

## Assignment #10

**Due Monday 29 November, 2021 at the start of class.**

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**Exercise 6.1.4.**

**Exercise 6.1.5.**

**Exercise 6.2.1.** Do part (b) only. Note that the “error” is  $\max_i |u_i - \hat{u}(t_i)|$ , as in Example 6.2.1, and *not* the local truncation error.

**Exercise 6.2.2.** Do parts (b) and (g) only. Same comment on “error”.

**Exercise 6.2.4.** Do part (a) only.

**Exercise 6.3.1.** Do part (a) only.

**Exercise 6.3.3.** Do parts (a) and (b) only. A key idea is that the function you provide for the `dudt` argument needs to be a *vector*-valued function of the scalar  $t$  and the vector  $u$ . This can be done at the command line or by saving a function in a `.m` file. In either case, show me the code you used and how you ran it from the command line.

**P13. (a)** Watch the following video, *The Beauty of Bezier Curves* by Freya Holmér:

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=aVwxzDHniEw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aVwxzDHniEw)

For parts below, all the important stuff occurs in the first 7 minutes, but the whole thing is 25 easy minutes! (*Nothing to turn in. Full credit for (a) if you make progress below.*)

**(b)** Suppose  $P_0$  and  $P_1$  are points in the plane, so  $P_0 = (x_0, y_0)$  and  $P_1 = (x_1, y_1)$ , and think of such points as vectors. The line segment between  $P_0$  and  $P_1$  is the vector-valued function  $F(t) = (1 - t)P_0 + tP_1$ . Note that  $F(t)$ , which she calls `lerp(P0, P1, t)`, is a linear combination of  $P_0$  and  $P_1$ . A *quadratic Bezier curve* with control points  $P_0, P_1, P_2$  is a linear combination of  $F$  functions:

$$Q(t) = (1 - t) [(1 - t)P_0 + tP_1] + t [(1 - t)P_1 + tP_2]$$

Expand this expression and show that it is quadratic in  $t$ . In fact, you can factor-out the points and write it as

$$Q(t) = P_0 \beta_0(t) + P_1 \beta_1(t) + P_2 \beta_2(t) = \sum_{j=0}^2 P_j \beta_j(t).$$

Find  $\beta_0(t)$ ,  $\beta_1(t)$ , and  $\beta_2(t)$ .

(c) A cubic Bezier curve with control points  $P_0, P_1, P_2, P_3$  is a linear combination of quadratic Bezier curves:

$$P(t) = (1-t) \{ (1-t) [(1-t)P_0 + tP_1] + t [(1-t)P_1 + tP_2] \} \\ + t \{ (1-t) [(1-t)P_1 + tP_2] + t [(1-t)P_2 + tP_3] \}.$$

Writing it this way is what she calls “De Casteljau’s algorithm.” As she says, it is numerically stable because it is just “lerps all the way down.” Expand  $P(t)$  in order to compute  $b_j(t)$  in the expression

$$P(t) = \sum_{j=0}^3 P_j b_j(t).$$

You will be able to check your formulas via the video. The functions  $b_j(t)$  are the cubic *Bernstein polynomials*. Note that she visualizes this representation using four colors for the weights, which are the values  $b_j(t)$ .

(d) Confirm that  $P(0) = P_0$  and  $P(1) = P_3$ , that is, confirm that the cubic curve starts at control point  $P_0$  and ends at  $P_3$ . Note that the curve *does not*, however, hit  $P_1$  and  $P_2$ .

(e) Write your own cubic Bezier curve code in Matlab. In particular, write a function

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function bezier(p0, p1, p2, p3)
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where each `px` is a pair of numbers. That is, the input is four points. The function should simply generate a figure showing the curve, and also the four points as markers. (There is no need to return numbers. You can use either of the forms above for  $P(t)$ .) When you test it, try to approximately reproduce one of the figures from the video; mention which minute in the video is showing a similar curve.