# 48-747 Shape Grammars 

(Non Parametric and)
PARAMETRIC SHAPE GRAMMARS
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introduction to shape and shape grammars

shape rules

shape grammars using labels

shape rule 1

shape rule 2

derivations

language

A parametric shape is a shape with open terms
That is, certain points are specified in terms of equations or constraints
A parametric shape becomes a shape whenever we can find an assignment of real values to the points so that the constraints are satisfied

Example:
A square of given sides with one of its corners given fixed coordinates
parametric shapes
$\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right)$
$\left(k, y_{1}\right)$
$\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right)$
$\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right)$

$$
\begin{gathered}
k<x_{2} \\
y_{1}=y_{2}
\end{gathered}
$$

parametric shapes

Collinear Lines

$$
\left(x_{4}, y_{4}\right)
$$

$\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right)$
(at a minimum)
is pictorially
equivalent

to the constraints $\quad$| $x_{4} \geq x_{3} \geq x_{2} \geq x_{1}$ |
| :--- |
| $y_{4}>y_{3}>y_{2}>y_{1}$ |
| or |
| $x_{4}>x_{3}>x_{2}>x_{1}$ |
| $y_{4} \geq y_{3} \geq y_{2} \geq y_{1}$ |
| and |
| $\left(y_{2}-y_{1}\right)\left(x_{4}-x_{3}\right)=\left(x_{2}-x_{1}\right)\left(y_{4}-y_{3}\right)$ |
| and |
| $x_{i}, y_{i}$ are real numbers. |


shape rule

shape schema

parametric shape grammar
parametric shape grammar $G=(S, L, I, R)$
initial (seed) shape belongs to the universe of labeled shapes made up of schemas in $S$ and labels in L
$\longrightarrow$ shape schema
$\rightarrow$ initial or seed shape
$\rightarrow$ label set
vocabulary (schema)
$R$ contain schemas of the form $a \rightarrow b$ where $a$ and $b$ belong to the universe of labeled shape schemas made of schemas in $S$ and labels in $L$ except a cannot be empty
formally: a parametric shape grammar is

A shape schema is applicable to the current shape which is either the initial shape
or a shape produced from the initial shape
whenever the left hand side of the rule 'occurs' in the object
in which case
it is replaced by the right hand side of the rule under rule application
shape schema application


A schema $a \rightarrow b$ is applies only if $a$ 'occurs' in the given shape $u$ under some 'transformation' $T I$ and an assignment $g$ in which case $T(g[a])$ is substituted by $T(g[b])$ in the current shape

Rule application

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language
go to some grammar examples

