

The three-dimensional mkpath package

Here are the routines defined in the file `mkpath3d.inc`. Roughly speaking, the entire package is concerned with building paths in 3D.

ROUTINE: **mkpath3d**
ARGUMENTS: *l a f t₀ t_f N*
RETURNS: Adds a sequence of Bezier curves to the current path

Here *l* is the **location matrix**, of the form $[M \ v]$ where M is a 3×3 matrix and v a 3-vector. This is to be interpreted as a rigid affine transformation, describing the shifted position of the path to be drawn. The procedure *f* is called by name (with */*). It has two arguments, an array of parameters and a value of *t*. Output from *f* is a three-dimensional parametrization in the format

$$[[x(t) \ y(t) \ z(t)][x'(t) \ y'(t) \ z'(t)]]$$

ROUTINE: **mkpolypath3d**
ARGUMENTS: *l a f t₀ t_f N*
RETURNS: Adds a sequence of line segments to the current path

Is to `mkpath3d` as `mkpolypath` is to `mkpath`.

ROUTINE: **mkpolygon3d**
ARGUMENTS: A location matrix *l*, an array of 3D points *p*
RETURNS: Adds a sequence of line segments to the current path

The array looks like

$$[[x_0 \ y_0 \ z_0][x_1 \ y_1 \ z_1] \dots [x_n \ y_n \ z_n]]$$

This can be used to draw a cube or faces of some other polyhedron, for example.

ROUTINE: **use-perspective**
ARGUMENTS: None
RETURNS: Sets up use of perspective for rendering 3D to 2D

ROUTINE: **use-projection**
ARGUMENTS: None
RETURNS: Sets up use of projection

Exactly one of these must be used before any three-dimensional drawing is done. If you don't do this, you will get an error message about `convert` being undefined.