Welcome to SolidWorks







Computer Aided Design (CAD)



Design Analyses



Finite Element Analysis (FEA)



Topology Optimization



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Production Preparation



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CAD to XR (AR/VR/MR/Web)

Solid Modeling

- Defined by:
 - Boundary representation (B-rep)
 - connected surfaces create an inside and outside of the part
- Have these properties:
 - Mass
 - Volume
 - Moment of inertia









Constraints

- Defined as a limitation or restriction
- Apply constraints to any geometry drawn in Solidworks (under the discretion of the user)



Implicit Constraints

Closure

Tangency

- Geometric relationships
 implied by the way the
 profile is drawn and
 interpreted by
 SolidWorks
 - Note: SolidWorks only makes closed profiles, so your profiles must have closure.

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Endpoint / Line Segment Overlap Overlap

Parallelism



Perpendicularity

More Implicit Constraints



Explicit Constraints

• Defined by the operator

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- Dimensional constraints: assigning a specific length to a line, radius to a circle, etc.
- Geometric constraints: specifying the ways in which lines/shapes/features relate to one another







Levels of Constraint

- Fully constrained
 - Every element has been completely dimensioned/specified
- Underconstrained
 - Not all elements are dimensioned/specified (leaves interpretation up to Solidworks)
- Overconstrained
 - Adding a new constraint would conflict with existing constraints (Solidworks won't let another dimension be added)





Driven Dimension: is driven by the model *Changing the model changes this driven dimension value

Driving Dimension: *drives* the model *Changing this driving dimension _____ changes the model







One of the basic steps...Extrusion

 Linear Extrusion: starts with closed polygon (profile) drawn on a plane, and then swept along a defined path for a defined length



Extruding a primitive shape allows you to make some

of these 3D objects...



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Path-based Extrusion

 Sweep: create a profile and define its path to be extruded along





Revolute Extrusions

• Start with a drawn profile and define an axis of rotation about which the profile is rotated for a defined angle.









Activity

- Use Step-by-Step Tutorials from SolidWorks
- Goal is getting used to the interface
- You'll access tutorials for two parts as seen on the next slides
- We'll be walking around ready to help answer questions and helping complete the parts.





Activity

- Extrusions, cuts, fillets, shell
- Select ''Getting Started'' tab
- Then choose ''Lesson I: Parts''
- Click "Next Topic" in the bottom right to progress through the lesson
- When done with this part do the next...





Activity

- Select ''Basic Techniques'' tab
- Then choose "Revolves and Sweeps"
- You may not get done with this part during class time
- Try to finish as much of it as possible before the afternoon class session
- You'll need these skills to make the next parts





Revolve and Sweep Features

In this lesson, you create the candlestick shown below. This lesson demonstrates:

NEXT TOPIC Sketching a Revolve

- Creating a revolve feature
- Creating a sweep feature
- Creating an extruded cut feature with a draft angle

