Massive Geometric Algebra

Requirements and Applications for dealing with Big Data

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Background: Cutting-Edge Astrophysics

Application: Numerical Relativity

- Simulation of General Relativity via numerical means in the computer
- Computationally intensive
 - → Requires high performance computing (HPC)
 - → Requires handling big data
- → Requires support of generic mathematical concepts
 - → Differential geometry, Riemannian Geometry, Curved Space, Tensor Algebra

Max-Planck Institute for Gravitational Physics (Albert-Einstein Institute), Potsdam, Germany National Center for Supercomputing Applications (NCSA), Champaign, Illinois, USA



Gravitational Waves

US National Science Foundation LIGO International Consortium



16. Feb 2015





450GB raw data, 2016

12GB raw data, 1999

Background: Big Data in Big Flavors in HPC

Computational Fluid Dynamics



Particle

Systems

Background: Points as Common Base



Application: Evolving Galaxies



2011, University of Innsbruck, Austria

- 16 Million particles, each representing one dust/darkmatter/newly formed stars
- Cosmological evolution over several billion years
- 280GB of binary data
- Velocity given for each particle

Background: What does AHM do?









AIRBORNE HYDROMAPPING

- Software HYDROVISH -

LIDAR, which stands for *Light Detection and Ranging*, is a <u>remote sensing</u> method that uses light in the form of a pulsed laser to measure ranges (variable distances) to the Earth. These light pulses—combined with other data recorded by the airborne system— generate precise, three-dimensional information about the shape of the Earth and its surface characteristics.



AIRBORNE NATURE MAPPING







Airborne HydroMapping



What is Hydro Mapping?

Airborne Hydromapping is a new technology for the very detailed survey of rivers, lakes and reservoirs. This airborne-operated, *water-penetrating laser system* is considered as a technical revolution for the comprehensive and simultaneous monitoring of shallow water bodies (depths down to 8 m), and the adjacent foreland with an accuracy of less than 10 cm.

The hydromapping concept and HydroVISH Fixed wing and helicopter survey platform concepts







- Lightweight scanner
- Compact layout
- Low energy consuming
- Easy installation handling













Bathymetric survey projects Rheinfelden



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Shading of the water surface:



Application: Lake Constance, 2015



Europe's 3rd Largest Lake Bordering Austria, Germany, Switzerland

11,500 km²

63km (max) x 14 km (max) -

LIDAR resolution at 80 points / m²

 \rightarrow 600GB binary raw data

Project: Lake Constance, 2015



Large Lake at border of Austria, Germany, Switzerland 11,500 km² 63km (max) x 14 km (max) –

LIDAR resolution at 80 points / m²

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Detail: Mainau Island



80 points / m²



Detail: Lindau Island



Detail: Lindau Island

Print Art

Application: Bavaria, 2016 – 4TB

- Largest State of Germany, 70,549.44 km²
- Data resolution: 1m²
- > 73000 files of 1 km²
- Faces limitations in OS: Windows max 2048 files openable at the same time
- Faces limitations in hard disk space
- Work in progress

By David Liuzzo - Erstellt aus Material des gemeinsamen Datenangebotes aus dem gemeinsamen Portal der statistischen Ämter des Bundes und der Länder (DeStatis). [1], CC BY-SA 2.0 de, https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?curid=1276673

Bavaria, First Results

2TB Finest Resolution at 1m

2TB Hierarchical representation in 10 levels, Refinement factor 4

Bayern Detail (Munich, City Hall)



LIDAR Point Clouds & GIS data

Visualizing and Analysing massive point clouds

Massive Point Clouds – 10GB, 100GB, 10TB... (LIDAR observations)



Objects are known via Point Coordinates



Data Handling #1: Fragmentation

Arbitrary fragment sizes to optimize performance (no requirement to be uniform):



Point Cloud is Fragmented



Data Handling #2: Hierarchy – Level of Detail Hierarchy – Level 1



Hierarchy – Level 2





Hierarchy – Level 4





Hierarchy – Level 6





Anisotropic Apparent Cell Size The "Cell Tensor"

Measuring the extent of a cell along the ray of sight

 $s = \frac{1}{\sqrt{C(V, V)}}$




Integrate with Geometries (e.g. Triangular Surfaces)



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The Tool Approach "Specific Problems need specific Solutions"



The Framework Approach

Generic Methods to avoid reinventing the wheel





Unifying Application Cases as Fiber Bundles

Organising Data for Massive Amounts of data, fast processing and visualization

Inspired by: Differential Geometry, Topology, Geometric Algebra



Thanks to Mark Miller, LLNL

Challenge of a Common Data Model

"The proper abstractions for scientific data are known. We just have to use them."

D. M. Butler & S. Bryson

Vector-Bundle Classes form Powerful Tool for Scientific Visualization

Computers in Physics, Vol. 6, No 6., Nov/Dec 1992



1966-2005: David Hestenes (Arizona State University) recovers geometrical interpretation of clifford algebra as "geometric algebra"

Mathematics for Visualization

Topology

• Discretization schemes, combinatorial structure, relational information

Differential Geometry

Coordinate representations, transformations, differential operators, tensor algebra

Geometric Algebra

 N-dimensional Rotations, navigation, data analysis, feature extraction, spinor formalism, generalized quaternions, mimetic operators

Fiber Bundle Data Model

- Is a generic approach to handle a wide range of data types used for scientific visualization
- Basic concept: Base space maps to fibers







Geometric Algebra in the Fiber Bundle



data: scalar values on an hexahedral curvilinear grid



Base-Space operations:

- Dealing with large data
- Differential operators
- This is where Geometric Algebra "may life".

 \rightarrow Operations on the manifold (possibly a vector space)

Fiber-Space elements:

- This is where Geometric Algebra "lives"
- Zoo of multivectors and tensors

 \rightarrow Operations on the tangential space and powers of it (always vector space)

Mathematical Notation

Concept of a Manifold M with Tangential Spaces $T_p(M)$ at each point $p \in M$





Data Type Classification

Base Space

- "Structured" Grids
 - Uniform
 - Curvilinear
 - Multiblock
 - Refinement
 - "Unstructured" Grids
 - Particle Sets
 - Surfaces
 - Line sets

Fiber Space

- Scalar Fields
- Vector Fields
 - Bivector fields
 - Co-vector fields
 - Multivector fields
- Tensor Fields
 - Symmetric / Asymmetric
 - 2nd order, 3rd order, 4th order...

Fiber: oD 1D **6D** 3.









































The F₅ Fiber Bundle Data Model

Casts data into hierarchy:



Lowest Level: Fiber Bundle over a Parameter Space



Grid: A geometric entity



- 1. Field
- 2. Representation
- 3. Skeleton
- 4. Grid object
- 5. (Time) Slice
- 6. Bundle

Topology: cw-Complex

- Discretized n-dimensional Manifold
- Concept of k-cells with adjacency
- Hierarchy of k-Skeletons, k=o...N



o-cell: Vertices 1-cell: Edges 2-cell: Faces 3-cell: simplexes

Topology: k-Skeletons



- 2. Representation
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Extended Skeletons

- Refinement Levels Multiresolution, Adaptive Mesh Refinement
- Cell Complex Blocks, fragments
- Topological Relationships
 - Grid future/past
 - Intergrid Relationships







Concept of "Index Depth"

- An integer property of an index space (Skeleton object), similar to dimensionality
 - Dimensionality: intrinsic property
 - Index depth: extrinsic property
- Describes "how far" the index space is from the primary (mandatory) Vertex information of a Grid:
 - $o \rightarrow$ Vertices
 - I → Edges, Faces, Tetrahedrons, ...
 - 2 → Groups of edges, faces, tetrahedrons
 - $3 \rightarrow$ Groups of elements of index depth 2
 - $4 \rightarrow$ Groups of 3-elements









Differential Geometry

Concept of a manifold and charts – numerical data are coordinate-dependent



Multiple Representations







Geometric Algebra: Vectors, Tensors, Spinors, ...



- 2. Representation
- 3. Skeleton
- 4. Grid object
- 5. (Time) Slice



Practice: The F5 File Format

The F5 data model in the Hierarchical Data Format HDF5

HDF = Hierarchical Data Format

- HDF5 is the second HDF format
 - Development started in 1996
 - First release was in 1998
 - http://www.hdfgroup.org
- Designed for HPC simulations
- High-performance, large data, long-term data preservation (archival), portability


Path to HDF5 object in a file

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HDF₅ is like a file system in a file, plus with additional meta-information (data type, dimensions, ...)

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Relative Representations

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- Coordinates
- Triangle Indices



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Relative Representations

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Fields on Relative Representations

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Data Fields on topological Skeletons Vertices, Edges, Faces, Sets of Edges...





Unstructured Meshes Skeletons and Primary Representations



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Hierarchical Skeletons

Third identification parameter on Skeletons:

"refinement" (integer valued or n-dimensional set of integer valued group attribute)

- Allows to formulate "a grid within a grid"
- Replicates topological structure on different refinement levels

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Hierarchical References in F5





Data Processing – "Hierarchization"





Relative Representations as Connectors between Skeletons



Arrays as High Performing Fiber Bundles

- Important: All operations are array operations:
 - Parallelizable
 - Fast I/O disk → RAM
 - Fast data transfer RAM → GPU

- No pointer data structures
 - Relative information via indices and arrays of indices
 - Optimized for visualization and data processing, not so much for data modification requiring rebuilding of index lists (e.g. surface editing)

DISK

GA for Massive Data

- Alignment of Point Clouds / Geometries / Images
- Feature detection / Point Classification / Object Identification
- Clustering of points for hierarchy generation
- Camera navigation & animation control

"F5 Fiber Bundle Data Model"

- A property-based description of scientific data
- A specific data type is built from "construction blocks" (not enumerated case lists)
- Does not answer the question "what is it?" but answers the question(s) "how is it?"
- A specific data set can have properties of many data types
 non-exclusive properties
 - → eases/enhances interoperability
- Enables abstract operations independent of data type

Conclusion

- A data model for Unified Real-Time Visualization of Arbitrarily Massive Generic Scientific Data
- Commonalities across Grid types are not just enabled, they are unavoidable
- Simple data types have simple representations
- Complex data types are constructible from similar, reusable structures
- The F5 model does not cover *any* type of data, but a very wide range
- Geometric Algebra, Differential Geometry & Topology as foundation

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