

# Multivalued Discrete Dynamical System Framework for Surface Modeling

## Part I: Mathematical model

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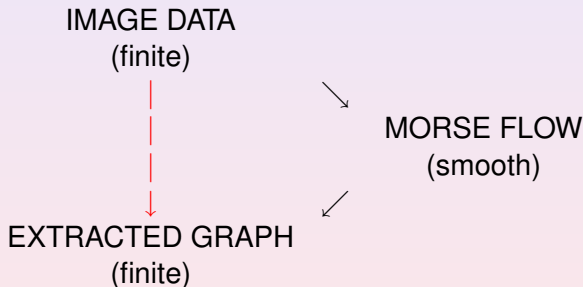


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# Smooth Morse Connection Graph

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The smooth Morse Connections Graph is a graph whose nodes  $V$  are critical points of  $f$  and edges  $E$  are defined as follows:

$$E = \{(p, q) \in V \times V \mid \exists \text{ trajectory connecting } p \text{ to } q\}$$

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The values of  $f$  are only known on a set of pixels, denoted by  $X$ . Thus,  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a discrete function.

We interpret pixels  $x \in X$  as unit squares of the form  $x = [k, k + 1] \times [l, l + 1]$ ,  $k, l$  integers, for a chosen grid scale. Given any  $A \subset X$  the **support** of  $A$  is the set  $|A| \in \mathbb{R}^2$  given by

$$|A| = \bigcup A.$$

Thus the association  $A \mapsto |A|$  provides the passage from combinatorics to geometry.



## Definition

Two pixels  $x$  and  $y$  in  $X$  are

- **0-connected**, denoted by  $x_0y$ , if  $\exists$  a sequence  $x_1 = x, x_2, \dots, x_n = y$  such that  $x_i \cap x_{i+1}$  contains a vertex for all  $i$ ,
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## Definition

A **component**  $\mathcal{X}$  is a maximal set of 0-connected pixels with the same value of  $f$ .

1	-1	1	1	1
1	0	0	1	2
1	1	1	0	1
1	1	1	2	1

**Figure:** Pixels with the 0 value form a component.





## Definition

The **distance** between two adjacent pixels  $x, y \in X$  is

$$\text{dist}(x, y) = \begin{cases} \sqrt{2} & \text{if } x \cap y \text{ is a vertex,} \\ 1 & \text{if } x \cap y \text{ is an edge.} \end{cases}$$

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Given a function  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , a component  $\mathcal{X} \subset X$  is called a

$$\begin{aligned} \text{maximum} & \iff \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(x) < 0, \quad \forall x \in \mathcal{X}, \forall y \in bd(x) \cap bd(\mathcal{X}) \\ & \iff f(y) < f(x), \quad \forall x \in \mathcal{X}, \forall y \in bd(x) \cap bd(\mathcal{X}) \\ \text{minimum} & \iff \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(x) > 0, \quad \forall x \in \mathcal{X}, \forall y \in bd(x) \cap bd(\mathcal{X}) \\ & \iff f(y) > f(x), \quad \forall x \in \mathcal{X}, \forall y \in bd(x) \cap bd(\mathcal{X}). \end{aligned}$$



2	0	4	0
2	1	3	4
0	4	0	4

**Figure:** Adjacent center pixels with values 1 and 3 are both saddles and they form a component which is not a level set of  $f$  but it has a property of a 4-saddle.

## Definition

A  $k$ -saddle component is a maximal connected set of saddle pixels such that  $\overline{\text{wrap}}(\mathcal{X}) \neq \emptyset$  and its support is 1-disconnected with  $(k + 1)$  1-connected components,  $k \geq 1$ .



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A set  $\mathcal{X}$  is a *critical component* if it is either a minimum, maximum or a  $k$ -saddle.



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We propose several experimental approaches to defining a dynamics of a function  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  on a set of pixels  $X$ . For abbreviation, given  $x \in X$ , let

$$\max = \max_{y \in \text{wrap}(x)} \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(x) \quad \text{and} \quad \min = \min_{y \in \text{wrap}(x)} \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(x).$$



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steepest  
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Let  $P$  and  $Q$  be two critical components of  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . There is

- an **upward connection** from  $P$  to  $Q$ , denoted  $P \nearrow Q$ , if

$$W^u(P, \mathcal{F}_+) \cap W^s(Q, \mathcal{F}_+) \neq \emptyset;$$

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# Covering property

## Theorem

Let  $\{P_1, \dots, P_k\}$  be the set of all critical components of  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Then

$$\bigcup_{i=1}^k W^s(P_i, \mathcal{F}_+) = X = \bigcup_{i=1}^k W^s(P_i, \mathcal{F}_-).$$



# Morse Connection Graph

## Definition

The Morse Connections Graph  $MCG_f = (V_f, E_f)$  is a graph whose nodes  $V_f$  and edges  $E_f$  are defined as follows:

$$V_f = \{\text{critical components of } f\};$$

$$E_f = \{(P_i, P_j) \in V_f \times V_f \mid P_i \nearrow P_j \text{ or } P_i \searrow P_j\}$$

Equivalently,  $(P_i, P_j)$  is an edge of the graph if

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