

Volumetric Representations

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Based on Cohen, Riesenfel and Elber book [1].

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Trivariate Tensor Product

Definition:

Consider F , G and H , three sets of univariate functions with intervals domains U , V and W , respectively.

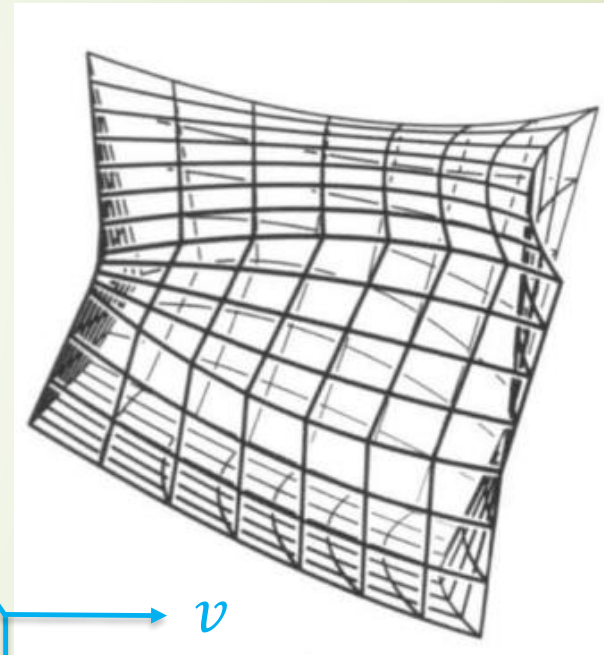
$$F = \{f_i(u)\}_{i=0,m}, \quad G = \{g_j(v)\}_{j=0,n} \text{ and}$$

$$H = \{h_k(w)\}_{k=0,l}.$$

A volume formed by

$$T(u, v, w) = \sum_i \sum_j \sum_k P_{i,j,k} B_i(u) B_j(v) B_k(w)$$

is called a trivariate tensor product with domain $U \times V \times W$.



Iso-Parametric Surface/Curve

- The Iso-Parametric Surface is evaluated with a fixed value of w .

For $i = 0, \dots, m$ and $j = 0, \dots, n$, let $\gamma_{i,j} = \sum_k P_{i,j,k} B_k(\tilde{w})$.

Then:

$$S(u, v) = T(u, v, \tilde{w}) = \sum_i \sum_j \gamma_{i,j} B_i(u) B_j(v),$$

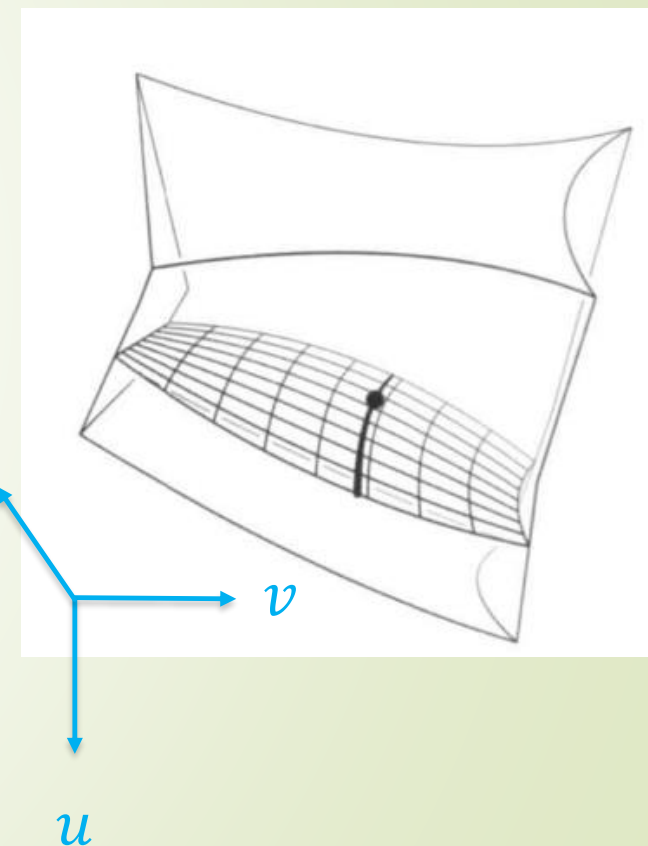
is an iso-parametric surface of T , which is just a bivariate tensor product surface.

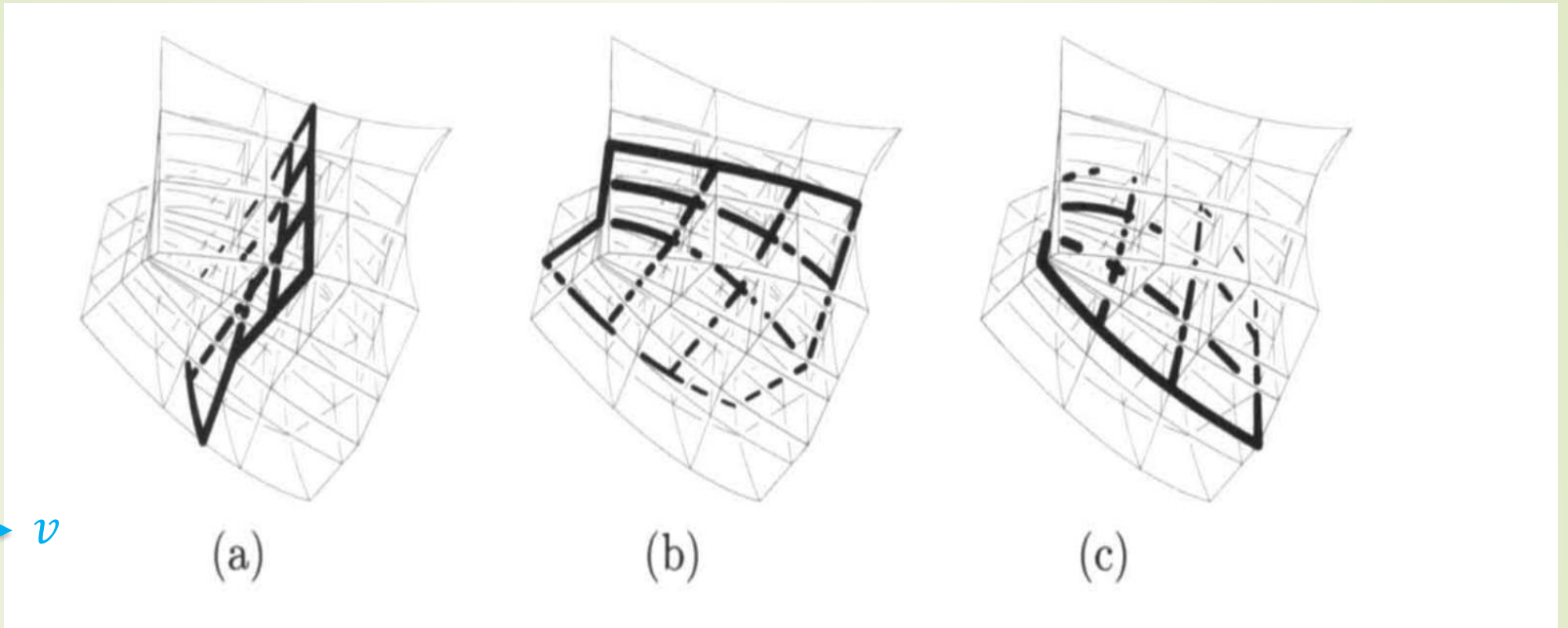
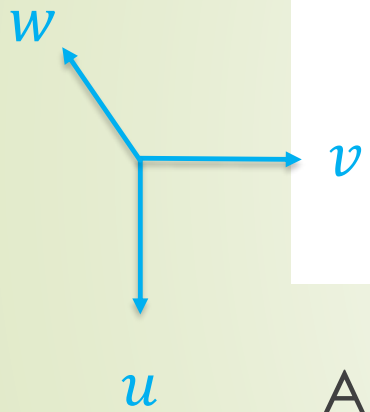
- The Iso-Parametric Curve with fixed values of w and v .

For $i = 0, \dots, m$, let $\sigma_i = \sum_j \sum_k P_{i,j,k} B_k(\tilde{w}) B_j(\tilde{v})$.

Then:

$$C(u) = T(u, \tilde{v}, \tilde{w}) = \sum_i \sigma_i B_i(u).$$





A trivariate $T(u, v, w)$ with isoparametric surfaces:

a) $s(u, w) = T(u, v_0, w)$.

b) $s(v, w) = T(u_0, v, w)$.

c) $s(u, v) = T(u, v, w_0)$.

Partial Derivatives

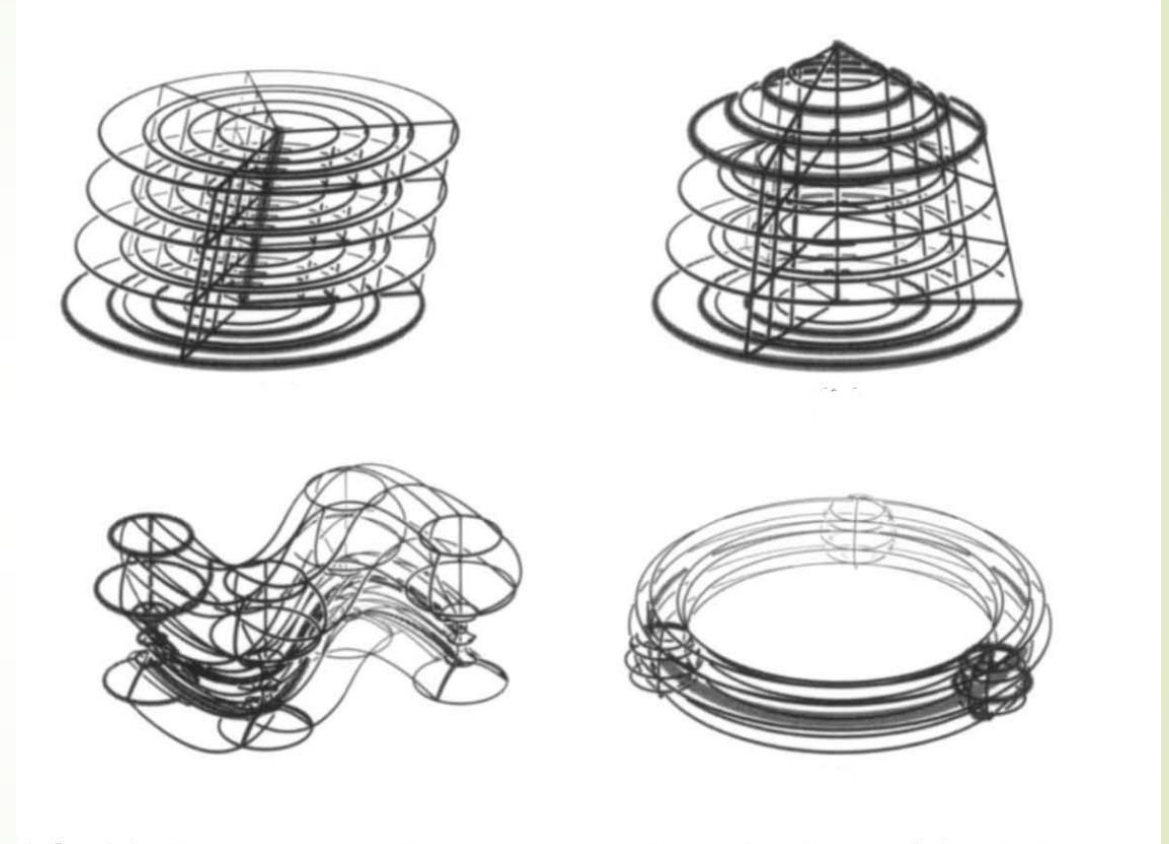
Let T be $T(u, v, w): \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d, d \geq 3$.

The gradient vector ∇T is called the Jacobian matrix of size $d \times 3$:

$$\nabla T = \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial u}, \frac{\partial T}{\partial v}, \frac{\partial T}{\partial w} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} \sum_i \sum_j \sum_k P_{i,j,k} \dot{B}_i(u) B_j(v) B_k(w), \\ \sum_i \sum_j \sum_k P_{i,j,k} B_i(u) \dot{B}_j(v) B_k(w), \\ \sum_i \sum_j \sum_k P_{i,j,k} B_i(u) B_j(v) \dot{B}_k(w), \end{bmatrix}^T .$$

Traditional Constructors

Traditional surface constructors such as **extrusion**, **ruled** surfaces, surfaces of **revolution**, and/or **sweep** surfaces can be extended to construct trivariate functions.

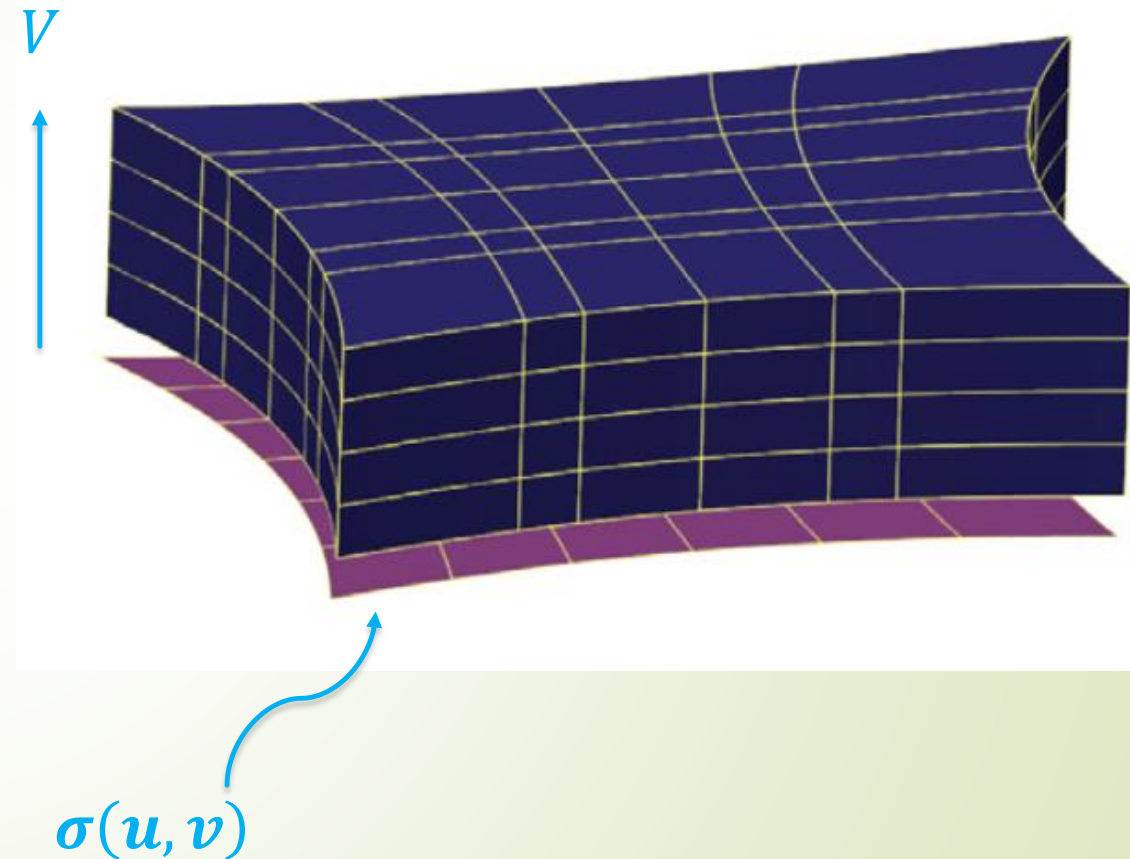


Extruded Volume

An Extruded Volume is a surface crossed with a line. Let $\sigma(u, v)$ and V be a parametric spline surface and a unit vector, respectively. Then

$$T(u, v, w) = \sigma(u, v) + wV,$$

represent the volume extruded by surface $\sigma(u, v)$ as the surface is moved in direction V .

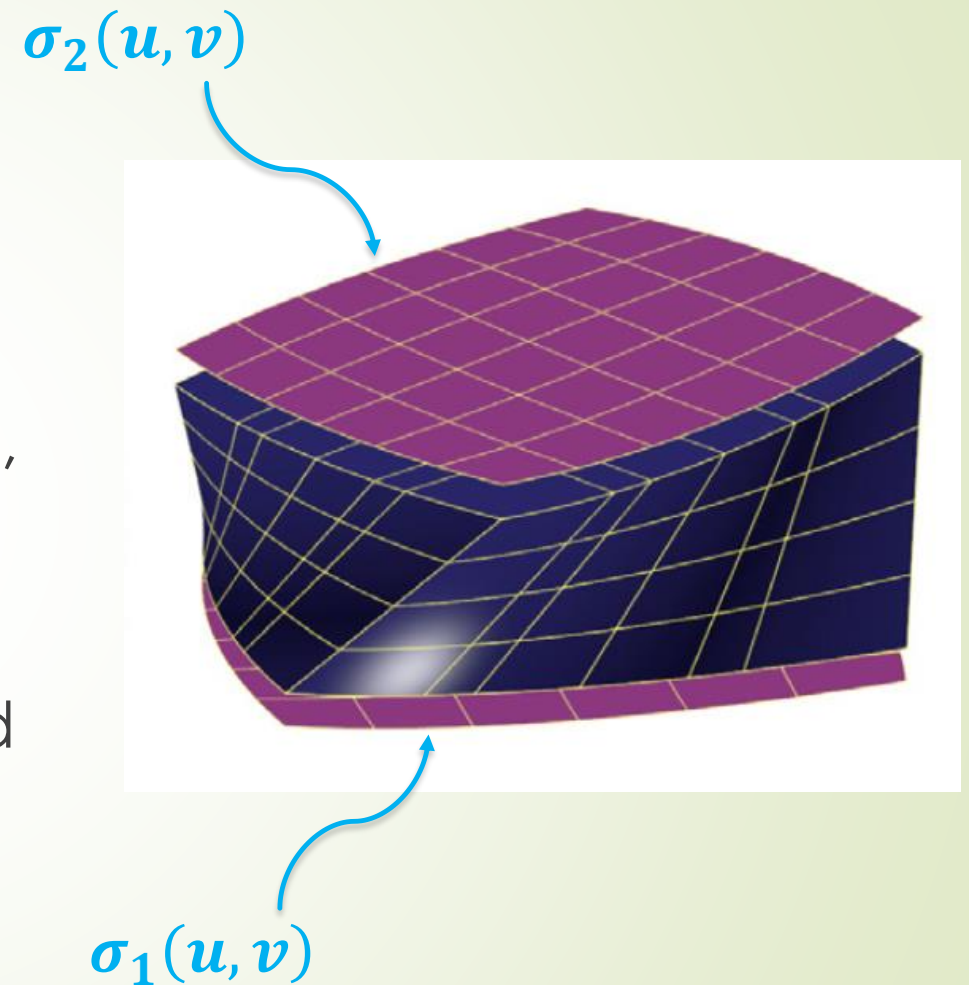


Ruled Volume

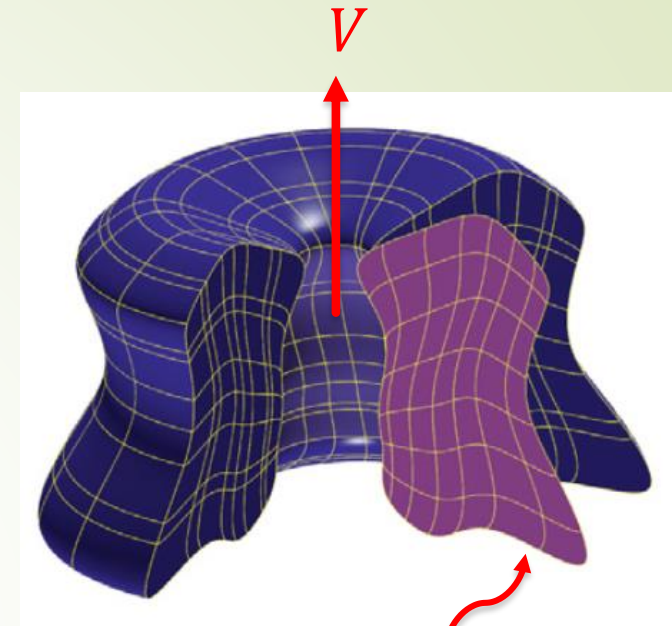
Let $\sigma_1(u, v)$ and $\sigma_2(u, v)$ be two parametric spline surfaces **in the same space**, that is, the same order and knot sequences. Then, the trivariate:

$$T(u, v, w) = (1 - w)\sigma_1(u, v) + w\sigma_2(u, v),$$

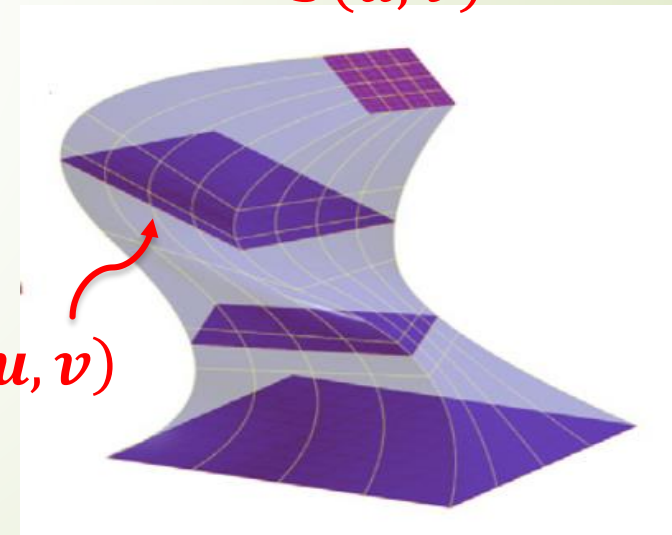
constructs a ruled volume between σ_1 and σ_2 . If $\sigma_1(u, v)$ and $\sigma_2(u, v)$ do not share the same function subspace, they both could be elevated into one by raising the degrees of the lower degree surface.



- **Volume of revolution:** Given a surface $S(u, v)$, a trivariate of revolution $T(u, v, w)$ is constructed by rotating S around some axis V .
- **Volumetric sweep:** A trivariate T is generated that interpolates or approximates a given ordered list of surfaces, $S_i(u, v)$, at different w_i parameters, $w_i \in [0, 1]$.



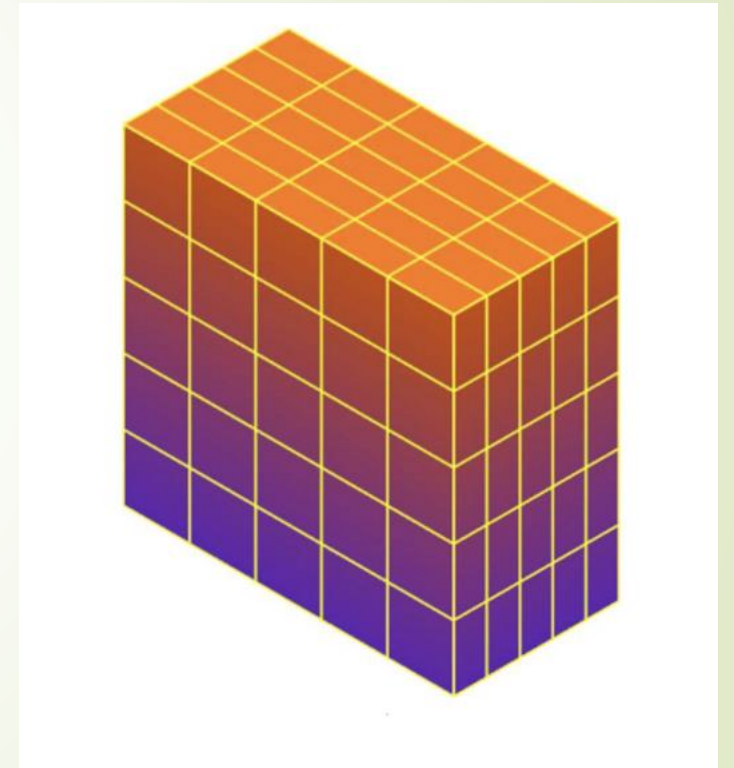
$S(u, v)$



$S_i(u, v)$

Volumetric Representation (V-Reps)

The framework is designed to support anticipated AM and IGA needs, which means it should support different queries on V-rep models such as slicing (intersection with a plane), (point) inclusion, geometrical neighborhood information and contacts, local refinements and more.



Based on Elber and Massarwi paper [2].

V-Reps (Cont.)

- ▶ A V-model is a complex of several volumetric cells (V-cells).
- ▶ The V-cell is a volumetric cell represented by a **trimmed B-spline** trivariate:

$$T(u, v, w) = \sum_i \sum_j \sum_k P_{i,j,k} B_i(u) B_j(v) B_k(w)$$

where $P_{i,j,k} \in \mathcal{R}^q$, $q \geq 3$ where the first three coordinates always represent the geometry but optionally also **additional attributes**, such as a **color** or a **stress tensor field**, for $q \geq 3$.

- ▶ The B-spline trivariate is our basic building block that defines a volume. However, it is limited to a cuboid topology, and cannot represent general volumetric shapes.
- ▶ The trimming of a V-cell is prescribed by a set of trimming (bivariate) B-spline surfaces in the domain of the trivariate. Each such trimming surface is, in turn, possibly trimmed by trimming B-spline curves

V-Reps (Cont.)

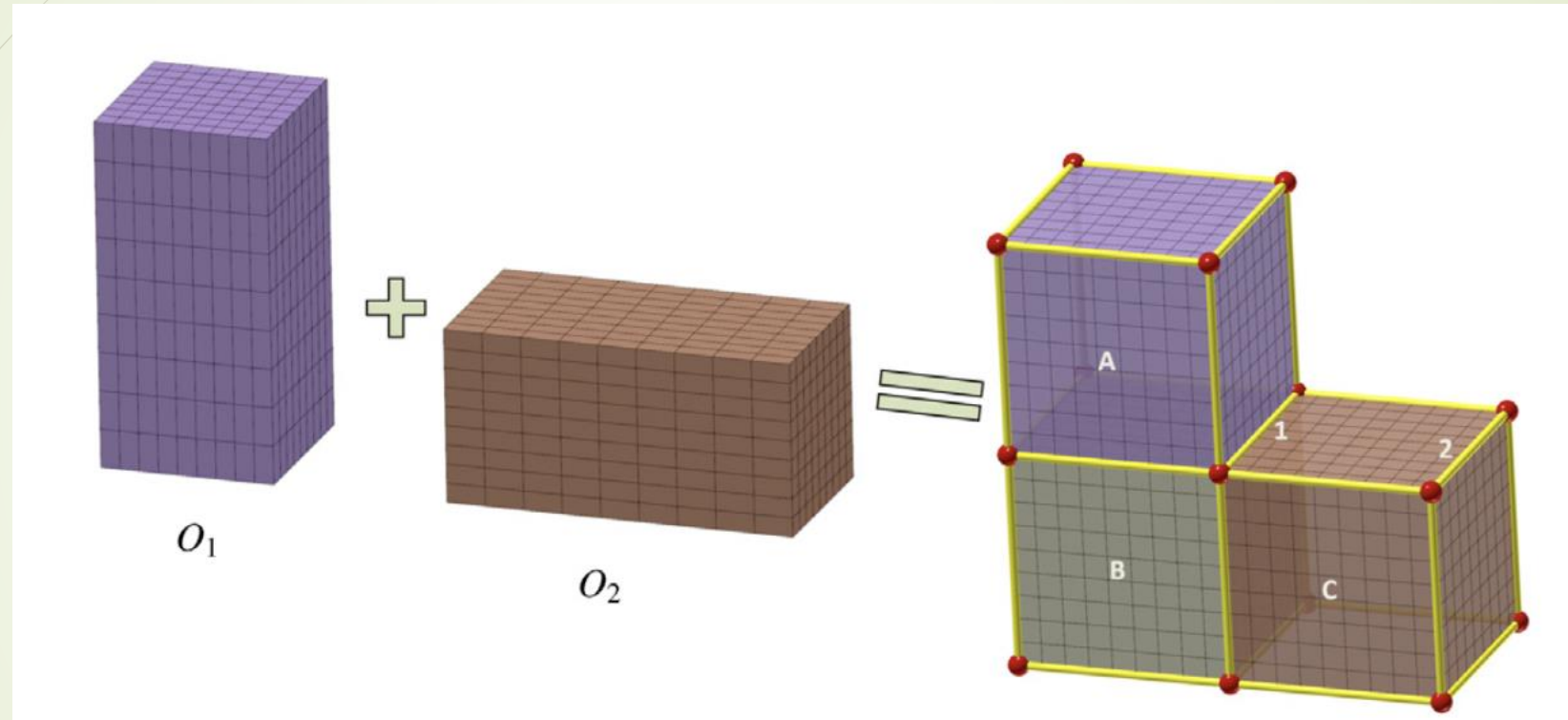
➤ **Definition 3.2:**

A V-rep cell (V-cell) is a 3-manifold that is in the intersection of one or more B-spline tensor product trivariates. The sub-domain of the intersection is delineated by trimming surfaces.

➤ **Definition 3.3:**

A V-model is a complex of one or more (mutually exclusive) V-cells. Adjacent V-cells possibly share boundary (trimming) surfaces, curves or points.

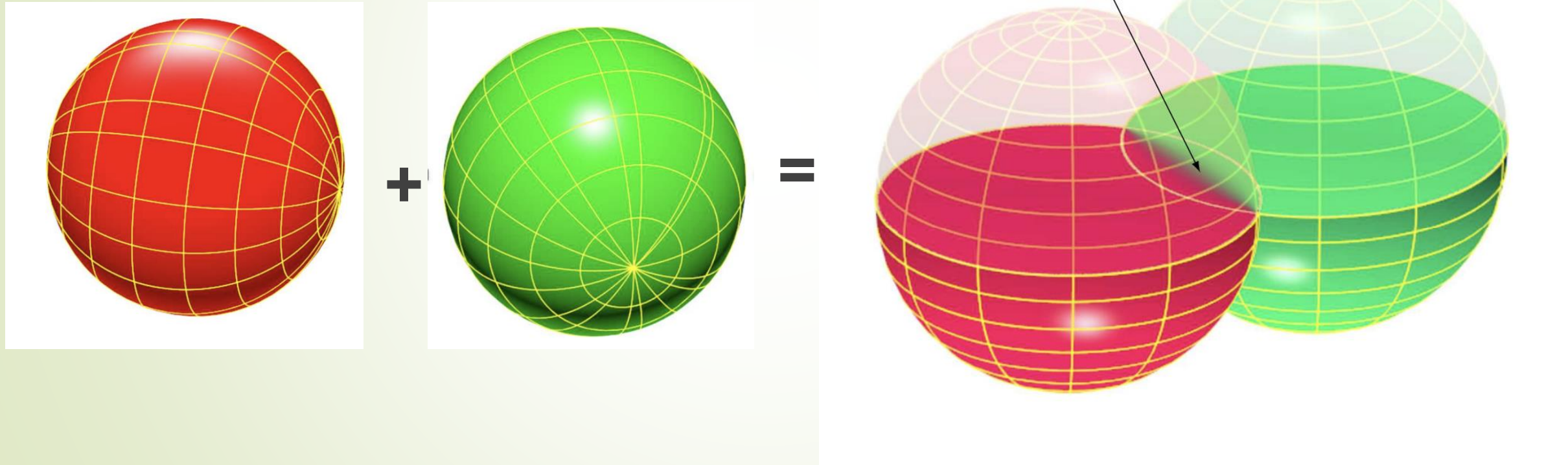
Union Operation between V-Reps



O_1 and O_2 are V-model, and the union between them will result in three V-cells A , B and C .

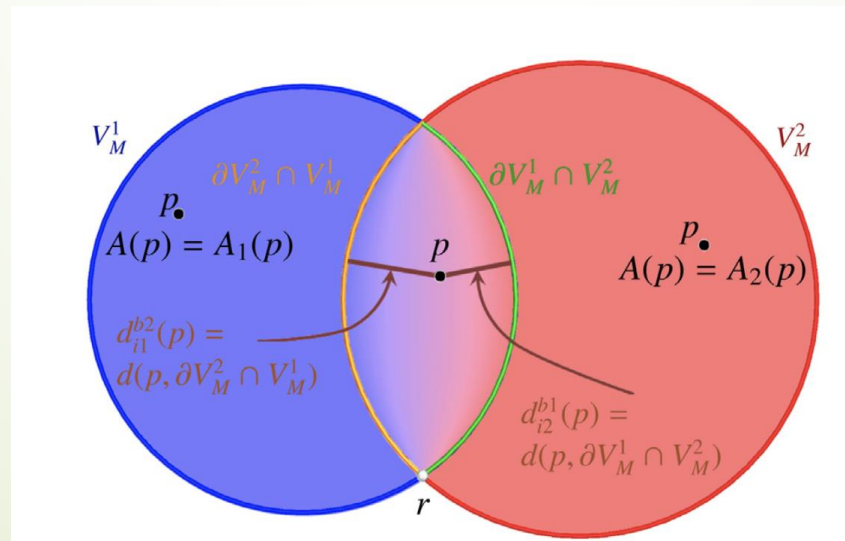
What about continuity of attribute fields?

Union Operation (Cont.)



Material Heterogeneity

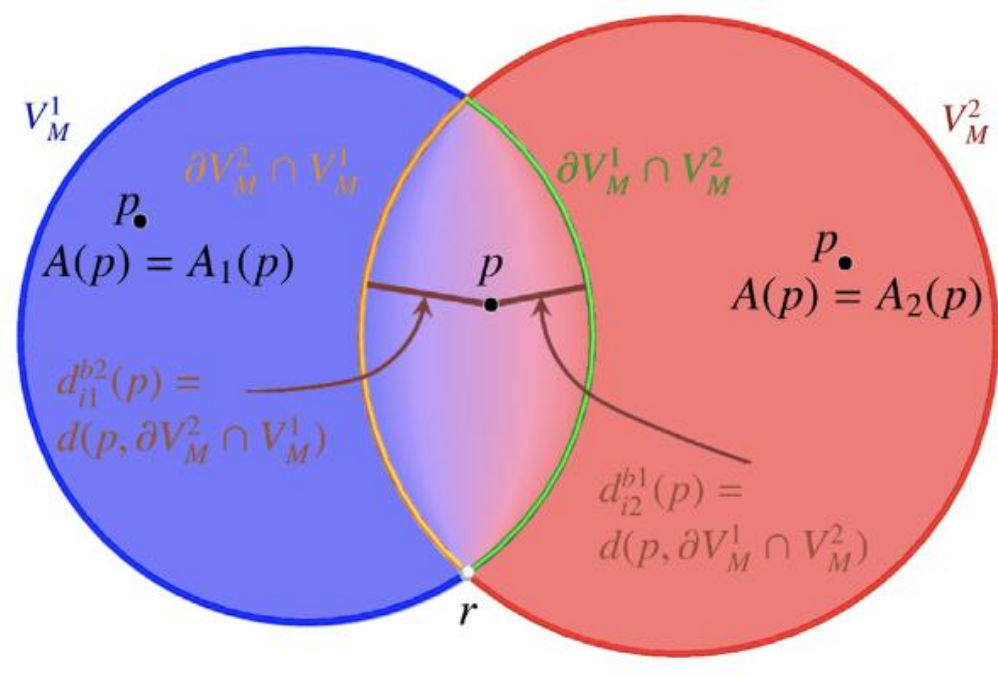
- Let $V_M = V_M^1 \cup V_M^2$, be some V-model that is the result of a Boolean union operation between V-models V_M^1 and V_M^2 .
- For simplicity, lets assume each of V_M^1 and V_M^2 contains one V-cell only.
- Let p be a point in V_M , and let $d(p, \mathbf{O})$ denote the minimal distance from p to object \mathbf{O} , d is a C^0 continuous function.
- Let $A_1(p)$ and $A_2(p)$ be some C^0 attribute fields of models V_M^1 and V_M^2 , respectively, at p , and finally, let $d_{i2}^{b1} = d(p, \partial V_M^1 \cap V_M^2)$ denote the distance from the boundary of V_M^1 , ∂V_M^1 , that is inside V_M^2 from point p .



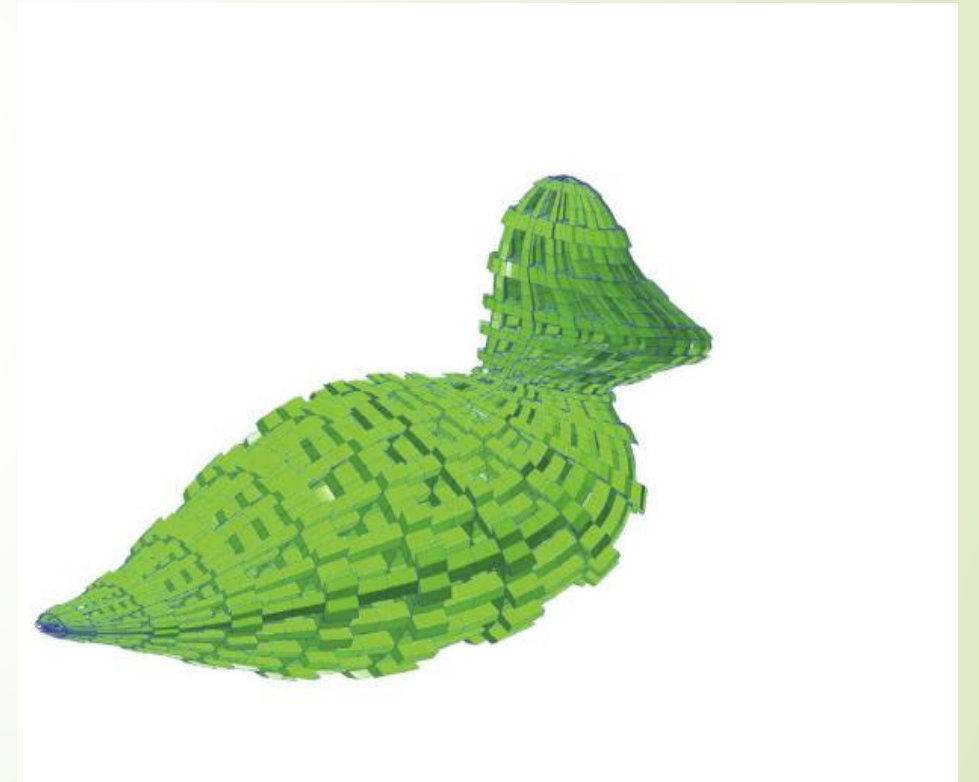
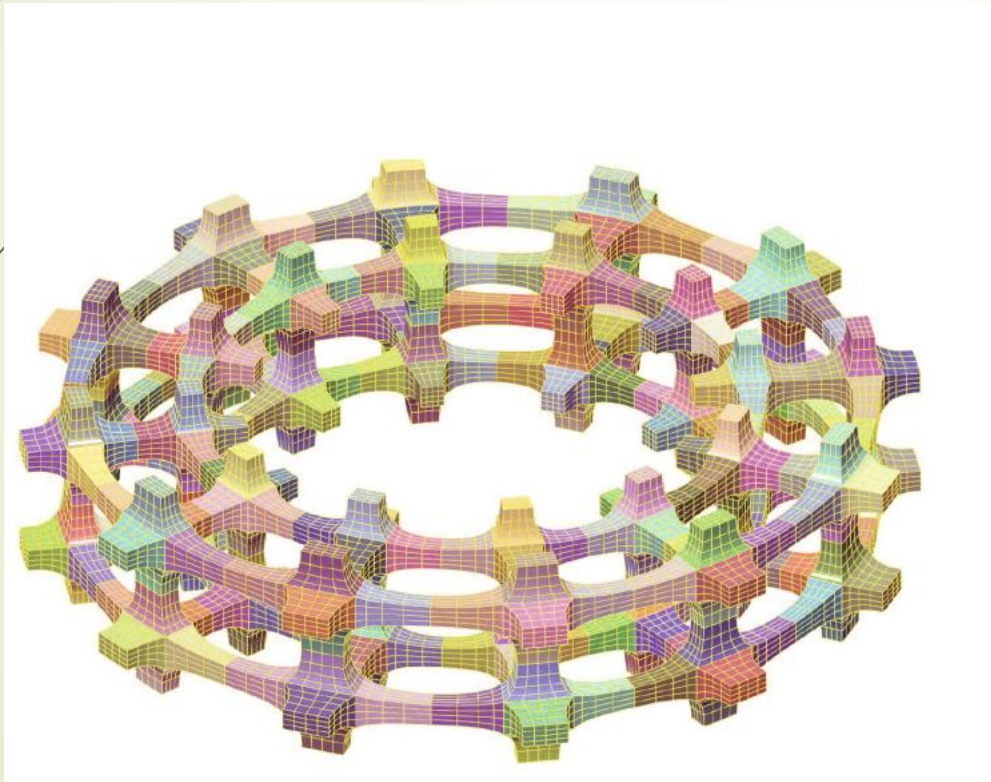
Then, the attribute value of model V_M , $A(p)$, at p can be calculated as the blend of $A_1(p)$ and $A_2(p)$ as follows:

$$A(p) = \begin{cases} \frac{d_{i_2}^{b_1} A_1(p) + d_{i_1}^{b_2} A_2(p)}{d_{i_2}^{b_1}(p) + d_{i_1}^{b_2}(p)}, & p \in V_M^1 \cap V_M^2, \\ A_1(p), & p \in V_M^1 \text{ and } p \notin V_M^2, \\ A_2(p), & p \in V_M^2 \text{ and } p \notin V_M^1, \end{cases}$$

Points where both $d_{i_2}^{b_1}(p)$ and $d_{i_1}^{b_2}(p)$ vanish simultaneously, called singular location.



Construction of Micro-structures via Functional Composition

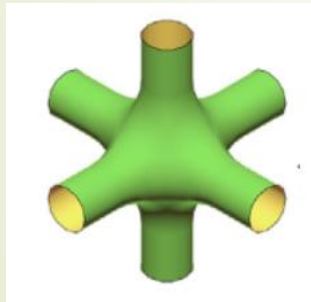


Based on Elber Paper [3].

Construction of Micro-structures (Cont.)

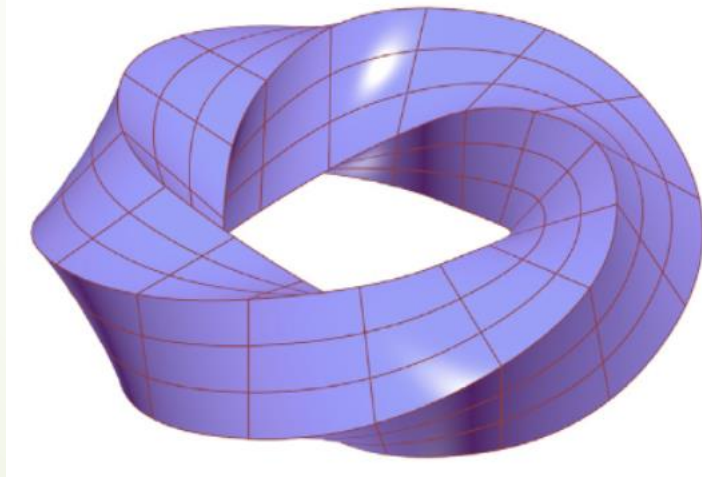
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- Based on Elber method [3] to build precise construction of micro-structures using functional composition. In that approach, the designs of the macro-shape \mathcal{T} and the micro-structures \mathcal{M} of a porous geometry are decoupled.



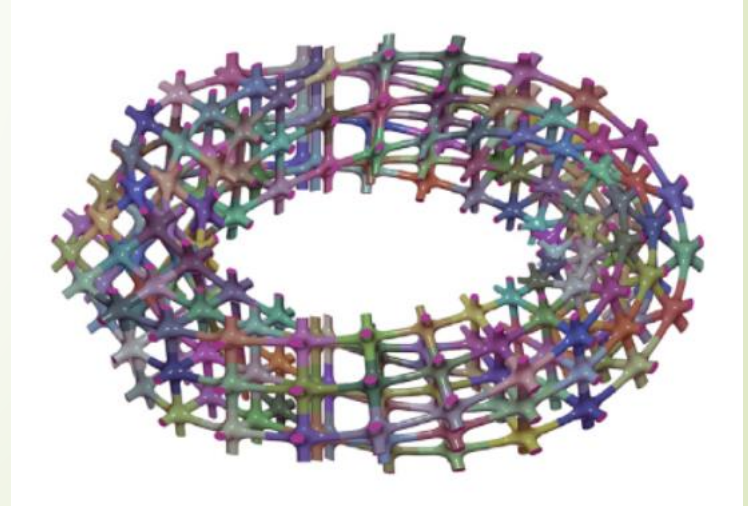
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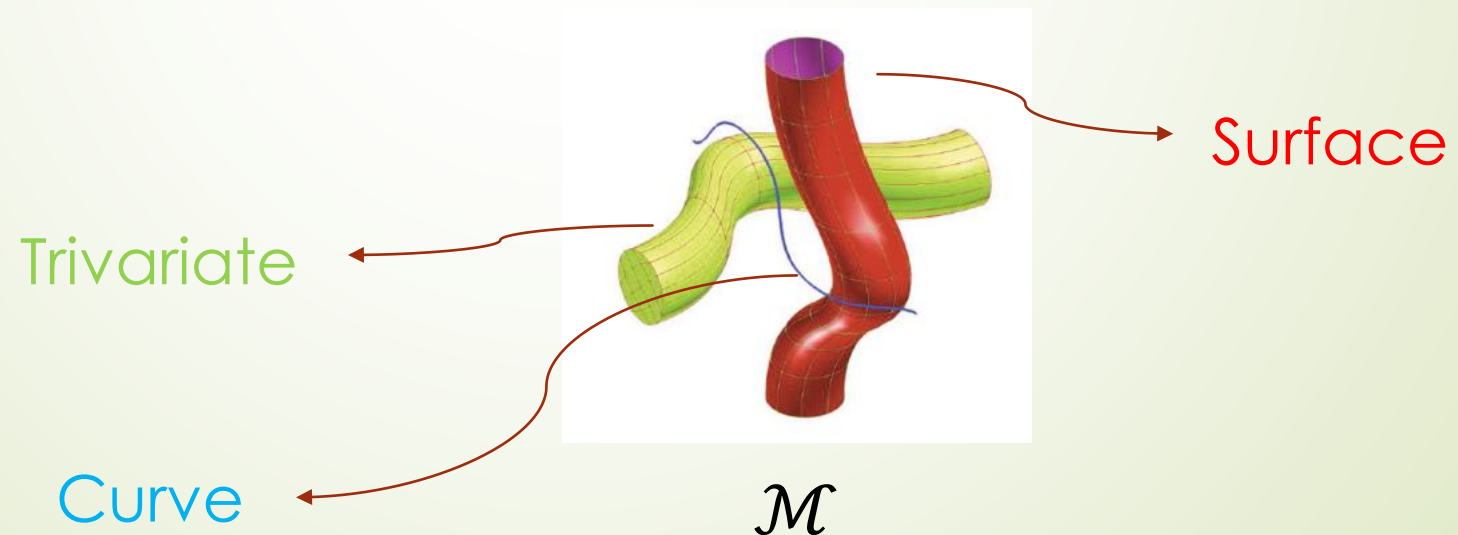
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Construction of Micro-structures (Cont.)

- ▶ A parametric form of a (**typically periodic**) micro-tile \mathcal{M} is specified as some combination of curves, surfaces, and/or trivariates while the macro-shape \mathcal{T} is also specified as a parametric trivariate function $\mathcal{T}: D \in \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$.



Construction of Micro-structures (Cont.)

Our input set is:

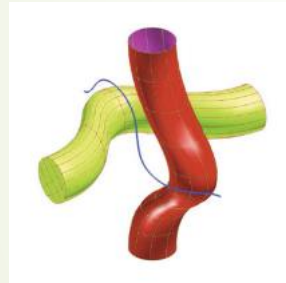
- ▶ A micro-tile \mathcal{M} , as some combination of parametric curves $C(t) = (c_x(t), c_y(t), c_z(t))$, surfaces $S(u, v) = (s_x(u, v), s_y(u, v), s_z(u, v))$ and trivariates $T(u, v, w) = (t_x(u, v, w), t_y(u, v, w), t_z(u, v, w))$. \mathcal{M} is typically periodic in the sense that the d_{min} faces are C^0 -continuous with respect to d_{max} , $d = x, y, z$, and may even be C^k -continuous, $k > 0$.
- ▶ A trivariate parametric deformation macro-function $\mathcal{T}(x, y, z): D \in \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$.
- ▶ (n_x, n_y, n_z) : the dimensions of enumerations in \mathcal{T} , in (x, y, z) of the micro-tile \mathcal{M} .

Construction of Micro-structures (Cont.)

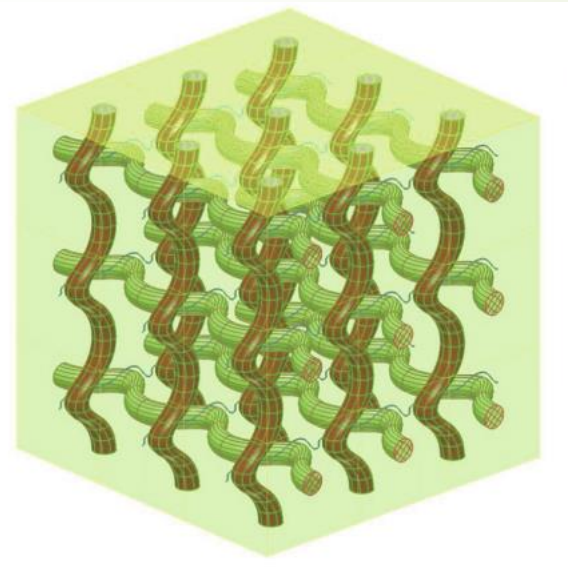
First Step

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- ▶ Pave the micro-tile \mathcal{M} in the domain \mathcal{D} (of \mathcal{T}), (n_x, n_y, n_z) times.



\mathcal{M}



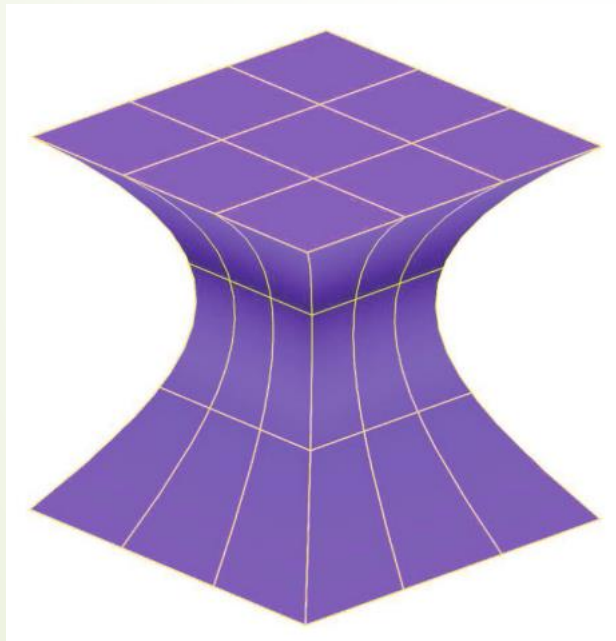
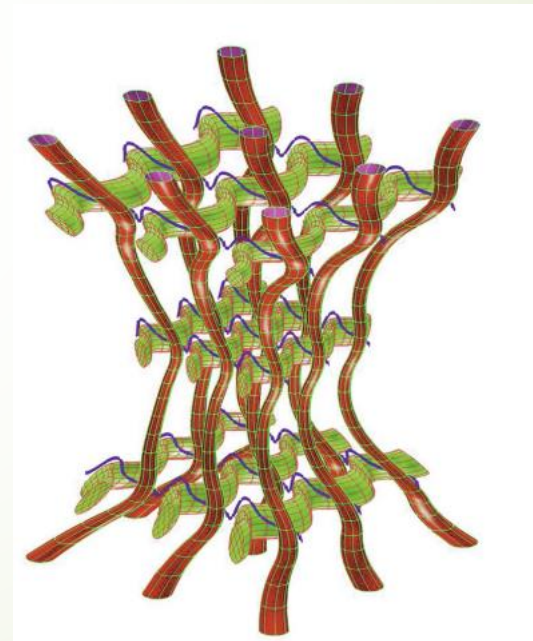
\mathcal{D}

The micro-tile \mathcal{M} paved in \mathcal{D} (3, 3, 3) times.

Construction of Micro-structures (Cont.)

Second Step

- Functionally composing the tiling $\{M_{i,j,k}\}$, into the deformation map \mathcal{T} , to obtain the required micro-structure $\mathcal{T}(M_{i,j,k})$.

 \mathcal{T}  $\mathcal{T}(M)$

Construction of Micro-structures (Cont.)

Functional Composing details

- Let \mathcal{T} be a trivariate vector function:

$$\mathcal{T}(u, v, w) = \sum_i \sum_j \sum_k P_{i,j,k} B_i(u) B_j(v) B_k(w)$$

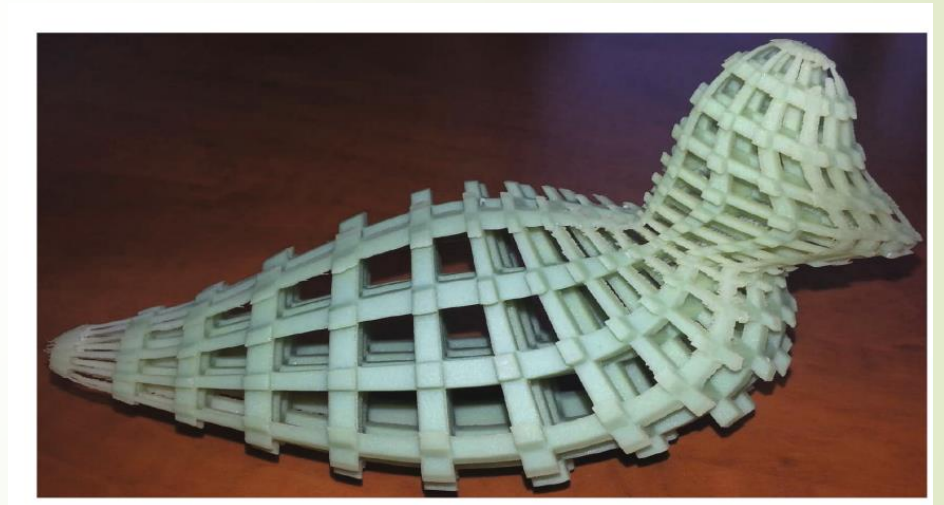
- And the micro-shape trivariate tile M is:

$$M(u, v, w) = \sum_i \sum_j \sum_k Q_{i,j,k} B_i(u) B_j(v) B_k(w)$$

- Then, the microstructure can be build using function composition:

$$\tilde{T} = \mathcal{T}(M) = \mathcal{T}(m^x(u, v, w), m^y(u, v, w), m^z(u, v, w))$$

Additive Manufacturing

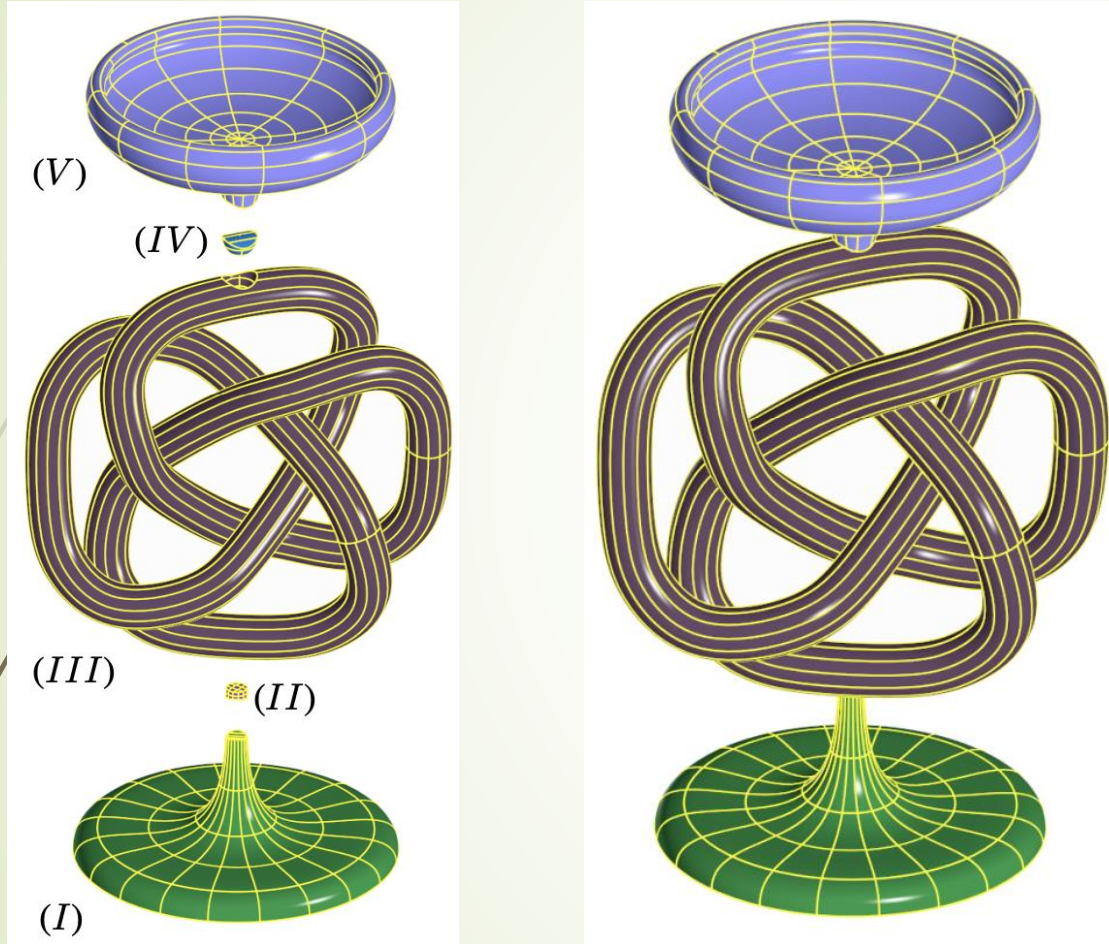


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Based on Ezair and Elber paper [4].

Additive Manufacturing (Cont.)

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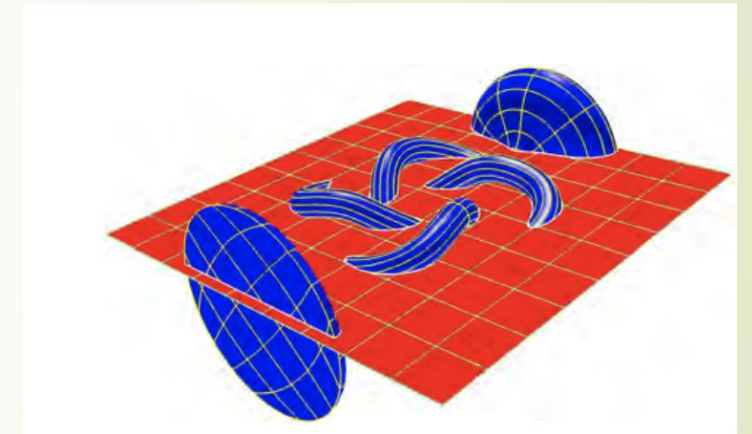
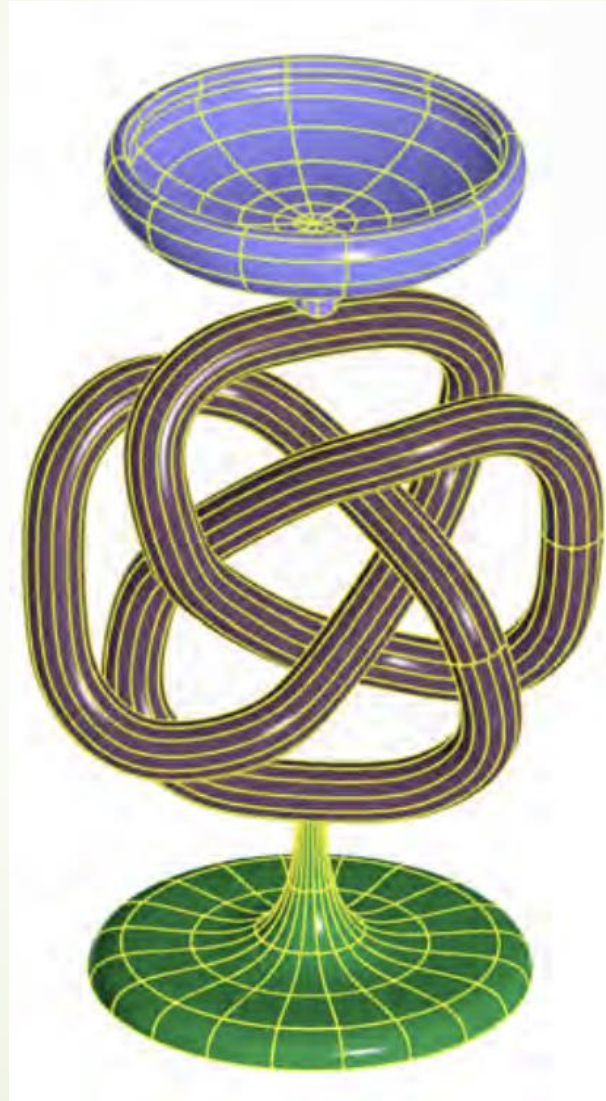
Five V-cells Composed
to one V-rep



The fabricated
graded-materials
(FGM) object.

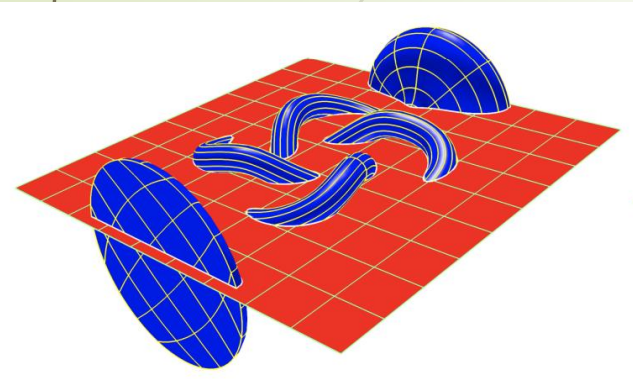
Additive Manufacturing (Cont.)

We apply the standard AM approach of slicing, to convert the above representation of an FGM object to a set of instructions that can be used to manufacture the object using AM.

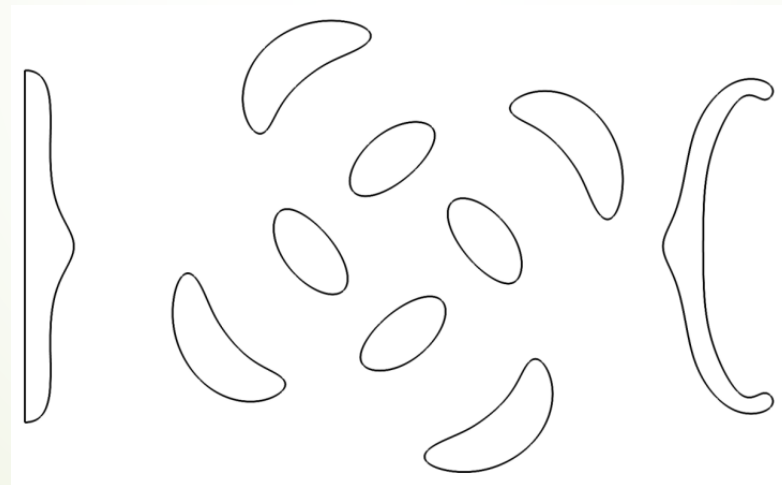
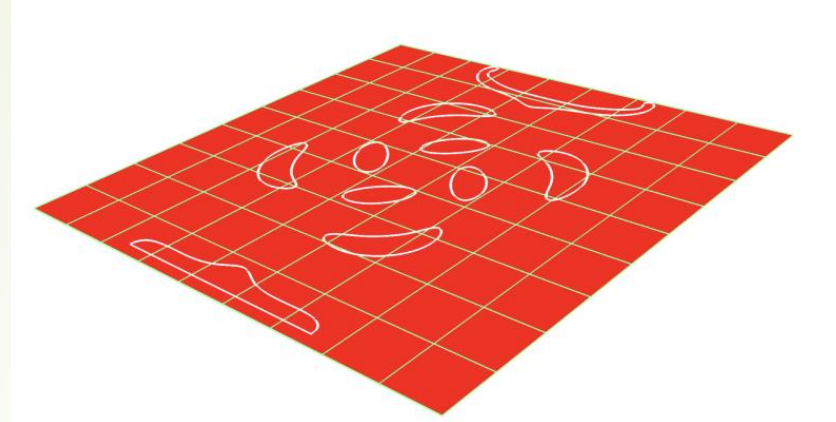


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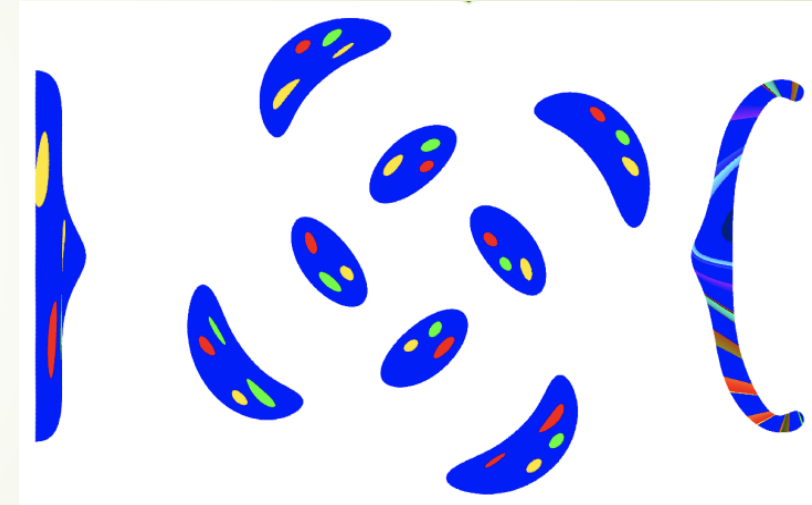
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The V-rep model is intersected with a plane.



The planar outline for the slice.



The planar Slice is filled with color coded material information.

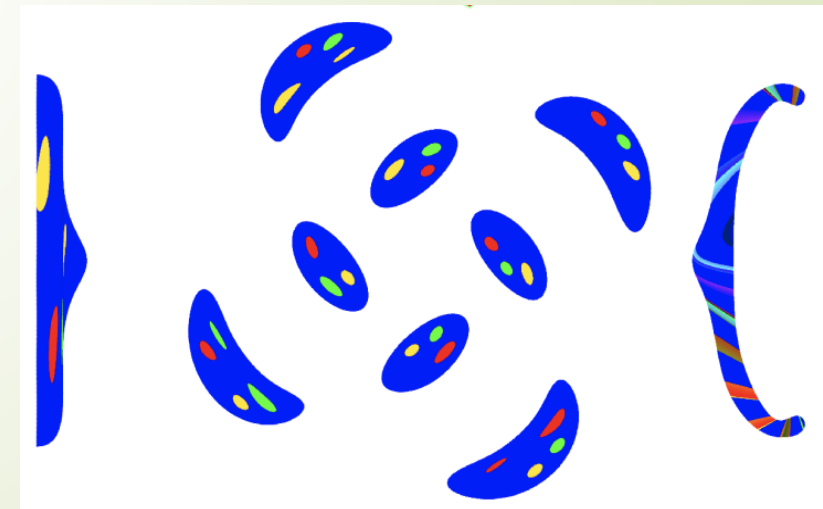
Additive Manufacturing (Cont.)

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Printing Pipeline:

- I. Intersect the V-rep model with a plane (at a given z height), to get a 'slice'.
- II. This slice is then filled with material information by **evaluating** and specify the material composition **at every point** inside the slice. Then can be used by the printer to manufacture that slice.

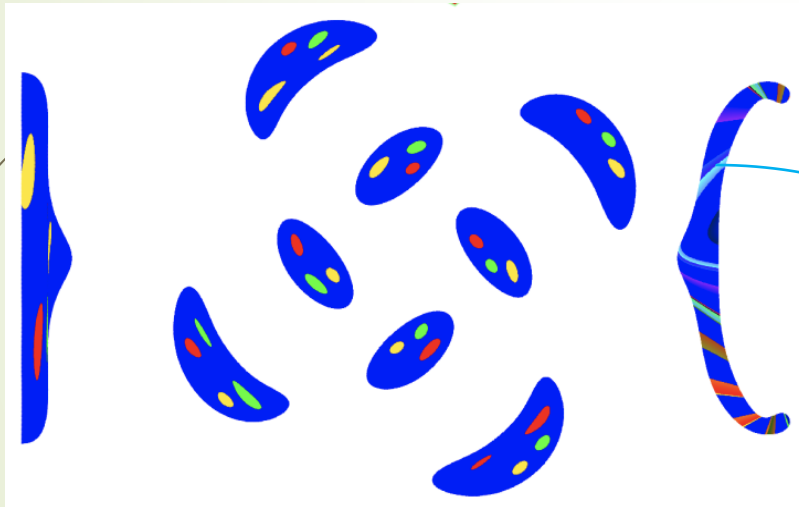
How we can evaluate the material composition on each point inside the 'slice' ?



Additive Manufacturing (Cont.)

Point Evaluation

- When slicing an FGM object, the only information available for a point is its position in **Euclidean space**.



The location for each point p is (x, y, \hat{z}) , in the euclidean space. (the z coordinate is fixed for all points in the slice).

But the geometry and material composition functions of the V-rep are over the **Parametric domain**.

Additive Manufacturing (Cont.)

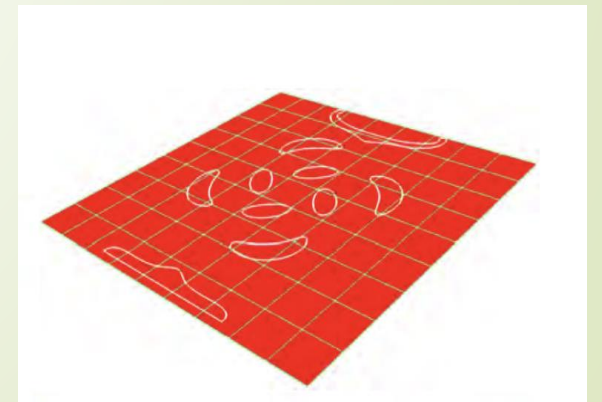
Point Evaluation

Given a Euclidean point (x, y, \hat{z}) , consider the following system of three (often non-linear piecewise polynomial) constraints and three unknowns (u, v, w) :

$$\begin{cases} x = v_x(u, v, w) \\ y = v_y(u, v, w), \\ z = v_z(u, v, w) \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

It's a classical inverse problem, that can be solved **using a subdivision based multivariate solvers**.

We can solve this equation for each point, for billion of times. It is not efficient!



Additive Manufacturing (Cont.)

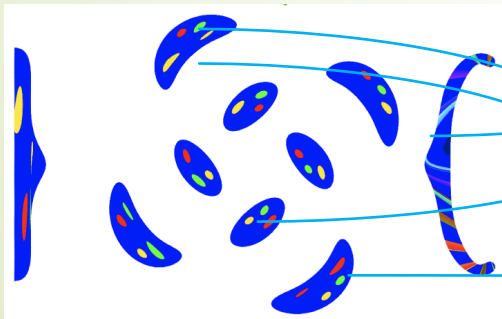
Point Evaluation

Lemma:

The solution for the system of constraints presented in Equation (1), (u_0, v_0, w_0) , **exists and is unique** for every point (x_0, y_0, z_0) inside a self intersection free and regular volume $V(u, v, w)$.

Proof:

The uniqueness of the solutions to Equation (1) follows directly from our assumption of $V(u, v, w)$ being regular and without (global) self intersections.



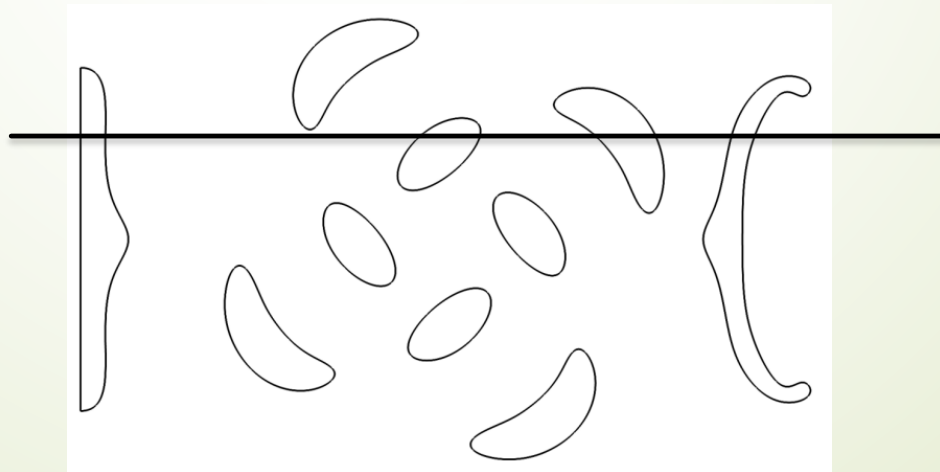
For each point (x_0, y_0, z_0) **inside the outline** of the object have a unique solution.

Additive Manufacturing (Cont.)

Point Evaluation

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- ▶ To efficiently classify points as inside or outside the model, we use the outline of the current slice.
- ▶ Given the outline, we aim to sample and generate material composition information **only for the pixels** that are found **inside the outline** of the slice.
- ▶ We use a simple rasterization strategy of sampling along straight **lines aligned to the y axis**.



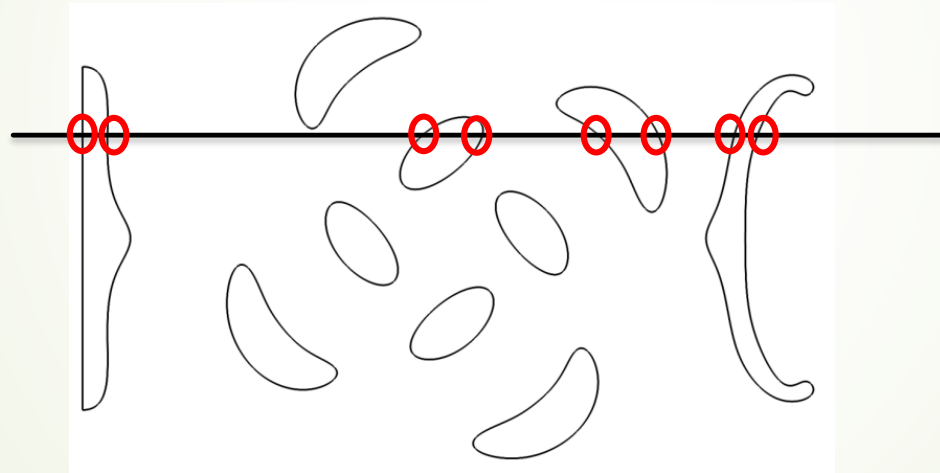
Additive Manufacturing (Cont.)

Point Evaluation

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Sampling along lines allows us to use two optimizations:

- I. To determine if we are inside/outside the outline, we first find the intersections between the outline and our sampling line.



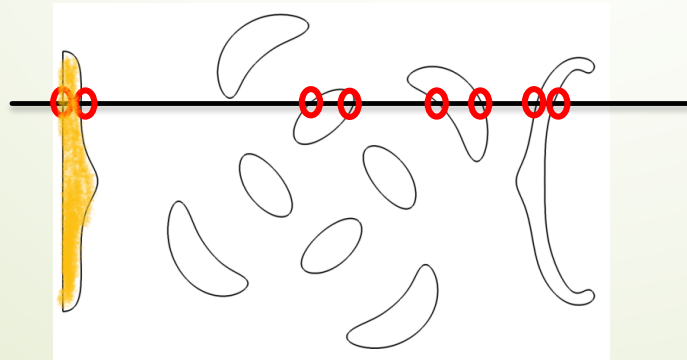
Using this optimization to determine if a sample point is **inside or outside** the current slice **saves us from unnecessarily** attempting to solve Equation (1) for points outside the current slice.

Additive Manufacturing (Cont.)

Point Evaluation

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- II. From the previous lemma we already know that a unique solution exists if the Euclidean point is inside.
 - This fact allows us to optimize our use of the multivariate solver to solve equation (1).
 - Once we use the full solver to get the solution for a point, the solution for any other close-by point can be attempted by employing a numeric tracing (i.e. a Newton–Raphson iteration method), using the previous solution for any close-by point as an initial guess.



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