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FAST, SMOOTH, ACCURATE AND RELIABLE SURFACE RECONSTRUCTION FROM BINARY VOLUMES FOR MEDICAL VISUALIZATION

BACHELOR'S OR MASTER'S THESIS -

Surface Reconstruction from Medical Image Data

In medical image processing, anatomical structures are often represented as binary 3D images. However, for visualization purposes, surface representations are often required. Among other requirements, the surface representations have to be smooth and accurate. Furthermore, the processing time should be in the range of seconds and a per case parametrization by the user should not be necessary. Finally, an adaptive polygonization is desirable. Current approaches existing at Fraunhofer MeVis suffer from several limitations. Hence, the goals of this thesis are:

- Investigation, implementation and comparison of existing approaches (e.g. point clouds, level sets, smoothing...)
- Development and evaluation of an algorithm that adheres to the requirements mentioned above
- · Integration into MeVisLab, a development framework for medical image processing and visualization

One possible solution is to investigate OpenVDB, a hierarchical data structure for the efficient storage and manipulation of sparse volumetric data, which also supports level set operations. However, the applicant is free to explore various approaches. A high degree of self-motivation and creativity is expected.

What we expect from you:

- Student of computer science or similar field of study
- Experience in programming (C++, Python)
- Interest in computer graphics and medical visualization

What you can expect from us:

- Self-determined work and space for your own ideas
- Work within a young and interdisciplinary team in a friendly and creative environment close to the University of Bremen

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