3D Representing Curves and Surfaces

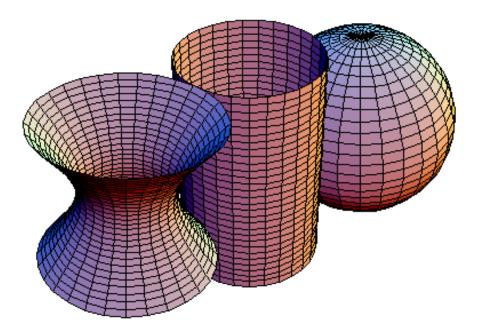
Representing Methods

- Polygon mesh
- Curve surface

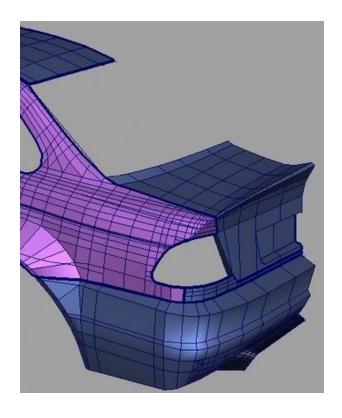
3D objects have surfaces that are planar polygons.



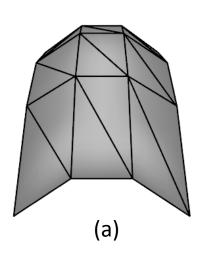
Curvature of a cylinder can be represented by many long narrow rectangles

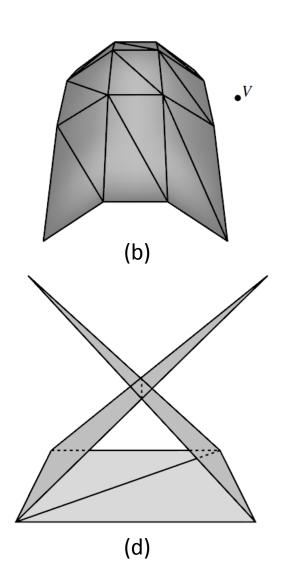


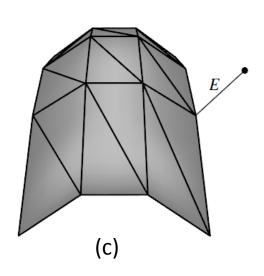
 Curved surfaces can be approximated by planar polyhedrons joined together.



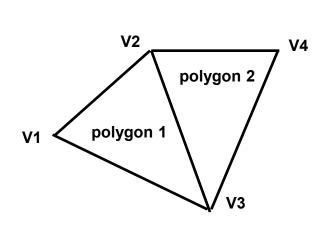
- Vertices are single points; Edges are line segments whose end points are vertices; and Faces are convex polygon in 3D space.
- A finite collection of vertices, edges, and faces is called a polygon mesh such that
- Each vertex must be shared by at least one edge.
- Each edge must be shared by at least one face.
- If two faces intersect, the vertex or edge of intersection must be a component in the mesh.

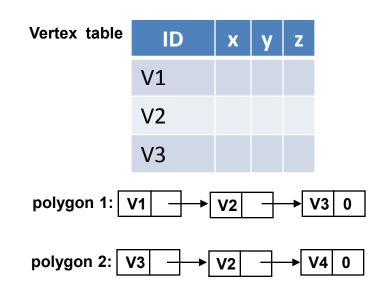






- Expression 1: Vertex-based list of polygons
 - stores each vertex in a "vertex table"
 - defines a polygon as a sequence of vertices which can be realized by defining the polygons as linked lists of pointers into the vertex list





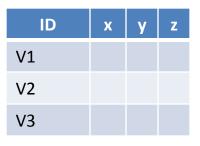
- Advantages of this approach
 - It requires the least amount of storage and easily allows for the mesh to be changed.
- Disadvantages of this approach
 - All polygons must be checked to see whether or not they share one specified edge
 - It is the same to find out one specified vertex.



Calculation slows down significantly when the size of polygon mesh increases.

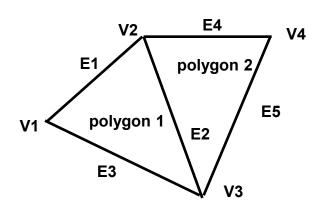
Expression 2: Edge-based list of polygons

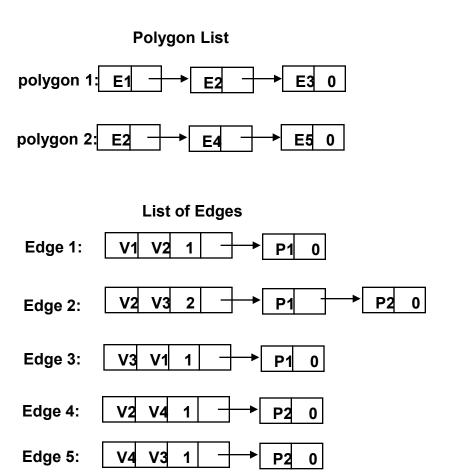
Table of vertices:



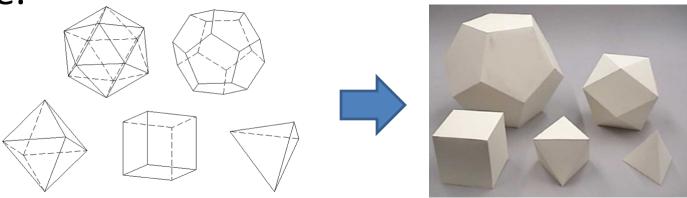
Linked list of edges: where an edge is connected by two vertices where every edge has a pair of pointers to the vertex table, a pointer into the polygon list and a counter showing the # of polygons that share edge

<u>List of polygons:</u> a linked list of pointers into the edge list which access (in the correct order) all of the edges that compose that particular polygon





- Advantage of using planar polygons is low computation by simply drawing the edges for wireframes or by simply filling the polygons
- Disadvantage is ambiguous because all edges may be shown that wouldn't be seen in real life.

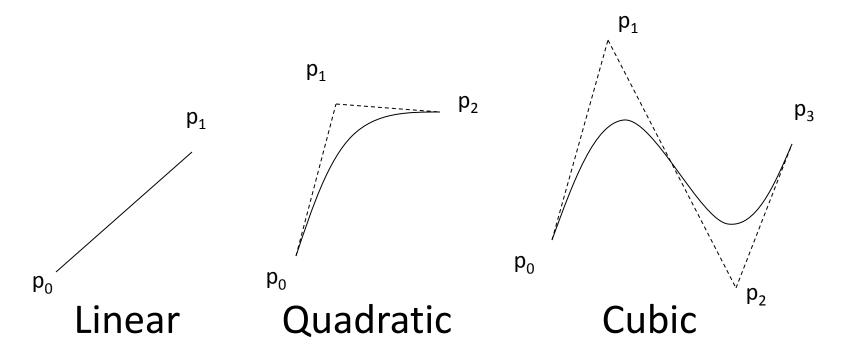


Curve surface

- Bezier curve and Bezier surface
- B-Spline curve and B-Spline surface

Bezier Curve

 Bezier curves is a higher order extension of linear interpolation



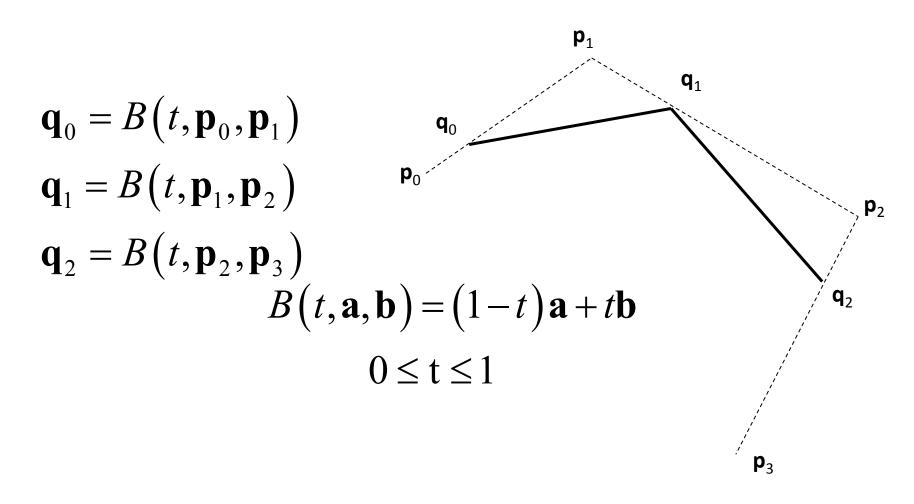
 Cubic Bezier curves utilize four points to control one curve segment.

 $\mathbf{x}(t)$ p_0 \mathbf{p}_2

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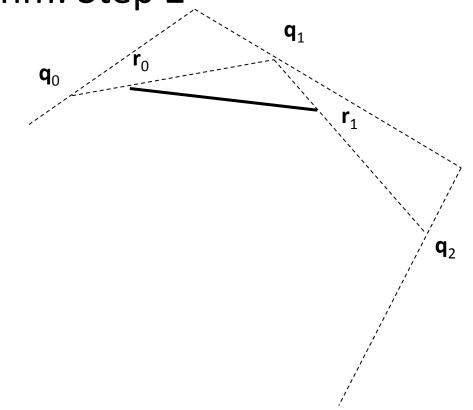
 p_1 De Casteljau Algorithm \mathbf{p}_0 We start with our original set of points In the case of a cubic Bezier curve, we start with four points

De Casteljau Algorithm: Step 1



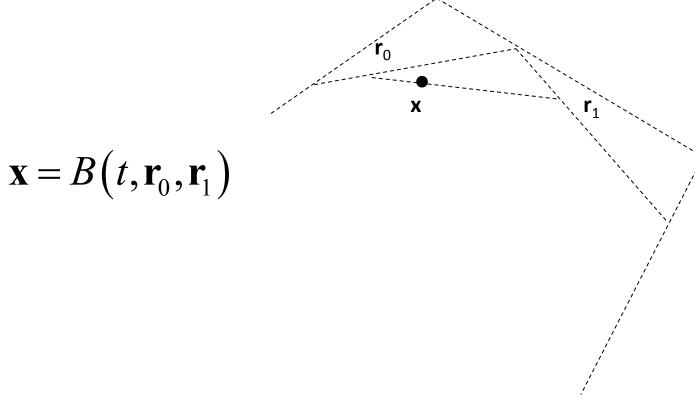
• De Casteljau Algorithm: Step 2

$$\mathbf{r}_0 = B(t, \mathbf{q}_0, \mathbf{q}_1)$$
$$\mathbf{r}_1 = B(t, \mathbf{q}_1, \mathbf{q}_2)$$

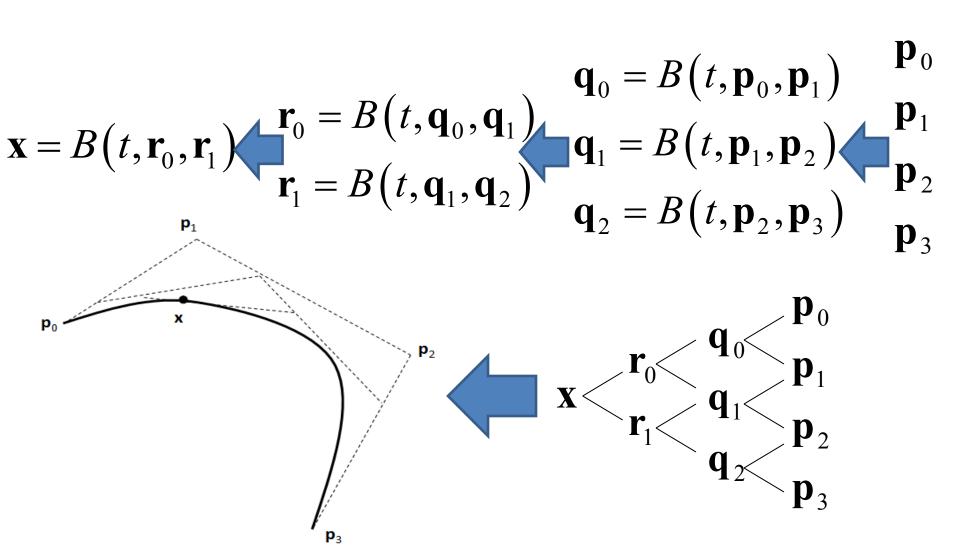


de Casteljau Algorithm

• De Casteljau Algorithm: Step 3



Recursive Linear Interpolation



Expanding the B function

$$\mathbf{q}_0 = B(t, \mathbf{p}_0, \mathbf{p}_1) = (1-t)\mathbf{p}_0 + t\mathbf{p}_1$$

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$$\mathbf{q}_2 = B(t, \mathbf{p}_2, \mathbf{p}_3) = (1-t)\mathbf{p}_2 + t\mathbf{p}_3$$

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$$\mathbf{x} = B(t, \mathbf{r}_0, \mathbf{r}_1) = (1-t)((1-t)((1-t)\mathbf{p}_0 + t\mathbf{p}_1) + t((1-t)\mathbf{p}_1 + t\mathbf{p}_2))$$
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Bernstein Polynomials

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = (-t^3 + 3t^2 - 3t + 1)\mathbf{p}_0 + (3t^3 - 6t^2 + 3t)\mathbf{p}_1 + (3t^3 - 6t^2 + 3t)\mathbf{p}_2 + (t^3)\mathbf{p}_3$$

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = \sum B_i^3(t)\mathbf{p}_i$$

$$B_0^3(t) = -t^3 + 3t^2 - 3t + 1$$

$$B_1^3(t) = 3t^3 - 6t^2 + 3t$$

$$B_2^3(t) = -3t^3 + 3t^2$$

$$B_2^3(t) = t^3$$

$$B_i^n(t) = \binom{n}{i} (1-t)^{n-i} (t)^i \qquad \binom{n}{i} = \frac{n!}{i!(n-i)!}$$

Bernstein Polynomials

The Bernstein polynomial form of a Bezier curve is

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = \sum_{i=0}^{n} B_i^n(t) \mathbf{p}_i$$
where

and
$$B_i^n(t) = \binom{n}{i} (1-t)^{n-i} (t)^i$$

$$\binom{n}{i} = \frac{n!}{i!(n-i)!}$$

Cubic Equation Form

$$\mathbf{x} = (-\mathbf{p}_0 + 3\mathbf{p}_1 - 3\mathbf{p}_2 + \mathbf{p}_3)t^3 + (3\mathbf{p}_0 - 6\mathbf{p}_1 + 3\mathbf{p}_2)t^2 + (-3\mathbf{p}_0 + 3\mathbf{p}_1)t + (\mathbf{p}_0)\mathbf{1}$$

$$\mathbf{a} = (-\mathbf{p}_0 + 3\mathbf{p}_1 - 3\mathbf{p}_2 + \mathbf{p}_3)$$

$$\mathbf{b} = (3\mathbf{p}_0 - 6\mathbf{p}_1 + 3\mathbf{p}_2)$$

$$\mathbf{c} = (-3\mathbf{p}_0 + 3\mathbf{p}_1)$$

$$\mathbf{d} = (\mathbf{p}_0)$$

Cubic Matrix Form

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$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} t^3 & t^2 & t & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{a} \\ \mathbf{b} \\ \mathbf{c} \\ \mathbf{d} \end{vmatrix}$$

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$$\mathbf{C}^0: \quad \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{t} \cdot \mathbf{B}_{Bez} \cdot \mathbf{G}_{Bez}$$

$$\Rightarrow C^1: \frac{dx}{dt} \text{ and } C^2 = \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{dx}{dt} \right)$$

Derivatives

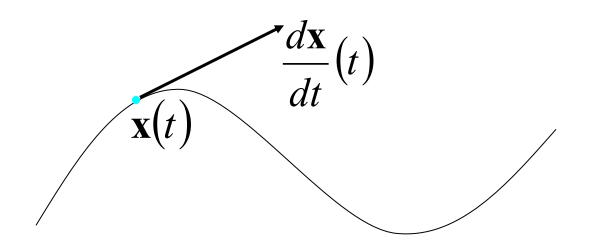
The derivative (tangent) of a curve :

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{a}t^3 + \mathbf{b}t^2 + \mathbf{c}t + \mathbf{d} \qquad \frac{d\mathbf{x}}{dt} = 3\mathbf{a}t^2 + 2\mathbf{b}t + \mathbf{c}$$

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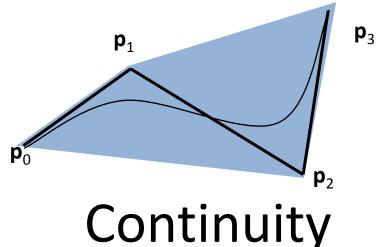
Tangents

 The derivative of a curve represents the tangent vector to the curve at some point



Convex Hull Property

- Convex hull of the curve is the polygon of control points.
- Every point on the curve is within the convex hull.



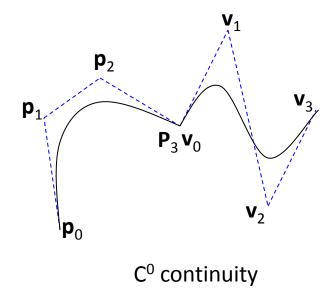
- A cubic curve is a single continuous curve and not have any gaps.
- We say that it has *geometric continuity*, or C⁰ continuity
- The first derivative C^1 will be a continuous quadratic function and the second derivative will be a continuous linear function
- A cubic curve has second derivative continuity or C² continuity
- In general, the higher the continuity value, the 'smoother' the curve will be.

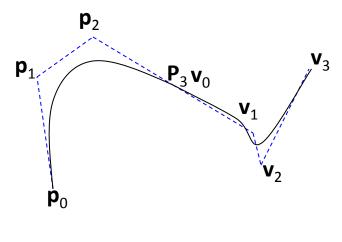
Piecewise Curves

- Rather than use a very high degree curve to interpolate a large number of points, it is more common to break the curve up into several simple curves
- For example, a large complex curve could be broken into cubic curves, and would therefore be a piecewise cubic curve
- For the entire curve to look smooth and continuous, it is necessary to maintain C¹ continuity across segments, meaning that the position and tangents must match at the endpoints
- For smoother looking curves, it is best to maintain the C² continuity as well

Connecting Bezier Curves

- A simple way to make larger curves is to connect up Bezier curves
- Consider two Bezier curves defined by p₀...p₃ and v₀...v₃
- If $\mathbf{p}_3 = \mathbf{v}_0$, then they will have C^0 continuity
- If $(\mathbf{p}_3 \mathbf{p}_2) = (\mathbf{v}_1 \mathbf{v}_0)$, then they will have C^1 continuity
- C² continuity is more difficult...

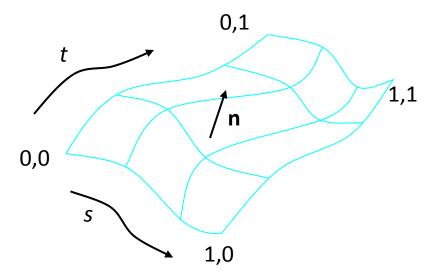




C¹ continuity

Bezier Surfaces

- Bezier surfaces are a straightforward extension to Bezier curves
- Instead of the curve being parameterized by a single variable t, we use two variables, s and t
- By definition, we choose to have s and t range from 0 to 1 and we say that an s-tangent crossed with a t-tangent will represent the normal for the front of the surface

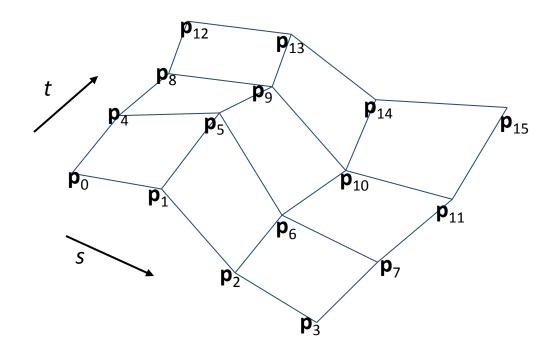


Curved Surfaces

- The Bezier surface is a type of parametric surface
- A parametric surface is a surface that can be parameterized by two variables, F(s, t)
- Parametric surfaces have a rectangular topology
- Parametric surfaces are sometimes called patches, curved surfaces, or just surfaces

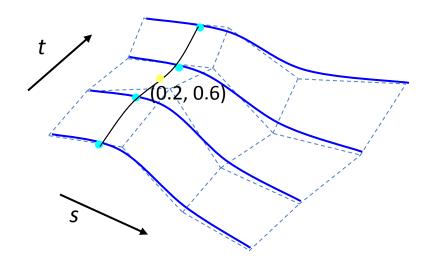
Control Mesh

- Consider a bicubic Bezier surface (bicubic means that it is a cubic function in both the s and t parameters)
- A cubic curve has 4 control points, and a bicubic surface has a grid of 4x4 control points, \mathbf{p}_0 through \mathbf{p}_{15}



Surface Evaluation

- The bicubic surface can be thought of as 4 curves along the *s* parameter (or alternately as 4 curves along the *t* parameter)
- To compute the location of the surface for some (s,t) pair, we can first solve each of the 4 s-curves for the specified value of s
- Those 4 points now make up a new curve which we evaluate at t
- Alternately, if we first solve the 4 t-curves and to create a new curve which we then evaluate at s, we will get the exact same answer
- This gives a pretty straightforward way to implement smooth surfaces with little more than what is needed to implement curves



Matrix Form

- To simplify notation for surfaces, we will define a matrix equation for each of the x, y, and z components, instead of combining them into a single equation as for curves
- For example, to evaluate the *x* component of a Bezier curve, we can use:

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} t^3 & t^2 & t & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 3 & -3 & 1 \\ 3 & -6 & 3 & 0 \\ -3 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} p_{0x} \\ p_{1x} \\ p_{2x} \\ p_{3x} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x = \mathbf{t} \cdot \mathbf{B}_{Bez} \cdot \mathbf{g}_x$$
$$x = \mathbf{t} \cdot \mathbf{c}_x$$

Matrix Form

- To evaluate the x component of 4 curves simultaneously, we can combine 4 curves into a 4x4 matrix
- To evaluate a surface, we evaluate the 4 curves, and use them to make a new curve which is then evaluated
- This can be written in a compact matrix form:

$$x(s,t) = \mathbf{s} \cdot \mathbf{B}_{Bez} \cdot \mathbf{G}_x \cdot \mathbf{B}_{Bez}^T \cdot \mathbf{t}^T$$

$$\mathbf{s} = \begin{bmatrix} s^3 & s^2 & s & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{t} = \begin{bmatrix} t^3 & t^2 & t & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Matrix Form

$$\mathbf{x}(s,t) = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{s} \cdot \mathbf{C}_x \cdot \mathbf{t}^T \\ \mathbf{s} \cdot \mathbf{C}_y \cdot \mathbf{t}^T \\ \mathbf{s} \cdot \mathbf{C}_z \cdot \mathbf{t}^T \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{C}_{x} = \mathbf{B}_{Bez} \cdot \mathbf{G}_{x} \cdot \mathbf{B}_{Bez}^{T}$$

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$$\mathbf{C}_{x} = \mathbf{B}_{Bez} \cdot \mathbf{G}_{x} \cdot \mathbf{B}_{Bez}^{T}$$

$$\mathbf{s} = \begin{bmatrix} s^{3} & s^{2} & s & 1 \\ t = \begin{bmatrix} t^{3} & t^{2} & t & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{G}_{x} = \begin{bmatrix} p_{0x} & p_{4x} & p_{8x} & p_{12x} \\ p_{1x} & p_{5x} & p_{9x} & p_{13x} \\ p_{2x} & p_{6x} & p_{10x} & p_{14x} \\ p_{3x} & p_{7x} & p_{11x} & p_{15x} \end{bmatrix}$$

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Matrix Form

- C_x stores the coefficients of the bicubic equation for x
- G_x stores the geometry (x components of the control points)
- B_{Bez} is the basis matrix (Bezier basis)
- s and t are the vectors formed from the exponents of s and t
- The matrix form leads to an efficient method of computation
- It can also take advantage of 4x4 matrix support which is built into modern graphics hardware

Tangents

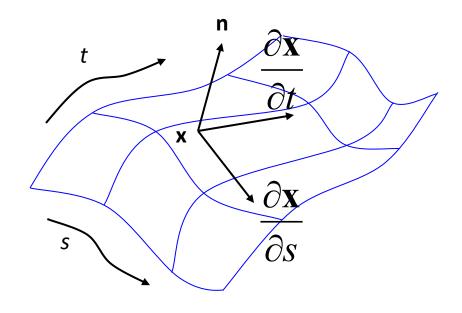
 To compute the s and t tangent vectors at some (s,t) location, we can use:

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{x}}{\partial s} = \begin{bmatrix} d\mathbf{s} \cdot \mathbf{C}_{x} \cdot \mathbf{t}^{T} \\ d\mathbf{s} \cdot \mathbf{C}_{y} \cdot \mathbf{t}^{T} \\ d\mathbf{s} \cdot \mathbf{C}_{z} \cdot \mathbf{t}^{T} \end{bmatrix} \qquad \mathbf{s} = \begin{bmatrix} s^{3} & s^{2} & s & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\
\mathbf{t} = \begin{bmatrix} s^{3} & t^{2} & t & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\
\mathbf{t} = \begin{bmatrix} t^{3} & t^{2} & t & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\
\mathbf{t} = \begin{bmatrix} s \cdot \mathbf{C}_{x} \cdot d\mathbf{t}^{T} \\ \mathbf{s} \cdot \mathbf{C}_{y} \cdot d\mathbf{t}^{T} \\ \mathbf{s} \cdot \mathbf{C}_{z} \cdot d\mathbf{t}^{T} \end{bmatrix} \qquad d\mathbf{t} = \begin{bmatrix} 3t^{2} & 2t & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\
\mathbf{t} = \begin{bmatrix} 3t^{2} & 2t & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Normals

- To compute the normal of the surface at some location (s,t), we compute the two tangents at that location and then take their cross product
- Normalization

$$\mathbf{n}^* = \frac{\partial \mathbf{x}}{\partial s} \times \frac{\partial \mathbf{x}}{\partial t}$$
$$\mathbf{n} = \frac{\mathbf{n}^*}{|\mathbf{n}^*|}$$



Bezier Surface Properties

- Like Bezier curves, Bezier surfaces retain the convex hull property, so that any point on the actual surface will fall within the convex hull of the control points
- With Bezier curves, the curve will interpolate (pass through) the first and last control points, but will only approximate the other control points
- With Bezier surfaces, the 4 corners will interpolate, and the other 12 points in the control mesh are only approximated
- The 4 boundaries of the Bezier surface are just Bezier curves defined by the points on the edges of the surface
- By matching these points, two Bezier surfaces can be connected precisely

B-Spline Curves

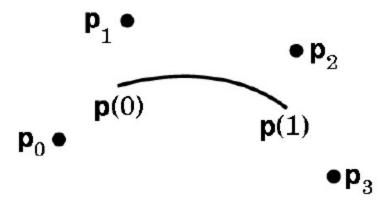
Cubic polynomial form:

$$p(k) = \sum_{i=0}^{3} c_i k^i$$

- Given control point p₀ p₁ p₂ p₃, solve for c_k
- Cubic Bezier: interpolate 2 end points and approximate the two others.
- B-Spline: approximate more control points than Bezier does.

B-Spline Curves

- Need m+2 points to approximate m points
- For example, it utilizes 4 points to approximate two points



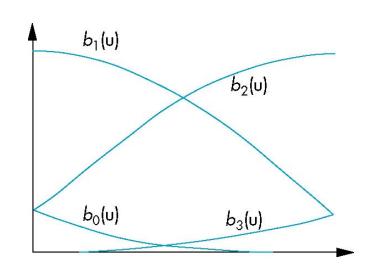
 Draw curve with overlapping control points: 0-1-2-3, 1-2-3-4, 2-3-4-5, 3-4-5-6, etc.

B-Splines

- Basis splines: use the data at $\mathbf{p} = [p_{i-2} \ p_{i-1} \ p_i \ p_{i-1}]^T$ to define curve only between p_{i-1} and p_i
- Allows us to apply more continuity conditions to each segment
- For cubic B-Spline, we can have continuity of function, first and second derivatives at join points
- Cost is 3 times as much work for curves
 - Add one new point each time rather than three
- For surfaces, we do 9 times as much work

Blending Functions

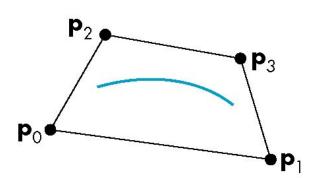
$$\mathbf{b}(u) = \frac{1}{6} \begin{bmatrix} (1-u)^3 \\ 4-6u^2+3u^3 \\ 1+3u+3u^2-3u^2 \end{bmatrix}$$



$$x(t) = \sum_{i=0}^{3} P_i b_i(t)$$

$$=P_0\frac{1}{6}\left(1-3t+3t^2-t^3\right)+P_1\frac{1}{6}\left(4-6t^2+3t^3\right)+P_2\frac{1}{6}\left(1+3t+3t^2-3t^3\right)+P_3\frac{1}{6}\left(t^3\right)$$

convex hull property



Cubic B-spline

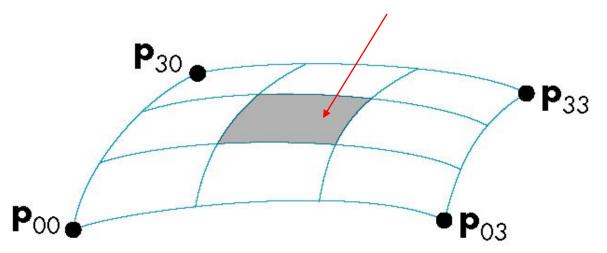
$$p(u) = \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{M}_S \mathbf{p} = \mathbf{b}(\mathbf{u})^T \mathbf{p}$$

$$\mathbf{M}_{S} = \frac{1}{6} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 1 & 0 \\ -3 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 3 & -6 & 3 & 0 \\ -1 & 3 & -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{p}_{0} \bullet \mathbf{p}_{1}$$

B-Spline Patches

$$p(u,v) = \sum_{i=0}^{3} \sum_{j=0}^{3} b_i(u) b_j(v) p_{ij} = u^T \mathbf{M}_S \mathbf{P} \mathbf{M}_S^T v$$

defined over only 1/9 of region



Splines and Basis

- If we examine the cubic B-spline from the perspective of each control (data) point, each interior point contributes (through the blending functions) to four segments
- We can rewrite p(u) in terms of the data points as

$$p(u) = \sum B_i(u) p_i$$

defining the basis functions $\{B_i(u)\}$

Basis Functions

In terms of the blending polynomials

$$B_{i}(u) = \begin{cases} 0 & u < i-2 \\ b_{0}(u+2) & i-2 \le u < i-1 \\ b_{1}(u+1) & i-1 \le u < i \\ b_{2}(u) & i \le u < i+1 \\ b_{3}(u-1) & i+1 \le u < i+2 \\ 0 & u \ge i+2 \end{cases} \xrightarrow{b_{1}(u+1) \ b_{2}(u)} \xrightarrow{b_{3}(u-1)}$$

Generalizing Splines

- We can extend to any degree of Splines
- Data and conditions do not have to given at equally spaced values (the knots)
 - Nonuniform and uniform splines
 - Can have repeated knots
- Cox-de Boor recursion gives method of evaluation

$$b_{j,0}(t) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } t_j \le t \le t_{j+1} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}, j = 0, ..., m-2$$

$$b_{j,n}(t) = \frac{t - t_j}{t_{j+n} - t_j} b_{j,n-1}(t) + \frac{t_{j+n+1} - t}{t_{j+n+1} - t_{j+1}} b_{j+1,n-1}(t), j = 0, ..., m - n - 2$$

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