

Supplementary Materials for

FabSquare: Fabricating Photopolymer Objects by Mold 3D Printing and UV Curing

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- Pseudocode for FabSquare editor

Capitalized functions, Like_This(), are generic primitives for which we do not provide pseudocode - their names should be self-explanatory, and their implementation would be highly dependent on the data representation of choice. They include, for example, Intersect(face, ray), Distance(contour), Find_Closest_Pt(contour, pt), Translate(mesh, vector).

Functions labeled with a lib namespace, lib::like_this(), are wrappers that call external geometry libraries. In particular,

- lib::boolean_subtract and lib::boolean_intersection are wrappers around the corresponding mesh boolean operations in libIGL.
- lib::constrained_delaunay_triangulation is a wrapper for CDT generation in CGAL.
- lib::offset is a wrapper for calculating contour offsets in Clipper.

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// Main entry point
generate_mold(mesh, mold_shield_thickness, mold_wall_thickness, screw_spacing):
    // Exit early if overhangs are unavoidable in chosen orientation of mesh
    for face in target_mesh.faces:
        ray := cast_ray_from_center_of_face_downwards(face)
        num_intersections := find_intersections(ray, mesh)
        if num_intersections > 2:
            throw Exception("overhang detected, aborting.")

    cutting_surface, mold_outline := generate_cutting_surface_and_mold_outline(
        mold,
        mold_wall_thickness
    )

    // Run CAD extrusion / Boolean operations to yield the two mold halves with
    // the mesh subtracted away in the middle
    mold_height := mesh.zheight + mold_shield_thickness * 2
    mold_solid := extrude_z(mold_outline, -mold_height / 2, mold_height / 2)
    mold_solid = lib::boolean_subtract(mold_solid, mesh)
    mold_top_half, mold_bottom_half := cut(mold_solid, cutting_surface)

    // mold_top_half, mold_bottom_half as is are already of the right shape to form
    // the desired object. But we still need to subtract away space above and below
    // the mesh to leave only a thin shell for optimal UV curing.
    negative_space_in_mold_top := extrude_z(faces_above_cut(mold_solid, cutting_surface), 0,
mold_height / 2)
    negative_space_in_mold_bottom := extrude_z(faces_below_cut(mold_solid, cutting_surface), -
mold_height / 2, 0)

    // Subtract negative_space_in_mold_top from mold_top_half, with xyz offset (0,0,
mold_shield_thickness)
    mold_top_half = subtract_with_offset_from(
        mold_top_half,
        negative_space_in_mold_top,
        (0,0, mold_shield_thickness)
    )

    mold_bottom_half = subtract_with_offset_from(
        mold_bottom_half,
        negative_space_in_mold_bottom,
        (0,0, -mold_shield_thickness)
    )
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// Subtract away equally spaced cylinders along the perimeter of the mold
// to yield screw holes for bolting the two halves together.
contour_of_screws = expand_3d_contour(mold_outline, -mold_wall_thickness / 2)
add_screw_holes(mold_top_half, contour_of_screws, screw_spacing, mold_height)
add_screw_holes(mold_bottom_half, contour_of_screws, screw_spacing, mold_height)

return mold_top_half, mold_bottom_half

// Utility function for generating_mold
generate_cutting_surface_and_mold_outline(mesh, wall_thickness):
    edges_on_cutting_surface := new Set()

    // An edge lies on the cutting contour if its two incident faces
    // have normals point in opposite directions with respect to the
    // z axis.
    for e in mesh.edges:
        face1, face2 = Faces_Edge_Separates(e)
        if Z_Direction(face1) != Z_Direction(face2):
            edges_on_cutting_surface.Add(edge)

    // We found these edges as an unordered set, so we need to trace them
    // into a ordered closed loop.
    cutting_contour := closed_loop_from(edges_on_cutting_surface)

    // Expand the cutting contour out
    mold_outline := expand_3d_contour(cutting_contour, wall_thickness)

    // Project the cutting contour and mold outline into 2D
    // Run constrained delaunay triangulation there and lift back into 3D
    constraints := z_project_to_2d(cutting_contour) + z_project_to_2d(mold_outline)
    cutting_surface_2d = lib::constrained_delaunay_triangulation(constraints)
    contour3d = cutting_contour.concat(mold_outline)
    cutting_surface_3d = lift_back_to_3d(cutting_surface_2d, contour3d);

return cutting_surface_3d, mold_outline

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//functions
cast_ray_from_center_of_face_downwards(face):
    faceCenter = 1/3 * (face.v1 + face.v2 + face.v3)
    // a ray has two components, its origin and its direction
    return new Ray(faceCenter, new Vector(0, 0, -1))

find_intersections(ray, mesh):
    num_intersections = 0
    for face in ray.faces:
        if Intersects(face, ray)
            num_intersections += 1
    return num_intersections

// Utility function to take a 2D contour (e.g. of a circle) and return
// a solid of that extruded contour (e.g. a cylinder)
extrude_z(contour_2d, height):
    // fill in the 2d contour with triangles
    faces_2d := lib::constrained_delaunay_triangulation(contour_2d)
    points := []
    faces := []
    for point2D, idx in contour2D:
        pointBot := new Vector(point2D.x, point2D.y, 0)
        pointTop := new Vector(point2D.x, point2D.y, height)
        points.push(pointBot)
        points.push(pointTop)
    // build top and bottom surface
    for face2d in faces2d:
        idx0 := FindIdx(contour2d, face2d.points[0])

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    idx1 := FindIdx(contour2d, face2d.points[1])
    idx2 := FindIdx(contour2d, face2d.points[2])
    faces.push(points[2 * idx0], points[2 * idx1], points[2 * idx2])
    faces.push(points[2 * idx0 + 1], points[2 * idx2 + 1], points[2 * idx1 + 1])
// build the side walls
for i in range(len(points))
    if i == 0
        pointBot := points[0]
        pointTop := points[1]
        prevPointBot := points[-2]
        prevPointTop := points[-1]
    else
        pointBot := points[2 * i]
        pointTop := points[2 * i + 1]
        prevPointBot := points[2 * i - 2]
        prevPointTop := points[2 * i - 1]
    faces.push([pointBot, pointTop, prevPointTop])
    faces.push([prevPointTop, prevPointBot, pointBot])
return new Solid(points, faces)

add_screw_holes(mold_half, contour_of_screws, screw_spacing)
radius := 2.55 // const
d := Distance(contour_of_screws)
cumulativeD := 0
screws := []
while cumulativeD < d
    screwPos := PointAlongContourAtDist(countour_of_screw, cumulativeD)
    screw := new Cylinder(screwPos, radius, mold_height)
    mold_half := lib::boolean_subtract(mold_half, screw)
    cumulativeD += screw_spacing
return mold_half

z_project_to_2d(contour3d):
contour2d := []
for point3d in contour3d:
    contour2d.push(new Point2d(point3d.x, point3d.y))
return contour2d

lift_back_to_3d(surface2d, contour3d):
surface3d := []
for face in surface2d
    point0 := find_corresponding_3d_point(face.points[0], contour3d)
    point1 := find_corresponding_3d_point(face.points[1], contour3d)
    point2 := find_corresponding_3d_point(face.points[2], contour3d)
    surface3d.push(new Face(point0, point1, point2))

find_corresponding_3d_point: (point2d, contour3d):
    for point3d in contour3d
        if point3d.x == point2d.x && point3d.y == point2d.y
            return point3d
    throw Exception("2D point cannot be lifted back into 3D")

closed_loop_from(unordered_edges):
    // start by finding point with largest x-coord when projected
    running_max := -10e10;
    for edge in unordered_edges:
        p1, p2 := edge.end_points
        if p1.x > running_max
            running_max := p1.x
            rightmost_pt := p1
        if p2.x > running_max
            running_max := p2.x
            rightmost_pt := p2

    cur_pt := rightmost_pt
    contour := [rightmost_pt]
    do {

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next_pt := cur_pt.otherEnd
found_next_edge := false
// loop through edges to find an edge that shares an endpt at next_pt
for edge in unordered_edges:
    p1, p2 := edge.end_points
    if p1 == next_pt && p2 != cur_pt
        found_next_edge := true
        cur_pt := p1
        break
    else if p2 == next_pt && p1 != cur_pt
        found_next_edge := true
        cur_pt := p2
        break
    if !found_next_edge
        throw new Exception('Unable to link edges up into closed loop')
    contour.push(cur_pt)
} while (cur_pt != rightmost_pt)
return contour

faces_above_cut(mold_solid, cutting_surface):
    faces_above := []
    for face in mold_solid.faces:
        p1, p2, p3 := faces.points
        if is_pt_above_surface(p1, cutting_surface) &&
            is_pt_above_surface(p1, cutting_surface) &&
            is_pt_above_surface(p1, cutting_surface)
            faces_above.push(face)
    return faces_above

faces_below_cut(mold_solid, cutting_surface):
    faces_below := []
    for face in mold_solid.faces:
        p1, p2, p3 := faces.points
        if !is_pt_above_surface(p1, cutting_surface) &&
            !is_pt_above_surface(p1, cutting_surface) &&
            !is_pt_above_surface(p1, cutting_surface)
            faces_below.push(face)
    return faces_below

is_pt_above_surface(pt, surface):
    point_2d := new Point2d(pt.x, pt.y)
    for face3d in surface:
        face2d := Project_To_2D(face3d)
        if Contains(face2d, point2d) && pt.z > face.points.getMaxZ()
            return true
    return false

subtract_with_offset_from(mold, negative_space, translation):
    negative_space := Translate(negative_space, translation)
    return lib::boolean_subtract(mold, negative_space)

cut(mold, cutting_surface):
    top_half := extrude_z(cutting_surface, 0, mold_height / 2)
    bot_half := extrude_z(cutting_surface, -mold_height / 2, 0)
    return lib::boolean_intersection(mold, top_half), lib::boolean_intersection(mold, bot_half)

expand_3d_contour(contour3d, d):
    // Expand contour in 2D, and lift back to 3D
    // by using the height of the closest point in 2D
    contour2d := z_project_to_2d(contour3d)
    expanded_contour2d := lib::offsetcontour2d(d)
    expanded_contour3d := []
    for pt in expanded_contour2d:
        closestPt = Find_Closest_Pt(contour2d, pt)
        expanded_contour_3d.push(new Point3d(pt.x, pt.y, closestPt.z))
    return expanded_contour_3d

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