# **Near-Isometric Level Set Tracking**

## **Supplementary Material**

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#### 1. Proof of Theorem 1

Let  $R_t : \mathbb{R}^3 \to \mathbb{R}^3$  be a family of rigid motions of the form  $R_t(x) := \mathcal{O}_t x + p_t$  where  $\mathcal{O}_t \in SO(3)$  is an orthogonal matrix with unit determinant and  $p_t \in \mathbb{R}^3$  is a vector; neither of these depend on x. The Eulerian velocity vector field of this motion is an *affine* vector field of the form  $V_t(x) := A_t x + b_t$  where  $A_t := \frac{d\mathcal{O}_t}{dt} \mathcal{O}_t^\top$  and  $b_t := \frac{dp_t}{dt} - \frac{d\mathcal{O}_t}{dt} \mathcal{O}_t^\top p_t$ . Moreover, by differentiating the identity  $\mathcal{O}_t^\top \mathcal{O}_t = Id$ , we find that  $A_t$  is antisymmetric. The Jacobian matrix of  $V_t$  is thus constant and equal to  $A_t$ , therefore satisfying  $DV_t + [DV_t]^\top = 0$ .

For the converse, let  $\partial_i V^j$  denote the partial derivatives of the components of *V*. Then the Killing equation implies that  $\partial_1 V^1 = \partial_2 V^2 = \partial_3 V^3 = 0$  as well as  $\partial_2 V^1 + \partial_1 V^2 = \partial_3 V^1 + \partial_1 V^3 = \partial_2 V^3 + \partial_3 V^2 = 0$ . By taking a second derivative, observe that

 $0 = \partial_2 \left( \partial_2 V^1 + \partial_1 V^2 \right) = \partial_2 \partial_2 V^1 + \partial_1 \left( \partial_2 V^2 \right)$ 

so that  $\partial_2 \partial_2 V^1 = 0$  since  $\partial_2 V^2 = 0$ . In the same way, we find  $\partial_3 \partial_3 V^1 = 0$ . Finally, observe that

$$0 = \partial_3 \left( \partial_2 V^1 + \partial_1 V^2 \right) + \partial_2 \left( \partial_3 V^1 + \partial_1 V^3 \right)$$
  
=  $2 \partial_2 \partial_3 V^1 + \partial_1 \left( \partial_2 V^3 + \partial_3 V^2 \right)$ 

so that  $\partial_2 \partial_3 V^1$  since  $\partial_2 V^3 + \partial_3 V^2 = 0$ . Thus we have learned that  $V^1$  is an affine function of  $x^2$  and  $x^3$  alone. Similarly, we find that  $V^2$  is an affine function of  $x^1$  and  $x^3$ , and  $V^3$  is an affine function of  $x^1$  and  $x^2$ . Writing  $V^1 := a_{12}x^2 + a_{13}x^3 + c_2$  and so on, we can now substitute this form for *V* into the Killing equation to find additional constraints on the *a*- and *c*-coefficients. In this way, we find that the *c*-coefficients are unconstrained and the *a*-coefficients are antisymmetric. This establishes the first part of the lemma

Next, we study the mapping  $x \mapsto \mathcal{O}_t(x)$  which solves the ODE (2) with a family  $V_t$  satisfying the Killing equation (which we know exists thanks to the assumed smoothness of  $V_t$  in t). To show that  $\mathcal{O}_t$  is a rigid motion, we show that the derivative matrix  $D\mathcal{O}_t$  preserves the inner products of vectors as follows. If  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}^3$ , then

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( D\mathcal{O}_t a \cdot D\mathcal{O}_t b \right) = \sum_{ijk} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \frac{\partial \mathcal{O}_t^k}{\partial x^i} \frac{\partial \mathcal{O}_t^k}{\partial x^j} \right) a^i a^j$$

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$$=\sum_{ijk} \left( \frac{\partial V_t^k \circ \mathcal{O}_t}{\partial x^i} \frac{\partial \mathcal{O}_t^k}{\partial x^j} + \frac{\partial V_t^k \circ \mathcal{O}_t}{\partial x^j} \frac{\partial \mathcal{O}_t^k}{\partial x^i} \right) a^i a^j$$
$$=\sum_{ijk\ell} \left( \frac{\partial V_t^\ell}{\partial x^k} + \frac{\partial V_t^k}{\partial x^\ell} \right) \frac{\partial \mathcal{O}_t^k}{\partial x^i} \frac{\partial \mathcal{O}_t^\ell}{\partial x^j} a^i a^j$$
$$= 0$$

by the Killing equation. Thus  $D\mathcal{O}_t a \cdot D\mathcal{O}_t b$  is constant.

#### 2. Derivation of PDE Form

To derive the first-order optimality conditions satisfied by the minimizer of (5), we form the Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L}(V,\lambda) := \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathcal{U}} \|P(V)\|^2 + \int_{\mathcal{U}} \lambda \left(\frac{\partial F_t}{\partial t} + \nabla F_t \cdot V\right)$$
(1)

where  $\lambda : \mathcal{U} \to \mathbb{R}$  is the Lagrange multiplier function. Since the minimizing pair  $(V, \lambda)$  is a critical point of  $\mathcal{L}$ , then for any variation  $\delta V$  of V we have  $\frac{d}{d\epsilon}\mathcal{L}(V + \epsilon \delta V, \lambda)|_{\epsilon=0} = 0$ . Expanding this expression provides the *weak form* of the optimality conditions:

$$0 = \int_{\mathcal{U}} \left( \operatorname{Tr} \left( P(V) [P(\delta V)]^{\top} \right) + \lambda \nabla F_t \cdot \delta V \right).$$
 (2)

If we then integrate by parts, we find

$$0 = \int_{\mathcal{U}} \left( P^* P(V) + \lambda \nabla F_t \right) \cdot \delta V + \int_{\partial \mathcal{U}} N_{\partial \mathcal{U}} \cdot P(V) \cdot \delta V , \quad (3)$$

where  $P^*$ : Symmetric matrix fields  $\rightarrow$  vector fields is the adjoint operator of *P*. Also,  $N_{\partial U}$  is the unit normal vector of  $\partial U$ . Since Equation (3) is true for all variations  $\delta V$ , we conclude that the integrands appearing there must vanish.

### 3. Proof of Theorem 4

If  $\Omega_t = R_t(\Omega)$  for some rigid motion  $R_t$  its level set function satisfies  $F_t := F \circ R_t^{-1}$  where F is a level set function for the reference geometry. As we know, the Eulerian velocity  $V_t(x) := \frac{dR_t}{dt} \circ R_t^{-1}(x)$ 

is a Killing vector field satisfying  $P(V_t) = 0$ . Let  $V_t$  have components  $[V_t(x)]^i = \sum_{ik} \frac{d[R_t]_i^k}{dt} [R_t]_i^k x^j$ . Then,

$$\sum_{i} [V_{t}(x)]^{i} \frac{\partial F \circ R_{t}(x)}{\partial x^{i}} + \frac{\partial F \circ R_{t}(x)}{\partial t}$$
$$= \sum_{k} \frac{\partial F}{\partial x^{k}} \circ R_{t}(x) \left( [R_{t}]_{i}^{k} \sum_{jk} \frac{d[R_{t}]_{j}^{i}}{dt} [R_{t}]_{j}^{k} + \frac{d[R_{t}]_{j}^{k}}{dt} \right) x^{j}$$

The term in brackets vanishes because the linear part of  $R_t$  is an orthogonal matrix. Thus *V* satisfies the constraints as well. Therefore  $(V_t, \lambda) = (0, 0)$  is the solution of the PDE.

#### 4. Discrete Optimality Conditions

We obtain the discrete optimality equations by substituting the reduced forms of *V* and  $\delta V$  into (2). That is,

$$V := \sum_{i} \sum_{s=1}^{3} \sum_{s'=1}^{2} (a_{is'} z_{iss'} + w_{is}) \xi_{i} e_{s}$$

$$V' := \sum_{t=1}^{3} z_{jtt'} \xi_{j} e_{t} \quad \forall j \text{ and } \forall t' = 1, 2.$$
(4)

Since the variation V' above is orthogonal to  $\nabla F_t$  by construction, the Lagrange multiplier term in (2) vanishes, leaving

$$0 = \int_{U_{\varepsilon}} \operatorname{Tr}(P(V)[P(V')]^{\top})$$
  
=  $2\sum_{i} \sum_{s,t,u,\nu=1}^{3} (\delta_{s\nu} \delta_{tu} + \delta_{st} \delta_{u\nu}) v_{is} z_{jtt'} \sum_{T} \int_{T} \frac{\partial \xi_{i}}{\partial x^{u}} \frac{\partial \xi_{j}}{\partial x^{\nu}}$  (5)

after expanding in terms of the partial derivatives of the components of V and V'. Here  $\delta_{ij}$  is the Kronecker delta  $v_{is}$  are the components of V in the expansions (5).

To evaluate further we need a formula for  $\nabla \xi_i$ , which is piecewise constant since  $\xi_i$  is piecewise linear. Let  $T := [x_i, y_1, y_2, y_3]$  be a tetrahedron containing  $x_i$  and let n(i,T) be the inward-pointing unit vector normal to the face  $[y_1, y_2, y_3]$  and let A(i,T) be its area. Then a straightforward geometric calculation shows that

$$abla \xi_i \Big|_T = -\frac{A(i,T)}{3 \operatorname{Vol}(T)} n(i,T).$$

The product of the partial derivatives in (5) is supported on *T* if and only if  $x_i, x_j$  are both vertices of *T*, so for each *i* 

$$\sum_{T} \int_{T} \frac{\partial \xi_{i}}{\partial x^{u}} \frac{\partial \xi_{i}}{\partial x^{v}} = \frac{1}{9} \sum_{T \in R(i)} \frac{(A(i,T))^{2}}{\operatorname{Vol}(T)} n_{u}(i,T) n_{v}(i,T), \quad (6a)$$

where R(i) is the one-ring of tetrahedra containing  $x_i$ ; and for each pair  $i \neq j$  such that  $[x_i, x_j]$  is an edge

$$\sum_{T} \int_{T} \frac{\partial \xi_{i}}{\partial x^{u}} \frac{\partial \xi_{j}}{\partial x^{v}} = \frac{1}{9} \sum_{T \in \mathcal{R}(i,j)} \frac{A(i,T)A(j,T)}{\operatorname{Vol}(T)} n_{u}(i,T)n_{v}(j,T), \quad (6b)$$

where R(i, j) is the one-ring of tetrahedra containing  $[x_i, x_j]$ . We now substitute these expressions into (5) and find

$$0 = \sum_{i} \sum_{s,t=1}^{3} K_{ijst} (a_{is'} z_{iss'} + w_{is}) z_{jtt'} \quad \forall j \text{ and } \forall t' = 1, 2.$$
(7)

where  $K_{ijst}$  are the coefficients of the stiffness matrix.

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Figure 1: Solver execution time and time slice construction time as a function of bandwidth size with respect to a fixed background grid resolution (equal to  $60 \times 60 \times 60$ ) in 3D. Units are fractions of the diameter of the background grid. We collect data from the ellipse moving according to four different types of motion.



Figure 2: Solver execution time and time slice construction time as a function of grid resolution using a fixed-size narrow band (equal to 0.25) in 3D. We collect data from the ellipse moving according to four different types of motion.