

# TIEA311

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# Linear Transformations & Cubics

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- What if we want to transform each point on the curve with a linear transformation  $\mathbf{M}$ ?
  - Because everything is linear, it is the same as transforming only the control points

$$P'(t) = \mathbf{M} \begin{pmatrix} P_{1,x} & P_{2,x} & P_{3,x} & P_{4,x} \\ P_{1,y} & P_{2,y} & P_{3,y} & P_{4,y} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3 & 3 & -1 \\ 0 & 3 & -6 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ t \\ t^2 \\ t^3 \end{pmatrix}$$
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# Affine Transformations

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- Homogeneous coordinates also work
  - Means you can translate, rotate, shear, etc.
  - Note though that you need to normalize P' by 1/w'

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# Questions?

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# The Plan for Today

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

# Differential Properties of Curves

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

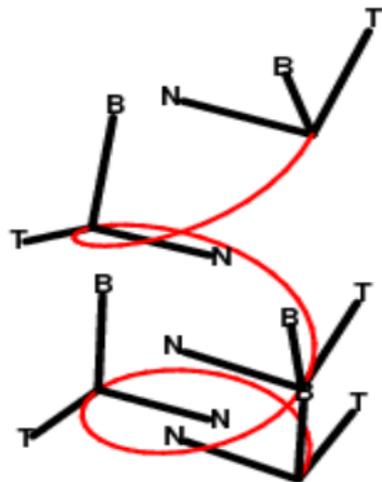


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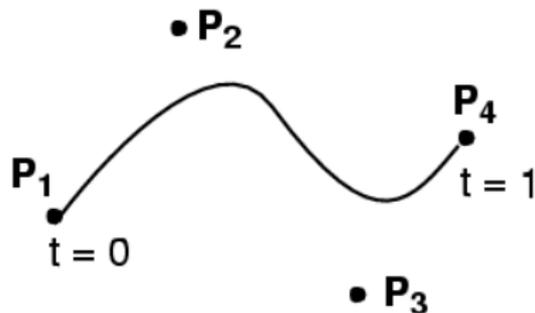
# Velocity

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- First derivative w.r.t.  $t$
- Can you compute this for Bezier curves?

$$\begin{aligned} P(t) = & (1-t)^3 P_1 \\ & + 3t(1-t)^2 P_2 \\ & + 3t^2(1-t) P_3 \\ & + t^3 P_4 \end{aligned}$$

- You know how to differentiate polynomials...



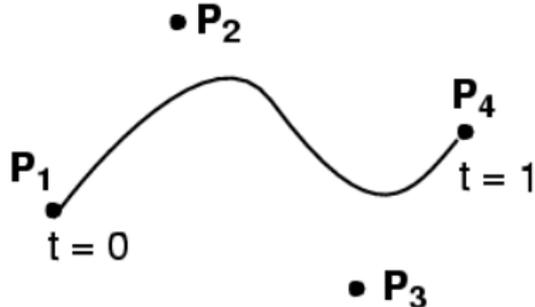
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- $P'(t) = -3(1-t)^2 P_1$   
+  $[3(1-t)^2 - 6t(1-t)] P_2$   
+  $[6t(1-t) - 3t^2] P_3$   
+  $3t^2 P_4$



Sanity check:  $t=0; t=1$

# Linearity?

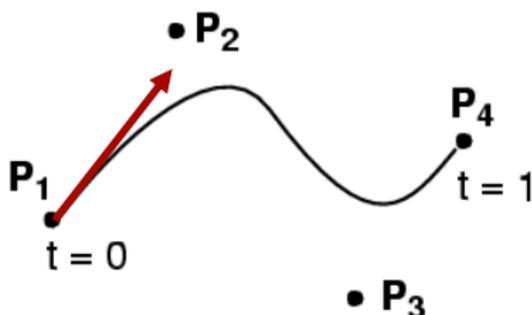
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- Differentiation is a linear operation
  - $(f+g)'=f'+g'$
  - $(af)'=a f'$
- This means that the derivative of the basis is enough to know the derivative of any spline.
- Can be done with matrices
  - Trivial in monomial basis
  - But get lower-order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

# Tangent Vector

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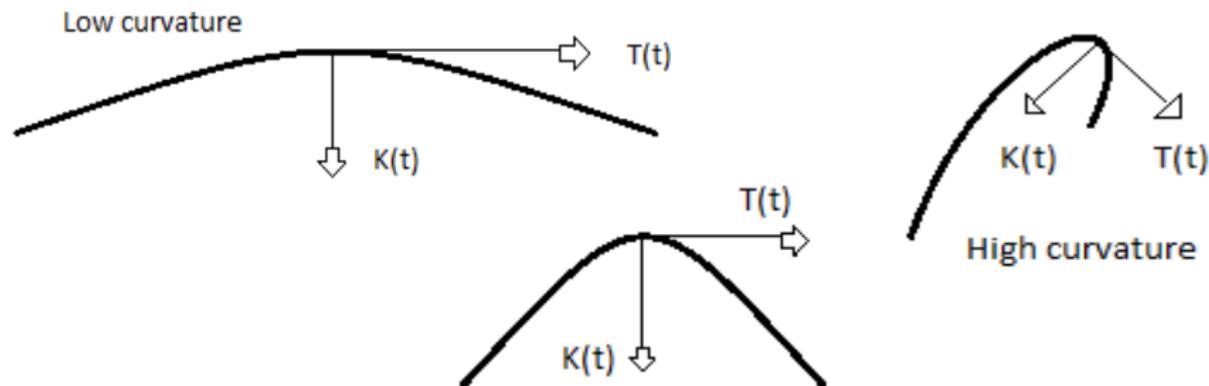
- The tangent to the curve  $P(t)$  can be defined as  $T(t) = P'(t) / \|P'(t)\|$ 
  - normalized velocity,  $\|T(t)\| = 1$
- This provides us with one orientation for swept surfaces later



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# Curvature Vector

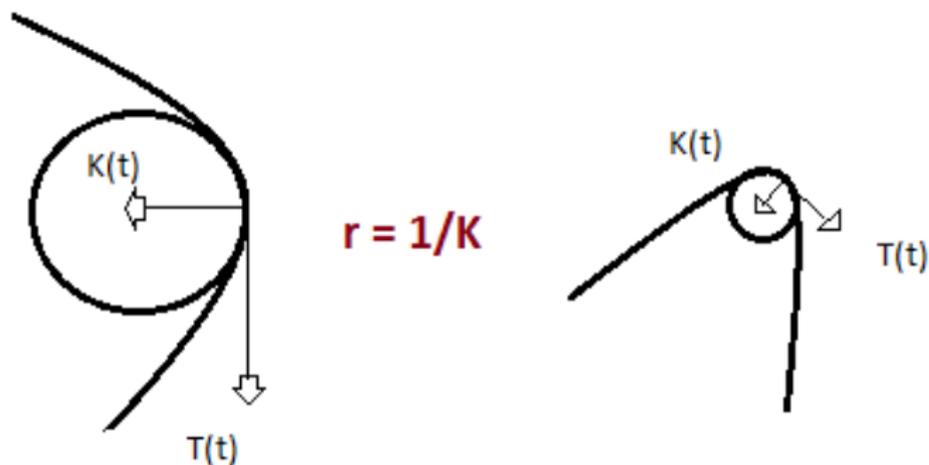
- Derivative of unit tangent
  - $K(t) = T'(t)$
  - Magnitude  $\|K(t)\|$  is constant for a circle
  - Zero for a straight line
- Always orthogonal to tangent, ie.  $K \cdot T = 0$



# Geometric Interpretation

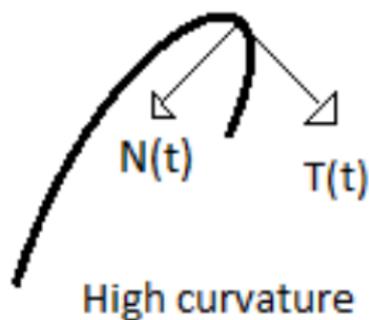
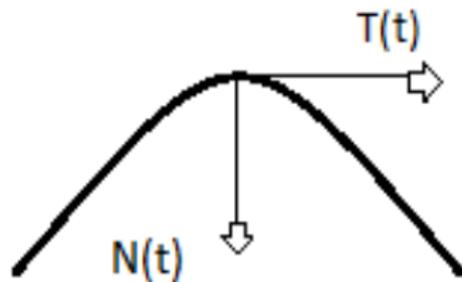
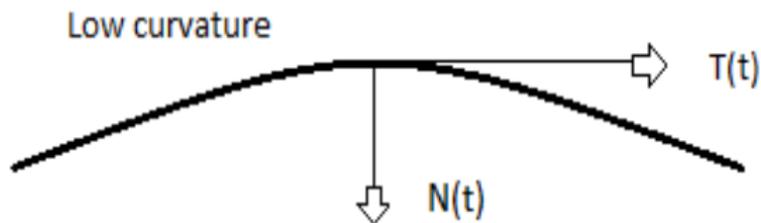
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- $K$  is zero for a line, constant for circle
  - What constant?  $1/r$
- $1/\|K(t)\|$  is the radius of the circle that touches  $P(t)$  at  $t$  and has the same curvature as the curve



# Curve Normal

- Normalized curvature:  $T'(t)/\|T'(t)\|$



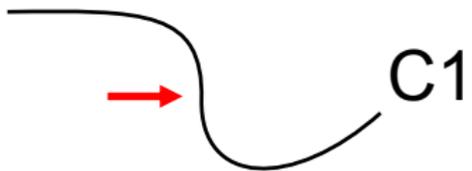
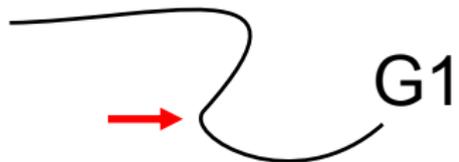
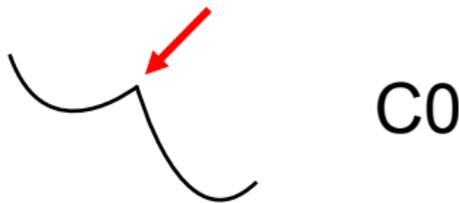
# Questions?

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# Orders of Continuity

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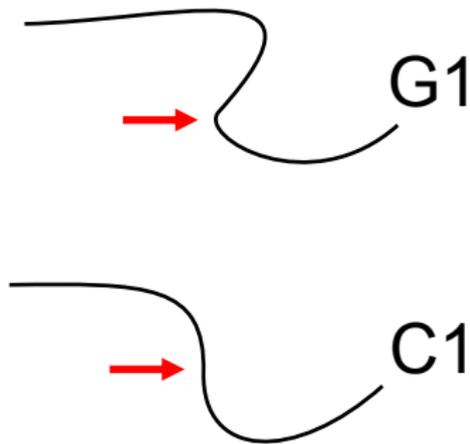
- $C0$  = continuous
  - The seam can be a sharp kink
- $G1$  = geometric continuity
  - Tangents **point to the same direction** at the seam
- $C1$  = parametric continuity
  - Tangents **are the same** at the seam, implies  $G1$
- $C2$  = curvature continuity
  - Tangents and their derivatives are the same



# Orders of Continuity

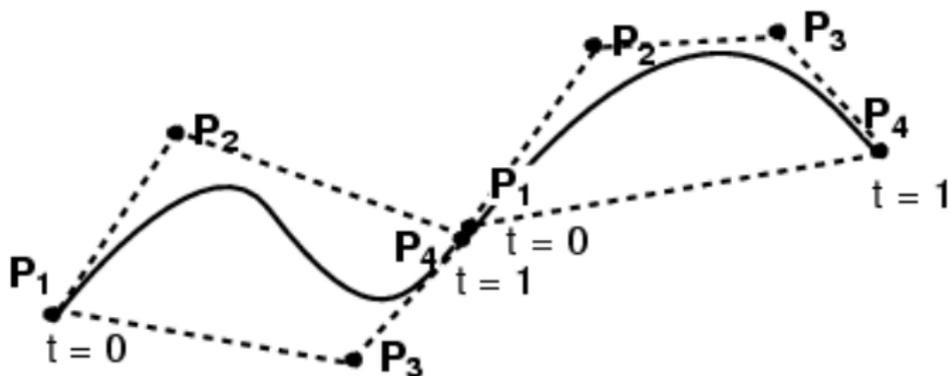
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- G1 = geometric continuity
  - Tangents **point to the same direction** at the seam
  - good enough for modeling
- C1 = parametric continuity
  - Tangents **are the same** at the seam, implies G1
  - often necessary for animation



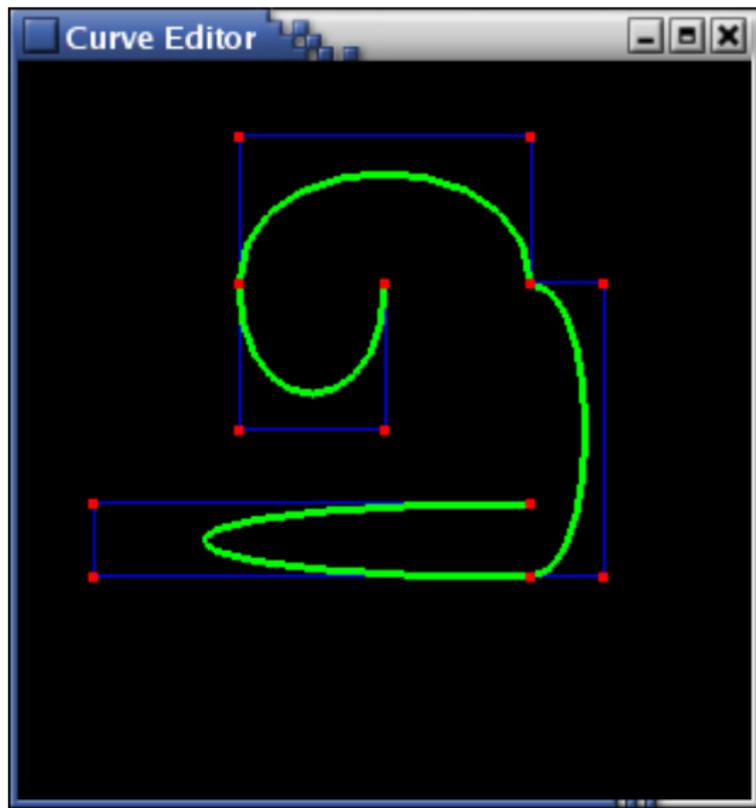
# Connecting Cubic Bézier Curves

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- How can we guarantee  $C_0$  continuity?
- How can we guarantee  $G_1$  continuity?
- How can we guarantee  $C_1$  continuity?
- $C_2$  and above gets difficult

# Connecting Cubic Bézier Curves



- Where is this curve
  - C0 continuous?
  - G1 continuous?
  - C1 continuous?
- What's the relationship between:
  - the # of control points, and
  - the # of cubic Bézier subcurves?

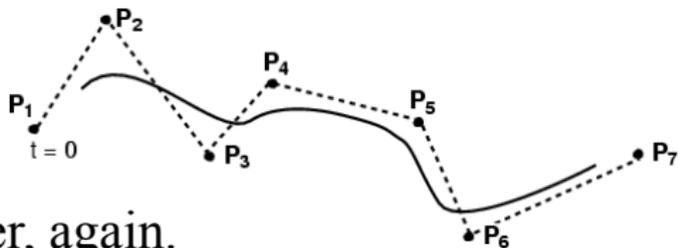
# Questions?

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# Cubic B-Splines

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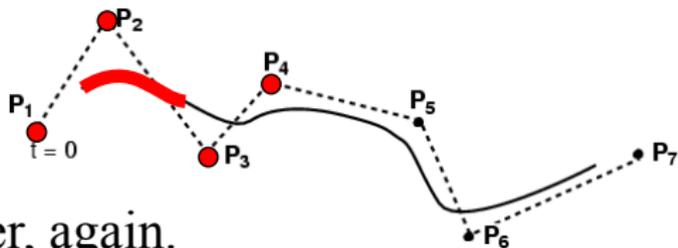
- $\geq 4$  control points
- Locally cubic
  - Cubics chained together, again.



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# Cubic B-Splines

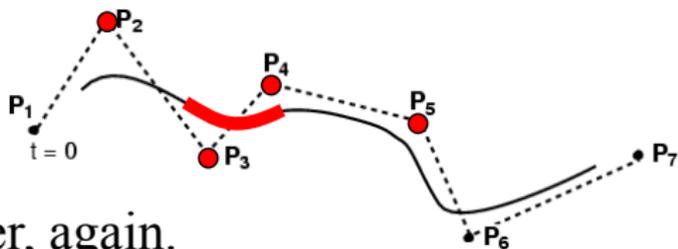
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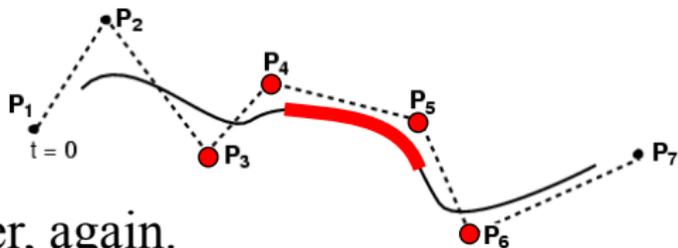
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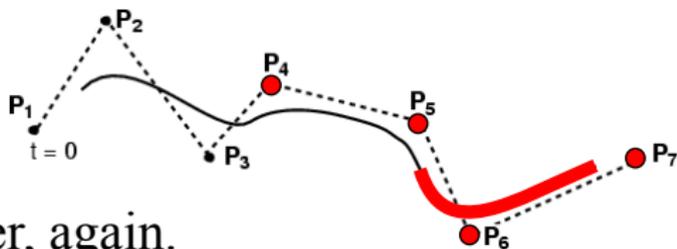
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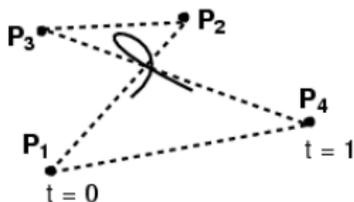
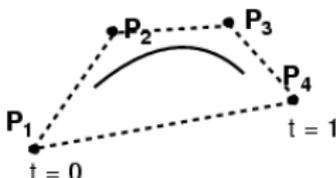
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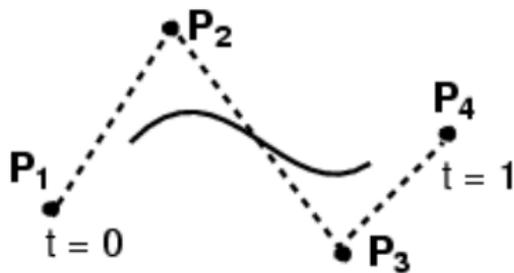
- $\geq 4$  control points
- Locally cubic
  - Cubics chained together, again.
- Curve is not constrained to pass through any control points



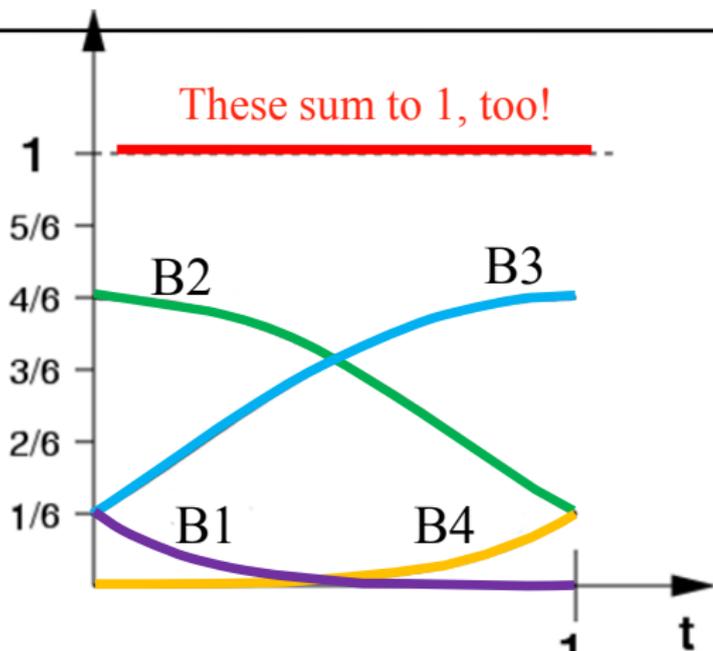
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# Cubic B-Splines: Basis



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



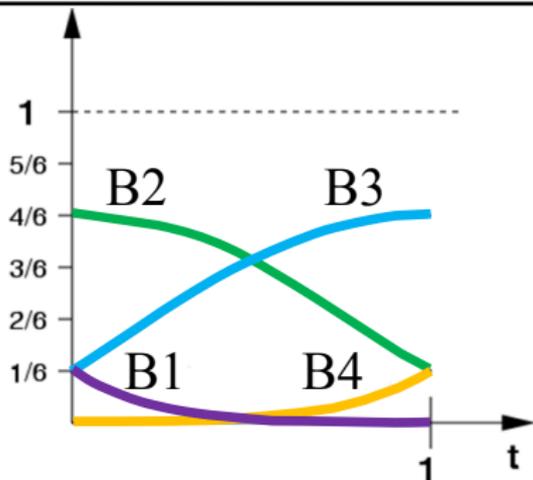
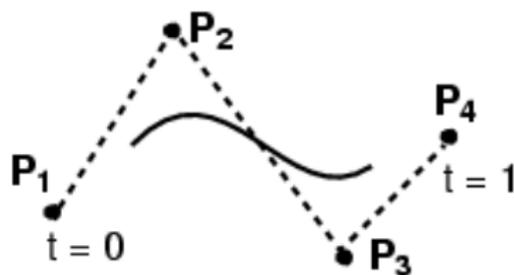
$$B_1(t) = \frac{1}{6}(1-t)^3$$

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

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

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

# Cubic B-Splines: Basis



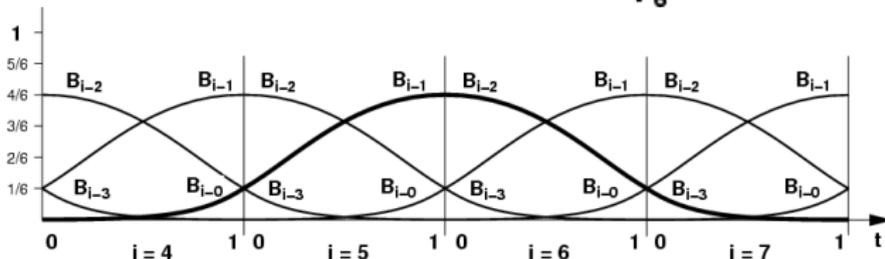
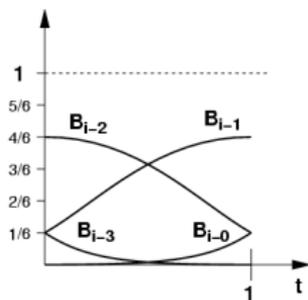
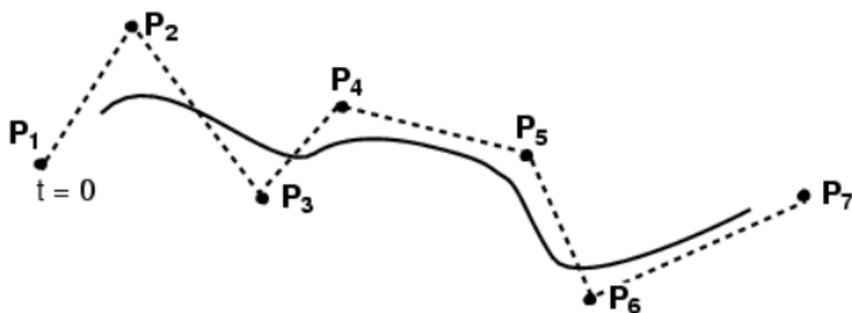
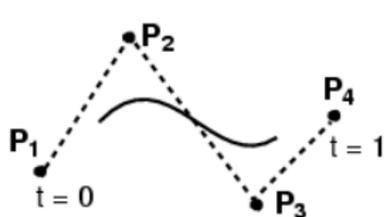
$$Q(t) = \frac{(1-t)^3}{6}P_1 + \frac{3t^3 - 6t^2 + 4}{6}P_2 + \frac{-3t^3 + 3t^2 + 3t + 1}{6}P_3 + \frac{t^3}{6}P_4$$

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

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

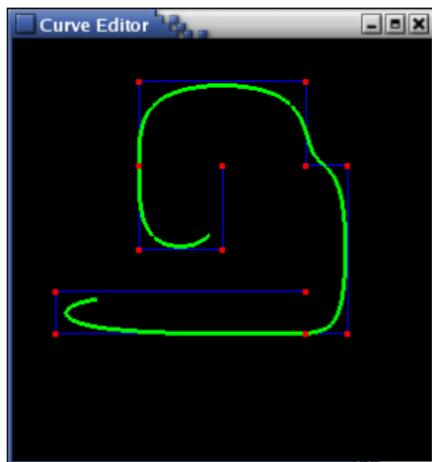
# Cubic B-Splines

- Local control (windowing)
- Automatically C2, and no need to match tangents!

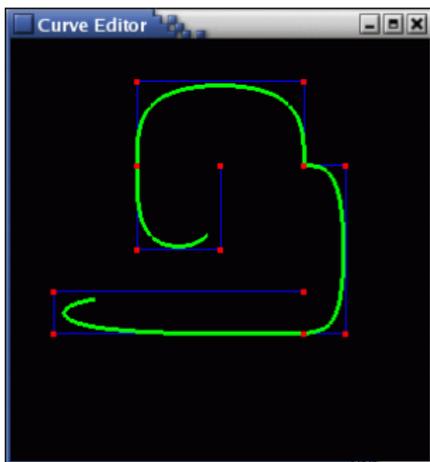


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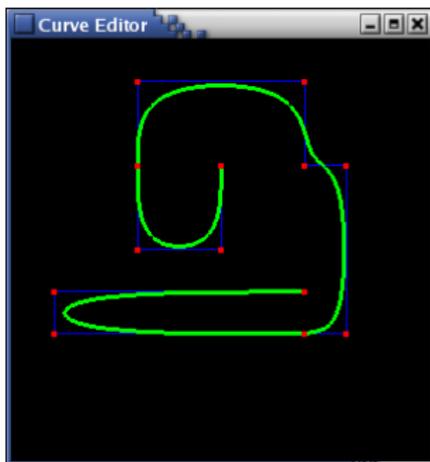
# B-Spline Curve Control Points



Default B-Spline



B-Spline with  
derivative  
discontinuity

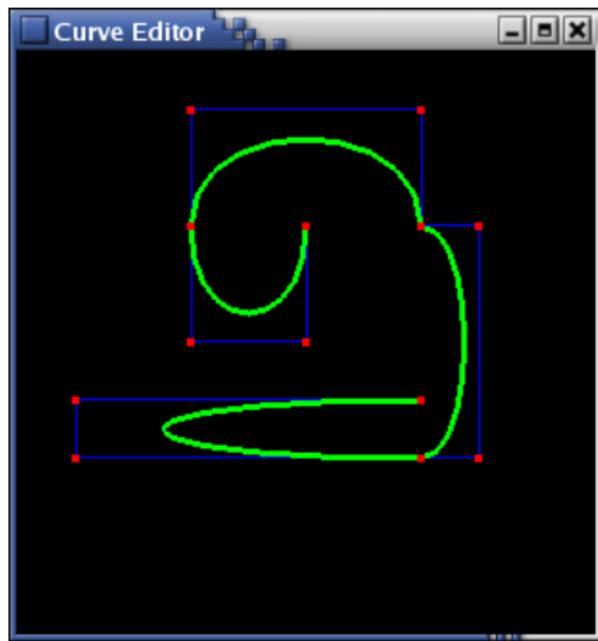


B-Spline which passes  
through  
end points

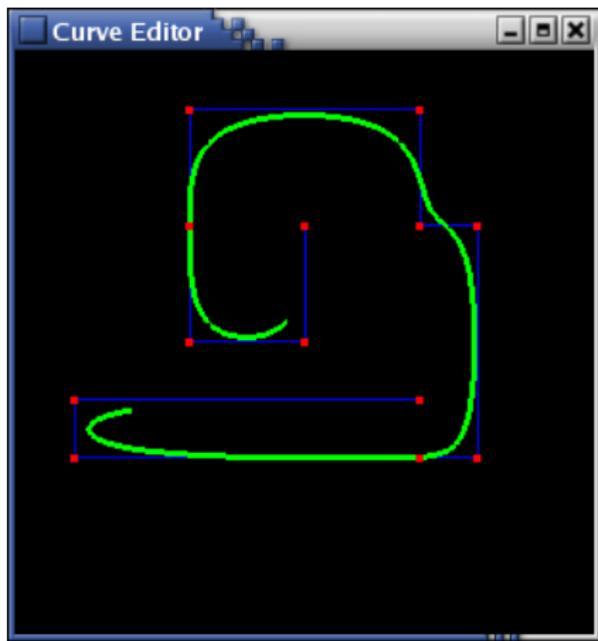
Repeat interior control  
point

Repeat end points

# Bézier $\neq$ B-Spline



Bézier



B-Spline

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

# Converting between Bézier & BSpline

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

- Simple with the basis matrices!

– Note that this only works for  
a single segment of 4  
control points

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

- $\mathbf{P}(t) = \mathbf{G} \mathbf{B}_1 \mathbf{T}(t) =$

$$\mathbf{G} \mathbf{B}_1 \mathbf{(B_2-1B_2)} \mathbf{T}(t) =$$

$$(\mathbf{G} \mathbf{B}_1 \mathbf{B_2-1}) \mathbf{B_2} \mathbf{T}(t) B_{B-Spline} = \frac{1}{6} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3 & 3 & -1 \\ 4 & 0 & -6 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 3 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- $\mathbf{G} \mathbf{B}_1 \mathbf{B_2-1}$  are the control points  
for the segment in new basis.

In the previous slide, the minor inconvenience of misprinted subscripts and superscripts is especially harmful. The equation should read as:

$$\begin{aligned}P(t) &= GB_1T(t) \\ &= GB_1(B_2^{-1}B_2)T(t) \\ &= (GB_1B_2^{-1})B_2T(t)\end{aligned}$$

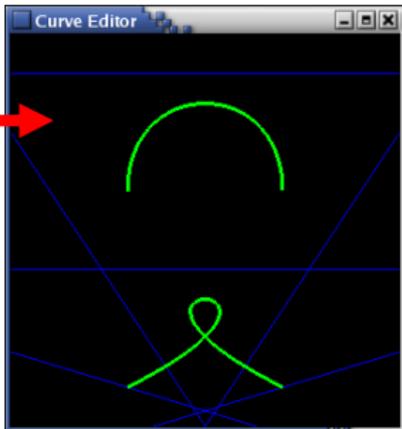
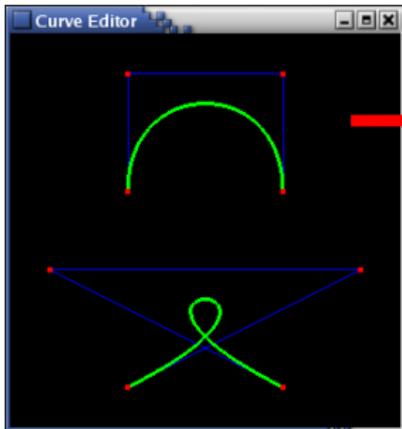
Then, we end up with  $(GB_1B_2^{-1})$  as new control points.

“Unfortunately”, you will need to do similar re-interpretation of many of the equations in the OpenCourseware slides to fully understand them.

“Fortunately”, **doing this will actually make you understand each equation better** :). Pen and paper are your friends!

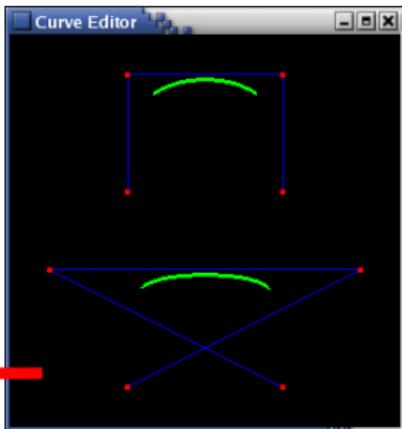
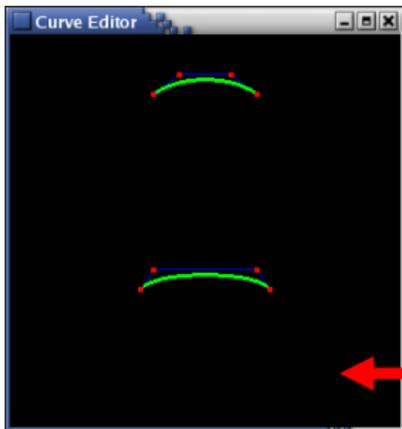
# Converting between Bézier & B-Spline

original  
control  
points as  
Bézier



new  
BSpline  
control  
points to  
match  
Bézier

new Bézier  
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points to  
match  
B-Spline



original  
control  
points as  
B-Spline

# NURBS (Generalized B-Splines)

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- Rational cubics
  - Use homogeneous coordinates, just add  $w$  !
    - Provides an extra weight parameter to control points
  
- NURBS: Non-Uniform Rational B-Spline
  - **non-uniform** = different spacing between the blending functions, a.k.a. “knots”
  - **rational** = ratio of cubic polynomials (instead of just cubic)
    - implemented by adding the homogeneous coordinate  $w$  into the control points.

# Demo

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# Questions?

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# Representing Surfaces

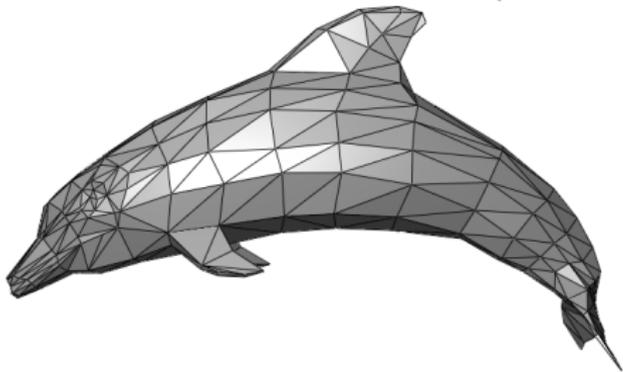
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- Triangle meshes
  - Surface analogue of polylines, this is what GPUs draw
- **Tensor Product Splines**
  - Surface analogue of spline curves
- **Subdivision surfaces**
- **Implicit surfaces, e.g.  $f(x,y,z)=0$**
- **Procedural**
  - e.g. surfaces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

# Triangle Meshes

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- 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)



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## >> (“fast-forward!”)

On our local course (TIEA311), we skim through the following slides, grabbing ideas and keywords without detail. Note to self: apply **great speed** with the “next slide” button!

Rationale:

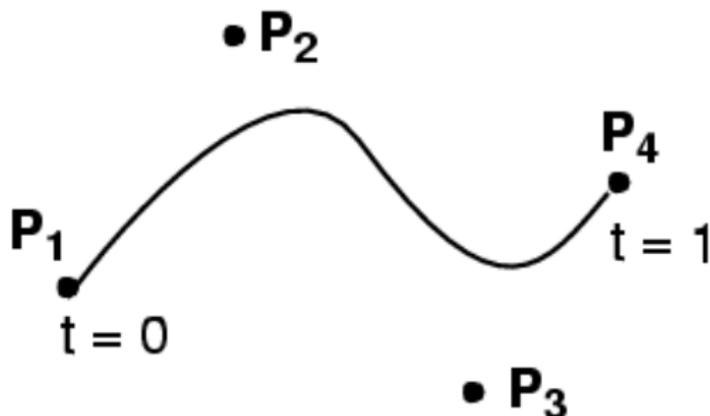
- ▶ We **need to know** about what is possible.
- ▶ These things are omnipresent in real-world graphics libraries, and CAD and CGI software, so we must **understand what they do** in order to **apply them more knowingly**.
- ▶ Examples to **motivate further math studies** – the ultimate goal of a computer science student should be the skills to **build** and **improve** the said libraries and software for the artists and engineers to use.
- ▶ If we need some of the concepts or notations again on this course, **we'll return to them** with further explanation.

# Smooth Surfaces?

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- $P(t) = (1-t)^3$  P1
- +  $3t(1-t)^2$  P2
- +  $3t^2(1-t)$  P3
- +  $t^3$  P4

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



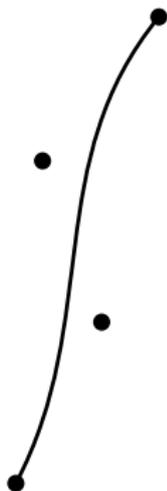
What about a  
surface?

# How to Build Them? Here's an Idea

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- $P(u) = (1-u)^3$  P1
- +  $3u(1-u)^2$  P2
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(Note! We relabeled  $t$  to  $u$ )

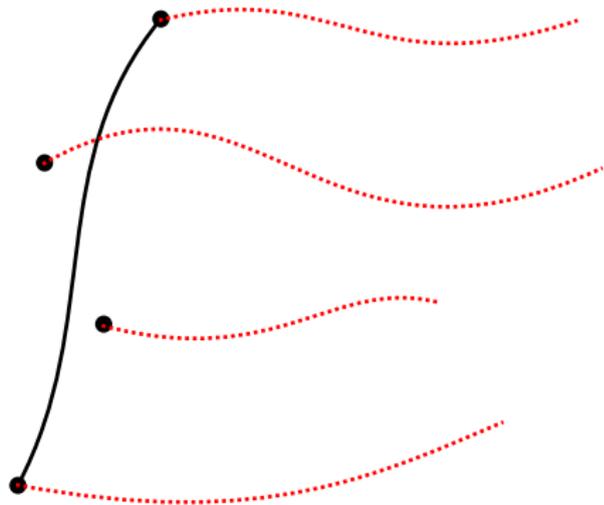


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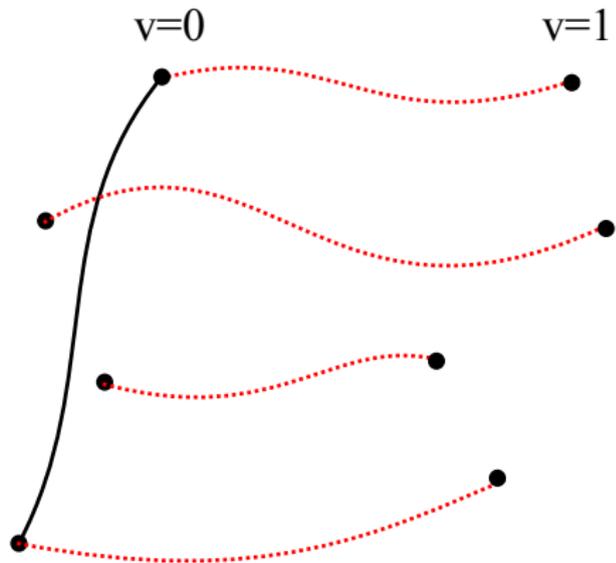
(Note! We relabeled  $t$  to  $u$ )



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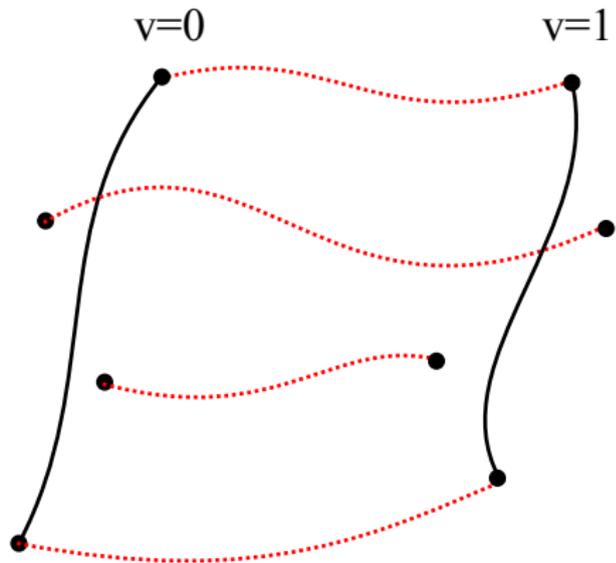


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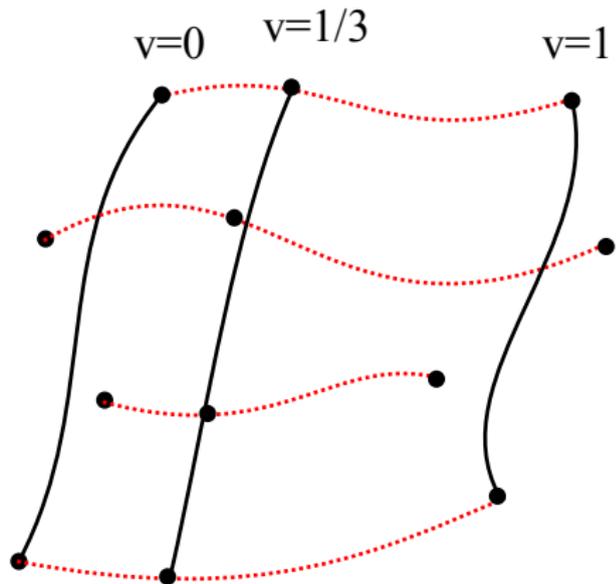
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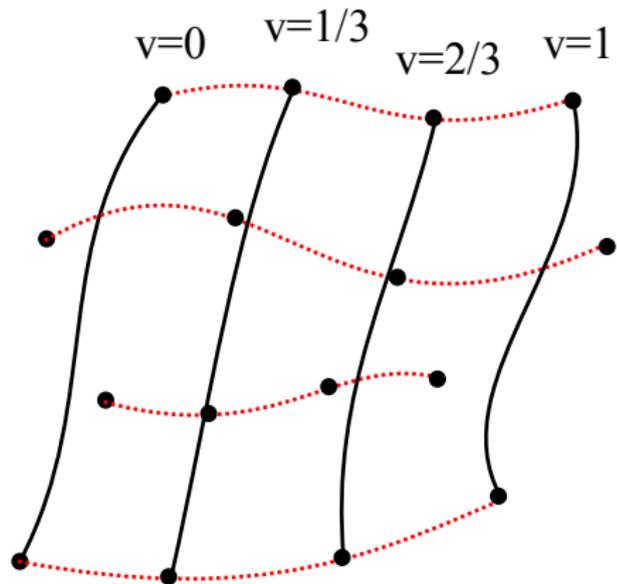
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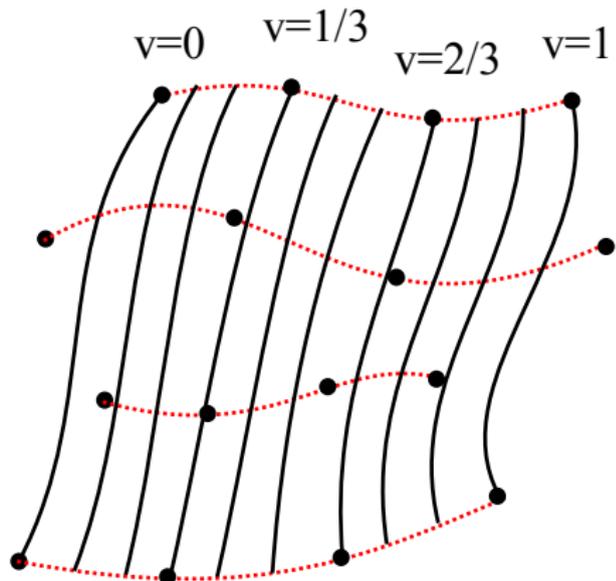
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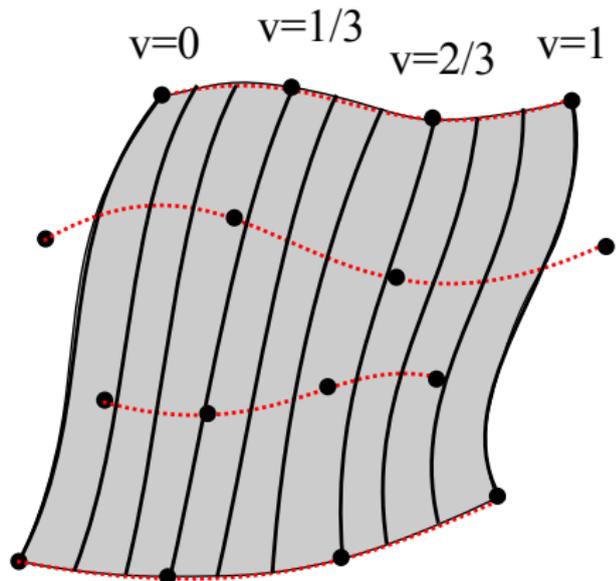


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A 2D surface patch!

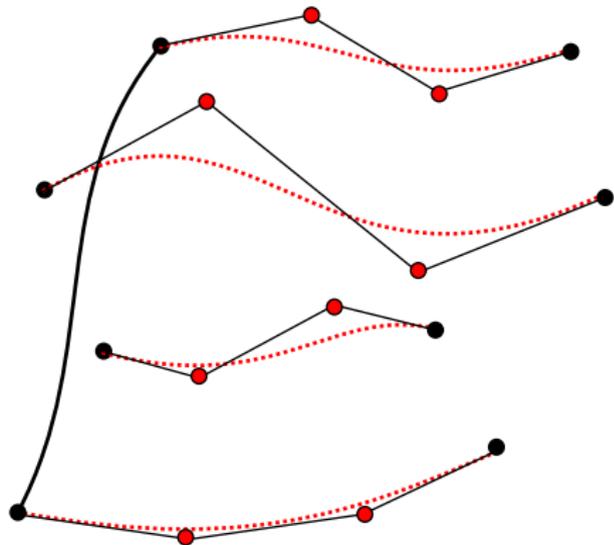
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# Tensor Product Bézier Patches

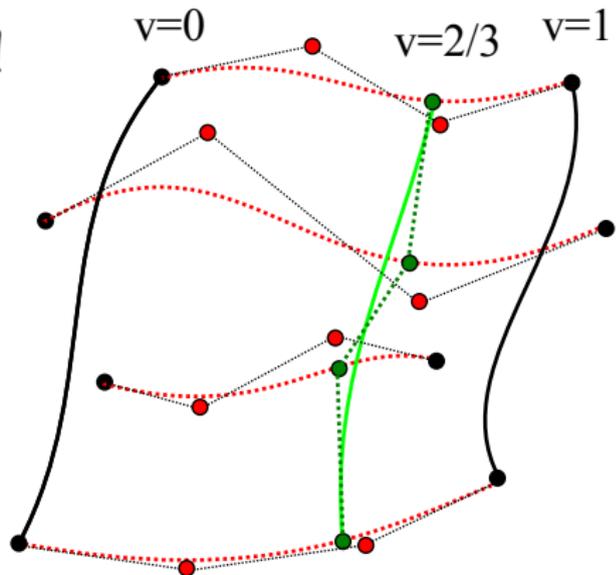
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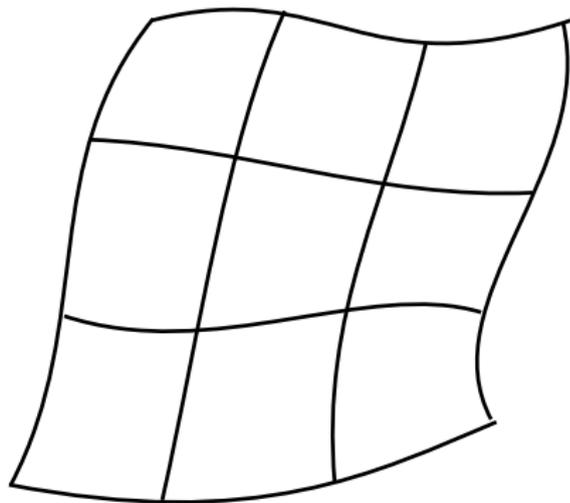
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- Each  $u=\text{const.}$  **and**  $v=\text{const.}$  curve is a Bézier curve!
- Note that the boundary control points (except corners) are NOT interpolated!



# Tensor Product Bézier Patches

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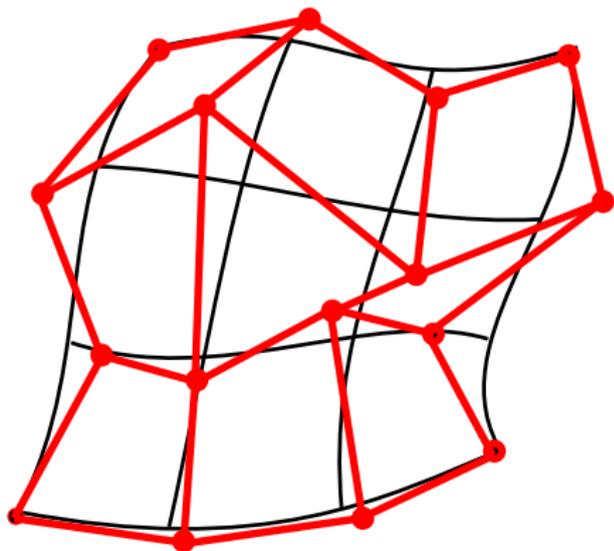
**A bicubic Bézier surface**



# Tensor Product Bézier Patches

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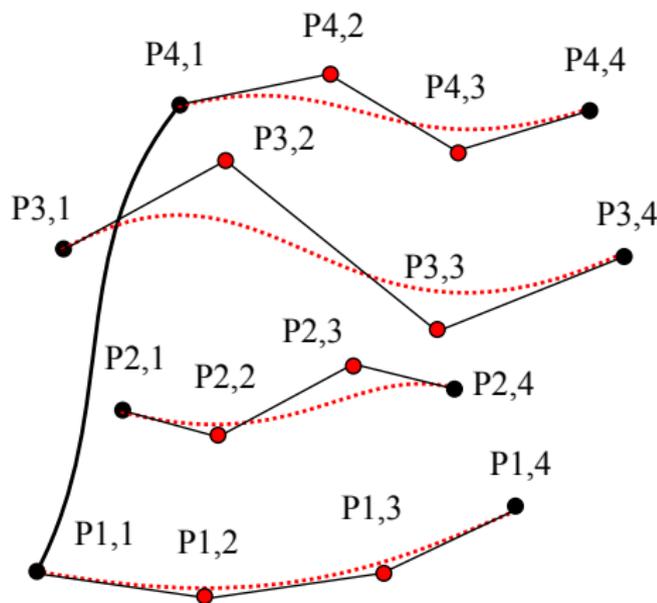
The “Control Mesh”  
16 control points



# Bicubics, Tensor Product

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+  $B_2(v) * P_{i,2}$   
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$$P(u, v) =$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^4 \left[ \sum_{j=1}^4 \right]$$

16 control points  $P_{i,j}$

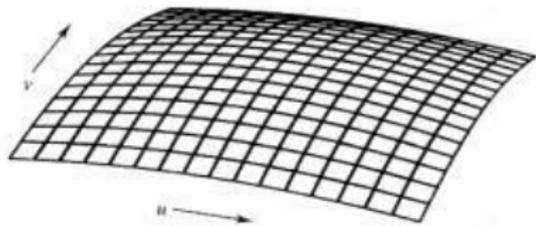
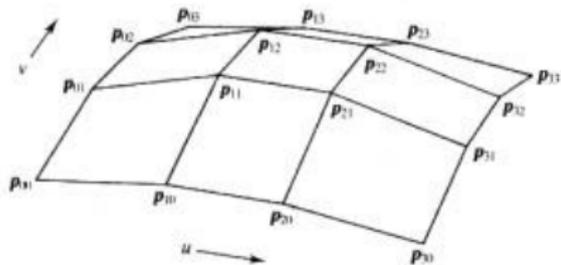
16 2D basis functions  $B_{i,j}$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^4 \sum_{j=1}^4 P_{i,j} B_{i,j}(u, v)$$

$$B_{i,j}(u, v) = B_i(u) B_j(v)$$

# Recap: Tensor Bézier Patches

- Parametric surface  $P(u,v)$  is a bicubic polynomial of two variables  $u$  &  $v$
- Defined by  $4 \times 4 = 16$  control points  $P_{1,1}, P_{1,2}, \dots, P_{4,4}$
- Interpolates 4 corners, approximates others
- Basis are product of two Bernstein polynomials:  $B_1(u)B_1(v); B_1(u)B_2(v); \dots B_4(u)B_4(v)$



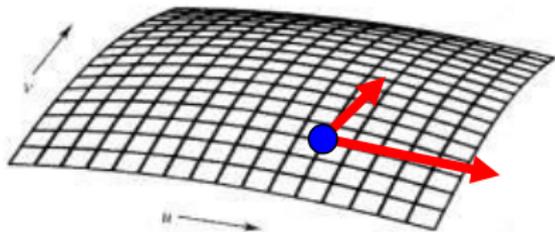
# Questions?

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# Tangents and Normals for Patches

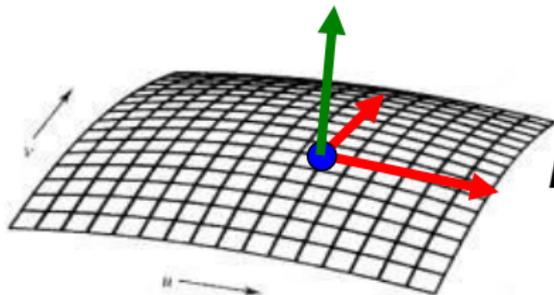
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- $P(u,v)$  is a **3D point** specified by  $u, v$
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  - Normal is perpendicular to both, i.e.,  
$$n = (\partial P/\partial u) \times (\partial P/\partial v)$$



**$n$  is usually not unit, so must normalize!**

# Questions?

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# Recap: Matrix Notation for Curves

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- Cubic Bézier in matrix notation

point on curve

(2x1 vector)

$$P(t) = \begin{pmatrix} x(t) \\ y(t) \end{pmatrix} =$$

Canonical  
“power basis”

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 & x_2 & x_3 & x_4 \\ y_1 & y_2 & y_3 & y_4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3 & 3 & -1 \\ 0 & 3 & -6 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ t \\ t^2 \\ t^3 \end{pmatrix}$$

“Geometry matrix”  
of control points P1..P4  
(2 x 4)

“Spline matrix”  
(Bernstein)

# Hardcore: Matrix Notation for Patches

- Not required, but convenient!

$x$  coordinate of surface at  $(u, v)$

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

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

Column vector of basis functions  $(v)$

$$(B_1(u), \dots, B_4(u)) \begin{pmatrix} P_{1,1}^x & \dots & P_{1,4}^x \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ P_{4,1}^x & \dots & P_{4,4}^x \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} B_1(v) \\ \vdots \\ B_4(v) \end{pmatrix}$$

Row vector of basis functions  $(u)$

4x4 matrix of  $x$  coordinates of the control points

# Hardcore: Matrix Notation for Patches

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- Curves:

$$P(t) = \mathbf{G} \mathbf{B} \mathbf{T}(t)$$

- Surfaces:

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

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

- $\mathbf{T}$  = power basis  
 $\mathbf{B}$  = spline matrix  
 $\mathbf{G}$  = geometry matrix

# Super Hardcore: Tensor Notation

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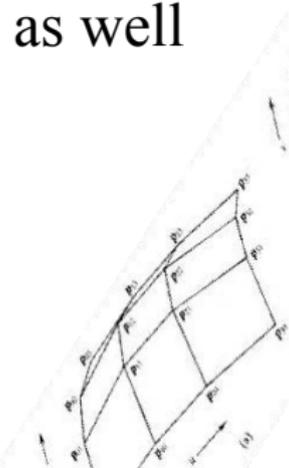
- You can stack the  $\mathbf{G}_x$ ,  $\mathbf{G}_y$ ,  $\mathbf{G}_z$  matrices into a geometry **tensor** of control points
  - I.e.,  $G_{kij}$  = the  $k$ th coordinate of control point  $P_{i,j}$
  - A cube of numbers!

$$P^k(u, v) = \mathbf{T}^l(u) \mathbf{B}_l^i \mathbf{G}_{ij}^k \mathbf{B}_m^j \mathbf{T}^m(v)$$

- “Definitely not required, but nice!”
  - See [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Multilinear\\_algebra](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

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- 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

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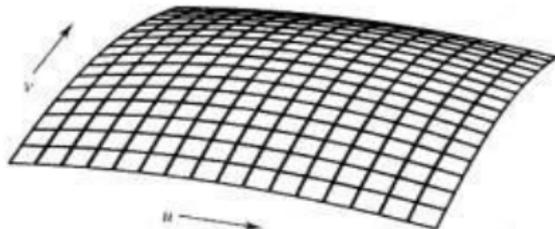
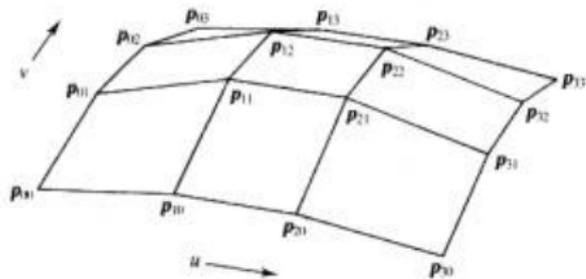
- Designed by Martin Newell



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# Cool: Displacement Mapping

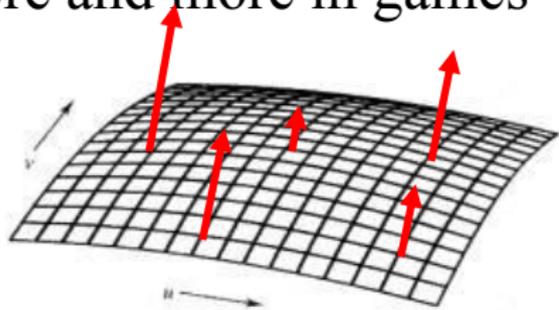
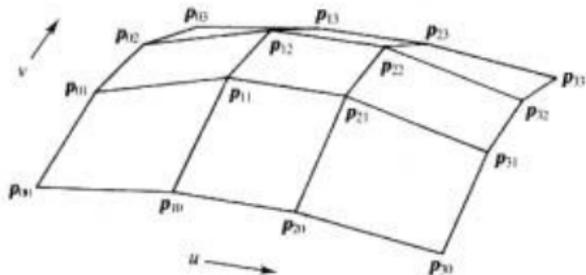
- Not all surfaces are smooth...



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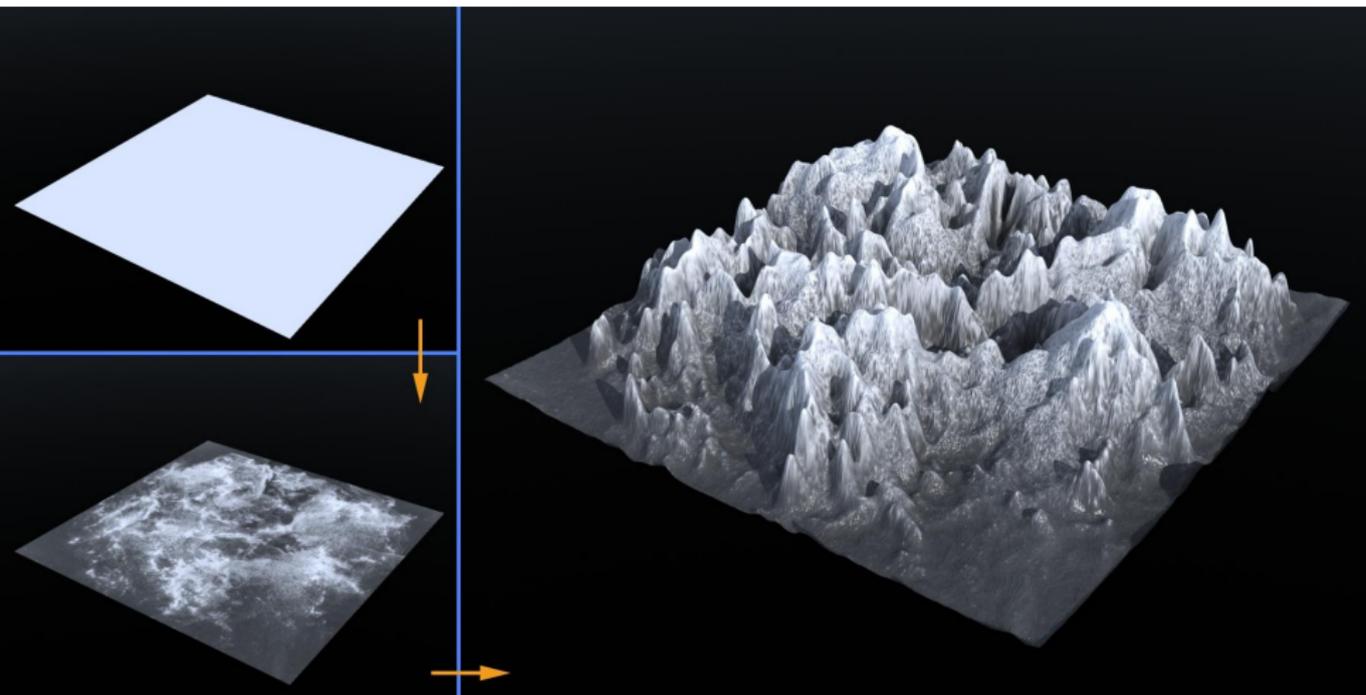
# Cool: Displacement Mapping

- 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



# Displacement Mapping Example

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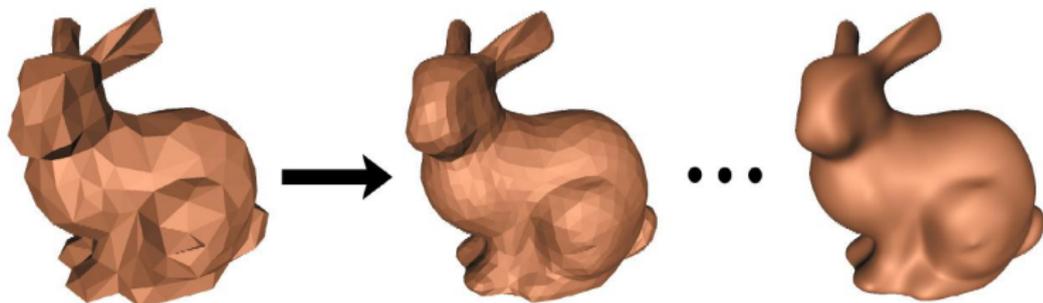
# Questions?

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# Subdivision Surfaces

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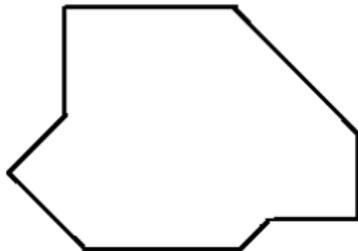
- Start with polygonal mesh
- Subdivide into larger number of polygons, smooth result after each subdivision
  - Lots of ways to do this.
- The limit surface is smooth!



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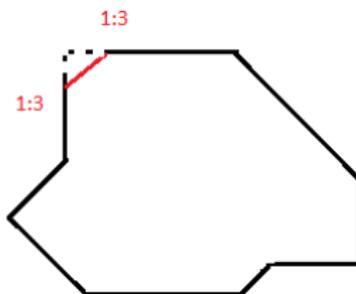
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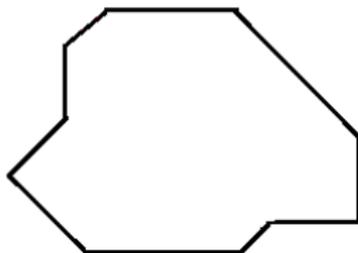
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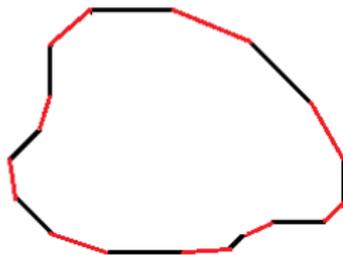
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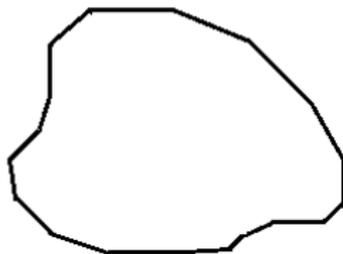
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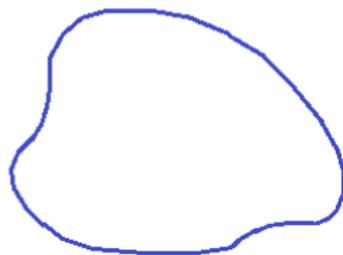
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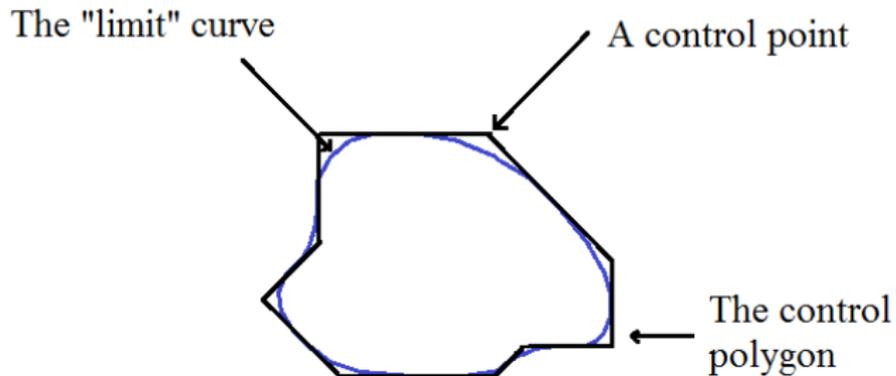
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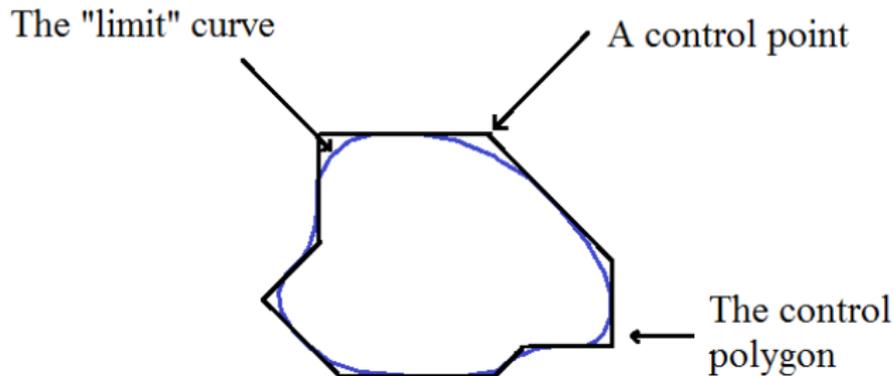
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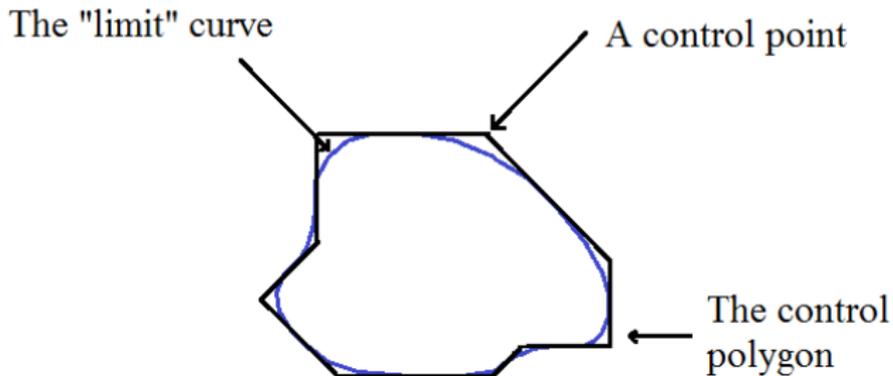
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**It turns out corner cutting  
(Chaikin's Algorithm)  
produces a quadratic B-  
Spline curve! (Magic!)**

# Corner Cutting

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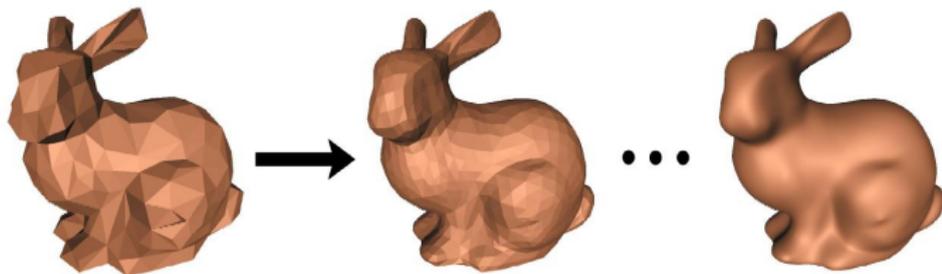


**(Well, not totally unexpected,  
remember de Casteljau)**

# Subdivision Curves and Surfaces

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- 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

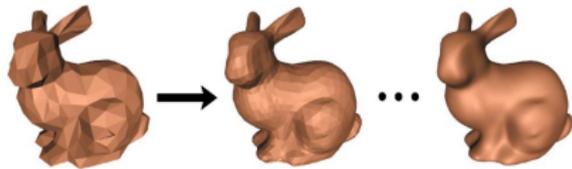
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- Advantages

- 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

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- 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/>

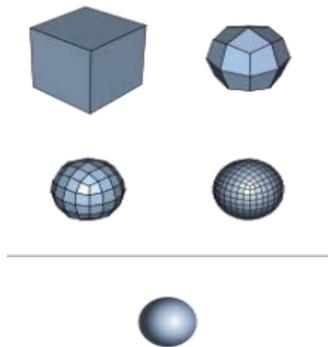


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# Subdivision + Displacement

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Original rough mesh



Original mesh with  
subdivision



Original mesh with  
subdivision and  
displacement

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# Questions?

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# Implicit Surfaces

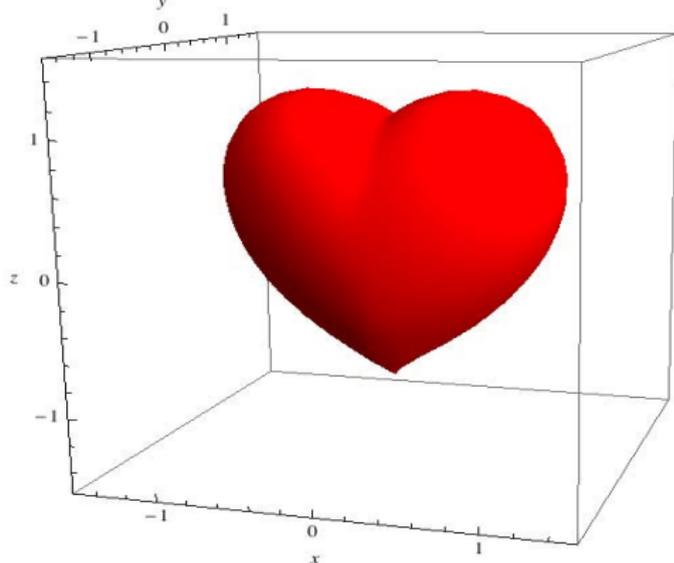
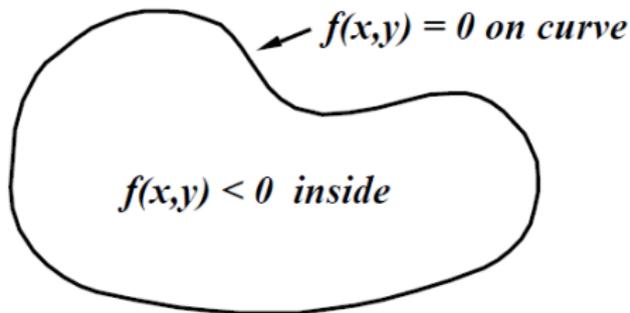
- Surface defined implicitly by a function

$f(x, y, z) = 0$  (on surface)

$f(x, y, z) < 0$  (inside)

$f(x, y, z) > 0$  (outside)

$$\left(x^2 + \frac{9y^2}{4} + z^2 - 1\right)^3 - x^2 z^3 - \frac{9y^2 z^3}{200} = 0$$



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$f(x,y) > 0$  outside

# Implicit Surfaces

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- Pros:
  - Efficient check whether point is inside
  - Efficient Boolean operations
  - Can handle weird topology for animation
  - Easy to do sketchy modeling
- Cons:
  - Does not allow us to easily generate a point on the surface

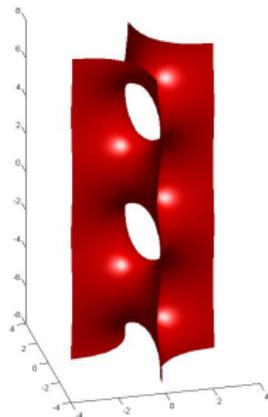


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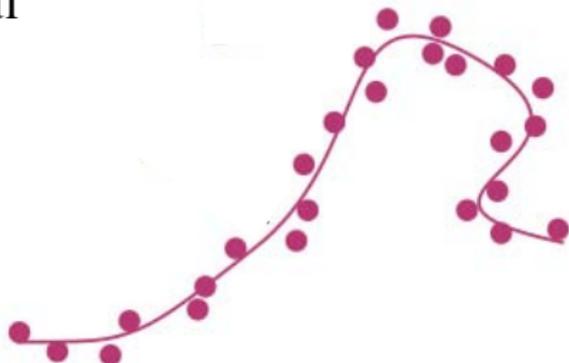
# Questions?

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# Point Set Surfaces

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- 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



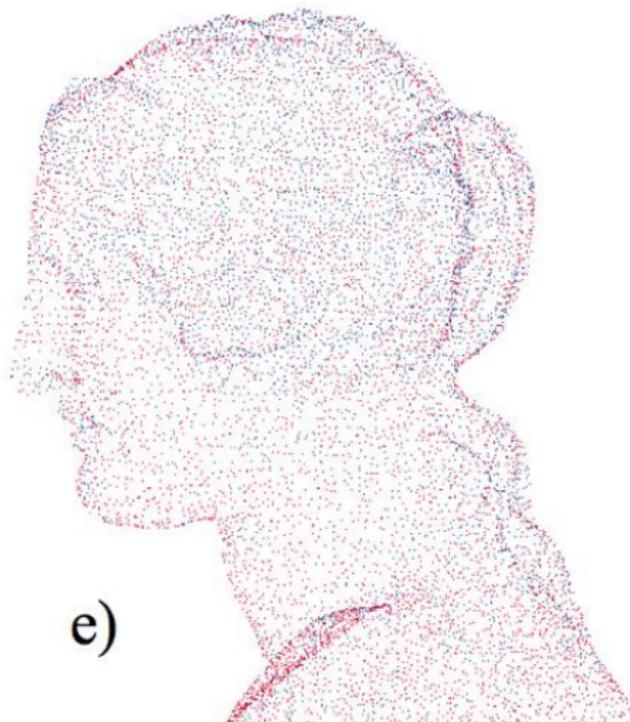
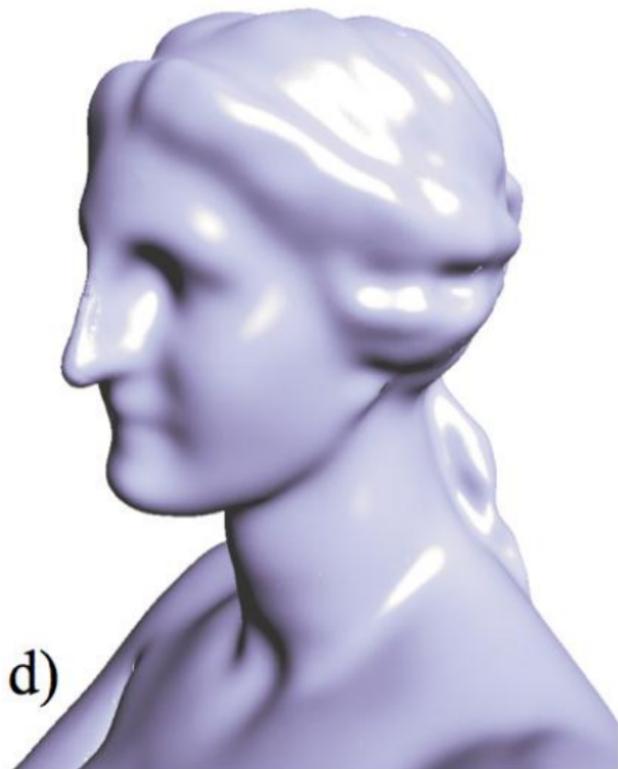
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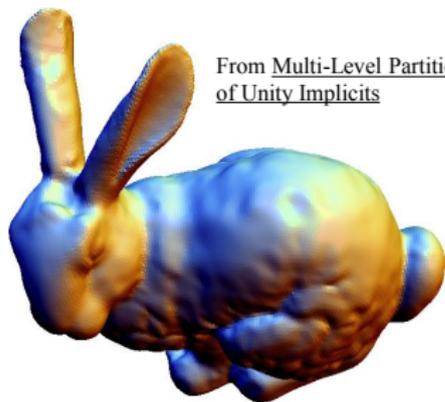
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# Point Set Surfaces

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- Modern take on implicit surfaces
- Cool math: Moving Least Squares (MLS), partitions of unity, etc.



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- Not required in this class, but nice to know.

# Questions?

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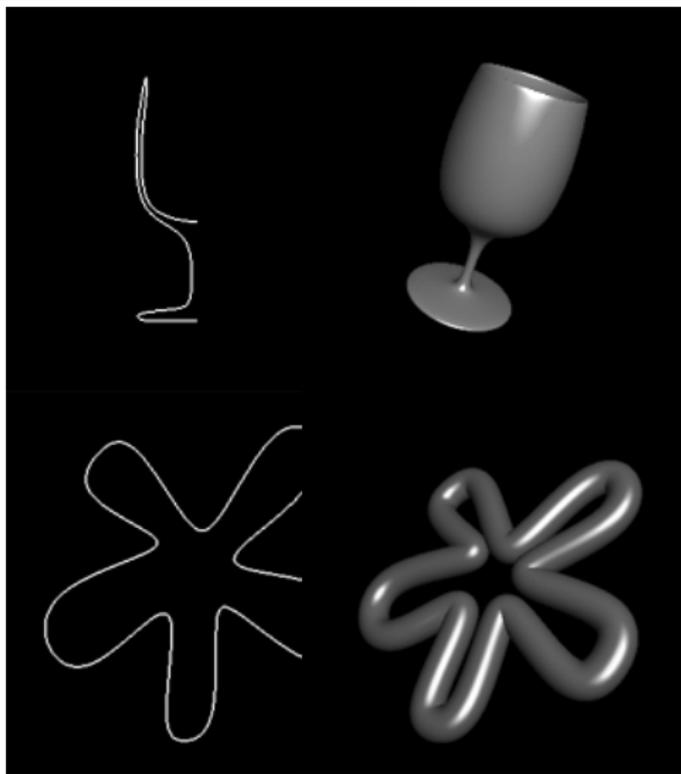
Ok, OMG, what? Further questions:

- ▶ Tensor products? Do I need to be a theoretical physicist like Einstein to do computer graphics?
- ▶ Well... not really, although it would help :)
- ▶ In the long run, **the more math you can fit** in your personal study plan, **the better you will become in computing**, including graphics programming and many other wonderful things that “the guy next door” can’t do.
- ▶ On this course, as you saw, we did a fast-forward.

Fast-forward ends here. We’ll come back to a first course in graphics.

# Specialized Procedural Definitions

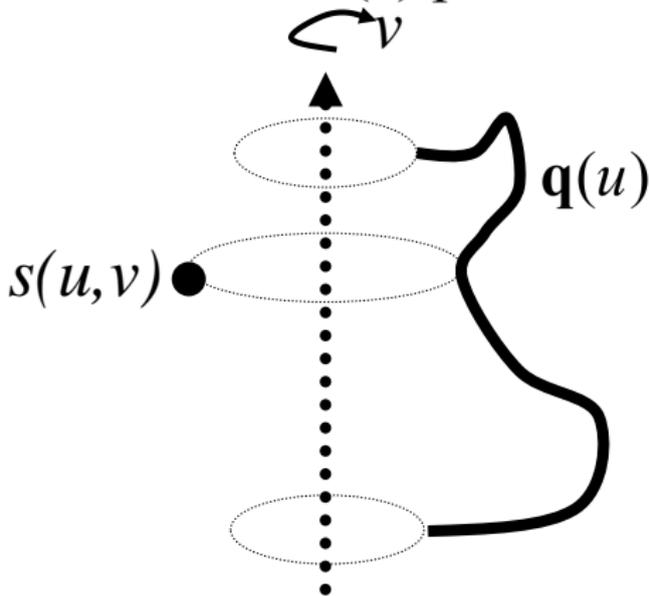
- Surfaces of revolution
  - Rotate given 2D profile curve
- Generalized cylinders
  - Given 2D profile and 3D curve, sweep the profile along the 3D curve
- **Assignment 1!**



# Surface of Revolution

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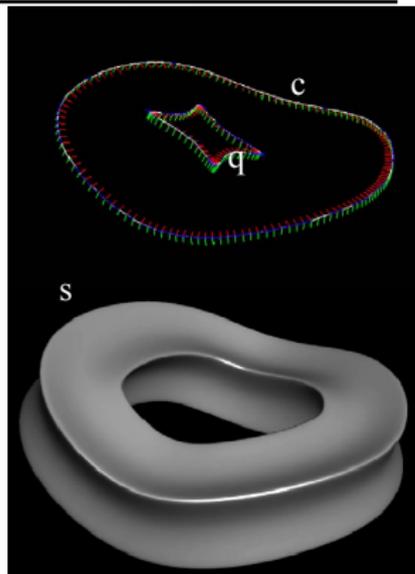
- 2D curve  $q(u)$  provides one dimension
  - Note: works also with 3D curve
- Rotation  $R(v)$  provides 2nd dimension



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

# General Swept Surfaces

- Trace out surface by moving a profile curve along a trajectory.
  - profile curve  $\mathbf{q}(u)$  provides one dim
  - trajectory  $\mathbf{c}(u)$  provides the other
- Surface of revolution can be seen as a special case where trajectory is a circle



$$\mathbf{s}(u, v) = \mathbf{M}(\mathbf{c}(v))\mathbf{q}(u)$$

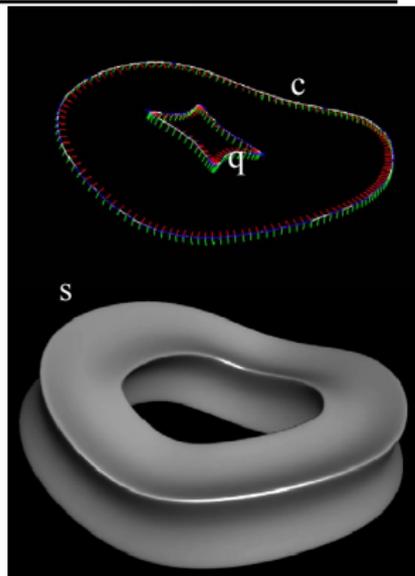
where  $\mathbf{M}$  is a matrix that depends on the trajectory  $\mathbf{c}$

# General Swept Surfaces

- How do we get  $\mathbf{M}$ ?
  - Translation is easy, given by  $\mathbf{c}(v)$
  - What about orientation?
- Orientation options:
  - Align profile curve with an axis.
  - **Better**: Align profile curve with frame that “follows” the curve

$$\mathbf{s}(u, v) = \mathbf{M}(\mathbf{c}(v)) \mathbf{q}(u)$$

where  $\mathbf{M}$  is a matrix that depends on the trajectory  $\mathbf{c}$



# Frames on Curves: Frenet Frame

- Frame defined by 1st (tangent), 2nd and 3rd derivatives of a 3D curve
- Looks like a good idea for swept surfaces...

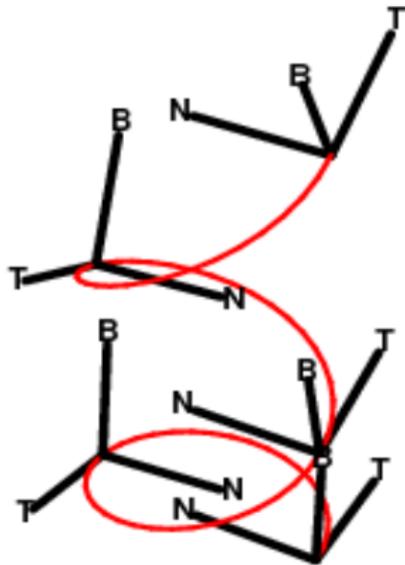
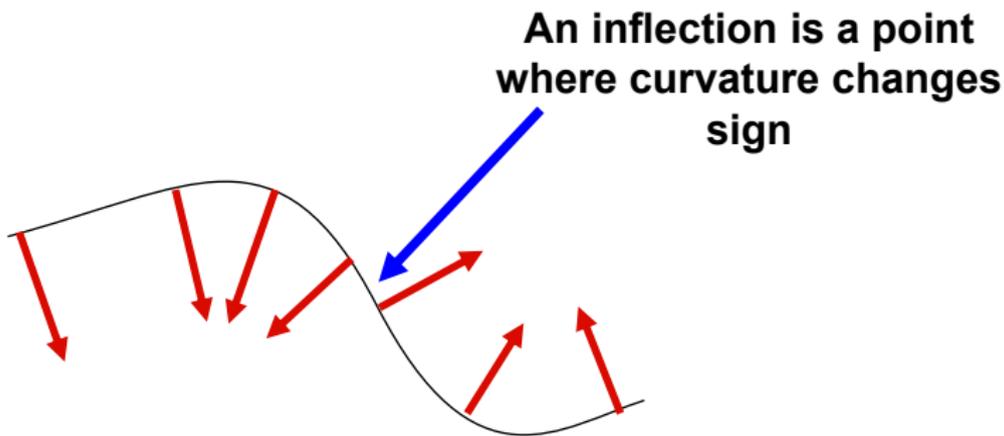


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# Frenet: Problem at Inflection!

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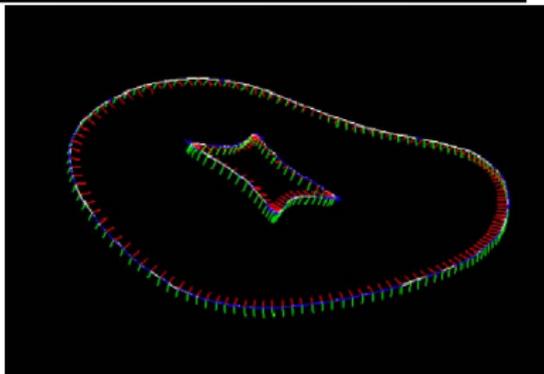
- Normal flips!
- Bad to define a smooth swept surface



# Smooth Frames on Curves

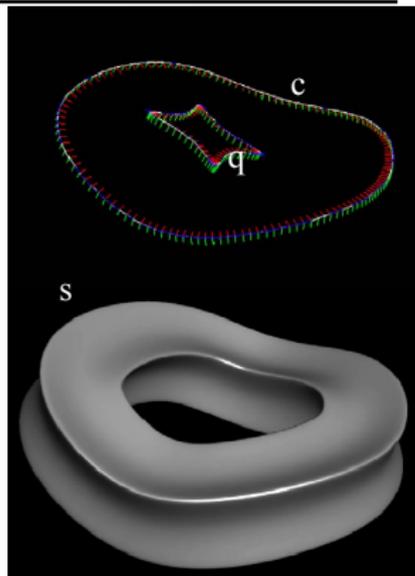
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- Build triplet of vectors
  - include tangent (it is reliable)
  - orthonormal
  - coherent over the curve
- Idea:
  - use cross product to create orthogonal vectors
  - exploit discretization of curve
  - use previous frame to bootstrap orientation
  - **See Assignment 1 instructions!**



# Normals for Swept Surfaces

- Need partial derivatives w.r.t. both  $u$  and  $v$   
$$\mathbf{n} = (\partial \mathbf{s} / \partial u) \times (\partial \mathbf{s} / \partial v)$$
  - Remember to normalize!
- One given by tangent of profile curve, the other by tangent of trajectory



$$\mathbf{s}(u, v) = \mathbf{M}(\mathbf{c}(v))\mathbf{q}(u)$$

where  $\mathbf{M}$  is a matrix that depends on the trajectory  $\mathbf{c}$

This **story continues in the practical Assignment 1 handout**. More linear algebra “needed for survival” will be covered in the following few lectures.

Play with this: <http://nurbscalculator.in/>

More math details (if you are interested):

<http://www.cs.mtu.edu/~shene/COURSES/cs3621/NOTES/>

As usual, guidance in Finnish is available during the first period of Spring 2017.

Form **groups**, **ask others** for help. **Help** your coursemates – you’ll learn more while helping others. Ultimately **think and code by yourself** – otherwise learning is unlikely to happen.