Solid Modeling; Constructive Solid geometry (CSG)

Various methods:

- Regularized Boolean Set operations
- Sweep Representation
- Octrees
- CSG
- B-reps
- Primitive Instancing
- Fractal Dimension

Solid Representation



Solid is bound by surfaces. So need to also define the polygons of vertices, which form the solid. It must also be a valid representation.

Regularized Boolean Set Operations



Boolean intersections of, say cubes, may produce solids, planes, lines, points and null object. Two examples:



Hanging points, lines are eliminated by regularizing:

 $A op^* B = closure (interior (A op B))$



Sweep Representation







B-reps (Boundary Representations)

Object is defined in terms of its surface boundaries, vertices, edges and faces. Curved surfaces are always approximated with polygons – piecewise linear/planar.

Very commonly used, in practice.

Use planar, polygonal boundaries, but may also use convex polygons or triangles.

Polyhedron is a solid that is bounded by a set of polygons whose edges are each a member of an even number of polygons. Additional constraints will be discussed later on.

A simple polyhedron can always be deformed into a sphere. Polyhedron has no holes (not a torus).

Euler's formula:

Let V be the number of vertices, E the number of edges, and F the number of faces of a simple polyhedron. Then

$$V - E + F = 2$$





- Each edge must contain two vertices
- Must be shared exactly by two faces
- At least three edges must meet to form a vertex
- Faces must not interpenetrate



Solids with boundaries with 2-manifolds





Solids with boundaries but not 2-manifolds

Generalized Euler's formula for objects with 2-manifolds, and faces which may have holes:

V - E + F - H = 2(C - G)

where, H - No. of <u>HOLES</u> in the face;

G - No. of holes that pass through the object;

C - No. of separate <u>COMPONENTS</u> (or parts) of the object.

If C = 1, G is called as <u>GENUS.</u> If C > 1, G is the sum of the <u>GENERA</u> of its components.





Polygon Surface Table

S₁: E₁, E₂, E₃ S₂: E₃, E₄, E₅, E₆



Complete (expanded) Edge Table

$$\begin{array}{l} \mathsf{E}_{1} \colon \mathsf{V}_{1}, \, \mathsf{V}_{2}, \, \mathsf{S}_{1} \\ \mathsf{E}_{2} \colon \mathsf{V}_{2}, \, \mathsf{V}_{3}, \, \mathsf{S}_{1} \\ \mathsf{E}_{3} \colon \mathsf{V}_{3}, \, \mathsf{V}_{1}, \, \mathsf{S}_{1}, \, \mathsf{S}_{2} \\ \mathsf{E}_{4} \colon \mathsf{V}_{3}, \, \mathsf{V}_{4}, \, \mathsf{S}_{2} \\ \mathsf{E}_{5} \colon \mathsf{V}_{4}, \, \mathsf{V}_{5}, \, \mathsf{S}_{2} \\ \mathsf{E}_{6} \colon \mathsf{V}_{5}, \, \mathsf{V}_{1}, \, \mathsf{S}_{2} \end{array}$$

Remember equations for plane normal, N?

$$a = \sum_{i=1}^{n} (Y_i - Y_j)(Z_i + Z_j)$$

$$b = \sum_{i=1}^{n} (Z_i - Z_j)(X_i + X_j)$$
where $j = i + 1$

$$c = \sum_{i=1}^{n} (X_i - X_j)(Y_i + Y_j)$$
If $i = n, j = 1$

$$(Y_i - Y_j)(Y_i + Y_j) + (Y_j - Y_j)(Y_j + Y_j)$$

Assume a triangle (or take any three vertices of a polygon):

Similarly:

$$c = (X_1 - X_2)(Y_1 + Y_2) + (X_2 - X_3)(Y_2 + Y_3) + (X_3 - X_1)(Y_3 + Y_1)$$

= $X_1(Y_2 - Y_3) + X_2(Y_3 - Y_1) + X_3(Y_1 - Y_2)$

$$a = Y_1(Z_2 - Z_3) + Y_2(Z_3 - Z_2) + Y_3(Z_1 - Z_2)$$

and

$$b = Z_1(X_2 - X_3) + Z_2(X_3 - X_2) + Z_3(X_1 - X_2)$$

These expressions can be written in matrix form as:

$$a = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & Y_1 & Z_1 \\ 1 & Y_2 & Z_2 \\ 1 & Y_3 & Z_3 \end{vmatrix} \qquad b = \begin{vmatrix} X_1 & 1 & Z_1 \\ X_2 & 1 & Z_2 \\ X_3 & 1 & Z_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$a = \begin{vmatrix} X_1 & Y_1 & 1 \\ X_2 & Y_2 & 1 \\ X_3 & Y_3 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

These are the solutions of the set of equations:

$$(A/D)X_{k} + (B/D)Y_{k} + (C/D)Z_{k} = -1; k = 1,2,3$$

where,

$$D = -X_1(Y_2Z_3 - Y_3Z_2) - X_2(Y_3Z_1 - Y_1Z_3) - X_3(Y_1Z_2 - Y_2Z_1)$$

Significance of D?

D can also be obtained as, D = -N.P

Octrees

Let us visualize 2D <u>Quadtree</u> representation of an image or view.



For an image with n*n pixels, the maximum number of levels is log(n).

Octrees



0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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Individual elements are called Volume elements or VOXELS





<u>CSG – Constructive Solid Geometry</u>











Criteria for comparing different solid modeling techniques:

• Accuracy – Octrees and polygonal B-reps produce an approximation of objects. CSG with non-polyhedral primitives and B-reps that allow curved surfaces are good for high-quality graphics.

• Domain – Sweeps have limited domain. Octrees and B-reps provide a wide class of objects.

• Uniqueness – Octrees guarantee the uniqueness of a representation.

• Validity – B-reps are the most difficult to validate. One must find a way to ensure that vertex, edge and face data structures are valid (faces and edges may intersect). BSP trees and CSG are better.

Closure (after Boolean operations) – Primitive instancing and sweeps are worse.
 B-reps can be used, but additional checking is necessary.

• Efficiency – Octress are better for hardware based solid modeling systems for a faster response with coarse pictures (results). Most algorithms are based on CSG and B-reps which are widely used for generating complex pictures.