

Basic Techniques in Computer Graphics

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Curves and Surfaces

- **Freeform curves**
- Freeform surfaces
- Mesh Subdivision

Functional Representation

$$f : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$$

- d = 1 ... univariate / curves
- d = 2 ... bi-variate / surfaces
- d = 3 ... tri-variate / volumes
- d = 4 ... quad-variate / space-time
light fields

Functional Representation

$$f : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$$

$n = 1 \dots$ scalar

$n = 2 \dots$ planar

$n = 3 \dots$ spatial

$n = 4 \dots$ homogeneous

Basic Arithmetics

- Polynomials: $f(t) \in \Pi^n$

Linear Structure

- Polynomials: $f(t) \in \Pi^n$
- Parametric curves $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$
 - **vector valued** coefficients b_i
 - **scalar valued** basis functions F_i

$$f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3, \quad t \mapsto \sum_{i=0}^n b_i F_i(t)$$

Freeform Curves

Monomial basis

- No geometric meaning
- Sum of vectors, not points

$$f(t) = \sum_{i=0}^n b_i \cdot t^i$$

⇒ Find a better basis for Π^n

Freeform Curves

Bernstein basis

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

– Non negative

$$B_i^n(t) \geq 0, \quad t \in [0, 1]$$

– Partition of unity

$$\sum_{i=0}^n B_i^n(t) \equiv 1$$

– Recursion

$$B_i^n(t) = (1-t)B_i^{n-1}(t) + tB_{i-1}^{n-1}(t)$$

$$B_0^0(t) \equiv 1 \wedge B_i^n(t) \equiv 0 \text{ for } i \notin \{0, \dots, n\}$$

Bézier Curves

Bézier curves $f(t) = \sum_{i=0}^n b_i B_i^n(t)$

- Geometric meaning (affine combination)

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Given: control points b_0, \dots, b_n , parameter t

Init: $b_i^0(t) := b_i$

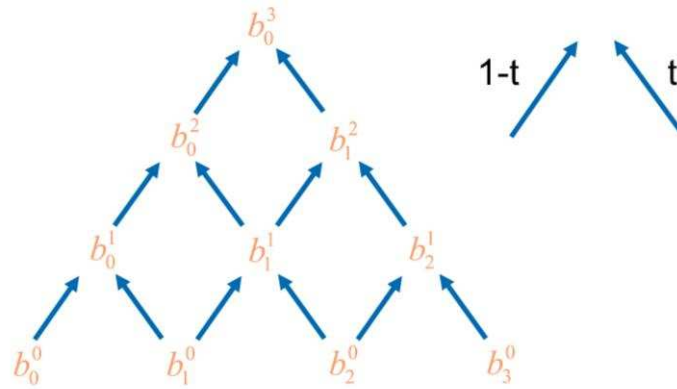
Recursion:

$$b_i^k(t) = (1-t)b_i^{k-1} + tb_{i+1}^{k-1} \quad \begin{matrix} k = 1, \dots, n \\ i = 0, \dots, n-k \end{matrix}$$

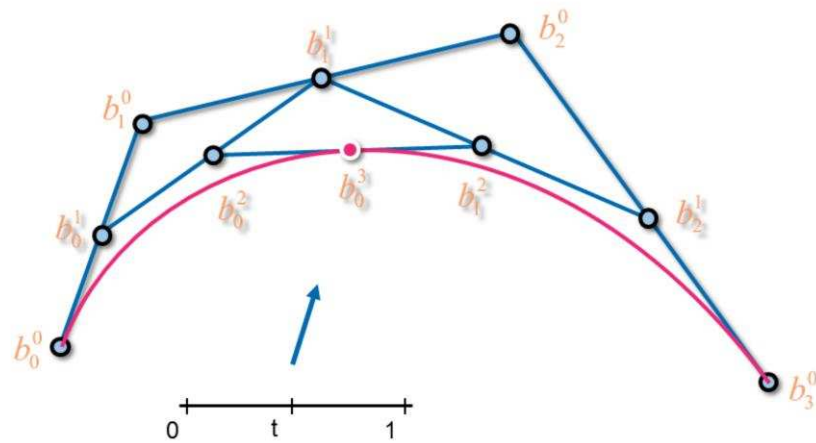
$$\rightarrow b_0^n(t) = \sum_{i=0}^n b_i B_i^n(t)$$

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Bézier Curves

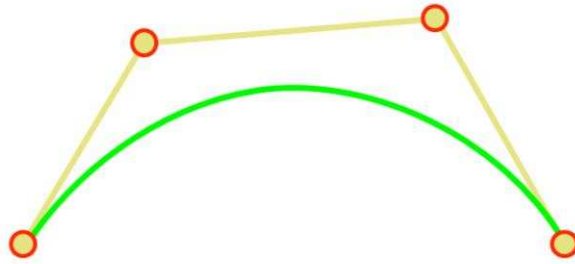
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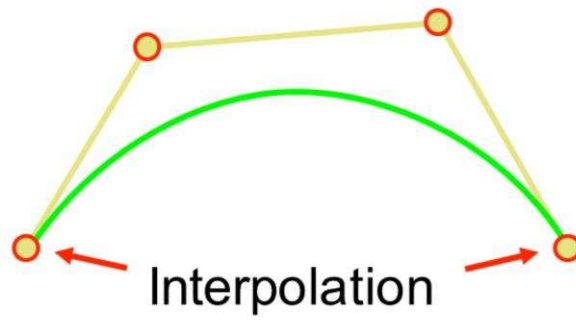
- Geometric meaning (affine combination)
- Affine invariance
- Convex hull
- Endpoint interpolation $f(0) = b_0 \wedge f(1) = b_n$
- Endpoint derivative

$$f'(0) = n(b_1 - b_0), \quad f'(1) = n(b_n - b_{n-1})$$

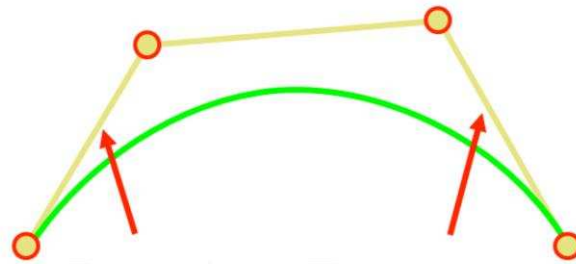
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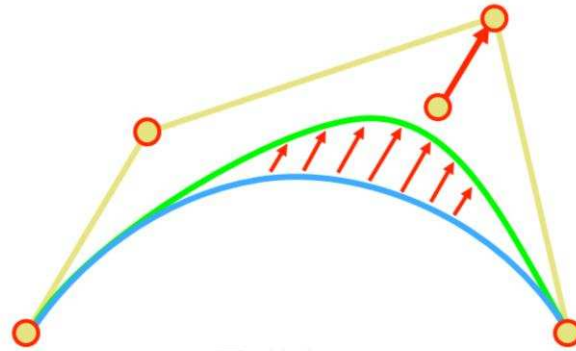


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Boundary Tangents

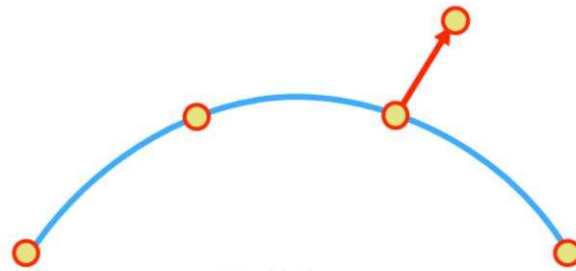
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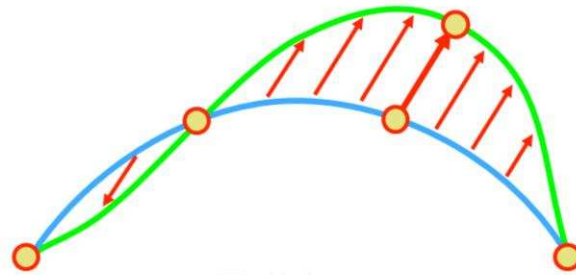
Moving one vertex of the control polygon will move the curve in that direction (only the distance is dependent of the position on the curve).

Compare to Interpolation



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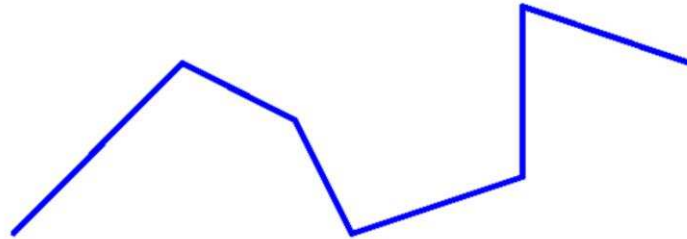
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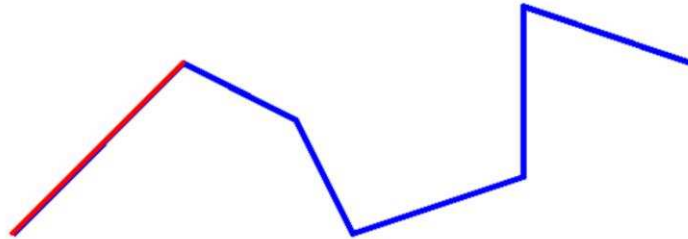
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With curves that are interpolated between given points, on the pro side a point of the curve itself can be moved around, but on the down side the resulting curve can behave in an unexpected way (like moving in the opposite direction).

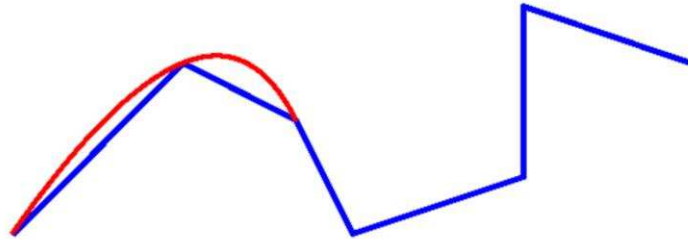
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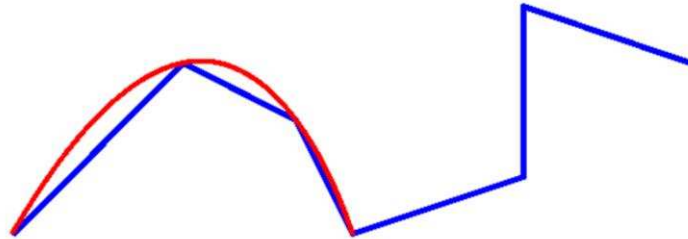
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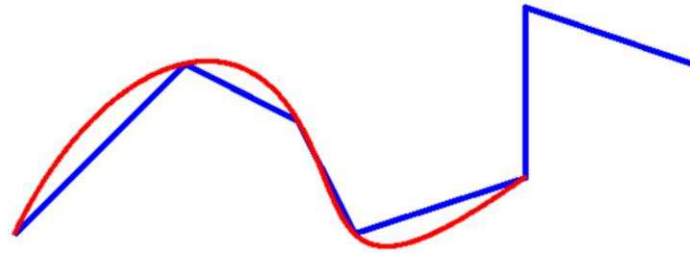
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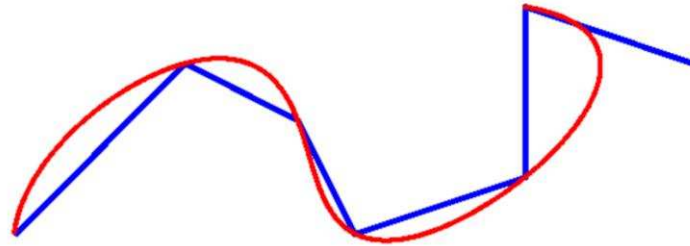
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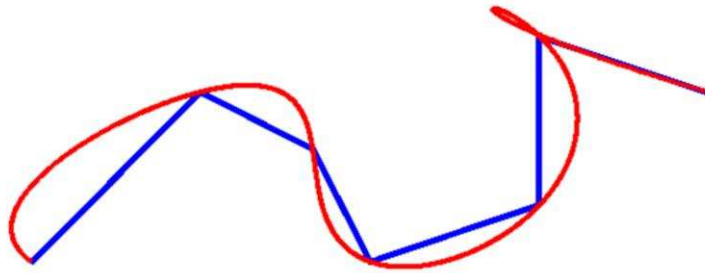
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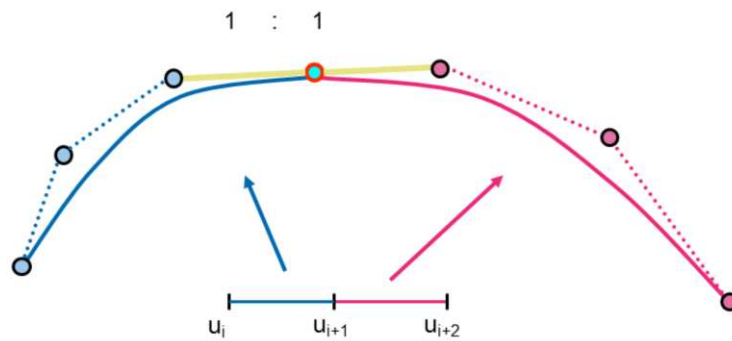


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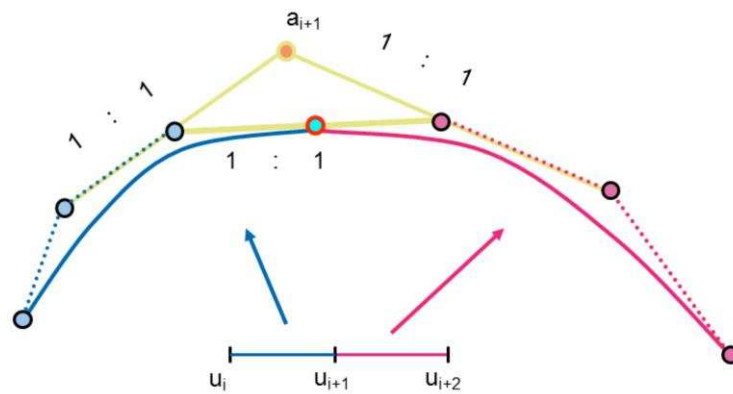
Splines: C^1 continuity

Control points: $c_n = d_0 = \frac{1}{2} (c_{n-1} + d_1)$



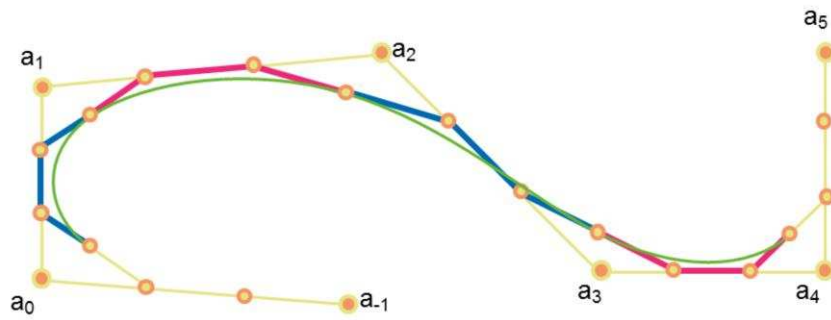
Splines: C^2 continuity

A-frame construction



C² Cubic Splines

Bézier control points defined by a_{-1}, \dots, a_{L+1}



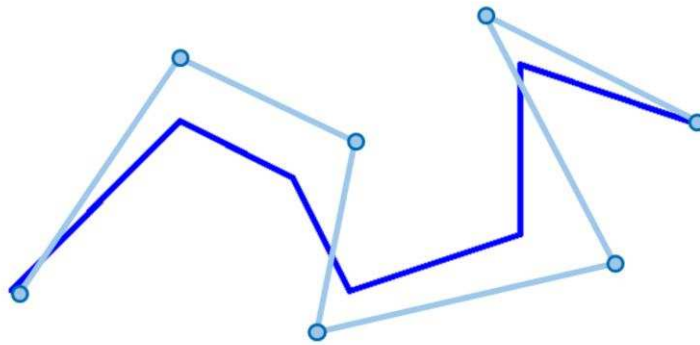
Interpolation

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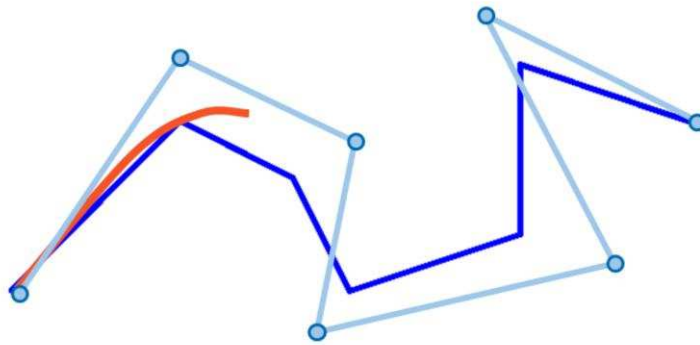
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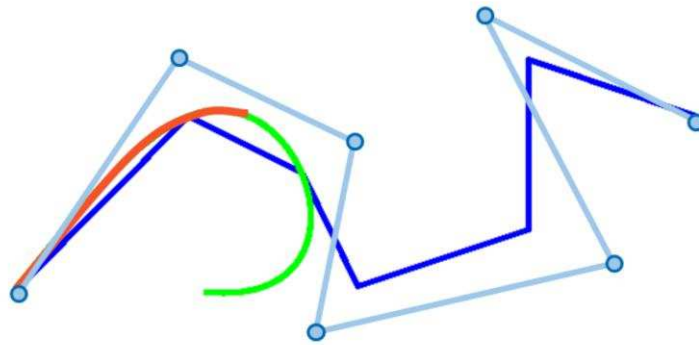
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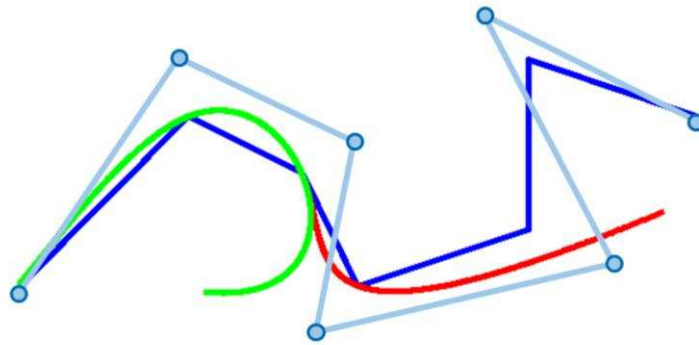
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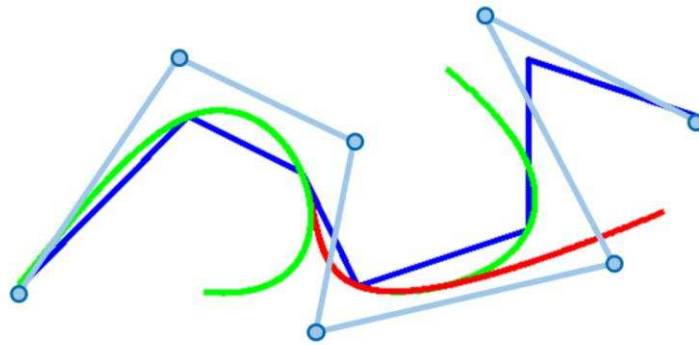
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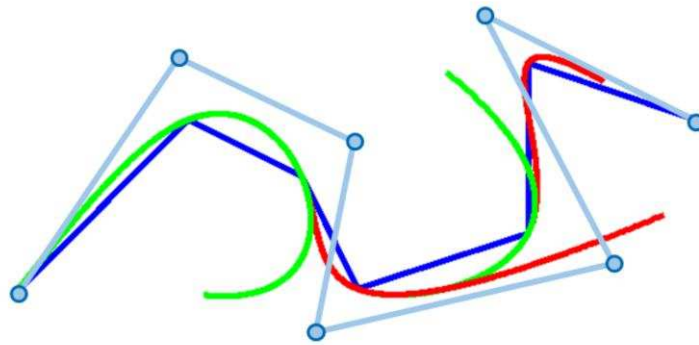
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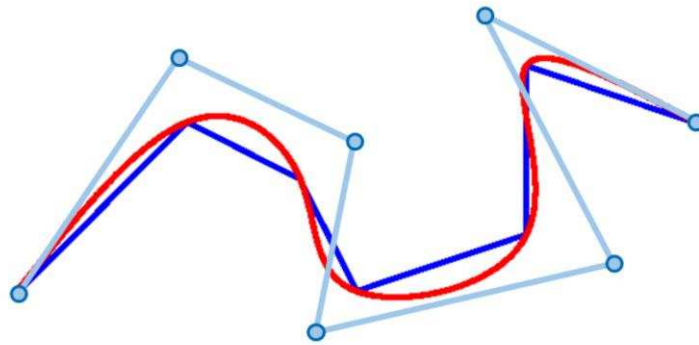
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C² Cubic Splines

- Bézier control points defined by a_0, \dots, a_n
- Affine invariance
- Convex hull
- Maximal smoothness
- Local control !

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- Freeform curves
- **Freeform surfaces**
- Mesh Subdivision

Tensorproduct Patches

“Curve-valued curves”

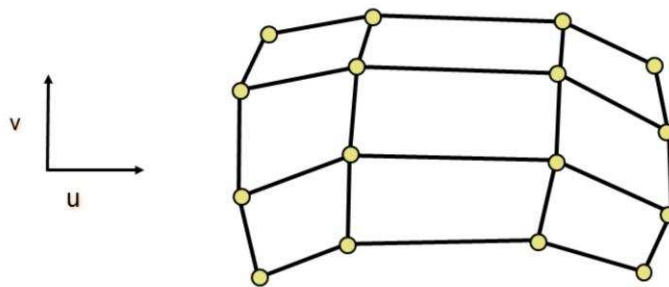
- Bézier curve $f(t) = \sum_{i=0}^m b_i B_i^m(t)$
- Control points move on $\stackrel{i=0}{\text{curves}}$

$$\begin{aligned} f(u, v) &= \sum_{i=0}^m b_i(v) B_i^m(u) \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^m \sum_{j=0}^n b_{i,j} B_j^n(v) B_i^m(u) \end{aligned}$$

Tensorproduct Patches

de Casteljau Algorithm

– u - v order: $n + 1 + 1$ univariate Casteljau's

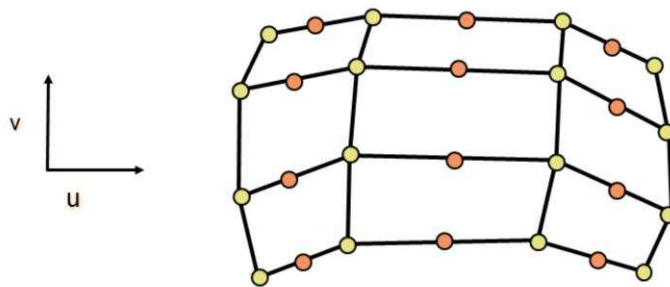


Run de Casteljau four times in one direction...

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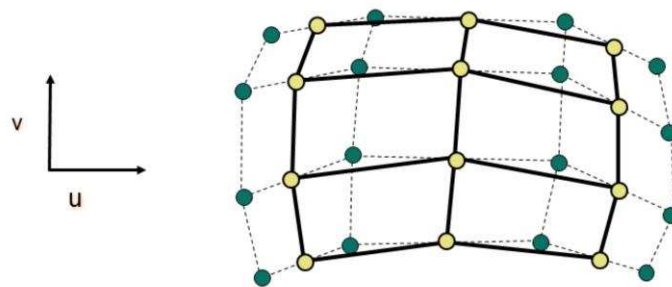
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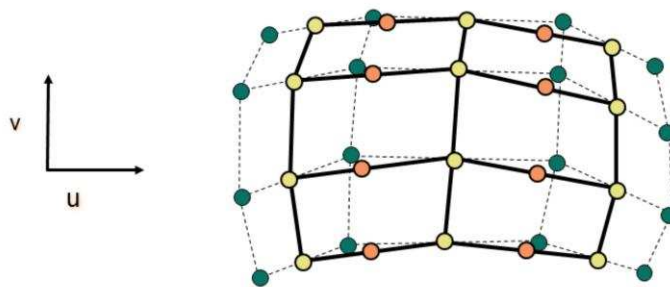
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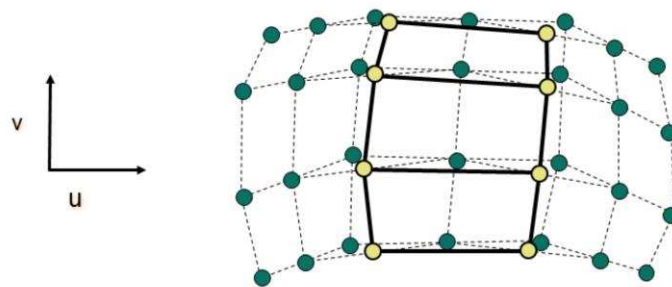
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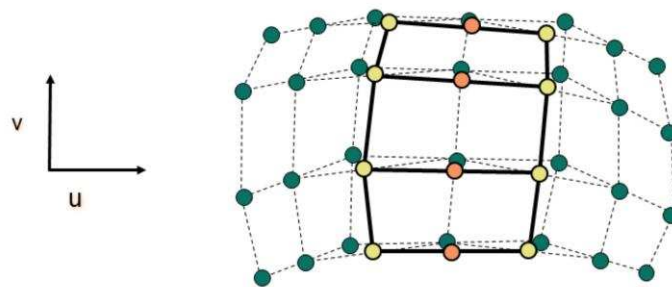
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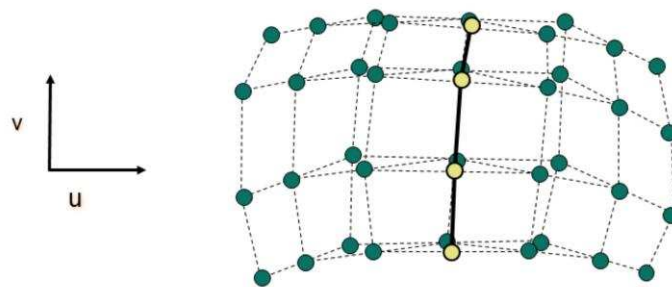
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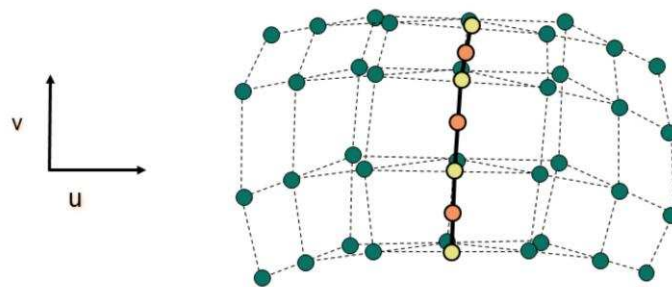


...use the four resulting points as start of a de Casteljau in the other direction.

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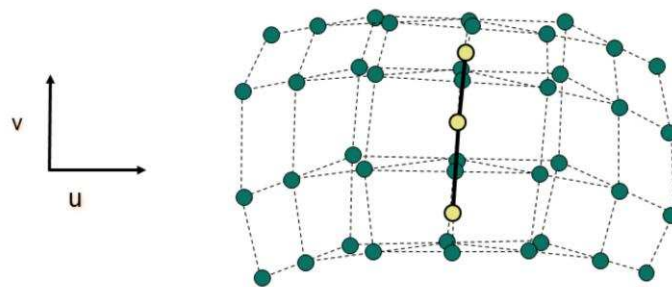
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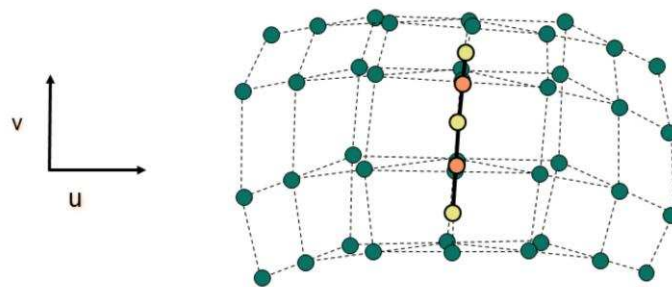
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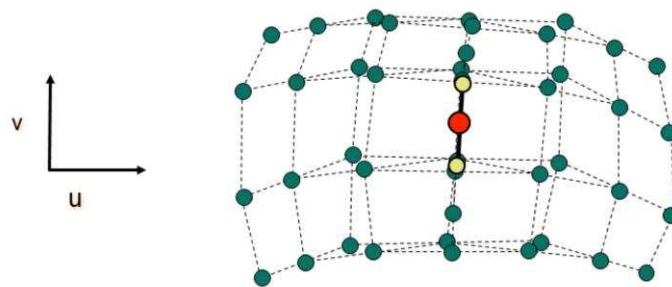
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The final point.

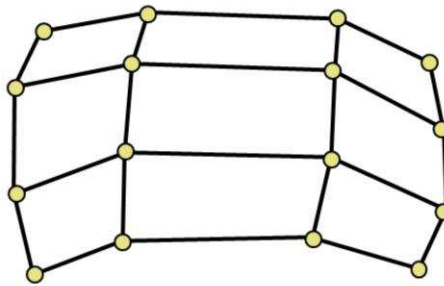
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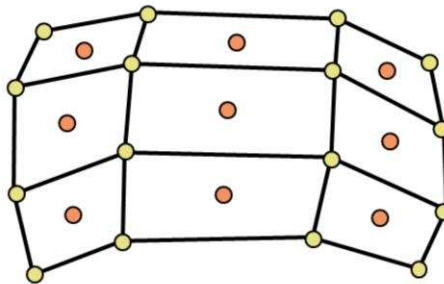
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de Casteljau Algorithm
– direct, bilinear



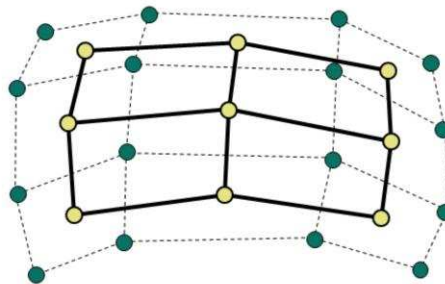
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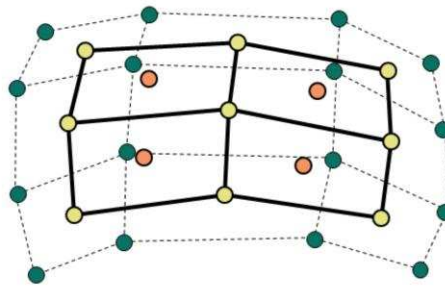
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