

# Coordinate mapping

Work in progress

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PeS = PowerExpand[Simplify[###]] &
FpPeS = FixedPoint[PeS, ###] &

PowerExpand[Simplify[###1]] &

FixedPoint[PeS, ###1] &

FsSubst[rules_] := FullSimplify[# /. rules] &
FpFsSubst[rules_] := FixedPoint[FsSubst[rules], #] &

LSolve = Last[Solve[###]] &

Last[Solve[###1]] &
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## Coordinate transformation for the muralizer

We want to map Cartesian coordinates  $\vec{x} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$  into radii  $\begin{pmatrix} r_A \\ r_B \end{pmatrix}$  from two reference points,  $\vec{A} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} x_A \\ y_A \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\vec{B} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} x_B \\ y_B \end{pmatrix}$ .

$$\begin{pmatrix} r_A \\ r_B \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{(x - x_A)^2 + (y - y_A)^2} \\ \sqrt{(x - x_B)^2 + (y - y_B)^2} \end{pmatrix} = \sqrt{\begin{pmatrix} \langle \vec{x} - \vec{A} | \vec{x} - \vec{A} \rangle \\ \langle \vec{x} - \vec{B} | \vec{x} - \vec{B} \rangle \end{pmatrix}}$$

```
stringcoordinates[refpoints_] := Function[{x}, Sqrt[#.#] & [x - #] & /@ refpoints]
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```
refpoints = {{-1/2, 0}, {1/2, 0}}
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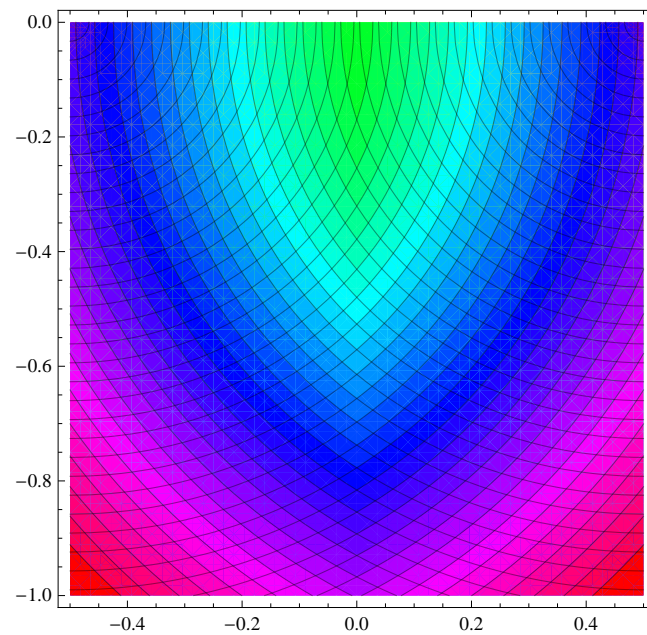
```
{{-1/2, 0}, {1/2, 0}}
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stringcoordinates[refpoints][{x, y}]
```

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{Sqrt[(1/2 + x)^2 + y^2], Sqrt[(-1/2 + x)^2 + y^2]}
```

```
ContourPlot[stringcoordinates[refpoints][{x, y}],  

{x, -1/2, 1/2}, {y, -1, 0}, ColorFunction -> Hue, Contours -> 41]
```



## ■ Transformation of a straight line

### ■ Examples

`refpoints`

$$\left\{ \left\{ -\frac{1}{2}, 0 \right\}, \left\{ \frac{1}{2}, 0 \right\} \right\}$$

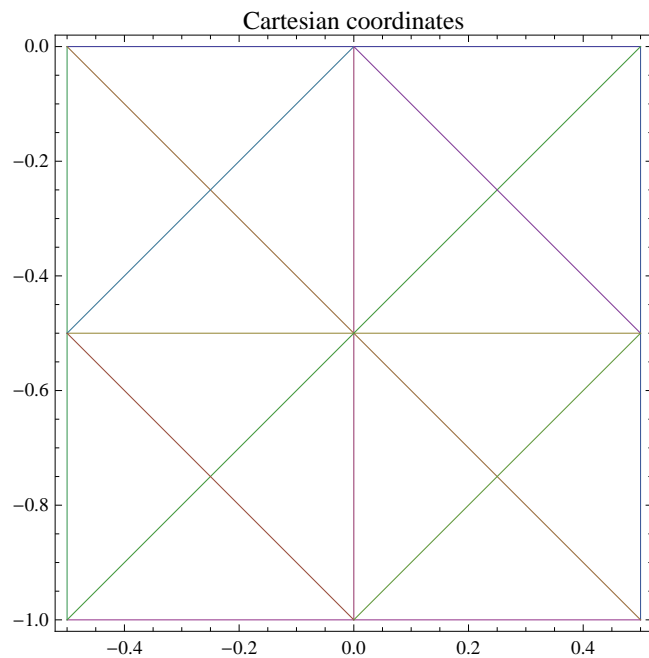
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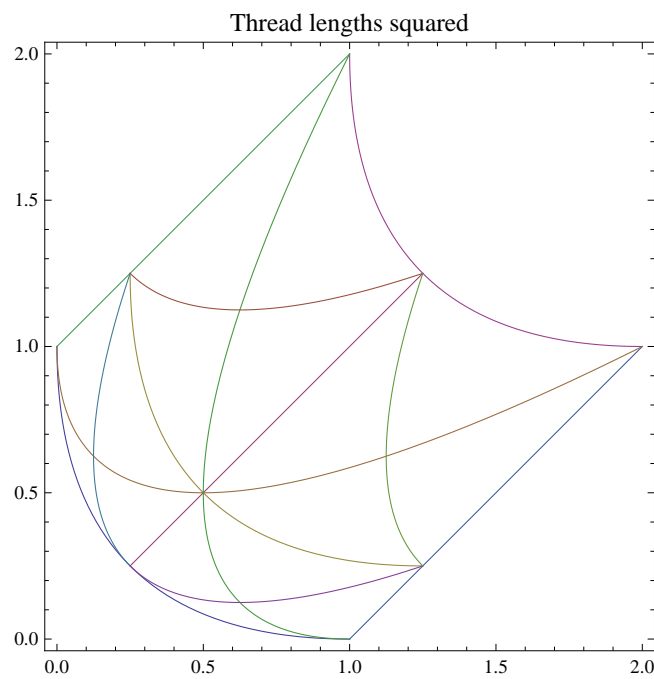
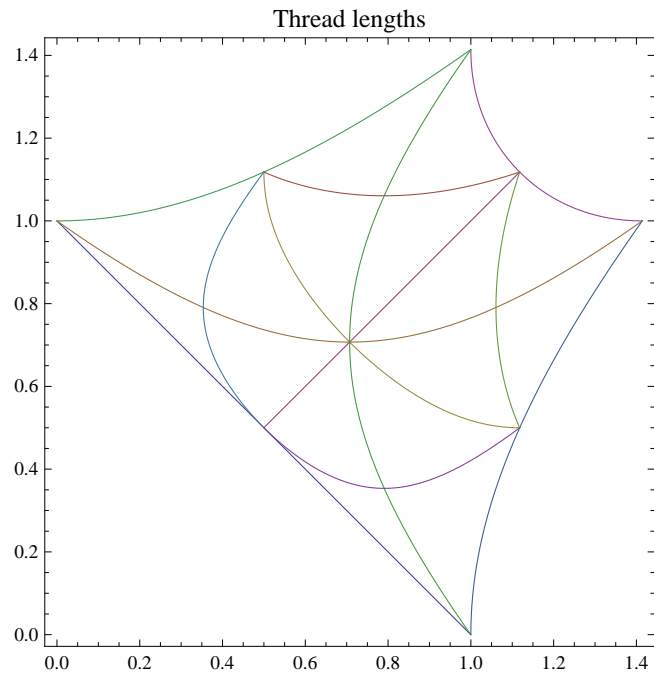
TableForm[lineset = {
  {{-0.5, 0}, {0.5, 0}},
  {{0, 0}, {0, -1}},
  {{-0.5, -0.5}, {0.5, -0.5}},
  {{-0.5, 0}, {-0.5, -1}},
  {{0.5, 0}, {0.5, -1}},
  {{-0.5, -1}, {0.5, -1}},
  {{-0.5, 0}, {0.5, -1}},
  {{0.5, 0}, {-0.5, -1}},
  {{-0.5, -0.5}, {0, 0}},
  {{0.5, -0.5}, {0, 0}},
  {{-0.5, -0.5}, {0, -1}},
  {{0.5, -0.5}, {0, -1}}
}, TableDepth → 2]

{-0.5, 0}      {0.5, 0}
{0, 0}          {0, -1}
{-0.5, -0.5}   {0.5, -0.5}
{-0.5, 0}      {-0.5, -1}
{0.5, 0}        {0.5, -1}
{-0.5, -1}     {0.5, -1}
{-0.5, 0}      {0.5, -1}
{0.5, 0}        {-0.5, -1}
{-0.5, -0.5}   {0, 0}
{0.5, -0.5}     {0, 0}
{-0.5, -0.5}   {0, -1}
{0.5, -0.5}     {0, -1}

Print /@ {
  ParametricPlot[Evaluate[#[[1]] (1 - t) + #[[2]] t & /@ #], {t, 0, 1}, PlotRange → All,
    Frame → True, Axes → False, PlotLabel → "Cartesian coordinates"] &[lineset],
  ParametricPlot[Evaluate[stringcoordinates[refpoints][#[[1]] (1 - t) + #[[2]] t] & /@ #],
    {t, 0, 1}, PlotRange → All, Frame → True, PlotLabel → "Thread lengths"] &[lineset],
  ParametricPlot[Evaluate[stringcoordinates[refpoints][#[[1]] (1 - t) + #[[2]] t]^2 & /@ #], {t,
    0, 1}, PlotRange → All, Frame → True, PlotLabel → "Thread lengths squared"] &[lineset]
};

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#### ■ Mathematics

$$\text{simplify}\left[\{x_1, y_1\} (1 - t) + \{x_2, y_2\} t \ /. \left\{x_1 \rightarrow x - \frac{\delta x}{2}, y_1 \rightarrow y - \frac{\delta y}{2}, x_2 \rightarrow x + \frac{\delta x}{2}, y_2 \rightarrow y + \frac{\delta y}{2}\right\}\right]$$

$$\left\{x + \left(-\frac{1}{2} + t\right) \delta x, y + \left(-\frac{1}{2} + t\right) \delta y\right\}$$

as implicit function: a quadratic form in  $\{R, S\}$

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{R, S} = FullSimplify[
  {#. # &[{Xx, Yy} - {XA, YA}], #. # &[{Xx, Yy} - {XB, YB}]} /. {XA → X0 -  $\frac{\Delta X}{2}$ , YA → Y0 -  $\frac{\Delta Y}{2}$ ,
    XB → X0 +  $\frac{\Delta X}{2}$ , YB → Y0 +  $\frac{\Delta Y}{2}$ } /. {Xx → x +  $\left(t - \frac{1}{2}\right) \delta x$ , Yy → y +  $\left(t - \frac{1}{2}\right) \delta y$ }]
Eliminate[%, t] /. {(A_ == B_) → (A - B == 0)}
Collect[First[%], {R, S}, Simplify]
TableForm[coefficients = FullSimplify[LSolve[% == a R^2 + b S^2 + c R S + d R + e S + f /.
  {{R → 0, S → 0}, {R → 1, S → 0}, {R → 1, S → 1}, {R → 0, S → 1}, {R → -1, S → -1},
    {R → 0, S → -1}, {R → -1, S → 0}, {R → 200, S → -42}}, {a, b, c, d, e, f}]]]
]

{R, S} = { $\left(x - X0 + \left(-\frac{1}{2} + t\right) \delta x + \frac{\Delta X}{2}\right)^2 + \left(y - Y0 + \left(-\frac{1}{2} + t\right) \delta y + \frac{\Delta Y}{2}\right)^2$ ,
 $\frac{1}{4} \left((-2 x + 2 X0 + \delta x - 2 t \delta x + \Delta X)^2 + (-2 y + 2 Y0 + \delta y - 2 t \delta y + \Delta Y)^2\right)$ }

S^2  $\delta x^2 - 2 S \delta x^2 \Delta X^2 + 4 Y^2 \delta x^2 \Delta X^2 - 8 Y Y0 \delta x^2 \Delta X^2 + 4 Y0^2 \delta x^2 \Delta X^2 + \delta x^2 \Delta X^4 - 4 S y \delta x \Delta X \delta y + 4 S Y0 \delta x \Delta X \delta y -$ 
 $8 x y \delta x \Delta X^2 \delta y + 8 X0 Y \delta x \Delta X^2 \delta y + 8 x Y0 \delta x \Delta X^2 \delta y - 8 X0 Y0 \delta x \Delta X^2 \delta y + S^2 \delta y^2 + 4 S x \Delta X \delta y^2 -$ 
 $4 S X0 \Delta X \delta y^2 + 4 x^2 \Delta X^2 \delta y^2 - 8 x X0 \Delta X^2 \delta y^2 + 4 X0^2 \Delta X^2 \delta y^2 + R^2 (\delta x^2 + \delta y^2) + 4 S y \delta x^2 \Delta Y -$ 
 $4 S Y0 \delta x^2 \Delta Y - 4 S x \delta x \delta y \Delta Y + 4 S X0 \delta x \delta y \Delta Y - 4 S \delta x \Delta X \delta y \Delta Y + 2 \delta x \Delta X^3 \delta y \Delta Y + 4 Y^2 \delta x^2 \Delta Y^2 -$ 
 $8 Y Y0 \delta x^2 \Delta Y^2 + 4 Y0^2 \delta x^2 \Delta Y^2 + \delta x^2 \Delta X^2 \Delta Y^2 - 8 x y \delta x \delta y \Delta Y^2 + 8 X0 Y \delta x \delta y \Delta Y^2 + 8 x Y0 \delta x \delta y \Delta Y^2 -$ 
 $8 X0 Y0 \delta x \delta y \Delta Y^2 - 2 S \delta y^2 \Delta Y^2 + 4 x^2 \delta y^2 \Delta Y^2 - 8 x X0 \delta y^2 \Delta Y^2 + 4 X0^2 \delta y^2 \Delta Y^2 + \Delta X^2 \delta y^2 \Delta Y^2 +$ 
 $2 \delta x \Delta X \delta y \Delta Y^3 + \delta y^2 \Delta Y^4 + R (-2 S \delta x^2 - 2 \delta x^2 \Delta X^2 + 4 y \delta x \Delta X \delta y - 4 Y0 \delta x \Delta X \delta y - 2 S \delta y^2 - 4 x \Delta X \delta y^2 +$ 
 $4 X0 \Delta X \delta y^2 - 4 y \delta x^2 \Delta Y + 4 Y0 \delta x^2 \Delta Y + 4 x \delta x \delta y \Delta Y - 4 X0 \delta x \delta y \Delta Y - 4 \delta x \Delta X \delta y \Delta Y - 2 \delta y^2 \Delta Y^2) == 0$ 

R^2  $(\delta x^2 + \delta y^2) + S^2 (\delta x^2 + \delta y^2) +$ 
 $(\Delta X^2 + \Delta Y^2) (4 Y^2 \delta x^2 + 4 Y0^2 \delta x^2 + \delta x^2 \Delta X^2 + 8 (x - X0) Y0 \delta x \delta y + 4 x^2 \delta y^2 - 8 x X0 \delta y^2 +$ 
 $4 X0^2 \delta y^2 - 8 Y \delta x (Y0 \delta x + (x - X0) \delta y) + 2 \delta x \Delta X \delta y \Delta Y + \delta y^2 \Delta Y^2) -$ 
 $2 S (\delta x^2 (\Delta X^2 + 2 (-Y + Y0) \Delta Y) + 2 \delta x \delta y (y \Delta X - Y0 \Delta X + (x - X0 + \Delta X) \Delta Y) + \delta y^2 (-2 x \Delta X + 2 X0 \Delta X + \Delta Y^2)) +$ 
 $R (-2 S (\delta x^2 + \delta y^2) -$ 
 $2 (\delta x^2 (\Delta X^2 + 2 (y - Y0) \Delta Y) + 2 \delta x \delta y (-y \Delta X + Y0 \Delta X + (-x + X0 + \Delta X) \Delta Y) + \delta y^2 (2 x \Delta X - 2 X0 \Delta X + \Delta Y^2)))$ 

a →  $\delta x^2 + \delta y^2$ 
b →  $\delta x^2 + \delta y^2$ 
c →  $-2 (\delta x^2 + \delta y^2)$ 
d →  $-2 (\delta x^2 (\Delta X^2 + 2 (y - Y0) \Delta Y) + 2 \delta x \delta y (-y \Delta X + Y0 \Delta X + (-x + X0 + \Delta X) \Delta Y) + \delta y^2 (2 x \Delta X - 2 X0 \Delta X + \Delta Y^2))$ 
e →  $-2 (\delta x^2 (\Delta X^2 + 2 (-y + Y0) \Delta Y) + 2 \delta x \delta y (y \Delta X - Y0 \Delta X + (x - X0 + \Delta X) \Delta Y) + \delta y^2 (-2 x \Delta X + 2 X0 \Delta X + \Delta Y^2))$ 
f →  $(\Delta X^2 + \Delta Y^2) (4 Y^2 \delta x^2 + 4 Y0^2 \delta x^2 + 8 (x - X0) Y0 \delta x \delta y + 4 (x - X0)^2 \delta y^2 - 8 Y \delta x (Y0 \delta x + (x - X0) \delta y) + (\delta x \Delta X$ 

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TableForm[FpFSSubst[{ $\delta x^2 + \delta y^2 \rightarrow \delta^2$ ,  $\Delta X^2 + \Delta Y^2 \rightarrow \Delta^2$ ,  $x \rightarrow X0 + \xi$ ,  $y \rightarrow Y0 + \nu$ }]][coefficients]]
Simplify[{ $\frac{d+e}{2}$ ,  $\frac{d-e}{2}$ } /. %]

a  $\rightarrow \delta^2$ 
b  $\rightarrow \delta^2$ 
c  $\rightarrow -2 \delta^2$ 
d  $\rightarrow -2 (\delta y^2 (\Delta Y^2 + 2 \Delta X \xi) + \delta x^2 (\Delta X^2 + 2 \Delta Y \nu) - 2 \delta x \delta y (\Delta Y \xi + \Delta X (-\Delta Y + \nu)))$ 
e  $\rightarrow -2 (\delta y^2 (\Delta Y^2 - 2 \Delta X \xi) + \delta x^2 (\Delta X^2 - 2 \Delta Y \nu) + 2 \delta x \delta y (\Delta Y \xi + \Delta X (\Delta Y + \nu)))$ 
f  $\rightarrow \Delta^2 (\delta y^2 (\Delta Y^2 + 4 \xi^2) + 2 \delta x \delta y (\Delta X \Delta Y - 4 \xi \nu) + \delta x^2 (\Delta X^2 + 4 \nu^2))$ 

{-2 ( $\delta x \Delta X + \delta y \Delta Y$ )2, -4 ( $\Delta X \delta y - \delta x \Delta Y$ ) ( $\delta y \xi - \delta x \nu$ )}

TableForm[({a, b, c, d, e, f} /. coefficients)]

 $\delta x^2 + \delta y^2$ 
 $\delta x^2 + \delta y^2$ 
-2 ( $\delta x^2 + \delta y^2$ )
-2 ( $\delta x^2 (\Delta X^2 + 2 (y - Y0) \Delta Y) + 2 \delta x \delta y (-y \Delta X + Y0 \Delta X + (-x + X0 + \Delta X) \Delta Y) + \delta y^2 (2 x \Delta X - 2 X0 \Delta X + \Delta Y^2)$ )
-2 ( $\delta x^2 (\Delta X^2 + 2 (-y + Y0) \Delta Y) + 2 \delta x \delta y (y \Delta X - Y0 \Delta X + (x - X0 + \Delta X) \Delta Y) + \delta y^2 (-2 x \Delta X + 2 X0 \Delta X + \Delta Y^2)$ )
( $\Delta X^2 + \Delta Y^2$ ) ( $4 y^2 \delta x^2 + 4 Y0^2 \delta x^2 + 8 (x - X0) Y0 \delta x \delta y + 4 (x - X0)^2 \delta y^2 - 8 y \delta x (Y0 \delta x + (x - X0) \delta y) + (\delta x \Delta X + \delta y \Delta Y)^2$ )

TableForm[Simplify[
{ $\delta x^2 + \delta y^2$ ,
 $\delta x^2 + \delta y^2$ ,
-2 ( $\delta x^2 + \delta y^2$ ),
-2 ( $\delta x \Delta X + \delta y \Delta Y$ )2 - 4 ( $\Delta X \delta y - \delta x \Delta Y$ ) ( $\delta y (x - X0) - \delta x (y - Y0)$ ),
-2 ( $\delta x \Delta X + \delta y \Delta Y$ )2 + 4 ( $\Delta X \delta y - \delta x \Delta Y$ ) ( $\delta y (x - X0) - \delta x (y - Y0)$ ),
( $\Delta X^2 + \Delta Y^2$ ) ( $(\delta x \Delta X + \delta y \Delta Y)^2 + 4 (\delta y (x - X0) - \delta x (y - Y0))^2$ )} -
({a, b, c, d, e, f} /. coefficients)]]

0
0
0
0
0
0
0

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## ■ Implicit equation for thread lengths squared to draw a straight line

To draw a straight line from  $\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{pmatrix}$  to  $\begin{pmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix}$  in Cartesian coordinates, the thread lengths  $\{r, s\}$  of the spools suspended from the

points  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} X_a \\ Y_a \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} X_b \\ Y_b \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  follow the implicit equation

$$\begin{pmatrix} r^2 & s^2 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} A & C \\ C & B \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} r^2 \\ s^2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} D \\ E \end{pmatrix} + F = 0$$

with

$$A \equiv B \equiv -C \equiv \delta x^2 + \delta y^2$$

$$D \equiv -2(\delta x \Delta X + \delta y \Delta Y)^2 - 4(\Delta X \delta y - \delta x \Delta Y)(\delta y(x - X_0) - \delta x(y - Y_0))$$

$$E \equiv -2(\delta x \Delta X + \delta y \Delta Y)^2 + 4(\Delta X \delta y - \delta x \Delta Y)(\delta y(x - X_0) - \delta x(y - Y_0))$$

$$F \equiv (\Delta X^2 + \Delta Y^2)((\delta x \Delta X + \delta y \Delta Y)^2 + 4(\delta y(x - X_0) - \delta x(y - Y_0))^2)$$

where

$$X_0 \equiv \frac{X_a + X_b}{2},$$

$$Y_0 \equiv \frac{Y_a + Y_b}{2},$$

$$\Delta X \equiv X_b - X_a,$$

$$\Delta Y \equiv Y_b - Y_a,$$

$$x \equiv \frac{x_1 + x_2}{2},$$

$$y \equiv \frac{y_1 + y_2}{2},$$

$$\delta x \equiv x_2 - x_1,$$

$$\delta y \equiv y_2 - y_1.$$

## ■ Sanity check

```
Chop[
  Simplify[
    Function[{r, s}, Evaluate[
      Simplify[
        {R, S}.{{a, c}, {c, b}}. {R, S} + {R, S}. {d, e} +
          f /. coefficients /. {
            ΔX → XB - XA, ΔY → YB - YA, X0 → (XA + XB)/2, Y0 → (YA + YB)/2,
            δx → x2 - x1, δy → y2 - y1, x → (x1 + x2)/2, y → (y1 + y2)/2
          } /. {R → r^2, S → s^2}]]]
    ] /. {XA → refpoints[[1, 1]], YA → refpoints[[1, 2]], XB → refpoints[[2, 1]],
      YB → refpoints[[2, 2]]} /. {x1 → #[[1, 1]], y1 → #[[1, 2]], x2 → #[[2, 1]], y2 → #[[2, 2]]} @@
      (stringcoordinates[refpoints][#[[1]] (1 - t) + #[[2]] t]) & /@ lineset]]]
{0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0}
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## ■ Inverse transformation

$$r_A^2 = (x - x_A)^2 + (y - y_A)^2 = x^2 - 2x x_A + x_A^2 + y^2 - 2y y_A + y_A^2$$

$$r_B^2 = (x - x_B)^2 + (y - y_B)^2 = x^2 - 2x x_B + x_B^2 + y^2 - 2y y_B + y_B^2$$

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FpPeS[Solve[{r, s} == stringcoordinates[{A, C}, {B, D}]][{x, y}], {x, y}]];
FullSimplify[
  % /. {A^2 - 2 A B + B^2 -> (A - B)^2, A^2 C - 2 A B C + B^2 C -> C (A - B)^2, A^2 D - 2 A B D + B^2 D -> D (A - B)^2,
    C^2 - 2 C D + D^2 -> (C - D)^2, C^4 - 4 C^3 D + 6 C^2 D^2 - 4 C D^3 + D^4 -> (C - D)^4, -2 C^2 r^2 + 4 C D r^2 - 2 D^2 r^2 ->
    -2 (C - D)^2 r^2, -2 C^2 s^2 + 4 C D s^2 - 2 D^2 s^2 -> -2 (C - D)^2 s^2, r^4 - 2 r^2 s^2 + s^4 -> (r^2 - s^2)^2}];
FullSimplify[% /. {A^2 (C + D) - 2 A B (C + D) + B^2 (C + D) -> (A - B)^2 (C + D),
  (C - D) (C^2 - D^2 - r^2 + s^2) -> (C - D)^2 (C + D) - (C - D) (r^2 - s^2), (A - B)^2 (C + D) + (C - D)^2 (C + D) ->
  ((A - B)^2 + (C - D)^2) (C + D), A (-B^2 + (C - D)^2 - r^2 + s^2) -> A (C - D)^2 - A B^2 - A (r - s) (r + s),
  B ((C - D)^2 + (r - s) (r + s)) -> B (C - D)^2 + B (r - s) (r + s), A (C - D)^2 + B (C - D)^2 -> (A + B) (C - D)^2,
  -A (r - s) (r + s) + B (r - s) (r + s) -> -(A - B) (r - s) (r + s), A^3 - A^2 B - A B^2 + B^3 -> (A - B)^2 (A + B),
  (A - B)^2 (A + B) + (A + B) (C - D)^2 -> (A + B) ((A - B)^2 + (C - D)^2)}];
FullSimplify[% /. {(A - B)^2 + (C - D)^2 -> Delta^2}];
FullSimplify[% /. {(B - A) -> Delta x, (A - B) -> -Delta x, (C - D) -> -Delta y, (r + s) -> Sigma r, (r - s) -> Delta r}];
inversexform =
  % /. {Sqrt[K_] -> i Sqrt[-K]} /. {((K_ + L_) Delta^2 + M_) / (2 Delta^2) -> (K + L) / 2 + M / (2 Delta^2)} /. {(Delta - Delta r) (Delta + Delta r) -> Delta^2 - Delta r^2,
    (Delta - Sigma r) (Delta + Sigma r) -> Delta^2 - Sigma r^2} /. {((K_ + L_) Sqrt[M_] / (2 Delta^2) -> (K / (2 Delta^2) + L Sqrt[M] / (2 Delta^2))} /. {A + B -> 2 X, C + D -> 2 Y}
    {x -> (Delta r Delta x Sigma r) / (2 Delta^2) + (Delta y Sqrt[-(Delta^2 - Delta r^2) (Delta^2 - Sigma r^2)] / (2 Delta^2) + X, y -> (Delta r Delta y Sigma r) / (2 Delta^2) - (Delta x Sqrt[-(Delta^2 - Delta r^2) (Delta^2 - Sigma r^2)] / (2 Delta^2) + Y},
    {x -> (Delta r Delta x Sigma r) / (2 Delta^2) - (Delta y Sqrt[-(Delta^2 - Delta r^2) (Delta^2 - Sigma r^2)] / (2 Delta^2) + X, y -> (Delta r Delta y Sigma r) / (2 Delta^2) + (Delta x Sqrt[-(Delta^2 - Delta r^2) (Delta^2 - Sigma r^2)] / (2 Delta^2) + Y}}
cartesiancoordinates[repoints_] :=
Function[{R}, Block[{ra = R[[1]], rb = R[[2]], xa = repsoints[[1, 1]],
  ya = repsoints[[1, 2]], xb = repsoints[[2, 1]], yb = repsoints[[2, 2]],
  Evaluate[{x, y} /. First[inversexform] /. {Sigma r -> ra + rb, Delta r -> ra - rb, Delta x -> xb - xa,
    Delta y -> yb - ya, X -> (xa + xb) / 2, Y -> (ya + yb) / 2, Delta^2 -> Delta x^2 + Delta y^2, 1 / Delta^2 -> 1 / (Delta x^2 + Delta y^2)}]]
]
]

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cartesiancoordinates[{{xa, ya}, {xb, yb}}][{ra, rb}]
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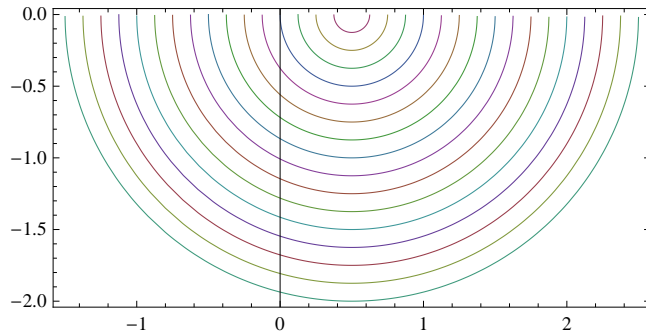
$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} & \frac{xa + xb}{2} + \frac{(ra - rb)(ra + rb)(-xa + xb)}{2((-xa + xb)^2 + (-ya + yb)^2)} + \\ & \frac{(-ya + yb) \sqrt{-(-ra - rb)^2 + (-xa + xb)^2 + (-ya + yb)^2} (-ra + rb)^2 + (-xa + xb)^2 + (-ya + yb)^2}}{2((-xa + xb)^2 + (-ya + yb)^2)}, \\ & \frac{ya + yb}{2} + \frac{(ra - rb)(ra + rb)(-ya + yb)}{2((-xa + xb)^2 + (-ya + yb)^2)} - \\ & \frac{(-xa + xb) \sqrt{-(-ra - rb)^2 + (-xa + xb)^2 + (-ya + yb)^2} (-ra + rb)^2 + (-xa + xb)^2 + (-ya + yb)^2}}{2((-xa + xb)^2 + (-ya + yb)^2)} \end{aligned} \right\}$$

#### ■ Trajectories of straight lines in the radii coordinate system

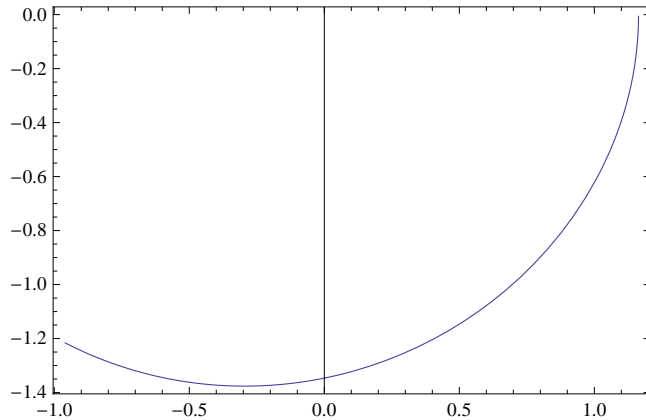
```
cartesiancoordinates[refpoints][{ra, rb}]
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$$\left\{ \frac{1}{2} (ra - rb)(ra + rb), -\frac{1}{2} \sqrt{- (1 - (ra - rb)^2) (1 - (ra + rb)^2)} \right\}$$

```
ParametricPlot[Evaluate[Table[cartesiancoordinates[refpoints][{ra, rb}], {rb, 0, 2, 1/8}]],  
{ra, 0, 4}, Frame -> True]
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```
ParametricPlot[Evaluate[cartesiancoordinates[refpoints][{ra, rb}] /.  
{ra -> 1.3 (1 - r) + 1.8 r, rb -> 1.9 (1 - r) + .2 r}], {r, 0, 1}, Frame -> True]
```



## How SVG and PDF formats draw curves: Cubic splines

If you dig through the reference manuals for

Portable Data Format (PDF), [http://www.adobe.com/devnet/acrobat/pdfs/PDF32000\\_2008.pdf](http://www.adobe.com/devnet/acrobat/pdfs/PDF32000_2008.pdf),

or Scalable Vector Graphics (SVG) <http://www.w3.org/TR/SVG11/>,

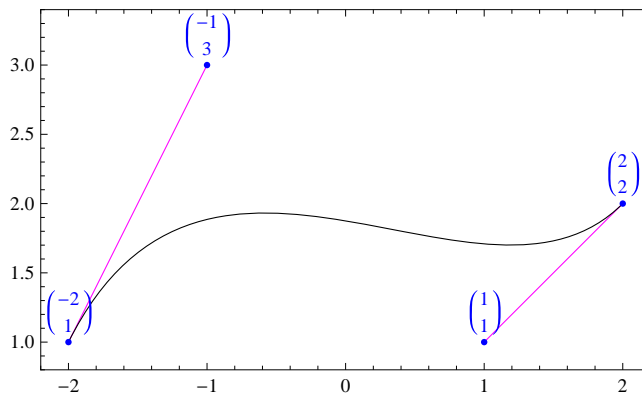
you'll find [PDF reference manual chapter 8.5.2.2. and SVG reference manual chapter 8.3.6] that a curved path is represented as a sequence of *cubic Bézier splines*.

A cubic Bézier spline is a curve that is described by 4 points  $P_1, P_2, P_3, P_4$

where  $P_1$  and  $P_4$  are the end points, and  $P_2$  and  $P_3$  are control points that define the tangent directions of the curve at the end points.

Here's an example:

```
Graphics[{Magenta, Line /@ Partition[#, 2], Black,
  BezierCurve[#, Blue, Point[#, Text[MatrixForm[#, # + {0, .2}] & /@ #],
  Frame -> True, PlotRangePadding -> 0.2] &[{{-2, 1}, {-1, 3}, {1, 1}, {2, 2}}]
```



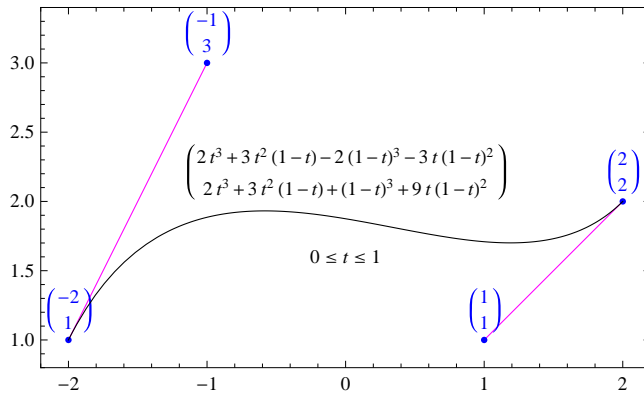
The curve is defined by an equation

```
TraditionalForm[bezier3 = P[1] s^3 + 3 P[2] s^2 t + 3 P[3] s t^2 + P[4] t^3 /. s -> 1 - t]
```

$$P(4)t^3 + 3P(3)t^2(1-t) + P(1)(1-t)^3 + 3P(2)t(1-t)^2$$

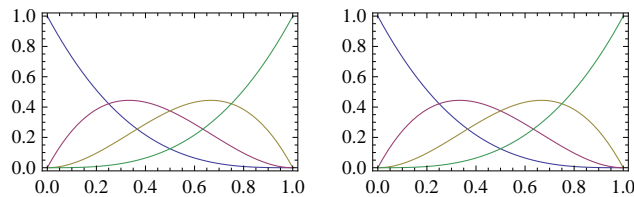
where  $0 \leq t \leq 1$ .

```
Show[Graphics[{Magenta, Line /@ Partition[#, 2], Black, Text[0 ≤ t ≤ 1, {0, 1.6}],
  Text[MatrixForm[bezier3 /. MapThread[Rule, {Array[P, 4], #}]], {0, 2.2}], Blue,
  Point[#, Text[MatrixForm[#], # + {0, .2}] & /@ #], Frame → True, PlotRangePadding → 0.2],
ParametricPlot[bezier3 /. MapThread[Rule, {Array[P, 4], #}], {t, 0, 1},
PlotStyle → Black]] &[{{-2, 1}, {-1, 3}, {1, 1}, {2, 2}}]
```



### ■ Cubic Bézier spline as sum of Bernstein polynomials

```
Show[GraphicsArray[
  {Plot[Evaluate[Table[BernsteinBasis[3, n, t], {n, 0, 3}]], {t, 0, 1}, Frame → True],
  Plot[Evaluate[Table[Binomial[3, n] (1 - t)3-n tn, {n, 0, 3}]], {t, 0, 1}, Frame → True]}]]
```



```
Sum[BernsteinBasis[3, n, t] P[n + 1], {n, 0, 3}]
```

```
BernsteinBasis[3, 0, t] P[1] + BernsteinBasis[3, 1, t] P[2] +
BernsteinBasis[3, 2, t] P[3] + BernsteinBasis[3, 3, t] P[4]
```

### ■ Recurrence relation

```
recurrence = {β[i_Integer, j_Integer /; j > 0] → β[i, j - 1] (1 - t0) + β[i + 1, j - 1] t0,
  β[i_Integer, 0] → P[i + 1]}

{β[i_Integer, j_Integer /; j > 0] → (1 - t0) β[i, -1 + j] + t0 β[1 + i, -1 + j],
  β[i_Integer, 0] → P[1 + i]}
```

```

β[0, 3] /. recurrence
% /. recurrence
% /. recurrence
% /. recurrence

(1 - t0) β[0, 2] + t0 β[1, 2]

(1 - t0) ((1 - t0) β[0, 1] + t0 β[1, 1]) + t0 ((1 - t0) β[1, 1] + t0 β[2, 1])

(1 - t0) ((1 - t0) ((1 - t0) β[0, 0] + t0 β[1, 0]) + t0 ((1 - t0) β[1, 0] + t0 β[2, 0])) +
t0 ((1 - t0) ((1 - t0) β[1, 0] + t0 β[2, 0]) + t0 ((1 - t0) β[2, 0] + t0 β[3, 0]))

(1 - t0) ((1 - t0) ((1 - t0) P[1] + t0 P[2]) + t0 ((1 - t0) P[2] + t0 P[3])) +
t0 ((1 - t0) ((1 - t0) P[2] + t0 P[3]) + t0 ((1 - t0) P[3] + t0 P[4]))

β[0, 3] //. recurrence /. (1 - t0) → s0
Simplify[%]
TraditionalForm[% /. s0 → 1 - t0]

s0 (s0 (s0 P[1] + t0 P[2]) + t0 (s0 P[2] + t0 P[3])) + t0 (s0 (s0 P[2] + t0 P[3]) + t0 (s0 P[3] + t0 P[4]))

s03 P[1] + 3 s02 t0 P[2] + 3 s0 t02 P[3] + t03 P[4]

P(4) t03 + 3 P(3) t02 (1 - t0) + P(1) (1 - t0)3 + 3 P(2) t0 (1 - t0)2

```

## How cairo Draws Splines

Cairo <http://cairographics.org> is the graphics library used by inkscape.

Cairo uses the de Casteljau algorithm to split splines in half recursively until an approximation by a straight line differs by less than a defined error measure from the spline curve.

From <http://cgit.freedesktop.org/cairo/tree/src/cairo-spline.c>  
and <http://cgit.freedesktop.org/cairo/tree/src/cairo-types-private.h> :

### ■ \_cairo\_spline\_error\_squared

This function computes a supremum of the maximal error made when approximating a cubic spline by a straight line

A spline is defined by 4 points  $\{A, B, C, D\}$ , corresponding to  $\{P_1, P_2, P_3, P_4\}$  in the computations above.

The following computation is performed:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Delta &= D - A \\
 \beta &= B - A \\
 \beta &= B - A \quad \text{if } \beta \cdot \Delta \leq 0 \\
 \beta &= \begin{cases} \beta - \Delta = B - D & \text{if } \beta \cdot \Delta \geq \Delta \cdot \Delta \\ \beta - \frac{\beta \cdot \Delta}{\Delta \cdot \Delta} \Delta & \text{else} \end{cases} \\
 \epsilon_B &= \beta \cdot \beta \\
 \chi &= C - A \\
 \chi &= C - A \quad \text{if } \chi \cdot \Delta \leq 0 \\
 \chi &= \begin{cases} \chi - \Delta = C - D & \text{if } \chi \cdot \Delta \geq \Delta \cdot \Delta \\ \chi - \frac{\chi \cdot \Delta}{\Delta \cdot \Delta} \Delta & \text{else} \end{cases} \\
 \epsilon_C &= \chi \cdot \chi \\
 \epsilon &= \max \{ \epsilon_B, \epsilon_C \}
 \end{aligned}$$

i.e., the larger of the distances, squared, of the control points  $\{B, C\}$  (or  $\{P_2, P_3\}$ ) from the line  $\overline{AD}$  (or  $\overline{P_1 P_4}$ ) is computed.

```

SplineErrorSquared = Function[{a, b, c, d},
  Block[{Δ = d - a, β = b - a, χ = c - a},
    Max[{{#.# & [# - Which[#.Δ ≤ 0, 0, #.Δ ≥ Δ.Δ, Δ, True,  $\frac{\#.Δ}{Δ.Δ} Δ$ ]]} & /@ {β, χ}}]
  ]
]
Function[{a, b, c, d}, Block[{Δ = d - a, β = b - a, χ = c - a},
  Max[{{(Δ1.Δ1 &)[Δ1 - Which[Δ1.Δ ≤ 0, 0, Δ1.Δ ≥ Δ.Δ, Δ, True,  $\frac{Δ1.Δ Δ}{Δ.Δ}$ ]]} & /@ {β, χ}}]]]

SplineErrorSquared[{-2, 1}, {-1, 3}, {1, 1}, {2, 2}]

$$\frac{49}{17}$$


```

## ■ \_de\_casteljau

The control points of two cubic splines covering the ranges  $0 \leq t \leq \frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{1}{2} \leq t \leq 1$  are computed from the arithmetic means of point pairs.

```

lerphalf[_, _] := ToExpression[ToString[ $\Theta$ ] <> ToString[ $\Theta$ ]] → Mean[ToExpression /@ { $\Theta$ ,  $\Theta$ }]
decasteljaurules = lerphalf @@ # & /@ {{a, b}, {b, c}, {c, d}, {ab, bc}, {bc, cd}, {abbc, bccd}}

{ab →  $\frac{a+b}{2}$ , bc →  $\frac{b+c}{2}$ , cd →  $\frac{c+d}{2}$ , abbc →  $\frac{ab+bc}{2}$ , bccd →  $\frac{bc+cd}{2}$ , abbcbbccd →  $\frac{abbc+bccd}{2}$ }

{{a, ab, abbc, abbcbbccd}, {abbcbbccd, bccd, cd, d}} //. decasteljaurules
Simplify[%]

{{a,  $\frac{a+b}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{a+b}{2} + \frac{b+c}{2} \right)$ ,  $\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{a+b}{2} + \frac{b+c}{2} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{b+c}{2} + \frac{c+d}{2} \right) \right)$ },
 { $\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{a+b}{2} + \frac{b+c}{2} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{b+c}{2} + \frac{c+d}{2} \right) \right)$ ,  $\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{b+c}{2} + \frac{c+d}{2} \right)$ ,  $\frac{c+d}{2}$ , d}}

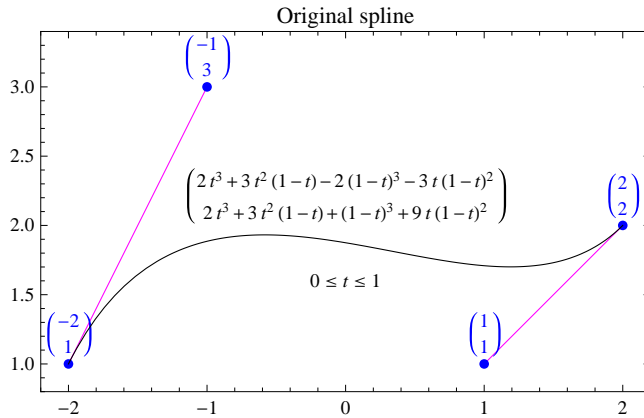
{{a,  $\frac{a+b}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{4} (a+2b+c)$ ,  $\frac{1}{8} (a+3b+3c+d)$ }, { $\frac{1}{8} (a+3b+3c+d)$ ,  $\frac{1}{4} (b+2c+d)$ ,  $\frac{c+d}{2}$ , d}}

deCasteljau = Function[{a, b, c, d},
  Evaluate[{{a, ab, abbc, abbcbbccd}, {abbcbbccd, bccd, cd, d}} //. decasteljaurules]]

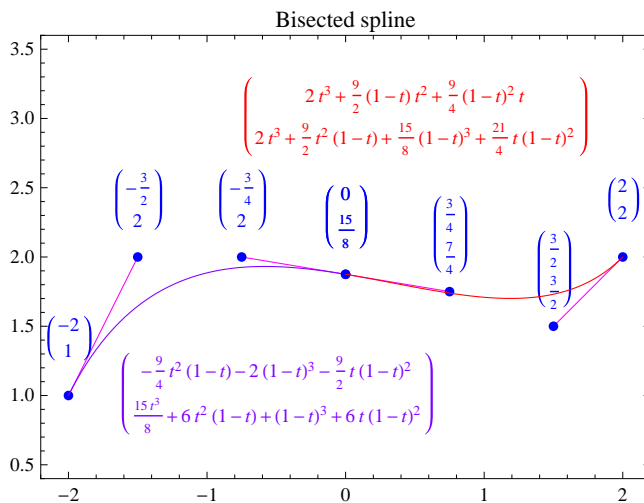
Function[{a, b, c, d}, {{a,  $\frac{a+b}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{a+b}{2} + \frac{b+c}{2} \right)$ ,  $\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{a+b}{2} + \frac{b+c}{2} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{b+c}{2} + \frac{c+d}{2} \right) \right)$ },
 { $\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{a+b}{2} + \frac{b+c}{2} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{b+c}{2} + \frac{c+d}{2} \right) \right)$ ,  $\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{b+c}{2} + \frac{c+d}{2} \right)$ ,  $\frac{c+d}{2}$ , d}}]]

```

```
Show[Graphics[{Magenta, Line/@Partition[#, 2], Black, Text[0 ≤ t ≤ 1, {0, 1.6}],
  Text[MatrixForm[bezier3 /. MapThread[Rule, {Array[P, 4], #}]], {0, 2.2}],
  Blue, PointSize[Medium], Point[#], Text[MatrixForm[#], # + {0, .2}] & /@ #},
Frame → True, PlotLabel → "Original spline", PlotRangePadding → 0.2],
ParametricPlot[bezier3 /. MapThread[Rule, {Array[P, 4], #}], {t, 0, 1},
PlotStyle → Black]] &[{{-2, 1}, {-1, 3}, {1, 1}, {2, 2}}]
```

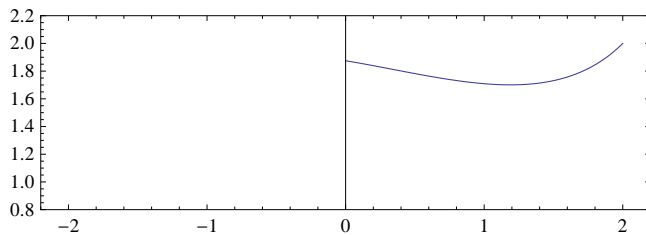
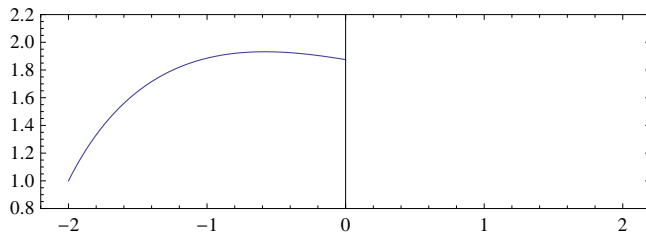
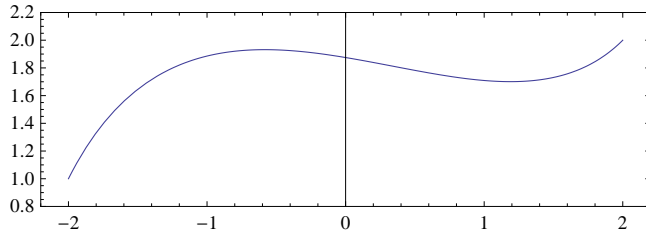


```
Show[MapIndexed[{{Graphics[{Magenta, Line/@Partition[#, 2], Hue[ $\frac{\#2[[1]] + 2}{4}$ ],
  Text[MatrixForm[bezier3 /. MapThread[Rule, {Array[P, 4], #}]], {# -  $\frac{3}{2}$ , 2 # - 1} & [#2[[1]]],
  Blue, PointSize[Medium], Point[#], Text[MatrixForm[#], # + {0, .4}] & /@ #}, Frame → True,
PlotLabel → "Bisected spline", PlotRangePadding → {0.2, 0.6}], ParametricPlot[
  bezier3 /. MapThread[Rule, {Array[P, 4], #}], {t, 0, 1}, PlotStyle → Hue[ $\frac{\#2[[1]] + 2}{4}$ ]] &,
deCasteljau[{-2, 1}, {-1, 3}, {1, 1}, {2, 2}]
]
]
```

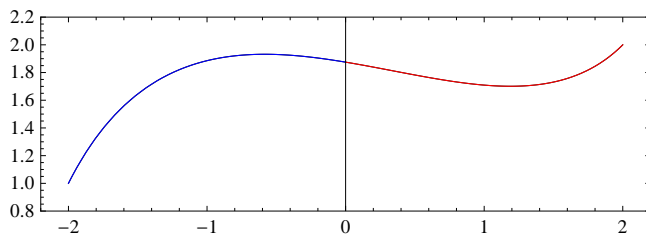


■ Sanity check: Verify that the splines are congruent

```
TableForm[ParametricPlot[Evaluate[bezier3 /. MapThread[Rule, {Array[P, 4], #}]],
  {t, 0, 1}, Frame → True, PlotRange → {{-2.2, 2.2}, {0.8, 2.2}}] & /@
  (Prepend[deCasteljau@@#, #] &[{{-2, 1}, {-1, 3}, {1, 1}, {2, 2}}])]
```



```
ParametricPlot[Evaluate[bezier3 /. MapThread[Rule, {Array[P, 4], #}] & /@
  (Prepend[deCasteljau@@#, #] &[{{-2, 1}, {-1, 3}, {1, 1}, {2, 2}}])], {t, 0, 1},
  Frame → True, PlotRange → {{-2.2, 2.2}, {0.8, 2.2}}, PlotStyle → {Black, Blue, Red}]
```



■ Suprema of errors when approximated by straight line

```
N[ $\sqrt{\text{SplineErrorSquared}[{-2, 1}, {-1, 3}, {1, 1}, {2, 2}]}$ ]
N[ $\sqrt{\text{SplineErrorSquared}@@\# \& /@ \text{deCasteljau}[{-2, 1}, {-1, 3}, {1, 1}, {2, 2}]}$ ]
1.69775
{0.715748, 0.467837}
```

## ■ `_cairo_spline_decompose` `_cairo_spline_decompose_into`

The object `cairo_spline_t` that describes a spline in cairo contains a component **closure** that is filled with a list of points.

If a spline can be approximated by a straight line to within a given tolerance, the first control point is added to the **closure**. Otherwise, the spline is split in two by the de Casteljau algorithm, and the decomposition algorithm is applied to both splines.

```
SplineDecomposeInto = Function[{controlpoints, tolerance},
  If[SplineErrorSquared@@controlpoints < tolerance,
    Point[First[controlpoints]],
    SplineDecomposeInto[#, tolerance] & /@ deCasteljau@@controlpoints]
]

Function[{controlpoints, tolerance},
  If[SplineErrorSquared@@controlpoints < tolerance, Point[First[controlpoints]],
    (SplineDecomposeInto[#, tolerance] &) /@ deCasteljau@@controlpoints]]
```

The last control point of the original control point set is added after recursively decomposing the spline.

```
SplineDecompose = Function[{controlpoints, tolerance},
  Flatten[Append[SplineDecomposeInto[controlpoints, tolerance], Point[Last[controlpoints]]]]
]

Function[{controlpoints, tolerance},
  Flatten[Append[SplineDecomposeInto[controlpoints, tolerance], Point[Last[controlpoints]]]]]
```

## ■ Sanity check: Represent spline as set of points and as polyline

```
TableForm[SplineDecompose[{{-2, 1}, {-1, 3}, {1, 1}, {2, 2}}, .02]]
Line[% /. Point -> Identity]

Point[{-2, 1}]
Point[{ $-\frac{405}{256}, \frac{807}{512}$ }]
Point[{ $-\frac{35}{32}, \frac{119}{64}$ }]
Point[{ $0, \frac{15}{8}$ }]
Point[{ $\frac{35}{32}, \frac{109}{64}$ }]
Point[{ $\frac{405}{256}, \frac{897}{512}$ }]
Point[{2, 2}]

Line[{ $\{-2, 1\}, \{-\frac{405}{256}, \frac{807}{512}\}, \{-\frac{35}{32}, \frac{119}{64}\}, \{0, \frac{15}{8}\}, \{\frac{35}{32}, \frac{109}{64}\}, \{\frac{405}{256}, \frac{897}{512}\}, \{2, 2\}$ }]

splineapprox = Function[{controlpoints, tolerance},
  List[Graphics[{Red, PointSize[Large], #, Blue, Line[# /. Point -> Identity]} & [
    SplineDecompose[#, tolerance^2]], Frame -> True, PlotLabel ->
    "Spline approximated by line segments, Tolerance=" <> ToString[tolerance] <> "²",
    PlotRangePadding -> 0.2], ParametricPlot[bezier3 /. MapThread[Rule, {Array[P, 4], #}],
    {t, 0, 1}, PlotStyle -> Black]] & [controlpoints]];

Print[Show[#]] & /@ (splineapprox[{{-2, 1}, {-1, 3}, {1, 1}, {2, 2}}, #] & /@ {1, 0.5, 0.1, .01});
```



