Generation of polygonal meshes in compact space

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Abstract

We will show how to encapsulate a compact data structure, for polygonal mesh representation, as the classic Half-Edge data structure.



And an application for this data structure (a polygonal mesh generator). We can get a compaction of 99% the memory usage.

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Example of Pemb query

Return the complementary edge of 1-3



$$mate(i) = \begin{cases} A.select_0(B * .match(A.rank_0(i+1))) & \text{if } A[i] = 1\\ A.select_1(B.match(A.rank_1(i+1))) & \text{Otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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 $mate(7) = A.select_1(B.match(A.rank_1(7)))$



Count the number of 1's in A until the position 7 = 4

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Find the position of complementary edge to 1-3 in B=7

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Find the position of seventh 1 in A = 15

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Data structure implementation

Implementation of the non-compact data structure

For the Half-edge implementation we use two array of structures (AoS).

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struct vertex{
  double x, y;
  bool is_border;
  int incident_halfedge;
};
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struct halfEdge {
    int origin, target;
    int twin;
    int next;
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Mesh generation using compact data structure

Polylla mesh generator



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Longest-edge propagation path (Lepp) 2D

Longest Edge Propagation Path 2D †

The lepp of a triangle t_0 is the ordered list of all adjacent triangles $t_0, t_1, ..., t_l$, such that t_i is the longest edge neighbor triangle of t_{i-1} by the longest-edge of t_{i-1} , for i = 1, 2, ..., l.



[†] Source Maria-Cecilia Rivara. New longest-edge algorithms for the refinement and/or improvement of unstructured triangulations. International Journal for Numerical Methods in Engineering, 40(18):3313-3324, 1997.

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- Polylla was implemented in C++.
- To generate the initial Delaunay triangulation, we used the CGAL library.
- The implementation of Polylla was the same for the two version of the compact half-edge.
- We use the library malloc_count to measure the memory usage.

```
Compact polylla source code
https://github.com/ssalinasfe/Compact-Polylla-Mesh
Pemb source code
https://github.com/jfuentess/sdsl-lite
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Memory usage Experiments



Memory peak during the generation of the data structure and Polylla

Memory usage after the generation of the data structure and Polylla
- Topological information (without coords) of a polygonal mesh can be compacted by a 99% using compact half-edge.
- The compact mesh uses a 9.0% of memory of the non-compact version.
- The memory to store the compact mesh is distributed in 88.67% for the point coordinates and 11.33% for the half-edge data structure.



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Memory peak results



• Generate a polylla mesh takes 3.49x more memory using the AoS version than the compact version.

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- The growth of all the phases is the same for both data structures.



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Compact mesh generation

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For 1M of vertices Polylla takes:

- 1.3 seconds in the face based DS.
- 4.6 seconds in the half-edge DS.
- 137.242 seconds in the Pemb DS.

There are new numerical methods that uses polygons/polyhedrons of arbitrary shape as the Virtual Element method.



Source: H. Chi, L. Beirão da Veiga, & G.H. Paulino (2017). Some basic formulations of the virtual element method (VEM) for finite deformations. Computer Methods in Applied Mechanics and Engineering, 318, 148-192.

Polylla mesh generator



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[†] Source Maria-Cecilia Rivara. New longest-edge algorithms for the refinement and/or improvement of unstructured triangulations. International Journal for Numerical Methods in Engineering, 40(18):3313-3324, 1997.

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Old Polylla



- Triangle based data structure
- Hard to calculate edge adjacencies
- No edge iteration

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- Edge based data structure
- Easy navigation inside mesh
- Edge and Triangle navigation
- Easy to read

Polylla 2D algorithm

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Algorithm has three main phases

- Label Phase
- 2 Traversal Phase
- Olygon reparation Phase



Label Phase



Algorithm Label phase

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Label Phase



Algorithm Label phase

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Label the max edge between e, next(e), prev(e)

end for

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Algorithm Polygon construction

Require: Seed edge e of a terminal-edge region Ensure: Arbitrary shape polygon P $P \leftarrow \emptyset$ while e is not a frontier-edge do

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end while

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Algorithm Non-simple polygon reparation

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while e is not a frontier-edge do
e \leftarrow CWvertexEdge(e)
end while
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