

# Properties of Gauss digitized shapes and digital surface integration

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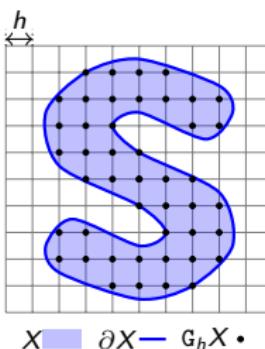
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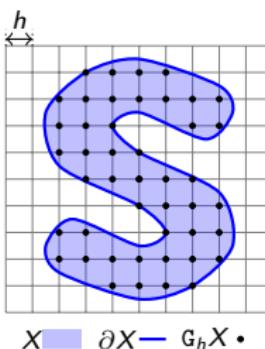
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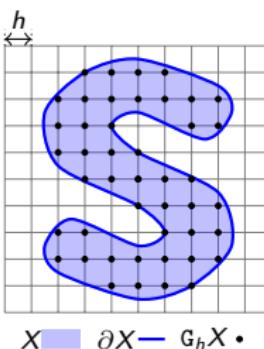
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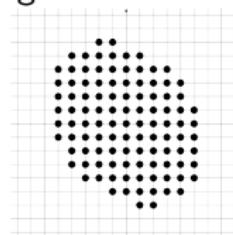
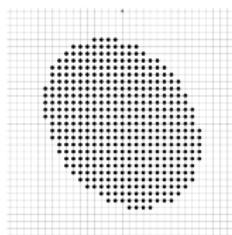
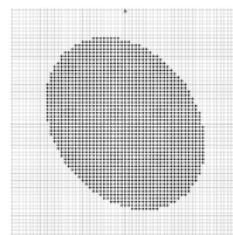
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- Almost nothing is “**kept**”, a better word is “**can be inferred**”.

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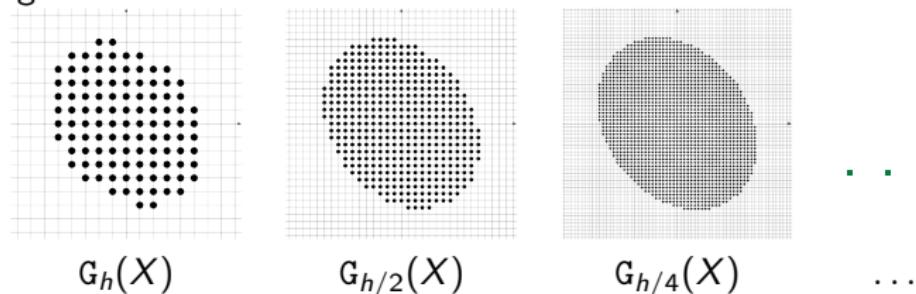
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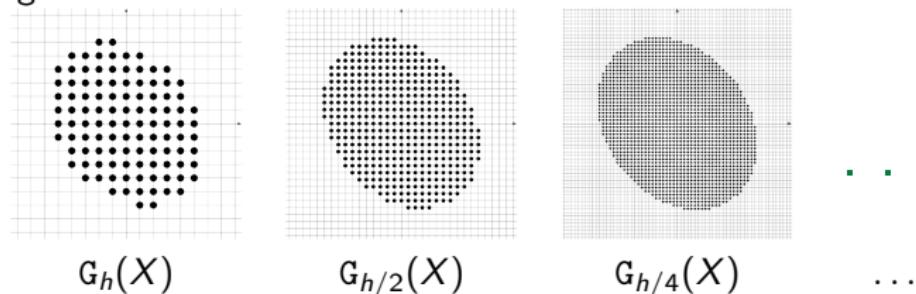
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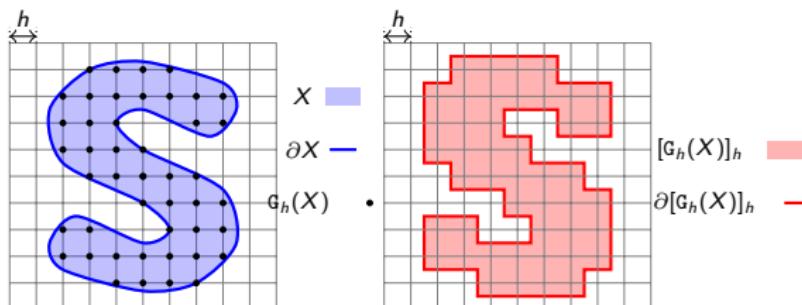


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- digital geometric quantities **approach** their Euclidean counterpart as the gridstep **tend to zero**, also for **specific** subsets of  $\mathbb{R}^d$ .  
**⇒ multigrid convergence** [Pavlidis 1982, Serra 1982]

# Digitizations process

## Definition (Gauss digitization)

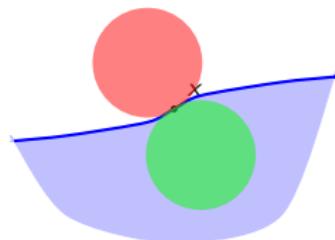
For  $X \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ , its Gauss digitization is  $G_h(X) := X \cap h \cdot \mathbb{Z}^d$ .



- $[G_h(X)]_h :=$  union of  $h$ -cubes centered on  $G_h(X)$
- $\partial_h X := \partial[G_h(X)]_h :=$  boundary of previous set
- Many other digitization schemes: inner Jordan  $J^-$  and outer Jordan  $J^+$ , Hausdorff digitizations [Ronse, Tajine 2000, Tajine, Ronse 2002]

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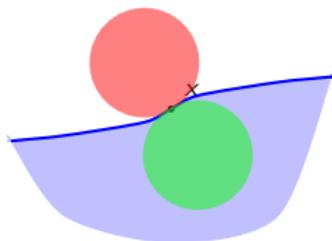
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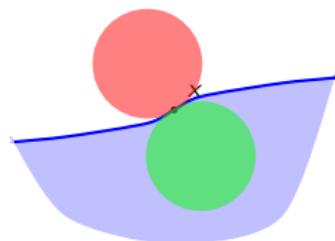
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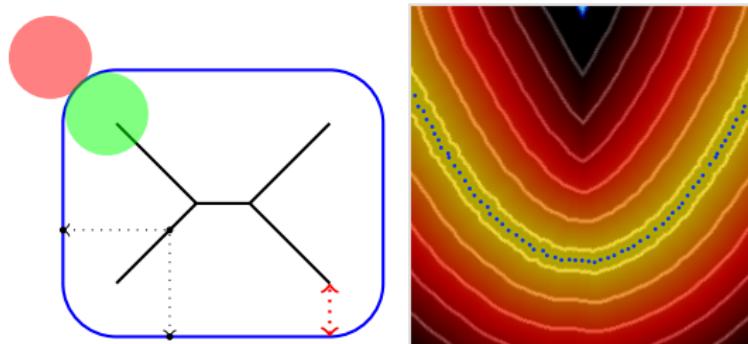
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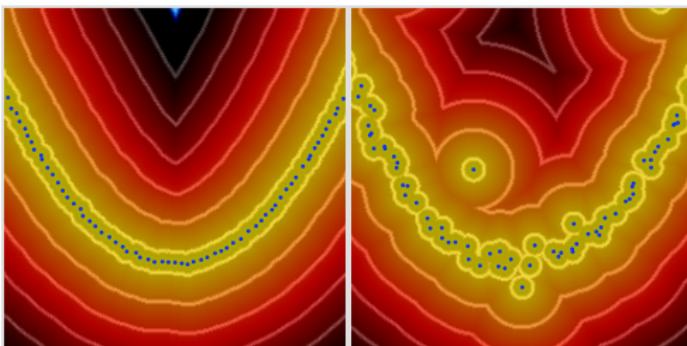
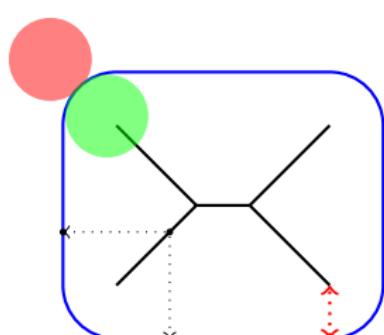
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- 2D and 3D moments of small order [Klette, Žunić 2000]
- perimeter with MLP,  $\epsilon$ -sausage or DSS segmentation [Klette, Žunić 2000] [Kovalevsky, Fuchs92] [Sloboda, Zatko 1996] [Klette, Rosenfeld 2004], pattern and polygonal approximation [Tajine, Baudrier, Mazo]
- 3D area estimation, i.e.  $H^2$ : thickening [Stelldinger et al. 2007] (but see Weyl formula [Weyl 1939]), use Cauchy-Crofton integral formula [Liu et al. 2010]
- 3D local area estimation by integration of normals [Lenoir et al. 1996, Coeurjolly et al. 2003]

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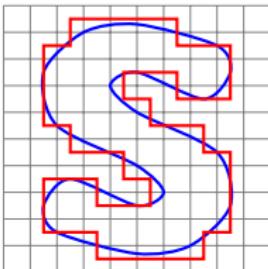
## Theorem

Let  $X$  be a compact domain of  $\mathbb{R}^d$  such that the reach of  $\partial X$  is greater than  $\rho$ , and  $h < \frac{\rho}{\sqrt{d}}$ . Let  $D$  be any digitization such that  $J_h^-(X) \subset D_h(X) \subset J_h^+(X)$ .

Digital and continuous volumes follows

$$\left| \text{Vol}(X) - \widehat{\text{Vol}}(D_h(X), h) \right| \leq 2^{d+1} \sqrt{d} \text{Area}(\partial X) h. \quad (1)$$

# Multigrid convergence of local geometric estimators



- slight difficulty to define it: must relate  $\partial X$  with  $\partial_h X$
- 2D tangent/normal estimation: MDSS  
[de Vieilleville et al. 2007, Lachaud et al. 2007], polynomial fitting  
[Provot, Gérard 2011], binomial convolution  
[Esbelin, Malgouyres 2009, Esbelin et al. 2011]
- 2D and 3D normals, mean and principal curvatures with integral invariants [Cœurjolly et al. 2013, Cœurjolly et al. 2014]
- $n$ D normals with Voronoi Covariance Measure [Cuel et al. 2014]
- stability of curvature measures [Chazal, Cohen-Steiner, Lieutier, Mérigot, Thibert]

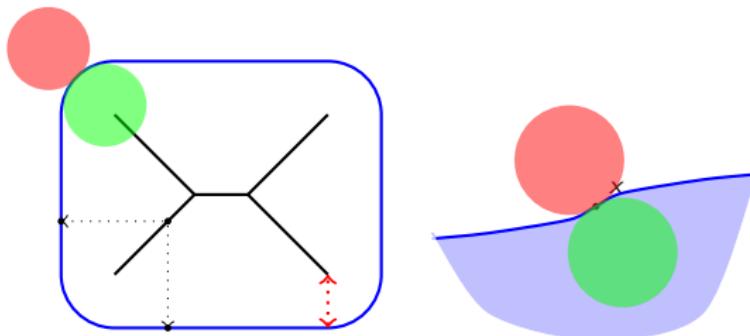
# Contributions

1. equivalence par-regularity and reach
2. Hausdorff distance between  $\partial X$  and  $\partial_h X$  for sets with positive reach
3. in 3D, localization of non-manifold places of  $\partial_h X$
4. in  $n$ D, localization and quantification of non-injective places of  $\xi_{\partial X}$  from  $\partial_h X$  to  $\partial X$
5. a multigrid convergent digital surface integration scheme in  $n$ D  
⇒convergent local area estimator given convergent normal estimator

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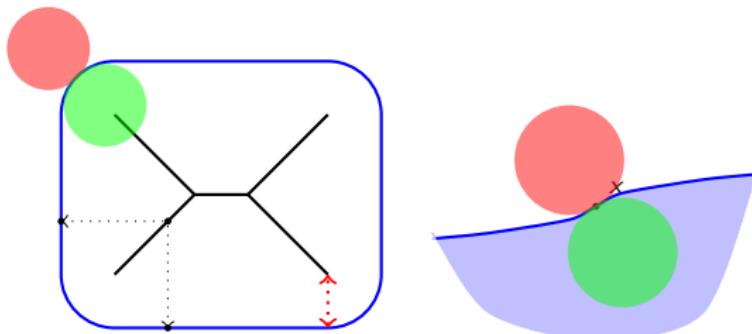


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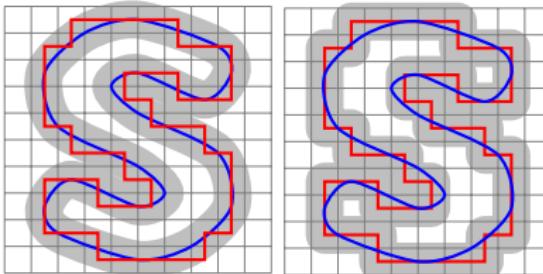
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If  $\partial X$  has positive reach greater than  $R$ , then, for  $R' < R$  and  $x \in \partial X$ , there are inside and outside osculating balls of radius  $R'$  at  $x$ .

# Hausdorff distance between continuous and digital boundary



## Theorem

Let  $X$  be a compact domain of  $\mathbb{R}^d$  such that the reach of  $\partial X$  is greater than  $R$ . Then, for any digitization step  $0 < h < 2R/\sqrt{d}$ , the Hausdorff distance between sets  $\partial X$  and  $\partial_h X$  is less than  $\sqrt{d}h/2$ . More precisely:

$$\forall x \in \partial X, \exists y \in \partial_h X, \|x - y\| \leq \frac{\sqrt{d}}{2}h \quad (\text{with } \xi_{\partial X}(y) = x), \quad (2)$$

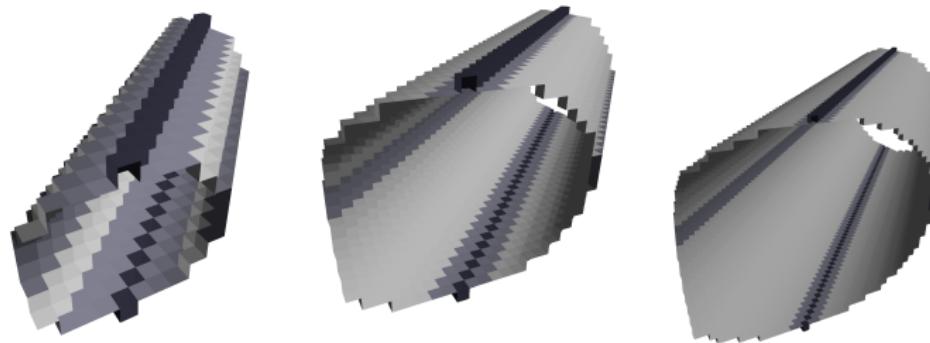
$$\forall y \in \partial_h X, \|y - \xi_{\partial X}(y)\| \leq \frac{\sqrt{d}}{2}h. \quad (3)$$

Remark that this bound is tight. The proof uses osculating balls and the fact that  $\partial X$  is at least  $C^1$ .

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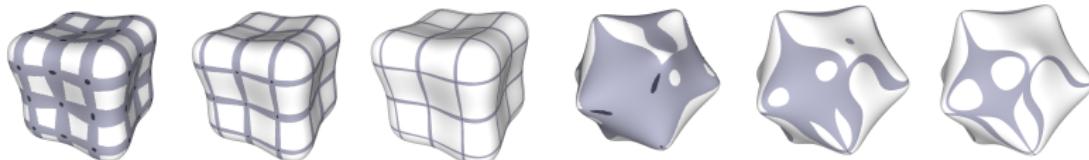
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# Non-manifold parts of digitized boundary



- In 3D, there are smooth shapes which are not digitized as manifolds whatever the gridstep. [\[Stelldinger et al. 2007\]](#)
- Problem related to cross configurations (i.e. critical [\[Latecki et al.\]](#))
- We locate and quantify non-manifold parts of digitized boundaries.

# Manifoldness local sufficient condition



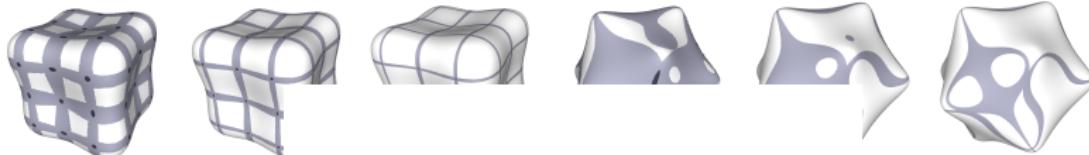
## Theorem (Manifoldness sufficient condition in $\mathbb{R}^3$ )

Let  $X$  be some compact domain of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , with  $\text{reach}(\partial X)$  greater than some positive constant  $R$  and  $h < 0.198R$ . Let  $y$  be a point of  $\partial_h X$ .

- i) If  $y$  does not belong to some 1-cell of  $\partial_h X$  that intersect  $\partial X$ , then  $\partial_h X$  is homeomorphic to a 2-disk around  $y$ .
- ii) If  $y$  belongs to some 1-cell  $s$  of  $\partial_h X$  such that  $\partial X \cap s$  contains a point  $P$  and if the angle  $\alpha_y$  between  $s$  and the normal to  $\partial X$  at  $P$  satisfies  $\alpha_y \geq 1.260h/R$ , then  $\partial_h X$  is homeomorphic to a 2-disk around  $y$ .

Only places where the normal is close to some axis may be non-manifold.

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## Theorem (Manifoldness)

Let  $X$  be some compact set in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and let  $h$  be some positive constant  $R$

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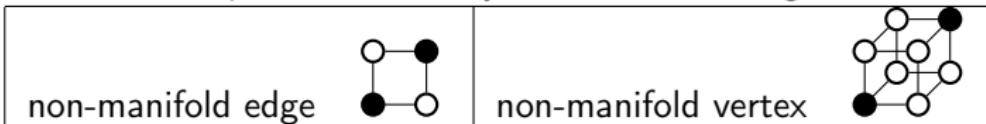
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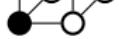
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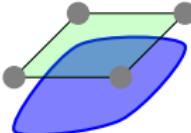
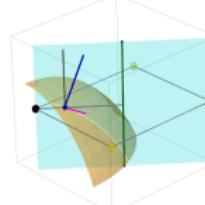
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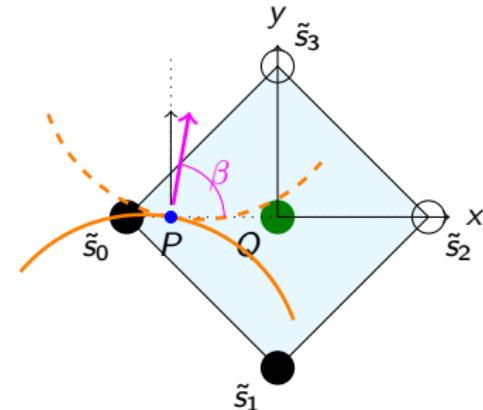
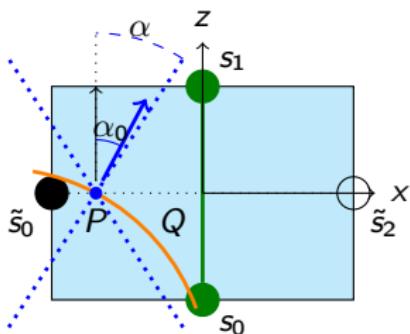
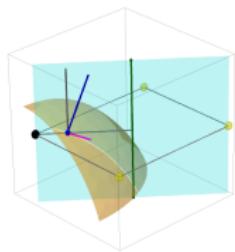
- Non-manifold parts of  $\partial_h X$  only at “crossed” configurations of  $G_X(h)$ :



- no  for  $h < R/2$  and  $\text{par}(R)$ -regularity, Theorem 13 of [Stelldinger et al. 2007]
- Examine  $\partial X$  around each 4-tuple of  $\mathbb{Z}^3$

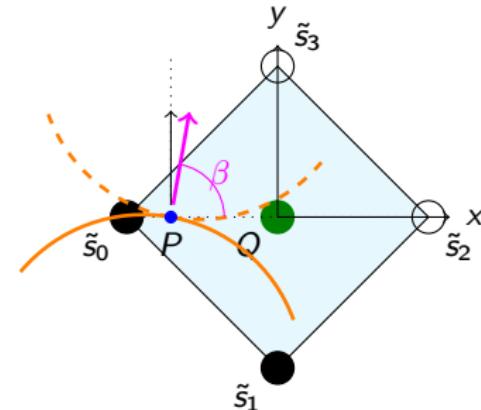
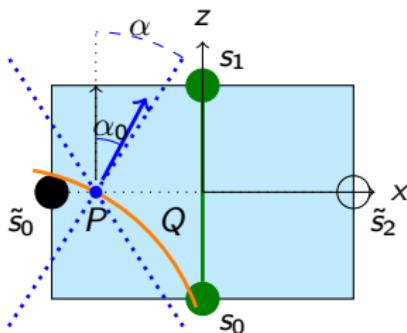
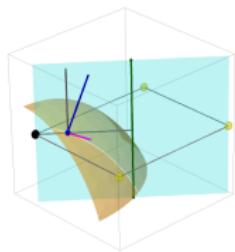
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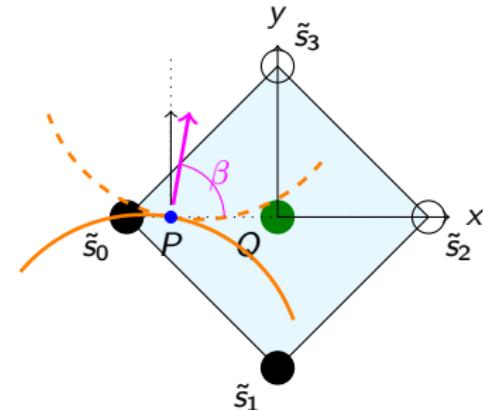
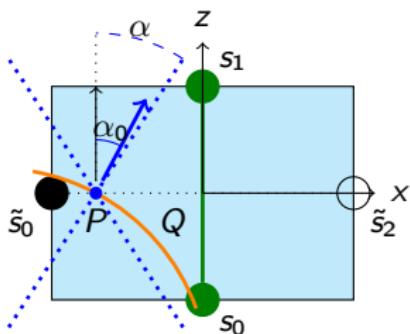
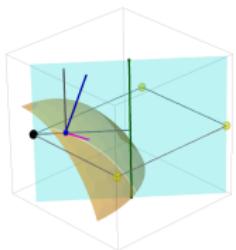
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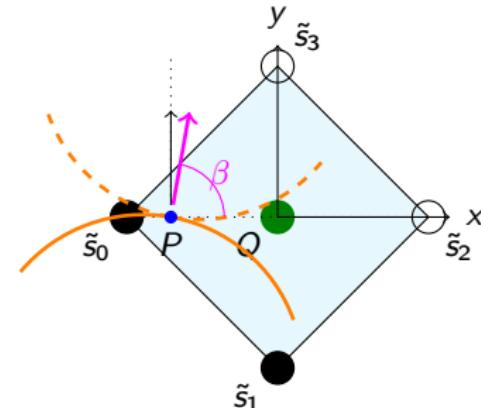
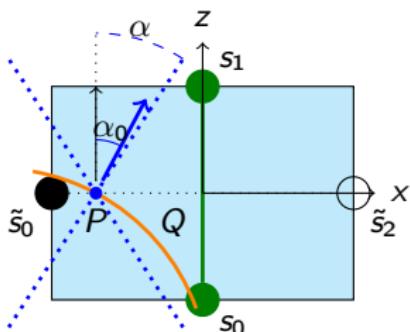
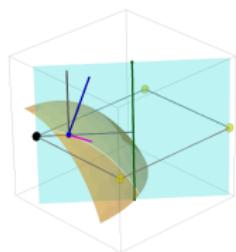
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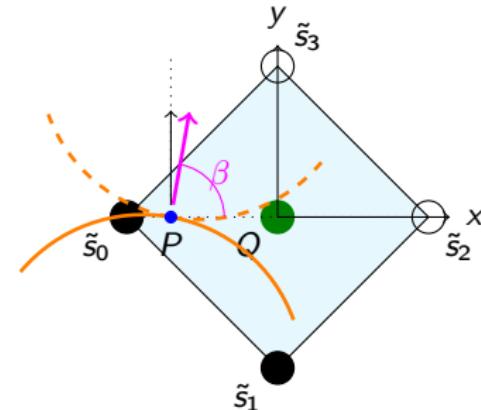
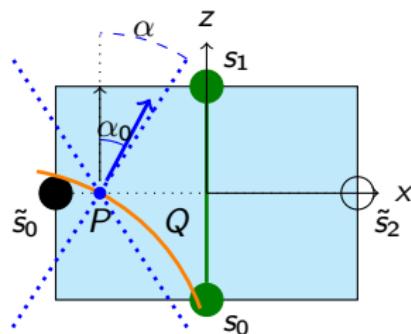
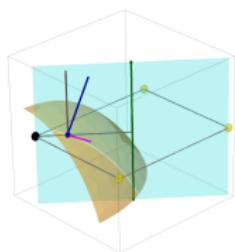
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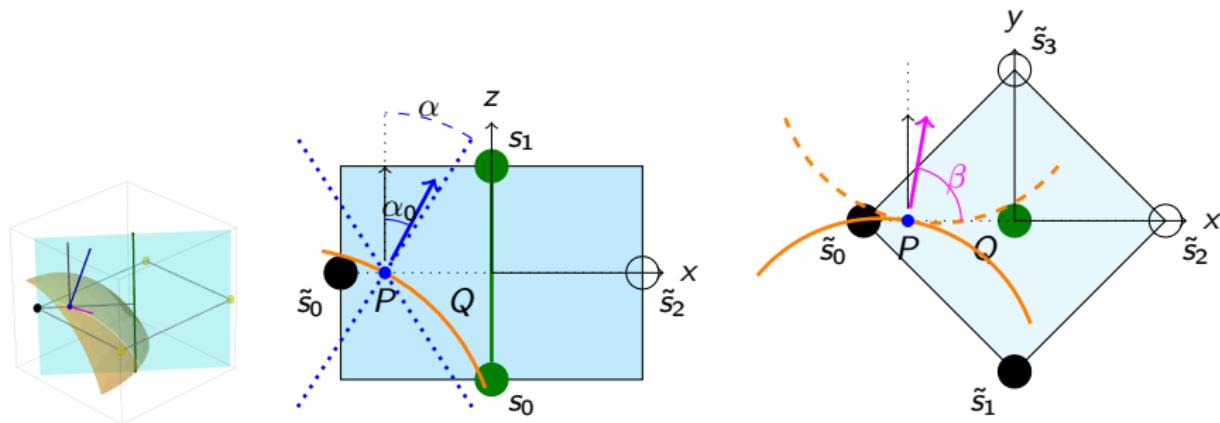
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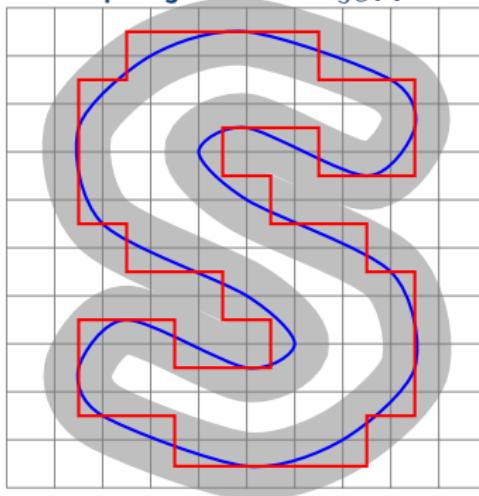


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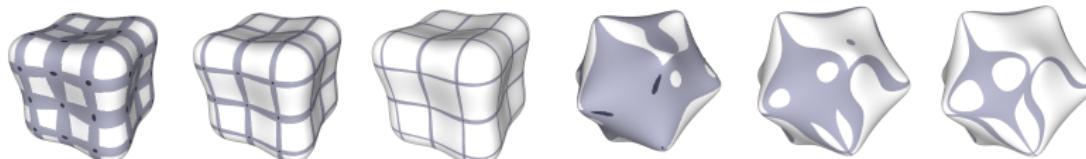
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# Non-injective part of projection $\xi_{\partial X}$



- projection  $\xi_{\partial X}$  defines a natural relation between  $\partial_h X$  and  $\partial X$ .
- this projection is not everywhere injective
- we wish to know where and to quantify this part
- we will thus be able to prove the convergence of digital surface integration

# Size of non-injective part of $\xi_{\partial X}$



The set  $\text{mult}(\partial X)$  defines the part of  $\partial X$  where the projection is not injective.

$$\text{mult}(\partial X) := \{x \in \partial X, \text{s.t. } \exists y_1, y_2 \in \partial_h X, y_1 \neq y_2, \xi(y_1) = \xi(y_2) = x\}.$$

## Theorem

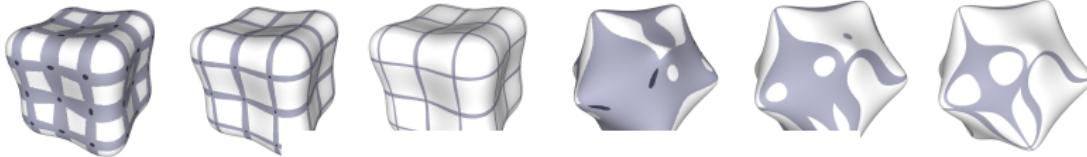
If  $h \leq R/\sqrt{d}$ , then one has

$$\text{Area}(\text{mult}(\partial X)) \leq K_1(h) \text{ Area}(\partial X) h,$$

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$$K_1(h) = \frac{8d^2}{R} + O(h) \leq \frac{d^2 4^{d+1}}{R}.$$

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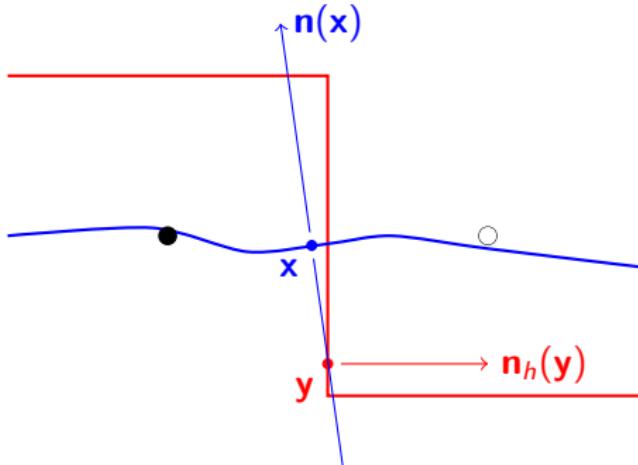
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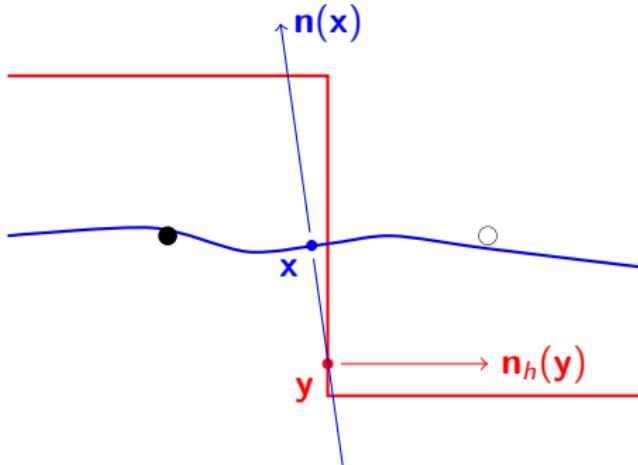


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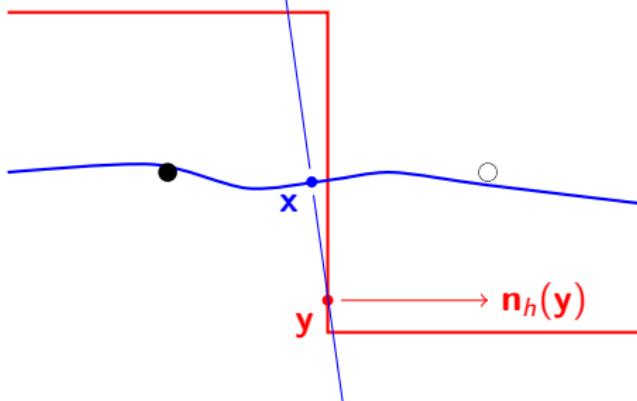
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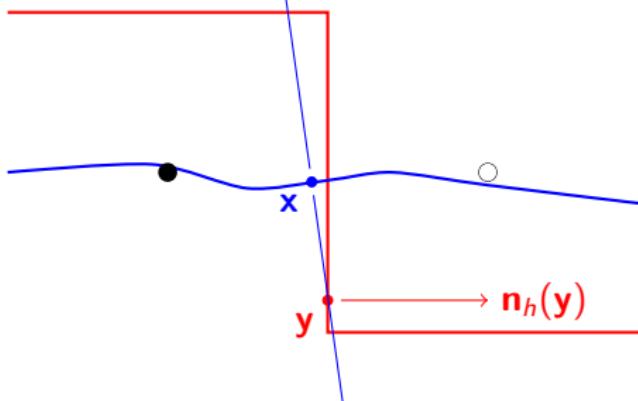
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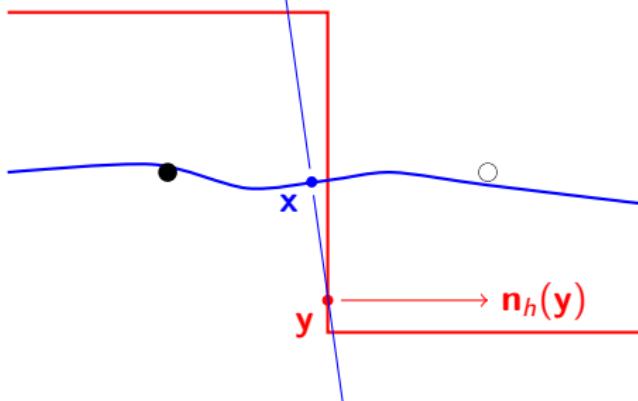
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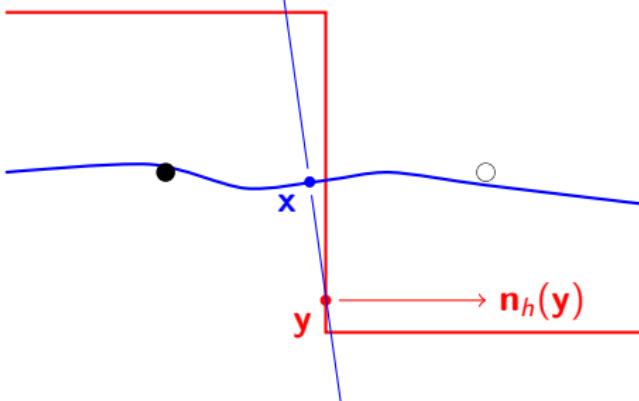
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Let  $X$  be a compact domain where  $\partial X$  has reach greater than  $R$ . For  $h \leq \frac{R}{\sqrt{d}}$ , the digital integral is multigrid convergent toward the integral over  $\partial X$ .

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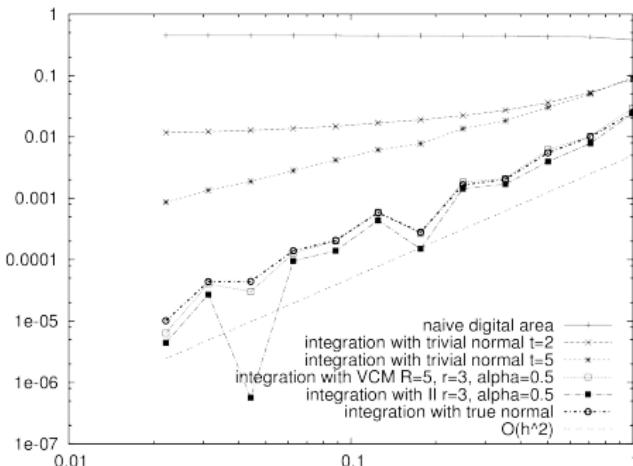
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# Experimental evaluation



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