# Computer Graphics

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#### Curves and Surfaces

- Mathematical Curve Representation
- Parametric Cubic Curves
- □ Parametric Bi-Cubic Surfaces

# The Utah Teapot

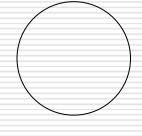


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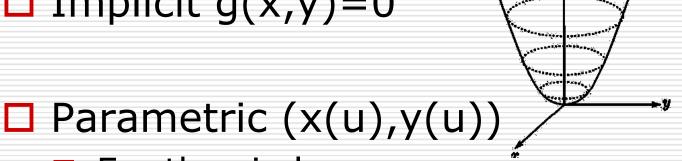
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#### Mathematical Curve Representation

- $\square$  Explicit y=f(x)
  - what if the curve is not a function, e.g., a circle?



 $\square$  Implicit q(x,y)=0



For the circle:

### Recall: Plane Equation

- - $\blacksquare$  and (A,B,C) means the normal vector
  - $\blacksquare$  so, given points  $P_1$ ,  $P_2$ , and  $P_3$  on the plane
  - $(A, B, C) = P_1 P_2 \times P_1 P_3$
  - what happened if (A, B, C) = (0,0,0)?
  - the distance from a vertex (x, y, z) to the plane is  $d = \frac{Ax + By + Cz + D}{\sqrt{A^2 + B^2 + C^2}}$

# Parametric Polynomial Curves

We will use parametric curves where the functions are all polynomials in the parameter.

$$x(u) = \sum_{k=0}^{n} a_k u^k$$

$$y(u) = \sum_{k=0}^{n} b_k u^k$$

- Advantages:
  - easy (and efficient) to compute
  - infinitely differentiable

#### Parametric Cubic Curves

- $\square$  Fix n=3
- ☐ The cubic polynomials that define a curve segment  $Q(t) = [x(t) \ y(t) \ z(t)]^T$  are of the form

$$x(t) = a_x t^3 + b_x t^2 + c_x t + d_x,$$
  

$$y(t) = a_y t^3 + b_y t^2 + c_y t + d_y,$$
  

$$z(t) = a_z t^3 + b_z t^2 + c_z t + d_z, \quad 0 \le t \le 1.$$

#### Parametric Cubic Curves

The curve segment can be rewrite as

$$Q(t) = [x(t) \quad y(t) \quad z(t)]^{\mathrm{T}} = C \bullet T$$

 $\square$  where  $T = [t^3 \quad t^2 \quad t \quad 1]^T$ 

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} a_x & b_x & c_x & d_x \\ a_y & b_y & c_y & d_y \\ a_z & b_z & c_z & d_z \end{bmatrix}$$

### **Tangent Vector**

$$\frac{d}{dt}Q(t) = Q'(t) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{d}{dt}x(t) & \frac{d}{dt}y(t) & \frac{d}{dt}z(t) \end{bmatrix}^{T}$$

$$= \frac{d}{dt}C \bullet T = C \bullet \begin{bmatrix} 3t^{2} & 2t & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^{T}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 3a_{x}t^{2} + 2b_{x}t + c_{x} & 3a_{y}t^{2} + 2b_{y}t + c_{y} & 3a_{z}t^{2} + 2b_{z}t + c_{z} \end{bmatrix}^{T}$$

# Three Types of Parametric Cubic Curves

- ☐ Hermite Curves
  - defined by two endpoints and two endpoint tangent vectors
- □ Bézier Curves
  - defined by two endpoints and two control points which control the endpoint' tangent vectors
- Splines
  - defined by four control points

#### Parametric Cubic Curves

- $\square$   $Q(t) = C \bullet T$
- $\square$  rewrite the coefficient matrix as  $C = G \bullet M$ 
  - where M is a 4x4 basis matrix, G is called the geometry matrix
  - SO

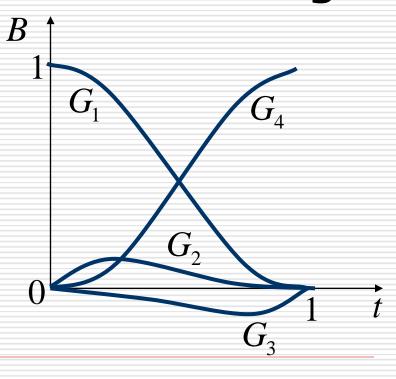
$$Q(t) = \begin{bmatrix} x(t) \\ y(t) \\ z(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} G_1 & G_2 & G_3 & G_4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} m_{11} & m_{21} & m_{31} & m_{41} \\ m_{12} & m_{22} & m_{32} & m_{42} \\ m_{13} & m_{23} & m_{33} & m_{43} \\ m_{14} & m_{24} & m_{34} & m_{44} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} t^3 \\ t^2 \\ t \end{bmatrix}$$

4 endpoints or tangent vectors

#### Parametric Cubic Curves

where  $B = M \bullet T$  is called the **blending** 

**functions** 



# $P_4$ $R_4$

#### Hermite Curves

- $\square$  Given the endpoints  $P_1$  and  $P_4$  and tangent vectors at them  $R_1$  and  $R_4$
- What is
  - **Hermite basis matrix**  $M_{\rm H}$
  - **Hermite geometry vector**  $G_{H}$
  - **Hermite blending functions**  $B_{H}$
- by definition

$$G_{\mathrm{H}} = \begin{bmatrix} P_1 & P_4 & R_1 & R_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Q(t) $P_4$ $R_4$ $P_1$

#### Hermite Curves

Since 
$$Q(0) = P_1 = G_H \cdot M_H \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^T$$

$$Q(1) = P_4 = G_H \cdot M_H \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^T$$

$$Q'(0) = R_1 = G_H \cdot M_H \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^T$$

$$Q'(1) = R_4 = G_H \cdot M_H \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^T$$

$$G_H = \begin{bmatrix} P_1 & P_4 & R_1 & R_4 \end{bmatrix} = G_H \cdot M_H \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

#### Hermite Curves

$$M_{H} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 & 0 & 1 \\ -2 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\square$$
 and  $Q(t) = G_H \bullet M_H \bullet T = G_H \bullet B_H$ 

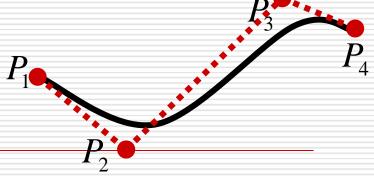
$$B_{\rm H} = \begin{bmatrix} 2t^3 - 3t^2 + 1 & -2t^3 + 3t^2 & t^3 - 2t^2 + t & t^3 - t^2 \end{bmatrix}^{\rm T}$$

# Computing a point

 $\square$  Given two endpoints  $P_1$  and  $P_4$  and two tangent vectors at them  $R_1$  and  $R_4$ 

$$Q(t) = \begin{bmatrix} P_4 & R_4 \\ P_1 & P_4 & R_1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 & 0 & 1 \\ -2 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} t^3 \\ t^2 \\ t \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Bézier Curves



☐ Given the endpoints  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  and two control points  $P_2$  and  $P_3$  which determine the endpoints' tangent vectors, such that  $P_1 = Q'(0) = 3(P_2 - P_1)$ 

$$R_4 = Q'(1) = 3(P_4 - P_3)$$

- What is
  - **■** Bézier basis matrix  $M_{\rm B}$
  - **Bézier geometry vector**  $G_{\rm B}$
  - **Bézier blending functions**  $B_{R}$

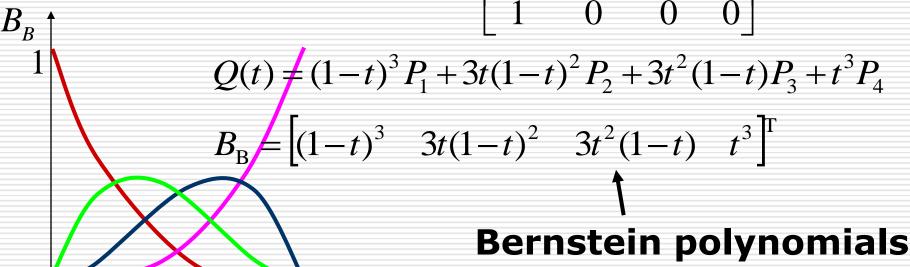
#### Bézier Curves

- $\square$  by definition  $G_{\rm B} = \begin{bmatrix} P_1 & P_2 & P_3 & P_4 \end{bmatrix}$
- $\square$  then  $G_{H} = \begin{bmatrix} P_1 & P_4 & R_1 & R_4 \end{bmatrix}$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} P_1 & P_2 & P_3 & P_4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -3 \end{bmatrix} = G_{\rm B} \bullet M_{\rm HB}$$

#### Bézier Curves

$$M_{\rm B} = M_{\rm HB} \bullet M_{\rm H} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -6 & 3 & 0 \\ -3 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



# Bernstein Polynomials

☐ The coefficients of the control points are a set of functions called the <sup>n</sup>

Bernstein polynomials:  $Q(t) = \sum_{i=0}^{n} b_i(t) P_i$ 

B<sub>B</sub>  $\square$  For degree 3, we have:

$$b_0(t) = (1-t)^3$$
$$b_1(t) = 3t(1-t)^2$$

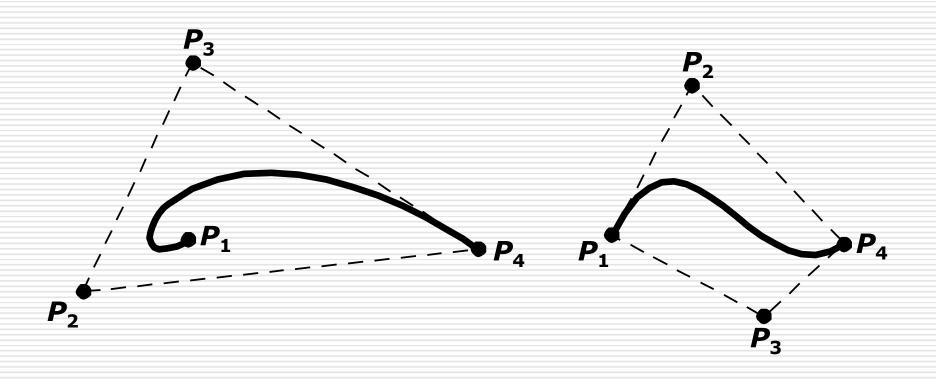
$$b_2(t) = 3t^2(1-t)$$

$$b_3(t) = t^3$$

### Bernstein Polynomials

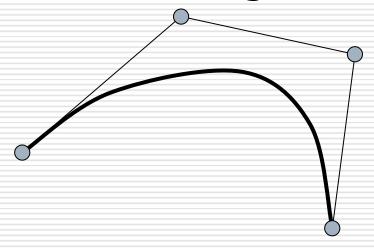
- □ Useful properties on the interval [0,1]:
  - each is between 0 and 1
  - sum of all four is exact 1
    - a.k.a., a "partition of unity"
- These together imply that the curve lines within the convex hull of its control points.

# Convex Hull



#### Subdividing Bézier Curves

- □ How to draw the curve ?
- How to convert it to be line-segments?



# Subdividing Bézier Curves (de Casteljau's algorithm)

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

- ☐ How to draw the curve?
- How to convert it to be line-segments?

$$Q(\frac{1}{2}) = \frac{1}{8}P_1 + \frac{3}{8}P_2 + \frac{3}{8}P_3 + \frac{1}{8}P_4$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}(\frac{1}{2}(\frac{1}{2}(P_1 + P_2) + \frac{1}{2}(P_2 + P_3)) + \frac{1}{2}(\frac{1}{2}(P_3 + P_4) + \frac{1}{2}(P_2 + P_3)))$$

# Display Bézier Curves

```
DisplayBezier(P1,P2,P3,P4)
begin
   if (FlatEnough(P1,P2,P3,P4))
      Line(P1,P4);
   else
      Subdivide(P[])=>L[],R[]
      DisplayBezier(L1,L2,L3,L4);
      DisplayBezier(R1,R2,R3,R4);
end;
```

### Testing for Flatness

Compare total length of control polygon to length of line connecting endpoints

$$\frac{|P_{1}-P_{2}|+|P_{2}-P_{3}|+|P_{3}-P_{4}|}{|P_{1}-P_{4}|} < 1 + \varepsilon$$

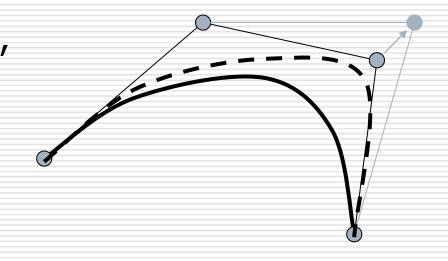
$$P_{1}$$

#### What do we want for a curve?

- Local control
- □ Interpolation
- Continuity

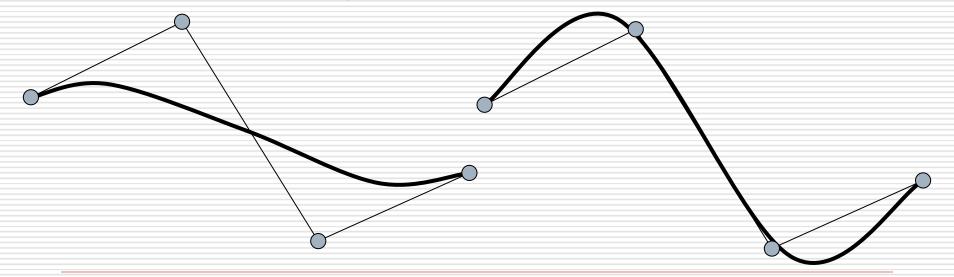
#### **Local Control**

- One problem with Bézier curve is that every control points affect every point on the curve (except for endpoints). Moving a single control point affects the whole curve.
- We'd like to have local control, that is, have each control point affect some well-defined neighborhood around that point.

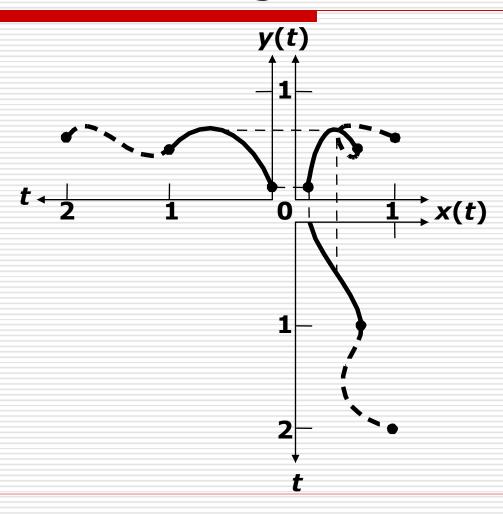


### Interpolation

Bézier curves are approximating. The curve does not necessarily pass through all the control points. We'd like to have a curve that is interpolating, that is, that always passes through every control points.



# Continuity between Curve Segments



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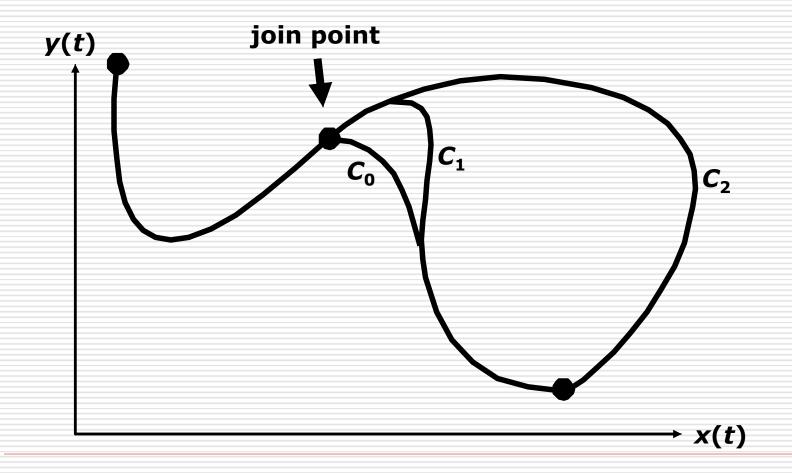
- $\square$   $G^0$  geometric continuity
  - two curve segments join together

- $\square$   $G^1$  geometric continuity
  - the directions (but not necessarily the magnitudes) of the two segments' tangent vectors are equal at a join point

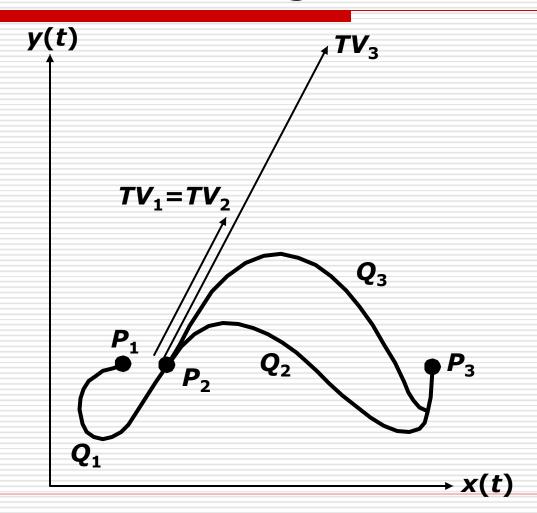
# Continuity between Curve Segments

- $\square$   $C^1$  continuous
  - the tangent vectors of the two cubic curve segments are equal (both directions and magnitudes) at the segments' join point
- $\square$   $C^n$  continuous
  - the direction and magnitude of  $d^n/dt^n[Q(t)]$  through the *n*th derivative are equal at the join point

# Continuity between Curve Segments



# Continuity between Curve Segments



# Bézier Curves → Splines

- Bézier curves have C-infinity continuity on their interiors, but we saw that they do not exhibit local control or interpolate their control points.
- It is possible to define points that we want to interpolate, and then solve for the Bézier control points that will do the job.
- But, you will need as many control points as interpolated points -> high order polynomials -> wiggly curves. (And you still won't have local control.)

# Bézier Curves → Splines

- We will splice together a curve from individual Bézier segments. We call these curves splines.
- When splicing Bézier together, we need to worry about continuity.

# Ensuring C<sup>0</sup> continuity

☐ Suppose we have a cubic Bézier defined by  $(V_1, V_2, V_3, V_4)$ , and we want to attach another curve  $(W_1, W_2, W_3, W_4)$  to it, so that there is  $C^0$  continuity at the joint.

 $C^0: Q_V(1) = Q_W(0)$ 

□ What constraint(s) does this place on  $(W_1, W_2, W_3, W_4)$ ?

$$Q_V(1) = Q_W(0) \Longrightarrow V_4 = W_1$$

# Ensuring C<sup>1</sup> continuity

□ Suppose we have a cubic Bézier defined by  $(V_1, V_2, V_3, V_4)$ , and we want to attach another curve  $(W_1, W_2, W_3, W_4)$  to it, so that there is  $C^1$  continuity at the joint.  $C^0: Q_V(1) = Q_W(0)$ 

$$C^1: Q'_V(1) = Q'_W(0)$$

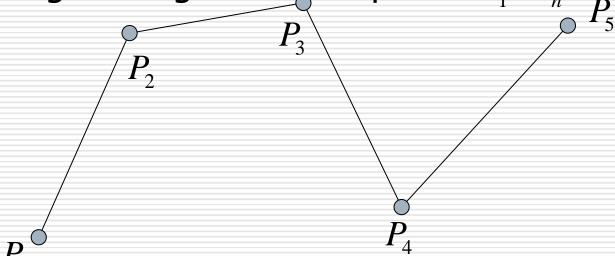
□ What constraint(s) does this place on  $(W_1, W_2, W_3, W_4)$ ?

$$Q_V(1) = Q_W(0) \Rightarrow V_4 = W_1$$

$$Q'_{V}(1) = Q'_{W}(0) \Rightarrow V_{4} - V_{3} = W_{2} - W_{1}$$

# The C<sup>1</sup> Bézier Spline

☐ How then could we construct a curve passing through a set of points  $P_1...P_n$ ?



We can specify the Bézier control points directly, or we can devise a scheme for placing them automatically...

## Catmull-Rom Spline

□ If we set each derivative to be one half of the vector between the previous and next controls, we get a Catmull-Rom Spline.

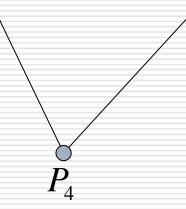
☐ This leads/to:

$$V_1 = P_2$$

$$V_2 = P_2 + \frac{1}{6}(P_3 - P_1)$$

$$V_3 = P_3 - \frac{1}{6}(P_4 - P_2)$$

$$V_4 = P_3$$



#### Catmull-Rom Basis Matrix

$$Q(t) = G_{\rm B} \bullet M_{\rm B} \bullet T$$

$$= G_{\rm B} \bullet \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 3 & -3 & 1 \\ 3 & -6 & 3 & 0 \\ -3 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \bullet T \quad G_{\rm B} = \begin{bmatrix} V_1 \\ V_2 \\ V_3 \\ V_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{-1}{6} & 1 & \frac{1}{6} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{6} & 1 & \frac{-1}{6} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} P_1 \\ P_2 \\ P_3 \\ P_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Q(t) = \begin{bmatrix} P_1 & P_2 & P_3 & P_4 \end{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 3 & -3 & 1 \\ 2 & -5 & 4 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} t^3 \\ t^2 \\ t \end{bmatrix}$$

## Ensuring C<sup>2</sup> continuity

□ Suppose we have a cubic Bézier defined by  $(V_1, V_2, V_3, V_4)$ , and we want to attach another curve  $(W_1, W_2, W_3, W_4)$  to it, so that there is  $\mathbb{C}^2$  continuity at the joint.

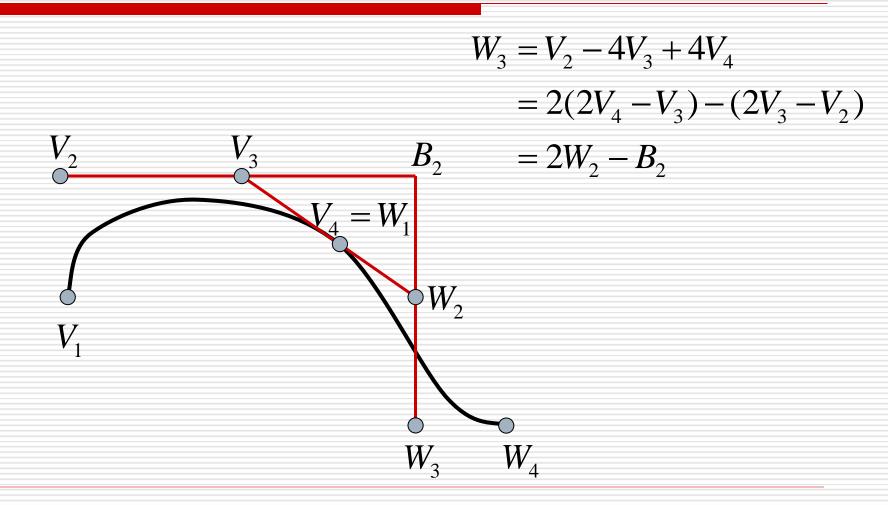
$$Q_{V}(1) = Q_{W}(0) \Rightarrow V_{4} = W_{1}$$

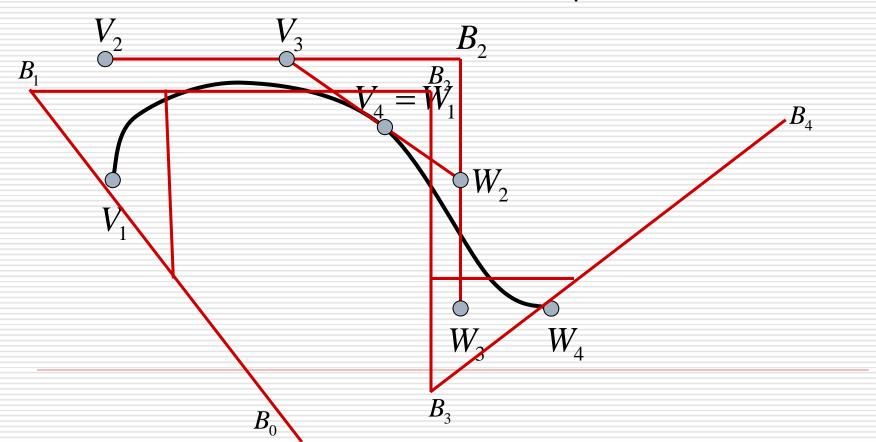
$$Q'_{V}(1) = Q'_{W}(0) \Rightarrow V_{4} - V_{3} = W_{2} - W_{1}$$

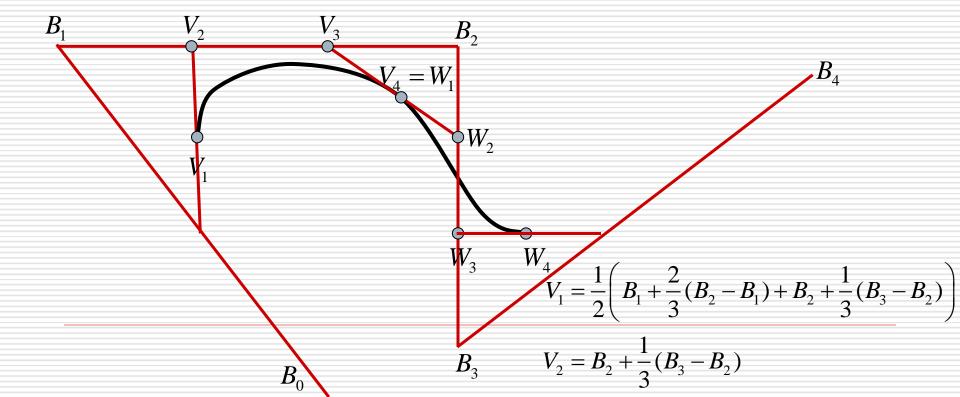
$$Q''_{V}(1) = Q''_{W}(0) \Rightarrow V_{2} - 2V_{3} + V_{4} = W_{1} - 2W_{2} + W_{3}$$

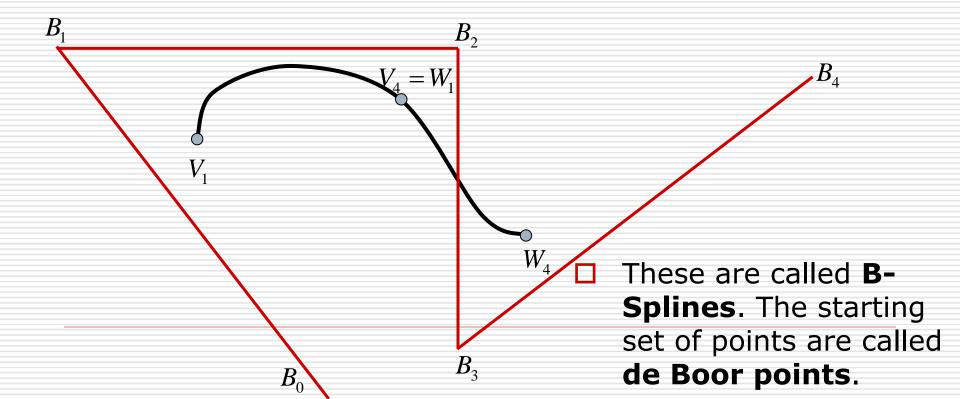
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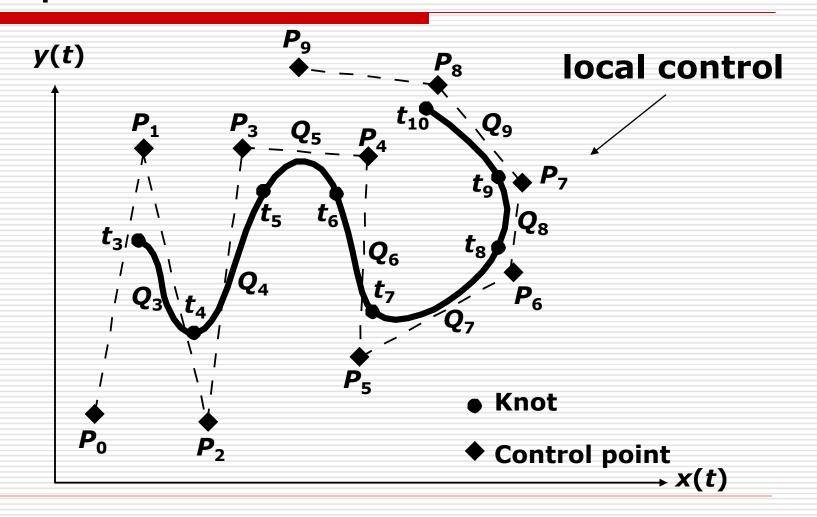
$$W_3 = V_2 - 4V_3 + 4V_4$$











## Uniform NonRational B-Splines

- cubic B-Spline
  - has m+1 control points  $P_0, P_1, ..., P_m, m \ge 3$
  - has m-2 cubic polynomial curve segments  $Q_3, Q_4, ..., Q_m$
- uniform
  - the knots are spaced at equal intervals of the parameter t
- non-rational
  - not rational cubic polynomial curves

## Uniform NonRational B-Splines

- $\square$  curve segment  $Q_i$  is defined by points  $P_{i-3}, P_{i-2}, P_{i-1}, P_i$ , thus
- B-Spline geometry matrix

$$G_{Bs_i} = [P_{i-3} \quad P_{i-2} \quad P_{i-1} \quad P_i], \quad 3 \le i \le m$$

- $\square \text{ if } T_i = \begin{bmatrix} (t t_i)^3 & (t t_i)^2 & (t t_i) & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{\Gamma}$
- $\square$  then  $Q_i(t) = G_{Bs_i} \bullet M_{Bs} \bullet T_i$ ,  $t_i \le t \le t_{i+1}$

## Uniform NonRational B-Splines

#### □ so B-Spline basis matrix

$$M_{\text{Bs}} = \frac{1}{6} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 3 & -3 & 1 \\ 3 & -6 & 0 & 4 \\ -3 & 3 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

#### B-Spline blending functions

$$B_{\text{Bs}} = \frac{1}{6} \begin{bmatrix} (1-t)^3 & 3t^3 - 6t^2 + 4 & -3t^3 + 3t^2 + 3t + 1 & t^3 \end{bmatrix}^{\text{T}}, \quad 0 \le t \le 1$$

### NonUniform NonRational B-Splines

- the knot-value sequence is a nondecreasing sequence
- allow multiple knot and the number of identical parameter is the multiplicity
  - Ex. (0,0,0,0,1,1,2,3,4,4,5,5,5,5)
- ☐ SO

$$Q_{i}(t) = P_{i-3} \bullet B_{i-3,4}(t) + P_{i-2} \bullet B_{i-2,4}(t) + P_{i-1} \bullet B_{i-1,4}(t) + P_{i} \bullet B_{i,4}(t)$$

### NonUniform NonRational B-Splines

 $\square$  where  $B_{i,j}(t)$  is jth-order blending function for weighting control point  $P_i$ 

$$B_{i,1}(t) = \begin{cases} 1, & t_i \le t \le t_{i+1} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$B_{i,2}(t) = \frac{t - t_i}{t_{i+1} - t_i} B_{i,1}(t) + \frac{t_{i+2} - t}{t_{i+2} - t_{i+1}} B_{i+1,1}(t)$$

$$B_{i,3}(t) = \frac{t - t_i}{t_{i+2} - t_i} B_{i,2}(t) + \frac{t_{i+3} - t}{t_{i+3} - t_{i+1}} B_{i+1,2}(t)$$

$$B_{i,4}(t) = \frac{t - t_i}{t_{i+3} - t_i} B_{i,3}(t) + \frac{t_{i+4} - t}{t_{i+4} - t_{i+1}} B_{i+1,3}(t)$$

## **Knot Multiplicity & Continuity**

- □ since  $Q(t_i)$  is within the convex hull of  $P_{i-3}$ ,  $P_{i-2}$ , and  $P_{i-1}$
- $\square$  if  $t_i = t_{i+1}$ ,  $Q(t_i)$  is within the convex hull of  $P_{i-3}$ ,  $P_{i-2}$ , and  $P_{i-1}$  and the convex hull of  $P_{i-2}$ ,  $P_{i-1}$ , and  $P_i$ , so it will lie on  $\overline{P_{i-2}P_{i-1}}$
- $\Box$  if  $t_i = t_{i+1} = t_{i+2}$ ,  $Q(t_i)$  will lie on  $P_{i-1}$
- $\square$  if  $t_i = t_{i+1} = t_{i+2} = t_{i+3}$ ,  $Q(t_i)$  will lie on both  $P_{i-1}$  and  $P_i$ , and the curve becomes broken

## **Knot Multiplicity & Continuity**

- $\square$  multiplicity 1 :  $\mathbb{C}^2$  continuity
- $\square$  multiplicity 2 :  $C^1$  continuity
- $\square$  multiplicity 3 :  $C^0$  continuity
- □ multiplicity 4 : no continuity

### NURBS: NonUniform Rational B-Splines

- rational
  - $\blacksquare$  x(t), y(t), and z(t) are defined as the ratio of two cubic polynomials
- rational cubic polynomial curve segments are ratios of polynomials

$$x(t) = \frac{X(t)}{W(t)} \quad y(t) = \frac{Y(t)}{W(t)} \quad z(t) = \frac{Z(t)}{W(t)}$$

can be Bézier, Hermite, or B-Splines

#### Parametric Bi-Cubic Surfaces

- $\square$  parametric cubic curves are  $Q(t) = G \bullet M \bullet T$
- □ so, parametric bi-cubic surfaces are  $Q(s) = G \cdot M \cdot S$
- ☐ if we allow the points in G to vary in3D along some path, then

$$Q(s,t) = \begin{bmatrix} G_1(t) & G_2(t) & G_3(t) & G_4(t) \end{bmatrix} \bullet M \bullet S$$

 $\square$  since  $G_i(t)$  are cubics

$$G_i(t) = G_i \bullet M \bullet T$$
, where  $G_i = \begin{bmatrix} g_{i1} & g_{i2} & g_{i3} & g_{i4} \end{bmatrix}$ 

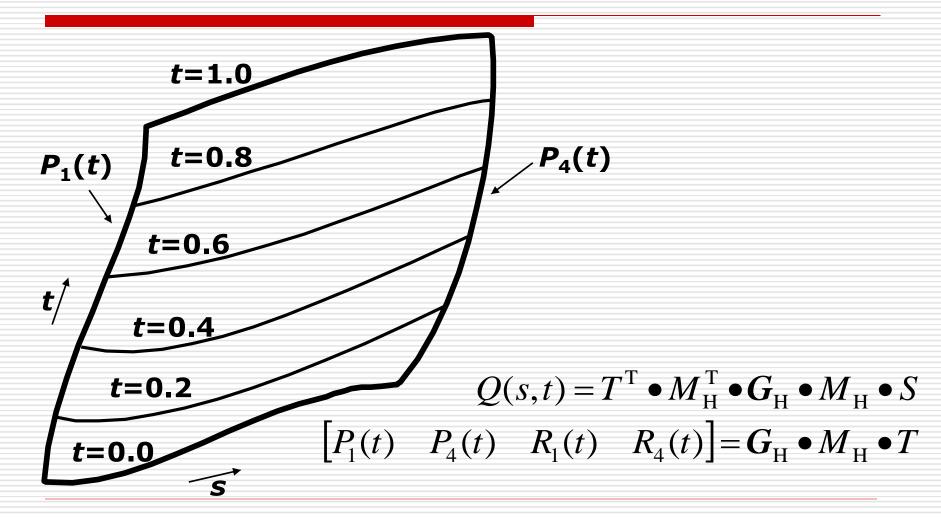
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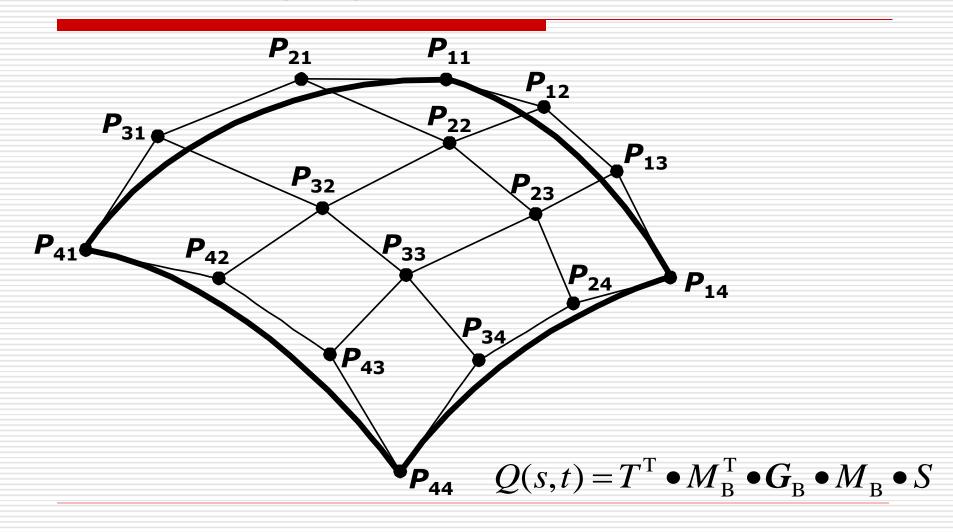
$$Q(s,t) = T^{T} \bullet M^{T} \bullet \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{g}_{11} & \mathbf{g}_{21} & \mathbf{g}_{31} & \mathbf{g}_{41} \\ \mathbf{g}_{12} & \mathbf{g}_{22} & \mathbf{g}_{32} & \mathbf{g}_{42} \\ \mathbf{g}_{13} & \mathbf{g}_{23} & \mathbf{g}_{33} & \mathbf{g}_{43} \\ \mathbf{g}_{14} & \mathbf{g}_{24} & \mathbf{g}_{34} & \mathbf{g}_{44} \end{bmatrix} \bullet M \bullet S$$

$$= T^{T} \bullet M^{T} \bullet G \bullet M \bullet S, \quad 0 \le s, t \le 1$$

#### Hermite Surfaces



### Bézier Surfaces



### Normals to Surfaces

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial s}Q(s,t) = T^{T} \bullet M^{T} \bullet G \bullet M \bullet \frac{\partial}{\partial s}S$$

$$= T^{T} \bullet M^{T} \bullet G \bullet M \bullet \left[3s^{2} \quad 2s \quad 1 \quad 0\right]^{T}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}Q(s,t) = \frac{\partial}{\partial t}\left(T^{T}\right) \bullet M^{T} \bullet G \bullet M \bullet S$$

$$= \left[3t^{2} \quad 2t \quad 1 \quad 0\right]^{T} \bullet M^{T} \bullet G \bullet M \bullet S$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial s}Q(s,t)\times\frac{\partial}{\partial t}Q(s,t)$$
 — normal vector