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Bicubic surfaces

Parametric Bicubic Surfaces (1)

Initially our curve has the following form:

$$a + bt + ct^2 + dt^3 = Q(t); \quad b + 2ct + 3dt^2 = Q'(t)$$

The coefficients had to meet the following constraints:

$$\begin{aligned} Q(0) = P_0 &\Rightarrow a = P_0 \\ Q(1) = P_3 &\Rightarrow a + b + c + d = P_3 \\ Q'(0) = R_0 &\Rightarrow b = R_0 \\ Q'(1) = R_1 &\Rightarrow b + 2c + 3d = R_1 \end{aligned} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} P_0 \\ P_3 \\ R_0 \\ R_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Now we bring the coefficients to the other side:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} P_0 \\ P_3 \\ R_0 \\ R_1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{pmatrix} \Leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -3 & 3 & -2 & -1 \\ 2 & -2 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} P_0 \\ P_3 \\ R_0 \\ R_1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{pmatrix}$$

The curve is defined as follows:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & t & t^2 & t^3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -3 & 3 & -2 & -1 \\ 2 & -2 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} P_0 \\ P_3 \\ R_0 \\ R_1 \end{pmatrix} = Q(t)$$

$$(1 + 3t^2 + 2t^3 \quad 3t^2 - 2t^3 \quad t - 2t^2 + t^3 \quad -t^2 + t^3) \begin{pmatrix} P_0 \\ P_3 \\ R_0 \\ R_1 \end{pmatrix} =$$

$$P_0(1 - 3t^2 + 2t^3) + P_3(3t^2 - 2t^3) + R_0(t - 2t^2 + t^3) + R_1(-t^2 + t^3) = Q(t)$$

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We now extend the curve to a surface:

Let us first write the geometry vector in parametric form:

$$(1 \ t \ t^2 \ t^3) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -3 & 3 & -2 & -1 \\ 2 & -2 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} P_0(s) \\ P_1(s) \\ R_0(s) \\ R_1(s) \end{pmatrix} = T M_H G_u(s)$$

Each of the points P_0, P_1, R_0, R_1 can be written as a curve with parameter s .

$$P_0(s) = S M_H \begin{pmatrix} g_{11} \\ g_{12} \\ g_{13} \\ g_{14} \end{pmatrix} \quad ; \quad P_1(s) = S M_H \begin{pmatrix} g_{21} \\ g_{22} \\ g_{23} \\ g_{24} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$R_0(s) = S M_H \begin{pmatrix} g_{31} \\ g_{32} \\ g_{33} \\ g_{34} \end{pmatrix} \quad ; \quad R_1(s) = S M_H \begin{pmatrix} g_{41} \\ g_{42} \\ g_{43} \\ g_{44} \end{pmatrix}$$

Obviously we can write the "parametric" points in the following form:

$$(P_0(s) \ P_1(s) \ R_0(s) \ R_1(s)) = S M_H \begin{pmatrix} g_{11} & g_{21} & g_{31} & g_{41} \\ g_{12} & g_{22} & g_{32} & g_{42} \\ g_{13} & g_{23} & g_{33} & g_{43} \\ g_{14} & g_{24} & g_{34} & g_{44} \end{pmatrix}$$

In order to be used as Geometry vector we need the four points written in column-format which is done using the following equality:

$$(A \ B \ C)^T = C^T \ B^T \ A^T$$

Thus

$$\begin{pmatrix} P_0(s) \\ P_1(s) \\ R_0(s) \\ R_1(s) \end{pmatrix} = G^T M_H^T S^T \quad \text{yielding} \quad Q(t,s) = T M_H G^T M_H^T S^T$$

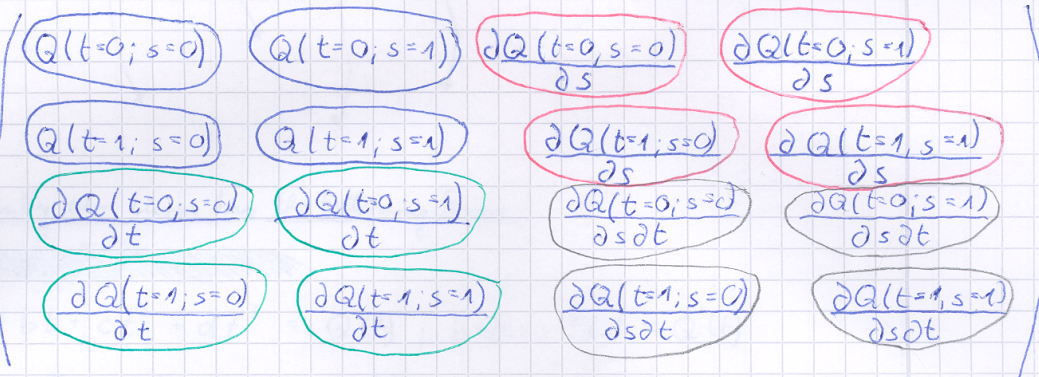
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Let's have a look at the meaning of the elements of the geometry matrix

$$Q(t=0, s=0) \quad \frac{\partial Q(t=0, s=0)}{\partial s} \quad Q(t=1, s=0)$$



Bicubic Surfaces (3)

