

## Userdefined Parametrized Space Curves\*

These exhibits allow to input userdefined explicitly parametrized space curves in three different ways:

1.) User Cartesian: The three Cartesian coordinate functions  $x(t), y(t), z(t)$  can be entered (Of course  $t$  does not have to be arc length.)

2.) User Polar: The coordinate functions can be entered in spherical polar coordinates  $r(t), \theta(t), \varphi(t)$ . In particular, this allows to enter spherical curves. As usual:

$$x = r \cdot \sin \theta \cdot \cos \varphi, \quad y = r \cdot \sin \theta \cdot \sin \varphi, \quad z = r \cdot \cos \theta.$$

3.) User Cylindrical: The coordinate functions can be entered in cylindrical coordinates  $r(t), \theta(t), z(t)$ , with the usual convention  $x = r \cdot \cos \theta, \quad y = r \cdot \sin \theta, \quad z = z$ .

Since Cylinders are isometric to the plane, this allows to create space curves that are given on all the cylinders  $r = \text{const}$  by the same intrinsic geodesic curvature data  $\kappa_g(s)$ .

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<http://3D-XplorMath.org/>