



Parametric Surfaces

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Outline

Spline Surfaces

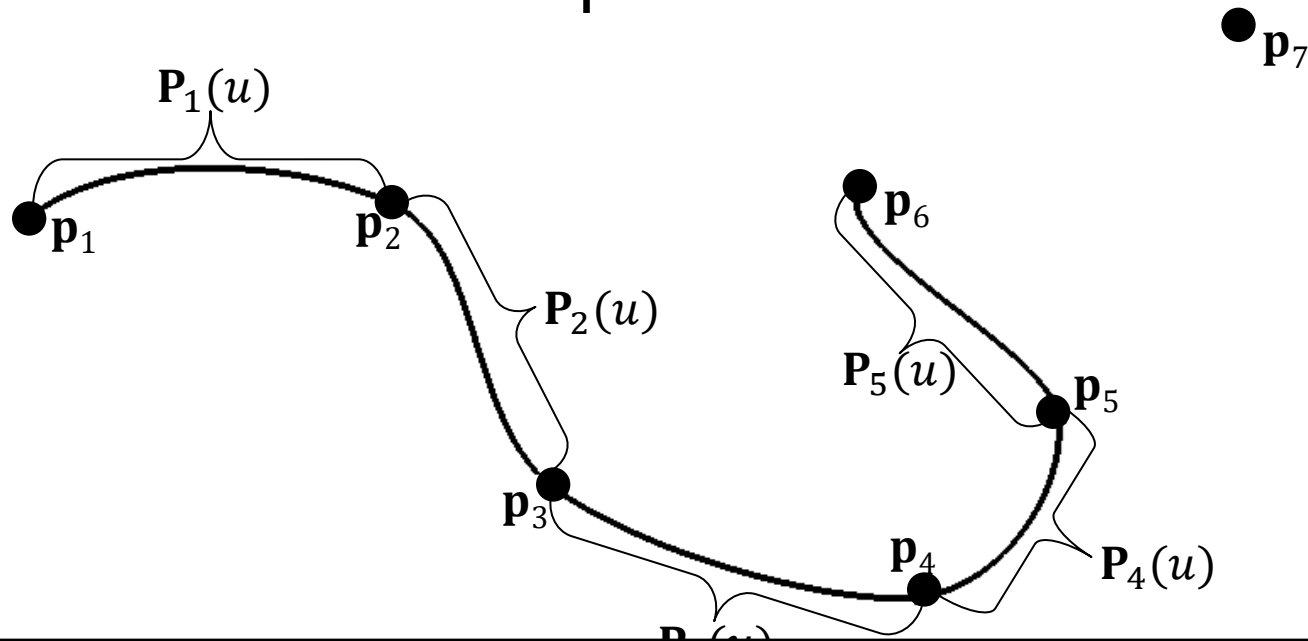
Sweep Surfaces





Cubic Splines

Given $n + 1$ control points, $\{\mathbf{p}_0, \dots, \mathbf{p}_n\}$, we define $n - 2$ cubic polynomial functions $\{\mathbf{P}_1(u), \dots, \mathbf{P}_{n-2}(u)\}$ that jointly describe a curve that approximates / interpolates the control points.

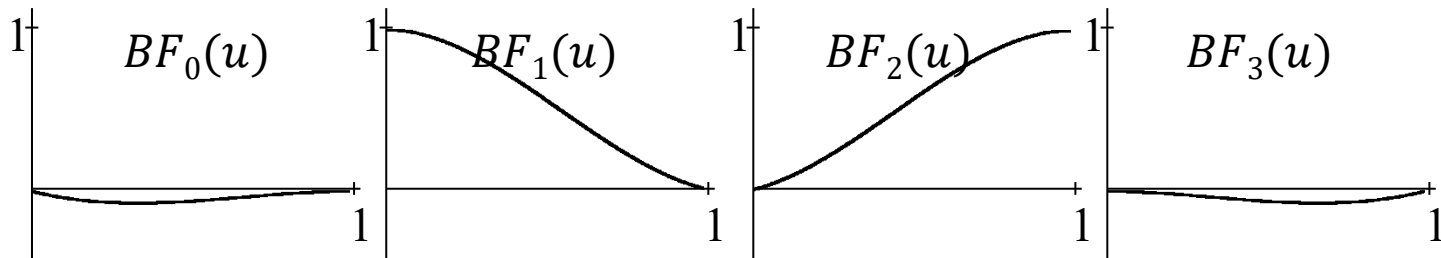


Each cubic function $\mathbf{P}_k(u)$ is defined on the interval $0 \leq u \leq 1$ and is determined by the points \mathbf{p}_{k-1} , \mathbf{p}_k , \mathbf{p}_{k+1} , and \mathbf{p}_{k+2} .

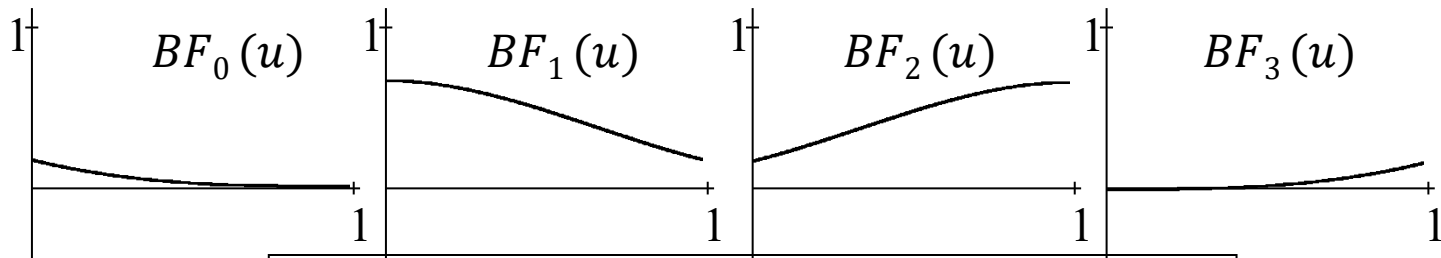


Cubic Blending Functions

Blending functions provide a way for expressing the functions $\mathbf{P}_k(u)$ as a weighted sum of the four control points \mathbf{p}_{k-1} , \mathbf{p}_k , \mathbf{p}_{k+1} , and \mathbf{p}_{k+2} :



Catmull-Rom Blending Functions (Cardinal with $\tau = 1/2$)



Uniform Cubic B-Spline Blending Functions

$$\mathbf{P}_k(u) = BF_0(u) \cdot \mathbf{p}_{k-1} + BF_1(u) \cdot \mathbf{p}_k + BF_2(u) \cdot \mathbf{p}_{k+1} + BF_3(u) \cdot \mathbf{p}_{k+2}$$



Blending Functions

For spline curves, we need/want:

- Translation Equivariance:

$$BF_0(u) + BF_1(u) + BF_2(u) + BF_3(u) = 1 \text{ for all } 0 \leq u \leq 1.$$

- n -th Order Continuity:

$$0 = BF_0^n(1)$$

$$BF_0^n(0) = BF_1^n(1)$$

$$BF_1^n(0) = BF_2^n(1)$$

$$BF_2^n(0) = BF_3^n(1)$$

$$BF_3^n(0) = 0$$

- Convex Hull Containment:

$$BF_0(u), BF_1(u), BF_2(u), BF_3(u) \geq 0, \text{ for all } 0 \leq u \leq 1.$$

- Interpolation:

$$BF_0(0) = 0 \quad BF_0(1) = 0$$

$$BF_1(0) = 1 \quad BF_1(1) = 0$$

$$BF_2(0) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad BF_2(1) = 1$$

$$BF_3(0) = 0 \quad BF_3(1) = 0$$

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Overview

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Weighted Averaging

Suppose we have values:

\mathbf{v}_1 , \mathbf{v}_2 , \mathbf{v}_3 , and \mathbf{v}_4 ,

and (averaging) weights:

α_1 , α_2 , α_3 , and α_4 , with $\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3 + \alpha_4 = 1$,

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We can express the weighted average of the \mathbf{v}_i as:

$$\sum_{i=1}^4 \alpha_i \mathbf{v}_i = (\alpha_1 \quad \alpha_2 \quad \alpha_3 \quad \alpha_4) \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{v}_1 \\ \mathbf{v}_2 \\ \mathbf{v}_3 \\ \mathbf{v}_4 \end{pmatrix} \quad \sum_{i=1}^4 \beta_i \mathbf{v}_i = (\mathbf{v}_1 \quad \mathbf{v}_2 \quad \mathbf{v}_3 \quad \mathbf{v}_4) \begin{pmatrix} \beta_1 \\ \beta_2 \\ \beta_3 \\ \beta_4 \end{pmatrix}$$



Weighted Averaging

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... A **row** vector whose entries are the weighted average of the matrix's columns.



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multiplying on the **right** by $(\beta_1 \beta_2 \beta_3 \beta_4)^\top$ gives:

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Claim: This is a weighted average of the \mathbf{v}_{ij} :

To show this, we show that the total sum of the weights $\alpha_i \beta_j$ is equal to 1.



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$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i,j=1}^4 \alpha_i \beta_j &= \sum_{i=1}^4 \alpha_i \left(\sum_{j=1}^4 \beta_j \right) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^4 \alpha_i = 1 \end{aligned}$$



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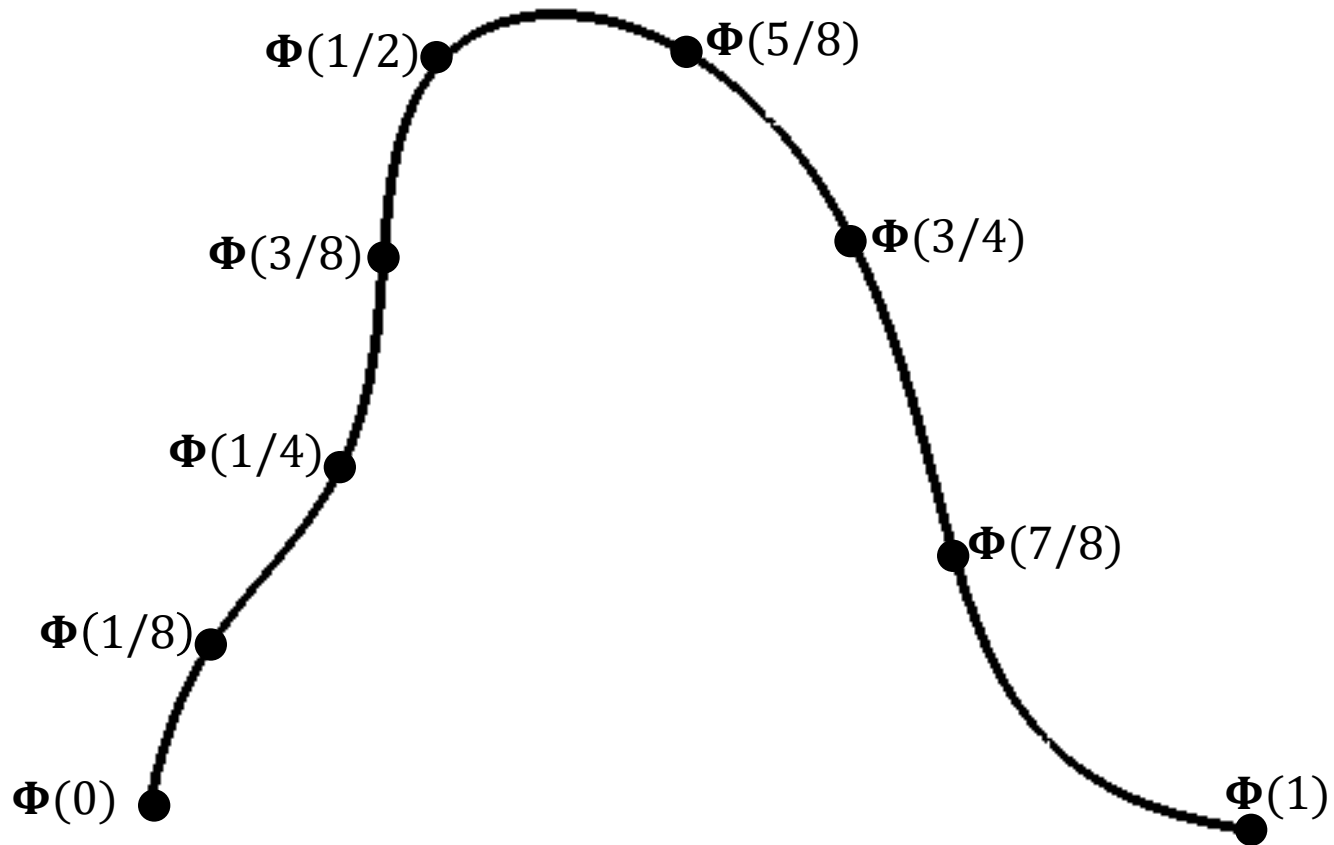
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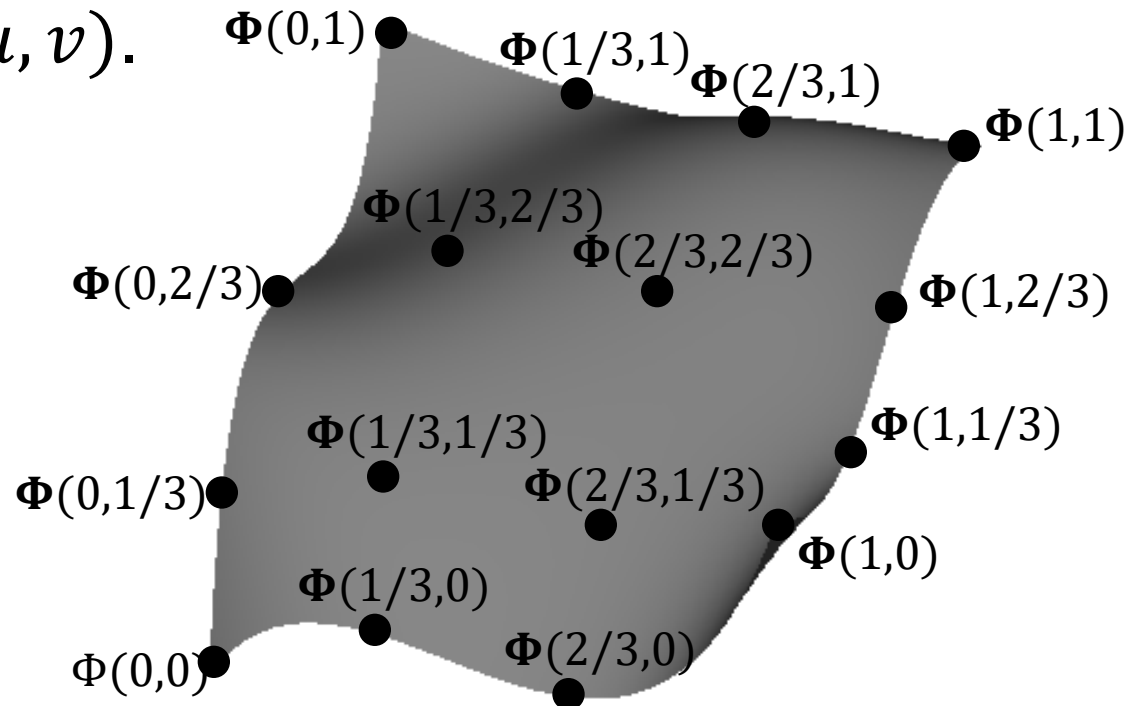




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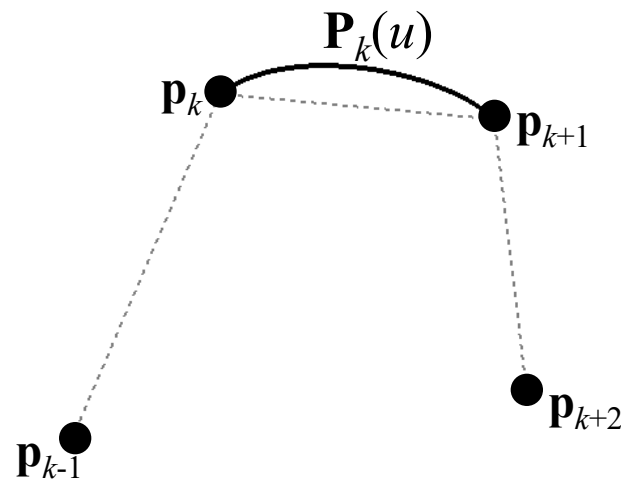
A *parametric patch/surface* is a function in two variables $\Phi(u, v)$ associating a position to every pair of values of (u, v) .





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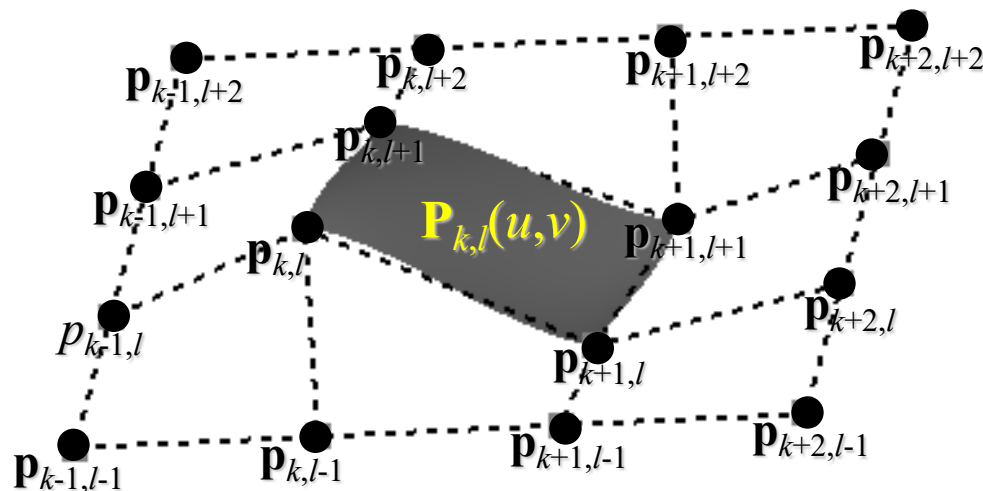




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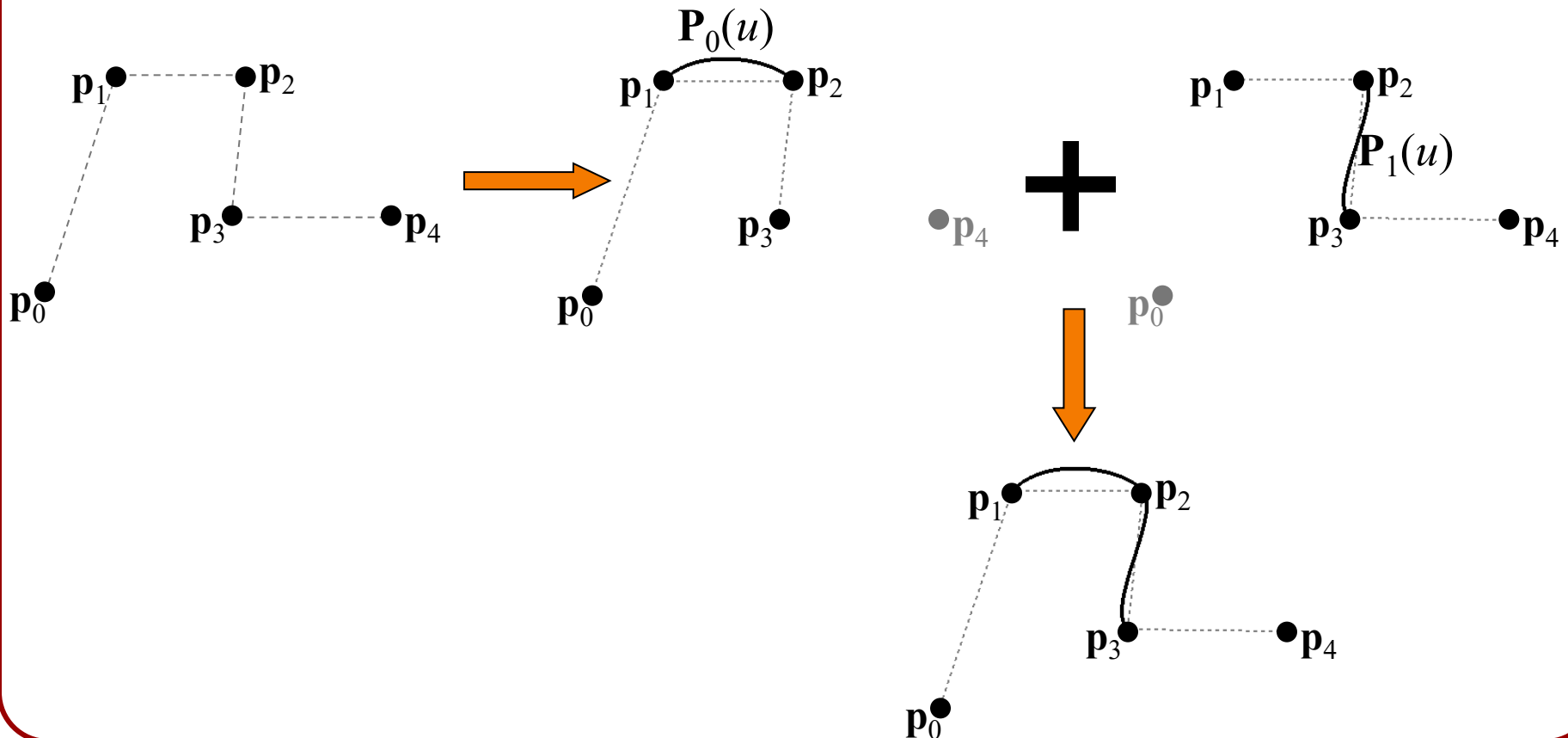
A *bi-cubic polynomial* is a polynomial which is cubic in each variable:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{P}(u, v) = & \mathbf{a}u^3v^3 + \\ & + \mathbf{b}u^3v^2 + \mathbf{c}u^2v^3 + \\ & + \mathbf{d}u^2v^2 + \mathbf{e}u^1v^3 + \mathbf{f}u^3v^1 + \\ & + \dots \end{aligned}$$



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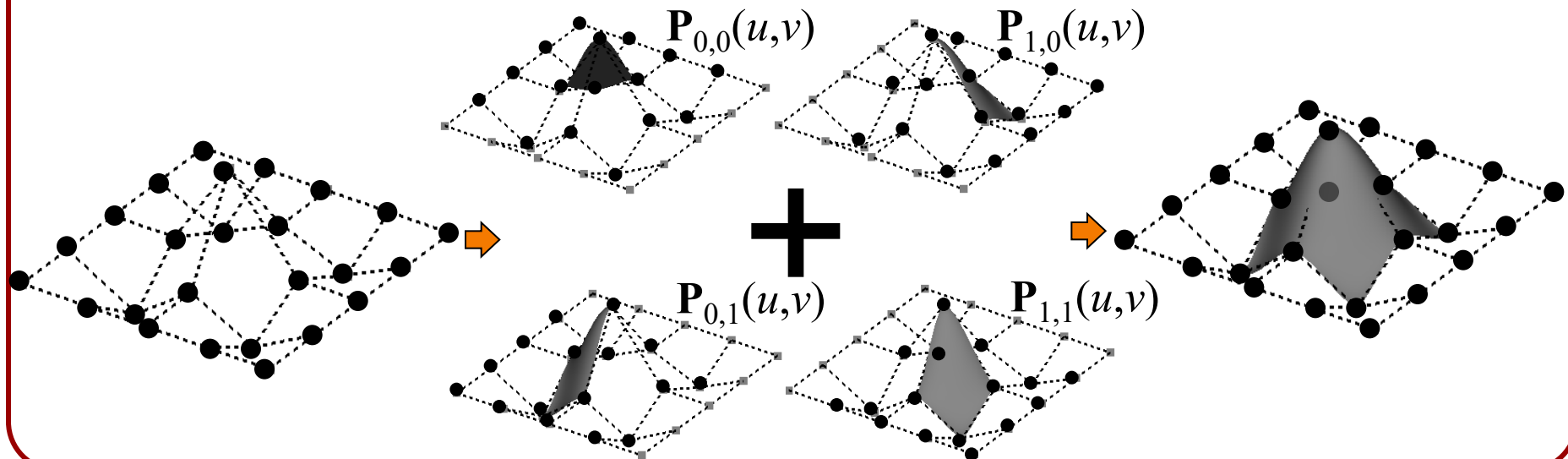




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Given $n \times m$ points, we fit a **piecewise** bi-cubic surface, consisting of $(n - 3) \times (m - 3)$ patches to the points.

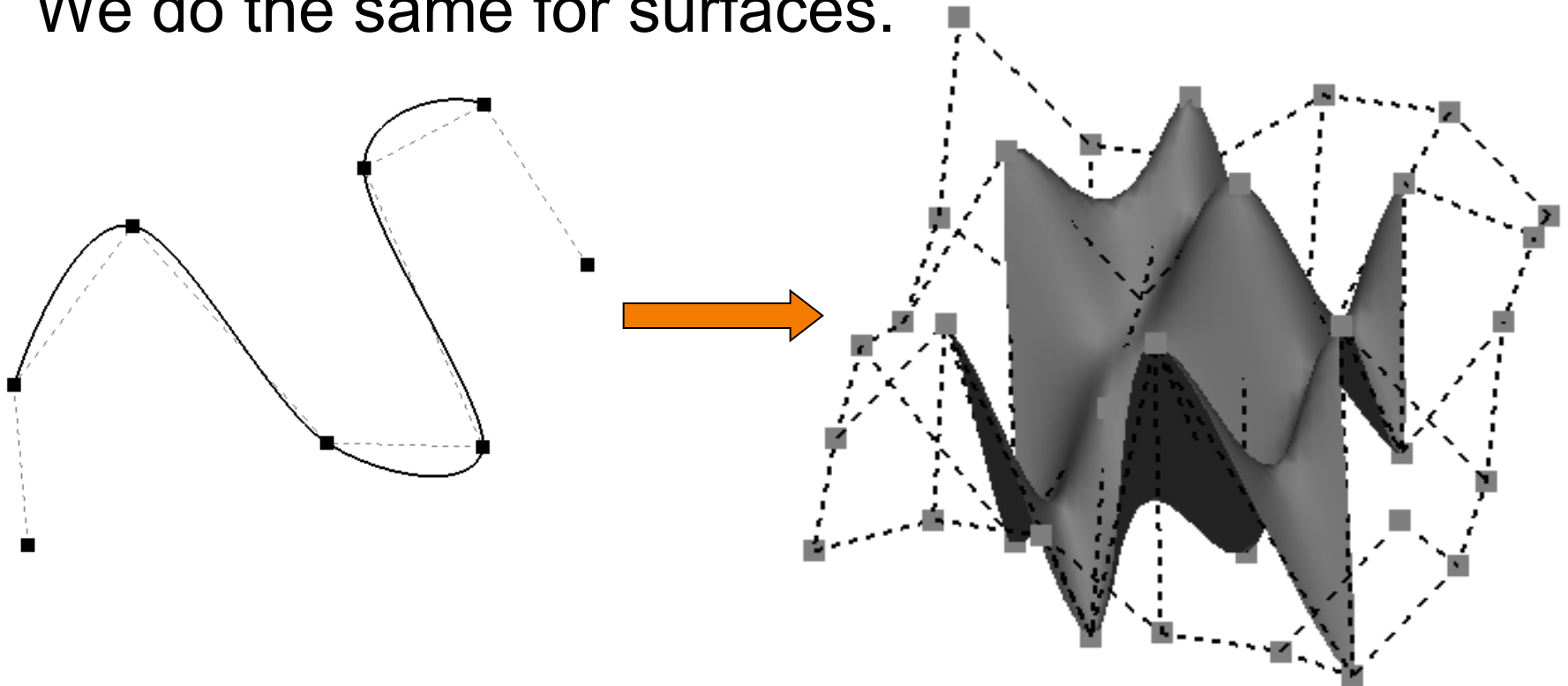




Spline Surfaces

We generate spline curves by using the blending function to compute the weighted average of the control points.

We do the same for surfaces.





Cubic Blending Functions

Recall

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$$\mathbf{P}_k(u) = (BF_0(u) \quad BF_1(u) \quad BF_2(u) \quad BF_3(u)) \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{p}_{k-1} \\ \mathbf{p}_k \\ \mathbf{p}_{k+1} \\ \mathbf{p}_{k+2} \end{pmatrix}$$

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Since the sum of the $BF_i(u)$ equals 1, this is a weighted average of the control points.

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Cubic Blending Functions

If we are given a 4×4 array of control points, we can define a bi-cubic spline patch similarly:

$$\mathbf{P}_{k,l}(u, v) = \begin{pmatrix} BF_0(v) \\ BF_1(v) \\ BF_2(v) \\ BF_3(v) \end{pmatrix}^T \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{p}_{k-1,l-1} & \mathbf{p}_{k,l-1} & \mathbf{p}_{k+1,l-1} & \mathbf{p}_{k+2,l-1} \\ \mathbf{p}_{k-1,l} & \mathbf{p}_{k,l} & \mathbf{p}_{k+1,l} & \mathbf{p}_{k+2,l} \\ \mathbf{p}_{k-1,l+1} & \mathbf{p}_{k,l+1} & \mathbf{p}_{k+1,l+1} & \mathbf{p}_{k+2,l+1} \\ \mathbf{p}_{k-1,l+2} & \mathbf{p}_{k,l+2} & \mathbf{p}_{k+1,l+2} & \mathbf{p}_{k+2,l+2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} BF_0(u) \\ BF_1(u) \\ BF_2(u) \\ BF_3(u) \end{pmatrix}$$

Since, the sum of the $BF_i(u)$ equals 1, $\mathbf{P}_{k,l}(u, v)$ is a weighted **average** of the control points.



Cubic Spline Patches

Computing the value of the patch at a point (u_0, v_0) amounts to:

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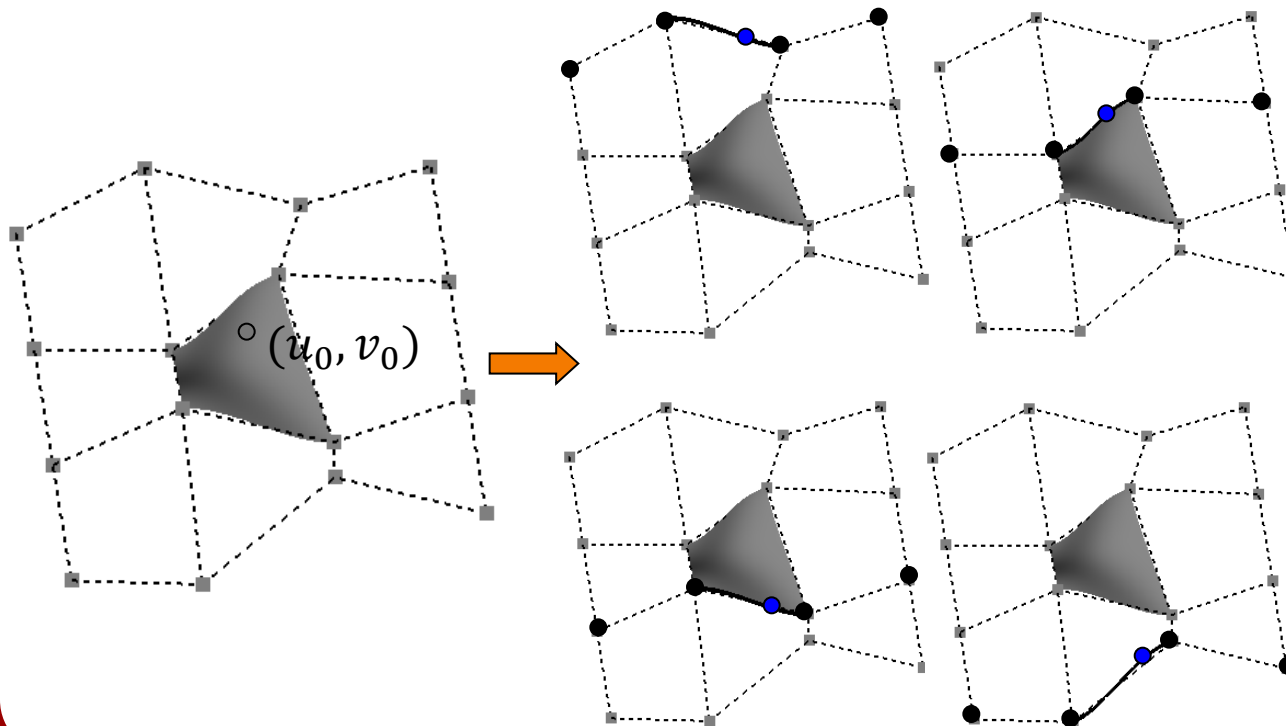
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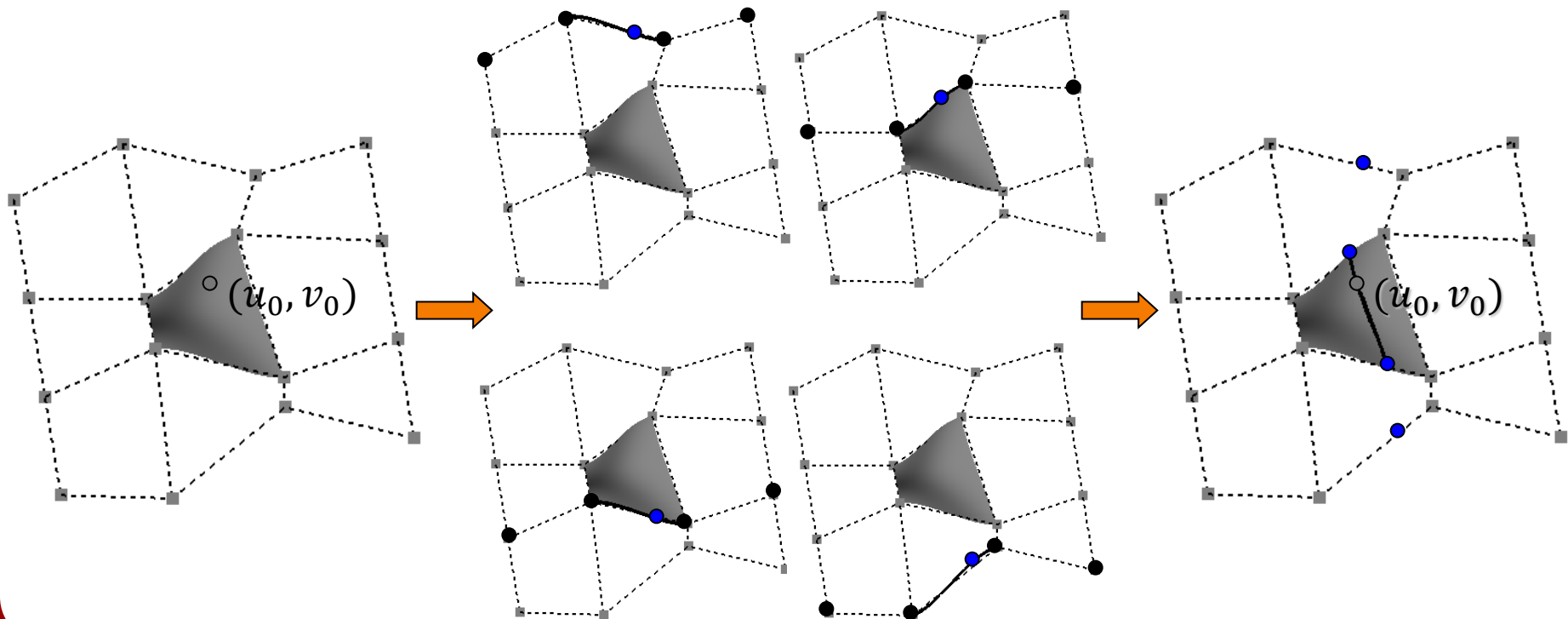




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Cubic Spline Patches

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$$(BF_0(u) \ BF_1(u) \ BF_2(u) \ BF_3(u))^T = \mathbf{M}_{\text{Spline}} U$$

with $U^T = (u^3 \ u^2 \ u \ 1)$ and $\mathbf{M}_{\text{Spline}}$ the spline matrix.

This gives:

$$\mathbf{P}_{k,l}(u, v) = V^T \mathbf{M}_{\text{Spline}}^T \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{p}_{k-1,l-1} & \mathbf{p}_{k,l-1} & \mathbf{p}_{k+1,l-1} & \mathbf{p}_{k+2,l-1} \\ \mathbf{p}_{k-1,l} & \mathbf{p}_{k,l} & \mathbf{p}_{k+1,l} & \mathbf{p}_{k+2,l} \\ \mathbf{p}_{k-1,l+1} & \mathbf{p}_{k,l+1} & \mathbf{p}_{k+1,l+1} & \mathbf{p}_{k+2,l+1} \\ \mathbf{p}_{k-1,l+2} & \mathbf{p}_{k,l+2} & \mathbf{p}_{k+1,l+2} & \mathbf{p}_{k+2,l+2} \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{M}_{\text{Spline}} U$$

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Cubic Spline Patches

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Surface splines that are obtained from curve splines in this way are referred to as *tensor product splines*.

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with $V^T = (v^3 \ v^2 \ v \ 1)$.



Cubic Spline Patches

We can choose our favorite spline curve (Cardinal, uniform cubic-B, etc.) and use its blending functions to define a spline patch:

$$\mathbf{P}_{k,l}(u, v) = V^T \boxed{\mathbf{M}_{\text{Spline}}^T} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{p}_{k-1,l-1} & \mathbf{p}_{k,l-1} & \mathbf{p}_{k+1,l-1} & \mathbf{p}_{k+2,l-1} \\ \mathbf{p}_{k-1,l} & \mathbf{p}_{k,l} & \mathbf{p}_{k+1,l} & \mathbf{p}_{k+2,l} \\ \mathbf{p}_{k-1,l+1} & \mathbf{p}_{k,l+1} & \mathbf{p}_{k+1,l+1} & \mathbf{p}_{k+2,l+1} \\ \mathbf{p}_{k-1,l+2} & \mathbf{p}_{k,l+2} & \mathbf{p}_{k+1,l+2} & \mathbf{p}_{k+2,l+2} \end{pmatrix} \boxed{\mathbf{M}_{\text{Spline}}} U$$



Overview

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Blending Functions

For spline curves, we want:

- Translation Equivariance:

$$BF_0(u) + BF_1(u) + BF_2(u) + BF_3(u) = 1 \text{ for all } 0 \leq u \leq 1.$$

- n -th Order Continuity:

$$0 = BF_0^n(1)$$

$$BF_0^n(0) = BF_1^n(1)$$

$$BF_1^n(0) = BF_2^n(1)$$

$$BF_2^n(0) = BF_3^n(1)$$

$$BF_3^n(0) = 0$$

- Convex Hull Containment:

$$BF_0(u), BF_1(u), BF_2(u), BF_3(u) \geq 0, \text{ for all } 0 \leq u \leq 1.$$

- Interpolation:

$$BF_0(0) = 0 \quad BF_0(1) = 0$$

$$BF_1(0) = 1 \quad BF_1(1) = 0$$

$$BF_2(0) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad BF_2(1) = 1$$

$$BF_3(0) = 0 \quad BF_3(1) = 0$$

Do tensor product splines satisfy these conditions?



Surface Spline Properties

Translation equivariance:

As with curves, we need the sum of the blending functions $BF_{i,j}(u, v)$ to equal 1.

But since

$$BF_{i,j}(u, v) = BF_i(u) \cdot BF_j(v)$$

if the $BF_i(u)$ are weighting functions that sum to 1, then the tensor product functions $BF_{i,j}(u, v)$ also sum to 1.



Surface Spline Properties

Continuity:

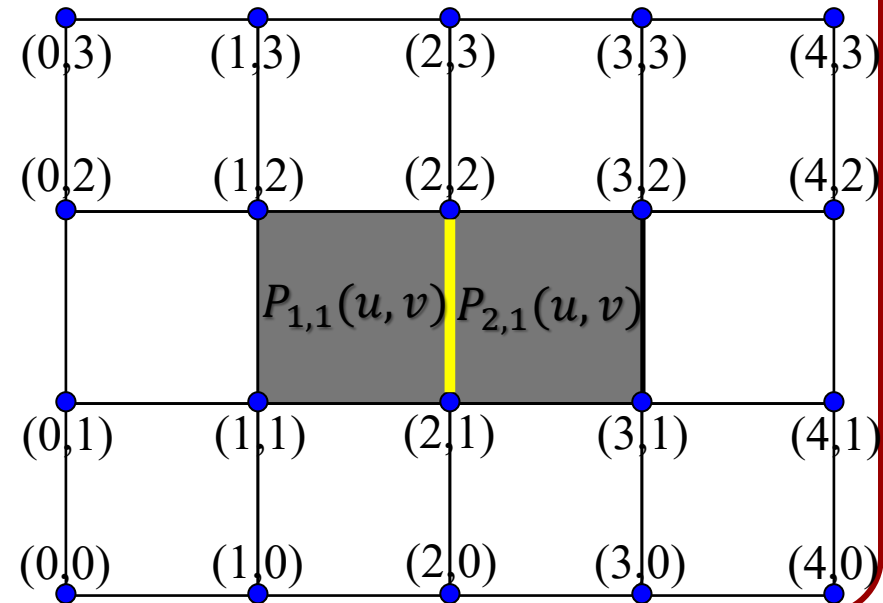
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$$0 = \sum_{i=0}^3 \sum_{j=0}^3 B_{i,j}(1, v) \cdot \mathbf{p}_{i,j} - \sum_{i=0}^3 \sum_{j=0}^3 B_{i,j}(0, v) \cdot \mathbf{p}_{i+1,j}$$

Re-index the second term so that the control point indices match.





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Decompose the equation in terms of the control points shared by both patches.

$$\mathbf{p}_{i,j} \quad \text{w/ } 1 \leq i \leq 3 \text{ and } 0 \leq j \leq 3$$



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\Downarrow

$$0 = \sum_{j=0}^3 B_{0,j}(1, v) \cdot \mathbf{p}_{0,j} + \sum_{i=1}^3 \sum_{j=0}^3 B_{i,j}(1, v) \cdot \mathbf{p}_{i,j} - \sum_{i=1}^3 \sum_{j=0}^3 B_{i-1,j}(0, v) \cdot \mathbf{p}_{i,j} - \sum_{j=0}^3 B_{3,j}(0, v) \cdot \mathbf{p}_{4,j}$$

Combine terms using the same control points.



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Surface Spline Properties

Continuity:

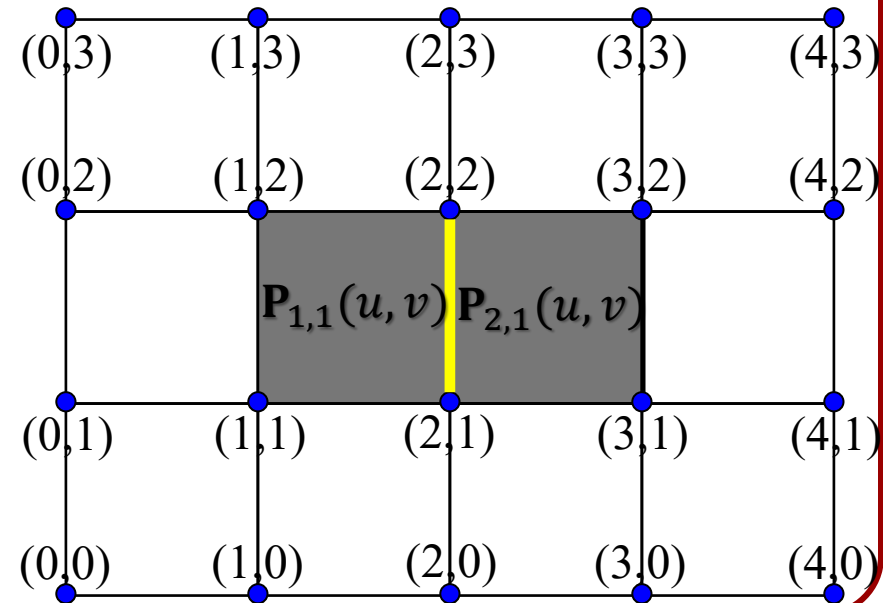
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For this to be true for all control points \mathbf{p}_{ij} , we need:

- $B_{0,j}(1, v) = B_{3,j}(0, v) = 0$
- $B_{1,j}(1, v) = B_{0,j}(0, v)$
- $B_{2,j}(1, v) = B_{1,j}(0, v)$
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for all $v \in [0, 1]$





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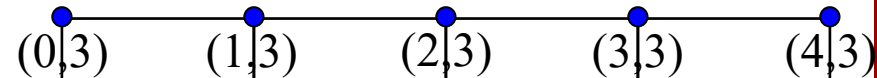
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for all



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$$\Updownarrow$$

$$B_0(1) \cdot B_j(v) = B_3(0) \cdot B_j(v) = 0$$

$$\Uparrow$$

$$B_0(1) = B_3(0) = 0$$

Which is satisfied if the 1D B-spline is continuous!





Surface Spline Properties

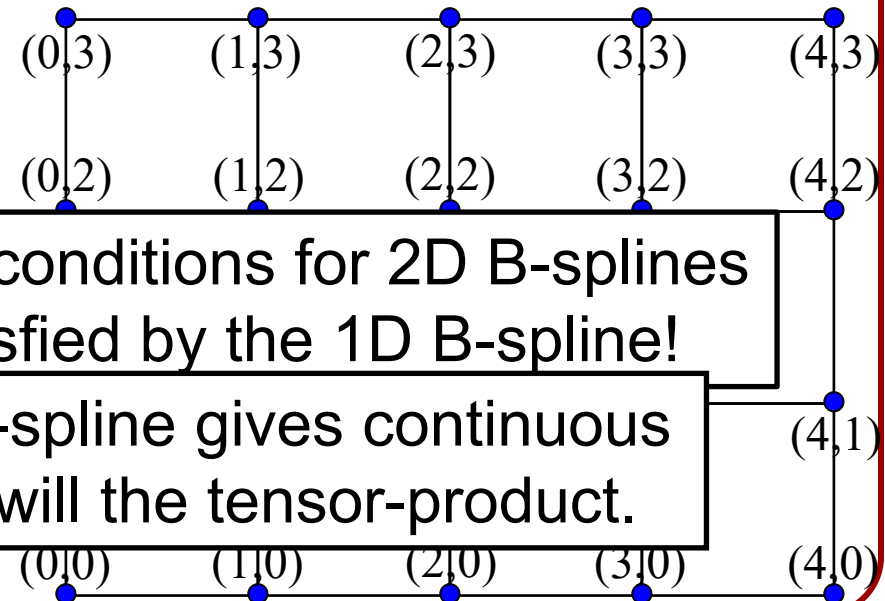
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- $B_{3,j}(1, v) = B_{2,j}(0, v)$



Similarly, the other continuity conditions for 2D B-splines are satisfied if they are satisfied by the 1D B-spline!

More generally, if the 1D B-spline gives continuous n -th order derivatives, so will the tensor-product.



Surface Spline Properties

Convex hull containment:

For convex hull containment we need the weights of the blending function to be non-negative.

If the $BF_i(u)$ are non-negative, then since

$$BF_{i,j}(u, v) = BF_i(u) \cdot BF_j(v)$$

the $BF_{i,j}(u, v)$ will also be non-negative.



Surface Spline Properties

Interpolation:

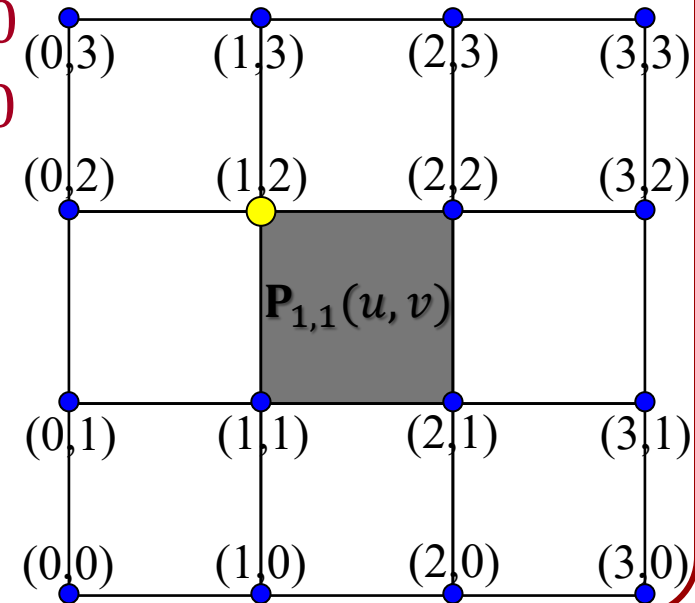
For the spline surface to interpolate, it must satisfy:

- » $BF_{1,1}(0,0) = BF_{1,2}(0,1) = BF_{2,1}(1,0) = BF_{2,2}(1,1) = 1.$
- » All the other blending functions evaluate to 0 at the end-points.

Recall that the spline curve is interpolating if:

- » $BF_0(0) = BF_2(0) = BF_3(0) = 0$
- » $BF_0(1) = BF_1(1) = BF_3(1) = 0$
- » $BF_1(0) = 1$
- » $BF_2(1) = 1$

$$BF_{1,2}(0,1) = BF_1(0) \cdot BF_2(1)$$





Surface Spline Properties

We began by describing properties that we want spline curves to satisfy:

- Translation equivariance
- Continuity
- Convex hull containment
- Interpolation

If the spline curve satisfies these properties, then so will the tensor product spline surface!



Surface Spline Properties

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As with curves, we can handle boundaries by:

- If the will th
- Ignoring them
 - Doubling up
 - Introducing cylindrical/toroidal periodicity
- then so

Surface Spline Demo

Outline

Spline Surfaces

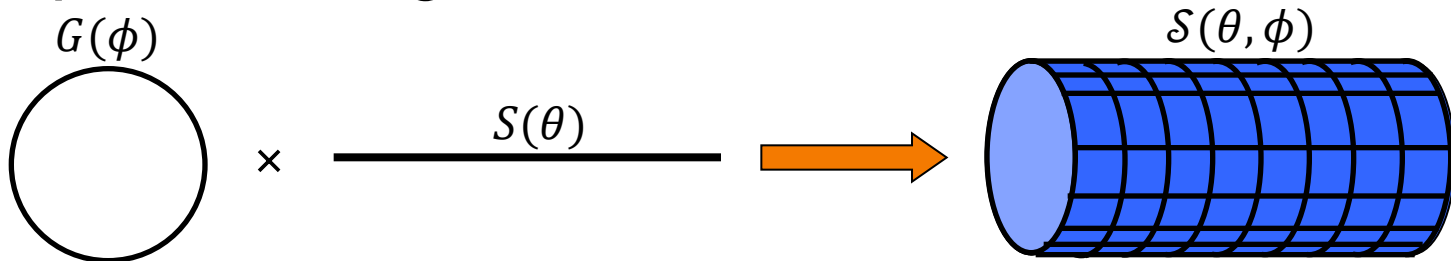
Sweep Surfaces





Sweeps

Given a 3D sweep curve $S(\theta)$ and a 2D generating curve $G(\phi)$, define the sweep surface $\mathcal{S}(\theta, \phi)$ as the sweep of C along H :



In this example, the sweep curve is used to translate the generating curve:

$$\mathcal{S}(\theta, \phi) = S(\theta) + G(\phi)$$

We can define more complex sweep surfaces.

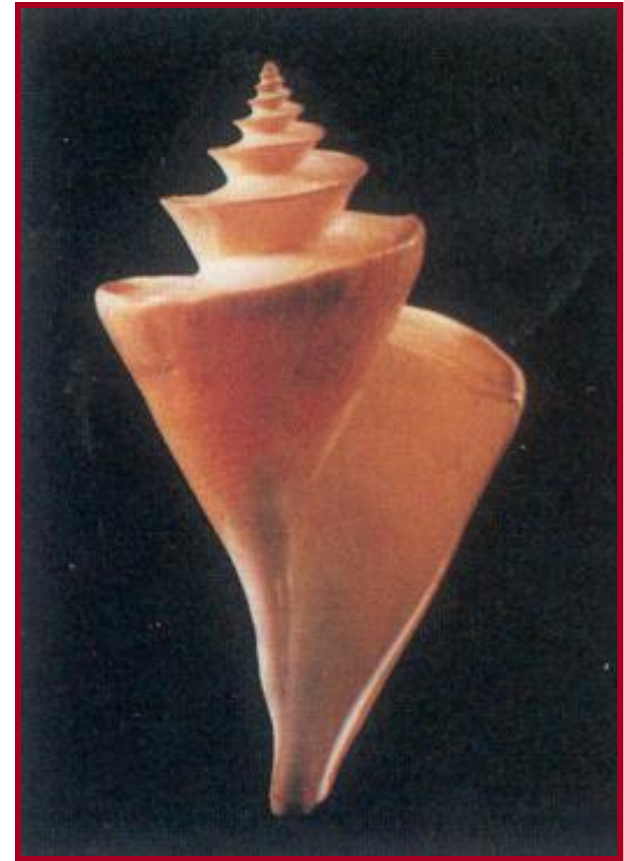


Example: Seashells

Create 3D polygonal surface models of seashells

“Modeling Seashells,”

Deborah Fowler, Hans Meinhardt,
and Przemyslaw Prusinkiewicz,
Computer Graphics (SIGGRAPH 92),
Chicago, Illinois, July, 1992, p 379-387.

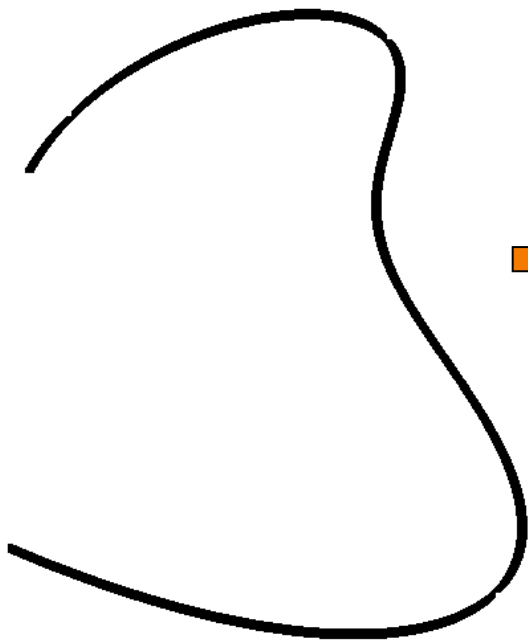


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Example: Seashells

Sweep generating curve around helico-spiral axis



Generating Curve





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Sweep generating curve around helico-spiral axis

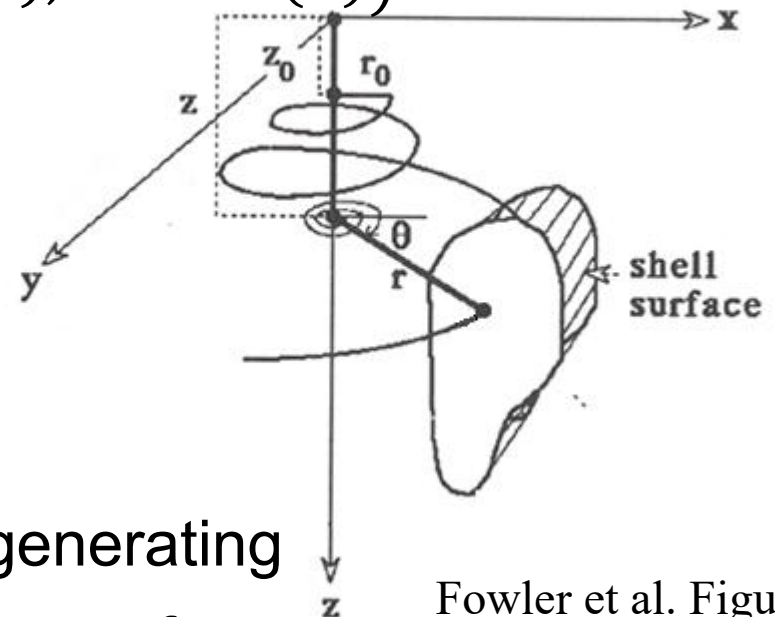
Helico-Spiral definition:

$$S(\theta) = (\cos \theta \cdot r(\theta), z(\theta), \sin \theta \cdot r(\theta))$$

Angle: θ

Radius: $r(\theta) = e^{\lambda\theta}$

Height: $z(\theta) = e^{\mu\theta}$



If $G(\phi) = (G_x(\phi), G_y(\phi))$ is the generating curve, we can try to represent the surface as:

$$S(\theta, \phi) = S(\theta) + (G_x(\phi), G_y(\phi), 0) \cdot r(\theta)$$

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Example: Seashells

Sweep generating curve around helico-spiral axis

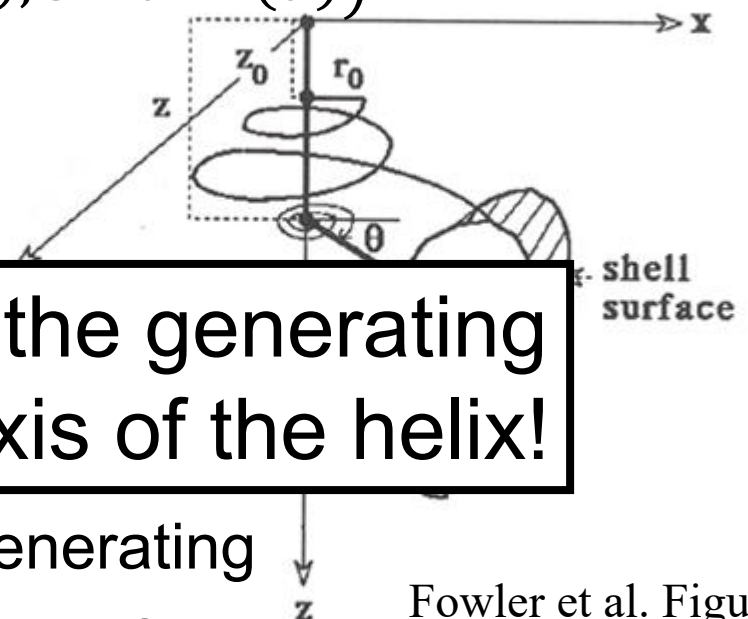
Helico-Spiral definition:

$$S(\theta) = (\cos \theta \cdot r(\theta), z(\theta), \sin \theta \cdot r(\theta))$$

Angle: θ

Radius: $r(\theta) = e^{\lambda\theta}$

Height: $z(\theta) = e^{\mu\theta}$



This doesn't rotate the generating curve around the axis of the helix!

If $G(\phi) = (G_x(\phi), G_y(\phi))$ is the generating curve, we can try to represent the surface as:

$$S(\theta, \phi) = S(\theta) + (G_x(\phi), G_y(\phi), 0) \cdot r(\theta)$$

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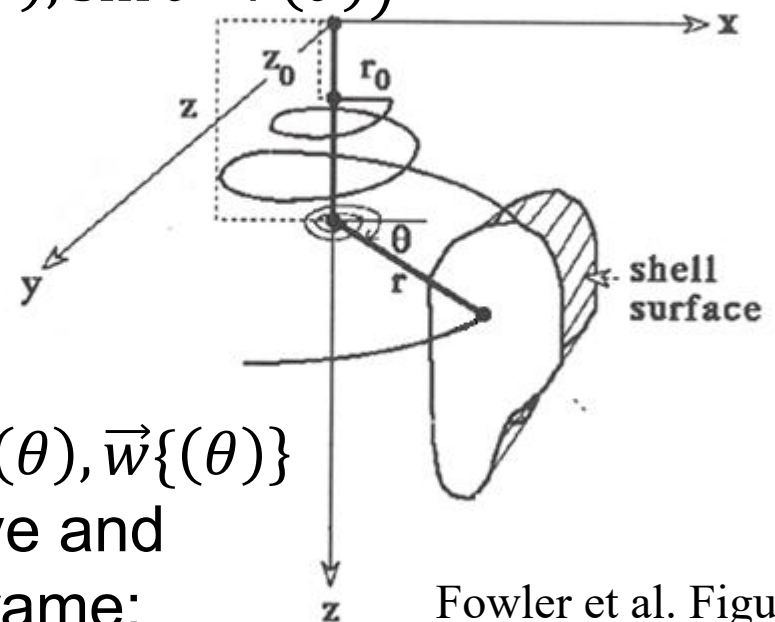
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Compute a local **frame** $\{\vec{u}(\theta), \vec{v}(\theta), \vec{w}(\theta)\}$ at each point on the sweep curve and describe the surface w.r.t. this frame:

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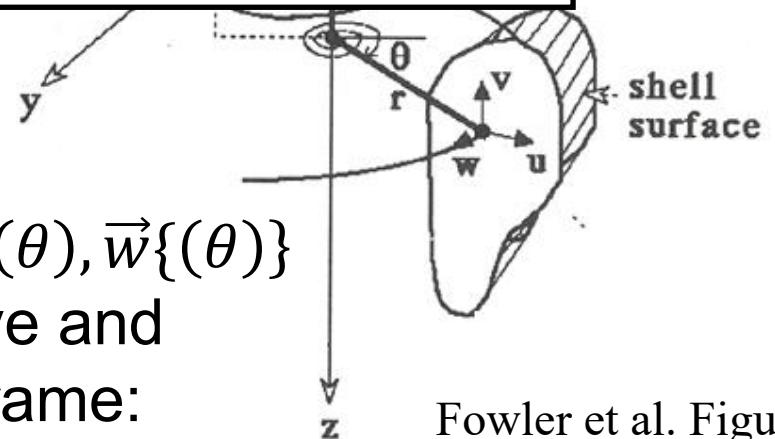
Sweep axis $\vec{u}(\theta)$ and $\vec{v}(\theta)$ define the plane that is perpendicular to the curve H at θ :

Helico- • $\vec{w}(\theta)$ is the curve *tangent*

Angle: • $\vec{u}(\theta)$ is the curve *normal*

Radius: • $\vec{v}(\theta)$ is the curve *bi-tangent*
(perpendicular to $\vec{u}(\theta)$ and $\vec{w}(\theta)$)

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Example: Seashells

Generate different shells by varying parameters



Different helico-spirals



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Generate different shells by varying parameters



Different generating curves

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Generate interesting shells
with a simple procedural model!

