

Many Ways to Represent Geometry

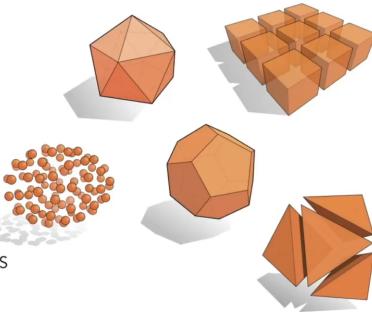
Implicit

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

Explicit

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

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



隱式 Implicit

"Implicit" Representations of Geometry

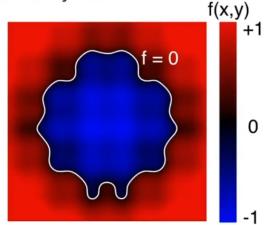
Based on classifying points

- Points satisfy some specified relationship

E.g. sphere: all points in 3D, where $x^2+y^2+z^2 = 1$

More generally, $f(x,y,z) = 0$

$$\text{ex: } f(x,y,z) = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 1$$

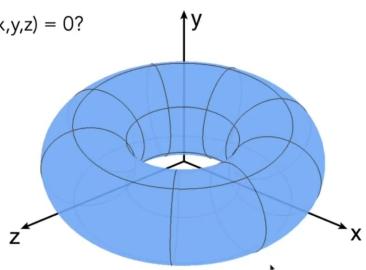


Hard to "find" all points / shape

Implicit Surface – Sampling Can Be Hard

$$f(x,y,z) = (2 - \sqrt{x^2 + y^2})^2 + z^2 - 1$$

What points lie on $f(x,y,z) = 0$?



One task is hard with implicit representations

但易于判断点是否在物体内外

Explicit 显式

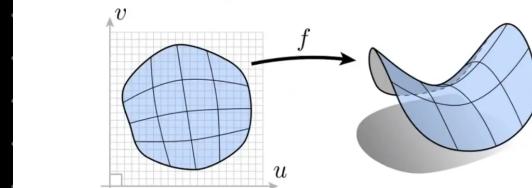
"Explicit" Representations of Geometry

参数映射

All points are given directly or via parameter mapping

Generally:

$$f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3; (u, v) \mapsto (x, y, z)$$



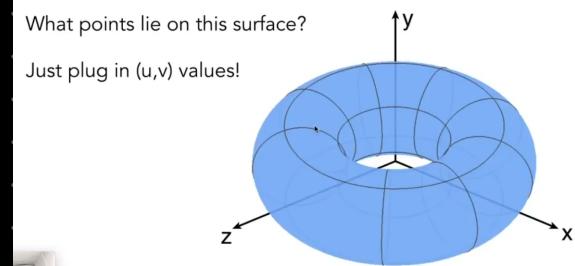
通过 u, v 得到形状

Explicit Surface – Sampling Is Easy

$$f(u, v) = ((2 + \cos u) \cos v, (2 + \cos u) \sin v, \sin u)$$

What points lie on this surface?

Just plug in (u, v) values!



通过验证内外

根据需要选择

Many Implicit Representations in Graphics

Algebraic surfaces

Constructive solid geometry

Level set methods

Fractals

...



point cloud 点云

通过密集点表示立体

- 典型应用 = 3D 手扫描

Point Cloud (Explicit)

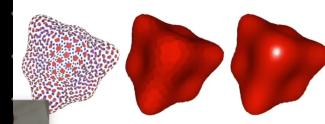
Easiest representation: list of points (x, y, z)

Easily represent any kind of geometry

Useful for LARGE datasets ($>> 1$ point/pixel)

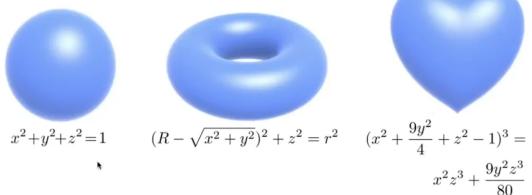
Often converted into polygon mesh

Difficult to draw in undersampled regions



Algebraic Surfaces (Implicit)

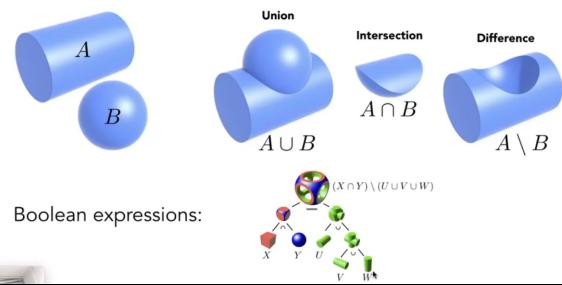
Surface is zero set of a polynomial in x, y, z



更复杂的图形如何生成?

Constructive Solid Geometry

Combine implicit geometry via Boolean operations



Distance Functions 距离函数

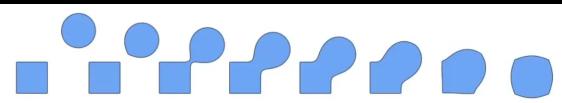
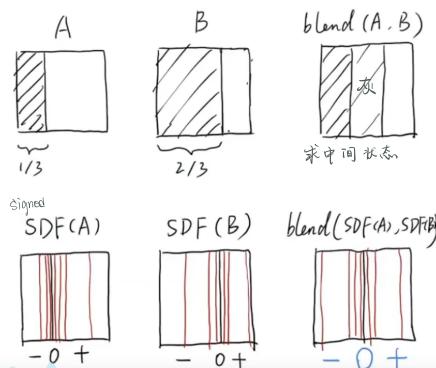
Instead of Booleans, gradually blend surfaces together using distance functions:

giving minimum distance (could be **signed** distance)
from anywhere to object

内 负
外 正



An Example: Blending a moving boundary

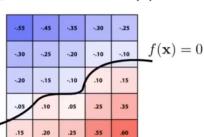


Level Set Methods (Also implicit)

当距离函数无法明式表达时

Closed-form equations are hard to describe complex shapes

Alternative: store a grid of values approximating function



Surface is found where interpolated values equal zero

Provides much more explicit control over shape (like a texture)

Polygon mesh

Polygon Mesh (Explicit)

Store vertices & polygons (often triangles or quads)

Easier to do processing / simulation, adaptive sampling



The Wavefront Object File (.obj) Format

Commonly used in Graphics research

Just a text file that specifies vertices, normals, texture coordinates **and their connectivities**

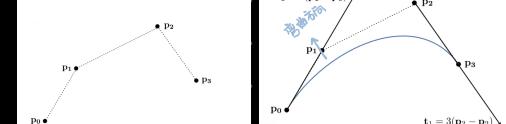
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f 4/6/2 6/7/2 5/8/2
f 6/10/4 6/8/4 3/5/4
f 1/2/5 5/1/5 2/9/5
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Curves

Bézier Curves

define curves with pivots

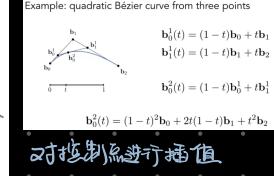
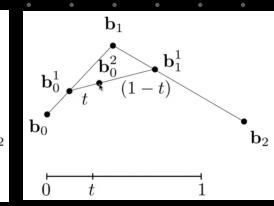
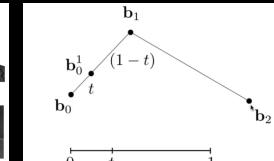
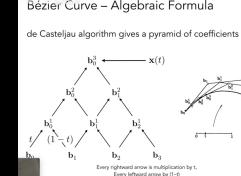
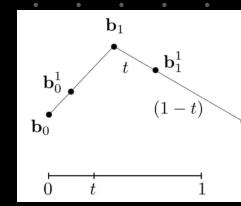
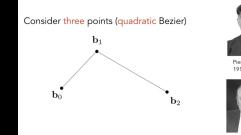
Defining Cubic Bézier Curve With Tangents



Evaluating Bézier Curves

de Casteljau Algorithm

Bézier Curves – de Casteljau Algorithm

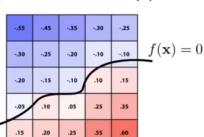


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Exhibit self-similarity, detail at all scales

"Language" for describing natural phenomena

Hard to control shape!



Implicit Representations - Pros & Cons

Pros:

- compact description (e.g., a function)
- certain queries easy (inside object, distance to surface)
- good for ray-to-surface intersection (more later)
- for simple shapes, exact description / no sampling error
- easy to handle changes in topology (e.g., fluid)

Cons

- Hard for complex objects

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 Bernstein polynomial
(vector polynomial of degree n) (scalar polynomial of degree n)
Bernstein control points
(vector in \mathbb{R}^N)

Bernstein polynomials:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Properties of Bézier Curves

Interpolates endpoints

- For cubic Bézier: $\mathbf{b}(0) = \mathbf{b}_0; \mathbf{b}(1) = \mathbf{b}_3$

Tangent to end segments

- Cubic case: $\mathbf{b}'(0) = 3(\mathbf{b}_1 - \mathbf{b}_0); \mathbf{b}'(1) = 3(\mathbf{b}_3 - \mathbf{b}_2)$

Affine transformation property 仿射 不对称性
仅依赖控制点 后端和前端不是同一个曲段了

- Transform curve by transforming control points

Convex hull property 凸包性质 曲线必在控制点的凸包内

- Curve is within convex hull of control points

Piecewise Bézier Curves

Instead, chain many low-order Bézier curve

Piecewise cubic Bézier the most common technique



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

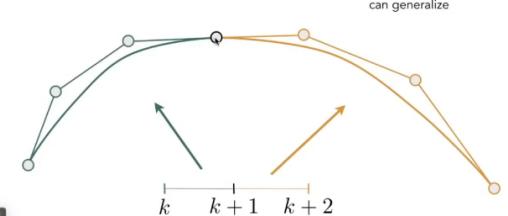
Piecewise Bézier Curve – Continuity

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



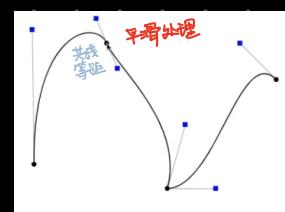
B 样条 B-spline

贝塞尔曲线的扩展 → 局部性

控制点影响范围有限制性

加权复数 - NURBS

非均匀有理 B 样条 NURBS



G_0 continuity $a_{nv} = b_0$ 相接即可

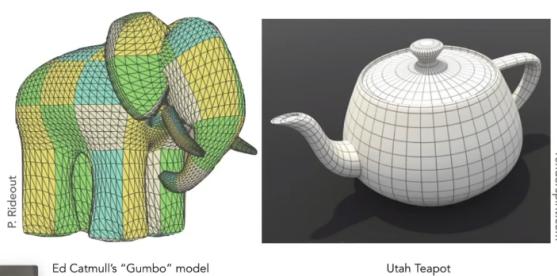
G_1 continuity $a_n = b_0 = \frac{1}{2}(a_{n-1} + b_1)$ 切线连续<-阶导>

G_2 ... 曲率连续<-二阶导>
适用于光滑制图

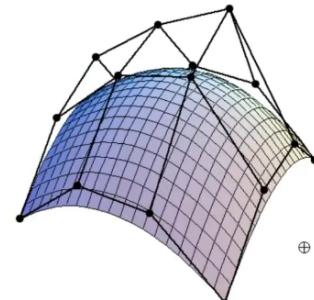
打底: B 样条 B splines
nurbs

Bézier Surfaces

Extend Bézier curves to surfaces

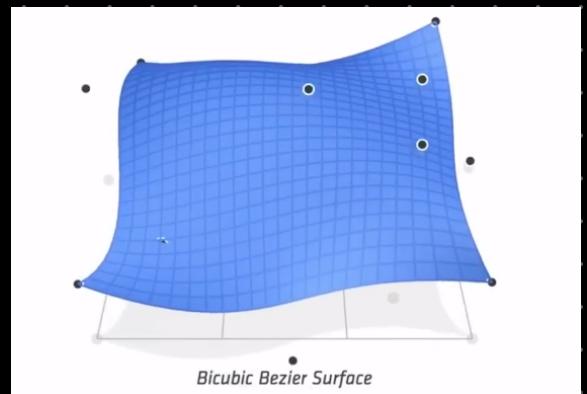
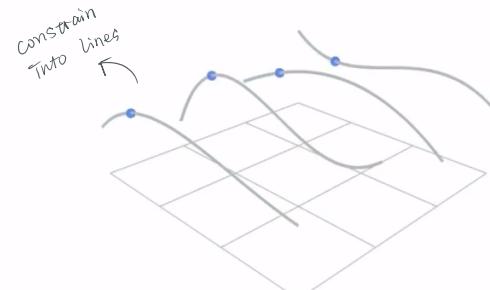


Bicubic Bézier Surface Patch



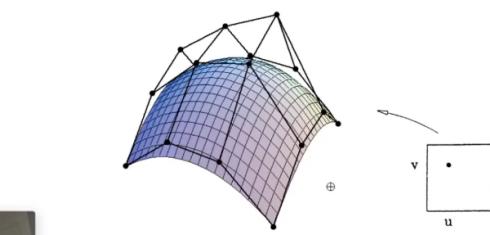
Bezier surface and 4×4 array of control points

Visualizing Bicubic Bézier Surface Patch



Evaluating Surface Position For Parameters (u,v)

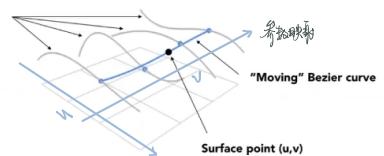
For bi-cubic Bezier surface patch,
Input: 4×4 control points
Output is 2D surface parameterized by (u,v) in $[0,1]^2$



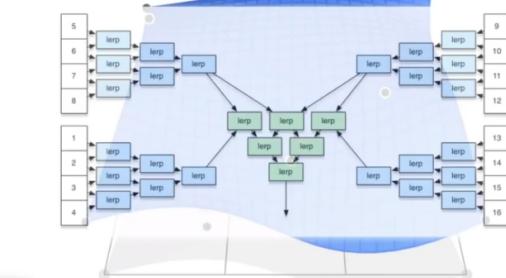
Method: Separable 1D de Casteljau Algorithm

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



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Mesh Operation - Geometry Processing

- Mesh subdivision 网格细分
- Mesh simplification 简化
- Mesh regularization 正则化 - 有用的性质

