

The problem is to generate an approximation to a sine wave with eight Bézier curves.

There are nine points the curves must pass thru. $[x_0, y_0]$, $[x_3, y_3]$, $[x_6, y_6]$, $[x_9, y_9]$, $[x_{12}, y_{12}]$, $[x_{15}, y_{15}]$, $[x_{18}, y_{18}]$, $[x_{21}, y_{21}]$, $[x_{24}, y_{24}]$,

There are 16 control points to find. Solve for the first curve.

$$q = a_0 (3 t^2 - 1) + b_0 (2 t - 1) - x_0 + x_3$$

$$p = 6 a_0 t + 2 b_0$$

$$p_0 = 2 b_0$$

$$q = a_0 (3 t^2 - 1) + p_0 \left(t - \frac{1}{2} \right) - x_0 + x_3$$

$$p = 6 a_0 t + p_0$$

$$p_3 = 6 a_0 + p_0$$

$$a_0 = \frac{p_3 - p_0}{6}$$

$$6 q = 3 t^2 (p_3 - p_0) + 6 p_0 t - 2 p_0 - p_3 + 6 (x_3 - x_0)$$

$$p = p_0 (1 - t) + p_3 t$$

$$6 q_0 = -2 p_0 - p_3 + 6 (x_3 - x_0)$$

$$6 q_3 = p_0 + 2 p_3 + 6 (x_3 - x_0)$$

The second curve is next.

$$6 q_3 = -2 p_3 - p_6 + 6 (x_6 - x_3)$$

$$p_3 = -\frac{p_0}{4} - \frac{p_6}{4} + \frac{3 x_0}{2} - 3 x_3 + \frac{3 x_6}{2}$$

The third is next.

$$p_6 = -\frac{p_3}{4} - \frac{p_9}{4} + \frac{3 x_3}{2} - 3 x_6 + \frac{3 x_9}{2}$$

$$p_9 = -\frac{p_6}{4} - \frac{p_{12}}{4} + \frac{3 x_6}{2} - 3 x_9 + \frac{3 x_{12}}{2}$$

$$p_{12} = -\frac{p_9}{4} - \frac{p_{15}}{4} + \frac{3 x_9}{2} - 3 x_{12} + \frac{3 x_{15}}{2}$$

$$p_{15} = -\frac{p_{12}}{4} - \frac{p_{18}}{4} + \frac{3 x_{12}}{2} - 3 x_{15} + \frac{3 x_{18}}{2}$$

$$p_{18} = -\frac{p_{15}}{4} - \frac{p_{21}}{4} + \frac{3 x_{15}}{2} - 3 x_{18} + \frac{3 x_{21}}{2}$$

$$p_{21} = -\frac{p_{18}}{4} - \frac{p_{24}}{4} + \frac{3 x_{18}}{2} - 3 x_{21} + \frac{3 x_{24}}{2}$$

There are seven equations to solve. For a sine curve $p_0 = 0$, $p_{12} = 0$, and $p_{24} = 0$. That and other information about the sine curve reduces the problem to three equations for the first half and three equations for the second half.

$$p_3 = \frac{45 x_0}{28} + \frac{3 x_{12}}{28} - \frac{51 x_3}{14} + \frac{18 x_6}{7} - \frac{9 x_9}{14}$$

$$p_6 = -\frac{3 x_0}{7} - \frac{3 x_{12}}{7} + \frac{18 x_3}{7} - \frac{30 x_6}{7} + \frac{18 x_9}{7}$$

$$p_9 = \frac{3 x_0}{28} + \frac{45 x_{12}}{28} - \frac{9 x_3}{14} + \frac{18 x_6}{7} - \frac{51 x_9}{14}$$

There are three equations for the second half.

$$p_{15} = \frac{45 x_{12}}{28} - \frac{51 x_{15}}{14} + \frac{18 x_{18}}{7} - \frac{9 x_{21}}{14} + \frac{3 x_{24}}{28}$$

$$p_{18} = -\frac{3 x_{12}}{7} + \frac{18 x_{15}}{7} - \frac{30 x_{18}}{7} + \frac{18 x_{21}}{7} - \frac{3 x_{24}}{7}$$

$$p_{21} = \frac{3 x_{12}}{28} - \frac{9 x_{15}}{14} + \frac{18 x_{18}}{7} - \frac{51 x_{21}}{14} + \frac{45 x_{24}}{28}$$

The values of x are equally spaced.

$$x_3 = x_0 + \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$x_6 = x_0 + \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$x_9 = x_0 + \frac{3\pi}{4}$$

$$x_{12} = x_0 + \pi$$

$$[p_3 = 0, p_6 = 0, p_9 = 0]$$

$$[p_{15} = 0, p_{18} = 0, p_{21} = 0]$$

$$q_0 = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$q_3 = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$3(x_1 - x_0) = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$x_1 = \frac{\pi}{12} + x_0$$

$$3(x_3 - x_2) = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$x_2 = x_3 - \frac{\pi}{12}$$

The other control points have similar values. Now we repeat the process for the y values.

$$p_3 = \frac{45 y_0}{28} + \frac{3 y_{12}}{28} - \frac{51 y_3}{14} + \frac{18 y_6}{7} - \frac{9 y_9}{14}$$

$$p_6 = -\frac{3 y_0}{7} - \frac{3 y_{12}}{7} + \frac{18 y_3}{7} - \frac{30 y_6}{7} + \frac{18 y_9}{7}$$

$$p_9 = \frac{3 y_0}{28} + \frac{45 y_{12}}{28} - \frac{9 y_3}{14} + \frac{18 y_6}{7} - \frac{51 y_9}{14}$$

$$y - y_0 = \sin(x - x_0)$$

$$y_3 - y_0 = \sin(x_3 - x_0)$$

$$y_3 - y_0 = \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)$$

$$y_3 - y_0 = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

$$y_6 - y_0 = \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

$$y_6 - y_0 = 1$$

$$y_9 - y_0 = \sin\left(\frac{3\pi}{4}\right)$$

$$y_9 - y_0 = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

$$y_{12} - y_0 = 0$$

$$y_{15} - y_0 = -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

$$y_{18} - y_0 = -1$$

$$y_{21} - y_0 = -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

$$y_{24} - y_0 = 0$$

$$\left[p_3 = \frac{18}{7} - \frac{15\sqrt{2}}{7}, p_6 = \frac{18\sqrt{2}}{7} - \frac{30}{7}, p_9 = \frac{18}{7} - \frac{15\sqrt{2}}{7} \right]$$

$$p_{15} = \frac{45 y_{12}}{28} + \frac{3 y_{24}}{28} - \frac{51 y_{15}}{14} + \frac{18 y_{18}}{7} - \frac{9 y_{21}}{14}$$

$$p_{18} = -\frac{3 y_{12}}{7} - \frac{3 y_{24}}{7} + \frac{18 y_{15}}{7} - \frac{30 y_{18}}{7} + \frac{18 y_{21}}{7}$$

$$p_{21} = \frac{3 y_{12}}{28} + \frac{45 y_{24}}{28} - \frac{9 y_{15}}{14} + \frac{18 y_{18}}{7} - \frac{51 y_{21}}{14}$$

$$\left[p_{15} = \frac{15\sqrt{2}}{7} - \frac{18}{7}, p_{18} = \frac{30}{7} - \frac{18\sqrt{2}}{7}, p_{21} = \frac{15\sqrt{2}}{7} - \frac{18}{7} \right]$$

$$6 q_0 = -2 p_0 - p_3 + 6 (y_3 - y_0)$$

$$6 q_3 = p_0 + 2 p_3 + 6 (y_3 - y_0)$$

$$6 (3 (y_1 - y_0)) = -2 p_0 - p_3 + 6 (y_3 - y_0)$$

$$y_1 = -\frac{p_0}{9} - \frac{p_3}{18} + \frac{2 y_0}{3} + \frac{y_3}{3}$$

$$6 (3 (y_3 - y_2)) = p_0 + 2 p_3 + 6 (y_3 - y_0)$$

$$y_2 = -\frac{p_0}{18} - \frac{p_3}{9} + \frac{y_0}{3} + \frac{2 y_3}{3}$$

$$\left[y_1 = -\frac{p_0}{9} - \frac{p_3}{18} + \frac{2 y_0}{3} + \frac{y_3}{3}, y_2 = -\frac{p_0}{18} - \frac{p_3}{9} + \frac{y_0}{3} + \frac{2 y_3}{3} \right]$$

$$\left[y_4 = -\frac{p_3}{9} - \frac{p_6}{18} + \frac{2 y_3}{3} + \frac{y_6}{3}, y_5 = -\frac{p_3}{18} - \frac{p_6}{9} + \frac{y_3}{3} + \frac{2 y_6}{3} \right]$$

$$\left[y_7 = -\frac{p_6}{9} - \frac{p_9}{18} + \frac{2 y_6}{3} + \frac{y_9}{3}, y_8 = -\frac{p_6}{18} - \frac{p_9}{9} + \frac{y_6}{3} + \frac{2 y_9}{3} \right]$$

$$\left[y_{10} = -\frac{p_9}{9} - \frac{p_{12}}{18} + \frac{2 y_9}{3} + \frac{y_{12}}{3}, y_{11} = -\frac{p_9}{18} - \frac{p_{12}}{9} + \frac{y_9}{3} + \frac{2 y_{12}}{3} \right]$$

$$\left[y_{13} = -\frac{p_{12}}{9} - \frac{p_{15}}{18} + \frac{2 y_{12}}{3} + \frac{y_{15}}{3}, y_{14} = -\frac{p_{12}}{18} - \frac{p_{15}}{9} + \frac{y_{12}}{3} + \frac{2 y_{15}}{3} \right]$$

$$\left[y_{16} = -\frac{p_{15}}{9} - \frac{p_{18}}{18} + \frac{2 y_{15}}{3} + \frac{y_{18}}{3}, y_{17} = -\frac{p_{15}}{18} - \frac{p_{18}}{9} + \frac{y_{15}}{3} + \frac{2 y_{18}}{3} \right]$$

$$\left[y_{19} = -\frac{p_{18}}{9} - \frac{p_{21}}{18} + \frac{2y_{18}}{3} + \frac{y_{21}}{3}, y_{20} = -\frac{p_{18}}{18} - \frac{p_{21}}{9} + \frac{y_{18}}{3} + \frac{2y_{21}}{3} \right]$$

$$\left[y_{22} = -\frac{p_{21}}{9} - \frac{p_{24}}{18} + \frac{2y_{21}}{3} + \frac{y_{24}}{3}, y_{23} = -\frac{p_{21}}{18} - \frac{p_{24}}{9} + \frac{y_{21}}{3} + \frac{2y_{24}}{3} \right]$$

Calculate the y values of the control points:

$$y_1 = y_0 + \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{7} - \frac{1}{7}$$

$$y_2 = y_0 + \frac{4\sqrt{2}}{7} - \frac{2}{7}$$

$$y_4 = y_0 + \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{7} + \frac{2}{7}$$

$$y_5 = y_0 + 1$$

$$y_7 = y_0 + 1$$

$$y_8 = y_0 + \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{7} + \frac{2}{7}$$

$$y_{10} = y_0 + \frac{4\sqrt{2}}{7} - \frac{2}{7}$$

$$y_{11} = y_0 + \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{7} - \frac{1}{7}$$

$$y_{13} = y_0 - \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{7} + \frac{1}{7}$$

$$y_{14} = y_0 - \frac{4\sqrt{2}}{7} + \frac{2}{7}$$

$$y_{16} = y_0 - \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{7} - \frac{2}{7}$$

$$y_{17} = y_0 - 1$$

$$y_{19} = y_0 - 1$$

$$y_{20} = y_0 - \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{7} - \frac{2}{7}$$

$$y_{22} = y_0 - \frac{4\sqrt{2}}{7} + \frac{2}{7}$$

$$y_{23} = y_0 - \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{7} + \frac{1}{7}$$

Here are the eight curves with control points.

