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Description, Matching and Retrieval by Content of 3D Objects

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- Next future applications of content-based retrieval will consider also databases of 3D objects. Key research subjects for databases of 3D objects.
 - Solutions for acquisition and reconstruction of 3D object
 - Descriptors of 3D shape and apparent visual features
 - Similarity search: "Global similarity" content-based search but presumably more important "local similarity" content-based search



Subject of the task research:

content-based retrieval of 3D objects by local and global similarity

Subject of the demo:

content-based retrieval of 3D objects using spin image signature descriptors



 Spin images are 2D representations of 3D objects that maintain some properties of the vertices of the mesh. One vertex of the mesh is used as a reference. Positions of the other vertices are calculated as viewed from the reference vertex.



For each vertex, V identifies the plane normal to NV, $\alpha \beta$ are the coordinates of the projection of a mesh vertex on this plane

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Spin image signatures

• Several spin images are needed to have a complete description of a 3D shape.

Spin images use an object-centered coordinate system therefore they are invariant to rigid transformations, and have limited sensibility to variations of position of mesh vertices.



 For the purpose of content-based retrieval, we need to identify a small number of spin images that are sufficient to provide a complete description of the properties of the 3D shape. A spin image is mapped into a vector descriptor that captures its salient properties.

A spin image descriptor is a 18-dimensional feature vector, each element containing the fraction of the spin image area that is included within a circular section or a sector



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 Spin image descriptors are clustered using *fuzzy-c-means* so that a small number of spin image descriptors are obtained for each 3D object.



 Given two 3D object models, similarity can be checked considering the distances between the centers of the corresponding spin image clusters.

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Example of retrieval

