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Supplementary material: Describing 3D leaf shapes

Extending the leaf shape model to describe a non-planar shape can be done by following the same methodology, merely adding a description of the z-coordinate independently. As an example, a leaf with a rippled leaf margin and horizontal leaf midrib can be described by adding a sinusoid function to describe the evolution of the z coordinates of the leaf edges (**Fig. S.1**):

$$0 \leq j \leq 1 \quad z_j = z_A \sin \left[\pi \left(z_f \left(j + z_{ph} \right) \right) \right] \quad (\text{Eq. S.1})$$

Where z_A is the sinusoid amplitude, z_f the number of half waves and z_{ph} the phase with

$z_f \in \mathbb{N}$ and $z_{ph} \in \left(0, \frac{1}{z_f} \right)$ to guarantee a z coordinate of 0 at both the leaf start and the leaf tip.

In the case of a curved midrib, an additional equation will be needed to describe the progression of it's the midrib height (**Fig. S.2**). This can be done by a simple second degree polynomial.

$$0 \leq j \leq 1 \quad m = a \cdot j^2 + b \cdot j \quad (\text{Eq. S.2})$$

Which simply extends the description of z_j to:

$$0 \leq j \leq 1 \quad z_j = z_A \sin \left[\pi \left(z_f \left(j + z_{ph} \right) \right) \right] + m \quad \text{or} \quad (\text{Eq. S.3})$$

$$z_j = z_A \sin \left[\pi \left(z_f \left(j + z_{ph} \right) \right) \right] + a \cdot j^2 + b \cdot j$$

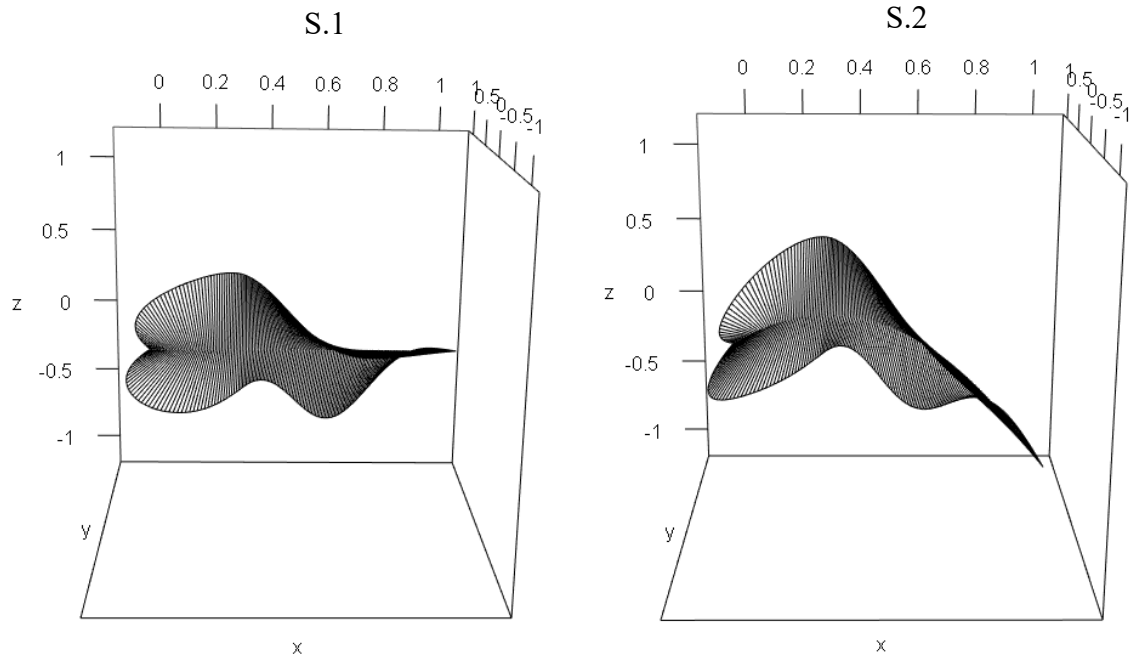


Fig. S (S.1) 3D leaf shape generated with the addition of a simple sinusoid function representing the evolution of the z coordinate. (S.2) is extended further by the inclusion of a second degree polynomial describing the height of the leaf midrib