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Question:

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Answer:

Classification of cam:

- **1. Radial or disc cam**: In radial cams, the follower reciprocates or oscillates in a direction perpendicular to the cam axis. The cams as shown in above Fig. are all radial cams.
- **2. Cylindrical cam:** In cylindrical cams, the follower reciprocates or oscillates in a direction parallel to the cam axis. The follower rides in a groove at its cylindrical surface. A cylindrical grooved cam with a reciprocating and an oscillating follower is shown in Fig. below (a) and (b) respectively.