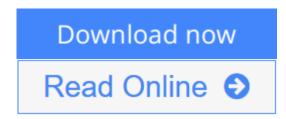


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Review

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"The book consists of two parts? Mathematical Preliminaries and Computational Geometry Processing. Almost 70 pages of linear algebra, differential geometry and finite difference methods comprise all the necessary concepts for the rest of the book. ... the book fills a gap in the market for textbook-like publications on geometry processing topics. It could be a valuable source of initial ideas for people trying to extend their basic knowledge in the area." (Pavel Chalmovianský, Mathematical Reviews, November, 2014)

"The book is brilliant in that it maintains a sane balance between theory and practice. It is written by practitioners, for practitioners--the authors are experienced programmers who have developed the geometry and linear algebra (GEL) library, which is being used in real-world applications--without losses in mathematical rigor or theoretical details. This elegant style enables both students and professionals to use it as a reference guide for fundamental topics in geometry processing. ... The book is a handy companion for students and practitioners working in computer graphics and computer vision fields, but will also appeal to people working in any computational science and engineering field." (Alin Anton, Computing Reviews, January, 2013)

"It focuses on the important techniques not covered by traditional courses on computer vision and computer graphics. ... The book is presented in an accessible fashion full of images, examples, pseudocodes and exercises. ... The book is suitable for professionals or graduate students who want to understand the theory and implement algorithms of geometry processing. It can be used for a self studing and as a course book as well." (Agnieszka Lisowska, Zentralblatt MATH, Vol. 1252, 2012)

# From the Back Cover

Optical scanning is rapidly becoming ubiquitous. From industrial laser scanners to medical CT, MR and 3D ultrasound scanners, numerous organizations now have easy access to optical acquisition devices that provide huge volumes of image data. However, the raw geometry data acquired must first be processed before it is useful.

This *Guide to Computational Geometry Processing* reviews the algorithms for processing geometric data, with a practical focus on important techniques not covered by traditional courses on computer vision and computer graphics. This is balanced with an introduction to the theoretical and mathematical underpinnings of each technique, enabling the reader to not only implement a given method, but also to understand the ideas behind it, its limitations and its advantages.

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Graduate students will find this text a valuable, hands-on guide to developing key skills in geometry processing. The book will also serve as a useful reference for professionals wishing to improve their competency in this area.

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