Computational Fabrication

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Manufacturing Today



Manufacturing in Near Future



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Why Computational Design and Manufacturing?



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Hardware



Hardware

Hardware Abstraction & Machine Code



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Design: Shape and Materials



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- 1Edifference(){
 2 //cuerpo del dado
 3 Dintersection(){
 4 cube(20,center=true);
 5 -sphere(15,\$fn=100);}
 6 //cara del 1
 7 translate([10,0,0])
 8 sphere(2,\$fn=20);
 9 -}
 10 translate([0,10,0])
 11 sphere(2,\$fn=20);
 12 translate([5,10,5])
 13 sphere(2,\$fn=20);
 14 translate([-5,10,-5])
- 15 sphere(2,\$fn=20);

Hardware

Machine Code

Design

From Design to Machine Code



Hardware

Machine Code



High-level Specifications/Performance



From Design to Performance



From Performance to Design



Human Computer Interaction (HCI)



Artificial Intelligence (AI) & Machine Learning



Operating Systems for Future Factory



Who's working on this?



Highly interdisciplinary field!

Robotics







Fabrication Hardware

Design of Cyber-physical Systems

Human-Computer Interaction



Hardware interfaces

Design Systems

Computer Graphics







Performance-Driven Design

Geometry Processing

Active Research Areas



Our Perspective



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Computational Design Stack



Computational Design Stack



Subtractive Manufacturing

- Start with a block of material
- Remove material to obtain a given shape



Computer Numerical Control (CNC) Cutting

- Many different methods (e.g, laser cutting, water jetting)
- Input: 2D vector format
- Output: G-code



3-Axis CNC Milling/Engraving

- Input: 2.5D (heightfield)
- Output: G-code, multiple passes



Source: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uE-49w6JtTk
5-Axis CNC Milling

- Input: 3D Mesh
- Output: G-code, multiple passes



Whole-garment Knitting



3D Printing Basics

3D Printing = Additive Manufacturing



Source: <u>https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:3D_printing_on_replicator_2.webm</u>

3D Printing Process

• Slice 3D model into layers



3D Printing Process

- Slice 3D model into layers
- Manufacture layers one by one (e.g., bottom-up)



Additive Manufacturing Processes

- Thermoplastic Extrusion
 - Fused deposition modeling (FDM)
- UV Curable Resins/thermosets
 - Stereolithography (SLA) & DLP Printing
 - Photopolymer Inkjet Printing
- Powders
 - Selective laser sintering (SLS)
 - Binder jetting/3D Printing
- Sheets
 - Laminated object manufacturing (LOM



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Fused Deposition Modeling (FDM)

- Fused Filament Fabrication (FFF)
- Filament is made of thermoplastic materials
 - e..g., ABS, polycarbonate, PLA
- Temporary support structure can be made from water-soluble material such as PVA
 - removed using heated sodium hydroxide solution



The print head and/or bed is moved to the correct X/Y/Z position for placing the material

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Stereolithography (SLA)

- SLA uses liquid ultraviolet curable photopolymer resin
- Laser beam traces one layer on the surface of the resin
- Laser light cures and solidifies the layer



Digital Light Projector (DLP) 3D Printing

- DLP 3D printer uses liquid ultraviolet curable photopolymer resin
- DLP exposes and solidifies one layer at a time on the surface of the resin



DLP 3D Printing Process



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Photopolymer Inkjet Printing

- Inkjet printhead jets liquid photopolymer and support material
- UV light cures photopolymer and support material
- Excess material is removed using a roller
- The platform descends by one layer



Printing Process



Sample Fabricated Objects





Source: Stratasys

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Selective Laser Sintering (SLS) Direct Metal Laser Sintering (DMLS)

- SLS and DMLS use a bed of small particles (made of plastic, metal, ceramic, or glass)
- High-power laser traces one layer on the surface of the powder bed melting/fusing the particles



SLS & DMLS Process



Source: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BZLGLzyMKn4

Sample Fabricated Parts



Source: http://www.bridgesmathart.org , http://www.freedomofcreation.com

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Binder Jet 3D Printing

- This method uses a bed of small plaster particles
- Inkjet printhead prints with liquid (possibly colored) adhesive one layer on the surface of the powder bed fusing the particles
- The platform descends by one layer and more material is added



Binder Jet 3D Printing Process



Source: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GnFxujCyD70</u>

Binder Jet: Plastics (HP)



MULTI JET FUSION PROCESS:



Binder Jet: Metals (HP)





Binder Jet: Metals (HP)



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Computational Design and Fabrication Pipeline



Hardware

Machine Code



Performance

3D Printing Software Pipeline



Surface Representations

Polygonal Mesh



e.g. triangle soup

Parametric Surface



Implicit Surface



 $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - r^2 = 0.$

 $x = r \sin \phi \cos \theta,$ $y = -r \cos \phi,$ $z = -r \sin \phi \sin \theta,$

Volumetric Representations



3D Printing Software Pipeline



Model Orientation: Mechanical Properties



Model Orientation: Mechanical Properties



Source: ACM Siggraph
Model Orientation: Build Time

• Build speed is slower for the verical direction compared to the horizontal direction



Model Orientation: Support Volume



Model Orientation: Surface Accuracy

- Difference between the input shape and the printed shape
 - Difference in volume
 - Difference in the normal direction





Model Orientation: Support Contact Area

- Contact area between support material and object
 - should be minimized
 - can be geometrically computed



larger contact area

Model Orientation: Support Contact Area

• After support removal



Source: http://electecnik.blogspot.com/2011/12/fds-frame-after-support-removal.html

Algorithms for Specifying Model Orientation

- Manual placement
 - User is responsible for placing parts on the build tray
- Semi-automated placement
 - User places parts on the build tray
 - System provides feedback on build time, support volume, support contact area, mechanical properties
- Automated placement
 - orientation is computed using optimization according to one or more objectives (build time, support volume, support area, mechanical properties)

3D Printing Software Pipeline



Why Support Structures?



Simple Conservative Algorithm

- Use ray casting in the z direction to compute all intersections for a ray
- Sort intersections in the increasing z to determine intervals inside/outside of the object
- Any outside intervals before the last inside interval should contain support



Support Generation: Draft Angle

• Many printers can print at some draft angle





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optimized support

unoptimized support

Optimized Support Structures



Unoptimized vs. Optimized Support Structure



Source: Huang et al. 2009

- Assume we have a point that needs support
- Can connect point (via support post) to:
 - 1) Ground
 - 2) Object
 - 3) Another post
 - Problems to solve:
 - 1) Support Points?
 - 2) Connection Strategy?



Source: Schmidt and Umetani

• Compute point-sampling of overhang areas

• Densely cover overhangs from bottom to top



Top-Down Growing Strategy

- 1) Add support points to priority queue
 - Sorted top-down
- 2) While queue is not empty
 - Pop topmost point P
 - Try to connect downwards to ground/object
 - Else try to pair with closest free point
 - Else grow downwards a fixed step.
 - Add new point to queue





Source: <u>http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aFTyTV3wwsE</u>

3D Printing Software Pipeline





• For a discrete z value, compute an intersection of a plane with a model



- For each triangle
 - Intersect triangle with the z plane
 - If they intersect, store the line segment
- Connect line segments, store contours



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- 1. Intersect each edge with the plane
- 2. If two intersection points, connect them to form a line segment

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• STL models are not always watertight -> epsilons



Slicing Results with Direct Plane-Triangle Intersection



Source: Choi and Kwok, 2002

3D Printing Software Pipeline



Path Planning for Vector-based 3D Printing: Contour

- Offset inwards by distance equal to the filament radius
 - offset vertices
 - remove self-intersections and model intersections



no offset

offset inwards

Path Planning for Vector-based 3D Printing: Interior

- Tracing contours is combined with filling the interior
- The interior can be completely filled



retracted hatch

 $\overline{}$



alternate sequencing



Source: Horton et al 1993 Source: Han et al 2002

Filling in the Whole Object



underfill

More Fill Patterns

- In-plane
- Out-of-plane



Equidistant Path Generation

• A set of paths are extracted based on distance to the surface



inward offset

outward offset

Fermat Spirals



Path Planning: Interior

- Tracing contours is combined with filling the interior
- Many different fill patterns can be used





Path Planning for Vector-based 3D Printing: Interior

• A *honeycomb-cell structure* a good trade-off between overall weight and strength





3D Printing Software Pipeline



G-code Example

G17 G20 G90 G94 G54 G0 Z0.25 X-0.5 Y0. Z0.1 G01 Z0. F5. G02 X0. Y0.5 I0.5 J0. F2.5 X0.5 Y0. I0. J-0.5 X0. Y-0.5 I-0.5 J0. X-0.5 Y0. I0. J0.5 G01 Z0.1 F5. G00 X0. Y0. Z0.25 This program draws a 1" diameter circle about the origin in the X-Y plane.

seek the Z-axis to 0.25" travel to X=-0.5 and Y=0.0

lower back to Z=0.0. draw a clockwise circle at a slow feed rate.

lift the Z-axis up 0.1" seek back to X=0.0, Y=0.0, and Z=0.25

Source: https://github.com/grbl/grbl/wiki/G-Code-Examples

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Performance

Design vs. Design Space





Design

Design Space

Design vs. Design Space



Design

Design Space

Low Dimensional Design Space



Design Space

• Each design can be mathematically represented as a point in \mathbb{R}^D , where D = number of voxels in a build volume



Design Space

Unconstrained Design Space



Unconstrained Design Space



The Art of Designing a Design Space



Reduced Design Spaces



Design Space Continuum

- Each design can be mathematically represented as a point in \mathbb{R}^{D}



Design Space

Methods for Designing Reduced Design Spaces

- Parametric modeling
- Procedural modeling
- Deformation methods

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Reduced Parameters



CAD and Expert Designed Parameters



OpenSCAD

- Software for creating solid 3D CAD models
- Not an interactive modeler
 - Very basic UI
- A 3D-compiler
 - Geometry written as a script
 - Executed using CGAL/OpenCSG
 - Rendered with OpenGL
- Available for Linux/UNIX, Windows, Mac OS X
 - <u>http://www.openscad.org</u>



3D Primitives

- Sphere
 - sphere(5); sphere(r=5);
- Cube
 - cube(5);
 - cube([4,8,16]);
- Cylinder
 - cylinder(20,10,5);
 cylinder(h = 20, r1 = 10,
 r2 = 5);
 - cylinder(h=20,r=10);



Transformations

- Translate
 - e.g., translate([10,0,0])
 sphere(5); // translate along
 x axis
- Rotate
- Scale
- Order dependent
 - translate([0,0,10])
 rotate([45,0,0])
 cylinder([20,10,0]);
 - Color("green")
 rotate([45,0,0])
 translate([0,0,10])
 cylinder([20,10,0]);



CSG

- Union
- Intersection
- Difference
- Example:

```
union()
```

```
{
```

```
translate([0,-25,-25]) cylinder(50,10,10);
rotate([90,0,0]) cylinder(50,8,8);
}
```



Loops

for (loop_variable_name = range or vector) {

• • •

for (z = [-1, 1, -2.5]) {
 translate([0, 0, z])
 cube(size = 1, center = false);
}

```
for ( i = [0:5] ) {
  rotate( i*360/6, [1, 0, 0])
   translate( [0, 10, 0] ) sphere(r = 1);
}
```





Module

• Procedures/Functions

```
module leaves() { cylinder(20,5,0); }
module box() { cube([5,10,15]); }
module tree() {
   leaves();
   scale([0.5,0.5,0.5]) translate([-2.5,-5,-15]) box();
   }
```

tree();



Module

• Parameters

```
module box(w,l,h,tx,ty,tz)
{
    translate([tx,ty,tz])
    cube([w,l,h]);
}
```





Parametric Model in OpenSCAD

```
module simple_tree(size, dna, n) {
    if (n > 0) {
       // trunk
       cylinder(r1=size/10, r2=size/12, h=size, $fn=24);
       // branches
       translate([0,0,size])
         for(bd = dna) {
            angx = bd[0];
            angz = bd[1];
            scal = bd[2];
               rotate([angx,0,angz])
                  simple_tree(scal*size, dna, n-1);
    else // leaves
       color("green")
       scale([1,1,3])
          translate([0,0,size/6])
            rotate([90,0,0])
               cylinder(r=size/6,h=size/10);
 // dna is a list of branching data bd of the tree:
       bd[0] - inclination of the branch
 bd[1] - Z rotation angle of the branch
 //
 //
       bd[2] - relative scale of the branch
  dna = [ [12, 80, 0.85], [55, 0, 0.6],
       [62, 125, 0.6], [57, -125, 0.6] ];
  simple_tree(50, dna, 6);
```



What is the Design Space of Mechanisms?



Coros et al 2013

Library of Mechanisms



Methods for Designing Reduced Design Spaces

- Parametric modeling
- Procedural modeling
- Deformation methods

Formal Grammars and Languages

- A finite set of nonterminal symbols: {S, A, B}
- A finite set of terminal symbols: {a, b}
- A finite set of **production rules:** $S \rightarrow AB$
- A start symbol: S
- Generates a set of finite-length sequences of symbols by recursively applying production rules starting with S

L-systems

- nonterminals : 0, 1
- terminals : [,], +, -
- **start** : 0
- rules : $(1 \rightarrow 11), (0 \rightarrow 1[+0][-0])$

- Visual representation: turtle graphics
 - 0: draw a line segment ending in a leaf
 - 1: draw a line segment
 - - turn left 45 degrees
 - + turn right 45 degrees
 - [: push position and angle,
 -]: pop position and angle,

Iterations:

0

1[+0][-0]

11[+1[+0][-0]][-1[+0][-0]]

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L-systems



Types of L-Systems

• *Deterministic*: If there is exactly one production for each symbol

 $0 \rightarrow 1[0]0$

• Stochastic: If there are several, and each is chosen with a certain probability during each iteration

 $0 (0.5) \rightarrow 1[0]0$ $0 (0.5) \rightarrow 0$

Furniture Design using Formal Grammar



Source: Converting 3D Furniture Models to Fabricable Parts and Connectors, Lau et al., Siggraph 2011

Formal Grammar for 2D Cabinets

$$N = \{ s, B, X, Y \}$$

 $\sum = \{hb, ht, v, ha, leg, wheel\}$

Non-terminal Symbols - Collection of Parts

Terminal Symbols - Separate Parts

P: Set of Production Rules

S : Start Symbol

The language specifies a directed graph, and each graph represents parts and connectors

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Sequence of Production Rules



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CAD Does Not Work For Organic Shapes



Deformation: Common Paradigms

- Surface based deformation
 - Optimization on the surface
 - Physically motivated: variants of elastic energy minimization
- Space deformation



- Deforms some 2D/3D space using a cage
- Deformation propagation to all points in the space
- Independent of shape representation
Geometric Deformation Models

- Surface-Based Deformations
 - Laplacian Mesh Deformation
 - As Rigid As Possible Deformation (ARAP)
- Space-Based Deformations
 - Cages
 - Linear Blend Skinning (LBS)
 - Bounded Biharmonic Weights

Reduced Parameters



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3D Characters





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Computational Design Stack



Hardware

Machine Code



Performance

Design Driven By Performance



Design Space

Performance Space

From Design to Performance

• Manufacturing + Testing



Many Different Simulation Types & Methods

- Mechanical
 - dynamic
 - static
- Acoustic
- Thermal
- Electromagnetic
- etc.



Simulating Mechanical Behavior: Structural Stability





Source: Prevost et al 2013

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Worse-Case Structural Analysis



Zhou et al 2013

Simulating Kinematics



Simulating Aerodynamics



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