

Applied Numerical Analysis (7th Edition)

Chapter 3, Problem 54E

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Problem

Repeat Exercise, but for B-spline curves. Add fictitious points at the end so the end portions are completed.

Exercise

If these four points are connected in order by straight lines, a zigzag line is created:

(0, 0), (1, 0.5), (2, 1.7), (3, 1.5).

a. Using the two interior points as controls, find the cubic Bezier curve. Plot this together with the zigzag line.

b. Use this cubic equation to find interpolates at $x = 0.5$, $x = 0.75$, and $x = 2.5$. How close are these to the zigzag line?

c. If the second and third points (the control points) are moved, the Bezier curve will change. If these are moved vertically, where should they be located so that the Bezier curve passes through all of the original four points?

Step-by-step solution

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The matrix form of a cubic B-spline is

$$B_i(u) = \frac{1}{6} \begin{bmatrix} u^3 & u^2 & u & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 3 & -3 & 1 \\ 3 & -6 & 3 & 0 \\ -3 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 1 & 4 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p_{i-1} \\ p_i \\ p_{i+1} \\ p_{i+2} \end{bmatrix}, \quad i = 1, \dots, (n-1),$$

where $p_i = (x_i, y_i)$ and $p_{i-2} = p_{i-1} = p_i$ and

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Since the problem gives 4 data points, the 3 pieces of the cubic B-spline are calculated by

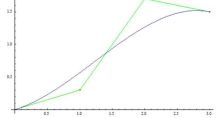
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a) To draw the graph that includes the control points (red), the zig-zag line (green) connecting the control points, and the B-spline curve (blue), make use of the following Mathematica commands

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INPUt:
pts={1,0,0},{1,0.3},{2,1.7},{3,1.5};
INPUt:
In[BSplineFunction[pts]
OUTPUT:
BSplineFunction[{{0,1}},{">"}]
INPUt:
Show[Graphics[{Red,Point[pts],Green,Line[pts]}],Axes->True,
AxesLabel->{"t","f"}],ParametricPlot[{{t},{0,1}}]]
OUTPUT:
out
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b) To find interpolates at $x = .5, .75, 2.5$, each of the following B-spline curve equations must be solved for their corresponding u values.

$$B_1(u) = \frac{1}{6} \begin{bmatrix} u^3 & u^2 & u & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 3 & -3 & 1 \\ 3 & -6 & 3 & 0 \\ -3 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 1 & 4 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = .5$$

$$B_2(u) = \frac{1}{6} \begin{bmatrix} u^3 & u^2 & u & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 3 & -3 & 1 \\ 3 & -6 & 3 & 0 \\ -3 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 1 & 4 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0.3 \\ 1.7 \\ 1.5 \end{bmatrix} = .75$$

$$B_3(u) = \frac{1}{6} \begin{bmatrix} u^3 & u^2 & u & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 3 & -3 & 1 \\ 3 & -6 & 3 & 0 \\ -3 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 1 & 4 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0.3 \\ 1.7 \\ 1.5 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = 2.5$$

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First, compute the first B-spline

$$B_1(u) = \frac{1}{6} \begin{bmatrix} u^3 & u^2 & u & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 3 & -3 & 1 \\ 3 & -6 & 3 & 0 \\ -3 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 1 & 4 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

using the Mathematica command

```
INPUt:
(1/6){u^3,u^2,u,1}.{3,-6,3,0}{0,0,0,2}
OUTPUT:
{1/6}(1+3u+3u^2-u^3)}
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Next, give the following command to type the equation into Mathematica to solve for u when $x = .5$

$$B1(u_)=\frac{1}{6}(1+3u+3u^2-u^3)$$

INPUt:

Solve[B1[u]==.5,u]

OUTPUT:

{u->-1.14511},{u->0.476024},{u->3.66908}

Since the parameter u for a B-spline must be in the interval $[0,1]$ choose $u = .476024$

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Next, give the following command to type the equation into Mathematica to solve for u when $x = .75$

INPUt:

Solve[B1[u]==.75,u]

OUTPUT:

{u->-1.31335},{u->0.747311},{u->3.56604}

Since the parameter u for a B-spline must be in the interval $[0,1]$ choose $u = .747311$

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Next, compute the third B-spline

$$B_3(u) = \frac{1}{6} \begin{bmatrix} u^3 & u^2 & u & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 3 & -3 & 1 \\ 3 & -6 & 3 & 0 \\ -3 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 1 & 4 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0.3 \\ 1.7 \\ 1.5 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

using the Mathematica command

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