

Another type of control point: specify derivative at a pt.

Example: specify midpoint, 1st, and 2nd derivatives at midpt.

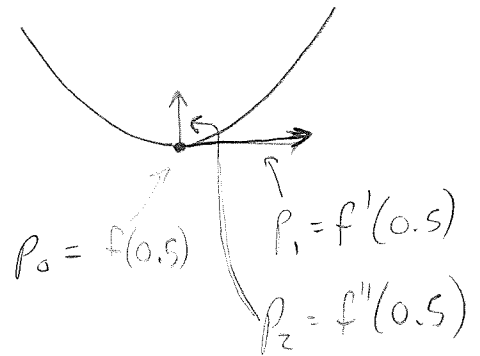
$$p_0 = f(0.5) = a_0 + 0.5^1 a_1 + 0.5^2 a_2$$

$$p_1 = f'(0.5) = a_1 + 0.5 \cdot 2a_2$$

$$p_2 = f''(0.5) = 2a_2$$

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0.5 & 0.25 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Again,  $\vec{p} = C \vec{a}$ , so  $\vec{a} = C^{-1} \vec{p}$



derivatives?

$$f(u) = a_0 + a_1 u + a_2 u^2$$

$$f'(u) = a_1 + 2a_2 u$$

$$f''(u) = 2a_2$$

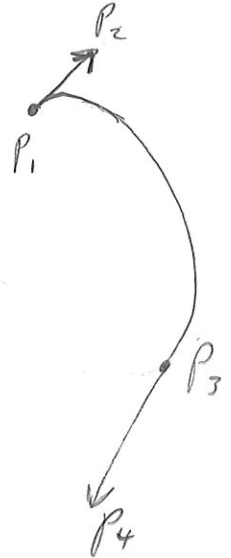
What people actually use - Cubics.

Useful example: a cubic specified by its start, end, and derivatives at start + end.  
Hermite Spline

$$f(u) = a_0 + u a_1 + u^2 a_2 + u^3 a_3$$

$$f'(u) = a_1 + 2u a_2 + 3u^2 a_3$$

DEMO



$$\begin{matrix} f(0) \\ f'(0) \\ f(1) \\ f'(1) \end{matrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = C$$

Bezier Curves: Algebraic intuition

- $P_2, P_4$  are points specifying derivatives (gradients)
- depends on where curve is wrt origin
- instead, set  $P_2 - P_1 = f'(0)$  so the vector between control points gives a tangent vector.
- likewise,  $P_4 - P_3 = f'(1)$