

Discussion 04

Rasterization, Splines, & Curves

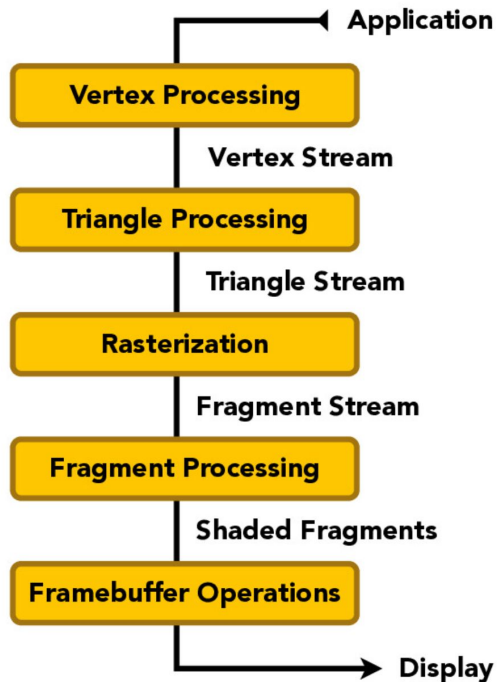
Computer Graphics and Imaging
UC Berkeley CS 184/284A

Week 4 Announcements

- Homework 2 will be released Wednesday evening
- Homework 1 is due tomorrow night.

Graphics Pipeline

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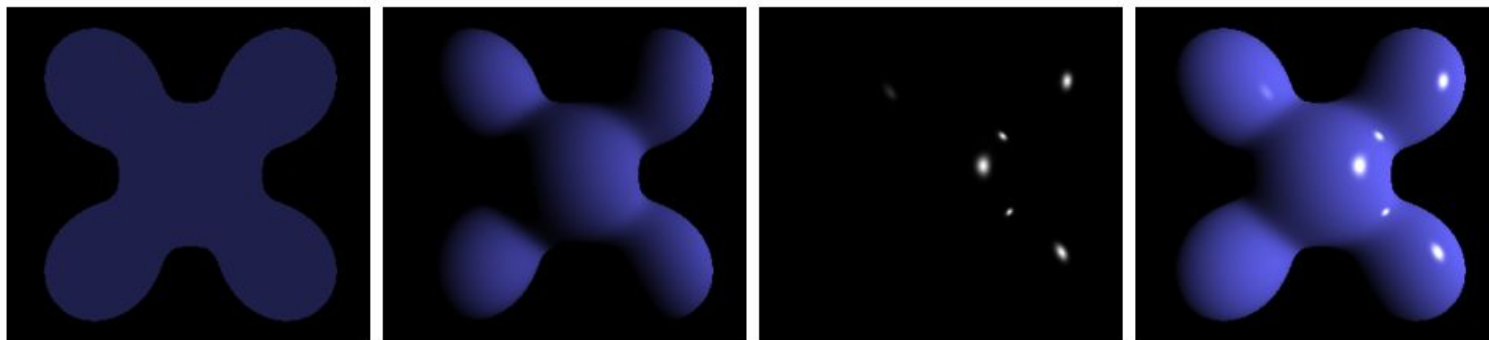


1. Vertex Processing: operations on geometry.
 - a. Transformations to screen space.
2. Rasterization.
 - a. Lines, triangles.
3. Fragment Processing: operations on pixels (fragments).
 - a. Hidden surface removal.
 - b. Per-fragment shading.

Blinn-Phong Reflection Model

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- Not physically-based.
- A material has four parameters: k_a , k_d , k_s , p (shininess).



Ambient

+

Diffuse

+

Specular

=

Blinn-Phong
Reflection

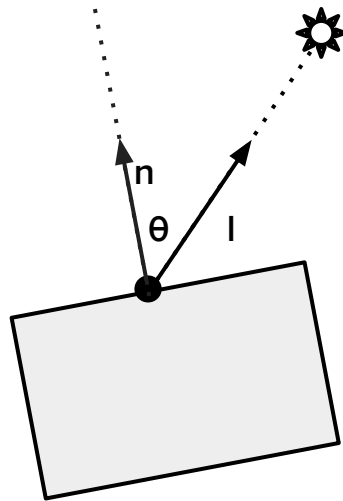
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Diffuse Shading

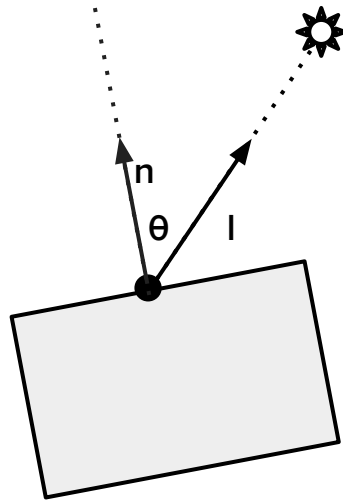
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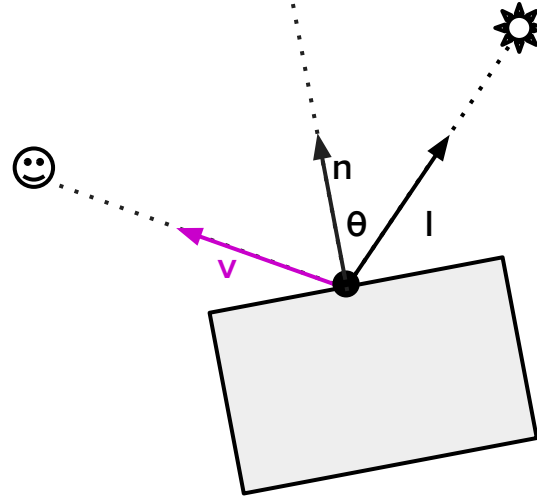
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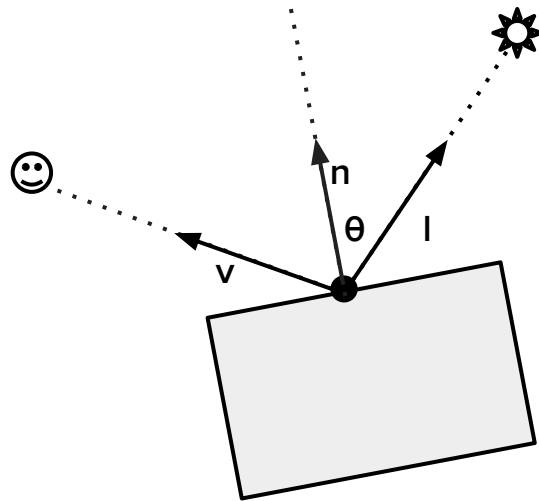
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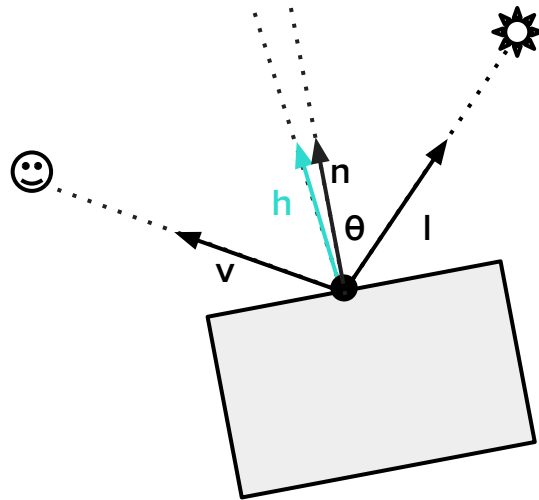
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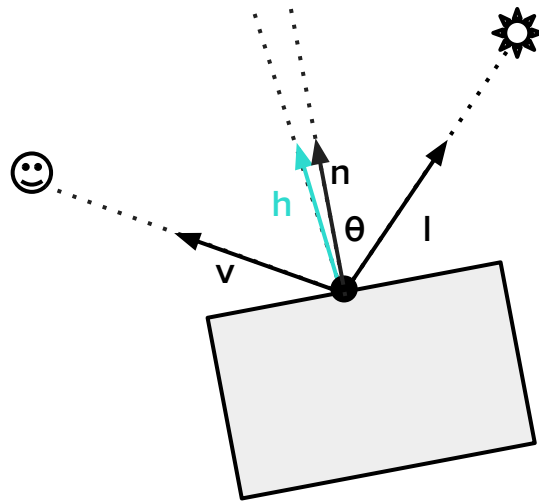


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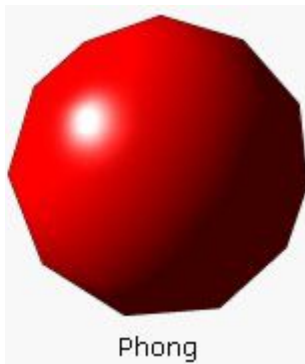
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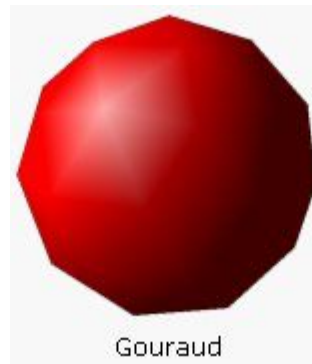


Phong Shading vs. Gouraud Shading

- Interpolate vertex normals per pixel →
- Compute light per pixel.
- Slow.

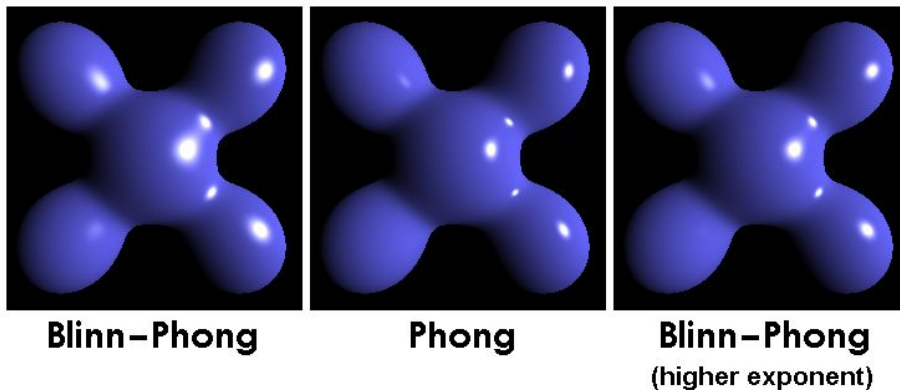


- Compute light per vertex →
- Interpolate vertex colors per pixel.
- Fast.



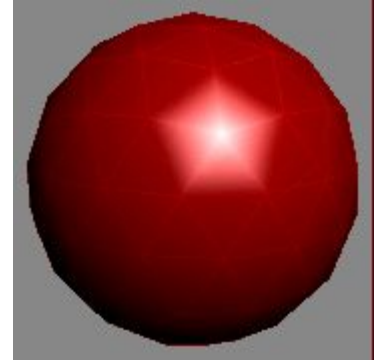
Blinn-Phong Reflection Model

- By default, Gouraud shading.
- Efficient!



A Pop Quiz.

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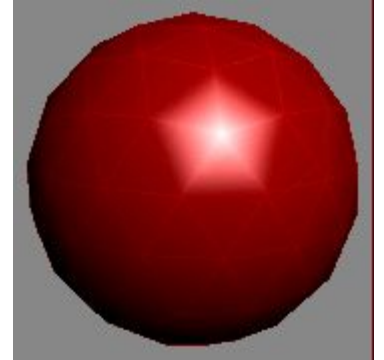


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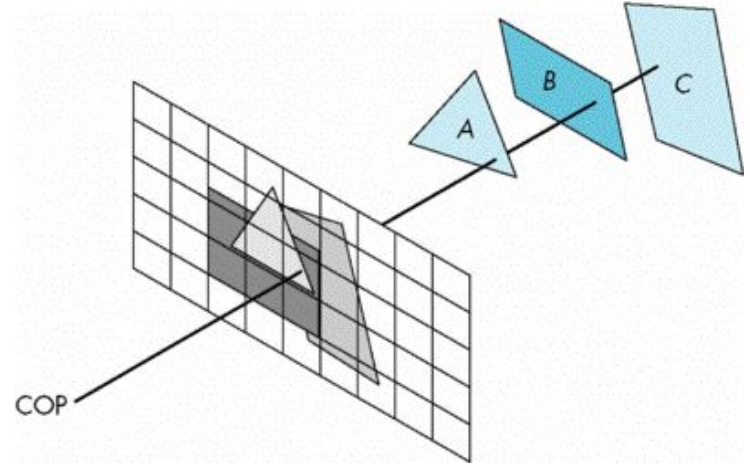
- Vertex Processing: compute light per vertex.
- Fragment Processing: interpolate vertex colors to set pixel value.



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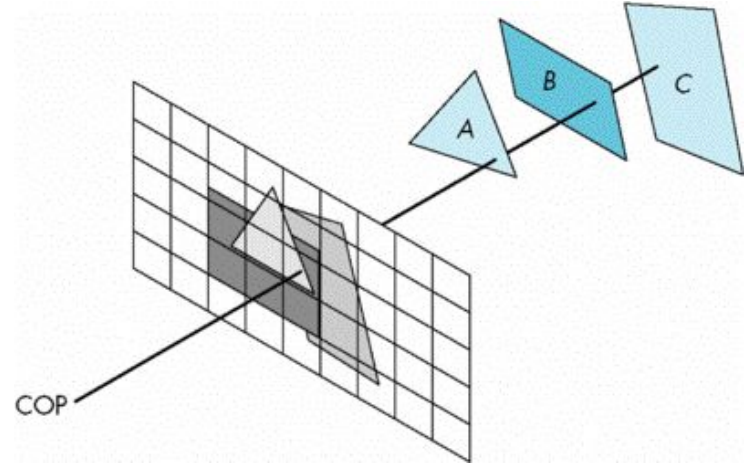
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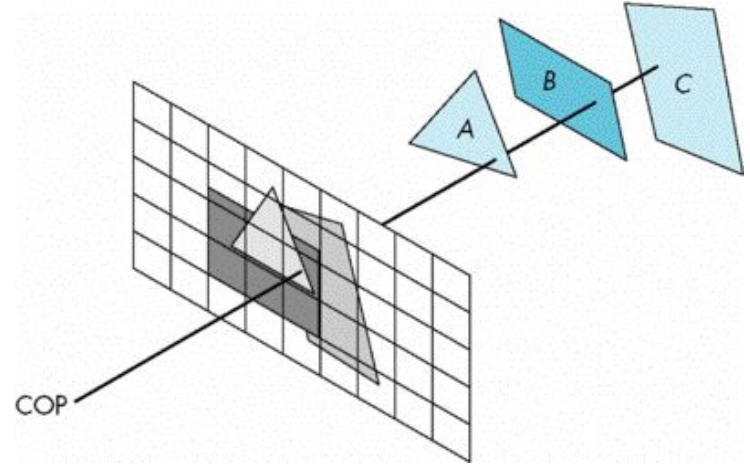
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Infinity! `std::numeric_limits<float>::infinity()`

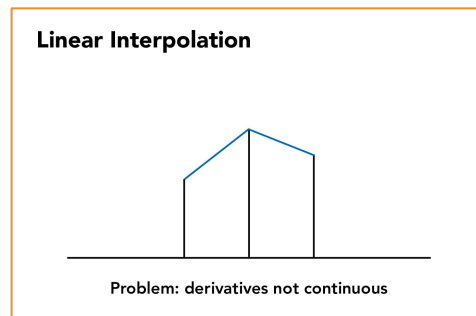
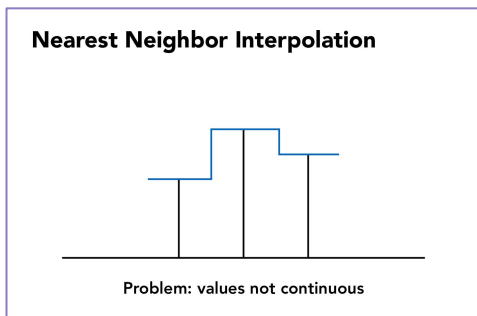
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Interpolation: combines discrete points (explicit geometry) into a shape.

Why Cubic Hermite interpolation?

- We want something that's **continuous** (unlike **nearest neighbor interpolation**) and has a **continuous derivative** (unlike **linear interpolation**)

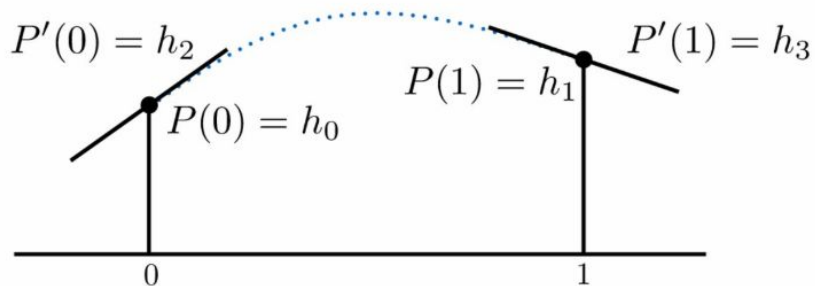


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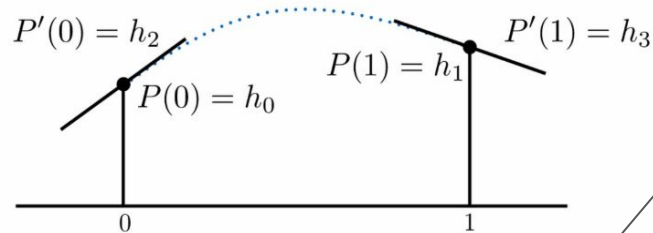
Input: the values (**P**) & derivatives (**P'**) at selected endpoints

Output: a cubic polynomial that interpolates between them

Solution: a weighted sum of Hermite basis functions



Hermite Basis Functions



can simply plug
in constraints!

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

$$t^3$$

$$t^2$$

$$t$$

$$1$$

**Basis functions for
cubic polynomials**

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

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

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

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

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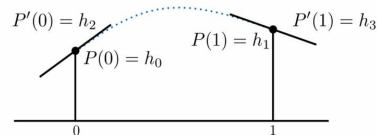
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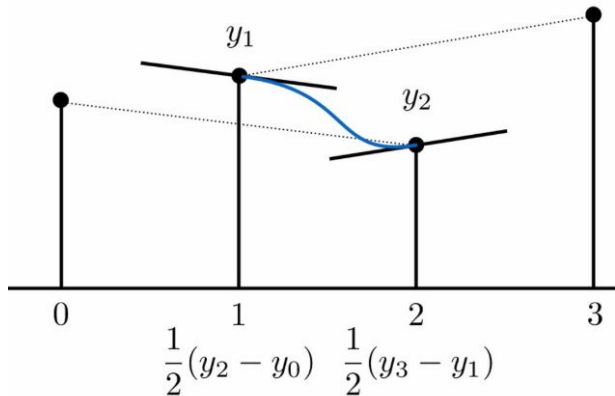
Catmull Rom Interpolation

Input: sequence of points

1. Calculate the slopes between alternating points
2. Use Hermite interpolation

Output: spline with C1 continuity

Procedure: make slope using previous and after values, then use Hermite Interpolation.

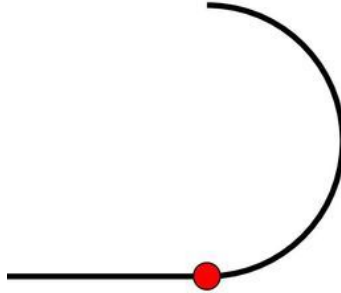


Splicing curves together



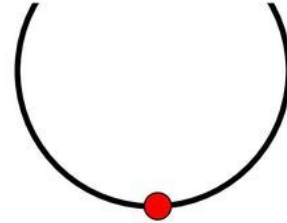
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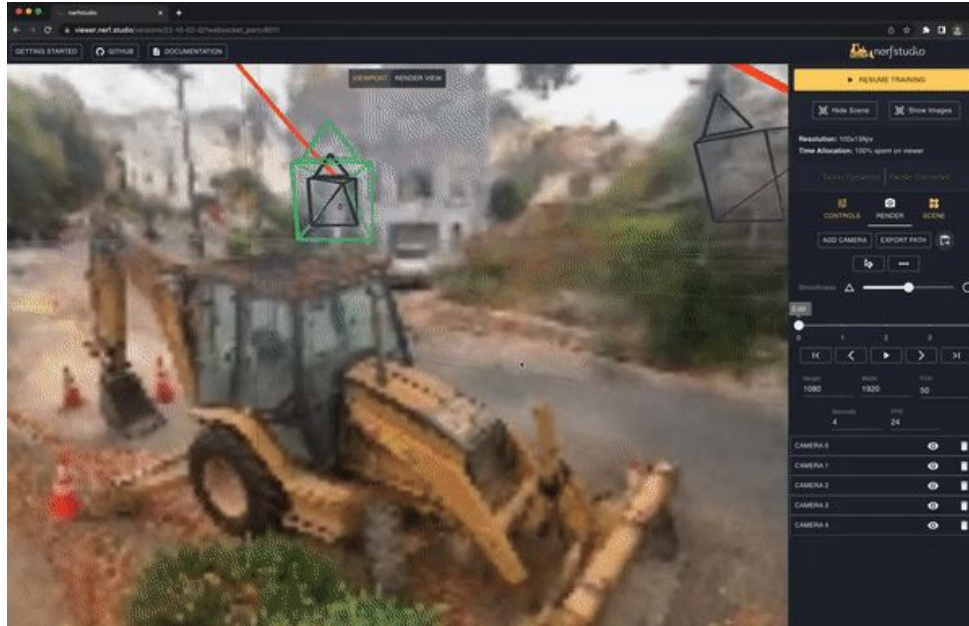
C^2 continuity

Ends of segments meet
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Same second derivative
at point

Catmull Rom can be used to make nice camera trajectories!

Here's an example with Nerfstudio.

(1) The keyframes we want the camera path to follow.



(2) The code making this possible!

<https://threejs.org/docs/#api/en/extras/curves/SplineCurve>

Curve →

SplineCurve

Create a smooth 2d spline curve from a series of points. Internally this uses [Interpolations.CatmullRom](#) to create the curve.

(3) The final render!



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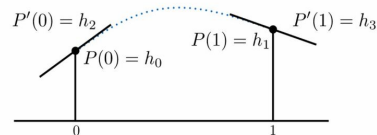
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Solution: Let $f(t) = at^2 + bt + c$ be the degree 2 polynomial. The system of constraints we get is:

$$c = 1$$

$$a + b + c = 2$$

$$4a + 2b + c = 5$$

Solving the system yields a unique solution $a = 1, b = 0, c = 1$, so $f(t) = t^2 + 1$ is the only degree 2 polynomial.

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Solution: There are infinitely many such polynomials. Intuitively, three constraints on four coefficients (since a degree 3 polynomial has four coefficients) leave one free parameter, so there must be infinitely many degree 3 solutions.

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Solution: If we solve for a single high-degree polynomial, it will have infinitely many continuous derivatives. However, it may exhibit unpredictable behavior between the control points, and furthermore, changing a single constraint will affect the entire curve.

If we solve for k cubic Hermite splines, then the resulting curve will be continuous and have a continuous first derivative. The curve will have infinitely many continuous derivatives within each segment but may have a discontinuous second derivative at the control points. However, changing a single constraint will only affect two of the cubic splines: those that have the control point as an endpoint.

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Solution:

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5. Given the numerical inverse of the matrix:

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**Basis functions for
cubic polynomials**

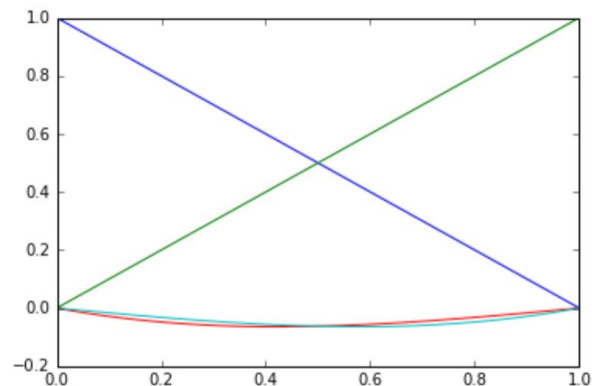
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Here's a plot of these functions:



These basis polynomials form a set of functions that allow us to express any cubic polynomial satisfying the given constraints. The interpolating function is given by:

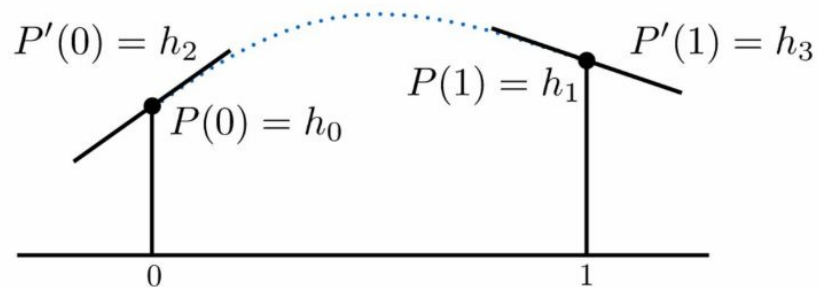
$$f(t) = f_0 G_0(t) + f_1 G_1(t) + f_0'' G_2(t) + f_1'' G_3(t).$$

$f(t)$ matches the given function values and second derivatives at $t = 0$ and $t = 1$.

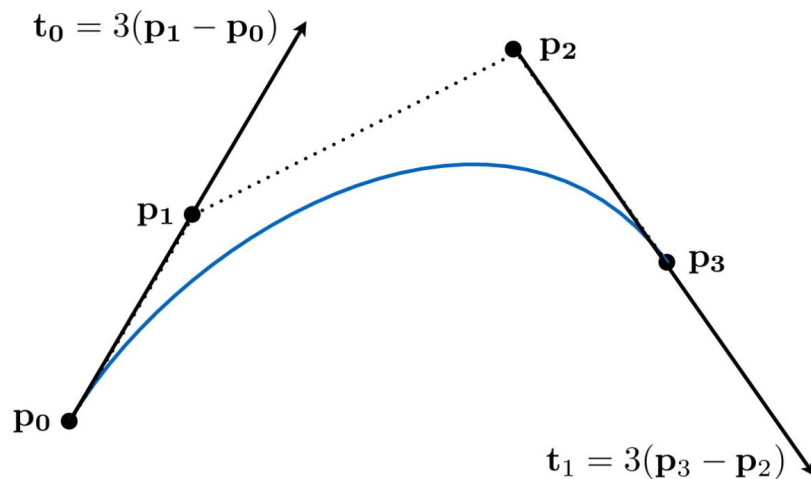
Bezier Curves

Cubic Bezier Take 1: Hermite interpolation

Hermite: Specify derivatives directly

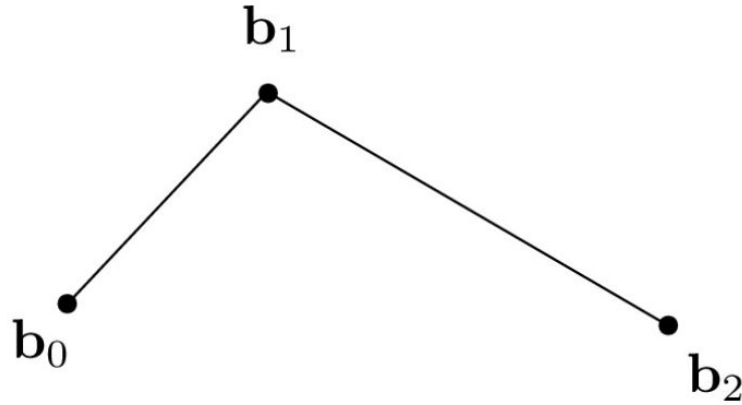


Cubic Bezier: Specify via control points



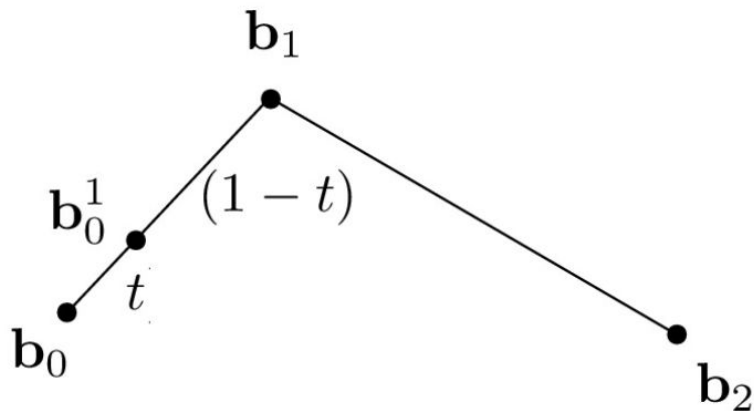
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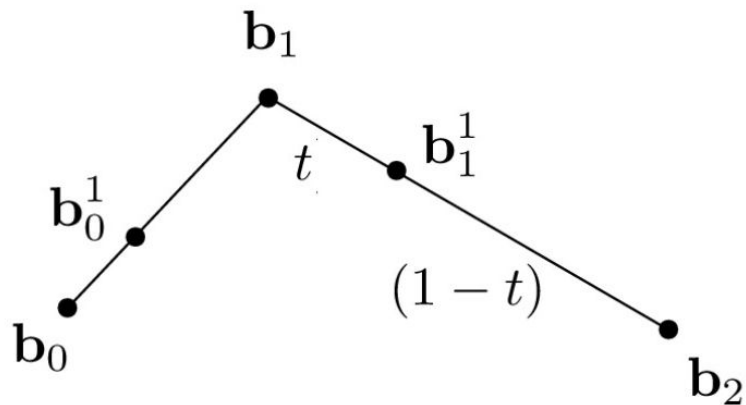
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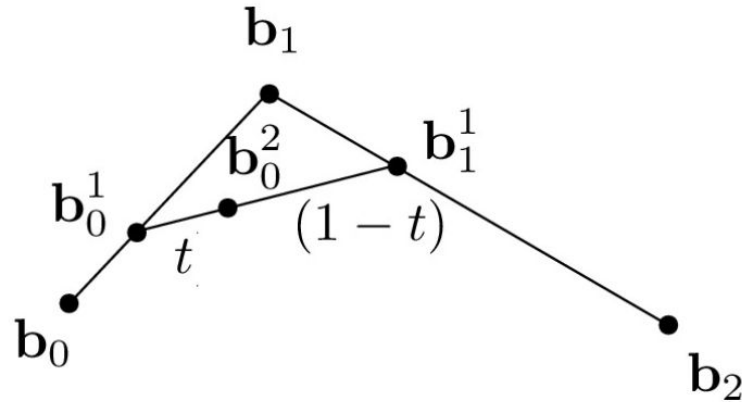
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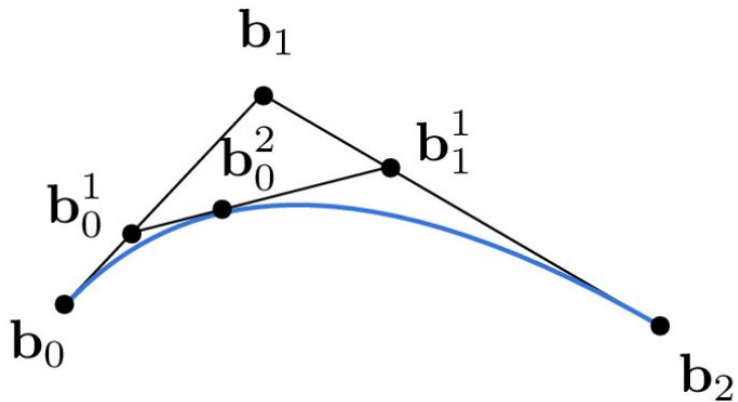
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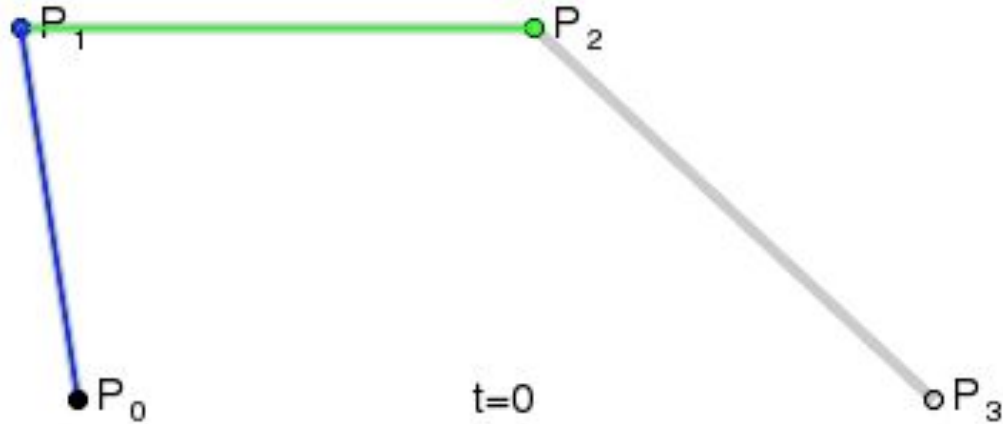


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Cubic Bezier Take 2: de Casteljau's algorithm

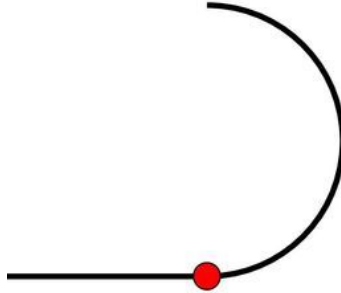


Splicing curves together



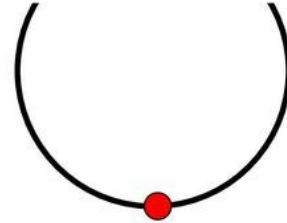
C^0 continuity

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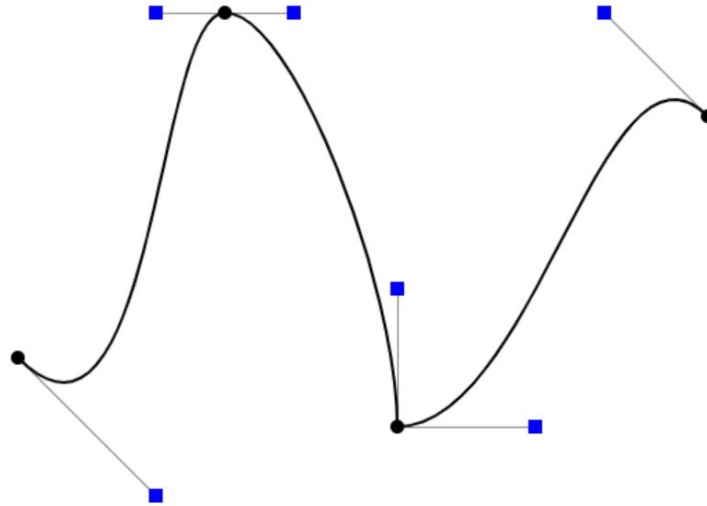
Ends of segments meet
Equal tangent vectors
for both segments



C^2 continuity

Ends of segments meet
Equal tangent vectors
for both segments
Same second derivative
at point

Piecewise Bezier curves demo



<https://math.hws.edu/eck/cs424/notes2013/canvas/bezier.html>

Let's Take Attendance.

- Be sure to select Week 4 and input your TA's secret word 😊
- Any feedback? Let us know!