

This iLogic code is from Luke Davenport's Cadline Blog – it allows user to optimize the length of all the lines in a sketch (excluding construction lines) to achieve a target loop length.

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' ***** START OF iLOGIC CODE *****  
  
'Note - I must subscribe to Luke Davenport's blog on Cadline Community  
'http://www.cadlinecommunity.co.uk/Blogs/LukeDavenport/Default.aspx  
'And also maybe I'll follow him on twitter @LukeCadline  
  
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Imports Inventor.UnitsTypeEnum  
  
Parameter.Quiet = True  
MultiValue.Quiet = True  
  
'Set a reference to the active part document  
Dim oDoc As PartDocument  
oDoc = ThisApplication.ActiveDocument  
  
'Check the Document type is a part and not an assembly or drawing  
If oDoc.DocumentType <> kPartDocumentObject Then  
    MessageBox.Show("This rule can only be run in a part document!", "Cadline iLogic", _  
    MessageBoxButtons.Ok, MessageBoxIcon.Exclamation, _  
    MessageBoxDefaultButton.Button1)  
    Return  
End If  
  
'Check that only one sketch exists in the part  
If oDoc.ComponentDefinition.Sketches.Count < 1 Then  
    MessageBox.Show("You need a sketch in the part to run this rule!", "Cadline iLogic", _  
    MessageBoxButtons.Ok, MessageBoxIcon.Exclamation, _  
    MessageBoxDefaultButton.Button1)  
    Return  
Else If oDoc.ComponentDefinition.Sketches.Count > 1 Then  
    MessageBox.Show("There must be only a single sketch in the part to run this rule!" _  
    , "Cadline iLogic", MessageBoxButtons.Ok, MessageBoxIcon.Exclamation, _  
    MessageBoxDefaultButton.Button1)  
    Return  
End If  
  
'Get string for document units  
Dim StrDocUnits As String  
If oDoc.unitsofmeasure.LengthUnits = 11272 Then  
    StrDocUnits = "inches"  
Else  
    StrDocUnits = "mm"  
End If  
  
'Define stuff  
Dim oDef As PartComponentDefinition  
oDef = oDoc.ComponentDefinition  
Dim oParams As Parameters = oDef.Parameters  
Dim oUserParams As UserParameters = oParams.UserParameters  
Dim oParam As Parameter  
  
'Create a parameter that holds names of all other parameters  
Dim CadlineParameterNames As UserParameter = oUserParams.AddByValue("CadlineParameterNames" _  
, oParams.Item(1).Name, kTextUnits)  
Dim MyParams as New ArrayList
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Format String to construct lines in form
Dim Format As String = "{0,-16} {1,14}"
Dim Newline As String

'Construct lines in form
For aa = 1 To oParams.Count-1
    If oParams.Item(aa).Units = "mm" Or oParams.Item(aa).Units = "in" Then
        Newline = String.Format(Format, (oParams.Item(aa).Name), _
            (oParams.Item(aa).Value)*10 & " " & (oParams.Item(aa).Units))
        MyParams.Add(Newline)
    End If
Next

'Add all parameter names to multivalued parameter list
MultiValue.List("CadlineParameterNames")= MyParams

AskAgain:
'Ask user what parameter should be modified
StrParam = InputListBox("What parameter would you like to modify?", _
MultiValue.List("CadlineParameterNames"), "None", Title := "iLogic", ListName := _
"Existing Parameters")

If StrParam = "" Then
    Doh = MessageBox.Show("Please select a parameter to modify!", "Cadline iLogic", _
        MessageBoxButtons.OKCancel, MessageBoxIcon.Information)
    If Doh = 2 Then
        Return
    End If
End If

'Store value of chosen parameter in case the sketch breaks
For bb = 1 To oParams.Count-1
    If StrParam.Contains(oParams.Item(bb).Name) Then
        StrParamOld = oParams.Item(bb).Value
        ParamNumber = bb
    End If
Next

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'Measure all lines and arcs and circles in sketch
Dim oSketch As Sketch = oDef.Sketches.Item(1)

Dim oSketchArcs As SketchArcs = oSketch.SketchArcs
Dim oSketchArc As SketchArc
Dim ArcLength As Double = 0

For Each oSketchArc In oSketchArcs
    If oSketchArc.Construction = False Then
        ArcLength = ArcLength + oSketchArc.Length*10
        InventorVb.DocumentUpdate()
    End If
Next

Dim oSketchLines As SketchLines = oSketch.SketchLines
Dim oSketchLine As SketchLine
Dim LineLength As Double = 0

For Each oSketchLine In oSketchLines
    If oSketchLine.Construction = False Then
        LineLength = LineLength + oSketchLine.Length*10
    End If
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Dim oSketchCircles As SketchCircles = oSketch.SketchCircles
Dim oSketchCircle As SketchCircle
Dim CircleLength As Double = 0

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For Each oSketchCircle In oSketchCircles
    If oSketchCircle.Construction = False Then
        CircleLength = CircleLength + oSketchCircle.Length*10
    End If
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NewLength = ArcLength + LineLength + CircleLength

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'Ask user for desired length of loop

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enteragain:

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ReqLength = InputBox("Enter Required Loop Length" & vbCrLf & vbCrLf & _
"Current length of loop is " & Round(NewLength,2) & " " & StrDocUnits, "iLogic" _
, "Enter Here")

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    If ReqLength = "" Then
        Exit Sub
    Else If IsNumeric(ReqLength) And ReqLength > 0 Then
        Else
            Goto enteragain
        End If
    End If

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Catch

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    Goto enteragain

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End Try

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'-----
'Iterate through to achieve desired length

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Iterations = 0

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ParamChange = 200

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Do 'Start iteration

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    NewDifference = ReqLength - NewLength

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        If Round(NewDifference,3) = 0 Then
            MsgBox.Show("Sketch Adjusted Successfully!" & vbCrLf & vbCrLf & _
            "Total length of loop is now " & Round(NewLength,3) & " " & StrDocUnits & _
            " to 3 decimal places", "iLogic", MessageBoxButtons.Ok, MessageBoxIcon.Information, _
            MessageBoxDefaultButton.Button1)
            Exit Do
        End If
    End If

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    Catch

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        MsgBox.Show("Error - Please check iLogic code to resolve this error", "Title")
    End Try

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'Modify desired parameter

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If Iterations = 0 Then

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For Each oParam In oParams

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    If StrParam.Contains(oParam.Name) Then
        oParam.Value = oParam.Value + 0.0001
    End If

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Next

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End If

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'Set gradient

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If Iterations = 1 Then

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    Gradient = ((NewLength-OldLength)/0.001)
    'Reverse = "No"

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End If

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If Iterations > 1 Then

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    For Each oParam In oParams

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        If StrParam.Contains(oParam.Name) Then

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oParam.Value = oParam.Value + NewDifference/(Gradient*20)
End If
Next
End If

'Update doc
RuleParametersOutput()
InventorVb.DocumentUpdate()

Iterations = Iterations + 1

'Cut out after certain number of iterations
If Iterations > 100 Then
    cc=MessageBox.Show("Unable to adjust sketch successfully" & vbCrLf & vbCrLf & _
    "Final length of loop is " & Round(NewLength,3) & " " & StrDocUnits & vbCrLf & vbCrLf & _
    "Check input info, and that sketch is constrained correctly" & vbCrLf & vbCrLf & _
    "Check that sketch updates as expected when dimension is manually changed" & vbCrLf & vbCrLf & _
    "Do you want to reset Dimension?", "iLogic", MessageBoxButtons.YesNo, _
    MessageBoxIcon.Question, MessageBoxDefaultButton.Button1)
    If cc = vbYes Then
        oParams.Item(ParamNumber).Value = StrParamOld
        RuleParametersOutput()
        InventorVb.DocumentUpdate()
    End If
Exit Do
End If

'Calculate new loop length
ArcLength = 0
For Each oSketchArc In oSketchArcs
    If oSketchArc.Construction = False Then
        ArcLength = ArcLength + oSketchArc.Length*10
    End If
Next

LineLength = 0
For Each oSketchLine In oSketchLines
    If oSketchLine.Construction = False Then
        LineLength = LineLength + oSketchLine.Length*10
    End If
Next

CircleLength = 0
For Each oSketchCircle In oSketchCircles
    If oSketchCircle.Construction = False Then
        CircleLength = CircleLength + oSketchCircle.Length*10
    End If
Next

OldLength = NewLength
NewLength = ArcLength + LineLength + CircleLength

Loop

'Finally delete parameter holder as no longer required
Try
    oParams.Item("CadlineParameterNames").Delete
Catch
End Try

' ***** END OF iLOGIC CODE *****

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