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Master thesis

Estimation of detachability for circularity assessments using BIM and knowledge representation

Setting

For circularity assessments, semantic information of building components in Building Information Models models is often incomplete and uncertain, e.g. unspecified materials or some properties are unavailable. Nevertheless, to calculate building circularity assessments holistically, e.g. using the Madaster platform [1], and to get reliable results, further information, such as connection types, accessibilities, or crossings, needs to be manually enriched [2,3]. Recent research in fields with similar challenges, such as acoustical simulations [4], proposes solutions using the semantic and geometric information of BIM and knowledge representation, e.g. using junction types, to automatically enrich missing information about element connection types. This master thesis aims to propose a novel method for estimating detachability and connection types for circularity assessment of components using BIM and knowledge representation.

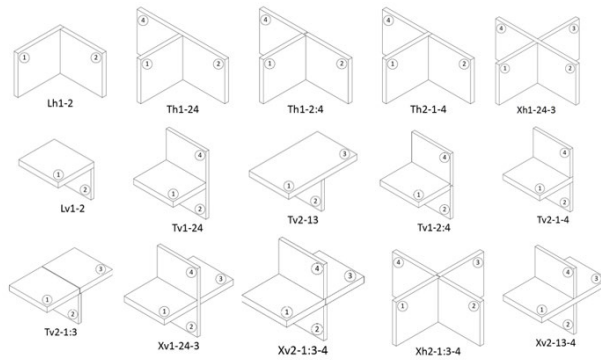| Connection Types	Classification	Grading
None		
Click	DryConnection	1.0
Velcro		
Magnetic		
BoltAndNut		
Spring	WithAddedConnections	0.8
Corner		
Screw		
Peg	DirectConnection	0.6
Nail		
Sealant	SoftChemicalConnection	0.2
Foam		
Glue		
Landfill		
Weld	HardChemicalConnection	0.1
Concrete		
ChemicalAnchor		

Figure 1: Connection type classification [2] and junction types [4]

Task

Develop and implement a method for (semi-)automatically estimating detachability and connection types of components using Building Information Modeling and knowledge representation. Therefore, you will:

- Research on building circularity assessment, detachability indices, and connection types of the most frequent building component
- Develop a methodology to automatically estimate detachability and connection types of components using BIM
- Implement the developed methodology and formalize relevant domain knowledge about in combination with connection types
- Test and validation the implemented algorithms using exemplary BIM models

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