Digital shape analysis with maximal segments
"Asymptotic linear digital geometry"

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## Outline

(1) Motivation
(2) Around digital straight lines and segments
(3) Convexity and asymptotics
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1 Motivation


## Around digital straight lines and segments



## Convexity and asymptotics



## Applications

## Digital geometry $=$ a geometry in $\mathbb{Z}^{n}$

- Digital shapes arise naturally in several contexts

- but also : approximation, word combinatorics, tilings, cellular automata, computational geometry, biomedical imaging, ...
- digital shape analysis requires a sound digital geometry


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input image

$\lambda=0.2$

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$\lambda=0.1$ Total variation [Rudin et al. 1992]


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- [Gauss, Dirichlet] Area of a convex set $X$ by counting. $\tau(h)=O(h)$.
- Moments, perimeter [Klette,Žunić00] [Kovalevsky, Fuchs92] [Sloboda,Zatko96] [Klette et al. 98]


## Toolbox «Linear digital geometry »

Digital straight lines, maximal segments and their asymptotic properties

## Geometric estimators

- convexity/concavity
- tangents
- length
- curvature
- dominant points

Image analysis in real life

- robust estimators
- automatic detection of noise level


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## (Arithmetic) standard line [Reveillès 91], [Kovalevsky 90]

$\left\{(x, y) \in \mathbb{Z}^{2}, \mu \leq a x-b y<\mu+|a|+|b|\right\}$

- slope $\frac{a}{b}$, shift to origin $\mu$
- simple 4-connected path in $\mathbb{Z}^{2}$


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& \frac{a}{b}=\frac{3}{5}=[0 ; 1,1,2]=0+\frac{1}{1+\frac{1}{1+\frac{1}{2}}}
\end{aligned}
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## Link with simple continued fractions



$$
\frac{0}{1}=[0]=0
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Strong links with arithmetics (continued fractions) and word combinatorics (Christoffel and Sturmian words)

## Link with simple continued fractions



DSS as Patterns

## Définition (Pattern)

Freeman chain code between two consecutive upper leaning points of a digital straight line


DSL( 7, 16, 0 )


00010010010001001001001
$=$ Christoffel words [[Christoffel, 1875]]

## DSS as Patterns

Recursive formula [Berstel, 96] (see also splitting formula [Bruckstein ...])

$$
\frac{7}{16}=[0,2,3,2]
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## Définition ([Feschet, Tougne, 99])

Tangential cover of $C$ : sequence of all maximal segments of $C$

## Théorème ([L., Vialard, de Vieilleville 07])

Updating DSS characteristics when removing a point takes time $O(1)$.

Maximal segments capture linear arithmetic geometry


- no parameter
- satisfies convexity
- natural local scale


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## Digital convexity

## Définition (Convexity of digital shape $O \subset \mathbb{Z}^{2}$ )

$O$ convex iff $\operatorname{Conv}(O) \cap \mathbb{Z}^{2}=O$ and $O 4$-connected.

[Kim, Rosenfeld 83], [Minsky, Papert 88] [Hübler, Eckhardt, Klette, Voss,
... ], ..., [Brlek, L., Provençal, Reutenauer 09]

## Digital convexity and maximal segments

## Théorème ([Debled-Rennesson,Reiter-Doerksen 04])

A 4-connected shape $O \subset \mathbb{Z}^{2}$ is digitally convex iff the directions of its maximal segments are monotonous.


- Splits a digital contour into convex and concave parts, with a straight inflexion zone in-between.
- When $O=\operatorname{Dig}_{h}(X)$ has an inflexion zone, then $X$ cannot be convex around this point.


## Asymptotic behavior of maximal segments

Theorems of multigrid convergence of discrete estimators
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Sketch of the proof

- related to continued fraction of DSS slope
- shortest maximal segment which absorbs the greatest number of edges is $[0 ; 2,2, \ldots]$
- inversely, slope complexity upper bounded by $O\left(\log \frac{1}{h}\right)$


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- average length $\overline{L_{D}(M S)}$ of max. seg. (in grid steps)

$$
\frac{1}{3} \frac{\operatorname{Per}(\Gamma)}{n_{e}(\Gamma)} \leq \overline{L_{D}(M S)} \leq 19 \frac{\operatorname{Per}(\Gamma)}{n_{e}(\Gamma)} \Theta\left(\log \frac{1}{h}\right)
$$

## Links between edges of convex hull and maximal segments


$[0 ; 2,2, \ldots, 2]$ : Shortest maximal segment which absorbs the greatest number of edges.

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## Summary of asymptotic results on max. segments

Along digitizations of $C^{3}$-convex shapes (curvature $\kappa>0$ ).

|  | shortest | average | longest |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $L_{D}(M S)$ | $\Omega\left(h^{-\frac{1}{3}}\right)$ | $\Theta\left(h^{-\frac{1}{3}}\right) \leq \cdot \leq \Theta\left(h^{-\frac{1}{3}} \log \frac{1}{h}\right)$ | $O\left(h^{-\frac{1}{2}}\right)$ |
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- longest max. segment $=O\left(h^{-\frac{1}{2}}\right)$
(geometry)
- shortest max. segment $=\Omega\left(h^{-\frac{1}{3}}\right)[$ L. 06] (separating circles)



## Outline

## Motivation

## Around digital straight lines and segments



## Convexity and asymptotics

(4) Applications

## Multigrid convergence of geometric estimators (I)

Définition (Tangent estimator with maximal segment $\hat{\theta}^{\mathrm{MS}}$ )
Tangent at point $P$ is the direction of any maximal segment covering $P$.


## Théorème (L., Vialard, de Vieilleville 07 + L. 06)

Tangent estimators $\hat{\theta}^{M S}$ are uniformly multigrid convergent in $O\left(h^{\frac{1}{3}}\right)$ for shapes with $\mathcal{C}^{3}$-boundary and finite number of inflexion points.

## Examples of geometric estimators (I)

## Définition (Tangent estimator $\lambda$-MST [L. et al. 06])

Let $\left(M S_{i}\right)_{i=1 \ldots k}$ be the maximal segments covering a point $P$, and $\left(\theta_{i}\right)$ their respective directions.

$$
\begin{equation*}
\hat{\theta}(P)=\frac{\sum_{i=1 \ldots k} \lambda\left(e_{i}(P)\right) \theta_{i}}{\sum_{i=1 \ldots k} \lambda\left(e_{i}(P)\right)} . \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $e_{i}(P) \in[0,1]$ is the eccentricity of $P$ in $M S_{i}$, and $\lambda$ is some map in $\mathbb{R}^{+}, \lambda(0)=\lambda(1)=0$.


## Corollaire

The $\lambda$-MST is uniformly multigrid-convergent in $O\left(h^{\frac{1}{3}}\right)$.

## Examples of geometric estimators (II)

## Définition (Curvature by circumscribed circle [Coeurjolly et al. 01])



- simple and fast to implement
- convergent iff maximal segments grow in $O\left(h^{\frac{1}{2}}\right)$.
- false almost everywhere, not convergent in practice.


## Multigrid convergence of geometric estimators (II)

| Quantity | estimator | Unif. convergence | Ave. convergence |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| position | $\hat{x}^{\text {conv }}$ | $O(h)$ | $O\left(h^{\frac{4}{3}}\right)$ |
| tangent | sym. tan. | no | $?$ |
| tangent | $\hat{\theta}^{\text {conv }}$ | $?$ | $O\left(h^{\frac{2}{3}}\right)$ |
| tangent | $\hat{\theta}^{\mathrm{Ms}}$ | $O\left(h^{\frac{1}{3}}\right)$ | $O\left(h^{\frac{2}{3}}\right)$ |
| curvature | Circum. circle | no | exp. no |
| curvature | Var. of sym. tan. | no | no |


| Quantity | estimator | Convergence |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| length | $\int \hat{\theta}^{\mathrm{MS}}$ | $O\left(h^{\frac{1}{3}}\right)$ |

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## Curvature estimator




$$
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$$

$$
\nu=2
$$


[Kerautret, L. 08]

## Dominant points



Automatic detection of meaningful scale / noise Noise / meaningful scale along digital contour [Kerautret, L. 10]

- asymptotic properties of maximal segments along digitizations of ideal shapes
- properties are estimated locally by multiresolution
- comparisons with ideal case determines if the contour is damaged


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h_{6}=6 h, L^{h_{6}}=(8,7,8,8, \ldots)
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fine $\leftarrow---\rightarrow$ coarse
$(h, L(h))$ in logscale

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## Local profile and noise level




## Smooth shape

## Local profile and noise level



## Polygonal shape

Local profile and noise level

(a)

(d)

(b)

(e)

(c)

(f)

## Local profile and noise level



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## Photography

## Local profile and flat/curve discrimination



Analysis of linear parts $\Rightarrow$ highlights curved zones!

(e)

Digital shape analysis with maximal segments

## What about 3D, even ND?

- ND estimators by crossing several 2D geometries [Lenoir 97] [Debled et Tellier 99] [L. et Vialard 03]

$N-1$ paths per surfel normal $\hat{\mathbf{n}}$ orth. to Area $=\sum_{\sigma}\left|\hat{\mathbf{n}} \cdot \mathbf{e}_{\perp \sigma}\right|$ ( $\hat{\theta}_{i}$ )
- What about convergence?


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