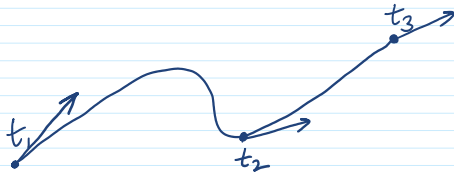


Extending this idea to set of n points.



Joining of segments

2 SEGMENTS: P_1, P_2, P_3 (Points)
 P'_1, P'_2, P'_3 (Tangents)

where P_2 and P'_2 are the intermediate point and its tangent vector which is determined through some continuity constraint.

* Piecewise spline of degree k has continuity of order $(k-1)$ at the internal joints.

Thus cubic splines have second order continuity i.e. $P''(t)$ is continuous over the joint.

$$P(t) = B_1 + B_2 t + B_3 t^2 + B_4 t^3$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^4 B_i t^{i-1} \quad t_1 \leq t \leq t_2$$

$$P'(t) = B_2 + 2B_3 t + 3B_4 t^2$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^4 (i-1) B_i t^{i-2}$$

$$P''(t) = 2B_3 + 6B_4 t$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^4 (i-1)(i-2) B_i t^{i-3} \quad t_1 \leq t \leq t_2$$

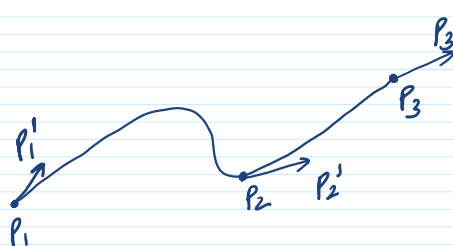
First Segment ($t=t_2$)

$$P'' = 6B_4 t_2 + 2B_3$$

Second Segment ($t=0$)

$$P'' = 2B_3$$

$$\text{So, } (6B_4 t_2 + 2B_3)_{\text{seg 1}} = (2B_3)_{\text{seg 2}} \quad \text{--- ①}$$



We know,

$$\left. \begin{aligned} b_1 &= p_1 \\ b_2 &= p_1' \\ b_3 &= \frac{3(p_2 - p_1)}{t_2^2} - \frac{2(p_1')}{t_2} - \frac{p_2'}{t_2} \\ b_4 &= \frac{2(p_1 - p_2)}{t_2^3} + \frac{p_1'}{t_2^2} + \frac{p_2'}{t_2^2} \end{aligned} \right\} \textcircled{A}$$

$$(6 b_4 t_2 + 2 b_3)_{\text{seg 1}} = (2 b_3)_{\text{seg 2}} \text{---} \textcircled{1}$$

Substituting b_3 and b_4 from \textcircled{A} in $\textcircled{1}$

$$3 \left[\frac{2(p_1 - p_2)}{t_2^3} + \frac{p_1'}{t_2^2} + \frac{p_2'}{t_2^2} \right] t_2 + \left[\frac{3(p_2 - p_1)}{t_2^2} - \frac{2p_1'}{t_2} - \frac{p_2'}{t_2} \right] = \left[\frac{3(p_3 - p_2)}{t_3^2} - \frac{2p_2'}{t_3} - \frac{p_3'}{t_3} \right]$$

$$\frac{6(p_1 - p_2)}{t_2^2} + \frac{3p_1'}{t_2} + \frac{3p_2'}{t_2} + \frac{3(p_2 - p_1)}{t_2^2} - \frac{2p_1'}{t_2} - \frac{p_2'}{t_2} = \frac{3(p_3 - p_2)}{t_3^2} - \frac{2p_2'}{t_3} - \frac{p_3'}{t_3}$$

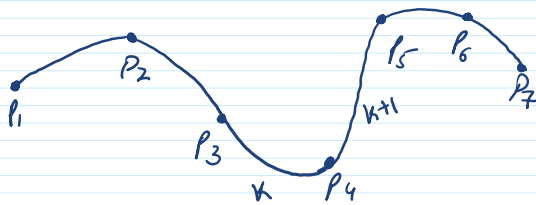
$$\frac{3p_1'}{t_2} + \frac{3p_2'}{t_2} - \frac{2p_1'}{t_2} - \frac{p_2'}{t_2} + \frac{2p_2'}{t_3} + \frac{p_3'}{t_3} = \frac{3(p_3 - p_2)}{t_3^2} - \frac{6(p_1 - p_2)}{t_2^2} - \frac{3(p_2 - p_1)}{t_2^2}$$

$$t_2 t_3 \times \left[\frac{p_1'}{t_2} + \frac{2p_2'}{t_2} + \frac{2p_2'}{t_3} + \frac{p_3'}{t_3} \right] = \frac{3(p_3 - p_2)}{t_3^2} + \frac{3(p_2 - p_1)}{t_2^2}$$

$$t_3 p_1' + 2(t_3 + t_2) p_2' + t_2 p_3' = \frac{3 t_2 (p_3 - p_2)}{t_3} + \frac{3 t_3 (p_2 - p_1)}{t_2}$$

$$t_3 p_1' + 2(t_3 + t_2) p_2' + t_2 p_3' = \frac{3}{t_2 t_3} (t_2^2 (p_3 - p_2) + t_3^2 (p_2 - p_1))$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} t_3 & 2(t_3 + t_2) & t_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p_1' \\ p_2' \\ p_3' \end{bmatrix} = \frac{3}{t_2 t_3} (t_2^2 (p_3 - p_2) + t_3^2 (p_2 - p_1))$$



In general, for the k^{th} and $(k+1)^{\text{th}}$ segment ($1 \leq k \leq n-2$)

$$\begin{bmatrix} t_{k+2} & 2(t_{k+1} + t_{k+2}) & t_{k+1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p'_k \\ p'_{k+1} \\ p'_{k+2} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{3}{t_{k+1} t_{k+2}} \left(t_{k+1}^2 (p_{k+2} - p_{k+1}) + t_{k+2}^2 (p_{k+1} - p_k) \right)$$

Set of $n-2$ equations form a linear system for the tangent vectors p'_k

$$\begin{bmatrix} t_3 & 2(t_2 + t_3) & t_2 & 0 & \dots \\ 0 & t_4 & 2(t_3 + t_4) & t_3 & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & t_m & 2(t_{m-1} + t_m) & t_{m-1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p'_1 \\ p'_2 \\ \vdots \\ p'_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3}{t_2 t_3} (t_2^2 (p_3 - p_2) + t_3^2 (p_2 - p_1)) \\ \frac{3}{t_3 t_4} (t_3^2 (p_4 - p_3) + t_4^2 (p_3 - p_2)) \\ \vdots \\ \frac{3}{t_{m-1} t_m} (t_{m-1}^2 (p_m - p_{m-1}) + t_m^2 (p_{m-1} - p_{m-2})) \end{bmatrix}$$

This system of equations can be used to solve for the tangent vectors p'_1, p'_2, \dots, p'_n

Solving for B_1, B_2, B_3 and B_4

$$B_{1k} = p_k$$

$$B_{2k} = p'_k$$

$$B_{3k} = \frac{3(p_{k+1} - p_k)}{t_{k+1}^2} - \frac{2p'_k}{t_{k+1}} - \frac{p'_{k+1}}{t_{k+1}}$$

$$B_{4k} = \frac{2(p_k - p_{k+1})}{t_{k+1}^3} + \frac{p'_k}{t_{k+1}^2} + \frac{p'_{k+1}}{t_{k+1}^2}$$

Rearranging,

$$\begin{bmatrix} B_{1k} \\ B_{2k} \\ B_{3k} \\ B_{4k} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -3/t_{k+1}^2 & -2/t_{k+1} & 3/t_{k+1}^2 & -1/t_{k+1} \\ 2/t_{k+1}^3 & 1/t_{k+1}^2 & -2/3/t_{k+1} & 1/t_{k+1}^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p_k \\ p'_k \\ p_{k+1} \\ p'_{k+1} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$p_k(t) = \sum_{i=1}^4 B_{ik} t^{i-1} \quad 0 \leq t \leq t_{k+1}$$

$1 \leq k \leq n-1$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & t & t^2 & t^3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} B_{1k} & B_{2k} & B_{3k} & B_{4k} \end{bmatrix}^T$$

$$p_k(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & t & t^2 & t^3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} 1 \times 4 \\ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -3/t_{k+1}^2 & -2/t_{k+1} & 3/t_{k+1}^2 & -1/t_{k+1} \\ 2/t_{k+1}^3 & 1/t_{k+1}^2 & -2/3/t_{k+1} & 1/t_{k+1}^2 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} 4 \times 1 \\ \begin{bmatrix} p_k \\ p'_k \\ p_{k+1} \\ p'_{k+1} \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

$$p_k(t) = \left[\left(1 - 3t^2/t_{k+1}^2 + 2t^3/t_{k+1}^3 \right) \quad \left(t - 2t^2/t_{k+1} + t^3/t_{k+1}^2 \right) \right]$$

$$\left[\left(\frac{3t^2}{t_{k+1}^2} - \frac{2t^3}{t_{k+1}^3} \right) \quad \left(-\frac{t^2}{t_{k+1}} + \frac{t^3}{t_{k+1}^2} \right) \right] \begin{bmatrix} p_k \\ p'_k \\ p_{k+1} \\ p'_{k+1} \end{bmatrix}$$

$1 \times 4 \quad 4 \times 1$

$$\begin{bmatrix} p_{k+1}' \end{bmatrix}_{4 \times 1}$$

Substituting $u = t/t_{k+1}$ rearranging

$$p_k(u) = \begin{bmatrix} F_1(u) & F_2(u) & F_3(u) & F_4(u) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p_k \\ p_{k+1} \\ p_{k+1}' \\ p_{k+1}' \end{bmatrix}$$

$$0 \leq u \leq 1$$

$$1 \leq k \leq n-1$$

$$F_1(u) = 2u^3 - 3u^2 + 1$$

$$F_2(u) = -2u^3 + 3u^2$$

$$F_3(u) = u(u^2 - 2u + 1) t_{k+1}$$

$$F_4(u) = u(u^2 - u) t_{k+1}$$

where F_1, F_2, F_3, F_4 are called the
Blending Functions.