Boolean chains *

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Abstract

A novel algorithm for computation of Boolean operations between cellular complexes is given in this module. It is based on bucketing of possibly interacting geometry using a box-extension of kd-trees, normally used for point proximity queries. Such kd-tree representation of containment boxes of cells, allow us to compute a number of independent buckets of data to be used for local intersection, followed by elimination of duplicated data. Actually we reduce the intersection of boundaries in 3D to the independent intersections of the buckets of (transformed) faces with the 2D subspace z=0, in order to reconstruct each splitted facet of boolean arguments, suitably transformed ther together with the bucket of indent facets. A final tagging of cells as either belonging or not to each operand follows, allowing for fast extraction of Boolean results between any pair of chains (subsets of cells). This Boolean algorithm can be considered of a Map-Reduce kind, and hence suitable of a distributed implementation over big datasets. The actual engineered implementation will follow the present prototype, using some distributed NoSQL database, like MongoDB or Riak.

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1 Introduction

2 Preview of the algorithm

The whole Boolean algorithm is composed by four stages in sequence, denoted in the following as Unification, Bucketing, Intersection, and Reconstruction. The algorithm described here is both multidimensional and variadic. Multidimensional means that the arguments are solid in Euclidean space of dimension d, with d small integer. The arity of a function or operation is the number of arguments or operands the function or operation accepts. In computer science, a function accepting a variable number of arguments is called variadic.

2.1 Unification

In this first step the boundaries of the n Boolean arguments are computed and merged together as a set of chains defined in the discrete set V made by the union of their vertices, and possibly by a discrete set of points generated by intersection of cells of complementary dimension, i.e. whose dimensions add up to the dimension of the ambient space. Actually, only the (oriented) boundaries V, FV_i $(1 \le i \le n)$ of the varius arguments are retained here, and used by the following steps of the algorithm.

2.2 Bucketing

The bounding boxes of facets FV_i are computed, and their box-kd-tree is worked-out, so providing a group of buckets of close cells, that can be elaborated independently, and possibly in parallel, to compute the intersections of the boundary cells.

2.3 Intersection

For each facet f of one of Boolean arguments, the subset F(f) of incident or intersecting facets of boundaries of the other arguments were computed in the previous bucketing step. So, each F is transformed by the affine map that sends f into the z=0 subspace, and there is intersected with this subspace, generating a subset E(f) of coplanar edges. This one is projected in 2D, and the regularized cellular 2-complex G(f) induced by it is computed, and mapped back to the original space position and orientation of f (providing a partition of it induced by the other boundaries).

2.4 Reconstruction

Like for in the reconstruction of 2D solid cells using the angular ordering of edges around the vertices, the coincident edges are identified in 3D, and used to sort the incident faces sing vhe falues of solid angles given with one reference face. The 3D space partition induced by $\cup_f G(f)$ is finally reconstructed, possibly in parallel, by traversing the adjacent sets of facets on the boundary of each solid cell.

3 Implementation

3.1 Box-kd-tree

Split the boxes between the (below, above) subsets

```
⟨Split the boxes between the below,above subsets 2⟩ ≡
""" Split the boxes between the below,above subsets """
def splitOnThreshold(boxes,subset,coord):
    theBoxes = [boxes[k] for k in subset]
    threshold = centroid(theBoxes,coord)
    ncoords = len(boxes[0])/2
    a = coord%ncoords
    b = a+ncoords
    below,above = [],[]
    for k in subset:
        if boxes[k][a] <= threshold: below += [k]
    for k in subset:
        if boxes[k][b] >= threshold: above += [k]
    return below,above
```

Macro referenced in 19b.

Test if bucket OK or append to splitting stack

```
\langle Test if bucket OK or append to splitting stack 3a\rangle \equiv
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```
""" Test if bucket OK or append to splitting stack """
     def splitting(bucket,below,above, finalBuckets,splittingStack):
         if (len(below)<4 and len(above)<4) or len(set(bucket).difference(below))<7 \
              or len(set(bucket).difference(above))<7:
              finalBuckets.append(below)
              finalBuckets.append(above)
         else:
              splittingStack.append(below)
              splittingStack.append(above)
Macro referenced in 19b.
Remove subsets from bucket list
\langle Remove subsets from bucket list 3b \rangle \equiv
     """ Remove subsets from bucket list """
     def removeSubsets(buckets):
         n = len(buckets)
         A = zeros((n,n))
         for i,bucket in enumerate(buckets):
             for j,bucket1 in enumerate(buckets):
                  if set(bucket).issubset(set(bucket1)):
                      A[i,j] = 1
         B = AA(sum)(A.tolist())
         out = [bucket for i,bucket in enumerate(buckets) if B[i]==1]
         return out
     def geomPartitionate(boxes,buckets):
         geomInters = [set() for h in range(len(boxes))]
         for bucket in buckets:
             for k in bucket:
                  geomInters[k] = geomInters[k].union(bucket)
         for h,inters in enumerate(geomInters):
              geomInters[h] = geomInters[h].difference([h])
         return AA(list)(geomInters)
Macro referenced in 19b.
Iterate the splitting until splittingStack is empty
\langle Iterate the splitting until splittingStack is empty 4\rangle \equiv
     """ Iterate the splitting until \texttt{splittingStack} is empty """
     def boxTest(boxes,h,k):
         B1,B2,B3,B4,B5,B6,_= boxes[k]
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```
b1,b2,b3,b4,b5,b6,_= boxes[h]
         return not (b4<B1 or B4<b1 or b5<B2 or B5<b2 or b6<B3 or B6<b3)
     def boxBuckets(boxes):
         bucket = range(len(boxes))
         splittingStack = [bucket]
         finalBuckets = []
         while splittingStack != []:
             bucket = splittingStack.pop()
             below,above = splitOnThreshold(boxes,bucket,1)
             below1,above1 = splitOnThreshold(boxes,above,2)
             below2,above2 = splitOnThreshold(boxes,below,2)
             below11,above11 = splitOnThreshold(boxes,above1,3)
             below21,above21 = splitOnThreshold(boxes,below1,3)
             below12,above12 = splitOnThreshold(boxes,above2,3)
             below22,above22 = splitOnThreshold(boxes,below2,3)
             splitting(above1,below11,above11, finalBuckets,splittingStack)
             splitting(below1,below21,above21, finalBuckets,splittingStack)
             splitting(above2,below12,above12, finalBuckets,splittingStack)
             splitting(below2,below22,above22, finalBuckets,splittingStack)
             finalBuckets = list(set(AA(tuple)(finalBuckets)))
         parts = geomPartitionate(boxes,finalBuckets)
         parts = [[h for h in part if boxTest(boxes,h,k)] for k,part in enumerate(parts)]
         return AA(sorted)(parts)
Macro referenced in 19b.
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\langle aaaaaa \, 5a \rangle \equiv
     """ aaaaa """
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Macro never referenced.

3.2 Merging the boundaries

3.3 Elementary splitting

In this section we implement the splitting of (d-1)-faces, stored in FV, induced by the buckets of (d-1)-faces, stored in parts, and one-to-one associated to them. Of course, (a) both such arrays have the same number of elements, and (b) whereas FV contains the

indices of incident vertices for each face, parts contains the indices of adjacent faces for each face, with the further constraint that $i \notin parts(i)$.

Computation of topological relations The function crossRelation is used here to compute a topological relation starting from two characteristic matrices XV and YV, that associate the sets of topological objects X and Y with their vertices, respectively. The technique using sparse binary matrices stored in CSR (Compressed Sparse Row) format is used.

```
⟨Computation of topological relation 5b⟩ ≡
    """ Computation of topological relation """

def crossRelation(XV,YV):
    csrXV = csrCreate(XV)
    csrYV = csrCreate(YV)
    csrXY = matrixProduct(csrXV, csrYV.T)

XY = [None for k in range(len(XV))]
    for k,face in enumerate(XV):
        data = csrXY[k].data
        col = csrXY[k].indices
        XY[k] = [col[h] for h,val in enumerate(data) if val==2]
        # NOTE: val depends on the relation under consideration ...
    return XY
```

Submanifold mapping computation The 4×4 (affine) scipy matrix transform of type mat is computed by the function submanifoldMapping, using as input the array pivotFace that contains the vertices of the so-called *pivot* face, i.e. of the face to be mapped to the coordinate subspace z=0 (in 3D).

Macro referenced in 19b.

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Set of line segments partitioning a facet The more important function of this section is the higher level intersection function, that accepts as input the LAR model (V,FV,EV) to be partitioned, and the pair (k,bundledFaces), where k is the index of the pivot face (to be transformed to the z=0 subspace) and where bundledFaces is an array of indices of faces that are guarantee to share points with face k. Such shared points may be either boundary edges of k or a segment that is internal both to face k and to some face in bundledFaces.

```
\langle Set of line segments partitioning a facet 6b\rangle \equiv
     """ Set of line segments partitioning a facet """
     def intersection(V,FV,EV):
         def intersectionO(k,bundledFaces):
             FE = crossRelation(FV,EV)
             pivotFace = [V[v] for v in FV[k]]
             transform = submanifoldMapping(pivotFace) # submanifold transformation
              transformedCells,edges,faces = [],[],[]
              for face in bundledFaces:
                  edge = set(FE[k]).intersection(FE[face]) # common edge index
                  if edge == set():
                      candidateEdges = FE[face]
                      facet = []
                      for e in candidateEdges:
                          cell = [V[v]+[1.0] for v in EV[e]] # verts of incident face
                          transformedCell = (transform * (mat(cell).T)).T.tolist()
                          # vertices in local frame
                          facet += [[point[:-1] for point in transformedCell]]
                      faces += [facet]
                  else: # boundary edges of face k
                      e, = edge
                      vs = [V[v]+[1.0] \text{ for } v \text{ in } EV[e]]
                      ws = (transform * (mat(vs).T)).T.tolist()
                      edges += [[p[:-1] for p in ws]]
              return edges, faces, transform
         return intersection0
```

Macro referenced in 19b.

Computation of face transformations The faces in every parts(i) must be affinely transformed into the subspace $x_d = 0$, in order to compute the intersection of its elements with this subspace, that are submanifolds of dimension d - 2.

```
\langle Computation of face transformations 7a\rangle \equiv """ Computation of affine face transformations """ def COVECTOR(points):
```

Space partitioning via submanifold mapping—the function spacePartition, given in the below script, takes as input a non-valid (with the meaning used in solid modeling field—see [Req80]) LAR model of dimension d-1, i.e. a triple (V,FV,EV), and an array parts indexed on faces, and containing the subset of faces with greatest probability of intersecting each indexing face, respectively. The spacePartition function returns the valid LAR boundary model (W,FW,EW) of the space partition induced by FV.

```
\langle Space partitioning via submanifold mapping 7b\rangle \equiv
     """ Space partitioning via submanifold mapping """
     def spacePartition(V,FV,EV, parts):
         transfFaces = []
         for k,bundledFaces in enumerate(parts):
              edges, faces, transform = intersection(V, FV, EV)(k, bundledFaces)
              for face in faces:
                  line = []
                  for edge in face:
                      (x1,y1,z1),(x2,y2,z2) = edge
                      if not verySmall(z2-z1):
                          x = (x2-x1)/(z2-z1) + x1
                          y = (y2-y1)/(z2-z1) + y1
                          p = [x,y,0]
                          line += [eval(vcode(p))]
                  if line!=[]: edges += [line]
              v,fv,ev = larFromLines([[point[:-1] for point in edge] for edge in edges])
              if len(fv)>1: fv = fv[:-1]
              lar = [w+[0.0] for w in v], fv, ev
```

```
transfFaces += [Struct([ larApply(transform.I)(lar) ])]
W,FW,EW = struct2lar(Struct(transfFaces))
return W,FW,EW
```

Macro referenced in 19b.

3.4 Circular ordering of faces around edges

Directional and orthogonal projection operators In order to sort circularly the faces incident on each edge, we need of course to compute the relation EF, and for each face f incident on $e = (v_1, v_2)$, to project a vector $w_f = (v_1, v_f)$, non parallel to (v_1, v_2) , on the subspace ortogonal to e. This may be done by mapping w_f with the tensor $I - e \otimes e$. Finally, the angles between vectors a, b in this orthogonal space to e may be computed by using the atan2 function, that combines both the sin and the cos of the angle:

```
angle = atan2(norm(cross(a,b)), dot(a,b)). Let us just remember that, by definition, (e \otimes e)v = (e \cdot v)e, where e, v are vectors.
```

```
⟨ Directional and orthogonal projection operators 8⟩ ≡
    """ Directional and orthogonal projection operators """
    def dirProject (e):
        def dirProject0 (v):
            return SCALARVECTPROD([ INNERPROD([ UNITVECT(e), v ]), UNITVECT(e) ])
    return dirProject0

def orthoProject (e):
    def orthoProject0 (v):
        return VECTDIFF([ v, dirProject(UNITVECT(e))(v) ])
    return orthoProject0

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```

3D boundary triangulation of the space partition The function boundary Triangulation given below is used to guarantee that there is a unique (simple) facet incident to an edge and contained in one LAR facet. More clearly, the Boolean decompositions generated by LAR allow for non convex cells, and in particular for nonconvex boundary facets of d-cells. This fact may induce errors in the computation of circularly sorted faces around edges. Conversely, by decomposing the faces into triangles, such ordering problems cannot appear. We also note that whereas every (d-1)-facet is made by coherently oriented triangles, it is not possible to give—a priori—a coherently orientation to all the facets, since the object interior and exterior are not defined (for now).

 \langle 3D boundary triangulation of the space partition 9 \rangle \equiv

```
def orientTriangle(pointTriple):
         v1 = array(pointTriple[1])-pointTriple[0]
         v2 = array(pointTriple[2])-pointTriple[0]
         if cross(v1,v2)[2] < 0: return REVERSE(pointTriple)</pre>
         else: return pointTriple
     def boundaryTriangulation(W,FW):
         triangleSet = []
         for face in FW:
             pivotFace = [W[v] for v in face+(face[0],)]
             transform = submanifoldMapping(pivotFace)
             mappedVerts = (transform * (mat([p+[1.0] for p in pivotFace]).T)).T.tolist()
             facet = [point[:-2] for point in mappedVerts]
             pol = PolygonTessellator()
             vertices = [ vertex.Vertex( (x,y,0) ) for (x,y) in facet ]
             verts = pol.tessellate(vertices)
             ps = [list(v.point) for v in verts]
             trias = [[ps[k], ps[k+1], ps[k+2], ps[k]] for k in range(0,len(ps),3)]
             mappedVerts = (transform.I * (mat([p+[1.0] for p in ps]).T)).T.tolist()
             points = [p[:-1] for p in mappedVerts]
             trias = [[points[k],points[k+1],points[k+2],points[k]]
                 for k in range(0,len(points),3)
                 if scipy.linalg.norm(cross(array(points[k+1])-points[k],
                                             array(points[k+2])-points[k])) != 0 ]
             triangleSet += [AA(orientTriangle)(trias)]
         return triangleSet
     def triangleIndices(triangleSet,W):
         vertDict,out = defaultdict(),[]
         for k,vertex in enumerate(W): vertDict[vcode(vertex)] = k
         for h,faceSetOfTriangles in enumerate(triangleSet):
             out += [[[vertDict[vcode(p)] for p in triangle[:-1]]
                         for triangle in faceSetOfTriangles]]
         return out
Macro referenced in 19b.
Computation of incidence between edges and 3D triangles
\langle Computation of incidence between edges and 3D triangles 10\rangle \equiv
     def edgesTriangles(EF, FW, TW, EW):
         ET = [None for k in range(len(EF))]
```

from support import PolygonTessellator, vertex

```
for e,edgeFaces in enumerate(EF):
    ET[e] = []
    for f in edgeFaces:
        for t in TW[f]:
            if set(EW[e]).intersection(t)==set(EW[e]):
            ET[e] += [t]
    return ET
```

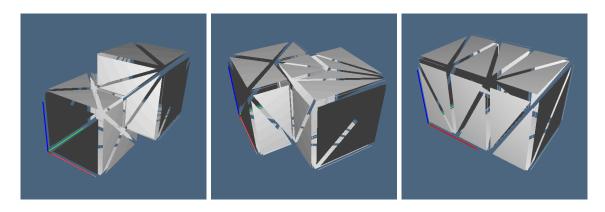


Figure 1: The triangulated boundaries of the space partition induced by two cubes (one is variously translated).

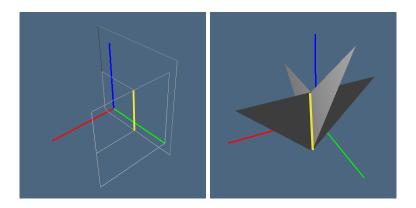


Figure 2: The triangles around an edge: VIEW(STRUCT(MKPOLS((W,ET[35])))).

Example

```
In [2]: ET[35]
Out[2]: [[19, 7, 8], [6, 8, 7], [8, 7, 16], [4, 7, 8]]
In [3]: EF[35]
Out[3]: [4, 10, 11, 14]
In [4]: [FW[f] for f in EF[35]]
Out[4]: [(19, 7, 8, 12), (6, 10, 8, 7), (12, 8, 7, 16, 1, 2), (4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9)]
In [5]: EW[35]
Out[5]: (7, 8)
```

Slope of edges The faceSlopeOrdering function, given in the script below, return the list EF_angle of lists of faces incident to the model edges, counterclockwise ordered with respect to the orientation of the edge. Let us remember that the edges are naturally oriented from the vertex of lesser index to that of greater index.

```
\langle Slope of edges 11 \rangle \equiv
     """ Circular ordering of faces around edges """
     from bool1 import invertRelation
     def orientFace(v1,v2):
         def orientFaceO(faceVerts):
             facet = list(faceVerts) + [list(faceVerts)[0]]
             pairs = [[facet[k],facet[k+1]] for k in range(len(facet[:-1]))]
             OK = False
             for pair in pairs:
                 if [v1,v2] == pair: OK = True
             if OK: return faceVerts
             else: return REVERSE(faceVerts)
         return orientFace0
     def planeProjection(normals):
         V = mat(normals)
         if all(V[:,0]==0): V = np.delete(V, 0, 1)
         elif all(V[:,1]==0): V = np.delete(V, 1, 1)
         elif all(V[:,2]==0): V = np.delete(V, 2, 1)
         return V
     def faceSlopeOrdering(model):
         V,FV,EV = model
         triangleSet = boundaryTriangulation(V,FV)
         TV = triangleIndices(triangleSet,V)
         TE = crossRelation(CAT(TV), EV)
         ET,ET_angle = invertRelation(TE),[]
```

```
for e,et in enumerate(ET):
    v1,v2 = EV[e]
    E = UNITVECT(VECTDIFF([V[v2],V[v1]]))
    refFace = ET[e][0]
    et_angle = []
    normals = []
    for triangle in et:
        theFace = orientFace(v1,v2)(CAT(TV)[triangle])
        vect1 = array(V[theFace[1]])-V[theFace[0]]
        vect2 = array(V[theFace[2]])-V[theFace[0]]
        normals += [cross(vect1, vect2).tolist()]
    w1,w2 = E,normals[0]
    w3 = cross(array(w1),w2).tolist()
    basis = [w1, w2, w3]
    transform = mat(basis).I
    mappedNormals = (transform * mat(normals).T).T
    mappedNormals = planeProjection(mappedNormals)
    for k,t in enumerate(et):
        angle = math.atan2(mappedNormals[k,1],mappedNormals[k,0])
        et_angle += [angle]
    pairs = sorted(zip(et_angle,et))
    ET_angle += [[pair[1] for pair in pairs]]
EF_angle = ET_to_EF_incidence(TV,FV, ET_angle)
return EF_angle
```

Edge-triangles to Edge-faces incidence In the function ET_to_EF_incidence below, we convert the Edge-triangles incidence table ET_angle to a Edge-faces incidence table EF_angle. The input data to the algorithm are the relations TW,FW, and, of course, the incidence ET_angle. It works by computing two translationa tables tableFT and tableTF from face indices to triangle indices and viceversa. Of course, assert(len(EF_angle) == 2*len(FW)) must be True.

Cells from (d-1)-dimensional LAR model Since faces in the space partition induced by overlaping 3-coverings are (d-1)-cells, they are located on the boundary of $two\ d$ -cells of the partition. Hence, the traversal algorithm of the data structure storing the relevant information may be driven by signing the two cofaces of each face as being either already visited or not.

Oriented cycle of vertices from a 1-cycle of unoriented edges The below edgeCycleOrientation is used to transform a list of unoriented edges, know to correspond to a closed but unoriented 1-cycle, into a 0-cycle, to be easily transformed into an *oriented 1-cycle* by taking pairwise every two adjacent nodes, included the lat and the first to close the cycle.

```
\langle Oriented cycle of vertices from a 1-cycle of unoriented edges 13\rangle \equiv
     """ Oriented cycle of vertices from a 1-cycle of unoriented edges """
     def theNext(FE,EF_angle,EV,cb,previous_cb,previousOrientedEdges,cf):
         previous_cb = cb
         def theNextO(previous_edge,face):
             cbe = copy.copy(cb)
             edges = list(set(FE[face]).intersection(cbe)) #difference(cbe))
             if edges==[]:
                  edges = list(cbe)
                  face = list(set(EF_angle[edges[0]]).intersection(cf))[0]
             if type(previousOrientedEdges[0])!=list:
                 signs,next = cycles2permutation([previousOrientedEdges])
             else: signs,next = cycles2permutation(previousOrientedEdges)
             edge = edges[0]
             edgeOrientation = signs[edge]
             edgeFaces = EF_angle[edge]
             n = len(edgeFaces)
             if edgeOrientation == 1:
                  ind = (edgeFaces.index(face) + 1)%n
             elif edgeOrientation == -1:
                  ind = (edgeFaces.index(face) - 1)%n
             nextFace = edgeFaces[ind]
             nextFaceBoundary = list(set(FE[nextFace]))
             orientedEdges = cyclesOrientation(previousOrientedEdges,nextFaceBoundary,EV)
             return orientedEdges,nextFace,edge
         return theNext0
```

Macro referenced in 19b.

Check and store the orientation of faces

```
\langle Check and store the orientation of faces 14\rangle \equiv
     """ Check and store the orientation of faces """
     def checkOrientation(previousOrientedEdges,orientedEdges,orientedFaceEdges,faceOrientations,fa
         list2 = CAT(orientedFaceEdges)
         if orientedEdges != []:
             list1 = CAT(orientedEdges)
         else: list1 = CAT(previousOrientedEdges)
         theList = set(list1).intersection(set(list2).union((lambda args:[-arg for arg in args])(li
         if theList==set() or orientedEdges==[]:
             theList = set(CAT(orientedFaceEdges))
         edge = list(theList)[0]
         if theList.issubset(list1): # equal signs
             if faceOrientations[face][0] == None:
                 faceOrientations[face][0] = edge
             elif faceOrientations[face][1] == None:
                 faceOrientations[face][1] = edge
             else: print "error: faceOrientations"
         elif not theList.issubset(list1): # different signs
             if faceOrientations[face][0] == None:
                 faceOrientations[face][0] = -edge
             elif faceOrientations[face][1] == None:
                 faceOrientations[face][1] = -edge
             else: print "error: faceOrientations"
         else: print "error: checkOrientation"
         return faceOrientations
```

Macro referenced in 19b.

3.5 Progressive reconstruction of 3-cell boundaries

The input to this stage is a 2-complex embedded in 3D, with 2-cells non necessarily convex. The output is the 3-space partition defined by the cellular 3-complex, whose 2-skeleton is the input complex. In other words, we mu reconstruct the 3-cells induced by the 2-cells of the input complex. This is done reconstructing the 3-cells stepwise. Each 3-cell reconstruction is done starting from one face two-dimensional previously taken into account no more than one single time, so that every 2-face is used at most exactly twice. An example of use of the functions implemented in this section is given in example test12.py

Edge cycles associated to a closed chain of edges The problem here is to conserve in the new cycles the same orientation of the previous ones, passed through the orientedEdges variable. We can formalize the problem as follows. Let call pcycles (for "previous cycles") and fcycle (for "face cycle") the algorithm input. the output is the

coherently oriented outcycles. First, an orientation is given to fcycle; then this one is compared with the pcycles orientation, and it is possibly reversed, in order to get them coherently oriented. Finally, the direct sum of pcycles and fcycle is executed, giving the outcycles.

```
\langle Cycles orientation 15a\rangle \equiv
     """ Cycles orientation """
     def cyclesOrientation(pcycles,fcycle,EV):
         print "$$$$$ pcycles,fcycle =",pcycles,fcycle
         ofcycle = boundaryCycles(fcycle,EV)[0] # oriented
         if type(pcycles[0])==list: opcycle = CAT(pcycles)
         else: opcycle = pcycles
         int = set(opcycle).intersection(ofcycle)
         if int != set():
             ofcycle = CAT(reverseOrientation([ofcycle]))
         outChain = [e for e in ofcycle if not (-e in opcycle)]
         outChain += [e for e in opcycle if not (-e in ofcycle)]
         return outChain
     if __name__ == "__main__":
         pcycles = [[-19, 13, 22, 23]]
         fcycle = [30, 20, 18, 2, 26, 19]
         cyclesOrientation(pcycles,fcycle)
Macro referenced in 19b.
\langle Edge cycles associated to a closed chain of edges 15b\rangle \equiv
     """ Edge cycles associated to a closed chain of edges """
     def boundaryCycles(edgeBoundary,EV):
         verts2edges = defaultdict(list)
         for e in edgeBoundary:
              verts2edges[EV[e][0]] += [e]
              verts2edges[EV[e][1]] += [e]
         cvcles = []
         cbe = copy.copy(edgeBoundary)
         while cbe != []:
             e = cbe[0]
             v = EV[e][0]
             cycle = []
              while True:
                  cycle += [(e,v)]
                  e = list(set(verts2edges[v]).difference([e]))[0]
                  cbe.remove(e)
                  v = list(set(EV[e]).difference([v]))[0]
                  if (e,v)==cycle[0]:
```

```
break
n = len(cycle)
cycles += [[e if EV[e]==(cycle[(k-1)%n][1],cycle[k%n][1]) else -e
for k,(e,v) in enumerate(cycle)]]
return cycles
```

Permutation of edges defined by edge cycles

Macro referenced in 19b.

The 3-cell traversal algorithm Initially, the list of counterclockwise ordered faces around the oriented edges are computed, and stored as indexed by edges in the EF_angle list of lists. This information is stored in the compressed sparse row matrix csrEF, whose element (e, f) provides the *next* face index incident on edge e, after f.

Also, a list of list of zeros is stored in the visitedFE variable, in order to memorize the visited pairs (f, e) by writing one in their corresponding positions. The firstSearch function will so retrieve the first non visited pair, in order to start the extraction of a new 3-cell. The cv variable accumulates the vertex indices of the current 3-cell. When the 3-cell is completely extracted (how-to test?), will be stored as a new row in the CV relation.

The test for completeness of the extraction is done by computing the current boundary of the cell as a set of edges of faces, by python XOR of the edges of every accumulated face-edge relation. When this set it becomes empty, the 3-cell extraction is completed.

```
FE = crossRelation(FV,EV)
visitedCell = [[None,None] for k in range(len(FV))]+[0]
print "$$$$ count =",visitedCell[-1],0,0,0
face = 0
orientedEdges = CAT(boundaryCycles(FE[face],EV))
visitedCell[face][0] = orientedEdges[0]
edge = ABS(orientedEdges[0])
cv = set(FV[face])
cb = set(FE[face])
previous_cb = set(FE[face])
print "\norientedEdges,face,edge,visitedCell[face] =",orientedEdges,face,edge,visitedCell[
ce = set([edge])
cf = set([face])
while debug<35:
    print "\ncv,cb,ce, cf =",cv,cb,ce, cf
    debug += 1
    if (face, edge) == (-1, -1):
        print "BREAK"
        #break
    elif cb != set():
        previousOrientedEdges = orientedEdges
        orientedEdges,face,edge = theNext(FE,EF_angle,EV, cb,previous_cb, previousOriented
        print "\norientedEdges,face,edge,visitedCell[face] =",orientedEdges,face,edge,visi
        print ">>>> face =",face
        cv = cv.union(FV[face])
        edges = FE[face]
        cb_union = cb.union(edges)
        cb_intersection = cb.intersection(edges)
        previous_cb = cb
        cb = cb_union.difference(cb_intersection)
        edge = boundaryCycles(FE[face],EV)[0][0]
        if visitedCell[face][0] == None:
            visitedCell[face][0] = edge
            visitedCell[-1] += 1
            print "$$$$ count =",visitedCell[-1],face,edge,0
        elif visitedCell[face][0]!=None:
            visitedCell[face][1] = -edge
            visitedCell[-1] += 1
            print "$$$$ count =",visitedCell[-1],face,-edge,1
        print "\nvisitedCell =",visitedCell
        ce = ce.union(edges)
        cf = cf.union([face])
    else:
        CV += [cv]
```

```
CF += [cf]
    CE += [ce]
    if orientedEdges==[]:
        visitedCell,orientedEdges,face,edge = startCell(visitedCell,FE,EV)
        print "\norientedEdges,face,edge,visitedCell[face] =",orientedEdges,face,edge,cv,cb,ce, cf = set(FV[face]),set(FE[face]),set([edge]),set([face])
    return V,CV,FV,EV,CF,CE
```

Macro referenced in 19b.

Start a new 3-cell The function startCell below is used to begin the extraction of a new 3-cell (after the first one was already extracted). Therefore its aim is to choose as first face one already previously extracted, in order to begin the current boundary with one cycle coherently oriented. This will is implemented by looking for a "face" position stored in visitedCell with just one None value in its row.

Face orientations storage In order to correctly accomplish the extraction of 3-cells from the 2-complex partition of the arguments' space, it is necessary to use twice every 2-face, belonging with opposite orientations to the boundaries of two adjacent 3-cells. The array faceOrientations, initializated to $n \times 2$ zeros, with n equal to the number of 2-cells, is so used to store the orientations of faces considered as 2-cycles of edges.

In particular, the orientation of the 2-face is equivalent to the embedded orientation of one of its edges, corresponding either to the intrinsic orientation of this one, or to its opposite orientation. Hence, every time a face is used during the extraction of a 3-cell,

(the elementary 1-chain of) one of its oriented edges is stored in faceOrientations, to remember its orientation, and eventually reverse the orientation of the face the next time it is used again. At the very end of the extraction algorithm, all the faces must be used twice, with opposite orientations.

3.6 Boolean chains

4 Esporting the Library

```
"lib/py/bool2.py" 19b \equiv
     """ Module for Boolean computations between geometric objects """
     from pyplasm import *
     """ import modules from larcc/lib """
     import svs
     sys.path.insert(0, 'lib/py/')
     from inters import *
     DEBUG = True
      (Coding utilities 28a)
      (Split the boxes between the below, above subsets 2)
      (Test if bucket OK or append to splitting stack 3a)
      Remove subsets from bucket list 3b >
      (Iterate the splitting until splittingStack is empty 4)
       Computation of face transformations 7a
       Computation of affine face transformations?
      Computation of topological relation 5b
      Submanifold mapping computation 6a
      Set of line segments partitioning a facet 6b
       Space partitioning via submanifold mapping 7b
      3D boundary triangulation of the space partition 9
       Computation of incidence between edges and 3D triangles 10
      Directional and orthogonal projection operators 8
      Slope of edges 11
      Oriented cycle of vertices from a 1-cycle of unoriented edges 13
      Edge-triangles to Edge-faces incidence 12
       Cells from (d-1)-dimensional LAR model 17
      Edge cycles associated to a closed chain of edges 15b
      (Permutation of edges defined by edge cycles 16)
```

```
 \begin{array}{l} \langle \, \mathrm{Cycles} \,\, \mathrm{orientation} \,\, \mathbf{15a} \, \rangle \\ \langle \, \mathrm{Start} \,\, \mathrm{a} \,\, \mathrm{new} \,\, \mathbf{3\text{-}cell} \,\, \mathbf{18} \, \rangle \\ \langle \, \mathrm{Face} \,\, \mathrm{orientations} \,\, \mathrm{storage} \,\, \mathbf{19a} \, \rangle \\ \langle \, \mathrm{Check} \,\, \mathrm{and} \,\, \mathrm{store} \,\, \mathrm{the} \,\, \mathrm{orientation} \,\, \mathrm{of} \,\, \mathrm{faces} \,\, \mathbf{14} \, \rangle \\ \diamond \end{array}
```

5 Test examples

5.1 Random triangles

Generation of random triangles and their boxes

Generation of random quadrilaterals and their boxes

```
"test/py/bool2/test02.py" 20b =
    """ Generation of random quadrilaterals and their boxes """
    import sys
    sys.path.insert(0, 'lib/py/')
    from bool2 import *
    glass = MATERIAL([1,0,0,0.1, 0,1,0,0.1, 0,0,1,0.1, 0,0,0,0.1, 100])

    randomQuadArray = randomQuads(10,1)
    VIEW(STRUCT(AA(MKPOL)([[verts, [[1,2,3,4]], None] for verts in randomQuadArray])))

    boxes = containmentBoxes(randomQuadArray)
    hexas = AA(box2exa)(boxes)
    cyan = COLOR(CYAN)(STRUCT(AA(MKPOL)([[verts, [[1,2,3,4]], None] for verts in randomQuadArray])
    yellow = STRUCT(AA(glass)(AA(MKPOL)([hex for hex,qualifier in hexas])))
    VIEW(STRUCT([cyan,yellow]))
```

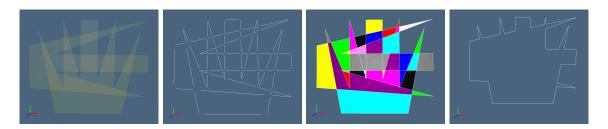


Figure 3: LAR complex from two polygons. (a) the input polygons; (b) the intersection of boundary lines; (c) the extracted regularized 2-complex; (d) the boundary LAR.

```
"test/py/bool2/test03.py" 21 \equiv
     """ Boolean complex generated by boundaries of two complexes """
     import sys
     sys.path.insert(0, 'lib/py/')
     from inters import *
     glass = MATERIAL([1,0,0,0.1, 0,1,0,0.1, 0,0,1,0.1, 0,0,0,0.1, 100])
     V1 = [[3,0],[11,0],[13,10],[10,11],[8,11],[6,11],[4,11],[1,10],[4,3],[6,4],
             [8,4],[10,3]]
     FV1 = [[0,1,8,9,10,11],[1,2,11],[3,10,11],[4,5,9,10],[6,8,9],[0,7,8]]
     EV1 = [[0,1],[0,7],[0,8],[1,2],[1,11],[2,11],[3,10],[3,11],[4,5],[4,10],[5,
             9],[6,8],[6,9],[7,8],[8,9],[9,10],[10,11]]
     BE1 = boundaryCells(FV1,EV1)
     lines1 = [[V1[v] for v in EV1[edge]] for edge in BE1]
     V2 = [[0,3],[14,2],[14,5],[14,7],[14,11],[0,8],[3,7],[3,5]]
     FV2 = [[0,5,6,7],[0,1,7],[4,5,6],[2,3,6,7]]
     EV2 = [[0,1],[0,5],[0,7],[1,7],[2,3],[2,7],[3,6],[4,5],[4,6],[5,6],[6,7]]
     BE2 = boundaryCells(FV2,EV2)
     lines2 = [[V2[v] for v in EV2[edge]] for edge in BE2]
     VIEW(STRUCT([ glass(STRUCT(MKPOLS((V1,FV1)))), glass(STRUCT(MKPOLS((V2,FV2)))) ]))
     lines = lines1 + lines2
     VIEW(STRUCT(AA(POLYLINE)(lines)))
     global precision
     PRECISION += 2
     V,FV,EV = larFromLines(lines)
     VIEW(EXPLODE(1.2,1.2,1)(MKPOLS((V,EV))))
     VV = AA(LIST)(range(len(V)))
     submodel = STRUCT(MKPOLS((V,EV)))
     VIEW(larModelNumbering(1,1,1)(V,[VV,EV,FV[:-1]],submodel,1))
```

```
polylines = [[V[v] for v in face+[face[0]]] for face in FV[:-1]]
colors = [CYAN, MAGENTA, WHITE, RED, YELLOW, GREEN, GRAY, ORANGE, BLACK, BLUE, PURPLE, BROWN]
sets = [COLOR(colors[k%12])(FAN(pol)) for k,pol in enumerate(polylines)]
VIEW(STRUCT([ T(3)(0.02)(STRUCT(AA(POLYLINE)(lines))), STRUCT(sets)]))

VIEW(EXPLODE(1.2,1.2,1)((AA(POLYLINE)(polylines))))
polylines = [ [V[v] for v in FV[-1]+[FV[-1][0]]] ]
VIEW(EXPLODE(1.2,1.2,1)((AA(POLYLINE)(polylines))))
```

5.2 Testing the box-kd-trees

Visualizing with different colors the buckets of box-kd-tree

```
"test/py/bool2/test04.py" 22 \equiv
     """ Visualizing with different colors the buckets of box-kd-tree """
     from pyplasm import *
     """ import modules from larcc/lib """
     import sys
     sys.path.insert(0, 'lib/py/')
     from bool2 import *
     randomQuadArray = randomQuads(30,0.8)
     VIEW(STRUCT(AA(MKPOL)([[verts, [[1,2,3,4]], None] for verts in randomQuadArray])))
     boxes = containmentBoxes(randomQuadArray)
     hexas = AA(box2exa)(boxes)
     glass = MATERIAL([1,0,0,0.1, 0,1,0,0.1, 0,0,1,0.1, 0,0,0,0.1, 100])
     yellow = STRUCT(AA(glass)(AA(MKPOL)([hex for hex,data in hexas])))
     VIEW(STRUCT([#cyan,
         yellow]))
     parts = boxBuckets(boxes)
     for k,part in enumerate(parts):
         bunch = [glass(STRUCT( [MKPOL(hexas[h][0]) for h in part]))]
         bunch += [COLOR(RED)(MKPOL(hexas[k][0]))]
         VIEW(STRUCT(bunch))
```

5.3 Intersection of geometry subsets

Two unit cubes

```
\langle Two unit cubes 23a\rangle \equiv
```

```
""" Two unit cubes """
import sys
sys.path.insert(0, 'lib/py/')
from bool2 import *
glass = MATERIAL([1,0,0,0.1, 0,1,0,0.1, 0,0,1,0.1, 0,0,0,0.1, 100])
V,[VV,EV,FV,CV] = larCuboids([1,1,1],True)
cube1 = Struct([(V,FV,EV)],"cube1")
#twoCubes = Struct([cube1,t(-1,.5,1),cube1])
                                                 # other test example
\#twoCubes = Struct([cube1, t(.5, .5, .5), cube1])
#twoCubes = Struct([cube1,t(.5,.5,0),cube1])
                                                # other test example
twoCubes = Struct([cube1,t(.5,0,0),cube1])
                                                   # other test example
V,FV,EV = struct2lar(twoCubes)
VIEW(EXPLODE(1.2,1.2,1.2)(MKPOLS((V,FV))))
quadArray = [[V[v] for v in face] for face in FV]
boxes = containmentBoxes(quadArray)
hexas = AA(box2exa)(boxes)
parts = boxBuckets(boxes)
```

Macro referenced in 23b, 24a.

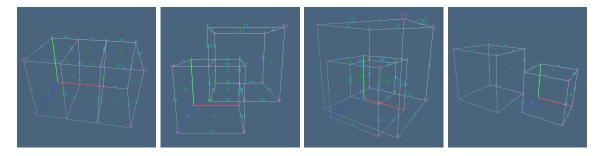


Figure 4: LAR complex of the space decomposition generated by two cubes in special positions. (a) translation on one coordinate; (b) translation on two coordinates; (c) translation on three coordinates; (d) non-manifold position along an edge.

Face (and incident faces) transformation

```
from architectural import *
polylines = lar2polylines((W,FW))
VIEW(EXPLODE(1.2,1.2,1.2)(AA(POLYLINE)(polylines)))

WW = AA(LIST)(range(len(W)))
submodel = STRUCT(MKPOLS((W,EW)))
VIEW(larModelNumbering(1,1,1)(W,[WW,EW,FW],submodel,0.5)))
```

3-cell reconstruction from LAR space partition

```
"test/py/bool2/test06.py" 24a \(\text{ } \)
    """ 3-cell reconstruction from LAR space partition """
    \(\text{ Two unit cubes 23a}\)
    W,FW,EW = spacePartition(V,FV,EV, parts)
    WW = AA(LIST)(range(len(W)))
    submodel = STRUCT(MKPOLS((W,EW)))
    VIEW(larModelNumbering(1,1,1)(W,[WW,EW,FW],submodel,0.6))
    \(\text{ }\)
```

2D polygon triangulation Here a 2D polygon is imported from an SVG file made of boundary lines, and the V,FV,EV LAR model is generated. Then the unique polygonal face in FV is embedded in 3D (z=0), and triangulated using the tassellation algorithm extracted from pyOpenGL and pyGLContext, stored in the lib/py/support.py file. The generated triangles are finally coherently oriented, by testing the z-component of their normal vector.

```
"test/py/bool2/test07.py" 24b =
    """ 2D polygon triangulation """
    import sys
    sys.path.insert(0, 'lib/py/')
    from bool2 import *

filename = "test/py/bool2/interior.svg"
    lines = svg2lines(filename)
    V,FV,EV = larFromLines(lines)
    VIEW(EXPLODE(1.2,1.2,1)(MKPOLS((V,FV[:-1]+EV)) + AA(MK)(V)))

pivotFace = [V[v] for v in FV[0]+[FV[0][0]]]
    pol = PolygonTessellator()
    vertices = [ vertex.Vertex( (x,y,0) ) for (x,y) in pivotFace ]
    verts = pol.tessellate(vertices)
    ps = [list(v.point) for v in verts]
    trias = [[ps[k],ps[k+1],ps[k+2],ps[k]] for k in range(0,len(ps),3)]
```

```
VIEW(STRUCT(AA(POLYLINE)(trias)))
triangles = DISTR([AA(orientTriangle)(trias),[[0,1,2]]])
VIEW(STRUCT(CAT(AA(MKPOLS)(triangles))))
```

From triples of points to LAR model of boundary triangulation

```
"test/py/bool2/test08.py" 25a \(\text{import sys}\)
    sys.path.insert(0, 'lib/py/')
    from bool2 import *
    sys.path.insert(0, 'test/py/bool2/')
    from test06 import *

""" From triples of points to LAR model """

triangleSet = boundaryTriangulation(W,FW)
    TW = triangleIndices(triangleSet,W)
    VIEW(EXPLODE(1.2,1.2,1.2)(MKPOLS((W,CAT(TW)))))
    \(\text{\left}\)
```

Visualization of of incidence between edges and 3D triangles

```
"test/py/bool2/test09.py" 25b \equiv
```

```
""" Visualization of incidence between edges and 3D triangles """
import sys
sys.path.insert(0, 'lib/py/')
from bool2 import *
sys.path.insert(0, 'test/py/bool2/')
from test08 import *

model = W,FW,EW
FE = crossRelation(FW,EW)
EF = invertRelation(FE)

triangleSet = boundaryTriangulation(W,FW)
TW = triangleIndices(triangleSet,W)
VIEW(EXPLODE(1.2,1.2,1.2)(MKPOLS((W,CAT(TW)))))

ET = edgesTriangles(EF,FW,TW,EW)
VIEW(EXPLODE(1.2,1.2,1.2)(MKPOLS((W,CAT(ET)))))
VIEW(STRUCT(MKPOLS((W,ET[35]))))
```

```
from iot3d import polyline2lar
V,FV,EV = polyline2lar([[W[v] for v in FW[f]] for f in EF[35]] )
VIEW(STRUCT(MKPOLS((V,EV))))
```

Visualization of indices of the boundary triangulation

```
"test/py/bool2/test10.py" 26a \upsup """ Visualization of indices of the boundary triangulation """
import sys; sys.path.insert(0, 'lib/py/')
from bool2 import *
    sys.path.insert(0, 'test/py/bool2/')
from test09 import *

model = W,FW,EW
EF_angle = faceSlopeOrdering(model)

WW = AA(LIST)(range(len(W)))
    submodel = SKEL_1(STRUCT(MKPOLS((W,CAT(TW)))))
    VIEW(larModelNumbering(1,1,1)(W,[WW,EW,CAT(TW)],submodel,0.6))
    \upsup \uppup \u
```

Visualization after sorted edge-faces incidence computation

```
"test/py/bool2/test11.py" 26b \equiv
     """ Visualization of indices of the boundary triangulation """
     import sys
     sys.path.insert(0, 'lib/py/')
     from bool2 import *
     sys.path.insert(0, 'test/py/bool2/')
     from test06 import *
     global count
     count = 0
     model = W,FW,EW
     EF_angle = faceSlopeOrdering(model)
     V,CV,FV,EV,CF,CE = facesFromComponents(model)
     CF = AA(list)(CF)
     CE = AA(list)(CE)
     VIEW(EXPLODE(2,2,2)(MKPOLS((V,[CAT([FV[c] for c in cell]) for cell in CF]))))
     VIEW(EXPLODE(2,2,2) (AA(STRUCT)(AA(MKPOLS)(DISTL([V,[[EV[c] for c in cell] for cell in [CE[-1]
```

```
VIEW(EXPLODE(2,2,2) (AA(STRUCT)(AA(MKPOLS)( DISTL([V,[[FV[c] for c in cell] for cell in CF]]))

WW = AA(LIST)(range(len(W)))
submodel = SKEL_1(STRUCT(MKPOLS((W,EW))))
VIEW(larModelNumbering(1,1,1)(W,[WW,EW,FW],submodel,0.6))
```

Generation of the edge permutation associated to the 1-boundary of a 2-chain

```
"test/py/bool2/test12.py" 27 \equiv
      """ Generation of the edge permutation associated to the 1-boundary of a 2-chain """
      import sys;sys.path.insert(0, 'lib/py/')
      from bool2 import *
      sys.path.insert(0, 'test/py/larcc/')
      from test11 import *
      C2 = csr_matrix((len(FV),1))
      for i in [21,16,23,22, 2,3,4, 9,28,5]: C2[i,0] = 1
      BD = boundary(FV,EV)
      C1 = BD * C2
      C_1 = [i for i in range(len(EV)) if ABS(C1[i,0]) == 1 ]
      C_2 = [i \text{ for } i \text{ in } range(len(FV)) \text{ if } C2[i,0] == 1]
       \label{eq:VIEW} \\ \text{VIEW}(\text{EXPLODE}(1.2,1.2,1)(\text{MKPOLS}((\text{V},[\text{EV}[\text{k}] \text{ for k in C}_1] + [\text{FV}[\text{k}] \text{ for k in C}_2])))) 
      sign,next = cycles2permutation(boundaryCicles(C_1, EV))
      print "\nsign =",sign
      print "\nnext =",next,"\n"
```

A Code utilities

Coding utilities Some utility functions used by the module are collected in this appendix. Their macro names can be seen in the below script.

```
⟨Coding utilities 28a⟩ ≡

""" Coding utilities """

global count
⟨Generation of a random 3D point 29a⟩
⟨Generation of random 3D triangles 28b⟩
⟨Generation of random 3D quadrilaterals 28c⟩
⟨Generation of a single random triangle 29b⟩
⟨Containment boxes 29c⟩
⟨Transformation of a 3D box into an hexahedron 30⟩
```

```
\langle Computation of the 1D centroid of a list of 3D boxes 31 \rangle \diamond
```

Generation of random triangles The function randomTriangles returns the array randomTriaArray with a given number of triangles generated within the unit 3D interval. The scaling parameter is used to scale every such triangle, generated by three randow points, that could be possibly located to far from each other, even at the distance of the diagonal of the unit cube.

The arrays xs, ys and zs, that contain the x, y, z coordinates of triangle points, are used to compute the minimal translation v needed to transport the entire set of data within the positive octant of the 3D space.

```
⟨Generation of random 3D triangles 28b⟩ ≡

""" Generation of random triangles """

def randomTriangles(numberOfTriangles=400,scaling=0.3):
    randomTriaArray = [rtriangle(scaling) for k in range(numberOfTriangles)]
    [xs,ys,zs] = TRANS(CAT(randomTriaArray))
    xmin, ymin, zmin = min(xs), min(ys), min(zs)
    v = array([-xmin,-ymin, -zmin])
    randomTriaArray = [[list(v1+v), list(v2+v), list(v3+v)] for v1,v2,v3 in randomTriaArray]
    return randomTriaArray
```

Macro referenced in 28a.

Generation of random 3D quadrilaterals

```
Generation of random 3D quadrilaterals 28c > =
    """ Generation of random 3D quadrilaterals """

def randomQuads(numberOfQuads=400,scaling=0.3):
    randomTriaArray = [rtriangle(scaling) for k in range(numberOfQuads)]
    [xs,ys,zs] = TRANS(CAT(randomTriaArray))
    xmin, ymin, zmin = min(xs), min(ys), min(zs)
    v = array([-xmin,-ymin, -zmin])
    randomQuadArray = [AA(list)([ v1+v, v2+v, v3+v, v+v2-v1+v3 ]) for v1,v2,v3 in randomTriaArreturn randomQuadArray
```

Macro referenced in 28a.

Generation of a random 3D point A single random point, codified in floating point format, and with a fixed (quite small) number of digits, is returned by the rpoint() function, with no input parameters.

```
\langle Generation of a random 3D point 29a\rangle \equiv
```

```
""" Generation of a random 3D point """
def rpoint():
    return eval( vcode([ random.random(), random.random(), random.random() ]) )
```

Macro referenced in 28a.

Generation of a single random triangle A single random triangle, scaled about its centroid by the scaling parameter, is returned by the rtriangle() function, as a tuple of two random points in the unit square.

```
⟨Generation of a single random triangle 29b⟩ ≡

""" Generation of a single random triangle """

def rtriangle(scaling):
    v1,v2,v3 = array(rpoint()), array(rpoint()), array(rpoint())
    c = (v1+v2+v3)/3
    pos = rpoint()
    v1 = (v1-c)*scaling + pos
    v2 = (v2-c)*scaling + pos
    v3 = (v3-c)*scaling + pos
    return tuple(eval(vcode(v1))), tuple(eval(vcode(v2))), tuple(eval(vcode(v3)))

◊
```

Macro referenced in 28a.

Containment boxes Given as input a list randomTriaArray of pairs of 2D points, the function containmentBoxes returns, in the same order, the list of containment boxes of the input lines. A containment box of a geometric object of dimension d is defined as the minimal d-cuboid, equioriented with the reference frame, that contains the object. For a 2D line it is given by the tuple (x1, y1, x2, y2), where (x1, y1) is the point of minimal coordinates, and (x2, y2) is the point of maximal coordinates.

```
for ((x1,y1,z1),(x2,y2,z2),(x3,y3,z3),(x4,y4,z4)) in randomPointArray] return boxes \diamond
```

Macro referenced in 28a.

Transformation of a 3D box into an hexahedron The transformation of a 2D box into a closed rectangular polyline, given as an ordered sequence of 2D points, is produced by the function box2exa

Macro referenced in 28a.

Computation of the 1D centroid of a list of 3D boxes The 1D centroid of a list of 3D boxes is computed by the function given below. The direction of computation (either x, y or z) is chosen depending on the value of the coord parameter.

Macro referenced in 28a.

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