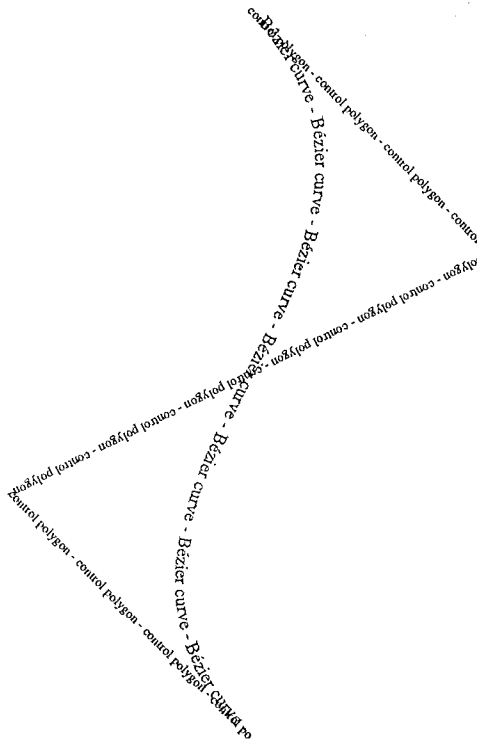


# The Analysis Seminar

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“Bézier Curves”



3:30 pm Wednesday

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de Casteljau (1959) construction of Bézier (1966) curves  
(Citroën) (Renault)

points  $b_0, b_1, \dots, b_n$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  ( $\mathbb{R}^2$ )  
for  $t \in \mathbb{R}$

define:  $b_i^0(t) \equiv b_i$

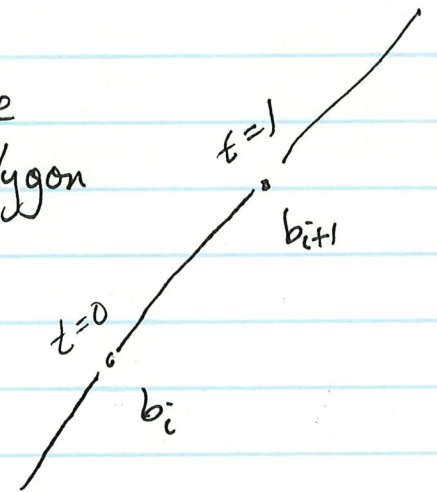
$$b_i^r(t) = (1-t)b_i^{r-1}(t) + t b_{i+1}^{r-1}(t)$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} r=1, \dots, n \\ i=0, \dots, n-r \end{array} \right\}$$

$b^n = b^n(t) = b_0^n(t)$  is the Bézier curve  
the Polygon  $b_0 \dots b_n$  is the control polygon

$$b_i^1(t) = (1-t)b_i + t b_{i+1}$$

$$b_i^2(t) = (1-t)^2 b_i + 2t(1-t)b_{i+1} + t^2 b_{i+2}$$



[C]

Cor every poly parametric curve is a Bézier curve

proof: The Bernstein polynomials  $B_0^n \dots B_n^n$  are indep polys of degree  $n$ .

$$c_0 (1-t)^n + c_1 t (1-t)^{n-1} \dots + c_n t^n \equiv 0$$

$t=0$  yields  $c_0 = 0$

divide by  $t$  &  $t \rightarrow 0$  yields  $c_1 = 0$

divide by  $t^2$  &  $t \rightarrow 0$  yields  $c_2 = 0$

- $B_j^n$  are partition of unity.
- quadratic parametric eqns are parabolas

⑤ Pseudo-local control

$\max B_j^n$  near  $\frac{j}{n}$  small elsewhere

⑥ Symmetry

$$B_j^n(t) = B_{n-j}^n(1-t)$$

⑦ variation diminishing property

the curve crosses any plane no more times than the control polygon.

⑧ pseudo-local control via Taylor series

$$B_j^n = t^j (1-t)^{n-j} \text{ has } \frac{d^r}{dt^r} B_j^n(t) \Big|_{t=0} = 0$$

for  $r < j$ . In particular the first  $r$ -derivatives at  $t=0$  dependent only on  $b_0, \dots, b_r$  and not  $b_{r+1}, \dots, b_n$ .

OR  $b^n(t) = b_0^n(t)$  and  $b_0^r(t)$  are not the same curve but they have the same derivatives up to the  $r$ -th at zero.



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# Splines

"ducks"



local control.

minimize "strain"  $\int K(s)^2 ds$

approx  $\int \ddot{s}(u)^2 du$

[OK if  $u$  is arc length

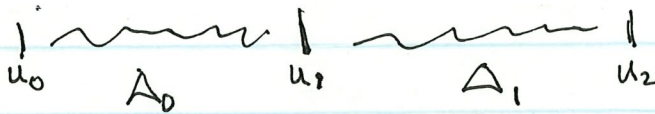
$C^2$  cubic interpolatory splines

Smoothness

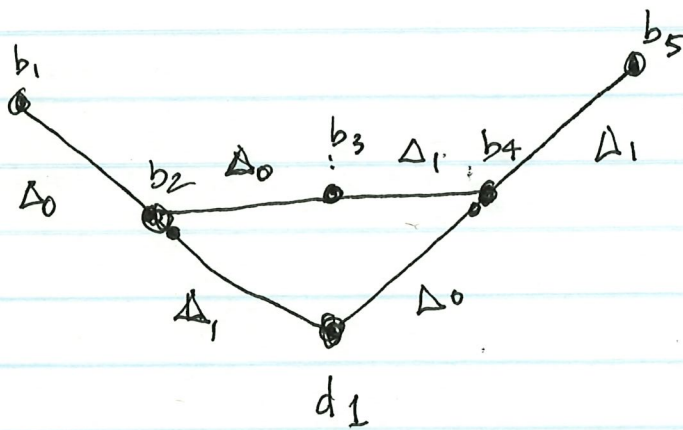
$$\underbrace{b_0 \ b_1 \ b_2 \ b_3}_{b_0^3(t)} \cdot \underbrace{b_3 \ b_4 \ b_5 \ b_6}_{b_3^3(t)}$$

← local co-ordinates

$$t = \frac{u - u_i}{u_{i+1} - u_i}$$



$C^2$ -condition at  $u_1$ : derivatives  $b_0^{0,1,2}(t)$  at  $u_1$  agree  $b_3^3(t)$  at  $u_1$   
 local of derivatives - derivatives  $b_1^{0,1,2}(t)$  agree with  $b_3^3(t)$  but both are degree 2 so they are the same poly! Thus there is a set  $b_1, d, b_5$   $c(t)$  represents  $b_1^2(t)$  &  $b_3^3(t)$  & hence



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$$b_1 = c^1(x)$$

$$b_2 = c^2(x)$$

$$b_3 = c^3(x)$$

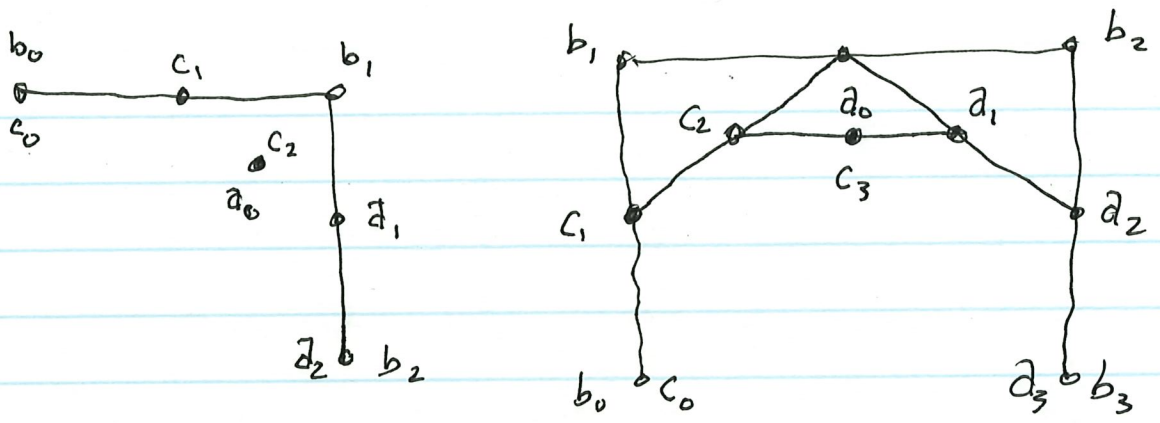
$$d_{-1} = b_0 \quad d_0 = b_1 \quad d_i = b_{3i} \quad d_4 = b_{3L-1} \quad d_{L+1} = b_{3L}$$

$$b_{3i-1} = \frac{\Delta_i}{\Delta} d_{i-1} + \frac{\Delta_{i-2} + \Delta_{i-1}}{\Delta} d_i$$

$$b_{3i-2} = \frac{\Delta_{i-1} + \Delta_i}{\Delta} d_{i-1} + \frac{\Delta_{i-2}}{\Delta} d_i$$

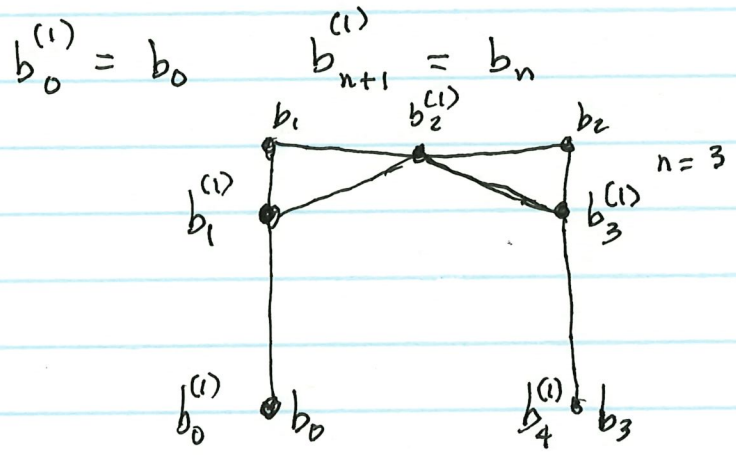
$$b_{3i} = \frac{\Delta_i}{\Delta_{i-1} + \Delta_i} b_{3i-1} + \frac{\Delta_{i-1}}{\Delta_{i-1} + \Delta_i} b_{3i+1}$$

E



Degree Elevation given  $b_0^n(t)$  it is a poly of degree  $n$  hence a poly of degree  $n+1$ . Thus it has a control polygon  $b_0^{(1)}, b_1^{(1)}, \dots, b_{n+1}^{(1)}$

claim:  $b_j^{(1)} = \frac{j}{n+1} b_{j-1} + (1 - \frac{j}{n+1}) b_j \quad 0 \leq j \leq n+1$



Comment the control polys converge to  $b_{n+r}^{(r)}(t) = b_0^n(t) = t^j(1-t)^{n-j}$

In general  $b_i^{(r)} = \sum_{j=0}^n b_j \binom{n}{j} \frac{\binom{r}{i-j}}{\binom{n+r}{i}} \quad \lim_{\substack{r \rightarrow \infty \\ \frac{i}{n+r} \rightarrow t}} = t^j(1-t)^{n-j}$

proof  $(t + (1-t)) \sum_{j=0}^n b_j \binom{n}{j} t^j(1-t)^{n-j} = \sum_{j=0}^{n+1} b_j^{(1)} \binom{n+1}{j} t^j(1-t)^{n+1-j}$

eventually  $b_j \binom{n}{j} + b_{j-1} \binom{n}{j-1} = b_j^{(1)} \binom{n+1}{j}$   
 $\frac{n!}{j!(n-j)!} + \frac{j!(n+1-j)!}{(n+1)!} = \frac{n+1-j}{n+1}$



D

corr  $b^n(t)$  is tangent to  $b_0 b_1$  at zero  $t=0$   
 $b_{n-1} b_n$  at  $t=1$ .

comment curve  $f(t)$  then  $x_n(t) = \sum_{i=0}^n f(\frac{i}{n}) B_i^n(t)$   
 and  $x_n(t) \rightarrow f(t)$  Stone-Weierstrass

comment  $b^n(t) =$  the curve  $b_0, \dots, b_n$   
 $b^{n'}(t) =$  the curve  $n(b_1 - b_0), n(b_2 - b_1), \dots, n(b_n - b_{n-1})$

$\frac{d}{dt} \binom{n}{j} t^j (1-t)^{n-j} \Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} j \binom{n}{j} t^{j-1} (1-t)^{n-j} - \binom{n}{j} t^j (1-t)^{n-j-1} (n-j)$

$B_j^n'(t) = n (B_{j-1}^{n-1}(t) - B_j^{n-1}(t))$

Subdivision:  $b^n(t)$   $t \in [0, \gamma]$  is the Bézier curve  $c^n(s)$  where  $c_i = b_0^i(\gamma)$

$c^n(s) = b^n(\gamma s)$  so  $c_0^n(s) \equiv b_0^n(\gamma s)$   
 $c^n(\frac{t}{\gamma}) = b^n(t)$  are the same!

Subdivision: given  $b_0 \dots b_n$  and  $\gamma \in [0, 1]$   
 consider  $c(\frac{t}{\gamma}) = b^n(\frac{t}{\gamma})$   $c(t)$  is an  $n$ -degree poly,  $c$  has a control polygon  $c_0 \dots c_n$  s.t.  $c(t) = c_0^n(t)$   
 CLAIM:  $c_i = b_0^i(\gamma)$ .

pf:  $c(t) \equiv b^n(\frac{t}{\gamma})$  are the same curve so all derivatives at  $t=0$  agree. Let  $0 \leq r \leq n$   $c_0^r(t)$  (resp  $b_0^r(\frac{t}{\gamma})$ ) has the same derivatives at  $t=0$  as  $c(t)$  (resp  $b_0^n(\frac{t}{\gamma})$ ) but both are  $r$ -deg polys so  $c_0^r(t) = b_0^r(\frac{t}{\gamma})$   $c_r = c_0^r(1) = b_0^r(\gamma)$ .

A

goal is to describe cubic B-splines

Inductive facts:

①  $b_i^r(t)$  is in the convex hull of  $b_i, b_{i+1}, \dots, b_{i+r}$

②  $A: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is affine  $\Leftrightarrow Ax - A_0$  is linear

If  $c_i = A(b_i)$  then  $c_i^r(t) = A b_i^r(t)$

[comment: draw & affine maps commute]

Affine invariance

[not projectively invariant]

③ Endpoint interpolation  $b_i^r(t) \neq b_i^r(0) = \underline{b_i}$   $b_i^r(1) = \underline{b_{i+r}}$

④ Linear precision if  $b_i = \left(\frac{i}{n}, y_i, z_i\right)$

then  $b_i^r(t) = (t, y(t), z(t))$

$$b_i^r(t) = \left(\frac{i}{n} + \frac{r}{n}t, y_i^r(t), z_i^r(t)\right)$$

$$(1-t) \left[\frac{i}{n} + \frac{r}{n}t\right] + t \left[\frac{i+1}{n} + \frac{r}{n}t\right]$$

$$= \frac{i}{n} - \frac{i}{n}t + \frac{r}{n}t - \frac{r}{n}t^2 + \frac{i}{n}t + \frac{1}{n}t + \frac{r}{n}t^2$$

$$= \frac{i}{n} + \frac{r+1}{n}t$$

Corollary  $b_i^2(t)$  is a parabola:



## Bernstein Polynomials (1912)

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

$$(*) \quad B_i^n(t) = (1-t) B_i^{n-1}(t) + t B_{i-1}^{n-1}(t)$$

$$B_0^n(t) \equiv 1 \quad B_j^n(t) \equiv 0 \quad j \notin \{0, \dots, n\}$$

$$(**) \quad b_i^n(t) = \sum_{j=0}^r b_{i+j} B_j^n(t), \quad b_i^n = b_0^n(t) = \sum_{j=0}^n b_j B_j^n(t)$$

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## Lagrange Polynomials

$t_0, t_1, \dots, t_n$  domain

$$L_i^n(t) = \frac{\prod_{\substack{j=0 \\ j \neq i}}^n (t - t_j)}{\prod_{\substack{j=0 \\ j \neq i}}^n (t_i - t_j)}$$

interpolation.

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~~drawing algorithm~~

~~find the midpoint  
if small enuff draw-line  
else draw left half  
if small enuff draw-line  
else draw right half.~~

Draw (control)

~~find midpoint  
find left control  
find right control  
if |leftpt - midpt| < ε  
draw line  
else draw (left control)  
if |midpt - leftpt| < ε  
draw line  
else draw (right control).~~

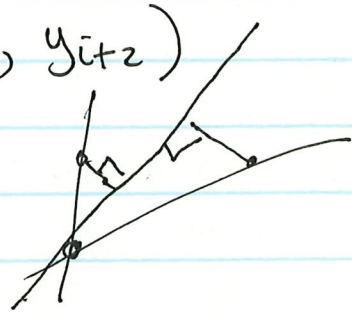


**B**

proof: Use an affine map to map  $b_i, b_{i+1}, b_{i+2}$

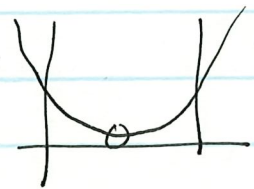
to  $(0, y_i), (\frac{1}{2}, y_{i+1}), (1, y_{i+2})$

(1) bisector



$b_n(t)$  is (t, quadratic) parabola.

translate, rotate, ~~stretch~~, translate



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### Affine Change of parameter

$$(*) \quad (1-t)B_i^{n-1}(t) + t B_{i-1}^{n-1}(t)$$

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

$$= t^i (1-t)^{n-i} \left[ \binom{n-1}{i} + \binom{n-1}{i-1} \right]$$

$$= B_i^n(t)$$

$$(**) \quad (1-t)b_i^r(t) + t b_{i+1}^r(t)$$

$$B_{r+1}^r(t) = B_{-1}^r(t) = 0$$

$$= (1-t) \sum_{j=0}^r \binom{r}{i+j} b_{i+j} B_j^r(t) + t \sum_{j=0}^{r+1} \binom{r}{i+j} b_{i+j} B_{j-1}^r(t)$$

$$= \sum_{j=0}^{r+1} b_{i+j} \left[ (1-t) B_j^r(t) + t B_{j-1}^r(t) \right]$$

