

De Casteljau algoritm proof

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Cubic Bezier curve:

$$\begin{aligned} n &\in \mathbb{N}, \\ p_i &\in \mathbb{R}^n, \quad i \in \{0, 1, 2, 3\} \\ f &: [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n \end{aligned}$$

$$f(u) = (1-u)^3 p_0 + 3(1-u)^2 u p_1 + 3(1-u) u^2 p_2 + u^3 p_3$$

De Casteljau algorithm:

$$\begin{aligned} n &\in \mathbb{N}, \\ p_i &\in \mathbb{R}^n, \quad i \in \{0, 1, 2, 3\} \\ r_i &: [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n, i \in \{0, 1, 2\} \\ s_i &: [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n, i \in \{0, 1\} \\ t_0 &: [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} r_i(u) &= (1-u)p_i + u p_{i+1} \\ s_i(u) &= (1-u)r_i(u) + u r_{i+1}(u) \\ t_0(u) &= (1-u)s_0(u) + u s_1(u) \end{aligned}$$

Theorem:

$$\begin{aligned} n &\in \mathbb{N}, \\ \forall p_i &\in \mathbb{R}^n, i \in 0, 1, 2, 3, \text{ and } u \in [0, 1], \\ f(u) &= t_0(u) \end{aligned}$$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} f(u) &= (1-u)^3 p_0 + 3(1-u)^2 u p_1 + 3(1-u) u^2 p_2 + u^3 p_3 \\ t_0(u) &= (1-u)s_0(u) + u s_1(u) = \\ &= (1-u)((1-u)r_0(u) + u r_1(u)) + u((1-u)r_1(u) + u r_2(u)) = \\ &= (1-u)((1-u)((1-u)p_0 + u p_1) + u((1-u)p_1 + u p_2)) + \\ &\quad + u((1-u)((1-u)p_1 + u p_2) + u((1-u)p_2 + u p_3)) = \\ &= (1-u)((1-u)^2 p_0 + 2(1-u)u p_1 + u^2 p_2) + u((1-u)^2 p_1 + 2(1-u)u p_2 + u^2 p_3) = \\ &= (1-u)^3 p_0 + 2(1-u)^2 u p_1 + (1-u)u^2 p_2 + (1-u)^2 u p_1 + 2(1-u)u^2 p_2 + u^3 p_3 = \\ &= (1-u)^3 p_0 + 3(1-u)^2 u p_1 + 3(1-u)u^2 p_2 + u^3 p_3 = \\ &= f(u) \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore f(u) = t_0(u)$$