

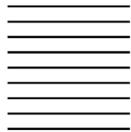
# Basic Geometry 2D



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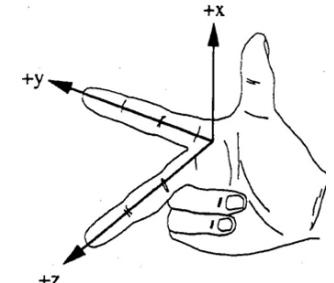
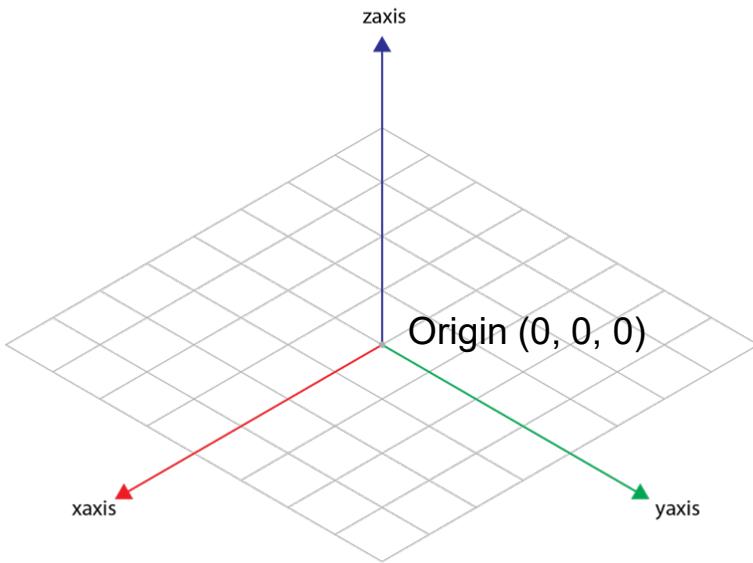
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# What is 2D Geometry?



With **2D geometry** we refer to shapes and objects that locally exist in **1D or 2D**, but **these shapes are embedded in a 3D space**.

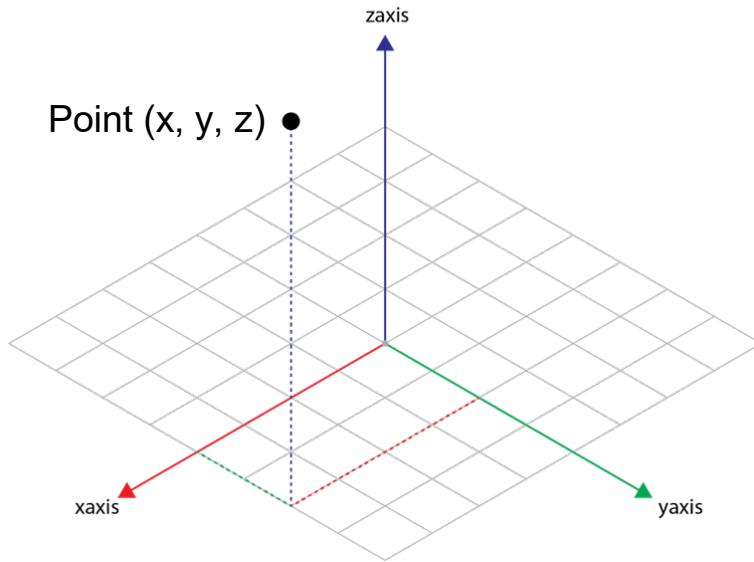
# World Coordinate System (WCF)



Right-hand rule

# 1. Point

**Point**(x: float, y: float, z: float)

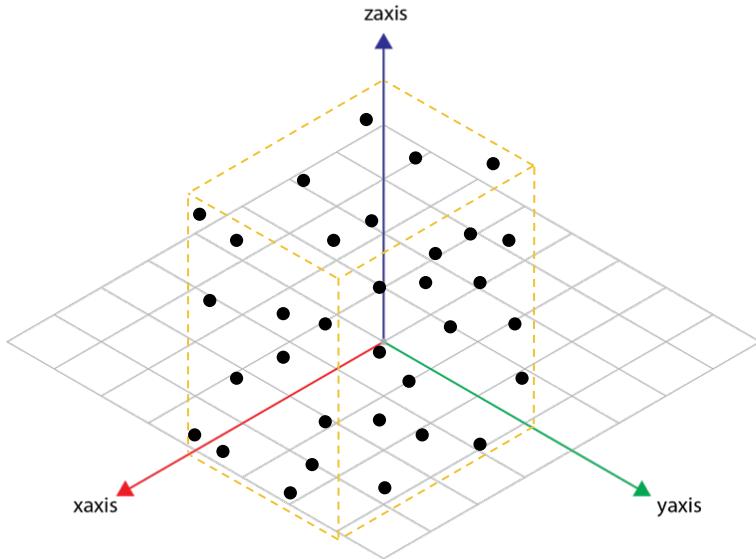


- location

$$p = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

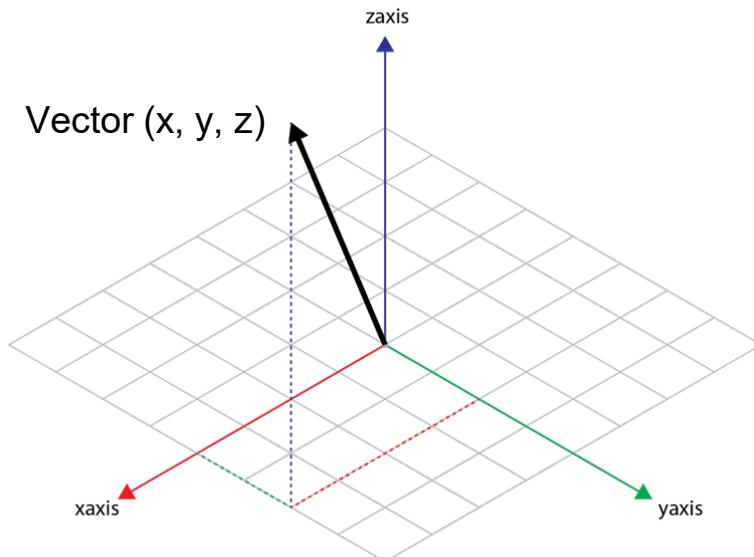
## 2. Point cloud

class **Rhino.Geometry.Pointcloud**(point: Point, xaxis: Vector, yaxis: Vector)



### 3. Vector

```
class Rhino.Geometry.Vector3d(x: float, y: float, z: float)
```

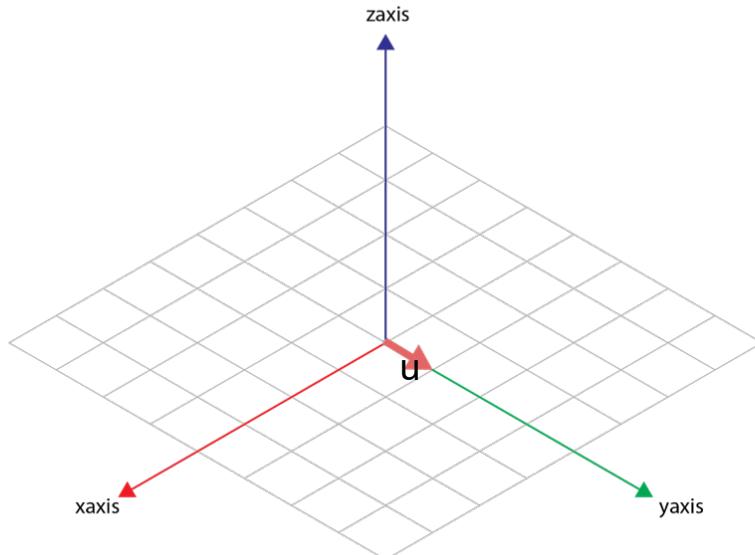


- magnitude  $\|v\|$
- direction  $\angle(v, v')$

$$v = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

### 3. Vector

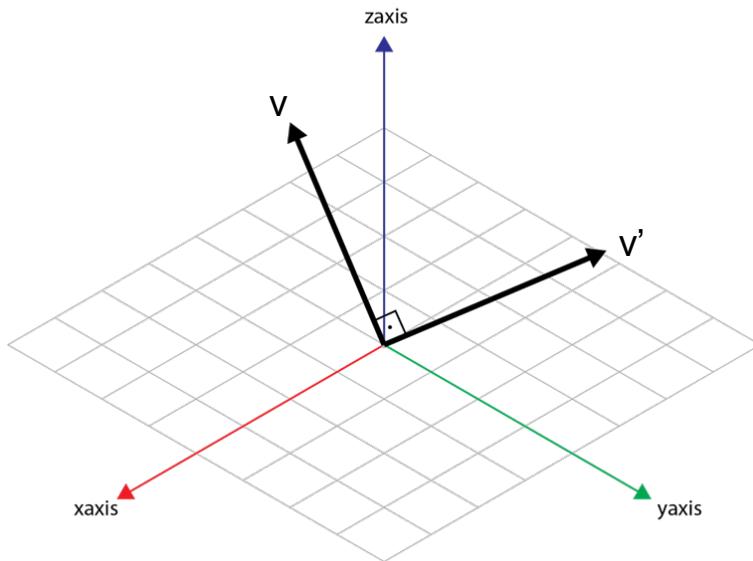
```
class Rhino.Geometry.Vector3d(x: float, y: float, z: float)
```



Unit vector is  
when  $\|u\| = 1$

### 3. Vector

class **Rhino.Geometry.Vector3d**(x: float, y: float, z: float)



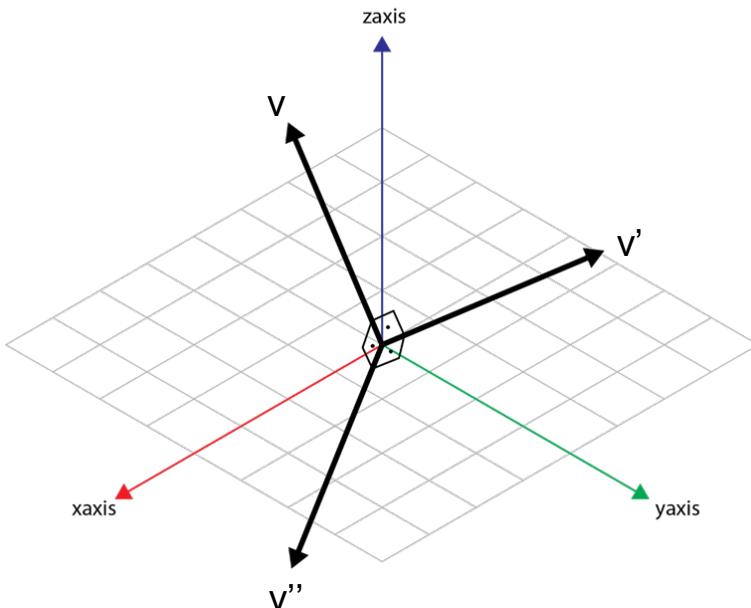
Orthogonal vectors are  
when  $\angle(v, v') = 90^\circ$

### 3. Vector

class **Rhino.Geometry.Vector3d**(x: float, y: float, z: float)

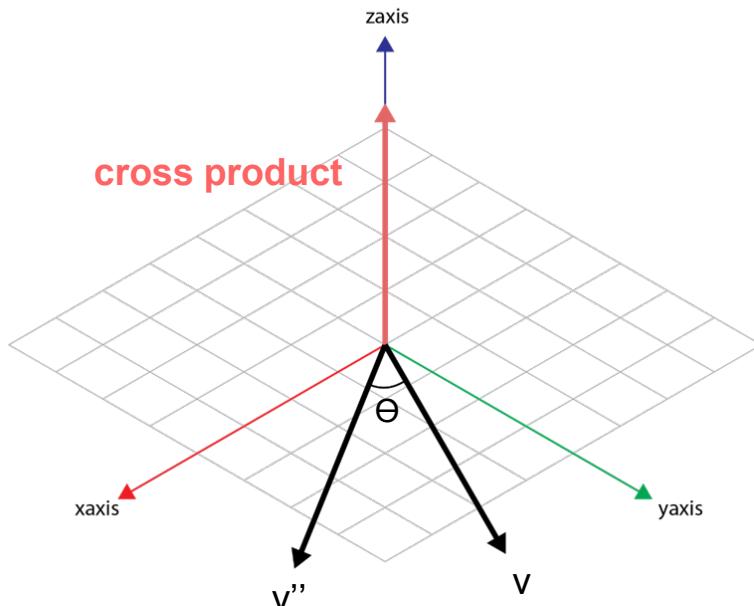
Orthonormal vectors

are when  $\angle(v, v') = 90^\circ$ ,  $\angle(v, v'') = 90^\circ$ ,  
 $\angle(v', v'') = 90^\circ$



### 3. Vector

class **Rhino.Geometry.Vector3d**(x: float, y: float, z: float)



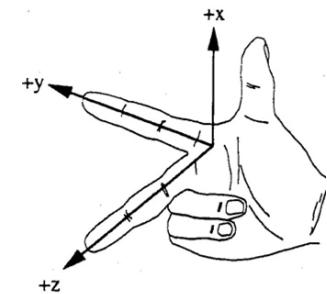
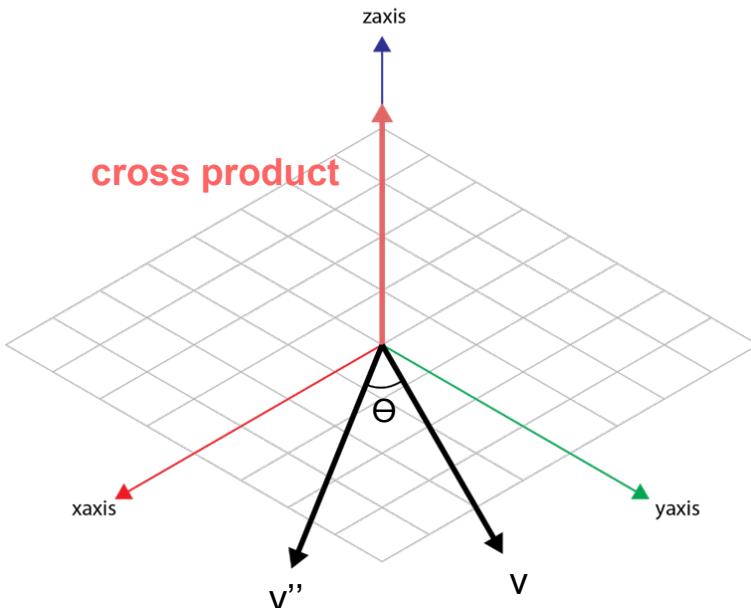
Cross product is a vector orthogonal to both given vectors.

$$\text{cross product} = v \times v''$$

### 3. Vector

class **Rhino.Geometry.Vector3d**(x: float, y: float, z: float)

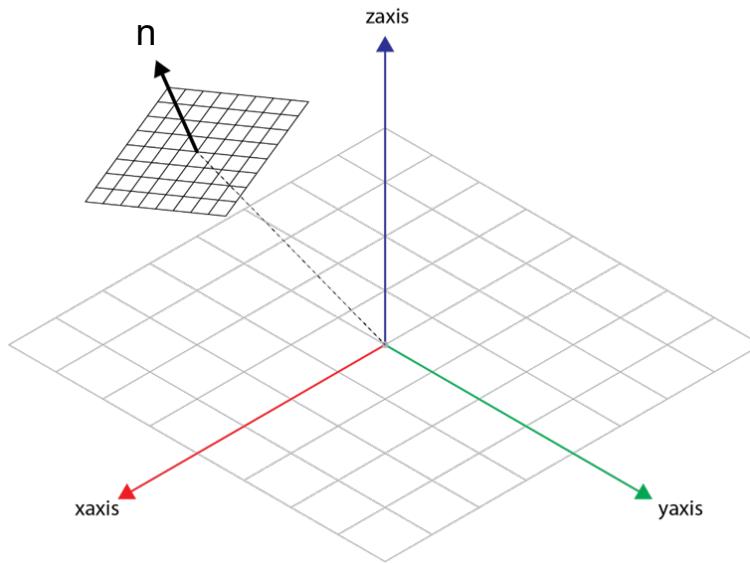
It is **anticommutative** and according to right-hand formula.



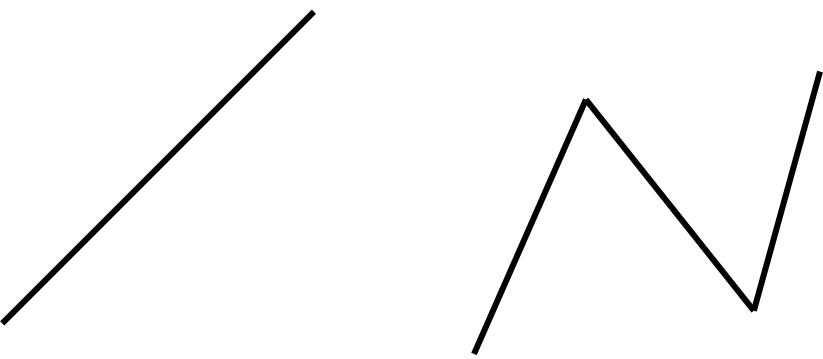
$$v'' \times v \neq v \times v''$$

## 4. Plane

class **Rhino.Geometry.Plane**(origin: Point3d, normal: Vector3d)

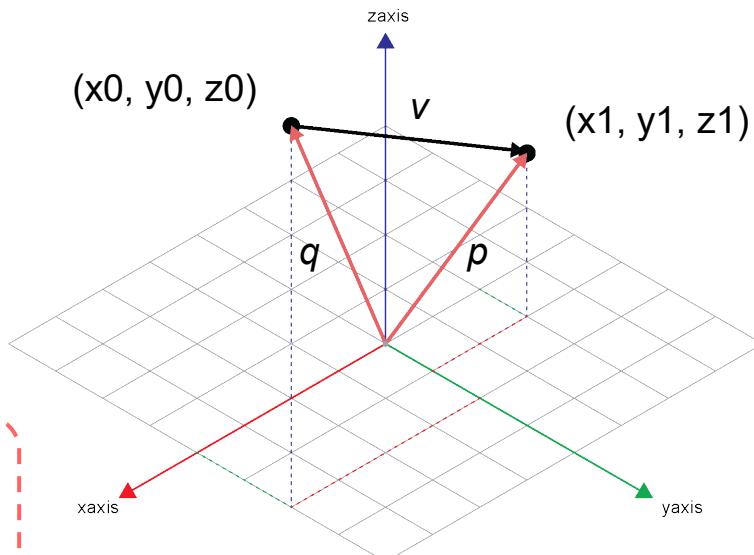


## 5. Line / Polyline



## 5. Line from six numbers

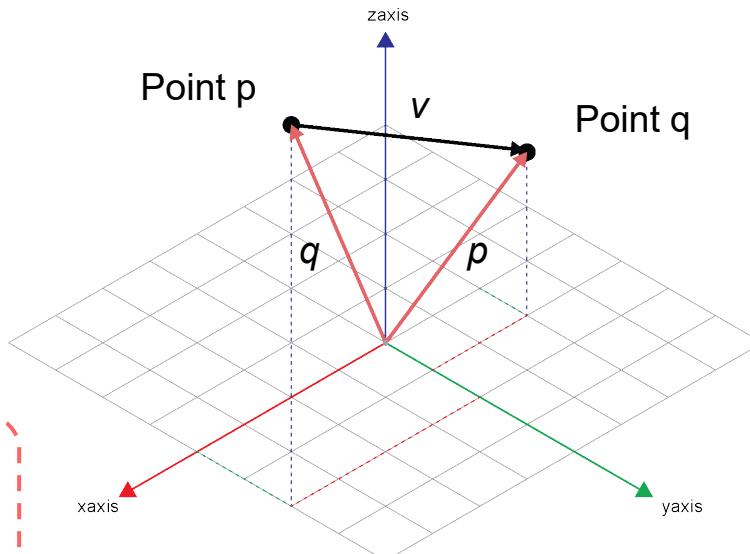
```
class Rhino.Geometry.Line(float x0, float y0, float z0, float x1, float y1, float z1)
```



Defined by **the coordinates** of the start and the end points.  
The **direction vector** of the line is  $v = q - p$ .

## 5. Line from two points

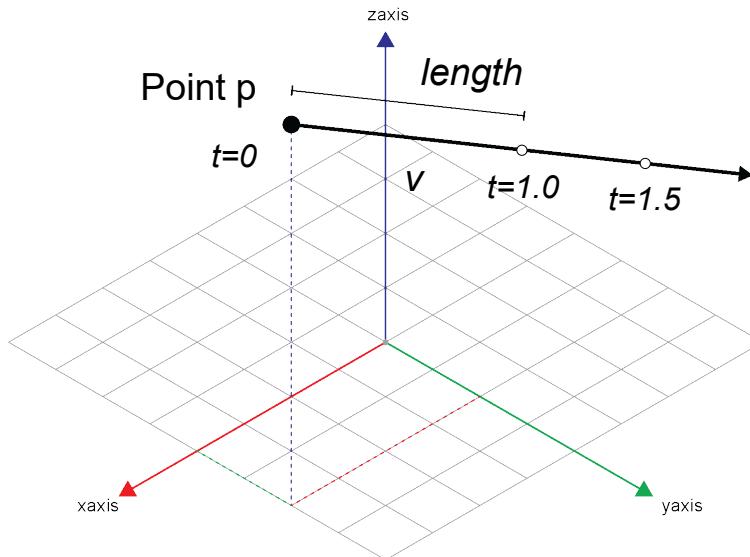
```
class Rhino.Geometry.Line(Point3d p, Point3d q)
```



Defined by points  $p$  and  $q$ .  
The **direction vector** of  
the line is  $v = q - p$ .

## 5. Line from point + direction + length

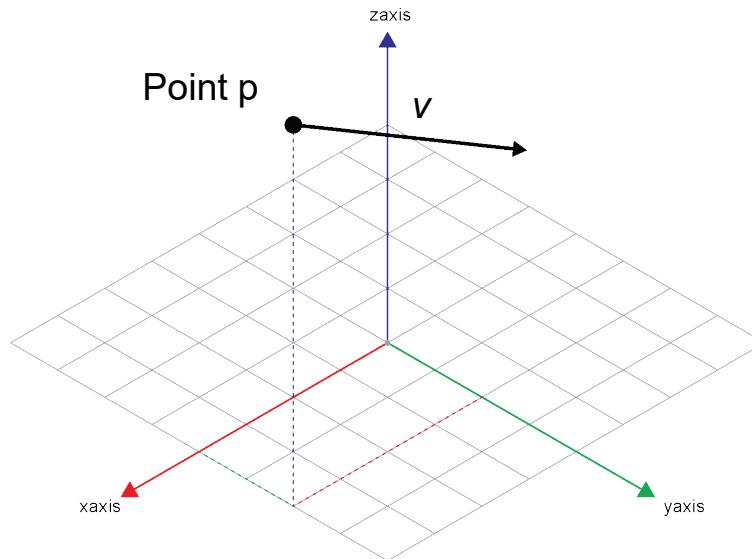
class **Rhino.Geometry.Line**(Point3d *p*, Vector3d *v*, float *length*)



Defined by a **start point *p***,  
**direction vector *v*** and  
***length***. Parametric  
representation:  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{p} + t \cdot \mathbf{v}$

## 5. Line from point + direction

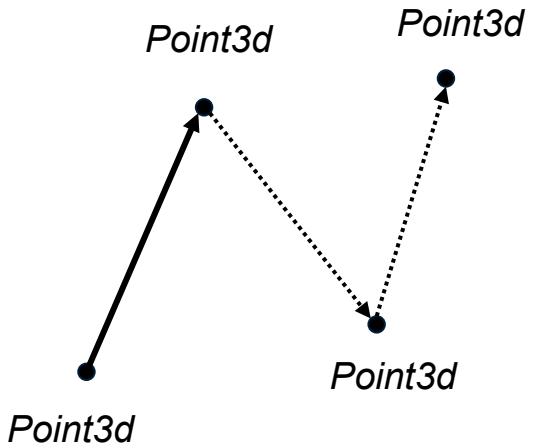
class **Rhino.Geometry.Line**(Point3d  $p$ , Vector3d  $v$ )



Defined by a **start point  $p$  and a span vector  $v$ .**

## 5. Polyline

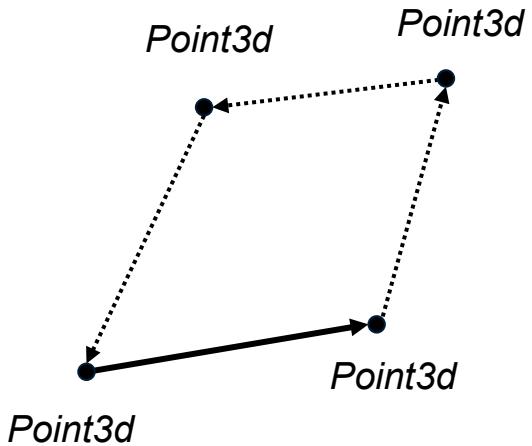
class **Rhino.Geometry.Polyline**(list[Point3d])



A **polyline** is a sequence of straight line segments.

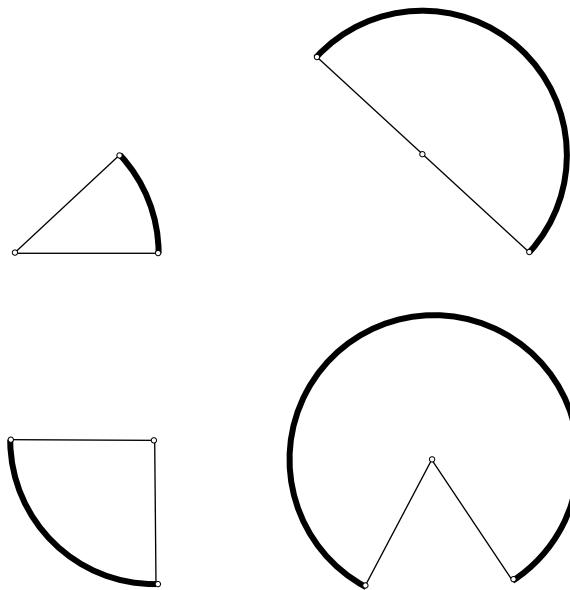
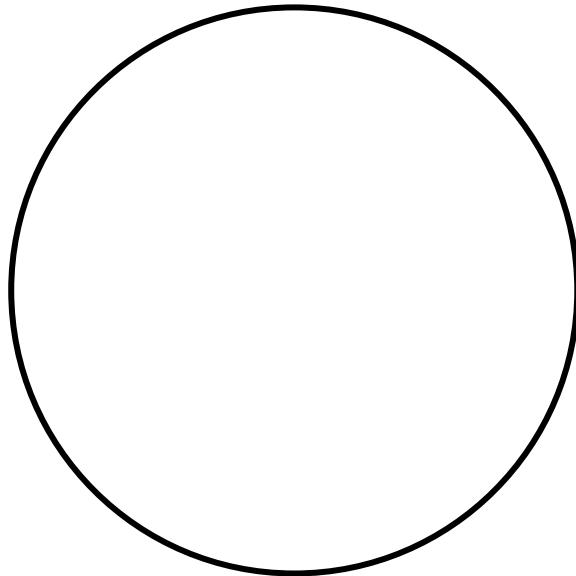
## 5. Polyline

class **Rhino.Geometry.Polyline**(list[Point3d])



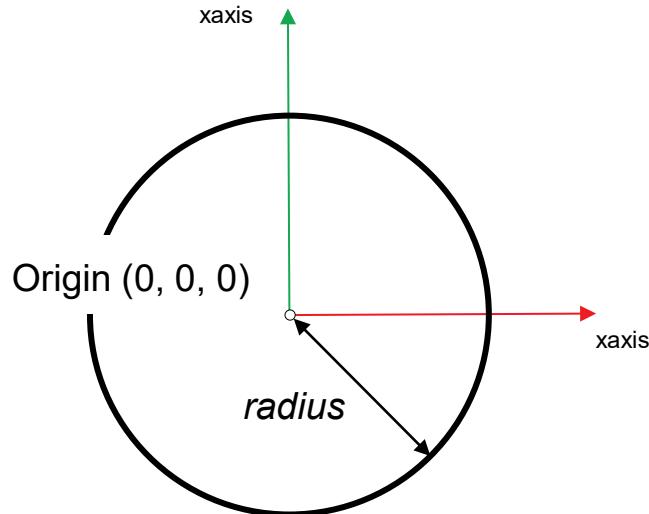
If the **first and last points coincide**; the polyline is a **closed polygon**.

## 6. Circles / Arcs



## 6. Circle

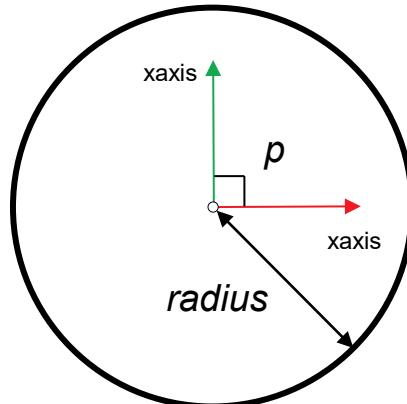
```
class Rhino.Geometry.Circle(float radius)
```



Defined by a **radius**.

## 6. Circle

class **Rhino.Geometry.Circle**(Plane  $p$ , float  $radius$ )

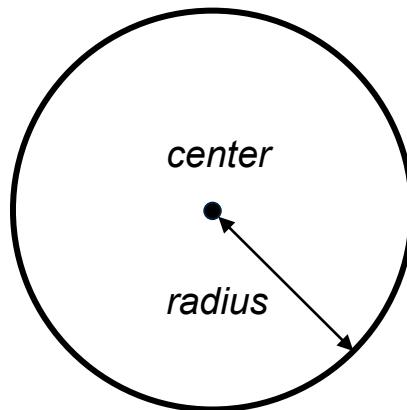


Defined by a **plane** and  
a **radius**.



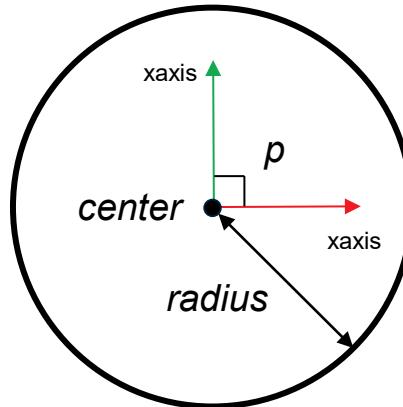
## 6. Circle

```
class Rhino.Geometry.Circle(Point3d center, float radius)
```



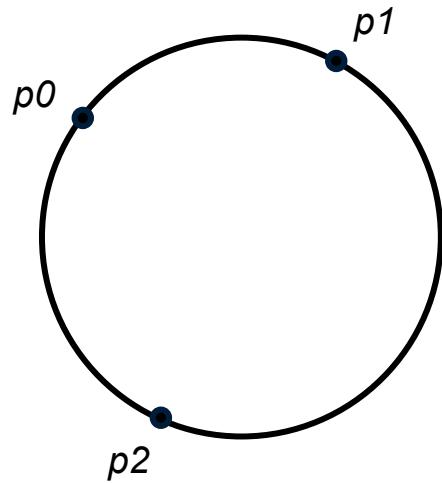
## 6. Circle

```
class Rhino.Geometry.Circle(Plane p, Point3d center, float radius)
```



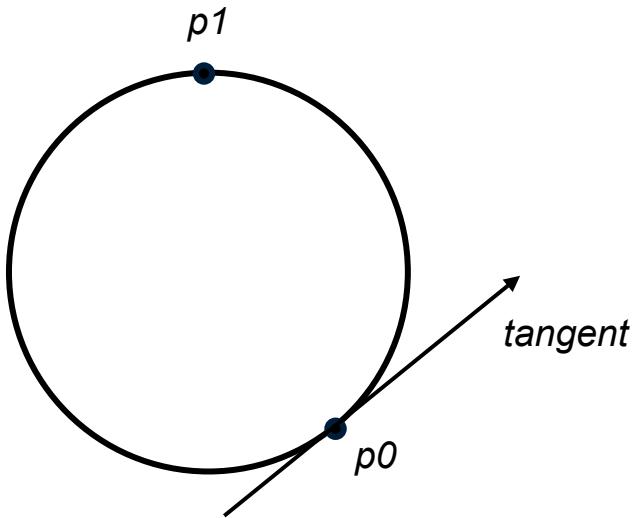
## 6. Circle

```
class Rhino.Geometry.Circle(Point3d p0, Point3d p1, Point3d p2)
```

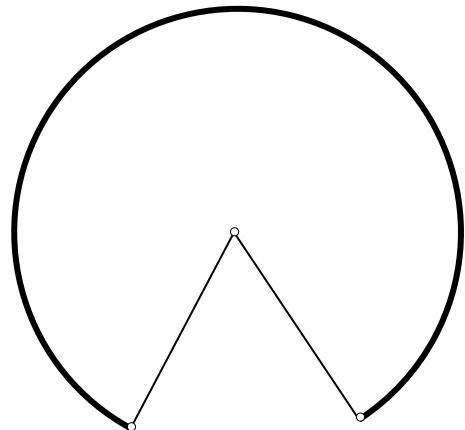
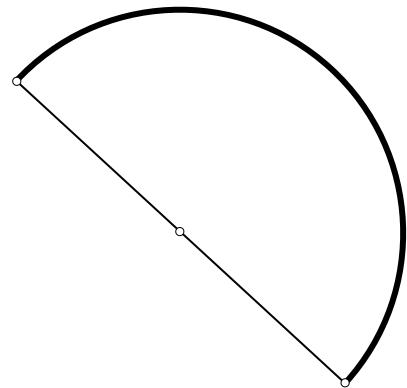
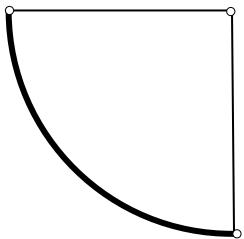
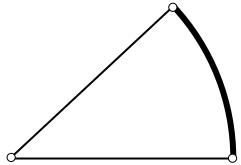


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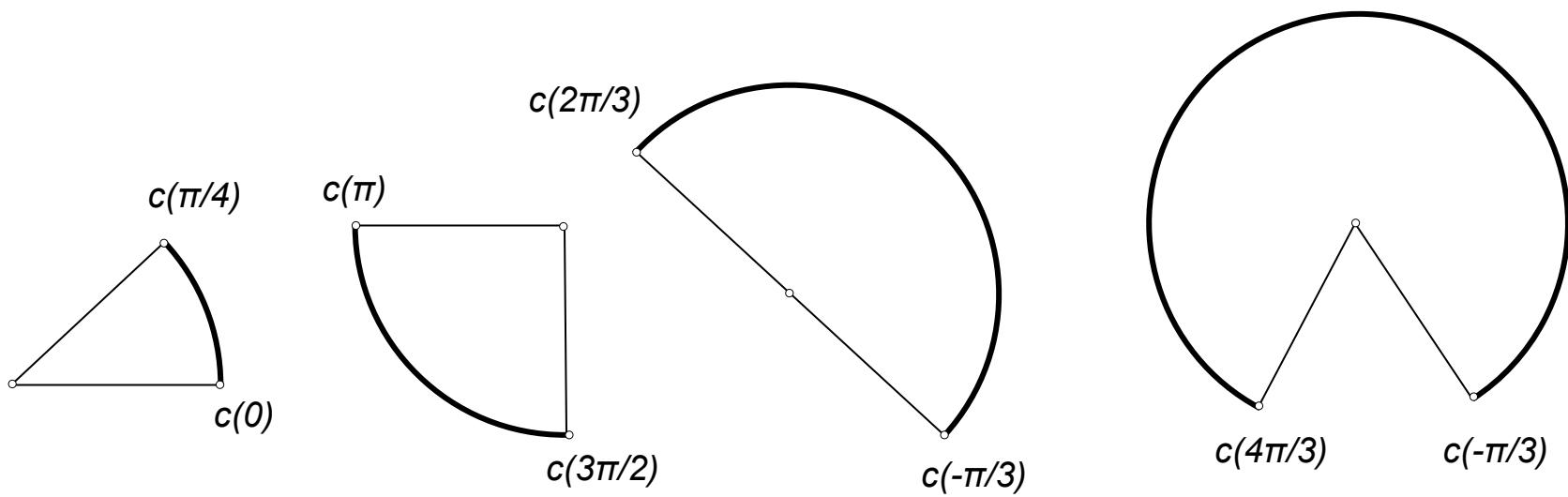
```
class Rhino.Geometry.Circle(Point3d p0, Vector3d tangent, Point3d p1)
```



## 6. Arcs

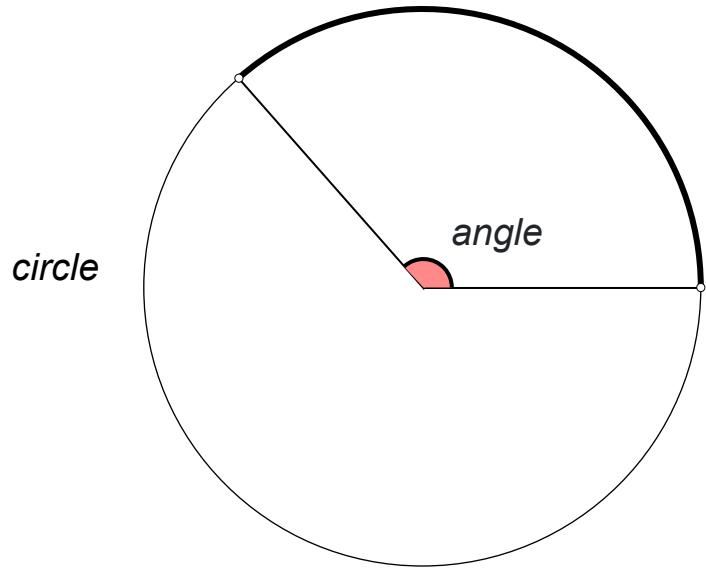


## 6. Arcs



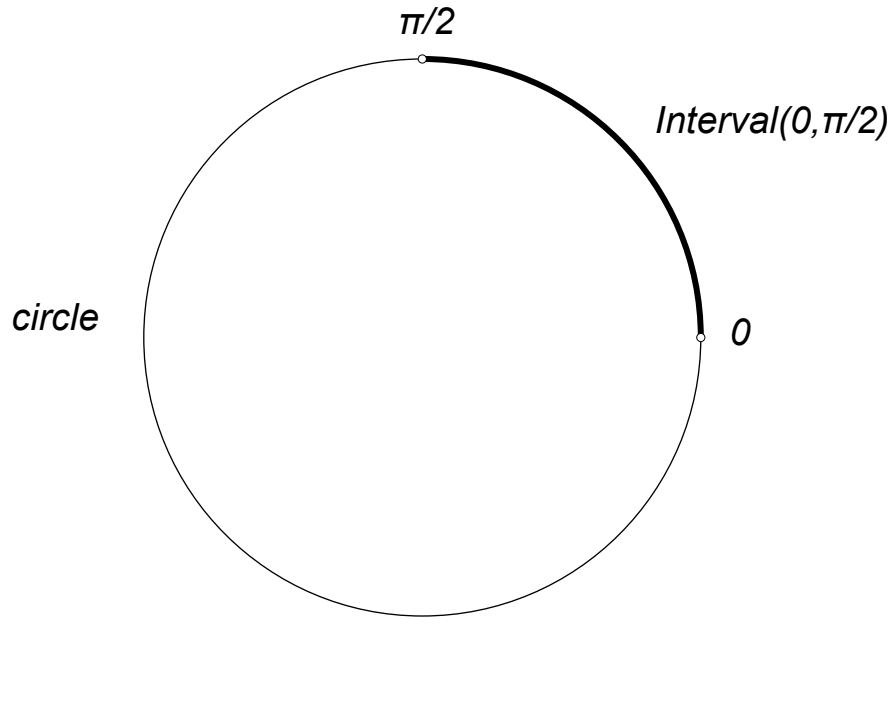
## 6. Arcs

class **Rhino.Geometry.Arc**(Circle *circle*, float *angle*)



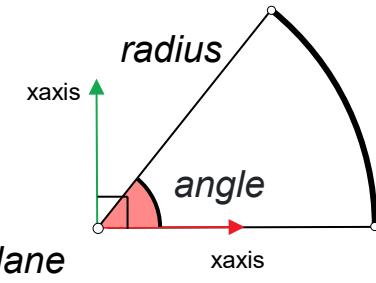
## 6. Arcs

class **Rhino.Geometry.Arc**(Circle *circle*, Interval *angle*|*IntervalRadians*)



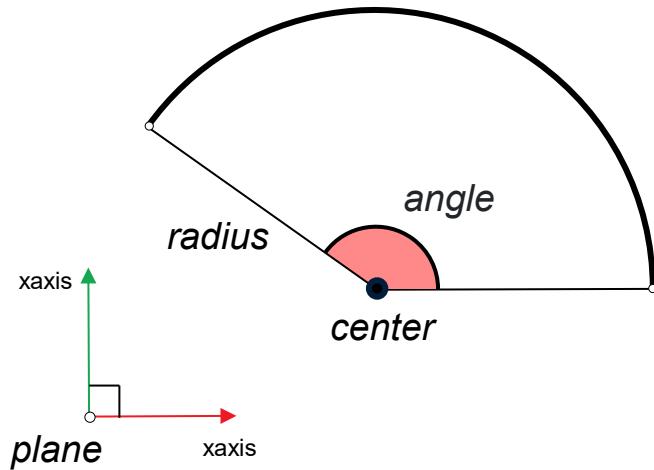
## 6. Arcs

class **Rhino.Geometry.Arc**(Plane *plane*, float *radius*, float *angle*)



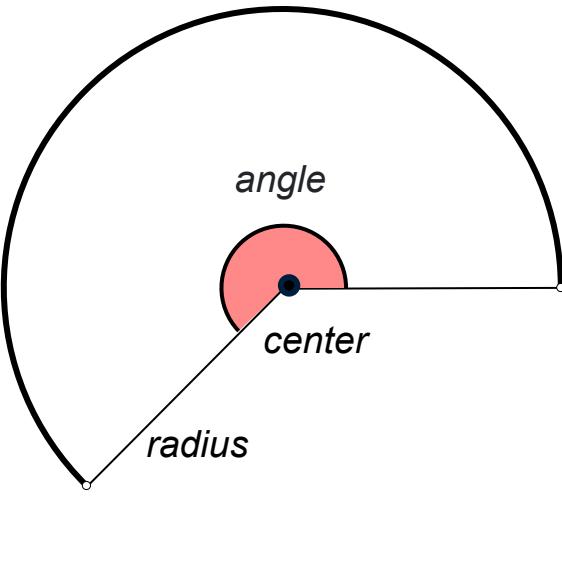
## 6. Arcs

class **Rhino.Geometry.Arc**(Plane *plane*, Point3d *center*, float *radius*, float *angle*)



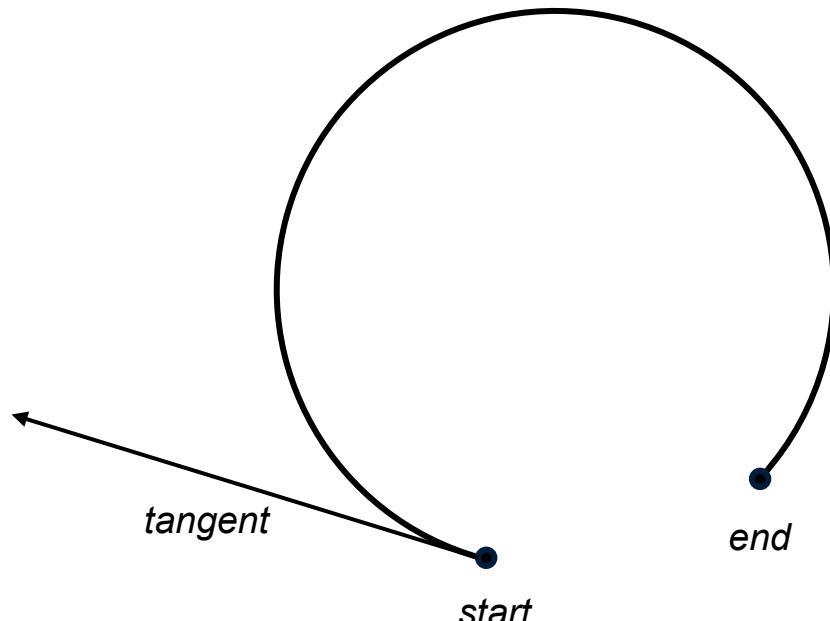
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```
class Rhino.Geometry.Arc(Point3d center, float radius, float angle)
```



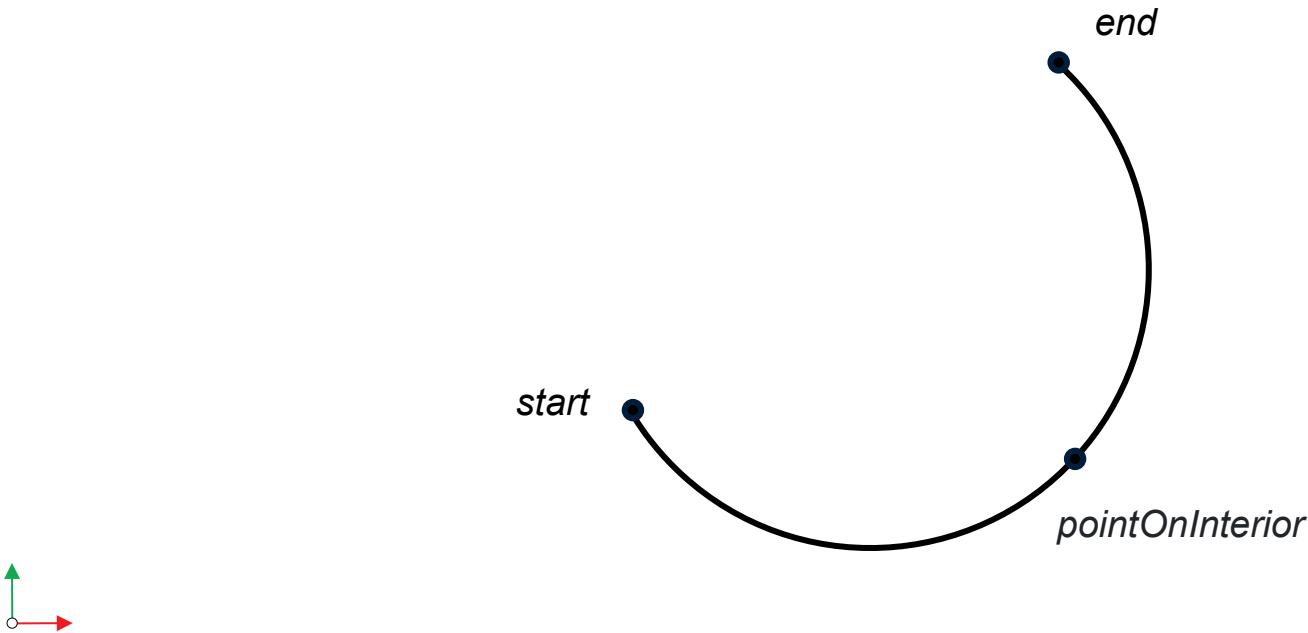
## 6. Arcs

```
class Rhino.Geometry.Arc(Point3d start, Vector3d tangent, Point3d end)
```



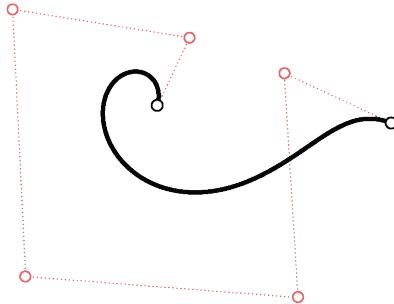
## 6. Arcs

```
class Rhino.Geometry.Arc(Point3d start, Point3d pointOnInterior, Point3d end)
```

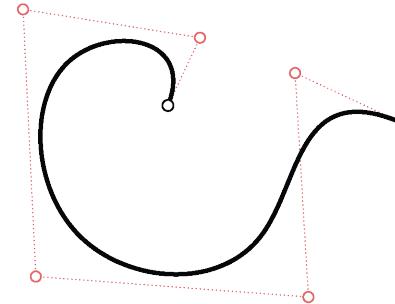


# 6. Curves

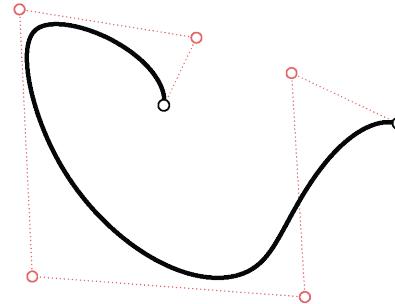
*Bézier curve*



*B-spline curve*



*NURBS curve*

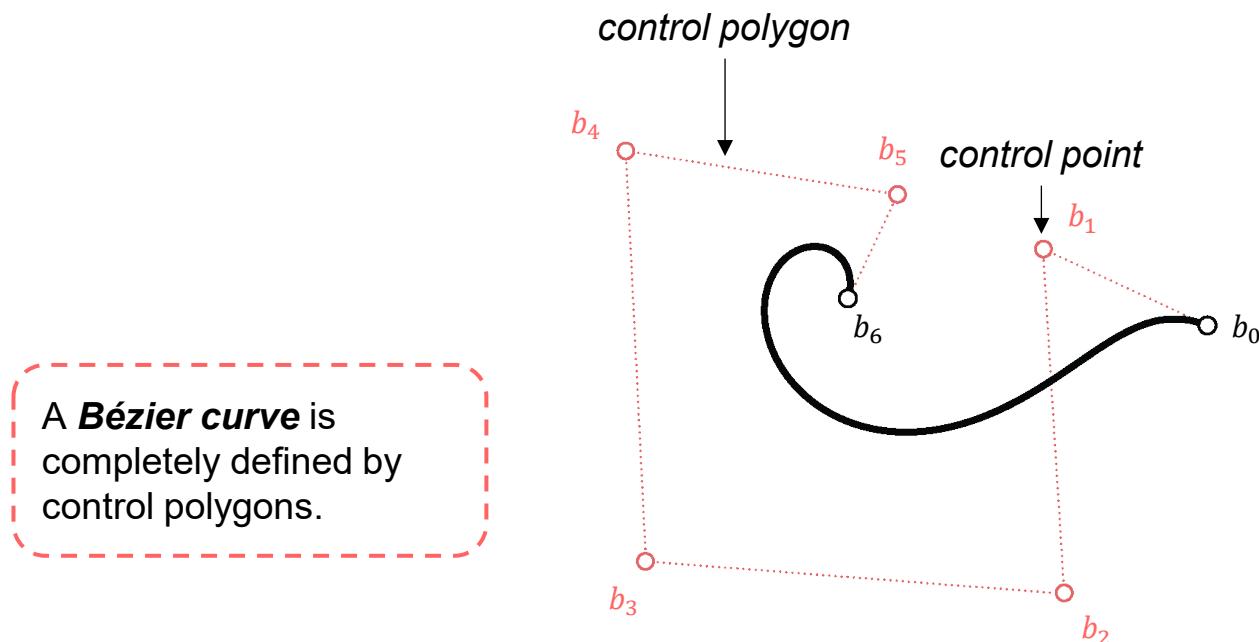


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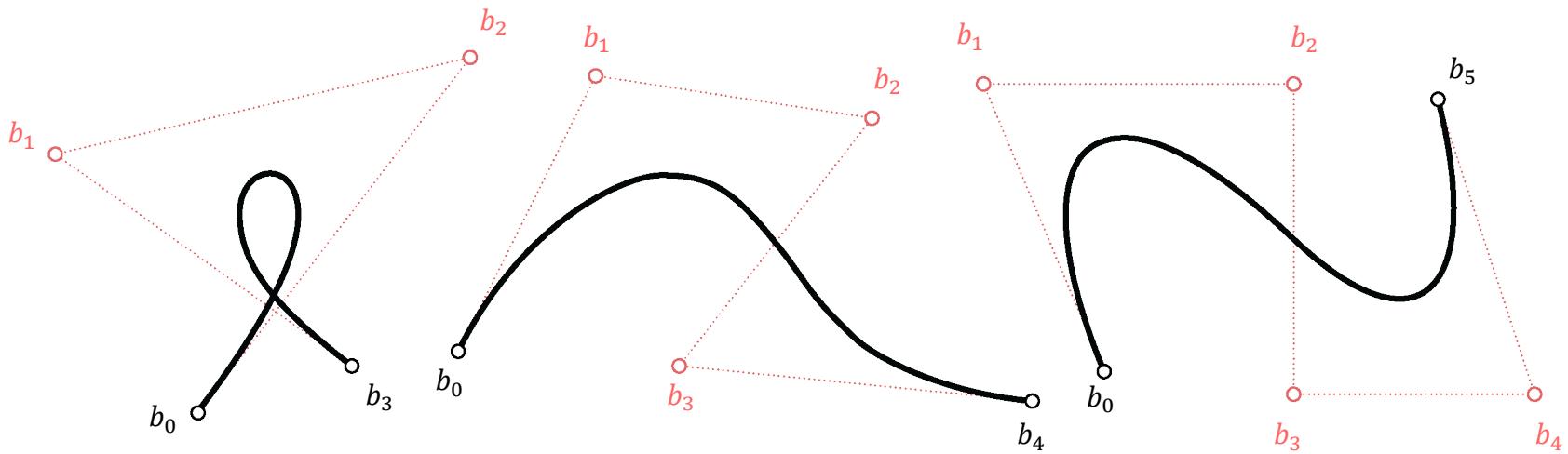
	<i>control points</i>	<i>degree</i>	<i>weights</i>
<i>Bézier curve</i>	✓		
<i>B-spline</i>	✓	✓	
<i>NURBS</i>	✓	✓	✓

## 6. Bézier curve

class Rhino.Geometry.BezierCurve(List <Point3d> controlPoints)



## 6. Bézier curve



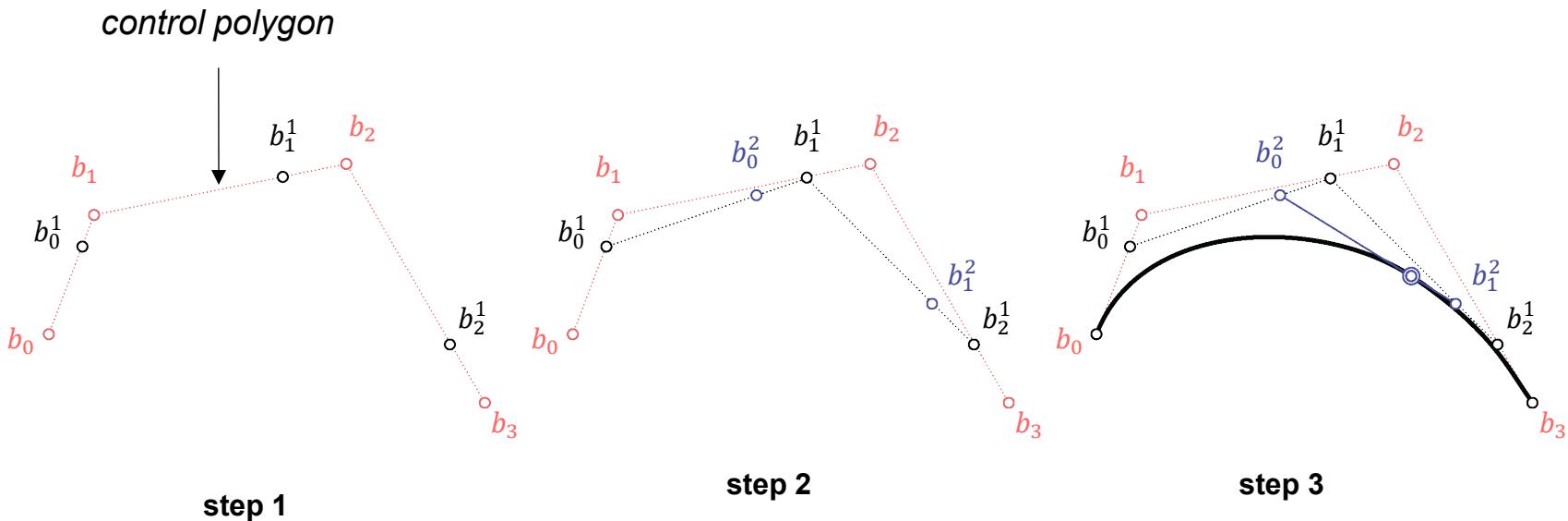
cubic Bézier curve with a loop

Bézier curve of degree 4

Bézier curve of degree 5

A Bézier curve with  $n + 1$  control points is of degree  $n$ .

## 6. Bézier curve

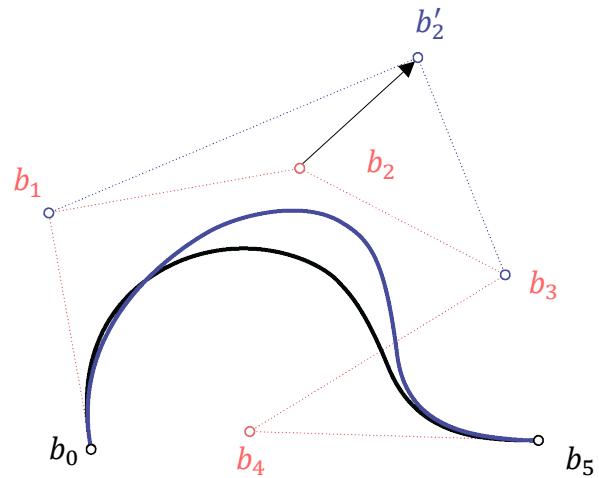
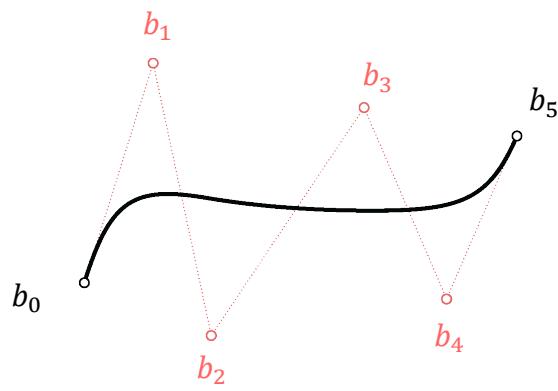


*Algorithm of de Casteljau*

## 6. Bézier curve

Limitations:

- **no local control**
- does not pass through most points
- unstable/expensive to calculate

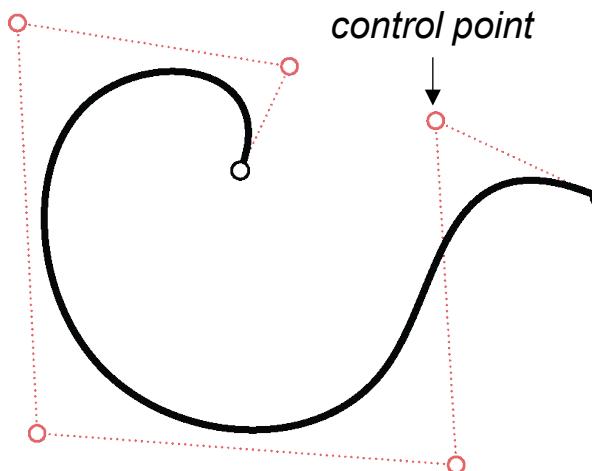


## 6. B-spline curve

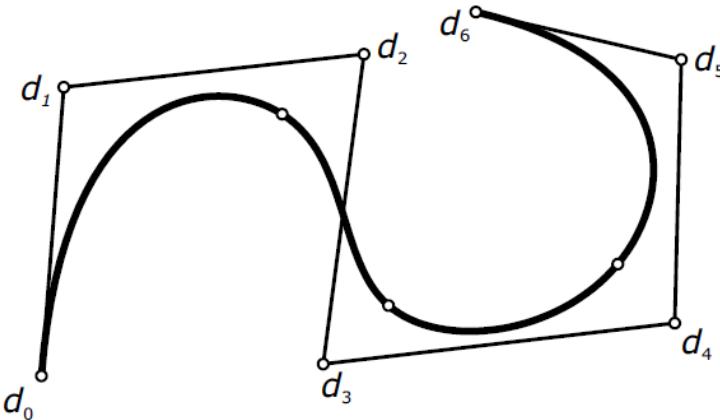
```
class Rhino.Geometry.NurbsCurve.Create(Bool periodic, int degree, list <Point3d> pts)
```

A **B-spline curve** is defined by:

- $m + 1$  control points,
- the curve **degree**  $n$
- and **knot vector**.

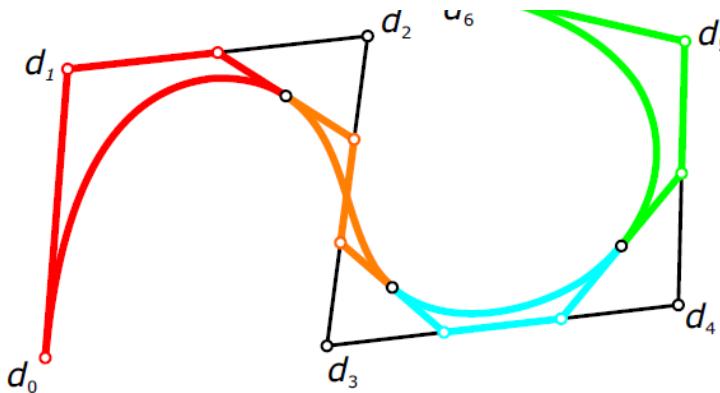


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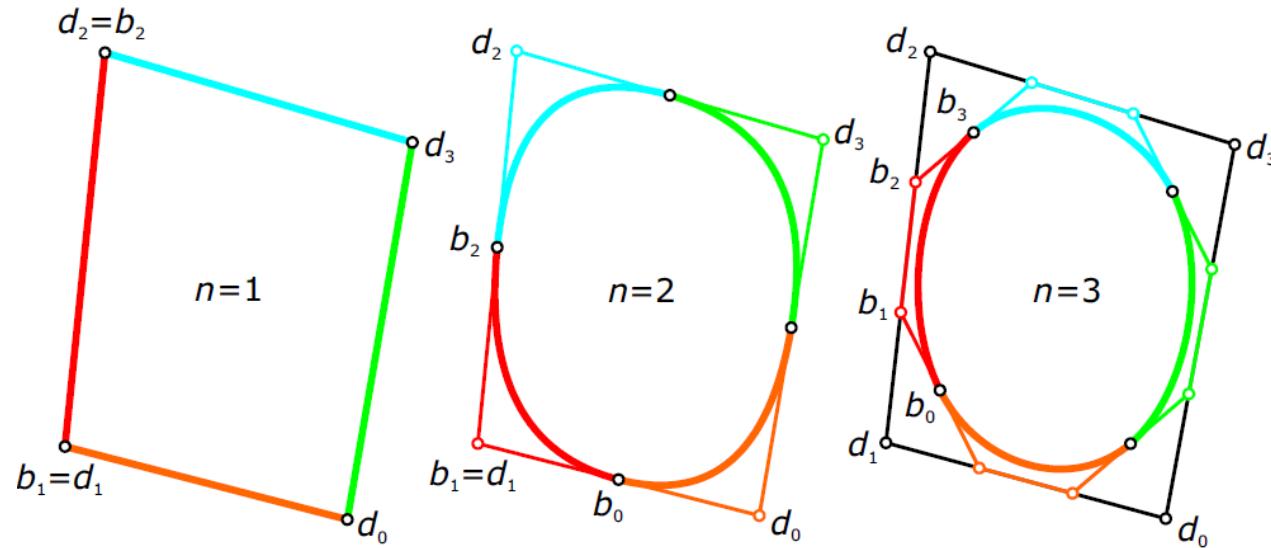


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- $m + 1$  control points,
- and the curve **degree n**.



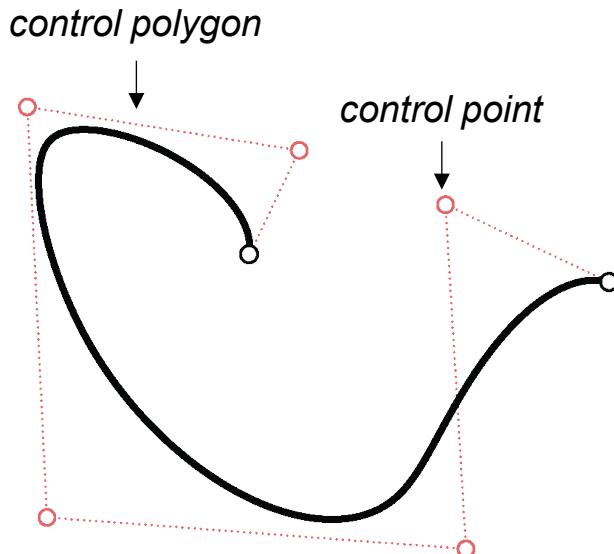
## 6. B-spline curve



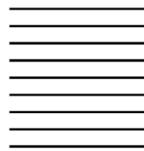
## 6. NURBS curve

```
class Rhino.Geometry.NurbsCurve.Create(Bool periodic, int degree, list <Point3d> pts)  
class Rhino.Geometry.NurbsCurve.Points.SetWeight(int index, float weight)
```

A NURBS curve is a B-spline with weights.



# Examples



# 1. Parallel lines

## Learning objectives

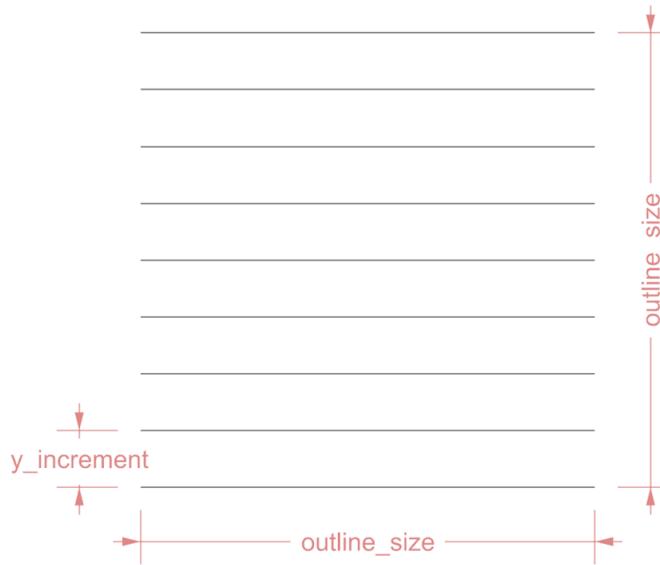
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3. Using **for-loops** to generate coordinates for the points



# 1. Parallel lines

## Learning objectives

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$$y\_increment = \text{outline\_size} / \text{num}$$

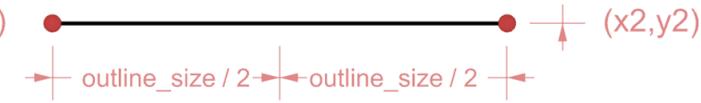
# 1. Parallel lines

## Learning objectives

1. Constructing **points**
2. Constructing **lines**
3. Using **for-loops** to generate coordinates for the points



( $x_1, y_1$ )



$x_1 = -\text{outline\_size} / 2$

$x_2 = \text{outline\_size} / 2$

$y_1 = y_2 = (-\text{outline\_size} / 2) + (i * y_{\text{increment}})$

$i = 0$



( $x_2, y_2$ )

# 1. Parallel lines

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i = 1

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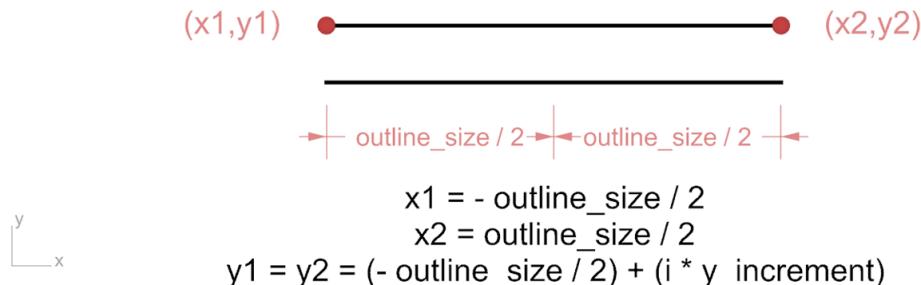
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# 1. Parallel lines

## Learning objectives

1. Constructing **points**
  2. Constructing **lines**
  3. Using **for-loops** to generate coordinates for the points



The diagram shows a series of eight horizontal black lines. Each line starts at a red dot labeled  $(x1, y1)$  and ends at another red dot labeled  $(x2, y2)$ . The lines are evenly spaced vertically. At the bottom left, there is a coordinate system icon with three arrows pointing up, down, left, and right. Below the lines, three red arrows point to the left, each labeled  $\text{outline\_size} / 2$ , indicating the distance from the center line to the start of each line. The text  $i = \text{num} - 1$  is positioned at the top center.

$i = \text{num} - 1$

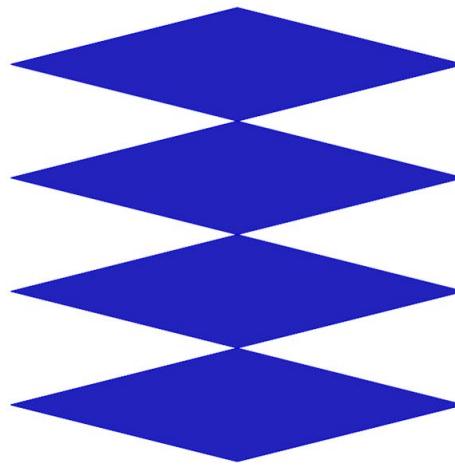
$(x1, y1)$        $(x2, y2)$

$x1 = -\text{outline\_size} / 2$   
 $x2 = \text{outline\_size} / 2$   
 $y1 = y2 = (-\text{outline\_size} / 2) + (i * \text{y\_increment})$

## 2. Stacked rhombuses

### Learning objectives

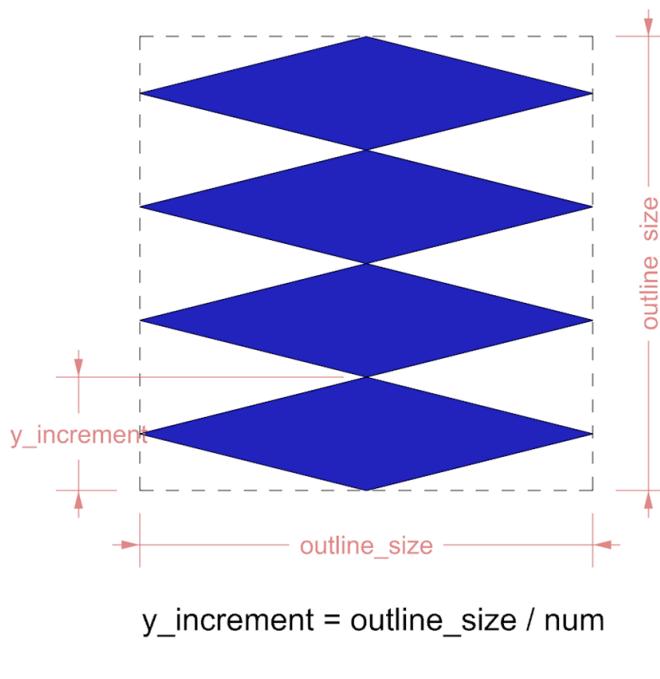
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### Learning objectives

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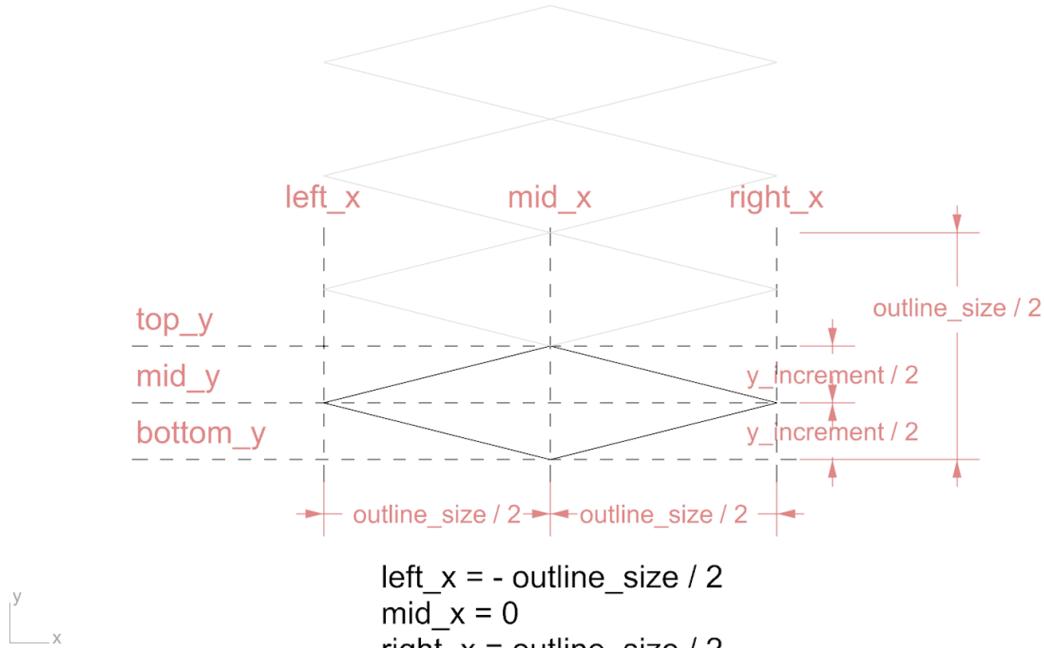
## 2. Stacked rhombuses

$i = 0$

bottom\_y = (-outline\_size/2) + (i \* y\_increment)  
mid\_y = (-outline\_size/2) + ((i+1) \* (y\_increment/2))  
top\_y = (-outline\_size/2) + ((i+1) \* y\_increment)

### Learning objectives

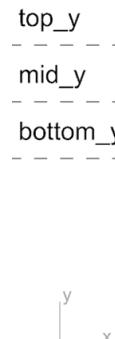
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## 2. Stacked rhombuses

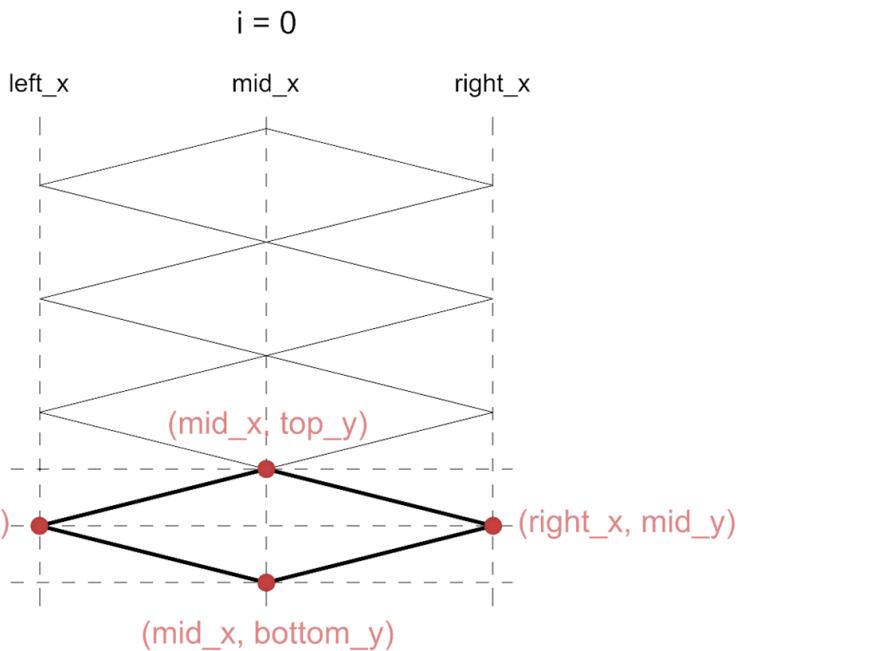
## Learning objectives

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**Polyline**s
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to planar **Breps**



```
left_x = - outline_size / 2  
mid_x = 0  
right_x = outline_size / 2
```

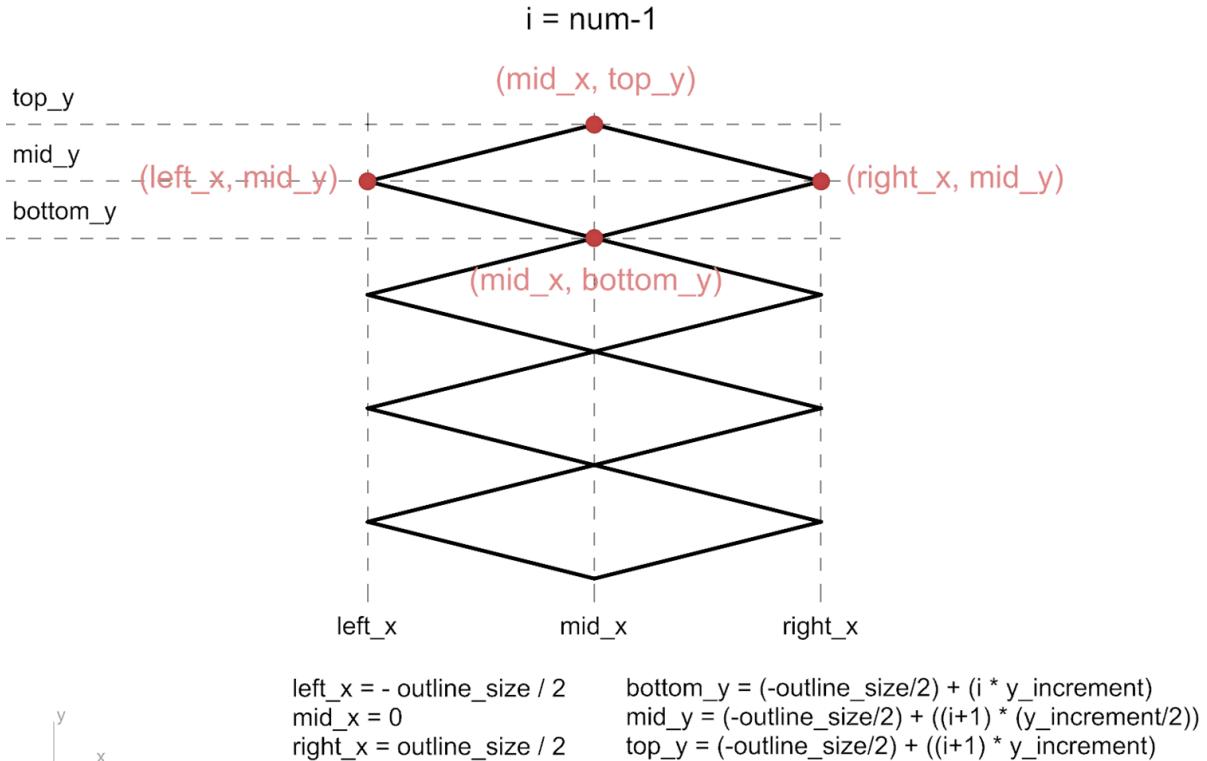
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bottom_y = (-outline_size/2) + (i * y_increment)
mid_y = (-outline_size/2) + ((i+1) * (y_increment/2))
top_y = (-outline_size/2) + ((i+1) * y_increment)
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## 2. Stacked rhombuses

### Learning objectives

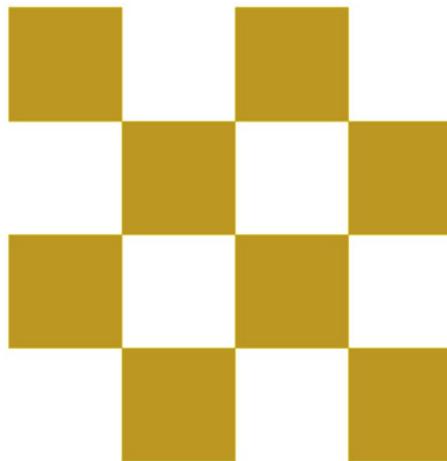
1. Constructing **Polyline**s
2. Converting polylines to planar **Breps**



### 3. Chequered squares

#### Learning objectives

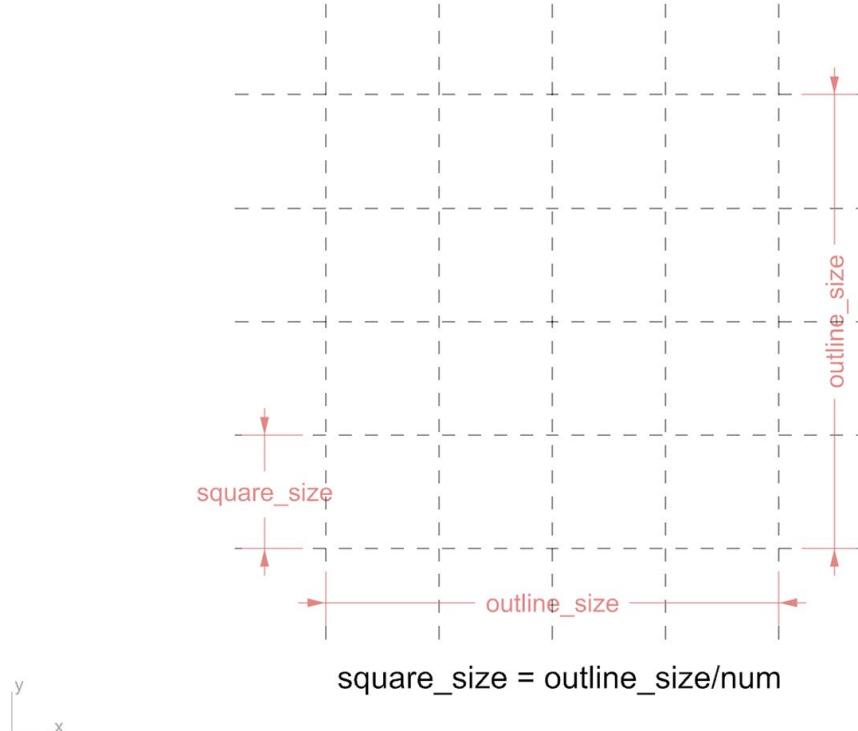
1. Using **nested for-loops** and **if-condition**
2. Constructing **Rectangle**



### 3. Chequered squares

#### Learning objectives

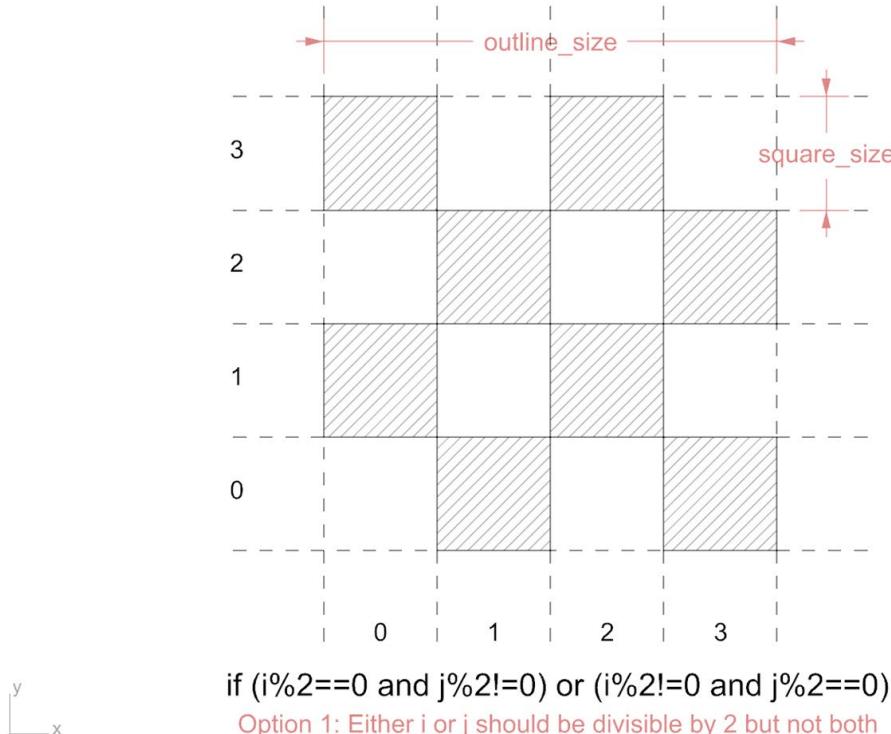
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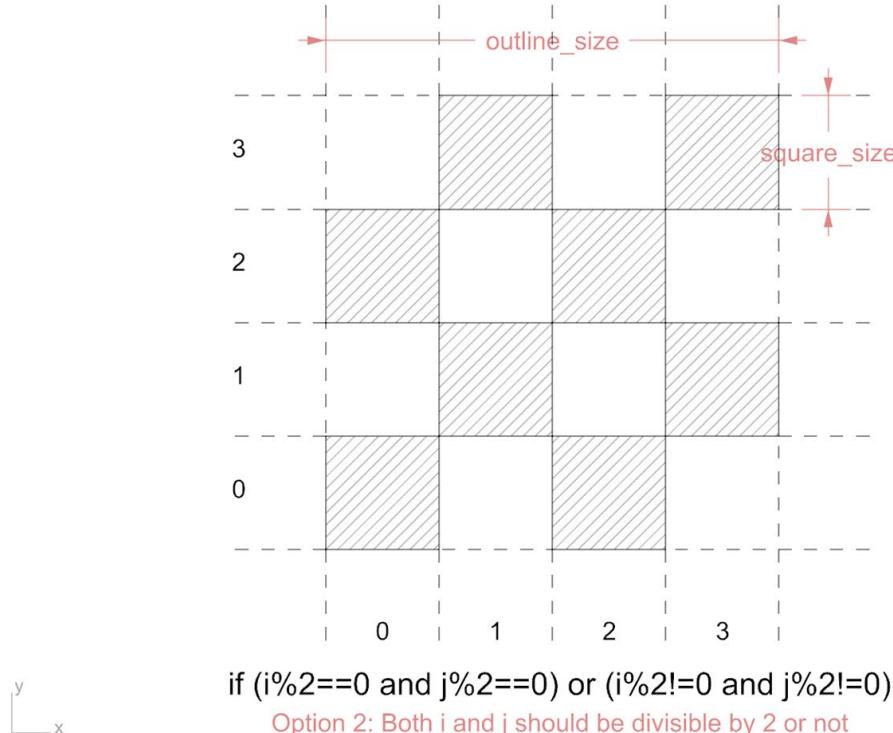
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### 3. Chequered squares

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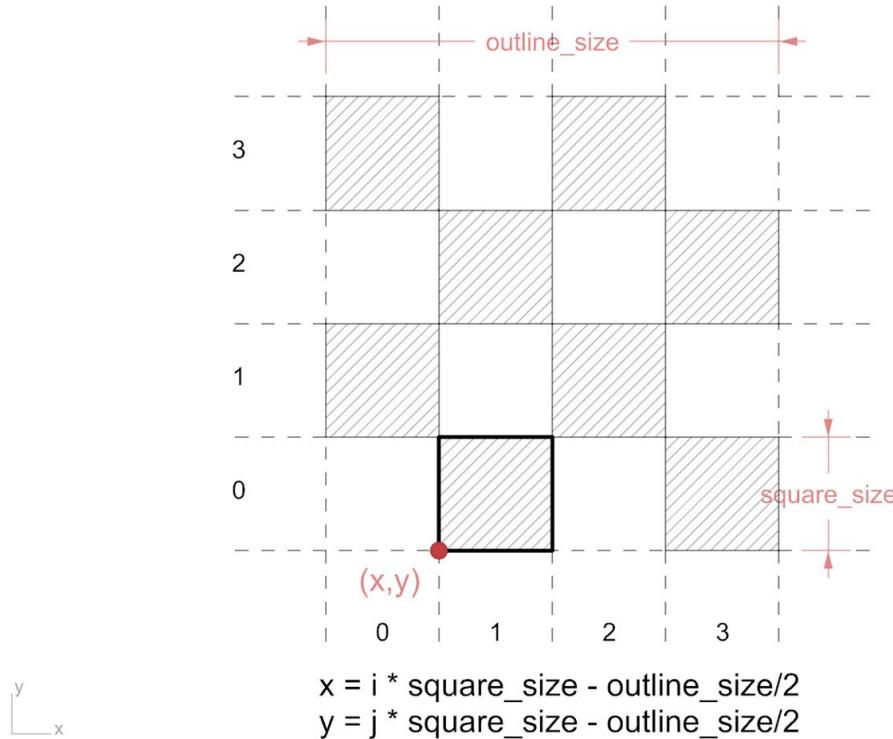


### 3. Chequered squares

#### Learning objectives

1. Using **nested for-loops** and **if-condition**
2. Constructing **Rectangle**

Option 1: Either i or j should be divisible by 2 but not both  
if ( $i \% 2 == 0$  and  $j \% 2 != 0$ ) or ( $i \% 2 != 0$  and  $j \% 2 == 0$ )

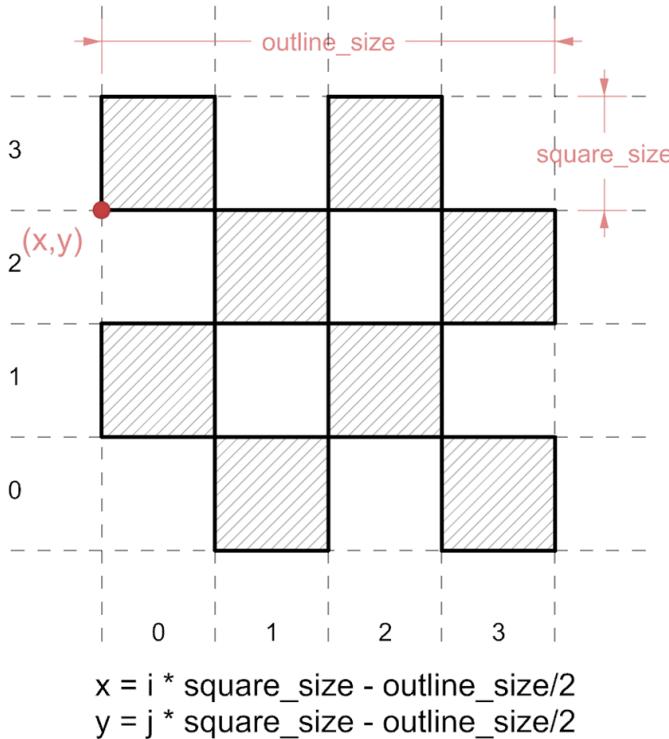


### 3. Chequered squares

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## 4. Star

### Learning objectives

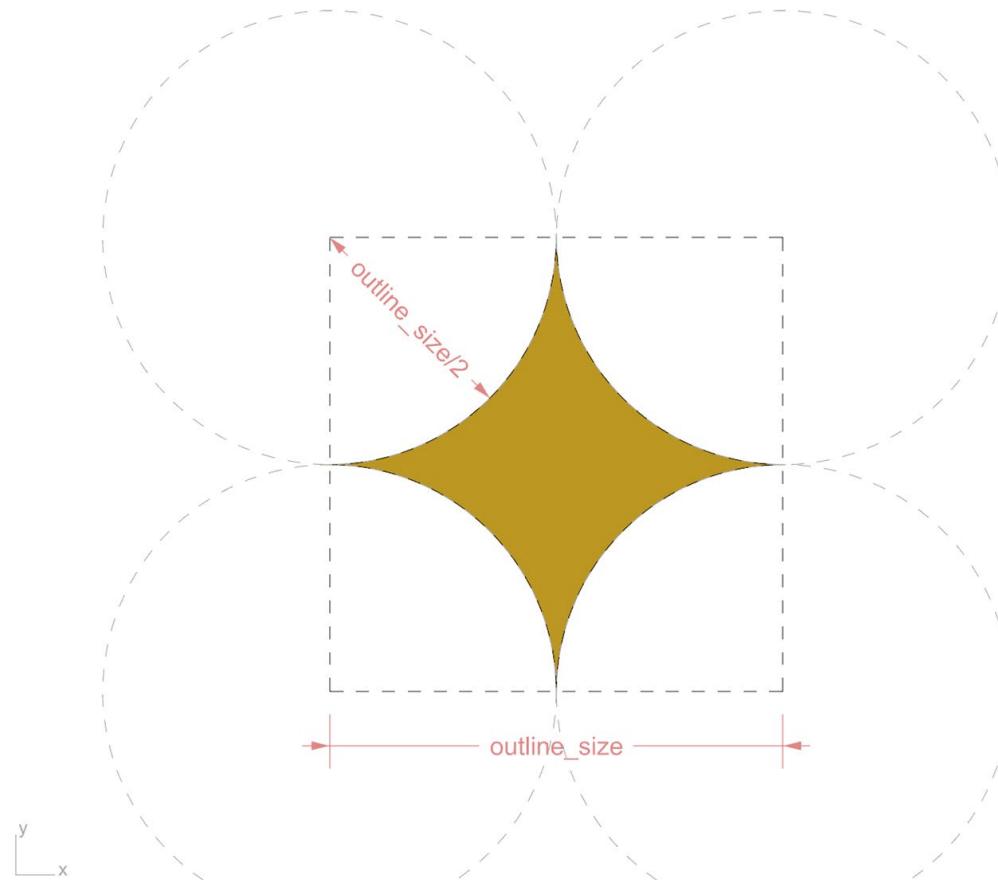
1. Constructing **Circles**
2. Constructing **Arcs**  
from circles and  
**angle domains**
3. Creating planar  
**Breps with multiple**  
**curves**



## 4. Star

### Learning objectives

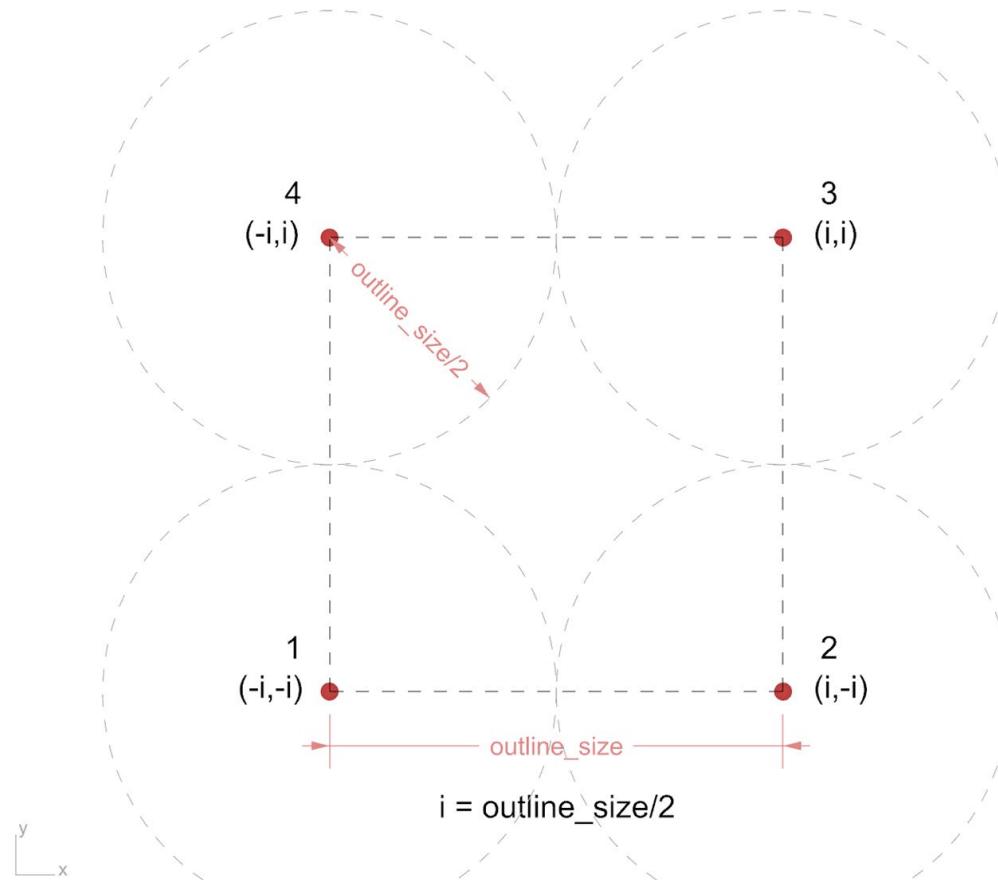
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## 4. Star

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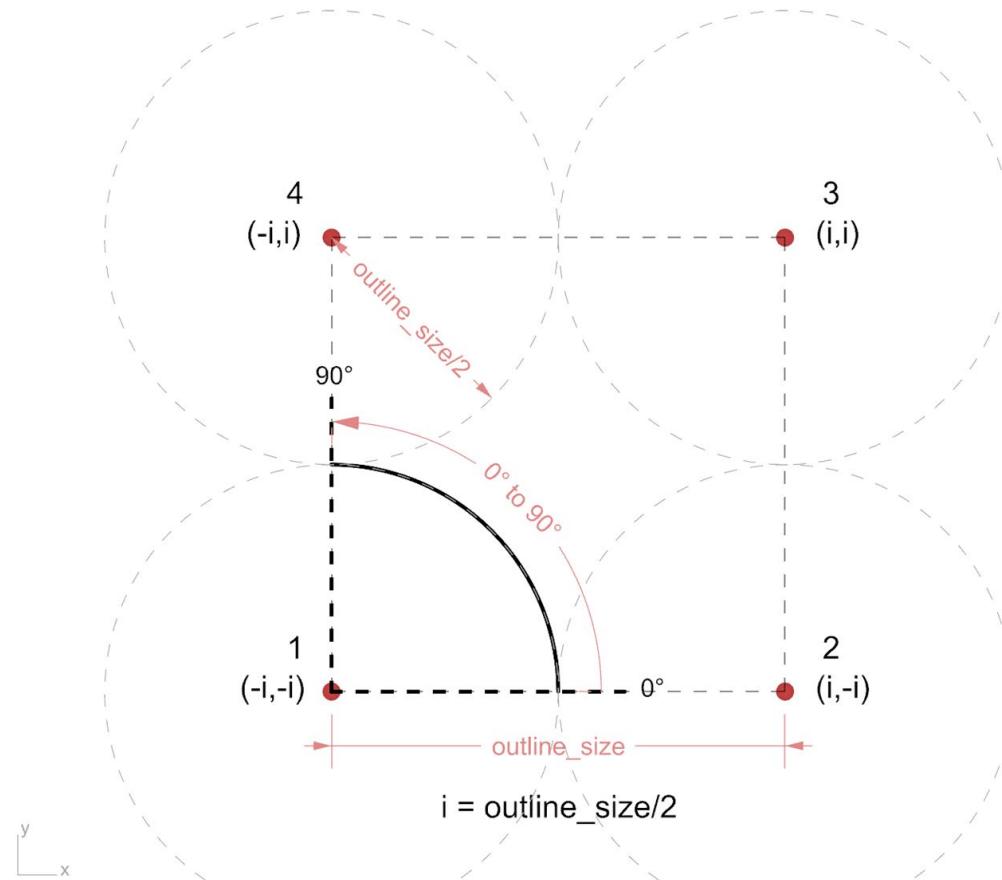
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## 4. Star

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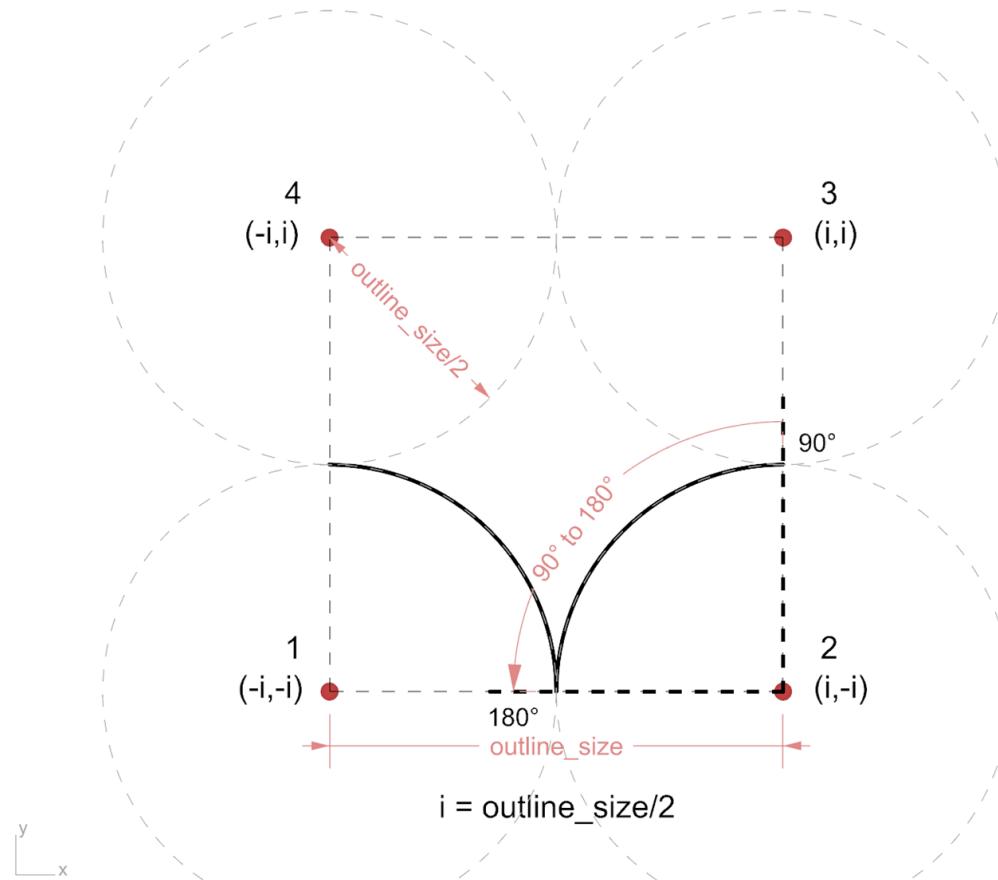
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## 4. Star

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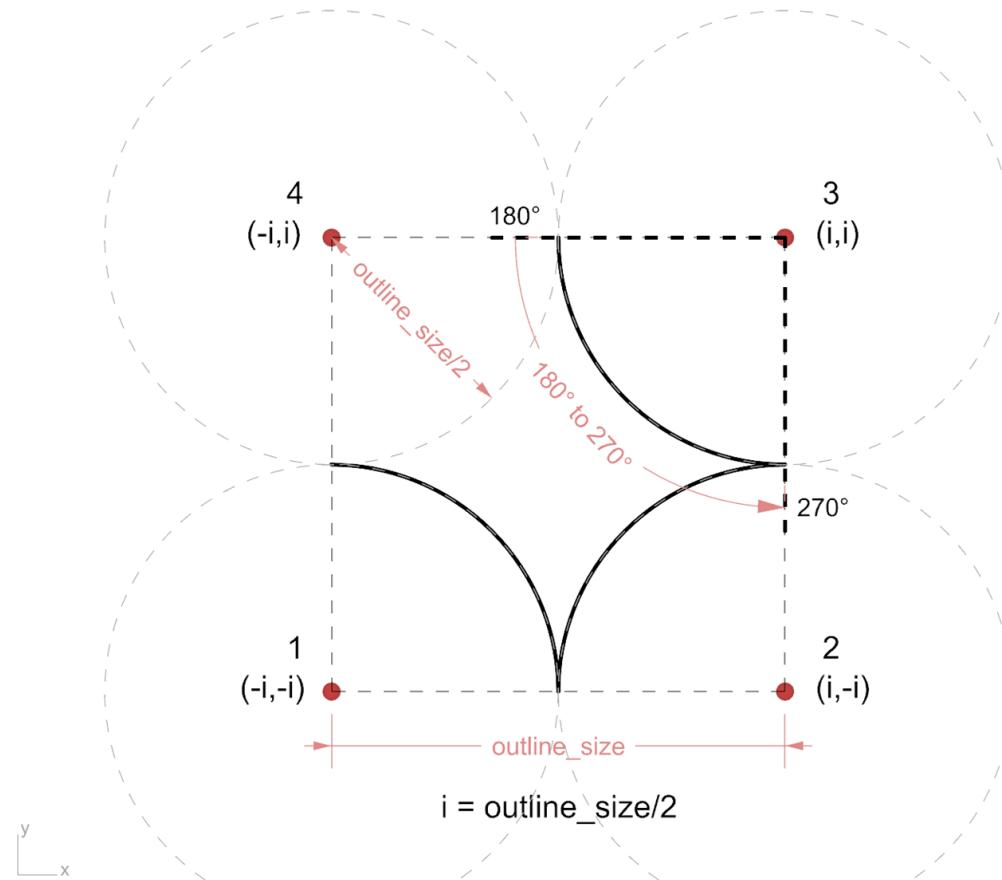
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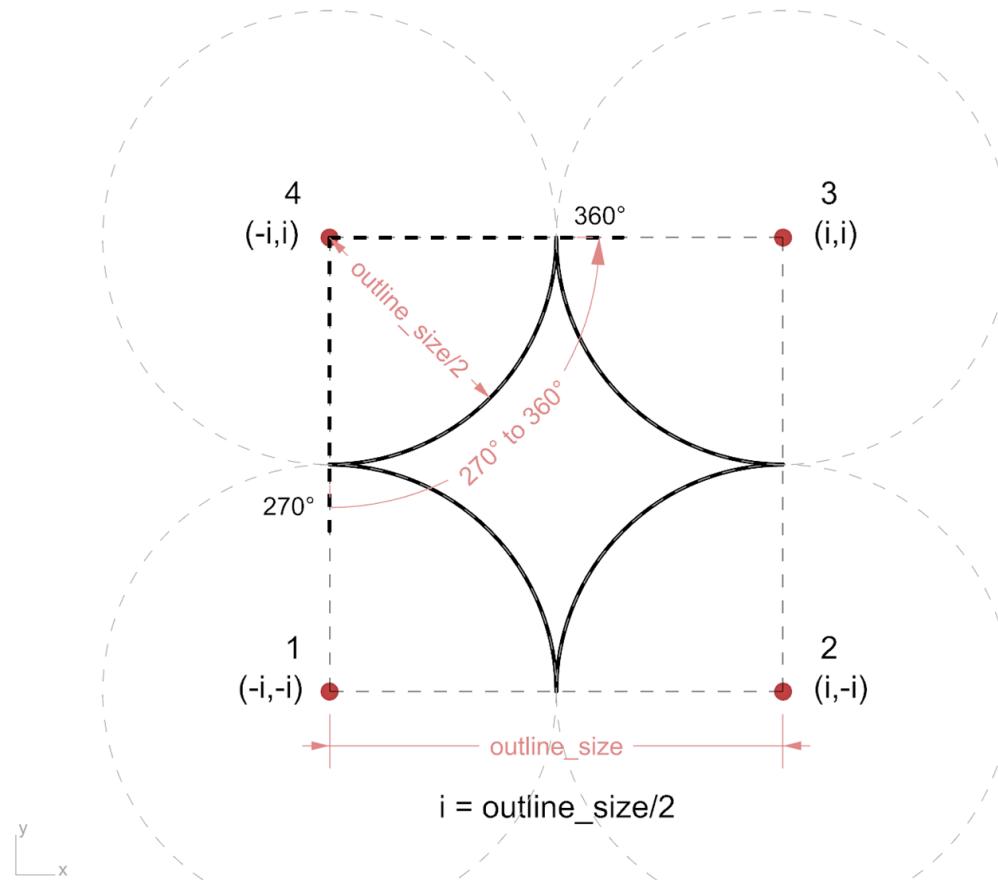
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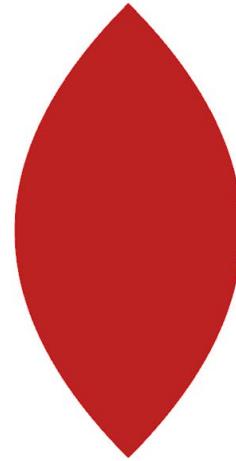
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## 5. Eye shape

### Learning objectives

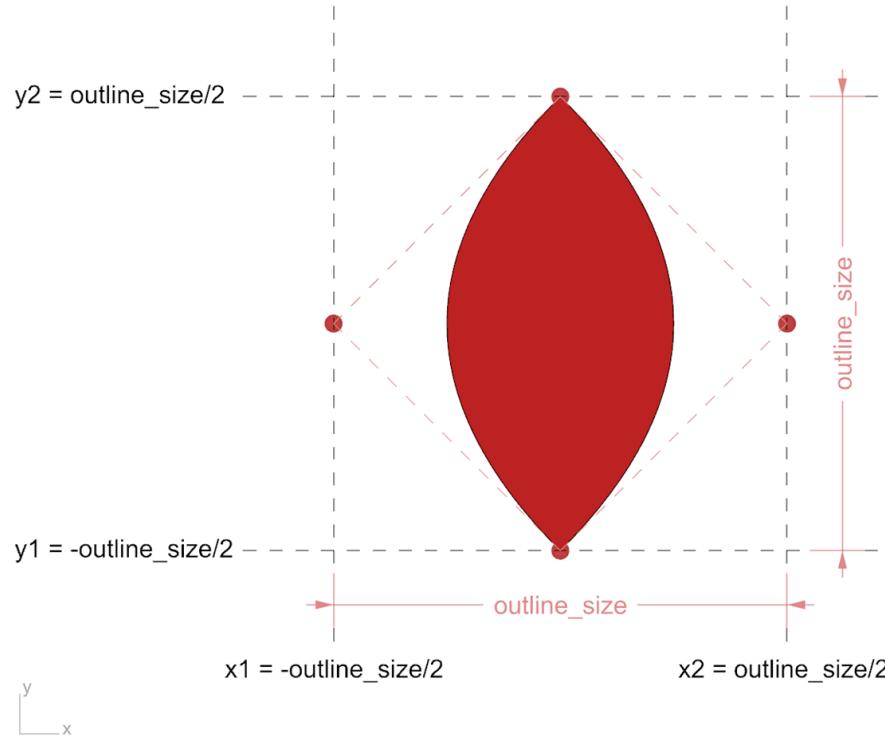
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2. Constructing Breps with multiple planar curves.



## 5. Eye shape

### Learning objectives

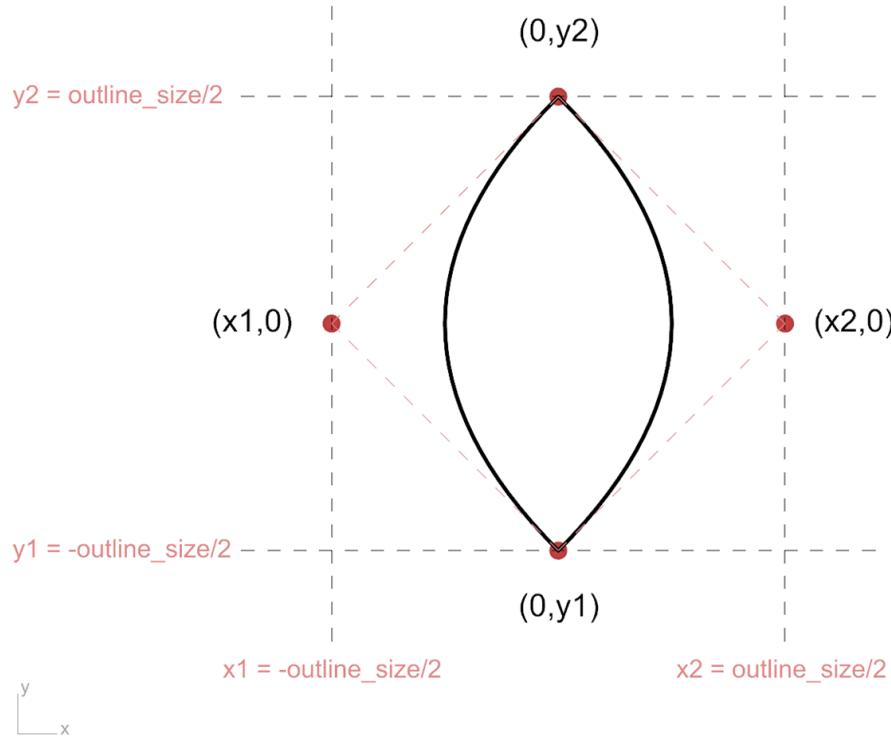
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## 5. Eye shape

### Learning objectives

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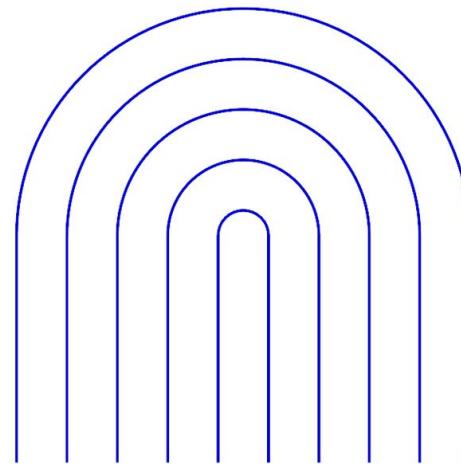


## 6. Concentric arches

### Learning objectives

Understanding Curve  
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2. **Join** curves
3. **Offset** curves
4. **Extend** curves

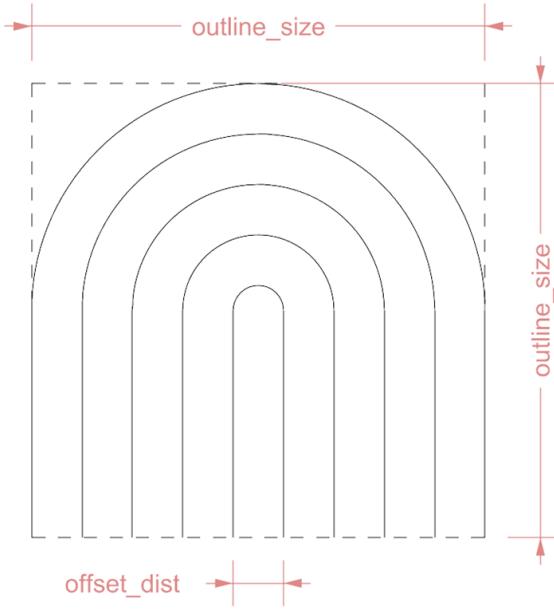


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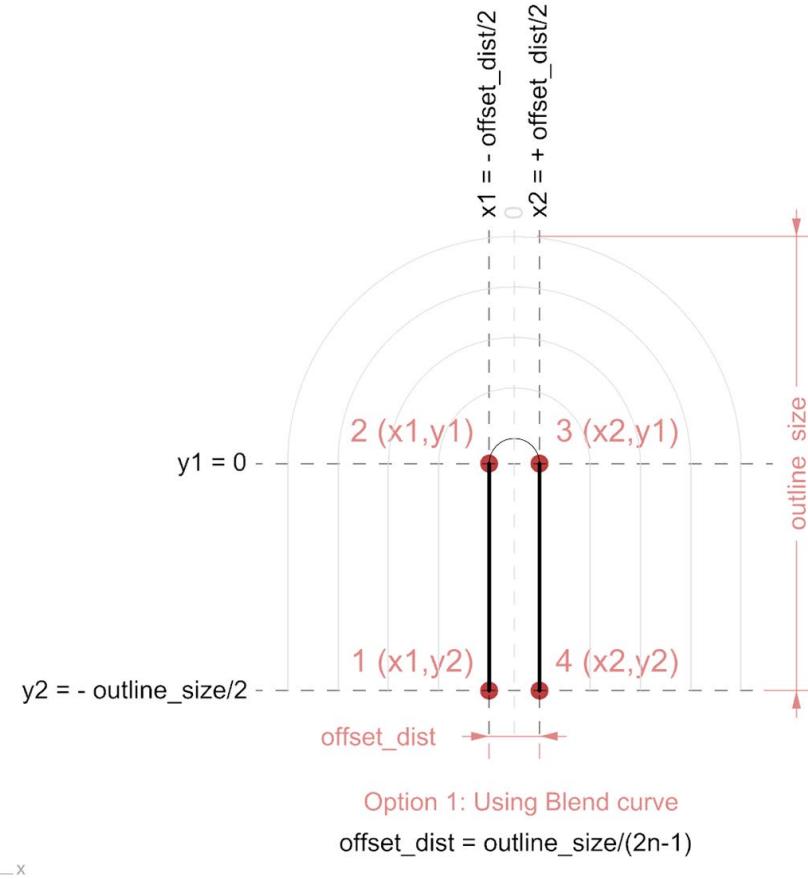
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## 6. Concentric arches

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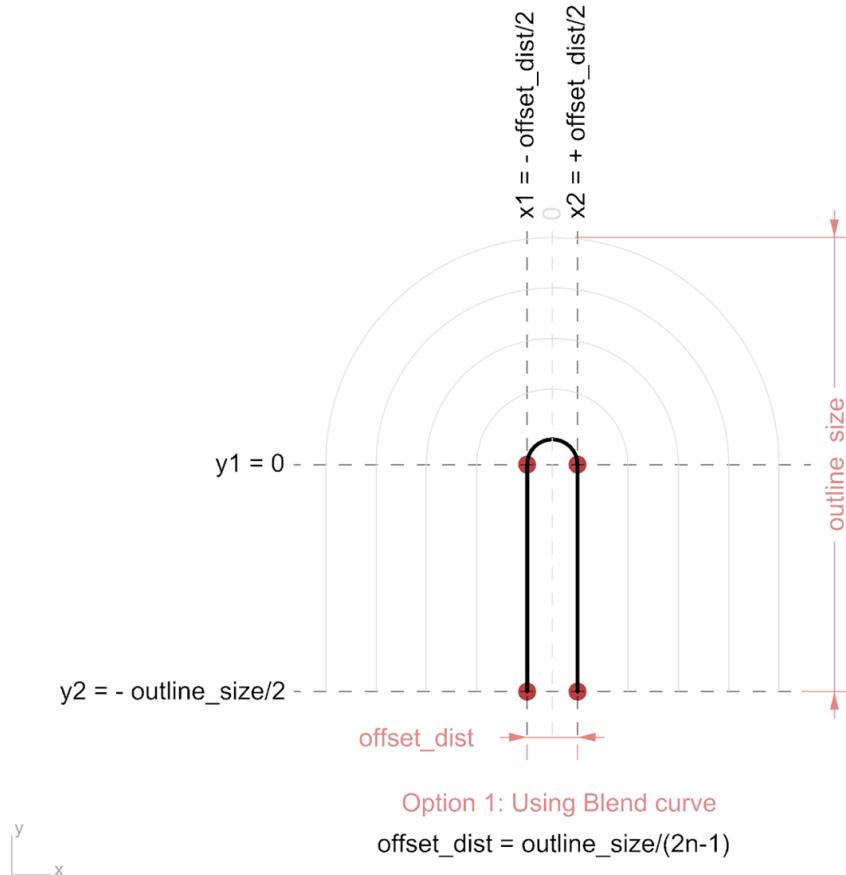


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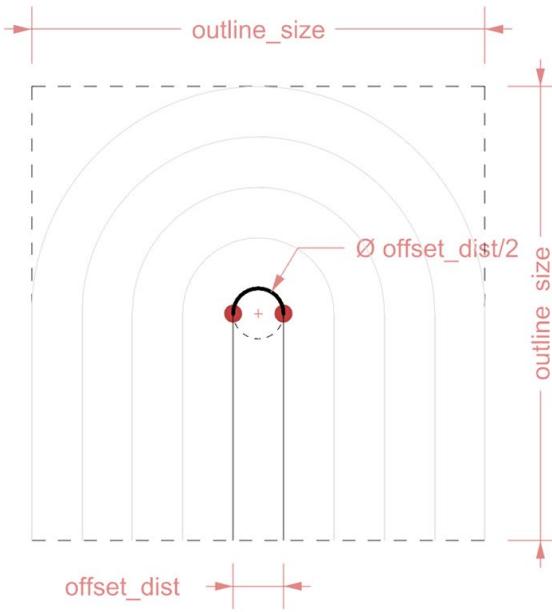


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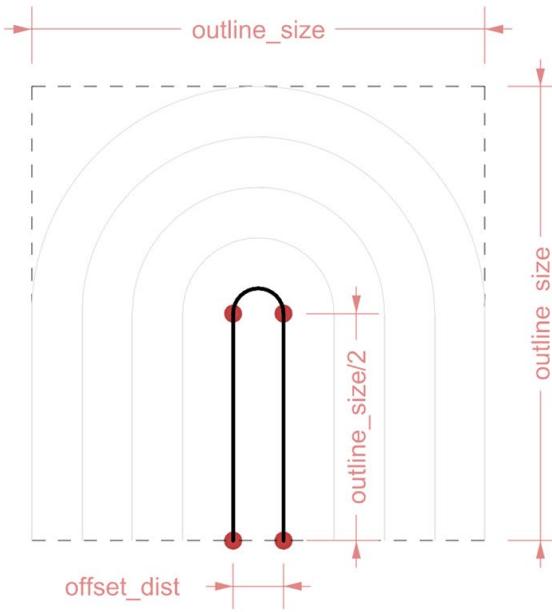
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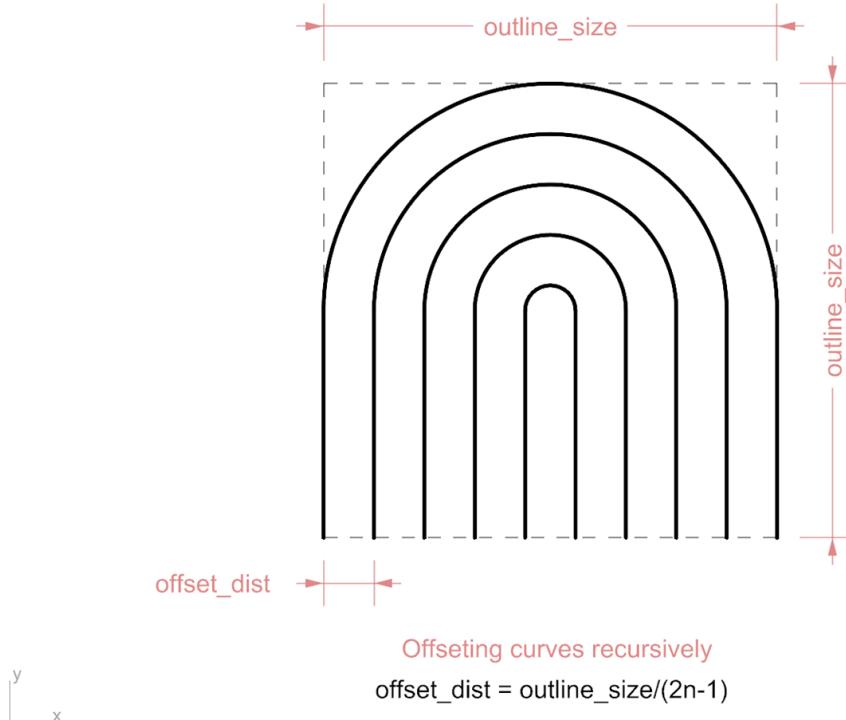
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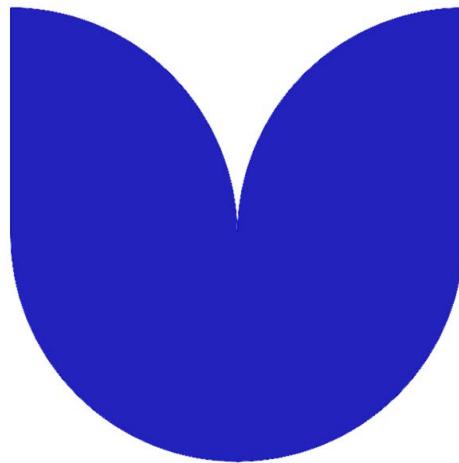


## 7. Tulip shape

### Learning objectives

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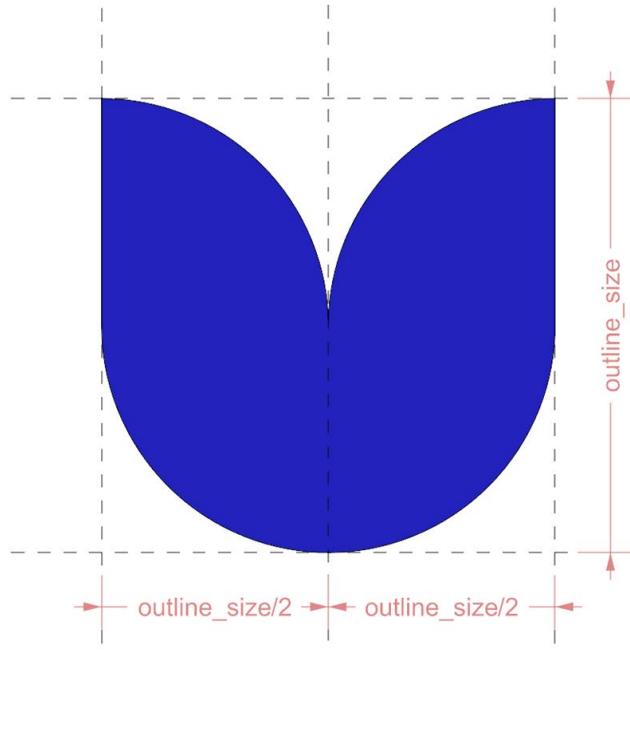


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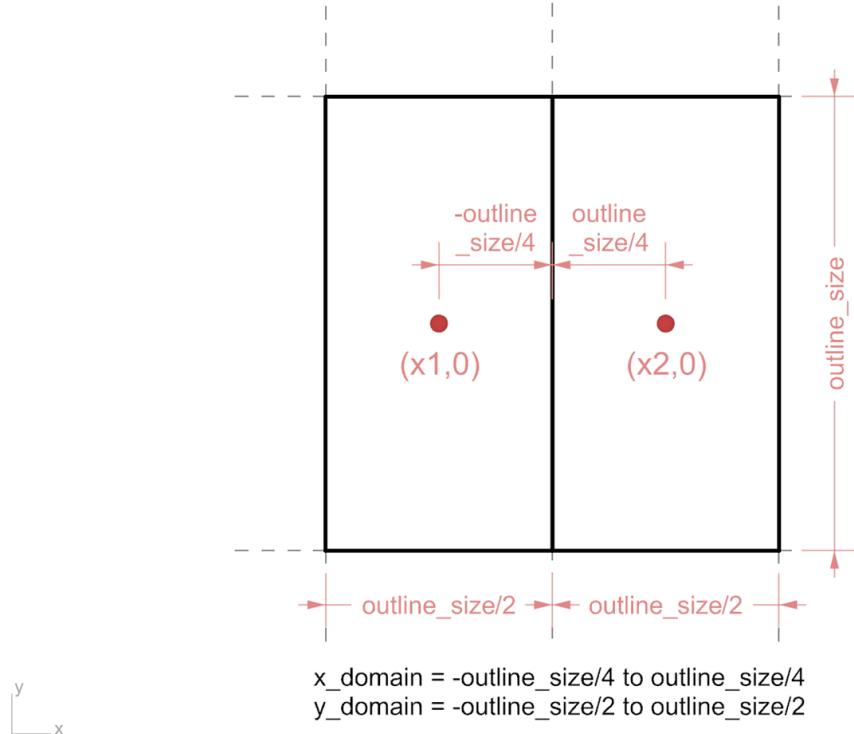


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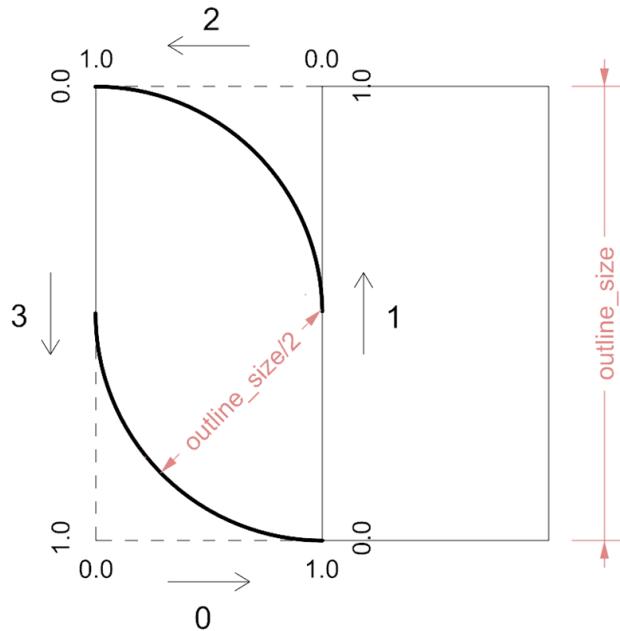


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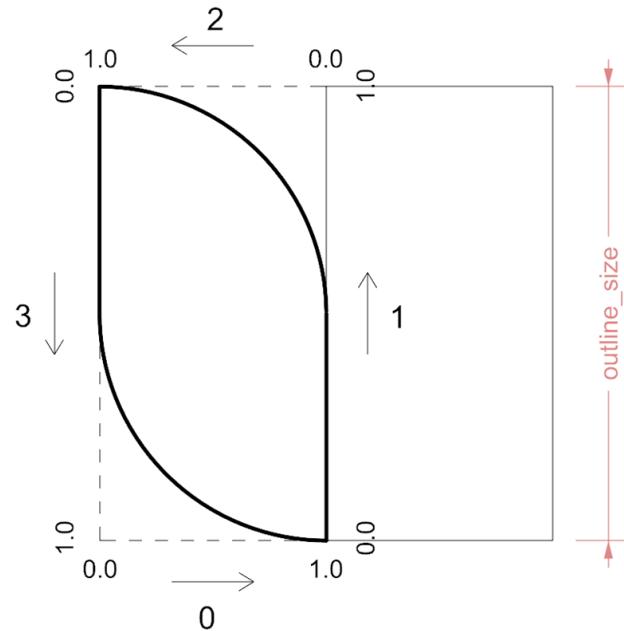


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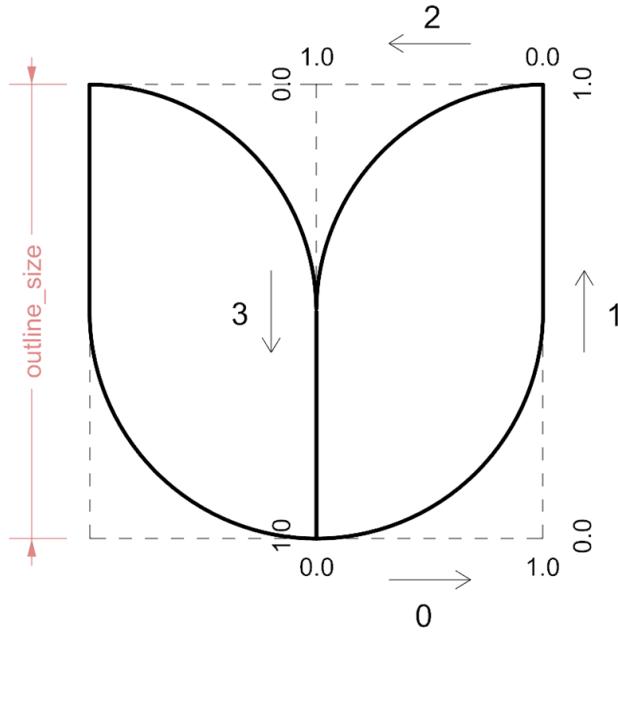


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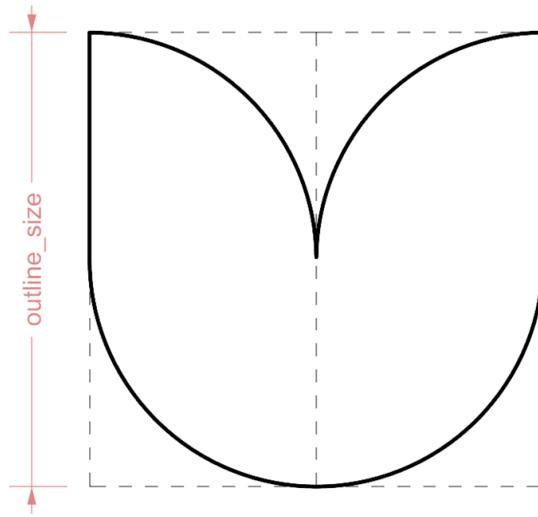


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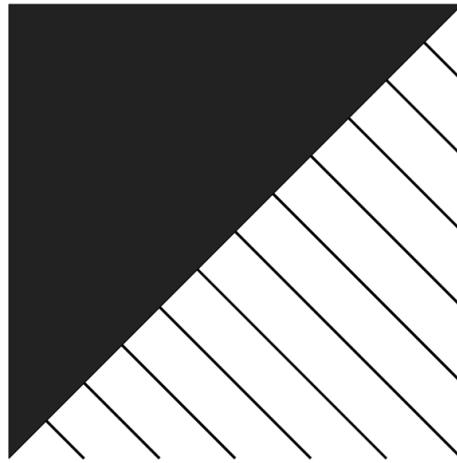
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## 8. Solid and hatches triangles

### Learning objectives

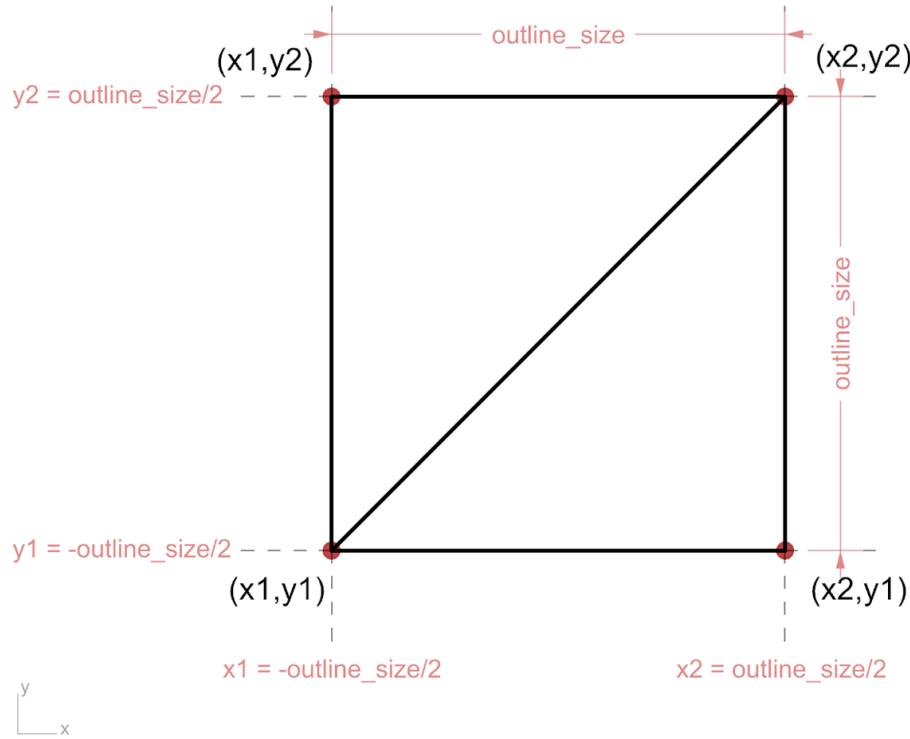
1. Constructing **lines** with start point, direction vector and distance.
2. Dividing a curve with count.
3. Understanding **Curve Intersections**



## 8. Solid and hatches triangles

### Learning objectives

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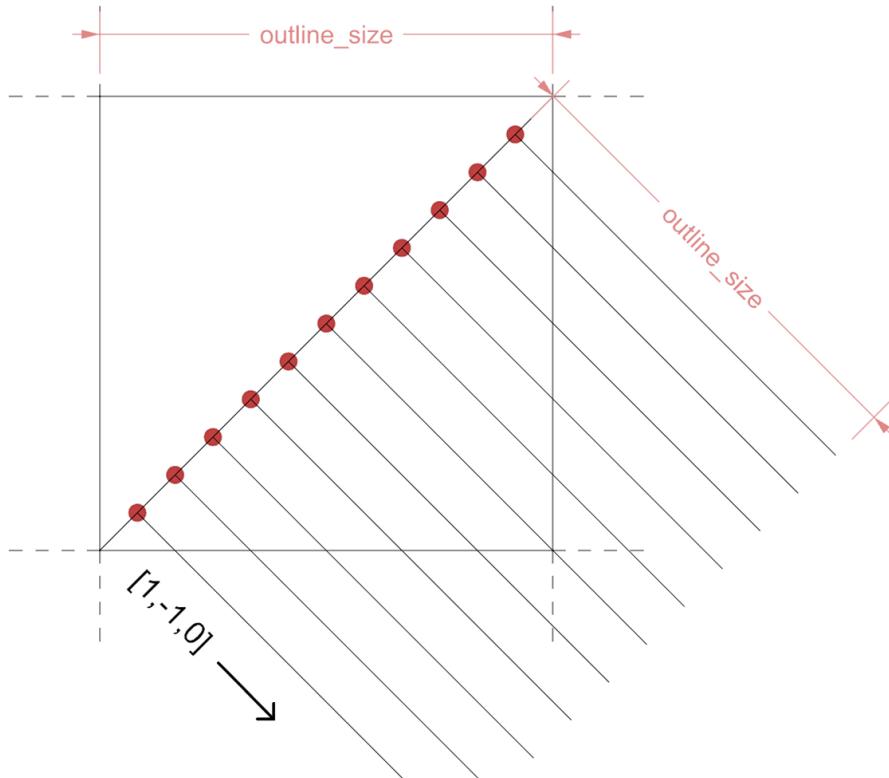


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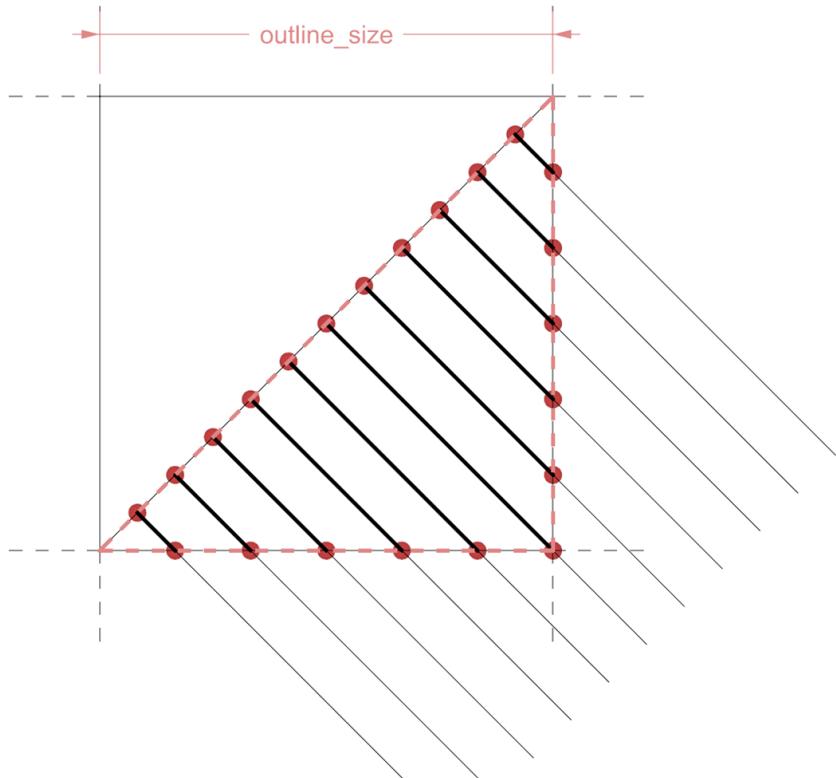
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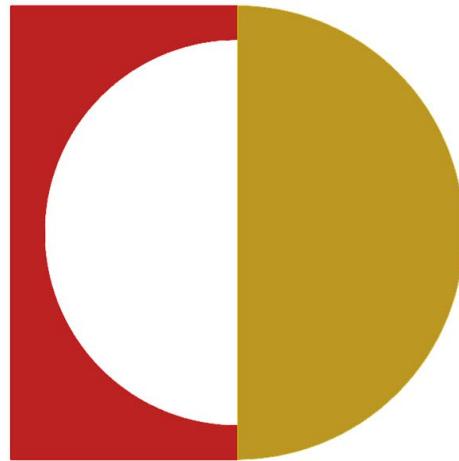


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## 9. Subtracted shapes

Learning objectives

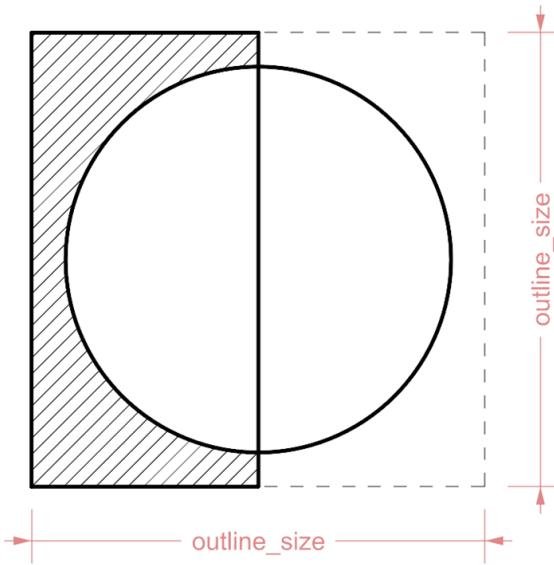
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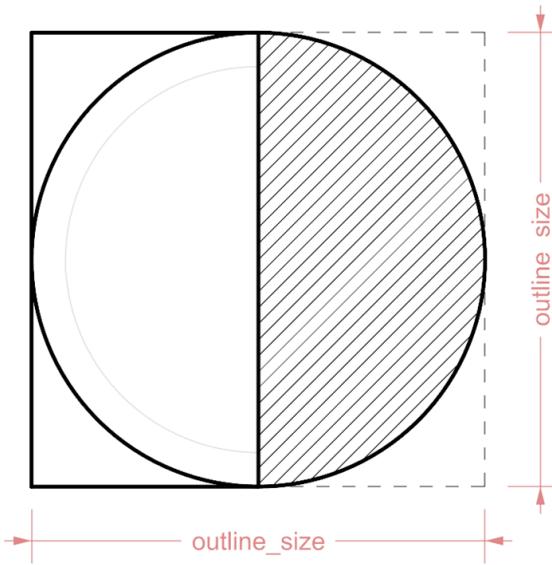
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## 9. Subtracted shapes

### Learning objectives

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Open your Grasshopper/Rhino environment and try out our example geometries!

Look into [RhinoCommon API](#) for further geometries and functions.

*Enjoy creating!*