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Geometric Modeling

Assignment sheet 5 (Blossoming/Polar Forms, due May 27th 2008, before the lecture)

(1) Bézier Curves [4 points]

Find a cubic Bézier curve $P(u)$, $P : [0,1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ with:

$$P(0) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad P(1) = \begin{pmatrix} 9 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

which intersects itself at $P(\frac{1}{4}) = P(\frac{3}{4})$ orthogonally.

(2) De Casteljau algorithm and subdivision [1+2+2 points]

Given the cubic polynomial curve

$$P(u) = -\begin{pmatrix} 7/8 \\ 5/8 \end{pmatrix} u^3 + \begin{pmatrix} 9 \\ 15/4 \end{pmatrix} u^2 - \begin{pmatrix} 57/2 \\ 9/2 \end{pmatrix} u + \begin{pmatrix} 30 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Find the polar form $p(u_1, u_2, u_3)$ of $P(u)$, as well as the Bézier points (the vertices of the control polygon) P_0, P_1, P_2, P_3 of $P(u)$ w.r.t. the interval $[2,4]$. Sketch the the control polygon. (Hint: use a full A4 paper and a meaningful scale)
- Evaluate the polynomial $P(u)$ using the De Casteljau algorithm at the sample points $u \in \{5/2, 3, 7/2\}$ and draw it into the same graph.
- Use the result from (b) for subdividing $P(u)$ at $u = 3$ and subdivide the right part of the curve again at its midpoint $u = 7/2$. Add this control polygon to the same graph like before and sketch the curve described by $P(u)$.

(3) Polar forms and derivatives [1+2+4 points]

Given is the cubic polynomial curve

$$F(u) = \begin{pmatrix} 15 \\ -6 \end{pmatrix} u^3 + \begin{pmatrix} 27 \\ 10 \end{pmatrix} u^2 - \begin{pmatrix} 9 \\ 9 \end{pmatrix} u$$

w.r.t. the parameter interval $[0,1]$.

- (a) Find the first and second derivative of F .
- (b) Find the polar form $f(u_1, u_2, u_3)$ of F as well as the polar forms of the derivatives F' and F'' . show that they are equal to

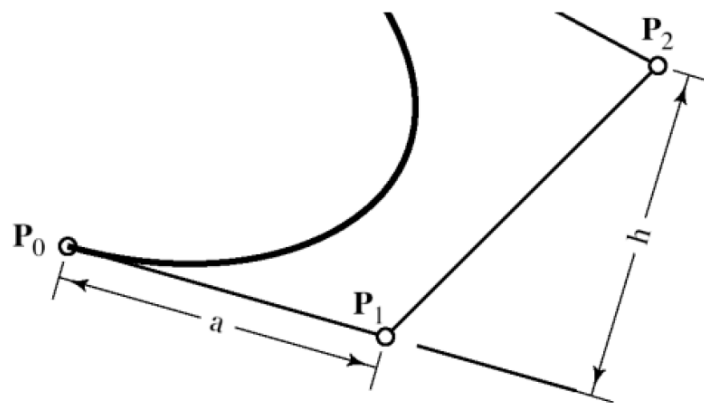
$$3 f(u_1, u_2, \bar{1}) \text{ and } 6f(u_1, \bar{1}, \bar{1})$$

respectively.

Note: $f(u_1, u_2, \bar{1})$ is short for $f(u_1, u_2, 1) - f(u_1, u_2, 0)$

- (c) Prove that the curvature of a Bézier curve at the starting point P_0 is given by:

$$\kappa^2(P_0) = 2 \frac{n-1}{n} \frac{\text{area}(P_0, P_1, P_2)}{\text{dist}^3(P_0, P_1)} = \frac{n-1}{n} \frac{h}{a^2}$$



(4) DeBoor algorithm [2+2 points]

a. Given the uniform B-spline defined by the points

$$P_0 = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -10 \end{pmatrix}, \quad P_1 = \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad P_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}, \quad P_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -7 \end{pmatrix}$$

and the knot vector $[0,1,2,3,4,5]$. Evaluate the position of the curve at parameter $t=2.5$ using DeBoor's algorithm. Sketch the control polygon and the points constructed by the algorithm.

b. For the B-spline from (a), compute the corresponding Bézier control points which describe the same cubic curve. Sketch the points and the resulting Bézier curve.