



# Parametric Surfaces

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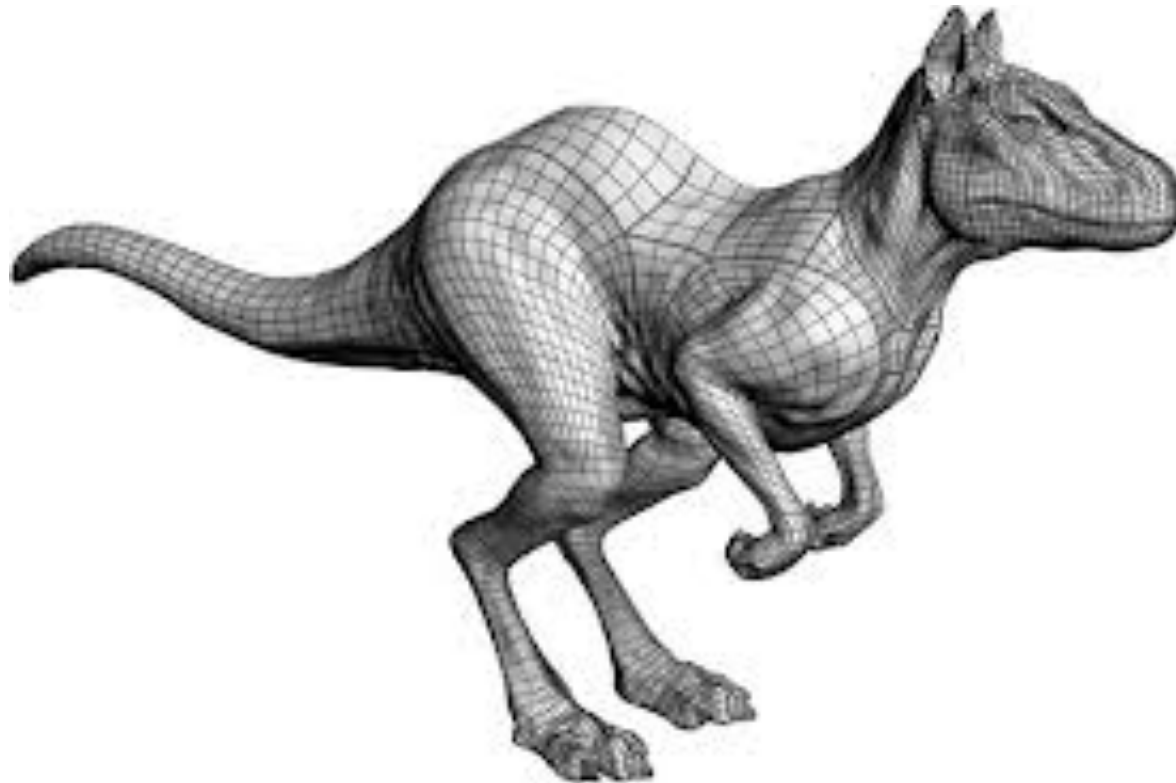
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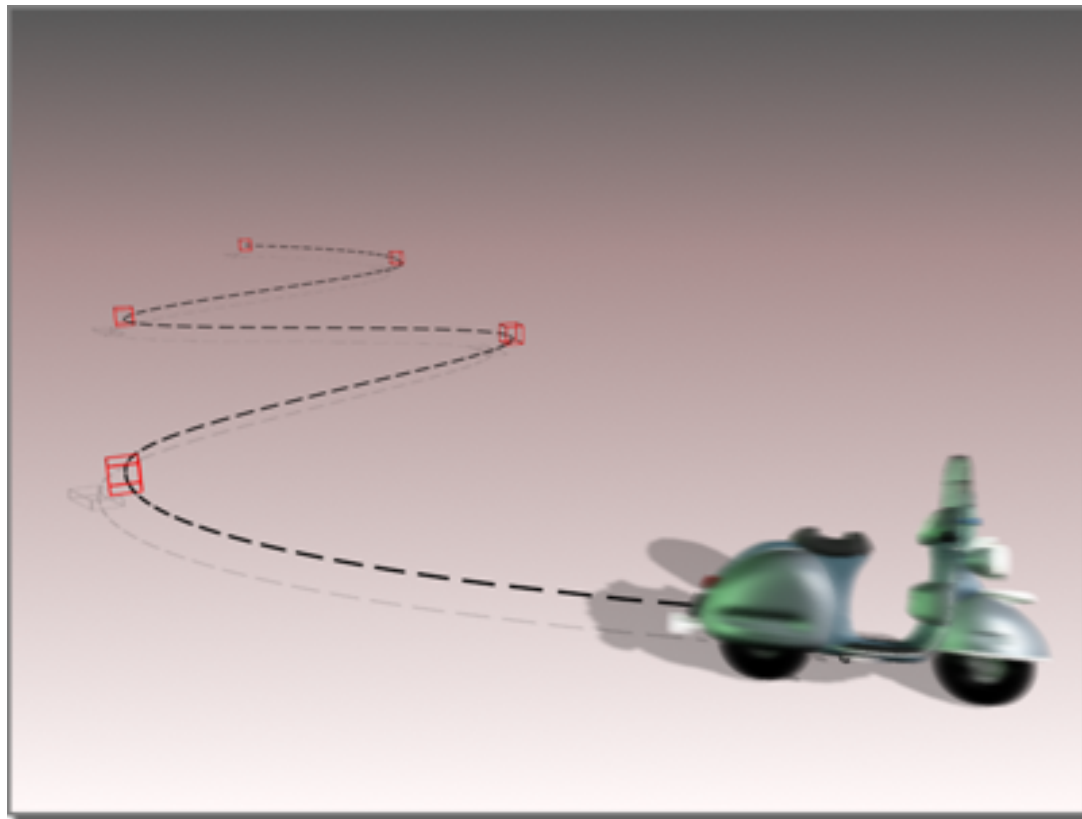


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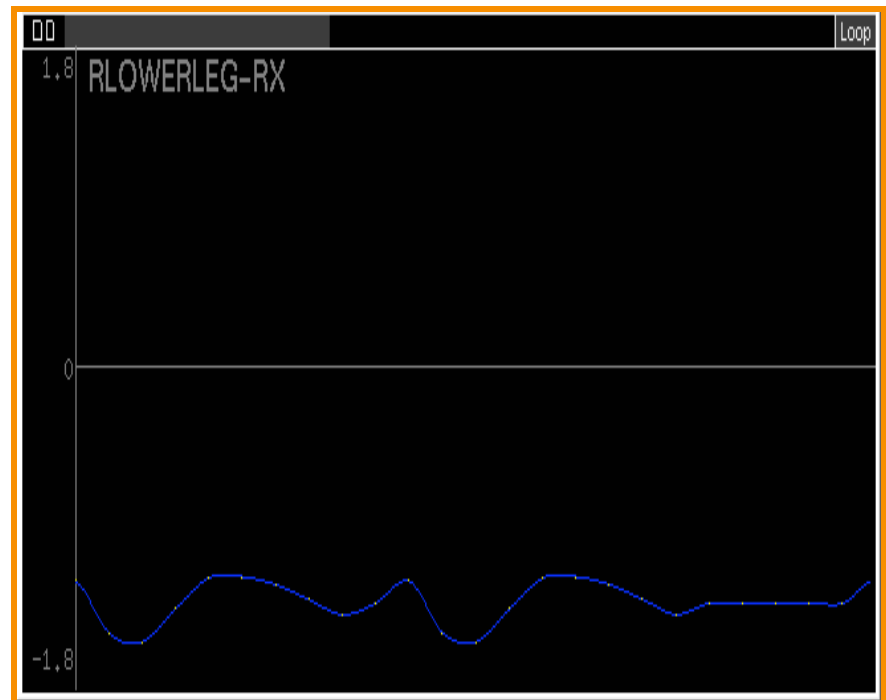
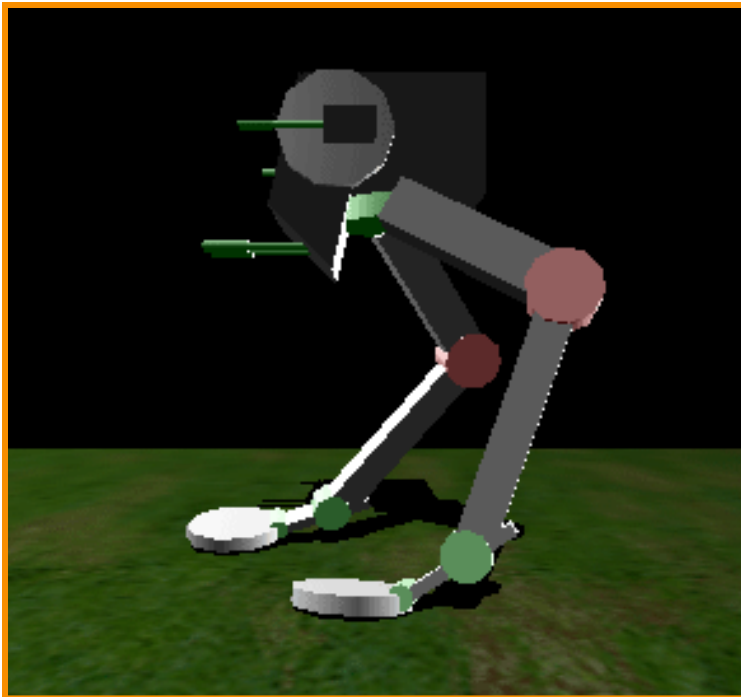
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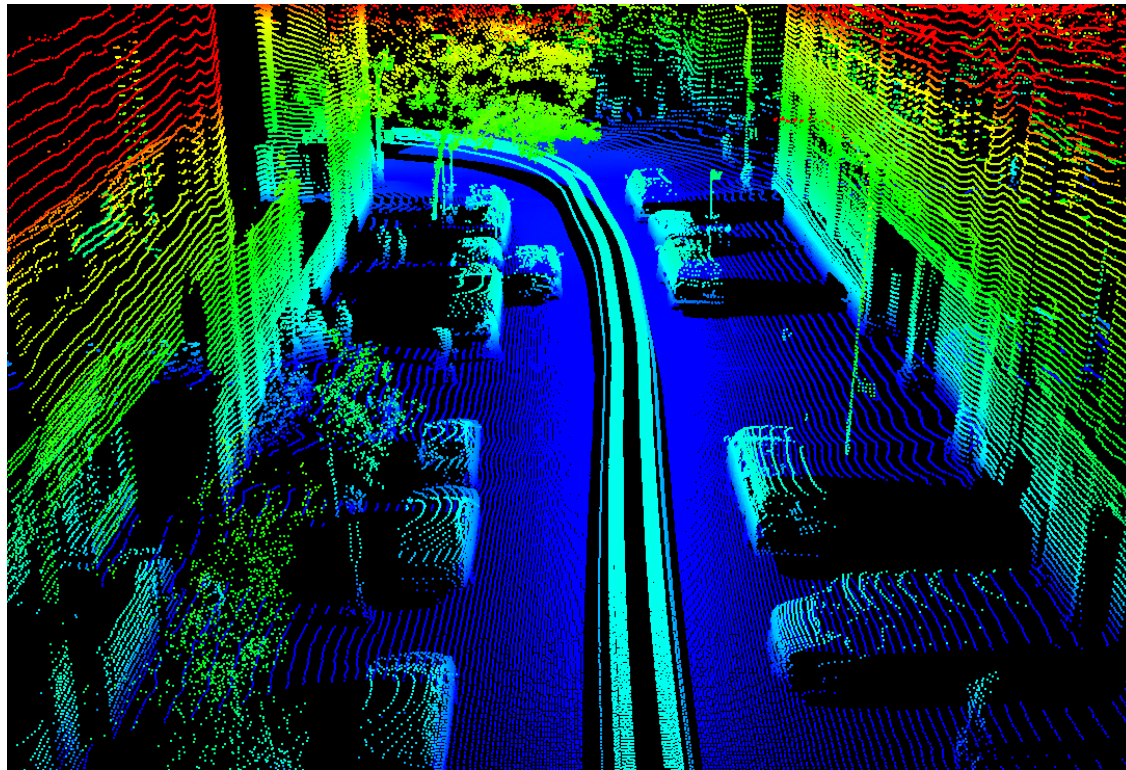
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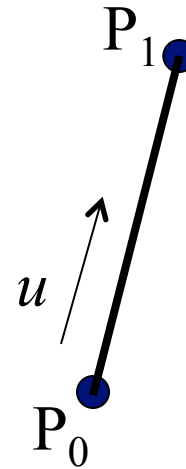
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- Example: line segment

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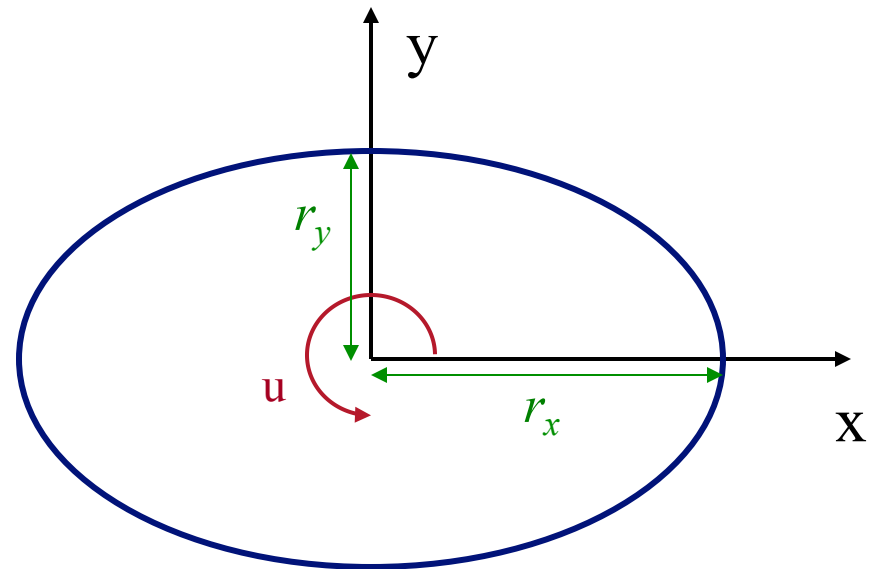
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- Example: ellipse

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

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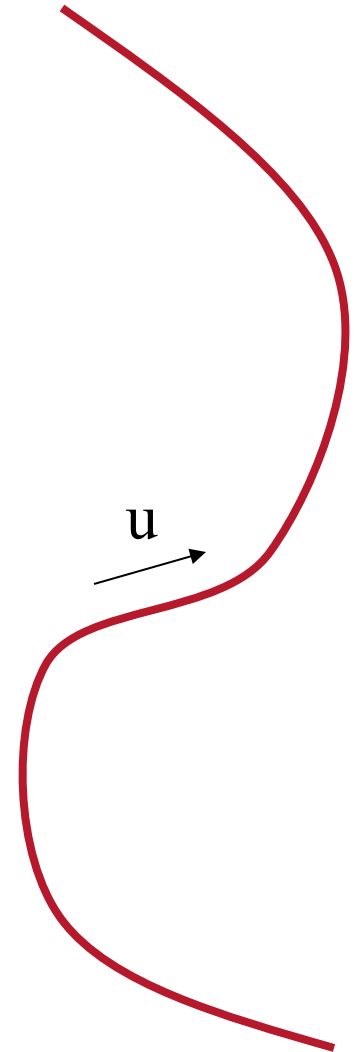
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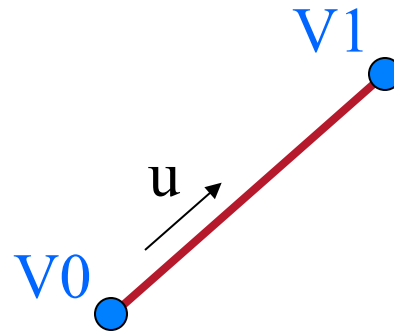


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Use functions that “blend” control points

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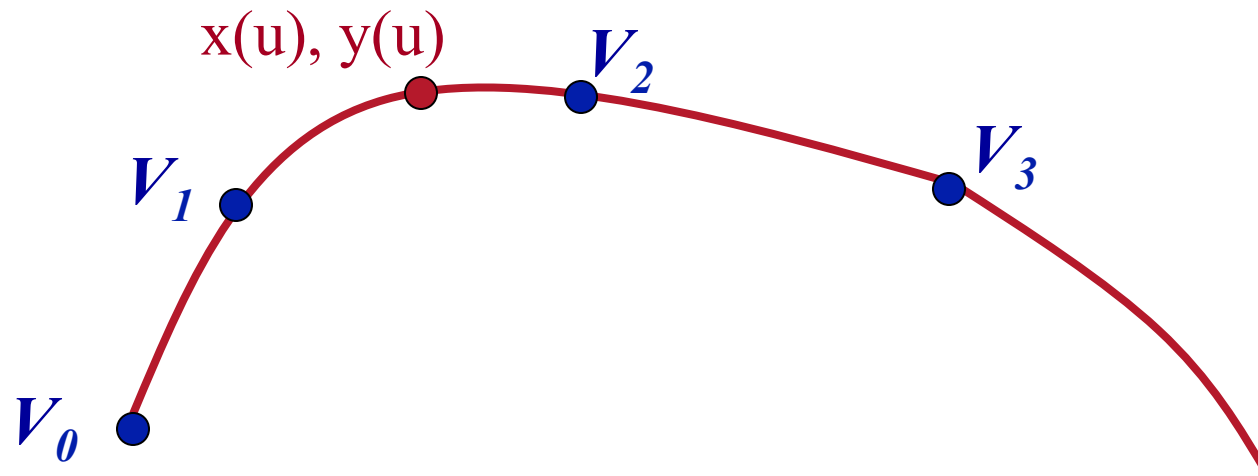
$$y = f_y(u) = V0_y * (1 - u) + V1_y * u$$

# Parametric curves

More generally:

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

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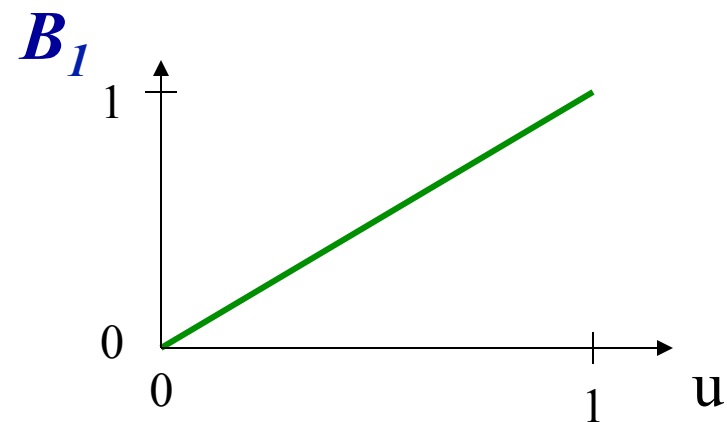
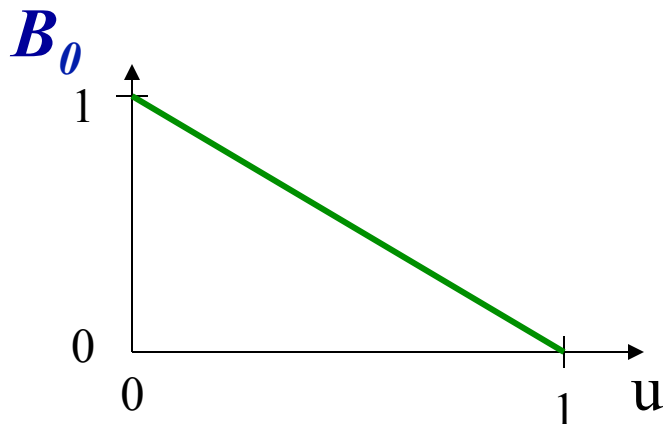
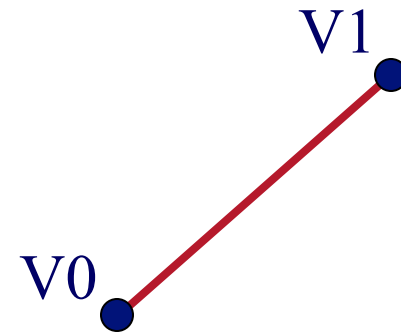


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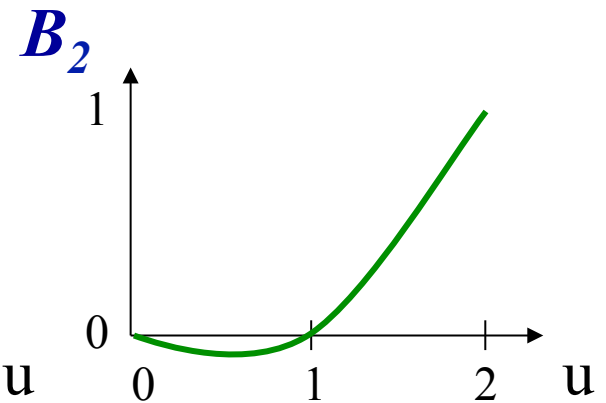
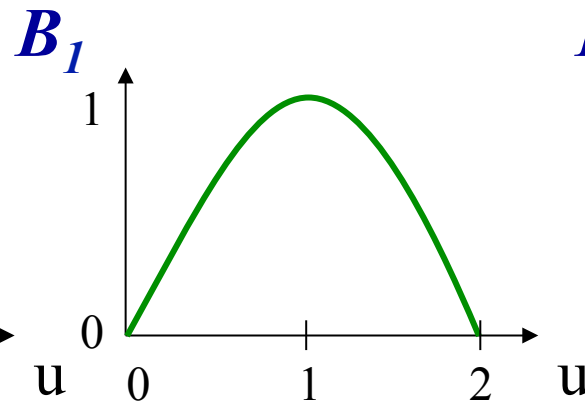
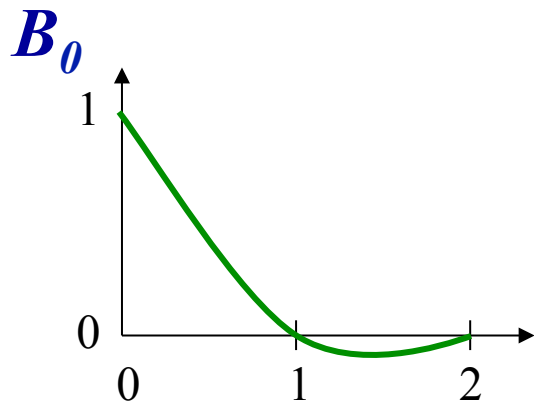
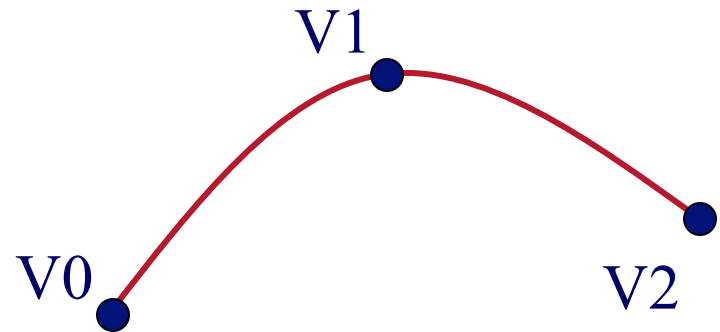


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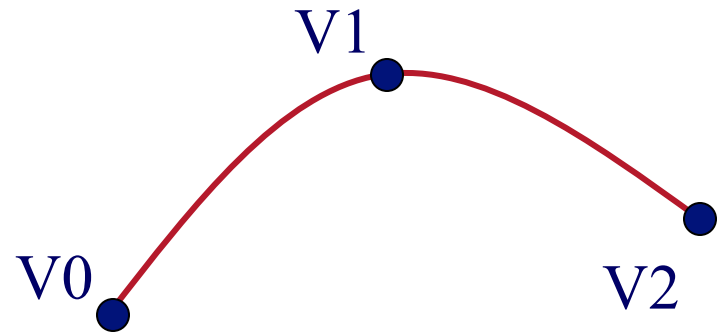




# Parametric Polynomial Curves

- Polynomial blending functions:

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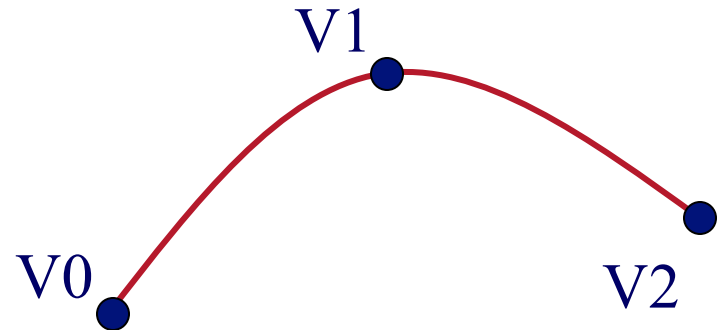
- Advantages of polynomials
  - Easy to compute
  - Infinitely continuous
  - Easy to derive curve properties



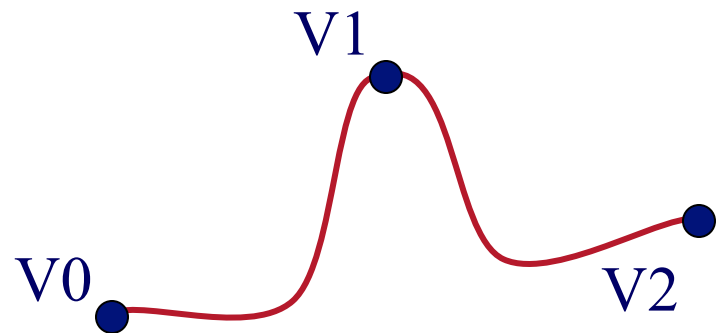
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- What degree polynomial?
  - Easy to compute
  - Easy to control
  - Expressive



# Piecewise Parametric Polynomial Curves



- **Splines:**

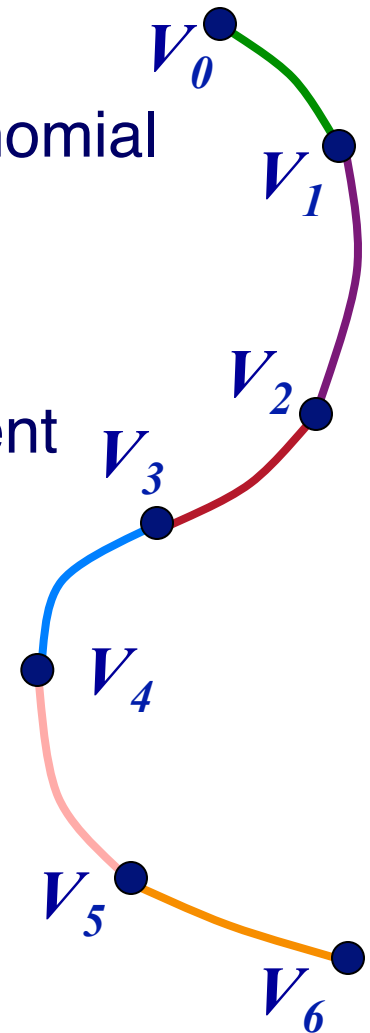
- Split curve into segments
- Each segment defined by low-order polynomial blending subset of control vertices

- **Motivation:**

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

- **Challenges**

- How choose blending functions?
- How determine properties?





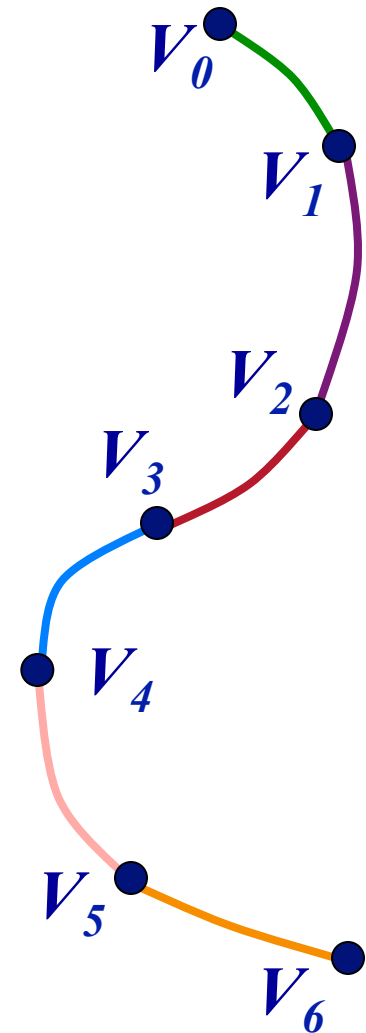
# Cubic Splines

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

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

Blending functions determine properties

Properties determine blending functions



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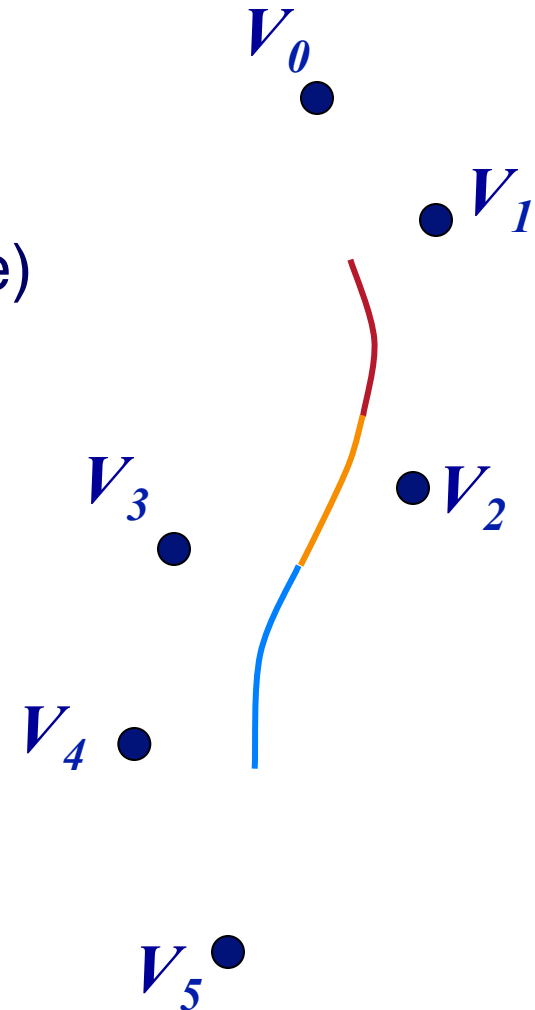
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# Cubic B-Splines



- Properties:
  - Local control
  - $C^2$  continuity at joints  
(infinitely continuous within each piece)
  - Approximating
  - Convex hull

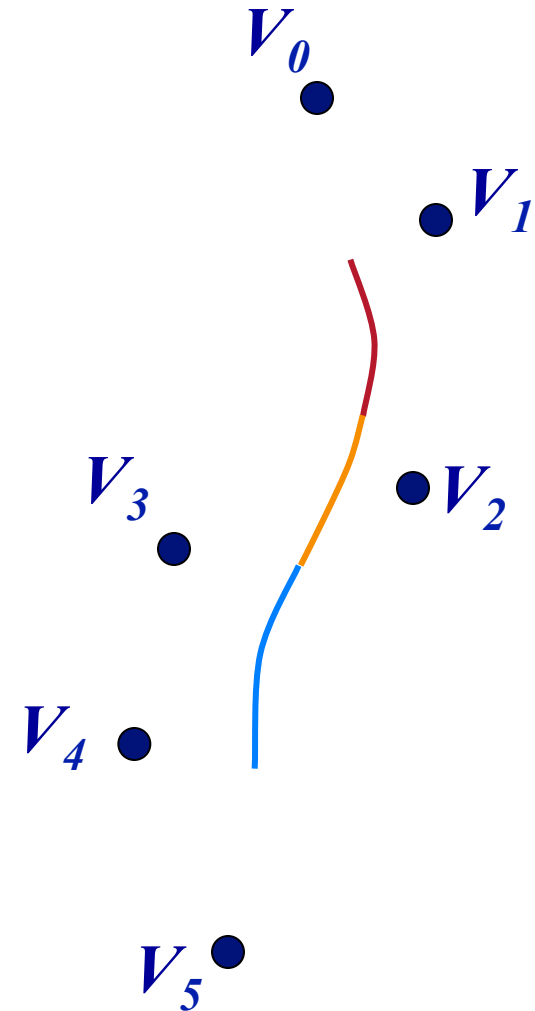
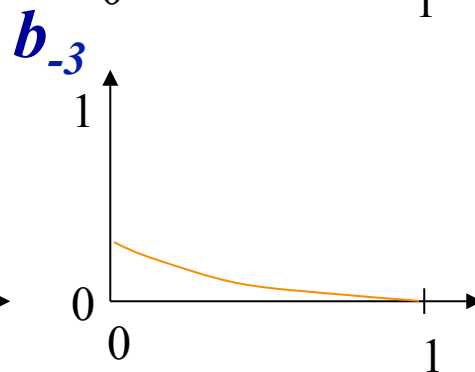
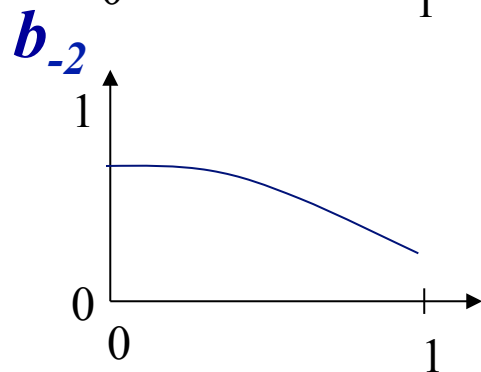
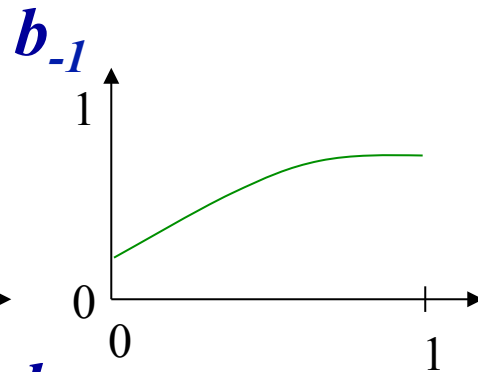
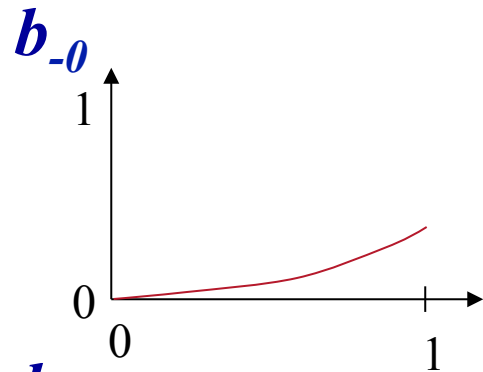


# Cubic B-Spline Blending Functions



Blending functions:

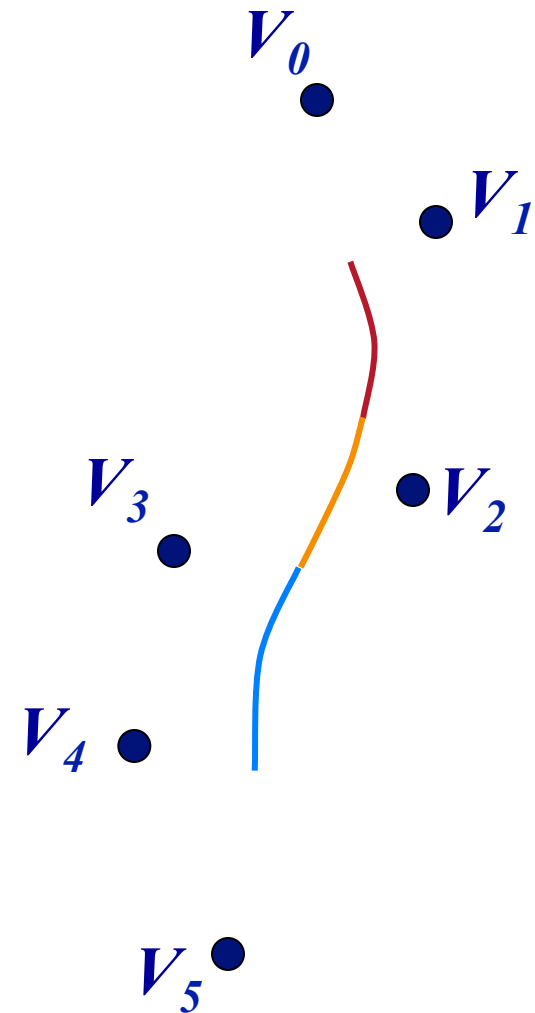
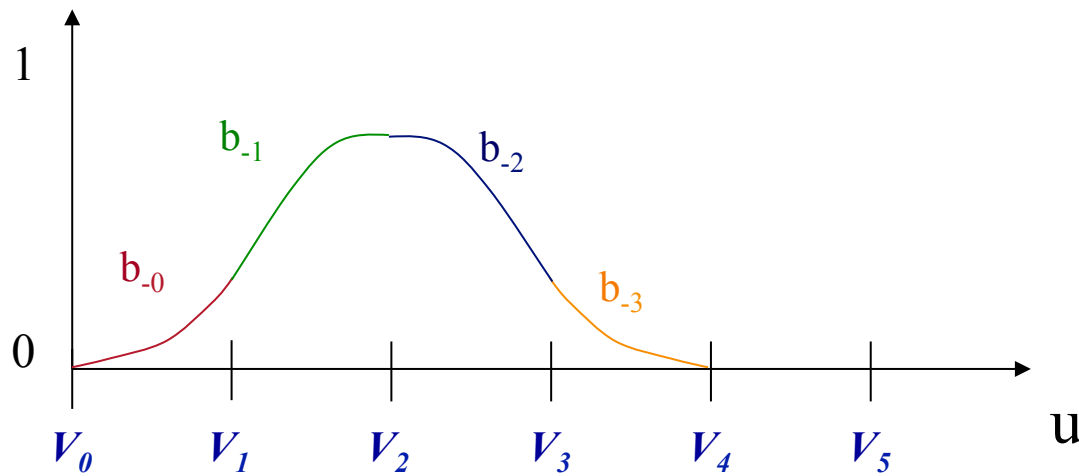
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# Cubic B-Spline Blending Functions



- How derive blending functions?
  - Cubic polynomials
  - Local control
  - $C^2$  continuity
  - Convex hull



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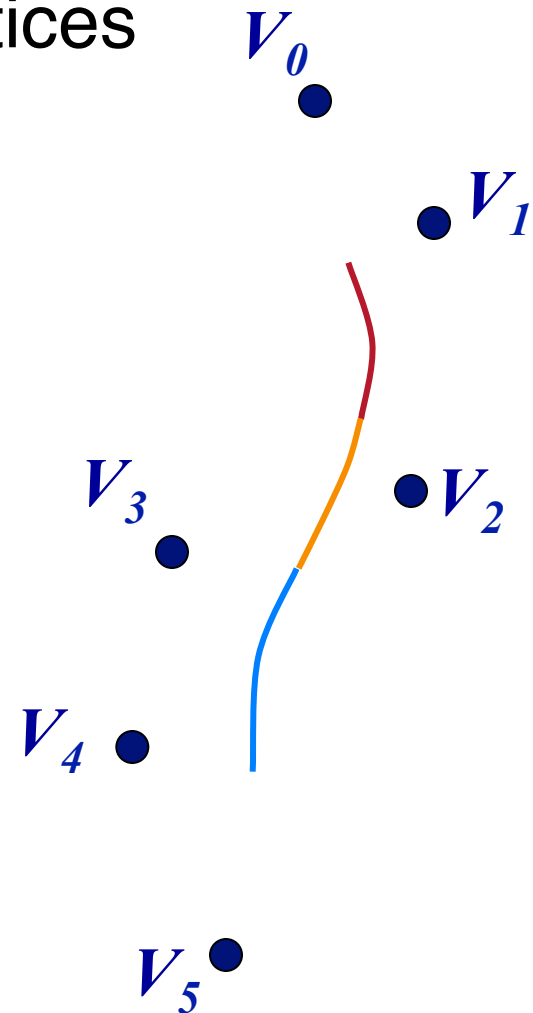
- Four cubic polynomials for four vertices
  - 16 variables (degrees of freedom)
  - Variables are  $a_i, b_i, c_i, d_i$  for four blending functions

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

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

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

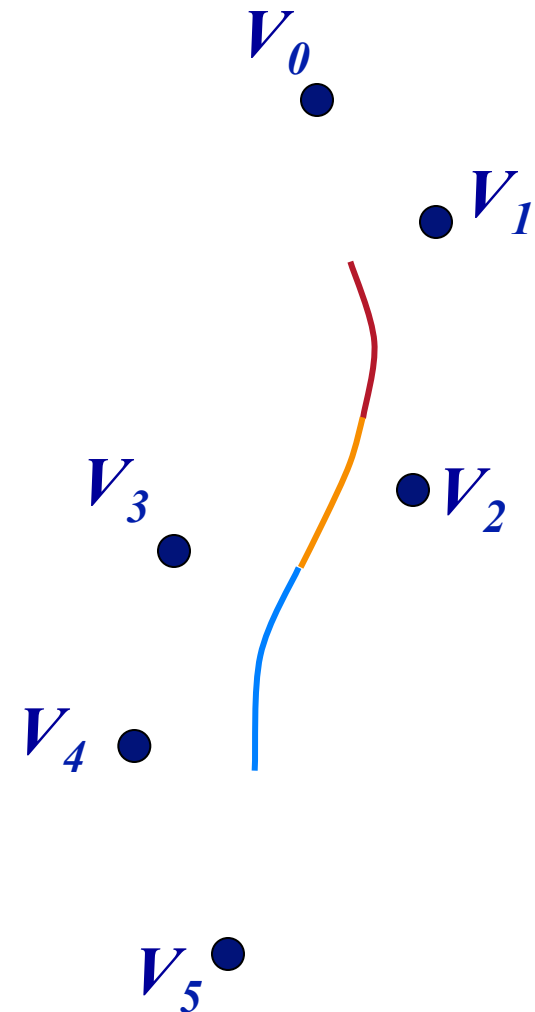
$$b_{-3}(u) = a_3u^3 + b_3u^2 + c_3u^1 + d_3$$



# 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:

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

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

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

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

# Cubic B-Spline Blending Functions



- In matrix form:

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

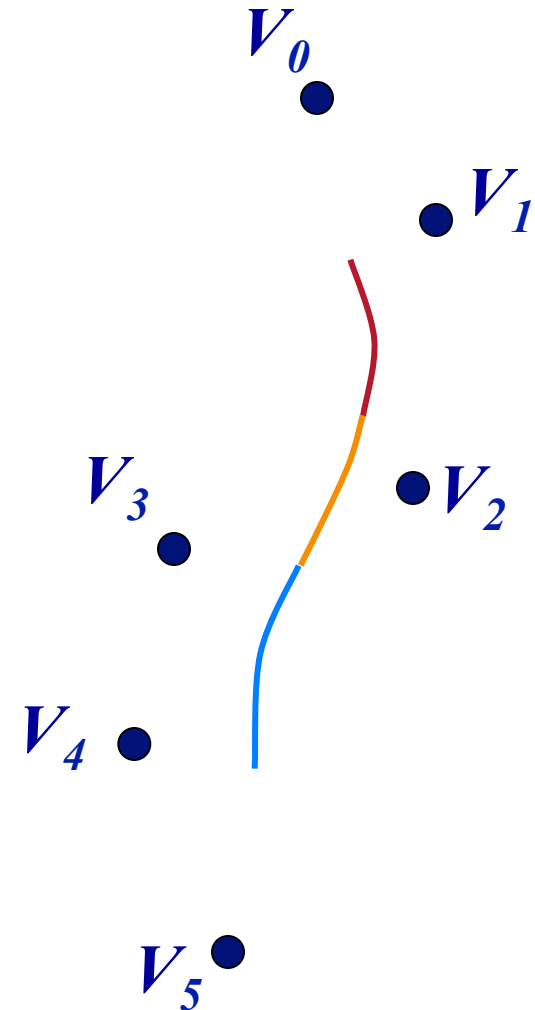
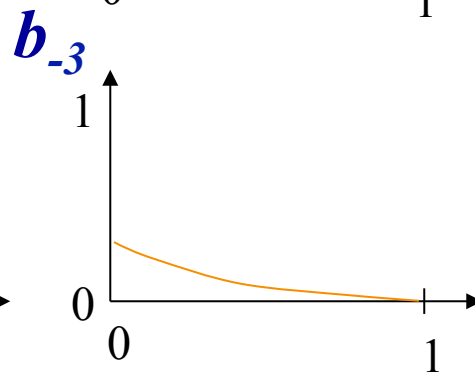
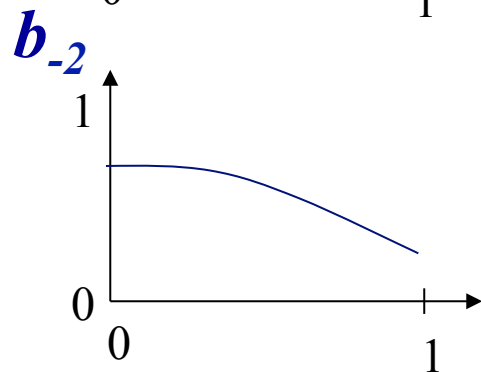
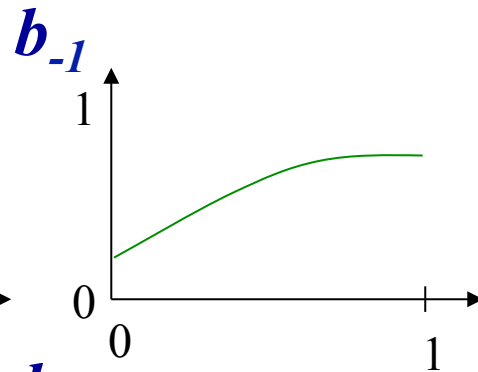
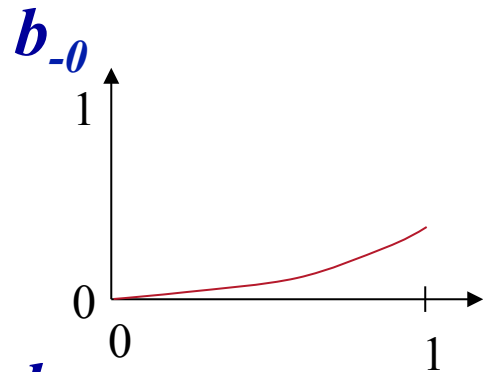


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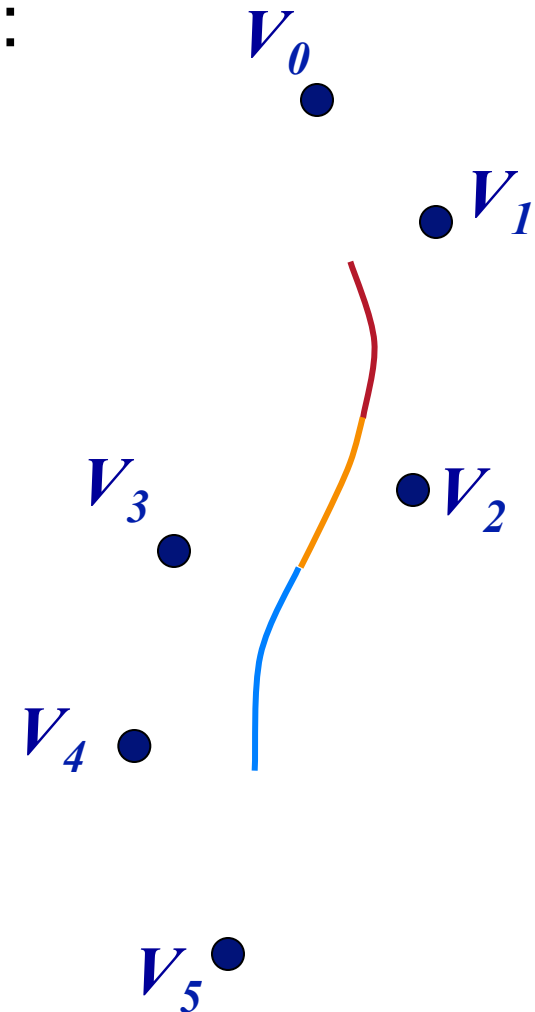
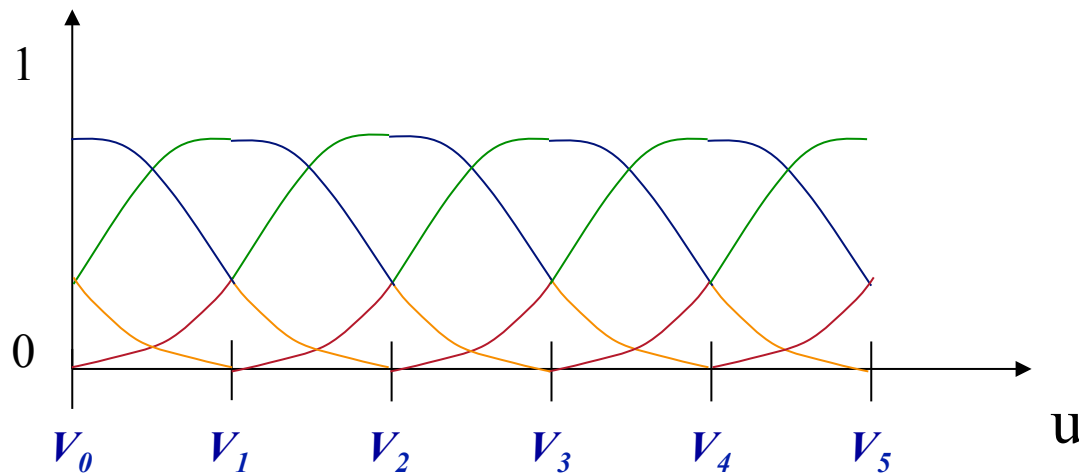
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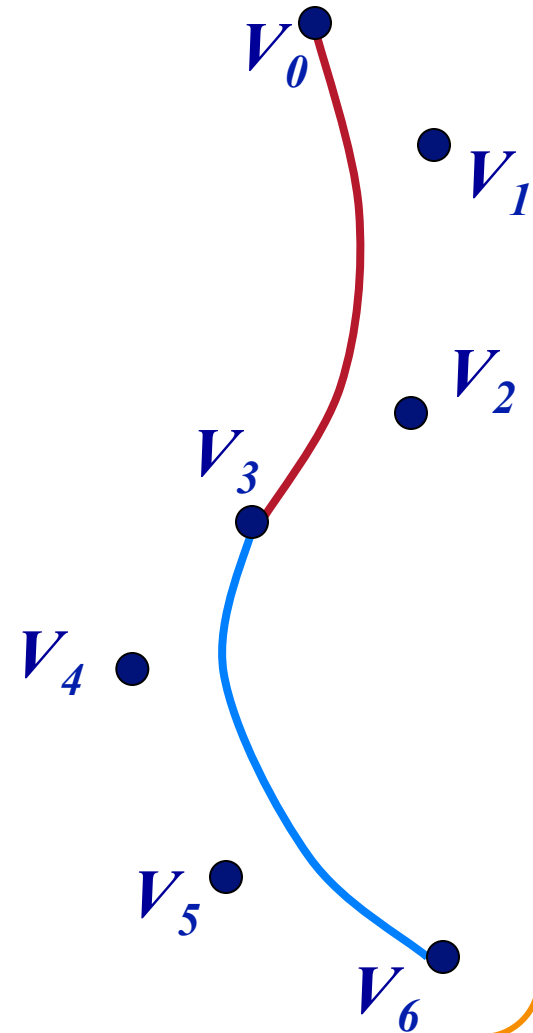
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# Bézier Curves

- Developed around 1960 by both
  - Pierre Bézier (Renault)
  - Paul de Casteljaou (Citroen)
- Today: graphic design (e.g. fonts)
- Properties:
  - Local control
  - Continuity depends on control points
  - Interpolating (every third for cubic)

Blending functions determine properties

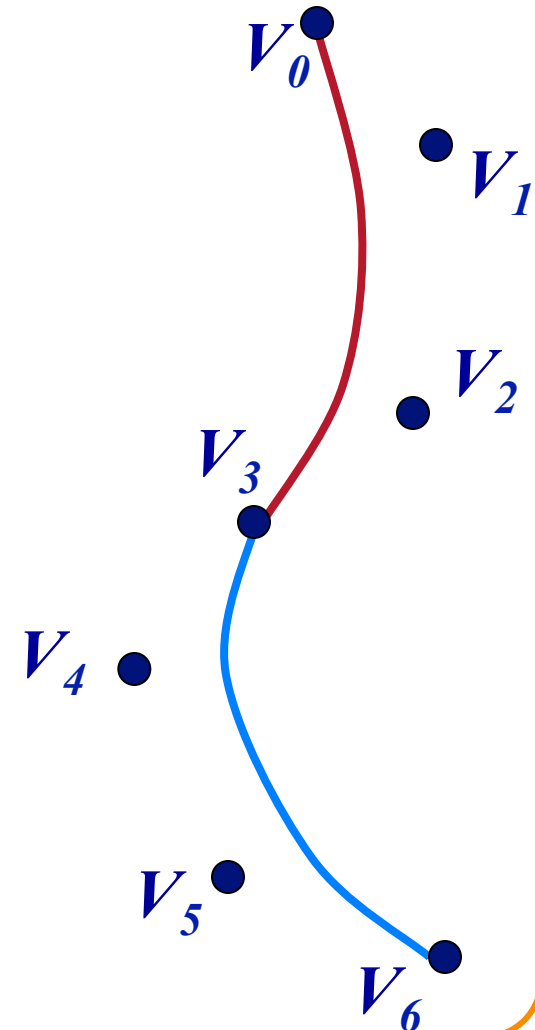
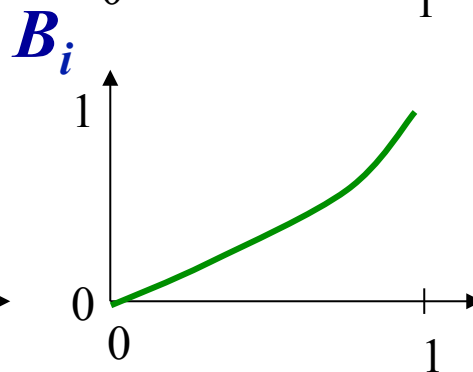
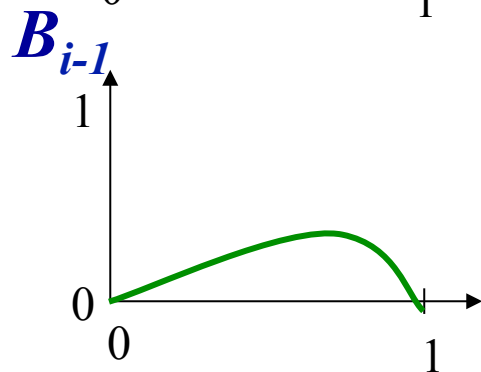
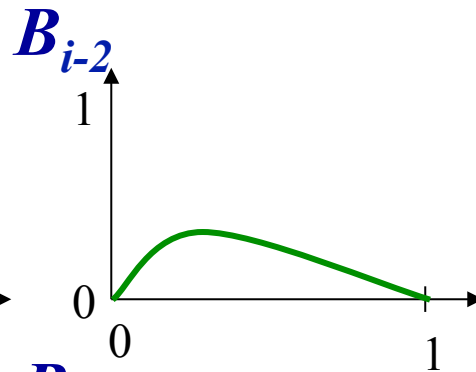
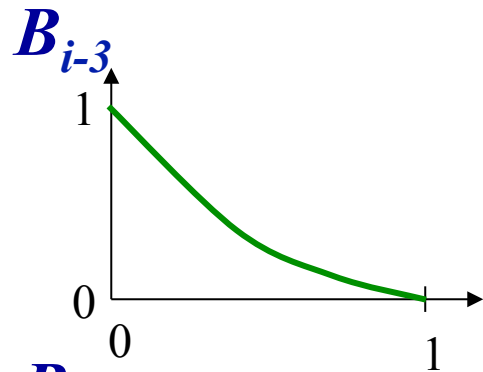


# Cubic Bézier Curves



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# Cubic Bézier Curves

Bézier curves in matrix form:

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

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

$\mathbf{M}_{\text{Bézier}}$

# Basic properties of Bézier Curves



- Endpoint interpolation:

$$Q(0) = V_0$$

$$Q(1) = V_n$$

- Convex hull:

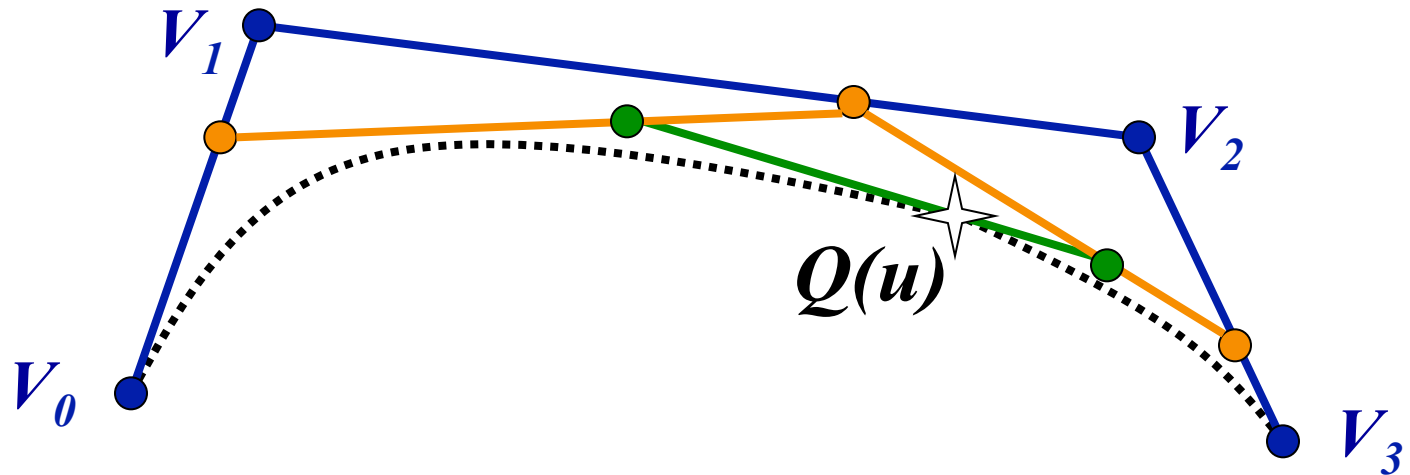
- Curve is contained within convex hull of control polygon

- 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

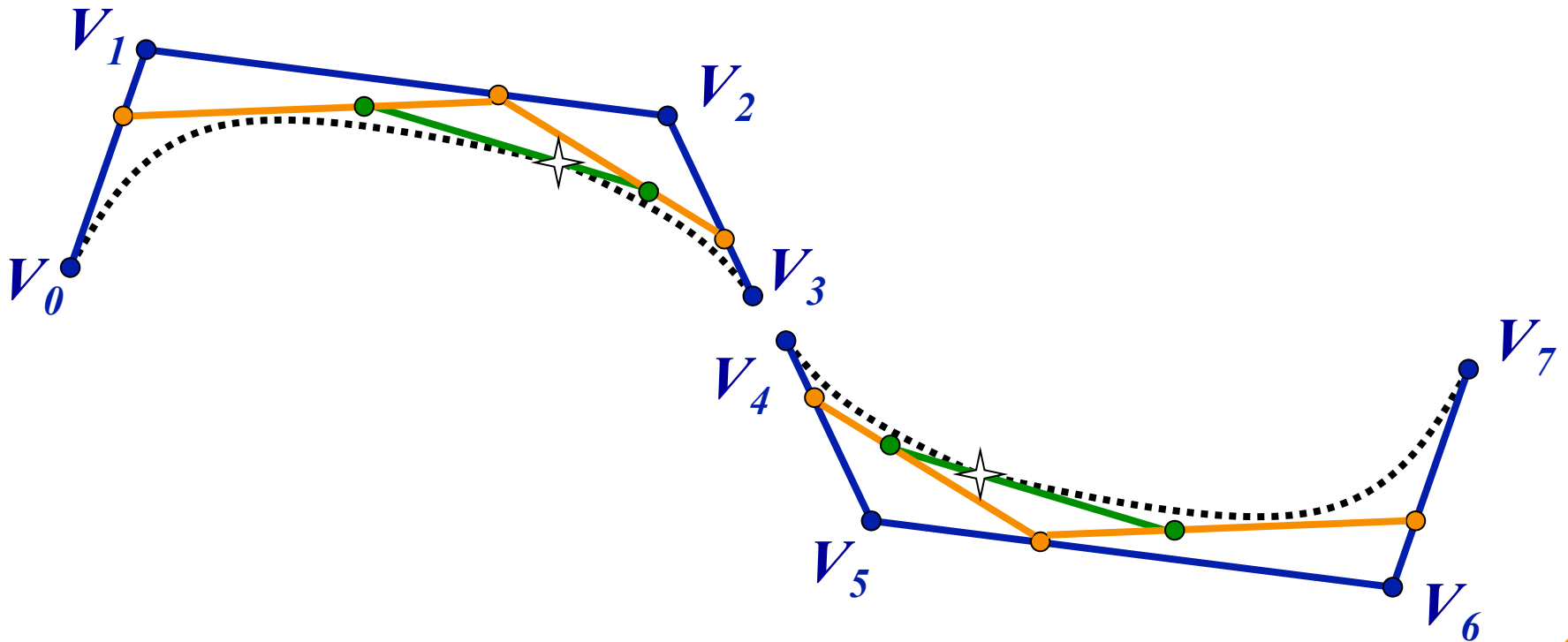
$\{V_0, V_1, \dots, V_n\}$  is control polygon



# Enforcing Bézier Curve Continuity



- $C^0$ :  $V_3 = V_4$
- $C^1$ :  $V_5 - V_4 = V_3 - V_2$
- $C^2$ :  $V_6 - 2V_5 + V_4 = V_3 - 2V_2 + V_1$



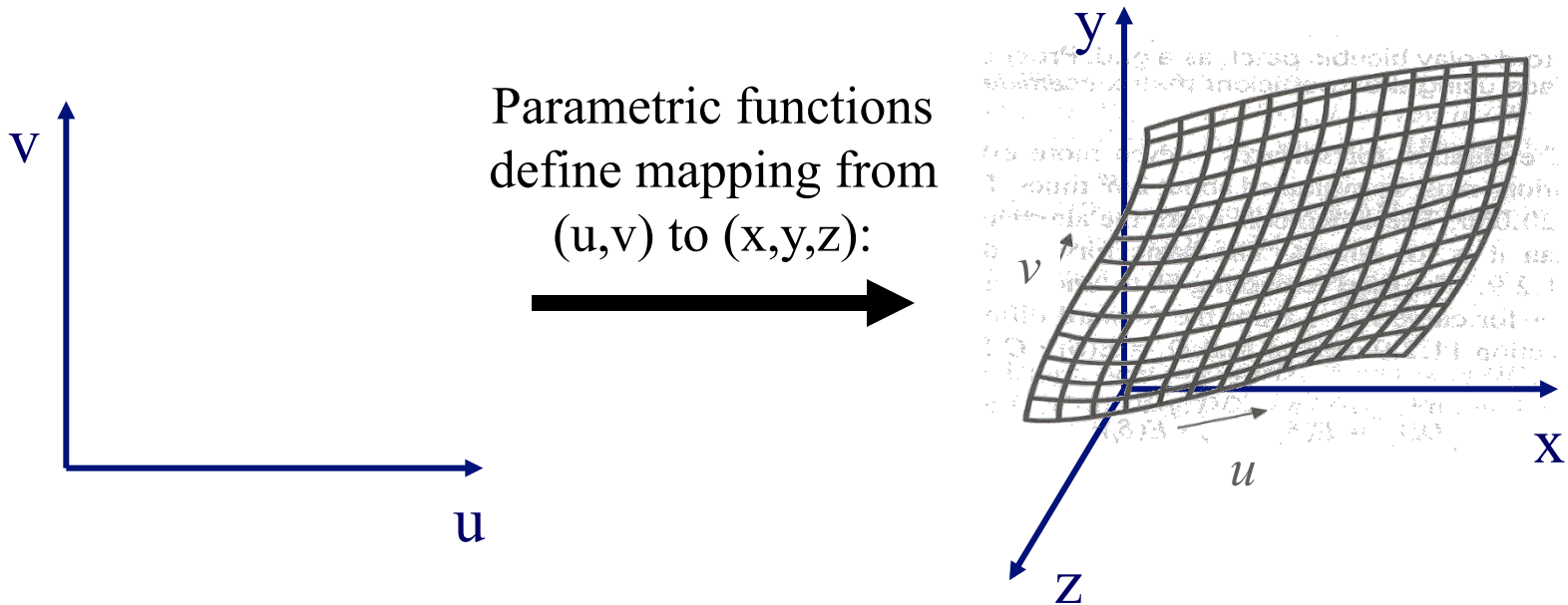
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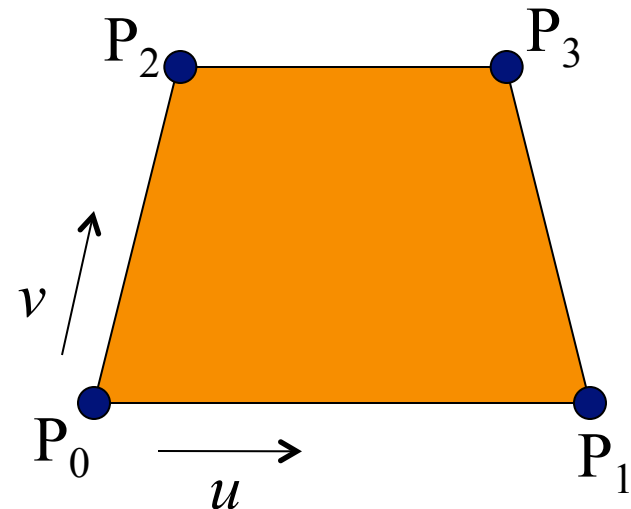
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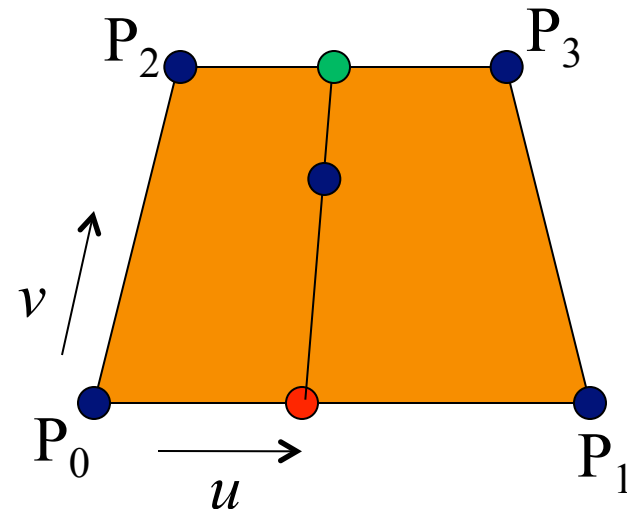
$$f_x(u, v) = (1 - v)((1 - u)x_0 + ux_1) + v((1 - u)x_2 + ux_3)$$

$$f_y(u, v) = (1 - v)((1 - u)y_0 + uy_1) + v((1 - u)y_2 + uy_3)$$

$$f_z(u, v) = (1 - v)((1 - u)z_0 + uz_1) + v((1 - u)z_2 + uz_3)$$

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# Parametric Surfaces

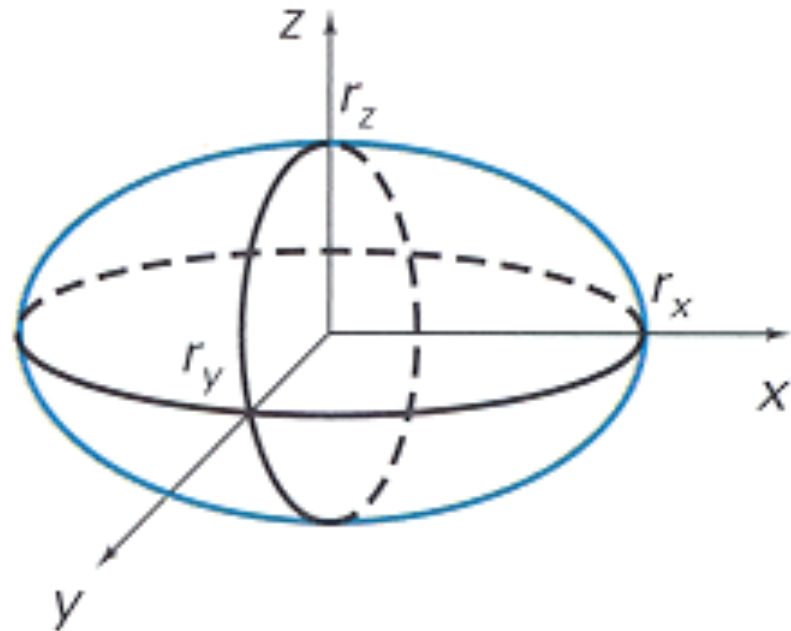
- Defined by parametric functions:
  - $x = f_x(u, v)$
  - $y = f_y(u, v)$
  - $z = f_z(u, v)$

- Example: ellipsoid

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

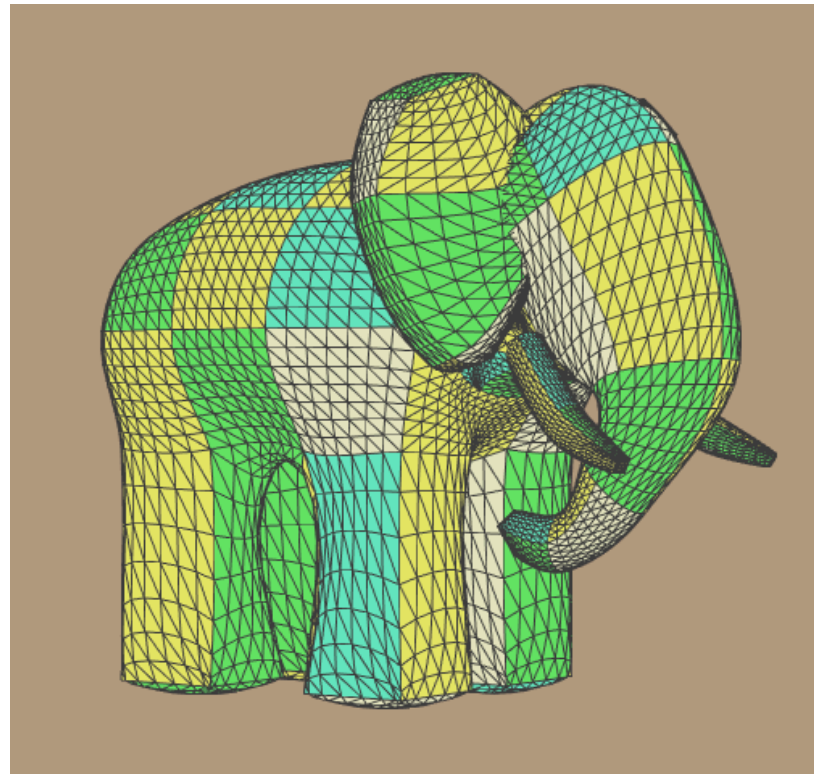
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$$f_z(u, v) = r_z \sin v$$



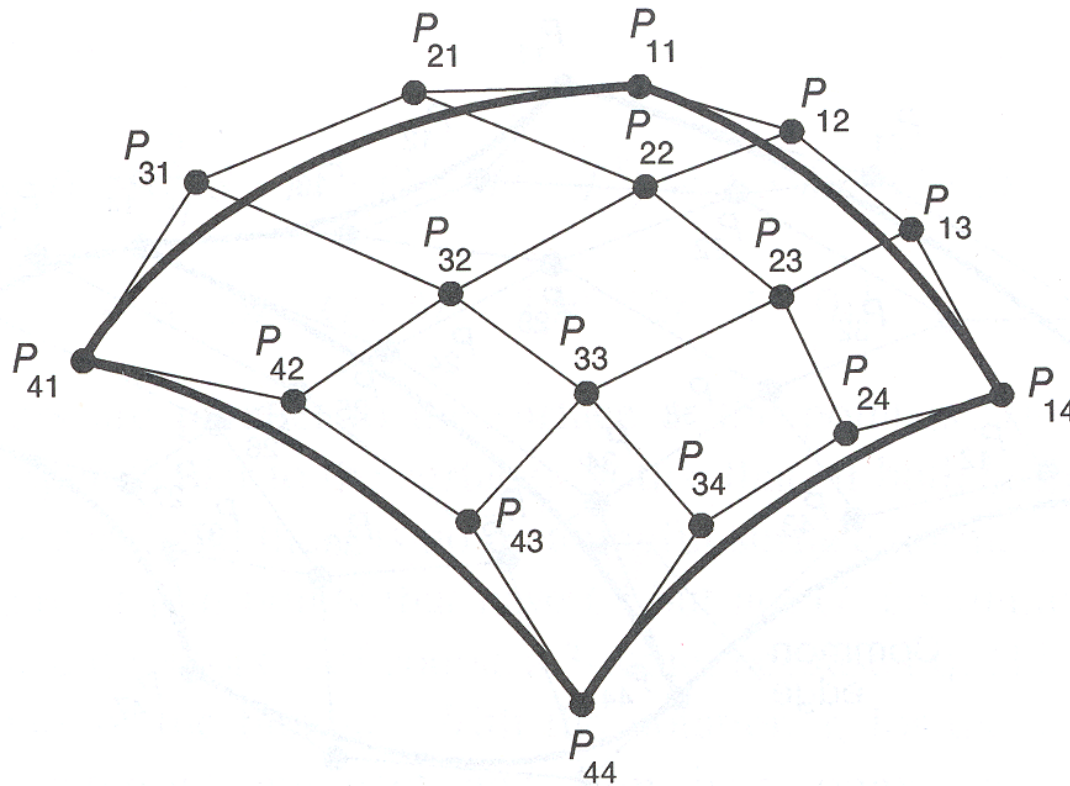
# Parametric Surfaces

To model arbitrary shapes, surface is partitioned into parametric patches



# Parametric Patches

- Each patch is defined by blending control points

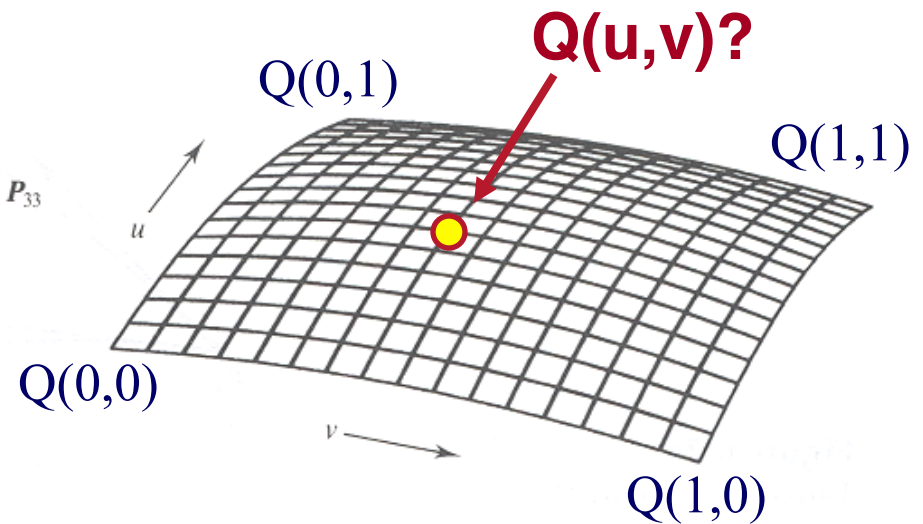
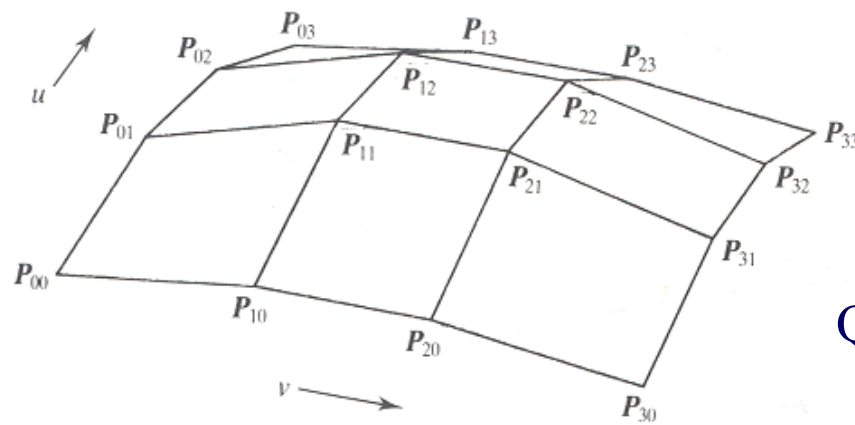


Same ideas as parametric curves!



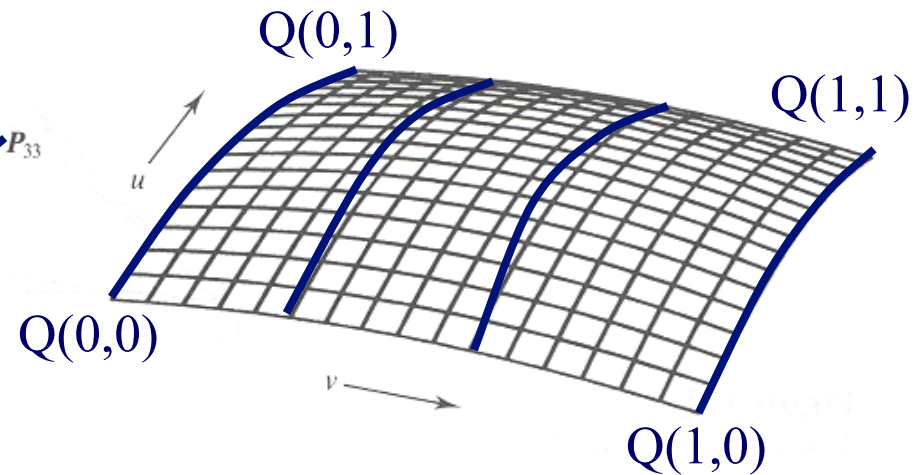
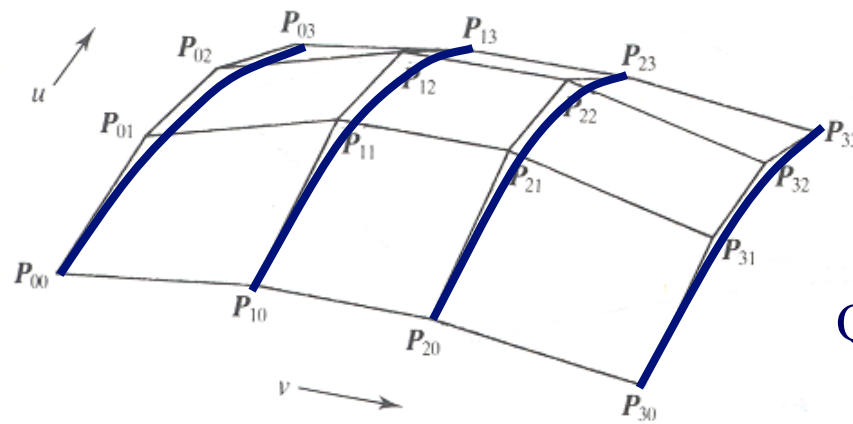
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- Point  $Q(u,v)$  on the patch is the tensor product of parametric curves defined by the control points



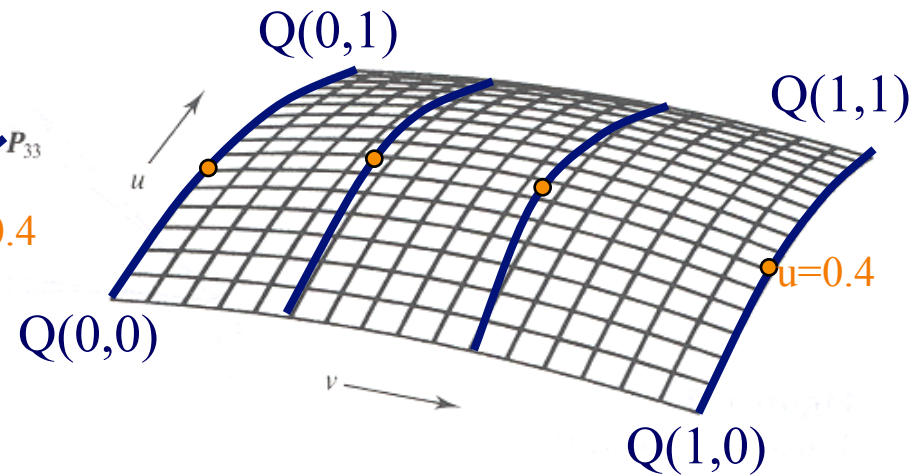
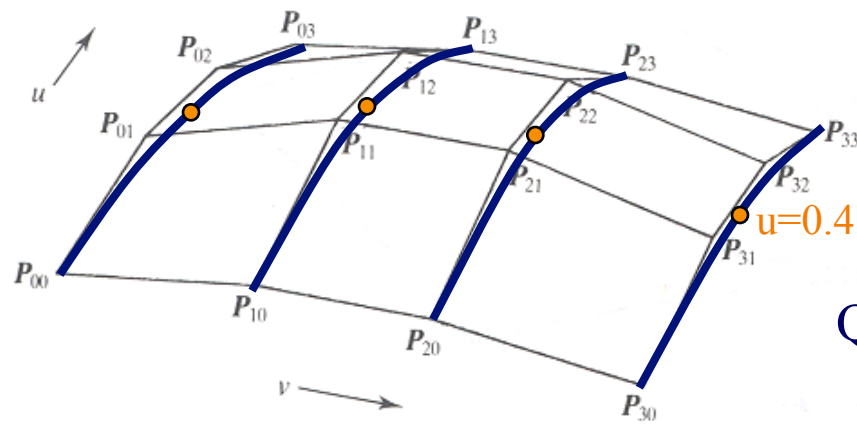
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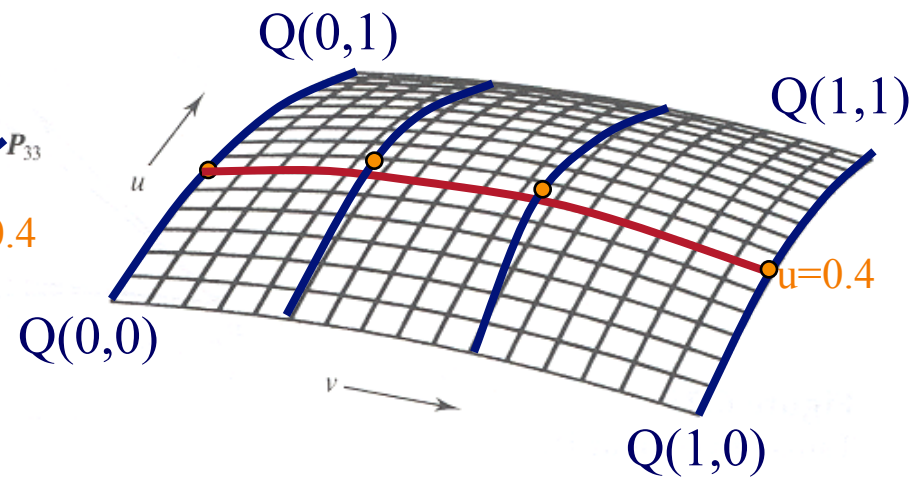
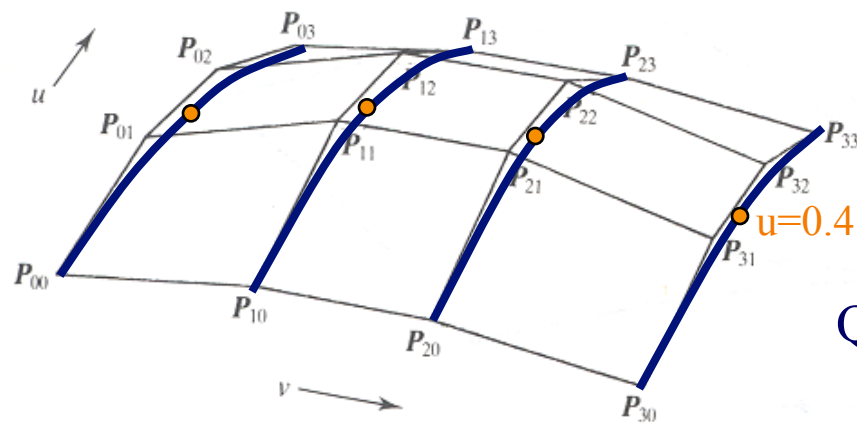
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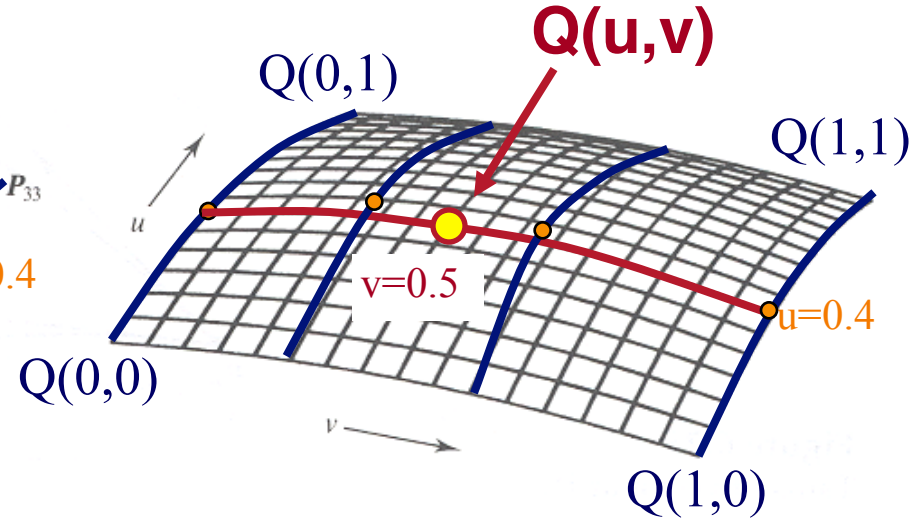
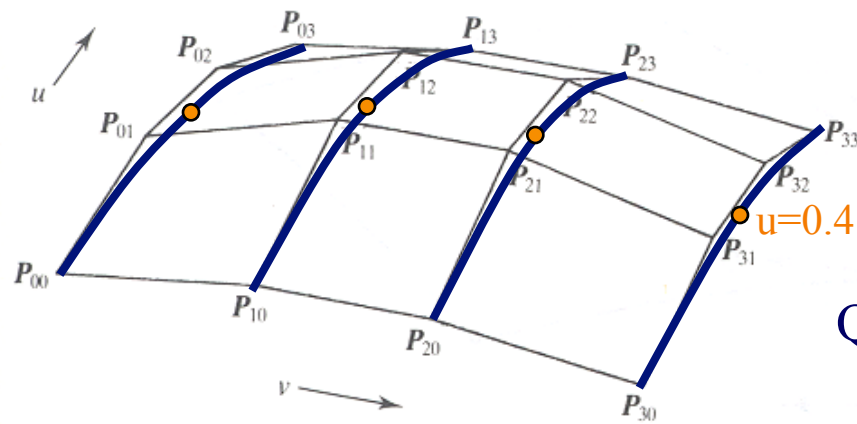
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# Parametric Bicubic Patches

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

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

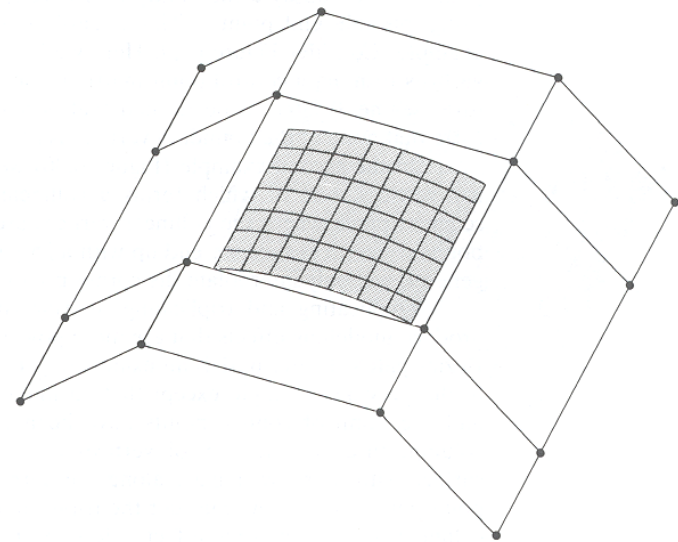
$$\mathbf{U} = [u^3 \quad u^2 \quad u \quad 1] \quad \mathbf{V} = [v^3 \quad v^2 \quad v \quad 1]$$

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

# B-Spline Patches

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

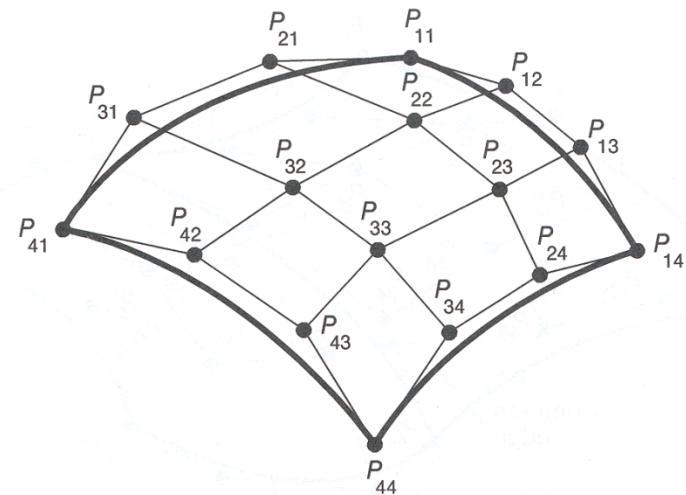
$$\mathbf{M}_{\text{B-Spline}} = \begin{bmatrix} -1/6 & 1/2 & -1/2 & 1/6 \\ 1/2 & -1 & 1/2 & 0 \\ -1/2 & 0 & 1/2 & 0 \\ 1/6 & 2/3 & 1/6 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



# Bézier Patches

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

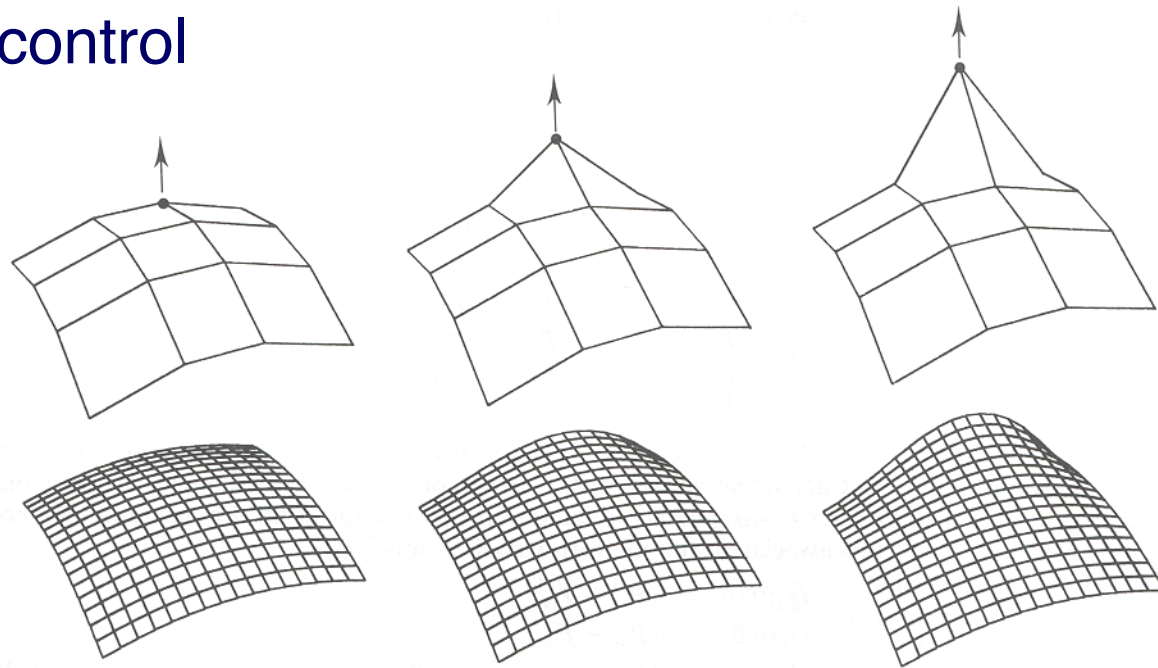
$$\mathbf{M}_{\text{Bezier}} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 3 & -3 & 1 \\ 3 & -6 & 3 & 0 \\ -3 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$





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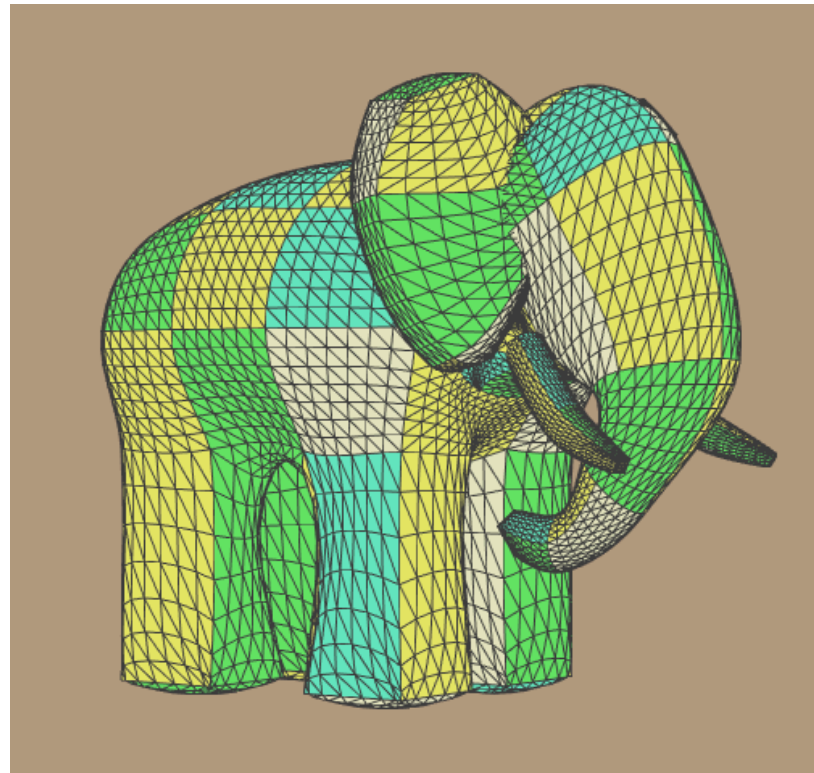
- Properties:
  - Interpolates four corner points
  - Convex hull
  - Local control



# Piecewise Polynomial Parametric Surfaces



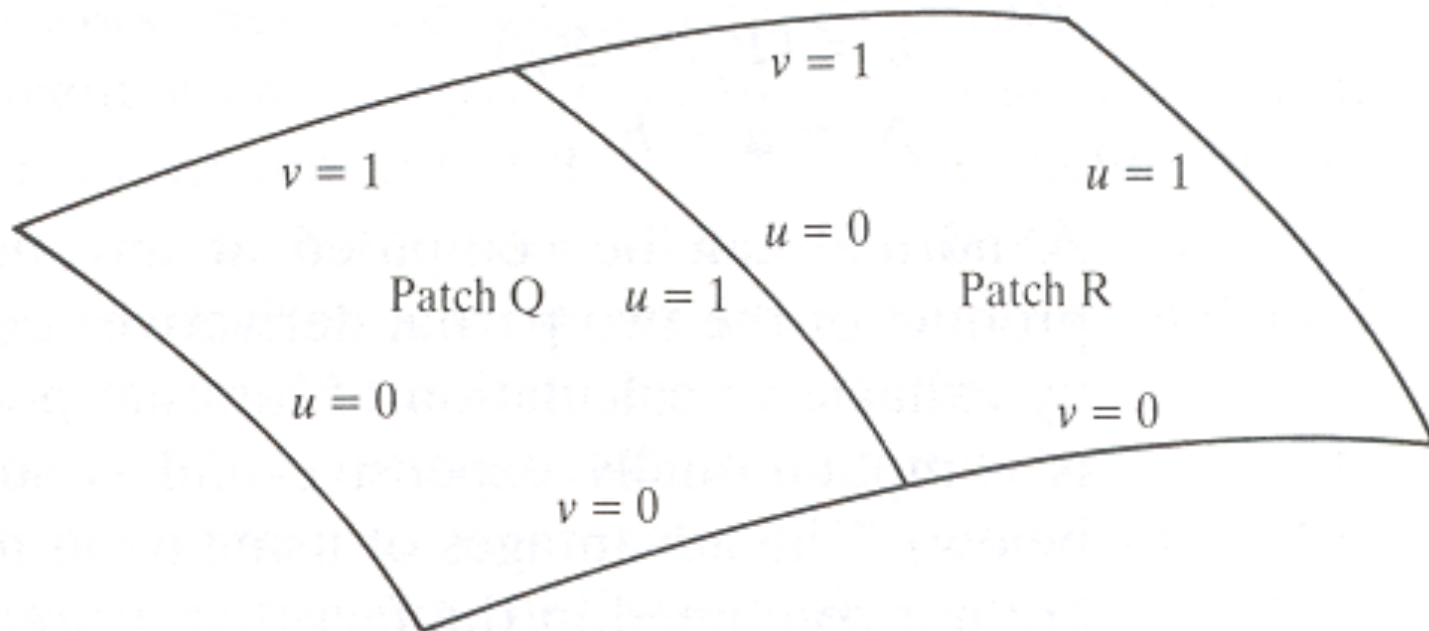
Surface is composition of many parametric patches



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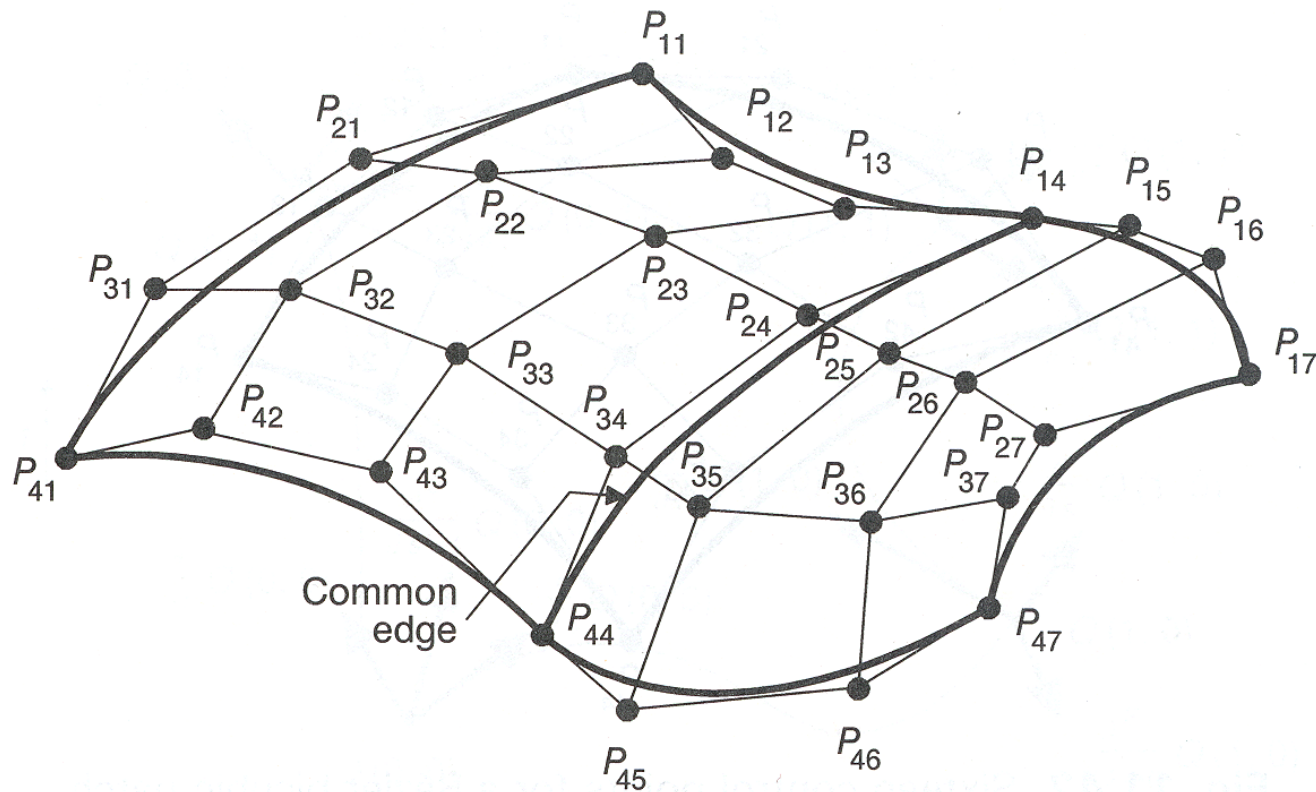
Must maintain continuity across seams



Same ideas as parametric splines!

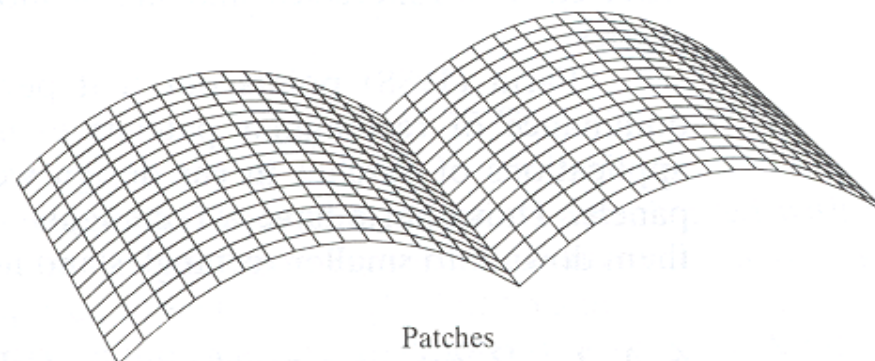
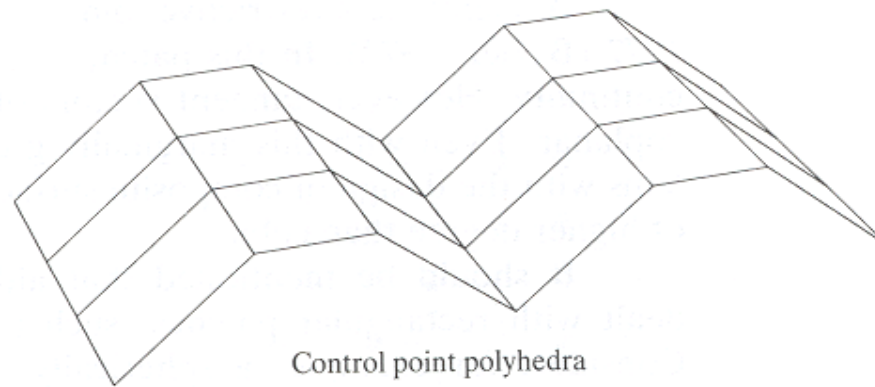
# Bézier Surfaces

- Continuity constraints are similar to the ones for Bézier splines



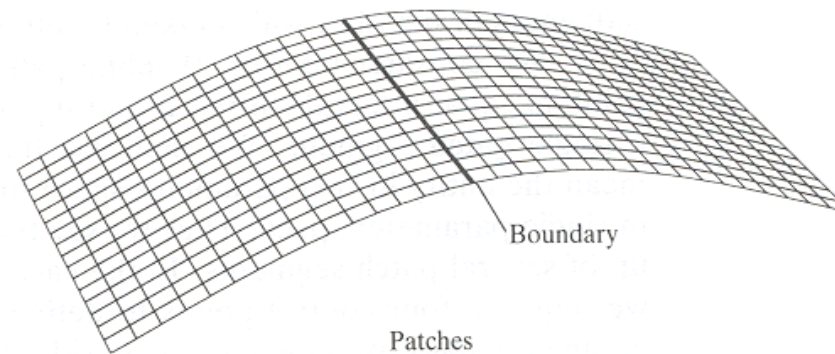
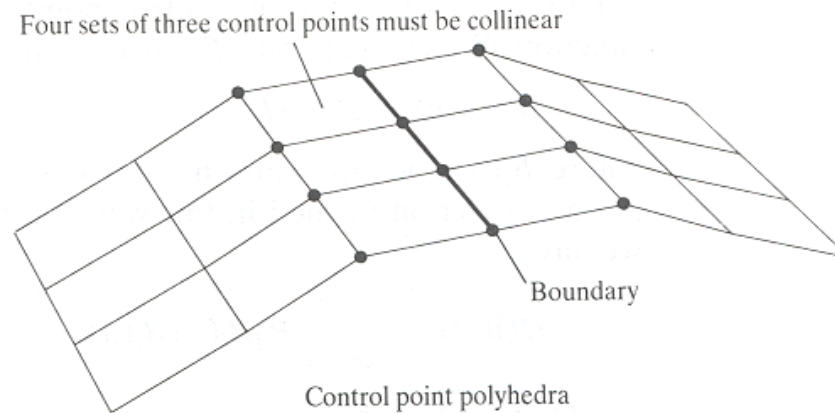
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- $C^0$  continuity requires aligning boundary curves



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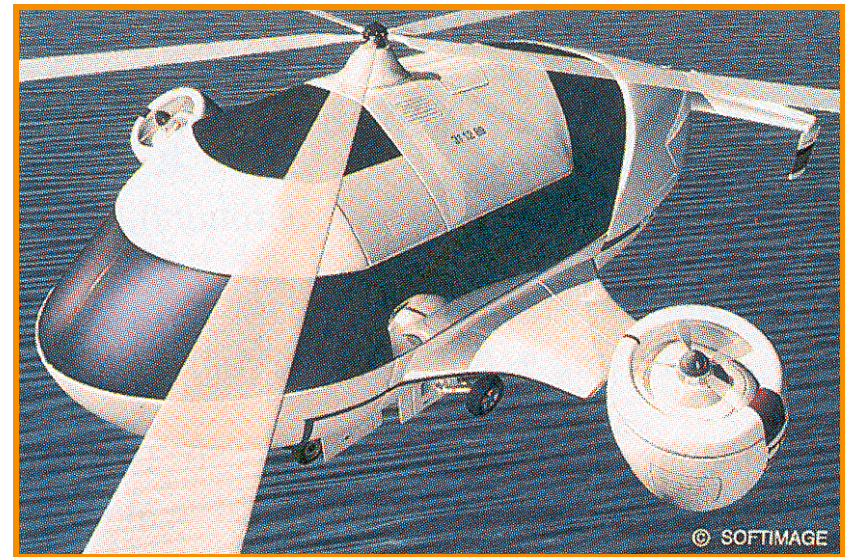
- $C^1$  continuity requires aligning boundary curves and derivatives



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