

# Parallel & Distributed Computing: Lecture 3

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- 5 If approved, the **student project** is **pushed** to the starting repo.



# Plasm.jl and LinearAlgebraicRepresentation.jl

[www.plasm.org](http://www.plasm.org)

Geometric Programming: A Programming Approach to Geometric Design

<https://github.com/cvdlab/Plasm.jl>

<https://github.com/cvdlab/LinearAlgebraicRepresentation.jl>

# Plasm.jl extensions IDEAS

Currently used only for visualization of geometric models (cellular complexes)

## Possible project tasks

Recuperate the Backus' programming at Function Level, in a parallelized environment (either on Multicore CPUs or GPUs)

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- Complete the optimal Boolean operations implementation

# PLaSM crumbs

# design language PLaSM

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## FL Language

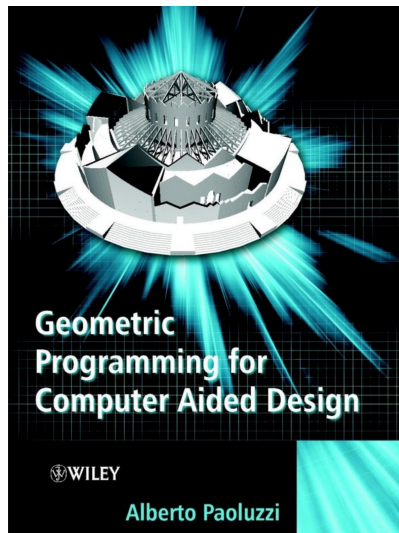
FL (programming at Function Level) is a language developed by the Functional Programming Group of IBM Research Division at Almaden (USA) [BWW90, BWWLA89]. The FL language, on the line of the Backus' Turing lecture [Backus78] introduces an algebra over programs and has an awesome expressive power.

## PLaSM Language

PLaSM, (the Programming LAnguage for Solid Modeling) is a “design language” for geometric and solid parametric design, developed by the CAD Group at the Universities “La Sapienza” and “Roma Tre” [PS92, PPV95]. The language is strongly inFLuenced by FL. With few syntactical differences, it can be considered a geometric extension of a FL subset.

# GP4CAD book

A. Paoluzzi, [Geometric Programming for Computer-Aided Design](#), Wiley, 2003. (free download from [uniroma3.it](#) domain)





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## LAR crumbs

## Go explore the package

<https://github.com/cvdlab/LinearAlgebraicRepresentation.jl>

git clone or fork

```
$ git clone https://github.com/cvdlab/LinearAlgebraicRepresent
```

add via the package manager to your Julia environment

```
$ Julia
```

```
julia> Pkg.add("LinearAlgebraicRepresentation")  
julia> using LinearAlgebraicRepresentation  
julia> Lar = LinearAlgebraicRepresentation  
help> LinearAlgebraicRepresentation. <tab> <tab>
```

# Look at the documentation

```
julia> Pkg.add("Documenter")
```

on the **local** [LinearAlgebraicRepresentation.jl](#) repo

```
$ cd <repo>/docs
```

```
$ julia6 make.jl           % julia 0.6
```

```
$ open build/index.html
```

look at the **package documentation** including internal docs of package functions.