# Constrained Surface Registration using Extremal Teichmüller maps (T-Map)

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# **Motivation: Registration**

- Main Goal: Registration
  - <u>Image registration</u>: medical imaging, image super-resolution, video compression...
  - Surface registration: face recognition, texture mapping, medical shape analysis...



# **Motivation: Registration**

- Categories of Registration:
  - Intensity-based registration: based on image intensity for image registration or geometric quantities (curvatures) for surface registration.

Landmark-based registration: based on salient features or landmarks (e.g. sulcal/gyral landmarks on brains)

### Goal: Look for a registration with minimum geometric distortion!





- Develop algorithm to compute constrained registration:
  - Preserve bijectivity (many landmarks/large deformations)
  - Preserve local geometry
  - Match landmark consistently
  - Uniqueness (won't jump into local minimum)
  - Efficiency
  - Independence of the mesh structure

#### Consider a special class of bijective map, called T-Map:

- Minimizes the local geometric distortion
- Uniform local geometric distortion
- Always bijective

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# What is Quasi-conformal map?

- Generalization of conformal maps (angle-preserving);
- Orientation preserving homeomorphism between Riemann surfaces;
- Bounded conformality distortion;
- Intuitively, map infinitesimal circle to ellipse;
- Mathematically, it satisfies:  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial \overline{z}} = \mu(z) \frac{\partial f}{\partial \overline{z}}$

\_ Beltrami coefficient

 $\frac{\partial f}{\partial \bar{z}} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + i \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right);$  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial z} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} - i \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right)$ 

Conformal 
$$\langle - \rangle \mu = 0 \langle - \rangle \frac{\partial f}{\partial \overline{z}} =$$

 Beltrami coefficient: Measure conformality distortion; Invariant under conformal



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**Examples of QC maps** 

#### In term of Riemannian metric,





# Discrete QC Maps

#### **Discrete Measurable Riemann Mapping Theorem**

**Theorem** (Discrete measurable Riemann mapping). Suppose  $K_1$  and  $K_2$  are genus 0 (simply-connected) closed (open) surface meshes. Fixing three (two) points correspondence, there is a 1-1 correspondence between the set of discrete BC defined on  $K_1$  and the set of discrete QC maps between  $K_1$  and  $K_2$ .





Extremal map: minimizes conformality distortion.

**Definition** Let  $f: S_1 \to S_2$  be a quasi-conformal mapping between  $S_1$  and  $S_2$ . f is said to be an extremal mapping if for any quasi-conformal mapping  $h: S_1 \to S_2$ isotopic to  $\phi$  relative to the boundary,

 $||\mu(f)||_{\infty} \le ||\mu(h)||_{\infty}$ 

It is uniquely extremal if the inequality is strict.

#### Properties of extremal map:

- Minimizes the conformality distortion
- Extremal map always exists but may not unique
- Under suitable condition on the boundary/landmark constraints, extermal map is unique.

# What is T-Map?

### Quasi-conformal mapping with uniform conformality distortion.

**Definition** Let  $f: S_1 \to S_2$  be a quasi-conformal mapping. f is said to be a Teichmüller mapping associated to the integrable holomorphic function  $\varphi: S_1 \to \mathbb{C}$  if its associated Beltrami differential is of the form:

$$\mu(f) = k \frac{\overline{\varphi}}{|\varphi|}$$

for some constant k < 1 and holomorphic function  $\varphi \neq 0$  with  $||\varphi||_1 = \int_{S_1} |\varphi| < \infty$ .



# T-Map v.s. Extremal Map

### Huge relationship between T-Map and Extremal map!

**Definition** (Boundary dilation). Suppose  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  are open Riemann surfaces with the same topology. The boundary dilation  $K_1[f]$  of f is defined as:

 $K_1[f] = \inf_C \{ K(h|_{S_1 \setminus C}) : h \in \mathfrak{F}, C \subseteq S_1, C \text{ is compact.} \}$ 

where  $\mathfrak{F}$  is the family of quasi-conformal homeomorphisms of  $S_1$  onto  $S_2$  which are homotopic to f modulo the boundary.

Under suitable condition, T-Map = Extremal map!

**Theorem** (Strebel's theorem). Let f be an extremal quasi-conformal mapping with K(f) > 1. If  $K_1[f] < K(f)$ , then f is a Teichmüller map associated with an integrable holomorphic function on  $S_1$ . Hence, f is also an unique extremal mapping.

# T-Map v.s. Extremal Map

Under suitable boundary condition, T-Map = Extremal map on disk!

**Theorem** Let  $g: \partial \mathbb{D} \to \partial \mathbb{D}$  be an orientation-preserving homeomorphism of  $\partial \mathbb{D}$ . Suppose further that  $h'(e^{i\theta}) \neq 0$  and  $h''(e^{i\theta})$  is bounded. Then there is a Teichmüller mapping f that is the unique extremal extension of g to  $\mathbb{D}$ . That is,  $f: \mathbb{D} \to \mathbb{D}$  is an extremal mapping with  $f|_{\partial \mathbb{D}} = g$ .

### Main idea:

For open surfaces with disk topology, if the boundary correspondence satisfies "good" conditions for their derivatives,
 EXTREMAL MAP = T-MAP!

# Landmark matching T-Map

T-Map exists and unique even with interior landmark constraints enforced!

**Theorem** (Landmark-matching Teichmüller mapping). Let  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  be open Riemann surfaces with the same topology. Let  $\{p_i\}_{i=1}^n \in S_1$  and  $\{q_i\}_{i=1}^n \in S_2$  be the corresponding interior landmark constraints. Let  $f: S_1 \setminus \{p_i\}_{i=1}^n \to S_2 \setminus \{q_i\}_{i=1}^n$ be the extremal quasi-conformal mapping, such that  $p_i$  corresponds to  $q_i$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . If  $K_1[f] < K(f)$ , then f is a Teichmüller map associated with an integrable holomorphic function on  $S_1 \setminus \{p_i\}_{i=1}^n$ . Hence, f is an unique extremal mapping.

### <u>Main idea:</u>

- If boundary dilation is under certain condition, there EXISTS landmark matching T-Map;
- T-Map is unique extremal map. Hence, given a prescribed set of landmark constraints, the associated T-Map is UNIQUE!
- T-Map has BC with norm k < 1. Hence, T-Map is BIJECTIVE!</p>

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### Problem:

- Find a T-Map which satisfies some boundary condition and interior landmark constraints.
- Find a mapping which has LEAST and UNIFORM (everywhere the same) conformality distortion.

### Mathematically:

• Find a T-Map such that:

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial \overline{z}} = k \frac{\overline{\varphi}}{|\varphi|} \frac{\partial f}{\partial z}$$
 and  $f|_{\partial D_1} = g$  on  $\partial D_1$ 

**Beltrami equation** 

$$f(a_i) = b_i; \ f(p_j) = q_j; \ \text{for} \ i = 1, ..., n; \ j = 1, ..., m$$

Interior landmark points/curves constraints

# **Variational formulation**

### <u>Main idea:</u>

- Solving the above problem is difficult!
- Propose a variational formulation of the problem.
- Iterative method, called the QC iterations, will be developed.

### Variational formulation:

T-Map f is extremal in the sense that:

 $||\mu(f)||_{\infty} \leq ||\mu(h)||_{\infty} \quad \text{for any } h: D_1 \to D_2 \text{ satisfying } h|_{\partial D_1} = g$ 

• Our problem can be formulated as:

$$f = \operatorname{argmin}_{f:D_1 \to D_2} E_1(f) := \operatorname{argmin}_{f:D_1 \to D_2} \{ ||\mu(f)||_{\infty} \}$$

subject to:

- $f|_{\partial D_1} = g$  (boundary condition);  $f(p_j) = q_j$ ; for i = 1, ..., n; j = 1, ..., m
- $\mu(f) = k \frac{\overline{\varphi}}{|\varphi|}$  for some constant  $0 \le k < 1$  and holomorphic function  $\varphi : D_1 \to \mathbb{C}$ .

# **Variational formulation**

### Difficulty:

Solving the above variational problem over f is difficult!

$$f = \mathrm{argmin}_{f}\{||\mu(f)||_{\infty}\} = \mathrm{argmin}_{f}||\frac{\partial f/\partial \overline{z}}{\partial f/\partial \overline{z}}||_{\infty}$$

Propose to minimize it over the Beltrami coefficients!

### Variational formulation:

We formulate the variational problem over Beltrami coefficients:

$$(\nu, f) = \operatorname{argmin}_{\nu: D_1 \to \mathbb{C}} E_2(\nu) := \operatorname{argmin}_{\nu: D_1 \to \mathbb{C}} \{ ||\nu||_{\infty} \}$$

subject to:

- $\nu = \mu(\underline{f})$  and  $||\nu||_{\infty} < 1;$
- $\nu = k_{|\varphi|}^{\overline{\varphi}}$  for some constant  $0 \leq k < 1$  and holomorphic function  $\varphi : D_1 \to \mathbb{C}$ ;
- $f|_{\partial D_1} \stackrel{r}{=} g$  (boundary condition).  $f(p_j) = q_j$ ; for i = 1, ..., n; j = 1, ..., m

# **Computational Algorithm**

### <u>Main idea:</u>

- In each iterations, smooth and average the BC;
- Find the "best" associated qc map that fixes landmark and boundary constraints.

### Tools that we need:

 Linear Beltrami Solver (LBS): Provides a way to go between Beltrami coefficient and its associated QC map.

(should be efficient so that fast computation in each iterations)

 Quasi-conformal (QC) Iterations: Provides a way to minimizes the variational model for computing the T-Map.

(should converge fast, so that only few iterations are needed)

# Linear Beltrami Solver

### <u>Main idea:</u>

Build a discrete analogue of the generalized version of Beltrami equation:

Let 
$$f = u + \sqrt{-1}v$$
. Let  $\mu(f) = \rho + \sqrt{-1}\tau$ .  

$$\begin{pmatrix}
-v_y = \alpha_1 u_x + \alpha_2 u_y; \\
v_x = \alpha_2 u_x + \alpha_3 u_y.
\end{pmatrix}$$
where  $\alpha_1 = \frac{(\rho-1)^2 + \tau^2}{1 - \rho^2 - \tau^2}; \ \alpha_2 = -\frac{2\tau}{1 - \rho^2 - \tau^2}; \ \alpha_3 = \frac{1 + 2\rho + \rho^2 + \tau^2}{1 - \rho^2 - \tau^2}.$ 

Take divergence on both sides:

$$\nabla \cdot \left( A \begin{pmatrix} u_x \\ u_y \end{pmatrix} \right) = 0 \text{ and } \nabla \cdot \left( A \begin{pmatrix} v_x \\ v_y \end{pmatrix} \right) = 0$$
  
where  $A = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 & \alpha_2 \\ \alpha_2 & \alpha_3 \end{pmatrix}$ .

# Linear Beltrami Solver

### Discrete analogue:

- In the discrete setting, assume mapping to be piecewise linear.
- On triangulation mesh, let BC be defined on each faces.
- Then on each face, we have:

$$-d_T = \alpha_1(T)a_T + \alpha_2(T)b_T$$
$$c_T = \alpha_2(T)a_T + \alpha_3(T)b_T$$

where

$$D_x u(T) = a_T, D_y u(T) = b_T, D_x v(T) = c_T \text{ and } D_y v(T) = d_T.$$

 Discrete divergence can be defined by (using divergence theorem on mesh):

$$Div(\vec{V})(v_i) = \sum_{T \in N_i} A_i^T V_1(T) + B_i^T V_2(T)$$

where:

$$A_i^T = (h_j - h_k) / Area(T), \ A_j^T = (h_k - h_i) / Area(T), \ A_k^T = (h_i - h_j) / Area(T); B_i^T = (g_k - g_j) / Area(T), \ B_j^T = (g_i - g_k) / Area(T), \ B_k^T = (g_j - g_i) / Area(T);$$

# Linear Beltrami Solver

### Linear system to get the associated QC map:

• A sparse symmetric positive definite linear system can be obtained.

$$Div\left(A\left(\begin{array}{c}D_{x}u\\D_{y}u\end{array}\right)\right) = 0 \text{ and } Div\left(A\left(\begin{array}{c}D_{x}v\\D_{y}v\end{array}\right)\right) = 0 \text{ where } A = \left(\begin{array}{cc}\alpha_{1} & \alpha_{2}\\\alpha_{2} & \alpha_{3}\end{array}\right).$$

This is equivalent to the following linear system:

$$\left(\sum_{T \in N_i} A_i^T [\alpha_1(T)a_T + \alpha_2(T)b_T] + B_i^T [\alpha_2(T)a_T + \alpha_3(T)b_T] = 0\right)$$
$$\sum_{T \in N_i} A_i^T [\alpha_1(T)c_T + \alpha_2(T)d_T] + B_i^T [\alpha_2(T)c_T + \alpha_3(T)d_T] = 0$$

# **Quasi-conformal (QC) Iterations**

### <u>Main idea:</u>

- Iteratively minimizes the variational model for computing T-Map
- Recall:  $(\nu, f) = \operatorname{argmin}_{\nu: D_1 \to \mathbb{C}} \{ ||\nu||_{\infty} \}$

subject to: (1)  $\nu = \mu(f)$  with  $||\nu||_{\infty} < 1$ ; (2)  $\nu = k_{|\varphi|}^{\overline{\varphi}}$ 

(3) f satisfies certain boundary condition and/or landmark constraints.

Initially, we consider an initial map:

$$f_0 = \mathbf{LBS}_{LM}(\mu_0 := 0)$$

- Compute the BC of the initial map:  $\nu_0 = \mu(f_0)$ Hence, obtain the initial pair:  $(\nu_0, f_0)$
- Laplace smooth and Averaging:

$$\mathfrak{L}(\nu_0)(T) := \sum_{T_i \in \mathrm{Nbhd}(T)} \nu_0(T) / |\mathrm{Nbhd}(T)| \qquad \text{(Laplace smooth)}$$

$$\mathcal{A}(\tilde{\mu_1})(T) := \left(\frac{\sum_{T \in \text{ all faces of } K_1} |\tilde{\mu_1}|(T)}{\text{No. of faces of } K_1}\right) \frac{\tilde{\mu_1}(T)}{|\tilde{\mu_1}(T)|} \quad \text{(Averaging)}$$

# **Quasi-conformal (QC) Iterations**

### **Detailed algorithm:**

$$\mu_{n+1} := \mathcal{A}(\mathfrak{L}(\nu_n));$$
  
$$f_{n+1} := \mathbf{LBS}_{LM}(\mu_{n+1});$$
  
$$\nu_{n+1} := \mu(f_{n+1}).$$

Algorithm: (QC iteration) Input: Triangular meshes:  $K_1$  and  $K_2$ ; the desired landmark constraints and/or boundary condition.

**Output** : Optimal Beltrami coefficient  $\nu$  and the T-Map f

- 1. Obtain the initial mapping  $f_0 = \mathbf{LBS}_{LM}(\mu_0 := 0)$ . Set  $\nu_0 = \mu(f_0)$ ;
- 2. Given  $\nu_n$ , compute  $\mu_{n+1} := \mathcal{A}(\mathfrak{L}(\nu_n))$ ; Compute  $f_{n+1} := \mathbf{LBS}_{LM}(\mu_{n+1})$  and set  $\nu_{n+1} := \mu(f_{n+1})$ ;
- 3. If  $||\nu_{n+1} \nu_n|| \ge \epsilon$ , continue. Otherwise, stop the iteration.

# **Convergence Analysis**

### Summary of QC iterations:

- Laplace smooth BC;
- Projection of BC into the space of BCs of Teichmuller type Why it works:
- QC iterations = Minimization of harmonic energy under the distorted metric given by BC.

**Theorem** (T-Map and harmonic energy). Let

$$T(S_1) := \{ \mu : S_1 \to \mathbb{C} : \mu = k \frac{\overline{\varphi}}{|\varphi|} \}.$$

Define the harmonic energy with respect to  $\mu \in T(S_1)$  by:

$$E(\mu) = \min_{f:S_1 \to S_2} \{ \int_{S_1} ||\nabla_{\mu} f||_{S_2}^2 \} = \min_{f:S_1 \to S_2} \{ \int_{S_1} |\frac{\partial f}{\partial \bar{z}} - \mu \frac{\partial f}{\partial z}|^2 dS_1 \}$$

Then:  $E: T(S_1) \to \mathbb{R}^+$  is convex and its global minimizer is the Teichmüller extremal map.

L.M. Lui, X.F. Gu, S.T. Yau, Convergence of an Iterative Algorithm for Teichmüller Maps via Harmonic Energy Minimization, UCLA CAM report 13-36, June 2013

#### Analytic example:

For a ring domain with inner and outer radii  $r_0$  and  $r_1$ , we map it to a ring with inner and outer radii  $r_0'$  and  $r_1'$ .

The extremal map has the polar formal

$$(r,\theta) \to \left(r_0' \left(\frac{r}{r_0}\right)^K, \theta\right)$$

where

$$K = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{r_1'}{r_0'}\right)}{\ln\left(\frac{r_1}{r_0}\right)}$$

In the following, experiments with different situation is illustrated. Most of the program codes are still in Matlab version. C++ version or even GPU calculating can be applied to speed up the calculation.



### Arbitrary shapes:

#### Histogram of the Norm of BC in each BC norm iteration



### Irregular triangulation:



Without fixing the whole boundary:



### Multiply-connected domains:



### Interior landmark constraints:



**(C)** 

**(B)** 

### Soft landmark constraints:



# **QC Iterations for large deformation**

QC iterations obtain bijective map even with large deformation:



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### **Computational time for QC iterations**

### Laptop machine: Intel Core i7 2.70 GHz CPU; 8 GB RAM (implemented using MATLAB)

 $Computational\ time\ for\ QC\ iterations$ 

	Vertex number	Time	$  \mu  _{\infty}$
Analytic example	8936	$1.297 { m \ s}$	0.4122
4 points on boundary $+$ 3 landmark curves	8257	$4.46 \mathrm{s}$	0.4154
Disk (Dirichlet boundary)	8257	$5.420~\mathrm{s}$	0.2295
8 points on boundary	8257	$6.645~\mathrm{s}$	0.2120
4 points on boundary $+$ 20 landmarks	8257	$8.467~\mathrm{s}$	0.2843
Arbitrary shape	8257	$10.056~\mathrm{s}$	0.3475
Disk free boundary $+$ 20 landmarks	8257	$18.579~\mathrm{s}$	0.1855
Three holes disk	17746	$15.030~\mathrm{s}$	0.4088
Six holes disk	22979	$17.680~\mathrm{s}$	0.4433
Sphere	10242	$34.679~\mathrm{s}$	0.3086

# **Comparison with other methods**

### Comparison with: 1. Harmonic Map 2. TPS 3. LDDMM

	Teichmüller map	Harmonic map	TPS	LDDMM
Time	6.276 s	$1.697 \mathrm{s}$	$0.117~{ m s}$	$416.247 \ s$
Overlap faces	0	110	13	0
$  \mu  _{\infty}$	0.594	5.389	1	0.805

Comparison with other methods



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# **Brain landmark matching registration**

### Goal:

Find meaning 1-1 correspondence between brain surface matches sulci consistently.

### **Applications:**

Statistical analysis; morphometry; processing,...

### **Difficulties:**

Overlaps or flips occurs when there are large number of landmarks or with large deformation.



### **Brain landmark matching registration**

**T-Map for Brain registration with 3 sulcal landmarks** 



## **Brain landmark matching registration**

### **T-Map for Brain registration with 6 sulcal landmarks**



**Brainstem registration** 

### **Brainstem:**

Anatomical brain structures which govern the balance control; regulate cardiac/respiratory function...

### Goal:

Study Adolescent Idiopathic Scholiosis = 3D structural deformity of the spine

### **Method:**

- 1. Find meaningful surface registration;
- 2. Statistical shape analysis.



### **Brainstem registration**



### **Constrained Texture Mapping**

### Texture mapping = map image onto a surface (for surface decoration etc)

### **Idea: 1.** Map vertices to 2D positions of an image;

- (Correspondence guided by landmark features)
- 2. Color value is assigned for each vertex;
- **3.** Color value inside the face by linear interpolation.



#### **Textured surface mesh**

### **Constrained Texture Mapping**

### **T-Map for constrained texture mapping**





**(A)** 





### **Constrained Texture Mapping**

### **T-Map for constrained texture mapping**



**(A)** 



**(C)** 

**(E)** 

# **T-Map for high-genus surfaces**

### Vertebrae bone (genus-1) registration

Shape morphometry: analysis of bone cancer, AIS etc...



### **Human Face registration**

### **T-Map for face registration**



### **Human Face registration**

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### **Extension of QC iterations:**

- Goal: 1. Intensity matching;
  - 2. Landmark matching;
  - 3. Allow non-uniform conformality distortion.

Key idea:

$$\mathcal{I}_{matching}(\nu) := \operatorname{argmin}_{\mu} \{ \int_{S_1} (I_1 - I_2 (f^{\mu})^2 + \int_{S_1} |\mu - \nu|^p + \int_{S_1} |\nabla \mu|^2 \}$$

Solve by Alternating Direction Method of multipliers (ADMM)

**QC iterations with intensity matching** 

$$\mu_{n+1} := \mathcal{I}_{matching}(\nu_n);$$
  
$$f_{n+1} := \mathbf{LBS}_{LM}(\mu_{n+1});$$
  
$$\nu_{n+1} := \mu(f_{n+1}).$$

#### Example 1: 'A' to 'R'



#### Example 1: 'A' to 'R'





#### Example 2: 'I' to 'C'





#### Example 2: 'I' to 'C'





# **Conclusion and Future works**

### Conclusion: T-Map

- Introduce T-Map: minimum and uniform local geometric distortion;
- QC iterations: fast algorithm to compute T-Map
- T-Map is suitable for landmark-matching registration: Every prescribed set of landmark constraints is associated to a UNIQUE T-Map
- Applications: medical imaging, computer graphics and computer visions.

### Future work:

- Study the convergence rate of QC iterations;
- GPU implementation of QC iterations;
- Extend the algorithms to point clouds;
- Apply T-Map to medical morphometry...