#### Architectural geometry: Freeform Surfaces

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### **Translational Bézier surface**

- Input: two Bézier curves (control polygons)
- 4 column polygons
- Quadrilaterals are parallelogram.





### **Translational Bézier surface**

- Input: two Bézier curves (control polygons)
- 3 row polygons
- Quadrilaterals are parallelogram.



### **Tensor product Bézier surface**



- Input: a set of control points (control mesh)
  - Generalization of translational Bézier surface



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### **Tensor product surface**



The extension of parametric curve

$$S(u,v) = \sum_{i} \sum_{j} BF_{i,j,m,n}(u,v)P_{ij}$$
$$= \sum_{i} \sum_{j} BF_{i,m}(u)BF_{j,n}(v)P_{ij}$$

- BF: basis function
- P : control point
- m : the degree for u-direction
- n : the degree for v-direction

#### **Bézier surface**





#### **Basis functions**





Figure 3.19. Cubic × quadratic basis functions. (a)  $N_{4,3}(u)N_{4,2}(v)$ ; (b)  $N_{4,3}(u)N_{2,2}(v)$ ;  $U = \{0, 0, 0, 0, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{4}, 1, 1, 1, 1\}$  and  $V = \{0, 0, 0, \frac{1}{5}, \frac{2}{5}, \frac{3}{5}, \frac{4}{5}, 1, 1, 1\}$ .



Figure 1.24. (a) The Bézier tensor product basis function,  $B_{0,2}(u)B_{1,3}(v)$ ; (b) a quadratic × cubic Bézier surface.

#### B-Spline basis function for 3 X 2 Bernstein basis function for 2 X 3



#### **Properties of Bézier surface**

- Each boundary polygon defines a boundary Bézier curve on the Bézier surface
- Corner point interpolation

#### Convex hull property



Affine invariance

# **B-Spline/NURBS** surfaces



- Bézier surface
  - Local control is not available
  - High degree is required as the size of control mesh increases.



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# **B-Spline/NURBS** surfaces





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#### Mesh



- A set of polygons
  - Mesh topology (connectivity)
  - Mesh geometry (vertex coordinates)
- To render curves
  - To make piecewise line segments from sample points on curves



### **Mesh refinement**



#### Two-step procedure

- Change the connectivity: the number of vertices and the way they are connected
- Change the geometry: position of vertices

#### Triangle/quad mesh

- Edge midpoint insertion
- Barycenter insertion
- Planar/Nonplanar mesh

# **Mesh refinement**



#### Triangle mesh

triangle mesh -> insert edge midpoints -> refined triangle mesh





### **Mesh refinement**

Quad mesh





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### **Mesh decimation**



- The reverse process of mesh refinement
- Data reduction process

#### Acceleration of downstream applications:

- Simulations
- Fast rendering



# Mesh quality



- Visual appearance
  - Too many irregular vertices might not look good
- Simulation based FEM (Finite Element Method)
  - Thin triangles should be avoided
  - Holes in meshes should be removed

### **Subdivision surface**



#### For modeling surfaces with a more general topology

- Mesh + Subdivision rule
- Quad mesh
  - Doo-Sabin subdivision
  - Catmull-Clark subdivision
- Triangle mesh
  - Loop subdivision

### **Doo-Sabin subdivision**







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# **Doo-Sabin subdivision**

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![](_page_18_Figure_2.jpeg)

Voronoi  $a_1 = (9/16)a + (3/16)b + (3/16)d + (1/16)c$ 

# **Multi-resolution modeling**

- Editing operations can be performed to any level of meshes
  - Initial mesh
  - Editing
  - Subivision
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  - Subdivision
  - ...
- A change made at a coarse level has a broader influence than a chagne at a fine level

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changes made

at fine levels

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