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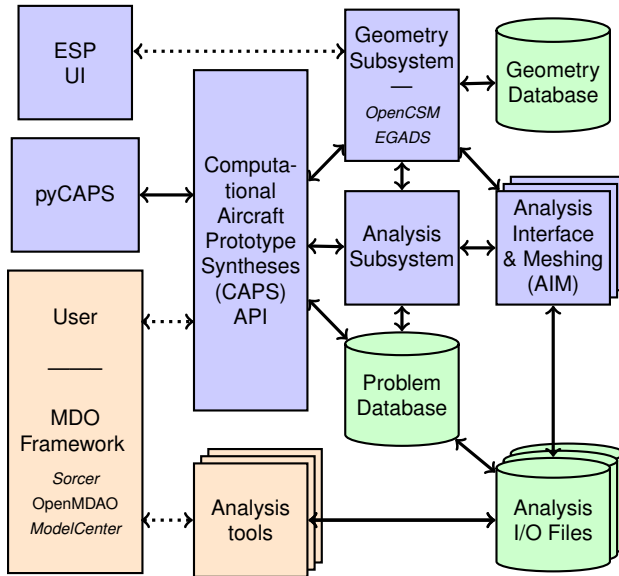
AIM Development

Enhanced CAPS (EnCAPS) Specification

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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).

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

Body Objects are EGADS Objects (egos)

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.

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 `caps_load` 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 `caps_load` is **NULL**, all Bodies with a “capsAIM” attribute that matches the AIM name are given to the AIM instance.

- 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* embedded in `aimInfo`)

Update Notes:

- ➊ Changing directories within an AIM function is no longer needed. When any AIM function is invoked, you will be in the correct location. Therefore the path has been removed from the argument list of many AIM functions.
- ➋ There is no longer an AIM parent/child relationship. This is now accomplished via linking AnalysisOut Values of the *parent* to AnalysisIn Values of the *child*.
- ➌ During restart only “Post” is executed at the last use of the AIM.
- ➍ Any non-NULL `capsErrs` return for an `icode` of `CAPS_SUCCESS` will generate a History entity in the Analysis Object with the comments in the Error Structure.

- An AIM plugin is required for each Analysis code at:
 - a specific *intent*
 - a specific *mode* (i.e., where the inputs may be different)
- 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

The **capsValue** 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 capsValueType {Boolean, Integer, Double, String, Tuple, AIMpointer, DoubleDot};
```

Notes: (1) The `AIMpointer` type is only supported at the AIM level to communicate between AIMs. Linkages should be used from *AnalysisOut* to *AnalysisIn* to make the connection. (2) Value type has been removed.

The tuple structure

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

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, IsPartial};  
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`

capsValue 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 & nrow/ncol*

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 & nrow/ncol*

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.

```
/*
 * structure for derivative data w/ CAPS Value structure
 *   only used with "real" (double) data and
 *   only with GeometryOut or AnalysisOut Value Objects
 */

typedef struct {
    char    *name;                /* the derivative with respect to */
                                   /* including optional [n] or [n,m] for vectors/arrays */
    int     rank;                 /* the number of members in the derivative */
    double *dot;                  /* the dot values -- rank*length in length */
} capsDot;

/*
 * structure for CAPS object -- VALUE
 */
```



```

typedef struct {
    int         type;           /* value type -- capsvType */
    int         length;        /* number of values */
    int         dim;           /* the dimension */
    int         nrow;          /* number of rows */
    int         ncol;          /* the number of columns */
    int         lfixed;        /* length is fixed -- capsFixed */
    int         sfixed;        /* shape is fixed -- capsFixed */
    int         nullVal;       /* NULL handling -- capsNull */
    int         pIndex;        /* parent index */
    int         gInType;       /* 0 -- normal, 1 -- OCSM_CFGPMTR */
    union {
        int         integer;    /* single int -- length == 1 */
        int         *integers;  /* multiple ints */
        double      real;       /* single double -- length == 1 */
        double      *reals;     /* multiple doubles */
        char        *string;    /* character string (no single char) */
        capsTuple   *tuple;     /* tuple (no single tuple) */
        void        *AIMptr;    /* single pointer only */
    } vals;
    union {
        int         ilims[2];   /* integer limits */
        double      dlims[2];   /* double limits */
    } limits;
    char         *units;        /* the units -- "PATH" for strings converts slashes */
    capsObject   *link;         /* the linked object (or NULL) */
    int         linkMethod;     /* the link method -- capstMethod */
    int         *partial;       /* NULL or vector/array element NULL handling */
    int         ndot;           /* the number of derivatives */
    capsDot      *dots;         /* the derivatives associated with the Value */
} capsValue;

```

AIM Plugin Functions

- Registration & Declaring Inputs / Outputs
- Pre-Analysis, **Analysis Execution** & Retrieving Output
Write and read files – or – use Analyses' APIs if available
- Discrete Support – Interpolation & Integration
- Data Transfers

Initialization Information for the AIM

```
icode = aimInitialize(int inst, void *aimInfo, const char *unitSys,  
                    int *nIn, int *nOut, int *nFields,  
                    char ***fnames, int **ranks, capsErrs **errs)
```

- inst** –1 indicates a query and not a new analysis instance (0 or greater)
- aimInfo** the AIM context
- 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 †
- errs** a pointer to the returned structure where input error(s) occurred – **NULL** no errors
- icode** integer return code

Return Analysis Inputs

```
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

Return Analysis Outputs

```
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

Is the DataSet required by aimPreAnalysis – Optional

```
icode = aimUsesDataSet(int inst, void *aimInfo, const char *bname,  
                      const char *dname, enum capsdMethod dMethod)
```

inst the AIM *instance* index

aimInfo the AIM context (used by the Utility Functions)

bname the Bound name

dname the DataSet name

dMethod the data method used (either *Interpolate* or *Conserve*)

icode integer return code – use CAPS_NOTNEEDED if not required

Notes:

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

Return AIM version

```
aimVersion(int *major, int *minor)
```

major the AIM major version number

minor the AIM minor version number

Parse Input data & Optionally Generate Input File(s)

```
icode = aimPreAnalysis(int inst, void *aimInfo, capsValue *inputs,  
                      capsErrors **errs)
```

inst the AIM *instance* index

aimInfo the AIM context (used by the Utility Functions)

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

Execute Analysis – Optional

```
icode = aimExecute(int inst, void *aimInfo, int *state,  
                  capsErrors **errs)
```

inst the AIM *instance* index

aimInfo the AIM context (used by the Utility Functions)

state the returned status (0 - done, 1 - running)

errs a pointer to the returned structure where input error(s) occurred – **NULL** no errors

icode integer return code

Check on running Analysis – Optional

```
icode = aimCheck(int inst, void *aimInfo, int *state, capsErrs **errs)
```

inst the AIM *instance* index

aimInfo the AIM context (used by the Utility Functions)

state the returned status (0 - done, 1 - running)

errs a pointer to the returned structure where input error(s) occurred – **NULL** no errors

icode integer return code

Processing after the Analysis is run – No longer Optional

```
icode = aimPostAnalysis(int inst, void *aimInfo, int restart,  
                        capsValue *inputs, capsErrs **errs)
```

inst the AIM *instance* index

aimInfo the AIM context (used by the Utility Functions)

restart restart state (0 - normal, 1 - restart invocation)

inputs the complete suite of Analysis inputs – for restart (nIn in length)

errs a pointer to the returned structure where error(s) may have occurred – **NULL** no errors

icode integer return code

Free up any memory the AIM has stored

```
void aimCleanup()
```

Calculate/Retrieve Output Information

```
icode = aimCalcOutput(int inst, void *aimInfo, int index,  
                      capsValue *val, capsErrors **errors)
```

inst the AIM *instance* index

aimInfo the AIM context (used by the Utility Functions)

index the Output index [1-nOut] for this single result

val a pointer to the capsValue data to fill – CAPS will free any allocated memory

errors a pointer to the returned error structure where output parsing error(s) occurred
NULL with no errors

icode integer return code

Note:

- Called in a *lazy* manner, 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`

```

/* 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 reference 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:

```

```

*
*      2
*     /\
*    /\
*   /\
*  0-----1
*
*      neighbors
*      tri-side  vertices
*      0         1 2
*      1         2 0
*      2         0 1
*
*      4
*     /\
*    5  3
*   /\  /\
*  6
* /\  /\
*0----1----2
*
*      neighbors
*      side  vertices
*      0     1 2
*      1     2 3
*      2     3 4
*      3     4 5
*      4     5 0
*      5     0 1
*
*      nref = 7
*
*      6
*     3---.---2
*    |       |
*   7.   8   .5
*    |       |
*   0---.---1
*      4
*
*      neighbors
*      quad-side  vertices
*      0         1 2
*      1         2 3
*      2         3 4
*      3         4 0
*      4         0 1
*
*      nref = 9
*
*      3-----2
*     |       |
*     |       |
*     |       |
*    0-----1
*
*      neighbors
*      side  vertices
*      0     1 2
*      1     2 3
*      2     3 4
*      3     4 0
*      4     0 1
*
*      nref = 5

```

```
*/

typedef struct {
    int    nref;           /* number of geometry reference points */
    int    ndata;          /* number of data ref points -- 0 data at ref */
    int    nmat;           /* number of match points (0 -- match at
                           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.

```
/*
 * defines the element discretization for geometric and optionally data
 * positions.
 */
typedef struct {
    int    bIndex;           /* the Body index (bias 1) */
    int    tIndex;           /* the element type index (bias 1) */
    int    eIndex;           /* element owning index -- dim 1 Edge, 2 Face */
    int    *gIndices;        /* local indices (bias 1) geom ref positions,
                             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 */
    } eTris;
} capsElement;
```

See AIAA paper 2014-0294 on the website in Publications for a complete write-up (AIAApaper2014-0294.pdf).

```
/* defines a discretized collection of Elements
 *
 * specifies the connectivity based on a collection of Element Types and the
 * elements referencing the types.
 */
typedef struct {
    int          dim;           /* dimensionality [1-3] */
    int          instance;     /* analysis instance */
    void         *aInfo;       /* AIM info */

                                /* below handled by the AIMS: */
    int          nPoints;      /* number of entries in the point definition */
    int          *mapping;     /* tessellation indices to the discrete space
                                2*nPoints in len (body, global tess index) */

    int          nVerts;       /* number of data ref positions or unconnected */
    double       *verts;       /* data ref (3*nVerts) -- NULL if same as geom */
    int          *celem;       /* element containing vert (nVerts in len) or NULL */
    int          nTypes;       /* number of Element Types */
    capsEleType  *types;       /* the Element Types (nTypes in length) */
    int          nElems;       /* number of Elements */
    capsElement  *elems;       /* the Elements (nElems in length) */
    int          nDtris;       /* number of triangles to plot data */
    int          *dtris;       /* NULL for NULL verts -- indices into verts */
    void         *ptrm;        /* pointer for optional AIM use */
} capsDiscr;
```

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

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

Return Element in the *Mesh* – Optional

```
icode = aimLocateElement(capsDiscr *discr, double *params,  
                        double *param, int *eIndex, double *bary)
```

discr the input Discrete Structure

params the input global *parametric* space (at all of the *geometry* support positions)
rank is the dimensionality (t for 1D, $[u, v]$ for 2D and $[x, y, z]$ for 3D)

param the input requested parametric position in **params** (dimensionality in length)

eIndex the returned element index in the **discr** where the position was found (1 bias)

bary the resultant Barycentric/reference position in the element **eIndex**

icode integer return code

Data Transfer to Child AIM – Obsolete

```
icode = aimData(int inst, const char *name, enum *vtype, int *rank,  
               int *nrow, int *ncol, void **data, char **units)
```

Data Associated with the Discrete Structure – Optional

```
icode = aimTransfer(capsDiscr *discr, const char *fname, int npts,  
                  int rank, double *data, char **units)
```

discr the input Discrete Structure

fname the field name to that corresponds to the fill

npts the number of points to be filled

rank the rank of the data

data a pointer associated with the data to be filled (rank*npts in length)

units the returned pointer to the string declaring the units †
return **NULL** to indicate unitless values

icode integer return code

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 $d(\text{objective})/d(\text{result})$

d_bar returned $d(\text{objective})/d(\text{data})$

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 $d(\text{objective})/d(\text{result})$

d_bar returned $d(\text{objective})/d(\text{data})$

icode integer return code

Forward and *reverse differentiated* functions

Communication – Optional (**retained but undocumented**)

```
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 sensitivity request – Optional

```
icode = aimSensitivity(int inst, void *aimInfo, char *GIname,  
                      int irow, int icol, capsErrs **errs)
```

inst the AIM *instance* index

aimInfo the AIM context

GIname a character string defining the geometric parameter

irow the parameter row to use – 1 bias

icol the parameter column to use – 1 bias

errs a pointer to the returned structure where input error(s) occurred – **NULL** no errors

Use `aim_sensitivity` to retrieve the sensitivity data.

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 (`libaimUtil.a/aimUtil.lib`) in the AIM so/DLL build

Get Problem root

```
icode = aim_getRootPath(void *aimInfo, char **fullPath)
```

aimInfo the AIM context

fullPath the file path to find the root of the Problem's directory structure
if on Windows it will contain the drive

icode integer return code

Note: All other uses of *path* is relative to this point.

Get our directory name

```
icode = aim_getDirectory(void *aimInfo, char **aimName)
```

aimInfo the AIM context

aimName the directory name in the root structure of the Problem

icode integer return code

Get CAPS revision

```
aim_capsRev(int *major, int *minor)
```

major the returned major revision

minor the returned minor revision number

Get Bodies

```
icode = aim_getBodies(void *aimInfo, char **intent, int *nBody,  
                     ego **bodies)
```

aimInfo the AIM context

intent the returned pointer to the capsIntent string used to filter the Bodies

nBody the returned number of EGADS Body Objects that match the intent

bodies the returned pointer to a list of EGADS Body/Node Objects,
Tessellation Objects (set by aim_setTess) follow (length – 2*nBody)

icode integer return code

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

Units conversion

```
icode = aim_convert(void *aimInfo, char *inUnits, double inValue,  
                   char *outUnits, double *outValue)
```

aimInfo the AIM context

inUnits the pointer to the string declaring the source units

inValue the value to be converted

outUnits the pointer to the string declaring the desired units

outValue the returned converted value

icode integer return code

Units multiplication

```
icode = aim_unitMultiply(void *aimInfo, char *inUnits1, char *inUnits2,  
                        char **outUnits)
```

aimInfo the AIM context

inUnits1 the pointer to the string declaring left units

inUnits2 the pointer to the string declaring right units

outUnits the returned string units = inUnits1*inUnits2 (freeable)

icode integer return code

Units division

```
icode = aim_unitDivision(void *aimInfo, char *inUnits1, char *inUnits2,  
                        char **outUnits)
```

aimInfo the AIM context

inUnits1 the pointer to the string declaring numerator units

inUnits2 the pointer to the string declaring denominator units

outUnits the returned string units = inUnits1/inUnits2 (freeable)

icode integer return code

Units invert

```
icode = aim_unitInvert(void *aimInfo, char *inUnits,  
                      char **outUnits)
```

aimInfo the AIM context

inUnits the pointer to the string declaring units

outUnits the returned string units = 1/inUnits (freeable)

icode integer return code

Units raise to power

```
icode = aim_unitRaise(void *aimInfo, char *inUnits, const int power,  
                    char **outUnits)
```

aimInfo the AIM context

inUnits the pointer to the string declaring units

outUnits the returned string units = inUnits ^ power (freeable)

icode integer return code

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 capsValue structure

Data Transfer from Parent AIM(s) – Obsolete

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

Establish Linkage from Analysis or Geometry

```
icode = aim_link(void *aimInfo, char *name, enum stype,  
                capsValue *target, int irow, int icol)
```

aimInfo the AIM context

name the requested Value Object name to link

stype Value subtype (GEOMETRYIN, GEOMETRYOUT, ANALYSISIN or ANALSYSOUT)

target the pointer from aimInputs or aim_getValue

irow the row to link in the target (or 0 for all)

icol the column to link in the target (or 0 for all)
if both **irow** and **icol** are 0 the entire Object is linked

icode integer return code

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.

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

Clear AIM's directory

```
icode = aim_clear(void *aimInfo)
```

aimInfo the AIM context

icode integer return code

Get Value Attributes

```
icode = aim_valueAttrs(void *aimInfo, int index, enum stype,  
                      int *nValue, char ***names, capsValue **values)
```

aimInfo the AIM context

index the index to use (1 bias)

stype GEOMETRYIN, GEOMETRYOUT, ANALYSISIN or ANALYSISOUT

nValue returned number of attributes

names the returned names – nValue in length (freeable)

values the returned pointer to the capsValue structures – nValue in length (freeable)

Get Analysis (our) Attributes

```
icode = aim_analysisAttrs(void *aimInfo, int *nValue, char ***names,  
                         capsValue **values)
```

aimInfo the AIM context

nValue returned number of attributes

names the returned names – nValue in length (freeable)

values the returned pointer to the capsValue structures – nValue in length (freeable)

Setup for Sensitivities

```
icode = aim_setSensitivity(void *aimInfo, char *GIname, int *irow,  
                           int *icol)
```

aimInfo the AIM context

GIname the pointer to the string that matches the *Geometry Input* Parameter name

irow the parameter row to use – 1 bias

icol the parameter column to use – 1 bias

icode integer return code

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**.

Get Sensitivities based on Tessellation Components

```
icode = aim_getSensitivity(void *aimInfo, ego tess, int ttype,  
                          int index, int *npts, double **dxyz)
```

aimInfo the AIM context

tess the EGADS Tessellation Object

ttype topological type – 0 - NODE, 1 - EDGE, 2 - FACE
Configuration Sensitivities – -1 - EDGE, -2 - FACE

index the index in the Body (associated with the tessellation) based on the *type*

npts the returned number of sensitivities (number of tessellation points)

dxyz a pointer to the returned sensitivities – 3*npts in length (*freeable*)

icode integer return code

Note:

- Call `aim_setSensitivity` before call(s) to `aim_getSensitivity`

Get Global Tessellation Sensitivities

```
icode = aim_sensitivity(void *aimInfo, char *name, int irow, int icol,  
                        ego tess, int ttype, int *npts, double **dxyz)
```

aimInfo the AIM context

name the pointer to the string that matches the *Geometry Input* Parameter name

irow the parameter row to use – 1 bias

icol the parameter column to use – 1 bias

tess the EGADS Tessellation Object

ttype topological type – -1 *Configuration Sensitivities*, 1 *Tessellation Sensitivities*

npts the returned number of sensitivities (number of global vertices)

dxyz a pointer to the returned sensitivities – 3*npts in length (*freeable*)

icode integer return code

Notes:

- 1 Used to get the tessellation sensitivities for the entire Tessellation Object
- 2 The number of points is the global number of vertices in the tessellation

Function Status MACRO

```
AIM_STATUS(void *aimInfo, int status, ...)
```

aimInfo the AIM context

status return status from a function

... printf type format string and data

Notes:

- 1 Tracks file, line, and function name backtrace information if `status != CAPS_SUCCESS`
- 2 Includes “goto cleanup” if `status != CAPS_SUCCESS`

Pseudo Code Examples

```
status = myfunc1(aimInfo, arg1, arg2);  
AIM_STATUS(aimInfo, status)
```

```
status = myfunc2(aimInfo, arg1, arg2);  
AIM_STATUS(aimInfo, status, "myfunc2 args %d, %d", arg1, arg2)
```

Error Message MACRO

```
AIM_ERROR(void *aimInfo, const char *format, ...)
```

aimInfo the AIM context
format printf format string
... printf data

Note: Tracks file, line, and function name backtrace information

Error Message Continuation MACRO

```
AIM_CONTINUATION(void *aimInfo, const char *format, ...)
```

aimInfo the AIM context
format printf format string
... printf data

Pseudo Code Examples

```
status = aim.getBodies(aimInfo, &nBody, &bodies);  
AIM_STATUS(aimInfo, status)  
  
If (nBody != 1) {  
    AIM_ERROR(aimInfo, "Only one body expected, but nBody = %d", nBody);  
    AIM_CONTINUATION(aimInfo, "This aim can only work with one body");  
    status = CAPS_BADVALUE;  
    goto cleanup;  
}
```

Set Index for Value Filling Issues

```
aim_setIndexError(void *aimInfo, void index)
```

aimInfo the AIM context

index the index of the in/out Value Structure where the issue occurred

Warning Message MACRO

```
AIM_WARNING(void *aimInfo, const char *format, ...)
```

aimInfo the AIM context

format printf type format string

... printf data

Notes:

- 1 Tracks file, line, and function name backtrace information
- 2 Use AIM_CONTINUATION to add additional lines

Pseudo Code Examples

```
status = aim_getBodies(aimInfo, &nBody, &bodies);  
AIM_STATUS(aimInfo, status)
```

```
If (nBody > 1) {  
    AIM_WARNING(aimInfo, "Only one body will be used, but nBody = %d", nBody);  
    AIM_CONTINUATION(aimInfo, "This aim only uses one body");  
}
```

Informational Message MACRO

```
AIM_INFO(void *aimInfo, const char *format, ...)
```

aimInfo the AIM context

format printf type format string

... printf data

Notes:

- 1 Tracks file, line, and function name backtrace information
- 2 Use AIM_CONTINUATION to add additional lines

Remove Error Message

```
aim_removeError(void *aimInfo)
```

aimInfo the AIM context

Pseudo Code Example

```
status = myfunc3(aimInfo, arg1, arg2);  
If (status == CAPS_BADVALUE) {  
    aim_removeError(aimInfo);  
    /* Resolve CAPS_BADVALUE error */  
}  
else  
    AIM_STATUS(aimInfo, status)
```