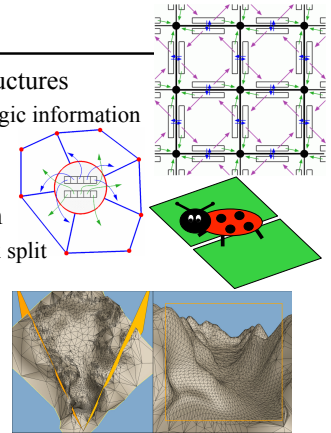


# Curves & Surfaces

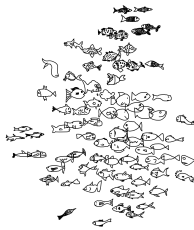
## Last Time?

- Adjacency Data Structures
  - Geometric & topologic information
  - Dynamic allocation
  - Efficiency of access
- Mesh Simplification
  - edge collapse/vertex split
  - geomorphs
  - progressive transmission
  - view-dependent refinement



## Readings for Today (*pick one*)

- "Teddy: A Sketching Interface for 3D Freeform Design", Igarashi et al., SIGGRAPH 1999
- "How Do Humans Sketch Objects?", Eitz et al., SIGGRAPH 2012



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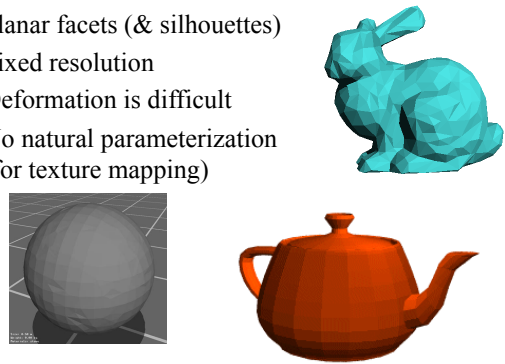
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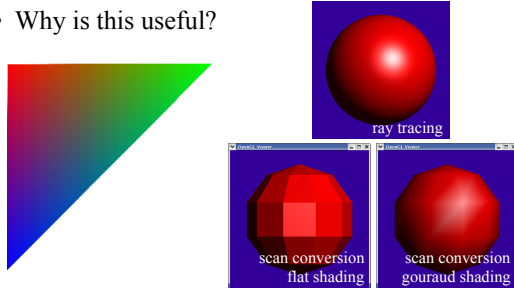
## Limitations of Polygonal Meshes

- Planar facets (& silhouettes)
- Fixed resolution
- Deformation is difficult
- No natural parameterization (for texture mapping)



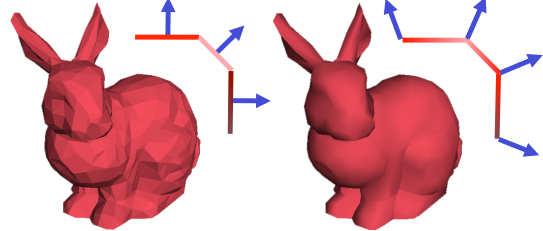
## Color & Normal Interpolation

- It's easy in OpenGL to specify different colors and/or normals at the vertices of triangles:
- Why is this useful?



## What is Gouraud Shading?

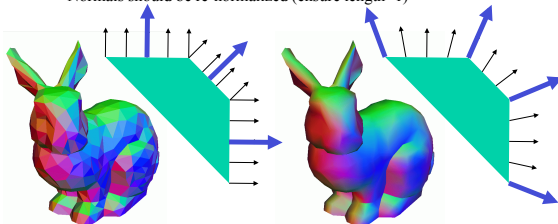
- Instead of shading with the normal of the triangle, we'll shade the vertices with the *average normal* and *interpolate the shaded color* across each face
  - This gives the *illusion of a smooth surface* with smoothly varying normals



- How do we compute Average Normals? Is it expensive??

## Phong Normal Interpolation (Not Phong Shading)

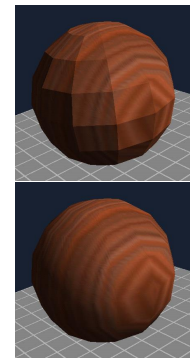
- *Interpolate the average vertex normals* across the face and compute *per-pixel shading*
  - Normals should be re-normalized (ensure length=1)



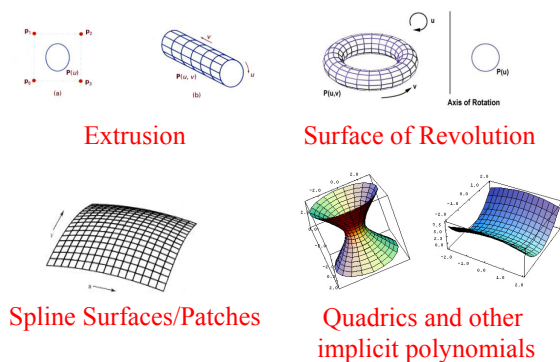
- Before shaders, per-pixel shading was not possible in hardware (Gouraud shading is actually a decent substitute!)

## Gouraud/Phong Shading

- Not always good enough
  - Still low, fixed resolution (missing fine details)
  - Still have polygonal silhouettes
  - Intersection depth is planar (e.g. ray tracing visualization)
  - Collisions problems for simulation
  - Solid Texturing problems
  - ...

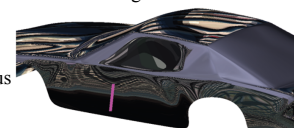


## Some Non-Polygonal Modeling Tools



## Continuity definitions:

- $C^0$  continuous
  - curve/surface has no breaks/gaps/holes
- $G^1$  continuous
  - tangent at joint has same direction
- $C^1$  continuous
  - curve/surface derivative is continuous
  - tangent at joint has same direction *and* magnitude
- $C^n$  continuous
  - curve/surface through  $n^{\text{th}}$  derivative is continuous
  - important for shading



"Shape Optimization Using Reflection Lines", Tosun et al., 2007

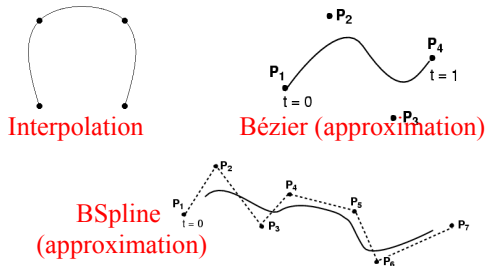
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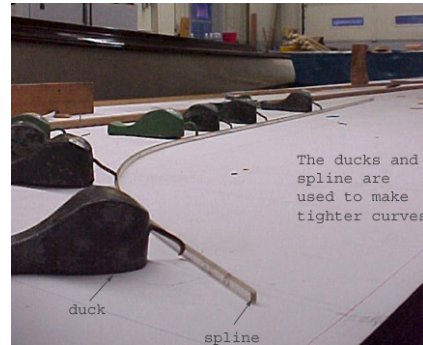
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## Definition: What's a Spline?

- Smooth curve defined by some control points
- Moving the control points changes the curve



## Interpolation Curves / Splines



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## Interpolation Curves

- Curve is constrained to pass through all control points
- Given points  $P_0, P_1, \dots, P_n$ , find lowest degree polynomial which passes through the points

$$x(t) = a_{n-1}t^{n-1} + \dots + a_2t^2 + a_1t + a_0$$

$$y(t) = b_{n-1}t^{n-1} + \dots + b_2t^2 + b_1t + b_0$$

## Linear Interpolation

- Simplest "curve" between two points

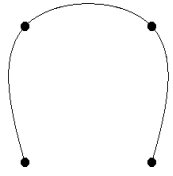
$$Q(t) = (1-t)P_0 + tP_1$$

The diagram shows a line segment between two points  $P_0$  (at  $t=0$ ) and  $P_1$  (at  $t=1$ ). To the right, a graph shows the spline basis functions  $B_0$  and  $B_1$  as a function of  $t$ .  $B_0$  is a linear function that starts at 1 when  $t=0$  and goes to 0 when  $t=1$ .  $B_1$  is a linear function that starts at 0 when  $t=0$  and goes to 1 when  $t=1$ . The text "Spline Basis Functions" and "a.k.a. Blending Functions" is written in red.

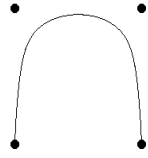
$$Q(t) = \begin{pmatrix} Q_x(t) \\ Q_y(t) \\ Q_z(t) \end{pmatrix} = ((P_0) (P_1)) \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} t \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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

## Interpolation vs. Approximation Curves



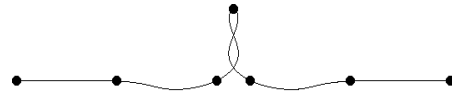
**Interpolation**  
curve must pass through control points



**Approximation**  
curve is influenced by control points

## Interpolation vs. Approximation Curves

- Interpolation Curve – over constrained → lots of (undesirable?) oscillations



- Approximation Curve – more reasonable?



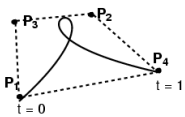
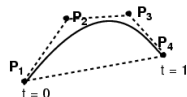
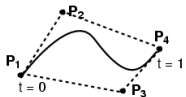
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## Cubic Bézier Curve

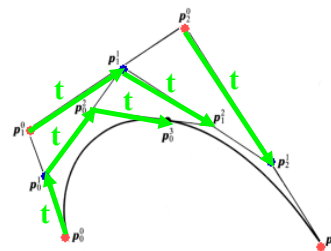
- 4 control points
- Curve passes through first & last control point
- Curve is tangent at  $P_1$  to  $(P_2 - P_1)$  and at  $P_4$  to  $(P_4 - P_3)$



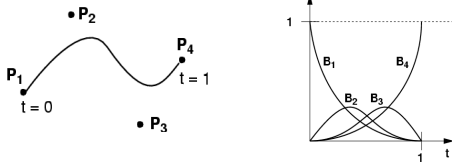
A Bézier curve is bounded by the convex hull of its control points.

## Cubic Bézier Curve

- de Casteljau's algorithm for constructing Bézier curves



## Cubic Bézier Curve



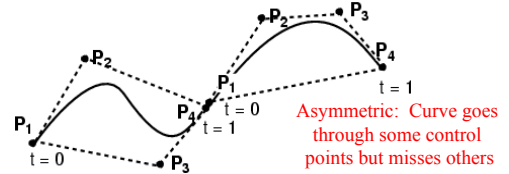
$$Q(t) = (1-t)^3 P_1 + 3t(1-t)^2 P_2 + 3t^2(1-t) P_3 + t^3 P_4$$

$$Q(t) = \mathbf{GBT}(t) \quad B_{\text{Bezier}} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 3 & -3 & 1 \\ 3 & -6 & 3 & 0 \\ -3 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Bernstein  
Polynomials

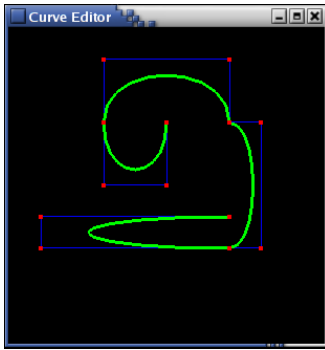
$$B_1(t) = (1-t)^3; B_2(t) = 3t(1-t)^2; B_3(t) = 3t^2(1-t); B_4(t) = t^3$$

## Connecting Cubic Bézier Curves



- How can we guarantee  $C^0$  continuity?
- How can we guarantee  $G^1$  continuity?
- How can we guarantee  $C^1$  continuity?
- Can't guarantee higher  $C^2$  or higher continuity

## Connecting Cubic Bézier Curves



- Where is this curve
  - $C^0$  continuous?
  - $G^1$  continuous?
  - $C^1$  continuous?
- What's the relationship between:
  - the # of control points, and
  - the # of cubic Bézier subcurves?

## Higher-Order Bézier Curves

- > 4 control points
- Bernstein Polynomials as the basis functions

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

- Every control point affects the entire curve
  - Not simply a local effect
  - More difficult to control for modeling

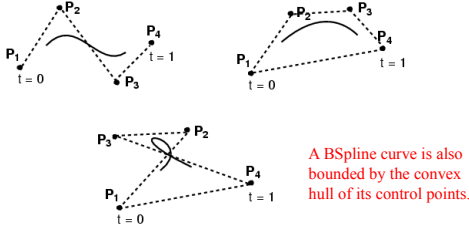
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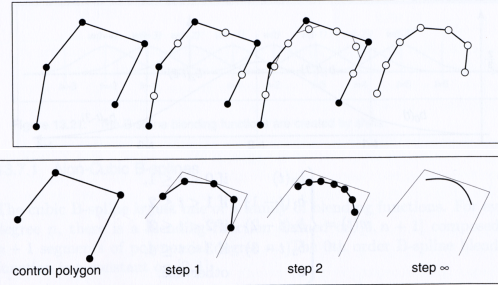
## Cubic BSplines

- $\geq 4$  control points
- Locally cubic
- Curve is not constrained to pass through any control points



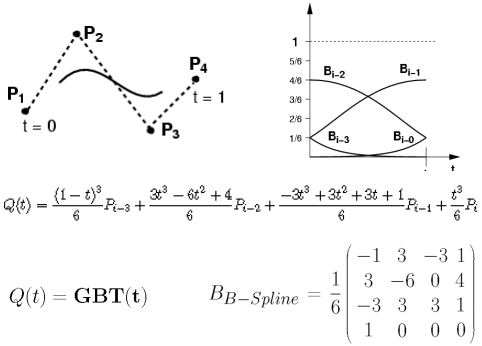
## Cubic BSplines

- Iterative method for constructing BSplines



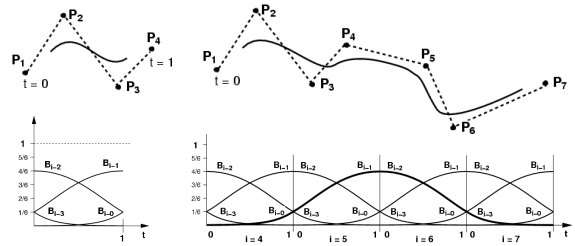
Shirley, Fundamentals of Computer Graphics

## Cubic BSplines

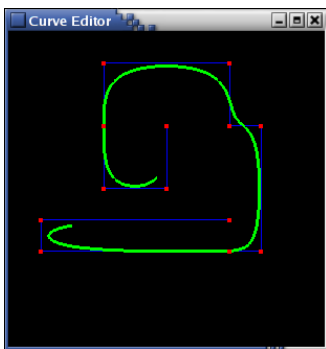


## Connecting Cubic BSpline Curves

- Can be chained together
- Better control locally (windowing)

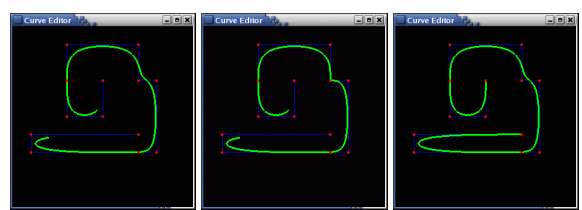


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## BSpline Curve Control Points



Default BSpline

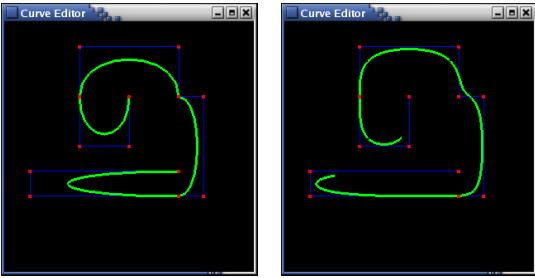
BSpline with Discontinuity

BSpline which passes through end points

Repeat interior control point

Repeat end points

## Bézier is not the same as BSpline

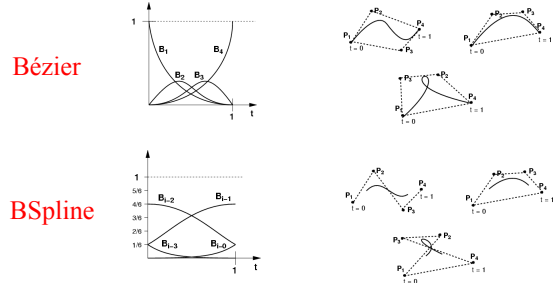


Bézier

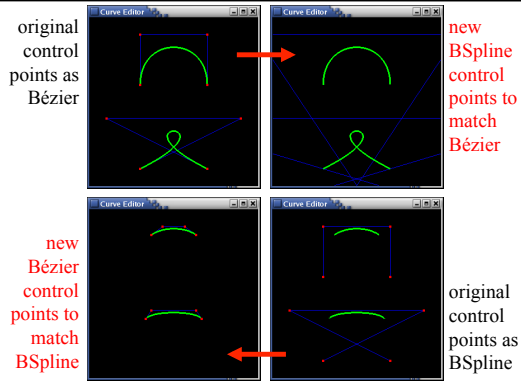
BSpline

## Bézier is not the same as BSpline

- Relationship to the control points is different



## Converting between Bézier & BSpline



## Converting between Bézier & BSpline

- Using the basis functions:

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

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

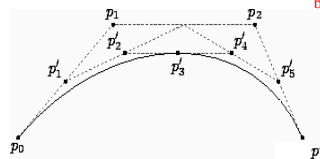
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## NURBS (generalized BSplines)

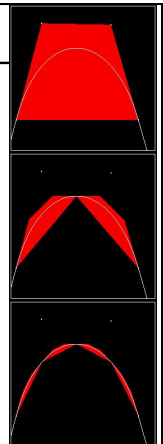
- BSpline: uniform cubic BSpline
- NURBS: Non-Uniform Rational BSpline
  - non-uniform = different spacing between the blending functions, a.k.a. knots
  - rational = ratio of polynomials (instead of cubic)

## Neat Bezier Spline Trick

- A Bezier curve with 4 control points:
  - $- P_0 \quad P_1 \quad P_2 \quad P_3$
- Can be split into 2 new Bezier curves:
  - $- P_0 \quad P'_1 \quad P'_2 \quad P'_3$
  - $- P'_3 \quad P'_4 \quad P'_5 \quad P_3$



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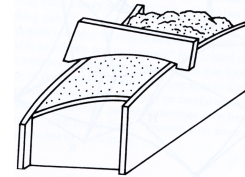
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## Spline Surface via Tensor Product

- Of two vectors:

$$[a_1 \ a_2 \ a_3] \otimes [b_1 \ b_2 \ b_3 \ b_4] = \begin{bmatrix} a_1b_1 & a_2b_1 & a_3b_1 \\ a_1b_2 & a_2b_2 & a_3b_2 \\ a_1b_3 & a_2b_3 & a_3b_3 \\ a_1b_4 & a_2b_4 & a_3b_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

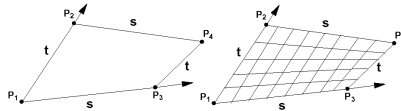
- Similarly, we can define a surface as the tensor product of two curves....



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## Bilinear Patch

Bi-lerp a (typically non-planar) quadrilateral

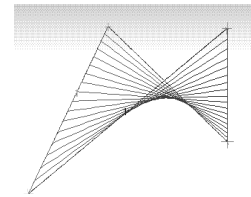
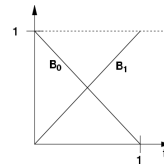


Notation:  $L(P_1, P_2, \alpha) \equiv (1 - \alpha)P_1 + \alpha P_2$

$$Q(s, t) = L(L(P_1, P_2, t), L(P_3, P_4, t), s)$$

## Bilinear Patch

- Smooth version of quadrilateral with non-planar vertices...



- But will this help us model smooth surfaces?
- Do we have control of the derivative at the edges?

## Ruled Surfaces in Art & Architecture

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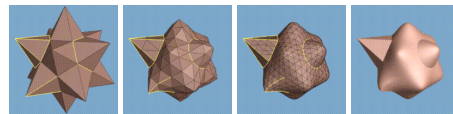


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<http://www.lonelyplanetimages.com/images/399954>

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- Hoppe et al., "Piecewise Smooth Surface Reconstruction" SIGGRAPH 1994



- DeRose, Kass, & Truong, "Subdivision Surfaces in Character Animation", SIGGRAPH 1998

Post a comment or question on the LMS discussion by 10am on Tuesday





## Homework 1:

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- Questions/Comments?

