## An Analytical Model for Progressive Mesh Streaming



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## IO MB



#### Hoppe's Progressive Mesh



#### At the sender



#### Transmission



#### At the receiver



#### What happen if some data is lost?







#### Dependency Graph



#### Error Propagation



#### Retransmission upon detecting loss



Retransmission takes precedence over new vertex splits



#### Normally send multiple vertex splits per packet



How serious is error propagation?

What is the effect of dependencies?

#### Decoded Mesh Quality

### Quality versus Time



#### Importance of a vertex



#### **Case I**: complete dependency



#### Case 2: no dependency



### higher quality earlier is better



#### Evaluation metric: area under the graph Larger area = better



Given a progressive mesh, what affects the area?

#### **Dependency Pattern**

Given a progressive mesh, the dependencies among the vertex splits are fixed, but packetization can affect dependencies among the data packets.

### **Sending Order**

Given a set of packets, which one to send first?

#### Loss Rate

Different loss pattern gives different area. We are interested in the expected area given a loss rate.

#### Available Bandwidth

Faster sending rate means the quality increases quickly.

### **Round Trip Time**

#### Larger round trip time means longer time till realizing that a packet is lost and retransmit.









#### The Analytical Model



Clock at sender starts when sending first packet Clock at receiver starts RTT/2 later.



Packet *i* is sent at time *i* if there is no retransmission



# Packet *i* is sent at time *i*+*k* if there are *k* retransmissions before *i*





$$P(S_i = i + k) = \binom{i - T_d + k}{k} p^k (1 - p)^{i - T_d + 1}$$

$$E[S_i] = \frac{i - T_d + 1}{1 - p} + T_d - 1$$
 time slot when packet  $i$  is sent loss probability

Packet *i* is received at time

$$R_i = S_i + nT_d$$



$$Pr(R_i = t) = \begin{cases} (1-p)p^{n_{i,t}} & \text{if } (t - S_i) \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \mod T_d = 0$$

$$n_{i,t} = \lfloor (t - S_i) / T_d \rfloor$$

$$Pr(R_i \le t) = 1 - p^{n_{i,t}+1}$$

A packet *p* is a parent packet of a vertex *v* if a vertex that *v* depends on belongs to *p* 



## $P(v) = \{A, B, C, E\}$



A vertex v is decoded at time t, if I. a parent packet of v is received at time t, and 2. all other parent packets are received before t.

$$Pr(D_v = t) = \sum_{j \in \mathcal{P}(i)} \frac{Pr(R_j = t)}{Pr(R_j < t)} \prod_{k \in \mathcal{P}(i)} Pr(R_k < t)$$

$$E[D_v] = \sum_{j=S_v}^{\infty} jPr(D_v = j)$$



#### Simulation with HORSE model with 10% Losses

Number of runs	Average difference	Maximum difference
1000	0.474	3.192
10000	0.161	1.567
100000	0.122	1.308
trace	0.177	2.184



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$$E[a_t] = \sum_{i=0}^t w_i (tE[x_{i,t}] - E[x_{i,t}D_i])$$
  
= 
$$\sum_{i=0}^t w_i (tP(D_i \le t) - \sum_{k=0}^t kP(D_i = k))$$

#### Do dependencies matter?

## best case



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 $\Delta_t \approx (1-p)$  for large t



Gap between the two extreme cases at  $t = T_d - I$ 

$$\left(T_d - \frac{1 - (1 - p)^{T_d}}{p}\right)(1 - p)$$

RTT = 250 ms, Packet Size = 1500 bytes, Sending rate = 1.5 Mbps

#### 100 vertex splits per packet Gap = **1500** vertex splits

#### A Better Packetization Algorithm

# **FIFO** strategy: send the most important vertex split first

### [Gu05]'s strategy: minimize the dependencies among the vertex splits

#### Need to consider **both** importance and dependencies



$$\delta_i = w_i(E[D_i^{next}] - E[D_i^{curr}])$$

(only consider nodes whose parents are packed)

maintain a max heap of all nodes using  $\delta_i$  as key

while heap is not empty and packet is not full pop a node *i* from heap and packed *i* for each child *k* of *i* insert *k* into heap





### Summary



#### Dependencies matter only for a short time initially



