

ReAD

Algorithmic Design (AD) creates designs through algorithms. AD allows flexible exploration and optimization of complex designs. However, the development of AD programs requires considerable time and expertise. **ReAD** introduces four mechanisms to help develop AD programs. Mockups are presented below, showcasing the generation of the tilted beams of the *Iseberg Innovation Hub* building (BIG Architects, 2016).



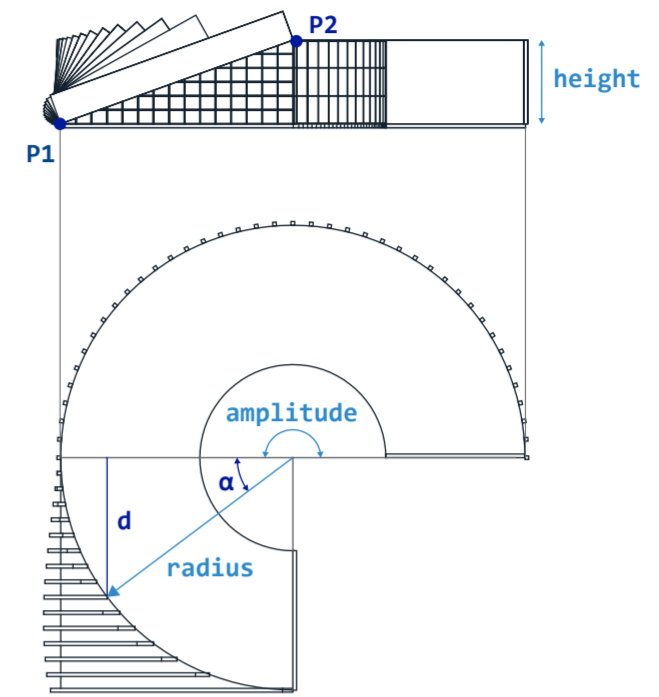
Illustration

Incorporation of images in the program, to illustrate and explain the AD program

```
beams(radius, amplitude, height, n_beams, thickness) =
  for i ∈ 1:n_beams
    let d = radius/n_beams*i
        α = arcsin(d/radius)
        P1 = perpendicular(pol(radius, amplitude), d)
        P2 = cyl(radius, amplitude+α, height)
    rectangular_prism(P1, P2, vy(d*0.1), thickness)
  end
end

beams(25, pi, 9, 15, 0.4)
```

AD Tool

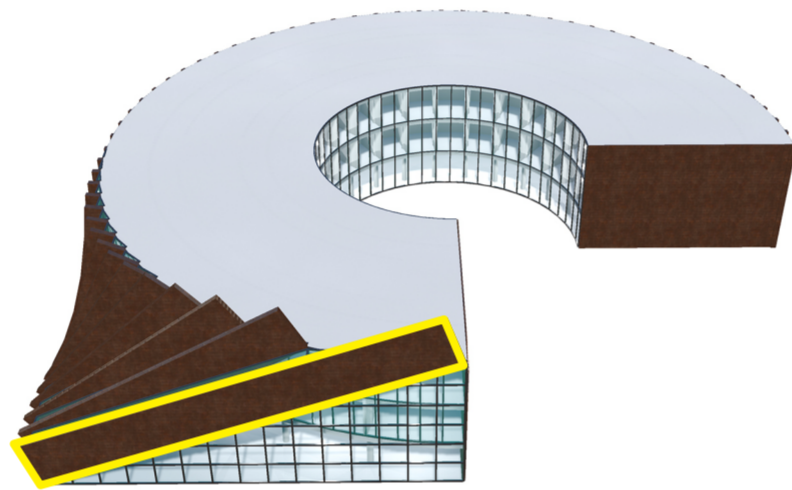


The AD program, on the left, illustrated on the right



Traceability

Identification of the model parts produced by selected program parts, and vice-versa, to better perceive the program-model relationship



Modeling Tool

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        P2 = cyl(radius, amplitude+α, height)
    rectangular_prism(P1, P2, vy(d*0.1), thickness)
  end
end

beams(25, pi, 9, 15, 0.4)
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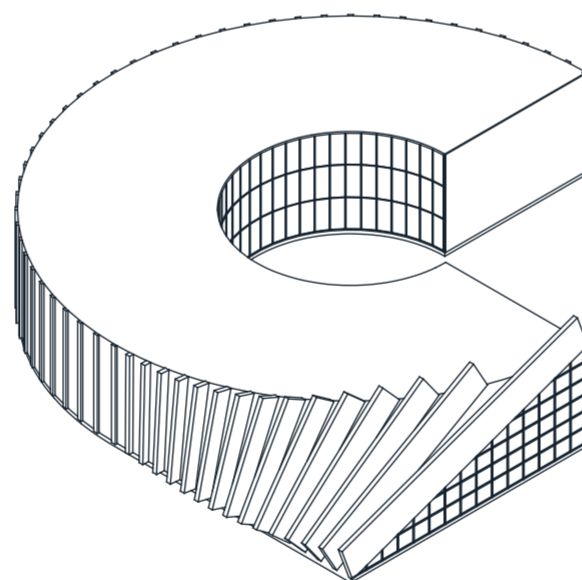
AD Tool

Selecting a beam (on the left) highlights the corresponding program parts (on the right)



Extraction

Automatic conversion of a digital model manually produced in CAD or BIM tools into an AD program, to reduce time and errors in model-program conversion



Modeling Tool

```
line(xy(-25.0, -1.7), xyz(-24.9, -1.7, 9.0))
line(xy(-25.0, -3.3), xyz(-24.8, -3.3, 9.0))
line(xy(-25.0, -5.0), xyz(-24.5, -5.0, 9.0))
line(xy(-25.0, -6.7), xyz(-24.1, -6.7, 9.0))
line(xy(-25.0, -8.3), xyz(-23.6, -8.3, 9.0))
line(xy(-25.0, -10.0), xyz(-22.9, -10.0, 9.0))
line(xy(-25.0, -11.7), xyz(-22.1, -11.7, 9.0))
line(xy(-25.0, -13.3), xyz(-21.1, -13.3, 9.0))
line(xy(-25.0, -15.0), xyz(-20.0, -15.0, 9.0))
line(xy(-25.0, -16.7), xyz(-18.6, -16.7, 9.0))
line(xy(-25.0, -18.3), xyz(-17.0, -18.3, 9.0))
line(xy(-25.0, -20.0), xyz(-15.0, -20.0, 9.0))
...
```

AD Tool

The program on the right was extracted from the model on the left



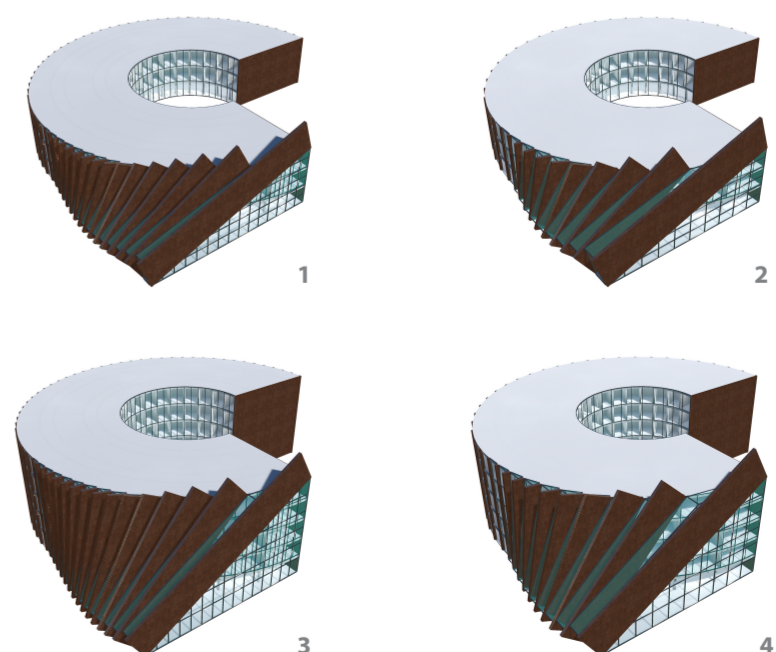
Refactoring

Semi-automatic improvement of the structure of AD programs without changing the results, to reduce time and errors in the program development process

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    let d = radius/n_beams*i
        α = arcsin(d/radius)
        P1 = perpendicular(pol(radius, amplitude), d)
        P2 = cyl(radius, amplitude+α, height)
    rectangular_prism(P1, P2, vy(d*0.1), thickness)
  end
end

1 beams(25, pi, 9, 15, 0.4)
2 beams(25, pi, 9, 10, 0.4)
3 beams(25, pi, 15, 15, 0.4)
4 beams(25, pi, 15, 10, 0.4)
```

AD Tool



Modeling Tool

The program on the left, which is the refactoring of the extracted program (above), can generate variations of the building (on the right)