

Course Roadmap

Rasterization Pipeline

Core Concepts

- Sampling
- Antialiasing
- Transforms

Intro

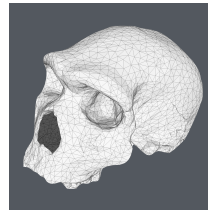
Rasterization

Transforms & Projection

Texture Mapping

Visibility, Shading, Overall Pipeline

Geometric Modeling



← Starting today

Lighting & Materials



Cameras & Imaging



Lecture 7:

Introduction to Geometry, Splines and Bezier Curves

**Computer Graphics and Imaging
UC Berkeley CS184/284A**

Examples of Geometry



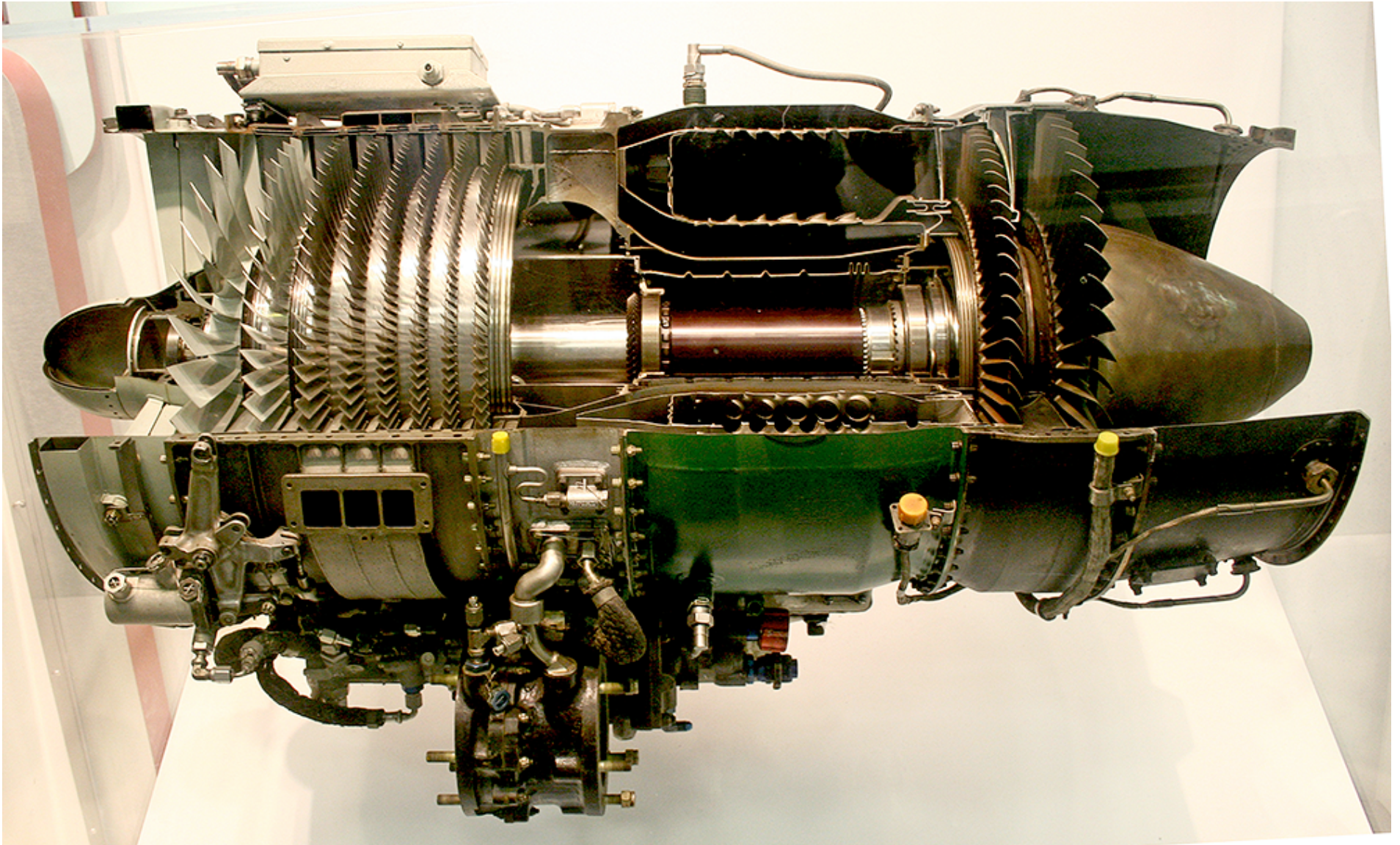
Examples of Geometry



CS184/284A

Ng & Kanazawa

Examples of Geometry



CS184/284A

Ng & Kanazawa

Examples of Geometry



CS184/284A



Ng & Kanazawa

Examples of Geometry



Examples of Geometry



Examples of Geometry



Examples of Geometry

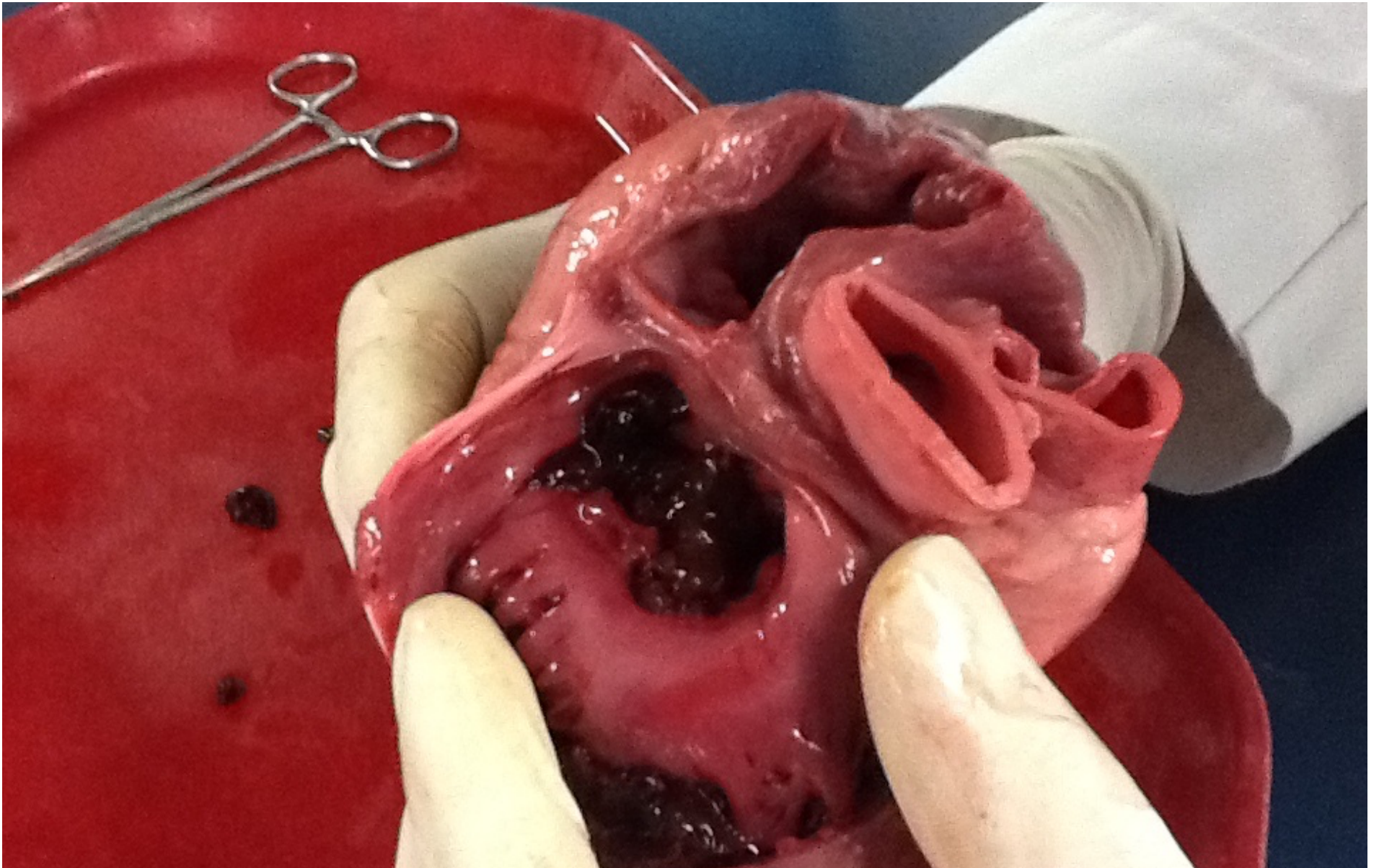


Examples of Geometry



The Lancet

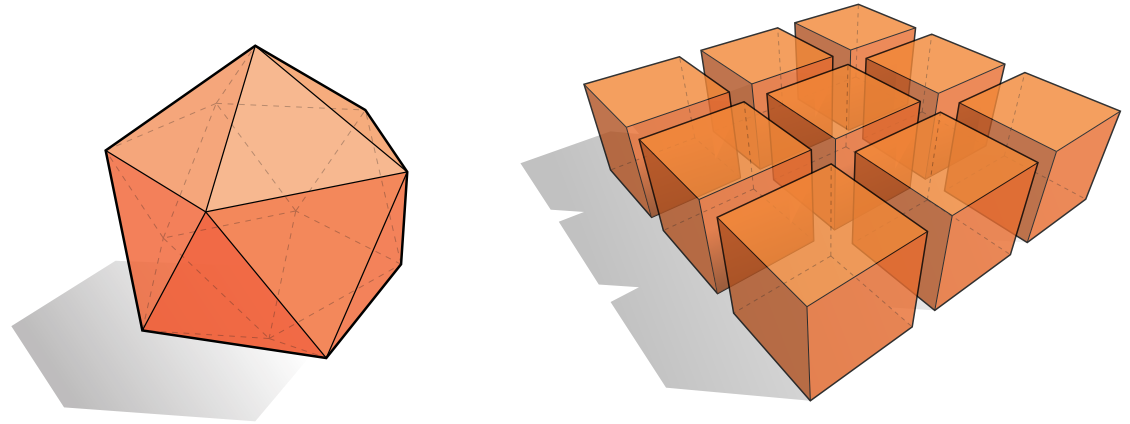
Examples of Geometry



Many Ways to Represent Geometry

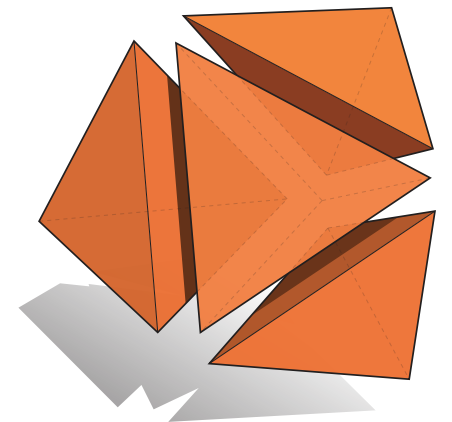
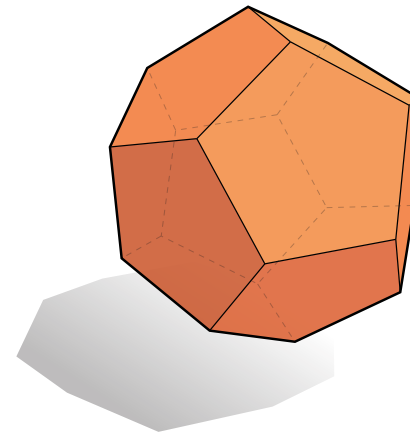
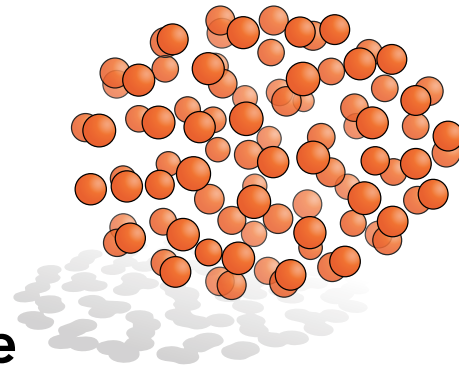
Explicit

- point cloud
- polygon mesh
- subdivision, NURBS
- ...



Implicit

- level sets
- algebraic surface
- distance functions
- ...



Each choice best suited to a different task/type of geometry

Smooth Curves

Smooth Curves and Surfaces

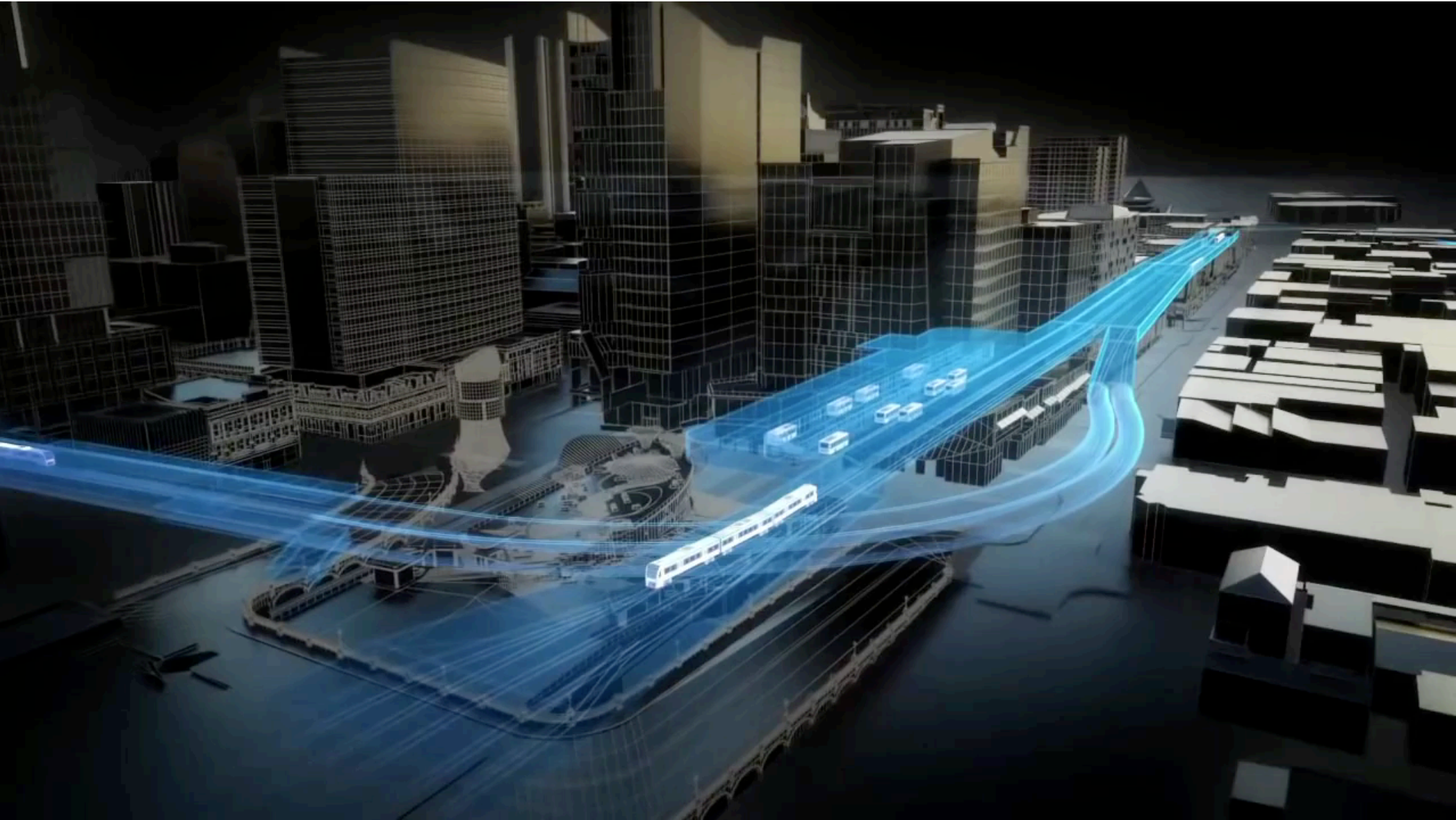
So far we can make:

- Things with corners (lines, triangles, squares, ...)
- Specialty shapes (circles, ellipses, ...)

Many applications require designed, smooth shapes

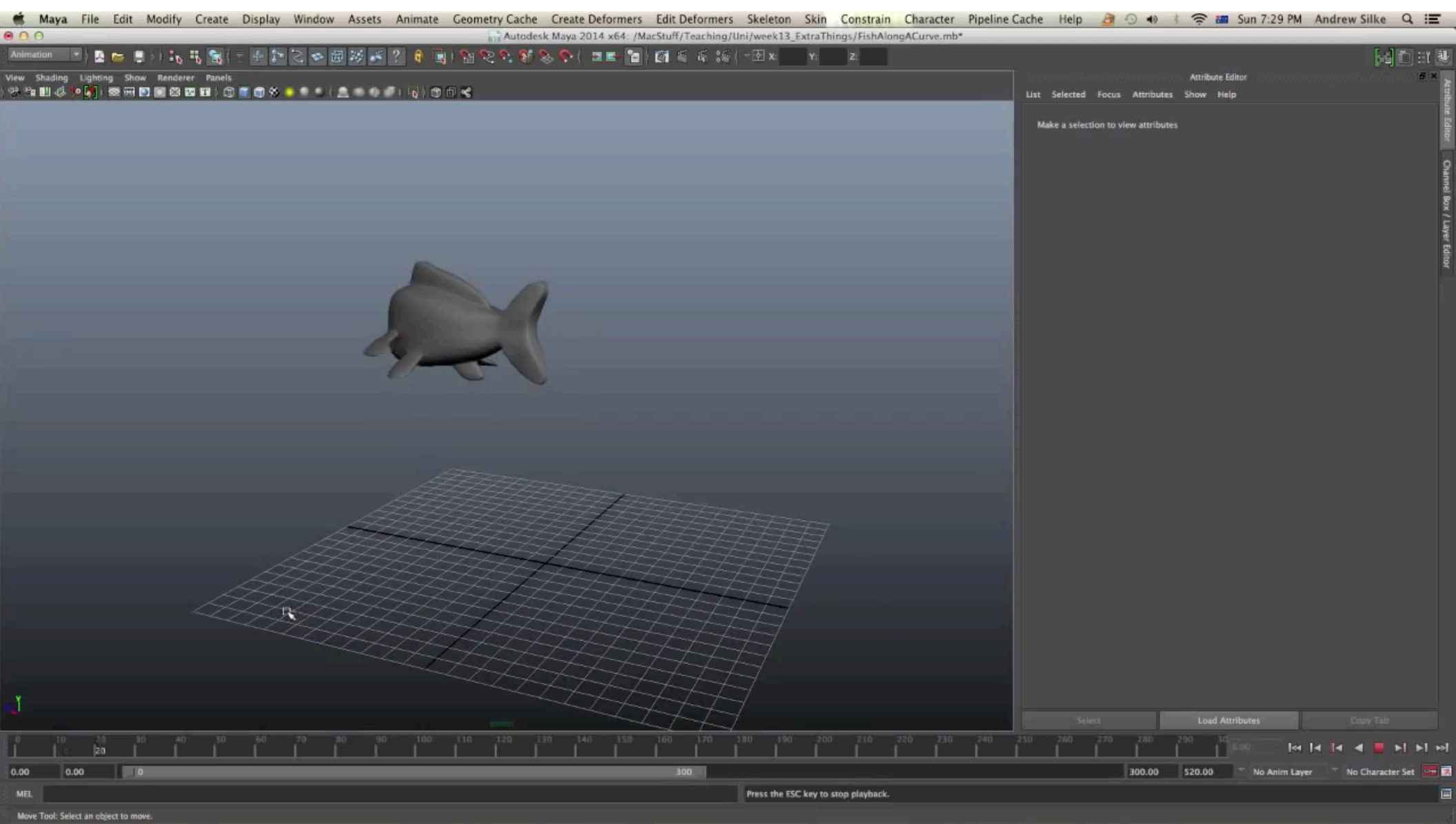
- Camera paths, vector fonts, ...
- Resampling filter functions
- CAD design, object modeling, ...

Camera Paths



Flythrough of proposed Perth Citylink subway, <https://youtu.be/rIJMuQPwr3E>

Animation Curves

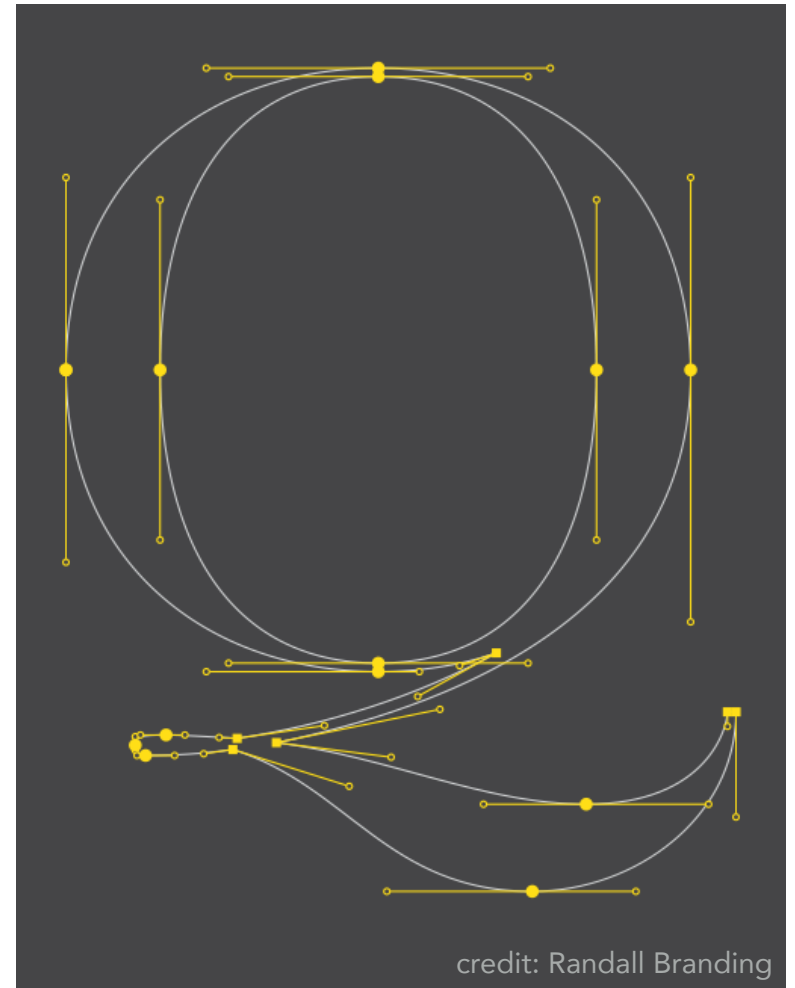


Maya Animation Tutorial: <https://youtu.be/b-o5wtZlJPc>

Vector Fonts

The Quick Brown
Fox Jumps Over
The Lazy Dog

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz 0123456789



Baskerville font - represented as cubic Bézier splines

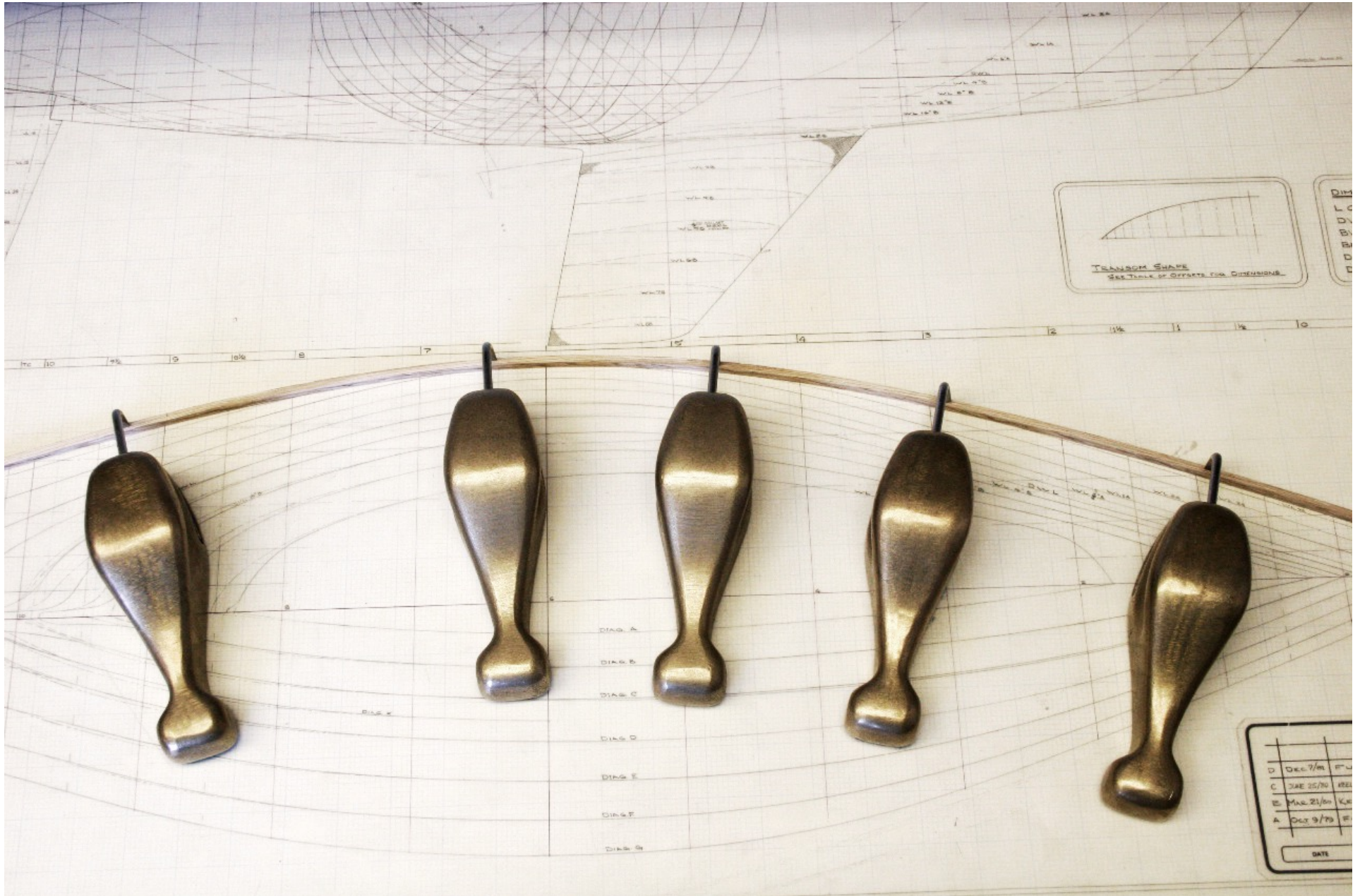
CAD Design



3D Car Modeling with Rhinoceros

Splines

A Real Draftsman's Spline



<http://www.alatown.com/spline-history-architecture/>

Spline Topics

Interpolation

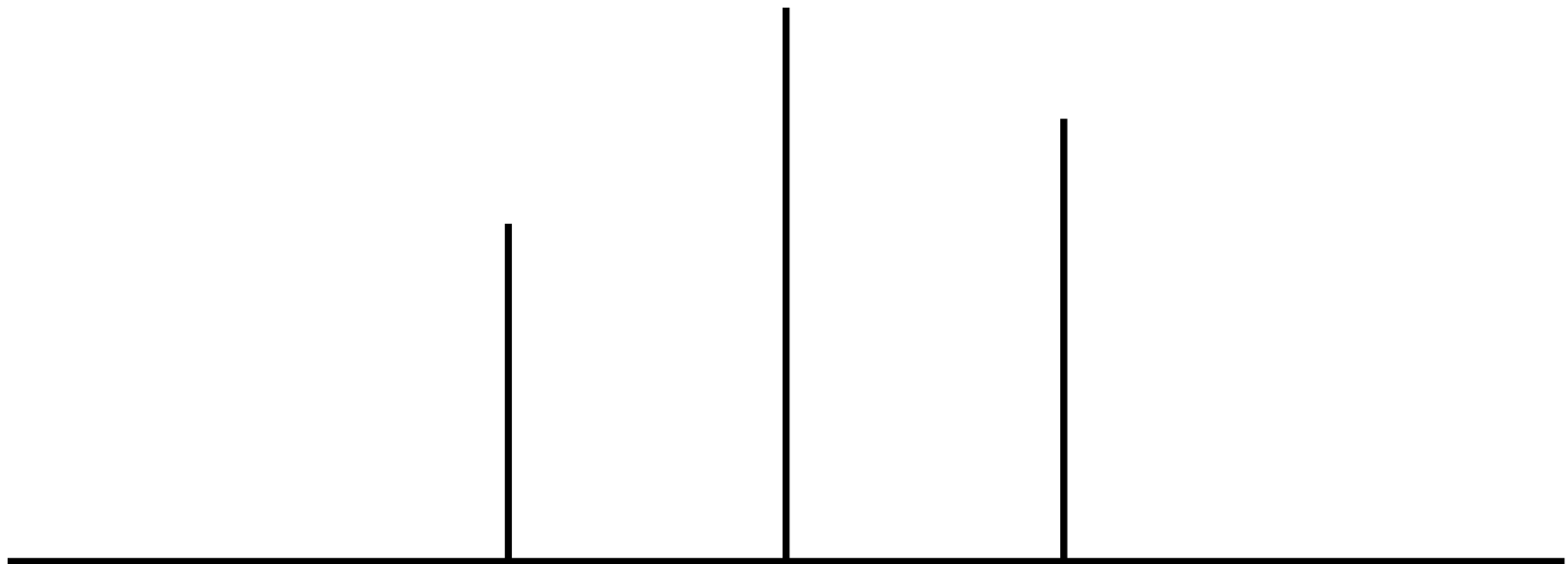
- Cubic Hermite interpolation
- Catmull-Rom interpolation

Bezier curves

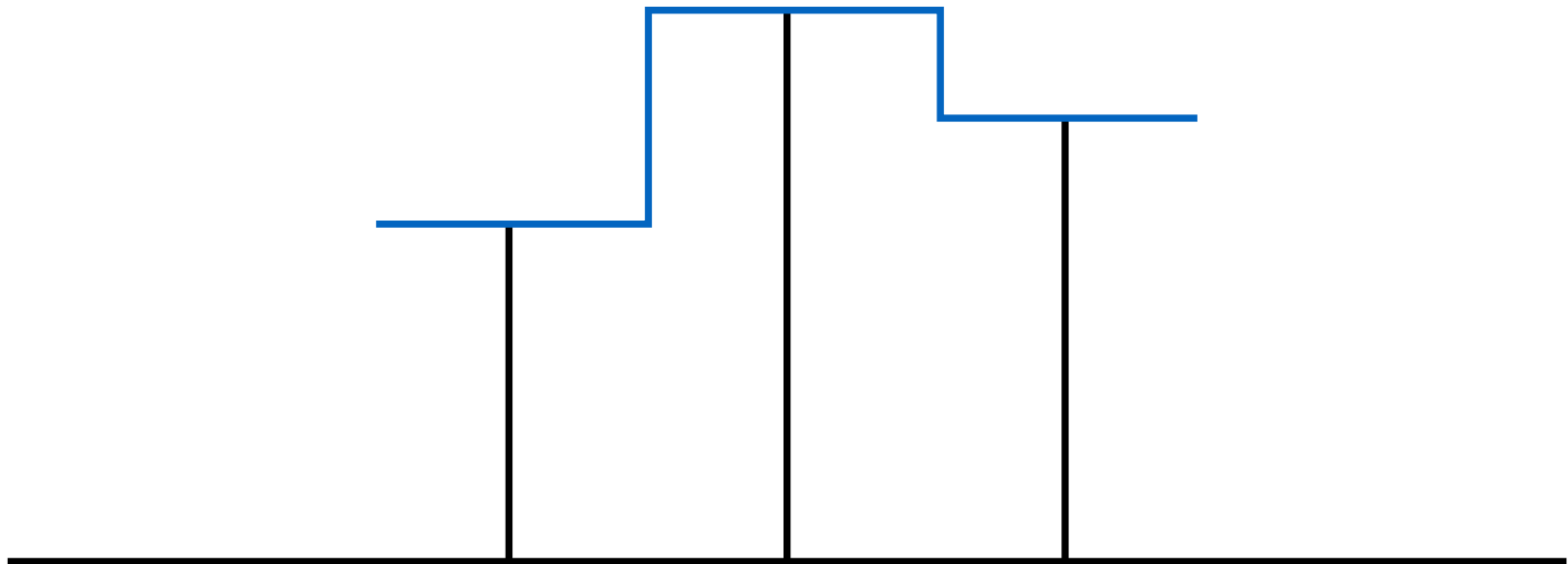
Bezier surfaces

Cubic Hermite Interpolation

Goal: Interpolate Values

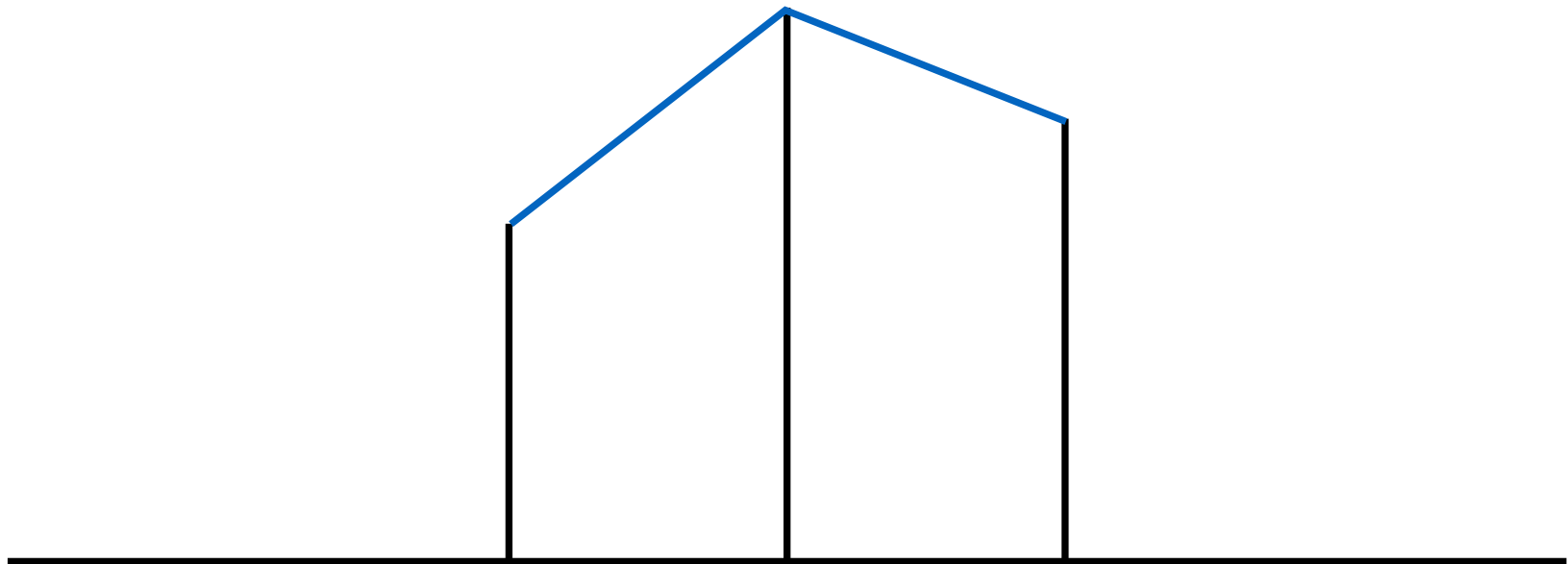


Nearest Neighbor Interpolation



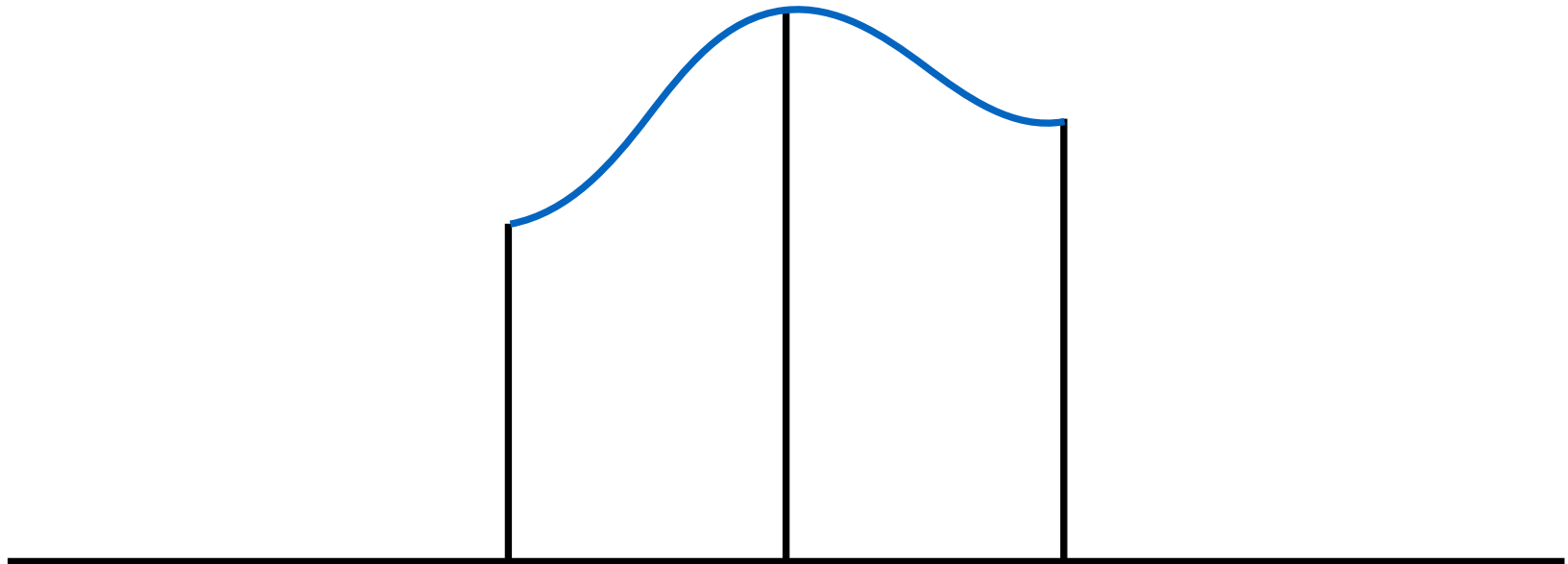
Problem: values not continuous

Linear Interpolation

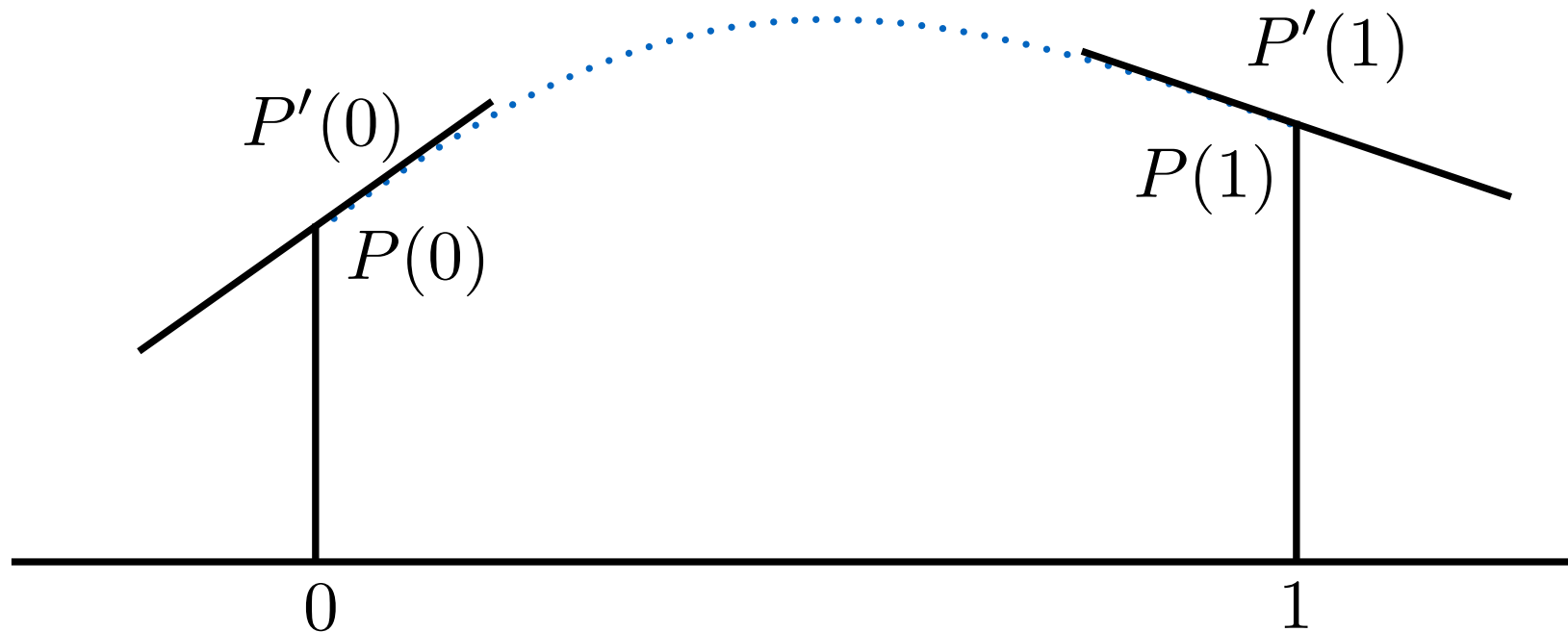


Problem: derivatives not continuous

Smooth Interpolation?



Cubic Hermite Interpolation



Inputs: values and derivatives at endpoints

Cubic Polynomial Interpolation

Cubic polynomial

$$P(t) = a t^3 + b t^2 + c t + d$$

Why cubic?

4 input constraints – need 4 degrees of freedom

$$P(0) = h_0$$

$$P(1) = h_1$$

$$P'(0) = h_2$$

$$P'(1) = h_3$$

Cubic Polynomial Interpolation

Cubic polynomial

$$P(t) = a t^3 + b t^2 + c t + d$$

$$P'(t) = 3a t^2 + 2b t + c$$

Set up constraint equations

$$P(0) = h_0 = d$$

$$P(1) = h_1 = a + b + c + d$$

$$P'(0) = h_2 = c$$

$$P'(1) = h_3 = 3a + 2b + c$$

Solve for Polynomial Coefficients

$$h_0 = d$$

$$h_1 = a + b + c + d$$

$$h_2 = c$$

$$h_3 = 3a + 2b + c$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} h_0 \\ h_1 \\ h_2 \\ h_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{bmatrix}$$

Solve for Polynomial Coefficients

$$\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} h_0 \\ h_1 \\ h_2 \\ h_3 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 & 1 & 1 \\ -3 & 3 & -2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} h_0 \\ h_1 \\ h_2 \\ h_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

(Check that these matrices are inverses)

Matrix Form of Hermite Function

$$P(t) = a t^3 + b t^2 + c t + d$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} t^3 & t^2 & t & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{bmatrix} t^3 & t^2 & t & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 & 1 & 1 \\ -3 & 3 & -2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} h_0 \\ h_1 \\ h_2 \\ h_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Interpretation 1: Matrix Rows = Coefficient Formulas

$$P(t) = a t^3 + b t^2 + c t + d$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} t^3 & t^2 & t & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 & 1 & 1 \\ -3 & 3 & -2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} h_0 \\ h_1 \\ h_2 \\ h_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Interpretation 2: Matrix Columns = ?

$$P(t) = a t^3 + b t^2 + c t + d$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} t^3 & t^2 & t & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 & 1 & 1 \\ -3 & 3 & -2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} h_0 \\ h_1 \\ h_2 \\ h_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 2t^3 - 3t^2 + 1 \\ -2t^3 + 3t^2 \\ t^3 - 2t^2 + t \\ t^3 - t^2 \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} h_0 \\ h_1 \\ h_2 \\ h_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Hermite Basis Functions

$$P(t) = \begin{bmatrix} t^3 & t^2 & t & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} H_0(t) & H_1(t) & H_2(t) & H_3(t) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} h_0 \\ h_1 \\ h_2 \\ h_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$t^3$$

$$H_0(t) = 2t^3 - 3t^2 + 1$$

$$t^2$$

$$H_1(t) = -2t^3 + 3t^2$$

$$t$$

$$H_2(t) = t^3 - 2t^2 + t$$

$$1$$

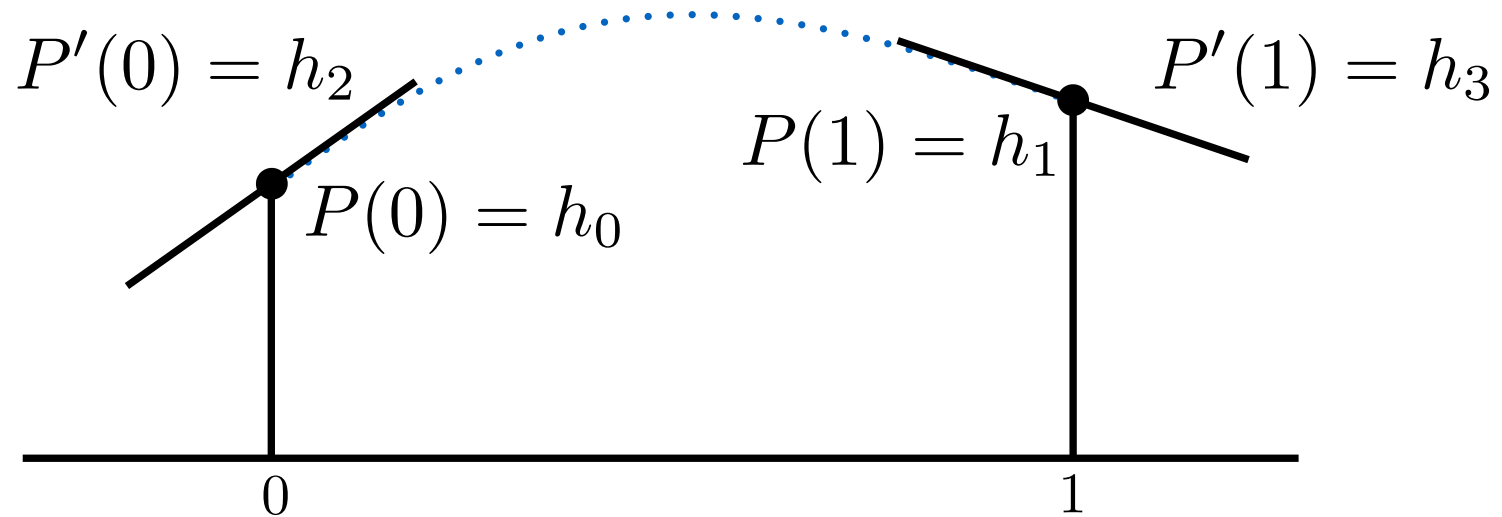
$$H_3(t) = t^3 - t^2$$

**Basis functions for
cubic polynomials**

**Hermite basis functions for
cubic polynomials**

**Either basis can represent any cubic polynomial
through linear combination**

Recap: Cubic Hermite Interpolation



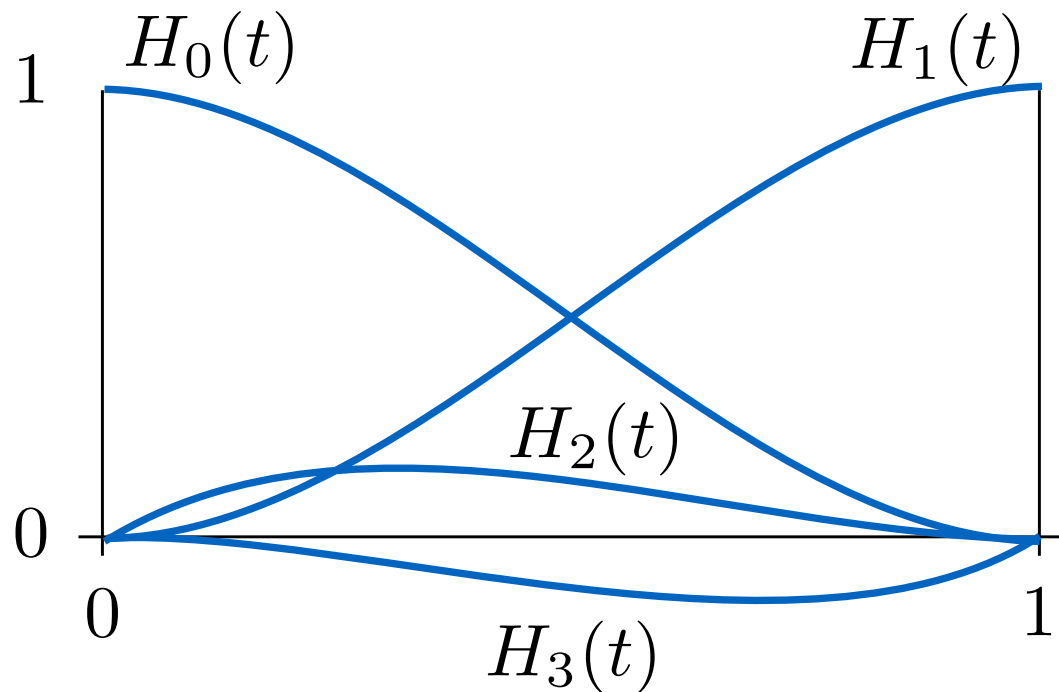
Inputs: values and derivatives at endpoints

Output: cubic polynomial that interpolates

Solution: weighted sum of Hermite basis functions

$$P(t) = h_0 H_0(t) + h_1 H_1(t) + h_2 H_2(t) + h_3 H_3(t)$$

Hermite Basis Functions



$$H_0(t) = 2t^3 - 3t^2 + 1$$

$$H_1(t) = -2t^3 + 3t^2$$

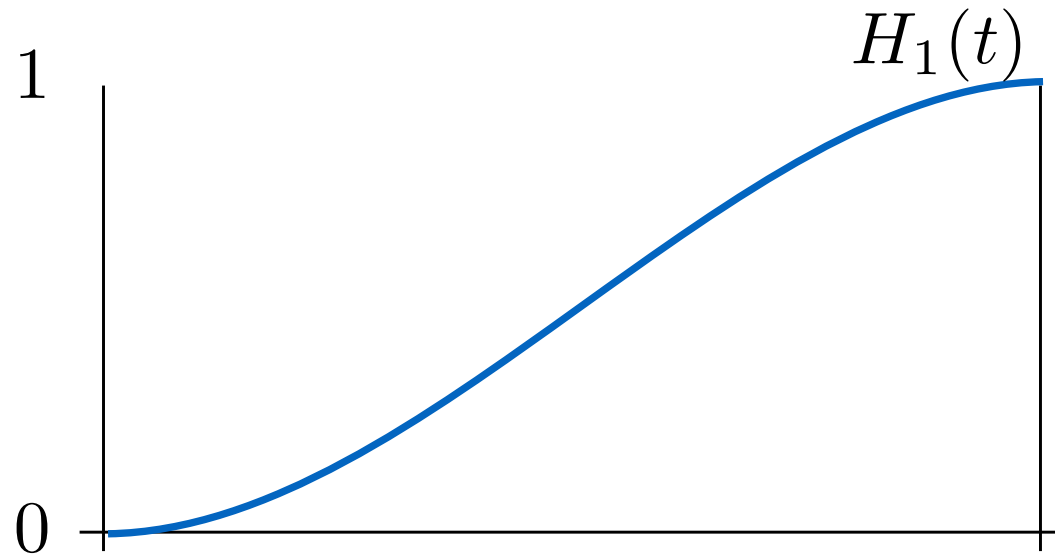
$$H_2(t) = t^3 - 2t^2 + t$$

$$H_3(t) = t^3 - t^2$$

Ease Function

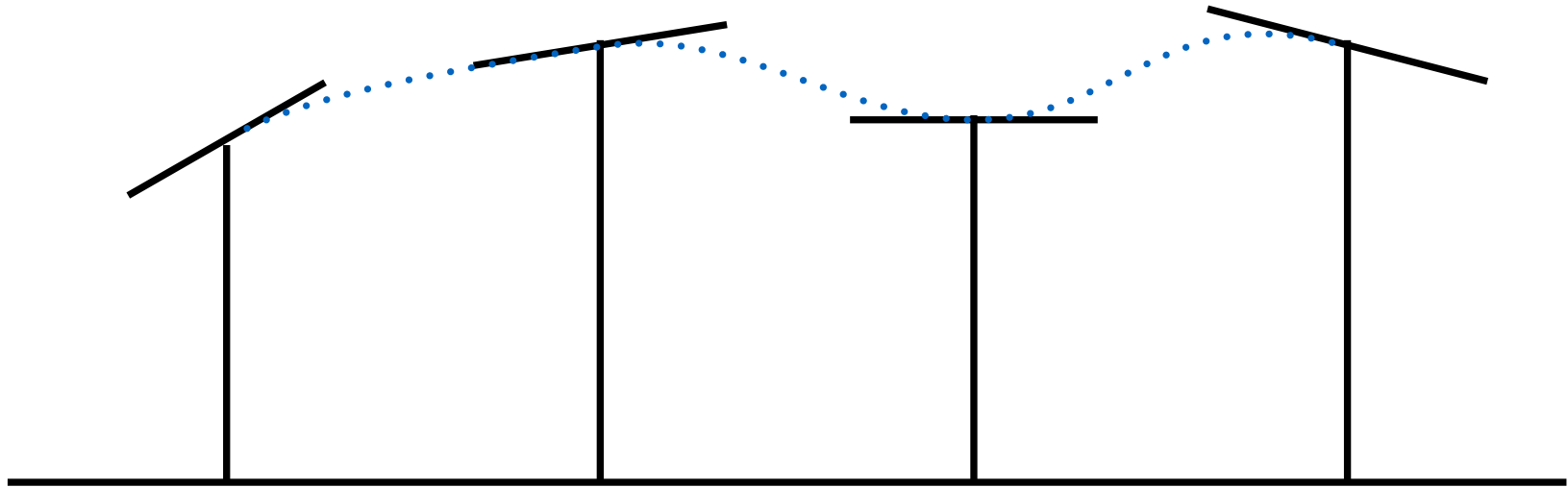
A very useful function

In animation, start and stop gently (zero velocity)



$$H_1(t) = -2t^3 + 3t^2 = t^2(3 - 2t)$$

Hermite Spline Interpolation



Inputs: sequence of values and derivatives

Attendance

If you are seated in class, go to this form and sign in:

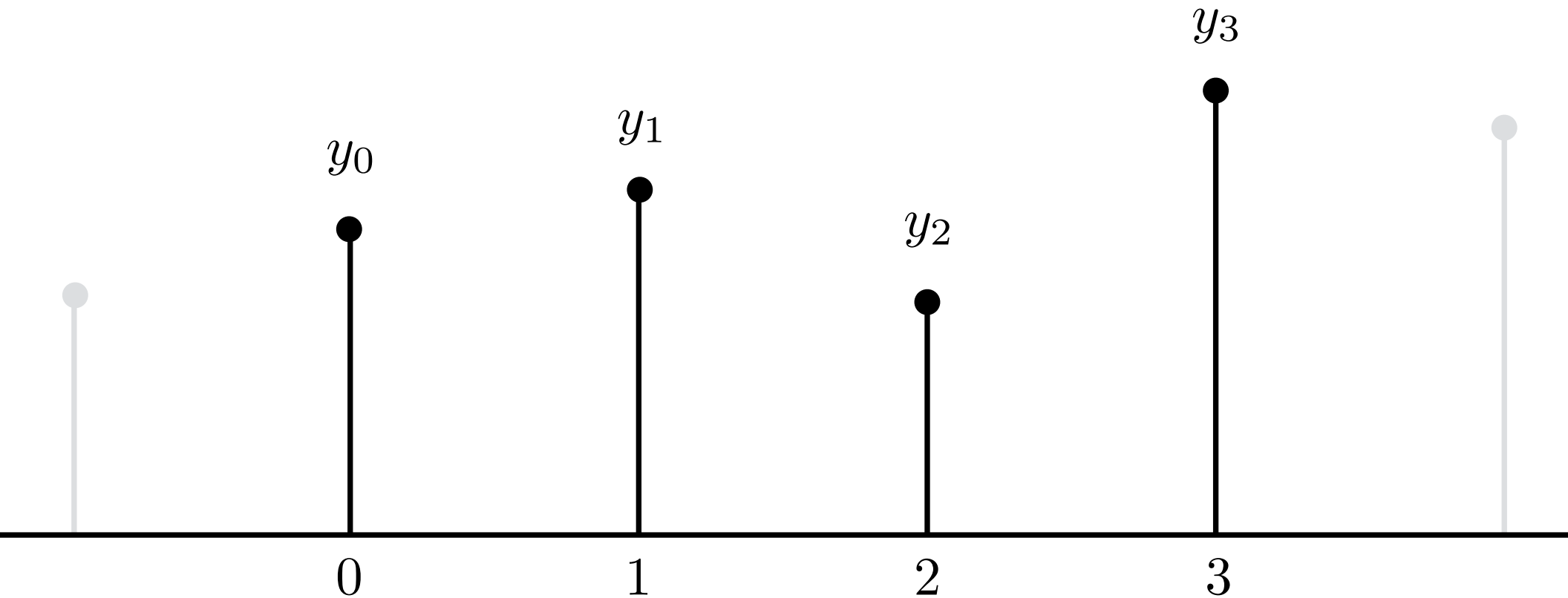
- <https://tinyurl.com/184lecture>

Notes:

- Time-stamp will be taken when you submit form.
Do it now, won't count later.
- Don't tell friends outside class to fill it out now,
because we will audit at some point in semester.
- Failing audit will have large negative consequence.
You don't need to, because you have an alternative!

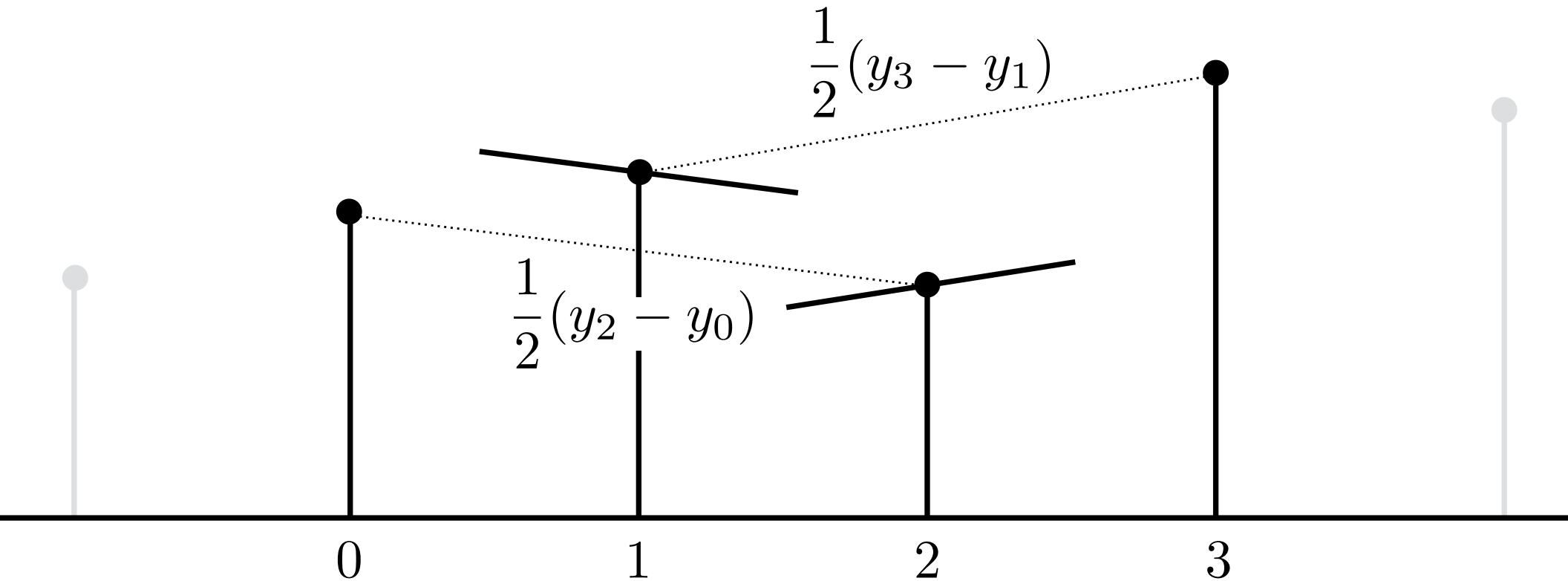
Catmull-Rom Interpolation

Catmull-Rom Interpolation



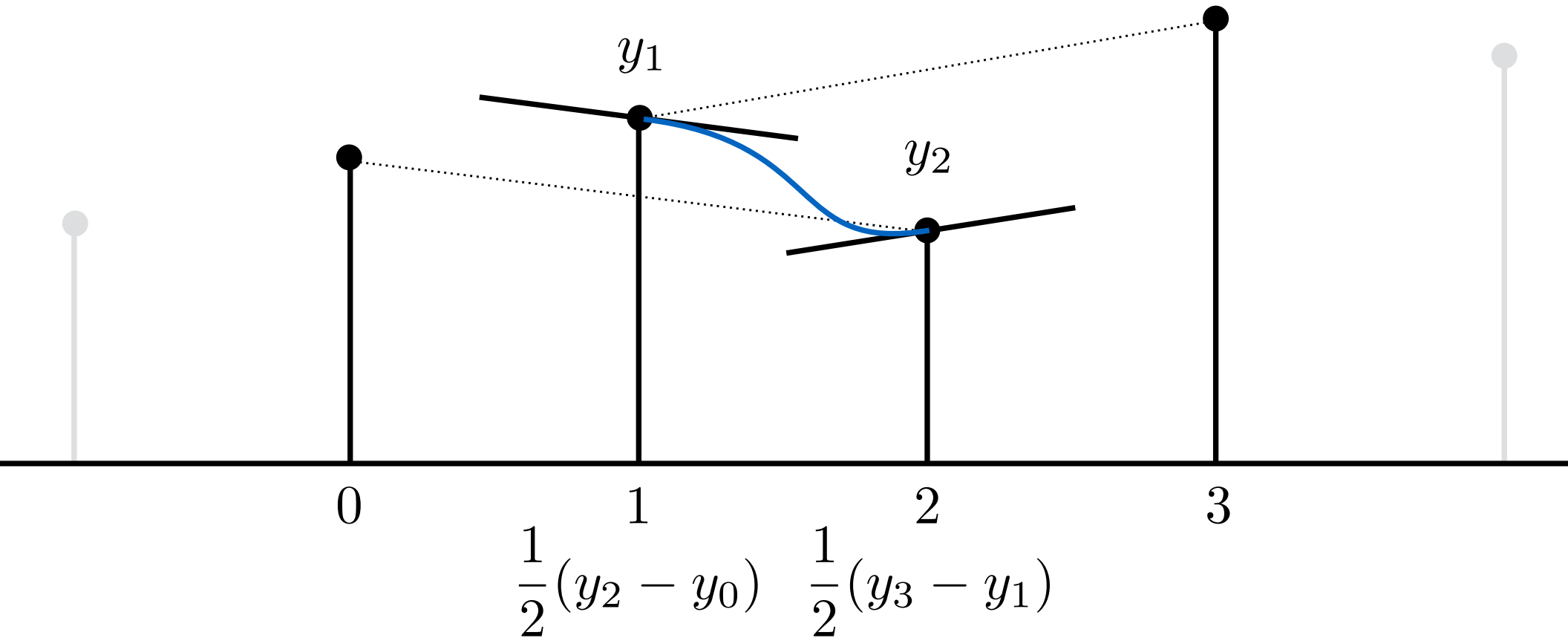
Inputs: sequence of values

Catmull-Rom Interpolation



Rule for derivatives:
Match slope between previous and next values

Catmull-Rom Interpolation

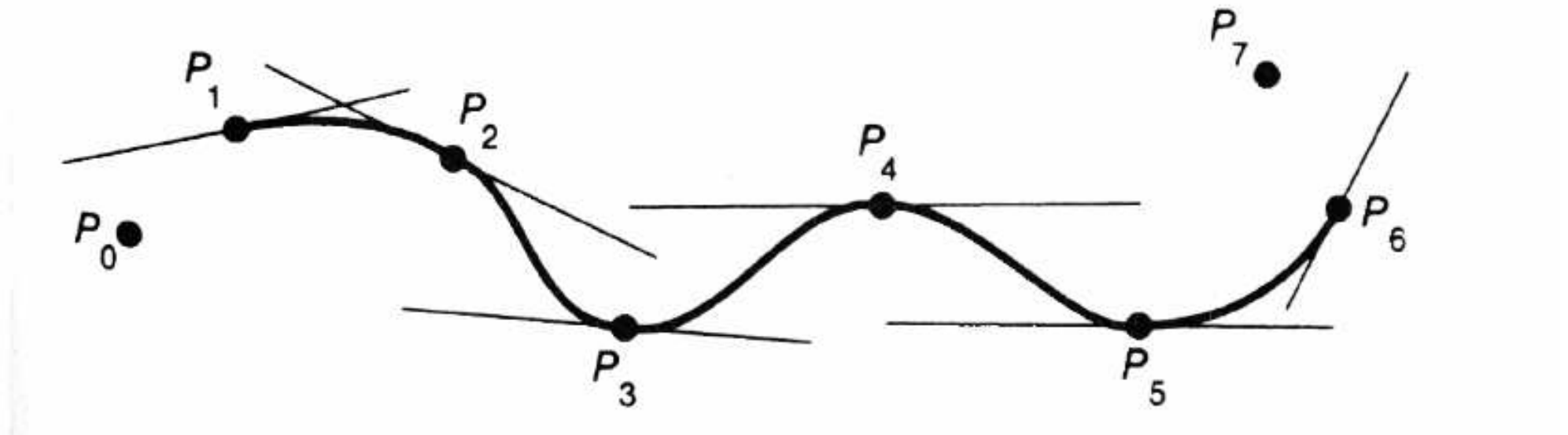


Then use Hermite interpolation

Catmull-Rom Spline

Input: sequence of points

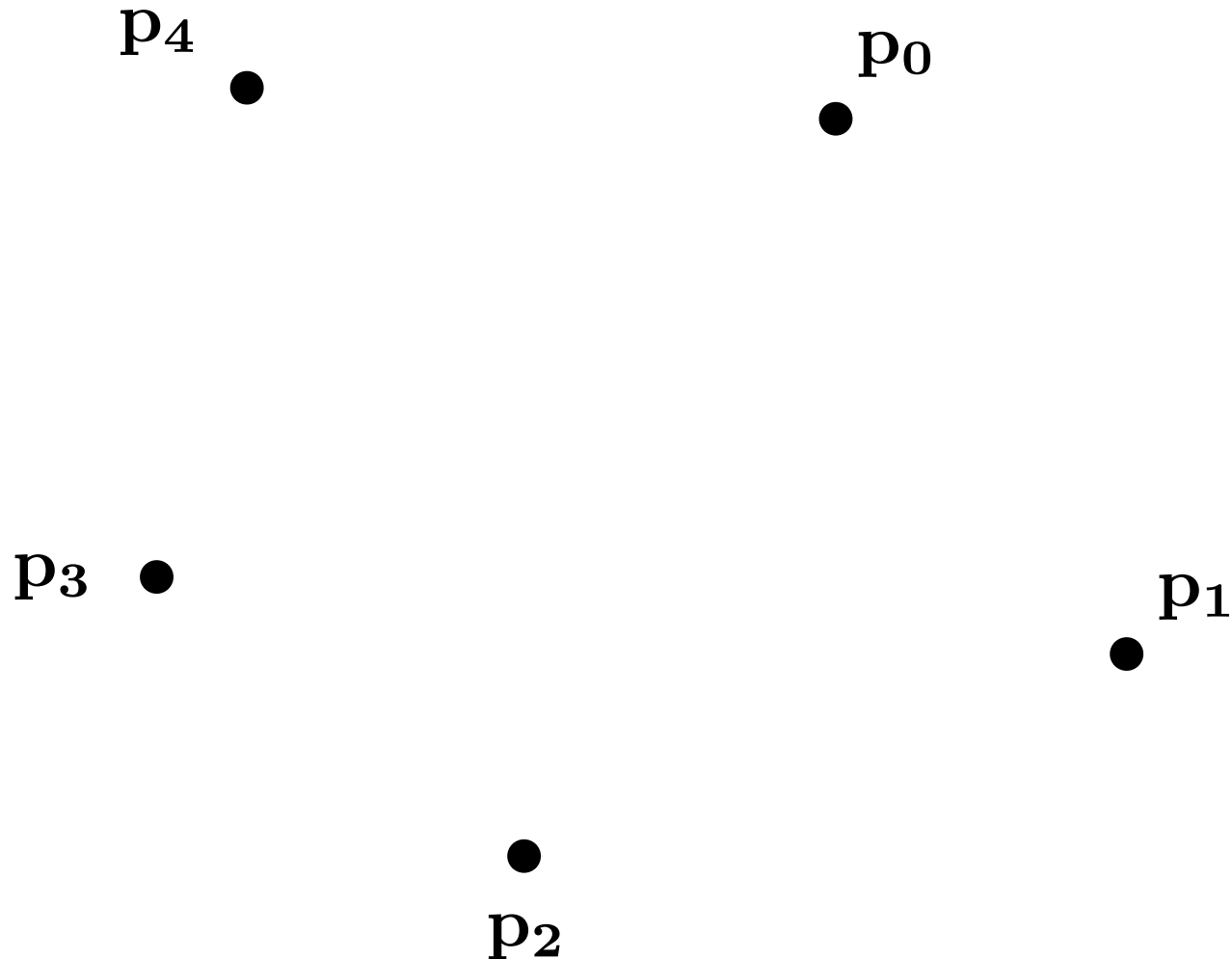
Output: spline that interpolates all points with C1 continuity



Interpolating Points & Vectors

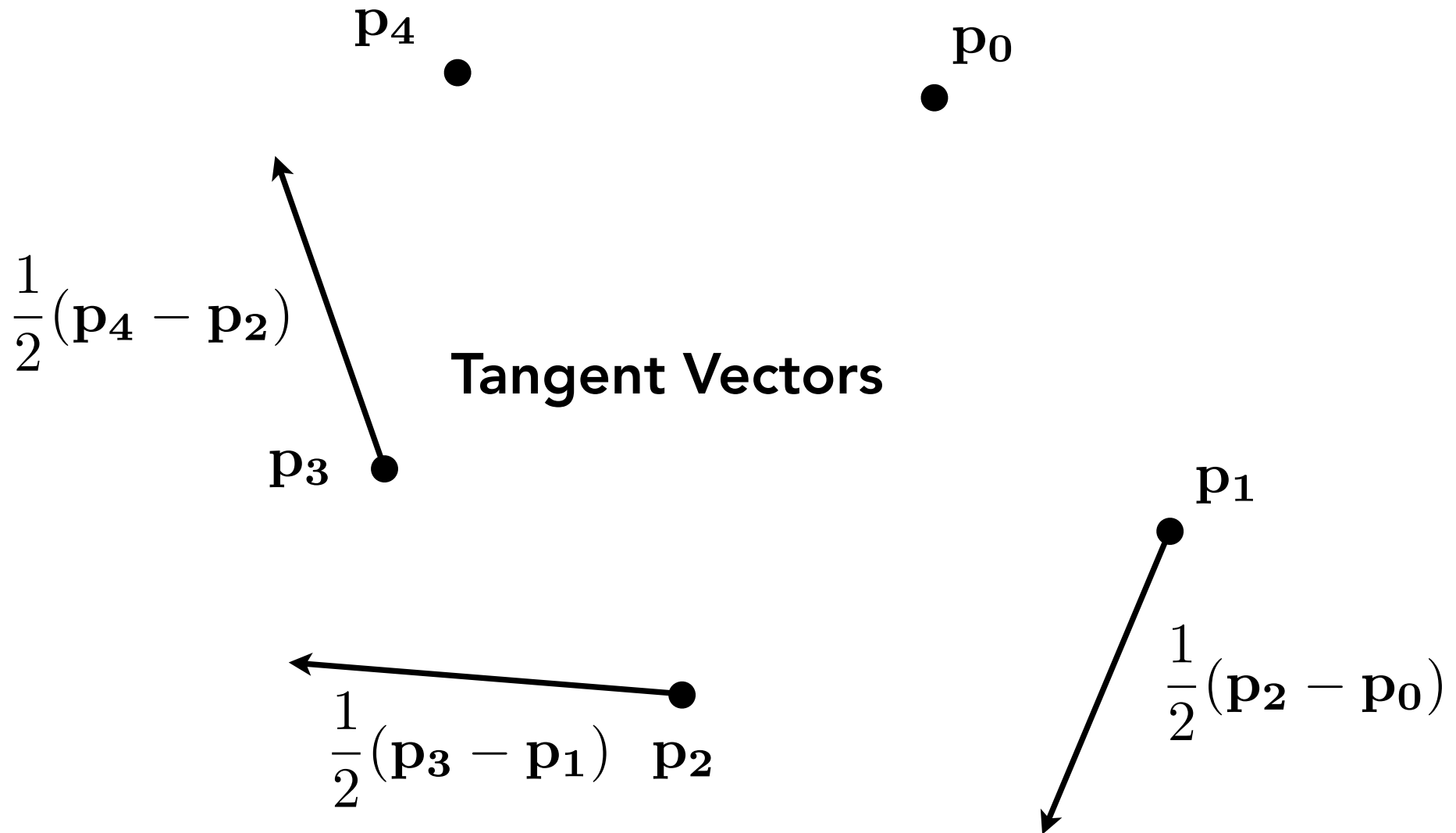
Can Interpolate Points As Easily As Values

E.g. point (0,1,3)
in 3D space, or
even a general
vector in N
dimensions

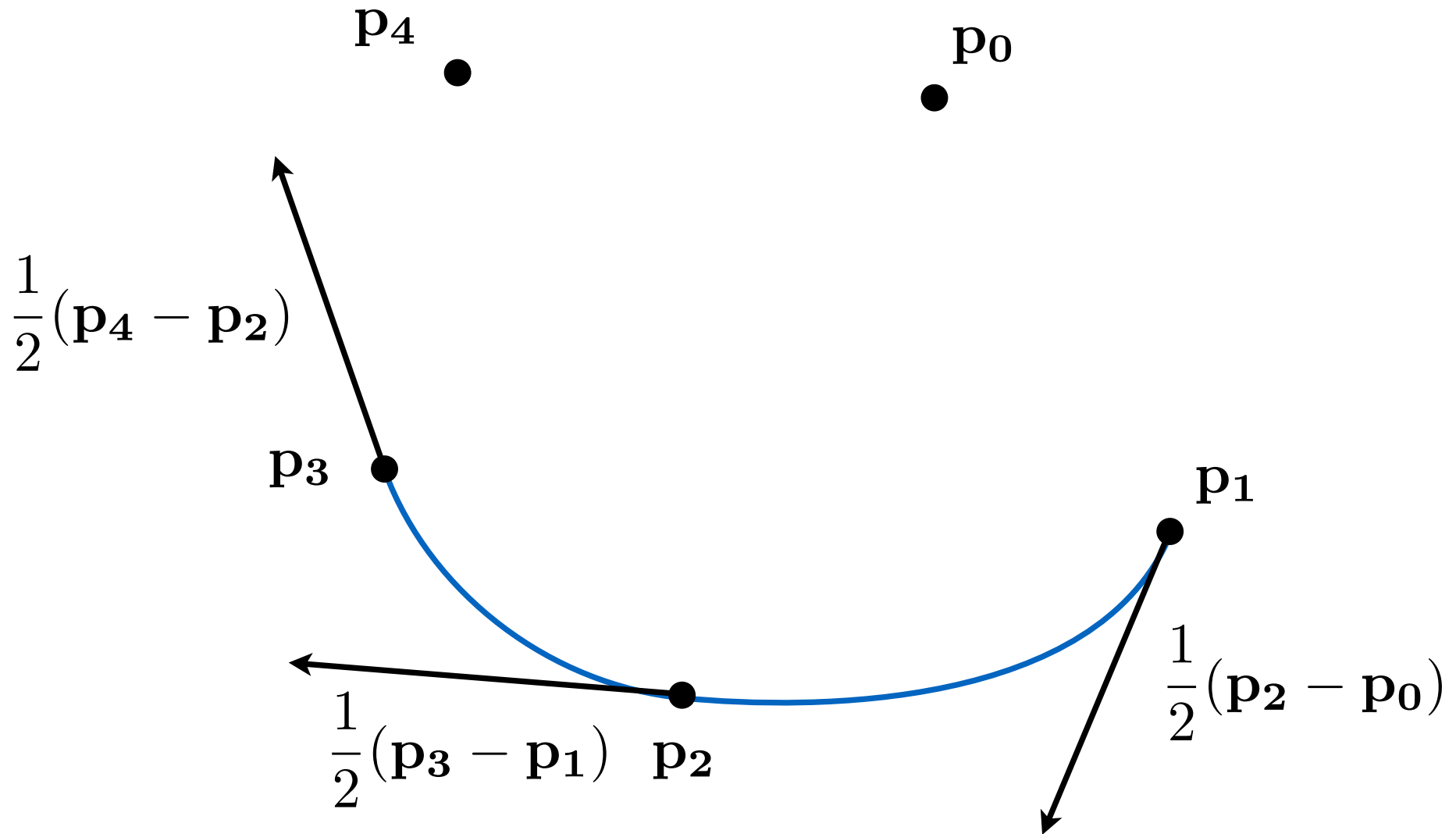


Catmull-Rom 3D spline control points

Can Interpolate Points As Easily As Values



Can Interpolate Points As Easily As Values



Use Basis Functions to Define Curves

General formula for a particular interpolation scheme: $\mathbf{p}(t) = \sum_{i=0}^n \mathbf{p}_i F_i(t)$

$$x(t) = \sum_{i=0}^n x_i F_i(t) \quad y(t) = \sum_{i=0}^n y_i F_i(t) \quad z(t) = \sum_{i=0}^n z_i F_i(t)$$

Coefficients $\mathbf{p}_i$ can be points & vectors, not just values
 $F_i(t)$ are basis functions for the interpolation scheme.

Saw $H_i(t)$ for Hermite interpolation earlier. Will see $C_i(t)$ for Catmull-Rom shortly, and $B_i(t)$ for Bézier scheme later. The basis functions are properties of the interpolation scheme.

Matrix Form of Catmull-Rom Space Curve?

Use Hermite matrix form

- Points & tangents given by Catmull-Rom rules

Hermite points $\mathbf{h}_0 = \mathbf{p}_1$

$$\mathbf{h}_1 = \mathbf{p}_2$$

Hermite tangents

$$\mathbf{h}_2 = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{p}_2 - \mathbf{p}_0)$$

$$\mathbf{h}_3 = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{p}_3 - \mathbf{p}_1)$$

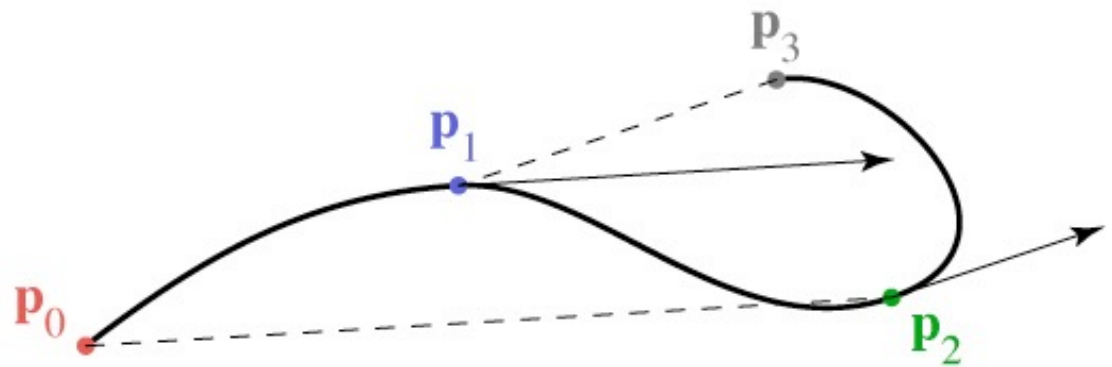
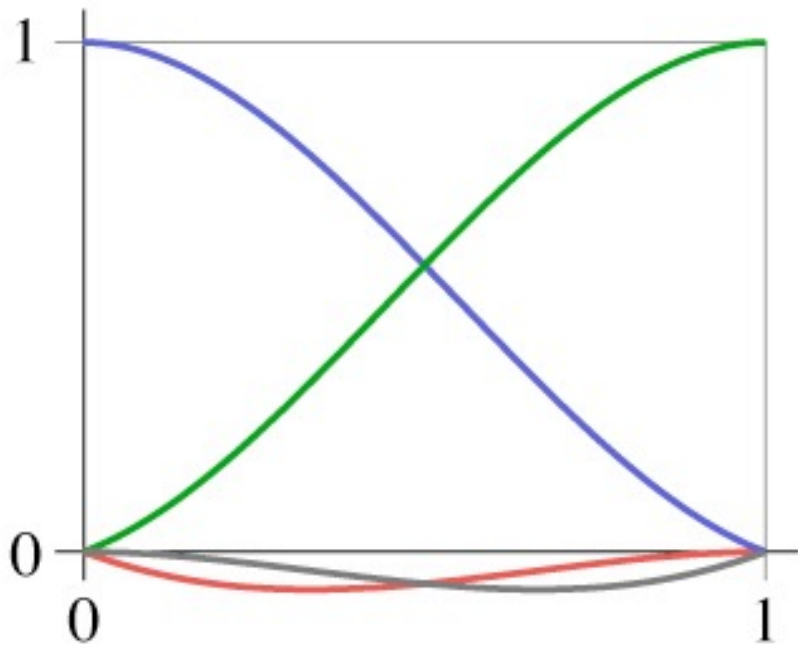
$$P(t) = \begin{bmatrix} t^3 \\ t^2 \\ t \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 & 1 & 1 \\ -3 & 3 & -2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2} & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{p}_0 \\ \mathbf{p}_1 \\ \mathbf{p}_2 \\ \mathbf{p}_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Matrix Form of Catmull-Rom Space Curve

$$\begin{aligned} P(t) &= \begin{bmatrix} t^3 \\ t^2 \\ t \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{3}{2} & \frac{3}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \\ 1 & -\frac{5}{2} & 2 & -\frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{p}_0 \\ \mathbf{p}_1 \\ \mathbf{p}_2 \\ \mathbf{p}_3 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= C_0(t) \mathbf{p}_0 + C_1(t) \mathbf{p}_1 + C_2(t) \mathbf{p}_2 + C_3(t) \mathbf{p}_3 \end{aligned}$$

Matrix columns = Catmull-Rom basis functions

Catmull-Rom Basis Functions



Bézier Curves

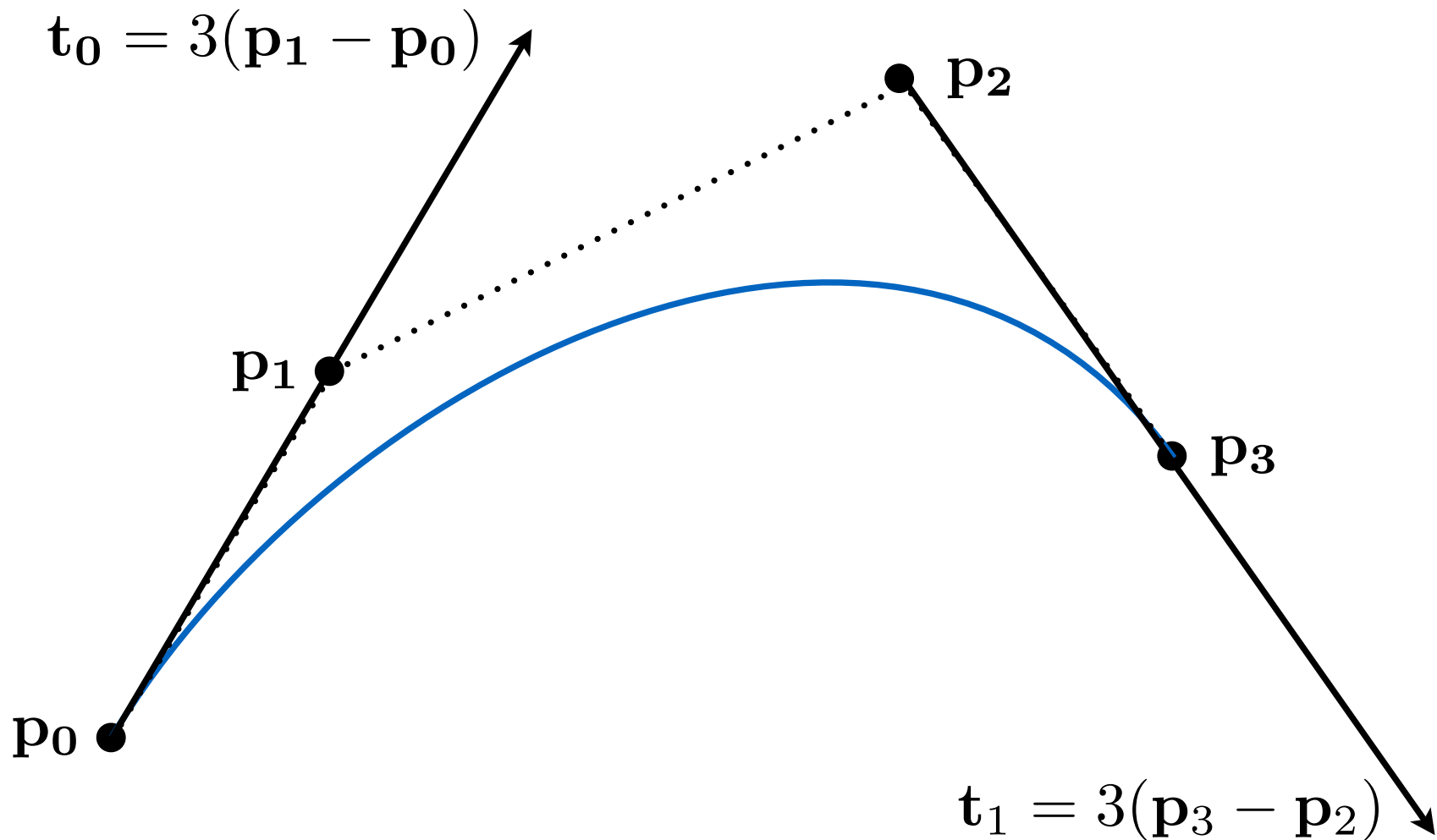
Examples of Geometry



CS184/284A

Ng & Kanazawa

Defining Cubic Bézier Curve With Tangents

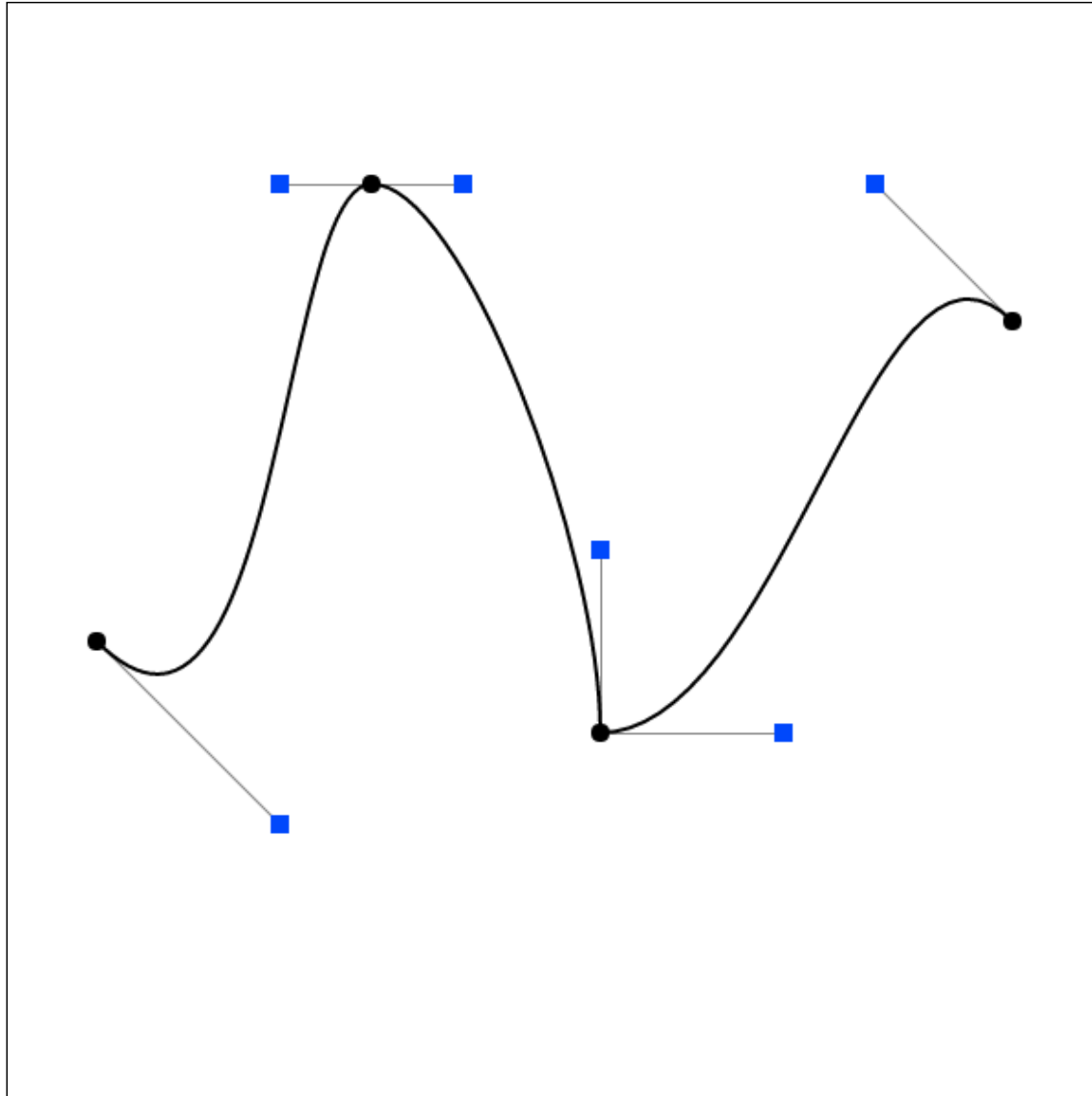


Matrix Form of Cubic Bézier Curve?

$$\begin{aligned} P(t) &= \begin{bmatrix} t^3 \\ t^2 \\ t \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} \times & \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times & \times \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{p}_0 \\ \mathbf{p}_1 \\ \mathbf{p}_2 \\ \mathbf{p}_3 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= B_0^3(t) \mathbf{p}_0 + B_1^3(t) \mathbf{p}_1 + B_2^3(t) \mathbf{p}_2 + B_3^3(t) \mathbf{p}_3 \end{aligned}$$

**Good exercise to derive this matrix yourself.
One way: use Hermite matrix equation again.
What are the points and tangents?**

Demo – Piecewise Cubic Bézier Curve

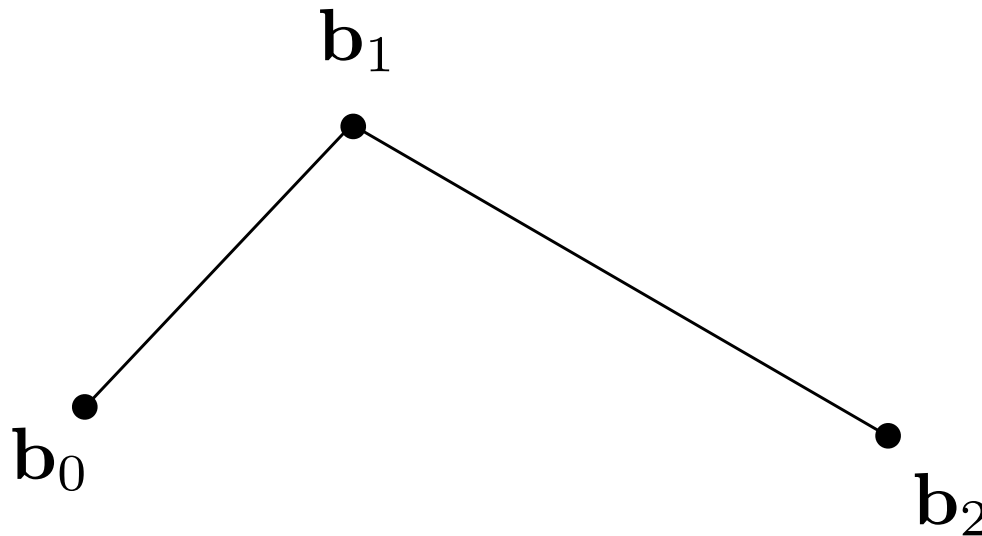


Evaluating Bézier Curves

De Casteljau Algorithm

Bézier Curves – de Casteljau Algorithm

Consider three points (quadratic Bezier)



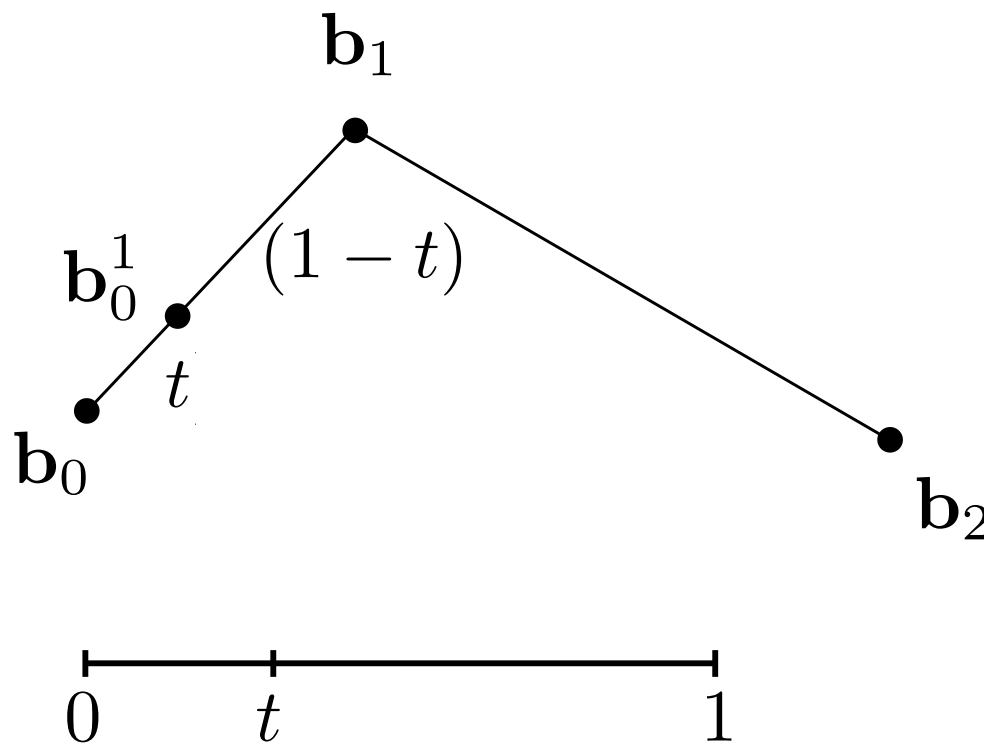
Pierre Bézier
1910 – 1999



Paul de Casteljau
b. 1930

Bézier Curves – de Casteljau Algorithm

Insert a point using linear interpolation



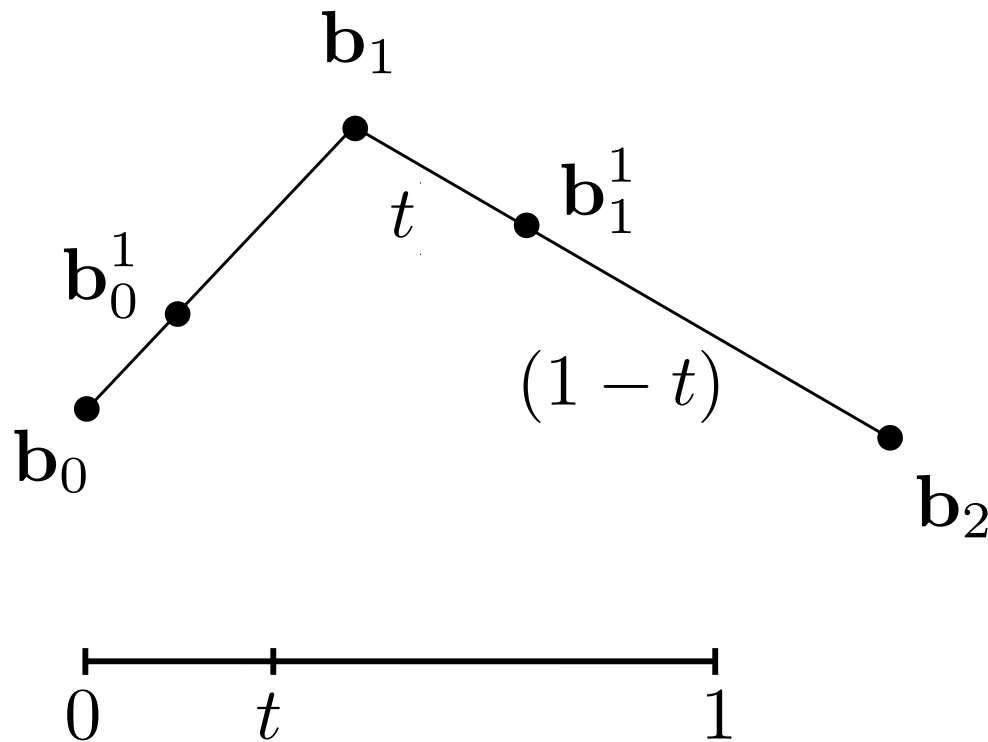
Pierre Bézier
1910 – 1999



Paul de Casteljau
b. 1930

Bézier Curves – de Casteljau Algorithm

Insert on both edges



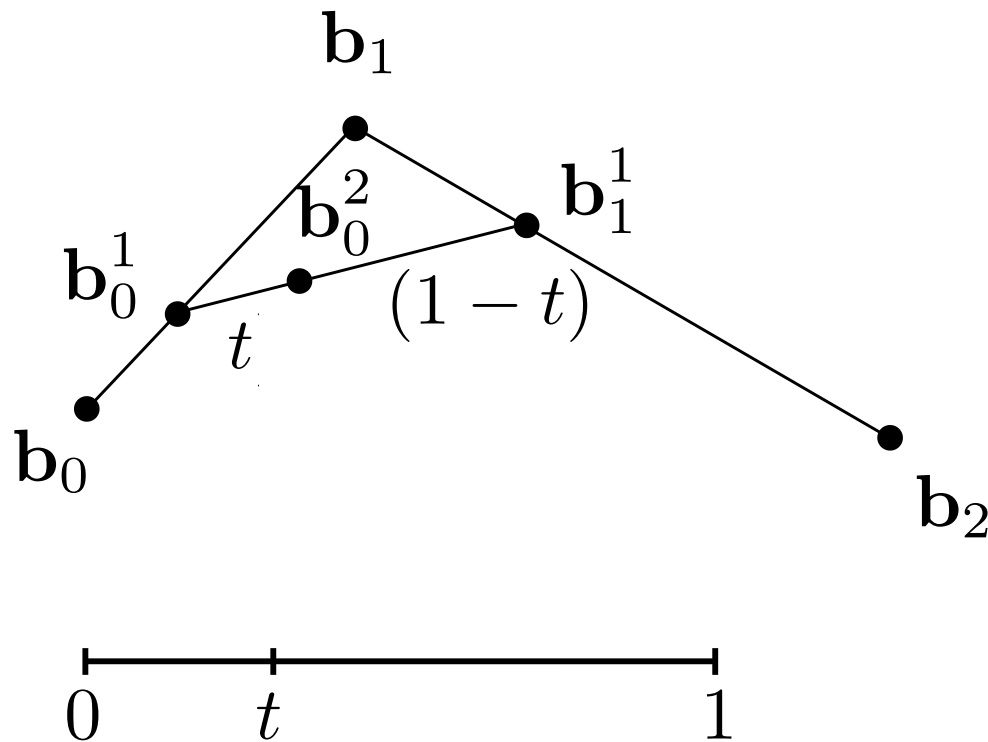
Pierre Bézier
1910 – 1999



Paul de Casteljau
b. 1930

Bézier Curves – de Casteljau Algorithm

Repeat recursively



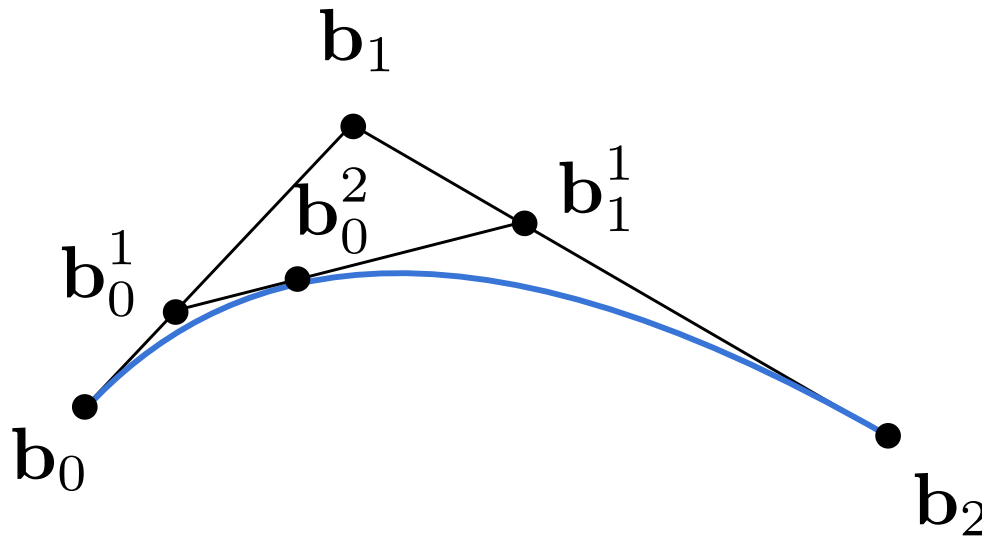
Pierre Bézier
1910 – 1999



Paul de Casteljau
b. 1930

Bézier Curves – de Casteljau Algorithm

Algorithm defines the curve



Pierre Bézier
1910 – 1999

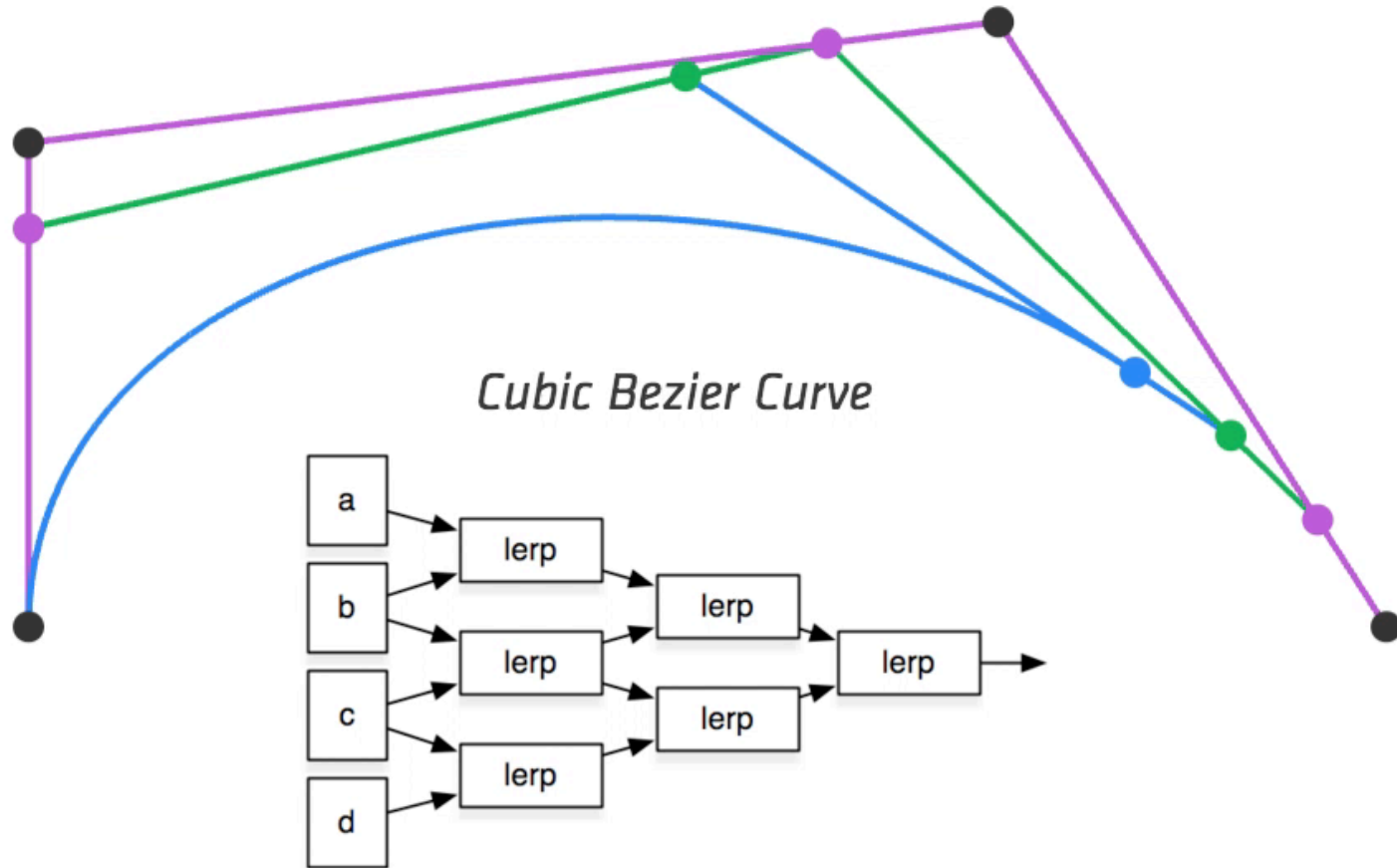


Paul de Casteljau
b. 1930

“Corner cutting” recursive subdivision

Successive linear interpolation

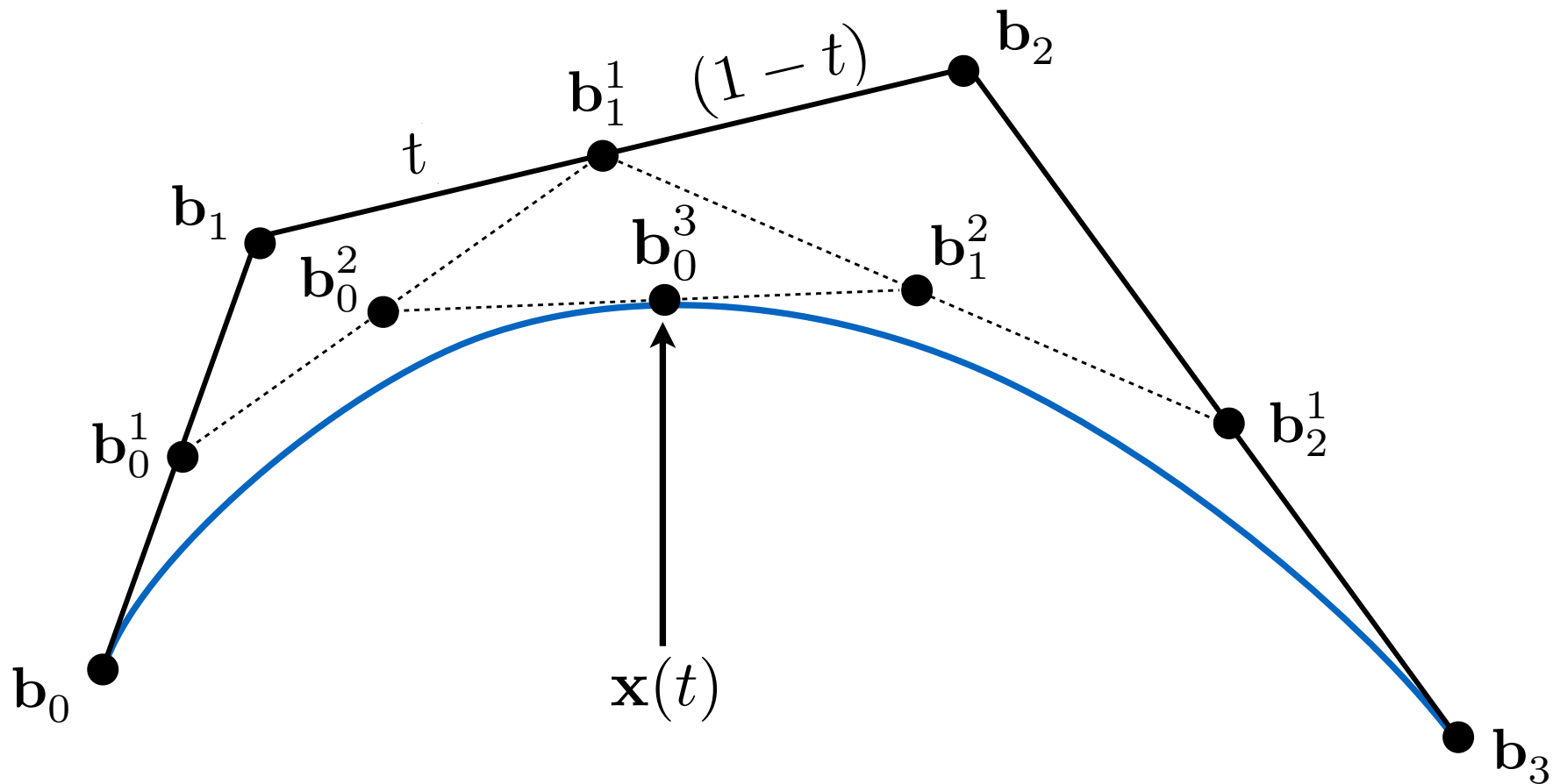
Visualizing de Casteljau Algorithm



Animation: Steven Wittens, Making Things with Maths, <http://acko.net>

Cubic Bézier Curve – de Casteljau

Consider four points
Same recursive linear interpolations

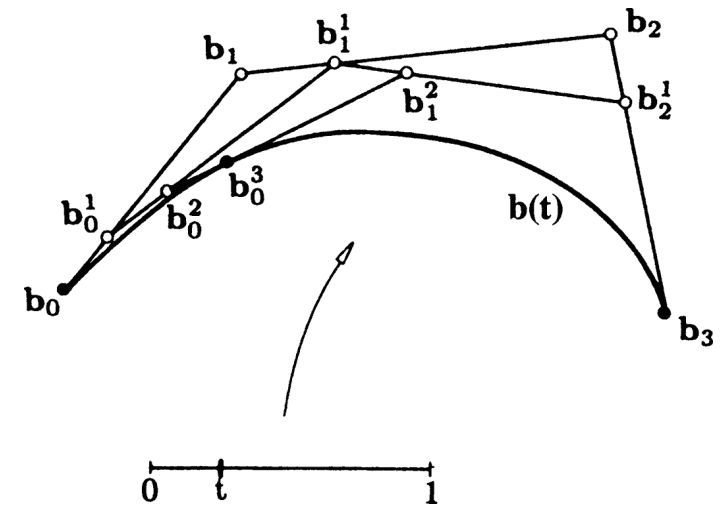
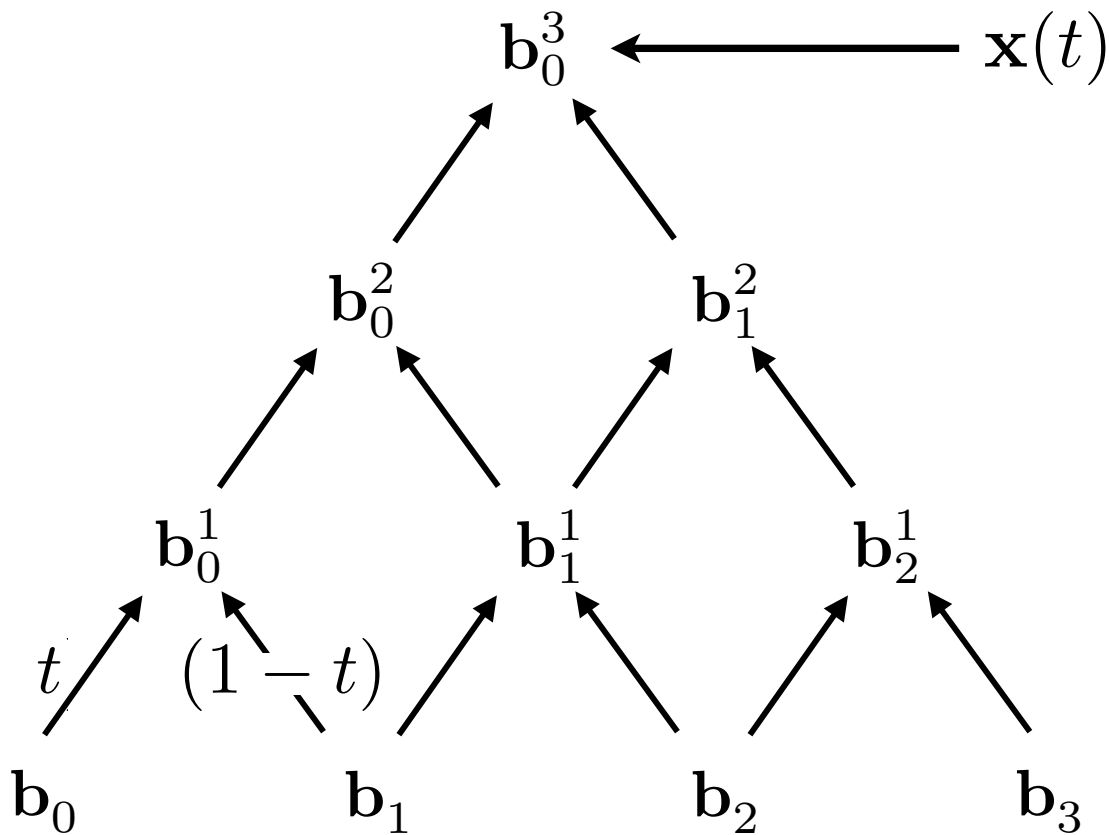


Evaluating Bézier Curves

Algebraic Formula

Bézier Curve – Algebraic Formula

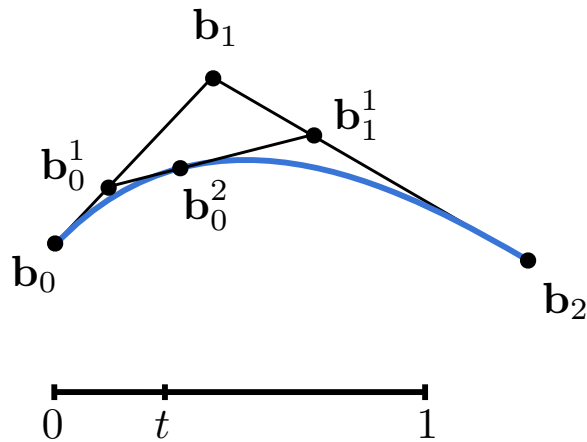
de Casteljau algorithm gives a pyramid of coefficients



Every rightward arrow is multiplication by t ,
Every leftward arrow by $(1-t)$

Bézier Curve – Algebraic Formula

Example: quadratic Bézier curve from three points



$$\mathbf{b}_0^1(t) = (1 - t)\mathbf{b}_0 + t\mathbf{b}_1$$

$$\mathbf{b}_1^1(t) = (1 - t)\mathbf{b}_1 + t\mathbf{b}_2$$

$$\mathbf{b}_0^2(t) = (1 - t)\mathbf{b}_0^1 + t\mathbf{b}_1^1$$

$$\mathbf{b}_0^2(t) = (1 - t)^2\mathbf{b}_0 + 2t(1 - t)\mathbf{b}_1 + t^2\mathbf{b}_2$$

Bézier Curve – General Algebraic Formula

Bernstein form of a Bézier curve of order n:

$$\mathbf{b}^n(t) = \mathbf{b}_0^n(t) = \sum_{j=0}^n \mathbf{b}_j B_j^n(t)$$

↑
Bézier curve order n
(vector polynomial of degree n)

↑
Bernstein polynomial
(scalar polynomial of degree n)

↑
Bézier control points
(vector in $\mathbb{R}^N$)

Bernstein polynomials:

$$B_i^n(t) = \binom{n}{i} t^i (1-t)^{n-i}$$

Bézier Curve – Algebraic Formula: Example

Bernstein form of a Bézier curve of order n:

$$\mathbf{b}^n(t) = \sum_{j=0}^n \mathbf{b}_j B_j^n(t)$$

Example: assume $n = 3$ and we are in $\mathbb{R}^3$

i.e. we could have control points in 3D such as:

$$\mathbf{b}_0 = (0, 2, 3), \quad \mathbf{b}_1 = (2, 3, 5), \quad \mathbf{b}_2 = (6, 7, 9), \quad \mathbf{b}_3 = (3, 4, 5)$$

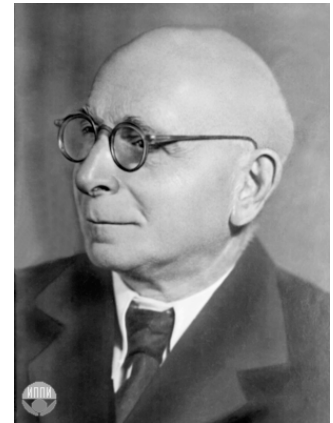
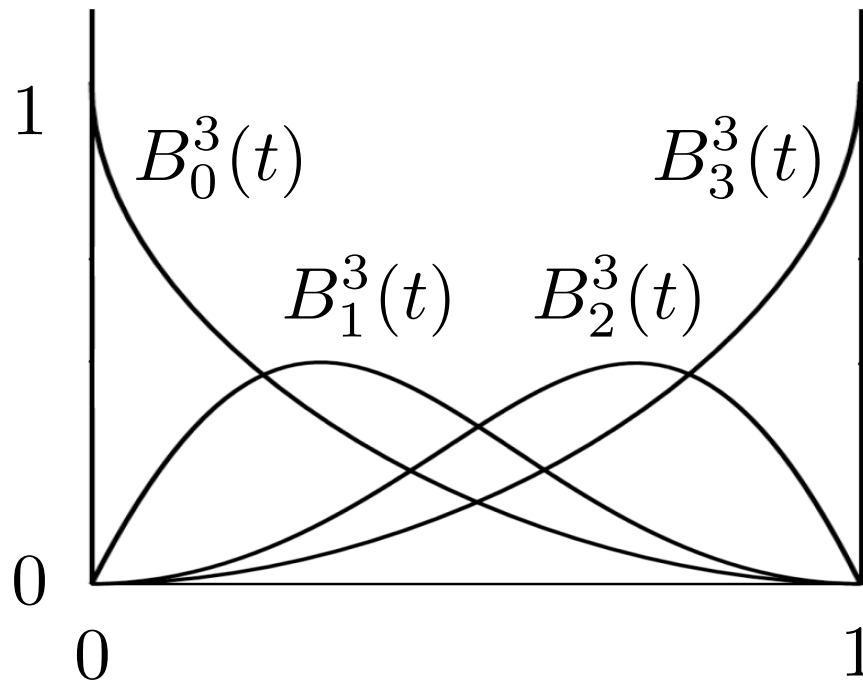
These points define a Bezier curve in 3D that is a cubic polynomial in t :

$$\mathbf{b}^n(t) = \mathbf{b}_0 (1 - t)^3 + \mathbf{b}_1 3t(1 - t)^2 + \mathbf{b}_2 3t^2(1 - t) + \mathbf{b}_3 t^3$$

Cubic Bézier Basis Functions

Bernstein polynomials:

$$B_i^n(t) = \binom{n}{i} t^i (1 - t)^{n-i}$$

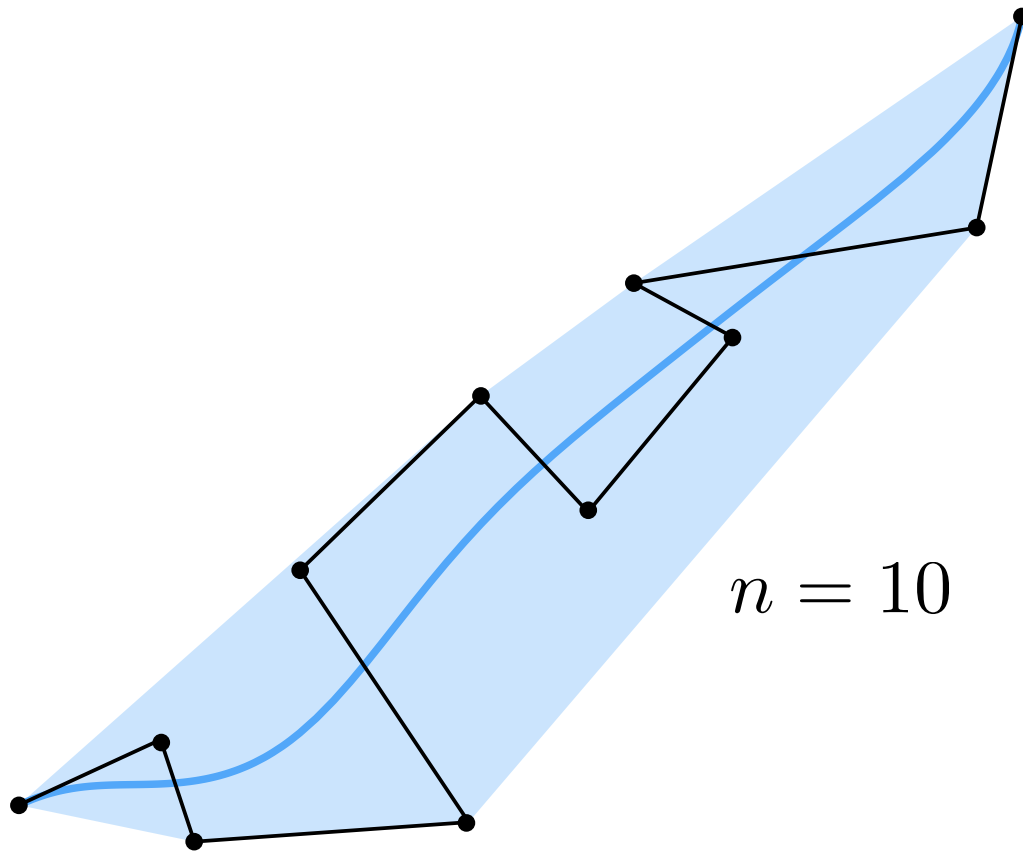


Sergei N. Bernstein
1880 – 1968

Piecewise Bézier Curves (Bézier Spline)

Higher-Order Bézier Curves?

High-degree Bernstein polynomials don't interpolate well

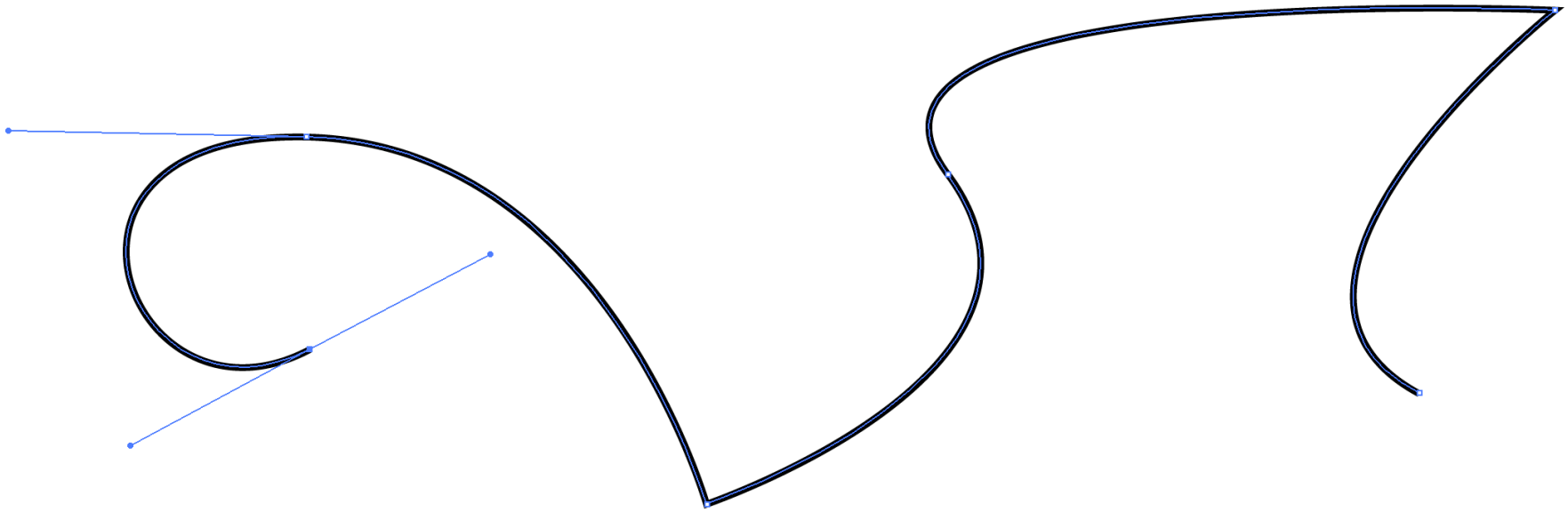


Very hard to control!
Uncommon

Piecewise Bézier Curves

Instead, chain many low-order Bézier curve

Piecewise cubic Bézier the most common technique



Widely used (fonts, paths, Illustrator, Keynote, ...)

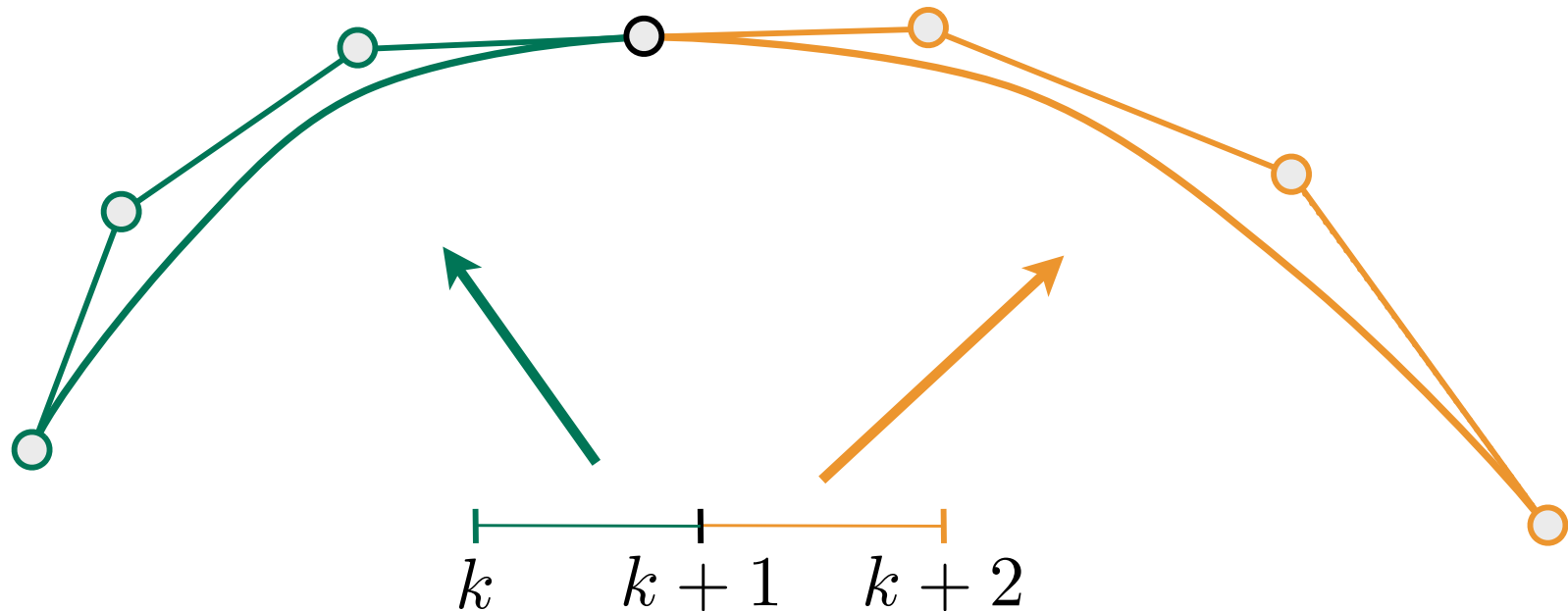
Piecewise Bézier Curve – Continuity

Two Bézier curves

$$\mathbf{a} : [k, k + 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^N$$

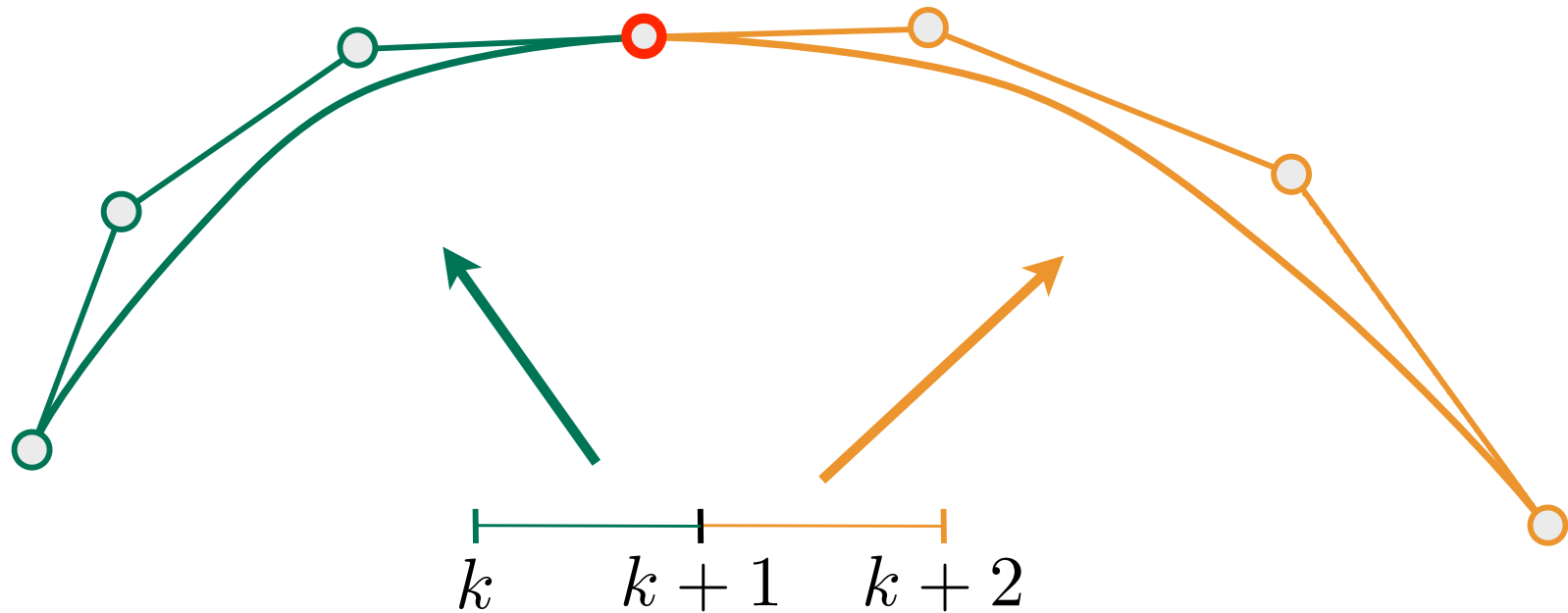
$$\mathbf{b} : [k + 1, k + 2] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^N$$

Assuming integer partitions here,
can generalize



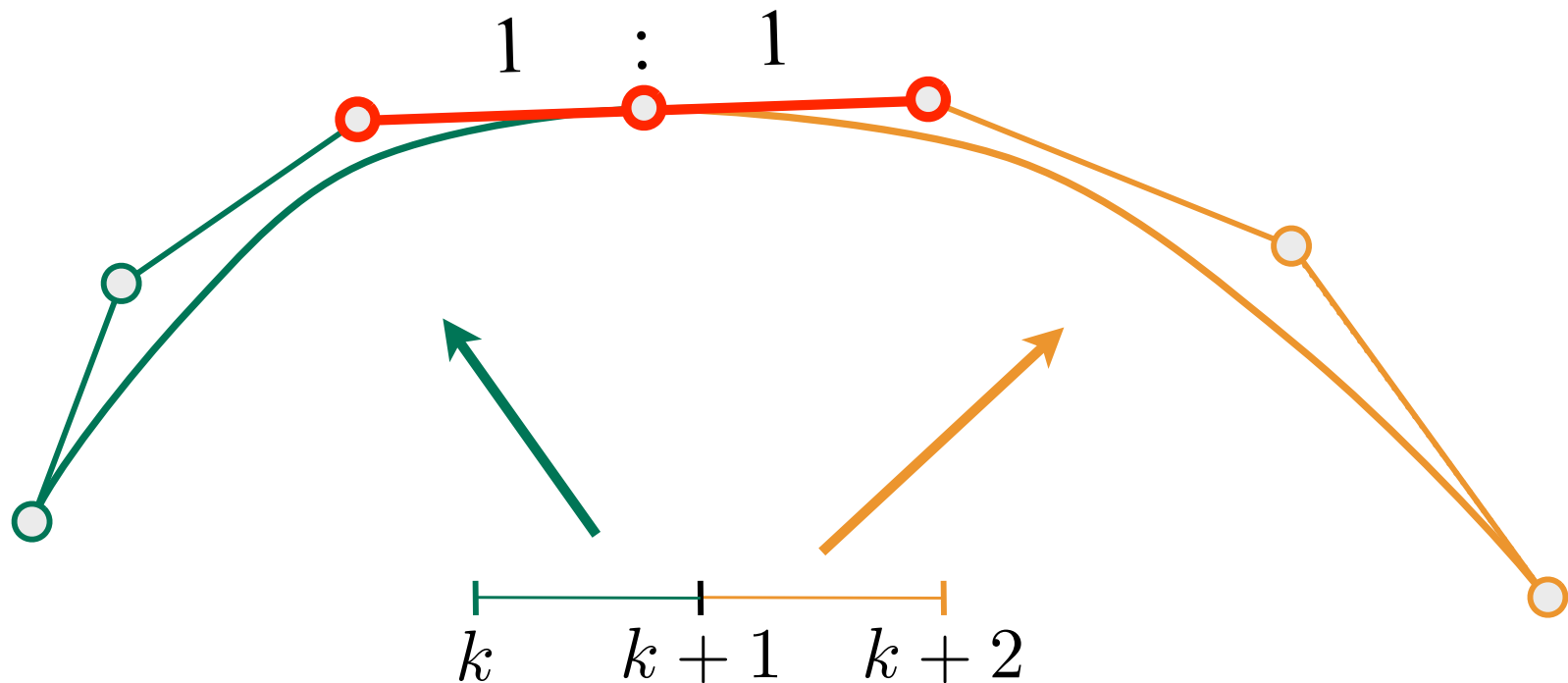
Piecewise Bézier Curve – Continuity

C^0 continuity: $a_n = b_0$



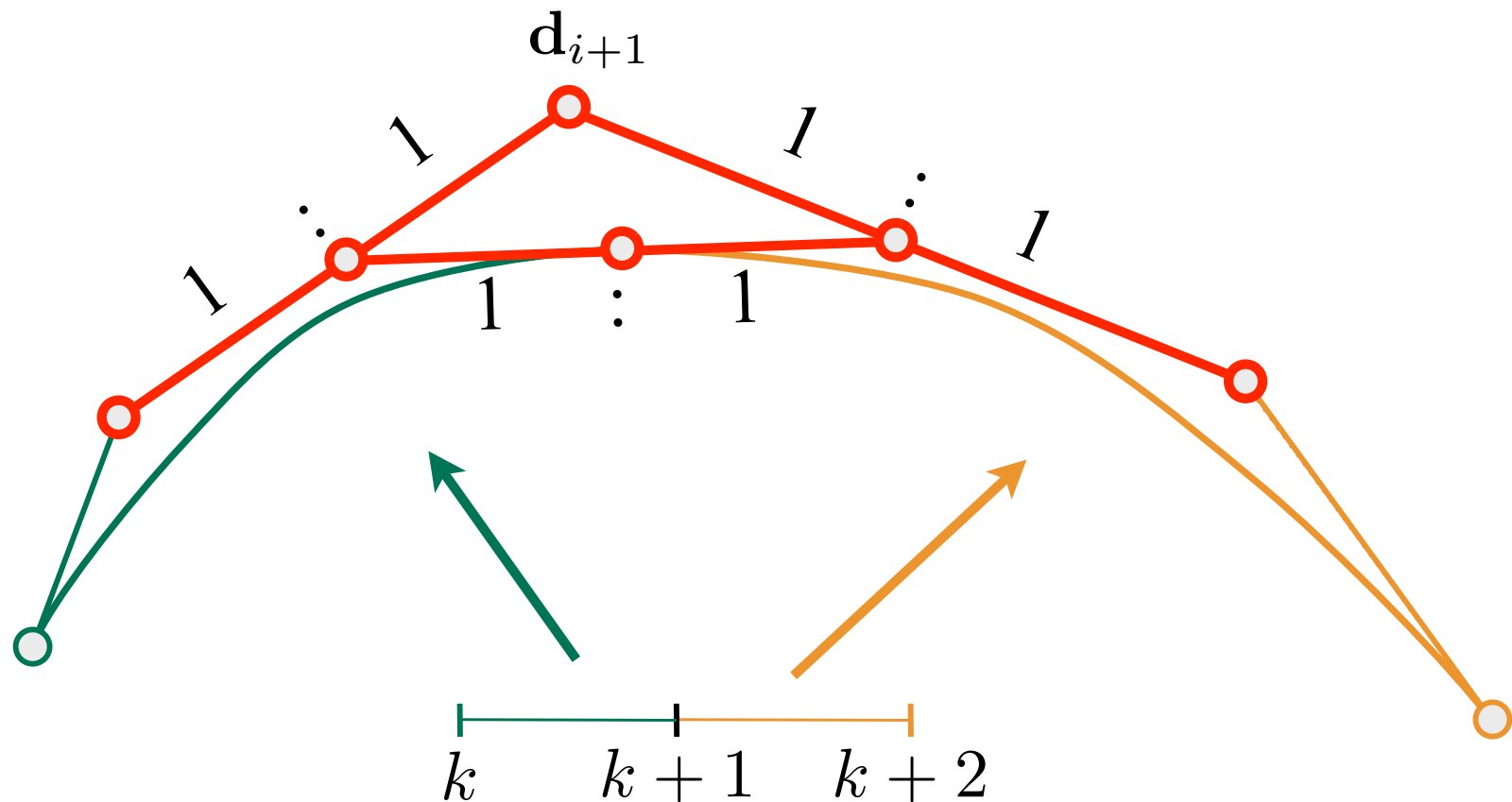
Piecewise Bézier Curve – Continuity

C^1 continuity: $\mathbf{a}_n = \mathbf{b}_0 = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{a}_{n-1} + \mathbf{b}_1)$



Piecewise Bézier Curve – Continuity

C² continuity: "A-frame" construction



Properties of Bézier Curves

Interpolates endpoints

- For cubic Bézier: $b(0) = b_0$; $b(1) = b_3$

Tangent to end segments

- Cubic case: $b'(0) = 3(b_1 - b_0)$; $b'(1) = 3(b_3 - b_2)$

Affine transformation property

- Transform curve by transforming control points

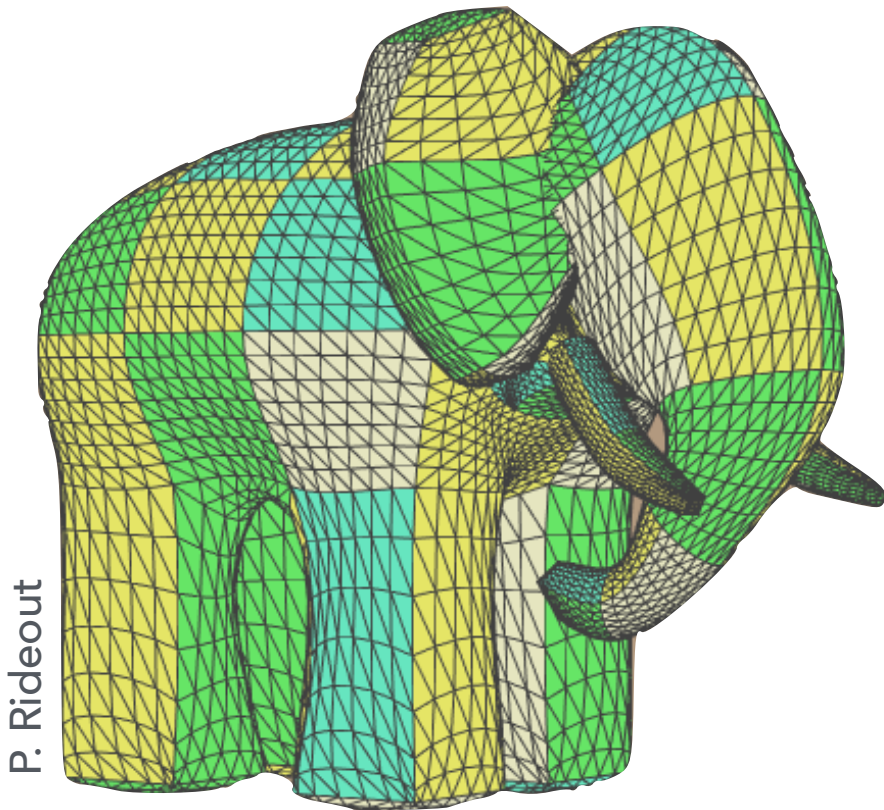
Convex hull property

- Curve is within convex hull of control points

Bézier Surfaces

Bézier Surfaces

Extend Bézier curves to surfaces



P. Rideout

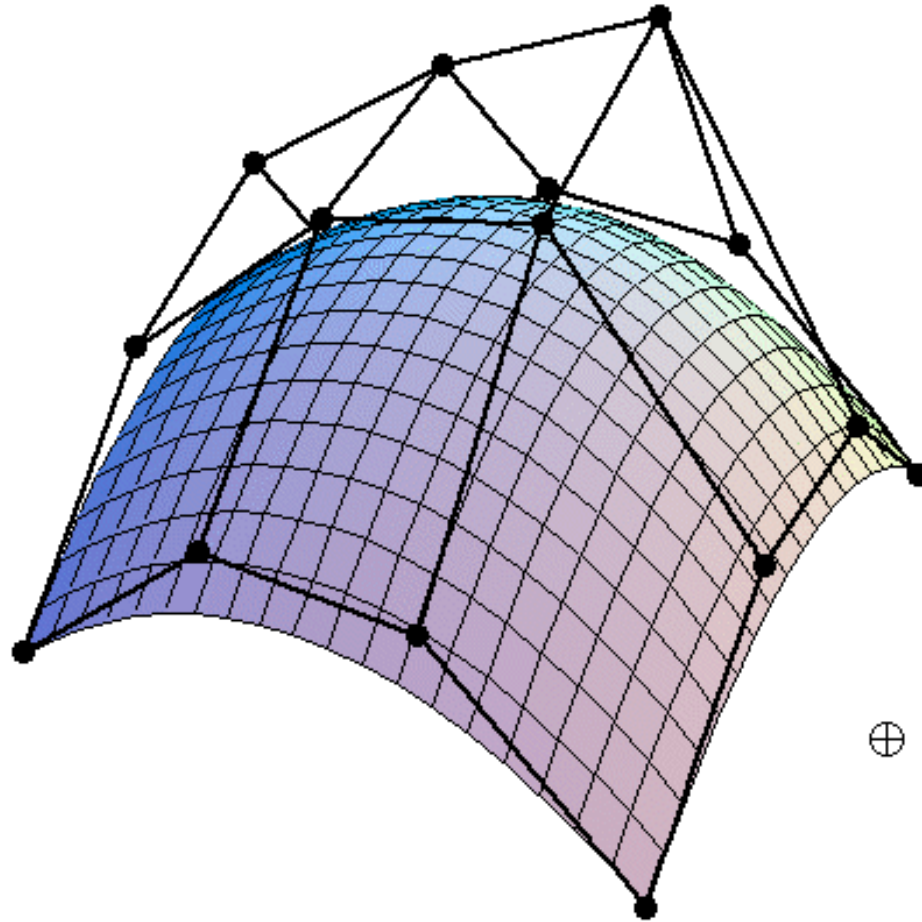
Ed Catmull's "Gumbo" model



renderspirit.com

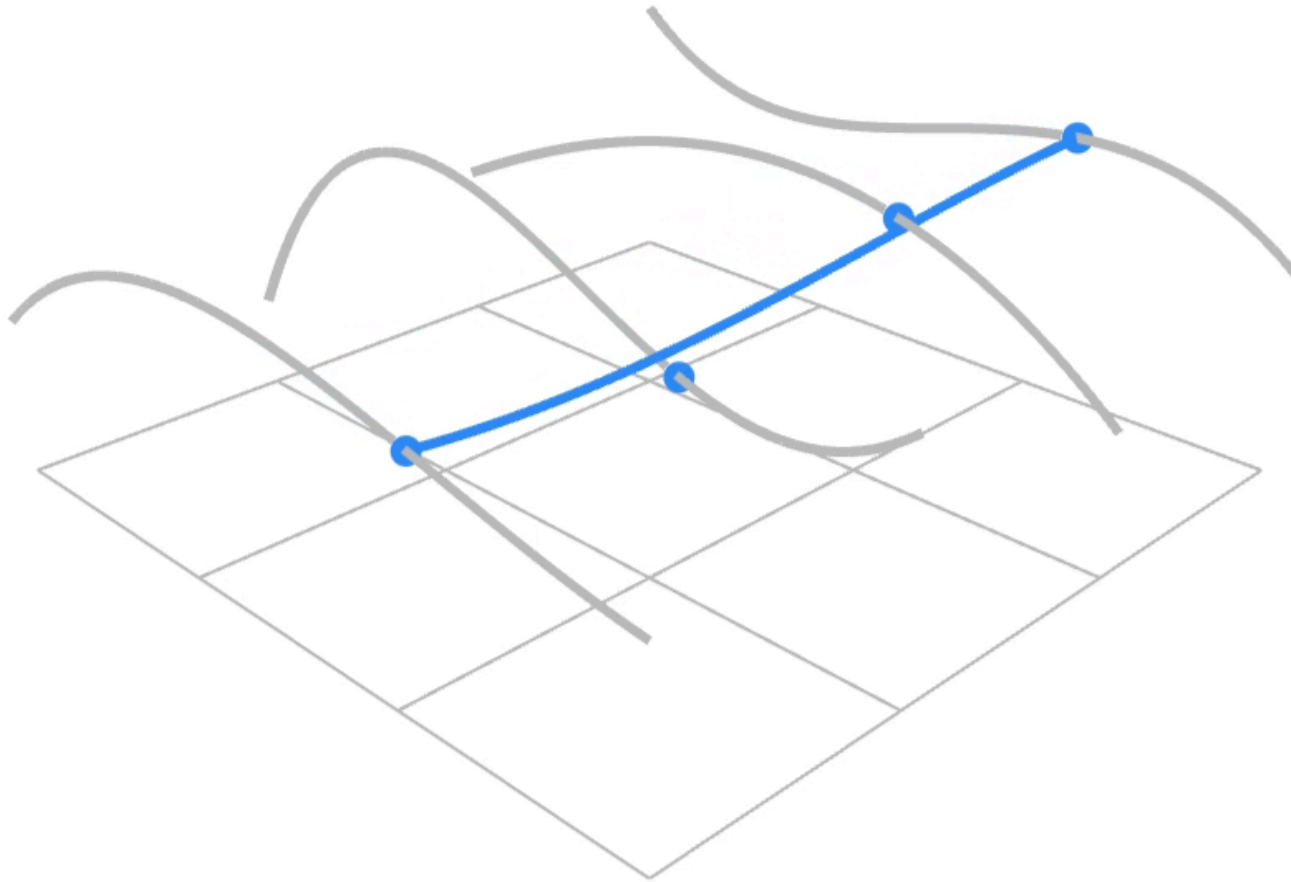
Utah Teapot

Bicubic Bézier Surface Patch



Bezier surface and 4 x 4 array of control points

Visualizing Bicubic Bézier Surface Patch



Animation: Steven Wittens, Making Things with Maths, <http://acko.net>

Visualizing Bicubic Bézier Surface Patch

4x4 control points

- Each 4x1 control points in u define a Bezier curve
 - (4 Bezier curves in u)
- Corresponding points on these 4 Bezier curves define 4 control points for a “moving curve” in v
 - This “moving” curve sweeps out the 2D surface

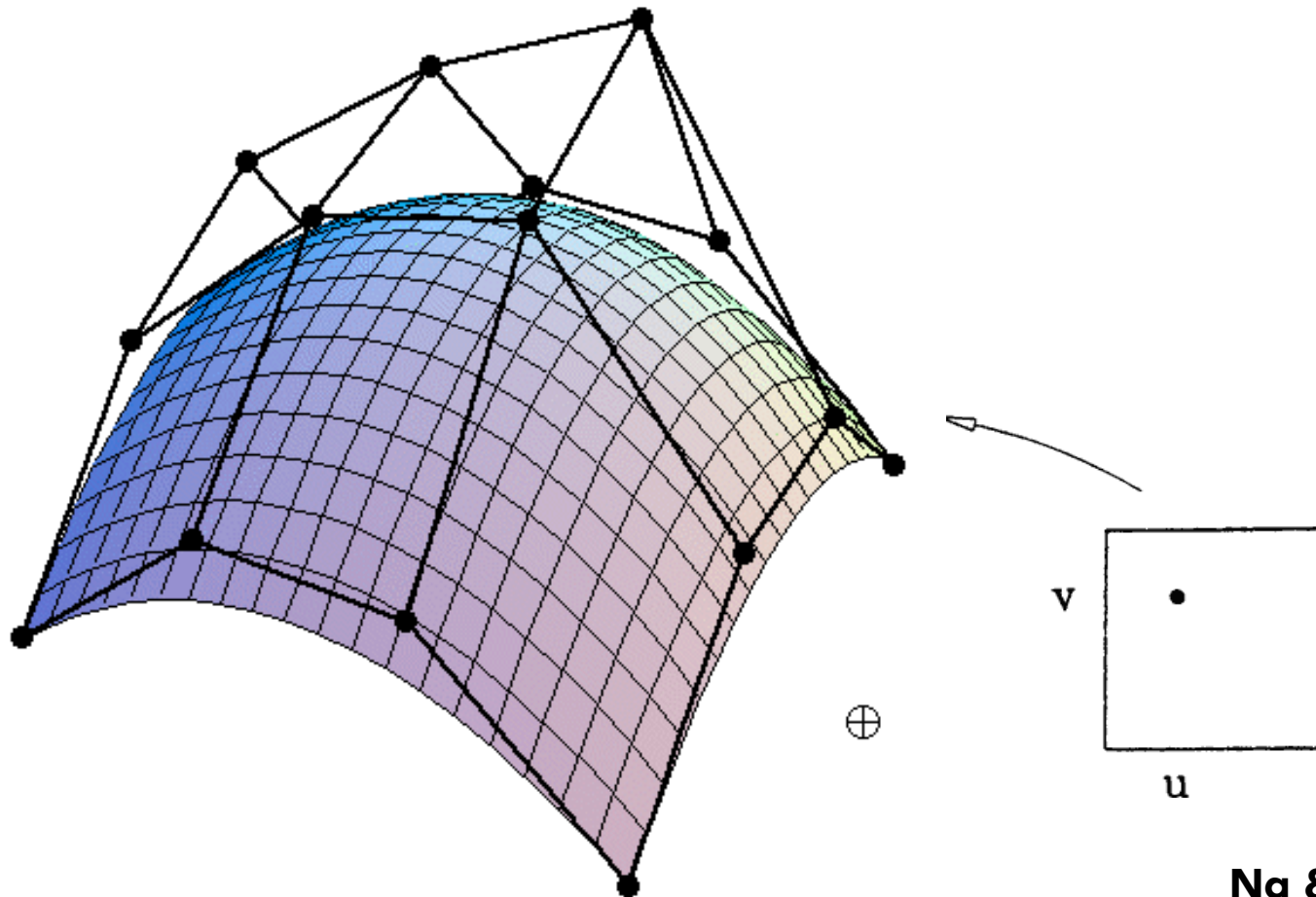
Evaluating Bézier Surfaces

Evaluating Surface Position For Parameters (u,v)

For bi-cubic Bezier surface patch,

Input: 4x4 control points

Output is 2D surface parameterized by (u,v) in $[0,1]^2$

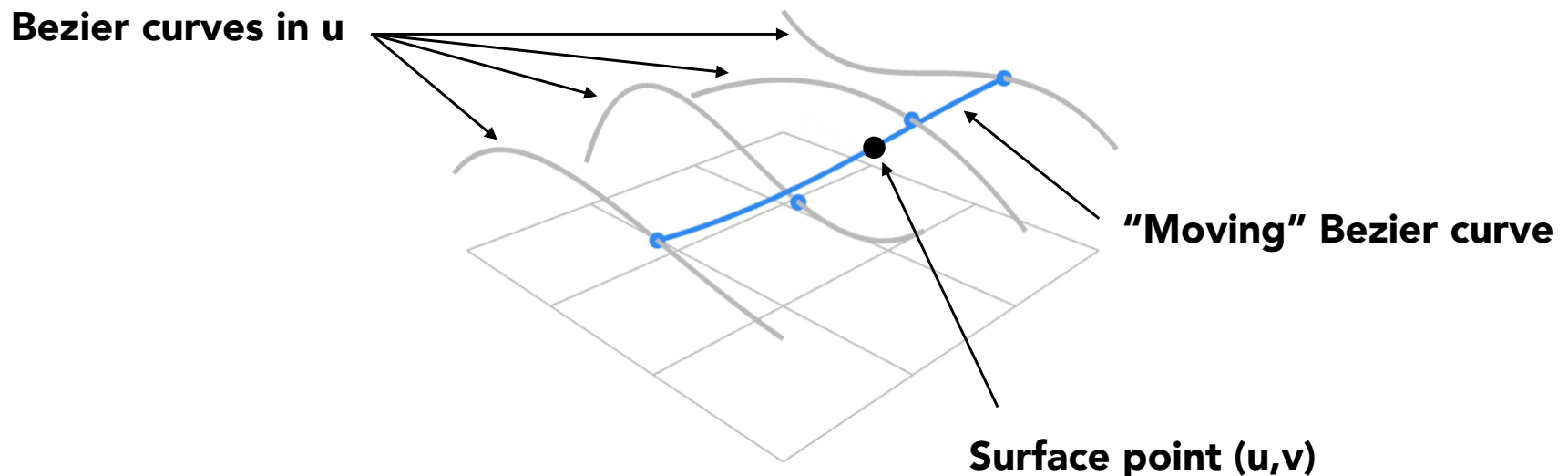


Method 1: Separable 1D de Casteljau Algorithm

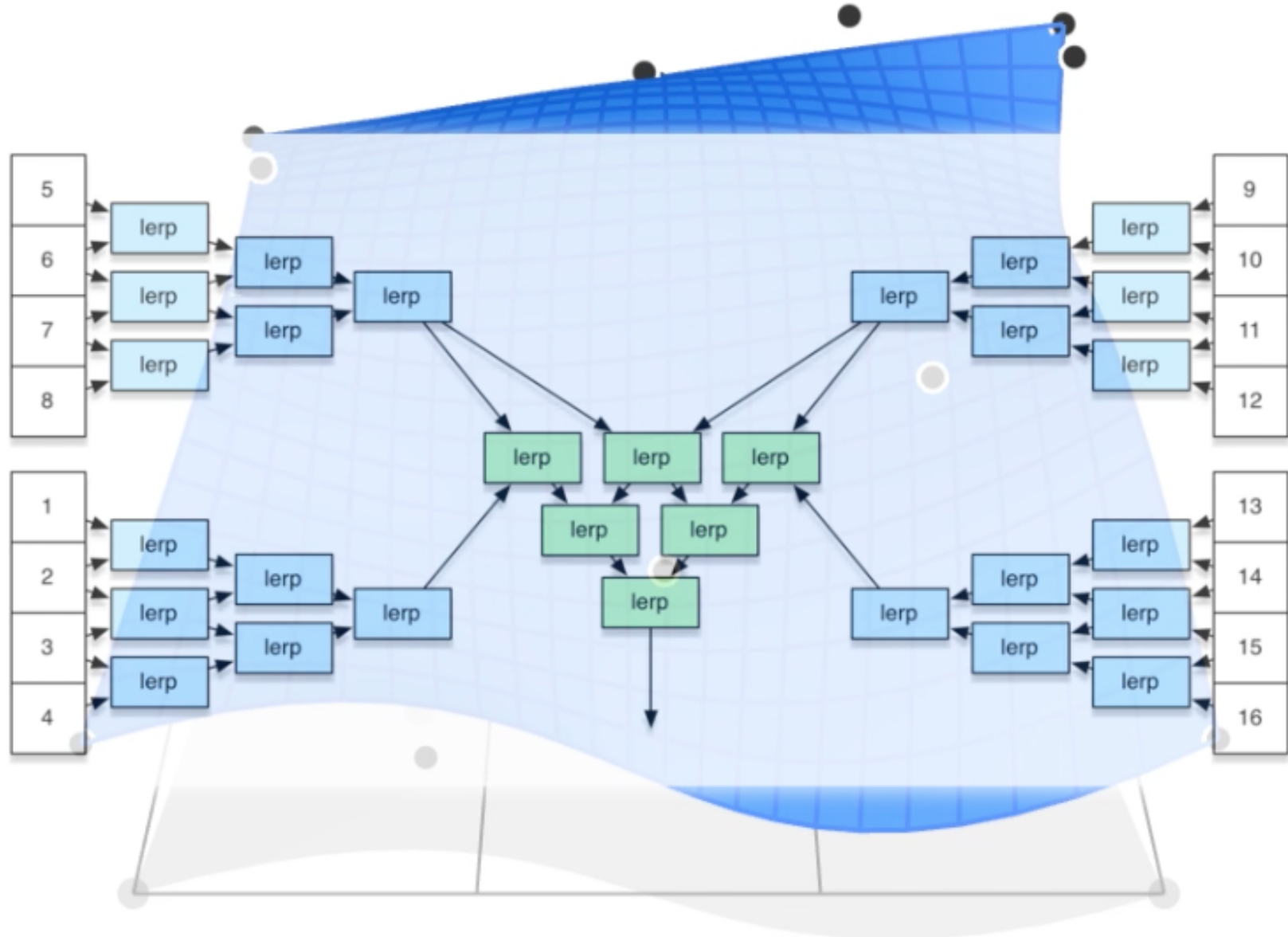
Goal: Evaluate surface position corresponding to (u,v)

(u,v) -separable application of de Casteljau algorithm

- Use de Casteljau to evaluate point u on each of the 4 Bezier curves in u . This gives 4 control points for the “moving” Bezier curve
- Use 1D de Casteljau to evaluate point v on the “moving” curve



Method 1: Separable 1D de Casteljau Algorithm



Method 2: Algebraic Evaluation

Let the moving curve be a degree m Bézier curve

$$\mathbf{b}^m(u) = \sum_{i=0}^m \mathbf{b}_i B_i^m(u) \quad \text{(remember, Bernstein polynomials)}$$
$$B_i^n(t) = \binom{n}{i} t^i (1-t)^{n-i}$$

Let each control point $\mathbf{b}_i$ be moving along a Bézier curve of degree n

$$\mathbf{b}_i = \mathbf{b}_i(v) = \sum_{j=0}^n \mathbf{b}_{i,j} B_j^n(v)$$

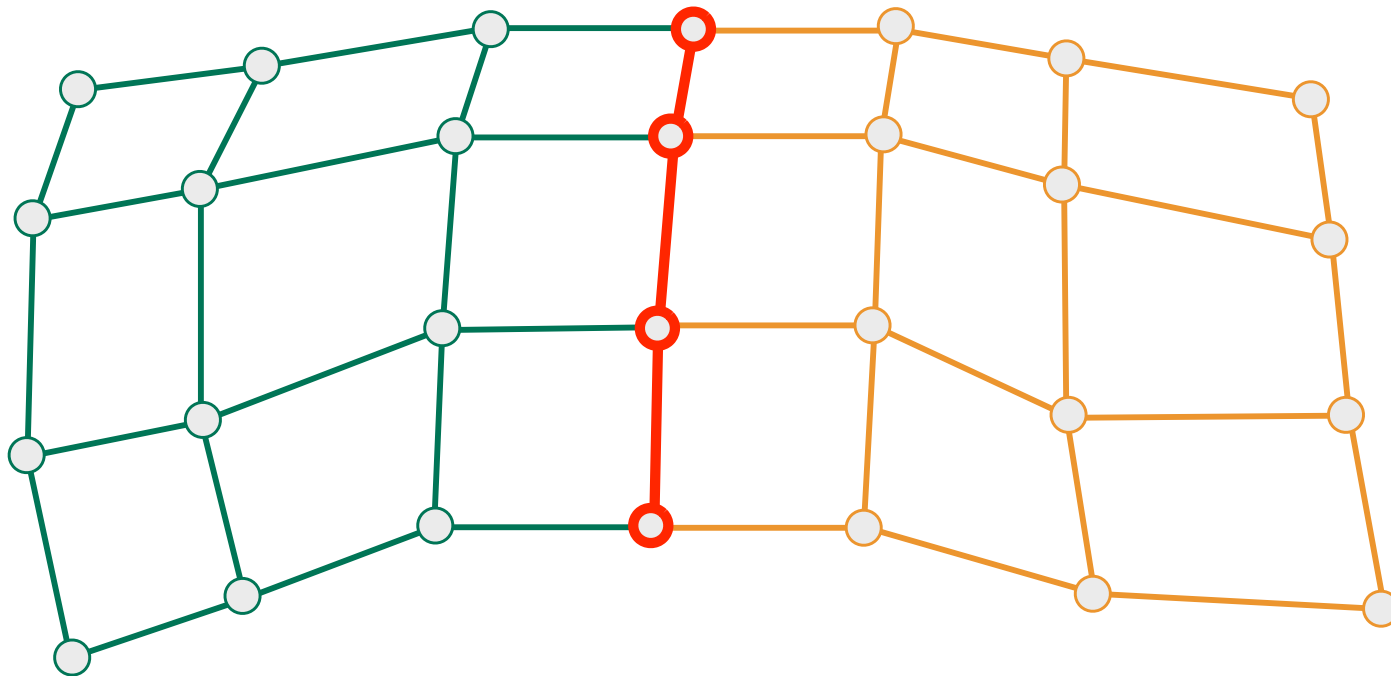
Tensor product Bézier patch

$$\mathbf{b}^{m,n}(u, v) = \sum_{i=0}^m \sum_{j=0}^n \mathbf{b}_{i,j} B_i^m(u) B_j^n(v)$$

Bézier Surface Continuity

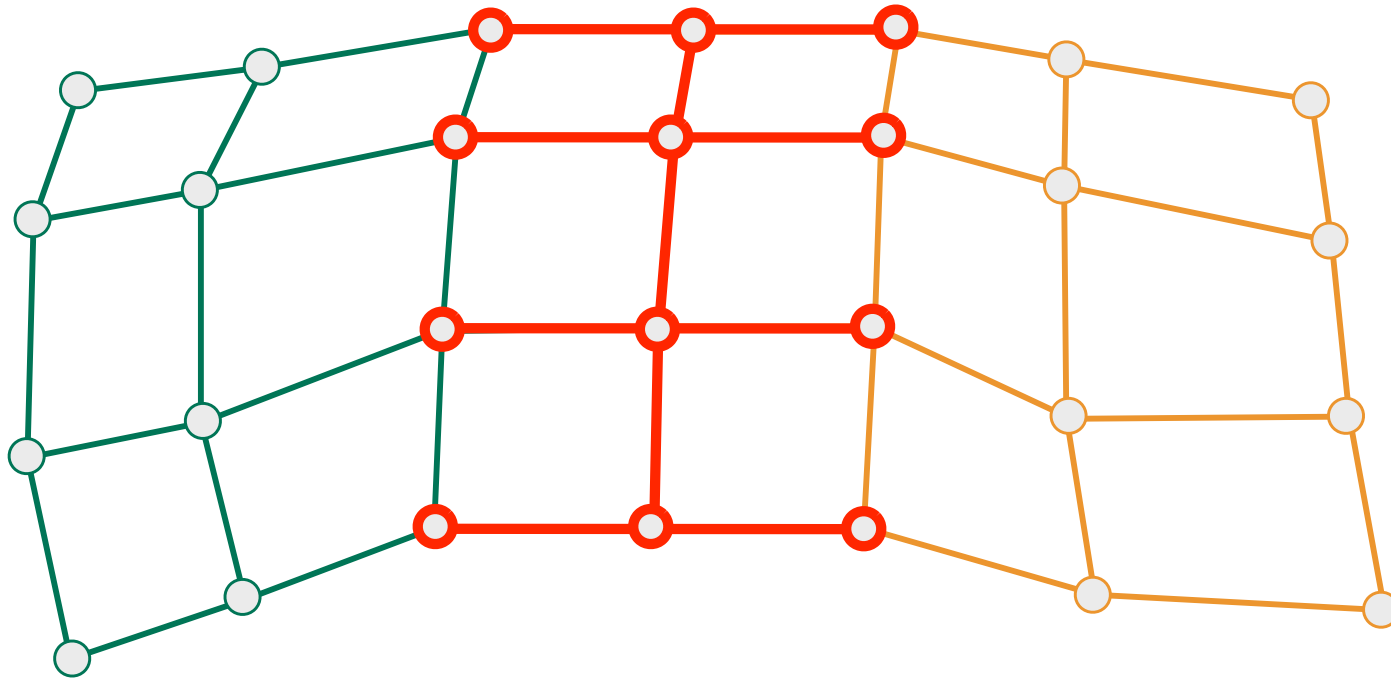
Piecewise Bézier Surfaces

C^0 continuity: Boundary curves



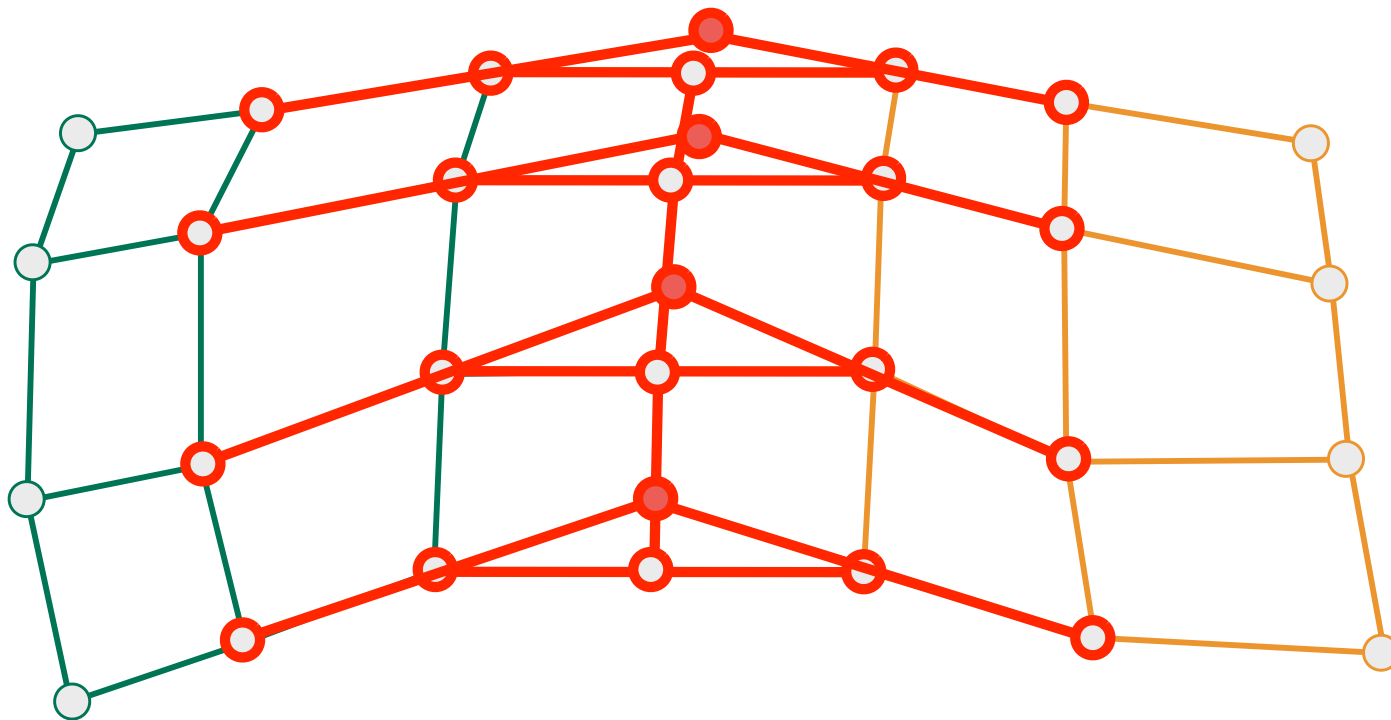
Piecewise Bézier Surfaces

C^1 continuity: Collinearity



Piecewise Bézier Surfaces

C^2 continuity: A-frames



Things to Remember

Splines

- Cubic Hermite and Catmull-Rom interpolation
- Matrix representation of cubic polynomials

Bézier curves

- Easy-to-control spline
- Recursive linear interpolation – de Casteljau algorithm
- Properties of Bézier curves
- Piecewise Bézier curve – continuity types and how to achieve

Bézier surfaces

- Bicubic Bézier patches – tensor product surface
- 2D de Casteljau algorithm

Acknowledgments

Thanks to Pat Hanrahan, Mark Pauly and Steve Marschner for presentation resources.