

The gcodepreview OpenSCAD library*

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Abstract

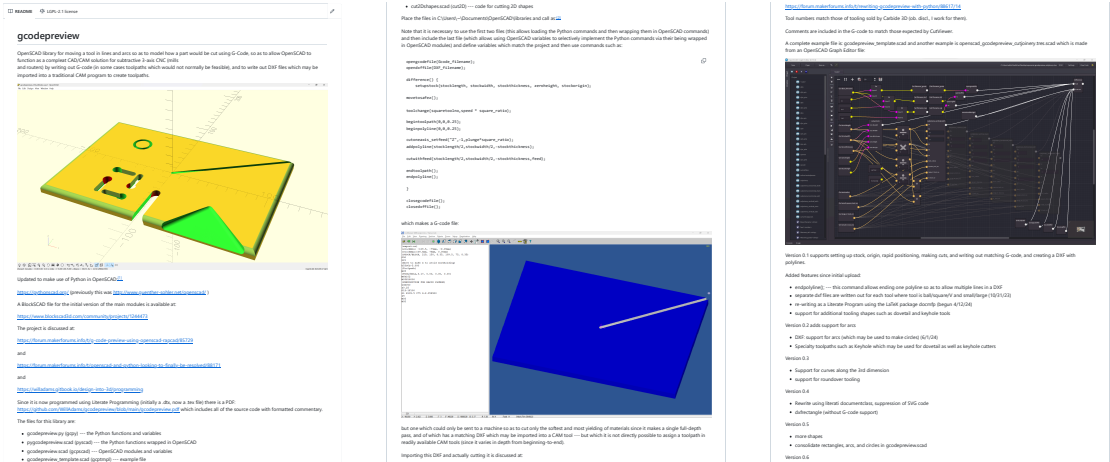
The gcodepreview library allows using OpenPythonSCAD to move a tool in lines and arcs and output dxf and G-code files so as to work as a CAD/CAM program for CNC.

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1 **readme.md**



```
1 rdme # gcodepreview
2 rdme
3 rdme OpenPythonSCAD library for moving a tool in lines and arcs so as to
      model how a part would be cut using G-Code, so as to allow
      OpenPythonSCAD to function as a compleat CAD/CAM solution for
      subtractive 3-axis CNC (mills and routers) by writing out G-code
      in addition to 3D modeling (in some cases toolpaths which would
      not normally be feasible), and to write out DXF files which may
      be imported into a traditional CAM program to create toolpaths.
4 rdme
5 rdme ![OpenSCAD Cut Joinery Module](https://raw.githubusercontent.com/
      WillAdams/gcodepreview/main/gcodepreview_unittests.png?raw=true)
6 rdme
7 rdme Updated to make use of Python in OpenSCAD:[^rapcad]
8 rdme
9 rdme [^rapcad]: Previous versions had used RapCAD, so as to take
      advantage of the writeln command, which has since been re-
      written in Python.
10 rdme
11 rdme https://pythonscad.org/ (previously this was http://www.guenther-
      sohler.net/openscad/ )
12 rdme
13 rdme A BlockSCAD file for the initial version of the
14 rdme main modules is available at:
15 rdme
16 rdme https://www.blockscad3d.com/community/projects/1244473
17 rdme
18 rdme The project is discussed at:
19 rdme
20 rdme https://forum.makerforums.info/t/g-code-preview-using-openscad-
      rapcad/85729
21 rdme
22 rdme and
23 rdme
24 rdme https://forum.makerforums.info/t/openscad-and-python-looking-to-
      finally-be-resolved/88171
25 rdme
26 rdme and
27 rdme
28 rdme https://willadams.gitbook.io/design-into-3d/programming
29 rdme
30 rdme Since it is now programmed using Literate Programming (initially a
      .dtx, now a .tex file) there is a PDF: https://github.com/
      WillAdams/gcodepreview/blob/main/gcodepreview.pdf which includes
      all of the source code with formatted commentary.
31 rdme
32 rdme The files for this library are:
33 rdme
34 rdme - gcodepreview.py (gcpy) --- the Python functions and variables
35 rdme - pygcodepreview.scad (pyscad) --- the Python functions wrapped in
      OpenSCAD
36 rdme - gcodepreview.scad (gcpscad) --- OpenSCAD modules and variables
37 rdme - gcodepreview_template.scad (gcptmpl) --- example file
38 rdme - cut2Dshapes.scad (cut2D) --- code for cutting 2D shapes
39 rdme
40 rdme If using from OpenPythonSCAD, place the files in C:\Users\\~\
      Documents\OpenSCAD\libraries and call as:[^libraries]
41 rdme
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42 rdme [^libraries]: C:\Users\\~\Documents\RapCAD\libraries is deprecated
      since RapCAD is no longer needed since Python is now used for
      writing out files)
43 rdme
44 rdme     use <gcodepreview.py>;
45 rdme     use <pygcodepreview.scad>;
46 rdme     include <gcodepreview.scad>;
47 rdme
48 rdme Note that it is necessary to use the first two files (this allows
      loading the Python commands and then wrapping them in OpenSCAD
      commands) and then include the last file (which allows using
      OpenSCAD variables to selectively implement the Python commands
      via their being wrapped in OpenSCAD modules) and define
      variables which match the project and then use commands such as:
49 rdme
50 rdme    .opengcodefile(Gcode_filename);
51 rdme    .opendxffile(DXF_filename);
52 rdme
53 rdme     difference() {
54 rdme         setupstock(stockXwidth, stockYheight, stockZthickness,
            zeroheight, stockzero);
55 rdme
56 rdme     movetosafez();
57 rdme
58 rdme     toolchange(squaretoolnum,speed * square_ratio);
59 rdme
60 rdme     begintoolpath(0,0,0.25);
61 rdme     beginpolyline(0,0,0.25);
62 rdme
63 rdme     cutoneaxis_setfeed("Z",-1,plunge*square_ratio);
64 rdme     addpolyline(stockXwidth/2,stockYheight/2,-stockZthickness);
65 rdme
66 rdme     cutwithfeed(stockXwidth/2,stockYheight/2,-stockZthickness,feed)
            ;
67 rdme
68 rdme     endtoolpath();
69 rdme     endpolyline();
70 rdme
71 rdme     }
72 rdme
73 rdme     closegcodefile();
74 rdme     closedxfile();
75 rdme
76 rdme which makes a G-code file:
77 rdme
78 rdme ![OpenSCAD template G-code file](https://raw.githubusercontent.com/
      WillAdams/gcodepreview/main/gcodepreview_template.png?raw=true)
79 rdme
80 rdme but one which could only be sent to a machine so as to cut only the
      softest and most yielding of materials since it makes a single
      full-depth pass, and of which has a matching DXF which may be
      imported into a CAM tool --- but which it is not directly
      possible to assign a toolpath in readily available CAM tools (
      since it varies in depth from beginning-to-end).
81 rdme
82 rdme Importing this DXF and actually cutting it is discussed at:
83 rdme
84 rdme https://forum.makerforums.info/t/rewriting-gcodepreview-with-python/88617/14
85 rdme
86 rdme Alternately, gcodepreview.py may be placed in a Python library
      location and used directly from Python --- note that it may
      become possible to use it from a "normal" Python when generating
      only DXFs.
87 rdme
88 rdme Tool numbers match those of tooling sold by Carbide 3D (ob. discl.,
      I work for them).
89 rdme
90 rdme Comments are included in the G-code to match those expected by
      CutViewer.
91 rdme
92 rdme A complete example file is: gcodepreview_template.scad Note that a
      Python template has since been developed as well, allowing usage
      without OpenSCAD code, and another example is
      openscad_gcodepreview_cutjoinery.tres.scad which is made from an
      OpenSCAD Graph Editor file:
93 rdme
94 rdme ![OpenSCAD Graph Editor Cut Joinery File](https://raw.

```

```

githubusercontent.com/WillAdams/gcodepreview/main/
OSGE_cutjoinery.png?raw=true)
95 rdme
96 rdme Version 0.1 supports setting up stock, origin, rapid positioning,
    making cuts, and writing out matching G-code, and creating a DXF
    with polylines.
97 rdme
98 rdme Added features since initial upload:
99 rdme
100 rdme - endpolyline(); --- this command allows ending one polyline so as
    to allow multiple lines in a DXF
101 rdme - separate dxf files are written out for each tool where tool is
    ball/square/V and small/large (10/31/23)
102 rdme - re-writing as a Literate Program using the LaTeX package docmfp
    (begun 4/12/24)
103 rdme - support for additional tooling shapes such as dovetail and
    keyhole tools
104 rdme
105 rdme Version 0.2 adds support for arcs
106 rdme
107 rdme - DXF: support for arcs (which may be used to make circles)
    (6/1/24)
108 rdme - Specialty toolpaths such as Keyhole which may be used for
    dovetail as well as keyhole cutters
109 rdme
110 rdme Version 0.3
111 rdme
112 rdme - Support for curves along the 3rd dimension
113 rdme - support for roundover tooling
114 rdme
115 rdme Version 0.4
116 rdme
117 rdme - Rewrite using literati documentclass, suppression of SVG code
118 rdme - dxfrectangle (without G-code support)
119 rdme
120 rdme Version 0.5
121 rdme
122 rdme - more shapes
123 rdme - consolidate rectangles, arcs, and circles in gcodepreview.scad
124 rdme
125 rdme Version 0.6
126 rdme
127 rdme - notes on modules
128 rdme - change file for setupstock
129 rdme
130 rdme Version 0.61
131 rdme
132 rdme - validate all code so that it runs without errors from sample
133 rdme - NEW: Note that this version is archived as gcodepreview-
    openscad_0_6.tex and the matching PDF is available as well
134 rdme
135 rdme Version 0.7
136 rdme
137 rdme - re-write completely in Python --- note that it is possible to
    use from within OpenPythonSCAD and an OpenSCAD wrapper is not
    functional at this time --- note that the OpenSCAD wrapper
    will need to be rewritten
138 rdme
139 rdme Possible future improvements:
140 rdme
141 rdme - rewrite OpenSCAD wrapper
142 rdme - support for additional tooling shapes (bowl bits with flat
    bottom, tapered ball nose, lollipop cutters)
143 rdme - create a single line font for use where text is wanted
144 rdme
145 rdme Note for G-code generation that it is up to the user to implement
    Depth per Pass so as to not take a single full-depth pass.
    Working from a DXF of course allows one to off-load such
    considerations to a specialized CAM tool.
146 rdme
147 rdme Deprecated feature:
148 rdme
149 rdme - exporting SVGs --- coordinate system differences between
    OpenSCAD/DXFs and SVGs would require managing the inversion of
    the coordinate system (using METAPOST, which shares the same
    orientation and which can write out SVGs may be used for future
    versions)

```

2 gcodepreview

This library for OpenPythonSCAD works by using Python code as a back-end so as to persistently store and access variables, and to write out files while both modeling the motion of a 3-axis CNC machine and if desired, writing out DXF and/or G-code files (as opposed to the normal technique of rendering to a 3D model and writing out an STL or STEP or other model format). There are multiple modes for this, doing so requires up to three files:

- A Python file: `gcodepreview.py` (`gcpy`) — this has variables in the traditional sense which may be used for tracking machine position and so forth. Note that where it is placed/loaded from will depend on whether it is imported into a Python file:
`import gcodepreview_standalone as gcp`
or used in an OpenSCAD file:
`use <gcodepreview.py>`
with additional OpenSCAD modules which allow accessing it
- An OpenSCAD file: `pygcodepreview.scad` (`pyscad`) — which wraps the Python code in OpenSCAD (note that it too is included by `use <pygcodepreview.scad>`)
- An OpenSCAD file: `gcodepreview.scad` (`gcpscad`) — which uses the other two files and which is included allowing it to access OpenSCAD variables for branching

Note that this architecture requires that many OpenSCAD modules are essentially “Dispatchers” which pass information from one aspect of the environment to another.

2.1 gcodepreviewtemplate

The various commands are shown all together in templates so as to provide examples of usage, and to ensure that the various files are used/included as necessary, all variables are set up with the correct names, and that files are opened before being written to, and that each is closed at the end.

Note that while the template files seem overly verbose, they specifically incorporate variables for each tool shape, possibly in two different sizes, and a feed rate parameter or ratio for each, which may be used (by setting a tool #) or ignored (by leaving the variable at zero (0)).

It should be that this section is all the documentation which some users will need (and arguably is still too much). The balance of the document after this section shows all the code and implementation details.

2.1.1 gcodepreviewtemplate.scad

```

1 gcptmpl //! OpenSCAD
2 gcptmpl
3 gcptmpl use <gcodepreview.py>;
4 gcptmpl use <pygcodepreview.scad>;
5 gcptmpl include <gcodepreview.scad>;
6 gcptmpl
7 gcptmpl $fa = 2;
8 gcptmpl $fs = 0.125;
9 gcptmpl
10 gcptmpl /* [Stock] */
11 gcptmpl stockXwidth = 219;
12 gcptmpl /* [Stock] */
13 gcptmpl stockYheight = 150;
14 gcptmpl /* [Stock] */
15 gcptmpl stockZthickness = 8.35;
16 gcptmpl /* [Stock] */
17 gcptmpl zeroheight = "Top"; // [Top, Bottom]
18 gcptmpl /* [Stock] */
19 gcptmpl stockzero = "Center"; // [Lower-Left, Center-Left, Top-Left, Center
    ]
20 gcptmpl /* [Stock] */
21 gcptmpl retractheight = 9;
22 gcptmpl
23 gcptmpl /* [Export] */
24 gcptmpl Base_filename = "export";
25 gcptmpl /* [Export] */
26 gcptmpl generatedxf = true;
27 gcptmpl /* [Export] */
28 gcptmpl generategcode = true;
29 gcptmpl ////* [Export] */
30 gcptmpl //generatesvg = false;
31 gcptmpl
32 gcptmpl /* [CAM] */
33 gcptmpl toolradius = 1.5875;
34 gcptmpl /* [CAM] */
```

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35 gcptmpl large_square_tool_num = 0; // [0:0,112:112,102:102,201:201]
36 gcptmpl /* [CAM] */
37 gcptmpl small_square_tool_num = 102; // [0:0,122:122,112:112,102:102]
38 gcptmpl /* [CAM] */
39 gcptmpl large_ball_tool_num = 0; // [0:0,111:111,101:101,202:202]
40 gcptmpl /* [CAM] */
41 gcptmpl small_ball_tool_num = 0; // [0:0,121:121,111:111,101:101]
42 gcptmpl /* [CAM] */
43 gcptmpl large_V_tool_num = 0; // [0:0,301:301,690:690]
44 gcptmpl /* [CAM] */
45 gcptmpl small_V_tool_num = 0; // [0:0,390:390,301:301]
46 gcptmpl /* [CAM] */
47 gcptmpl DT_tool_num = 0; // [0:0,814:814]
48 gcptmpl /* [CAM] */
49 gcptmpl KH_tool_num = 0; // [0:0,374:374,375:375,376:376,378]
50 gcptmpl /* [CAM] */
51 gcptmpl Roundover_tool_num = 0; // [56142:56142, 56125:56125, 1570:1570]
52 gcptmpl /* [CAM] */
53 gcptmpl MISC_tool_num = 0; //
54 gcptmpl
55 gcptmpl /* [Feeds and Speeds] */
56 gcptmpl plunge = 100;
57 gcptmpl /* [Feeds and Speeds] */
58 gcptmpl feed = 400;
59 gcptmpl /* [Feeds and Speeds] */
60 gcptmpl speed = 16000;
61 gcptmpl /* [Feeds and Speeds] */
62 gcptmpl small_square_ratio = 0.75; // [0.25:2]
63 gcptmpl /* [Feeds and Speeds] */
64 gcptmpl large_ball_ratio = 1.0; // [0.25:2]
65 gcptmpl /* [Feeds and Speeds] */
66 gcptmpl small_ball_ratio = 0.75; // [0.25:2]
67 gcptmpl /* [Feeds and Speeds] */
68 gcptmpl large_V_ratio = 0.875; // [0.25:2]
69 gcptmpl /* [Feeds and Speeds] */
70 gcptmpl small_V_ratio = 0.625; // [0.25:2]
71 gcptmpl /* [Feeds and Speeds] */
72 gcptmpl DT_ratio = 0.75; // [0.25:2]
73 gcptmpl /* [Feeds and Speeds] */
74 gcptmpl KH_ratio = 0.75; // [0.25:2]
75 gcptmpl /* [Feeds and Speeds] */
76 gcptmpl RO_ratio = 0.5; // [0.25:2]
77 gcptmpl /* [Feeds and Speeds] */
78 gcptmpl MISC_ratio = 0.5; // [0.25:2]
79 gcptmpl
80 gcptmpl filename_gcode = str(Base_filename, ".nc");
81 gcptmpl filename_dxf = str(Base_filename);
82 gcptmpl
83 gcptmpl opengcodefile(filename_gcode);
84 gcptmpl opendxfile(filename_dxf);
85 gcptmpl
86 gcptmpl difference() {
87 gcptmpl setupstock(stockXwidth, stockYheight, stockZthickness, zeroheight,
      stockzero);
88 gcptmpl
89 gcptmpl movetosafez();
90 gcptmpl
91 gcptmpl toolchange(small_square_tool_num,speed * small_square_ratio);
92 gcptmpl
93 gcptmpl begintoolpath(0,0,0.25);
94 gcptmpl
95 gcptmpl cutoneaxis_setfeed("Z",0,plunge*small_square_ratio);
96 gcptmpl
97 gcptmpl cutwithfeed(stockXwidth/2,stockYheight/2,-stockZthickness,feed);
98 gcptmpl dxfline(getxpos(),getypos(),stockXwidth/2,stockYheight/2,
      small_square_tool_num);
99 gcptmpl
100 gcptmpl endtoolpath();
101 gcptmpl rapid(-(stockXwidth/4-stockYheight/16),stockYheight/4,0);
102 gcptmpl cutoneaxis_setfeed("Z",-stockZthickness,plunge*small_square_ratio);
103 gcptmpl
104 gcptmpl cutarcNECCdxf(-stockXwidth/4, stockYheight/4+stockYheight/16, -
      stockZthickness, -stockXwidth/4, stockYheight/4, stockYheight
      /16, small_square_tool_num);
105 gcptmpl cutarcNWCCdxf(-(stockXwidth/4+stockYheight/16), stockYheight/4, -
      stockZthickness, -stockXwidth/4, stockYheight/4, stockYheight
      /16, small_square_tool_num);

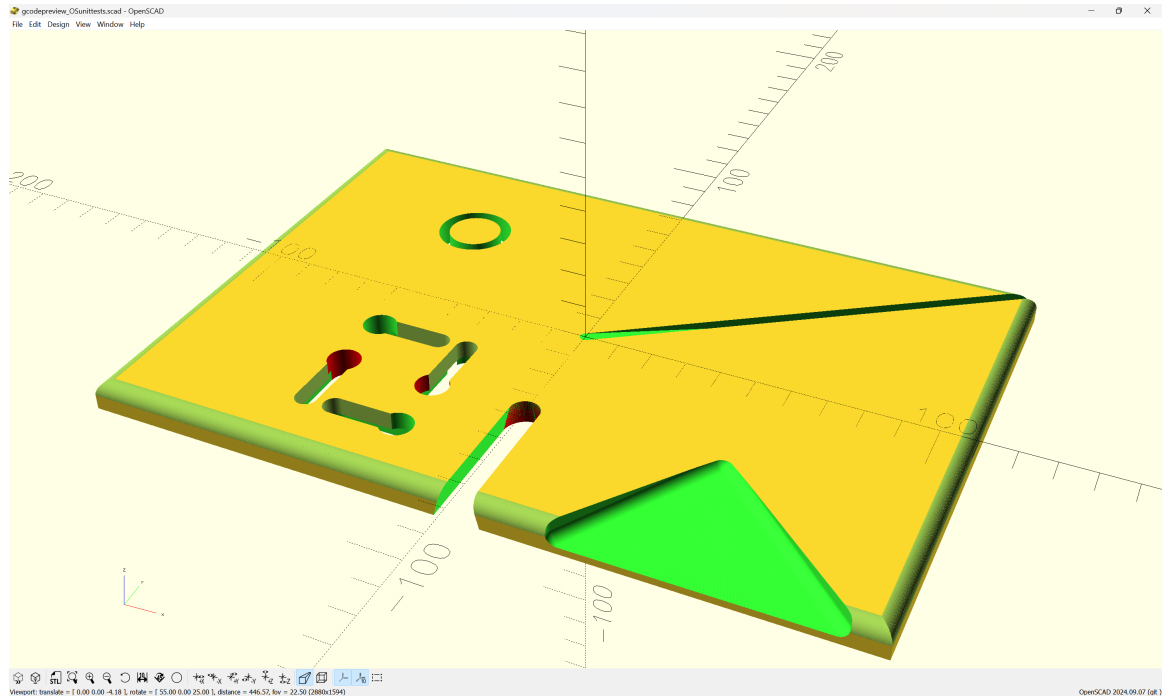
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```

106 gcptmpl cutarcSWCCdx(-stockXwidth/4, stockYheight/4-stockYheight/16, -
    stockZthickness, -stockXwidth/4, stockYheight/4, stockYheight
    /16, small_square_tool_num);
107 gcptmpl cutarcSECCdx(-(stockXwidth/4-stockYheight/16), stockYheight/4, -
    stockZthickness, -stockXwidth/4, stockYheight/4, stockYheight
    /16, small_square_tool_num);
108 gcptmpl
109 gcptmpl rapid(getxpos(),getypos(),stockZthickness);
110 gcptmpl toolchange(KH_tool_num,speed * KH_ratio);
111 gcptmpl rapid(-stockXwidth/8,-stockYheight/4,0);
112 gcptmpl
113 gcptmpl cutkeyhole_toolpath((stockZthickness), (stockZthickness), "N",
    stockYheight/8, KH_tool_num);
114 gcptmpl rapid(getxpos(),getypos(),stockZthickness);
115 gcptmpl rapid(-stockXwidth/4,-stockYheight/4,0);
116 gcptmpl cutkeyhole_toolpath((stockZthickness), (stockZthickness), "S",
    stockYheight/8, KH_tool_num);
117 gcptmpl rapid(getxpos(),getypos(),stockZthickness);
118 gcptmpl rapid(-stockXwidth/4,-stockYheight/8,0);
119 gcptmpl cutkeyhole_toolpath((stockZthickness), (stockZthickness), "E",
    stockYheight/8, KH_tool_num);
120 gcptmpl rapid(getxpos(),getypos(),stockZthickness);
121 gcptmpl rapid(-stockXwidth/8,-stockYheight/8*3,0);
122 gcptmpl cutkeyhole_toolpath((stockZthickness), (stockZthickness), "W",
    stockYheight/8, KH_tool_num);
123 gcptmpl
124 gcptmpl rapid(getxpos(),getypos(),stockZthickness);
125 gcptmpl toolchange(DT_tool_num,speed * DT_ratio);
126 gcptmpl rapid(0,-(stockYheight/2+tool_diameter(DT_tool_num,0)),0);
127 gcptmpl
128 gcptmpl cutoneaxis_setfeed("Z",-stockZthickness,plunge*DT_ratio);
129 gcptmpl cutwithfeed(0,-(stockYheight/4),-stockZthickness,feed*DT_ratio);
130 gcptmpl rapid(0,-(stockYheight/2+tool_diameter(DT_tool_num,0)),-
    stockZthickness);
131 gcptmpl
132 gcptmpl rapid(getxpos(),getypos(),stockZthickness);
133 gcptmpl toolchange(Roundover_tool_num, speed * R0_ratio);
134 gcptmpl rapid(-(stockXwidth/2),-(stockYheight/2),0);
135 gcptmpl cutoneaxis_setfeed("Z",-4.509,plunge*R0_ratio);
136 gcptmpl
137 gcptmpl cutroundovertool(-(stockXwidth/2++0.507/2), -(stockYheight
    /2+0.507/2), -4.509, stockXwidth/2+0.507/2, -(stockYheight
    /2+0.507/2), -4.509, 0.507/2, 4.509);
138 gcptmpl
139 gcptmpl cutroundover(stockXwidth/2+0.507/2, -(stockYheight/2+0.507/2),
    -4.509, stockXwidth/2+0.507/2, stockYheight/2+0.507/2, -4.509,
    1570);
140 gcptmpl cutroundover(stockXwidth/2+0.507/2, stockYheight/2+0.507/2, -4.509,
    -(stockXwidth/2+0.507/2), stockYheight/2+0.507/2, -4.509, 1570)
    ;
141 gcptmpl cutroundover(-(stockXwidth/2+0.507/2), stockYheight/2+0.507/2,
    -4.509, -(stockXwidth/2+0.507/2), -(stockYheight/2+0.507/2),
    -4.509, 1570);
142 gcptmpl
143 gcptmpl //for (i = [0 : abs(1) : 80]) {
144 gcptmpl // cutwithfeed(stockXwidth/4,-stockYheight/4,-stockZthickness/4,
    feed);
145 gcptmpl // cutwithfeed(stockXwidth/8+(stockXwidth/256*i),-stockYheight/2,-
    stockZthickness*3/4,feed);
146 gcptmpl // }
147 gcptmpl
148 gcptmpl hull() {
149 gcptmpl cutwithfeed(stockXwidth/4,-stockYheight/4,-stockZthickness/4,feed
    );
150 gcptmpl cutwithfeed(stockXwidth/8,-stockYheight/2,-stockZthickness*3/4,
    feed);
151 gcptmpl cutwithfeed(stockXwidth/8+(stockXwidth*0.3125),-stockYheight/2,-
    stockZthickness*3/4,feed);
152 gcptmpl }
153 gcptmpl }
154 gcptmpl
155 gcptmpl closegcodefile();
156 gcptmpl closedxfile();

```

Which cuts as:



Some comments on the template:

- **minimal** — it is intended as a framework for a minimal working example (MWE) — it should be possible to comment out unused portions and so arrive at code which tests any aspect of this project
- **compleat** — a quite wide variety of tools are listed (and probably more will be added in the future), but pre-defining them and having these “hooks” seems the easiest (non-object-oriented) mechanism to handle everything
- **shortcuts** — as the last example shows, while in real life it is necessary to make many passes with a tool, an expedient shortcut is to forgo the loop operation and just use a `hull()` operation

Further features will be added to the template, and the main image updated to reflect the capabilities of the system.

2.1.2 `gcodepreviewtemplate.py`

Note that with the v0.7 re-write, it is possible to directly use the underlying Python code directly.

```

1 gcptmplpy #!/usr/bin/env python
2 gcptmplpy
3 gcptmplpy import sys
4 gcptmplpy
5 gcptmplpy try:
6 gcptmplpy     if 'gcodepreview' in sys.modules:
7 gcptmplpy         del sys.modules['gcodepreview']
8 gcptmplpy except AttributeError:
9 gcptmplpy     pass
10 gcptmplpy
11 gcptmplpy from gcodepreview import *
12 gcptmplpy
13 gcptmplpy fa = 2
14 gcptmplpy fs = 0.125
15 gcptmplpy
16 gcptmplpy # [Export] */
17 gcptmplpy Base_filename = "aexport"
18 gcptmplpy # [Export] */
19 gcptmplpy generatedxf = True
20 gcptmplpy # [Export] */
21 gcptmplpy generategcode = True
22 gcptmplpy
23 gcptmplpy # [Stock] */
24 gcptmplpy stockXwidth = 220
25 gcptmplpy # [Stock] */
26 gcptmplpy stockYheight = 150
27 gcptmplpy # [Stock] */
28 gcptmplpy stockZthickness = 8.35
29 gcptmplpy # [Stock] */
30 gcptmplpy zeroheight = "Top" # [Top, Bottom]
31 gcptmplpy # [Stock] */
32 gcptmplpy stockzero = "Center" # [Lower-Left, Center-Left, Top-Left, Center]

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33 gcptmplpy # [Stock] */
34 gcptmplpy retractheight = 9
35 gcptmplpy
36 gcptmplpy # [CAM] */
37 gcptmplpy toolradius = 1.5875
38 gcptmplpy # [CAM] */
39 gcptmplpy large_square_tool_num = 201 # [0:0,112:112,102:102,201:201]
40 gcptmplpy # [CAM] */
41 gcptmplpy small_square_tool_num = 102 # [0:0,122:122,112:112,102:102]
42 gcptmplpy # [CAM] */
43 gcptmplpy large_ball_tool_num = 202 # [0:0,111:111,101:101,202:202]
44 gcptmplpy # [CAM] */
45 gcptmplpy small_ball_tool_num = 101 # [0:0,121:121,111:111,101:101]
46 gcptmplpy # [CAM] */
47 gcptmplpy large_V_tool_num = 301 # [0:0,301:301,690:690]
48 gcptmplpy # [CAM] */
49 gcptmplpy small_V_tool_num = 390 # [0:0,390:390,301:301]
50 gcptmplpy # [CAM] */
51 gcptmplpy DT_tool_num = 814 # [0:0,814:814]
52 gcptmplpy # [CAM] */
53 gcptmplpy KH_tool_num = 374 # [0:0,374:374,375:375,376:376,378]
54 gcptmplpy # [CAM] */
55 gcptmplpy Roundover_tool_num = 56142 # [56142:56142, 56125:56125, 1570:1570]
56 gcptmplpy # [CAM] */
57 gcptmplpy MISC_tool_num = 0 #
58 gcptmplpy
59 gcptmplpy # [Feeds and Speeds] */
60 gcptmplpy plunge = 100
61 gcptmplpy # [Feeds and Speeds] */
62 gcptmplpy feed = 400
63 gcptmplpy # [Feeds and Speeds] */
64 gcptmplpy speed = 16000
65 gcptmplpy # [Feeds and Speeds] */
66 gcptmplpy small_square_ratio = 0.75 # [0.25:2]
67 gcptmplpy # [Feeds and Speeds] */
68 gcptmplpy large_ball_ratio = 1.0 # [0.25:2]
69 gcptmplpy # [Feeds and Speeds] */
70 gcptmplpy small_ball_ratio = 0.75 # [0.25:2]
71 gcptmplpy # [Feeds and Speeds] */
72 gcptmplpy large_V_ratio = 0.875 # [0.25:2]
73 gcptmplpy # [Feeds and Speeds] */
74 gcptmplpy small_V_ratio = 0.625 # [0.25:2]
75 gcptmplpy # [Feeds and Speeds] */
76 gcptmplpy DT_ratio = 0.75 # [0.25:2]
77 gcptmplpy # [Feeds and Speeds] */
78 gcptmplpy KH_ratio = 0.75 # [0.25:2]
79 gcptmplpy # [Feeds and Speeds] */
80 gcptmplpy RO_ratio = 0.5 # [0.25:2]
81 gcptmplpy # [Feeds and Speeds] */
82 gcptmplpy MISC_ratio = 0.5 # [0.25:2]
83 gcptmplpy
84 gcptmplpy gcp = gcodepreview(True, #generatescad
85 gcptmplpy True, #generategcode
86 gcptmplpy True, #generatedxf
87 gcptmplpy )
88 gcptmplpy
89 gcptmplpy gcp.opengcodefile(Base_filename)
90 gcptmplpy gcp.opendxfile(Base_filename)
91 gcptmplpy gcp.opendxfiles(Base_filename,
92 gcptmplpy large_square_tool_num,
93 gcptmplpy small_square_tool_num,
94 gcptmplpy large_ball_tool_num,
95 gcptmplpy small_ball_tool_num,
96 gcptmplpy large_V_tool_num,
97 gcptmplpy small_V_tool_num,
98 gcptmplpy DT_tool_num,
99 gcptmplpy KH_tool_num,
100 gcptmplpy Roundover_tool_num,
101 gcptmplpy MISC_tool_num)
102 gcptmplpy
103 gcptmplpy gcp.setupstock(stockXwidth,stockYheight,stockZthickness,"Top","
Center",retractheight)
104 gcptmplpy
105 gcptmplpy gcp.movetosafeZ()
106 gcptmplpy
107 gcptmplpy gcp.toolchange(102,10000)
108 gcptmplpy
109 gcptmplpy #gcp.rapidXY(6,12)

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110 gcptmplpy gcp.rapidZ(0)
111 gcptmplpy
112 gcptmplpy #print (gcp.xpos())
113 gcptmplpy #print (gcp.ypos())
114 gcptmplpy #psetzpos(7)
115 gcptmplpy #gcp.setzpos(-12)
116 gcptmplpy #print (gcp.zpos())
117 gcptmplpy
118 gcptmplpy #print ("X", str(gcp.xpos()))
119 gcptmplpy #print ("Y", str(gcp.ypos()))
120 gcptmplpy #print ("Z", str(gcp.zpos()))
121 gcptmplpy
122 gcptmplpy toolpaths = gcp.currenttool()
123 gcptmplpy
124 gcptmplpy toolpaths = toolpaths.union(gcp.cutlinedxfgc(stockXwidth/2,
    stockYheight/2, -stockZthickness))

125 gcptmplpy
126 gcptmplpy gcp.rapidZ(retractheight)
127 gcptmplpy gcp.toolchange(201,10000)
128 gcptmplpy gcp.rapidXY(0, stockYheight/16)
129 gcptmplpy gcp.rapidZ(0)
130 gcptmplpy toolpaths = toolpaths.union(gcp.cutlinedxfgc(stockXwidth/16*7,
    stockYheight/2, -stockZthickness))

131 gcptmplpy
132 gcptmplpy gcp.rapidZ(retractheight)
133 gcptmplpy gcp.toolchange(202,10000)
134 gcptmplpy gcp.rapidXY(0, stockYheight/8)
135 gcptmplpy gcp.rapidZ(0)
136 gcptmplpy toolpaths = toolpaths.union(gcp.cutlinedxfgc(stockXwidth/16*6,
    stockYheight/2, -stockZthickness))

137 gcptmplpy
138 gcptmplpy gcp.rapidZ(retractheight)
139 gcptmplpy gcp.toolchange(101,10000)
140 gcptmplpy gcp.rapidXY(0, stockYheight/16*3)
141 gcptmplpy gcp.rapidZ(0)
142 gcptmplpy toolpaths = toolpaths.union(gcp.cutlinedxfgc(stockXwidth/16*5,
    stockYheight/2, -stockZthickness))

143 gcptmplpy
144 gcptmplpy gcp.setzpos(retractheight)
145 gcptmplpy gcp.toolchange(390,10000)
146 gcptmplpy gcp.rapidXY(0, stockYheight/16*4)
147 gcptmplpy gcp.rapidZ(0)
148 gcptmplpy toolpaths = toolpaths.union(gcp.cutlinedxfgc(stockXwidth/16*4,
    stockYheight/2, -stockZthickness))

149 gcptmplpy gcp.rapidZ(retractheight)
150 gcptmplpy
151 gcptmplpy gcp.toolchange(301,10000)
152 gcptmplpy gcp.rapidXY(0, stockYheight/16*6)
153 gcptmplpy gcp.rapidZ(0)
154 gcptmplpy toolpaths = toolpaths.union(gcp.cutlinedxfgc(stockXwidth/16*2,
    stockYheight/2, -stockZthickness))

155 gcptmplpy
156 gcptmplpy #gcp.setzpos(retractheight)
157 gcptmplpy #gcp.toolchange(102,10000)
158 gcptmplpy #gcp.rapidXY(stockXwidth/4+stockYheight/16, -(stockYheight/4))
159 gcptmplpy #gcp.rapidZ(0)
160 gcptmplpy ##arcloop(barcl, earcl, xcenter, ycenter, radius)
161 gcptmplpy #gcp.setzpos(stockZthickness/90)
162 gcptmplpy #toolpaths = toolpaths.union(gcp.arcloop(0, 90, stockXwidth/4, -
    stockYheight/4, stockYheight/16))

163 gcptmplpy
164 gcptmplpy gcp.rapidZ(retractheight)
165 gcptmplpy gcp.toolchange(102,10000)
166 gcptmplpy gcp.rapidXY(stockXwidth/4+stockYheight/8+stockYheight/16, +
    stockYheight/8)
167 gcptmplpy gcp.rapidZ(0)
168 gcptmplpy #gcp.setzpos(stockZthickness/90)
169 gcptmplpy #toolpaths = toolpaths.union(gcp.arcloop(0, 90, stockXwidth/4+
    stockYheight/8, stockYheight/8, stockYheight/16))

170 gcptmplpy toolpaths = toolpaths.union(gcp.cutarcNECCdxfgc(stockXwidth/4+
    stockYheight/8, stockYheight/8+stockYheight/16, -stockZthickness
    , stockXwidth/4+stockYheight/8, stockYheight/8, stockYheight/16)
    )

171 gcptmplpy toolpaths = toolpaths.union(gcp.cutarcNWCCdxfgc(stockXwidth/4+
    stockYheight/8-stockYheight/16, stockYheight/8, -stockZthickness
    , stockXwidth/4+stockYheight/8, stockYheight/8, stockYheight/16)
    )

172 gcptmplpy toolpaths = toolpaths.union(gcp.cutarcSWCCdxfgc(stockXwidth/4+

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        stockYheight/8, stockYheight/8-stockYheight/16, -stockZthickness
        , stockXwidth/4+stockYheight/8, stockYheight/8, stockYheight/16)
    )
173 gcptmplpy toolpaths = toolpaths.union(gcp.cutarcSECCdxfgc(stockXwidth/4+
        stockYheight/8+stockYheight/16, stockYheight/8, -stockZthickness
        , stockXwidth/4+stockYheight/8, stockYheight/8, stockYheight/16)
    )
174 gcptmplpy
175 gcptmplpy #a = gcp.currenttool()
176 gcptmplpy #arcbegin = a.translate([64.37357214209116, -37.33638368965047, -
        stockZthickness])
177 gcptmplpy #arcend = a.translate([55.16361631034953, -28.12642785790883, -
        stockZthickness])
178 gcptmplpy #toolpaths = toolpaths.union(arcbegin)
179 gcptmplpy #toolpaths = toolpaths.union(arcend)
180 gcptmplpy
181 gcptmplpy #cu = cube([10,20,30])
182 gcptmplpy #c = cu.translate([0,0,gcp.zpos()])
183 gcptmplpy
184 gcptmplpy #def cutroundovertool(bx, by, bz, ex, ey, ez, tool_radius_tip,
        tool_radius_width):
185 gcptmplpy #     n = 90 + fn*3
186 gcptmplpy #     step = 360/n
187 gcptmplpy #     shaft = cylinder(step,tool_radius_tip,tool_radius_tip)
188 gcptmplpy #     toolpath = hull(shaft.translate([bx,by,bz]), shaft.translate([
        ex,ey,ez]))
189 gcptmplpy #     shaft = cylinder(tool_radius_width*2,tool_radius_tip+
        tool_radius_width,tool_radius_tip+tool_radius_width)
190 gcptmplpy #     toolpath = toolpath.union(hull(shaft.translate([bx,by,bz+
        tool_radius_width]), shaft.translate([ex,ey,ez+tool_radius_width
        ]))))
191 gcptmplpy #     for i in range(1, 90, 1):
192 gcptmplpy #         angle = i
193 gcptmplpy #         dx = tool_radius_width*math.cos(math.radians(angle))
194 gcptmplpy #         dxx = tool_radius_width*math.cos(math.radians(angle+1))
195 gcptmplpy #         dzz = tool_radius_width*math.sin(math.radians(angle))
196 gcptmplpy #         dz = tool_radius_width*math.sin(math.radians(angle+1))
197 gcptmplpy #         dh = abs(dzz-dz)+0.0001
198 gcptmplpy #         slice = cylinder(dh,tool_radius_tip+tool_radius_width-dx,
        tool_radius_tip+tool_radius_width-dxx)
199 gcptmplpy #         toolpath = toolpath.union(hull(slice.translate([bx,by,bz+
        dz]), slice.translate([ex,ey,ez+dz])))
200 gcptmplpy #     return toolpath
201 gcptmplpy
202 gcptmplpy gcp.rapidZ(retractheight)
203 gcptmplpy gcp.toolchange(814,10000)
204 gcptmplpy gcp.rapidXY(0, -(stockYheight/2+12.7))
205 gcptmplpy gcp.cutZgcfeed(-stockZthickness,plunge)
206 gcptmplpy toolpaths = toolpaths.union(gcp.cutlinedxfgcfeed(0, -(stockYheight
        /16), -stockZthickness, feed))
207 gcptmplpy
208 gcptmplpy
209 gcptmplpy gcp.rapidZ(0)
210 gcptmplpy
211 gcptmplpy #print(gcp.currenttoolnumber())
212 gcptmplpy
213 gcptmplpy gcp.rapidZ(retractheight)
214 gcptmplpy gcp.toolchange(56142,10000)
215 gcptmplpy gcp.rapidXY(-stockXwidth/2, -(stockYheight/2+0.508/2))
216 gcptmplpy gcp.cutZgcfeed(-1.531,plunge)
217 gcptmplpy toolpaths = toolpaths.union(gcp.cutlinedxfgcfeed(stockXwidth
        /2+0.508/2, -(stockYheight/2+0.508/2), -1.531, feed))
218 gcptmplpy
219 gcptmplpy gcp.rapidZ(retractheight)
220 gcptmplpy #gcp.toolchange(56125,10000)
221 gcptmplpy gcp.cutZgcfeed(-1.531,plunge)
222 gcptmplpy toolpaths = toolpaths.union(gcp.cutlinedxfgcfeed(stockXwidth
        /2+0.508/2, (stockYheight/2+0.508/2), -1.531, feed))
223 gcptmplpy
224 gcptmplpy gcp.rapidZ(retractheight)
225 gcptmplpy gcp.toolchange(374,10000)
226 gcptmplpy gcp.rapidXY(stockXwidth/4-stockXwidth/16, -(stockYheight/4+
        stockYheight/16))
227 gcptmplpy gcp.rapidZ(0)
228 gcptmplpy #toolpaths = toolpaths.union(gcp.cutlinedxfgcfeed(gcp.xpos(), gcp.
        ypos(), -4, feed))
229 gcptmplpy #toolpaths = toolpaths.union(gcp.cutZgcfeed(-4,plunge))
230 gcptmplpy #toolpaths = toolpaths.union(gcp.cutlinedxfgcfeed(stockXwidth/4, -(

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        stockYheight/4)+25.4, -4, feed))
231 gcptmplpy #key = gcp.cutlinedxfgcfeed(stockXwidth/2+0.508/2, (stockYheight
        /2+0.508/2), -1.531, feed)
232 gcptmplpy
233 gcptmplpy #cutkeyholegdcxf(stockZthickness/2, stockZthickness/2, "N",
        stockYheight/8, KH_tool_num)
234 gcptmplpy #rapid(getxpos(),getypos(),stockZthickness);
235 gcptmplpy #rapid(-stockXwidth/4,-stockYheight/4,0);
236 gcptmplpy #cutkeyhole_toolpath((stockZthickness), (stockZthickness), "S",
        stockYheight/8, KH_tool_num);
237 gcptmplpy #rapid(getxpos(),getypos(),stockZthickness);
238 gcptmplpy #rapid(-stockXwidth/4,-stockYheight/8,0);
239 gcptmplpy key = gcp.cutkeyholegdcxf(0, stockZthickness*0.75, "E",
        stockYheight/9, KH_tool_num)
240 gcptmplpy toolpaths = toolpaths.union(key)
241 gcptmplpy #rapid(getxpos(),getypos(),stockZthickness);
242 gcptmplpy #rapid(-stockXwidth/8,-stockYheight/8*3,0);
243 gcptmplpy #cutkeyhole_toolpath((stockZthickness), (stockZthickness), "W",
        stockYheight/8, KH_tool_num);
244 gcptmplpy
245 gcptmplpy gcp.rapidZ(retractheight)
246 gcptmplpy gcp.rapidXY(stockXwidth/4+stockXwidth/16, -(stockYheight/4+
        stockYheight/16))
247 gcptmplpy gcp.rapidZ(0)
248 gcptmplpy toolpaths = toolpaths.union(gcp.cutkeyholegdcxf(0, stockZthickness
        *0.75, "N", stockYheight/9, KH_tool_num))
249 gcptmplpy
250 gcptmplpy gcp.rapidZ(retractheight)
251 gcptmplpy gcp.rapidXY(stockXwidth/4+stockXwidth/16, -(stockYheight/4-
        stockYheight/8))
252 gcptmplpy gcp.rapidZ(0)
253 gcptmplpy toolpaths = toolpaths.union(gcp.cutkeyholegdcxf(0, stockZthickness
        *0.75, "W", stockYheight/9, KH_tool_num))
254 gcptmplpy
255 gcptmplpy gcp.rapidZ(retractheight)
256 gcptmplpy gcp.rapidXY(stockXwidth/4-stockXwidth/16, -(stockYheight/4-
        stockYheight/8))
257 gcptmplpy gcp.rapidZ(0)
258 gcptmplpy toolpaths = toolpaths.union(gcp.cutkeyholegdcxf(0, stockZthickness
        *0.75, "S", stockYheight/9, KH_tool_num))
259 gcptmplpy
260 gcptmplpy gcp.rapidZ(retractheight)
261 gcptmplpy
262 gcptmplpy #Last dxf command not being written...
263 gcptmplpy #empty = gcp.cutlinedxfgcfeed(stockXwidth/2, -(stockYheight
        /2+0.508/2), 1, feed)
264 gcptmplpy
265 gcptmplpy part = gcp.stock.difference(toolpaths)
266 gcptmplpy #part = gcp.stock.union(key)
267 gcptmplpy
268 gcptmplpy output(part)
269 gcptmplpy #output(toolpaths)
270 gcptmplpy #output(key)
271 gcptmplpy
272 gcptmplpy gcp.setzpos(retractheight)
273 gcptmplpy
274 gcptmplpy gcp.closegcodefile()
275 gcptmplpy gcp.closedxfiles()
276 gcptmplpy gcp.closedxfile()

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2.1.3 gcpdxf.py

It is also possible to use “plain” Python to create dxf files.

```

1 gcpdxfpy from gcodepreview import *
2 gcpdxfpy
3 gcpdxfpy gcp = gcodepreview(False, #generatescad
4 gcpdxfpy                        False, #generategcode
5 gcpdxfpy                        True #generatedxf
6 gcpdxfpy                        )
7 gcpdxfpy
8 gcpdxfpy Base_filename = "export"
9 gcpdxfpy large_square_tool_num = 102
10 gcpdxfpy small_square_tool_num = 0
11 gcpdxfpy large_ball_tool_num = 0
12 gcpdxfpy small_ball_tool_num = 0
13 gcpdxfpy large_V_tool_num = 0

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14 gcpdxfpy small_V_tool_num = 0
15 gcpdxfpy DT_tool_num = 0
16 gcpdxfpy KH_tool_num = 0
17 gcpdxfpy Roundover_tool_num = 0
18 gcpdxfpy MISC_tool_num = 0
19 gcpdxfpy
20 gcpdxfpy gcp.opendxfile(Base_filename)
21 gcpdxfpy gcp.opendxfiles(Base_filename,
22 gcpdxfpy large_square_tool_num,
23 gcpdxfpy small_square_tool_num,
24 gcpdxfpy large_ball_tool_num,
25 gcpdxfpy small_ball_tool_num,
26 gcpdxfpy large_V_tool_num,
27 gcpdxfpy small_V_tool_num,
28 gcpdxfpy DT_tool_num,
29 gcpdxfpy KH_tool_num,
30 gcpdxfpy Roundover_tool_num,
31 gcpdxfpy MISC_tool_num)
32 gcpdxfpy
33 gcpdxfpy gcp.dxfarc(large_square_tool_num, 88, 38, 12, 0, 90)
34 gcpdxfpy gcp.dxfarc(large_square_tool_num, 12, 38, 12, 90, 180)
35 gcpdxfpy gcp.dxfarc(large_square_tool_num, 12, 12, 12, 180, 270)
36 gcpdxfpy gcp.dxfarc(large_square_tool_num, 88, 12, 12, 270, 360)
37 gcpdxfpy
38 gcpdxfpy gcp.dxfline(large_square_tool_num, 12, 0, 88, 0)
39 gcpdxfpy gcp.dxfline(large_square_tool_num, 100, 12, 100, 38)
40 gcpdxfpy gcp.dxfline(large_square_tool_num, 88, 50, 12, 50)
41 gcpdxfpy gcp.dxfline(large_square_tool_num, 0, 38, 0, 12)
42 gcpdxfpy
43 gcpdxfpy gcp.dxfarc(large_square_tool_num, 50, 25, 12, 0, 90)
44 gcpdxfpy gcp.dxfarc(large_square_tool_num, 50, 25, 12, 90, 180)
45 gcpdxfpy gcp.dxfarc(large_square_tool_num, 50, 25, 12, 180, 270)
46 gcpdxfpy gcp.dxfarc(large_square_tool_num, 50, 25, 12, 270, 360)
47 gcpdxfpy
48 gcpdxfpy gcp.closedxfiles()
49 gcpdxfpy gcp.closedxfile()

```

2.2 Implementation files and gcodepreview class

Each file will begin with a comment indicating the file type and further notes/comments on usage where appropriate:

```

1 gcpy #!/usr/bin/env python
2 gcpy #icon "C:\Program Files\PythonSCAD\bin\openscad.exe" --trust-
   python
3 gcpy #Currently tested with 2024.09.23 and Python 3.11
4 gcpy #gcodepreview 0.7, for use with OpenPythonSCAD,
5 gcpy #if using from OpenPythonSCAD see gcodepreview.scad
6 gcpy
7 gcpy import sys
8 gcpy
9 gcpy # getting openscad functions into namespace
10 gcpy #https://github.com/gsohler/openscad/issues/39
11 gcpy try:
12 gcpy from openscad import *
13 gcpy except ModuleNotFoundError as e:
14 gcpy print("OpenSCAD module not loaded.")
15 gcpy
16 gcpy # add math functions (using radians by default, convert to degrees
   where necessary)
17 gcpy import math
18 gcpy
19 gcpy def gcpversion():
20 gcpy return 0.71

```

```

1 pyscad #!/OpenSCAD
2 pyscad
3 pyscad //gcodepreview 0.7, see gcodepreview.scad

```

```

1 gcpscad #!/OpenSCAD
2 gcpscad
3 gcpscad //gcodepreview 0.7
4 gcpscad //
5 gcpscad //used via use <gcodepreview.py>;

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6 gpcscad //          use <pygcodepreview.scad>;
7 gpcscad //          include <gcodepreview.scad>;
8 gpcscad //

```

If all functions are to be handled within Python, then they will need to be gathered into a class which contains them and which is initialized so as to define shared variables, and then there will need to be objects/commands for each aspect of the program, each of which will utilise needed variables and will contain appropriate functionality. Note that they will be divided between mandatory and optional functions/variables/objects:

- Mandatory
 - stocksetup:
 - * stockXwidth, stockYheight, stockZthickness, zeroheight, stockzero, retractheight
 - gcpfiles:
 - * basefilename, generatedxf, generategcode
 - largesquaretool:
 - * large_square_tool_num, toolradius, plunge, feed, speed
- Optional
 - smallsquaretool:
 - * small_square_tool_num, small_square_ratio
 - largeballtool:
 - * large_ball_tool_num, large_ball_ratio
 - largeVtool:
 - * large_V_tool_num, large_V_ratio
 - smallballtool:
 - * small_ball_tool_num, small_ball_ratio
 - smallVtool:
 - * small_V_tool_num, small_V_ratio
 - DTtool:
 - * DT_tool_num, DT_ratio
 - KHtool:
 - * KH_tool_num, KH_ratio
 - Roundovertool:
 - * Roundover_tool_num, RO_ratio
 - misctool:
 - * MISC_tool_num, MISC_ratio

gcodepreview The first class which is defined is *gcodepreview* which includes the `init` method which allows passing in and defining the variables which will be used by the other methods in this class.

```

17 gcpy class gcodepreview:
18 gcpy
19 gcpy     def __init__(self, #basefilename = "export",
20 gcpy         generatescad = False,
21 gcpy         generategcode = False,
22 gcpy         generatedxf = False,
23 gcpy #         stockXwidth = 25,
24 gcpy #         stockYheight = 25,
25 gcpy #         stockZthickness = 1,
26 gcpy #         zeroheight = "Top",
27 gcpy #         stockzero = "Lower-left" ,
28 gcpy #         retractheight = 6,
29 gcpy #         currenttoolnum = 102,
30 gcpy #         toolradius = 3.175,
31 gcpy #         plunge = 100,
32 gcpy #         feed = 400,
33 gcpy #         speed = 10000
34 gcpy         ):
35 gcpy #         self.basefilename = basefilename
36 gcpy         self.generatescad = generatescad
37 gcpy         self.generategcode = generategcode
38 gcpy         self.generatedxf = generatedxf
39 gcpy #         self.stockXwidth = stockXwidth
40 gcpy #         self.stockYheight = stockYheight
41 gcpy #         self.stockZthickness = stockZthickness
42 gcpy #         self.zeroheight = zeroheight

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43 gcpy #         self.stockzero = stockzero
44 gcpy #         self.retractheight = retractheight
45 gcpy #         self.currenttoolnum = currenttoolnum
46 gcpy #         self.toolradius = toolradius
47 gcpy #         self.plunge = plunge
48 gcpy #         self.feed = feed
49 gcpy #         self.speed = speed
50 gcpy #         global toolpaths
51 gcpy #         self.toolpaths = cylinder(1.5875, 12.7)
52 gcpy #         global generatedxfs
53 gcpy #         if (self.generatescad == True):
54 gcpy             self.generatedxfs = False
```

2.2.1 Output files

The gcodepreview class will write out DXF and/or G-code files.

2.2.1.1 G-code and modules and commands The G-code commands and their matching modules may include (but are not limited to):

Command/Module	G-code
opengcodefile(s)(...); setupstock(...)	(export.nc) (stockMin: -109.5, -75mm, -8.35mm) (stockMax:109.5mm, 75mm, 0.00mm) (STOCK/BLOCK, 219, 150, 8.35, 109.5, 75, 8.35) G90 G21
movetosafez()	(Move to safe Z to avoid workholding) G53G0Z-5.000
toolchange(...);	(TOOL/MILL,3.17, 0.00, 0.00, 0.00) M6T102 M03S16000
cutoneaxis_setfeed(...);	(PREPOSITION FOR RAPID PLUNGE) GOXOY0 Z0.25 G1Z0F100 G1 X109.5 Y75 Z-8.35F400 Z9
cutwithfeed(...);	
closegcodefile();	M05 M02

Conversely, the G-code commands which are supported are generated by the following modules:

G-code	Command/Module
(Design File:) (stockMin:0.00mm, -152.40mm, -34.92mm) (stockMax:109.50mm, -77.40mm, 0.00mm) (STOCK/BLOCK,109.50, 75.00, 34.92,0.00, 152.40, 34.92) G90 G21	opengcodefile(s)(...); setupstock(...)
(Move to safe Z to avoid workholding) G53G0Z-5.000	movetosafez()
(Toolpath: Contour Toolpath 1) M05 (TOOL/MILL,3.17, 0.00, 0.00, 0.00) M6T102 M03S10000	toolchange(...);
(PREPOSITION FOR RAPID PLUNGE)	writecomment(...)
G0X0.000Y-152.400 Z0.250	rapid(...) rapid(...)
G1Z-1.000F203.2 X109.500Y-77.400F508.0 X57.918Y16.302Z-0.726 Y22.023Z-1.023 X61.190Z-0.681 Y21.643 X57.681 Z12.700	cutwithfeed(...); cutwithfeed(...);
M05 M02	closegcodefile();

The implication here is that it should be possible to read in a G-code file, and for each line/ command instantiate a matching command so as to create a 3D model/preview of the file. One possible option would be to make specialized commands for movement which correspond to the various axis combinations (XYZ, XY, XZ, YZ, X, Y, Z).

2.2.1.2 DXF Elements in DXFs are represented as lines or arcs. A minimal file showing both:

```
0
SECTION
2
ENTITIES
0
LWPOLYLINE
90
2
70
0
43
0
10
-31.375
20
-34.9152
10
-31.375
20
-18.75
0
ARC
10
-54.75
20
-37.5
40
4
50
0
51
90
0
ENDSEC
0
EOF
```


The class `gcodepreview` will need additional commands for opening files

```

52 gcpy      def opengcodefile(self, basefilename = "export",
53 gcpy          currenttoolnum = 102,
54 gcpy          toolradius = 3.175,
55 gcpy          plunge = 400,
56 gcpy          feed = 1600,
57 gcpy          speed = 10000
58 gcpy      ):
59 gcpy          self.currenttoolnum = currenttoolnum
60 gcpy          self.toolradius = toolradius
61 gcpy          self.plunge = plunge
62 gcpy          self.feed = feed
63 gcpy          self.speed = speed
64 gcpy          if self.generategcode == True:
65 gcpy              self.gcodefilename = basefilename + ".nc"
66 gcpy              self.gc = open(self.gcodefilename, "w")
67 gcpy
68 gcpy      def opendxxfile(self, basefilename = "export"):
69 gcpy          self.basefilename = basefilename
70 gcpy          # global generateddxfs
71 gcpy          # global dxfclosed
72 gcpy          self.dxfclosed = False
73 gcpy          if self.generateddxf == True:
74 gcpy              self.generateddxfs = False
75 gcpy              self.dxxfilename = basefilename + ".dxf"
76 gcpy              self.dxf = open(self.dxxfilename, "w")
77 gcpy              self.dxfpreamble(-1)
78 gcpy
79 gcpy      def opendxxfiles(self, basefilename = "export",
80 gcpy          large_square_tool_num = 0,
81 gcpy          small_square_tool_num = 0,
82 gcpy          large_ball_tool_num = 0,
83 gcpy          small_ball_tool_num = 0,
84 gcpy          large_V_tool_num = 0,
85 gcpy          small_V_tool_num = 0,
86 gcpy          DT_tool_num = 0,
87 gcpy          KH_tool_num = 0,
88 gcpy          Roundover_tool_num = 0,
89 gcpy          MISC_tool_num = 0):
90 gcpy          # global generateddxfs
91 gcpy          self.basefilename = basefilename
92 gcpy          self.generateddxfs = True
93 gcpy          self.large_square_tool_num = large_square_tool_num
94 gcpy          self.small_square_tool_num = small_square_tool_num
95 gcpy          self.large_ball_tool_num = large_ball_tool_num
96 gcpy          self.small_ball_tool_num = small_ball_tool_num
97 gcpy          self.large_V_tool_num = large_V_tool_num
98 gcpy          self.small_V_tool_num = small_V_tool_num
99 gcpy          self.DT_tool_num = DT_tool_num
100 gcpy          self.KH_tool_num = KH_tool_num
101 gcpy          self.Roundover_tool_num = Roundover_tool_num
102 gcpy          self.MISC_tool_num = MISC_tool_num
103 gcpy          if self.generateddxf == True:
104 gcpy              if (large_square_tool_num > 0):
105 gcpy                  self.dxfllsqfilename = basefilename + str(
106 gcpy                      large_square_tool_num) + ".dxf"
107 gcpy                  print("Opening ", str(self.dxfllsqfilename))
108 gcpy                  self.dxfllsq = open(self.dxfllsqfilename, "w")
109 gcpy              if (small_square_tool_num > 0):
110 gcpy                  print("Opening small square")
111 gcpy                  self.dxfllsqfilename = basefilename + str(
112 gcpy                      small_square_tool_num) + ".dxf"
113 gcpy                  self.dxfllsq = open(self.dxfllsqfilename, "w")
114 gcpy              if (large_ball_tool_num > 0):
115 gcpy                  print("Opening large ball")
116 gcpy                  self.dxfllblfilename = basefilename + str(
117 gcpy                      large_ball_tool_num) + ".dxf"
118 gcpy                  self.dxfllbl = open(self.dxfllblfilename, "w")
119 gcpy              if (small_ball_tool_num > 0):
120 gcpy                  print("Opening small ball")
121 gcpy                  self.dxfllblfilename = basefilename + str(
122 gcpy                      small_ball_tool_num) + ".dxf"
123 gcpy                  self.dxfllbl = open(self.dxfllblfilename, "w")
124 gcpy              if (large_V_tool_num > 0):
125 gcpy                  print("Opening large V")
126 gcpy                  self.dxfllVfilename = basefilename + str(
127 gcpy                      large_V_tool_num) + ".dxf"
128 gcpy                  self.dxfllV = open(self.dxfllVfilename, "w")
129 gcpy              if (small_V_tool_num > 0):
130 gcpy                  print("Opening small V")
131 gcpy                  self.dxfllVfilename = basefilename + str(
132 gcpy                      small_V_tool_num) + ".dxf"
133 gcpy                  self.dxfllV = open(self.dxfllVfilename, "w")
134 gcpy              if (DT_tool_num > 0):
135 gcpy                  print("Opening DT")
136 gcpy                  self.dxfllDTfilename = basefilename + str(
137 gcpy                      DT_tool_num) + ".dxf"
138 gcpy                  self.dxfllDT = open(self.dxfllDTfilename, "w")
139 gcpy              if (KH_tool_num > 0):
140 gcpy                  print("Opening KH")
141 gcpy                  self.dxfllKHfilename = basefilename + str(
142 gcpy                      KH_tool_num) + ".dxf"
143 gcpy                  self.dxfllKH = open(self.dxfllKHfilename, "w")
144 gcpy              if (Roundover_tool_num > 0):
145 gcpy                  print("Opening Roundover")
146 gcpy                  self.dxfllROfilename = basefilename + str(
147 gcpy                      Roundover_tool_num) + ".dxf"
148 gcpy                  self.dxfllRO = open(self.dxfllROfilename, "w")
149 gcpy              if (MISC_tool_num > 0):
150 gcpy                  print("Opening MISC")
151 gcpy                  self.dxfllMISCfilename = basefilename + str(
152 gcpy                      MISC_tool_num) + ".dxf"
153 gcpy                  self.dxfllMISC = open(self.dxfllMISCfilename, "w")
154 gcpy
155 gcpy          self.generateddxfs = False
156 gcpy          self.dxfclosed = True
157 gcpy
158 gcpy      def opendxxfiles(self, basefilename = "export",
159 gcpy          large_square_tool_num = 0,
160 gcpy          small_square_tool_num = 0,
161 gcpy          large_ball_tool_num = 0,
162 gcpy          small_ball_tool_num = 0,
163 gcpy          large_V_tool_num = 0,
164 gcpy          small_V_tool_num = 0,
165 gcpy          DT_tool_num = 0,
166 gcpy          KH_tool_num = 0,
167 gcpy          Roundover_tool_num = 0,
168 gcpy          MISC_tool_num = 0):
169 gcpy          # global generateddxfs
170 gcpy          self.basefilename = basefilename
171 gcpy          self.generateddxfs = True
172 gcpy          self.large_square_tool_num = large_square_tool_num
173 gcpy          self.small_square_tool_num = small_square_tool_num
174 gcpy          self.large_ball_tool_num = large_ball_tool_num
175 gcpy          self.small_ball_tool_num = small_ball_tool_num
176 gcpy          self.large_V_tool_num = large_V_tool_num
177 gcpy          self.small_V_tool_num = small_V_tool_num
178 gcpy          self.DT_tool_num = DT_tool_num
179 gcpy          self.KH_tool_num = KH_tool_num
180 gcpy          self.Roundover_tool_num = Roundover_tool_num
181 gcpy          self.MISC_tool_num = MISC_tool_num
182 gcpy          if self.generateddxf == True:
183 gcpy              if (large_square_tool_num > 0):
184 gcpy                  self.dxfllsqfilename = basefilename + str(
185 gcpy                      large_square_tool_num) + ".dxf"
186 gcpy                  print("Opening ", str(self.dxfllsqfilename))
187 gcpy                  self.dxfllsq = open(self.dxfllsqfilename, "w")
188 gcpy              if (small_square_tool_num > 0):
189 gcpy                  print("Opening small square")
190 gcpy                  self.dxfllsqfilename = basefilename + str(
191 gcpy                      small_square_tool_num) + ".dxf"
192 gcpy                  self.dxfllsq = open(self.dxfllsqfilename, "w")
193 gcpy              if (large_ball_tool_num > 0):
194 gcpy                  print("Opening large ball")
195 gcpy                  self.dxfllblfilename = basefilename + str(
196 gcpy                      large_ball_tool_num) + ".dxf"
197 gcpy                  self.dxfllbl = open(self.dxfllblfilename, "w")
198 gcpy              if (small_ball_tool_num > 0):
199 gcpy                  print("Opening small ball")
200 gcpy                  self.dxfllblfilename = basefilename + str(
201 gcpy                      small_ball_tool_num) + ".dxf"
202 gcpy                  self.dxfllbl = open(self.dxfllblfilename, "w")
203 gcpy              if (large_V_tool_num > 0):
204 gcpy                  print("Opening large V")
205 gcpy                  self.dxfllVfilename = basefilename + str(
206 gcpy                      large_V_tool_num) + ".dxf"
207 gcpy                  self.dxfllV = open(self.dxfllVfilename, "w")
208 gcpy              if (small_V_tool_num > 0):
209 gcpy                  print("Opening small V")
210 gcpy                  self.dxfllVfilename = basefilename + str(
211 gcpy                      small_V_tool_num) + ".dxf"
212 gcpy                  self.dxfllV = open(self.dxfllVfilename, "w")
213 gcpy              if (DT_tool_num > 0):
214 gcpy                  print("Opening DT")
215 gcpy                  self.dxfllDTfilename = basefilename + str(
216 gcpy                      DT_tool_num) + ".dxf"
217 gcpy                  self.dxfllDT = open(self.dxfllDTfilename, "w")
218 gcpy              if (KH_tool_num > 0):
219 gcpy                  print("Opening KH")
220 gcpy                  self.dxfllKHfilename = basefilename + str(
221 gcpy                      KH_tool_num) + ".dxf"
222 gcpy                  self.dxfllKH = open(self.dxfllKHfilename, "w")
223 gcpy              if (Roundover_tool_num > 0):
224 gcpy                  print("Opening Roundover")
225 gcpy                  self.dxfllROfilename = basefilename + str(
226 gcpy                      Roundover_tool_num) + ".dxf"
227 gcpy                  self.dxfllRO = open(self.dxfllROfilename, "w")
228 gcpy              if (MISC_tool_num > 0):
229 gcpy                  print("Opening MISC")
230 gcpy                  self.dxfllMISCfilename = basefilename + str(
231 gcpy                      MISC_tool_num) + ".dxf"
232 gcpy                  self.dxfllMISC = open(self.dxfllMISCfilename, "w")
233 gcpy
234 gcpy          self.generateddxfs = False
235 gcpy          self.dxfclosed = True
236 gcpy
237 gcpy      def opendxxfiles(self, basefilename = "export",
238 gcpy          large_square_tool_num = 0,
239 gcpy          small_square_tool_num = 0,
240 gcpy          large_ball_tool_num = 0,
241 gcpy          small_ball_tool_num = 0,
242 gcpy          large_V_tool_num = 0,
243 gcpy          small_V_tool_num = 0,
244 gcpy          DT_tool_num = 0,
245 gcpy          KH_tool_num = 0,
246 gcpy          Roundover_tool_num = 0,
247 gcpy          MISC_tool_num = 0):
248 gcpy          # global generateddxfs
249 gcpy          self.basefilename = basefilename
250 gcpy          self.generateddxfs = True
251 gcpy          self.large_square_tool_num = large_square_tool_num
252 gcpy          self.small_square_tool_num = small_square_tool_num
253 gcpy          self.large_ball_tool_num = large_ball_tool_num
254 gcpy          self.small_ball_tool_num = small_ball_tool_num
255 gcpy          self.large_V_tool_num = large_V_tool_num
256 gcpy          self.small_V_tool_num = small_V_tool_num
257 gcpy          self.DT_tool_num = DT_tool_num
258 gcpy          self.KH_tool_num = KH_tool_num
259 gcpy          self.Roundover_tool_num = Roundover_tool_num
260 gcpy          self.MISC_tool_num = MISC_tool_num
261 gcpy          if self.generateddxf == True:
262 gcpy              if (large_square_tool_num > 0):
263 gcpy                  self.dxfllsqfilename = basefilename + str(
264 gcpy                      large_square_tool_num) + ".dxf"
265 gcpy                  print("Opening ", str(self.dxfllsqfilename))
266 gcpy                  self.dxfllsq = open(self.dxfllsqfilename, "w")
267 gcpy              if (small_square_tool_num > 0):
268 gcpy                  print("Opening small square")
269 gcpy                  self.dxfllsqfilename = basefilename + str(
270 gcpy                      small_square_tool_num) + ".dxf"
271 gcpy                  self.dxfllsq = open(self.dxfllsqfilename, "w")
272 gcpy              if (large_ball_tool_num > 0):
273 gcpy                  print("Opening large ball")
274 gcpy                  self.dxfllblfilename = basefilename + str(
275 gcpy                      large_ball_tool_num) + ".dxf"
276 gcpy                  self.dxfllbl = open(self.dxfllblfilename, "w")
277 gcpy              if (small_ball_tool_num > 0):
278 gcpy                  print("Opening small ball")
279 gcpy                  self.dxfllblfilename = basefilename + str(
280 gcpy                      small_ball_tool_num) + ".dxf"
281 gcpy                  self.dxfllbl = open(self.dxfllblfilename, "w")
282 gcpy              if (large_V_tool_num > 0):
283 gcpy                  print("Opening large V")
284 gcpy                  self.dxfllVfilename = basefilename + str(
285 gcpy                      large_V_tool_num) + ".dxf"
286 gcpy                  self.dxfllV = open(self.dxfllVfilename, "w")
287 gcpy              if (small_V_tool_num > 0):
288 gcpy                  print("Opening small V")
289 gcpy                  self.dxfllVfilename = basefilename + str(
290 gcpy                      small_V_tool_num) + ".dxf"
291 gcpy                  self.dxfllV = open(self.dxfllVfilename, "w")
292 gcpy              if (DT_tool_num > 0):
293 gcpy                  print("Opening DT")
294 gcpy                  self.dxfllDTfilename = basefilename + str(
295 gcpy                      DT_tool_num) + ".dxf"
296 gcpy                  self.dxfllDT = open(self.dxfllDTfilename, "w")
297 gcpy              if (KH_tool_num > 0):
298 g
```

```
123 gcpy          self.dxfIlgV = open(self.dxfIlgVfilename, "w")
124 gcpy          if (small_V_tool_num > 0):
125 gcpy #              print("Opening small V")
126 gcpy              self.dxfsmVfilename = basefilename + str(
                        small_V_tool_num) + ".dxf"
127 gcpy              self.dxfsmV = open(self.dxfsmVfilename, "w")
128 gcpy          if (DT_tool_num > 0):
129 gcpy #              print("Opening DT")
130 gcpy              self.dxfDTfilename = basefilename + str(DT_tool_num
                        ) + ".dxf"
131 gcpy              self.dxfDT = open(self.dxfDTfilename, "w")
132 gcpy          if (KH_tool_num > 0):
133 gcpy #              print("Opening KH")
134 gcpy              self.dxfKHfilename = basefilename + str(KH_tool_num
                        ) + ".dxf"
135 gcpy              self.dxfKH = open(self.dxfKHfilename, "w")
136 gcpy          if (Roundover_tool_num > 0):
137 gcpy #              print("Opening Rt")
138 gcpy              self.dxfRtfilename = basefilename + str(
                        Roundover_tool_num) + ".dxf"
139 gcpy              self.dxfRt = open(self.dxfRtfilename, "w")
140 gcpy          if (MISC_tool_num > 0):
141 gcpy #              print("Opening Mt")
142 gcpy              self.dxfMtfilename = basefilename + str(
                        MISC_tool_num) + ".dxf"
143 gcpy              self.dxfMt = open(self.dxfMtfilename, "w")
```

For each DXF file, there will need to be a Preamble in addition to opening the file in the file system:

```
131 gcpy          if (large_square_tool_num > 0):
132 gcpy              self.dxfpreamble(large_square_tool_num)
133 gcpy          if (small_square_tool_num > 0):
134 gcpy              self.dxfpreamble(small_square_tool_num)
135 gcpy          if (large_ball_tool_num > 0):
136 gcpy              self.dxfpreamble(large_ball_tool_num)
137 gcpy          if (small_ball_tool_num > 0):
138 gcpy              self.dxfpreamble(small_ball_tool_num)
139 gcpy          if (large_V_tool_num > 0):
140 gcpy              self.dxfpreamble(large_V_tool_num)
141 gcpy          if (small_V_tool_num > 0):
142 gcpy              self.dxfpreamble(small_V_tool_num)
143 gcpy          if (DT_tool_num > 0):
144 gcpy              self.dxfpreamble(DT_tool_num)
145 gcpy          if (KH_tool_num > 0):
146 gcpy              self.dxfpreamble(KH_tool_num)
147 gcpy          if (Roundover_tool_num > 0):
148 gcpy              self.dxfpreamble(Roundover_tool_num)
149 gcpy          if (MISC_tool_num > 0):
150 gcpy              self.dxfpreamble(MISC_tool_num)
```

Note that the commands which interact with files include checks to see if said files are being generated.

writeln The original implementation in RapSCAD used a command writeln — fortunately, this command is easily re-created in Python. Note that the dxf commands will be wrapped up with if/elif blocks which will write to additional file(s) based on tool number as set up above.

```
152 gcpy          def writegc(self, *arguments):
153 gcpy              line_to_write = ""
154 gcpy              for element in arguments:
155 gcpy                  line_to_write += element
156 gcpy              self.gc.write(line_to_write)
157 gcpy              self.gc.write("\n")
158 gcpy
159 gcpy          def writedxif(self, toolnumber, *arguments):
160 gcpy #              global dxfclosed
161 gcpy              line_to_write = ""
162 gcpy              for element in arguments:
163 gcpy                  line_to_write += element
164 gcpy              if self.generatedxif == True:
165 gcpy                  if self.dxfclosed == False:
166 gcpy                      self.dxf.write(line_to_write)
167 gcpy                      self.dxf.write("\n")
168 gcpy              if self.generatedxifs == True:
169 gcpy                  self.writedxifs(toolnumber, line_to_write)
170 gcpy
171 gcpy          def writedxifs(self, toolnumber, line_to_write):
```

```

172 gcpy #         print("Processing writing toolnumber", toolnumber)
173 gcpy #         line_to_write = ""
174 gcpy #         for element in arguments:
175 gcpy #             line_to_write += element
176 gcpy         if (toolnumber == 0):
177 gcpy             return
178 gcpy         elif self.generatedxfs == True:
179 gcpy             if (self.large_square_tool_num == toolnumber):
180 gcpy                 self.dxf_lsq.write(line_to_write)
181 gcpy                 self.dxf_lsq.write("\n")
182 gcpy             if (self.small_square_tool_num == toolnumber):
183 gcpy                 self.dxf_ssq.write(line_to_write)
184 gcpy                 self.dxf_ssq.write("\n")
185 gcpy             if (self.large_ball_tool_num == toolnumber):
186 gcpy                 self.dxf_lgb.write(line_to_write)
187 gcpy                 self.dxf_lgb.write("\n")
188 gcpy             if (self.small_ball_tool_num == toolnumber):
189 gcpy                 self.dxf_smb.write(line_to_write)
190 gcpy                 self.dxf_smb.write("\n")
191 gcpy             if (self.large_V_tool_num == toolnumber):
192 gcpy                 self.dxf_lgv.write(line_to_write)
193 gcpy                 self.dxf_lgv.write("\n")
194 gcpy             if (self.small_V_tool_num == toolnumber):
195 gcpy                 self.dxf_smv.write(line_to_write)
196 gcpy                 self.dxf_smv.write("\n")
197 gcpy             if (self.DT_tool_num == toolnumber):
198 gcpy                 self.dxf_DT.write(line_to_write)
199 gcpy                 self.dxf_DT.write("\n")
200 gcpy             if (self.KH_tool_num == toolnumber):
201 gcpy                 self.dxf_KH.write(line_to_write)
202 gcpy                 self.dxf_KH.write("\n")
203 gcpy             if (self.Roundover_tool_num == toolnumber):
204 gcpy                 self.dxf_Rt.write(line_to_write)
205 gcpy                 self.dxf_Rt.write("\n")
206 gcpy             if (self.MISC_tool_num == toolnumber):
207 gcpy                 self.dxf_Mt.write(line_to_write)
208 gcpy                 self.dxf_Mt.write("\n")

```

which commands will accept a series of arguments and then write them out to a file object for the appropriate file. Note that the DXF files for specific tools will expect that the tool numbers be set in the matching variables from the template. Further note that while it is possible to use tools which are not so defined, the toolpaths will not be written into DXF files for any tool numbers which do not match the variables from the template (but will appear in the main .dxf).

2.3 Module Naming Convention

Note that as a convention, where it is necessary for a module to coordinate between Python and OpenSCAD, in certain cases it will be necessary for there to be three separate versions: a Python definition for the manipulation of Python variables and any file routines, originally these were identified as `p<foo>`, but with the use of an object-oriented programming style and dot notation, since `vo.7` they will be identified as `gcp.foo` (where `gcp` is the identifier used to import the class); while an `o<foo>` OpenSCAD module which will wrap up the Python function call, and lastly a `<foo>` OpenSCAD module which will be `<include>`d so as to be able to make use of OpenSCAD variables.

Number will be abbreviated as `num` rather than `no`, and the short form will be used internally for variable names, while the complete word will be used in commands.

In natural languages such as English, there is an order to various parts of speech such as adjectives — since various prefixes and suffixes will be used for module names, having a consistent ordering/usage will help in consistency and make expression clearer. The ordering should be: sequence (if necessary), action, function, parameter, filetype, and where possible a hierarchy of large/general to small/specific should be maintained.

- Both prefix and suffix
 - `dxf` (action (write out dxf file), filetype)
- Prefixes
 - `write` (action) — used to write to files
 - `begin` (sequence) — note that sequencing may not be necessary, not having been used in the `o.7` re-write
 - `continue` (sequence)
 - `end` (sequence)
 - `cut` (action — create 3D object)
 - `rapid` (action — create 3D object so as to show a collision)

- open (action)
 - close (action)
 - set (action/function) — note that the matching get is implicit in functions which return variables, e.g., xpos()
 - current
- Nouns
 - arc
 - line
 - Bézier — a possible future addition, will likely be rendered bezier
- Suffixes
 - feed (parameter)
 - gcode/gc (filetype)
 - pos — position
 - tool
 - number/num — note that num is used internally for variable names, making it straightforward to ensure that functions and variables have different names for purposes of scope

Further note that commands which are implicitly for the generation of G-code, such as toolchange() will omit gc for the sake of conciseness.

In particular, this means that the basic cut... and associated commands exist (or potentially exist) in the following forms and have matching versions which may be used when programming in Python or OpenSCAD:

	line			arc		
	cut	dxfgcode		cut	dxfgcode	
cut	cutline		cutlinegc	cutarc		cutarcgc
dxfgcode	cutlinedxf	dxflinedxflinegc	linegc	cutarcdxf	dxfarcdxfarcgc	arcgc
	cutlinedxfgc			cutarcdxfgc		

Note that certain commands (dxflinegc, dxfarccgc, linegc, arccgc) are unlikely to be needed, and may not be implemented. Note that there may be additional versions as required for the convenience of notation or cutting, in particular, a set of cutarc<quadrant><direction>dxfg commands was warranted during the initial development of arc-related commands.

OpenPythonSCAD requires that the current toolpath be returned and stored in a variable (which can then be subtracted from the stock) using OpenSCAD will instead have the toolpaths output in a structure which is differenced from the declared stock.

Principles for naming modules (and variables):

- minimize use of underscores (for convenience sake, underscores are not used for index entries)
- identify which aspect of the project structure is being worked with (cut(ting), dxf, gcode, tool, etc.) and esp. note the use of o(penscad) and p(ython) as prefixes, though the latter is not necessary for definitions within the gcodepreview class which will normally be imported as gcp so that module <foo> will be called as gcp.<foo>

Structurally, when developing OpenSCAD commands which make use of Python this will typically look like:

```
The user-facing module is \DescribeRoutine{FOOBAR}

\lstset{firstnumber=\thegcpscad}
\begin{writecode}{a}{gcodepreview.scad}{scad}
module FOOBAR(...) {
    oFOOBAR(...);
}

\end{writecode}
\addtocounter{gcpscad}{4}

which calls the internal OpenSCAD Module \DescribeSubroutine{FOOBAR}{oFOOBAR}

\begin{writecode}{a}{pygcodepreview.scad}{scad}
module oFOOBAR(...) {
    pFOOBAR(...);
}
```

```
}

\end{writecode}
\addtocounter{pyscad}{4}

which in turn calls the internal Python definitioon \DescribeSubroutine{FOOBAR}{pFOOBAR}

\lstset{firstnumber=\thegcpy}
\begin{writecode}{a}{gcodepreview.py}{python}
def pFOOBAR (...)
    ...

\end{writecode}
\addtocounter{gcpy}{3}
```

Further note that this definition will not be necessary for some later modules since they are in turn calling internal modules which already use this structure.

Another consideration is that all commands which write files will check to see if a given filetype is enabled or no.

2.3.1 Initial Modules

setupstock gcodepreview gcp.setupstock

The first such routine, (actually a subroutine, see setupstock) gcodepreview will be appropriately enough, to set up the stock, and perform other initializations — initially, the only thing done in Python was to set the value of the persistent (Python) variables, but the rewritten standalone Python version does everything.

The Python code, gcp.setupstock requires that the user set parameters for stock dimensions and so forth, and will create comments in the G-code which incorporate the stock dimensions and its position relative to the zero as set relative to the stock.

```
210 gcpy      def setupstock(self, stockXwidth,
211 gcpy                      stockYheight,
212 gcpy                      stockZthickness,
213 gcpy                      zeroheight,
214 gcpy                      stockzero,
215 gcpy                      retractheight):
216 gcpy      self.stockXwidth = stockXwidth
217 gcpy      self.stockYheight = stockYheight
218 gcpy      self.stockZthickness = stockZthickness
219 gcpy      self.zeroheight = zeroheight
220 gcpy      self.stockzero = stockzero
221 gcpy      self.retractheight = retractheight
222 gcpy      # global mpx
223 gcpy      self.mpx = float(0)
224 gcpy      # global mpy
225 gcpy      self.mpy = float(0)
226 gcpy      # global mpz
227 gcpy      self.mpz = float(0)
228 gcpy      # global tpz
229 gcpy      self.tpz = float(0)
230 gcpy      # global currenttoolnum
231 gcpy      self.currenttoolnum = 102
232 gcpy      # global currenttoolshape
233 gcpy      self.currenttoolshape = cylinder(12.7, 1.5875)
234 gcpy      # global stock
235 gcpy      self.stock = cube([stockXwidth, stockYheight,
                                stockZthickness])
236 gcpy      if self.generategcode == True:
237 gcpy          self.writegc("(Design␣File:␣" + self.basefilename + ")")
                                )
```

Note that since Python in OpenPythonSCAD defers output of the 3D model, it is possible to define it once, then set up all the specifics for each possible positioning of the stock in terms of origin:

The internal variable stockzero is used in an <if then else> structure to position the 3D model of the stock and write out the G-code comment which defines it.

```
232 gcpy      if self.zeroheight == "Top":
233 gcpy          if self.stockzero == "Lower-Left":
234 gcpy              self.stock = stock.translate([0,0,-self.
                                                stockZthickness])
235 gcpy          if self.generategcode == True:
236 gcpy              self.writegc("(stockMin:0.00mm,␣0.00mm,␣-",str(
                                                self.stockZthickness),"mm)")
237 gcpy              self.writegc("(stockMax:",str(self.stockXwidth)
                                                ,"mm,␣",str(stockYheight),"mm,␣0.00mm)")
```

```

238 gcpy                self.writegc("(STOCK/BLOCK,␣",str(self.
                        stockXwidth),"␣",str(self.stockYheight),"␣
                        ",str(self.stockZthickness),"␣0.00,␣0.00,␣"
                        ,str(self.stockZthickness),")")
239 gcpy                if self.stockzero == "Center-Left":
240 gcpy                self.stock = self.stock.translate([0,-stockYheight
                        / 2,-stockZthickness])
241 gcpy                if self.generategcode == True:
242 gcpy                self.writegc("(stockMin:0.00mm,␣-",str(self.
                        stockYheight/2),"mm,␣-",str(self.
                        stockZthickness),"mm)")
243 gcpy                self.writegc("(stockMax:",str(self.stockXwidth)
                        ,"mm,␣",str(self.stockYheight/2),"mm,␣0.00mm
                        )")
244 gcpy                self.writegc("(STOCK/BLOCK,␣",str(self.
                        stockXwidth),"␣",str(self.stockYheight),"␣
                        ",str(self.stockZthickness),"␣0.00,␣",str(
                        self.stockYheight/2),"␣",str(self.
                        stockZthickness),")");
245 gcpy                if self.stockzero == "Top-Left":
246 gcpy                self.stock = self.stock.translate([0,-self.
                        stockYheight,-self.stockZthickness])
247 gcpy                if self.generategcode == True:
248 gcpy                self.writegc("(stockMin:0.00mm,␣-",str(self.
                        stockYheight),"mm,␣-",str(self.
                        stockZthickness),"mm)")
249 gcpy                self.writegc("(stockMax:",str(self.stockXwidth)
                        ,"mm,␣0.00mm,␣0.00mm)")
250 gcpy                self.writegc("(STOCK/BLOCK,␣",str(self.
                        stockXwidth),"␣",str(self.stockYheight),"␣
                        ",str(self.stockZthickness),"␣0.00,␣",str(
                        self.stockYheight),"␣",str(self.
                        stockZthickness),")")
251 gcpy                if self.stockzero == "Center":
252 gcpy                self.stock = self.stock.translate([-self.
                        stockXwidth / 2,-self.stockYheight / 2,-self.
                        stockZthickness])
253 gcpy                if self.generategcode == True:
254 gcpy                self.writegc("(stockMin:␣-",str(self.
                        stockXwidth/2),"␣-",str(self.stockYheight
                        /2),"mm,␣-",str(self.stockZthickness),"mm)")
255 gcpy                self.writegc("(stockMax:",str(self.stockXwidth
                        /2),"mm,␣",str(self.stockYheight/2),"mm,␣
                        0.00mm)")
256 gcpy                self.writegc("(STOCK/BLOCK,␣",str(self.
                        stockXwidth),"␣",str(self.stockYheight),"␣
                        ",str(self.stockZthickness),"␣",str(self.
                        stockXwidth/2),"␣", str(self.stockYheight
                        /2),"␣",str(self.stockZthickness),")")
257 gcpy                if self.zeroheight == "Bottom":
258 gcpy                if self.stockzero == "Lower-Left":
259 gcpy                self.stock = self.stock.translate([0,0,0])
260 gcpy                if self.generategcode == True:
261 gcpy                self.writegc("(stockMin:0.00mm,␣0.00mm,␣0.00mm
                        )")
262 gcpy                self.writegc("(stockMax:",str(self.stockXwidth
                        ),"mm,␣",str(self.stockYheight),"mm,␣␣",str
                        (self.stockZthickness),"mm)")
263 gcpy                self.writegc("(STOCK/BLOCK,␣",str(self.
                        stockXwidth),"␣",str(self.stockYheight),"
                        ␣",str(self.stockZthickness),"␣0.00,␣0.00,
                        ␣0.00)")
264 gcpy                if self.stockzero == "Center-Left":
265 gcpy                self.stock = self.stock.translate([0,-self.
                        stockYheight / 2,0])
266 gcpy                if self.generategcode == True:
267 gcpy                self.writegc("(stockMin:0.00mm,␣-",str(self.
                        stockYheight/2),"mm,␣0.00mm)")
268 gcpy                self.writegc("(stockMax:",str(self.stockXwidth)
                        ,"mm,␣",str(self.stockYheight/2),"mm,␣-",str
                        (self.stockZthickness),"mm)")
269 gcpy                self.writegc("(STOCK/BLOCK,␣",str(self.
                        stockXwidth),"␣",str(self.stockYheight),"␣
                        ",str(self.stockZthickness),"␣0.00,␣",str(
                        self.stockYheight/2),"␣0.00mm");
270 gcpy                if self.stockzero == "Top-Left":
271 gcpy                self.stock = self.stock.translate([0,-self.
                        stockYheight,0])

```

```
272 gcpy            if self.generategcode == True:
273 gcpy                self.wrotegc("(stockMin:0.00mm,␣-",str(self.
                        stockYheight),"mm,␣0.00mm)")
274 gcpy                self.wrotegc("(stockMax:",str(self.stockXwidth)
                        ,"mm,␣0.00mm,␣",str(self.stockZthickness),"
                        mm)")
275 gcpy                self.wrotegc("(STOCK/BLOCK,␣",str(self.
                        stockXwidth),"␣",str(self.stockYheight),"␣
                        ",str(self.stockZthickness),"␣0.00,␣",str(
                        self.stockYheight),"␣0.00)")
276 gcpy            if self.stockzero == "Center":
277 gcpy                self.stock = self.stock.translate([-self.
                        stockXwidth / 2,-self.stockYheight / 2,0])
278 gcpy            if self.generategcode == True:
279 gcpy                self.wrotegc("(stockMin:␣-",str(self.
                        stockXwidth/2),"␣-",str(self.stockYheight
                        /2),"mm,␣0.00mm)")
280 gcpy                self.wrotegc("(stockMax:",str(self.stockXwidth
                        /2),"mm,␣",str(self.stockYheight/2),"mm,␣",
                        str(self.stockZthickness),"mm)")
281 gcpy                self.wrotegc("(STOCK/BLOCK,␣",str(self.
                        stockXwidth),"␣",str(self.stockYheight),"␣
                        ",str(self.stockZthickness),"␣",str(self.
                        stockXwidth/2),"␣", str(self.stockYheight
                        /2),"␣0.00)")
282 gcpy            if self.generategcode == True:
283 gcpy                self.wrotegc("G90");
284 gcpy                self.wrotegc("G21");
```

Note that while the #102 is declared as a default tool, while it was originally necessary to call a tool change after invoking setupstock in the 2024.09.03 version of PythonSCAD this requirement went away when an update which interfered with persistently setting a variable directly was fixed.

osetupstock The intermediary OpenSCAD code, osetupstock simply calls the Python version. Note that the parameters are passed all the way down, which was initially for consistency (they were not used) in 0.8 and later, everything happens in the Python file, and the OpenSCAD code is simply a series of descriptors which simply call the Python file.

```
4 pycad module osetupstock(stockXwidth, stockYheight, stockZthickness,
                        zeroheight, stockzero) {
5 pycad     psetupstock(stockXwidth, stockYheight, stockZthickness,
                        zeroheight, stockzero);
6 pycad }

9 gcpscad module setupstock(stockXwidth, stockYheight, stockZthickness,
                        zeroheight, stockzero) {
10 gcpscad     osetupstock(stockXwidth, stockYheight, stockZthickness,
                        zeroheight, stockzero);
11 gcpscad }
```

An example usage in OpenSCAD would be:

```
difference() {
setupstock(stockXwidth, stockYheight, stockZthickness, zeroheight, stockzero);
... // Cutting commands go here
}
```

For Python, the initial 3D model is stored in the variable stock:

```
setupstock(stockXwidth, stockYheight, stockZthickness, zeroheight, stockzero)

cy = cube([1,2,stockZthickness*2])

diff = stock.difference(cy)
#output(diff)
diff.show()
```

2.3.2 Position and Variables

In modeling the machine motion and G-code it will be necessary to have the machine track several variables for machine position, current tool, and depth in toolpath. This will be done using paired functions (which will set and return the matching variable) and a matching variable, as well as additional functions for setting the matching variable(s).

The first such variables are for xyz position:

- mpx

• mpx
- mpy

• mpy
- mpz

• mpz

Similarly, for some toolpaths it will be necessary to track the depth along the Z-axis as the toolpath is cut out:

- tpz

• tpz

It will further be necessary to have a variable for the current tool:

- currenttoolnum

• currenttoolnum

Note that the currenttoolnum variable should always be used for any specification of a tool, being read in whenever a tool is to be made use of, or a parameter or aspect of the tool needs to be used in a calculation.

For each intended command it will be necessary to implement an appropriate aspect in each file. The Python file will manage the Python variables and handle things which can only be done in Python, while there will be two OpenSCAD files as noted above, one which calls the Python code (this will be used), while the other will be able to access and use OpenSCAD variables, as well as implement Customizer options (this will be included).

xpos

ypos

zpos

It will be necessary to have Python functions (xpos, ypos, and zpos) which return the current values of the machine position in Cartesian coordinates:

```
286 gcpy      def xpos(self):
287 gcpy #          global mpx
288 gcpy          return self.mpx
289 gcpy
290 gcpy      def ypos(self):
291 gcpy #          global mpy
292 gcpy          return self.mpy
293 gcpy
294 gcpy      def zpos(self):
295 gcpy #          global mpz
296 gcpy          return self.mpz
297 gcpy
298 gcpy      def tzpos(self):
299 gcpy #          global tpz
300 gcpy          return self.tpz
```

and in turn, functions which set the positions: psetxpos, psetypos, psetzpos, and psettzpos

psetxpos

psetypos

psetzpos

psettzpos

```
302 gcpy      def setxpos(self, newxpos):
303 gcpy #          global mpx
304 gcpy          self.mpx = newxpos
305 gcpy
306 gcpy      def setypos(self, newypos):
307 gcpy #          global mpy
308 gcpy          self.mpy = newypos
309 gcpy
310 gcpy      def setzpos(self, newzpos):
311 gcpy #          global mpz
312 gcpy          self.mpz = newzpos
313 gcpy
314 gcpy      def settzpos(self, newtzpos):
315 gcpy #          global tpz
316 gcpy          self.tpz = newtzpos
```

and as noted above, there will need to be matching OpenSCAD versions which will set: setxpos, setypos, setzpos, and settzpos; as well as return the value: getxpos, getypos, getzpos, and gettzpos Note that for routines where the variable is directly passed from OpenSCAD to Python it is possible to have OpenSCAD directly call the matching Python module with no need to use an intermediary OpenSCAD module.

getxpos

getypos

getzpos

gettzpos

```
8 pycad //function getxpos() = xpos();
9 pycad //function getypos() = ypos();
10 pycad //function getzpos() = zpos();
11 pycad //function gettzpos() = tzpos();
12 pycad //
13 pycad //module setxpos(newxpos) {
14 pycad //     psetxpos(newxpos);
15 pycad //}
16 pycad //
```



```
17 pycad //module setypos(newypos) {
18 pycad //     psetypos(newypos);
19 pycad //}
20 pycad //
21 pycad //module setzpos(newzpos) {
22 pycad //     psetzpos(newzpos);
23 pycad //}
24 pycad //
25 pycad //module settzpos(newtzpos) {
26 pycad //     psettzpos(newtzpos);
27 pycad //}
28 pycad //
```

oset oset while for setting all three of the variables, there is an internal OpenSCAD module:

```
102 gcpscad //module oset(ex, ey, ez) {
103 gcpscad //     setxpos(ex);
104 gcpscad //     setypos(ey);
105 gcpscad //     setzpos(ez);
106 gcpscad //}
107 gcpscad //
```

osettz and some toolpaths will require the storing and usage of an intermediate value via osettz for the Z-axis position during calculation:

```
108 gcpscad //module osettz(tz) {
109 gcpscad //     settzpos(tz);
110 gcpscad //}
111 gcpscad //
```

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currenttoolnumber Similarly Python functions and variables will be used in: currenttoolnumber (note that it is im-
settool portant to use a different name than the variable currenttoolnum and settool (it may be that the
latter will be removed) to track and set and return the current tool:

```
318 gcpy      def settool(self,tn):
319 gcpy #          global currenttoolnum
320 gcpy          self.currenttoolnum = tn
321 gcpy
322 gcpy      def currenttoolnumber(self):
323 gcpy #          global currenttoolnum
324 gcpy          return self.currenttoolnum
325 gcpy
326 gcpy      def currentroundovertoolnumber(self):
327 gcpy #          global Roundover_tool_num
328 gcpy          return self.Roundover_tool_num
```

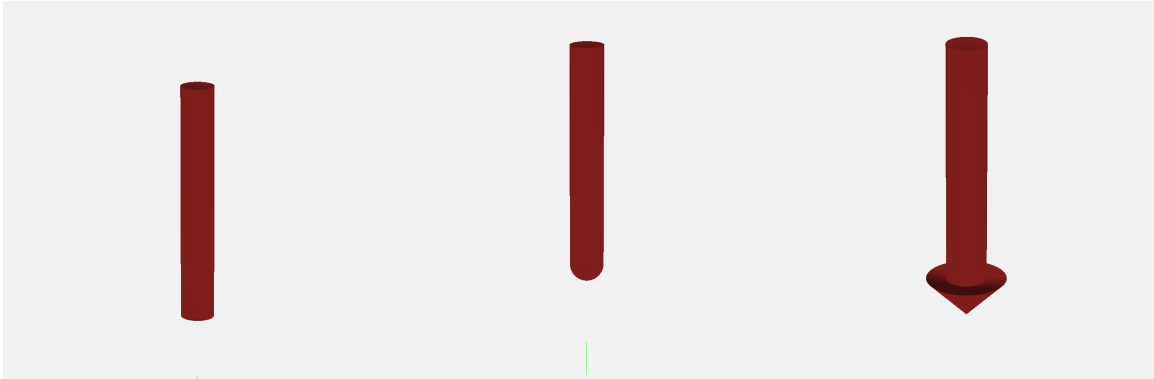
osettool and matching OpenSCAD modules: osettool and current tool set and return the current tool:
current tool

```
29 pycad module osettool(tn){
30 pycad     psettool(tn);
31 pycad }
32 pycad
33 pycad function current_tool() = pcurrent_tool();
```

2.4.1 3D Shapes for Tools

Each tool must be modeled in 3D using an OpenSCAD module.

2.4.1.1 Normal Tooling/toolshapes Most tooling has quite standard shapes and are defined by their profile:



- Square (#201 and 102) — able to cut a flat bottom, perpendicular side and right angle their simple and easily understood geometry makes them a standard choice (a radiused form with a flat bottom, often described as a “bowl bit” is not implemented as-of-yet)
- Ballnose (#202 and 101) — rounded, they are the standard choice for concave and organic shapes
- V tooling (#301, 302 and 390) — pointed at the tip, they are available in a variety of angles and diameters and may be used for decorative V carving, or for chamfering or cutting specific angles (note that the commonly available radiused form is not implemented at this time, e.g., #501 and 502)

Most tools are easily implemented with concise 3D descriptions which may be connected with a simple hull operation:

endmill square The endmill square is a simple cylinder:

```
330 gcpy      def endmill_square(self, es_diameter, es_flute_length):
331 gcpy      return cylinder(r1=(es_diameter / 2), r2=(es_diameter / 2),
                           h=es_flute_length, center = False)
```

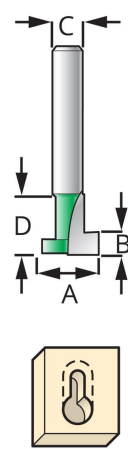
gcp endmill ball The gcp endmill ball is modeled as a hemisphere joined with a cylinder:

```
333 gcpy      def gcp_endmill_ball(self, es_diameter, es_flute_length):
334 gcpy      b = sphere(r=(es_diameter / 2))
335 gcpy      s = cylinder(r1=(es_diameter / 2), r2=(es_diameter / 2), h=
                           es_flute_length, center=False)
336 gcpy      p = union(b,s)
337 gcpy      return p.translate([0, 0, (es_diameter / 2)])
```

gcp endmill v The gcp endmill v is modeled as a cylinder with a zero width base and a second cylinder for the shaft (note that Python’s math defaults to radians, hence the need to convert from degrees):

```
339 gcpy      def gcp_endmill_v(self, es_v_angle, es_diameter):
340 gcpy      es_v_angle = math.radians(es_v_angle)
341 gcpy      v = cylinder(r1=0, r2=(es_diameter / 2), h=((es_diameter /
342 gcpy      s = cylinder(r1=(es_diameter / 2), r2=(es_diameter / 2), h=
                           ((es_diameter * 8) ), center=False)
343 gcpy      sh = s.translate([0, 0, ((es_diameter / 2) / math.tan((
                           es_v_angle / 2)))]))
344 gcpy      return union(v,sh)
```

2.4.1.2 Tooling for Keyhole Toolpaths Keyhole toolpaths (see: subsection 3.2 are intended for use with tooling which projects beyond the the narrower shaft and so will cut usefully underneath the visible surface. Also described as “undercut” tooling, but see below.
There are several notable candidates for such tooling:



Keyhole Router Bits

#	A	B	C	D
374	3/8"	1/8"	1/4"	3/8"
375	9.525mm	3.175mm	8mm	9.525mm
376	1/2"	3/16"	1/4"	1/2"
378	12.7mm	4.7625mm	8mm	12.7mm

- Keyhole tools — intended to cut slots for retaining hardware used for picture hanging, they may be used to create slots for other purposes Note that it will be necessary to model these twice, once for the shaft, the second time for the actual keyhole cutting <https://assetssc.leevalley.com/en-gb/shop/tools/power-tool-accessories/router-bits/30113-keyhole-router-bits>
- Dovetail cutters — used for the joinery of the same name, they cut a large area at the bottom which slants up to a narrower region at a defined angle
- Lollipop cutters — normally used for 3D work, as their name suggests they are essentially a (cutting) ball on a narrow stick (the tool shaft), they are mentioned here only for completeness' sake and are not (at this time) implemented
- Threadmill — used for cutting threads, normally a single form geometry is used on a CNC.

2.4.1.3 Thread mills The implementation of arcs cutting along the Z-axis raises the possibility of cutting threads using “thread mills”. See: <https://community.carbide3d.com/t/thread-milling-in-metal-on-the-shapeoko-3/5332>

gcp keyhole **2.4.1.4 Keyhole** The gcp keyhole is modeled in two parts, first the cutting base:

```
346 gcpy      def gcp_keyhole(self, es_diameter, es_flute_length):
347 gcpy      return cylinder(r1=(es_diameter / 2), r2=(es_diameter / 2),
                             h=es_flute_length, center=False)
```

and a second call for an additional cylinder for the shaft will be necessary:

```
349 gcpy      def gcp_keyhole_shaft(self, es_diameter, es_flute_length):
350 gcpy      return cylinder(r1=(es_diameter / 2), r2=(es_diameter / 2),
                             h=es_flute_length, center=False)
```

gcp dovetail The gcp dovetail is modeled as a cylinder with the differing bottom and top diameters determining the angle (though dt_angle is still required as a parameter)

```
352 gcpy      def gcp_dovetail(self, dt_bottomdiameter, dt_topdiameter,
                               dt_height, dt_angle):
353 gcpy      return cylinder(r1=(dt_bottomdiameter / 2), r2=(
                               dt_topdiameter / 2), h= dt_height, center=False)
```

2.4.1.5 Concave toolshapes While normal tooling may be represented with a single hull operation betwixt two 3D toolshapes (or four in the instance of keyhole tools), concave tooling such as roundover/radius tooling require multiple slices of the tool shape which are then hulled together. Something of this can be seen in the manual work-around for previewing them: <https://community.carbide3d.com/t/using-unsupported-tooling-in-carbide-create-roundover-cove-radius-43723>.

Because it is necessary to divide the tooling into vertical slices and call the hull operation for each slice the tool definitions are tightly coupled with the module. Note that there are two different modules, the public-facing version which includes the tool number:cutroundover

2.4.1.6 Roundover tooling It is not possible to represent all tools using tool changes as coded above which require using a hull operation between 3D representations of the tools at the beginning and end points. Tooling which cannot be so represented will be implemented separately below, see paragraph 2.4.1.5.

```
112 gpcscad module cutroundover(bx, by, bz, ex, ey, ez, radiustn) {
113 gpcscad     if (radiustn == 56125) {
114 gpcscad         cutroundovertool(bx, by, bz, ex, ey, ez, 0.508/2, 1.531);
115 gpcscad     } else if (radiustn == 56142) {
116 gpcscad         cutroundovertool(bx, by, bz, ex, ey, ez, 0.508/2, 2.921);
117 gpcscad //     } else if (radiustn == 312) {
118 gpcscad //         cutroundovertool(bx, by, bz, ex, ey, ez, 1.524/2, 3.175);
119 gpcscad     } else if (radiustn == 1570) {
120 gpcscad         cutroundovertool(bx, by, bz, ex, ey, ez, 0.507/2, 4.509);
121 gpcscad     }
122 gpcscad }
```

which then calls the actual cutroundovertool module passing in the tip radius and the radius of the rounding. Note that this module sets its quality relative to the value of \$fn.

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toolchange and apply the appropriate commands for a toolchange. Note that it is expected that this code will be updated as needed when new tooling is introduced as additional modules which require specific tooling are added below.

Note that the comments written out in G-code correspond to that used by the G-code previewing tool CutViewer (which is unfortunately, no longer readily available).

A further concern is that early versions often passed the tool into a module using a parameter. That ceased to be necessary in the 2024.09.03 version of PythonSCAD, and all modules should read the tool # from currenttoolnumber(). Note that this variable has changed names from the original currenttool which is now used to store the current tool shape (or 3D model).

It is possible that rather than hard-coding the tool definitions, a future update will instead read them in from an external file — the .csv format used for tool libraries in Carbide Create seems a likely candidate and worth exploring.

Note that there are many varieties of tooling and not all will be implemented, especially in the early versions of this project

2.4.2.1 Selecting Tools The original implementation created the model for the tool at the current position, wrapping the twain for each end of a given movement in a hull() command. This approach will not work within Python, so it will be necessary to instead assign and select the tool as part of the cutting command indirectly by first storing it in the variable currenttoolshape (if the toolshape will work with the hull command) which may be done in this module, or it will be necessary to check for the specific toolnumber in the cutline module and handle the tooling in a separate module as is currently done for roundover tooling.

```
355 gcpy     def currenttool(self):
356 gcpy #         global currenttoolshape
357 gcpy         return self.currenttoolshape
```

Note that it will also be necessary to write out a tool description compatible with the program CutViewer as a G-code comment so that it may be used as a 3D previewer for the G-code for tool changes in G-code. Several forms are available:

2.4.2.2 Square and ball nose (including tapered ball nose)

TOOL/MILL, Diameter, Corner radius, Height, Taper Angle

2.4.2.3 Roundover (corner rounding)

TOOL/CRMILL, Diameter1, Diameter2,Radius, Height, Length

Unfortunately, tools which support undercuts such as dovetails are not supported (CAMotics will work for such tooling).

```
359 gcpy     def toolchange(self,tool_number,speed):
360 gcpy #         global currenttoolshape
361 gcpy         self.currenttoolshape = self.endmill_square(0.001, 0.001)
362 gcpy
363 gcpy         self.settool(tool_number)
364 gcpy         if (self.generategcode == True):
365 gcpy             self.writegc("(Toolpath)")
366 gcpy             self.writegc("M05")
367 gcpy         if (tool_number == 201):
368 gcpy             self.writegc("(TOOL/MILL,6.35,▯0.00,▯0.00,▯0.00)")
369 gcpy             self.currenttoolshape = self.endmill_square(6.35,
370 gpy                 19.05)
371 gpy         elif (tool_number == 102):
372 gpy             self.writegc("(TOOL/MILL,3.175,▯0.00,▯0.00,▯0.00)")
```

```
372 gcpy                self.currenttoolshape = self.endmill_square(3.175,
373 gcpy                12.7)
374 gcpy                elif (tool_number == 112):
375 gcpy                self.writegc("(TOOL/MILL,1.5875,␣0.00,␣0.00,␣0.00)")
376 gcpy                self.currenttoolshape = self.endmill_square(1.5875,
377 gcpy                6.35)
378 gcpy                elif (tool_number == 122):
379 gcpy                self.writegc("(TOOL/MILL,0.79375,␣0.00,␣0.00,␣0.00)")
380 gcpy                self.currenttoolshape = self.endmill_square(0.79375,
381 gcpy                1.5875)
382 gcpy                elif (tool_number == 202):
383 gcpy                self.writegc("(TOOL/MILL,6.35,␣3.175,␣0.00,␣0.00)")
384 gcpy                self.currenttoolshape = self.gcp_endmill_ball(6.35,
385 gcpy                19.05)
386 gcpy                elif (tool_number == 101):
387 gcpy                self.writegc("(TOOL/MILL,3.175,␣1.5875,␣0.00,␣0.00)")
388 gcpy                self.currenttoolshape = self.gcp_endmill_ball(3.175,
389 gcpy                12.7)
390 gcpy                elif (tool_number == 111):
391 gcpy                self.writegc("(TOOL/MILL,1.5875,␣0.79375,␣0.00,␣0.00)")
392 gcpy                self.currenttoolshape = self.gcp_endmill_ball(1.5875,
393 gcpy                6.35)
394 gcpy                elif (tool_number == 121):
395 gcpy                self.writegc("(TOOL/MILL,3.175,␣0.79375,␣0.00,␣0.00)")
396 gcpy                self.currenttoolshape = self.gcp_endmill_ball(0.79375,
397 gcpy                1.5875)
398 gcpy                elif (tool_number == 327):
399 gcpy                self.writegc("(TOOL/MILL,0.03,␣0.00,␣13.4874,␣30.00)")
400 gcpy                self.currenttoolshape = self.gcp_endmill_v(60, 26.9748)
401 gcpy                elif (tool_number == 301):
402 gcpy                self.writegc("(TOOL/MILL,0.03,␣0.00,␣6.35,␣45.00)")
403 gcpy                self.currenttoolshape = self.gcp_endmill_v(90, 12.7)
404 gcpy                elif (tool_number == 302):
405 gcpy                self.writegc("(TOOL/MILL,0.03,␣0.00,␣10.998,␣30.00)")
406 gcpy                self.currenttoolshape = self.gcp_endmill_v(60, 12.7)
407 gcpy                elif (tool_number == 390):
408 gcpy                self.writegc("(TOOL/MILL,0.03,␣0.00,␣1.5875,␣45.00)")
409 gcpy                self.currenttoolshape = self.gcp_endmill_v(90, 3.175)
410 gcpy                elif (tool_number == 374):
411 gcpy                self.writegc("(TOOL/MILL,9.53,␣0.00,␣3.17,␣0.00)")
412 gcpy                elif (tool_number == 375):
413 gcpy                self.writegc("(TOOL/MILL,9.53,␣0.00,␣3.17,␣0.00)")
414 gcpy                elif (tool_number == 376):
415 gcpy                self.writegc("(TOOL/MILL,12.7,␣0.00,␣4.77,␣0.00)")
416 gcpy                elif (tool_number == 378):
417 gcpy                self.writegc("(TOOL/MILL,12.7,␣0.00,␣4.77,␣0.00)")
418 gcpy                elif (tool_number == 814):
419 gcpy                self.writegc("(TOOL/MILL,12.7,␣6.367,␣12.7,␣0.00)")
420 gcpy                #dt_bottomdiameter, dt_topdiameter, dt_height, dt_angle
421 gcpy                )
422 gcpy                #https://www.leevalley.com/en-us/shop/tools/power-tool-
423 gcpy                accessories/router-bits/30172-dovetail-bits?item=18
424 gcpy                J1607
425 gcpy                self.currenttoolshape = self.gcp_dovetail(12.7, 6.367,
426 gcpy                12.7, 14)
427 gcpy                elif (tool_number == 56125):#0.508/2, 1.531
428 gcpy                self.writegc("(TOOL/CRMILL,␣0.508,␣6.35,␣3.175,␣7.9375,
429 gcpy                ␣3.175)")
430 gcpy                elif (tool_number == 56142):#0.508/2, 2.921
431 gcpy                self.writegc("(TOOL/CRMILL,␣0.508,␣3.571875,␣1.5875,␣
432 gcpy                5.55625,␣1.5875)")
433 gcpy                elif (tool_number == 312):#1.524/2, 3.175
434 gcpy                self.writegc("(TOOL/CRMILL, Diameter1, Diameter2,
435 gcpy                Radius, Height, Length)")
436 gcpy                elif (tool_number == 1570):#0.507/2, 4.509
437 gcpy                self.writegc("(TOOL/CRMILL,␣0.17018,␣9.525,␣4.7625,␣
438 gcpy                12.7,␣4.7625)")
```

With the tools delineated, the module is closed out and the toolchange information written into the G-code as well as the command to start the spindle at the specified speed.

```
424 gcpy                self.writegc("M6T",str(tool_number))
425 gcpy                self.writegc("M03S",str(speed))
```

For example:

```
toolchange(small_square_tool_num,speed);
```

(the assumption is that all speed rates in a file will be the same, so as to account for the most frequent use case of a trim router with speed controlled by a dial setting)

2.4.3 tooldiameter

It will also be necessary to be able to provide the diameter of the current tool. Arguably, this would be much easier using an object-oriented programming style/dot notation.

One aspect of tool parameters which will need to be supported is shapes which create different profiles based on how deeply the tool is cutting into the surface of the material at a given point. To accommodate this, it will be necessary to either track the thickness of uncut material at any given point, or, to specify the depth of cut as a parameter which is what the initial version will implement.

tool diameter The public-facing OpenSCAD code, tool diameter simply calls the matching OpenSCAD module which wraps the Python code:

```
124 gpcscad function tool_diameter(td_tool, td_depth) = otool_diameter(td_tool,
                                td_depth);
```

otool diameter the matching OpenSCAD function, otool diameter calls the Python function:

```
35 pyscad function otool_diameter(td_tool, td_depth) = ptool_diameter(td_tool
                                , td_depth);
```

ptool diameter the Python code, ptool diameter returns appropriate values based on the specified tool number and depth:

```
427 gcpy      def tool_diameter(self, ptd_tool, ptd_depth):
428 gcpy # Square 122,112,102,201
429 gcpy      if ptd_tool == 122:
430 gcpy          return 0.79375
431 gcpy      if ptd_tool == 112:
432 gcpy          return 1.5875
433 gcpy      if ptd_tool == 102:
434 gcpy          return 3.175
435 gcpy      if ptd_tool == 201:
436 gcpy          return 6.35
437 gcpy # Ball 121,111,101,202
438 gcpy      if ptd_tool == 122:
439 gcpy          if ptd_depth > 0.396875:
440 gcpy              return 0.79375
441 gcpy          else:
442 gcpy              return ptd_tool
443 gcpy      if ptd_tool == 112:
444 gcpy          if ptd_depth > 0.79375:
445 gcpy              return 1.5875
446 gcpy          else:
447 gcpy              return ptd_tool
448 gcpy      if ptd_tool == 101:
449 gcpy          if ptd_depth > 1.5875:
450 gcpy              return 3.175
451 gcpy          else:
452 gcpy              return ptd_tool
453 gcpy      if ptd_tool == 202:
454 gcpy          if ptd_depth > 3.175:
455 gcpy              return 6.35
456 gcpy          else:
457 gcpy              return ptd_tool
458 gcpy # V 301, 302, 390
459 gcpy      if ptd_tool == 301:
460 gcpy          return ptd_tool
461 gcpy      if ptd_tool == 302:
462 gcpy          return ptd_tool
463 gcpy      if ptd_tool == 390:
464 gcpy          return ptd_tool
465 gcpy # Keyhole
466 gcpy      if ptd_tool == 374:
467 gcpy          if ptd_depth < 3.175:
468 gcpy              return 9.525
469 gcpy          else:
470 gcpy              return 6.35
471 gcpy      if ptd_tool == 375:
472 gcpy          if ptd_depth < 3.175:
473 gcpy              return 9.525
474 gcpy          else:
475 gcpy              return 8
476 gcpy      if ptd_tool == 376:
```

```
477 gcpy          if ptd_depth < 4.7625:
478 gcpy              return 12.7
479 gcpy          else:
480 gcpy              return 6.35
481 gcpy          if ptd_tool == 378:
482 gcpy              if ptd_depth < 4.7625:
483 gcpy                  return 12.7
484 gcpy              else:
485 gcpy                  return 8
486 gcpy # Dovetail
487 gcpy          if ptd_tool == 814:
488 gcpy              if ptd_depth > 12.7:
489 gcpy                  return 6.35
490 gcpy              else:
491 gcpy                  return 12.7
```

tool radius Since it is often necessary to utilise the radius of the tool, an additional command, tool radius to return this value is worthwhile:

```
493 gcpy    def tool_radius(self, ptd_tool, ptd_depth):
494 gcpy        tr = self.tool_diameter(ptd_tool, ptd_depth)/2
495 gcpy        return tr
```

(Note that where values are not fully calculated values currently the passed in tool number is returned which will need to be replaced with code which calculates the appropriate values.)

2.4.4 Feeds and Speeds

feed There are several possibilities for handling feeds and speeds. Currently, base values for feed, plunge plunge, and speed are used, which may then be adjusted using various <tooldescriptor>_ratio speed values, as an acknowledgement of the likelihood of a trim router being used as a spindle, the assumption is that the speed will remain unchanged.

One notable possibility for the future would be to load it from the .csv files used for User tool libraries in Carbide Create. Ideally, any use of such values in modules would be such that some other scheme could replace that usage with minimal editing and updating.

The tools which need to be calculated thus are those in addition to the large_square tool:

- small_square_ratio
- small_ball_ratio
- large_ball_ratio
- small_V_ratio
- large_V_ratio
- KH_ratio
- DT_ratio

2.5 OpenSCAD File Handling

popengcodefile For writing to files it will be necessary to have commands: popengcodefile, popendxffile, popendxfile popendxflgsqfile, popendxfsmsqfile, popendxflgblfile, popendxfsmblfile, popendxflgVfile, popendxflgsqfile and popendxfsmVfile. There is a separate function for each type of file, and for DXFs, there are popendxfsmsqfile multiple file instances, one for each combination of different type and size of tool which it is popendxflgblfile expected a project will work with. Each such file will be suffixed with the tool number.

Integrating G-code and DXF generation with everything else would be ideal, but will require popendxfsmblfile ensuring that each command which moves the tool creates a matching command for both files. popendxflgVfile popendxfsmVfile

```
497 gcpy #def popengcodefile(fn):
498 gcpy #     global f
499 gcpy #     f = open(fn, "w")
500 gcpy #
501 gcpy #def popendxffile(fn):
502 gcpy #     global dxf
503 gcpy #     dxf = open(fn, "w")
504 gcpy #
505 gcpy #def popendxflgblfile(fn):
506 gcpy #     global dxflgbl
507 gcpy #     dxflgbl = open(fn, "w")
508 gcpy #
509 gcpy #def popendxflgsqfile(fn):
510 gcpy #     global dxflgsq
511 gcpy #     dxflgsq = open(fn, "w")
512 gcpy #
```

```
513 gcpy #def popendxflgVfile(fn):
514 gcpy #     global dxflgV
515 gcpy #     dxflgV = open(fn, "w")
516 gcpy #
517 gcpy #def popendxfsmblfile(fn):
518 gcpy #     global dxfsmb1
519 gcpy #     dxfsmb1 = open(fn, "w")
520 gcpy #
521 gcpy #def popendxfsmsqfile(fn):
522 gcpy #     global dxfsmsq
523 gcpy #     dxfsmsq = open(fn, "w")
524 gcpy #
525 gcpy #def popendxfsmVfile(fn):
526 gcpy #     global dx fsmV
527 gcpy #     dx fsmV = open(fn, "w")
528 gcpy #
529 gcpy #def popendxfKHfile(fn):
530 gcpy #     global dx fKH
531 gcpy #     dx fKH = open(fn, "w")
532 gcpy #
533 gcpy #def popendxfDTfile(fn):
534 gcpy #     global dx fDT
535 gcpy #     dx fDT = open(fn, "w")
536 gcpy #
```

oopengcodefile

There will need to be matching OpenSCAD modules oopengcodefile, and oopendxfile, for

oopendxfile

the Python functions.

```
37 pycscad module oopengcodefile(fn) {
38 pycscad     popengcodefile(fn);
39 pycscad }
40 pycscad
41 pycscad module oopendxfile(fn) {
42 pycscad //     echo(fn);
43 pycscad     popendxfile(fn);
44 pycscad }
45 pycscad
46 pycscad module oopendxflgblfile(fn) {
47 pycscad     popendxflgblfile(fn);
48 pycscad }
49 pycscad
50 pycscad module oopendxflgsqfile(fn) {
51 pycscad     popendxflgsqfile(fn);
52 pycscad }
53 pycscad
54 pycscad module oopendxflgVfile(fn) {
55 pycscad     popendxflgVfile(fn);
56 pycscad }
57 pycscad
58 pycscad module oopendxfsmblfile(fn) {
59 pycscad     popendxfsmblfile(fn);
60 pycscad }
61 pycscad
62 pycscad module oopendxfsmsqfile(fn) {
63 pycscad //     echo(fn);
64 pycscad     popendxfsmsqfile(fn);
65 pycscad }
66 pycscad
67 pycscad module oopendxfsmVfile(fn) {
68 pycscad     popendxfsmVfile(fn);
69 pycscad }
70 pycscad
71 pycscad module oopendxfKHfile(fn) {
72 pycscad     popendxfKHfile(fn);
73 pycscad }
74 pycscad
75 pycscad module oopendxfDTfile(fn) {
76 pycscad     popendxfDTfile(fn);
77 pycscad }
```

opengcodefile

With matching OpenSCAD commands: opengcodefile

```
126 gcpscscad module opengcodefile(fn) {
127 gcpscscad if (generategcode == true) {
128 gcpscscad     oopengcodefile(fn);
129 gcpscscad //     echo(fn);
130 gcpscscad     owritecomment(fn);
```



```
131 gpcscad      }
132 gpcscad }
```

2.5.1 Writing to files

When the command to open .dxf files is called it is passed all of the variables for the various tool types/sizes, and based on a value being greater than zero, the matching file is opened, and in addition, the main DXF which is always written to is opened as well. On the gripping hand, each element which may be written to a DXF file will have a user module as well as an internal module which will be called by it so as to write to the file for the current tool. It will be necessary for the dxfwrite command to evaluate the tool number which is passed in, and to use an appropriate command or set of commands to then write out to the appropriate file for a given tool (if positive) or not do anything (if zero), and to write to the master file if a negative value is passed in (this allows the various DXF template commands to be written only once and then called at need). has a matching command each tool/size combination:

- writedxflgbl • Ball nose, large (lgbl) writedxflgbl
- writedxfsmb1 • Ball nose, small (smb1) writedxfsmb1
- writedxflgsq • Square, large (lgsq) writedxflgsq
- writedxfsmsq • Square, small (smsq) writedxfsmsq
- writedxflgV • V, large (lgV) writedxflgV
- writedx fsmV • V, small (smV) writedx fsmV
- writedx fKH • Keyhole (KH) writedx fKH
- writedx fDT • Dovetail (DT) writedx fDT

```
537 gcpy #def writedxflgbl(*arguments):
538 gcpy #     line_to_write = ""
539 gcpy #     for element in arguments:
540 gcpy #         line_to_write += element
541 gcpy #     dxflgbl.write(line_to_write)
542 gcpy #     print(line_to_write)
543 gcpy #     dxflgbl.write("\n")
544 gcpy #
545 gcpy #def writedxflgsq(*arguments):
546 gcpy #     line_to_write = ""
547 gcpy #     for element in arguments:
548 gcpy #         line_to_write += element
549 gcpy #     dxflgsq.write(line_to_write)
550 gcpy #     print(line_to_write)
551 gcpy #     dxflgsq.write("\n")
552 gcpy #
553 gcpy #def writedxflgV(*arguments):
554 gcpy #     line_to_write = ""
555 gcpy #     for element in arguments:
556 gcpy #         line_to_write += element
557 gcpy #     dxflgV.write(line_to_write)
558 gcpy #     print(line_to_write)
559 gcpy #     dxflgV.write("\n")
560 gcpy #
561 gcpy #def writedxfsmb1(*arguments):
562 gcpy #     line_to_write = ""
563 gcpy #     for element in arguments:
564 gcpy #         line_to_write += element
565 gcpy #     dxfsmb1.write(line_to_write)
566 gcpy #     print(line_to_write)
567 gcpy #     dxfsmb1.write("\n")
568 gcpy #
569 gcpy #def writedxfsmsq(*arguments):
570 gcpy #     line_to_write = ""
571 gcpy #     for element in arguments:
572 gcpy #         line_to_write += element
573 gcpy #     dxfsmsq.write(line_to_write)
574 gcpy #     print(line_to_write)
575 gcpy #     dxfsmsq.write("\n")
576 gcpy #
577 gcpy #def writedx fsmV(*arguments):
578 gcpy #     line_to_write = ""
579 gcpy #     for element in arguments:
580 gcpy #         line_to_write += element
581 gcpy #     dx fsmV.write(line_to_write)
```

```
582 gcpy #     print(line_to_write)
583 gcpy #     dxfsmV.write("\n")
584 gcpy #
585 gcpy #def writedxKH(*arguments):
586 gcpy #     line_to_write = ""
587 gcpy #     for element in arguments:
588 gcpy #         line_to_write += element
589 gcpy #     dxKH.write(line_to_write)
590 gcpy #     print(line_to_write)
591 gcpy #     dxKH.write("\n")
592 gcpy #
593 gcpy #def writedxDT(*arguments):
594 gcpy #     line_to_write = ""
595 gcpy #     for element in arguments:
596 gcpy #         line_to_write += element
597 gcpy #     dxDT.write(line_to_write)
598 gcpy #     print(line_to_write)
599 gcpy #     dxDT.write("\n")
600 gcpy #
```

owritecomment Separate OpenSCAD modules, owritecomment, dxfwriteone, dxfwritelgbl, dxfwritelgsq, dxfwriteone dxfwritelgV, dxfwritesmbl, dxfwritesmsq, and dxfwritesmV will be used for either writing out dxfwritelgbl comments in G-code (.nc) files or adding to a DXF file — for each different tool in a file there will dxfwritelgsq be a matching module to write to it.

```
dxfwritelgV
dxfwritesmbl 79 pycad module owritecomment(comment) {
dxfwritesmsq 80 pycad     writeln("(",comment,")");
dxfwritesmV 81 pycad }
82 pycad
83 pycad module dxfwriteone(first) {
84 pycad     writedxf(first);
85 pycad //     writeln(first);
86 pycad //     echo(first);
87 pycad }
88 pycad
89 pycad module dxfwritelgbl(first) {
90 pycad     writedxflgbl(first);
91 pycad }
92 pycad
93 pycad module dxfwritelgsq(first) {
94 pycad     writedxflgsq(first);
95 pycad }
96 pycad
97 pycad module dxfwritelgV(first) {
98 pycad     writedxflgV(first);
99 pycad }
100 pycad
101 pycad module dxfwritesmbl(first) {
102 pycad     writedxfsmbl(first);
103 pycad }
104 pycad
105 pycad module dxfwritesmsq(first) {
106 pycad     writedxfsmsq(first);
107 pycad }
108 pycad
109 pycad module dxfwritesmV(first) {
110 pycad     writedxfsmV(first);
111 pycad }
112 pycad
113 pycad module dxfwriteKH(first) {
114 pycad     writedxKH(first);
115 pycad }
116 pycad
117 pycad module dxfwriteDT(first) {
118 pycad     writedxDT(first);
119 pycad }
```

Since it is not convenient to stitch together and then write out multiple elements, the most expedient thing to do is to have discrete commands for each possible number of arguments, one through thirteen, owrite...

```
121 pycad module owriteone(first) {
122 pycad     writeln(first);
123 pycad }
124 pycad
125 pycad module owritetwo(first, second) {
126 pycad     writeln(first, second);
```

```
127 pycad }
128 pycad
129 pycad module owritethree(first, second, third) {
130 pycad     writeln(first, second, third);
131 pycad }
132 pycad
133 pycad module owritefour(first, second, third, fourth) {
134 pycad     writeln(first, second, third, fourth);
135 pycad }
136 pycad
137 pycad module owritefive(first, second, third, fourth, fifth) {
138 pycad     writeln(first, second, third, fourth, fifth);
139 pycad }
140 pycad
141 pycad module owritesix(first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth) {
142 pycad     writeln(first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth);
143 pycad }
144 pycad
145 pycad module owriteseven(first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth,
146 pycad     seventh) {
147 pycad     writeln(first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh);
148 pycad }
149 pycad module owriteeight(first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth,
150 pycad     seventh,eighth) {
151 pycad     writeln(first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh,
152 pycad     eighth);
153 pycad }
154 pycad module owritenine(first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth,
155 pycad     seventh, eighth, ninth) {
156 pycad     writeln(first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh,
157 pycad     eighth, ninth);
158 pycad }
159 pycad module owriteten(first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth,
160 pycad     seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth) {
161 pycad     writeln(first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh,
162 pycad     eighth, ninth, tenth);
163 pycad }
164 pycad
165 pycad module owritetwelve(first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth,
166 pycad     seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth, eleventh, twelfth) {
167 pycad     writeln(first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh,
168 pycad     eighth, ninth, tenth, eleventh, twelfth);
169 pycad }
170 pycad module owritethirteen(first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth,
171 pycad     seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth, eleventh, twelfth, thirteenth) {
172 pycad     writeln(first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh,
173 pycad     eighth, ninth, tenth, eleventh, twelfth, thirteenth);
174 pycad }
```

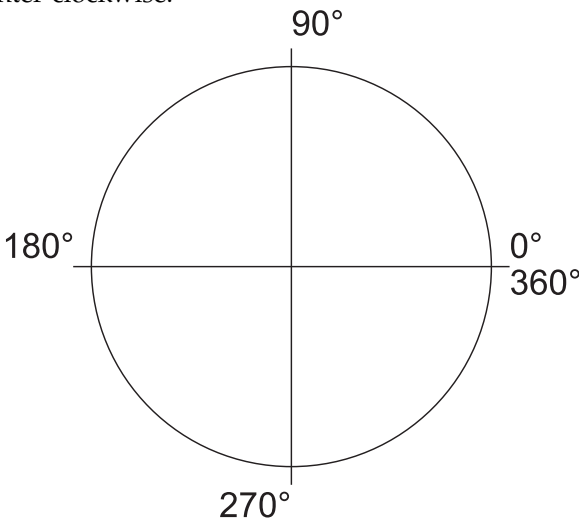
2.5.1.1 Writing to DXFs This module requires that the tool number be passed in, and after writing out dxfpreamble, that value will be used to write out to the appropriate file with a series of if statements.

```
601 gcpy def dxfpreamble(self, tn):
602 gcpy #     self.writedxf(tn,str(tn))
603 gcpy     self.writedxf(tn,"0")
604 gcpy     self.writedxf(tn,"SECTION")
605 gcpy     self.writedxf(tn,"2")
606 gcpy     self.writedxf(tn,"ENTITIES")
```

2.5.1.2 DXF Lines and Arcs There are two notable elements which may be written to a DXF:

- dxfbpl
- a line: LWPOLYLINE is one possible implementation: dxfbpl
- dxfar
- ARC — a notable option would be for the arc to close on itself, creating a circle: dxfar

DXF orders arcs counter-clockwise:



Note that arcs of greater than 90 degrees are not rendered accurately, so, for the sake of precision, they should be limited to a swing of 90 degrees or less. Further note that 4 arcs may be stitched together to make a circle:

```
dxfarc(10, 10, 5, 0, 90, small_square_tool_num);
dxfarc(10, 10, 5, 90, 180, small_square_tool_num);
dxfarc(10, 10, 5, 180, 270, small_square_tool_num);
dxfarc(10, 10, 5, 270, 360, small_square_tool_num);
```

A further refinement would be to connect multiple line segments/arcs into a larger polyline, but since most CAM tools implicitly join elements on import, that is not necessary.

There are three possible interactions for DXF elements and toolpaths:

- describe the motion of the tool
- define a perimeter of an area which will be cut by a tool
- define a centerpoint for a specialty toolpath such as Drill or Keyhole

and it is possible that multiple such elements could be instantiated for a given toolpath.

When writing out to a DXF file there is a pair of commands, a public facing command which takes in a tool number in addition to the coordinates which then writes out to the main DXF file and then calls an internal command to which repeats the call with the tool number so as to write it out to the matching file.

```
608 gcpy      def dxfline(self, tn, xbegin,ybegin,xend,yend):
609 gcpy      self.writedxf(tn,"0")
610 gcpy      self.writedxf(tn,"LWPOLYLINE")
611 gcpy      self.writedxf(tn,"90")
612 gcpy      self.writedxf(tn,"2")
613 gcpy      self.writedxf(tn,"70")
614 gcpy      self.writedxf(tn,"0")
615 gcpy      self.writedxf(tn,"43")
616 gcpy      self.writedxf(tn,"0")
617 gcpy      self.writedxf(tn,"10")
618 gcpy      self.writedxf(tn,str(xbegin))
619 gcpy      self.writedxf(tn,"20")
620 gcpy      self.writedxf(tn,str(ybegin))
621 gcpy      self.writedxf(tn,"10")
622 gcpy      self.writedxf(tn,str(xend))
623 gcpy      self.writedxf(tn,"20")
624 gcpy      self.writedxf(tn,str(yend))
```

The original implementation of polylines worked, but may be removed.

```
134 gcpscad module dxfbpl(tn,bx,by) {
135 gcpscad     dxfwrite(tn,"0");
136 gcpscad     dxfwrite(tn,"POLYLINE");
137 gcpscad     dxfwrite(tn,"8");
138 gcpscad     dxfwrite(tn,"default");
139 gcpscad     dxfwrite(tn,"66");
140 gcpscad     dxfwrite(tn,"1");
141 gcpscad     dxfwrite(tn,"70");
142 gcpscad     dxfwrite(tn,"0");
143 gcpscad     dxfwrite(tn,"0");
144 gcpscad     dxfwrite(tn,"VERTEX");
145 gcpscad     dxfwrite(tn,"8");
146 gcpscad     dxfwrite(tn,"default");
147 gcpscad     dxfwrite(tn,"70");
```

```

148 gpcscad      dxfwrite(tn,"32");
149 gpcscad      dxfwrite(tn,"10");
150 gpcscad      dxfwrite(tn,str(bx));
151 gpcscad      dxfwrite(tn,"20");
152 gpcscad      dxfwrite(tn,str(by));
153 gpcscad }
154 gpcscad
155 gpcscad module beginpolyline(bx,by,bz) {
156 gpcscad if (generatedxf == true) {
157 gpcscad      dxfwriteone("0");
158 gpcscad      dxfwriteone("POLYLINE");
159 gpcscad      dxfwriteone("8");
160 gpcscad      dxfwriteone("default");
161 gpcscad      dxfwriteone("66");
162 gpcscad      dxfwriteone("1");
163 gpcscad      dxfwriteone("70");
164 gpcscad      dxfwriteone("0");
165 gpcscad      dxfwriteone("0");
166 gpcscad      dxfwriteone("VERTEX");
167 gpcscad      dxfwriteone("8");
168 gpcscad      dxfwriteone("default");
169 gpcscad      dxfwriteone("70");
170 gpcscad      dxfwriteone("32");
171 gpcscad      dxfwriteone("10");
172 gpcscad      dxfwriteone(str(bx));
173 gpcscad      dxfwriteone("20");
174 gpcscad      dxfwriteone(str(by));
175 gpcscad      dxfbpl(current_tool(),bx,by);}
176 gpcscad }
177 gpcscad
178 gpcscad module dxfcpl(tn,bx,by) {
179 gpcscad      dxfwrite(tn,"0");
180 gpcscad      dxfwrite(tn,"VERTEX");
181 gpcscad      dxfwrite(tn,"8");
182 gpcscad      dxfwrite(tn,"default");
183 gpcscad      dxfwrite(tn,"70");
184 gpcscad      dxfwrite(tn,"32");
185 gpcscad      dxfwrite(tn,"10");
186 gpcscad      dxfwrite(tn,str(bx));
187 gpcscad      dxfwrite(tn,"20");
188 gpcscad      dxfwrite(tn,str(by));
189 gpcscad }
190 gpcscad
191 gpcscad module addpolyline(bx,by,bz) {
192 gpcscad if (generatedxf == true) {
193 gpcscad      dxfwriteone("0");
194 gpcscad      dxfwriteone("VERTEX");
195 gpcscad      dxfwriteone("8");
196 gpcscad      dxfwriteone("default");
197 gpcscad      dxfwriteone("70");
198 gpcscad      dxfwriteone("32");
199 gpcscad      dxfwriteone("10");
200 gpcscad      dxfwriteone(str(bx));
201 gpcscad      dxfwriteone("20");
202 gpcscad      dxfwriteone(str(by));
203 gpcscad      dxfcpl(current_tool(),bx,by);
204 gpcscad      }
205 gpcscad }
206 gpcscad
207 gpcscad module dxfcpl(tn) {
208 gpcscad      dxfwrite(tn,"0");
209 gpcscad      dxfwrite(tn,"SEQEND");
210 gpcscad }
211 gpcscad
212 gpcscad module closepolyline() {
213 gpcscad      if (generatedxf == true) {
214 gpcscad          dxfwriteone("0");
215 gpcscad          dxfwriteone("SEQEND");
216 gpcscad          dxfcpl(current_tool());
217 gpcscad      }
218 gpcscad }
219 gpcscad
220 gpcscad module writecomment(comment) {
221 gpcscad      if (generategcode == true) {
222 gpcscad          owritecomment(comment);
223 gpcscad      }
224 gpcscad }

```

At the end of the project it will be necessary to close each file using the commands: `pclosegcodefile`, `pclosegcodefile`, and `closedxf`file. In some instances it may be necessary to write additional `closedxf`file information, depending on the file format. Note that these commands will need to be within the `gcodepreview` class.

```
626 gcpy      def dxfpostamble(self,tn):
627 gcpy #          self.writedxf(tn,str(tn))
628 gcpy          self.writedxf(tn,"0")
629 gcpy          self.writedxf(tn,"ENDSEC")
630 gcpy          self.writedxf(tn,"0")
631 gcpy          self.writedxf(tn,"EOF")

633 gcpy      def gcodepostamble(self):
634 gcpy          self.writegc("Z12.700")
635 gcpy          self.writegc("M05")
636 gcpy          self.writegc("M02")
```

It will be necessary to call the `dxfpostamble` (with appropriate checks and trappings so as to ensure that each `dxf` file is ended and closed so as to be valid.

```
638 gcpy      def closegcodefile(self):
639 gcpy          self.gcodepostamble()
640 gcpy          self.gc.close()

642 gcpy      def closedxf(self):
643 gcpy          if self.generateddxf == True:
644 gcpy #              global dxfclosed
645 gcpy                  self.dxfclosed = True
646 gcpy                  self.dxfpostamble(-1)
647 gcpy                  self.dxf.close()

649 gcpy      def closedxf(self):
650 gcpy          if self.generateddxfs == True:
651 gcpy              if (self.large_square_tool_num > 0):
652 gcpy                  self.dxfpostamble(self.large_square_tool_num)
653 gcpy              if (self.small_square_tool_num > 0):
654 gcpy                  self.dxfpostamble(self.small_square_tool_num)
655 gcpy              if (self.large_ball_tool_num > 0):
656 gcpy                  self.dxfpostamble(self.large_ball_tool_num)
657 gcpy              if (self.small_ball_tool_num > 0):
658 gcpy                  self.dxfpostamble(self.small_ball_tool_num)
659 gcpy              if (self.large_V_tool_num > 0):
660 gcpy                  self.dxfpostamble(self.large_V_tool_num)
661 gcpy              if (self.small_V_tool_num > 0):
662 gcpy                  self.dxfpostamble(self.small_V_tool_num)
663 gcpy              if (self.DT_tool_num > 0):
664 gcpy                  self.dxfpostamble(self.DT_tool_num)
665 gcpy              if (self.KH_tool_num > 0):
666 gcpy                  self.dxfpostamble(self.KH_tool_num)
667 gcpy              if (self.Roundover_tool_num > 0):
668 gcpy                  self.dxfpostamble(self.Roundover_tool_num)
669 gcpy              if (self.MISC_tool_num > 0):
670 gcpy                  self.dxfpostamble(self.MISC_tool_num)

672 gcpy              if (self.large_square_tool_num > 0):
673 gcpy                  self.dxf.close()
674 gcpy              if (self.small_square_tool_num > 0):
675 gcpy                  self.dxf.close()
676 gcpy              if (self.large_ball_tool_num > 0):
677 gcpy                  self.dxf.close()
678 gcpy              if (self.small_ball_tool_num > 0):
679 gcpy                  self.dxf.close()
680 gcpy              if (self.large_V_tool_num > 0):
681 gcpy                  self.dxf.close()
682 gcpy              if (self.small_V_tool_num > 0):
683 gcpy                  self.dxf.close()
684 gcpy              if (self.DT_tool_num > 0):
685 gcpy                  self.dxf.close()
686 gcpy              if (self.KH_tool_num > 0):
687 gcpy                  self.dxf.close()
688 gcpy              if (self.Roundover_tool_num > 0):
689 gcpy                  self.dxf.close()
690 gcpy              if (self.MISC_tool_num > 0):
691 gcpy                  self.dxf.close()
```

In addition to the Python forms, there will need to be matching OpenSCAD commands to call them: oclosegcodefile, and oclosedxfile.

```
oclosedxfile
173 pycad module oclosegcodefile() {
174 pycad     pclosegcodefile();
175 pycad }
176 pycad
177 pycad module oclosedxfile() {
178 pycad     pclosedxfile();
179 pycad }
180 pycad
181 pycad module oclosedxflgblfile() {
182 pycad     pclosedxflgblfile();
183 pycad }
184 pycad
185 pycad module oclosedxflgsqfile() {
186 pycad     pclosedxflgsqfile();
187 pycad }
188 pycad
189 pycad module oclosedxflgVfile() {
190 pycad     pclosedxflgVfile();
191 pycad }
192 pycad
193 pycad module oclosedxfsmblfile() {
194 pycad     pclosedxfsmblfile();
195 pycad }
196 pycad
197 pycad module oclosedxfsmSqfile() {
198 pycad     pclosedxfsmSqfile();
199 pycad }
200 pycad
201 pycad module oclosedxfsmVfile() {
202 pycad     pclosedxfsmVfile();
203 pycad }
204 pycad
205 pycad module oclosedxfDTfile() {
206 pycad     pclosedxfDTfile();
207 pycad }
208 pycad
209 pycad module oclosedxfKHfile() {
210 pycad     pclosedxfKHfile();
211 pycad }
```

closecodefile The commands: closecodefile, and closedxfile are used to close the files at the end of a
closedxfile program. For efficiency, each references the command: dxftamble which when called provides
dxftamble the boilerplate needed at the end of their respective files.

```
226 gpcscad module closecodefile() {
227 gpcscad     if (generategcode == true) {
228 gpcscad         owriteone("M05");
229 gpcscad         owriteone("M02");
230 gpcscad         oclosegcodefile();
231 gpcscad     }
232 gpcscad }
233 gpcscad
234 gpcscad module dxftamble(arg) {
235 gpcscad     dxfwrite(arg,"0");
236 gpcscad     dxfwrite(arg,"ENDSEC");
237 gpcscad     dxfwrite(arg,"0");
238 gpcscad     dxfwrite(arg,"EOF");
239 gpcscad }
240 gpcscad
241 gpcscad module closedxfile() {
242 gpcscad     if (generatedxf == true) {
243 gpcscad         dxfwriteone("0");
244 gpcscad         dxfwriteone("ENDSEC");
245 gpcscad         dxfwriteone("0");
246 gpcscad         dxfwriteone("EOF");
247 gpcscad         oclosedxfile();
248 gpcscad //     echo("CLOSING");
249 gpcscad         if (large_ball_tool_num > 0) { dxftamble(
                large_ball_tool_num);
250 gpcscad             oclosedxflgblfile();
251 gpcscad         }
252 gpcscad         if (large_square_tool_num > 0) { dxftamble(
                large_square_tool_num);
253 gpcscad             oclosedxflgsqfile();
```

```
254 gpcscad      }
255 gpcscad      if (large_V_tool_num > 0) {      dxfpreamble(large_V_tool_num);
256 gpcscad      oclosedxflgVfile();
257 gpcscad      }
258 gpcscad      if (small_ball_tool_num > 0) {      dxfpreamble(
                small_ball_tool_num);
259 gpcscad      oclosedxfsmbfile();
260 gpcscad      }
261 gpcscad      if (small_square_tool_num > 0) {      dxfpreamble(
                small_square_tool_num);
262 gpcscad      oclosedxfsmsqfile();
263 gpcscad      }
264 gpcscad      if (small_V_tool_num > 0) {      dxfpreamble(small_V_tool_num);
265 gpcscad      oclosedxfsmVfile();
266 gpcscad      }
267 gpcscad      if (DT_tool_num > 0) {      dxfpreamble(DT_tool_num);
268 gpcscad      oclosedxfDTfile();
269 gpcscad      }
270 gpcscad      if (KH_tool_num > 0) {      dxfpreamble(KH_tool_num);
271 gpcscad      oclosedxfKHfile();
272 gpcscad      }
273 gpcscad      }
274 gpcscad }
```

2.6 Movement and Cutting

otm With all the scaffolding in place, it is possible to model the tool: otm, (colors the tool model so as
ocut to differentiate cut areas) and cutting: ocut, as well as Rapid movements to position the tool to
orapid begin a cut: orapid, rapid, and rapidbx which will also need to write out files which represent
rapid the desired machine motions.
rapidbx The first command needs to be a move to/from the safe Z height. In G-code this would be:

```
(Move to safe Z to avoid workholding)
G53G0Z-5.000
```

but in the 3D model, since we do not know how tall the Z-axis is, we simply move to safe height
and use that as a starting point:

```
693 gcpy      def movetosafeZ(self):
694 gcpy      #      global toolpaths
695 gcpy      self.writegc("(Move to safe Z to avoid workholding)")
696 gcpy      self.writegc("G53G0Z-5.000")
697 gcpy      self.setzpos(self.retractheight)
698 gcpy      toolpath = cylinder(1.5875,12.7)
699 gcpy      toolpath = toolpath.translate([self.xpos(),self.ypos(),self
                .zpos()])
700 gcpy      #      self.toolpaths = union([self.toolpaths, toolpath])
701 gcpy      return toolpath
```

Note that a hard-coded cylinder is used since the command will be used prior to a toolchange.
toolpaths In the future there may be a command for initializing the toolpaths so that later cut commands
may add to it.

There are three different movements in G-code which will need to be handled. Rapid com-
mands will be used for Go movements and will not appear in DXFs but will appear in G-code
files, while straight line cut (G1) and arc (G2/G3) commands will appear in both G-code and DXF
files.

```
703 gcpy      def rapid(self, ex, ey, ez):
704 gcpy      #      global toolpath
705 gcpy      #      global toolpaths
706 gcpy      self.writegc("G00X", str(ex), "Y", str(ey), "Z", str(ez)
                )
707 gcpy      start = self.currenttool()
708 gcpy      start = start.translate([self.xpos(), self.ypos(), self.
                zpos()])
709 gcpy      toolpath = hull(start, start.translate([ex,ey,ez]))
710 gcpy      self.setxpos(ex)
711 gcpy      self.setypos(ey)
712 gcpy      self.setzpos(ez)
713 gcpy      #      self.toolpaths = union([self.toolpaths, toolpath])
714 gcpy      return toolpath
```

```
716 gcpy      def rapidXY(self, ex, ey):
717 gcpy      #      global toolpath
```



```

718 gcpy #         global toolpaths
719 gcpy         self.writegc("G00_X", str(ex), "_Y", str(ey))
720 gcpy         start = self.currenttool()
721 gcpy         start = start.translate([self.xpos(), self.ypos(), self.
              zpos()])
722 gcpy         toolpath = hull(start, start.translate([ex,ey,self.zpos()])
              )
723 gcpy         self.setxpos(ex)
724 gcpy         self.setypos(ey)
725 gcpy #         self.toolpaths = union([self.toolpaths, toolpath])
726 gcpy         return toolpath

```

```

728 gcpy def rapidZ(self, ez):
729 gcpy #         global toolpath
730 gcpy #         global toolpaths
731 gcpy         self.writegc("G00_Z", str(ez))
732 gcpy         start = self.currenttool()
733 gcpy         start = start.translate([self.xpos(), self.ypos(), self.
              zpos()])
734 gcpy         toolpath = hull(start, start.translate([self.xpos(),self.
              ypos(),ez]))
735 gcpy         self.setzpos(ez)
736 gcpy #         self.toolpaths = union([self.toolpaths, toolpath])
737 gcpy         return toolpath

```

cut... The Python commands cut... add the currenttool to the toolpath hulled together at the current position and the end position of the move.

```

739 gcpy def cutline(self,ex, ey, ez):
740 gcpy #         global toolpath
741 gcpy #         global toolpaths
742 gcpy #         print("cutline tool #", self.currenttoolnumber())
743 gcpy         if (self.currenttoolnumber() == 56142):
744 gcpy #             print("cutline tool internal #", self.
currenttoolnumber())
745 gcpy             toolpath = self.cutroundovertool(self.xpos(), self.ypos
              (), self.zpos(), ex, ey, ez, 0.508/2, 1.531)
746 gcpy         elif (self.currenttoolnumber() == 56125):
747 gcpy             toolpath = self.cutroundovertool(self.xpos(), self.ypos
              (), self.zpos(), ex, ey, ez, 0.508/2, 2.921)
748 gcpy #         elif (self.currenttoolnumber() == 312):
749 gcpy #             toolpath = self.cutroundovertool(self.xpos(), self.
ypos(), self.zpos(), ex, ey, ez, 1.524/2, 3.175)
750 gcpy         elif (self.currenttoolnumber() == 1570):
751 gcpy             toolpath = self.cutroundovertool(self.xpos(), self.ypos
              (), self.zpos(), ex, ey, ez, 0.507/2, 4.509)
752 gcpy         elif (self.currenttoolnumber() == 374):
753 gcpy #             self.writegc("(TOOL/MILL,9.53, 0.00, 3.17, 0.00)")
754 gcpy             shaft = cylinder(9.525, 6.35/2, 6.35/2)
755 gcpy             shaftend = shaft
756 gcpy             shaftbegin = shaft.translate([self.xpos(), self.ypos(),
              self.zpos()])
757 gcpy             shaftpath = hull(shaftbegin, shaftend.translate([ex,ey,
              ez]))
758 gcpy             start = cylinder(3.175, 9.525/2, 9.525/2)
759 gcpy             end = start
760 gcpy             start = start.translate([self.xpos(), self.ypos(), self
              .zpos()])
761 gcpy             cutpath = hull(start, end.translate([ex,ey,ez]))
762 gcpy             toolpath = union(shaftpath, cutpath)
763 gcpy         elif (self.currenttoolnumber() == 375):
764 gcpy #             self.writegc("(TOOL/MILL,9.53, 0.00, 3.17, 0.00)")
765 gcpy             shaft = cylinder(9.525, 8/2, 8/2)
766 gcpy             shaftend = shaft
767 gcpy             shaftbegin = shaft.translate([self.xpos(), self.ypos(),
              self.zpos()])
768 gcpy             shaftpath = hull(shaftbegin, shaftend.translate([ex,ey,
              ez]))
769 gcpy             start = cylinder(3.175, 9.525/2, 9.525/2)
770 gcpy             end = start
771 gcpy             start = start.translate([self.xpos(), self.ypos(), self
              .zpos()])
772 gcpy             cutpath = hull(start, end.translate([ex,ey,ez]))
773 gcpy             toolpath = union(shaftpath, cutpath)
774 gcpy         elif (self.currenttoolnumber() == 376):
775 gcpy #             self.writegc("(TOOL/MILL,12.7, 0.00, 4.77, 0.00)")

```

```

776 gcpy          shaft = cylinder(9.525, 6.35/2, 6.35/2)
777 gcpy          shaftend = shaft
778 gcpy          shaftbegin = shaft.translate([self.xpos(), self.ypos(),
779 gcpy          self.zpos()])
780 gcpy          shaftpath = hull(shaftbegin, shaftend.translate([ex,ey,
781 gcpy          ez]))
782 gcpy          start = cylinder(3.175, 12.7/2, 12.7/2)
783 gcpy          end = start
784 gcpy          start = start.translate([self.xpos(), self.ypos(), self
785 gcpy          .zpos()])
786 gcpy          cutpath = hull(start, end.translate([ex,ey,ez]))
787 gcpy          toolpath = union(shaftpath, cutpath)
788 gcpy          elif (self.currenttoolnumber() == 378):
789 gcpy              self.writetc("TOOL/MILL,12.7, 0.00, 4.77, 0.00")
790 gcpy              shaft = cylinder(9.525, 8/2, 8/2)
791 gcpy              shaftend = shaft
792 gcpy              shaftbegin = shaft.translate([self.xpos(), self.ypos(),
793 gcpy              self.zpos()])
794 gcpy              shaftpath = hull(shaftbegin, shaftend.translate([ex,ey,
795 gcpy              ez]))
796 gcpy              start = cylinder(3.175, 12.7/2, 12.7/2)
797 gcpy              end = start
798 gcpy              start = start.translate([self.xpos(), self.ypos(), self
799 gcpy              .zpos()])
800 gcpy              cutpath = hull(start, end.translate([ex,ey,ez]))
801 gcpy              toolpath = union(shaftpath, cutpath)
802 gcpy          else:
803 gcpy              start = self.currenttool()
804 gcpy              start = start.translate([self.xpos(), self.ypos(), self
805 gcpy              .zpos()])
806 gcpy              end = self.currenttool()
807 gcpy              toolpath = hull(start, end.translate([ex,ey,ez]))
808 gcpy          self.setxpos(ex)
809 gcpy          self.setypos(ey)
810 gcpy          self.setzpos(ez)
811 gcpy          self.toolpaths = union([self.toolpaths, toolpath])
812 gcpy          return toolpath
813 gcpy
814 gcpy          def cutZgcfeed(self, ez, feed):
815 gcpy              self.writetc("G01_Z", str(ez), "F",str(feed))
816 gcpy              return self.cutline(self.xpos(),self.ypos(),ez)
817 gcpy
818 gcpy          def cutlinedxfgc(self,ex, ey, ez):
819 gcpy              self.dxfline(self.currenttoolnumber(), self.xpos(), self.
820 gcpy              ypos(), ex, ey)
821 gcpy              self.writetc("G01_X", str(ex), "Y", str(ey), "Z", str(ez)
822 gcpy              )
823 gcpy              return self.cutline(ex, ey, ez)
824 gcpy
825 gcpy          def cutlinedxfgcfeed(self,ex, ey, ez, feed):
826 gcpy              self.dxfline(self.currenttoolnumber(), self.xpos(), self.
827 gcpy              ypos(), ex, ey)
828 gcpy              self.writetc("G01_X", str(ex), "Y", str(ey), "Z", str(ez)
829 gcpy              , "F", str(feed))
830 gcpy              return self.cutline(ex, ey, ez)
831 gcpy
832 gcpy          def cutroundovertool(self, bx, by, bz, ex, ey, ez,
833 gcpy          tool_radius_tip, tool_radius_width):
834 gcpy              n = 90 + fn*3
835 gcpy              print("Tool dimensions", tool_radius_tip,
836 gcpy              tool_radius_width, "begin ",bx, by, bz,"end ", ex, ey, ez)
837 gcpy              step = 4 #360/n
838 gcpy              shaft = cylinder(step,tool_radius_tip,tool_radius_tip)
839 gcpy              toolpath = hull(shaft.translate([bx,by,bz]), shaft.
840 gcpy              translate([ex,ey,ez]))
841 gcpy              shaft = cylinder(tool_radius_width*2,tool_radius_tip+
842 gcpy              tool_radius_width,tool_radius_tip+tool_radius_width)
843 gcpy              toolpath = toolpath.union(hull(shaft.translate([bx,by,bz+
844 gcpy              tool_radius_width]), shaft.translate([ex,ey,ez+
845 gcpy              tool_radius_width])))
846 gcpy          for i in range(1, 90, 1):
847 gcpy              angle = i
848 gcpy              dx = tool_radius_width*math.cos(math.radians(angle))
849 gcpy              dxx = tool_radius_width*math.cos(math.radians(angle+1))
850 gcpy              dzz = tool_radius_width*math.sin(math.radians(angle))
851 gcpy              dz = tool_radius_width*math.sin(math.radians(angle+1))
852 gcpy              dh = abs(dzz-dz)+0.0001
853 gcpy              slice = cylinder(dh,tool_radius_tip+tool_radius_width-

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            dx,tool_radius_tip+tool_radius_width-dxx)
837 gcpy          toolpath = toolpath.union(hull(slice.translate([bx,by,
            bz+dz]), slice.translate([ex,ey,ez+dz])))
838 gcpy          return toolpath

```

```

276 gcpscad module otm(ex, ey, ez, r,g,b) {
277 gcpscad color([r,g,b]) hull(){
278 gcpscad     translate([xpos(), ypos(), zpos()]){
279 gcpscad         select_tool(current_tool());
280 gcpscad     }
281 gcpscad     translate([ex, ey, ez]){
282 gcpscad         select_tool(current_tool());
283 gcpscad     }
284 gcpscad }
285 gcpscad oset(ex, ey, ez);
286 gcpscad }
287 gcpscad
288 gcpscad module ocut(ex, ey, ez) {
289 gcpscad     //color([0.2,1,0.2]) hull(){
290 gcpscad     otm(ex, ey, ez, 0.2,1,0.2);
291 gcpscad }
292 gcpscad
293 gcpscad module orapid(ex, ey, ez) {
294 gcpscad     //color([0.93,0,0]) hull(){
295 gcpscad     otm(ex, ey, ez, 0.93,0,0);
296 gcpscad }
297 gcpscad
298 gcpscad module rapidbx(bx, by, bz, ex, ey, ez) {
299 gcpscad     //      writeln("G0 X",bx," Y", by, "Z", bz);
300 gcpscad     if (generategcode == true) {
301 gcpscad         writecomment("rapid");
302 gcpscad         owritesix("G0 X",str(ex)," Y", str(ey), " Z", str(ez));
303 gcpscad     }
304 gcpscad     orapid(ex, ey, ez);
305 gcpscad }
306 gcpscad
307 gcpscad module rapid(ex, ey, ez) {
308 gcpscad     //      writeln("G0 X",bx," Y", by, "Z", bz);
309 gcpscad     if (generategcode == true) {
310 gcpscad         writecomment("rapid");
311 gcpscad         owritesix("G0 X",str(ex)," Y", str(ey), " Z", str(ez));
312 gcpscad     }
313 gcpscad     orapid(ex, ey, ez);
314 gcpscad }
315 gcpscad
316 gcpscad module movetosafez() {
317 gcpscad     //this should be move to retract height
318 gcpscad     if (generategcode == true) {
319 gcpscad         writecomment("Move to safe Z to avoid workholding");
320 gcpscad         writeone("G53G0Z-5.000");
321 gcpscad     }
322 gcpscad     orapid(getxpos(), getypos(), retractheight+55);
323 gcpscad }
324 gcpscad
325 gcpscad module begintoolpath(bx,by,bz) {
326 gcpscad     if (generategcode == true) {
327 gcpscad         writecomment("PREPOSITION FOR RAPID PLUNGE");
328 gcpscad         owritetwo("G0X", str(bx), "Y",str(by));
329 gcpscad         owritetwo("Z", str(bz));
330 gcpscad     }
331 gcpscad     orapid(bx,by,bz);
332 gcpscad }
333 gcpscad
334 gcpscad module movetosafeheight() {
335 gcpscad     //this should be move to machine position
336 gcpscad     if (generategcode == true) {
337 gcpscad         //      writecomment("PREPOSITION FOR RAPID PLUNGE");Z25.650
338 gcpscad         //G1Z24.663F381.0 ,"F",str(plunge)
339 gcpscad         if (zeroheight == "Top") {
340 gcpscad             owritetwo("Z",str(retractheight));
341 gcpscad         }
342 gcpscad     }
343 gcpscad     orapid(getxpos(), getypos(), retractheight+55);
344 gcpscad }
345 gcpscad
346 gcpscad module cutoneaxis_setfeed(axis,depth,feed) {
347 gcpscad     if (generategcode == true) {

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348 gcpcscad //      writecomment("PREPOSITION FOR RAPID PLUNGE");Z25.650
349 gcpcscad //G1Z24.663F381.0 ,"F",str(plunge) G1Z7.612F381.0
350 gcpcscad   if (zeroheight == "Top") {
351 gcpcscad     owritefive("G1",axis,str(depth),"F",str(feed));
352 gcpcscad   }
353 gcpcscad }
354 gcpcscad if (axis == "X") {setxpos(depth);
355 gcpcscad   ocut(depth, getypos(), getzpos());}
356 gcpcscad   if (axis == "Y") {setypos(depth);
357 gcpcscad     ocut(getxpos(), depth, getzpos());
358 gcpcscad   }
359 gcpcscad     if (axis == "Z") {setzpos(depth);
360 gcpcscad       ocut(getxpos(), getypos(), depth);
361 gcpcscad     }
362 gcpcscad }
363 gcpcscad
364 gcpcscad module cut(ex, ey, ez) {
365 gcpcscad   //      writeln("G0 X",bx," Y", by, "Z", bz);
366 gcpcscad   if (generategcode == true) {
367 gcpcscad     owritesix("G1 X",str(ex)," Y", str(ey), " Z", str(ez));
368 gcpcscad   }
369 gcpcscad   //if (generatesvg == true) {
370 gcpcscad   //      owritesix("G1 X",str(ex)," Y", str(ey), " Z", str(ez));
371 gcpcscad   //      orapid(getxpos(), getypos(), retractheight+5);
372 gcpcscad   //      writesvgline(getxpos(),getypos(),ex,ey);
373 gcpcscad   //}
374 gcpcscad   ocut(ex, ey, ez);
375 gcpcscad }
376 gcpcscad
377 gcpcscad module cutwithfeed(ex, ey, ez, feed) {
378 gcpcscad   //      writeln("G0 X",bx," Y", by, "Z", bz);
379 gcpcscad   if (generategcode == true) {
380 gcpcscad     //      writecomment("rapid");
381 gcpcscad     owriteeight("G1 X",str(ex)," Y", str(ey), " Z", str(ez),"F",str
      (feed));
382 gcpcscad   }
383 gcpcscad   ocut(ex, ey, ez);
384 gcpcscad }
385 gcpcscad
386 gcpcscad module endtoolpath() {
387 gcpcscad   if (generategcode == true) {
388 gcpcscad     //Z31.750
389 gcpcscad     //      owriteone("G53G0Z-5.000");
390 gcpcscad     owritetwo("Z",str(retractheight));
391 gcpcscad   }
392 gcpcscad   orapid(getxpos(),getypos(),retractheight);
393 gcpcscad }

```

3 Cutting shapes, cut2Dshapes, and expansion

Certain basic shapes (arcs, circles, rectangles), will be incorporated in the main code. Other shapes will be added to the additional/optional file, cut2Dshapes.scad as they are developed, and of course the user is free to develop their own systems.

It is most expedient to test out new features in a new/separate file insofar as the file structures will allow (tool definitions for example will need to be consolidated in 2.4.2) which will need to be included in the projects which will make use of said features until such time as they are added into the main gcodepreview.scad file.

A basic requirement for two-dimensional regions will be to define them so as to cut them out. Two different geometric treatments will be necessary: modeling the geometry which defines the region to be cut out (output as a DXF); and modeling the movement of the tool, the toolpath which will be used in creating the 3D model and outputting the G-code.

In the TUG presentation/paper: <http://tug.org/TUGboat/tb40-2/tb125adams-3d.pdf> a list of 2D shapes was put forward — which of these will need to be created, or if some more general solution will be put forward is uncertain. For the time being, shapes will be implemented on an as-needed basis, as modified by the interaction with the requirements of toolpaths.

The program Carbide Create has toolpath types and options which are as follows:

- Contour — No Offset — the default, this is already supported in the existing code
- Contour — Outside Offset
- Contour — Inside Offset
- Pocket — such toolpaths/geometry should include the rounding of the tool at the corners, c.f., cutrectangledxf

- 0
 - circle
 - ellipse (oval) (requires some sort of non-arc curve)
 - * egg-shaped
 - annulus (one circle within another, forming a ring)
 - superellipse (see astroid below)
- 1
 - cone with rounded end (arc)see also “sector” under 3 below
- 2
 - semicircle/circular/half-circle segment (arc and a straight line); see also sector below
 - arch—curve possibly smoothly joining a pair of straight lines with a flat bottom
 - lens/vesica piscis (two convex curves)
 - lune/crescent (one convex, one concave curve)
 - heart (two curves)
 - tomoe (comma shape)—non-arc curves
- 3
 - triangle
 - * equilateral
 - * isosceles
 - * right triangle
 - * scalene
 - (circular) sector (two straight edges, one convex arc)
 - * quadrant (90°)
 - * sextants (60°)
 - * octants (45°)
 - deltoid curve (three concave arcs)
 - Reuleaux triangle (three convex arcs)
 - arbelos (one convex, two concave arcs)
 - two straight edges, one concave arc—an example is the hyperbolic sector¹
 - two convex, one concave arc
- 4
 - rectangle (including square) — `cutrectanglexf`, `cutoutrectanglexf`, `rectangleoutlinedxf`
 - parallelogram
 - rhombus
 - trapezoid/trapezium
 - kite
 - ring/annulus segment (straight line, concave arc, straight line, convex arc)
 - astroid (four concave arcs)
 - salinon (four semicircles)
 - three straight lines and one concave arc

Is the list of shapes for which there are not widely known names interesting for its lack of notoriety?

- two straight edges, one concave arcoddly, an asymmetric form (hyperbolic sector) has a name, but not the symmetrical—while the colloquial/prosaic arrowhead was considered, it was rejected as being better applied to the shape below. (Its also the shape used for the spaceship in the game Asteroids (or Hyperspace), but that is potentially confusing with astroid.) At the conference, Dr. Knuth suggested dart as a suitable term.
- two convex, one concave arcwith the above named, the term arrowhead is freed up to use as the name for this shape.
- three straight lines and one concave arc.

The first in particular is sorely needed for this project (its the result of inscribing a circle in a square or other regular geometric shape). Do these shapes have names in any other languages which might be used instead?

- Drill — note that this is implemented as the plunging of a tool centered on a circle and normally that circle is the same diameter as the tool which is used.
- Keyhole — also beginning from a circle, a nice feature for this would be to include/model the areas which should be cleared for the sake of reducing wear on the tool and ensuring chip clearance

Some further considerations:

- relationship of geometry to toolpath — arguably there should be an option for each toolpath (we will use Carbide Create as a reference implementation) which is to be supported. Note that there are several possibilities: modeling the tool movement, describing the outline which the tool will cut, modeling a reference shape for the toolpath
- tool geometry — it should be possible to include support for specialty tooling such as dovetail cutters and to get an accurate 3D model, esp. for tooling which undercuts since they cannot be modeled in Carbide Create.
- feeds and speeds — if outputting G-code it would be nice to be able to import feeds and speeds from external files such as the .csv files used for user tool libraries in Carbide Create
- Starting and Max Depth — are there CAD programs which will make use of Z-axis information in a DXF? — would it be possible/necessary to further differentiate the DXF geometry? (currently written out separately for each toolpath in addition to one combined file)

3.1 Arcs for toolpaths and DXFs

A further consideration here is that G-code supports arcs in addition to the lines and polylines already implemented.

Implementing arcs wants at least the following options for quadrant and direction:

- cutarcNWCW — cut the upper-left quadrant of a circle moving clockwise
- cutarcNWCC — upper-left quadrant counter-clockwise
- cutarcNECW
- cutarcNECC
- cutarcSECW
- cutarcSECC
- cutarcNECW
- cutarcNECC
- cutcircleCW — while it wont matter for generating a DXF, when G-code is implemented direction of cut will be a consideration for that
- cutcircleCCdx

It will be necessary to have two separate representations of arcs — the DXF may be easily and directly supported with a single command, but representing the matching tool movement in OpenSCAD will require a series of short line movements which approximate the arc. At this time, the current version of Carbide Create only imports circles in DXF as curves, any other example is converted into polylines — unfortunately, the implementation of this is not such as would allow directly matching that representation. A work-around to import a DXF as curves is to convert the arc into a reasonable number of line segments so as to approximate the arc.

Note that there are the following representations/interfaces for representing an arc:

- G-code — G2 (clockwise) and G3 (counter-clockwise) arcs may be specified, and since the endpoint is the positional requirement, it is most likely best to use the offset to the center (I and J), rather than the radius parameter (K) G2/3 ...
- DXF — `dxfarc(xcenter, ycenter, radius, anglebegin, endangle, tn)`
- approximation of arc using lines (OpenSCAD) — note that this may also be used in DXF so as to sidestep the question of how many line segments there would be for a given arc representation

Cutting the quadrant arcs will greatly simplify the calculation and interface for the modules. A full set of 8 will be necessary, then circles may either be stitched together manually or a pair of modules made for them.

At this time, despite what the module names imply (`cutarcNWCWdx`, &c.), only cutting and DXF generation is supported. Adding support for G-code will be done at a later time. Since these modules will ultimately support G-code, the interface will assume the stored `xpos` and `ypos` as the origin. Parameters which will need to be passed in are:

- tn
- ex
- ey
- ez — allowing a different Z position will make possible threading and similar helical tool-paths
- xcenter — the center position will be specified as an absolute position which will require calculating the offset when it is used for G-code’s IJ, for which xctr/yctr are suggested
- ycenter
- radius — while this could be calculated, passing it in as a parameter is both convenient and acts as a check on the other parameters

Since OpenSCAD does not have an arc movement command it is necessary to iterate through a loop: `arcloop` (clockwise), `narcloop` (counterclockwise) to handle the drawing and processing of the `cut()` toolpaths as short line segments which additionally affords a single point of control for adding additional features such as allowing the depth to vary as one cuts along an arc. Note that the definition matches the DXF definition of defining the center position with a matching radius, but it will be necessary to move the tool to the actual origin, and to calculate the end position when writing out a G2/G3 arc.

```
840 gcpy      def arcloop(self, barc, earc, xcenter, ycenter, radius):
841 gcpy #          global toolpath
842 gcpy          toolpath = self.currenttool()
843 gcpy          toolpath = toolpath.translate([self.xpos(),self.ypos(),self
            .zpos()])
844 gcpy          i = barc
845 gcpy          while i < earc:
846 gcpy              toolpath = toolpath.union(self.cutline(xcenter + radius
                    * math.cos(math.radians(i)), ycenter + radius *
                    math.sin(math.radians(i)), self.zpos()-(self.tzpos()
                    )))
847 gcpy              self.setxpos(xcenter + radius * math.cos(math.radians(i)
                    ))
848 gcpy              self.setypos(ycenter + radius * math.sin(math.radians(i)
                    ))
849 gcpy              i += 1
850 gcpy #          self.dxfarc(self.currenttoolnumber(), xcenter, ycenter,
            radius, barc, earc)
851 gcpy          return toolpath
852 gcpy
853 gcpy      def narcloop(barc,earc, xcenter, ycenter, radius):
854 gcpy #          global toolpath
855 gcpy          toolpath = self.currenttool()
856 gcpy          toolpath = toolpath.translate([self.xpos(),self.ypos(),self
            .zpos()])
857 gcpy          i = barc
858 gcpy          while i > earc:
859 gcpy              toolpath = toolpath.union(self.cutline(xcenter + radius
                    * math.cos(math.radians(i)), ycenter + radius *
                    math.sin(math.radians(i)), self.zpos()-(self.tzpos()
                    )))
860 gcpy              self.setxpos(xcenter + radius * math.cos(math.radians(i)
                    ))
861 gcpy              self.setypos(ycenter + radius * math.sin(math.radians(i)
                    ))
862 gcpy #          print(str(self.xpos()), str(self.ypos()))
863 gcpy              i += -1
864 gcpy #          self.dxfarc(self.currenttoolnumber(), xcenter, ycenter,
            radius, barc, earc)
865 gcpy          return toolpath
```

There are specific commands for writing out the DXF and G-code files. Note that for the G-code version it will be necessary to calculate the end-position.

```
867 gcpy      def dxfarc(self, tn, xcenter, ycenter, radius, anglebegin,
            endangle):
868 gcpy          if (self.generatedxf == True):
869 gcpy              self.writedxf(tn, "0")
870 gcpy              self.writedxf(tn, "ARC")
871 gcpy              self.writedxf(tn, "10")
872 gcpy              self.writedxf(tn, str(xcenter))
873 gcpy              self.writedxf(tn, "20")
874 gcpy              self.writedxf(tn, str(ycenter))
```

```

875 gcpy          self.writedxf(tn, "40")
876 gcpy          self.writedxf(tn, str(radius))
877 gcpy          self.writedxf(tn, "50")
878 gcpy          self.writedxf(tn, str(anglebegin))
879 gcpy          self.writedxf(tn, "51")
880 gcpy          self.writedxf(tn, str(endangle))
881 gcpy
882 gcpy          def gcodearc(self, xcenter, ycenter, radius, anglebegin,
endangle, tn):
883 gcpy              if (self.generategcode == True):
884 gcpy                  self.writegc(tn, "(0)")

```

The various textual versions are quite obvious, and due to the requirements of G-code, it is easiest to include the G-code in them if it is wanted.

```

886 gcpy          def cutarcNECCdxf(self, ex, ey, ez, xcenter, ycenter, radius):
887 gcpy          #              global toolpath
888 gcpy              toolpath = self.currenttool()
889 gcpy              toolpath = toolpath.translate([self.xpos(),self.ypos(),self
.zpos()])
890 gcpy              self.dxfarc(self.currenttoolnumber(), xcenter,ycenter,
radius,0,90)
891 gcpy              if (self.zpos == ez):
892 gcpy                  self.settzpos(0)
893 gcpy              else:
894 gcpy                  self.settzpos((self.zpos()-ez)/90)
895 gcpy              toolpath = self.arcloop(1,90, xcenter, ycenter, radius)
896 gcpy              self.setxpos(ex)
897 gcpy              self.setypos(ey)
898 gcpy              self.setzpos(ez)
899 gcpy              return toolpath
900 gcpy
901 gcpy          def cutarcNWCCdxf(self, ex, ey, ez, xcenter, ycenter, radius):
902 gcpy          #              global toolpath
903 gcpy              toolpath = self.currenttool()
904 gcpy              toolpath = toolpath.translate([self.xpos(),self.ypos(),self
.zpos()])
905 gcpy              self.dxfarc(self.currenttoolnumber(), xcenter,ycenter,
radius,90,180)
906 gcpy              if (self.zpos == ez):
907 gcpy                  self.settzpos(0)
908 gcpy              else:
909 gcpy                  self.settzpos((self.zpos()-ez)/90)
910 gcpy              toolpath = self.arcloop(91,180, xcenter, ycenter, radius)
911 gcpy              self.setxpos(ex)
912 gcpy              self.setypos(ey)
913 gcpy              self.setzpos(ez)
914 gcpy              return toolpath
915 gcpy
916 gcpy          def cutarcSWCCdxf(self, ex, ey, ez, xcenter, ycenter, radius):
917 gcpy          #              global toolpath
918 gcpy              toolpath = self.currenttool()
919 gcpy              toolpath = toolpath.translate([self.xpos(),self.ypos(),self
.zpos()])
920 gcpy              self.dxfarc(self.currenttoolnumber(), xcenter,ycenter,
radius,180,270)
921 gcpy              if (self.zpos == ez):
922 gcpy                  self.settzpos(0)
923 gcpy              else:
924 gcpy                  self.settzpos((self.zpos()-ez)/90)
925 gcpy              toolpath = self.arcloop(181,270, xcenter, ycenter, radius)
926 gcpy              self.setxpos(ex)
927 gcpy              self.setypos(ey)
928 gcpy              self.setzpos(ez)
929 gcpy              return toolpath
930 gcpy
931 gcpy          def cutarcSECCdxf(self, ex, ey, ez, xcenter, ycenter, radius):
932 gcpy          #              global toolpath
933 gcpy              toolpath = self.currenttool()
934 gcpy              toolpath = toolpath.translate([self.xpos(),self.ypos(),self
.zpos()])
935 gcpy              self.dxfarc(self.currenttoolnumber(), xcenter,ycenter,
radius,270,360)
936 gcpy              if (self.zpos == ez):
937 gcpy                  self.settzpos(0)
938 gcpy              else:
939 gcpy                  self.settzpos((self.zpos()-ez)/90)
940 gcpy              toolpath = self.arcloop(271,360, xcenter, ycenter, radius)

```



```

941 gcpy          self.setxpos(ex)
942 gcpy          self.setypos(ey)
943 gcpy          self.setzpos(ez)
944 gcpy          return toolpath
945 gcpy
946 gcpy          def cutarcNECWdxf(self, ex, ey, ez, xcenter, ycenter, radius):
947 gcpy          #          global toolpath
948 gcpy          toolpath = self.currentttool()
949 gcpy          toolpath = toolpath.translate([self.xpos(),self.ypos(),self
          .zpos()])
950 gcpy          self.dxfarc(self.currenttoolnumber(), xcenter,ycenter,
          radius,0,90)
951 gcpy          if (self.zpos == ez):
952 gcpy              self.settzpos(0)
953 gcpy          else:
954 gcpy              self.settzpos((self.zpos()-ez)/90)
955 gcpy          toolpath = self.narcloop(89,0, xcenter, ycenter, radius)
956 gcpy          self.setxpos(ex)
957 gcpy          self.setypos(ey)
958 gcpy          self.setzpos(ez)
959 gcpy          return toolpath
960 gcpy
961 gcpy          def cutarcSECWdxf(self, ex, ey, ez, xcenter, ycenter, radius):
962 gcpy          #          global toolpath
963 gcpy          toolpath = self.currentttool()
964 gcpy          toolpath = toolpath.translate([self.xpos(),self.ypos(),self
          .zpos()])
965 gcpy          self.dxfarc(self.currenttoolnumber(), xcenter,ycenter,
          radius,270,360)
966 gcpy          if (self.zpos == ez):
967 gcpy              self.settzpos(0)
968 gcpy          else:
969 gcpy              self.settzpos((self.zpos()-ez)/90)
970 gcpy          toolpath = self.narcloop(359,270, xcenter, ycenter, radius)
971 gcpy          self.setxpos(ex)
972 gcpy          self.setypos(ey)
973 gcpy          self.setzpos(ez)
974 gcpy          return toolpath
975 gcpy
976 gcpy          def cutarcSWCWdxf(self, ex, ey, ez, xcenter, ycenter, radius):
977 gcpy          #          global toolpath
978 gcpy          toolpath = self.currentttool()
979 gcpy          toolpath = toolpath.translate([self.xpos(),self.ypos(),self
          .zpos()])
980 gcpy          self.dxfarc(self.currenttoolnumber(), xcenter,ycenter,
          radius,180,270)
981 gcpy          if (self.zpos == ez):
982 gcpy              self.settzpos(0)
983 gcpy          else:
984 gcpy              self.settzpos((self.zpos()-ez)/90)
985 gcpy          toolpath = self.narcloop(269,180, xcenter, ycenter, radius)
986 gcpy          self.setxpos(ex)
987 gcpy          self.setypos(ey)
988 gcpy          self.setzpos(ez)
989 gcpy          return toolpath
990 gcpy
991 gcpy          def cutarcNWCWdxf(self, ex, ey, ez, xcenter, ycenter, radius):
992 gcpy          #          global toolpath
993 gcpy          toolpath = self.currentttool()
994 gcpy          toolpath = toolpath.translate([self.xpos(),self.ypos(),self
          .zpos()])
995 gcpy          self.dxfarc(self.currenttoolnumber(), xcenter,ycenter,
          radius,90,180)
996 gcpy          if (self.zpos == ez):
997 gcpy              self.settzpos(0)
998 gcpy          else:
999 gcpy              self.settzpos((self.zpos()-ez)/90)
1000 gcpy          toolpath = self.narcloop(179,90, xcenter, ycenter, radius)
1001 gcpy          self.setxpos(ex)
1002 gcpy          self.setypos(ey)
1003 gcpy          self.setzpos(ez)
1004 gcpy          return toolpath

```

Using such commands to create a circle is quite straight-forward:

```

cutarcNECCdxf(-stockXwidth/4, stockYheight/4+stockYheight/16, -stockZthickness, -stockXwidth/4, stockYh
cutarcNWCCdxf(-(stockXwidth/4+stockYheight/16), stockYheight/4, -stockZthickness, -stockXwidth/4, stock
cutarcSWCCdxf(-stockXwidth/4, stockYheight/4-stockYheight/16, -stockZthickness, -stockXwidth/4, stockYh
cutarcSECCdxf(-(stockXwidth/4-stockYheight/16), stockYheight/4, -stockZthickness, -stockXwidth/4, stock

```

```
1006 gcpy      def arcCCgc(self, ex, ey, ez, xcenter, ycenter, radius):
1007 gcpy          self.writegc("G03_X", str(ex), "Y", str(ey), "Z", str(ez)
                        , "R", str(radius))

1008 gcpy
1009 gcpy      def arcCWgc(self, ex, ey, ez, xcenter, ycenter, radius):
1010 gcpy          self.writegc("G02_X", str(ex), "Y", str(ey), "Z", str(ez)
                        , "R", str(radius))
```

The above commands may be called if G-code is also wanted with writing out G-code added:

```
1012 gcpy      def cutarcNECCdxfgc(self, ex, ey, ez, xcenter, ycenter, radius)
1013 gcpy          :
1014 gcpy          self.arcCCgc(ex, ey, ez, xcenter, ycenter, radius)
1015 gcpy          return self.cutarcNECCdx(f(ex, ey, ez, xcenter, ycenter,
1016 gcpy              radius)

1017 gcpy      def cutarcNWCCdxfgc(self, ex, ey, ez, xcenter, ycenter, radius)
1018 gcpy          :
1019 gcpy          self.arcCCgc(ex, ey, ez, xcenter, ycenter, radius)
1020 gcpy          return self.cutarcNWCCdx(f(ex, ey, ez, xcenter, ycenter,
1021 gcpy              radius)

1022 gcpy      def cutarcSWCCdxfgc(self, ex, ey, ez, xcenter, ycenter, radius)
1023 gcpy          :
1024 gcpy          self.arcCCgc(ex, ey, ez, xcenter, ycenter, radius)
1025 gcpy          return self.cutarcSWCCdx(f(ex, ey, ez, xcenter, ycenter,
1026 gcpy              radius)

1027 gcpy      def cutarcSECCdxfgc(self, ex, ey, ez, xcenter, ycenter, radius)
1028 gcpy          :
1029 gcpy          self.arcCCgc(ex, ey, ez, xcenter, ycenter, radius)
1030 gcpy          return self.cutarcSECCdx(f(ex, ey, ez, xcenter, ycenter,
1031 gcpy              radius)

1032 gcpy      def cutarcNECWdxfgc(self, ex, ey, ez, xcenter, ycenter, radius)
1033 gcpy          :
1034 gcpy          self.arcCWgc(ex, ey, ez, xcenter, ycenter, radius)
1035 gcpy          return self.cutarcNECWdx(f(ex, ey, ez, xcenter, ycenter,
1036 gcpy              radius)

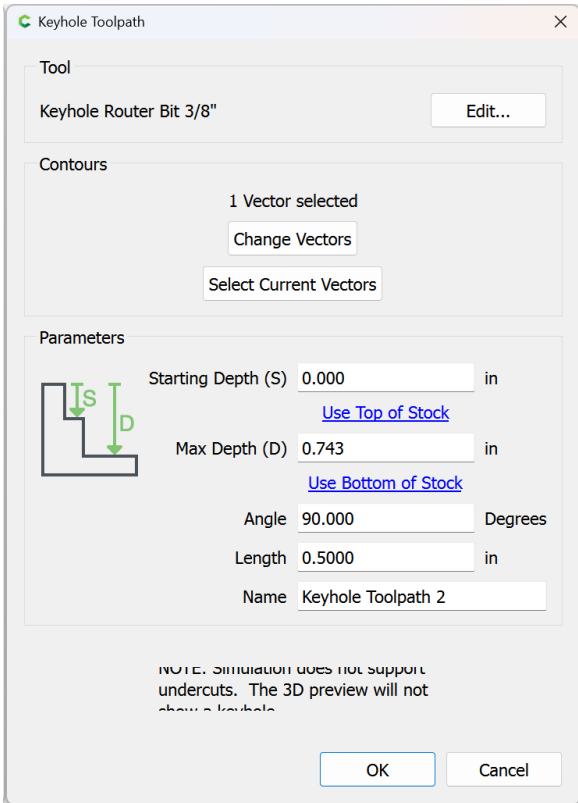
1037 gcpy      def cutarcNWCWdxfgc(self, ex, ey, ez, xcenter, ycenter, radius)
1038 gcpy          :
1039 gcpy          self.arcCWgc(ex, ey, ez, xcenter, ycenter, radius)
1040 gcpy          return self.cutarcNWCWdx(f(ex, ey, ez, xcenter, ycenter,
1041 gcpy              radius)

1042 gcpy          return self.cutarcNWCWdx(f(ex, ey, ez, xcenter, ycenter,
1043 gcpy              radius)
```

3.2 Keyhole toolpath and undercut tooling

cutkeyhole toolpath The first topologically unusual toolpath is cutkeyhole toolpath — where other toolpaths have a direct correspondence between the associated geometry and the area cut, that Keyhole toolpaths may be used with tooling which undercuts will result in the creation of two different physical regions: the visible surface matching the union of the tool perimeter at the entry point and the linear movement of the shaft and the larger region of the tool perimeter at the depth which the tool is plunged to and moved along.

Tooling for such toolpaths is defined at paragraph 2.4.1.2
The interface which is being modeled is that of Carbide Create:



Hence the parameters:

- Starting Depth == kh_start_depth
- Max Depth == kh_max_depth
- Angle == kht_direction
- Length == kh_distance
- Tool == kh_tool_num

Due to the possibility of rotation, for the in-between positions there are more cases than one would think for each quadrant there are the following possibilities:

- one node on the clockwise side is outside of the quadrant
- two nodes on the clockwise side are outside of the quadrant
- all nodes are w/in the quadrant
- one node on the counter-clockwise side is outside of the quadrant
- two nodes on the counter-clockwise side are outside of the quadrant

Supporting all of these would require trigonometric comparisons in the If else blocks, so only the 4 quadrants, N, S, E, and W will be supported in the initial version. This will be done by wrapping the command with a version which only accepts those options:

```
1044 gcpy      def cutkeyholegdcxf(self, kh_start_depth, kh_max_depth,
1045 gcpy          kht_direction, kh_distance, kh_tool_num):
1046 gcpy          if (kht_direction == "N"):
1047 gcpy              toolpath = self.cutKHgdcxf(kh_start_depth, kh_max_depth
1048 gcpy                  , 90, kh_distance, kh_tool_num)
1049 gcpy              return toolpath
1050 gcpy          elif (kht_direction == "S"):
1051 gcpy              toolpath = self.cutKHgdcxf(kh_start_depth, kh_max_depth
1052 gcpy                  , 270, kh_distance, kh_tool_num)
1053 gcpy              return toolpath
1054 gcpy          elif (kht_direction == "E"):
1055 gcpy              toolpath = self.cutKHgdcxf(kh_start_depth, kh_max_depth
1056 gcpy                  , 0, kh_distance, kh_tool_num)
1057 gcpy              return toolpath
1058 gcpy          elif (kht_direction == "W"):
1059 gcpy              toolpath = self.cutKHgdcxf(kh_start_depth, kh_max_depth
1060 gcpy                  , 180, kh_distance, kh_tool_num)
1061 gcpy              return toolpath
```

cutKHgdcxf The original version of the command, cutKHgdcxf retains an interface which allows calling it for arbitrary beginning and ending points of an arc. Note that code is still present for the partial calculation of one quadrant (for the case of all nodes within the quadrant).
The first task is to place a circle at the origin which is invariant of angle:

```

1058 gcpy      def cutKHgcdxf(self, kh_start_depth, kh_max_depth, kh_angle,
                        kh_distance, kh_tool_num):
1059 gcpy          oXpos = self.xpos()
1060 gcpy          oYpos = self.ypos()
1061 gcpy      #Circle at entry hole
1062 gcpy      #      def dxfarc(self, xcenter, ycenter, radius, anglebegin,
                        endangle, tn):
1063 gcpy      #          print(self.tool_radius(kh_tool_num, 7))
1064 gcpy          self.dxfarc(kh_tool_num, self.xpos(),self.ypos(),self.
                        tool_radius(kh_tool_num, 7), 0, 90)
1065 gcpy          self.dxfarc(kh_tool_num, self.xpos(),self.ypos(),self.
                        tool_radius(kh_tool_num, 7), 90,180)
1066 gcpy          self.dxfarc(kh_tool_num, self.xpos(),self.ypos(),self.
                        tool_radius(kh_tool_num, 7),180,270)
1067 gcpy          self.dxfarc(kh_tool_num, self.xpos(),self.ypos(),self.
                        tool_radius(kh_tool_num, 7),270,360)
1068 gcpy          toolpath = self.cutline(self.xpos(), self.ypos(), -
                        kh_max_depth)

```

Then it will be necessary to test for each possible case in a series of If Else blocks:

```

1070 gcpy      #pre-calculate needed values
1071 gcpy          r = self.tool_radius(kh_tool_num, 7)
1072 gcpy      #          print(r)
1073 gcpy          rt = self.tool_radius(kh_tool_num, 1)
1074 gcpy      #          print(rt)
1075 gcpy          ro = math.sqrt((self.tool_radius(kh_tool_num, 1))**2-(self.
                        tool_radius(kh_tool_num, 7))**2)
1076 gcpy      #          print(ro)
1077 gcpy          angle = math.degrees(math.acos(ro/rt))
1078 gcpy      #Outlines of entry hole and slot
1079 gcpy          if (kh_angle == 0):
1080 gcpy      #Lower left of entry hole
1081 gcpy          self.dxfarc(kh_tool_num, self.xpos(),self.ypos(),self.
                        tool_radius(kh_tool_num, 1),180,270)
1082 gcpy      #Upper left of entry hole
1083 gcpy          self.dxfarc(kh_tool_num, self.xpos(),self.ypos(),self.
                        tool_radius(kh_tool_num, 1),90,180)
1084 gcpy      #Upper right of entry hole
1085 gcpy      #          self.dxfarc(kh_tool_num, self.xpos(), self.ypos(), rt,
                        41.810, 90)
1086 gcpy          self.dxfarc(kh_tool_num, self.xpos(), self.ypos(), rt,
                        angle, 90)
1087 gcpy      #Lower right of entry hole
1088 gcpy          self.dxfarc(kh_tool_num, self.xpos(), self.ypos(), rt,
                        270, 360-angle)
1089 gcpy      #          self.dxfarc(kh_tool_num, self.xpos(),self.ypos(),self.
                        tool_radius(kh_tool_num, 1),270, 270+math.acos(math.radians(self.
                        .tool_diameter(kh_tool_num, 5)/self.tool_diameter(kh_tool_num,
                        1))))
1090 gcpy      #Actual line of cut
1091 gcpy      #          self.dxfline(kh_tool_num, self.xpos(),self.ypos(),self.
                        .xpos()+kh_distance,self.ypos())
1092 gcpy      #upper right of end of slot (kh_max_depth+4.36))/2
1093 gcpy          self.dxfarc(kh_tool_num, self.xpos()+kh_distance,self.
                        ypos(),self.tool_diameter(kh_tool_num, (kh_max_depth
                        +4.36))/2,0,90)
1094 gcpy      #lower right of end of slot
1095 gcpy          self.dxfarc(kh_tool_num, self.xpos()+kh_distance,self.
                        ypos(),self.tool_diameter(kh_tool_num, (kh_max_depth
                        +4.36))/2,270,360)
1096 gcpy      #upper right slot
1097 gcpy          self.dxfline(kh_tool_num, self.xpos()+ro, self.ypos()-(
                        self.tool_diameter(kh_tool_num,7)/2), self.xpos()+
                        kh_distance, self.ypos()-(self.tool_diameter(
                        kh_tool_num,7)/2))
1098 gcpy      #          self.dxfline(kh_tool_num, self.xpos()+(sqrt((self.
                        tool_diameter(kh_tool_num,1)^2)-(self.tool_diameter(kh_tool_num
                        ,5)^2))/2), self.ypos()+self.tool_diameter(kh_tool_num, (
                        kh_max_depth))/2, ((kh_max_depth-6.34))/2)^2-(self.
                        tool_diameter(kh_tool_num, (kh_max_depth-6.34))/2)^2, self.xpos
                        ()+kh_distance, self.ypos()+self.tool_diameter(kh_tool_num, (
                        kh_max_depth))/2, kh_tool_num)
1099 gcpy      #end position at top of slot
1100 gcpy      #lower right slot
1101 gcpy          self.dxfline(kh_tool_num, self.xpos()+ro, self.ypos()+(
                        self.tool_diameter(kh_tool_num,7)/2), self.xpos()+

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```

        kh_distance, self.ypos()+(self.tool_diameter(
            kh_tool_num,7)/2))
1102 gcpy #         dxflines(kh_tool_num, self.xpos()+(sqrt((self.tool_diameter
            (kh_tool_num,1)^2)-(self.tool_diameter(kh_tool_num,5)^2))/2),
            self.ypos()-self.tool_diameter(kh_tool_num, (kh_max_depth))/2, (
            (kh_max_depth-6.34))/2)^2-(self.tool_diameter(kh_tool_num, (
            kh_max_depth-6.34))/2)^2, self.xpos()+kh_distance, self.ypos()-
            self.tool_diameter(kh_tool_num, (kh_max_depth))/2, KH_tool_num)
1103 gcpy #end position at top of slot
1104 gcpy #         hull(){
1105 gcpy #             translate([xpos(), ypos(), zpos()]){
1106 gcpy #                 gcp_keyhole_shaft(6.35, 9.525);
1107 gcpy #             }
1108 gcpy #             translate([xpos(), ypos(), zpos()-kh_max_depth]){
1109 gcpy #                 gcp_keyhole_shaft(6.35, 9.525);
1110 gcpy #             }
1111 gcpy #         }
1112 gcpy #         hull(){
1113 gcpy #             translate([xpos(), ypos(), zpos()-kh_max_depth]){
1114 gcpy #                 gcp_keyhole_shaft(6.35, 9.525);
1115 gcpy #             }
1116 gcpy #             translate([xpos()+kh_distance, ypos(), zpos()-kh_max_depth])
            {
1117 gcpy #                 gcp_keyhole_shaft(6.35, 9.525);
1118 gcpy #             }
1119 gcpy #         }
1120 gcpy #         cutwithfeed(getxpos(),getypos(),-kh_max_depth,feed);
1121 gcpy #         cutwithfeed(getxpos()+kh_distance,getypos(),-kh_max_depth,feed
            );
1122 gcpy #         setxpos(getxpos()-kh_distance);
1123 gcpy #     } else if (kh_angle > 0 && kh_angle < 90) {
1124 gcpy #         //echo(kh_angle);
1125 gcpy #         dxffarc(getxpos(),getypos(),tool_diameter(KH_tool_num, (
            kh_max_depth))/2,90+kh_angle,180+kh_angle, KH_tool_num);
1126 gcpy #         dxffarc(getxpos(),getypos(),tool_diameter(KH_tool_num, (
            kh_max_depth))/2,180+kh_angle,270+kh_angle, KH_tool_num);
1127 gcpy #         dxffarc(getxpos(),getypos(),tool_diameter(KH_tool_num, (
            kh_max_depth))/2,kh_angle+asin((tool_diameter(KH_tool_num, (
            kh_max_depth+4.36))/2)/(tool_diameter(KH_tool_num, (kh_max_depth
            ))/2)),90+kh_angle, KH_tool_num);
1128 gcpy #         dxffarc(getxpos(),getypos(),tool_diameter(KH_tool_num, (
            kh_max_depth))/2,270+kh_angle,360+kh_angle-asin((tool_diameter(
            KH_tool_num, (kh_max_depth+4.36))/2)/(tool_diameter(KH_tool_num,
            (kh_max_depth))/2)), KH_tool_num);
1129 gcpy #         dxffarc(getxpos()+(kh_distance*cos(kh_angle)),
1130 gcpy #             getypos()+(kh_distance*sin(kh_angle)),tool_diameter(KH_tool_num,
            (kh_max_depth+4.36))/2,0+kh_angle,90+kh_angle, KH_tool_num);
1131 gcpy #         dxffarc(getxpos()+(kh_distance*cos(kh_angle)),getypos()+(
            kh_distance*sin(kh_angle)),tool_diameter(KH_tool_num, (
            kh_max_depth+4.36))/2,270+kh_angle,360+kh_angle, KH_tool_num);
1132 gcpy #         dxflines( getxpos()+tool_diameter(KH_tool_num, (kh_max_depth))/2*
            cos(kh_angle+asin((tool_diameter(KH_tool_num, (kh_max_depth
            +4.36))/2)/(tool_diameter(KH_tool_num, (kh_max_depth))/2))),
1133 gcpy #             getypos()+tool_diameter(KH_tool_num, (kh_max_depth))/2*sin(
            kh_angle+asin((tool_diameter(KH_tool_num, (kh_max_depth+4.36))
            /2)/(tool_diameter(KH_tool_num, (kh_max_depth))/2))),
1134 gcpy #             getxpos()+(kh_distance*cos(kh_angle))-((tool_diameter(KH_tool_num
            , (kh_max_depth+4.36))/2)*sin(kh_angle)),
1135 gcpy #             getypos()+(kh_distance*sin(kh_angle))+((tool_diameter(KH_tool_num
            , (kh_max_depth+4.36))/2)*cos(kh_angle)), KH_tool_num);
1136 gcpy #         //echo("a",tool_diameter(KH_tool_num, (kh_max_depth+4.36))/2);
1137 gcpy #         //echo("c",tool_diameter(KH_tool_num, (kh_max_depth))/2);
1138 gcpy #         echo("Angle",asin((tool_diameter(KH_tool_num, (kh_max_depth+4.36)
            )/2)/(tool_diameter(KH_tool_num, (kh_max_depth))/2)));
1139 gcpy #         //echo(kh_angle);
1140 gcpy #         cutwithfeed(getxpos()+(kh_distance*cos(kh_angle)),getypos()+(
            kh_distance*sin(kh_angle)),-kh_max_depth,feed);
1141 gcpy         toolpath = toolpath.union(self.cutline(self.xpos()+
            kh_distance, self.ypos(), -kh_max_depth))
1142 gcpy         elif (kh_angle == 90):
1143 gcpy #Lower left of entry hole
1144 gcpy         self.dxfarc(kh_tool_num, self.xpos(),self.ypos(),self.
            tool_radius(kh_tool_num, 1),180,270)
1145 gcpy #Lower right of entry hole
1146 gcpy         self.dxfarc(kh_tool_num, self.xpos(),self.ypos(),self.
            tool_radius(kh_tool_num, 1),270,360)
1147 gcpy #left slot
1148 gcpy         self.dxfline(kh_tool_num, self.xpos()-r, self.ypos()+ro

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        , self.xpos()-r, self.ypos()+kh_distance)
1149 gcpy #right slot
1150 gcpy          self.dxfline(kh_tool_num, self.xpos()+r, self.ypos()+ro
        , self.xpos()+r, self.ypos()+kh_distance)
1151 gcpy #upper left of end of slot
1152 gcpy          self.dxfarc(kh_tool_num, self.xpos(),self.ypos()+
        kh_distance,r,90,180)
1153 gcpy #upper right of end of slot
1154 gcpy          self.dxfarc(kh_tool_num, self.xpos(),self.ypos()+
        kh_distance,r,0,90)
1155 gcpy #Upper right of entry hole
1156 gcpy          self.dxfarc(kh_tool_num, self.xpos(), self.ypos(), rt,
        0, 90-angle)
1157 gcpy #Upper left of entry hole
1158 gcpy          self.dxfarc(kh_tool_num, self.xpos(), self.ypos(), rt,
        90+angle, 180)
1159 gcpy          toolpath = toolpath.union(self.cutline(self.xpos(),
        self.ypos()+kh_distance, -kh_max_depth))
1160 gcpy          elif (kh_angle == 180):
1161 gcpy #Lower right of entry hole
1162 gcpy          self.dxfarc(kh_tool_num, self.xpos(),self.ypos(),self.
        tool_radius(kh_tool_num, 1),270,360)
1163 gcpy #Upper right of entry hole
1164 gcpy          self.dxfarc(kh_tool_num, self.xpos(),self.ypos(),self.
        tool_radius(kh_tool_num, 1),0,90)
1165 gcpy #Upper left of entry hole
1166 gcpy          self.dxfarc(kh_tool_num, self.xpos(), self.ypos(), rt,
        90, 180-angle)
1167 gcpy #Lower left of entry hole
1168 gcpy          self.dxfarc(kh_tool_num, self.xpos(), self.ypos(), rt,
        180+angle, 270)
1169 gcpy #upper slot
1170 gcpy          self.dxfline(kh_tool_num, self.xpos()-ro, self.ypos()-r
        , self.xpos()-kh_distance, self.ypos()-r)
1171 gcpy #lower slot
1172 gcpy          self.dxfline(kh_tool_num, self.xpos()-ro, self.ypos()+r
        , self.xpos()-kh_distance, self.ypos()+r)
1173 gcpy #upper left of end of slot
1174 gcpy          self.dxfarc(kh_tool_num, self.xpos()-kh_distance,self.
        ypos(),r,90,180)
1175 gcpy #lower left of end of slot
1176 gcpy          self.dxfarc(kh_tool_num, self.xpos()-kh_distance,self.
        ypos(),r,180,270)
1177 gcpy          toolpath = toolpath.union(self.cutline(self.xpos()-
        kh_distance, self.ypos(), -kh_max_depth))
1178 gcpy          elif (kh_angle == 270):
1179 gcpy #Upper left of entry hole
1180 gcpy          self.dxfarc(kh_tool_num, self.xpos(),self.ypos(),self.
        tool_radius(kh_tool_num, 1),90,180)
1181 gcpy #Upper right of entry hole
1182 gcpy          self.dxfarc(kh_tool_num, self.xpos(),self.ypos(),self.
        tool_radius(kh_tool_num, 1),0,90)
1183 gcpy #left slot
1184 gcpy          self.dxfline(kh_tool_num, self.xpos()-r, self.ypos()-ro
        , self.xpos()-r, self.ypos()-kh_distance)
1185 gcpy #right slot
1186 gcpy          self.dxfline(kh_tool_num, self.xpos()+r, self.ypos()-ro
        , self.xpos()+r, self.ypos()-kh_distance)
1187 gcpy #lower left of end of slot
1188 gcpy          self.dxfarc(kh_tool_num, self.xpos(),self.ypos()-
        kh_distance,r,180,270)
1189 gcpy #lower right of end of slot
1190 gcpy          self.dxfarc(kh_tool_num, self.xpos(),self.ypos()-
        kh_distance,r,270,360)
1191 gcpy #lower right of entry hole
1192 gcpy          self.dxfarc(kh_tool_num, self.xpos(), self.ypos(), rt,
        180, 270-angle)
1193 gcpy #lower left of entry hole
1194 gcpy          self.dxfarc(kh_tool_num, self.xpos(), self.ypos(), rt,
        270+angle, 360)
1195 gcpy          toolpath = toolpath.union(self.cutline(self.xpos(),
        self.ypos()-kh_distance, -kh_max_depth))
1196 gcpy #          print(self.zpos())
1197 gcpy          self.setxpos(oXpos)
1198 gcpy          self.setypos(oYpos)
1199 gcpy          return toolpath
1200 gcpy
1201 gcpy # } else if (kh_angle == 90) {

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1202 gcpy # //Lower left of entry hole
1203 gcpy # dxfarc(getxpos(),getypos(),9.525/2,180,270, KH_tool_num);
1204 gcpy # //Lower right of entry hole
1205 gcpy # dxfarc(getxpos(),getypos(),9.525/2,270,360, KH_tool_num);
1206 gcpy # //Upper right of entry hole
1207 gcpy # dxfarc(getxpos(),getypos(),9.525/2,0,acos(tool_diameter(
KH_tool_num, 5)/tool_diameter(KH_tool_num, 1)), KH_tool_num);
1208 gcpy # //Upper left of entry hole
1209 gcpy # dxfarc(getxpos(),getypos(),9.525/2,180-acos(tool_diameter(
KH_tool_num, 5)/tool_diameter(KH_tool_num, 1)), 180,KH_tool_num)
;

1210 gcpy # //Actual line of cut
1211 gcpy # dxfline(getxpos(),getypos(),getxpos(),getypos()+kh_distance);
1212 gcpy # //upper right of slot
1213 gcpy # dxfarc(getxpos(),getypos()+kh_distance,tool_diameter(
KH_tool_num, (kh_max_depth+4.36))/2,0,90, KH_tool_num);
1214 gcpy # //upper left of slot
1215 gcpy # dxfarc(getxpos(),getypos()+kh_distance,tool_diameter(
KH_tool_num, (kh_max_depth+6.35))/2,90,180, KH_tool_num);
1216 gcpy # //right of slot
1217 gcpy # dxfline(
1218 gcpy #     getxpos()+tool_diameter(KH_tool_num, (kh_max_depth))/2,
1219 gcpy #     getypos()+(sqrt((tool_diameter(KH_tool_num,1)^2)-(
tool_diameter(KH_tool_num,5)^2))/2),//( (kh_max_depth-6.34))/2)
^2-(tool_diameter(KH_tool_num, (kh_max_depth-6.34))/2)^2,
1220 gcpy #     getxpos()+tool_diameter(KH_tool_num, (kh_max_depth))/2,
1221 gcpy # //end position at top of slot
1222 gcpy #     getypos()+kh_distance,
1223 gcpy #     KH_tool_num);
1224 gcpy # dxfline(getxpos()-tool_diameter(KH_tool_num, (kh_max_depth))
/2, getypos()+(sqrt((tool_diameter(KH_tool_num,1)^2)-(
tool_diameter(KH_tool_num,5)^2))/2), getxpos()-tool_diameter(
KH_tool_num, (kh_max_depth+6.35))/2,getypos()+kh_distance,
KH_tool_num);
1225 gcpy # hull(){
1226 gcpy #     translate([xpos(), ypos(), zpos()]){
1227 gcpy #         gcp_keyhole_shaft(6.35, 9.525);
1228 gcpy #     }
1229 gcpy #     translate([xpos(), ypos(), zpos()-kh_max_depth]){
1230 gcpy #         gcp_keyhole_shaft(6.35, 9.525);
1231 gcpy #     }
1232 gcpy # }
1233 gcpy # hull(){
1234 gcpy #     translate([xpos(), ypos(), zpos()-kh_max_depth]){
1235 gcpy #         gcp_keyhole_shaft(6.35, 9.525);
1236 gcpy #     }
1237 gcpy #     translate([xpos(), ypos()+kh_distance, zpos()-kh_max_depth])
{
1238 gcpy #         gcp_keyhole_shaft(6.35, 9.525);
1239 gcpy #     }
1240 gcpy # }
1241 gcpy # cutwithfeed(getxpos(),getypos(),-kh_max_depth,feed);
1242 gcpy # cutwithfeed(getxpos(),getypos()+kh_distance,-kh_max_depth,feed
);
1243 gcpy # setypos(getypos()-kh_distance);
1244 gcpy # } else if (kh_angle == 180) {
1245 gcpy # //Lower right of entry hole
1246 gcpy # dxfarc(getxpos(),getypos(),9.525/2,270,360, KH_tool_num);
1247 gcpy # //Upper right of entry hole
1248 gcpy # dxfarc(getxpos(),getypos(),9.525/2,0,90, KH_tool_num);
1249 gcpy # //Upper left of entry hole
1250 gcpy # dxfarc(getxpos(),getypos(),9.525/2,90, 90+acos(tool_diameter(
KH_tool_num, 5)/tool_diameter(KH_tool_num, 1)), KH_tool_num);
1251 gcpy # //Lower left of entry hole
1252 gcpy # dxfarc(getxpos(),getypos(),9.525/2, 270-acos(tool_diameter(
KH_tool_num, 5)/tool_diameter(KH_tool_num, 1)), 270, KH_tool_num
);
1253 gcpy # //upper left of slot
1254 gcpy # dxfarc(getxpos()-kh_distance,getypos(),tool_diameter(
KH_tool_num, (kh_max_depth+6.35))/2,90,180, KH_tool_num);
1255 gcpy # //lower left of slot
1256 gcpy # dxfarc(getxpos()-kh_distance,getypos(),tool_diameter(
KH_tool_num, (kh_max_depth+6.35))/2,180,270, KH_tool_num);
1257 gcpy # //Actual line of cut
1258 gcpy # dxfline(getxpos(),getypos(),getxpos()-kh_distance,getypos());
1259 gcpy # //upper left slot
1260 gcpy # dxfline(
1261 gcpy #     getxpos()-(sqrt((tool_diameter(KH_tool_num,1)^2)-(

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    tool_diameter(KH_tool_num,5)^2))/2),
1262 gcpy #      getypos()+tool_diameter(KH_tool_num, (kh_max_depth))/2,/(
    (kh_max_depth-6.34))/2)^2-(tool_diameter(KH_tool_num, (
kh_max_depth-6.34))/2)^2,
1263 gcpy #      getxpos()-kh_distance,
1264 gcpy #      //end position at top of slot
1265 gcpy #      getypos()+tool_diameter(KH_tool_num, (kh_max_depth))/2,
1266 gcpy #      KH_tool_num);
1267 gcpy #      //lower right slot
1268 gcpy #      dxfline(
1269 gcpy #      getxpos()-(sqrt((tool_diameter(KH_tool_num,1)^2)-(
tool_diameter(KH_tool_num,5)^2))/2),
1270 gcpy #      getypos()-tool_diameter(KH_tool_num, (kh_max_depth))/2,/(
    (kh_max_depth-6.34))/2)^2-(tool_diameter(KH_tool_num, (
kh_max_depth-6.34))/2)^2,
1271 gcpy #      getxpos()-kh_distance,
1272 gcpy #      //end position at top of slot
1273 gcpy #      getypos()-tool_diameter(KH_tool_num, (kh_max_depth))/2,
1274 gcpy #      KH_tool_num);
1275 gcpy #      hull(){
1276 gcpy #          translate([xpos(), ypos(), zpos()]){
1277 gcpy #              gcp_keyhole_shaft(6.35, 9.525);
1278 gcpy #          }
1279 gcpy #          translate([xpos(), ypos(), zpos()-kh_max_depth]){
1280 gcpy #              gcp_keyhole_shaft(6.35, 9.525);
1281 gcpy #          }
1282 gcpy #      }
1283 gcpy #      hull(){
1284 gcpy #          translate([xpos(), ypos(), zpos()-kh_max_depth]){
1285 gcpy #              gcp_keyhole_shaft(6.35, 9.525);
1286 gcpy #          }
1287 gcpy #          translate([xpos()-kh_distance, ypos(), zpos()-kh_max_depth])
{
1288 gcpy #              gcp_keyhole_shaft(6.35, 9.525);
1289 gcpy #          }
1290 gcpy #      }
1291 gcpy #      cutwithfeed(getxpos(),getypos(),-kh_max_depth,feed);
1292 gcpy #      cutwithfeed(getxpos()-kh_distance,getypos(),-kh_max_depth,feed
);
1293 gcpy #      setxpos(getxpos()+kh_distance);
1294 gcpy # } else if (kh_angle == 270) {
1295 gcpy #     //Upper right of entry hole
1296 gcpy #     dxfarc(getxpos(),getypos(),9.525/2,0,90, KH_tool_num);
1297 gcpy #     //Upper left of entry hole
1298 gcpy #     dxfarc(getxpos(),getypos(),9.525/2,90,180, KH_tool_num);
1299 gcpy #     //lower right of slot
1300 gcpy #     dxfarc(getxpos(),getypos()-kh_distance,tool_diameter(
KH_tool_num, (kh_max_depth+4.36))/2,270,360, KH_tool_num);
1301 gcpy #     //lower left of slot
1302 gcpy #     dxfarc(getxpos(),getypos()-kh_distance,tool_diameter(
KH_tool_num, (kh_max_depth+4.36))/2,180,270, KH_tool_num);
1303 gcpy #     //Actual line of cut
1304 gcpy #     dxfline(getxpos(),getypos(),getxpos(),getypos()-kh_distance);
1305 gcpy #     //right of slot
1306 gcpy #     dxfline(
1307 gcpy #         getxpos()+tool_diameter(KH_tool_num, (kh_max_depth))/2,
1308 gcpy #         getypos()-(sqrt((tool_diameter(KH_tool_num,1)^2)-(
tool_diameter(KH_tool_num,5)^2))/2),/( (kh_max_depth-6.34))/2)
^2-(tool_diameter(KH_tool_num, (kh_max_depth-6.34))/2)^2,
1309 gcpy #         getxpos()+tool_diameter(KH_tool_num, (kh_max_depth))/2,
1310 gcpy #         //end position at top of slot
1311 gcpy #         getypos()-kh_distance,
1312 gcpy #         KH_tool_num);
1313 gcpy #     //left of slot
1314 gcpy #     dxfline(
1315 gcpy #         getxpos()-tool_diameter(KH_tool_num, (kh_max_depth))/2,
1316 gcpy #         getypos()-(sqrt((tool_diameter(KH_tool_num,1)^2)-(
tool_diameter(KH_tool_num,5)^2))/2),/( (kh_max_depth-6.34))/2)
^2-(tool_diameter(KH_tool_num, (kh_max_depth-6.34))/2)^2,
1317 gcpy #         getxpos()-tool_diameter(KH_tool_num, (kh_max_depth))/2,
1318 gcpy #         //end position at top of slot
1319 gcpy #         getypos()-kh_distance,
1320 gcpy #         KH_tool_num);
1321 gcpy #     //Lower right of entry hole
1322 gcpy #     dxfarc(getxpos(),getypos(),9.525/2,360-acos(tool_diameter(
KH_tool_num, 5)/tool_diameter(KH_tool_num, 1)), 360, KH_tool_num
);
1323 gcpy #     //Lower left of entry hole

```



```
1324 gcpy #      dxfarc(getxpos(),getypos(),9.525/2,180, 180+acos(tool_diameter
(KH_tool_num, 5)/tool_diameter(KH_tool_num, 1)), KH_tool_num);
1325 gcpy #      hull(){
1326 gcpy #          translate([xpos(), ypos(), zpos()]){
1327 gcpy #              gcp_keyhole_shaft(6.35, 9.525);
1328 gcpy #          }
1329 gcpy #          translate([xpos(), ypos(), zpos()-kh_max_depth]){
1330 gcpy #              gcp_keyhole_shaft(6.35, 9.525);
1331 gcpy #          }
1332 gcpy #      }
1333 gcpy #      hull(){
1334 gcpy #          translate([xpos(), ypos(), zpos()-kh_max_depth]){
1335 gcpy #              gcp_keyhole_shaft(6.35, 9.525);
1336 gcpy #          }
1337 gcpy #          translate([xpos(), ypos()-kh_distance, zpos()-kh_max_depth])
{
1338 gcpy #              gcp_keyhole_shaft(6.35, 9.525);
1339 gcpy #          }
1340 gcpy #      }
1341 gcpy #      cutwithfeed(getxpos(),getypos(),-kh_max_depth,feed);
1342 gcpy #      cutwithfeed(getxpos(),getypos()-kh_distance,-kh_max_depth,feed
);
1343 gcpy #      setypos(getypos()+kh_distance);
1344 gcpy #  }
1345 gcpy #}
```

Lastly, to use the class it will be necessary to load it:

```
1177 gcpy from gcodepreview import *
```

which may then allow loading the the class as expected. <https://github.com/gsohler/openscad/issues/48>

3.3 Shapes and tool movement

The majority of commands will be more general, focusing on tooling which is generally supported by this library, moving in lines and arcs so as to describe shapes which lend themselves to representation with those tool and which match up with both toolpaths and supported geometry in Carbide Create, and the usage requirements of the typical user.

3.3.1 Generalized commands and cuts

The first consideration is a naming convention which will allow a generalized set of associated commands to be defined. The initial version will only create OpenSCAD commands for 3D modeling and write out matching DXF files. At a later time this will be extended with G-code support.

3.3.1.1 begincutdxf The first command, begincutdxf will need to allow the machine to rapid to the beginning point of the cut and then rapid down to the surface of the stock, and then plunge down to the depth of the cut. The implementation will need to allow for a hook where the Depth per Pass is applied to the plunge operation so that multiple passes are made.

The first module will ensure that the tool is safely up above the stock and will rapid to the position specified at the retract height (moving to that position as an initial step, then will cutwithfeed to the specified position at the specified feed rate. Despite dxf being included in the filename no change is made to the dxf file at this time, this simply indicates that this file is preparatory to the use of continuecutdxf.

```
395 gcpscad module begincutdxf(rh, ex, ey, ez, fr) {
396 gcpscad     rapid(getxpos(),getypos(),rh);
397 gcpscad     cutwithfeed(ex,ey,ez,fr);
398 gcpscad }
```

```
400 gcpscad module continuecutdxf(ex, ey, ez, fr) {
401 gcpscad     cutwithfeed(ex,ey,ez,fr);
402 gcpscad }
```

3.3.1.2 Rectangles Cutting rectangles while writing out their perimeter in the DXF files (so that they may be assigned a matching toolpath in a traditional CAM program upon import) will require the origin coordinates, height and width and depth of the pocket, and the tool # so that the corners may have a radius equal to the tool which is used. Whether a given module is an interior pocket or an outline (interior or exterior) will be determined by the specifics of the module and its usage/positioning, with outline being added to those modules which cut perimeter.

A further consideration is that cut orientation as an option should be accounted for if writing out G-code, as well as stepover, and the nature of initial entry (whether ramping in would be implemented, and if so, at what angle). Advanced toolpath strategies such as trochoidal milling could also be implemented.

cutrectangledxf Th routine cutrectangledxf cuts the outline of a rectangle creating sharp corners. Note that the initial version would work as a beginning point for vertical cutting if the hull() operation was removed and the loop was uncommented:

```
404 gcpscad module cutrectangledxf(bx, by, bz, rwidth, rheight, rdepth, rtn)
      { //passes
405 gcpscad   movetosafez();
406 gcpscad   hull(){
407 gcpscad     // for (i = [0 : abs(1) : passes]) {
408 gcpscad     //   rapid(bx+tool_radius(rtn)+i*(rwidth-tool_diameter(
      current_tool()))/passes,bx+tool_radius(rtn),1);
409 gcpscad     //   cutwithfeed(bx+tool_radius(rtn)+i*(rwidth-tool_diameter
      (current_tool()))/passes,by+tool_radius(rtn),bz-rdepth,feed)
      ;
410 gcpscad     //   cutwithfeed(bx+tool_radius(rtn)+i*(rwidth-tool_diameter
      (current_tool()))/passes,by+rheight-tool_radius(rtn),bz-
      rdepth,feed);
411 gcpscad
412 gcpscad     cutwithfeed(bx+tool_radius(rtn),by+tool_radius(rtn),bz-rdepth,
      feed);
413 gcpscad     cutwithfeed(bx+rwidth-tool_radius(rtn),by+tool_radius(rtn),bz-
      rdepth,feed);
414 gcpscad     cutwithfeed(bx+rwidth-tool_radius(rtn),by+rheight-tool_radius(
      rtn),bz-rdepth,feed);
415 gcpscad     cutwithfeed(bx+tool_radius(rtn),by+rheight-tool_radius(rtn),bz-
      rdepth,feed);
416 gcpscad   }
417 gcpscad   //dxfarc(xcenter,ycenter,radius,anglebegin,endangle, tn)
418 gcpscad   dxfarc(bx+tool_radius(rtn),by+tool_radius(rtn),tool_radius(rtn)
      ,180,270, rtn);
419 gcpscad   //dxfline(xbegin,ybegin,xend,yend, tn)
420 gcpscad   dxfline(bx,by+tool_radius(rtn),bx,by+rheight-tool_radius(rtn),
      rtn);
421 gcpscad   dxfarc(bx+tool_radius(rtn),by+rheight-tool_radius(rtn),
      tool_radius(rtn),90,180, rtn);
422 gcpscad   dxfline(bx+tool_radius(rtn),by+rheight,bx+rwidth-tool_radius(rtn)
      ,by+rheight, rtn);
423 gcpscad   dxfarc(bx+rwidth-tool_radius(rtn),by+rheight-tool_radius(rtn),
      tool_radius(rtn),0,90, rtn);
424 gcpscad   dxfline(bx+rwidth,by+rheight-tool_radius(rtn),bx+rwidth,by+
      tool_radius(rtn), rtn);
425 gcpscad   dxfarc(bx+rwidth-tool_radius(rtn),by+tool_radius(rtn),tool_radius
      (rtn),270,360, rtn);
426 gcpscad   dxfline(bx+rwidth-tool_radius(rtn),by,bx+tool_radius(rtn),by, rtn
      );
427 gcpscad }
```

cutrectangleoutlinedxf A matching command: cutrectangleoutlinedxf cuts the outline of a rounded rectangle and is a simplification of the above:

```
429 gcpscad module cutrectangleoutlinedxf(bx, by, bz, rwidth, rheight, rdepth,
      rtn) { //passes
430 gcpscad   movetosafez();
431 gcpscad   cutwithfeed(bx+tool_radius(rtn),by+tool_radius(rtn),bz-rdepth,
      feed);
432 gcpscad   cutwithfeed(bx+rwidth-tool_radius(rtn),by+tool_radius(rtn),bz-
      rdepth,feed);
433 gcpscad   cutwithfeed(bx+rwidth-tool_radius(rtn),by+rheight-tool_radius(rtn)
      ,bz-rdepth,feed);
434 gcpscad   cutwithfeed(bx+tool_radius(rtn),by+rheight-tool_radius(rtn),bz-
      rdepth,feed);
435 gcpscad   dxfarc(bx+tool_radius(rtn),by+tool_radius(rtn),tool_radius(rtn)
      ,180,270, rtn);
436 gcpscad   dxfline(bx,by+tool_radius(rtn),bx,by+rheight-tool_radius(rtn),
      rtn);
437 gcpscad   dxfarc(bx+tool_radius(rtn),by+rheight-tool_radius(rtn),
      tool_radius(rtn),90,180, rtn);
438 gcpscad   dxfline(bx+tool_radius(rtn),by+rheight,bx+rwidth-tool_radius(rtn)
      ,by+rheight, rtn);
439 gcpscad   dxfarc(bx+rwidth-tool_radius(rtn),by+rheight-tool_radius(rtn),
      tool_radius(rtn),0,90, rtn);
440 gcpscad   dxfline(bx+rwidth,by+rheight-tool_radius(rtn),bx+rwidth,by+
      tool_radius(rtn), rtn);
```

```
441 gcpscad    dxfarc (bx+rwidth-tool_radius(rtn),by+tool_radius(rtn),tool_radius
              (rtn),270,360, rtn);
442 gcpscad    dxfline(bx+rwidth-tool_radius(rtn),by,bx+tool_radius(rtn),by, rtn
              );
443 gcpscad }
```

rectangleoutlinedxf Which suggests a further command, rectangleoutlinedxf for simply adding a rectangle (a potential use of which would be in Job Setup to add the stock outline to DXFs to assist in registration of jobs with multiple tools):

```
445 gcpscad module rectangleoutlinedxf(bx, by, bz, rwidth, rheight, rtn) {
446 gcpscad    dxfline(bx,by,bx,by+rheight, rtn);
447 gcpscad    dxfline(bx,by+rheight,bx+rwidth,by+rheight, rtn);
448 gcpscad    dxfline(bx+rwidth,by+rheight,bx+rwidth,by, rtn);
449 gcpscad    dxfline(bx+rwidth,by,bx,by, rtn);
450 gcpscad }
```

the initial section performs the cutting operation for the 3D preview while the latter section writes out the outline to the DXF files.

cutoutrectangledxf A variant of the cutting version of that file, cutoutrectangledxf will cut to the outside:

```
452 gcpscad module cutoutrectangledxf(bx, by, bz, rwidth, rheight, rdepth, rtn)
              {
453 gcpscad    movetosafez();
454 gcpscad    cutwithfeed(bx-tool_radius(rtn),by-tool_radius(rtn),bz-rdepth,
              feed);
455 gcpscad    cutwithfeed(bx+rwidth+tool_radius(rtn),by-tool_radius(rtn),bz-
              rdepth,feed);
456 gcpscad    cutwithfeed(bx+rwidth+tool_radius(rtn),by+rheight+tool_radius(rtn)
              ,bz-rdepth,feed);
457 gcpscad    cutwithfeed(bx-tool_radius(rtn),by+rheight+tool_radius(rtn),bz-
              rdepth,feed);
458 gcpscad    cutwithfeed(bx-tool_radius(rtn),by-tool_radius(rtn),bz-rdepth,
              feed);
459 gcpscad    dxfline(bx,by,bx,by+rheight, rtn);
460 gcpscad    dxfline(bx,by+rheight,bx+rwidth,by+rheight, rtn);
461 gcpscad    dxfline(bx+rwidth,by+rheight,bx+rwidth,by, rtn);
462 gcpscad    dxfline(bx+rwidth,by,bx,by, rtn);
463 gcpscad }
```

4 Future

Images

Would it be helpful to re-create code algorithms/sections using OpenSCAD Graph Editor so as to represent/illustrate the program?

Import G-code

Use a tool to read in a G-code file, then create a 3D model which would serve as a preview of the cut?

- <https://stackoverflow.com/questions/34638372/simple-python-program-to-read-gcode-file>
- <https://pypi.org/project/gcodeparser/>
- <https://github.com/fragmuffin/pygcode/wiki>

Bézier curves in 2 dimensions

Take a Bézier curve definition and approximate it as arcs and write them into a DXF?

<https://pomax.github.io/bezierinfo/>
c.f., <https://linuxcnc.org/docs/html/gcode/g-code.html#gcode:g5>

Bézier curves in 3 dimensions

One question is how many Bézier curves would it be necessary to have to define a surface in 3 dimensions. Attributes for this which are desirable/necessary:

- concise — a given Bézier curve should be represented by just the point coordinates, so two on-curve points, two off-curve points, each with a pair of coordinates

- For a given shape/region it will need to be possible to have a matching definition exactly match up with it so that one could piece together a larger more complex shape from smaller/simpler regions
- similarly it will be necessary for it to be possible to sub-divide a defined region — for example it should be possible if one had 4 adjacent regions, then the four quadrants at the intersection of the four regions could be used to construct a new region — is it possible to derive a new Bézier curve from half of two other curves?

For the three planes:

- XY
- XZ
- ZY

it should be possible to have three Bézier curves (left-most/right-most or front-back or top/bottom for two, and a mid-line for the third), so a region which can be so represented would be definable by:

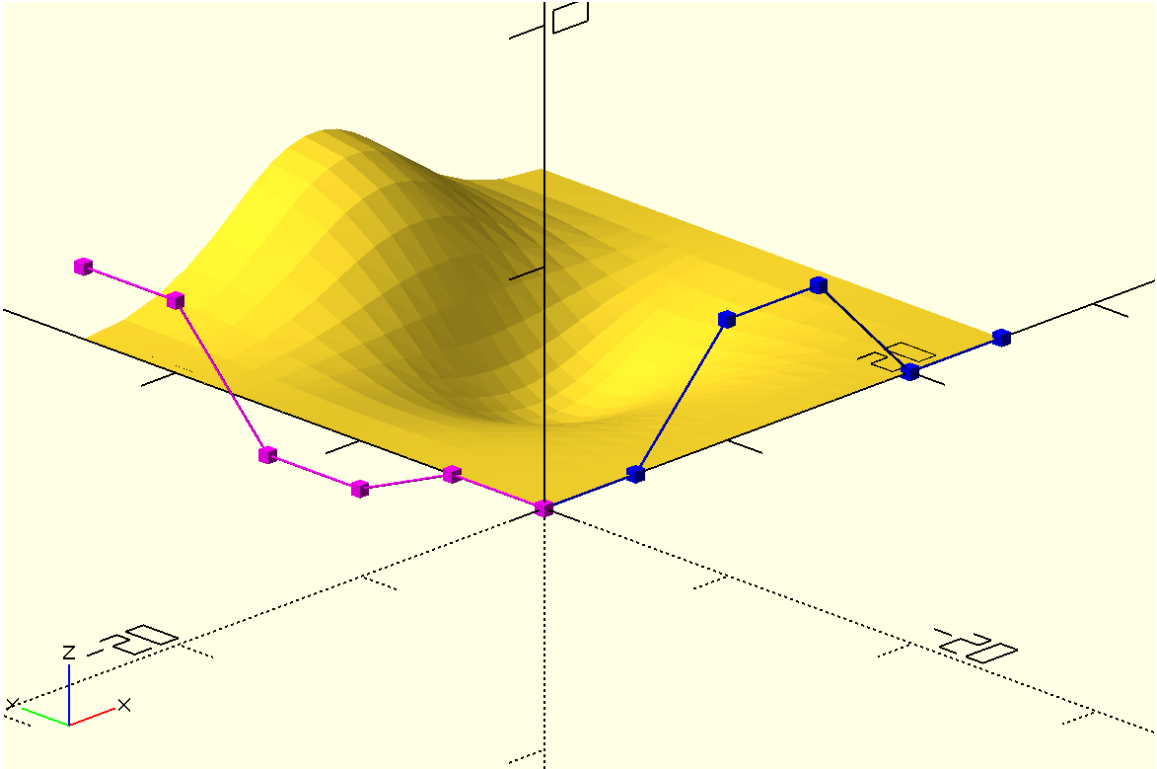
3 planes * 3 Béziers * (2 on-curve + 2 off-curve points) == 36 coordinate pairs

which is a marked contrast to representations such as:

<https://github.com/DavidPhillipOster/Teapot>

and regions which could not be so represented could be sub-divided until the representation is workable.

Or, it may be that fewer (only two?) curves are needed:



<https://pages.mtu.edu/~shene/COURSES/cs3621/NOTES/notes.html>
c.f., <https://github.com/BelfrySCAD/BOSL2/wiki/nurbs.scad> and https://old.reddit.com/r/OpenPythonSCAD/comments/1gjcz4z/pythonscad_will_get_a_new_spline_function/

5 Other Resources

Holidays are from <https://nationaltoday.com/>

DXFs

<http://www.paulbourke.net/dataformats/dxf/>
<https://paulbourke.net/dataformats/dxf/min3d.html>

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