

Trajectory (wellbore or pipeline)

The central axis line of a [wellbore](#) or a [pipeline](#) with a [position vector](#) \mathbf{r} at each point of [trajectory](#) given as:

$$(1) \quad \mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r}(l) = \{x(l), y(l), z(l)\}$$

where

$\mathbf{r}(l)$	position vector of trajectory point with $z(l)$ being a true vertical direction
l	path length from pipeline intake point \mathbf{r}_0
\mathbf{r}_0	well or pipeline intake point coordinates (usually $\mathbf{r}_0 = \{x_0 = 0, y_0 = 0, z_0 = 0\}$)

In practice the [trajectory](#) is usually set by [Deviation Data](#).

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