

# **Animating Transformations**

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# Overview

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Recall that the dot-product between two vectors can be expressed as a matrix multiplication:

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Since this is true for all  $v$  and  $w$ , this means that:

$$R^t R = \text{Identity} \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad R^t = R^{-1}$$

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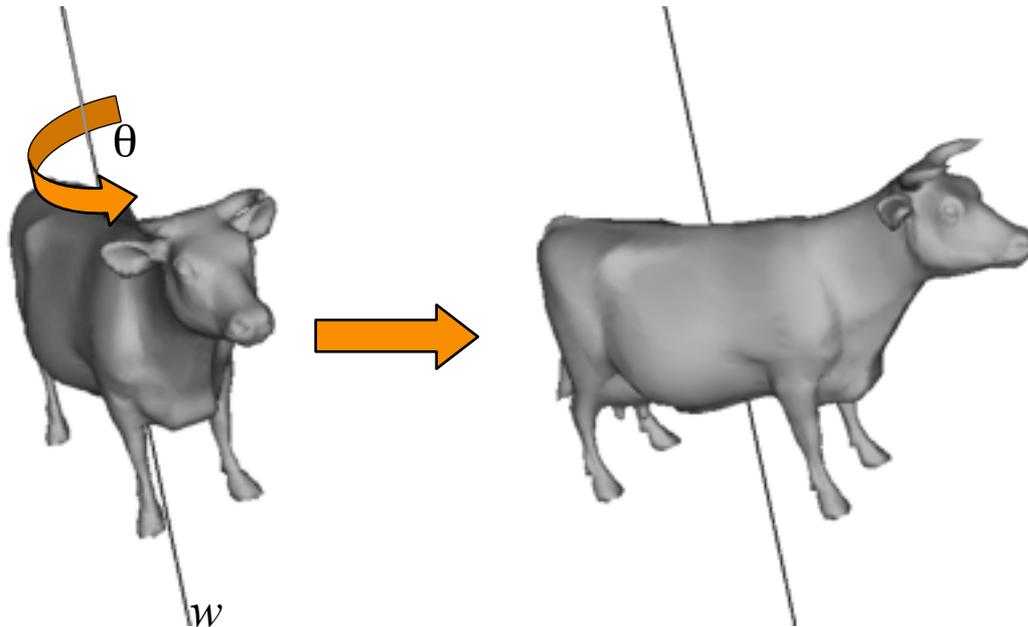
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## Applications:

- Compression
- Model Alignment
- Matrix Inversion
- Solving Over-Constrained Linear Equations

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$$D = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & \lambda_{n-1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & \lambda_n \end{pmatrix} \longrightarrow D^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1/\lambda_1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/\lambda_2 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 1/\lambda_{n-1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 1/\lambda_n \end{pmatrix}$$

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However, using SVD, we can find the values of  $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$  that get us as close to  $\{y_1, \dots, y_m\}$  as possible.

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If we express the matrix  $A$  in terms of its SVD:

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then we can set the matrix  $A^*$  to be:

$$A^* = VD^*U^t$$

where  $D^*$  is the diagonal matrix with:

$$D_{ii}^* = \begin{cases} 1/D_{ii} & \text{if } D_{ii} \neq 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

This is called the pseudo-inverse of  $A$ .

That is, we invert  $A$  as much as possible.

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If we set:

$$(x_1 \cdots x_n)^{\dagger} = A^* (y_1 \cdots y_m)^{\dagger}$$

this gives us the values of  $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$  that most nearly solve the initial equation:

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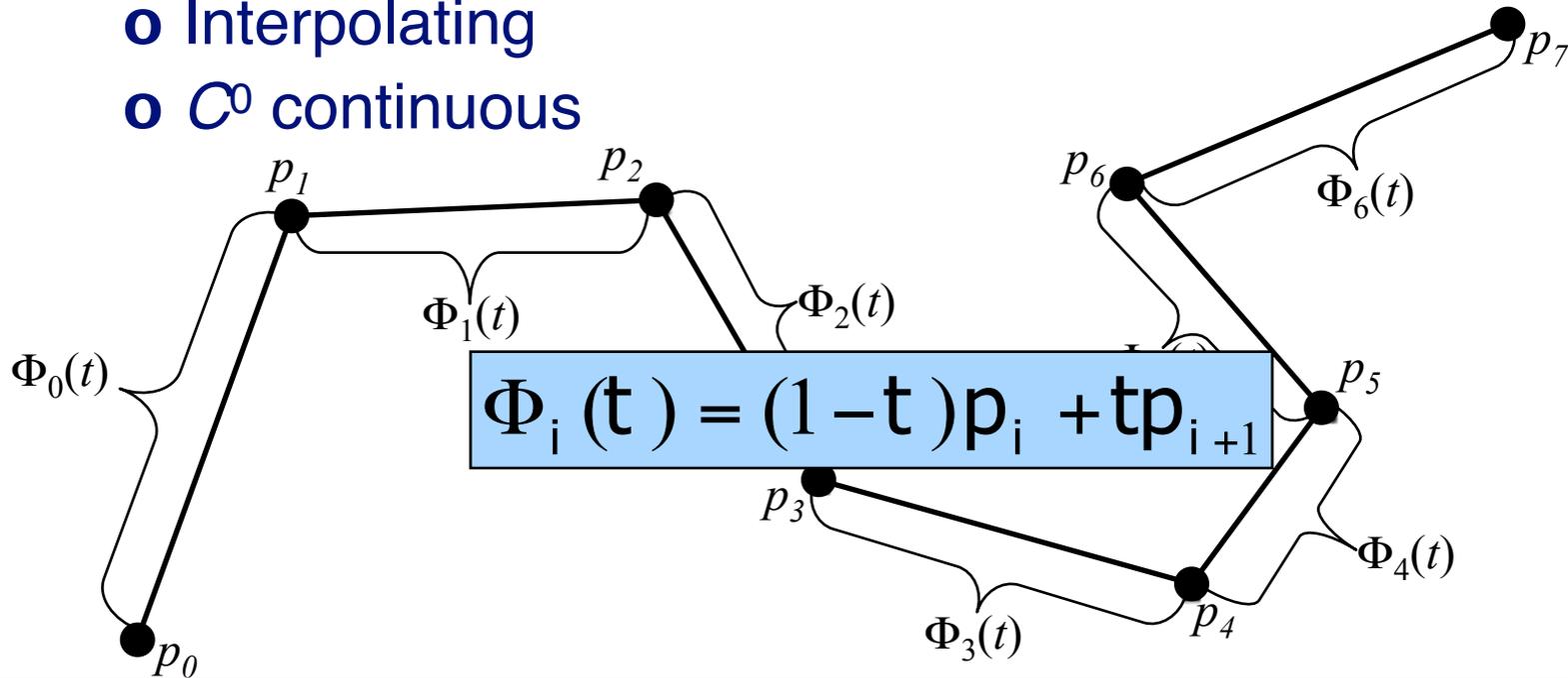
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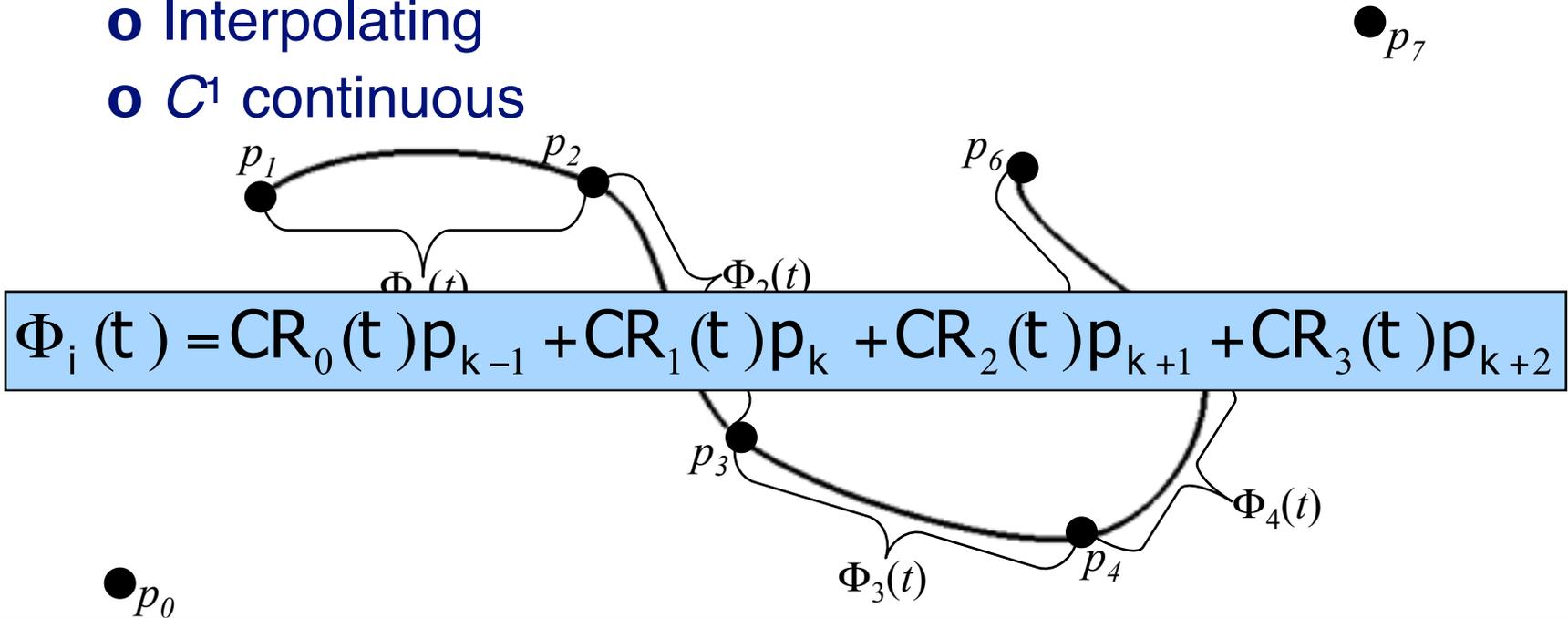


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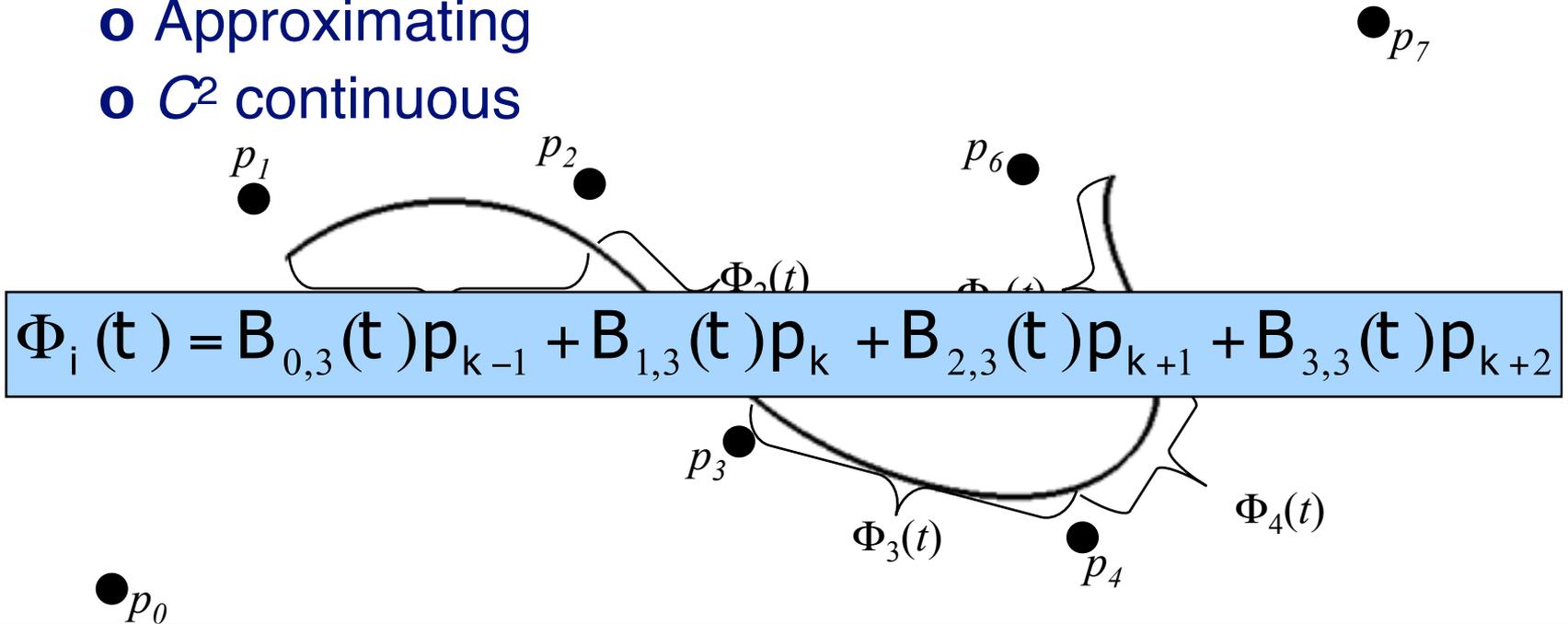


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## Uniform Cubic B-Splines:

- o Approximating
- o  $C^2$  continuous



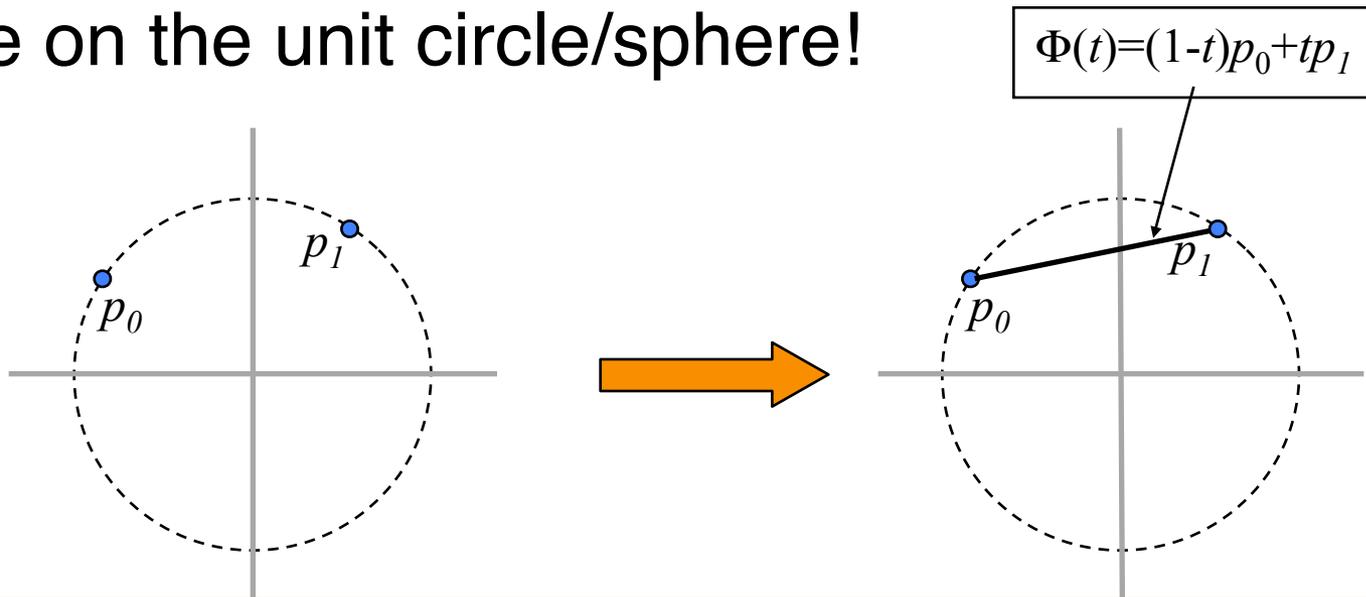
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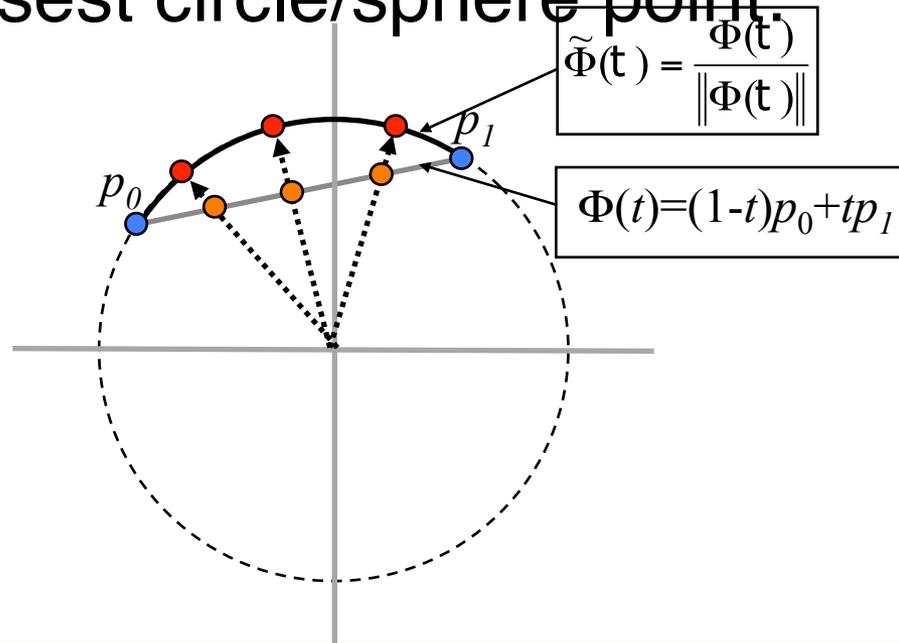
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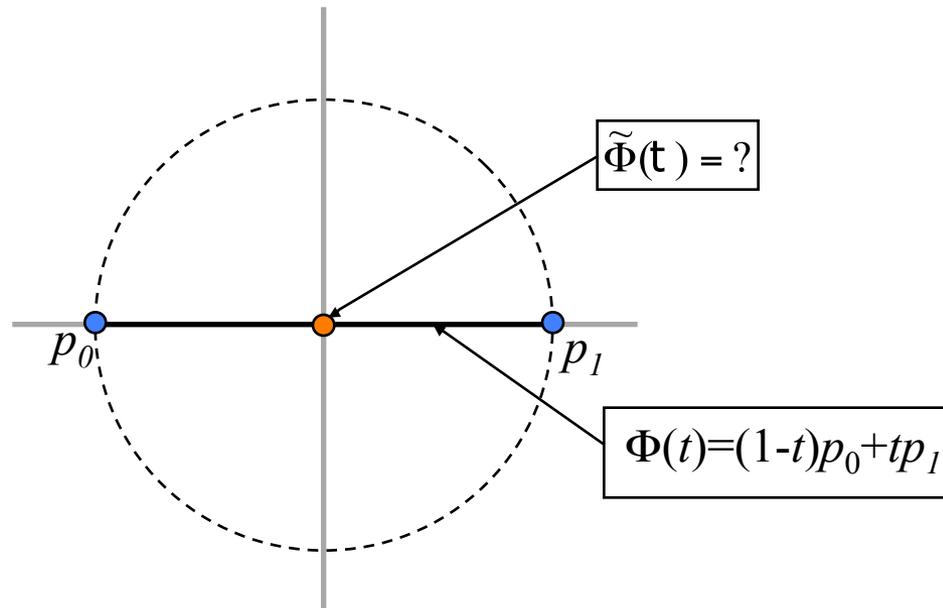
We can normalize the in-between points by sending them to the closest circle/sphere point:



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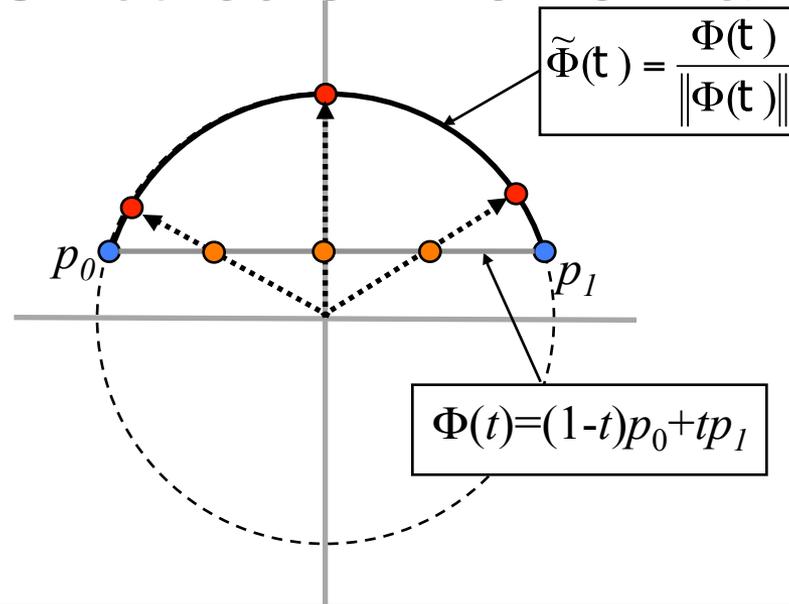
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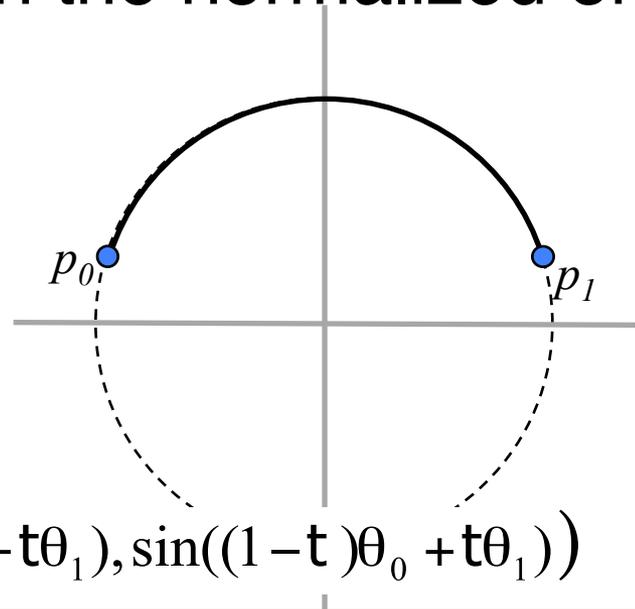
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## SLERP:

If we set:

- $p_0 = (\cos\theta_0, \sin\theta_0)$

- $p_1 = (\cos\theta_1, \sin\theta_1)$



We can set:  $\Phi(t) = (\cos((1-t)\theta_0 + t\theta_1), \sin((1-t)\theta_0 + t\theta_1))$

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As with vectors:

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- Catmull-Rom Interpolation:

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We could try to normalize, by mapping every matrix  $\Phi(t)$  to the nearest rotation.

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To be fully correct, you need to ensure that the product of  $\text{sgn}(\lambda_i)$  is 1. If not, you need to flip the sign of the  $\text{sgn}(\lambda_i)$  where  $|\lambda_i|$  is smallest.

The closest rotation  $R$  to  $M$  is then just the rotation:

$$R = R_1 \begin{pmatrix} \text{sgn}(\lambda_1) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \text{sgn}(\lambda_2) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \text{sgn}(\lambda_3) \end{pmatrix} R_2$$

# Euler Angles

Every rotation matrix  $R$  can be expressed as:

- o some rotation about the  $x$ -axis, multiplied by
- o some rotation about the  $y$ -axis, multiplied by
- o some rotation about the  $z$ -axis:

$$R(\theta, \phi, \psi) = R_x(\theta)R_y(\phi)R_z(\psi)$$

The angles  $(\theta, \phi, \psi)$  are called the Euler angles.

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