

Geo3D, a library for 3D-graphs with TI-Nspire CAS

Presentation, syntax and examples

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This library was developed at École de technologie supérieure for a multiple variable calculus class. Because the 3D interface of TI Nspire CAS 3.6 offers only the possibility of plotting surfaces or parametric curves (and does not include features to produce thick curves, vectors or points for examples), the library geo3d give functions that produce parametric equations of many 3D objects that we can now plot easily.

The next pages were created in a PublishView file that you can open if you have access to the software TI-Nspire. Then, you will be able to turn a graph or to add a line in a Calculus Page in order to draw a new object in a graph. You can find this file, EnglishDocGeo3D.tnsp, and other documents at

http://seg-apps.etsmtl.ca/nspire/librairies.html.

If you are not already familiar with geo3d, we suggest you to begin with "How to use this library" at page 11.

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Sphere, vector and disk

$a := \{0, 2, 3\}$	{0,2,3}
$b := \{2,3,4\}$	{ 2,3,4 }
v:=b-a	$\{2,1,1\}$
$g1:=geo3d\sphere(a,0.3)$	$\{0.3 \cdot \cos(t) \cdot \sin(u), 0.3 \cdot \sin(t) \cdot \sin(u) + 2, 0.3 \cdot \cos(u) + 3\}$
$g2:=geo3d$ \thickvec(a,b,0.05):g3:=right(g2)	3)
	Place these 6 functions into 2 parametric graphs to plot the cylinder and the cone.
$\{0.014678 \cdot \cos(t) \cdot u - 0.017977 \cdot \sin(t) \cdot u - 0.00777 \cdot (100777777 \cdot \sin(t) \cdot u - 0.007777 \cdot (10077777777777777777777777777777777777$	$0.106103 \cdot u + 2, 0.007339 \cdot \cos(t) \cdot u + 0.035954 \cdot \sin(t) \cdot u - 0.053052 \cdot u + 3, -0.036696 \cdot \cos(t)$
$g4:=geo3d \ disk(1.5,a,v) \\ \{0.174346 \cdot \cos(t) \cdot u - 0.21\}$	$3529 \cdot \sin(t) \cdot u, 0.087173 \cdot \cos(t) \cdot u + 0.427058 \cdot \sin(t) \cdot u + 2, 3 - 0.435864 \cdot \cos(t) \cdot u \}$
$g5:=geo3d ring(1.2,2, \{3,2,0\}, \{0,0,1\})$	$\{\cos(t)\cdot(0.254648\cdot u+1.2)+3,\sin(t)\cdot(0.254648\cdot u+1.2)+2,0\}$
$geo3d$ \putg(1,5)	Done
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Syntax

circle(*radius, center, normal vector*) where *centre* and *vector* are lists of 3 real numbers

ribbon(*curve, thickness, vector*) where *curve* is a list of 3 functions in $t : {x(t), y(t), z(t)}$ to create a ribbon along the *curve*, parallel to the choosen *vector*, in order to make the curve thicker *See remark on ribbons at page 5*.

thickcurve(*curve*, *radius*) where *curve* is a list of 3 <u>differentiable functions</u> in t : {x(t), y(t), z(t)} to create a pipe arround the *curve* in order to make the curve thicker





Cone and cylinder

For this example, we have used a Note sheet instead of a Calculator sheet to define objects. Advantages :

- We can modify some item anywhere in the page and everything will be ajusted. We don't have to work in a linear way.

- We can insert text and math boxes.

Inconvenience : slower.





Syntax

cylinder(*radius, center base 1, center base 2*) where *centers* are lists of 3 real numbers

cone(*apex, height, angle, vector of axis of symetry*) where *apex* and *vector* are lists of 3 real numbers





Examples using the geo3d library, 06/06/2014







Curtain and parallelogram

In order to create an animation, you must first define the objects, and THEN add sliders.

If you want to modify an object after the insertion of sliders, you must first use "DelVar" in a calculator page to delete the variables.

How to use this library

How to use this library (We follow the example of conics.tnsfrom Philippe Fortin) 1. First of all, points and vectors must be in list format: $\{x,y,z\}$. For example: $\mathbf{p} := \{4,0,1\}$: $\mathbf{q} := \{0,1,0\}$: $\mathbf{r} := \{0,0,5\} \mapsto \{0,0,5\}$ $\mathbf{g1}:=geo3d \text{polygon}(\{\mathbf{p},\mathbf{q},\mathbf{r}\}) \leftarrow \left\{\frac{2 \cdot (t-2 \cdot \pi) \cdot (u-\pi)}{\pi^2}, \frac{t}{2 \cdot \pi}, \frac{-(t-2 \cdot \pi) \cdot (4 \cdot u+\pi)}{2 \cdot \pi^2}\right\}$ 2. Make sure the library document *geo3d.tns* is in the MyLib folder. 3. Refresh Libraries (on the handheld, with O.S. 3.6, press [menu] [1] [7] [1]). 4. Open the TI–Nspire[™] application in which you want to use a function or program from the library. *N.B.* Functions must be called in a Calculator page (not in a Graphs page). 5. Open the Catalog and use the library tab to find and insert the object. You can see the parameters required at the bottom of the catalog. You can also type the complete name with the keyboard. 6. Each function of the library returns a list of 3 functions in t and u (execpt for vec and thickvec, see # 9). You must place this list in a variable, for example, g1, then place this list into the Functions Editor of a 3D graph in parametrical mode : $xp1(t,u):=\mathbf{g1}[1]$ $yp1(t,u):=\mathbf{g1}[2]$ $zp1(t,u):=\mathbf{g1}[3]$ This can be done with a program: just type geo3d putg(1,5) and functions g1 to g5 will be placed into the editor. 7. If you don't see an object, maybe it's because of its Attributes: try to choose Surface + Wire. 8. Be careful: you must watch the number and the type of the parameters. 9. Function vec, to create a vector, is different : it produces a list of 6 functions (instead of 3) that must be placed into 2 parametrical graphs. One to plot a segment and the other to plot the head of the vector, a little cone. (Function thickvec, to create a thick vector, produces a list of 6 functions: 3 for the cylinder and 3 for the cone.) For example, to trace a vector from point \mathbf{p} to point \mathbf{q} : g2:=geo3d(vec(p,q)) $\left[\frac{2 \cdot t}{\pi}, 1 - \frac{t}{2 \cdot \pi}, \frac{t}{2 \cdot \pi}, 0.011258 \cdot \cos(t) \cdot u - 0.011941 \cdot \sin(t) \cdot u + 0.150053 \cdot u, -0.002814 \cdot \cos(t) \cdot u - 0.047762 \cdot \sin(t) \cdot u - 0.037513 \cdot u, -0.002814 \cdot \cos(t) \cdot u - 0.047762 \cdot \sin(t) \cdot u - 0.037513 \cdot u, -0.002814 \cdot \cos(t) \cdot u - 0.047762 \cdot \sin(t) \cdot u - 0.037513 \cdot u, -0.002814 \cdot \cos(t) \cdot u - 0.047762 \cdot \sin(t) \cdot u - 0.037513 \cdot u, -0.002814 \cdot \cos(t) \cdot u - 0.047762 \cdot \sin(t) \cdot u - 0.037513 \cdot u, -0.002814 \cdot \cos(t) \cdot u - 0.047762 \cdot \sin(t) \cdot u - 0.037513 \cdot u, -0.002814 \cdot \cos(t) \cdot u - 0.047762 \cdot \sin(t) \cdot u - 0.037513 \cdot u, -0.002814 \cdot \cos(t) \cdot u - 0.047762 \cdot \sin(t) \cdot u - 0.037513 \cdot u, -0.002814 \cdot \cos(t) \cdot u - 0.047762 \cdot \sin(t) \cdot u - 0.037513 \cdot u, -0.002814 \cdot \cos(t) \cdot u - 0.047762 \cdot \sin(t) \cdot u - 0.037513 \cdot u, -0.002814 \cdot \cos(t) \cdot u - 0.047762 \cdot \sin(t) \cdot u - 0.037513 \cdot u, -0.002814 \cdot \cos(t) \cdot u - 0.047762 \cdot \sin(t) \cdot u - 0.037513 \cdot u, -0.002814 \cdot \cos(t) \cdot u - 0.047762 \cdot \sin(t) \cdot u - 0.037513 \cdot u, -0.002814 \cdot \cos(t) \cdot u - 0.047762 \cdot \sin(t) \cdot u - 0.037513 \cdot u, -0.002814 \cdot \cos(t) \cdot u - 0.047762 \cdot \sin(t) \cdot u - 0.037513 \cdot u, -0.002814 \cdot \cos(t) \cdot u - 0.047762 \cdot \sin(t) \cdot u - 0.037513 \cdot u, -0.002814 \cdot \cos(t) \cdot u - 0.047762 \cdot \sin(t) \cdot u - 0.037513 \cdot u, -0.002814 \cdot \cos(t) \cdot u - 0.047762 \cdot \sin(t) \cdot u - 0.037513 \cdot u, -0.002814 \cdot \cos(t) \cdot u - 0.047762 \cdot \sin(t) \cdot u - 0.037513 \cdot u, -0.002814 \cdot \cos(t) \cdot u - 0.047762 \cdot \sin(t) \cdot u - 0.037513 \cdot u, -0.002814 \cdot \cos(t) \cdot u - 0.047762 \cdot \sin(t) \cdot u - 0.037513 \cdot u, -0.002814 \cdot \cos(t) \cdot u - 0.047762 \cdot \sin(t) \cdot u - 0.037513 \cdot u, -0.047762 \cdot \sin(t) \cdot u - 0.047762 \cdot (\cos(t) \cdot u$ g3:=right(g2,3) $= \{ 0.011258 \cdot \cos(t) \cdot u - 0.011941 \cdot \sin(t) \cdot u + 0.150053 \cdot u, -0.002814 \cdot \cos(t) \cdot u - 0.047762 \cdot \sin(t) \cdot u - 0.037513 \cdot u + 1.0.037513 \cdot u +$ then, if it's not already done, put g2 and g3 into the Functions Editor of a 3D graph page in parametric mode.

Syntax

SYNTAX OF LIBRARY GEO3D		
Points and vectors are in list format: P={x,y,z} v={x,y,z}.		
geo3d/brokenline (list of vertices or matrice nX3)		
geo3d\circle (radius, center, normal vector)		
geo3d\cone (<i>apex</i> , <i>height</i> , angle, <i>vector of axis of symetry</i>)		
$geo3d$ \curtain (f(x,y), x(t), y(t), tmin, tmax)		
geo3d\cylinder (radius, center base 1, center base 2)		
geo3d\disk (radius, center, normal vector)		
geo3d\parallelog (vertex, vector1, vector2)		
geo3d\perimeter (list of vertices or matrice nX3)		
geo3d polygon (list of vertices or matrice nX3) for a convex polygon		
geo3d\polyreg (center, normal vector, one vertex, number of sides) for a regular polygon		
<i>geo3d</i> $putg(i, j)$ to write gi gj in the parametric Editor		
geo3d\ribbon (curve, thickness, vector)		
geo3d\ring (radius min, radius max, center, normal vector)		
geo3d\rotaroundaxis (angle, object, center, vector of axis of rotation)		
geo3d\segment (a,b)		
geo3d\sphere (center, radius)		
geo3d\thickcurve (curve, radius)		
geo3d\thickvec (a, b, radius)		
geo3d\vec (a, b)		

The library geo3d also contains many private functions. We chose to declare only 20 public functions to keep the menu simple for occasional users. But the private functions can be used even if we don't see them in the menu. The syntax is written (in French) in the geo3d.tns file.

Warning: this library is new and not completely tested. You may find some errors.

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