# MEAM 520

## More Trajectory Planning

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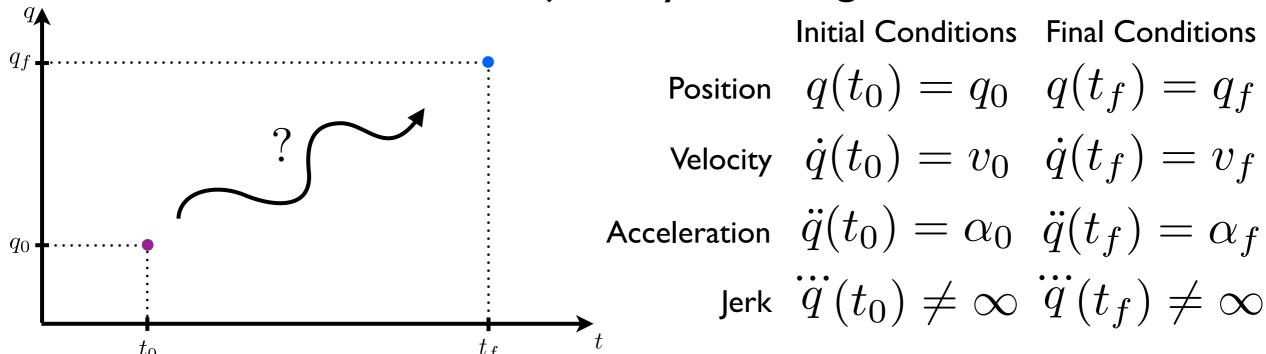
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#### Trajectory Planning



First-Order Polynomial (Line)

$$q(t) = a_0 + a_1 t$$

$$q(t) = a_0 + a_1 t + a_2 t^2 + a_3 t^3$$

Solving for Coefficients

$$\begin{aligned} q(t) &= a_0 + a_1 t \\ \text{Third-Order Polynomial (Cubic)} \\ q(t) &= a_0 + a_1 t + a_2 t^2 + a_3 t^3 \end{aligned} \quad \begin{bmatrix} q_0 \\ v_0 \\ q_f \\ v_f \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & t_0 & t_0^2 & t_0^3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2t_0 & 3t_0^2 \\ 1 & t_f & t_f^2 & t_f^3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2t_f & 3t_f^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Fifth-Order Polynomial (Quintic)

$$q(t) = a_0 + a_1t + a_2t^2 + a_3t^3 + a_4t^4 + a_5t^5$$

Sequencing Successive Low-Order Polynomials Through Multiple Via Points

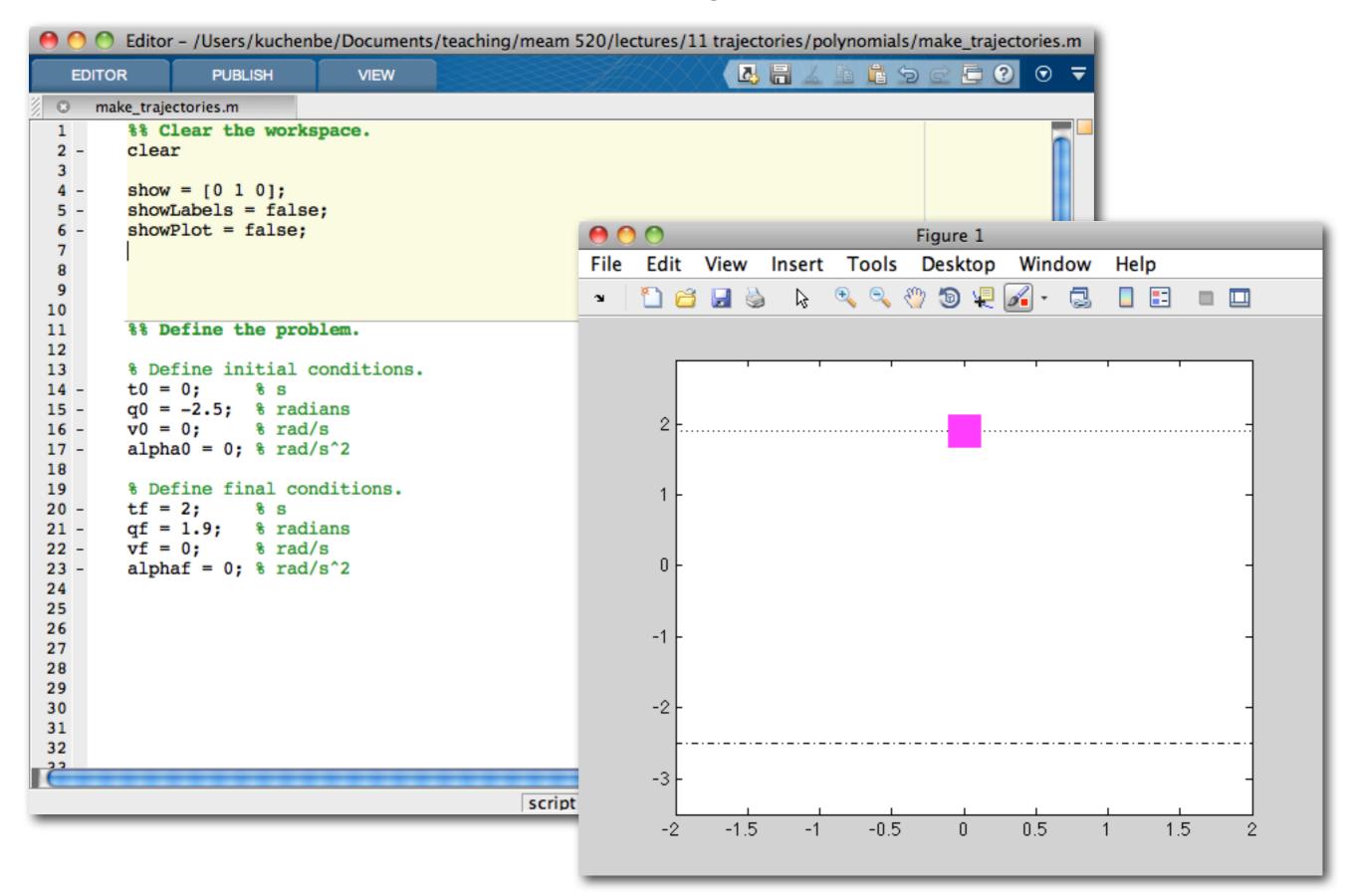
Linear Segment with Parabolic Blends (LSPB, I Line + 2 Quadratics)

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Minimum Time Trajectory (Bang-Bang, 2 Quadratics)

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#### Activity I



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#### **Trajectory Planning Questions**

I. The equation  $q(t)=a_0+a_1t$  defines a line. Solve for the coefficients  $a_0$  and  $a_1$  that satisfy the initial and final position constraints of  $q(t_0)=q_0$  and  $q(t_f)=q_f$ .

2. We discussed using linear algebra to solve for the coefficients of the cubic polynomial that satisfies the specified conditions. Will there always be a solution? If no, when does it fail?

$$\left[\begin{array}{c} q_0 \\ v_0 \\ q_f \\ v_f \end{array}\right] = \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & t_0 & t_0{}^2 & t_0{}^3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2t_0 & 3t_0{}^2 \\ 1 & t_f & t_f{}^2 & t_f{}^3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2t_f & 3t_f{}^2 \end{array}\right] \left[\begin{array}{c} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{array}\right]$$

3. For which of the five trajectory types can q leave the interval between  $q_0$  and  $q_f$  for the time span  $t_0 \le t \le t_f$ ? Explain.

Work with one or two partners to answer the first three questions.

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$$q(t) = a_0 + a_1 t$$

$$q_0 = a_0 + a_1 t_0$$

$$q_f = a_0 + a_1 t_f$$

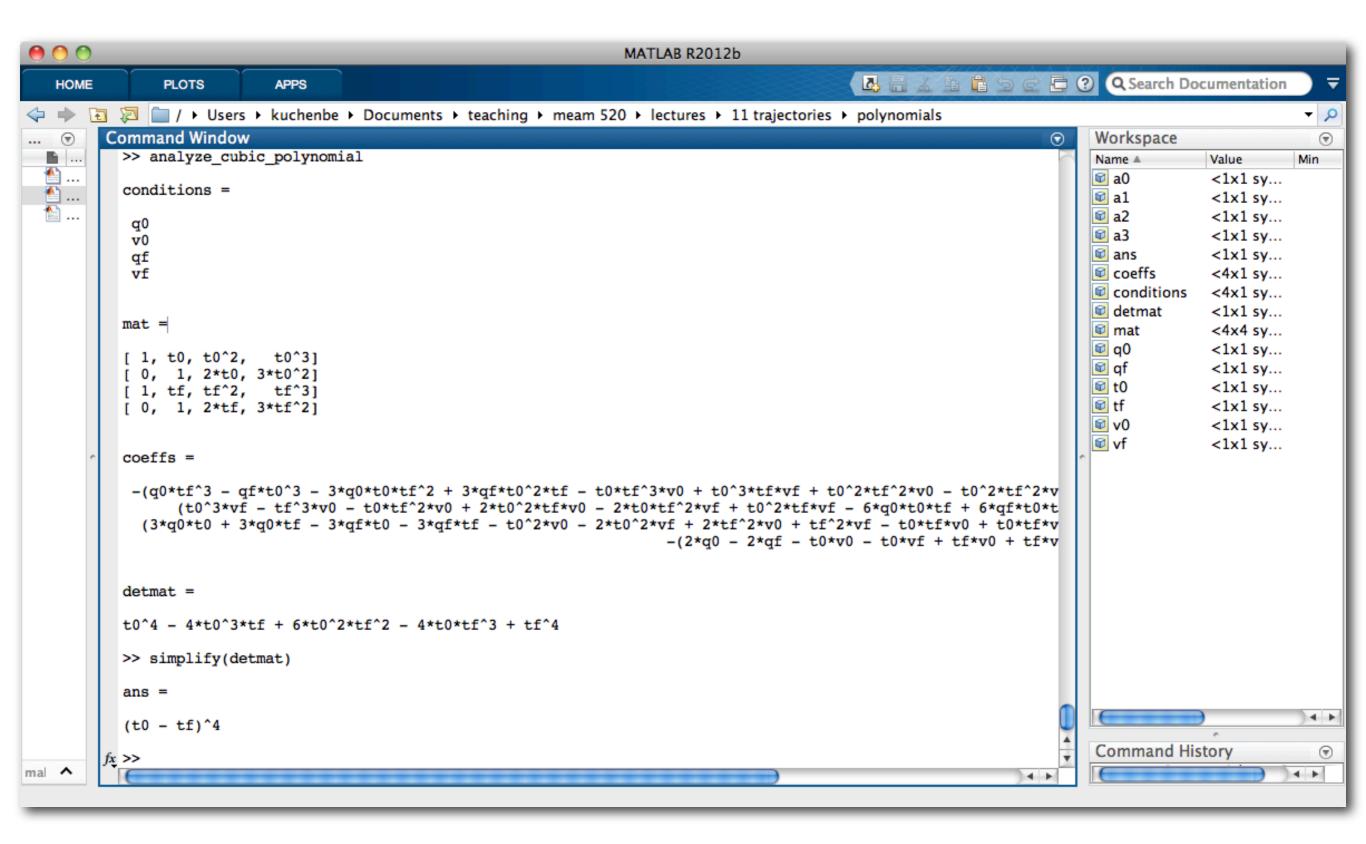
$$a_0 = q_0 - \frac{q_f - q_0}{t_f - t_0} \cdot t_0$$

$$a_1 = \frac{q_f - q_0}{t_f - t_0}$$

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 fails when  $t_f = t_0$ 

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                PUBLISH
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        %% Clear the workspace.
 1
 3
 5
       %% Define the variables as symbols that represent real numbers.
 6 -
       syms t0 tf q0 qf v0 vf real
 7
 8
9
       %% Solve for the cubic polynomial coefficients that meet these conditions.
10
11
       % Put initial and final conditions into a column vector.
       conditions = [q0 v0 qf vf]'
12 -
13
       % Put time elements into matrix.
14
15 -
       mat = [1 t0 t0^2
                   1 2*t0
                               3*t0^2;
16
                   tf tf^2
                                 tf^3;
17
18
                  1 2*tf 3*tf^2]
19
       % Solve for coefficients.
20
       coeffs = mat \ conditions
21 -
22
        % Pull individual coefficients out.
23
24 -
       a0 = coeffs(1);
       a1 = coeffs(2);
25 -
       a2 = coeffs(3);
26 -
27 -
       a3 = coeffs(4);
28
29
       %% Figure out when there is a solution.
30
31
       % There is no solution when the determinant of the matrix equals zero.
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        % Calculate determinant of matrix.
35 -
       detmat = det(mat)
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        %detmat = simplify(detmat)
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3. For which of the five trajectory types can q leave the interval between  $q_0$  and  $q_f$  for the time span  $t_0 \le t \le t_f$ ? Explain.

First-Order Polynomial (Line) Does not leave interval.

$$q(t) = a_0 + a_1 t$$

Third-Order Polynomial (Cubic) Could leave interval\*.  $q(t) = a_0 + a_1 t + a_2 t^2 + a_3 t^3$ 

\*Depends on initial and final velocities. When both are zero, does not leave interval.

Fifth-Order Polynomial (Quintic) Could leave interval\*\*.  $q(t) = a_0 + a_1t + a_2t^2 + a_3t^3 + a_4t^4 + a_5t^5$ 

\*\*Depends on initial and final velocities and accelerations.
When all are zero, does not leave interval.

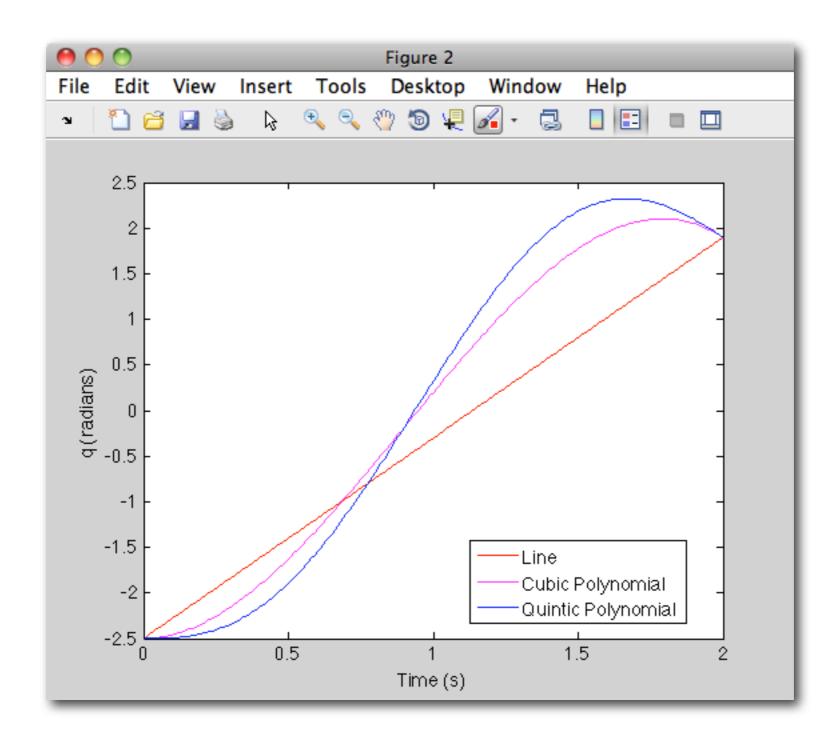
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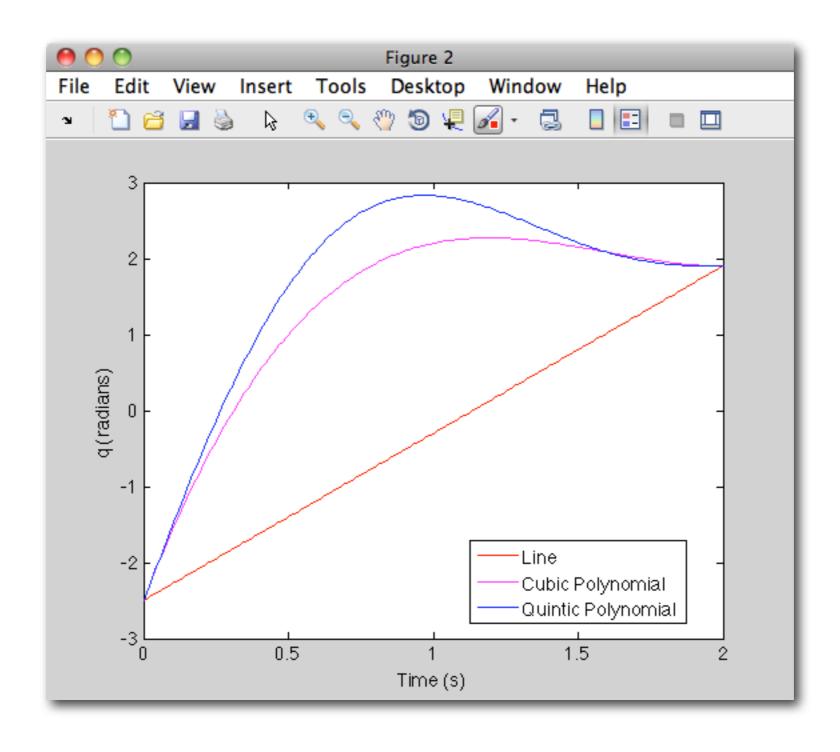
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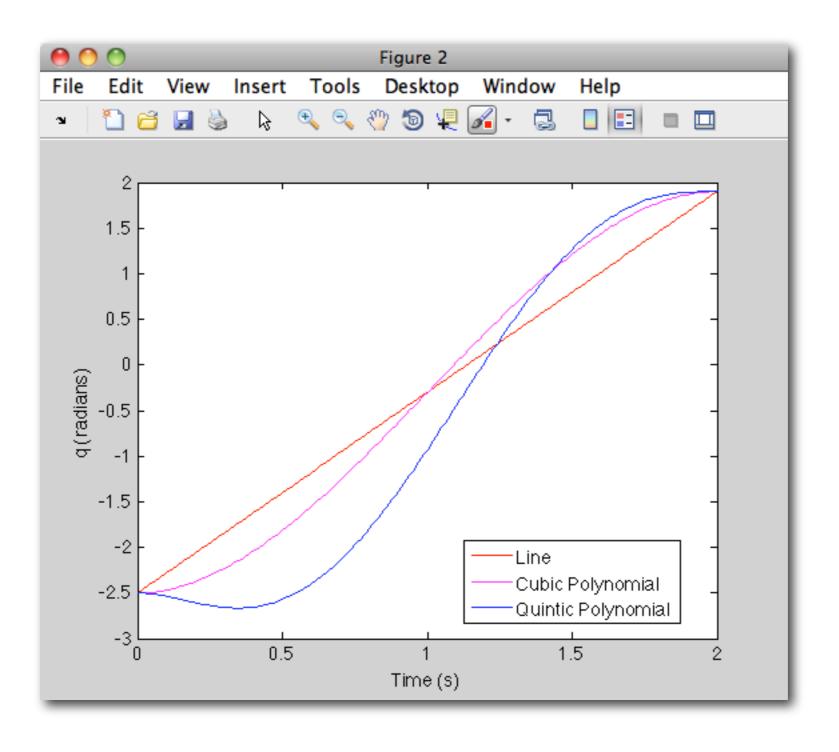
### Final velocity less than zero



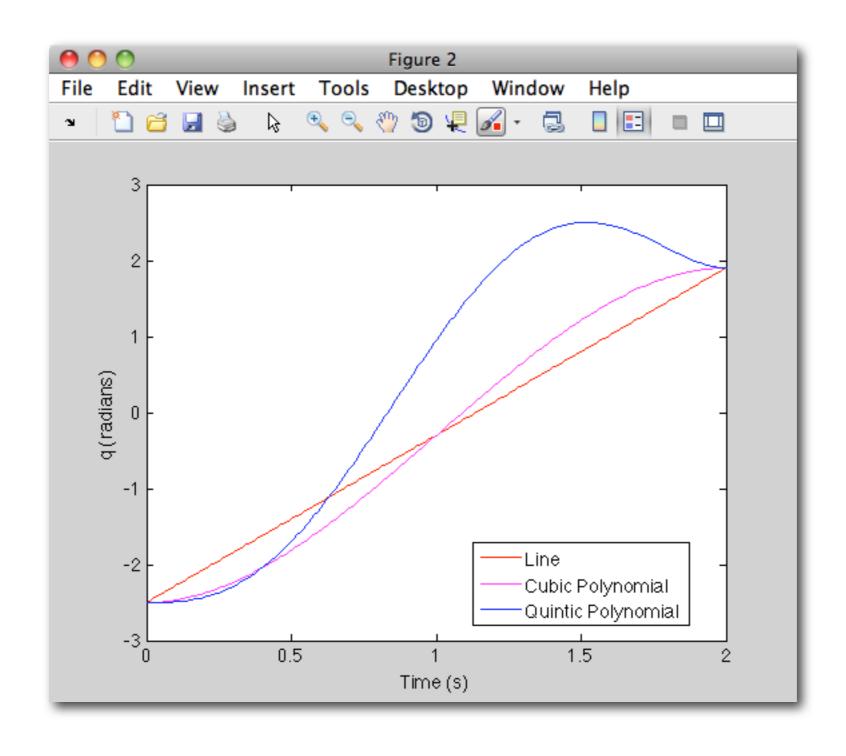
### Initial velocity greater than zero and large



#### Initial acceleration less than zero



#### Final acceleration greater than zero



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5. How does the idea of sequencing low-order polynomials such as cubics through multiple via points relate to LSPB and Bang-Bang trajectories?

6. Set up the equations to solve for all the coefficients of a general LSPB given initial time  $t_0$ , final time  $t_f$ , initial position  $t_f$ , initial velocity  $t_f$ , final velocity  $t_f$ , and blend duration  $t_f$ .

Work with one or two partners to answer the last three questions.

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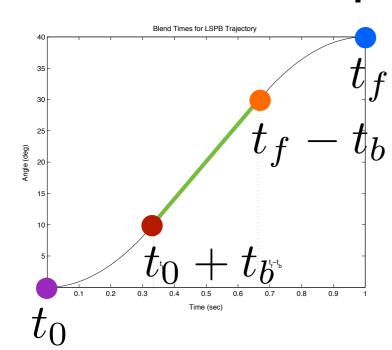
- 4. Why would one ever use a line or a cubic polynomial instead of a quintic polynomial?
  - Want constant velocity (line).
  - •Your robot is sufficiently rigid, so you don't care about minimal jerk.
  - •Need lower computational complexity, e.g., realtime calculations on a microcontroller.
  - Need lower memory usage, e.g., implementation on a microcontroller.
  - Want to limit maximum speed.
  - •More ideas from class?

- 5. How does the idea of sequencing low-order polynomials such as cubics through multiple via points relate to LSPB and Bang-Bang trajectories?
  - •A linear segment with parabolic blends is a sequence of low-order polynomials: quadratic + line + quadratic.
  - •A bang-bang trajectory is a sequence of low-order polynomials: quadratic + quadratic.
  - •But, for LSPB and BB we don't care about the particular position or velocity of the robot at the switching times. We just require position and velocity to be continuous at these points.

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 $\dot{q}(t) = b_1 + 2b_2 t$   $\dot{q}(t) = a_1$   $\dot{q}(t) = c_1 + 2c_2 t$ 

#### 8 parameters – need 8 equations



# Position and velocity at four points in time

$$q_0 = b_0 + b_1 t_0 + b_2 t_0^2$$

$$v_0 = b_1 + 2b_2 t_0$$

$$b_0 + b_1(t_0 + t_b) + b_2(t_0 + t_b)^2 \stackrel{\bullet}{=} a_0 + a_1(t_0 + t_b)$$
$$b_1 + 2b_2(t_0 + t_b) \stackrel{\bullet}{=} a_1$$

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## What questions do you have ?

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These would have been good homework questions, but instead I want you to use these concepts in a project....