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# Triangle Surfaces with Discrete Equivalence Classes 

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## Economy

Paneling Architectural Freeform Surfaces
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## Motivation



Beijing Aquatic Center


## Equivalent Set Surface

 576 triangles | 6 unique triangle
## Patterns - 2D

Planar patterns generated by Craig Kaplan [2004]


## Patterns - 3D

Quad parameterization of planar patterns [2009]


## Mosaic - 2D



Kim \& Pellacini [2002]

Elber \& Wolberg [2003]


## Mosaic - 3D



## Equivalent Set Surface



## Discrete Equivalence Classes

## Input Shape

## Example



## 5-Point Tensile Roof 1280 triangles

## Canonical Triangle


$\min _{C_{j}, i n d} \sum_{i} D\left(P_{i}, C_{i n d(i)}\right)$

## Triangle Similarity



$$
D(A, B)=\min _{R^{T} R=I, T, j} \sum_{l=1}^{3}|\underbrace{R b_{\text {perm }(j, l)}+T}_{\text {Transform B }}-a_{l}|^{2}
$$

## Triangle Similarity



## Canonical Triangle



## Canonical Triangle



## Adaptive K-Means Clustering



Each triangle is represented as a point

## Adaptive K-Means Clustering



Compute center of the cluster using nonlinear search

## Adaptive K-Means Clustering



Assign the farthest point to a new cluster

## Adaptive K-Means Clustering



Reassign points to available clusters

## Adaptive K-Means Clustering



Process continues to generate more clusters

## Adaptive K-Means Clustering



Process continues to generate more clusters

## Clustering

## $\left.\begin{array}{l|l}\text { Canonical } \\ \text { Polygons }\end{array}\right]$ Polygon Assignment $\longrightarrow$ <br> <br> Generate <br> <br> Generate <br> <br> Clusters

 <br> <br> Clusters}
## Clustering



Number of Clusters

## Clustering



## Clustering



## Varying the Number of Clusters



Before Global
Optimization

## Spacing between Triangles



## 20 clusters



Before Global Optimization


## Disconnected Triangles



Poisson Optimization - Yu et al. [2004]

## Global Optimization



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$$
\min _{P}\left(E_{g}+\alpha E_{c}+\beta E_{b}\right)
$$

## Proximity and Fairness



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Global
Non-Linear
Optimization


## Proximity and Fairness

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## 1 - Cluster



Architectural Dome 576 Triangles

## 2 - Clusters



## 3 - Clusters



## 4 - Clusters



## 5 - Clusters



## 6 - Clusters



## Clustering \& Global Optimization



## Before Global Optimization



## After Global Optimization



## Example



2492 triangles | 64 clusters $=2.56 \%$ of total triangles

# Roof 




## Venus <br> 6.017\%

## Bunny

2.436\%




## Comparison

## K-set Tilable Surfaces



Non planar Quadrilaterals
8 permutations for best rigid transformation

Mean S-quad, compute once
Global non-linear optimization
Begin with large \# of clusters \& merge

## Ours



Planar Triangle
6 permutations for best rigid transformation

Non linear search for canonical, iterative
Global linear optimization
Begin with small \# of clusters \& add more

## Future Work

- Detect outliers in clusters
- n-gons
- Planarity
- Modify topology
- Symmetry?
- Maintain streamlines
- Non-existent?



## Paneling Arch. Freeform Surfaces



- Use small \# of molds, with associated cost
- Create non-congruent panels from the mold
- Emphasis upon streamlines
- Minimize divergence and kink angle


## Clustering



Adding 1 Cluster incrementally and running optimization to convergence


17 Clusters before running global optimization to convergence

## Rotation of Canonical Triangle



50\% rotation

$100 \%$ rotation

## 

## Paneling Architectural

 Freeform Surfaces- Use of small \# of molds
- Each mold has an associated cost
- Emphasis upon streamlines
- Divergence and Kink angle

K-set Tilable Surfaces

- Non-planar quads
- 8 permutations for rigid transformation
- Global non-linear optimization
- Start with large \# of clusters and merge
- Mean S-quad, computed once


## Triangle Surfaces with Discrete Equivalence Classes

- Planar Triangles
- 6 permutations for rigid transformation
- Global linear optimization
- Begin with 1 cluster, add more
- Non linear search for canonical triangles, updated for each iteration

