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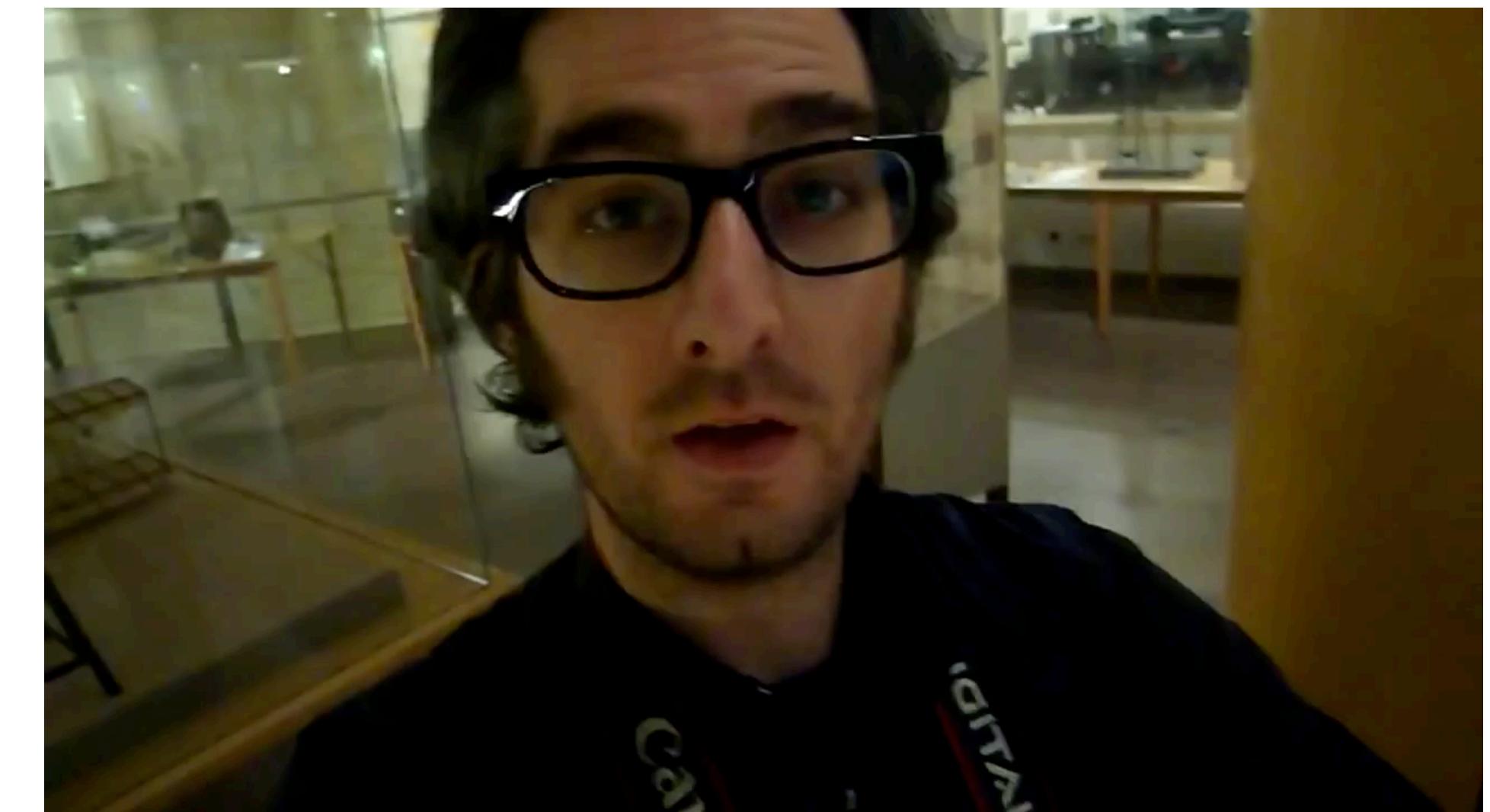
# **Keyframe Interpolation**

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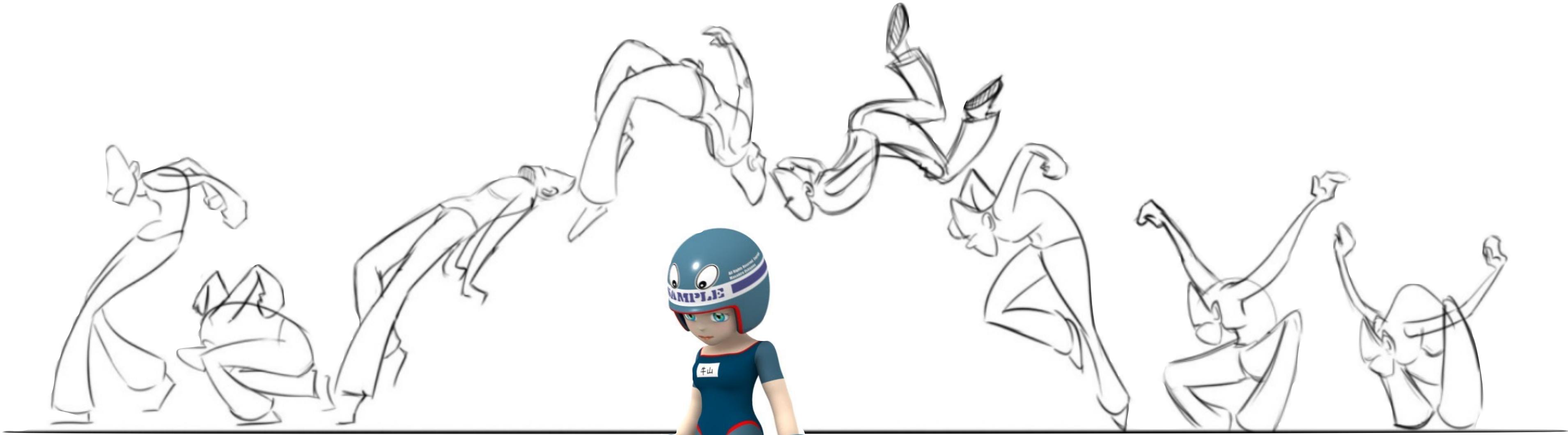
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# 19th century keyframe animation

- Two conditions to make moving images in 19th century
  - at least 10 frames per second
  - a period of blackness between images



# Keyframes



# Modern Zoetrope

- Instead of drawing figures, animators specify keyframes in 3D.
- Each keyframe is defined by a set of parameters, such as body position and joint angles.
- Zoetrope uses a physical device to interpolate keyframes. In computer animation, we need an algorithm to interpolate keyframes.



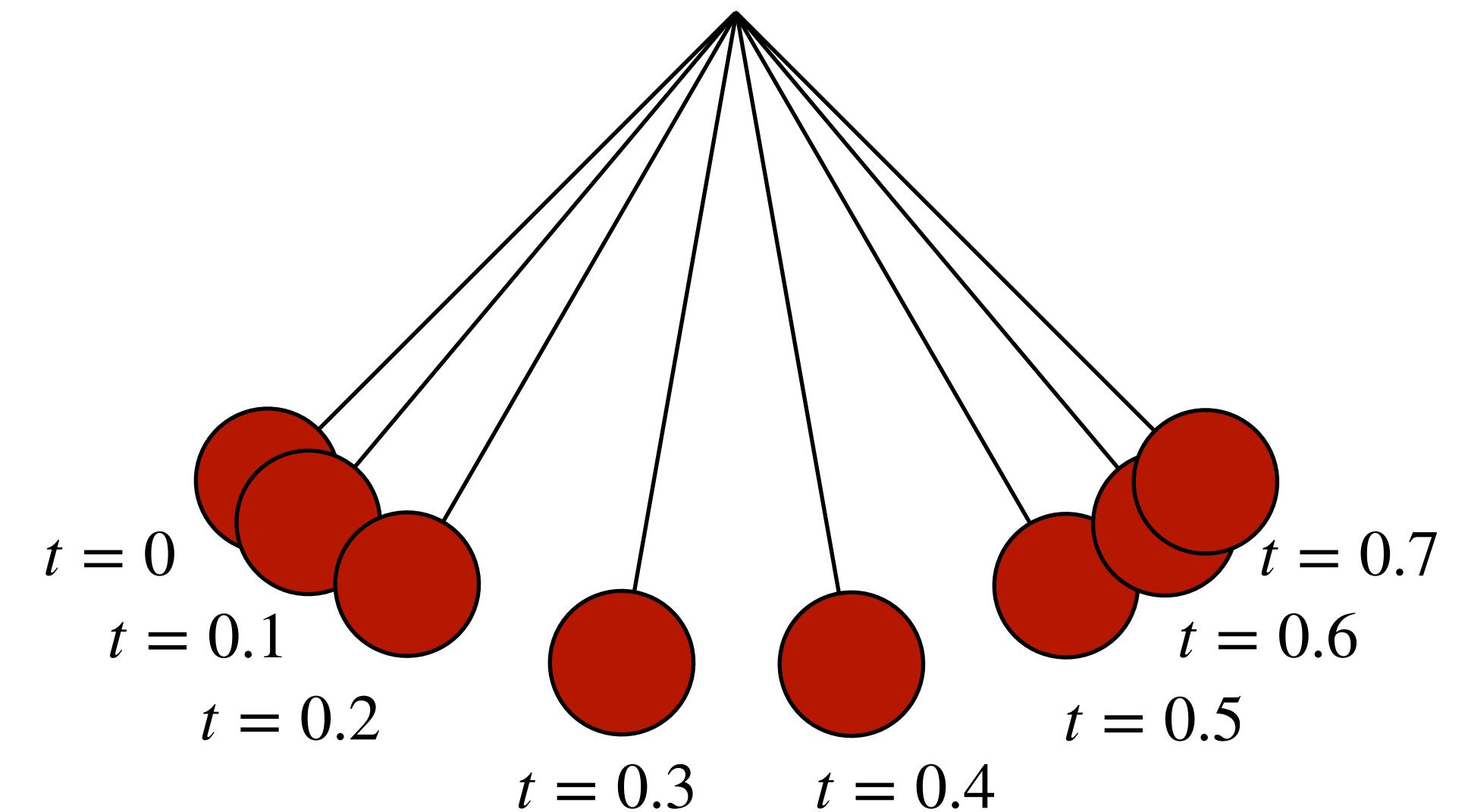
# Interpolation keyframes

- Use simple linear interpolation to create in-between frames.

$$x = x_0 + \frac{t - t_0}{t_1 - t_0}(x_1 - x_0)$$

- What is the problem?

- Motion is not smooth, especially when it's fast.
- The string length is not constant.



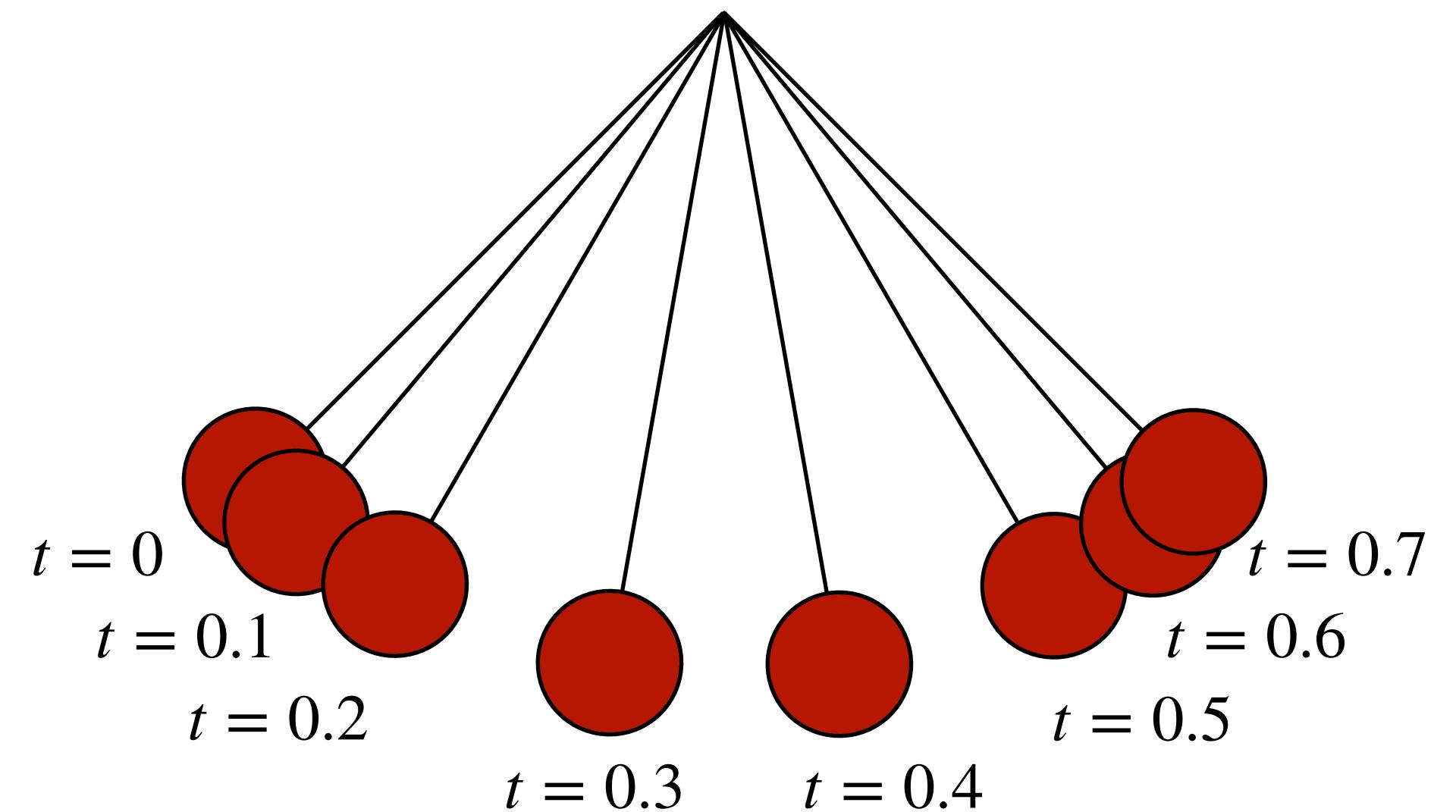
# Cubic interpolation

- Use three cubic curves to interpolate between two consecutive 3D positions.

$$x(t') = a_x t'^3 + b_x t'^2 + c_x t' + d_x$$

$$y(t') = a_y t'^3 + b_y t'^2 + c_y t' + d_y$$

$$z(t') = a_z t'^3 + b_z t'^2 + c_z t' + d_z$$



- Normalize the time between two keyframes such that  $0 \leq t' \leq 1$ .

$$t' = \frac{t - t_0}{t_1 - t_0}$$

# Compact representation

## ■ Put it in a more compact representation

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Put them in the matrix representation  
and factor out the time variable.

$$\mathbf{Q}(t') = [x(t') \ y(t') \ z(t')]$$

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It's nice to have a representation that factors out the time because we can easily compute the gradient of the curve.

$$\mathbf{Q}(t') = [x(t') \ y(t') \ z(t')] = [t'^3 \ t'^2 \ t' \ 1] \begin{bmatrix} a_x & a_y & a_z \\ b_x & b_y & b_z \\ c_x & c_y & c_z \\ d_x & d_y & d_z \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{TC}$$

# Quiz

## ■ It's nice to factor the time

**What is the first derivative function of  $\mathbf{Q}(t')$ ?**

$$\dot{\mathbf{Q}}(t') = \dot{\mathbf{T}}\mathbf{C} = \frac{d}{dt'} [t'^3 \ t'^2 \ t' \ 1]\mathbf{C} = [3t'^2 \ 2t' \ 1 \ 0]\mathbf{C}$$

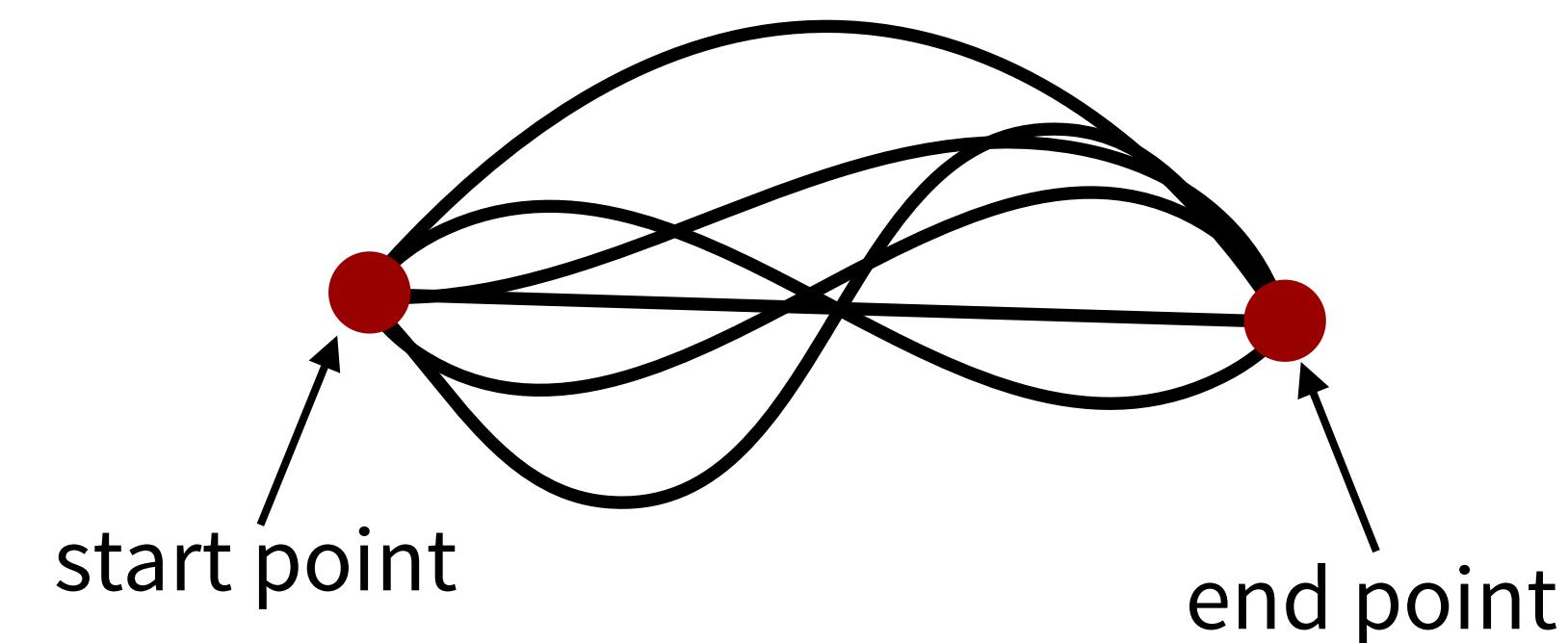
**What about  $\ddot{\mathbf{Q}}(t')$ ?**

$$\ddot{\mathbf{Q}}(t') = \ddot{\mathbf{T}}\mathbf{C} = [6t' \ 2 \ 0 \ 0]\mathbf{C}$$

These derivative functions will be  
useful later...

# Compact representation

- How do we determine the matrix  $C$ ?
  - For each cubic function, we need four constraints to determine it.
- Two constraints come from end points, what about other two constraints?
  - Desired shape of the curve.



# Compact representation

- How do we enforce these geometry constraints in  $\mathbf{C}$ ? The current representation of  $\mathbf{C}$  is a bit inconvenient.

$$\mathbf{C} = \begin{bmatrix} a_x & a_y & a_z \\ b_x & b_y & b_z \\ c_x & c_y & c_z \\ d_x & d_y & d_z \end{bmatrix}$$

Basis matrix  $\mathbf{M}$  falls out of algebra manipulation.

Geometry matrix  $\mathbf{G}$  stores parameters of desired geometry constraints. We need **four** of them.

- We can reparameterize  $\mathbf{C}$  as a product of two matrices.

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

# Compact representation

$$\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{T}\mathbf{M}\mathbf{G} = [t^3 \quad t^2 \quad t' \quad 1] \begin{bmatrix} m_{11} & m_{12} & m_{13} & m_{14} \\ m_{21} & m_{22} & m_{23} & m_{24} \\ m_{31} & m_{32} & m_{33} & m_{34} \\ m_{41} & m_{42} & m_{43} & m_{44} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} g_{1x} & g_{1y} & g_{1z} \\ g_{2x} & g_{2y} & g_{2z} \\ g_{3x} & g_{3y} & g_{3z} \\ g_{4x} & g_{4y} & g_{4z} \end{bmatrix}$$

Basis matrix **M**

Geometry matrix **G**

# Hermite curves

- A Hermite curve is determined by

- Two end points  $P_1$  and  $P_4$
- Two tangent vectors  $R_1$  and  $R_4$



- Use these elements to construct geometry matrix

$$G_h = \begin{bmatrix} P_1 \\ P_4 \\ R_1 \\ R_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} p_{1x} & p_{1y} & p_{1z} \\ p_{4x} & p_{4y} & p_{4z} \\ r_{1x} & r_{1y} & r_{1z} \\ r_{4x} & r_{4y} & r_{4z} \end{bmatrix}$$

What about  $M_h$ ?

$$Q(t') = TM_h \begin{bmatrix} p_{1x} & p_{1y} & p_{1z} \\ p_{4x} & p_{4y} & p_{4z} \\ r_{1x} & r_{1y} & r_{1z} \\ r_{4x} & r_{4y} & r_{4z} \end{bmatrix}$$

# Hermite basis matrix

- To find basis matrix  $\mathbf{M}_h$ , we need to enforce desired geometry constraints

- End points meet  $\mathbf{P}_1$  and  $\mathbf{P}_4$

recall:  $\dot{\mathbf{Q}}(t') = \dot{\mathbf{T}}\mathbf{C} = \frac{d}{dt'}[t'^3 \ t'^2 \ t' \ 1]\mathbf{C} = [3t'^2 \ 2t' \ 1 \ 0]\mathbf{C}$

$$\mathbf{Q}(0) = [0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1] \mathbf{M}_h \mathbf{G}_h$$

$$\mathbf{Q}(1) = [1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1] \mathbf{M}_h \mathbf{G}_h$$

- Tangent vectors meet  $\mathbf{R}_1$  and  $\mathbf{R}_4$

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$$\dot{\mathbf{Q}}(1) = [3 \ 2 \ 1 \ 0] \mathbf{M}_h \mathbf{G}_h$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{M}_h \mathbf{G}_h = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{P}_1 \\ \mathbf{P}_4 \\ \mathbf{R}_1 \\ \mathbf{R}_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Quiz

Given  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{M}_h \mathbf{G}_h = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{P}_1 \\ \mathbf{P}_4 \\ \mathbf{R}_1 \\ \mathbf{R}_4 \end{bmatrix}$

What is  $\mathbf{M}_h$ ?

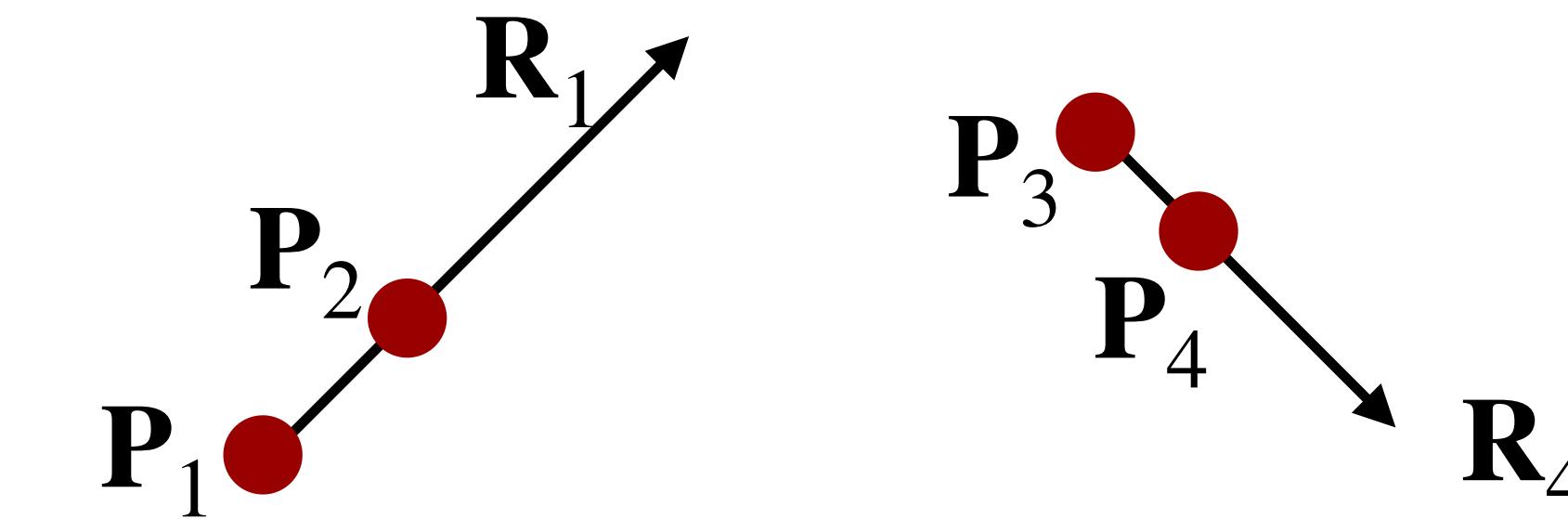
$$\mathbf{M}_h = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 & 1 & 1 \\ -3 & 3 & -2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Bézier curves

- Indirectly specify tangent vectors by specifying two intermediate points

$$\mathbf{R}_1 = 3(\mathbf{P}_2 - \mathbf{P}_1)$$

$$\mathbf{R}_4 = 3(\mathbf{P}_4 - \mathbf{P}_3)$$



- Use these elements to construct geometry matrix

$$\mathbf{G}_b = \begin{bmatrix} p_{1x} & p_{1y} & p_{1z} \\ p_{2x} & p_{2y} & p_{2z} \\ p_{3x} & p_{3y} & p_{3z} \\ p_{4x} & p_{4y} & p_{4z} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{Q}(t') = \mathbf{T}\mathbf{M}_b$$

What about  $\mathbf{M}_b$ ?

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# Bézier basis matrix

- Exploit the relation between Hermite and Bezier geometry matrices to find the basis matrix for Bézier curve,  $\mathbf{M}_b$ .

$$\mathbf{G}_h = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{P}_1 \\ \mathbf{P}_4 \\ \mathbf{R}_1 \\ \mathbf{R}_4 \end{bmatrix} = \left[ \quad \right] \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{P}_1 \\ \mathbf{P}_2 \\ \mathbf{P}_3 \\ \mathbf{P}_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

recall:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{R}_1 &= 3(\mathbf{P}_2 - \mathbf{P}_1) \\ \mathbf{R}_4 &= 3(\mathbf{P}_4 - \mathbf{P}_3)\end{aligned}$$

- $\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{T}\mathbf{M}_h\mathbf{G}_h = \mathbf{T}\mathbf{M}_h(\mathbf{M}_{hb}\mathbf{G}_b) = \mathbf{T}(\mathbf{M}_h\mathbf{M}_{hb})\mathbf{G}_b = \mathbf{T}\mathbf{M}_b\mathbf{G}_b$

$$\mathbf{M}_b = \mathbf{M}_h\mathbf{M}_{hb}$$

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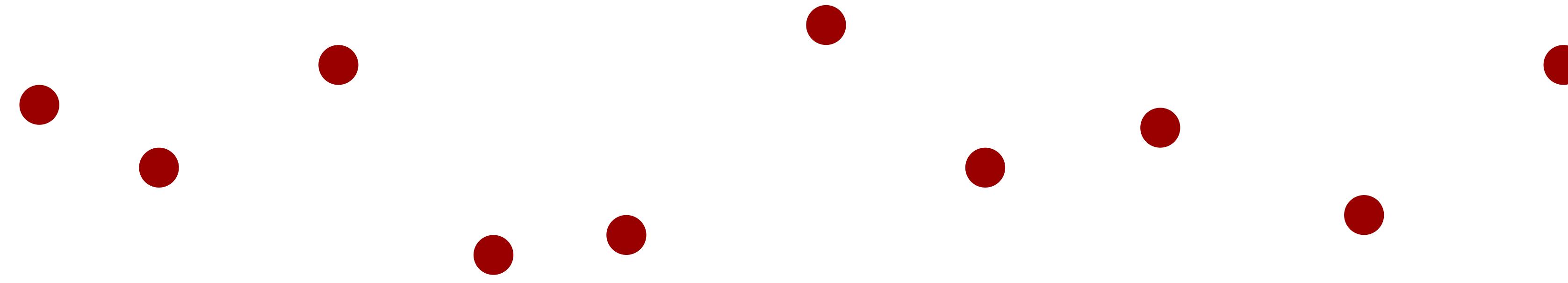
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$$\mathbf{M}_b = \mathbf{M}_h\mathbf{M}_{hb} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 & 1 & 1 \\ -3 & 3 & -2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -3 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 3 & -3 & 1 \\ 3 & -6 & 3 & 0 \\ -3 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Complex curves

- What if we want to model a curve that passes through these points?



- Problem with higher order polynomials
  - Wiggly curves
  - No local control

# Splines

- A piecewise polynomial that has locally very simple form, yet be globally flexible and smooth
- There are three nice properties of splines we'd like to have
  - Continuity
  - Local control
  - Interpolation

# Continuity

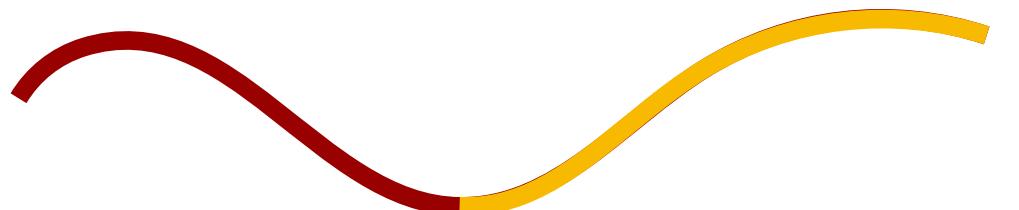
- $C^0$ : positions coincide, velocities don't



- $C^1$ : positions and velocities coincide



- $C^2$ : positions, velocities and accelerations coincide



Often the difference between  $C^1$  and  $C^2$  is not that obvious.

# Local control

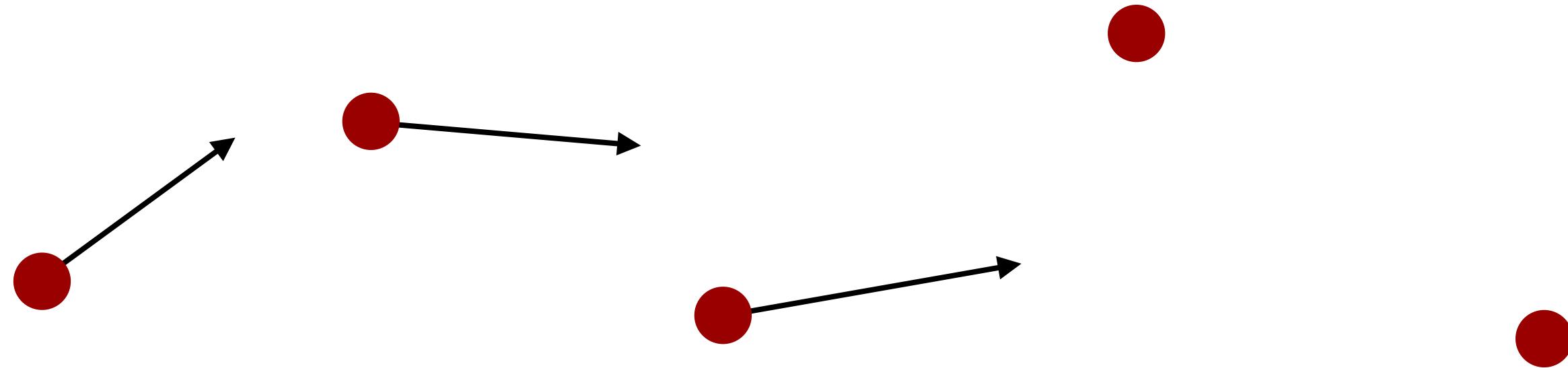
- We'd like to have each control point on the spline only affect some well-defined neighborhood around that point.
- Polynomial functions don't have local control; moving a single keyframe affects the whole curve.

# Interpolation

- We'd like to have a spline interpolating the control points so that the spline always passes through every control points.
- Bézier curves do not necessarily pass through all the control points.

# Catmull-Rom splines

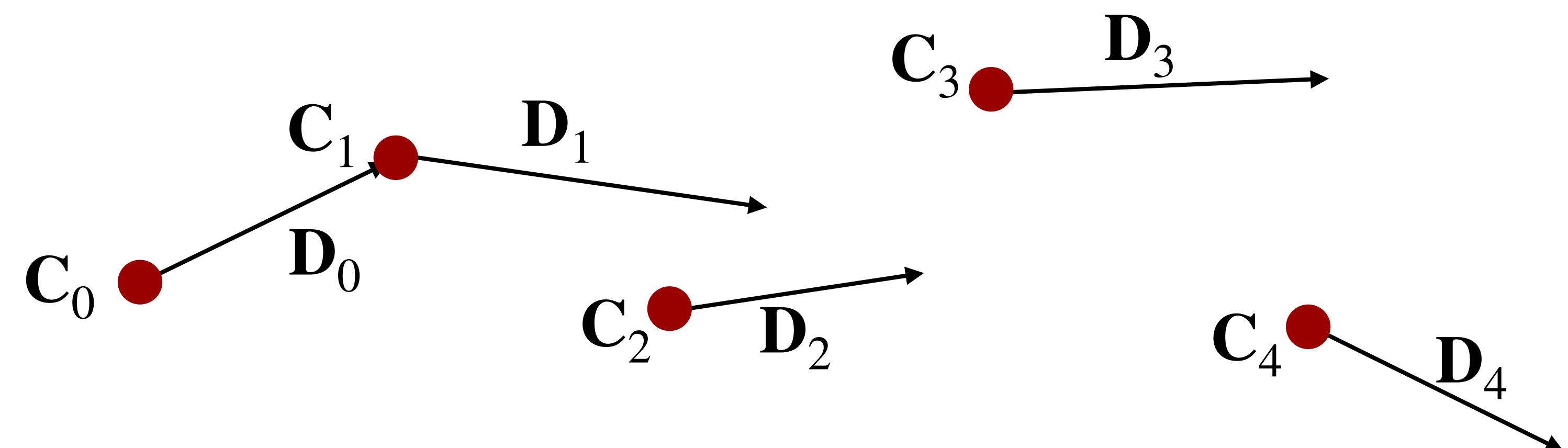
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# Catmull-Rom splines

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$$D_0 = C_1 - C_0$$

$$D_1 = \frac{1}{2}(C_2 - C_0)$$

$$D_2 = \frac{1}{2}(C_3 - C_1)$$

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$$D_n = (C_n - C_{n-1})$$

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# Catmull-Rom basis matrix

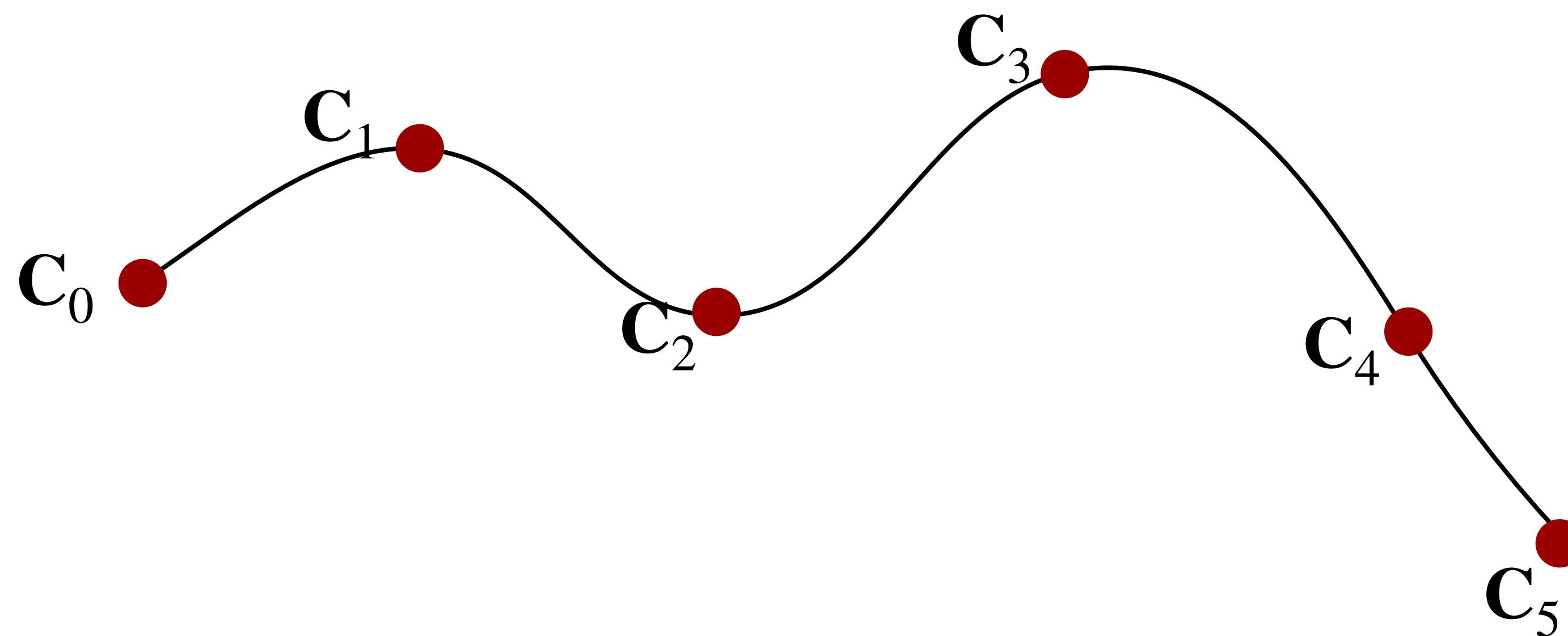
- For interior portion of Catmull-Rom spline, we can derive the basis matrix and use four neighboring keyframes to form the geometry matrix.

$$Q = T \begin{bmatrix} \frac{-1}{2} & \frac{3}{2} & \frac{-3}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 & \frac{-5}{2} & 2 & \frac{-1}{2} \\ \frac{-1}{2} & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} C_1 \\ C_2 \\ C_3 \\ C_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

- For the boundary portion of Catmull-Rom, we can simply use the Hermite curve formulation.

# Quiz

Which portion of the Catmull-Rom spline is drawn by this equation?



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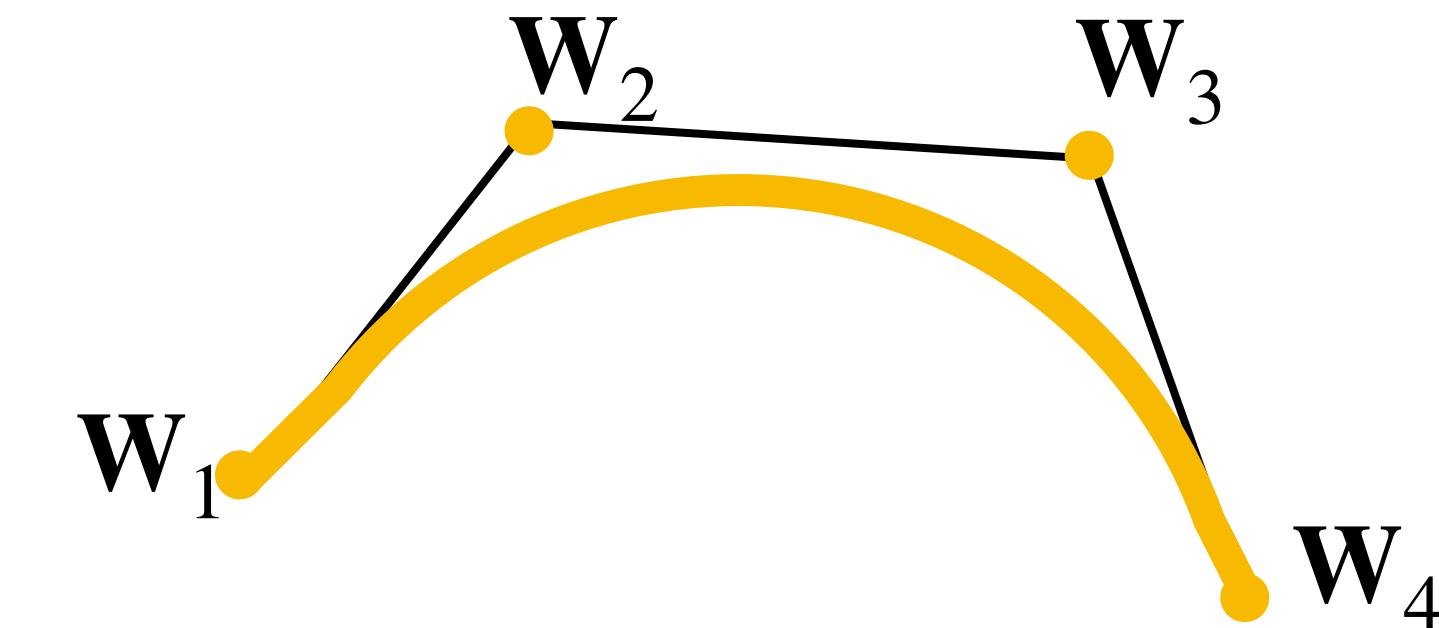
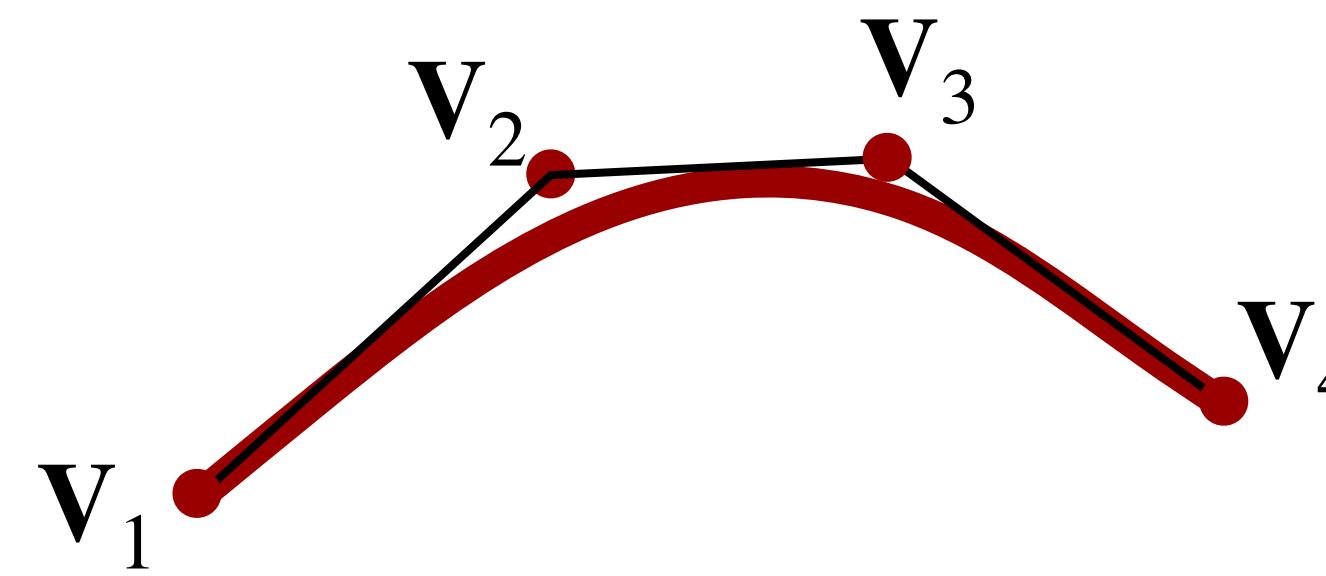
The portion between  $C_2$  and  $C_3$

# Properties of Catmull-Rom Splines

- C<sup>2</sup> continuity 
- Local control 
- Interpolation 

# B-splines

- We can join multiple Bézier curves to create B-splines.

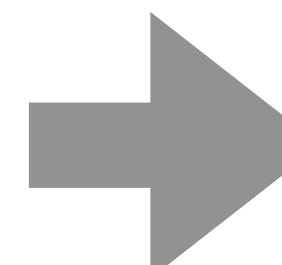


- We will do it in such way that  $C^2$  continuity is enforced.

Positions:  $\mathbf{Q}_v(1) = \mathbf{Q}_w(0)$

Velocities:  $\dot{\mathbf{Q}}_v(1) = \dot{\mathbf{Q}}_w(0)$

Accelerations:  $\ddot{\mathbf{Q}}_v(1) = \ddot{\mathbf{Q}}_w(0)$



$$\mathbf{V}_4 = \mathbf{W}_1$$

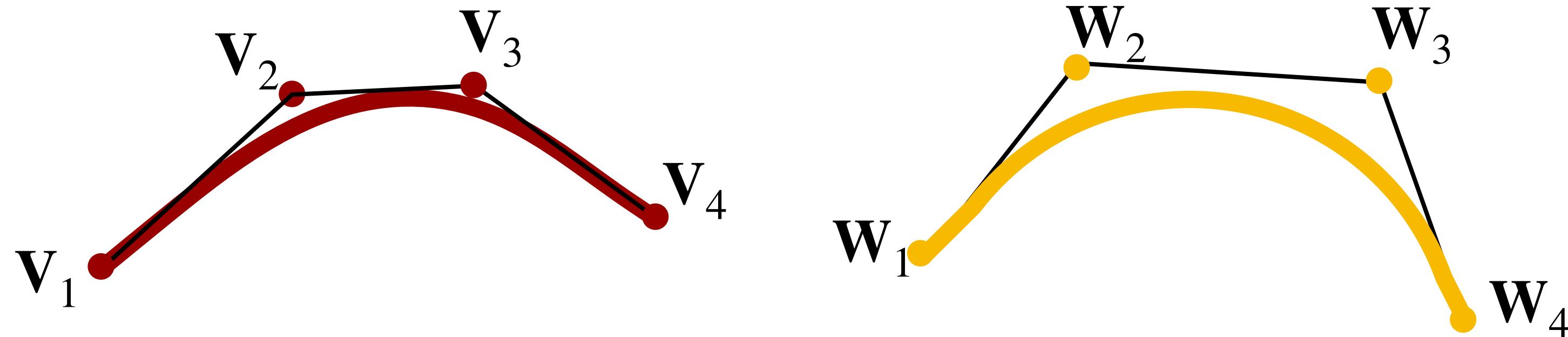
$$\mathbf{V}_4 - \mathbf{V}_3 = \mathbf{W}_2 - \mathbf{W}_1$$

$$\mathbf{V}_2 - 2\mathbf{V}_3 + \mathbf{V}_4 = \mathbf{W}_1 - 2\mathbf{W}_2 + \mathbf{W}_3$$

Recall  $\ddot{\mathbf{Q}}(t') = [6t' \ 2 \ 0 \ 0] \mathbf{M}_b \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{P}_1 \\ \mathbf{P}_2 \\ \mathbf{P}_3 \\ \mathbf{P}_4 \end{bmatrix}$

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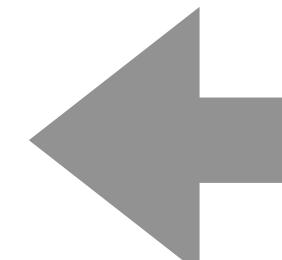


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$$W_1 = V_4$$

$$W_2 = 2V_4 - V_3$$

$$W_3 = 2W_2 - (2V_3 - V_2)$$

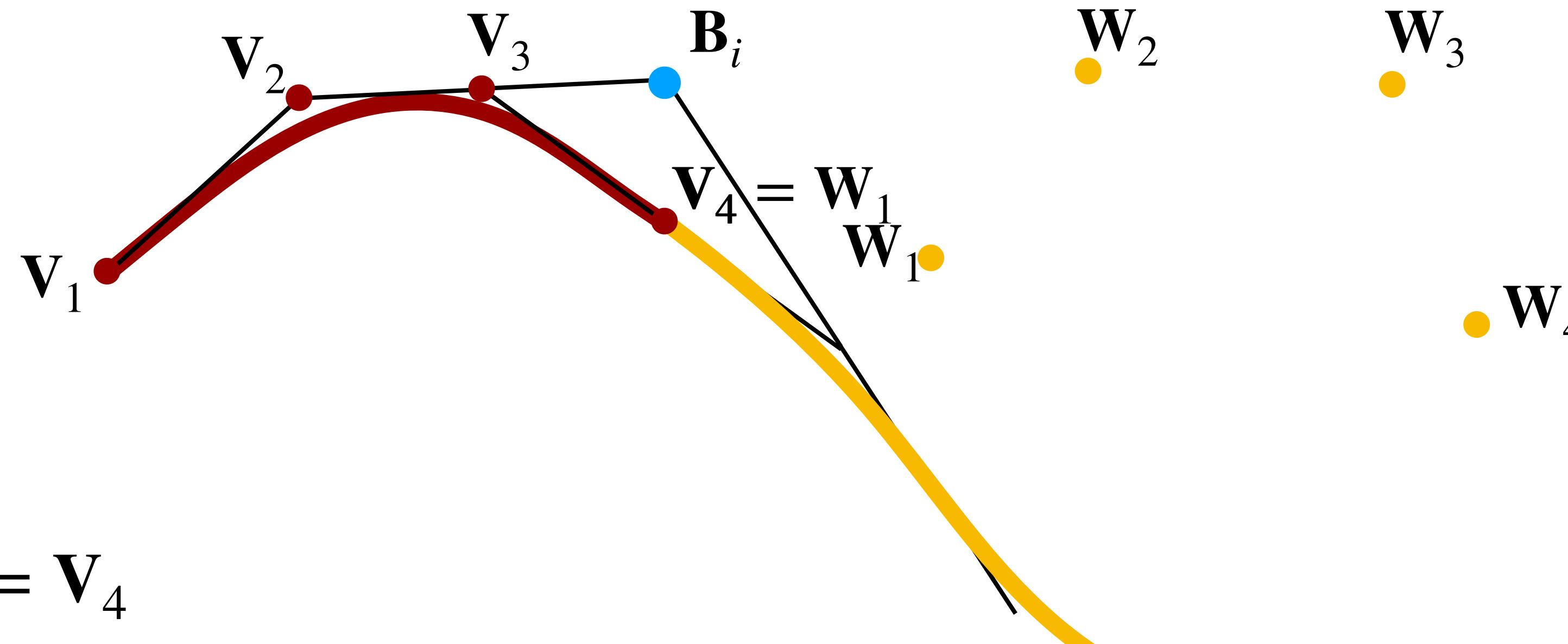


$$V_4 = W_1$$

$$V_4 - V_3 = W_2 - W_1$$

$$V_2 - 2V_3 + V_4 = W_1 - 2W_2 + W_3$$

# B-splines



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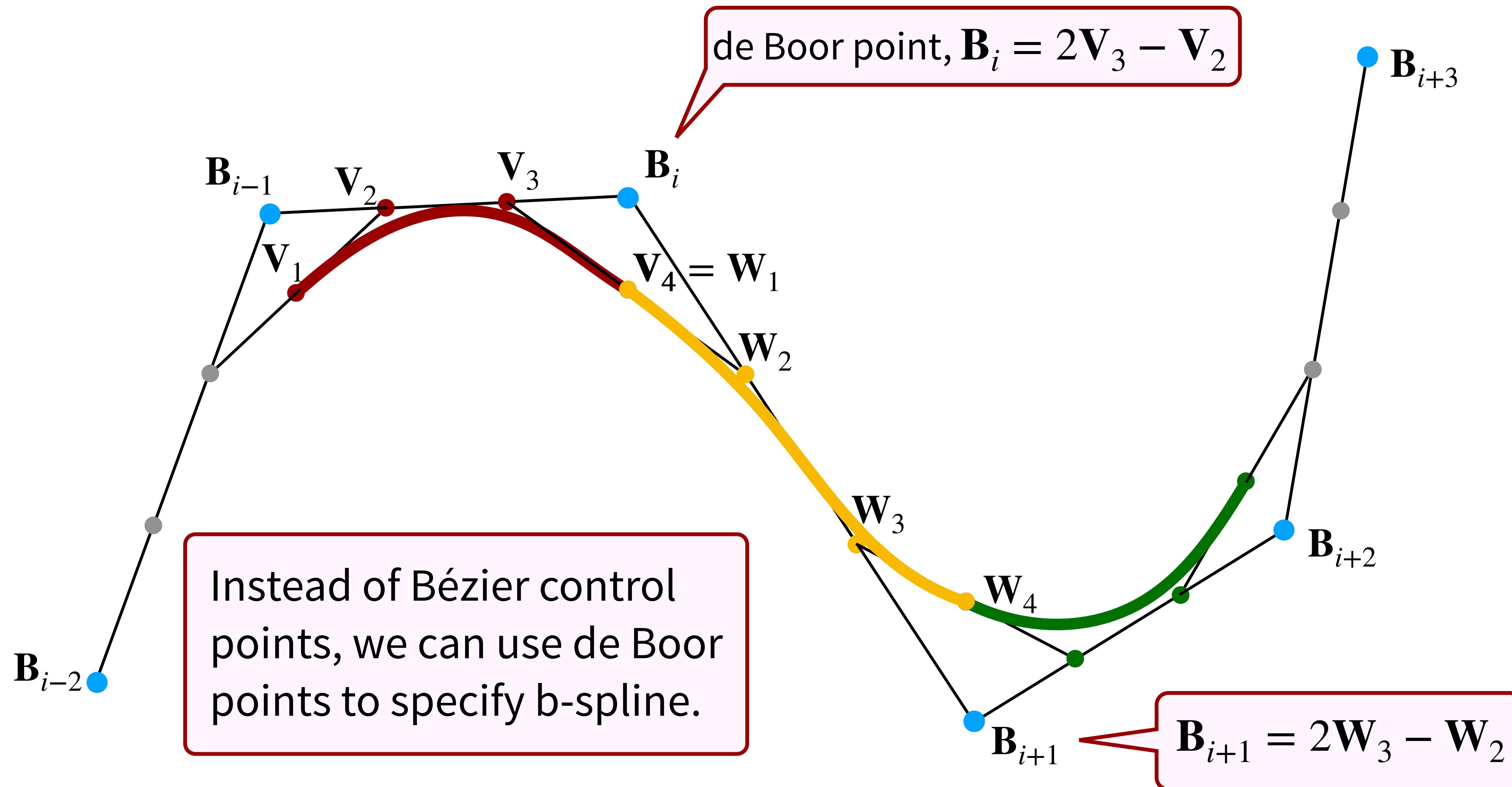
$V_4$  is the midpoint between  $V_3$  and  $W_2$

$$W_3 = 2W_2 - (2V_3 - V_2)$$

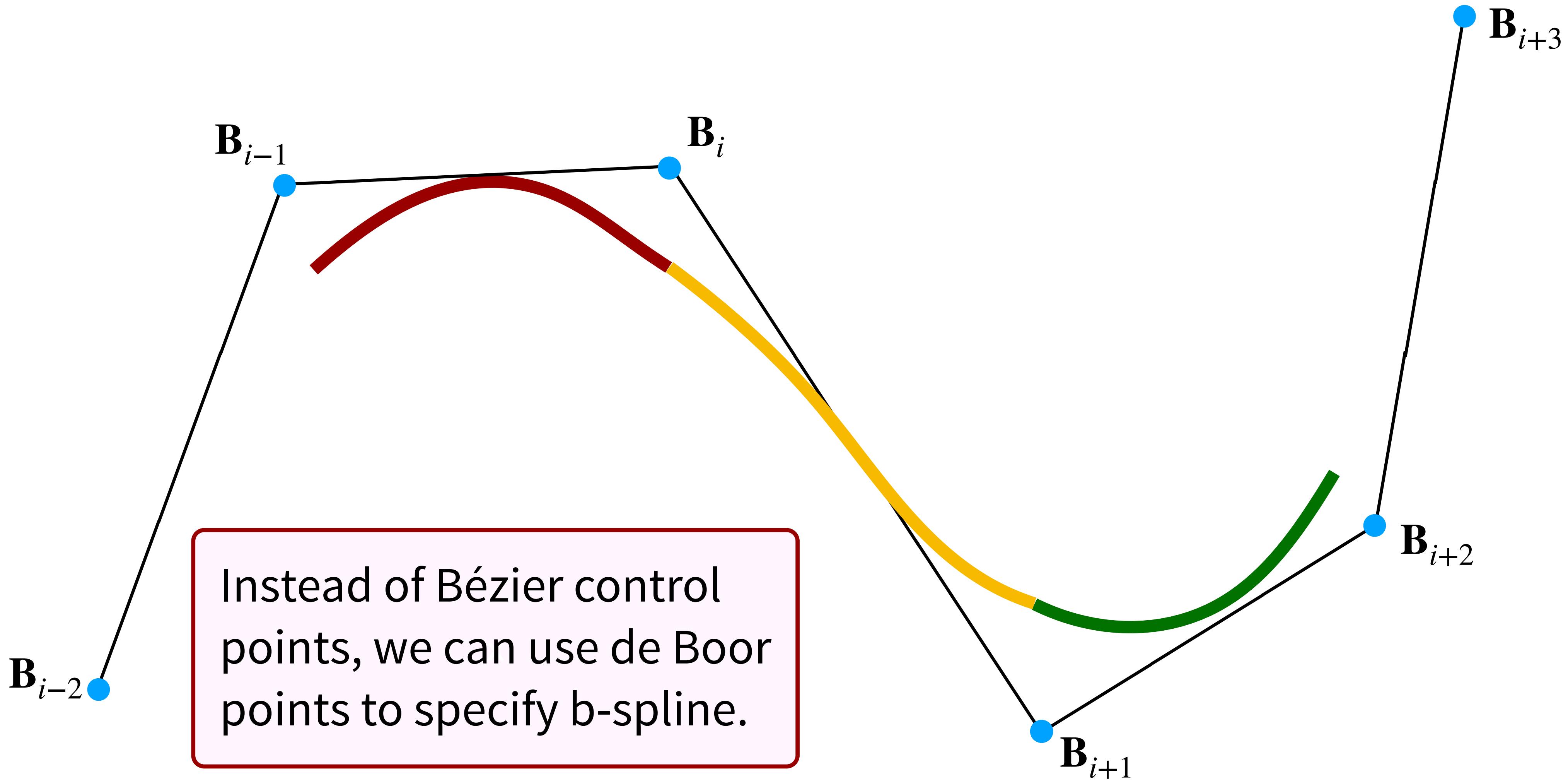
$$= 2W_2 - B_i, \text{ where } B_i = 2V_3 - V_2$$

$V_3$  is the midpoint between  $V_2$  and  $B_i$

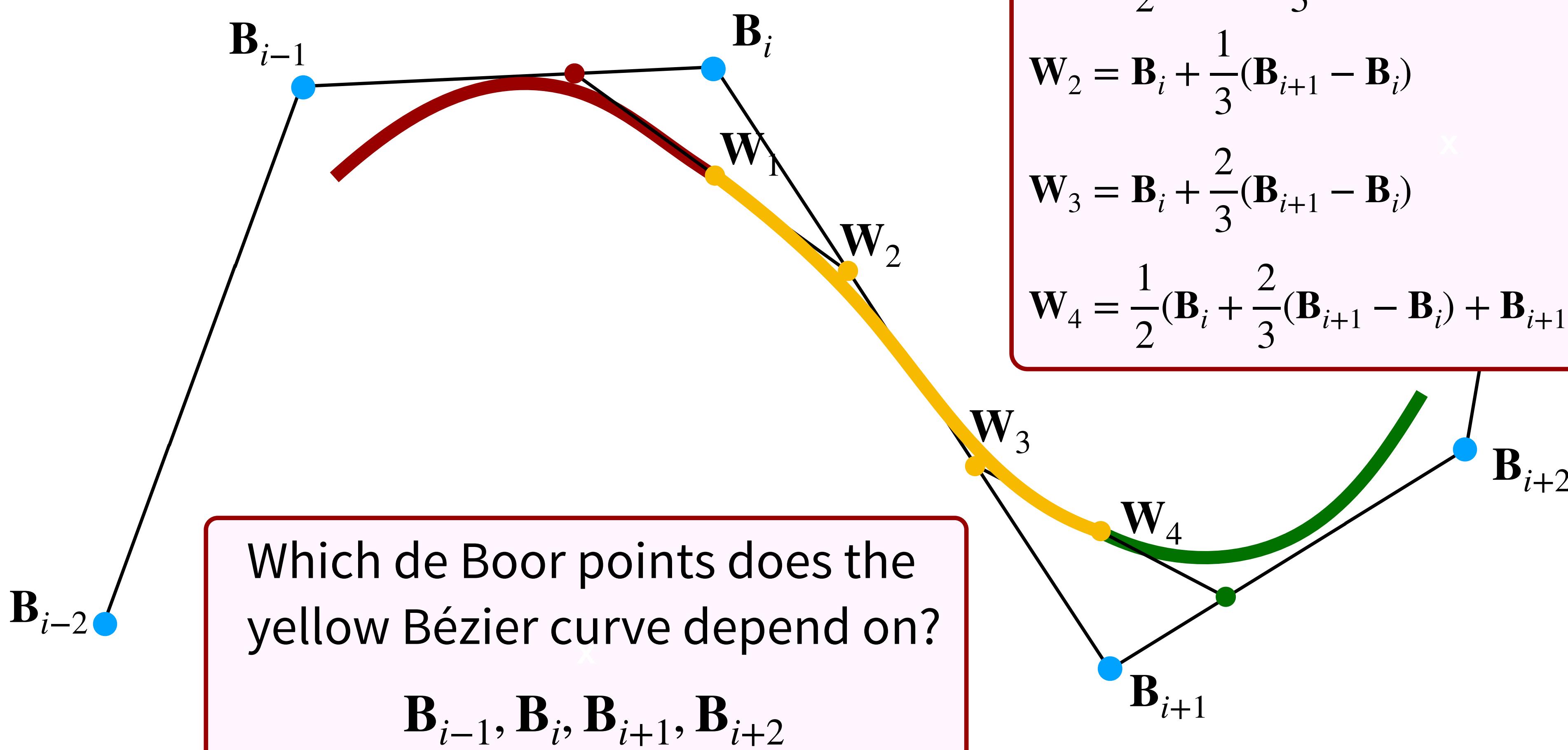
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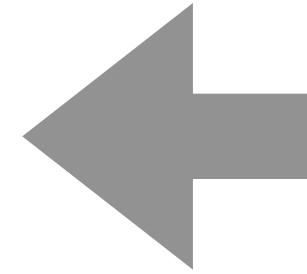
# Relation between de Boor points and Bézier points



$$W_1 = \frac{1}{2}(B_{i-1} + \frac{2}{3}(B_i - B_{i-1}) + B_i + \frac{1}{3}(B_{i+1} - B_i))$$
$$W_2 = B_i + \frac{1}{3}(B_{i+1} - B_i)$$
$$W_3 = B_i + \frac{2}{3}(B_{i+1} - B_i)$$
$$W_4 = \frac{1}{2}(B_i + \frac{2}{3}(B_{i+1} - B_i) + B_{i+1} + \frac{1}{3}(B_{i+2} - B_{i+1}))$$

# B-splines

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{W}_1 \\ \mathbf{W}_2 \\ \mathbf{W}_3 \\ \mathbf{W}_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{6} & \frac{2}{3} & \frac{1}{6} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{2}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{2}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{2}{3} & \frac{1}{6} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{B}_{i-1} \\ \mathbf{B}_i \\ \mathbf{B}_{i+1} \\ \mathbf{B}_{i+2} \end{bmatrix}$$



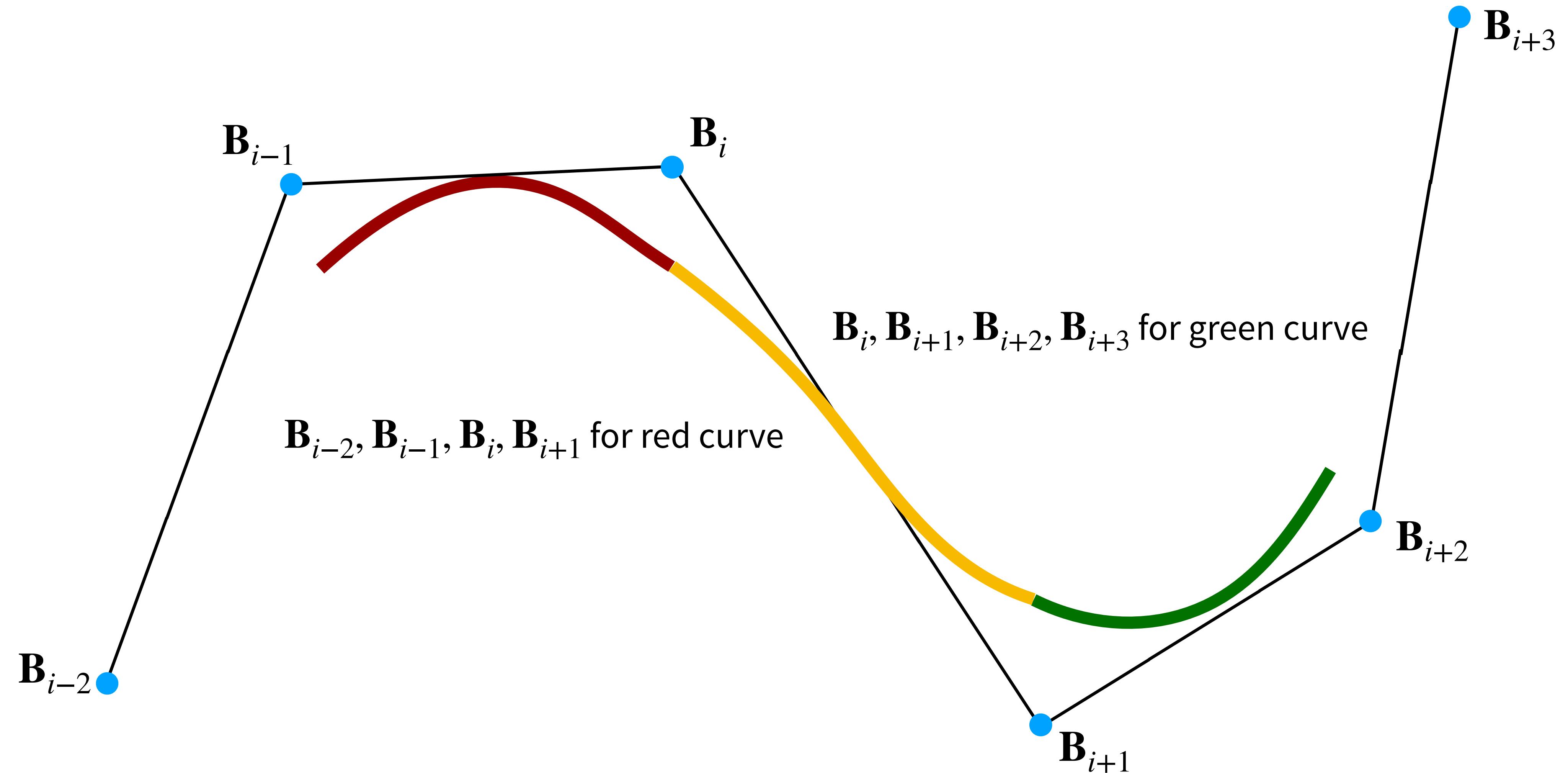
$$\mathbf{W}_1 = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{B}_{i-1} + \frac{2}{3}(\mathbf{B}_i - \mathbf{B}_{i-1}) + \mathbf{B}_i + \frac{1}{3}(\mathbf{B}_{i+1} - \mathbf{B}_i))$$
$$\mathbf{W}_2 = \mathbf{B}_i + \frac{1}{3}(\mathbf{B}_{i+1} - \mathbf{B}_i)$$
$$\mathbf{W}_3 = \mathbf{B}_i + \frac{2}{3}(\mathbf{B}_{i+1} - \mathbf{B}_i)$$
$$\mathbf{W}_4 = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{B}_i + \frac{2}{3}(\mathbf{B}_{i+1} - \mathbf{B}_i) + \mathbf{B}_{i+1} + \frac{1}{3}(\mathbf{B}_{i+2} - \mathbf{B}_{i+1}))$$

Basis matrix for B-splines  
defined by de Boor points

$$\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{T}\mathbf{M}_b \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{W}_1 \\ \mathbf{W}_2 \\ \mathbf{W}_3 \\ \mathbf{W}_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Quiz

- What de Boor points are used to compute the red and green Bézier curves?



# Properties of B-Splines

- C<sup>2</sup> continuity ✓
- Local control ✓
- Interpolation ✗

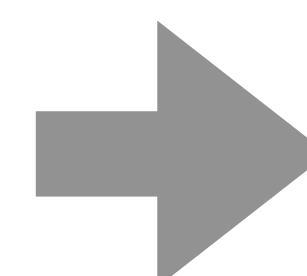
# Endpoints

It would be nice if we could at least control the endpoints of the splines explicitly.

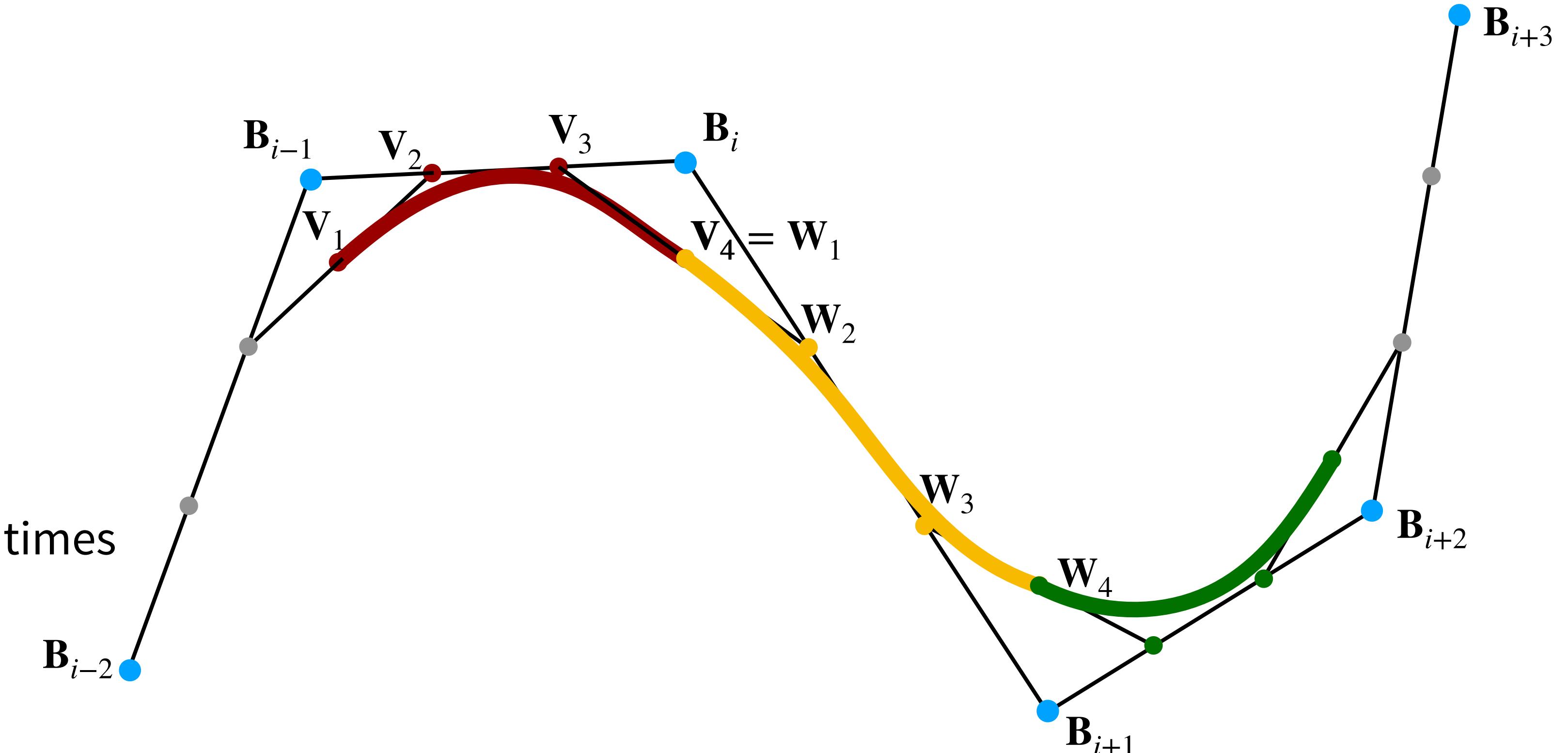
$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{V}_1 \\ \mathbf{V}_2 \\ \mathbf{V}_3 \\ \mathbf{V}_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{6} & \frac{2}{3} & \frac{1}{6} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{2}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{2}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{2}{3} & \frac{1}{6} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{B}_{i-2} \\ \mathbf{B}_{i-1} \\ \mathbf{B}_i \\ \mathbf{B}_{i+1} \end{bmatrix}$$

If we repeat the de Boor endpoints 3 times

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{V}_1 \\ \mathbf{V}_2 \\ \mathbf{V}_3 \\ \mathbf{V}_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{6} & \frac{2}{3} & \frac{1}{6} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{2}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{2}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{2}{3} & \frac{1}{6} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{B}_{i-2} \\ \mathbf{B}_{i-2} \\ \mathbf{B}_{i-2} \\ \mathbf{B}_{i-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

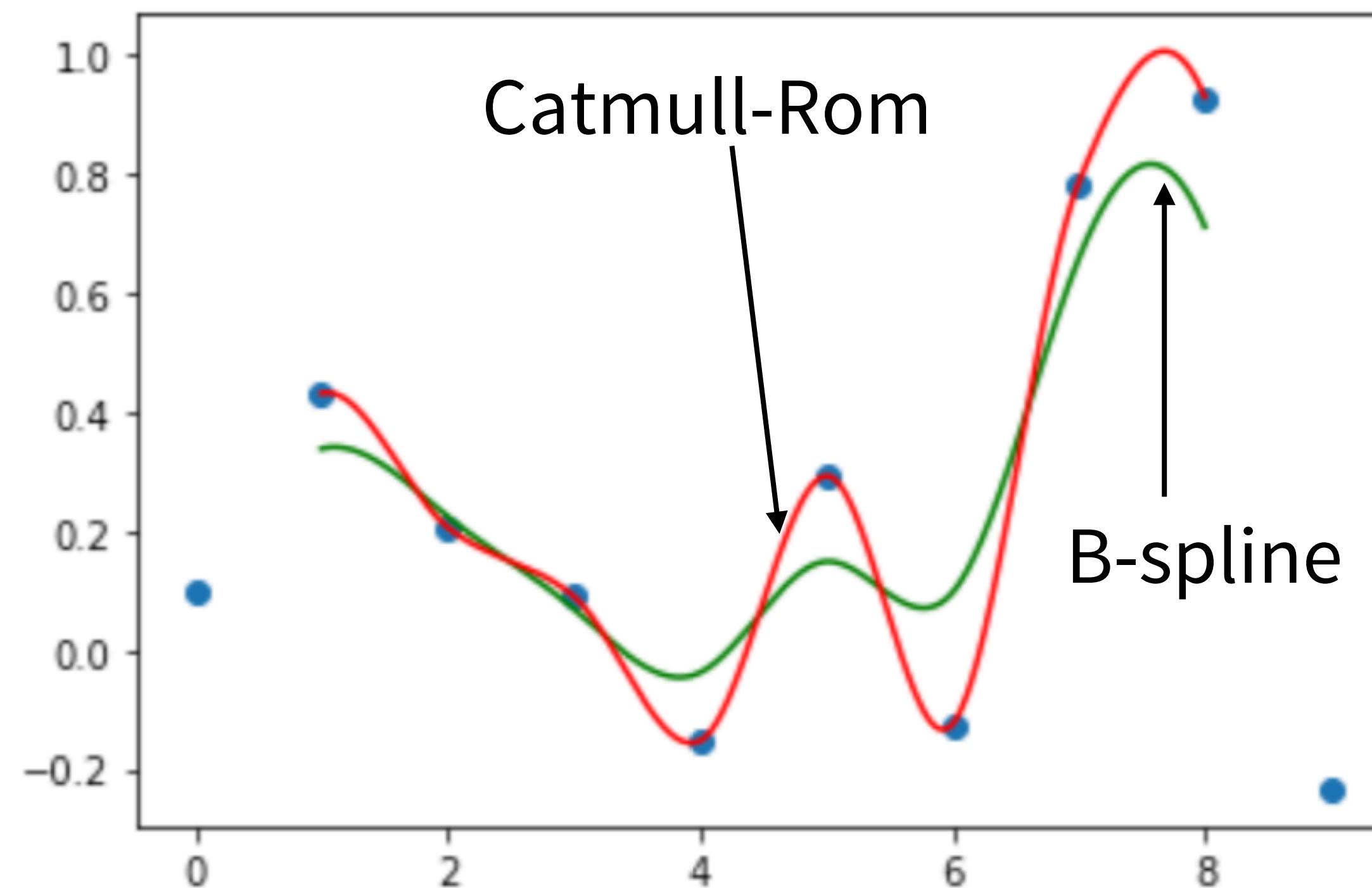


$\mathbf{V}_1 = \mathbf{B}_{i-2}$  so the spline will start from  $\mathbf{B}_{i-2}$



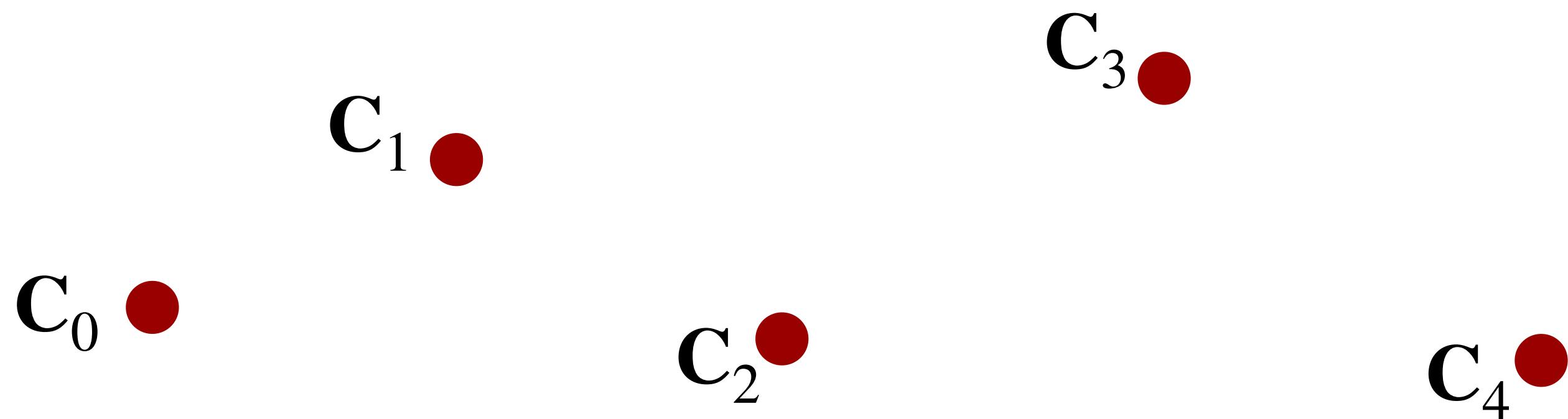
# Quiz

Which one is Catmull-Rom? Which one is B-spline?



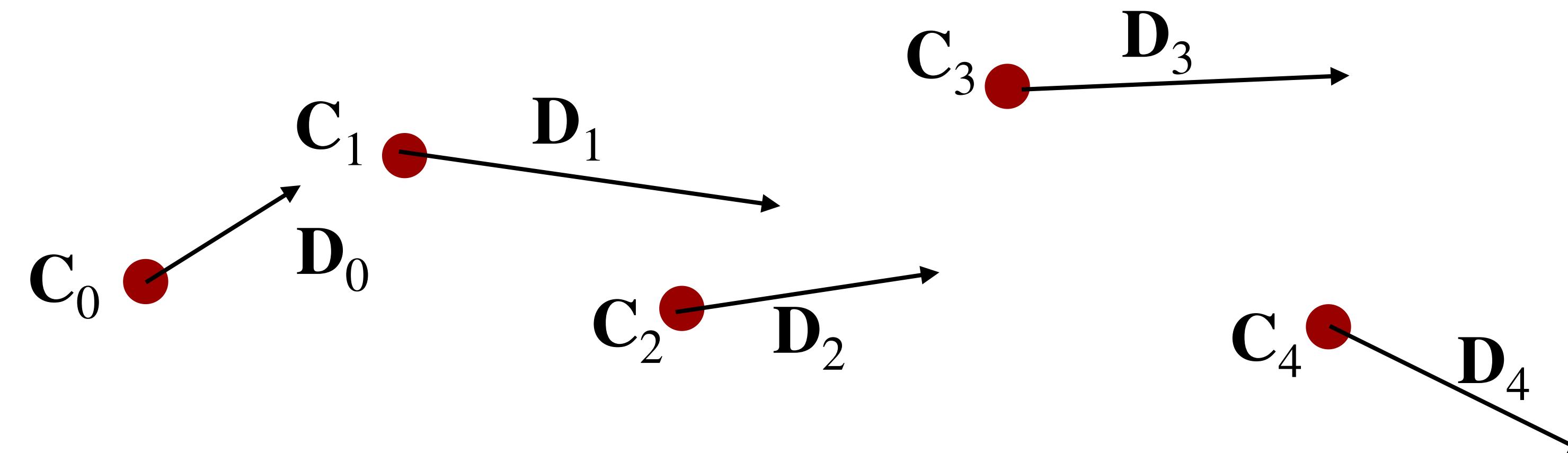
# $C^2$ interpolating splines

- How can we keep the  $C^2$  continuity of B-splines but get interpolation property as well?
- Suppose we have a set of points representing keyframes, our goal is to find a  $C^2$  spline that passes through all the points.



# $C^2$ interpolating splines

- Make each pair of segments share an arbitrary tangent will only give you  $C1$ .
- Need to solve for  $D$ 's such that  $C2$  continuity is enforced between segments.



# $C^2$ interpolating splines

- If we want to create a Bezier curve between each pair of consecutive points, what are Bezier control points in terms of C's and D's?

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$$V_1 = C_0 + \frac{1}{3}D_0$$

$$V_2 = C_1 - \frac{1}{3}D_1$$

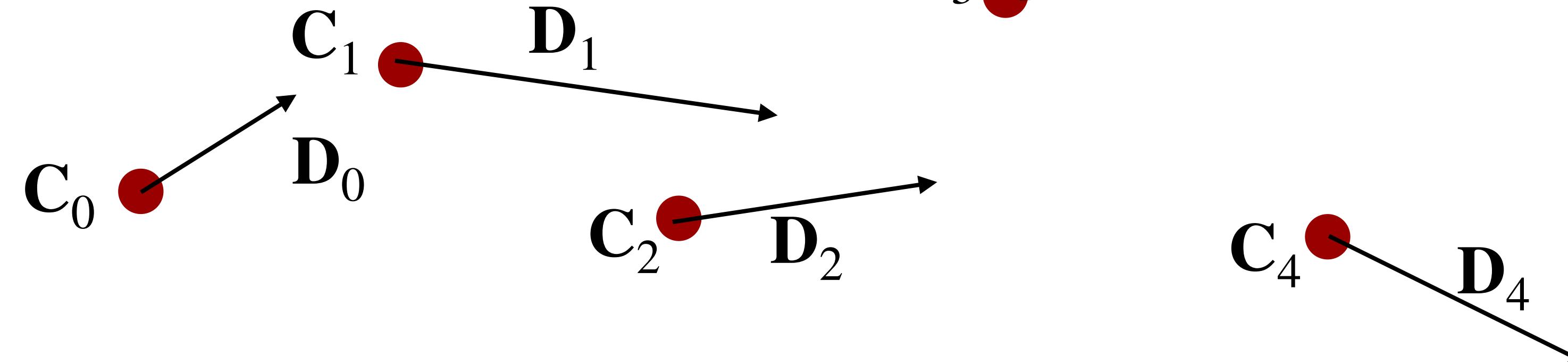
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$$W_0 = C_1$$

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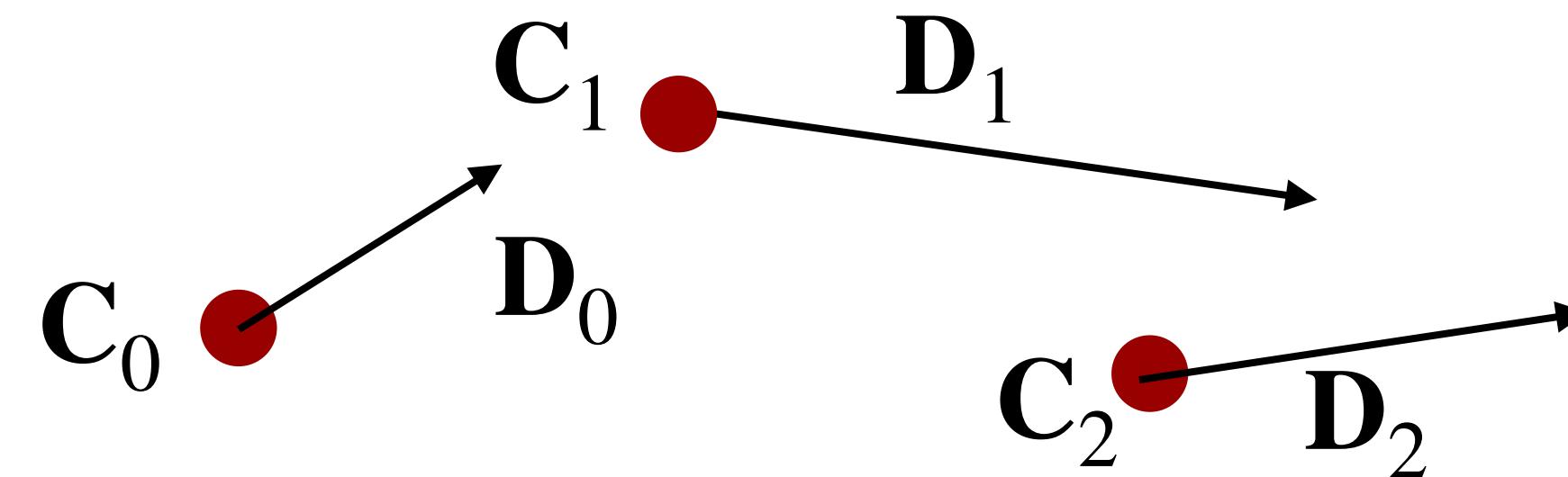
$$W_1 = C_1 + \frac{1}{3}D_1$$

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$$W_3 = C_2$$

Recall  $C^2$  continuity constraint for a Bezier curve:  $V_2 - 2V_3 + V_4 = W_1 - 2W_2 + W_3$

$$D_0 + 4D_1 + D_2 = 3(C_2 + C_0)$$



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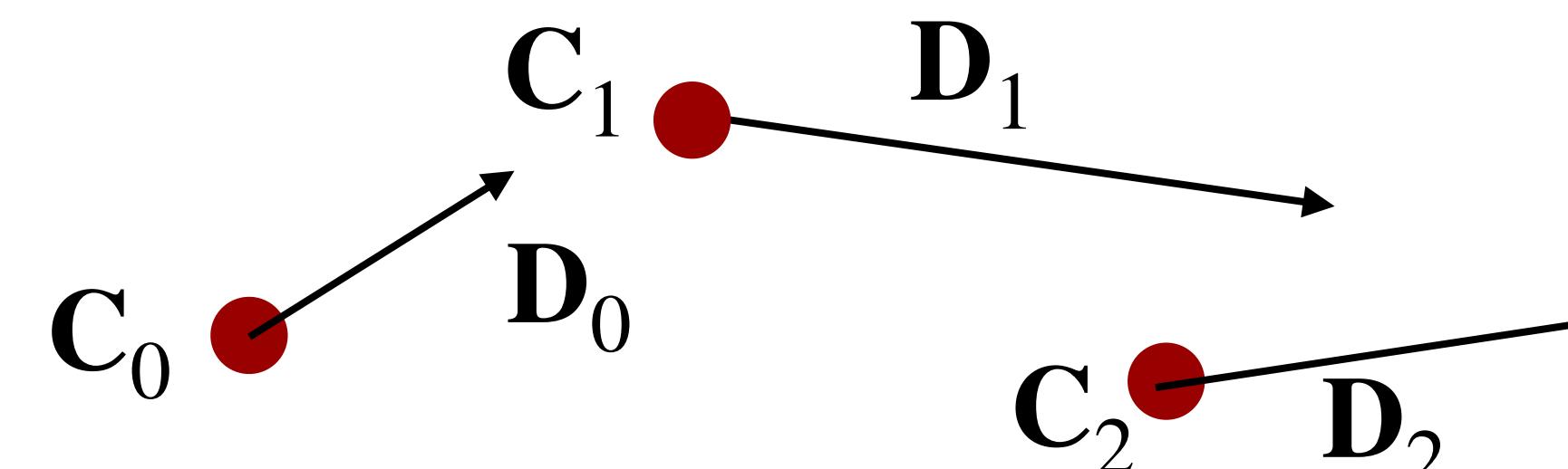
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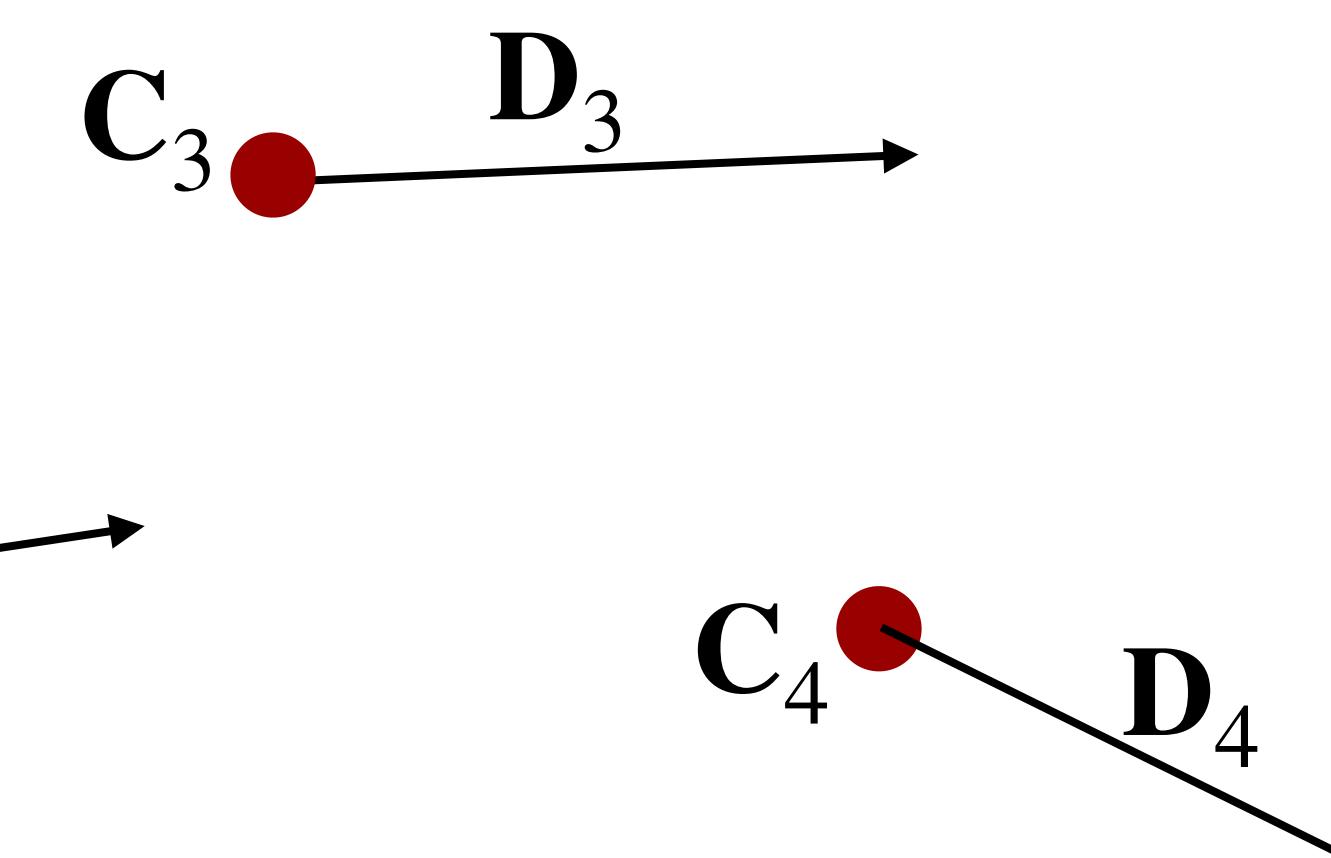
$$W_3 = C_2$$



$$D_0 + 4D_1 + D_2 = 3(C_2 - C_0)$$

$$D_1 + 4D_2 + D_3 = 3(C_3 - C_1)$$

$$D_2 + 4D_3 + D_4 = 3(C_4 - C_2)$$



# $C^2$ interpolating splines

- Given m keyframes, how many equations do we have?

- How many variables are we trying to solve?
  - $m-1$
  - $m+1$

$$\mathbf{D}_0 + 4\mathbf{D}_1 + \mathbf{D}_2 = 3(\mathbf{C}_2 - \mathbf{C}_0)$$

$$\mathbf{D}_1 + 4\mathbf{D}_2 + \mathbf{D}_3 = 3(\mathbf{C}_3 - \mathbf{C}_1)$$

$$\mathbf{D}_2 + 4\mathbf{D}_3 + \mathbf{D}_4 = 3(\mathbf{C}_4 - \mathbf{C}_2)$$

⋮

$$\mathbf{D}_{m-2} + 4\mathbf{D}_{m-1} + \mathbf{D}_m = 3(\mathbf{C}_m - \mathbf{C}_{m-2})$$

# Boundary conditions

- We can impose more conditions on the spline to solve the two extra degrees of freedom.
- Natural C<sup>2</sup> interpolating splines require second derivative to be zero at the endpoints.

$$V_2 - 2V_3 + V_4 = 0$$

$$2D_0 - D_1 = 3(C_1 - C_0)$$

$$D_0 + 4D_1 + D_2 = 3(C_2 - C_0)$$

$$D_1 + 4D_2 + D_3 = 3(C_3 - C_1)$$

$$D_2 + 4D_3 + D_4 = 3(C_4 - C_2)$$

⋮

$$D_{m-2} + 4D_{m-1} + D_m = 3(C_m - C_{m-2})$$

$$D_{m-1} - 2D_m = 3(C_m - C_{m-1})$$

# Solve for the tangents

- Collect  $m+1$  equations into a linear system.
- Use forward elimination to zero out every thing below the diagonal, then back substitute to compute D's

$$\times -\frac{1}{2} \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c|c} 2 & 1 & & D_0 & 3(C_1 - C_0) \\ 0 & \cancel{\frac{3}{2}} & 1 & D_1 & \cancel{3C_3} \\ \vdots & \cancel{\frac{3}{2}} & 1 & \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & 4 & 1 & D_{m-1} & 3(C_m - C_{m-2}) \\ & \ddots & & D_m & 3(C_{m+1} - C_m) \end{array} \right]$$

$$D_m = \frac{C'_m}{a_{mm}}$$

$$D_{m-1} = \frac{C'_{m-1} - a_{m-1,m}D_m}{a_{m-1,m-1}}$$

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$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c|c} 2 & 1 & & D_0 & 3(C_1 - C_0) \\ 0 & a_{22} & a_{23} & D_1 & C'_1 \\ & \ddots & & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & a_{m-1,m-1} & a_{m-1,m} & D_{m-1} & C'_{m-1} \\ & 0 & a_{mm} & D_m & C'_m \end{array} \right]$$

# Properties of B-Splines

- C<sup>2</sup> continuity ✓
- Local control ✗
- Interpolation ✓

# Additional reading

- Bézier curve: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/B%C3%A9zier\\_curve](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/B%C3%A9zier_curve)
- Pixar 3D Zoetrope: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5khDGKv088>