

Supplement to Lecture 11

Bezier, B-Splines and Rendering in OpenGL



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OpenGL Support

- Evaluators: a general mechanism for working with the Bernstein polynomials
 - Can use any degree polynomials
 - Can use in 1-4 dimensions
 - Automatic generation of normals and texture coordinates
 - NURBS supported in GLU
- Quadrics
 - GLU and GLUT contain polynomial approximations of quadrics



1-D Evaluators

- Evaluate a Bernstein polynomial of any degree at a set of specified values
- Can evaluate a variety of variables
 - Points along a 2, 3 or 4 dimensional curve
 - Colors
 - Normals
 - Texture Coordinates
- We can set up multiple evaluators that are all evaluated for the same value



Setting up an Evaluator

what we want to evaluate

max and min of u

```
glMap1f(type, u_min, u_max, stride,  
order, pointer_to_array)
```

1+degree of polynomial

separation between
data points

pointer to control data

Each type must be enabled by `glEnable(type)`



Cubic Bezier Example

Consider an evaluator for a cubic Bezier curve over (0,1)

```
point data[ ]={.....}; * /3d data /*  
glMap1f(GL_MAP_VERTEX_3,0.0,1.0,3,4,data);
```

data are 3D vertices

cubic

data are arranged as x,y,z,x,y,z.....
three floats between data points in array

```
glEnable(GL_MAP_VERTEX_3);
```



Evaluation

- The function `glEvalCoord1f(u)` causes all enabled evaluators to be evaluated for the specified `u`
 - Can replace `glVertex`, `glNormal`, `glTexCoord`
- The values of `u` need not be equally spaced



Piecewise Linear Approx.

- Consider the previous evaluator that was set up for a cubic Bezier over (0,1)
- Suppose that we want to approximate the curve with a 100 point polyline

```
glBegin(GL_LINE_STRIP)
    for(i=0; i<100; i++)
        glEvalCoord1f( (float) i/100.0);
glEnd();
```



Equally spaced Points

Rather than use a loop, we can set up an equally spaced mesh (grid) and then evaluate it with one function call

```
glMapGrid(100, 0.0, 1.0);
```

sets up 100 equally-spaced points on (0,1)

```
glEvalMesh1(GL_LINE, 0, 99);
```

renders lines between adjacent evaluated points from point 0 to point 99



Bezier Surfaces

- Similar procedure to 1D but use 2D evaluators in u and v
- Set up with

```
glMap2f(type, u_min, u_max, u_stride,  
u_order, v_min, v_max, v_stride,  
v_order, pointer_to_data)
```

- Evaluate with `glEvalCoord2f(u, v)`



Bicubic Bezier Surfaces

bicubic over $(0,1) \times (0,1)$

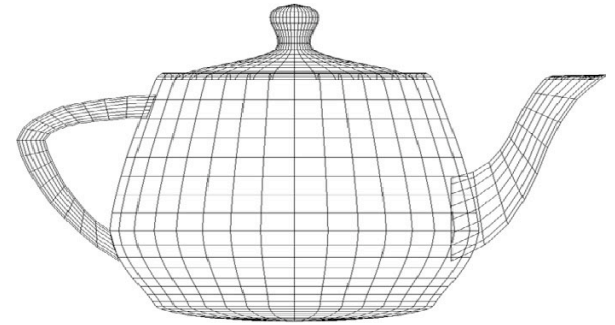
```
point data[4][4]={.....};  
glMap2f(GL_MAP_VERTEX_3, 0.0, 1.0, 3, 4,  
        0.0, 1.0, 12, 4, data);
```

Note that in v direction data points are separated by 12 floats since array `data` is stored by rows



Rendering with Lines

must draw in both directions



```
for (j=0; j<100; j++) {
    glBegin (GL_LINE_STRIP) ;
        for (i=0; i<100; i++)
            glVertex2f ((float) i/100.0, (float) j/100.0) ;
    glEnd () ;
    glBegin (GL_LINE_STRIP) ;
        for (i=0; i<100; i++)
            glVertex2f ((float) j/100.0, (float) i/100.0) ;
    glEnd () ;
}
```



Rendering with Quads

We can form a quad mesh and render with lines

```
for(j=0; j<99; j++) {
    glBegin(GL_QUAD_STRIP);
    for(i=0; i<100; i++) {
        glVertex2f ((float) i/100.0,
                   (float) j/100.0);
        glVertex2f ((float) (i+1)/100.0,
                   (float) j/100.0);
    }
    glEnd();
}
```



Uniform Meshes

- We can form a 2D mesh (grid) in a similar manner to 1D for uniform spacing

```
glMapGrid2(u_num, u_min, u_max,  
v_num, v_min, v_max)
```

- Can evaluate as before with lines or if want filled polygons

```
glEvalMesh2(GL_FILL, u_start,  
u_num, v_start, v_num)
```



Rendering with Filled Quads

- If we use filled polygons, we have to shade or we will see solid color uniform rendering
 - Can specify lights and materials but we need normals
 - Let OpenGL find them
- ```
glEnable(GL_AUTO_NORMAL)
```



# NURBS

- OpenGL supports NURBS surfaces through the GLU library
- Why GLU?
  - Can use evaluators in 4D with standard OpenGL library
  - However, there are many complexities with NURBS that need a lot of code
  - There are five NURBS surface functions plus functions for trimming curves that can remove pieces of a NURBS surface



# Quadratics in GLU & GLUT

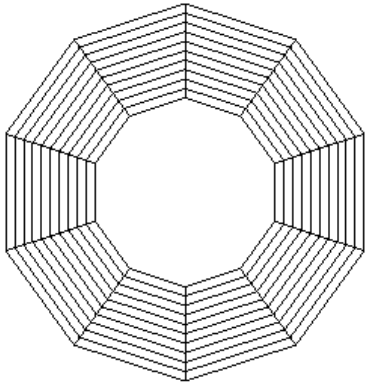
- Quadratics are in both the GLU and GLUT libraries
  - Both use polygonal approximations where the application specifies the resolution
  - Sphere: lines of longitude and latitude
- GLU: disks, cylinders, spheres
  - Can apply transformations to scale, orient, and position
- GLUT: Platonic solids, torus, Utah teapot, cone



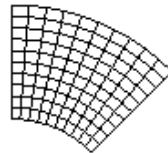


# Quadric Objects in GLU

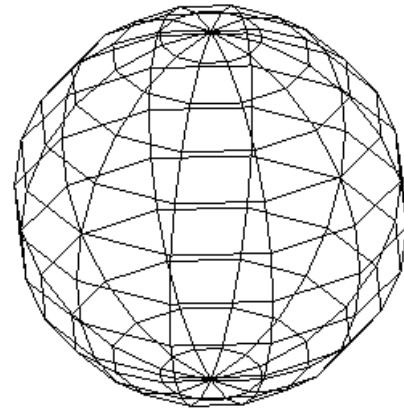
- GLU can automatically generate normals and texture coordinates
- Quadrics are objects that include properties such as how we would like the object to be rendered



disk



partial disk

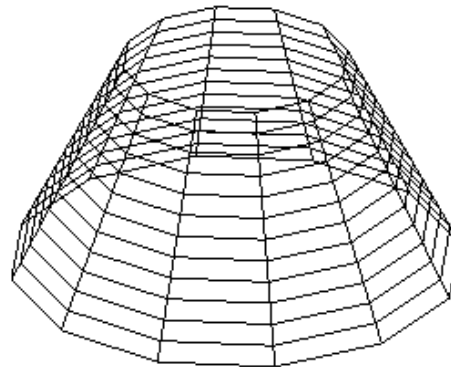


sphere

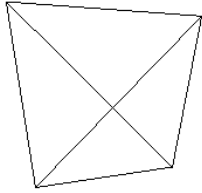


# GLU Cylinder

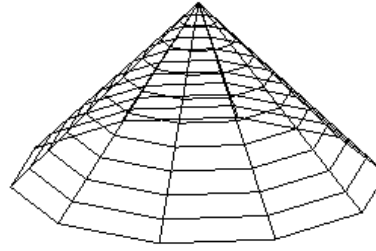
```
GLUquadricOBJ *p;
P = gluNewQuadric(); /*set up object */
gluQuadricDrawStyle(GLU_LINE); /*render
style*/
gluCylinder(p, BASE_RADIUS, TOP_RADIUS,
 BASE_HEIGHT, sections, slices);
```



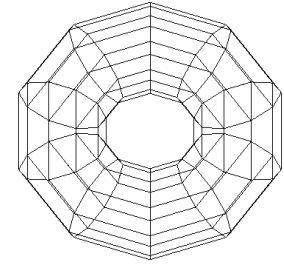
# GLUT Objects



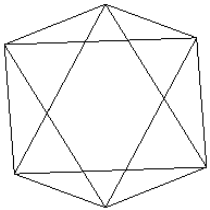
`glutWireTetrahedron()`



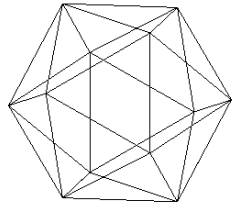
`glutWireCone()`



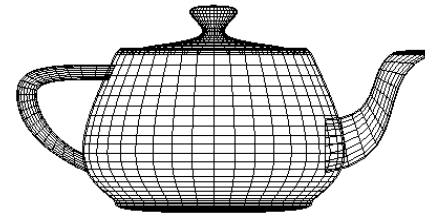
`glutWireTorus()`



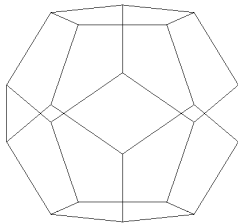
`glutWireOctahedron()`



`glutWireIcosahedron()`



`glutWireTeapot()`



`glutWireDodecahedron()`

