

Animation & Simulation

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Interpolating Values

- Controlling the motion
 - Computing arc length (Analytic)
 - Analytic, forward differencing, adaptive forward differencing, numerically
 - Speed control
 - Ease-in/ease-out
 - Sine interpolation
 - Sinusoidals for acceleration and deceleration
 - Single cubic polynomial
 - Constant acceleration: parabolic ease-in/ease-out
 - General distance-time functions
 - constant acceleration/deceleration
 - arbitrary velocity
 - arbitrary distance-time
 - both distance and speed

Interpolating Values

- Controlling the motion
 - Curve fitting (B spline)

Knot vector $[0, 1, 2, \dots, n + k - 1]$,

$$P(t) = \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} B_i N_{i,k}(t)$$

$$P_1 = N_{1,k}(t_1)B_1 + N_{2,k}(t_1)B_2 + \dots + N_{n+1,k}(t_1)B_{n+1}$$

$$P_2 = N_{1,k}(t_2)B_1 + N_{2,k}(t_2)B_2 + \dots + N_{n+1,k}(t_2)B_{n+1}$$

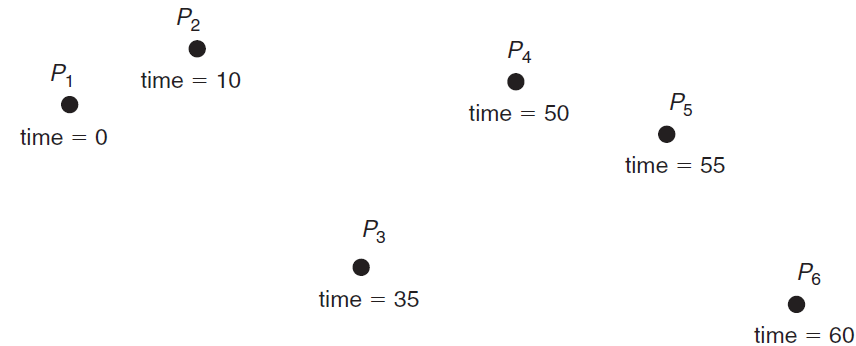
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$$P_j = N_{1,k}(t_j)B_1 + N_{2,k}(t_j)B_2 + \dots + N_{n+1,k}(t_j)B_{n+1}$$

$$P = NB$$

N is the matrix of basis functions

unknown defining control vertices are in the column matrix B ,



Same number of variables and equations

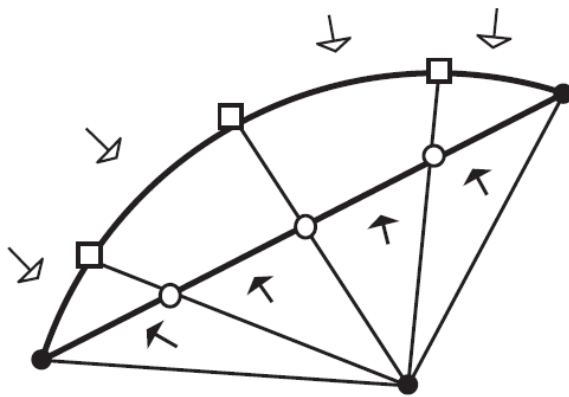
$$\longrightarrow B = N^{-1}P$$

Different numbers of variables and equations

$$\begin{aligned} P &= NB \\ N^T P &= N^T NB \\ [N^T N]^{-1} N^T P &= B \end{aligned}$$

Interpolating Values

- Interpolation of orientations



○ Linearly interpolated intermediate points

□ Projection of intermediate points onto circle

→ Equal intervals

→ Unequal intervals

Instead of interpolating Euler angles, normally we interpolate two unit quaternions

Interpolating two unit quaternions results in non-constant-speed rotations

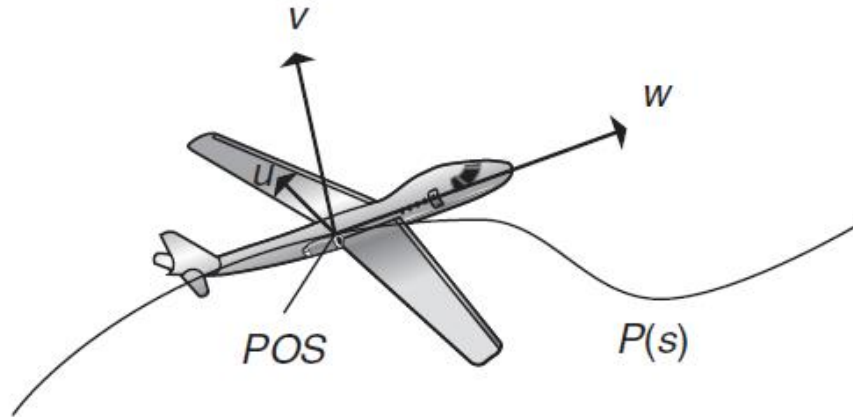
$$\text{slerp}(q_1, q_2, u) = \frac{\sin((1 - u)\theta)}{\sin(\theta)} q_1 + \frac{\sin(u\theta)}{\sin(\theta)} q_2$$

The same as linear interpolation when interpolating multiple quaternions:
--continuity on waypoints.

Using curves (e.g. Bezier) to interpolate (refer to the book)

Interpolating Values

- Working with paths
 - Path following
 - Path/speed control, ease-in&ease-out
 - Orientation on a path
 - Several, can be arbitrary
 - Frenet frame
 - Centred of Interest



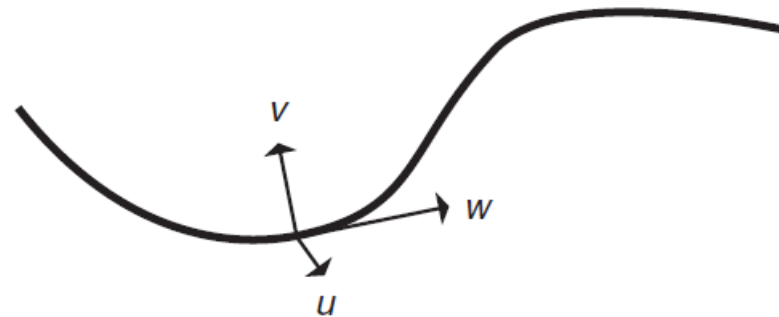
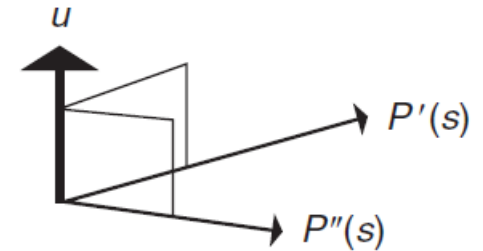
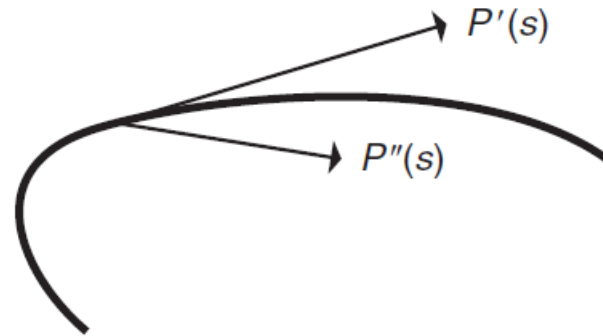
Interpolating Values

- Working with paths
 - Orientation on a path
 - Frenet Frame (w, u, v)

$$w = P'(s)$$

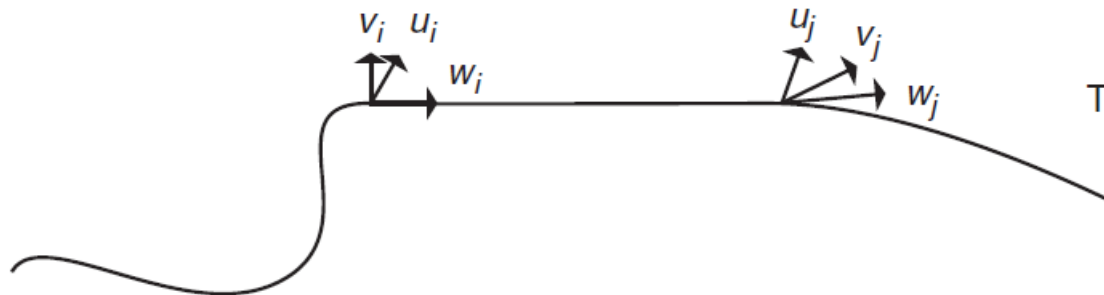
$$u = P'(s) \times P''(s)$$

$$v = u \times w$$

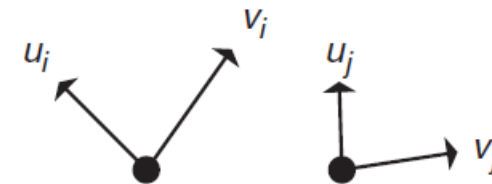


Interpolating Values

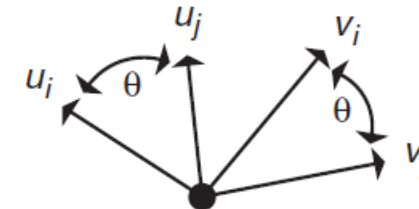
- Working with paths
 - Orientation on a path
 - Frenet Frame (w, u, v)
 - No “up”
 - What if no P'' ?
 - interpolation



Frenet frames on the boundary of an undefined Frenet frame segment because of zero curvature



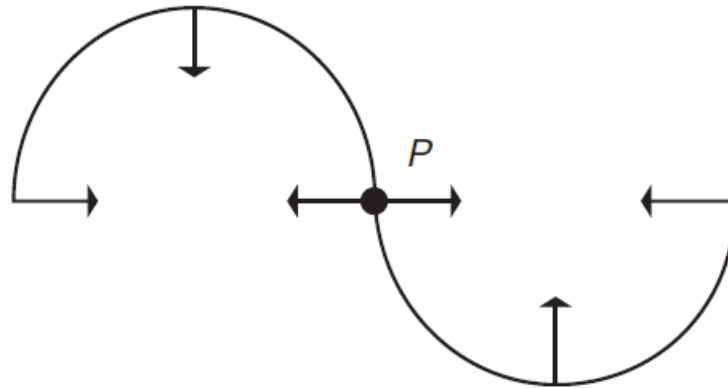
The two frames sighted down the (common) w vector



The two frames superimposed to identify angular difference

Interpolating Values

- Working with paths
 - Orientation on a path
 - Frenet Frame (w , u , v)
 - No “up”
 - What if no P'' ?
 - Discontinuity



Interpolating Values

- Working with paths
 - Orientation on a path
 - Frenet Frame (w , u , v)
 - No “up”
 - What if no P'' ?
 - Discontinuity
 - Extreme motion, not natural looking
 - If equipping v with ‘up’ direction, then w could wildly rotate

Interpolating Values

- Working with paths
 - Orientation on a path
 - Centred of Interest (COI)
 - A fixed point or object
 - Not too close
 - A separate path

$$w = COI - POS$$

$$u = w \times (0,1,0)$$

$$v = u \times w$$

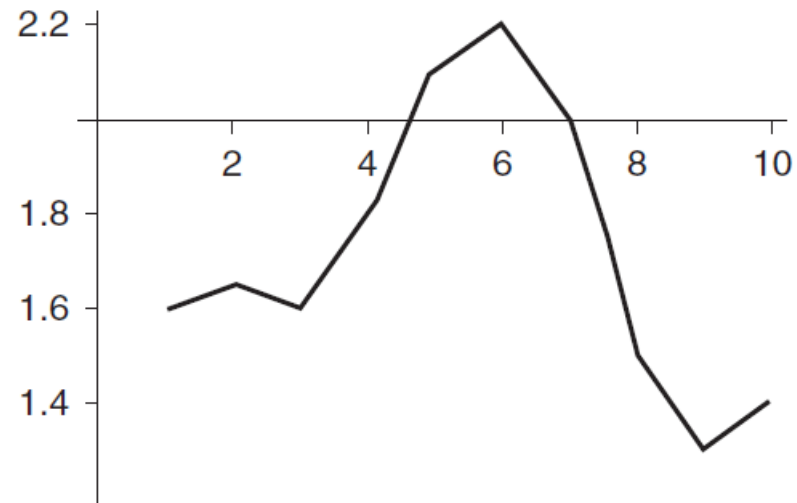
$$w = C(s) - P(s)$$

$$u = w \times (U(s) - P(s))$$

$$v = u \times w$$

Interpolating Values

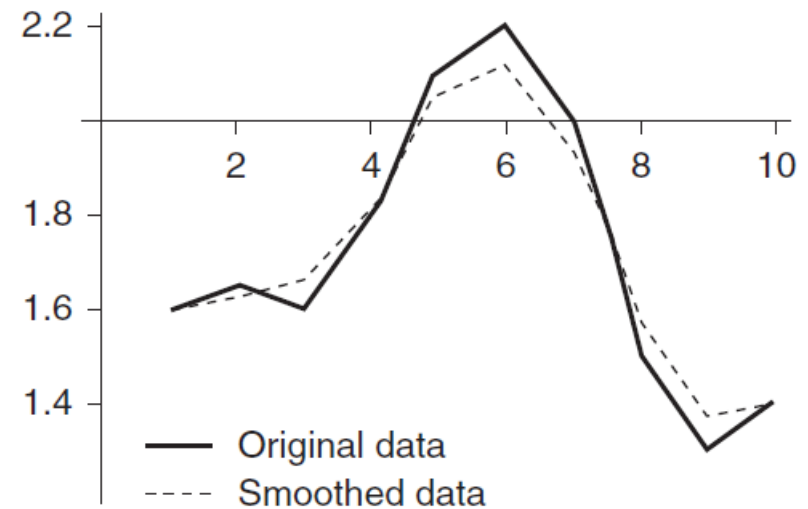
- Working with paths
 - Smoothing a path



Interpolating Values

- Working with paths
 - Smoothing a path
 - Linear interpolation of adjacent values

$$P'_i = \frac{P_i + \frac{P_{i-1} + P_{i+1}}{2}}{2} = \frac{1}{4}P_{i-1} + \frac{1}{2}P_i + \frac{1}{4}P_{i+1}$$



Interpolating Values

- Working with paths
 - Smoothing a path
 - Cubic interpolation of adjacent values

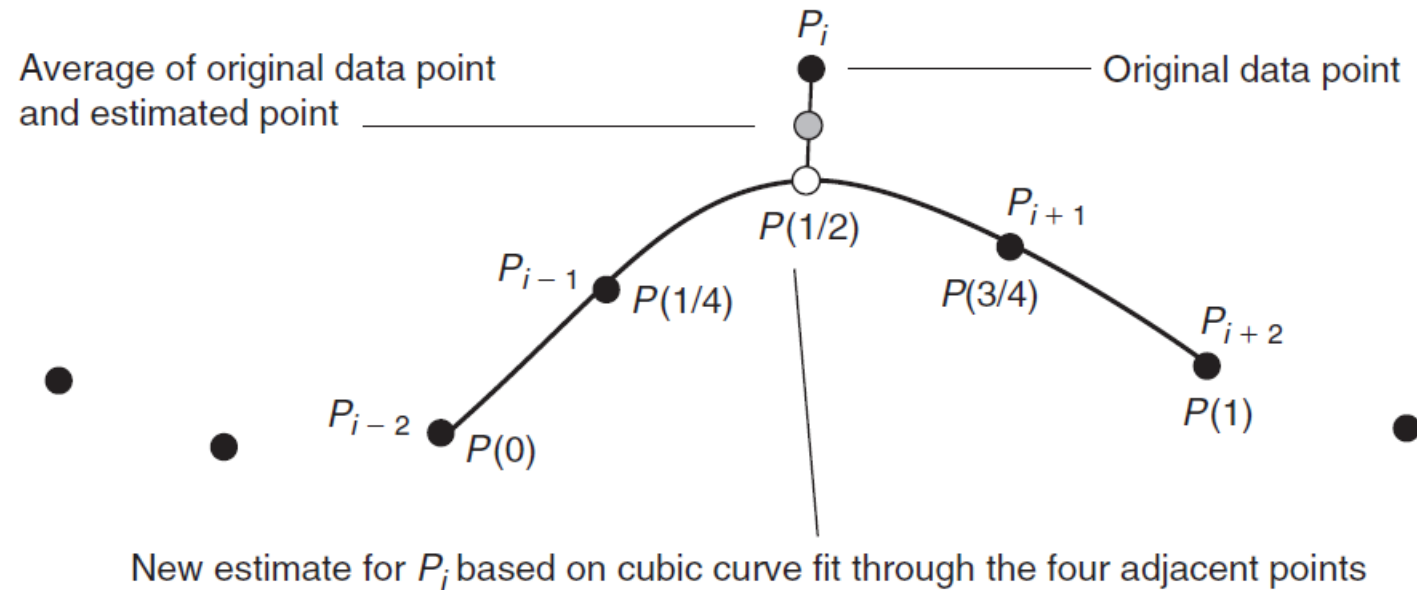
$$P(u) = au^3 + bu^2 + cu + d$$

$$P_{i-2} = P(0) = d$$

$$P_{i-1} = P(1/4) = a\frac{1}{64} + b\frac{1}{16} + c\frac{1}{4} + d$$

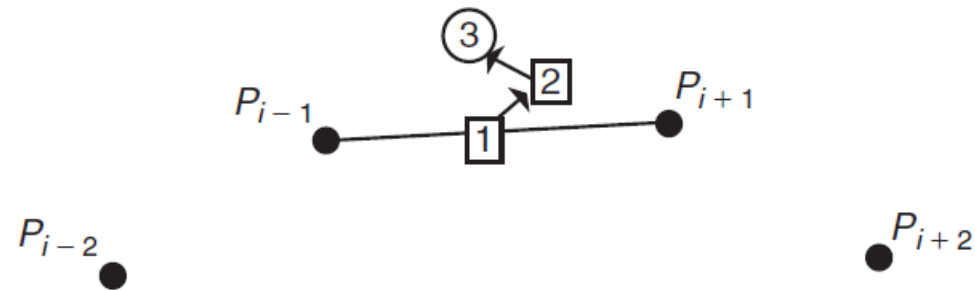
$$P_{i+1} = P(3/4) = a\frac{27}{64} + b\frac{9}{16} + c\frac{3}{4} + d$$

$$P_{i+2} = a + b + c + d$$



Interpolating Values

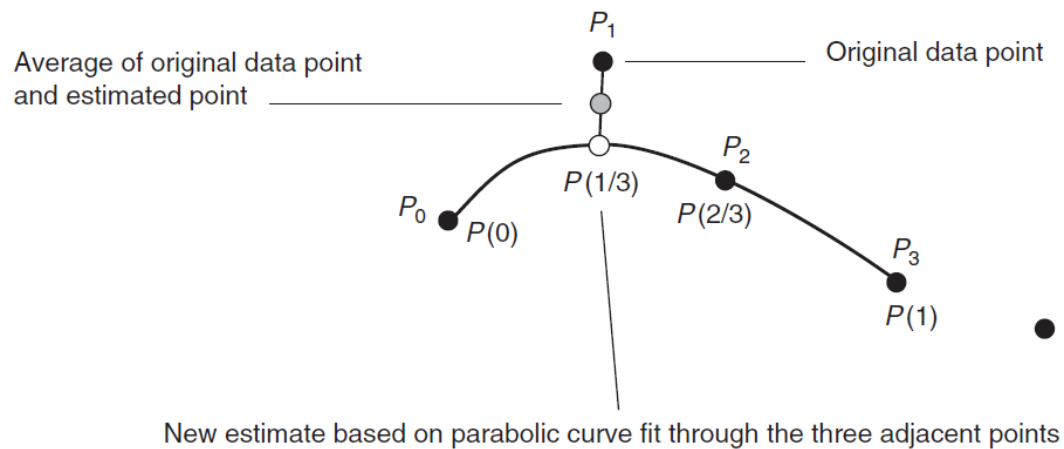
- Working with paths
 - Smoothing a path
 - Cubic interpolation of adjacent values



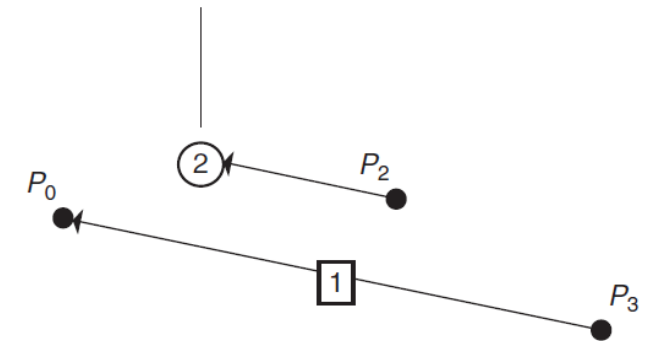
1. Average P_{i-1} and P_{i+1}
2. Add $1/6$ of the vector from P_{i-2} to P_{i-1}
3. Add $1/6$ of the vector from P_{i+2} to P_{i+1} to get new estimated point
4. (Not shown) Average estimated point with original data point

Interpolating Values

- Working with paths
 - Smoothing a path
 - Cubic interpolation of adjacent values
 - Parabolic curve for end conditions



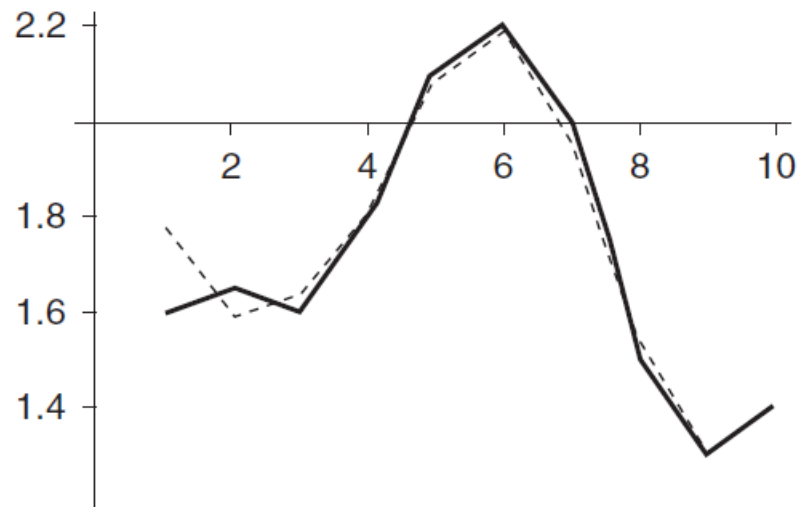
New estimate for P_1 based on parabolic curve fit through the three adjacent points



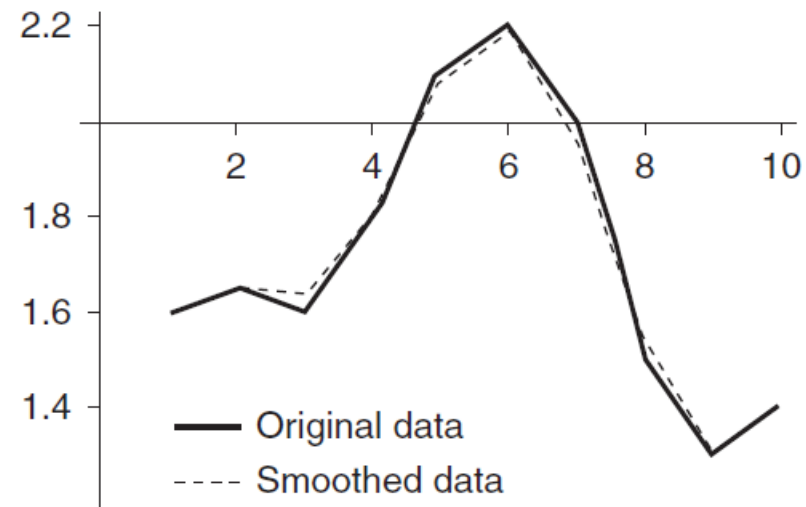
1. Construct vector from P_3 to P_0
2. Add $1/3$ of the vector to P_2
3. (Not shown) Average estimated point with original data point

Interpolating Values

- Working with paths
 - Smoothing a path
 - Cubic interpolation of adjacent values



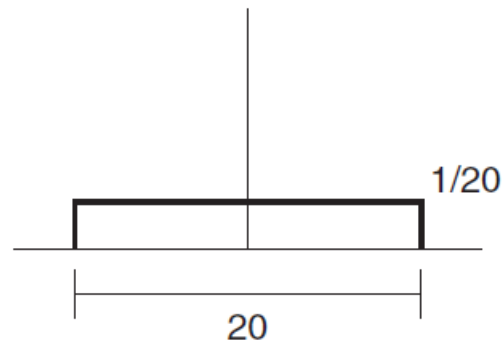
Cubic smoothing with parabolic end conditions



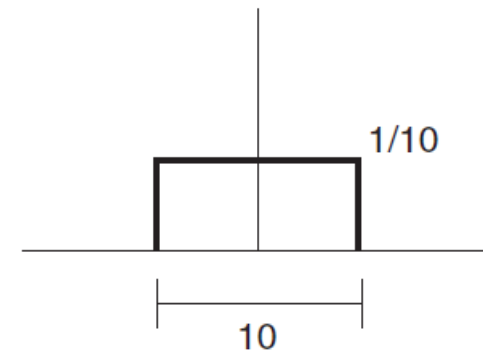
Cubic smoothing without smoothing the endpoints

Interpolating Values

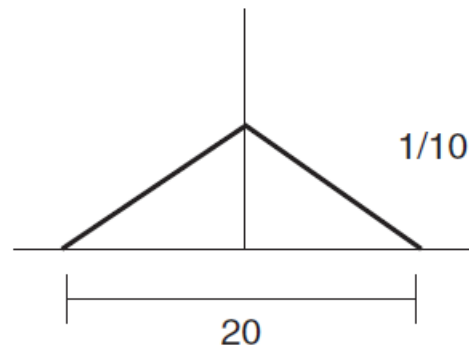
- Working with paths
 - Smoothing a path
 - Convolution Kernels
 - Centred at 0
 - Symmetric
 - Finite support
 - Integral to 1



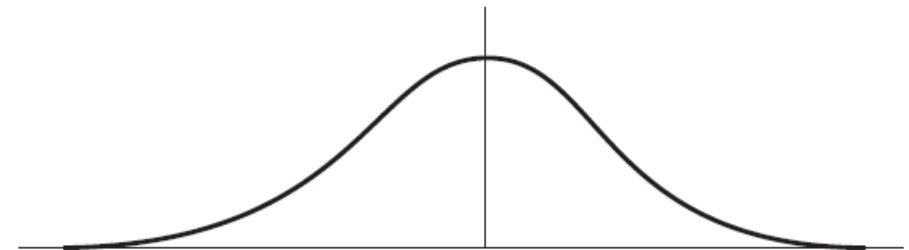
Wide box



Box



Tent

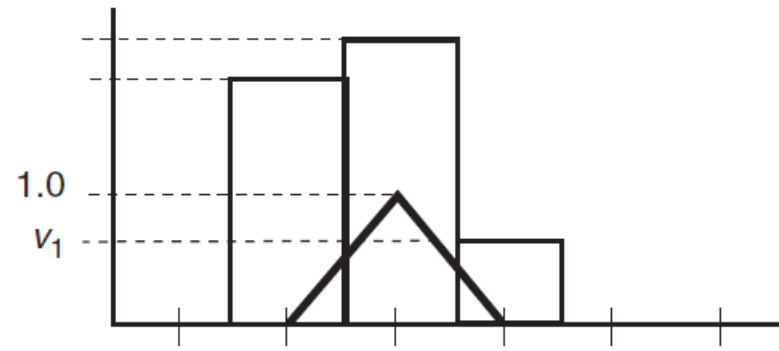


Gaussian $\frac{1}{a\sqrt{2\pi}}e^{-(x-b)^2/(2a^2)}$

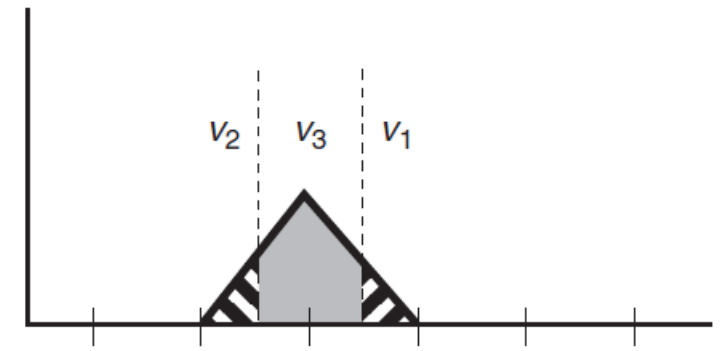
Interpolating Values

- Working with paths
 - Smoothing a path
 - Convolution Kernels

$$P(x) = \int_{-s}^s f(x+u)g(u)du$$



Smoothing kernel superimposed over step function



Areas of tent kernel under the different step function values

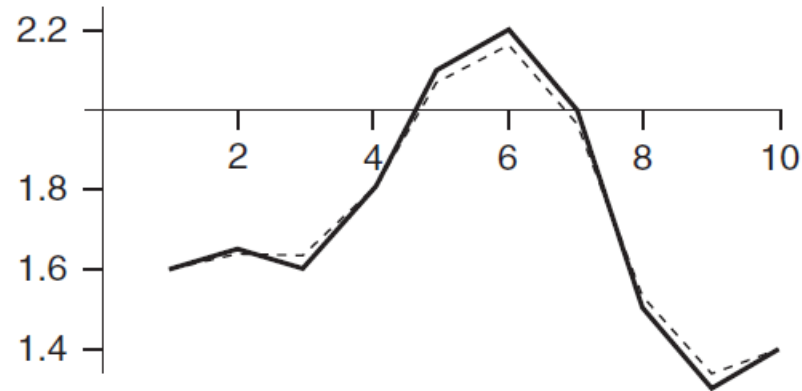
$$V = \frac{1}{8}v_1 + \frac{3}{4}v_2 + \frac{1}{8}v_3$$

Computation of value smoothed by applying area weights to step function values

Interpolating Values

- Working with paths
 - Smoothing a path
 - Convolution Kernels

$$P(x) = \int_{-s}^s f(x+u)g(u)du$$

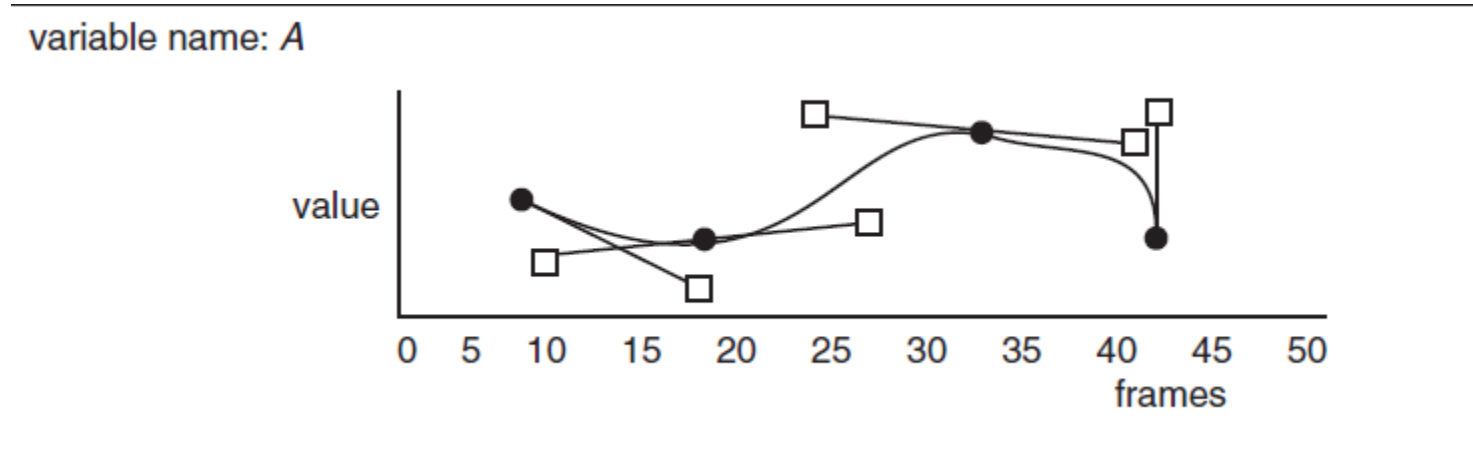


Interpolating Values

- Working with paths
 - Smoothing a path
 - B-spline
 - Anything else?

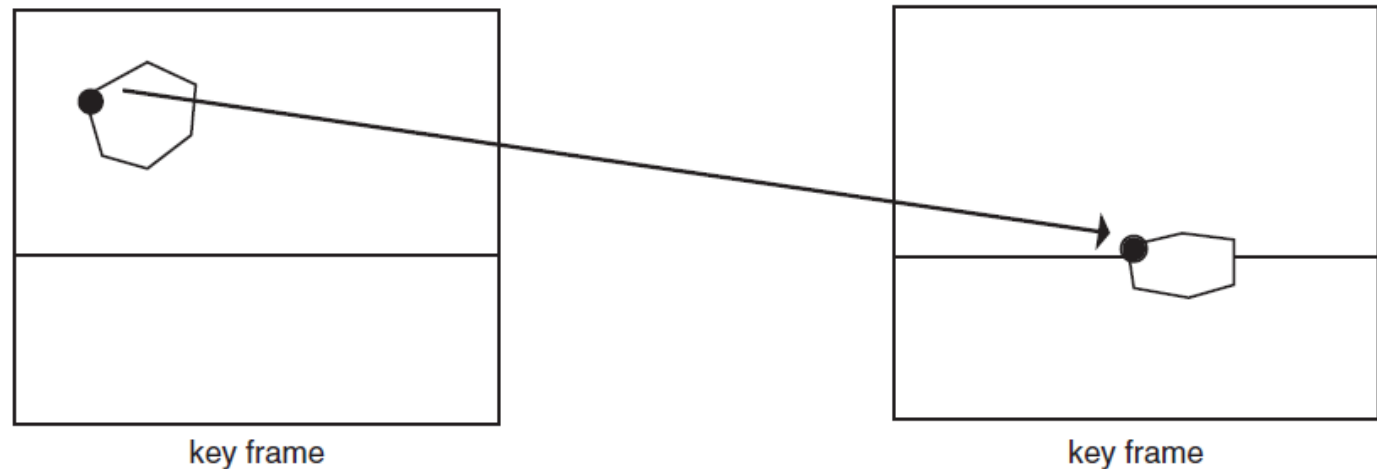
Interpolation-Based Animation

- Key-frame systems
 - Manually define for variable

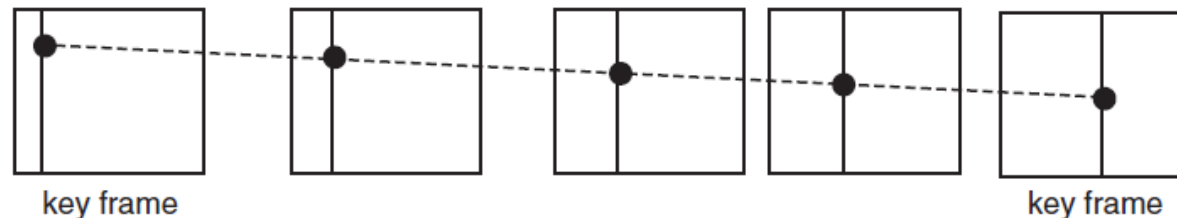


Interpolation-Based Animation

- Key-frame systems
 - Linear interpolation



Simple key frames in which each curve of a frame has the same number of points as its counterpart in the other frame



Keys and three intermediate frames with linear interpolation of a single point (with reference lines showing the progression of the interpolation in x and y)

Interpolation-Based Animation

- Key-frame systems
 - Given point correspondence

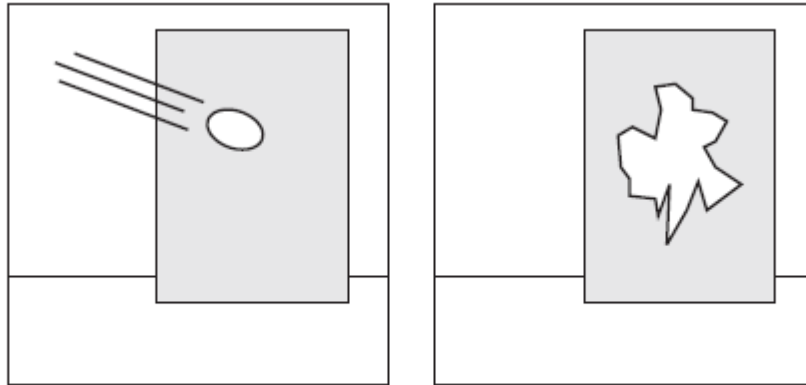


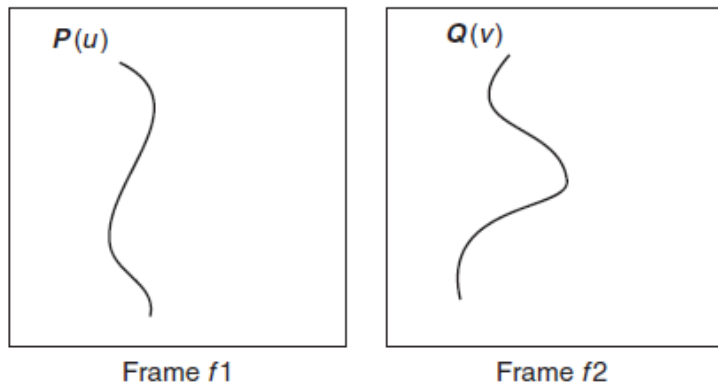
FIGURE 4.3

Object splatting against a wall. The shape must be interpolated from the initial egg shape to the splattered shape.

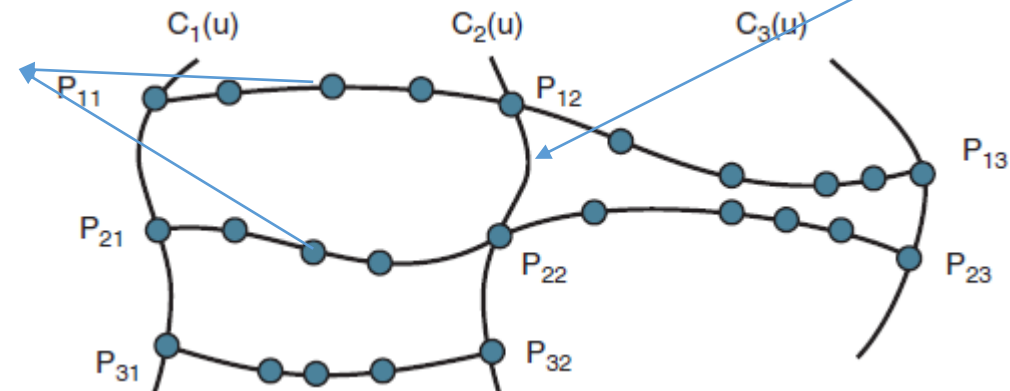
Interpolation-Based Animation

- Key-frame systems
 - Interpolation of two curves

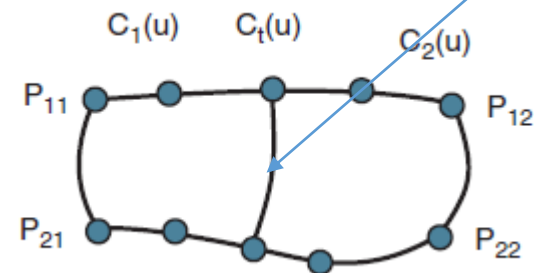
1. Sample corresponding points first



2. Interpolate corresponding points



3. Sample points on the interpolate curves.

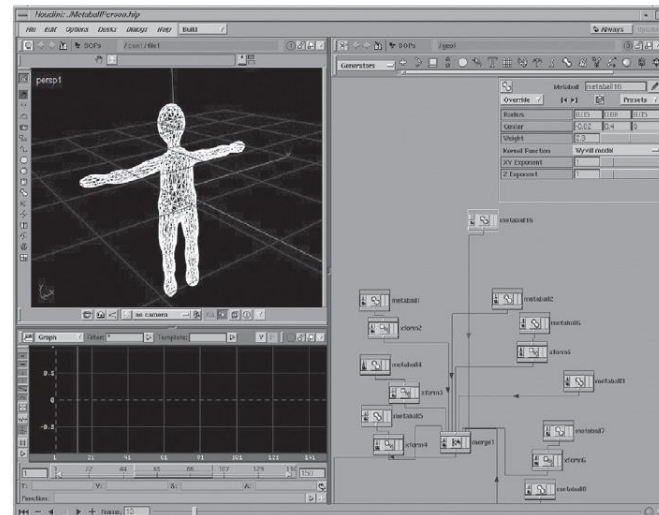


Interpolation-Based Animation

- Animation Languages
 - Structured commands
 - Script-based
 - Features (I/O, data structure, time variable, rendering paras, etc.)
 - Pros: Hard-coded, repeatable; programmable
 - Cons: animators have to be programmers

Interpolation-Based Animation

- Animation Languages
 - Artist-oriented animation languages
 - ANIMA II
 - Fully featured
 - Maya MEL (C++, python)
 - Graphical
 - Houdini

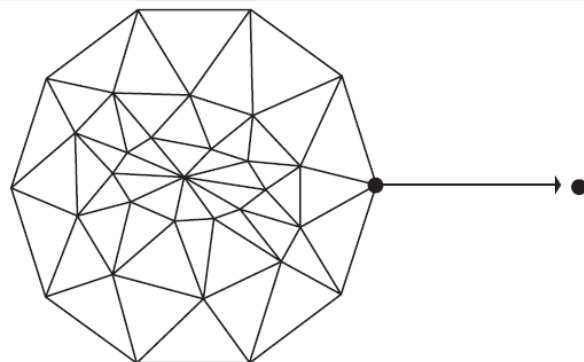


Interpolation-Based Animation

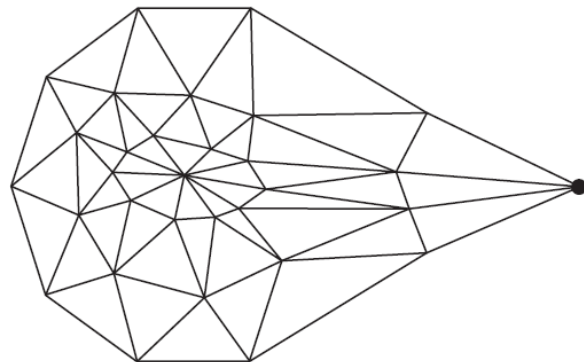
- Deforming Objects
 - Physically based
 - Free-form (Caging, handlers, etc)
 - Shape interpolation
 - Morphing

Interpolation-Based Animation

- Picking and pulling

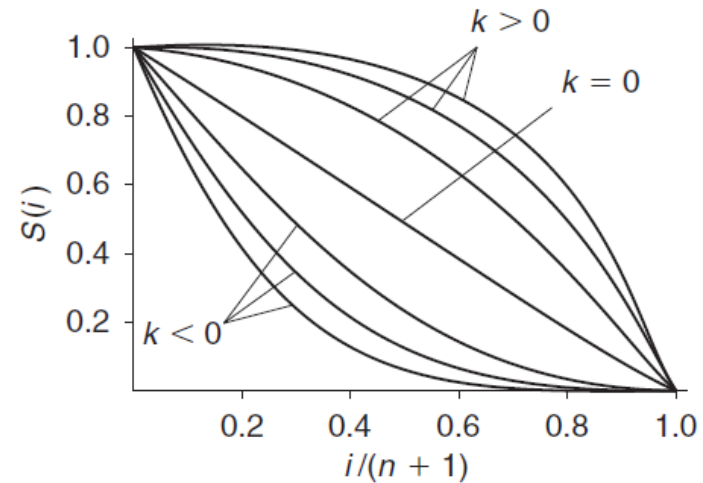


Displacement of seed vertex



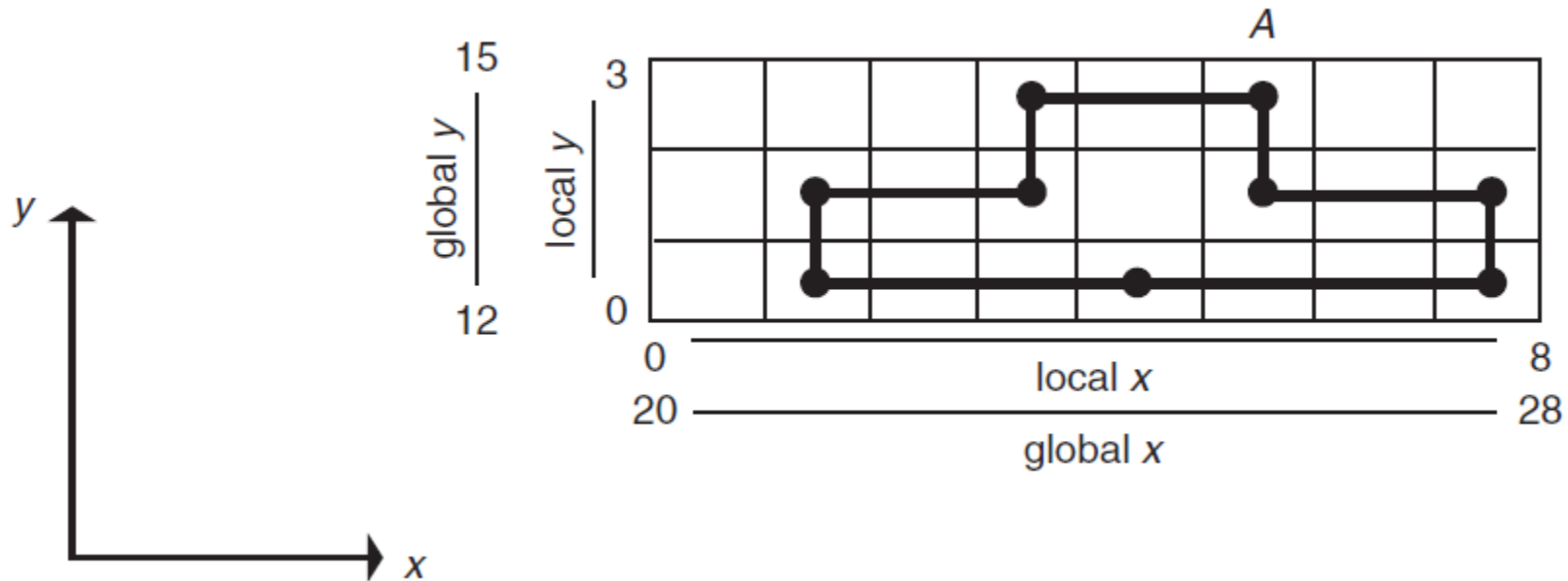
Attenuated displacement propagated to adjacent vertices

$$S(i) = 1 - \left(\frac{i}{n+1} \right)^{k+1} \quad k \geq 0$$
$$= \left(1 - \left(\frac{i}{n+1} \right) \right)^{-k+1} \quad k < 0$$



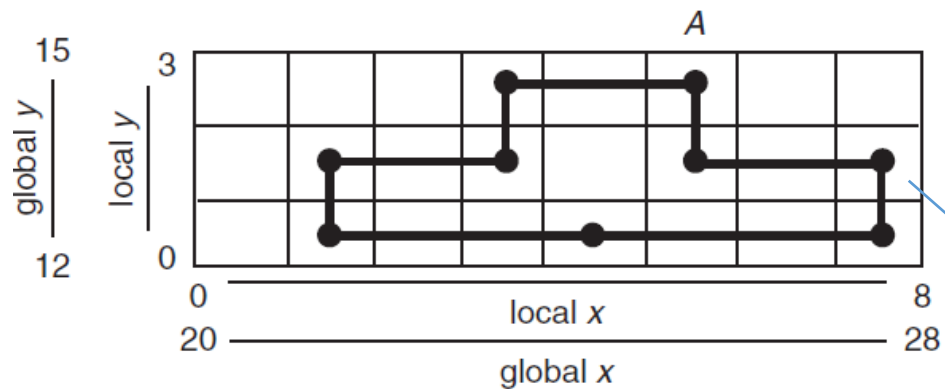
Interpolation-Based Animation

- Deforming an embedding space (Free-form deformation, FFD)
 - 2D grid



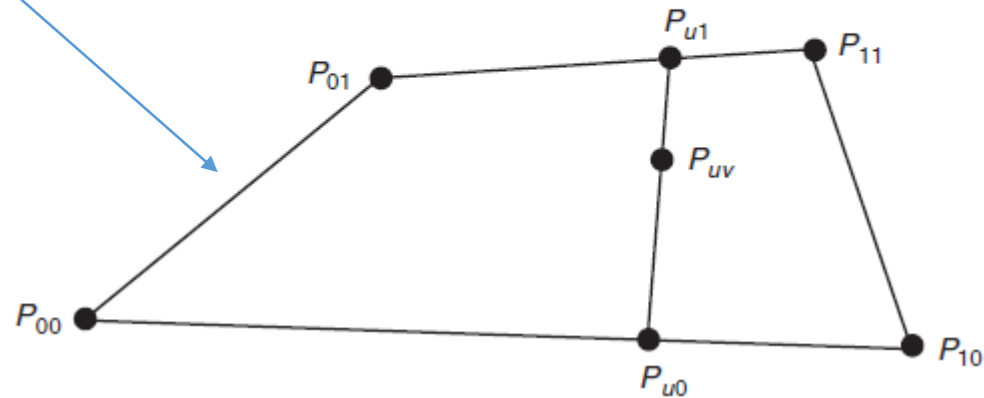
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$$P = (0.6)(0.7)P_{00} + (0.6)(1.0 - 0.7)P_{01} + (1.0 - 0.6)(0.7)P_{10} + (1.0 - 0.6)(1.0 - 0.7)P_{11}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P_{u0} &= (1 - u)P_{00} + uP_{10} \\ P_{u1} &= (1 - u)P_{01} + uP_{11} \\ P_{uv} &= (1 - v)P_{u0} + vP_{u1} \\ &= (1 - u)(1 - v)P_{00} + (1 - u)vP_{01} + u(1 - v)P_{10} + uvP_{11} \end{aligned}$$



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