

## Computer Graphics

CSE 167 [Win 23], Lecture 9: Curves 1

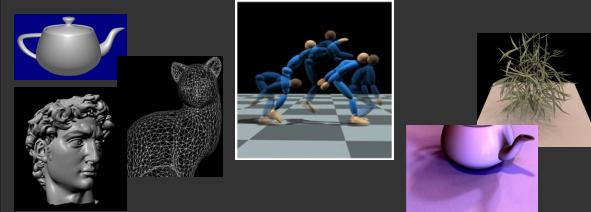
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## Course Outline

- 3D Graphics Pipeline



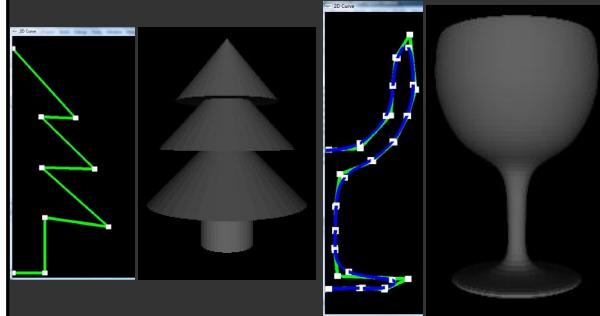
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## Graphics Pipeline

- In HW 1, HW 2, draw, shade objects
- But how to define geometry of objects?
- How to define, edit shape of teapot?
- We discuss *modeling* with spline curves
  - Demo of HW 3 solution
- Homework submission (Mar 1)
  - After midterm, but please start on it before
  - Not on UCSD Online, link
  - Same password as for readings (and code grade only)

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## Curves for Modeling



Rachel Shiner, Final Project Spring 2010

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## Motivation

- How do we model complex shapes?
  - In this course, only 2D curves, but can be used to create interesting 3D shapes by surface of revolution, lofting etc
- Techniques known as spline curves
- This unit is about mathematics required to draw these spline curves, as in HW 3
- History: From using computer modeling to define car bodies in auto-manufacturing. Pioneers are Pierre Bezier (Renault), de Casteljau (Citroen)

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## Splines Video

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YMI25iCCRew&list=PLWfDJ5nla8UpwShx-1zLJqcp575fKpsSO&index=13>
- Steve Seitz UW 5 minute videos (only first 2.5min)
- Can watch other splines videos on channel, but don't match the math as taught in this class.

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## Outline of Unit

- Bezier curves
- deCasteljau algorithm, explicit form, matrix form
- Polar form labeling (next time)
- B-spline curves (next time)
- Not well covered in textbooks (especially as taught here). Main reference will be lecture notes. If you do want a printed ref, handouts from CAGD, Seidel

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## Bezier Curve (with HW3 demo)

- Motivation: Draw a smooth intuitive curve (or surface) given few key user-specified control points

Control points (all that user specifies, edits)

Demo HW 3

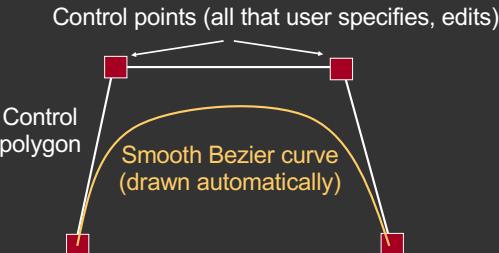
Control polygon

Smooth Bezier curve  
(drawn automatically)

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## Bezier Curve: (Desirable) properties

- Interpolates, is tangent to end points
- Curve within convex hull of control polygon



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## Survey

- Anonymous, know how things are going
- Will try to use it to improve course

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## Issues for Bezier Curves

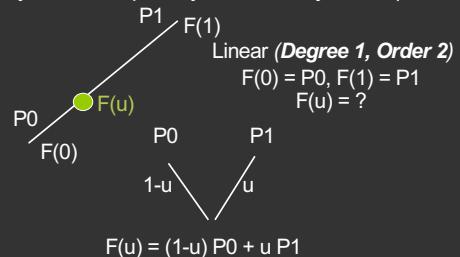
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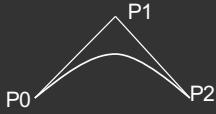
## deCasteljau: Linear Bezier Curve

- Just a simple linear combination or interpolation (easy to code up, very numerically stable)

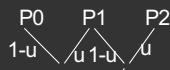


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### deCasteljau: Quadratic Bezier Curve



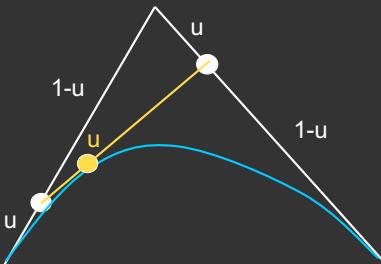
Quadratic  
Degree 2, Order 3  
 $F(0) = P_0$ ,  $F(1) = P_2$   
 $F(u) = ?$



$$F(u) = (1-u)^2 P_0 + 2u(1-u) P_1 + u^2 P_2$$

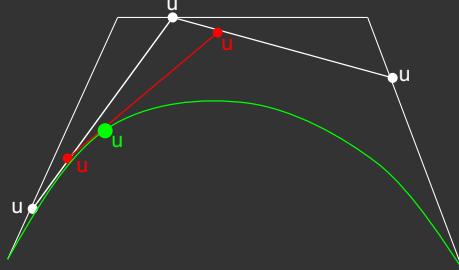
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### Geometric interpretation: Quadratic



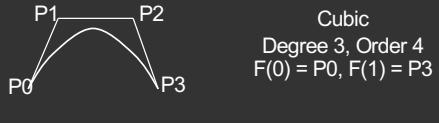
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### Geometric Interpretation: Cubic

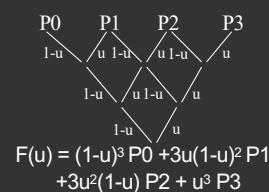


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### deCasteljau: Cubic Bezier Curve



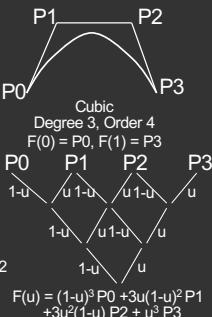
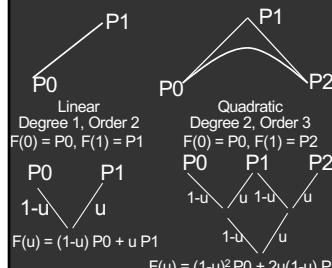
Cubic  
Degree 3, Order 4  
 $F(0) = P_0$ ,  $F(1) = P_3$



$$F(u) = (1-u)^3 P_0 + 3u(1-u)^2 P_1 + 3u^2(1-u) P_2 + u^3 P_3$$

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### Summary: deCasteljau Algorithm



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### DeCasteljau Implementation

Input: Control points  $C_i$  with  $0 \leq i \leq n$  where  $n$  is the degree.  
Output:  $f(u)$  where  $u$  is the parameter for evaluation

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1 for (level = n ; level >= 0 ; level --) {
2   if (level == n) { // Initial control points
3     for (i = 0 ; i <= n ; i++) p_i^level = C_i ; continue ; }
4   for (i = 0 ; i <= level ; i++)
5     p_i^level = (1 - u) * p_i^{level+1} + u * p_{i+1}^{level+1} ;
6 }
7 f(u) = p_0^0
  
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- Can be optimized to do without auxiliary storage

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## Summary of HW3 Implementation

Bezier (Bezier2 and Bspline discussed next time)

- Arbitrary degree curve (number of control points)
- Break curve into detail segments. Line segments for these
- Evaluate curve at locations 0, 1/detail, 2/detail, ..., 1
- Evaluation done using deCasteljau
- Key implementation: deCasteljau for arbitrary degree
  - Is anyone confused? About handling arbitrary degree?
- Can also use alternative formula if you want
  - Explicit Bernstein-Bezier polynomial form (next)
- Questions?

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## Recap formulae

- Linear combination of basis functions

Linear:  $F(u) = P_0(1-u) + P_1u$

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▪ **Binomial coefficients in  $[(1-u)+u]^n$**

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$$= \begin{pmatrix} u^3 & u^2 & u & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} M = ? \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} P_0 \\ P_1 \\ P_2 \\ P_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

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$$= \begin{pmatrix} u^3 & u^2 & u & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 3 & -3 & 1 \\ 3 & -6 & 3 & 0 \\ -3 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} P_0 \\ P_1 \\ P_2 \\ P_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

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### Properties (brief discussion)

- Demo of HW 3
- Interpolation: End-points, but approximates others
- Single piece, moving one point affects whole curve (no local control as in B-splines later)
- Invariant to translations, rotations, scales etc. That is, translating all control points translates entire curve
- Easily subdivided into parts for drawing (next lecture): Hence, Bezier curves easiest for drawing

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