

CPSC 424 - Tutorial 3

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Degree Elevation

Representing the same Bezier curve, but with a higher degree polynomial.

But why is it useful?

1. Vector format and font type standards. E.g. PostScript, OpenType
2. More degrees of freedom
3. Easy to join Bezier curves for a Bezier surface

Degree Elevation

Given the existing $m + 1$ points $b_0 \dots b_m$, the formula for the new $m + 2$ points is:

$$p_i = \frac{1}{m + 1} (i \cdot b_{i-1} + (m + 1 - i)b_i)$$

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Try it out here: <https://www.desmos.com/calculator/s6t8tmrheu>

Credit: Jerry Yin (one of our awesome past TAs!)

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$$p_0 = b_0 = (0,0)$$

$$p_1 = \frac{1}{3}((0,0) + (2)(2,4)) = \left(\frac{4}{3}, \frac{8}{3}\right)$$

$$p_2 = \frac{1}{3}((2)(2,4) + (1)(3,1)) = \left(\frac{7}{3}, 3\right)$$

$$p_3 = b_2 = (3,1)$$

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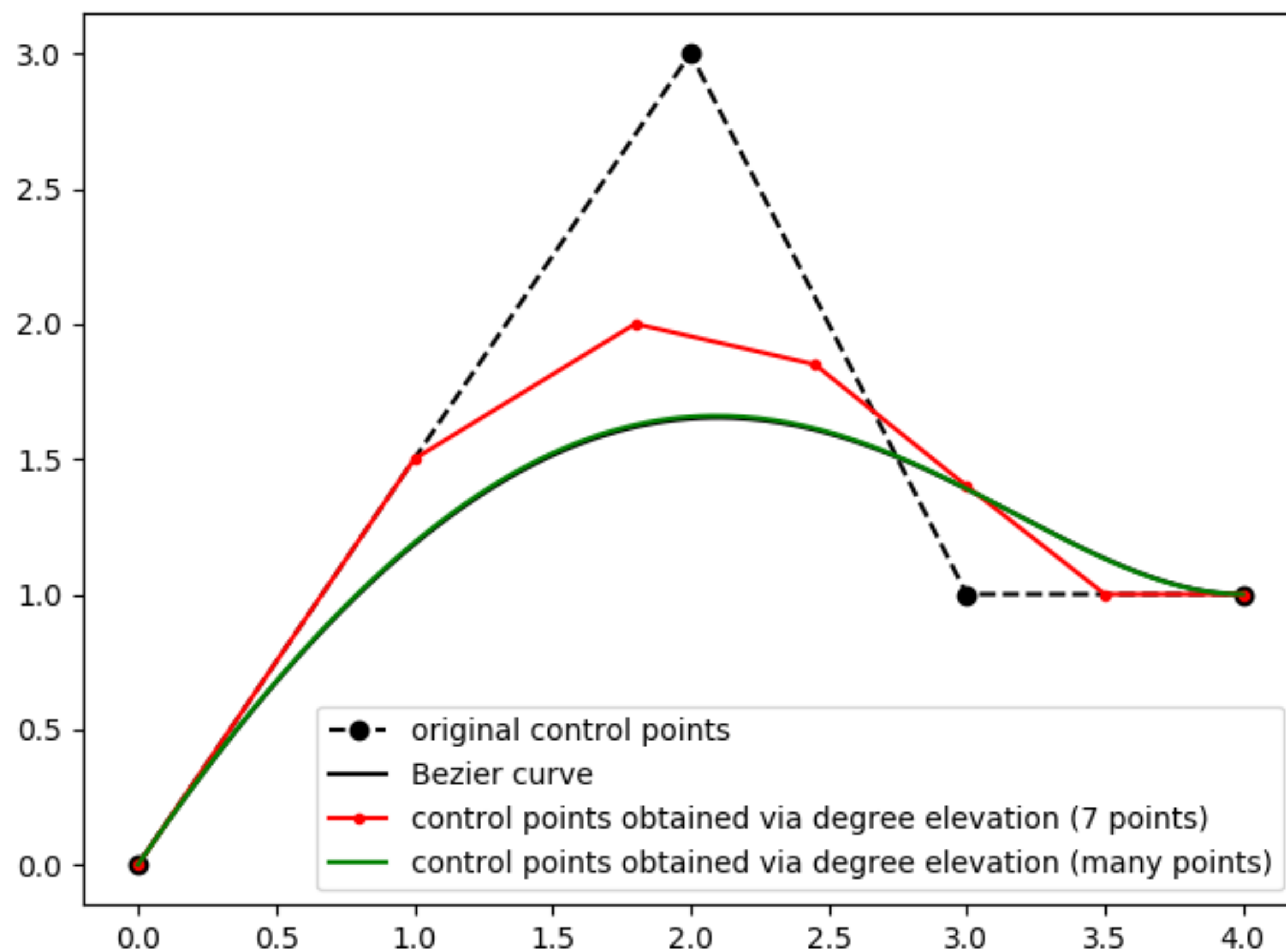
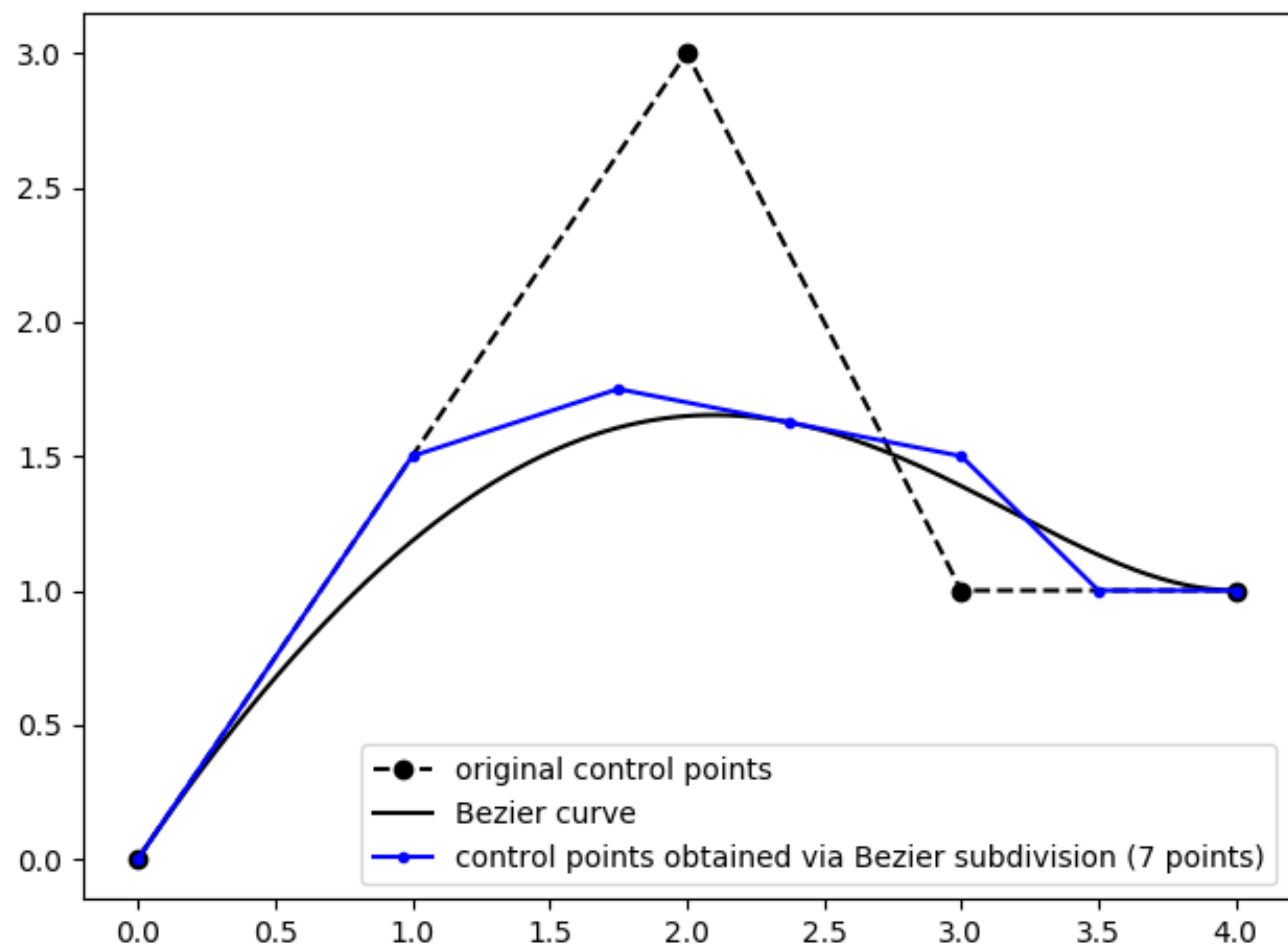
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No, the control points will be different. Recall that Bézier subdivision will give you a set of control polygons, whereas degree elevation gives you a single control polygon. The shared points between the control polygons from the Bézier subdivision lie on the limit curve, and simply combining all control polygons to make a single control polygon will give a different curve entirely.

Degree Elevation



Continuity

We (partially) formalized what we mean for a function to be smooth. All continuous functions belong in a parametric continuity class (C_0 , C_1 , etc.)

A function is C_0 continuous iff there are no jumps in its value.

A function is C_k continuous iff the first $1 \dots k$ th derivatives exist and are continuous (no jumps in its value).

Note that if a function is C_k continuous, then it is also C_j continuous for $j < k$.

Continuity

In addition to parametric continuity, we have a notion of geometric continuity (G_0 , G_1 , etc.).

A function is G_0 continuous iff there are no jumps in its value (same as C_0)

A function is G_1 continuous if the direction (but not necessarily the magnitude) of its tangent is continuous, and G_k continuous follows the same.

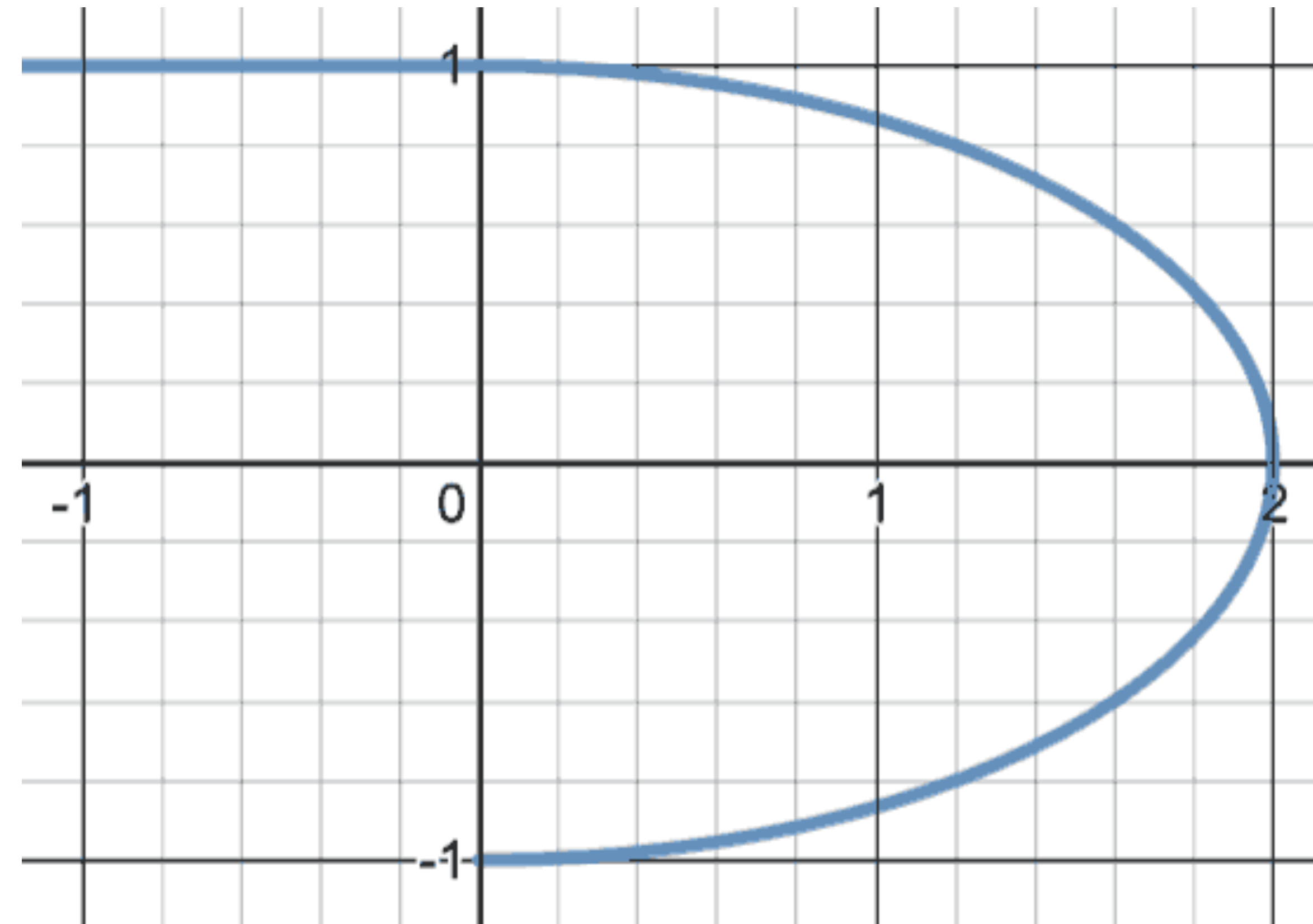
Note that C_k implies G_k continuity.

Continuity

For example, this function here:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{cases} \begin{bmatrix} t \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} & t < 0 \\ \begin{bmatrix} 2 \sin t \\ \cos t \end{bmatrix} & 0 \leq t \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

Is G_1 but not C_1 continuous because its derivative at $t = 0$ from the left is $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ but its derivative from the right is $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$



Continuity

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Determine the continuity (C_1 , C_2 , etc.) of the function:

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$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) = \frac{(1+1)^3}{3} = \frac{8}{3},$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) = 1^2 + 2(1) - \frac{1}{3} = \frac{8}{3},$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) \implies \text{Continuous at } x = 1 \text{ } (C^0).$$

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$$f'(x) = \begin{cases} (x+1)^2 & 0 \leq x < 1, \\ 2x + 2 & 1 \leq x \leq 2. \end{cases}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f'(x) = (1+1)^2 = 4,$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f'(x) = 2(1) + 2 = 4 \implies \text{Differentiable at } x = 1 \text{ } (C^1).$$

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$$f''(x) = \begin{cases} 2(x+1) & 0 \leq x < 1, \\ 2 & 1 \leq x \leq 2. \end{cases}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f''(x) = 2(1+1) = 4,$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f''(x) = 2 \implies \text{Not twice differentiable at } x = 1 \text{ (}\cancel{C^2}\text{)}.$$

Continuity

Exercise 2.

Determine the parametric continuity (C_1 , C_2 , etc.) and geometric continuity (G_1 , G_2) of each of the curves:

$$f_1(t) = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{cases} \begin{bmatrix} (t+1)^3/3 \\ t^3 \end{bmatrix} & 0 \leq t < 1 \\ \begin{bmatrix} t^2 + 2t - 1/3 \\ t^3/2 + 3t/2 - 1 \end{bmatrix} & 1 \leq t \leq 2 \end{cases}$$

$$f_2(t) = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{cases} \begin{bmatrix} t^3/6 + t^2/2 + t/2 - 1/6 \\ t^2 \end{bmatrix} & 0 \leq t < 1 \\ \begin{bmatrix} t^2 \\ t^2 \end{bmatrix} & 1 \leq t < 2 \\ \begin{bmatrix} 3t^2/2 + t - 4 \\ t^2 \end{bmatrix} & 2 \leq t \end{cases}$$

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$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 1^-} f_1(t) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{(1+1)^3}{3} \\ 1^3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{8}{3} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 1^+} f_1(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 1^2 + 2(1) - \frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{1^3}{2} + \frac{3(1)}{2} - 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{8}{3} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \implies C^0, G^0.$$

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$$f'_1(t) = \begin{cases} \begin{bmatrix} (t+1)^2 \\ 3t^2 \end{bmatrix} & 0 \leq t < 1, \\ \begin{bmatrix} 2t + 2 \\ \frac{3t^2}{2} + \frac{3}{2} \end{bmatrix} & 1 \leq t \leq 2. \end{cases}$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 1^-} f'_1(t) = \begin{bmatrix} (1+1)^2 \\ 3(1)^2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 1^+} f'_1(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 2(1) + 2 \\ \frac{3(1)^2}{2} + \frac{3}{2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \implies C^1, G^1.$$

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$$f_1''(t) = \begin{cases} \begin{bmatrix} 2(t+1) \\ 6t \end{bmatrix} & 0 \leq t < 1, \\ [10pt] \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3t \end{bmatrix} & 1 \leq t \leq 2. \end{cases}$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 1^-} f_1''(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 2(1+1) \\ 6(1) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 1^+} f_1''(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3(1) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \implies \not C^2, \text{ but } G^2.$$

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$$f_2(t) = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{cases} \begin{bmatrix} t^3/6 + t^2/2 + t/2 - 1/6 \\ t^2 \end{bmatrix} & 0 \leq t < 1 \\ \begin{bmatrix} t^2 \\ t^2 \end{bmatrix} & 1 \leq t < 2 \\ \begin{bmatrix} 3t^2/2 + t - 4 \\ t^2 \end{bmatrix} & 2 \leq t \end{cases}$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 1^-} f_2(t) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{6} \\ 1^2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 1^+} f_2(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 2^-} f_2(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 2^2 \\ 2^2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 2^+} f_2(t) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3(2^2)}{2} + 2 - 4 \\ 2^2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \implies C^0, G^0.$$

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$$f'_2(t) = \begin{cases} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3t^2}{6} + t + \frac{1}{2} \\ 2t \end{bmatrix} & 0 \leq t < 1, \\ \begin{bmatrix} 2t \\ 2t \end{bmatrix} & 1 \leq t < 2, \\ \begin{bmatrix} 3t + 1 \\ 2t \end{bmatrix} & 2 \leq t. \end{cases}$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 1^-} f'_2(t) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3(1)^2}{6} + 1 + \frac{1}{2} \\ 2(1) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix},$$

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$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 2^+} f'_2(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 3(2) + 1 \\ 2(2) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \cancel{C^1, G^1}.$$