

Curves and Surfaces in CAD

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Part I.

Curves

1. Geometric fundamentals

2. Bézier Representation

Recall that the set of polynomials of degree n forms a vector space. A basis is

$$\{1, x, \dots, x^n\}$$

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Definition 2.1. A representation of a polynomial with respect to

$$\{1, x, \dots, x^n\}$$

is called the monomial representation.

2.1. Bernstein Polynomial

$$1 = 1^n = (u + (1 - u))^n = \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} u^i (1 - u)^{n-i}$$

Definition 2.2.

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

is called a Bernstein Polynomial.

$$B_i^n(u) = 0 \text{ if } (i < 0) \text{ or } (i > n).$$

Lemma 2.1. $B_0^n \dots B_n^n$ are linear independent.

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} \sum b_i B_i^n &= \sum b_i \binom{n}{i} u^i (1 - u)^{n-i} \\ &= \frac{0}{\frac{1}{(1-u)^n}} \\ &\Rightarrow \sum b_i \left(\frac{u}{1-u}\right)^i = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow \sum b_i s^i = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow b_i = 0 \end{aligned}$$

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Theorem 2.1. $B_0^n \dots B_n^n$ form a basis for polynomials of degree n . Proof follows from Lemma 2.1 and the fact that the dimension of the space of polynomials of degree n is $n + 1$

Lemma 2.2. *Symmetry*

$$B_i^n(0) = B_{n-1}^n(u)$$

Lemma 2.3.

$$B_i^n(0) = B_{n-1}^n(1) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i = 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Lemma 2.4. $B_0^n \dots B_n^n$ form a partition of unity ($\sum B_i^n = 1$)

Lemma 2.5. $B_i^n(u) > 0, u \in (0, 1)$

Lemma 2.6. $B_i^{n+1}(u) = uB_{i-1}^n(u) + (1 - u)B_i^n(u)$

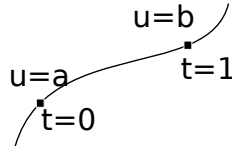
2.2. Bézier Representation

Definition 2.3. A representation of a polynomial with respect to $B_0^n \dots B_n^n$ is called the Bézier representation. Let $c(u) = \sum_{i=0}^n c_i B_i^n(u)$. c_i can be in \mathbb{R}^n . For practical reasons is $u \in [a, b]$.

Note: $u(t) = a(1 - t) + bT$.

$$b(t) := c(a(t))$$

, b has same the degree as c and represents the same polynomial, but with a different parametrisation.



$b(t)$ has a Bézierrepresentation of degree n .

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

Definition 2.4. b_i is called a control point.

Definition 2.5. u is a global parameter, t is local.

Definition 2.6. The piecewise linear interpolant of the b_i is called the control polygone.

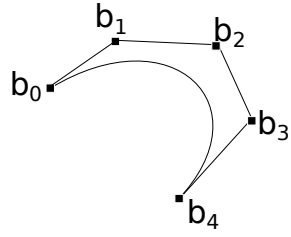


Figure 2.1.: control polygone

Lemma 2.7.

$$\begin{aligned}
 b(u) &= \sum_{i=0}^n b_i B_i^n(t) \\
 &= \sum_{i=0}^n b_{n-i} B_{n-i}^n(1-t)
 \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 2.8 (end point interpolation).

$$(a) = 0$$

3. Bézier techniques

Part II.

Surfaces