

Computational Aircraft Prototype Syntheses AIM Development

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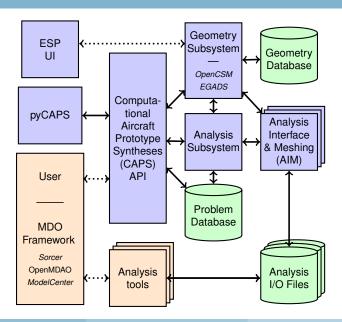
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CAPS Infrastructure in ESP



Object-based Not Object Orientated

- Like *egos* in EGADS
- Pointer to a C structure allows for an function-based API
- Treated as *blind pointers* (i.e., not meant to be dereferenced) Header info used to determine how to dereference the *pointer*
- API Functions
 - Returns an int error code or CAPS_SUCCESS
 - Usually have one (or more) input Objects
 - Can have an output Object (usually at the end of the argument list)
- Can interface with multiple compiled languages

See \$ESP_ROOT/doc/CAPSapi.pdf

Problem Object

The Problem is the top-level *container* for a single mission. It maintains a single set of interrelated geometric models, analyses to be executed, connectivity and data associated with the run(s), which can be both multi-fidelity and multidisciplinary. There can be multiple Problems in a single execution of CAPS and each Problem is designed to be *thread safe* allowing for multi-threading of CAPS at the highest level.

Value Object

A Value Object is the fundamental data container that is used within CAPS. It can represent *inputs* to the Analysis and Geometry subsystems and *outputs* from both. Also Value Objects can refer to *mission* parameters that are stored at the top-level of the CAPS database. The values contained in any *input* Value Object can be bypassed by the *linkage* connection to another Value (or *DataSet*) Object of the same *shape*. Attributes are also cast to temporary (*User*) Value Objects.

Analysis Object

The Analysis Object refers to an instance of running an analysis code. It holds the *input* and *output* Value Objects for the instance and a directory path in which to execute the code (though no explicit execution is initiated). Multiple various analyses can be utilized and multiple instances of the same analysis can be handled under the same Problem.

Bound Object

A Bound is a logical grouping of BRep Objects that all represent the same entity in an engineering sense (such as the "outer surface of the wing"). A Bound may include BRep entities from multiple Bodies; this enables the passing of information from one Body (for example, the aero OML) to another (the structures Body).

Dimensionally:

- 1D Collection of Edges
- 2D Collection of Faces

VertexSet Object

A VertexSet is a *connected* or *unconnected* group of locations at which discrete information is defined. Each *connected* VertexSet is associated with one Bound and a single *Analysis*. A VertexSet can contain more than one DataSet. A *connected* VertexSet can refer to 2 differing sets of locations. This occurs when the solver stores it's data at different locations than the vertices that define the discrete geometry (i.e. cell centered or non-isoparametric FEM discretizations). In these cases the solution data is provided in a different manner than the geometric.

DataSet Object

A DataSet is a set of engineering data associated with a VertexSet. The rank of a DataSet is the (user/pre)-defined number of dependent values associated with each vertex; for example, scalar data (such as *pressure*) will have rank of one and vector data (such as *displacement*) will have a rank of three. Values in the DataSet can either be deposited there by an application or can be computed (via evaluations, data transfers or sensitivity calculations).



CAPS Objects

Object	SubTypes	Parent Object
capsProblem	Parametric, Static	
capsValue	GeometryIn, GeometryOut,	capsProblem,
	Branch, Parameter, User	capsValue
capsAnalysis		capsProblem
capsValue	AnalysisIn, AnalysisOut	capsAnalysis,
		capsValue
capsBound		capsProblem
capsVertexSet	Connected, Unconnected	capsBound
capsDataSet	User, Analysis, Interpolate,	capsVertexSet
	Conserve, Builtin, Sensitivity	

Body Objects are EGADS Objects (egos)



CAPS Body Filtering

Filtering the active CSM Bodies occurs at two different stages, once in the CAPS framework, and once in the AIMs. The filtering in the CAPS framework creates sub-groups of Bodies from the CSM stack that are passed to the specified AIM. Each AIM instance is then responsible for selecting the appropriate Bodies from the list it has received.

The filtering is performed by using two Body attributes: "capsAIM" and "capsIntent".

Filtering within AIM Code

Each AIM can adopt it's own filtering scheme for down-selecting how to use each Body it receives. The "capsIntent" string is accessible to the AIM, but it is for information only.



CAPS Body Filtering

CSM AIM targeting: "capsAIM"

The CSM script generates Bodies which are designed to be used by specific AIMs. The AIMs that the Body is designed for is communicated to the CAPS framework via the "capsAIM" string attribute. This is a semicolon-separated string with the list of AIM names. Thus, the CSM author can give a clear indication to which AIMs should use the Body. For example, a body designed for a CFD calculation could have:

ATTRIBUTE capsAIM \$su2AIM;fun3dAIM;cart3dAIM

CAPS AIM Instantiation: "capsIntent"

The "capsIntent" Body attribute is used to disambiguate which AIM instance should receive a given Body targeted for the AIM. An argument to <code>caps_load</code> accepts a semicolon-separated list of keywords when an AIM is instantiated in CAPS/pyCAPS. Bodies from the "capsAIM" selection with a matching string attribute "capsIntent" are passed to the AIM instance. The attribute "capsIntent" is a semicolon-separated list of keywords. If the string to <code>caps_load</code> is <code>NULL</code>, all Bodies with a "capsAIM" attribute that matches the AIM name are given to the AIM instance.



Analysis Interface & Meshing – Intro 1/2

- Hides all of the individual Analysis details (and peculiarities)
 - Individual plugin functions translate from the Analysis' perspective back and forth to CAPS
 - Provides a direct connection to BRep geometry and attribution through EGADS
- Outside the CAPS Object infrastructure
 - Use of C structures
 - AIM Utility library (with the *context* enbedded in aimInfo)
- An AIM plugin is required for each Analysis code at:
 - a specific intent
 - a specific *mode* (i.e., where the inputs may be different)



Analysis Interface & Meshing – Intro 2/2

- AIMs can be hierarchical
 - Parent Analysis Objects specified at CAPS Analysis load
 - Parent and child AIMs can directly communicate
- Dynamically loaded at runtime extendibility and extensibility

Windows Dynamically Loaded Libraries (name.dll)
LINUX Shared Objects (name.so)

MAC Bundles, CAPS will use the so file extension

- Plugin names must be unique loaded by the name
- † indicates memory handled by CAPS in the following functions i.e., CAPS will free these memory blocks when necessary



caps Value Structure 1/5

The caps Value Structure is simply the data found within a CAPS Value Object. aimInputs and aimOutputs must fill the structure with the type, form and optionally units of the data. aimInputs also sets the default value(s) in the vals member. The structure's members listed below must be filled (most have defaults).

Value Type – no default

```
The value type can be one of:
```

```
enum capsvType {Boolean, Integer, Double, String, Tuple, Value};
```

Note:

The Value type in a caps Value is only supported at the CAPS level and not in AIMs

The tuple structure

```
typedef struct {
  char *name:
                                 /* the name */
  char *value;
                                 /* the value for the pair */
 capsTuple;
```

caps Value Structure 2/5

Shape of the Value – 0 is the default

dim can be one of:

- 0 scalar only
- 1 vector or scalar
- 2 scalar, vector or 2D array

Value Dimensions – 1 is the default

nrow and *ncol* set the dimension of the Value. If both are 1 this has a scalar shape. If either *nrow* or *ncol* are one then the shape is vector. If both are greater than 1 then this represents a 2D array of values.

Other enumerated constants

```
enum capsFixed {Change, Fixed};
enum capsNull {NotAllowed, NotNull, IsNull};
enum capstMethod {Copy, Integrate, Average};
```

Varying Length – the default is "Fixed"

The member *lfixed* indicates whether the length of the Value is allowed to change.

Varying Shape – the default is "Fixed"

The member *sfixed* indicates whether the *shape* of the Value is allowed to change.

Can Value be NULL? – the default is "NotAllowed"

The member *nullVal* indicates whether the Value is or can be NULL Options are found in enum capsNULL

caps Value Structure 4/5

caps Value Member Usage Notes

- *sfixed & dim*If the shape is "Fixed" then *nrow* and *ncol* must fit that shape (or a lesser dimension). [Note that the length can change if *lfixed* is "Change".] If *sfixed* is "Change" then you change *dim* before changing *nrow* and *ncol* to a higher dimension than the current setting.
- *lfixed & nrowlncol*If the length is "Fixed" then all updates of the Value(s) must match in both *nrow* and *ncol* (which presumes a "Fixed" shape).
- nullVal & nrowlncol nrow and ncol should remain at their values even if the Value is NULL to maintain the dimension (and possibly length) when "Fixed". To indicate a NULL all that is necessary is to set nullVal to "IsNull". The actual allocated storage can remain in the vals member or set to NULL.
- Use EG_alloc to allocate any memory required for the *vals* member.



caps Value Structure 5/5

```
* structure for CAPS object -- VALUE
typedef struct {
                            /* value type -- capsvType */
 int
             type;
 int
             length:
                            /* number of values */
 int
             dim:
                            /* the dimension */
 int
             nrow:
                           /* number of rows */
 int
            ncol:
                           /* the number of columns */
            lfixed:
                           /* length is fixed -- capsFixed */
 int
                          /* shape is fixed -- capsFixed */
 int
            sfixed;
                          /* NULL handling -- capsNull */
            nullVal:
 int
                            /* parent index for vType = Value */
 int
            pIndex;
 union {
   int
            integer:
                         /* single int -- length == 1 */
   int
          *integers; /* multiple ints */
                             /* single double -- length == 1 */
   double real;
   double *reals:
                         /* mutiple doubles */
                         /* character string (no single char) */
   char
         *string:
   capsTuple *tuple;
                          /* tuple (no single tuple) */
   capsObject *object;
                          /* single object -- not used in AIMs*/
   capsObject **objects;
                            /* multiple objects -- not used in AIMs */
  } vals;
 union {
            ilims[2];
                          /* integer limits */
   int
            dlims[2];
                            /* double limits */
   double
  } limits;
            *units:
                          /* the units for the values */
 char
 capsObject *link; /* the linked object (or NULL) */
            linkMethod; /* the link method -- capstMethod */
  int
} capsValue;
```

AIM Plugin Functions

- Registration & Declaring Inputs / Outputs
- Pre-Analysis & Retrieving Output
 Write and read files or use Analyses API if available
- Discrete Support Interpolation & Integration



AIM – Registration/Initialization

```
icode = aimInitialize(int ngIn, capsValue *gIn, int *geFlg,
                              const char *unitSvs, int *nIn, int *nOut,
                              int *nFields, char ***fnames, int **ranks)
            ngIn the number of Geometry Input value structures
             gIn a pointer to the list of Geometry Input value structures
           qeFlg on Input: 1 indicates a query and not an analysis instance;
                 on Output: 1 specifies that the AIM executes the analysis
         unitSys a pointer to a character string declaring the unit system – can be NULL
             nIn the returned number of Inputs (minimum of 1)*
           nOut the returned number of possible Outputs*
         nFields the returned number of fields to responds to for DataSet filling
         fnames a returned pointer to a list of character strings with the field/DataSet names †
           ranks a returned pointer to a list of ranks associated with each field †
           icode integer return code (-) or AIM instance counter
```

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*nIn & nOut should not depend on the intent

AIM – Initialization

```
icode = aimInputs(int inst, void *aimInfo, int index, char **ainame,
                       capsValue *defval)
            inst the AIM instance index
        aimInfo the AIM context - NULL if called from caps_getInput
          index the Input index [1-nIn]
         ainame a returned pointer to the returned Analysis Input variable name
          defval a pointer to the filled default value(s) and units – CAPS will free any allocated memory
          icode integer return code
icode = aimOutputs(int inst, void *aimInfo, int index, char **aonam,
                         capsValue *form)
            inst the AIM instance index
        aimInfo the AIM context (used by the Utility Functions)
          index the Output index [1-nOut]
         aonam a returned pointer to the returned Analysis Output variable name
           form a pointer to the Value Shape & Units information – to be filled
                 any actual values stored are ignored/freed
          icode integer return code
```



AIM – Dependent DataSet

Is the DataSet required by aimPreAnalysis – Optional

Called at caps_makeDataSet, when the data method used is either *Interpolate* or *Conserve*, for possible dependent VertexSets with dname. If it is dependent then the Analysis Object is made *dirty* when the DataSet needs updating.

Parse Input data & Optionally Generate Input File(s)

```
icode = aimPreAnalysis(int inst, void *aimInfo, const char *apath,
                              capsValue *inputs, capsErrs **errs)
            inst the AIM instance index
        aimInfo the AIM context (used by the Utility Functions)
          apath the filesystem path where the input file(s) are to be written
          inputs the complete suite of Analysis inputs (nIn in length)
            errs a pointer to the returned structure where input error(s) occurred – NULL no errors
          icode integer return code
```

Called to prepare the input to an Analysis or prepare the input and execute the Analysis (based on qeFlg).



AIM – PostAnalysis & Termination

Perform any processing after the Analysis is run – Optional

Free up any memory the AIM has stored

void aimCleanup()

AIM – Output Parsing

Calculate/Retrieve Output Information

Called in a *lazy* manner and only when the output is needed (and after the Analysis is run).



Discrete Structure – Used to define a VertexSet

The CAPS *Discrete* data structure holds the spatial discretization information for a Bound. It defines reference positions for the location of the vertices that support the geometry and optionally the positions for the data locations (if these differ). This structure can contain a homogeneous or heterogeneous collection of element types and optionally specifies match positions for conservative data transfers.

EGADS Tessellation Object

- Not a requirement but useful in dealing with sensitivities
- Requires triangles
- Can be constructed from an external mesh generator
 - Look at EG_initTessBody, EG_setTessEdge, EG_setTessFace & EG_statusTessBody
 - Make it part of CSM & CAPS by aim_setTess

AIM – Discrete Structure 2/5

```
/* defines the element discretization type by the number of reference positions
* (for geometry and optionally data) within the element.
* simple tri: nref = 3; ndata = 0; st = \{0.0, 0.0, 1.0, 0.0, 0.0, 1.0\}
* simple quad: nref = 4; ndata = 0; st = {0.0,0.0, 1.0,0.0, 1.0,1.0, 0.0,1.0}
* internal triangles are used for the in/out predicates and represent linear
* triangles in [u,v] space.
* ndata is the number of data referece positions, which can be zero for simple
    nodal or isoparametric discretizations.
* match points are used for conservative transfers. Must be set when data
    and geometry positions differ, specifically for discontinuous mappings.
* For example:
                       neighbors
                                                    neighbors
                tri-side vertices 4 side vertices
                  0 12 /\ 0 12
1 2 0 5 3 1 2 3
2 0 1 /6 \ 2 3 4 5
0---1---2 4 5 0
                                        nref = 7
                      neighbors
                                                              0 1
                neighbors
quad-side vertices
                 0 1 2
1 2 3
2 3 0
3 0 1
                                       6 neighbors
3---.-2 quad-side vertices
| 0 1 2
                 neighbors
                 side vertices
                   0 1 2
                   2 3 4
3 4 0
                                       nref = 9
                          0.1
       nref = 5
```

AIM – Discrete Structure 3/5

```
* /
typedef struct {
                                /* number of geometry reference points */
  int
        nref;
  int ndata:
                                /* number of data ref points -- 0 data at ref */
                                /* number of match points (0 -- match at
  int
       nmat;
                                   geometry reference points) */
  int
        ntri:
                                /* number of triangles to represent the elem */
 double *gst;
                                /* [s,t] geom reference coordinates in the
                                   element -- 2*nref in length */
 double *dst:
                                /* [s.t] data reference coordinates in the
                                   element -- 2*ndata in length */
 double *matst;
                                /* [s,t] positions for match points - NULL
                                   when using reference points (2*nmat long) */
  int
        *tris:
                                /* the triangles defined by geom reference indices
                                   (bias 1) -- 3*ntri in length */
} capsEleType;
```

You will usually have only a small number of element types.



AIM – Discrete Structure 4/5

```
* defines the element discretization for geometric and optionally data
 * positions.
typedef struct {
  int
       bIndex;
                               /* the Body index (bias 1) */
                               /* the element type index (bias 1) */
 int tIndex;
 int eIndex:
                               /* element owning index -- dim 1 Edge, 2 Face */
                               /* local indices (bias 1) geom ref positions,
 int *gIndices;
                                  tess index -- 2*nref in length */
  int
       *dIndices:
                               /* the vertex indices (bias 1) for data ref
                                   positions -- ndata in length or NULL */
 union {
   int tq[2];
                               /* tri or quad (bias 1) for ntri <= 2 */
   int *poly;
                               /* the multiple indices (bias 1) for ntri > 2 */
                               /* triangle indices that make up the element */
  } eTris:
} capsElement;
```

See AIAA paper 2014-0294 in the distribution for a more complete description (\$ESP_ROOT/doc/Papers/AIAApaper2014-0294.pdf).



AIM – Discrete Structure 5/5

```
/* defines a discretized collection of Elements
\star specifies the connectivity based on a collection of Element Types and the
 * elements referencing the types.
 */
typedef struct {
 int
             dim:
                            /* dimensionality [1-3] */
           instance:
                            /* analysis instance */
 int
 void *aInfo;
                              /* ATM info */
                              /* below handled by the AIMs: */
                              /* number of entries in the point definition */
 int
             nPoints;
 int
             *mapping:
                              /* tessellation indices to the discrete space
                                 2*nPoints in len (body, global tess index) */
                              /* number of data ref positions or unconnected */
  int
            nVerts;
 double
           *verts;
                              /* data ref (3*nVerts) -- NULL if same as geom */
 int
           *celem:
                             /* element containing vert (nVerts in len) or NULL */
                             /* number of Element Types */
 int
            nTypes;
 capsEleType *types;
                           /* the Element Types (nTypes in length) */
 int
             nElems:
                          /* number of Elements */
 capsElement *elems;
                          /* the Elements (nElems in length) */
                          /* number of triangles to plot data */
 int
            nDtris;
            *dtris:
                             /* NULL for NULL verts -- indices into verts */
 int
 void
             *ptrm:
                             /* pointer for optional AIM use */
} capsDiscr;
```

See \$ESP_ROOT/doc/capsDiscr.pdf for a more complete description.

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AIM – Discrete Support

Fill-in the Discrete data for a Bound Object – Optional

icode = aimDiscr(char *tname, capsDiscr *discr)

tname the Bound name

Note: all of the BRep entities are examined for the attribute **capsBound**. Any that match tname must be included when filling this **capsDiscr**.

discr the Discrete structure to fill

Note: the AIM *instance*, AIM *info* pointer and the dimensionality have been filled in before this function is invoked.

icode integer return code

Frees up data in a Discrete Structure – Optional

icode = aimFreeDiscr(capsDiscr *discr)

discr the Discrete Structure to have its members freed

icode integer return code



AIM – Discrete Support

Return Element in the *Mesh* – Optional

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Data Associated with the Discrete Structure – Optional

Fills in the DataSet Object

Interpolation on the Bound – Optional

```
icode = aimInterpolation(capsDiscr *discr, const char *name,
                               int eIndex, double *bary, int rank,
                               double *data, double *result)
icode = aimInterpolateBar(capsDiscr *discr, const char *name,
                                int eIndex, double *bary, int rank,
                                 double *r_bar, double *d_bar)
          discr the input Discrete Structure
          name a pointer to the input DataSet name string
         eIndex the input target element index (1 bias) in the Discrete Structure
           bary the input Barycentric/reference position in the element eIndex
           rank the input rank of the data
           data values at the data (or geometry) positions
          result the filled in results (rank in length)
          r_bar input d(objective)/d(result)
          d_bar returned d(objective)/d(data)
          icode integer return code
```

Forward and reverse differentiated functions

Element Integration on the Bound – Optional

```
icode = aimIntegration(capsDiscr *discr, const char *name,
                             int eIndex, int rank,
                             double *data, double *result)
icode = aimIntegrateBar(capsDiscr *discr, const char *name,
                              int eIndex, int rank,
                              double *r_bar, double *d_bar)
          discr the input Discrete Structure
          name a pointer to the input DataSet name string
         eIndex the input target element index (1 bias) in discr
           rank the input rank of the data
           data values at the data (or geometry) positions – NULL length/area/volume of element
          result the filled in results (rank in length)
          r_bar input d(objective)/d(result)
          d_bar returned d(objective)/d(data)
          icode integer return code
```

Forward and reverse differentiated functions

Data Transfer to Child AIM – Optional



AIM specific Communication – Optional

```
icode = aimBackdoor(int inst, void *aimInfo, const char *JSONin,
                    char **JSONout.)
```

inst the AIM instance index

aimInfo the AIM context

JSONin a pointer to a character string that represents the inputs.

JSONout a returned pointer to a character string that is the output of the request.

AIM Helper Functions

- provides useful functions for the AIM programmer
- gives access to CAPS Object data
- note that all function names begin with aim_
- if any of these functions are used, then the library must be included in the AIM so/DLL build

AIM Utility Library – Body handling

Get Bodies

Is Node Body

```
icode = aim_isNodeBody(ego body, double *xyz)
    body the EGADS Body Objects to query
    xyz the returned XYZ of the Node (if a Node Body)
    icode integer return code
```

AIM Utility Library – Units

Units conversion

AIM Utility Library – Units

Units multiplication

Units division

AIM Utility Library – Units

Units invert

Units raise to power

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AIM Utility Library – Conversions

Name to Index lookup

```
icode = aim_getIndex(void *aimInfo, char *name, enum stype)
aimInfo the AIM context

name the pointer to the string specifying the name to look-up
NULL returns the total number of members in the subtype

stype GEOMETRYIN, GEOMETRYOUT, ANALYSISIN or ANALYSISOUT
icode index (1 bias) or negative integer return code
```

Index to Name lookup

```
icode = aim_getName(void *aimInfo, int index, enum stype, char **name)
aimInfo the AIM context
    index the index to use (1 bias)
    stype GEOMETRYIN, GEOMETRYOUT, ANALYSISIN or ANALYSISOUT
    name the returned pointer to the string specifying the name
    icode integer return code
```

Get GeometryIn Type

```
icode = aim_getGeomInType(void *aimInfo, int index)
       aimInfo the AIM context
         index the index of GEOMETRYIN (1 bias)
         icode integer return code – CAPS_SUCCESS is Design, EGADS_OUTSIDE is Configuration
```

Get Discretization State

```
icode = aim_getDiscrState(void *aimInfo, char *bname)
       aimInfo the AIM context
        bname the Bound name
         icode integer return code - CAPS_SUCCESS is clean
```

Get Value Structure

```
icode = aim_getValue(void *aimInfo, int index, enum stype,
                        capsValue *value)
       aimInfo the AIM context
         index the index to use (1 bias)
         stype GEOMETRYIN, GEOMETRYOUT, ANALYSISIN or ANALYSISOUT
         value the returned pointer to the caps Value structure
```



AIM Utility Library – Conversions

Data Transfer from Parent AIM(s)

```
icode = aim_getData(void *aimInfo, char *name, enum *vtype, int *rank, int *nrow, int *ncol, void **data, char **units)

aimInfo the AIM context

name the requested agreed-upon name to fill

vtype the returned value data type

rank the returned rank of the data (negative – data should be free'd when done)

nrow the returned number of rows

ncol the returned number of columns

data a returned void pointer associated with the data

units the returned pointer to the string declaring the units (should be free'd)

NULL indicates unitless values

icode integer return code
```

Notes: All parent AIMs are queried. If none properly respond, this function returns CAPS_NOTFOUND. If multiple parents respond then this function returns CAPS_SOURCEERR. Parents must not be *dirty*.

Establish Linkage from Parent or Geometry

Note: For ANALYSISIN or ANALYSISOUT subtypes all parent Analyses are queried. If none is found in the parent hierarchy, this function returns CAPS_NOTFOUND. The query is performed from the *oldest* ancestor down. The first match is used.



Get Geometry State WRT the Analysis

```
icode = aim_newGeometry(void *aimInfo)
    aimInfo the AIM context
```

icode CAPS_SUCCESS for new, CAPS_CLEAN if not regenerated since last here

Set Tessellation for a Body

```
icode = aim_setTess(void *aimInfo, ego object)
```

aimInfo the AIM context

object the EGADS Tessellation Object to use for the associated Body –or –
the Body Object to remove and delete an existing tessellation
Note that the Body Object is part of the Tessellation Object

icode integer return code

An error is raised when trying to set a Tessellation Object when one exists.

If the Problem is STATIC then the AIM (or CAPS application) is responsible for deleting the Tessellation Object. Otherwise removal of the Tessellation Object is controlled internally during Body operations. If a Tessellation Object is removed (no longer associated with the Body) then CAPS deletes the Tessellation Object.

Caps AIM Utility Library

Get Discretization Structure

```
icode = aim_getDiscr(void *aimInfo, char *bname, capsDiscr **discr)
        aimInfo the AIM context
        bname the Bound name
          discr pointer to the returned Discrete structure
         icode integer return code
```

Get Data from Existing DataSet

```
icode = aim_getDataSet(capsDiscr *discr, char *dname, enum *method,
                             int *npts, int *rank, double **data)
          discr the input Discrete Structure
         dname the requested DataSet name
        method the returned method used for data transfers
           npts the returned number of points in the DataSet
           rank the returned rank of the DataSet
           data a returned pointer to the data within the DataSet
          icode integer return code
```

Get Bound Names

```
icode = aim_getBounds(void *aimInfo, int *nBname, char ***bnames)
    aimInfo the AIM context
    nBname returned number of Bound names
    bnames returned pointer to list of Bound names (freeable)
    icode integer return code
```

Get Unit System

```
icode = aim_unitSys(void *aimInfo, char **unitSys)
aimInfo the AIM context
unitSys a returned pointer to a character string declaring the unit system - can be NULL
icode integer return code
```

AIM Utility Library – Sensitivities

Setup for Sensitivities

Notes: (1) aim_setTess must have been invoked sometime before calling this function to set the tessellations for the Bodies of interest.

(2) Call aim_setSensitivity before call(s) to aim_getSensitivity.



AIM Utility Library – Sensitivities

Get Sensitivities based on Tessellation Components

Note: Call aim_setSensitivity before call(s) to aim_getSensitivity.



AIM Utility Library – Sensitivities

Get Global Tessellation Sensitivities

Note: Used to get the tessellation sensitivities for the entire Tessellation Object. The number of points is the global number of vertices in the tessellation.