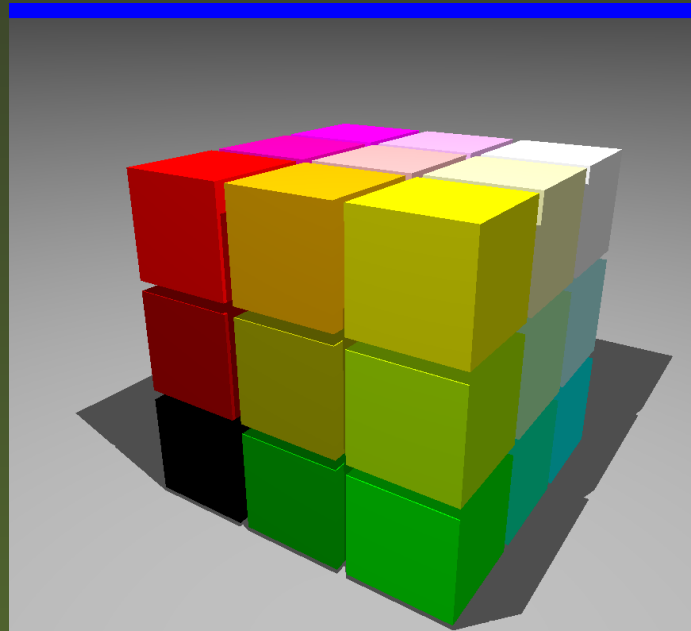


3D-modelling and the Pycao software

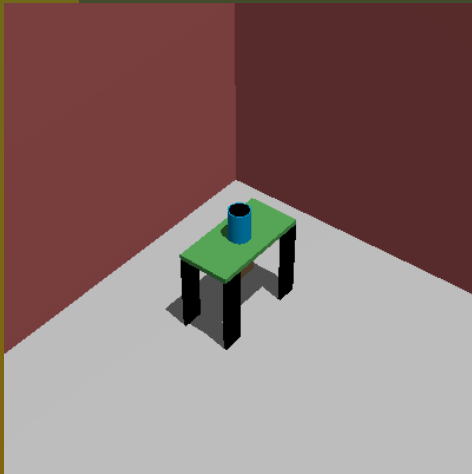
Laurent Evain



3D-modelling versus 2D-modelling

- Description of the scene as 3D objects
- Possibility of extraction of 2D information (Example: photo)

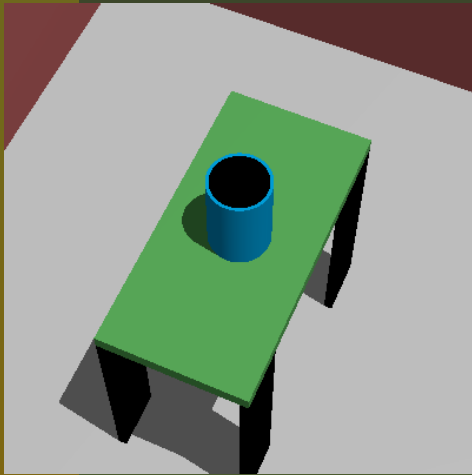
```
camera.location=origin+5*Y+6*Z+6.2*X  
camera.lookAt=tableTray.center
```



3D-modelling versus 2D-modelling

- Same description of the scene

```
camera.location=origin+2*Y+4*Z+3.2*X  
camera.lookAt=tableTray.center  
camera.zoom(.881)
```



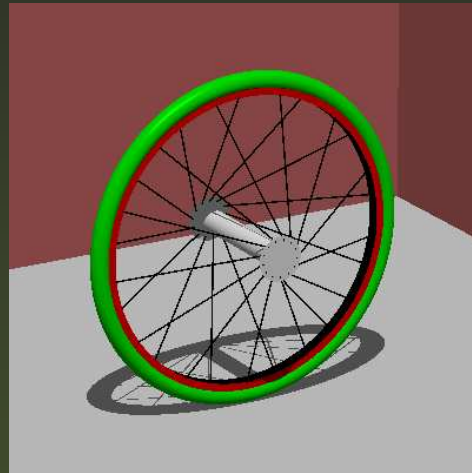
Main applications

- CAD software in industry
- Engineering (Example: thermal study of a house)
- Mathematical illustration (Ex: 3D-combinatorics)
- Mathematical verification (Ex: stability of a bike, temperature evolution...)
- Movies, Architecture

Description of a scene

- Difficult, whatever the tool
- Several reasons:
 - $Isom(\mathbb{R}^3) \neq Isom(\mathbb{R}^2)$
 - 2D screen
 - Integrated tools (versatility vs simplicity)
 - Documentation (povray vs Blender)
 - New paradigms required
- One year to master cad software - 2 weeks for basic skills

Graphical tools



- Time consuming (exemple: simple wheel)
- 2 clicks for a point, (de)zooming, unseen pieces
- Required precision: movie vs science
- Interfacing with Numpy/scipy.
- Latex vs Word

Code with coordinates

- Povray, .obj format



```
//Unnamed Object
plane {
<0.0,1.0,0.0>,0.0 material{texture{ pigment {color Brown} finish{metallic phong 1} }}
}

//Unnamed Object
box {
<0.0,0.0,0.0>,<1.0,0.5,0.05> material{texture{ pigment {color ForestGreen} finish{metallic phong 1} }}
matrix <1.0 , 0.0 , 0.0 , 0.0 , 1.0 , 0.0 , 0.0 , 0.0 , 1.0 , 1.0 , 1.0 , 0.8>}

//Unnamed Object
box {
<0.0,0.0,0.0>,<0.2,0.03,0.8> material{texture{ pigment {color Copper} finish{metallic phong 1} }}
matrix <1.0 , 0.0 , 0.0 , 0.0 , 1.0 , 0.0 , 0.0 , 0.0 , 1.0 , 1.0 , 1.0 , 0.0>}
```

- Difficult to write, to read, to maintain

- Ray tracer \neq Modeller

Towards a short description

- Mathematical proof with \forall, \exists, \dots
- What is the shortest proof ?
- Description of a 3D scene with words
- What is the shortest code ?
- **Pycao Objective:** shortest possible description (time, length)

Architecture to not reinvent the wheel

3d- Modelisation with Pycao



Object obtained after compilation



Pycao Plugin to the mathematical software



Thermal study, visualisation ...

Paradigms of Pycao

- **Pycao Objective:** shortest possible description (time, length)
- Choices
 - Mathematical affine geometry framework
 - Coordinate free
 - Python
 - Dynamical description
 - Box paradigm
 - Markers, CSG

The massic space

- unification of points and vectors
- massic point $p = (x, y, z, w)$
- $w = 0$: *vector*, $w = 1$: *point*
- internally: all points are massic points
- $0.7 * p_1 + v + 0.3 * p_0 = \textit{point}.$

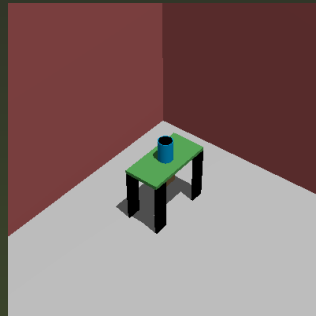
The massic space for the end-user

- Transparent use of the language of affine geometry
- $p_1 - p_2, 0.3 * p_1 + 0.2 * p_2 + 0.5 * p_3$ known
- consistency verification by the compiler
- absolute and relative definition:
 $[p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4] \simeq [p_1, v, p_3, w]$ if $v = p_2 - p_1,$
 $w = p_4 - p_3.$
- implicit conversion. f affine, $f(v) = \vec{f}(v).$

The massic space for the developer

- Unification of the affine and vectorial base changes

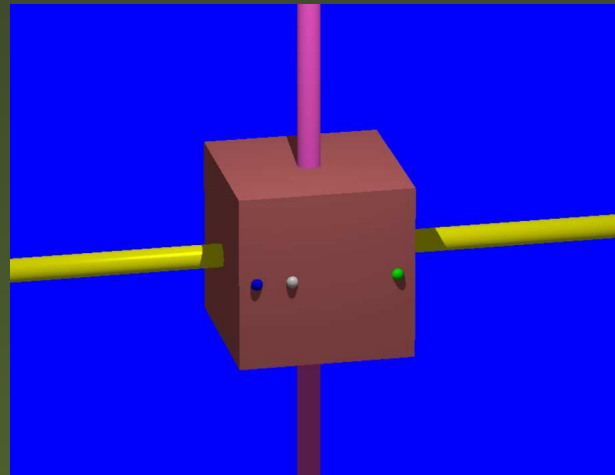
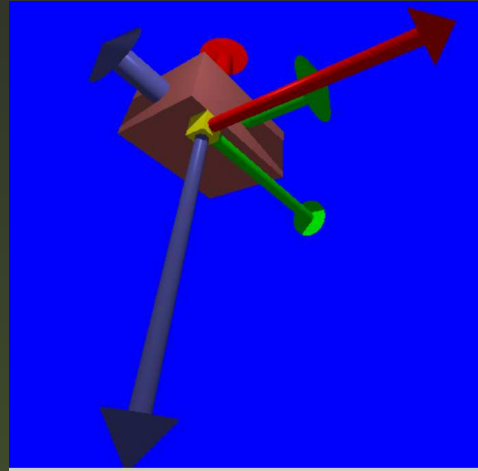
The carpenter paradigm



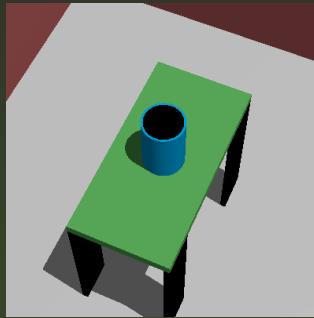
- movePieces, coordinate free, box paradigm, gluing

```
tableTray=Cube(tableTrayDimensions)
tableLeg1=Cube(tableLegDimensions)
tableLeg2=tableLeg1.copy()
tableLeg3=tableLeg1.copy()
tableLeg4=tableLeg1.copy()
# The next line moves tableLeg1 to the tray at adjusting the cubes at t
tableLeg1.move_against(tableTray,Z,Z,X,X,offset=(0,0,0),adjustEdges=-X-
# The next line glues the leg on the table
tableLeg1.transplant_on(tableTray)
```

The box paradigm



- Deeply in our mind (child drawings , natural language)



```
flowerPot=Cylinder(origin,origin+flowerPotHeight*Z,radius=flowerPotRadius)
toCut=Cylinder(origin+flowerPotThickness*Z,origin+2*flowerPotHeight*Z,radius=flowerPotRadius-flowerPotThickness)
flowerPot.amputed_by(toCut)
```

- 1 type of intersection
- 1 type of difference
- 2 types of union (parenting+symmetric)

markers

- points
- lines
- center

Objectives

- code in a high level language (write,read,maintain)
- a documentation with precise mathematics
- shortest possible description of the scene
- a language of moderate size (no redundancies, no rarely used features) towards not full time cad developers
- modular architecture
- tools to build and share library of objects

