50.017 Graphics and Visualization

Curve Properties & Conversion, Surface Representations

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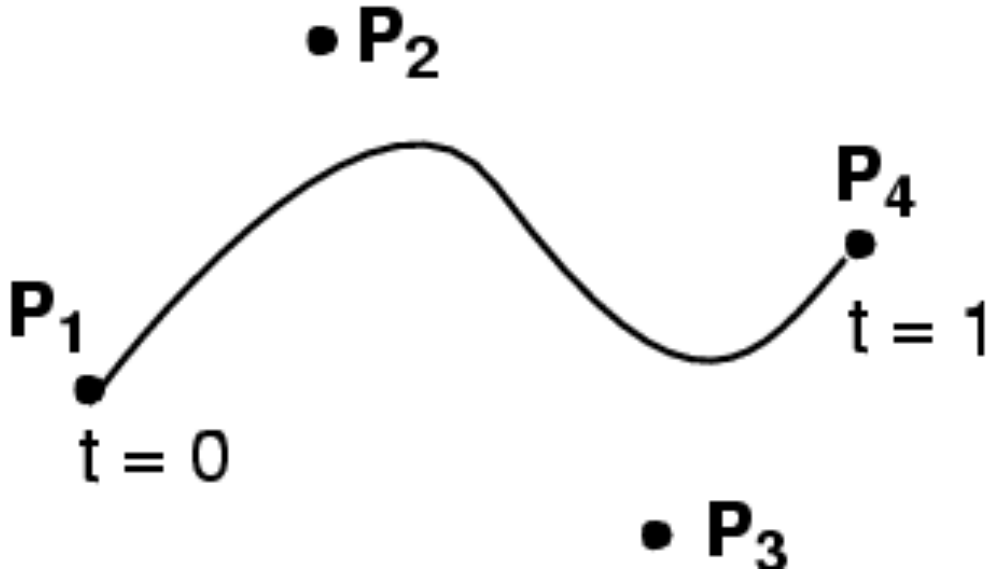
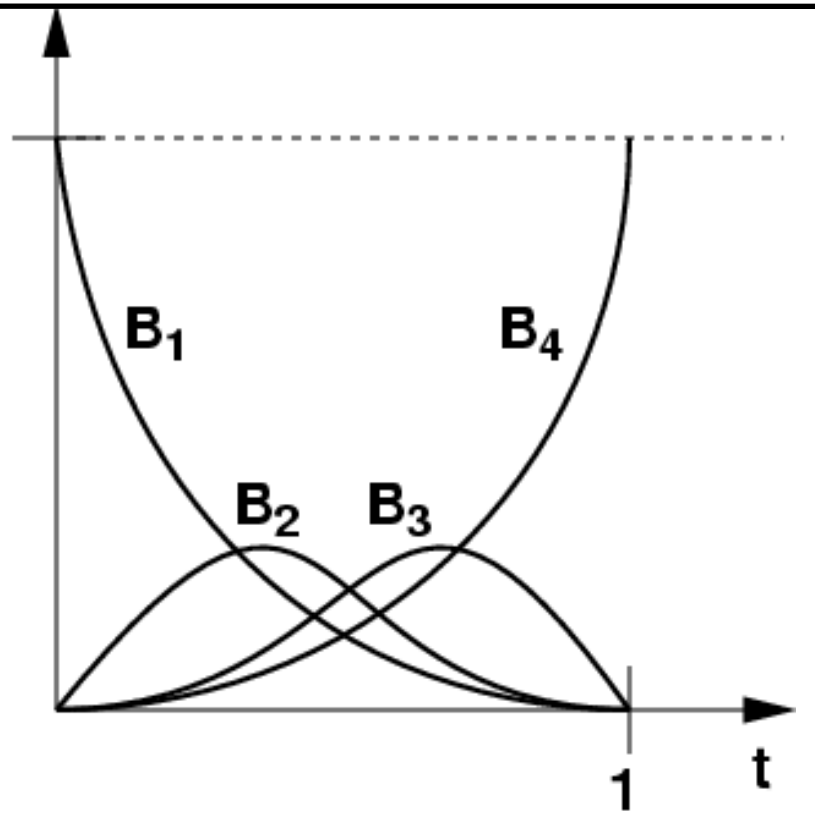
Cubic Bezier Splines

- $P(t) = (1-t)^3 P_1 + 3t(1-t)^2 P_2 + 3t^2(1-t) P_3 + t^3 P_4$



Bernstein Polynomials

- For Bézier curves, the basis polynomials/vectors are Bernstein polynomials



- For cubic Bezier curve:

  $B_1(t)=(1-t)^3$ $B_2(t)=3t(1-t)^2$

  $B_3(t)=3t^2(1-t)$ $B_4(t)=t^3$

  (careful with indices, many authors start at 0)

- Defined for any degree

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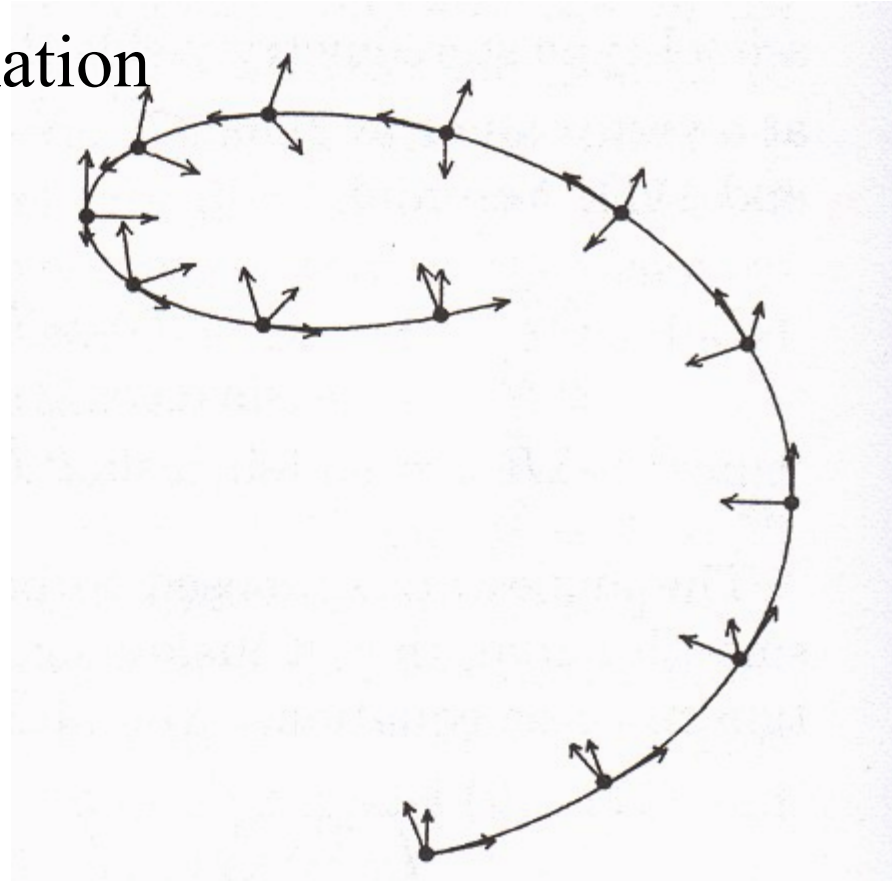
Questions?

The Plan for Today

- Differential Properties of Curves & Continuity
- B-Splines
- Surfaces
  - Tensor Product Splines
  - Subdivision Surfaces
  - Procedural Surfaces
  - Other

Differential Properties of Curves

- Motivation
  - Compute normal for surfaces
  - Compute velocity for animation
  - Analyze smoothness



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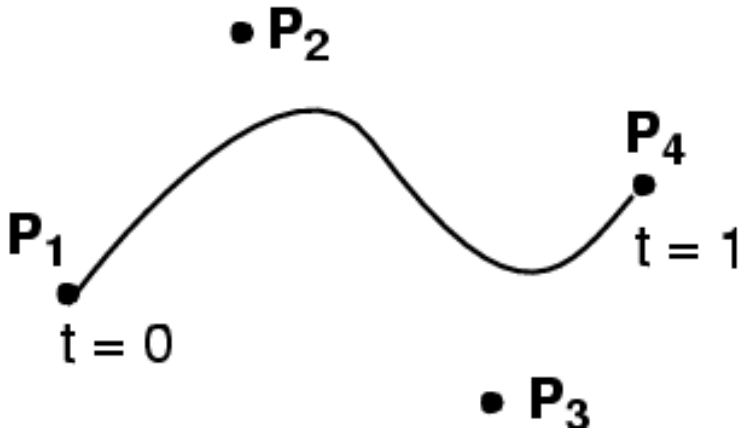

- You know how to differentiate polynomials...

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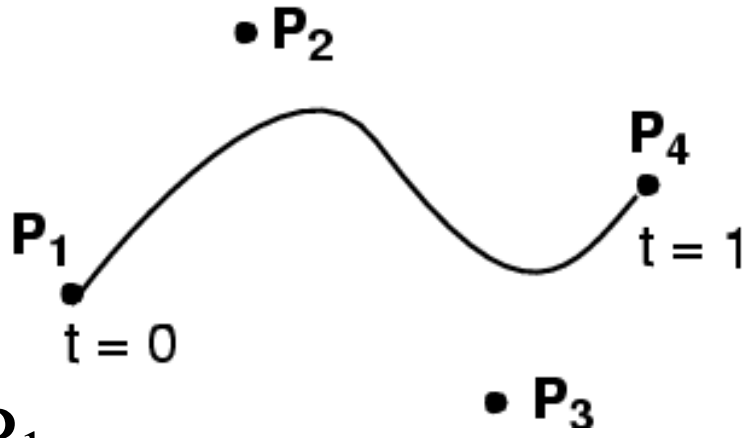


Sanity check: t=0; t=1

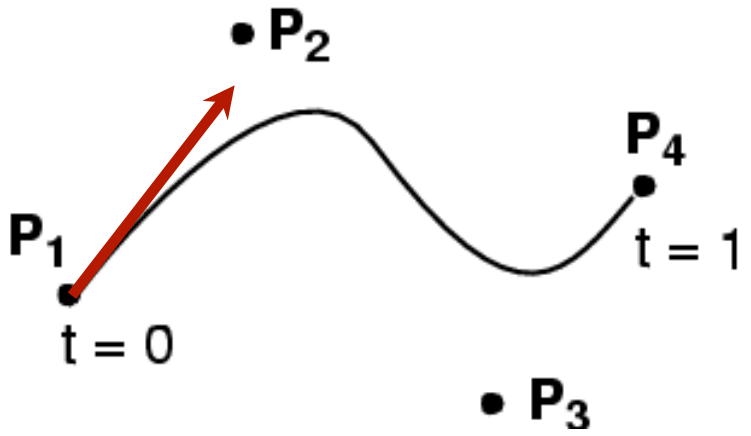
- $P'(t) = -3(1-t)^2 P_1 + [3(1-t)^2 - 6t(1-t)] P_2 + [6t(1-t) - 3t^2] P_3 + 3t^2 P_4$

Linearity?

- Differentiation is a linear operation
  - $(f+g)' = f' + g'$
  - $(af)' = a f'$
- This means that the derivative of the basis is enough to know the derivative of any spline with this basis.
  - Control points are just scalar
- Can be done with matrices
  - Trivial in monomial basis
  - Get lower-order polynomials

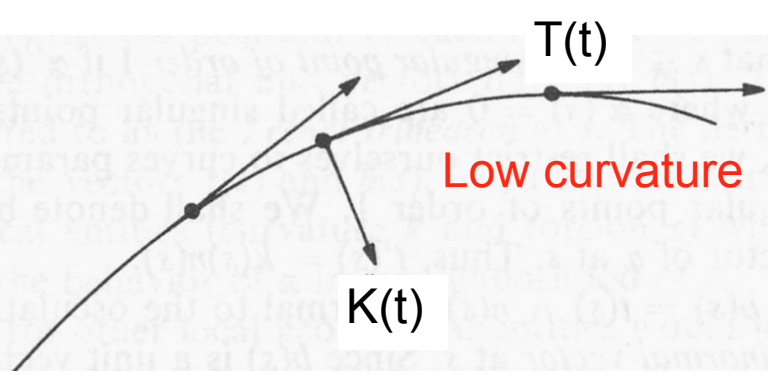
Tangent Vector

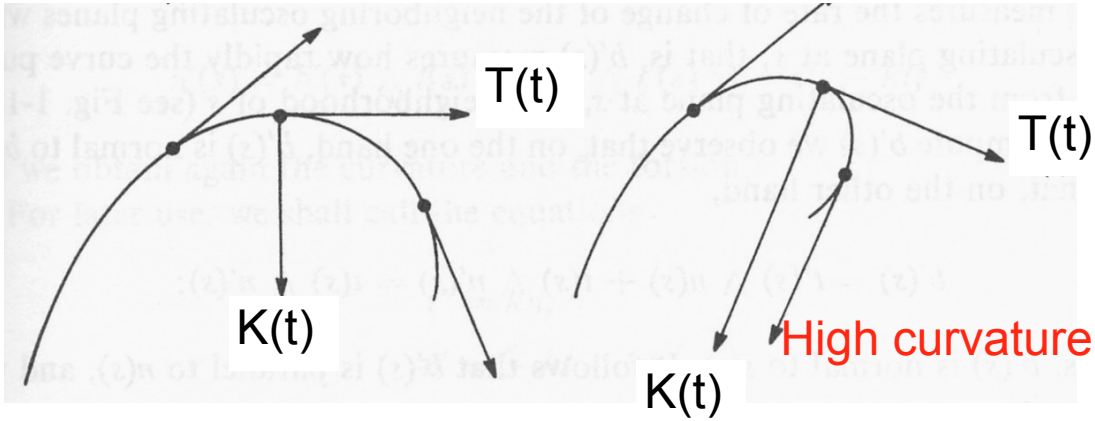
- The tangent to the curve P(t) can be defined as $T(t)=P'(t)/||P'(t)||$
  - normalized velocity, $||T(t)|| = 1$
- This provides us with one orientation for swept surfaces later



Curvature Vector

- Derivative of unit tangent
  - Amount by which a geometric object deviates from being *straight*
  - Defined as K(t)=T'(t)
  - Magnitude ||K(t)|| is constant for a circle
  - Zero for a straight line
- Always orthogonal to tangent, ie. $K \cdot T = 0$

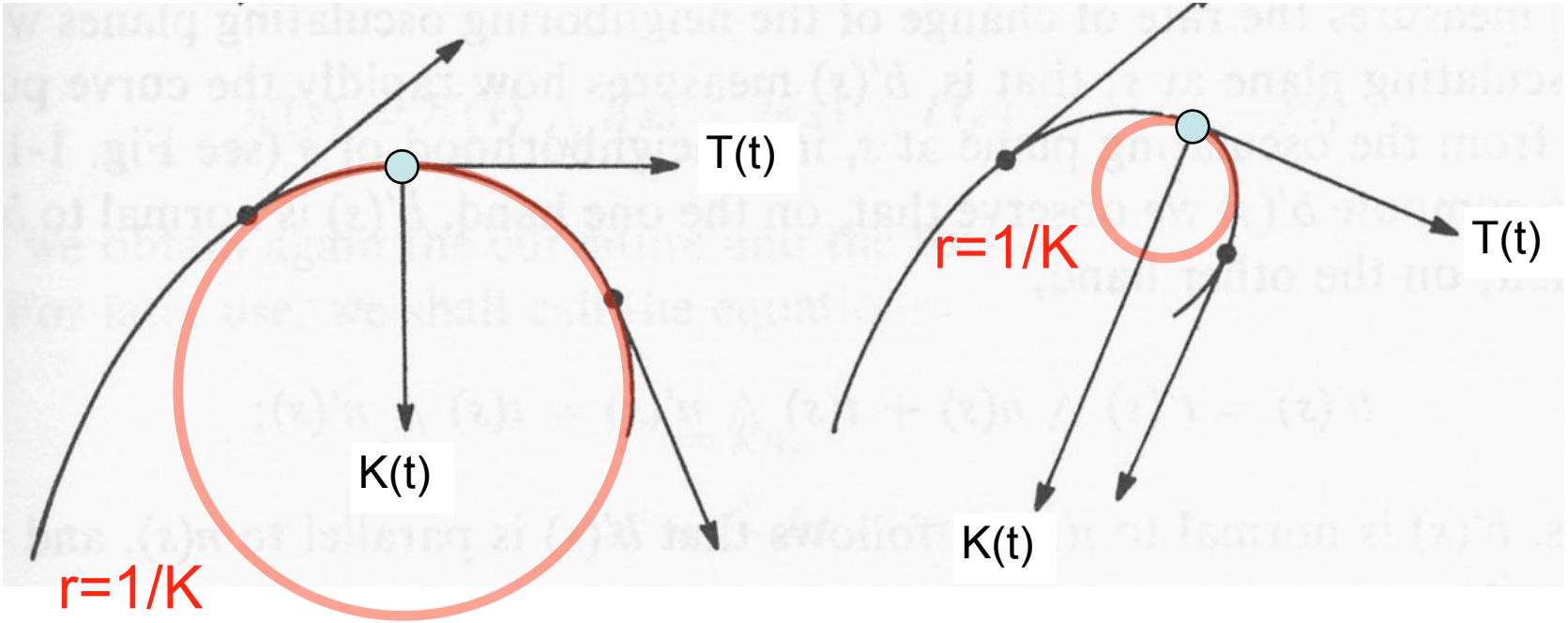




Geometric Interpretation

- 1/||K(t)|| is the radius of the circle that touches P(t) at t and has the same curvature as the curve

You may prove it



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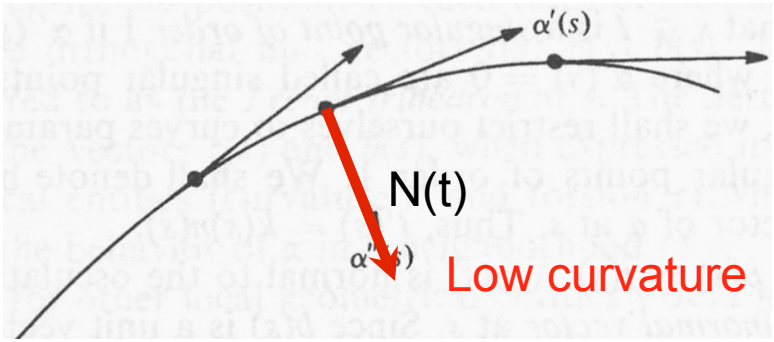

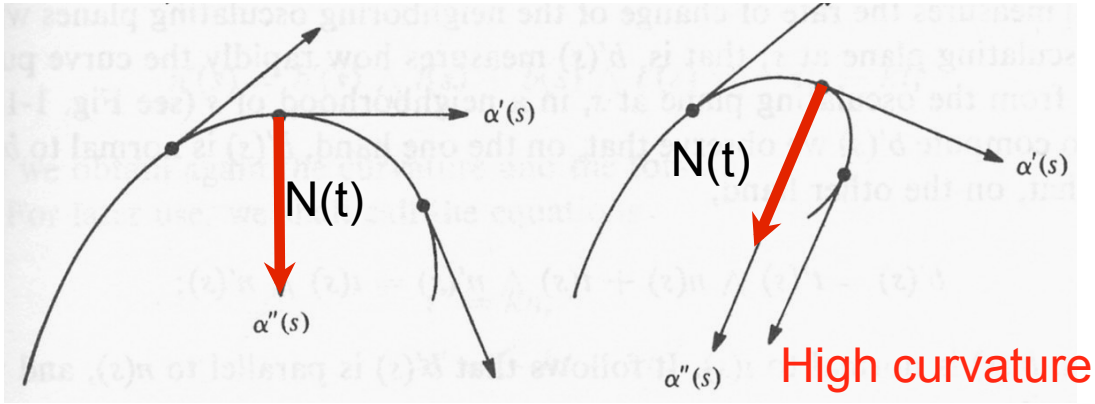

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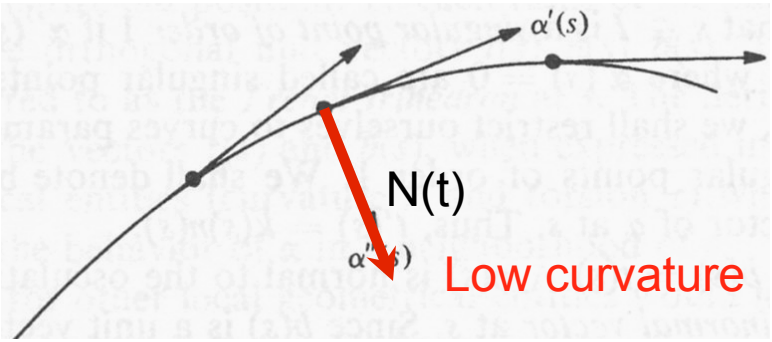

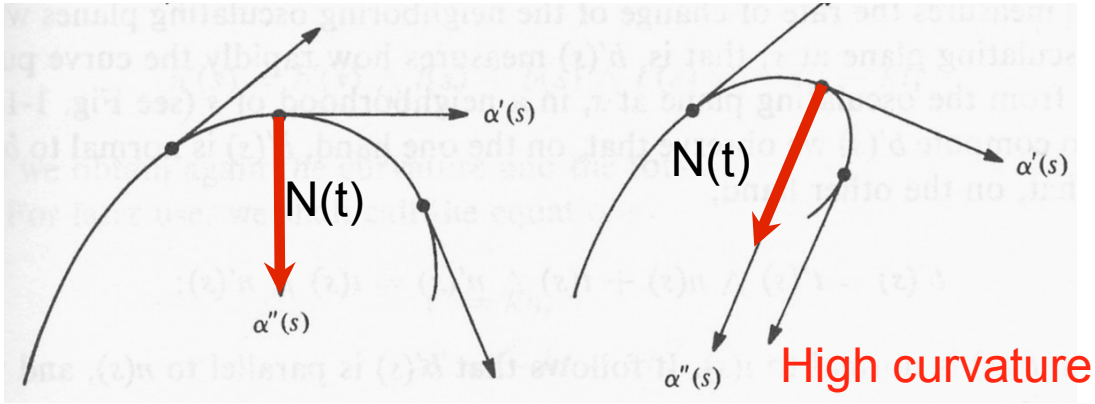

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- C^0 = continuous
  - The seam can be a sharp kink
- G^1 = geometric continuity
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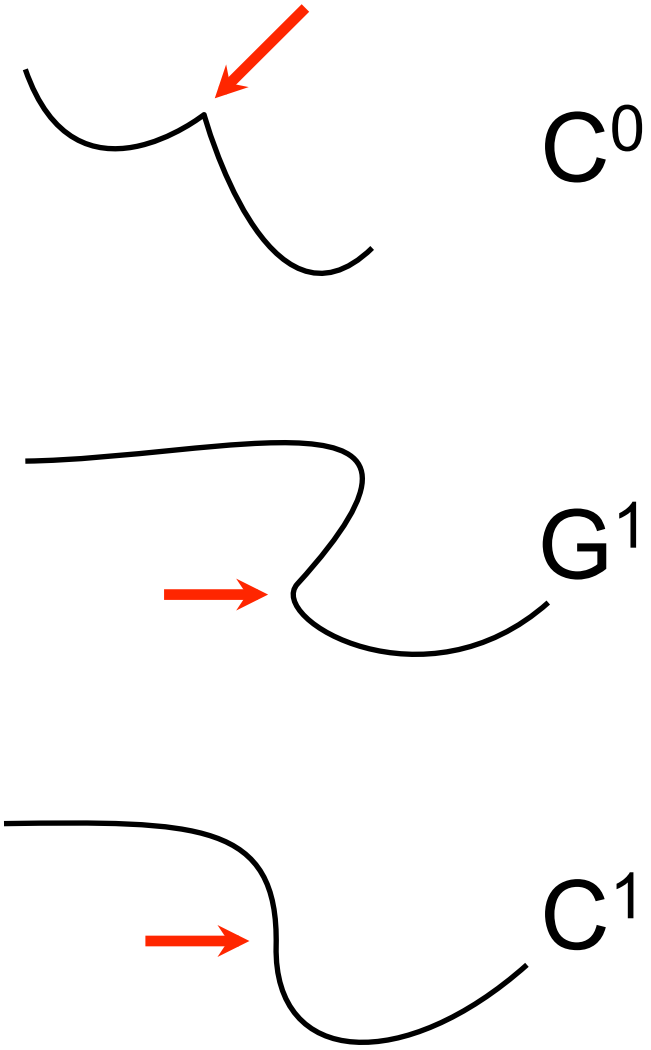
- C^1 = parametric continuity
  - Tangents are the same at the seam, implies G^1
- C^2 = curvature continuity
  - Tangents and their derivatives are the same



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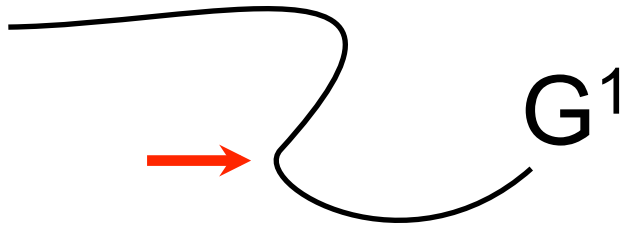

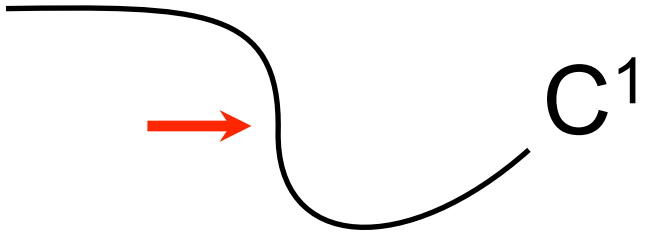

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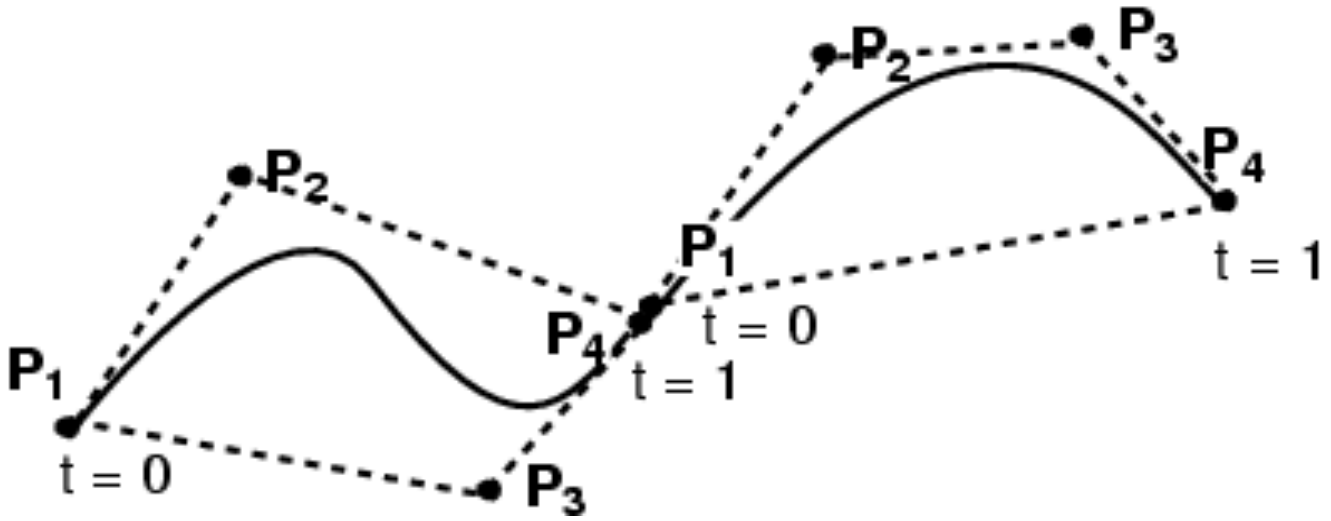

- How can we guarantee C^0 continuity?
- How can we guarantee G^1 continuity?
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- C^2 and above gets difficult

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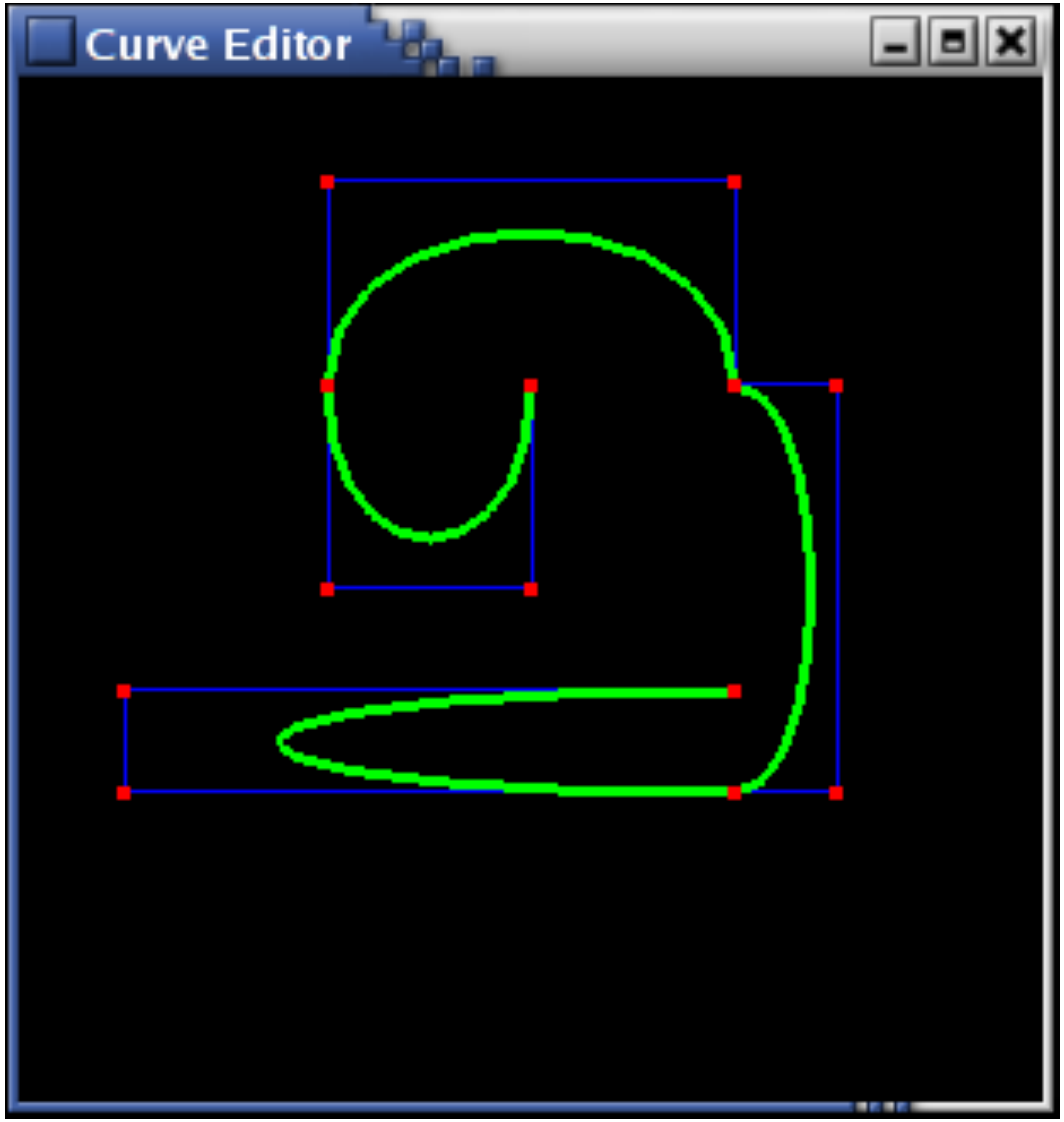

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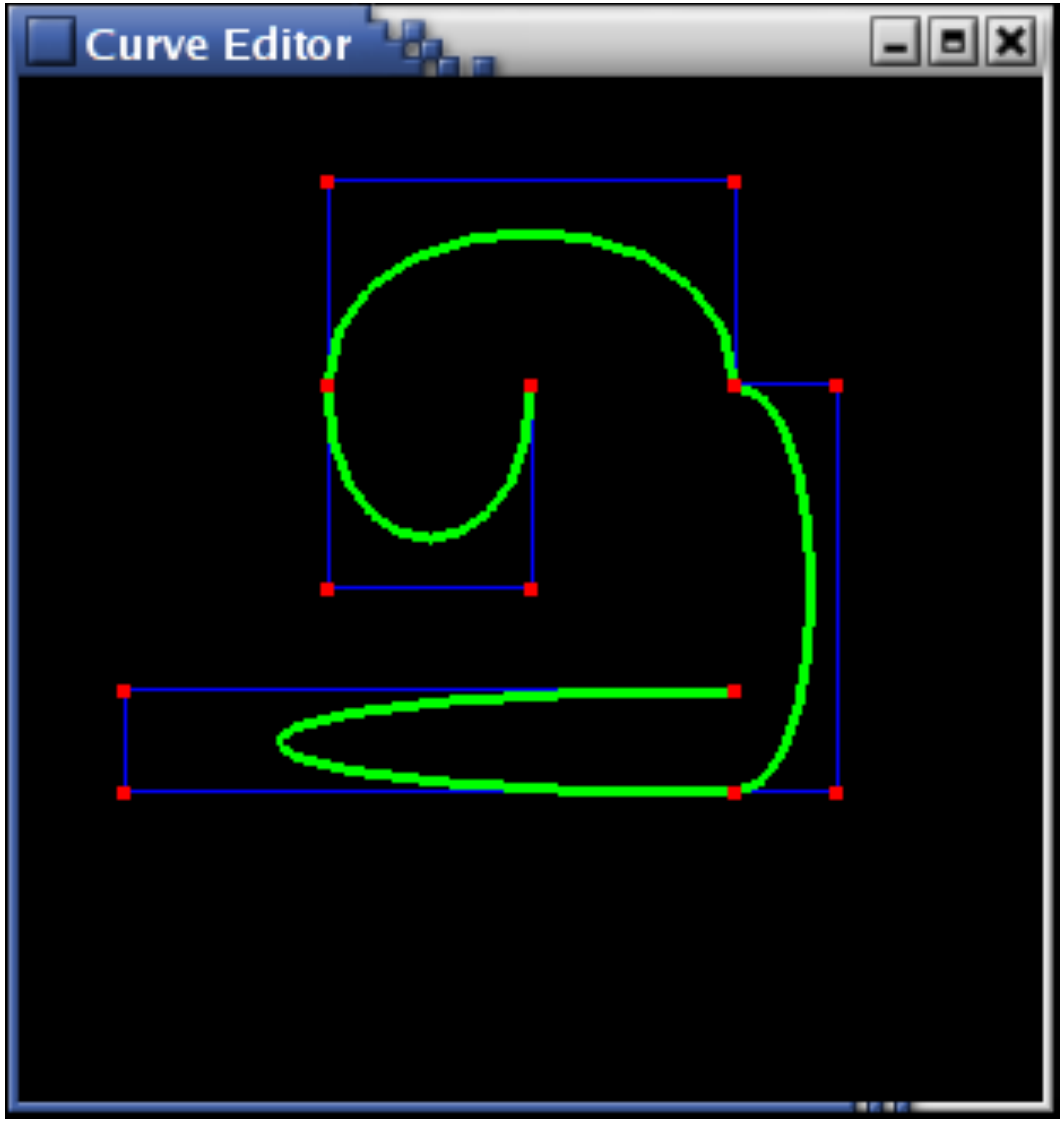

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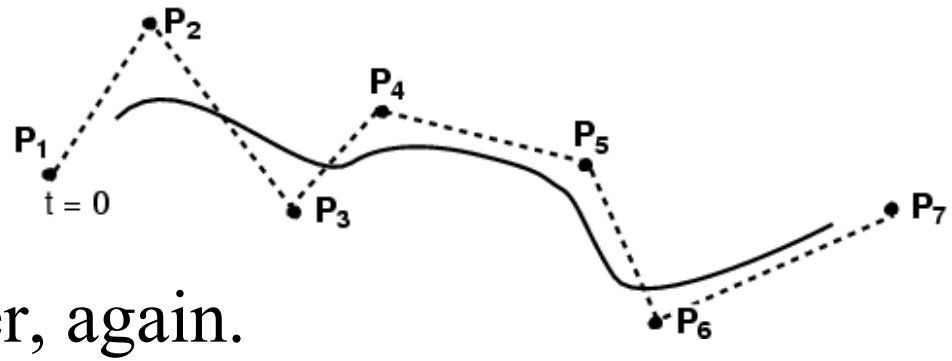

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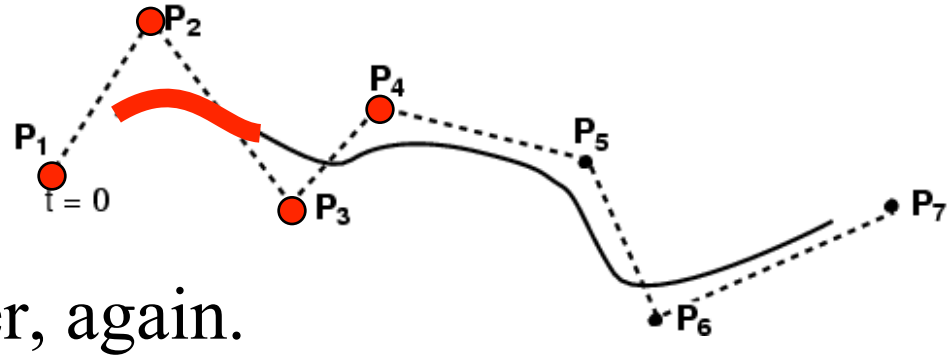

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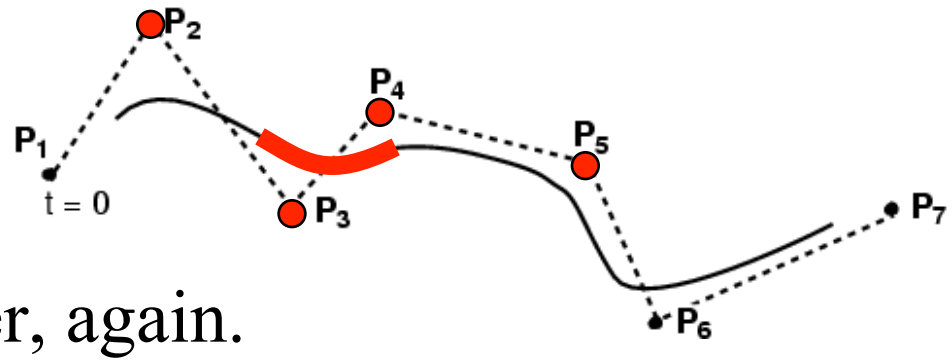

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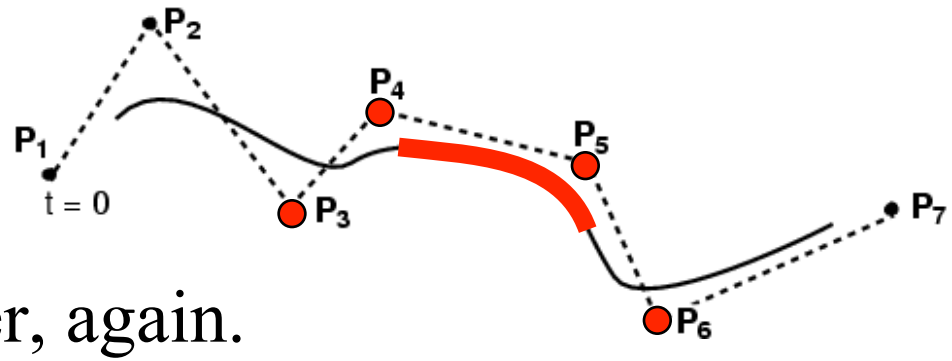

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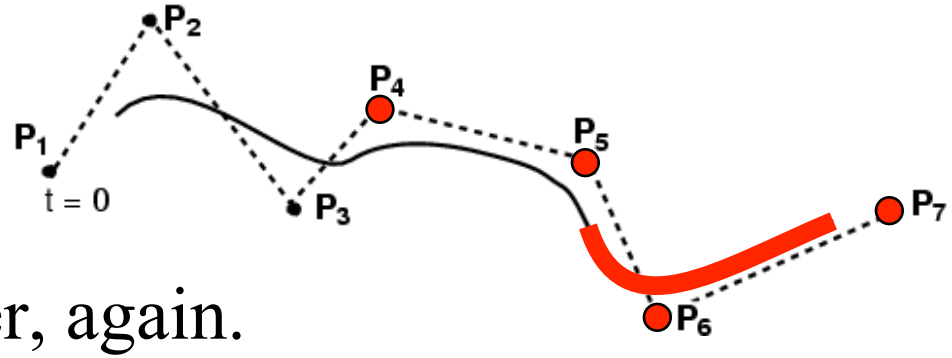
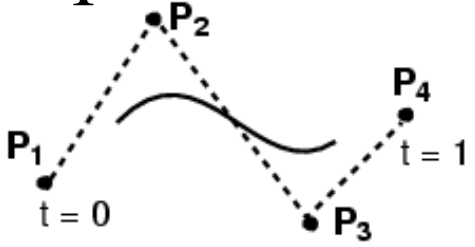
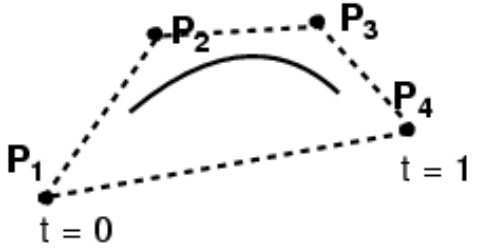
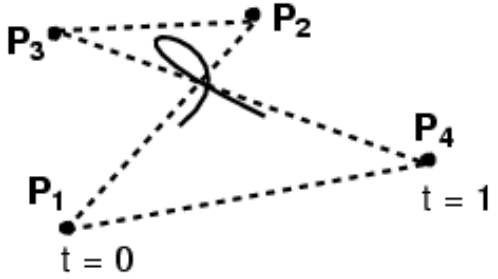
- Curve is not constrained to pass through any control points









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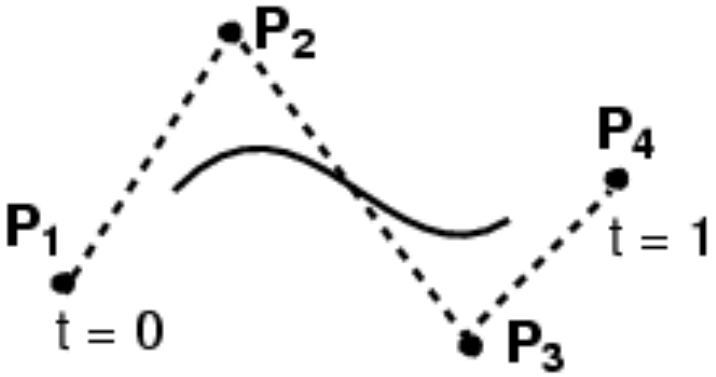
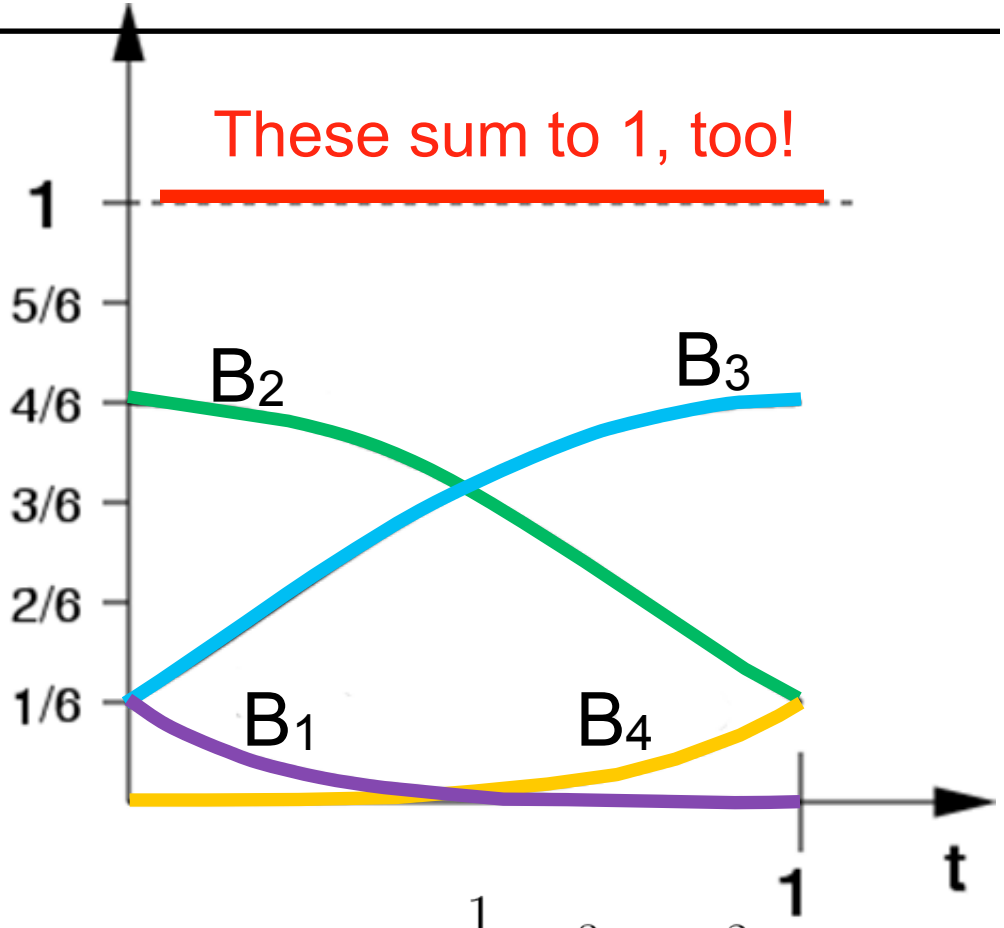


A B-Spline curve is also bounded by the convex hull of its control points.



$$B_1(t) = \frac{1}{6}(1-t)^3$$

$$B_2(t) = \frac{1}{6}(3t^3 - 6t^2 + 4)$$

$$B_3(t) = \frac{1}{6}(-3t^3 + 3t^2 + 3t + 1)$$

$$B_4(t) = \frac{1}{6}t^3$$

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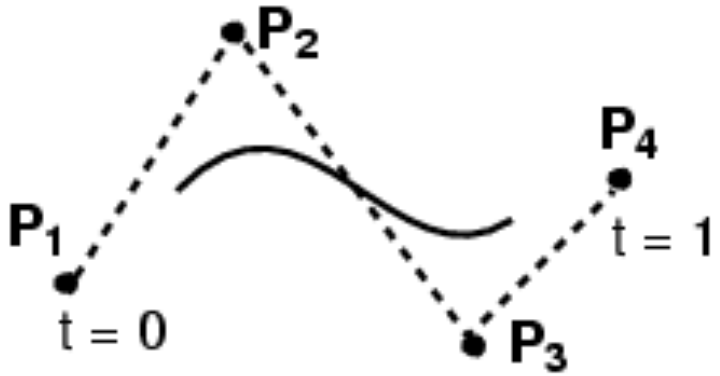
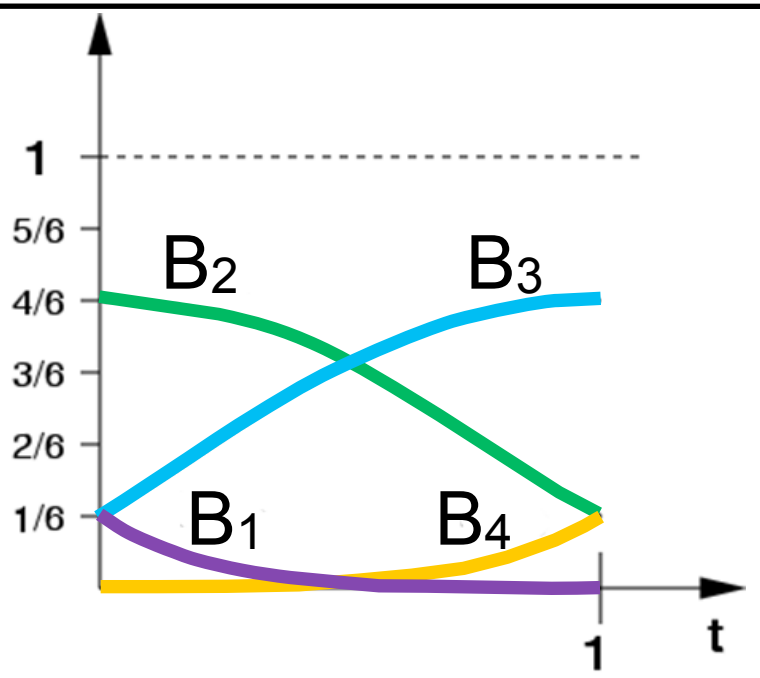




$$Q(t) = \frac{(1-t)^3}{6}P_1 + \frac{3t^3 - 6t^2 + 4}{6}P_2 + \frac{-3t^3 + 3t^2 + 3t + 1}{6}P_3 + \frac{t^3}{6}P_4$$

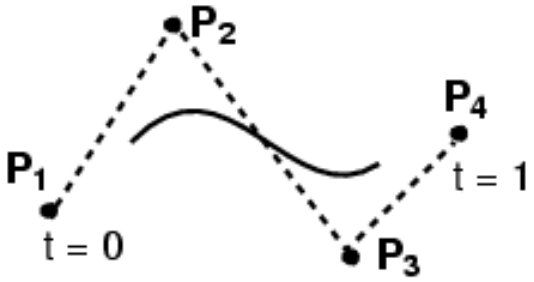
$$Q(t) = \mathbf{GBT(t)}$$

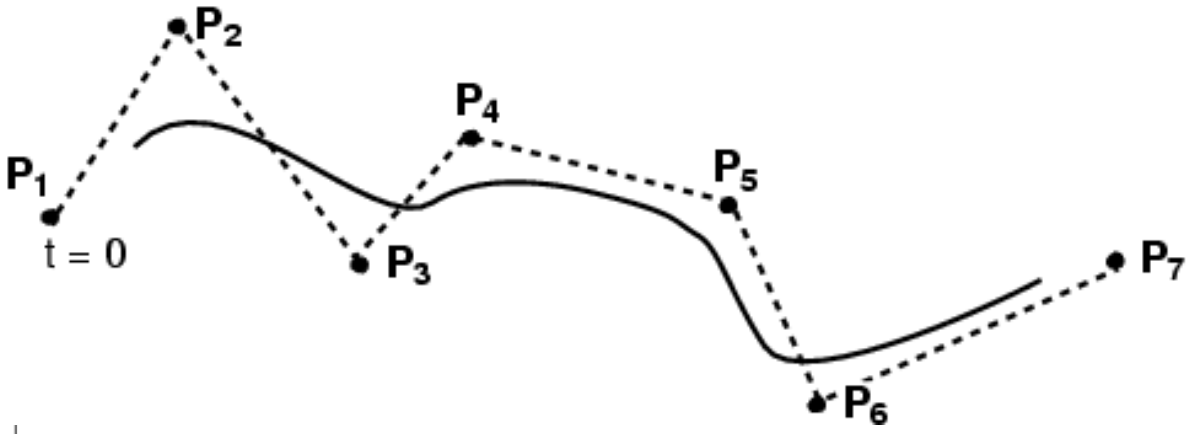
$$B_{B-Spline} = \frac{1}{6}\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3 & 3 & -1 \\ 4 & 0 & -6 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 3 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

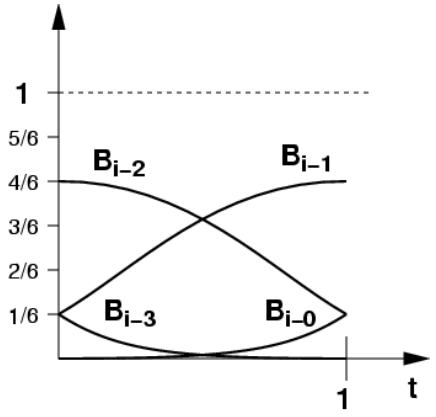
Cubic B-Splines

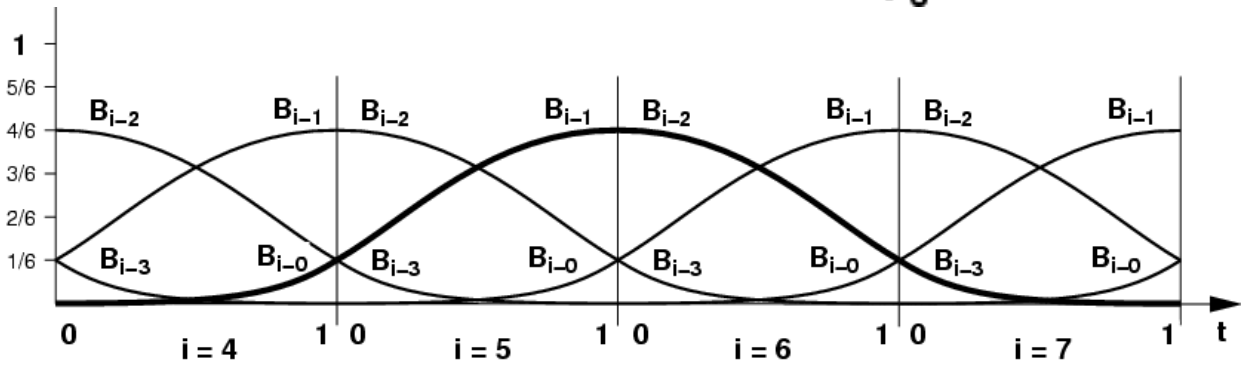
- Local control (windowing)
- Automatically C^2, and no need to match tangents!

verify

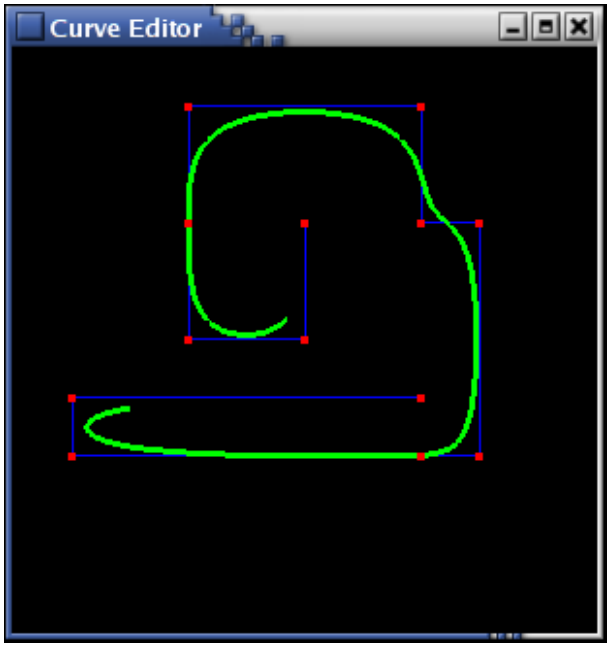




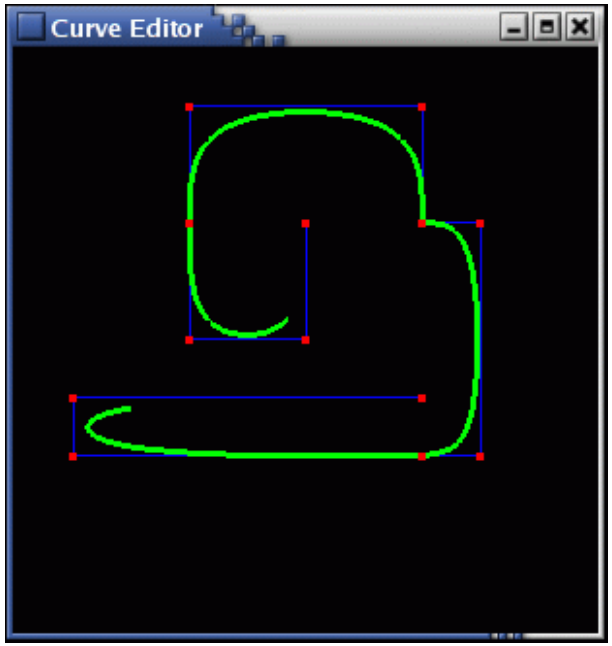




B-Spline Curve Control Points

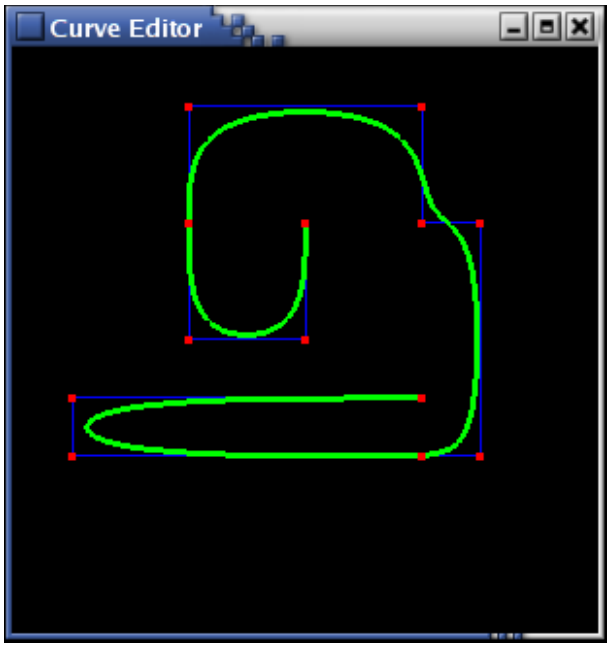


Default B-Spline



B-Spline with derivative discontinuity

Repeat interior control point

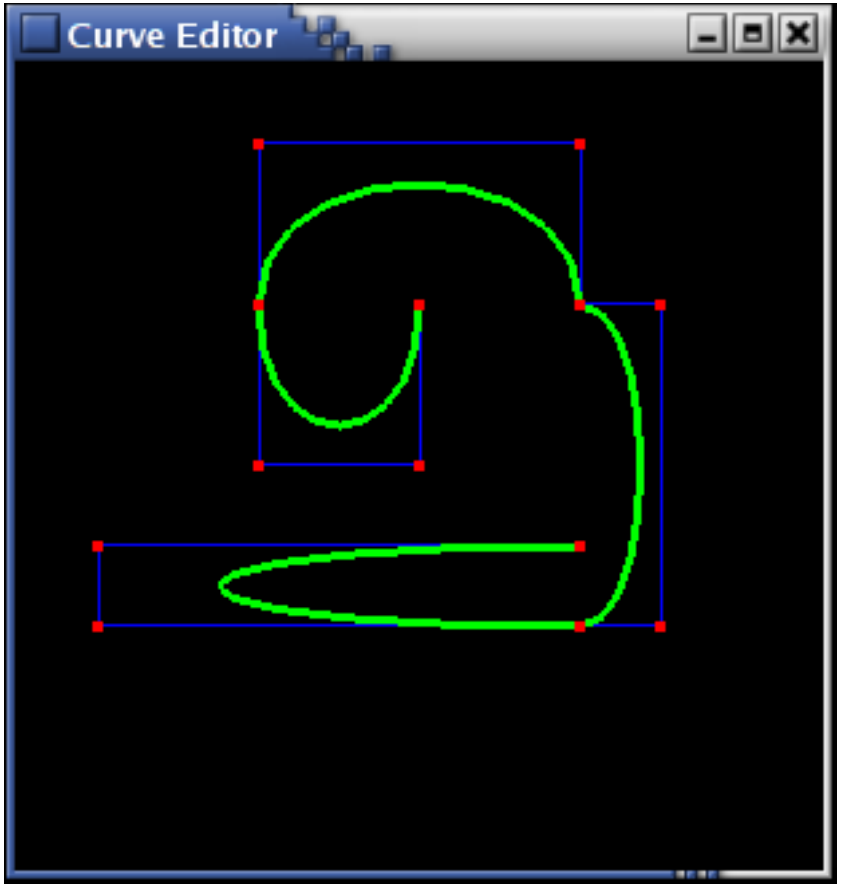


B-Spline which passes through end points

Repeat end points

Try it on Assignment 1!

Bézier ≠ B-Spline



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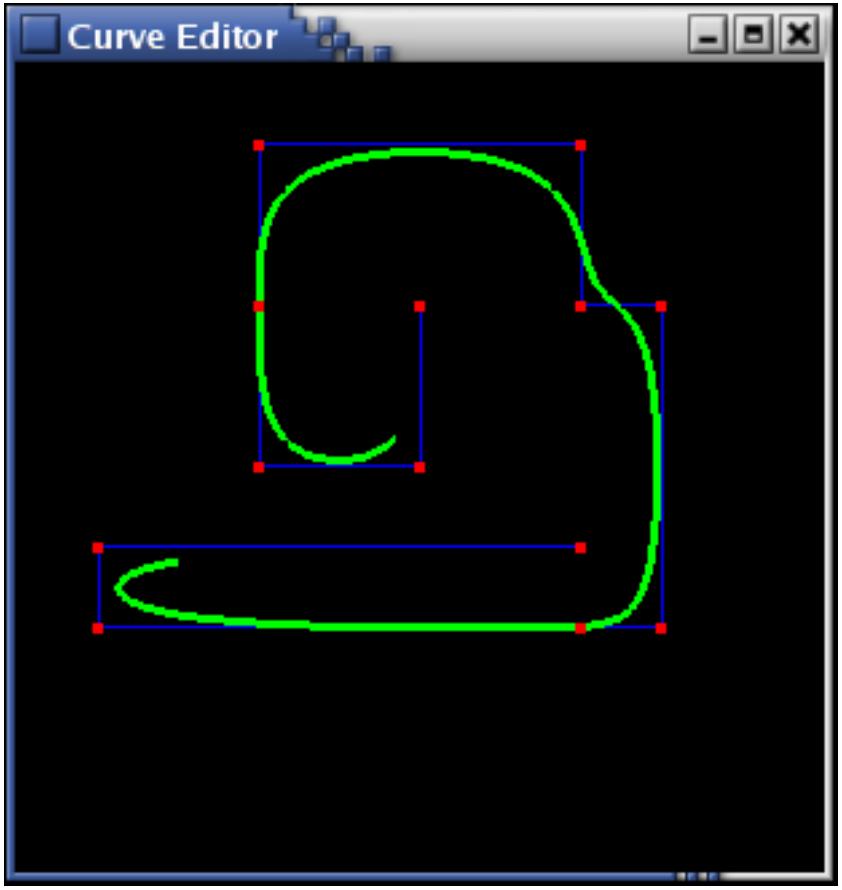

B-Spline

But both are cubics, so one can be converted into the other!

Converting between Bézier & BSpline

$Q(t) = \mathbf{GBT(t)}$ = Geometry $\mathbf{G}$ · Spline Basis $\mathbf{B}$ · Power Basis $\mathbf{T(t)}$

- Simple with the basis matrices!
  - Note that this only works for a single segment of 4 control points

$$B_{Bezier} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3 & 3 & -1 \\ 0 & 3 & -6 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- $P(t) = G\ B_1\ T(t) =$ $G\ B_1\ (B_2^{-1}B_2)\ T(t) =$ $(G\ B_1\ B_2^{-1})\ B_2\ T(t)$

$$B_{B-Spline} = \frac{1}{6}\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3 & 3 & -1 \\ 4 & 0 & -6 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 3 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- $G\ B_1\ B_2^{-1}$ are the control points for the segment in new basis.

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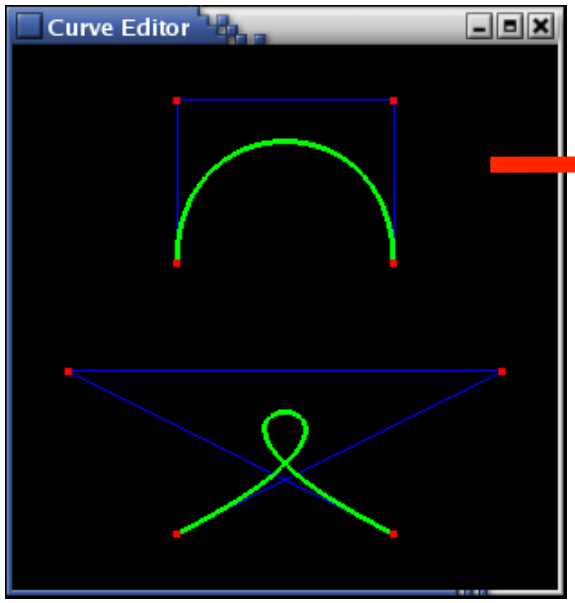

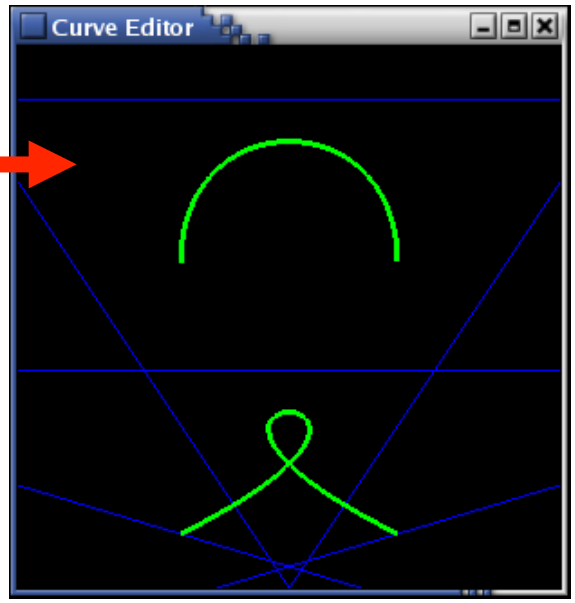

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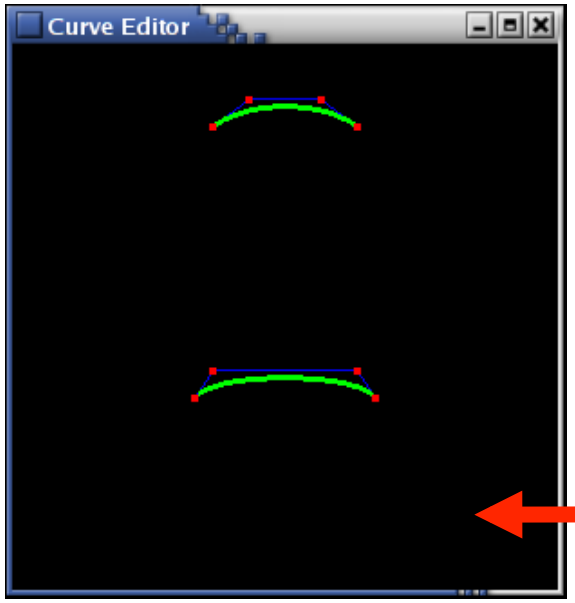

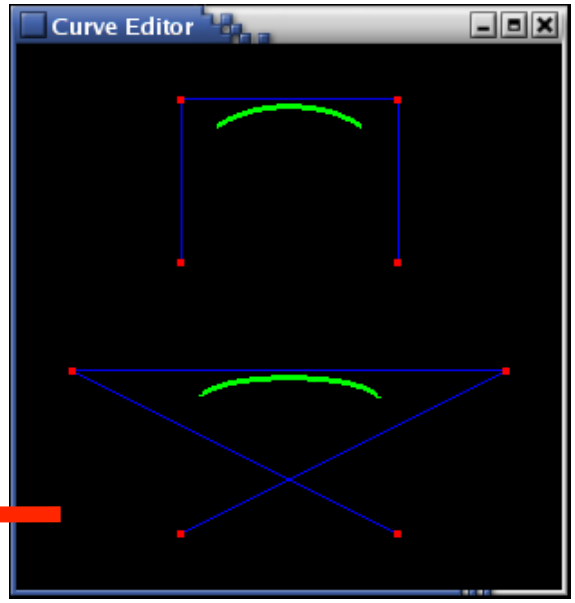

original control points as B-Spline

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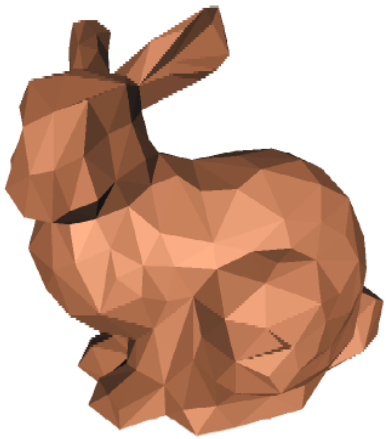
Questions?

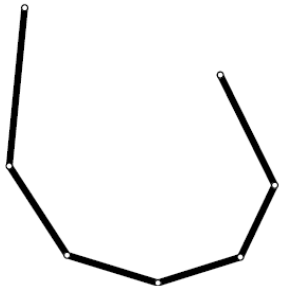
Representing Surfaces

- Triangle meshes
  - Surface analogue of polylines, this is what GPUs draw
- Tensor Product Splines
  - Surface analogue of spline curves
- Subdivision surfaces
- Implicit surfaces
  - f(x,y,z)=0
- Procedural
  - e.g. surfaces of revolution, generalized cylinder
- From volume data (medical images, etc.) – more in computational fabrication, Term 8

Triangle Meshes

- What you've used so far in Assignment 0
- Triangle represented by 3 vertices
- **Pro**: simple, can be rendered directly
- **Cons**: not smooth, needs many triangles to approximate smooth surfaces (tessellation)



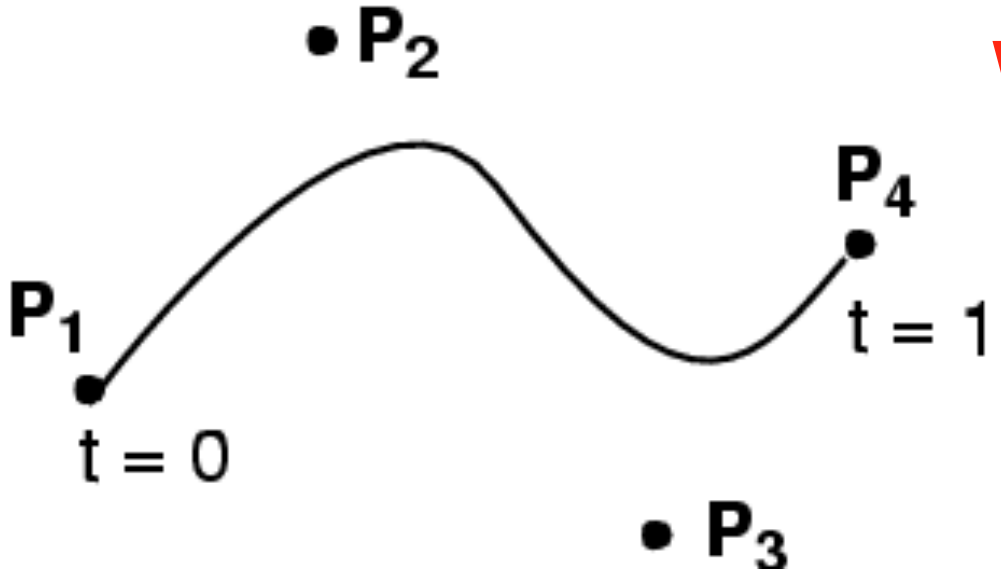


Smooth Surfaces?

- $P(t) = (1-t)^3 P_1 + 3t(1-t)^2 P_2 + 3t^2(1-t) P_3 + t^3 P_4$

What's the dimensionality of a curve? 1D!

What about a surface?



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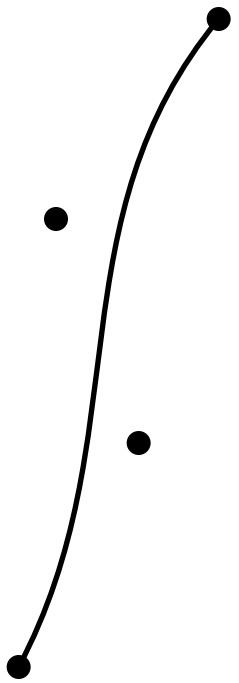

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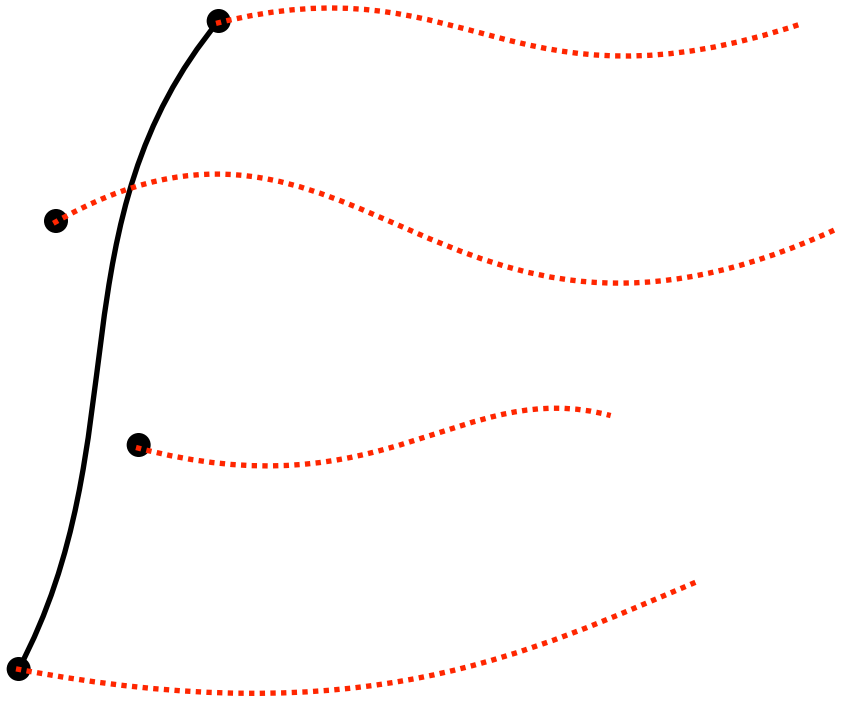

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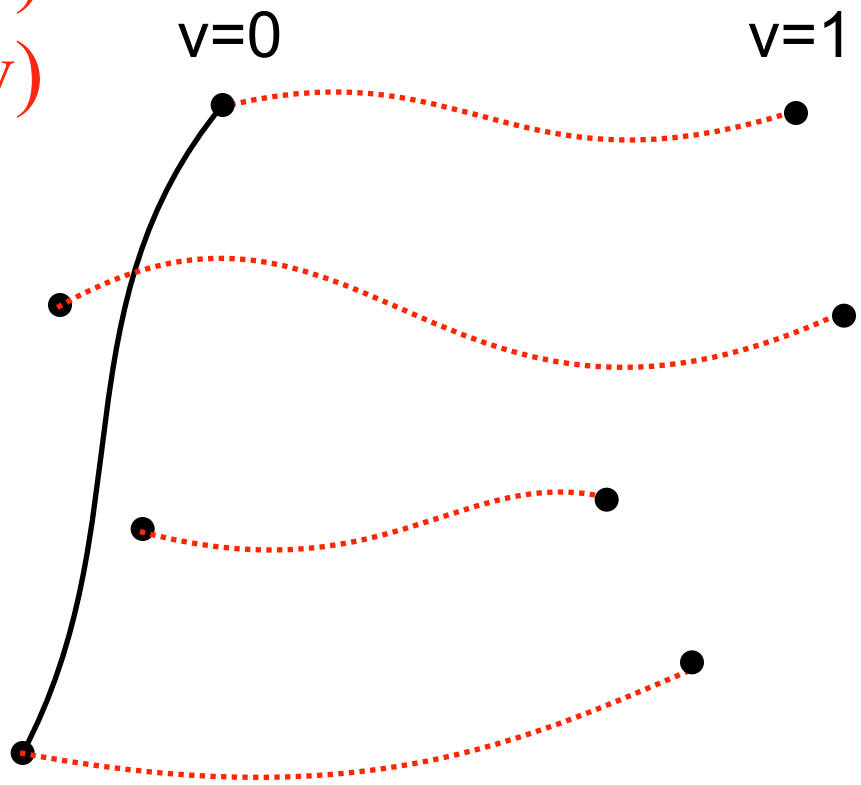

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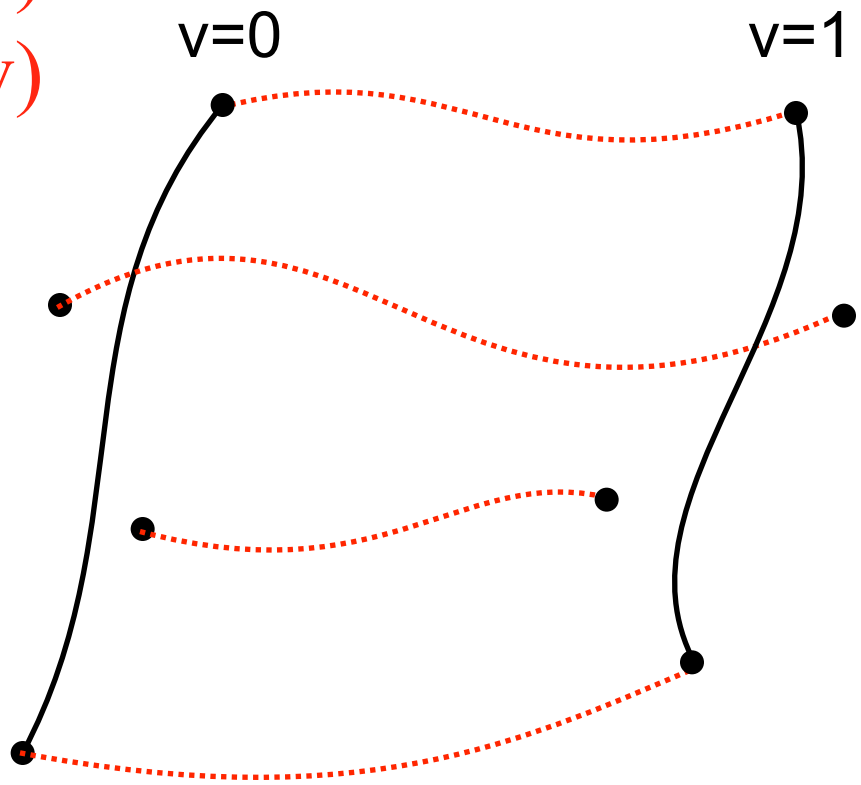

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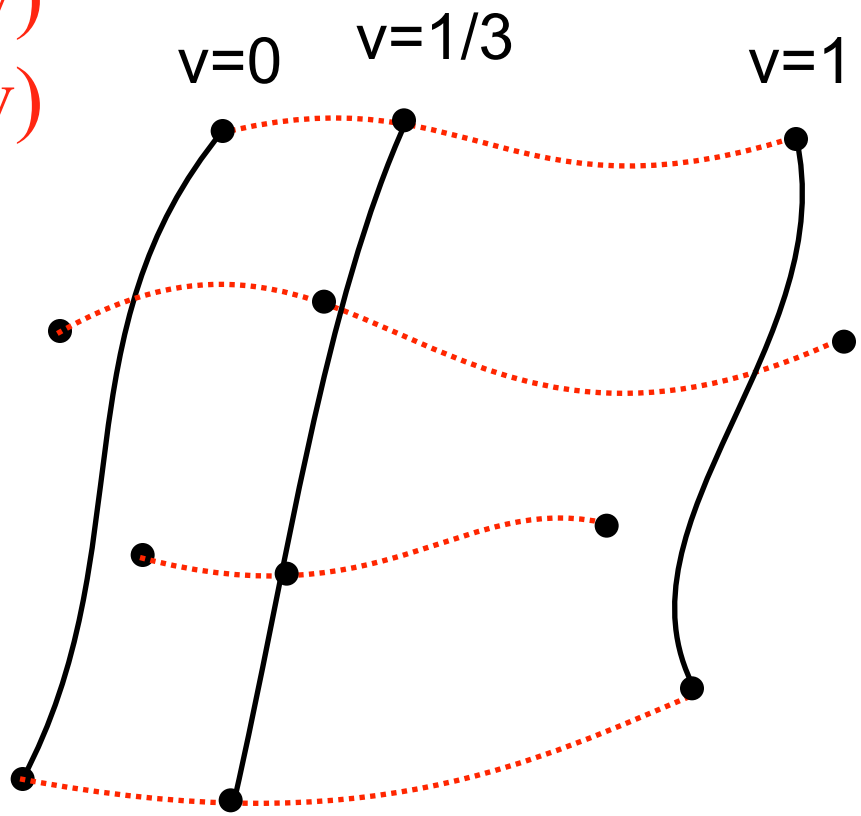

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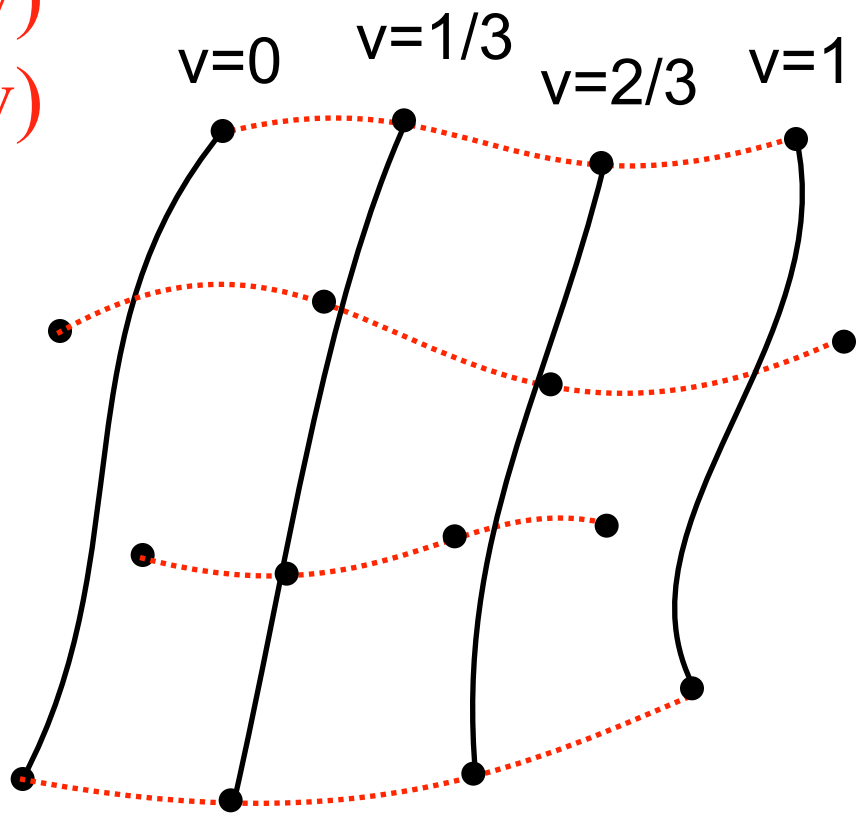

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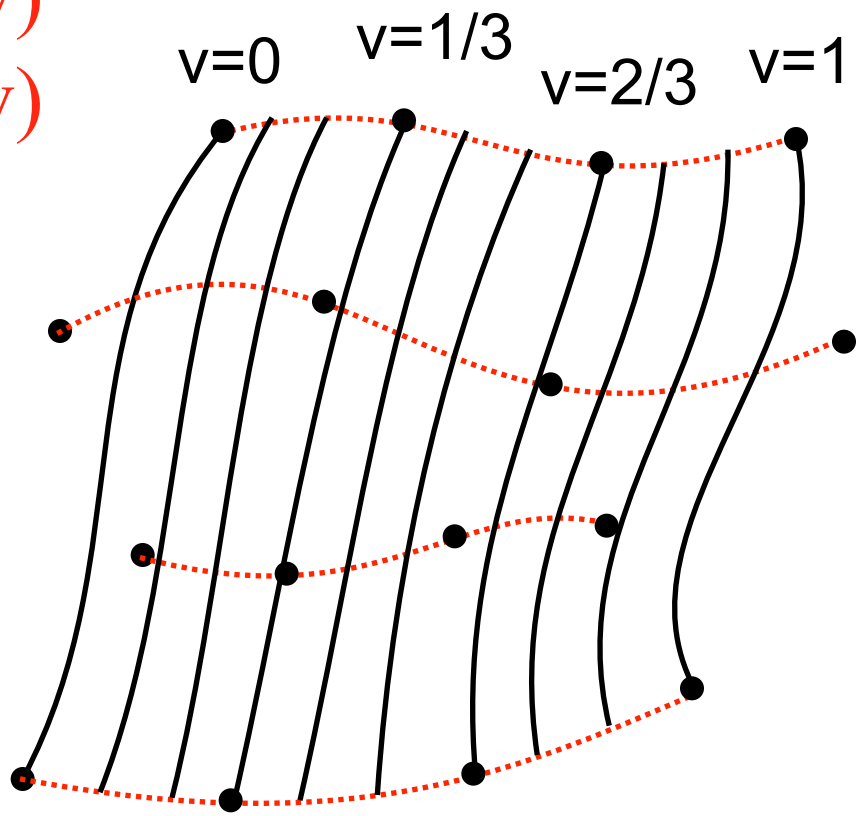

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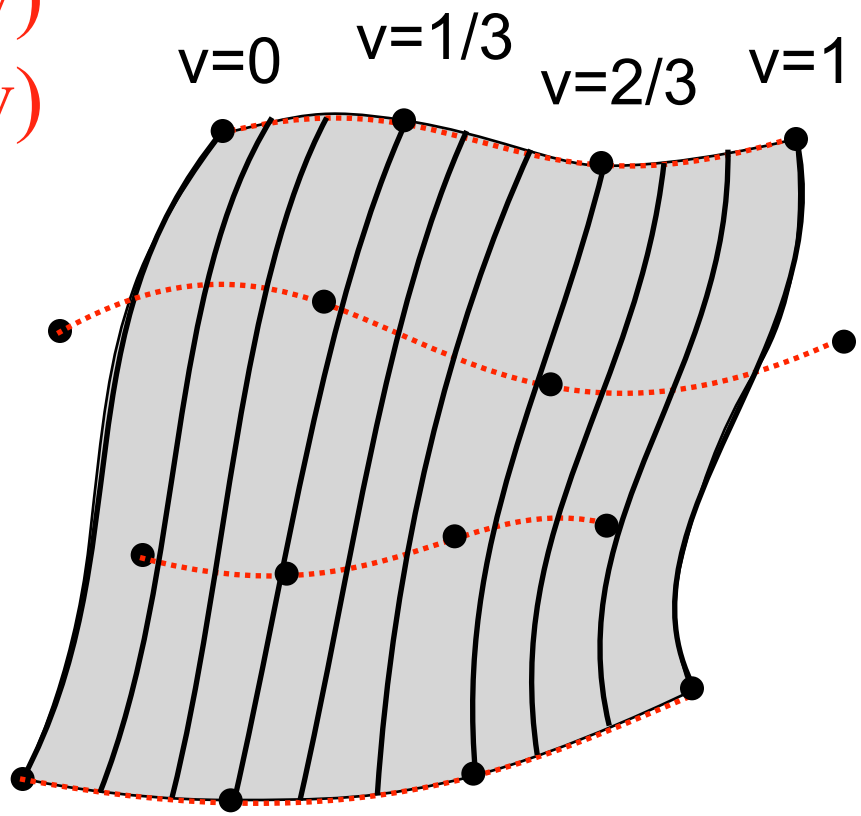
A 2D surface patch!



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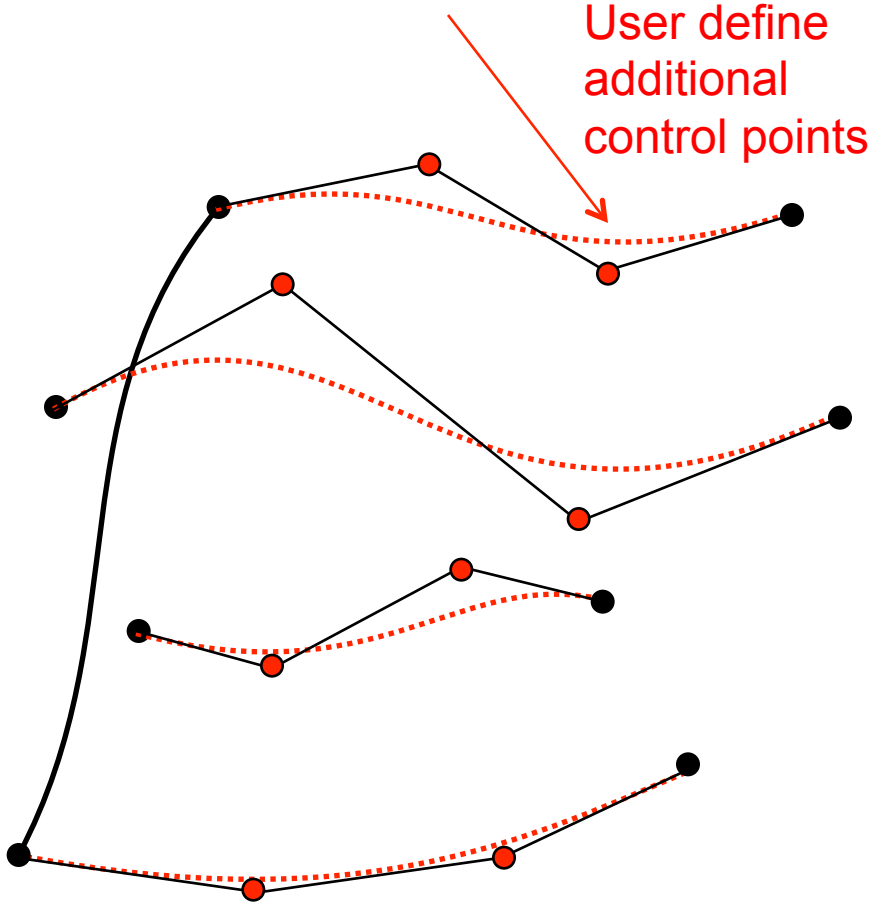

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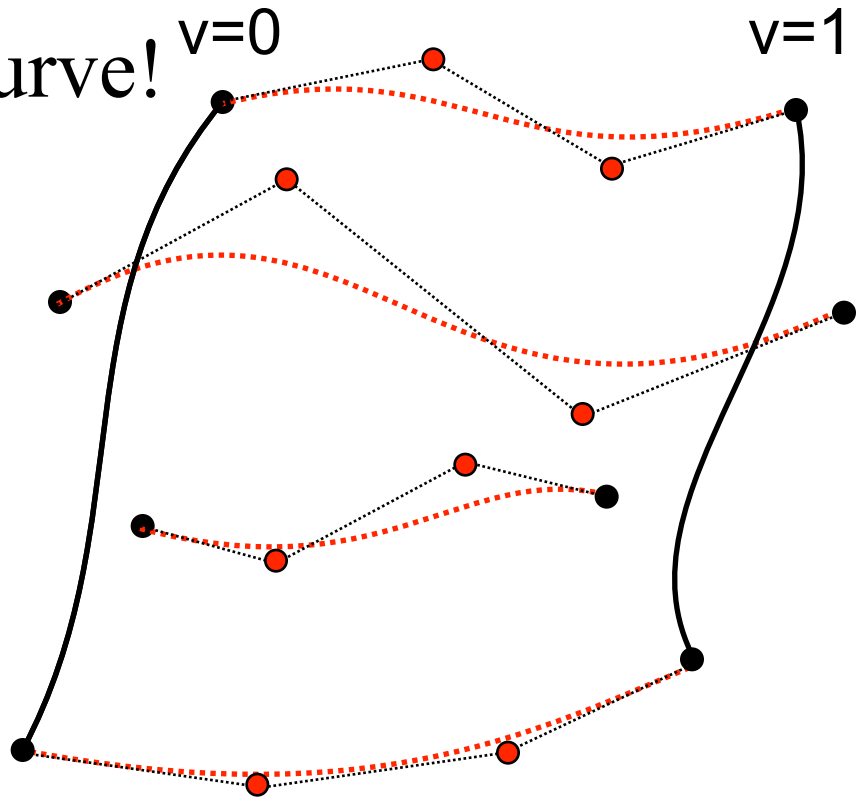
  => 4 control points



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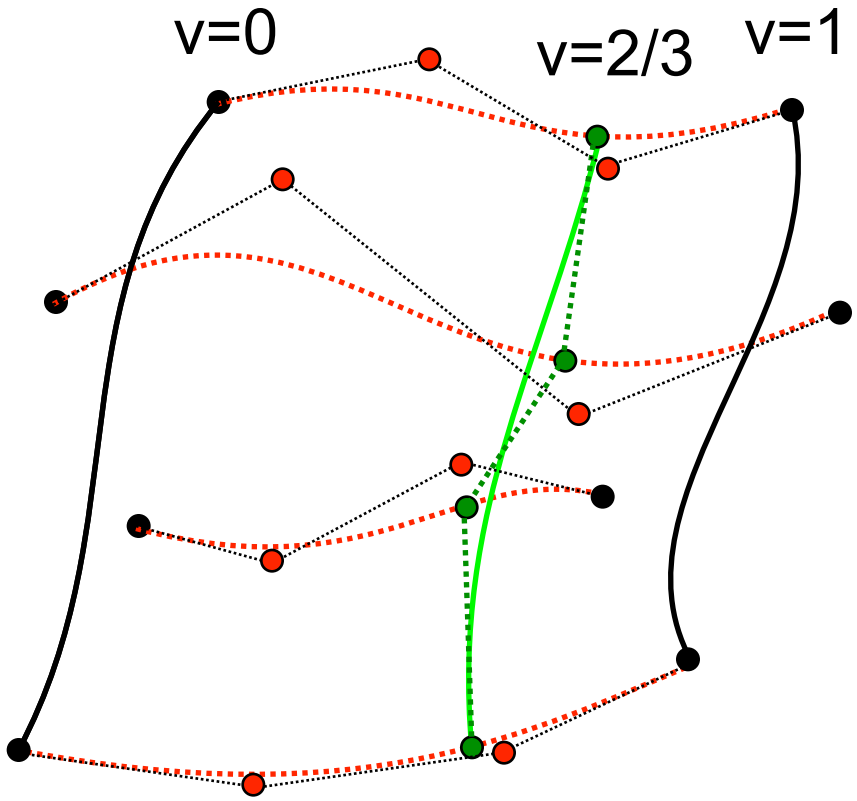

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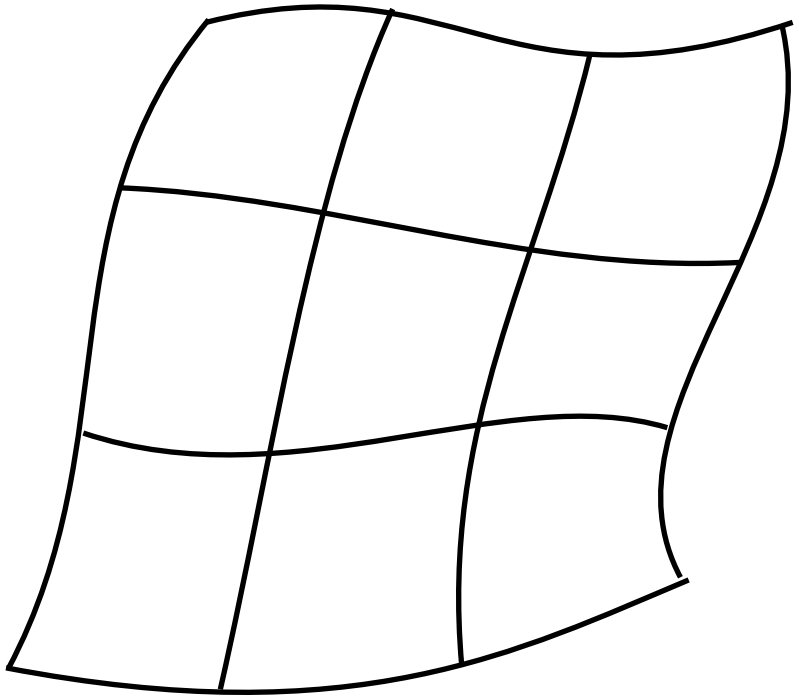
A bicubic Bézier surface



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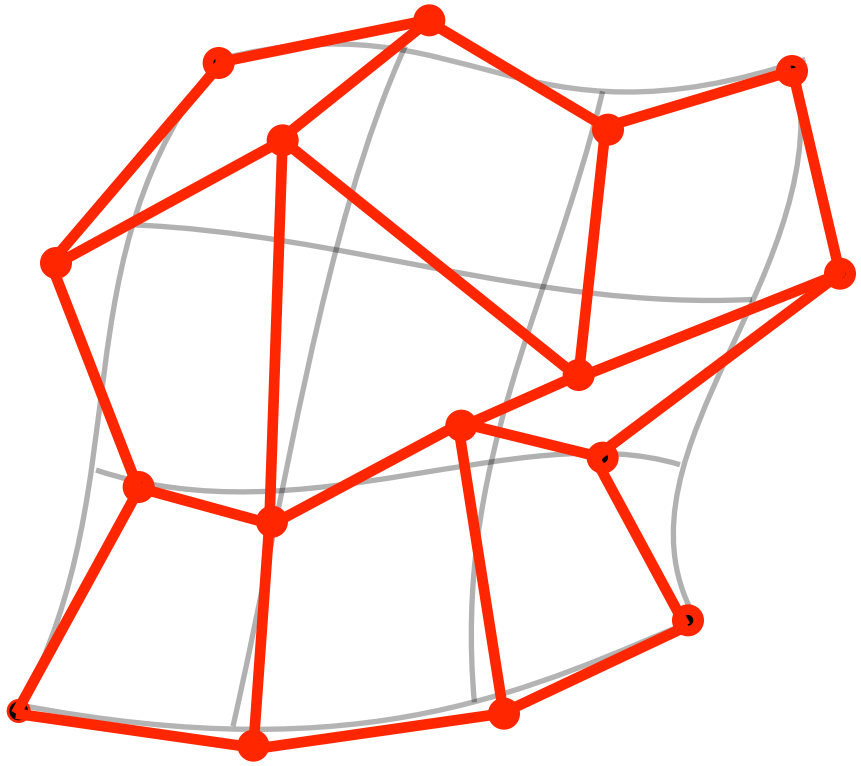
The “Control Mesh”
16 control points



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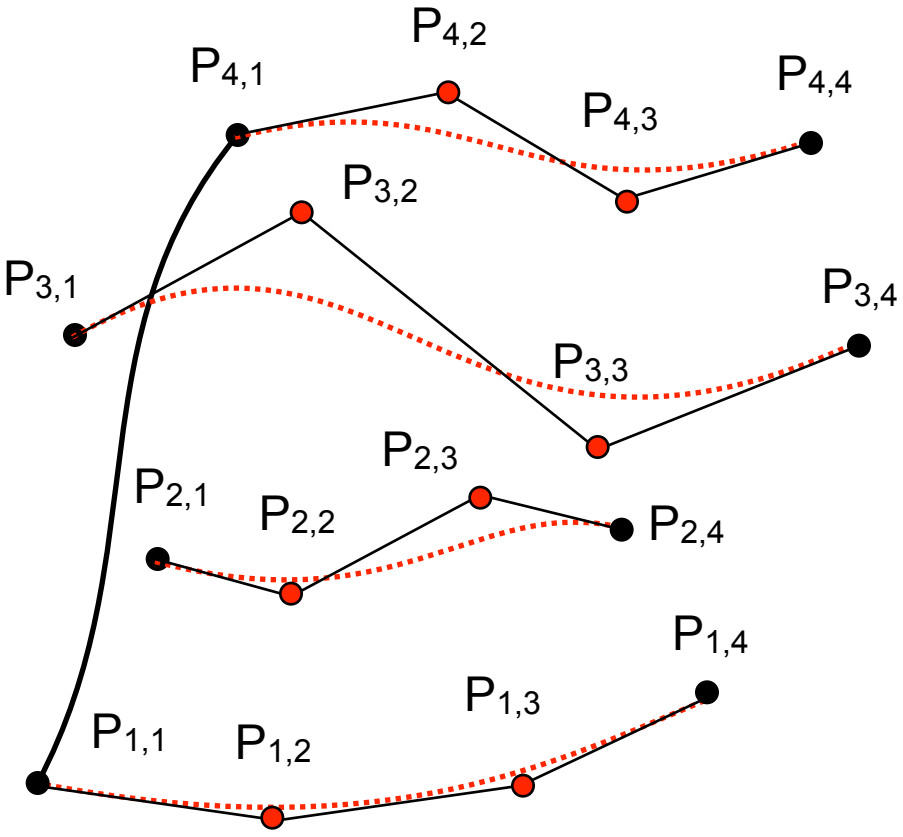

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16 2D basis functions $B_{i,j}$

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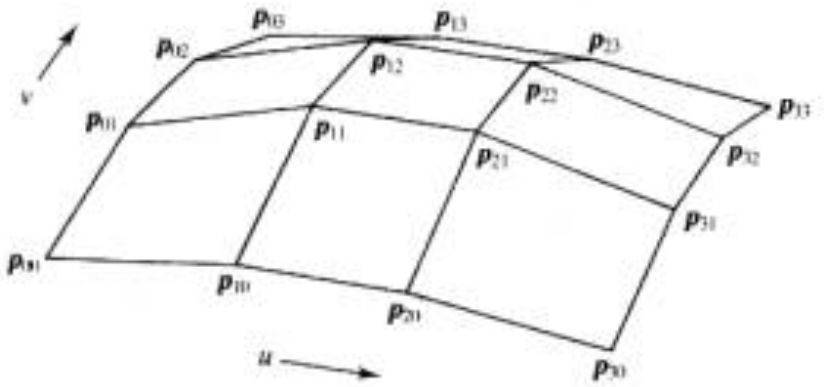

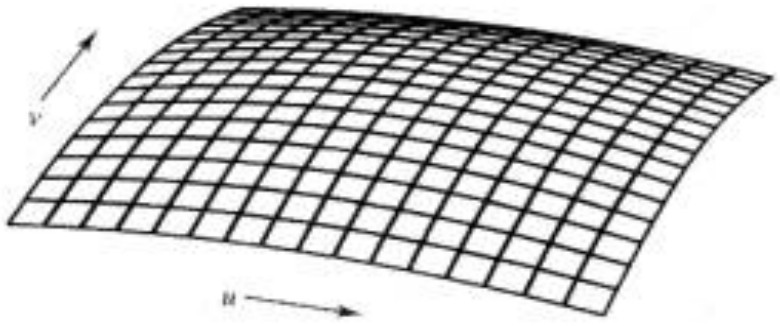

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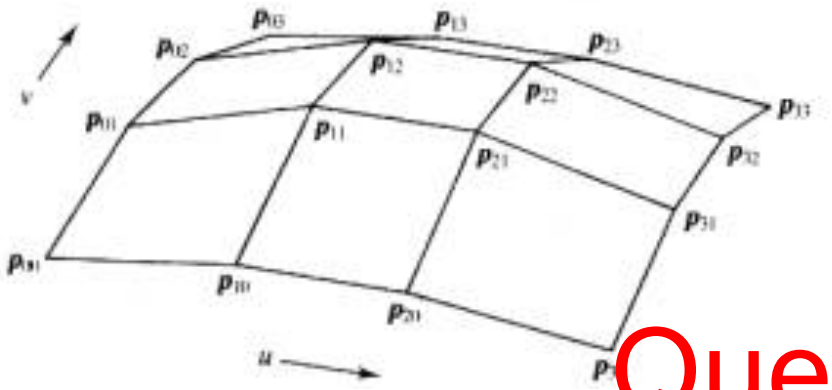

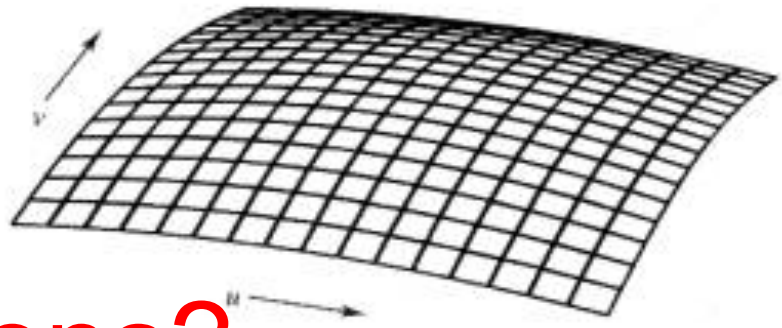

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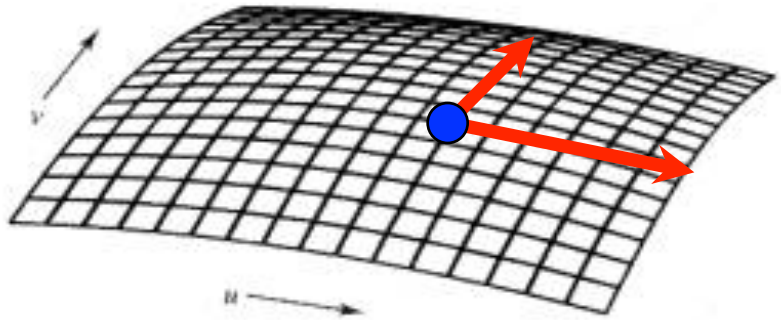

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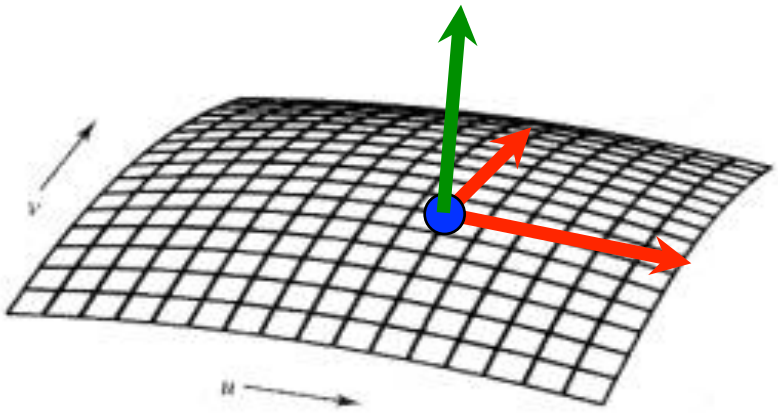

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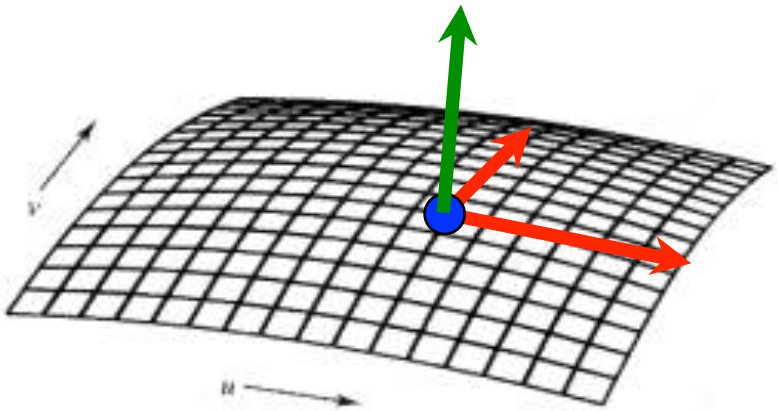

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Recap: Matrix Notation for Curves

- Cubic Bézier in matrix notation

point on curve
(2x1 vector)

$$\mathrm{P}(\mathrm{t}) = \begin{pmatrix} x(t) \\ y(t) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 & x_2 & x_3 & x_4 \\ y_1 & y_2 & y_3 & y_4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3 & 3 & -1 \\ 0 & 3 & -6 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ t \\ t^2 \\ t^3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Canonical
"power basis"

"Geometry matrix"
of control points $P_1..P_4$
(2 x 4)

"Spline matrix"
(Bernstein)

Hardcore: Matrix Notation for Patches

- Not required, but convenient!

$$P(u,v) = \sum_{i=1}^{4} B_i(u) \left[\sum_{j=1}^{4} P_{i,j}\, B_j(v) \right]$$

x coordinate of surface at (u,v)

$$P^x(u,v) =$$

Column vector of basis functions (v)

$$(B_1(u), \ldots, B_4(u)) \begin{pmatrix} P^x_{1,1} & \cdots & P^x_{1,4} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ P^x_{4,1} & \cdots & P^x_{4,4} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} B_1(v) \\ \vdots \\ B_4(v) \end{pmatrix}$$

Row vector of basis functions (u)

4x4 matrix of x coordinates of the control points

Hardcore: Matrix Notation for Patches

- Curves:

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- Surfaces:

$$P^x(u,v) = \boldsymbol{T}(u)^{\mathrm{T}}\,\boldsymbol{B}^{\mathrm{T}}\,\boldsymbol{G}^x\,\boldsymbol{B}\,\boldsymbol{T}(v)$$

A separate 4x4 geometry matrix for x, y, z

- T = power basis
  B = spline matrix
  G = geometry matrix

Super Hardcore: Tensor Notation

- You can stack the G^x, G^y, G^z matrices into a geometry tensor of control points
  - I.e., $G^k_{i,j}$ = the k^{th} coordinate of control point $P_{i,j}$
  - A cube of numbers!

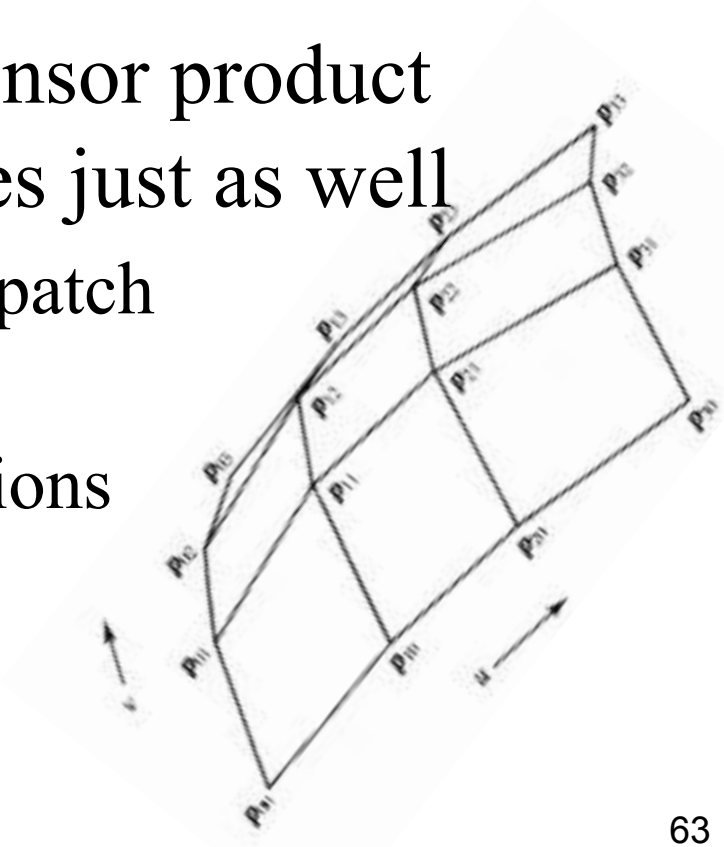
$$P^k(u,v) = \boldsymbol{T}^l(u)\,\boldsymbol{B}^i_l\,\boldsymbol{G}^k_{ij}\,\boldsymbol{B}^j_m\,\boldsymbol{T}^m(v)$$

- "Definitely not required, but nice!
  - See http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Multilinear_algebra

Tensor Product B-Spline Patches

- Bézier and B-Spline curves are both cubics
  - Can change between representations using matrices

- Consequently, you can build tensor product surface patches out of B-Splines just as well
  - Still 4x4 control points for each patch
  - 2D basis functions are pairwise products of B-Spline basis functions
  - Yes, simple!

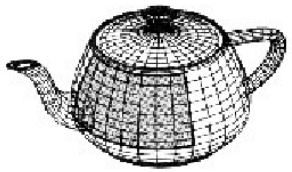


Tensor Product Spline Patches

- Pros
  - Smooth
  - Defined by reasonably small set of points
- Cons
  - Harder to render (usually converted to triangles)
  - Tricky to ensure continuity at patch boundaries
- Extensions
  - Rational splines: Splines in homogeneous coordinates
  - NURBS: Non-Uniform Rational B-Splines
    - Like curves: ratio of polynomials, non-uniform location of control points, etc.

Utah Teapot: Tensor Bézier Splines

- Designed by Martin Newell 1975



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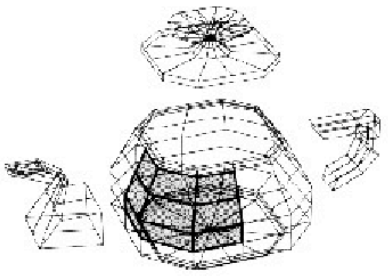
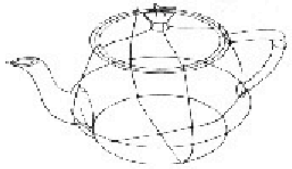


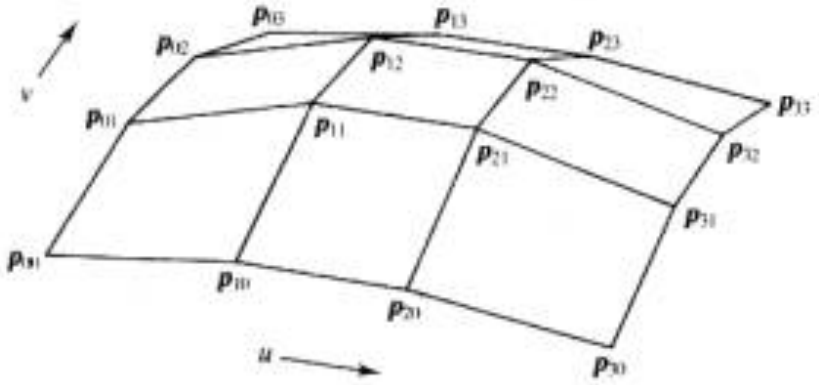
wireframe of the control points

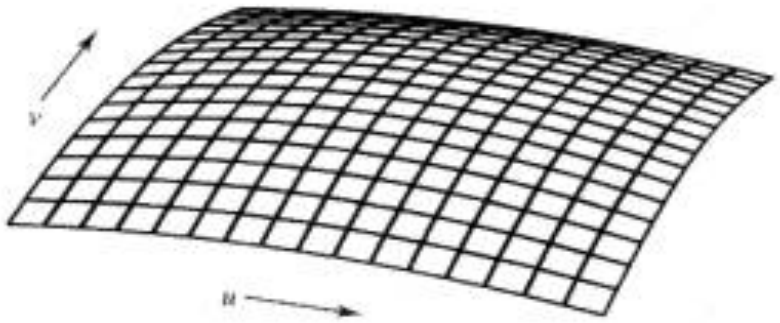


Patch edges

Cool: Displacement Mapping

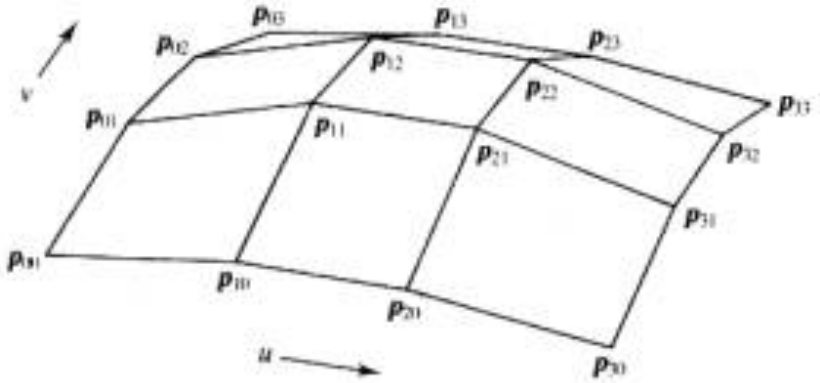
- Not all surfaces are smooth...

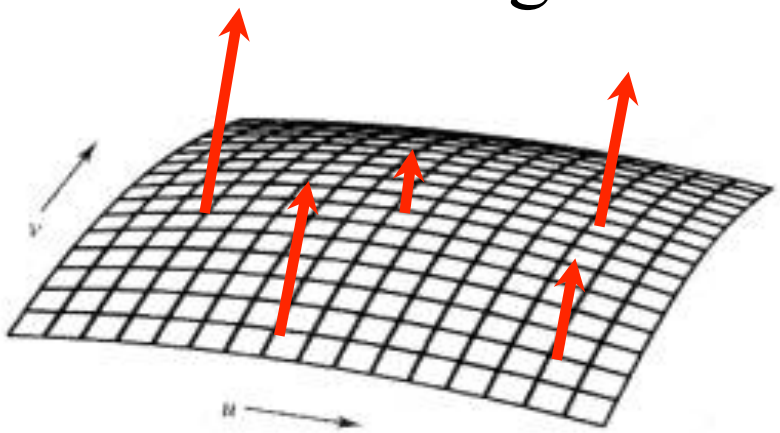




Cool: Displacement Mapping

- Not all surfaces are smooth...
- "Paint" displacements on a smooth surface
  - For example, in the direction of normal
- Tessellate smooth patch into fine grid, then add displacement D(u,v) to vertices
- Heavily used in movies, more and more in games





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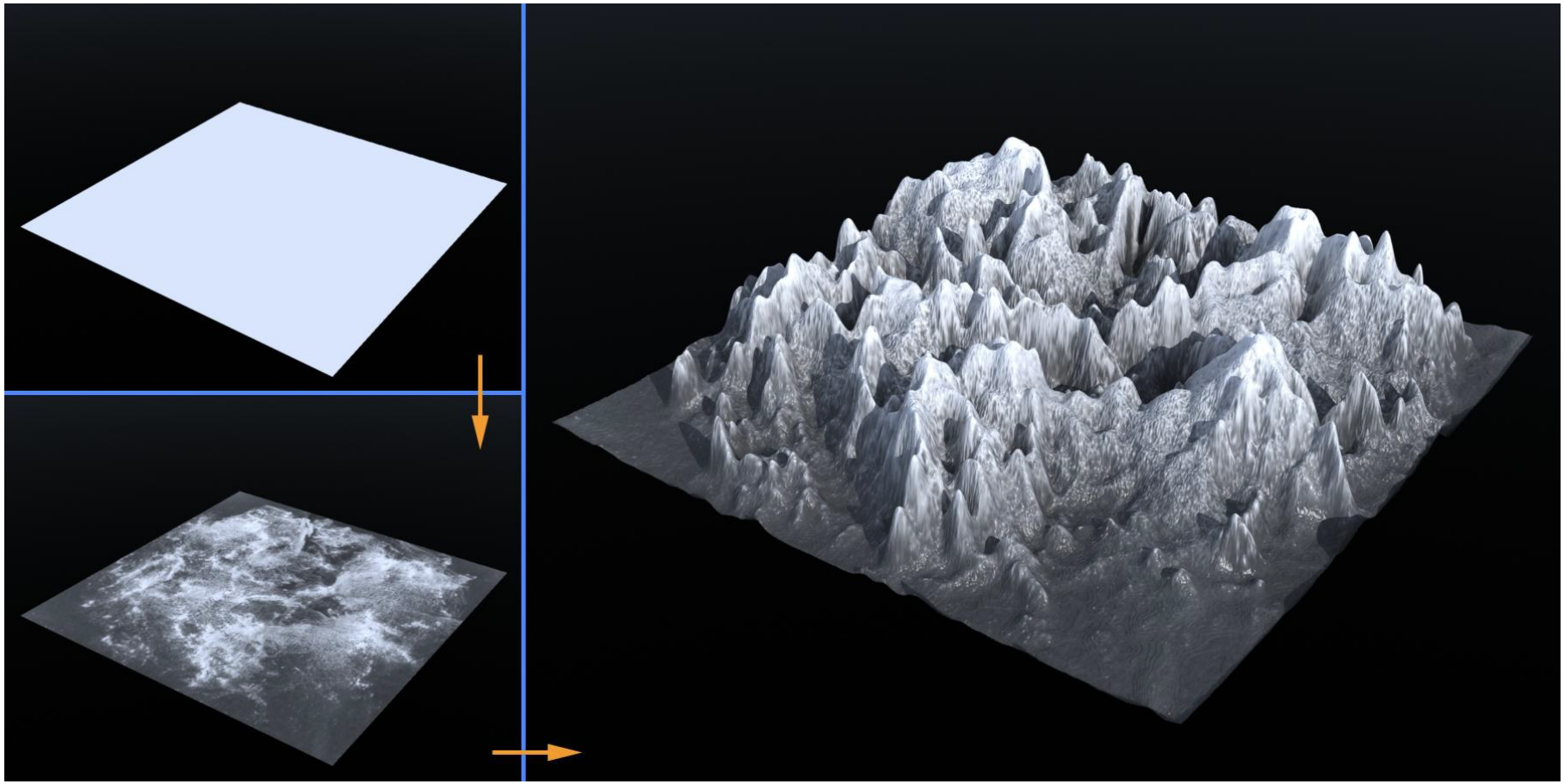

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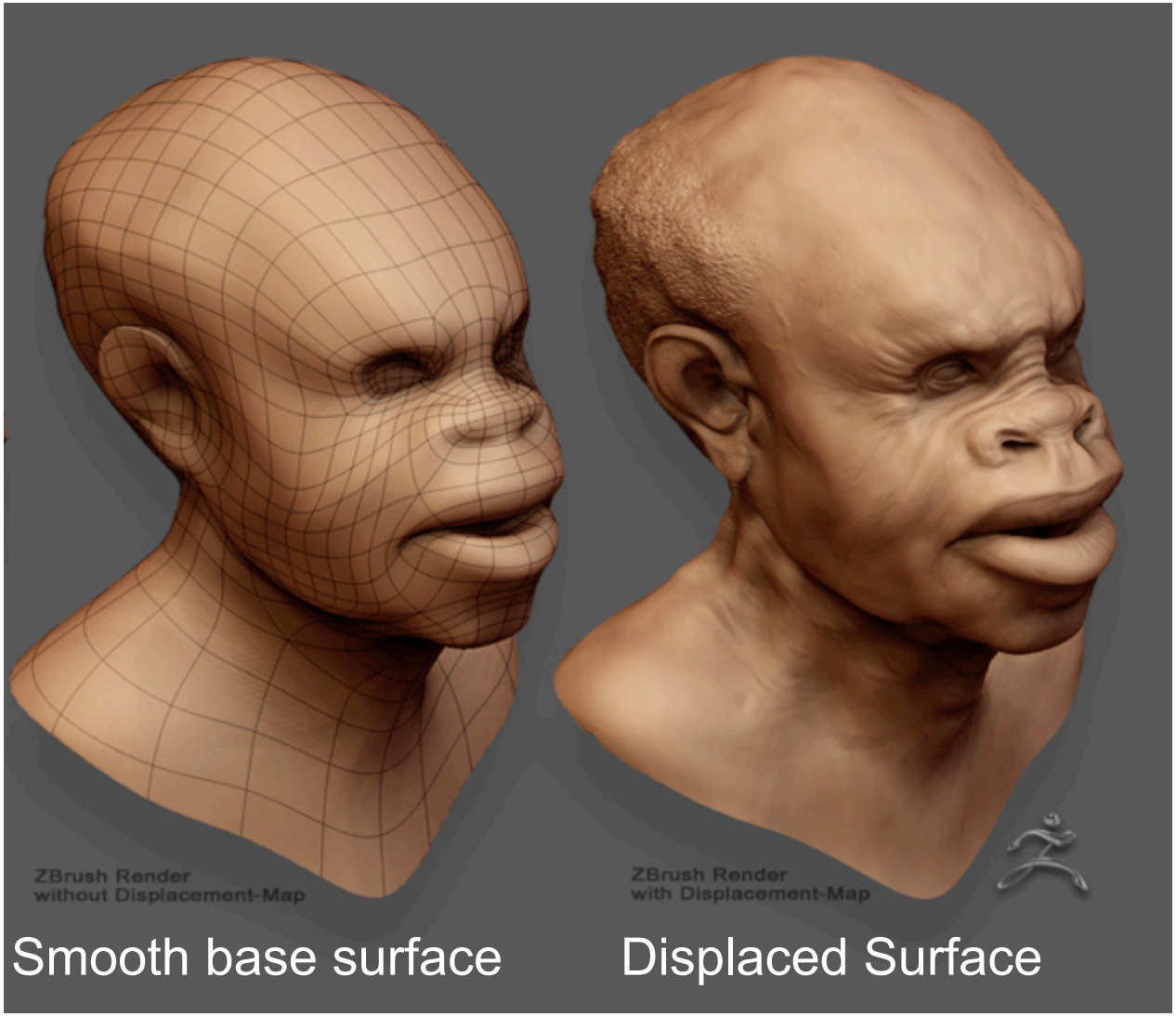

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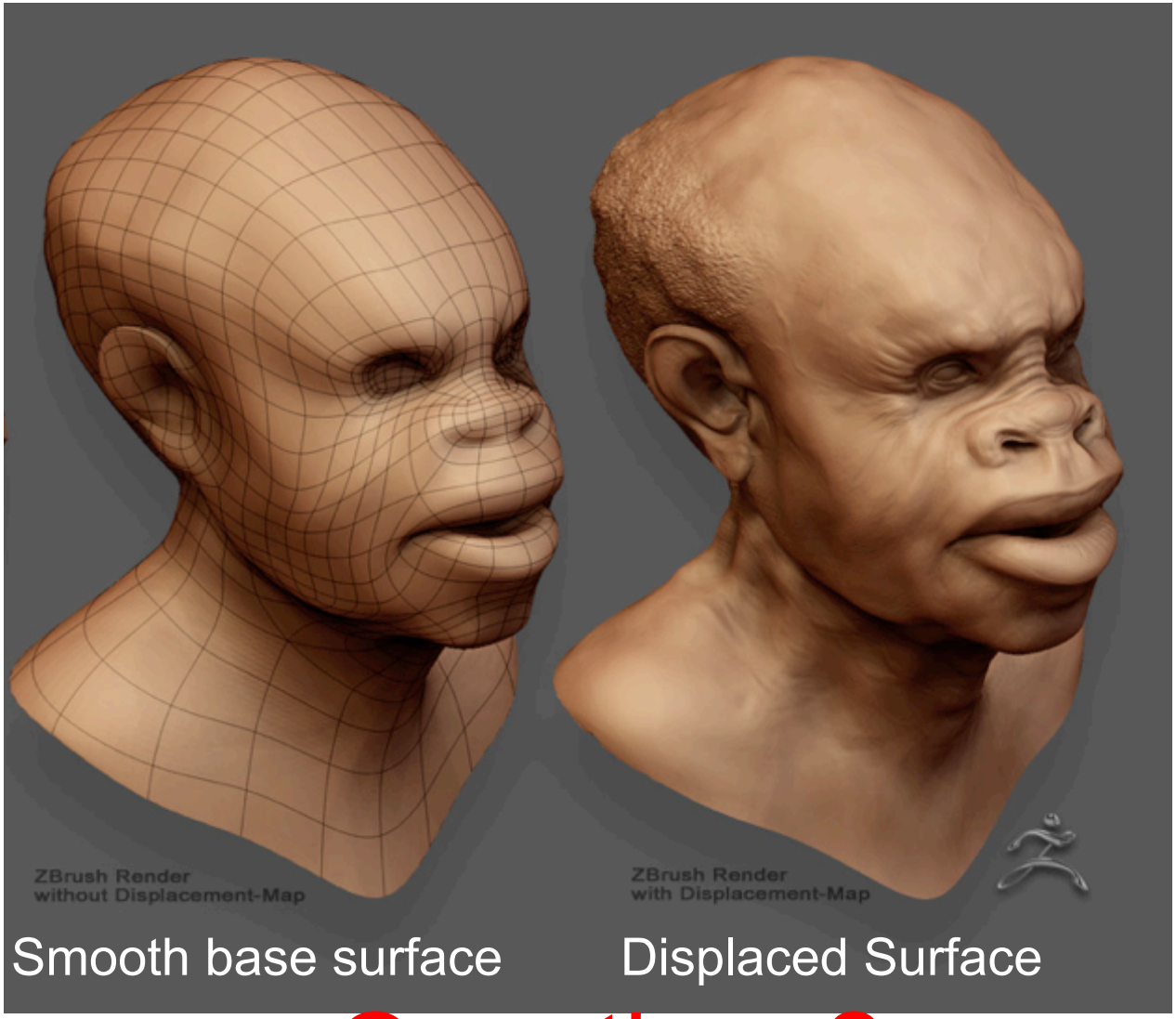
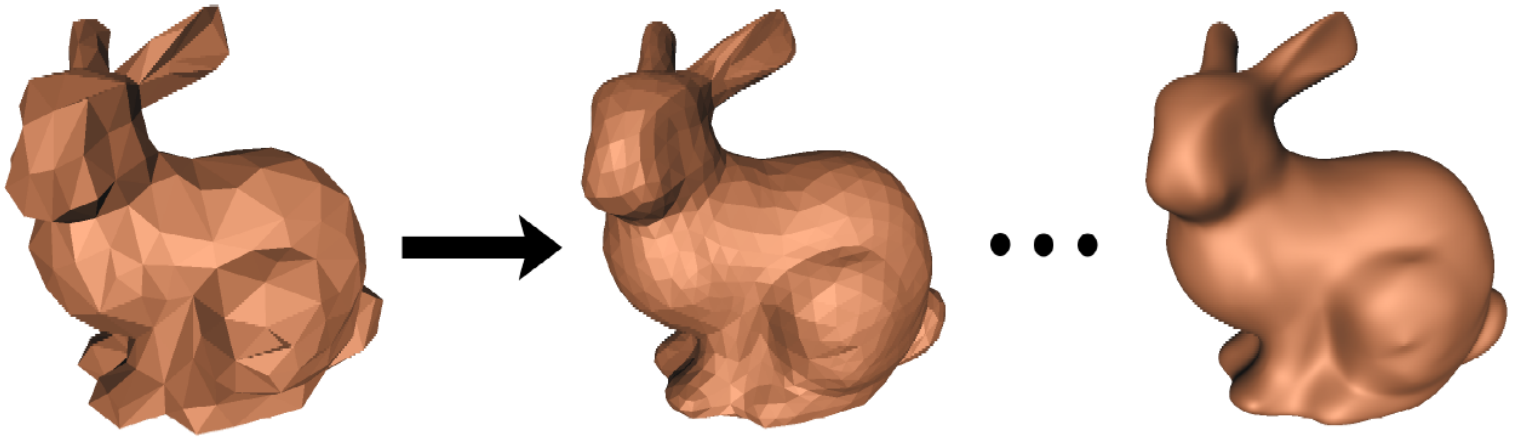


Questions?

Subdivision Surfaces

- Start with polygonal mesh
- Subdivide into larger number of polygons, smooth result after each subdivision
  - Lots of ways to do this.
- The limit surface is smooth!



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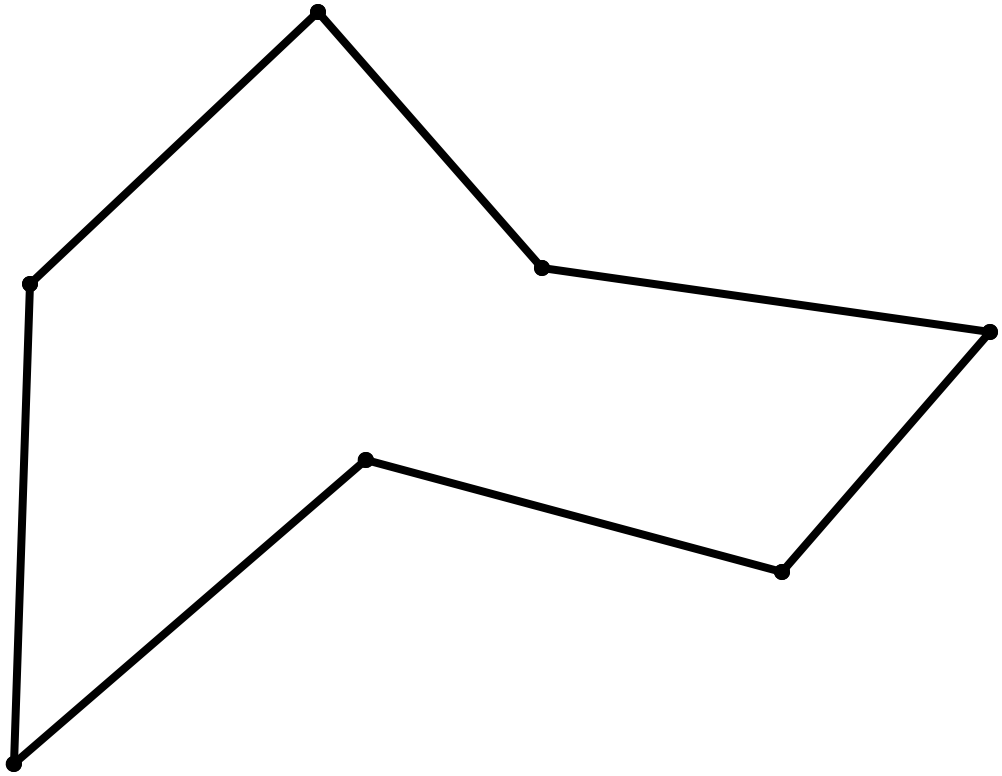

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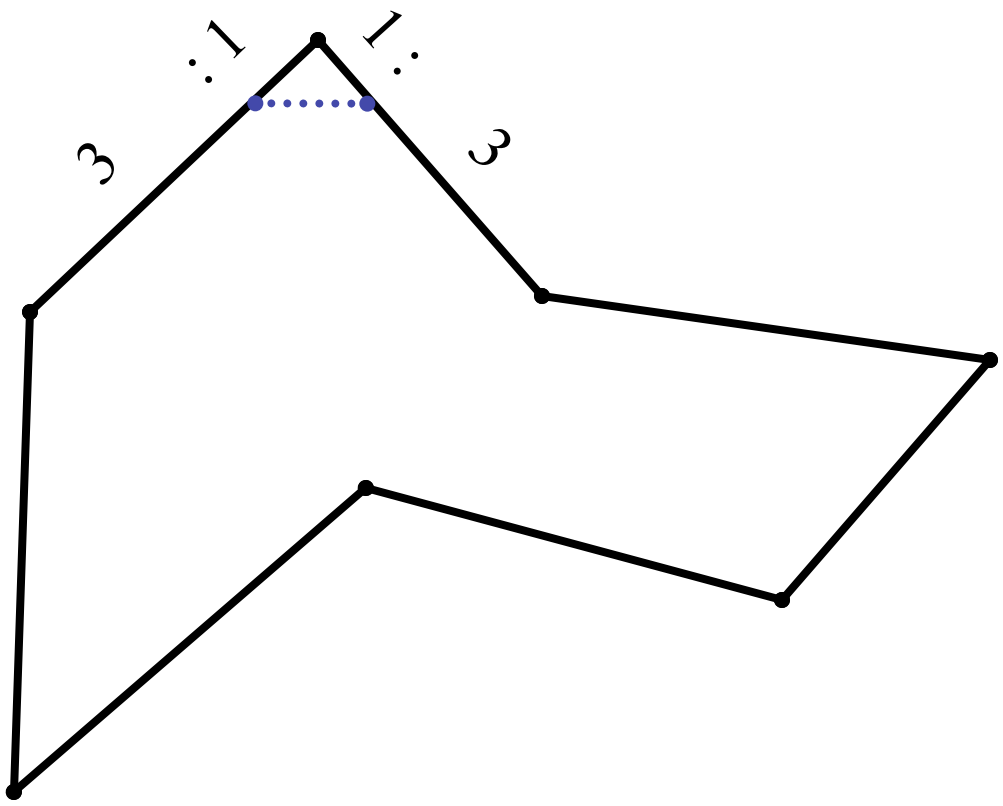

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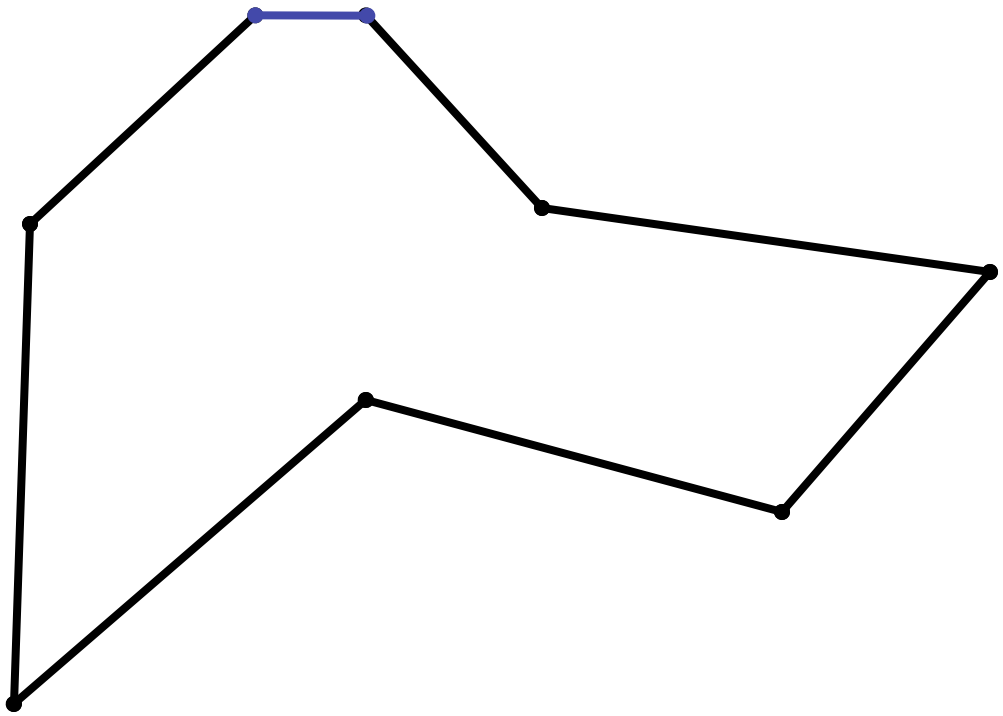

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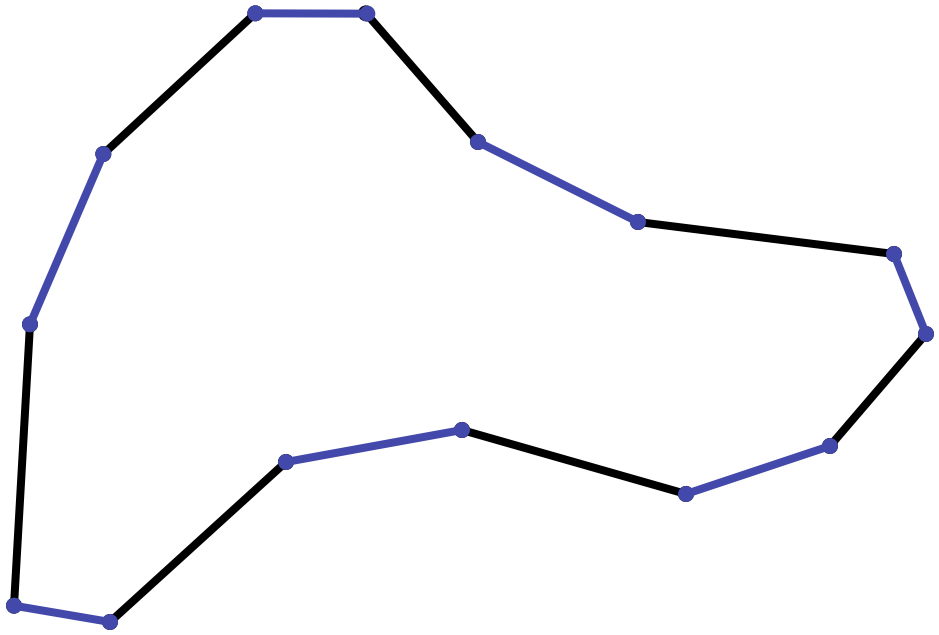

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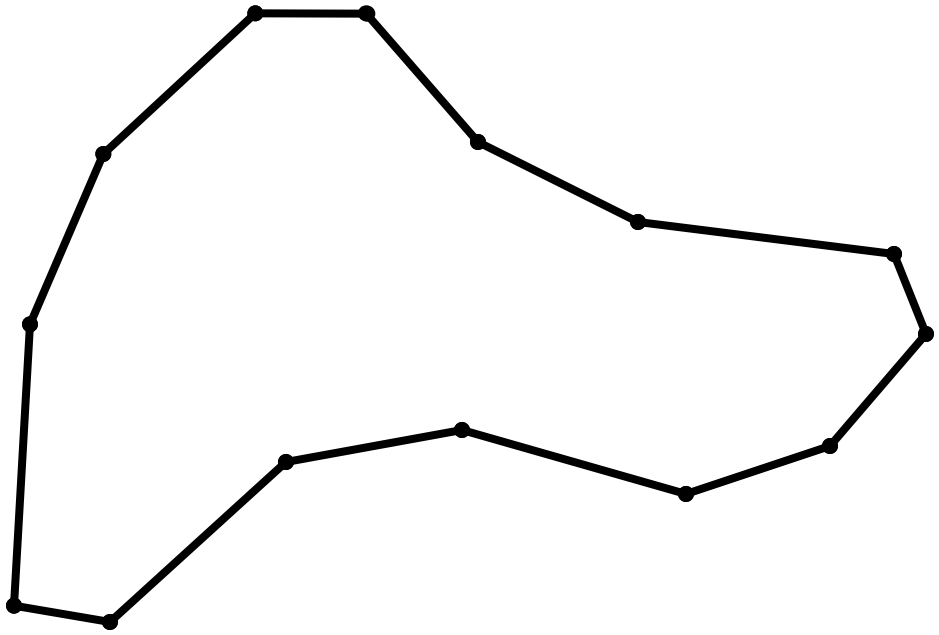

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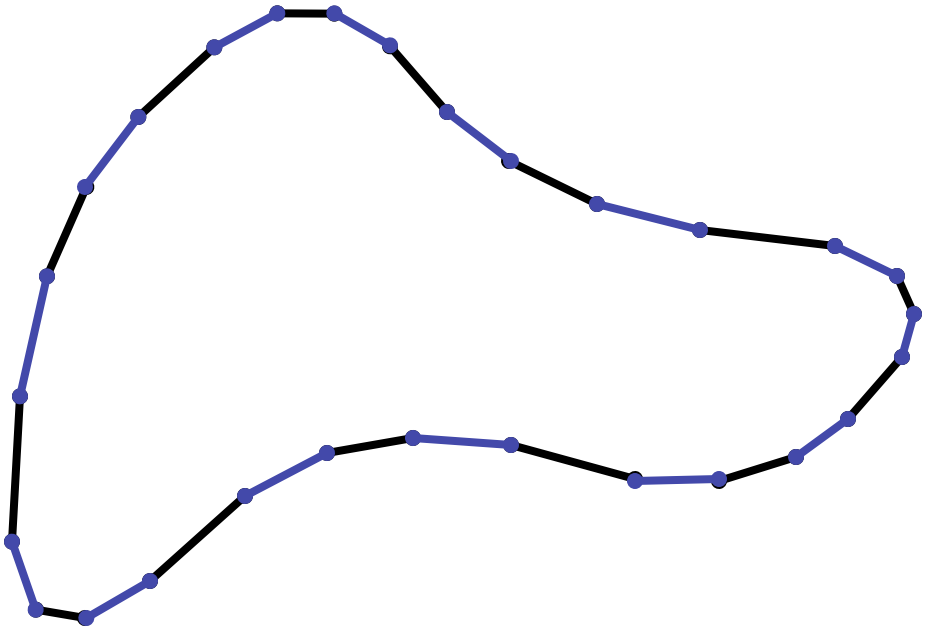

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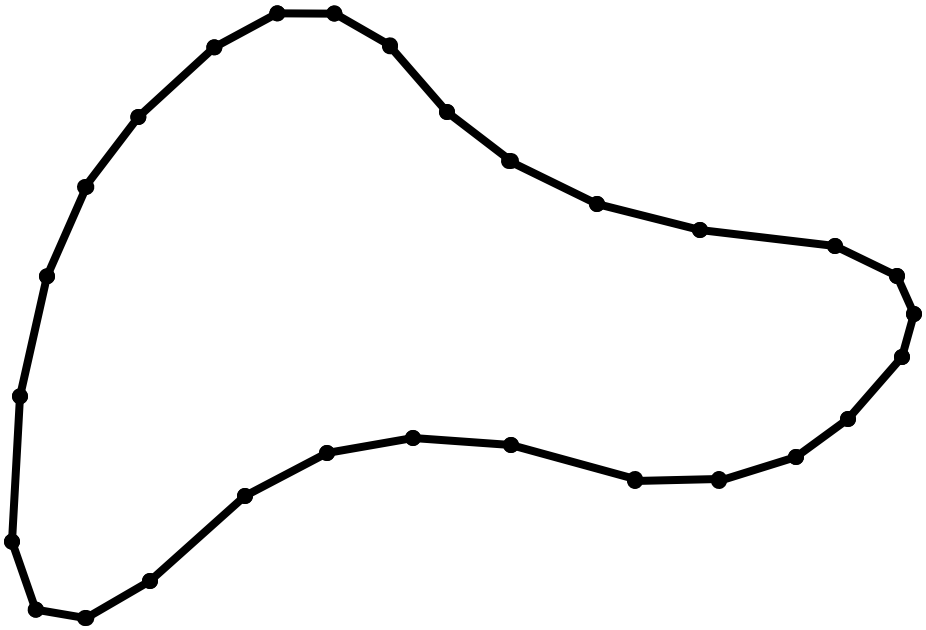

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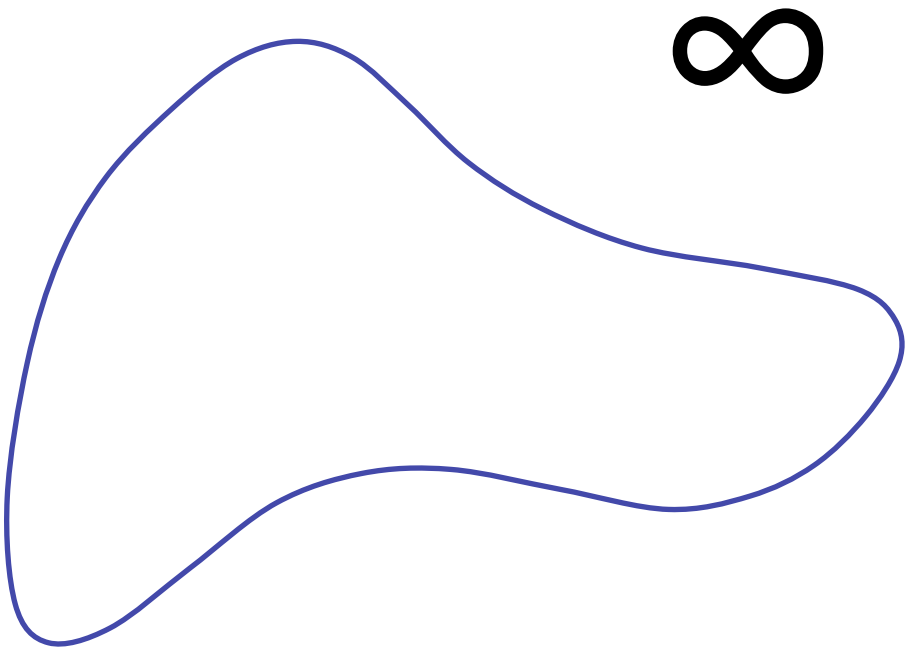

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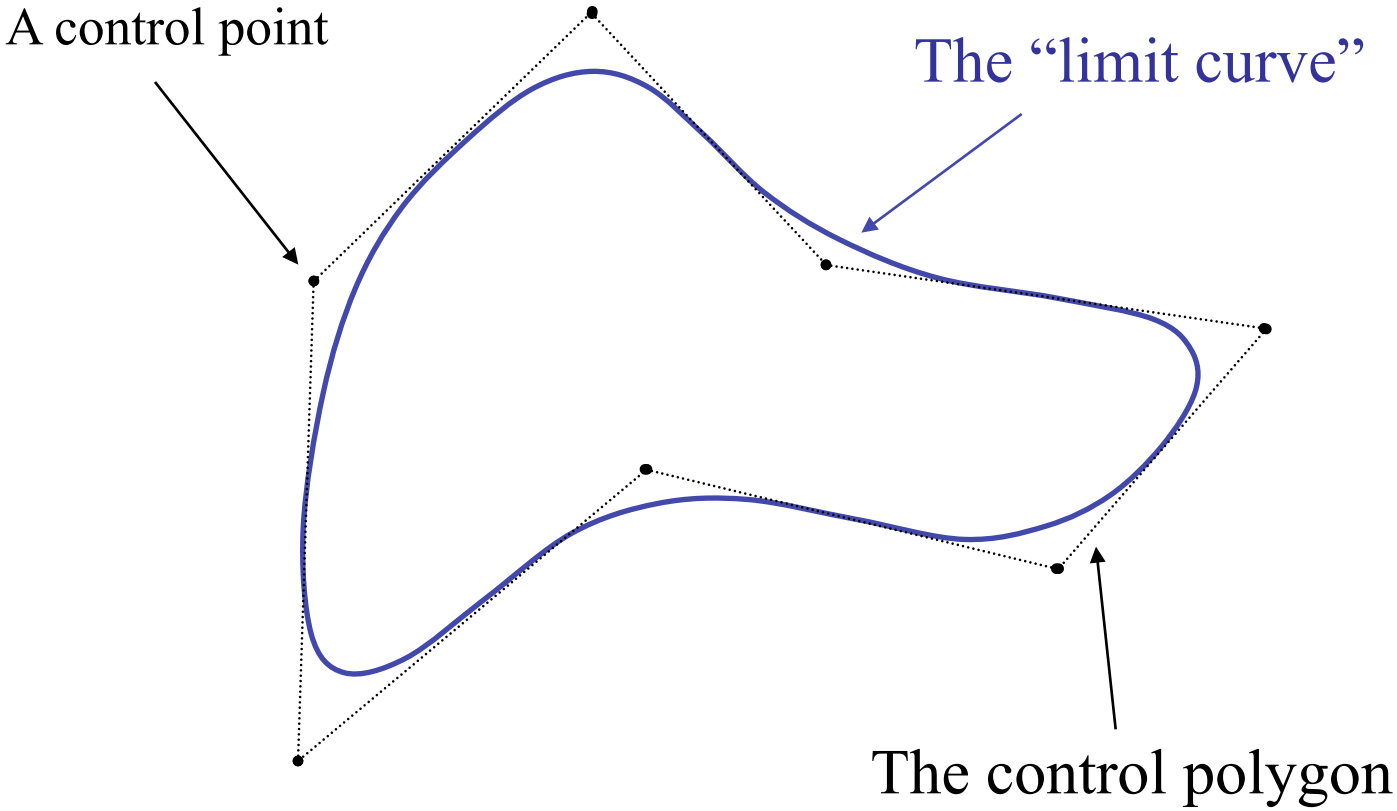

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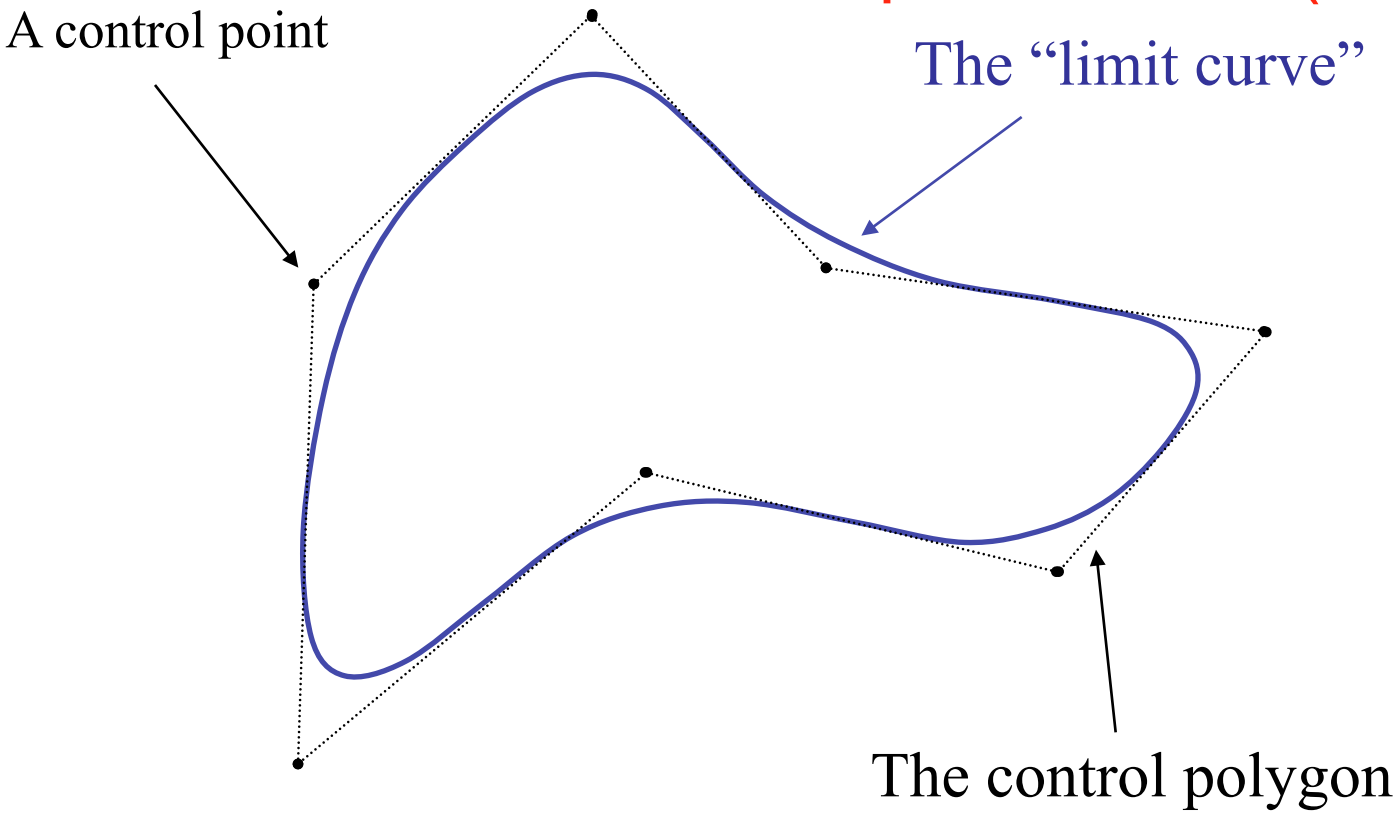

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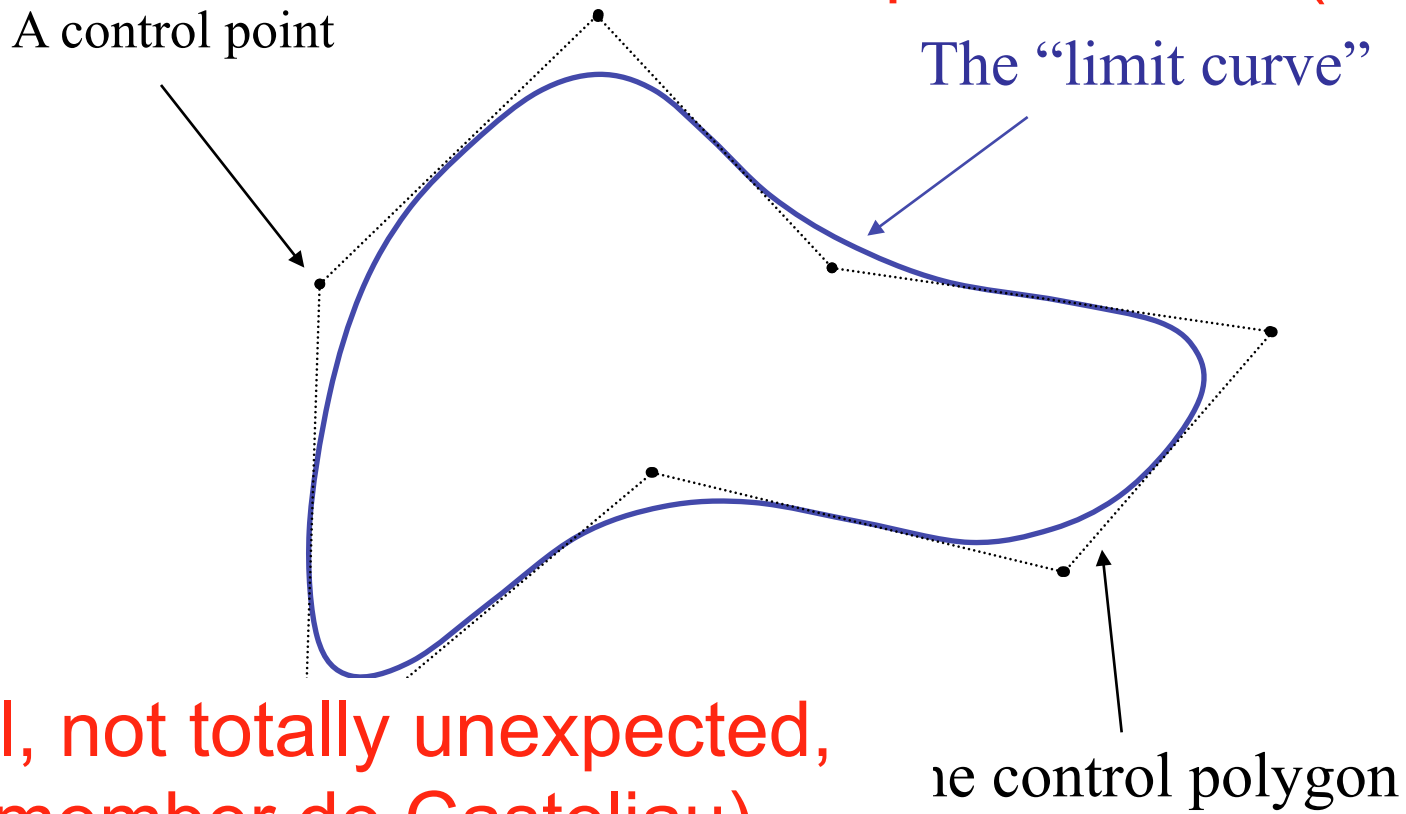

(Well, not totally unexpected, remember de Casteljau)

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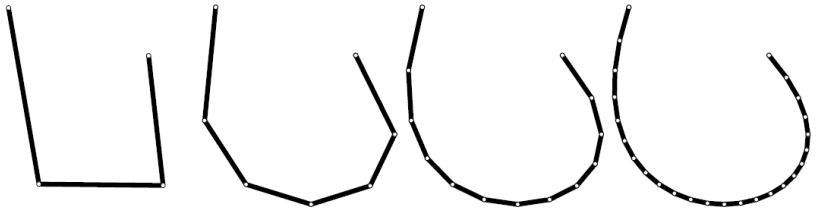
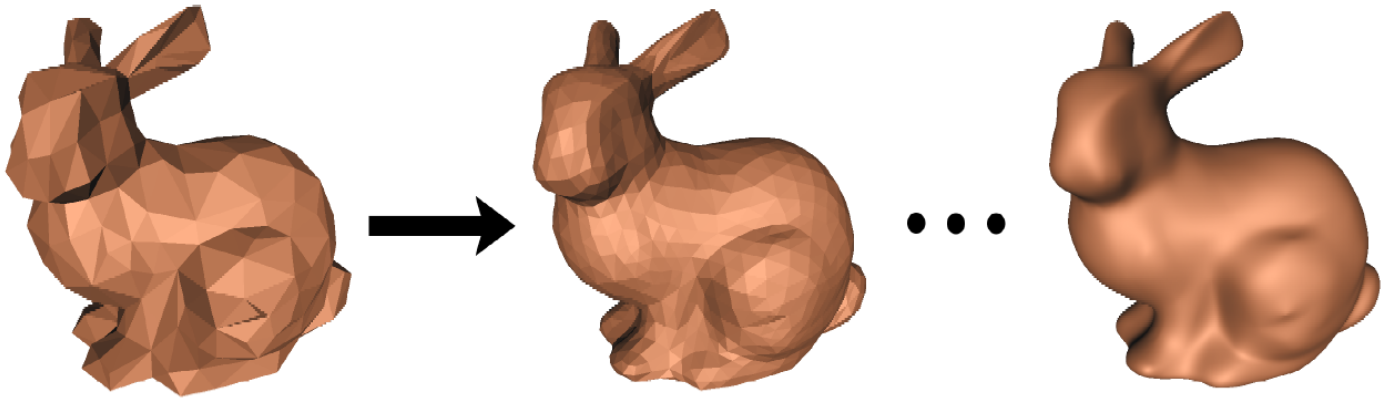
Subdivision Curves and Surfaces

- Idea: cut corners to smooth
- Add points and compute weighted average of neighbors
- Same for surfaces
  - Special case for irregular vertices
    - vertex with more or less than 6 neighbors in a triangle mesh

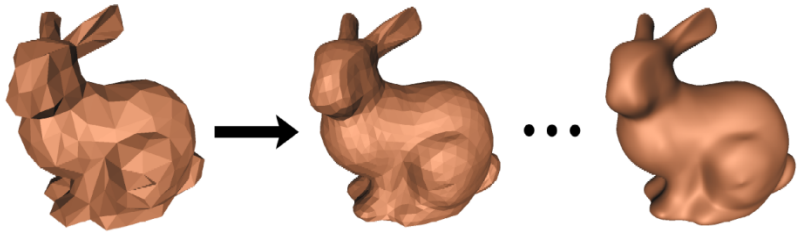




Warren et al.

Subdivision Curves and Surfaces

- Advantages
  - Arbitrary topology
  - Smooth at boundaries
  - Level of detail, scalable
  - Simple representation
  - Numerical stability, well-behaved meshes
  - Code simplicity
- Little disadvantage:
  - Procedural definition
  - Not parametric
  - Tricky at special vertices



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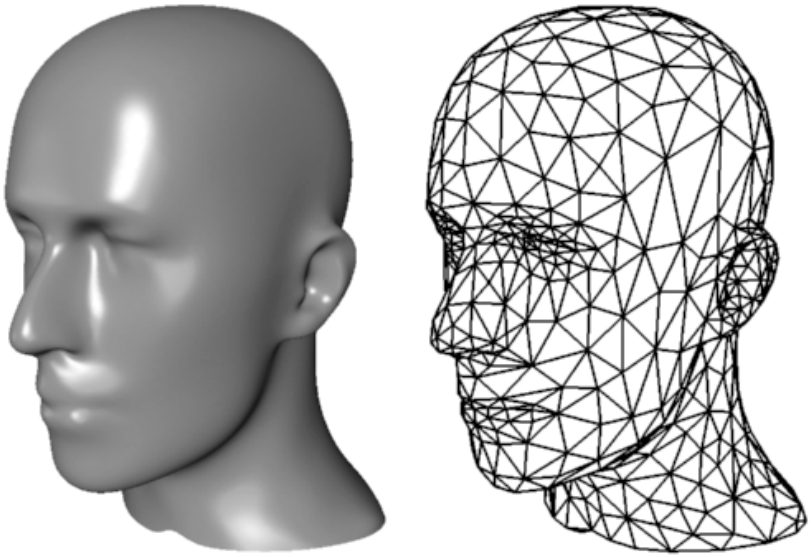
Flavors of Subdivision Surfaces

- Catmull-Clark
  - Quads and triangles
  - Generalizes bicubics to arbitrary topology!
- Loop, Butterfly
  - Triangles
- Doo-Sabin, sqrt(3), biquartic...
  - and a whole host of others
- Used everywhere in movie and game modeling!
- See http://www.cs.nyu.edu/~dzorin/sig00course/



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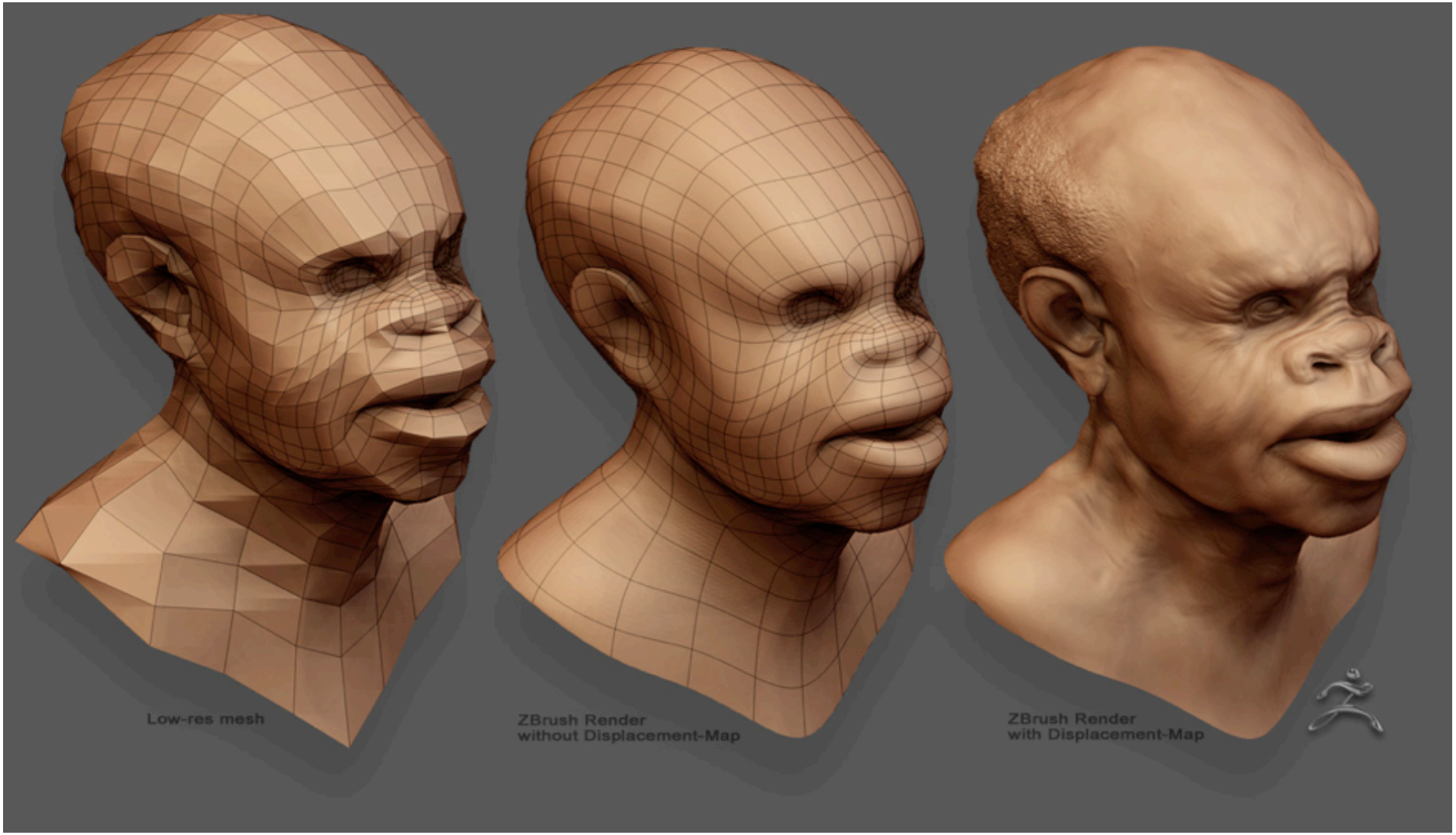
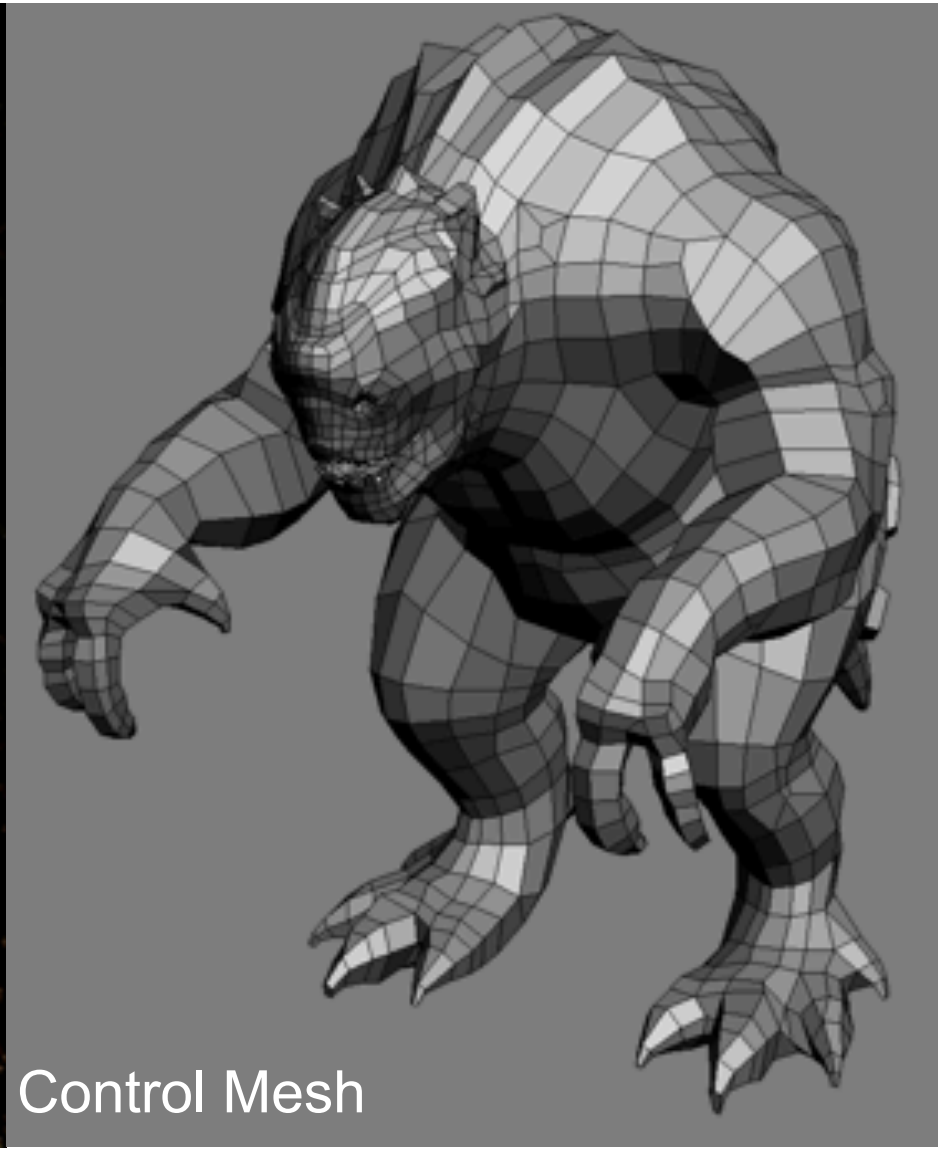
Subdivision + Displacement



Subdivision + Displacement

Epic Games



Subdivision + Displacement

Epic Games

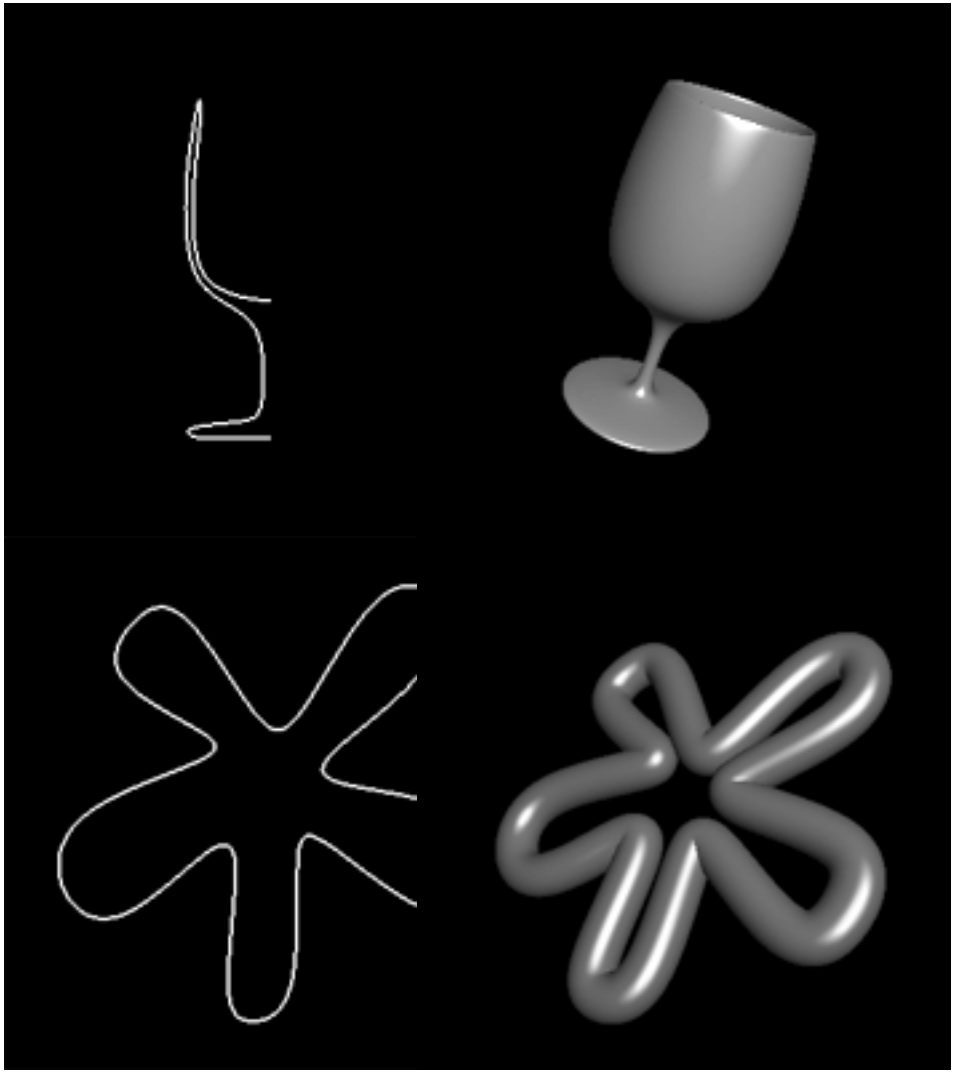
Final Model

Questions?

Control Mesh

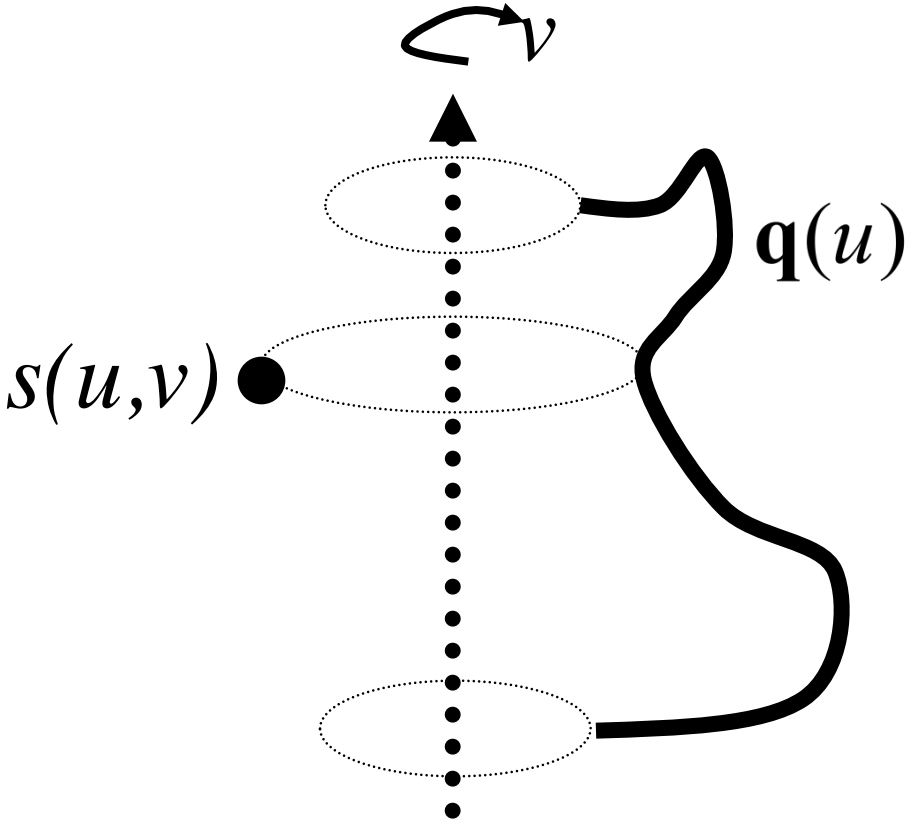
Specialized Procedural Definitions

- Surfaces of revolution
  - Rotate given 2D profile curve
- Generalized cylinders
  - Given 2D profile and 3D curve, sweep the profile along the 3D curve
- Assignment 1!



Surface of Revolution

- 2D curve q(u) provides one dimension
  - Note: works also with 3D curve
- Rotation R(v) provides 2nd dimension

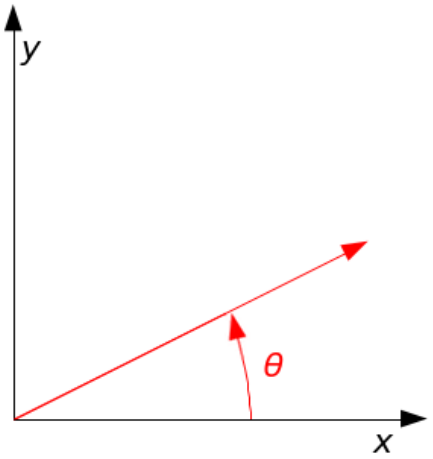


$\boldsymbol{s}(u,v)=\boldsymbol{R}(v)\boldsymbol{q}(u)$
where $\boldsymbol{R}$ is a matrix,
$\boldsymbol{q}$ a vector,
and $\boldsymbol{s}$ is a point on the surface

Rotation Matrix – Quick review

- 2D rotation

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta & -\sin\theta \\ \sin\theta & \cos\theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$



Verify

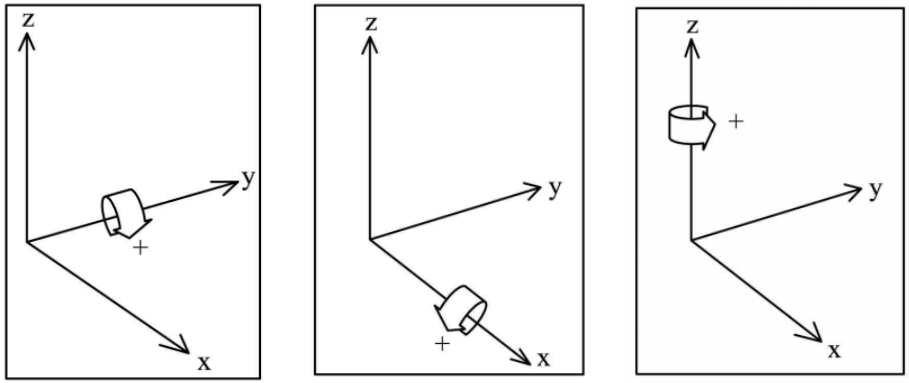
Rotation Matrix – Quick review

- 3D Rotation about coordinate axes

$$R_z = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\theta & -\sin\theta & 0 \\ \sin\theta & \cos\theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

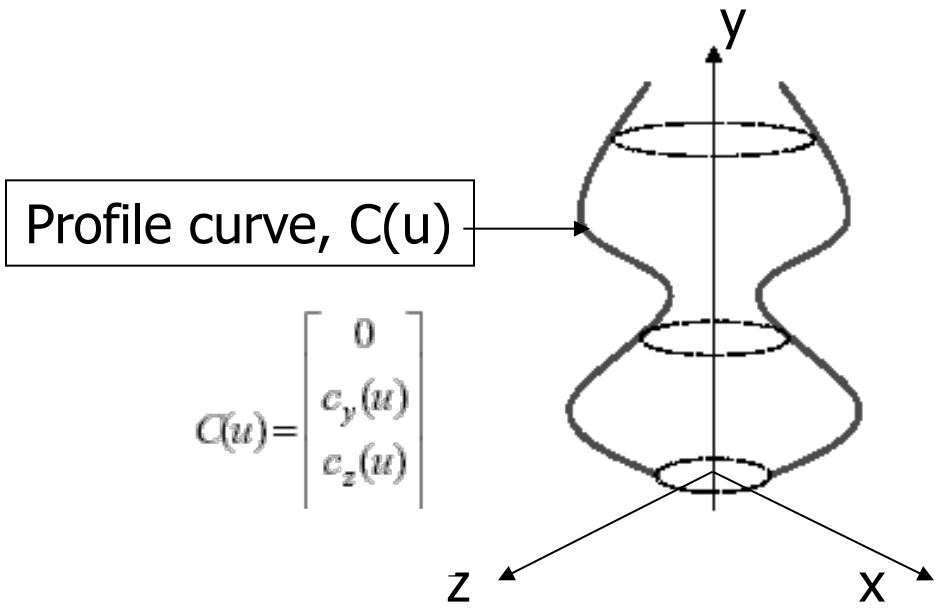
$$R_x = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos\theta & -\sin\theta \\ 0 & \sin\theta & \cos\theta \end{pmatrix}$$

$$R_y = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\theta & 0 & \sin\theta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\sin\theta & 0 & \cos\theta \end{pmatrix}$$



Surface of Revolution

- Given a curve C(u) in the *yz*-plane:



- Let $R_y(\theta)$ be a rotation about the *y*-axis
- **Find**: A surface S(u,v) obtained by applying $R_y(\theta)$ on C(u)

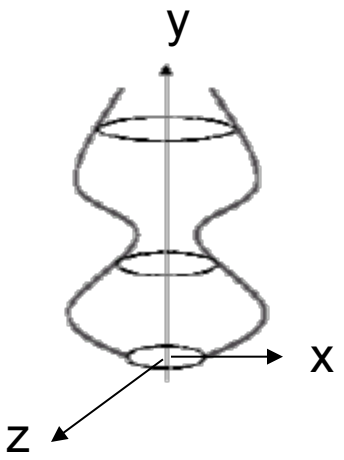
$$S(u,v) = R_y(v)\,[0, C_y(u), C_z(u)]^t$$

Surface of Revolution

- Profile curve on yz plane:

$$C(u) = (0, C_y(u), C_z(u))$$

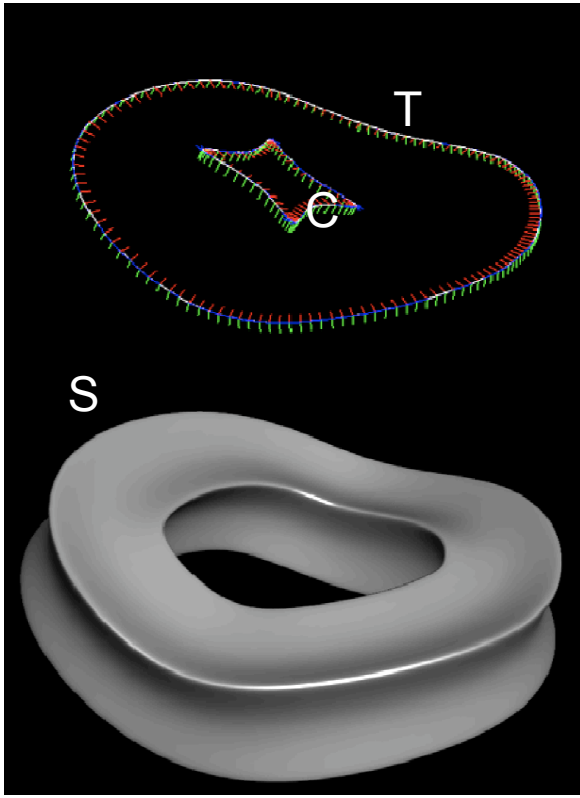
- The surface S(u,v) obtained by rotating C(u) about the y-axis is



$$S(u,v) = (-C_z(u) \sin(v), C_y(u), C_z(u) \cos(v))$$

General Swept Surfaces

- Trace out surface by moving a profile curve along a trajectory.
  - profile curve C(u) provides one dim
  - Trajectory T(v) provides the other
- Surface of revolution can be seen as a special case where trajectory is a circle

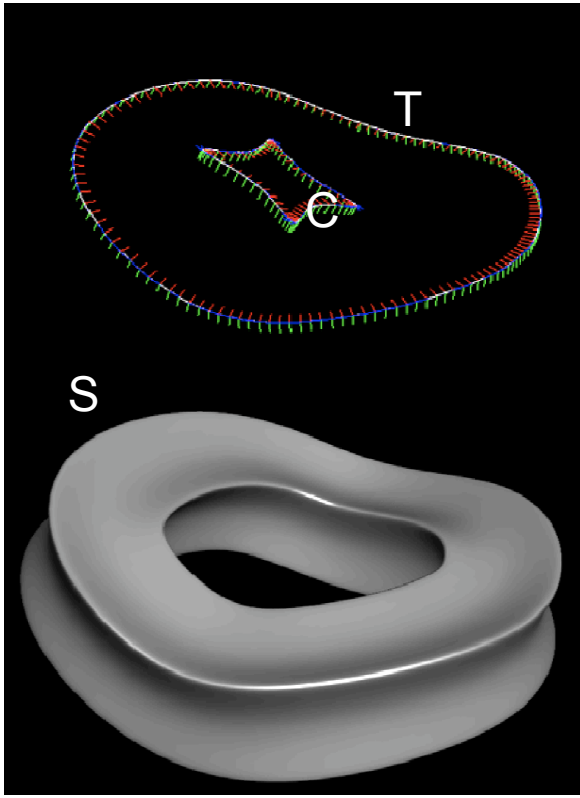


$$S(u,v)=M(T(v))C(u)$$

where M is a matrix that depends on the trajectory T

General Swept Surfaces

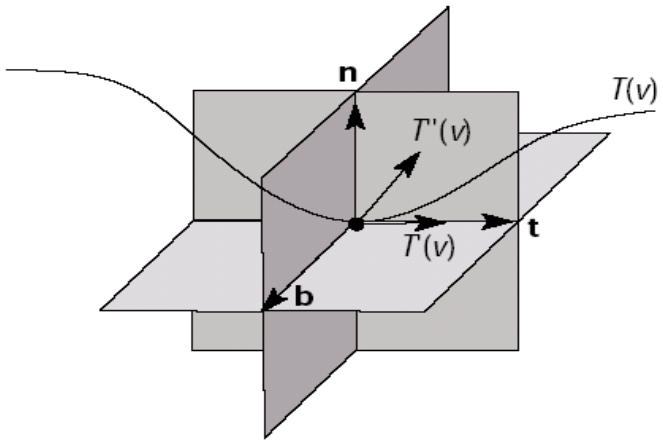
- What is the matrix M about???
  - Transformation:
    - Orientation + Translation
  - Translation is easy, given T(v)
  - What about Orientation??
    - Align profile curve with frame that "follows" the trajectory curve



***Note: C(u) is planar, T(v) is a space curve

Orientating C(u)

- Define a local coordinate frame at any point along the trajectory
- The Frenet frame (b,n,t)

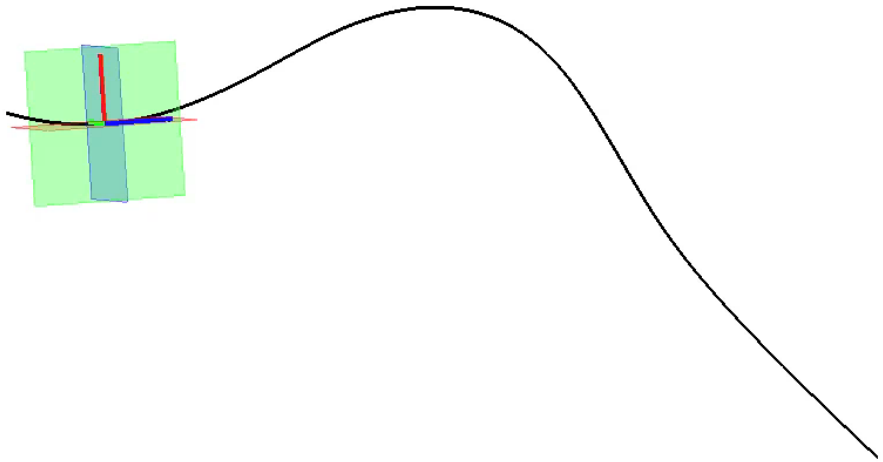


$$\mathbf{t}(v) = \text{normalize}[T'(v)]$$
$$\mathbf{b}(v) = \text{normalize}[T'(v) \times T''(v)]$$
$$\mathbf{n}(v) = \mathbf{b}(v) \times \mathbf{t}(v)$$

Same if compute b(v) at last

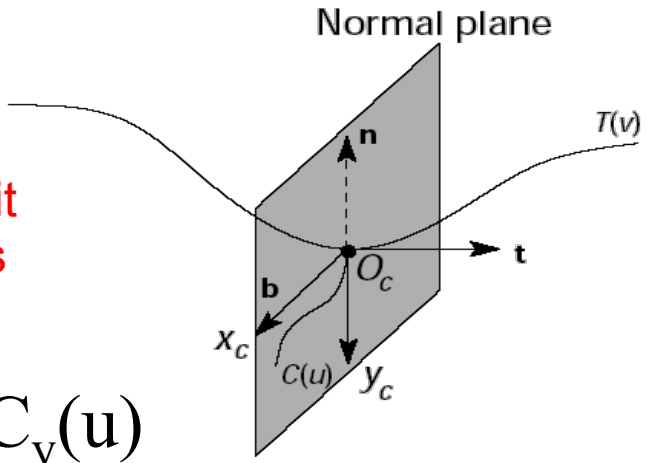
- As we move along T(v), the Frenet frame (b,n,t) varies smoothly (inflection points where curvature goes to zero needs special treatment)

Frenet frame (b,n,t)



Sweep Surfaces

- Orient the profile curve C(u) using the Frenet frame of the trajectory T(v):
  - Put C(u) in the normal plane.
  - Place O_c at T(v).
  - Align x_c of C(u) with b.
  - Align y_c of C(u) with n.



- Sweep surface:
  - $S(u,v) = T(v) + b(v)C_x(u) + n(v)\,C_y(u)$

'origin' + unit vector times coordinate

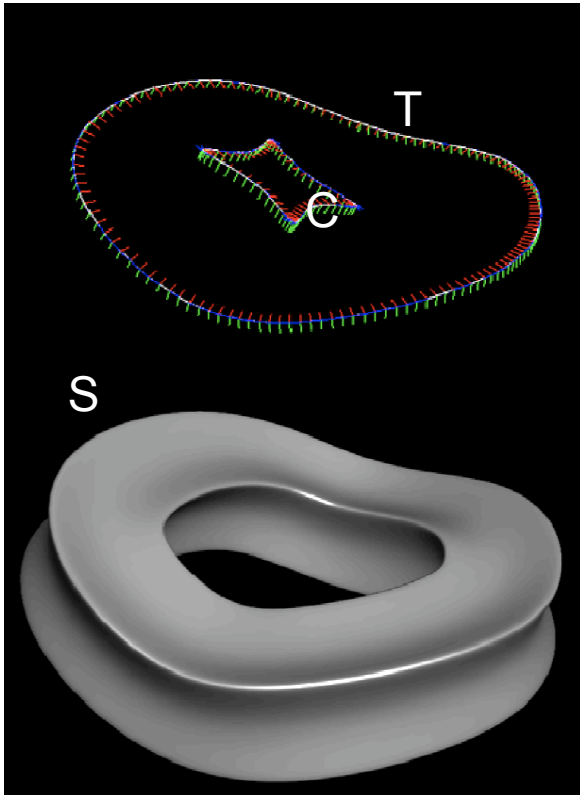
$S(u,v) = [b(v)\ n(v)\ t(v)]\ [C_x(u)\ C_y(u)\ 0]' + T(v)$

$\Rightarrow R(T(v))C(u) + T(v) \Rightarrow M(T(v))C(u)$

M is related to R and T (next class!)

General Swept Surfaces

- Trace out surface by moving a profile curve along a trajectory.
  - profile curve C(u) provides one dim
  - Trajectory T(v) provides the other
- Surface of revolution can be seen as a special case where trajectory is a circle



$$S(u,v)=M(T(v))C(u)$$

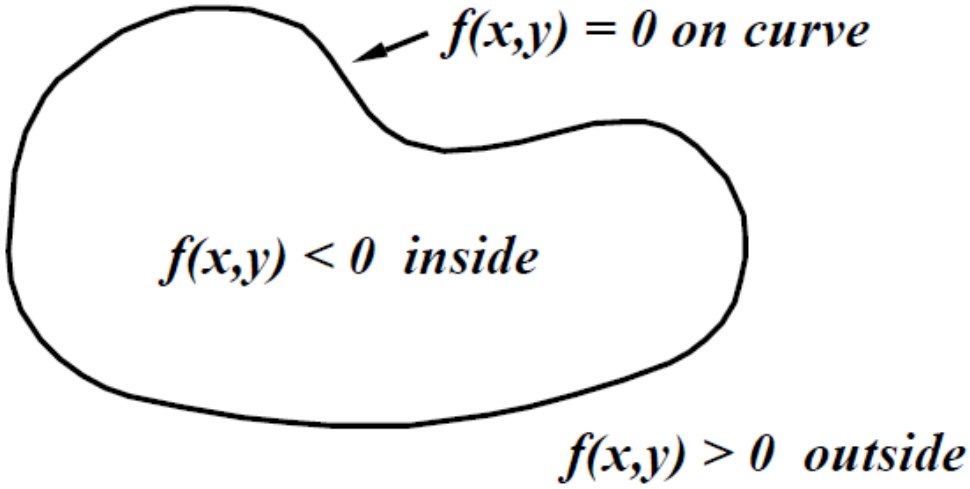
where M is a matrix that depends on the trajectory C

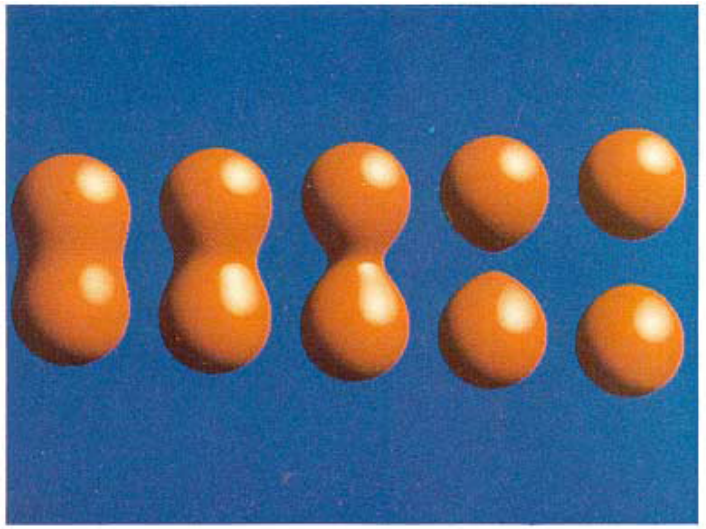
Questions? This is the only single slide to explain all these from MIT notes!

Implicit Surfaces

- Surface defined implicitly by a function

  f (x, y, z) = 0 (on surface)
  f (x, y, z) < 0 (inside)
  f (x, y, z) > 0 (outside)





From Blinn 1982

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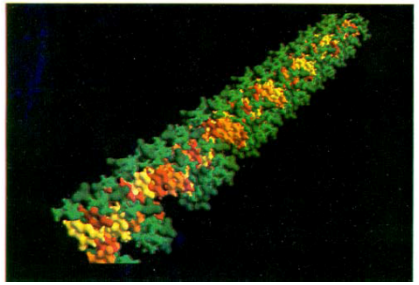

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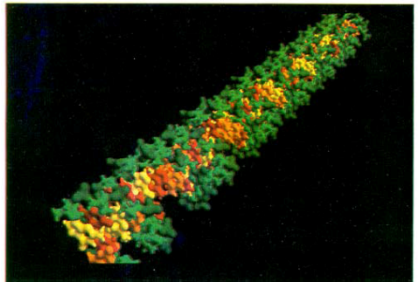

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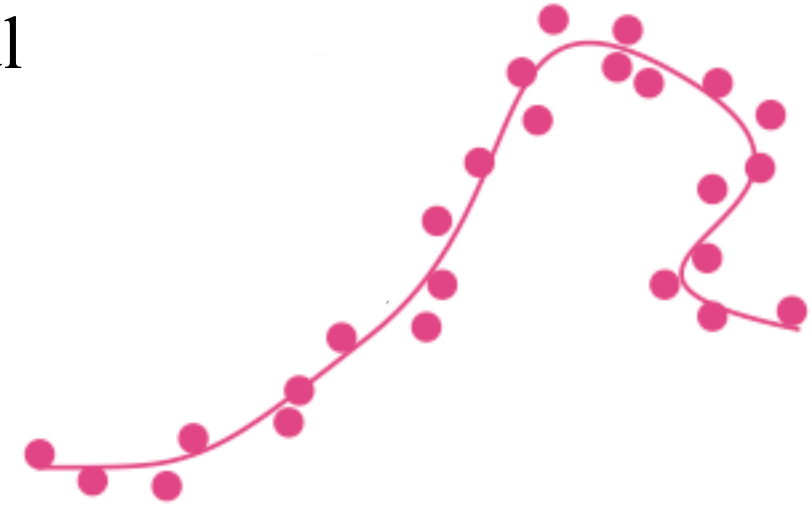
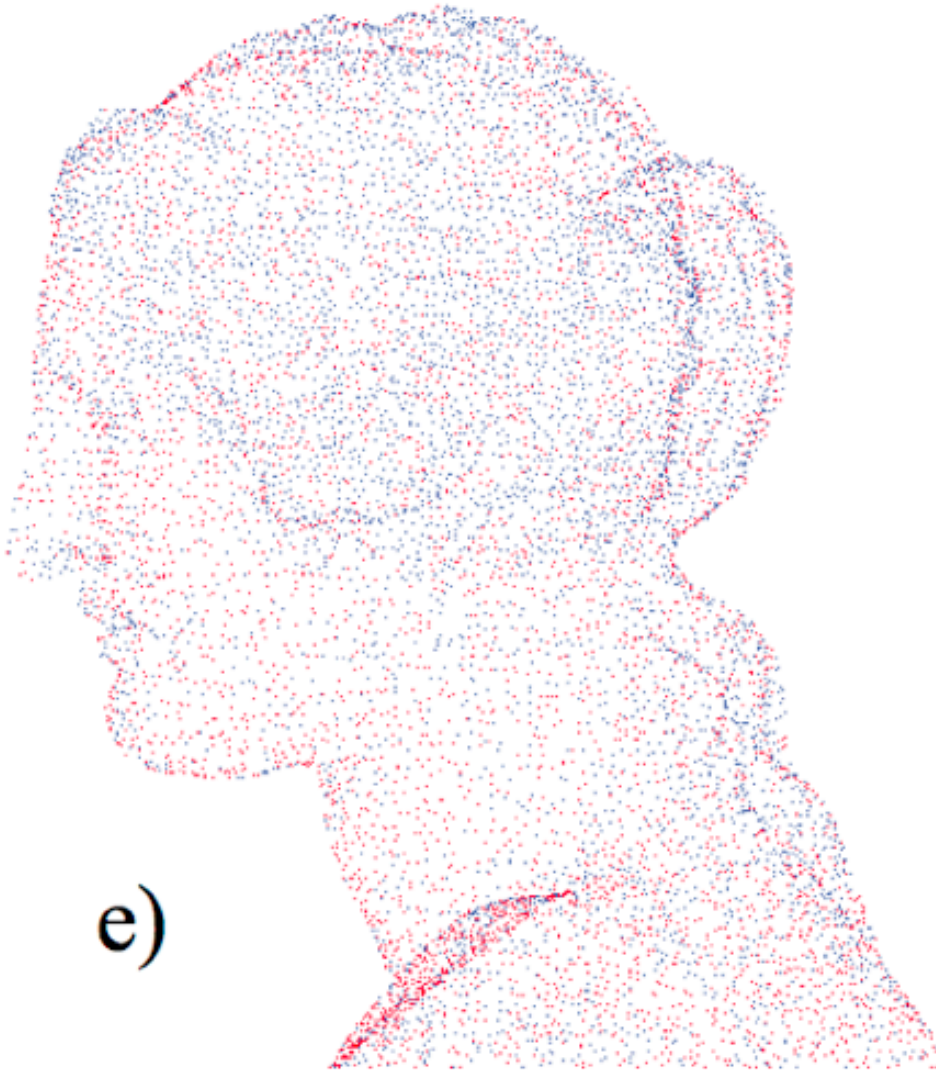
Point Set Surfaces

- Given only a noisy 3D point cloud (no connectivity), can you define a reasonable surface using only the points?
  - Laser range scans only give you points, so this is potentially useful



Point Set Surfaces

Alexa et al. 2001



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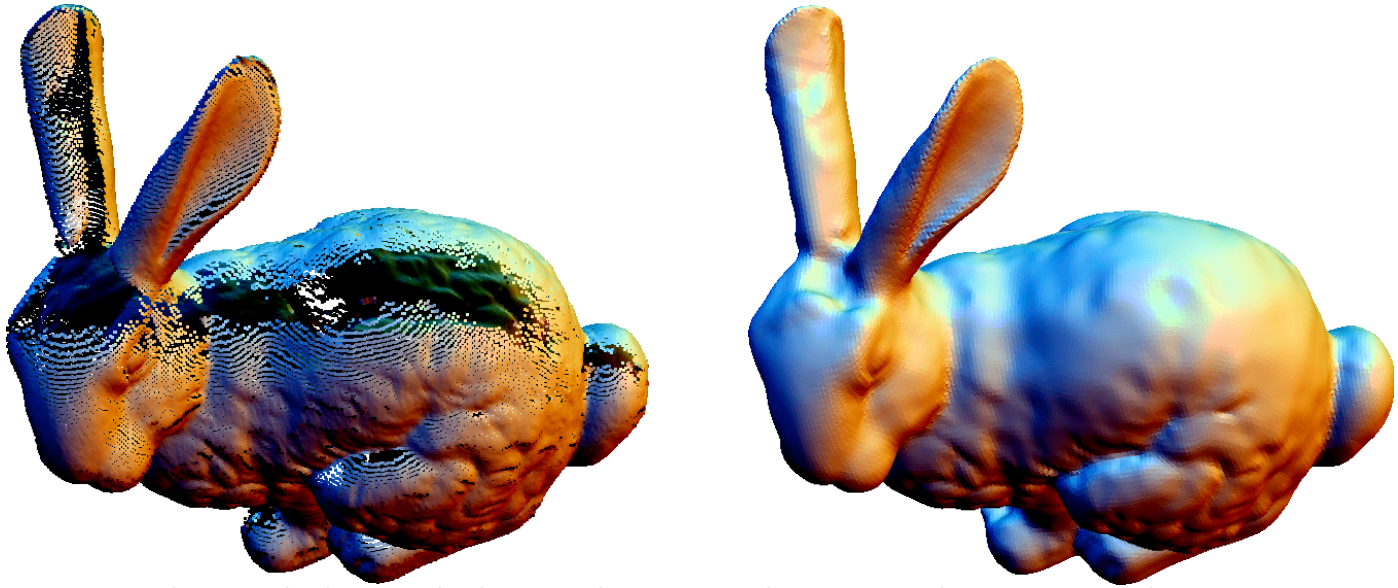

Ohtake et al. 2003

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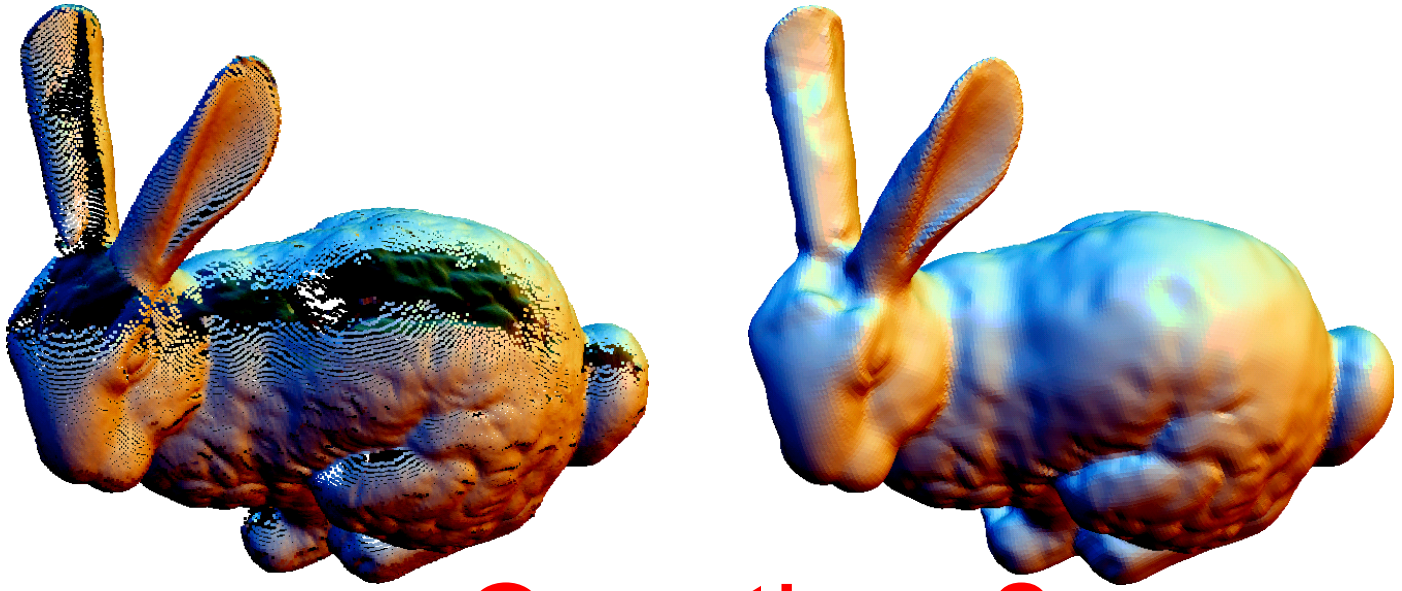

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That's All for Today

- Further reading
  - Buss, Chapters 7 & 8

- Subvision curves and surfaces
  - http://www.cs.nyu.edu/~dzorin/sig00course/