Part and Assembly Modeling with SOLIDWORKS 2015

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Preface

Use of This Book

This workbook is an introductory tutorial to geometric modelings using **SOLIDWORKS 2015**. It is not intended to be a comprehensive guide to parts and assembly modelings. It is prepared mainly for those students who have no experience in **SOLIDWORKS** geometric modeling, but want to acquire some. I provide this workbook to the students in my classroom and require them to complete the exercises in 3-4 weeks, to make them feel more comfortable when working on advanced capabilities of **SOLIDWORKS**, such as **Simulation**, **Motion**.

Companion Webpage

A webpage is maintained for this book:

http://myweb.ncku.edu.tw/~hhlee/Myweb_at_NCKU/SWG2015.html

The webpage contains links to following resources: (a) videos that demonstrate the steps of each section in this book, and (b) the finished **SOLIDWORKS** files of each section. (c) This book, in PDF format.

As for the finished files, if everything works smoothly, you may not need them at all. Every model can be built from scratch by following the steps in the book. I provide these files just in case you need them. For example, when you run into trouble and you don't want to redo it from the beginning, you may find these files useful. Or you may happen to have trouble following the steps in the book, you can then look up the details in these files.

Notations

Chapters and sections are numbered in a traditional way. Each section is further divided into subsections. For example, the first subsection of the second section of Chapter 3 is denoted as "3.2-1." Textboxes in a subsection are ordered with numbers, each of which is enclosed by a pair of square brackets (e.g., [4]). We refer to that textbox as "3.2-1[4]." When referring to a textbox from the same subsection, we drop the subsection identifier. For example, we simply write "[4]." Notations used in this book are summarized as follows (for further illustration, see page 4):

3.2-1	Numbers after a hyphen are subsection numbers.
[1], [2],	Numbers with square brackets are textbox numbers.
SOLIDWORKS	SOLIDWORKS terms are boldfaced.
(Round-cornered textboxes)	A round-cornered textbox indicates some mouse or keyboard actions are needed.
(Sharp-cornered textboxes)	A sharp-cornered textbox is used for commentary only; no mouse or keyboard
	actions are needed in that step.
#	A symbol # is used to indicate the last textbox of a subsection.

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Section I.I

Arm



I.I-I About the Arm





About the **Textboxes**

Within each subsection (e.g., 1.1-2), textboxes are ordered with numbers, each of which is enclosed by a pair of square brackets (e.g., [1]). When you read the contents of a subsection, please follow the order of the textboxes.
The textbox numbers are also used as reference numbers. Inside a subsection, we simply refer to a textbox by its number (e.g., [1]). From other subsections, we refer to a textbox by its subsection identifier and the textbox number (e.g., 1.1-2[1]).

3. A textbox is either round-cornered (e.g., [1, 3, 4, 6]) or sharp-cornered (e.g., [2, 5]). A round-cornered textbox indicates that **mouse or keyboard actions** are needed in that step. A sharp-cornered textbox is used for commentary only; i.e., mouse or keyboard actions are not needed in that step.

4. A symbol # is used to indicate the last textbox of a subsection [6], so that you don't leave out any textboxes.

SOLIDWORKS Terms

In this book, terms used in **SOLIDWORKS** are boldfaced (e.g., **Part** in [5, 6]) to facilitates the readability.

I.I-3 Set Up Units



I.I-4 Draw a Circle



[5] Color Codes of Sketch Entities

A sketch entity is blue-colored (either light-blue or dark-blue) when it is not yet well-defined [4]. A well-defined entity (i.e., fixed in the space) becomes black (e.g., [7], next page). When over-defined, an entity becomes red.



SOLIDWORKS Commands

There are literally hundreds of **SOLIDWORKS** commands (tools). All commands can be found in the **Pull-Down Menus** [15]. Nevertheless, the most intuitive way to issue a command is through a context-sensitive menu, or simply called **Context Menu** [1, 3, 6] (page 6). To issue a command with a **Context Menu**, you right-click an object on either the **Part Tree** [16] or the **Graphics Area** [17]. The commands available in a **Context Menu** depend on the kind of object you're working on (that's why it is called a context-sensitive menu). In step [1] (page 6), the object you were working on is the **Front** plane; in steps [3, 6] (page 6). the object you were working on is the **Graphics Area**.

After you accumulate some experiences, you may find that a more convenient way to issue a command is simply clicking a command on a **Toolbar** (e.g., [10], last page). In this book, we roughly follow these rules to issue a command:

- I. As novices, we issue a command through a Context Menu, because it is the most intuitive way.
- 2. If a command is not available with a **Context Menu**, we select it from the **Pull-Down Menus**, because it is the most comprehensive way (i.e., all commands can be found there).
- 3. As we accumulate experiences, we begin to issue a command by clicking a button in a **Toolbar**, because it is the most convenient way.



I.I-5 Draw Another Circle

















I.I-9 Wrap Up



[2] Select File>Exit from Pull-Down Menus to quit SOLIDWORKS.#

Section I.2

Ratchet Wheel





I.2-2 Start Up

[1] Launch **SOLIDWORKS** and create a new part (1.1-2[1, 4-6], page 4). Set up **IPS** unit system with 2 decimal places for the length unit (1.1-3, page 5). Start a sketch on **Front** plane (1.1-4[1, 2], page 6).#

I.2-3 Draw a Construction Circle



[7] Construction Geometry

Frequently used **Construction Geometries** include construction lines and construction circles. A construction line can be finite length or infinite length. A **Construction Geometry** is used for reference only, it is not a geometric entity.#



I.2-5 Draw a Tooth



I.2-6 Duplicate the Tooth





1.2-7 Finished the Sketch and Generate 3D Model

Section I.3

Ratchet Stop



1.3-1 About the Ratchet Stop



I.3-2 Start Up

[1] Launch **SOLIDWORKS** and create a new part (1.1-2, page 4). Set up **IPS** unit system with 3 decimal places for the length unit (1.1-3, page 5). Create a sketch on **Front** plane (1.1-4[1, 2], page 6). #

1.3-3 Draw the Sketch





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Section I.4

Cover Plate



I.4-I About the Cover Plate



I.4-2 Start Up

[1] Launch **SOLIDWORKS** and create a new part (1.1-2, page 4). Set up **IPS** unit system with 3 decimal places for the length unit (1.1-3, page 5). Create a sketch on **Front** plane (1.1-4[1, 2], page 6). #

I.4-3 Draw the Sketch














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Crank



2.1-1 About the Crank

[1] In this exercise, we'll create a 3D solid model for a crank [2]. The model can be viewed as a series of three twostep operations; each involves drawing a sketch on a plane and then extruding the sketch. The material of the body is either added to or cut from the existing body.



2.1-2 Start Up



2.1-3 Draw a Sketch for the Base Body





2.1-4 Extrude the Sketch to Create the Base Body







Section 2.2

Geneva Gear Index

2.2-1 About the Geneva Gear Index

[1] In this exercise, we'll create a 3D solid model for a Geneva gear index [2].



2.2-2 Start Up

[1] Launch **SOLIDWORKS** and create a new part. Set up **IPS** unit system with 3 decimal places for the length unit.#

2.2-3 Draw a Sketch for 1/5 of the Gear Index







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2.2-5 Complete the Full Model







[15] Save the part with the file name Geneva. Close the file and exit SOLIDWORKS.#

Section 2.3

Yoke





2.3-2 Start Up

[1] Launch **SOLIDWORKS** and create a new part. Set up **IPS** unit system with 3 decimal places for the length unit. #

2.3-3 Create a Base Body [1] Create a sketch on **Front** plane. ¢1.00 [2] Draw a sketch like this. If there are any blue entities (not well-defined), see [3, 4]. 4 2.500 [4] Another way is to drag an unfixed entity to figure out what relations should be added. RI.190 £1.00 [3] If there are any blue entities, select Hide/Show Items>View Sketch Relations (1.3-3[10], page 25) to view all relations. Add relations to fix the entities. 2.500 — -





2.3-5 Create a Plane





[9] Save the part with the file name **Yoke**. Close the file and exit **SOLIDWORKS**.#

Section 2.4

Support



2.4-1 About the Support



2.4-2 Start Up

[1] Launch **SOLIDWORKS** and create a new part. Set up **IPS** unit system and with 3 decimal places for the length unit. #











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Wheel



2.5-1 About the Wheel

[1] So far, we exclusively used **Extrude** command to create 3D solids. In this section, we introduce another command to create 3D solids: **Revolve**, which takes a sketch as the profile and revolves about an axis to create a 3D solid body. We'll create a 3D solid model for a wheel [2]. The wheel is axisymmetric. An axisymmetric body always can be created by drawing a **profile** then revolving about its **axis of revolution**.



2.5-2 Start Up

[1] Launch **SOLIDWORKS** and create a new part. Set up **IPS** unit system with 2 decimal places for the length unit. #

2.5-3 Create a Sketch for the Profile





2.5-4 Revolve the Sketch



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Transition Pipe



2.6-1 About the Transition Pipe

[1] In this section, we introduce another command to create 3D solids: **Sweep**, which takes a sketch as the **path** and another sketch as the **profile**; the **profile** then "sweeps" along the **path** to create a 3D solid body. In this exercise, we'll create a 3D solid model for a transition pipe, which is used to connect two pipe segments.



2.6-2 Start Up

[1] Launch **SOLIDWORKS** and create a new part. Set up **IPS** unit system with 2 decimal places for the length unit. #





2.6-6 Create the Lower End Plate








2.6-8 Create the Upper End Plate







Section 2.7

Threaded Shaft



2.7-2 Start Up

[1] Launch **SOLIDWORKS** and create a new part. Set up **IPS** unit system with 3 decimal places for the length unit. #

2.7-3 Create a Shaft Base



2.7-4 Create Threads





2.7-5 Create a Hole



Section 2.8

Lifting Fork



2.8-1 About the Lifting Fork

[1] The lifting fork is used in an **LCD** (liquid crystal display) manufacturing factory to handle glass panels. In this section, we will create a 3D solid model for the lifting fork.

The cross sections of the prongs (fingers) are not uniform along the length [2, 3, 4]. The **Extrude** command or **Sweep** command can not be used to created the prongs. This exercise introduces a new command to create 3D solids: **Loft**, which takes a series of profiles and creates a 3D solid that fits through these profiles.



2.8-2 Start Up

[1] Launch **SOLIDWORKS** and create a new part. Set up **MMGS** unit system with zero decimal places for the length unit. #

2.8-3 Create a Transversal Beam



2.8-4 Create Two Planes









[8] Save the part with the file name **Fork**. Close the file and exit **SOLIDWORKS**.#

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Section 3.1

Shaft Assembly



3.1-1 Introduction

[1] In this exercise, we'll create a shaft assembly [2, 3]. The assembly consists of three parts: the **Shaft** [4] created in Section 2.7, a **Handle** [5], and a **Hinge**[6]. We use a coordinate system for the assembly which is coincident with that of the part **Shaft**.





3.1-2 Open Shaft



3.1-3 Create Handle





3.1-4 Create Hinge



3.1-5 Create a New Assembly





3.1-6 Insert the Other Components





3.1-7 Assemble Handle





3.1-8 Assemble Hinge





Section 3.2

Universal Joint



3.2-1 Introduction

[1] In this exercise, we'll create a universal joint [2]. The assembly consists of four kinds of parts [3-6], of which the **Yoke** [3] was created in Section 2.3.



3.2-2 Open Yoke





3.2-3 Create Swivel



3.2-4 Create Bushing



3.2-5 Create Pin



3.2-6 Create a New Assembly





3.2-7 Insert Bushings and Pins



3.2-8 Assemble Bushings and Pins



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*Isometric



3.2-10 Fix Upper Yoke


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Clamp



3.3-1 Introduction

[1] In this section, we'll create a **clamping mechanism** mentioned in Sections 1.1, 2.4, 2.7, and 3.1. The assembly consists of 8 kinds of components [2-9], of which the **Arm** [2] was created in Section 1.1, the **Support** [3] was created in Section 2.4, and the **ShaftAssembly** [4] was created in Sections 2.7 and 3.1. Details of other components are shown in [10-15].



















3.3-5 Create PinC



3.3-6 Create HingeB









3.3-8 Mirror the Support

3.3-9 Unfix the Supports











3.3-15 Assemble HingeB





3.3-17 Test the Clamping Mechanism



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