HIERARCHICAL REPRESENTATIONS OF THREE-DIMENSIONAL DATA

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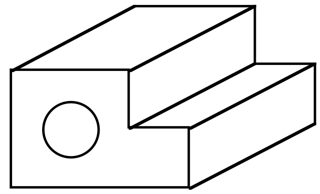
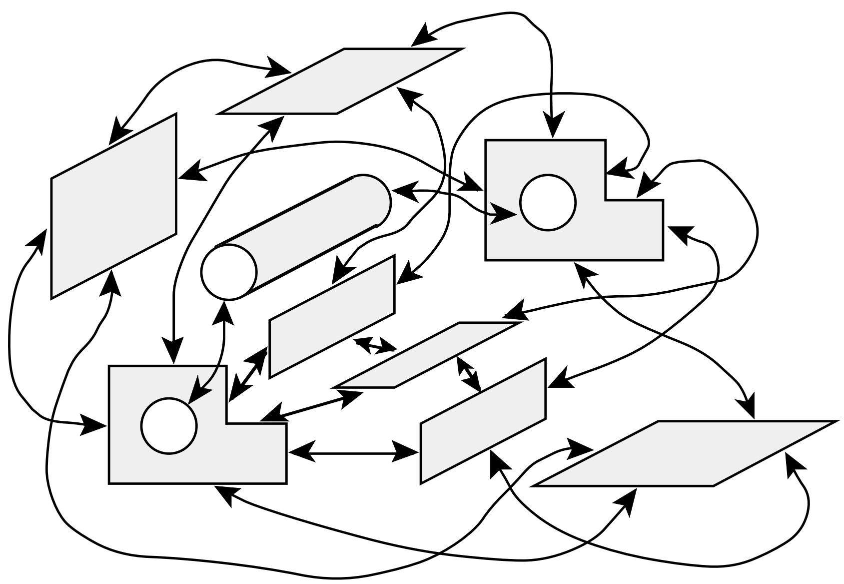
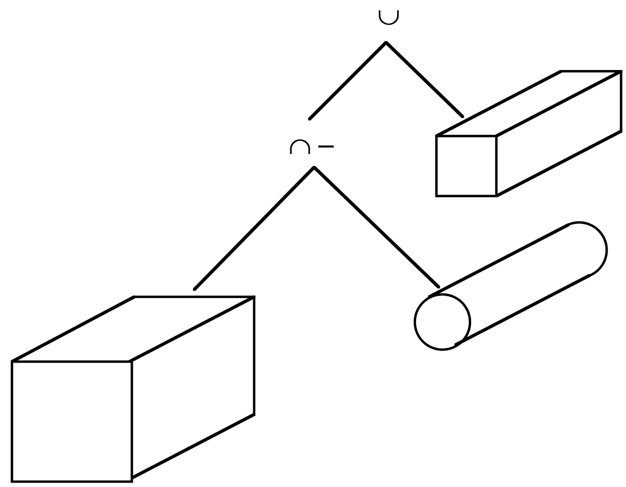


1. Boundary model (BRep)
   - decompose boundary into set of faces, edges, and vertices
   - winged-edge representation captures topology



2. Constructive solid geometry (CSG)
   - combine primitive instances using geometric transformations and regularized Boolean set operations



3. Interior-based
   - voxels or uniformly-sized cells (spatial enumeration)
   - cells of different size (cell decomposition-e.g., octree)

4. Sweep - volume swept by a planar or a two-dimensional shape along a curve

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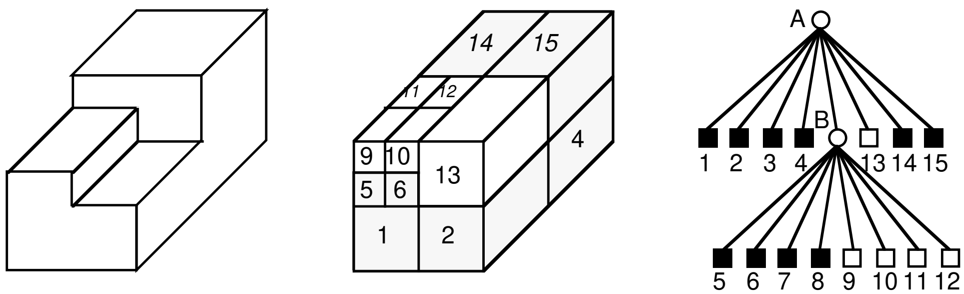
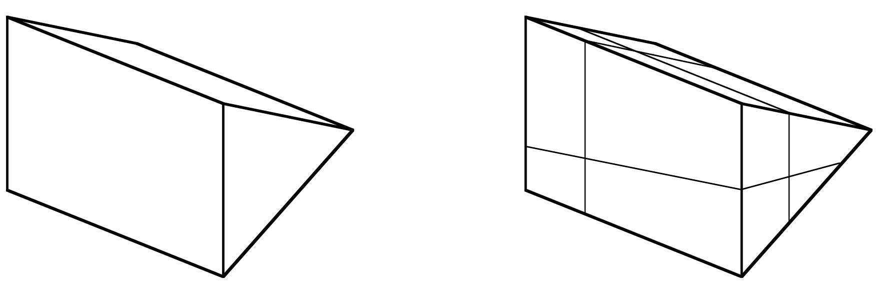
1. Interior (voxels)
   - analogous to region quadtree
   - approximate object by aggregating similar voxels
   - good for medical images but not for objects with planar faces

   Ex:



2. Boundary
   - adaptation of PM quadtree to three-dimensional data
   - decompose until each block contains
     a. one face
     b. more than one face but all meet at same edge
     c. more than one edge but all meet at same vertex
   - impose a spatial index on a boundary model (BRep)



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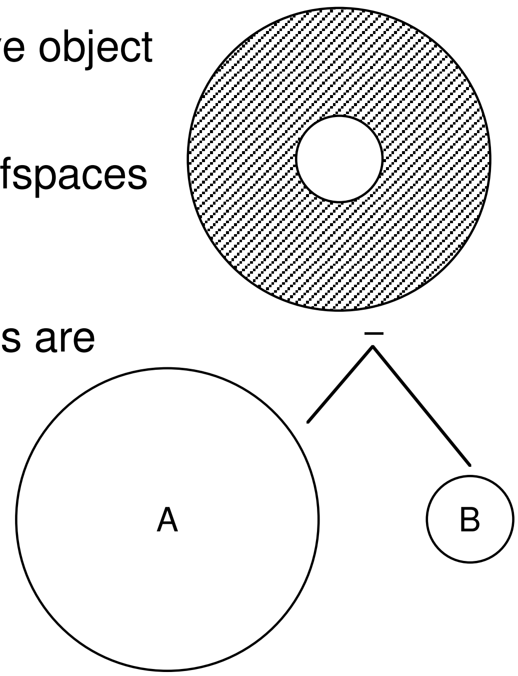

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- Primitives are not restricted to halfspaces
- Only one primitive object per cell
- Full complement of CSG operations are not present
  1. set union = gluing
  2. set difference = cutting (NO set intersection!)
- 5 types of nodes
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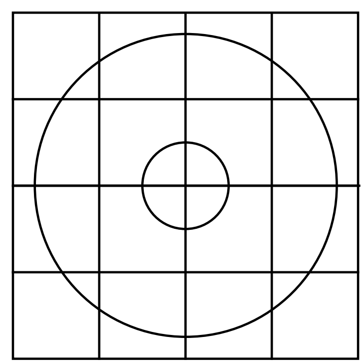

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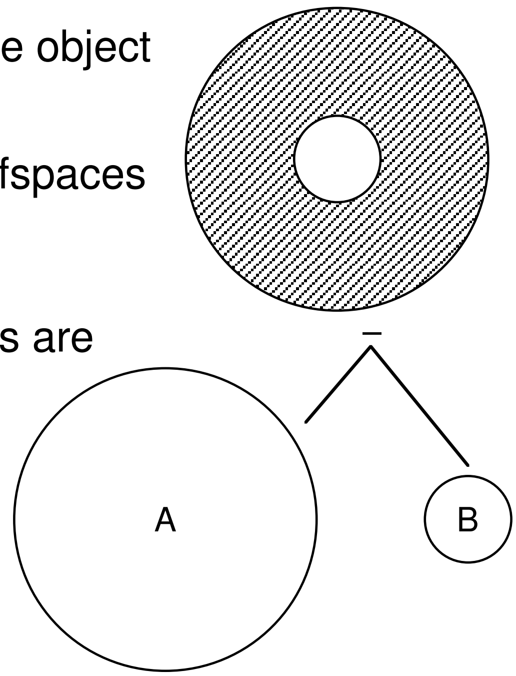

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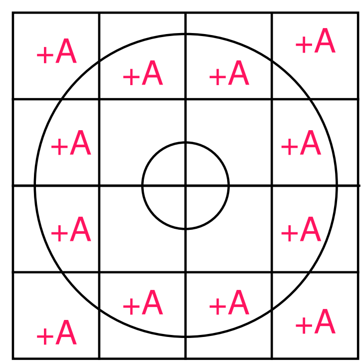

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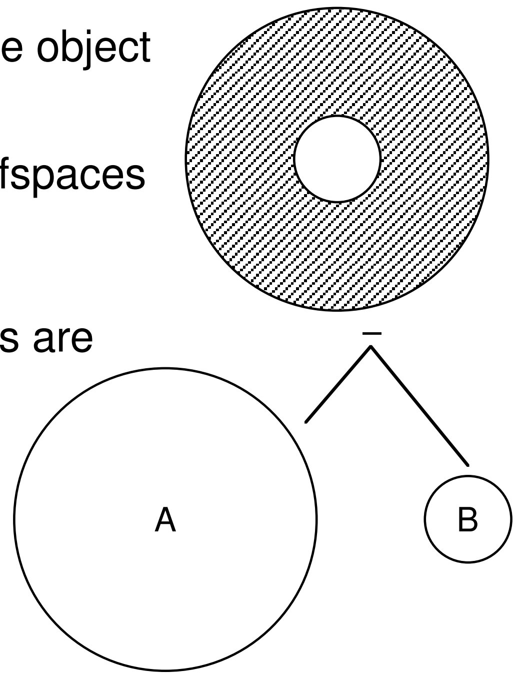

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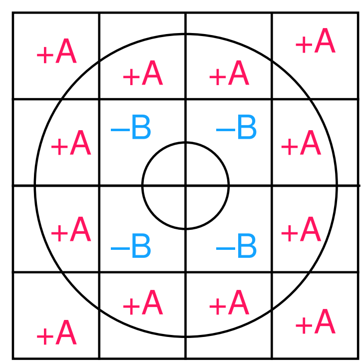

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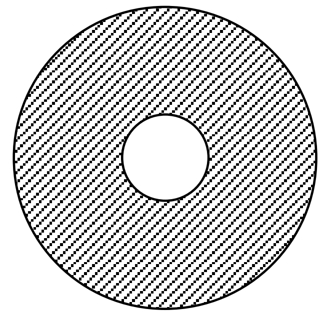

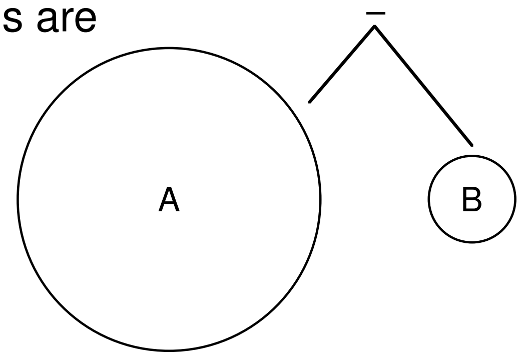

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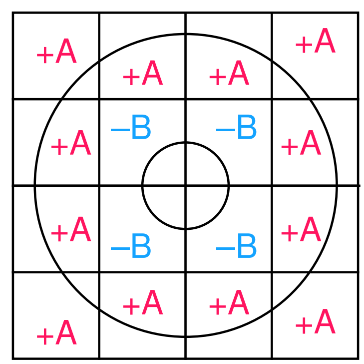

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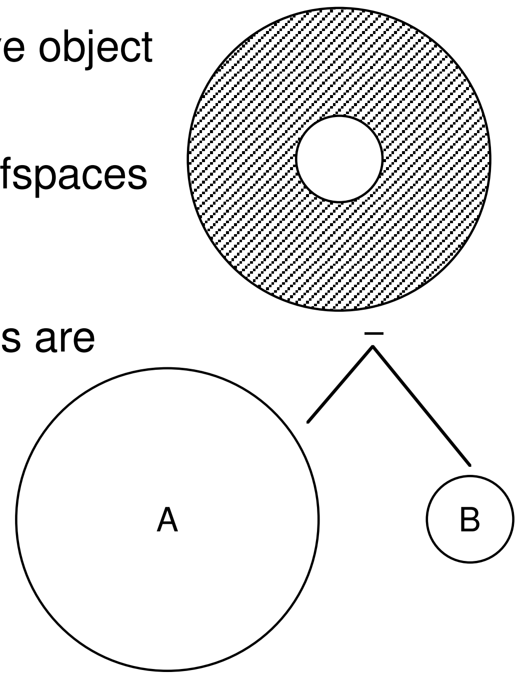

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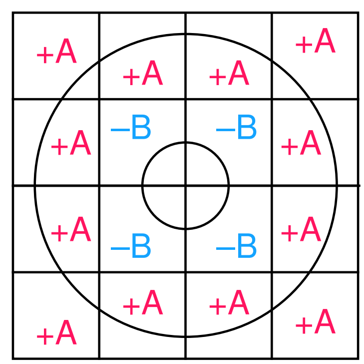

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- Solution: if operand primitives are not disjoint, then can't always separate them so each cell has just one primitive

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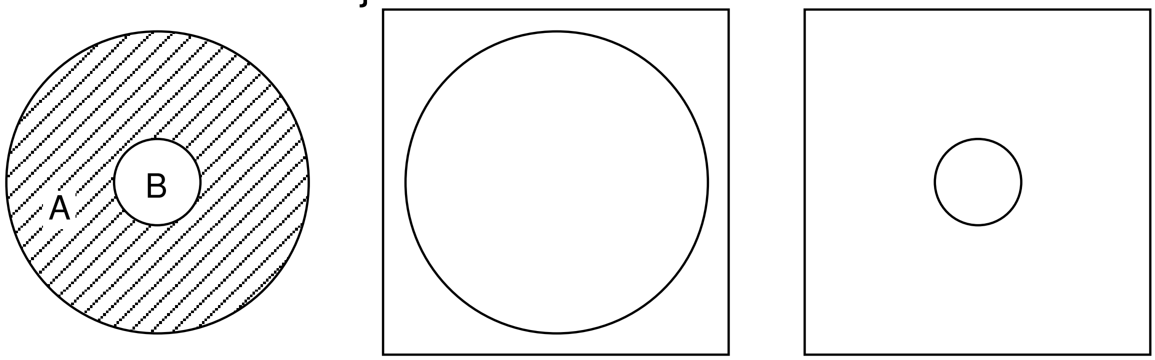

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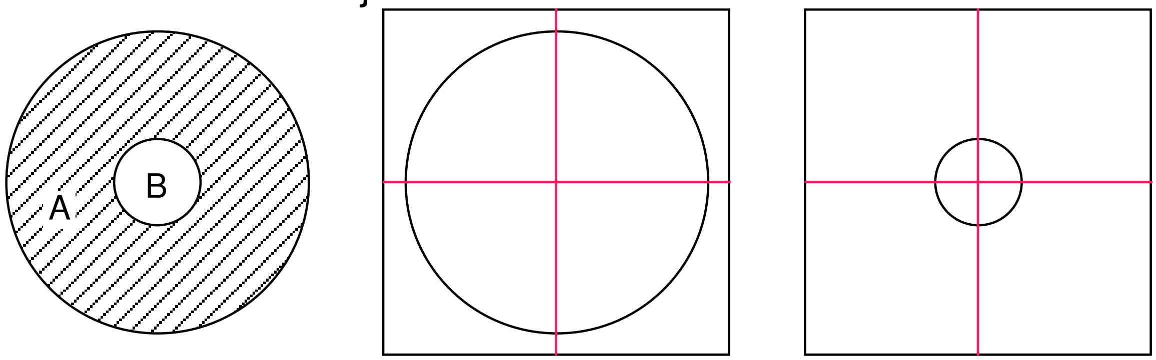

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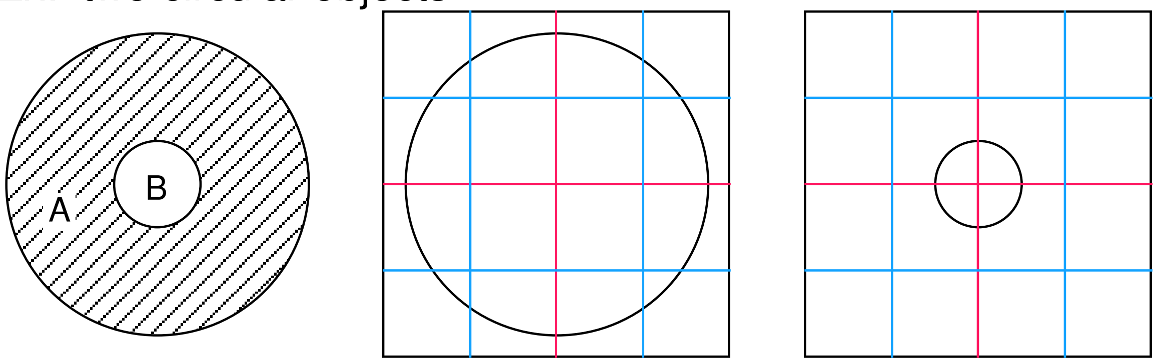

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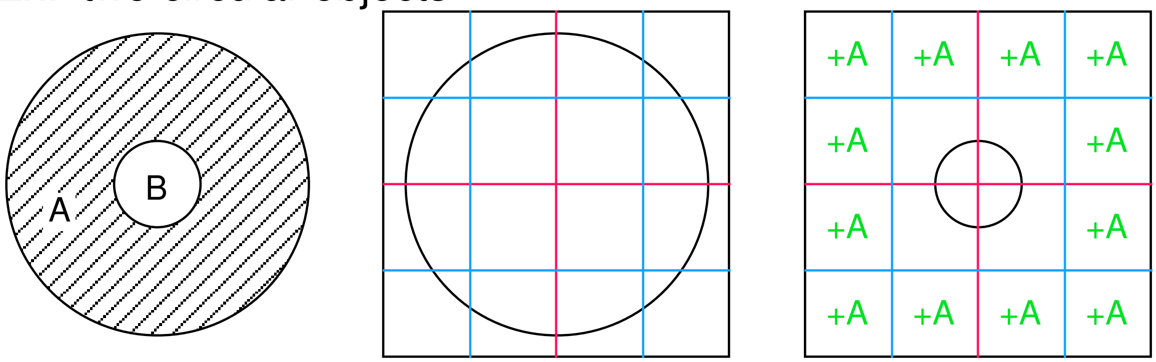

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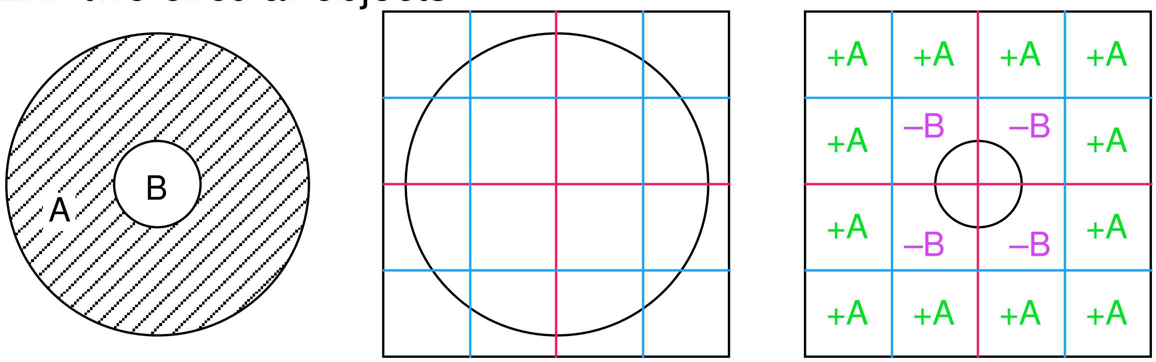

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