

1 Spline path

$$P(t) = \sum_{i=0}^n P_i \times b_i\left(\frac{t-t_0}{T}\right)$$

where $t \in [t_0, t_0 + T]$, (b_i) is a basis of the polynoms of degree less or equal to n and (P_i) is a set of points.

Derivative

$$P^{(k)}(t) = \sum_{i=0}^n \frac{P_i}{T^k} \times b_i^{(k)}\left(\frac{t-t_0}{T}\right)$$

Integral of derivatives

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{t_{min}}^{t_{min}+T} P^{(k)}(t)^T \cdot P^{(k)}(t) dt &= \sum_{i,j} \frac{P_i^T P_j}{T^{2k}} \int_{t_{min}}^{t_{min}+T} b_i^{(k)}\left(\frac{t-t_0}{T}\right) b_j^{(k)}\left(\frac{t-t_0}{T}\right) dt \\ &= \sum_{i,j} \frac{P_i^T P_j}{T^{2k}} T \int_0^1 b_i^{(k)}(u) b_j^{(k)}(u) du \\ &= T^{1-2k} \sum_{i,j} P_i^T P_j \int_0^1 b_i^{(k)}(u) b_j^{(k)}(u) du \end{aligned}$$

2 Definiton of some basis of polynoms

We consider $u \in [0, 1]$.

2.1 Canonical polynom basis

$$b_i(u) = u^i$$

Its k -th derivative is, for $k \leq i$:

$$b_i^{(k)}(u) = \frac{i!}{(i-k)!} u^{i-k}$$

Finally,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 b_i^{(k)}(u) b_j^{(k)}(u) du &= \frac{i!}{(i-k)!} \frac{j!}{(j-k)!} \int_0^1 u^{i+j-2k} du \\ &= \frac{i!}{(i-k)!} \frac{j!}{(j-k)!} \frac{1}{i+j-2k+1} \end{aligned}$$

2.2 Bernstein polynoms

The i -th Bernstein polynom of degree n is:

$$b_{i,n}(u) = \binom{n}{i} u^i (1-u)^{n-i}$$

Its k -th derivative is, for $k \leq n$:

$$\begin{aligned} b_{i,n}^{(k)}(u) &= n! \sum_{p=\max(0, k+i-n)}^{\min(k, i)} \binom{k}{p} (-1)^{k-p} \frac{u^{i-p} (1-u)^{n-k-(i-p)}}{(i-p)! (n-k-(i-p))!} \\ &= \frac{n!}{(n-k)!} \sum_{p=\max(0, k+i-n)}^{\min(k, i)} \binom{k}{p} (-1)^{k-p} b_{i-p, n-k}(u) \end{aligned}$$

Integral of product of derivatives We seek to compute

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_{i,j,n}^{(k)} &:= \int_0^1 b_{i,n}^{(k)}(u) b_{j,n}^{(k)}(u) dt \\ &= \left(\frac{n!}{(n-k)!} \right)^2 \sum_{p \in I(i,k,n), q \in I(j,k,n)} \binom{k}{p} \binom{k}{q} (-1)^{2k-(p+q)} \alpha_{i-p, j-q, n-k}^{(0)} \end{aligned}$$

with $I(i, k, n) = [\max(0, k+i-n), \min(k, i)]$

Calculation of $\alpha_{i,j,n}^{(0)}$

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_{i,j,n}^{(0)} &= \binom{n}{i} \binom{n}{j} \binom{2n}{i+j}^{-1} \int_0^1 b_{i+j, 2n}(u) dt \\ &= \binom{n}{i} \binom{n}{j} \binom{2n}{i+j}^{-1} \frac{1}{2n+1} \end{aligned}$$

Maximum on an interval Let $I = [t_0, t_1] \subset [0, 1]$.

We seek $M_{i,n}(I) = \max_{u \in I} |b_{i,n}(u)|$. Clearly, we have

$$M_{0,n}(I) = b_{0,n}(t_0)$$

and

$$M_{n,n}(I) = b_{n,n}(t_1)$$

As $b'_{i,n}(u) = \binom{n}{i} (i-un) u^{i-1} (1-u)^{n-i-1}$, we have, $\forall i \in [1, n-1]$, $M_{i,n}(I) = b_{i,n}(t_M(I))$ where

$$t_M(I) = \begin{cases} t_0 & \text{if } \frac{i}{n} > t_0 \\ t_1 & \text{if } t_1 < \frac{i}{n} \\ \frac{i}{n} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

The above formula is also true for $i = 0$ and $i = n$.

We seek $M'_{i,n}(I) = \max_{u \in I} |b'_{i,n}(u)|$.

Case $i = 0$ or $i = n$: $b'_{i,n}(u)$ is monotone on I .

Case $i = 1$: $b'_{1,n}(u) = n(1 - un)(1 - u)^{n-2}$ and

$$b''_{1,n}(u) = n(n-1)[nu - 2](1 - u)^{n-3}$$

The extremum, in $u = \frac{2}{n}$, is $\frac{(n-2)^{n-2}}{n^{n-3}}$.

Case $i = n - 1$: $b'_{n-1,n}(u) = n(n-1 - un)u^{n-2}$ and

$$b''_{n-1,n}(u) = n(n-1)[n-2 - nu]u^{n-3}$$

The extremum, in $u = \frac{n-2}{n}$, is $\frac{(n-2)^{n-2}}{n^{n-3}}$, as for $i = 1$.

General case :

$$b''_{i,n}(u) = \binom{n}{i} [(n-1)^2 u^2 - (2i-1)(n-1)u + i(i-1)] u^{i-2} (1-u)^{n-i-2}$$

Let $\alpha(u) = (n-1)^2 u^2 - (n-1)(2i-1)u + i(i-1)$. As $\Delta = (n-1)^2((2i-1)^2 - 4i(i-1)) = (n-1)^2$, the roots of α are $u_{i,n}^- = \frac{i-1}{n-1}$ and $u_{i,n}^+ = \frac{i}{n-1}$. As $(n-1)^2 > 0$, $b'_{i,n}$ increases on $[0, u_{i,n}^-]$ and on $[u_{i,n}^+, 1]$ and decreases on $[u_{i,n}^-, u_{i,n}^+]$.

$$b'_{i,n}(u_{i,n}^-) = \binom{n}{i} \frac{(n-i)^{n-i}(i-1)^{i-1}}{(n-1)^{n-1}}$$

$$b'_{i,n}(u_{i,n}^+) = -\binom{n}{i} \frac{(i)^i(n-i-1)^{n-i-1}}{(n-1)^{n-1}}$$

Then, the following procedure computes M :

1. $M'_{i,n}(I) = \max(|b'_{i,n}(t_0)|, |b'_{i,n}(t_1)|)$
2. If $u_{i,n}^+ \in I$, then $M'_{i,n}(I) = \max(M'_{i,n}(I), |b'_{i,n}(u_{i,n}^+)|)$
3. If $u_{i,n}^- \in I$, then $M'_{i,n}(I) = \max(M'_{i,n}(I), |b'_{i,n}(u_{i,n}^-)|)$