

Lecture 19: Bicubic B -spline subdivision ¹

Matrix subdivision

We will use the matrix subdivision technique to subdivide a bicubic B -spline patch. Such a patch is defined by an array of 4×4 array of control points. We have:

$$\mathbf{p}(u, w) = \begin{bmatrix} u^3 & u^2 & u & 1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{M} \mathbf{P} \mathbf{M}^T \begin{bmatrix} w^3 \\ w^2 \\ w \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

where \mathbf{M} is a 4×4 matrix given by:

$$\mathbf{M} = \frac{1}{6} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 3 & -3 & 1 \\ 3 & -6 & 3 & 0 \\ -3 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 1 & 4 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

We use reparameterization with $u' = \frac{u}{2}$ and $w' = \frac{w}{2}$ to obtain

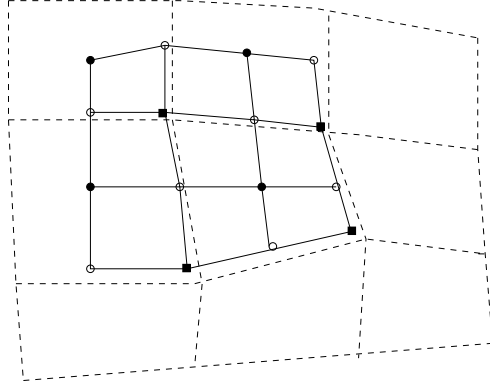
$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{p}(u', w') &= \mathbf{p}\left(\frac{u}{2}, \frac{w}{2}\right) \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{u^3}{8} & \frac{u^2}{4} & \frac{u}{2} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{M} \mathbf{P} \mathbf{M}^T \begin{bmatrix} \frac{w^3}{8} \\ \frac{w^2}{4} \\ \frac{w}{2} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \mathbf{U} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{8} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{4} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{M} \mathbf{P} \mathbf{M}^T \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{8} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{4} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^T \mathbf{W}^T \\ &= \mathbf{U} \mathbf{M} \mathbf{M}^{-1} \mathbf{X} \mathbf{M} \mathbf{P} \mathbf{M}^T \mathbf{X}^T (\mathbf{M}^{-1})^T \mathbf{M}^T \mathbf{W}^T \\ &= \mathbf{U} \mathbf{M} \mathbf{S} \mathbf{P} \mathbf{S}^T \mathbf{M}^T \mathbf{W}^T \\ &= \mathbf{U} \mathbf{M} \mathbf{P}' \mathbf{M}^T \mathbf{W}^T \end{aligned}$$

where $\mathbf{P}' = \mathbf{S} \mathbf{P} \mathbf{S}^T$ and $\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{M}^{-1} \mathbf{X} \mathbf{M}$. The splitting \mathbf{S} is given by

$$\mathbf{S} = \frac{1}{8} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 6 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 6 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

If we carry out the calculation for \mathbf{P}' , the new control point array is generated from the old ones with certain combinations. We can categorize the new points into three categories, *face points*,

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edge points, and *vertex points*. The points \mathbf{p}'_{00} , \mathbf{p}'_{02} , \mathbf{p}'_{20} and \mathbf{p}'_{22} are called the *face points* and are calculated as the average of the four points of the respective face. They are shown in the figure with solid circles. If we define F_{ij} as the average of the points \mathbf{p}_{ij} , $\mathbf{p}_{i+1,j}$, $\mathbf{p}_{i,j+1}$ and $\mathbf{p}_{i+1,j+1}$, then we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{p}'_{00} &= F_{00} \\
\mathbf{p}'_{01} &= \frac{4F_{00} + 4F_{01} + 4\mathbf{p}_{01} + 4\mathbf{p}_{11}}{16} \\
\mathbf{p}'_{02} &= F_{01} \\
\mathbf{p}'_{03} &= \frac{4F_{01} + 4F_{02} + 4\mathbf{p}_{02} + 4\mathbf{p}_{12}}{16} \\
\mathbf{p}'_{10} &= \frac{4F_{00} + 4F_{10} + 4\mathbf{p}_{10} + 4\mathbf{p}_{11}}{16} \\
\mathbf{p}'_{11} &= \frac{4F_{00} + 4F_{01} + 4F_{10} + 4F_{11} + 4\mathbf{p}_{10} + 4\mathbf{p}_{01} + 32\mathbf{p}_{11} + 4\mathbf{p}_{21} + 4\mathbf{p}_{12}}{64} \\
\mathbf{p}'_{12} &= \frac{4F_{01} + 4F_{11} + 4\mathbf{p}_{11} + 4\mathbf{p}_{12}}{16} \\
\mathbf{p}'_{13} &= \frac{4F_{01} + 4F_{02} + 4F_{11} + 4F_{12} + 4\mathbf{p}_{11} + 4\mathbf{p}_{02} + 32\mathbf{p}_{12} + 4\mathbf{p}_{22} + 4\mathbf{p}_{13}}{64} \\
\mathbf{p}'_{20} &= F_{10} \\
\mathbf{p}'_{21} &= \frac{4F_{10} + 4F_{11} + 4\mathbf{p}_{11} + 4\mathbf{p}_{21}}{16} \\
\mathbf{p}'_{22} &= F_{11} \\
\mathbf{p}'_{23} &= \frac{4F_{11} + 4F_{12} + 4\mathbf{p}_{12} + 4\mathbf{p}_{22}}{16} \\
\mathbf{p}'_{30} &= \frac{4F_{10} + 4F_{20} + 4\mathbf{p}_{20} + 4\mathbf{p}_{21}}{16} \\
\mathbf{p}'_{31} &= \frac{4F_{10} + 4F_{20} + 4F_{11} + 4F_{21} + 4\mathbf{p}_{20} + 4\mathbf{p}_{11} + 32\mathbf{p}_{21} + 4\mathbf{p}_{31} + 4\mathbf{p}_{22}}{64} \\
\mathbf{p}'_{32} &= \frac{4F_{11} + 4F_{21} + 4\mathbf{p}_{21} + 4\mathbf{p}_{22}}{16} \\
\mathbf{p}'_{33} &= \frac{4F_{11} + 4F_{21} + 4F_{12} + 4F_{22} + 4\mathbf{p}_{21} + 4\mathbf{p}_{12} + 32\mathbf{p}_{22} + 4\mathbf{p}_{32} + 4\mathbf{p}_{23}}{64}
\end{aligned}$$

If we examine these equations we see that the points \mathbf{p}'_{01} , \mathbf{p}'_{03} , \mathbf{p}'_{10} , \mathbf{p}'_{12} , \mathbf{p}'_{21} , \mathbf{p}'_{23} , \mathbf{p}'_{30} and \mathbf{p}'_{32} are

generated as the average of four points- the two endpoints of the edge and the two new face points for the faces it is adjacent to. If we denote the edge points as E_{ij} , then we can write

$$E_{ij} = \frac{F_{i,j-1} + F_{ij} + \mathbf{p}_{ij} + \mathbf{p}_{i+1,j}}{4}$$

or

$$E_{ij} = \frac{F_{i-1,j} + F_{ij} + \mathbf{p}_{ij} + \mathbf{p}_{i,j+1}}{4}$$

depending on the configuration of the faces lying on the two sides of the edge. The edge points are marked as hollow circles in the Figure.

The remaining points $\mathbf{p}'_{11}, \mathbf{p}'_{13}, \mathbf{p}'_{31}$ and \mathbf{p}'_{33} are called vertex points and they can be calculated as

$$\mathbf{p}'_{ij} = \frac{G + 2H + v}{4}$$

where G is the average of the four face points corresponding to the four faces adjacent to the vertex, H is the average of the midpoints of four edges incident to the vertex and v is the vertex itself. The vertex points are shown with solid squares in the Figure.