# 15-462 Computer Graphics I Lecture 10

#### Curves and Surfaces

Parametric Representations
Cubic Polynomial Forms
Hermite Curves
Bezier Curves and Surfaces
[Angel 10.1-10.6]

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#### Goals

- How do we draw surfaces?
  - Approximate with polygons
  - Draw polygons
- How do we specify a surface?
  - Explicit, implicit, parametric
- How do we approximate a surface?
  - Interpolation (use only points)
  - Hermite (use points and tangents)
  - Bezier (use points, and more points for tangents)
- Next lecture: splines, realization in OpenGL

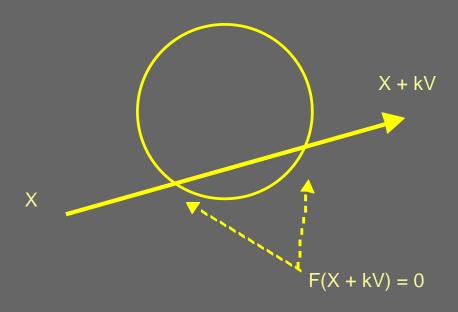
## **Explicit Representation**

- Curve in 2D: y = f(x)
- Curve in 3D: y = f(x), z = g(x)
- Surface in 3D: z = f(x,y)
- Problems:
  - How about a vertical line x = c as y = f(x)?
  - Circle  $y = \pm (r^2 x^2)^{1/2}$  two or zero values for x
- Too dependent on coordinate system
- Rarely used in computer graphics

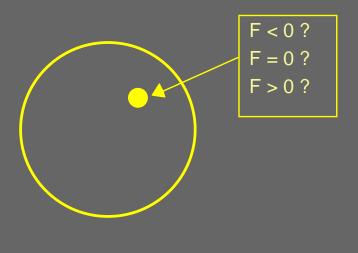
#### Implicit Representation

- Curve in 2D: f(x,y) = 0
  - Line: ax + by + c = 0
  - Circle:  $x^2 + y^2 r^2 = 0$
- Surface in 3d: f(x,y,z) = 0
  - Plane: ax + by + cz + d = 0
  - Sphere:  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 r^2 = 0$
- f(x,y,z) can describe 3D object:
  - Inside: f(x,y,z) < 0
  - Surface: f(x,y,z) = 0
  - Outside: f(x,y,z) > 0

## What Implicit Functions are Good For

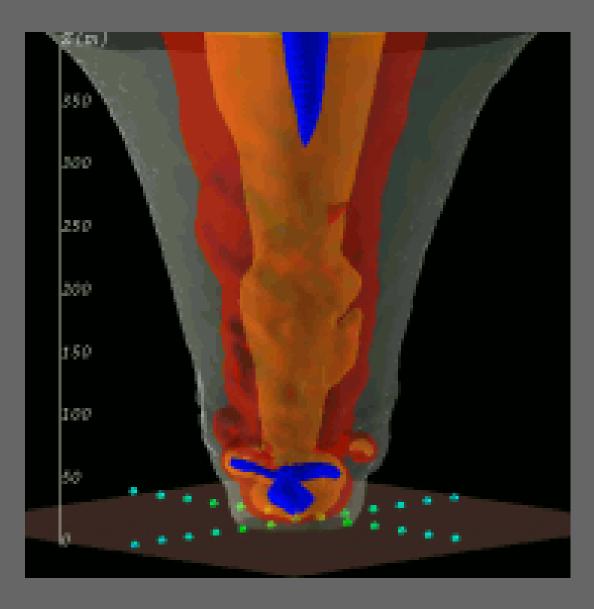


Ray - Surface Intersection Test



Inside/Outside Test

#### Isosurfaces of Simulated Tornado

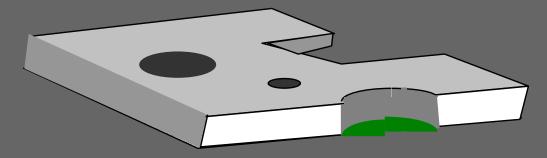


## Constructive Solid Geometry (CSG)

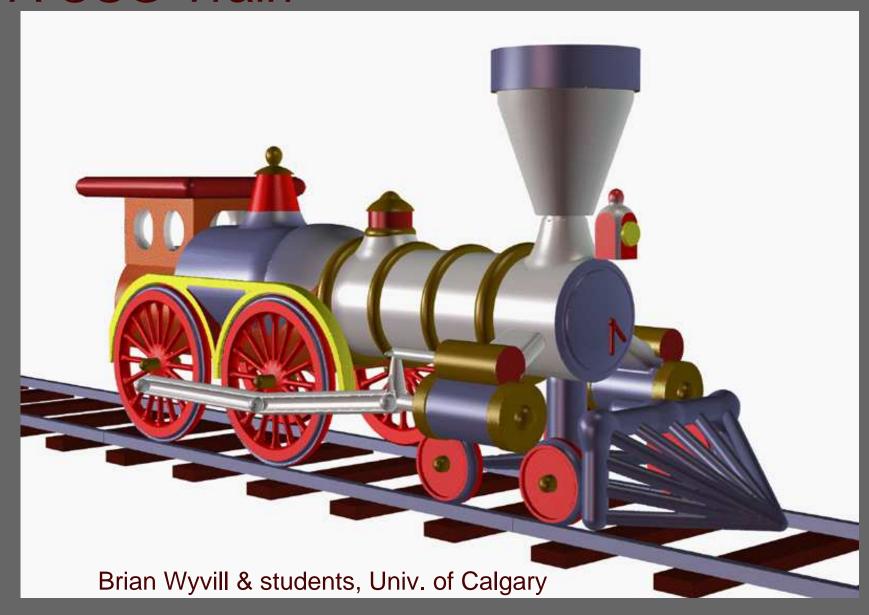
Generate complex shapes with basic building blocks

machine an object - saw parts off, drill holes glue pieces together

This is sensible for objects that are actually made that way (human-made, particularly machined objects)

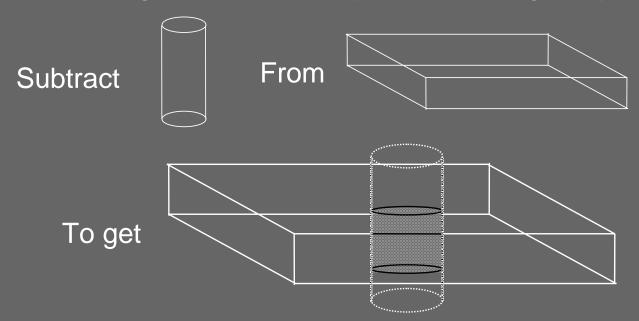


## A CSG Train



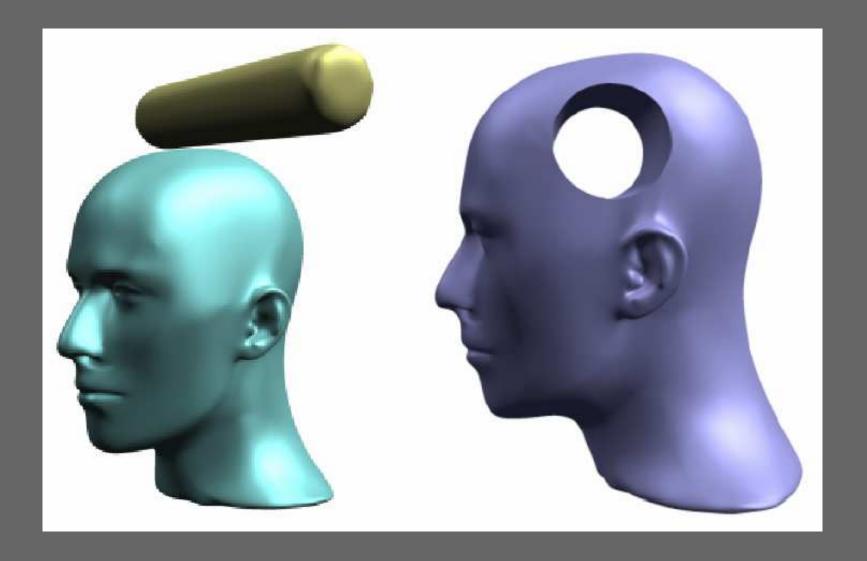
## CSG: Negative Objects

- Use point-by-point boolean functions
  - remove a volume by using a negative object
  - e.g. drill a hole by subtracting a cylinder



Inside(BLOCK-CYL) = Inside(BLOCK) And Not(Inside(CYL))

# CSG



#### **CSG**

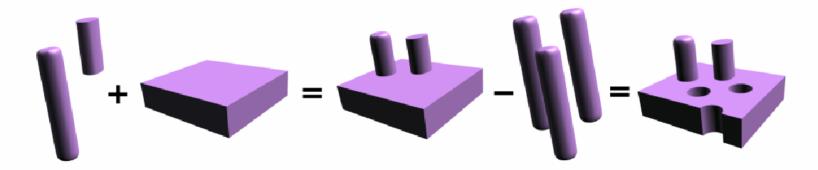


Figure 20: Unions and differences of piecewise-smooth surfaces. The resulting surfaces have creases and corners.

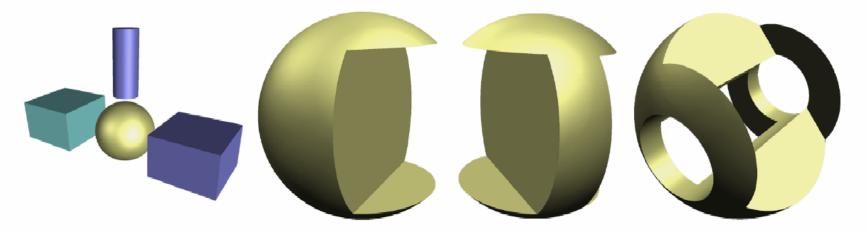


Figure 21: Sequence of difference operations: Subtracting two boxes and a cylinder from a sphere. The result has convex and concave corners. The subdivision scheme that we use [4] represents these features explicitely.

## Algebraic Surfaces

- Special case of implicit representation
- f(x,y,z) is polynomial in x, y, z
- Quadrics: degree of polynomial ≤ 2
- Render more efficiently than arbitrary surfaces
- Implicit form often used in computer graphics
- How do we represent curves implicitly?

#### Parametric Form for Curves

- Curves: single parameter u (e.g. time)
- x = x(u), y = y(u), z = z(u)
- Circle: x = cos(u), y = sin(u), z = 0
- Tangent described by derivative

$$\mathbf{p}(u) = \begin{bmatrix} x(u) \\ y(u) \\ z(u) \end{bmatrix} \qquad \frac{d\mathbf{p}(u)}{du} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{dx(u)}{du} \\ \frac{dy(u)}{du} \\ \frac{dz(u)}{du} \end{bmatrix}$$

Magnitude is "velocity"

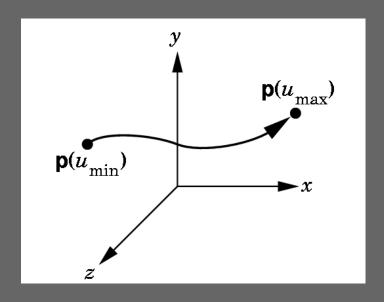
#### Parametric Form for Surfaces

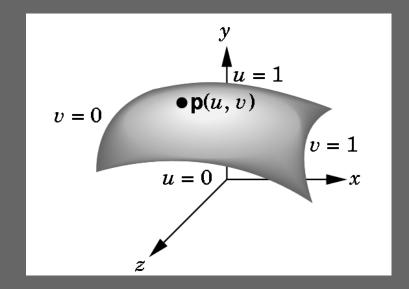
- Use parameters u and v
- x = x(u,v), y = y(u,v), z = z(u,v)
- Describes surface as both u and v vary
- Partial derivatives describe tangent plane at each point  $p(u,v) = [x(u,v) \ y(u,v) \ z(u,v)]^T$

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{p}(u,v)}{\partial u} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial x(u,v)}{\partial u} \\ \frac{\partial y(u,v)}{\partial u} \\ \frac{\partial z(u,v)}{\partial u} \end{bmatrix} \qquad \frac{\partial \mathbf{p}(u,v)}{\partial v} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial x(u,v)}{\partial v} \\ \frac{\partial y(u,v)}{\partial v} \\ \frac{\partial z(u,v)}{\partial v} \end{bmatrix}$$

#### **Assessment of Parametric Forms**

- Parameters often have natural meaning
- Easy to define and calculate
  - Tangent and normal
  - Curves segments (for example,  $0 \le u \le 1$ )
  - Surface patches (for example,  $0 \le u, v \le 1$ )





#### Parametric Polynomial Curves

- Restrict x(u), y(u), z(u) to be polynomial in u
- Fix degree n  $\mathbf{p}(u) = \sum_{k=0}^{n} \mathbf{c}_k u^k$
- Each c<sub>k</sub> is a column vector

$$\mathbf{c}_k = \left[ \begin{array}{c} c_{xk} \\ c_{yk} \\ c_{zk} \end{array} \right]$$

#### Parametric Polynomial Surfaces

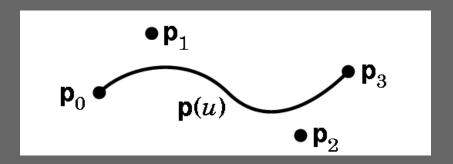
 Restrict x(u,v), y(u,v), z(u,v) to be polynomial of fixed degree n

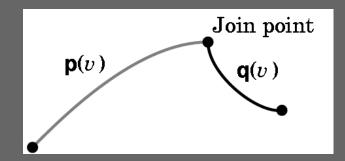
$$\mathbf{p}(u,v) = \begin{bmatrix} x(u,v) \\ y(u,v) \\ z(u,v) \end{bmatrix} = \sum_{i=0}^{n} \sum_{k=0}^{n} \mathbf{c}_{ik} u^{i} v^{k}$$

- Each c<sub>ik</sub> is a 3-element column vector
- Restrict to simple case where 0 ≤ u,v ≤ 1

## Approximating Surfaces

- Use parametric polynomial surfaces
- Important concepts:
  - Join points for segments and patches
  - Control points to interpolate
  - Tangents and smoothness
  - Blending functions to describe interpolation
- First curves, then surfaces





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## Cubic Polynomial Form

- Degree 3 appears to be a useful compromise
- Curves:

$$\mathbf{p}(u) = \mathbf{c}_0 + \mathbf{c}_1 u + \mathbf{c}_2 u^2 + \mathbf{c}_3 u^3 = \sum_{k=0}^{3} \mathbf{c}_k u^k$$

- Each c<sub>k</sub> is a column vector [c<sub>kx</sub> c<sub>ky</sub> c<sub>kz</sub>]<sup>T</sup>
- From control information (points, tangents) derive 12 values  $c_{kx}$ ,  $c_{ky}$ ,  $c_{kz}$  for  $0 \le k \le 3$
- These determine cubic polynomial form
- Later: how to render

## Interpolation by Cubic Polynomials

- Simplest case, although rarely used
- Curves:
  - Given 4 control points p<sub>0</sub>, p<sub>1</sub>, p<sub>2</sub>, p<sub>3</sub>
  - All should lie on curve: 12 conditions, 12 unknowns
- Space 0 ≤ u ≤ 1 evenly

$$p_0 = p(0), p_1 = p(1/3), p_2 = p(2/3), p_3 = p(1)$$

## Equations to Determine ck

Plug in values for u = 0, 1/3, 2/3, 1

$$p_{0} = p(0) = c_{0}$$

$$p_{1} = p(\frac{1}{3}) = c_{0} + \frac{1}{3}c_{1} + (\frac{1}{3})^{2}c_{2} + (\frac{1}{3})^{3}c_{3}$$

$$p_{2} = p(\frac{2}{3}) = c_{0} + \frac{2}{3}c_{1} + (\frac{2}{3})^{2}c_{2} + (\frac{2}{3})^{3}c_{3}$$

$$p_{3} = p(1) = c_{0} + c_{1} + c_{2} + c_{3}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} p_0 \\ p_1 \\ p_2 \\ p_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & \frac{1}{3} & (\frac{1}{3})^2 & (\frac{1}{3})^3 \\ 1 & \frac{2}{3} & (\frac{2}{3})^2 & (\frac{2}{3})^3 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_0 \\ c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{bmatrix} \text{ Note: } p_k \text{ and } c_k \text{ are vectors!}$$

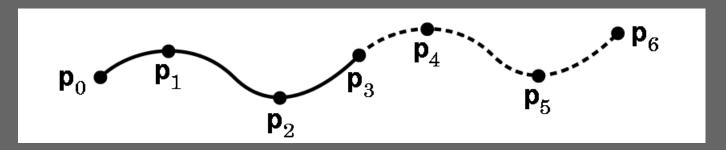
## Interpolating Geometry Matrix

Invert A to obtain interpolating geometry matrix

$$\mathbf{A}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -5.5 & 9 & -4.5 & 1 \\ 9 & -22.5 & 18 & 4.5 \\ -4.5 & 13.5 & -13.5 & 4.5 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{c} = A^{-1}\mathbf{p}$$

## Joining Interpolating Segments

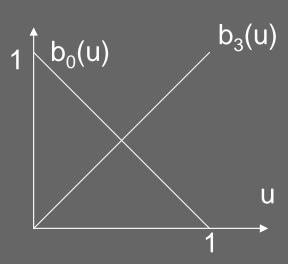
- Do not solve degree n for n points
- Divide into overlap sequences of 4 points
- p<sub>0</sub>, p<sub>1</sub>, p<sub>2</sub>, p<sub>3</sub> then p<sub>3</sub>, p<sub>4</sub>, p<sub>5</sub>, p<sub>6</sub>, etc.



- At join points
  - Will be continuous (C<sup>0</sup> continuity)
  - Derivatives will usually not match (no C¹ continuity)

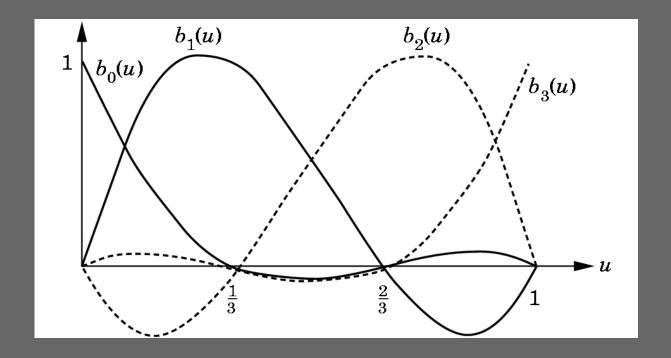
#### Blending Functions

- Make explicit, how control points contribute
- Simplest example: straight line with control points p<sub>0</sub> and p<sub>3</sub>
- $p(u) = (1 u) p_0 + u p_3$
- $b_0(u) = 1 u$ ,  $b_3(u) = u$



## Blending Polynomials for Interpolation

- Each blending polynomial is a cubic
- Solve (see [Angel, p. 427]):  $p(u) = b_0(u)p_0 + b_1(u)p_1 + b_2(u)p_2 + b_3(u)p_3$



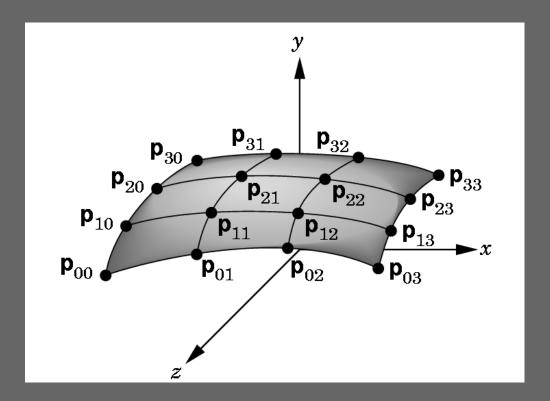
#### Cubic Interpolation Patch

Bicubic surface patch with 4 × 4 control points

$$\mathbf{p}(u,v) = \sum_{i=0}^{3} \sum_{k=0}^{3} u^{i} v^{k} \mathbf{c}_{ik}$$

Note: each c<sub>ik</sub> is 3 column vector (48 unknowns)

[Angel, Ch. 10.4.2]

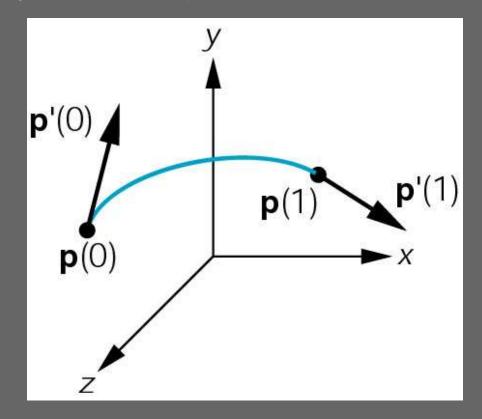


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#### Hermite Curves

- Another cubic polynomial curve
- Specify two endpoints and their tangents



#### Deriving the Hermite Form

As before

$$p(0) = p_0 = c_0$$
  
 $p(1) = p_3 = c_0 + c_1 + c_2 + c_3$ 

Calculate derivative

Calculate derivative 
$$\mathbf{p}'(u) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{dx}{du} \\ \frac{dy}{du} \\ \frac{dz}{du} \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{c}_1 + 2u\mathbf{c}_2 + 3u^2\mathbf{c}_3$$
 Yields 
$$\mathbf{p}'_0 = \mathbf{p}'(0) = \mathbf{c}_1$$

• Yields 
$$p_0' = p'(0) = c_1$$
 
$$p_3' = p'(1) = c_1 + 2c_2 + 3c_3$$

## Summary of Hermite Equations

- Write in matrix form
- Remember p<sub>k</sub> and p'<sub>k</sub> and c<sub>k</sub> are vectors!

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{p}_0 \\ \mathbf{p}_3 \\ \mathbf{p}'_0 \\ \mathbf{p}'_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{c}_0 \\ \mathbf{c}_1 \\ \mathbf{c}_2 \\ \mathbf{c}_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

• Let  $q = [p_0 \ p_3 \ p'_0 \ p'_3]^T$  and invert to find Hermite geometry matrix  $M_H$  satisfying

$$c = M_H q$$

## Blending Functions

Explicit Hermite geometry matrix

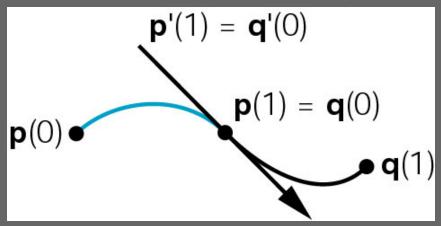
$$\mathbf{M}_H = \left[ egin{array}{ccccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \ -3 & 3 & -2 & -1 \ 2 & -2 & 1 & 1 \end{array} 
ight]$$

• Blending functions for  $\mathbf{u} = [1 \ u \ u^2 \ u^3]^T$ 

$$\mathbf{b}(u) = \mathbf{M}_{H}^{T}\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 2u^{3} - 3u^{2} + 1 \\ -2u^{3} + 3u^{2} \\ u^{3} - 2u^{2} + u \\ u^{3} - u^{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

#### Join Points for Hermite Curves

Match points and tangents (derivatives)



- Much smoother than point interpolation
- How to obtain the tangents?
- Skip Hermite surface patch
- More widely used: Bezier curves and surfaces

#### Parametric Continuity

Matching endpoints (C<sup>0</sup> parametric continuity)

$$\mathbf{p}(1) = \begin{bmatrix} p_x(1) \\ p_y(1) \\ p_z(1) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} q_x(0) \\ q_y(0) \\ q_z(0) \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{q}(0)$$

Matching derivatives (C<sup>1</sup> parametric continuity)

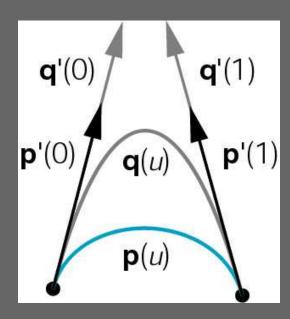
$$\mathbf{p}'(1) = \begin{bmatrix} p_x'(1) \\ p_y'(1) \\ p_z'(1) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} q_x'(0) \\ q_y'(0) \\ q_z'(0) \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{q}'(0)$$

#### Geometric Continuity

For matching tangents, less is required

$$\mathbf{p}'(1) = \begin{bmatrix} p'_x(1) \\ p'_y(1) \\ p'_z(1) \end{bmatrix} = k \begin{bmatrix} q'_x(0) \\ q'_y(0) \\ q'_z(0) \end{bmatrix} = k\mathbf{q}'(0)$$

- G¹ geometric continuity
- Extends to higher derivatives



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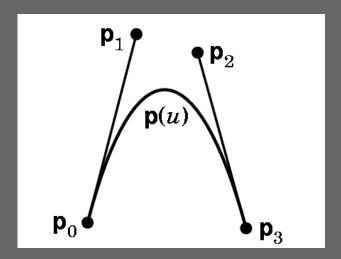
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## Bezier Curves

- Widely used in computer graphics
- Approximate tangents by using control points

$$p'(0) = 3(p_1 - p_0)$$

$$p'(1) = 3(p_3 - p_2)$$



## **Equations for Bezier Curves**

- Set up equations for cubic parametric curve
- Recall:

$$p(u) = c_0 + c_1 u + c_2 u^2 + c_3 u^3$$
  

$$p'(u) = c_1 + 2c_2 u + 3c_3 u^2$$

Solve for c<sub>k</sub>

$$p_0 = p(0) = c_0$$
  
 $p_3 = p(1) = c_0 + c_1 + c_2 + c_3$   
 $p'(0) = 3p_1 - 3p_0 = c_1$   
 $p'(1) = 3p_3 - 3p_2 = c_1 + 2c_2 + 3c_3$ 

## Bezier Geometry Matrix

Calculate Bezier geometry matrix M<sub>B</sub>

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{c}_0 \\ \mathbf{c}_1 \\ \mathbf{c}_2 \\ \mathbf{c}_3 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{M}_B \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{p}_0 \\ \mathbf{p}_1 \\ \mathbf{p}_2 \\ \mathbf{p}_3 \end{bmatrix} \text{ so } \mathbf{M}_B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -3 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & -6 & 3 & 0 \\ -1 & 3 & -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

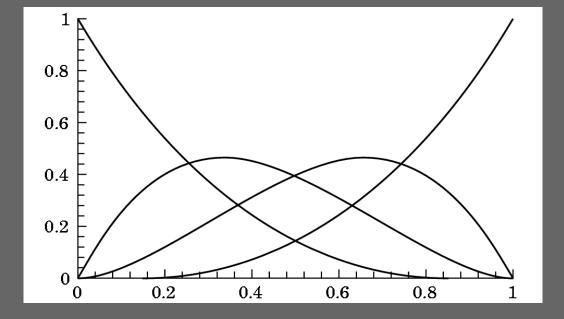
- Have C<sup>0</sup> continuity, not C<sup>1</sup> continuity
- Have C¹ continuity with additional condition

## Blending Polynomials

Determine contribution of each control point

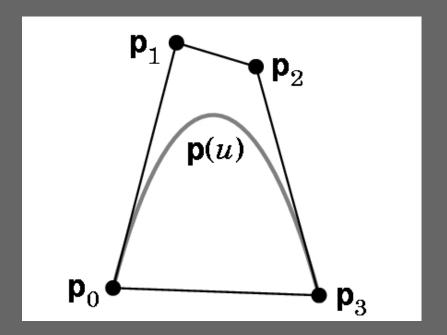
$$\mathbf{b}(u) = \mathbf{M}_B^T \mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} (1-u)^3 \\ 3u(1-u)^2 \\ 3u^2(1-u) \\ u^3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Smooth blending polynomials



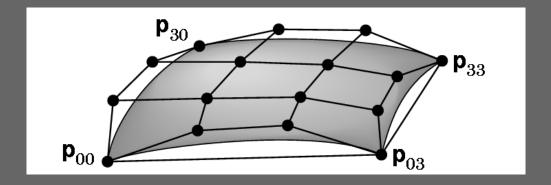
# Convex Hull Property

- Bezier curve contained entirely in convex hull of control points
- Determined choice of tangent coefficient (?)



## **Bezier Surface Patches**

Specify Bezier patch with 4 × 4 control points



Bezier curves along the boundary

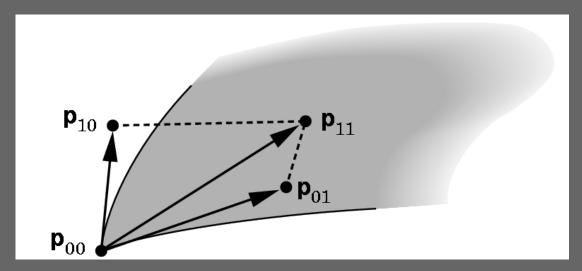
$$\mathbf{p}(0,0) = \mathbf{p}_{00}$$
  
 $\frac{\partial \mathbf{p}}{\partial u}(0,0) = 3(\mathbf{p}_{10} - \mathbf{p}_{00})$   
 $\frac{\partial \mathbf{p}}{\partial v}(0,0) = 3(\mathbf{p}_{01} - \mathbf{p}_{00})$ 

## **Twist**

Inner points determine twist at corner

$$\frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{p}}{\partial u \, \partial v}(0,0) = 9(\mathbf{p}_{00} - \mathbf{p}_{01} + p_{10} - p_{11})$$

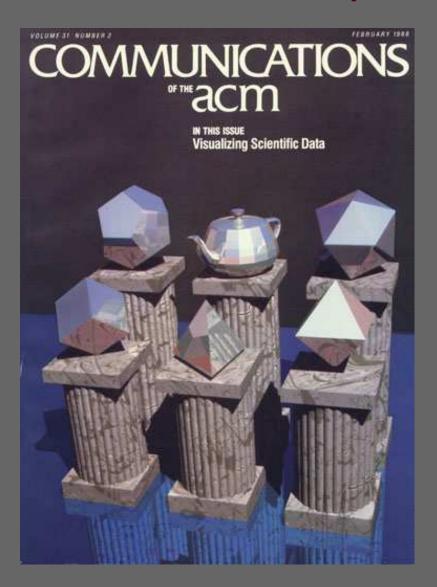
- Flat means  $p_{00}$ ,  $p_{10}$ ,  $p_{01}$ ,  $p_{11}$  in one plane
- $(\partial^2 p/\partial u \partial v)(0,0) = 0$



# The Utah Teapot



## The Utah Teapot



#### The Six Platonic Solids

(by Jim Arvo and Dave Kirk, from their '87 SIGGRAPH paper *Fast Ray Tracing by Ray Classification.*)

See

http://www.sjbaker.org/teapot/
for more history.

# The Utah Teapot



# The teapot is just cubic Bezier patches!

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Rim:
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                                                 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15}
Body:
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# Summary

- Parametric Representations
- Cubic Polynomial Forms
- Hermite Curves
- Bezier Curves and Surfaces

#### Preview

- B-Splines: more continuity (C<sup>2</sup>)
- Non-uniform B-splines ("heavier" points)
- Non-uniform rational B-splines (NURBS)
  - Rational functions instead of polynomials
  - Based on homogeneous coordinates
- Rendering and recursive subdivision
- Curves and surfaces in OpenGL