Intuitive and Efficient Roof Modeling for Reconstruction and Synthesis

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Introduction Problem Formulation





Input

Output

Existing Methods Commercial Software: 3ds Max

Modeling time 3ds Max: 7min, Ours: 2min







Modeling • Add vertex • Cut facesOperations • Add face • Move vertex

Existing Methods Commercial Software: SketchUp

Modeling time SketchUp: 25min, Ours: 2min



Extra complexity!



Modeling1.Build roof beamsOperations2.Add planar roof tops

Existing Methods Straight Skeleton Based Methods



Input 2D roof outlineOutput a roof embedded in 2DMethod solve for the roof topology & roof embedding at the same time

- Blue planes: stemming from the outlined edges
- Red structure: formed by intersection among blue planes

Reference:

- 1. Aichholzer and Aurenhammer, **"Straight Skeletons for general polygonal figures in the plane**", 1996
- 2. Eppstein and Erickson, "Raising roofs, crashing cycles, and playing pool: Applications of a data structure for finding pairwise interactions", 1999 5



Problems wrong (and much more complicated) roof topology with spurious additional vertices



Existing Methods

	Commercial software	Straight skeleton	Our goal
Topologically <u>correct</u>		8	
Interactive editing		8	
<u>Robust</u> to noisy input		8	
<u>Light</u> user input	8		
Efficient for roof construction	8		
Easy to use for beginners	8		

Methodology Overview

- **Q1** How to model a roof?
- **Q2** How to describe whether a 3D roof is planar?
- Q3 How to design different regularizers for different use cases?



Roof Topology

Roof Embedding



Graph (V, F)|V| = n 2D embedding: ($V, F, X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times 2}$) 3D embedding: ($V, F, X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times 3}$)

DEFINITION 1 We call a <u>3D embedding</u> of a roof graph valid if each 3D roof face is planar and the roof has non-zero height.

DEFINITION 2 We call a <u>2D embedding</u> of a roof graph valid if there exists a valid 3D embedding such that the projection of the 3D embedding in the *xy* plane is exactly the same as the 2D embedding.







Roof EdgeOutline Edge







Equivalent topology representation primal graph ↔ dual graph

Methodology Observations



- **Observation** roof outline \rightarrow roof topology is NOT injective
- Roofs with different style (topology) can have the same outline **Solution** outline + adjacency to specify the roof topology

Methodology Observations



Observation multiple valid roof embeddings exist

• Roofs with the same topology can have different embeddings **Solution** regularizers to rule out undesirable embeddings



Covariance $Cov(X) = (X - mean(X))^T (X - mean(X))$

co-planar!

- Symmetric & Positive semi-definite

Summary $\sigma_1(Cov(X))$ measures the co-planarity error of a point set X

Methodology Validity Formulation

Input roof <u>outline</u> + <u>topology</u> (primal/dual graph)

- Output a valid 3D roof embedding
- ✤ valid: each 3D roof face is planar
- Solution optimization-based formulation
- variables: the <u>3D positions</u> for each vertex
- objective: the vertices in each face are <u>co-planar</u>
- $E_{\text{planarity}}(X) = \sum_{i=1}^{n_f} \sigma_1\left(\text{Cov}(X_{f_i})\right)$

✤ Cov(X): <u>covariance matrix</u> of X

★ $\sigma_1(A)$: the <u>smallest eigenvalue</u> of *A*

* X_{f_i} : vertex positions of the f_i -th face

Methodology Planarity Optimization



★ Cov(X): covariance matrix of X
 ★ σ₁(A): the smallest eigenvalue of A
 ★ X_{fi}: vertex positions of the f_i-th face
 ★ E_{planarity}(X) = Σ^{n_f}_{i=1} σ₁ (Cov(X_{fi}))

$$\min_{X_R} E_{\text{planarity}}(X)$$
$$x_z^* = h$$

Variables 3D positions for roof vertices X_R

 Fixed outline: same setting as straight skeleton based methods

Hard constraint avoid zero-height roof

Hyper-parameter *h* allows us to control the overall height of the constructed roof



Methodology Planarity & User Input



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- $E_{\text{planarity}}(X) = \sum_{i=1}^{n_f} \sigma_1 \left(\text{Cov}(X_{f_i}) \right)$
- ♦ \overline{X} : the <u>2D projection</u> of X

$$\min_{X_R} \mathbb{E}_{\text{planarity}}(X) + \left\| \overline{X}_R - \overline{X}_R^{user} \right\|_F^2$$
$$x_Z^* = h$$



User input <u>not valid</u> but provides good <u>initial</u> locations
enforce 2D projections of *X* to be close to user input

Methodology Planarity & Aesthetic Constraints

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* $d(e_p, e_q)$: distance between two parallel vectors





Parallel $e_p || e_{p_1} || e_{p_2}$ $E = \left\| d(e_q, e_{q_1}) - d(e_q, e_{q_2}) \right\|_F^2$

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✤ $a(e_p, e_q)$: angle between two parallel vectors





Intersecting $e_q \wedge e_{q_1} \wedge e_{q_2}$

$$\mathbf{E} = \left\| \mathbf{a}(e_q, e_{q_1}) - \mathbf{a}(e_q, e_{q_2}) \right\|_F^2$$

Methodology Planarity & Aesthetic Constraints

$$\min_{X_R} E_{\text{planarity}}(X) + E_{aesthetic}(X)$$
$$x_z^* = h$$

$$E_{\text{aes.}}(X) = \sum_{p \in \{ I \}} \|a(e_p, e_{p_1}) - a(e_p, e_{p_2})\|_F^2 + \sum_{q \in \{ I \}} \|d(e_q, e_{q_1}) - d(e_q, e_{q_2})\|_F^2$$

\$\$\$a(e_p, e_q): angle between two vectors
 \$\$\$d(e_p, e_q): distance between two parallel vectors

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Aesthetic constraints more

plausible local minima

- Yellow edges: angle bisectors
- Green edges: equal distance to the parallel outline edges

Methodology Planarity & Free Outlines

$$\min_{\substack{x_{xyz}, x_z}} E_{\text{planarity}}(X) + \eta \text{Var}(x_z^{\bullet}) + \eta \text{Var}(x_z^{\bullet})$$
$$x_x^* = h$$

Set outline vertices as free variables

✤ Add extra constraints: subset of outline vertices in <u>similar height</u>

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- $E_{\text{planarity}}(X) = \sum_{i=1}^{n_f} \sigma_1 \left(\text{Cov}(X_{f_i}) \right)$
- Var(x): <u>variance</u> of a vector x

Hexagonal Pavilion





Methodology Planarity & Free Outlines



Set outline vertices as free variables

red: outline vertices with non-zero height

Hakka Tulou, China



Nagoya Castle, Japan





(Reference images from internet)

Feasibility model roofs with different styles:

- ✓ Approximate curved roofs
- ✓ Roofs with vertical facades
- ✓ Roofs with inner courtyards
- ✓ Outline edges in different height

Compare to Straight Skeleton Based Methods



Each Row

- Input aerial images 1.
- Our reconstructed roofs (texture)
- Our reconstructed roofs (geometry) 3.
- Straight Skeleton 4.
- Weighted Straight Skeleton (wss) 5.

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Error introduced by wss

Compare to Straight Skeleton Based Methods

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Baselines

- Straight Skeleton (ss)
- Weighted Straight Skeleton (wss)

Compare to Commercial Software

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• SketchUp (SU)

Applications Interactive Editing



Editing Operations optimization-based formulation allows interactive editing

- ✓ Move a vertex
- \checkmark Move an edge

✓ Snap an edge✓ Merge two faces

- ✓ Split a face
- ✓ Force two faces to be adjacent

Applications Roof-Image Paired Dataset



Dataset polygonal roof meshes paired with images

- ✓ >3K .obj
- ✓ Texture coordinates
- ✓ Face labels

- \checkmark Roof synthesis
- ✓ Roof segmentation
 ✓ Roof detection
- ✓ Roof detection

https://github.com/llorz/SGA21_roofOpt mization/tree/main/RoofGraphDataset

image

polygon mesh point cloud



Applications Roof Synthesis from Scratch

Roof Outline Generation



Transformer

Training set: 2105 samples, Testing set: 210 samples

Face Adjacency Prediction



Applications Roof Synthesis from Scratch





 ✓ Synthesize roofs <u>from scratch</u>
 ✓ Synthesize roofs with <u>different</u> <u>styles</u> with the <u>same outline</u>

Summary

- **Goal** roof modeling + roof embedding
- Baselines commercial software & straight skeleton based methods
- **Our Solution** roof graph representation + optimization-based construction
- Efficient & Flexible
- Interactive editing
- Image-Roof paired dataset
- Automatic roof synthesis: outline generation + adjacency prediction

Limitations & Future Work

Limitations

- Cannot directly handle curved roofs including stadiums and skyscrapers
- Did not model roof textures
- Did not touch on automatic reconstruction from images

Future Work

- End-to-end roof reconstruction from images
- Practical constraints for roof fabricability
- Roof texture synthesis

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Code & Data https://github.com/llorz/SGA21_roofOptimization





Supplementary materials

Introduction Notations

REMARK 1 The intersecting line of two adjacent 3D planar faces with fixed outline edges, is either <u>parallel to</u> <u>both outline edges</u>, or <u>intersects the two outline edges at</u> <u>the same point</u>. The same conclusion holds when we project the 3D planar faces to *xy*-plane



Use Remark 1 to check if a 2D embedding is valid or not



Methodology Spectral Initialization

$$\min_{\bar{X}_R} \left\| \begin{pmatrix} \bar{X}_O \\ \bar{X}_R \end{pmatrix}^T \mathcal{L}_V \begin{pmatrix} \bar{X}_O \\ \bar{X}_R \end{pmatrix} \right\|_F^2$$

$$err < 10^{-9}$$

- ♦ \bar{X}_0 : <u>2D position</u> of the <u>outline</u> vertices
- ↔ \bar{X}_R : <u>2D position</u> of the <u>roof</u> vertices
- ✤ A_V : <u>vertex adjacency matrix</u> of the roof graph, $A_V(i,j) = 1$ iff $v_i \sim v_j$
- ✤ L_V: graph Laplacian of the roof graph, $\mathcal{L}_V = \text{diag}(\mathbf{1}^T A_V) A_V$

No user input as initial embedding * Random/Zero initialization can lead to

- undesirable global minima
- Spectral initialization can avoid selfintersections

Results Face with Multiple Outline Edges



More expressive

- Primal graph: can model this case directly
- <u>Dual graph</u>: the face adjacency matrix can be modified to model this case



Applications Interactive Editing







Ours







Weighted Straight Skeleton

Applications Interactive Editing













Weighted Straight Skeleton







Ours



Applications Roof Synthesis from Scratch

Roof Outline Generation



Transformer

Input nothing

Output a 2D outline as a sequence of vertices $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ **Tokenization** (flattened) vertex

position values belong to $\{1, 2, \dots, 2^b\}$

Architectures

- 6 blocks: self-attention + MLP
- Embedding dimension = 384
- Self-attention: 12 heads
- MLPs: hidden dimension =1536

token:	v_1	v_2	v_3	v_4	•••	v_{2n_O-1}	v_{2n_O}	S
position:	1	1	2	2	•••	n_O	n_O	$n_{O} + 1$
coord:	1	2	1	2	•••	1	2	1

Applications Roof Synthesis from Scratch

Face Adjacency Prediction



Input outline $\{v_1, v_2, \cdots, v_n\}$

Output probability p_{ij} of the face f_i being adjacent to the face f_j

Architectures we stack following basic building blocks 4 times

- Adjacency block
- <u>Edge</u> block
- <u>Global</u> block

Each block updates representation vectors (adjacency, edge, global). **Loss objective** binary cross entropy

Applications

Roof Synthesis (Resolve Ambiguities in Predicted Adjacencies)

Case 01 interior vs. exterior region





Case 02 conflicting adjacencies



Algorithm extract valid dual graph

- 1. <u>Resolve ambiguity 01</u>: check if each edge in the dual graph (adjacency) lies in the **interior** of the roof
- 2. <u>Resolve ambiguity 02</u>: detect **edge intersections** in the dual graph, then remove the confliction by
 - Greedy (most likely one)
 - Sampling (all possible ones)

Results Evaluate SketchUp



- * The artist hid some edges to make the constructed roof visually consistent with the input image. n_1 reports the number of faces that are <u>visible</u>
- ♦ n_2 reports the <u>actual</u> number of faces that were created
- $\clubsuit \text{ ERR} = n_2 n_1$
- ✤ Red: <u>polygonal</u> faces in the created roof mesh

Existing Methods Commercial Software: 3ds Max





Input



- Add vertex
 - Add face



- Cut faces
- Move vertex



• Move vertex



Extra complexity!







Input

Specify roof topology

1.Build roof beams 2.Add planar roof tops