

# Computer Graphics (CSE2066)

## Module 4

# Plane curves and surfaces



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# Curve

- A curve is a **smoothly flowing continuous line** that has bent.
- It does not have **any sharp turns**.
- The technique to identify the curve is that the **line bends and changes** its direction at least once for all.

Various curve shapes other than the ones mentioned in the above image are **circles, ellipses, parabolas, and hyperbolas, even arcs, sectors, and segments**, they are all two-dimensional curved shapes.

- However, curves are three-dimensional shapes as well, such as **spheres, cylinders, and cones; we all have these three-dimensional curved shapes**.



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# Different Types of Curves

Simple Curve



Non-Simple Curve



Open Curve



Closed Curve



Curved Line



# In Maths:

- Apart from the real-life examples, we can also observe the curve-shaped lines in Maths;
- for example, the graph of a quadratic polynomial including **parabola, ogive curve, arrows**, etc.

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So, this is how we understand curve Maths and the types of curves we find in our surroundings.

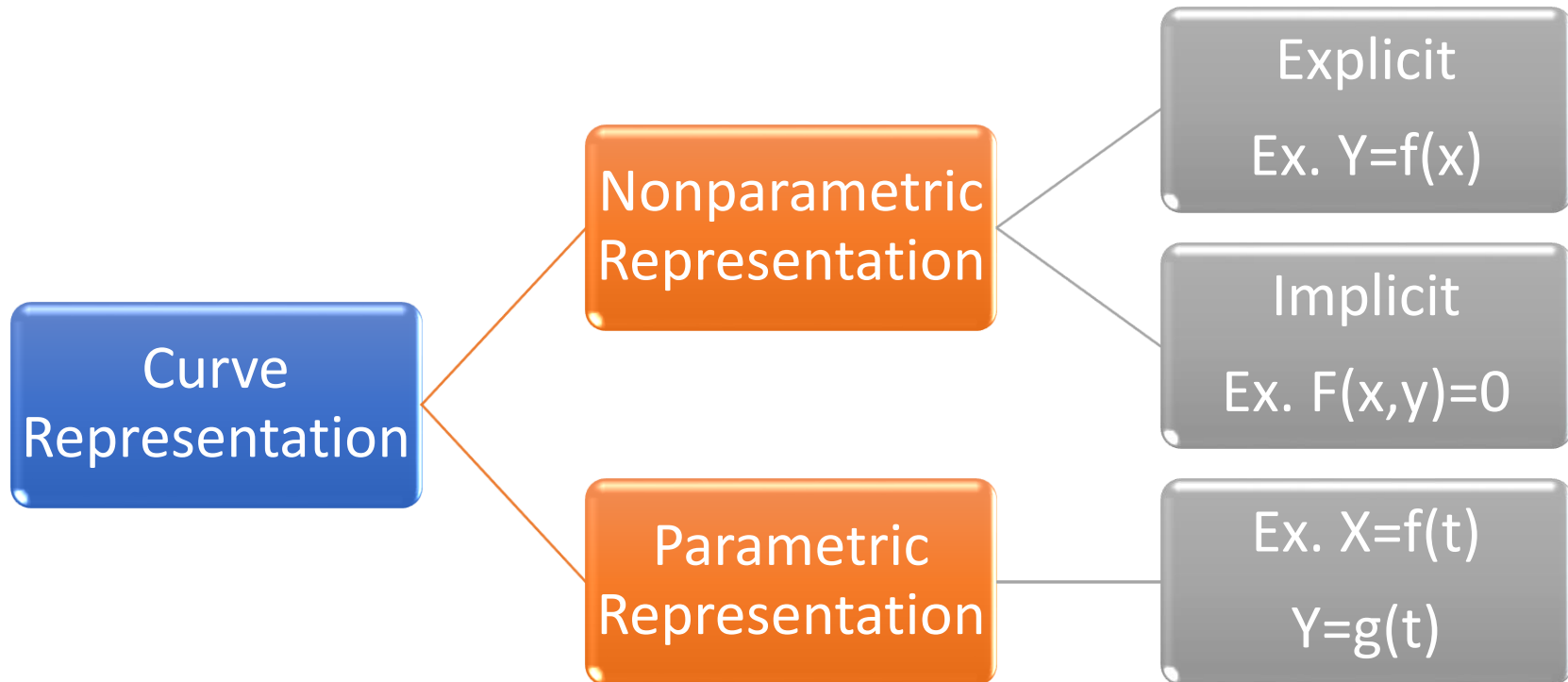


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# Curve representation



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# Non Parametric Representation

- The generic form in which any generic point  $(x, y, z)$  satisfies a **relationship** in implicit form in  $x, y, \& z$  i.e.  $f(x, y, z) = 0$ .
- A single such constraints generally describe a surface while two constraints considered together can be thought of as a curve which is the intersection of two surface.
- This may expressed in an explicit form in the following manner:

$$x = g^1(y, z); \quad y = g^2(x, z); \quad z = g^3(x, y)$$

- **Ex-**  $ax^2 + by^2 + 2hxy + 2gx + 2fy + c = 0$  (General equation of Pair of straight line)



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# Form of Non Parametric Representation

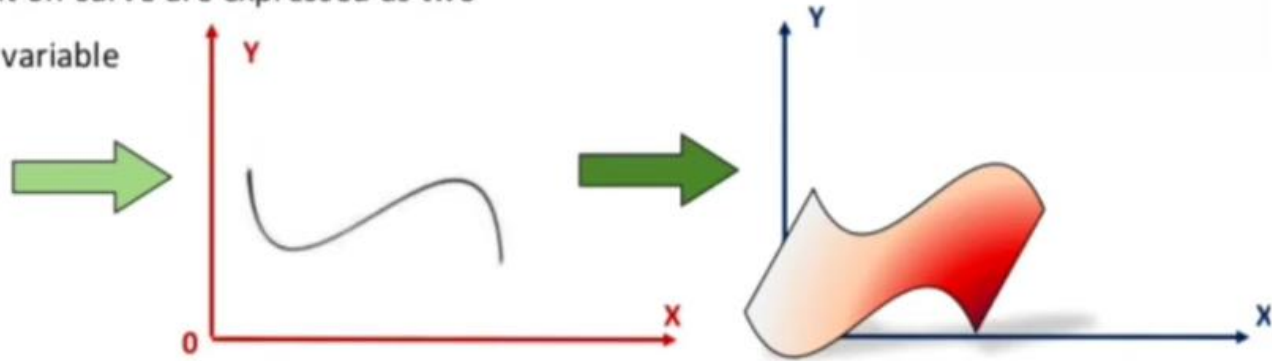
## 1) Explicit form (Clearly Expressed):-

- In this coordinates of y & z of a point on curve are expressed as two separate function of x independent variable

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ f(x) \\ g(x) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P = [x \ y \ z]^T = [x \ f(x) \ g(x)]^T$$

- Ex-  $y = mx + c$



## 1) Implicit form (Not Clearly Expressed):-

- In this, coordinates of x, y & z of a point on curve are related together by two function.

$$f(x, y) = 0$$

$$f(x, y, z) = 0$$

$$g(x, y, z) = 0$$

- Ex-  $ax + by + c = 0$



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$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{bmatrix} x & y & z \end{bmatrix}^T = \begin{bmatrix} x & f(x) & g(x) \end{bmatrix}^T$$

**nonparametric explicit form**

$$F(x, y, z) = 0$$

$$G(x, y, z) = 0$$

**nonparametric implicit form**



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- Explicit functions

$$y = f(x), z = g(x)$$

- Implicit equations

$$f(x, y) = 0$$

- Parametric – Cubic Curve

$$x = x(t), y = y(t), z = z(t)$$



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## Disadvantages of Explicit form

- impossible to get multiple values for a single  $x$ 
  - break curves like circles and ellipses into segments
- problem with curves with vertical tangents
  - infinite slope is difficult to represent

## Disadvantages of Implicit form

- problem to join curve segments together
  - difficult to determine if their tangent directions agree at their joint point



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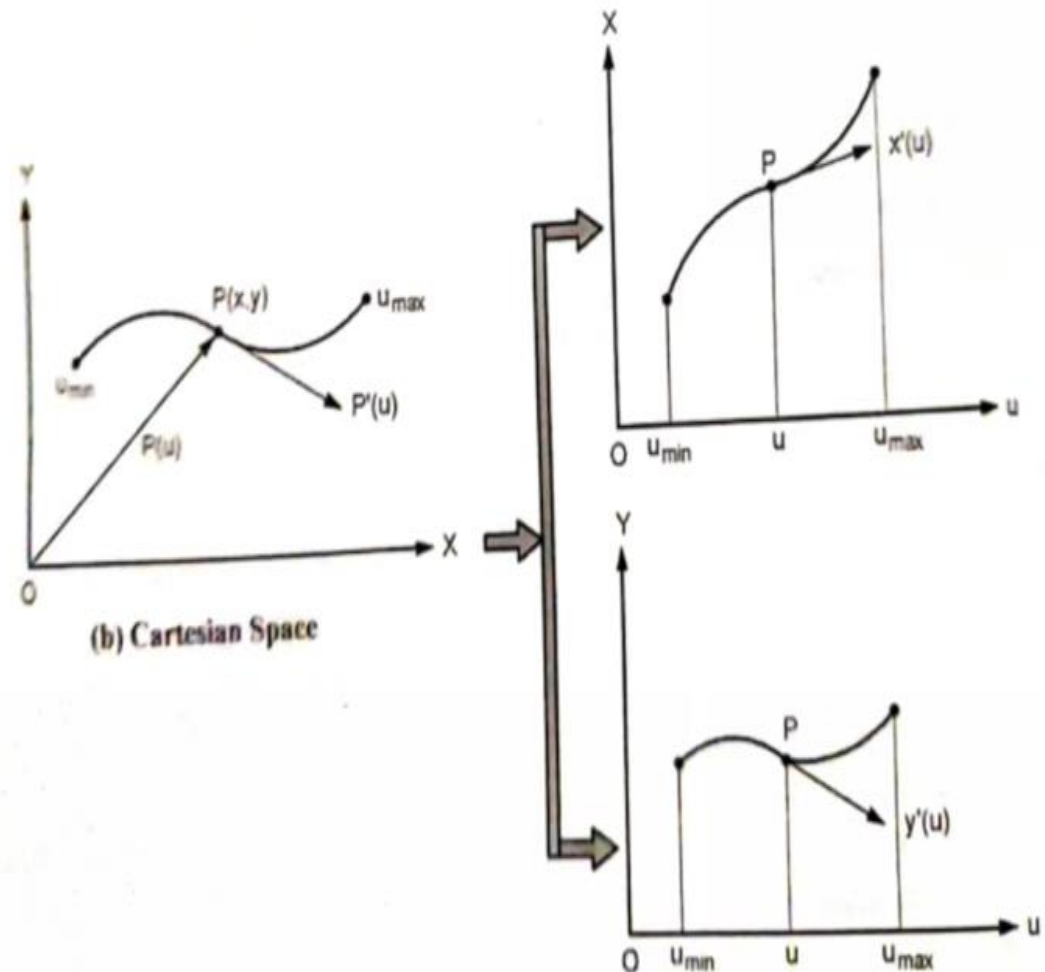
# Parametric Representation of curve

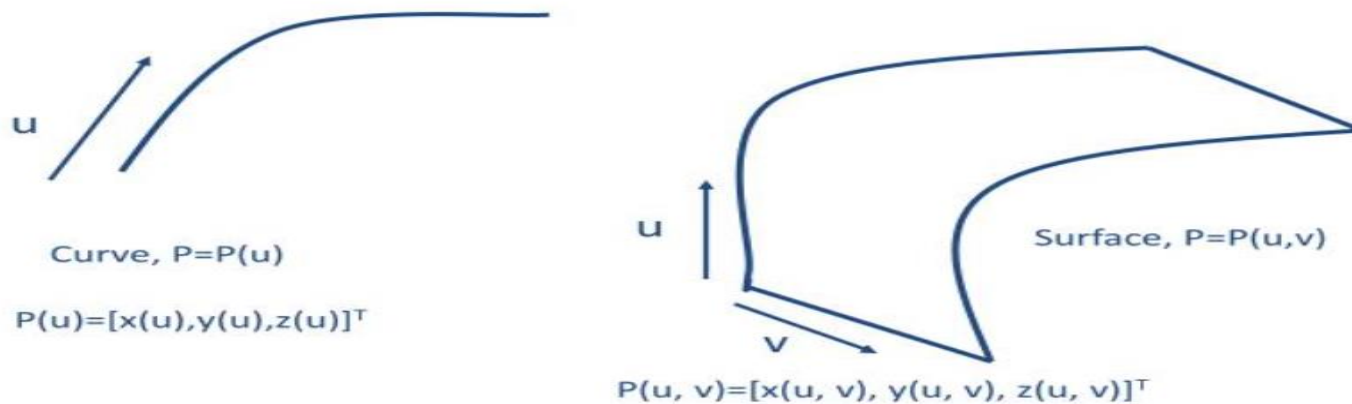
- The curve is **not** represented the relationship bet<sup>n</sup>  $x$ ,  $y$  &  $z$ .
- It's the coordinates of  $x$ ,  $y$  &  $z$  are expressed as functions of this **independent parameters** ' $u$  or  $\theta$ '
- This parameters acts as a local coordinates for a points on curve.

$$P(u) = [x \ y] \quad u_{\min} \leq u \leq u_{\max}$$

$$= [x(u) \ y(u)]$$

or  $x = r \cos \theta$   
 $y = r \sin \theta$





In parametric form,

- Each point on a **curve** is **expressed** as a function of a **parameter u**.
- The parametric equation for a three-dimensional curve in space takes the following vector form:

$$\mathbf{P}(u) = \begin{bmatrix} x & y & z \end{bmatrix}^T = \begin{bmatrix} x(u) & y(u) & z(u) \end{bmatrix}^T, \quad u_{\min} \leq u \leq u_{\max}$$



The tangent vectors at point P is given by

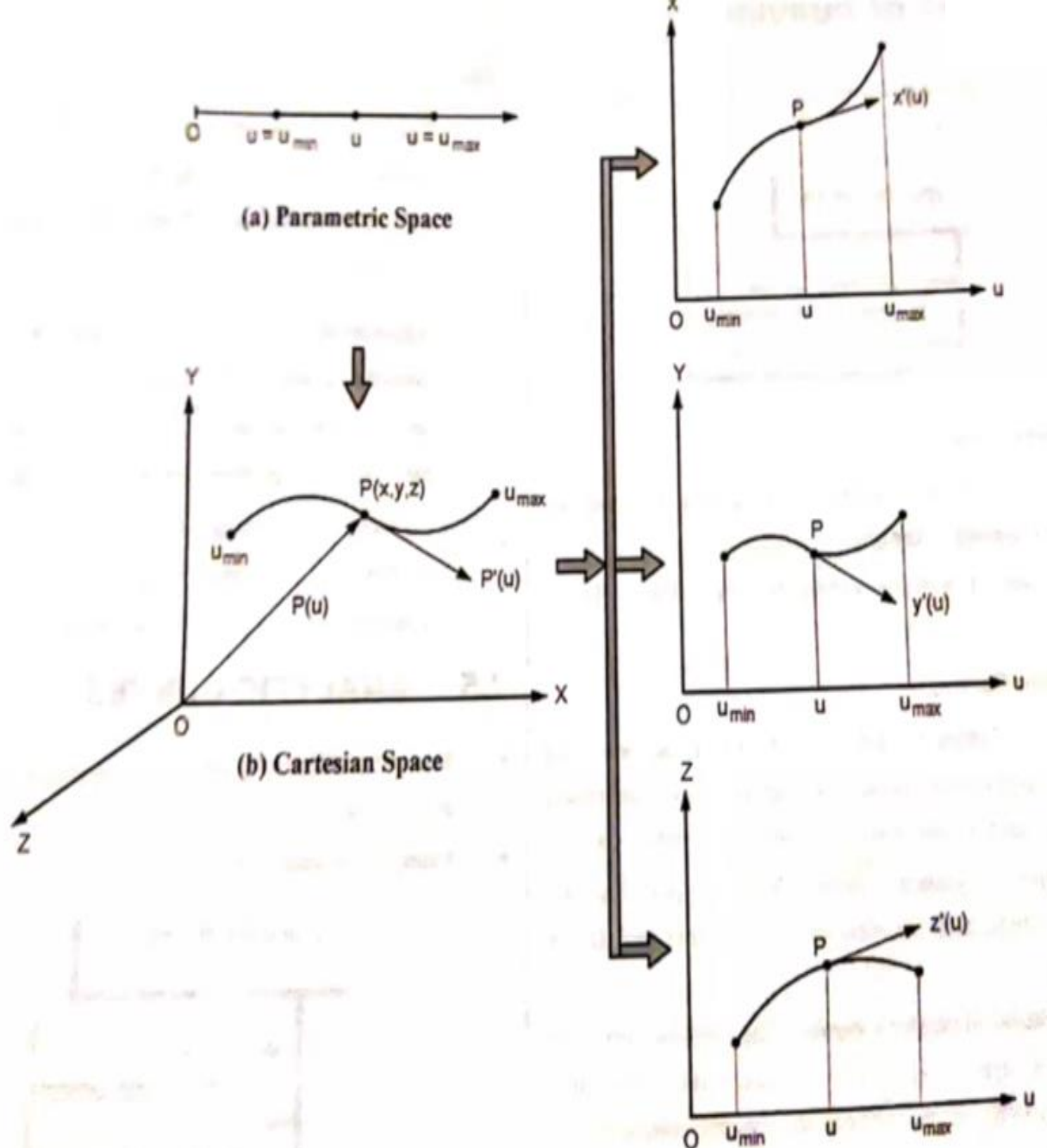
$$P'(u) = \frac{dP}{du}(u) \quad \dots u_{\min} \leq u \leq u_{\max}$$

$$P'(u) = [x'(u) \ y'(u)]$$

The parameters acts as a local coordinates for a points on curve

$$P(u) = [x \ y \ z] \quad u_{\min} \leq u \leq u_{\max}$$

$$= [x(u) \ y(u) \ z(u)]$$



# Advantages

- Parameter space is represented by coordinates of a point on the curve as position vector
- Bounded by parameter values  $u_{\min} \leq u \leq u_{\max}$
- Parametric form becomes useful for CG operations like clipping, trimming, segmentation etc
- Computation easy as can be solved using vectors and matrices Eg circle.

Other advantages include :

- Parametric equation provides more degree of freedom for controlling the shape of the curve and surfaces than non parametric form

Eg cubic curve in both forms

- Parametric form readily handles infinite slopes
- Uses polynomials instead of roots
- Transformations can be directly applied



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# There are two categories of curves that can be represented parametrically.

- Analytic curves
- Synthetic curves



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# Analytical Curve

- The curve which are defined by the analytical equations are known as Analytical Curves.
- It shows simple mathematical equations.
- They have fixed form & cannot be modified to achieve a shape that violates mathematical equation.
- Its basically known form curve

## Analytical Curve

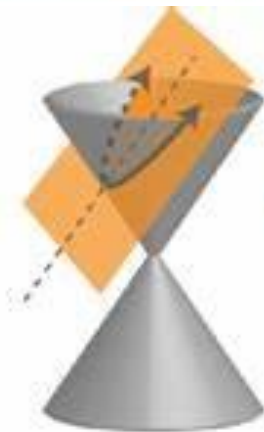
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Circle

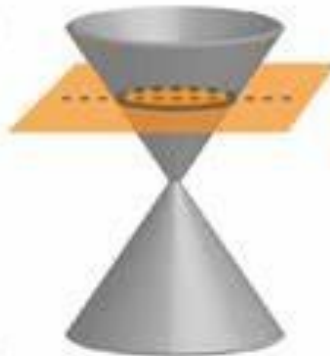
Ellipse

Parabola

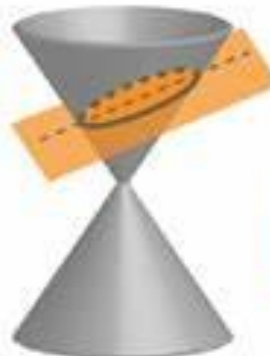
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Parabola



Circle



Ellipse



Hyperbola

# Synthetic Curve

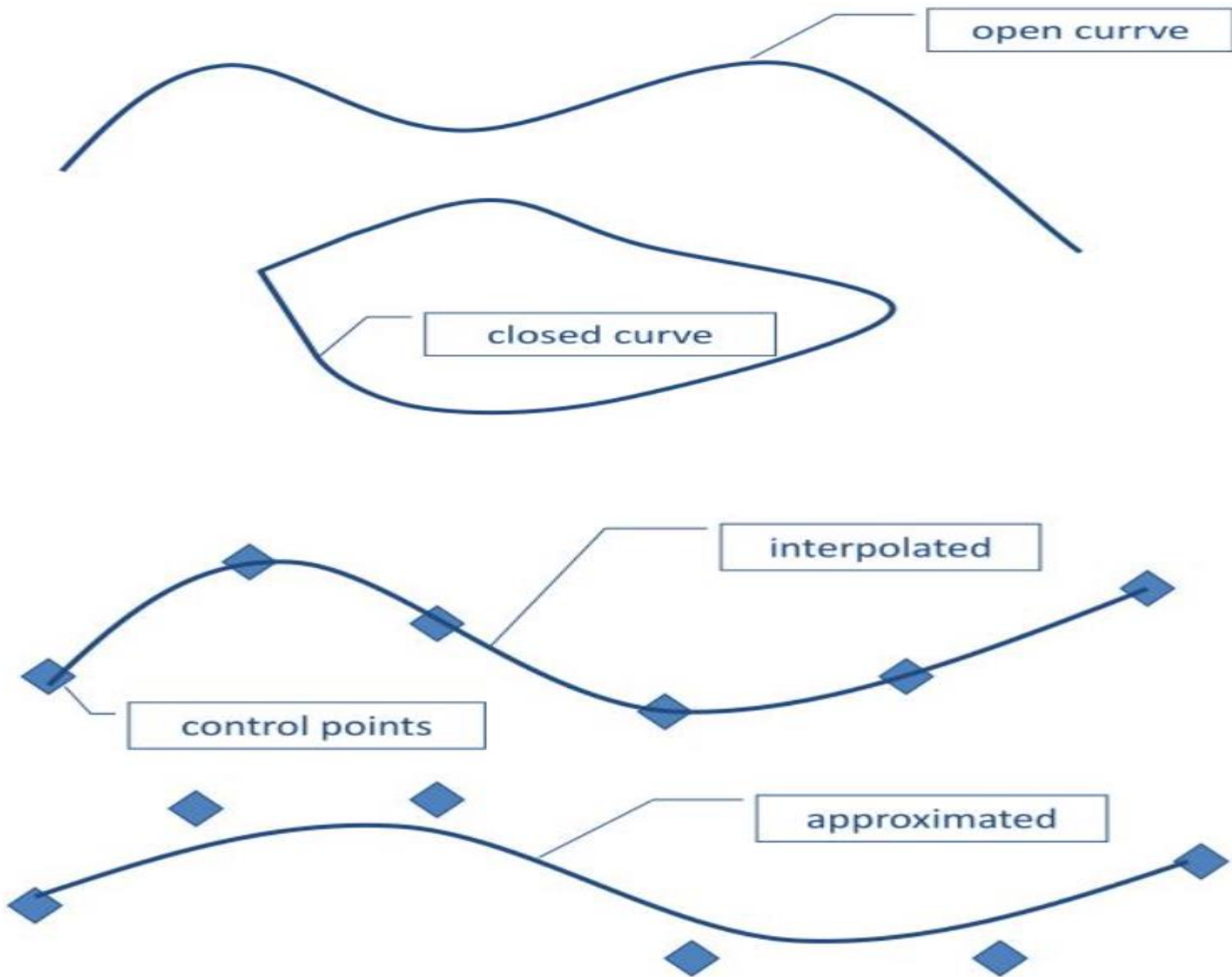
- The curve which is defined by the set of data points are known as synthetic curves.
- Its represent by the polynomial.
- It is free **form curve** or Freedom curve
- Its needed when a curve is represented by a collection of data point **(Control Points)**.
- **Ex-** Cubic Spline, B-Spline, Beta Spline, nu spline & Bezier Curve.



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# Applications



Ship hulls



Airplane wings



Car Bodies



Bottles



Propeller Blade



Shoe Insoles



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# Parametric Representation of Circle

## Circle

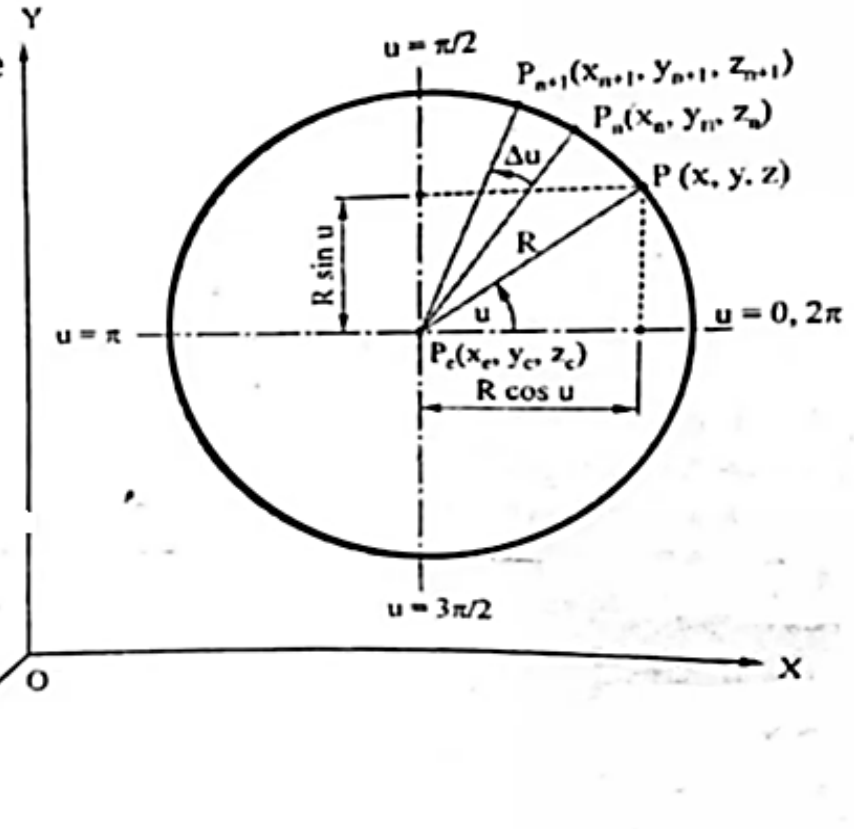
- Circle is represented in the CAD/CAM database by storing the value of its centre & its radius.
- It can be represented by the equation,

$$X = X_c + R \cos u$$

$$Y = Y_c + R \sin u$$

$$Z = Z_c$$

$$0 \leq u \leq 2\pi$$



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# Parametric Representation of Ellipse

Circle is represented in computer graphics by  
Storing the value of its center and its radius

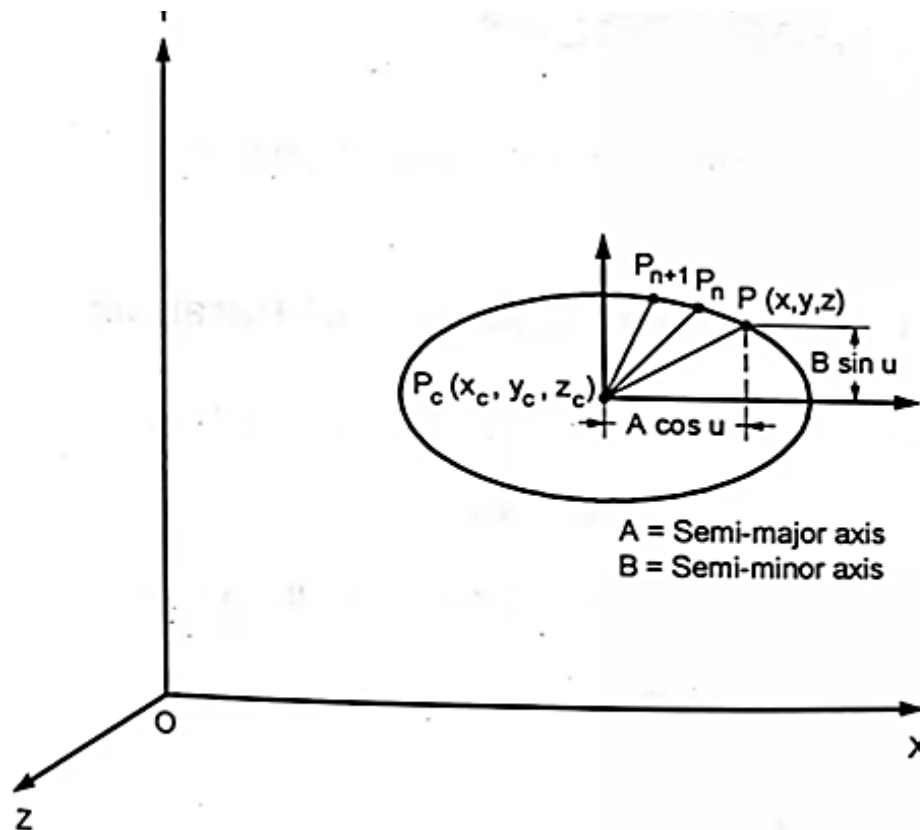
- It can be represented by the equation,

$$X = X_c + A \cos u$$

$$Y = Y_c + B \sin u$$

$$0 \leq u \leq 2\pi$$

$$Z = Z_c$$



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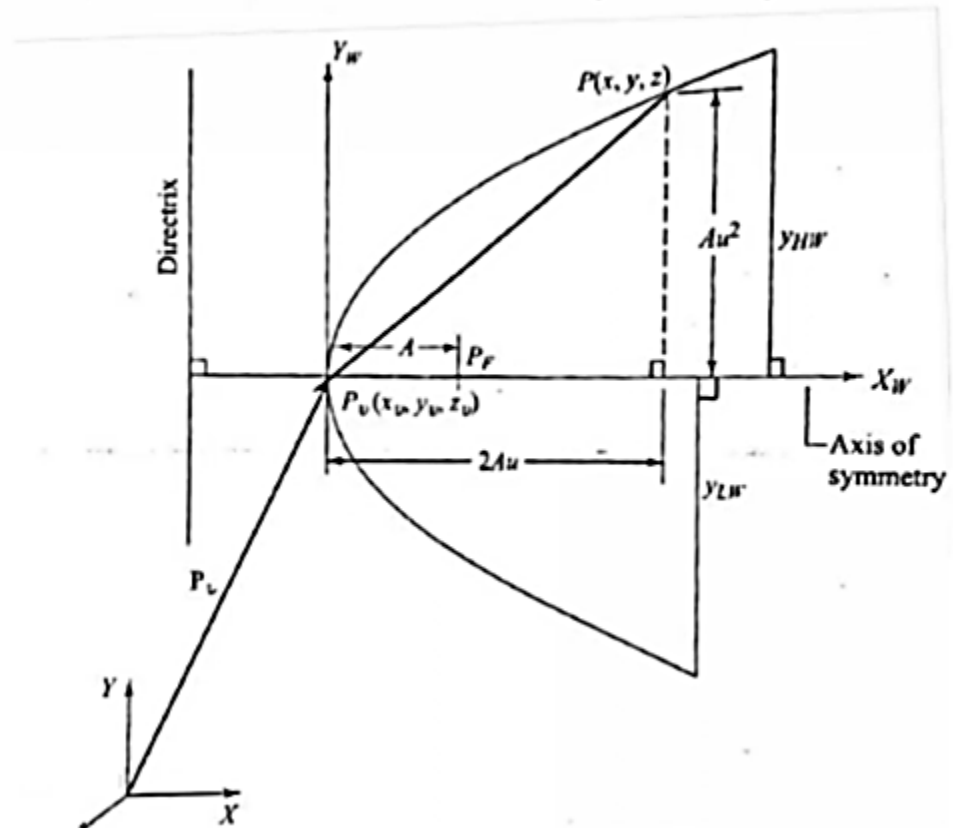


# Parametric Representation of Parabola

Its defined mathematically as a curve generated by a point that moves such that its distance from a fixed point (the focus  $P_f$ ) is always equal to its distance to a fixed line (Directrix)

- The parametric equation

$$\left. \begin{aligned} X &= X_v + A u^2 \\ Y &= Y_v + 2Au^2 \\ Z &= Z_v \end{aligned} \right\} 0 \leq u \leq \infty$$



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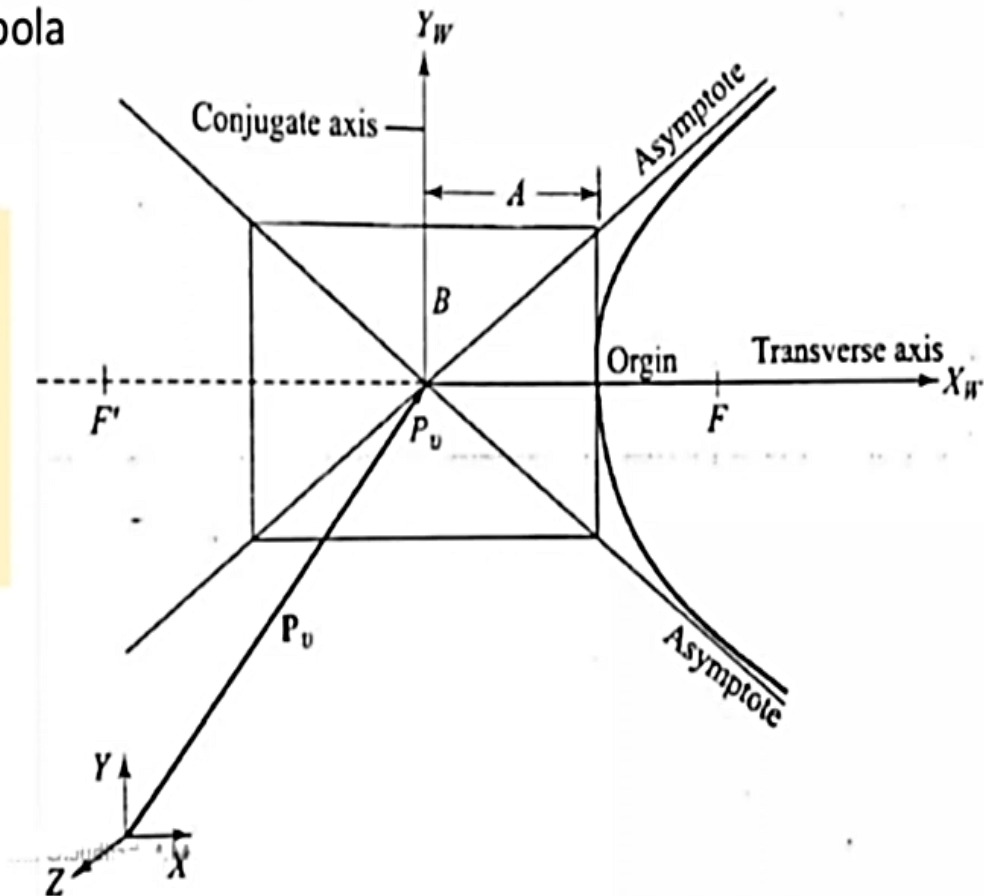


# Parametric Representation of Hyperbola

Its defined mathematically as a curve generated by a point that moving such that at any position the difference of its distance from the fixed positions (foci)  $F$  &  $F'$  is a constant & equal to the transverse axis of the hyperbola

- The parametric equation

$$\left. \begin{aligned} X &= X_v + A \cosh(u) \\ Y &= Y_v + B \sinh(u) \\ Z &= Z_v \end{aligned} \right\} 0 \leq u \leq 2\pi$$

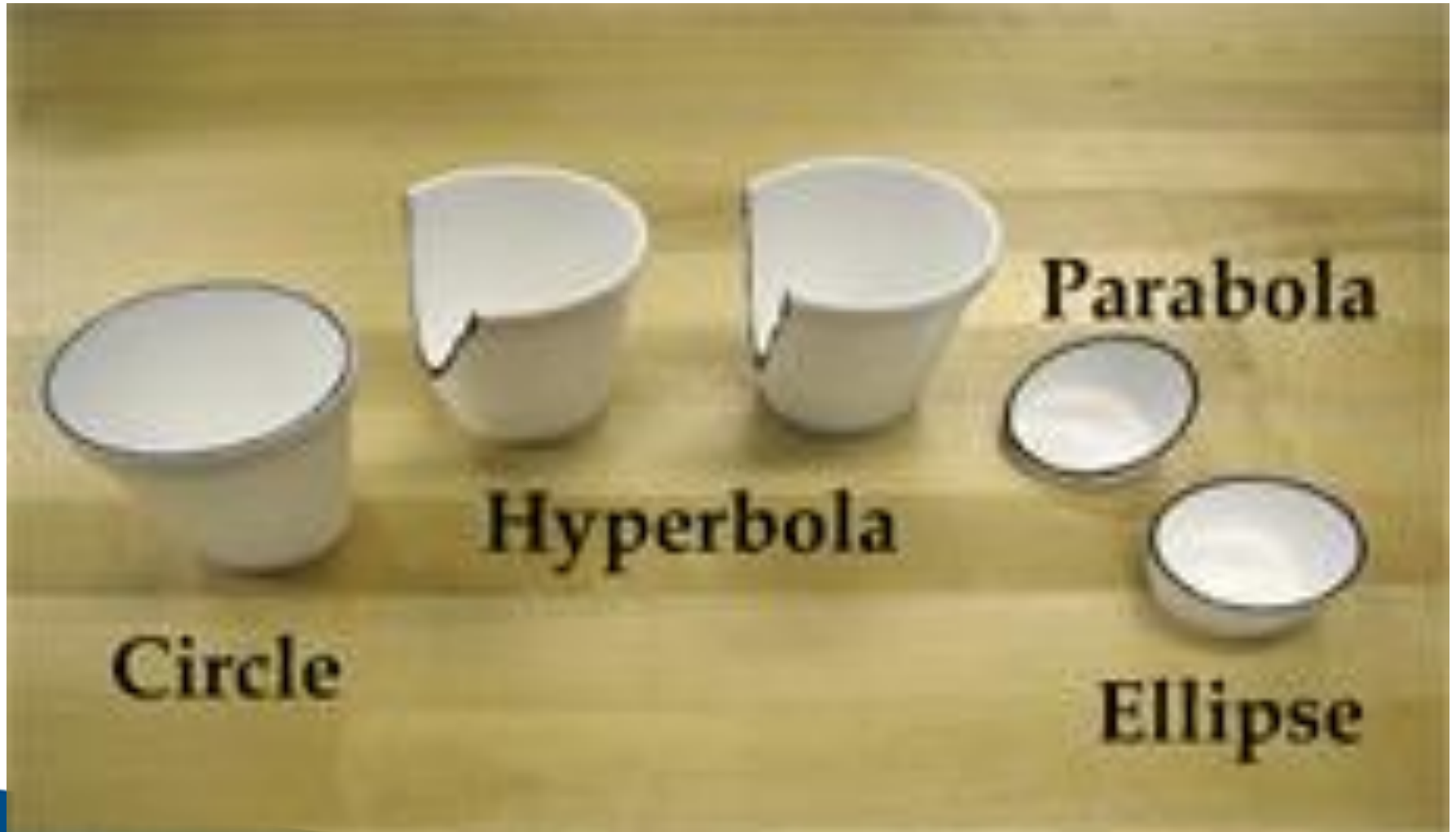


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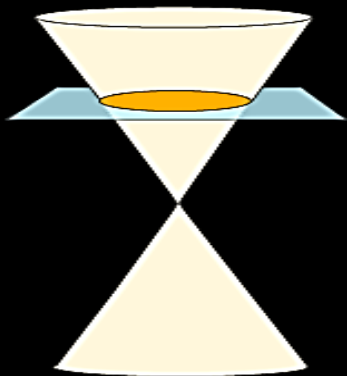
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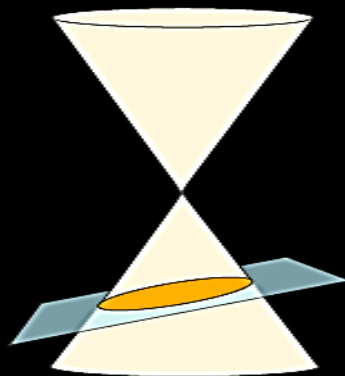
# Conic Sections

- Conic sections or sections of a cone are the curves obtained by the intersection of a plane and cone.
- here are three major sections of a cone or **conic sections**: parabola, hyperbola, and ellipse(the circle is a special kind of ellipse).
- A cone with two identical nappes is used to produce the conic sections.

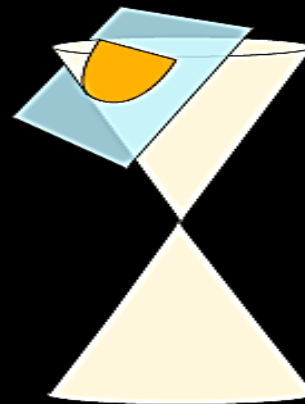
## Conic Section



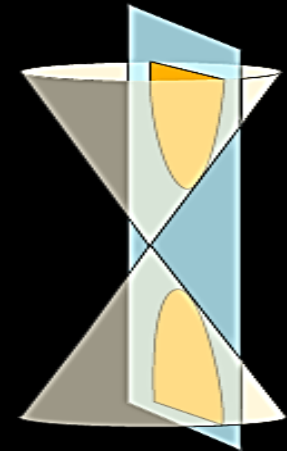
Circle



Ellipse



Parabola



Hyperbola



# The General Conic Equation

## Conic Sections Equations

Conic section Name	Equation when the centre is at the Origin, i.e. (0, 0)	Equation when centre is (h, k)
Circle	$x^2 + y^2 = r^2$ ; r is the radius	$(x - h)^2 + (y - k)^2 = r^2$ ; r is the radius
Ellipse	$(x^2/a^2) + (y^2/b^2) = 1$	$(x - h)^2/a^2 + (y - k)^2/b^2 = 1$
Hyperbola	$(x^2/a^2) - (y^2/b^2) = 1$	$(x - h)^2/a^2 - (y - k)^2/b^2 = 1$
Parabola	$y^2 = 4ax$ , where a is the distance from the origin to the focus	



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# Basics of Surfaces

## Curve:



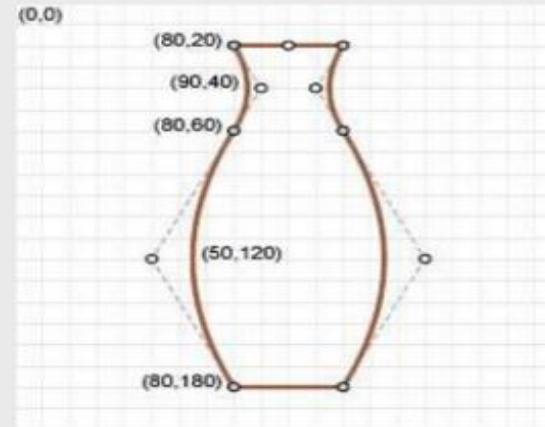
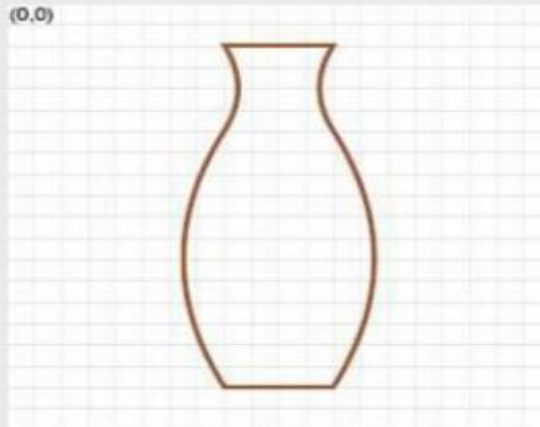
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# How to represent curves

- Specify every point along a curve?
  - Used sometimes as “freehand drawing mode” in 2D applications
  - Hard to get precise results
  - Too much data, too hard to work with generally
- Specify a curve using a small number of “control points”
  - Known as a *spline curve* or just *spline*



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# Interpolation and Approximation Spline:

- **Interpolation:** When polynomial sections are fitted so that the curve passes through each control point.



- interpolation curves are commonly used to digitize drawings or to specify animation paths
- **Approximation:** when the polynomials are fitted to the general control-point path without necessarily passing through all control points.



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# Polynomial Functions

- Linear:  
(1<sup>st</sup> order)

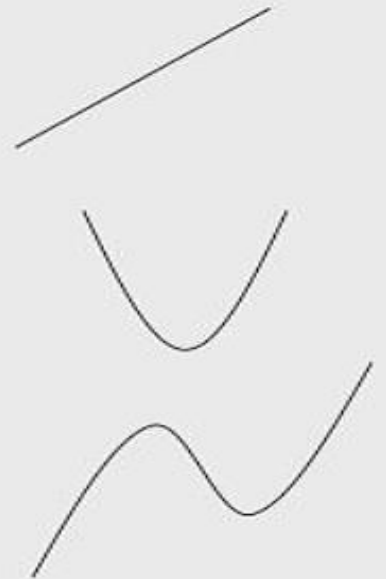
$$f(t) = at + b$$

- Quadratic:  
(2<sup>nd</sup> order)

$$f(t) = at^2 + bt + c$$

- Cubic:  
(3<sup>rd</sup> order)

$$f(t) = at^3 + bt^2 + ct + d$$



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# Point-valued Polynomials (Curves)

- Linear:  
(1<sup>st</sup> order)

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = \mathbf{a}t + \mathbf{b}$$



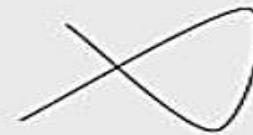
- Quadratic:  
(2<sup>nd</sup> order)

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = \mathbf{a}t^2 + \mathbf{b}t + \mathbf{c}$$



- Cubic:  
(3<sup>rd</sup> order)

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = \mathbf{a}t^3 + \mathbf{b}t^2 + \mathbf{c}t + \mathbf{d}$$



- Each is 3 polynomials “in parallel”:

$$x_x(t) = a_x t + b_x$$

$$x_y(t) = a_y t + b_y$$

$$x_z(t) = a_z t + b_z$$

- We usually define the curve for  $0 \leq t \leq 1$



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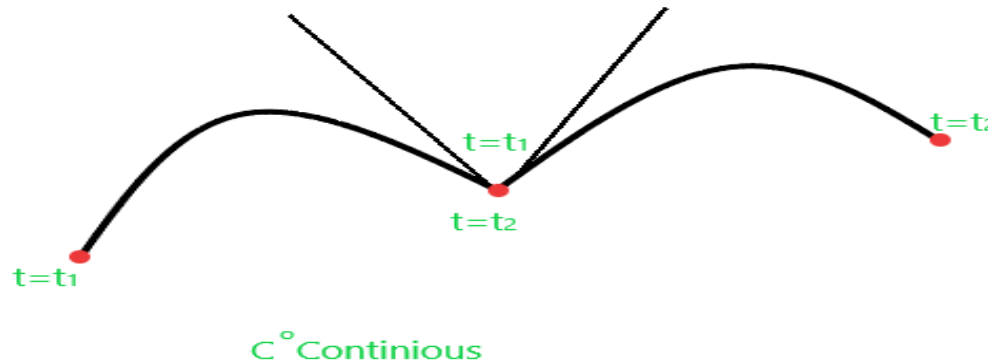
# Parametric & Geometric Continuity of Curves

## Parametric Continuity of Curves

There are three kinds of Parametric continuities that exist:

**(a) Zero-order parametric continuity(  $C^0$  )** : if both segments of the curve intersect at one endpoint.

$$P(t_2) = Q(t_1)$$



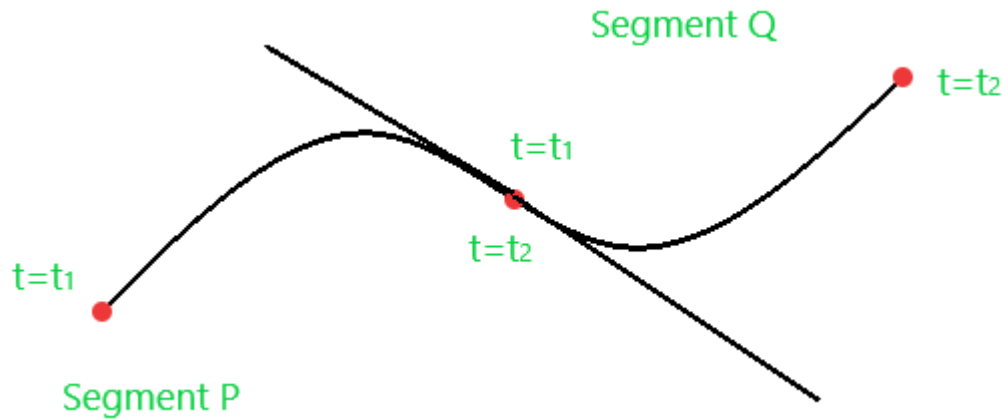
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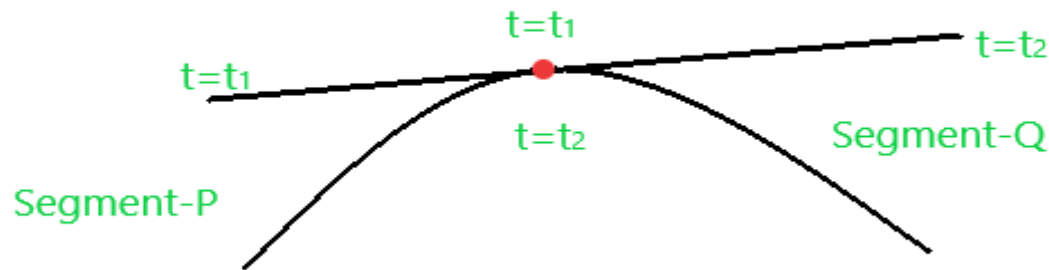
**(b) First-order parametric continuity( $C^1$ ):** kinds of curves have the same tangent line at the intersection point.

$$P'(t_2) = Q'(t_1)$$



**(c) Second-order parametric continuity( $C^2$ ) :** A curve is said to be second-order parametric continuous if it is  $C^0$  and  $C^1$  Continuous and the second-order derivative of the segment P at  $t=t_1$  is equal to the second-order derivative of segment Q at  $t=t_2$ .

$$P''(t_2) = Q''(t_1)$$



**Geometric Continuity** : It is an alternate method for joining two curve segments, where it requires the parametric derivation of both segments which are proportional to each other rather than equal to each other.

- (a) **Zero-order parametric continuity ( $C^0$ )** :  $P(t_2) = Q(t_1)$
- (b) **First-order geometric continuity ( $G^1$ )** :  $P'(t_2) = k * Q'(t_1)$  for all  $x, y, z$  and  $k > 0$ .
- (c) **Second-order geometric continuity ( $G^2$ )** :  $P''(t_2) = k * Q''(t_1)$  for all  $x, y, z$  and  $k > 0$ .



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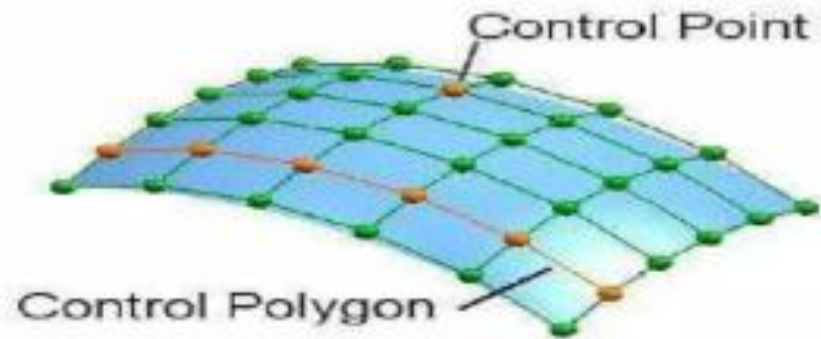


# Surfaces

## Surface :

Objects are represented as a collection of surfaces. Most common representation for surfaces:

- Polygon mesh
- Parametric surfaces
- Quadric surfaces



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# PARAMETRIC CUBIC CURVE

## Polylines and polygons:

- Large amounts of data to achieve good accuracy.
- Interactive manipulation of the data is tedious.

## Higher-order curves:

- More compact (use less storage).
- Easier to manipulate interactively.

## Possible representations of curves:

- explicit, implicit, and parametric



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# TYPES

There are Three Types of Parametric Cubic Curves.

## Hermite Curves:

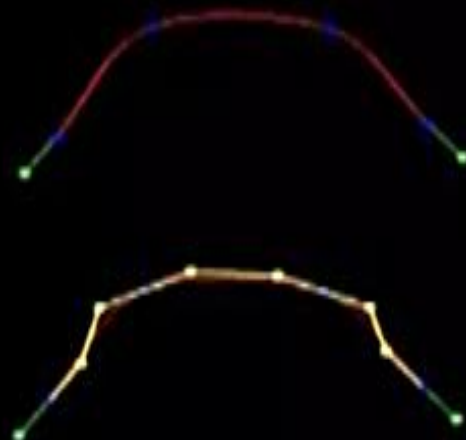
Defined by two **endpoints** and two endpoint **tangent vectors**  
(used 1<sup>st</sup> order)

## Bézier Curves:

Defined by two **endpoints** and two **control points** which control the endpoint' **tangent vectors**

## Splines:

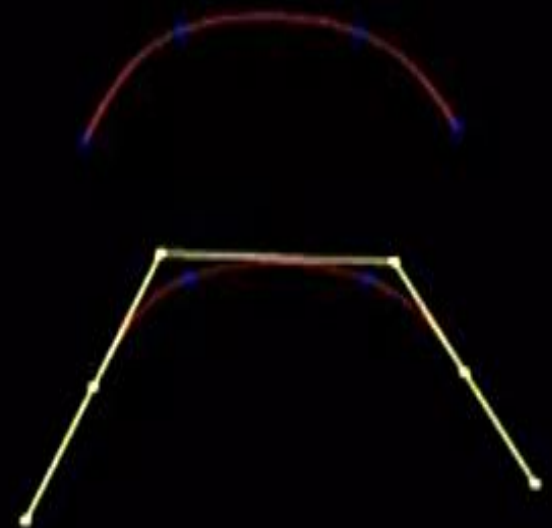
Defined by four **control points**



Bezier



Hermite



B-Spline

## WHY CUBIC POLYNOMIAL SUITABLE FOR CURVE REPRESENTATION

The degree of the polynomial defining the curve segment is one less than the number of defining polygon point. Therefore, for 4 control points, the degree of the polynomial is 3, i.e. cubic polynomial. A Bezier curve generally follows the shape of the defining polygon.

Degree= no. of control points - 1

■ Cubic:  
(3<sup>rd</sup> order)

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = \mathbf{a}t^3 + \mathbf{b}t^2 + \mathbf{c}t + \mathbf{d}$$



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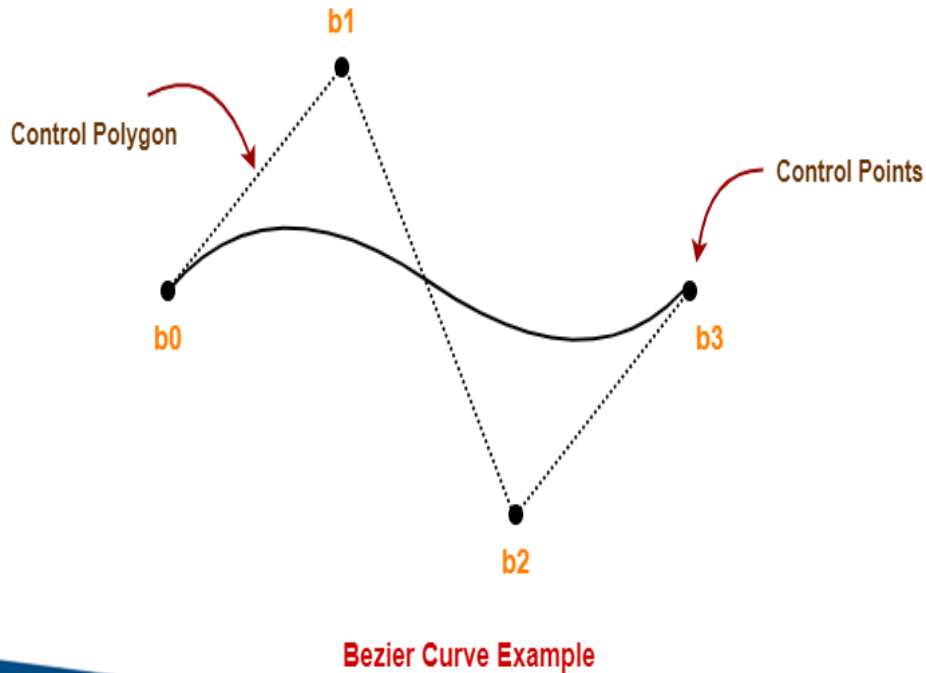


# Bezier Curve

## Definition:

- Bezier Curve is parametric curve defined by a set of control points.
- Two points are ends of the curve.
- Other points determine the shape of the curve

## Bezier Curve Example-



Here,

This bezier curve is defined by a set of control points  $b_0$ ,  $b_1$ ,  $b_2$  and  $b_3$ .

Points  $b_0$  and  $b_3$  are ends of the curve.

Points  $b_1$  and  $b_2$  determine the shape of the curve



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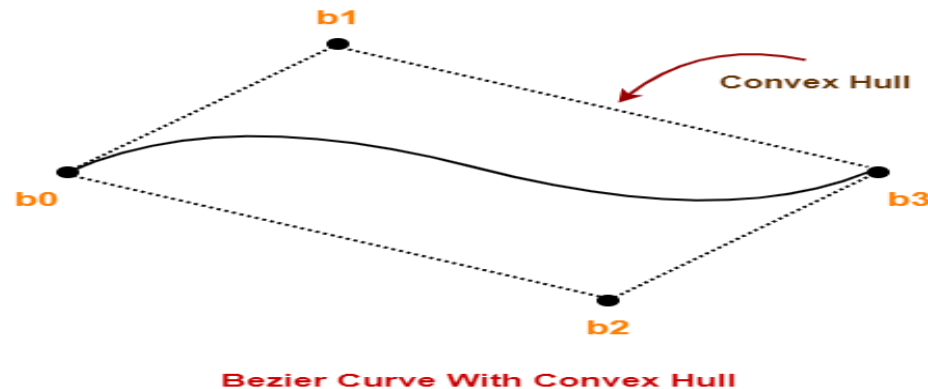




## Bezier Curve Properties

### Property-01:

Bezier curve is always contained within a polygon called as convex hull of its control points.



### Property-02:

Bezier curve generally follows the shape of its defining polygon.

The first and last points of the curve are coincident with the first and last points of the defining polygon.

### Property-03:

The degree of the polynomial defining the curve segment is one less than the total number of control points.

$$\text{Degree} = \text{Number of Control Points} - 1$$

### Property-04:

The order of the polynomial defining the curve segment is equal to the total number of control points.

### Property-05:

No straight line intersects a Bezier curve more times than it intersects its control polygon.

# Bezier Curve Equation-

A bezier curve is parametrically represented by-

$$P(t) = \sum_{i=0}^n B_i J_{n,i}(t)$$

**Bezier Curve Equation**

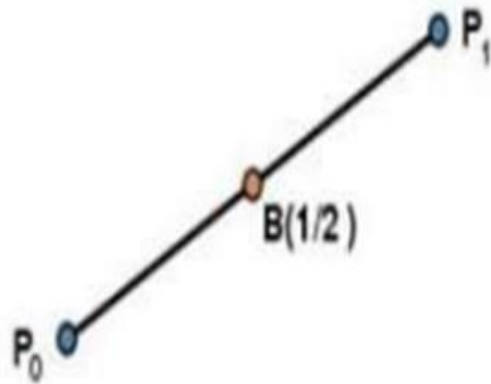


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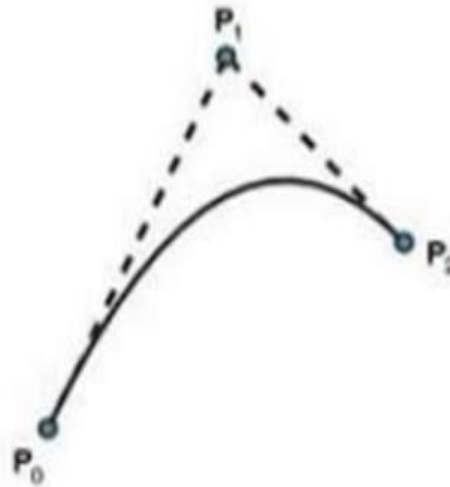
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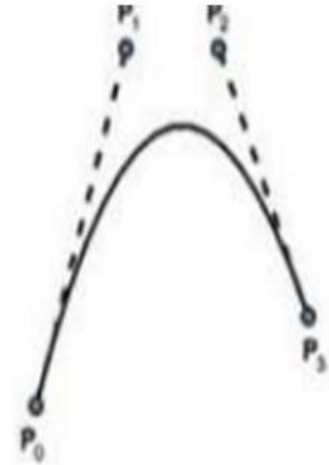
# Bezier Curve Types



simple Bézier curve



Quadratic Bézier curve



Cubic Bézier curve

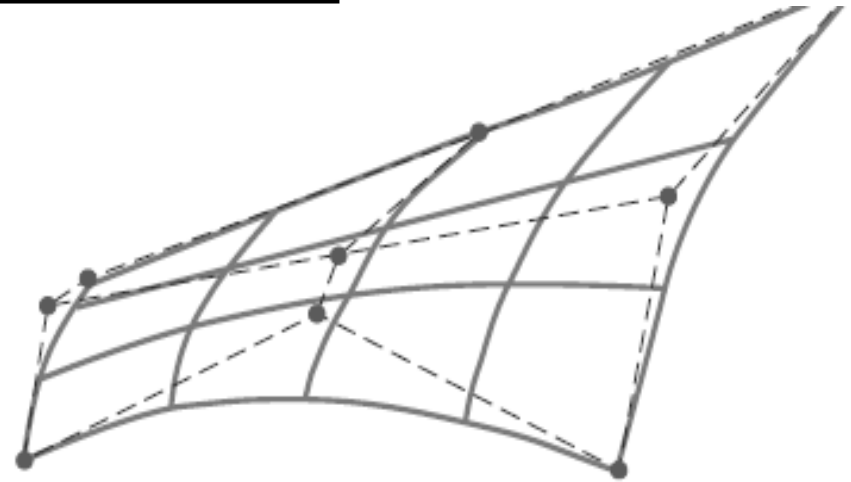
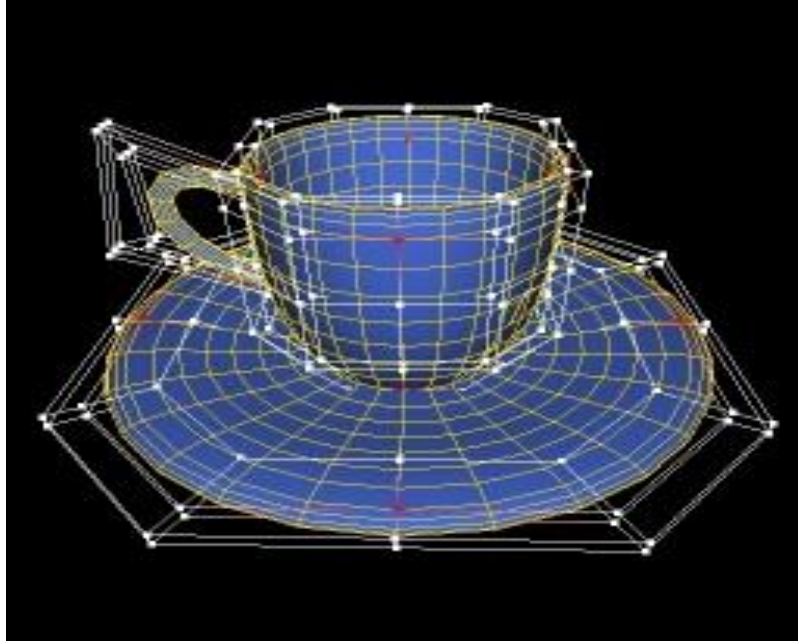


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# Bezier Surfaces



Wire-frame Bézier surfaces constructed with 9 control points arranged in a  $3 \times 3$  mesh



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# Bezier Surfaces

- Two sets of orthogonal Bézier curves can be used to design an object surface.
- The parametric vector function for the Bézier surface is formed as the tensor product of Bézier blending functions:

$$\mathbf{P}(u, v) = \sum_{j=0}^m \sum_{k=0}^n \mathbf{p}_{j,k} \text{BEZ}_{j,m}(v) \text{BEZ}_{k,n}(u)$$

with  $\mathbf{p}_{j,k}$  specifying the location of the  $(m + 1)$  by  $(n + 1)$  control points



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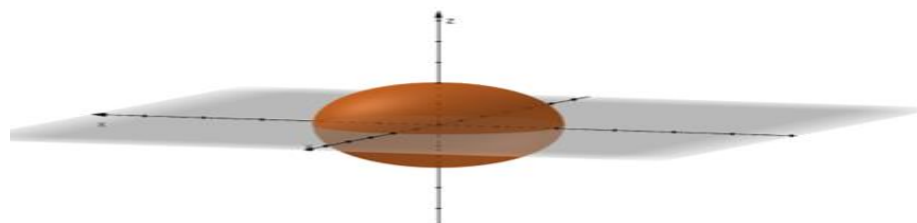
# Quadric Surfaces

## What Are Quadric Surfaces?

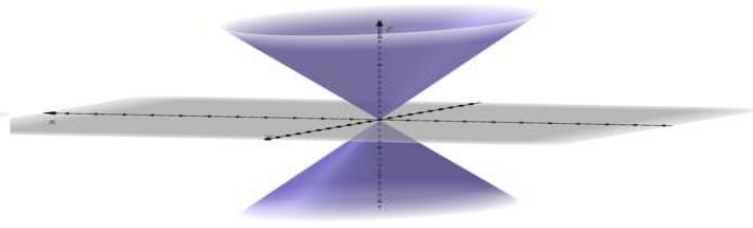
Quadric surfaces are surfaces that are defined by different types of second-order equations with three variables:  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$ . These surfaces are defined by the general form shown below.

$$Ax^2 + By^2 + Cz^2 + J = 0$$

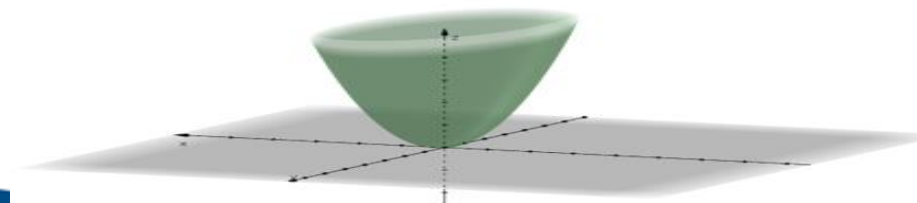
$$Ax^2 + By^2 + Iz = 0$$



Ellipsoid



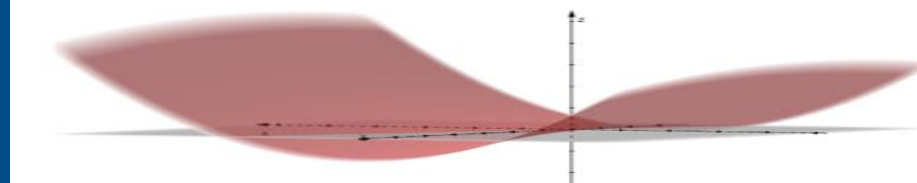
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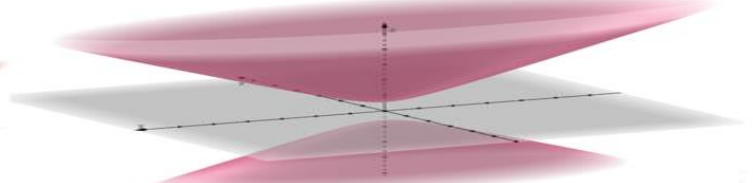
Elliptic Paraboloid



Hyperboloid with One Sheet



Hyperbolic Paraboloid



Hyperboloid with Two Sheets