

ImplicitCAD: Haskell all of the Things

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ImplicitCAD Project

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Source to this talk

- <https://github.com/julialongtin/BobKonf2020.git>

Who am I?

- Free Software Developer for 20+ years
 - Contributor to OpenEMR, FAI, TinTin++, LinuxPMI,...
- Work at Wire.com
 - The presented work has no affiliation with my employer
- Maintainer of ImplicitCAD
- Author of HSlice

Who am I?

- Have run two Hackerspaces



- Spent 8+ years teaching 10 hours a week
- Tested ImplicitCAD on the members at HacDC

Who am I?

- Transhumanist, 3D printer aficionado
 - ... would love to be bio-printing ...
- Scratch building mutant printers for 10+ years
- Created method for converting 3D prints to aluminium with microwaves (see: 31c3)

What is ImplicitCAD?

- Programmatic 3D Modeling System
- Originally written by Christopher Olah in 2011
 - I took over as maintainer in 2014
- Licensed under the AGPLv3+
- Written in Haskell

Source Code

- <https://github.com/colah/ImplicitCAD/>

Online Editor

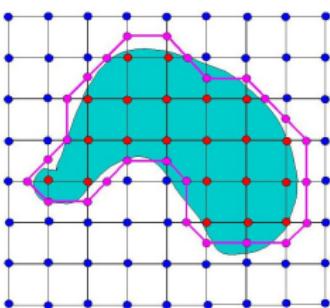
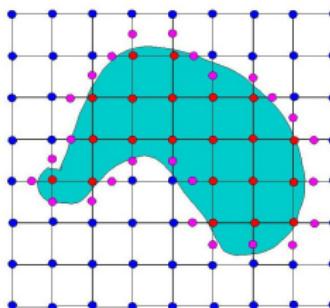
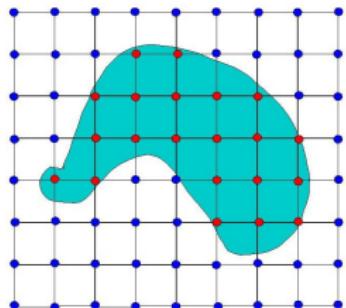
- <http://implicitcad.org/editor/>

What is ImplicitCAD?

- Three Components:
 - 3D/2D Rendering Engine
 - SCAD Execution Engine
 - Library (Haskell DSL)

ImplicitCAD's Rendering Engine

- Renders 3D: STL, OBJ... “Triangles on the outside”.
 - Uses marching cubes algorithm for triangulation functions
- Renders 2D: SVG, SCAD, PNG, DXF...
 - Uses modified marching squares, or ray tracing depending on format

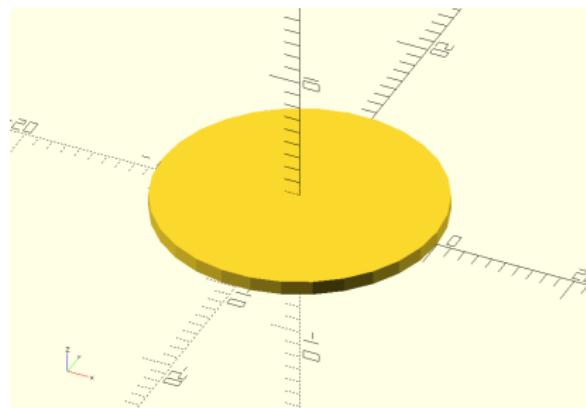


- Highly parallelized, uses all CPUs

ImplicitCAD's SCAD Execution Engine

- OpenSCAD like, not quite OpenSCAD compatible
 - Lack of a real SCAD standard allows us to experiment with the language
- Leans toward primitive elements with more power

```
cylinder(h=1,r=10);
```



```
cylinder(h=1,r=10);
```



ImplicitCAD's Haskell Library

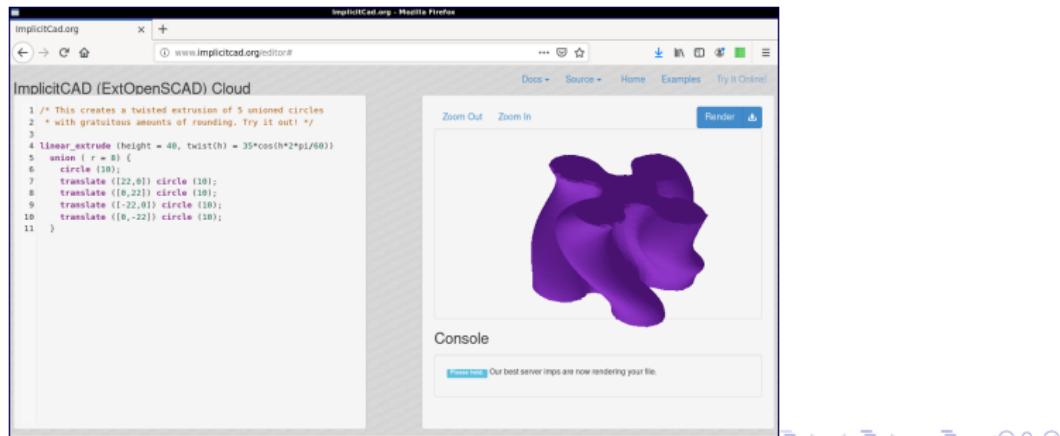
- Usable from simple Haskell programs (Haskell DSL!) to generate objects
- Capable of SCAD execution without modeling
- Separable expression executor

ImplicitCAD Executables

- extopenscad: SCAD engine in command line form

```
[juri@localhost]$ extopenscad cylinder_example.escad
Loading File.
Processing File.
Rendering 3D object from cylinder_example.escad to cylinder_example.stl with resolution
0.3349119544218533 in box ((-10.0,-10.0,0.0),(10.0,10.0,1.0))
ExtrudeR 0.0 (Circle 10.0) 1.0
[juri@localhost]$ ]
```

- ImplicitSNAP: Engine backing the web site.



Other SCAD Engines

OpenSCAD - <https://openscad.org>

- Graphical Interface
- Written in C++
- GPLv2 License

OpenJSCAD - <https://openjscad.org>

- Web based User Interface
- Written in JavaScript
- MIT License

Other SCAD Engines

Curv - <https://curv3d.org>

- Graphical Interface, GPU required
- Apache License
- Written in C++
- Uses maths based on ImplicitCAD

CadQuery - <https://github.com/CadQuery/cadquery>

- Graphical Interface, GPU required
- Apache License
- Python based

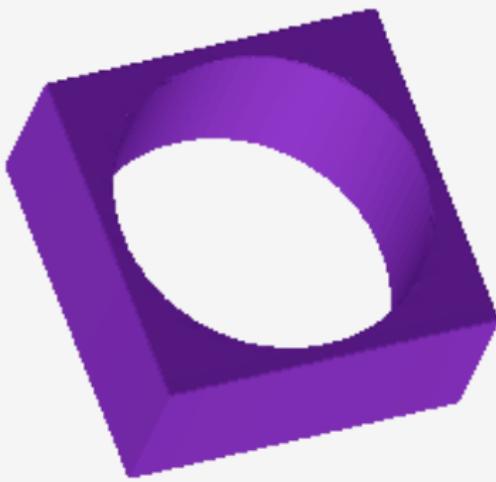
Other Python SCAD engines?

- At least three rewrites of ImplicitCAD in Python
 - All Non-Free, one in use by military...

Why ImplicitCAD?

- Simple SCAD Language

```
1 linear_extrude (height = 10)
2   difference () {
3     translate (-10, -10) square (20);
4     circle (r=9);
5 }
```



Why ImplicitCAD?

- Simple Haskell DSL

```
-- A simple cylinder
import Prelude ((()))
import Graphics.Implicit(writeSTL, cylinder2)

main = writeSTL 0.2 "cylinder_example.stl" $ cylinder2 10 10 1
```



Why ImplicitCAD?

- Nearly Haskell-Native intermediate state

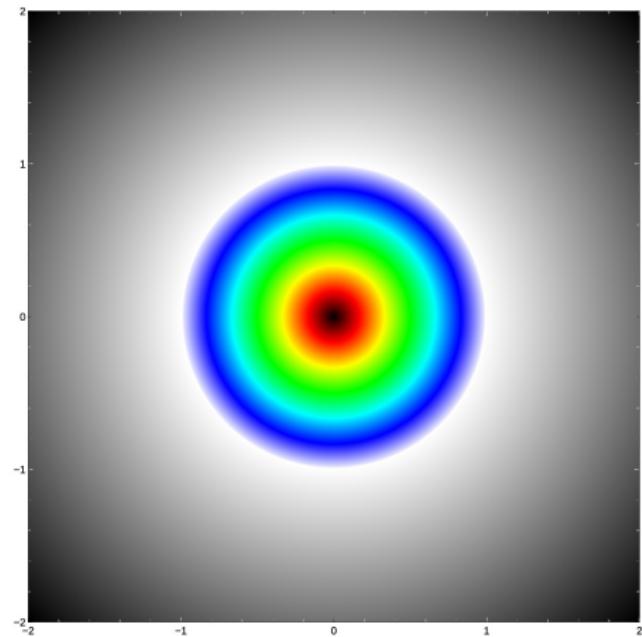
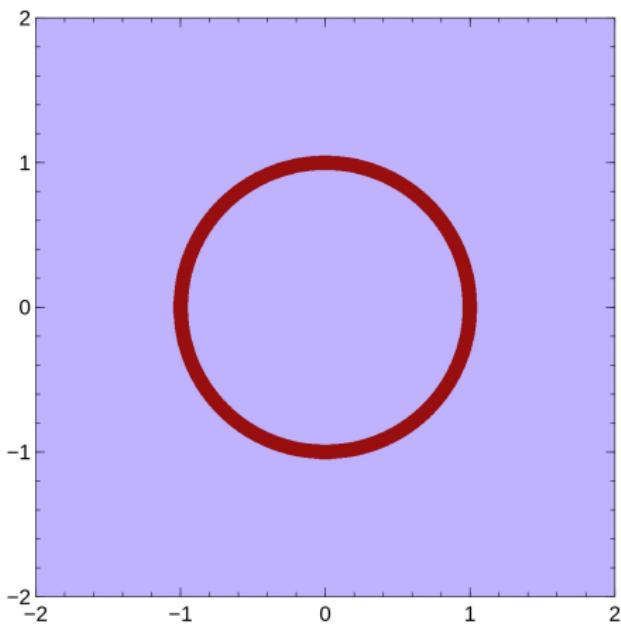
```
[juri@localhost]$ extopencad example.escad | grep ExtrudeR
ExtrudeR 0.0 (DifferenceR 0.0 [Translate2 (-10.0,-10.0) (RectR 0.0 (0.0,0.0)
(20.0,20.0)),Circle 9.0]) 10.0
[juri@localhost]$ ]
```

```
-- A simple cylinder
import Prelude (($))
import Graphics.Implicit

main = writeSTL 0.2 "example.stl" $
    extrudeR 0.0 (differenceR 0.0 [translate (-10.0,-10.0) $
        rectR 0.0 (0.0,0.0) (20.0,20.0),
        circle 9.0]) 10.0
```

Why ImplicitCAD?

- Implicit Constructive Solid Geometry



Why ImplicitCAD?

- High Performance through parallel list comprehensions

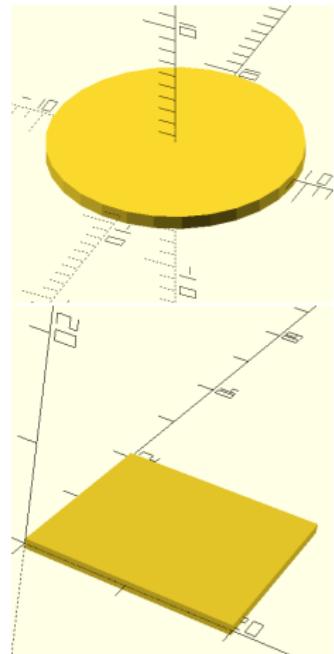
```
-- | Calculate mid points on X, and Y axis in 2D space.
midsY = [[
    interpolate (y0, objX0Y0) (y1', objX0Y1) (obj $* x0) yres
    | x0 <- pXs | objX0Y0 <- objY0 | objX0Y1 <- objY1
    ]|| y0 <- pYs | y1' <- tail pYs | objY0 <- objV | objY1 <- tail objV
] `using` parBuffer (max 1 $ div (fromMN ny) forcesteps) rdeepseq

midsX = [[
    interpolate (x0, objX0Y0) (x1', objX1Y0) (obj *$ y0) xres
    | x0 <- pXs | x1' <- tail pXs | objX0Y0 <- objY0 | objX1Y0 <- tail objY0
    ]|| y0 <- pYs | objY0 <- objV
] `using` parBuffer (max 1 $ div (fromMN nx) forcesteps) rdeepseq

-- | Calculate segments for each side
segs = [[
    getSegs (x0,y0) (x1',y1') obj (objX0Y0, objX1Y0, objX0Y1, objX1Y1) (midA0, midA1, midB0, midB1)
    | x0<-pXs | x1'<-tail pXs !midB0<-mX'' | midB1<-mX'T | midA0<-mY'' | midA1<-tail mY''
    | objX0Y0<-objY0 | objX1Y0<-tail objY0 | objX0Y1<-objY1 | objX1Y1<-tail objY1
    ]|| y0<-pYs | y1'<-tail pYs !mX'' <-midsX | mX'T <-tail midsX | mY'' <-midsY
    | objY0 <- objV | objY1 <- tail objV
] `using` parBuffer (max 1 $ div (fromMN $ nx+ny) forcesteps) rdeepseq
```

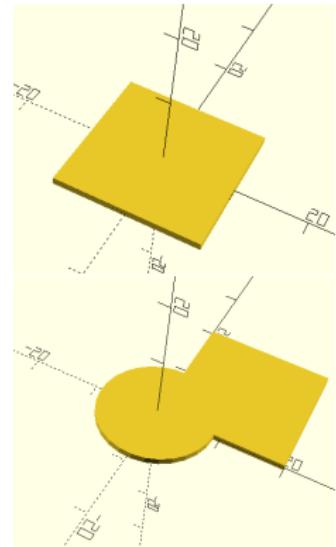
Basic CSG in SCAD

- `circle(r=9);`
- `square(20);`



Basic CSG in SCAD

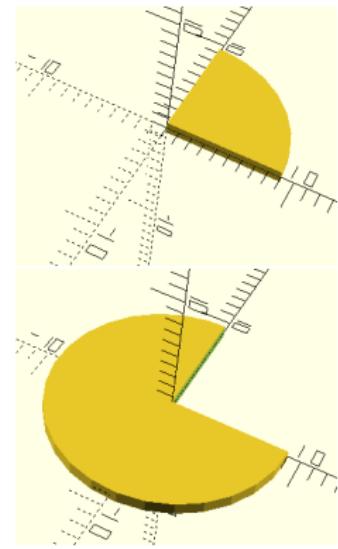
- translate([-10,-10]) square(20);



- union() { circle(r=9);
square(20); }

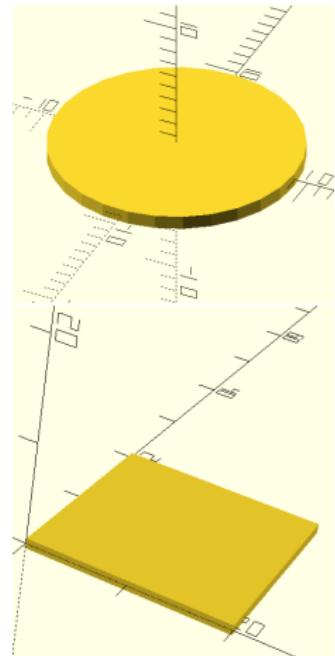
Basic CSG in SCAD

- intersection() { circle(r=9); square(20); }
- difference() { circle(r=9); square(20); }



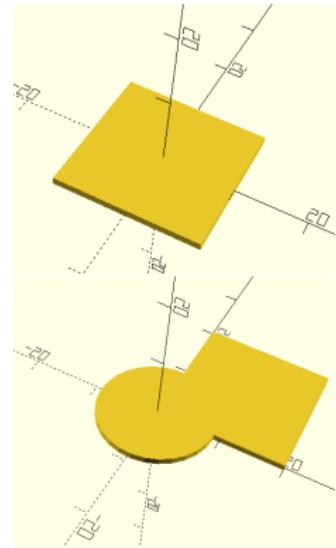
Basic CSG in Haskell

- main = writeSVG 0.2
“example.svg” \$ circle 9.0
- main = writeSVG 0.2
“example.svg” \$ rectR 0 (0,0)
(20,20)



Basic CSG in Haskell

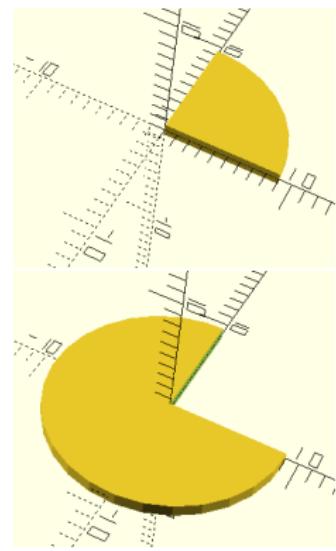
- main = writeSVG 0.2
“example.svg” \$ translate
(-10,-10) \$ rectR 0 (0,0) (20,20)
- main = writeSVG 0.2
“example.svg” \$ unionR 0
[circle 9, rectR 0 (0,0) (20,20)]



Basic CSG in Haskell

- main = writeSVG 0.2
“example.svg” \\$ intersectR 0
[circle 9, rectR 0 (0,0) (20,20)]

- main = writeSVG 0.2
“example.svg” \\$ differenceR 0
[circle 9, rectR 0 (0,0) (20,20)]



Additional Primitives

- polygon();
- cube();
- sphere();
- cylinder();

Additional Operations

- `scale() { }`
- `rotate() { }`
- `linear_extrude() { }`

Flow Control

- module () { }
- function () ...
- if ... then ... else
- for () { }
- include ...
- use ...
- echo ();

SCAD Example: Disc



```
module disc_2d(diameter){  
    radius=diameter/2;  
    circle(r=radius);  
}  
module disc_3d(diameter, thickness){  
    linear_extrude(thickness)  
    disc_2d(diameter);  
}  
disc_3d(thickness=10, diameter=120);
```

SCAD Example: Bead



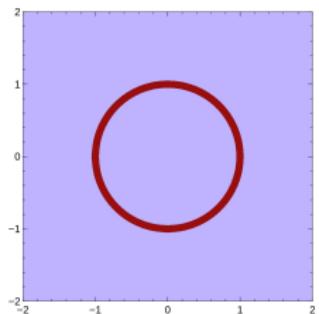
```
module bead_3d(height ,diameter ,hole_diameter) {  
    difference() {  
        cylinder(r=diameter/2, h=height);  
        cylinder(r=hole_diameter/2, h=height);  
    }  
}  
bead_3d(height=10, diameter=120, hole_diameter=20)
```

Implicit CSG

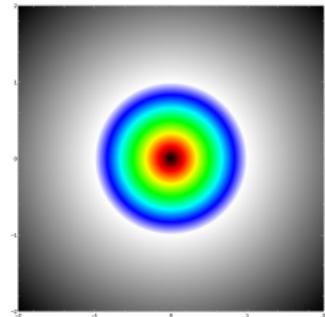
- CSG using Implicit functions
- Implicit functions are functions that define gradient to edge
- Interior of objects = negative value
- Exterior of objects = positive value

Circles

- $x^2 + y^2 = r^2$

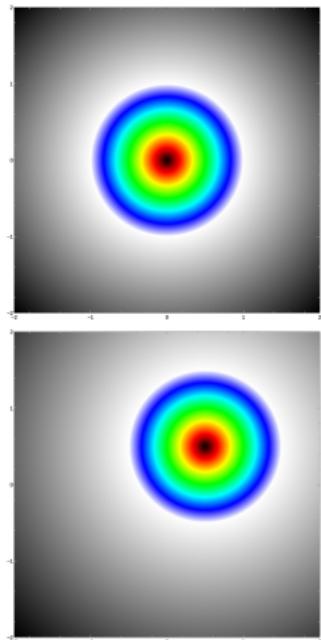


- $f(x, y) = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} - 1$



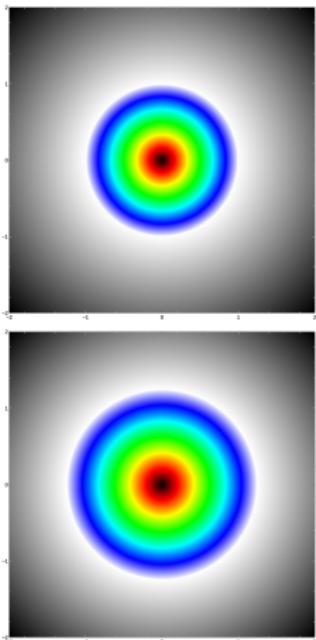
Translation

- $f(x, y) = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} - 1$
- $tf(x, y, tx, ty) = \sqrt{(x - tx)^2 + (y - ty)^2} - 1$



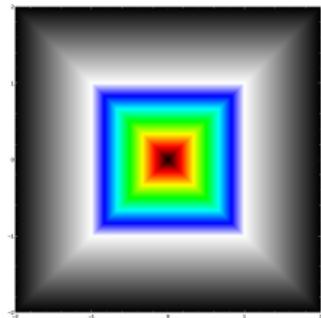
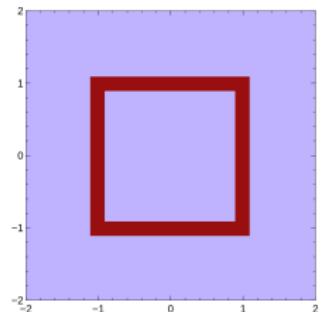
Scaling

- $f(x, y) = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} - 1$
- $sf(x, y, sx, sy) = \sqrt{((x/sx)^2 + (y/sy)^2)} - 1$



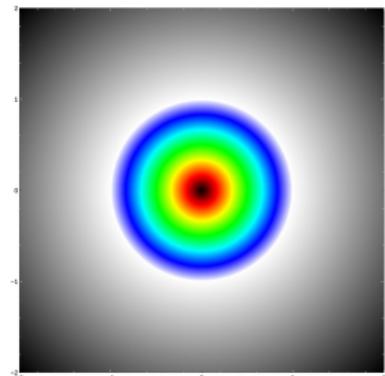
Squares

- $\text{abs}(x) = r \wedge \text{abs}(y) < r \vee \text{abs}(y) = r \wedge \text{abs}(x) < r$
- $f(x, y) = \text{maximum}(\text{abs}(x), \text{abs}(y)) - 1$

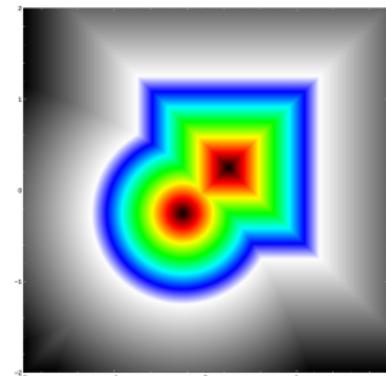
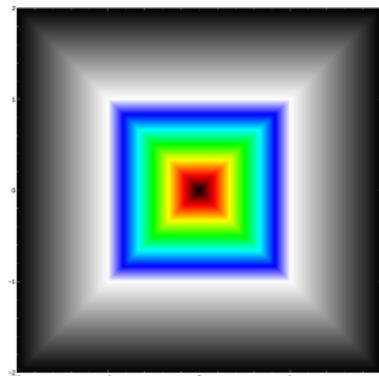


Unioning

```
f(x,y)=sqrt(x^2+y^2)-1  
f(x,y)=maximum(  
    abs(x),abs(y)  
) -1
```



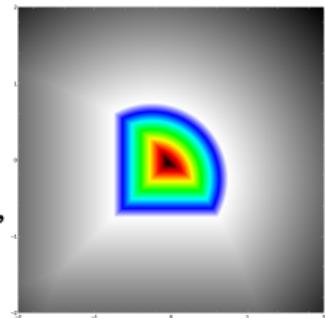
```
f(x,y) = minimum(  
    sqrt((x+0.25)^2+(y+0.25)^2)-1,  
    maximum(abs(x-0.25),abs(y-0.25))-1  
)
```



Intersecting

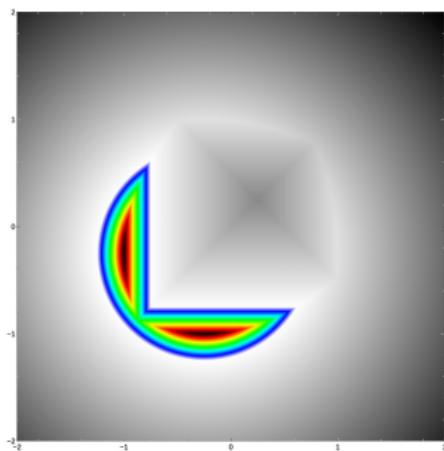
- Taking the maximum of the two items gives the intersection

```
maximum(  
    sqrt((x+0.25)*(x+0.25)+(y+0.25)*(y+0.25))-1,  
    maximum(abs(x-0.25),abs(y-0.25))-1  
)
```



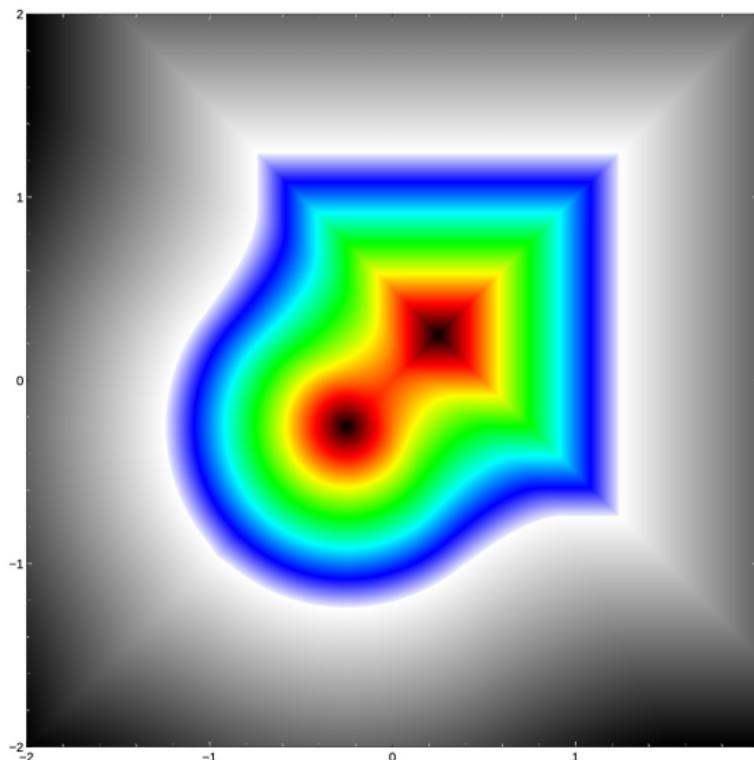
Getting the Difference

- Taking the maximum of the item to be removed from, and the inverse of the items being removed gives the difference
- $\max(\sqrt{(x+0.25)*(x+0.25)+(y+0.25)*(y+0.25)} - 1, -(\max(\text{abs}(x-0.25), \text{abs}(y-0.25))) - 1)$



Rounded Unions

$$\text{rmin}_r(a, b) = \begin{cases} \min(a, b) & |a - b| \geq r \\ b + r * \sin(\pi/4 + \arcsin(\frac{a-b}{r\sqrt{2}})) - r & |a - b| < r \end{cases}$$



Implicit CSG Advantages

- Easy Rounding
- $\text{square}(x = 30, y = 30, r = 5)$
- $\text{square}(x = 30, y = 30, r = 15) == \text{Circle!}$
- Most primitives support rounding
- Rendering can be matched to your ability to print



Implicit CSG Disadvantages

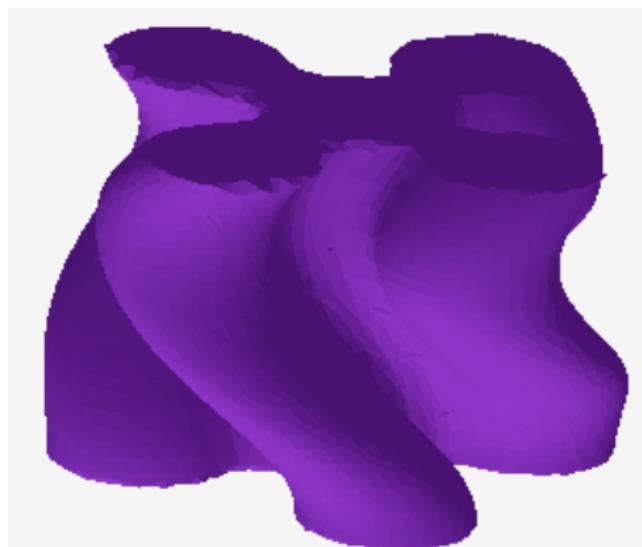
- Eats CPU
- Must track render area, as well as function stack
 - Tighter boxes mean less CPU wasted

Haskell Implications

- Can generate and use functions
 - Hard to reason about them
 - Cannot print in intermediate form dump
- List comprehensions parallelize well
- ... Sadly little overlap between Haskellers and 3D modelers
- Always telling users to use “`+RTS -N -qg`” is painful

Using Functions

```
linear_extrude (height = 40, twist(h) = 35*cos(h*2*pi/60))
union ( r = 8) {
    circle (10);
    translate ([22,0]) circle (10);
    translate ([0,22]) circle (10);
    translate([-22,0]) circle (10);
    translate ([0,-22]) circle (10);
}
```



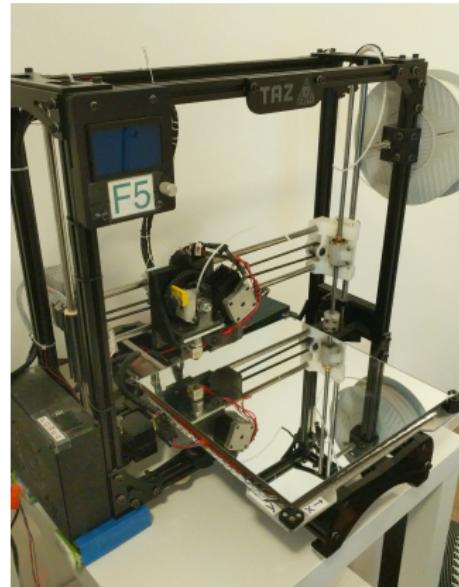
linear_extrude functional arguments

- $height(x, y) = value$
- $twist(h) = value$
- $scale(h) = value$
- $translate(h) = (x, y)$

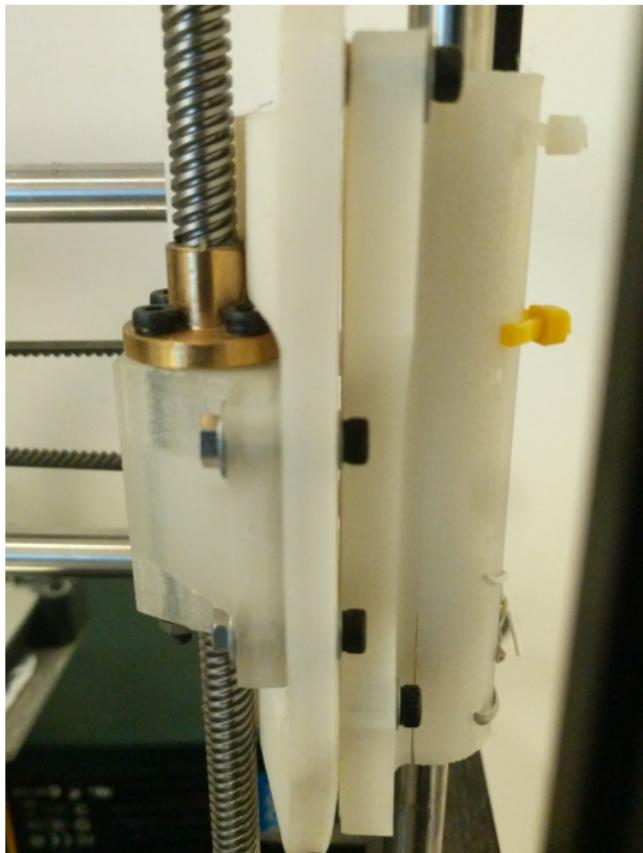
Real World

- My 3D Printer

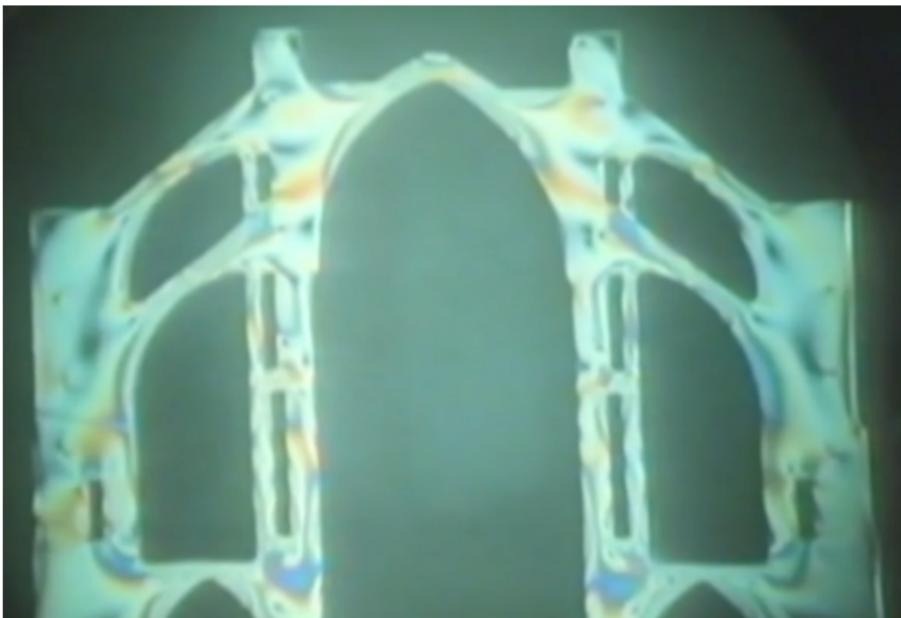
- LulzBot Taz 3-5ish
- Re-printing with ImplicitCAD
- STLs provided by LulzBot
 - STLs are not source code!



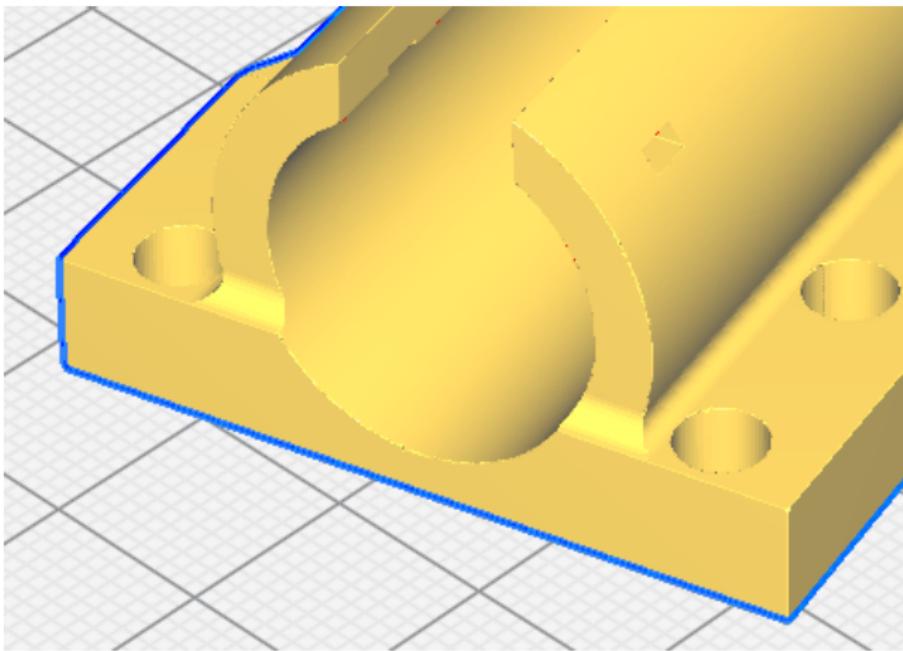
Cracking Parts



Stress under Pressure



Rounding



Future ImplicitCAD Functionality

- Functions as a type, so they can be reasoned about by the engine
- User-defined implicit operations

```
raw3D(bbox=function_that_returns_two_points ,  
      implicit(x,y,z)=function_that_returns_a_value);
```

What is HSlice?

- Another Slicer!
- Originally written by Catherine Moresco and Noah Halford in 2016
 - I took over as lead developer last year
- Licensed under the AGPLv3+
- Written in Haskell
- Goals:
 - Support slicing for printers with combined linear and rotational motion
 - Part of my effort to have a 100 percent haskell based 3D printing stack
- Abuses the expression evaluation from ImplicitCAD..

Source Code

- <https://github.com/julialongtin/HSlice/>

Functional OpenSCAD

The screenshot shows the OpenSCAD 2019.08.25 application window. The left side contains the code editor with the file `debug.scad`, which defines functions for hypotenuse, mean, and a module `m` that translates points. The right side shows a 3D rendering of three cubes: a red cube at the origin, a green cube rotated 90 degrees, and a blue cube rotated 45 degrees. The bottom right corner displays the version `OpenSCAD 2019.08.25`.

```
File Edit Design View Help
Editor
1
2 hypot = function(x, y) sqrt(x * x + y * y);
3 mean  = function(x, y) (x + y) / 2;
4
5 func  = function(x) x == 0
6   ? function(x, y) x + y
7   : function(x, y) x - y;
8
9 module m(h, x, y) {
10   echo(h = h(x, y));
11   translate([h(x, y), 0, 0]) cube(1);
12 }
13
14 echo(func0 = func(0)(8, 3));
15 echo(func1 = func(1)(8, 3));
16
17 echo(l = let(f = function(x) x) sqrt(f(25)));
18
19 echo(f = (function(x) sqrt(x))(49));
20
21 color("red") m(hypot, 3, 4);
22 color("green") m(mean, 5, 8);
23 color("blue") m(function(x, y) sqrt(x + y), 5, 6);
24 |
```

Viewport: translate = [4.03 2.06 0.19] rotate = [55.70 0.00 15.90] distance = 15.29 (872x388)

Console

Parsing design (AST generation)...
Compiling design (CSG Tree generation)...
ECHO: func0 = 11
ECHO: func1 = 5
ECHO: l = 5
ECHO: f = 7
ECHO: h = 5
ECHO: h = 6.5
ECHO: h = 3.31662
Compiling design (CSG Products generation)...
Geometries in cache: 1
Geometry cache size in bytes: 728
CGAL Polyhedrons in cache: 0
CGAL cache size in bytes: 0
Compiling design (CSG Products normalization)...
Normalized CSG tree has 3 elements
Compile and preview finished.
Total rendering time: 0 hours, 0 minutes, 0 seconds

OpenSCAD 2019.08.25

ExplicitCAD

- A graphical front end for ImplicitCAD
- Originally written by Kliment
- Licensed under the GPLv3
- Written in C++
- Goals:
 - Give ImplicitCAD a better look and feel for non-command line users

Source Code

- <https://github.com/kliment/explicitcad>

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Questions?