



# Parametric Surfaces

COS 426

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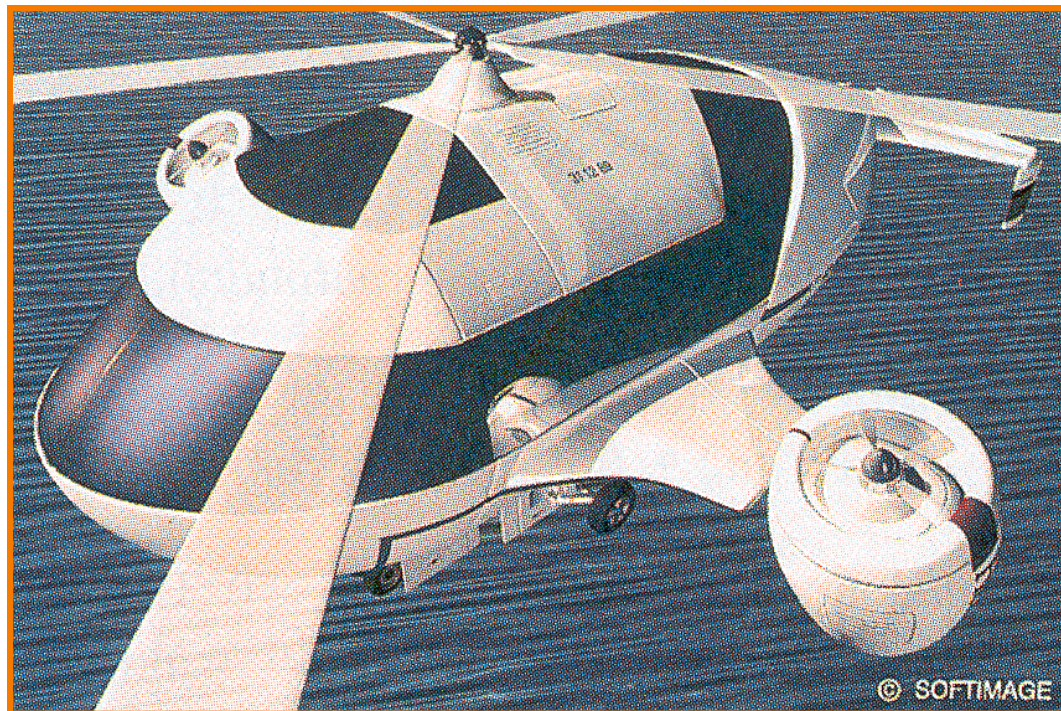


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- Applications
  - Design of smooth surfaces in cars, ships, etc.



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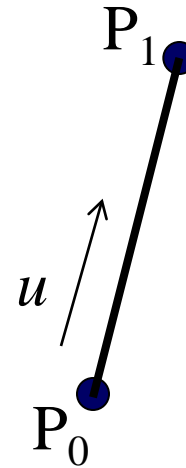
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- Boundary defined by parametric functions:
  - $x = f_x(u)$
  - $y = f_y(u)$

- Example: line segment

$$f_x(u) = (1 - u)x_0 + ux_1$$

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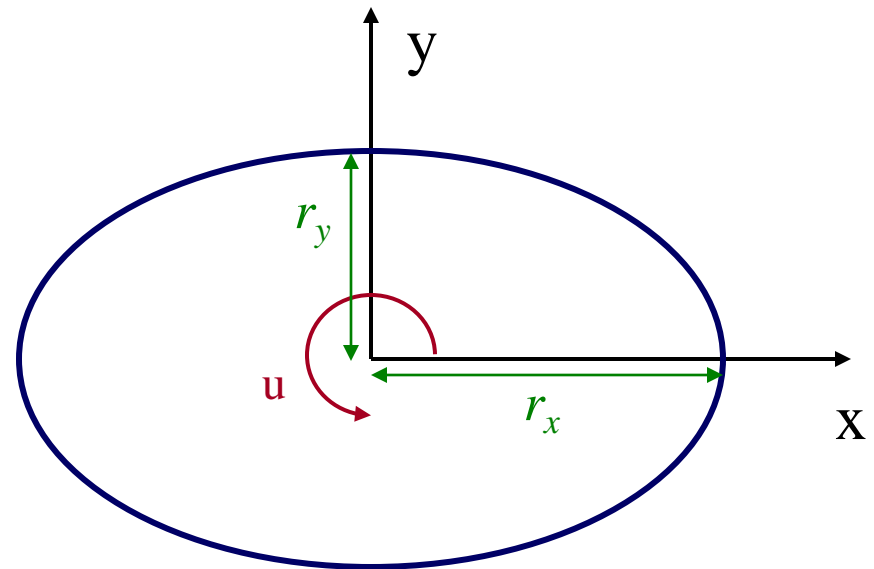
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$$f_x(u) = r_x \cos \frac{u}{2\pi}$$

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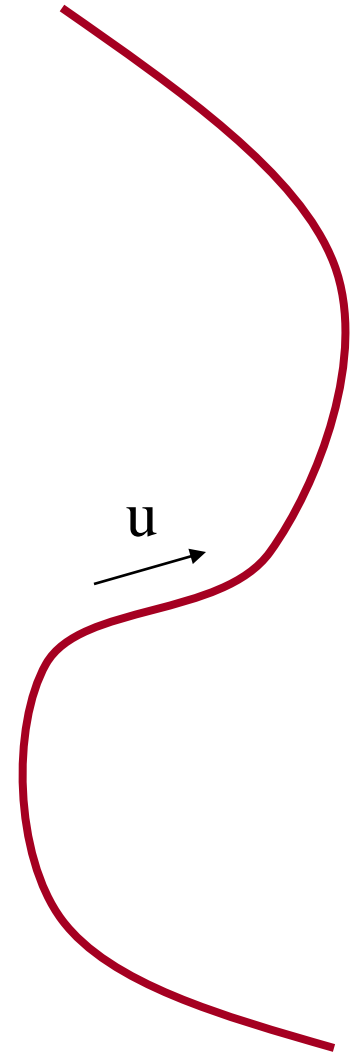
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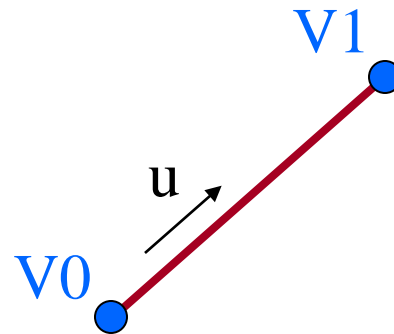


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Use functions that “blend” control points

$$x = f_x(u) = V0_x * (1 - u) + V1_x * u$$

$$y = f_y(u) = V0_y * (1 - u) + V1_y * u$$

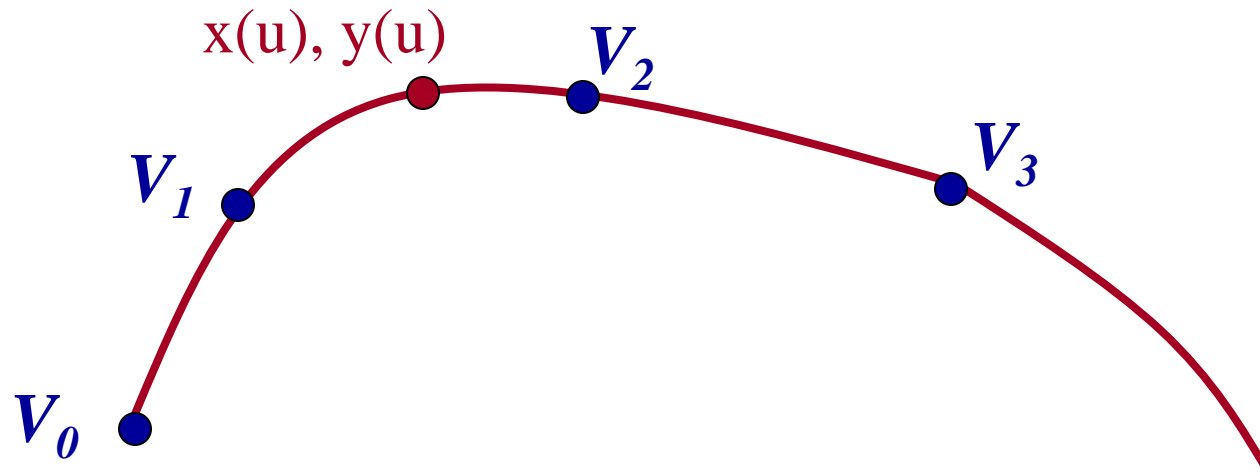


# Parametric curves

More generally:

$$x(u) = \sum_{i=0}^n B_i(u) * Vi_x$$

$$y(u) = \sum_{i=0}^n B_i(u) * Vi_y$$



# Parametric curves



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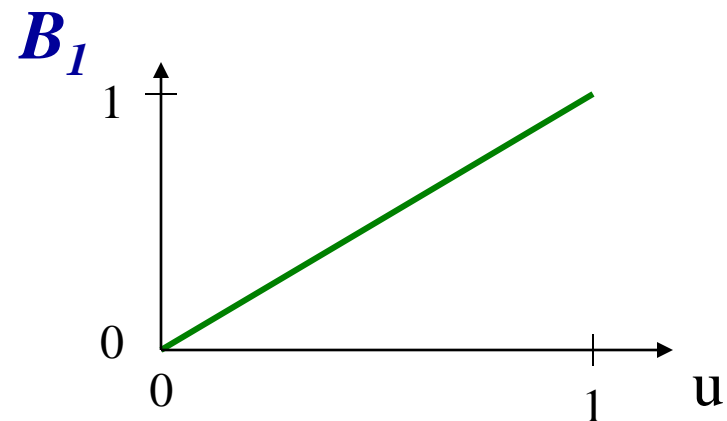
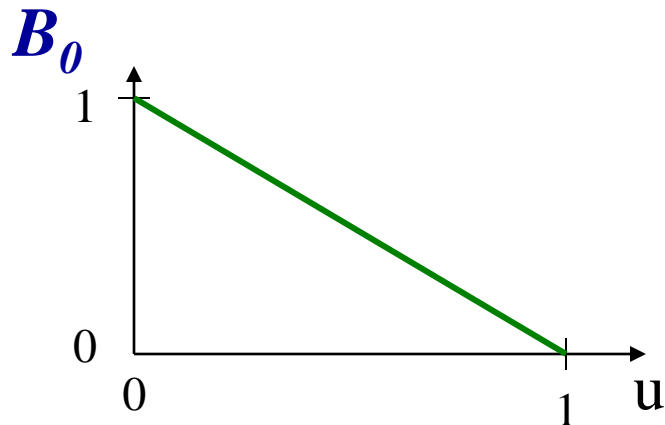
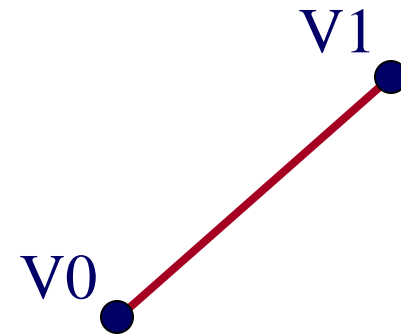


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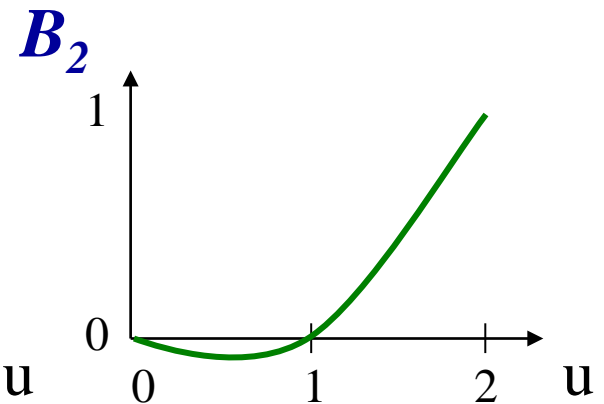
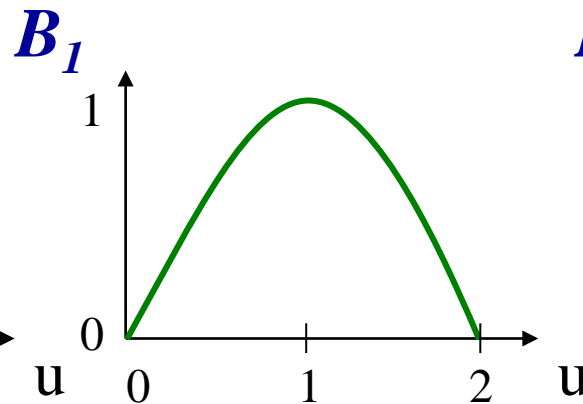
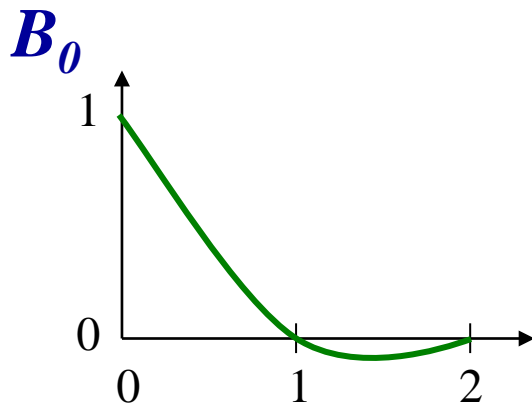
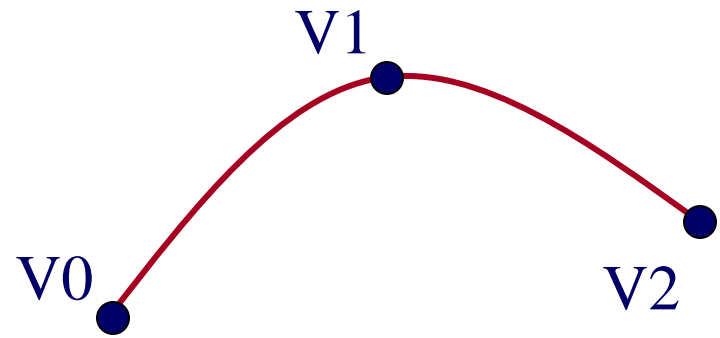


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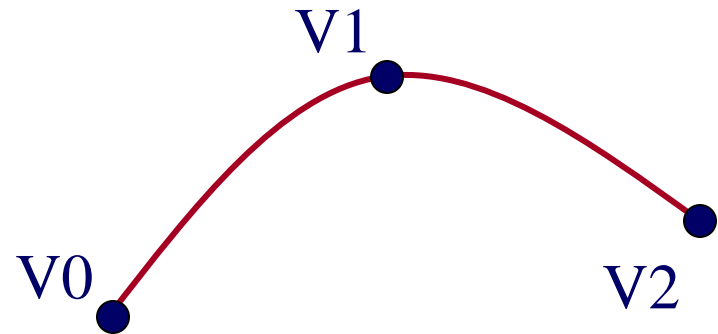




# Parametric Polynomial Curves

- Polynomial blending functions:

$$B_i(u) = \sum_{j=0}^m a_j u^j$$



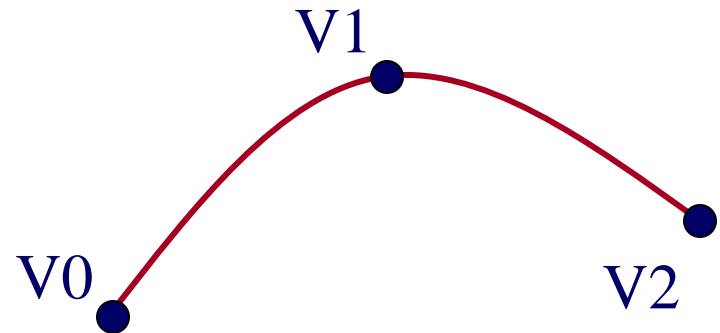
- Advantages of polynomials
  - Easy to compute
  - Infinitely continuous
  - Easy to derive curve properties



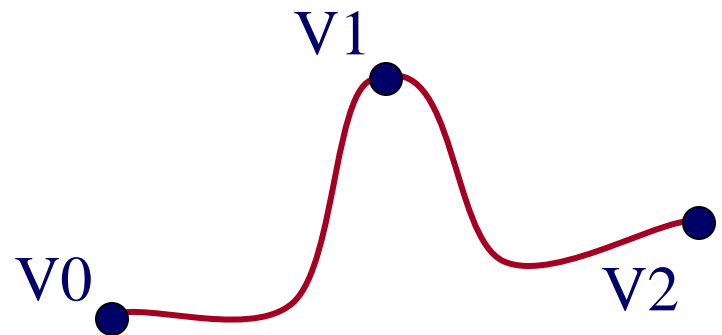
# Parametric Polynomial Curves

- Polynomial blending functions:

$$B_i(u) = \sum_{j=0}^m a_j u^j$$



- What degree polynomial?
  - Easy to compute
  - Easy to control
  - Expressive





# Piecewise Parametric Polynomial Curves



- **Splines:**

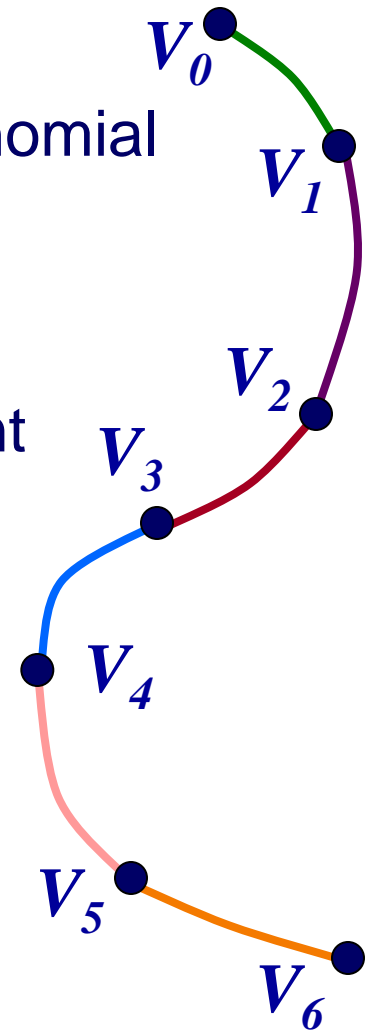
- Split curve into segments
- Each segment defined by low-order polynomial blending subset of control vertices

- **Motivation:**

- Same blending function for every segment
- Prove properties from blending functions
- Provides control & efficiency

- **Challenges**

- How choose blending functions?
- How determine properties?



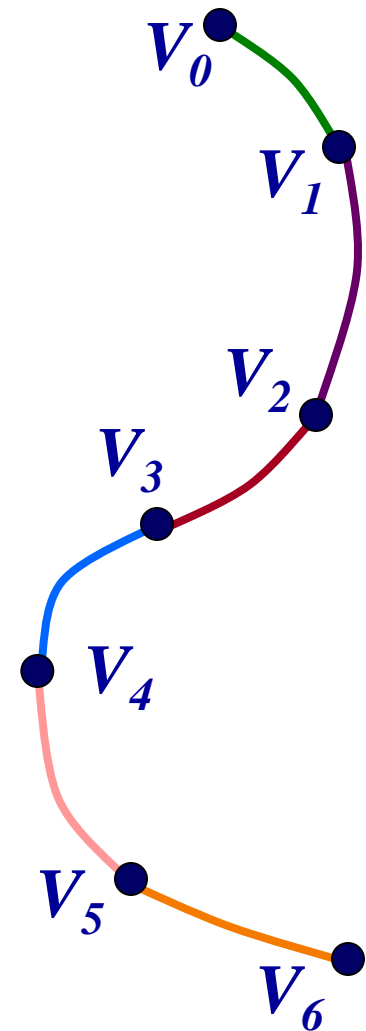
# Cubic Splines

- Some properties we might like to have:
  - Local control
  - Interpolation
  - Continuity
  - Convex hull

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Blending functions determine properties

Properties determine blending functions



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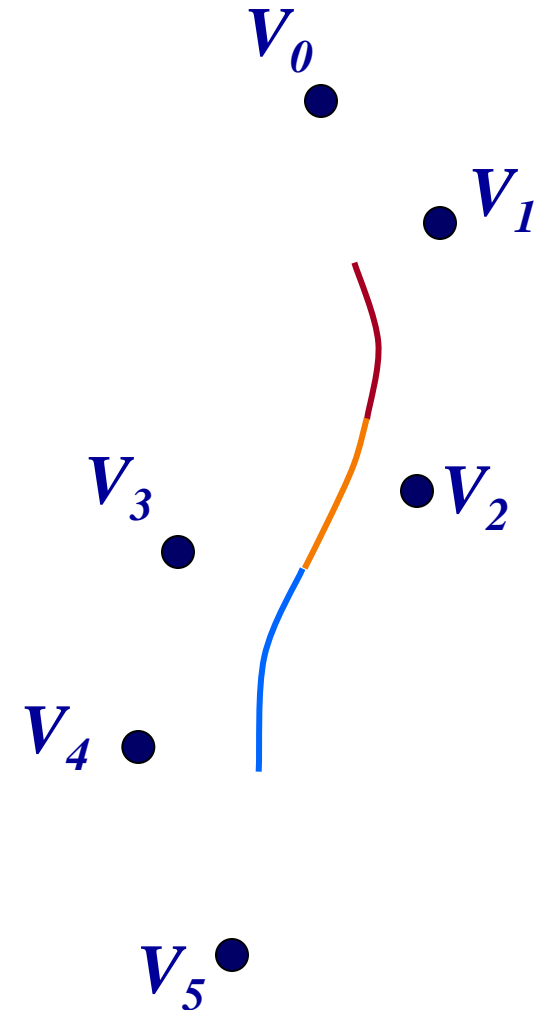


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# Cubic B-Splines



- Properties:
  - Local control
  - $C^2$  continuity
  - Approximating
  - Convex hull

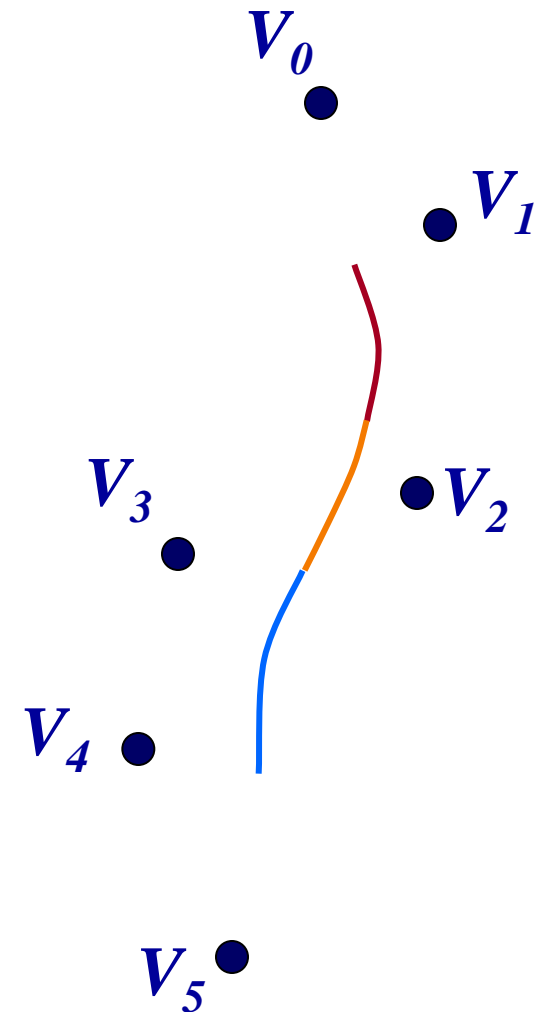
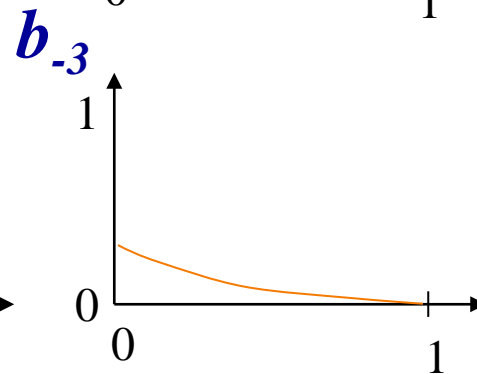
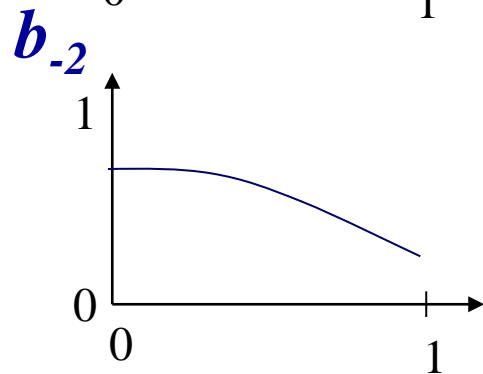
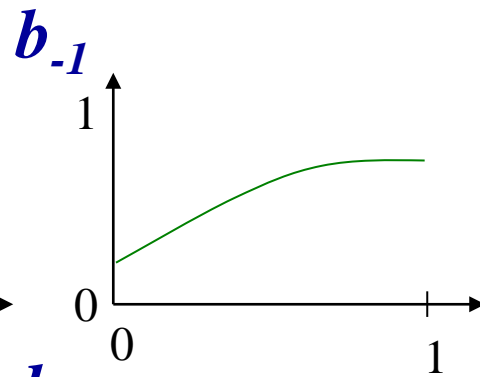
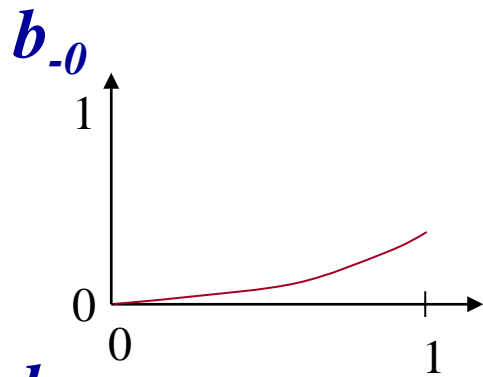


# Cubic B-Spline Blending Functions



Blending functions:

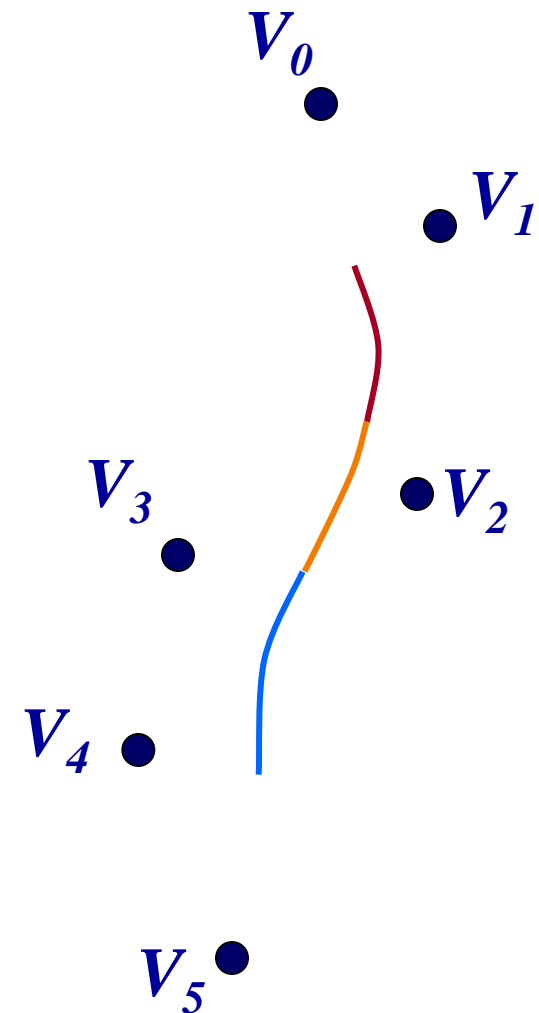
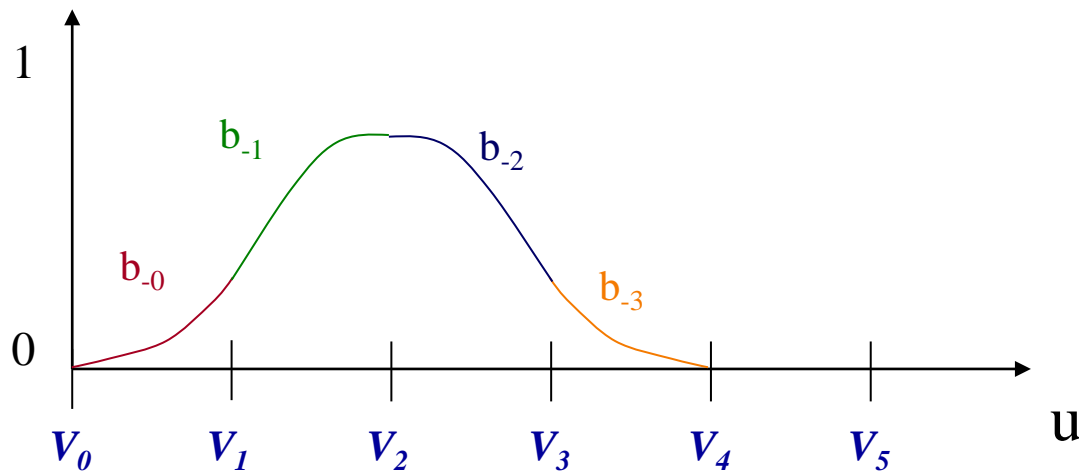
$$B_i(u) = \sum_{j=0}^m a_j u^j$$



# Cubic B-Spline Blending Functions



- How derive blending functions?
  - Cubic polynomials
  - Local control
  - $C^2$  continuity
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# Cubic B-Spline Blending Functions



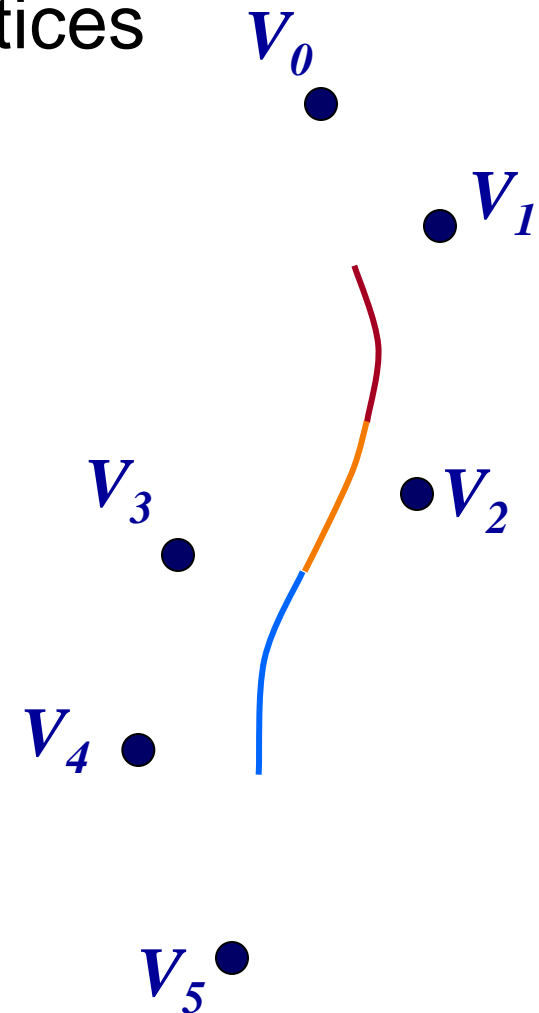
- Four cubic polynomials for four vertices
  - 16 variables (degrees of freedom)
  - Variables are  $a_i, b_i, c_i, d_i$  for four blending functions

$$b_{-0}(u) = a_0u^3 + b_0u^2 + c_0u^1 + d_0$$

$$b_{-1}(u) = a_1u^3 + b_1u^2 + c_1u^1 + d_1$$

$$b_{-2}(u) = a_2u^3 + b_2u^2 + c_2u^1 + d_2$$

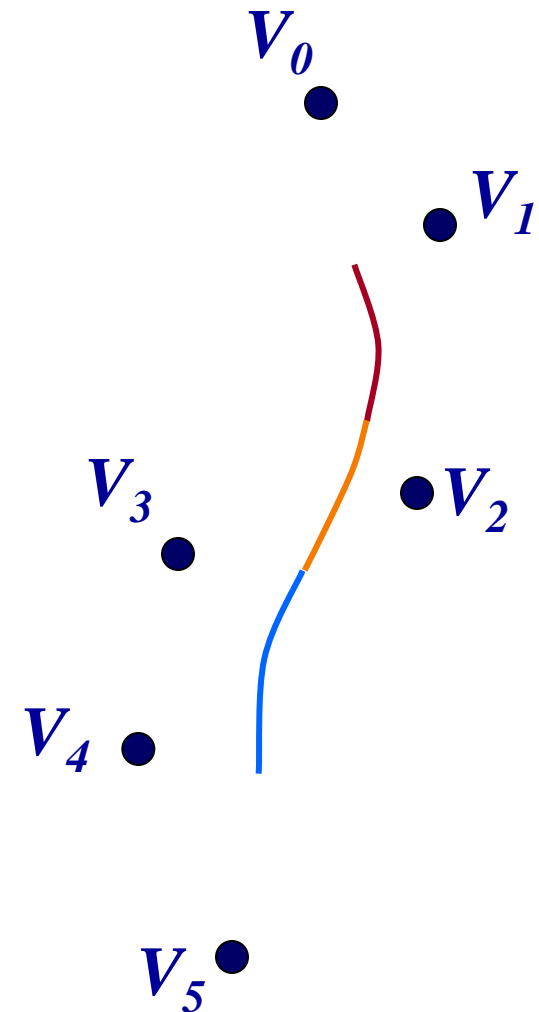
$$b_{-3}(u) = a_3u^3 + b_3u^2 + c_3u^1 + d_3$$



# Cubic B-Spline Blending Functions



- $C^2$  continuity implies 15 constraints
  - Position of two curves same
  - Derivative of two curves same
  - Second derivatives same





# Cubic B-Spline Blending Functions



Fifteen continuity constraints:

$$\begin{array}{lll} 0 = b_{-0}(0) & 0 = b_{-0}'(0) & 0 = b_{-0}''(0) \\ b_{-0}(1) = b_{-1}(0) & b_{-0}'(1) = b_{-1}'(0) & b_{-0}''(1) = b_{-1}''(0) \\ b_{-1}(1) = b_{-2}(0) & b_{-1}'(1) = b_{-2}'(0) & b_{-1}''(1) = b_{-2}''(0) \\ b_{-2}(1) = b_{-3}(0) & b_{-2}'(1) = b_{-3}'(0) & b_{-2}''(1) = b_{-3}''(0) \\ b_{-3}(1) = 0 & b_{-3}'(1) = 0 & b_{-3}''(1) = 0 \end{array}$$

One more convenient constraint:

$$b_{-0}(0) + b_{-1}(0) + b_{-2}(0) + b_{-3}(0) = 1$$

# Cubic B-Spline Blending Functions



- Solving the system of equations yields:

$$b_{-3}(u) = -\frac{1}{6}u^3 + \frac{1}{2}u^2 - \frac{1}{2}u + \frac{1}{6}$$

$$b_{-2}(u) = \frac{1}{2}u^3 - u^2 + \frac{2}{3}$$

$$b_{-1}(u) = -\frac{1}{2}u^3 + \frac{1}{2}u^2 + \frac{1}{2}u + \frac{1}{6}$$

$$b_{-0}(u) = \frac{1}{6}u^3$$

# Cubic B-Spline Blending Functions



- In matrix form:

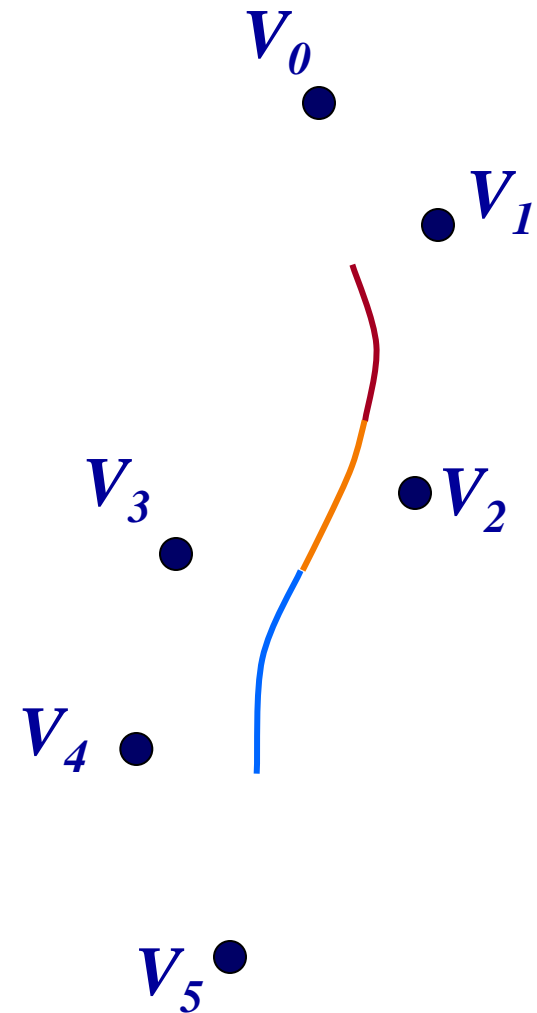
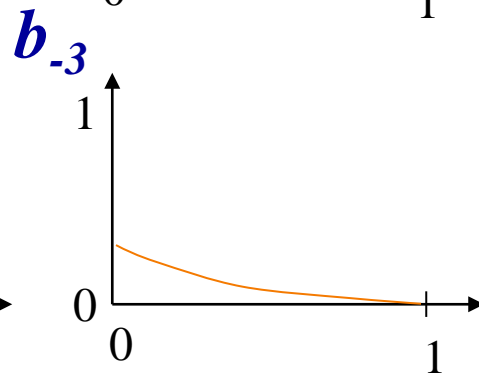
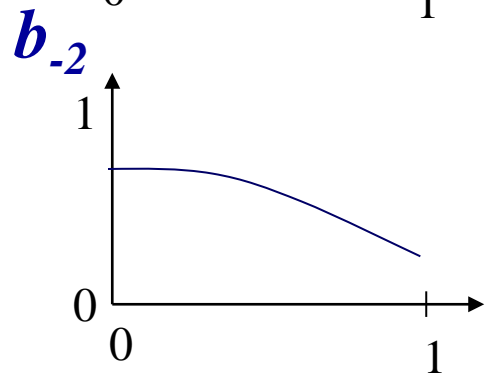
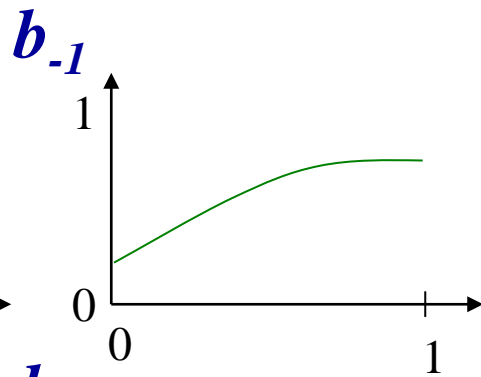
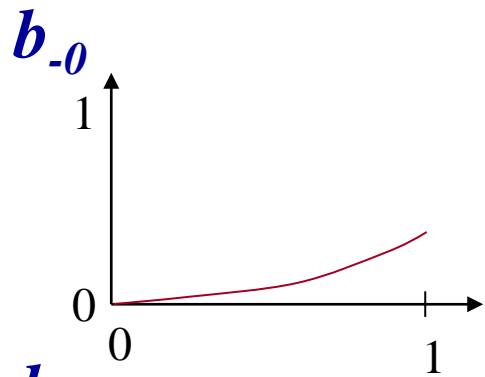
$$Q(u) = \begin{pmatrix} u^3 & u^2 & u & 1 \end{pmatrix} \frac{1}{6} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 3 & -3 & 1 \\ 3 & -6 & 3 & 0 \\ -3 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 1 & 4 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} V_0 \\ V_1 \\ V_2 \\ V_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

# Cubic B-Spline Blending Functions



In plot form:

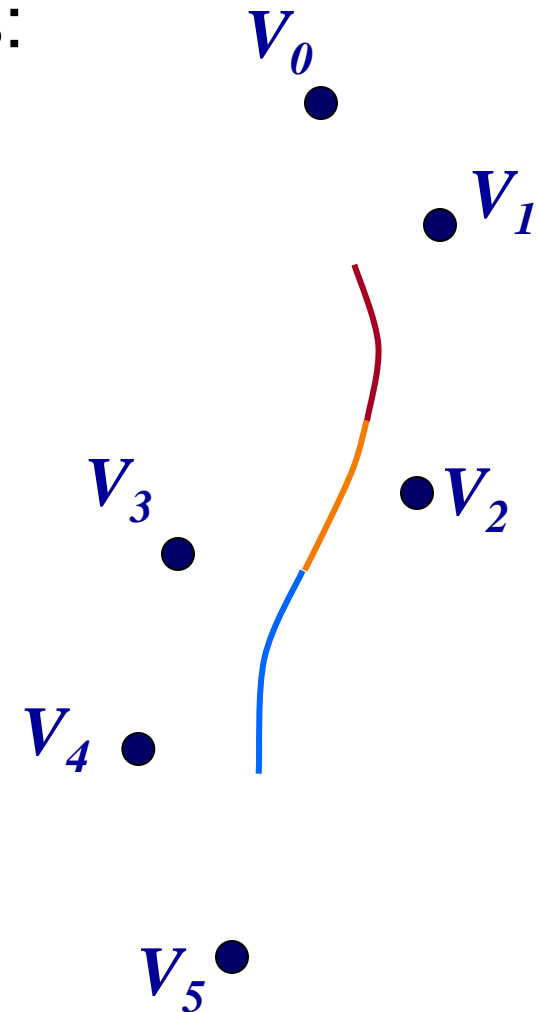
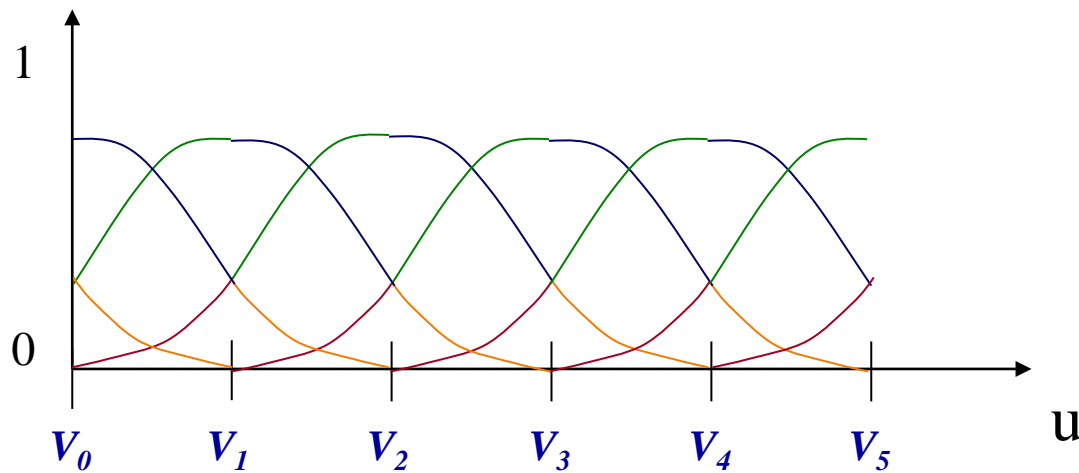
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# Cubic B-Spline Blending Functions



- Blending functions imply properties:
  - Local control
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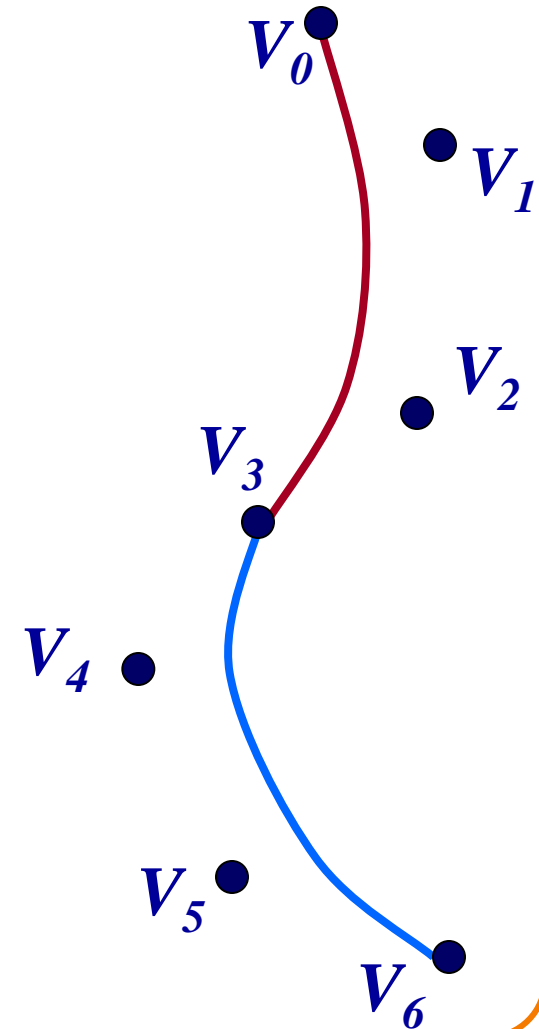


# Cubic Bezier

- Developed around 1960 by both
  - Pierre Bézier (Renault)
  - Paul de Casteljau (Citroen)
- Properties:
  - Local control
  - Continuity depends on control points
  - Interpolating (every third)

Properties determine blending functions

Blending functions determine properties

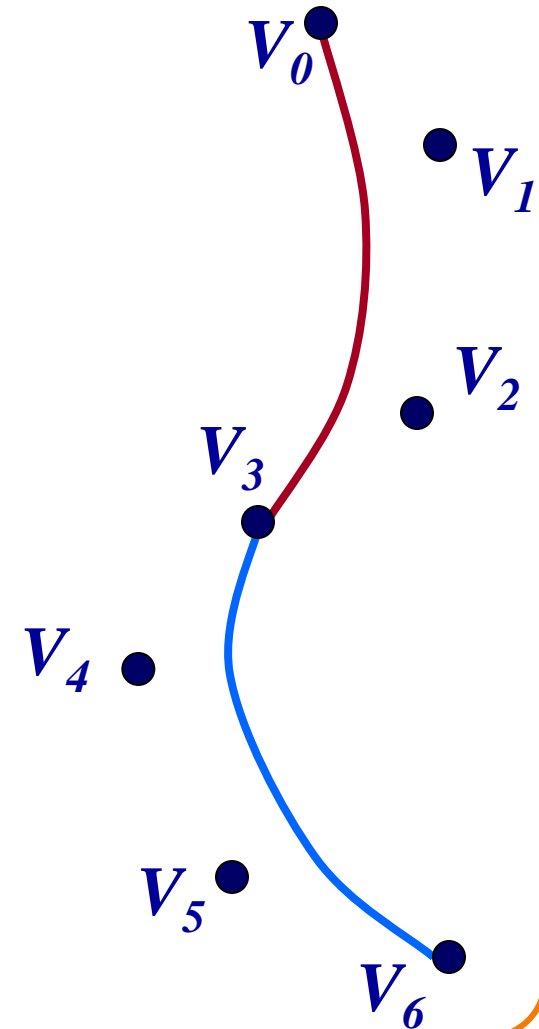
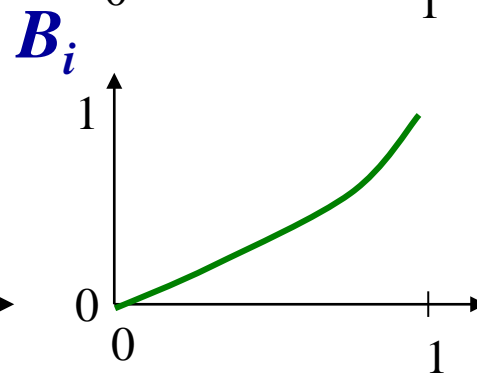
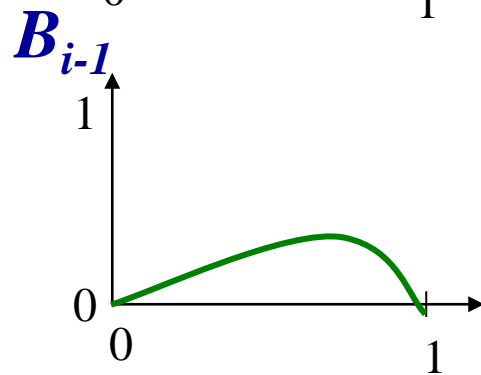
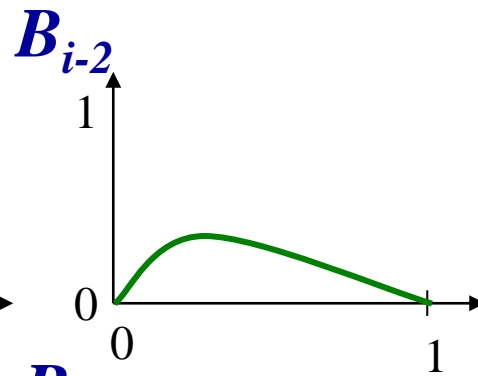
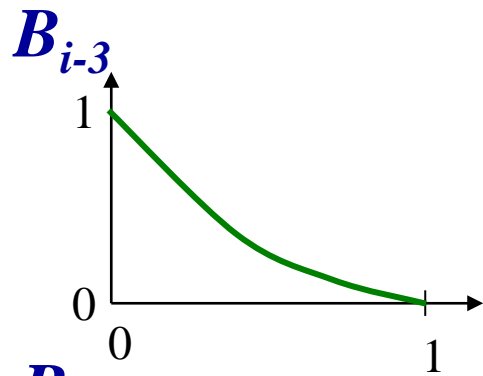


# Cubic Bezier curves



Blending functions:

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# Cubic Bezier Curves

Bézier curves in matrix form:

$$\begin{aligned} Q(u) &= \sum_{i=0}^n V_i \binom{n}{i} u^i (1-u)^{n-i} \\ &= (1-u)^3 V_0 + 3u(1-u)^2 V_1 + 3u^2(1-u) V_2 + u^3 V_3 \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} u^3 & u^2 & u & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 3 & -3 & 1 \\ 3 & -6 & 3 & 0 \\ -3 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} V_0 \\ V_1 \\ V_2 \\ V_3 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$\mathbf{M}_{\text{Bezier}}$

# Basic properties of Bézier curves



- Endpoint interpolation:

$$Q(0) = V_0$$

$$Q(1) = V_n$$

- Convex hull:

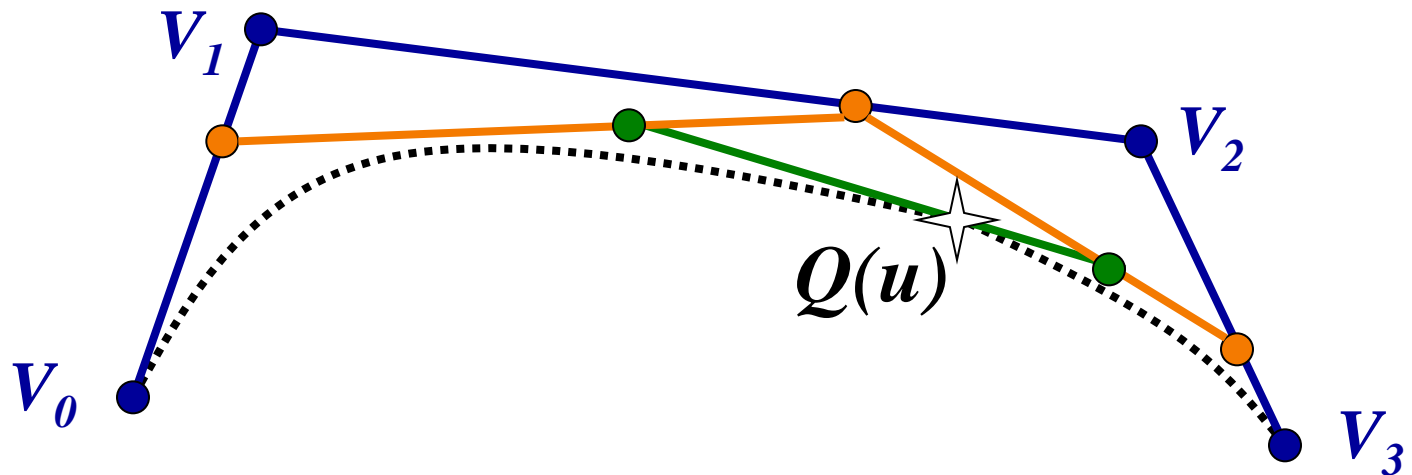
- Curve is contained within convex hull of control polygon

- Symmetry

$$Q(u) \text{ defined by } \{V_0, \dots, V_n\} \equiv Q(1-u) \text{ defined by } \{V_n, \dots, V_0\}$$

# Bézier curves

- Curve  $Q(u)$  can also be defined by nested interpolation:



$V_i$  are control points

$\{V_0, V_1, \dots, V_n\}$  is control polygon

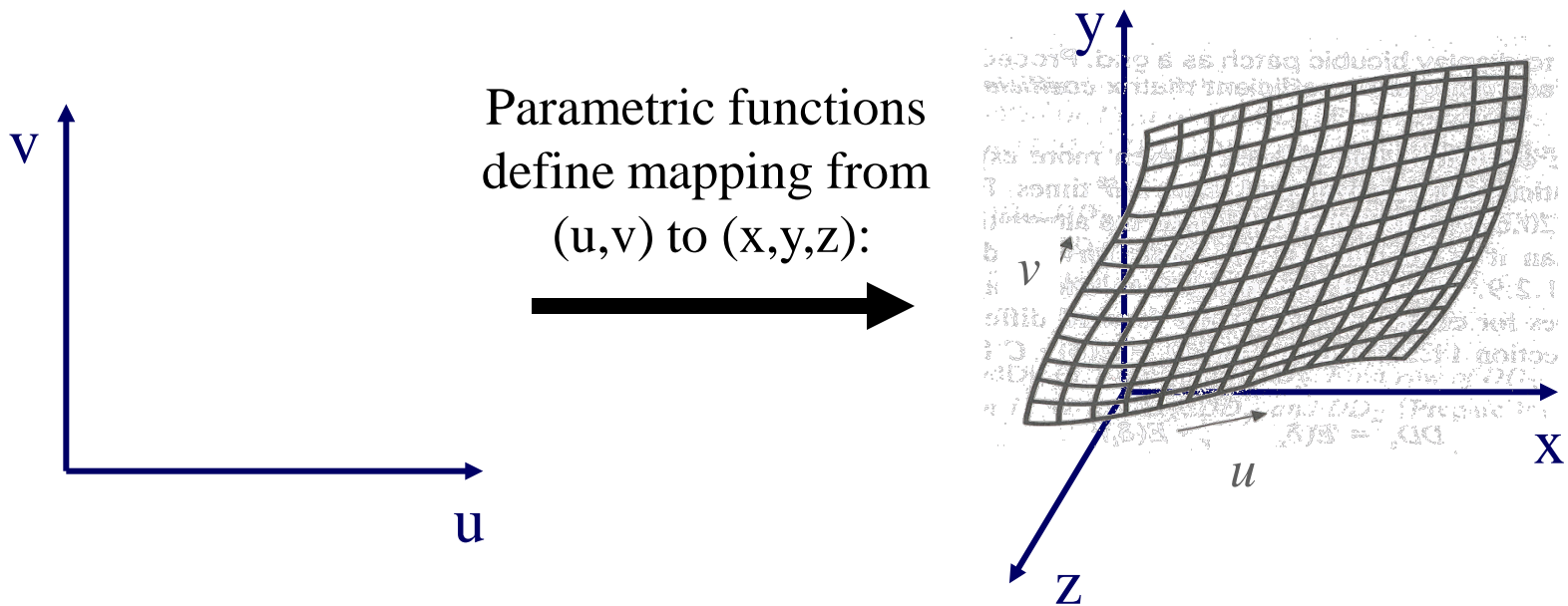
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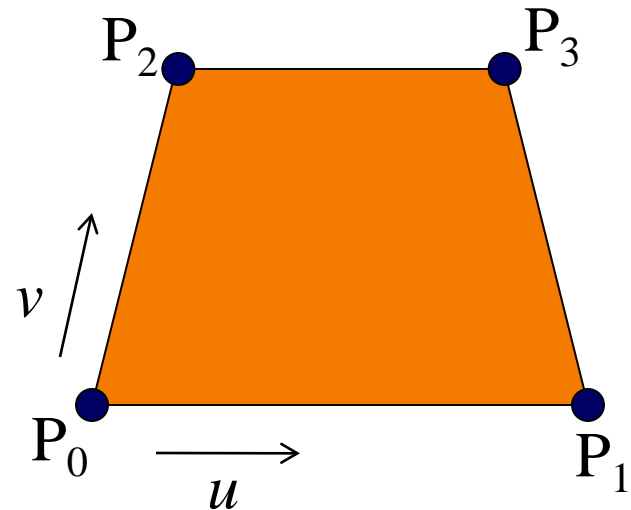
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- Example: quadrilateral

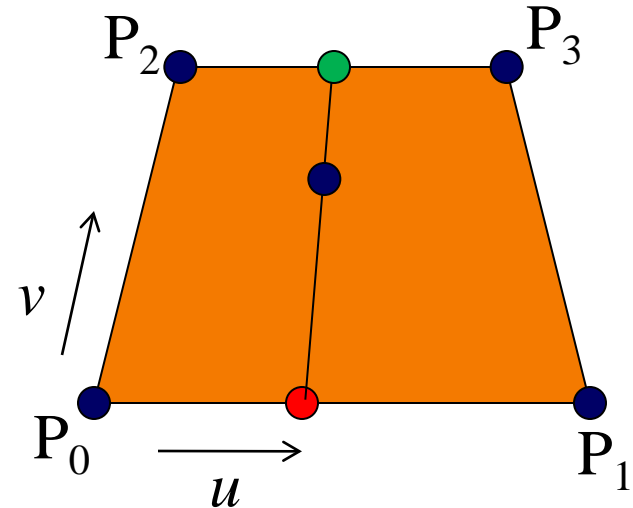
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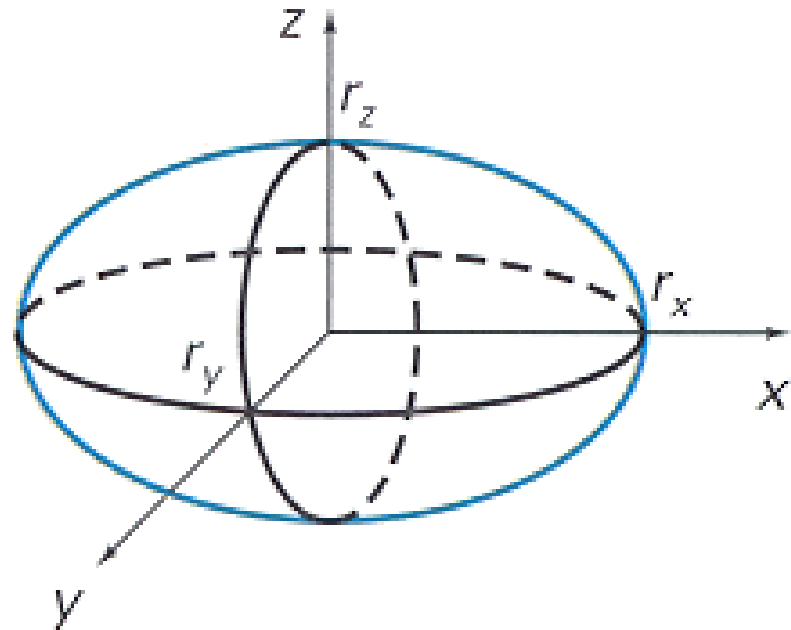
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- Example: ellipsoid

$$f_x(u, v) = r_x \cos v \cos u$$

$$f_y(u, v) = r_y \cos v \sin u$$

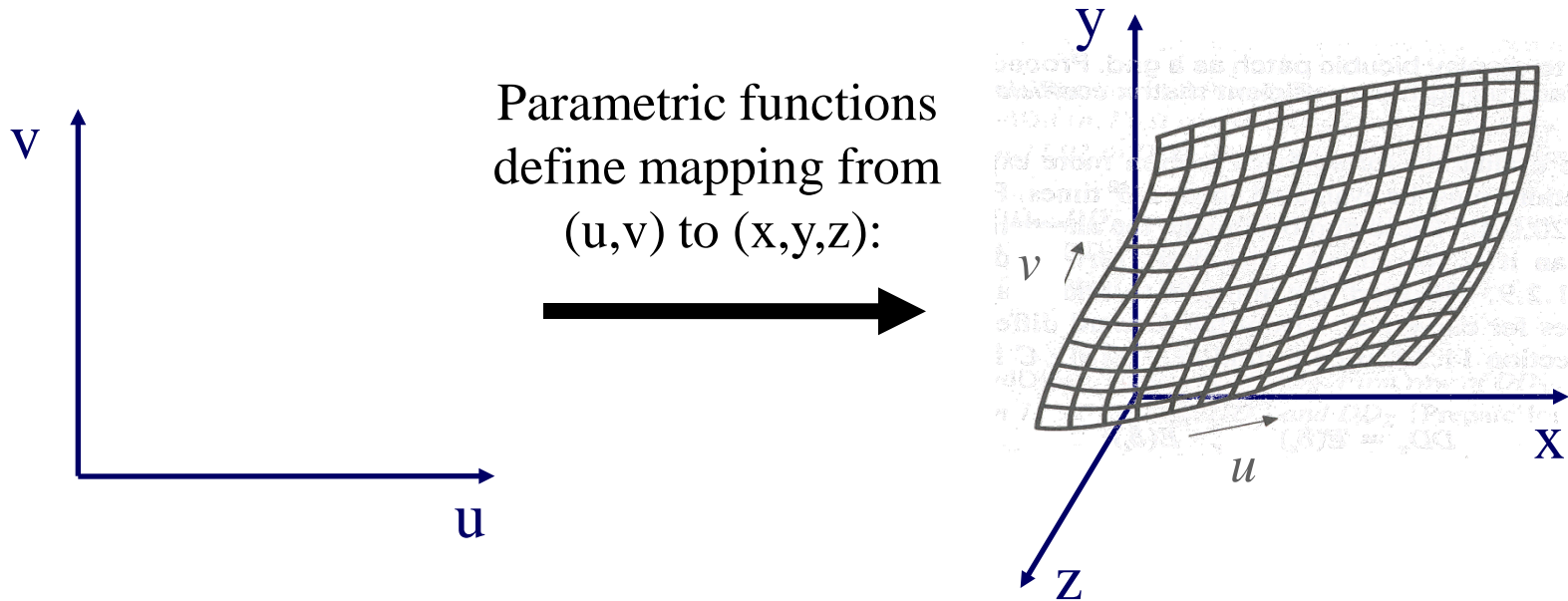
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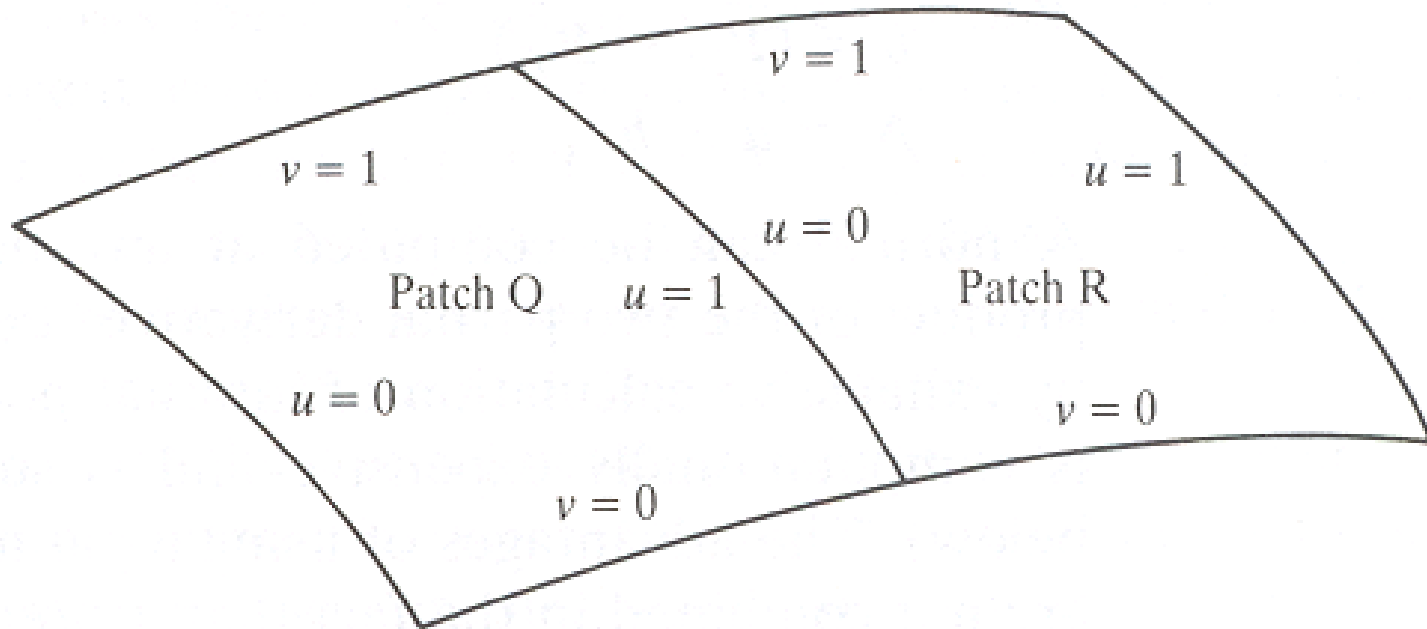
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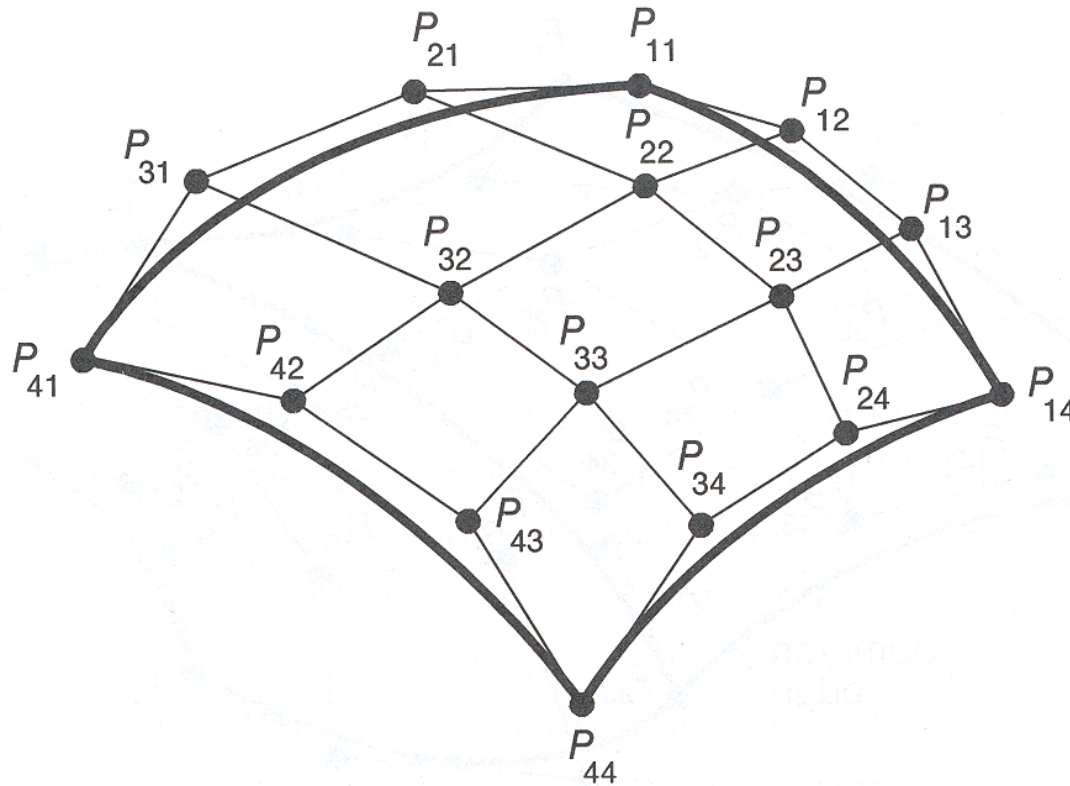
- Surface is partitioned into parametric patches:



Same ideas as parametric splines!

# Parametric Patches

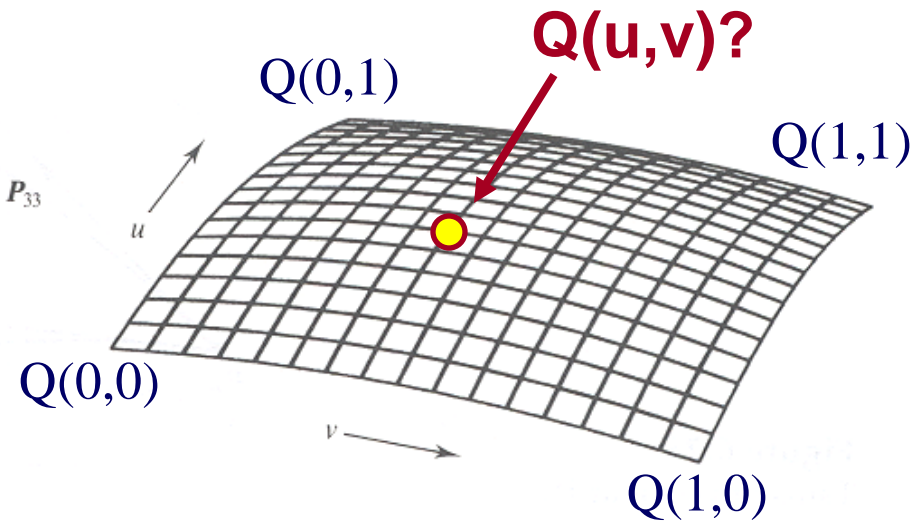
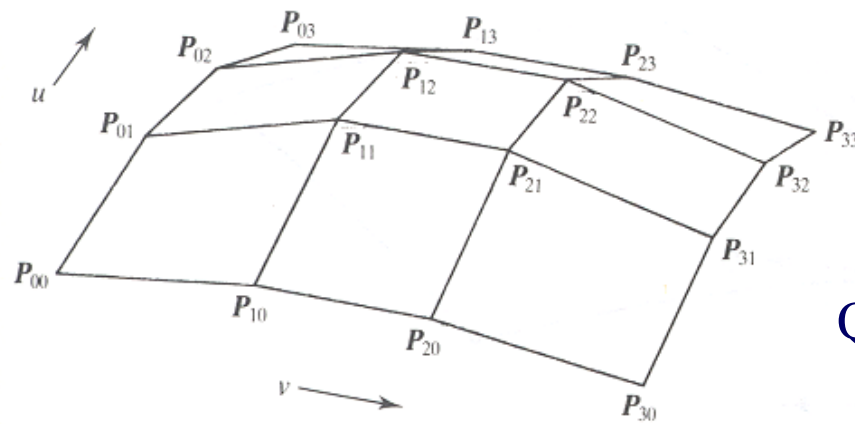
- Each patch is defined by blending control points



Same ideas as parametric curves!

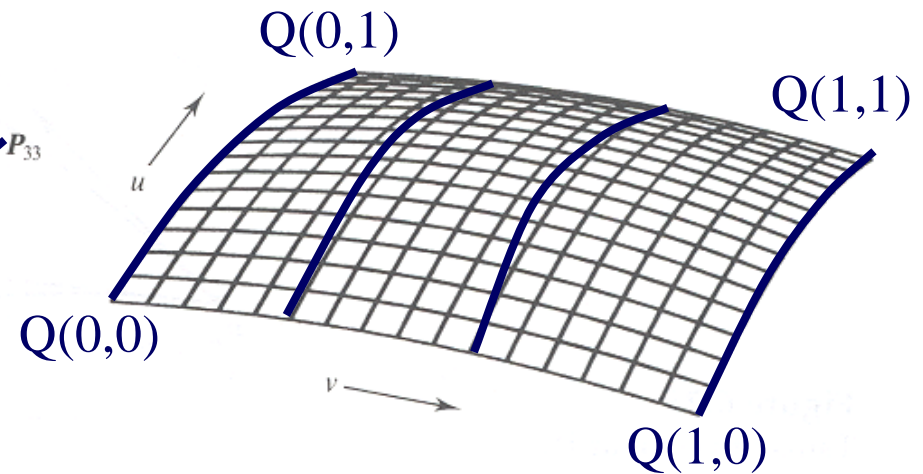
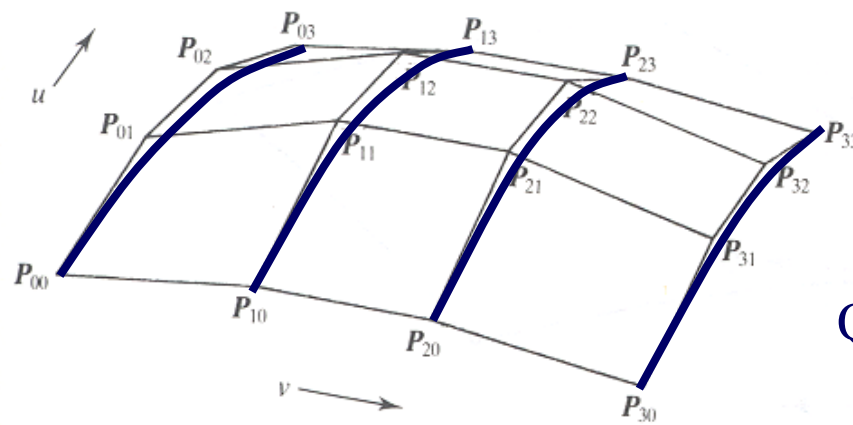
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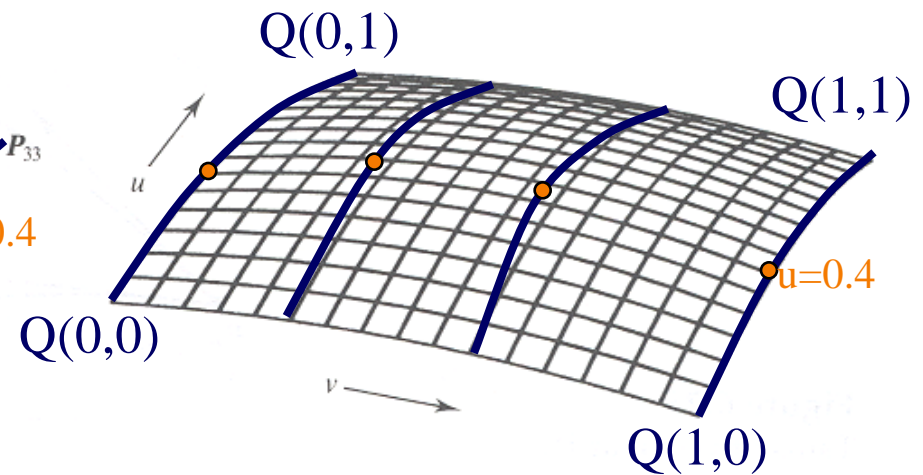
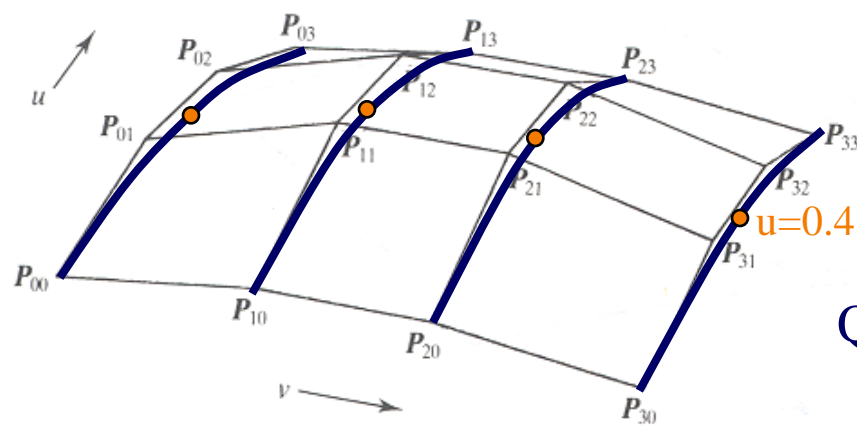
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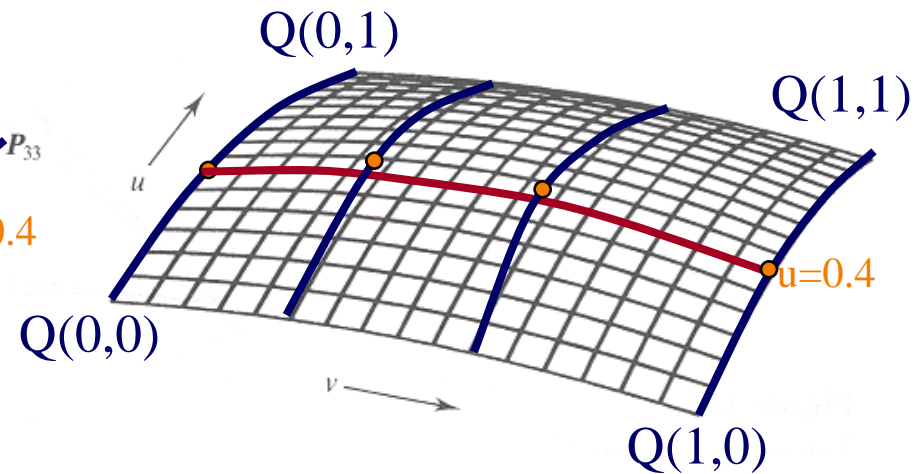
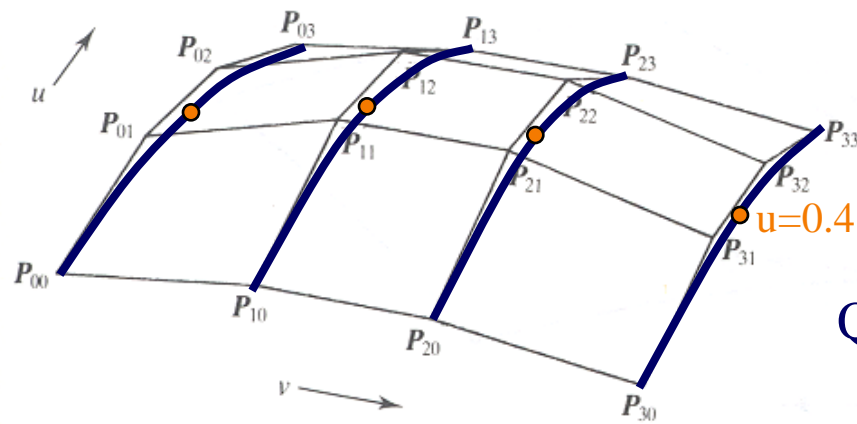
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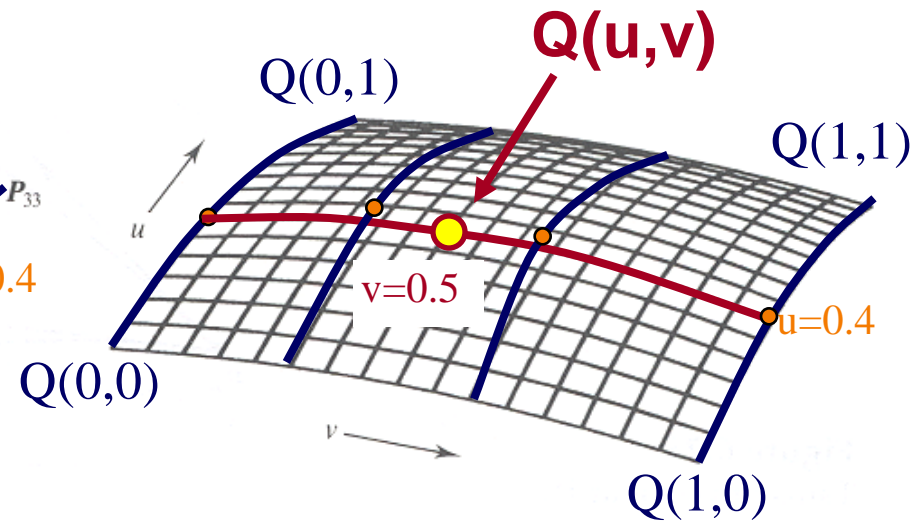
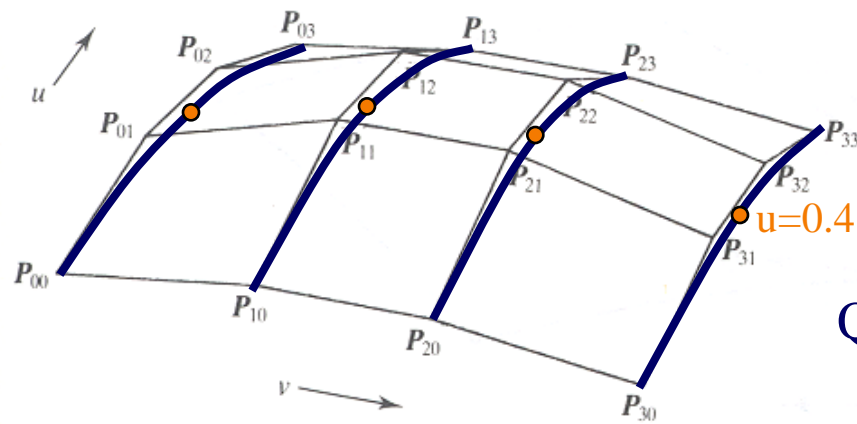
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# Parametric Bicubic Patches

Point  $Q(u,v)$  on any patch is defined by combining control points with polynomial blending functions:

$$Q(u, v) = \mathbf{U} \mathbf{M} \begin{bmatrix} P_{1,1} & P_{1,2} & P_{1,3} & P_{1,4} \\ P_{2,1} & P_{2,2} & P_{2,3} & P_{2,4} \\ P_{3,1} & P_{3,2} & P_{3,3} & P_{3,4} \\ P_{4,1} & P_{4,2} & P_{4,3} & P_{4,4} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{M}^T \mathbf{V}^T$$

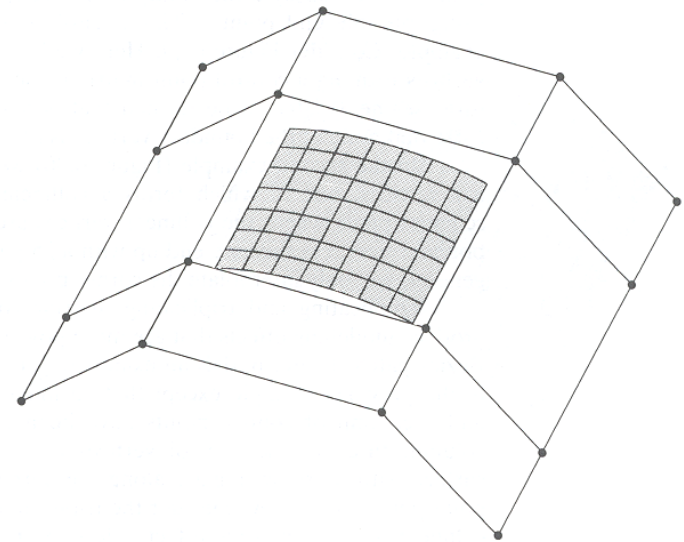
$$\mathbf{U} = [u^3 \quad u^2 \quad u \quad 1] \quad \mathbf{V} = [v^3 \quad v^2 \quad v \quad 1]$$

Where  $\mathbf{M}$  is a matrix describing the blending functions for a parametric cubic curve (e.g., Bezier, B-spline, etc.)

# B-Spline Patches

$$Q(u, v) = \mathbf{U} \mathbf{M}_{\text{B-Spline}} \begin{bmatrix} P_{1,1} & P_{1,2} & P_{1,3} & P_{1,4} \\ P_{2,1} & P_{2,2} & P_{2,3} & P_{2,4} \\ P_{3,1} & P_{3,2} & P_{3,3} & P_{3,4} \\ P_{4,1} & P_{4,2} & P_{4,3} & P_{4,4} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{M}_{\text{B-Spline}}^T \mathbf{V}$$

$$\mathbf{M}_{\text{B-Spline}} = \begin{bmatrix} -1/6 & 1/2 & -1/2 & 1/6 \\ 1/2 & -1 & 1/2 & 0 \\ -1/2 & 0 & 1/2 & 0 \\ 1/6 & 2/3 & 1/6 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

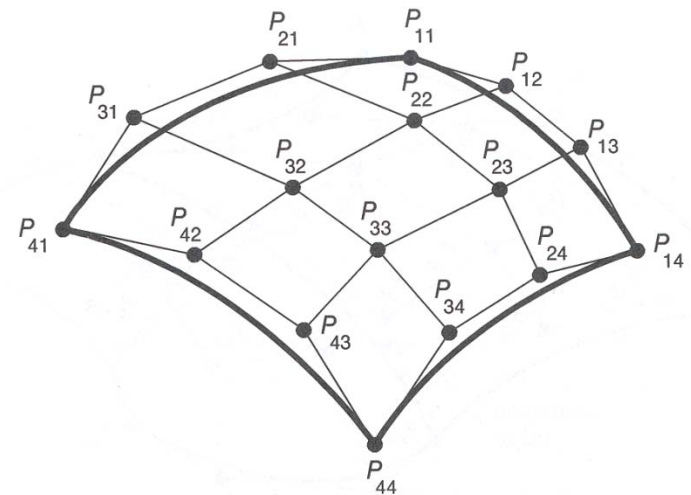


# Bezier Patches



$$Q(u, v) = \mathbf{U} \mathbf{M}_{\text{Bezier}} \begin{bmatrix} P_{1,1} & P_{1,2} & P_{1,3} & P_{1,4} \\ P_{2,1} & P_{2,2} & P_{2,3} & P_{2,4} \\ P_{3,1} & P_{3,2} & P_{3,3} & P_{3,4} \\ P_{4,1} & P_{4,2} & P_{4,3} & P_{4,4} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{M}_{\text{Bezier}}^T \mathbf{V}$$

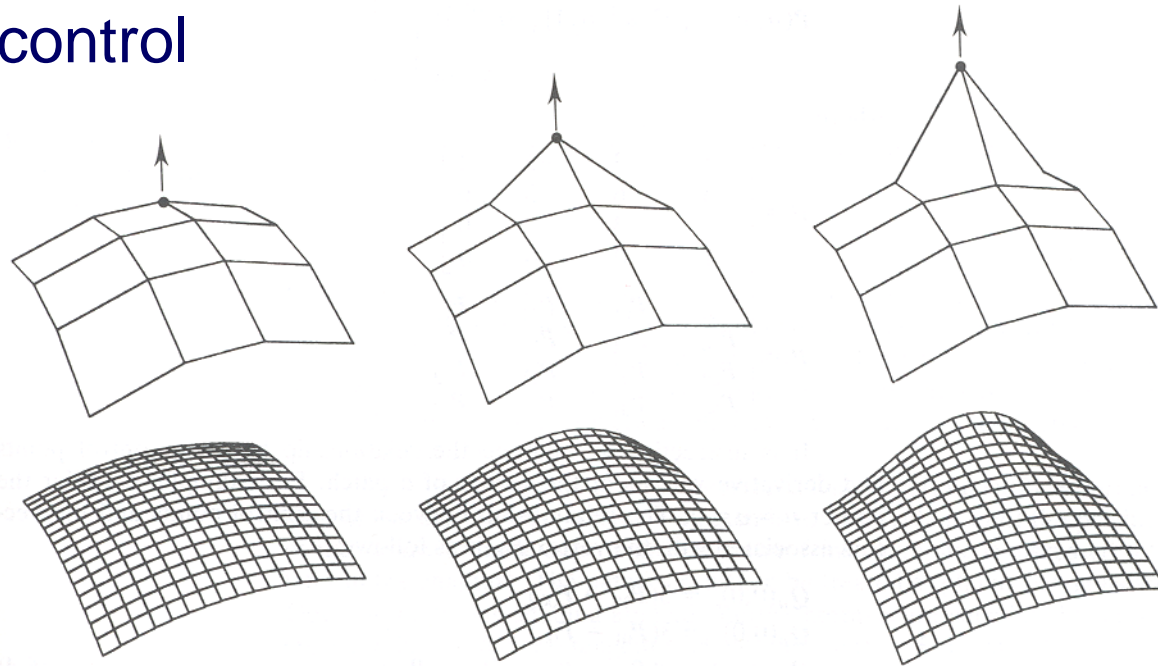
$$\mathbf{M}_{\text{Bezier}} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 3 & -3 & 1 \\ 3 & -6 & 3 & 0 \\ -3 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



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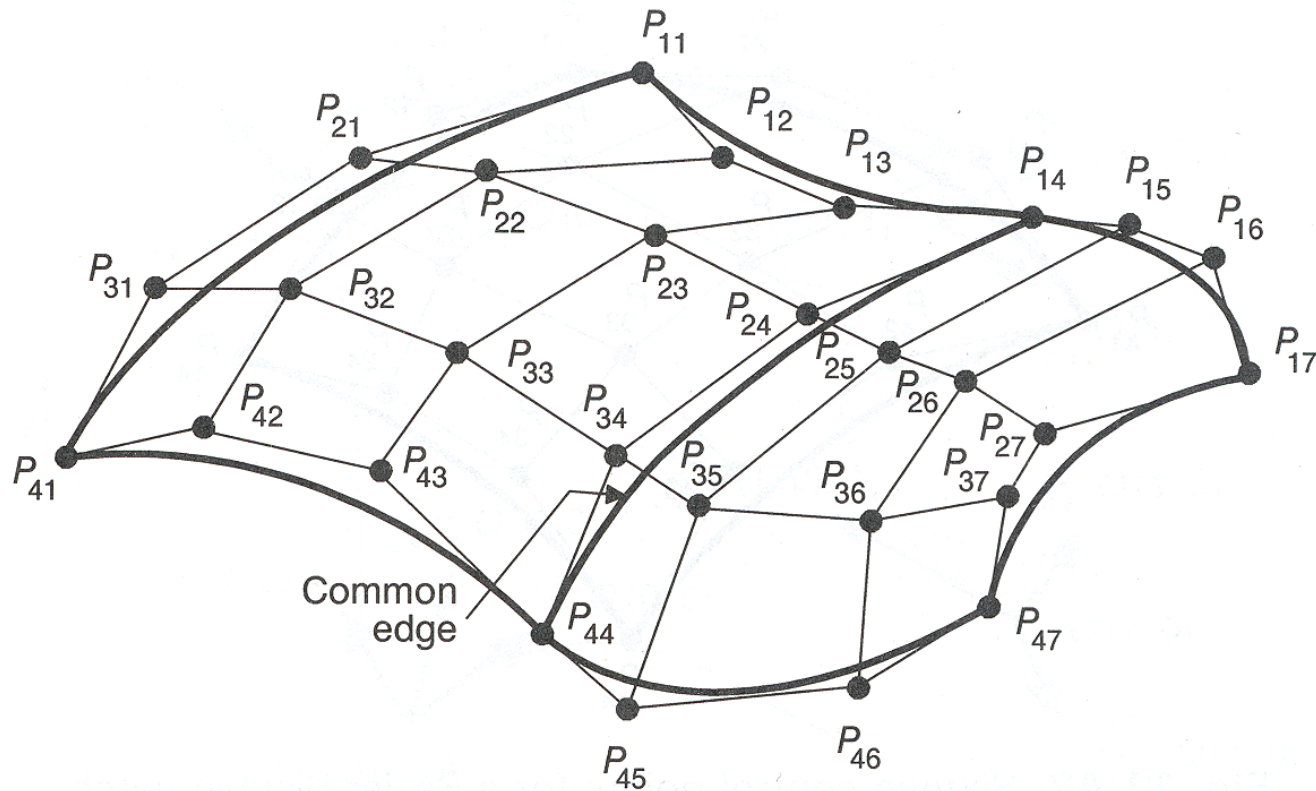
# Bezier Patches

- Properties:
  - Interpolates four corner points
  - Convex hull
  - Local control



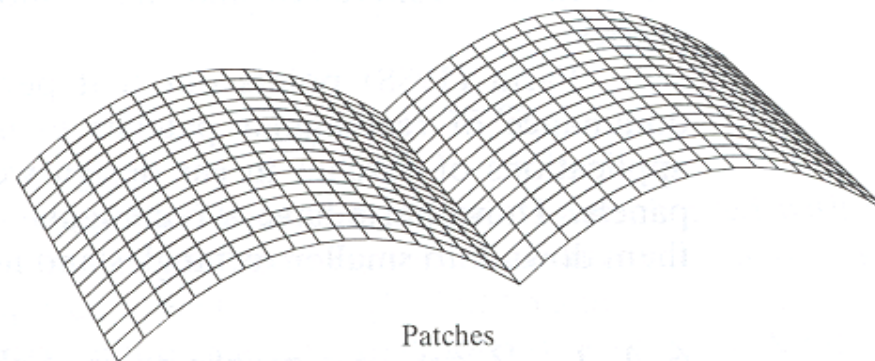
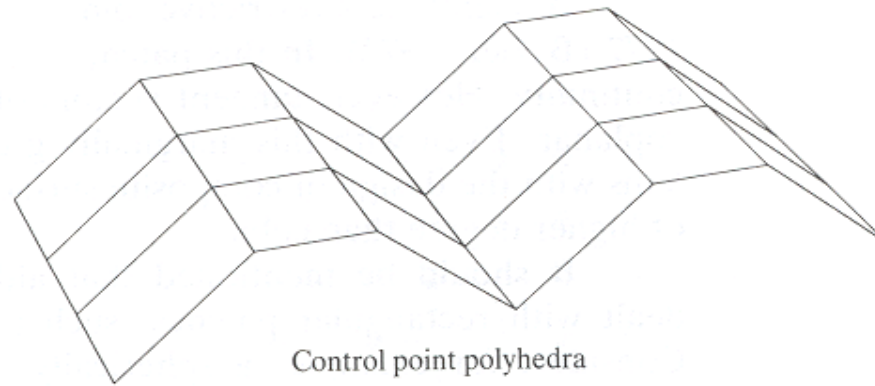
# Bezier Surfaces

- Continuity constraints are similar to the ones for Bezier splines



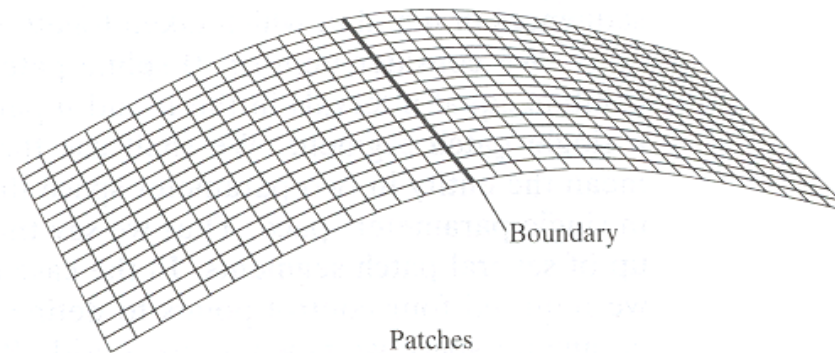
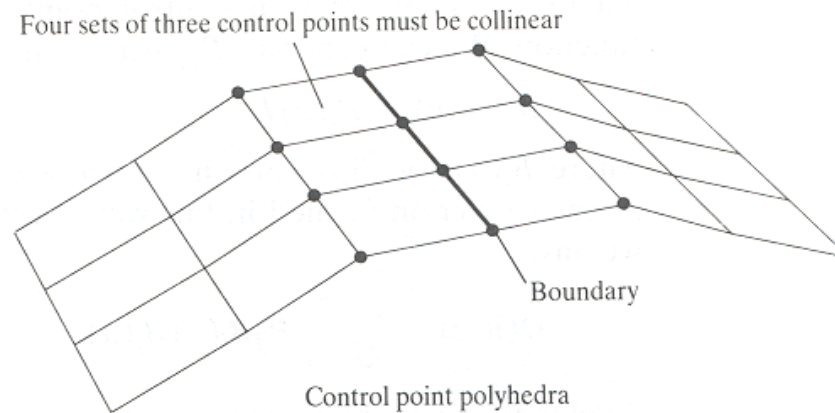
# Bezier Surfaces

- $C^0$  continuity requires aligning boundary curves



# Bezier Surfaces

- $C^1$  continuity requires aligning boundary curves and derivatives





# Parametric Surfaces

- Advantages:
  - Easy to enumerate points on surface
  - Possible to describe complex shapes
- Disadvantages:
  - Control mesh must be quadrilaterals
  - Continuity constraints difficult to maintain:  
 $C^0$  easy,  $C^1$  possible,  $C^2$  hard at extraordinary vertices
  - Hard to find intersections



# Comparison



Feature	Polygonal Mesh	Parametric Surface	Subdivision Surface
Accurate	No	Yes	Yes
Concise	No	Yes	Yes
Intuitive specification	No	Yes	No
Local support	Yes	Yes	Yes
Affine invariant	Yes	Yes	Yes
Arbitrary topology	Yes	No	Yes
Guaranteed continuity	No	Yes	Yes
Natural parameterization	No	Yes	No
Efficient display	Yes	Yes	Yes
Efficient intersections	No	No	No