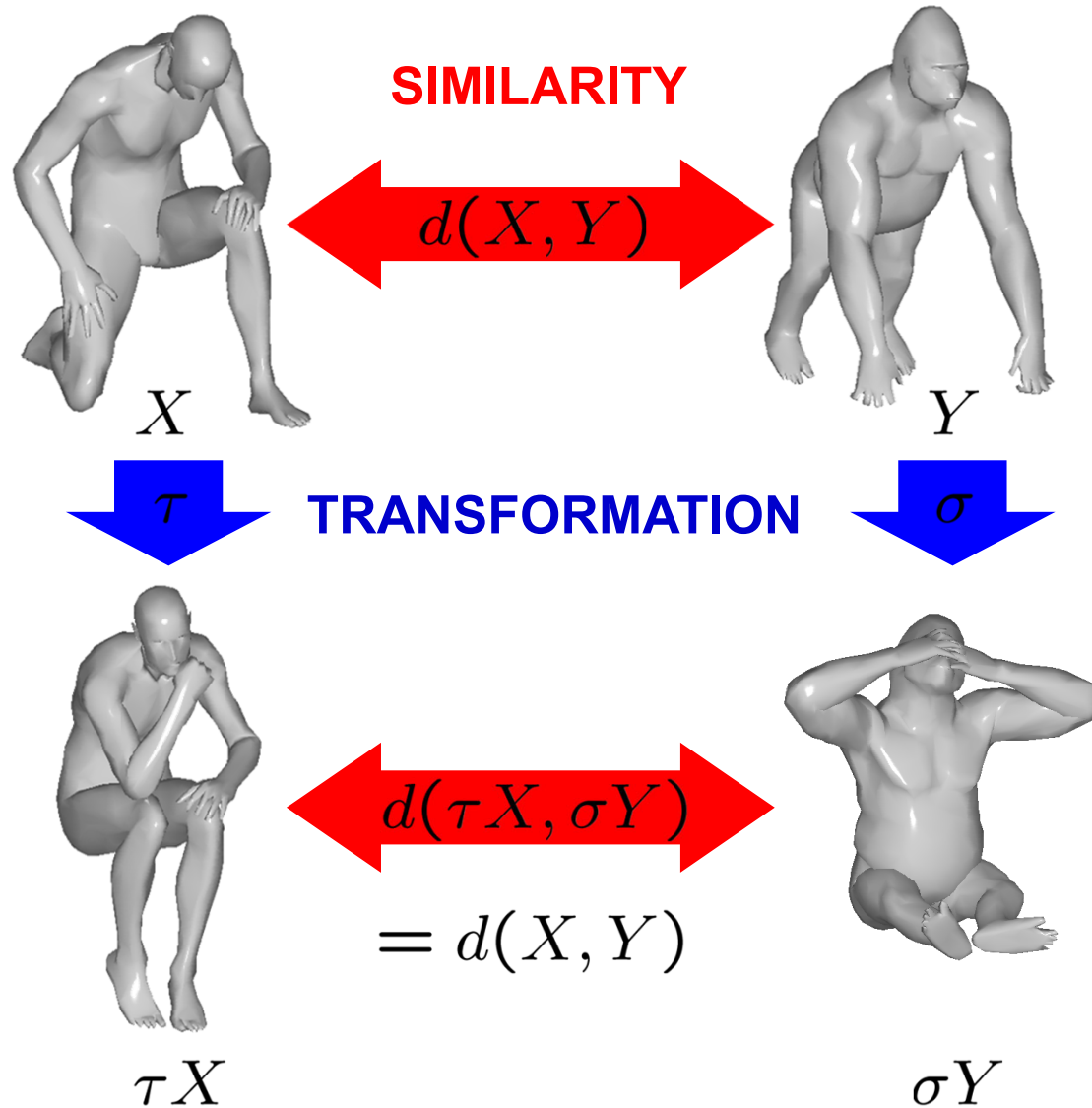


**Animals**



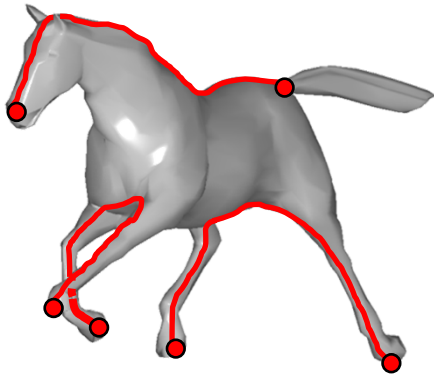


# Invariant similarity

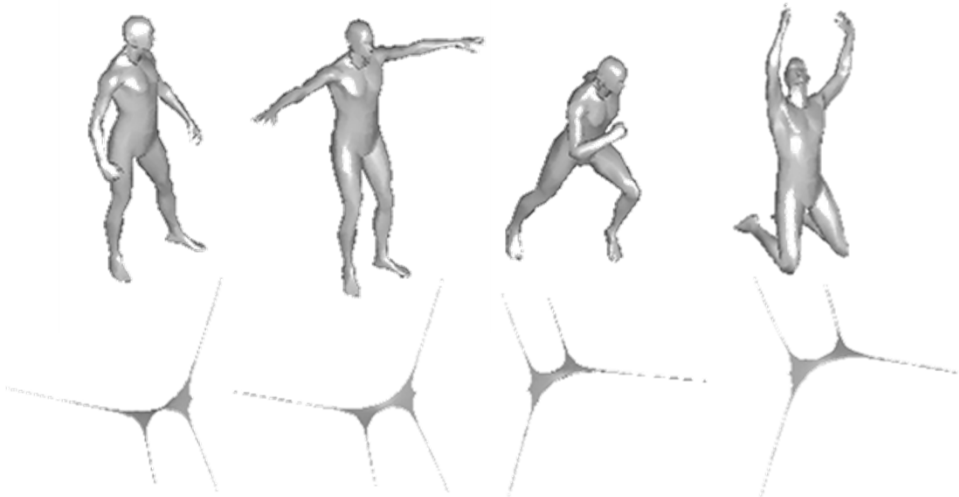




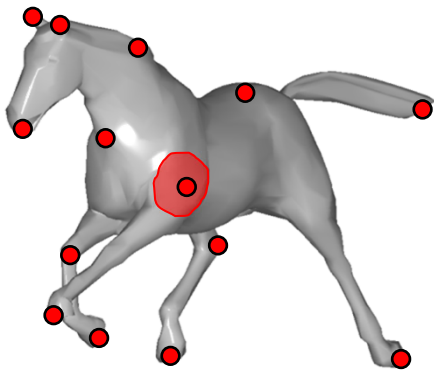
# Topics



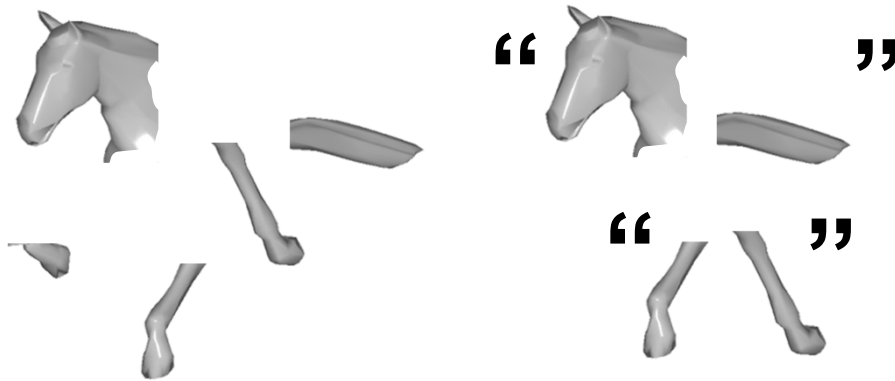
Metric spaces



Canonical forms



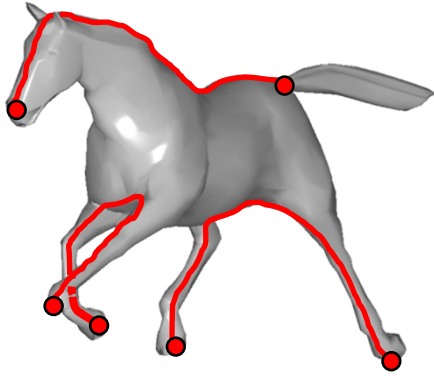
Local features



Shape Representation  
Geometric words & expressions



# Tools



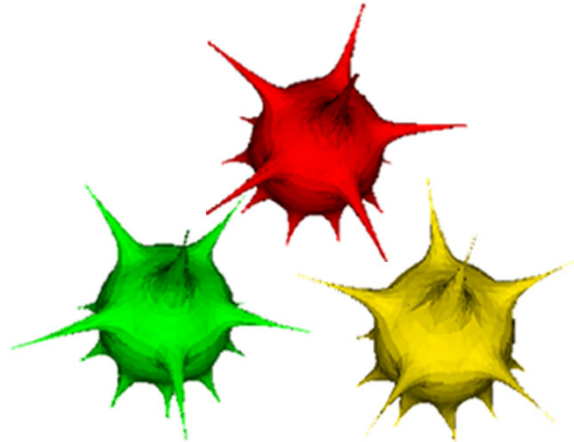
**Metric geometry**



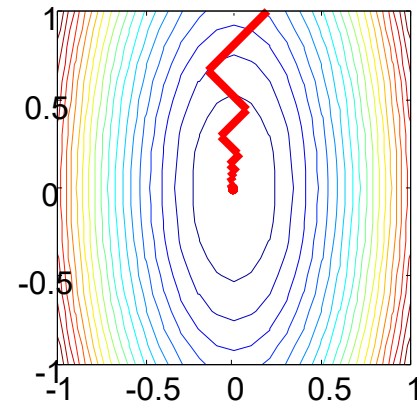
**Fast marching**



**Iterative closest point algorithms**



**Multidimensional scaling**



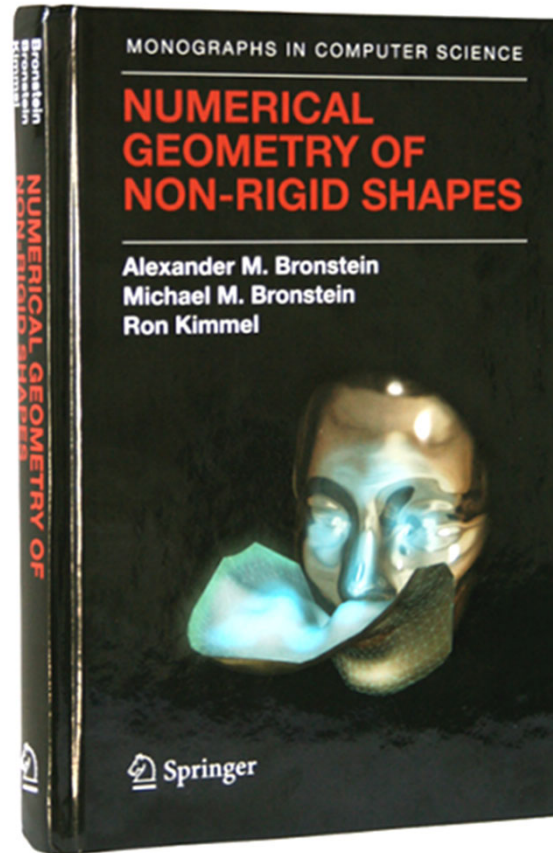
**Convex optimization**





# Materials

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A. M. Bronstein et al., Numerical geometry of non-rigid shapes, Springer 2008



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# Distances



Euclidean



Manhattan



Geodesic

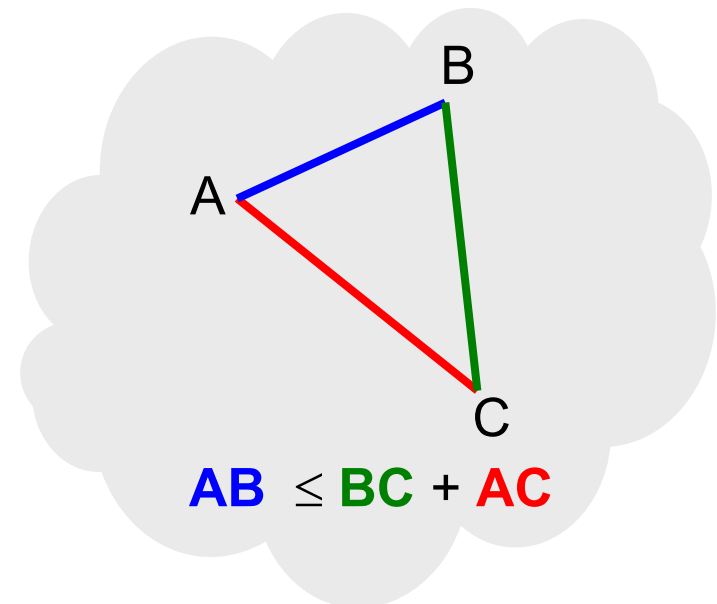


# Metric

A function  $d : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  satisfying for all  $x_1, x_2, x_3 \in X$

- **Non-negativity:**  $d(x_1, x_2) \geq 0$
- **Indiscernability:**  $d(x_1, x_2) = 0$  if and only if  $x_1 = x_2$
- **Symmetry:**  $d(x_1, x_2) = d(x_2, x_1)$
- **Triangle inequality:**  $d(x_1, x_3) \leq d(x_1, x_2) + d(x_2, x_3)$

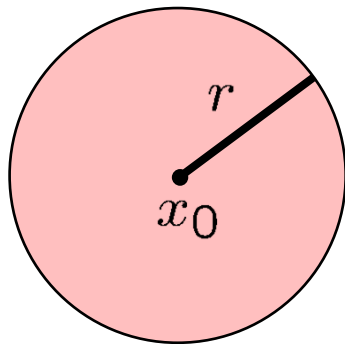
$(X, d)$  is called a **metric space**





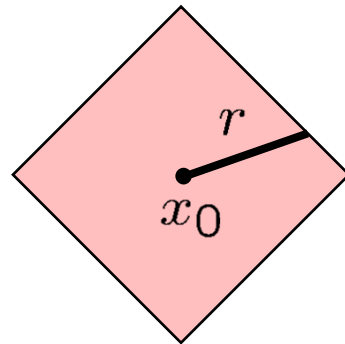
# Metric balls

- **Open ball:**  $B_r(x_0) = \{x \in X : d(x, x_0) < r\}$
- **Closed ball:**  $\bar{B}_r(x_0) = \{x \in X : d(x, x_0) \leq r\}$



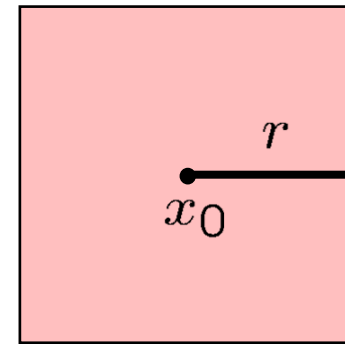
**Euclidean ball**

$$\|x - x_0\|_2 = \sqrt{\sum_k |x^k - x_0^k|^2} \leq r$$



**L<sub>1</sub> ball**

$$\|x - x_0\|_1 = \sum_k |x^k - x_0^k| \leq r$$



**L<sub>∞</sub> ball**

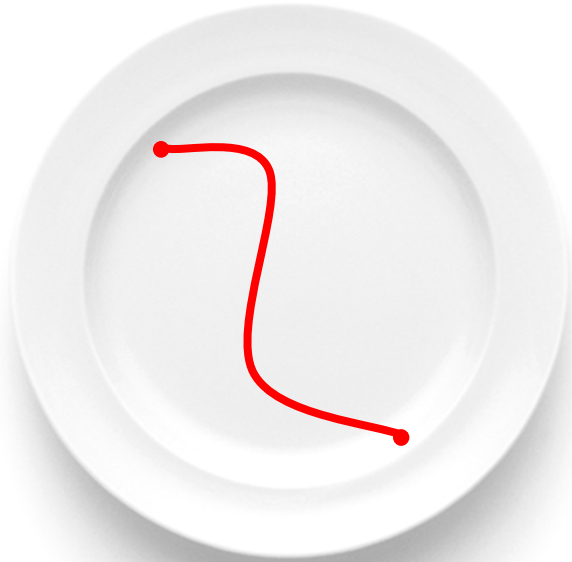
$$\|x - x_0\|_\infty = \max_k |x^k - x_0^k| \leq r$$



# Connectivity

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The space  $X$  is **connected** if it cannot be divided into two disjoint nonempty open sets, and **disconnected** otherwise



**Connected**



**Disconnected**

Stronger property: **path connectedness**

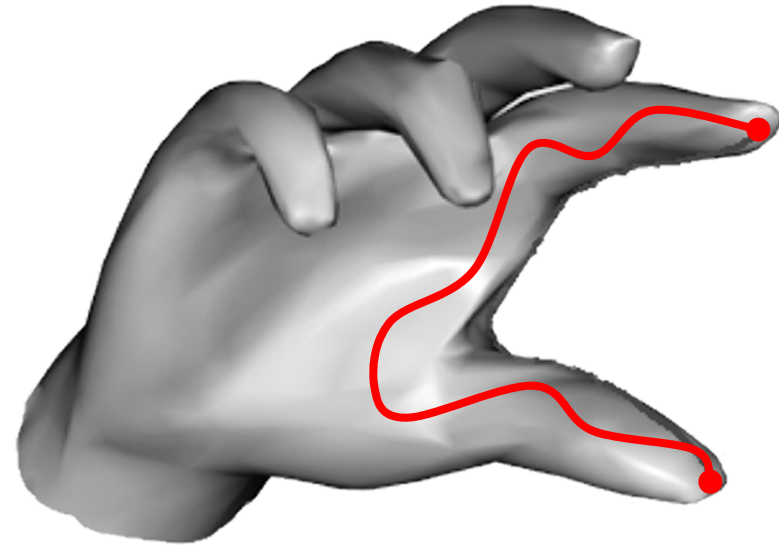


# Examples of metrics

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**Euclidean**



**Path length**



# Homeomorphisms

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A **bijective** (one-to-one and onto) continuous function with a continuous inverse is called a **homeomorphism**

Homeomorphisms copy topology – homeomorphic spaces are **topologically equivalent**



**Torus and cup are homeomorphic**

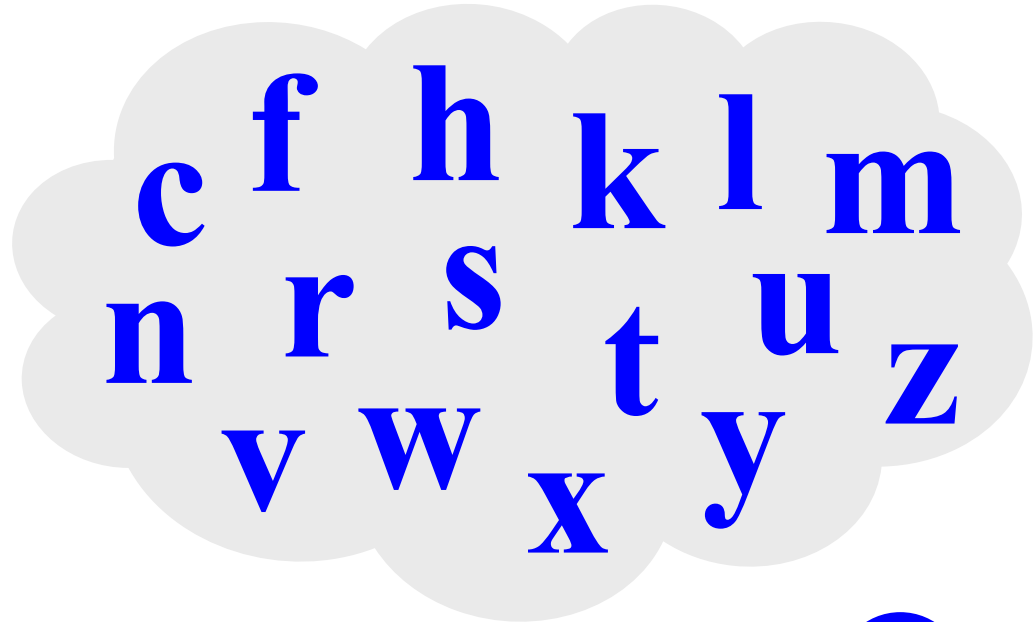


# Homeomorphisms

Topology of Latin alphabet



homeomorphic to 



homeomorphic to 

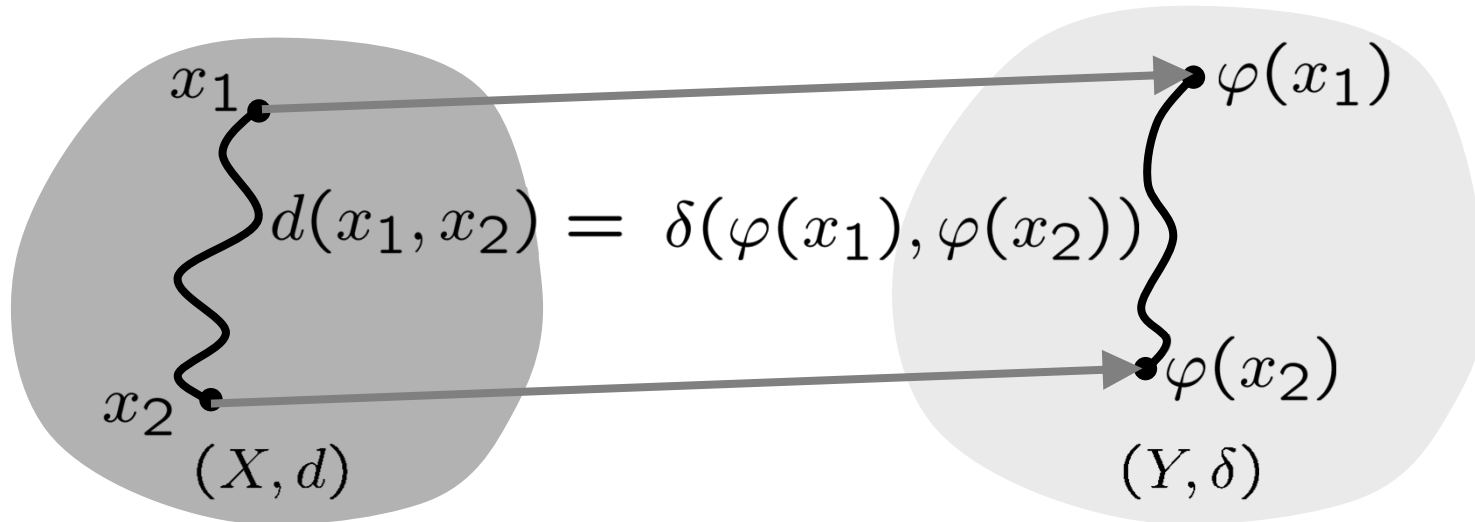


homeomorphic to 





# Isometries



- Two metric spaces  $(X, d)$  and  $(Y, \delta)$  are equivalent if there exists a **distance-preserving map (isometry)**  $\varphi : (X, d) \rightarrow (Y, \delta)$  satisfying

$$\delta(\varphi(x_1), \varphi(x_2)) = d(x_1, x_2)$$

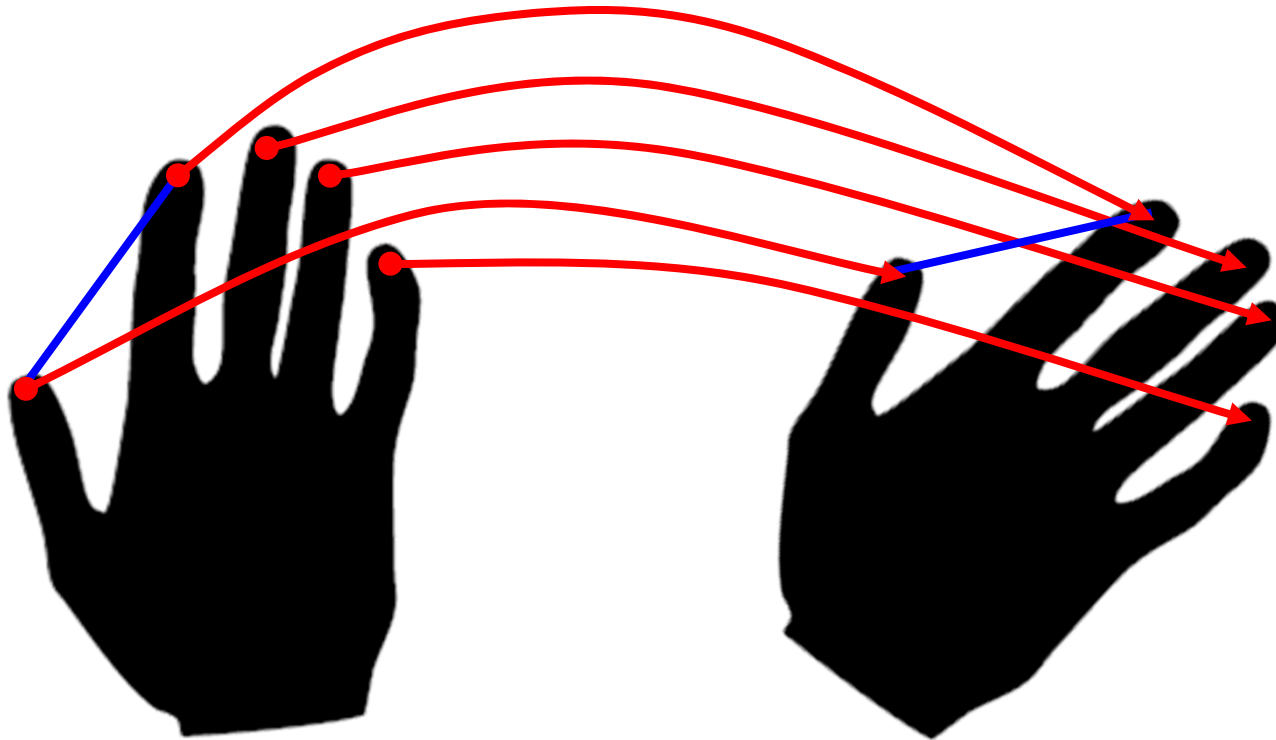
- Such  $(X, d)$  and  $(Y, \delta)$  are called **isometric**, denoted  $(X, d) \sim (Y, \delta)$
- Isometries copy **metric geometries** – isometric spaces are equivalent from the point of view of metric geometry



# Isometries

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## Euclidean isometries

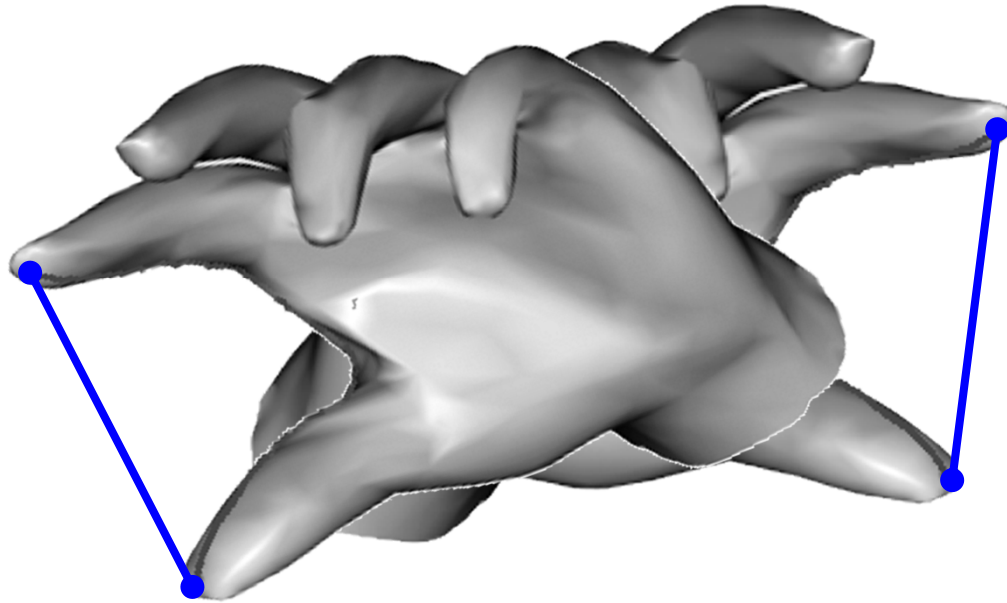




# Isometries

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Euclidean isometries



**Rotation**

**Translation**

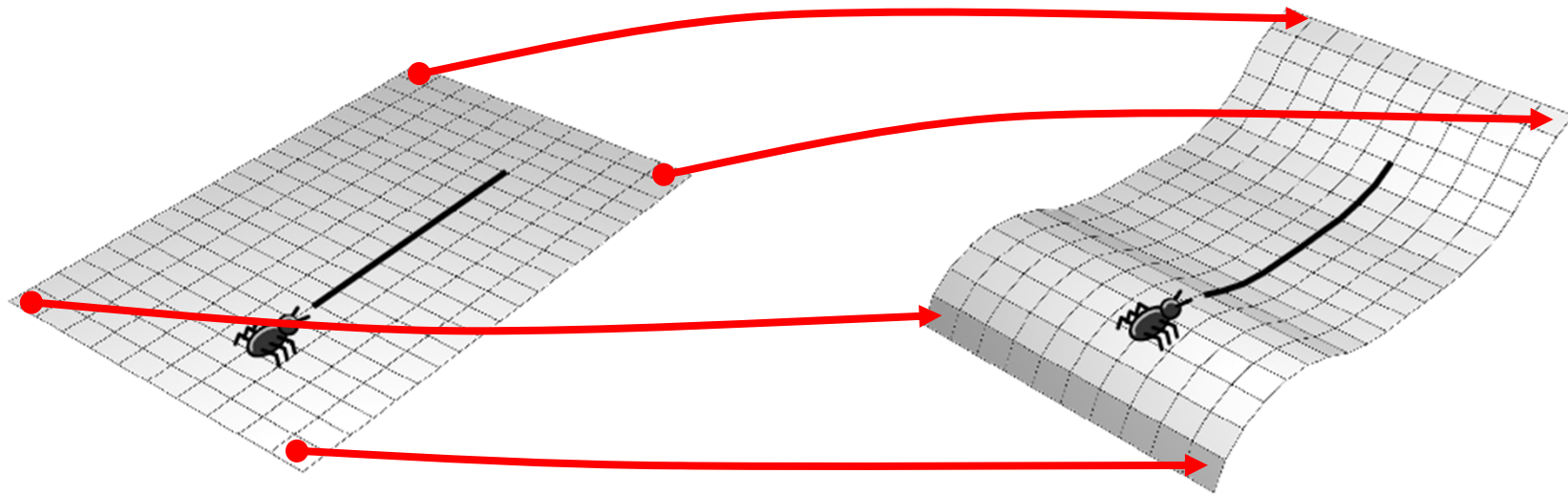
**Reflection**



# Isometries

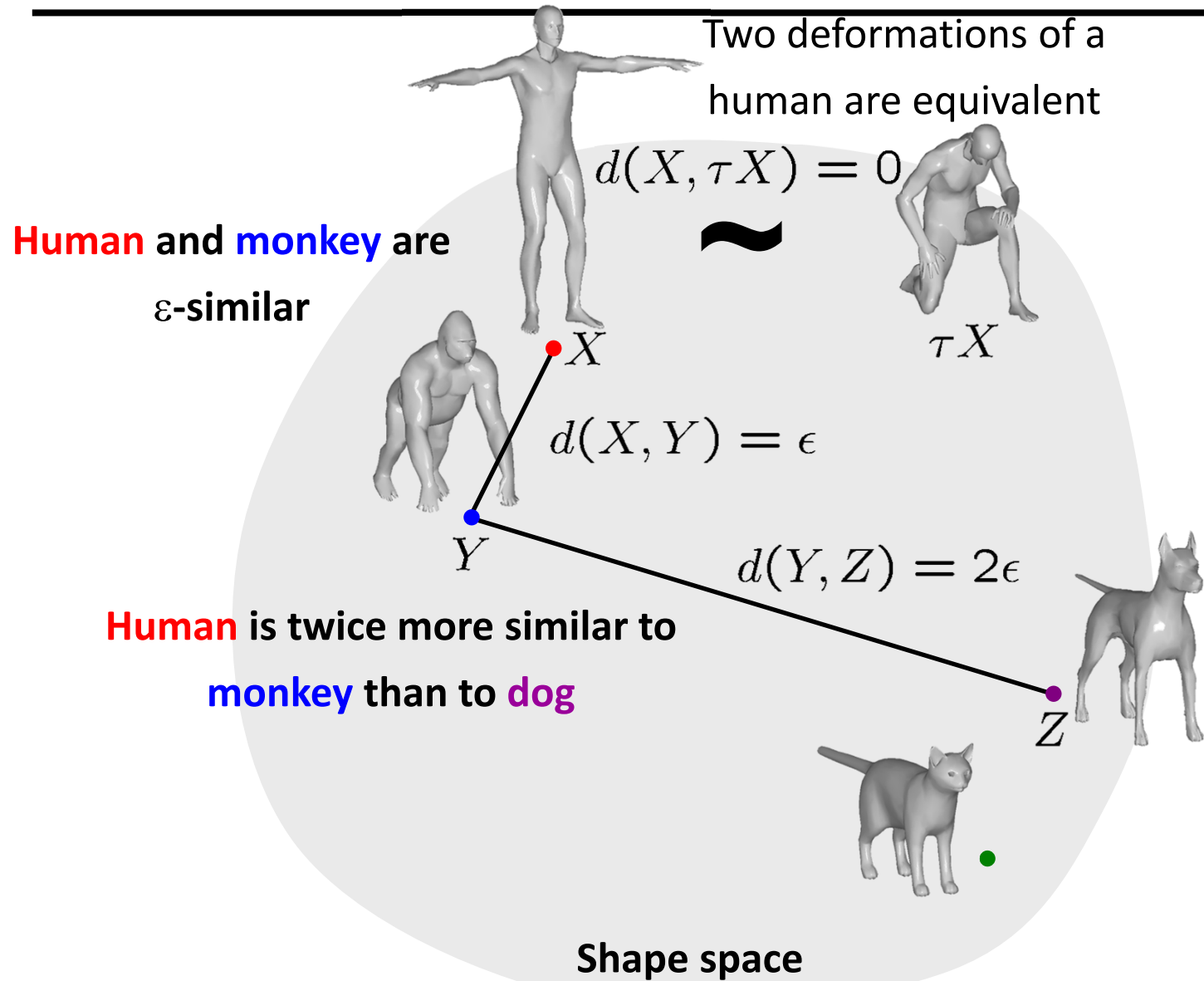
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## Geodesic isometries





# Similarity as metric





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# Metric for discrete geometry

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## Discretization

### Continuous world

- Surface  $X$
- Metric  $d_X$
- Topology

### Discrete world

- Sampling
$$X' = \{x_1, \dots, x_N\} \subset X$$
- Discrete metric (matrix of distances)  $D_X = (d_X(x_i, x_j))$
- Discrete topology (connectivity)





# Metric for discrete geometry

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## How to compute the intrinsic metric?

- So far, we represented  $X$  itself.
- Our model of non-rigid shapes as metric spaces  $(X, d_X)$  involves the **intrinsic metric**

$$d_X(x, x') = \min_{\Gamma(x, x')} \int_{\Gamma} dl$$

- **Sampling** procedure requires  $d_X$  as well.
- We need a tool to **compute geodesic distances** on  $X$ .



# Metric for discrete geometry

## Shortest path problem





# Metric for discrete geometry

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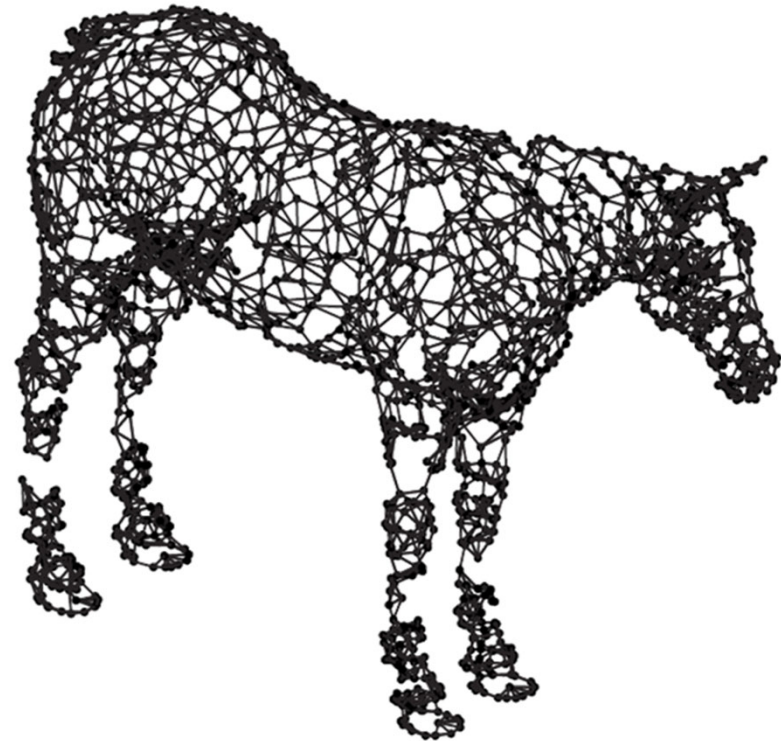
## Shapes as graphs

- **Sample** the shape at  $N$  vertices  $X = \{x_1, \dots, x_N\}$ .
- Represent shape as an **undirected graph**

$$G = (X, E)$$

- $E \subseteq X \times X$  set of **edges** representing **adjacent** vertices.
- Define **length function**  $L : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  measuring **local distances** as **Euclidean** ones,

$$L(x_i, x_j) = \|x_i - x_j\|_2$$





# Metric for discrete geometry

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## Shapes as graphs

- **Path** between  $x_i, x_j \in X$  is an **ordered set of connected edges**

$$\begin{aligned}\Gamma(x_i, x_j) &= \{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_k\} \subset E \\ &= \{(x_{i_1}, x_{i_2}), (x_{i_2}, x_{i_3}), \dots, (x_{i_{k-1}}, x_{i_k}), (x_{i_k}, x_{i_{k+1}})\}\end{aligned}$$

where  $x_{i_1} = x_i$  and  $x_{i_{k+1}} = x_j$ .

- **Path length** = sum of edge lengths

$$L(\Gamma(x_i, x_j)) = \sum_{n=1}^k L(e_n) = \sum_{n=1}^k L(x_{i_n}, x_{i_{n+1}})$$



# Metric for discrete geometry

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## Geodesic distance

- **Shortest path** between  $x_i, x_j \in X$

$$\Gamma^*(x_i, x_j) = \arg \min_{\Gamma(x_i, x_j)} L(\Gamma(x_i, x_j))$$

- **Length metric** in graph

$$d_L(x_i, x_j) = \min_{\Gamma(x_i, x_j)} L(\Gamma(x_i, x_j))$$

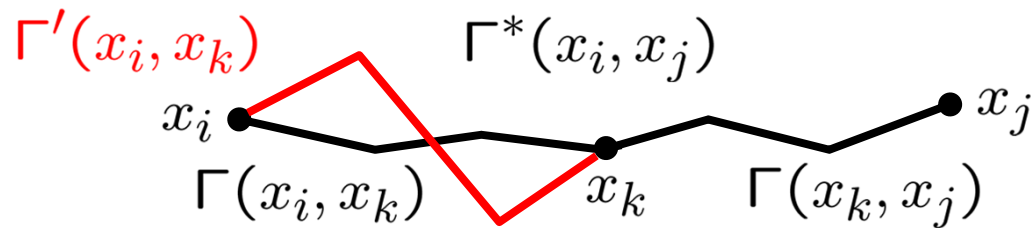
- Approximates the **geodesic distance**  $d_X \approx d_L$  on the shape.
- **Shortest path problem**: compute  $\Gamma^*(x_i, x_j)$  and  $d_L(x_i, x_j)$  between any  $x_i, x_j \in X$ .
- *Alternatively*: given a **source point**  $x_0 \in X$ , compute the **distance map**  $d(x_i) = d_L(x_0, x_i)$ .



# Metric for discrete geometry

## Bellman's principle of optimality

- Let  $\Gamma^*(x_i, x_j)$  be **shortest path** between  $x_i, x_j \in X$  and  $x_k \in \Gamma^*(x_i, x_j)$  a point on the path.
- Then,  $\Gamma(x_i, x_k)$  and  $\Gamma(x_k, x_j)$  are **shortest sub-paths** between  $x_i, x_k$ , and  $x_k, x_j$ .



Richard Bellman  
(1920-1984)

- Suppose there exists a **shorter** path  $\Gamma'(x_i, x_k)$ .

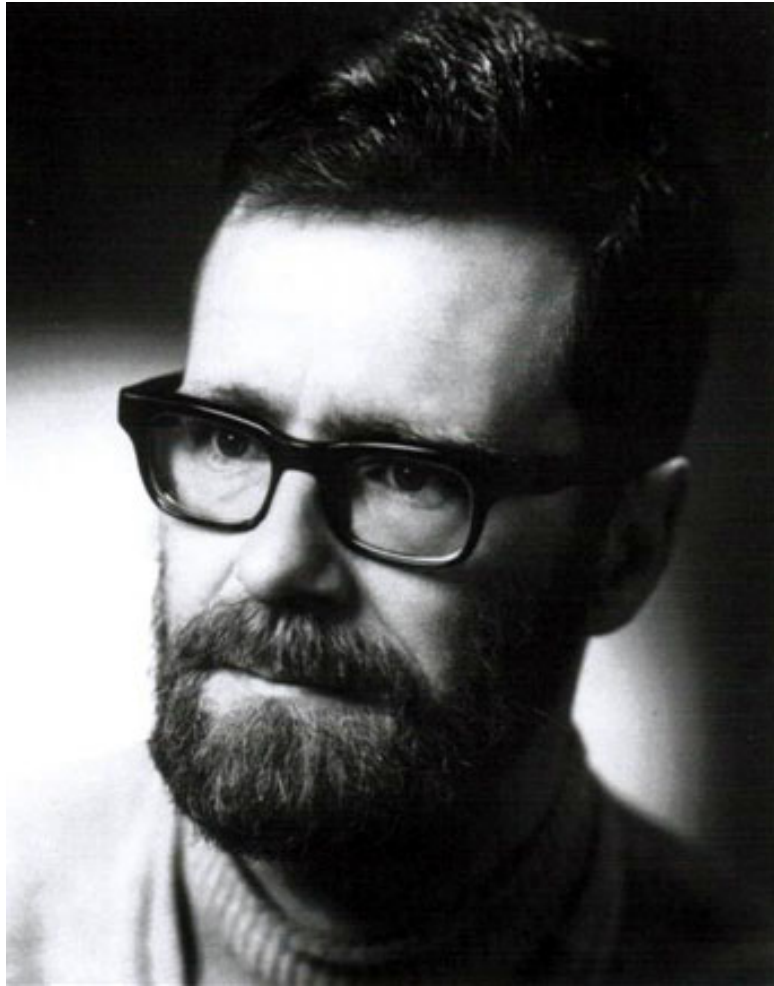
$$\begin{aligned} L(\Gamma'(x_i, x_j)) &= L(\Gamma'(x_i, x_k)) + L(\Gamma(x_k, x_j)) \\ &< L(\Gamma(x_i, x_k)) + L(\Gamma(x_k, x_j)) = L(\Gamma^*(x_i, x_j)) \end{aligned}$$

- **Contradiction** to  $\Gamma^*(x_i, x_j)$  being shortest path.



# Metric for discrete geometry

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**Edsger Wybe Dijkstra (1930–2002)**





# Metric for discrete geometry

## Dijkstra's algorithm

- Initialize  $d(x_0) = 0$  and  $d(x_i) = \infty$  for the rest of the graph;

Initialize **queue of unprocessed vertices**  $Q = X$ .

- While  $Q \neq \emptyset$

- Find vertex  $x$  with **smallest value** of  $d$ ,

$$x = \arg \min_{x \in Q} d(x)$$

- For each **unprocessed adjacent vertex**  $x' \in \mathcal{N}(x) \cap Q$ ,

$$d(x') = \min\{d(x'), d(x) + L(x, x')\}$$

- **Remove**  $x$  from  $Q$ .

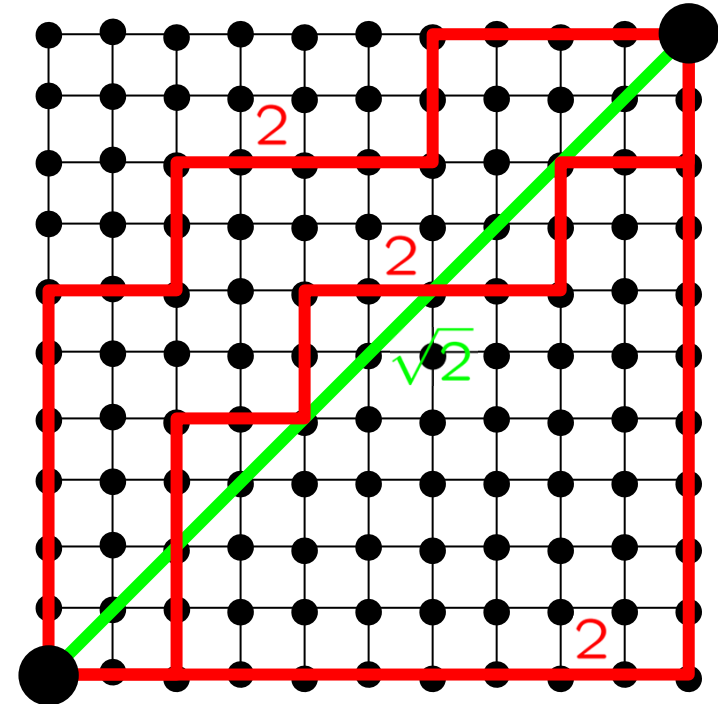
- Return **distance map**  $d(x_i) = d_L(x_0, x_i)$ .



# Metric for discrete geometry

## Troubles with the metric

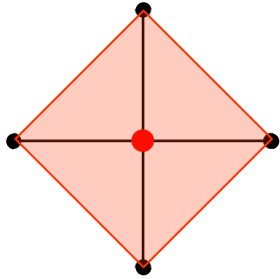
- Grid with **4-neighbor** connectivity.
- True **Euclidean distance**  
$$d_{\mathbb{R}^2} = \sqrt{2}$$
- Shortest path in **graph (not unique)**  
$$d_L = 2$$
- Increasing **sampling density** does not help.





# Metric for discrete geometry

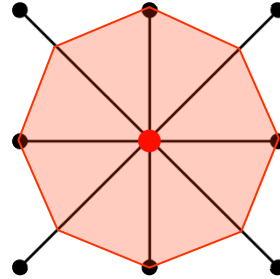
## Metrication error



**4-neighbor** topology

**Manhattan distance**

$$d_{L_1} = \sum_i |x_1^i - x_2^i|$$



**8-neighbor** topology

Continuous  $\mathbb{R}^2$

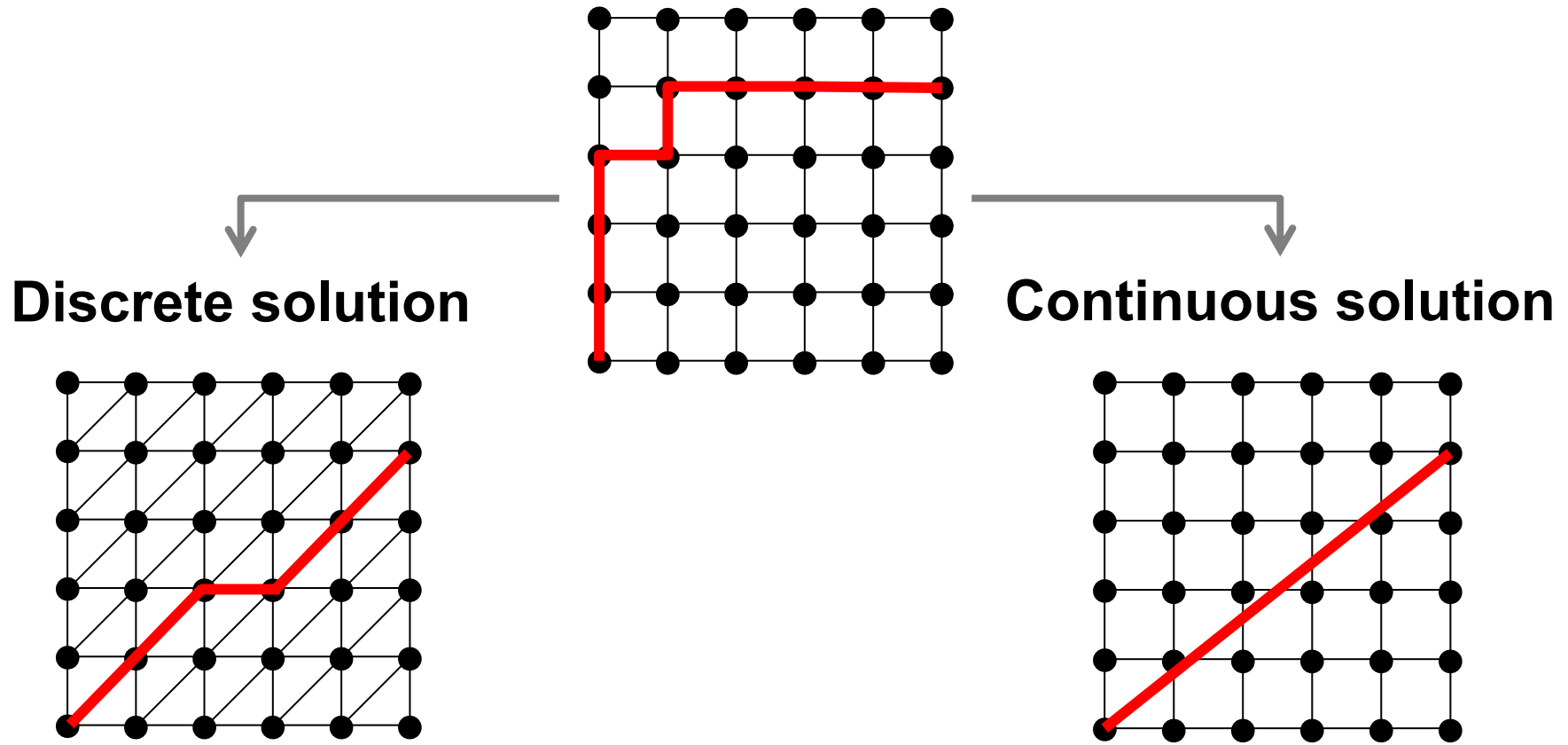
**Euclidean distance**

$$d_{L_2} = \sqrt{\sum_i (x_1^i - x_2^i)^2}$$

- **Graph representation** induces an **inconsistent metric**.
- Increasing **sampling size** does not make it consistent.
- Neither does increasing **connectivity**.



# Metric for discrete geometry



**Discrete solution**

**Continuous solution**

- Stick to **graph** representation
- Change **connectivity**
- Consistency guaranteed under certain conditions

- Stick to given **sampling**
- Compute distance map on the **surface**
- **New algorithm!**

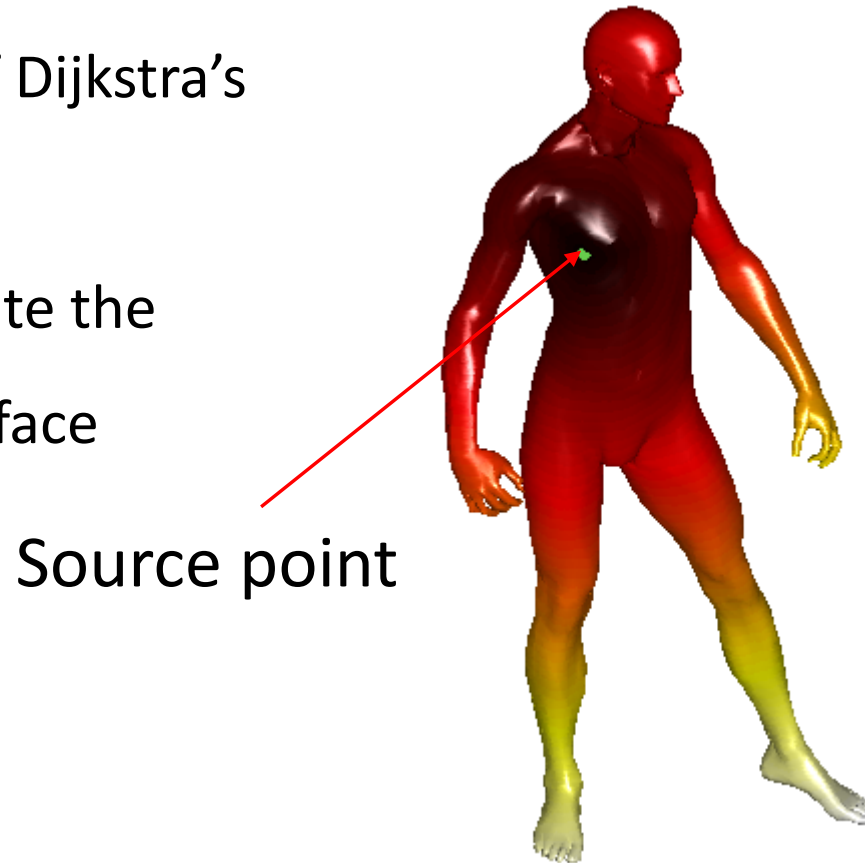


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To solve the above issue, we can use *fast marching methods*

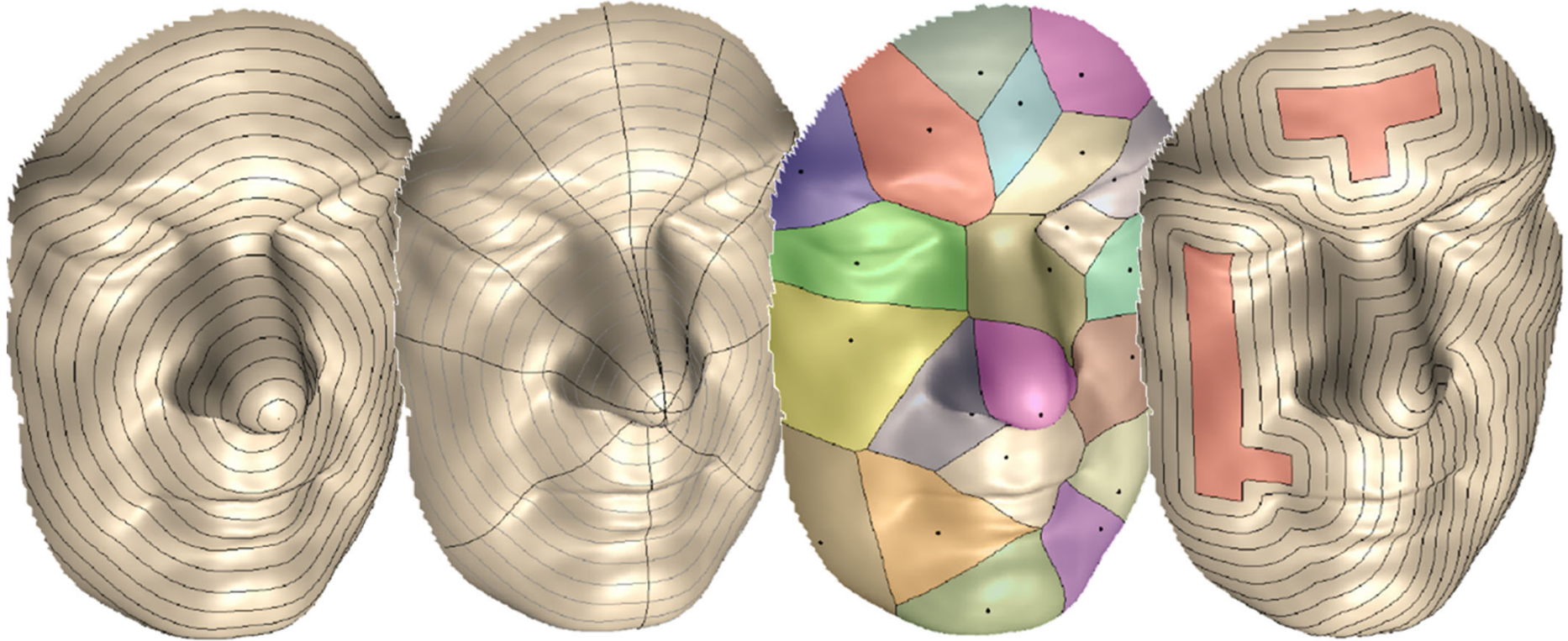
- A continuous variant of Dijkstra's algorithm
- Consistently approximate the intrinsic metric on the surface





# Metric for discrete geometry

## Usages of fast marching



**Geodesic  
distances**

**Minimal  
geodesics**

**Voronoi  
tessellation &  
sampling**

**Offset  
curves**



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# How good is a sampling?

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# Sampling density

- How to quantify **density** of sampling?
- $X'$  is an  $r$ -**covering** of  $X$  if

$$\bigcup_{x_i \in X'} B_r(x_i) = X$$

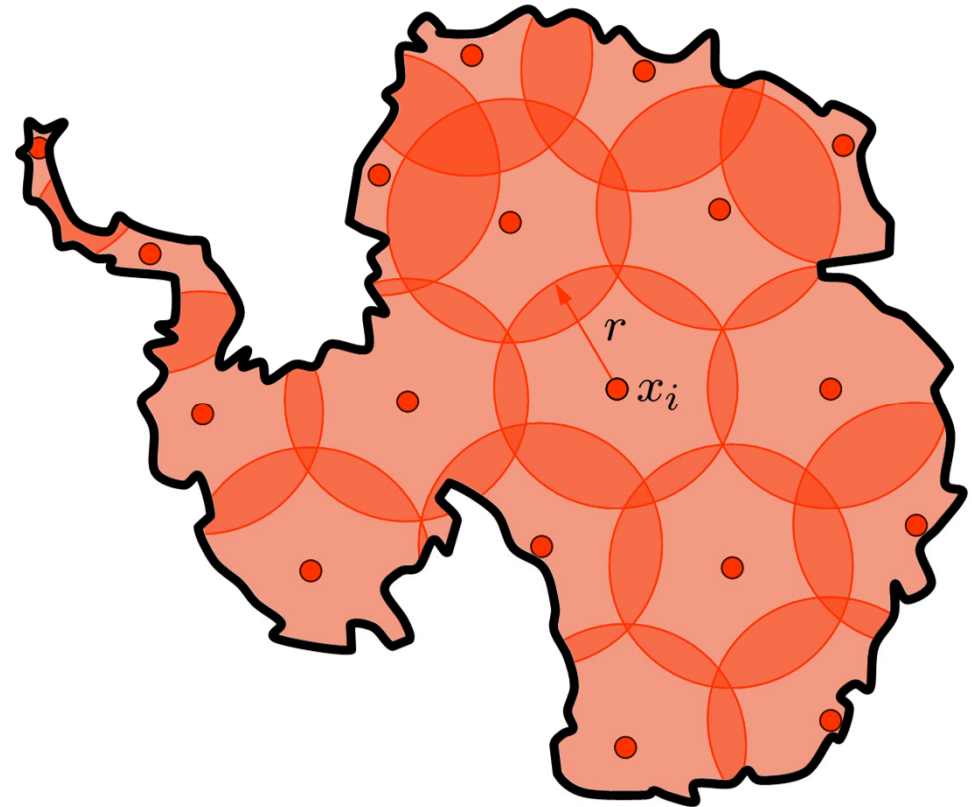
*Alternatively:*

$$d_X(x, X') \leq r$$

for all  $x \in X$ , where

$$d_X(x, X') = \inf_{x_i \in X'} d_X(x, x_i)$$

is the **point-to-set distance**.





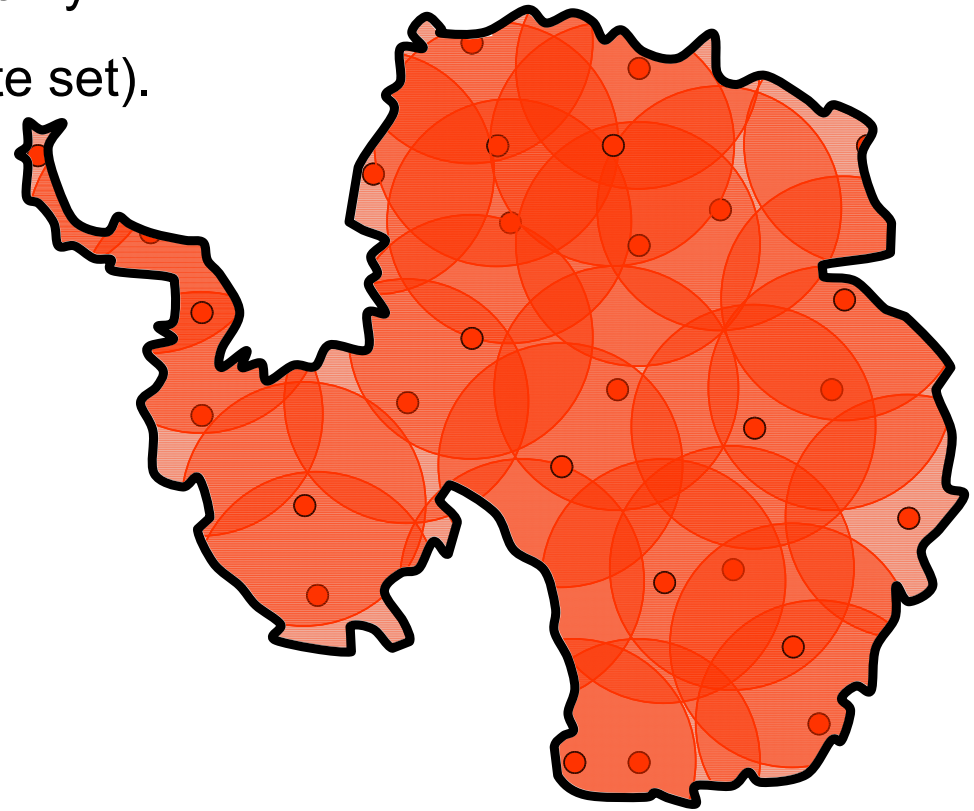
# Sampling efficiency

- Are all points **necessary**?
- An  $r$ -covering may be unnecessarily dense (may even not be a discrete set).
- Quantify how well the samples are **separated**.
- $X'$  is  $r'$ -**separated** if

$$d_{X'}(x_i, x_j) \geq r'$$

for all  $x_i, x_j \in X'$ .

- For  $r' > 0$ , an  $r'$ -separated set is **finite** if  $X$  is **compact**.



Also an  $r$ -covering!



# Farthest point sampling

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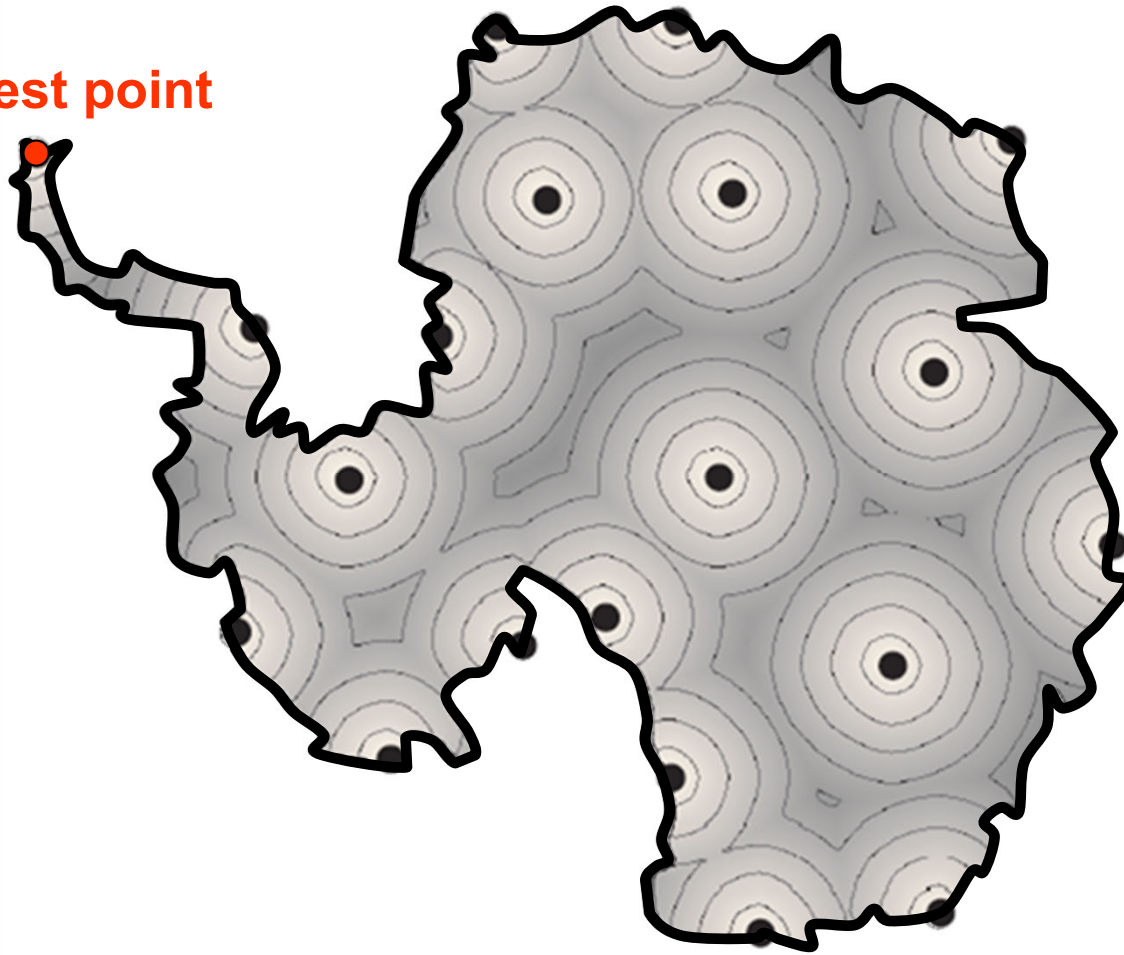
- Good sampling has to be **dense** and **efficient** at the same time.
- Find a  **$r$ -separated** and  **$r$ -covering**  $X'$  of  $X$ .
- Achieved using **farthest point sampling**.



# Farthest point sampling

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Farthest point





# Farthest point sampling

- Start with some  $X' = \{x_1 \in X\}$  .

- Determine **sampling radius**

$$r = \max_{x \in X} d_X(x, X')$$

- If  $r \leq r_{\text{target}}$  **stop**.

- Find the **farthest point** from  $X$

$$x' = \arg \max_{x \in X} d_X(x, X')$$

- **Add**  $x'$  to  $X'$



# Farthest point sampling

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- Outcome:  $r$ -separated  $r$ -covering of  $X$ .
- Produces sampling with **progressively increasing** density.
- A **greedy algorithm**: previously added points remain in  $X'$ .
- There might be another  $r$ -separated  $r$ -covering containing less points.
- In practice used to **sub-sample** a densely sampled shape.
- Straightforward time complexity:  $\mathcal{O}(MN)$   
 $M$  number of points in dense sampling,  $N$  number of points in  $X'$ .
- Using **efficient data structures** can be reduced to  $\mathcal{O}(N \log M)$ .



# Sampling as representation

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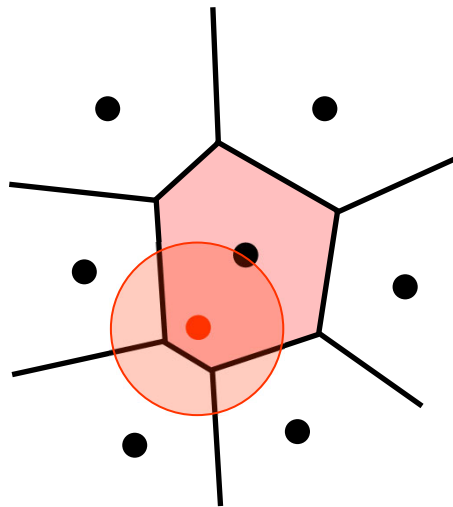
- Sampling **represents** a region on  $X$  as a single point  $x_i \in X'$
- Region of points on  $X$  **closer** to  $x_i$  than to any other  $x_j$

$$V_i(X') = \{x \in X : d_X(x, x_i) < d_X(x, x_j), x_{j \neq i} \in X'\}$$

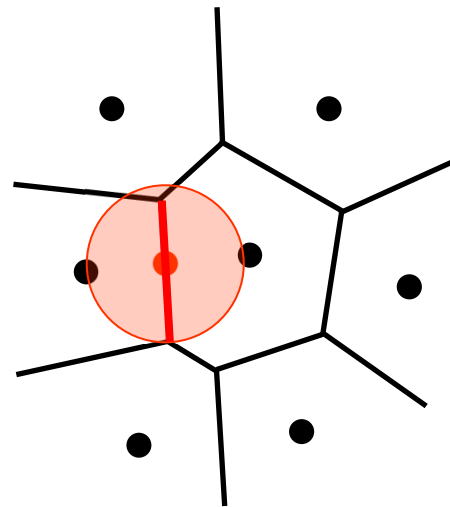
- **Voronoi region** (Dirichlet or Voronoi-Dirichlet region, Thiessen polytope or polygon, Wigner-Seitz zone, domain of action).



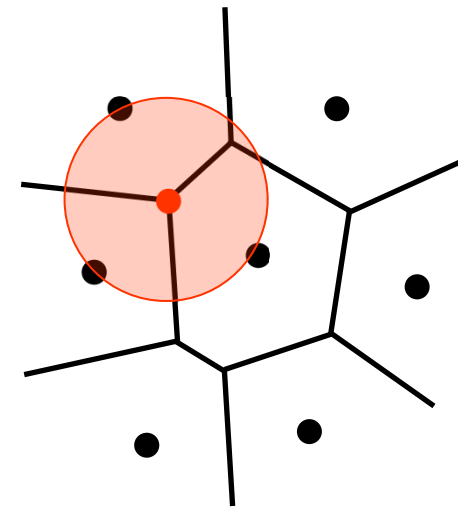
# Voronoi decomposition



Voronoi region



Voronoi edge



Voronoi vertex

■ A point  $x \in X$  can belong to one of the following

■ **Voronoi region**  $V_i$  ( $x$  is closer to  $x_i$  than to any other  $x_j$ ).

■ **Voronoi edge**  $V_{ij} = \bar{V}_i \cap \bar{V}_j$  ( $x$  is **equidistant** from  $x_i$  and  $x_j$ ).

■ **Voronoi vertex**  $V_{ijk} = \bar{V}_i \cap \bar{V}_j \cap \bar{V}_k$  ( $x$  is equidistant from three points  $x_i, x_j, x_k$ ).





# Voronoi decomposition

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# Voronoi decomposition

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- Voronoi regions are **disjoint**.
- Their closure

$$\bigcup_i \bar{V}_i = X$$

covers the entire  $X$ .

- Cutting  $X$  along Voronoi edges produces a collection of **tiles**  $\{V_i\}$ .
- The tiles are **topological disks** (are homeomorphic to a disk).







**Voronoi tessellations in Nature**





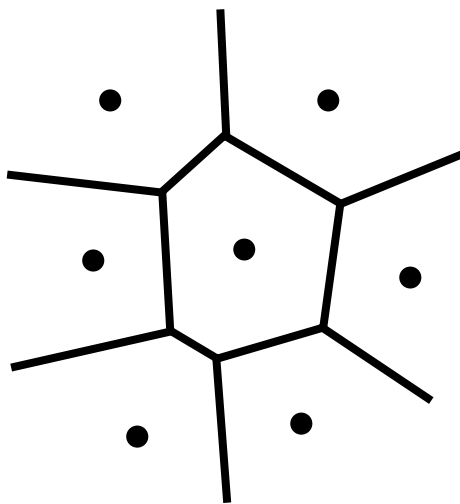
# Delaunay tessellation

Define connectivity as follows: a pair of points whose Voronoi cells are adjacent are connected

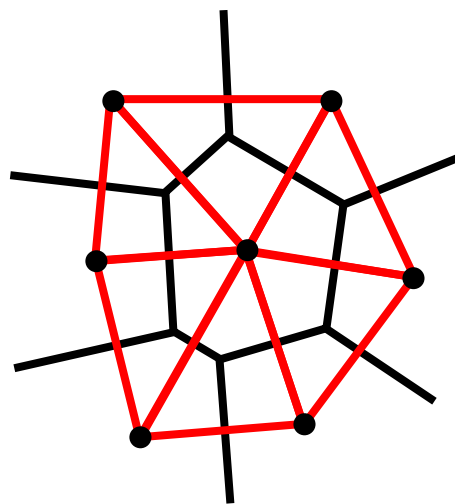
The obtained connectivity graph is **dual** to the Voronoi diagram and is called **Delaunay tessellation**



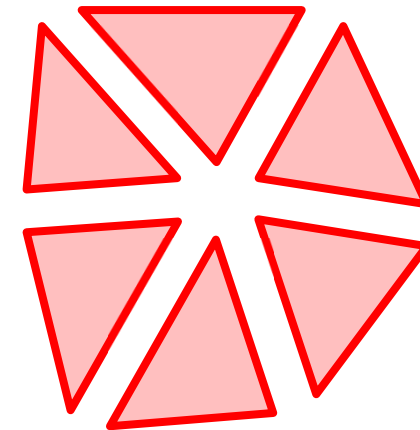
Boris Delaunay (1890-1980)



Voronoi regions



Connectivity



Delaunay tessellation



# Delaunay tessellation

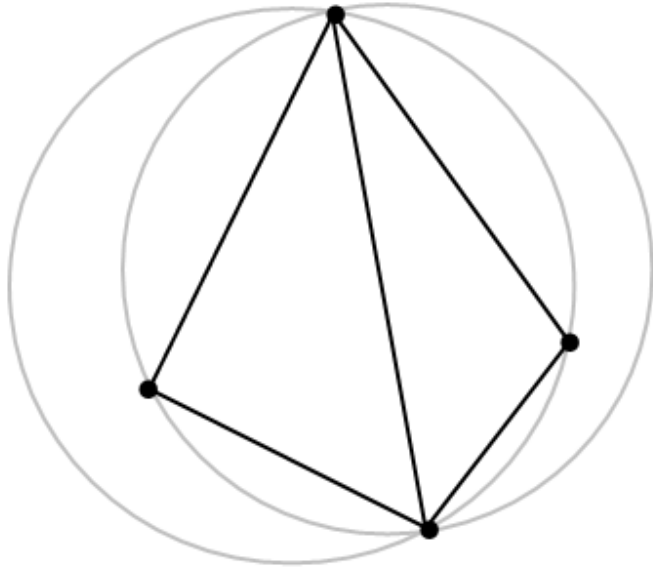
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- For a set  $P$  of points in the ( $d$ -dimensional) Euclidean space, a Delaunay triangulation is a triangulation  $DT(P)$  such that no point in  $P$  is inside the circumhypersphere of any simplex in  $DT(P)$
- It is known that there exists a unique Delaunay triangulation for  $P$  if  $P$  is a set of points in general position
- In the plane, the Delaunay triangulation maximizes the minimum angle

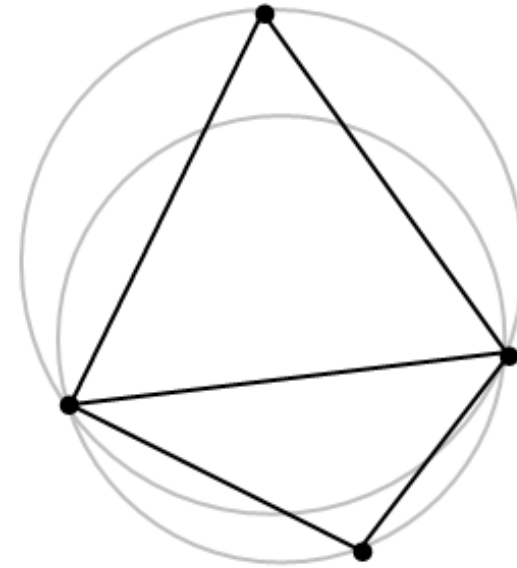


# Delaunay tessellation

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This triangulation does not meet the Delaunay condition (the circumcircles contain more than three points)

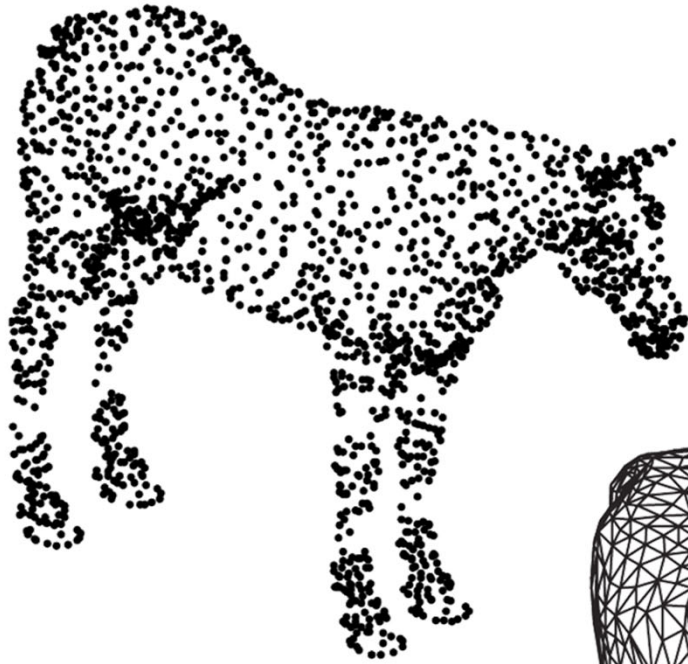


Flipping the common edge produces a Delaunay triangulation for the four points

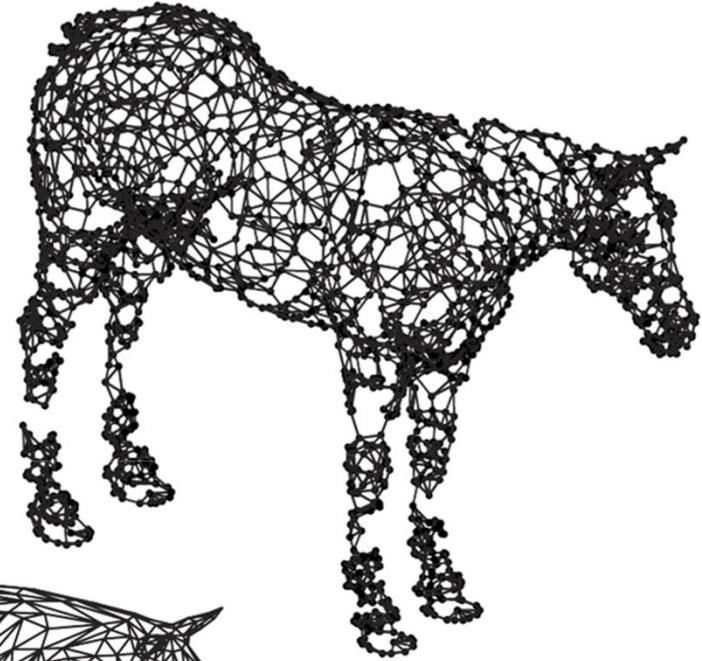


# Shape representation

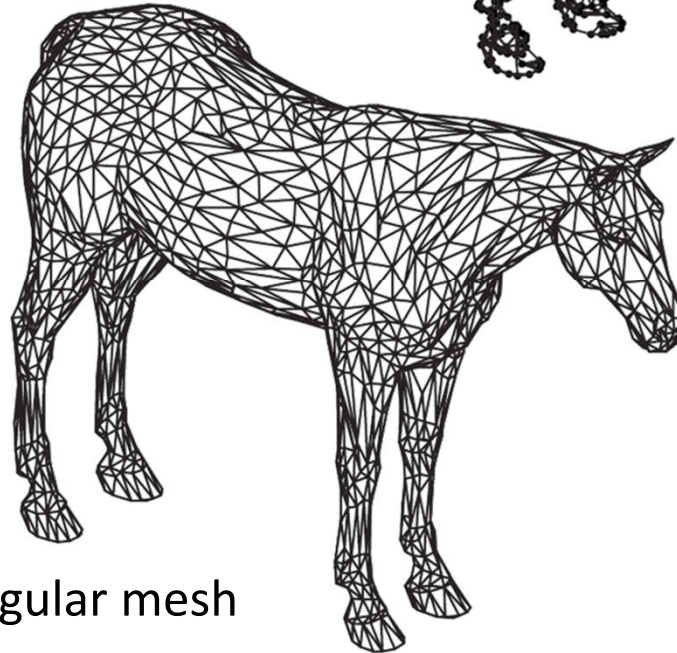
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Cloud of points



Graph



Triangular mesh



# Triangular meshes

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A structure of the form  $(I, E, T)$  consisting of

- **Vertices**  $I = \{1, \dots, N\}$
- **Edges**  $E = \{(i, j) \in I \times I : x_j \in \mathcal{N}(x_i)\}$
- **Faces**  $T = \{(i, j, k) \in I \times I \times I : (i, j), (i, k), (k, j) \in E\}$

is called a **triangular mesh**

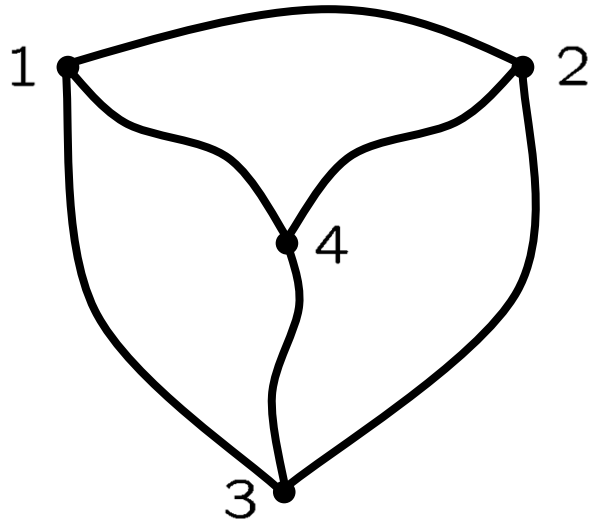
The mesh is a purely **topological** object and does not contain any geometric properties

The faces can be represented as an  $N_F \times 3$  matrix of indices, where each row is a vector of the form  $t_k = (t_k^1, t_k^2, t_k^3)$ ,  $t_k^i \in I$  and  $k = 1, \dots, N_F$



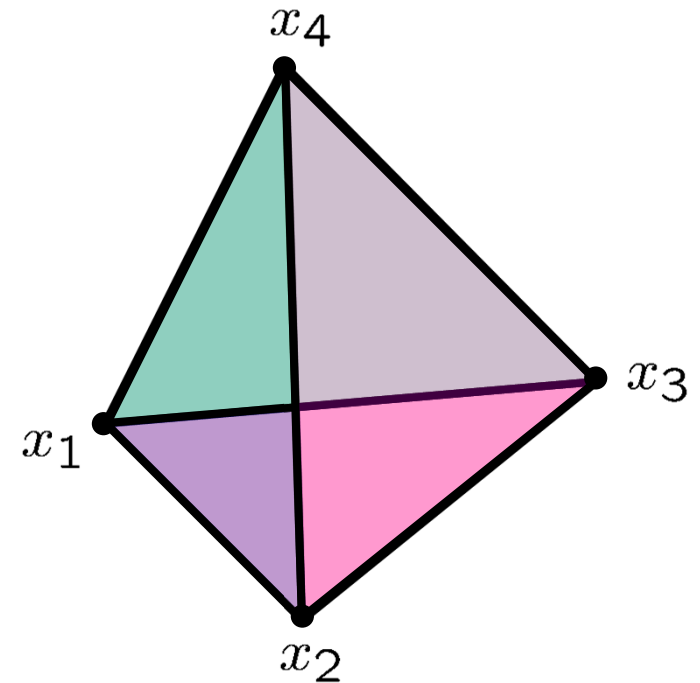


# Example of triangular mesh



<b>Vertices</b>	1	2	3	4		
<b>Edges</b>	(1, 2)	(1, 3)	(1, 4)	(4, 2)	(4, 3)	(2, 3)
<b>Faces</b>	(2, 4, 3)	(1, 4, 2)	(3, 4, 1)	(2, 3, 1)		

**Topological**



<b>Coordinates</b>	(0.5, 0.86, 0)	(0, 0, 0)	(1, 0, 0)	(0.5, 0.28, 0.86)
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**Geometric**



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# A fairy tale shape similarity problem

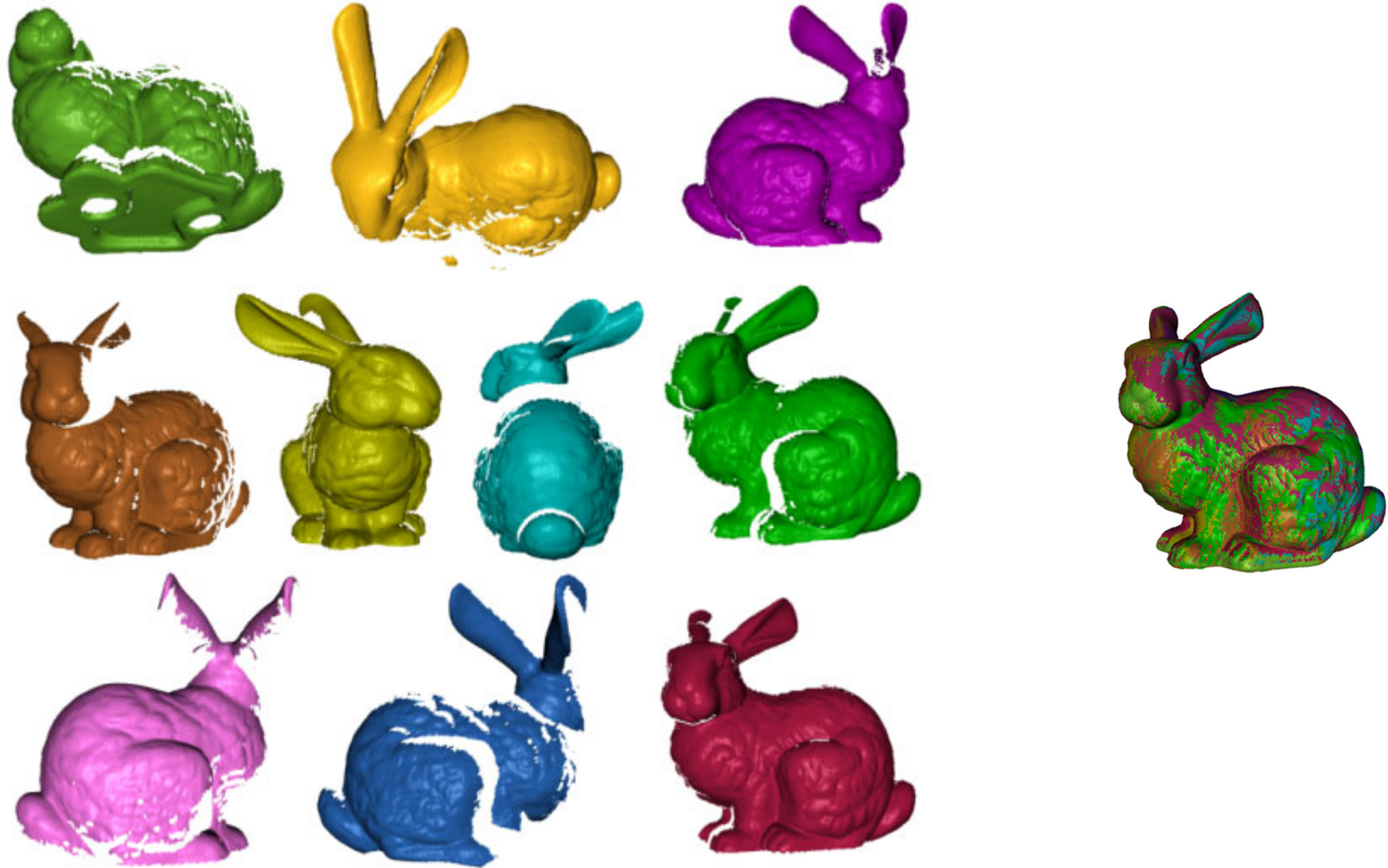






# Extrinsic shape similarity

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# Extrinsic shape similarity

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- Given two shapes  $X$  and  $Y$ , find the degree of their **incongruence**.
- Compare  $X$  and  $Y$  as subsets of the Euclidean space  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .
- Invariance to rigid motion: **rotation, translation, (reflection)**:

$$x' = Rx + t$$

- $R$  is a rotation matrix,  $R^T R = I$
- $t$  is a translation vector



# How to get rid of Euclidean isometries?

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- How to remove translation and rotation ambiguity?
- Find some “canonical” placement of the shape  $X$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .
- **Extrinsic centroid (center of mass, or center of gravity):**

$$x_0 = \frac{\int_X x dx}{\int_X dx}$$

- Set  $t = -x_0$  to resolve translation ambiguity.
- Three degrees of freedom remaining...



# How to get rid of Euclidean isometries?

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- Find the direction  $d_1$  in which the surface has **maximum extent**.
- Maximize **variance** of projection of  $X$  onto  $d_1$

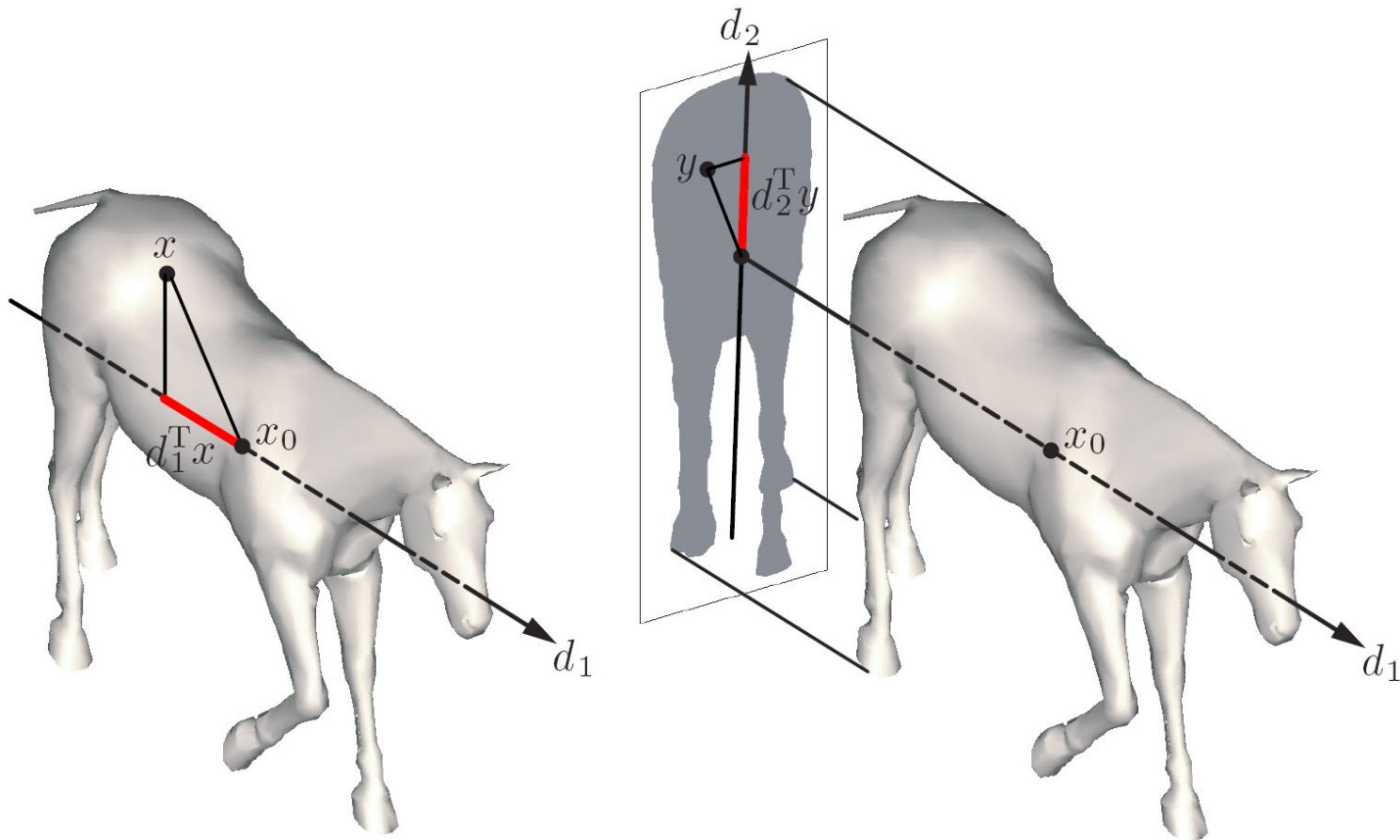
$$\begin{aligned}d_1 &= \arg \max_{d_1: \|d_1\|_2=1} \int_X (d_1^\top x)^2 dx \\ &= \arg \max_{d_1: \|d_1\|_2=1} d_1^\top \left( \int_X x x^\top dx \right) d_1 \\ &= \arg \max_{d_1: \|d_1\|_2=1} d_1^\top \Sigma_X d_1\end{aligned}$$

- $\Sigma_X$  is the **covariance matrix**
- $d_1$  is the first **principal direction**



# How to get rid of Euclidean isometries?

- Project  $X$  on the plane orthogonal to  $d_1$ .
- Repeat the process to find second and third principal directions  $d_2, d_3$ .



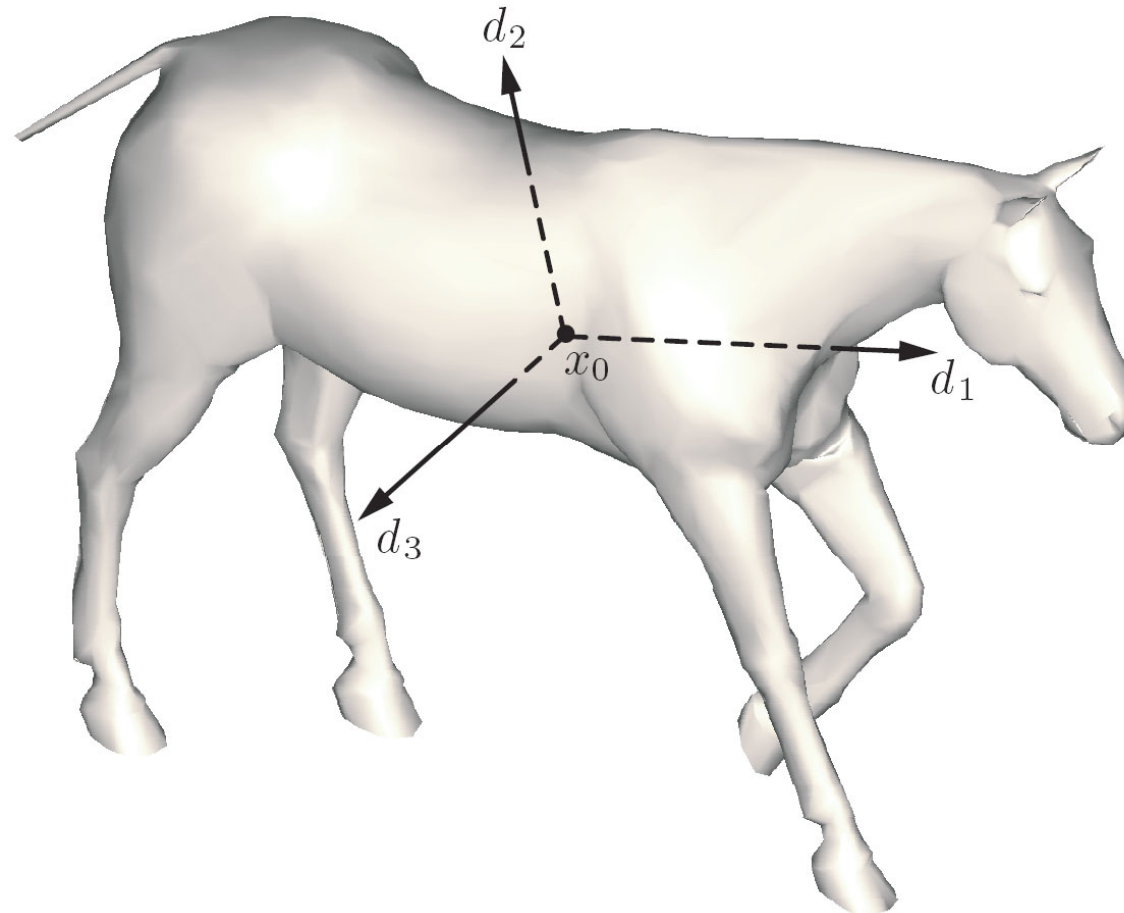




# How to get rid of Euclidean isometries?

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## Canonical basis



- $d_1 \perp d_2 \perp d_3$  span a canonical orthogonal basis for  $X$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .



# How to get rid of Euclidean isometries?

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- Direction maximizing  $d_1^T \Sigma_X d_1 = \mathbf{largest\ eigenvector}$  of  $\Sigma_X$ .
- $d_2$  and  $d_3$  correspond to the second and third eigenvectors of  $\Sigma_X$ .
- $\Sigma_X$  admits **unitary diagonalization**  $\Sigma_X = U^T \Lambda U$ .

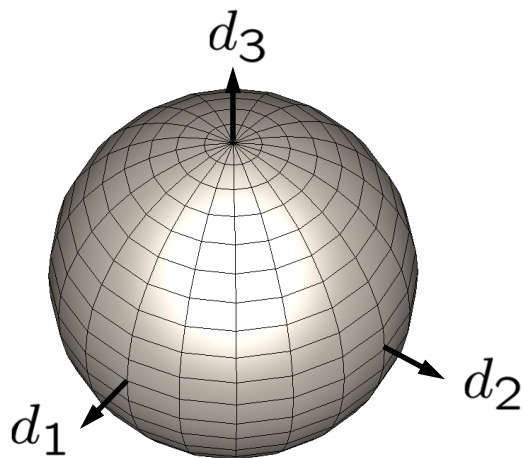
where  $U = \begin{pmatrix} d_1^T \\ d_2^T \\ d_3^T \end{pmatrix}$ .

- **Principal component analysis (PCA)**, or **Karhunen-Loève transform (KLT)**, or **Hotelling transform**.

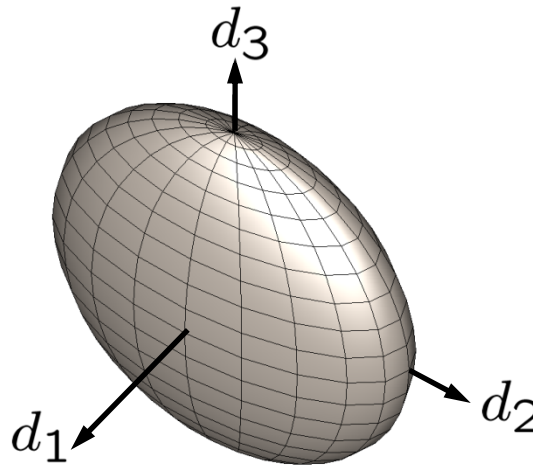


# Second-order geometric moments

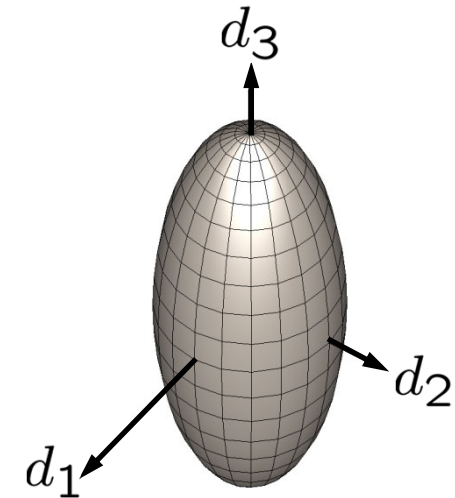
- **Eigenvalues** of  $\Sigma_X$  are **second-order moments**  $\sigma_{ii}$  of  $X$ .
- **Second-order geometric moments** of  $X$  :  $\sigma_{ij} = \int_X x^i x^j dx$
- In the canonical basis, **mixed moments**  $\sigma_{ij}$  vanish.
- **Ratio**  $\sigma_{11} : \sigma_{22} : \sigma_{33}$  describe **eccentricity** of  $X$ .
- **Magnitudes** of  $\sigma_{ii}$  express **shape scale**.



$$\sigma_{11} \approx \sigma_{22} \approx \sigma_{33}$$



$$\sigma_{11} \ll \sigma_{22} \approx \sigma_{33}$$

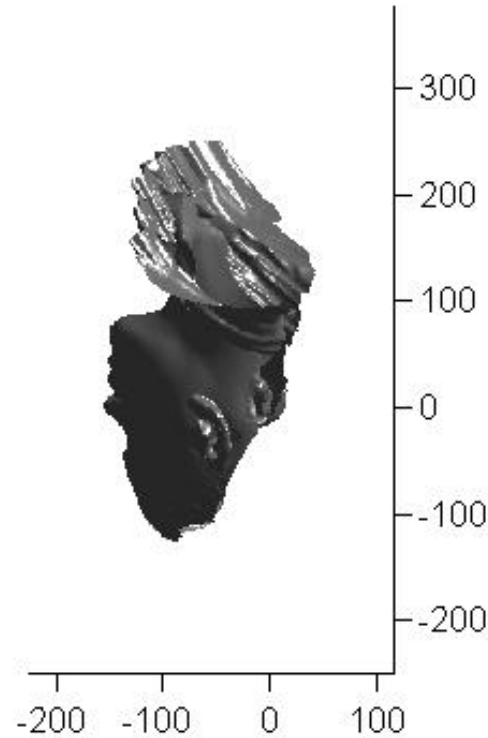


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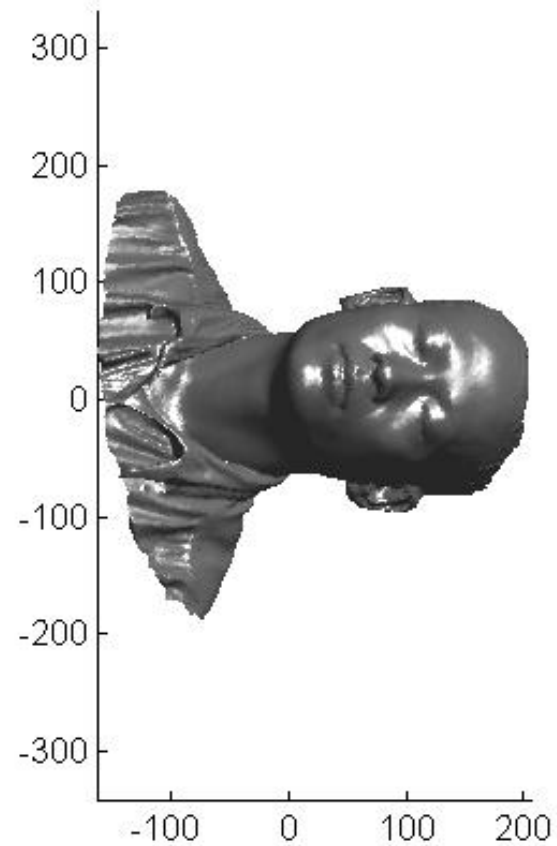


# How to get rid of Euclidean isometries?

## Examples



**Without self-alignment**



**With self-alignment by using PCA**



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# Iterative closest point (ICP) algorithms

- Given two point sets  $\{m_i\}_{i=1}^N$  and  $\{n_j\}_{j=1}^M$ , find the best motion  $(s, R, t)$  bringing  $\{sR(n_j) + t\}$  **as close as possible** to  $\{m_i\}_{i=1}^N$ :

$$d_{ICP}(\{m_i\}, \{n_j\}) = \min_{s, R, t} d(\{sR(n_j) + t\}, \{m_i\})$$

- $d(\{sR(n_j) + t\}, \{m_i\})$  is some **shape-to-shape distance**.
- **Minimum** = extrinsic dissimilarity of  $\{m_i\}_{i=1}^N$  and  $\{n_j\}_{j=1}^M$ .
- **Minimizer** = best alignment between  $\{m_i\}_{i=1}^N$  and  $\{n_j\}_{j=1}^M$ .
- ICP is a **family of algorithms** differing in
  - The choice of the **shape-to-shape distance**.
  - The choice of the **numerical minimization** algorithm.



# Iterative closest point (ICP) algorithms

$[s, R, T] = \text{ICP} (\{m_i\}_{i=1}^N, \{n_j\}_{j=1}^M)$  (suppose  $N < M$ )

calculate the point correspondences  $\{m_i, n_i\}_{i=1}^N$  (closest point)

calculate the error:  $\Sigma^2 = \sum_{i=1}^N (m_i - n_i)^2$

While not convergent

Evaluate  $s$ ,  $R$  and  $T$  according to the pairs  $\{m_i, n_i\}_{i=1}^N$

Apply  $s$ ,  $R$  and  $T$  to  $\{n_j\}$  to get  $\{n'_j\}$

Let  $\{n_j\} = \{n'_j\}$

Re-calculate the point correspondences  $\{m_i, n_i\}_{i=1}^N$

re-calculate the error:  $\Sigma^2 = \sum_{i=1}^N (m_i - n_i)^2$

End

Return  $s$ ,  $R$ ,  $T$



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Can be efficiently computed by using Delaunay triangulation

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re-calculate the error:  $\Sigma^2 = \sum_{i=1}^N (m_i - n_i)^2$

End

Return  $s$ ,  $R$ ,  $T$



# Iterative closest point (ICP) algorithms

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Problem definition:

Given a set of point correspondence pairs

$\{m_i, n_i\}_{i=1}^N$ , how to evaluate  $s$ ,  $R$  and  $T$  to minimize

$$\Sigma^2 = \sum_{i=1}^N \|m_i - (sR(n_i) + T)\|^2$$



# Iterative closest point (ICP) algorithms

We assume that there is a similarity transform between point sets  $\{m_i\}_{i=1}^N$  and  $\{n_i\}_{i=1}^N$

Find  $s$ ,  $R$  and  $T$  to minimize

Note:  $R$  is an orthogonal matrix.

$$\Sigma^2 = \sum_{i=1}^N e_i^2 = \sum_{i=1}^N \left\| m_i - (sR(n_i) + T) \right\|^2 \quad (1)$$

Let

$$\bar{m} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N m_i, \bar{n} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N n_i, m'_i = m_i - \bar{m}, n'_i = n_i - \bar{n}$$

Note that:  $\sum_{i=1}^N m'_i = \mathbf{0}, \sum_{i=1}^N n'_i = \mathbf{0}$



# Iterative closest point (ICP) algorithms

Then:

$$\begin{aligned} e_i &= m_i - sR(n_i) - T = m_i' + \bar{m} - sR(n_i' + \bar{n}) - T = m_i' + \bar{m} - sR(n_i') - sR(\bar{n}) - T \\ &= m_i' - sR(n_i') - (T - \bar{m} + sR(\bar{n})) = m_i' - sR(n_i') - e_0 \\ e_0 &= T - \bar{m} + sR(\bar{n}) \text{ is independent from } \{m_i', n_i'\} \end{aligned}$$

(1) can be rewritten as:

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma^2 &= \sum_{i=1}^N e_i^2 = \sum_{i=1}^N \|m_i' - sR(n_i') - e_0\|^2 = \sum_{i=1}^N \|m_i' - sR(n_i')\|^2 - 2e_0 \cdot \sum_{i=1}^N (m_i' - sR(n_i')) + Ne_0^2 \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N \|m_i' - sR(n_i')\|^2 - 2e_0 \cdot \sum_{i=1}^N (m_i') + 2e_0 \cdot \sum_{i=1}^N (sR(n_i')) + Ne_0^2 \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N \|m_i' - sR(n_i')\|^2 + Ne_0^2 \end{aligned}$$

Variables are separated and can be minimized separately.

$$e_0^2 = 0 \Leftrightarrow T = \bar{m} - sR(\bar{n}) \quad \text{If we have } s \text{ and } R, T \text{ can be determined.}$$



# Iterative closest point (ICP) algorithms

Then the problem simplifies to: how to minimize

$$\Sigma^2 = \sum_{i=1}^N \left\| m'_i - sR(n'_i) \right\|^2$$

Consider its geometric meaning here.

We revise the error item as a symmetrical one:

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma^2 &= \sum_{i=1}^N \left\| \frac{1}{\sqrt{s}} m'_i - \sqrt{s} R(n'_i) \right\|^2 = \frac{1}{s} \sum_{i=1}^N \left\| m'_i \right\|^2 - 2 \sum_{i=1}^N m'_i \cdot R(n'_i) + s \sum_{i=1}^N \left\| R(n'_i) \right\|^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{s} \sum_{i=1}^N \left\| m'_i \right\|^2 - 2 \sum_{i=1}^N m'_i \cdot R(n'_i) + s \sum_{i=1}^N \left\| n'_i \right\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

$\uparrow$   
 $P$

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 $D$

$\uparrow$   
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Variables are separated.

$$\Sigma^2 = \frac{1}{s} P - 2D + sQ = \left( \sqrt{s} \sqrt{Q} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{s}} \sqrt{P} \right)^2 + 2(\sqrt{PQ} - D)$$

Thus,



# Iterative closest point (ICP) algorithms

$$\left( \sqrt{s} \sqrt{Q} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{s}} \sqrt{P} \right)^2 = 0 \Leftrightarrow s = \sqrt{\frac{P}{Q}} = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^N \|m_i'\|^2}{\sum_{i=1}^N \|n_i'\|^2}}$$

Determined!

Then the problem simplifies to: how to maximize

$$D = \sum_{i=1}^N m_i' \cdot R(n_i')$$

Note that: D is a real number.

$$D = \sum_{i=1}^N m_i' \cdot R n_i' = \sum_{i=1}^N (m_i')^T R n_i' = \text{trace} \left( \sum_{i=1}^N R n_i' (m_i')^T \right) = \text{trace}(RH)$$

$$H \equiv \sum_{i=1}^N n_i' (m_i')^T$$

Now we are looking for an orthogonal matrix  $R$  to maximize the trace of  $RH$ .



# Iterative closest point (ICP) algorithms

Lemma

For any positive semi-definite matrix  $C$  and any orthogonal matrix  $B$ :

$$\text{trace}(C) \geq \text{trace}(BC)$$

Proof:

From the positive definite property of  $C$ ,  $\exists A, C = AA^T$

where  $A$  is a non-singular matrix.

Let  $a_i$  be the  $i$ th column of  $A$ . Then

$$\text{trace}(BAA^T) = \text{trace}(A^T BA) = \sum_i a_i^T (Ba_i)$$

According to Schwarz inequality:  $|\langle x, y \rangle| \leq \|x\| \|y\|$

$$a_i^T (Ba_i) \leq \|a_i^T\| \|Ba_i\| = \sqrt{(a_i^T a_i)(a_i^T B^T Ba_i)} = a_i^T a_i$$

Hence,

$$\text{trace}(BAA^T) \leq \sum_i a_i^T a_i = \text{trace}(AA^T) \text{ that is, } \text{trace}(BC) \leq \text{trace}(C)$$



# Iterative closest point (ICP) algorithms

Consider the SVD of  $H \equiv \sum_{i=1}^N n'_i (m'_i)^T$   $H = U \Lambda V^T$

According to the property of SVD,  $U$  and  $V$  are orthogonal matrices, and  $\Lambda$  is a diagonal matrix with nonnegative elements.

Now let  $X = VU^T$

Note that:  $X$  is orthogonal.

We have  $XH = VU^T U \Lambda V^T = V \Lambda V^T$  which is positive semi-definite.

Thus, from the lemma, we know: for any orthogonal matrix  $B$

$$\text{trace}(XH) \geq \text{trace}(BXH)$$

for any orthogonal matrix  $\Psi$

$$\text{trace}(XH) \geq \text{trace}(\Psi H)$$

*It's time to go back to our objective now...*

*$R$  should be  $X$*





# Iterative closest point (ICP) algorithms

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Now,  $s$ ,  $R$  and  $T$  are all determined.

$$H \equiv \sum_{i=1}^N n'_i (m'_i)^T = U \Lambda V^T$$

$$R = VU^T \quad s = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^N \|m'_i\|^2}{\sum_{i=1}^N \|n'_i\|^2}} \quad T = \bar{m} - sR(\bar{n})$$



# ICP Matching—An Example

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bottle1



bottle2

bottle1~bottle2: 0.8131

ac1~ac2: 0.8939



ac1



ac2

bottle1~ac1: 9.8462

bottle1~ac2: 10.3231

bottle2~ac1: 7.9172

bottle2~ac2: 10.3362

