

## 1 Question 1

We can present point  $P$  on the interpolated curve parametrically as  $P(t) = [x(t) \ y(t)]$  such that  $t \in [0, 1]$  &  $P(t)$  is of the form  $a_3t^3 + a_2t^2 + a_1t + a_0$ .

Given information:

$$P(0) = A = (2, 5)$$

$$P(1) = B = (6, 0)$$

$$P'(0) = \text{slope at } A = (0, 1)$$

$$P'(1) = \text{slope at } B = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$$

$P(t)$  can be found as follows:

$$P(t) = \begin{bmatrix} t^3 & t^2 & t & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 & 1 & 1 \\ -3 & 3 & -2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} P(0) \\ P(1) \\ P'(0) \\ P'(1) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow P(t) = \begin{bmatrix} t^3 & t^2 & t & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 & 1 & 1 \\ -3 & 3 & -2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 \\ 6 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow P(t) = \begin{bmatrix} t^3 & t^2 & t & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -7.293 & 11.707 \\ 11.293 & -17.707 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow P(t) = [x(t) \ y(t)] = [-7.293t^3 + 11.293t^2 + 2 \quad 11.707t^3 - 17.707t^2 + t - 5]$$

We need to find slope of this curve at  $t = 0.5$ . We proceed as follows:

$$P'(t) = [x'(t) \ y'(t)] = [-21.879t^2 + 22.586t \quad 35.121t^2 - 35.414t + 1]$$

Substituting  $t = 0.5$ , we get:

$$P'(t = 0.5) = [5.823 \quad -7.927]$$

## 2 Question 2

Given 4 control points  $(V_0, V_1, V_2, V_3)$ , the Bezier Curve  $B(t)$  is given by  $B(t) = \sum_{i=0}^3 V_i B_{i,3}(t)$ , where  $B_{i,3}(t) = \binom{3}{i} t^i (1-t)^{3-i}$ .

$$\therefore B(t) = t^3 V_0 + 3t^2(1-t)V_1 + 3t(1-t)^2 V_2 + (1-t)^3 V_3$$

$$\Rightarrow B(t) = (-t^3 + 3t^2 - 3t + 1)V_0 + (3t^3 - 6t^2 + 3t)V_1 + (-3t^3 + 3t^2)V_2 + t^3 V_3$$

Collecting the coefficients of each term & representing as matrices, we obtain:

$$B(t) = [t][M_b][V] = \begin{bmatrix} t^3 & t^2 & t & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 3 & -3 & 1 \\ 3 & -6 & 3 & 0 \\ -3 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} V_0 \\ V_1 \\ V_2 \\ V_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

### 3 Question 3

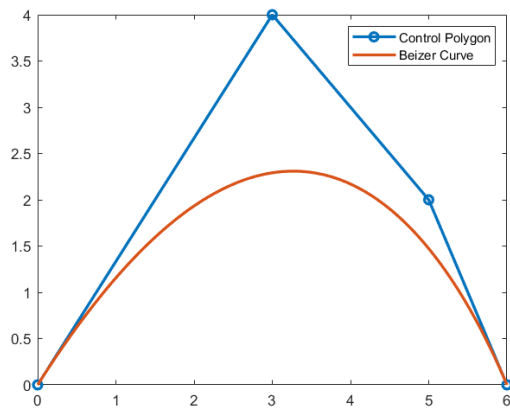
The MATLAB code to plot a Bezier curve given 4 control points ( $V_0, V_1, V_2, V_3$ ):

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1 function [] = bezier()
2     % N*2 matrix containing 'N' control points [x1 y1;...;xN yN]
3     V = input('Enter 4 Control Points:');
4     N = size(V, 1);           % Number of control points
5
6     % In our case, check that N = 4
7     if (N ~= 4)
8         disp('Number of control points not equal to 4. Exiting...');
9         return;
10    end
11
12    num_pts = 100;             % Number of points to be used to plot the
13                                % Bezier Curve
14    t = (0:1/num_pts:1);       % Array of values of parameter 't' for
15                                % plotting the curve
16
17    M_B = [-1 3 -3 1; 3 -6 3 0; -3 3 0 0; 1 0 0 0]; % Hermite matrix
18                                % equivalent for Bezier Curve with 4 Control Points
19    T = [t.^3; t.^2; t; t.^0]'; % Parameter Matrix
20
21    B = T * M_B * V;           % Points on the
22                                % Bezier Curve can be obtained using B(t) = [t][M_B][V]
23
24    % Plot the Control Polygon
25    plot(V(:,1), V(:,2), 'Marker', 'o', 'LineWidth', 2, 'DisplayName',
26          'Control Polygon');
27    hold on;
28
29    % Plot the Bezier Curve
30    plot(B(:, 1), B(:, 2), 'LineWidth', 2, 'DisplayName', 'Bezier
31          Curve');
32    hold off;
33
34    legend;
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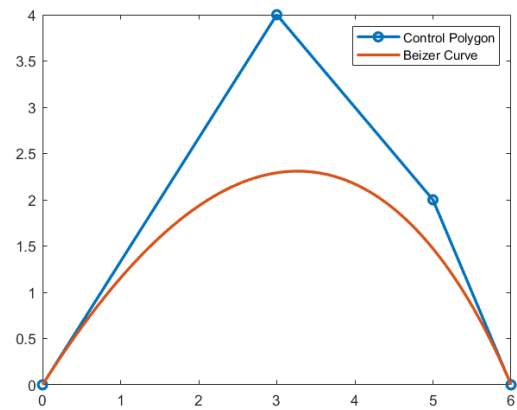
The same code can be found as a MATLAB file [here](#).

## 4 Question 4

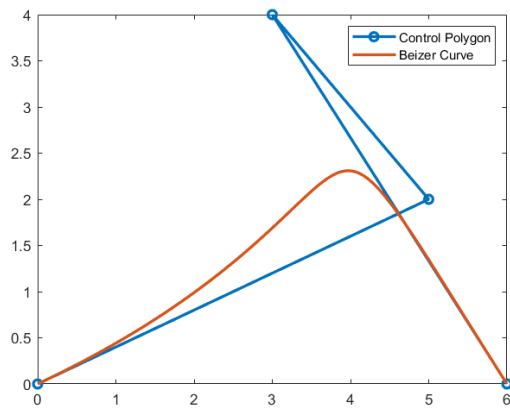
Plots for the 4 cases are shown below:



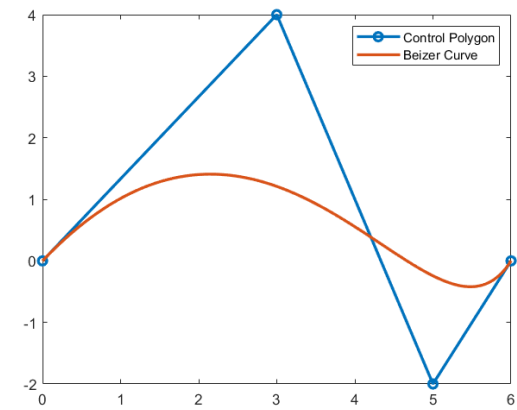
(a)  $V_0 = (0, 0), V_1 = (3, 4), V_2 = (5, 2), V_3 = (6, 0)$



(b)  $V_0 = (6, 0), V_1 = (5, 2), V_2 = (3, 4), V_3 = (6, 0)$



(c)  $V_0 = (0, 0), V_1 = (5, 2), V_2 = (3, 4), V_3 = (6, 0)$



(d)  $V_0 = (0, 0), V_1 = (3, 4), V_2 = (5, -2), V_3 = (6, 0)$

### Comments:

- (a)
- Reversing the order of control points does not affect the geometry of the Bezier Curve (because the equation of Bezier curve is symmetric w.r.t  $t$  &  $1 - t$ ).
  - Apart from reversing the order, any other change in the order of control points can completely change the geometry of the Bezier curve.
  - If the order is changed such that the new  $V_0$  &  $V_3$  are not the same as original ones, the start & end points of the Bezier curve would change because Bezier curve passes through the first & last control points (*although this is not directly deduced from any of the 4 cases*)
- (b) Moving one of the control points affects the Bezier curve globally & changes its overall geometry. Thus, Bezier curves are said to exhibit *global control*.

## 5 Question 5

Control points for 1<sup>st</sup> Bezier Curve  $B_1$ :  $A = (2, 3, 4)$ ,  $B = (3, 1, 5)$ ,  $C = (x, y, z)$ ,  $D = (3, 4, 3)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 B_1(t) &= [t][M_B][V_{B_1}] = \begin{bmatrix} t^3 & t^2 & t & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 3 & -3 & 1 \\ 3 & -6 & 3 & 0 \\ -3 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} V_A \\ V_B \\ V_C \\ V_D \end{bmatrix} \\
 \Rightarrow B_1(t) &= \begin{bmatrix} t^3 & t^2 & t & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 3 & -3 & 1 \\ 3 & -6 & 3 & 0 \\ -3 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 1 & 5 \\ x & y & z \\ 3 & 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \\
 \Rightarrow B_1(t) &= \begin{bmatrix} (10 - 3x)t^3 + (3x - 12)t^2 + 3t + 2 \\ (4 - 3y)t^3 + (3y + 3)t^2 - 6t + 3 \\ (14 - 3z)t^3 + (3z - 18)t^2 + 3t + 4 \end{bmatrix}^T
 \end{aligned}$$

Control points for 2<sup>nd</sup> Bezier Curve  $B_2$ :  $D = (3, 4, 3)$ ,  $E = (2, 6, 0)$ ,  $F = (5, 7, 5)$ ,  $G = (5, 2, 3)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 B_2(t) &= [t][M_B][V_{B_2}] = \begin{bmatrix} t^3 & t^2 & t & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 3 & -3 & 1 \\ 3 & -6 & 3 & 0 \\ -3 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} V_D \\ V_E \\ V_F \\ V_G \end{bmatrix} \\
 \Rightarrow B_2(t) &= \begin{bmatrix} t^3 & t^2 & t & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 3 & -3 & 1 \\ 3 & -6 & 3 & 0 \\ -3 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 & 3 \\ 2 & 6 & 0 \\ 5 & 7 & 5 \\ 5 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \\
 \Rightarrow B_2(t) &= \begin{bmatrix} -7t^3 + 12t^2 - 3t + 3 \\ -5t^3 - 3t^2 + 6t + 4 \\ -15t^3 + 24t^2 - 9t + 3 \end{bmatrix}^T
 \end{aligned}$$

$B_1$  &  $B_2$  are  $C^1$  continuous at common point D. Thus, their slopes at point D must be equal. For  $B_1$ , point D corresponds to  $t = 1$  while for  $B_2$ , point D corresponds to  $t = 0$ .

Thus, we require:

$$\begin{aligned}
 B_1'(t = 1) &= B_2'(t = 0) \\
 \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} (9 - 3x) & (12 - 3y) & (9 - 3z) \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 6 & -9 \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $x = 4$ ,  $y = 2$  &  $z = 6$ , i.e.,  $C \equiv (4, 2, 6)$ .

[Answer]