Tutorial 08: Slicing, Closing, Cutting and Separation of Solid Geometries

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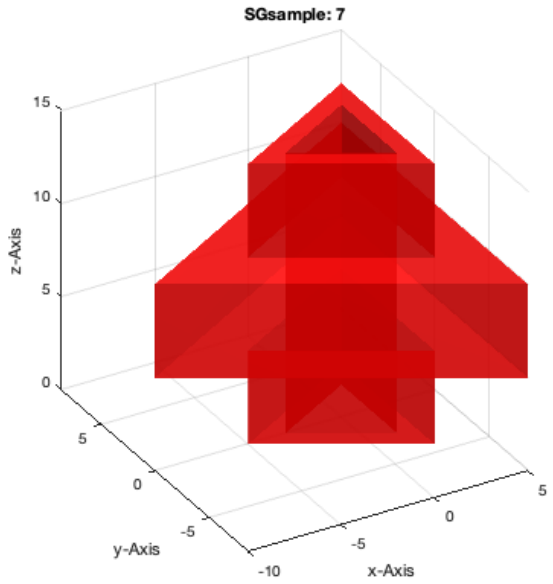
Motivation for this tutorial: (Originally SolidGeometry 2.4 required)

2. Create a sample solid for this exercise

Using the function SGsample it is possible to create samples for an experiment, to see all of them or to select one.

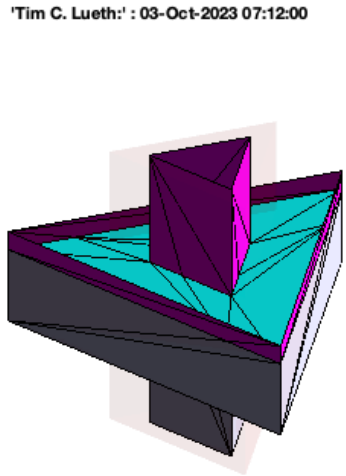
```
close all
SGsample(7);
A=SGsample(7);
```



3. Analyze a slice plane through a solid geoemtry

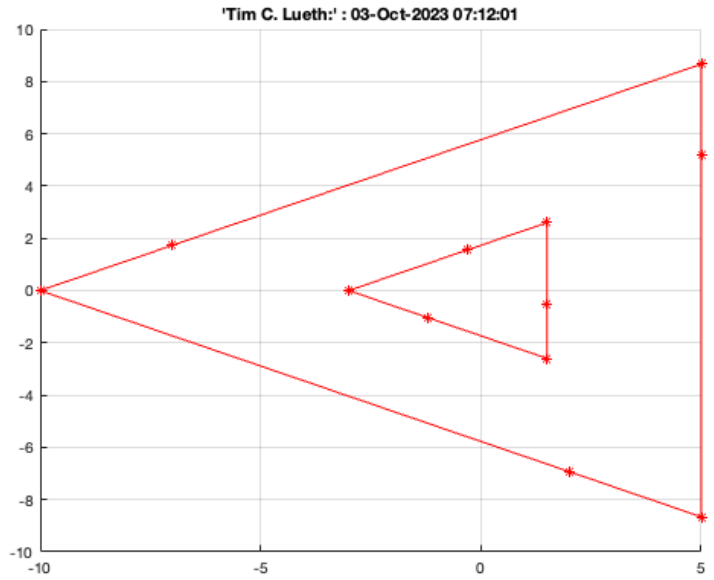
Slicing at a specified z-coordinates is a more complex procedure than expected if several solids are processed that can penetrate each other. By slicing a single solid, the crossed facets/triangles are separated into 2 upper and lower parts that will lead to 2 lower and 1 upper facets or 1 lower and 2 upper facets depending on how many edges are above or under the cutting plane. For slicing we use the function **SGslicer**. Be aware that it is not possible to slice surfaces without crossing edges (i.e. surfaces in the z_max or z_min plane)

```
SGslicer (A,9);
view (10,30);
```



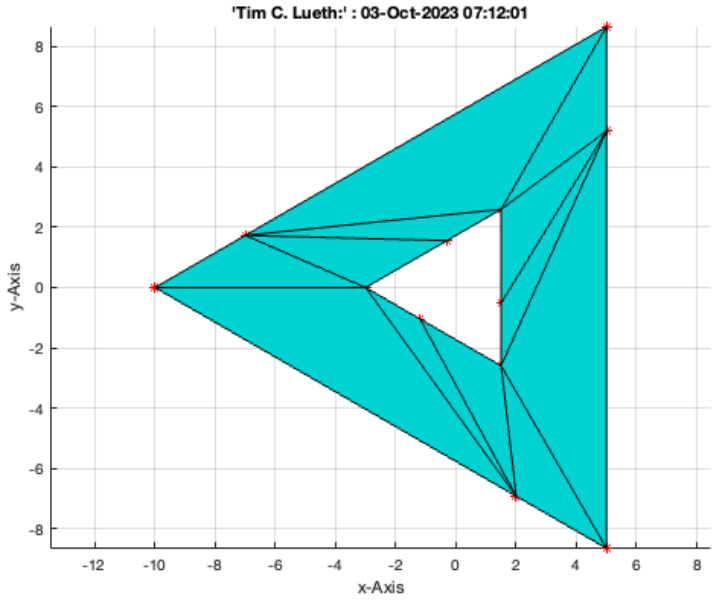
It is also possible just to show the cutting edges of the cutting contour

```
VLFLfigure;
TR2=SGslicer (A,9);
VLELplots(TR2.Points, TR2.Constraints);
```



The result of the slicing process is a delaunay triangulation of the cutting plane. It can be used as cover for closing the cutted solids.

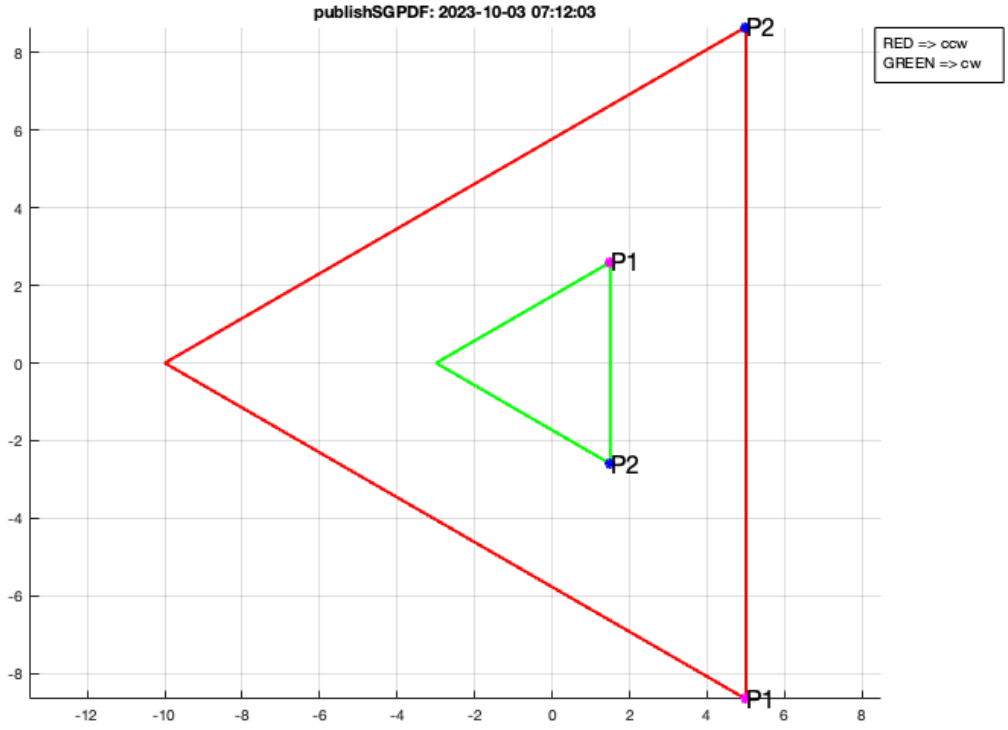
```
in=isInterior(TR2);
VLFLplots(TR2.Points, TR2.ConnectivityList(in,:),'c');
```



Often we want directly getting a closed contour of a slice.

```
CPLofSGslice(A,9); [CPL,warn]=CPLofSGslice(A,9); warn
```

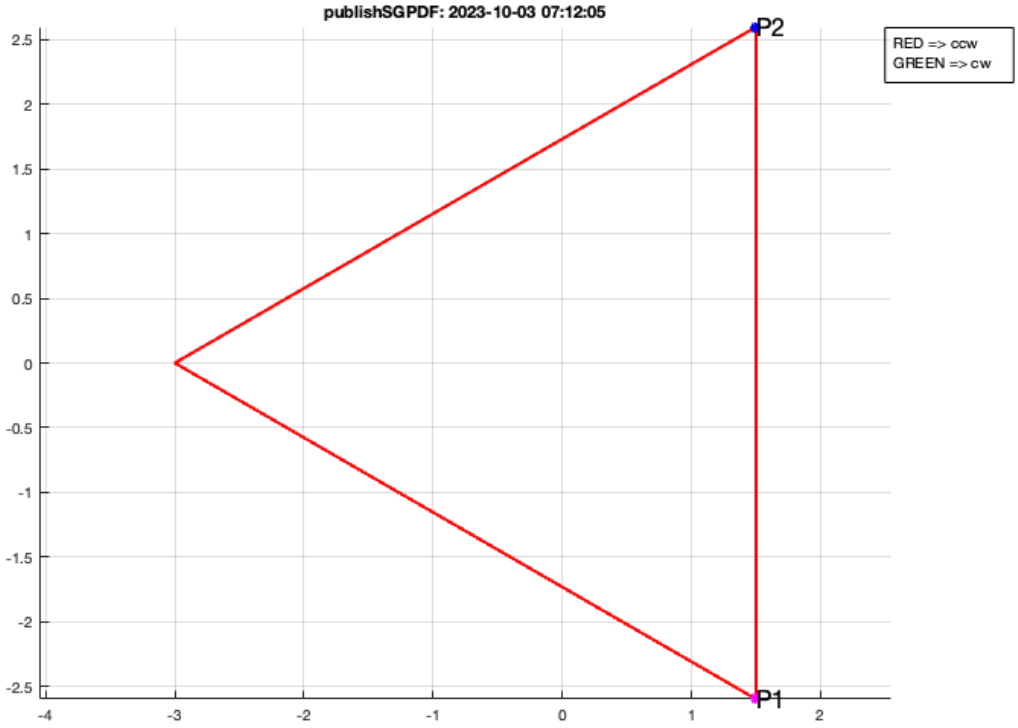
```
warn =
  logical
   0
```



The output parameter warns if a ambiguous cutting result exists

```
CPLofSGslice(A,10); [CPL,warn]=CPLofSGslice(A,10); warn
```

```
warn =
  logical
   0
```



4. Cutting and separating a solid geometries in two parts

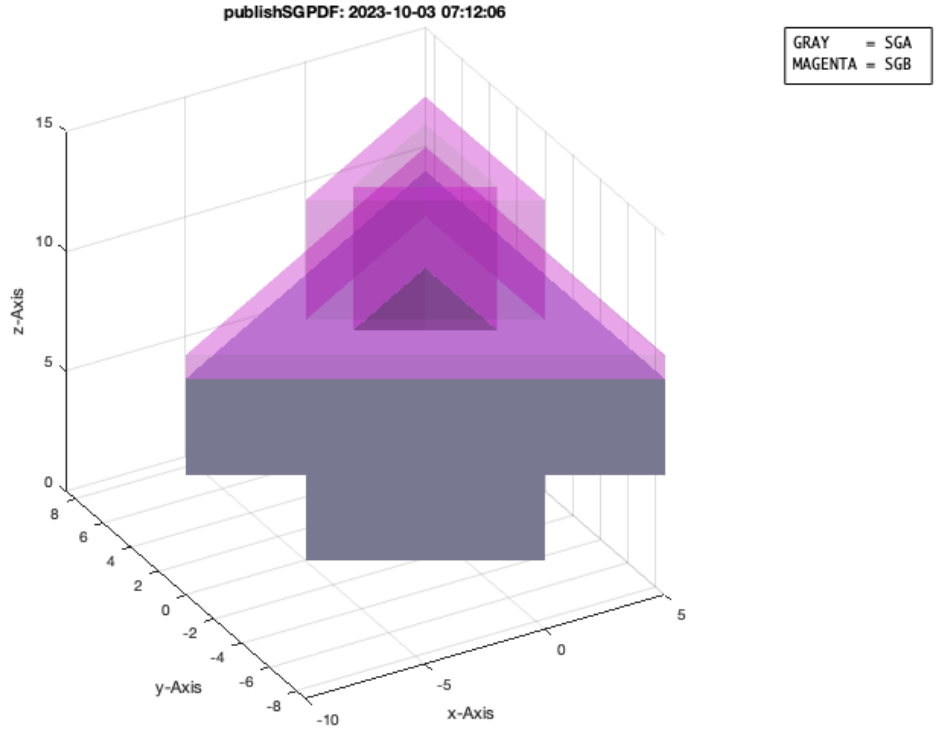
By using the output of SGslicer it is possible to create an upper and lower part of an object or even by two cutting plane to cut a part out of a larger obect. This is done by the function **SGcut**.

```
VLFLfigure;
SGcut(A,9);
```

```
ans =
  Figure (1: AOI Matlab Solid Modeler app_2012_11_09) with properties:

      Number: 1
        Name: 'AOI Matlab Solid Modeler app_2012_11_09'
       Color: [1 1 0.9000]
    Position: [31 803 960 540]
       Units: 'pixels'

  Use GET to show all properties
```



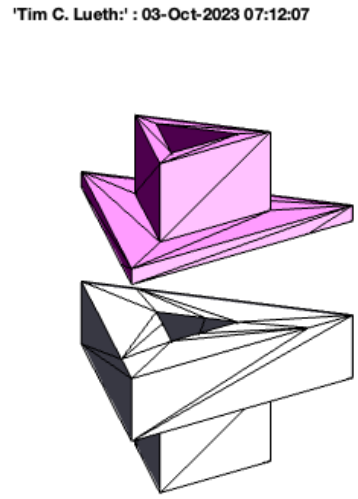
The next figure shows a separation of the two part by moving the upper part upwards.

```
[L,U]=SGcut(A,9)
VLFLfigure;
SGplot(SGtransP(L,[0 0 -3]),'w');
SGplot(SGtransP(U,[0 0 +3]),'m');
view (50,20);
```

```
L =
  struct with fields:

    VL: [24×3 double]
    FL: [48×3 double]
U =
  struct with fields:

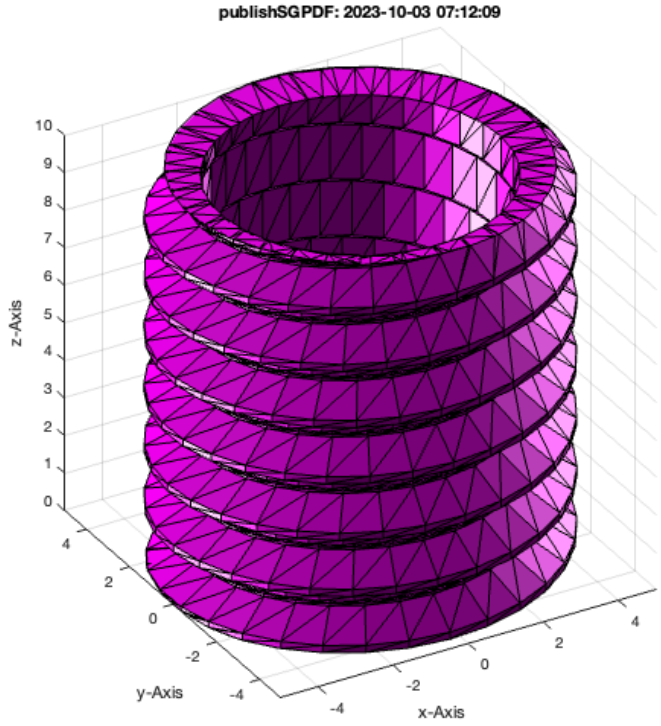
    VL: [24×3 double]
    FL: [48×3 double]
```



5. Cutting as useful tool for the ending of complex shaped geoemtries

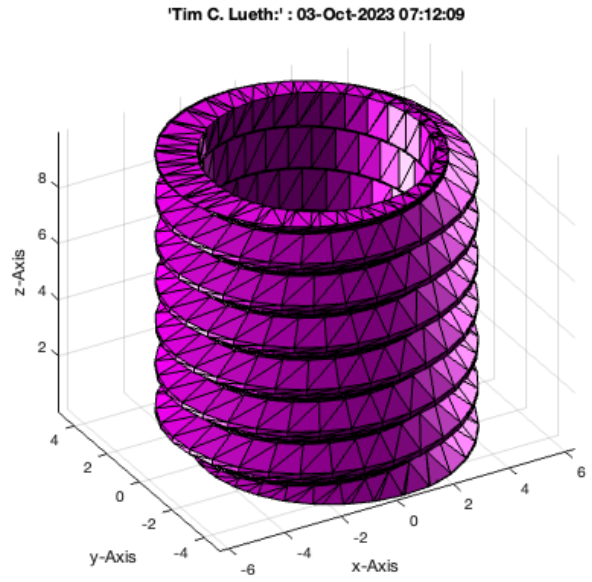
Some geometries such as screwnuts have specific geometries that have their origin in the manufacturing process of the threads. To create also similar shapes it is necessary to create a longer thread and to cut out the required length later:

```
VLFLfigure;
SGthread (10,10,[],[],'C'); view (-30,30);
% [A,b,c]=SGthread (10,10);
```



Now create a longer thread and cut out the required length later.

```
VLFLfigure;
A=SGthread (10,10+5+5,[],[],'C');
[~,B]=SGcut(A,[5.05 14.95]); B=SGtransP (B,[0 0 -5]);
SGplot(B,'m'); view (-30,30);
```



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```

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