

Mobile Game Programming: Hermite Spline

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Type of functions

Explicit function

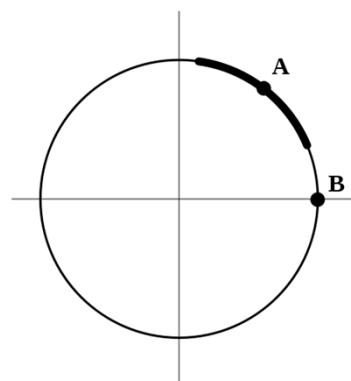
$$y = \sqrt{R^2 - x^2} \text{ or } y = -\sqrt{R^2 - x^2}$$

Implicit function

$$x^2 + y^2 = R^2$$

Parametric representation

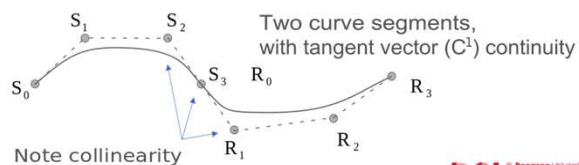
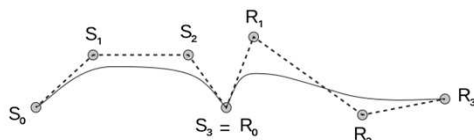
$$x = R\cos\theta, y = R\sin\theta \quad (0 \leq \theta < 2\pi)$$



Order of continuity

- ✓ The various order of parametric continuity can be described as follows:[\[5\]](#)
- ✓ C^{-1} : curves include discontinuities
- ✓ C^0 : curves are joined
- ✓ C^1 : first derivatives are continuous
- ✓ C^2 : first and second derivatives are continuous
- ✓ C^n : first through n th derivatives are continuous

Two curve segments with only C^0 continuity



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Spline

- ✓ A **spline** is a numeric [function](#) that is [piecewise](#)-defined by [polynomial functions](#).
 - A flexible device which can be bent to the desired shape is known as a [flat spline](#).
- ✓ In [interpolation](#) problems, [spline interpolation](#) is often preferred to [polynomial interpolation](#) because it yields similar results to interpolating with higher degree polynomials while avoiding instability.
- ✓ The most commonly used splines are **cubic splines**.

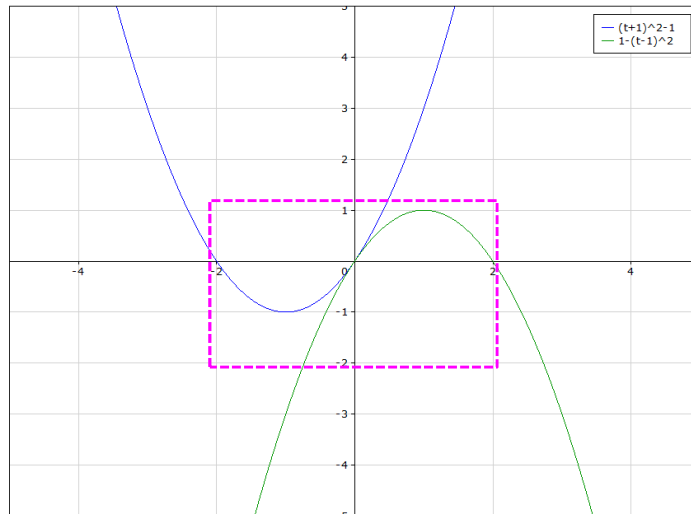


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Ex) Quadratic spline

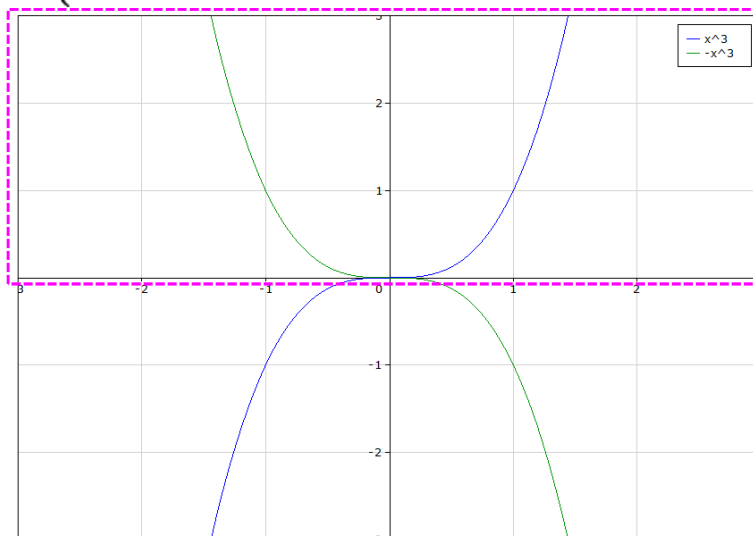
$$S(t) = \begin{cases} (t+1)^2 - 1 & -2 \leq t < 0 \\ 1 - (t-1)^2 & 0 \leq t \leq 2 \end{cases}$$



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Ex) Cubic spline

$$S(t) = \begin{cases} t^3 & t \geq 0 \\ -t^3 & t < 0 \end{cases}$$



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Definition of spline

- ✓ A spline is a [piecewise-polynomial real function](#)
 $S:[a,b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
- ✓ on an interval $[a,b]$ composed of k subintervals $[t_{i-1}, t_i]$ with
 $a=t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_{k-1} < t_k=b$.
- ✓ The restriction of S to an interval i is a polynomial
 $P_i:[t_{i-1}, t_i] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$,
- ✓ so that
 $S(t)=P_1(t), t_0 \leq t \leq t_1,$
 $S(t)=P_2(t), t_1 \leq t \leq t_2,$
...
 $S(t)=P_k(t), t_{k-1} \leq t \leq t_k,$
- ✓ The highest order of the polynomials $P_i(t)$ is said to be the **order of the spline** S .

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Cubic spline

- ✓ A **cubic spline** is a [spline](#) where each piece is a third-degree [polynomial](#).
- ✓ A **cubic Hermite spline** Specified by its values and first [derivatives](#) at the end points of the corresponding [domain](#) interval.

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Unit interval (0,1)

- ✓ On the interval (0,1), given a starting point p_0 at $t = 0$ and an ending point p_1 at $t = 1$ with starting tangent m_0 at $t = 0$ and ending tangent m_1 at $t = 1$, the polynomial can be defined by

$$p(t) = (2t^3 - 3t^2 + 1)p_0 + (t^3 - 2t^2 + t)m_0 + (-2t^3 + 3t^2)p_1 + (t^3 - t^2)m_1$$

- ✓ where $t \in [0,1]$.

- ✓ a point $Q(t)$ on a curve at parameter t can be defined a cubic equations for each value:

$$Q(t) = \begin{bmatrix} x(t) \\ y(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_x t^3 + b_x t^2 + c_x t + d_x \\ a_y t^3 + b_y t^2 + c_y t + d_y \end{bmatrix}$$

- ✓ We can define **coefficient matrix C** and **parameter matrix T**, then $Q(t)$ can be defined like this:

$$T = \begin{bmatrix} t^3 \\ t^2 \\ t \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} a_x & b_x & c_x & d_x \\ a_y & b_y & c_y & d_y \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Q(t) = \begin{bmatrix} x(t) \\ y(t) \end{bmatrix} = C \cdot T$$

- ✓ We will decompose coefficient matrix **C** with 2×4 **Geometry Matrix G** and 4×4 **Base Matrix M**.

$$\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{G} \cdot \mathbf{M}$$

$$\mathbf{Q}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} x(t) \\ y(t) \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{C} \cdot \mathbf{T} = \mathbf{G} \cdot \mathbf{M} \cdot \mathbf{T}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} g_{1x} & g_{2x} & g_{3x} & g_{4x} \\ g_{1y} & g_{2y} & g_{3y} & g_{4y} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} m_{11} & m_{12} & m_{13} & m_{14} \\ m_{21} & m_{22} & m_{23} & m_{24} \\ m_{31} & m_{32} & m_{33} & m_{34} \\ m_{41} & m_{42} & m_{43} & m_{44} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} t^3 \\ t^2 \\ t \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Geometry matrix G

- ✓ has an information about control data.
- ✓ in case of Hermite spline, it has **two points and two tangent vectors** for each point.
 - P_1, P_2, R_1, R_2

Base matrix M

- ✓ a coefficient matrix for the **blending functions**.
- ✓ blending function means **M · T**.
- ✓ the summation of all blending functions is 1.
 - it means that spline curve calculates the weighted average for control points.

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Hermite Spline

- ✓ Specified by its values and first derivatives at the end points of the corresponding domain interval



Geometry matrix G

$$G = \begin{bmatrix} P_{1x} & P_{4x} & R_{1x} & R_{4x} \\ P_{1y} & P_{4y} & R_{1y} & R_{4y} \end{bmatrix}$$

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Find Base matrix M

- ✓ Four conditions to find Base matrix M.
- ✓ Begin point is (P_{1x}, P_{1y}) , and End point is (P_{4x}, P_{4y}) .

$$Q(0) = \begin{bmatrix} P_{1x} \\ P_{1y} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Q(1) = \begin{bmatrix} P_{4x} \\ P_{4y} \end{bmatrix}$$

- ✓ Derivative at Begin point is (R_{1x}, R_{1y}) , and derivative at End point is (R_{4x}, R_{4y}) .

$$Q'(0) = \begin{bmatrix} R_{1x} \\ R_{1y} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Q'(1) = \begin{bmatrix} R_{4x} \\ R_{4y} \end{bmatrix}$$

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for two end points

$$\begin{aligned}
 \checkmark \quad Q(t \equiv 0) &= \begin{bmatrix} P_{1x} \\ P_{1y} \end{bmatrix} = G \cdot M \cdot T \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} P_{1x} & P_{4x} & R_{1x} & R_{4x} \\ P_{1y} & P_{4y} & R_{1y} & R_{4y} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} m_{11} & m_{12} & m_{13} & m_{14} \\ m_{21} & m_{22} & m_{23} & m_{24} \\ m_{31} & m_{32} & m_{33} & m_{34} \\ m_{41} & m_{42} & m_{43} & m_{44} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} t^3 \\ t^2 \\ t \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= G \cdot M \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \\
 \checkmark \quad Q(t \equiv 1) &= \begin{bmatrix} P_{4x} \\ P_{4y} \end{bmatrix} = G \cdot M \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

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for two tangent vector

$$\begin{aligned}
 \checkmark \quad Q'(t \equiv 0) &= \begin{bmatrix} R_{1x} \\ R_{1y} \end{bmatrix} = G \cdot M \cdot T' \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} P_{1x} & P_{4x} & R_{1x} & R_{4x} \\ P_{1y} & P_{4y} & R_{1y} & R_{4y} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} m_{11} & m_{12} & m_{13} & m_{14} \\ m_{21} & m_{22} & m_{23} & m_{24} \\ m_{31} & m_{32} & m_{33} & m_{34} \\ m_{41} & m_{42} & m_{43} & m_{44} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3t^2 \\ 2t \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= G \cdot M \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \\
 \checkmark \quad Q'(t \equiv 1) &= \begin{bmatrix} R_{4x} \\ R_{4y} \end{bmatrix} = G \cdot M \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

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Base matrix M

$$\checkmark \begin{bmatrix} P_{1x} & P_{4x} & R_{1x} & R_{4x} \\ P_{1y} & P_{4y} & R_{1y} & R_{4y} \end{bmatrix} = G = G \cdot M \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = G \cdot M \cdot M^{-1}$$

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

$$\checkmark M = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 & 0 & 1 \\ -2 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^{-1} = \frac{\begin{bmatrix} ei-fh & hc-ib & bf-ce \\ gf-di & ai-gc & dc-af \\ dh-ge & gb-ah & ae-db \end{bmatrix}}{|A|}$$

$$= \frac{\begin{bmatrix} ei-fh & hc-ib & bf-ce \\ gf-di & ai-gc & dc-af \\ dh-ge & gb-ah & ae-db \end{bmatrix}}{aei + bfg + odh - gec - hfa - idb}$$

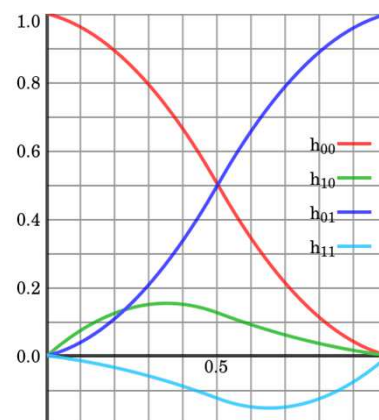
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Blending function

$$\checkmark Q(t) = \begin{bmatrix} x(t) \\ y(t) \end{bmatrix} = G \cdot M \cdot T = G \cdot B$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 & 0 & 1 \\ -2 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} t^3 \\ t^2 \\ t^1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

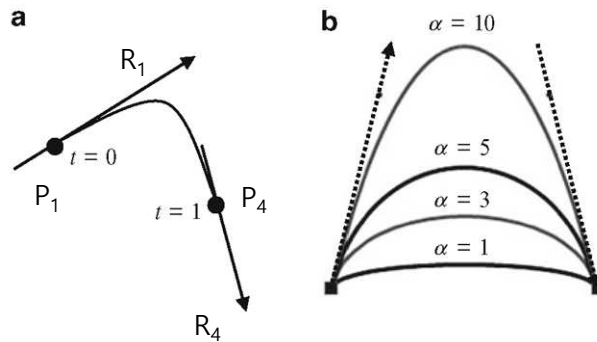


$$= (2t^3 - 3t^2 + 1) \begin{bmatrix} P_{1x} \\ P_{1y} \end{bmatrix} + (-2t^3 + 3t^2) \begin{bmatrix} P_{4x} \\ P_{4y} \end{bmatrix} + (t^3 - 2t^2 + 1) \begin{bmatrix} R_{1x} \\ R_{1y} \end{bmatrix} + (t^3 - t^2) \begin{bmatrix} R_{4x} \\ R_{4y} \end{bmatrix}$$

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Meaning of tangent vector R



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Implement Hermite Spline

```
class KHermiteCurve
{
public: // equation  $m_a*(t)^3 + m_b*(t)^2 + m_c*t + m_d*1$ .
    float m_a;
    float m_b;
    float m_c;
    float m_d;

    /// constructor.
    /// @param p1: begin point
    /// @param p2: end point
    /// @param v1: tangent vector at begin point
    /// @param v2: tangent vector at end point
    KHermiteCurve(float p1, float p4, float r1, float r4)
    {
        Construct(p1, p4, r1, r4);
    }
}
```

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/// set coefficient of Hermite curve

inline void **Construct**(float p1, float p4, float r1, float r2)

{

m_a = 2.0f*p1 - 2.0f*p4 + r1 + r4;

m_b = -3.0f*p1 + 3.0f*p4 - 2.0f*r1 - r4;

m_c = r1;

m_d = p1;

}

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 & 0 & 1 \\ -2 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} t^3 \\ t^2 \\ t^1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(2t^3 - 3t^2 + 1) \begin{bmatrix} P_{1x} \\ P_{1y} \end{bmatrix} + (-2t^3 + 3t^2) \begin{bmatrix} P_{4x} \\ P_{4y} \end{bmatrix} + (t^3 - 2t^2 + 1) \begin{bmatrix} R_{1x} \\ R_{1y} \end{bmatrix} + (t^3 - t^2) \begin{bmatrix} R_{4x} \\ R_{4y} \end{bmatrix}.$$

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/// calculate first derivative on parameter u.

/// can be used to get tangent vector at u.

/// derivative of equation $t^3 + t^2 + t + 1$

inline float **CalculateDxDu**(float u) const

{

return 3.0f*m_a*u*u + 2.0f*m_b*u + m_c;

}

/// get value at parameter u.

inline float **CalculateX**(float u) const

{

float uu, uuu;

uu = u * u;

uuu = uu * u;

return m_a*uuu + m_b*uu + m_c*u + m_d;

}

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KHermiteSpline2

```
class KHermiteSpline2
{
private:
    KHermiteCurve  m_aHermiteCurve[2];

public:
    /// constructor.
    KHermiteSpline2(){}
    KHermiteSpline2( const KVector& p0, const KVector& p1
                    , const KVector& dp0, const KVector& dp1 )
    {
        Construct( p0, p1, dp0, dp1 );
    }
}
```

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```
void Construct( const KVector& p0, const KVector& p1
                , const KVector& dp0, const KVector& dp1 )
{
    m_aHermiteCurve[ 0 ].Construct( p0.x, p1.x, dp0.x, dp1.x );
    m_aHermiteCurve[ 1 ].Construct( p0.y, p1.y, dp0.y, dp1.y );
}
```

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```

const KVector GetPosition( float u_ ) const
{
    return KVector( m_aHermiteCurve[ 0 ].CalculateX( u_ )
                    , m_aHermiteCurve[ 1 ].CalculateX( u_ ), 0.f );
}

const KVector GetTangent( float u_ ) const
{
    return KVector( m_aHermiteCurve[ 0 ].CalculateDxDu( u_ )
                    , m_aHermiteCurve[ 1 ].CalculateDxDu( u_ ), 0.f );
}

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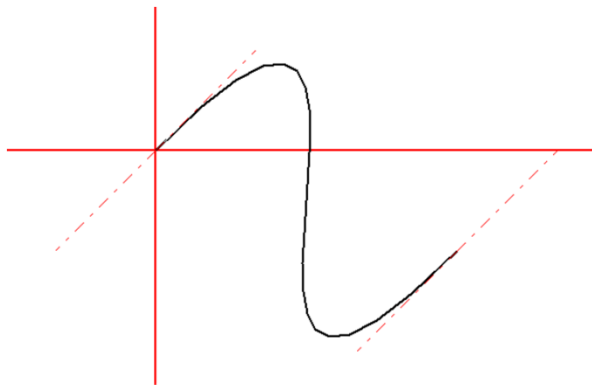
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Draw a tangent line at u

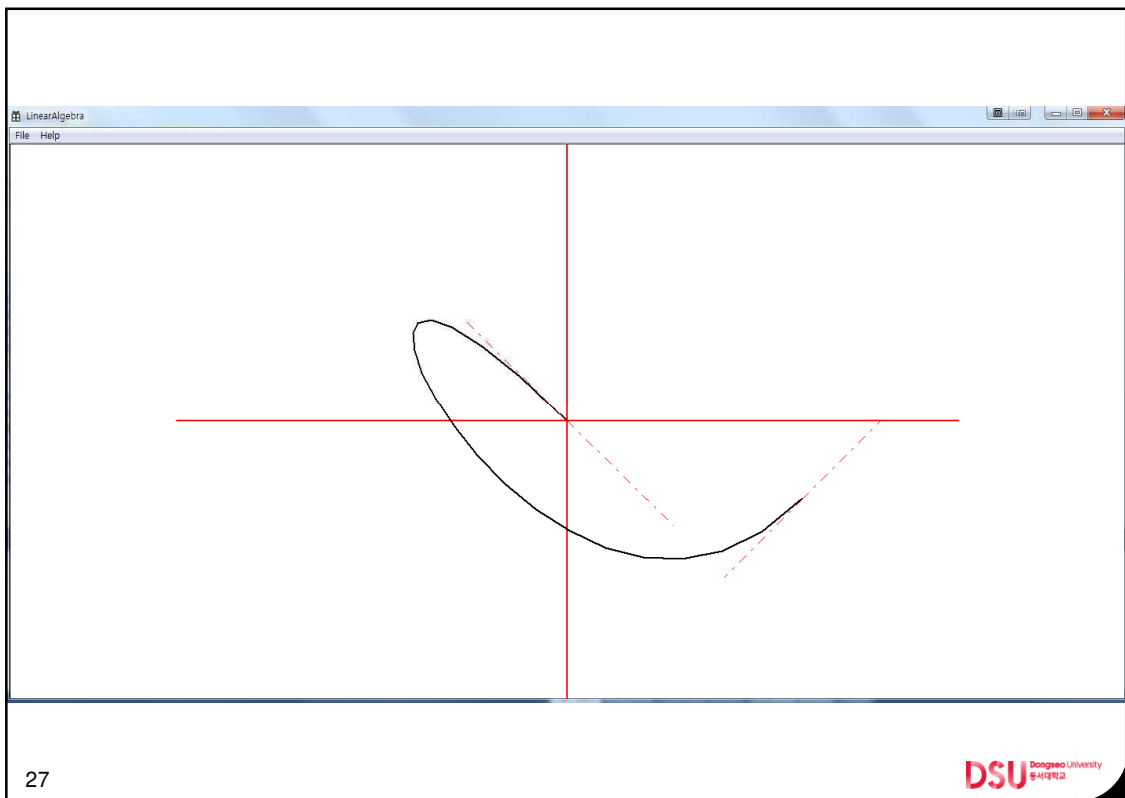
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const float u = 0.5f;
KVector position = spline.GetPosition(u);
KVector tangent = spline.GetTangent(u);
DrawLine(hdc, position, position + tangent * 100.f);

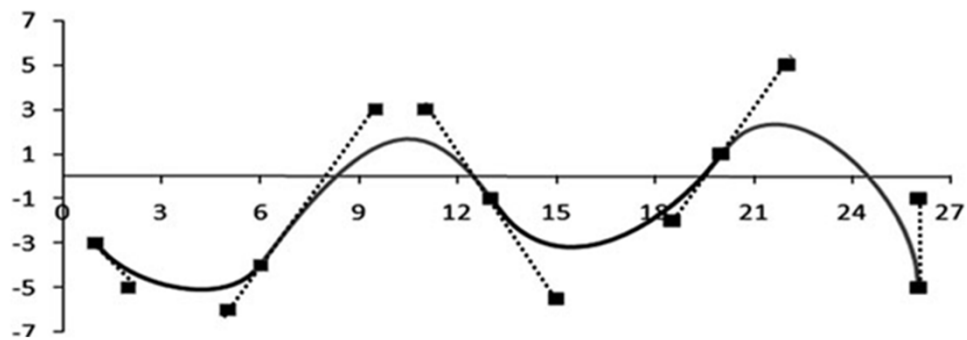
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Path: Combine Splines



Line in 3D space

- ✓ Given two 3D points \mathbf{P}_1 and \mathbf{P}_2 , we can define the line that passes through these points parametrically as

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

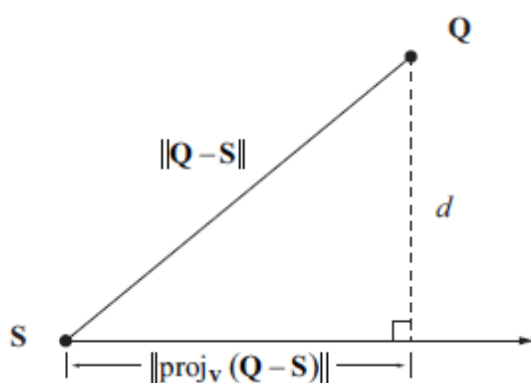
- ✓ A *ray* is a line having a single endpoint \mathbf{S} and extending to infinity in a given direction \mathbf{V} . Rays are typically expressed by the parametric equation

$$\mathbf{P}(t) = \mathbf{S} + t\mathbf{V}$$

- ✓ Note that this equation is equivalent to previous equation if we let $\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{P}_1$ and $\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{P}_2 - \mathbf{P}_1$.

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Distance between a point and a line



$$\begin{aligned} d^2 &= (\mathbf{Q} - \mathbf{S})^2 - [\text{proj}_{\mathbf{V}}(\mathbf{Q} - \mathbf{S})]^2 \\ &= (\mathbf{Q} - \mathbf{S})^2 - \left[\frac{(\mathbf{Q} - \mathbf{S}) \cdot \mathbf{V}}{V^2} \mathbf{V} \right]^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$d = \sqrt{(\mathbf{Q} - \mathbf{S})^2 - \frac{[(\mathbf{Q} - \mathbf{S}) \cdot \mathbf{V}]^2}{V^2}}$$

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Spline path tracing demo

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