# Surface to Surface Intersections 

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## Introduction Motivation

- Surface to surface intersection (SSI) is needed in:
- Solid modeling (B-rep)
- Contouring
- Numerically controlled machining (Milling)
- Collision avoidance
- Feature recognition
- Manufacturing simulation
- Computer animation


## Introduction Background

- Intersection of two parametric surfaces, $\mathbf{P}(\sigma, t)=\mathbf{Q}(u, v)$ defined in parametric spaces $0 \leq \sigma, t \leq 1$ and $0 \leq u, v \leq 1$ can have multiple components ${ }^{[4]}$.



Parametric space of $\quad \mathbf{P}(\sigma, t)$


Parametric space
of $\quad \mathbf{Q}(u, v)$

- An intersection curve segment is represented by a continuous trajectory in parametric space.


## Introduction Possible Approaches

■ Three popular methods

- Lattice methods
- Issues related to topology, missing roots.
- Subdivision based methods
- Issues related to topology, extraneous roots.
- Marching scheme (Our Choice)
- Intersection curve segment is computed through an IVP.


## Introduction Marching Scheme

- A marching scheme involves:
- Identifying all components
- Obtaining an accurate starting point in each component
- Tracing the given intersection correctly
- Assumption:
- The given surfaces are Rational Polynomial Parametric (RPP).
- We are given an intersection curve segment.
- No singularities exist in the intersection curve segment.


## Introduction Objective

- Given an error bound on the starting point in both parametric spaces, obtain a bound for the entire intersection curve segment in 3D model space.


Strict Error Bound on Starting Point (Given)


Strict Error Bound on the Entire Intersection Curve Segment (Goal)

## Outline

- Problem Formulation
- Error Bounds in Parametric Space
- Error Bounds in 3D Model Space
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## Problem Formulation Transversal Intersection

- Transversal intersection formulated as a system of ordinary differential equations (ODEs) in parametric space ${ }^{[4]}$.

From $\mathbf{P}(\sigma, t)=\mathbf{Q}(u, v)$, weobtain: $\longrightarrow \mathbf{N}^{\mathbf{P}}=\mathbf{P}_{\sigma} \times \mathbf{P}_{t} \quad$ Normal to $\mathbf{P}(\sigma, t)$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \frac{d \sigma}{d s}=\frac{\operatorname{Det}\left[\mathbf{c}, \mathbf{P}_{t}, \mathbf{N}^{\mathrm{P}}(\sigma, t)\right]}{\mathbf{N}^{\mathrm{P}}(\sigma, t) \bullet \mathbf{N}^{\mathrm{P}}(\sigma, t)} \\
& \frac{d t}{d s}=\frac{\operatorname{Det}\left[\mathbf{P}_{\sigma}, \mathbf{c}, \mathbf{N}^{\mathrm{P}}(\sigma, t)\right]}{\mathbf{N}^{\mathrm{P}}(\sigma, t) \bullet \mathbf{N}^{\mathrm{P}}(\sigma, t)} \\
& \frac{d u}{d s}=\frac{\operatorname{Det}\left[\mathbf{c}, \mathbf{Q}_{v}, \mathbf{N}^{\mathrm{Q}}(u, v)\right]}{\mathbf{N}^{\mathrm{Q}}(u, v) \bullet \mathbf{N}^{\mathrm{Q}}(u, v)} \\
& \frac{d v}{d s}=\frac{\operatorname{Det}\left[\mathbf{Q}_{u}, \mathbf{c}, \mathbf{N}^{\mathrm{Q}}(u, v)\right]}{\mathbf{N}^{\mathrm{Q}}(u, v) \bullet \mathbf{N}^{\mathrm{Q}}(u, v)}
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
\Longrightarrow c=\frac{\mathbf{N}^{\mathrm{P}} \times \mathbf{N}^{\mathrm{Q}}}{\left|\mathbf{N}^{\mathrm{P}} \times \mathbf{N}^{\mathrm{Q}}\right|}
$$

where $s$ is the arc length parameter and $\mathbf{P}_{\sigma}, \mathbf{P}_{t}, \mathbf{Q}_{u}, \mathbf{Q}_{v}$ are partial derivatives

$$
\Longrightarrow \mathbf{N}^{\mathbf{Q}}=\mathbf{Q}_{u} \times \mathbf{Q}_{v} \quad \text { Normal to } \mathbf{Q}(u, v)
$$



## Problem Formulation Tangential Intersection

- ODEs have the same form as in transversal intersection case

$$
\begin{gathered}
\sigma^{\prime}=\frac{\operatorname{Det}\left[\mathbf{c}, \mathbf{P}_{t}, \mathbf{N}^{\mathrm{P}}(\sigma, t)\right]}{\mathbf{N}^{\mathrm{P}}(\sigma, t) \bullet \mathbf{N}^{\mathrm{P}}(\sigma, t)}, \quad t^{\prime}=\frac{\operatorname{Det}\left[\mathbf{P}_{\sigma}, \mathbf{c}, \mathbf{N}^{\mathrm{P}}(\sigma, t)\right]}{\mathbf{N}^{\mathrm{P}}(\sigma, t) \bullet \mathbf{N}^{\mathrm{P}}(\sigma, t)}, \quad u^{\prime}=\frac{\operatorname{Det}\left[\mathbf{c}, \mathbf{Q}_{v}, \mathbf{N}^{\mathrm{Q}}(u, v)\right]}{\mathbf{N}^{\mathrm{Q}}(u, v) \bullet \mathbf{N}^{\mathrm{Q}}(u, v)}, \quad v^{\prime}=\frac{\operatorname{Det}\left[\mathbf{Q}_{u}, \mathbf{c}, \mathbf{N}^{\mathrm{Q}}(u, v)\right]}{\mathbf{N}^{\mathrm{Q}}(u, v) \bullet \mathbf{N}^{\mathrm{Q}}(u, v)}, \\
\mathbf{N}^{\mathrm{P}}=\mathbf{P}_{\sigma} \times \mathbf{P}_{t} \quad \text { Normal to } \mathbf{P}(\sigma, t) \text { and } \quad \mathbf{N}^{\mathrm{Q}}=\mathbf{Q}_{u} \times \mathbf{Q}_{v} \quad \text { Normal to } \mathbf{Q}(u, v) \\
\mathbf{c} \text { is determined using the second derivatives of the surfaces. }
\end{gathered}
$$

- From the condition of equal normal curvatures we obtain the equation

$$
b_{11}\left(\sigma^{\prime}\right)^{2}+2 b_{12}\left(\sigma^{\prime}\right)\left(t^{\prime}\right)+b_{22}\left(t^{\prime}\right)^{2}=0
$$

where $b_{11}, b_{12}, b_{22}$ are functions of the first and second fundamental form coefficients of the surfaces.

- For a unique marching direction, $\left(b_{12}{ }^{2}-b_{11} b_{22}\right)=0$ and $\left(b_{12}{ }^{2}+b_{11}{ }^{2}+b_{22}{ }^{2}\right) \neq 0$
- Thus if: $b_{11} \neq 0$,

$$
\mathbf{c}=\frac{\nu \mathbf{P}_{\sigma}+\mathbf{P}_{t}}{\left|\left|\mathbf{P}_{\sigma}+\mathbf{P}_{t}\right|\right.} \text {, where } v=-\frac{b_{12}}{b_{11}}
$$

or if: $\quad b_{11}=0, b_{22} \neq 0$

$$
\mathbf{c}=\frac{\mathbf{P}_{\sigma}+\mu \mathbf{P}_{t}}{\left|\mathbf{P}_{\sigma}+\mu \mathbf{P}_{t}\right|} \text {, where } \mu=-\frac{b_{12}}{b_{22}}
$$

## Problem Formulation Vector IVP for ODE

- Given a starting point (initial condition) belonging to an intersection curve segment, we can integrate the system of ODEs.
- The system of ODEs with the starting point represents an initial value problem (IVP).
- Written in vector notation as:

$$
\begin{gathered}
{\left[\begin{array}{l}
\frac{d \sigma}{d s} \\
\frac{d t}{d s} \\
\frac{d u}{d s} \\
\frac{d v}{d s}
\end{array}\right]=\left[\begin{array}{l}
f_{1}(\sigma, t, u, v) \\
f_{2}(\sigma, t, u, v) \\
f_{3}(\sigma, t, u, v) \\
f_{4}(\sigma, t, u, v)
\end{array}\right]} \\
\frac{d \mathbf{y}}{d s}=\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{y}), \quad \mathbf{y}(\mathbf{0})=\mathbf{y}_{0}
\end{gathered}
$$

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- Interval Arithmetic
- Validated Interval Scheme
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## Error Bounds in Parametric Space Review of Standard Schemes

- Well-known Standard Schemes:
- Runge-Kutta Method
- Adams-Bashforth Method
- Taylor Series Method

■ Properties of Standard Schemes:

- They are approximation schemes and introduce a truncation error
- They do not consider uncertainty in initial conditions
- They are prone to rounding errors
- They suffer from straying or looping near closely spaced features



## Error Bounds in Parametric Space Interval Arithmetic (Introduction)

- Intervals are defined by [2]:

$$
[a] \equiv[\underline{a}, \bar{a}] \equiv\{x \mid \underline{a} \leq x \leq \bar{a}\}, \underline{a}, \bar{a}, x \in \mathbf{R}, \underline{a} \leq \bar{a}
$$

- Example:

$$
\begin{gathered}
\pi=3.14159265358979323846 \ldots \\
\pi \in[3.141,3.142]=[\pi]
\end{gathered}
$$

- Basic interval arithmetic operations are defined by:
$\begin{aligned} {[a, b]+[c, d] } & =[a+c, b+d] \\ {[a, b]-[c, d] } & =[a-d, b-c] \\ {[a, b] \cdot[c, d] } & =[\min (a \cdot c, a \cdot d, b \cdot c, b \cdot d), \max (a \cdot c, a \cdot d, b \cdot c, b \cdot d)] \\ {[a, b] /[c, d] } & =[\min (a / c, a / d, b / c, b / d), \max (a / c, a / d, b / c, b / d)], \text { for } 0 \notin[c, d]\end{aligned}$


## Error Bounds in Parametric Space Interval Arithmetic (Solution of IVPs)

- For strict bounds for IVPs in parametric space, we employ a validated interval scheme for ODEs [3].
- The error in starting point is bounded by an initial interval.
- Interval solution represents a family of solutions passing through the initial interval satisfying the governing ODEs.



## Error Bounds in Parametric Space Validated Interval Scheme (Introduction)

- Every step of a validated interval scheme involves [3]:
- Computing an interval valued function $[\mathbf{y}](s)$ such that:
- $\mathbf{y}(s) \in[\mathbf{y}](s)$, and
- The width of the $[\mathbf{y}](s)$ is below a given tolerance

$$
\forall s \in\left[s_{j}, s_{j+1}\right]
$$

- Verifying the existence and uniqueness of the solution in $\left[S_{j}, S_{j+1}\right]$.


## Error Bounds in Parametric Space Validated Interval Scheme (Overview)

- One step of a validated interval scheme is done in two phases:
- Phase I Algorithm
- A step size $h_{j}=s_{j+1}-s_{j}$
- An a priori enclosure $\left[\widetilde{y}_{j}\right]$ such that:

y Phase 1: Construction of



$$
y(s) \in\left[\widetilde{y}_{j}\right], \quad \forall s \in\left[s_{j}, s_{j+1}\right]
$$

- Phase II Algorithm
- Using $\left[\widetilde{y}_{j}\right]$ compute a tighter bound $\left[y_{j+1}\right]$ at $S_{j+1}$.


## Error Bounds in Parametric Space Validated Interval Scheme (Phase I : Validation)

- A pair of $\left[\widetilde{\mathbf{y}}_{j}\right]$ and $h_{j}$ satisfying the relation:

$$
\left[\widetilde{\mathbf{y}}_{j}\right] \supseteq\left[\mathbf{y}_{j}\right]+\mathbf{f}\left(\left[\widetilde{\mathbf{y}}_{j}\right]\right) h_{j}
$$

- This assures existence and uniqueness of the solution.
- This method is called a constant enclosure method [3].

■ The a priori enclosure $\left[\widetilde{\mathbf{y}}_{j}\right]$ bounds the true solution in the parametric space $\forall s \in\left[s_{j}, s_{j+1}\right]$.

- Numerical implementation
- Choosing a $\left[\widetilde{\mathbf{y}}_{j}\right]$ and,
- Iterating to find a corresponding $h_{j}$.



## Error Bounds in Parametric Space Validated Interval Scheme (Phase II : Tighter Bound)

- Using the a priori enclosure we
- find a tighter bound $\left[\mathbf{y}_{j+1}\right]$ at $S_{j+1}{ }^{[3]}$.
- This phase helps in the propagation of the solution by providing an initial interval for the successive step.

■ The key idea is to use:

- Interval version of Taylor's formula ${ }^{[3]}$.

$$
\left[\mathrm{y}_{j+1}\right]=\left[\mathrm{y}_{j}\right]+\sum_{i=1}^{k-1} h_{j}{ }^{i} \mathrm{f}^{[j]}\left(\left[\mathrm{y}_{j}\right]\right)+h_{j}{ }^{k} \mathrm{f}^{[k]}\left(\left[\tilde{\mathrm{y}}_{j}\right]\right)
$$

where $\mathrm{f}^{[j]}\left(\left[\mathrm{y}_{j}\right]\right)$ represents the $i^{\text {th }}$ Taylor coefficient obtained using a technique called Automatic Differentiation ${ }^{[3])}$.


## Error Bounds in Parametric Space Validated Interval Scheme (Application to SSI)

- We represent the surfaces as interval surfaces.
- Interval surfaces have interval coefficients and are written as:

$$
[\mathbf{P}](\sigma, t) \text { and }[\mathbf{Q}](u, v)
$$

- We obtain a vector interval ODE system :

$$
\left[\frac{d \sigma}{d s} \frac{d t}{d s} \frac{d u}{d s} \frac{d v}{d s}\right]^{T}=\frac{d \mathbf{y}}{d s}=\mathbf{f}([\mathbf{y}(s)])
$$

- With an interval initial condition :

$$
\left[\mathbf{y}_{0}\right]=\left[\left[\sigma_{0}\right]\left[t_{0}\right]\left[u_{0}\right]\left[v_{0}\right]\right]^{T}
$$

## Error Bounds in Parametric Space

- Validated ODE solver produces a priori enclosures in parametric space of each surface, guaranteed to contain the true intersection curve segment.


- The union of a priori enclosures bounds the true intersection curve segment in parametric space.


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## Error Bounds in 3D Model Space Mapping into 3D Model Space

- Mapping from parametric space to 3D model space
- using corresponding surfaces $[\mathbf{P}](\sigma, t)$ or $[\mathbf{Q}](u, v)$
- coupled with rounded interval arithmetic evaluation



- Ensures continuous error bounds in 3D model space ${ }^{\text {[1] }}$ guaranteed to contain the true curve of intersection.


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## Results \& Examples

 Error Bounds in 3D Model Space (Transversal)

Torus and cylinder


Two bi-cubic surfaces


Self intersection of a bi-cubic surface

## Results \& Examples Error Bounds in 3D Model Space (Tangential)



Tangential intersections of parametric surfaces

## Results \& Examples Preventing Straying and Looping



| Perturbation | Steps Required by <br> the Method |
| :---: | :---: |
| +0.000003 | 1139 |
| 0.0 | Singularity Reported |
| -0.000003 | 1303 |



Adams-Bashforth



Runge-Kutta

Result from a validated interval scheme

Validated ODE solver can correctly trace the intersection curve segment even through closely spaced features, where standard methods fail.

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## Conclusions

## Merits

- We realize validated error bounds in 3D model space which enclose the true curve of intersection.
- The scheme can prevent the phenomenon of straying or looping.

■ The scheme can accommodate the errors in:

- initial condition
- rounding during digital computation
- Validated error bounds for surface intersection is essential in interval boundary representation for consistent solid models ${ }^{[5]}$.


## Conclusions

## Limitations and Future Work

- Limitations
- We assume that we have
- Identified each intersection curve segment
- Strict error bound on the starting point
- Increasing width of the interval solutions due to
- Rounding
- Phenomenon of wrapping
- Scope for future work
- Identification of all components
- Accurate evaluation of starting points in each of the component


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