Apparent Ridges for Line Drawing

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Our Goal

create a line drawing that best conveys an object's shape independent of lighting



Input: 3D model



Previous work: Contours



Def: normal ___ view direction

+ view dependent

- not enough information



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=> It is useful to define ridgeand valley-like lines which are illumination independent

Our new lines: Apparent ridges





View dependent ridge- and valleylike features

Light & material independent

Based on perceptual motivations

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Draw lines at rapid variation of normal with respect to the image position



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Introduce: View-dependent Curvature Apparent Ridges



















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View-dependent Curvature

object















Recap: Our New Definitions

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Max Curvature

high

0

Traditional maximum Curvature

Line Comparison

Ridges & Valleys extrema of curvature Apparent Ridges extrema of view-dep curvature Biased towards contour

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Implementation

- Input: meshes
- combination of finite difference & orientation tests [Ohtake et al. 2004]
- See paper

Results

line drawing is a subjective study

we choose threshold to match amount of line

Results

Apparent Ridges:

- include contours
- modify ridges and valleys (bias towards contour)
- are different from suggestive contours

Comparison to Ridges and Valleys

Apparent ridges are less rigid and boxy
















Suggestive Contours

Apparent Ridges



Suggestive Contours

variation of normal is 0

Apparent Ridges

variation of normal is maximum



Suggestive Contours

variation of normal is 0 view direction



Apparent Ridges

variation of normal is *maximum* max principal direction



Suggestive Contours

variation of normal is 0 view direction where image luminance is dark



Apparent Ridges

variation of normal is *maximum* max principal direction at rapid luminance variation



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both provide interesting set of lines













Suggestive Contours Apparent Ridges

Apparent ridges create more natural images





Trade situations where one or two lines are drawn



















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Apparent Ridges are Versatile


















Discussion & limitations

- Potentially noisy due to 2nd order derivative
- More costly than other lines
- Limitations shared with other lines
 - Thresholding sometimes eliminates good detail
 - Fair comparison is hard (user study)

Summary: Apparent Ridges

- Perceptual motivation: rapid changes in luminance
- Simple change from ridges & valleys
 - variation of normal with respect to screen, not object space
 - bias towards contour
- Different from suggestive contours
 - higher order of derivative
 - rapid luminance variation vs dark regions
 - lines in convex regions
- Versatile





Questions?

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Apparent Ridges

Computation on meshes

- Estimate view-dependent curvature SP^{-1}
- Estimate view dependent curvature derivative
- find consistent principal direction field
- Locate zero crossings
- Trim to eliminate minima
- Threshold



New lines

- Previous talk:
 - lighting dependent & image-based
- Suggestive & principal highlights:
 - work best in white
 - opposite behavior when viewpoint changes (they move away from contour)
 - lower order of derivative (bright pixel vs. rapid variation)
 - extremum along view direction, not principal direction