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Toolbars in Generative Shape Design

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- A. Wireframe: Create 3D curves / lines/ points/ plane
- **B. Surfaces**: Create surfaces
- C. Operations: Join surfaces, Split & Trim surfaces, Change the 3D positions of surfaces, Fillets...
- D. Replication: Pattern, Powercopy...
- E. Analysis: Connection analysis, Draft analysis, curvature analysis...
- F. Surface-based Features: (On Part Design Workbench), create a solid from surfaces, modify the solid by a surface...











Point

Point (Crea	te a point in the 3D space)	efram
Туре I	Description	e X
Point by Coordinates	Create a point by defining its coordinates in 3D.	2
Point on a Curve	Create a point on a curve at a distance from a reference point.	
Point on a Plane	Create a point on a plane at a distance from a reference point.	_
Point on a Surface	Create a point on a surface at a specified distance and direction from a reference point.	
Point at a Circle/Sphere Center	Create a point at the center of a circle/Sphere.	
Point Tangent on a Curve	Create curve tangent points for a specified direction.	_
Point Between Two Points	Create a point between two existing points using a ratio value.	
Points Spaced on a Curve	Create several points equally spaced on a curve	





Extremum (max or min point)

Direction 2

Extremum (create an extremum element (point, edge, or face), which is at the minimum or maximum distance on a curve, a surface, or a pad, according to given directions.)







Line





Plane

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Plane (Create a plane in the 3D space)

Туре	Geometry	Description
Offset Plane		Create a plane parallel to a reference plane offset at a distance.
Parallel Plane through a Point		Create a plane parallel to a reference plane through a point.
Plane at an Angle or Normal to a Plane		Create a plane at an angle to a reference plane based on a rotation axis.
Plane through 3 Points	~ ~	Create a plane passing through 3 points.
Plane through 2 Lines		Create a plane passing through 2 lines.
Plane through a Point and a Line	1.	Create a plane passing through a point and a line.
Plane through a Planar Curve		Create a plane passing through a planar curve.
Plane Normal to a Curve	X	Create a plane normal to a curve at a specified point.
Plane Tangent to a Surface	- AT	Create a plane tangent to a surface passing through a specified point.
Plane by an Equation	Plane type: Equation Ax+By+C2 = D	Create a plane by defining the components of the equation of the plane.
Mean Plane through Points	. 0	Create a plane defined as the mean through 3 or more points.
Plane Spaced Between 2 Planes		Create several planes spaced equally 📚 between 2 selected reference planes.
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Wireframe

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Projection onto a support

Projection (project one or more elements onto a support. The projection can be normal to surface or along a specified direction.)





Combine Curves

A 3D resultant

Curve

Combine Curves (create a curve resulting from the intersection of the extrusion of two curves.)







Reflect Line

Reflect Line (create curves for which the normal to the surface in each point present the same angle with a specified direction. They can be closed or open.)



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The normal of surface at all points along the curve is 38deg from the vertical axis





Intersection





Parallel Curve





Corner

Corner (create a corner between two curves)



If several solutions may be possible, click the **Next Solution** button to move to another corner solution, or directly select the corner you want in the geometry

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Next Solution	
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Connect Curve



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Spline Curve

Spline Curve (create a 2D/ 3D spline curve)

We can create an additional line to define the tangent direction at a point.





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Extrude





Revolve

Revolve (create a surface by revolving a planar profile about an axis)

Remark: The axis must be a straight line.







Offset

Offset (create a surface, or a set of surfaces, by offsetting an existing surface, or a set of surfaces)





Sweep

Sweep (create a surface by sweeping out a profile along one or two guide curves)

Sweeping an Explicit profile

- With reference surface (optional)
- With two guide curves (optional)

With pulling direction (optional)
(We can use the above three options to control the profile orientation)

Sweeping a Linear profile

- Two limits
- Limit and middle
- With reference surface
- With tangency surface
- With reference curve
- With two tangency surfaces
- With draft direction









Sweep – Con't

Sweeping a Circular profile

- Three guides
- Two guides and radius
- Center and two angles
- Center and radius
- Two guides and tangency surface
- One guide and tangency surface



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Sweeping a **Conical** profile

- Two guides
- Three guides
- Four guides
- Five guides

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Fill

We can specify the desired continuity type between any selected support surfaces and the fill surface (Point, Tangent or Curvature

Fill (create a surface to fill the opening among a number of boundary segments)

continuous)

The four 🔆 points must be tangent-continuous or curvature-continuous



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Surfaces



Multi-sections Surface

Multi-sections surface (create a surface by sweeping two or more section curves along an automatically computed or user-defined spine. The surface can be made to respect one or more guide curves.)



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Surfaces

Blend

Blend (Create a surface between two wireframe elements or surface edges)



Join





Split & Trim

Split (split a surface or wireframe element by means of a cutting element. You can split a wireframe element by a point, another wireframe element or a surface; or a surface by a wireframe element or another surface.)















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Shape Fillet

Bi-tangent Shape Fillet (create a shape fillet between two surfaces)



Smooth: a tangency constraint is imposed at the connection between the fillet surface and the support surfaces, thus smoothing the connection.

Tri-tangent Shape Fillet (create a shape fillet between three surfaces)



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Edge Fillet

Edge Fillet (create a constant radius fillet along the internal edge of a joined surface)





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Variable Fillet

Variable Fillet (create a variable radius fillet. In this type of fillet, the radius varies at selected points along a selected edge. The fillet surface is obtained by rolling a sphere, which radius would vary, over the selected edge.)

Create a point along the edge before filleting



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After entering a new value for this point, we have a different radius here





Face-Face Fillet

Face-Face fillet (create a face-face fillet. The fillet surface is obtained by rolling a sphere, which radius is larger than the distance between the selected elements, between the selected surfaces.)





are not touching each other

We can add this fillet between two faces that

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Tri-tangent Fillet

Tri-tangent Fillet (The creation of tritangent fillets involves the removal of one of the three faces selected, as the fillet surface is obtained by rolling a sphere, which radius is automatically computed to be larger than the removed surface, between the selected surfaces.)







Translate, Rotate, Symmetry, Scale



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Extrapolate



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Extrapolation with a support

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Extrapolation without support









Connect Checker

Connect Checker (analyze how two surfaces are connected)

Distance - minimal distance between two vertices Tangency - angle between two surfaces Curvature Difference (|C2 - C1|) / ((|C1 + C2|) / 2)





Curve Connect Checker

(analyze how two curves are connected)

Distance - minimal distance between two vertices Tangency - angle between two curves Curvature Difference (|C2 - C1|) / ((|C1 + C2|) / 2)





Draft Analysis

Draft Analysis

(analyze the draft angle on a surface)

(Remark: To view the draft result, we need to use the Shading with Material mode.)







Create a New Geometrical Set

To CREATE a new geometrical set:-

- Select "Insert/Geometrical Set..." on the top menu
- Click ok

(Remark: Provided that Hybrid Design is disabled, a geometrical set will be created automatically when the first wireframe/ surface/ plane is created)

To MOVE a surface from One Geometrical Set to the other:-

-Right-click on the surface to access the contextual menu

-Select "Change Geometrical Set ... "

-Select the other geometrical set from the list of Destination

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Split (by Surface)

Remark:

The surface-based features (Split, Thick Surface, Close surface & Sew) are available only on Part Design Workbench

Split (split a solid with a plane, face or surface)







Thick Surface



Close Surface

Close Surface (Add material inside the enclosed surface so that a solid is created)







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Sew Surface

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Sew Surface (a Boolean operation combining a surface with a body. This capability adds or removes material by modifying the surface of the solid.)











Generative







Exercise 1

- Sweep/ Extrude/ Offset
- Blend/ Split/ Boundary
- Fill/ Join

Exercise 2

- Revolve/ Sweep/ Split
- Shape Fillet/ Extrude
- Symmetry/ Join
- Thick Surface





(1) Start/Shape/Generative Shape Design

(2) To make a Sweep surface:-

- Click "Sketch" icon and select yz plane
- Draw an **arc** (R500) with one end (0,0) as shown in Fig.1
- Click "Exit" to complete
- Deselect Sketch.1
- Click "Sketch" icon again and select zx plane
- Draw an **arc** (R400) with symmetric endpoints as shown in Fig.2
- Click "Exit" to complete

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(Con't)

- Click "Sweep" icon
- Select "Explicit" as Profile Type
- Select Sketch.1 as Profile .
- Select Sketch.2 as Guide Curve
- Click ok to complete
- Hide Sketch.1 & Sketch.2

(3) To make an Offset Plane:-

- Click "Plane" icon
- Select xy plane as Reference
- Enter <u>160mm</u> as **Offset** (*upward*)
- Click ok to complete

(4) To make a sketch on the offset plane:-

- Click "Sketch" icon and select Plane.1
- Draw the Profile as shown in Fig.3
- Click "Exit" to complete

(5) To Project the sketch onto the surface:-

- Click "Projection" icon
- Select "Along a direction" as Projection type
- Select Sketch.3 as Projected
- Select Sweep.1 as Support
- Select xy plane as Direction
- Click ok to complete

(6) To Split the surface:-

- Click "Split" icon
- Select Sweep.1 as Element to cut
- Select Project.1 as Cutting element
- (Click "Other Side" option to choose the outer portion)
- Click ok to complete
- Hide Sketch.3 & Project.1

(6b) To Offset the surface:-

- Click "Offset" icon
- Select Sweep.1 as Surface
- Enter <u>6mm</u> as Offset (Downward)
- Click ok to complete







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(7) To Create Two offset planes:-

- Click "Plane" icon
- Select **zx plane** as **Reference**
- Enter <u>50mm</u> as **Offset** (positive side)
- Click ok to complete
- Click "Plane" icon again
- Select **zx plane** as **Reference**
- Enter <u>230mm</u> as **Offset** (positive side)
- Click ok to complete

(8) To Split Surfaces:-

- Hide Surface Split.1; Show Surface Sweep.1
- Click "Split" icon
- Select Sweep.1 as Element to cut
- Select Plane.2 as Cutting element
- Click "Other Side" option to choose the smaller portion
- Click ok to complete
- Click "Split" icon again
- Select Offset.1 as Element to cut
- Select Plane.3 as Cutting element
- Click "Other Side" option to choose the smaller portion
- Click ok to complete







Surfaces

(9) To Create a Blend:-

- Click "Blend" icon
- Select the edge of Split.2 🖄 as First Curve
- Select Split.2 as First Support
- Select the edge of Split.3 \Rightarrow as Second Curve
- Select Split.3 as Second Support
- Select Tangency for First continuity and Second continuity
- Click ok to complete



(10) To make a sketch on the offset plane:-

- Click "Sketch" icon and select Plane.1
- Draw the Profile as shown in Fig.4
- Click "Exit" to complete



(11) To Project the sketch onto the Blend:-

- Click "Projection" icon
- Select "Along a direction" as Projection type
- Select Sketch.4 as Projected
- Select Blend.1 as Support
- Select **xy plane** as **Direction**
- Click ok to complete



(12) To Split the Blend:-

- Click "Split" icon
- Select Blend.1 as Element to cut
- Select Project.2 as Cutting element
- (Click "Other Side" option to choose the inner portion)
- Click ok to complete
- Hide Sketch.4 & Project.2



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Preview







Surfaces

(3rd Boundary)

- Click "Boundary" icon again
- Select the edge as, shown in Fig.6
- Select the point \overleftrightarrow as Limit 1
- Click ok to complete

(4th Boundary)

- Click "Boundary" icon again
- Select the edge as shown in Fig.6
- Select the point \Rightarrow as Limit 1
- Click ok to complete



(15) To Create a Fill:-

- Click "Fill" icon
- Select Boundary.1 then Split.4 then
 Tangent
- Select Boundary.2 then Split.1 then
 Tangent
- Select Boundary.3 then Split.1 then
 Tangent
- Select Boundary.4 then Split.1 then
 Tangent
- Click ok to complete





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Exercise 1

(16) To Join surfaces:-

- Click "Join" icon
- Select Split.1, Fill.1 & Split.4
- Click ok to complete

(17) Hide all Boundaries



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Result: No sharp edge between the step-down and the original surface

END of Exercise.1





(1) Start/Shape/Generative Shape Design

(2) To make a Revolve surface:-

- Click "Sketch" icon and select zx plane
- Draw an **arc** (R160) with one end (0,30) as shown in Fig.1, which should be tangent to a horizontal axis
- Draw another horizontal axis on x-axis (which will be selected to be the axis of rotation later)
- Click "Exit" to complete





(con't)

- Click "Revolve" icon
- Select Sketch.1 as Profile
- (Sketch axis will be selected as Revolution axis)
- Enter <u>0deg</u> as Angle.1
- Enter <u>180deg</u> as **Angle.2**
- Click ok to complete
- Hide Sketch.1



(3) To make the 2nd Sketch:-

- Click "Sketch" icon and select xy Plane
- Draw an Arc (R90) as shown in Fig.2
- Click "Exit" icon to complete





(4) To make reference planes:-

- Click "Plane" icon
- select yz Plane
- then select the end point \bigstar of the arc
- ("Parallel through point" will be automatically selected as "Plane Type")
- Click ok to complete
- Click "Plane" icon again
- select yz Plane
- then select the end point \checkmark of the arc
- Click ok to complete



(5) To make the 3rd Sketch:-

- Click "Sketch" icon and select Plane.1
- Draw an ellipse with one end touching
 Sketch.2 as shown in Fig.3
- (While adding the constraint (D30), rightclick and select "semiminor axis")
- Click Exit to complete





(6) To make the 4th Sketch:-

- Click "Sketch" icon and select Plane.2
- Draw an ellipse with one end touching Sketch.2 as shown in Fig.4
- (While adding the constraint (D10), rightclick and select "semiminor axis")
- Click Exit to complete



(7) To make a symmetric curve:-

- Click "Symmetry" icon
- Select Sketch.2 as Element
- select zx Plane as Reference

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Click ok to complete





(7) To make a Multi-sections Surface:-

- Click "Multi-sections Surface" icon
- Select Sketch.3 as Section#1
- Select Sketch.4 as Section#2
- Select Sketch.2 as Guide#1
- Select **Symmetry.1** as **Guide#2**
- Click ok to complete
- Hide Sketch.2, Sketch.3, Sketch.4, Symmetry.1, Plane.1 & Plane.2



(8) To Split the surface:-

- Click "Split" icon
- Select Multi-sections Surface.1 as
 Element to cut
- Select **zx Plane** as **Cutting element**
- (Click "Other Side" option to choose the correct portion)
- Click ok to complete





(9) To make a Fillet between 2 surfaces:-

- Click "Shape Fillet" icon
- Select Split.1 as Support.1
- Select "Trim Support.1"
- Select Revolute.1 as Support.2
- Select "Trim Support.2"
- Enter <u>10mm</u> as **Radius**
- (Click on the red arrow if it is not pointing outward)
- Click ok to complete



(10) To make 5th Sketch:-

- Click "Sketch" icon and select xy Plane
- Draw an Arc (R78, center at (0,0)) as shown in Fig.5
- (One endpoint must be on x-axis)
- Click ok to complete





(11) To make an Extrude:-

- Click "Extrude" icon
- Select Sketch.5 as Profile
- (The Sketch Plane, **xy Plane** will be automatically selected as **Direction**)
- Enter <u>20mm</u> as Limit.1
- Enter <u>20mm</u> as Limit.2
- Click ok to complete





- Click "Split" icon
- Select Fillet.1 as Element to cut
- Select Extrude.1 as Cutting element
- (Click "Other Side" option to choose the bigger portion)
- Click ok to complete
- Hide Extrude.1 & Sketch.5



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(13) To make a Symmetry:-

- Click "Symmetry" icon
- Select Split.2 as Element
- Select **zx Plane** as **Beference** .
- Click ok to complete

(14) To visual-check the tangency continuity along the interface:-

- Click "Shading" icon •
- (All black surface edges now disappear)
- Check if any sharp edge appears along the centre interface. If yes, go back to previous step(s) to correct the error.

(15) To Join Surfaces:-

- Click "Join" icon
- Select Split.2 and Symmetry.2 as **Elements to Join**
- Click ok to complete .
- (Split.2 & Symmetry.2 will be hidden automatically)



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Exercise 2

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Exercise 2

(16) To make a Solid:-

- Start/Mechanical Design/Part Design
- Click "Thick Surface" icon
- Click ok on the pop-up warning window
- Select Join.1 as Object to Offset
- Enter <u>2mm</u> as First Offset
- (If the red-arrows are not pointing inward, click "Reverse Direction" or directly click on an arrow to change the direction)
- Click ok to complete
- Hide Geometrical Set.1

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(17) To add Fillets onto the solid:-

- Click "Edge Fillet" icon
- Select all sharp edges
- Enter <u>0.5mm</u> as **Radius**
- Click ok to complete

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