

CPSC 427

Video Game Programming

Curves and Animation



<https://www.pluralsight.com/blog/film-games/stepped-vs-spline-curves-blocking-animation>

Overview

1. Recap Physical simulation

2. Impulse response

3. Animation basics

4. Curves

Multiple forces?

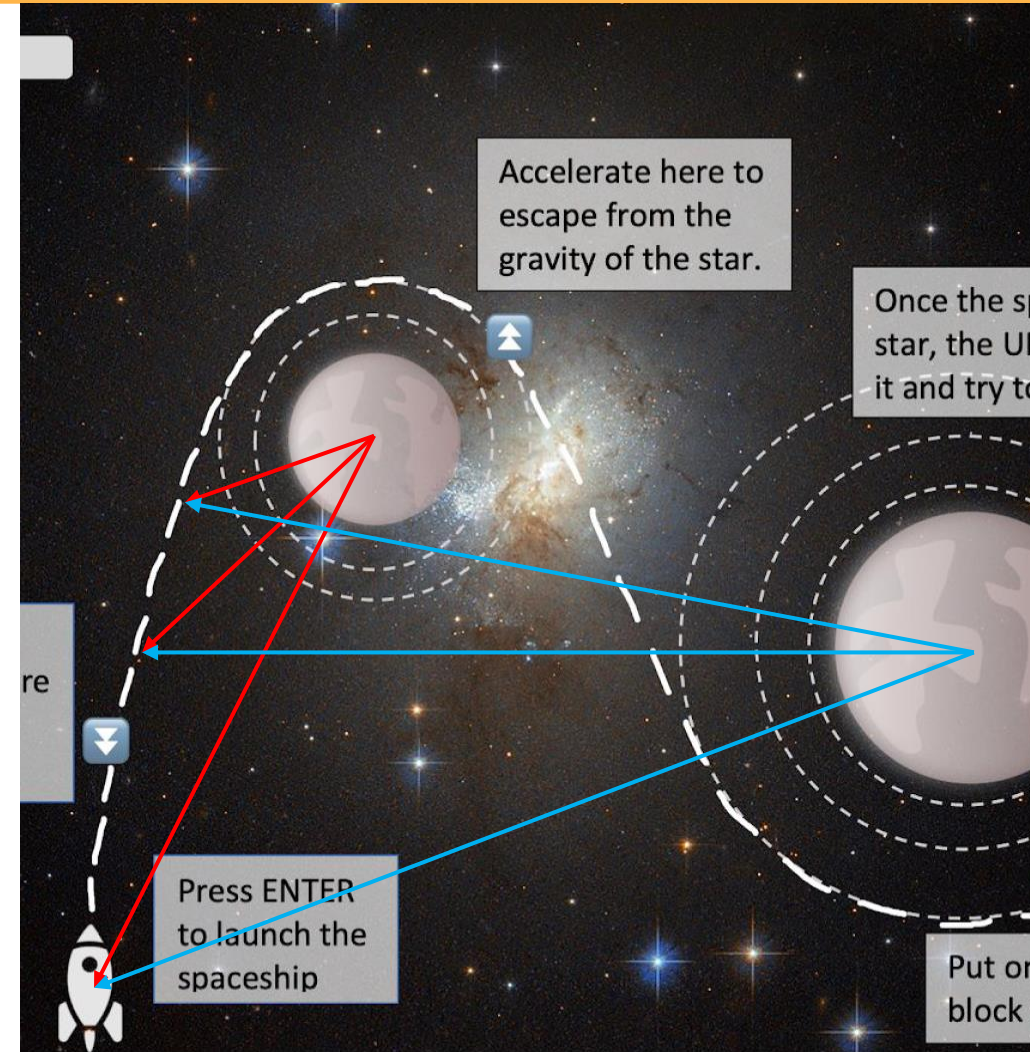
Forces add up (and cancel):

$$F = -mg_1 \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ b_1 \end{bmatrix} - mg_2 \begin{bmatrix} a_2 \\ b_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

- ***This holds for all types of forces!***
- ***Notation you might see:***

$$F = \sum_i F_i = \sum F_i = \sum F$$

$$\vec{F} = F$$



Ordinary Differential Equations

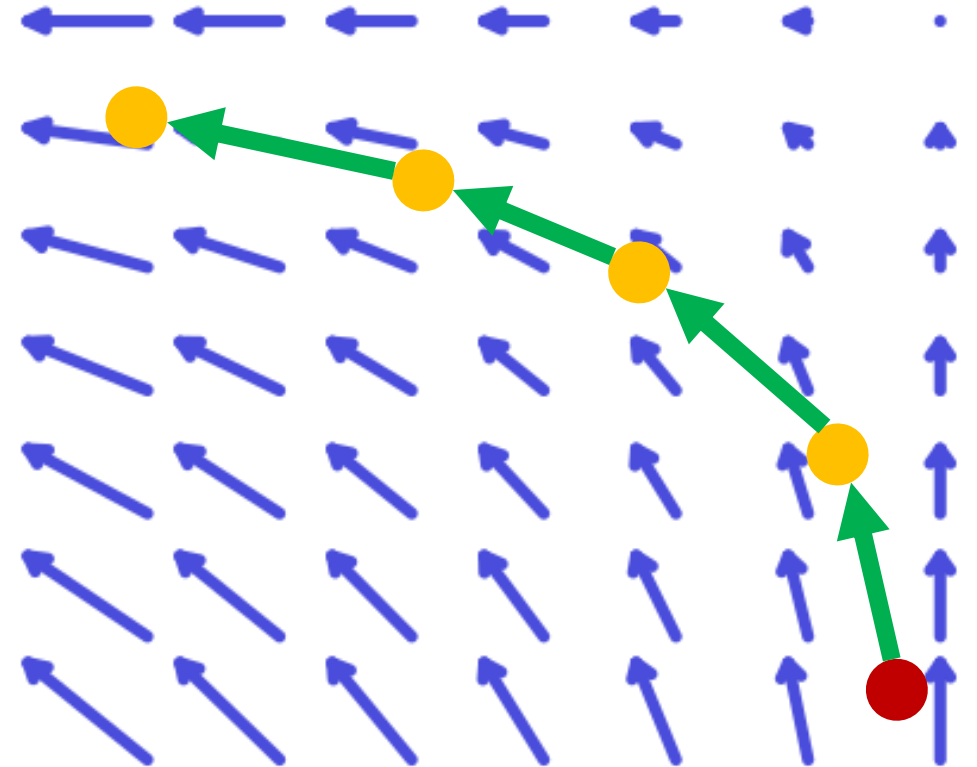
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \vec{X}(t) = f(\vec{X}(t), t)$$

Given that $\vec{X}_0 = \vec{X}(t_0)$

Compute $\vec{X}(t)$ for $t > t_0$

$$\Delta \vec{X}(t) = f(\vec{X}(t), t) \Delta t$$

- **Simulation:**
 - *path through state-space*
 - *driven by vector field*



ODE Numerical Integration: Explicit (Forward) Euler



$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \vec{X}(t) = f(\vec{X}(t), t)$$

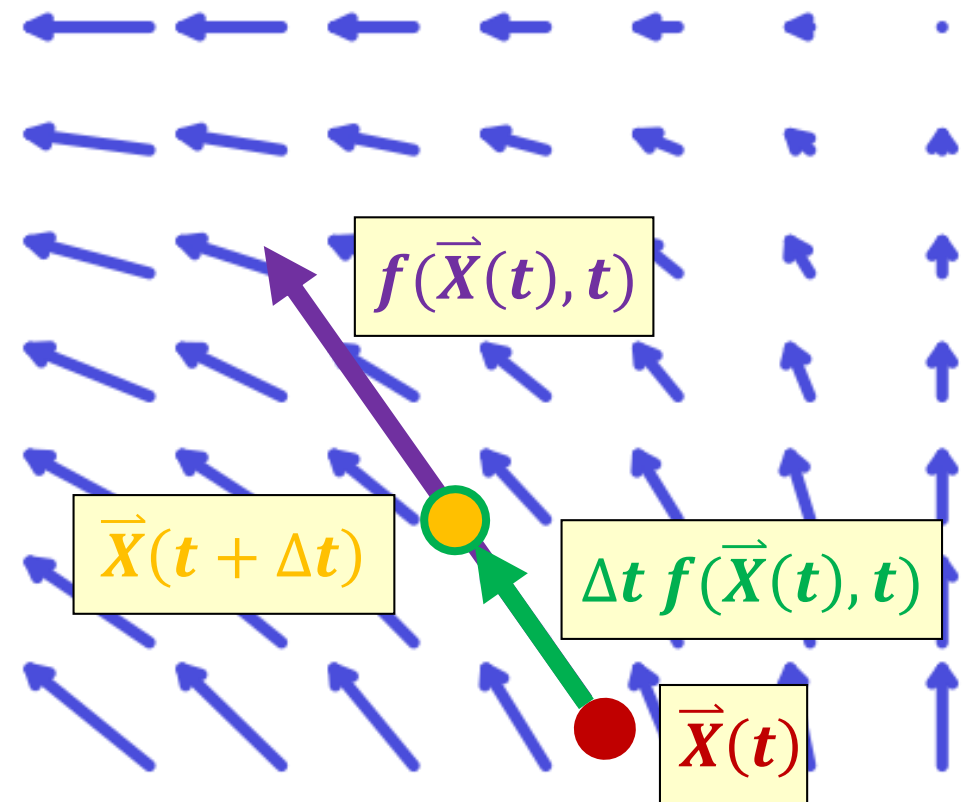
Given that $\vec{X}_0 = \vec{X}(t_0)$

Compute $\vec{X}(t)$ **for** $t > t_0$

$$\Delta t = t_i - t_{i-1}$$

$$\Delta \vec{X}(t_{i-1}) = \Delta t f(\vec{X}(t_{i-1}), t_{i-1})$$

$$\vec{X}_i = \vec{X}_{i-1} + \Delta t f(\vec{X}_{i-1}, t_{i-1})$$

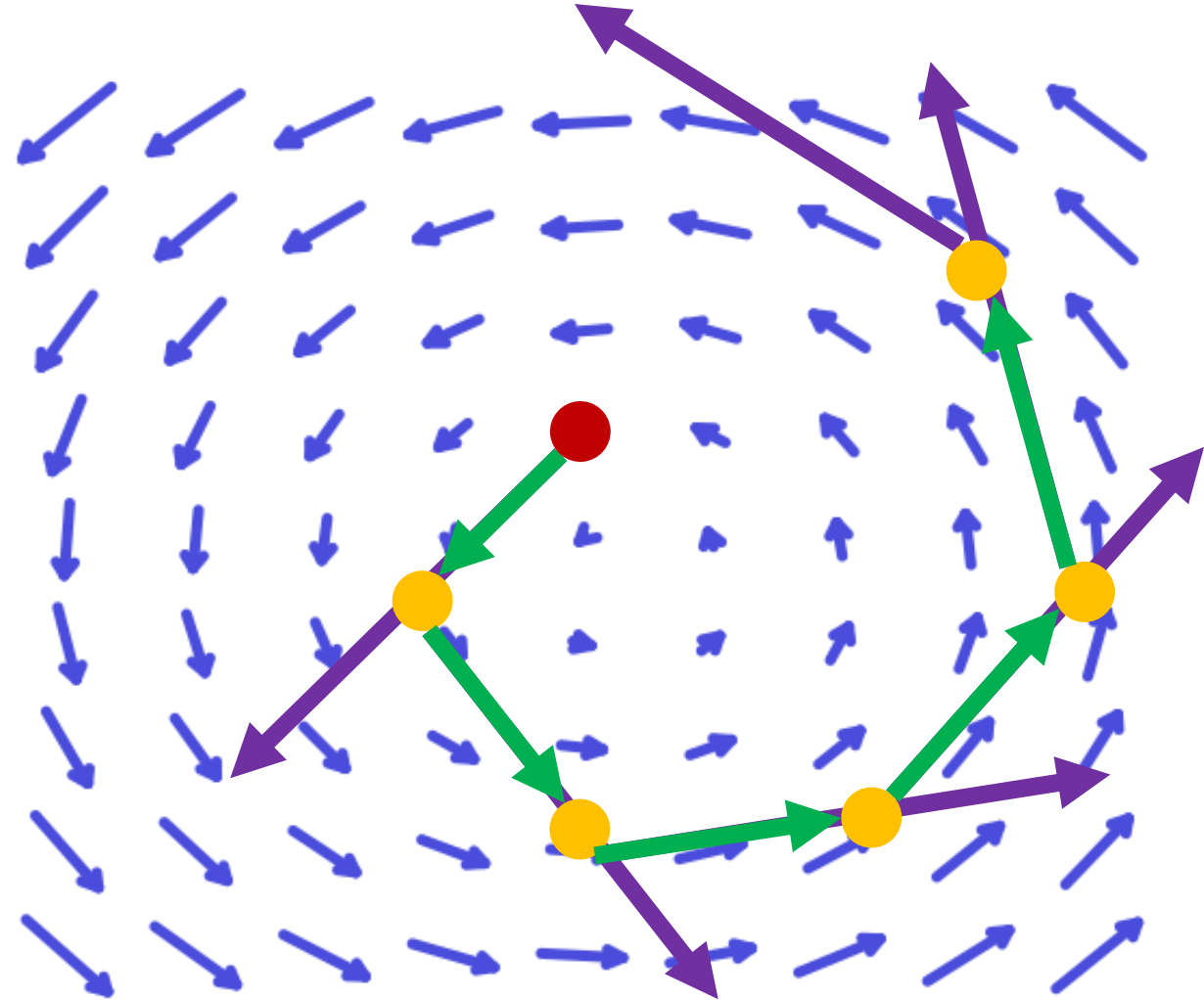


Explicit Euler Problems

- Solution **spirals** out
 - *Even with **small time steps***
 - *Although smaller time steps are still **better***

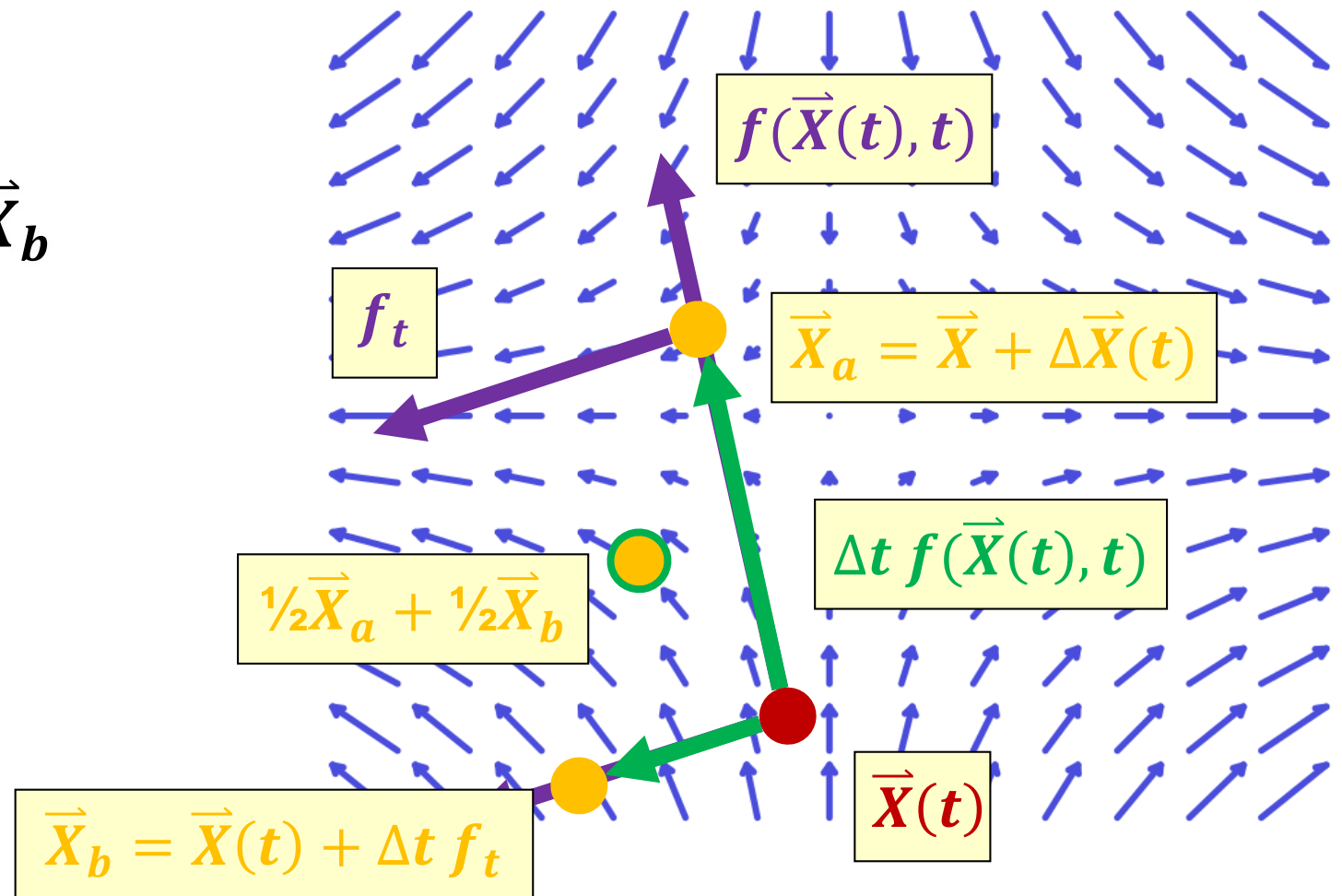
Definition: Explicit

- ***Closed-form/analytic solution***
- **no iterative solve required**



Trapezoid Method

1. full Euler step get \vec{X}_a
2. evaluate f_t at \vec{X}_a
3. full step using f_t get \vec{X}_b
4. average \vec{X}_a and \vec{X}_b



Implicit (Backward) Euler:

- Use forces at destination + **derivative** at the **destination**

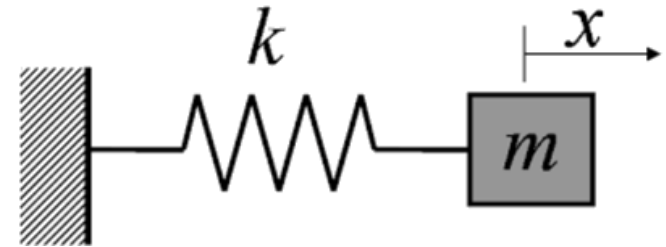
Solve system of equations

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \begin{bmatrix} \vec{x} \\ \vec{v} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{v} \\ \Sigma \vec{F} / m \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x_{n+1} &= x_n + h v_{n+1} \\ v_{n+1} &= v_n + h \left(\frac{F_{n+1}}{m} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Example: Spring Force

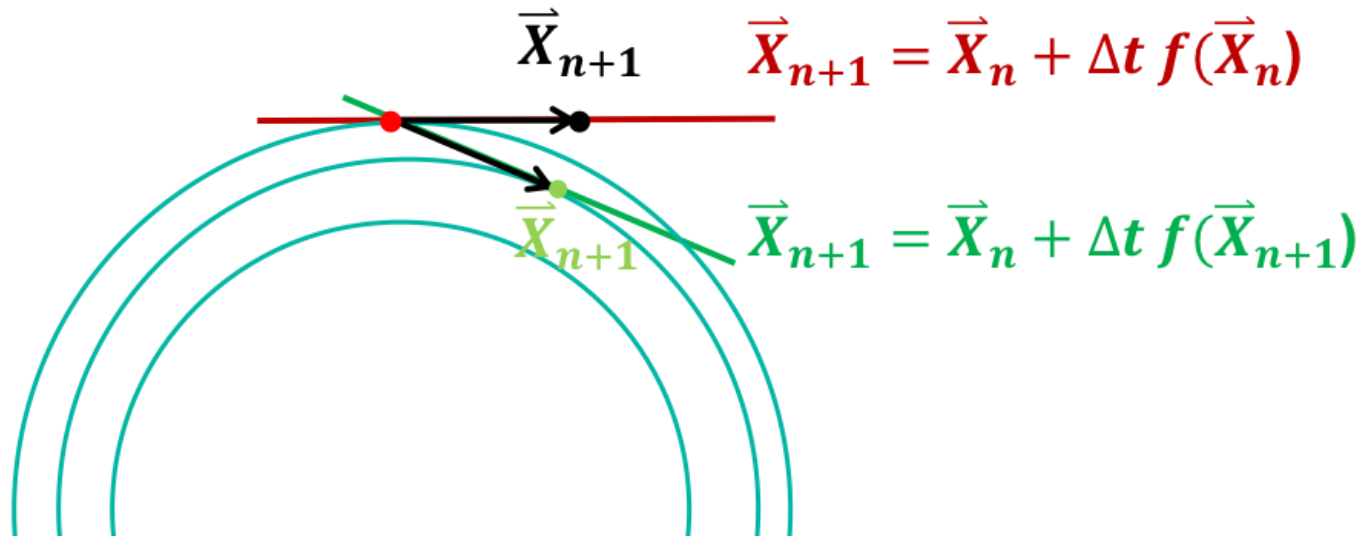
$$F = -kx$$



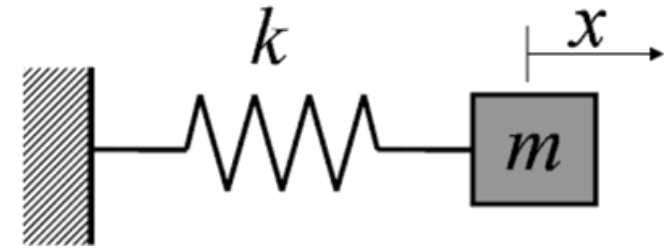
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Analytic or iterative solve?

Forward vs Backward



Could one apply the Trapezoid Method on backwards Euler?



Forward Euler

$$\begin{aligned}
 x_{n+1} &= x_n + h v_n \\
 v_{n+1} &= v_n + h \left(\frac{-k x_n}{m} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

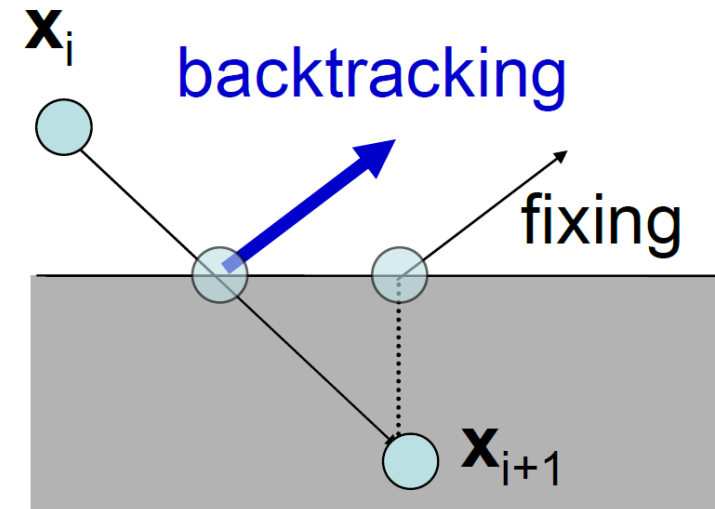
Backward Euler

$$\begin{aligned}
 x_{n+1} &= x_n + h v_{n+1} \\
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 \end{aligned}$$

New today: Impulse response

Collisions – Overshooting

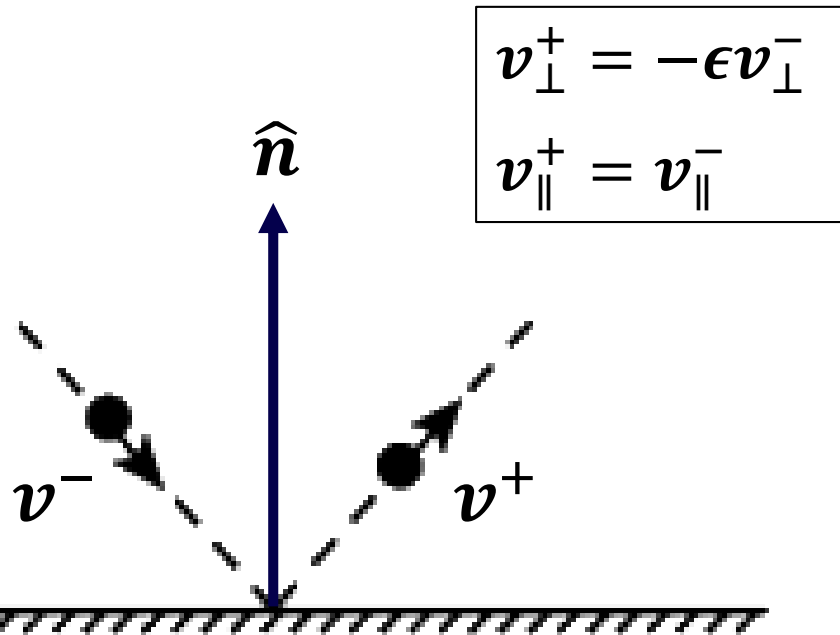
- Usually, we detect collision when it is too late: we are already inside
- Solution: Back up
 - Compute intersection point
 - Ray-object intersection!
 - Compute response there
 - Advance for remaining fractional time step
- Other solution: Quick and dirty hack
 - Just project back to object closest point



Particle-Plane Collisions

- Apply an **'impulse'** \vec{j} of magnitude j
 - Inversely proportional to mass of particle
- **In direction of normal**

Impulse in physics: Integral of F over time
In games: an instantaneous step change (not physically possible), i.e., the force applied over one time step of the simulation



$$j = (1 + \epsilon)(v^{-} \cdot \hat{n})m$$

What is the effect of ϵ ?

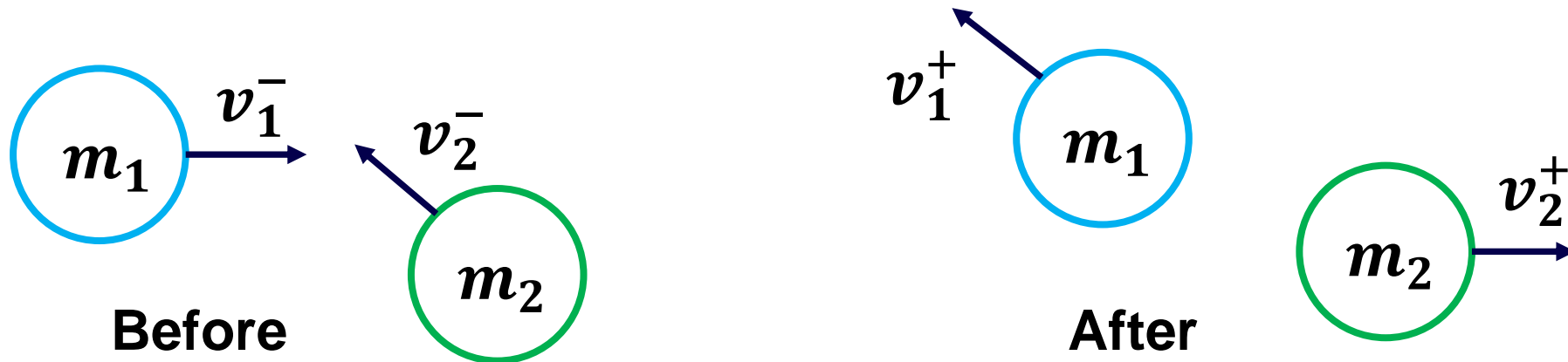
$$\vec{j} = j \hat{n}$$

$$v^{+} = v^{-} + \frac{\vec{j}}{m}$$

Something missing?

Particle-Particle Collisions (radius=0)

- Particle-particle **frictionless elastic impulse response**



1. Momentum is **preserved**

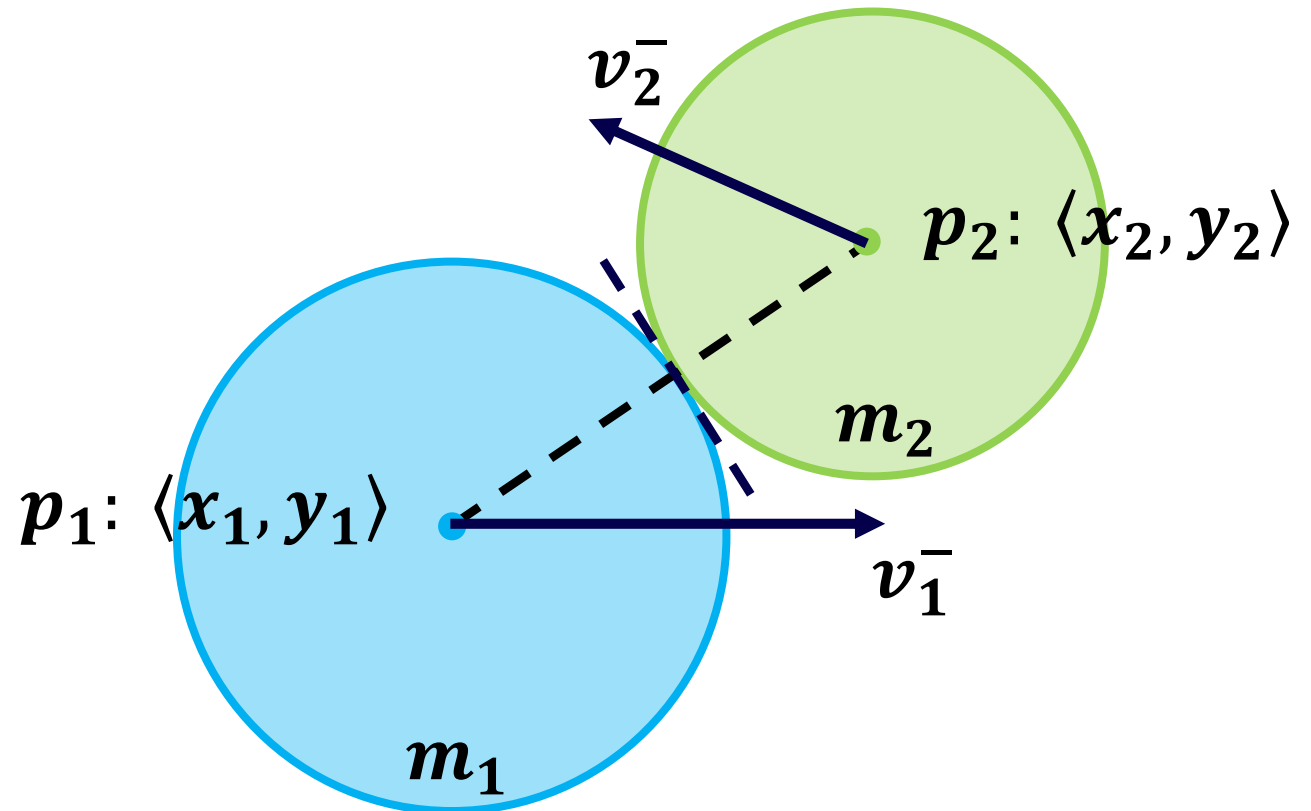
$$m_1 v_1^- + m_2 v_2^- = m_1 v_1^+ + m_2 v_2^+$$

2. Kinetic energy is **preserved**

$$\frac{1}{2} m_1 v_1^{-2} + \frac{1}{2} m_2 v_2^{-2} = \frac{1}{2} m_1 v_1^{+2} + \frac{1}{2} m_2 v_2^{+2}$$

Particle-Particle Collisions (radius >0)

- What we know...
 - *Particle centers*
 - *Initial velocities*
 - *Particle Masses*
- What we can calculate...
 - *Contact normal*
 - *Contact tangent*

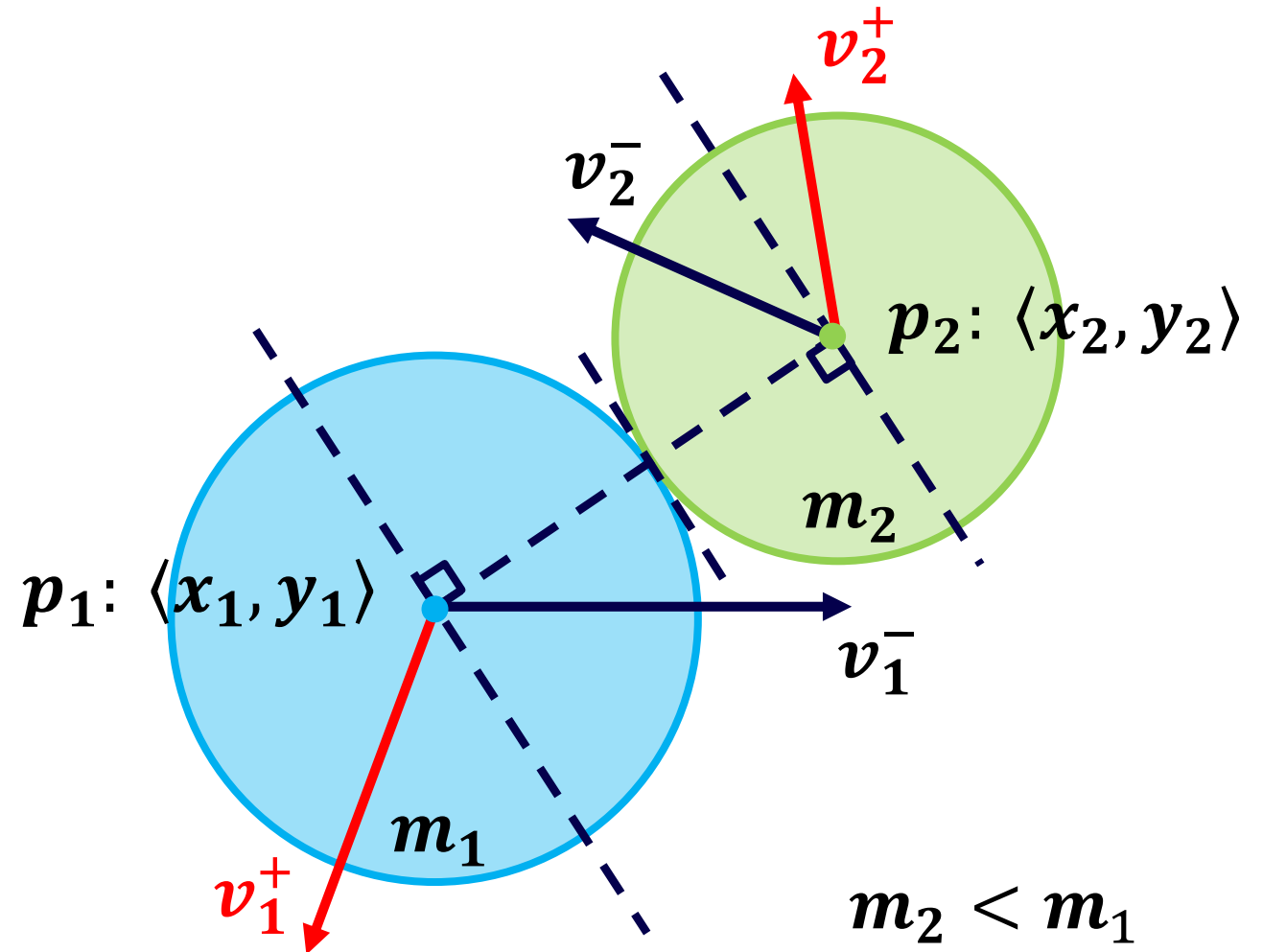


Observation: Velocity is **preserved in tangential direction**

Particle-Particle Collisions (radius >0)

Reduces to a 1D problem:

- Impulse **direction** along contact normal
- Impulse **magnitude** proportional to **mass of other particle**



Particle-Particle Collisions (radius >0)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Elastic_collision#Two-dimensional

- **More formally...**

$$\mathbf{v}_1^+ = \mathbf{v}_1^- - \frac{2m_2}{m_1 + m_2} \frac{\langle \mathbf{v}_1^- - \mathbf{v}_2^- \rangle \cdot \langle \mathbf{p}_1 - \mathbf{p}_2 \rangle}{\|\mathbf{p}_1 - \mathbf{p}_2\|^2} \langle \mathbf{p}_1 - \mathbf{p}_2 \rangle$$

$$\mathbf{v}_2^+ = \mathbf{v}_2^- - \frac{2m_1}{m_1 + m_2} \frac{\langle \mathbf{v}_2^- - \mathbf{v}_1^- \rangle \cdot \langle \mathbf{p}_2 - \mathbf{p}_1 \rangle}{\|\mathbf{p}_2 - \mathbf{p}_1\|^2} \langle \mathbf{p}_2 - \mathbf{p}_1 \rangle$$

- This is in terms of velocity, what would the corresponding impulse be?

Self-study: change of velocity (1D)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Elastic_collision#Two-dimensional

To derive the above equations for v_1, v_2 , rearrange the kinetic energy and momentum equations:

$$m_1(v_1^2 - u_1^2) = m_2(u_2^2 - v_2^2)$$

$$m_1(v_1 - u_1) = m_2(u_2 - v_2)$$

Dividing each side of the top equation by each side of the bottom equation, and using $\frac{a^2-b^2}{(a-b)} = a+b$, gives:

$$v_1 + u_1 = u_2 + v_2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad v_1 - v_2 = u_2 - u_1.$$

That is, the relative velocity of one particle with respect to the other is reversed by the collision.

Now the above formulas follow from solving a system of linear equations for v_1, v_2 , regarding m_1, m_2, u_1, u_2 as constants:

$$\begin{cases} v_1 - v_2 = u_2 - u_1 \\ m_1 v_1 + m_2 v_2 = m_1 u_1 + m_2 u_2. \end{cases}$$

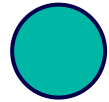
Once v_1 is determined, v_2 can be found by symmetry.

2m

m

Rigid Body Dynamics (rotational motion of objects?)

- From particles to rigid bodies...



Particle

$$state = \begin{cases} \vec{x} \text{ position} \\ \vec{v} \text{ velocity} \end{cases}$$

\mathbb{R}^4 in 2D

\mathbb{R}^6 in 3D



Rigid body

$$state = \begin{cases} \vec{x} \text{ position} \\ \vec{v} \text{ velocity} \\ R \text{ rotation matrix } 3 \times 3 \\ \vec{\omega} \text{ angular velocity} \end{cases}$$

\mathbb{R}^{12} in 3D

Self-study: Rigid body collision

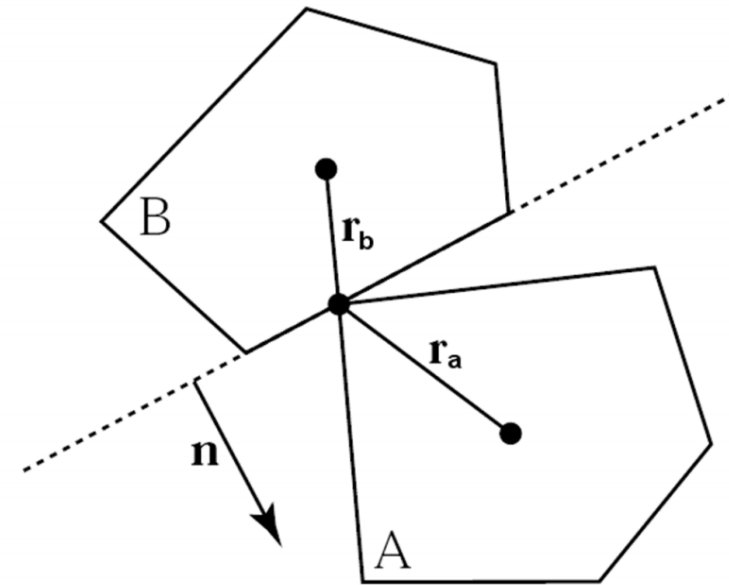
More: <https://www.scss.tcd.ie/Michael.Manzke/CS7057/cs7057-1516-09-CollisionResponse-mm.pdf>

$$v_{rel}^+ = -\epsilon v_{rel}^-$$

$$v_{rel} = \hat{n}(\dot{\mathbf{p}}_A - \dot{\mathbf{p}}_B)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\mathbf{p}}_A &= \mathbf{v}_A + \boldsymbol{\omega}_A \times (\mathbf{p}_A - \mathbf{x}_A) \\ &= \mathbf{v}_A + \boldsymbol{\omega}_A \times \mathbf{r}_A \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\mathbf{p}}_B &= \mathbf{v}_B + \boldsymbol{\omega}_B \times (\mathbf{p}_B - \mathbf{x}_B) \\ &= \mathbf{v}_B + \boldsymbol{\omega}_B \times \mathbf{r}_B \end{aligned}$$

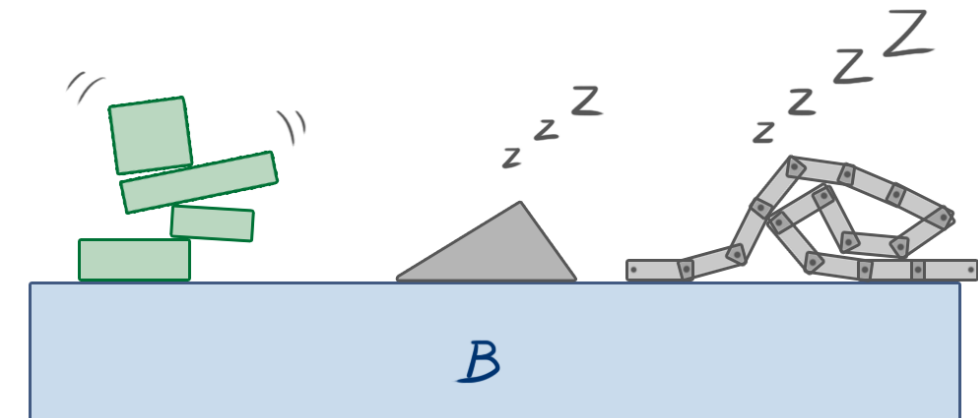
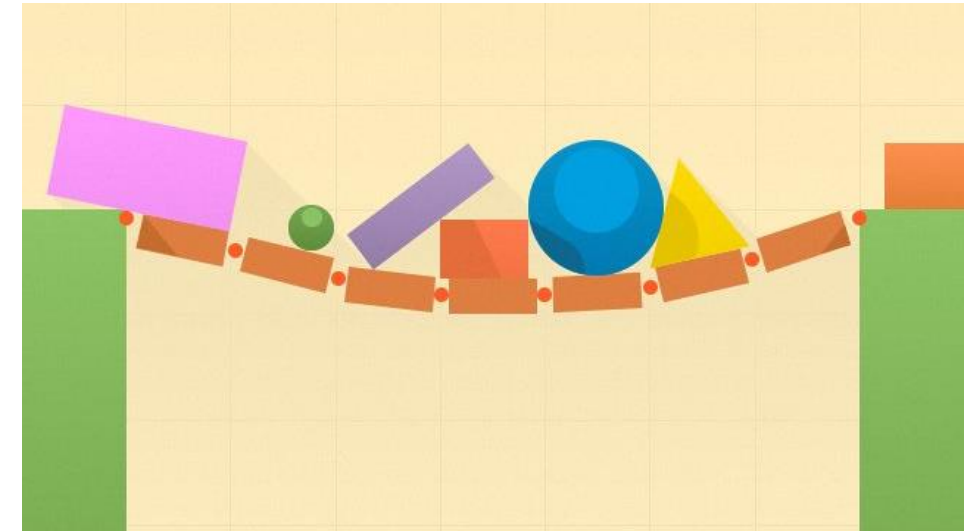


Linear velocity component

Angular component: Linear velocity of point p due to its rotation. See previous slide

Self-study: Constrained physics

By Nilson Souto
<https://www.toptal.com/game/video-game-physics-part-iii-constrained-rigid-body-simulation>



Logistics

- ***Team presentations on Tuesday (9th)***
- ***Guest lecture on Thursday (11th)***
 - *Craig Peters (EA)*
 - *Debugging and peer review*
- Upcoming lectures
 - *Testing and User Studies*
 - *Composite transformations and inverse kinematics animation*

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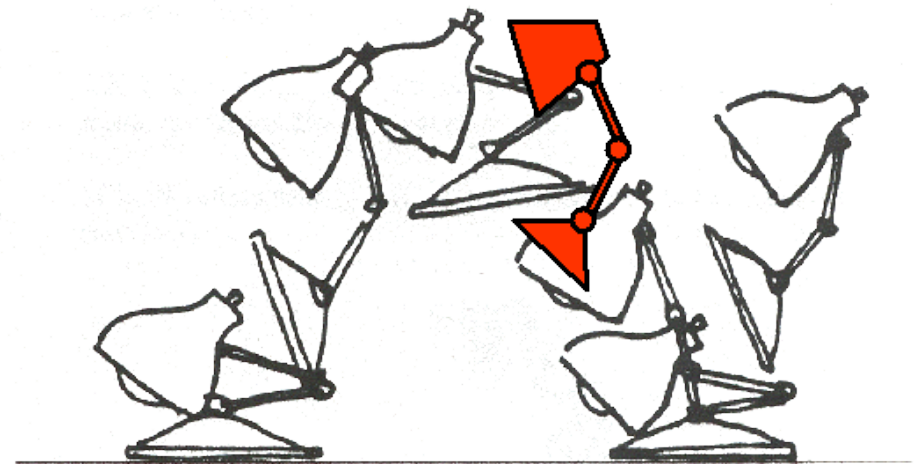
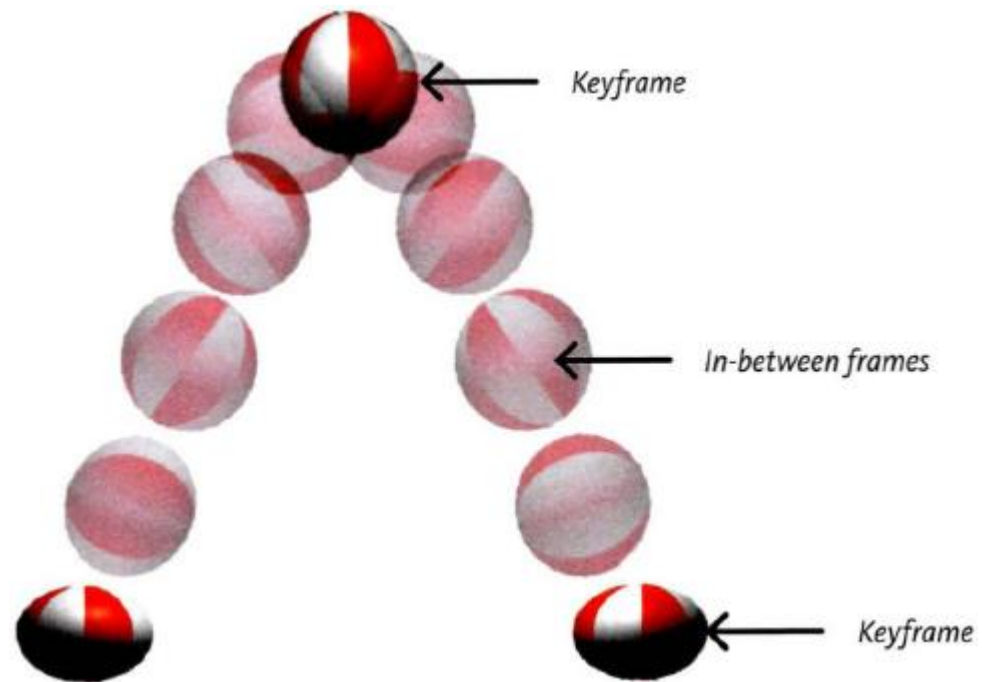
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Keyframe animation



Recap: Line equation

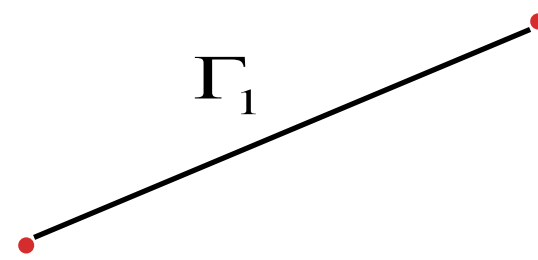
Parametric form

- 3D: x , y , and z are functions of a parameter value t

$$C(t) := \begin{pmatrix} P_y^0 \\ P_x^0 \end{pmatrix} t + \begin{pmatrix} P_y^1 \\ P_x^1 \end{pmatrix} (1-t)$$

What things can we interpolate?

Line segment



The diagram shows a line segment labeled Γ_1 connecting two points, $P_0 = (x_0^1, y_0^1)$ and $P_1 = (x_1^1, y_1^1)$. The points are marked with red dots. The segment is labeled Γ_1 above it.

$$G_1 = \begin{cases} x^1(t) = x_0^1 + (x_1^1 - x_0^1)t \\ y^1(t) = y_0^1 + (y_1^1 - y_0^1)t \end{cases} t \in [0,1]$$

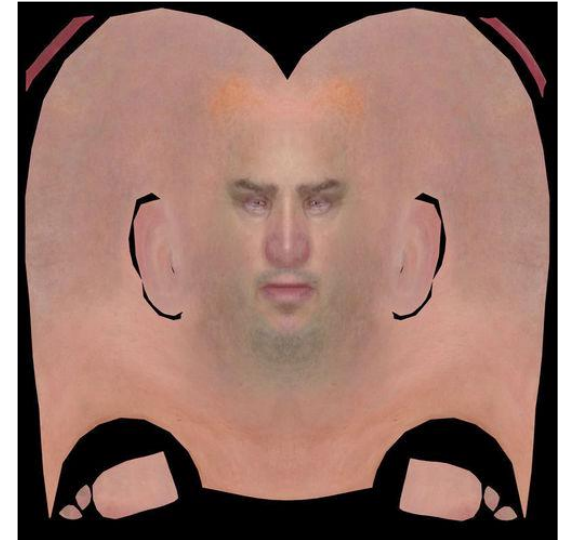
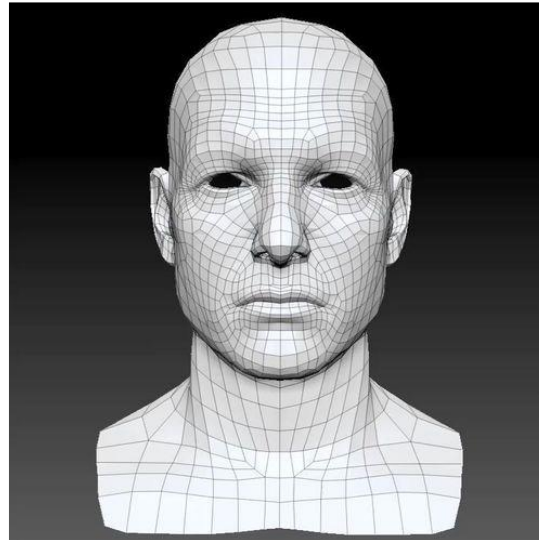
Interpolating general properties

- **position** \longrightarrow
- **aspect ratio?**
- **scale** \longrightarrow
- **color** \longrightarrow
- **What else?**

$$C(t) := \begin{pmatrix} P_y^0 \\ P_x^0 \end{pmatrix} t + \begin{pmatrix} P_y^1 \\ P_x^1 \end{pmatrix} (1-t)$$

$$s^0 \qquad s^1$$

$$c^0 \qquad c^1$$

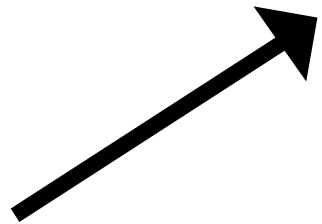


Barycentric coordinates / interpolation

Other Parametric Functions

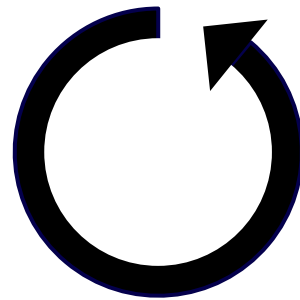
$$C(t) := \begin{pmatrix} P_y^0 \\ P_x^0 \end{pmatrix} t + \begin{pmatrix} P_y^1 \\ P_x^1 \end{pmatrix} (1-t)$$

Line segment



$$C(t) := \begin{pmatrix} \cos t \\ \sin t \end{pmatrix}$$

Circle (arc)



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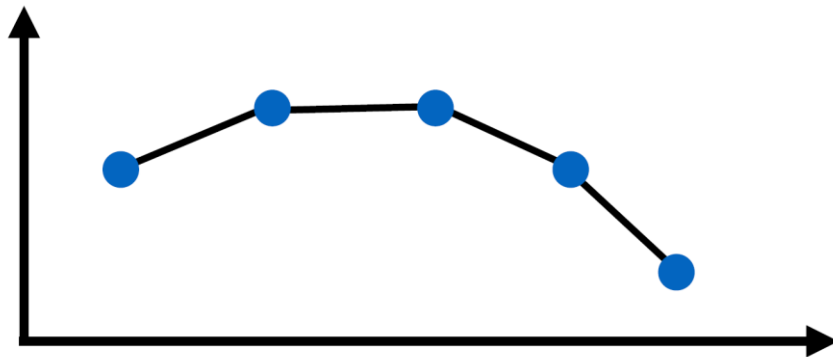
Splines

Splines

Segments of simple functions

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} f_1(x), & \text{if } x_1 < x \leq x_2 \\ f_2(x), & \text{if } x_2 < x \leq x_3 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ f_n(x), & \text{if } x_n < x \leq x_{n+1} \end{cases}$$

E.g., linear functions



Splines – Free Form Curves

Usually parametric

- $C(t)=[x(t),y(t)]$ or $C(t)=[x(t),y(t),z(t)]$

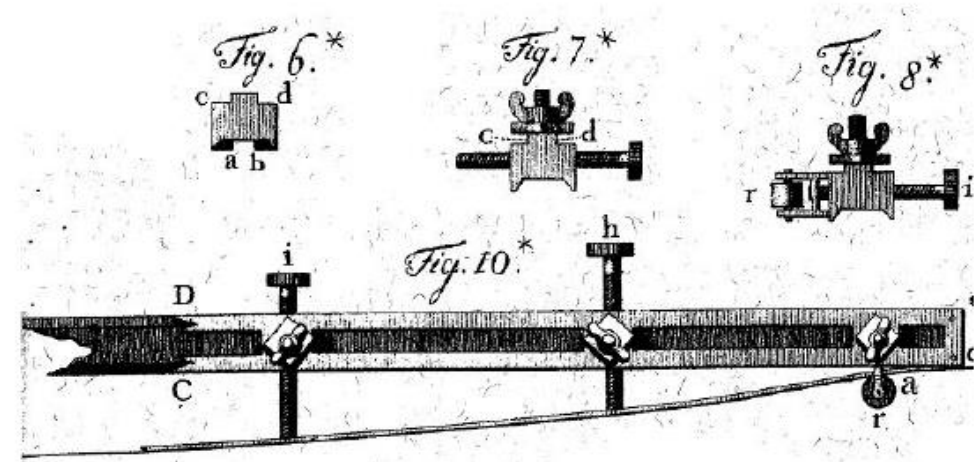
Description = basis functions + coefficients

$$C(t) = \sum_{i=0}^n P_i B_i(t) = (x(t), y(t))$$

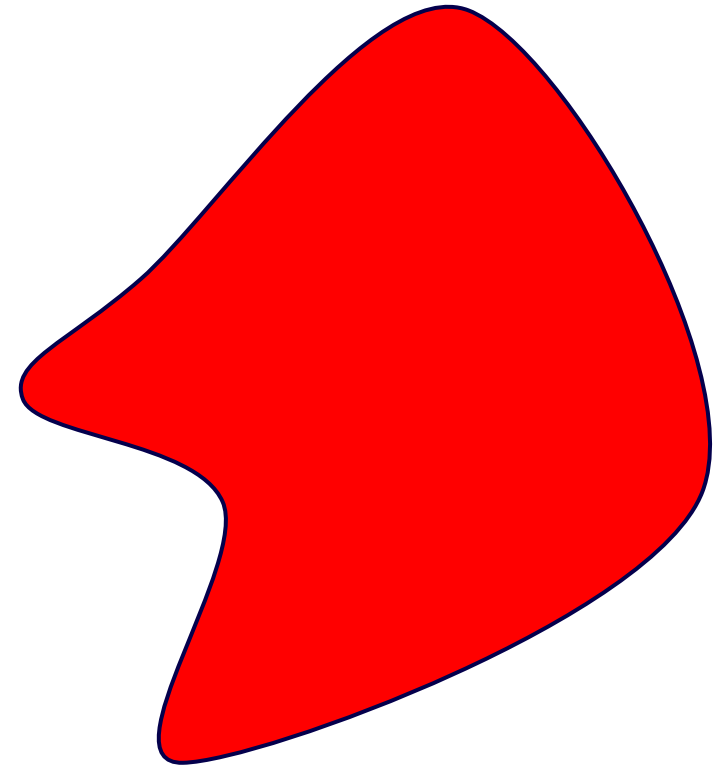
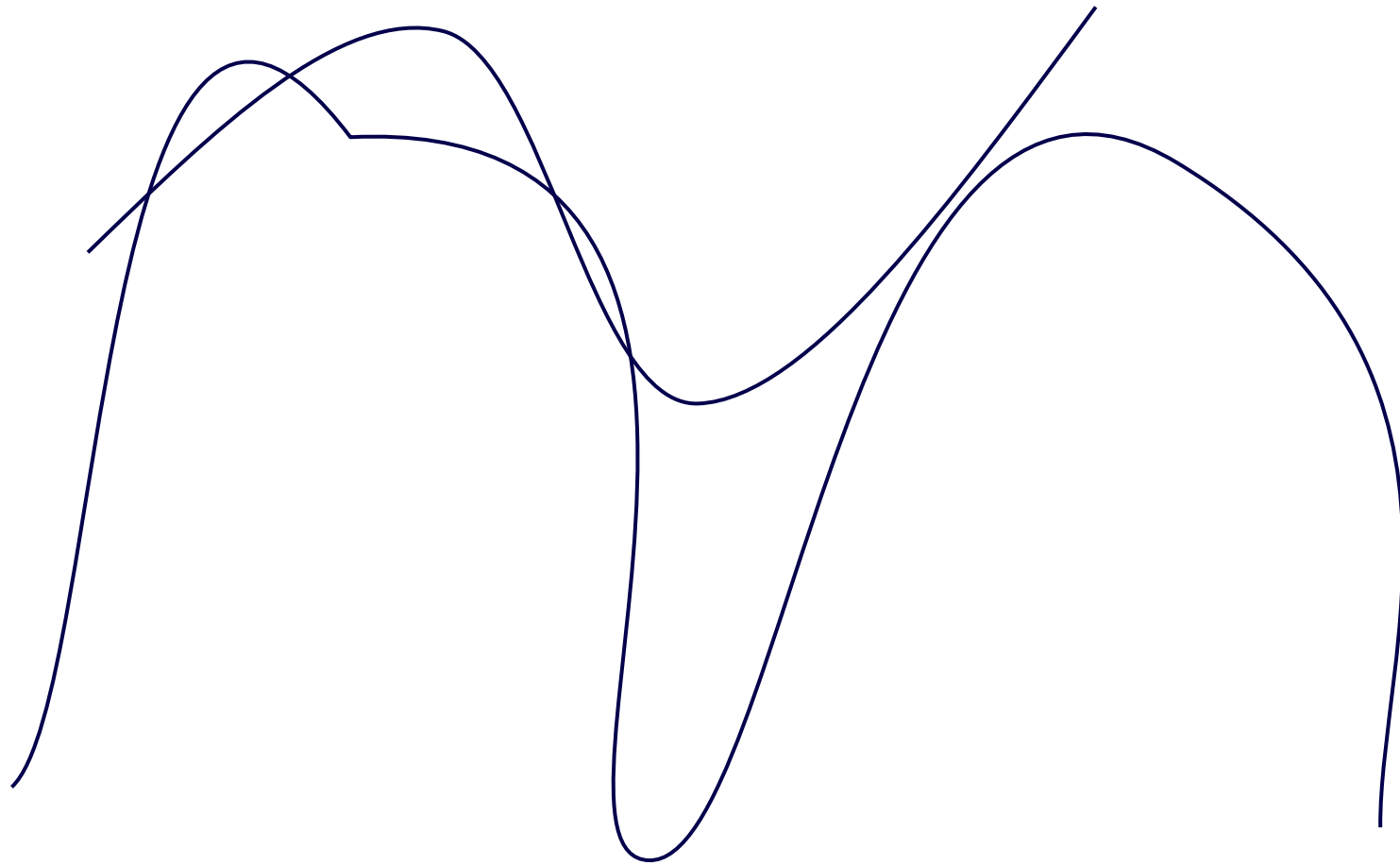
$$x(t) = \sum_{i=0}^n P_i^x B_i(t)$$

$$y(t) = \sum_{i=0}^n P_i^y B_i(t)$$

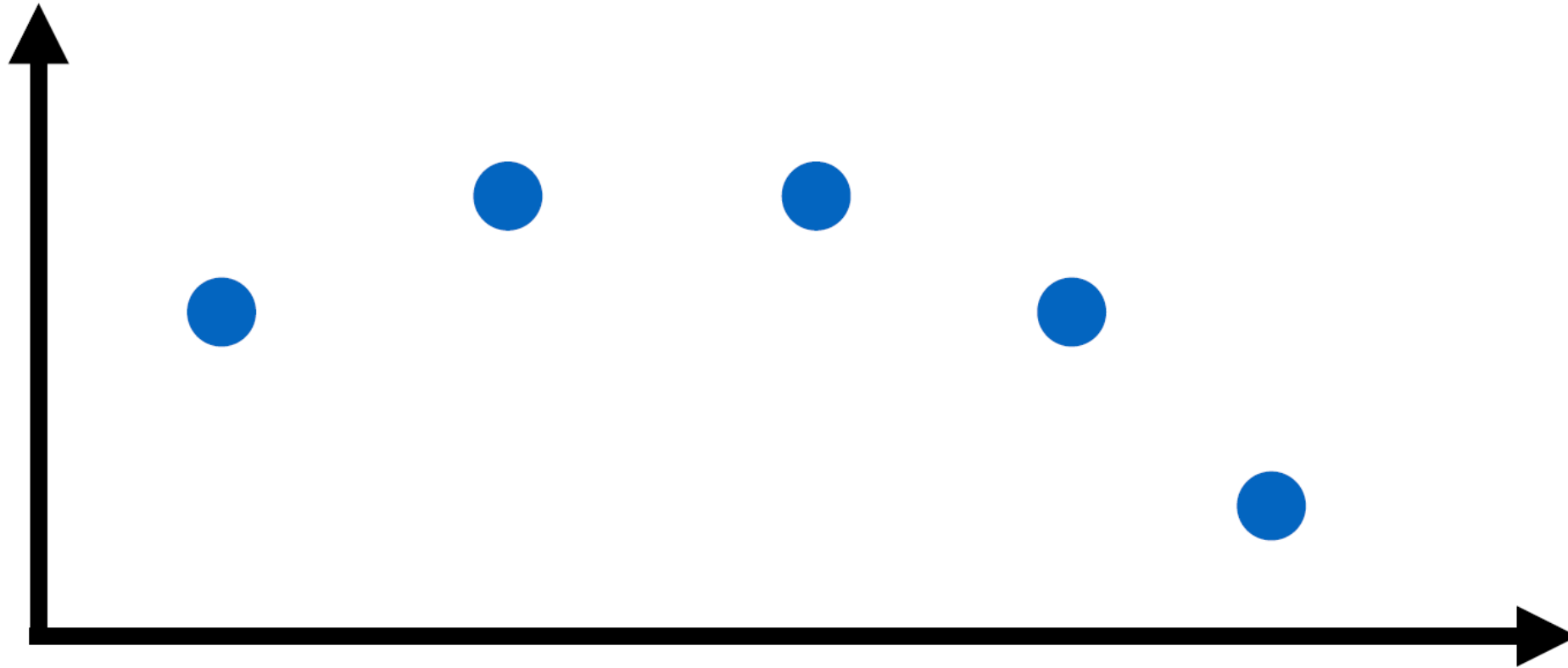
- Same basis functions for all coordinates



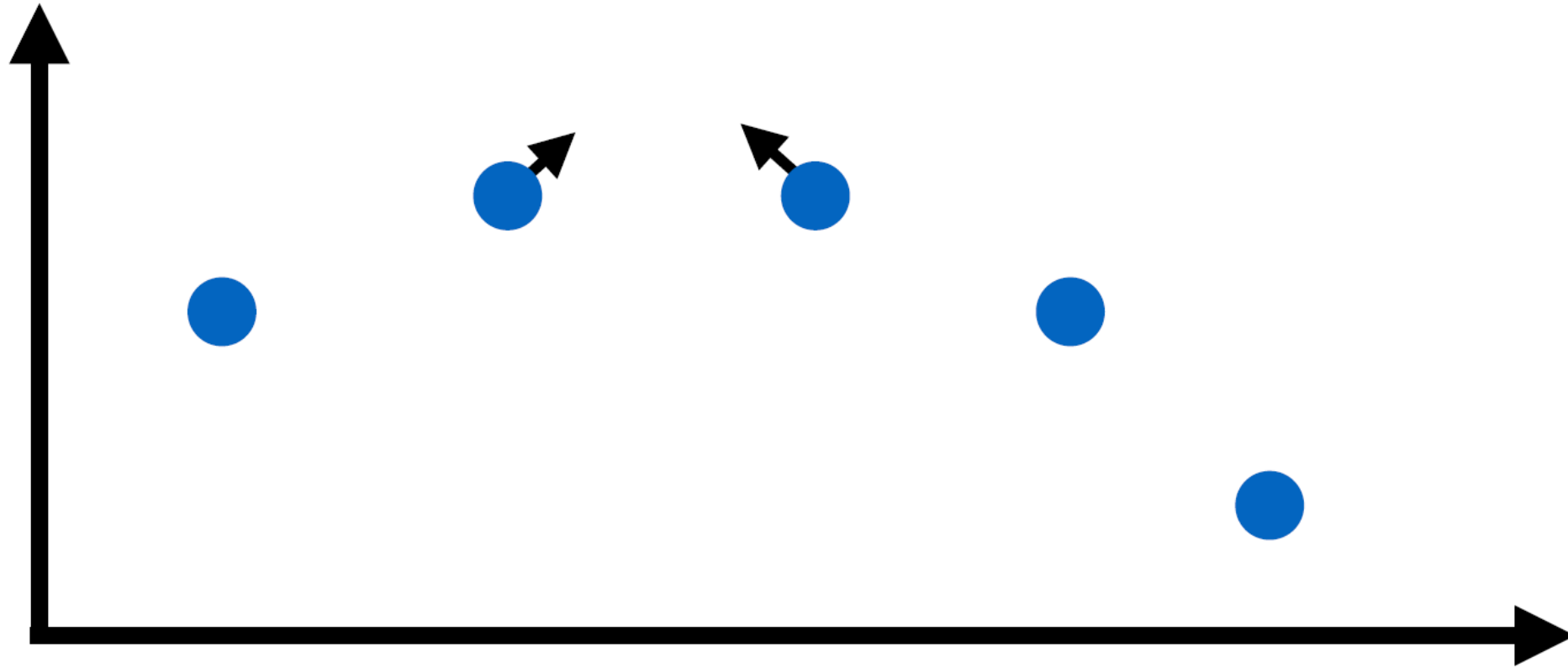
Curves



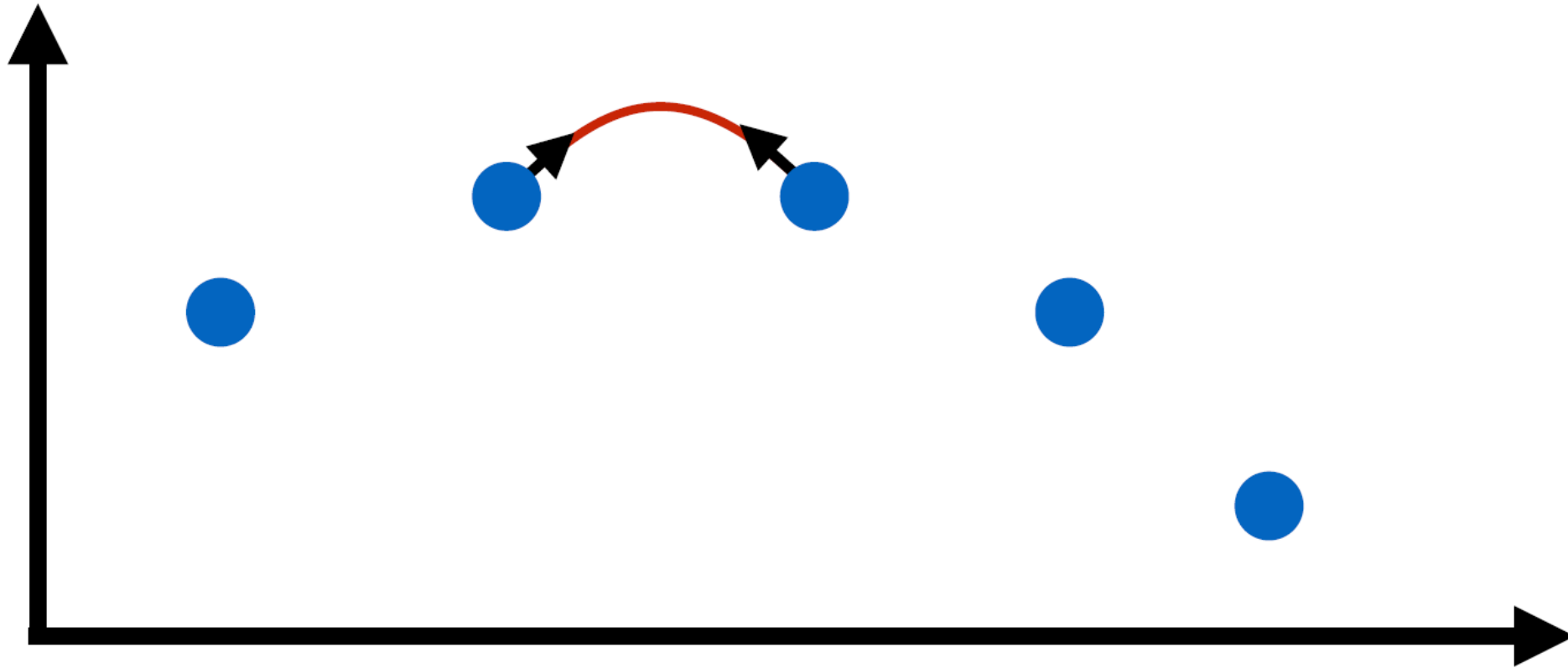
Smooth curve



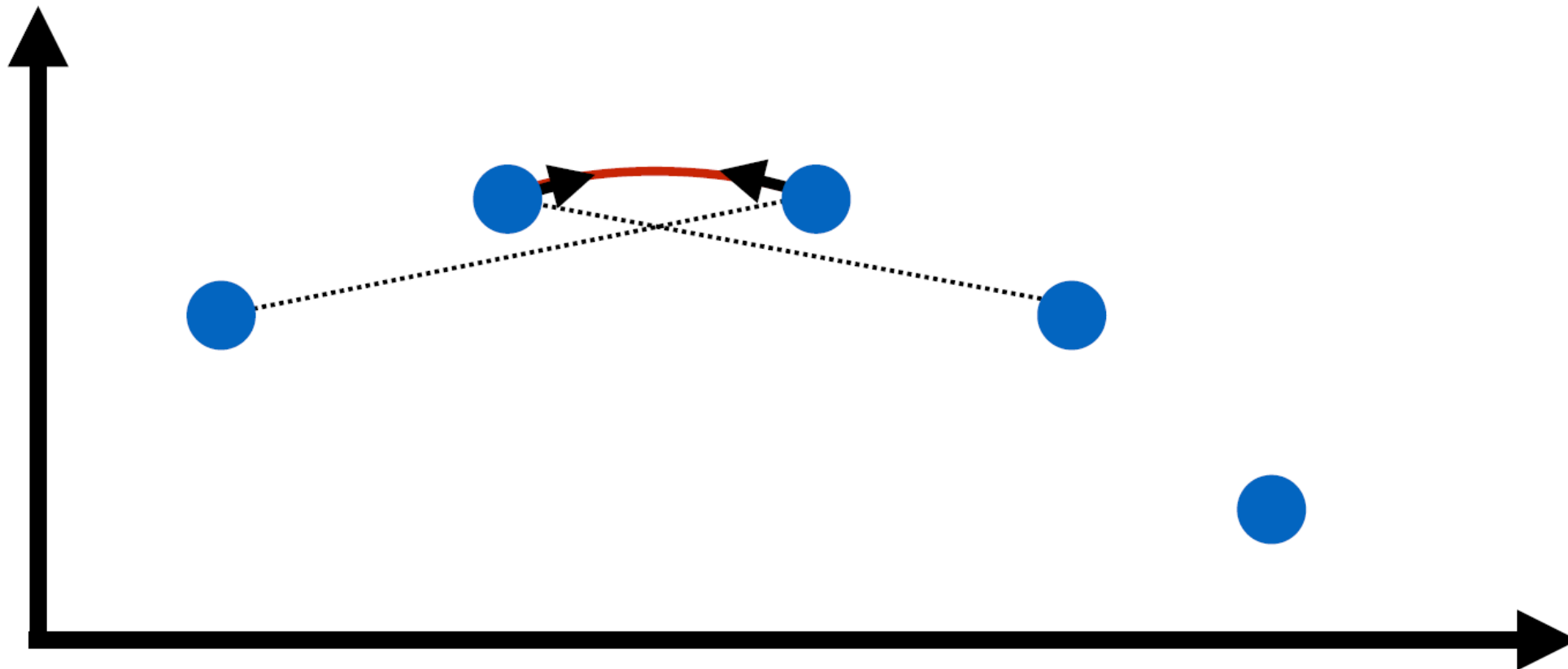
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Smooth curve



Hermite Cubic Basis

Geometrically-oriented coefficients

- 2 positions + 2 tangents

Require $C(0)=P_0$, $C(1) = P_1$, $C'(0)=T_0$, $C'(1)=T_1$

Derivatives of C at 0 and 1



Define basis functions, one per requirement

$$C(t) = P_0 h_{00}(t) + P_1 h_{01}(t) + T_0 h_{10}(t) + T_1 h_{11}(t)$$

Hermite Basis Functions

$$C(t) = P_0 h_{00}(t) + P_1 h_{01}(t) + T_0 h_{10}(t) + T_1 h_{11}(t)$$

To enforce $C(0)=P_0$, $C(1) = P_1$, $C'(0)=T_0$, $C'(1)=T_1$ basis should satisfy

$$h_{ij}(t); i, j = 0,1, t \in [0,1]$$

curve	$C(0)$	$C(1)$	$C'(0)$	$C'(1)$
$h_{00}(t)$	1	0	0	0
$h_{01}(t)$	0	1	0	0
$h_{10}(t)$	0	0	1	0
$h_{11}(t)$	0	0	0	1

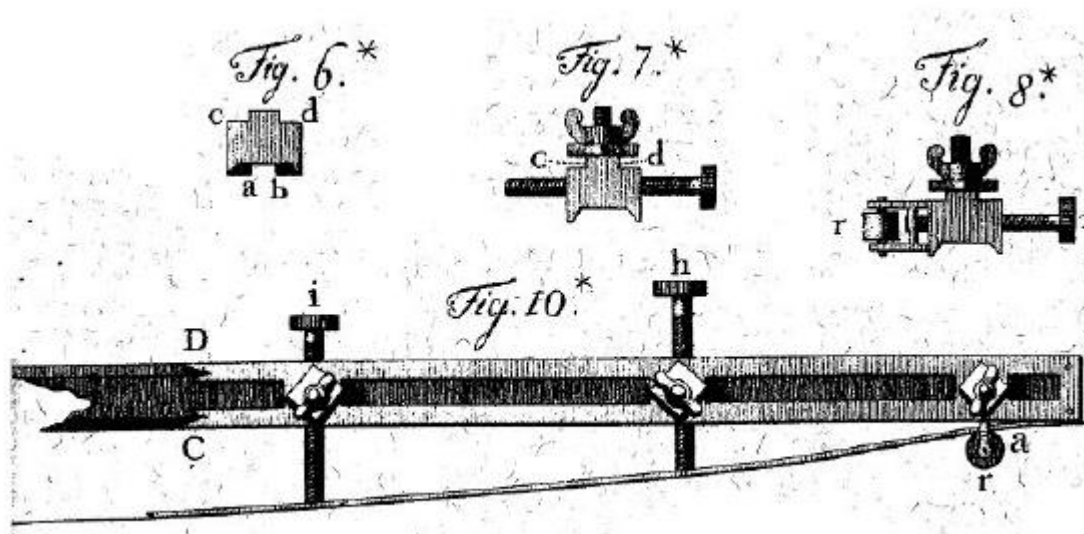
$$h_{00}'(0) = h_{00}'(1) = 0$$

$$h_{00}(0) = 1$$

Splines – Free Form Curves

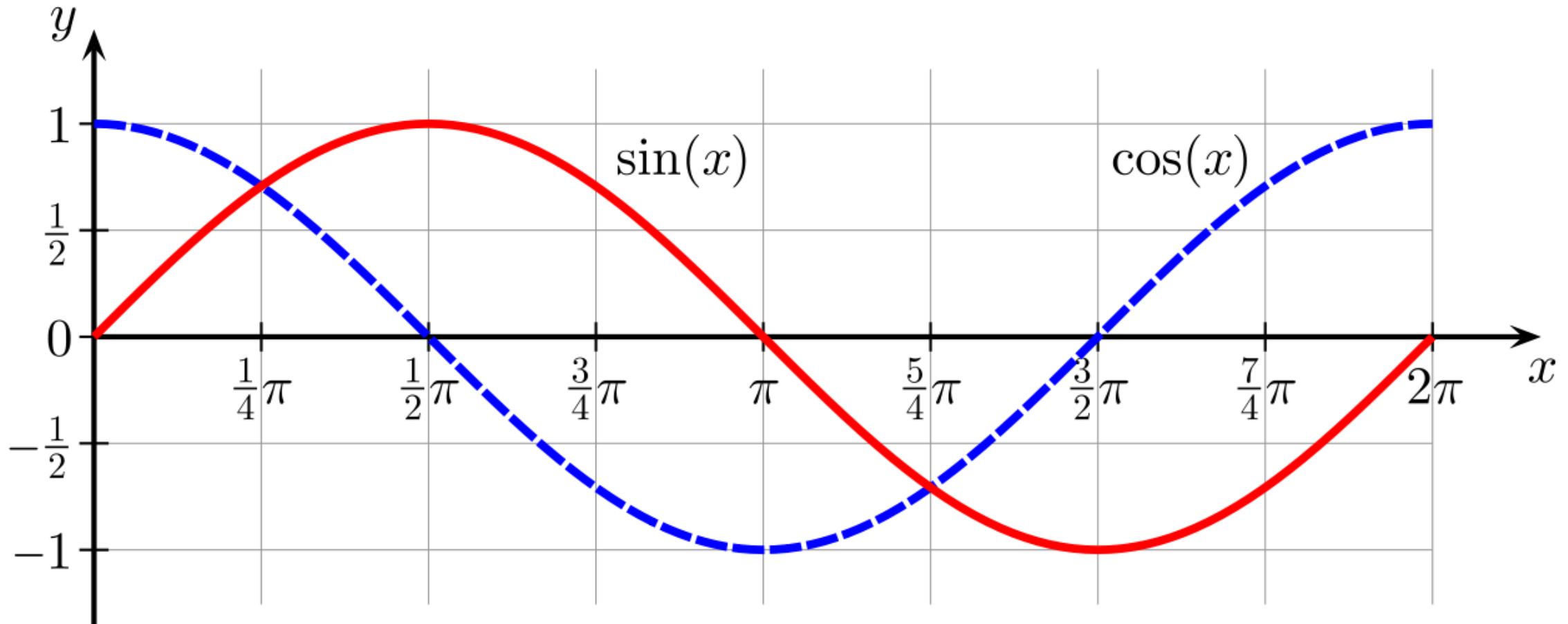
Geometric meaning of coefficients (base)

- Approximate/interpolate set of positions, derivatives, etc..



Will see one example

Possible solution?



Hermite **Cubic** Basis

Can satisfy with **cubic** polynomials as basis

$$h_{ij}(t) = a_3t^3 + a_2t^2 + a_1t + a_0$$

Obtain - solve 4 linear equations in 4 unknowns for each basis function

$$h_{ij}(t): i, j = 0, 1, t \in [0, 1]$$

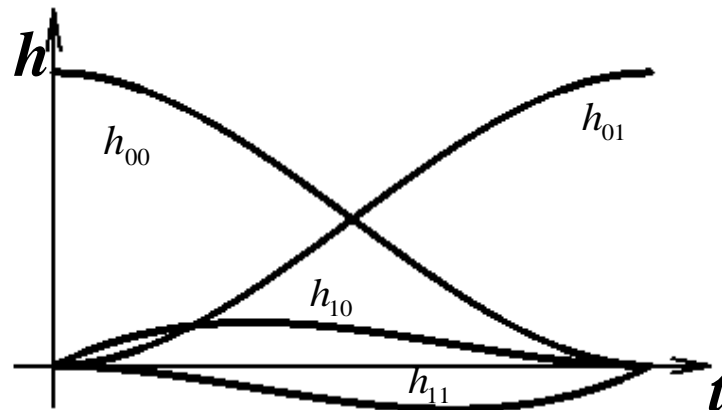
curve	$C(0)$	$C(1)$	$C'(0)$	$C'(1)$
$h_{00}(t)$	1	0	0	0
$h_{01}(t)$	0	1	0	0
$h_{10}(t)$	0	0	1	0
$h_{11}(t)$	0	0	0	1

Hermite Cubic Basis

Four cubic polynomials that satisfy the conditions

$$h_{00}(t) = t^2(2t - 3) + 1 \quad h_{01}(t) = -t^2(2t - 3)$$

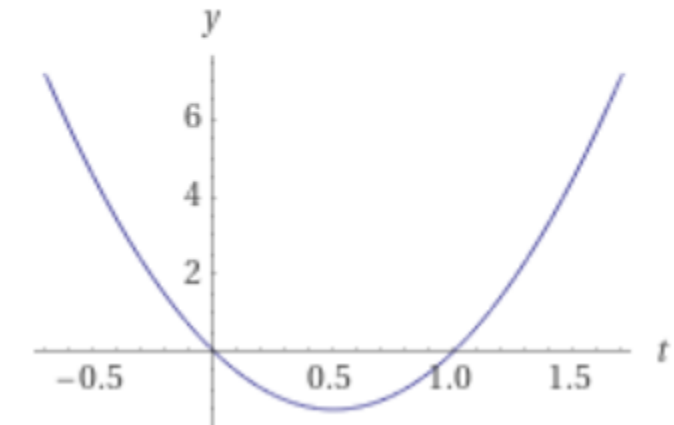
$$h_{10}(t) = t(t - 1)^2 \quad h_{11}(t) = t^2(t - 1)$$



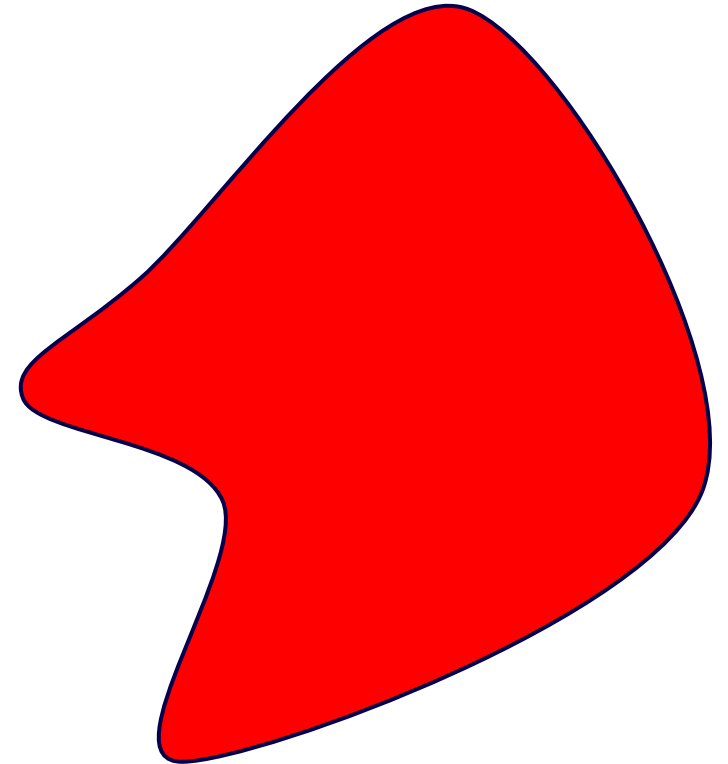
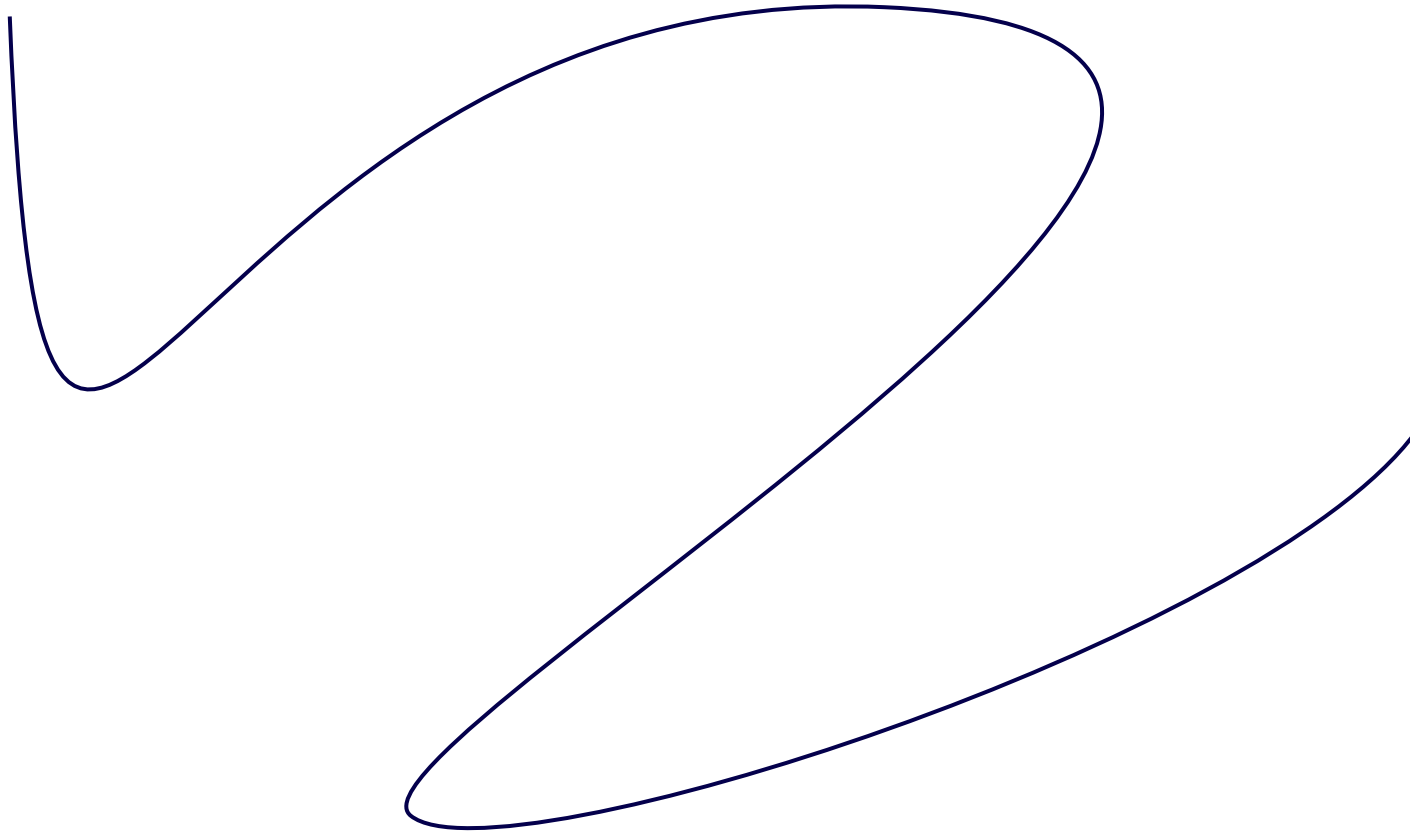
Derivative of h00

$$6(-1 + t)t$$

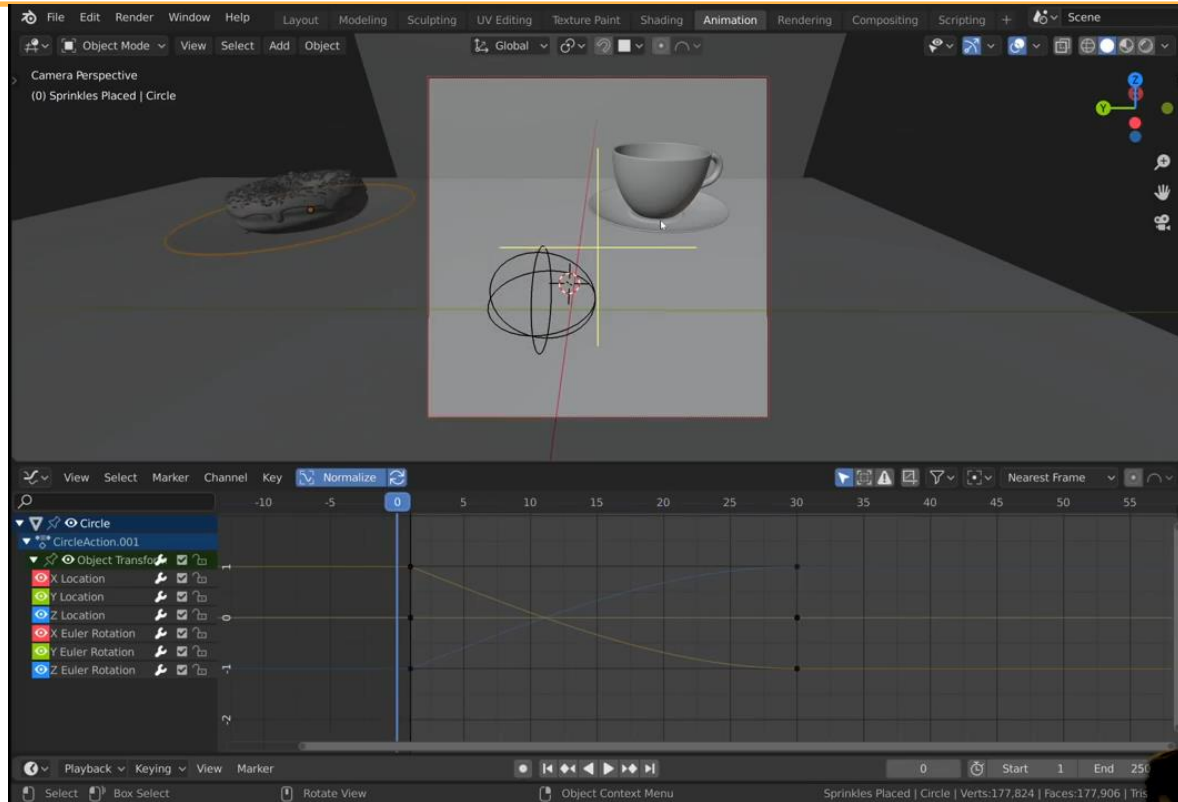
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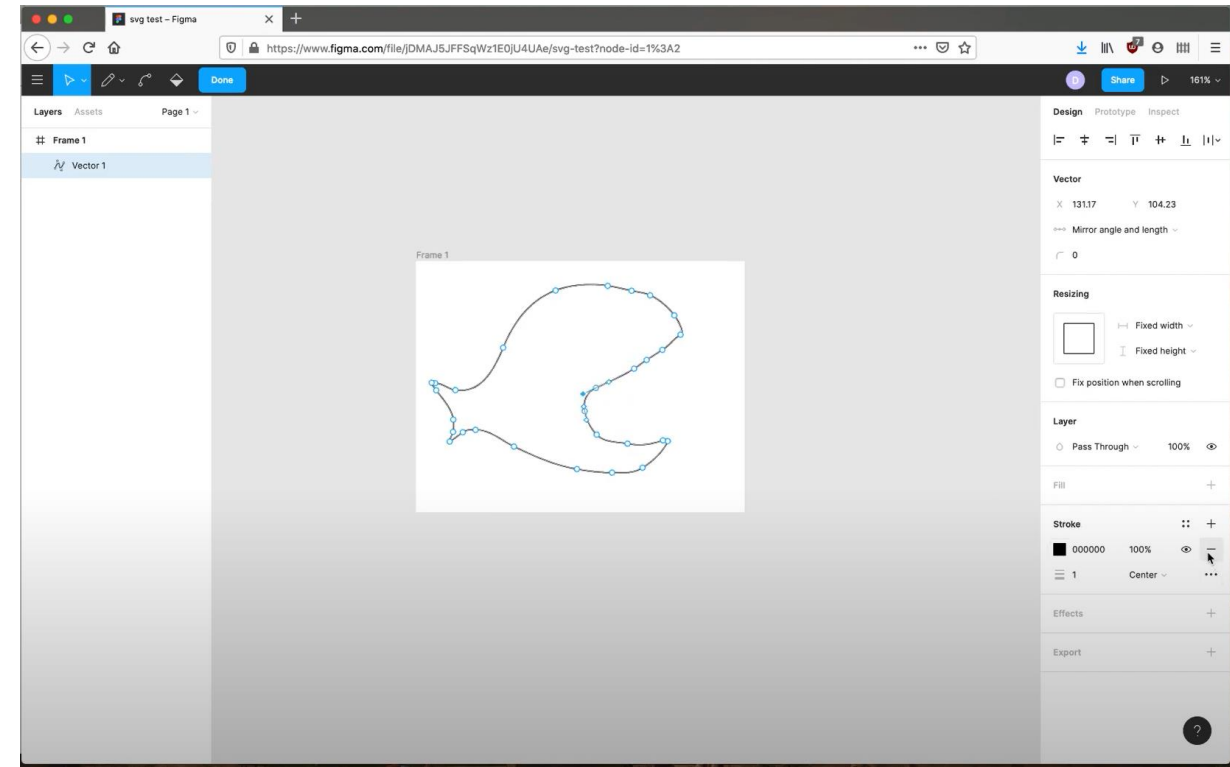
Curves



Applications: Keyframe animation & mesh creation



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LLlimJxTyNw>



Dave's Tutorial

