CGP I0

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How do trees acquire their branching form?

Thesis

Through hierarchical selforganization of branches

- Self-organization
 - Process in which global pattern and structure emerge from interactions among the lower-level components of the system.
- Database amplification
 - Simple mechanism (economically encoded in the genome) can generate complex patterns and structures
- Reason for modelling
 - The emergence of form through self-organization is difficult to comprehend without models

S. Camazine et al. (2001): Self-organization in biological systems, Princeton University Press.



Consider a branching structure...

S. Ulam (1962): Patterns of growth of figures. Proceedings of Symposia on Applied Mathematics 14, 215-224.



At the end of each branch there are 3 buds.



Rule 1: If there is enough space, grow. Rule 2: If there isn't enough space, don't grow.

































- Aristid Lindenmayer (1925-1989)
 - Anabaena Catenula
 - I968 Lindenmayer systems parallel string rewriting systems











 $p_1: a_r \to a_l b_r$ $p_2: a_l \to b_l a_r$





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 $a_l b_r$ $b_l a_r a_r$

 a_r

 $a_l a_l b_r a_l b_r$



 $b_l a_r b_l a_r a_r b_l a_r a_r$



rule





rule



development



development
The fundamental developmental scheme



rule



development

Defining plant architecture

1) Where are the buds? (phyllotaxis, internode elongation, bud formation)

2) What the buds will do (and when)? (the fate of buds)

3) Further actions (reorientation, shedding)

Architectural models

Hallé, Oldeman, Tomlinson 1978

"Organization of trees reflects the precisely controlled genetic program which determines their development. [...]

This program is disrupted by environmental factors."



F. Hallé, R.A.A Oldeman, P.B. Tomlinson: Tropical trees and forests: An architectural analysis. Springer, Heidelberg 1978.

Architectural models do not suffice

Sachs & Novoplansky 1995, Sachs 2004

"The form of a tree is generated by self-organization in which alternative branches compete with one another, following no strict plan or pre-pattern."



T. Sachs and A. Novoplansky. Tree form: Architectural models do not suffice. *Israel Journal of Plant Sciences*, 43:203-212, 1995.

Combining Architectural and Self-organizing Models









Calculating Environment



W. Palubicki (2007): Fuzzy Plant Modeling with OpenGL. Vdm Verlag Dr. Mueller E K.

Branch orientation







Calculating Growth Direction







Model controlled by competition for light only





Overview: How to compute branch vigor



Internal Signals as Flux

Light flux Q



R. Borchert & H. Honda (1984): Control of development in the bifurcating branch system of Tabebuia rosea. Botanical Gazette 145 (2), 184-195.

Internal Signals as Flux



Light flux Q

Vigor flux v

Vigor Flux Function

(1)
$$v_m = \frac{\delta Q_m}{\delta Q_m + (1 - \delta)Q_l}$$

(2) $v_l = 1 - v_m$



Vigor flux v



$\lambda = \mathbf{R} \left[ax^2 + b((y+c)^2) \right] \quad a, b \in [0,1]; \ c \in [-1,1]$

- Parameter **R** conceptualizes the relation between parent branch and child branch.
- A high value for parameter **R** favors parent branches, a low value child branches.









small R

high R

Palubicki, et al. (2009). Self-organizing tree models for image synthesis. ACM Transactions on Graphics 28, 58:1-10.

Gravimorphism













Branch lineage Gravity Growth rhythms Bud fate

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- x and y denote the location of a lateral branch
- Parameter *a* defines preference for buds located at the sides of a branch (Amphitony)
- Parameter b defines preference for buds located at the upper and lower surface of a branch
- Parameter c defines a preference for buds located at either upper or lower surface of a branch (Epitony/Hypotony)

Gravimorphism - Examples







orthotropism ↑ + hypotony (high c)



plagiotropism ↔ + amphitony (high a) orthotropism ↓ + epitony (low c)





Bud Fate – Dormant, Flowering and Active

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- Threshold affects only **active buds**





Before calculating flux



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Before calculating flux

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After growth phase

Flowering and Architectural Models



Flowering threshold

(pronounced parent child bias)

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Plagiotropy and Architectural Models



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Morphospace containing the Architectural Models

Plagiotropy x Flowering



Bud Suppression x Flowering



Hypotony x Flowering





Tabebuia rosea (Model of Leeuwenberg)



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Sequoia sempervirens (Model of Massart)





Phellodendron chinense (Model of Scarrone)

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Delonix regia (Model of Troll)

Why model tree growth?

Computer graphics

John Carter



Pickler et al. (2012):Thern, the nano technology from John Carter's Mars SIGGRAPH '12 ACM SIGGRAPH 2012 Talks.

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The Hobbit





Synthetic Silviculture: Multi-scale Modeling of Plant Ecosystems Supplemental Material Submitted to ACM SIGGRAPH 2019, Anonymous Author(s)



SIGGRAPH2019

Multi-scale Growth



Multi-scale Growth



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- Machine learning + modeling trees branching structures
- Or your own, novel and interesting idea
 2K

Shape Synthesis from Sketches via Procedural Models and Convolutional Networks Haibin Huang, Evangelos Kalogerakis, Ersin Yumer, Radomir Mech



Trees

Fig. 6: Input user line drawings along with the top three ranked output shapes generated by our method.

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Fig. 2: Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) architecture used in our method. The CNN takes as input a sketch image and produces a set of PM parameters, which in turn yield ranked design outputs.

