Domain mapping with LAR *

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Abstract

In this module a first implementation (no optimisations) is done of several LAR operators, reproducing the behaviour of the plasm STRUCT and MAP primitives, but with better handling of the topology, including the stitching of decomposed (simplicial domains) about their possible sewing. A definition of specialised classes Model, Mat and Verts is also contained in this module, together with the design and the implementation of the *traversal* algorithms for networks of structures.

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1 Introduction

The mapper module, introduced here, aims to provide the tools needed to apply both dimension-independent affine transformations and general simplicial maps to geometric objects and assemblies developed within the LAR scheme.

For this purpose, a simplicial decomposition of the $[0,1]^d$ hypercube $(d \ge 1)$ with any possible shape is firstly given, followed by its scaled version with any according $\mathtt{size} \in \mathbb{E}^d$, being its position vector the mapped image of the point $\mathbf{1} \in \mathbb{E}^d$. A general mapping mechanism is specified, to map any domain decomposition (either simplicial or not) with a given set of coordinate functions, providing a piecewise-linear approximation of any curved embedding of a d-dimensional domain in any \mathbb{E}^n space, with $n \ge d$. A suitable function is also given to identify corresponding vertices when mapping a domain decomposition of the fundamental polygon (or polyhedron) of a closed manifold.

The geometric tools given in this chapter employ a normalised homogeneous representation of vertices of the represented shapes, where the added coordinate is the *last* of the ordered list of vertex coordinates. The homogeneous representation of vertices is used *implicitly*, by inserting the extra coordinate only when needed by the operation at hand, mainly for computing the product of the object's vertices times the matrix of an affine tensor.

A set of primitive surface and solid shapes is also provided, via the mapping mechanism of a simplicial decomposition of a d-dimensional chart. A simplified version of the PLaSM specification of dimension-independent elementary affine transformation is given as well.

The second part of this module is dedicated to the development of a complete framework for the implementation of hierarchical assemblies of shapes and scene graphs, by using the simplest possible set of computing tools. In this case no hierarchical graphs or multigraph are employed, i.e. no specialised data structures are produced. The ordered list model of hierarchical structures, inherited from PHIGS and PLaSM, is employed in this context. A recursive traversal is used to transform all the component parts of a hierarchical assembly into the reference frame of the first object of the assembly, i.e. in world coordinates.

2 Piecewise-linear mapping of topological spaces

A very simple but foundational software subsystem is developed in this section, by giving a general mechanism to produce curved maps of topological spaces, via the simplicial decomposition of a chart, i.e. of a planar embedding of the fundamental polygon of a d-dimensional manifold, and the definition of coordinate functions to be applied to its vertices (0-cells of the decomposition) to generate an embedding of the manifold.

2.1 Domain decomposition

A simplicial map is a map between simplicial complexes with the property that the images of the vertices of a simplex always span a simplex. Simplicial maps are thus determined by their effects on vertices, and provide a piecewise-linear approximation of their underlying polyhedra.

Since double simmeries are always present in the curved primitives generated in the module, an alternative cellular decomposition with cuboidal cells is provided. The default choice is "cuboid".

Standard and scaled decomposition of unit domain The larDomain of given shape is decomposed by larSimplexGrid1 as an hypercube of dimension $d \equiv len(shape)$, where the shape tuple provides the number or row, columns, pages, etc. of the decomposition.

```
\langle \, \text{Generate a simplicial decomposition of the } [0,1]^d \, \, \text{domain } 2 \, \rangle \equiv \\ \text{""" cellular decomposition of the unit d-cube """} \\ \text{def larDomain(shape, cell='cuboid'):} \\ \text{if cell=='simplex': V,CV = larSimplexGrid1(shape)} \\ \text{elif cell=='cuboid': V,CV = larCuboids(shape)} \\ \text{V = larScale( [1./d for d in shape])(V)} \\ \text{return [V,CV]} \\ \diamond
```

Macro referenced in 10c.

A scaled simplicial decomposition is provided by the second-order larIntervals function, with len(shape) and len(size) parameters, where the d-dimensionale vector len(size) is assumed as the scaling vector to be applied to the point $\mathbf{1} \in \mathbb{E}^d$.

```
 \langle \text{Scaled simplicial decomposition of the } [0,1]^d \text{ domain } 3a \rangle \equiv \\ \text{def larIntervals(shape, cell='cuboid'):} \\ \text{def larIntervals0(size):} \\ \text{V,CV} = \text{larDomain(shape,cell)} \\ \text{V} = \text{larScale( size)(V)} \\ \text{return } [\text{V,CV}] \\ \text{return larIntervals0} \\ \diamond
```

Macro referenced in 10c.

2.2 Mapping domain vertices

The second-order textttlarMap function is the LAR implementation of the PLaSM primitive MAP. It is applied to the array coordFuncs of coordinate functions and to the simplicially decomposed domain, returning an embedded and/or curved domain instance.

Macro referenced in 10c.

2.3 Identify close or coincident points

The function checkModel, applied to a model parameter, i.e. to a (vertices, cells) pair, returns the model after identification of vertices with coincident or very close position vectors. The checkModel function works as follows: first a dictionary vertDict is created, with key a suitably approximated position converted into a string by the vcode converter (given in the Appendix), and with value the list of vertex indices with the same (approximated) position. Then, an invertedindex array is created, associating each original vertex index with the new index produced by enumerating the (distinct) keys of the dictionary. Finally, a new list CV of cells is created, by substituting the new vertex indices for the old ones.

```
\langle Create a dictionary with key the point location 4a \rangle \equiv
     from collections import defaultdict
     def checkModel(model,dim=2):
        V,CV = model; n = len(V)
        vertDict = defaultdict(list)
        for k,v in enumerate(V): vertDict[vcode(v)].append(k)
        points,verts = TRANS(vertDict.items())
        invertedindex = [None] *n
        V = []
        for k,value in enumerate(verts):
           V.append(eval(points[k]))
           for i in value:
               invertedindex[i]=k
        CV = [[invertedindex[v] for v in cell] for cell in CV]
        # filter out degenerate cells
        CV = [list(set(cell)) for cell in CV if len(set(cell))>=dim+1]
        return [V, CV]
```

3 Primitive objects

A large number of primitive surfaces or solids is defined in this section, using the larMap mechanism and the coordinate functions of a suitable chart.

3.1 1D primitives

Circle

Helix curve

Macro referenced in 10c.

3.2 2D primitives

Some useful 2D primitive objects either in \mathbb{E}^2 or embedded in \mathbb{E}^3 are defined here, including 2D disks and rings, as well as cylindrical, spherical and toroidal surfaces.

Disk surface

```
\langle \text{ Disk centered in the origin 5a} \rangle \equiv
     def larDisk(radius=1.,angle=2*PI):
         def larDisk0(shape=[36,1]):
            domain = larIntervals(shape)([angle,radius])
            V,CV = domain
            x = lambda p : p[1]*COS(p[0])
            y = lambda p : p[1]*SIN(p[0])
            return larMap([x,y])(domain)
        return larDisk0
Macro referenced in 10c.
Helicoid surface
\langle Helicoid about the z axis 5b \rangle \equiv
     def larHelicoid(R=1.,r=0.5,pitch=1.,nturns=2,dim=1):
         def larHelicoid0(shape=[36*nturns,2]):
            angle = nturns*2*PI
            domain = larIntervals(shape, 'simplex')([angle,R-r])
            V.CV = domain
            V = larTranslate([0,r,0])(V)
            domain = V,CV
            x = lambda p : p[1]*COS(p[0])
            y = lambda p : p[1]*SIN(p[0])
            z = lambda p : (pitch/(2*PI)) * p[0]
            return larMap([x,y,z])(domain,dim)
         return larHelicoid0
Macro referenced in 10c.
Ring surface
\langle \text{Ring centered in the origin 6a} \rangle \equiv
     def larRing(r1,r2,angle=2*PI):
         def larRingO(shape=[36,1]):
            V,CV = larIntervals(shape)([angle,r2-r1])
            V = larTranslate([0,r1])(V)
            domain = V,CV
            x = lambda p : p[1] * COS(p[0])
            y = lambda p : p[1] * SIN(p[0])
            return larMap([x,y])(domain)
        return larRing0
```

Cylinder surface

```
\langle Cylinder surface with z axis 6b \rangle \equiv
     from scipy.linalg import det
     def makeOriented(model):
        V,CV = model
        out = []
        for cell in CV:
           mat = scipy.array([V[v]+[1] for v in cell]+[[0,0,0,1]])
           if det(mat) < 0.0:
               out.append(cell)
           else:
               out.append([cell[1]]+[cell[0]]+cell[2:])
        return V, out
     .....
     def larCylinder(radius,height,angle=2*PI):
        def larCylinderO(shape=[36,1]):
           domain = larIntervals(shape)([angle,1])
           V,CV = domain
           x = lambda p : radius*COS(p[0])
           y = lambda p : radius*SIN(p[0])
           z = lambda p : height*p[1]
           mapping = [x,y,z]
           model = larMap(mapping)(domain)
           # model = makeOriented(model)
           return model
        return larCylinder0
```

Macro referenced in 10c.

Macro referenced in 10c.

Spherical surface of given radius

```
⟨Spherical surface of given radius 7a⟩ ≡

def larSphere(radius=1,angle1=PI,angle2=2*PI):
    def larSphere0(shape=[18,36]):

    V,CV = larIntervals(shape,'simplex')([angle1,angle2])

    V = larTranslate([-angle1/2,-angle2/2])(V)
    domain = V,CV

    x = lambda p : radius*COS(p[0])*COS(p[1])
    y = lambda p : radius*COS(p[0])*SIN(p[1])
    z = lambda p : radius*SIN(p[0])
    return larMap([x,y,z])(domain)
    return larSphere0
```

Toroidal surface

```
\langle Toroidal surface of given radiuses 7b\rangle \equiv
     def larToroidal(r,R,angle1=2*PI,angle2=2*PI):
        def larToroidal0(shape=[24,36]):
            domain = larIntervals(shape, 'simplex')([angle1,angle2])
            V,CV = domain
            x = lambda p : (R + r*COS(p[0])) * COS(p[1])
            y = lambda p : (R + r*COS(p[0])) * SIN(p[1])
            z = lambda p : -r * SIN(p[0])
            return larMap([x,y,z])(domain)
        return larToroidal0
Macro referenced in 10c.
Crown surface
\langle Half-toroidal surface of given radiuses 7c\rangle \equiv
     def larCrown(r,R,angle=2*PI):
        def larCrown0(shape=[24,36]):
            V,CV = larIntervals(shape, 'simplex')([PI,angle])
           V = larTranslate([-PI/2,0])(V)
           domain = V,CV
           x = lambda p : (R + r*COS(p[0])) * COS(p[1])
            y = lambda p : (R + r*COS(p[0])) * SIN(p[1])
            z = lambda p : -r * SIN(p[0])
```

Macro referenced in 10c.

return larCrown0

3.3 3D primitives

Solid Box

```
⟨Solid box of given extreme vectors 8a⟩ ≡

def larBox(minVect,maxVect):
    size = DIFF([maxVect,minVect])
    print "size =",size
    box = larApply(s(*size))(larCuboids([1,1,1]))
    print "box =",box
    return larApply(t(*minVect))(box)
```

return larMap([x,y,z])(domain)

Solid helicoid

```
\langle Solid helicoid about the z axis 8b\rangle \equiv
     def larSolidHelicoid(thickness=.1,R=1.,r=0.5,pitch=1.,nturns=2.,steps=36):
         def larSolidHelicoidO(shape=[steps*int(nturns),1,1]):
            angle = nturns*2*PI
            domain = larIntervals(shape)([angle,R-r,thickness])
            V,CV = domain
            V = larTranslate([0,r,0])(V)
            domain = V,CV
            x = lambda p : p[1]*COS(p[0])
            y = lambda p : p[1]*SIN(p[0])
            z = lambda p : (pitch/(2*PI))*p[0] + p[2]
            return larMap([x,y,z])(domain)
         return larSolidHelicoid0
Macro referenced in 10c.
Solid Ball
\langle Solid Sphere of given radius 8c\rangle \equiv
     def larBall(radius=1,angle1=PI,angle2=2*PI):
         def larBallO(shape=[18,36]):
            V,CV = checkModel(larSphere(radius,angle1,angle2)(shape))
            return V,[range(len(V))]
         return larBall0
Macro referenced in 10c.
Solid cylinder
\langle Solid cylinder of given radius and height 9a\rangle \equiv
     def larRod(radius,height,angle=2*PI):
         def larRod0(shape=[36,1]):
            V,CV = checkModel(larCylinder(radius,height,angle)(shape))
            return V,[range(len(V))]
        return larRod0
Macro referenced in 10c.
```

Hollow cylinder

```
\langle Hollow cylinder of given radiuses and height 9b\rangle \equiv
     def larHollowCyl(r,R,height,angle=2*PI):
        def larHollowCyl0(shape=[36,1,1]):
            V,CV = larIntervals(shape)([angle,R-r,height])
            V = larTranslate([0,r,0])(V)
            domain = V,CV
            x = lambda p : p[1] * COS(p[0])
            y = lambda p : p[1] * SIN(p[0])
            z = lambda p : p[2] * height
           return larMap([x,y,z])(domain)
        return larHollowCyl0
Macro referenced in 10c.
Hollow sphere
\langle Hollow sphere of given radiuses 9c\rangle \equiv
     def larHollowSphere(r,R,angle1=PI,angle2=2*PI):
        def larHollowSphereO(shape=[36,1,1]):
            V,CV = larIntervals(shape)([angle1,angle2,R-r])
           V = larTranslate([-angle1/2,-angle2/2,r])(V)
            domain = V,CV
            x = lambda p : p[2]*COS(p[0])*COS(p[1])
            y = lambda p : p[2]*COS(p[0])*SIN(p[1])
            z = lambda p : p[2]*SIN(p[0])
            return larMap([x,y,z])(domain)
        return larHollowSphereO
Macro referenced in 10c.
Solid torus
\langle Solid torus of given radiuses 10a\rangle \equiv
     def larTorus(r,R,angle1=2*PI,angle2=2*PI):
        def larTorus0(shape=[24,36,1]):
            domain = larIntervals(shape)([angle1,angle2,r])
            V,CV = domain
            x = lambda p : (R + p[2]*COS(p[0])) * COS(p[1])
            y = lambda p : (R + p[2]*COS(p[0])) * SIN(p[1])
            z = lambda p : -p[2] * SIN(p[0])
           return larMap([x,y,z])(domain)
        return larTorus0
```

Solid pizza

```
⟨Solid pizza of given radiuses 10b⟩ ≡

def larPizza(r,R,angle=2*PI):
    assert angle <= PI
    def larPizza0(shape=[24,36]):
        V,CV = checkModel(larCrown(r,R,angle)(shape))
        V += [[0,0,-r],[0,0,r]]
        return V,[range(len(V))]
    return larPizza0
</pre>
```

Macro referenced in 10c.

4 Computational framework

4.1 Exporting the library

```
"lib/py/mapper.py" 10c \equiv
      """ Mapping functions and primitive objects """
      (Initial import of modules 14b)
      from larstruct import *
      \langle Affine transformations of d-points 15c\rangle
      \langle Generate a simplicial decomposition of the [0,1]^d domain [0,1]^d
      \langle Scaled simplicial decomposition of the [0,1]^d domain 3a\rangle
       Create a dictionary with key the point location 4a)
       Primitive mapping function 3b
       (Basic tests of mapper module 12b)
       Circle centered in the origin 4b
       Helix curve about the z axis 4c
       Disk centered in the origin 5a
       \langle \text{ Helicoid about the } z \text{ axis } 5b \rangle
       (Ring centered in the origin 6a)
       Spherical surface of given radius 7a
       Cylinder surface with z axis 6b
       Toroidal surface of given radiuses 7b
       Half-toroidal surface of given radiuses 7c >
       Solid box of given extreme vectors 8a
       Solid Sphere of given radius 8c >
       Solid helicoid about the z axis 8b
       Solid cylinder of given radius and height 9a
       Solid torus of given radiuses 10a
       Solid pizza of given radiuses 10b
      (Hollow cylinder of given radiuses and height 9b)
       (Hollow sphere of given radiuses 9c)
      (Symbolic utility to represent points as strings 16)
```

```
\langle\, {\rm Remove~the~unused~vertices~from~a~LAR~model~pair~?}\,\rangle \diamond
```

4.2 Examples

3D rotation about a general axis The approach used by lar-cc to specify a general 3D rotation is shown in the following example, by passing the rotation function r the components a,b,c of the unit vector axis scaled by the rotation angle.

```
"test/py/mapper/test02.py" 11 \(\equiv \)
    """ General 3D rotation of a toroidal surface """
    \langle Initial import of modules 14b \rangle
    from mapper import *
    model = checkModel(larToroidal([0.2,1])())
    angle = PI/2; axis = UNITVECT([1,1,0])
    a,b,c = SCALARVECTPROD([ angle, axis ])
    model = larApply(r(a,b,c))(model)
    VIEW(STRUCT(MKPOLS(model)))
    \(\phi\)
```

3D elementary rotation of a **2D** circle A simpler specification is needed when the 3D rotation is about a coordinate axis. In this case the rotation angle can be directly given as the unique non-zero parameter of the the rotation function \mathbf{r} . The rotation axis (in this case the x one) is specified by the non-zero (angle) position.

```
"test/py/mapper/test03.py" 12a \u220e 
    """ Elementary 3D rotation of a 2D circle """
    \langle Initial import of modules 14b \rangle
    from mapper import *
    model = checkModel(larCircle(1)())
    model = larEmbed(1)(model)
    model = larApply(r(PI/2,0,0))(model)
    VIEW(STRUCT(MKPOLS(model)))
    \langle
```

4.3 Tests about domain

Mapping domains The generations of mapping domains of different dimension (1D, 2D, 3D) is shown below.

```
⟨ Basic tests of mapper module 12b⟩ ≡
   ⟨ Initial import of modules 14b⟩
   from larstruct import *
   if __name__=="__main__":
        V,EV = larDomain([5])
```

```
VIEW(EXPLODE(1.5,1.5,1.5)(MKPOLS((V,EV))))
V,EV = larIntervals([24])([2*PI])
VIEW(EXPLODE(1.5,1.5,1.5)(MKPOLS((V,EV))))

V,FV = larDomain([5,3])
VIEW(EXPLODE(1.5,1.5,1.5)(MKPOLS((V,FV))))
V,FV = larIntervals([36,3])([2*PI,1.])
VIEW(EXPLODE(1.5,1.5,1.5)(MKPOLS((V,FV))))

V,CV = larDomain([5,3,1])
VIEW(EXPLODE(1.5,1.5,1.5)(MKPOLS((V,CV))))
V,CV = larIntervals([36,2,3])([2*PI,1.,1.])
VIEW(EXPLODE(1.5,1.5,1.5)(MKPOLS((V,CV))))
```

Macro referenced in 10c.

Testing some primitive object generators The various model generators given in Section 3 are tested here, including LAR 2D circle, disk, and ring, as well as the 3D cylinder, sphere, and toroidal surfaces, and the solid objects ball, rod, crown, pizza, and torus.

```
"test/py/mapper/test01.py" 12c \equiv
     """ Circumference of unit radius """
     (Initial import of modules 14b)
     from mapper import *
     model = larCircle(1)()
     VIEW(EXPLODE(1.2,1.2,1.2)(MKPOLS(model)))
     model = larHelix(1,0.5,4)()
     VIEW(EXPLODE(1.2,1.2,1.2)(MKPOLS(model)))
     model = larDisk(1)([36,4])
     VIEW(EXPLODE(1.2,1.2,1.2)(MKPOLS(model)))
     model = larHelicoid(1,0.5,0.1,10)()
     VIEW(EXPLODE(1.2,1.2,1.2)(MKPOLS(model)))
     model = larRing(.9, 1.)([36,2])
     VIEW(EXPLODE(1.2,1.2,1.2)(MKPOLS(model)))
     model = larCylinder(.5,2.)([32,1])
     VIEW(STRUCT(MKPOLS(model)))
     model = larSphere(1,PI/6,PI/4)([6,12])
     VIEW(STRUCT(MKPOLS(model)))
     model = larBall(1)()
     VIEW(EXPLODE(1.2,1.2,1.2)(MKPOLS(model)))
     model = larSolidHelicoid(0.2,1,0.5,0.5,10)()
     VIEW(STRUCT(MKPOLS(model)))
     model = larRod(.25, 2.)([32, 1])
     VIEW(STRUCT(MKPOLS(model)))
```

```
model = larToroidal(0.5,2)()
VIEW(STRUCT(MKPOLS(model)))
model = larCrown(0.125,1)([8,48])
VIEW(STRUCT(MKPOLS(model)))
model = larPizza(0.05,1,PI/3)([8,48])
VIEW(STRUCT(MKPOLS(model)))
model = larTorus(0.5,1)()
VIEW(STRUCT(MKPOLS(model)))
model = larBox([-1,-1,-1],[1,1,1])
VIEW(STRUCT(MKPOLS(model)))
model = larHollowCyl(0.8,1,1,angle=PI/4)([12,2,2])
VIEW(STRUCT(MKPOLS(model)))
model = larHollowSphere(0.8,1,PI/6,PI/4)([6,12,2])
VIEW(STRUCT(MKPOLS(model)))
```

4.4 Volumetric utilities

Limits of a LAR Model

Alignment

```
⟨ Alignment primitive 14a⟩ ≡

def larAlign (args):
    def larAlign0 (args,pols):
        pol1, pol2 = pols
        box1, box2 = (larLimits(pol1), larLimits(pol2))
        print "box1, box2 =",(box1, box2)

return larAlign0
```

Macro never referenced.

A Utility functions

```
\operatorname{def} \operatorname{FLATTEN}(\operatorname{pol}) \operatorname{temp} = \operatorname{Plasm.shrink}(\operatorname{pol},\operatorname{True}) \operatorname{hpcList} = [] \operatorname{for I in range}(\operatorname{len}(\operatorname{temp.childs})):
g,vmat, hmat = temp.childs[I].g,temp.childs[I].vmat, temp.childs[I].hmat g.embed(vmat.
dim) g.transform(vmat, hmat) hpcList += [Hpc(g)] return hpcList
   VIEW(STRUCT(FLATTEN(pol)))
\langle Initial import of modules 14b\rangle \equiv
      from pyplasm import *
      from scipy import *
      import os,sys
      """ import modules from larcc/lib """
      sys.path.insert(0, 'lib/py/')
      import lar2psm
      from simplexn import *
      from larcc import *
      from largrid import *
      from lar2psm import *
      from larstruct import *
      (MaKe a list of HPC objects from a LAR model 15a)
      (Explode the scene using sx,sy,sz scaling parameters 15b)
      \Diamond
Macro referenced in 10c, 11, 12abc.
\langle MaKe a list of HPC objects from a LAR model 15a \rangle \equiv
      def MKPOLS (model):
           V,FV = model
           pols = [MKPOL([[V[v] for v in f],[range(1,len(f)+1)], None]) for f in FV]
           return pols
Macro referenced in 14b.
\langle Explode the scene using sx,sy,sz scaling parameters 15b\rangle \equiv
      def EXPLODE (sx,sy,sz):
           def explode0 (scene):
                centers = [CCOMB(S1(UKPOL(obj))) for obj in scene]
                scalings = len(centers) * [S([1,2,3])([sx,sy,sz])]
                scaledCenters = [UK(APPLY(pair)) for pair in
                                    zip(scalings, [MK(p) for p in centers])]
                translVectors = [ VECTDIFF((p,q)) for (p,q) in zip(scaledCenters, centers) ]
               translations = [T([1,2,3])(v) for v in translVectors ]
                return STRUCT([ t(obj) for (t,obj) in zip(translations,scene) ])
           return explode0
Macro referenced in 14b.
```

Affine transformations of points Some primitive maps of points to points are given in the following, including translation, rotation and scaling of array of points via direct transformation of their coordinates. Second-order functions are used in order to employ their curried version to transform geometric assemblies.

```
\langle Affine transformations of d-points 15c\rangle \equiv
     def larTranslate (tvect):
        def larTranslate0 (points):
           return [VECTSUM([p,tvect]) for p in points]
        return larTranslate0
     def larRotate (angle):
                                  # 2-dimensional !! TODO: n-dim
        def larRotate0 (points):
           a = angle
           return [[x*COS(a)-y*SIN(a), x*SIN(a)+y*COS(a)] for x,y in points]
        return larRotate0
     def larScale (svect):
        def larScale0 (points):
           print "\n points =",points
           print "\n svect =",svect
           return [AA(PROD)(TRANS([p,svect])) for p in points]
        return larScale0
Macro referenced in 10c.
```

A.1 Numeric utilities

A small set of utility functions is used to transform a point representation as array of coordinates into a string of fixed format to be used as point key into python dictionaries.

 \langle Symbolic utility to represent points as strings 16 \rangle \equiv

```
""" TODO: use package Decimal (http://docs.python.org/2/library/decimal.html) """
PRECISION = 4

def prepKey (args): return "["+", ".join(args)+"]"

def fixedPrec(value):
   out = round(value*10**PRECISION)/10**PRECISION
   if out == -0.0: out = 0.0
   return str(out)

def vcode (vect):
    """
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To generate a string representation of a number array.

Used to generate the vertex keys in PointSet dictionary, and other similar operations.

"""

return prepKey(AA(fixedPrec)(vect))
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Macro referenced in 10c.

References

[CL13] CVD-Lab, *Linear algebraic representation*, Tech. Report 13-00, Roma Tre University, October 2013.