# Boolean combinations of cellular complexes as chain operations $^*$

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# 1 Introduction

In this module a novel approach to Boolean operations of cellular complexes is defined and implemented. The novel algorithm may be summarised as follows.

First we compute the CDC (Common Delaunay Complex) of the input LAR complexes A and B, to get a LAR of the *simplicial* CDC.

Then, we split the cells intersecting the boundary faces of the input complexes, getting the final *polytopal* SCDC (Split Common Delaunay Complex), whose cells provide the basis for the linear coordinate representation of both input complexes, upon the same space decomposition.

Finally, every Boolean result is computed by bitwise operations, between the coordinate representations of the transformed A and B input.

## 1.1 Preview of the Boolean algorithm

The goal is the computation of  $A \diamond B$ , with  $\diamond \in \{\cup, \cap, -\}$ , where a LAR representation of both A and B is given. The Boolean algorithm works as follows.

- 1. Embed both cellular complexes A and B in the same space (say, identify their common vertices) by  $V_{ab} = V_a \cup V_b$ .
- 2. Build their CDC (Common Delaunay Complex) as the LAR of *Delaunay triangulation* of the vertex set  $V_{ab}$ .
- 3. Split the (highest-dimensional) cells of CDC crossed by  $\partial A$  or  $\partial B$ . Their lower dimensional faces remain partitioned accordingly;

4. With respect to the (split) CDC basis of d-cells  $C_d$ , compute two coordinate chains  $\alpha, \beta: C_d \to \{0,1\}$ , such that:

$$\alpha(cell) = 1$$
 if  $|cell| \subset A$ ; else  $\alpha(cell) = 0$ ,  $\beta(cell) = 1$  if  $|cell| \subset B$ ; else  $\beta(cell) = 0$ .

5. Extract accordingly the CDC chain corresponding to  $A \diamond B$ , with  $\diamond \in \{\cup, \cap, -\}$ .

You may associate the *split* CDC to a CDT (Constrained Delaunay Triangulation). In part they coincide, but in general, CDC is a polytopal complex (not a simplicial complex).

The hardest part is the cell splitting. Every time, a single d-cell c is split by a single hyperplane (cutting its interior) giving two splitted cells  $c_1$  and  $c_2$ , whatever the input cell dimension d. After every splitting, the row c is substituted (within the CV matrix) by  $c_1$ , and  $c_2$  is added to the end of the CV matrix, as a new row.

The splitting process is started by "splitting seeds" generated by (d-1)-faces of both operand boundaries. In fact, every such face, say f, has vertices on CDC and may split some incident CDC d-cell. In particular, starting from its vertices, f must split the CDC cells in whose interior it passes though.

So, a dynamic data structure is set-up, storing for each boundary face f the list of cells it must cut, and, for every CDC d-cell with interior traversed by some such f, the list of cutting faces. This data structure is continuously updated during the splitting process, using the adjacent cells of the split ones, who are to split in turn. Every split cell may add some adjacent cell to be split, and after the split, the used pair (cell,face) is removed. The splitting process continues until the data structure becomes empty.

Every time a cell is split, it is characterized as either internal (1) or external (0) to the used (oriented) boundary facet f, so that the two resulting subcells  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  receive two opposite characterization (with respect to the considered boundary).

At the very end, every (polytopal) SCDC d-cell has two bits of information (one for argument A and one for argument B), telling whether it is internal (1) or external (0) or unknown (-1) with respect to every Boolean argument.

A final recursive traversal of the SCDC, based on cell adjacencies, transforms every -1 into either 0 or 1, providing the two final chains to be bitwise operated, depending on the Boolean operation to execute.

# 2 Merging arguments

# 2.1 Reordering of vertex coordinates

A global reordering of vertex coordinates is executed as the first step of the Boolean algorithm, in order to eliminate the duplicate vertices, by substituting duplicate vertex copies (coming from two close points) with a single instance.

Two dictionaries are created, then merged in a single dictionary, and finally split into three subsets of (vertex,index) pairs, with the aim of rebuilding the input representations, by making use of a novel and more useful vertex indexing.

The union set of vertices is finally reordered using the three subsets of vertices belonging (a) only to the first argument, (b) only to the second argument and (c) to both, respectively denoted as  $V_1, V_2, V_{12}$ . A top-down description of this initial computational step is provided by the set of macros discussed in this section.

```
 \begin{tabular}{ll} $\langle$ Place the vertices of Boolean arguments in a common space $3a$ $\rangle$ $\equiv$ $"""$ First step of Boolean Algorithm """$ $\langle$ Initial indexing of vertex positions $3b$ $\rangle$ $\langle$ Merge two dictionaries with keys the point locations $4$ $\rangle$ $\langle$ Filter the common dictionary into three subsets $5a$ $\rangle$ $\langle$ Compute an inverted index to reorder the vertices of Boolean arguments $5b$ $\rangle$ $\langle$ Return the single reordered pointset and the two $d$-cell arrays $6a$ $\rangle$ $\rangle$ $\rangle$
```

#### 2.1.1 Re-indexing of vertices

Macro referenced in 24a.

Initial indexing of vertex positions The input LAR models are located in a common space by (implicitly) joining V1 and V2 in a same array, and (explicitly) shifting the vertex indices in CV2 by the length of V1.

```
\langle Initial indexing of vertex positions 3b \rangle \equiv
     from collections import defaultdict, OrderedDict
     """ TODO: change defaultdict to OrderedDefaultdict """
     class OrderedDefaultdict(collections.OrderedDict):
         def __init__(self, *args, **kwargs):
              if not args:
                  self.default_factory = None
              else:
                  if not (args[0] is None or callable(args[0])):
                      raise TypeError('first argument must be callable or None')
                  self.default_factory = args[0]
                  args = args[1:]
              super(OrderedDefaultdict, self).__init__(*args, **kwargs)
         def __missing__ (self, key):
              if self.default_factory is None:
                  raise KeyError(key)
             self[key] = default = self.default_factory()
             return default
```

Merge two dictionaries with point location as keys Since currently CV1 and CV2 point to a set of vertices larger than their initial sets V1 and V2, we re-index the set V1 $\cup$ V2 using a Python defaultdict dictionary, in order to avoid errors of "missing key". As dictionary keys, we use the string representation of the vertex position vector, with a given fixed floating-point approximation, as provided by the vcode function discussed in the in the Appendix of this document.

 $\langle$  Merge two dictionaries with keys the point locations  $4\rangle \equiv$ 

```
vdict1 = defaultdict(list)
for k,v in enumerate(V1): vdict1[vcode(v)].append(k)
vdict2 = defaultdict(list)
for k,v in enumerate(V2): vdict2[vcode(v)].append(k+n)

vertdict = defaultdict(list)
for point in vdict1.keys(): vertdict[point] += vdict1[point]
for point in vdict2.keys(): vertdict[point] += vdict2[point]
```

Macro referenced in 3a.

**Example of string coding of a vertex position** The position vector of a point of real coordinates is provided by the function **vcode**. An example of coding is given below. The *precision* of the string representation can be tuned at will.

```
>>> vcode([-0.011660381062724849, 0.297350056848685860])
'[-0.0116604, 0.2973501]'
```

Filter the common dictionary into three subsets Vertdict, dictionary of vertices, uses as key the position vectors of vertices coded as string, and as values the list of integer indices of vertices on the given position. If the point position belongs either to the first or to second argument only, it is stored in case1 or case2 lists respectively. If the position (item.key) is shared between two vertices, it is stored in case12. The variables n1, n2, and n12 remember the number of vertices respectively stored in each repository.

 $\langle$  Filter the common dictionary into three subsets  $5a \rangle \equiv$ 

```
case1, case12, case2 = [],[],[]
for item in vertdict.items():
    key,val = item
    if len(val)==2:    case12 += [item]
    elif val[0] < n:    case1 += [item]
    else: case2 += [item]
n1 = len(case1); n2 = len(case12); n3 = len(case2)</pre>
```

Macro referenced in 3a.

Compute an inverted index to reorder the vertices of Boolean arguments The new indices of vertices are computed according with their position within the storage repositories case1, case2, and case12. Notice that every item[1] stored in case1 or case2 is a list with only one integer member. Two such values are conversely stored in each item[1] within case12.

 $\langle$  Compute an inverted index to reorder the vertices of Boolean arguments 5b $\rangle \equiv$ 

```
invertedindex = list(0 for k in range(n+m))
for k,item in enumerate(case1):
    invertedindex[item[1][0]] = k
for k,item in enumerate(case12):
    invertedindex[item[1][0]] = k+n1
    invertedindex[item[1][1]] = k+n1
for k,item in enumerate(case2):
    invertedindex[item[1][0]] = k+n1+n2
```

Macro referenced in 3a.

#### 2.1.2 Re-indexing of d-cells

Return the single reordered pointset and the two d-cell arrays We are now finally ready to return two reordered LAR models defined over the same set V of vertices, and where (a) the vertex array V can be written as the union of three disjoint sets of points

 $C_1, C_{12}, C_2$ ; (b) the d-cell array CV1 is indexed over  $C_1 \cup C_{12}$ ; (b) the d-cell array CV2 is indexed over  $C_{12} \cup C_2$ .

The vertexSieve function will return the new reordered vertex set  $V = (V_1 \cup V_2) \setminus (V_1 \cap V_2)$ , the two renumbered s-cell sets CV1 and CV2, and the size len(case12) of  $V_1 \cap V_2$ .

 $\langle$  Return the single reordered pointset and the two d-cell arrays 6a $\rangle$   $\equiv$ 

Macro referenced in 3a.

#### 2.1.3 Example of input with some coincident vertices

In this example we give two very simple LAR representations of 2D cell complexes, with some coincident vertices, and go ahead to re-index the vertices, according to the method implemented by the function vertexSieve.

```
"test/py/bool/test02.py" 6b \( \) \( \lambda \) Initial import of modules 27c \( \rangle \) from bool import * \( V1 = [[1,1],[3,3],[3,1],[2,3],[2,1],[1,3] \) \( V2 = [[1,1],[1,3],[2,3],[2,2],[3,2],[0,1],[0,0],[2,0],[3,0] \) \( CV1 = [[0,3,4,5],[1,2,3,4] \) \( CV2 = [[3,4,7,8],[0,1,2,3,5,6,7] \) \( model1 = V1,CV1; model2 = V2,CV2 \) \( VIEW(STRUCT([ \) \) COLOR(CYAN)(SKEL_1(STRUCT(MKPOLS(model1)))) \( \) \( COLOR(RED)(SKEL_1(STRUCT(MKPOLS(model2)))) \( \) \( ) \)
```

**Example discussion** The aim of the vertexSieve function is twofold: (a) eliminate vertex duplicates before entering the main part of the Boolean algorithm; (b) reorder the input representations so that it becomes less expensive to check whether a 0-cell can be shared by both the arguments of a Boolean expression, so that its coboundaries must be eventually split. Remind that for any set it is:

$$|A \cup B| = |A| + |B| - |A \cap B|.$$

Let us notice that in the previous example

$$|V| = |V_1 \cup V_2| = 12 \le |V_1| + |V_2| = 6 + 9 = 15,$$

and that

$$|V_1| + |V_2| - |V_1 \cup V_2| = 15 - 12 = 3 = |C_{12}| = |V_1 \cap V_2|,$$

where  $C_{12}$  is the subset of vertices with duplicated instances.

Macro never referenced.

Notice also that V has been reordered in three consecutive subsets  $C_1, C_{12}, C_2$  such that CV1 is indexed within  $C_1 \cup C_{12}$ , whereas CV2 is indexed within  $C_{12} \cup C_2$ . In our example we have  $C_{12} = \{3,4,5\}$ :

 $\langle$  Reordering of vertex indexing of cells 7b $\rangle \equiv$ 

```
>>> sorted(CAT(CV1))
[0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 5]
>>> sorted(CAT(CV2))
[3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 7, 8, 8, 9, 10, 11]
```

Macro never referenced.

Cost analysis Of course, this reordering after elimination of duplicate vertices will allow to perform a cheap O(n) discovering of (Delaunay) cells whose vertices belong both to V1 and to V2. Actually, the same test can be now used both when the vertices of the input arguments are all different, and when they have some coincident vertices. The total cost of such pre-processing, executed using dictionaries, is  $O(n \ln n)$ .

#### **2.1.4** Example

#### Building a covering of common convex hull

```
⟨ Building a covering of common convex hull 7c⟩ ≡
   def covering(model1,model2,dim=2,emptyCellNumber=1):
        V, CV1, CV2, n12 = vertexSieve(model1,model2)
        _,EEV1 = larFacets((V,CV1),dim,emptyCellNumber)
        _,EEV2 = larFacets((V,CV2),dim,emptyCellNumber)
        if emptyCellNumber !=0: CV1 = CV1[:-emptyCellNumber]
        if emptyCellNumber !=0: CV2 = CV2[:-emptyCellNumber]
        VV = AA(LIST)(range(len(V)))
        return V,[VV,EEV1,EEV2,CV1,CV2],n12
```

Macro referenced in 24a.

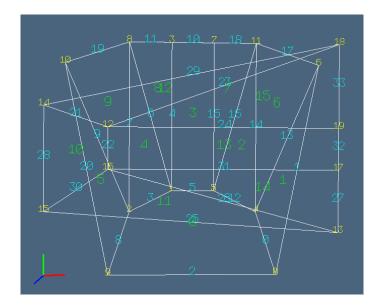


Figure 1: Set covering of the two Boolean arguments.

# 3 Selecting cells to split

The aim of this section is to provide some fast method to select a subset of CDC cells where to start the splitting of the CDC along the (d-1) boundary facets of operand complexes. Of course, a lot of useful information is provided by the incidence relation VC between CDC vertices and d-cells.

Two dictionaries are used in order to split the CDC and compute the SCDC. The dictionary  $dict_fc$  is used with key a boundary (d-1)-face and value the (dynamic) list of CDC d-cells crossed (and later split) by it. Conversely, the  $dict_cf$  dictionary is used with key a CDC d-cell and with value the list of boundary (d-1)-faces crossing it.

Two different strategies may be used for boundary facets terminating by crossing the interior of some CDC cell, and for facets sharing the tangent space of the boundary of such cells. Alternatively to what initially implemented, all the boundary (d-1)-faces must be considered as "splitting seeds", and tracked against the current state of the SCDC.

Relational inversion (characteristic matrix transposition) The operation could be executed by simple matrix transposition of the CSR (Compressed Sparse Row) representation of the sparse characteristic matrix  $M_d \equiv \text{CV}$ . A simple relational inversion using Python lists is given here. The invertRelation function is given here, linear in the size of the CV list, where the complexity of each cell is constant and small in most cases.

 $\langle$  Characteristic matrix transposition  $8 \rangle \equiv$ 

```
""" Characteristic matrix transposition """
def invertRelation(V,CV):
    VC = [[] for k in range(len(V))]
    for k,cell in enumerate(CV):
        for v in cell:
          VC[v] += [k]
    return VC
```

# 3.1 Computing the boundary hyperplanes (BHs)

For each boundary (d-1)-face the affine hull is computed, producing a set of pairs (face, covector).

Macro referenced in 22c.

#### 3.2 Association of BHs to d-cells of CDC

Every pair (face, covector) is associated uniquely to a single d-cell of CDC, producing a set of triples (face, covector, cell). Two cases are possible: (a) the face hyperplane crosses the interior of the cell; (b) the face hyperplane contains the face, so that the cell is left on the interior subspace of the (oriented) face covector.

For this purpose, it is checked that at least one of the face vertices, transformed into the common-vertex-based coordinate frame, have all positive coordinates. This fact guarantees the existence of a non trivial intersection between the (d-1)-face and the d-cell.

 $\langle$  Association of covectors to d-cells 9b $\rangle \equiv$ 

## 3.3 Initialization of splitting dictionaries

The triples (face, cell, covector), computed by the covectorCell function, is suitably accommodated into two dictionaries denoted as dict\_fc (for face, cell) and dict\_cf (for cell, face), respectively.

```
⟨Initialization of splitting dictionaries 10⟩ ≡

""" Initialization of splitting dictionaries """

tasks = []

for face,covector in zip(range(len(BC)),covectors):

    tasks += [covectorCell(face,BC[face],covector,CV,VC)]

dict_fc,dict_cf = initTasks(tasks)

print "\n>dict_cf",dict_cf

print "\n>dict_fc",dict_fc,"\n"
```

Macro referenced in 9a.

# 4 Splitting cells traversing the boundaries

In the previous section we computed a set of "split seeds", each made by a boundary facet and by a Delaunay cell to be split by the facet's affine hull. Here we show how to partition ate each such cells into two cells, according to Figure 2, where the boundary facets of the two boolean arguments are shown in yellow color.

In the example in Figure 2, the set of pairs (facet, cell) to be used as split seeds are given below.

```
[[25, 3], [1, 3], [29, 18], [20, 22], [1, 19], [25, 10], [20, 10], [29, 22]]
```

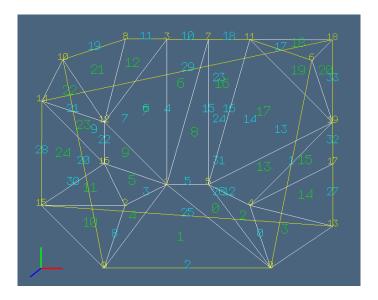


Figure 2: example caption

# 4.1 Cell splitting

A cell will be split by pyplasm intersection with a suitable rotated and translated instance of a (large) d-cuboid with the superior face embedded in the hyperplane z = 0.

Splitting a cell with an hyperplane The macro below defines a function cellSplitting, with input the index of the face, the index of the cell to be bisected, the covector giving the coefficients of the splitting hyperplane, i.e. the affine hull of the splitting face, and the arrays V, EEV, CV, giving the coordinates of vertices, the (accumulated) facet to vertices relation (on the input models), and the cell to vertices relation (on the Delaunay model), respectively.

The actual subdivision of the input cell onto the two output cells cell1 and cell2 is performed by using the pyplasm Boolean operations of intersection and difference of the input with a solid simulation of the needed hyperspace, provided by the rototranslSubspace variable. Of course, such pyplasm operators return two Hpc values, whose vertices will then extracted using the UKPOL primitive.

```
⟨ Cell splitting 11⟩ ≡

""" Cell splitting in two cells """

def cellSplitting(face,cell,covector,V,EEV,CV):

dim = len(V[0])

subspace = (T(range(1,dim+1))(dim*[-50])(CUBOID(dim*[100])))

normal = covector[:-1]
```

```
if len(normal) == 2: # 2D complex
  rotatedSubspace = R([1,2])(ATAN2(normal)-PI/2)(T(2)(-50)(subspace))
elif len(normal) == 3: # 3D complex
  rotatedSubspace = R()()(subspace)
else: print "rotation error"
t = V[EEV[face][0]]
rototranslSubspace = T(range(1,dim+1))(t)(rotatedSubspace)
cellHpc = MKPOL([V,[[v+1 for v in CV[cell]]],None])
# cell1 = INTERSECTION([cellHpc,rototranslSubspace])
tolerance=0.0001
use_octree=False
cell1 = Plasm.boolop(BOOL_CODE_AND,
   [cellHpc,rototranslSubspace],tolerance,plasm_config.maxnumtry(),use_octree)
verts,cells,pols = UKPOL(cell1)
cell1 = AA(vcode)(verts)
# cell2 = DIFFERENCE([cellHpc,rototranslSubspace])
cell2 = Plasm.boolop(BOOL_CODE_DIFF,
   [cellHpc,rototranslSubspace],tolerance,plasm_config.maxnumtry(),use_octree)
verts,cells,pols = UKPOL(cell2)
cell2 = AA(vcode)(verts)
return cell1,cell2
```

#### 4.2 Cross-building of two task dictionaries

The correct and efficient splitting of the combined Delaunay complex (CDC) with the (closed and orientable) boundaries of two Boolean arguments, requires the use of two special dictionaries, respectively named dict\_fc (for face-cell), and dict\_cf (for cell-face).

On one side, for each splitting facet ((d-1)-face), used as key, we store in dict\_fc the list of traversed d-cells of CDC, starting in 2D with the two cells containing the two extreme vertices of the cutting edge, and in higher dimensions, with all the d-cells containing one of vertices of the splitting (d-1)-face.

On the other side, for each d-cell to be split, used as key, we store in dict\_cf the list of cutting (d-1)-cells, since a single d-cell may be traversed and split by more than one facet.

#### Init face-cell and cell-face dictionaries

 $\langle$  Init face-cell and cell-face dictionaries 12 $\rangle$   $\equiv$ 

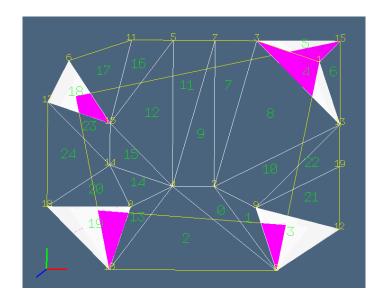


Figure 3: example caption

```
""" Init face-cell and cell-face dictionaries """
def initTasks(tasks):
    dict_fc = defaultdict(list)
    dict_cf = defaultdict(list)
    for task in tasks:
        face,cell,covector = task
        dict_fc[face] += [(cell,covector)]
        dict_cf[cell] += [(face,covector)]
    return dict_fc,dict_cf
```

#### Example of face-cell and cell-face dictionaries

```
⟨ Example of face-cell and cell-face dictionaries 13⟩ ≡
    """ Example of face-cell and cell-face dictionaries """
    tasks (face,cell) = [
      [0, 4, [-10.0, 2.0, 110.0]],
      [31, 5, [3.0, -14.0, 112.0]],
      [17, 18, [10.0, 2.0, -30.0]],
      [22, 3, [-1.0, -14.0, 42.0]],
      [17, 19, [10.0, 2.0, -30.0]],
      [31, 18, [3.0, -14.0, 112.0]],
      [22, 19, [-1.0, -14.0, 42.0]],
      [0, 3, [-10.0, 2.0, 110.0]]]
```

```
tasks (dict_fc) = defaultdict(<type 'list'>, {
    0: [(4, [-10.0, 2.0, 110.0]), (3, [-10.0, 2.0, 110.0])],
    17: [(18, [10.0, 2.0, -30.0]), (19, [10.0, 2.0, -30.0])],
    22: [(3, [-1.0, -14.0, 42.0]), (19, [-1.0, -14.0, 42.0])],
    31: [(5, [3.0, -14.0, 112.0]), (18, [3.0, -14.0, 112.0])] })

tasks (dict_cf) = defaultdict(<type 'list'>, {
    19: [(17, [10.0, 2.0, -30.0]), (22, [-1.0, -14.0, 42.0])],
    18: [(17, [10.0, 2.0, -30.0]), (31, [3.0, -14.0, 112.0])],
    3: [(22, [-1.0, -14.0, 42.0]), (0, [-10.0, 2.0, 110.0])],
    4: [(0, [-10.0, 2.0, 110.0])],
    5: [(31, [3.0, -14.0, 112.0])] })
```

Macro never referenced.

# 4.3 Updating the vertex set and dictionary

In any dimension, the split of a d-cell with an hyperplane (crossing its interior) produces two d-cells and some new vertices living upon the splitting hyperplane.

When the d-cell c is contained in only one seed of the CDC decomposition, i.e. when  $dict_cf[c]$  has cardinality one (in other words: it is crossed only by one boundary facet), the two generated cells vcell1,vcell2 can be safely output, and accommodated in two slots of the CV list.

Conversely, when more than one facet crosses c, much more care must be taken to guarantee the correct fragmentation of this cell.

Managing the splitting dictionaries The function splittingControl takes care of cells that must be split several times, as crossed by several boundary faces.

If the dictionary item dict\_cf[cell] has *length* one (i.e. is crossed *only* by one face) the CV list is updated and the function returns, in order to update the dict\_fc dictionary.

Otherwise, the function subdivides the facets cutting cell between those to be associated to vcell1 and to vcell2. For each pair aface, covector in dict\_cf[cell] and in position following face in the list of pairs, check if either vcell1 or vcell2 or both, have intersection with the subset of vertices shared between cell and aface, and respectively put in alist1, in alist2, or in both. Finally, store vcell1 and vcell2 in CV, and alist1, alist2 in dict\_cf.

```
\( \text{Managing the splitting dictionaries 14} \) \( \)
\( \text{""" Managing the splitting dictionaries """ } \)
\( \text{def splittingControl(face,cell,covector,vcell,vcell1,vcell2,dict_fc,dict_cf,V,BC,CV,VC,CVbits, } \)
\( \text{boundaryFacet = BC[face]} \)
```

```
translVector = V[boundaryFacet[0]]
tcovector = [cv+tv*covector[-1] for (cv,tv) in zip(covector[:-1],translVector)]+[0.0]
c1,c2 = cell,cell
if not haltingSplitTest(cell,vcell,vcell1,vcell2,boundaryFacet,translVector,tcovector,V) :
  # only one facet covector crossing the cell
  cellVerts = CV[cell]
  CV[cell] = vcell1
  CV += [vcel12]
  CVbits += [copy(CVbits[cell])]
  c1,c2 = cell,len(CV)-1
  firstCell,secondCell = AA(testingSubspace(V,covector))([vcell1,vcell2])
  if face < lenBC1 and firstCell==-1:  # face in boundary(op1)</pre>
     CVbits[c1][0] = 0
     CVbits[c2][0] = 1
  elif face >= lenBC1 and firstCell==-1: # face in boundary(op2)
     CVbits[c1][1] = 0
     CVbits[c2][1] = 1
  else: print "error splitting face,c1,c2 = ",face,c1,c2
  #dict_fc[face].remove((cell,covector)) # remove the split cell
  #dict_cf[cell].remove((face,covector)) # remove the splitting face
  # more than one facet covectors crossing the cell
  alist1,alist2 = list(),list()
  for aface,covector in dict_cf[cell]:
     # for each facet crossing the cell
     # compute the intersection between the facet and the cell
     faceVerts = BC[aface]
      commonVerts = list(set(faceVerts).intersection(cellVerts))
     # and attribute the intersection to the split subcells
     if set(vcell1).intersection(commonVerts) != set():
         alist1.append((aface,covector))
     else: dict_fc[aface].remove((cell,covector))
     if set(vcell2).intersection(commonVerts) != set():
         alist2.append((aface,covector))
         dict_fc[aface] += [(len(CV)-1,covector)]
  dict_cf[cell] = alist1
   dict_cf[len(CV)-1] = alist2
```

```
else:
    dict_fc[face].remove((cell,covector)) # remove the split cell
    dict_cf[cell].remove((face,covector)) # remove the splitting face
return V,CV,CVbits, dict_cf, dict_fc,[c1,c2]
```

### 4.4 Updating the split cell and the queues of seeds

When a d-cell of the combined Delaunay complex (CDC) is split into two d-cells, the first task to perform is to update its representation as vertex list, and to update the list of d-cells. In particular, as cell, and cell1, cell2 are the input d-cell and the two output d-cells, respectively, we go to substitute cell with cell1, and to add the cell2 as a new row of the CSR( $M_d$ ) matrix, i.e. as the new terminal element of the CV array. Of course, the reverse relation VC must be updated too.

Updating the split cell First of all notice that, whereas cell is given as an integer index to a CV row, cell1, cell2 are returned by the cellSplitting function as lists of lists of coordinates (of vertices). Therefore such vectors must be suitably transformed into dictionary keys, in order to return the corresponding vertex indices. When transformed into two lists of vector indices, cell1, cell2 will be in the form needed to update the CV and VC relations.

**Updating the vertex set of split cells** The code in the macro below provides the splitting of the CDC along the boundaries of the two Boolean arguments. This function, and the ones called by its, provide the dynamic update of the two main data structures, i.e. of the LAR model (V,CV).

```
Updating the vertex set of split cells 16 > =
    """ Updating the vertex set of split cells """

def testingSubspace(V,covector):
    def testingSubspace0(vcell):
        inout = SIGN(sum([INNERPROD([V[v]+[1.],covector]) for v in vcell]))
        return inout
    return testingSubspace0

def cuttingTest(covector,polytope,V):
    signs = [INNERPROD([covector, V[v]+[1.]]) for v in polytope]
    signs = eval(vcode(signs))
    return any([value<-0.001 for value in signs]) and any([value>0.001 for value in signs])

def tangentTest(face,polytope,V,BC):
```

```
faceVerts = BC[face]
   cellVerts = polytope
   print "faceVerts,cellVerts =",faceVerts,cellVerts
   commonVerts = list(set(faceVerts).intersection(cellVerts))
   if commonVerts != []:
      v0 = commonVerts[0] # v0 = common vertex (TODO more general)
      transformMat = mat([DIFF([V[v],V[v0]]) for v in cellVerts if v != v0]).T.I
      vects = (transformMat * (mat([DIFF([V[v],V[v0]])) for v in faceVerts
               if v != v0]).T)).T.tolist()
      if all([all([x>=-0.0001 for x in list(vect)]) for vect in vects]):
         print "vects =",vects
         return True
   else: return False
def splitCellsCreateVertices(vertdict,dict_fc,dict_cf,V,BC,CV,VC,lenBC1):
   CVbits = [[-1,-1] for k in range(len(CV))]
   nverts = len(V); cellPairs = []; twoCellIndices = [];
   while any([tasks != [] for face,tasks in dict_fc.items()]) :
      for face,tasks in dict_fc.items():
         for task in tasks:
            cell.covector = task
            vcell = CV[cell]
            cell1,cell2 = cellSplitting(face,cell,covector,V,BC,CV)
            if cuttingTest(covector, vcell, V):
               print "cell1,cell2 =",cell1,cell2
               if cell1 == [] or cell2 == []:
                  print "cell1,cell2 =",cell1,cell2
               else:
                  adjCells = adjacencyQuery(V,CV)(cell)
                  vcell1 = []
                  for k in cell1:
                     if vertdict[k] == []:
                        vertdict[k] += [nverts]
                        V += [eval(k)]
                        nverts += 1
                     vcell1 += [vertdict[k]]
                  vcell1 = CAT(vcell1)
                  vcell2 = CAT([vertdict[k] for k in cell2])
                  V,CV,CVbits, dict_cf, dict_fc,twoCells = splittingControl(
                     face,cell,covector,vcell,vcell1,vcell2, dict_fc,dict_cf,V,BC,CV,VC,CVbits
                  if twoCells[0] != twoCells[1]:
```

```
for adjCell in adjCells:
                     dict_fc[face] += [(adjCell,covector)]
                     dict_cf[adjCell] += [(face,covector)]
                     cellPairs += [[vcell1, vcell2]]
                     twoCellIndices += [[twoCells]]
            DEBUG = False
            if DEBUG: showSplitting(V,cellPairs,BC,CV)
         elif tangentTest(face, vcell, V, BC):
            print "facet tangent to cell"
            def inOutTest(face,cell,vertdict,covector,V,BC):
               vcell = CAT([vertdict[k] for k in cell])
               for v in list(set(vcell).difference(BC[face])):
                  inOut = INNERPROD([covector, V[v]+[1.]])
                  if abs(inOut) > 10**-PRECISION: return sign(inOut)
            if cell1 != []: theSign = inOutTest(face,cell1,vertdict,covector,V,BC)
            if cell2 != []: theSign = inOutTest(face,cell2,vertdict,covector,V,BC)
            print "theSign =",theSign
            print "face,cell,covector =",face,cell,covector,"\n"
            dict_fc[face].remove((cell,covector))
                                                    # remove the split cell
            dict_cf[cell].remove((face,covector))
                                                    # remove the splitting face
         else:
            print "facet out to cell"
            print "face,cell,covector =",face,cell,covector,"\n"
            dict_fc[face].remove((cell,covector)) # remove the split cell
            dict_cf[cell].remove((face,covector))
                                                    # remove the splitting face
return CVbits, cellPairs, twoCellIndices
```

Test for split halting along a boundary facet The cell splitting is operated by the facet's hyperplane H(f), that we call *covector*, and the splitting with it may continues outside  $f ext{ ... }!!$ 

This fact may induce some local errors in the decision procedure (attributing either 0 or 1 to each split cell pair). So, when splitting a pair (cell,face) — better: (cell,covector) — already stored in the data structure, and then computing its adjacent pairs, we should check if the common facet  $f_{12}$  between  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  is (or is not) at least partially internal to f.

If this fact is not true, and hence  $f_{12}$  is out(f) in the induced topology of the H(f)

hyperplane, the split process on that pair must be halted:  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  are not stored, and their adjacent cells not split.

```
\langle Test for split halting along a boundary facet 19\rangle \equiv
     """ Test for split halting along a boundary facet """
     def haltingSplitTest(cell,vcell,vcell1,vcell2,boundaryFacet,translVector,tcovector,V):
        newFacet = list(set(vcell1).intersection(vcell2))
        # translation
        newFacet = [ eval(vcode(VECTDIFF([V[v],translVector]))) for v in newFacet ]
        boundaryFacet = [ eval(vcode(VECTDIFF([V[v],translVector]))) for v in boundaryFacet ]
        # linear transformation: newFacet -> standard (d-1)-simplex
        transformMat = mat( boundaryFacet[1:] + [tcovector[:-1]] ).T.I
        # transformation in the subspace x_d = 0
        newFacet = AA(COMP([eval,vcode]))((transformMat * (mat(newFacet).T)).T.tolist())
        boundaryFacet = AA(COMP([eval,vcode]))((transformMat * (mat(boundaryFacet).T)).T.tolist())
        # projection in E^{d-1} space and Boolean test
        newFacet = MKPOL([ AA(lambda v: v[:-1])(newFacet), [range(1,len(newFacet)+1)], None ])
        boundaryFacet = MKPOL([ AA(lambda v: v[:-1])(boundaryFacet), [range(1,len(boundaryFacet)+1)]
        verts,cells,pols = UKPOL(INTERSECTION([newFacet,boundaryFacet]))
        if verts == []:
           print "\n***** cell =",cell
           return True
        else: return False
     # cell1 = INTERSECTION([cellHpc,rototranslSubspace])
     # tolerance=0.0001
     # use_octree=False
     # cell1 = Plasm.boolop(BOOL_CODE_AND,
     # [cellHpc,rototranslSubspace],tolerance,plasm_config.maxnumtry(),use_octree)
     # verts,cells,pols = UKPOL(cell1)
     # cell1 = AA(vcode)(verts)
     # if
```

Macro referenced in 24a.

# 4.5 Updating the cells adjacent to the split cell

Once the list of d-cells has been updated with respect to the results of a split operation, it is necessary to consider the possible update of all the cells that are adjacent to the split one. It particular we need to update their lists of vertices, by introducing the new vertices produced by the split, and by updating the dictionaries of tasks, by introducing the new (adjacent) splitting seeds.

Computing the adjacent cells of a given cell To perform this task we make only use of the CV list. In a more efficient implementation we should make direct use of the sparse adjacency matrix, to be dynamically updated together with the CV list. The computation of the adjacent d-cells of a single d-cell is given here by extracting a column of the  $CSR(M_d M_d^t)$ . This can be done by multiplying  $CSR(M_d)$  by its transposed row corresponding to the query d-cell.

```
⟨Computing the adjacent cells of a given cell 20a⟩ ≡
   """ Computing the adjacent cells of a given cell """

def adjacencyQuery (V,CV):
   dim = len(V[0])
   def adjacencyQuery0 (cell):
        nverts = len(CV[cell])
        csrCV = csrCreate(CV)
        csrAdj = matrixProduct(csrCV,csrTranspose(csrCV))
        cellAdjacencies = csrAdj.indices[csrAdj.indptr[cell]:csrAdj.indptr[cell+1]]
        return [acell for acell in cellAdjacencies if dim <= csrAdj[cell,acell] < nverts]
        return adjacencyQuery0
</pre>
```

Macro referenced in 24a.

Updating the adjacency matrix At every step of the CDC splitting, generating two output cells cell1 and cell2 from the input cell, the element of such index in the list CV is restored with the cell1 vertices, and a new (last) element is created in CV, to store the cell2 vertices. Therefore the row of index cell of the symmetric adjacency matrix must be recomputed, being the cell column updated consequently. Also, a new last row (and column) must be added to the matrix.

```
\langle Updating the adjacency matrix 20b\rangle \equiv """ Updating the adjacency matrix """ pass \diamond
```

Macro never referenced.

# 5 Reconstruction of results

#### 5.1 The Boolean algorithm flow

Show the process of CDC splitting

 $\langle$  Show the process of CDC splitting 20c $\rangle$   $\equiv$ 

Computation of bits of split cells In order to compute, in the simplest and more general way, whether each of the two split d-cells is internal or external to the splitting boundary d-1-facet, it is necessary to consider the oriented covector  $\phi$  (or one-form) canonically associated to the facet f by the covector representation theorem, i.e. the corresponding oriented hyperplane. In this case, the internal/external attribute of the split cell will be computed by evaluating the pairing  $\langle v, \phi \rangle$ .

#### 5.2 Final traversal of the CDC

Several cells of the split CDC are characterised as either internal or external to the Boolean arguments A and B according to the splitting process. Such characterisation is stored within the CVbits array of pairs of values in  $\{-1,0,1\}$ , where CVbits[k][h], with  $k \in \text{range}(\text{len}(C_d))$  and  $h \in \text{range}(2)$ , has the following meanings:

```
 \begin{array}{ll} -1, & \text{if position of } c_k \in C_d \text{ is } unknown \text{ w.r.t. complex } K_h \\ \text{CVbits[k][h]} = & 0, & \text{if cell } c_k \in C_d \text{ is } external \text{ w.r.t. complex } K_h \\ & 1, & \text{if cell } c_k \in C_d \text{ is } internal \text{ w.r.t. complex } K_h \end{array}
```

Therefore, a double d-cell visit of CDC must be executed, starting from some d-cell interior to either A or B, and traversing from a cell to its untraversed adjacent cells, but without crossing the complex boundary, until all cells have been visited.

The initial computation of chains of Boolean arguments The initial setting of CVbits[k][h] values is done within the splitting process by the splitCellsCreateVertices function, and mainly by the splittingControl function.

The traversal of Boolean arguments Let us remember that the adjacency matrix between d-cells is computed via SpMSpM multiplication by the double application

```
adjacencyQuery(V,CV)(cell),
```

where the first application adjacencyQuery(V,CV) returns a partial function with bufferization of the adjacentcy matrix, and the second application to cell returns the list of adjacent d-cells sharing with it a (d-1)-dimensional facet.

Traversing a Boolean argument within the CDC A recursive function booleanChainTraverse is given in the script below, where

Macro referenced in 24a.

Macro referenced in 22c.

#### Input and CDC visualisation

```
\( \text{Input and CDC visualisation 22b} \) \( = \)
\( \text{""" Input and CDC visualisation """ } \)
\( \text{submodel1 = mkSignedEdges((V1,BC1))} \)
\( \text{submodel2 = mkSignedEdges((V2,BC2))} \)
\( \text{VIEW(STRUCT([submodel1,submodel2]))} \)
\( \text{submodel = SKEL_1(STRUCT(MKPOLS((V,CV))))} \)
\( \text{VIEW(larModelNumbering(V,[VV,BC,CV],submodel,4))} \)
\( \text{submodel = STRUCT([SKEL_1(STRUCT(MKPOLS((V,CV)))), COLOR(RED)(STRUCT(MKPOLS((V,BC))))]} \)
\( \text{VIEW(larModelNumbering(V,[VV,BC,CV],submodel,4))} \)
\( \text{\left} \)
\( \text{\
```

## Boolean fragmentation and classification of CDC

 $\langle$  Boolean fragmentation and classification of CDC 22c $\rangle$   $\equiv$ 

```
""" Boolean fragmentation and classification of CDC """
def booleanChains(arg1,arg2):
   (V1,basis1), (V2,basis2) = arg1,arg2
  model1, model2 = (V1,basis1[-1]), (V2,basis2[-1])
   V, [VV, \_, \_, CV1, CV2], n12 = covering(model1, model2, 2, 0)
   CV = sorted(AA(sorted)(Delaunay(array(V)).vertices))
   vertdict = defaultdict(list)
   for k,v in enumerate(V): vertdict[vcode(v)] += [k]
   BC1 = signedCellularBoundaryCells(V1,basis1)
   BC2 = signedCellularBoundaryCells(V2,basis2)
   BC = sorted([[ vertdict[vcode(V1[v])][0] for v in cell] for cell in BC1] + [
         [ vertdict[vcode(V2[v])][0] for v in cell] for cell in BC2])
   BV = list(set(CAT([v for v in BC])))
  VV = AA(LIST)(range(len(V)))
   print "\n BC =",BC,'\n'
   if DEBUG:
      (Input and CDC visualisation 22b)
   (New implementation of splitting dictionaries 9a)
   CVbits,cellPairs,twoCellIndices = splitCellsCreateVertices(
      vertdict,dict_fc,dict_cf,V,BC,CV,VC,len(BC1))
   showSplitting(V,cellPairs,BC,CV)
   print "\n"
   for k in range(len(CV)): print "k,CVbits[k],CV[k] =",k,CVbits[k],CV[k]
   for cell in range(len(CV)):
      if CVbits[cell][0] == 1:
         CVbits = booleanChainTraverse(0,cell,V,CV,CVbits,1)
      if CVbits[cell][0] == 0:
         CVbits = booleanChainTraverse(0,cell,V,CV,CVbits,0)
      if CVbits[cell][1] == 1:
         CVbits = booleanChainTraverse(1,cell,V,CV,CVbits,1)
      if CVbits[cell][1] == 0:
         CVbits = booleanChainTraverse(1,cell,V,CV,CVbits,0)
   print "\n"
   for k in range(len(CV)): print "k,CVbits[k],CV[k] = ",k,CVbits[k],CV[k]
   chain1,chain2 = TRANS(CVbits)
   print "\ndict_cf",dict_cf
```

```
print "\ndict_fc",dict_fc,"\n"
  return V,CV,chain1,chain2,CVbits
```

# 6 Exporting the library

```
"lib/py/bool.py" 24a \equiv
      """ Module for Boolean ops with LAR """
      DEBUG = True
      from matrix import *
      (Initial import of modules 27c)
      Symbolic utility to represent points as strings 29
      (Place the vertices of Boolean arguments in a common space 3a)
       Building a covering of common convex hull 7c
      Building a partition of common convex hull of vertices?
       Characteristic matrix transposition 8
       Look for cells in Delaunay, with vertices in both operands?
       Look for cells in cells 12, with vertices on boundaries?
      Build intersection tasks?
      ⟨Trivial intersection filtering?⟩
       Cell splitting 11 >
      (Init face-cell and cell-face dictionaries 12)
      (Updating the split cell?)
       Updating the vertex set of split cells 16
      (Managing the splitting dictionaries 14)
       Test for split halting along a boundary facet 19>
       Computing the adjacent cells of a given cell 20a
      (Show the process of CDC splitting 20c)
      Traversing a Boolean argument within the CDC 22a
      (Boolean fragmentation and classification of CDC 22c)
```

## 7 Tests

## 7.1 2D examples

#### 7.1.1 First examples

Three sets of input 2D data are prepared here, ranging from very simple to a small instance of the hardest kind of dataset, known to produce an output of size  $O(n^2)$ .

```
\langle First set of 2D data: Fork-0 input 24b\rangle \equiv
```

```
""" Definition of Boolean arguments """
     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],[2,3,11],
        [3,4,10], [5,6,9], [6,7,8]
     EV1 = [[0,1],[0,7],[0,8],[1,2],[1,11],[2,3],[2,11],[3,4],[3,10],[3,11],[4,5],[4,10],[5,6],[5,9]
     VV1 = AA(LIST)(range(len(V1)))
     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], [1,2,7], [3,4,6]]
     EV2 = [[0,1],[0,5],[0,7],[1,2],[1,7],[2,3],[2,7],[3,4],[3,6],[4,5],[4,6],[5,6],[6,7]]
     VV2 = AA(LIST)(range(len(V2)))
Macro referenced in 26b.
\langle First set of 2D data: Fork-1 input 25a\rangle \equiv
     """ Definition of Boolean arguments """
     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]
     VV1 = AA(LIST)(range(len(V1)))
     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], [1,2,7], [3,4,6]]
     EV2 = [[0,1],[0,5],[0,7],[1,2],[1,7],[2,3],[2,7],[3,4],[3,6],[4,5],[4,6],[5,6],[6,7]]
     VV2 = AA(LIST)(range(len(V2)))
```

Macro never referenced.

#### Input and visualisation of Boolean arguments

```
⟨ Computation of lower-dimensional cells 25b⟩ ≡
    """ Computation of edges an input visualisation """
    model1 = V1,FV1
    model2 = V2,FV2
    basis1 = [VV1,EV1,FV1]
    basis2 = [VV2,EV2,FV2]
    submodel12 = STRUCT(MKPOLS((V1,EV1))+MKPOLS((V2,EV2)))
    VIEW(larModelNumbering(V1,basis1,submodel12,4))
    VIEW(larModelNumbering(V2,basis2,submodel12,4))
    ⋄
```

Macro referenced in 26a.

#### Exporting test file

```
\langle Bulk of Boolean task computation 26a \rangle \equiv
     """ Bulk of Boolean task computation """
     (Computation of lower-dimensional cells 25b)
     V,CV,chain1,chain2,CVbits = booleanChains((V1,basis1), (V2,basis2))
     for k in range(len(CV)): print "\nk,CVbits[k],CV[k] =",k,CVbits[k],CV[k]
     if DEBUG:
        VIEW(EXPLODE(1.2,1.2,1)(MKPOLS((V,[cell for cell,c in zip(CV,chain1) if c==1] ))))
        VIEW(EXPLODE(1.2,1.2,1)(MKPOLS((V,[cell for cell,c in zip(CV,chain2) if c==1] ))))
        VIEW(EXPLODE(1.2,1.2,1)(MKPOLS((V,[cell for cell,c1,c2 in zip(CV,chain1,chain2) if c1+c2==2
        VIEW(EXPLODE(1.2,1.2,1)(MKPOLS((V,[cell for cell,c1,c2 in zip(CV,chain1,chain2) if c1+c2==1
        VIEW(EXPLODE(1.2,1.2,1)(MKPOLS((V,[cell for cell,c1,c2 in zip(CV,chain1,chain2) if c1+c2>=1
Macro referenced in 26bc, 27ab.
"test/py/bool/test01.py" 26b \equiv
     import sys
     """ import modules from larcc/lib """
     sys.path.insert(0, 'lib/py/')
     from bool import *
     ⟨First set of 2D data: Fork-0 input 24b⟩
     ⟨Bulk of Boolean task computation 26a⟩
     \Diamond
7.1.2 Two squares
"test/py/bool/test03.py" 26c \equiv
     """ import modules from larcc/lib """
     import sys
     sys.path.insert(0, 'lib/py/')
     from bool import *
     V1 = [[0,0],[10,0],[10,10],[0,10]]
     FV1 = [range(4)]
     EV1 = [[0,1],[1,2],[2,3],[0,3]]
     VV1 = AA(LIST)(range(len(V1)))
     V2 = [[2.5,2.5],[12.5,2.5],[12.5,12.5],[2.5,12.5]]
     FV2 = [range(4)]
     EV2 = [[0,1],[1,2],[2,3],[0,3]]
     VV2 = AA(LIST)(range(len(V2)))
     (Bulk of Boolean task computation 26a)
```

```
"test/py/bool/test04.py" 27a \equiv
     """ import modules from larcc/lib """
     import sys
     sys.path.insert(0, 'lib/py/')
     from bool import *
     V1 = [[0,0],[10,0],[10,10],[0,10]]
     FV1 = [range(4)]
     EV1 = [[0,1],[1,2],[2,3],[0,3]]
     VV1 = AA(LIST)(range(len(V1)))
     V2 = [[2.5,2.5],[7.5,2.5],[7.5,7.5],[2.5,7.5]]
     FV2 = [range(4)]
     EV2 = [[0,1],[1,2],[2,3],[0,3]]
     VV2 = AA(LIST)(range(len(V2)))
     ⟨Bulk of Boolean task computation 26a⟩
"test/py/bool/test05.py" 27b \equiv
     """ import modules from larcc/lib """
     import sys
     sys.path.insert(0, 'lib/py/')
     from bool import *
     V1 = [[2.5,2.5],[7.5,2.5],[7.5,7.5],[2.5,7.5]]
     FV1 = [range(4)]
     EV1 = [[0,1],[1,2],[2,3],[0,3]]
     VV1 = AA(LIST)(range(len(V1)))
     V2 = [[2.5,2.5],[7.5,2.5],[7.5,7.5],[2.5,7.5]]
     FV2 = [range(4)]
     EV2 = [[0,1],[1,2],[2,3],[0,3]]
     VV2 = AA(LIST)(range(len(V2)))
     ⟨Bulk of Boolean task computation 26a⟩
```

# A Appendix: utility functions

```
⟨Initial import of modules 27c⟩ ≡
    from pyplasm import *
    from scipy import *
    import sys
    """ import modules from larcc/lib """
    sys.path.insert(0, 'lib/py/')
    from lar2psm import *
```

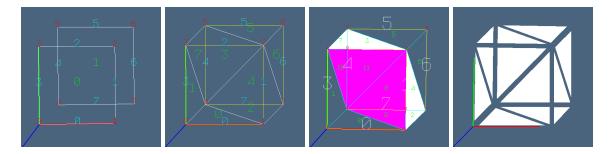


Figure 4: Partitioning of the CDC (Common Delaunay Complex): (a) the two Boolean arguments merged in a single covering; (b) the CDC together with the two (yellow) boundaries; (c) the split CDC cells; (d) the exploded CDC partition.

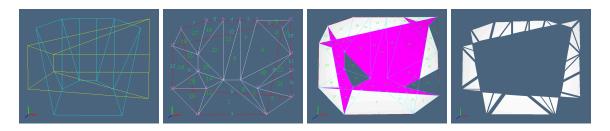


Figure 5: Partitioning of the CDC (Common Delaunay Complex): (a) the two Boolean arguments merged in a single covering; (b) the CDC together with the two (yellow) boundaries; (c) the split CDC cells; (d) the XOR of Boolean arguments.

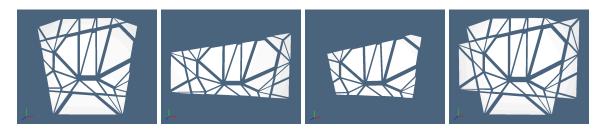


Figure 6: Some chains defined on the CDC (Common Delaunay Complex): (a) the first Boolean argument; (b) the second Boolean argument; (c) the intersection chain; (d) the union chain.

```
from simplexn import *
from larcc import *
from largrid import *
from myfont import *
from mapper import *
```

#### A.1 Numeric utilities

A small set of utility functions is used to transform a *point* representation, given 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 29\rangle \equiv """ TODO: use package Decimal (http://docs.python.org/2/library/decimal.html) """ global PRECISION
```

```
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):
    """
    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))
```

Macro referenced in 24a.

## References

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