

# ENGINEERING COMMUNICATION -- DRAWINGS

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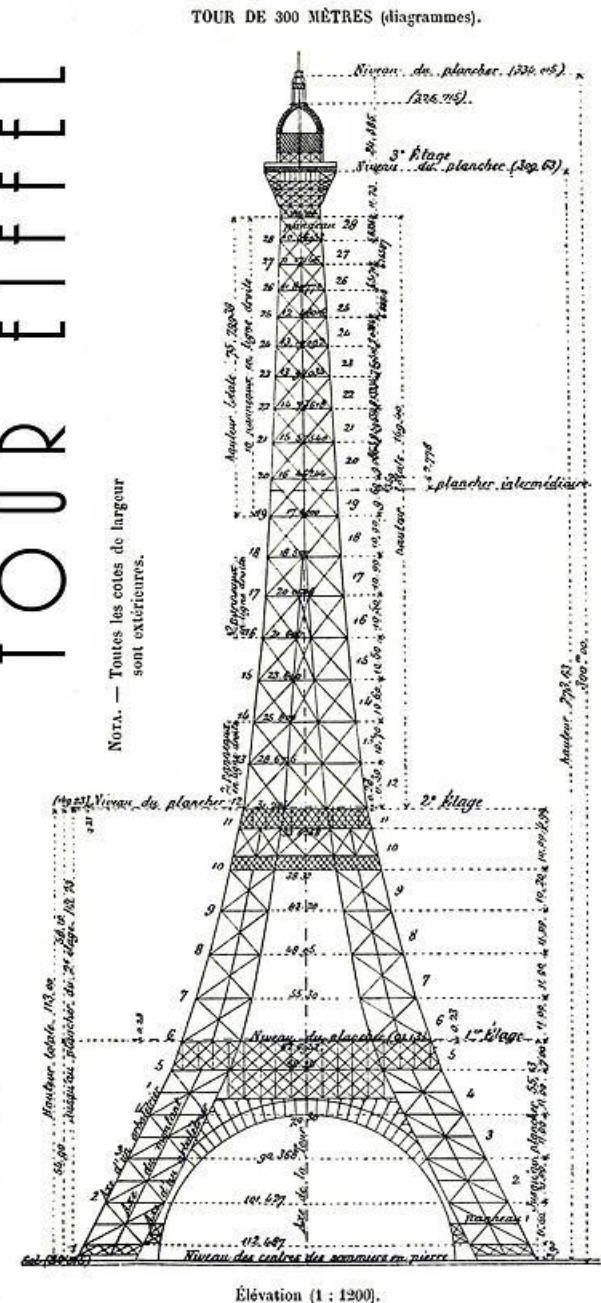
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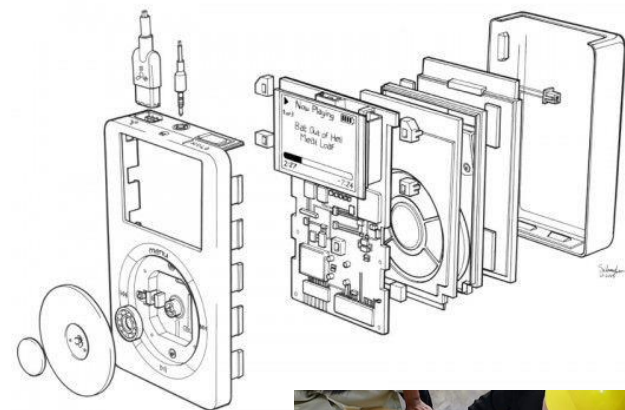
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# Engineering Drawing

- A form of visual communication
- Common **language** of engineering
- A method of transferring **ALL** needed information from design into manufacture
- **Effective** and **efficient** way to communicate:
  - Engineering requirements (Customer → Engineer)
  - Proposals (Engineer → Customer)
  - **Design intent (Engineer → Manufacture)**
  - Instructions (Engineer → User)



# Design Intent

- **Purpose: Building intelligence into the model**
- Governs how features are **intended** to be related with each other
- With good design intent, models can be **updated almost effortlessly**

“... a detailed explanation of the ideas, concepts, and criteria that are defined by the Owner to be important;  
... even when you have a full geometric description of an object you may **NOT** know why something is designed to be like it is.”

- P.Y. Papalambros, *J. Mech. Des.* 2010

- **Example 1: A CAD model from reverse engineering a 3D laser scanner**
  - No, does not contain any information about their design intent
  - Not a record of relationship between sub-parts or a construction sequence
- **Example 2: Transferring a model from one CAD system into another**
  - Maybe, often does not transfer design intent
  - May result in approximate models due to different model representations and tolerance systems.

# Legal Contracts

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## Engineering drawings are legal contracts

- If the product is wrong, manufacturer is protected from liability as long as he/she has faithfully executed the drawing instructions.
- Creation and maintenance of engineering drawings are, and should be, expensive and time consuming
- Drawings should communicate all the needed information about "what is wanted"
- No ambiguity
- Not open to interpretation

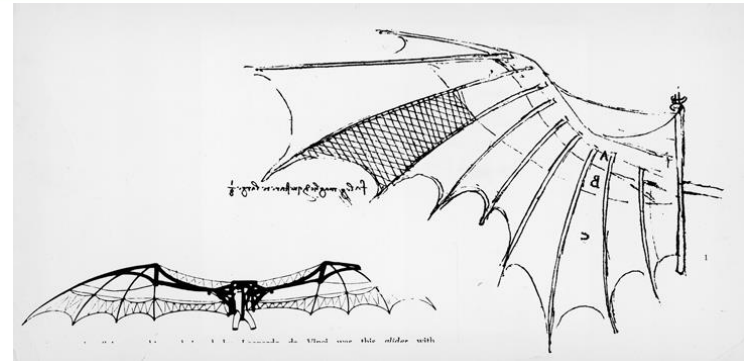


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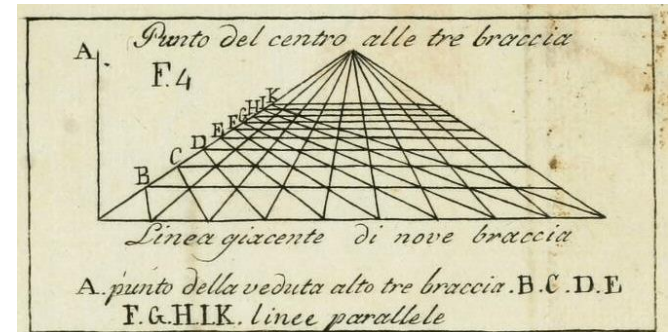
# Early Engineering Drawing Pioneers



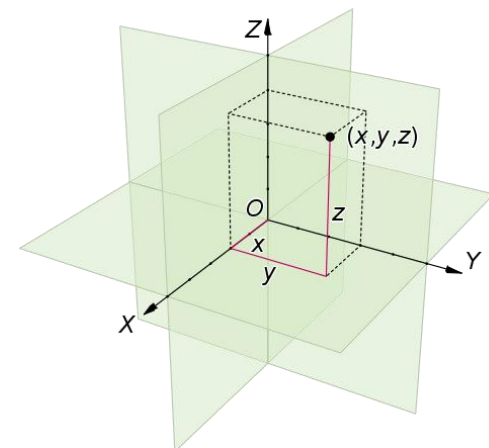
- Leonardo da Vinci (1452 - 1519)
  - Created pictorial drawings
  - Without dimensions



- Leon Battista Alberti (1404 - 1472)
  - Needs for geometry in drawing
  - Drawings with multiple views



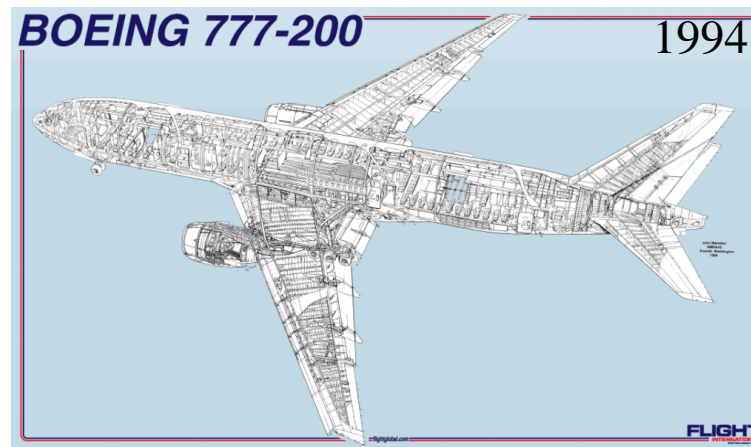
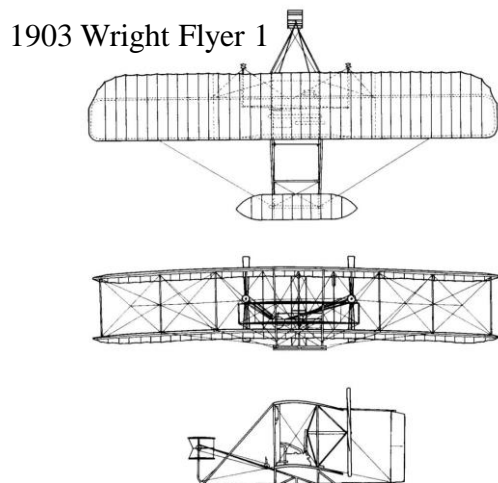
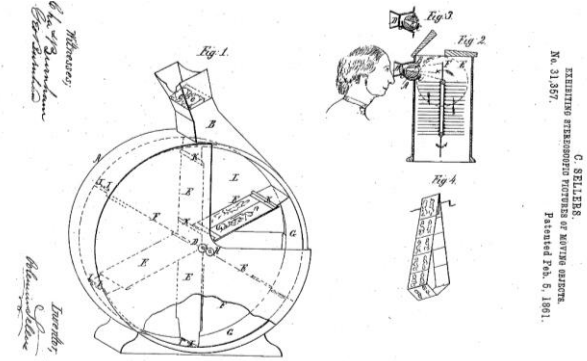
- René Descartes (1596 - 1650)
  - Invented Cartesian coordinate system
  - Founder of analytic geometry





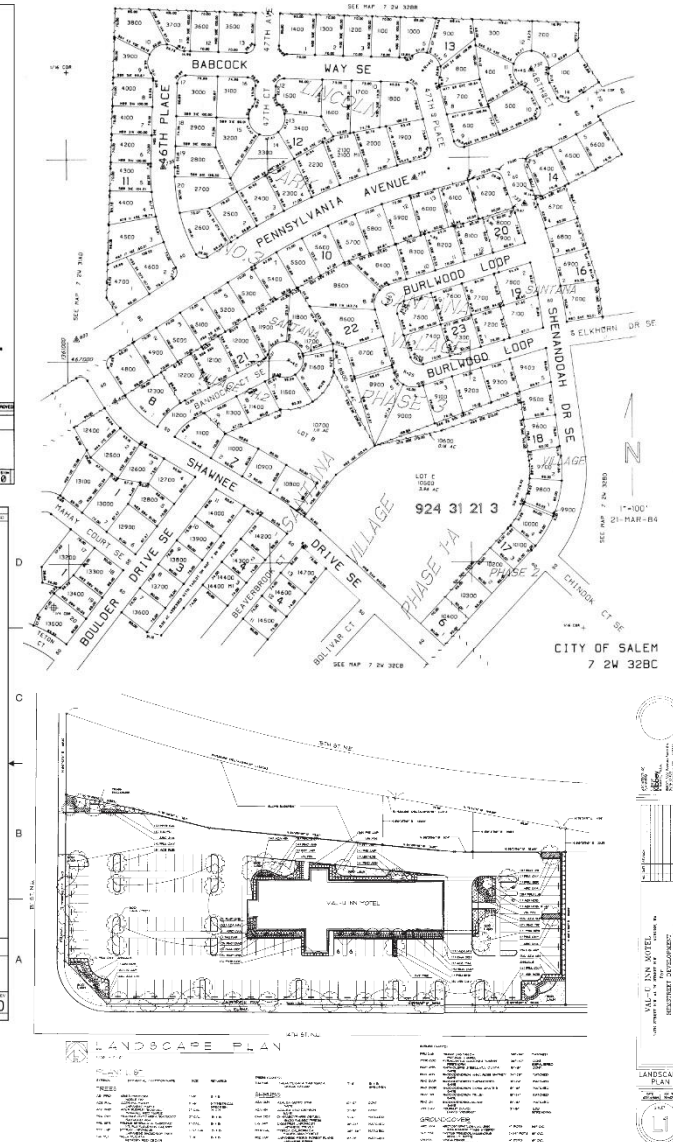
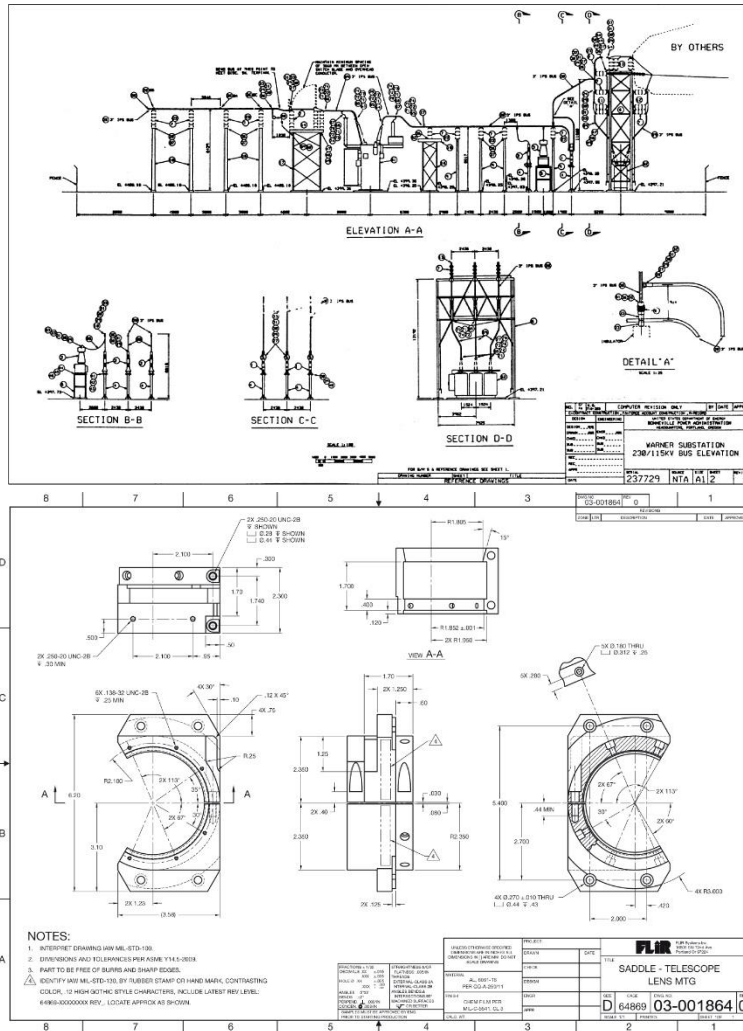
# Evolution of Engineering Drawing

- Pre-industrial revolution
  - Parts from hand sketches and drawings
- Post-industrial revolution (19<sup>th</sup>)
  - **Interchangeability** became important
  - Requires **accurate** drawing
  - Engineering drawing evolves rapidly
- From hand practice to CAD (1960 – 21st)



# Types of Engineering Drawing

- Cartographic
- Electrical
- Electronics
- Civil
- Architectural
- HVAC
- Landscape
- Mechanical
- (...)



**Tools for communication**

Requires worldwide, standardized drafting practices

# Engineering Drawing Standards

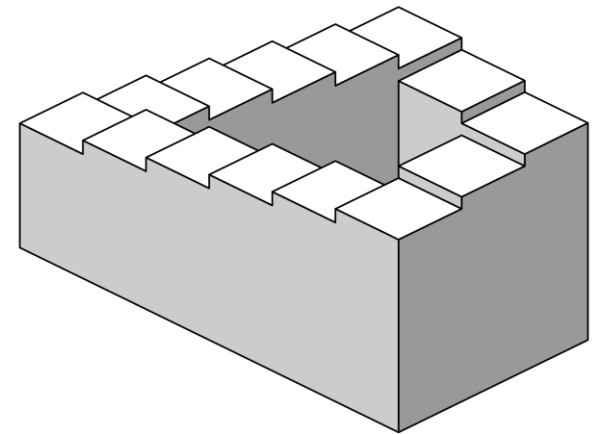
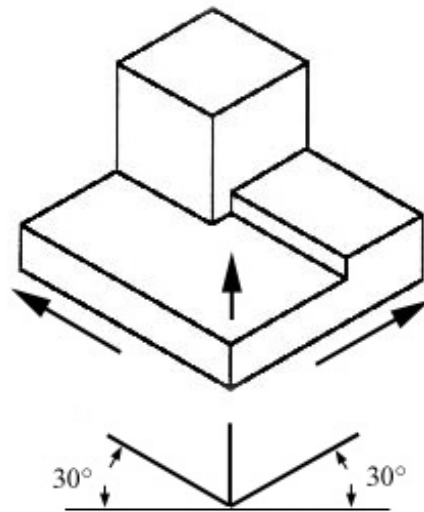
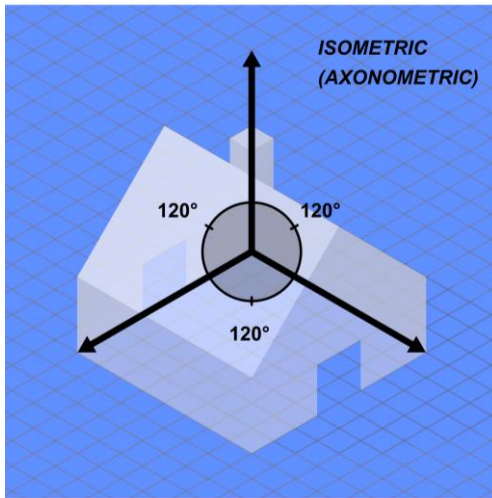
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- Standards provide rules for specification and interpretation
- **Standardization** aids **internationalization**
- ANSI (ASME) vs. ISO
- Drawing Concepts Overview
  - Isometric Drawing
  - Multiview (Orthographic) Drawing
  - Sectioning
  - Dimensioning



# Isometric Drawing

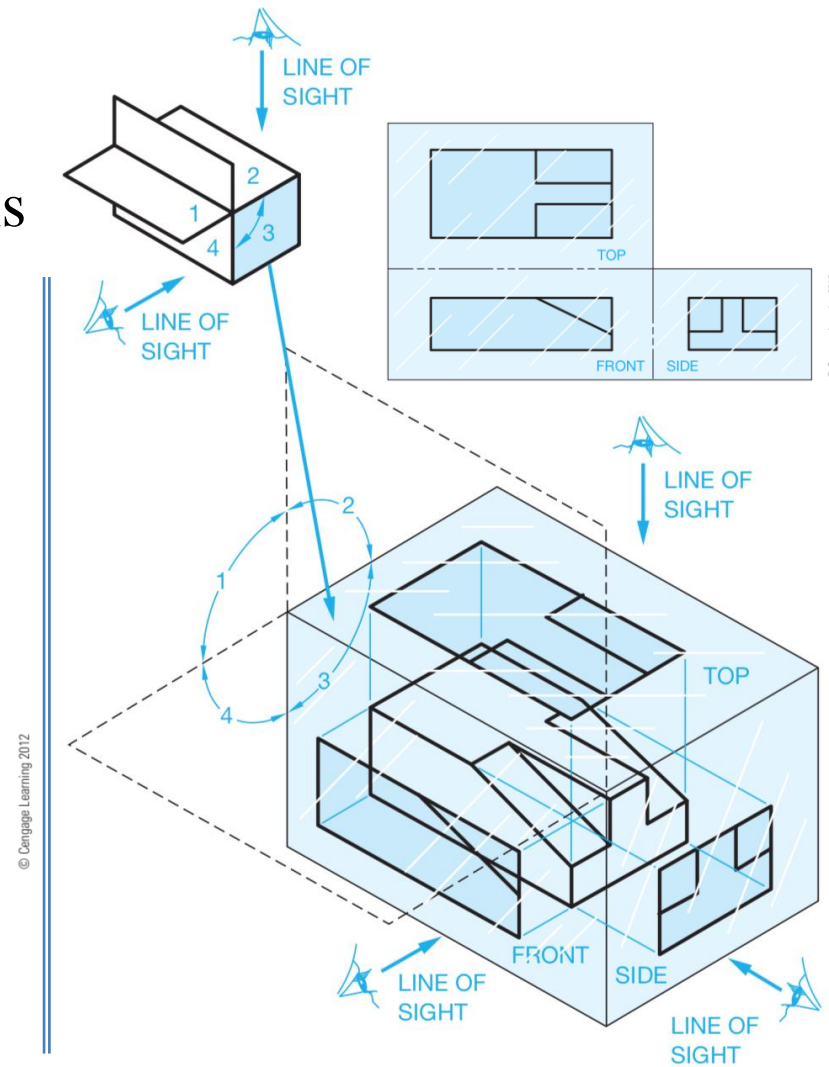
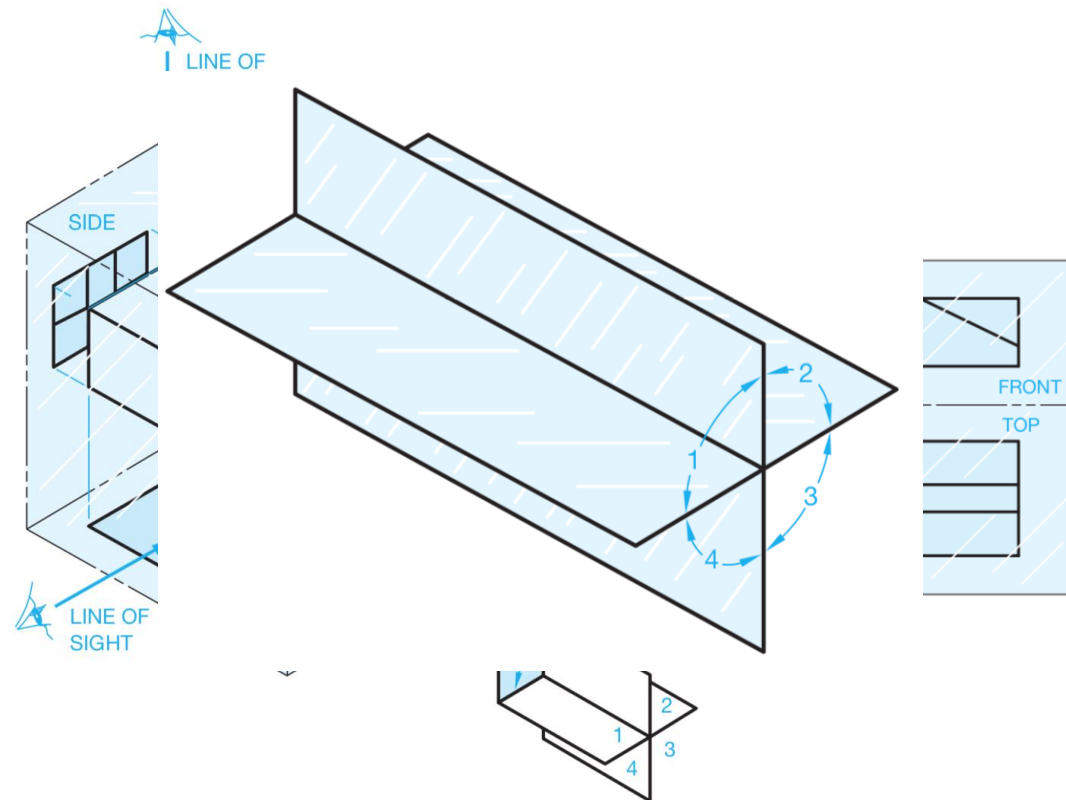
- Any engineering drawing should show everything
- A complete understanding of the object should be possible from the drawing



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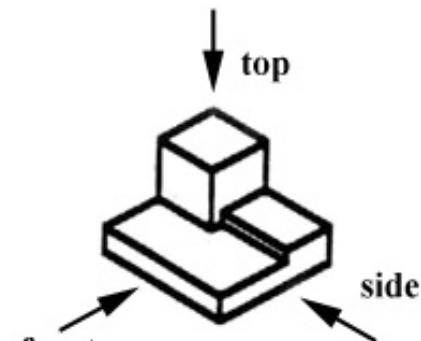
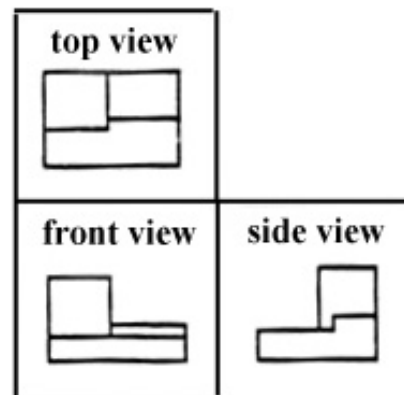
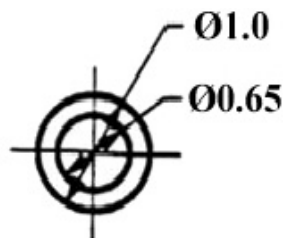
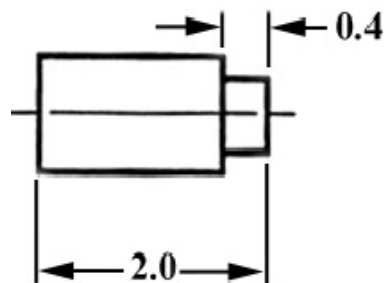
# Multiview (Orthographic) Projection

- Orthographic projection: System for drawing and dimensioning complex three-dimensional items
- From 3D designs to 2D drawings
- First-angle vs. third-angle projections



# How many views?

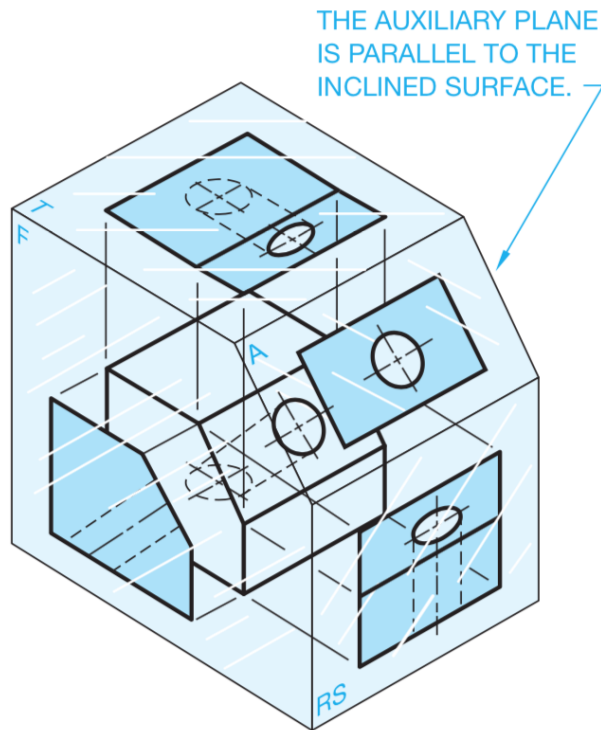
- Does it have to be three?



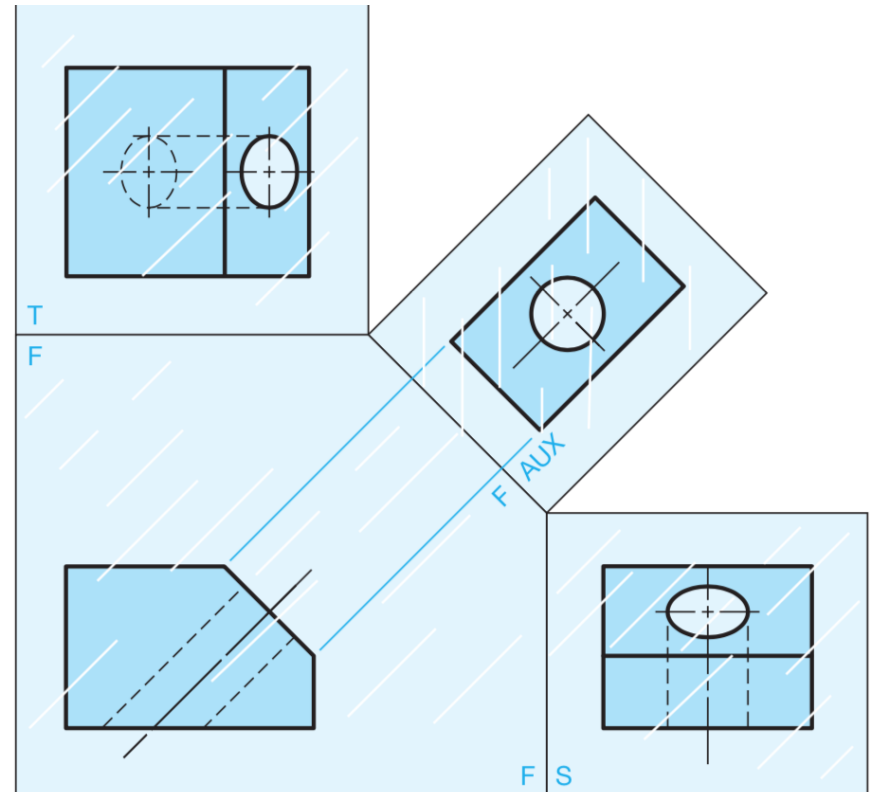
- Six principal viewing planes:
  - Front, top, right-side, left-side, bottom, rear
- Need as many views as are required to fully described the object

# Auxiliary Views

- Parts with surface(s) not parallel to any of the six principal viewing planes
- Allow for inclined planes (and any other significant features) to be projected in their true size and shape



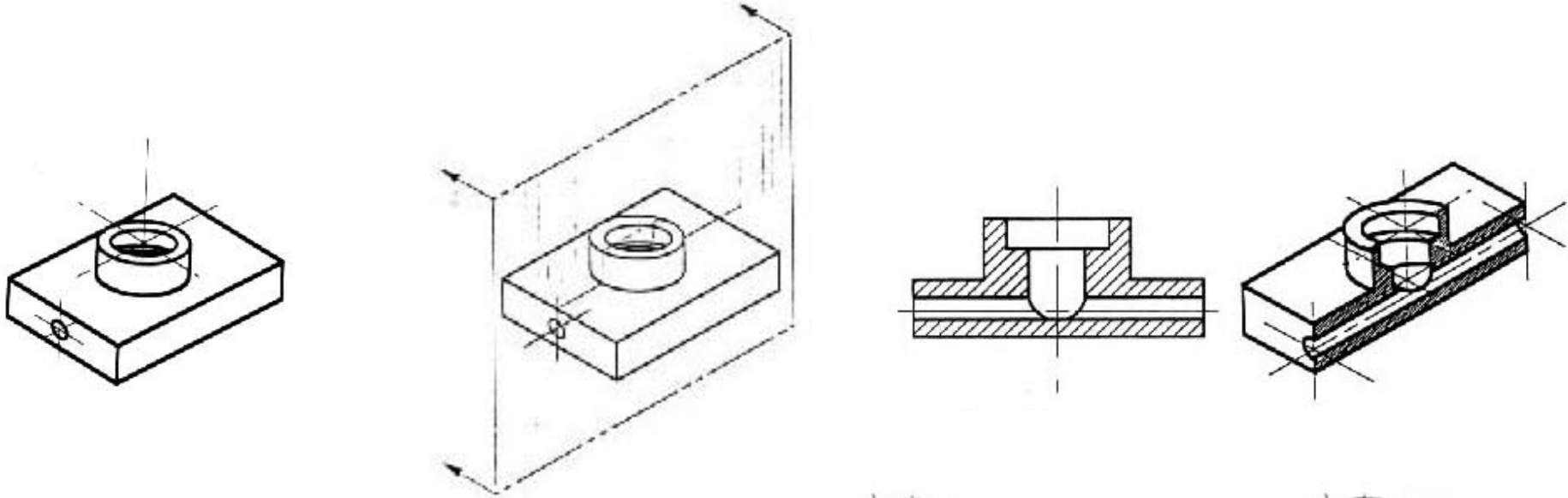
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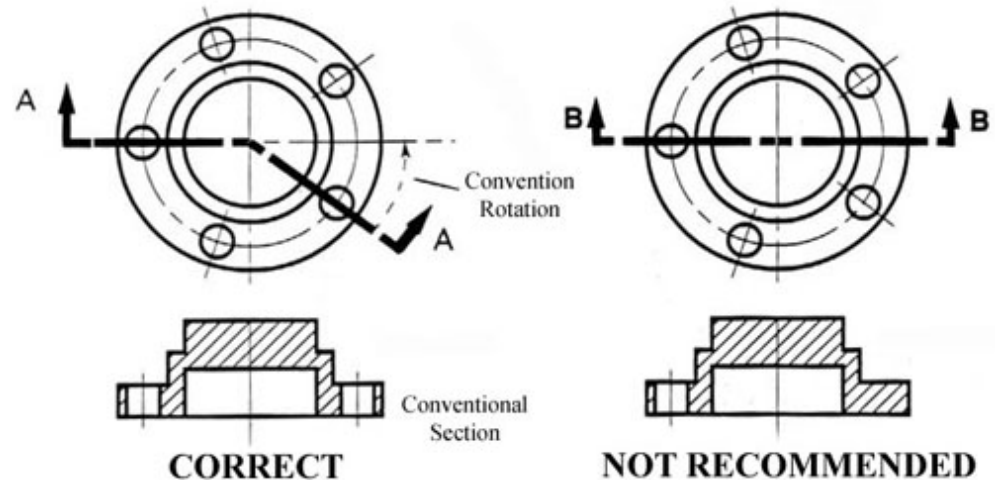
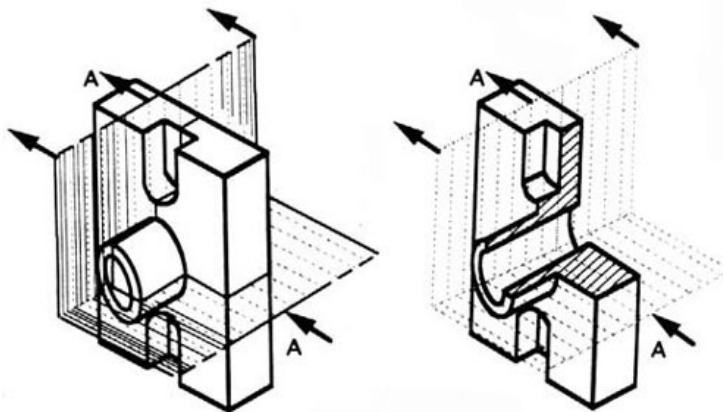


# Sectioning and Section Views

- Used when interior details cannot be seen from the outside

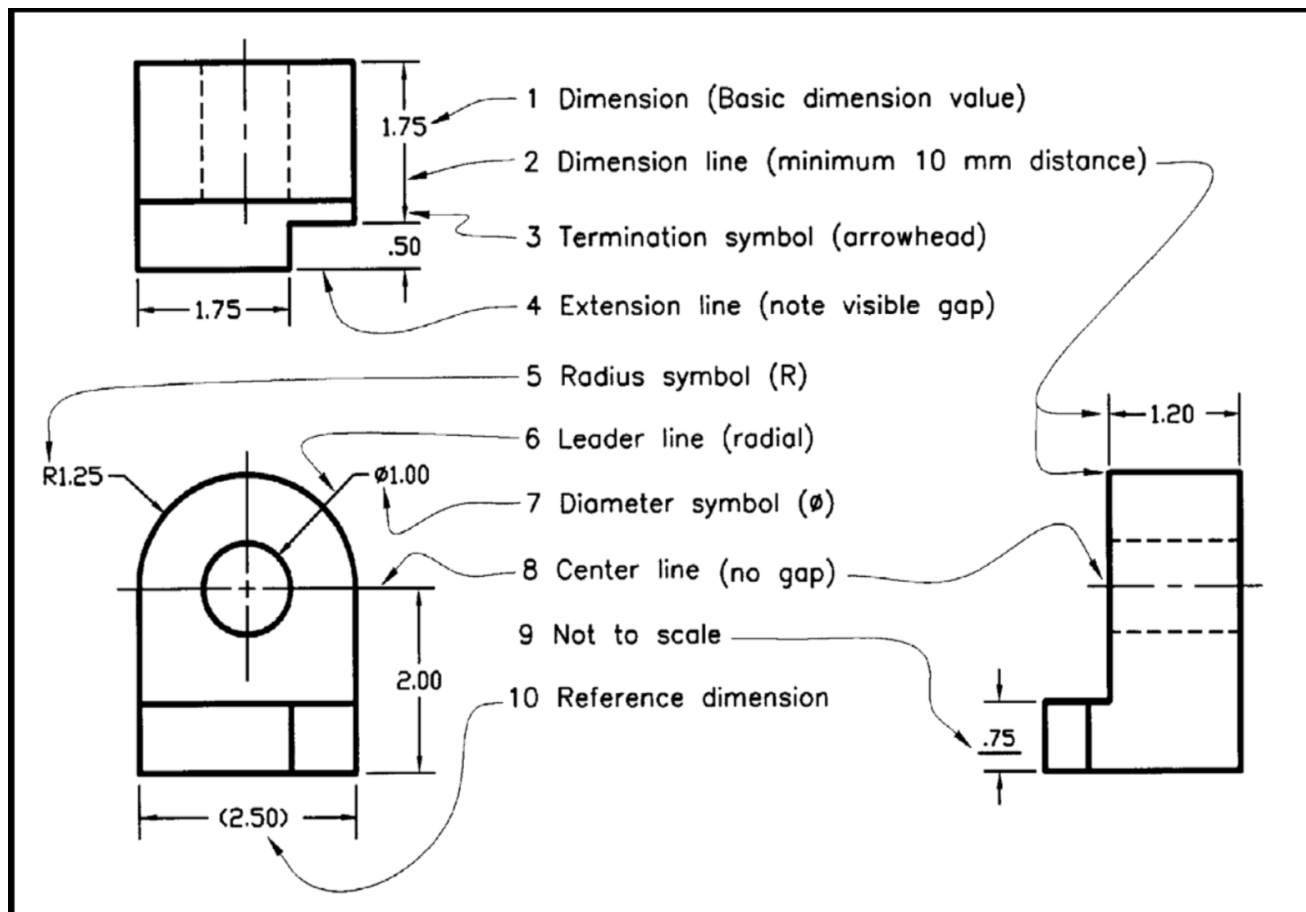


- Half section views



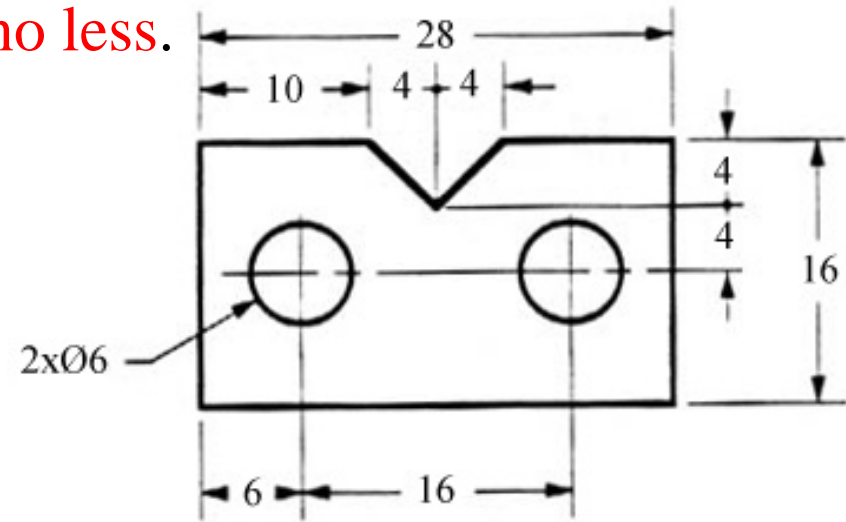
# Dimensioning

- A dimension is for **size** and **position**
- Different kinds: Linear, aligned, angular, radius/diameter, reference etc.



# Rules for Dimensioning

- **Accuracy:** correct values must be given.
- **Clearness:** dimensions must be placed in appropriate positions.
- **Completeness:** nothing must be left out, and nothing duplicated.
- **Readability:** the appropriate line quality must be used for legibility.
- Put in exactly as many dimensions as are necessary for the craftsman to make it - **no more, no less.**



- **No redundant dimensions**

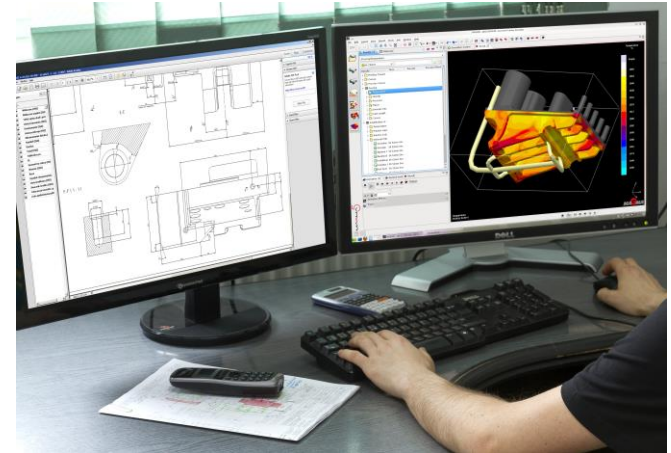
- clutter the drawing
- often lead to conflicts when tolerance allowances can be added differently

# CAD

- It's not a computer game!
- Suppose to facilitate the expression of design intent

## Common CAD Software Manufacturers

- Alibre, Inc.
- Ashlar-Vellum
- Autodesk, Inc.
- Bentley Systems, Inc.
- Dassault Systèmes
- Google Inc.
- GRAPHISOFT
- IMSI/Design, LLC
- Intergraph
- IronCAD
- Kubotek Corporation
- Parametric Technology Corporation
- Siemens Corporation

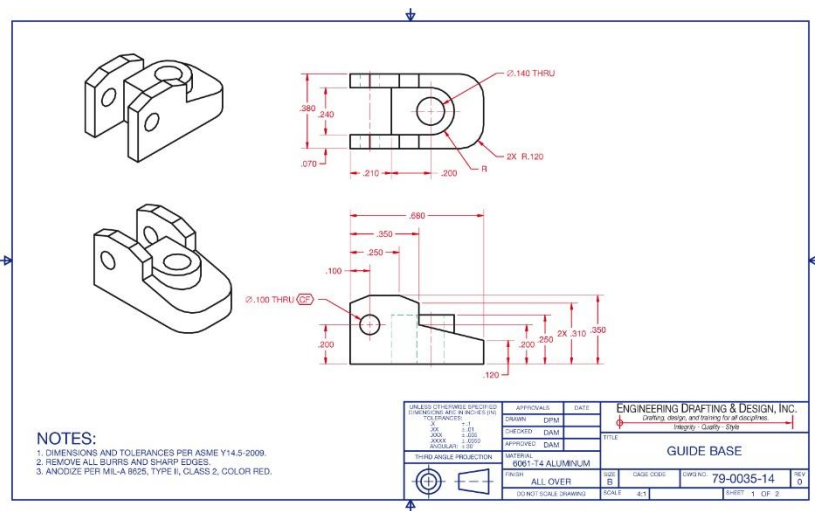




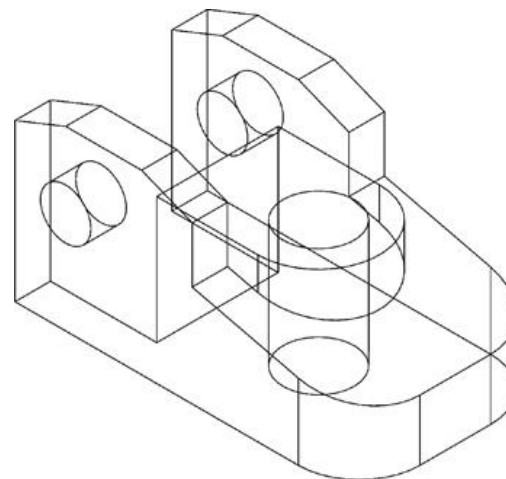


# Common CAD Formats

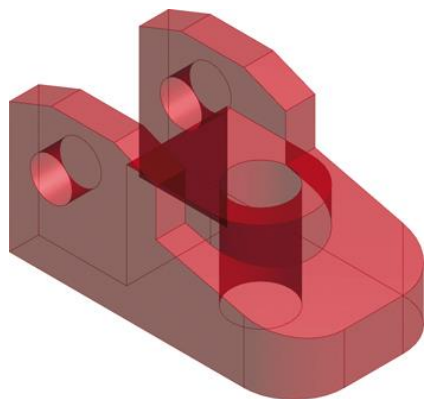
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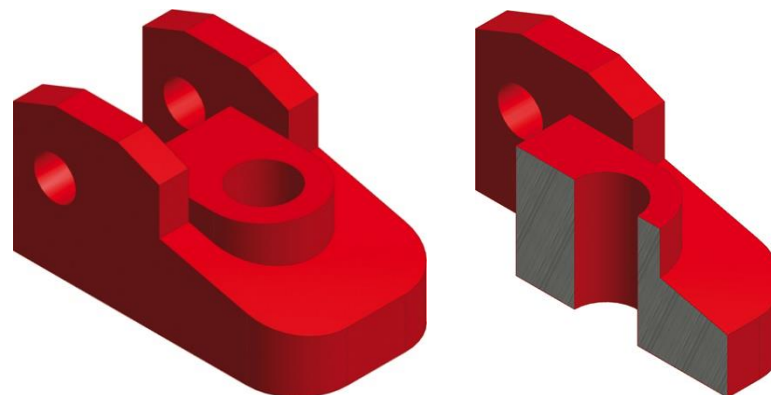
- 3-D Wireframe Model



- 3-D Surface Model

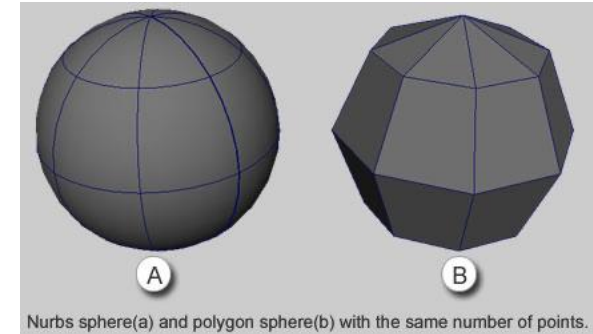
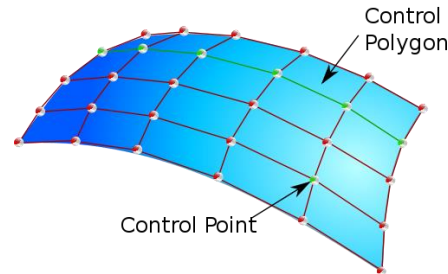


- 3-D Solid Model

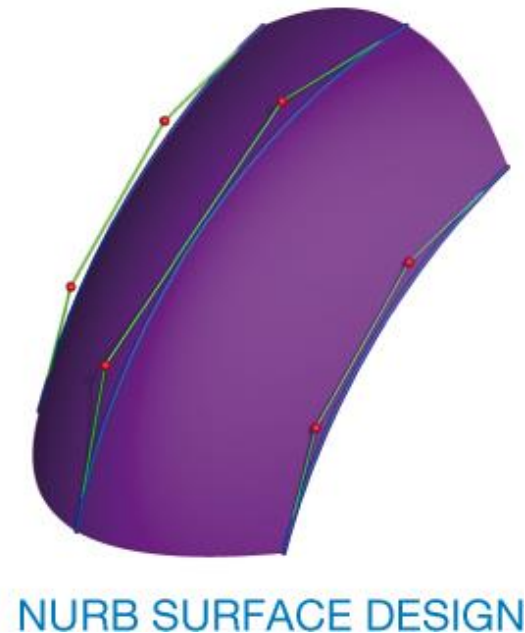
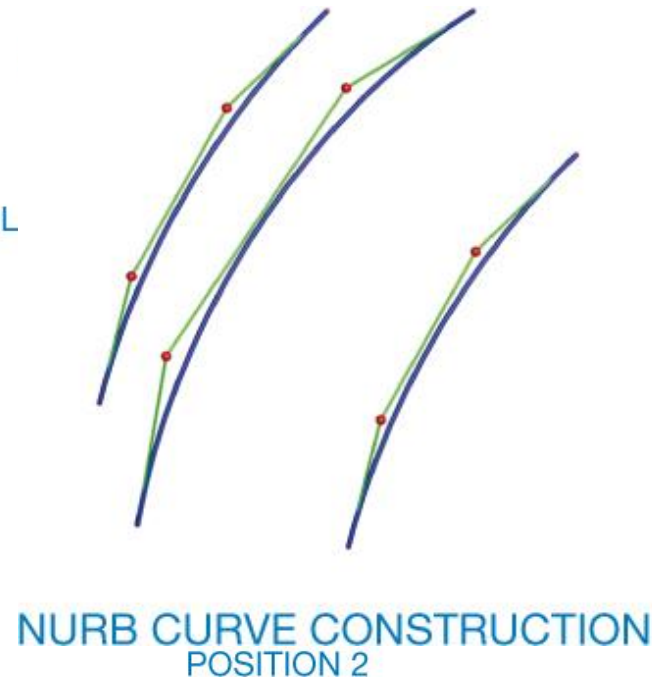
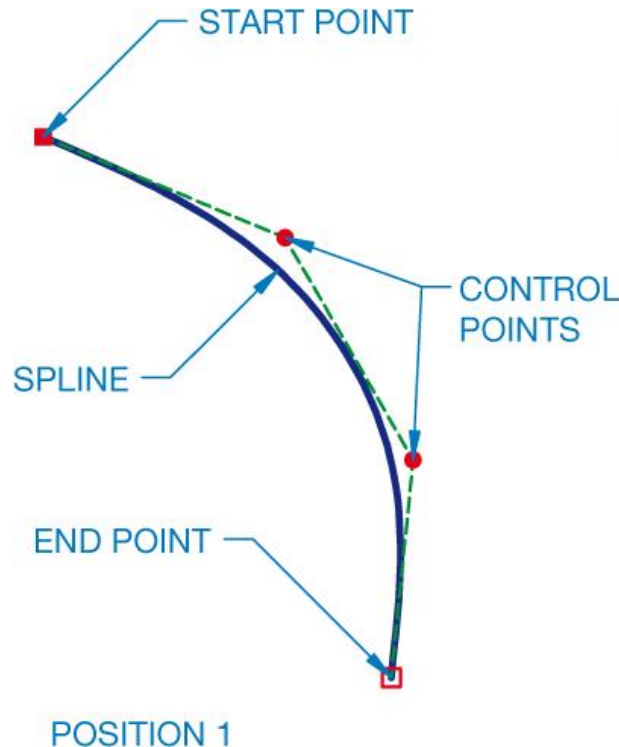


# Surface Modeling Techniques

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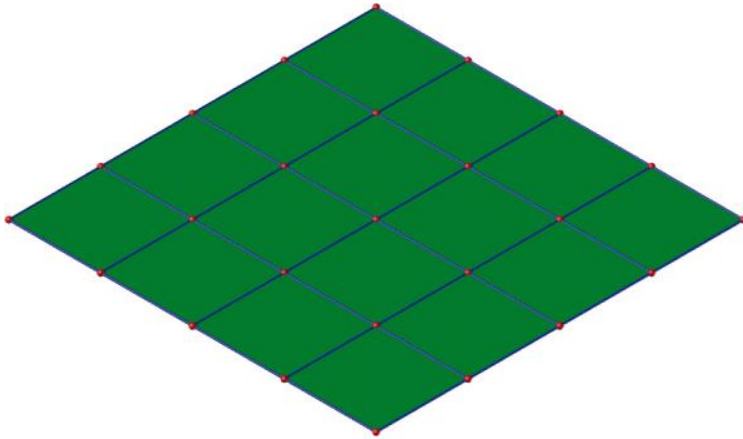


- Non-uniform rational basic spline (NURBS)



# Creating Surfaces

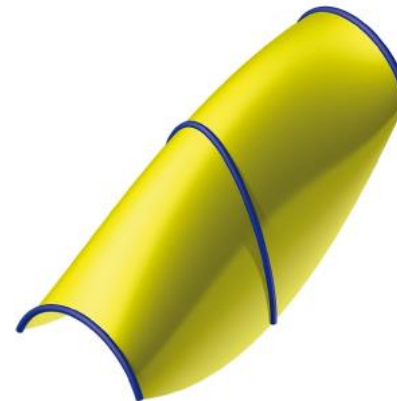
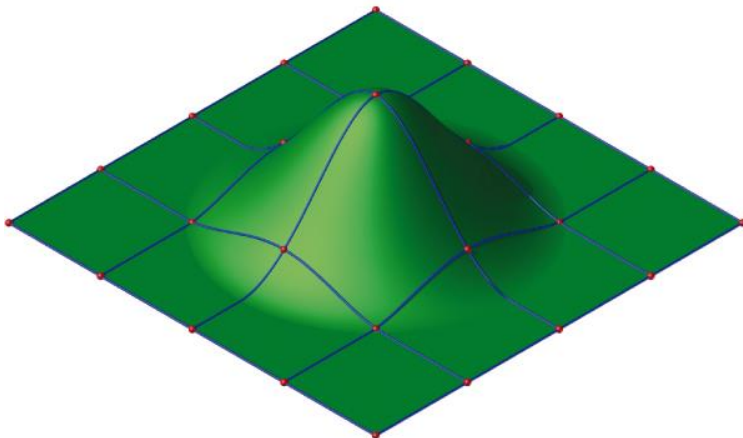
- Direct surface modeling
- Procedural surface modeling



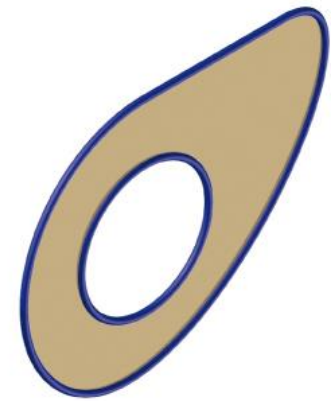
EXTRUDE



SWEEP



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BOUNDARY PATCH



# Conclusions

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- Engineering drawing is a vital form of communication
- Engineering drawings are legal documents
- Key is to capture design intent
- Should contain all vital information for production
- CAD software should only facilitate instead of replace design