

Last week, talked about interpolation (2 points). What about 2+ points?

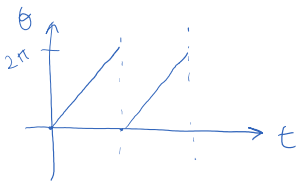
Answer: Piecewise polynomials



How should we handle the shape of each segment's polynomial, esp. how can we make the polynomial smooth at each point?

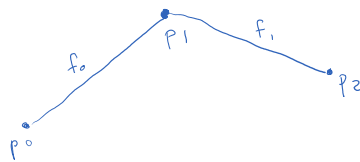
Aside: Continuity of curves

No Continuity



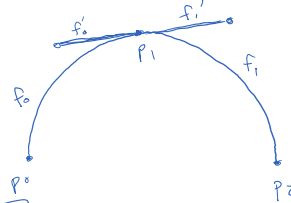
EX Increasing angles over time

C^0 continuity



EX Linear interpolation between data pts

C^1 continuity

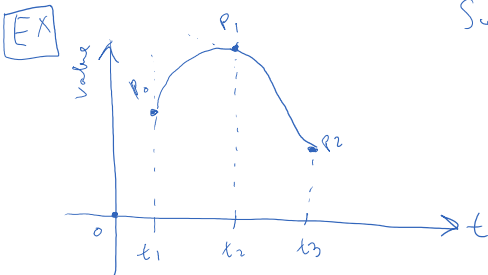


EX Catmull-Rom Spline

Spline: piecewise polynomial
connect multiple data points

Catmull-Rom: Cubic curves interpolate each segment
Given data pts, other ctrl pts automatically generated

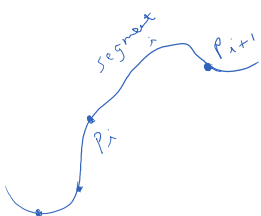
Spline Example:



Suppose the user gives us 3 keys
keys = $\{ \langle t_1, P_0 \rangle, \langle t_2, P_1 \rangle, \langle t_3, P_2 \rangle \}$

ctrl points: $\{ \underbrace{b_0^1, b_1^1, b_2^1, b_3^1}_{\text{segment 1}}, \underbrace{b_0^2, b_1^2, b_2^2, b_3^2}_{\text{segment 2}}, \underbrace{b_0^3, b_1^3, b_2^3, b_3^3}_{\text{segment 3}} \}$
(assume cubic)

NOTE: If we're using cubic Bezier curves for each segment i ,
then $b_0^i = P_i$ + $b_3^i = P_{i+1}$

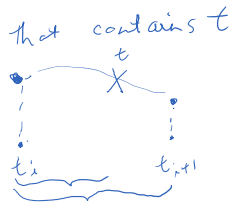


NOTE: If all times are uniform, e.g. $t_1=1, t_2=2, t_3=3$, etc., we do not store the time in this case.

NOTE: The curve between P_i + P_{i+1} is parameterized by $u \in [0, 1]$
... $n(t)$.

→ To get a value $p(t)$:

- ① find the interval $[t_i, t_{i+1}]$ that contains t
- ② compute $u = \frac{t - t_i}{t_{i+1} - t_i}$



- ③ Get the ctrl pts for segment i :
 b_0, b_1, b_2, b_3

- ④ Return $p = \text{interpolate}(b_0, b_1, b_2, b_3, u)$

→ What if $t < t_1$ (before first key) or $t > t_n$ (after last key)?

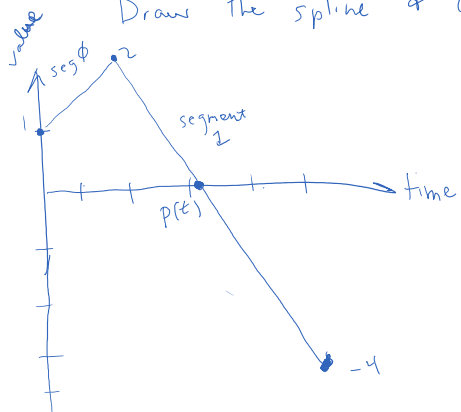
→ clamp } most common
→ loop }

→ "extrapolate" (keep going based on endpt slopes)

Ex Suppose we have keys $\begin{matrix} t_1 & p_1 \\ <0, 1> \end{matrix}, \begin{matrix} t_2 & p_1 \\ <2, 2> \end{matrix}, \begin{matrix} t_3 & p_2 \\ <5, -4> \end{matrix}$

↓ linearly interpolate between values.

Draw the spline & compute the value at $t = 3$.



- ① We are in segment #1 at $t = 3$

$$\textcircled{2} u = \frac{t - t_i}{t_{i+1} - t_i} = \frac{3 - 2}{5 - 2} = \frac{1}{3}$$

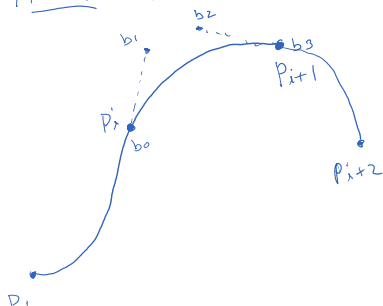
- ③ Control points are just p_1 & p_2

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{4} p &= p_1(1 - u) + p_2u \\ &= 2\left(1 - \frac{1}{3}\right) + (-4)\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) \\ &= 2\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) - \frac{4}{3} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Catmull-Rom Splines:

Idea: Given keys p_0, p_1, \dots, p_n , compute the ctrl pts s.t. the slopes have C^1 continuity

How? Use derivative at each p_i to get positions for b_1 & b_2



$$b_0 = p_i$$

$$b_1 = p_i + \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{p_{i+1} - p_{i-1}}{2} \right) = p_i + \frac{1}{6} (p_{i+1} - p_{i-1})$$

$$b_2 = p_{i+1} - \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{p_{i+2} - p_i}{2} \right) = p_{i+1} - \frac{1}{6} (p_{i+2} - p_i)$$

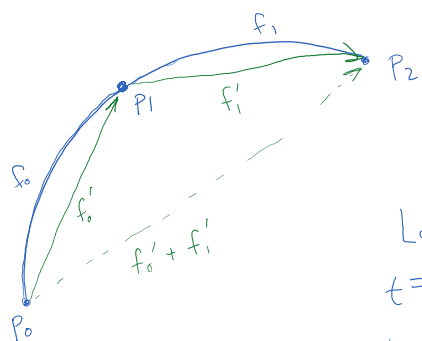
P_{i-1}

$$b_3 = P_{i+1}$$

For first segment, let $b_1 = b_0 + \frac{1}{6}(P_1 - P_0)$

For last segment, let $b_2 = b_3 - \frac{1}{6}(P_n - P_{n-1})$

Algebraic derivation / perspective



Recall: $p(t) = (1-t)^3 b_0 + 3t(1-t)^2 b_1 + 3t^2(1-t) b_2 + t^3 b_3$

$$p'(t) = -3(1-t)^2 b_0 + 3(1-t)^2 b_1 - 6t(1-t) b_1 + 6t(1-t) b_2 - 3t^2 b_2 + 3t^2 b_3$$

$$= 3(1-t)^2 (b_1 - b_0) + 6t(1-t) (b_2 - b_1) + 3t^2 (b_3 - b_2)$$

Look at what happens at $t=0$ & $t=1$

$$t=0 \text{ (beginning of segment)} \rightarrow p'(0) = 3(b_1 - b_0)$$

$$t=1 \text{ (end of segment)} \rightarrow p'(1) = 3(b_3 - b_2)$$

We see that first 2 ctrl pts control slope at beginning of segment & last 2 ctrl pts control slope at end of segment.

But what should these slopes actually be?

Approach: Use difference between P_1 & P_0 to estimate f_0' (e.g. rate of change is the change in position divided by time)

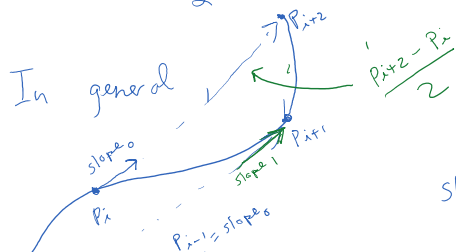
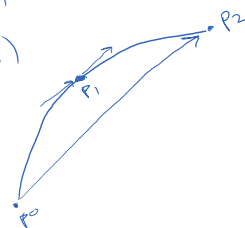
$$f_0' = \frac{P_1 - P_0}{\Delta t} = \frac{P_1 - P_0}{1}$$

Similarly for $f_1' = \frac{P_2 - P_1}{1}$

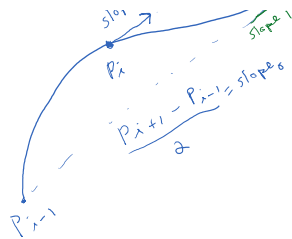
We want $f_0' = f_1' \Rightarrow$ take their average as the slope for both

$$\text{Slope} = \frac{f_0' + f_1'}{2} = \frac{(P_1 - P_0) + (P_2 - P_1)}{2} = \frac{P_2 - P_0}{2}$$

use for this both $p'(0)$ & $p'(1)$



$$\text{slope}_0 = \frac{P_{i+1} - P_{i-1}}{2}$$



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$$\text{slope}_1 = \frac{P_{i+2} - P_i}{2}$$

Putting it together, we have

$$p'(0) = \text{slope}_0 = \frac{P_{i+1} - P_{i-1}}{2} = 3(b_1 - b_0)$$

$$\Rightarrow P_{i+1} - P_{i-1} = 6(b_1 - P_i)$$

$$P_{i+1} - P_{i-1} = 6b_1 - 6P_i$$

$$6P_i + P_{i+1} - P_{i-1} = 6b_1$$

$$P_i + \frac{1}{6}(P_{i+1} - P_{i-1}) = b_1$$

$$p'(1) = \text{slope}_1 = \frac{P_{i+2} - P_i}{2} = 3(b_3 - b_2)$$

$$\Rightarrow P_{i+2} - P_i = 6P_{i+1} - 6b_2$$

$$6b_2 = 6P_{i+1} - P_{i+2} + P_i$$

$$b_2 = P_{i+1} - \frac{1}{6}(P_{i+2} - P_i)$$