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intelligent methods for integrating existing data sets that might contain important information on a geographical area and environmental phenomenon These services combine traditional map oriented visualization with fully 3D visual decision support methods and exploit semantics oriented information e g a priori knowledge annotations segmentations when processing merging and integrating big pre existing data sets **Virtual Crowds** Mubbasir Kapadia,Nuria Pelechano,Jan Allbeck,Norm Badler,2015-11-01 This volume presents novel computational models for representing digital humans and their interactions with other virtual characters and meaningful environments In this context we describe efficient algorithms to animate control and author human like agents having their own set of unique capabilities personalities and desires We begin with the lowest level of footstep determination to steer agents in collision free paths Steering choices are controlled by navigation in complex environments including multi domain planning with dynamically changing situations Virtual agents are given perceptual capabilities analogous to those of real people including sound perception multi sense attention and understanding of environment semantics which affect their behavior choices The roles and impacts of individual attributes such as memory and personality are explored The animation challenges of integrating a number of simultaneous behavior and movement demands on an agent are addressed through an open source software system Finally the creation of stories and narratives with groups of agents subject to planning and environmental constraints culminates the presentation

**Computer Animation and Simulation**, 1999 **Simulating Heterogeneous Crowds with Interactive Behaviors** Nuria Pelechano, Jan M. Allbeck, Mubbasir Kapadia, Norman I. Badler, 2016-10-26 This book provides a deep understanding of state of art methods for simulation of heterogeneous crowds in computer graphics It will cover different aspects that are necessary to achieve plausible crowd behaviors The book will be a review of the most recent literature in this field that can help professionals and graduate students interested in this field to get up to date with the latest contributions and open problems for their possible future research The chapter contributors are well known researchers and practitioners in the field and they include their latest contributions in the different topics required to achieve believable heterogeneous crowd simulation Provides crowd simulation methodology to populate virtual environments for video games or any kind of applications that requires believable multi agent behavior Presents the latest contributions on crowd simulation animation planning rendering and evaluation with detailed algorithms for implementation purposes Includes perspectives of both academic researchers and industrial practitioners with reference to open source solutions and commercial applications where appropriate Crowd Simulation Daniel Thalmann, Soraia Raupp Musse, 2007-09-18 Recent times have seen growing interest in crowd simulation particularly in the commercial sector where it is used in the fields of security defence entertainment and the movie industry This book focuses closely on methods and techniques for crowd simulation filling the gap in the professional literature The topics covered in this comprehensive survey include Modelling of Populations Virtual Human Animation Behavioural Animation of Crowds Crowd Rendering and Populated Environments Research Centers

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may control the behaviour of a crowd by means of general constraints This Constraint Satisfaction system automatically alters the behaviour of the individuals in the crowd such that the group behaviour meets the provided constraint Constraint-Based Approach to Crowd Simulation and Layout Synthesis Tomer Weiss, 2018 Position based methods have become popular for real time simulation in computer graphics In contrast to traditional simulation methods which are based on Newtonian dynamics particularly forces a Position Based Dynamics PBD method computes the positional changes directly based on a set of well defined geometric constraints Therefore position based methods are reputed to be more controllable stable and faster which make them well suited for use in interactive environments This thesis introduces position based approaches to addressing the important tasks of virtual crowd simulation and virtual layout synthesis For crowd simulation we introduce a novel method that runs at interactive rates for up to hundreds of thousands of agents Our method enables the detailed modeling of per agent behavior in a Lagrangian formulation We model short range and long range collision avoidance to simulate both sparse and dense crowds On the particles representing agents we formulate a set of positional constraints that can be readily integrated into a standard PBD solver We augment the tentative particle motions with planning velocities to determine the preferred velocities of agents and project the positions onto the constraint manifold to eliminate colliding configurations The local short range interaction is represented with collision and frictional contact between agents as in the discrete simulation of granular materials We incorporate a cohesion model for simulating collective behaviors and propose a new constraint for dealing with potential future collisions Our method is suitable for use in interactive games For layout synthesis we propose a position based interior layout synthesis method that is able to rapidly synthesize large scale layouts that were previously intractable An interior layout modeling task can be challenging for non experts hence the existence of interior design professionals Recent research into the automation of this task has yielded methods that can synthesize layouts of objects respecting aesthetic and functional constraints that are non linear and competing These methods usually adopt a purely stochastic scheme which samples from a distribution of layout configurations a process that is slow and inefficient We introduce an alternative physics based continuous layout synthesis technique which results in a significant gain in speed and is readily scalable We demonstrate our method on a diverse set of examples and show that it achieves results similar to conventional layout synthesis based on a Markov chain Monte Carlo McMC state search step but is faster by at least an order of magnitude and can handle layouts of unprecedented size and tight layouts that can overwhelm McMC **Crowd Dynamics, Volume 1** Livio Gibelli, Nicola Bellomo, 2019-01-22 This volume explores the complex problems that arise in the modeling and simulation of crowd dynamics in order to present the state of the art of this emerging field and contribute to future research activities Experts in various areas apply their unique perspectives to specific aspects of crowd dynamics covering the topic from multiple angles These include a demonstration of how virtual reality may solve dilemmas in collecting empirical data a detailed study on pedestrian movement in smoke filled

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