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A Benchmark for Rough **Sketch Cleanup**

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Existing Sketch Cleanup Algorithms





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Mostly raster

- Mostly raster
- Messy & ambiguous strokes

Messy & ambiguous strokes



- Mostly raster
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- Varying stroke thickness & color

Messy & ambiguous strokes





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- Physical artifacts

Messy & ambiguous strokes





Physical artifacts



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Scaffolds

Messy & ambiguous strokes











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Junction closure

Hatching lines

Messy & ambiguous

strokes



Physical artifacts



Texture & shading

Sketches in the Wild

- Mostly raster
- Messy & ambiguous strokes
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- Global change



Junction closure



Hatching lines













Physical artifacts





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- Deliberately non-smooth strokes



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- Which algorithm works best?



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Global change









Junction closure



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Hatching lines







Global change

Consolidate rough strokes

- Messy & ambiguous strokes
- Physical artifacts





Junction closure



Messy & ambiguous strokes











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Physical artifacts





Consolidate rough strokes

- Messy & ambiguous strokes
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- Identify and separate non-shape strokes





Scaffolds





Hatching lines









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 Junction closure
- Close junctions











Texture & sha



Scaffold



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Deliberately non-smooth







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Ideal Cleaned Sketch

Global change

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• 5 genres, 281 sketches



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- Vector strokes, close junctions

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- No iteration



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Sketch cleanup algorithms



Automatic cleaned sketch



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• How well do algorithmically cleaned rough sketches match ground truth?



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Similar to ground truth?

- How well do algorithmically cleaned rough sketches match ground truth?
- What is the quality of vector paths in the output?



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Similar to ground truth?

Vector quality?

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- What is the quality of vector paths in the output?
- How fast and reliable are the algorithms?



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Similar to ground truth?

Vector quality?





Similarity metrics

• Chamfer distance (lower is better)



- Chamfer distance (lower is better)
- F-score (higher is better)



- Chamfer distance (lower is better)
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Vector quality

• Stroke length



Vector algorithmically results

Vector quality

• Stroke length



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- Junction quality



Vector algorithmically results



- Algorithms
- Parameters
 - Based on author's recommendation

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Data preparation

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• Sketch format: original, thresholded, and vectorized



Original

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Thresholded Vectorized

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- Layer separation



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Original

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- Sketch format: original, thresholded, and vectorized
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- Resolution: original, 1000, and 500 long edge pixels





Original



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Thresholded Vectorized

1000-pixel



500-pixel



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Fidelity vs Simplicity
How well do algorithmically cleaned rough sketches match ground truth?



Fidelity vs Simplicity

• Vector quality

Stroke Length



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Ground Truth

• Vector quality

Junction Distances



Open Endpoints

• Vector quality

Junction Distances



Open Endpoints

Failure Rate



Running Time



Ambiguity



- Ambiguity
 - How much do humans agree on the cleaned sketch?



- Ambiguity
 - How much do humans agree on the cleaned sketch?
 - Similarity between the multiple ground truths



• Messiness



High Ambiguity (0.009) High Messiness (5.11)



- Messiness
 - How much non-essential information does the input sketch contain?



High Ambiguity (0.009) High Messiness (5.11)



- Messiness
 - How much non-essential information does the input sketch contain?
 - The fraction of covered pixels removed during cleanup



High Ambiguity (0.009) High Messiness (5.11)



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• Ambiguity vs. Messiness



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Resolution dependence



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Fidelity vs Simplicity



Gap sensitivity

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Delaunay Triangulation

• Parameter sensitivity



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• Messiness sensitivity



PolyVector & TopologyDriven

• Algorithm robustness



Algorithmic output

- Algorithm robustness
- Resolution dependence

Rough



Algorithmic result - 1000px



Algorithmic result - 500px



- Algorithm robustness
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- Physical artifacts removal



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- Non-shape stroke separation





Algorithmic result







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Ground Truth - shape stroke

Ground Truth - shading & texture



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Stroke thickness and color preservation



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Algorithmic result



• Simple metrics

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- Imperfect topology of vector ground truth

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- Small dataset

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- Imperfect topology of vector ground truth
- Small dataset
- Narrowly defined problem





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• Different algorithms can have different goals



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- End-to-End Evaluation



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