

Finite Boolean Algebra for Solid Geometry with Julia's Sparse Arrays

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Summary of talk

- 1 Roman Research on Solid Modeling
- 2 Motivation for a new start
- 3 Linear Algebraic Representation
- 4 LAR and Imaging
- 5 Novel Approach to Solid Geometry Algebra
- 6 Julia as Language for Numerical Computations

Roman Research on Solid Modeling

Modeling a large architectural complex (CAD&A, 2008)

A detailed 3D architectural model of a large Roman complex, possibly the Forum of Augustus, shown from an elevated perspective. The model includes various buildings, colonnades, and a central circular structure. It is set against a background of a purple sky and some trees.

**TOP-DOWN ARCHEOLOGY
WITH A GEOMETRIC LANGUAGE**

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The context of our start in Solid Modeling: 1984-1988

solid modeling R&D was at the time on Lisp-machines!



Figure 2: **Symbolics LISP Machine**, from Google NY office computer museum



Figure 3: **IBM XT personal computer**



Figure 4: **Apple Macintosh SE**

we started on IBM first PCs and Apple Macintosh writing Solid Modeling software in Pascal

Minerva: the first solid modeler on a PC (1985–)

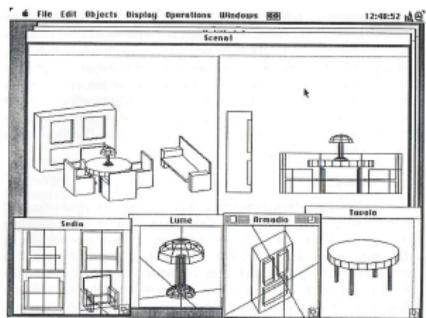


Figure 1: The window-based user interface of *Minerva*, with a structure definition

Figure 5: Apple GUI

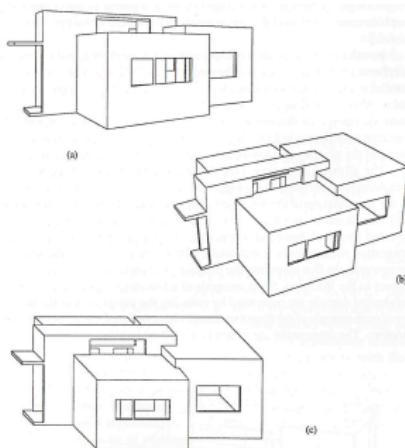


Figure 3: Solid model of the Oud's Mathenesse (Rotterdam, 1923) generated by *Minerva*. (a) Two-point perspective; (b) three-point perspective; (c) dimetric Cavalier axonometric view

Figure 6: Standard views of Mathenesse building

Integrating hierarchical assemblies, Boolean ops, parametric surfaces, integration of polynomials, HSR algorithms, full-fledged Apple GUI

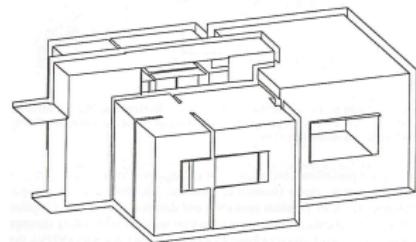


Figure 4: Hidden surface removed view of the complemented Mathenesse building

Figure 7: Boolean Algebra over Linear Polyhedra, CAD 1990

PLaSM: FL-based Language for Solid Modeling (1992-)

Programming language for solid variational geometry (CAD 92, TOG 95)

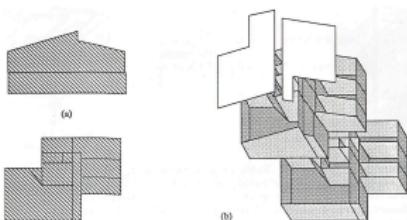


Figure 6: (a) The arguments *Plan* and *Section* of an operation $\&\&$ (intersection cell-by-cell of extrusions) in the *PLASMA* language; (b) The two-dimensional polyhedral complex obtained by the evaluation of the expression $\text{@@}:(\text{Plan} \& \& \text{Section})$, represented as an exploded drawing

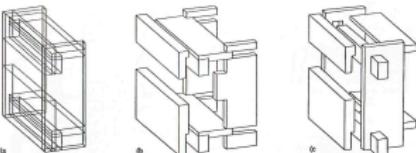


Figure 7: (a) A sequence (Beams, Roofs, Enclosures, Partitions) of isothetic (interpenetrating) pairs of parallelipipeds, for sake of simplicity assumed to be in the same coordinate space; (b) PLASMA evaluated expression *STRUCT*: (Beams, Roofs, Enclosures, Partitions); (c) *STRUCT*: (Beams, Partitions, Enclosures, Roofs)

Example 1.5.6 (Building facade)

An example is given in Script 1.5.6, and shown in Figure 1.6a, where a 2D complex is generated by Cartesian product of 1D complexes produced by the QUOTE operator. Several other examples of the QUOTE operator are given in Section 1.6.2.

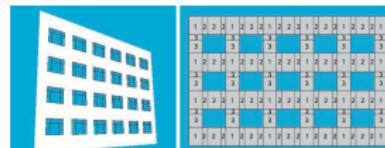


Figure 1.6 (a) the 2D complex generated as *facade:@<4,4>* by combining QUOTE, product and 1-skeleton operators (b) the generating scheme of Facade panels

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The *facade* generating function works by assembling three 2D Cartesian products of alternating 1D complexes produced by *Q:xRithm*, *Q:xVoid* and by *Q:yRithm*, *Q:yVoid*, respectively. In particular, the *xRithm* sequence contains the numeric series used in the *x* direction; analogously *yRithm* for the *y* direction. Conversely, *xVoid* and *yVoid* host the series with opposite signs of elements. So, the first three Cartesian products in the *STRUCT* sequence produce a sort of checkboard covering that follows the scheme given in Figure 1.6b.

Script 1.5.6 (Building facade)

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DEF facade (a,s,:1InitPos) = STRUCT:<
  Q:xRithm * Q:yRithm,
  Q:xVoid * Q:yRithm,
  Q:xRithm * Q:yVoid ,
  @:(Q:xVoid * Q:yVoid) >
WHERE
  xRithm = #::(s,-2,-5,-2) AR 5,
  yRithm = #::(-s,-5,-2) AR 7,
  xVoid = AA::xRithm,
  yVoid = AA::yRithm
END;
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Figure 8: GP4SM (2003)

Multidimensional representations and algorithms

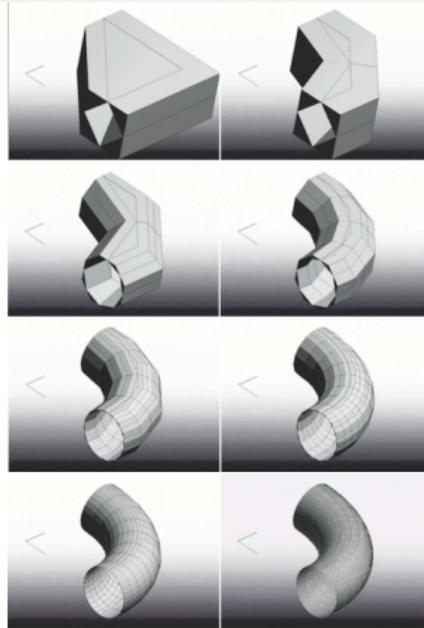


Figure 9: Dataflow refinement of rational B-spline with BSP nodes (SM&A, 2004)



Figure 10: Parallel & distributed computing ((IJCGA, 2008)

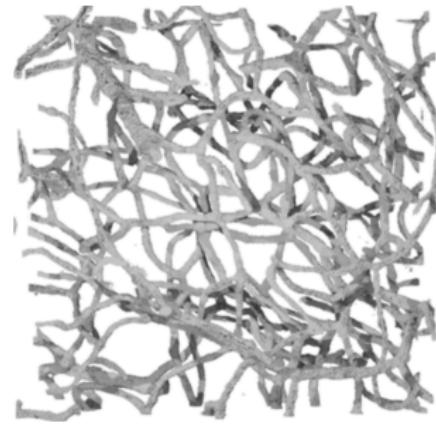


Figure 11: Topologically exact LAR models of microvessels between neurons (CAD&A, 2016)

LAR: Linear Algebraic Representation

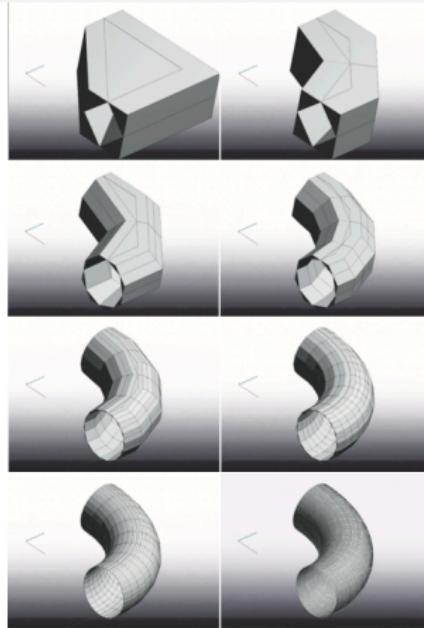


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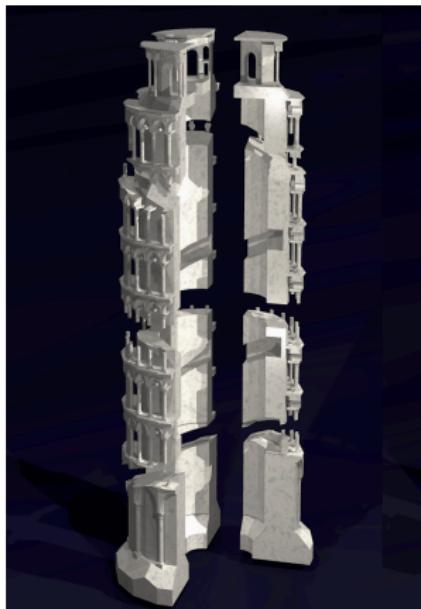


Figure 13: Parallel & distributed computing ((IJCGA, 2008)

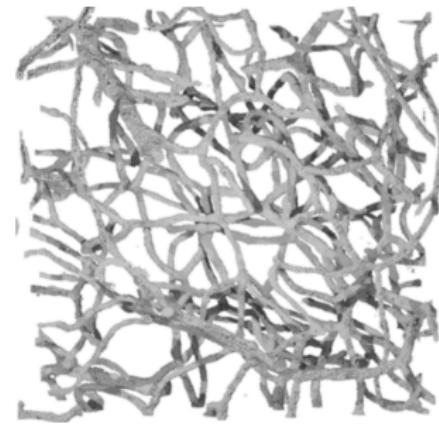
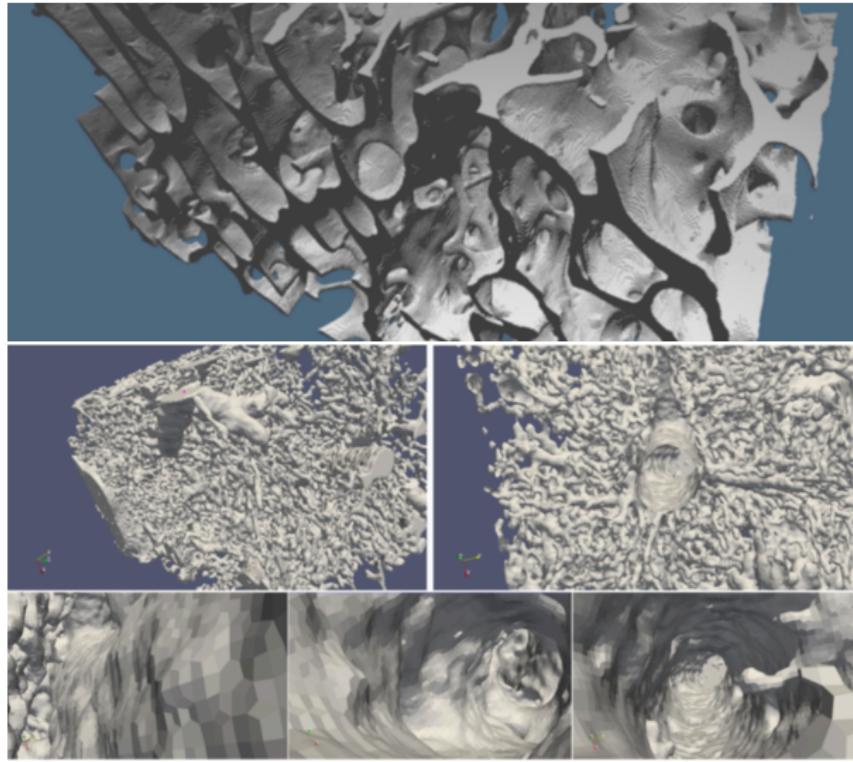
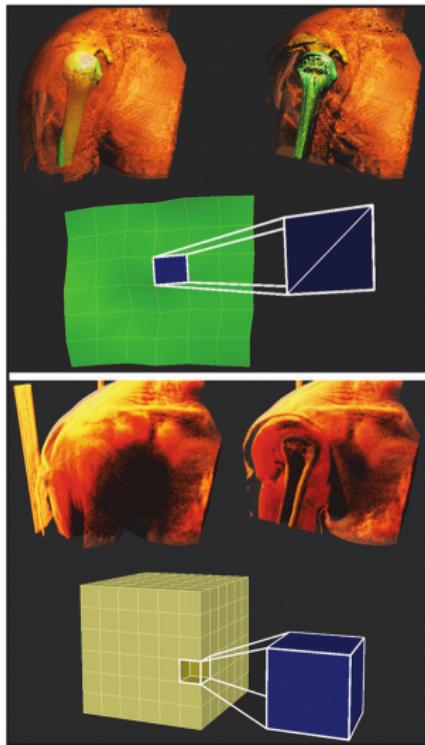


Figure 14: Topologically exact LAR models of microvessels between neurons (CAD&A, 2016)

Challenges: personalized biomedicine & virtual surgery

SMA should enter the IEEE-SA P.3333.2 WG !!s



Motivation for a new start

Geometric and topological computing

rethinking some foundations

Complexity of geometric information stems from dramatic increase in size, diversity, and complexity of geometric data:

- point clouds,
- boundary meshes,
- NURBs representations,
- finite element meshes,
- CT scans,
- and so on

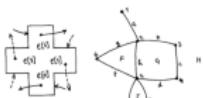
Emerging applications (e.g. medical 3D) require the convergence of data structures from:

- 3d computer imaging
- computer graphics
- solid modeling
- computer-aided geometric design
- discrete meshing of domains
- physical simulations

The goals of unification, scalability, and distributed computing call for rethinking some foundations of geometric and topological computing

Quad-Edge data structure

(Guibas & Stolfi, ACM Transactions on Graphics, 1985)



- (a) Edge record showing Next links.
- (b) A subdivision of the sphere.
- (c) Data structure for the subdivision

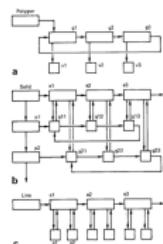
Primitives for the Manipulation of General Subdivisions and the Computation of Voronoi Diagrams

largely used in computational geometry algorithms and in geometric libraries

Hybrid Edge data structure

(Kalay, Computer-Aided Design, 1989)

a topological data structure for vertically integrated geometric modelling



vertex = record
form : point;
end;

segment = record

 gpnt : gptr;
 form : line;
 gpoly : gptr;
 edgeptr : eptr;
 gvert : vptr;

end;

solid = record

 sned : sptr;
 elst : eptr;
 plist : pptr;
 case cavity : boolean;
 false : (child : sptr);
 true : (parent : sptr);

end;

lines = record

 lnext : lptr;
 edge : eptr;
 end;

edge = record

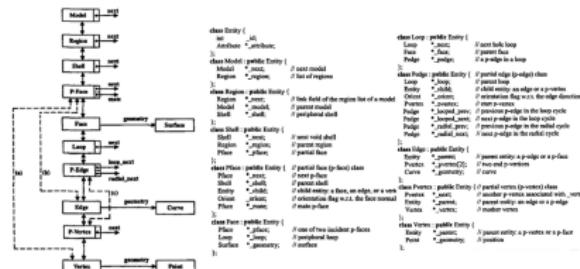
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 eseg : esolid;
 esold : sptr;

end;

Partial-Entity data structure

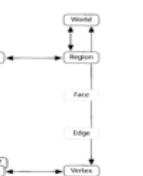
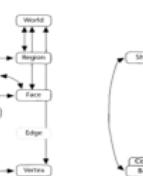
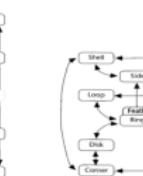
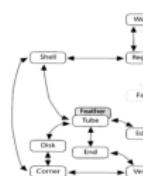
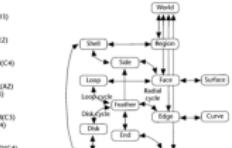
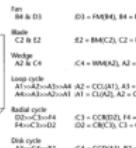
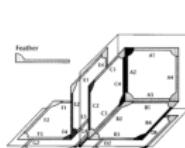
(Sang Hun Lee & Kunwoo Lee, ACM Solid Modeling, 2001)

Compact Non-Manifold Boundary Representation Based on Partial Topological Entities



Coupling Entities data structure

(Yamaguchi & Kimura, IEEE Computer Graphics and Applications, 1995)



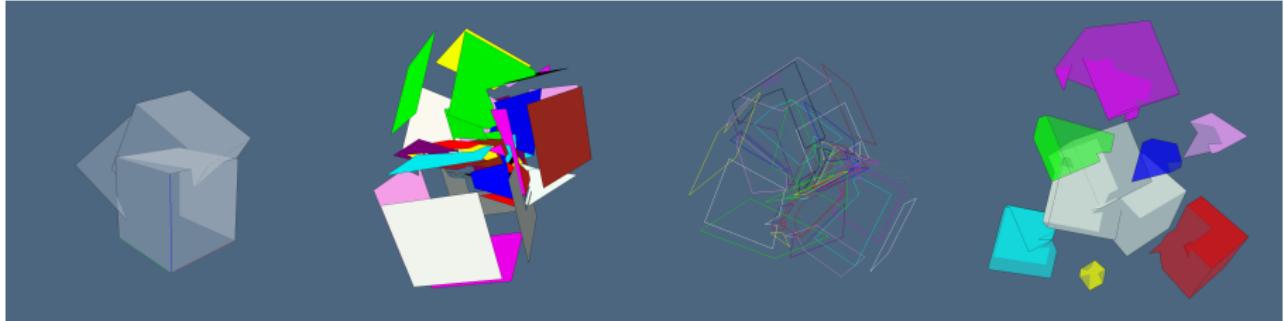
Linear Algebraic Representation

Solid modeling with sparse arrays

Chain Complex

$$\mathcal{C}_\bullet = (C_p, \partial_p) := C_3 \xleftarrow[\partial_3]{\delta^2} C_2 \xleftarrow[\partial_2]{\delta^1} C_1 \xleftarrow[\partial_1]{\delta^0} C_0 \quad \partial_p^\top = \delta^{p-1}$$

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Chain complex (the topology of space partition)

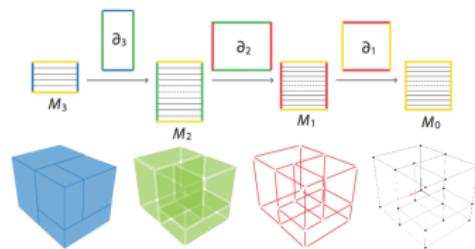
A sequence of linear spaces and linear operators

$$C_\bullet = (C_p, \partial_p) := C_3 \xleftarrow[\partial_3]{\delta^2} C_2 \xleftarrow[\partial_2]{\delta^1} C_1 \xleftarrow[\partial_1]{\delta^0} C_0 \quad \partial_p^\top = \delta^{p-1}$$

A complex C is a sequence $\dots \rightarrow C_{d+1} \xrightarrow{\partial_{d+1}} C_d \xrightarrow{\partial_d} C_{d-1} \rightarrow \dots$ of linear spaces C_d and linear boundary maps ∂_d , where $\partial_{d+1} \circ \partial_d = 0$, for all d

Chain and cochain complex

A **chain complex** C is a complex of **chain spaces** and **boundary maps**:



Unit d -chains (single d -cell subsets), are the standard bases (M_d rows) of d -chain spaces d -cells as subsets of vertices

Characteristic matrices in CSR matrix form

$$M_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

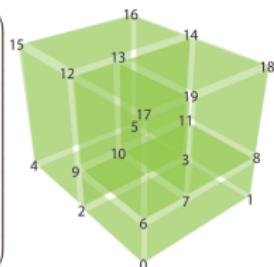
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$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0

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CSR form of a **binary** matrix

Compressed Sparse Row (CSR) matrix storage

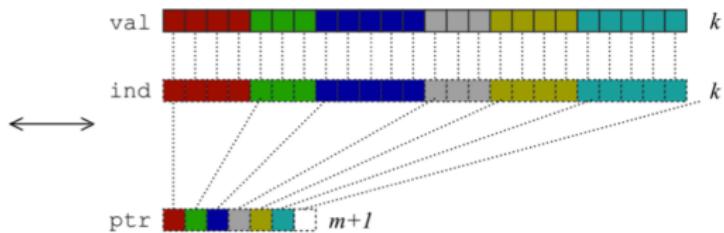
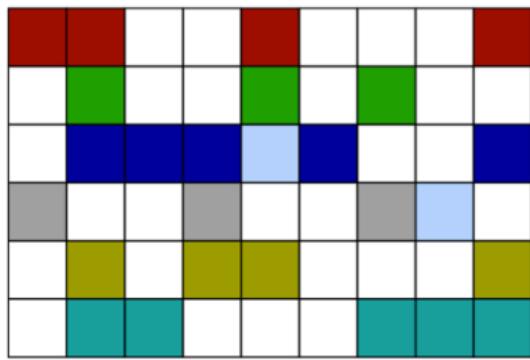


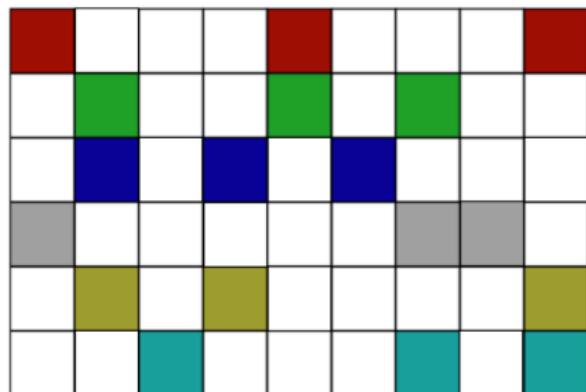
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Samuel Williams, Leonid Oliker, Richard Vuduc, John Shalf, Katherine Yelick, and James Demmel, [Optimization of sparse matrix-vector multiplication on emerging multicore platforms](#), Proceedings of the 2007 ACM/IEEE conference on Supercomputing (New York, NY, USA), SC '07, ACM, 2007, pp. 38:1–38:12.

Storage of LAR(X) \equiv CSR(M_d) matrix

Amazingly compact storage of a **solid** model

REDUCED LAR



simplicial d -complexes: $k = d + 1$
cuboidal d -complexes: $k = 2^d$

Remark (**Input and long-term storage**)

$$\text{space(LAR)} = |FV| = 2|E| !!!$$

Remark (**Full topology representation**)

$$|VE| + |VF| = 4|E|$$

Remark (**Any topological queries**)

single SpMV multiplication

Remark (**Sparse Matrix-Vector Multiplication**)

is one of the most important computational kernels, for very effective iterative solution methods

LAR and Imaging

LAR: topology extraction from *d*-images

Fast algebraic extraction (GPGPU) of spongy bone's **exact** topology

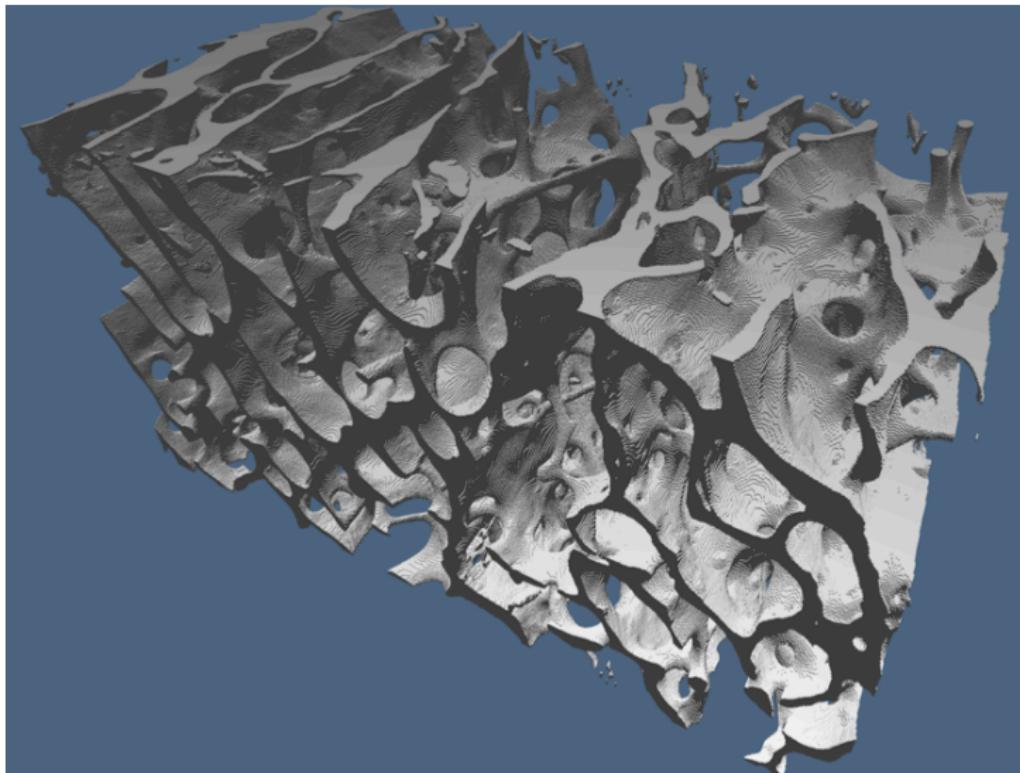
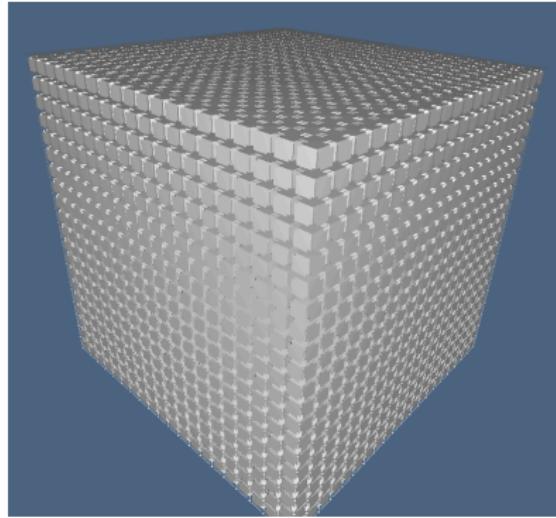


Image complex = implicit LAR of voxels

cell description is made by 4 or 8 indices

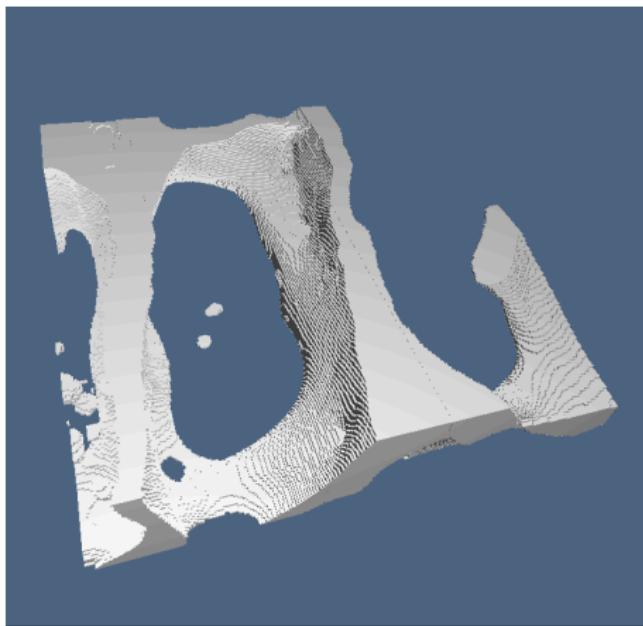
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cell[i,j,k] = [ (i,j,k), (i + 1,j, k), (i,j + 1, k), (i,j, k + 1), (i + 1,j + 1, k), (i + 1,j, k + 1), (i,j + 1, k + 1), (i + 1,j + 1, k + 1) ]
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the **boundary matrix** may be **computed only one time** (depending on the image size), and stored on disk

Paradigm: Divide et Impera

Bottleneck of GPGPU: moving data from global to local memory



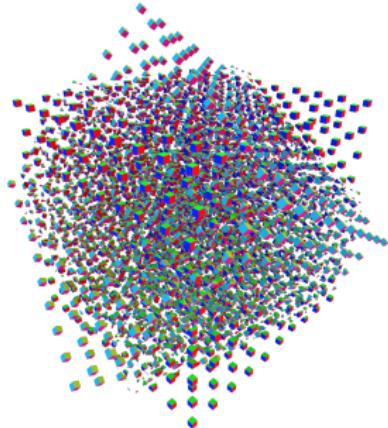
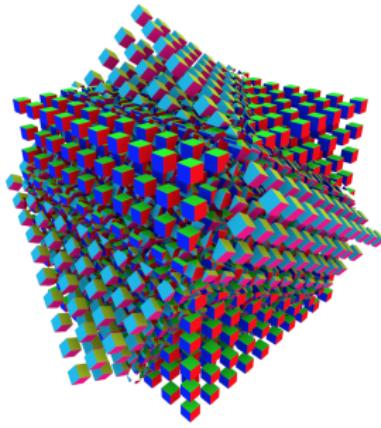
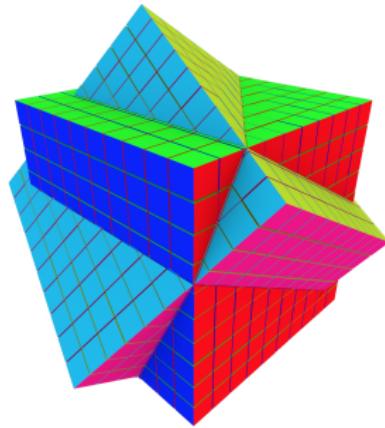
Solution: store the **(sparse)** $[\partial_3]$ of n^3 voxels in device **Constant Memory**,
and move the **(binary)** coordinate vectors of chains in **Private Memory**

Novel Approach to Solid Geometry Algebra

Space Arrangement

Partition of \mathbb{E}^3 space induced by the input complexes

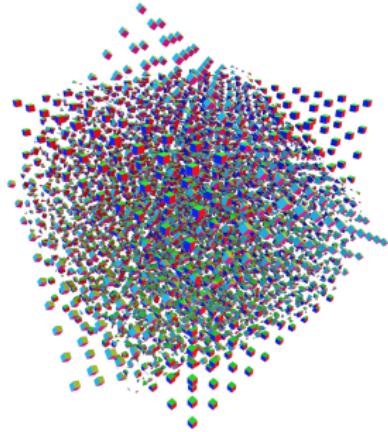
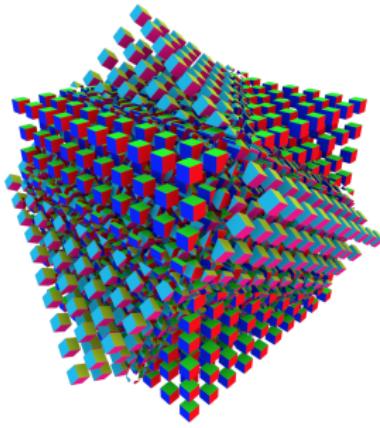
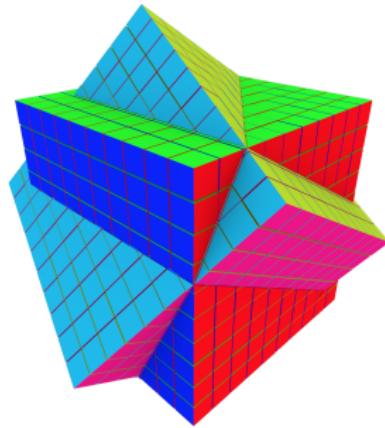
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Space Arrangement

Partition of \mathbb{E}^3 space induced by the input complexes

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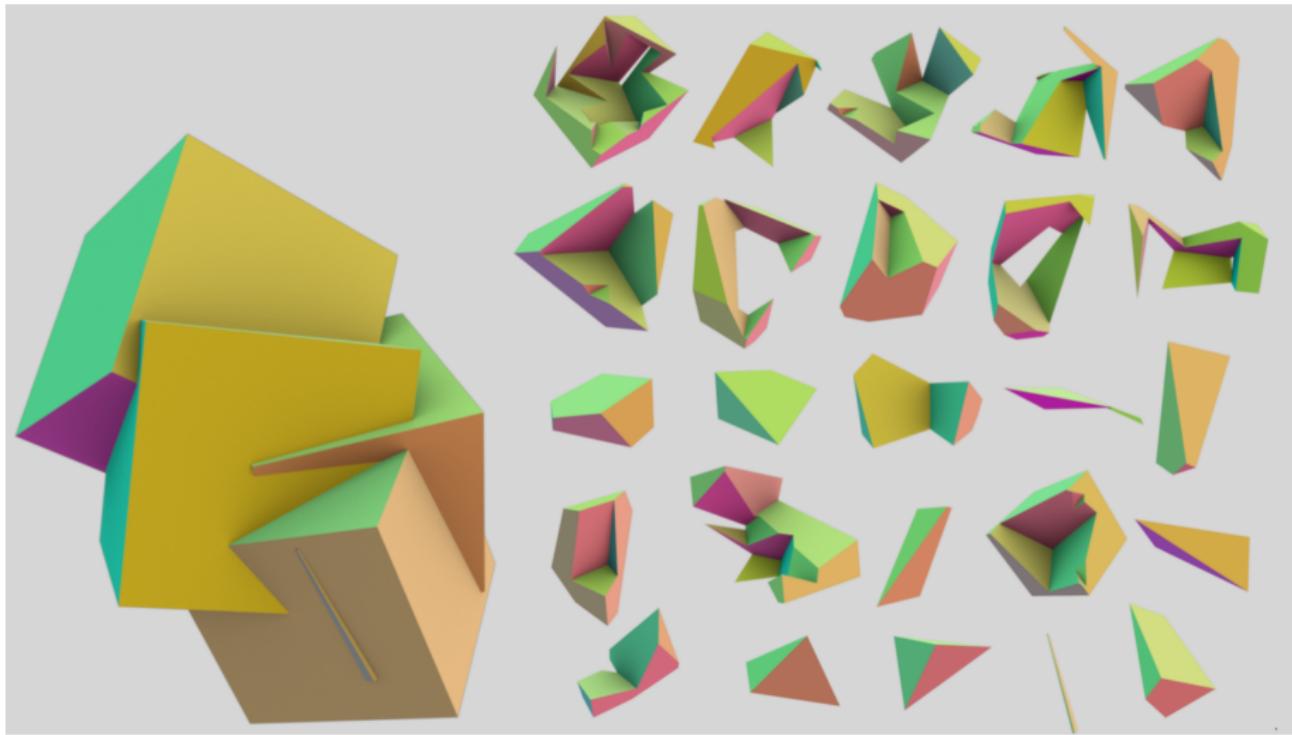


but, also:

3D cells are the **atoms** of a finite Boolean algebra

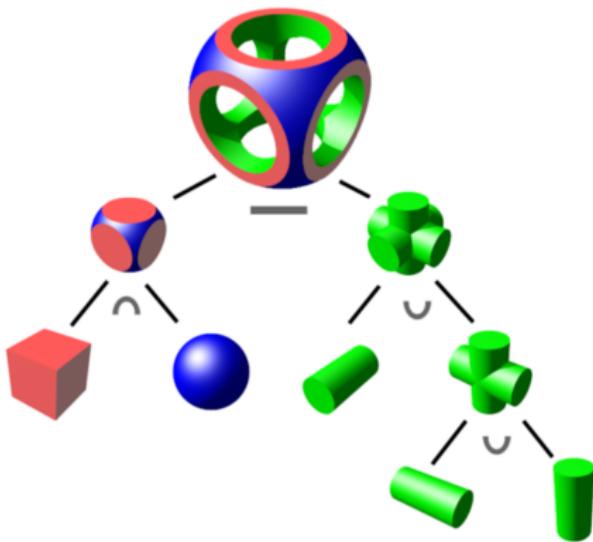
Space Arrangement and Algebras

Like LEGO block, atoms allow to build ANY solid expression with \cup , \cap and $-$ operators



Boolean Algebras of SOLIDS

Alternate approach to ConStructive Solid Geometry (CSG)



CSG-tree

\mathbb{E}^3 arrangement induced by $\{S_i\}$



$$C_3 \xleftrightarrow[\partial_3]{\delta^2} C_2 \xleftrightarrow[\partial_2]{\delta^1} C_1 \xleftrightarrow[\partial_1]{\delta^0} C_0$$

$$\chi : \{S_1, \dots, S_5\} \rightarrow C_3$$

$$X := [\chi(S_1); \dots; \chi(S_4); \chi(S_5)]$$

$$X_j = X[:, j]$$

$$((X_1) \cap (X_2)) - ((X_3) \cup ((X_4) \cup (X_5)))$$

binary formula evaluation

Binary representation of Boolean terms

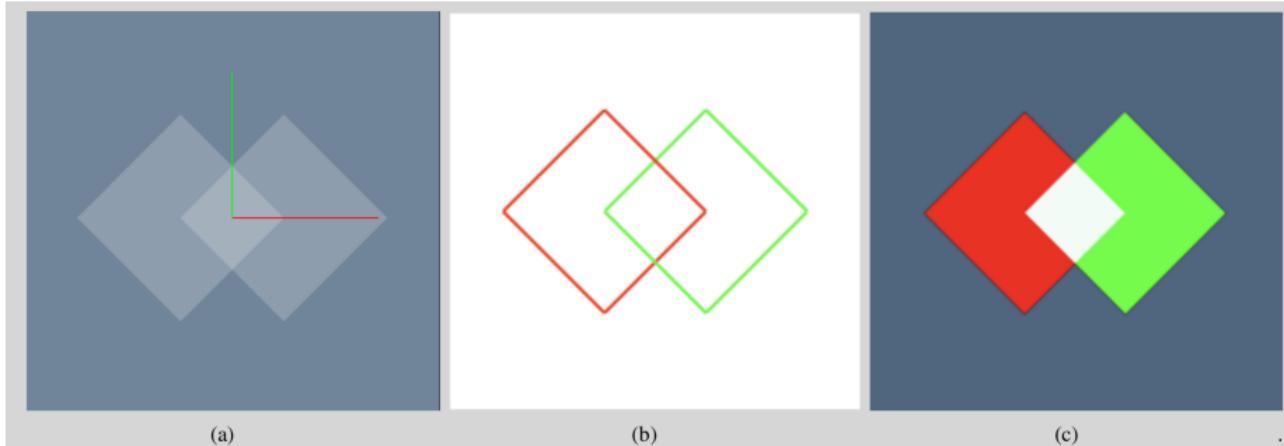


Figure 1: Space arrangement generated in E^2 by: (a) two overlapping 2-cells A and B ; (b) the 4+4 line segments (1-cells) in their skeletons, generating the four 2-cells in (c): blue (c_1), red (c_2), white (c_3), and green (c_4). The first (c_1) is the outer or exterior cell Ω , which is the complement of the sum of the others.

Figure 16: Some examples

Binary representation of Boolean terms

Table 1

Truth table associating 2-cells c_i ($i=1,\dots,4$) in U_2 (rows) and solid variables A, B and $\Omega = \overline{A \cup B}$ (columns). See Figure 1.

U_2	Ω	A	B
c_1	1	0	0
c_2	0	1	0
c_3	0	1	1
c_4	0	0	1

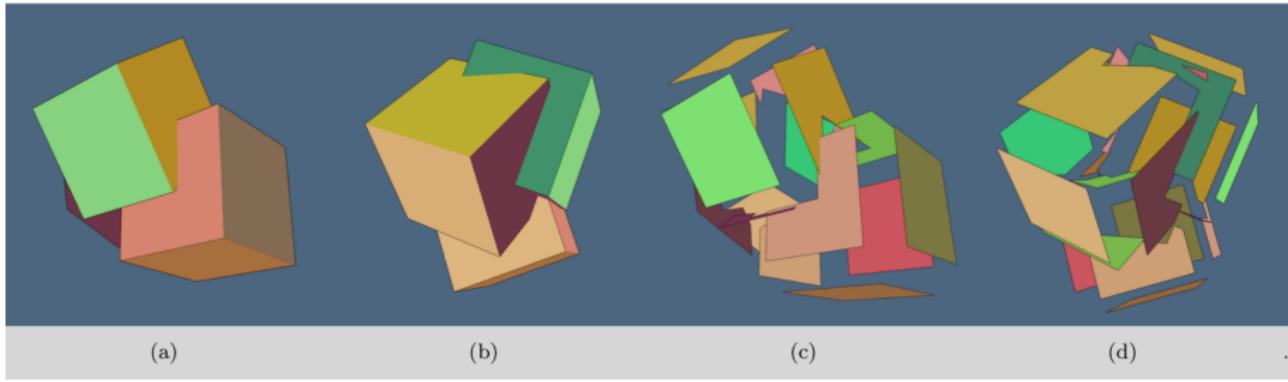
Table 2

Truth table providing the complete enumeration of elements S of the finite Boolean algebra \mathcal{A} generated by two solid objects A, B and by four atoms c_i in the basis U_2 of chain space C_2 associated to the arrangement $\mathcal{A}(S)$, with $S = \{\partial(A), \partial(B)\}$.

U_2	$X = \mathbb{E}^2$	A	B	$A \cup B$	$A \cup B$	$A \cap B$	$A \setminus B$	$B \setminus A$	$A \oplus B$	$\overline{A \setminus B}$	$\overline{B \setminus A}$	\overline{A}	\overline{B}	$\overline{A \oplus B}$	$\overline{A \cap B}$	\emptyset
c_1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0
c_2	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0
c_3	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0
c_4	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0

Figure 17: Some examples

Generation of space arrangement of CSG terms



Boolean union $A \cup B \cup C$ of three cubes, with 2-cells in different colors: (a) view from the front; (b) view from the back; (c) front with exploded 2-cells; (d) back with exploded 2-cells.

Space arrangement generated by assembly

`assembly` object done by three instances of unit `cube`, suitably rotated and translated.

The semantics of `Lar.Struct()` is that of PHIGS structures

```
julia> Lar = LinearAlgebraicRepresentation;
V,(VV,EV,FV,CV) = Lar.cuboidGrid([1,1,1],true);
cube = V,FV,EV;

julia> assembly = Lar.Struct([ cube,
    Lar.t(.3,.4,.25), Lar.r(pi/5,0,0), Lar.r(0,0,pi/12), cube,
    Lar.t(-.2,.4,-.2), Lar.r(0,pi/5,0), Lar.r(0,pi/12,0), cube ]);
```

```
julia> W, EV, FE, CF, boolmatrix = Lar.bool3d(assembly);
```

The application of `Lar.bool3d()` to `assembly` returns the `(geometry,topology)` of 3D space partition generated by `assembly`.

- ① `geometry` \equiv `W`, the matrix of `vertices` (0-cells),
- ② `topology` \equiv `CF`, `FE`, `EV`, i.e., $[\delta_3], [\delta_2], [\delta_1]$, the sparse matrices of `chain complex` of \mathbb{E}^3 arrangement $\mathcal{A}(\text{assembly})$

From space arrangement to CSG terms

The array of type Bool returned in `boolmatrix` contains by column the results of efficient point-solid containment tests (SMC) for atomic 3-cells (rows), w.r.t.~the terms of \mathbb{E}^3 partition: the outer 3-cell Ω and each cube (columns)

```
julia> Matrix(boolmatrix)
8x4 Array{Bool,2}:
 true  false  false  false
 false  false  false  true
 false  true   true  false
 false  true   true  true
 false  true  false  false
 false  false  true  false
 false  true  false  true
 false  false  true  true

julia> A,B,C = boolmatrix[:,2],boolmatrix[:,3],boolmatrix[:,4]
\end{verbatim}
```

Variables Ω, A, B, C extracted from `boolmatrix` columns, describe how each term is partitioned by 3-cells in U_3 .

The whole space is $X = \Omega \cup A \cup B \cup C$:

Prefix and Variadic Union of solid terms

- get the \mathbb{E}^3 space partition generated by `assembly` through the function `Lar.bool3d`;
- **combine the arrays `\texttt{A}`, `\texttt{B}`, and `\texttt{C}`**, building the value of `union`, that stores the logical representation of the solid 3-chain.

```
julia> W, (EV, FE, CF), boolmatrix = Lar.bool3d(assembly);
julia> A,B,C = boolmatrix[:,2],boolmatrix[:,3],boolmatrix[:,4]
julia> union = .|(A, B, C);
julia> @show union;
union = Bool[false, true, true, true, true, true, true]
```

- the `boundary 2-cycle faces` is generated by multiplication of the (sparse) matrix $[\partial_3]$ (`CF'`), times the binary `union`.

```
julia> faces = CF' * Int8.(union);
julia> @show faces;
faces = [1, 0, -1, 0, 0, 0, -1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, -1, 0, -1, 0, 0, 1, -1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, -1, 0, 0, 1, 0, -1, 0, 0, 0, -1, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, -1]
```

$$\begin{aligned} \text{faces} \mapsto f_{A \cup B \cup C} = & f_1 - f_3 - f_7 + f_9 + f_{11} + f_{15} - f_{16} - f_{18} + f_{21} - f_{22} - f_{24} \\ & + f_{25} + f_{29} + f_{30} - f_{32} + f_{35} - f_{37} - f_{41} + f_{42} + f_{44} - f_{47} \end{aligned}$$

Example 2D

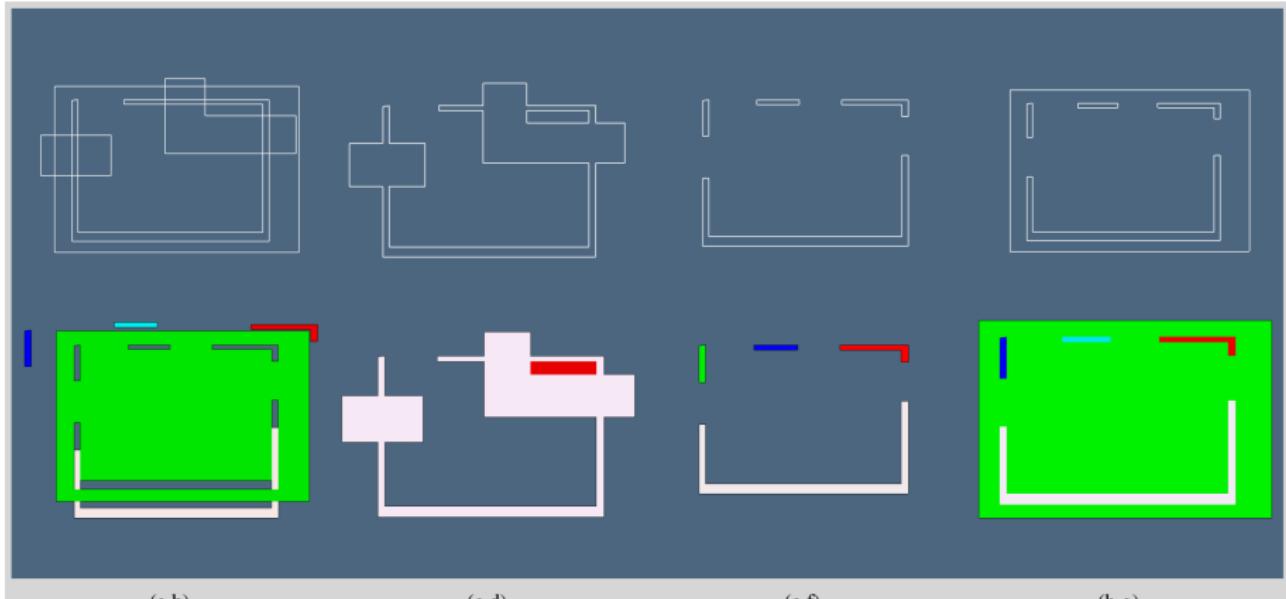
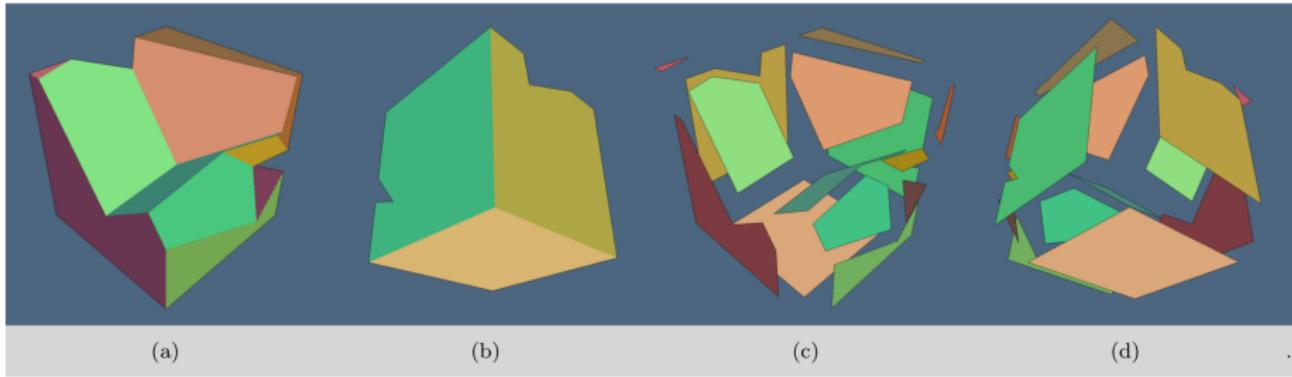


Figure 5: Some examples of variadic Booleans, obtained by applying the Boolean operators “. $|$ ”, “. $-$ ”, “. $!$ ”, and “. $\&$ ” to the assembly variable, with 1-cells (B-reps) imported from SVG files. (a,b) start-to-end: from polygon input via SVG to (exploded) difference of outer box and interior walls; (c,d) boundary of union and union of some shapes; (e,f) difference 2-complex and its boundary; (g,h) boundary of outer box minus the previous 2-complex, and the corresponding 2-complex.

Example 3D: ternary difference of cubes

Boolean difference $(A \setminus B) \setminus C$ of three cubes



Boolean difference $(A \setminus B) \setminus C$ of three cubes, with 2-cells in different colors:
(a) view from the front; (b) view from the back; (c) front with exploded 2-cells;
(d) back with exploded 2-cells.

Note that 2-cells of the resulting boundary may be non-convex.

Summary

- ① Basic tools of linear algebra and algebraic topology are used, namely, (sparse) matrices of linear operators and matrix multiplication or filtering. Interval-trees and kd -trees introduced only for acceleration.
- ② Accuracy of topological computations is guaranteed, since operator matrices satisfy by construction the (graded) constraints $\partial^2 = 0$ and $\delta^2 = 0$.
- ③ The evaluation of CSG expressions of arbitrary complexity is done in a novel way. All input B-reps are accumulated in a single collection of 2-cells, each of which is operated independently, so generating a collection of local topologies, that are merged by boundary congruence.
- ④ Once the global space partition is generated, and 3-cells are classified w.r.t. all component solids, via a single point-set containment test, all CSG expressions—of any complexity—can be evaluated simply by bitwise vectorized logical operations.
- ⑤ This approach can be extended to general dimensions and/or implemented on highly parallel computational engines, also using standard computing kernels.

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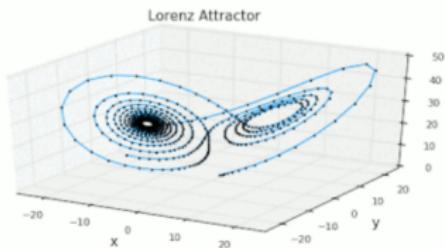
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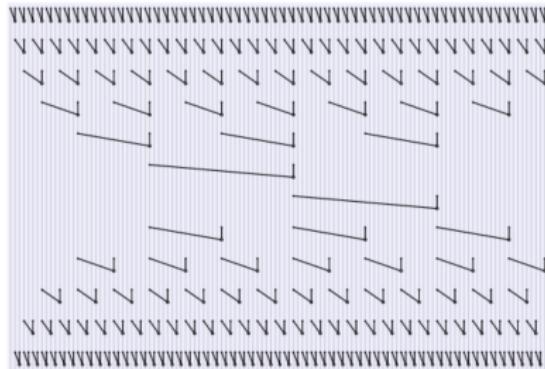
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