# On Planar Shape Interpolation with Logarithmic Metric Blending Supplementary Material

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#### 1 Linear Metric Interpolation Distortion

PROPOSITION 1.1. Given  $g_t = (1 - t)I + t \cdot g_{\phi}$ , the eigenvalues of the intermediate metric  $g_t$  are linear interpolations of the eigenvalues of the target metric  $g_{\phi}$ , and are linear functions of t.

PROOF. We express  $g_{\phi}$  in the diagonal form  $V\Lambda_{\phi}V^{\top}$ , where *V* is the orthonormal eigenvector matrix and  $\Lambda_{\phi}$  is the diagonal matrix of eigenvalues. We can also diagonalize *I* as  $VIV^{\top}$ , which is valid because *V* satisfies  $VV^{\top} = I$ .

$$g_t = (1-t)VIV^{\top} + tV\Lambda_{\phi}V^{\top}$$
$$= V((1-t)I + t\Lambda_{\phi})V^{\top}.$$
(1)

From this, we find that the eigenvalues of  $g_t$  are linearly interpolated as:

$$\Lambda_t = (1-t)I + t\Lambda_\phi,$$

and the *i*-th eigenvalue  $\lambda_{t,i}$ , is linear function of *t*:

$$\lambda_{t,i} = (1-t) + t\lambda_{\phi,i} = 1 + t(\lambda_{\phi,i} - 1).$$
(2)

 $D_t(p)$ 

COROLLARY 1.2. Given  $g_t = (1 - t)I + t \cdot g_{\phi}$ , the conformal and area distortions induced by  $g_t$  are:

$$K_t(p) = \sqrt{\frac{\lambda_{t,1}}{\lambda_{t,2}}} = \sqrt{\frac{1 + t(\lambda_{\phi,1} - 1)}{1 + t(\lambda_{\phi,2} - 1)}},$$
(3)

$$D_t(p) = \sqrt{\lambda_{t,1} \cdot \lambda_{t,2}} = \sqrt{\left(1 + t(\lambda_{\phi,1} - 1)\right)\left(1 + t(\lambda_{\phi,2} - 1)\right)}$$

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SIGGRAPH Conference Papers '25, August 10–14, 2025, Vancouver, BC, Canada © 2025 Copyright held by the owner/author(s). ACM ISBN 979-8-4007-1540-2/2025/08 https://doi.org/10.1145/3721238.3730697 2 Square-Root Metric Interpolation Distortion PROPOSITION 2.1. Given  $g_t = ((1-t) \cdot I^{0.5} + t \cdot g_{\phi}^{0.5})^2$ , the eigenvalues

of the intermediate metric  $g_t$  can be expressed as:

$$\lambda_{t,i} = (1 + t(\sqrt{\lambda_{\phi,i}} - 1))^2.$$

PROOF. We express  $g_{\phi}$  in the diagonal form  $V\Lambda_{\phi}V^{\top}$ , where *V* is the orthonormal eigenvector matrix and  $\Lambda_{\phi}$  is the diagonal matrix of eigenvalues. We can also diagonalize *I* as  $VIV^{\top}$ , which is valid because *V* satisfies  $VV^{\top} = I$ .

$$g_{t} = \left( (1-t) \cdot (VIV^{\top})^{0.5} + t \cdot (V\Lambda_{\phi}V^{\top})^{0.5} \right)^{2}$$
  
=  $\left( (1-t) \cdot (VI^{0.5}V^{\top}) + t \cdot (V\Lambda_{\phi}^{0.5}V^{\top}) \right)^{2}$   
=  $\left( V((1-t)I^{0.5} + t\Lambda_{\phi}^{0.5})V^{\top} \right)^{2}$   
=  $V\left( (1-t)I^{0.5} + t\Lambda_{\phi}^{0.5} \right)^{2}V^{\top}.$  (4)

Hence, the eigenvalues of  $g_t$  are:

$$\Lambda_t = \left( (1-t)I^{0.5} + t\Lambda_{\phi}^{0.5} \right)^2,$$

and the *i*-th eigenvalue  $\lambda_{t,i}$ , is a quadratic function of *t*:

$$\lambda_{t,i} = ((1-t) + t\sqrt{\lambda_{\phi,i}})^2 = (1 + t(\sqrt{\lambda_{\phi,i}} - 1))^2$$
(5)

COROLLARY 2.2. Given  $g_t = ((1-t) \cdot I^{0.5} + t \cdot g_{\phi}^{0.5})^2$ , the conformal and area distortions induced by  $g_t$  are:

$$K_t(p) = \sqrt{\frac{\lambda_{t,1}}{\lambda_{t,2}}} = \frac{1 + t(\sqrt{\lambda_{\phi,1}} - 1)}{1 + t(\sqrt{\lambda_{\phi,2}} - 1)},$$

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### 3 Lagrange, Smoothness, and Symmetry Properties

*Lagrange Property.* This property follows directly from the definition of the interpolated metrics  $g_t$ . At t = 0, all blending schemes — linear, square-root, and logarithmic — reduce to the identity metric  $g_0 = I$ , corresponding to the undeformed source shape. Similarly, at t = 1, the interpolated metric becomes the pullback metric  $g_1 = g$ , associated with the deformation map  $\phi$  from source to target. Since the interpolation recovers the exact input metrics at both endpoints, we assume realizations that faithfully reproduce the corresponding embeddings.

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Smoothness. Let  $\phi : S_0 \to S_1$  be a continuously differentiable map. Then the pullback metric  $g_{\phi}$  is differentiable over the domain  $S_0$ . Consequently, the interpolated metric  $g_t$ , constructed via any of the blending schemes (linear, square-root, or logarithmic), depends smoothly on the interpolation parameter t, and its derivative  $\frac{dg_t}{dt}$ exists. The smoothness of the realization stage further depends on the specific parameterization method used. For instance, Chen et al. [2013] demonstrated that conformal parameterization using CETM leads to a smooth evolution with respect to t. Similarly, embedding using LSCM will lead to a smooth result. Note that in both cases, the degrees of freedom of rigid motion (rotation and translation) need to be specified smoothly for this to hold. For example, in LSCM the two fixed vertices should remain the same. As ARAP can theoretically converge to a local minima, the result may not always be smooth. In practice, we have not encountered this problem.

*Symmetry.* To establish symmetry, it suffices to show that the interpolated metrics are equal when represented in the same domain, specifically:

$$g_{\phi(t)} = g_{\phi^{-1}(1-t)},$$

where both sides are expressed with respect to the domain  $S_0$ .

Let  $\phi : S_0 \to S_1$  be a differentiable map with Jacobian  $J_{\phi} = U \Sigma V^T$ , so that the pullback metric is

$$g_{\phi} = J_{\phi}^{\top} J_{\phi} = V \Sigma^2 V^T.$$

Let  $\psi = \phi^{-1} : S_1 \to S_0$ , with Jacobian  $J_{\psi} = V \Sigma^{-1} U^T$ , yielding the pullback metric

$$g_{\psi} = J_{\psi}^{\top} J_{\psi} = U \Sigma^{-2} U^T.$$

We define time-dependent maps  $\phi(t) : S_0 \to S_t$  and  $\psi(\tilde{t}) : S_1 \to \tilde{S}_t$ , with  $\tilde{t} = 1 - t$ , and corresponding interpolated metrics:

$$g_{\phi(t)} = V \Lambda_{\phi(t)} V^T, \quad g_{\psi(\tilde{t})} = U \Lambda_{\psi(\tilde{t})} U^T,$$

where:

$$\Lambda_{\phi(t)} = \text{blend}_t(I, \Sigma^2), \quad \Lambda_{\psi(\tilde{t})} = \text{blend}_{\tilde{t}}(I, \Sigma^{-2}).$$

To express  $g_{\psi(\tilde{t})}$  with respect to  $S_0$ , we pull it back via  $\phi$ :

$$g^{S_0}_{\phi^{-1}(\tilde{t})} = J_\phi^\top U \Lambda_{\psi(\tilde{t})} U^T J_\phi = V \Sigma \Lambda_{\psi(\tilde{t})} \Sigma V^T.$$

Thus, proving symmetry reduces to verifying:

$$\Sigma \Lambda_{\psi(1-t)} \Sigma = \Lambda_{\phi(t)}.$$

Linear Blending.

$$\Sigma \cdot \Lambda_{\psi(1-t)} \cdot \Sigma = \Sigma \cdot \left[ (1 - (1 - t))I + (1 - t)\Sigma^{-2} \right] \cdot \Sigma$$
$$= \Sigma \cdot \left[ tI + (1 - t)\Sigma^{-2} \right] \cdot \Sigma$$
$$= t\Sigma^{2} + (1 - t)I = \Lambda_{\phi(t)}.$$
(7)

Logarithmic Blending.

$$\Sigma \cdot \Lambda_{\psi(1-t)} \cdot \Sigma = \Sigma \cdot \Sigma^{-2(1-t)} \cdot \Sigma$$
$$= \Sigma^{2t} = \Lambda_{\phi(t)}.$$
(8)

Square-Root Blending.

$$\Sigma \cdot \Lambda_{\psi(1-t)} \cdot \Sigma = \Sigma \cdot \left[ tI + (1-t)\Sigma^{-1} \right]^2 \cdot \Sigma$$
  
=  $[t\Sigma + (1-t)I]^2 = \Lambda_{\phi(t)}.$  (9)

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## 4 Log Edge Length Interpolation From Discrete Conformal Factors

#### 4.1 Discrete Conformal Factors

A pair of triangular meshes  $(S, \tilde{S})$  are considered Conformally Equivalent (CETM) [Springborn et al. 2008] if they have the same connectivity and if there exists a set of discrete conformal factors  $u : V \to \mathbb{R}$  such that their edge lengths  $(l, \tilde{l})$  satisfy the relation:

$$\tilde{l}_{ij} = e^{\frac{u_i + u_j}{2}} l_{ij}.$$

This is a discrete analog of Conformally Equivalent Domains. Discrete conformal factors are fundamental in establishing a combinatorial notion of conformal structures, as explored in Luo's combinatorial Yamabe flow [Luo 2004].

A pair of triangles  $f_{ijk} \in S$ ,  $\tilde{f}_{ijk} \in \tilde{S}$  are always considered CETM (as long as their orientation is preserved), as appropriate discrete conformal factors  $u_f : V_{\{i,j,k\}} \to \mathbb{R}$  can be extracted using the logarithm of the edge length ratios [Springborn et al. 2008]:

$$u_{f,i} = \ln\left(\frac{\tilde{l}_{ij}}{l_{ij}} \cdot \frac{\tilde{l}_{ki}}{l_{ki}} \cdot \frac{l_{jk}}{\tilde{l}_{jk}}\right).$$

Given a pair of meshes with the same connectivity, the discrete conformal factors  $u_f$  exist per face  $(f_{ijk}, \tilde{f}_{ijk})$ . However, a global  $u: V \to \mathbb{R}$  exists if and only if the pair of meshes are CETM.

## 4.2 Linear Blending of Discrete Conformal Factors

With the notion of discrete conformal factors and CETM, we can leverage the equivalence between the geometrical blending of metrics and the linear blending of conformal factors, as established in our paper Proposition 3.3, Equation (10).

Since each pair of faces is CETM, we propose linearly blending the corresponding discrete conformal factors:

$$u(f,t) = t \cdot u_f$$

. This induces new intermediate edge lengths:

$$l_{ij}(f,t) = e^{\frac{t \cdot u_{f,i} + t \cdot u_{f,j}}{2}} l_{ij}.$$
 (10)

We show that the intermediate edge lengths are consistent between adjacent faces as the exponential factor can be expressed by the edge lengths of source and target, eliminating  $u_f$  from the expression.

$$\begin{split} \tilde{l}_{ij} &= e^{\frac{u_{f,i}+u_{f,j}}{2}} l_{ij} \\ & \frac{\tilde{l}_{ij}}{l_{ij}} = e^{\frac{u_{f,i}+u_{f,j}}{2}} \end{split}$$

Rewriting expression (10) for the intermediate edge lengths:

$$l_{ij}(f,t) = e^{\frac{t \cdot u_{f,i} + t \cdot u_{f,j}}{2}} l_{ij} = \left(e^{\frac{u_{f,i} + u_{f,j}}{2}}\right)^t l_{ij} = \left(\frac{\tilde{l}_{ij}}{l_{ij}}\right)^t l_{ij}.$$

This shows that the desired intermediate edge lengths are provided by the simple geometric blending of the source and target edge lengths:

$$l_{ij}(t) = l_{ij}^{1-t} \tilde{l}_{ij}^t.$$
(11)

## 5 Local/Global As-Equiareal-As-Possible Singular Values and Energy

Based on the work of Liu et al. [2008], the local global algorithm finds an embedding that minimizes:

$$E(u,L) = \sum_{f=1}^{|F|} A_f \|J_f(u) - L_f\|_F^2$$

where u is the embedding of the mesh in 2D, and  $L_f$  are  $2 \times 2$  matrices constrained to a class of matrices based on the desired parametrization type, i.e. conformal or rigid. Further,  $f \in F$  are the faces of the mesh to flatten, with  $A_f$  the face area, and  $J_f(u)$  the Jacobian of the linear mapping of face f.

To find the best u, L we fix L to be the set of matrices which minimize the energy the most for the respective u.

The best fitting similar and rigid *L* are known from Procrustes analysis, and are provided by the Singular Value Decomposition on  $J_f = U_{J_f} \Sigma_{J_f} V_{J_f}^{\top}$ , where  $U_{J_f}, V_{J_f}$  are unitary matrices, and  $\Sigma_{J_f}$  is the diagonal matrix of the singular values  $diag(\sigma_{1,J_f}, \sigma_{2,J_f})$ :

• ARAP:  $L_f = U_{J_f} \cdot diag(1, 1) \cdot V_{J_f}^{\top}$ • ASAP:  $L_f = U_{J_f} \cdot diag(\frac{\sigma_{1,J_f} + \sigma_{2,J_f}}{2}, \frac{\sigma_{1,J_f} + \sigma_{2,J_f}}{2}) \cdot V_{J_f}^{\top}$ 

Because  $J_f$ ,  $L_f$  have the same singular vectors, the energy also equals the distance of singular values of the matrices:

$$E(u) = \sum_{f=1}^{|F|} A_f \|\Sigma_{J_f} - \Sigma_{L_f}\|_j^2$$

$$E(u) = \sum_{f=1}^{|F|} A_f \left[ (\sigma_{1,J_f} - \sigma_{1,L_f})^2 + (\sigma_{2,J_f} - \sigma_{2,L_f})^2 \right],$$

substituting  $\sigma_{1,L_f}, \sigma_{2,L_f}$  with the relevant new singular values.

Finding the best fitting  $L_f$  that preserves the area, which means its singular values satisfy the relation  $\sigma_{1,L_f} = \frac{1}{k}$ ,  $\sigma_{2,L_f} = k$  for some positive k, requires minimizing an energy which leads to solving a fourth degree polynomial:

$$\min_{k} E_{u}(k) = \min_{k} \left[ (\sigma_{1,J_{f}} - \frac{1}{k})^{2} + (\sigma_{2,J_{f}} - k)^{2} \right]$$

Although it is possible to solve this numerically, this does not lead to a closed form energy function. Instead, we suggest minimizing the Log-Euclidean distance which leads to a simple solution.

$$\min_{k} E_{u}(k) = \min_{k} \left[ (\ln(\sigma_{1,J_{f}}) - \ln(\frac{1}{k}))^{2} + (\ln(\sigma_{2,J_{f}}) - \ln(k))^{2} \right]$$
$$= \min_{k} \left[ (\ln(\sigma_{1,J_{f}}) + \ln(k))^{2} + (\ln(\sigma_{2,J_{f}}) - \ln(k))^{2} \right]$$

To find the minimum we take the derivative  $\frac{d}{dk}E_u(k)$ :

$$\frac{d}{dk}E_u(k) = \frac{2\left(\ln(\sigma_{1,J_f}) + \ln(k)\right)}{k} - \frac{2\left(\ln(\sigma_{2,J_f}) - \ln(k)\right)}{k}$$
$$= \frac{2\left(\ln(\sigma_{1,J_f}) - \ln(\sigma_{2,J_f}) + 2\ln(k)\right)}{k}$$
$$= \frac{2\left(\ln(\frac{\sigma_{1,J_f}}{\sigma_{2,J_f}}) + 2\ln(k)\right)}{k}$$

And solve for  $\frac{d}{dk}E_u(k) = 0$ , k > 0:

$$\frac{2\left(\ln\left(\frac{\sigma_{1,J_f}}{\sigma_{2,J_f}}\right) + 2\ln(k)\right)}{k} = 0$$

$$\ln\left(\frac{\sigma_{1,J_f}}{\sigma_{2,J_f}}\right) + 2\ln(k) = 0$$

$$\ln(k) = \frac{1}{2}\ln\left(\frac{\sigma_{2,J_f}}{\sigma_{1,J_f}}\right)$$

$$k = \sqrt{\frac{\sigma_{2,J_f}}{\sigma_{1,J_f}}} = \frac{\sigma_{2,J_f}}{\sqrt{\sigma_{1,J_f}\sigma_{2,J_f}}}$$
(12)

Hence our AEAP singular values:

$$\sigma_{1,L_f} = \frac{\sigma_{1,J_f}}{\sqrt{\sigma_{1,J_f} \sigma_{2,J_f}}}, \quad \sigma_{2,L_f} = \frac{\sigma_{2,J_f}}{\sqrt{\sigma_{1,J_f} \sigma_{2,J_f}}}$$
(13)

To stop the algorithm when it converged we need to compute an energy. We substitute the singular values in the global Euclidean energy with our AEAP singular values  $\frac{\sigma_{1,J_f}}{\sqrt{\sigma_{1,J_f} \sigma_{2,J_f}}}, \frac{\sigma_{2,J_f}}{\sqrt{\sigma_{1,J_f} \sigma_{2,J_f}}}$  to obtain an energy:

$$\begin{split} E &= \sum_{f=1}^{|F|} A_f \left[ \left( \sigma_{1,J_f} - \frac{\sigma_{1,J_f}}{\sqrt{\sigma_{1,J_f} \sigma_{2,J_f}}} \right)^2 + \left( \sigma_{2,J_f} - \frac{\sigma_{2,J_f}}{\sqrt{\sigma_{1,J_f} \sigma_{2,J_f}}} \right)^2 \right] \\ &= \sum_{f=1}^{|F|} A_f \left[ \left( \frac{\sigma_{1,J_f} \left( \sqrt{\sigma_{1,J_f} \sigma_{2,J_f}} - 1 \right)}{\sqrt{\sigma_{1,J_f} \sigma_{2,J_f}}} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\sigma_{2,J_f} \left( \sqrt{\sigma_{1,J_f} \sigma_{2,J_f}} - 1 \right)}{\sqrt{\sigma_{1,J_f} \sigma_{2,J_f}}} \right)^2 \right] \\ &= \sum_{f=1}^{|F|} A_f \left[ \frac{\sigma_{1,J_f}}{\sigma_{2,J_f}} \left( \sqrt{\sigma_{1,J_f} \sigma_{2,J_f}} - 1 \right)^2 + \frac{\sigma_{2,J_f}}{\sigma_{1,J_f}} \left( \sqrt{\sigma_{1,J_f} \sigma_{2,J_f}} - 1 \right)^2 \right] \\ &= \sum_{f=1}^{|F|} A_f \left[ \left( \frac{\sigma_{1,J_f}}{\sigma_{2,J_f}} + \frac{\sigma_{2,J_f}}{\sigma_{1,J_f}} \right) \left( \sqrt{\sigma_{1,J_f} \sigma_{2,J_f}} - 1 \right)^2 \right]. \end{split}$$
We note that since we're using the Log Euclidean objective for the

We note that since we're using the Log Euclidean objective for the local step, it is not clear that the global energy should be monotonically decreasing, and the convergence of this local/global scheme is not guaranteed. However, we experimentally found that it was indeed monotonically decreasing in our examples, and the embedding converged using this scheme to an to area-preserving map.

#### 6 Computation Times

Table 1 presents a comparison of computation times between edge length squared blending methods and metric blending methods. All experiments were performed in MATLAB on a system equipped

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Table 1. Computation times in seconds for various meshes, deformation types and parameterizations.

	Edge Length Blending		Metric Blending		
	BFF	CETM	LSCM	LG-ARAP	LG-AEAP
Stage/Mesh		(Fig. 1) Flamingo	Low-Distortion #faces = 818		
Preprocess		-		0.00081	
Blending		0.00004		0.00969	
Realization	0.00375	0.02921	0.00665	0.49061	2.6886
Stage/Mesh		(Fig. 5) Colorba	ar Conformal #faces = 468		
Preprocess		-		0.00055	
Blending		0.00003		0.00577	
Realization	0.00249	0.02049	0.00395	0.08179	12.634
Stage/Mesh	(Fig. 6) Troll Low-Distortion #faces = 1586				
Preprocess	-		0.00113		
Blending		0.00006		0.01835	
Realization	0.00618	0.08014	0.01232	1.0785	28.586
Stage/Mesh	(Fig. 7) Raptor Low-Distortion #faces = 4554				
Preprocess		-		0.00259	
Blending		0.00009		0.05264	
Realization	0.01644	0.45418	0.03365	5.0381	5.0943
Stage/Mesh	(Fig. 7) Cat High-Distortion #faces = 1590				
Preprocess	-		0.00120		
Blending		0.00006		0.02028	
Realization	0.00650	0.09110	0.01517	0.43985	25.443
Stage/Mesh	(Fig. 7) Blue-Monster High-Distortion #faces = 1573				
Preprocess	-		0.00127		
Blending		0.00007		0.01992	
Realization	0.00694	0.08719	0.01301	0.54159	23.129
Stage/Mesh	(Fig. 8) Cactus Low-Distortion #faces = 4982				
Preprocess	-		0.00263		
Blending		0.00010		0.05702	
Realization	0.02034	0.48316	0.03861	2.7470	3.5787
Stage/Mesh	(Fig. 9) Horse High-Distortion #faces = 2670				
Preprocess		-	0.00159		
Blending	0.00008		0.03191		
Realization	0.01016	0.18787	0.02051	0.92910	17.075
Stage/Mesh	(Fig. 10) Giraffe Low-Distortion #faces = 1583				
Preprocess	-		0.00115		
Blending		0.00007		0.02082	
Realization	0.00692	0.08770	0.01335	3.5590	38.033

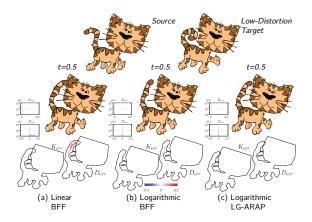


Fig. 1. Interpolation of an As-Killing-As-Possible deformation, with texture and the corresponding conformal and area distortion errors  $K_{err}$ ,  $D_{err}$  plots and histograms. Logarithmic BFF (b) and LG-ARAP (c) bound area distortion better than linear BFF (a).

with an Intel Core i7-10850H CPU @ 2.70GHz. For CETM, the optimization is terminated after 10 iterations, whereas our proposed methods, LG-ARAP and LG-AEAP, employ adaptive stopping criteria based on convergence: either when the energy ratio satisfies  $E(\text{iter})/E(\text{iter} - 1) \geq 0.999$  or the energy drops below  $1 \times 10^{-7}$ . Typically, LG-ARAP converges within 10 to 50 iterations, while LG-AEAP may require over 400 iterations.

Overall, BFF is approximately twice as fast as LSCM and several orders of magnitude faster than CETM and Local-Global methods. Although CETM and Local-Global exhibit similar per-iteration times to LSCM, their total computation times are higher due to the larger number of iterations required for convergence. As shown in Fig. 1, logarithmic edge length BFF offers a faster alternative to LG-ARAP in low-distortion scenarios, trading off some precision for significantly improved computation time.

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