

COMPUTER-AIDED ANALYSIS AND DESIGN

MAE 292

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L3 CAD Workflows

3D rotations: Euler angles

- Many methods to represent rotations in 3D.
- 3D rotations do not commute (order matters).
- About the global frame $\rightarrow z,y,x$ order common.

$$R_{total} = R_{x,\gamma} R_{y,\beta} R_{z,\alpha}$$

- About the local frame $\rightarrow x,y,z$

$$R = R_{z,\gamma} R_{y,\beta} R_{x,\alpha}$$

$$R_x(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ 0 & \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_y(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & 0 & \sin \theta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\sin \theta & 0 & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

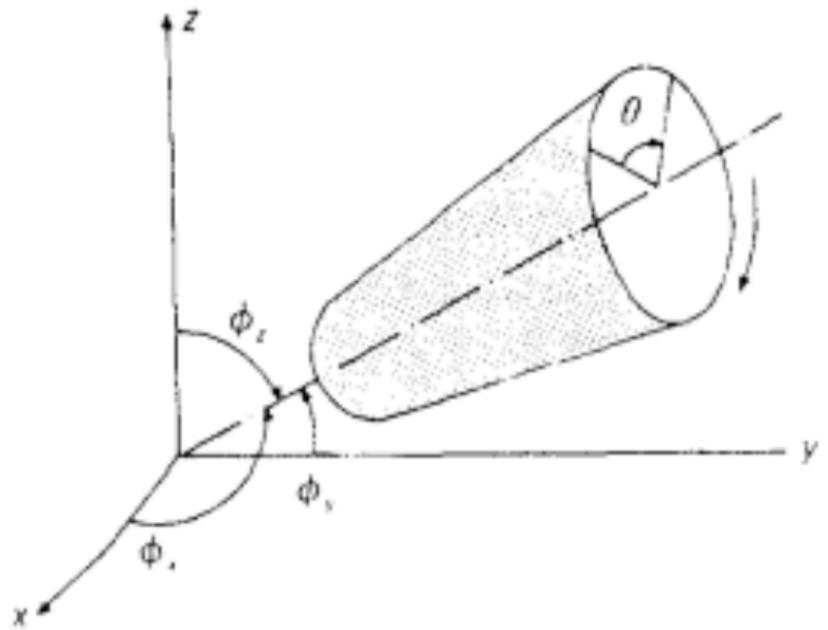
$$R_z(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & 0 \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

3D rotations: axis angle

$$u_x = \cos(\varphi_x)$$

$$u_y = \cos(\varphi_y)$$

$$u_z = \cos(\varphi_z)$$



$$R = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta + u_x^2 (1 - \cos \theta) & u_x u_y (1 - \cos \theta) - u_z \sin \theta & u_x u_z (1 - \cos \theta) + u_y \sin \theta \\ u_y u_x (1 - \cos \theta) + u_z \sin \theta & \cos \theta + u_y^2 (1 - \cos \theta) & u_y u_z (1 - \cos \theta) - u_x \sin \theta \\ u_z u_x (1 - \cos \theta) - u_y \sin \theta & u_z u_y (1 - \cos \theta) + u_x \sin \theta & \cos \theta + u_z^2 (1 - \cos \theta) \end{bmatrix}.$$

CAD Workflow

Geometry, design
parameters, motion
constraints



Rendering geometry,
dimensioning, solid file
generation for CAM



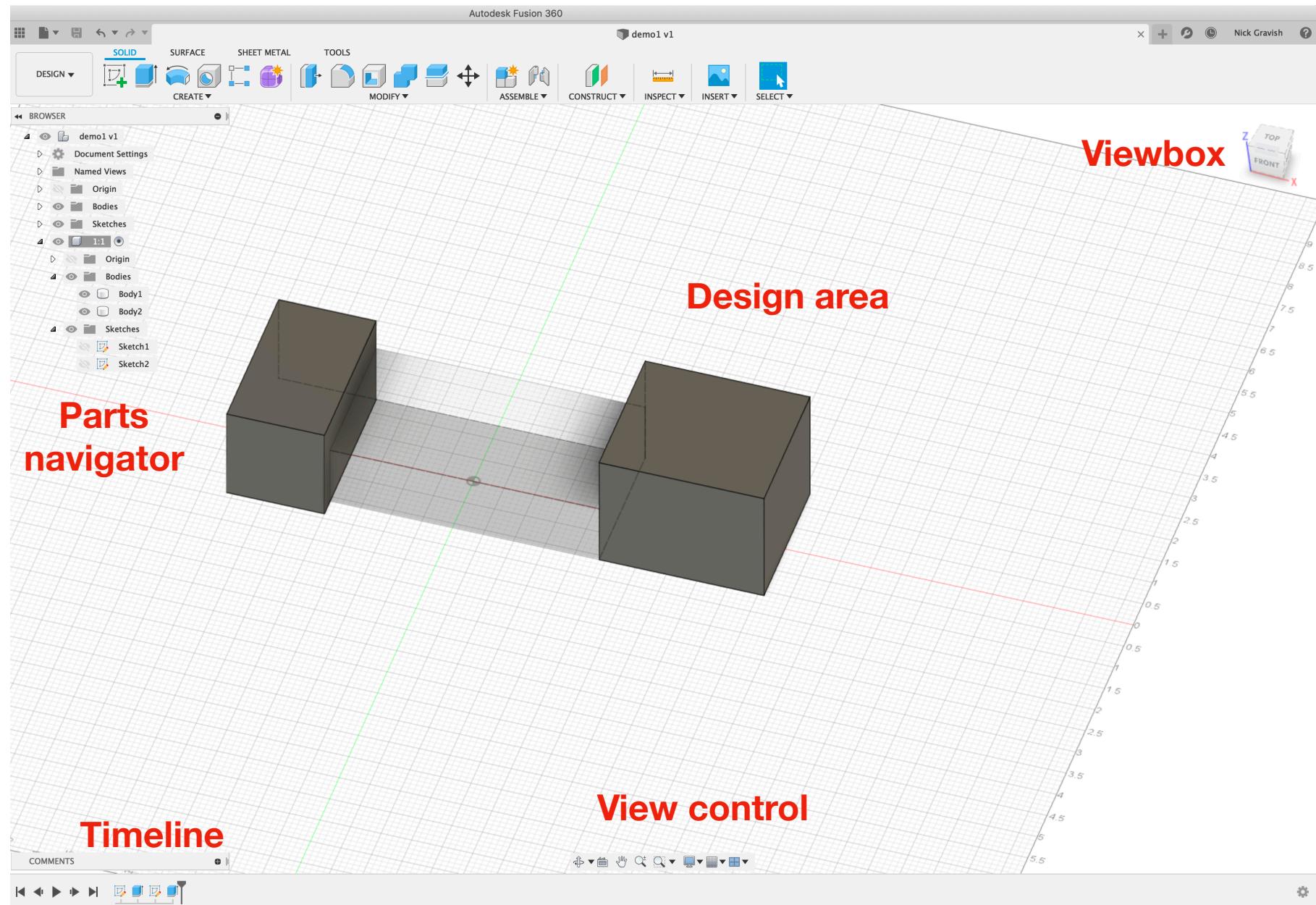
Solid mechanics modeling,
fatigue and failure points,
deformation and optimization



- The design workflow is iterative and cyclical.
- Feedback between tools is necessary.

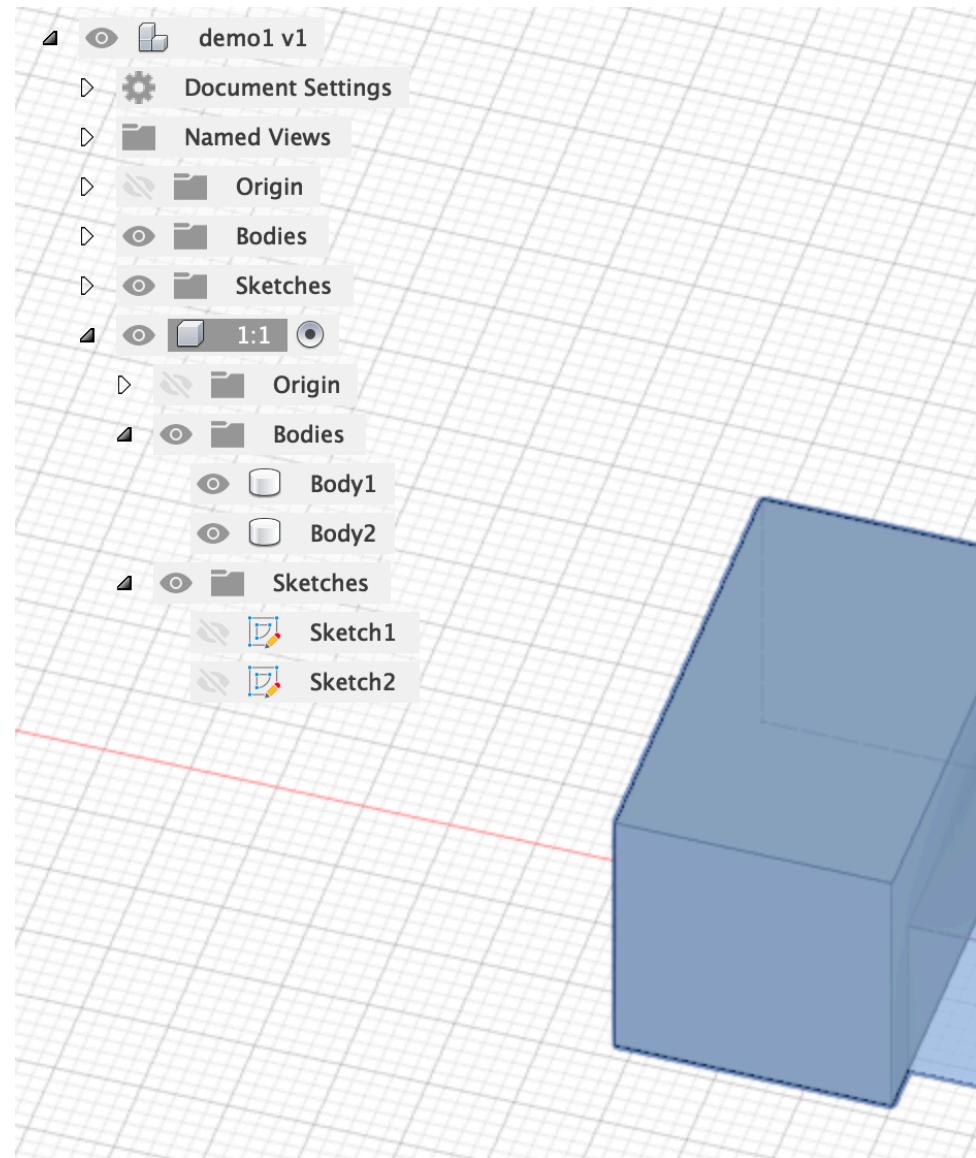
Fusion 360 interface

Context menus



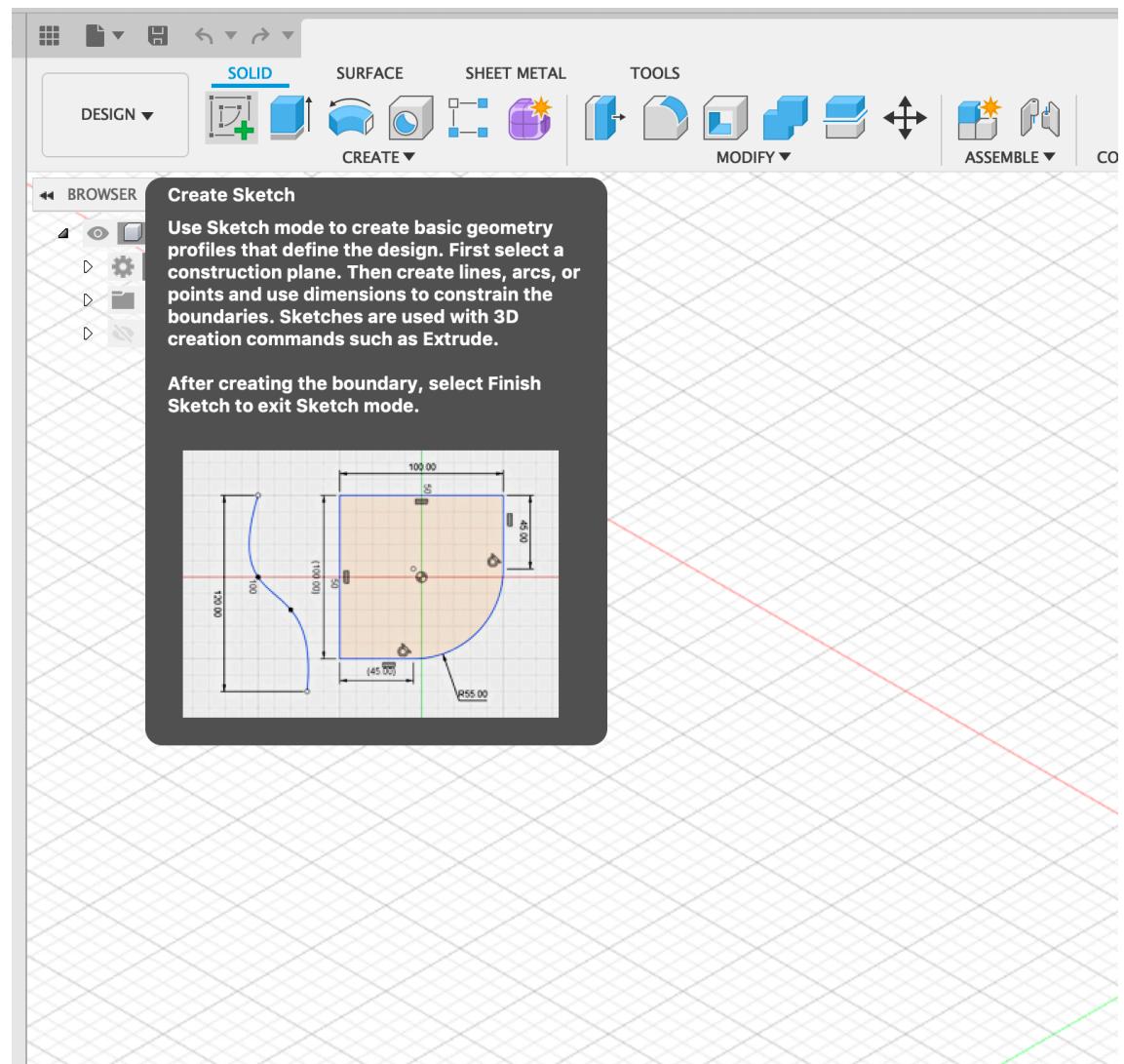
CAD terminology

- Sketch
 - Defines geometry and construction curves
- Bodies
 - 3D objects that occupy space
 - Typically a single connected object
- Components
 - Multi-body objects



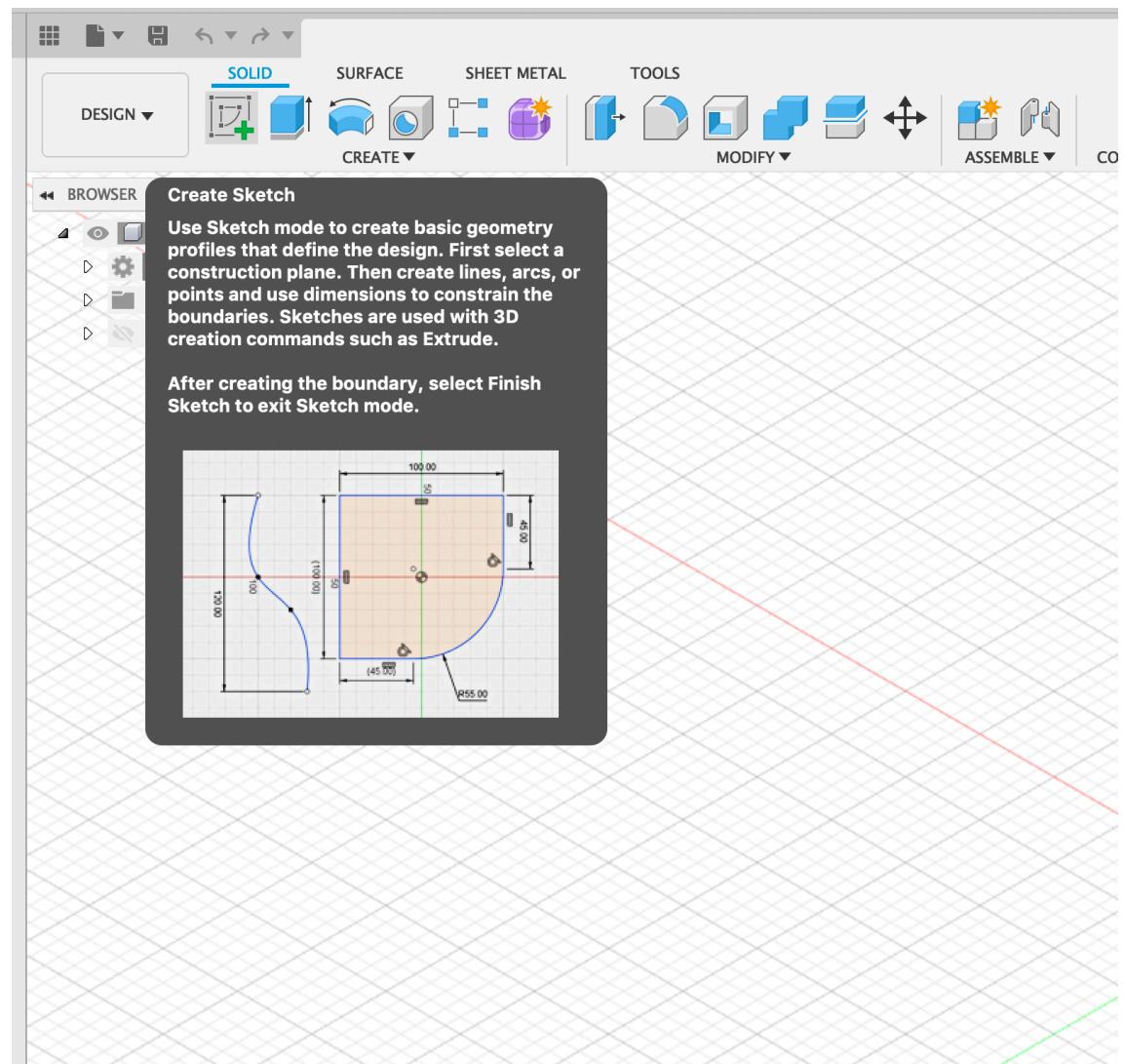
Sketches

- Defines shapes and curves.
- Defines constraint relationships on 2D geometry.
- Is the underlying shapes from which 3D extrusions/revolutions/etc come from.



Sketches

- In F360 sketches can live within the main component, or within individual components.
 - Sketches can reference geometry from other sketches in other components (Beware this can present problems if not appreciated)



CAD Workflows

- Top down versus bottom up design approach

Bottom up

- Individual parts of an assembly are modeled in separate files and linked together in an assembly.
- Geometries don't reference each other and thus changes
- Often used when you have lots of stock components that already have geometry defined.
- Can be challenging when designing a new assembly using all "designed" components as opposed to stock components.

CAD Workflows

- Top down versus bottom up design approach

Top down

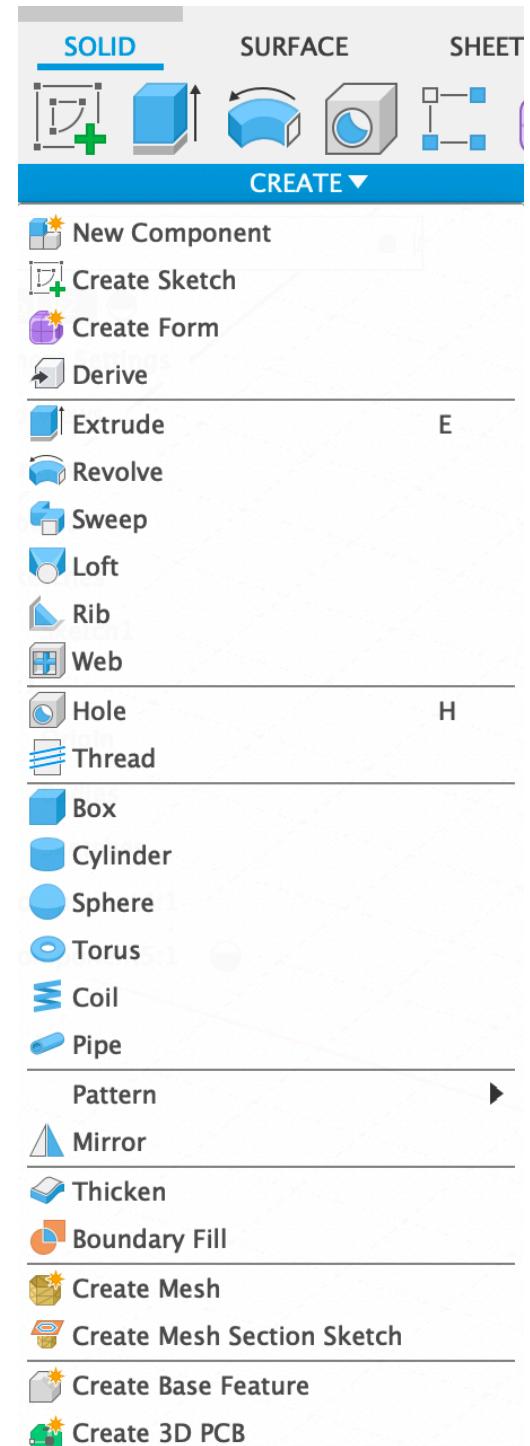
- All parts are created modeled in the same assembly.
- Geometry is typically referenced across bodies and sketches so that the assemblies “shape” is close to fully parameterized.
- The “driving” of dimensions across parts can lead to a real problem when trying to break those links and separate dependencies.

CAD Workflows

- Most 3D CAD software enables either top down, bottom up, or a combination of both for assembly modeling.
- These techniques ultimately also relate to how you manage files:
 - Top-down —> Many components within a single assembly file. Easy to manage files and links won't break if file is moved. Default Fusion 360 workflow.
 - Bottom up —> Many individual files in a folder referenced within a single assembly. Can lead to problems if files are moved or misplaced.

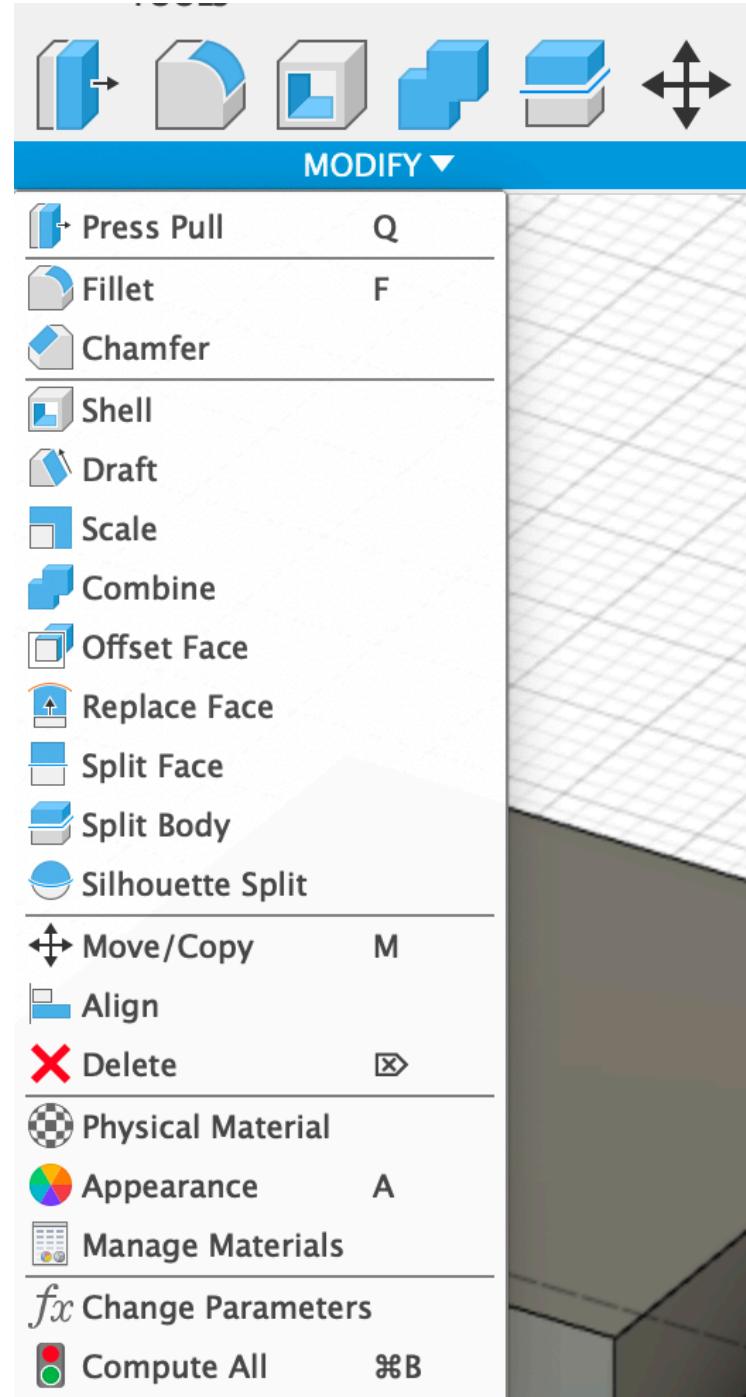
3D creation

- Extrude → Linear 2D-3D conversion
- Revolve → Rotational 2D-3D conversion
- Sweep → Extrude along a path
- Loft → Extrude between two dissimilar shapes



3D modification

- Press pull → Linear modification
- Fillet → Add rotational edges
- Chamfer → Add an angled edge
- Combine → Join bodies that are in contact



Todays model

