Embeddings of the square flat torus and smooth fractals

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Isometric embeddings



John F. Nash



Nicolaas Kuiper

Nash-Kuiper Theorem (1954-55-86)

Let (M^n, g) be compact Riemannian manifold and $f_0: (M^n, g) \to \mathbb{E}^{n+1}$ be a strictly short embedding $(f_0^* \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{\mathbb{E}^{n+1}} < g)$. Then for every $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists a C^1 isometric embedding $f: (M^n, g) \to \mathbb{E}^{n+1}$ such that $||f - f_0||_{C^0} \le \varepsilon$.

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- Janet-Cartan (1926-27) Local analytic isometric embedding of (M^n, g) into $\mathbb{E}^{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}}$
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- Nash (1956) Global C[∞]-isometric embedding of (Mⁿ, g) into E^k, k = ⁿ/₂(3n + 11).
- Gromov (1973) h-principle and convex integration theory.
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$$f(u):=f_0(0)+\int_0^u h_s(Ns)ds,$$

with

$$h_u(s) = r\Big(\cos(lpha\cos(2\pi s))\mathbf{e_1}(u) + \sin(lpha\cos(2\pi s))\mathbf{n}(u)\Big)$$



Lemma - $\|f - f_0\|_{C^0} = O(\frac{1}{N})$ - $f'(u) \in \mathcal{R}$

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 \Rightarrow Build iteratively (*F_k*) where *F_k* depends on *N_{k,1}*, *N_{k,2}*, *N_{k,3}* and *F_{k-1}*.

A sufficient condition

$$\|\mu_{k,j} - f_{k,j}^* \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{\mathbb{R}^3} \|_{C^0} = 0 \left(\frac{1}{N_{k,j}} \right) < \tau(\delta_{k+1} - \delta_k) \rho_{\min}(D_k)$$

This imposes high frequences of corrugation :

With 10 points per oscillation, we need a mesh of $(10 \times 6572411478)^2 \approx 4.3 \, 10^{19}$ vertices !

We reduce these numbers to :

We already need 100,000 * 20,000 = 2 milliards of vertices !





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Curves













Structure of the Gauss map





The Gauss map is given by

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 $\text{ where } \theta_{k,j}(\boldsymbol{s},\boldsymbol{u}) = \alpha_{k,j}(\boldsymbol{s},\boldsymbol{u}) \cos(2\pi N_{k,j}\boldsymbol{u}), \\ \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{k,j} := \|\langle\cdot,\cdot\rangle_{\mathbb{E}^2} - f_{k,j}^*\langle\cdot,\cdot\rangle_{\mathbb{E}^3} \| \text{ and } \beta_j := \angle(\ker \ell_j,\ker \ell_j).$





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Thank you

More details :

- The HEVEA project : http://hevea.imag.fr
- A movie :

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RYH_KXhF1SY

• Image des mathématiques: http://images.math. cnrs.fr/Gnash-un-tore-plat.html