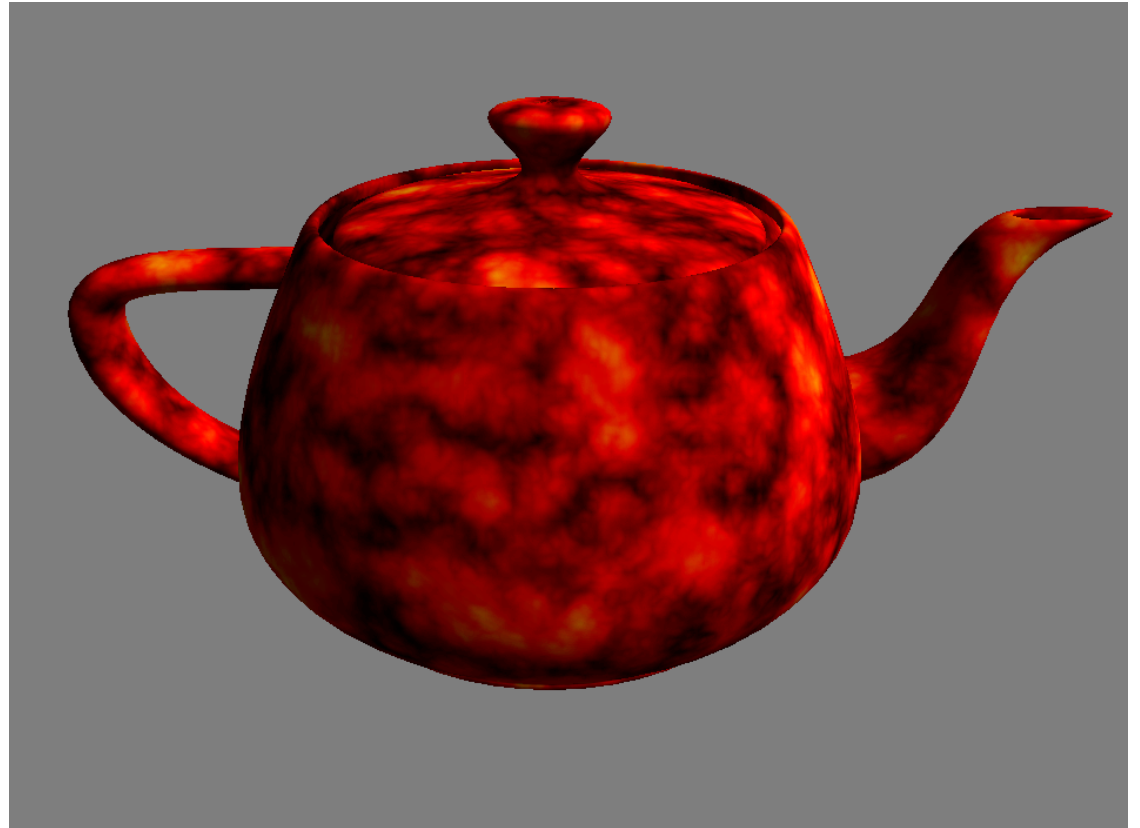


# Curves and Surfaces (pp 597-623, 643-648, 654-660, 321-342)



# Different forms of curve functions

***Explicit:  $y = f(x), z = g(x)$***

- Cannot get multiple values for single  $x$ , infinite slopes

***Implicit:  $f(x,y,z) = 0$***

- Cannot easily compare tangent vectors at joints
- In/Out test, normals form gradient

***Parametric:  $x = f_x(t), y = f_y(t), z = f_z(t)$***

- Overcomes all problems

# Describing curves by means of polynomials

## *Reminder:*

Lth degree polynomial

$$p(t) = a_0 + a_1t + a_2t^2 + \cdots + a_Lt^L$$

$a_0, \dots, a_L$  are the coefficients

$L$  : is the degree

$L + 1$  is the order

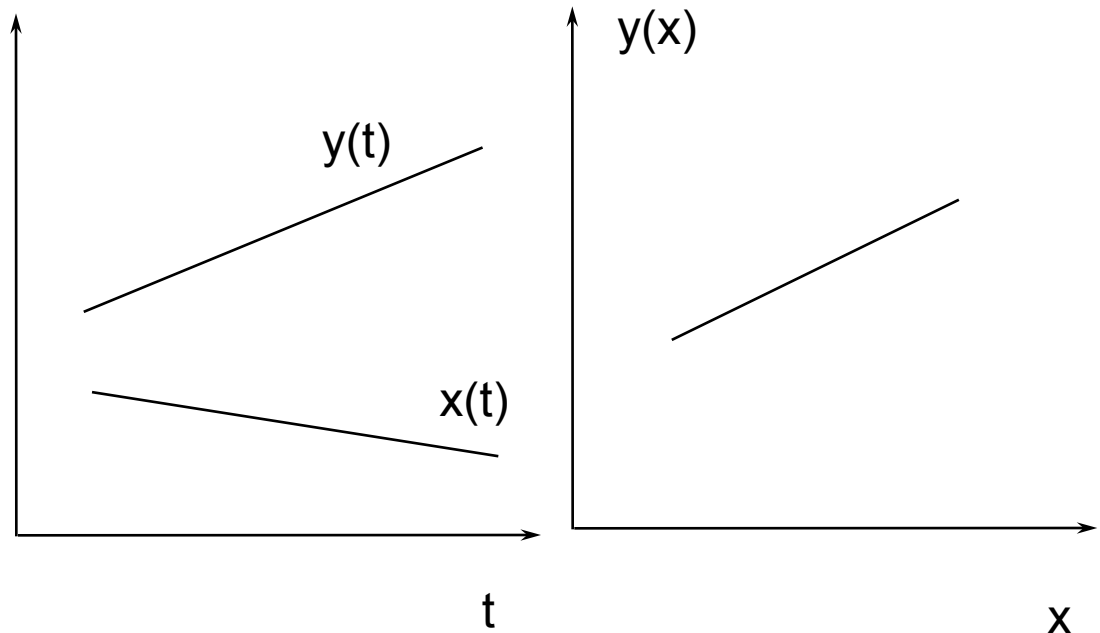
# Polynomial curves of Degree 1

*Parametric and implicit forms are linear*

$$x(t) = at + b$$

$$y(t) = ct + d$$

$$F(x,y) = kx + ly + m$$



# Polynomial Curves of Degree 2

## *Parametric*

$$x(t) = at^2 + 2bt + c$$

$$y(t) = dt^2 + 2et + f$$

For any choice of constants  
 $a, b, c, d, e, f \rightarrow$  parabola

## *Implicit*

$$F(x, y) = Ax^2 + 2Bxy + Cy^2 + Dx + Ey + F$$

$$\text{Let } d = AC - B^2$$

$d > 0 \rightarrow F(x, y) = 0$  is an ellipse

$d = 0 \rightarrow F(x, y) = 0$  is a parabola

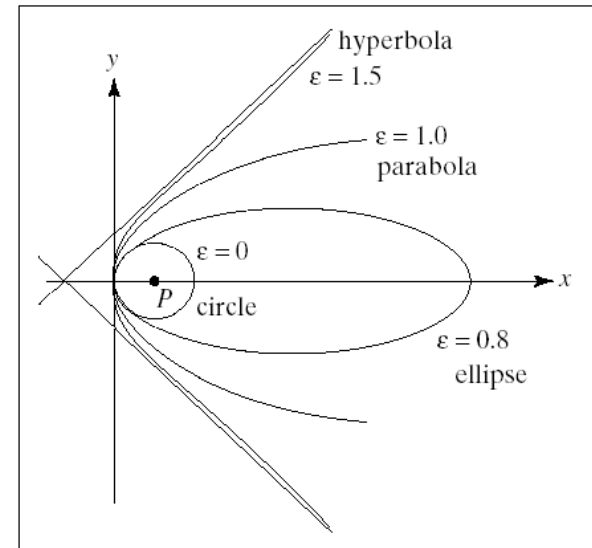
$d < 0 \rightarrow F(x, y) = 0$  is a hyperbola

# Polynomial curves of degree 2

## Common Vertex form:

$$y^2 = 2px - (1 - \epsilon^2)x^2$$

**FIGURE 11.5** The common-vertex equations of the conics.



# Rational Quadratic Parametric Curves

$$P(t) = \frac{P_0(1-t)^2 + 2wP_1t(1-t) + P_2t^2}{(1-t)^2 + 2wt(1-t) + t^2}$$

$w < 1$  ellipse

$w = 1$  parabola

$w > 1$  hyperbola

**So**

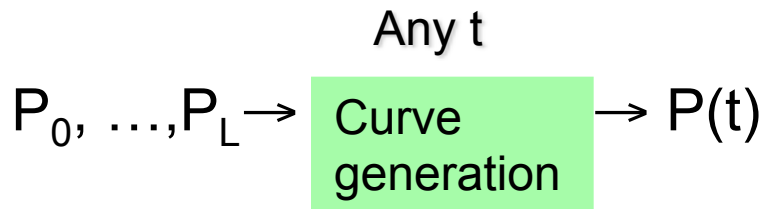
***We will use parametric polynomials and constrain them to create desired types of curves.***

***How?***



# Interactive curve design

## Geometric approach

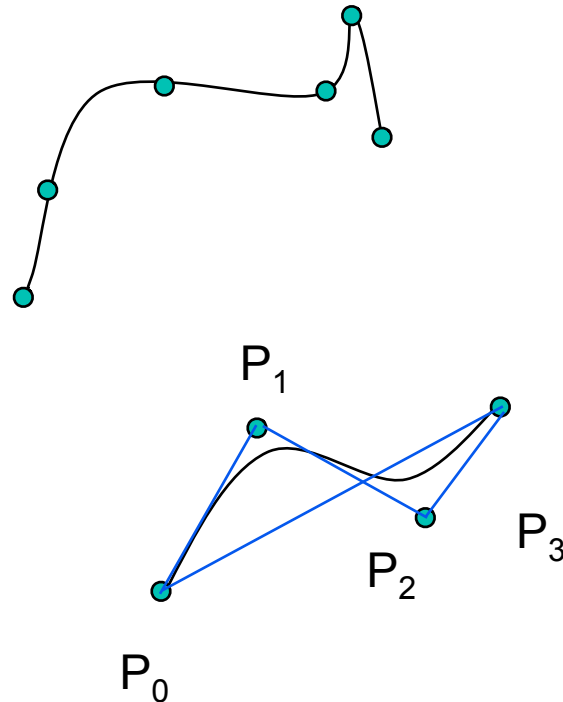


Constraints *Polynomial Curve*

$P_i$  control points

$P_0 \dots P_L$  control polygon

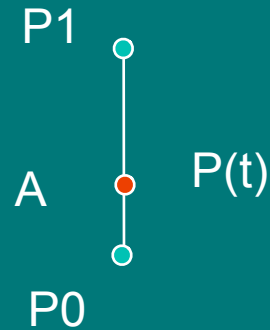
## Interpolation vs Approximation



# De Casteljau Algorithm

## *Tweening*

Two points=line

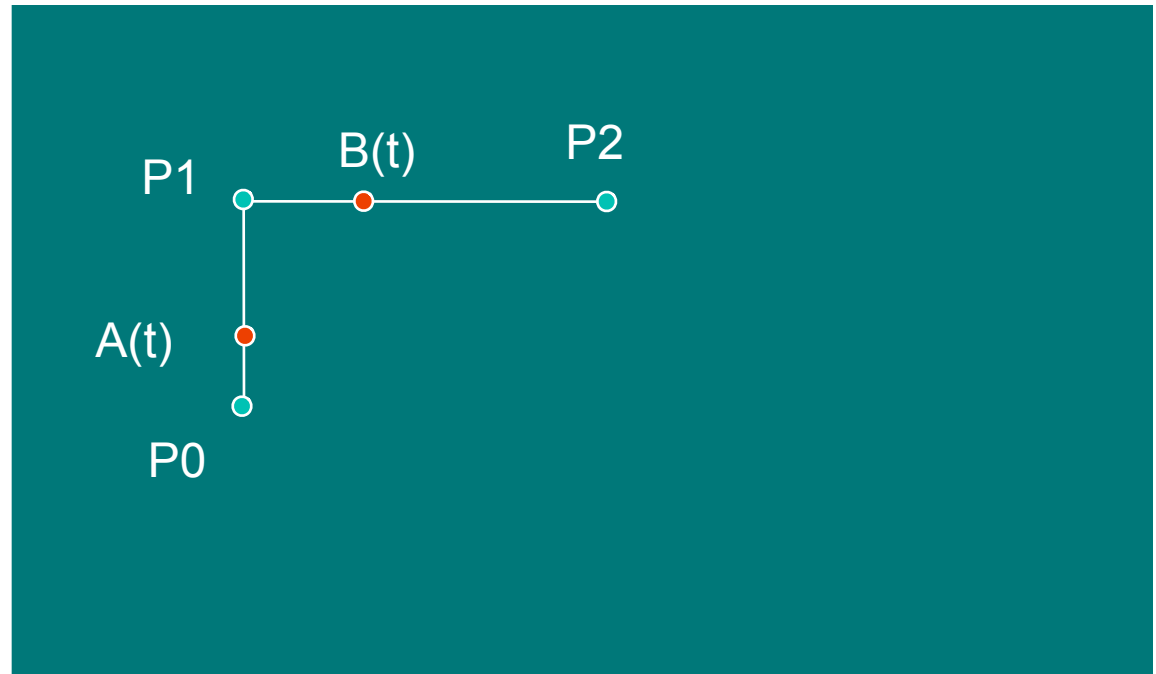


$$A(t) = (1-t)P_0 + tP_1$$

# De Casteljau Algorithm

## *Tweening*

Three points



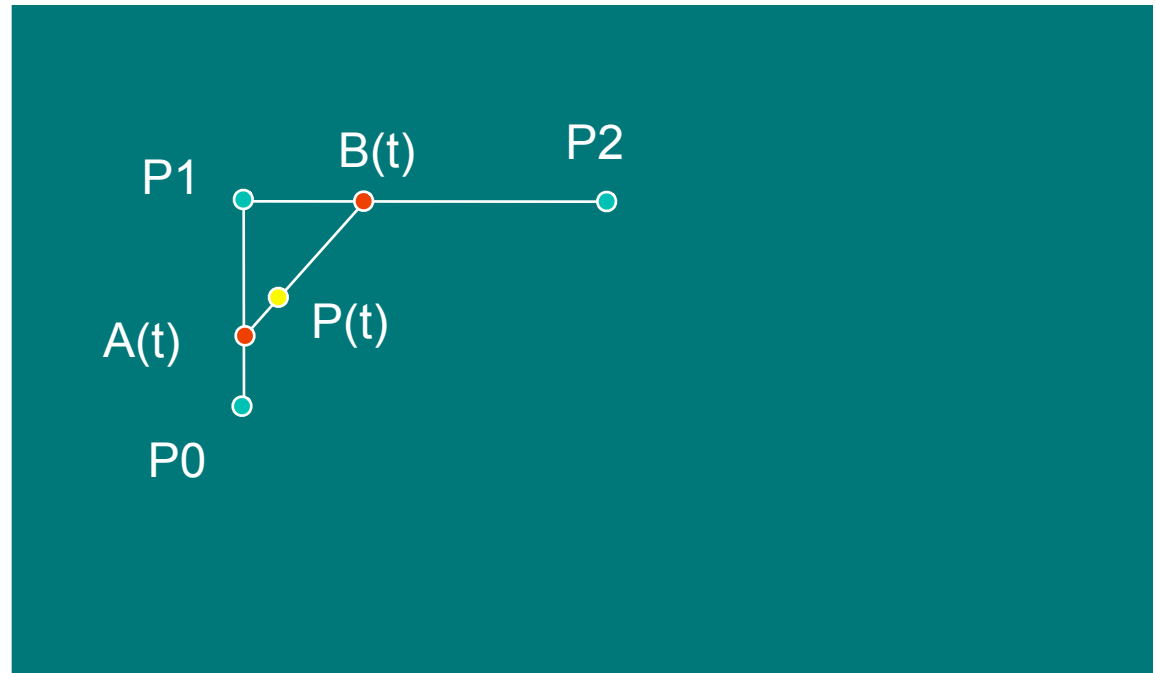
$$A(t) = (1-t)P_0 + tP_1$$

$$B(t) = (1-t)P_1 + tP_2$$

# De Casteljau Algorithm

## *Tweening*

Three points  
(parabola)



$$A(t) = (1-t)P_0 + tP_1$$

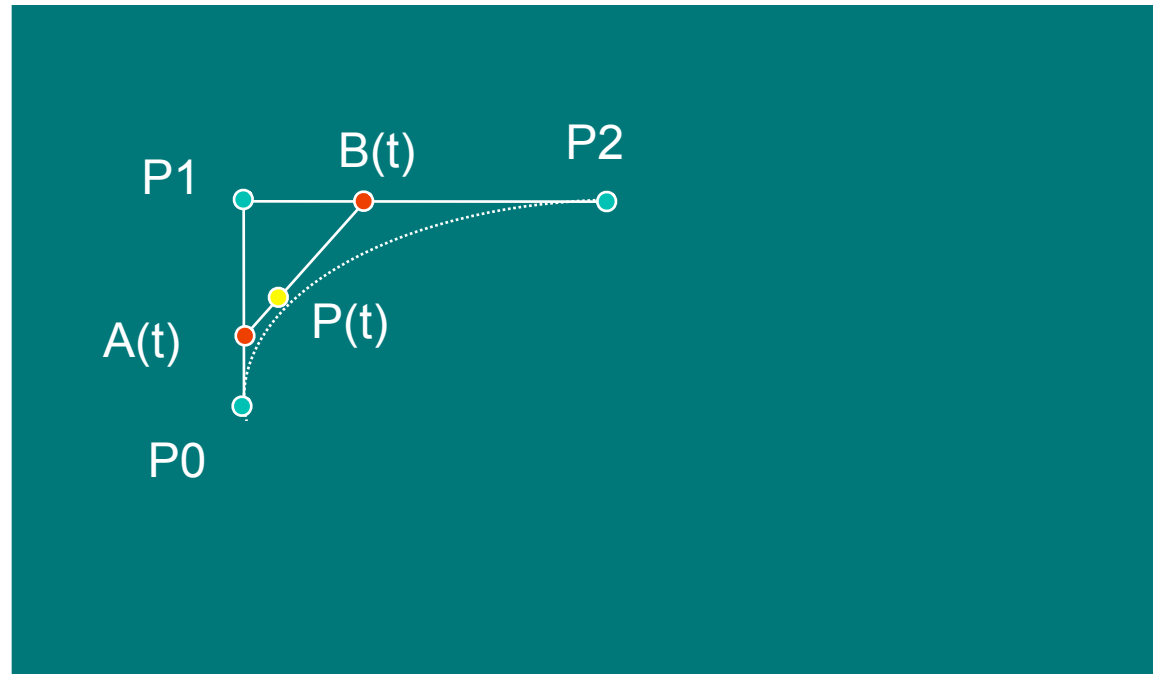
$$B(t) = (1-t)P_1 + tP_2$$

$$P(t) = (1-t)A + tB = (1-t)^2P_0 + 2t(1-t)P_1 + t^2P_2$$

# De Casteljau Algorithm

## *Tweening*

Three points  
(parabola)



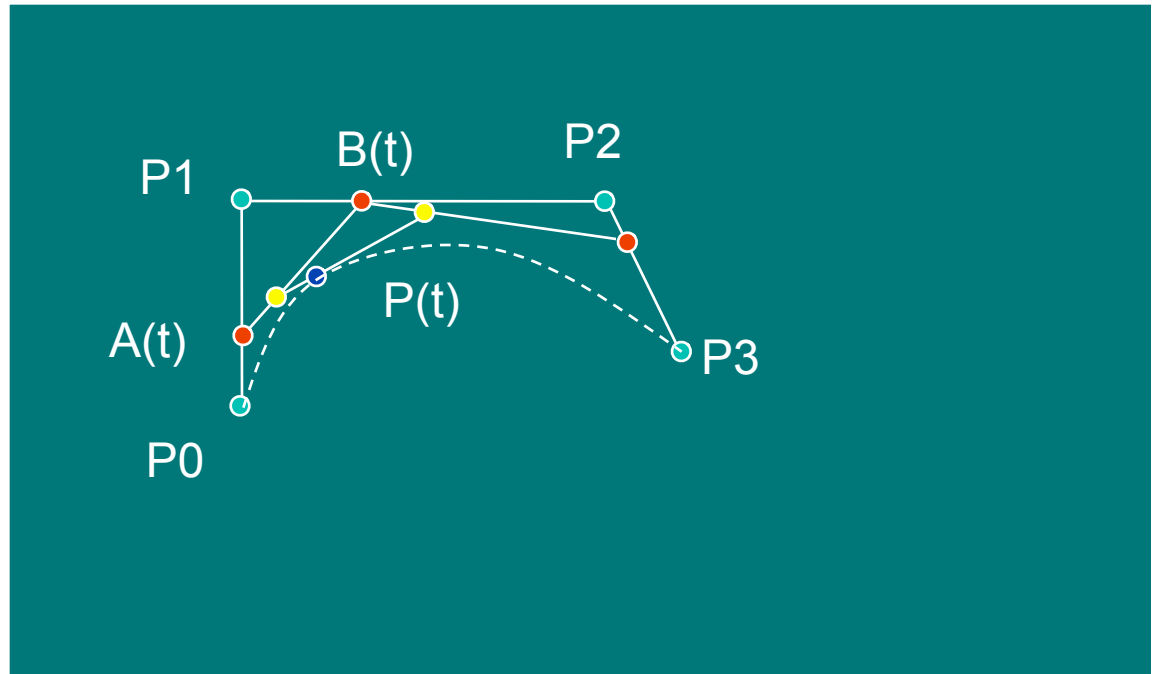
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$$P(t) = (1-t)A + tB = (1-t)^2P_0 + 2t(1-t)P_1 + t^2P_2$$

# De Calsteljau (cont)

## *Tweening with four points*



$$P(t) = (1-t)^3P_0 + 3(1-t)^2tP_1 + 3(1-t)t^2P_2 + t^3P_3$$

# Cubic Bernstein polynomials

$$P(t) = (1-t)^3 P_0 + 3(1-t)^2 t P_1 + 3(1-t) t^2 P_2 + t^3 P_3$$

$$B^3_0(t) = (1-t)^3$$

$$B^3_1(t) = 3(1-t)^2 t$$

$$B^3_2(t) = 3(1-t) t^2$$

$$B^3_3(t) = t^3$$

Expansion of  $[(1-t) + t]^3 = (1-t)^3 + 3(1-t)^2 t + 3(1-t) t^2 + t^3 \rightarrow$

$$\sum B^3_k(t) = 1, k = 0, 1, 2, 3$$

**Affine combination of points**

# Berstein Polynomials of L degree

*L + 1 control points*

$$P(t) = \sum_{k=0}^L B_k^L(t) P_k \quad \text{where}$$

$$B_k^L(t) = \binom{L}{k} (1-t)^{L-k} t^k$$

$$\binom{L}{k} = \frac{L!}{k!(L-k)!}, \quad \text{for } L \geq k$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^L B_k^L(t) = 1, \quad \text{for all } t$$

Expansion of  $[(1-t) + t]^L$

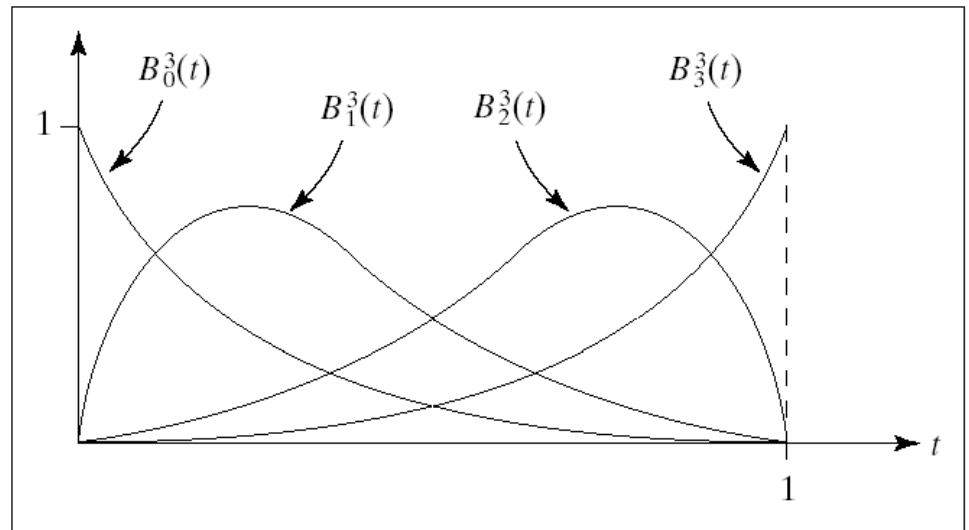


# Berstein Polynomials

*Always positive*

*Zero only at  $t = 0$  or  $1$*

**Degree 3**



# Properties of Bezier curves

- End point interpolation

- Affine Invariance: 
$$T(P(t)) = \sum_{k=0}^L B_k^L(t) T(P)_k$$

- Invariance under affine transformation of the parameter

- Convex Hull property

for  $t$  in  $[0, 1]$

$$P = \sum_{k=0}^L a_k P_k, \text{ where } \sum_{k=0}^L a_k = 1 \text{ and } a_k > 0$$

- Linear precision by collapsing convex hull
- Variation Diminishing property: No straight line cuts the curve more times than it cuts the control polygon

# Derivatives of Bezier curves

*It can be shown that:*

Velocity also a Bezier curve of lower degree

$$P'(t) = L \sum_{k=0}^{L-1} B_k^{L-1}(t) \Delta P_k \text{ where } \Delta P_k = P_{k+1} - P_k$$

Acceleration:

$$P''(t) = L(L-1) \sum_{k=0}^{L-2} B_k^{L-2}(t) \Delta^2 P_k \text{ where } \Delta^2 P_k = \Delta P_{k+1} - \Delta P_k$$

# Which degree is best?

## *Cubic curves*

- Lower order not enough flexibility
- Higher order too many wiggles and computationally expensive
- Cubic curves are lowest degree polynomial curves that are not planar in 3D

## *More complex curves*

- Piecewise cubics

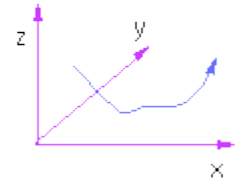
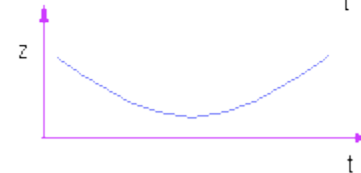
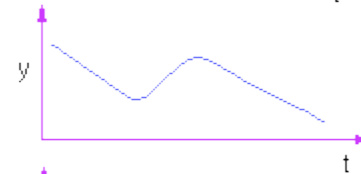
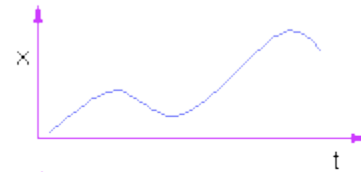
# Cubic parametric curves

$$x(t) = a_3t^3 + a_2t^2 + a_1t + a_0$$

$$y(t) = b_3t^3 + b_2t^2 + b_1t + b_0$$

$$z(t) = c_3t^3 + c_2t^2 + c_1t + c_0$$

$$t \in [0, 1]$$



# Cubic parametric curves (Matrix Form)

$$x(t) = a_3t^3 + a_2t^2 + a_1t + a_0$$

$$y(t) = b_3t^3 + b_2t^2 + b_1t + b_0$$

$$z(t) = c_3t^3 + c_2t^2 + c_1t + c_0$$

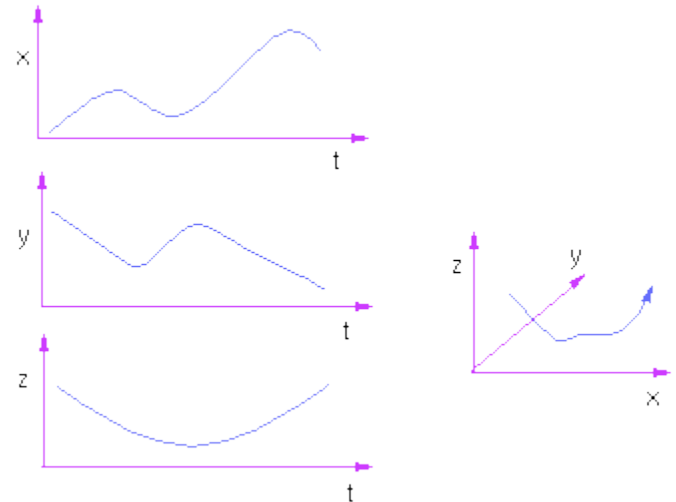
$$t \in [0, 1]$$

$$x(t) = \begin{bmatrix} t^3 & t^2 & t^1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_3 \\ a_2 \\ a_1 \\ a_0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x(t) = TA$$

$$y(t) = TB$$

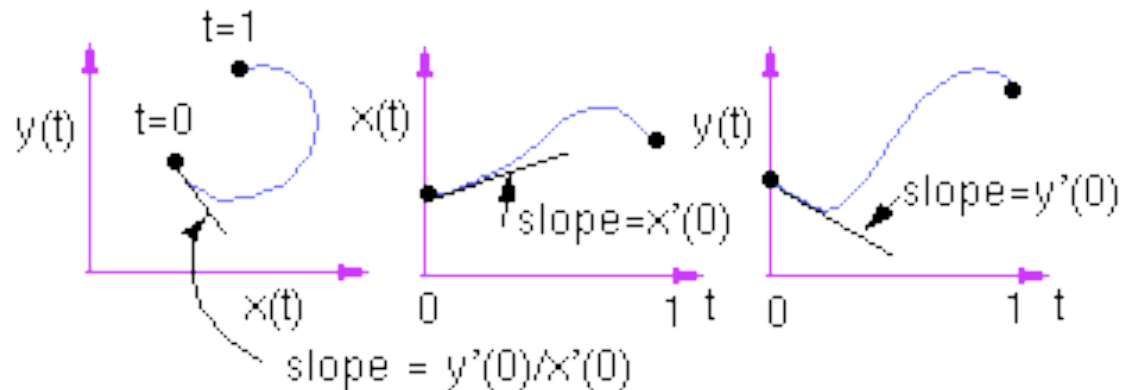
$$z(t) = TC$$



# Derivative of Cubic Parametric Curves

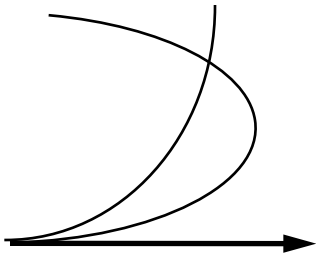
$$x(t) = \begin{bmatrix} t^3 & t^2 & t^1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_3 \\ a_2 \\ a_1 \\ a_0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x'(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 3t^2 & 2t & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_3 \\ a_2 \\ a_1 \\ a_0 \end{bmatrix}$$



# How does the magnitude of the tangent affect the curve?

*Same lower tangent direction but different magnitude.*



*The magnitude defines how fast the curve assumes the tangent direction (remember: tangent  $\rightarrow$  velocity in parametric space)*

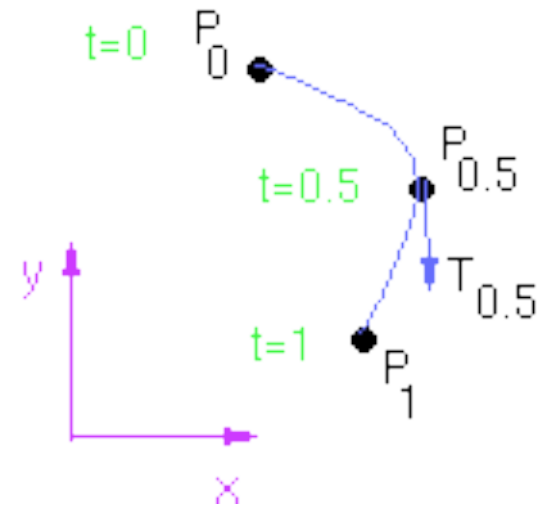


# Example

## Constraints

Endpoints and a tangent at midpoint

$$x(t) = \begin{bmatrix} t^3 & t^2 & t^1 & t \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_3 \\ a_2 \\ a_1 \\ a_0 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$x'(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 3t^2 & 2t & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_3 \\ a_2 \\ a_1 \\ a_0 \end{bmatrix}$$



# Setting up the curve

## Constraints

$$x(t) = \begin{bmatrix} t^3 & t^2 & t^1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A$$

$$x'(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 3t^2 & 2t & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} A$$

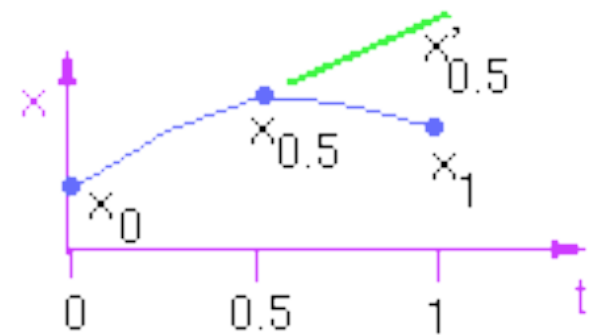
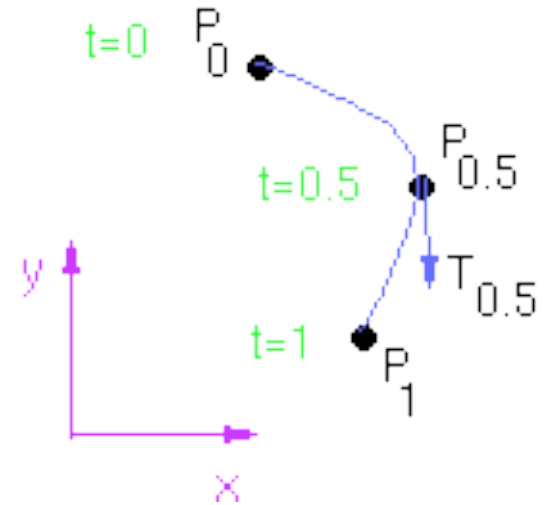
$$x(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A$$

$$x(0.5) = \begin{bmatrix} 0.5^3 & 0.5^2 & 0.5 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A$$

$$x'(0.5) = \begin{bmatrix} 3(0.5)^2 & 2(0.5) & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} A$$

$$x(1) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A$$

$$G_x = BA$$



# Solving for A

## Constraints

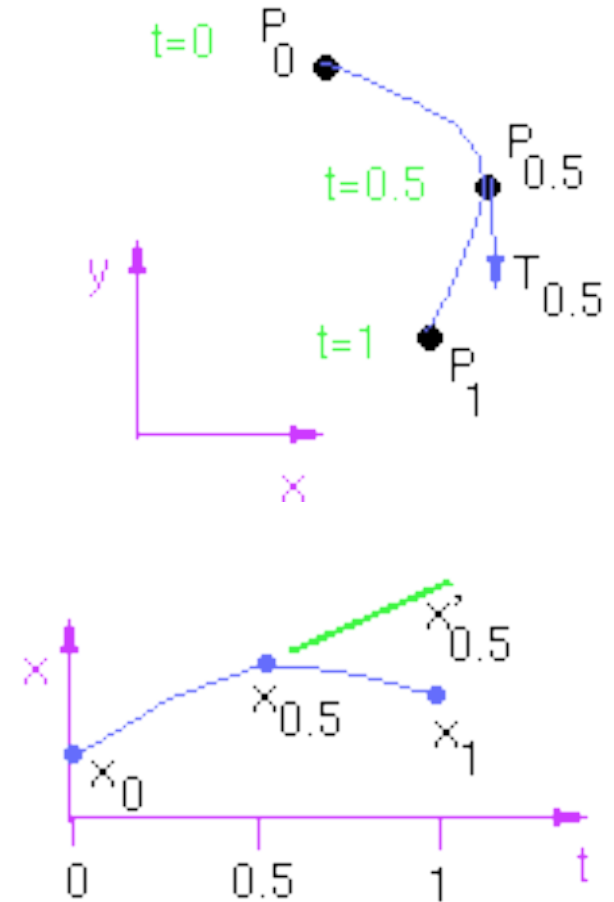
$$x(t) = \begin{bmatrix} t^3 & t^2 & t^1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A = TA$$

$$x'(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 3t^2 & 2t & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} A = T'A$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_0 \\ x_{0.5} \\ x'_{0.5} \\ x_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0.5^3 & 0.5^2 & 0.5 & 1 \\ 3(0.5)^2 & 2(0.5) & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A$$

$$G_x = BA \Rightarrow A = B^{-1}G_x$$

$$x(t) = TA \Rightarrow x(t) = TB^{-1}G_x$$



# Final form

## *Basis matrix*

$$x(t) = TB^{-1}G_x$$

$$\text{Set } M = B^{-1}$$

$$x(t) = TMG_x$$

$$y(t) = TMG_y$$

$$z(t) = TMG_z$$

## *For the example*

$$P(t) = TMG$$

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 0 & -4 & 4 \\ 8 & -4 & 6 & -4 \\ -5 & 5 & -2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Blending functions

***T\*M***

$$x(t) = TMG_x \Rightarrow$$

$$x(t) = \begin{bmatrix} f_1(t) & f_2(t) & f_3(t) & f_4(t) \end{bmatrix} G_x$$

***For the example***

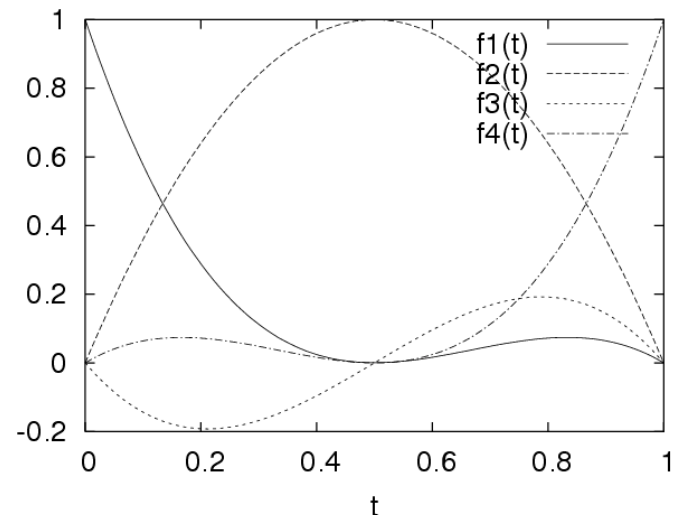
$$f_1(t) = -4t^3 + 8t^2 - 5t + 1$$

$$f_2(t) = -4t^2 + 4t$$

$$f_3(t) = -4t^3 + 6t^2 - 2t$$

$$f_4(t) = 4t^3 - 4t^2 + t$$

***Each blending function weights the contribution of one of the constraints***



# Hermite Curves

## Constraints

Two points and two tangents

$$G_h = \begin{bmatrix} P_1 & P_4 & R_1 & R_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x(t) = TA_h = TM_h G_h$$

$$x(0) = P_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A_h$$

$$x(1) = P_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A_h$$

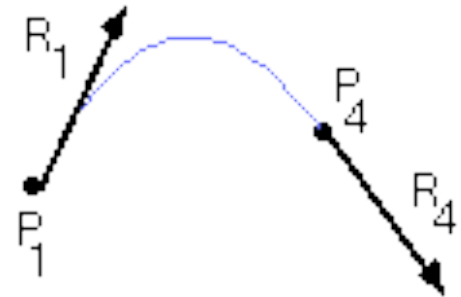
$$x'(0) = R_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} A_h$$

$$x'(1) = R_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} A_h$$

$$G_h = B_h A_h$$

$$A_h = B_h^{-1} G_h$$

$$x(t) = TA_h$$



# Hermite Curves

## Blending functions

$$M_h = B_h^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 & 1 & 1 \\ -3 & 3 & -2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x(t) = TM_h G_h \Rightarrow$$

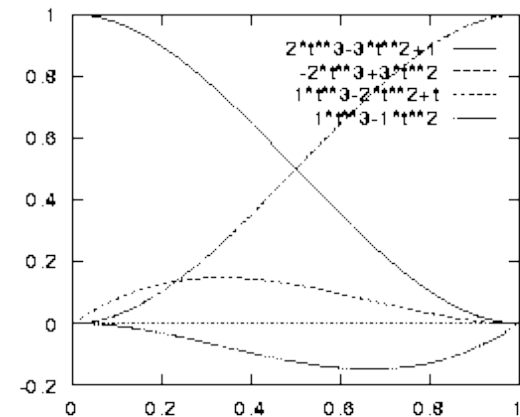
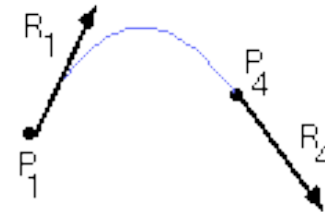
$$x(t) = \begin{bmatrix} f_1(t) & f_2(t) & f_3(t) & f_4(t) \end{bmatrix} G_h$$

$$f_1(t) = 2t^3 - 3t^2 + 1$$

$$f_2(t) = -2t^3 + 3t^2$$

$$f_3(t) = t^3 - 2t^2 + t$$

$$f_4(t) = t^3 - t^2$$



# Bezier Curves

*Special case of Hermite curves*

$$P_{1,h} = P_1$$

$$P_{4,h} = P_4$$

$$R_{1,h} = 3(P_2 - P_1)$$

$$R_{4,h} = 3(P_4 - P_3)$$



# Bezier Curves

## *Special case of Hermite curves*

$$P_{1,h} = P_1$$

$$P_{4,h} = P_4$$

$$R_{1,h} = 3(P_2 - P_1)$$

$$R_{4,h} = 3(P_4 - P_3)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} P_{1,h} \\ P_{4,h} \\ R_{1,h} \\ R_{4,h} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -3 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} P_1 \\ P_2 \\ P_3 \\ P_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Bezier Curves

## *Special case of Hermite curves*

$$\begin{bmatrix} P_{1,h} \\ P_{4,h} \\ R_{1,h} \\ R_{4,h} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -3 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} P_1 \\ P_2 \\ P_3 \\ P_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$G_h = M_{bh} G_b$$

$$P(t) = TM_h G_h \Rightarrow P(t) = TM_h M_{bh} G_b \Rightarrow$$

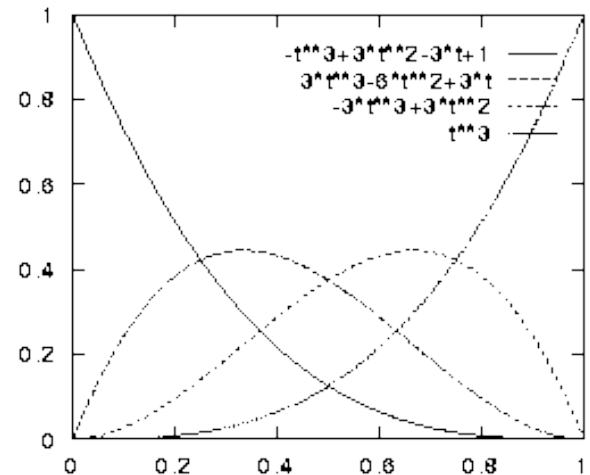
$$P(t) = TM_b G_b$$

# Bezier Curves

## *Special case of Hermite curves*

We can verify that  $TM_b$  are the bernstein polynomials

$$\begin{aligned}f_1(t) &= (1 - t)^3 \\f_2(t) &= 3t(1 - t)^2 \\f_3(t) &= 3t^2(1 - t) \\f_4(t) &= t^3\end{aligned}$$



# Transforming between representations

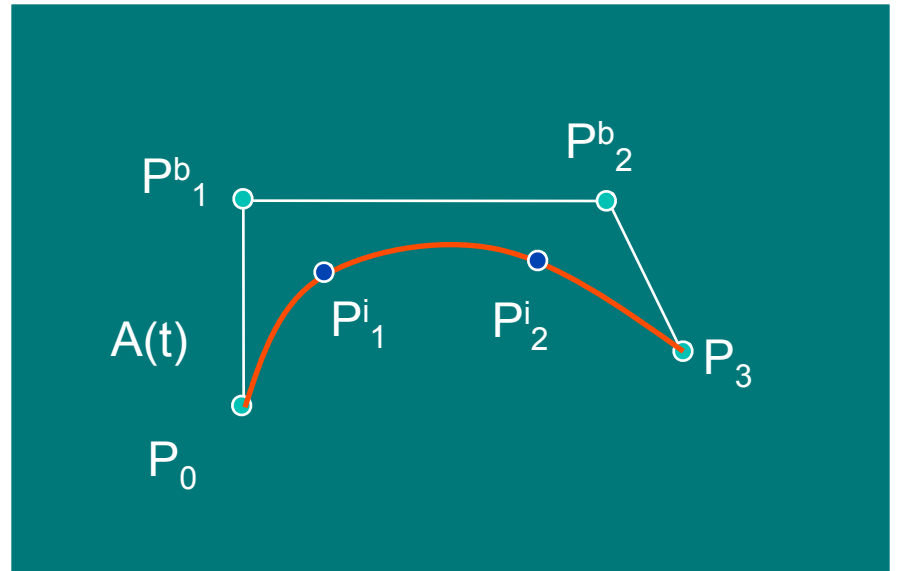
*Just like Bezier and Hermite curves can be transformed into each other with a matrix multiplication, other families of curve can do so as well*

# Bezier to Interpolating curves

*Curve interpolates*

*$P^i_0, P^i_1, P^i_2, P^i_3$*

*How can we find the  $P^b$  points from the  $P^i$ ?*

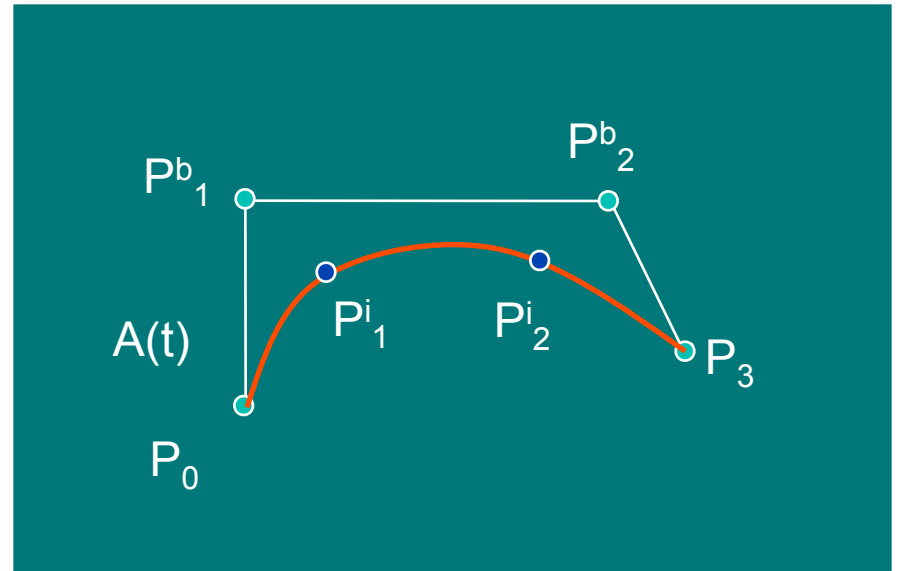


# Bezier to Interpolating curves

*For the next three slides points are row vectors!!*

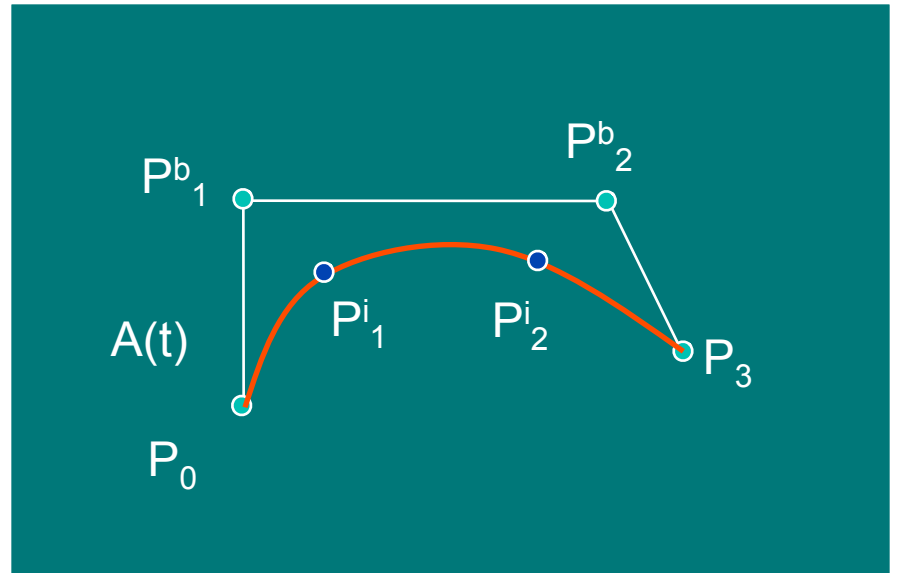
$$P_j^i = [ P_j^i, x \quad P_j^i, y \quad P_j^i, z ]$$

$$G^b = \begin{pmatrix} P_0^b \\ P_1^b \\ P_2^b \\ P_3^b \end{pmatrix}$$



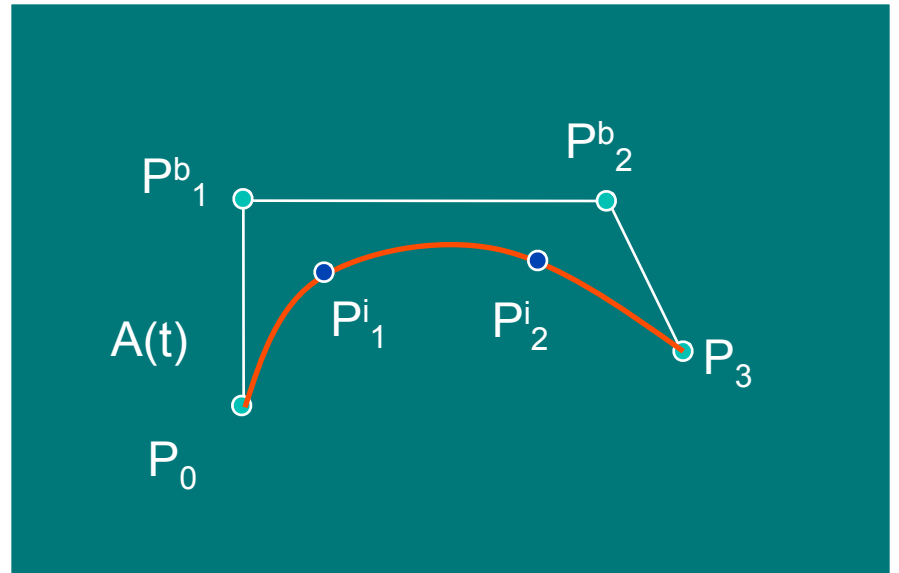
$$\begin{aligned} P_0^i &= T(0)M_bG^b \\ P_1^i &= T\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)M_bG^b \\ P_2^i &= T\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)M_bG^b \\ P_3^i &= T(1)M_bG^b \end{aligned} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} P_0^i \\ P_1^i \\ P_2^i \\ P_3^i \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} T(0) \\ T\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) \\ T\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) \\ T(1) \end{pmatrix} M_b \begin{pmatrix} P_0^b \\ P_1^b \\ P_2^b \\ P_3^b \end{pmatrix}$$

# Bezier to Interpolating curves



$$\begin{pmatrix} P_0^i \\ P_1^i \\ P_2^i \\ P_3^i \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} T(0) \\ T(\frac{1}{3}) \\ T(\frac{2}{3}) \\ T(1) \end{pmatrix} M_b \begin{pmatrix} P_0^b \\ P_1^b \\ P_2^b \\ P_3^b \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \mathbf{P}^i = T M_b \mathbf{P}^b$$

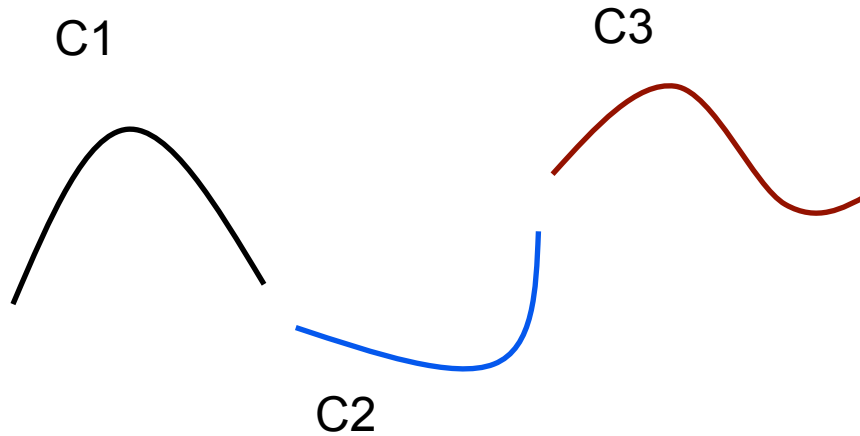
# Bezier to Interpolating curves



$$\mathbf{P}^i = TM_b \mathbf{P}^b \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{P}^b = (TM_b)^{-1} \mathbf{P}^i$$



# Piecewise cubic curves



***Connection?***

# Continuity

## *Geometric $G^k$ -continuity*

$$P^{(i)}(t-) = c_i P^{(i)}(t+) \quad \forall t \text{ in } [a, b]$$

for  $i = 0, \dots, k$  and

for some  $c_i$  constants

## *Parametric $C^k$ -continuity*

$P^{(i)}$  exists and is continuous  $\forall t$   
in  $[a, b]$ , for  $i = 0, \dots, k$

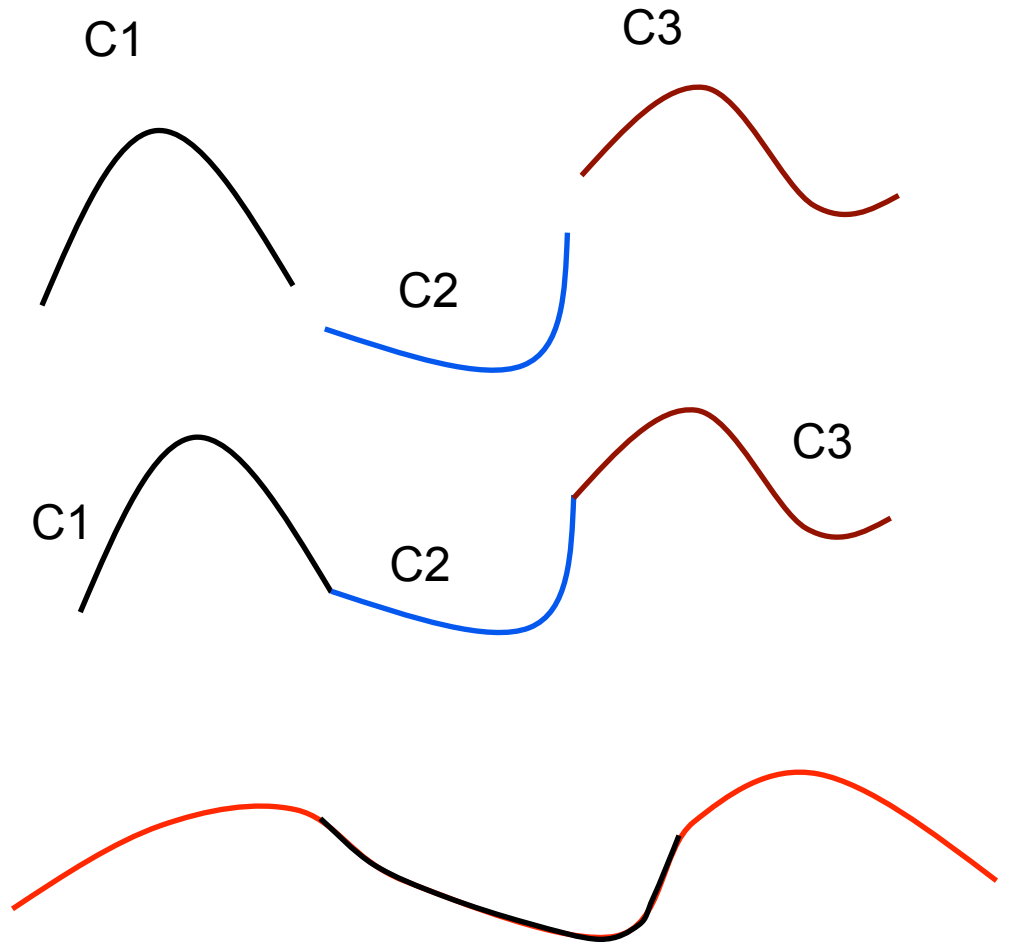
Terminology:

$P$  is  $k$ -smooth

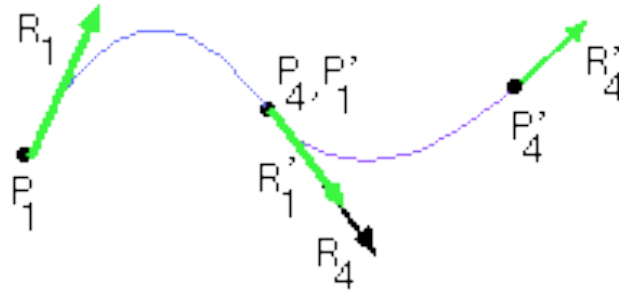
$P$  has  $k$ th-order continuity

Is a  $C^k$ -continuous function  $G^k$  continuous as well?

# Examples

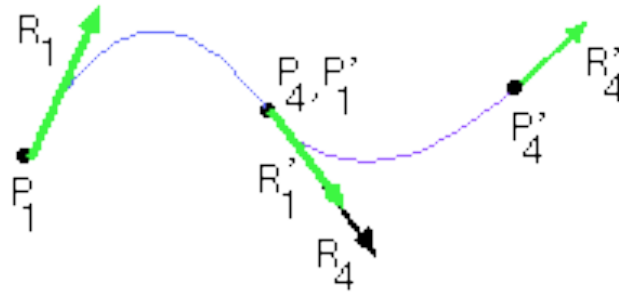


# Piecewise Cubic Hermite Curves



**What are the conditions for G1 continuity?**

# Piecewise Cubic Hermite Curves



$$R_1' = kR_4$$

$$P_1' = P_4$$



# Matrix form

*For a bspline curve with:*

- $m+1$  control points  $P_0, \dots, P_m$
- $m-2$  segments  $Q_3, \dots, Q_m$
- $t$  in  $[3, \dots, m]$

$$Q_i(t) = \begin{bmatrix} (t - t_i)^3 & (t - t_i)^2 & (t - t_i) & 1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{M}_{bspline} \begin{bmatrix} P_{i-3} \\ P_{i-2} \\ P_{i-1} \\ P_i \end{bmatrix}$$

# Properties

*C2 continuous*

*Convex hull property*

*NO invariance under perspective projection!*



# NURBS: Nonuniform Rational B-splines

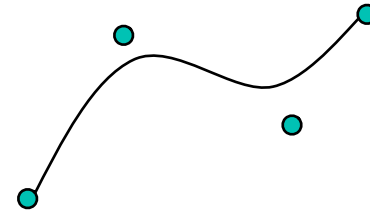
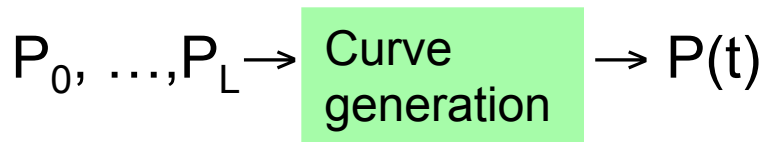
$$X(t) = X(t) / W(t)$$

$$Y(t) = Y(t) / W(t)$$

$$Z(t) = Z(t) / W(t)$$

- Exact conic sections
- Invariance under perspective projection

# Summary: General problem



$$P(t) = \sum_{k=0}^L B_k(t) P_k$$

where

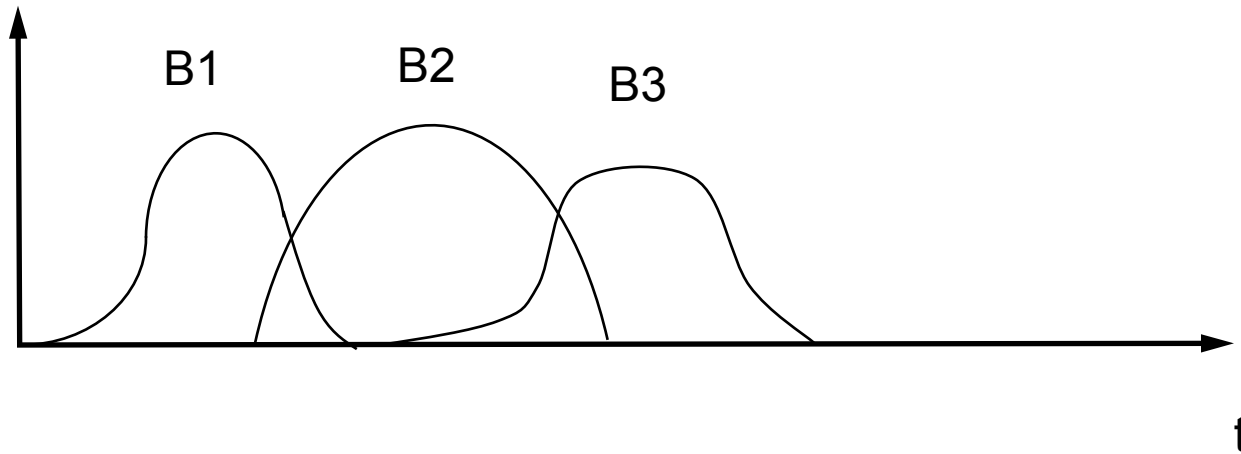
$B_k(t)$ : Blending functions

$P_k, k = 1, \dots, L$  Control Points

$t \in [a, b]$

# Blending functions

Weight the influence of each constraint (e.g. control point) on the curve created.



# Wish list for blending functions

- Easy to compute and stable
- Sum to unity for every  $t$  in  $[a,b]$
- Support over portion of  $[a,b]$
- Interpolate certain control points
- Sufficient smoothness

# Example: Bezier curves

- Sum up to unity
- Smooth
- Interpolate first and last
- Expensive to compute for large L
- No local control

$$P(t) = \sum_{k=0}^L B_k^L(t) P_k \quad \text{where}$$

$$B_k^L(t) = \binom{L}{k} t^k (1-t)^{L-k}$$

$$\binom{L}{k} = \frac{L!}{k!(L-k)!}, \quad \text{for } L \geq k$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^L B_k^L(t) = 1, \quad \text{for all } t$$

# Rendering parametric curves

*Transform into  
primitives we know how  
to handle*

## *Curves*

- Line segments

# Converting to Lines

*Straightforward*

*Uniform subdivision*

Evaluation of  $C(t)$  at  $t: 0, dt, 2dt, \dots, 1$ .

Draw as lines.

# Curves in OpenGL

```
GLfloat ctrlpoints[4][3] = { { -4.0, -4.0, 0.0},  
                             { -2.0, 4.0, 0.0},  
                             { 2.0, -4.0, 0.0},  
                             { 4.0, 4.0, 0.0}  
};  
  
void myinit(void) {  
    glClearColor(0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 1.0);  
                                     // t1,t2, stride, order  
    glMap1f(GL_MAP1_VERTEX_3, 0.0, 1.0, 3, 4, &ctrlpoints[0][0]);  
    glEnable(GL_MAP1_VERTEX_3);  
}
```



# Stride

*OpenGL allows interleaved information*

```
GLfloat ctrlpts[1000] = {  
    x1, y1, z1, nx1, ny1, nz1, tx1, ty1,  
    x2, y2, z2, nx2, ny2, nz2, tx2, ty2,  
    .....  
}
```

Stride here is 8

# Evaluating and displaying

```
void display(void) {
    int i;
    glClear(GL_COLOR_BUFFER_BIT | GL_DEPTH_BUFFER_BIT);
    glColor3f(1.0, 1.0, 1.0);

    glBegin(GL_LINE_STRIP);
    for (i = 0; i <= 30; i++)
        glEvalCoord1f((GLfloat) i/30.0);
    glEnd();

    /* The following code displays the control points as dots. */
    glPointSize(5.0);
    glColor3f(1.0, 1.0, 0.0);
    glBegin(GL_POINTS);
    for (i = 0; i < 4; i++)
        glVertex3fv(&ctrlpoints[i][0]);
    glEnd();
    glFlush();
}
```

# Uniform subdivision

```
void glMapGrid1{fd}(GLint n, TYPE u1, TYPE u2);
```

Defines a grid that goes from  $u1$  to  $u2$  in  $n$  steps, which are evenly spaced.

Evaluation for  $n$  in  $[n1, n2]$  using:

```
void glEvalMesh1(GLenum mode, GLint t1, GLint t2);
```

# Uniform subdivision

```
void display(void) {
    int i;
    glClear(GL_COLOR_BUFFER_BIT | GL_DEPTH_BUFFER_BIT);
    glColor3f(1.0, 1.0, 1.0);

    glMapGrid1(30,0.0,1.0) ;
    glEvalMesh1(GL_LINE,0,30) ;

    /* The following code displays the control points as dots. */
    glPointSize(5.0);
    glColor3f(1.0, 1.0, 0.0);
    glBegin(GL_POINTS);
    for (i = 0; i < 4; i++)
        glVertex3fv(&ctrlpoints[i][0]);
    glEnd();
    glFlush();
}
```

# Evaluators can do more than position

*Color*

*Normal*

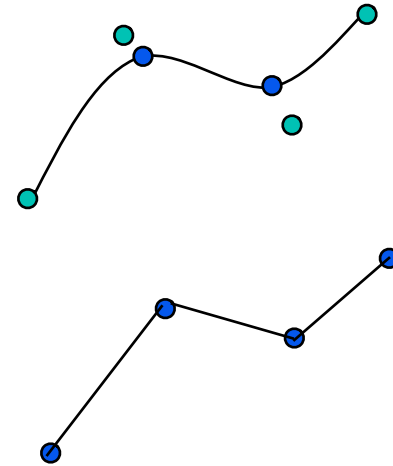
*Texture coordinates*

# How many evaluation points are enough for Bezier curves?

*Not too few*

*Not too many*

*Ok, how many?*



# Adaptive Subdivision of Bezier Curves

## *de Casteljau subdivision*

One Bezier curve  
becomes 2 flatter  
curves

Original points 1,2,3,4 →

Midpoints 12, 23, 34

Midpoints of midpoints: 123, 234

Midpoints of midpoints of midpoints, 1234

Remember: tweening for  $t = 0.5$

Can chose any  $t$  we want

Ok, how many times do we subdivide?

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