

*Lecture 11 : More parametric cubics (implementation, basis functions, non-interpolating curves, subdivision)*

*Thursday October 14th 2020*

# Logistics

- Programming Assignment #3 has been released as of yesterday - it is due on Friday Oct 22nd
- Regrade requests
  - No time constraint to raise an issue  
(we can revisit grading issues at any time)
  - Private posting on Piazza probably best way to “file” a regrade request; during office hours, Carter Sifferman is the best-positioned member of the instructional staff to discuss grading with you.

# Today's lecture

- More on cubics and parameterization
  - Practical implementation of Hermite curves (in code!)
  - Basis functions
  - Other interpolating curves: Bezier (in detail), Natural Cubics (brief exposition)
  - Approximating (non-interpolating) curves; B-Splines
  - Subdivision

## (Recap) Cubic Hermite curves

- The first example of a *cubic* parametric curve

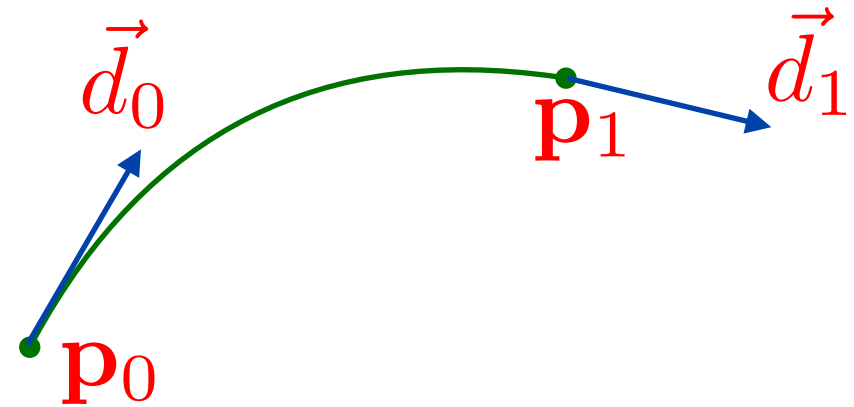
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- Can be used to control both location of endpoints, as well as the direction of the tangent
- Can be easily manipulated to build piecewise-Hermit curves with  $C1$  continuity
- Allows *local control* in conjunction with  $C1$  continuity

# Hermite cubics

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- We specify
  - Beginning and ending *positions*  $\mathbf{p}_0, \mathbf{p}_1$
  - Beginning and ending *tangents*  $\mathbf{d}_0, \mathbf{d}_1$
- As before the curve is written (using the *basis matrix*)

$$\mathbf{f}(u) = \mathbf{uBP}$$

Correction from Tuesday's slides!

$$\mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -3 & -2 & 3 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{bmatrix} p_0 \\ d_0 \\ p_1 \\ d_1 \end{bmatrix}$$



## Basis functions?

- Standard parametric form :  $\mathbf{f}(u) = \mathbf{uBP}$
- We can multiply  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  to get a *vector of basis functions*  $\mathbf{b}(u) = \mathbf{uB} = \begin{bmatrix} b_0(u) & b_1(u) & b_2(u) & b_3(u) \end{bmatrix}$
- The rows of the matrix  $\mathbf{P}$  contain “control points” (they might actually be other than “points”, e.g. tangent vectors, but we call all such points or vectors “control points” for uniformity)  $\mathbf{P} = \begin{bmatrix} p_0 \\ p_1 \\ p_2 \\ p_3 \end{bmatrix}$
- Multiplying out  $\mathbf{b}$  and  $\mathbf{P}$  we get:
$$\mathbf{f}(u) = \mathbf{b}(u)\mathbf{P} = \begin{bmatrix} b_0(u) & b_1(u) & b_2(u) & b_3(u) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{p}_0 \\ \mathbf{p}_1 \\ \mathbf{p}_2 \\ \mathbf{p}_3 \end{bmatrix} = \sum_{k=0}^3 b_k(u) \mathbf{p}_k$$



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- The curve is written as a linear combination of the *control points*:

$$\mathbf{f}(u) = \sum_{k=0}^3 b_k(u) \mathbf{p}_k$$

- *Similarly, for the derivative:*

$$\mathbf{f}'(u) = \sum_{k=0}^3 b'_k(u) \mathbf{p}_k$$

The basis functions are the ones  
you will implement in practice  
(in code!)

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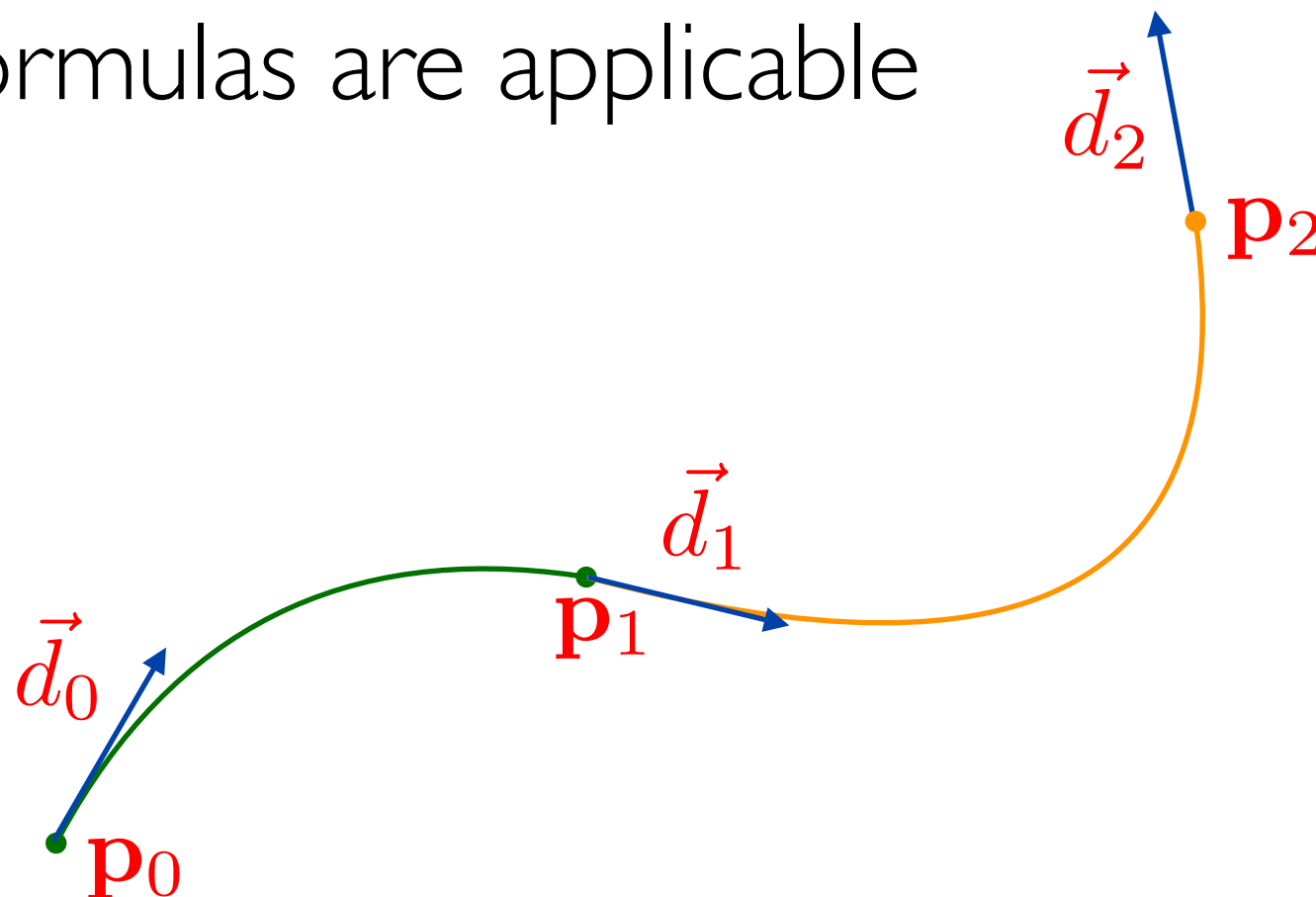
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# Hermite - Sample Implementation

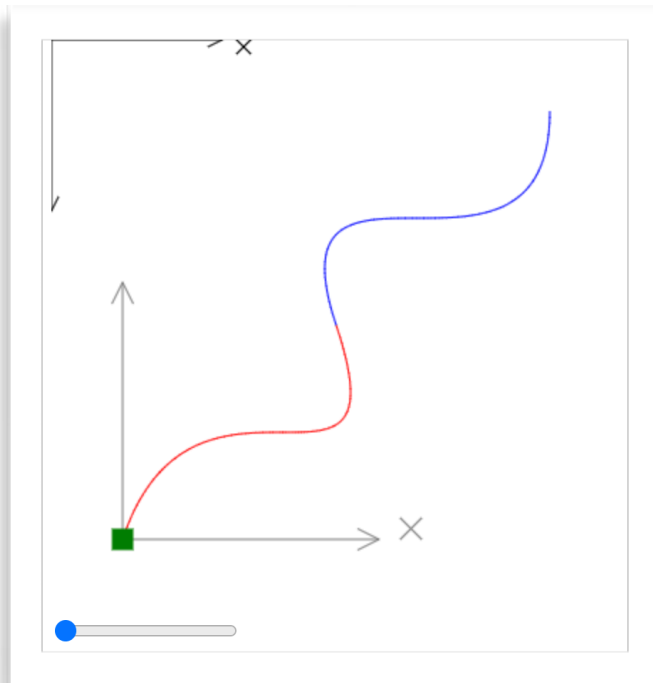
- Two Hermite curves, joined with  $C^1$  continuity
- Defined via 3 pairs of (location, tangent) control points, the middle one shared by the two curves
- The parametric interval for each piece of the curve is “translated” to the canonical interval  $[0, 1]$ , so that the previous formulas are applicable



# Implementation example : 2-piece Hermite

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## JavaScript

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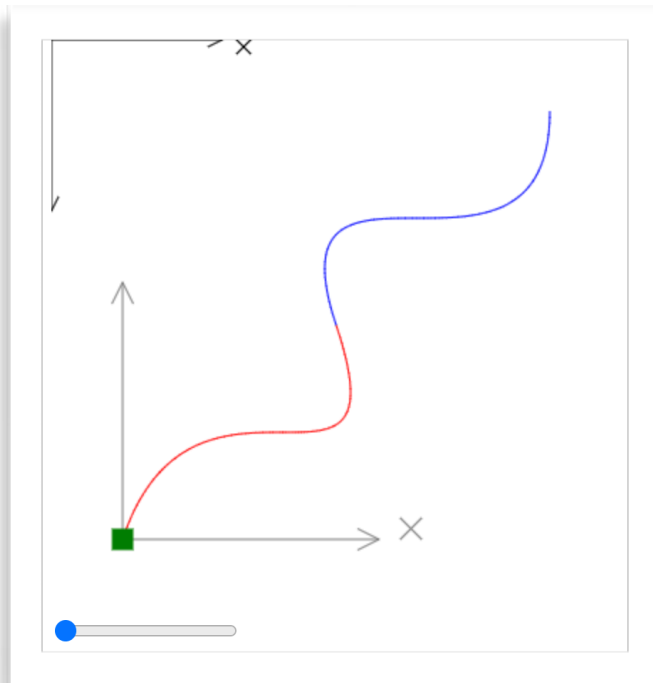
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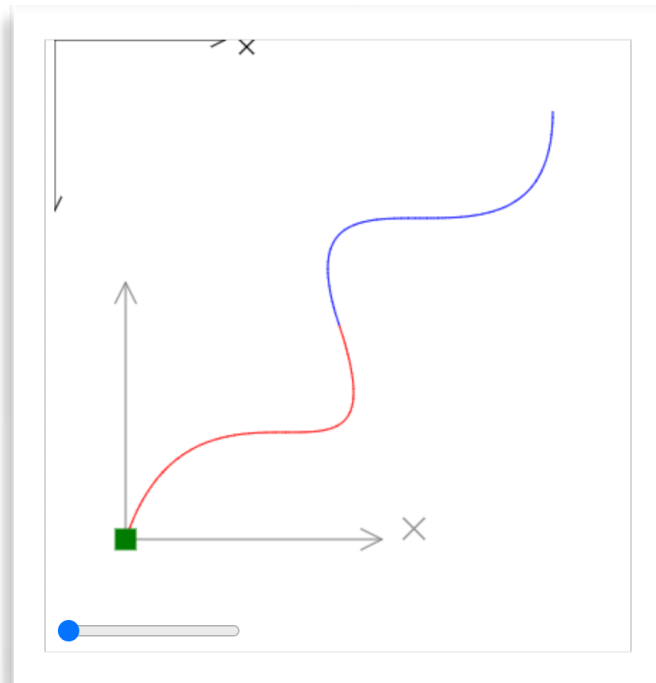
*Implementation of the basis functions*

*Hermite(t) essentially returns the row vector **b(u)***

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$$\mathbf{f}(u) = \sum_{k=0}^3 b_k(u) \mathbf{p}_k$$

Computing the curve as a “weighted average” of control points (implemented using glmatrix calls for scaling and adding vectors)

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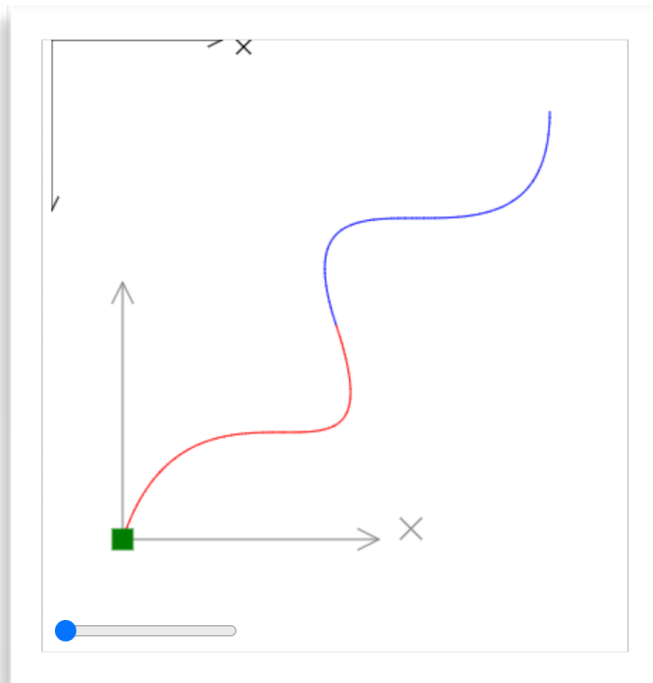
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*Defining two curves  $C_0(t)$  and  $C_1(t)$  that use respectively the first two (or last two) pass-through points & tangents*

*(note that both curves assume a parameter that takes value in the range  $[0, 1]$ !)*

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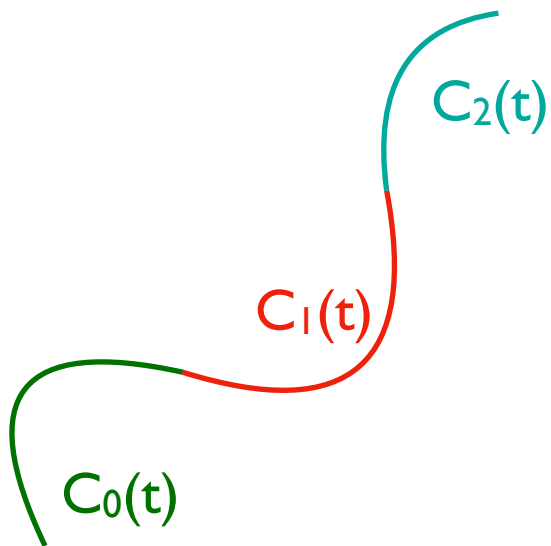
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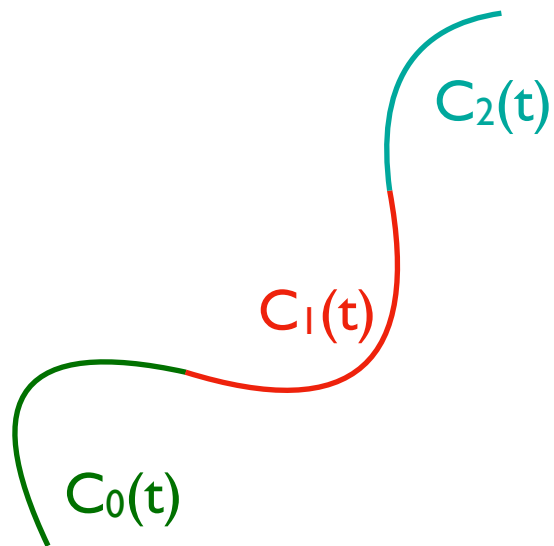
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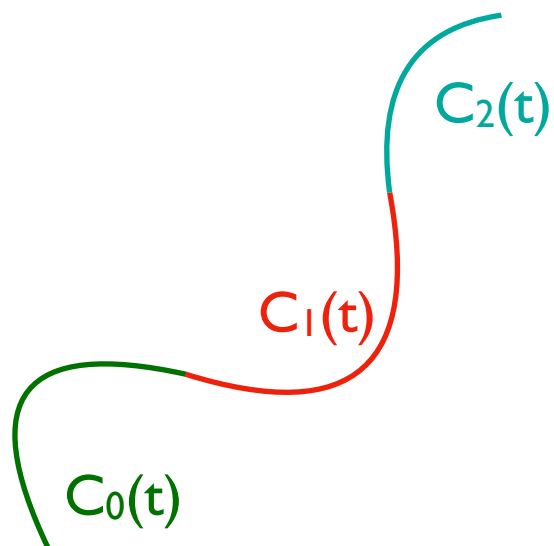
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Using this auxiliary variable “u” (that is defined in a different way in each distinct interval), we can build the composite curves using components (the functions with the “tilde”) that are always parameterized on the interval  $[0,1]$

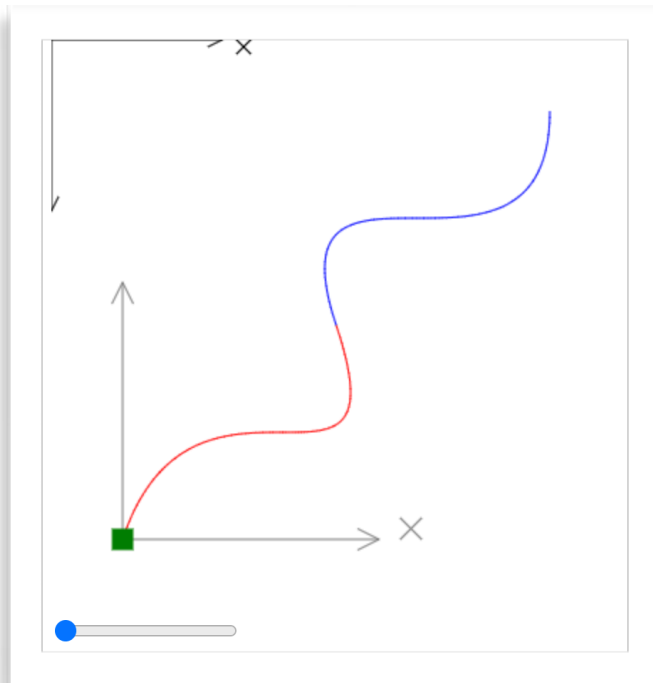
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*Building a composite curve over the parameter interval  $[0,2]$ , by using an auxiliary “u” parameter, and pieces that are defined over  $[0,1]$  ...*

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- Still using Hermite basis matrix :

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- Derivatives of basis functions :

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$$b'_1(u) = 3u^2 - 4u + 1$$

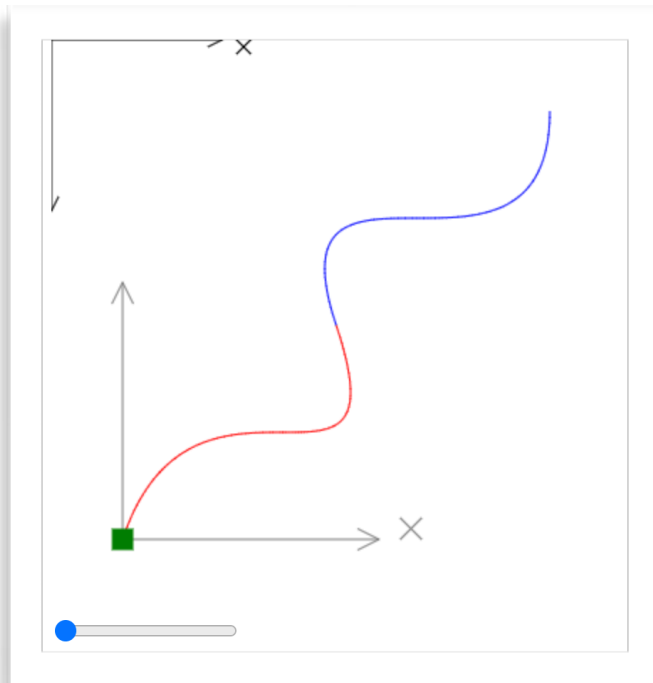
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- Tangent formula :

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*Expressions for the derivatives are built exactly the same as expressions for the curve (the only difference is we're taking weighted averages of differentiated basis functions)*

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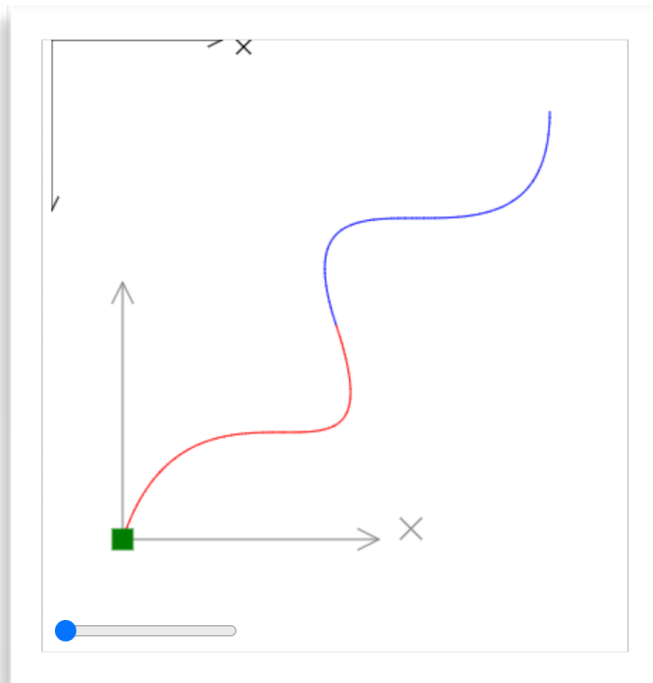
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*... and the composite tangent is built via the auxiliary parameter as before.*

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var Ccomp_tangent = function(t) {
  if (t<1){
    var u = t;
    return C0prime(u);
  } else {
    var u = t-1.0;
    return C1prime(u);
  }
}
[...]
```

# B-splines

Flash preview  
will revisit!

[jsbin.com/viwinoj](http://jsbin.com/viwinoj)

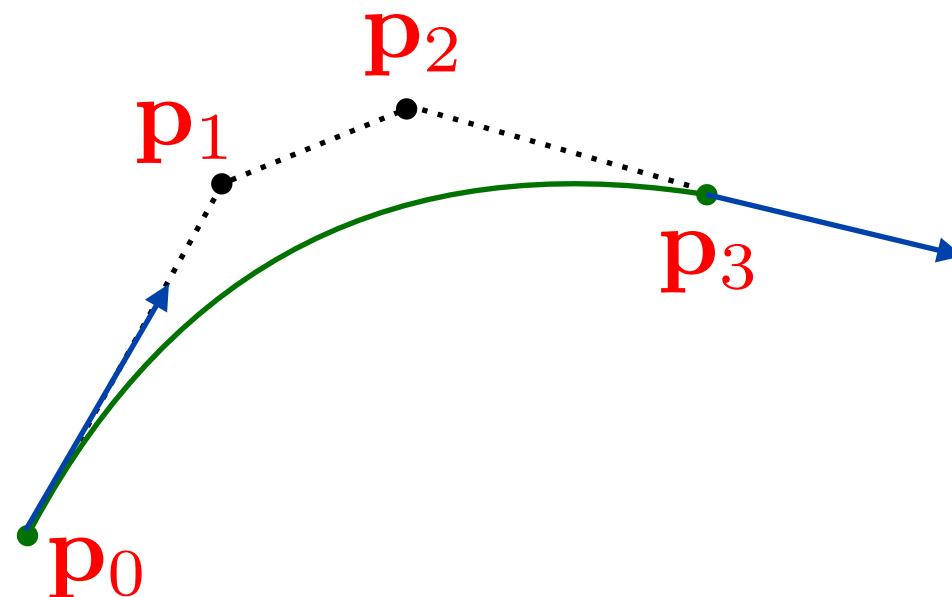
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- Using 4 control points  $(\mathbf{p}_0, \mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2, \mathbf{p}_3)$  it creates a curve that *approximates the arc from  $\mathbf{p}_1 \rightarrow \mathbf{p}_2$*  (but doesn't necessarily go through either point)
- A sequence of curves that respectively use points  $(\mathbf{p}_0, \mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2, \mathbf{p}_3)$ ,  $(\mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2, \mathbf{p}_3, \mathbf{p}_4)$ ,  $(\mathbf{p}_2, \mathbf{p}_3, \mathbf{p}_4, \mathbf{p}_5)$  etc will join with C2-continuity! (but will only approximate the points)
- If passing through a point is needed, duplicate it in the sequence of control pts! (but C2-continuity is lost)
- Correction from notes ...

$$\mathbf{B} = \frac{1}{6} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 1 & 0 \\ -3 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 3 & -6 & 3 & 0 \\ -1 & 3 & -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Bezier cubics (and subdivision)

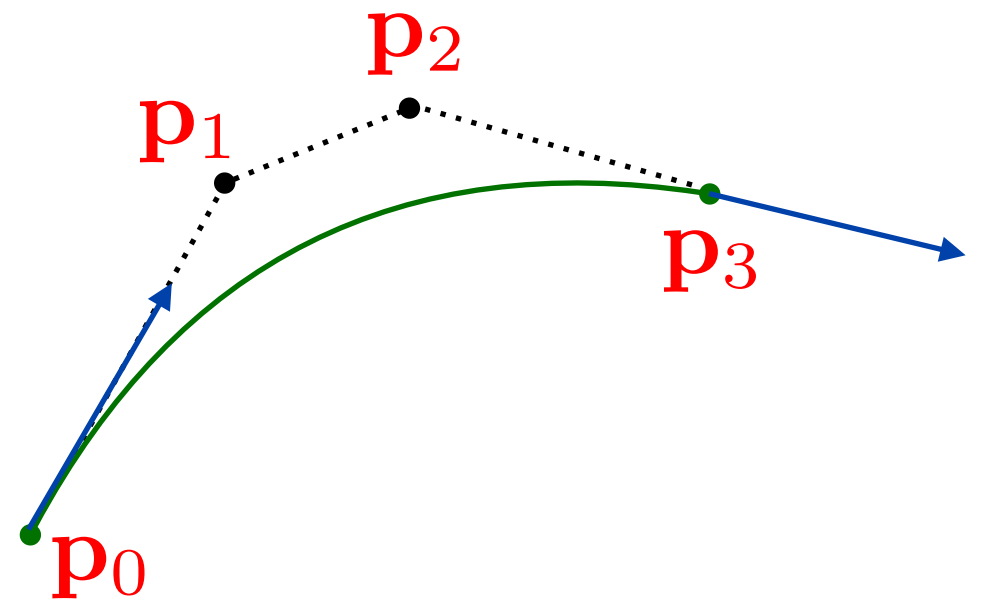
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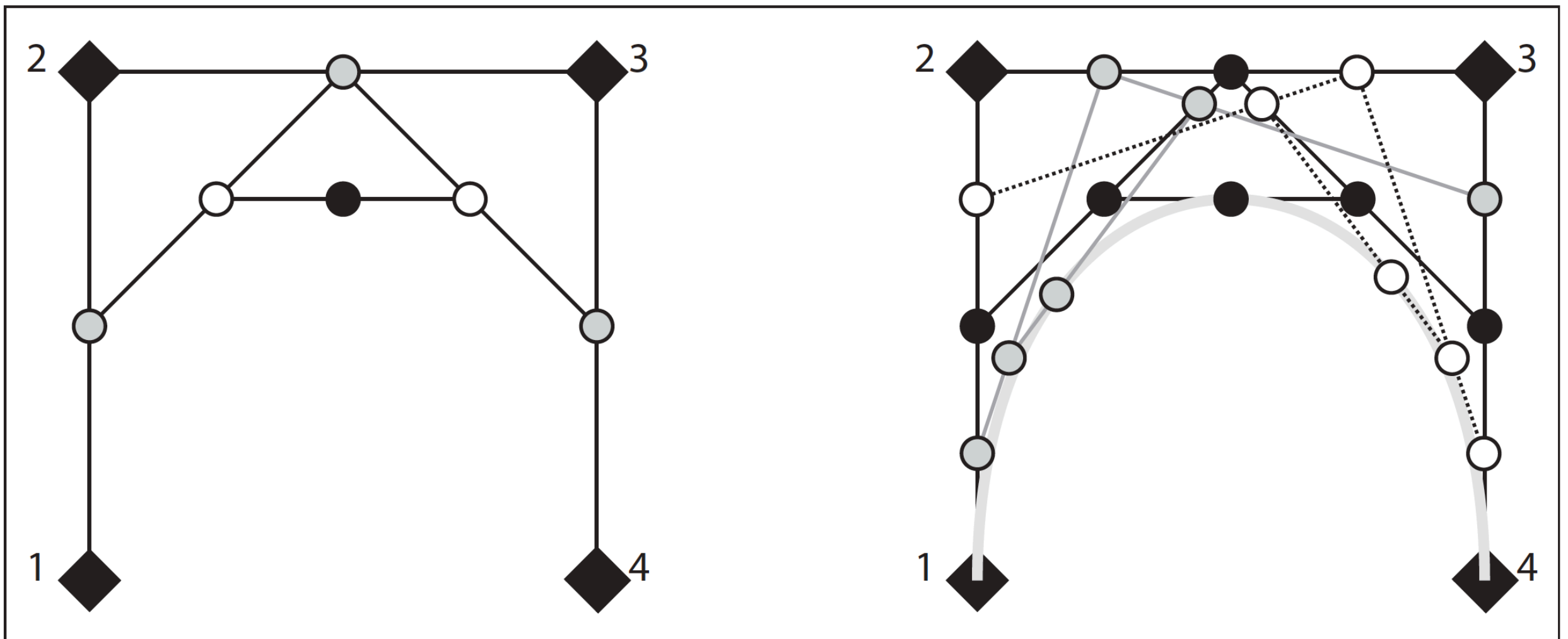
- Conceptually, a “variant” of Hermite!
- Initial gradient set to  $\mathbf{f}'(0) = \gamma(\mathbf{p}_1 - \mathbf{p}_0)$
- Final gradient set to  $\mathbf{f}'(1) = \gamma(\mathbf{p}_3 - \mathbf{p}_2)$
- Special value  $\gamma=3$  guarantees the *interpolation property*(this is when we speak of Bezier curves)

# Bezier cubics (and subdivision)

Flash preview  
will revisit!



- Can be constructed via *De Casteljau Subdivision*



# Natural cubics

Flash preview  
will revisit!

- Specify up to 2nd derivative at origin  $C(0), C'(0), C''(0)$  and just position  $C(1)$  at end
- We can *evaluate* first/second derivative at end of interval, and create the next spline to match!
- Yields  $C^2$ -continuity; loses local control

