

Morphing and barycenters

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Morphing is a special effect in motion pictures and animations that changes (or morphs) one image into another through a seamless transition. Most often it is used to depict one person turning into another through technological means or as part of a fantasy or surreal sequence. Traditionally such a depiction would be achieved through cross-fading techniques on film. Since the early 1990s, this has been replaced by computer software to create more realistic transitions.

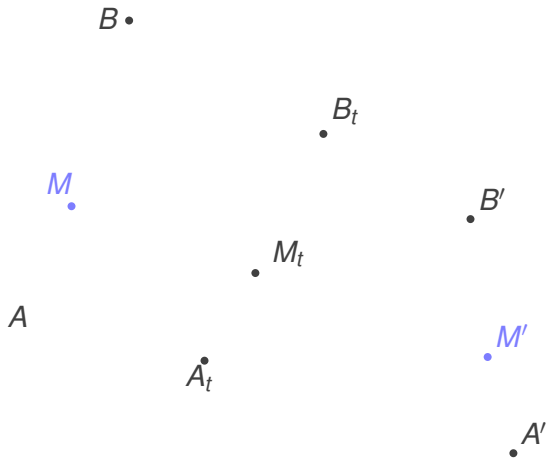
- http://youtube.com/watch?v=nUDIoN-_Hxs

Curves' morphings

From now on we shall leave pictures' morphing and deal exclusively with curves's morphing :

- segments's morphing
- triangles's morphing
- parallelograms's morphing
- squares's morphing
- nice curves's morphing

Principle of morphing



The curve AB is the source, the curve $A'B'$ is the target.
 t is the morphing parameter.

When M_θ runs along the curve AB and M' along the curve $A'B'$,
 M_t runs along the intermediate curve A_tB_t .

When t varies from 0 to 1, the curve A_tB_t goes from the curve
 AB to the curve $A'B'$.

In the following cases, θ is a barycental parameter.

Two points' barycenter

- We say that G is a barycenter of two given points A and B with respective given masses a and b if

$$a\overrightarrow{GA} + b\overrightarrow{GB} = \vec{0}$$

$$a\overrightarrow{GA} + b\overrightarrow{GB} = \vec{0} \iff (a+b)\overrightarrow{AG} = b\overrightarrow{AB}$$
$$\iff a\overrightarrow{OA} + b\overrightarrow{OB} = (a+b)\overrightarrow{OG}$$

whatever be the point O.

If $a + b \neq 0$,

$$a\overrightarrow{GA} + b\overrightarrow{GB} = \vec{0} \iff \overrightarrow{AG} = \frac{b}{a+b}\overrightarrow{AB}$$

$\implies G$ is unique

Barycenter of three or more points

Let A , B and C be three points
with respective masses a , b and c .

G is a barycenter of (A, a) , (B, b) , (C, c) if

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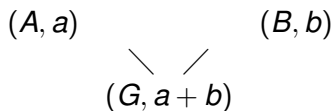
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$$\iff (a + b + c)\overrightarrow{OG} = a\overrightarrow{OA} + b\overrightarrow{OB} + c\overrightarrow{OC}$$

If $a + b + c \neq 0$, G is unique.

And so on ...

Elementary barycenter's properties

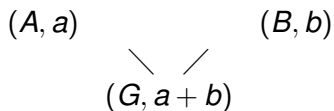
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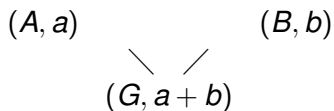
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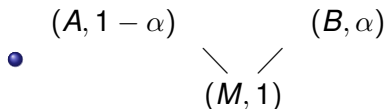
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Homogeneity

For every real number $\lambda \neq 0$,

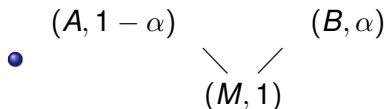
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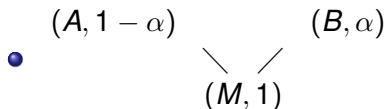
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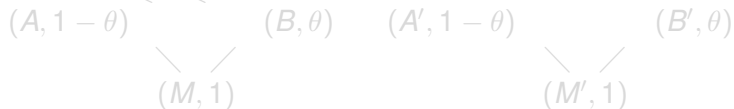


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- Let $[AB]$ and $[A', B']$ two segments.

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- Morphing : let t , $0 \leq t \leq 1$ be the morphing parameter.

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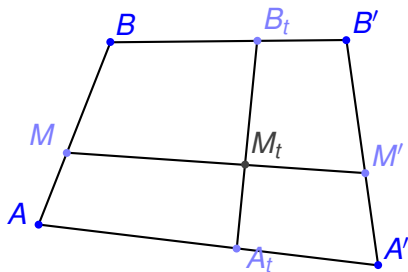
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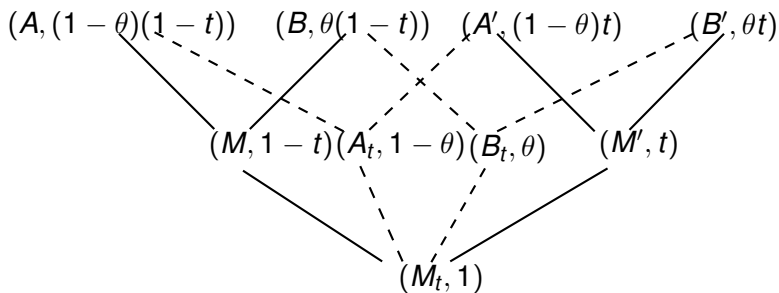
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Illustration



We now prove that the running curve is a segment

Proof



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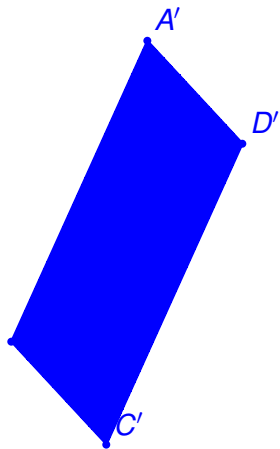
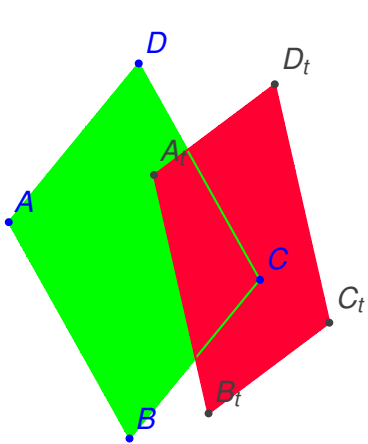
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- one remark :

$ABCD$ parallelogram

is equivalent to

$$\overrightarrow{AB} = \overrightarrow{DC}$$

is equivalent to

$$\overrightarrow{AB} = \overrightarrow{DA} + \overrightarrow{AC}$$

is equivalent to

$$\overrightarrow{AB} - \overrightarrow{AC} + \overrightarrow{AD} = \vec{0}$$

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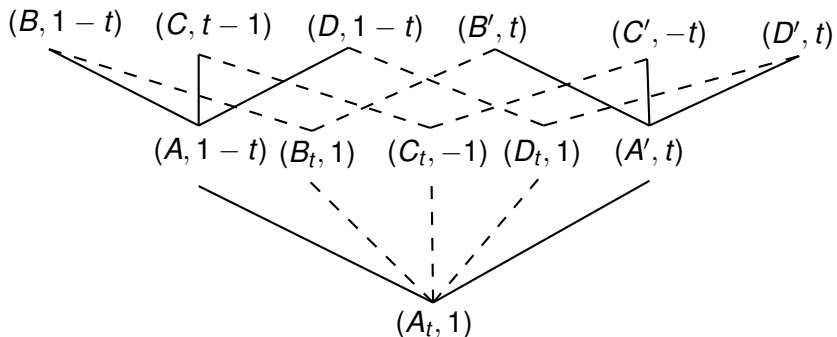
$$A = \text{bar}\{(B; 1), (C; -1), (D; 1)\}$$

By homogeneity

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By associativity



- five points -> five points morphing
- segment -> segment morphing (with non barycentral parameters)
- segment -> segment morphing
- quadrilateral -> quadrilateral morphing
- square -> circle morphing
- heart -> diamond morphing

- square-circle's morphing
- hearts-circle's morphing
- four petals's flowers-circle's morphing
- apple-four petals's flower's morphing

- Louis-Philippe's caricature