

Parametric Surfaces

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Bézier Surfaces

- In one dimension

- $C_n(t) = \sum_{i=0}^n B_i^n(t) P_i, \quad t \in [0,1]$

- In two dimensions

- $S_{n,m}(t,r) = \sum_{i=0}^n B_i^n(t) \sum_{j=0}^m B_j^m(r) P_{ij}, \quad t,r \in [0,1]$

- P_{ij} are points in 3D or 4D

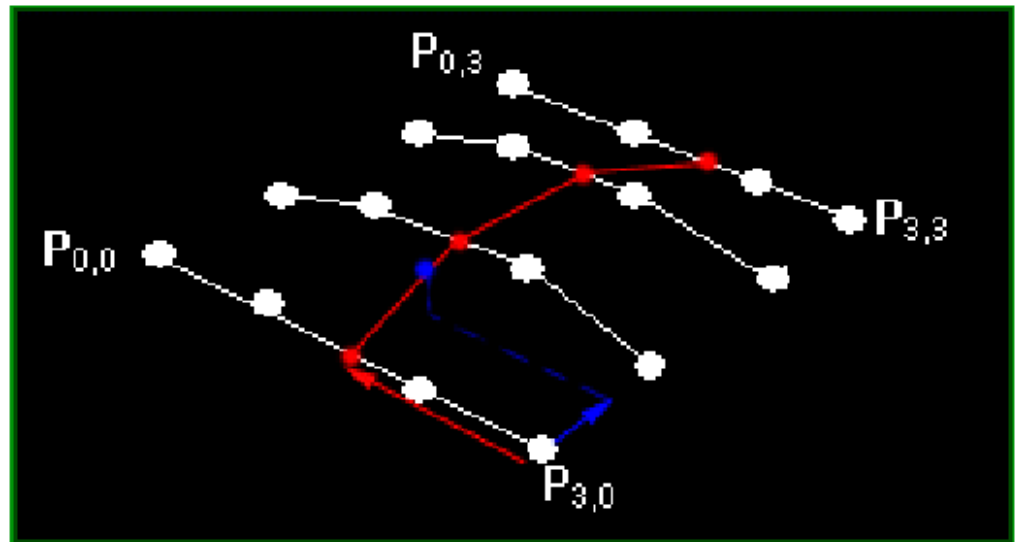
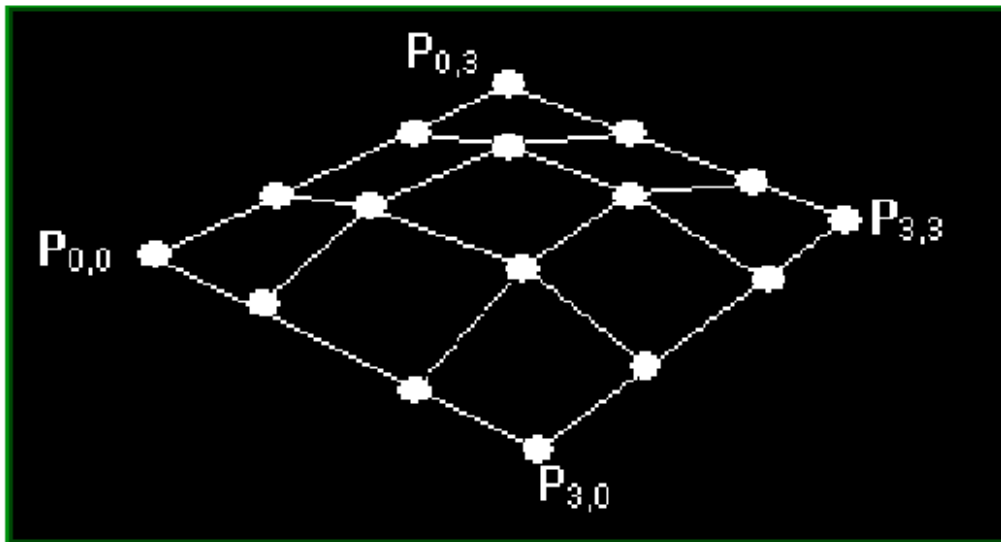
- Convex linear combination of points P_{ij}

- Entire curve is in convex hull of points
 - Surface passes through 4 corner points

- Curve is smooth and differentiable

2D Cubic Bézier Surface

- 16 Control points
- Corner points set surface
- Interior points stretches surface



Surfaces in OpenGL

- Two-dimensional Evaluators
- Can be used to generate vertexes, normals, colors and textures
- Curve defined analytically using Bezier surfaces
- Evaluated at discrete points and rendered using polygons

Surfaces in OpenGL

- `glEnable()`
 - Enables types of data to generate
 - `GL_AUTO_NORMAL` generates normals for you
- `glMap2d()`
 - Defines control points and domain
- `glEvalCoord2d()`
 - Generates a data point
- `glMapGrid2d()` & `glEvalMesh2()`
 - Generates a series of data points

glMap2d(type,Umin,Umax,Ustride,Uorder, Vmin,Vmax,Vstride,Vorder,points)

- *type* of data to generate
 - GL_MAP1_VERTEX_[34]
 - GL_MAP1_NORMAL
 - GL_MAP1_COLOR_4
 - GL_MAP1_TEXTURE_COORD_[1-4]
- *Umin&Umax* and *Vmin&Vmax* are limits (often 0&1)
- *Ustride* is the number of values in data (3 or 4)
- *Vstride* is the number of values in a row of data
- *Uorder & Vorder* is the order of the curve (4=cubic)
- *points* is the array of data points (16 for bi-cubic)
- **Remember to also call glEnable()**

glEvalCoord2d(u,v)

- Generate one vertex for each glMap2d() type currently active (e.g. texture, normal, vertex)
- To generate the whole surface, loop over quads and call glEvalCoord2d() once for each vertex
- Exercise entire parameter space
 - u from Umin to Umax (0 to 1)
 - v from Vmin to Vmax (0 to 1)

Generating a complete surface

- `glMapGrid2d(N , U1 , U2 , M , V1 , V2)`
- `glEvalMesh2(mode , N1 , N2 , M1 , M2)`
- This is equivalent to

```
for (j=M1;j<M2;j++)
{
    glBegin(GL_QUAD_STRIP);
    for (i=N1;i<=N2;i++)
    {
        glEvalCoord1(U1+i*(U2-U1)/N , V1+j*(V2-V1)/M);
        glEvalCoord1(U1+i*(U2-U1)/N , V1+(j+1)*(V2-V1)/M);
    }
    glEnd();
}
```


The Utah Teapot

- Generated by Martin Newell in 1975
 - 32 Patches specified as Bezier surfaces
 - 10 Base patches with reflections
 - 126 control points
- Complex shape
 - Hole in handle
 - Hollow spout
- Non-convex
 - Can cast shadows on itself



The Utah Teapot: Then and Now

