



Quadratic Bezier curve is defined as a path of point moving along distance between two points, with double nesting, like on a picture. For $c=1$ each of moving points reaches destination. For $c=0$ points remain in starting point. When each starting and ending point is defined by set of variables x_1, y_1 and x_2, y_2 , we can, by using proportion, find point on the way between start and the end. We just proportionally scale vector $x_2 - x_1$ attached at x_1 :

$$x_c = x_1 + c(x_2 - x_1)$$

$$y_c = y_1 + c(y_2 - y_1)$$

c is turning x_c from x_1 into x_2 . For $c=1$ x_c equals $x_1 + x_2 - x_1$. While x_1 reduces, x_c turns into x_2 . For zero x_c equals x_1 . Function of c is linear, we've got proportional and smooth change from x_1 to x_2 , as long as c changes from 0 to 1.

Using this rule for points on the path from G to H , H to I , I to J , we define points O_1, O_2, O_3 , using proportion written above, for each coordinate, according to formulas below:

$$O_1 = (x_1 + c(x_2 - x_1); y_1 + c(y_2 - y_1))$$

$$O_2 = (x_2 + c(x_3 - x_2); y_2 + c(y_3 - y_2))$$

$$O_3 = (x_3 + c(x_4 - x_3); y_3 + c(y_4 - y_3))$$

Then, along distances between these points another set of nested points slides. Let's name it P_1 and P_2 . Formulas for x and y of these points, use the same proportion as above, with coordinates of O points taken as a variables, instead of coordinates of G, H, I, J :

$$P_1 = ([x_1 + c(x_2 - x_1)] + c([x_2 + c(x_3 - x_2)] - [x_1 + c(x_2 - x_1)]); [y_1 + c(y_2 - y_1)] + c([y_2 + c(y_3 - y_2)] - [y_1 + c(y_2 - y_1)]))$$

$$P_2 = ([x_2 + c(x_3 - x_2)] + c([x_3 + c(x_4 - x_3)] - [x_2 + c(x_3 - x_2)]); [y_2 + c(y_3 - y_2)] + c([y_3 + c(y_4 - y_3)] - [y_2 + c(y_3 - y_2)]))$$

Finally, along path between P_1 and P_2 , slides final point B . Coordinates of this point are one more nesting in our equation of proportion. This time we use x and y of point P to create B :

$$B_x = [x_1 + c(x_2 - x_1)] + c([x_2 + c(x_3 - x_2)] - [x_1 + c(x_2 - x_1)]) + c([x_2 + c(x_3 - x_2)] + c([x_3 + c(x_4 - x_3)] - [x_2 + c(x_3 - x_2)])) - ([x_1 + c(x_2 - x_1)] + c([x_2 + c(x_3 - x_2)] - [x_1 + c(x_2 - x_1)]))$$

$$B_y = [y_1 + c(y_2 - y_1)] + c([y_2 + c(y_3 - y_2)] - [y_1 + c(y_2 - y_1)]) + c([y_2 + c(y_3 - y_2)] + c([y_3 + c(y_4 - y_3)] - [y_2 + c(y_3 - y_2)])) - ([y_1 + c(y_2 - y_1)] + c([y_2 + c(y_3 - y_2)] - [y_1 + c(y_2 - y_1)]))$$

Let's do the physical work and reduce this bulky equation a bit:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & [x_1 + c(x_2 - x_1)] + c([x_2 + c(x_3 - x_2)] - [x_1 + c(x_2 - x_1)]) + c([x_2 + c(x_3 - x_2)] + c([x_3 + c(x_4 - x_3)] - [x_2 + c(x_3 - x_2)])) - [x_1 + c(x_2 - x_1)] + c([x_2 + c(x_3 - x_2)] - [x_1 + c(x_2 - x_1)]) \\
 & \quad x_1 + c(x_2 - x_1) + c(x_2 + c(x_3 - x_2) - x_1 - c(x_2 - x_1)) + c(x_2 + c(x_3 - x_2) + c(x_3 + c(x_4 - x_3) - x_2 + c(x_3 - x_2)) - x_1 - c(x_2 - x_1) - c(x_2 + c(x_3 - x_2) - x_1 + c(x_2 - x_1))) \\
 & \quad x_1 + cx_2 - cx_1 + cx_2 + c^2x_3 - c^2x_2 - cx_1 - c^2x_2 + c^2x_1 + c[x_2 + cx_3 - cx_2 + cx_3 + c^2x_4 - c^2x_3 - cx_2 - c^2x_3 + c^2x_2 - x_1 - cx_2 + cx_1 - cx_2 - c^2x_3 + c^2x_2 + cx_1 + c^2x_2 - c^2x_1] \\
 & \quad x_1 + cx_2 - cx_1 + cx_2 + c^2x_3 - c^2x_2 - cx_1 - c^2x_2 + c^2x_1 + cx_2 + c^2x_3 - c^2x_2 + c^2x_3 + c^3x_4 - c^3x_3 - c^2x_2 - c^3x_3 + c^3x_2 - cx_1 - c^2x_2 + c^2x_1 - c^2x_2 - c^3x_3 + c^3x_2 + c^2x_1 + c^3x_2 - c^3x_1 \\
 & [x_1 - cx_1 - cx_1 + c^2x_1 - cx_1 + c^2x_1 + c^2x_1 - c^3x_1] + [cx_2 + cx_2 - c^2x_2 - c^2x_2 + cx_2 - c^2x_2 - c^2x_2 + c^3x_2 - c^2x_2 - c^2x_2 + c^3x_2 + c^3x_2] + [c^2x_3 + c^2x_3 + c^2x_3 - c^3x_3 - c^3x_3 - c^3x_3] + [c^3x_4] \\
 & \quad x_1(1 - 3c + 3c^2 - c^3) + x_2(3c - 6c^2 + 3c^3) + x_3(3c^2 - 3c^3) + x_4c^3 \\
 & \quad X_B = x_1(1 - 3c + 3c^2 - c^3) + 3x_2(c - 2c^2 + c^3) + 3x_3(c^2 - c^3) + x_4c^3 \\
 & \quad Y_B = y_1(1 - 3c + 3c^2 - c^3) + 3y_2(c - 2c^2 + c^3) + 3y_3(c^2 - c^3) + y_4c^3
 \end{aligned}$$

Coordinates X_B and Y_B in function of c , varying from 0 to 1 draws quadratic Bezier curve. For lesser degrees, use points P as a entry point. To get further degrees of curves nest coordinates furthermore.

To develop velocity and acceleration of a curve use equations below:

$$\frac{\partial X_B}{\partial c} = 3x_1(-1 + 2c - c^2) + 3x_2(1 - 4c + 3c^2) + 3x_3(2c - 3c^2) + 3x_4c^2$$

$$\frac{\partial Y_B}{\partial c} = 3y_1(-1 + 2c - c^2) + 3y_2(1 - 4c + 3c^2) + 3y_3(2c - 3c^2) + 3y_4c^2$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 X_B}{\partial c^2} = 6x_1(1 - c) + 6x_2(-2 + 3c) + 6x_3(1 - 3c) + 6x_4c$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 Y_B}{\partial c^2} = 6y_1(1 - c) + 6y_2(-2 + 3c) + 6y_3(1 - 3c) + 6y_4c$$

From equation of differential calculated for $c=0$ and $c=1$, we can get starting and final coordinates of vectors of “handles”, that are usually used for drawing Bezier curve. Having equations of such, we can develop points H and I of a curve, for starting and ending points and lengths and directions of “handles”.

$$\begin{aligned}
 X_S &= -3x_1 + 3x_2 \\
 Y_S &= -3y_1 + 3y_2
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 X_E &= -3x_3 + 3x_4 \\
 Y_E &= -3y_3 + 3y_4
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 x_2 &= (X_S + 3x_1)/3 \\
 y_2 &= (Y_S + 3y_1)/3 \\
 x_3 &= (3x_4 - X_E)/3 \\
 y_3 &= (3y_4 - Y_E)/3
 \end{aligned}$$

x_2, y_2, x_3, y_3 are missing points when points G and J are given with vectors curve velocity vectors X_S, Y_S, X_E, Y_E . X_S and Y_S are coordinates of vector of velocity of Bezier curve at start point x_1, y_1 .

X_E and Y_E are coordinates of vector of velocity of Bezier curve at end point x_4, y_4 .

When all points are found, use formula for point B to draw quadratic Bezier curve.