



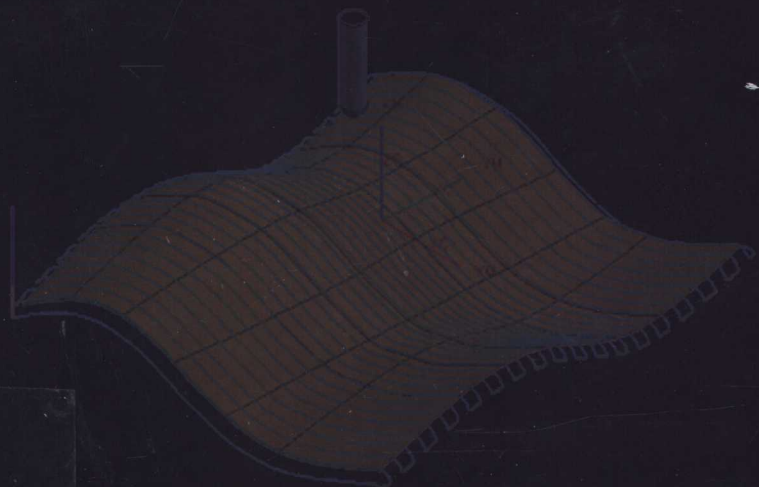
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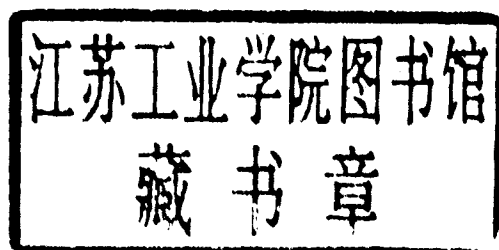
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PREFACE

It is widely recognized that the development of mechanical engineering technology nowadays depends strongly on computer technology. The development of computer aided design (CAD) and computer aided manufacturing (CAM) technology services as a typical result of application of computer technology in mechanical engineering. Despite the fact that more and more areas are being influenced by computer technology, CAD and CAM technologies consist of the most important fundamental knowledge for mechanical engineers and researchers. Thus, the basic topics on CAD/CAM should be of general interests to all students in mechanical engineering area no matter what kind of future they are looking for.

CAD/CAM technology in mechanical engineering has experienced a development history over thirty years. Great achievements have been made in both research and application of the technology. However, this book will not be written as a comprehensive textbook including all the topics for some reasons. First of all, the purpose of the book is to provide an introduction with reasonable depth and breadth for bilingual teaching. Secondly, the space of the book would not allow too many subjects with sufficient depth and breadth. In addition, the authors' knowledge and ability are also limited. Thus, selection of the topics of the book is based on the authors' judgement on basic needs for students in their immediate application after graduation.

Considering the fact that more people will be involved in CAD technology, much more efforts are focused on discussions of CAD technology. Of course, much of the basic knowledge in CAD technology is also fundamental to CAM technology. The book is organized in the following way: Chapter 1 introduces the basic concepts and a brief history of CAD/CAM; Chapter 2 to chapter 4 introduce the mathematical description of curves, surfaces and solids; Chapter 5 discusses geometry transformations and various visual techniques; Chapter 6 introduces some popular methods for graphical manipulation and editing provided by commercial CAD/CAM systems; Finally Chapter 7 describes some basic technology

in CAM.

During the writing of the book, it is kept in mind that the book is intended for bilingual teaching of a course on an introduction to CAD/CAM. Thus, relatively simple concepts and mathematics are used. Furthermore, efforts are made to use relatively simple language and expressions. For easy and better understanding, examples expressed in pictures, graphs and diagrams are used whenever desired. Some problems are given to help readers to test themselves on how much they have understood what discussed in the book. A list of keywords and fundamental concepts are provided at the end of each chapter with Chinese translation.

Although the authors have tried to make the book as good as possible, there is no doubt that deficiencies and even mistakes may exist in the book. Any comments and corrections are mostly welcome. The authors would like to take the opportunity to express sincere thanks to Wuhan University of Technology Press for making it possible to publish this textbook. The help from Ms Li Li is also gratefully acknowledged.

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CHAPTER

1

INTRODUCTION

This chapter gives a brief history of CAD/CAM, and an introduction to the basic hardware and software used in the CAD/CAM systems.

1.1 WHAT IS CAD/CAM

CAD^[1] stands for Computer Aided Design. It refers to the design and technical drawing of various engineering applications on computers. A related term, CADD, stands for Computer Aided Drafting and Design.

CAD implementations have evolved dramatically over the last few decades. CAD was initially limited to produce drawings similar to hand drafted drawings at the beginning of its development history. Today's advances in CAD technology have allowed more skillful and complex applications in engineering.

The useful features of CAD include the ability to make changes in the design easily, and validate designs against design rules. CAD models can also be used to simulate designs without building a physical prototype.

CAM^[2] stands for Computer Aided Manufacturing. The CAM has evolved from the technology of Numerical Controlled (NC) machines^[3].

Early NC machines had their own on-board electronic control systems for their servo drives and motors, and were programmed by punched paper tape. Modern CAD/CAM systems automatically generate tool paths from 3D models, and can simulate the cutting action on-screen.

Integrating CAM with CAD systems produces quicker and more efficient manufacturing processes.

1.2 DEVELOPMENT HISTORY OF CAD/CAM TECHNOLOGY

1.2.1 1970s and Before

The first commercial numerical-control programming system was developed in 1957 by

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Dr. Patrick J. Hanratty. The first CAD system was developed during the 1960s.

Several companies, such as MCS, were founded in the 1970s and they began to offer automated design/drafting systems in the early 1970s. During that period, most CAD/CAM systems were 2D and very expensive, and they were only available for experts. At the end of 1970s, the typical CAD system was a 16-bit minicomputer with a maximum memory of 512 kB and a 20 to 300 MB disk storage at a price of \$ 125,000.

Some highlights in the 1970s are listed in the following.

1971: MCS was founded by Dr. Patrick J. Hanratty. MCS has had a reputation for technological leadership in mechanical CAD/CAM software.

1978: Computervision introduced the first CAD terminal using raster display technology.

1979: IGES (Initial Graphic Exchange Standard) was developed, which is a neutral file format, and becomes the industry standard format and the most widely accepted format for transferring complex surface information, such as NURBS curves.

1.2.2 The 1980s

A number of early CAM systems were introduced in the early 1980s to partially automate the manufacturing process by creating digital control tapes to drive machine tools. CAE (Computer Aided Engineering)^[4] tools were introduced for complex design analysis.

In the mid-1980s, major technological advances, including feature-based parametric modelling systems, were introduced, which allowed CAD/CAM/CAE software products to become a more integral part of the product design process.

Parasolid geometry kernel was developed in 1980s. Parasolid is a very powerful B-rep solid modelling kernel that allows the boundaries and surfaces joining together as a solid.

The first PC was introduced by IBM in 1981. Due to the success of the IBM PC, PC based CAD/CAM systems became more and more established.

Most systems in 1980s were closed. Migrating software packages from one vendor's system to another's was difficult and required a lot of efforts.

Some highlights in the 1980s are listed here.

1981: Unigraphics introduced the first solid modelling system, UniSolid.

1983: The development work has started for STEP (Standard for the Exchange of Product model data). STEP can transfer CAD data and include complete details of product modelling, including materials and various design parameters.

1988: Shape Data Ltd. was acquired by Unigraphics for solids modelling, Parasolid.

1.2.3 The 1990s and Beginning of 2000s

During this period, CAD/CAM systems have been expanded dramatically. With the development of ACIS, Parasolid and other geometry formats, communications among CAD/CAM systems have been better and better. 3D modelling systems are used in engineering in a much bigger scale than before. Today most applications include data translation utilities like IGES, STEP, STL, ACIS, Parasolid, DXF and DWG as standard. 3D modelling CAD

systems using ACIS and Parasolid as the core are widely used in engineering.

As all systems are migrating toward Windows, the graphical user interfaces (GUI)^[6] between different products are not only becoming easier and more intuitive, but they are similar to each other. This allows users to change from one system to another, with minimal training costs and less time to be productive. Feature based software^[6] has been popular among CAD/CAM users, with the introduction of the feature/assembly tree, ease of use has improved dramatically.

CAD/CAM are more and more integrated with other engineering area such as CAE. Nearly all CAD/CAM packages include Application Programming Interfaces (API)^[7]. These interfaces allow integration of powerful add-on analysis packages for doing finite element analysis (FEA)^[8], kinematical simulations, animations and so on. Development on both the hardware and the CAD/CAM software provide great possibility to cut short the product development process.

Some highlights in the 1990s and at the beginning of 2000s are listed here.

1990: Spatial Technologies developed ACIS 1.0.

1995: There are over 350,000 users of generic CAD worldwide.

1999: CATIA Version 5 for native Windows NT and UNIX. CATIA V5 is based on:

- ① Next generation technologies (Native Windows implementation, powerful interface, Plug & Play extensibility, consistency with standards such as OLE)
- ② Windows Web metaphor to ensure a natural, productive and fun to use environment
- ③ Scalability to address all user profiles
- ④ Capture and reuse of the company know-how

2000: Unigraphics Solutions Inc. announced in May that its industry-leading kernel solid modelling product, Parasolid, had 500,000 active end-users.

1.3 BASIC CAD/CAM HARDWARE

1.3.1 Workstation and PC

A workstation^[9] is a general purpose computer designed to be used by one person at a time and it offers higher performance than normally found in a personal computer, especially with respect to graphics, processing power and the ability to carry out several tasks at the same time.

A personal computer is an inexpensive microcomputer, originally designed to be used by only one person at a time, and is compatible with IBM PC (though it may sometimes refer to non-IBM compatible machines).

During the 1990s, the power of personal computers increased radically, blurring the formerly sharp distinction between personal computers and workstations. Today workstations often distinguish themselves from personal computers by greater reliability or greater ability on multitask, rather than by straight CPU power.

1.3.2 Input Device^[10]

A keyboard is designed to enter data by manual depression on keys. Most keyboards have characters printed on the keys, they usually represent characters selected from some language alphabet, along with numbers and punctuation.

A mouse is a handheld input device for computers. It involves a small object fitted with several buttons and shaped to sit naturally under the hand. The mouse's motion is typically translated into the motion of a cursor in a monitor. A conventional mouse uses mechanical devices (e. g. a ball) to detect movements. An optical mouse, as shown in Fig. 1. 1, on the other hand, detects movements by an optical sensor on its underside, paired with a light emitting diode to illuminate the surface.



Figure 1.1 An optical cordless mouse

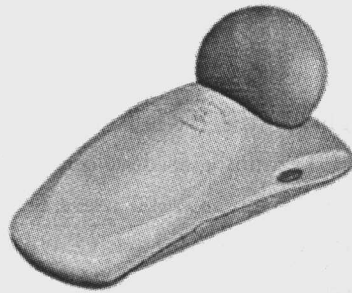
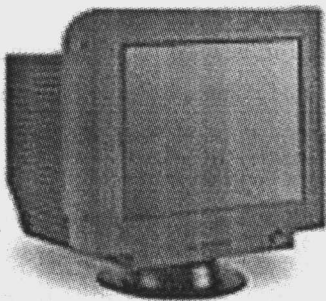


Figure 1.2 A spaceball

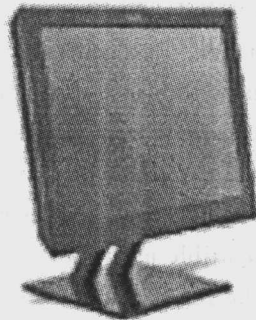
Besides, spaceball is used to pan, zoom and rotate 3D models, which is shown as Fig. 1. 2.

1.3.3 Output Device^[11]

Computer monitors show still or moving images generated by a computer. It is driven by a graphics card and generally matches one or more display standards. As Fig. 1. 3 show, CRT (Cathode Ray Tube) and LCD (Liquid Crystal Display) monitors are the main two types.



Trinitron flat screen (IBM)



TFT active matrix LCD (IBM)

Figure 1.3 Monitors

CRT monitors are standard, and almost used everywhere. They are less expensive and still provide better colors. However, CRT monitors take up considerable space and consume

more power. LCD monitors take less places while maintain large screen sizes, they also consume less power. Today the arrival of inexpensive (LCD) monitors and other flat-screen designs challenge CRTs' position.

Figure 1.4 shows a type of plotter, plotters are used primarily in drafting and CAD applications, where they have the advantage of working on very large sized paper while maintaining high resolution.



Figure 1.4 Synergix 8825 (Xerox)

1.4 COMMON CAD/CAM SOFTWARE

Software is created with programming languages and related utilities. CAD/CAM systems usually include a variety of software. In an open system, the software may come from a wide range of sources, including those purchased from a third party or developed from users.

The latest types of CAD/CAM software^[12] are those with built-in intelligence, some of them are the following.

Parametric design software^[13]: These packages represent geometry by parameters, which linked together by direct values or mathematical equations. When users change one parameter, the system will automatically update related areas. Parameter design software provides good possibility of alternative design study.

Feature based software: A feather based software uses predefined geometry or behaviour (e. g. a rounding operation) called feathers to generate CAD/CAM models. Features of the model are stored in the model database for later use.

Knowledge (expert) based software^[14]: Systems contain a knowledge base of specialized information that the expert uses to do his or her job. This generally consists of data drawn from textbooks, technical papers plus information such as rules of thumb, wise guessing criteria. When a user provides specifications and constraints of a design, the expert systems give the user a design decision.

1.4.1 Basic Concepts

(1) Database

A database^[15] is an information set organized for flexible searching and utilization. There are some popular database models such as;

Relational database: Data is stored in tables that are related to each other.

Hierarchical database: Data is represented by a tree structure. This model is, for example, used in CSG solid representations.

Network database: A network model database management system has a more flexible

structure than the hierarchical model or relational model, but its processing time is longer.

Object-oriented database: Storages in an object oriented database are design objects not individual records in the files.

(2) Data structure

A data structure^[16] is a specialized format for organizing and storing data. Often a carefully chosen data structure will allow a more efficient algorithm to be used.

In the design of many types of programs, the choice of data structures is a primary design consideration. Experiences in building large systems have shown that the difficulty of implementation and the quality of the final result depend heavily on choosing data structure.

(3) Algorithm

Algorithm^[17] is a computable set of steps to achieve a desired result. A computer program can be viewed as a complex algorithm.

(4) Raster^[18]

A scanning pattern of parallel lines that forms the display of an image projected on a display screen.

(5) Raster graphics

A raster graphics^[19] image, or bitmap, is a data file or structure that consists of a generally rectangular array of pixels on a computer monitor or other display device. Each pixel has a corresponding red, green, or blue value. These values are combined to determine the color displayed by that pixel.

(6) Vector graphics

Vector graphics^[20] describe the use of geometrical primitives such as points, lines, curves and polygons to represent images in computer graphics. It is used by contrast to the term of raster graphics, which is the representation of images as a collection of pixels (dots). The term is mainly used in the context of two-dimensional graphics.

(7) Database management

A database management system (DBMS)^[21] is a computer program designed to manage a database, a large set of structured data, and run operations on the data requested by numerous users.

(8) Networks

As the increasing dependence on communication and data exchange in engineering and manufacturing, system hardware is increasingly being tied together into networks. Networks allow systems to share data and software. The most common network is LAN (Local Area Network). Large geographic areas are handled by WAN (Wide Area Network).

1.4.2 Software Modules^[22]

Most CAD/CAM systems are modular, and each module has its specific application area. Different modules are closely related in CAD/CAM systems, at the same time, any module may be run as a standalone module without the need for any other software. Modular

software also allows the users to purchase only the modules they need.

1.4.2.1 Part Module^[23]

The part modelling environment allows users to construct geometry solid models. 3D-objects can be generated from 2D profiles via various techniques such as extrusion, revolution, loft etc. , or by using Boolean operations among solid primitives provided by the CAD/CAM systems. In the part module, there are also many operations such as chamfer, rounding, cutout etc. , available to build the model. Parts in Fig. 1.5 are created in the part module.

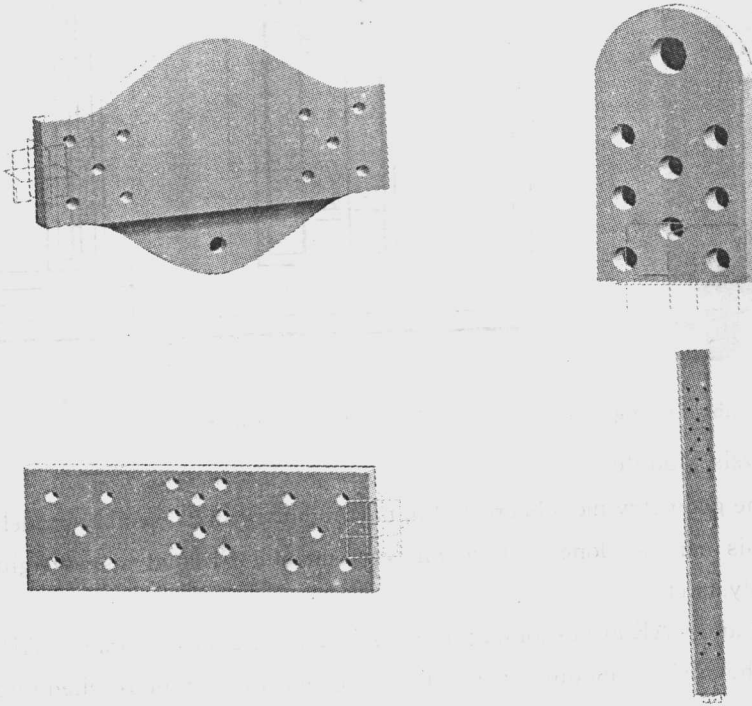


Figure 1.5 Modelling of geometry parts in part module

1.4.2.2 Assembly Module

The assembly module^[24] fits parts together with natural assembly techniques, such as mate and align. As shown in Fig. 1.6, parts in an assembly are usually individually specified elsewhere, combined according to requirements, and physically connected. Both existing parts and subassemblies can be used to build a new assembly. The assembly module is tightly associated with the part module, which means that any change in the part module will be updated in the assembly module. In Fig. 1.5, the four parts created in the part module are fitted together in the assembly module.

1.4.2.3 Draft Module

Draft module^[25] produces engineering drawings directly from a 3D part or an assembly