

# *Computer Graphics*

## *Parametric Curves - 1*

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# Outline

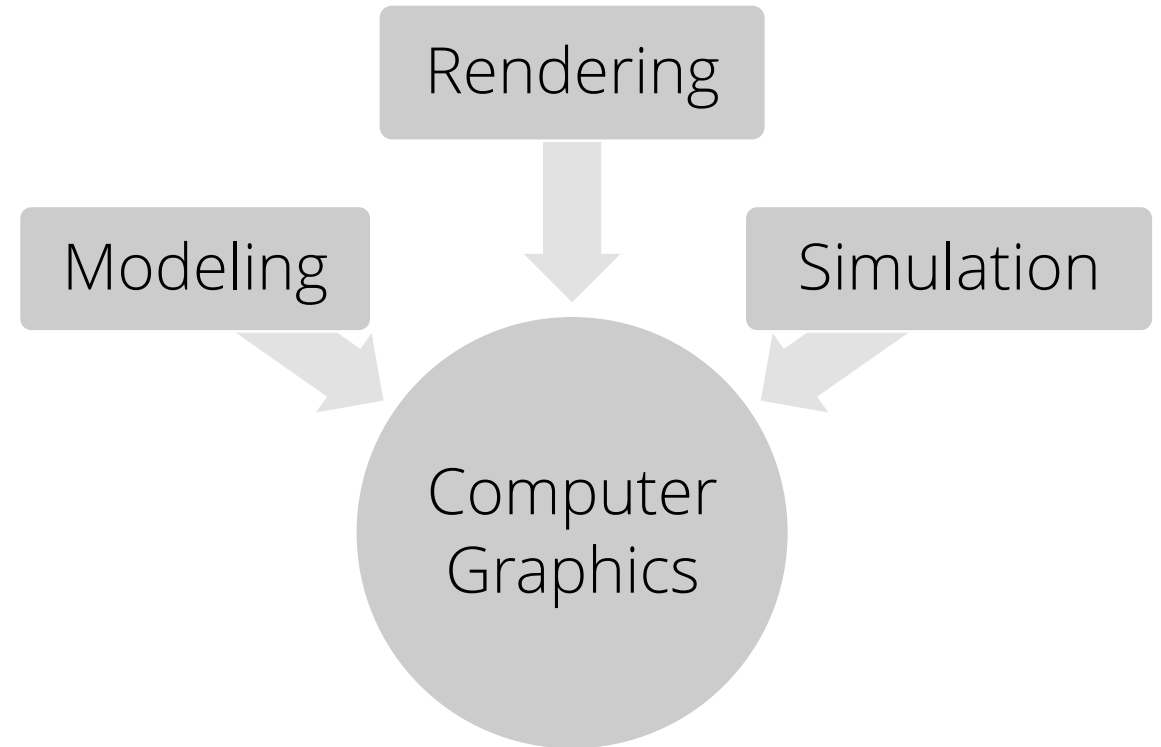
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- Matrix notation
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- Piecewise polynomial curves
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# Course Topics

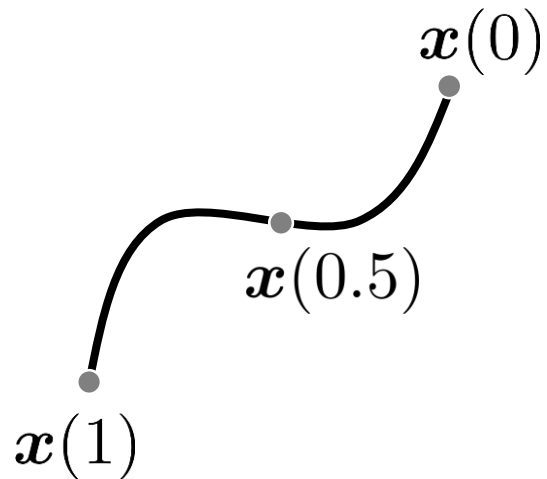
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- Rendering
  - What is visible at a sensor?
    - Ray casting
    - Rasterization / Depth test
  - Which color does it have?
    - Phong
- Modeling
  - Parametric curves



# Idea

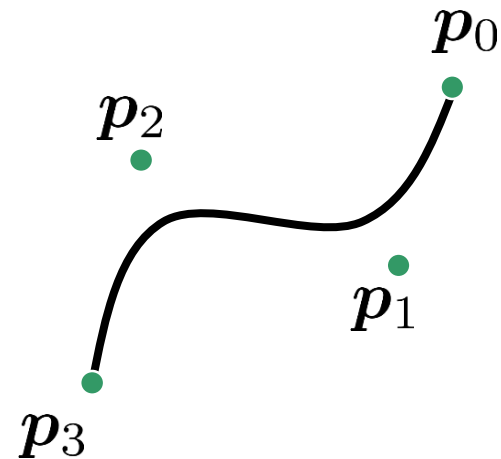
Using parametric curves for modeling purposes.



$$\mathbf{x}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} x(t) \\ y(t) \end{pmatrix} = \sum_{i=0}^3 \mathbf{c}_i t^i$$

Curve is defined by functions.  
Unintuitive coefficients  $\mathbf{c}_i$ .

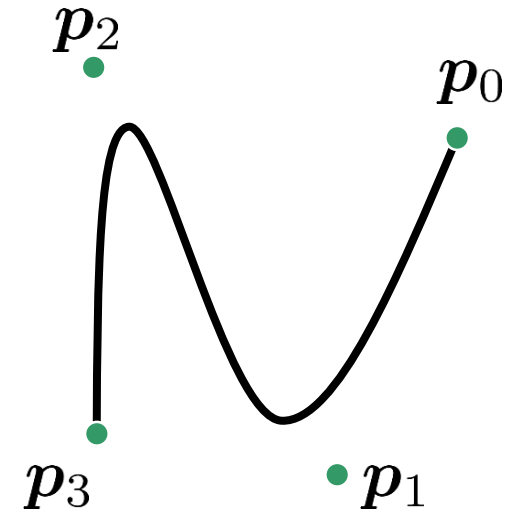
Specifying the curve with a small number of control points.



$$\mathbf{x}(t) = \sum_{i=0}^3 \mathbf{p}_i w_i(t)$$

Curve is computed as weighted sum of control points.  
Intuitive coefficients  $\mathbf{p}_i$ .

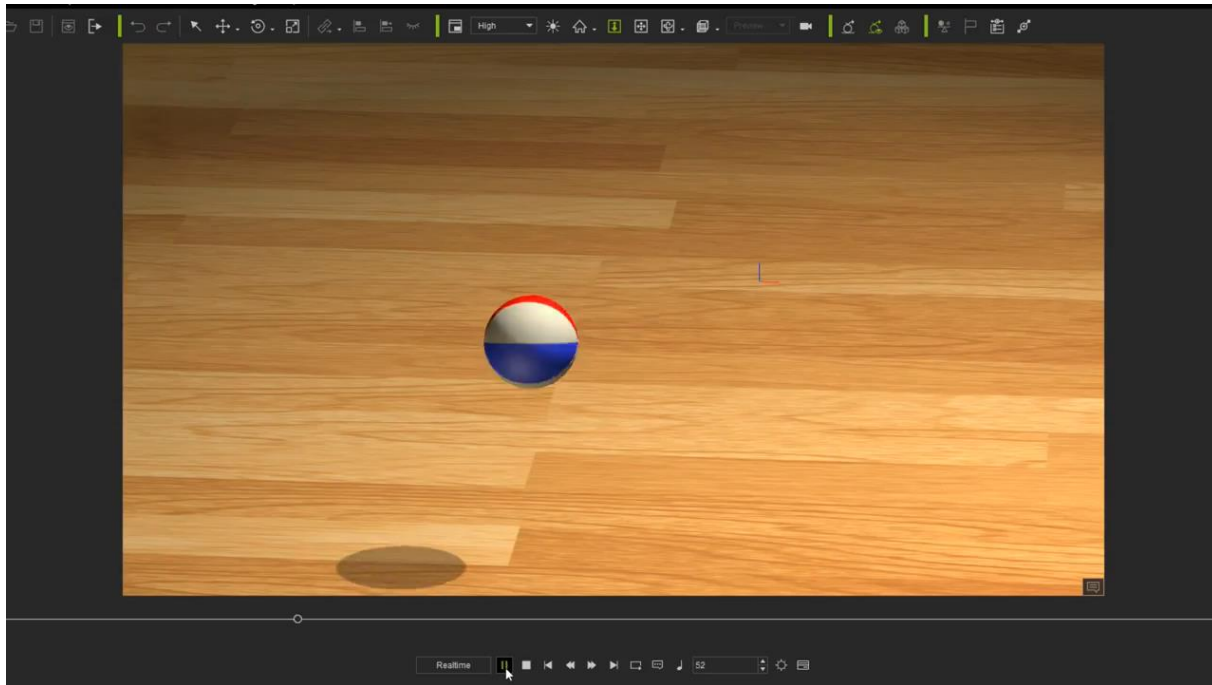
Modifying the curve by moving the control points should be intuitive.



# Applications

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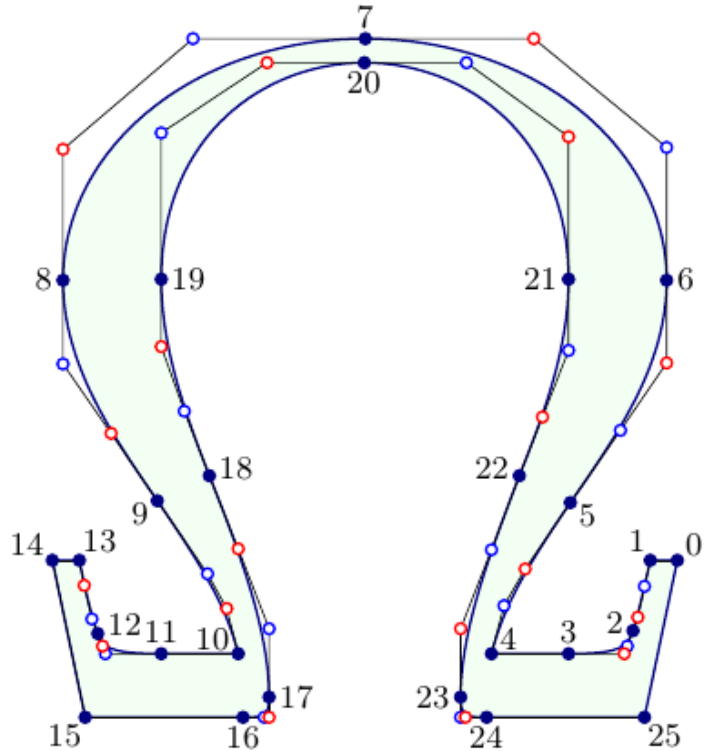
- Animation
  - Simple, flexible and intuitive user interaction



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# Applications

- Font modeling
  - High-quality rendering in case of scaling or shearing



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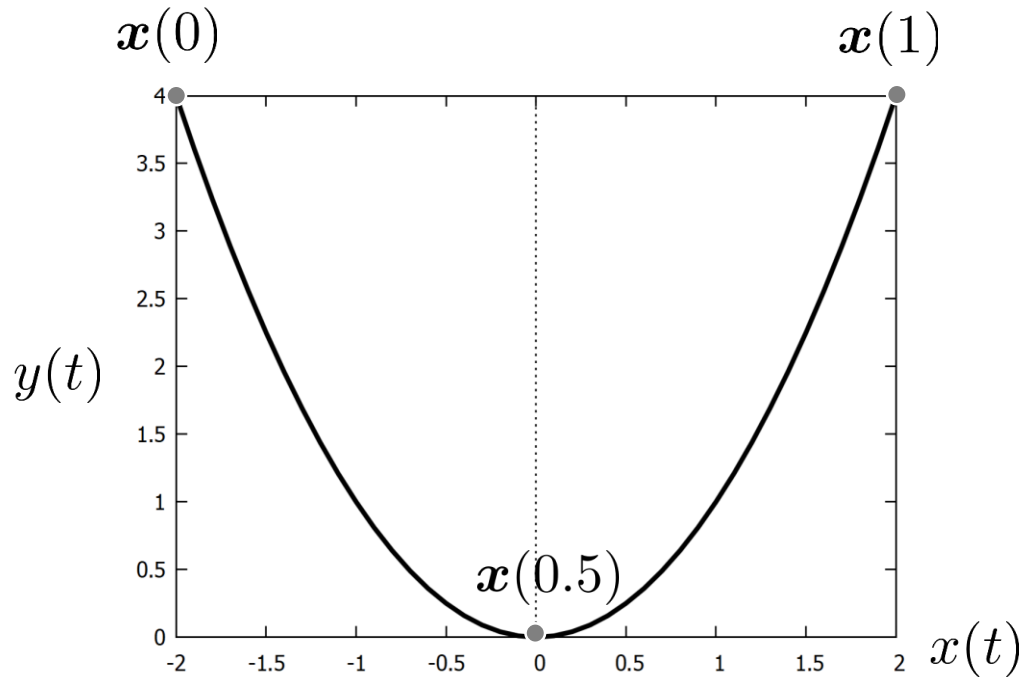
# Polynomial Curves

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- Parametric curve in the plane  $\mathbf{x}(t) = (x(t), y(t))^T$
- Parametric curve in 3D space  $\mathbf{x}(t) = (x(t), y(t), z(t))^T$
- If  $x(t)$  and  $y(t)$  are polynomials,  $\mathbf{x}(t)$  is a **polynomial curve**
- Highest power of  $t$  is the **degree of the curve**
- If the functions have the form  $\frac{p(t)}{q(t)}$  with  $p(t)$  and  $q(t)$  being polynomials,  $\mathbf{x}(t)$  is a **rational curve**

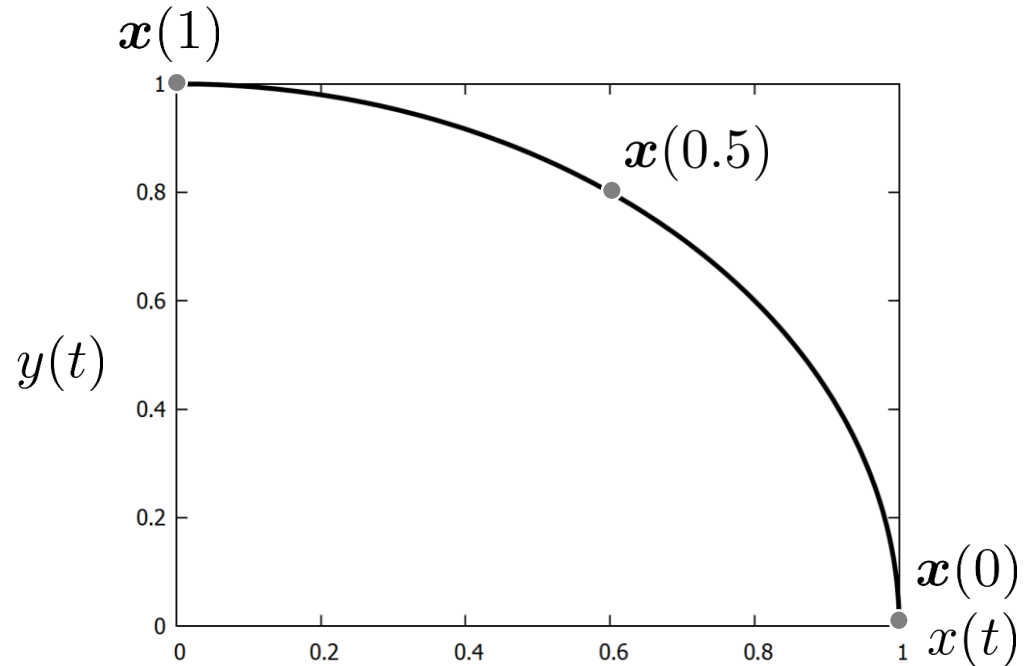


# Examples



$$\mathbf{x}(t) = (4t - 2, (4t - 2)^2)^\top$$

Polynomial curve  
of degree 2



$$\mathbf{x}(t) = \left( \frac{1-t^2}{1+t^2}, \frac{2t}{1+t^2} \right)^\top$$

Rational curve  
of degree 2

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# *Bézier Curves*

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- Are polynomial curves
- Represented by control points
  - $n+1$  control points for a curve of degree  $n$
- Have various mathematical properties which support their processing and analysis
- Simple and intuitive usage

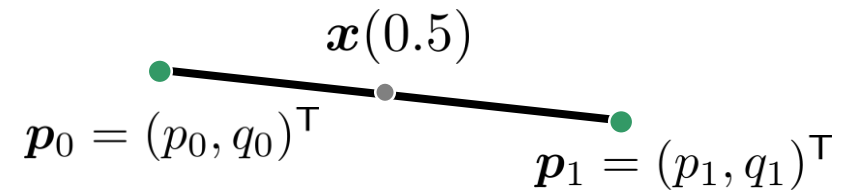
# Low-Degree Bézier Curves

– Constant Bézier curve (degree 0)  $\mathbf{x}(t) = \mathbf{p}_0 \quad t \in [0, 1] \quad \mathbf{p}_0 = (p_0, q_0)^\top$

– Linear Bézier curve (degree 1)

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = (1 - t)\mathbf{p}_0 + t\mathbf{p}_1 \quad t \in [0, 1]$$

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = ((1 - t)p_0 + tp_1, (1 - t)q_0 + tq_1)^\top$$



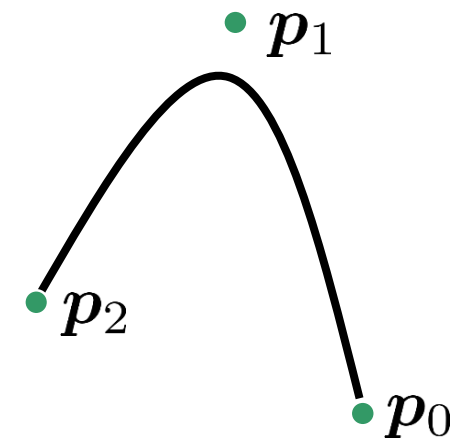
– Quadratic Bézier curve (degree 2)

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = (1 - t)^2\mathbf{p}_0 + 2(1 - t)t\mathbf{p}_1 + t^2\mathbf{p}_2 \quad t \in [0, 1]$$

– Control points  $\mathbf{p}_i$

– First and last control point are interpolated

– Other control points are approximated



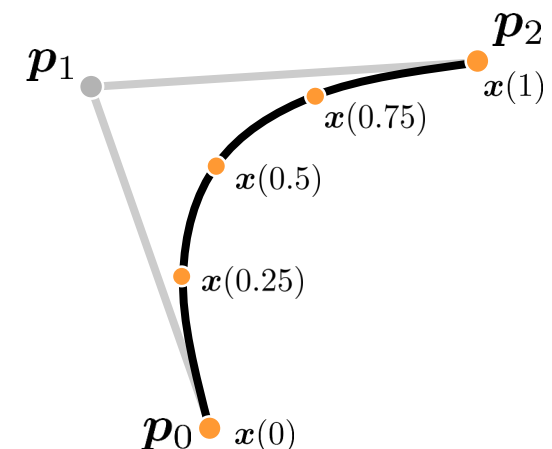
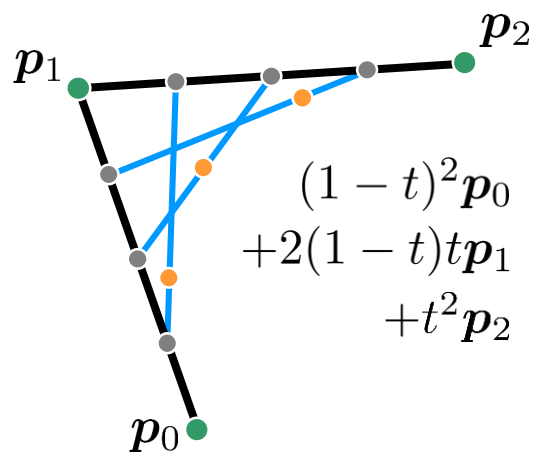
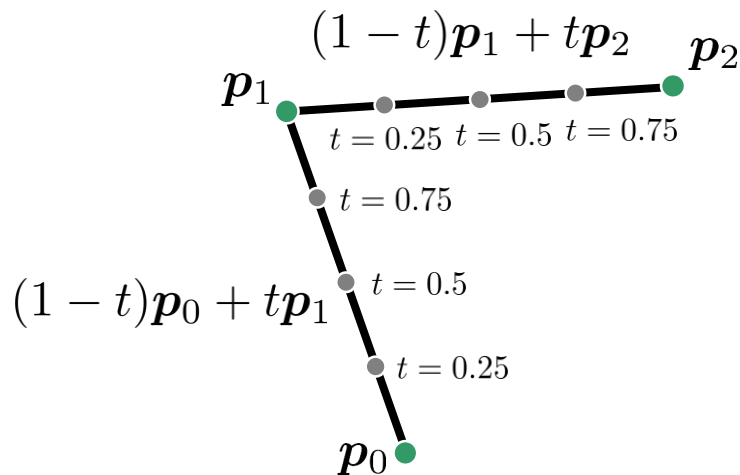
# Examples

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- Linear Bézier curve
  - Control points:  $\mathbf{p}_0 = (1, 2)^\top$   $\mathbf{p}_1 = (3, 4)^\top$
  - Curve:  $\mathbf{x}(t) = (1 - t)\mathbf{p}_0 + t\mathbf{p}_1$   
 $= (1 - t + 3t, 2(1 - t) + 4t)^\top = (1 + 2t, 2 + 2t)^\top$
- Quadratic Bézier curve
  - Control points:  $\mathbf{p}_0 = (1, 2)^\top$   $\mathbf{p}_1 = (4, -1)^\top$   $\mathbf{p}_2 = (8, 6)^\top$
  - Curve:  $\mathbf{x}(t) = (1 - t)^2\mathbf{p}_0 + 2(1 - t)t\mathbf{p}_1 + t^2\mathbf{p}_2$   
 $= (1 + 6t + t^2, 2 - 6t + 10t^2)^\top$
- Control points define a parametric curve in  $t$
- Bézier curves are polynomials in  $t$

# Illustration

- Linear:  $\mathbf{x}(t) = (1 - t)\mathbf{p}_0 + t\mathbf{p}_1$ 
  - Interpolation between two points
- Quadratic:  $\mathbf{x}(t) = (1 - t)^2\mathbf{p}_0 + 2(1 - t)t\mathbf{p}_1 + t^2\mathbf{p}_2$ 
$$= (1 - t)[(1 - t)\mathbf{p}_0 + t\mathbf{p}_1] + t[(1 - t)\mathbf{p}_1 + t\mathbf{p}_2]$$
  - Interpolation between the interpolation results of two points



# Cubic Bézier Curves

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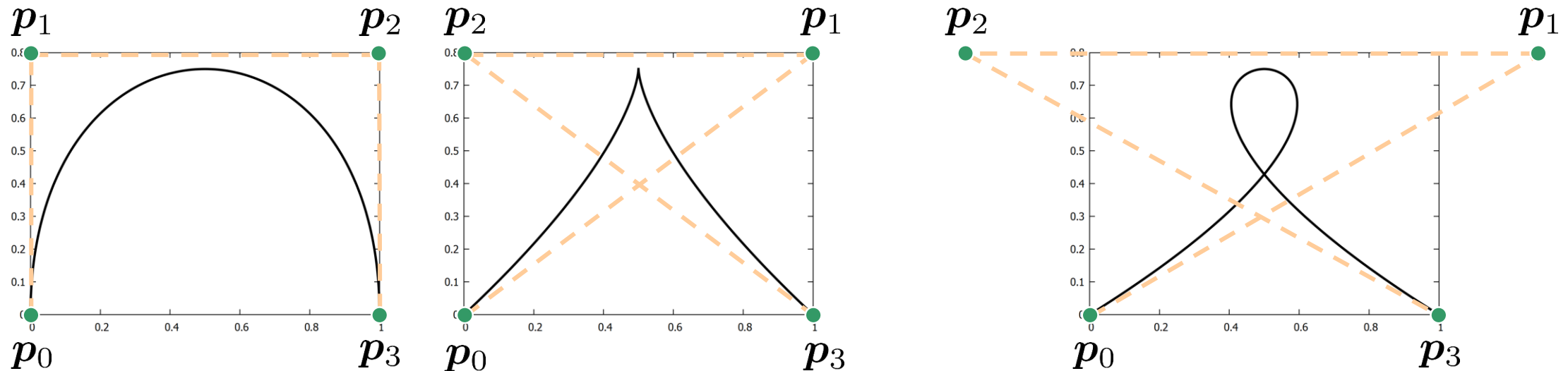
– Interpolation of the interpolation results of the interpolation results of two control points

$$\begin{aligned} - \mathbf{x}(t) = & (1 - t) \left\{ (1 - t) [(1 - t)\mathbf{p}_0 + t\mathbf{p}_1] + t [(1 - t)\mathbf{p}_1 + t\mathbf{p}_2] \right\} \\ & + t \left\{ (1 - t) [(1 - t)\mathbf{p}_1 + t\mathbf{p}_2] + t [(1 - t)\mathbf{p}_2 + t\mathbf{p}_3] \right\} \end{aligned}$$

$$- \mathbf{x}(t) = (1 - t)^3 \mathbf{p}_0 + 3(1 - t)^2 t \mathbf{p}_1 + 3(1 - t) t^2 \mathbf{p}_2 + t^3 \mathbf{p}_3 \quad t \in [0, 1]$$

# Cubic Bézier Curves

- Four control points  $p_i$
- Larger variety of shapes compared to linear and quadratic Bézier curves





# General Bézier Curves

- Bézier curve of degree  $n$  with  $n+1$  control points  $\mathbf{p}_i$

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = \sum_{i=0}^n B_{i,n}(t) \mathbf{p}_i \quad t \in [0, 1]$$

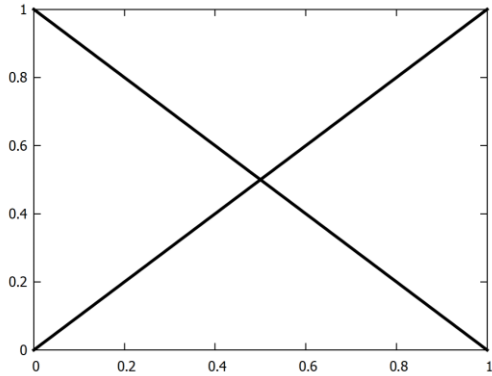
$$B_{i,n}(t) = \frac{n!}{(n-i)!i!} (1-t)^{n-i} t^i \quad 0 \leq i \leq n$$

- Binomial coefficients:  $\frac{n!}{(n-i)!i!} = \binom{n}{i}$

$$\begin{array}{cccccc}
 & & \binom{0}{0} & & & 1 \\
 & & \binom{1}{0} & \binom{1}{1} & & 1 & 1 \\
 & & \binom{2}{0} & \binom{2}{1} & \binom{2}{2} & = & 1 & 2 & 1 \\
 & & \binom{3}{0} & \binom{3}{1} & \binom{3}{2} & \binom{3}{3} & & 1 & 3 & 3 & 1 \\
 & & \binom{4}{0} & \binom{4}{1} & \binom{4}{2} & \binom{4}{3} & \binom{4}{4} & & 1 & 4 & 6 & 4 & 1 \\
 & & \dots & & & & & & & \dots & & & & \dots
 \end{array}$$

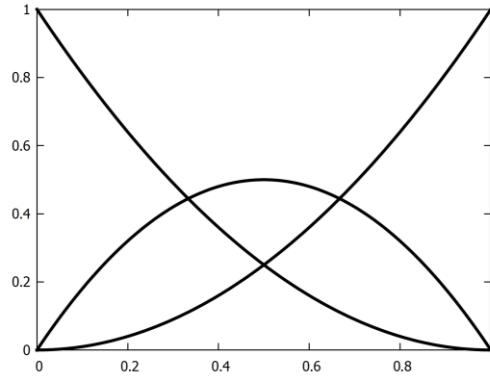
Curves of degree larger three are not often used. Designing a curve with more than four control points gets more difficult. Instead, piecewise cubic or quadratic Bézier curves are used.

# Bernstein Polynomials



$$B_{0,1}(t) = (1 - t)$$

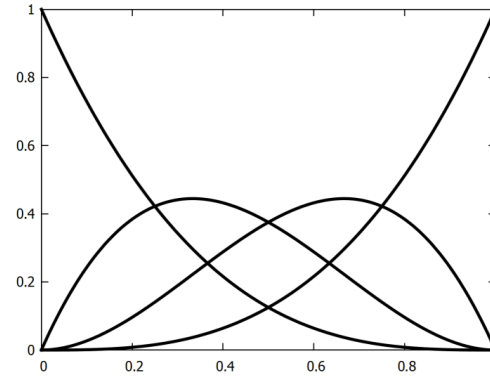
$$B_{1,1}(t) = t$$



$$B_{0,2}(t) = (1 - t)^2$$

$$B_{1,2}(t) = 2(1 - t)t$$

$$B_{2,2}(t) = t^2$$

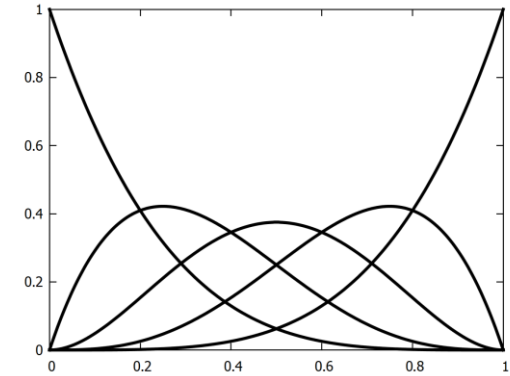


$$B_{0,3}(t) = (1 - t)^3$$

$$B_{1,3}(t) = 3(1 - t)^2t$$

$$B_{2,3}(t) = 3(1 - t)t^2$$

$$B_{3,3}(t) = t^3$$



$$B_{0,4}(t) = (1 - t)^4$$

$$B_{1,4}(t) = 4(1 - t)^3t$$

$$B_{2,4}(t) = 6(1 - t)^2t^2$$

$$B_{3,4}(t) = 4(1 - t)t^3$$

$$B_{4,4}(t) = t^4$$

# Bernstein Polynomials - Properties

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- Partition of unity:  $\sum_{i=0}^n B_{i,n}(t) = 1 \quad t \in [0, 1]$
- Positivity:  $B_{i,n}(t) \geq 0 \quad t \in [0, 1]$
- Symmetry:  $B_{n-i,n}(t) = B_{i,n}(1-t) \quad i = 0, \dots, n$
- Recursion:  $B_{i,n}(t) = (1-t)B_{i,n-1}(t) + tB_{i-1,n-1}(t)$   
 $i = 0, \dots, n \quad B_{-1,n-1}(t) = B_{n,n-1} = 0$

# Bézier Curves - Properties

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- Endpoint interpolation:

$$\mathbf{x}(0) = \sum_{i=0}^n B_{i,n}(0)\mathbf{p}_i = \mathbf{p}_0 \quad \mathbf{x}(1) = \sum_{i=0}^n B_{i,n}(1)\mathbf{p}_i = \mathbf{p}_n$$

- Endpoint tangent:

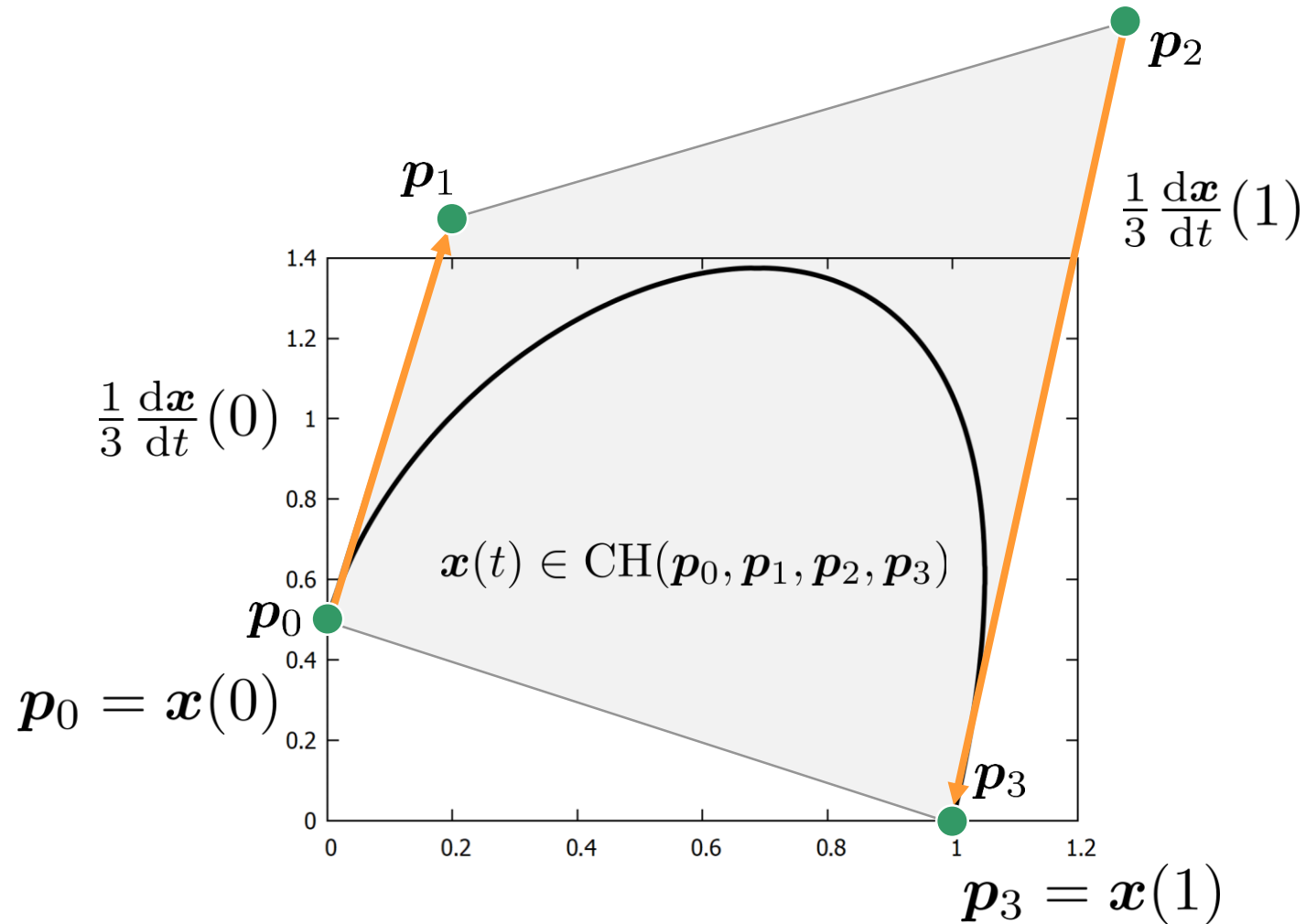
$$\frac{d\mathbf{x}}{dt}(0) = n(\mathbf{p}_1 - \mathbf{p}_0) \quad \frac{d\mathbf{x}}{dt}(1) = n(\mathbf{p}_n - \mathbf{p}_{n-1})$$

- Convex hull:

$$\mathbf{x}(t) \in \text{CH}(\mathbf{p}_0, \dots, \mathbf{p}_n) \quad t \in [0, 1]$$

$$\text{CH}(\mathbf{p}_0, \dots, \mathbf{p}_n) = \left\{ \sum_{i=0}^n a_i \mathbf{p}_i \mid \sum_{i=0}^n a_i = 1, a_i \geq 0 \right\}$$

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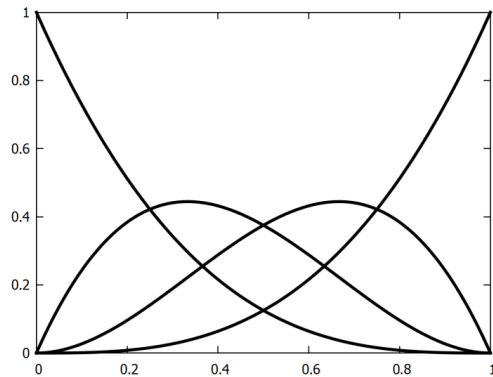
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- Invariance under affine transformations
  - $\mathbf{M} \left( \sum_{i=0}^n B_{i,n}(t) \mathbf{p}_i \right) = \sum_{i=0}^n B_{i,n}(t) \mathbf{M} \mathbf{p}_i$
  - $\mathbf{M}$  is a transformation matrix
  - $\mathbf{p}_i$  are the control points
  - Transforming a point on the curve corresponds to computing the point on the curve from the transformed control points
  - Bézier curves can be transformed by transforming their control points

# Bézier Curves - Properties

- Points  $\mathbf{x}(t)$  on a Bézier curve are a linear combination of the control points  $\mathbf{p}_i$  weighted with Bernstein polynomials at  $t$
- Cubic Bézier curve

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = \mathbf{p}_0 B_{0,3}(t) + \mathbf{p}_1 B_{1,3}(t) + \mathbf{p}_2 B_{2,3}(t) + \mathbf{p}_3 B_{3,3}(t)$$



$$B_{0,3}(t) = (1 - t)^3$$

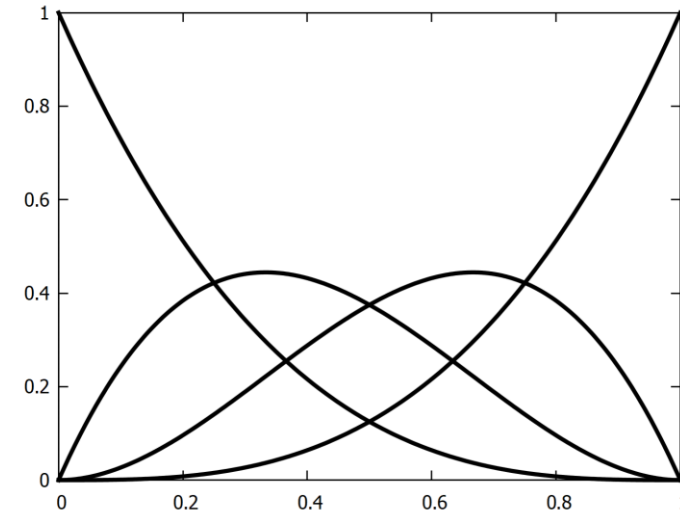
$$B_{1,3}(t) = 3(1 - t)^2 t$$

$$B_{2,3}(t) = 3(1 - t) t^2$$

$$B_{3,3}(t) = t^3$$

# Bézier Curves - Properties

- Cubic Bézier curve
  - $B_{i,3}(t)$  describes the influence of control point  $\mathbf{p}_i$
  - All points  $\mathbf{x}(t)$  on the curve with  $t \in (0, 1)$  are influenced by all control points  $B_{i,3}(t)$
  - $\mathbf{x}(0) = B_{0,3}(0)\mathbf{p}_0 = 1 \cdot \mathbf{p}_0$
  - $\mathbf{x}(1) = B_{3,3}(1)\mathbf{p}_3 = 1 \cdot \mathbf{p}_3$



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# Bernstein Polynomials – Matrix Notation

## – Quadratic

$$\begin{aligned} B_{0,2}(t) &= (1-t)^2 \\ B_{1,2}(t) &= 2(1-t)t \\ B_{2,2}(t) &= t^2 \end{aligned} \quad \begin{pmatrix} B_{0,2}(t) \\ B_{1,2}(t) \\ B_{2,2}(t) \end{pmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}}_{S_2^{\text{Bez}}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ t \\ t^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

## – Cubic

$$\begin{aligned} B_{0,3}(t) &= (1-t)^3 \\ B_{1,3}(t) &= 3(1-t)^2t \\ B_{2,3}(t) &= 3(1-t)t^2 \\ B_{3,3}(t) &= t^3 \end{aligned} \quad \begin{pmatrix} B_{0,3}(t) \\ B_{1,3}(t) \\ B_{2,3}(t) \\ B_{3,3}(t) \end{pmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3 & 3 & -1 \\ 0 & 3 & -6 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}}_{S_3^{\text{Bez}}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ t \\ t^2 \\ t^3 \end{pmatrix}$$

# Polynomial Bases

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- $\{1, t, t^2, t^3\}$  is the canonical basis for cubic polynomials
  - Elements (monomials) are linearly independent
  - All cubic polynomials are linear combinations of the elements
- $\{B_{0,3}(t), B_{1,3}(t), B_{2,3}(t), B_{3,3}(t)\}$  is an (alternative) Bernstein basis for cubic polynomials

–  $\mathbf{S}_3^{\text{Bez}}$  with  $\begin{pmatrix} B_{0,3}(t) \\ B_{1,3}(t) \\ B_{2,3}(t) \\ B_{3,3}(t) \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{S}_3^{\text{Bez}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ t \\ t^2 \\ t^3 \end{pmatrix}$  represents a basis transform

# Polynomial Bases

– Basis transforms

$$\begin{pmatrix} B_{0,3}(t) \\ B_{1,3}(t) \\ B_{2,3}(t) \\ B_{3,3}(t) \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{S}_3^{\text{Bez}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ t \\ t^2 \\ t^3 \end{pmatrix} = (\mathbf{S}_3^{\text{Bez}})^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ t \\ t^2 \\ t^3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(\mathbf{S}_3^{\text{Bez}})^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{2}{3} & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{3} & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{aligned} 1 &= B_{0,3}(t) + B_{1,3}(t) + B_{2,3}(t) + B_{3,3}(t) \\ t &= \frac{1}{3}B_{1,3}(t) + \frac{2}{3}B_{2,3}(t) \\ t^2 &= \frac{1}{3}B_{2,3}(t) + B_{3,3}(t) \\ t^3 &= B_{3,3}(t) \end{aligned}$$

# Bézier Curves

– Cubic in 2D

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = B_{0,3}(t)\mathbf{p}_0 + B_{1,3}(t)\mathbf{p}_1 + B_{2,3}(t)\mathbf{p}_2 + B_{3,3}(t)\mathbf{p}_3$$

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = (\mathbf{p}_0 \quad \mathbf{p}_1 \quad \mathbf{p}_2 \quad \mathbf{p}_3) \begin{pmatrix} B_{0,3}(t) \\ B_{1,3}(t) \\ B_{2,3}(t) \\ B_{3,3}(t) \end{pmatrix} = (\mathbf{p}_0 \quad \mathbf{p}_1 \quad \mathbf{p}_2 \quad \mathbf{p}_3) \mathbf{S}_3^{\text{Bez}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ t \\ t^2 \\ t^3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x(t) \\ y(t) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} p_0 & p_1 & p_2 & p_3 \\ q_0 & q_1 & q_2 & q_3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} B_{0,3}(t) \\ B_{1,3}(t) \\ B_{2,3}(t) \\ B_{3,3}(t) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} p_0 & p_1 & p_2 & p_3 \\ q_0 & q_1 & q_2 & q_3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3 & 3 & -1 \\ 0 & 3 & -6 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ t \\ t^2 \\ t^3 \end{pmatrix}$$

# Bézier Curves

– Cubic in 2D

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Curve

Geometry  
matrix

Spline  
matrix  
(Bernstein)

Basis  
(canonical)

– General spline formulation

– Piecewise polynomial function

–  $\mathbf{x}(t) = \mathbf{GST}(t)$       Curve = Geometry • Spline basis • Power basis

# General Spline Formulation

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- $\mathbf{x}(t) = \mathbf{GST}(t)$
- Examples
  - 2D cubic Bézier curve

$$\begin{pmatrix} x(t) \\ y(t) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} p_0 & p_1 & p_2 & p_3 \\ q_0 & q_1 & q_2 & q_3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3 & 3 & -1 \\ 0 & 3 & -6 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ t \\ t^2 \\ t^3 \end{pmatrix}$$

- 3D quadratic Bézier curve

$$\begin{pmatrix} x(t) \\ y(t) \\ z(t) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} p_0 & p_1 & p_2 \\ q_0 & q_1 & q_2 \\ r_0 & r_1 & r_2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ t \\ t^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

# General Spline Formulation

- Examples
  - 3D cubic Bézier spline

$$\begin{pmatrix} x(t) \\ y(t) \\ z(t) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} p_0 & p_1 & p_2 & p_3 \\ q_0 & q_1 & q_2 & q_3 \\ r_0 & r_1 & r_2 & r_3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3 & 3 & -1 \\ 0 & 3 & -6 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ t \\ t^2 \\ t^3 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Transformed 3D cubic Bézier spline

$$\mathbf{M} \begin{pmatrix} x(t) \\ y(t) \\ z(t) \end{pmatrix} = \left[ \mathbf{M} \begin{pmatrix} p_0 & p_1 & p_2 & p_3 \\ q_0 & q_1 & q_2 & q_3 \\ r_0 & r_1 & r_2 & r_3 \end{pmatrix} \right] \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3 & 3 & -1 \\ 0 & 3 & -6 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ t \\ t^2 \\ t^3 \end{pmatrix}$$

The curve can be transformed by transforming the control points.

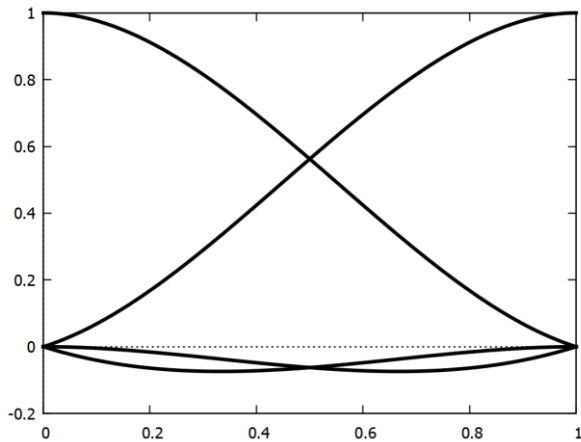


# General Spline Formulation

- Examples
  - 2D cubic Catmull-Rom spline
  - Interpolates control points  $\mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2$  :  $\mathbf{x}(0) = \mathbf{p}_1$  and  $\mathbf{x}(1) = \mathbf{p}_2$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x(t) \\ y(t) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} p_0 & p_1 & p_2 & p_3 \\ q_0 & q_1 & q_2 & q_3 \end{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 0 & -5 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}}_{\mathbf{S}_3^{\text{CR}}} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ t \\ t^2 \\ t^3 \end{pmatrix}}_{\mathbf{T}_3}$$

# Catmull-Rom Spline

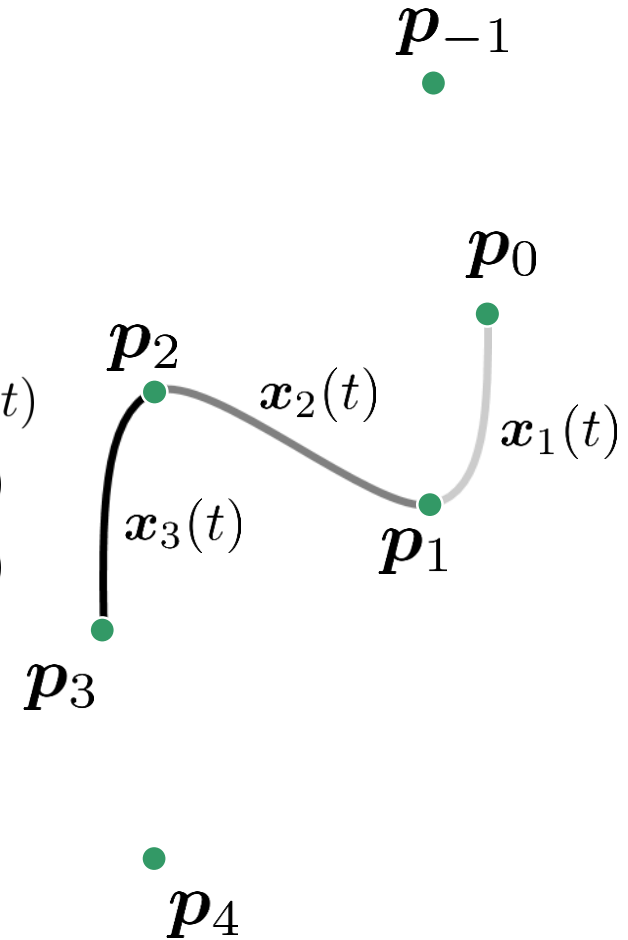


Basis functions

$$S_3^{\text{CR}}T(t)$$

■  $x_1(t) = (p_{-1} \ p_0 \ p_1 \ p_2) S_3^{\text{CR}}T_3(t)$   
■  $x_2(t) = (p_0 \ p_1 \ p_2 \ p_3) S_3^{\text{CR}}T_3(t)$   
■  $x_3(t) = (p_1 \ p_2 \ p_3 \ p_4) S_3^{\text{CR}}T_3(t)$

Each curve interpolates between two control points using four control points



# Conversion From Canonical to Bézier

- Given a curve in canonical form 
$$\begin{pmatrix} x(t) \\ y(t) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c & d \\ e & f & g & h \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ t \\ t^2 \\ t^3 \end{pmatrix}$$
- How to compute the control points  $\begin{pmatrix} p_0 \\ q_0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} p_1 \\ q_1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} p_2 \\ q_2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} p_3 \\ q_3 \end{pmatrix}$
- We have

$$\begin{pmatrix} x(t) \\ y(t) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c & d \\ e & f & g & h \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ t \\ t^2 \\ t^3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} p_0 & p_1 & p_2 & p_3 \\ q_0 & q_1 & q_2 & q_3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3 & 3 & -1 \\ 0 & 3 & -6 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ t \\ t^2 \\ t^3 \end{pmatrix}$$

# Conversion From Canonical to Bézier

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b & c & d \\ e & f & g & h \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} p_0 & p_1 & p_2 & p_3 \\ q_0 & q_1 & q_2 & q_3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3 & 3 & -1 \\ 0 & 3 & -6 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b & c & d \\ e & f & g & h \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{2}{3} & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{3} & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} p_0 & p_1 & p_2 & p_3 \\ q_0 & q_1 & q_2 & q_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

– Example

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 + t + t^2 + t^3 \\ 1 + t + t^2 + t^3 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \mathbf{p}_0 = (1, 1)^\top, \mathbf{p}_1 = \left(\frac{4}{3}, \frac{4}{3}\right)^\top, \mathbf{p}_2 = (2, 2)^\top, \mathbf{p}_3 = (4, 4)^\top$$

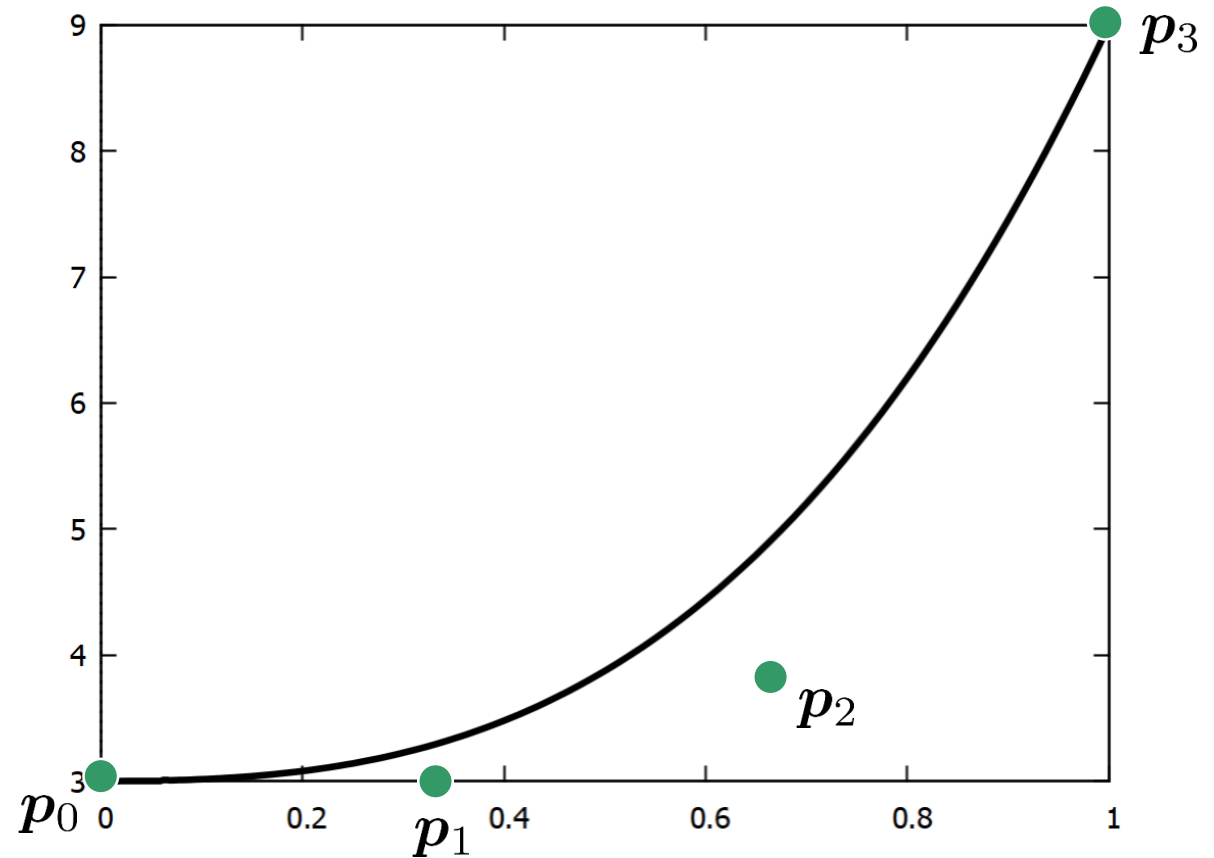
# Conversion From Canonical to Bézier

– Example

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} t \\ 3 + t^2 + 5t^3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{p}_0 = (0, 3)^\top, \mathbf{p}_1 = \left(\frac{1}{3}, 3\right)^\top,$$

$$\mathbf{p}_2 = \left(\frac{2}{3}, \frac{10}{3}\right)^\top, \mathbf{p}_3 = (1, 9)^\top$$



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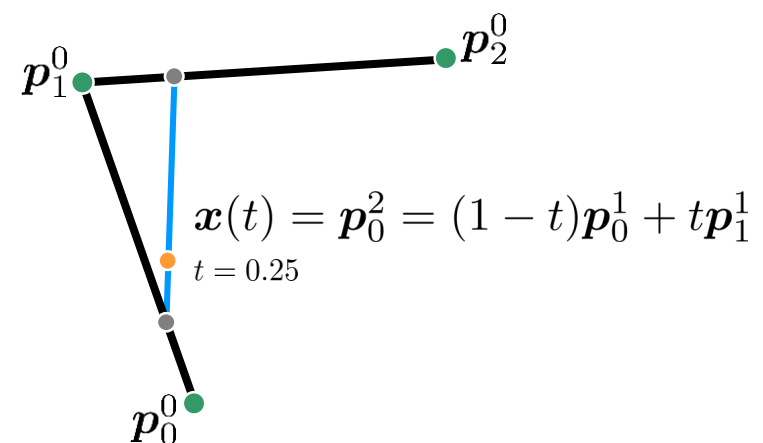
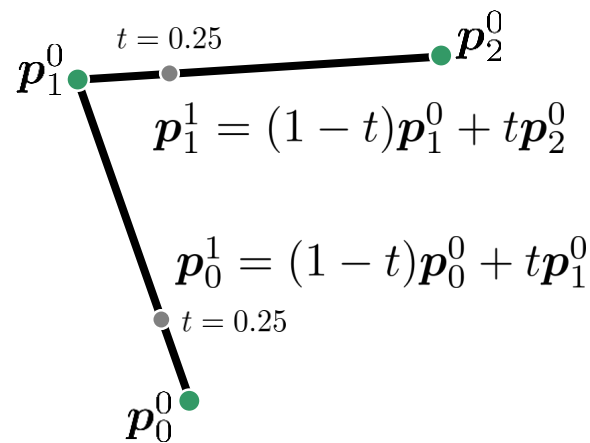
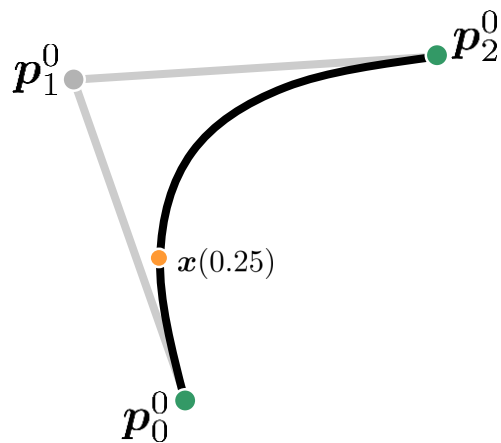
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# De Casteljau Algorithm

- Evaluation of a curve point  $\mathbf{x}(t)$  for a given  $t \in [0, 1]$
- Illustration for  $\mathbf{x}(t) = \mathbf{GS}_2^{\text{Bez}} \mathbf{T}_2(t)$

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = (1-t) \left[ \underbrace{(1-t)\mathbf{p}_0^0 + t\mathbf{p}_1^0}_{\mathbf{p}_0^1} \right] + t \left[ \underbrace{(1-t)\mathbf{p}_1^0 + t\mathbf{p}_2^0}_{\mathbf{p}_1^1} \right]$$

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = \mathbf{p}_0^2 = (1-t)\mathbf{p}_0^1 + t\mathbf{p}_1^1$$



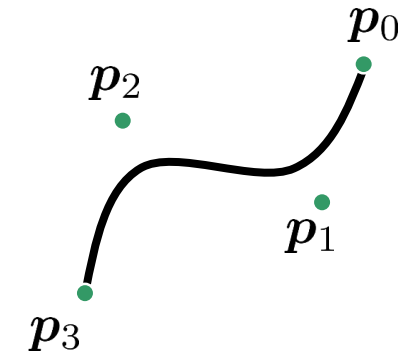
# De Casteljau Algorithm

– Cubic Bézier curve with control points  $\mathbf{p}_0, \mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2, \mathbf{p}_3$

–  $\mathbf{p}_i^0 = \mathbf{p}_i \quad i = 0, 1, 2, 3$

–  $\mathbf{p}_i^j = (1 - t)\mathbf{p}_i^{j-1} + t\mathbf{p}_{i+1}^{j-1} \quad \mathbf{x}(t) = \mathbf{p}_0^3$

$j = 1, 2, 3 \quad i = 0, \dots, 3 - j$



$$\mathbf{p}_0^0 = \mathbf{p}_0 \quad \mathbf{p}_1^0 = \mathbf{p}_1 \quad \mathbf{p}_2^0 = \mathbf{p}_2 \quad \mathbf{p}_3^0 = \mathbf{p}_3$$

$$\mathbf{p}_0^1 = (1 - t)\mathbf{p}_0^0 + t\mathbf{p}_1^0 \quad \mathbf{p}_1^1 = (1 - t)\mathbf{p}_1^0 + t\mathbf{p}_2^0 \quad \mathbf{p}_2^1 = (1 - t)\mathbf{p}_2^0 + t\mathbf{p}_3^0$$

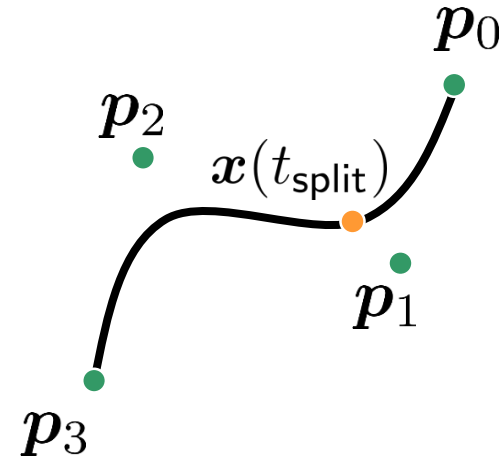
$$\mathbf{p}_0^2 = (1 - t)\mathbf{p}_0^1 + t\mathbf{p}_1^1 \quad \mathbf{p}_1^2 = (1 - t)\mathbf{p}_1^1 + t\mathbf{p}_2^1$$

$$\mathbf{p}_0^3 = (1 - t)\mathbf{p}_0^2 + t\mathbf{p}_1^2$$



# Subdivision of a Cubic Bézier

- Given a curve from  $p_0$  to  $p_3$ , generate two curves from  $p_0$  to  $x(t_{\text{split}})$  and from  $x(t_{\text{split}})$  to  $p_3$  given a value  $0 \leq t_{\text{split}} \leq 1$



- Applications
  - Rendering: Subdivide a curve towards quasi linear segments.
  - Modeling: Modify a part of a curve without changing the other one. Adding degrees of freedom without increasing the curve degree.

# Subdivision of a Cubic Bézier

- Use de Casteljau algorithm

$$\mathbf{p}_i^0 = \mathbf{p}_i \quad i = 0, 1, 2, 3$$

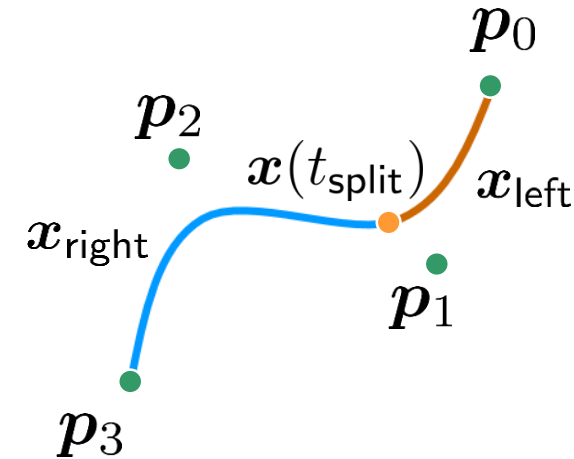
$$\mathbf{p}_i^j = (1 - t_{\text{split}})\mathbf{p}_i^{j-1} + t_{\text{split}}\mathbf{p}_{i+1}^{j-1} \quad \mathbf{x}(t_{\text{split}}) = \mathbf{p}_0^3$$

$$j = 1, 2, 3 \quad i = 0, \dots, 3 - j$$

- Two resulting curves after split

$$\mathbf{x}_{\text{left}}(t) = (\mathbf{p}_0^0 \quad \mathbf{p}_0^1 \quad \mathbf{p}_0^2 \quad \mathbf{p}_0^3) \mathbf{S}_3^{\text{Bez}} \mathbf{T}_3(t)$$

$$\mathbf{x}_{\text{right}}(t) = (\mathbf{p}_0^3 \quad \mathbf{p}_1^2 \quad \mathbf{p}_2^1 \quad \mathbf{p}_3^0) \mathbf{S}_3^{\text{Bez}} \mathbf{T}_3(t)$$



# Subdivision of a Quadratic Bézier

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$$\mathbf{x}_{\text{left}}(t) = B_{0,2}(t)\mathbf{p}_0 + B_{1,2}(t)\mathbf{p}_1 + B_{2,2}(t)\mathbf{p}_2 \quad t \in [0, t_{\text{split}}]$$

$$\mathbf{x}_{\text{left}}(t_l) = B_{0,2}(t_l \cdot t_{\text{split}})\mathbf{p}_0 + B_{1,2}(t_l \cdot t_{\text{split}})\mathbf{p}_1 + B_{2,2}(t_l \cdot t_{\text{split}})\mathbf{p}_2 \quad t_l \in [0, 1]$$

In matrix notation

$$\mathbf{x}_{\text{left}}(t_l) = (\mathbf{p}_0 \quad \mathbf{p}_1 \quad \mathbf{p}_2) \mathbf{S}_2^{\text{Bez}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ t_l \cdot t_{\text{split}} \\ (t_l \cdot t_{\text{split}})^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Goal: Compute control points  $\mathbf{p}_{l,0}, \mathbf{p}_{l,1}, \mathbf{p}_{l,2}$  with

$$\mathbf{x}_{\text{left}}(t_l) = (\mathbf{p}_{l,0} \quad \mathbf{p}_{l,1} \quad \mathbf{p}_{l,2}) \mathbf{S}_2^{\text{Bez}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ t_l \\ t_l^2 \end{pmatrix} \quad t_l \in [0, 1]$$

# Subdivision of a Quadratic Bézier

$$\mathbf{x}_{\text{left}}(t_l) = (\mathbf{p}_0 \quad \mathbf{p}_1 \quad \mathbf{p}_2) \mathbf{S}_2^{\text{Bez}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ t_l \cdot t_{\text{split}} \\ (t_l \cdot t_{\text{split}})^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{x}_{\text{left}}(t_l) = (\mathbf{p}_0 \quad \mathbf{p}_1 \quad \mathbf{p}_2) \mathbf{S}_2^{\text{Bez}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & t_{\text{split}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & t_{\text{split}}^2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ t_l \\ t_l^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Rewriting the curve  
with the canonical basis

$$\mathbf{x}_{\text{left}}(t_l) = (\mathbf{p}_0 \quad \mathbf{p}_1 \quad \mathbf{p}_2) \mathbf{S}_2^{\text{Bez}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & t_{\text{split}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & t_{\text{split}}^2 \end{pmatrix} (\mathbf{S}_2^{\text{Bez}})^{-1} \mathbf{S}_2^{\text{Bez}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ t_l \\ t_l^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Rewriting the curve  
with the Bernstein  
basis functions

$$(\mathbf{p}_{l,0} \quad \mathbf{p}_{l,1} \quad \mathbf{p}_{l,2})$$

Geometry matrix

# Subdivision of a Quadratic Bézier

$$\mathbf{S}_2^{\text{Bez}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & t_{\text{split}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & t_{\text{split}}^2 \end{pmatrix} (\mathbf{S}_2^{\text{Bez}})^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & t_{\text{split}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & t_{\text{split}}^2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 - t_{\text{split}} & (1 - t_{\text{split}})^2 \\ 0 & t_{\text{split}} & 2t_{\text{split}}(1 - t_{\text{split}}) \\ 0 & 0 & t_{\text{split}}^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(\mathbf{p}_{l,0} \quad \mathbf{p}_{l,1} \quad \mathbf{p}_{l,2}) = (\mathbf{p}_0 \quad \mathbf{p}_1 \quad \mathbf{p}_2) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 - t_{\text{split}} & (1 - t_{\text{split}})^2 \\ 0 & t_{\text{split}} & 2t_{\text{split}}(1 - t_{\text{split}}) \\ 0 & 0 & t_{\text{split}}^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Transformation from  
old control points to  
new control points

# Subdivision of a Quadratic Bézier

$$p_{l,0} = p_0$$

$$p_{l,1} = (1 - t_{\text{split}})p_0 + t_{\text{split}}p_1$$

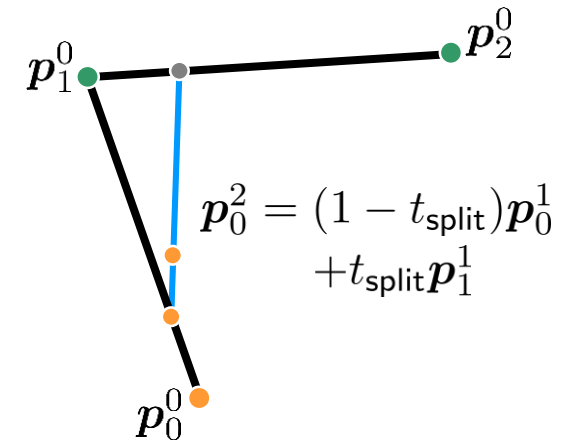
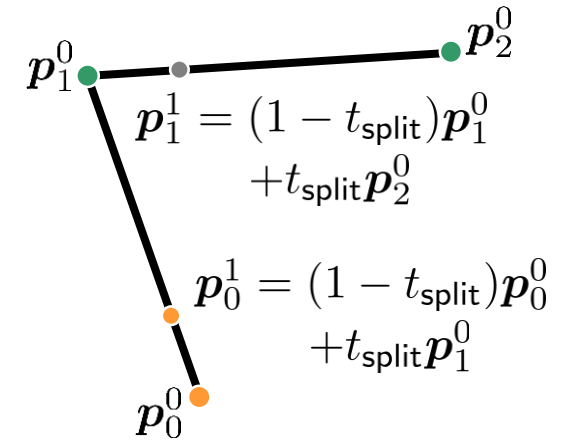
$$\begin{aligned} p_{l,2} &= (1 - t_{\text{split}})^2 p_0 + 2t_{\text{split}}(1 - t_{\text{split}})p_1 + t_{\text{split}}^2 p_2 \\ &= (1 - t_{\text{split}}) \left[ (1 - t_{\text{split}})p_0 + t_{\text{split}}p_1 \right] \\ &\quad + t_{\text{split}} \left[ (1 - t_{\text{split}})p_1 + t_{\text{split}}p_2 \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$p_{l,0} = p_0^0 \quad p_{l,1} = p_0^1 \quad p_{l,2} = p_0^2$$

$$\mathbf{x}_{\text{left}}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} p_0^0 & p_0^1 & p_0^2 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{S}_2^{\text{Bez}} \mathbf{T}_2(t)$$

$$\mathbf{x}_{\text{right}}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} p_0^2 & p_0^1 & p_0^0 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{S}_2^{\text{Bez}} \mathbf{T}_2(t)$$

Right sub-curve derived in the same way.



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# *Computer Graphics*

## *Parametric Curves - 2*

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# *Differential Curve Properties*

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- Derivatives: velocity / tangent, acceleration
- Can be considered when connecting polynomials to splines, e.g. continuous velocity, acceleration in-between adjacent polynomials

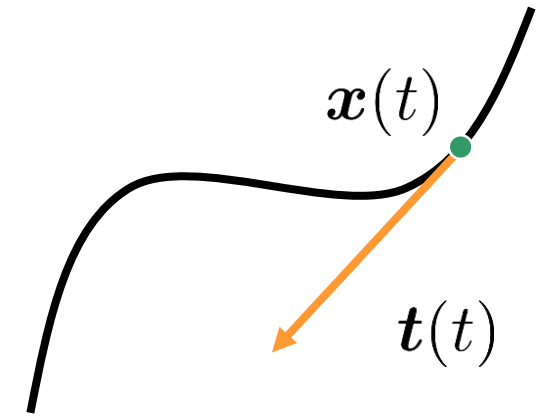
# Tangent

- Tangent vector  $\mathbf{t}(t)$  at a curve point  $\mathbf{x}(t) = (x(t), y(t))^T$  is the direction of the curve at that point

$$\mathbf{t}_{\Delta t}(t) = \frac{(x(t+\Delta t), y(t+\Delta t))^T - (x(t), y(t))^T}{\Delta t}$$

$$\mathbf{t}(t) = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \mathbf{t}_{\Delta t}(t)$$

$$= \left( \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{x(t+\Delta t) - x(t)}{\Delta t}, \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{y(t+\Delta t) - y(t)}{\Delta t} \right)^T$$



$$\mathbf{t}(t) = \frac{d\mathbf{x}}{dt}(t) = \left( \frac{dx}{dt}(t), \frac{dy}{dt}(t) \right)^T$$

If  $x(t)$  and  $y(t)$  are differentiable.

# Tangent - Bézier Curves

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- Linear Bézier curve

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = (1 - t)\mathbf{p}_0 + t\mathbf{p}_1 \quad \mathbf{p}_i = (p_i, q_i)^\top$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{t}(t) &= \left( \frac{dx}{dt}(t), \frac{dy}{dt}(t) \right)^\top \\ &= (p_1 - p_0, q_1 - q_0)^\top = \mathbf{p}_1 - \mathbf{p}_0 \end{aligned}$$

- Quadratic Bézier curve

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = (1 - t)^2\mathbf{p}_0 + 2(1 - t)t\mathbf{p}_1 + t^2\mathbf{p}_2$$

$$\mathbf{t}(t) = -2(1 - t)\mathbf{p}_0 + 2(1 - t)\mathbf{p}_1 - 2t\mathbf{p}_1 + 2t\mathbf{p}_2$$

# Tangent - Bézier Curves

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– Cubic Bézier curve

–  $\mathbf{x}(t) = (1 - t)^3 \mathbf{p}_0 + 3(1 - t)^2 t \mathbf{p}_1 + 3(1 - t) t^2 \mathbf{p}_2 + t^3 \mathbf{p}_3$

– Tangent:  $\mathbf{t}(t) = -3(1 - t)^2 \mathbf{p}_0 + 3(1 - t)^2 \mathbf{p}_1 - 6(1 - t) t \mathbf{p}_1 + 6(1 - t) t \mathbf{p}_2 - 3t^2 \mathbf{p}_2 + 3t^2 \mathbf{p}_3$

– Tangents  $\mathbf{t}(0)$  and  $\mathbf{t}(1)$

– Linear:  $\mathbf{t}(0) = \mathbf{p}_1 - \mathbf{p}_0$        $\mathbf{t}(1) = \mathbf{p}_1 - \mathbf{p}_0$

– Quadratic:  $\mathbf{t}(0) = 2(\mathbf{p}_1 - \mathbf{p}_0)$        $\mathbf{t}(1) = 2(\mathbf{p}_2 - \mathbf{p}_1)$

– Cubic:  $\mathbf{t}(0) = 3(\mathbf{p}_1 - \mathbf{p}_0)$        $\mathbf{t}(1) = 3(\mathbf{p}_3 - \mathbf{p}_2)$

– Degree  $n$ :  $\mathbf{t}(0) = n(\mathbf{p}_1 - \mathbf{p}_0)$        $\mathbf{t}(1) = n(\mathbf{p}_n - \mathbf{p}_{n-1})$

# Tangent - Bézier Curves

– Matrix notation

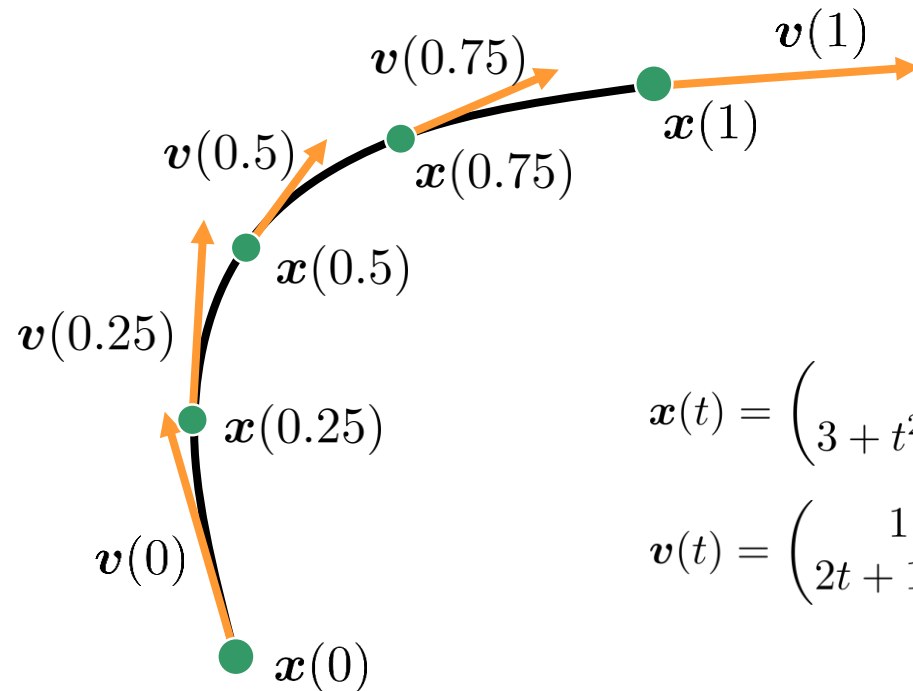
$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{t}(t) &= (\mathbf{p}_0 \quad \mathbf{p}_1 \quad \mathbf{p}_2 \quad \mathbf{p}_3) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3 & 3 & -1 \\ 0 & 3 & -6 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ t \\ t^2 \\ t^3 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= (\mathbf{p}_0 \quad \mathbf{p}_1 \quad \mathbf{p}_2 \quad \mathbf{p}_3) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3 & 3 & -1 \\ 0 & 3 & -6 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2t \\ 3t^2 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= (\mathbf{p}_0 \quad \mathbf{p}_1 \quad \mathbf{p}_2 \quad \mathbf{p}_3) \begin{pmatrix} -3 & 6 & -3 \\ 3 & -12 & 9 \\ 0 & 6 & -9 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ t \\ t^2 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

# Velocity

- If  $t$  is interpreted as time,  $\mathbf{v}(t) = \frac{d\mathbf{x}}{dt}(t)$  is a velocity, i.e. position change per time

- Magnitude of the velocity is

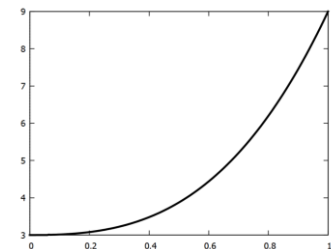
$$v(t) = \left\| \frac{d\mathbf{x}}{dt}(t) \right\|$$



Illustration

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} t \\ 3 + t^2 + 5t^3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{v}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2t + 15t^2 \end{pmatrix}$$



Example

# Acceleration

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- If  $t$  is interpreted as time,  $\mathbf{a}(t) = \frac{d\mathbf{v}}{dt}(t) = \left(\frac{d^2x}{dt^2}(t), \frac{d^2y}{dt^2}(t)\right)^\top$  is an acceleration, i.e. velocity change per time
- Linear Bézier curve
  - $\mathbf{x}(t) = (1-t)\mathbf{p}_0 + t\mathbf{p}_1$
  - $\mathbf{a}(t) = \mathbf{0}$
- Cubic Bézier curve
  - $\mathbf{x}(t) = (1-t)^3\mathbf{p}_0 + 3(1-t)^2t\mathbf{p}_1 + 3(1-t)t^2\mathbf{p}_2 + t^3\mathbf{p}_3$
  - $\mathbf{a}(t) = 6(1-t)\mathbf{p}_0 - 12(1-t)\mathbf{p}_1 + 6t\mathbf{p}_1 + 6(1-t)\mathbf{p}_2 - 12t\mathbf{p}_2 + 6t\mathbf{p}_3$



# Derivatives - Bézier Curves

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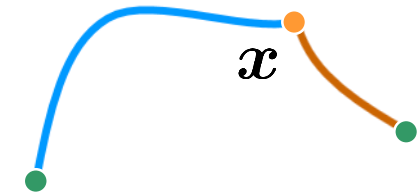
– General forms

$$\frac{d\mathbf{x}}{dt}(t) = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} n(\mathbf{p}_{i+1} - \mathbf{p}_i)B_{i,n-1}(t)$$

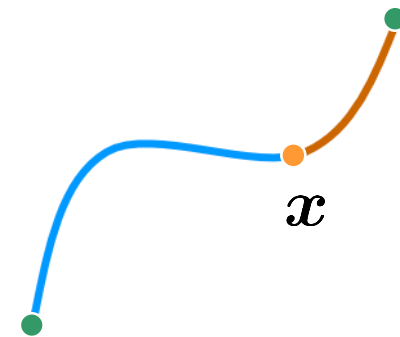
$$\frac{d^2\mathbf{x}}{dt^2}(t) = \sum_{i=0}^{n-2} n(n-1)(\mathbf{p}_{i+2} - 2\mathbf{p}_{i+1} + \mathbf{p}_i)B_{i,n-2}(t)$$

# $C^k$ Continuity

- A parametric curve  $\mathbf{x}(t) = (x(t), y(t))^T$  is  $C^k$  continuous, if the first  $k$  derivatives of  $x(t)$  and  $y(t)$  exist and are continuous
- Used to characterize seams for piecewise polynomial curves



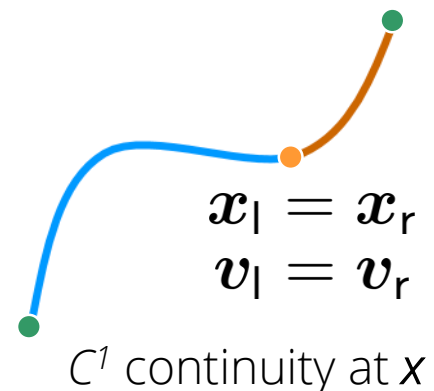
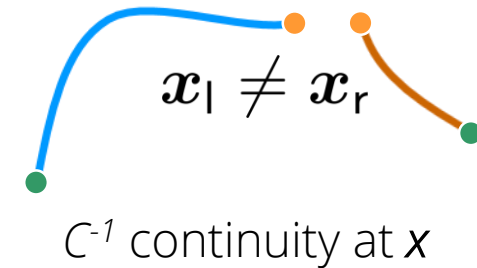
$C^0$  continuity at  $x$



$C^1$  continuity at  $x$

# Continuity at Seams

- $C^{-1}$  – continuity
  - Curve endpoint positions are not equal
- $C^0$  – continuity
  - Curve endpoint positions are *equal*
- $C^1$  – continuity
  - Tangent continuity
  - $C^0$  and first derivatives at endpoints are *equal*
- $C^2$  – continuity
  - Curvature continuity
  - $C^1$  and second derivatives at endpoints are *equal*



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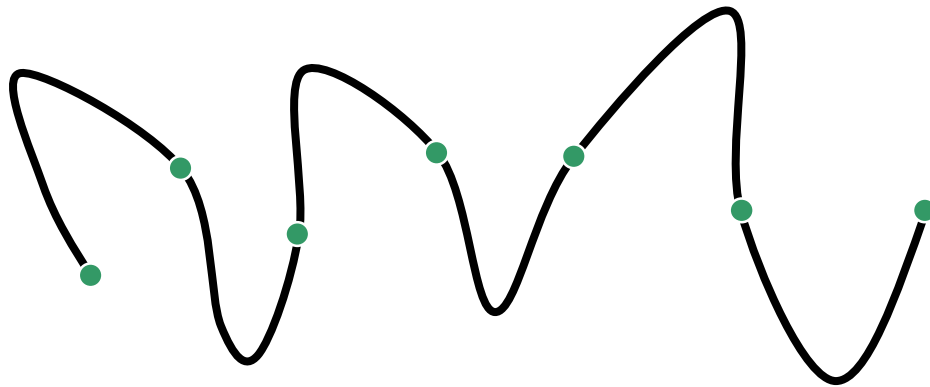
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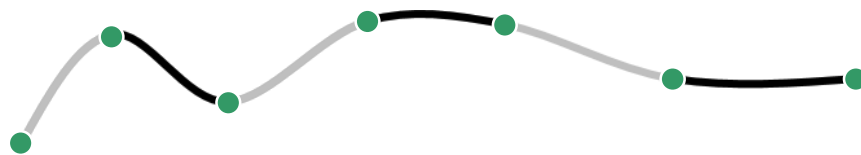
# Motivation

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- Interpolation of  $n$  control points
  - Higher-order polynomials suffer from oscillations



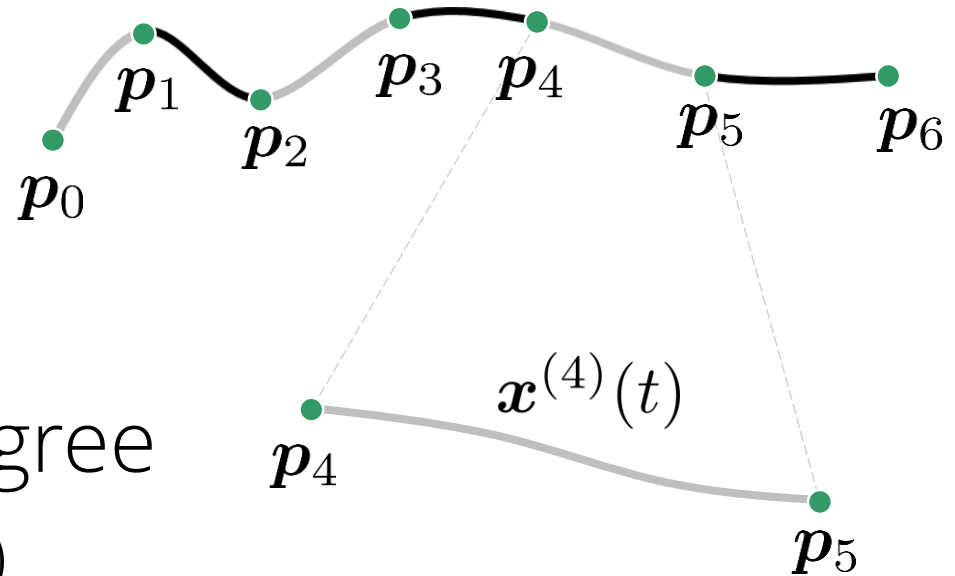
- Connect  $n-1$  polynomials of lower degree instead



# Setting

- Cubic piecewise polynomials  $\mathbf{x}^{(i)}(t)$  connect two control points  $\mathbf{p}_i$  and  $\mathbf{p}_{i+1}$
- Smooth connections can be obtained up to a relevant degree
  - $C^0$  continuity:  $\mathbf{x}^{(i)}(1) = \mathbf{x}^{(i+1)}(0)$
  - $C^1$  continuity:  $\mathbf{v}^{(i)}(1) = \mathbf{v}^{(i+1)}(0)$
  - $G^1$  continuity:  $\mathbf{v}^{(i)}(1) = \alpha \mathbf{v}^{(i+1)}(0)$

Geometric continuity  $G^1$ : Same velocity direction, but not necessarily the same velocity magnitude.

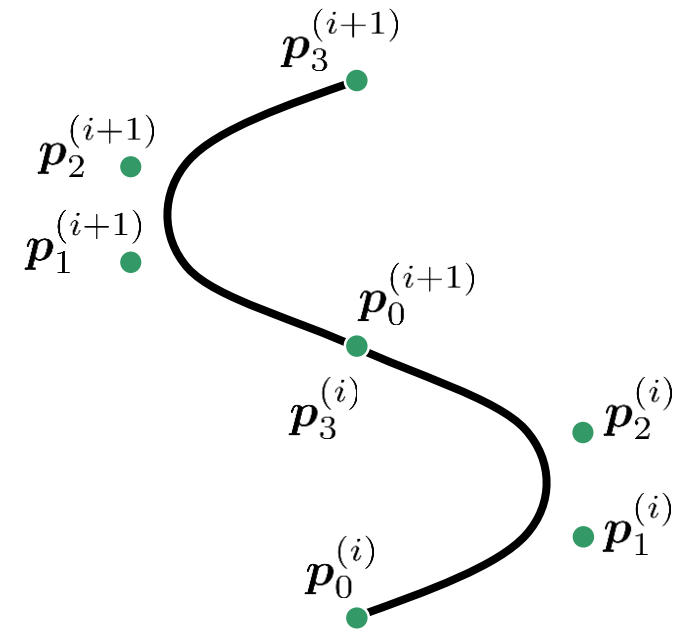


$$\mathbf{p}_4 = \mathbf{x}^{(3)}(1) = \mathbf{x}^{(4)}(0)$$

$$\mathbf{p}_5 = \mathbf{x}^{(4)}(1) = \mathbf{x}^{(5)}(0)$$

# Cubic Bézier Spline

- Connect cubic Bézier curves to Bézier splines
- Curve  $\mathbf{x}^{(i)}(t)$  interpolates  $\mathbf{p}_0^{(i)}, \mathbf{p}_3^{(i)}$
- Curve  $\mathbf{x}^{(i+1)}(t)$  interpolates  $\mathbf{p}_0^{(i+1)}, \mathbf{p}_3^{(i+1)}$
- $C^0$  continuity:  $\mathbf{p}_3^{(i)} = \mathbf{p}_0^{(i+1)}$
- Intermediate control points  $\mathbf{p}_1^{(i)}, \mathbf{p}_2^{(i)}$  and  $\mathbf{p}_1^{(i+1)}, \mathbf{p}_2^{(i+1)}$  can be used to obtain  $C^1$  continuity



A Bézier spline formed by two Bézier curves

# Cubic Bézier Spline – $C^1$ Continuity

–  $C^1$  continuity:  $\mathbf{v}^{(i)}(1) = \mathbf{v}^{(i+1)}(0)$

– Velocity:

$$\mathbf{v}(t) = -3(1-t)^2\mathbf{p}_0 + 3(1-t)^2\mathbf{p}_1$$

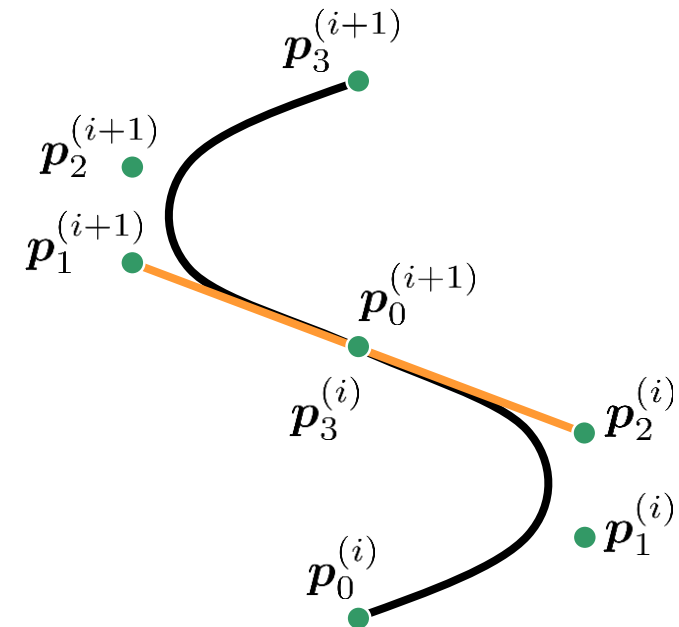
$$-6(1-t)t\mathbf{p}_1 + 6(1-t)t\mathbf{p}_2 - 3t^2\mathbf{p}_2 + 3t^2\mathbf{p}_3$$

$$\mathbf{v}^{(i)}(1) = 3(\mathbf{p}_3^{(i)} - \mathbf{p}_2^{(i)})$$

$$\mathbf{v}^{(i+1)}(0) = 3(\mathbf{p}_1^{(i+1)} - \mathbf{p}_0^{(i+1)})$$

–  $C^1$  continuity:  $\mathbf{p}_3^{(i)} - \mathbf{p}_2^{(i)} = \mathbf{p}_1^{(i+1)} - \mathbf{p}_0^{(i+1)}$

– Can be enforced locally for each connection





# Cubic Polynomial in Canonical Form

- Curve  $\mathbf{x}^{(i)}(t) = \mathbf{a}_i + \mathbf{b}_i t + \mathbf{c}_i t^2 + \mathbf{d}_i t^3$  interpolates  $\mathbf{p}_i, \mathbf{p}_{i+1}$
- Curve  $\mathbf{x}^{(i+1)}(t) = \mathbf{a}_{i+1} + \mathbf{b}_{i+1} t + \mathbf{c}_{i+1} t^2 + \mathbf{d}_{i+1} t^3$  interpolates  $\mathbf{p}_{i+1}, \mathbf{p}_{i+2}$
- Constraints:

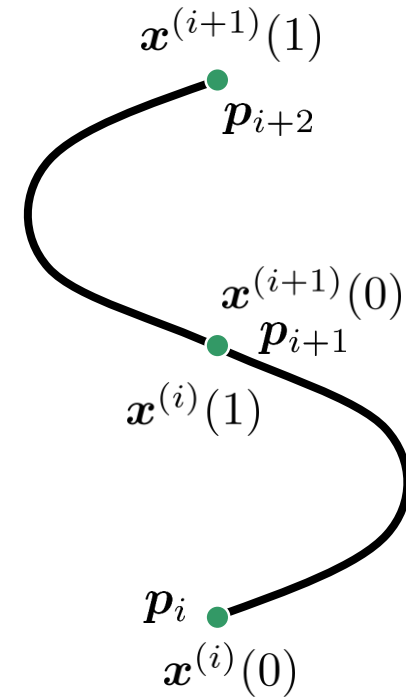
$$\mathbf{x}^{(i)}(0) = \mathbf{p}_i \quad \frac{d\mathbf{x}^{(i)}}{dt}(1) = \frac{d\mathbf{x}^{(i+1)}}{dt}(0)$$

$$\mathbf{x}^{(i)}(1) = \mathbf{p}_{i+1} \quad \frac{d^2\mathbf{x}^{(i)}}{dt^2}(1) = \frac{d^2\mathbf{x}^{(i+1)}}{dt^2}(0)$$

$$\mathbf{x}^{(i+1)}(0) = \mathbf{p}_{i+1} \quad \frac{d^2\mathbf{x}^{(i)}}{dt^2}(0) = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\mathbf{x}^{(i+1)}(1) = \mathbf{p}_{i+2} \quad \frac{d^2\mathbf{x}^{(i+1)}}{dt^2}(1) = \mathbf{0}$$

Typically, minimal velocity change, i.e. minimal curvature changes are desired.



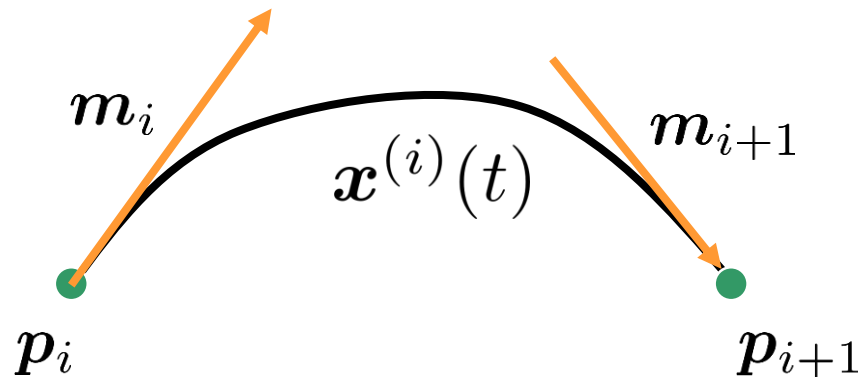
# Cubic Polynomial in Canonical Form

- Linear system for unknown coefficients

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I}_2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \mathbf{I}_2 & \mathbf{I}_2 & \mathbf{I}_2 & \mathbf{I}_2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \mathbf{I}_2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \mathbf{I}_2 & \mathbf{I}_2 & \mathbf{I}_2 & \mathbf{I}_2 \\ 0 & \mathbf{I}_2 & 2\mathbf{I}_2 & 3\mathbf{I}_2 & 0 & -\mathbf{I}_2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2\mathbf{I}_2 & 6\mathbf{I}_2 & 0 & 0 & -2\mathbf{I}_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2\mathbf{I}_2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2\mathbf{I}_2 & 6\mathbf{I}_2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{a}_i \\ \mathbf{b}_i \\ \mathbf{c}_i \\ \mathbf{d}_i \\ \mathbf{a}_{i+1} \\ \mathbf{b}_{i+1} \\ \mathbf{c}_{i+1} \\ \mathbf{d}_{i+1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{p}_i \\ \mathbf{p}_{i+1} \\ \mathbf{p}_{i+1} \\ \mathbf{p}_{i+2} \\ \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix}$$

# Cubic Hermite

- Works with positions of and derivatives at control points
- Given:  $\mathbf{x}^{(i)}(0) = \mathbf{p}_i$        $\mathbf{x}^{(i)}(1) = \mathbf{p}_{i+1}$   
 $\frac{d\mathbf{x}^{(i)}}{dt}(0) = \mathbf{m}_i$        $\frac{d\mathbf{x}^{(i)}}{dt}(1) = \mathbf{m}_{i+1}$



How do basis functions  $H$  look like that use  $\mathbf{p}_i, \mathbf{p}_{i+1}, \mathbf{m}_i, \mathbf{m}_{i+1}$  as coefficients?

$$\mathbf{x}^{(i)}(t) = \mathbf{p}_i H_{0,3}(t) + \mathbf{p}_{i+1} H_{1,3}(t) + \mathbf{m}_i H_{2,3}(t) + \mathbf{m}_{i+1} H_{3,3}(t)$$

# Cubic Hermite Basis - Derivation

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– One coefficient:  $x^{(i)}(t) = a^{(i)} + b^{(i)}t + c^{(i)}t^2 + d^{(i)}t^3$   
 $\frac{dx^{(i)}}{dt}(t) = b^{(i)} + 2c^{(i)}t + 3d^{(i)}t^2$

– Constraints:

$$x^{(i)}(0) = p_i \quad \Rightarrow \quad a^{(i)} = p_i$$

$$x^{(i)}(1) = p_{i+1} \quad \Rightarrow \quad a^{(i)} + b^{(i)} + c^{(i)} + d^{(i)} = p_{i+1}$$

$$\frac{dx^{(i)}}{dt}(0) = m_i \quad \Rightarrow \quad b^{(i)} = m_i$$

$$\frac{dx^{(i)}}{dt}(1) = m_{i+1} \quad \Rightarrow \quad b^{(i)} + 2c^{(i)} + 3d^{(i)} = m_{i+1}$$

# Cubic Hermite Basis - Derivation

- Constraints in matrix notation

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a^{(i)} \\ b^{(i)} \\ c^{(i)} \\ d^{(i)} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} p_i \\ p_{i+1} \\ m_i \\ m_{i+1} \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -3 & 3 & -2 & -1 \\ 2 & -2 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} p_i \\ p_{i+1} \\ m_i \\ m_{i+1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a^{(i)} \\ b^{(i)} \\ c^{(i)} \\ d^{(i)} \end{pmatrix}$$

- General spline formulation (arbitrary dimension)

$$\mathbf{x}^{(i)}(t) = (\mathbf{p}_i \quad \mathbf{p}_{i+1} \quad \mathbf{m}_i \quad \mathbf{m}_{i+1}) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -3 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ t \\ t^2 \\ t^3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Curve

Geometry  
matrix

Spline  
matrix  
(Hermite)

Basis  
(canonical)

# Cubic Hermite

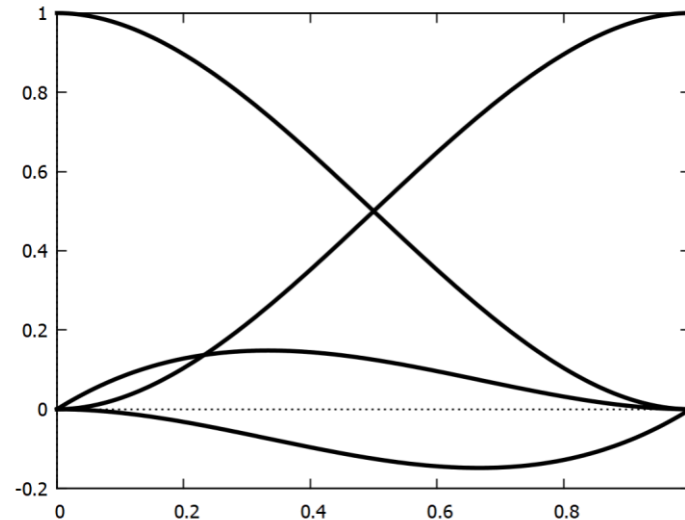
– Basis functions

$$H_{0,3}(t) = 1 - 3t^2 + 2t^3$$

$$H_{1,3}(t) = 3t^2 - 2t^3$$

$$H_{2,3}(t) = t - 2t^2 + t^3$$

$$H_{3,3}(t) = -t^2 + t^3$$



– Curve

$$\mathbf{x}^{(i)}(t) = \mathbf{p}_i H_{0,3}(t) + \mathbf{p}_{i+1} H_{1,3}(t) + \mathbf{m}_i H_{2,3}(t) + \mathbf{m}_{i+1} H_{3,3}(t)$$

# Cubic Hermite - Example

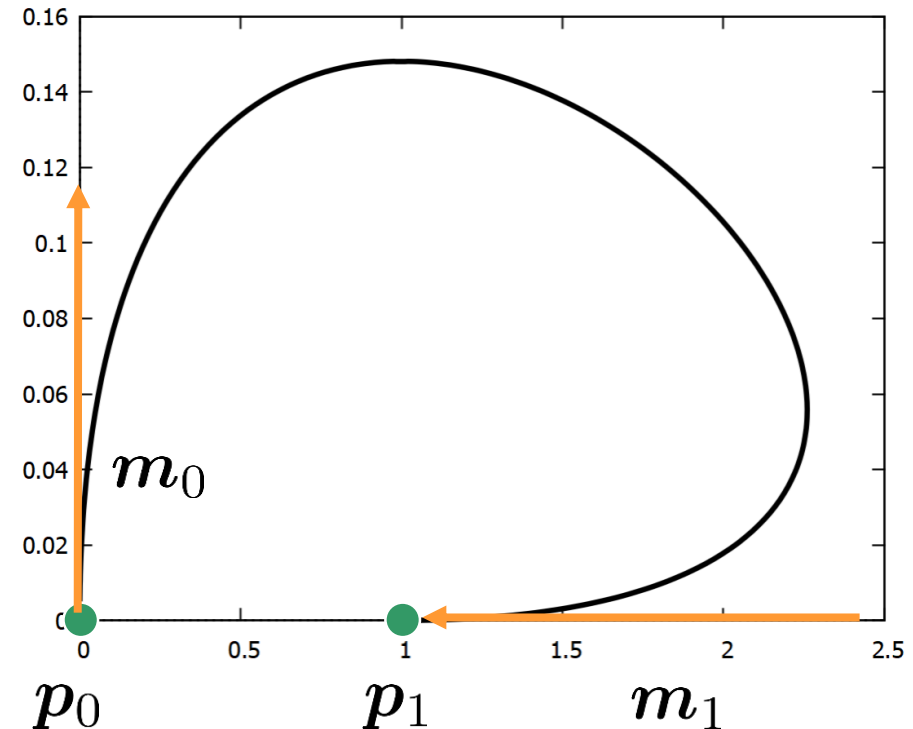
$$\begin{array}{ll} H_{0,3}(t) = 1 - 3t^2 + 2t^3 & \mathbf{p}_0 = (0, 0)^\top \\ H_{1,3}(t) = 3t^2 - 2t^3 & \mathbf{p}_1 = (1, 0)^\top \\ H_{2,3}(t) = t - 2t^2 + t^3 & \mathbf{m}_0 = (0, 1)^\top \\ H_{3,3}(t) = -t^2 + t^3 & \mathbf{m}_1 = (-10, 0)^\top \end{array}$$

Basis functions

Geometry

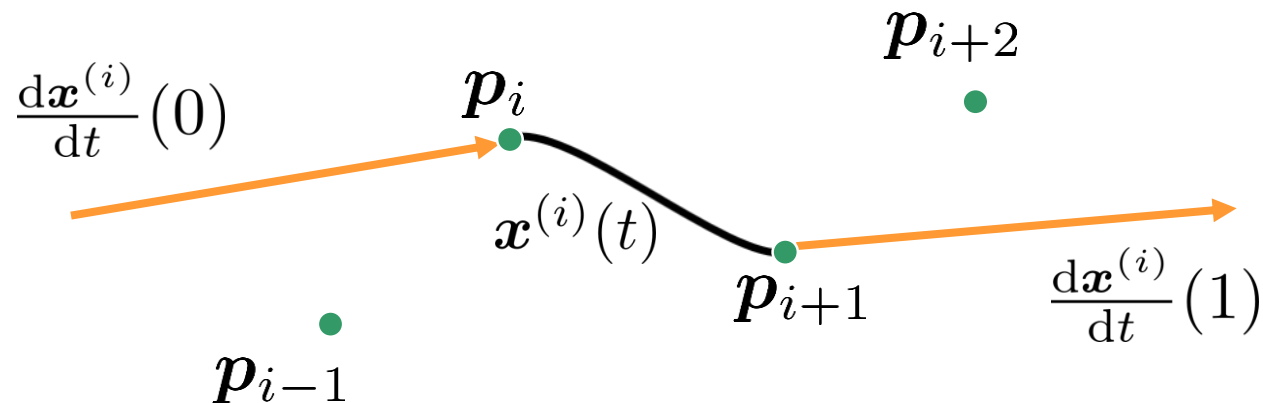
$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{x}^{(i)}(t) &= (0, 0)^\top + (3t^2 - 2t^3, 0)^\top \\ &+ (0, t - 2t^2 + t^3)^\top + (10t^2 - 10t^3, 0)^\top \end{aligned}$$

Curve



# Catmull-Rom Spline

- Variant of the Hermite spline
- Formulate derivatives with control points
- Given  $\mathbf{x}^{(i)}(0) = \mathbf{p}_i$   $\mathbf{x}^{(i)}(1) = \mathbf{p}_{i+1}$   
 $\frac{d\mathbf{x}^{(i)}}{dt}(0) = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{p}_{i+1} - \mathbf{p}_{i-1})$   $\frac{d\mathbf{x}^{(i)}}{dt}(1) = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{p}_{i+2} - \mathbf{p}_i)$





# Catmull-Rom Spline

## – Spline formulation

$$\mathbf{x}^{(i)}(t) = (\mathbf{p}_i \quad \mathbf{p}_{i+1} \quad \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{p}_{i+1} - \mathbf{p}_{i-1}) \quad \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{p}_{i+2} - \mathbf{p}_i)) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -3 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ t \\ t^2 \\ t^3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Hermite  
geometry matrix

Hermite  
spline matrix

$$\mathbf{x}^{(i)}(t) = (\mathbf{p}_{i-1} \quad \mathbf{p}_i \quad \mathbf{p}_{i+1} \quad \mathbf{p}_{i+2}) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -3 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ t \\ t^2 \\ t^3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Catmull-Rom  
geometry matrix

Catmull-Rom  
spline matrix

# Catmull-Rom Spline

- Spline formulation

$$\mathbf{x}^{(i)}(t) = (\mathbf{p}_{i-1} \quad \mathbf{p}_i \quad \mathbf{p}_{i+1} \quad \mathbf{p}_{i+2}) \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 0 & -5 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}}_{\mathbf{S}_3^{\text{CR}}} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ t \\ t^2 \\ t^3 \end{pmatrix}}_{\mathbf{T}_3(t)}$$

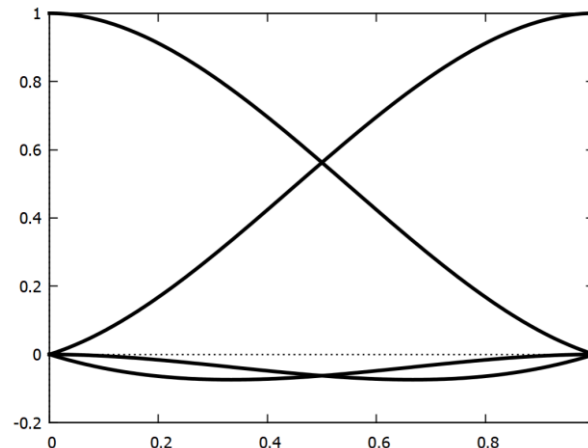
- Basis functions

$$CR_{0,3}(t) = \frac{1}{2}(-t + 2t^2 - t^3)$$

$$CR_{1,3}(t) = \frac{1}{2}(2 - 5t^2 + 3t^3)$$

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

$$CR_{3,3}(t) = \frac{1}{2}(-t^2 + t^3)$$



# Catmull-Rom Spline - Illustration

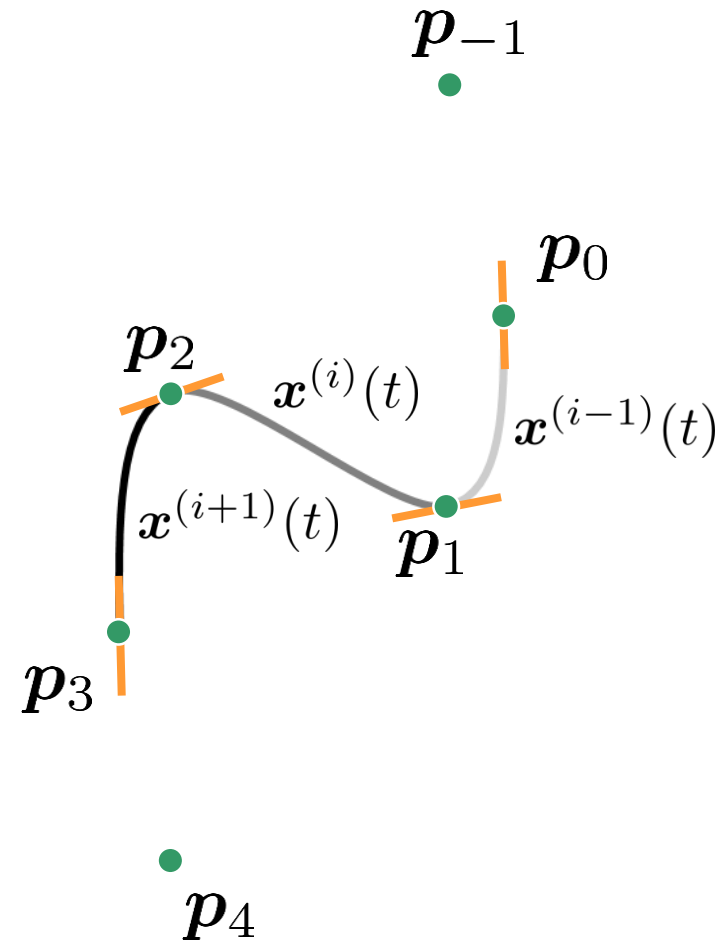
- Catmull-Rom splines are  $C^1$  continuous
  - First derivatives are equal at connections

■  $x^{(i-1)}(t) = (\mathbf{p}_{-1} \ \mathbf{p}_0 \ \mathbf{p}_1 \ \mathbf{p}_2) \mathbf{S}_3^{\text{CR}} \mathbf{T}_3(t)$

■  $x^{(i)}(t) = (\mathbf{p}_0 \ \mathbf{p}_1 \ \mathbf{p}_2 \ \mathbf{p}_3) \mathbf{S}_3^{\text{CR}} \mathbf{T}_3(t)$

■  $x^{(i+1)}(t) = (\mathbf{p}_1 \ \mathbf{p}_2 \ \mathbf{p}_3 \ \mathbf{p}_4) \mathbf{S}_3^{\text{CR}} \mathbf{T}_3(t)$

Each curve interpolates between two control points using four control points



# Outline

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