

Types of Primitives

differentiate:

- modeling primitives
- graphics primitives
- display primitives

Representing Curves & Surfaces

- want:
- easy to define, modify
- independent of coordinate system
- continuity
- easy to compute, transform



What function?

- polynomial (easy to compute)
- what degree?
 - too low -> lack of flexibility
 - too high -> expensive

Cubic Polynomial $x = a_x \cdot t^3 + b_x \cdot t^2 + c_x \cdot t + d_x$

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} t^3 & t^2 & t & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_x \\ b_x \\ c_x \\ d_x \end{bmatrix}$$

cubic -> points of inflection



















Transforming Bezier Curves

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transforming Bezier control points and then subdividing curve into line segments

subdividing curve into line segments and then transforming line segments



- what happens when I want to connect several curves?
- problem: continuities at boundaries

 $\begin{array}{l} C^{0} \mbox{ continuous: meet} \\ C^{1} \mbox{ continuous: same slope (1st derivative equal)} \\ C^{2} \mbox{ continuous: rate of change same (2nd derivative equal)} \end{array}$

C² continuous useful for machines

Splines

- piecewise polynomials that satisfy continuity conditions between the pieces
- 2 types:
 - interpolating (go through control points)
 approximating (go near control points)



• work with 4 control points (knots) at a time



- does not go through knots (approximating)
- convex hull
- smooth C² continuity at joints







NURBS

- Nonuniform, rational b-splines
- defined in homogeneous space
- invariant under perspective
- can precisely define conic sections





Surfaces

- F(u,v)
- bicubic -> 16 coefficients
- $F_x(u,v) = a_x u^3 + b_x u^2 + c_x u + d_x + e_x u^3 v + f_x u^2 v + \dots$ $F_y(u,v) = \dots$ $F_z(u,v) = \dots$





Display

- subdivide into polygonal mesh
- can use *u*, *v* for texture coordinates
- normals: cross-product of partial derivatives

$$\vec{N} = \frac{dF}{du}F(u,v) \times \frac{dF}{dv}F(u,v)$$





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