Course Syllabus

Course General:
The course meets on Thursday 6:30 ~ 9:10 pm at KAP-147.

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Course Description:
This course aims to provide students with a deep understanding and practical experience in the application of computational techniques to solve design and manufacturing problems. It will introduce the underlying concepts behind three-dimensional geometry representations, algorithms, and the underlying mathematical foundations, essential to solving a wide variety of problems in computer-aided design (CAD), computer-aided manufacturing (CAM), and computer-aided engineering (CAE). It will also train the students with hands-on computational skills by working on team-based course projects. Also, the course will prepare the students to read literature, understand current research problems, and identify possible contributions to the field.

This course is a graduate level course that is intended for students who plan to have a career in CAD/CAM/CAE, robotics, design and manufacturing automation, virtual reality, and computer graphics areas. The course will also help students in understanding the principles behind CAD, CAM and CAE systems, and developing novel software applications.

The course will consist of four parts: (1) preparation with introduction, (2) geometric representation of three-dimensional solid objects, (3) basic geometric computation algorithms, and (4) real-world applications of modeling and computation in solving some design and manufacturing problems such as feature recognition, CNC tool path planning, RP process simulation, and computer-aided inspection, etc. Source codes of a testbed will be given in the class for students to gain hands-on experience, and to demonstrate concepts and applications.

Prerequisites:
No formal prerequisites. Students are desired to be familiar to certain programming (C++ or Matlab) to gain hands-on experience.
Suggested Textbook


Additional handouts will be given before classes.

References


Grading Policy:
The first portion of the course grading will include problem assignments and two quizzes. The second portion of the course grading will be based on two class projects that students will do over the semester, i.e., a literature survey project and an application development project. The grading for the class will be determined using the following weights:

- Problem assignments 30%
- Quizzes 20%
- Literature survey project 15%
- Development project 30%
- Participation 5%

Total Score 100%

Problem Assignments: Students will be given 1~3 weeks for each assignment, which will consist of solving problems that correspond to the materials covered in class in the previous weeks.

Quizzes: Two quizzes will be given during the semester with notice.

Class projects: The objective of the class projects is to help the students to gain hands-on experience and to use learned materials to solve real-world problems. Each project team will have 2~3 students, who are expected to work together to accomplish tasks. Two class projects will be given.

1. In the literature survey project, each team is expected to read 5-8 technical papers in a CAD/CAM area related to geometric modeling and computation. The students are required to present their findings and write a literature survey paper (15%);

2. In the application development project, each team is expected to develop an application of geometric modeling and computation techniques to solve a non-trivia CAD/CAM problem. Possible projects should be agreed with the professor with a formal project proposal. The final project should be done with a demonstration and a technical report. Each project team must prepare a conference style presentation to explain their ideas, methods, and results to the class. Presentations should take about 15 minutes, and the presenters should be prepared to answer questions on the topic. The presentation and project report will be used in the evaluation.
Participation: Participation in the class is required and will be taken into account. Bonus points are available for enthusiastic participation in class. If you miss a class, please work with your fellow students to catch up on what you missed. Please turn cell phones and pagers off or put them in vibrate mode before coming to class.

Tentative Course Schedule:

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<td>Introduction and Background</td>
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<td>Course Overview</td>
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<td>Matlab and C++ programming</td>
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| Mar. 5 | 8  
- Quiz 1  
- Application development project |
| Mar. 12 | 9  
- **Paper review presentation** (18 minutes/team) |
| Mar. 19 | 10  
- **Spring Recess (No class)** |
| Mar. 26 | 11  
- Geometric Computation Methods and Algorithms  
- HW7  
- Point and vector  
- Vector and volume calculation |
| Apr. 2 | 12  
- Vector operators  
- Set operations  
- Boolean operators |
| Apr. 9 | 13  
- Boolean and Euler operators  
- Fast Boolean operation based on LDNI  
- Other Computations  
- **Quiz 2** |
| Apr. 16 | 14  
- Applications in CAD/CAM/CAE  
- CAD: Design for injection molding  
- CAE: 2D Delaunay Triangulation for Reverse Engineering and Finite Element Analysis |
| Apr. 23 | 15  
- CAM: Manufacturing process planning: 3D printing, and machining |
| Apr. 30 | 16  
- **Application development project presentation** (18 minutes/team) |
| May 7: 7-9pm - Final Exam Date | 17  
- Application development project demonstration.
Academic integrity: “The Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering adheres to the University’s policies and procedures governing academic integrity as described in SCampus. Students are expected to be aware of and to observe the academic integrity standards described in SCampus, and to expect those standards to be enforced in this course.”

Disability Accommodation:
“Any Student requesting academic accommodations based on a disability is required to register with Disability Services and Programs (DSP) each semester. A letter of verification for approved accommodations can be obtained from DSP. Please be sure the letter is delivered to me (or to TA) as early in the semester as possible. DSP is located in STU 301 and is open 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The phone number for DSP is (213) 740-0776.”

Statement on Academic Conduct and Support Systems

Academic Conduct:
Plagiarism – presenting someone else’s ideas as your own, either verbatim or recast in your own words – is a serious academic offense with serious consequences. Please familiarize yourself with the discussion of plagiarism in SCampus in Part B, Section 11, “Behavior Violating University Standards” policy.usc.edu/scampus-part-b. Other forms of academic dishonesty are equally unacceptable. See additional information in SCampus and university policies on scientific misconduct, policy.usc.edu/scientific-misconduct.

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Free and confidential mental health treatment for students, including short-term psychotherapy, group counseling, stress fitness workshops, and crisis intervention.

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Free and confidential emotional support to people in suicidal crisis or emotional distress 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

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dsp.usc.edu
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