

Bezier curve and surface derivations

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Bezier curve: $Q_n(t) := \sum_{k=0}^n P_k Be_k^n(t)$

Bernstein polynomial: $Be_k^n(t) := \binom{n}{k} t^k (1-t)^{n-k}$

Derivation of Bezier curve:

$$\begin{aligned} Q'_n(t) &= \sum_{k=0}^n P_k \left(Be_k^n(t) \right)' \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} P_k \left(t^k (1-t)^{n-k} \right)' \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} P_k \left(k t^{k-1} (1-t)^{n-k} - (n-k) t^k (1-t)^{n-k-1} \right) \end{aligned}$$

let ...

$$\begin{aligned} S_0^n(t) &:= P_0 t^0 (1-t)^n = -n P_0 (1-t)^{n-1} \\ S_k^n(t) &:= \binom{n}{k} P_k \left(k t^{k-1} (1-t)^{n-k} - (n-k) t^k (1-t)^{n-k-1} \right) \quad \text{for } k \in \{1, 2, \dots, n-1\} \\ S_n^n(t) &:= P_n t^n (1-t)^0 = n P_n t^{n-1} \end{aligned}$$

so ...

$$\begin{aligned} (k+1) \binom{n}{k+1} &= (k+1) \frac{n!}{(k+1)!(n-k-1)!} = n \frac{(n-1)!}{k!(n-1-k)!} = n \binom{n-1}{k} \\ (n-k) \binom{n}{k} &= (n-k) \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!} = n \frac{(n-1)!}{k!(n-1-k)!} = n \binom{n-1}{k} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} S_k^n(t) + S_{k+1}^n(t) &= \\ &= \binom{n}{k} P_k \left(k t^{k-1} (1-t)^{n-k} - (n-k) t^k (1-t)^{n-k-1} \right) + \binom{n}{k+1} P_{k+1} \left((k+1) t^k (1-t)^{n-k-1} - (n-k-1) t^{k+1} (1-t)^{n-k-2} \right) \\ &= k \binom{n}{k} P_k t^{k-1} (1-t)^{n-k} + \left((k+1) \binom{n}{k+1} P_{k+1} - (n-k) \binom{n}{k} P_k \right) t^k (1-t)^{n-k-1} - (n-k-1) \binom{n}{k+1} P_{k+1} t^{k+1} (1-t)^{n-k-2} \\ &= k \binom{n}{k} P_k t^{k-1} (1-t)^{n-k} + n \binom{n-1}{k} \left(P_{k+1} - P_k \right) t^k (1-t)^{n-k-1} - (n-k-1) \binom{n}{k+1} P_{k+1} t^{k+1} (1-t)^{n-k-2} \end{aligned}$$

hence ...

$$\begin{aligned} S_k^n(t) + S_{k+1}^n(t) + S_{k+2}^n(t) &= \\ &= k \binom{n}{k} P_k t^{k-1} (1-t)^{n-k} + n \binom{n-1}{k} \left(P_{k+1} - P_k \right) t^k (1-t)^{n-k-1} + n \binom{n-1}{k+1} \left(P_{k+2} - P_{k+1} \right) t^{k+1} (1-t)^{n-k-2} - \\ &= (n-k-2) \binom{n}{k+2} P_{k+2} t^{k+2} (1-t)^{n-k-3} \end{aligned}$$

and therefore ...

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} S_k^n(t) = \binom{n}{1} P_1 t^0 (1-t)^{n-1} + n \sum_{k=1}^{n-2} \binom{n-1}{k} \left(P_{k+1} - P_k \right) t^k (1-t)^{n-1-k} - \binom{n}{n-1} P_{n-1} t^{n-1} (1-t)^0$$

and let ...

$$P'_k := P_{k+1} - P_k$$

and finally ...

$$Q'_n(t) = \sum_0^n S_k^n(t) = n \sum_0^{n-1} \binom{n-1}{k} \left(P_{k+1} - P_k \right) t^k (1-t)^{n-1-k} = n \sum_0^{n-1} \left(P_{k+1} - P_k \right) Be_k^{n-1}(t) = n \sum_0^{n-1} P'_k Be_k^{n-1}(t)$$

nth Derivation of Bezier curve:

$$\begin{aligned}
P_k^{(0)} &:= P_k \\
P_k^{(1)} &:= P_{k+1}^{(0)} - P_k^{(0)} = P_{k+1} - P_k \\
P_k^{(2)} &:= P_{k+1}^{(1)} - P_k^{(1)} = P_{k+2}^{(0)} - P_{k+1}^{(0)} - (P_{k+1}^{(0)} - P_k^{(0)}) = P_{k+2}^{(0)} - 2P_{k+1}^{(0)} + P_k^{(0)} \\
&\vdots \\
P_k^{(m)} &:= P_{k+1}^{(m-1)} - P_k^{(m-1)} = \sum_{i=0}^m (-1)^{m-i} \binom{m}{i} P_{k+i}
\end{aligned}$$

so ...

$$\begin{aligned}
Q_n^{(0)}(t) &:= \sum_{k=0}^n P_k^{(0)} Be_k^n(t) \\
Q_n^{(1)}(t) &:= n \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} P_k^{(1)} Be_k^{n-1}(t) \\
Q_n^{(2)}(t) &:= n(n-1) \sum_{k=0}^{n-2} P_k^{(2)} Be_k^{n-2}(t) \\
&\vdots \\
Q_n^{(m)}(t) &:= \frac{n!}{m!} \sum_{k=0}^{n-m} P_k^{(m)} Be_k^{n-m}(t)
\end{aligned}$$

Bezier surface: $Q_{m,n}(u, v) := \sum_{i=0}^m \sum_{j=0}^n P_{i,j} Be_i^m(u) Be_j^n(v)$

$$\frac{\partial P_{i,j}}{\partial i} := P_{i+1,j} - P_{i,j}$$

$$qu_{m,n}(u, v) = \frac{\partial Q_{m,n}(u, v)}{\partial u} := \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} \sum_{j=0}^n \frac{\partial P_{i,j}}{\partial i} Be_i^{m-1}(u) Be_j^n(v)$$

$$\frac{\partial P_{i,j}}{\partial j} := P_{i,j+1} - P_{i,j}$$

$$qv_{m,n}(u, v) = \frac{\partial Q_{m,n}(u, v)}{\partial v} := \sum_{i=0}^m \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \frac{\partial P_{i,j}}{\partial j} Be_i^m(u) Be_j^{n-1}(v)$$

Bezier surface normal: $n_{m,n}(u, v) := \frac{\partial Q_{m,n}(u, v)}{\partial u} \times \frac{\partial Q_{m,n}(u, v)}{\partial v}$