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FOREWORD

Numerous architectural objects are proper works of art in the design sense; they not only represent their authors, but are recognizable features of cities and areas where they are located. Apart from design and aesthetic value, every architectural object has a use value, unlike other forms of art. In contemporary architectural design, freeform surfaces are more frequently applied for the objects designed for public use, because they are attractive and energy efficient. Moreover, parametric design is experiencing an expansion. Various geometric shapes can be used for architectural objects, but not all of them are suitable for each function. In order to design objects of complicated geometry, the architects must first learn the basic characteristics of geometric surfaces, and then their modeling, using one of contemporary CAD softwares.

That is why the Faculty of Civil Engineering and Architecture at the University of Niš, Serbia (further: FCEA) introduced an academic course Geometric Surfaces in Architecture (further: GSA) into the teaching plan of the master studies of Architecture in the academic year 2009/10. In theoretical classes, the students learned about all types and characteristics of geometric surfaces applied in architecture, while in practical classes they modelled those same surfaces in one of CAD softwares, although the modelling of especially curved geometric surfaces was very complicated and did not yield desired results. It was the students' opinion that the GSA course was very helpful and attractive to future architects, but that it should be taught earlier, so that the knowledge gained could be applied throughout their entire studies.

The authors of this practice book considered that the students should be introduced to geometric surfaces and their modelling in CAD software Rhinoceros at the very beginning of their studies, so that they could apply the gained knowledge in designing architectural objects in further studies, as well as later in practice. This software gives extraordinary opportunities for modelling both geometric and freeform surfaces.

Since the academic year 2016/17, the GSA academic course that the students frequent at the second year of their studies at the Architecture study program at FCEA Niš, includes theoretical as well as practical classes with 1+1 class ratio. In the theoretical part, the students are introduced to the classification of surfaces, ways of generating geometric surfaces, their application in architecture through history, using a large number of examples of derived objects. For the theoretical part of the course, there are presentations, as well as a monograph called *Geometric surfaces in Architecture*, published in 2012 by FCEA in Serbian language. Within the practical part of the course, the students are supposed to model architectural objects using geometric surfaces in Rhinoceros software. For the practice classes, the students were given templates that contain both textual explanations and drawings, which make object modelling easier for the students. The authors of this practice book were driven by the fact that the students do not have enough literature for the practice classes of the course, which is why the publishing of a practice book is of great importance.

Since one of the authors, Sonja Krasić, PhD, was a visiting professor at the Hosei University, Faculty of Engineering and Design in Tokyo, Japan, where she conducted the GSA course for the Japanese students of the second year of the Architecture study course, the need for the publishing of the practice book in English language emerged. The presentations for the theoretical part of the course were translated into English. By having this practice book published in English, architecture students worldwide will be able to improve their knowledge on geometric surfaces and their practical application, with a useful instruction on how to model them in CAD software Rhinoceros.

Due to a small number of teaching hours practice classes (45 minutes), in order for the students to learn how to model a larger number of geometric surfaces, which they are taught about during the theoretical lectures, one surface from the same lecture is processed during the practice classes, and another one for homework. While preparing the templates for practical exercises, the authors were driven by the idea that the exercises for practical work should be attractive architectural objects that can be modelled with as few options (commands) as possible, but also in different manners, so that the students would learn the software's possibilities better. With the textual explanations of the options, using the adopted geometrical terms, the drawings of important steps were also given, most frequently in perspective view,

with basic dimensions. For each assignment, whether done in class or for homework, the final shape of the object was shown in perspective and orthogonal projections, with all necessary dimensions. Didactical approach of step-by-step problem solving was applied during the making of all templates for practical work. Apart from the fact that the templates for practical learning help students learn object modeling more easily, with the use of remaining literature, they can also learn about geometrical surfaces that have found their application in architecture and have been used in making of the templates. The aim of the GSA course is for the acquired knowledge to be used in making of the final architectural projects in the GSA course itself, as well as in other design courses at the FCEA Nis.

Geometric surfaces in architecture – practice book will unify templates for practical learning, excerpts from theoretical classes and best examples of final students' projects at the GSA course at the FCEA Niš. Digital edition of the practice book in English language will be of great use to students and architects worldwide, in order for them to prepare for practice in contemporary circumstances.

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INTRODUCTION

Surfaces, like curves, are divided into empirical and regular. When the position of each point of the surface is determined by a certain law (rule), then the surface is regular, and they are divided into **analytic** and **geometric** (Table 1).

	EMPIRICAL	FREEFORM	
	REGULAR		ALGEBRAIC
		ANALTIC	TRANSCEDENT
			POLYHEDRAL
SURFACES		GEOMETRIC	EXTRUSION
			HELICAL
			RULED
			ROTATIONAL
			TRANSLATIONAL

Geometric surfaces which are generated by smooth motion of one line upon another are called **kinematic**. If a line "g" (straight or curve) moves according to some rule upon the second line "d" (straight or curve), then it forms a geometric surface.

Kinematic surfaces according to the type of movement generatrix "g" per the directrix (guideline) "d" are divided into:

Translational surface – generated by translation (parallel) movement of a curve **g** along the curve (straight line) **d**.

Rotational surface – generated by rotation of a curve (straight line) **g** around an axis **o**.

Helical surface – generated by rotation of some curve (straight line) \mathbf{g} , around an axis \mathbf{o} , with permanent translating along it.

When generatrix and directrix are straight lines (fig. 1), the resulting surface is developable, polyhedral. If the generatrix is a curve, and directrix is a straight line (fig. 2), the resulting surface is extrusion, single curved. When generatrix is a straight line and directrix is a curve (fig. 3), the resulting surface is a ruled, developable. If both generatrix and directrix are curves (fig. 4), the resulting surface is translational.



Figure 1

Figure 2

Figure 3

Figure 4

In addition to regular type, there is a special type of surface, empirical, that is generated by a series of matching or similar curves and they are called freeform surfaces. Part of the space which is limited by one, two or more closed surfaces is a **solid**. According to the classification of surfaces which are used in technical practice, especially in architecture, they are divided into two basic groups (Table 1): geometric (regular) and free-form (empirical) surfaces.

Traditional classes of geometric surfaces based on Helmut Pottmann in Architectural geometry text book are shown in Table 2:

GEOMETRIC SURFACES (Traditional surface classes - H. Pottmann)					
I POLYHEDRAL	1. REGULAR POLYHEDRONS				
	2. POLYHEDRONS				
II EXTRUSION	1. POLYHEDRONS				
	2. SINGLE CURVED SURFACES				
III HELICAL	1. HELICAL SURFACES with curve generatrix				
	2. HELICOIDS with line generatrix				
IV RULED	1. DEVELOPABLE				
	2. NON-DEVELOPABLE				
	2.1.One generatrix system				
	2.2.Two generatrix systems				
V ROTATIONAL	1. GENERAL SURFACES (QUADRICS):				
	2. SPECIAL SURFACES				
	3. GENERAL TIPE OF ROTATIONAL SURFACE				
VI TRANSLATIONAL	1. GENERAL				
	2. SPECIAL				

Table 2. Basic division of geometric surfaces

Table 3 gives all classes of geometric surfaces. Some of the surfaces belong to two, or three classes at the same time, because they can be generated using two different types of movement.

I POLYHEDRAL SURFACES	V ROTATIONAL SURFACES
I 1. REGULAR POLYHEDRONS	V 1. GENERAL ROTATIONAL SURFACES (QUADRICS)
I 1.1. Platonic solids	V 1.1. Rotational ellipsoids
I 1.2. Archimedean solids	V 1.2. Rotational paraboloids
I.2. POLYHEDRONS	V 1.3. Two-sheet rotational hyperboloids
I 2.1. Pyramids	V 1.4. One-sheet rotational hyperboloids
I 2.2. Prisms	V 2. SPECIAL ROTATIONAL SURFACES
II EXTRUSION SURFACES	V 2.1. Spheres
II 1. Cones, Pyramids (central extrusion)	V 2.2. Cones
II 2. Cylinders, Prisms (parallel extrusion)	V 2.3. Cylinders
III HELICAL SURFACES	V 2.4. Torus
III 1.Helical surfaces with curve generatrix	V 3. GENERAL TIPE OF ROTATIONAL SURFACE
III 2. Helicoids with line generatrix	VI TRANSLATIONAL SURFACES
IV RULED SURFACES	VI I. GENERAL TRANSLATIONAL SURFACES
IV ROLED SORFACES	VI 1. GENERAL TRANSLATIONAL SURFACES
IV 1. DEVELOPABLE IV 1.1. Pyramids, Prisms	VI 1. GENERAL TRANSLATIONAL SURFACES VI 2. SPECIAL TRANSLATIONAL SURFACES VI 2.1. Elliptic paraboloids
IV 1. DEVELOPABLE IV 1.1. Pyramids, Prisms IV 1.2. Cones, Cylinders	VI 2. SPECIAL TRANSLATIONAL SURFACES VI 2.1. Elliptic paraboloids VI 2.2. Hyperbolic paraboloids
IV ROLED SORFACES IV 1. DEVELOPABLE IV 1.1. Pyramids, Prisms IV 1.2. Cones, Cylinders IV 1.3. Tangent surfaces of a space curve	VI 1. GENERAL TRANSLATIONAL SURFACES VI 2. SPECIAL TRANSLATIONAL SURFACES VI 2.1. Elliptic paraboloids VI 2.2. Hyperbolic paraboloids VI 2.3. Two-sheet elliptic hyperboloids
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 Table 3. Division of geometric surfaces

All geometric surfaces classes have found vast application in architecture, especially in 20th and 21st century. The students are introduced to the characteristics and methods of generating all geometric surfaces, as well as the best-known examples of architectural objects on which they were applied, during the theoretical classes of the academic course Geometric Surfaces in Architecture (GSA). Out of large number of architectural objects on which geometric surfaces were applied, one object per surface was chosen (the most attractive one, in the opinion of the authors of this practice book), for students to model in the Rhinoceros software, during the practical classes of the GSA course.

CONTENTS OF THE GSA ACADEMIC COURSE

GSA academic course at FCEA Niš is performed in 12 units at the theoretical and 12 units at practical classes. The contents of the course include all types of geometric surfaces, and the units were thusly conceived that one unit encompasses the same kind of surfaces.

In theoretical classes, the first unit is introductory, with clearly marked aim of the course; the second one gives the classification of surfaces and the historical overview, and from the third unit onwards the students learn about the geometric surfaces according to the division given in 2nd unit (Table 4), with characteristics and examples from architectural practice, both finished objects and the best students' projects from this course since its beginning.

Unit 1	Introduction to the course	Unit 7	Helical surfaces with curve and line generatrix: Helicoids
Unit 2	Classification of the surfaces	Unit 8	Ruled non-developable surfaces with one generatrix system: Cylindroids, Conoids and Tetroids
Unit 3	Regular polyhedrons: Platonic and Archimedean solids	Unit 9	Ruled non-developable surfaces with two generatrix systems: One-sheet rotational hyperboloids and Hyperbolic paraboloids
Unit 4	Polyhedral surfaces: Pyramids and Prisms	Unit 10	Special rotational surfaces: Spheres
Unit 5	Extrusion surfaces: Cones and Cylinders	Unit 11	General rotational surfaces: Ellipsoids, Paraboloids and Two-sheet hyperboloids
Unit 6	Ruled developable surfaces: Tangent surfaces of a space curve	Unit 12	General type of rotational surfaces, special rotational surface-Torus and Translational surfaces

Table 4. Contents of lectures in course GSA on FCEA in Nis (Source: Krasic et al. 2018)

The practical classes foresee 12 units (Table 5). First, it is necessary for students to get introduced to the functioning of the computer software Rhinoceros, since this course is their first contact with it. In the first three units, basic commands used for modelling geometric surfaces are explained, and those are the commands for drawing and transformation of geometric elements, as well as various settings for the drawing process. From the 4th unit the students model the surfaces according to the division given in the Unit 2 during the theoretical classes (Table 1). One surface is modelled in the laboratory, and the second surface of the same type for homework, so that the students can be introduced to ways of modelling as many surfaces as possible.

Table 5. Contents of practice classes in course GSA on FCEA in Nis (Source: Krasic et al. 2018)

Unit 1	Rhinoceros — Introduction, points, lines and polygons	Unit 7	Rhinoceros — Helical surfaces with line generatrix: Oblique helical staircase and normal helical staircase (homework)
Unit 2	Rhinoceros — Free-form curves, circles, ellipses, parabolas, hyperboles, arcs and helix	Unit 8	Rhinoceros — Ruled non developable surfaces with one generatrix system: Conoidal canopy and cylindroid (homework)
Unit 3	Rhinoceros — Surfaces and geometric solids	Unit 9	Rhinoceros — Ruled non developable surfaces with two generatrix systems: Hyperbolic paraboloid's object and special rotational surfaces spherical canopy (homework)
Unit 4	Rhinoceros — Platonic solids: Pentagonal dodecahedron and icosahedron (homework)	Unit 10	Rhinoceros — Rectilinear ruled surfaces with two generatrix systems: One sheet rotational hyperboloid's object and special rotational surfaces: spherical slice (homework)
Unit 5	Rhinoceros — Polyhedral surfaces: Pyramidal folds and prismatic folds (homework)	Unit 11	Rhinoceros — General rotational surfaces: Triaxial ellipsoid's object and rotational paraboloid's object (homework)
Unit 6	Rhinoceros — Extrusion surfaces: Conical folds and cylindrical object (homework)	Unit 12	Rhinoceros — Special rotational surface: Torus's object and Translational surface (homework)

For the practical classes, templates were made, in which modelling of the objects was shown both in text and in drawing, step by step, with clearly marked views in which certain steps should be performed, including the data whether a command should be chosen from the main or mini menu, or from the command line. The templates text also includes the data whether the option Osnap should be turned on, which is used for precise positioning of points and setting tangents and perpendiculars to curves (End, Point, Mid, Cen, Int, Perp, Tan...), as well as the options Grid Snap, Ortho, Planar, Smart Track, which are turned on as needed, and which serve for easier manipulation while drawing geometric elements. While creating the tasks for modelling geometric surfaces, the most optimal options were taken into account, but at the same time, for each new task, a new modelling option was chosen when more possible modelling options were available. In this way, the students are better acquainted with software possibilities.

FINAL PROJECT ON THE GSA COURSE

Based on theoretical and practical work, as the final project, each student should model an original architectural object (or three elements of either indoor or outdoor furniture), from one type of geometric surface, as directed by the teacher. Architectural object (or furniture piece) should be put in appropriate surroundings and visualized. By placing the object in the adequate environment and applying the materials, its realistic representation is obtained. The final architectural project is handed in on a poster, size 50x70cm, which should contain perspective views of the object, orthogonal projections and characteristic steps using which the final object was obtained (drawings most often in perspective view from the Rhinoceros software), especially if planar intersections or mutual surfaces intersections were used for the object.

CONTENTS OF THE PRACTICE BOOK

The practice book contains theoretical excerpts, exercise templates and homework, information about working in the Rhinoceros software as well as examples of best students' final projects at the GSA course, for each unit foreseen during the practical classes.

UNIT 1 - RHINOCEROS: INTRODUCTION, POINTS, LINES AND POLYGONS

EXERCISE 1

EXERCISE 1 explains the position and use of the basic commands (options) in the software Rhinoceros for: starting the Rhinoceros software; using the work space with 4 windows (**Top, Front, Right and Perspective view**, fig. 5); giving commands on the command line (or via main menu or mini menu, which are easier to visually follow options for drawing, fig. 6 and 7); diminishing (enlarging) the drawing; movement of the drawing in the window; setting measurement units in the program; using the wireframe and orthogonal direction for drawing; precise drawing; returning to the previous or next step during the drawing (**undo, redo**); classification of certain parts of the drawing in layers depending on colour, type of the line, texture and thickness (fig. 8); handling during the drawing process (repeating or interrupting the command, selection of one or more objects, deselection).

Moreover, Unit 1 explains which options in main or auxiliary (mini) menu are used to draw one or more points (fig. 9), lines, polylines (fig. 10 and 11), tangents and normal to curves. Then it is explained using which options from either menu it is possible to draw rectangle and regular polygons (triangles, quadrangles, pentagons, etc., fig. 12). Using the example of simple polygons, it is explained how they could be separated into single elements (**Explode**), and then merged into one whole (**Join**) and how the intersection of planar figures can be found (**Curve/From Objects/Intersection**).

It was also explained how to use the commands for transforming geometric elements in the main menu (lines, curves, polygons...fig.13), as well as in the mini menu (fig. 14), because it is the simpler way: movement (Move), copying (Copy), mirroring (Mirror), rotation (Rotate), splitting (Split), erasing the parts (Trim), extension of elements (Extend), enlargement/diminishing (Scale).



Figure 5 – Desktop software Rhinoceros

Untitled - Rhinoceros (Corporate) (64-bit) File Edit View Curve Surface Solid Mesh Dimension Transform Tools Analyze Render Panels Help Unable to load default render plug-in. Command:

Figure 6 – Main menu commands







Figure 9 – Curve/Point object

Figure 10 - Curve/Line, Polygon



Figure 11 – Curve/Line





Figure 13 - Transform/Move/Copy/Rotate/Scale/Mirror

Figure 14 - Transform/Mini Menu

HOMEWORK 1

HOMEWORK 1 is to draw 9 points, given with x, y and z coordinates, taking care to keep the computer mouse positioned in TOP or PERSPECTIVE view. If the mouse is positioned in FRONT view, the coordinates are placed in order x, z, y.

EXERCISE 1 — Rhinoceros: Drawing points, lines and polygons

Starting the Rhinoceros (64-bit):

- Click on the icon Rhinoceros. Opens the menu and work space, which consists of 4 windows: **Top**, **Front**, **Right** and **Perspective**;
- Enlarging the window double click on the window name;
- Choosing the window in which we want to work left click.

Important Commands:

- Enlarging (zoom in) and diminishing (zoom out) of the drawing the scroll wheel of the mouse;
- Movement right click/+Shift and move the cursor (simultaneously);
- Setting the unit for drawing: File/Properties/Document Properties/Units
- Command line giving commands by typing;
- Grid Snap capture points of the network are plotted in projection windows;
- **Ortho** draw a line by parallel axes that are marked in red and green line;
- **Osnap** precise drawing, capturing certain points on the drawing;
- Undo and Redo;

Layers (Standard/Edit Layers) — classification of certain parts of the drawing depending on the color, line type, texture and thickness:

- New layer add a new layer;
- Sublayer sublevels of a layer;
- Change Object Layer the subsequent changes in the layer of a plotted object (object selection/right click on a future layer/Change Object Layer);
- Temporary turning off of a layer is done by clicking on the light bulb next to layer (On);
- Lock lock layer;
- **Current** active Layer;

Commands to handle when drawing in the program:

- Repeat the command right click or the Space on the keyboard.
- Canceling commands right click or Enter on the keyboard.
- Selection of one object left click;
- Selection of multiple objects one by one left click + Shift
- Deselection left click + Ctrl;
- Selection from left to right marking the objects in the whole framed by selection;
- Selection from right to left mark all objects that are partially included;

Point:

- 1. Curve/Point Object/Single Point drawing one point;
- 2. Mini Menu/Single Point drawing one point (other way);
- 3. Curve/Point Object/Multiple Points drawing multipoint;
- 4. Mini Menu/Multiple Points drawing multipoint (other way);

Line:

1. **Curve/Line/Single Line** – drawing one line by assigning the length in the command line;

- 2. Curve/Line/Line Segments drawing polygons consisting of individual lines;
- 3. Curve/Line/Polyline drawing polygons as a whole;
- 4. Mini Menu/Explode disassembling object on particular items;
- 5. Curve/Line/Rectangle drawing quadrangle;
- 6. **Curve/Line/Polygon** drawing a polygon;
- Curve/From Objects/Intersection curve in the intersection of two lines/surfaces/solids;

Mini Menu: (Tools/Options/Toolbars/File/Import Toolbar/default.rui/Open)

- Move
- Сору
- Mirror
- Rotate
- Split
- Join
- Trim
- Extend
- Scale

HOMEWORK 1: Drawing points with assigning the exact coordinates*

Draw points (by using options Curve/Text Object) given by coordinates and examine their projections and position in space (in command line enter the coordinates separated by dots) O(0.0. 0), A(5.0.0), B(-3.0.0), C(0.4.0), D(0.0.7), E(2.3. 0), F(4.0.7), G(5.6.7), H(3.-7.-5).

*Make sure that the mouse is positioned in **Top** or **Perspective** view. If the mouse is positioned in the **Front** view, then the coordinates are entered in order x, z, y.



Figure 15 - Example Homework 1



Figure 16 – Example Exercise 1

UNIT 2 — RHINOCEROS: FREE-FORM CURVES, CIRCLES, ELLIPSES, PARABOLAS, HYPERBOLAS, ARCS AND HELICES

EXERCISE 2

EXERCISE 2 explains how to construct planar free-form curves, conics of II degree (circles, ellipses, parabolas and hyperbolas) and arcs in the Rhinoceros software. It is shown how to construct helices and spirals from spatial curves. There are different constructions of planar free-form curves and conics of II degree. In this unit, only some constructions were chosen for explanation, because they are most frequently used in practice. For modeling planar curves (conics of II degree) commands from mini menu (fig. 17, 18 and 19), or from the main menu (fig. 20, 21 and 22) can be used. Only the constructions for parabola and hyperbola in the mini menu are found in the option for free-form curves (fig. 19). There are multiple ways of constructing arcs, only three most characteristic ones are shown (fig. 23). Spatial curves of helix and spiral have only one construction that is located in the main menu (fig. 24).



Figure 17 – Curve/Circle

Figure 18 - Curve/Ellipse

Figure 19 – Curve/Free-form curve



Figure 20 - Curve/Circle

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Figure 21 - Curve/Ellipse



Figure 22 - Curve/Hyperbola

Figure 24 - Curve/Helix/Spiral

Then, different operations with curves are shown: division into equal lengths of the segments or equal number of parts (fig. 25); cutting, either mutually or with a surface or a solid, determining solid contour in a specific direction and from a given distance, adding the generatrix in a specific direction from an arbitrary distance, making of the wire model from a solid (fig. 26). This unit also shows how lines or open curves can be extended (fig. 27) as well as free-form curves (fig. 28).

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Figure 25 – Curve/Point object/Divide Curve by

Figure 26 – Curve/Curve from object





Figure 27 - Curve/Extend Curve

Figure 28 - Curve/Continue control point curve

HOMEWORK 2

HOMEWORK 2 is to replace (in the given basis of the object) lines with curves, whose constructions are shown.

EXERCISE 2 — Rhinoceros: Drawing free-form curves, circles, ellipses, parabolas, hyperbolas, arcs and helices

Procedures for constructing curves (free-form curve, circle, ellipse, parabola, hyperbola, arc and helix)

- 1. Curve/Free-Form/Interpolate Points free-form curve using curve points;
- 2. Curve/Free-Form/Fit to Polyline free-form curve using lines (tangent in curve point)
- 3. Curve/Circle/Center, Radius circle by using center and radius
- 4. Curve/Circle/2 Points circle by using diameter;
- 5. Curve/Circle/3 Points circle through three points on the circle;
- 6. Curve/Circle/Around Curve circle perpendicular to the line or curve;
- 7. Curve/Ellipse/From Center ellipse by using both axes and center;
- 8. Curve/Ellipse/Diameter ellipse by using the length of one axis;
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- 10. Mini Menu/Ellipse/Around Curve ellipse perpendicular to the line;
- 11. Mini Menu/Ellipse/By Corners ellipse by using tangent parallelogram
- 12. Curve/Parabola/Focus, Direction parabola by using focus and axis;
- 13. Curve/Parabola/Vertex, Focus parabola by using vertex and focus;
- 14. Curve/Hyperbola/Center, Focus hyperbola by using center and focus;
- 15. Curve/Hyperbola/From Foci hyperbola by using two foci
- 16. Curve/Arc/Center, Start, Angle arc by using angle between two branches;
- 17. Curve/Arc/Start, End, Point arc by using tendon and center;
- 18. Curve/Arc/Start, Point, End arc by using points (each click denotes a single point of arc, there are three);
- **19. Curve/Helix** define axis and radius of cylinder basis;
- 20. Curve/Spiral;

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Curve from object

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- 4. Extract Wireframe make a wired model of the solid;

HOMEWORK 2: Drawing curves in given basis of the object

• On the given basis of the object (fig. 29), change internal or outer walls (arbitrarily), using the options from the exercises.



Figure 29 - Basis of the object



Figure 30 – Example Homework 2



Figure 31 – Example Exercise 2

UNIT 3 - RHINOCEROS: SURFACES AND GEOMETRIC SOLIDS

EXERCISE 3

EXERCISE 3 explains the commands for modelling surfaces and solids in the Rhinoceros software. First, the explanation how to construct planes (rectangular surfaces), as the simplest surfaces, is given using three ways most frequently used in practice, found in the main menu (fig. 32). Then it is shown how to use the options **Loft**, **Sweep** and **Revolve**, for modelling surfaces (fig. 33). All previously named commands can be found in mini menu, together with operations that can be performed on surfaces (fig. 34). For these options it is necessary to draw lines or curves as guidelines (d₁, d₂, fig.35) or generatrices, to show how to model surfaces. It is necessary to take into account the order of the steps for modelling surfaces in the command lines (fig. 36 and 37).









Figure 35 - Option Surface/Loft

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Figure 37 - Option Surface/Revolve/Sequence of steps

Then it is shown how to extend a surface, chamfer it or cut the ends and make an identical surface at the given distance (fig. 38).



Figure 38 – Extend/Fillet/Chamfer/Offset Surface

Figure 39 - Solid/Box/Cylinder/Cone/Pyramid...

Then follow the explanations on how to model geometric solids: Box, Sphere, Cylinder, Cone, Pyramid, Ellipsoid, Paraboloid and Torus (fig. 39), if bases and heights are given, as well as centers and radiuses, or axes, or dimensions of the parallels.

Boolean operations of addition, difference and subtraction with geometric solids are shown (fig. 40): how to merge more geometric solids into one whole (**Union**); how to determine the breakthrough of a solid while rejecting one solid from the other (**Difference**); how to determine the core of the breakthrough (**Intersection**); how to reject the core of the breakthrough and join the rest of both solids into one whole (**Boolean two objects**); how to keep both solids while showing the breakthrough line (**Boolean split**). Then it is shown how the tools for transformation of geometric solids can be used (fig. 41): showing all points on the solid, (**Turn on Points – F10**); individual movement of the points (**Edges/Move Edge**); translational movement of the sides of a solid (**Faces/Move Face**).

The visibility of surfaces is also highly important (**Display**), so it is shown how it could be changed into the wire model, full model with the construction or a full model with materialization display (fig. 42, 43 and 44).

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Figure 40 – Operations with Solids

Figure 41 – Solid Edit Tools



Figure 42 – Wireframe viewport

Figure 43 – Shaded viewport

Figure 44 – Rendered viewport

HOMEWORK 3

Homework for Unit 3 is to draw the given meridian, consisting of lines and curves, that merge into one whole using the option **Join** and then model a rotational surface using the option **Surface/Revolve**.

EXERCISE 3 — Rhinoceros: Modelling surfaces and geometric solids

Surfaces:

- 1. Surface/Plane/Corner to corner make rectangular surface by using two opposite angles;
- 2. Surface/Plane/3 Points make rectangular surface by using 3 points;
- 3. Surface/Plane/Vertical make vertical rectangular surface;
- 4. Surface/Loft make a surface of multiple lines/curves;
- 5. Surface/Sweep make a surface by sweeping profile along rail (curve);
- 6. Surface/Revolve make surface by rotating line around a vertical axis;
- 7. Surface/Corner points make surfaces by selecting polygon vertices;
- 8. Surface/Edge curves create a surface of lines/curves in the same plane;
- 9. Surface/Extend surface extend surface;
- 10. Surface/Fillet surface rounded ends;
- 11. Surface/Chamfer surface cut ends;
- 12. Surface/Offset surface make surface that is equidistant from all points of the given surface;

Geometric Solids:

- 1. Solid/Box/Corner to Corner, Height make solid (prism) by using polygon basis and height;
- 2. Solid/Sphere/Center, Radius make sphere by using center and radius;
- 3. Solid/Cylinder make cylinder by using circle basis and height;
- 4. Solid/Cone make cone by using circle basis and height;
- 5. Solid/Pyramid make pyramid by using polygon basis and height
- 6. Solid/Ellipsoid make ellipsoid with center and length of three axes;
- 7. Solid/Torus make torus by using largest and smallest parallel;

Boolean operations with geometric solids:

- 1. **Solid/Union** connect more geometric solids into one whole;
- 2. **Solid/Difference (subtract)** breakthrough of geometric solids by rejecting one solid from the other;
- 3. Solid/Intersection core of breakthrough of geometric solids;
- 4. Solid/Boolean two objects breakthrough of geometric solids with the rejection of the breakthrough core and joining into one whole;
- 5. Solid/Boolean Split breakthrough of geometric solids keeping both solids and showing breakthrough line;
- 6. Solid/Create Solid breakthrough of geometric solids while retaining all the cross sections and creating new surfaces;
- 7. Solid/Solid Edit Tools/Turn on Points (F10) show all points of surface which can be moved individually;
- 8. Solid/Solid Edit Tools/Edges/Move Edge moving edges of the geometric solid
- 9. Solid/Solid Edit Tools/Faces/Move Face translational movement of one surface (face) of the geometric solid;

Visibility of plotted objects (Display):

- **Display/ Wireframe viewport** wire model;
- **Display/ Shaded viewport** full model with construction;
- **Display/ Shade** full model without construction;
- **Display/ Rendered viewport** full model showing the materialization;

HOMEWORK 3: Making a model of a rotational surface

• Draw meridian according to figure 45 in **Front** view. Draw meridian from parts of curves and lines. Using the **Mini Menu/Join** command join the curves and lines into one whole. Use the command **Surface/Revolve** to generate the rotational surface.



Figure 45 – Meridian of rotational surface



Figure 46 – Example Homework 3

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Figure 47 – Example Exercise 3

UNIT 4 – REGULAR POLYHEDRONS: PENTAGONAL DODECAHEDRON AND **ICOSAHEDRON**

Polyhedrons are developable, closed surfaces. All faces (parts) of these surfaces are planes (polygons). The polyhedral surfaces include:

- regular polyhedrons (Platonic and Archimedean solids)
- pyramids •
- prisms

REGULAR POLYHEDRONS (PLATONIC SOLIDS)

Regular (primary) polyhedrons or Platonic solids are closed surfaces, in which all faces (parts) are regular polygons – equilateral triangles, squares, or regular pentagons.

Division of regular polyhedrons (Platonic solids):

- a) Tetrahedron
- b) Hexahedron (Cube)
- c) Octahedron
- d) Pentagonal dodecahedron (PD)
- e) Icosahedron (ICOS)



Figure 51 – Regular polyhedrons (Platonic Solids) a) Tetrahedron, b) Hexahedron, c) Octahedron, d) Pentagonal dodecahedron, e) Icosahedron



Figure 52 – Pentagonal dodecahedron

Pentagonal dodecahedron - consists of Icosahedron - consists of twenty faces twelve faces (regular pentagons), twenty vertices in which three pentagons and thirty equal edges (sides of the pentagon) converge.



Figure 54 – Possible dodecahedron connections

Figure 53 - Icosahedron

(equilateral triangles), twelve vertices in which five triangles and thirty equal edges (sides of equilateral triangles) converge.





MODELLING PENTAGONAL DODECAHEDRON AND ICOSAHEDRON IN THE COMPUTER SOFTWARE RHINOCEROS

EXERCISE 4

EXERCISE 4 shows how to construct pentagonal dodecahedron (fig. 56), one of 5 Platonic solids, in 9 steps. Dimensions of the pentagonal dodecahedron are not specified. In the beginning, one basic pentagon is drawn using the option **Curve/Polygon/Center, Radius**, in **Top** view, and then using the option **Transform/Mirror** the basic pentagon is mirrored 2 times in relation to two sides (fig. 56/1). Then, in **Perspective** view, two circles are drawn in vertical planes like in figure 56/2 and their intersection point is determined. In the same view, using the option **Transform/3d Rotate**, two pentagons are rotated in such a way that one vertex of each of them coincides with the point of intersection of circles (fig. 56/3). The rest of the inclined pentagons are obtained by using the command **Transform/Rotate**, in **Top** view. In that way, the lower half of dodecahedron is generated. The upper half is generated in **Perspective** view, using the option **Orijent3pt**, which is typed on the command line. The order of the choice of points for this command is shown in figure 56/4. Pentagons, that are planar figures in the wire model, transform into planes by using the option **PlanarSrf**, which is typed in the command line, and the **Join** option merges all pentagonal planes into one solid (fig. 56/5).

HOMEWORK 4

HOMEWORK 4 requires to model icosahedron (fig. 58), another Platonic solid, using 8 steps, dimensions given in meters. That is why it is necessary to change measurement units, from mm to m, using the option File/Properties/Units. Icosahedron consists of two equilateral pentagonal pyramids, edge a (side of equilateral triangle). They are spaced by the height H_2 = 0.85a and connected by a central part, which consists of equilateral triangles. Using the option Solid/Pyramid, the first pentagonal pyramid is constructed, whose side of basis is a=10m, and the height $H_1=5.26m$, in **Top** view (fig. 58/1). The base pentagon is constructed using the center and the circumscribed circle around the pentagon, the radius r=8.503m (choose number of sides 5). Then the first pyramid is mirrored and copied related to the basis plane in **Front** view (because in this view the mirroring plane is a straight line). Thusly obtained second pyramid is moved for the height $H_2=8.5m$. The second pyramid is then rotated using the option **Transform/Rotate** in **Top** view at the angle of 36⁰ (fig. 58/2). In this way, it is secured that the basis pentagons are rotated at the angle of 36°, so that the intersections of their appropriate vertices are equal edges of icosahedron a=10m, i.e. equilateral triangles. In order for the inside of the solid to be empty, it is necessary to separate the wrappers and bases of both pyramids using the option **Explode** and delete the pentagon's basis. The middle part is generated by using the option Mini Menu/Surface from 3 or 4 other points (fig. 58/3). The option Join merges all planes into one solid (fig. 58/4).

EXERCISE 4 — Rhinoceros: Model a pentagonal dodecahedron

Procedure for constructing pentagonal dodecahedron:

- 1. Draw a basic pentagon using the options **Curve/Polygon/Center**, **Radius** in **Top** view (*it is important that the Number of sides is set to 5*);
- 2. Using Transform/Mirror option, mirror and copy basic pentagon in relation to two of its sides in Top view (Osnap option should be included) (see sketch 1);
- 3. In **Perspective** view, draw two circles using option **Curve/Circle/2 Points** (*Vertical option must be included in the command line*) so that one point is on side of one pentagon and the other one belongs to the other pentagon (see sketch 2);
- 4. Find their intersection point in the same view, using the option Curve/Curve From Object/Intersection (see sketch 2);
- 5. In **Perspective** view, rotate both copied pentagons using the option **Transform/3D Rotate** around the common side with basic pentagon (*so that axis of rotation is a common side*) and rotate the adjacent point of the copied pentagon to the point of intersection of two circles (see sketch 3);
- 6. In **Top** view, rotate and copy inclined pentagon for each side of the basis of basic pentagon (*center of rotation center of basic pentagon*) using option **Transform/Rotate**;
- Using Orijent3pt option (on command line) choose between three points on a wire model to make it coincide with three points upon rotation and copying (see sketch 4);
- 8. Convert wire model into surface by selecting whole wire model and typing option **PlanarSrf**;
- 9. In order for all surfaces to become one solid, select all surfaces with the SelSrf option, and then join them into one whole using the option Join;



Figure 56 - Procedure for modelling pentagonal dodecahedron (left) and top and front view (right)

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Figure 57 – Example Exercise 4

HOMEWORK 4: Model an icosahedron

Procedure for constructing icosahedron from figure 58:

- 1. In **Perspective** view use the option **Pyramid** from **Solid** card to construct pyramid with the radius of described circle r=x=8.503m around pentagonal basis and height is $H_1=5.26m$;
- Using Mirror option in Transform card in Front view, copy and mirror pyramid (mirroring plane is pentagonal pyramid basis, it is important to include Copy = Yes option to get a copy of pyramid);
- 3. Rotate upper pyramid by **Rotate** option for angle of 36[°] in **Transform** card in **Top** view (center of rotation center of pentagon)
- 4. In Front view using the option Transform/Move, put down lower pyramid for height $H_2 = 8.50m$;
- 5. Using **Explode** option in **Perspective** view, separate two pyramids into separate surfaces, and then by **Delete** option delete both pentagons;
- 6. In **Perspective** view using the option **Mini Menu/Surface from 3 or 4 other points**, create equilateral triangles that close the icosahedron;
- 7. Using the Join option in Perspective view connect all surfaces into one solid;
- Length of the icosahedron's side is the triangle side a=10m, through which is expressed radius of described circle x=0.8503a and height H₂=0.85a of icosahedron;



Figure 58 – Procedure for modelling icosahedron (left) and top and front view (right)

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Figure 59 – Example Homework 4
Figures 60 and 61 show representative examples of the use of pentagonal dodecahedron and icosahedron in architecture.



Figure 60 - PD, Ramot Housing, Jerusalem, Israel, arch. Zvi Hecker, year 1971-1985



Figure 61 – ICOS, Village Inc, arch. Jill Fehrenbacher, year 2005

UNIT 5 – POLYHEDRAL SURFACES: PYRAMIDS AND PRISMS

The pyramid and prism belong to polyhedral open surfaces, because they can extend to infinity. Both surfaces may be limited by a plane to generate a closed surface. Surfaces which are generated by central extrusion of polygon are pyramids and those generated by parallel extrusion of polygon are prisms. These surfaces belong to ruled surfaces too.

Pyramid (fig. 62) is generated if a line which passes through a constant point **S** is sliding on the polygon. A polygon can be planar or spatial, open or closed, with unlimited number of sides and it is a directrix **d** of surface. Point **S** is the top of the pyramid, and couplings of any point on polygon with the top of the pyramid are generatrices **g** of pyramid.

If the top **S** is infinitely distant, S_{∞} , generatrices **g** are parallel to each other and such a surface cut by two planes is called prism (fig. 63). Those two planes are identical polygons which are directrices **d** of prisms.



Pyramids and prisms belong to ordinary polyhedrons, because they are made of planar faces, which may be regular or irregular triangles or quadrilaterals (wrapper) and the basis which can be regular or irregular polygon. Pyramids are usually determined by basis and top, and prisms with two parallel bases.

FOLDS STRUCTURES

In contemporary architecture, pyramids and prisms are used in folds structures (fig. 64 and 65), because they are the simplest geometric forms, which can be used for spatial carriers. Spatial carriers are composed from parts of pyramidal or prismatic shape, or a combination of both forms.

Since a part of the pyramids and prisms can develop into a plane, corresponding to rotations around the edges, these spatial carriers become support, if stiffening bearings ensure the immutability of the form folds. Besides, many folds structures were created by breaking through pyramids and prisms, because of better mutual stiffening.





Figure 64 – Example of Pyramidal folds

Figure 65 – Example of Prismatic and Pyramidal folds

MODELLING PYRAMIDAL AND PRISMATIC FOLDS IN THE COMPUTER SOFTWARE RHINOCEROS

EXERCISE 5

EXERCISE 5 shows how to construct pyramidal folds over a circular basis (fig. 66), in 10 steps, given dimensions in meters. That is why it is necessary to change measurement units, from mm to m, using the option File/Properties/Units. Firstly, one element of pyramidal fold is formed. It consists of one horizontal normal and one reversed inclined pyramid that have the common basis in vertical plane. The top of the horizontal pyramid is in the center of the circular basis of the object, and the top of the inclined, reversed pyramid is on the bigger circle of the object. In order to construct one element of the fold (two pyramids), the options used from the main menu were Curve/Circle and Divide Curve by Number of Segments. Firstly, two concentric circles are drawn, with radius r=13m (fig. 66/1) and r=23m (basis of the object fig. 66/2 and 66/5), and then divided into equal number of parts, smaller one into 50, and the bigger one into 25 (the division should start from one axis in the window). The points on both circles, obtained by this division, are marked, as well as the common center. Using the option Move, the bigger circle is moved translationally for 10m (fig. 66/2) downwards (-z coordinate), and one point on the smaller circle (it is best if it is on one axis in the window), for 2 m upwards (+z coordinate). This was necessary to separate the points forming one element of the fold (two pyramids). One half of the elements of the fold is modelled in **Perspective** view, using the command Mini Menu/Surface from 3 or 4 Other Points, in such a way as to merge appropriate points on both circles and the common center, in order to get one surface of the mantle of the horizontal pyramid, and then one surface of the inclined pyramid. (fig. 66/3). In order to obtain the second half of the elements of the fold, it is best to use the option **Mirror**. in **Top** view (fig. 66/4). All separate surfaces of one element of pyramidal fold are merged into one whole using the option Join. Then, using the option Transform/Array/Polar, one element of the fold is radially copied 25 times, in order to obtain the whole object (fig. 66/5). The option Transform/Array/Polar is very convenient for this kind of object, because it performs rotation and copying at the same time. The center should be the common center for both circles, the number of copying 25, and the rotation angle 360° .

HOMEWORK 5

HOMEWORK 5 shows how to construct prismatic and pyramidal fold (fig. 68), in 8 steps, given dimensions in meters. That is why it is necessary to change measurement units from mm to m using the option File/Properties/Units. Firstly, one element of the fold is formed, consisting of one horizontal prism (roof) and two symmetrical reversed vertical pyramids (columns), with common bases in the inclined planes. One half of the shell of prism surface is formed from a rectangle (fig. 68/1), which was drawn using the option **Curve/Rectangle**, and then, using the command F10, points of the rectangle were separated, and two were moved using the option Move, in two directions (x and z), in order to obtain an inclined trapeze (fig. 68/2 and 68/3). The surface of the prism shell was obtained using the command Mini Menu/Surface from 3 or 4 other points, selecting the 4 vertices of the trapeze. Then, it was mirrored using the option Mirror in relation to the longer side of the trapeze (fig. 68/3). The top of the pyramidal fold was obtained using the point which was on the longer axis of the prism symmetry lowered for 7 m in relation to the lower generatrices of the prism and obtained using the option **Polyline** (fig. 68/4). The surface of the half of the shell of the reversed pyramid was obtained using the option Mini Menu/Surface from 3 or 4 other points, by merging two appropriate points of the prism basis with the pyramid top and was mirrored in **Top** view in relation to the longer symmetry axis of prismatic fold, in order to obtain a whole column. Using the option **Join**, the column was merged into one whole, and then mirrored in relation to the shorter axis of the roof symmetry, best in **Front** view (fig. 68/5). All surfaces of the folds of prism and pyramid were merged into one whole using the option **Join**, and then copied three more times (fig. 68/5).

EXERCISE 5 — Rhinoceros: Model the given object using pyramid

Procedure for constructing pyramidal fold structure from figure 66:

- Draw circle of radius r=13m using the option Curve/Circle/Center, Radius in Top view;
- Then, in the same view, divide circle into 50 equal parts using the option Curve/Point Object/Divide Curve by Number of Segments (before setting the number of division choose Natural in the command line, then Mark ends=Yes);
- 3. Mark circle center using the **Point** option;
- Raise one point from circle for 2m using the option Move in Perspective view (include vertical = yes);
- 5. In **Top** view, draw a circle with the same center as first, and radius r=23m;
- 6. Put down the larger circle for 10 m using the option **Move** (precisely in **Front** view);
- 7. Then divide the circle r=23m into 25 equal parts in **Top** view using the option **Curve/Point Object/Divide Curve by Number of Segments**;
- 8. In **Perspective** view using the option **Surface from 3 or 4 other points**, connect two adjacent points to the center of smaller circle as well as to point of larger circle, make two surfaces (see sketches 3 and 4);
- 9. Select all obtained polygons and using the option Join merge them into one unit;
- 10. In **Top** view, rotate and copy the basic element across the circle with **Transform/Array/Polar** option, 25 times for an angle of 360°;





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Figure 67 – Example Exercise 5

HOMEWORK 5: Model the given object using prism and pyramid

<u>Procedure for constructing prismatic and pyramidal fold structure from</u> figure 68:

- 1. Draw a rectangle in **Top** view using **Curve/Rectangle/Corner to angle** option, measuring 10x1m;
- Using option F10, give the rectangle points to manipulate and move using the option Move two adjacent points on the long side in the x and z direction for 1.5m (symmetrically one and the other point);
- 3. Draw surface using the option Mini Menu/Surface from 3 or 4 Corner Points connecting all 4 rectangle (trapeze) points in Perspective view;
- 4. Using option Transform/Mirror copy surface symmetrically relative to long side of trapeze, in Top view;
- 5. In **Front** view, draw the vertical **Polyline** height 7m from the lower edges roof structure so that the line is located on axis of symmetry (long side of the roof structure see sketch 4);
- 6. Using the option Mini Menu/Surface from 3 or 4 Corner Points, draw a 3-point surface pillar (top two points on trapeze and bottom point on the vertical line see sketch 5). Draw the pillar so that it is on both sides of the roof (*it can be obtained with Mirror option in Front view, if Polyline is not drawn on both sides*);
- 7. Using the option Join connect all surfaces into one;
- 8. Copy three more such units one behind the other using the option **Transform/Copy** (see sketch 6 on fig. 68);



Figure 68 – Procedure for modelling prismatic and pyramidal folds (up) and top and front view (down)

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Figure 69 – Example Homework 5

Figures 70 and 71 show representative examples of the use of pyramidal and prism's folds in architecture.



Figure 70 – Pyramidal folds, Canadian Pavilion, World Expo 2010, China, year 2010



Figure 71 - Pyramidal and prism's folds, Air Force Academy Chapel, USA, arch. W. Netsch, year 1963

UNIT 6 – EXTRUSION SURFACES: CONES AND CYLINDERS

Surfaces which are generated by central extrusion of smooth curve are cones and those generated by parallel extrusion of smooth curve are cylinders. These surfaces can also be generated by movement of straight line generatrix around curve directrix that classifies them as ruled developable surfaces, which have a single curvature. If that movement is rotation, these surfaces are rotational.

In order to develop the surface into a plane, generatrix of surface as it moves, passes with one point outside the curve, the top in finiteness **S** (cone), or at infinity S^{∞} (cylinder). It follows that the single-curved surface includes all types of cones (coupe, fig. 72) and cylinders (rollers, fig. 73).

A directrix (guideline) d, by which the generatrices g are moving can be planar or spatial curve, open or closed. If the directrix (guideline) is planar curve of 2nd order, then the surface (cone or cylinder) is 2nd order. A directrix (guideline) is a basis of cones and cylinders.





Figure 72 – Cone



Different division of cones and cylinders according to basis (fig. 74):

circular (basis is a circle, cones and cylinders,) elliptical (basis is an ellipse, cylinders, fig. 74/1) parabolic (basis is a parabola, cylinders, fig. 74/2) hyperbolic (basis is a hyperbole, cylinders, fig. 74/3)



FOLDS STRUCTURES

The simplest curved surfaces are **cylinders** and **cones**. Only limited conical and cylindrical surfaces are used in architectural practice. Single-curved shells are easy to lose shape transverse to the generatrices, but they must be stiffened by compartments and ribs.

Mutual breakthroughs of cones and cylinders stiffen the construction of the object, as well as the breakthroughs of pyramids and prisms. The long cylindrical shell operates as a beam with a curved cross-section, and brief shells bear the load as the vault. Conical shells can be put together like a dome (fig. 75) or repeated opposite each other for covering industrial halls. Cylindrical shells can use whole or parts of cylinders to cover objects (fig.76).



Figure 75 – Example of conical folds



Figure 76 - Example of cylindrical folds

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EXERCISE 6

EXERCISE 6 shows how to construct conical folds over the circular basis (fig. 77), in 11 steps, dimensions given in meters. That is why it is necessary to change measurement units, from mm to m, using the option File/Properties/Units. In order to model a cone, which is the basic element of the fold, the option Solid/Cone is used. Rotational cone is chosen, whose basis lies in the frontal plane, radius r=5m, and the axis is horizontal line, length 20m, which is determined in **Right** view (fig. 77/1). Cone is then rotated, using the option **Transform/Rotate**, so that the axis stands at the angle of -25^o in relation to the starting position (center of the rotation is the center of the basis, fig. 77/2), in the same view. In order to obtain the whole object, the basic cone is radially copied using the option **Transform/Array/Polar**, 12 times at the angle of 360°, whereby the cones overlap. Since only the upper part of the conical wrapper is used for the object, it is necessary to fix the inside of the object and that is why cross sectional planes were placed, both horizontal and vertical. The whole object is very precisely cut using the option Osnap/Intersection firstly with one horizontal plane, (set through the upper points of basis intersection, fig. 77/3), which is best done in **Front** view, and the plane itself and the part under it are rejected. Then, the conical folds was cut with 6 vertical planes, passing through the center of the object, and they were set precisely in **Top** view. Then comes the cutting of conic folds, using radial vertical planes, using the **Split** option, and the removal of all surfaces on the inside of the object as well as vertical intersecting planes. In order to make the conic fold a hollow surface, it was divided into parts (shells and bases) using the option Mini Menu/Explode and the bases were removed, using the option **Delete.** It is necessary to close the object with a vertical cylinder, which is why a circle was constructed written into a basic dodecagon, using the option Curve/Circle, the shell was elevated using Surface/Extrude Curve/Straight (fig. 77/4) and using Trim, the excess of the cylinder was removed. The thickness of the shell was obtained using the command Solid/Offset. The option chosen was to give the thickness of the entire conical fold over the existing shell (fig. 77/5).

HOMEWORK 6

HOMEWORK 6 is to model a vault, obtained by breakthrough of three cylinders over the basis which is an equilateral triangle (figure 79), in 8 steps, with given dimensions. That is why it is necessary to change measurement units, from mm to m, using the option File/Properties/Units. Firstly, an equilateral triangle was constructed, side a=20m, using the option Curve/Polygon and its orthocentre was determined (fig. 79/1). Over one side of the triangle, as a diameter of circular bases, a horizontal cylinder was constructed, using the option Solid/Cylinder. In Front view, the basis of the cylinder was constructed, and in Top view, the length to the triangle orthocentre was determined (fig. 79/2). The cylinder was cut with two vertical planes, through the height of the triangle, and one horizontal plane, through the basis center (fig. 79/3). Parts of the cylinder were removed, under the horizontal plane and outside of the triangle up to the intersection with vertical planes (fig. 79/4). The basic element of the cylindrical vault was then radially copied 3 times using the command Transform/Array/Polar, the center of the copying is the triangle orthocentre, at the angle of 360⁰ (fig. 79/5). In order for the vault to be hollow, it was divided into parts using the option Mini Menu/Explode, and then the bases of the cylinder were deleted. If necessary, the cylindrical shell can be given thickness using the option Solid/Offset, whereby it is necessary first to join all three elements into one whole using the option Join.

EXERCISE 6 — Rhinoceros: Model the given object using cone

Procedure for constructing conical fold structure from figure 77:

- 1. File/Properties/Units/Units and tolerances/Model units/Meters adjusting the units in which it is drawn;
- 2. Using the option Solid/Cone, Radius 5m in Front view, draw cone basis, then give height in Right view End of Cone 20m;
- 3. Using the option **Transform/Rotate** in **Right** view, rotate cone for angle -25[°] in relation to center of basis;
- 4. In **Top** view using the option **Transform/Array/Polar Center of polar** (*top cone*) **Number of items 12**, **Angle 360**^o radial cone copy;
- 5. Include Osnap/Int;
- 6. Using the option **Surface/Plane/Cutting Plane** in **Front** view, set horizontal plane through upper section of cone basis (*include Osnap/Intersection*);
- 7. Using the option **Trim** reject all that is below horizontal plane;
- 8. Using the option **Cut** or **Delete** on keyboard delete horizontal plane;
- 9. The inside of the object can be arranged by placing vertical planes:
 - a) **Surface/Plane/Cutting Plane** in **Top** view, set plane through one of intersection of cones;
 - b) Transform/Array/Polar, Center of polar (center of an object), Number of items 7, Angle 180° copy vertical plane radially;
 - c) Using the option Split cut cones with vertical planes;
 - d) Using the option **Cut** or **Delete** on keyboard, delete all vertical planes and parts of cone that are inside of the object;
- 10. Using the option **Explode**, basis is separated from the cone wrapper. It is possible to delete bases and to set curved surfaces:
 - a) Select whole object, **Explode**;
 - b) Delete all cone bases;
 - c) In **Perspective** or **Top** view, draw a line that connects two opposite common points of bases of adjacent cones, so that middle point of the line is on the

same vertical as tops of cones. Include Osnap/Mid in Perspective view, draw circle whose center is middle point of that line, and radius ends in intersection point of cone bases (see the right sketch);



- d) Using **Surface/Extrude Curve/Straight** option in **Perspective** view, make cylinder out of circle height up to top of cones;
- e) Using **Trim** option in **Perspective** view, select all cones and then delete part of cylinder that is above conical shells;
- 11. Using the option **Solid/Offset** in **Top** view select all shells of cone and give them thickness of 0.2m;



Figure 77 – Procedure for modelling conical folds (left) and top and front view (right)





Figure 78 – Example Exercise 6

HOMEWORK 6: Model the given object using cylinder

<u>Procedure for constructing cylindrical vault over triangular basis from figure</u> 79:

- 1. In **Top** view draw equilateral triangle side 20m using the option **Curve/Polygon/By Edge** and find its orthocenter using the option **Curve from object/Intersection** (*intersection of heights*);
- 2. Using the option **Solid/Cylinder** in **Front** view, draw cylinder basis over one of the triangle sides, and then in **Top** view, define length of the surface to triangle orthocenter;
- 3. Using the option **Surface/Plane/Cutting Plane** in **Front** view, set horizontal plane through center of cylinder basis;
- 4. Using the option **Trim**, reject the part of cylinder which is below the horizontal plane;
- 5. Delete the horizontal plane;
- 6. In **Top** view, set two vertical planes through appropriate heights of triangle;
- 7. Using the option **Trim** reject parts of cylinder which are outside of triangle;
- 8. Using the option Transform/Array/Polar, Center of polar (triangle orthocenter), Number of items 3, Angle 360° copy and rotate slice of cylinder in Top view;



Figure 79 – Procedure for modelling cylindrical vault (left) and top and front view (right)

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Figure 80 – Example Homework 6

Figures 81 and 82 show representative examples of the use of cone and cylinder fold in architecture.



Figure 81 – Conical folds, Chemical Sciences Auditorium, Mexico, arch. F. Candela, year 1952



Figure 82 — Cylindrical folds, Church of Saint Francis of Assisi, Mexico, arch. O. Niemeyer, year 1943

UNIT 7 - HELICAL SURFACES WITH LINE GENERATRIX: HELICOIDS

HELIX – SPATIAL CURVE

Since the helix, which is kind of a spatial curve, is commonly used in technical practice, in this part helix will first be considered as one curve, directrix (guideline) of helical surface.

There are three types of the helix:

1. cylindrical — when one point moves translationally along a straight line, with simultaneous rotation around a parallel line (along the cylinder wrapper, fig. 83)

2. **conical** – when one point moves translationally along a straight line, with simultaneous rotation around the line with which it intersects (along the cone wrapper, fig. 84)

3. spherical - when one point moves translationally, with simultaneous rotation, so that this path intersects the meridians at the same angle (along the sphere wrapper, fig. 85)

Cylindrical helix has greatest application in architectonic practice.



Figure 83 – Cylindrical helix



Figure 84 – Conical helix



Figure 85 - Spherical helix

HELICOIDS

In general, there are three directrices (guidelines) of non-developable surface and those are three curves, but there may also be some other combinations.

Helicoids are helical surfaces whose generatrices \mathbf{g} are straight lines and directrices (guidelines) \mathbf{d} are cylindrical helix. Non-developable, helical surfaces belong to the group of ruled surfaces which has only one generatrix system. Helicoids can be: closed — if the generatrices intersect axis of the surface; and open — if generatrices do not intersect axis of the surface.

Directrices of these surfaces can be two helical curves and one infinitely distant line or a helical curve and one line in finiteness and infinitely distant curve. According to how generatrix stands in relation to the axis of surfaces, helicoids can be:

normal helicoid – generatrices **g** are perpendicular to the axis **a** (fig. 86), **oblique** helicoid – generatrices **g** are inclined to the axis **a** (fig. 87).



Figure 86 – Normal helicoid



Figure 87 - Oblique helicoid

MODELLING OBLIQUE AND NORMAL HELICAL STAIRCASE IN THE COMPUTER SOFTWARE RHINOCEROS

EXERCISE 7

EXERCISE 7 showed how to construct helical staircase with railing (fig. 88), in 19 steps, with given dimensions. That is why it is necessary to change measurement units from mm to m using the option File/Properties/Units. The panel of the staircase is an oblique helicoid, whose directrices are two cylindrical helices. Firstly, it is necessary to draw two concentric circles, the first projections of the helices, with radius r=1.2m and r=0.2m, respectively, using the option **Curve/Circle** in **Top** view. The smaller circle is at the same time the projection of the pillar, which supported the console staircase. The option **Curve/Helix** is used to draw two helices with different radius and the starting height (fig. 88/1). The generatrix of the helicoid is an obligue line, generated by the option **Curve/Line**, by merging the starting points of the helices. Using the option Surface/Sweep 2 Rail, an obligue helicoid was modelled (stair panel, fig. 88/2). In order to model one stair, it is necessary to divide spherical surface (between two concentric circles), generated by the Surface/Loft option, into 12 parts using line through center of circles which is radially copied by Transform/Array/Polar command (fig. 88/3). Then, 11 parts of the spherical surface need to be removed and the solid of the stair formed with height h=17.5cm using the command Extrude Surfaces/Straight in Perspective view. The same option is used to form the solid of the pillar, height h=2.8m. The option Transform/Array/Along **Curve/Method/Number of items 17/Orientation Roadlike**, makes it easy to copy all steps along the bigger helix, whereby the last step is removed (fig. 88/4).

The pillar and the stairs, that had been modelled, need to be copied to use it for the homework.

The stair panel is assigned the height h=0.175m, under the steps, using the command **Solid/Extrude Surfaces/Straight**, best in **Perspective** view. To model the hand railing, bigger helix is copied and elevated to the appropriate height, h=1.375m. It is necessary to create a circle with radius r=2.5cm, perpendicular to the helix direction, using the option **Curve/Circle/Around Curve**, in **Perspective** view. Using the option **Surface/Sweep 1 Rail/Style=Roadlike** in **Top** view, a surface is created, which represents the thickness of the railing, and the empty spaces are closed off using the option **Cap** (fig. 88/5).

HOMEWORK 7

HOMEWORK 7 models helical staircase with the same dimensions as in Exercise 7, but with a panel which is a normal helicoid (fig. 90). That is why everything that had been done in exercises is copied, up to step 13. The only thing that changes is the panel that is formed from the same helices as in the exercises, with equal starting height (fig. 90/1). In this case, the generatrix is a line which stands perpendicular to the helix axis, which is why the surface modelled using the option **Surface/Sweep 2 Rail**, is a normal helicoid (fig. 90/2). This surface also needs to be given height h=0.175m, under the steps, using the command **Solid/Extrude Surfaces/Straight**, best in **Perspective** view. This staircase also needs a railing that can be modelled in the same way as during the exercises, or, previously modelled railing can be copied and moved (fig. 90/3).

EXERCISE 7 — Rhinoceros: Model the given object using an oblique helicoid

Procedure for constructing helical staircase – oblique helicoid from figure 88:

- 1. Draw larger circle r=1.2m and smaller one r=0.2m with same center, using the Curve/Circle option in Top view (concentric circles);
- 2. Draw one helix with radius of a larger circle and height of 2.8m and the other with radius of a smaller circle and the same height (*center of helix is the center of pillar in basis*), by **Curve/Helix/Turns = 1** option, in **Front** view;
- 3. Put the smaller helix down vertically to height of two stairs, total of 35cm (h_{step}=17.5cm), using the option Transform/Move, in Front view;
- 4. In **Perspective** view, draw a generatrix at an angle, connecting lower initial points of both helices using the option **Curve/Line**;
- 5. Using the option **Surface/Sweep 2 Rail** in **Perspective** view, form a helicoid, (select first helix, then second helix and then generatrix at an angle);
- 6. In the same view, using the option **Surface/Loft** make a surface between two concentric circles;
- 7. Using the option **Mini Menu/Trim** in **Perspective** view remove part of helicoid which is obtained under horizontal circular surface;
- 8. Using the option **Curve/Line** in **Perspective** view, draw radius of larger circle containing the beginning of the larger helix (*include Osnap/End and Perp*);
- Include Osnap/Cen and then using the option Transform/Array/Polar/Number of items 2/Angle 22.50° in Perspective view, copy and rotate radius of a larger circle relative to its center, so that it is the tread of one stair (copy and move, simultaneously, horizontal circular surface);
- 10. Using the option Mini Menu/Trim in Perspective view, cut-off horizontal circular surface by radius are drawn in same plane and reject most of surfaces except for the tread of one stair;
- 11. Using the option **Solid/Extrude Surfaces/Straight** in **Perspective** view, make stair of horizontal circular slice (*tread*) of height 17.5cm;
- 12. Get a pillar in the middle by raising smaller circle using the option Solid/Extrude Planar Curve at the height of 2.8 m in Perspective view;
- Using the option Transform/Array/Along Curve/Method/Number of items 17/Orientation Roadlike choose Top view, copy and rotate stairs on a larger helix (delete last stair at the end as excess);
- 14. Using the option **Solid/Extrude Surfaces/Straight** in **Perspective** view, by selecting oblique helicoid give it thickness of 17.5 cm downwards to obtain panel below stairs;
- 15. Use the option **Transform/Copy** to copy larger helix at height of railing h=1.375m, in **Perspective** view;
- 16. Create circle radius r=2.5cm normal to helix direction with Curve/Circle/Around Curve option, in Perspective view;
- 17. Using the option Surface/Sweep1 Rail/Style=Roadlike in Top view give the thickness to railing;
- 18. Using the Cap option close gaps on the railing;
- 19. If desired, draw a vertical part of the railing;



Figure 88 - Procedure for modelling helical staircases (left) and top and front view (right)



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Figure 89 — Example Exercise 7

HOMEWORK 7: Model the given object using normal helicoid

Procedure for constructing helical staircase – normal helicoid from figure 90:

Note: Use stairs with the pillar from the exercise in order to model stairs for the homework, because they do not differ; the only difference is in the stair panel;

- Draw one helix with the radius of bigger circle r=1.2m and height 2.8m and another one with radius of smaller circle r=0.2m the same height (center of the helix is the center of the column in the basis), using the option Curve/Helix/Turn=1 in Front view;
- 2. Draw a generatrix of the normal helicoid using the option Line in Front view so that the first point is the beginning point of the smaller, and the second point the beginning point of the bigger helix;
- 3. Form the helicoid using the option Surface/Sweep2 Rail/Select Roadlike Top in Perspective view;
- 4. Using the option **Solid/Extrude Surfaces/Straight** in **Perspective** view, selecting the normal helicoid, give it the thickness of 17.5 cm downwards so that we obtain a helical panel under the steps;

Note: The rest of the homework is done using the same procedure as during the exercises;



Figure 90 – Procedure of modelling helical staircase (left) and top and front view (right)

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Figure 91 – Example Homework 7

Figures 92, 93 and 94 show representative examples of using obllique and normal helicoid in architecture.



Figure 92 — Oblique helical staircase, Garvan Institute, Australia

Figure 93 – Oblique helical staircase



Figure 94 – Normal helical staircase, Town hall, London, England, arch. N. Foster, year 2002

UNIT 8 — RULED SURFACES WITH ONE GENERATRIX SYSTEM: CONOIDS AND CYLINDROIDS

CONOIDS

Conoid (fig. 95) is a ruled, non-developable surface with one generatrix system which is generated with one line in finiteness d_1 , one spatial or planar curve d_2 , and one infinitely distant line b^{∞} specified by directrix plane Δ , all three as <u>directrices</u> (guidelines). Directrix plane Δ can be horizontal or vertical.

Generatrices of conoid are parallel to directrix plane Δ and are cutting guidelines d₁ and d₂. In the horizontal projection plane generatrices are parallel to trace Δ_1 . Spatial projection of generatrices that are parallel to directrix plane Δ are mutually skew.







CYLINDROIDS

Cylindroid (fig. 96) is a ruled, non-developable surface with one generatrix system, which is generated with two spatial or planar curves d_1 and d_2 and one infinitely distant line b_{∞} , specified by directrix plane Δ , all three as <u>directrices</u> (guidelines). Directrix plane Δ can be horizontal or vertical.

Generatrices of cylindroid are lines, parallel to directrix plane Δ and they cut directrices d_1 and d_2 . In the horizontal projection plane, generatrices are parallel to track Δ_1 . Spatial projection of generatrices, that are parallel to directrix plane Δ are not mutually parallel.



Figure 97 – Example of Conoid

Figure 98 – Example of Cylindroid

MODELLING CONOIDAL CANOPY AND CYLINDROID IN THE COMPUTER SOFTWARE RHINOCEROS

EXERCISE 8

EXERCISE 8 showed how to construct conoidal canopy (fig. 99) in 10 steps, with given dimensions. That is why it is necessary to change measurement units from mm to m using the option **File/Properties/Units**. The canopy consists of conoidal panel and supporting pillars. The basic conoid is given with two directrices (guidelines), one semi-circle in vertical and one straight line in horizontal plane, over the opposite sides of a square, side a=6m, generated using the option Curve/Rectangle/Corner to corner in Top view. The semicircle is drawn in vertical plane, in Front view, over one side of the square, using the option Curve/Circle and then the lower half is rejected by using the option **Trim**. Since the square is drawn as a polyline, it is possible to separate its sides using the option **Explode**, or draw a new line opposite of the plane in which is the semicircle. The basic conoid is modelled using the option **Surface/Loft**, whereby the semicircle and the straight line above the opposite sides of the square are chosen for merging (fig. 99/1). The basic surface is cut across the diagonal of the square and its lower part was removed in **Top** view (fig. 99/2). By mirroring the clipping, using the option **Transform/Mirror**, in relation to the diagonal of the square, one quarter of the canopy is generated (fig. 99/3). The thickness of the conoid towards the inside, h=0.2m, is generated by using the option Solid/Offset, in Perspective view. Using the option Solid/Box/Corner to **Corner** 0.2x0.2m, **Height** 4m, one pillar supporting the canopy was modelled, and then it was copied 3 times, in the corners of the basic square. Since the conoidal panel and pillars are separate elements, it is necessary to merge them into one whole using the option Join, best in **Perspective** view. Then by using the option **Transform/Array/Polar**, one quarter was radially copied in order to obtain the whole canopy (fig. 99/4).

HOMEWORK 8

HOMEWORK 8 is to model a cylindroid (fig. 101), in 7 steps, with given dimensions. That is why it is necessary to change measurement units from mm to m using the option **File/Properties/Unit**. Directrices (guidelines) of the cylindroid are two semicircles, of the same radius r=5m, that are in vertical, mutually perpendicular planes (fig. 101/1). The first semicircle is drawn in **Front** view, using the option **Curve/Circle/Line**, and the option **Mini/Menu/Trim** is used to discard the lower half. Then the semicircle was copied, moved for 15m and rotated in relation to the center, using the option **Transform/Rotate** at an angle of 90⁰, to obtain the second guideline. Cylindroid was modelled using the option **Surface/Loft** (fig. 101/2). Horizontal intersecting planes were set in **Front** view, at height of 1m (fig. 101/3), and then the option **Curve from Objects/Intersection** has shown that the intersecting lines, generatrices of the cylindroid, are in horizontal planes, because the directrix plane is horizontal (fig. 101/4).

EXERCISE 8 — Rhinoceros: Model the given object using conoid

Procedure for constructing conoidal canopy from figure 99:

- 1. In **Top** view, draw square of 6x6m with **Curve/Rectangle/Corner to corner** option;
- 2. In Front view, draw a semicircle above one of the square sides using the options Circle, Line, Trim;
- 3. In **Perspective** view, using the option **Surface/Loft**, connect the semicircle with the opposite side of square (*if square is polyline*, *lines are separated with* **Explode** *option*);
- 4. Using the option **Surface/Plane/Plane Cutting** in **Top** view, set vertical intersection plane along the diagonal of square;
- 5. Use Trim option to remove lower part of conoid;
- 6. Using the option **Cut** or **Delete** on keyboard delete vertical plane;
- 7. Using the option **Transform/Mirror** in **Perspective** view, mirror part of conoid in relation to the diagonal of square;
- 8. In **Perspective** view, give thickness of conoid to inside (*down*) using the option **Solid/Offset**, 0.2m, take care of direction of vector (*direction of vector changes by left clicking on surface*);
- 9. In **Perspective** view, make a pillar using the option **Solid/Box/Corner to Corner** 0.2x0.2m, **Height** 4m and using the option **Transform/Copy** copy pillars in corners of the square in basis as supports for conoids;
- 10. Using the option Transform/Array/Polar, Number of items 4, angle 360^o rotate and copy conoids with pillars;



Figure 99 – Procedure for modelling conoidal canopy (left) and top and front view (right)

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Figure 100 – Example Exercise 8

HOMEWORK 8: Model the given object using cylindroid

Procedure for constructing cylindroid from figure 101:

- 1. In Front view, draw a semicircle with radius 5m (Circle, Line, Trim);
- 2. In **Top** view, copy the semicircle at the distance of 15m;
- 3. Using the option Transform/Rotate, 90° rotate the distant semicircle at 90° in relation to its center;
- 4. In **Perspective** view, using the option **Surface/Loft**, connect the semicircles to model a cylindroid;
- 5. In **Front** view set the horizontal cutting planes at 1m using the option **Surface/Plane/Cutting Plane**;
- 6. Using the option **Curve/Curve from Objects/Intersection** find the cross sectional planes with cylindroid;
- 7. Delete horizontal planes using the option **Delete** on the keyboard.



Figure 101 – Procedure for modelling cylindroid (left) and top and front view (right)

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Figure 102 – Example Homework 8

Figures 103 and 104 show representative examples of the use of conoids and cylindroids in architecture.



Figure 103 - Conoids, Milwaukee Art Museum, Lake Michigen, USA, arch. S. Calatrava, year 2001



Figure 104 – Cylindroids, Disney Concert Hall, Los Angeles, USA, arch. F.O.Geri, year 2003

UNIT 9 — RULED SURFACES WITH TWO GENERATRIX SYSTEMS: HYPERBOLIC PARABOLOIDS

SPECIAL ROTATIONAL SURFACE: SPHERE (BALL)

HYPERBOLIC PARABOLOID

Hyperbolic paraboloid (HP) is one of the non-developable, ruled surfaces of II degree, with two generatrix systems, because all three directrices (guidelines) are lines, two in finiteness and one infinitely distant (fig. 105 and 106). Since HPs can be generated by translational movement of one curve above another, they also belong to the translational surfaces.

Hyperbolic paraboloid is generated in two ways:

- a) By spatial quadrangle, three directrices, two skew lines **a** and **b** in finiteness, and one infinitely distant line **b** $_{\infty}$, specified by directrix plane Δ (fig. 105).
- b) By translating of first parabola p_1 along the second parabola p_2 , which are lying down in perpendicular planes and touch each other at vertices points (fig. 106).

The first generatrices system g_1 cuts the skew lines a and b, whereby generatrices are parallel to the directrix plane Δ , which is determined with c and d lines. Second generatrices system g_2 is obtained by taking any two of the first generatrices system for directrices in finiteness, in this case c and d, and infinitely distant line specified directrix plane is parallel to the skew lines a and b (fig. 105).



Figure 107 – HP, Chapel of San Vicente de Paul, Mexico, arch. F. Candela, year 1960

Figure 108 – HP, Los Manantiales restaurant, Mexico, arch. F. Candela, year 1958

SPHERE (BALL)

If a certain curve **g** generatrix rotates to the second curve **d** directrix (guideline), the generated surface is rotational. Among all general surfaces, only the general surface of II degree (quadrics) will be discussed, which has been used a lot in architecture.



Figure 110 – Various parts of the sphere in architectural form a) almost whole (90%); b) as part of; c) dome (hemisphere); d) calotte (slice);



Figure 111 — Sphere, International Center, Japan, arch. M. Murata and J. Cuboi, year 1959



Figure 112 – Example of sphere

MODELLING HYPERBOLIC PARABOLOID'S OBJECT AND SPHERICAL OBJECT IN THE COMPUTER SOFTWARE RHINOCEROS

EXERCISE 9

EXERCISE 9 showed how to construct an object obtained by merging 3 hyperbolic paraboloids (HP), in 16 steps, with given dimensions. That is why it is necessary to change measurement units, from mm to cm, using the option File/Properties/Units. That is Chapel St. Vicente de Paul, Mexico City, architect F. Candela (fig. 107 and 113). Firstly, in Top view, a deltoid ABCD was constructed using the option Curve/Polyline, which is the basis of the spatial quadrangle of an HP, using the sides AB, AD and the diagonal AC (fig. 113/1). Since it was necessary to find a spatial quadrangle by which the HP was given, the vertices of the deltoid were marked using the option Mini Menu/Text + Point Object/Single Point. The walls of the object are indented in relation to the sides of the spatial guadrangle BC and CD. That is why in **Top** view, using the option **Curve/Offset/Offset Curve** straight lines **BC** and **CD** are copied at 100cm towards the inside of the deltoid (fig. 113/2). Deltoid polygon is divided to special lengths using the option Explode, because the vertices have different heights, vertex A (1150cm), vertices B and D (250cm) and vertex C (550cm), which were moved in Perspective view using the option Mini/Menu/Move (fig. 113/3). Two opposite sides of the spatial deltoid AD and BC were used to model one HP using the option Surface/Loft/Style: Normal (fig. 113/4). Then, in **Perspective** view, using the option **Surface/Extrude Curve/Straight** vertical walls were modelled above the longer sides of the deltoid and parts above the HP were removed using the option Mini/Menu/Trim (fig. 113/5). In order to obtain the whole object, one HP with vertical walls was rotated and copied using the option Array/Polar/Number of Items 3/360° in **Top** view. The thickness of the shell was obtained by using the option **Solid/Offset**, and lanterns were modelled using the command Surface/Surface from 3 or 4 Corner points (fig. 113/6).

HOMEWORK 9

HOMEWORK 9 models an object generated of two hemispheres (fig. 115) in 7 steps, with given dimensions. That is why it is necessary to change measurement units from mm to cm using the option File/Properties/Units. In Top view, using the option Solid/Sphere one sphere was modelled, with the center L and radius r=1000cm, whose lower half was removed using the options Surface/Plane/Cutting Plane (fig. 115/1) and Mini/Menu/Trim. Then in Front view, the sphere was cut with yet another inclined plane through the center, at the angle of -60° (fig. 115/2). The plane was moved from the center to the right for 500cm and the smaller part of the sphere was removed using the option Mini/Menu/Trim (fig. 115/3). Then the inclined plane was rotated into vertical position (fig. 115/4) and the whole object was generated using the option Transform/Mirror in relation with vertical plane (fig. 115/5).

EXERCISE 9 — Rhinoceros: Model the given object using hyperbolic paraboloid

<u>Procedure for constructing an object formed by joining three hyperbolic</u> <u>paraboloids from figure 113:</u>

- 1. Set units in cm using the option File/Properties/Units/Model units: Centimeters;
- Drawing the deltoid: Using the option Curve/Polyline in Top view, draw vertical line "SD" 1000cm long; Using the options Mini Menu/Text + Curve/Point Object/Single Point draw and mark bottom "S" and upper "D" point of line;
- 3. Rotate and copy the line "SD" around bottom point "S" at angle of 120⁰ using the option Transform/Rotate/Copy = Yes and get line "BS"; Using the options Mini Menu/Text + Curve/Point Object/Single Point draw and mark point "B";
- 4. In Top view from point "S" draw vertical line "SC" in length 2000cm, using the option Polyline and rotate it at the angle of 60⁰ using the option Transform/Rotate/Copy = No (line "SC" should be bisector to angle "BSD"); Use options Mini Menu/Text + Curve/Point Object/Single Point to draw and mark point "C";
- 5. In **Top** view draw and mark point "A" on line "SC" at 200cm from the point "S" using the options **Curve/Polyline**, **Mini Menu/Text** + **Curve/Point Object/Single Point**;
- 6. Using the option **Curve/Polyline** in **Top** view connect points "**ABCD**" and obtain a deltoid;
- 7. Using the option Mini Menu/Explode divide deltoid polygon to special lengths;
- 8. In Top view copy lines "BC" and "CD" for 100cm to deltoid interior using the option Curve/Offset/Offset Curve; Using the option Mini Menu/Trim/Apparent Intersections=Yes remove shorter parts of copied lines in relation to the length "SC" so that they intersect and in relation to length "AB" and "AD";
- 9. In Front view, in the direction of the axis z, raise points "B" and "D" for 250cm, point "C" for 550cm, and point "A" for 1150cm, using the command Transform/Move;
- 10. Using the option Curve/Line/Single Line in Perspective view, connect points and get lengths "AD" and "BC";
- 11. Using the option Surface/Loft/Style: Normal in the same view, connect opposite lengths "AD" and "BC" and model a hyperbolic paraboloid (*choose first "AD*");
- 12. Using the option Surface/Extrude Curve/Straight in Perspective view, along the direction of axis z, from lines in horizontal xy plane, (*obtained with Offset option* step 9), model vertical planes, heights of 600cm;
- 13. In **Perspective** view delete parts of vertical planes that are above HP using the option **Mini Menu/Trim**;
- 14. Using the option Transform/Array Polar/Number of Items 3/360° in Top view copy and rotate all surfaces, hyperbolic paraboloid and vertical planes, center of rotation is point "S";
- 15. Using the option **Surface/Surface from 3 or 4 Corner Points** in **Perspective** view, fill out the holes for lanterns;
- 16. Using the option Solid/Offset, give thickness of surfaces of your choice;



Figure 113 — Procedure for modelling hyperbolic paraboloid object above triangular basis (up) and top and front view (down)
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Figure 114 — Example Exercise 9

HOMEWORK 9: Model the given object using the sphere

Procedure for constructing spherical canopy from figure 115:

- 1. In **Top** view, draw a sphere using the option **Solid/Sphere/Center, Radius** 1000cm;
- 2. In **Front** view set a horizontal plane that intersects the sphere through center using the option **Surface/Plane/Cutting Plane**;
- 3. Using the option **Trim** remove the part of the sphere under the plane;
- 4. In **Front** view rotate the horizontal plane at the angle of -60° in relation to the center of hemisphere and then move it 500cm to the right of the center in direction x in order to obtain the shape from figure 115;
- 5. Using the option **Trim** remove the smaller clip of the sphere;
- 6. In **Front** view rotate the clip of the sphere at -30°;
- 7. Using the option **Transform/Mirror** mirror the obtained clip of the sphere;



Figure 115 - Procedure for modelling spherical canopy (left) and top and front view (right)

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Figure 116 – Example Homework 9

Figures 117 and 118 show representative examples of the use of hyperbolic paraboloid and sphere in architecture.



Figure 117 — HP, Church of San Jose Obrero, Monterrey, Mexico, arch. F. Candela, E. Mor, F. Karman, year 1959



Figure 118 — Sphere, Eden project, Cornwall, UK, arch. N. Grimshaw, and A. Hunt Associates, year 2000

UNIT 10 - RULED SURFACES WITH TWO GENERATRIX SYSTEMS: ONE-SHEET ROTATIONAL HYPERBOLOIDS

SPECIAL ROTATIONAL SURFACE: SPHERE (BALL)

ONE-SHEET ROTATIONAL HYPERBOLOIDS

One-sheet rotational hyperboloid (HOS) is one of the non-developable, ruled surfaces of II degree, with two generatrix systems, because all three directrices (guidelines) are lines, two in finiteness and one infinitely distant (fig. 119 and 120). Since HOS can be generated by rotation of one curve around axis, they also belong to the rotational surfaces.

One-sheet rotational hyperboloid is generated in two ways:

- a) By rotation of two generatrix systems g_1 and g_2 around the other line o, with which they are skew (fig. 119).
- b) By rotation of the hyperbola **h** around its minor axis **o** (fig. 120). Each point of hyperbola **h** makes a circle of rotation, which is perpendicular to the axis of rotation **o**.

These circles of rotation are called parallels. The smallest circle of rotation, of vertex of the hyperbola, point T, is a restriction (throat) parallel. With its rotating, hyperbola asymptotes determine asymptotic cone of hyperboloid, with the top H, at the center of the surface (fig. 119 and 120). Figure 121 shows two variants of one-sheet rotational hyperboloid, when their bases circles are not with equal radius.





Figure 119 – One-sheet rotational hyperboloid rotation of generatrices g_1 and g_2 around line o







Figure 121 - One-sheet rotational hyperboloid, two variants when bases are not with equal radius



Figure 122 — HOS, El Prat Airport, Spain, arch. R. Bofill Levi, year 1996

SPHERE (BALL)



Figure 123 - HOS, Sacred Heart Basilica, arch. Herb, Kutter and Sarger, year 1966



Figure 124 – Hemisphere over square basis



Figure 126 – Hemisphere over rectangular basis



Figure 125 - Spherical calotte over hexagonal basis



Figure 127 - Spherical calotte over triangular basis



Figure 128 – Dome over pendentives (spherical triangles)



Figure 129 – Dome over tambour (cylinder) over pendentives

Sphere planar cross sections

MODELLING ONE-SHEET ROTATIONAL HYPERBOLOID'S OBJECT AND SPHERE TRIANGULAR SLICE IN THE COMPUTER SOFTWARE RHINOCEROS

EXERCISE 10

EXERCISE 10 showed how to construct an object from one-sheet rotational hyperbolod (HOS), Cathedral Brasilia, architect O. Niemeyer (fig. 130), in 15 steps, with given dimensions. That is why it is necessary to change measurement units, from mm to cm, using the option File/Properties/Units. Firstly, a hyperbola is drawn in vertical plane, in Front view, using the option Curve/Hyperbola/Center, Focus. Hyperbola is given by the center and focus determined by points of a polyline, using the options Single Point and Text Object, A, B, C and **D** (it is not necessary to choose drawing of the hyperbola with both branches, fig. 130/1). Then, in the same view, using the option Surface/Revolve/360°, where the axis of the surface passes through the center of the hyperbola, point A, a basic one-sheet hyperboloid (HOS) is modelled. The surface of the HOS is cut with a horizontal plane, at the height of 1700cm, so that it would not be symmetrical, and the smaller part is removed using the option Mini/Menu/Trim (fig. 130/2). At the same time, a part of the hyperbola above the cutting plane was also removed, and the new uppermost point of the hyperbola was marked with E, using the options Single Point and Text Object. Throat circle was determined, using the option Curve/Curve from Object/Intersection, which contains vertices of the hyperbolas (horizontal plane passes through the points A and B) and divided into 32 parts, using the option Curve/Point **Object/Divide Curve by Number** (fig. 130/3). In order to generate the carriers (pillars) of the object, the middle point of the shortened basic hyperbola, activated by the option F10, is moved horizontally outside the surface for 100cm, in Perspective view. Another hyperbola is needed, determined by the intersection of the inclined plane passing through the points on the bases of the main hyperbola (**D** and **E**) and the first adjacent point, determined by the division into 32 parts, on the throat circle (in relation to the point in the vertical plane through DE). That is why the vertical plane through the points **D** and **E** is rotated using the option Transform/3D Rotate (rotation axis is line DE) and its intersection with HOS is determined (fig. 130/4). One half of the pillar surface is generated using the option Surface/Loft, where shortened basic hyperbola and intersected hyperbola with the inclined plane were chosen. Then the surface was mirrored, using the option **Transform/Mirror**, in order to obtain the whole carrier (fig. 130/5). Using the command Join, 2 surfaces are merged into one, which was radially copied by using the option Transform/Array/Polar/Number of Items 16/Angle 360°. It was necessary once again to cut the surface of the HOS with lower horizontal plane (at the height of 1400cm), so that the pillars are outside the surface, and then close it on both sides using the option Cup (fig. 130/6).

HOMEWORK 10

For HOMEWORK 10 it is necessary to model a slice of the sphere over a triangular basis (fig. 132), in 6 steps, with given dimensions. That is why it is necessary to change measurement units, from mm to cm, using the option **File/Properties/Units**. Firstly, an equilateral triangle is drawn, side a=2000cm, in **Top** view, using the option **Curve/Polygon/Edge**, the heights determined (precisely with **Osnap/Perpendicular**) as well as the orthocenter (fig. 132/1). Then, a sphere is modelled, using the option **Solid/Sphere/Center**, **Radius**, with radius r=2000cm, with the center in the orthocenter of the equilateral triangle, in **Perspective** view (fig. 132/2). Using the option **Surface/Extrude Curve/Straight** a vertical three-sided prism is modelled (basis is the equilateral triangle, fig. 132/3), in the same view. In the end, all parts of the sphere outside the prism should be removed, using the option **Mini/Menu/Trim** (fig. 132/4), and then the prism shell is removed (fig. 132/4 and 132/5).

EXERCISE 10 — Rhinoceros: Model the given object using one-sheet rotational hyperboloid

Procedure for constructing one-sheet hyperboloid's object from figure 130:

- 1. In **Front** view, draw auxiliary lines for constructing hyperbola with **Polyline** option: horizontal "**AB**" 600cm (*from left to right*), vertical "**BC**" 1100cm (*down to*) and horizontal "**CD**" 400cm (*to the right*). Lines are drawn one after the other;
- 2. In Front view, draw hyperbola with Curve Hyperbola/Center, Focus option by selecting first point "A", then "B" and "D";
- In Front view, use the option Surface/Revolve/360° to model one-sheet rotational hyperboloid around vertical axis which passes through "A" point (center of rotational hyperboloid);
- 4. In **Front** view, set the horizontal plane through hyperboloid at height of 1700cm from the bottom basis, with **Surface/Plane/Cutting Plane** option;
- 5. In **Front** view by **Mini Menu/Trim** option cut and discard part of hyperboloid and hyperbola that are above the cutting plane; Mark new upper endpoint of the hyperbola with the "E" using the option **Single Point, Text Object**;
- 6. In Front view, set the new horizontal cutting plane at height of throat circle (*at height of points "A" and "B"*) using the option Surface/Plane/Cutting Plane, then find hyperboloid intersection with that plane using the option Curve/Curve from Object/Intersection;
- 7. In **Perspective** view, move horizontally center point of hyperbola (*which is activated by* **F10** *option*), 100cm to the right;
- 8. Divide the throat circle into 32 parts using the option Curve/Point Object/Divide Curve by Number in Perspective view;
- 9. In **Perspective** view, create a vertical plane through "**D**" and "**E**" hyperbola points with **Surface/Plane/Cutting Plane** option (*selection of rotational hyperboloid and setting points "D" and "E"*);
- 10. In the same view, rotate vertical plane using the option **Transform/3D Rotate** so that the axis of rotation is defined by points "D" and "E" of hyperbola, and rotating plane passes through the first adjacent point on throat circle;
- 11. In **Perspective** view, find intersection curve of hyperboloid and oblique plane using the option **Curve/Curve from Object/Intersection**;
- 12. In **Perspective** view, create surface (carrier) using hyperbola (generated in step 7) and intersection curve (generated in step 8) with **Surface/Loft** option and mirror it using the option **Transform/Mirror** in relation to points "D" and "E". Then join both surfaces in one unit;
- In Top view, rotate and copy generated carriers using the option Transform/Array/Polar 16, Angle 360°, center of rotation is point "A" (center of hyperboloid);
- 14. In **Front** view, set horizontal intersection plane at height of 1400cm from bottom basis using the option **Surface/Plane/Cutting Plane** and cut off part of hyperboloid above that plane using the **Trim** option;
- 15. Close hyperboloid from upper and lower side using the Cap option;



Figure 130 - Procedure for modelling one-sheet rotational hyperboloid's of object (up) and top and front view (down)

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HOMEWORK 10: Model the given object using the sphere

Procedure for constructing sphere slice from figure 132:

- 8. In **Top** view, draw an equilateral triangle of 2000cm side using the option **Curve/Polygon/Edge**;
- 9. Draw the height of the triangle and determine the orthocenter (*plug in Osnap/Perpendicular*) in the same view;
- 10. Make sphere model by using command **Solid/Sphere/Center, Radius** 2000cm, with the center in the triangle orthocenter;
- 11. Using the option **Surface/Extrude Curve/Straight** make vertical surfaces (prism) from the triangle lines, height above the highest point of sphere in **Perspective** view;
- 12. Using the **Trim** option, remove part of sphere that is above the triangular prism in the same view;
- 13. Delete the vertical planes of prism.



Figure 132 - Procedure for modelling sphere slice (left) and top and front view (right)

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Figure 133 – Example Homework 10



Figures 134 and 135 show representative examples of the use of revolving hyperboloid of one sheet and sphere in architecture.

Figure 134 - HOS, Cathedral Brasilia, Brazil, arch. O.Niemeyer, year 1970



Figure 135 – Sphere, Opera House, Sydney, Australia, arch. J. Otzon and O. Arur, year 1973

UNIT 11 – GENERAL SURFACES (QUADRICS): ELLIPSOIDS AND PARABOLOIDS

ELLIPSOIDS

Ellipsoids (fig. 136 and 137) belong to general surfaces of II degree (quadrics). Possible intersections of ellipsoids are real or imaginary ellipses and circles.

Ellipsoids are divided into:

Triaxial – general surface of II degree, which has three mutually perpendicular axes, of different lengths, lying in three mutually perpendicular planes, cutting it along the ellipses (fig. 136). Directrix (guideline) d, of these surfaces is one of ellipse and the generatrix g, is one of the other two ellipses.

Rotational – general surface of II degree, which has one main axis and ∞^1 of couples of the other two axes (fig. 137). Directrix (guideline) **d**, of these surfaces is a circle, and the generatrix **g**, is an ellipse. It is generated by rotating the ellipse around one of its axes. If the rotation axis is the longer axis of the ellipse, elongated rotating ellipsoid is generated, and if the rotating axis is the shorter one, a flattened rotating ellipsoid is generated.



Figure 136 — Triaxial ellipsoid

Figure 137 - Rotational ellipsoid

PARABOLOIDS

Paraboloids (fig.138 and 139) belong to general surfaces of II degree (quadrics). Possible intersections of paraboloids are real or imaginary ellipses, circles or parabolas.

Paraboloids are divided into:

Rotational – general surface of II degree, which has one axis, lying in the parabola plane and the planes perpendicular to axis, cutting it along the circles (fig. 138). Directrix (guideline) d, of these surfaces is a circle and the generatrix g, is a parabola. It is generated by rotating the parabola around its axis.

Elliptic — general surface of II degree, which has one axis, lying in the parabola plane and the planes perpendicular to axis, cutting it along the ellipses (fig. 139). Directrix (guideline) d, of these surfaces is an ellipse and the generatrix g, is a parabola. These surfaces belongs to special translational surfaces.



Figure 138 – Rotational paraboloid



Figure 139 - Elliptic paraboloid

MODELLING TRIAXIAL ELLIPSOID'S OBJECT AND ROTATIONAL PARABOLOID'S OBJECT IN THE COMPUTER SOFTWARE RHINOCEROS

EXERCISE 11

EXERCISE 11 showed how to construct a cross-vault from the triaxial ellipsoid (fig.140), in 12 steps, with given dimensions. That is why it is necessary to change measurement units, from mm to m, using the option File/Properties/Units. Firstly, it is necessary to model a triaxial ellipsoid, whose horizontal ellipse is placed inside a rectangle, sides 20x10m, which are the lengths of the horizontal axes of the ellipsoid, and the vertical axis is length of 3m. That is why it is necessary first to draw a basic rectangle in **Top** view, with sides 20m and 10m, using the option Curve/Rectangle, and then model the ellipsoid using the option Solid/Ellipsoid/From **Center**, with the previously stated axes lengths, whose center coincides with the center of the rectangle, precisely by turning on the option **Osnap/Center** (fig. 140/1). Ellipsoid is cut by vertical planes through the sides of the rectangle, so it is necessary to enlarge the starting ellipsoid by using Transform/Scale, so that the horizontal ellipse is encircled around the rectangle 20x10m. In order to perform the option **Transform/Scale** the simplest way is to firstly draw a diagonal of the rectangle in **Perspective** view, and then determine its intersection with the ellipsoid by using Curve/Curve from Object/Intersection (diagonal of the rectangle is the longer axis of the ellipse, obtained in the intersection of the vertical plane through the diagonal). The new bigger ellipsoid has the longer axis of the intersecting ellipse equal to the diagonal of the basic rectangle (fig. 140/2). Then, in the same view, intersecting vertical planes are placed through the sides of the rectangle and a horizontal plane through the center of the ellipsoid, using the option Surface/Plane/Cutting Plane and its lower and outer parts are removed using the option Trim (fig. 140/3). Vertical planes above the shorter sides of the rectangle are copied and rotated using the option Transform/3Drotate/Copy=Yes at the angle of 20° (rotation axis is the appropriate side of the rectangle), in order to obtain overhangs on the vault (fig. 140/4). The thickness of the shell d=0.1m is obtained by using the option Solid/Offset. In order to obtain the whole cross-vault, the option Transform/Rotate is used, (rotation center is the center of the basic rectangle, rotation angle is 90⁰, fig. 140/5). Then, in order to remove inner parts of vertical planes, firstly the planes are separated from the ellipsoid surface using the option **Split**, and then removed using the option **Delete**.

HOMEWORK 11

HOMEWORK 11 is to model an object from rotational paraboloid over a hexagonal basis (fig. 142), in 10 steps, with given dimensions. That is why it is necessary to change measurement units, from mm to m, using the option File/Properties/Units. Parabola is drawn using the option Curve/Parabola/Vertex, Focus (choose to mark vertex and focus) in the Front view, because the axis needs to be vertical, length 15m, and the tendon of the parabola is 60m (1/2=30m, fig. 142/1). Then the rotational paraboloid is modelled by rotating the parabola around the vertical axis using the command Surface/Revolve 360°, in Perspective view (fig. 142/2). In the basis circle of the paraboloid, radius r=30m in **Top** view, a horizontal hexagon is placed, using the option Curve/Polygon/Center, Radius, whose center coincides with the center of the basis circle. Using the option Curve/Offset/Offset, Curve a new hexagon is placed inside the main one, with the distance of 6m, inwards. From those hexagons, using the option Surface/Extrude Curve/Straight two hexagonal prisms are modelled (fig. 142/3), with different heights, h=7m (bigger hexagon) and h=15m (smaller hexagon), in Perspective view. It is necessary to separate the paraboloid from vertical planes using the option **Split**. Firstly, the parts of the paraboloid outside the bigger hexagon are removed, then the upper part of the shell is lifted for 2m in **Perspective** view, using the option **Transform/Move/Vertical=Yes** (fig. 142/4). It is necessary to remove all parts of vertical planes above the paraboloid using the option Mini Menu/Trim and set the thickness of the shells (fig. 142/5). If desired, a door can be placed on the object and glass surfaces marked.

EXERCISE 11 — Rhinoceros: Model the given object using triaxial ellipsoid

Procedure for constructing object from triaxial ellipsoid from figure 140:

- 1. Using **Curve/Rectangle** draw a basic rectangle base dimensions 20x10m in **Top** view;
- In Perspective view, make a model of triaxial ellipsoid whose lengths of x and y axes are equal to sides of rectangle in base, with the height of vertical axis 3m using the option Solid/Ellipsoid/From Center (turn on Osnap/Cen);
- 3. Draw diagonal of the rectangle using the **Curve/Polyline** option in **Perspective** view;
- 4. In **Perspective** view, find the intersection of the diagonal of rectangle and ellipsoid using the option **Curve/Curve from Object/Intersection**;
- 5. In **Perspective** view, enlarge the ellipsoid using the option **Transform/Scale** using the length of the axis of intersected curve (*from the center of the ellipsoid to the intersection point of solid with the rectangle diagonal so that the intersected ellipse axis is equal to the diagonal of the basic rectangle);*
- 6. In **Perspective** view, set the vertical cutting planes of ellipsoid over all 4 rectangular sides, and in **Front** view one horizontal plane through the ellipsoid center using the option **Surface/Plane/Cutting Plane**;
- In Perspective view, rotate outwards two vertical planes over the shorter sides of the rectangle at an angle of 20^o using the option Transform/3Drotate/Copy=Yes (so that the rotation axis is the appropriate rectangle side, angle + 20^o and -20^o);
- 8. In **Perspective** view, use the option **Trim** to cut a part of the ellipsoid (*first using horizontal*, *then inclined and vertical planes so that only the middle part remains*);
- 9. In **Perspective** view, reject the parts of vertical planes under and over the object using the option **Trim** (*first the vertical planes must be cut by the horizontal one, then vertical planes mutually and then vertical planes by the ellipsoid*);
- In Perspective view, set the thickness of the shell d= 0.1m using the option Solid/Offset and delete the horizontal plane;
- 11. In **Perspective** view, rotate and copy the entire object (*ellipsoid with vertical planes*) at the angle of 90⁰ using the option **Transform/Rotate** (*center of the rotation is the center of basic rectangle*);
- 12. Delete all parts inside the object in **Perspective** view. Using the option **Mini Menu/Split** separate the vertical planes, and then **Delete** parts of vertical planes inside the object.



Figure 140 - Procedure for modelling of the ellipsoid's object (left) and top and front view (right)

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Figure 141 — Example Exercise 11

HOMEWORK 11: Model the given object using rotational paraboloid

Procedure for constructing object from rotational paraboloid from figure 142:

- 1. In **Front** view draw a parabola using **Curve/Parabola/Vertex**, **Focus** with vertical axes of 15m and half tendon of 30m;
- 2. In **Perspective** view make a model of paraboloid using **Surface/Revolve 360⁰** so that the rotation axis is the parabola axis;
- 3. In **Perspective** view draw a hexagon with the center in the center of paraboloid base using the option **Curve/Polygon/Center**, **Radius** with 30m radius;
- 4. In **Top** view offset hexagon for 6m inwards using the option **Curve/Offset/Offset**, **Curve**;
- 5. In **Perspective** view use the option **Surface/Extrude Curve/Straight** to extrude the bigger polygon for 7m, and the smaller one for 15m;
- 6. In **Perspective** view use the option **Mini Menu/Split** to divide the paraboloid with vertical polygonal planes;
- 7. In **Perspective** view delete the parts of paraboloid which are outside the plane of the bigger hexagon using **Delete**;
- 8. In **Perspective** view use the option **Transform/Move/Vertical=Yes**, to lift the upper part of the paraboloid shell for 2m;
- 9. In **Perspective** view use the option **Mini Menu/Trim** to cut off polygonal walls above the parts of the paraboloid
- 10. Arrange the shell, doors and windows as needed;





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Figure 143 — Example Homework 11

Figures 144 and 145 show representative examples of the use of triaxial ellipsoid and rotational paraboloid in architecture.



Figure 144 — Triaxial ellipsoid, Infosys administration building, Pune, India, arch. H. Contractor, year 2008



Figure 145 — Rotational paraboloid, The first Christian church, Oklahoma, USA, arch. R. Connor and F. Sullivan, year 1956

UNIT 12 — SPECIAL ROTATIONAL SURFACES: TORUS AND GENERAL TRANSLATIONAL SURFACES

ROTATIONAL SURFACES

Rotational surfaces are generated by rotation of a planar or spatial curve around axis (straight line). The curve is called generatrix **g**, and the line is the axis of the rotational surface. Each point of the generatrix forms the circle of the rotation perpendicular to the axis of the surface. Those circles of rotation are called parallels and they are the directrices **d** (guidelines). Each plane through the surface axis cuts it along the planar curve, which is symmetrical in relation to the axis and is called meridian. Meridian is the generatrix of the surface.

Rotational surfaces are divided into:

- 1. general rotational surfaces (quadrics) ellipsoids, paraboloids, hyperboloids,
- 2. special rotational surfaces spheres, cones, cylinders, toruses (fig. 146)
- 3. general type of rotational surfaces (fig. 147)



Figure 146 – Special rotational surfaces, tori Figure 147 – General type of rotational surface

TORUS

Torus (fig. 146) belongs to special rotational surfaces of IV degree, obtained when a circle rotates around an axis, \mathbf{a} , which is in the plane of that circle. The rotating circle \mathbf{g} is a semi-meridian, generatrix, and the planes perpendicular to axis cut the torus along the concentric circles, called parallels, \mathbf{d} , which are the directrices (guidelines, fig. 148).

Main division of toruses:

- 1. If the semi-meridian g cuts the axis of the surface a, torus is spindled (fig. 148/a),
- 2. If the semi-meridian g touches the axis of the surface a, torus je thorny (fig. 148/b),
- 3. If the semi-meridian g does not cut the axis of the surface a, torus is ringed (fig. 148/c).



Figure 148 – Division of toruses, a) Spindled; b) Thorny; c) Ringed

TRANSLATIONAL SURFACES

In translational surfaces both directrix (guideline) and generatrix are planar curves. Curve directrix d and curve generatrix g are given, with one common point O (fig. 149). The point O moving over the curve d goes into the point L of that curve by translation movement (parallel transference). By that translation movement the curve g is transformed into a curve which is translationally equal to the curve g, i.e. it is identical to it. If for all points L, of the curve g, appropriate translation movement to the curve d is applied, then those profile curves g cover the translational surface. If both d and g are planar curves, they cannot belong to the same plane. The same surface is formed by the translation movement of the curve d along the curve g. On each translational surface there are two systems of generatrix curve of surfaces. Translational surfaces are especially convenient for covering rectangular bases.

Main division of translational surfaces:

- 1. general (fig. 149)
- 2. special elliptic paraboloids, hyperbolic paraboloids (fig. 150)





Figure 149 – General translational surface

Figure 150 - Special translational surface, HP



Figure 151 — Example of torus's object, Tarzan Ice Hall, Los Angeles, USA, arch. C. Matson and R. Bradshaw, 1960



Figure 152 — Example of torus's object, Windward City Mall, Kenneha, USA, arch. R. Bradshaw, 1957



Figure 153 — Example of translational surface object, Airport Reception Building, Las Vegas, USA, arch. W. Becket and R. Bredshaw, 1960

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EXERCISE 12

EXERCISE 12 shows how to construct an object from a ringed torus (fig. 154), in 15 steps, with given dimensions. That is why it is necessary to change measurement units, from mm to m, using the option File/Properties/Units. The object consists of the upper half of a ringed torus, which is cut with one regular, four-sided prism, whose center of the square basis coincides with the center of the torus. Firstly, a square was drawn, side 15m, using the option Curve/Rectangle/Corner to corner in Top view. Torus is modelled using the option Solid/Torus, Radius 7m, Second Radius 6.9m, in the same view, and then the bottom half is rejected, best in **Front** view, and the horizontal cutting plane is deleted. Then the torus shell is divided into 12 equal parts using the option **Split**, by vertical cutting planes through the center using the options Surface/Cutting Plane and Transform/Array/ Polar - Number of Items **7**, Angle 180[°], whereby the center of radial copying is the center of the torus shell (fig. 154/1). In order to make the manipulation easier, all vertical planes and biggest torus shells are hidden, as shown in the figure 154/2. Using the option Surface/Extrude Curve/Straight in Perspective view, the third dimension was given to the square (four-sided prism was modelled), and then the outside parts of the torus were removed (fig. 154/3). Using the option Move, a different height was given to the visible parts of torus shells; those that are above the angles of the square were lowered for 1m, and the other shells were lowered for 2m (fig. 154/4 and 154/5). Then the hidden surfaces were put back (fig. 154/5). Using the option Mini Menu/Trim, all inner parts of vertical planes were removed, and all parts of the wall closing the object were preserved (fig. 154/4). The thickness of the shell was determined using the option Solid /Offset.

HOMEWORK 12

HOMEWORK 12 is to model a translational surface (fig. 156), in 3 steps, with given dimensions. That is why it is necessary to change measurement units, from mm to m, using the option **File/Properties/Units**. Using the option **Curve/Free-Form/Interpolate points** two arbitrary curves were drawn, according to figure 156, in **Front**, **Top** and **Perspective** view, having one common point. The curves lie in perpendicular planes. Using the option **Surface/Extrude Curve/Along Curve**, a translational surface was modelled, whereby one curve is given to be a directrix **d**, and the other one is the generatrix **g**. The same surface is generated even if they exchange places (fig. 156).

EXERCISE 12 – Rhinoceros: Model the given object using torus

Procedure for constructing object from torus from figure 154:

- 1. In **Top** view, use the option **Curve/Rectangle/Corner to corner** to draw a square 15x15m;
- In Top view make a model of a ringed torus using the option Solid/Torus, Radius 7m, Second Radius 6.9m whose center is in the square center (activate Osnap/Center);
- 3. Using the option **Surface/Plane/Cutting Plane** in **Front** view set a horizontal plane which intersects torus in the middle (*through torus center*);
- 4. Use the **Trim** option in the same view to remove the part of torus under the horizontal plane;
- 5. Using **Surface/Plane/Cutting Plane** in **Top** view, set a vertical plane that intersects torus in the middle (*through torus center*, *parallel to one axis of coordinate system*);
- 6. In **Top** view, copy vertical cutting planes using the option **Transform/Array/Polar**, **Number of Items 7**, **Angle 180**⁰;
- 7. Using Split, divide torus by vertical planes into 12 equal parts in the same view;
- 8. Using Standard/Hide in Perspective view, temporarily hide all auxiliary planes;
- 9. Using **Standard/Hide** temporarily hide the biggest parts of torus shell (according to fig. 152/2);
- 10. In **Perspective** view, use the option **Surface/Extrude Curve/Straight** to give the third dimension to the square and get vertical planes whose height is bigger than torus shell;
- 11. In **Perspective** view use **Trim** option to erase the parts of torus shell that are outside vertical planes;
- 12. Use **Move** option to move the appropriate parts of the torus shell: lower the torus shells that are above the angles of the square for 1m, and the other shells for 2m (according to fig 152/4 and 152/5);
- 13. Use option Standard/Show Objects to bring back previously hidden surfaces;
- 14. Use the option **Trim** to keep the parts of the vertical planes that form the walls of the object;
- 15. Use the option Solid/Offset to give torus shells the thickness of 0.2m;



Figure 154 – Procedure for modelling of the object (left) and top and front view (right)





Figure 155 — Example Exercise 12

HOMEWORK 12: Model the given translational surface

Procedure for constructing translational surface from figure 156:

- 1. In **Front** view, draw a curve using the option **Curve/Free-Form/Interpolate points** (according to fig 156);
- 2. In **Top** view, draw a curve using the option **Curve/Free-Form/Interpolate points** which has the same starting point as the previously drawn one (according to fig 17);
- 3. Using the option **Surface/Extrude Curve/Along Curve** model a general translational surface;



Figure 156 - Procedure for modelling of the translational surface (left) and perspective view (right)

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Figures 158 and 159 show representative examples of the use of torus and translational surface in architecture.



Figure 158 - Torus, Aviation Museum, Belgrade, Serbia, arch. Ivan Strauss, year 1965



Figure 159 – Translational surfaces, Airport Reception Building, Las Vegas, USA, arch. W. Becket and R. Bredshaw, year 1960

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