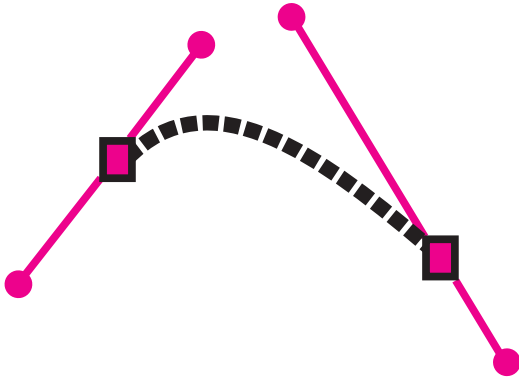


## PEN TOOL BASICS

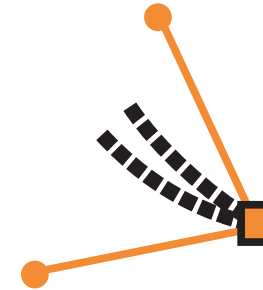


### SMOOTH POINTS

Used for smooth fluid curves. Have two control rods that work in unison, kind of like "bicycle handle bars". It is best to locate smooth points on either side of a "bump"

1. DEFINE FIRST ANCHOR POINT
  - position cursor at location of desired anchor point
  - press mouse and drag in direction of the curve to obtain two control rods that action like "bicycle handle bars", and release mouse
2. DEFINE NEXT ANCHOR POINT
  - move cursor to NEXT location and repeat to form the curve segment between the two anchor points.

*adjust control rods as you go:  
depress COMMAND key to obtain the direct selection (hollow) arrow and adjust control rod*



### CORNER POINTS

Used for sharp change of direction. Have two control rods that working independently from one another.

1. DEFINE FIRST ANCHOR POINT
  - position cursor at location of desired anchor point.
  - press mouse and drag in direction of the curve to obtain two control rods that action like "bicycle handle bars", and release mouse
2. REDEFINE FIRST ANCHOR POINT AS CORNER POINT
  - go BACK to previously created smooth point
  - depress-hold the OPTION key, press mouse and drag to obtain control rods that are at an angle to each other.

*adjust control rods as you go:  
depress COMMAND key to obtain the direct selection (hollow) arrow and adjust control rod*