



# *Geometric Modeling*

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# Unit materials



- Lecture notes
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# Bird's eye view of the course



Lecture topics:

I. Basics of shape modeling

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III. Transformations

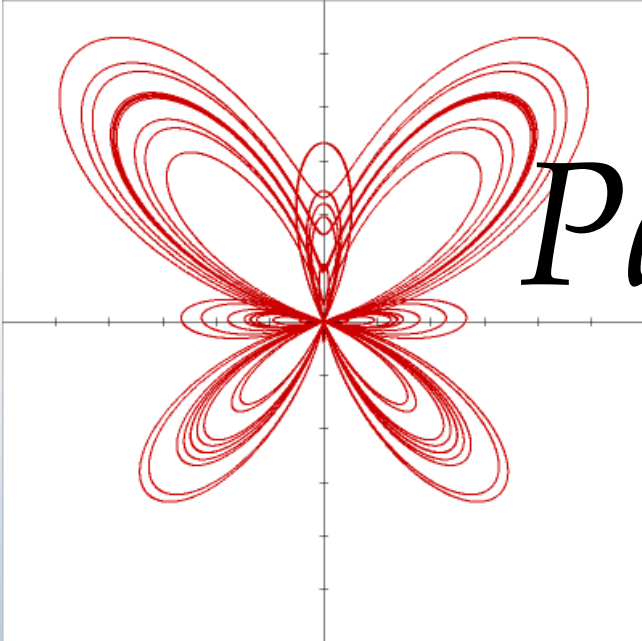
IV. Solid modeling

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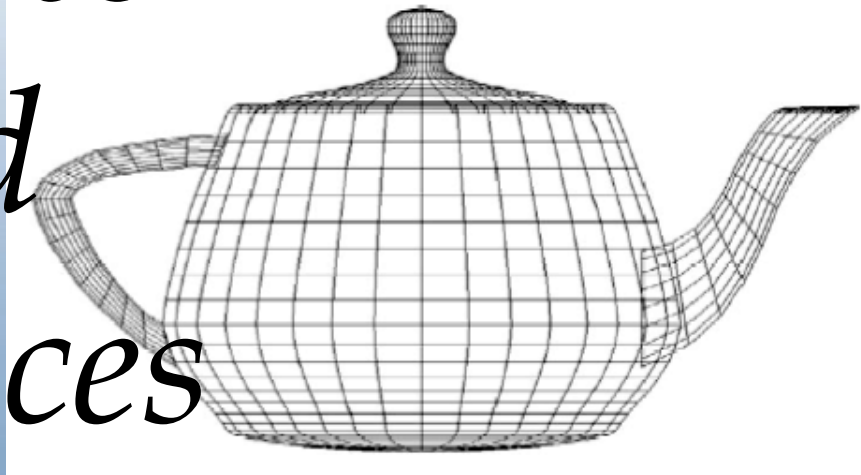
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# Geometric Modeling



*Parametric  
Curves  
and  
Surfaces*





# Contents

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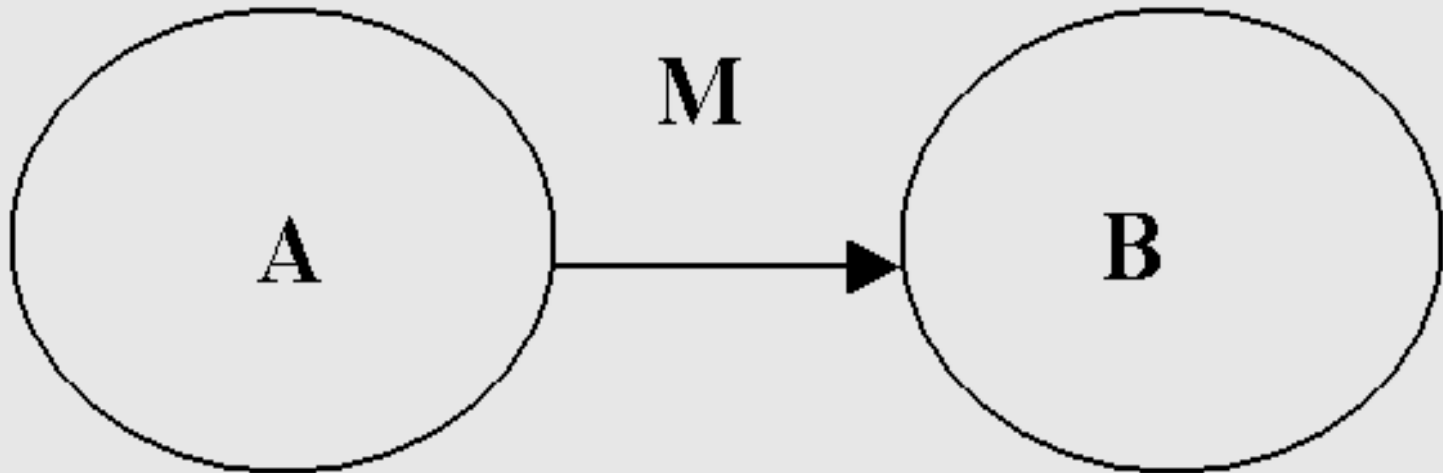
- *Parametric curves*
- *Polar coordinates*
- *Cylindrical coordinates*
- *Interpolation and approximation*
- *Parametric surfaces*
- *Spherical coordinates*
- *Trimmed parametric surfaces*





# Mapping of a Known Set

$$M : A \rightarrow B$$



Parametric form



# Parametric Curve Notion

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A parametric curve is defined by a mapping of a unit segment to n-D space.

Parametric equations of a curve are obtained by introducing one more extra variable  $t$ , or a parameter, and calculating n-D point coordinates as functions of the parameter  $t$ .

$$x_1 = \varphi_1(t)$$

$$x_2 = \varphi_2(t)$$

$$\dots =$$

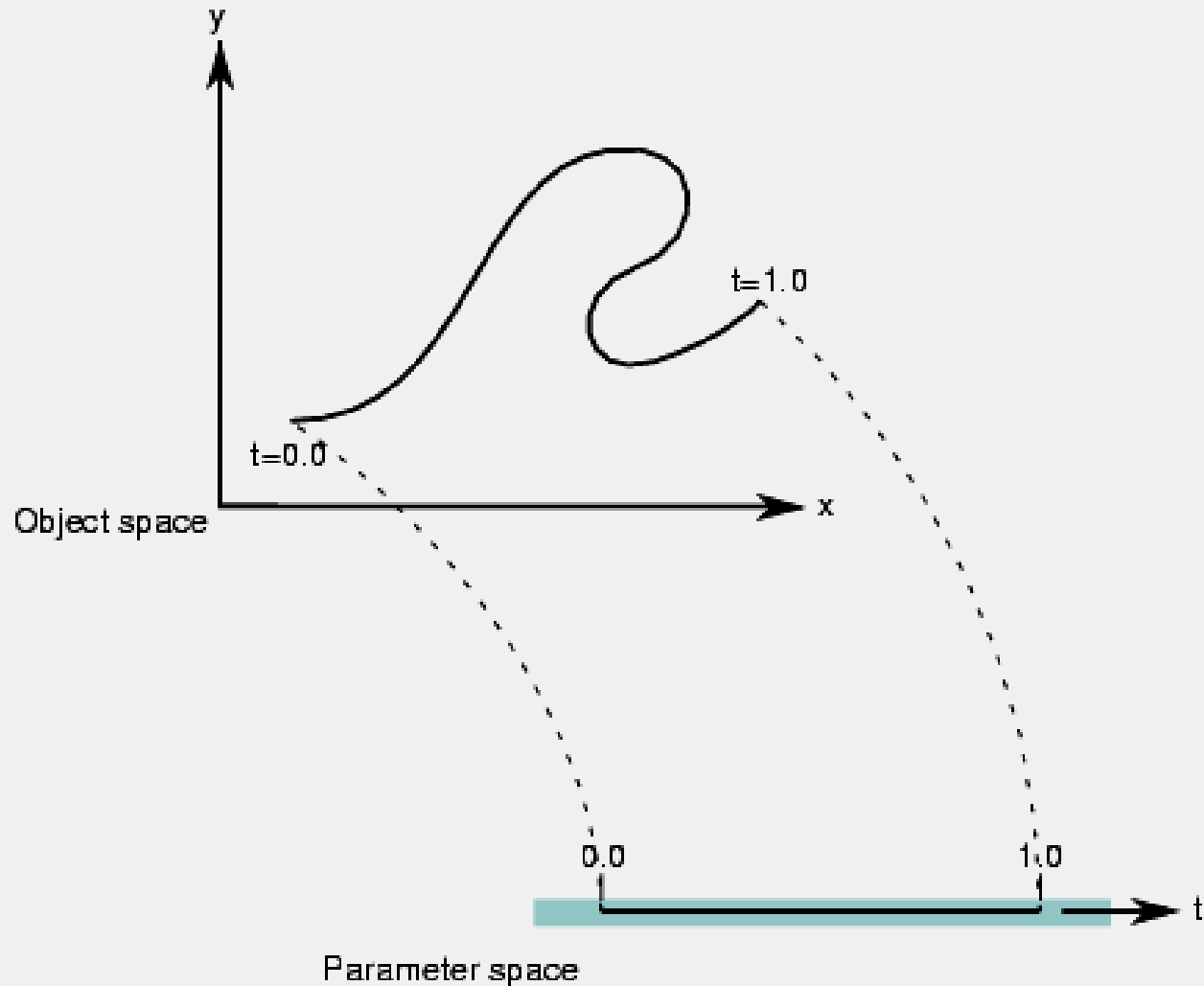
$$x_n = \varphi_n(t)$$



## Planar curve (2D space)

Each component of a point on the planar curve is a function of  $t$ , which lies in the **parameter interval**  $[0, 1]$  on the real line. Points on the curve are described by a pair of functions of  $t$ :

$$x(t), y(t)$$

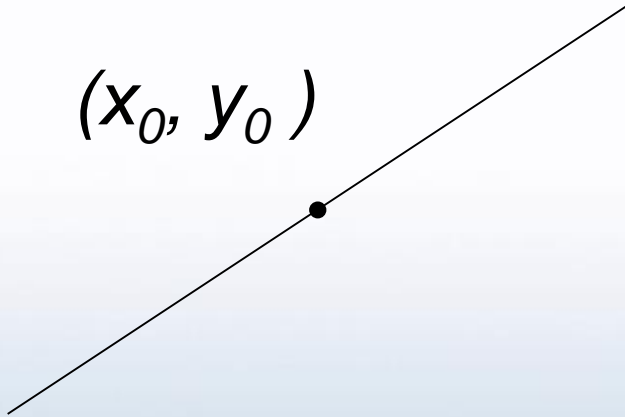






# Straight line and segment

$(x_0, y_0)$



Infinite straight line

$$x = x_0 + at$$

$$y = y_0 + bt$$

$$t \in ]-\infty, +\infty[$$

$(x_1, y_1)$

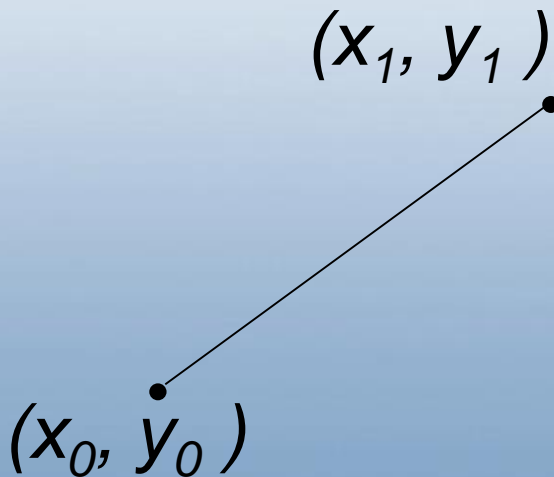
Straight line segment

$$x = x_0 + (x_1 - x_0)t$$

$$y = y_0 + (y_1 - y_0)t$$

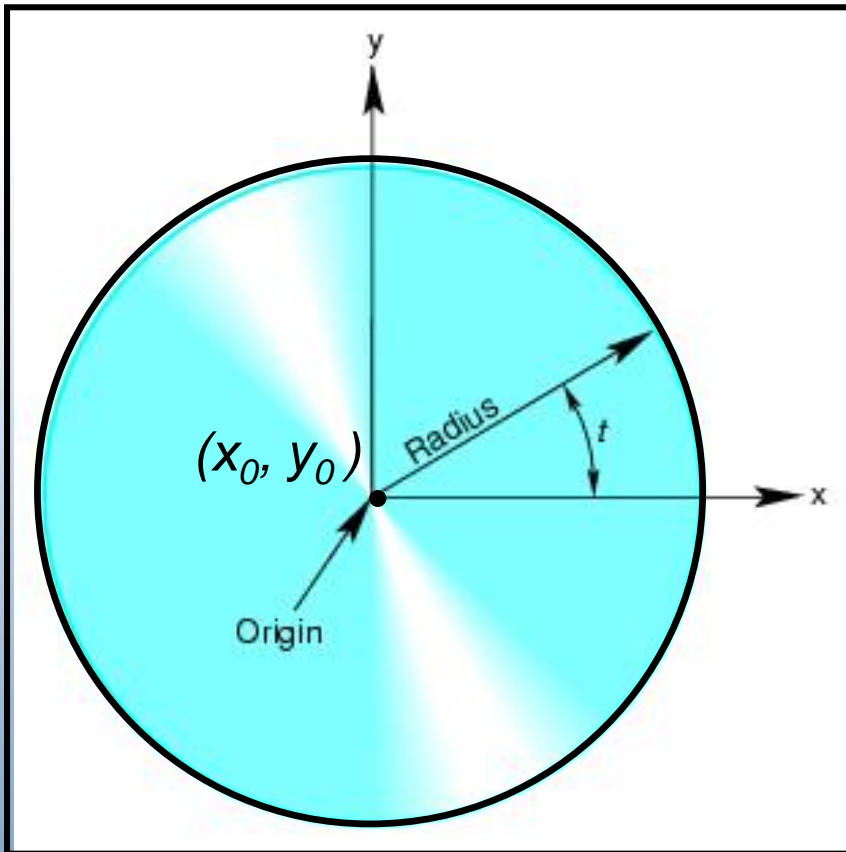
$$t \in [0, 1]$$

$(x_0, y_0)$





# Circle



$$x = x_0 + R \cos t$$

$$y = y_0 + R \sin t$$

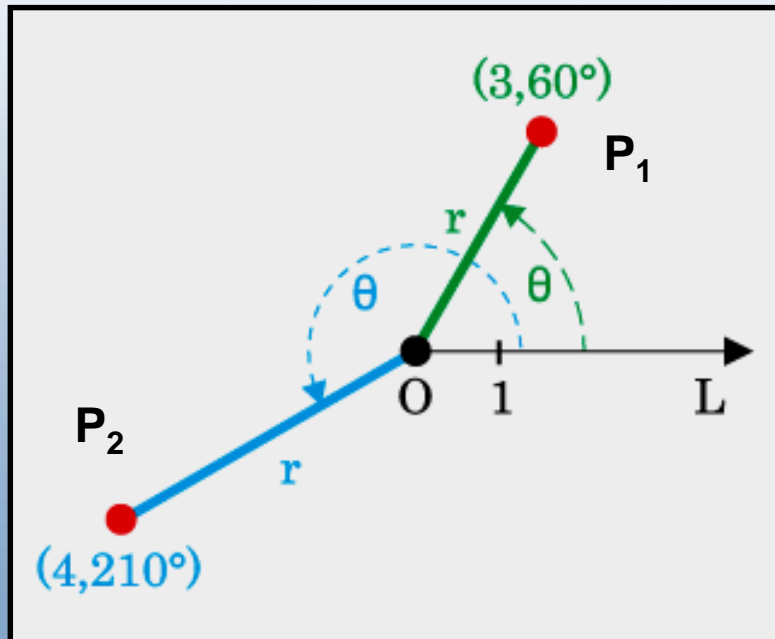
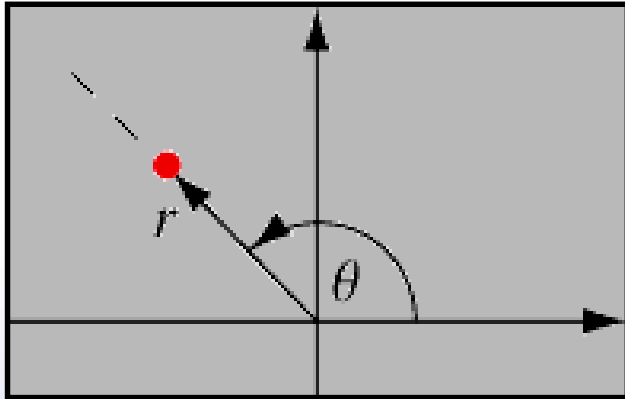
$(x_0, y_0)$  circle center

$R$  is a radius

$t \in [0, 2\pi]$  angle



# Polar coordinate system



The polar coordinate system on a plane is defined by

- an origin, point  $O$
- a semi-infinite line  $L$  leading from this point (polar axis)
- a point  $P$  representation by a tuple of two components  $(r, \theta)$ :  
 $r \geq 0$  is the distance from the origin to the point  $P$   
 $0 \leq \theta \leq 360^\circ$  is the angle between the polar axis and the line from the origin to the point  $P$ .



## Conversion between coordinate systems

From polar to Cartesian coordinates:

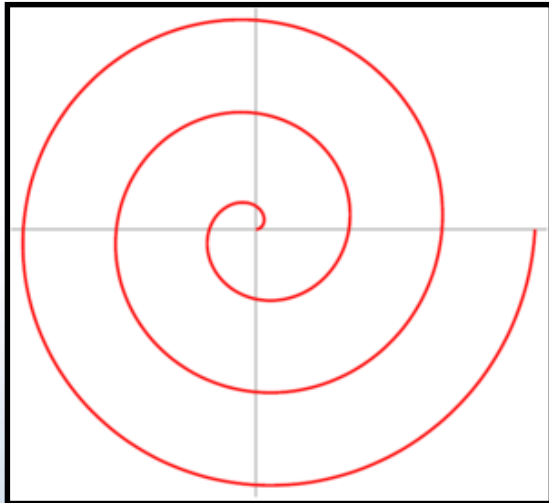
$$\begin{aligned}x &= r \cos \theta \\y &= r \sin \theta\end{aligned}$$

From Cartesian to polar coordinates:

$$\begin{aligned}r &= \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \\ \theta &= \arctan \frac{y}{x}\end{aligned}$$



# Spiral and Lissajous



Archimedes spiral

Polar system:

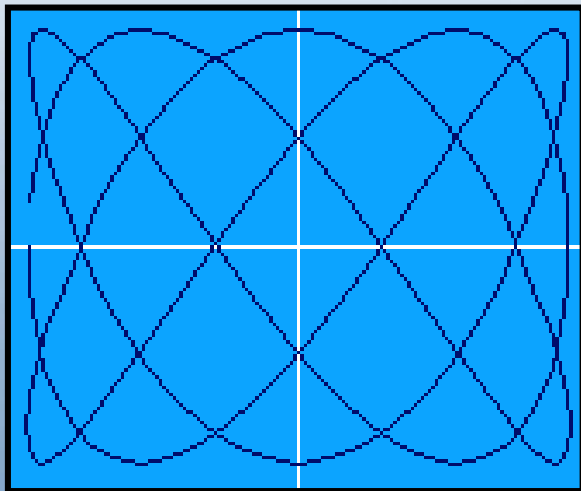
$$r = t$$

$$\theta = t$$

Cartesian system:

$$x = t \cos t$$

$$y = t \sin t$$



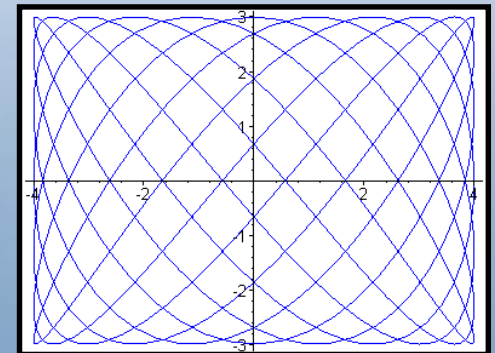
$$p = 3, q = 5$$

Lissajous curves

$$x = \cos pt$$

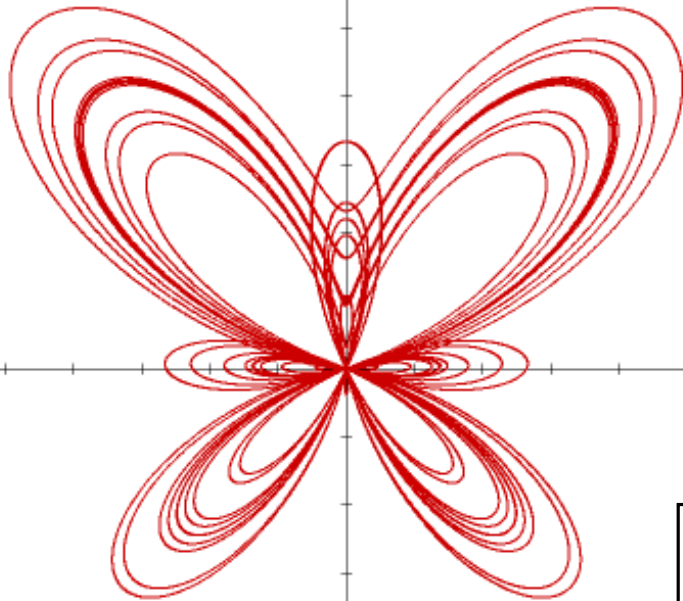
$$y = \sin qt$$

for any integer  $p, q$





# Butterfly curve



Polar system:

$$r = e^{\sin \theta} - 2 \cos(4\theta) + \sin^5 \frac{1}{24} (2\theta - \pi)$$

Cartesian system:

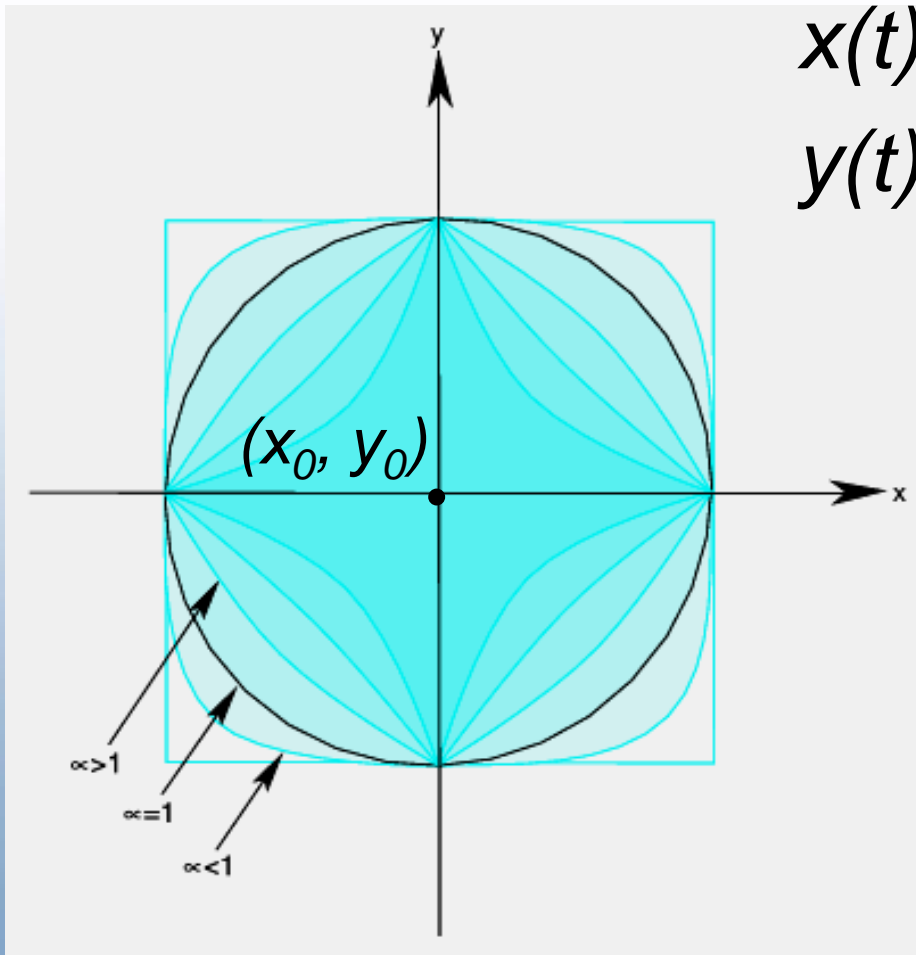
$$\begin{aligned} x &= \sin t \left[ e^{\cos t} - 2 \cos 4t - \sin^5 \frac{t}{12} \right] \\ y &= \cos t \left[ e^{\cos t} - 2 \cos 4t - \sin^5 \frac{t}{12} \right] \end{aligned}$$

Discovered by Temple H. Fay





# Superquadric curves



$$x(t) = R (\cos t)^\alpha \operatorname{sign}(\cos t)$$
$$y(t) = R (\sin t)^\alpha \operatorname{sign}(\sin t)$$

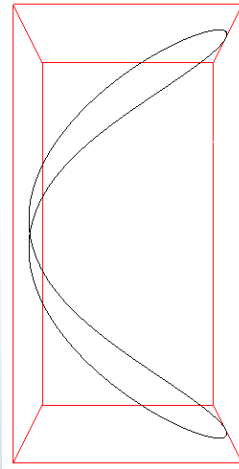
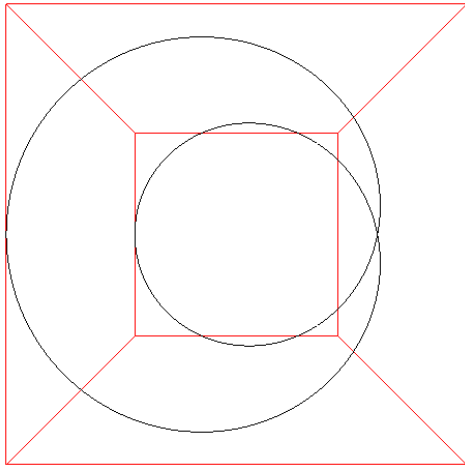
$(x_0, y_0)$  center

$R$  - radius

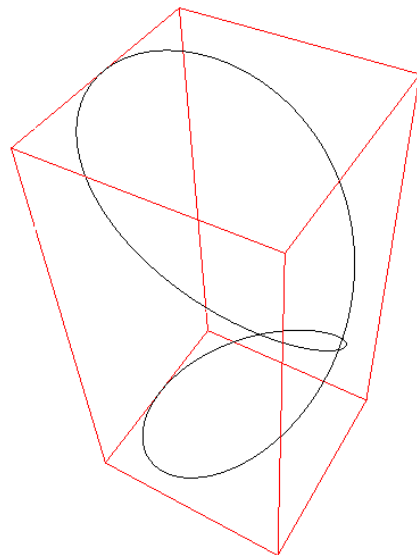
$t \in [0, 2\pi]$  angle



# 3D Viviani curve



$$\begin{aligned}x &= R (1 + \cos(t)) \\y &= R \sin(t) \\z &= 2R \sin(t/2) \\-2\pi &< t < 2\pi\end{aligned}$$

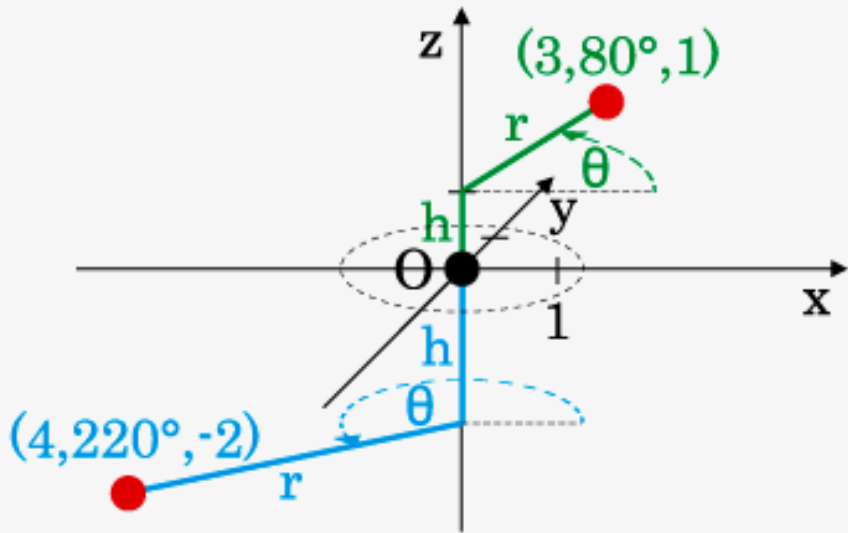


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Animation by Vladimir Rovenski



# Cylindrical coordinates



A point  $P$  in 3D space is represented by a tuple of three components  $(r, \theta, h)$ :  
 $r \geq 0$  is the distance from the origin to the point  $P$ ;  
 $0 \leq \theta \leq 360^\circ$  is the angle between the polar axis and the line from the origin to the point  $P$ ;  
 $h$  (height) is the signed distance from  $xy$ -plane to the point  $P$ .

$$x = r \cos \theta$$

$$y = r \sin \theta$$

$$z = h$$

$$r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$

$$\theta = \arctan \frac{y}{x}$$

$$h = z$$



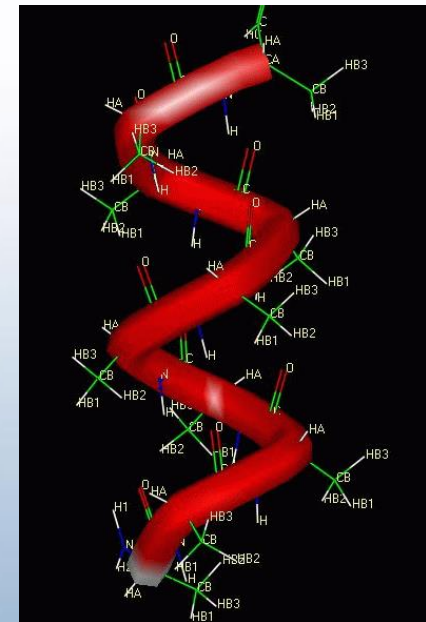
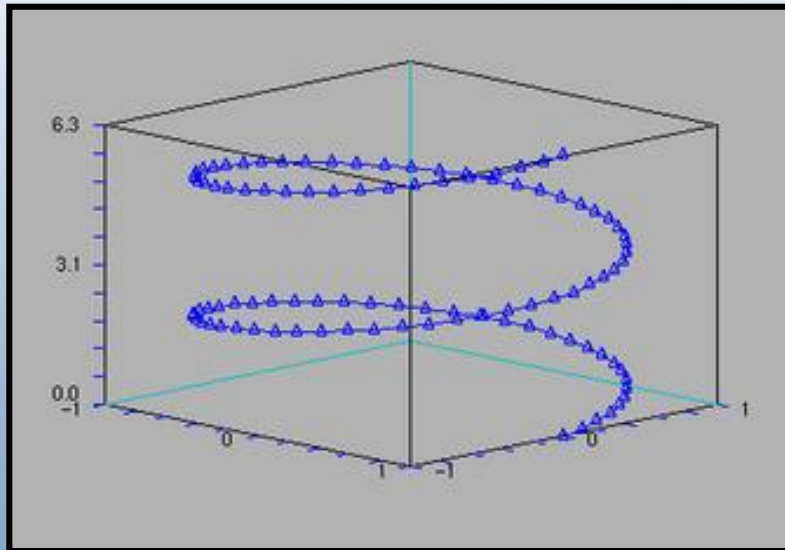
# Helix

Cylindrical system:

$$\begin{aligned} r &= R \\ \theta &= t \\ h &= t \end{aligned}$$

Cartesian system:

$$\begin{aligned} x &= R \cos t \\ y &= R \sin t \\ z &= t \end{aligned}$$



Structural Elements of Protein  
[www.imb-jena.de](http://www.imb-jena.de)



# Interpolation and Approximation

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Curve fitting is a method of constructing new data points from a discrete set of known data points  $(P_0, P_1, \dots, P_k)$ .

The problem is to find a curve  $P(u)$  which closely fits the data points.

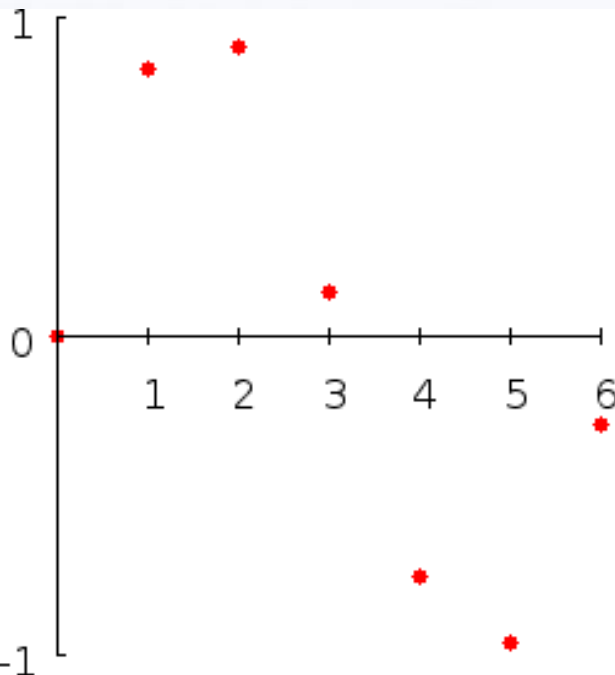
**Interpolation** is a specific case of curve fitting, in which the curve must go exactly through the data points.

**Approximation** curve passes near the data (control) points, only endpoints are interpolated.

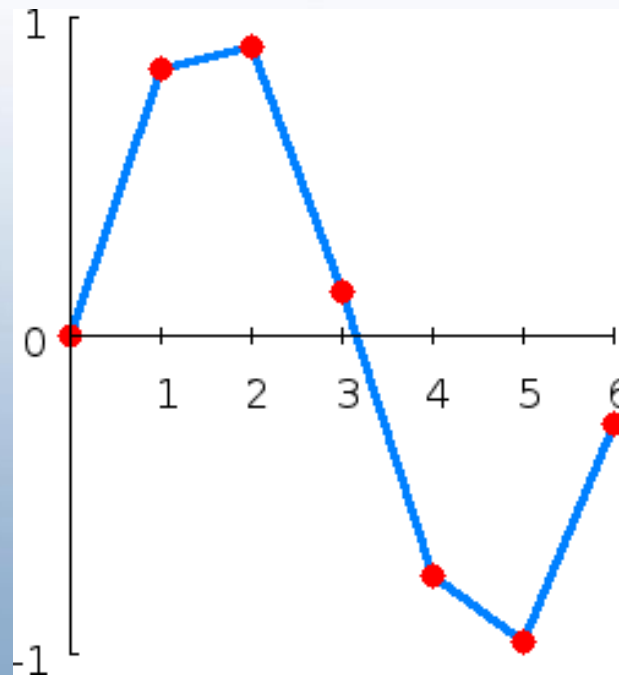


# Interpolation problem

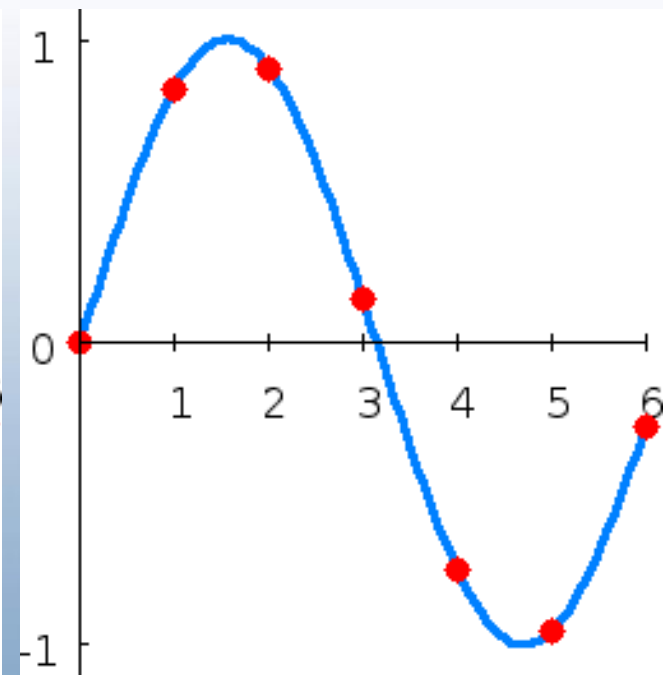
Data points



Linear interpolation



Smooth interpolation





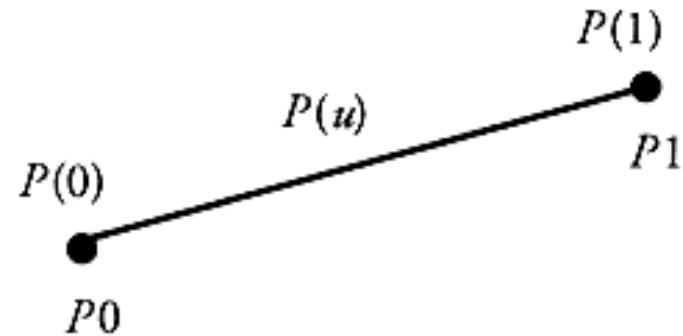


# Linear interpolation

Geometric form:

$$P(u) = (1 - u) \cdot P_0 + u \cdot P_1$$

$$P(u) = F_0(u) \cdot P_0 + F_1(u) \cdot P_1$$



where  $F_0(u)$  and  $F_1(u)$  are *blending functions*.

Algebraic form:

$$P(u) = (P_1 - P_0) \cdot u + P_0$$

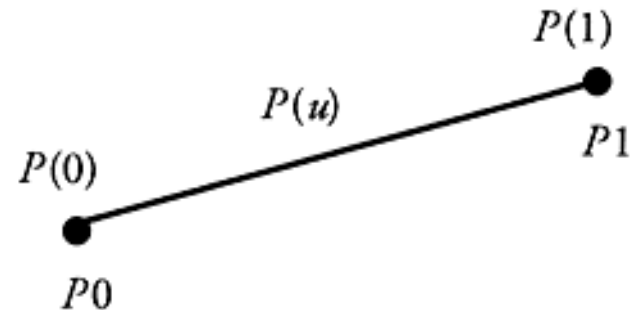
$$P(u) = a_1 \cdot u + a_0$$



# Matrix representation

Geometric form:

$$P(u) = \begin{bmatrix} F_0(u) \\ F_1(u) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} P_0 & P_1 \end{bmatrix} = FB^T$$



Algebraic form:

$$P(u) = \begin{bmatrix} u & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_0 \end{bmatrix} = U^T A$$

$$P(u) = \begin{bmatrix} u & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} P_0 \\ P_1 \end{bmatrix} = U^T MB = FB = U^T A$$

Form for parametric curves of any polynomial order



# Interpolating curves

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- Four-point form
- Hermite interpolation
- Catmull-Rom spline
- Bézier spline
- B-splines

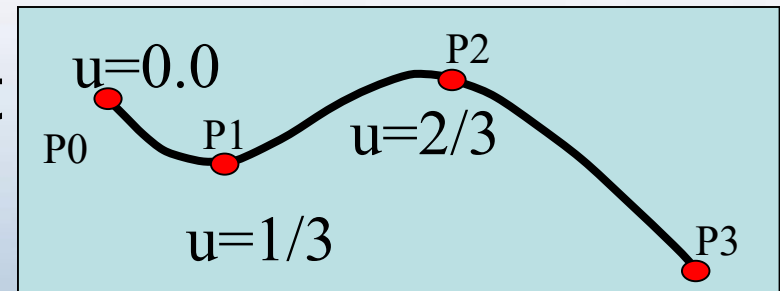


# Splines

A *spline* is a mathematical technique for generating a single geometric object from pieces.

Changes to one piece of the curve do not have significant effects on remote pieces.

To define a spline curve for a range of values for the parameter  $u \in [0,1]$ , one needs to assign curve pieces to the three intervals  $[0,1/3]$ ,  $[1/3,2/3]$ ,  $[2/3, 1]$ .

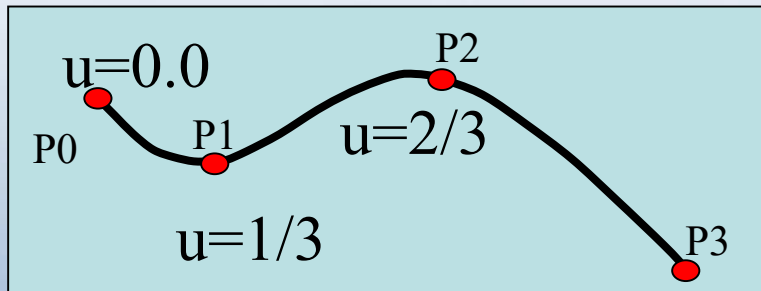


# Four-point form

Fitting a cubic segment to four points  $x = f(u)$

$$y = g(u)$$

Parametric form:  $P = P(u) = (x, y, z)$   $z = h(u)$



Space-curve

Equations to determine coefficients  $c_k$ :

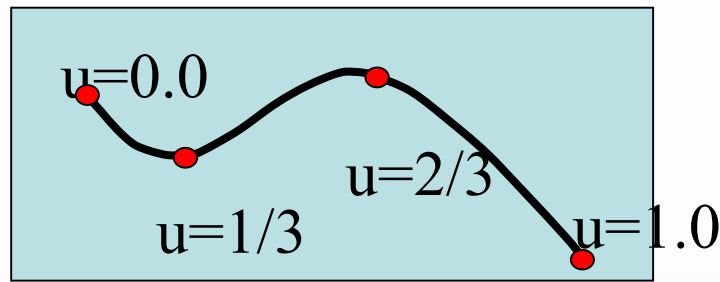
$$P(0) = P_0$$

$$P(1/3) = P_1$$

$$P(2/3) = P_2$$

$$P(1) = P_3$$

$$P = P(u) \quad 0.0 \leq u \leq 1.0$$



# Four-point form

$$p(u) = \sum_{k=0}^3 c_k u^k$$

- Four coefficients to determine for each of x, y and z

$$P(u) = a*u^3 + b*u^2 + c*u + d$$

$$P(0.0) = d = P_0$$

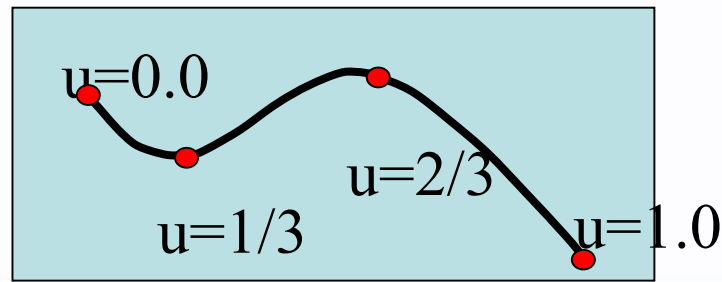
$$P(1/3) = a*(1/3)^3 + b*(1/3)^2 + c*(1/3) + d = P_1$$

$$P(2/3) = a*(2/3)^3 + b*(2/3)^2 + c*(2/3) + d = P_2$$

$$P(1.0) = a + b + c + d = P_3$$

System of linear equations for the coefficients of the cubic polynomials for each of coordinates (x,y,z)





## Four-point form

$$P(u) = U^T M B$$

$$U^T = \begin{bmatrix} u^3 & u^2 & u & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Matrix form for a cubic parametric segment  $P(u)$  fitting four given points

$$M = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} -9 & 27 & -27 & 9 \\ 18 & -45 & 36 & -9 \\ -11 & 18 & -9 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} P_{i-1} \\ P_i \\ P_{i+1} \\ P_{i+2} \end{bmatrix}$$

Problem: difficult to join such neighboring segments with  $C^1$  continuity

# Derivatives of a cubic curve

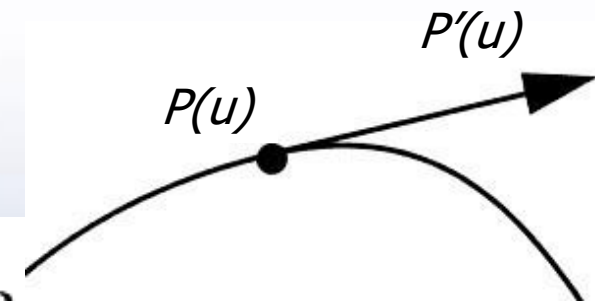
Derivatives are necessary to specify tangent vectors for the curves of degree higher than 1.

For a cubic curve:

$$P(u) = U^T MB = \begin{bmatrix} u^3 & u^2 & u & 1 \end{bmatrix} MB$$

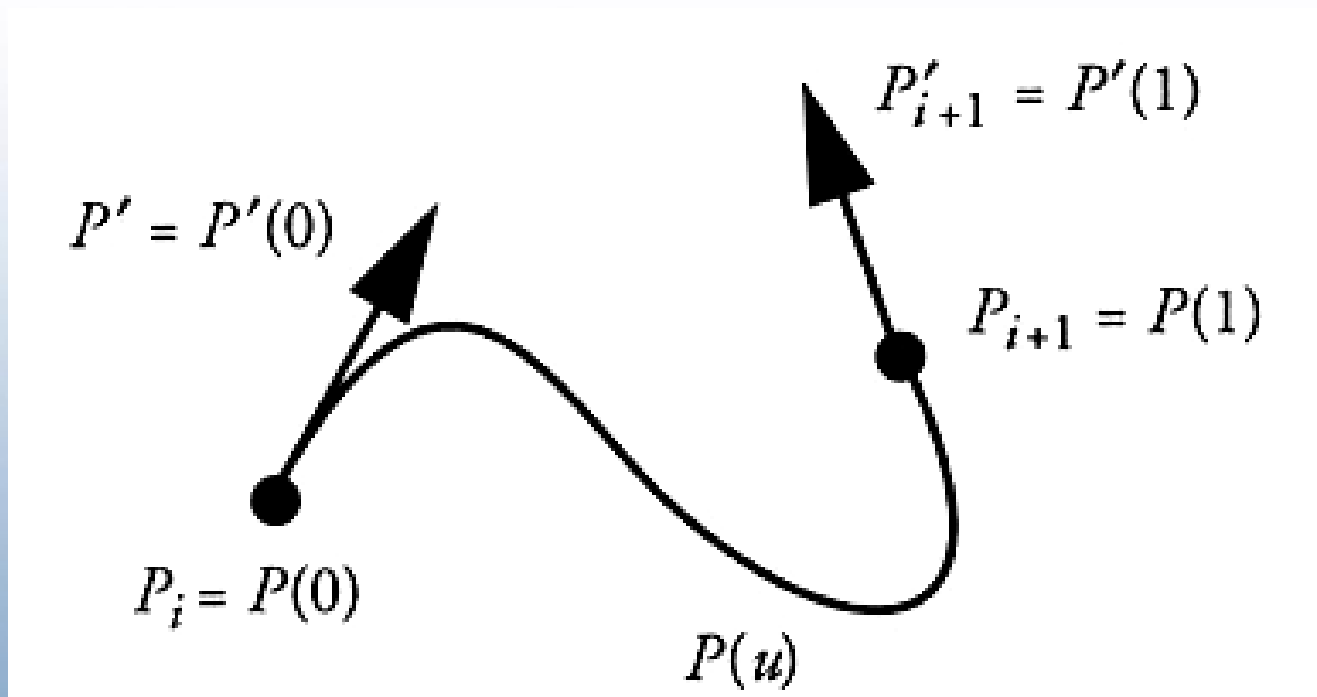
$$P'(u) = U'^T MB = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \cdot u^2 & 2 \cdot u & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} MB$$

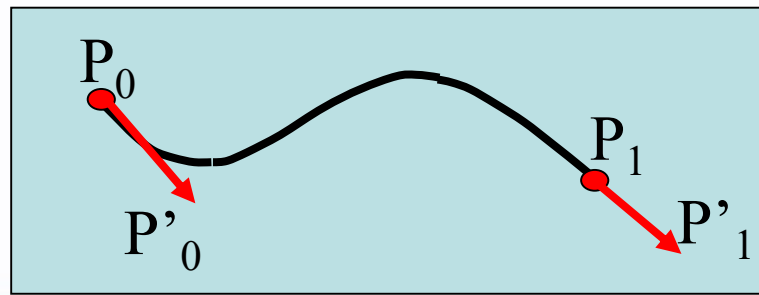
$$P''(u) = U''^T MB = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \cdot u & 2 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} MB$$



# Hermite interpolation

Given data: points + tangent vectors





## Hermite interpolation

$$P(u) = a*u^3 + b*u^2 + c*u + d$$

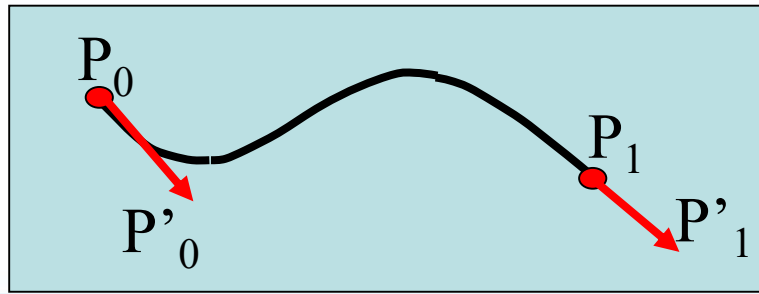
$$P(0.0) = d = P_0$$

$$P(1.0) = a + b + c + d = P_1$$

$$P'(0.0) = c = P'_0$$

$$P'(1.0) = 3*a + 2*b + c = P'_1$$

System of linear equations for the coefficients of the cubic polynomials for each of coordinates (x,y,z)



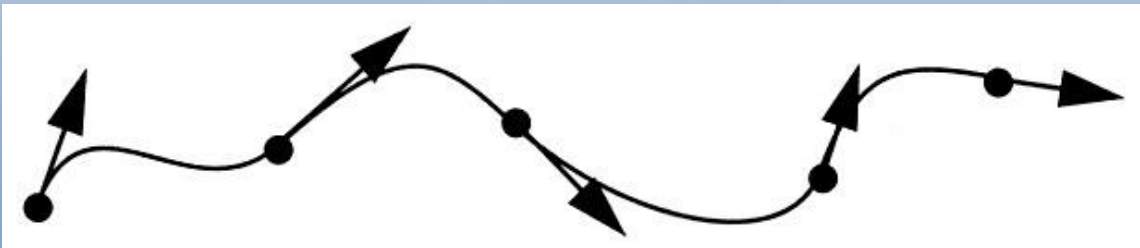
Hermite  
interpolation

$P(u) = U^T M B$  Matrix form for a Hermit segment  $P(u)$

$$U^T = \begin{bmatrix} u^3 & u^2 & u & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 & 1 & 1 \\ -3 & 3 & -2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

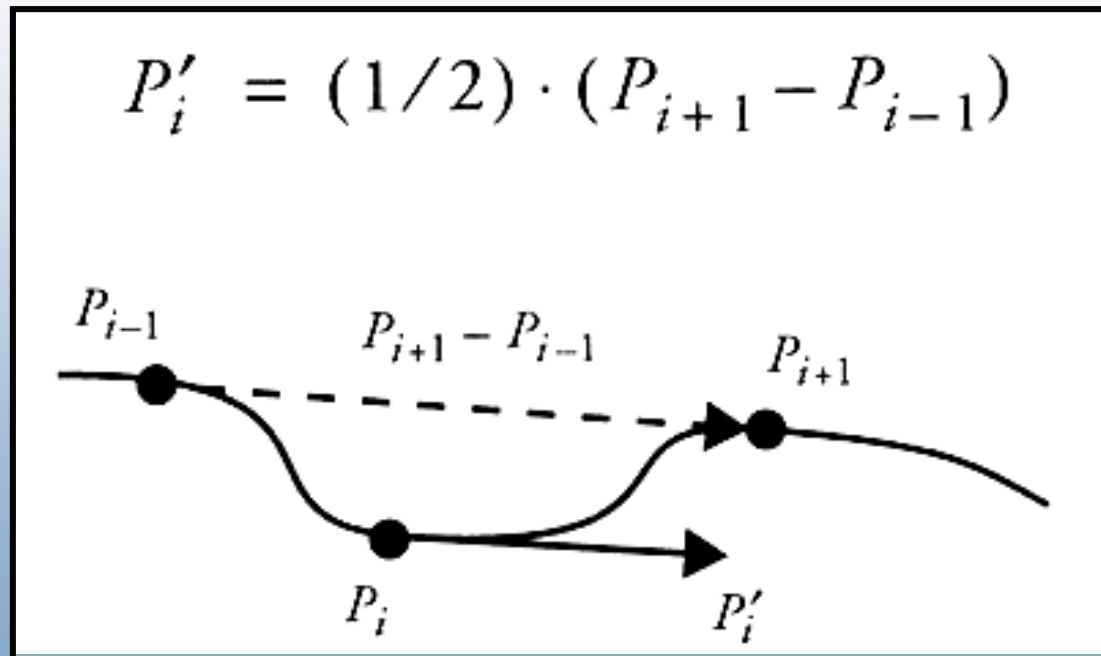
$$B = \begin{bmatrix} P_i \\ P_{i+1} \\ P'_i \\ P'_{i+1} \end{bmatrix}$$



Composite  
Hermite curve

# Catmull-Rom spline

This spline can be viewed as a Hermite curve, in which the tangent vectors at the internal points are automatically generated



# Catmull-Rom Spline



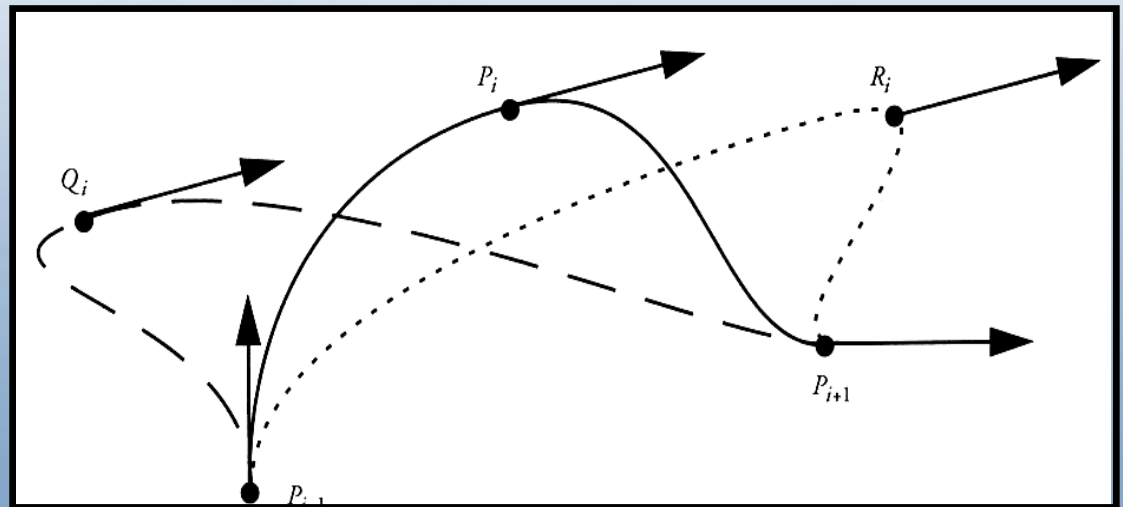
$$P(u) = U^T M B$$

$$U^T = \begin{bmatrix} u^3 & u^2 & u & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$M = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 3 & -3 & 1 \\ 2 & -5 & 4 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} P_{i-1} \\ P_i \\ P_{i+1} \\ P_{i+2} \end{bmatrix}$$

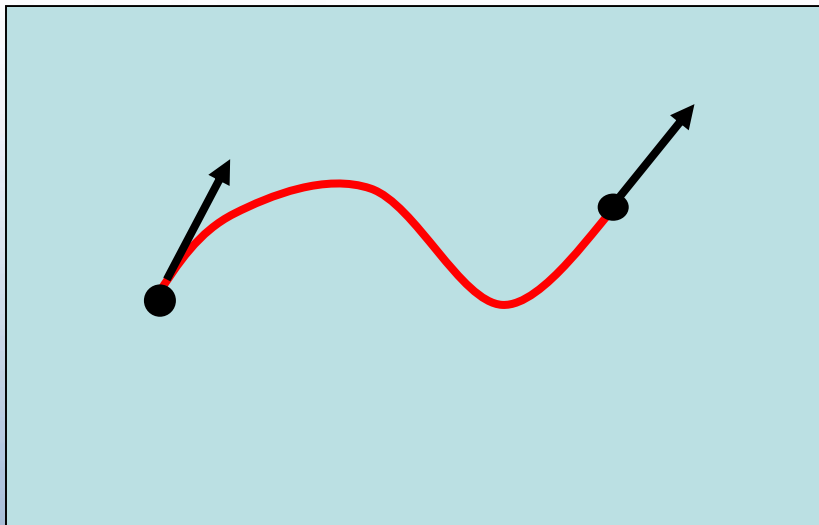
The tangent vectors at the end points can be provided by the user or calculated automatically.



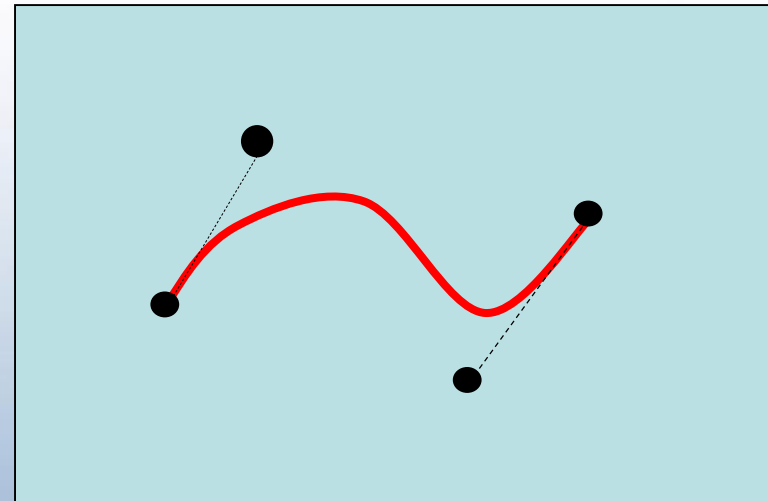
# Bézier spline



Hermit segment



Bézier segment



The Bezier form uses two additional points to define tangent vectors at the ending points.



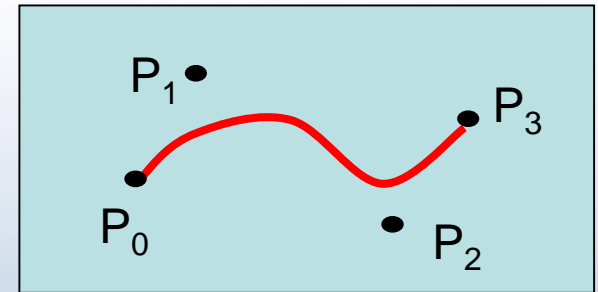


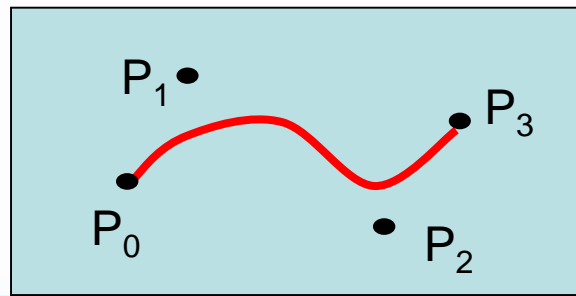
A cubic Bézier curve is defined by the beginning and ending points  $P_0$  and  $P_3$  (interpolated) and two interior points  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  (shape control)

The Bézier curve uses auxiliary control points  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  to define tangent vectors at  $P_0$  and  $P_3$  respectively

$$P'(0) = P_1 - P_0$$

$$P'(1) = P_3 - P_2$$





## Bézier spline

$$P(u) = U^T M B$$

$$U^T = \begin{bmatrix} u^3 & u^2 & u & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Matrix form for a cubic  
Bézier curve

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} P_{i-1} \\ P_i \\ P_{i+1} \\ P_{i+2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 3 & -3 & 1 \\ 3 & -6 & 3 & 0 \\ -3 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



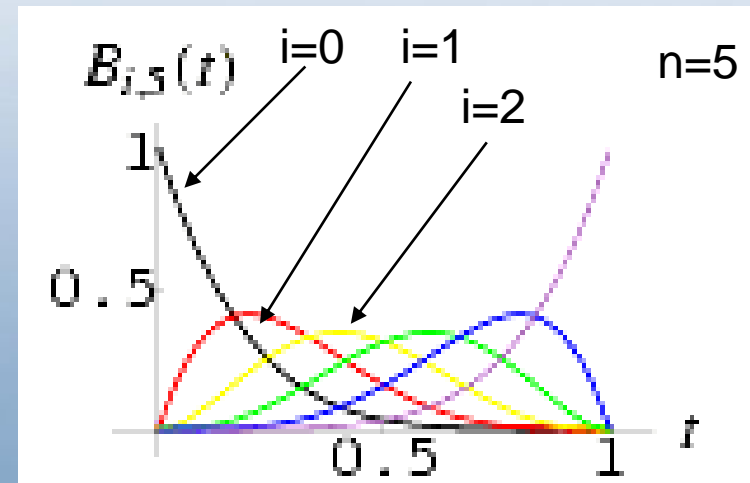
## Bézier spline for $n$ control points $P_i$

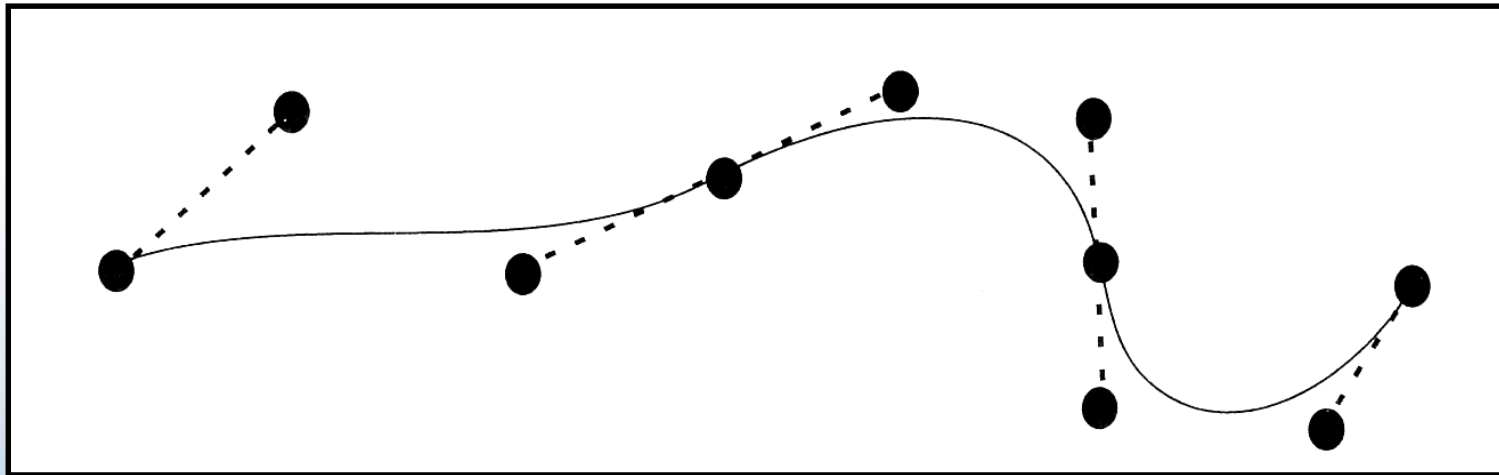
$$C(t) = \sum_{i=0}^n P_i B_{i,n}(t),$$

Where  $B_{i,n}(t)$  are weighting functions called Bernstein polynomials:

$$B_{i,n}(t) = \binom{n}{i} t^i (1-t)^{n-i}$$

Degree of the polynomial grows with the number of control points.



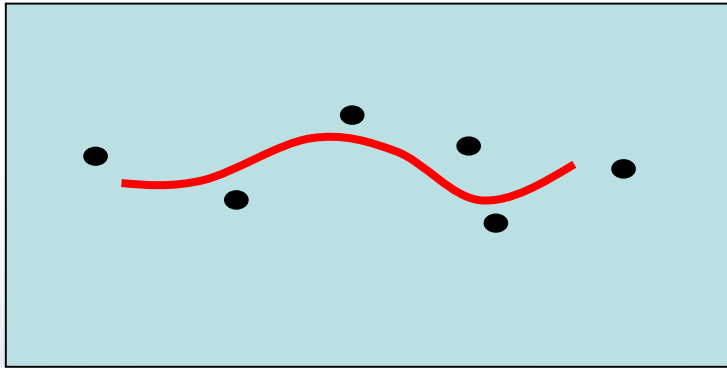


The Bézier curve always passes through the first and last control points and lies within the convex hull of the control points.

Continuity between adjacent segments in a composite Bézier curve can be controlled by the collinearity of the control points on both sides of a shared endpoint of two segments.



# B-spline



B-spline is a generalization of the Bézier spline:

$$C(t) = \sum_{i=0}^n P_i N_{i,p}(t)$$

where  $P_i$  are control points and  $N_i$  are called blending functions.

- Any number of points can be added without increasing the degree of the polynomial.
- The spline is completely local - changes to a control point only affects the curve in that locality
- Closed curves can be created by making the first and last points the same, although continuity will not be maintained automatically.
- B-splines lie in the convex hull of the control points.



# Requirements to Curves

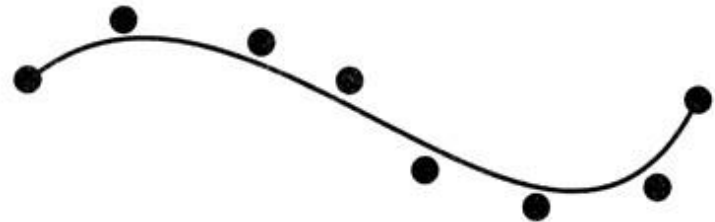
- Interpolation vs Approximation

Exact desired curve



*Interpolating curve*  
passes through the  
given control points:  
Hermite curve,  
Catmull-Rom spline

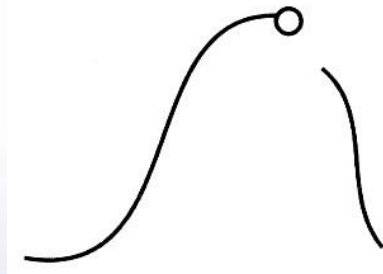
Design of a new curve



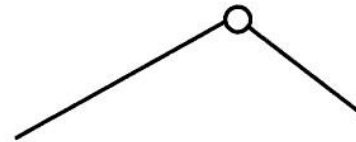
*Approximating curve*  
passes near the control  
points, only endpoints  
are interpolated:  
Bezier spline, B-spline



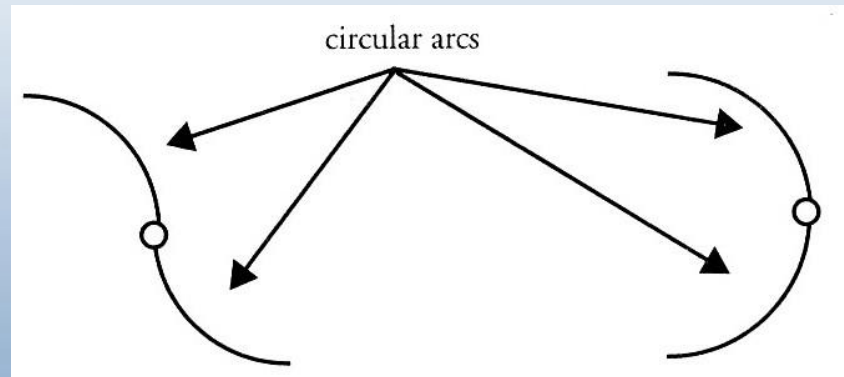
- Continuity – smoothness of the curve



Positional  $C^0$  discontinuity



Tangential  $C^1$  discontinuity



Positional and tangential continuity,  
curvature discontinuity

Positional, tangential, and  
curvature continuity



- Continuity

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

Hermite curve, Catmull-Rom spline  
parabolic blending, cubic Bezier curve

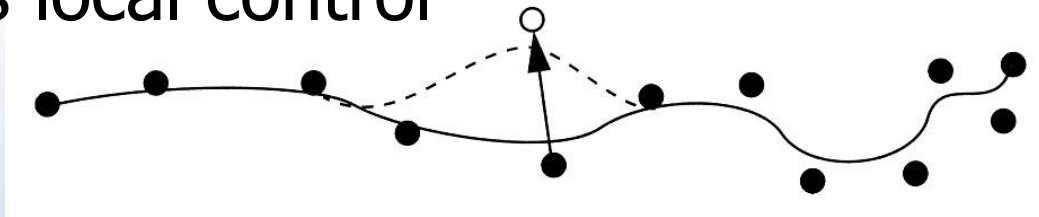
## **C<sup>2</sup> continuity**

compound Hermite curve, B-spline

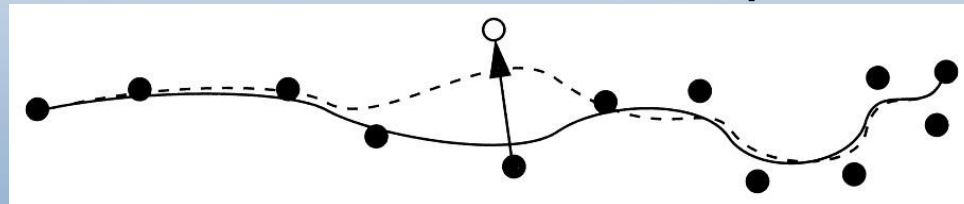




- Complexity – influences computation time. Cubic polynomials are the lowest order polynomials.
- Global vs local control



*Local control:* moving one point changes the curve locally: Catmull-Rom splines, cubic Bezier and B-splines – more desirable



*Global control:* moving one point changes the entire curve: Hermite curve with second-order continuity, higher order Bezier and B-splines



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# Parametric surface notion

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A parametric surface is defined by a mapping of a unit square to n-D space

Parametric equations of a surface are obtained by introducing two more extra variables ( $u, v$ ), or parameters, and calculating n-D point coordinates as functions of the parameters  $u$  and  $v$ :

$$x_1 = \varphi_1(u, v)$$

$$x_2 = \varphi_2(u, v)$$

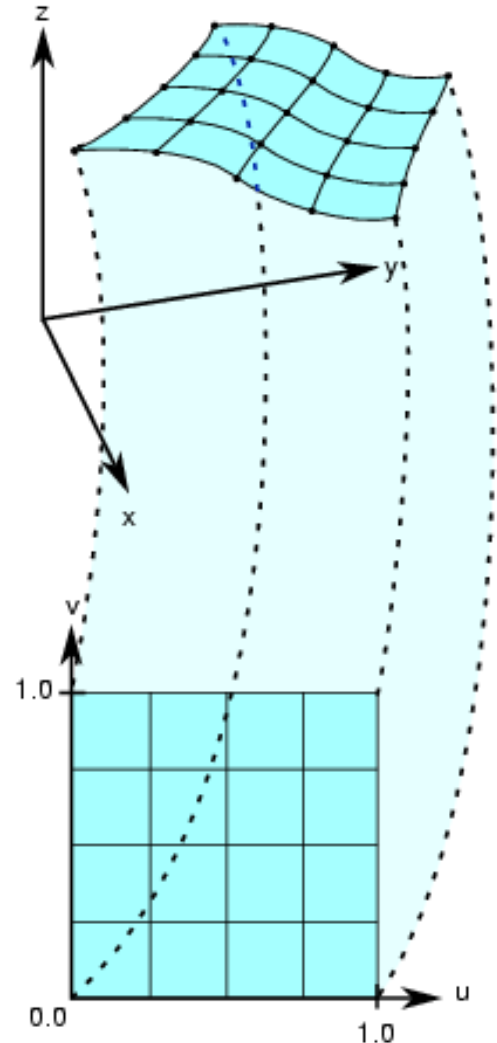
$$\dots =$$

$$x_n = \varphi_n(u, v)$$

# Surface in 3D space

Each component of a point on the surface is a function of  $u$  and  $v$  which both lie in the parameter interval  $[0, 1]$  on the real line. The point  $(u, v)$  lies in the **unit square** on the  $uv$ -plane. Points on the surface are described by three functions:

$$(x(u, v), y(u, v), z(u, v))$$





# Parametric plane

point-vector form

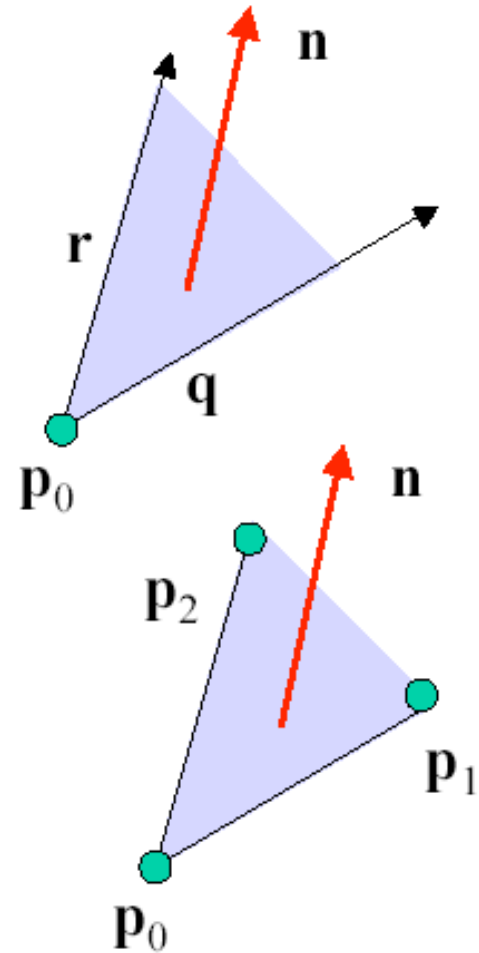
$$\mathbf{p}(u,v) = \mathbf{p}_0 + u\mathbf{q} + v\mathbf{r}$$

$$\mathbf{n} = \mathbf{q} \times \mathbf{r}$$

three-point form

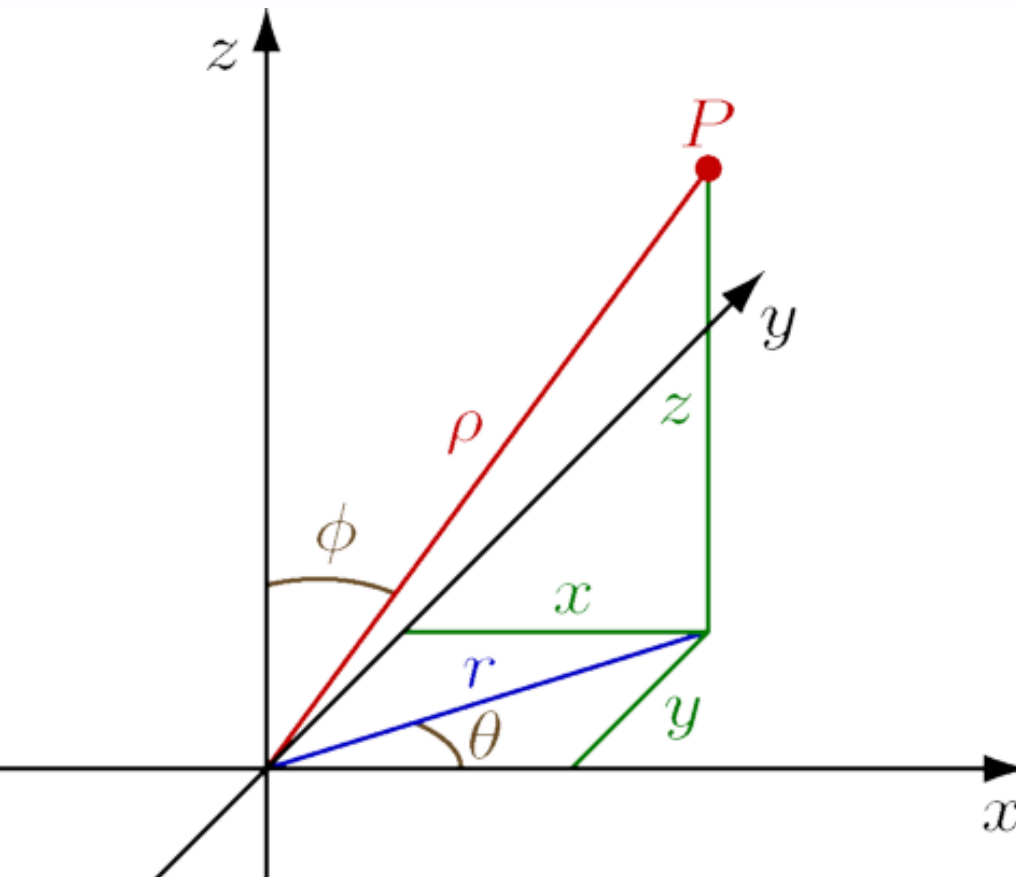
$$\mathbf{q} = \mathbf{p}_1 - \mathbf{p}_0$$

$$\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{p}_2 - \mathbf{p}_0$$





# Spherical coordinates



Point  $P$  is represented by a tuple of three components  $(\rho, \phi, \theta)$ .

$$0 \leq \rho$$

radius is the distance between the point  $P$  and the origin,

$$0 \leq \phi \leq 180^\circ$$

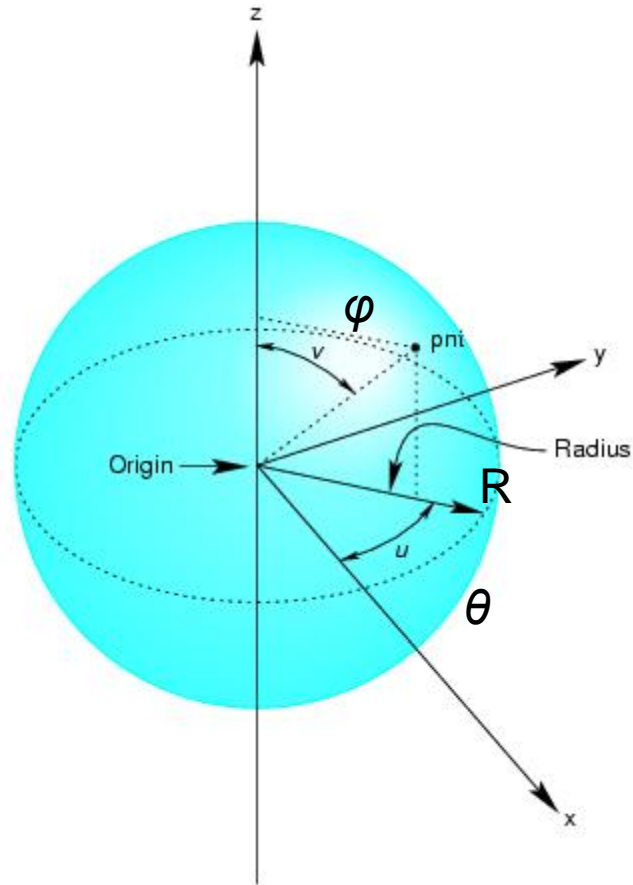
is the angle between the  $z$ -axis and the line from the origin to the point  $P$ ,

$$0 \leq \theta < 360^\circ$$

is the angle between the positive  $x$ -axis and the line from the origin to the point  $P$  projected onto the  $xy$ -plane.



# Parametric Sphere Model



In spherical coordinates:

$$\rho = R$$

Parametric form:

$$x(u,v) = r \cos \theta \sin \phi$$

$$y(u,v) = r \sin \theta \sin \phi$$

$$z(u,v) = r \cos \phi$$

$$360 \geq \theta \geq 0$$

$$180 \geq \phi \geq 0$$

$\theta$  constant: circles of constant longitude

$\phi$  constant: circles of constant latitude

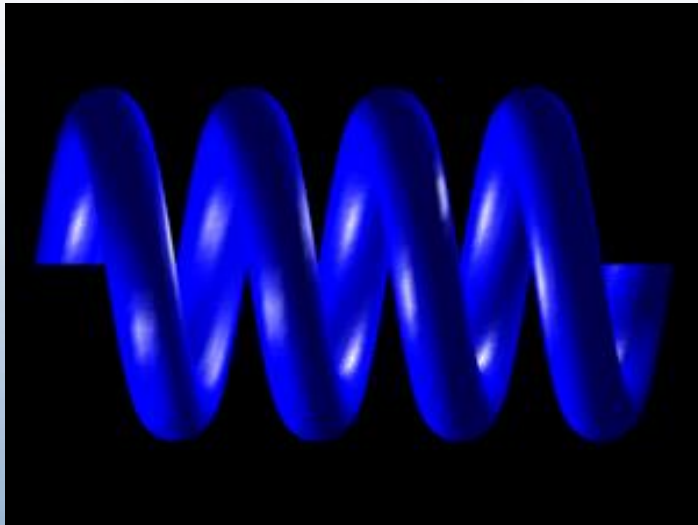


# Spring

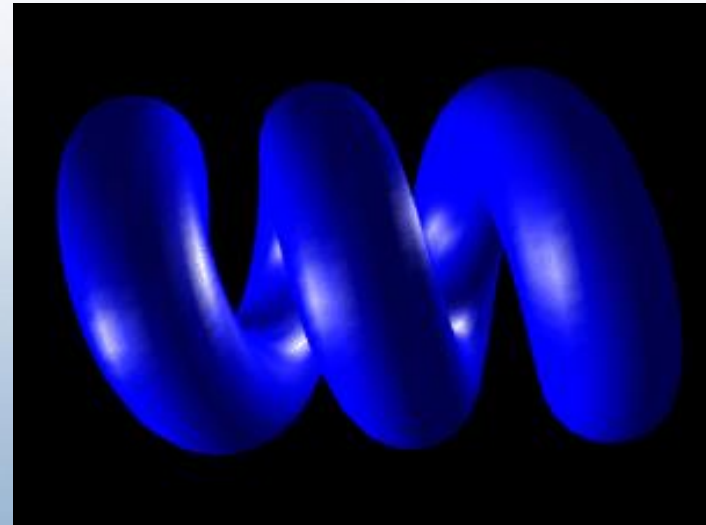
$$x = [1 - r1 * \cos(v)] * \cos(u)$$

$$y = [1 - r1 * \cos(v)] * \sin(u)$$

$$z = r2 * [\sin(v) + \text{periodlength} * u / \pi]$$



$r1 = 0.25, r2 = 0.25,$   
 $\text{periodlength}=3.0$



$r1 = 0.5, r2 = 0.5,$   
 $\text{periodlength}=1.5$





# Cubic Polynomial Surfaces

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$$\mathbf{p}(u,v)=[x(u,v), y(u,v), z(u,v)]^T$$

where

$$p(u, v) = \sum_{i=0}^3 \sum_{j=0}^3 c_{ij} u^i v^j$$

p is any of x, y or z

Need 48 coefficients ( 3 independent sets of 16) to determine a surface patch

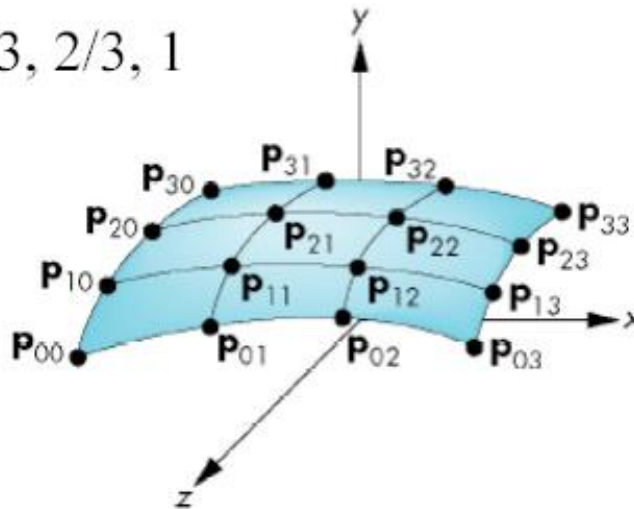
- Interpolating surface patch
- Bezier patch
- B-spline patch



# Interpolating Surface Patch

$$p(u, v) = \sum_{i=0}^3 \sum_{j=0}^3 c_{ij} u^i v^j$$

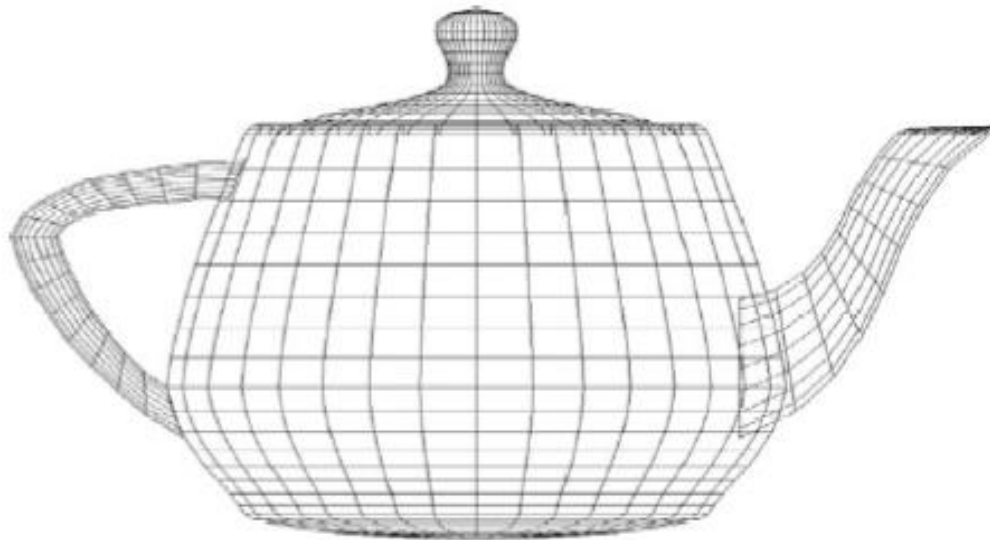
Need 16 conditions to determine the 16 coefficients  $c_{ij}$   
Choose at  $u, v = 0, 1/3, 2/3, 1$





# Utah Teapot

- Most famous data set in computer graphics
- Widely available as a list of 306 3D vertices and the indices that define 32 Bezier patches

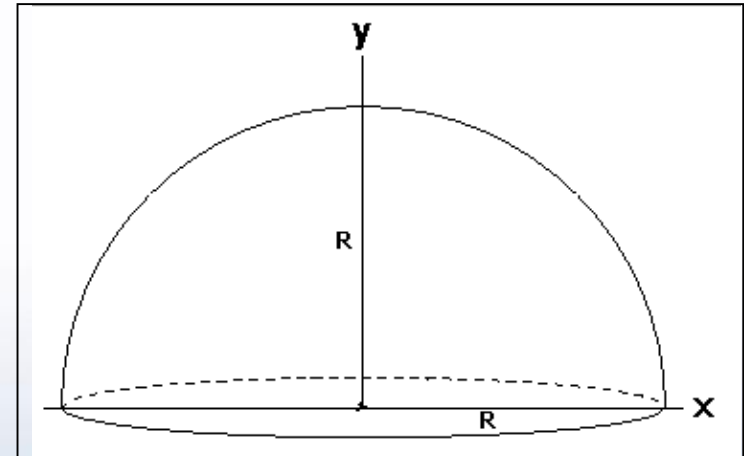




# Surface with boundary

A surface may have a **boundary**, where the surface ends.

For example, the boundary of a hemisphere would be the circle around the edge.



# Trimmed parametric surfaces



- A parametric surface with boundary can be trimmed by
- Edges for the surface other than those defined by the  $uv$  unit square.
  - Holes in a surface.
  - Defining boundary edges using trim curves and loops.

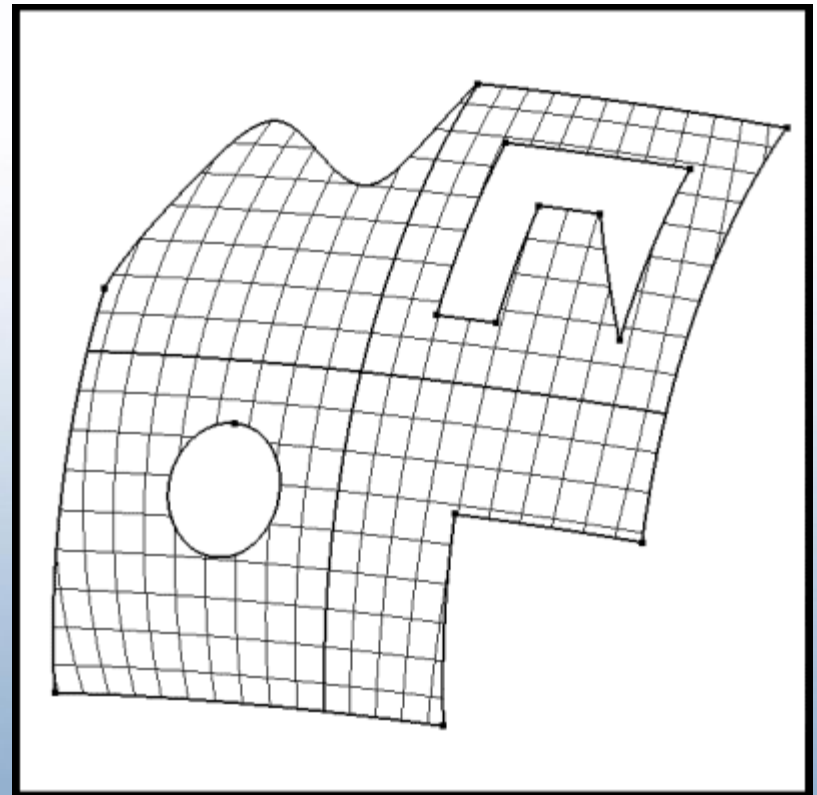
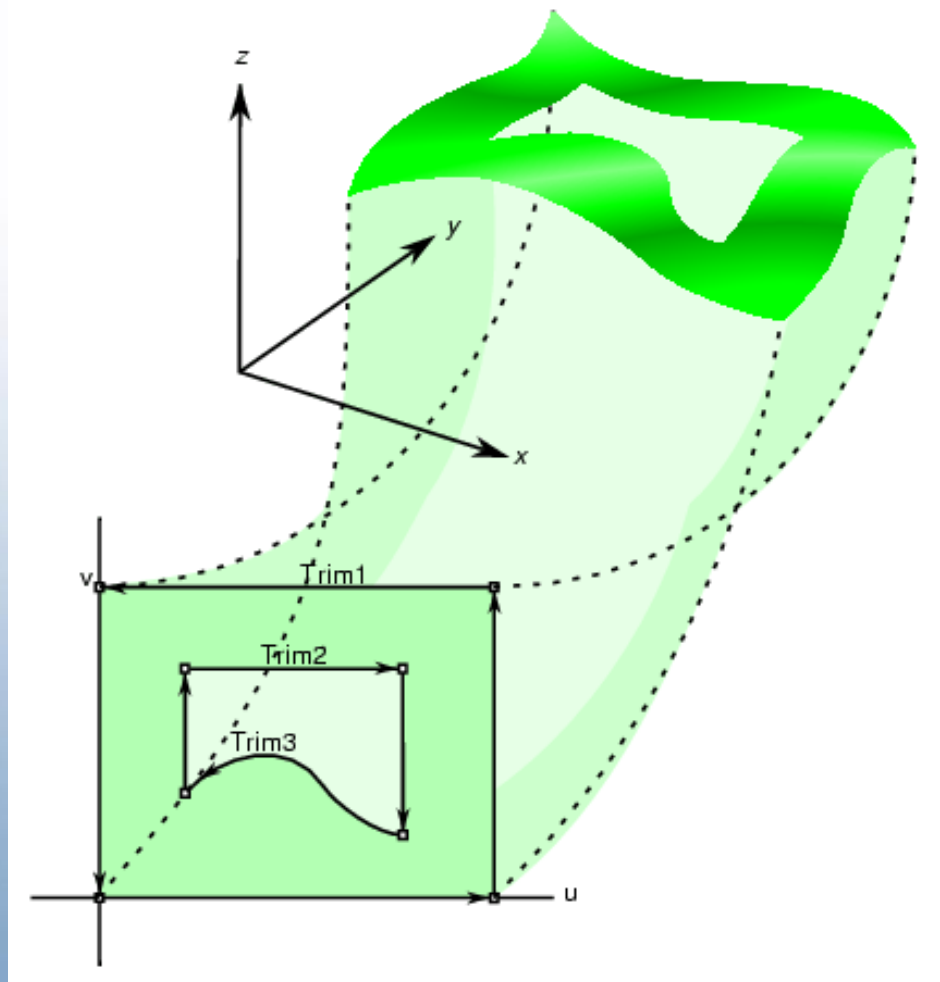


Image by Ken Takusagawa

# Trimmed parametric surfaces



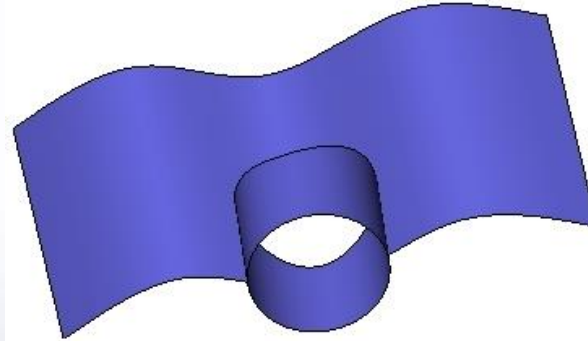
- Trim loops are defined in the  $uv$ -square and mapped to 3D space
- Left hand rule
- Clockwise loop removes a hole
- Counterclockwise loop keeps the enclosed region and eliminates everything outside.



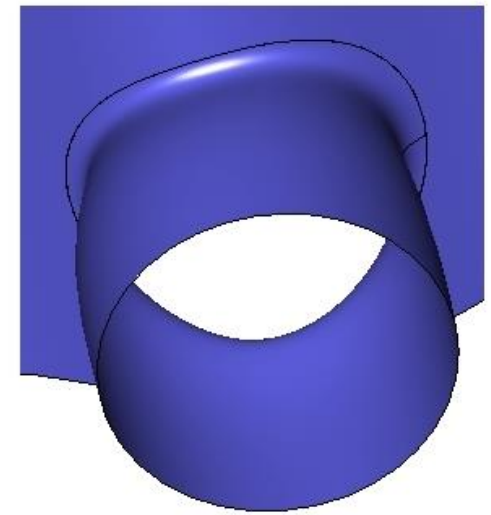
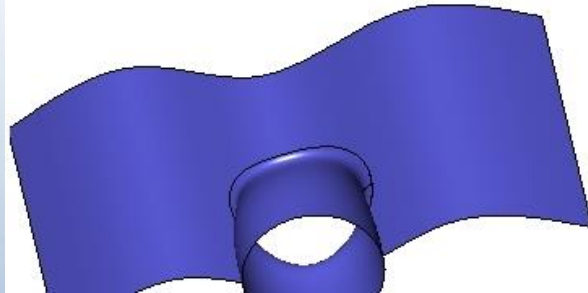


# Trimmed parametric surfaces

Combining two  
trimmed surfaces



Combining with  
continuity matching

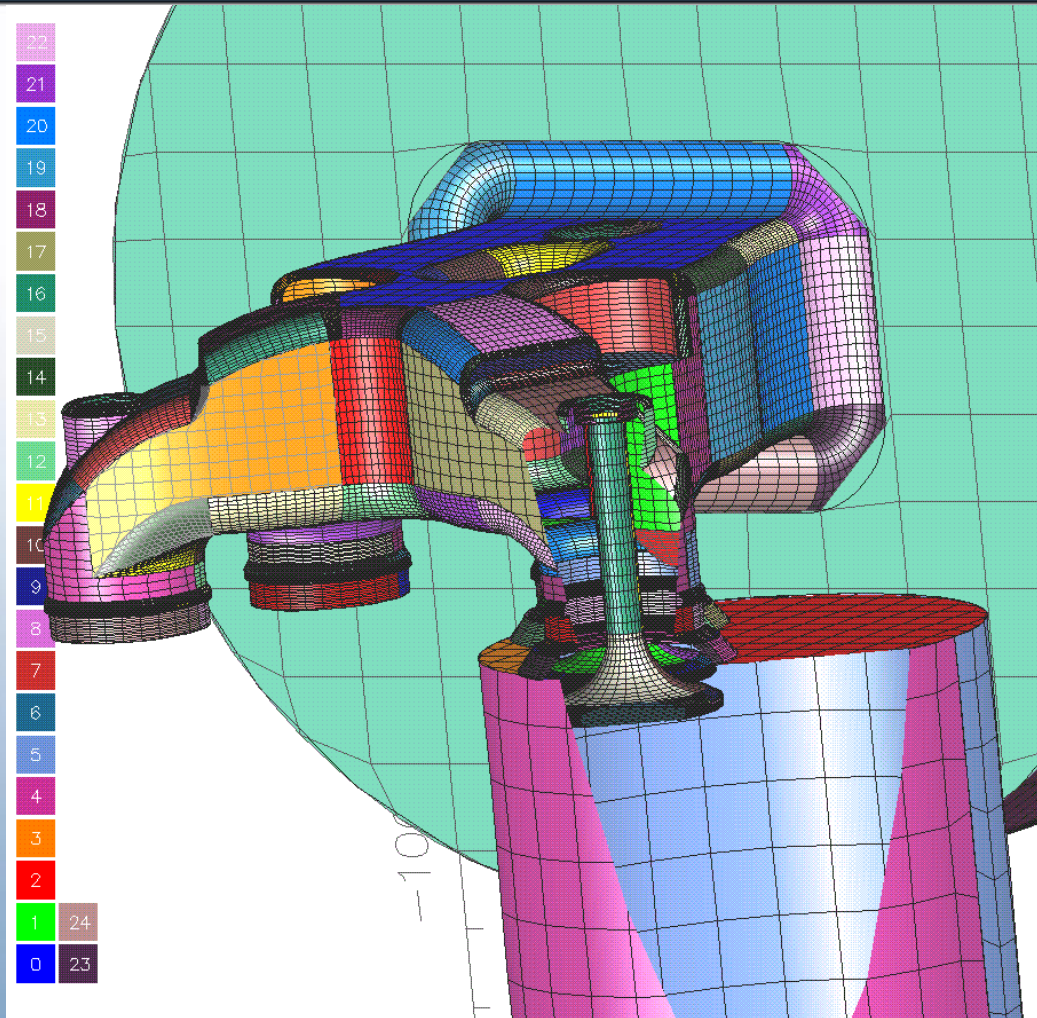


[www.csi-concepts.com/extreme.htm](http://www.csi-concepts.com/extreme.htm)

The basic boundary constructing operation for solid modeling



# Trimmed parametric surfaces



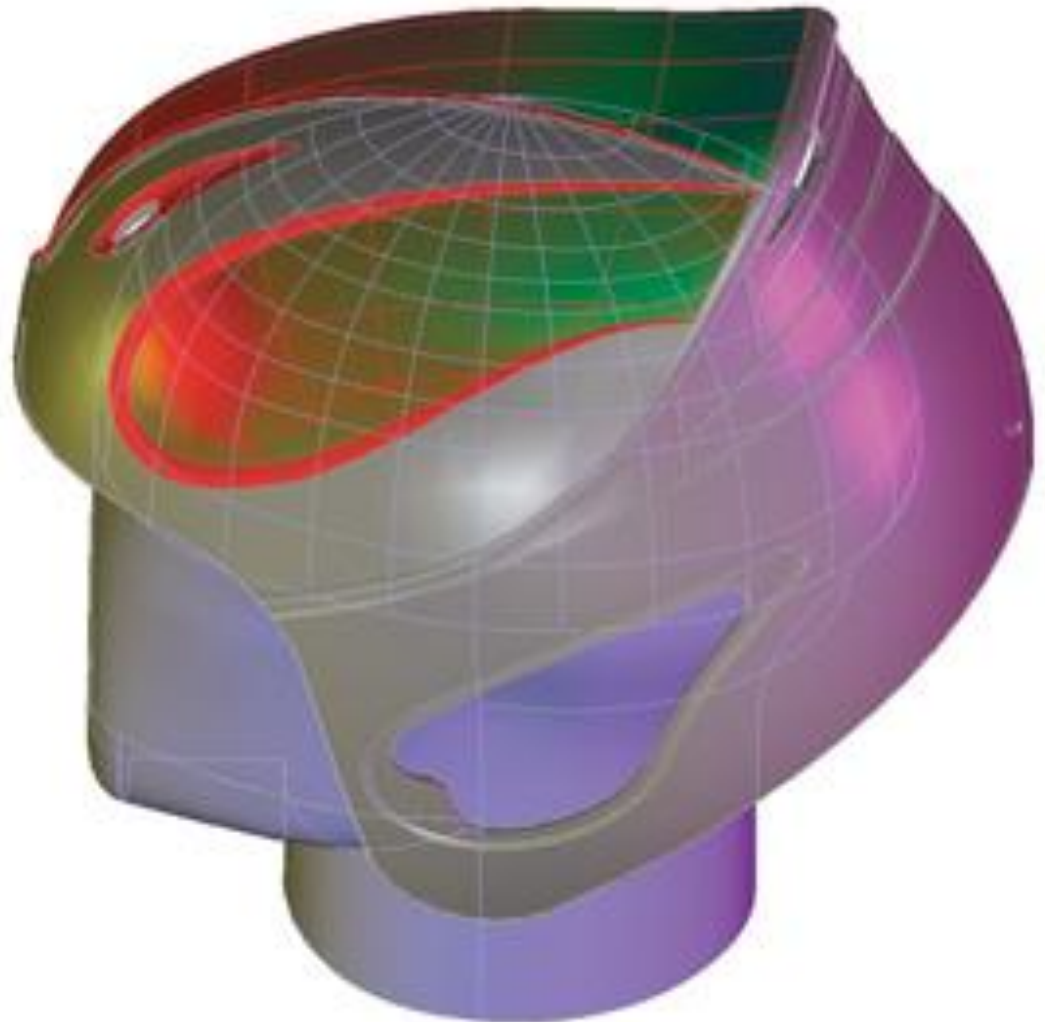
Composite surface of  
trimmed NURBS surfaces,  
from proEngineer



# Trimmed parametric surfaces



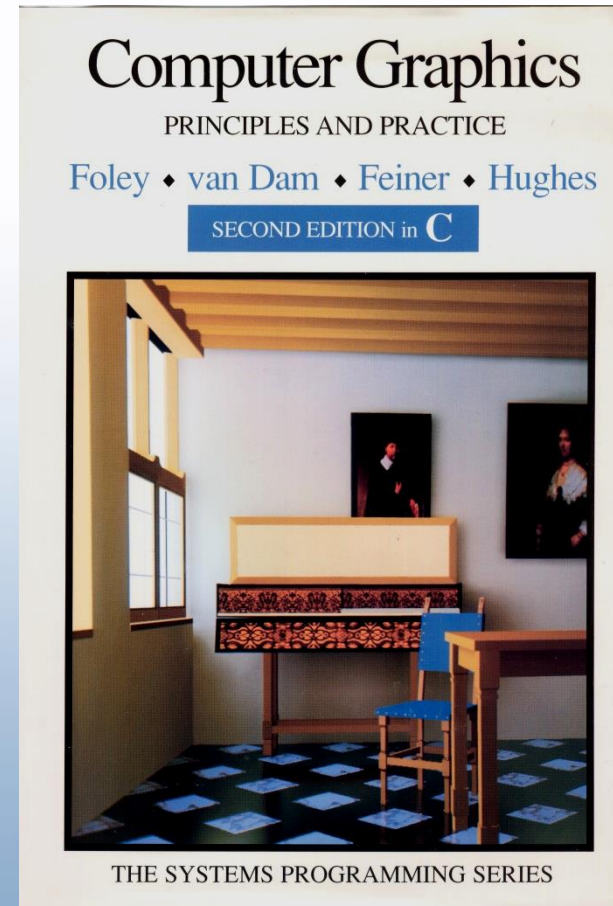
The surface model of a racing ski helmet generated in Cadkey Workshop by Louis Garneau Sports Inc., Quebec, Canada, [www.louisgarneau.com](http://www.louisgarneau.com)





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