

Bézier and B-Spline curves

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Definition

Let $u_0 < u_1 < \dots < u_k$ be a partition of the interval $[u_0, u_k]$. We call **Bézier curve of degree n** a curve $\vec{x}(u)$ that is composed of Bézier segments of degree n on every subinterval $[u_l, u_{l+1}]$ ($l = 0, \dots, k-1$):

$$\vec{x}(u)|_{u \in [u_l, u_{l+1}]} = \vec{x}_l(u) = \sum_{i=0}^n \vec{b}_{nl+i} B_i^n \left(\frac{u - u_l}{u_{l+1} - u_l} \right).$$

Bézier curve

Theorem (C^r continuity of Bézier segments)

Let

$$\vec{x}_l(u) = \sum_{i=0}^n \vec{b}_{n+l+i} B_i^n\left(\frac{u - u_l}{u_{l+1} - u_l}\right); \quad u \in [u_l, u_{l+1}]$$

$$\vec{x}_{l+1}(u) = \sum_{i=0}^n \vec{b}_{n(l+1)+i} B_i^n\left(\frac{u - u_{l+1}}{u_{l+2} - u_{l+1}}\right); \quad u \in [u_{l+1}, u_{l+2}]$$

be two consecutive Bézier segments and $\delta_k := u_{k+1} - u_k$. Then, the segments $\vec{x}_l(u)$ and $\vec{x}_{l+1}(u)$ join with C^r continuity if and only if

$$\frac{1}{\delta_l^i} \Delta^i \vec{b}_{n(l+1)-i} = \frac{1}{\delta_{l+1}^i} \Delta^i \vec{b}_{n(l+1)}; \quad i = 0, \dots, r$$

Calculate derivatives by considering $t = \frac{u - u_l}{u_{l+1} - u_l}$ respectively

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Illustration

C^2 continuity in $u = u_{j+1}$:

$$\Delta^2 \vec{b}_{n(l+1)-2} = \frac{\delta_l^2}{\delta_{l+1}^2} \Delta^2 \vec{b}_{n(l+1)} \quad (C^2)$$

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Illustration

Bézier curve

Remark

The notion of C^r continuity is not invariant with respect to parameter transformations, i.e., it is not a geometric property of the curve.

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Example:

$$\vec{x}(u) = \begin{pmatrix} u \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, u \in [1, 2]$$

$$\vec{y}(v) = \begin{pmatrix} v - 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, v \in [3, 4]$$

$$\vec{x}_0 = \vec{x}(2) = \vec{y}(3)$$

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Parametric polynomial curves:

$$\vec{x}(u) = \sum \vec{a}_i \alpha_i(u)$$

$\alpha_i(u)$... "blending functions"

B-Spline curves

Definition (normalized B-Spline)

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where " $\frac{0}{0} = 0$ ".

The function $N_i^n(u)$ is called **normalized B-Spline of degree n** (of order $n + 1$) with the support $[u_i, u_{i+n+1}]$. If $u_i \in \mathbf{Z}$ and ($u_{i+1} = u_i$ or $u_{i+1} = u_i + 1$) we call $N_i^n(u)$ **uniform B-Spline**.

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Proof.

see literature



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Remarks

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- 2 Other possibilities for defining B-Splines: among others by
 - truncated power functions
 - intersection volume of an n -dimensional simplex with a hyperplane.

B-Spline curves

Definition (B-Spline curve)

Let $m \geq n \in \mathbb{N}$, $\pi_f = \{u_0 \leq u_1 \leq \dots \leq u_{m+n+1}\}$ be a finite partition, and $D_0(\vec{d}_0), \dots, D_m(\vec{d}_m) \in E^d (d \in \{2, 3\})$. Then, the curve

$$\vec{s}(u) = \sum_{i=0}^m \vec{d}_i N_i^n(u); \quad u \in [u_0, u_{m+n+1})$$

is called **B-Spline curve** (of degree n with respect to the partition π_f) with the de Boor points or control points D_0, \dots, D_m .
short:

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C4) *Convex hull property:*

$$\vec{s}(u)|_{u \in [u_l, u_{l+1})} \subset H(D_{l-n}, \dots, D_l)$$

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C6) *If k control points $D_{l-k} = D_{l-k+1} = \dots = D_{l-1}$ coincide and if the multiplicity of the knot u_l is between $n - k + 1$ and n , then the B-Spline curve $\vec{s}(u)$ contains the point D_{l-1} : $\vec{s}(u_l) = \vec{d}_{l-1}$.*

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Demonstration by recurrence with respect to n



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