

# Geometric Modeling in Graphics

## Part 6: Curves

# Curve

- ▶ 1D set of points, embedded in space  $\mathbf{X}$  ( $E^2, E^3$ )
- ▶  $f: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{X}$
- ▶ Parametric curves
  - ▶ Set of all points  $X \in \mathbf{X}$  such that  $X = f(t)$ ,  $t \in \langle a, b \rangle$
  - ▶ Line:  $X = S + tD$ ,  $t \in \mathbf{R}$ ,  $S$  - start point,  $D$  - direction vector
  - ▶ Circle in 2D:  $X = (r \cos t, r \sin t)$ ,  $t \in \langle 0, 2\pi \rangle$ ,  $r$  - radius
- ▶ Implicit curves
  - ▶ Set of all points  $X \in E^2$  such that  $f(X) = 0$
  - ▶ Line:  $(X - P) \cdot N = 0$ ,  $P$  - any point on line,  $N$  - normal of line, inner product
  - ▶ Line in 2D:  $ax + by + c = 0$
  - ▶ Circle:  $|X - C| - r = 0$ ,  $C$  - center,  $r$  - radius
  - ▶ Circle in 2D:  $(x - c_x)^2 + (y - c_y)^2 - r^2 = 0$

# Parametric curve

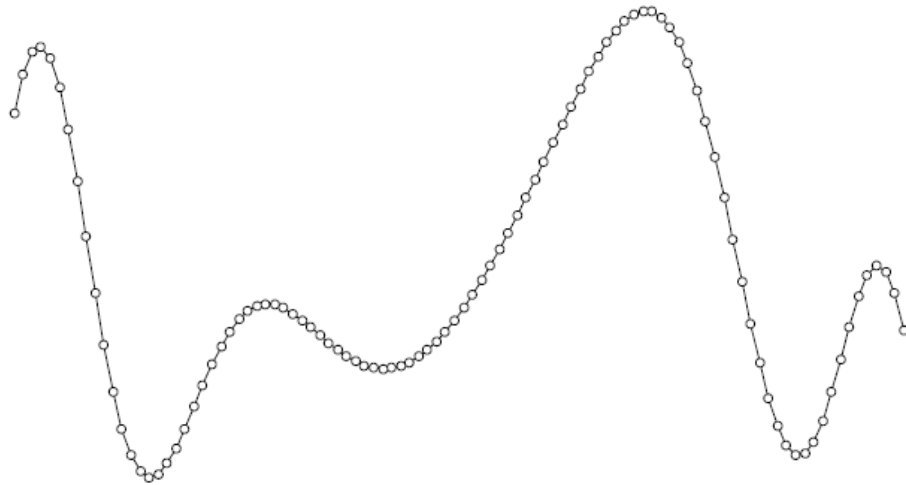
- ▶ Suitable for many modeling algorithms
- ▶ Given parametrization – easy „walk“ on curve, easy to generate points on curve
- ▶ Visualization
  - ▶ Approximation with piecewise linear curve – polyline
  - ▶ Given domain interval  $\langle a, b \rangle$ , choose sample values  $a = t_0 < t_1 < t_2 < \dots < t_m = b$
  - ▶ Compute sample curve points  $F_0 = f(t_0), F_1 = f(t_1), \dots, F_m = f(t_m)$ , draw polyline  $F_0, F_1, \dots, F_m$
  - ▶ Parameter  $m$  – quality of sampling, approximation, visualization
  - ▶ Uniform sampling:  $t_i = a + i(b-a)/m, i=0, 1, \dots, m$
  - ▶ Adaptive sampling: compute  $t_i$  based on curve parameters, for example curvature

# Curve adaptive sampling

- ▶ 1. Starting with domain – interval  $\langle a, b \rangle$
- ▶ 2. For current interval  $\langle u, v \rangle$ , choose value  $w$  at random,  $w = u + d \cdot (v - u)$ ,  $d$  is picked at random from  $\langle 0.45, 0.55 \rangle$ 
  - ▶ Store  $u, v$  as sampling values
  - ▶ Check if curve for  $\langle u, v \rangle$  is flat enough by computing  $P = f(u)$ ,  $Q = f(v)$ ,  $R = f(w)$  and using criterion
    - ▶ Area of triangle  $PQR$  is small
    - ▶ Angle  $PRQ$  is large enough
    - ▶  $R$  is close to chord  $PQ$
    - ▶ Tangents of curve at  $P, Q, R$  are approximately parallel
  - ▶ If curve is not flat enough at  $\langle u, v \rangle$ , divide it into two intervals  $\langle u, w \rangle, \langle w, v \rangle$  and recursively call 2. for both
- ▶ 3. Organize generated sampling values in one sequence

# Parametric curve sampling

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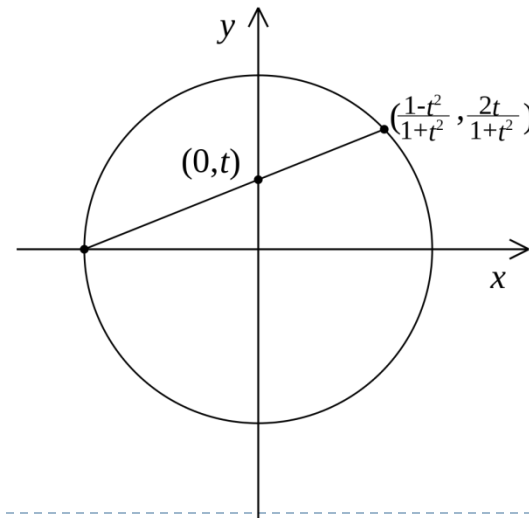
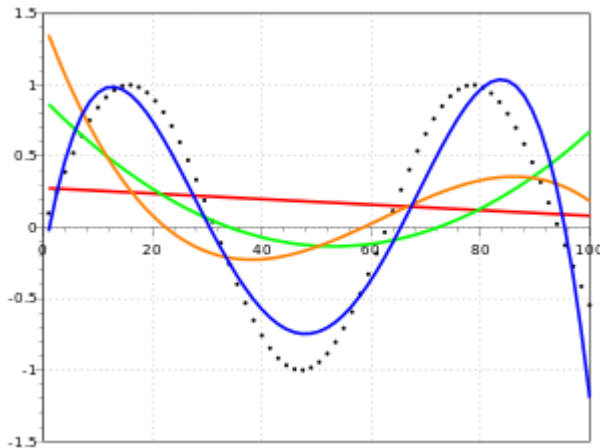
Uniform sampling



Adaptive sampling

# Polynomial curve

- ▶ Parametric curve where  $f$  is polynomial function
- ▶ Popular parametric representation due to fast and easy computation
- ▶ In modelling, usually only order up to 3 is used
- ▶ Extended to rational curve – fraction of two polynomials
  - ▶ Circle in 2D:  $f(t) = ((1-t^2)/(1+t^2), 2t/(1+t^2))$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{R}$



# Polynomial curve

- ▶ Several forms of polynomial basis

- ▶ Monomial basis

- ▶  $f(t) = V_0 + V_1 t + V_2 t^2 + \dots + V_n t^n, t \in \langle a, b \rangle$
- ▶  $V_0$  - control point,  $V_1, \dots, V_n$  - control vectors
- ▶ Not very suitable for geometric modeling

- ▶ Newton, Lagrange interpolation basis

- ▶ Bernstein basis, Bezier curve

- ▶  $f(t) = B^n(t) = V_0 B^n_0(t) + \dots + V_n B^n_n(t), t \in \langle 0, 1 \rangle$
- ▶  $V_0, V_1, \dots, V_n$  - control points

$$B^n_i(t) = \binom{n}{i} t^i (1-t)^{n-i}$$

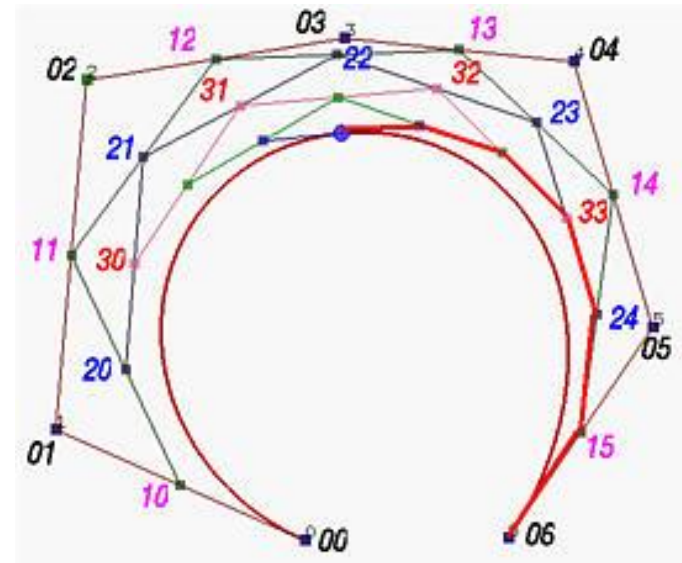
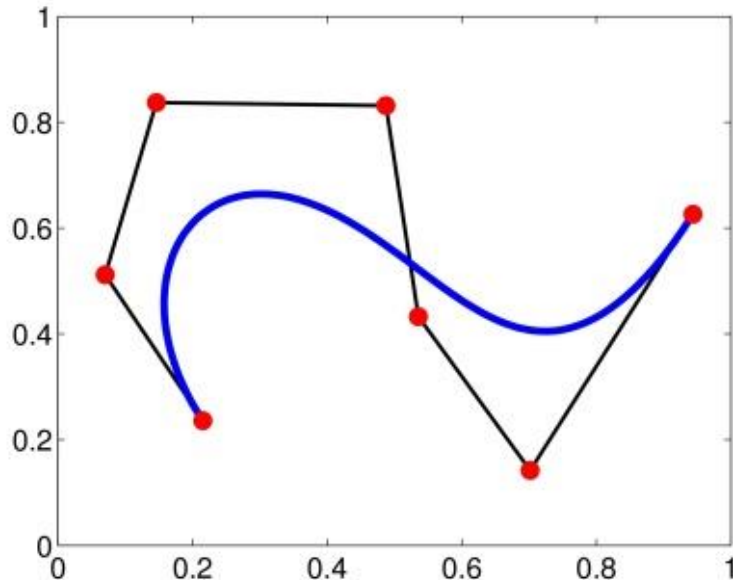
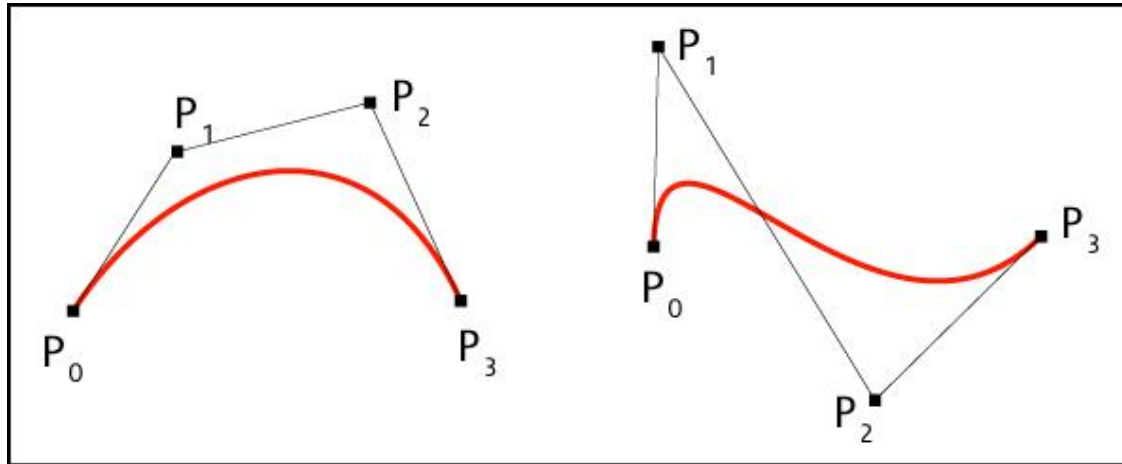
- ▶ Hermite basis, Cubic Hermite curve

- ▶  $f(t) = H^3(t) = V_0 H^3_0(t) + T_0 H^3_1(t) + T_1 H^3_2(t) + V_1 H^3_3(t), t \in \langle 0, 1 \rangle$
- ▶  $V_0, V_1$  - interpolated control points,  $T_0, T_1$  - tangent vectors
- ▶  $H^3_0(t) = 2t^3 - 3t^2 + 1, H^3_1(t) = t^3 - 2t^2 + t, H^3_2(t) = t^3 - t^2, H^3_3(t) = -2t^3 + 3t^2$

# Bezier curve

- ▶ Approximation curve – mimicking shape of control polyline
- ▶ First and last control points ( $V_0, V_n$ ) are interpolated
- ▶  $n \cdot (V_1 - V_0)$ ,  $n \cdot (V_n - V_{n-1})$  are tangent vectors in  $V_0, V_n$
- ▶ De Casteljau algorithm
  - ▶ Recursively computing point on curve for parameter  $t$
  - ▶  $V^0_i(t) = V_i$ ,  $i = 0, \dots, n$
  - ▶  $V^j_i(t) = (1-t)V^{j-1}_i(t) + tV^{j-1}_{i+1}(t)$ ,  $i = 0, \dots, n-j$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, n$ ,
  - ▶  $B^n(t) = V^n_0(t)$
  - ▶  $V^{n-1}_1(t) - V^{n-1}_0(t)$  is tangent vector at  $B^n(t)$
  - ▶ Decomposing curve to 2 Bezier curves, subdivision algorithm
    - ▶  $V^0_0(t), V^1_0(t), V^2_0(t), \dots, V^n_0(t)$
    - ▶  $V^n_0(t), V^{n-1}_1(t), V^{n-2}_2(t), \dots, V^0_n(t)$

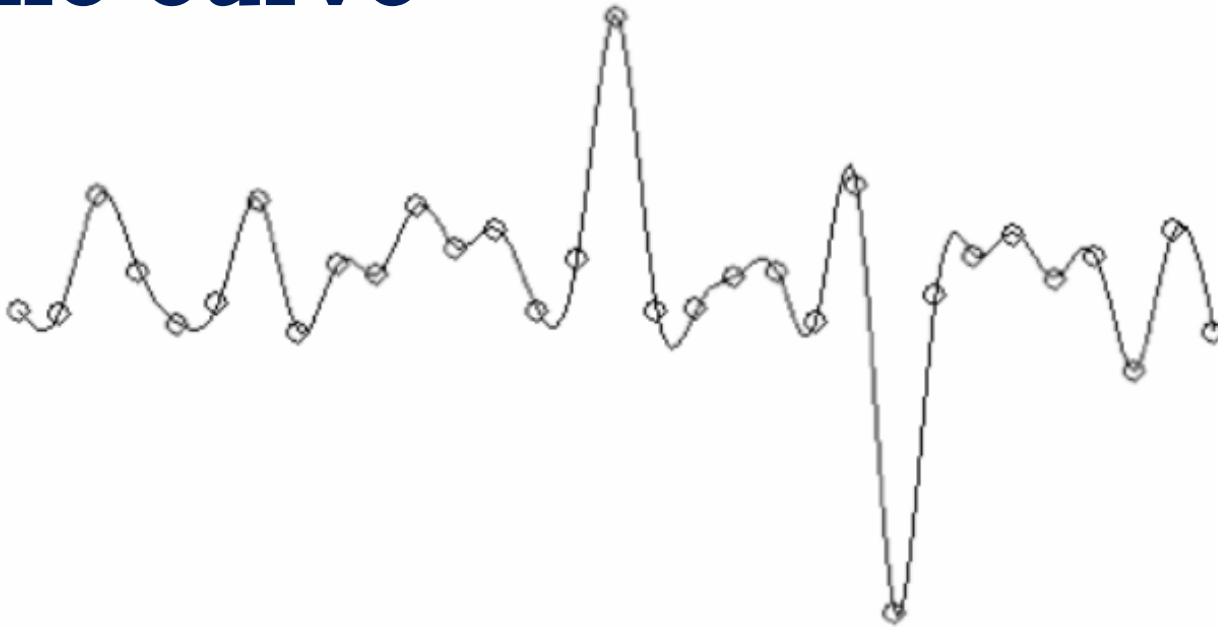
# Bezier curve



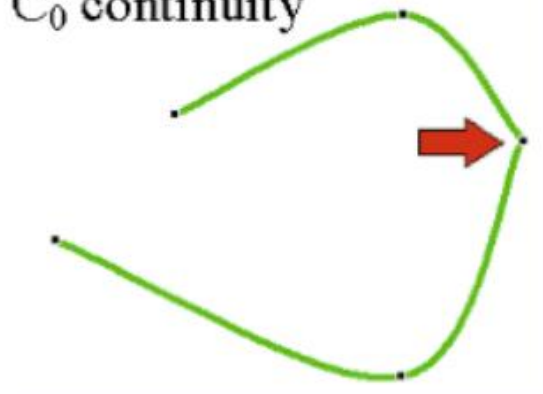
# Spline curve

- ▶ Simple polynomial curve & many control points = high order of polynomials = slow computation
- ▶ Sticking together polynomial curves of small order - piecewise polynomial curve, consists of polynomial segments, segments meet at knots
- ▶ Representing each segment separately vs whole spline curve representation
- ▶ Expecting order of continuity at knots
  - ▶  $C^0$  – end point of first segment is equal to start point of second
  - ▶  $C^1$  – tangent vector at end point of first segment is equal to tangent vector at start point of second segment
  - ▶  $G^1$  – tangent vector at end point of first segment is multiplication of tangent vector at start point of second segment

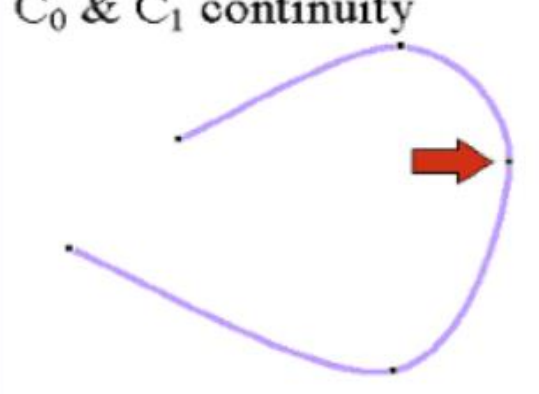
# Spline curve



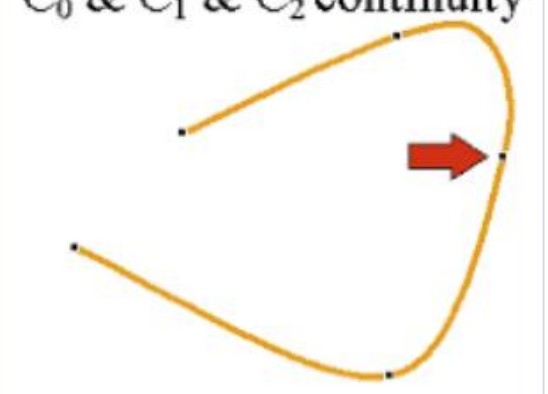
$C_0$  continuity



$C_0$  &  $C_1$  continuity

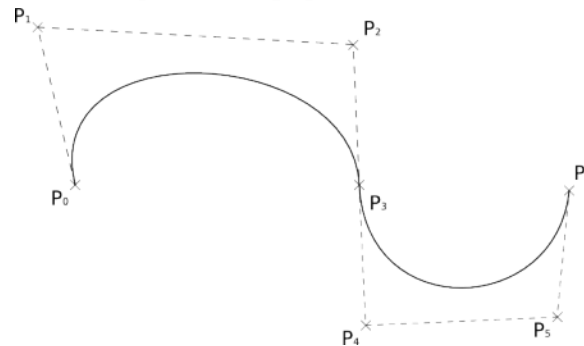
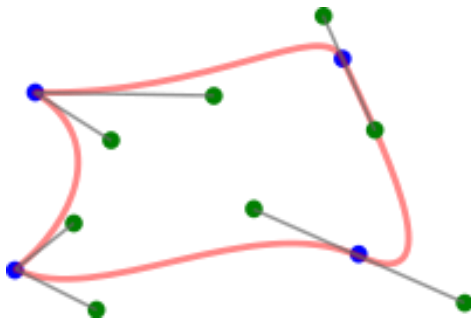


$C_0$  &  $C_1$  &  $C_2$  continuity



# Bezier spline curve

- ▶ Each segment is represented as Bezier curve
- ▶ Usually linear, quadratic or cubic segments
- ▶  $C^0$  continuous Bezier spline – polybezier, beziergon
- ▶  $C^1$  continuous Bezier cubic spline
  - ▶ Given vertices  $V_0, V_1, V_2, \dots, V_n, n=3k$
  - ▶  $V_0, V_3, V_6, \dots, V_{3k}$  – interpolated vertices
  - ▶  $V_{3k} = 0.5V_{3k-1} + 0.5V_{3k+1}$
- ▶ Used in PostScript, PDF, .ttf, OpenType, SVG, ...



# Hermite cubic spline curve

- ▶ Given vertex points  $V_0, V_1, \dots, V_n$ , tangent vectors  $T_0, T_1, \dots, T_n$  and knot parameters  $t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_n$
- ▶ Interpolation curve, interpolating each given vertex  $V_i$  and maintaining  $T_i$  as tangent vector at  $V_i$
- ▶ Interpolation of tangents -  $C^1$  continuity
- ▶ Used mainly for animation curves
- ▶ Each segment is polynomial and represented in Hermite cubic curve form
  - ▶ For  $t \in \langle t_0, t_n \rangle$ , pick span  $j$  such that  $t \in \langle t_j, t_{j+1} \rangle$
  - ▶  $s = (t - t_j) / (t_{j+1} - t_j)$
  - ▶  $H(t) = S_j(s) = V_j H^3_0(s) + T_j H^3_1(s) + T_{j+1} H^3_2(s) + V_{j+1} H^3_3(s)$

# Hermite cubic spline curve

- ▶ Automatic computation of tangent vectors from given points and knot parameters

- ▶ Finite difference

- ▶  $T_k = 0.5 \left( \frac{V_{k+1} - V_k}{t_{k+1} - t_k} - \frac{V_k - V_{k-1}}{t_k - t_{k-1}} \right)$

- ▶ Cardinal spline

- ▶  $T_k = (1 - c) \frac{V_{k+1} - V_{k-1}}{t_{k+1} - t_{k-1}}$

- ▶  $c$  - tension

- ▶ Catmull-Rom spline

- ▶  $T_k = \frac{V_{k+1} - V_{k-1}}{t_{k+1} - t_{k-1}}$

- ▶ Kochanek-Bartels spline

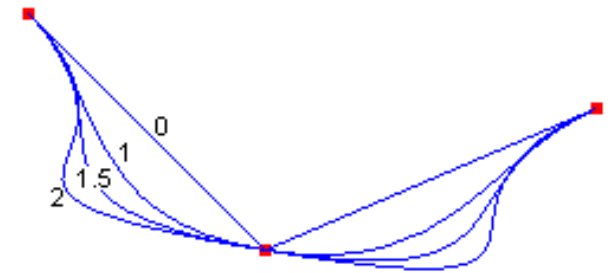
- ▶  $T_k = \frac{(1-t)(1+b)(1+c)}{2} (T_k - T_{k-1}) + \frac{(1-t)(1-b)(1-c)}{2} (T_{k+1} - T_k)$

- ▶  $c$  – continuity,  $b$  – bias,  $t$  – tension

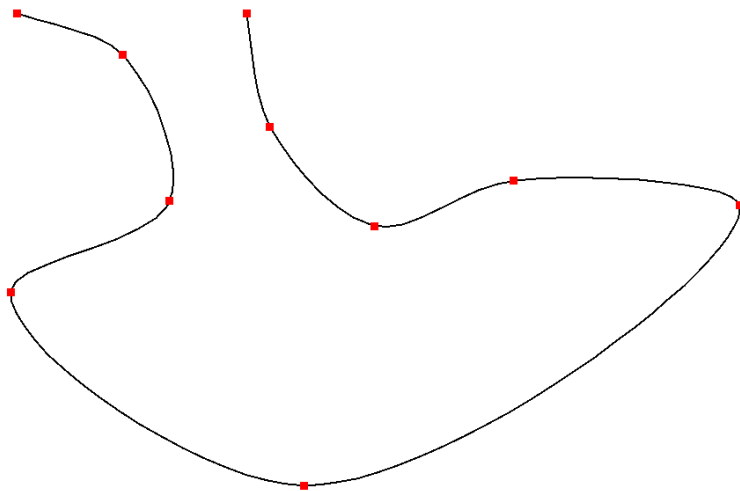
# Hermite cubic spline curve

## ► Computation of knot parameters

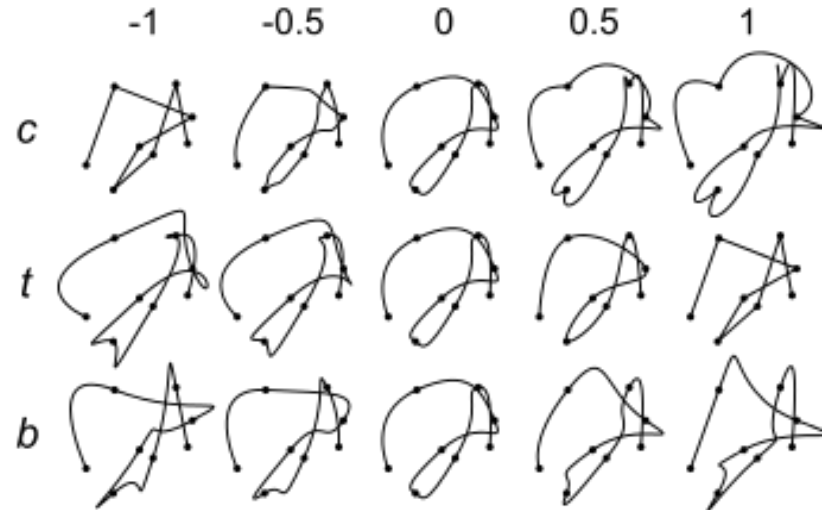
- Uniform:  $t_k = k$
- Length:  $t_0 = 0, t_k = t_{k-1} + |V_k - V_{k-1}|$



Cardinal spline



Finite difference spline

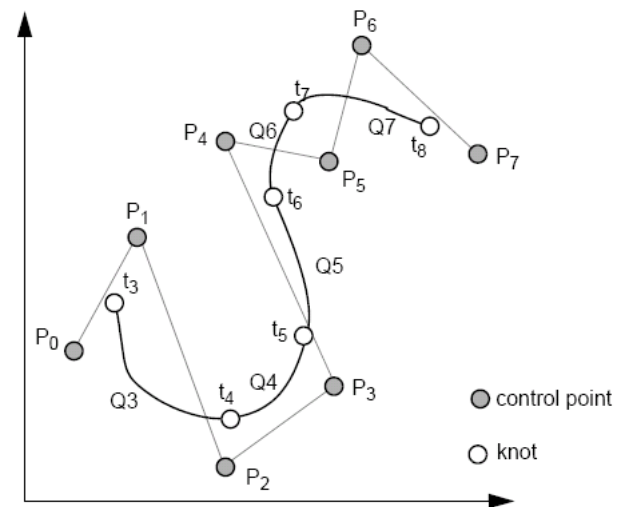
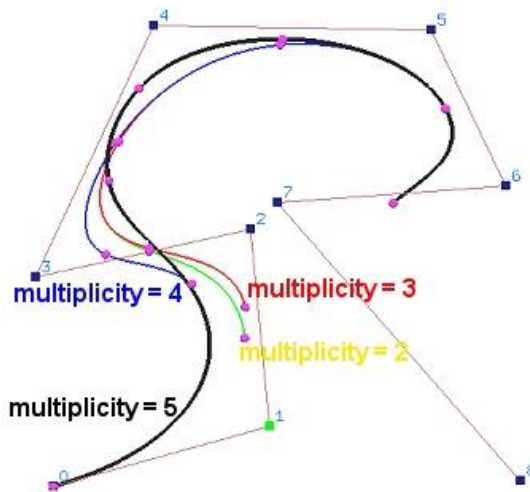
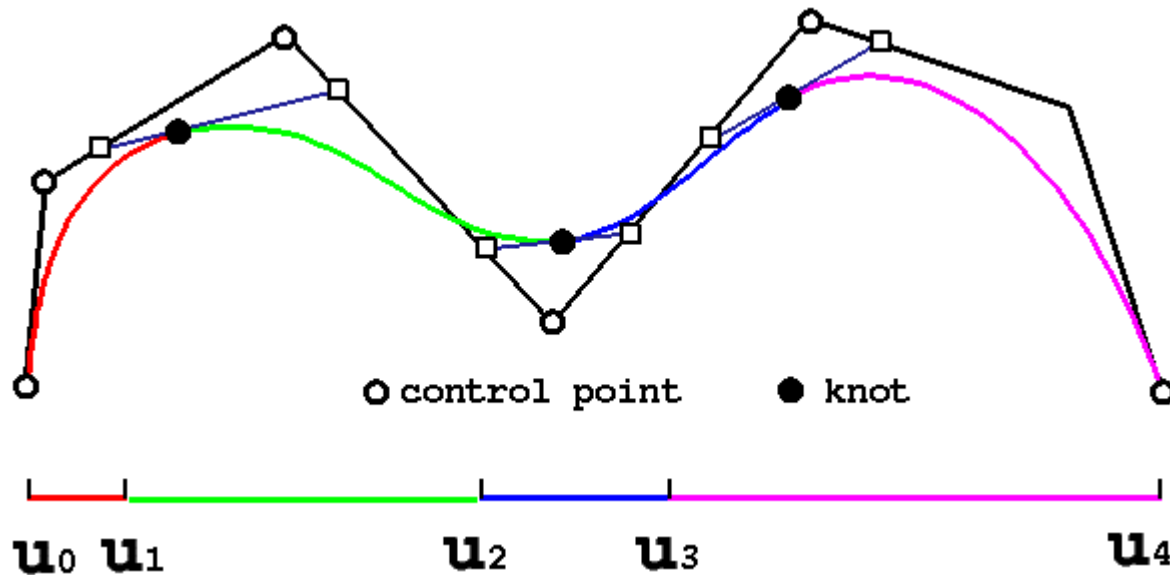


Kochanek-Bartels spline

# B-spline curve

- ▶ Compact representation of approximating spline curves
- ▶ Input
  - ▶ Polynomials degree  $d$
  - ▶ Control points  $V_0, V_1, \dots, V_n$
  - ▶ Vector of knot parameters  $t_0, t_1, \dots, t_m, m=n+d+1$
- ▶ Knot vector represents polynomial segments (non-empty intervals in domain interval) and also order of continuity between segments (multiplicity of knot parameters)
- ▶  $BS^d(t) = \sum_{i=0}^n V_i N_i^d(t) \quad t \in [t_d, t_{n+1})$
- ▶ B-spline basis functions
  - ▶  $N_i^0(t) = 1, t \in [t_i, t_{i+1})$
  - ▶  $N_i^0(t) = 0, t \notin [t_i, t_{i+1})$
  - ▶  $N_i^k(t) = \frac{t - t_i}{t_{i+k} - t_i} N_i^{k-1}(t) + \frac{t_{i+k+1} - t}{t_{i+k+1} - t_{i+1}} N_{i+1}^{k-1}(t)$ 
    - ▶  $i = 0, 1, \dots, m-k-1 \quad k=1, 2, \dots, d$
    - ▶ If some denominator is zero, whole fraction is equal to zero

# B-spline curve



# B-spline curve

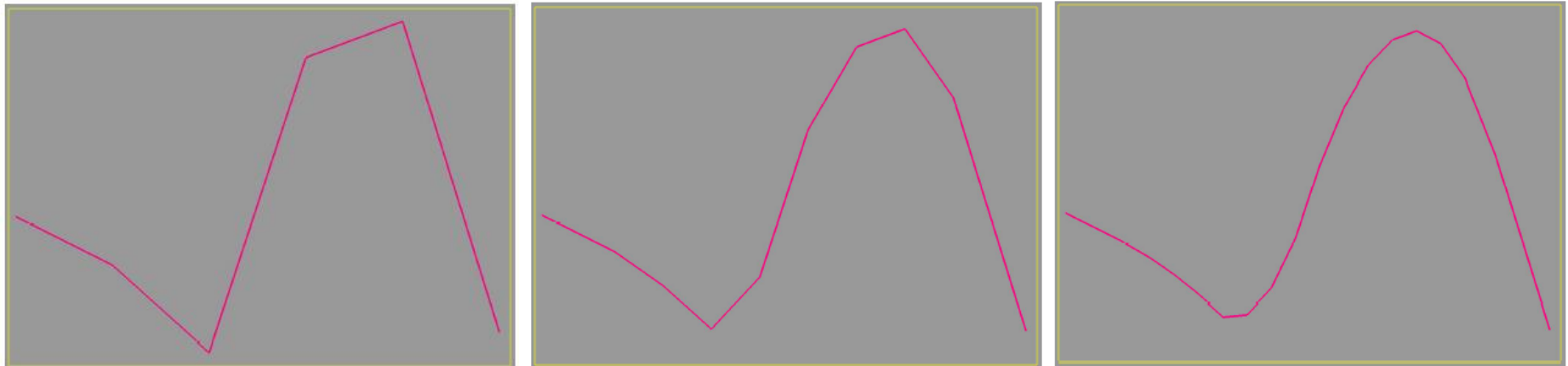
- ▶ If  $t_0=t_1=\dots=t_d$ , curve starts at  $V_0$
- ▶ If  $t_{n+1}=t_{n+2}=\dots=t_m$ , limit of curve end is  $V_n$
- ▶ Each segment is polynomial of maximal degree  $d$
- ▶ If some knot parameter  $t_j$  from domain has multiplicity  $q$ , then spline curve is  $C^{d-q}$  at that knot
- ▶ Number of polynomial segments is equal to number of different knot parameters in domain
- ▶ If each knot parameter has multiplicity  $d+1$ , control points are also control points of Bezier spline curve
- ▶ Local control – change of one control vertex affects only  $d$  segments in close vicinity of changed vertex
- ▶ Convex hull – whole curve lies in convex hull of its control points

# B-spline curve

- ▶ <http://web.mit.edu/hyperbook/Patrikalakis-Maekawa-Cho/node18.html>
- ▶ De Boor evaluation algorithm
  - ▶ Recursive algorithm for curve point evaluation
  - ▶ Fast and numerically stable
  - ▶ Similar to de Casteljau algorithm
- ▶ Boehm knot insertion algorithm
  - ▶ Inserts one knot parameter into knot vector, refining knot vector and control points
  - ▶ Curve remains same, but its representation changes
- ▶ Knot removal algorithm
  - ▶ Removes one knot parameter from knot vector
  - ▶ Refines control points
  - ▶ Can change shape of curve

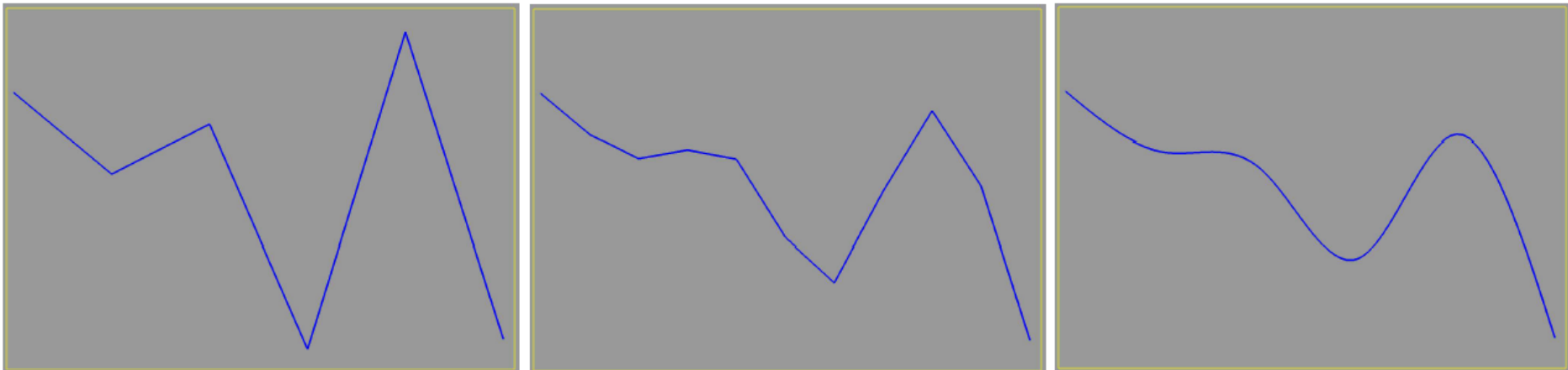
# B-spline curve

- ▶ Define quadratic uniform B-spline curve,  $d=2$
- ▶ Having control polygon  $V_0, V_1, \dots, V_n$
- ▶ Using uniform knot vector  $0, 1, 2, \dots, n+d+1$
- ▶ At one step, insert one knot into middle of each non-empty domain interval in knot vector
- ▶ Knot insertion algorithm defines Chaikin subdivision scheme for control polygon



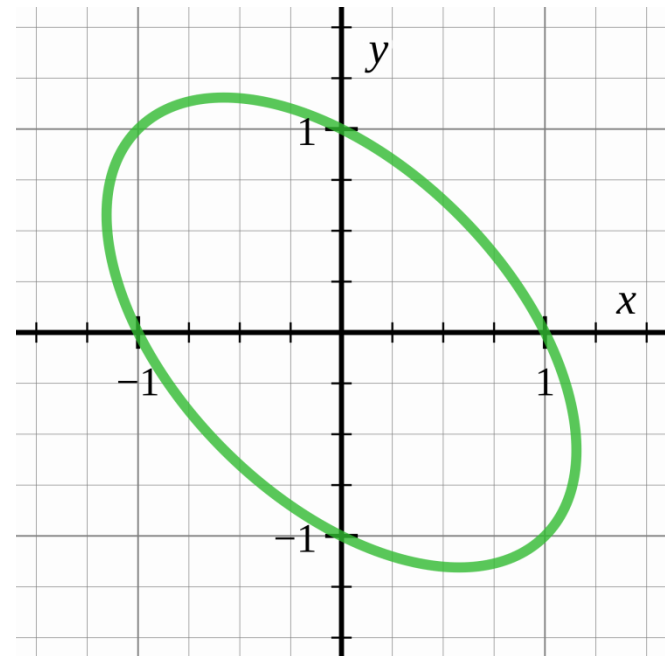
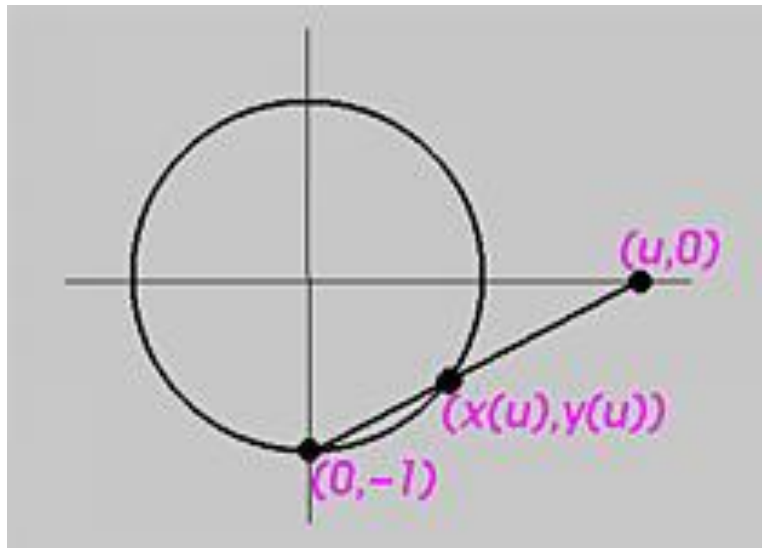
# B-spline curve

- ▶ Define cubic uniform B-spline curve,  $d=3$
- ▶ Having control polygon  $V_0, V_1, \dots, V_n$
- ▶ Using uniform knot vector  $0, 1, 2, \dots, n+d+1$
- ▶ At one step, insert one knot into middle of each non-empty domain interval in knot vector
- ▶ Knot insertion algorithm defines Catmull-Clark subdivision scheme for control polygon



# Rational curves

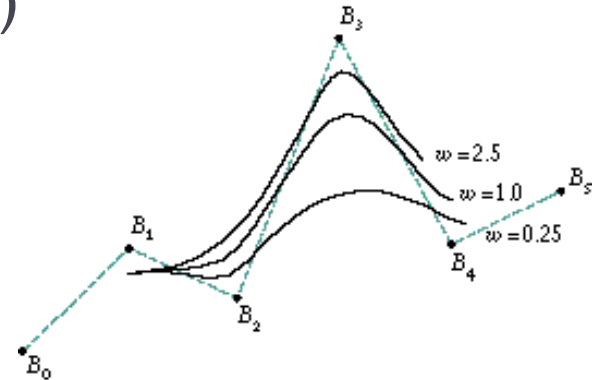
- ▶ Curve or its segments are made of rational functions
- ▶ Expanding class of representable curves
- ▶ Representation of conic sections
- ▶ Originated from projection of curve



# NURBS

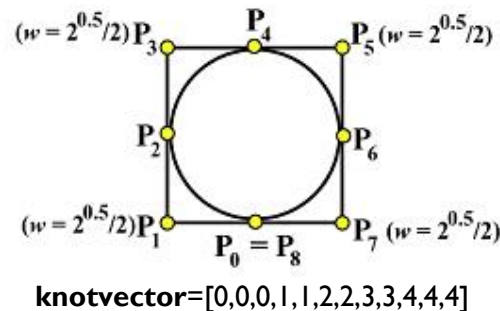
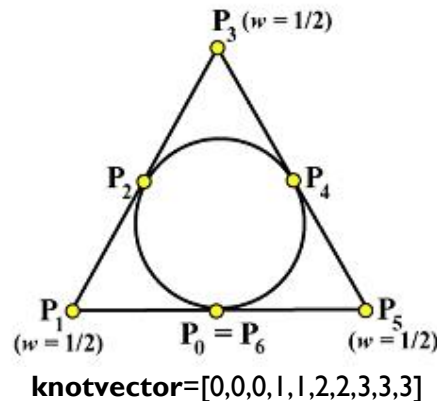
- ▶ Non-Uniform Rational B-spline
- ▶ Defining weights (real numbers) for each control point
- ▶ Embedding curve into space with additional dimension – into projective, homogenous space
  - ▶  $V_i=(x_i, y_i, z_i), w_i \rightarrow PV_i=(w_i x_i, w_i y_i, w_i z_i, w_i)$
- ▶ Evaluation, algorithms in projective space
- ▶ Projection of result point back to affine space
  - ▶  $PX=(x, y, z, w) \rightarrow X=(x/w, y/w, z/w)$

$$S(t) = \frac{\sum_{i=0}^n w_i V_i N_i^d(t)}{\sum_{i=0}^n w_i N_i^d(t)} \quad t \in \langle t_d, t_{n+1} \rangle$$

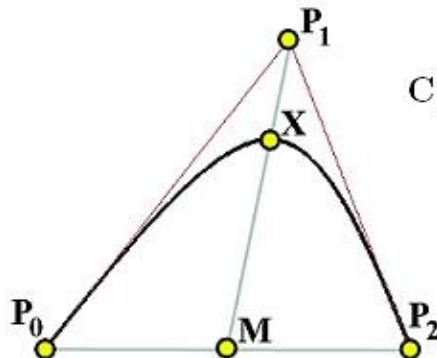


# Conic sections

- ▶ Representing conic sections
- ▶ Circle as quadratic NURBS curve



- ▶ Ellipse, parabola, hyperbola segments as rational Bezier curve

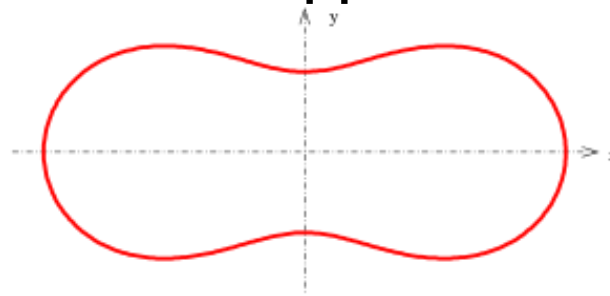


$$C(u) = \frac{1}{(1-u)^2 + 2(1-u)uw + u^2} ((1-u)^2 P_0 + 2(1-u)uw P_1 + u^2 P_2)$$

$w=1$	parabola
$w<1$	ellipse
$w>1$	hyperbola

# Implicit curve

- ▶ Algebraic curves
- ▶ 2D: Set of all points  $X \in E^2$  such that  $f(X)=0$ 
  - ▶ Circle:  $x^2+y^2-r^2=0$
- ▶ 3D: Set of all points  $X \in E^3$  such that  $f(X)=0, g(X)=0$ 
  - ▶ Circle:  $x^2+y^2+z^2-r^2=0, x+y+z=0$
- ▶ Easy computation if some point is on curve
- ▶ Defining interior, exterior regions by sign of  $f$
- ▶ Hard to generate points on curve – hard visualization
- ▶ Used for smooth approximation of geometric objects



$$(x^2 + y^2)^2 - 2c^2(x^2 - y^2) - (a^4 - c^4) = 0$$

$$a=1.1$$

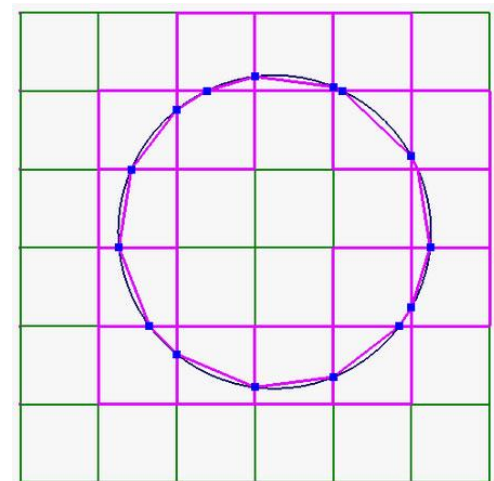
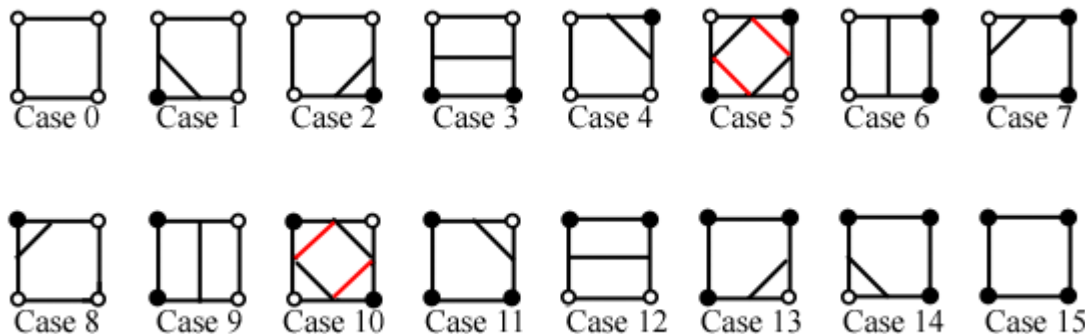
$$c=1$$

# Implicit curve

- ▶ Visualization algorithms
- ▶ Points generation
  - ▶ For space point  $Q=(x_0,y_0)$ , iteratively find point close enough to curve
  - ▶ Finding solution in the direction of gradient (first derivation)
  - ▶ Newton method for solving  $f(Q+t.(f_x(Q),f_y(Q)))=0$
  - ▶ 
$$(x_{i+1}, y_{i+1}) = (x_i, y_i) - \frac{f(x_i, y_i)}{f_x(x_i, y_i)^2 + f_y(x_i, y_i)^2} (f_x(x_i, y_i), f_y(x_i, y_i))$$
  - ▶ Finish iteration when change after one step is small
- ▶ Tracing algorithm
  - ▶ Find starting point near curve  $Q_1$
  - ▶ Determine point  $P_1$  from  $Q_1$  using Newton method
  - ▶ Determine tangent vector  $T_1$  in  $P_1$  and compute  $Q_2=P_1+sT_1$  (s-step)
  - ▶ Repeat until we are back in  $P_1$
  - ▶ Polyline  $P_1, P_2, \dots, P_n$  is approximation of implicit curve

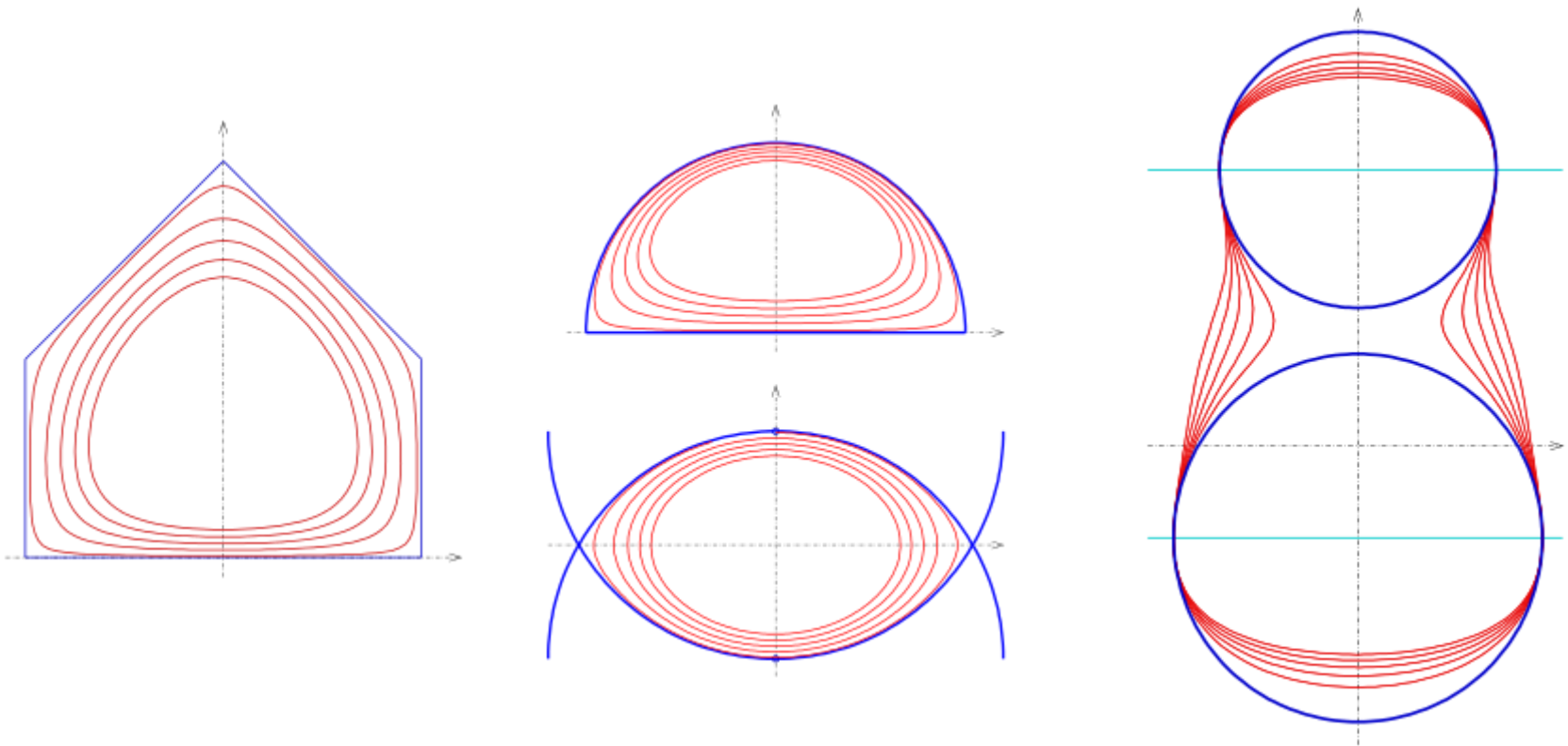
# Implicit curve

- ▶ Visualization algorithms
- ▶ Marching squares
  - ▶ Divide space using uniform grid
  - ▶ For each grid point, compute value of  $f$
  - ▶ For each cell in grid, generate line segments based on values of  $f$  in cell's corners
  - ▶ Using linear interpolation to compute end points of segments
  - ▶ Render generated line segments



# Implicit curve

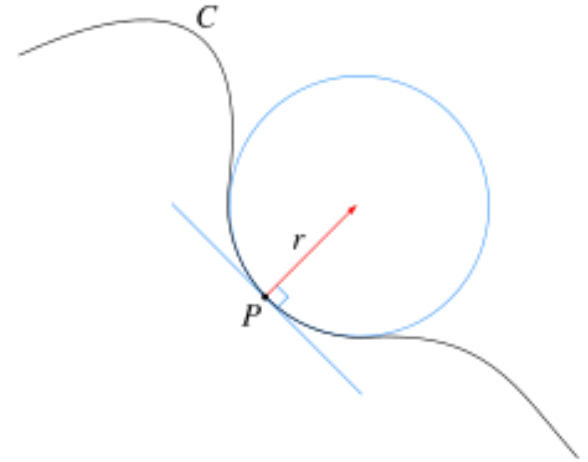
- ▶ Approximation of blending, intersection
- ▶  $f(X) = g_1(X) \cdot g_2(X) \dots g_n(X) - c$



# Differential geometry

## ► Parametric curve

- Tangent vector –  $T = \frac{\partial f(t)}{\partial t}$
- Normal vector –  $N = \frac{\partial^2 f(t)}{\partial t^2}$
- Curvature – fitting best circle at point
- Curvature -  $k = \frac{\left| \frac{\partial f(t)}{\partial t} \times \frac{\partial^2 f(t)}{\partial t^2} \right|}{\left| \frac{\partial f(t)}{\partial t} \right|^3}$



## ► Implicit curve

- Gradient, normal vector -  $\nabla f = N = \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right) = (f_x, f_y)$
- Curve is regular at point if gradient is not zero vector
- Tangent vector -  $T = \left( -\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right)$
- Curvature -  $k = \frac{-f_y^2 f_{xx} + 2f_x f_y f_{xy} - f_x^2 f_{yy}}{(f_x^2 + f_y^2)^{1.5}}$



# The End for today