

Lecture 9 : Parametric 2D curves continued (tangents, piecewise curves, continuity, intro to polynomial curves)

Thursday October 7th 2021

Logistics

- Assignment #2 due today (#3 to be released soon)
- Fate of midterm: We will offer the midterm as an online quiz on Canvas. We will continue the discussion (be on the lookout for another poll on Piazza) as to the date/time of the exam.
- Lecture time on Nov 2nd seems to be a more likely/popular option. There may be some that prefer Friday 10/29, but keep in mind that:
 - We will discuss a practice exam (maybe one of 2 ...) in-class on 10/28; maybe you could use the extra time?
 - The midterm is “optional” (the final can count for both)

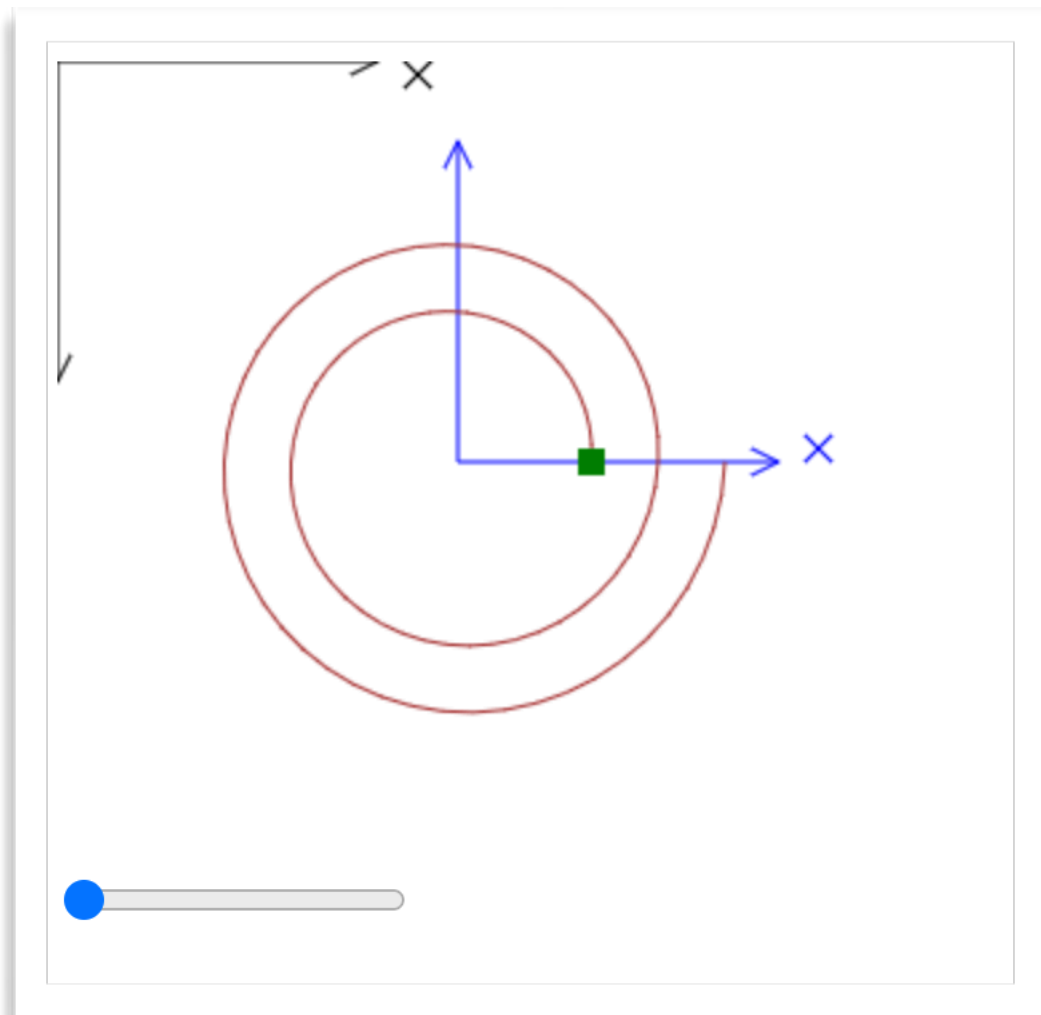
Today's lecture

- Additional practical implementation examples
 - Drawing curves, moving along curve
 - Controlling orientation
- More theory
 - Piecewise-defined curves and continuity
 - Polynomial parametric curves

Implementation example : A spiral curve

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Curve

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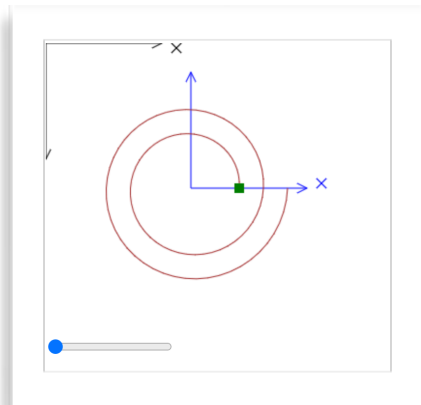
$$R(t) = \alpha t + \beta$$

(all expressions relative to the blue system!)

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JavaScript

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  slider1.value = -25;

  function draw() {
    canvas.width = canvas.width;
    // use the sliders to get the angles
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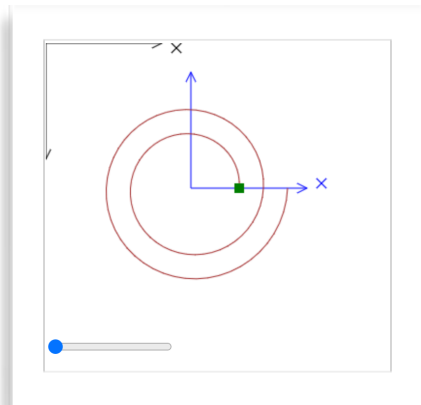
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      context.beginPath();
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      moveToTx([-5,-5],Tx);
      lineToTx([-5,5],Tx);
      lineToTx([5,5],Tx);
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      context.closePath();
      context.fill();
    }
  }
}
```

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      moveToTx([-5, -5], Tx);
      lineToTx([-5, 5], Tx);
      lineToTx([5, 5], Tx);
      lineToTx([5, -5], Tx);
      context.closePath();
      context.fill();
    }
  }

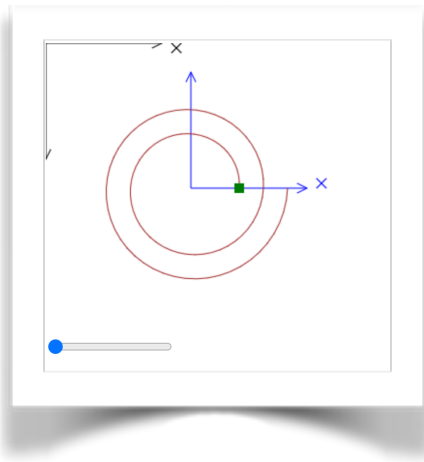
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Passing “vectors” to the drawing calls

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$$R(t) = \alpha t + \beta$$

JavaScript

```
[...]
function drawAxes(color,Tx) {
  context.strokeStyle=color;
  context.beginPath();
  // Axes
  moveToTx([120,0],Tx);lineToTx([0,0],Tx);lineToTx([0,120],Tx);
  // Arrowheads
  moveToTx([110,5],Tx);lineToTx([120,0],Tx);lineToTx([110,-5],Tx);
  moveToTx([5,110],Tx);lineToTx([0,120],Tx);lineToTx([-5,110],Tx);
  // X-label
  moveToTx([130,0],Tx);lineToTx([140,10],Tx);
  moveToTx([130,10],Tx);lineToTx([140,0],Tx);
  context.stroke();
}

var Rstart = 50.0;
var Rslope = 25.0;
var Cspiral = function(t) {
  var R = Rslope * t + Rstart;
  var x = R * Math.cos(2.0 * Math.PI * t);
  var y = R * Math.sin(2.0 * Math.PI * t);
  return [x,y];
}

function drawTrajectory(t_begin,t_end,intervals,C,Tx,color) {
  context.strokeStyle=color;
  context.beginPath();
  moveToTx(C(t_begin),Tx);
  for(var i=1;i<=intervals;i++){
    var t=((intervals-i)/intervals)*t_begin+(i/intervals)*t_end;
    lineToTx(C(t),Tx);
  }
  context.stroke();
}

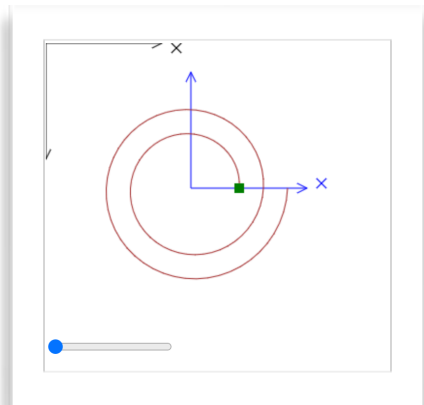
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Implementation of the parametric curve

Implementation example : A spiral curve

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    lineToTx(C(t),Tx);
  }
  context.stroke();
}

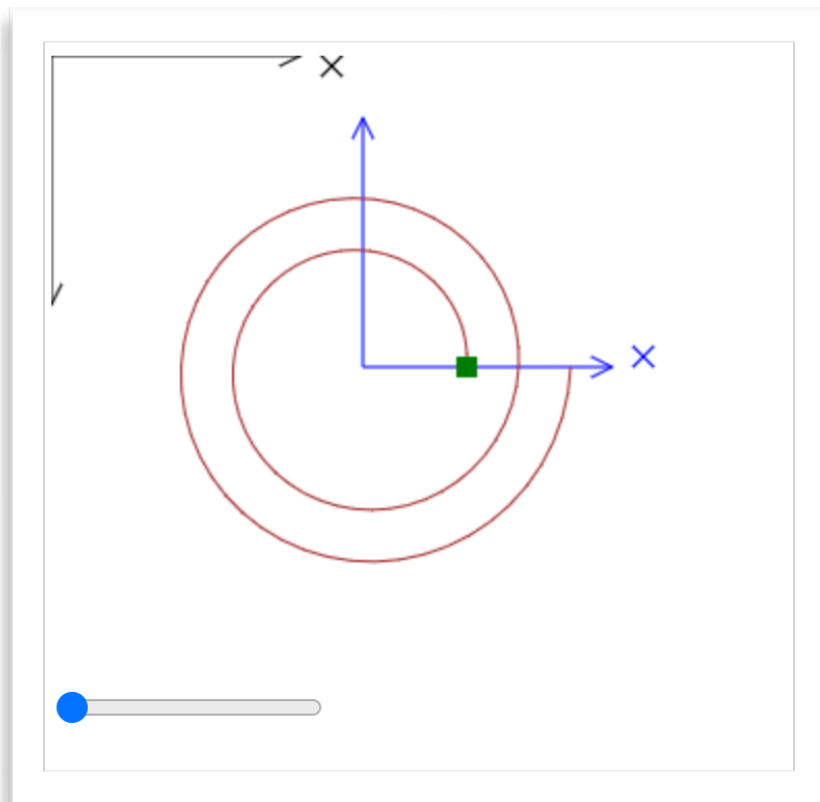
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Drawing curve as a sequence of (small) line segments!

Implementation example : A spiral curve

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  for(var i=1;i<=intervals;i++){
    var t=((intervals-i)/intervals)*t_begin+(i/intervals)*t_end;
    lineToTx(C(t),Tx);
  }
  context.stroke();
}

// make sure you understand these

drawAxes("black", mat3.create());

var Tblue_to_canvas = mat3.create();
mat3.fromTranslation(Tblue_to_canvas,[150,150]);
mat3.scale(Tblue_to_canvas,Tblue_to_canvas,[1,-1]); // Flip the Y-axis
drawAxes("blue",Tblue_to_canvas);

drawTrajectory(0.0,2.0,100,Cspiral,Tblue_to_canvas,"brown");
var Tgreen_to_blue = mat3.create();
mat3.fromTranslation(Tgreen_to_blue,Cspiral(tParam));
var Tgreen_to_canvas = mat3.create();
mat3.multiply(Tgreen_to_canvas, Tblue_to_canvas, Tgreen_to_blue);
drawObject("green",Tgreen_to_canvas);
}

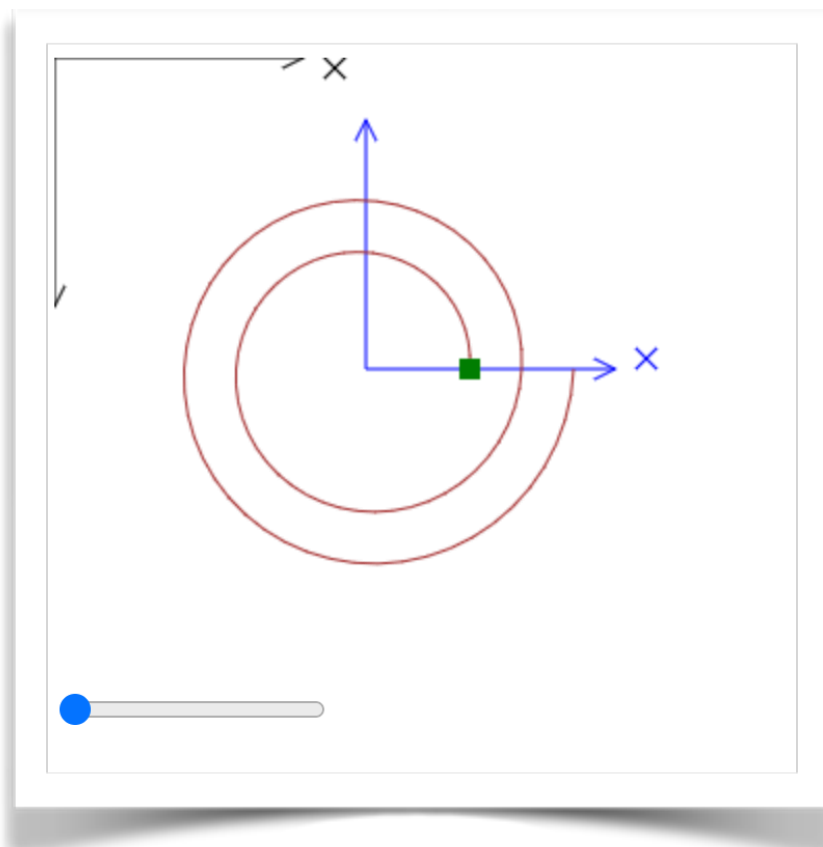
slider1.addEventListener("input",draw);
draw();
```

Using transforms to draw relatively to a better “centered” system

Implementation example : A spiral curve

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JavaScript

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  for(var i=1;i<=intervals;i++){
    var t=((intervals-i)/intervals)*t_begin+(i/intervals)*t_end;
    lineToTx(C(t),Tx);
  }
  context.stroke();
}

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mat3.multiply(Tgreen_to_canvas, Tblue_to_canvas, Tgreen_to_blue);
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}

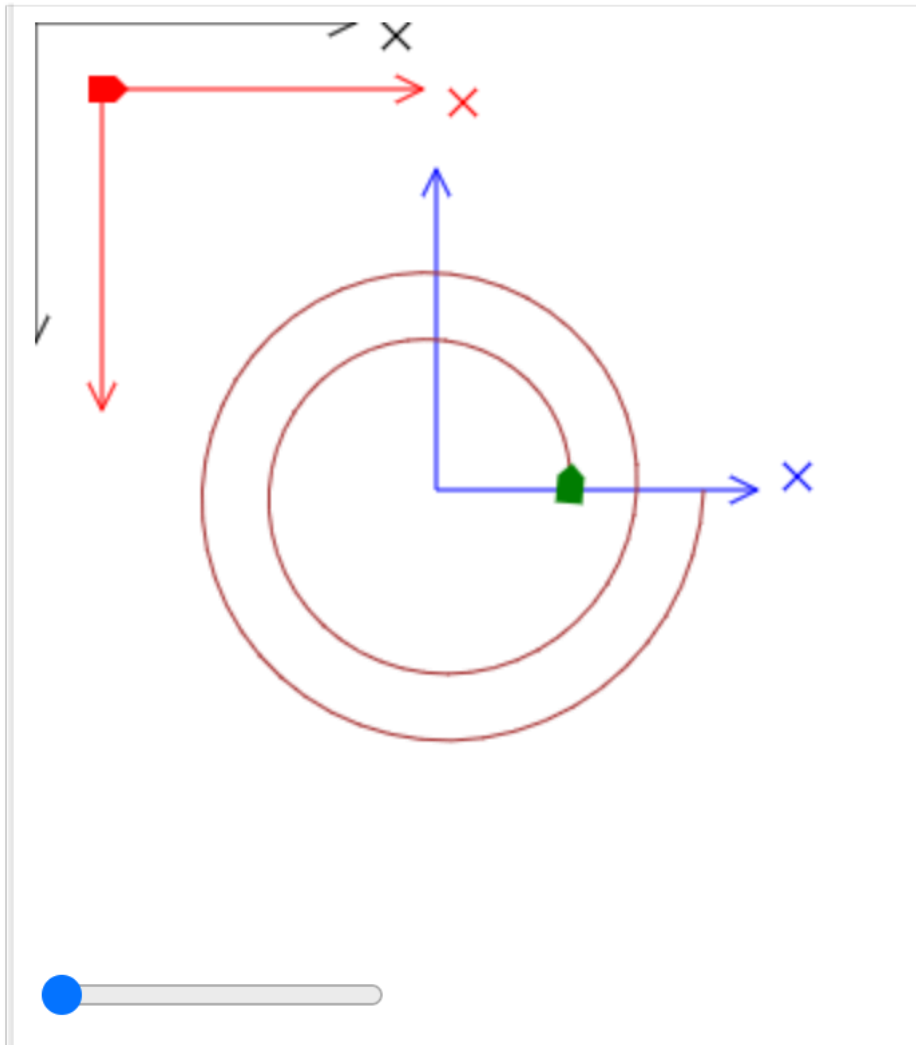
slider1.addEventListener("input",draw);
draw();
```

Draw extent of the curve, and animate an object translating along it

Implementation example : A spiral curve

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JavaScript

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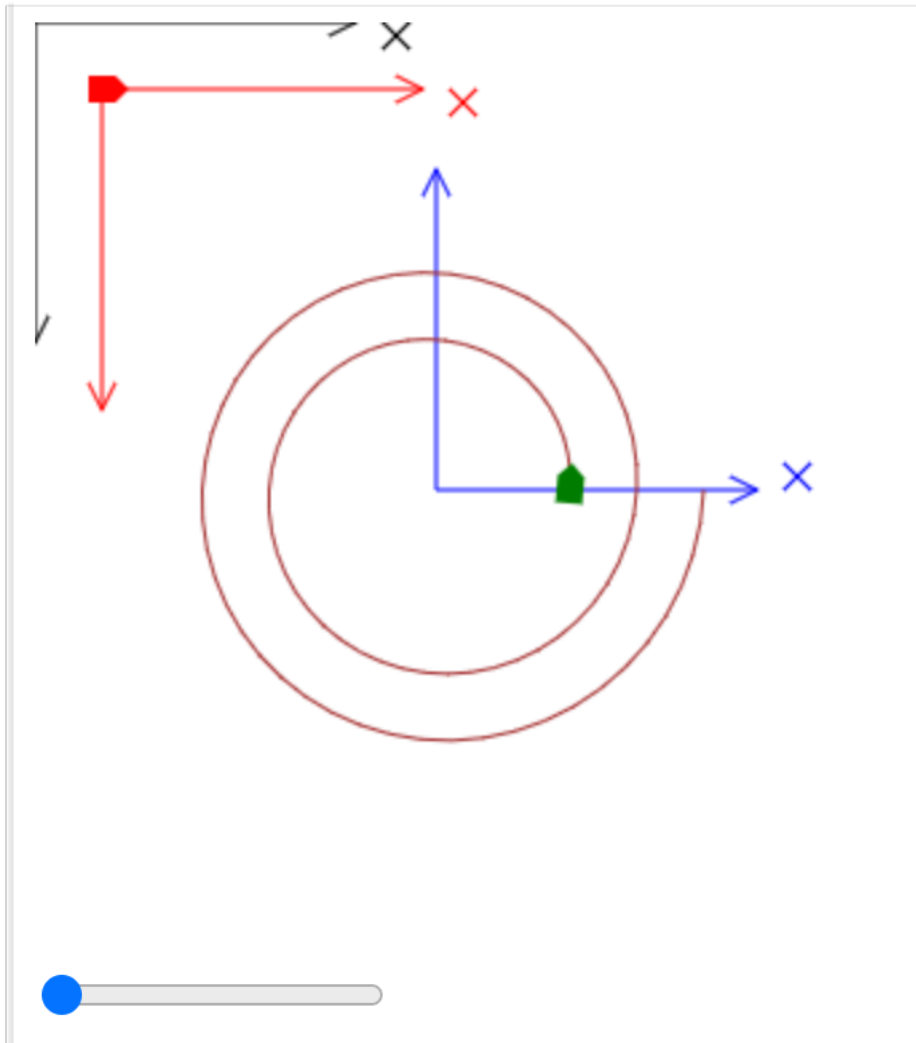
function drawObject(color,Tx) {
  context.beginPath();
  context.fillStyle = color;
  moveToTx([-5,-5],Tx);
  lineToTx([-5,5],Tx);
  lineToTx([5,5],Tx);
  lineToTx([10,0],Tx);
  lineToTx([5,-5],Tx);
  context.closePath();
  context.fill();
}
[...]
```

*Draw a slightly different object, with a shape that suggests orientation
(look at “red” system for reference)*

Implementation example : A spiral curve

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JavaScript

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[...]
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var Rslope = 25.0;
var Cspiral = function(t) {
  var R = Rslope * t + Rstart;
  var x = R * Math.cos(2.0 * Math.PI * t);
  var y = R * Math.sin(2.0 * Math.PI * t);
  return [x,y];
}
var Cspiral_tangent = function(t) {
  var R = Rslope * t + Rstart;
  var Rprime = Rslope;
  var x = Rprime * Math.cos(2.0 * Math.PI * t)
    - R * 2.0 * Math.PI * Math.sin(2.0 * Math.PI * t);
  var y = Rprime * Math.sin(2.0 * Math.PI * t)
    + R * 2.0 * Math.PI * Math.cos(2.0 * Math.PI * t);
  return [x,y];
}
[...]
```

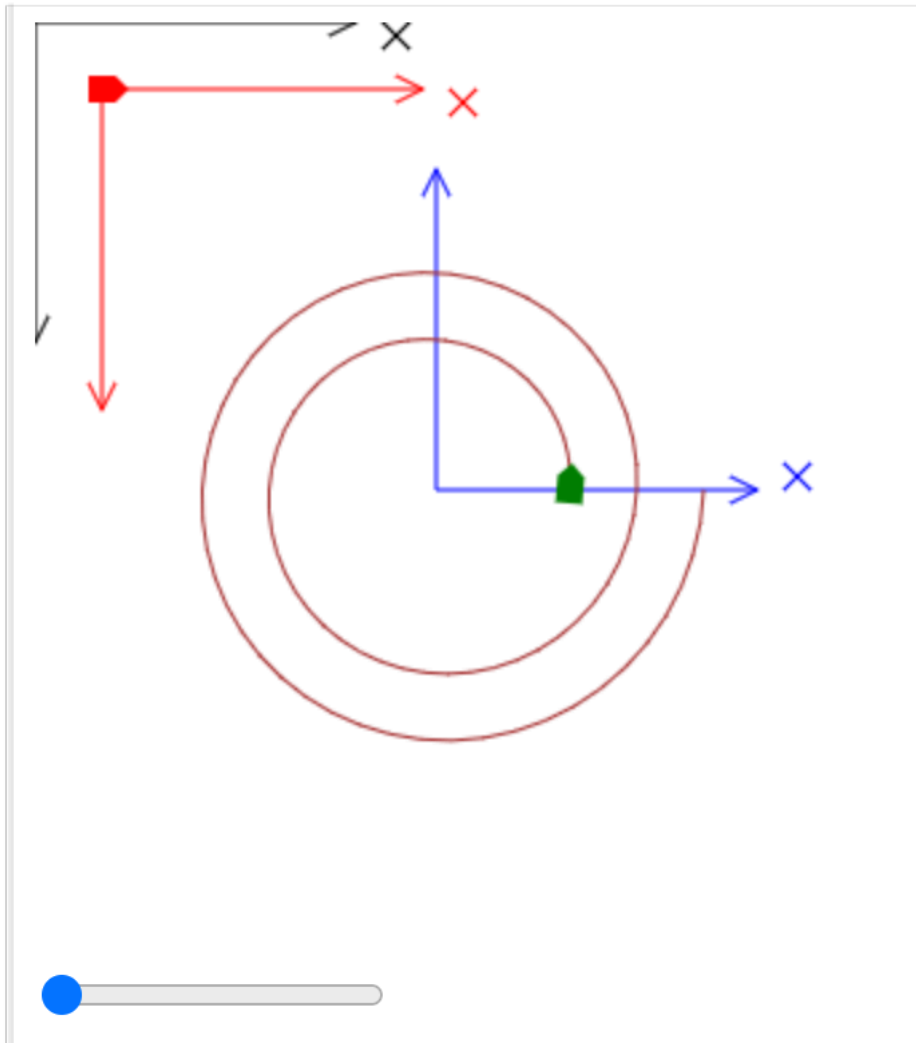
$$C'(t) = \begin{pmatrix} R'(t) \cos(2\pi t) - R(t)2\pi \sin(2\pi t) \\ R'(t) \sin(2\pi t) + R(t)2\pi \cos(2\pi t) \end{pmatrix}$$

Implementation of the tangent vector (also parametric!)

Implementation example : A spiral curve

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JavaScript

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// make sure you understand these

drawAxes("black", mat3.create());

var Tred_to_canvas = mat3.create();
mat3.fromTranslation(Tred_to_canvas, [25,25]);
drawAxes("red", Tred_to_canvas);
drawObject("red", Tred_to_canvas);

var Tblue_to_canvas = mat3.create();
mat3.fromTranslation(Tblue_to_canvas, [150,175]);
mat3.scale(Tblue_to_canvas, Tblue_to_canvas, [1,-1]); // Flip the Y-axis
drawAxes("blue", Tblue_to_canvas);

drawTrajectory(0.0, 2.0, 100, Cspiral, Tblue_to_canvas, "brown");
var Tgreen_to_blue = mat3.create();
mat3.fromTranslation(Tgreen_to_blue, Cspiral(tParam));
var tangent = Cspiral_tangent(tParam);
var angle = Math.atan2(tangent[1], tangent[0]);
mat3.rotate(Tgreen_to_blue, Tgreen_to_blue, angle);
var Tgreen_to_canvas = mat3.create();
mat3.multiply(Tgreen_to_canvas, Tblue_to_canvas, Tgreen_to_blue);
// drawAxes("green", Tgreen_to_canvas); // Un-comment this to view axes
drawObject("green", Tgreen_to_canvas);

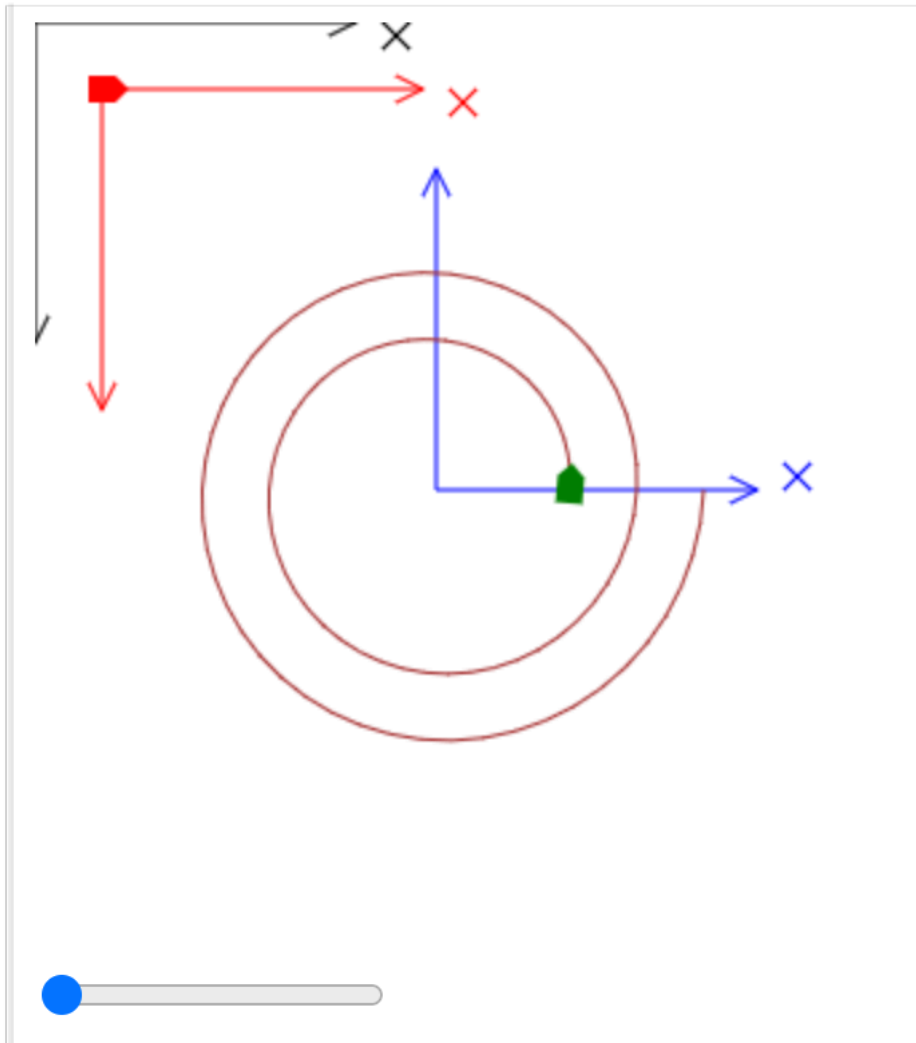
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Implementation example : A spiral curve

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mat3.fromTranslation(Tblue_to_canvas, [150, 175]);
mat3.scale(Tblue_to_canvas, Tblue_to_canvas, [1, -1]); // Flip the Y-axis
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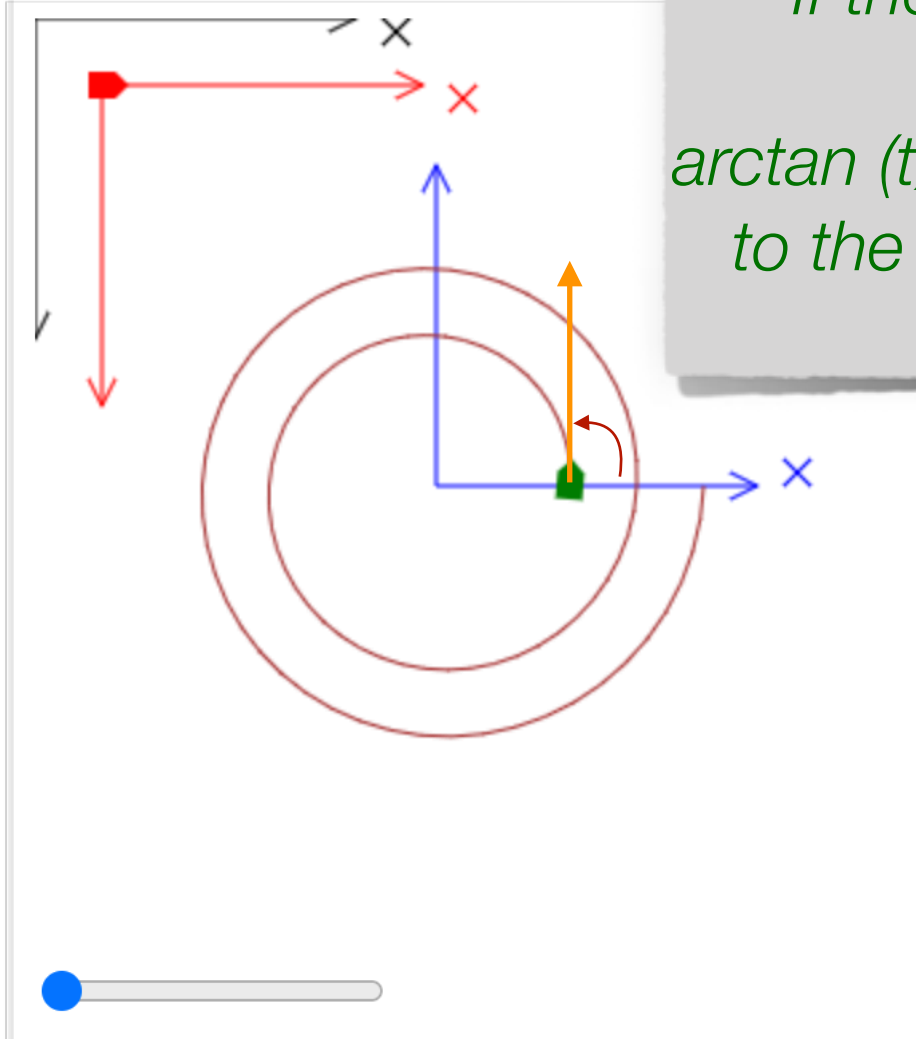
*Compute angle of rotation, from the tangent vector
(this will be aligned with the "x" axis vector)*

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If the tangent vector is (t_x, t_y) the angle it forms with the blue coordinate system (as drawn) is $\arctan(t_x, t_y)$... this is the rotation that has to be appended to the blue system (after translation) to have it oriented properly with the curve



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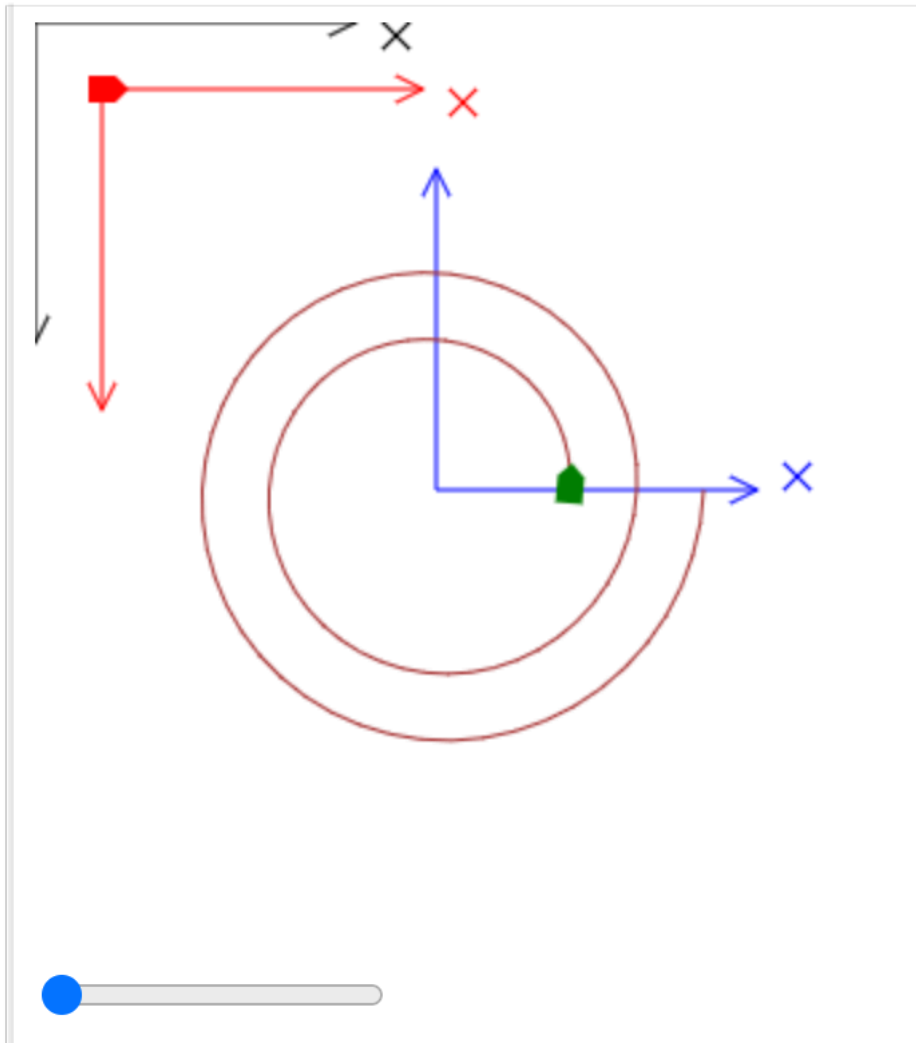
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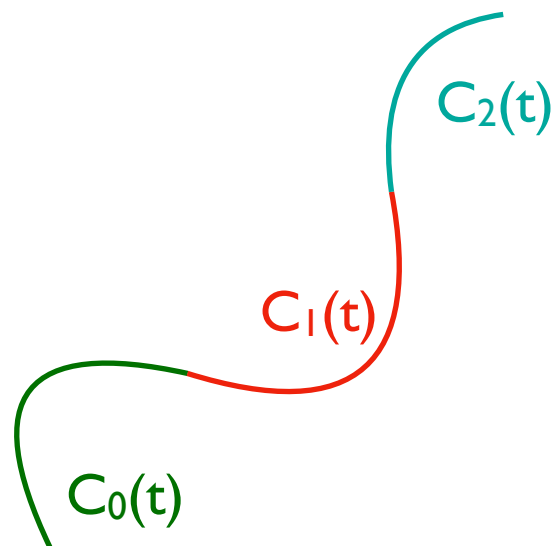
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mat3.rotate(Tgreen_to_blue, Tgreen_to_blue, angle);
var Tgreen_to_canvas = mat3.create();
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// drawAxes("green", Tgreen_to_canvas); // Un-comment this to view axes
drawObject("green", Tgreen_to_canvas);

[...]
```

Draw the axes in the "moving object coordinate system" if you need more visual orientation!

Piecewise parametric curves

- It can be convenient to define different extents of a parametric curve using different formulas (rather than attempting to over-complicate a *single* formula)

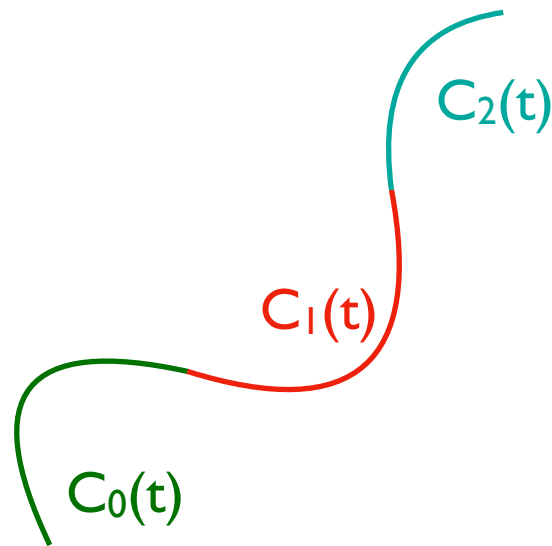


$$C(t) = \begin{cases} C_0(t), & t \in [t_0, t_1] \\ C_1(t), & t \in [t_1, t_2] \\ \vdots \\ C_{N-1}(t), & t \in [t_{N-1}, t_N] \end{cases}$$

(let's not dwell right now on what function applies to the common point of these intervals ... not so important for drawing the bulk of the curve, anyways)

Piecewise parametric curves

- Derivatives of such piecewise-defined functions are simply obtained by differentiating the component formulas ...



$$C'(t) = \begin{cases} C'_0(t), & t \in [t_0, t_1] \\ C'_1(t), & t \in [t_1, t_2] \\ \vdots \\ C'_{N-1}(t), & t \in [t_{N-1}, t_N] \end{cases}$$

Piecewise parametric curves

- Implementing such curve definitions typically reduces to an “if-statement” in JavaScript ...

$$\mathcal{C}(t) = \begin{cases} \mathcal{C}_0(t), & t \in [t_0, t_1] \\ \mathcal{C}_1(t), & t \in [t_1, t_2] \\ \vdots \\ \mathcal{C}_{N-1}(t), & t \in [t_{N-1}, t_N] \end{cases}$$

JavaScript

```
[...]
var C0 = function(t) {
    var x = t;
    var y = t*t;
    return [x,y];
}

[...]
var C1e = function(t) { // C2 continuity at t=1
    var x = t;
    var y = t*t-2*(t-1)*(t-1)*(t-1);
    return [x,y];
}

var C1 = C1e;

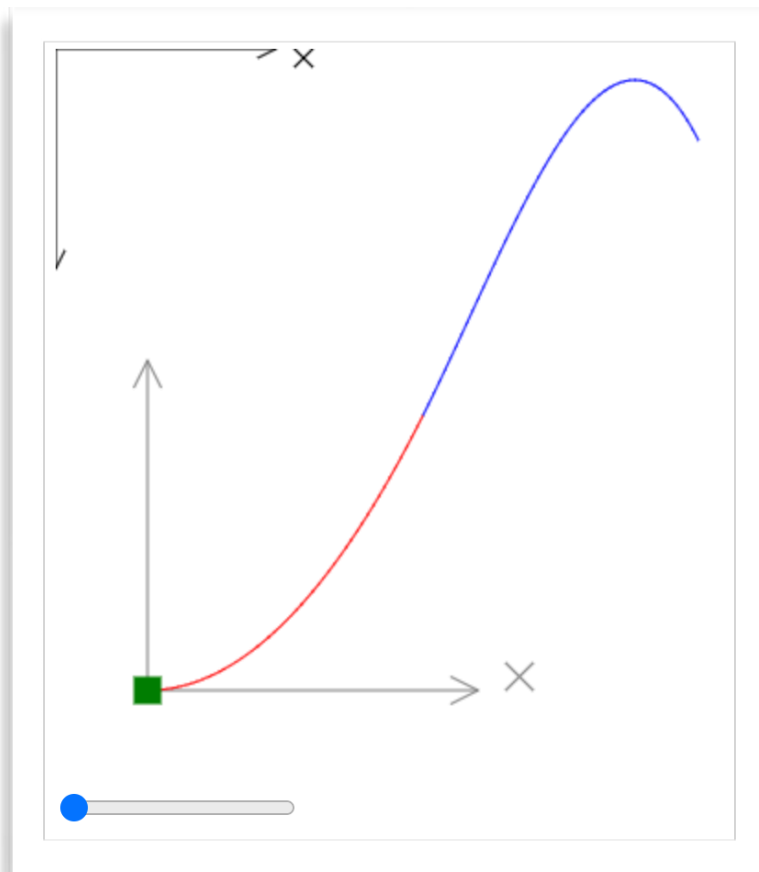
var Ccomp = function(t) {
    if(t<1) {
        return C0(t);
    }else{
        return C1(t);
    }
}

[...]
```

Piecewise parametric curves

jsbin.com/vupevab

Week5/Demo2



Demo incorporates several distinct versions of piecewise-defined curves! (Set variable “C1” to appropriate version to try them all!)

JavaScript

```
[...]
var C0 = function(t) {
  var x = t;
  var y = t*t;
  return [x,y];
}

var C1a = function(t) { // discontinuity at t=1
  var x = t*(t-1);
  var y = t;
  return [x,y];
}

var C1b = function(t) { // C0 continuity at t=1
  var x = t*t-3*t+3;
  var y = t;
  return [x,y];
}

var C1c = function(t) { // C1 continuity at t=1
  var x = t;
  var y = -t*t+4*t-2;
  return [x,y];
}

var C1d = function(t) { // G1 continuity at t=1
  var x = 0.25*(t+3);
  var y = -0.0625*(t+3)*(t+3)+(t+3)-2;
  return [x,y];
}

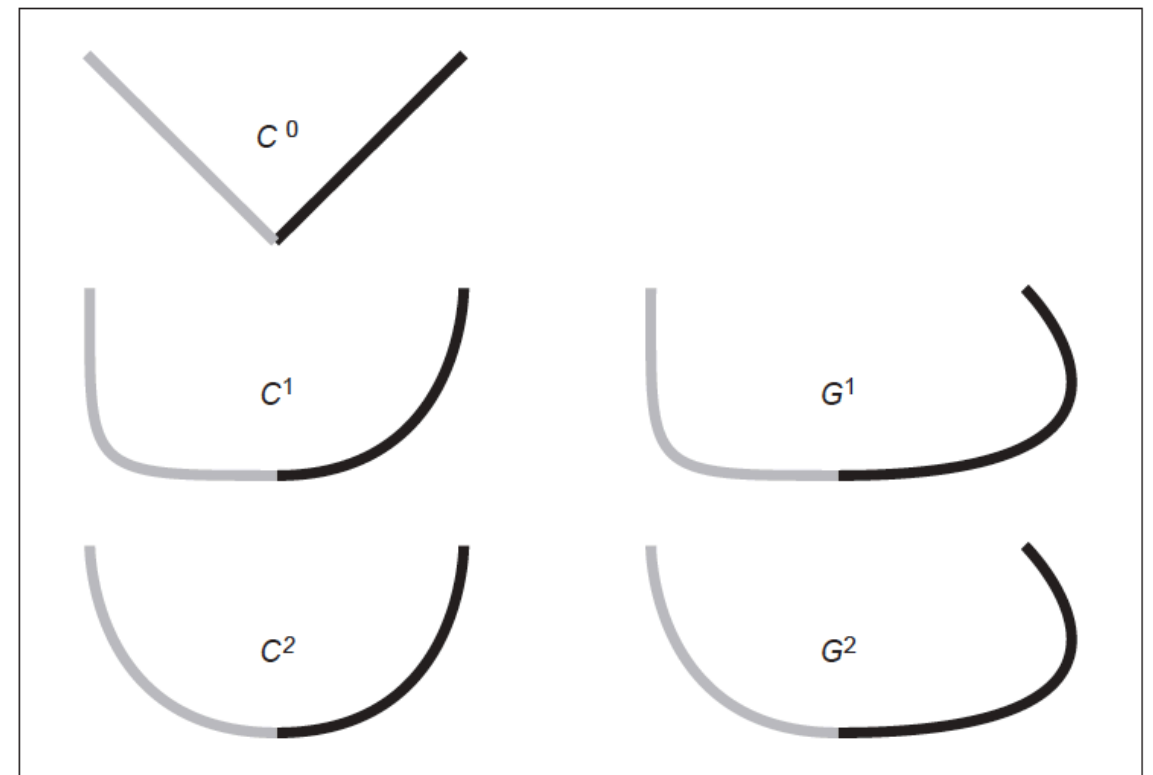
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}

var C1 = C1e;

var Ccomp = function(t) {
  if(t<1) {
    return C0(t);
  }else{
    return C1(t);
  }
}
[...]
```


Continuity

- When the formula of a piecewise-defined parametric curve switches (from an interval to the next), *continuity* becomes a point of concern ...



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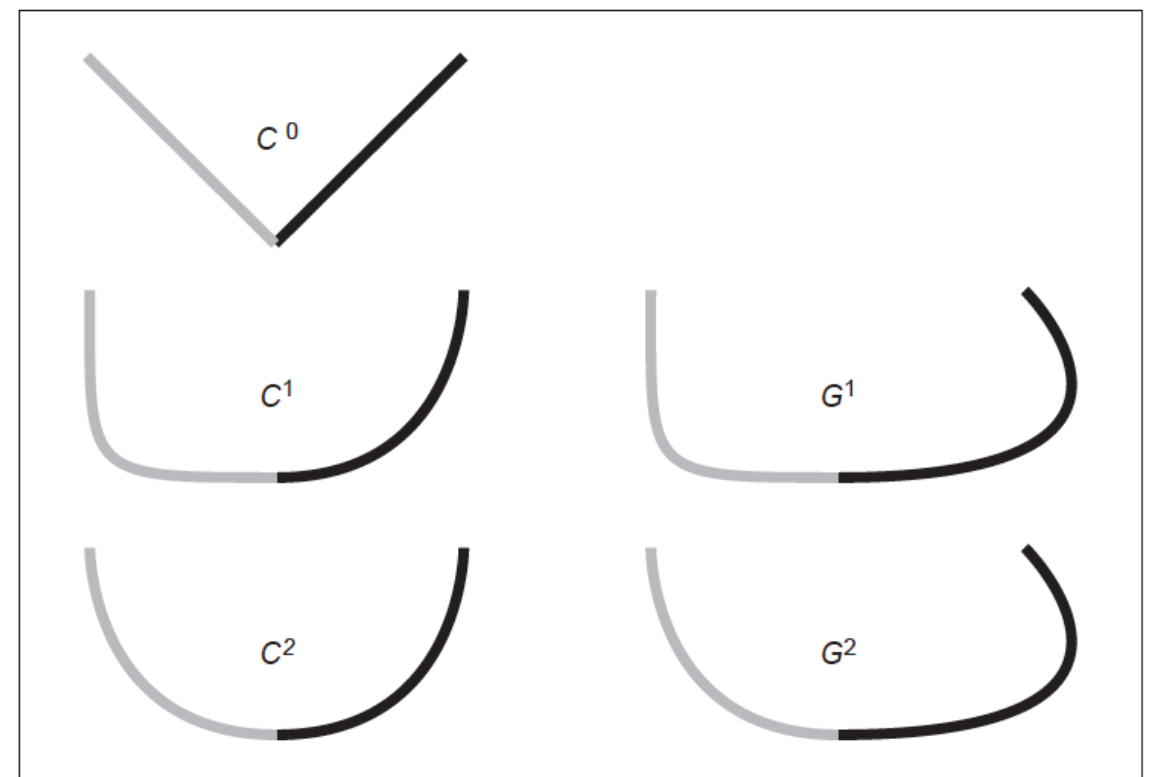
Continuity

- When the formula of a piecewise-defined parametric curve switches (from an interval to the next), *continuity* becomes a point of concern ...

It is possible for the two curves to *not meet at all* at the point where the parameterization switches over!

Such a piecewise-defined curve will be called discontinuous at the parameter value of such transition.

(Set var Ccomp=C1a in our demo)



$$C_0(t_1) \neq C_1(t_1)$$

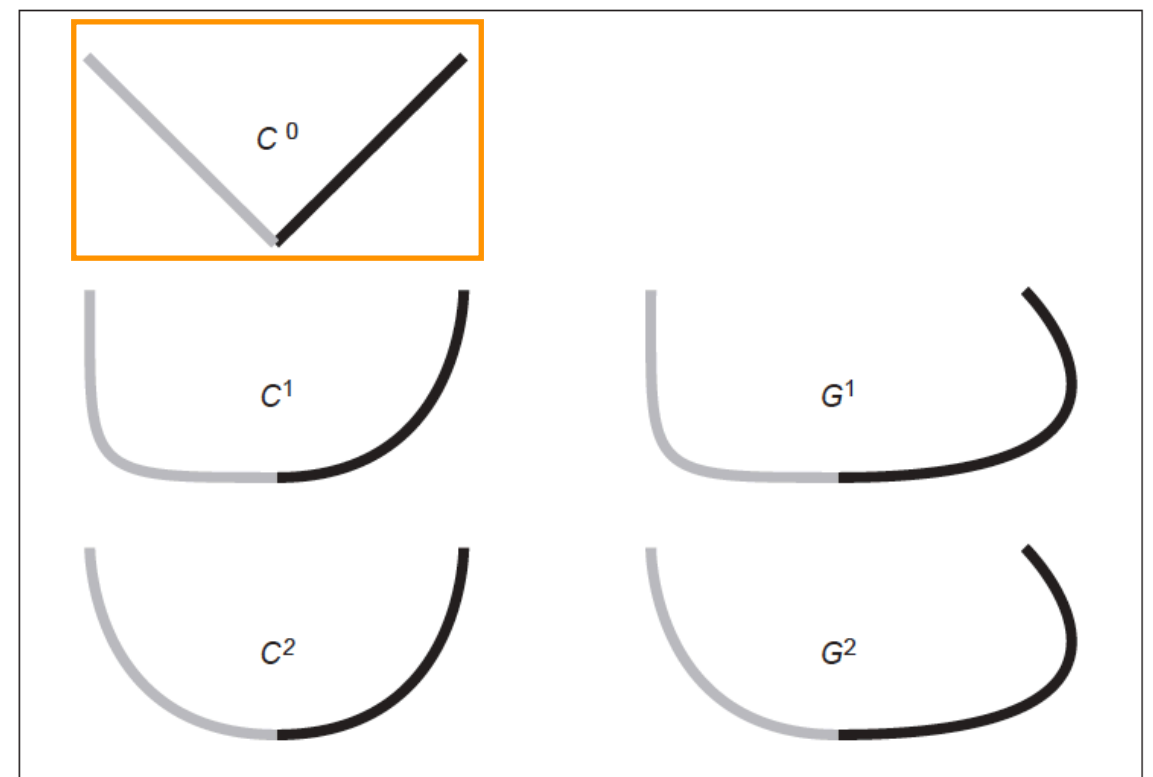
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A curve is said to be **C0-continuous** if the values of $C(t)$ match on each side of the parametric transition

(intuitively: the curve is not broken, although it might have a “kink”)



$$C_0(t_1) = C_1(t_1)$$

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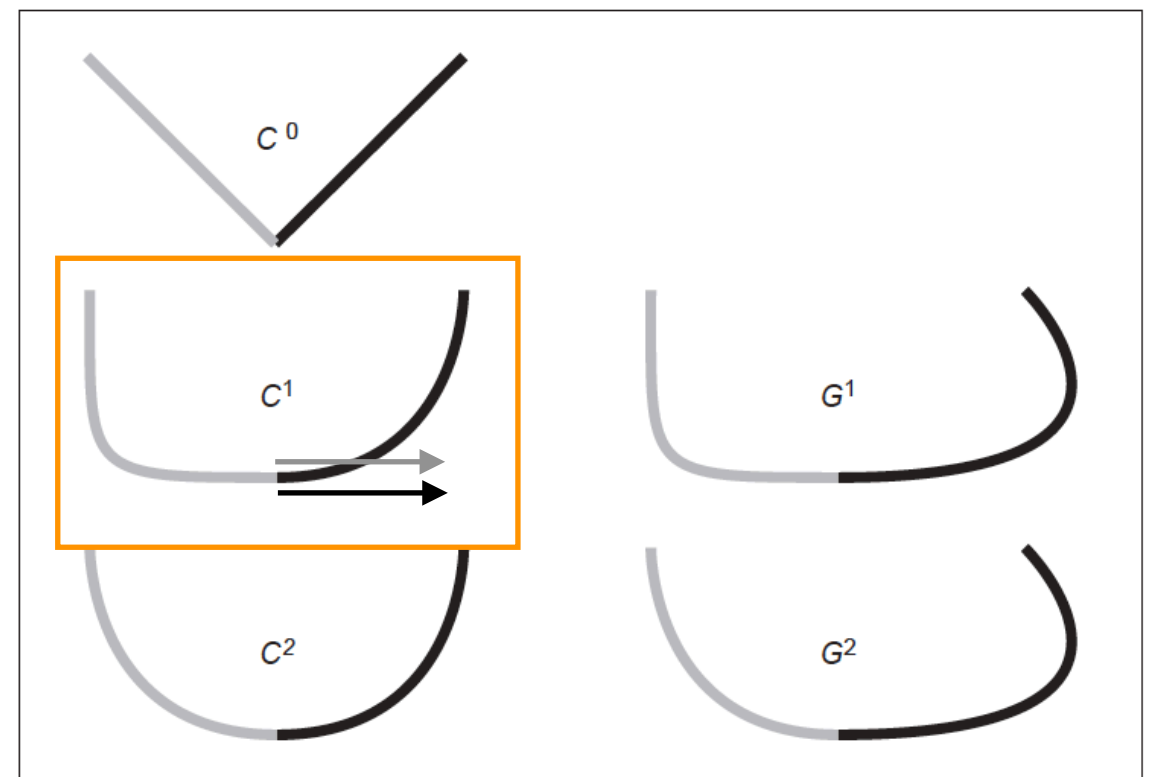
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A curve is said to be **C1-continuous** if both the values of $C(t)$ and the tangent vector match on each side of the parametric transition

(intuitively: the curve is connected, and in a way that there's no visible "kink" at the joint point)

$$C_0(t_1) = C_1(t_1)$$

$$C'_0(t_1) = C'_1(t_1)$$



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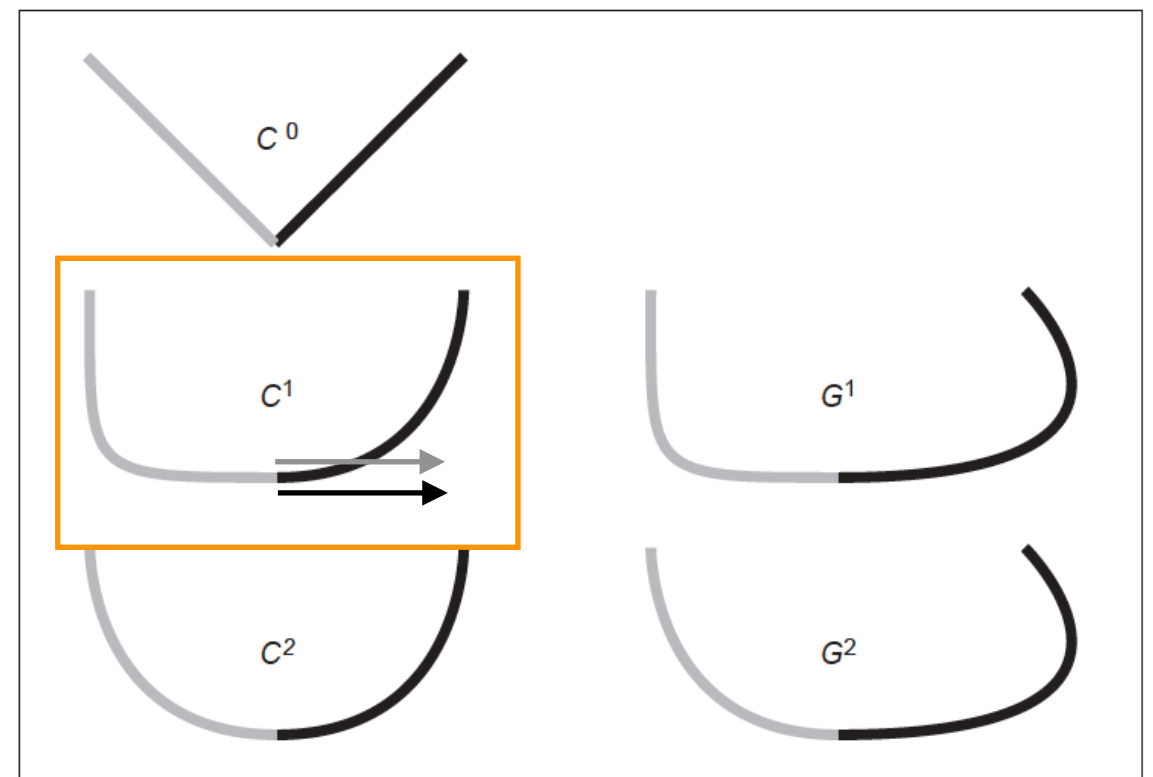
Additional intuition: If you animate an object along a C^1 -continuous curve the velocity will be continuous

Special case (no need to worry too much about this in practice ...)

If $C_0(t)=C_1(t)=0$, it is still possible for the curve to show a sharp turn ...

$$C_0(t_1) = C_1(t_1)$$

$$C'_0(t_1) = C'_1(t_1)$$

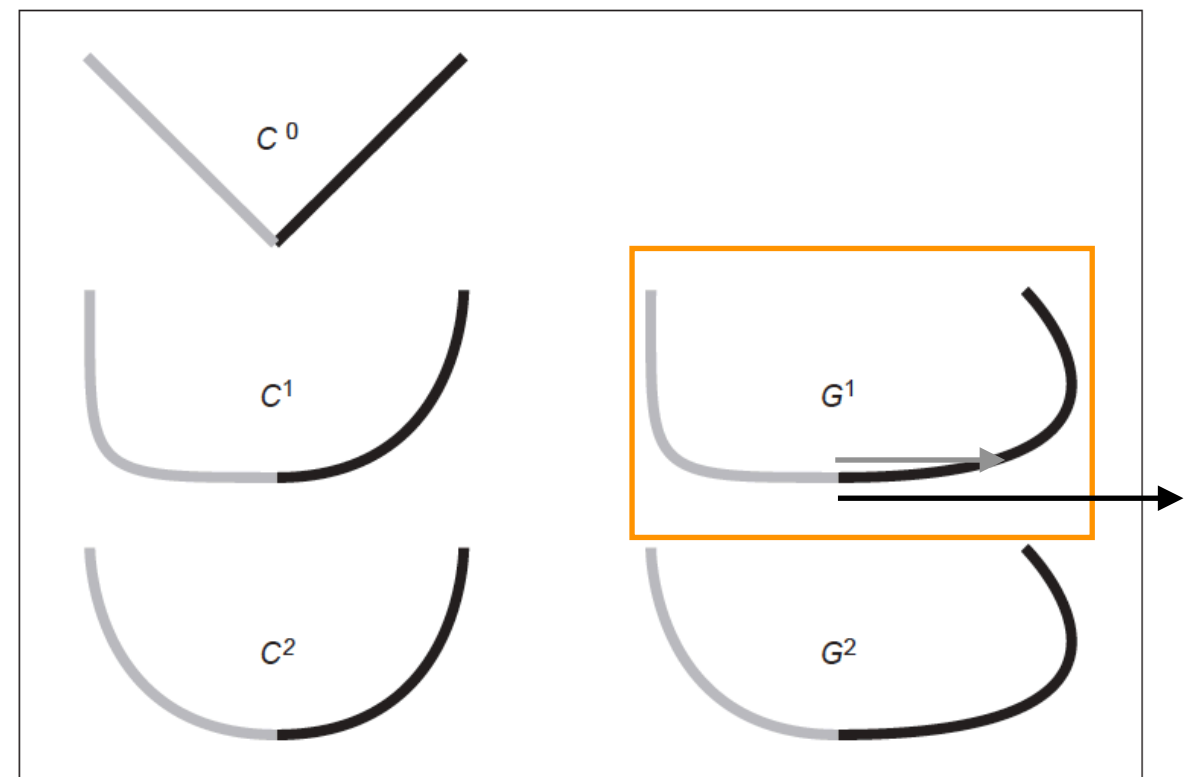


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A curve is said to be **G1-continuous** if the values of $C(t)$ match and the tangent vectors are multiples of each other on each side of the parametric transition (intuitively: there's no visible kink, but the parameterization “speeds-up” after the transition point)



$$\begin{aligned}C_0(t_1) &= C_1(t_1) \\ C'_0(t_1) &= \lambda C'_1(t_1)\end{aligned}$$

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Continuity

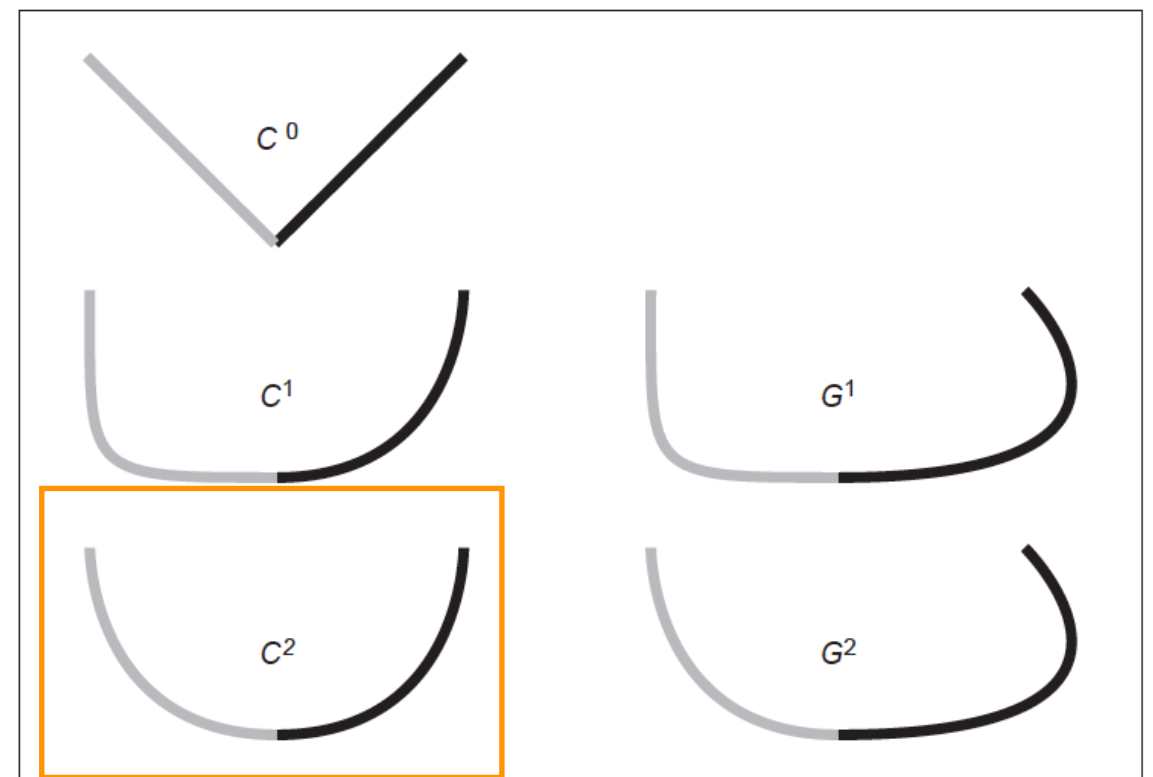
- When the formula of a piecewise-defined parametric curve switches (from an interval to the next), *continuity* becomes a point of concern ...

A curve is said to be **C2-continuous** if the values of $C(t)$, $C'(t)$, and $C''(t)$ match on each side of the parametric transition (intuitively: matching locations, tangents and curvatures)

$$C_0(t_1) = C_1(t_1)$$

$$C'_0(t_1) = C'_1(t_1)$$

$$C''_0(t_1) = C''_1(t_1)$$



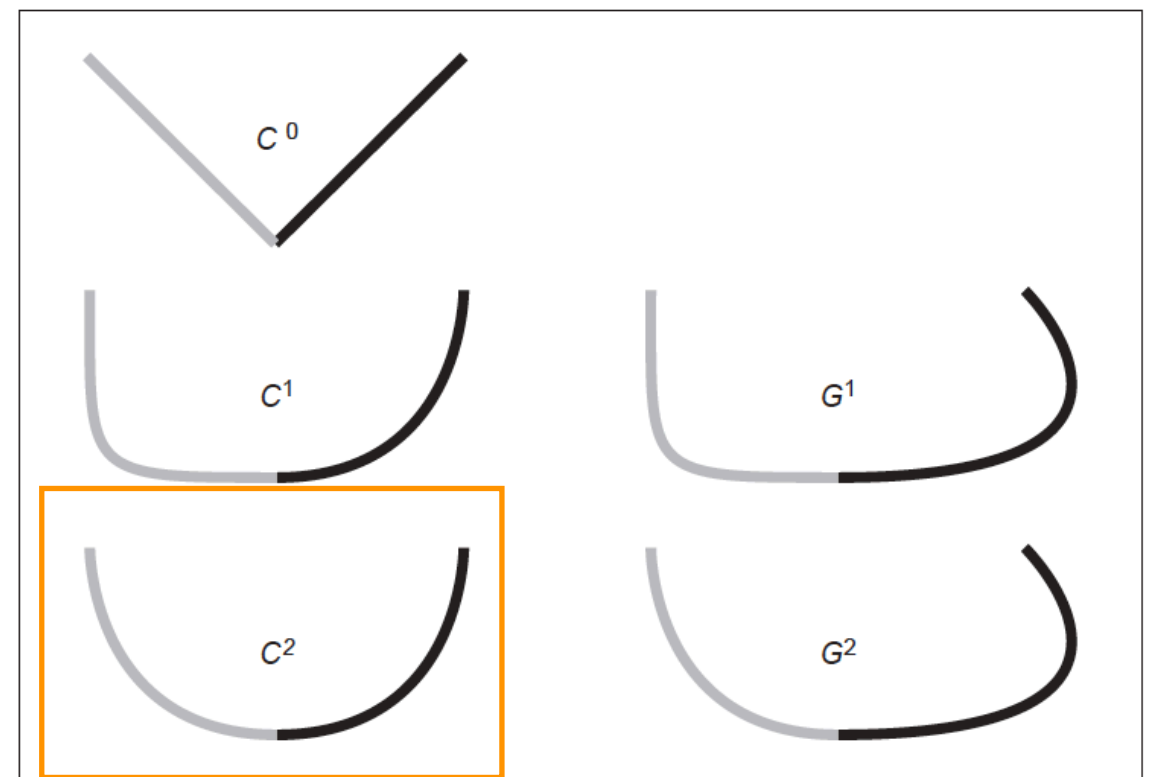
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In practice ... C2-continuity looks so smooth and continuous that most non-experts would not be able to discern any higher degree of continuity ...

$$\begin{aligned}C_0(t_1) &= C_1(t_1) \\C'_0(t_1) &= C'_1(t_1) \\C''_0(t_1) &= C''_1(t_1)\end{aligned}$$



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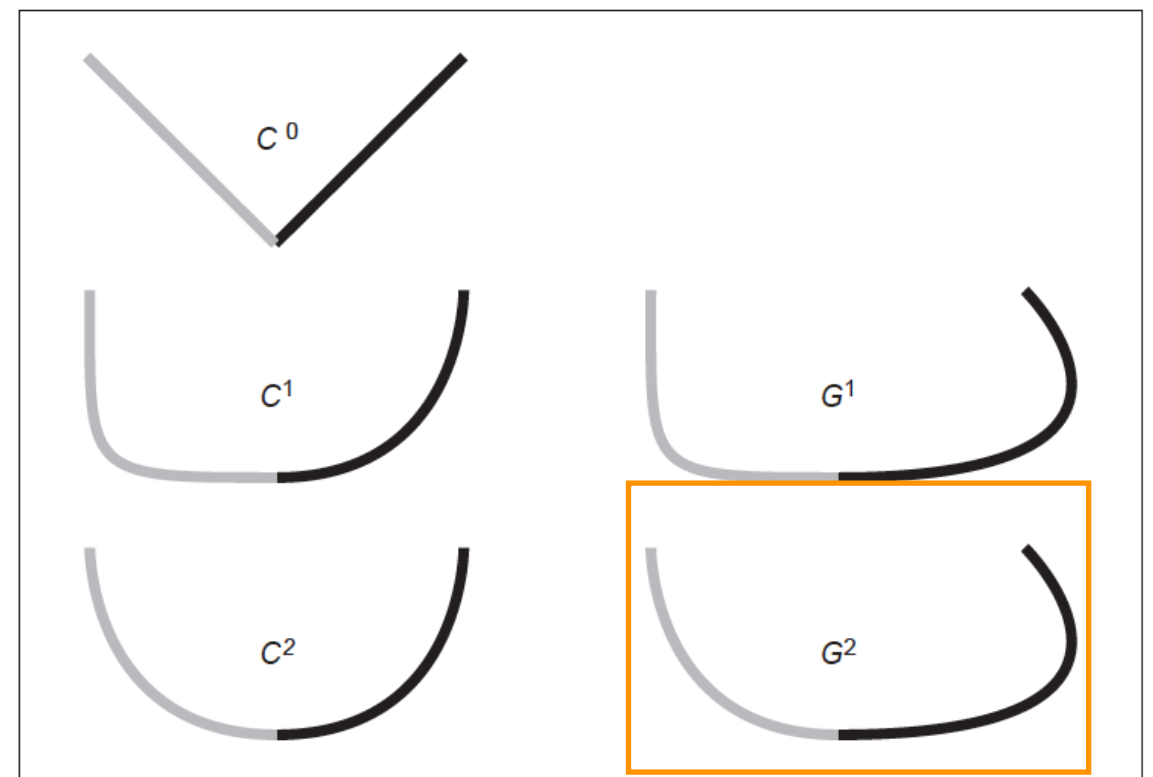
G2-continuity relaxes just the 2nd derivative match into just being a multiple of each other ...

Almost as smooth as C2 for many practical purposes ... we will not focus on G2-continuity much ...

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- When examining continuity, we typically test what is the highest degree of continuity we can prove.
- Exercise to practice: Can you determine the degree of continuity for the curves (“ C^0 ” relative to “ C^1 ” at $x=a, b, c, d, e$) in this demo program?
- (We’ll do quite a few more of these on paper, including in preparation for the midterm)

(Piecewise) Polynomial curves

- Before we start ... a significant comment on notation (for purposes of alignment with your textbook)
- We will follow the convention that point coordinates (i.e. the curve point location $C(t)$, or tangent $C'(t)$) are expressed as row vectors!

$$C(t) = [\ x(t) \quad y(t) \]$$

$$C'(t) = [\ x'(t) \quad y'(t) \]$$

(Piecewise) Polynomial curves

$$\mathcal{C}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} x(t) & y(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

- In earlier examples, we crafted curves using “custom” expressions for $x(t)$ and $y(t)$... not an easy way to maneuver the curve around!
- Idea: use polynomial expressions to define $x(t)$, $y(t)$!

$$x(t) = a_0 + a_1 t + a_2 t^2 + \cdots + a_N t^N$$

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- Benefits :
 - The “knobs” we can turn to maneuver the curve around are clearly defined (coefficients a_k and b_k)
 - Polynomials can represent the simplest curve: a line segment (it only requires linear polynomials)
 - Manipulation of these curves can be facilitated by matrix algebra (we’ll see this next!)
 - We can adjust polynomial cubes for desired features (where to start and stop, tangents, and continuity)

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Matrix representation

$$\mathcal{C}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} x(t) & y(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & t & t^2 & \cdots & t^N \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_0 & b_0 \\ a_1 & b_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ a_N & b_N \end{bmatrix}$$

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Matrix representation
(switching to textbook notation)

$$\mathbf{f}(u) = \begin{bmatrix} x(u) & y(u) \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & u & u^2 & \cdots & u^N \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{u}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} a_0 & b_0 \\ a_1 & b_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ a_N & b_N \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{A}}$$

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Tangents:

$$\mathbf{f}'(u) = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2u & \cdots & Nu^{N-1} \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{u}'} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} a_0 & b_0 \\ a_1 & b_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ a_N & b_N \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{A}}$$

We can solve for the matrix \mathbf{A} if we have a specification of what we want the curve to be able to do!

(we'll see how to do that in the next lectures!)