

# Parametric Curves

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CS 318

Interactive Computer Graphics

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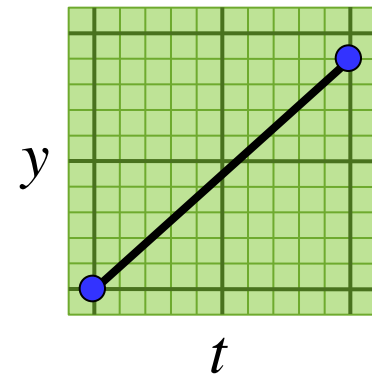
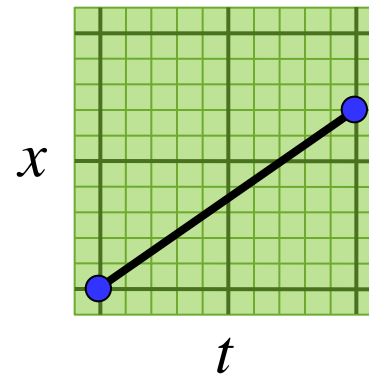
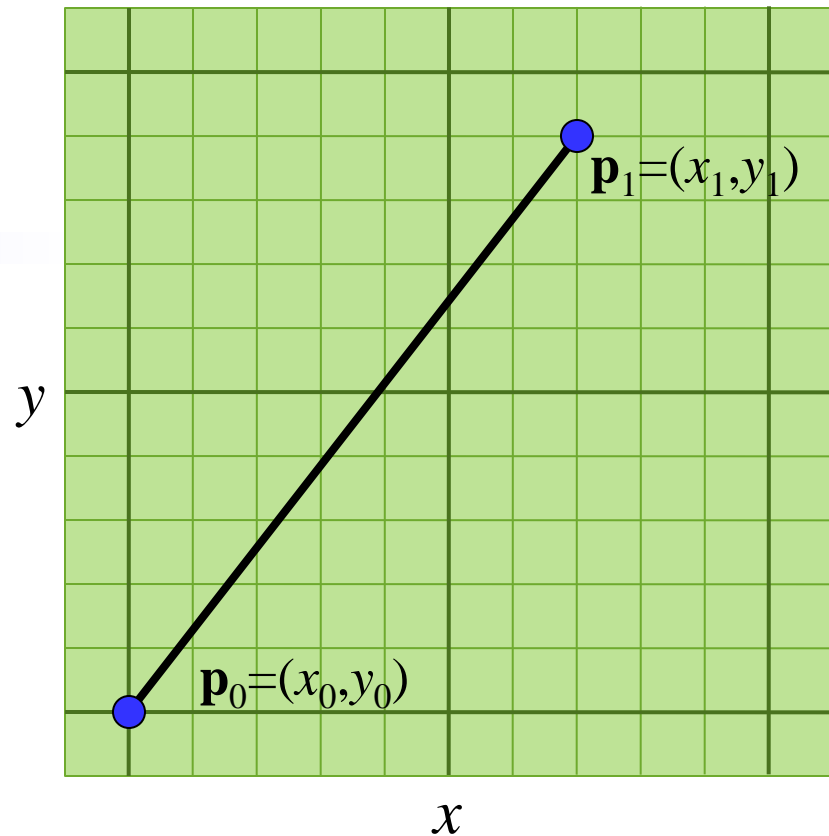
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# Hermite Interpolation

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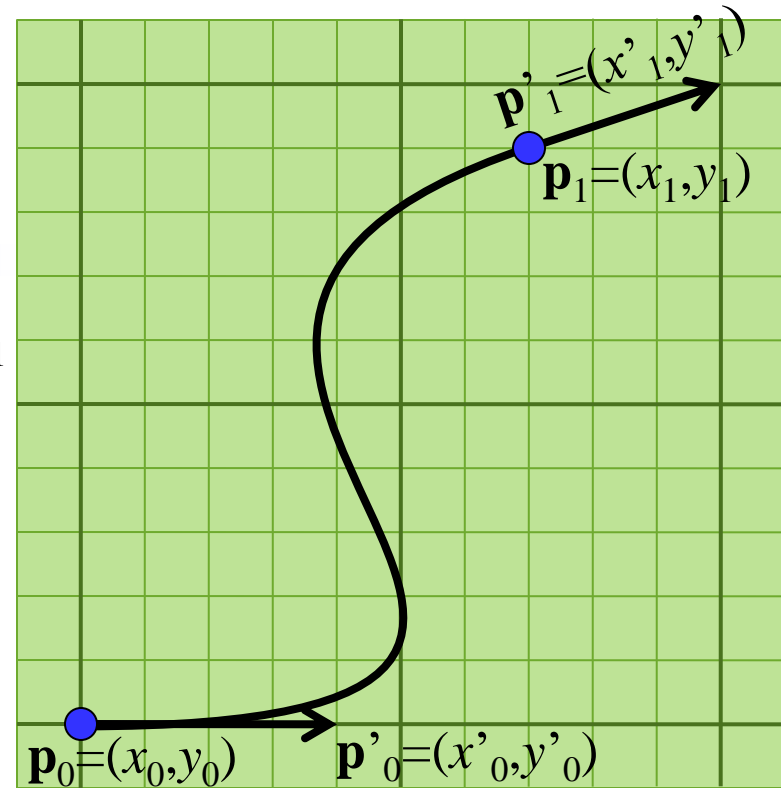
$$x'(t) = 3At^2 + 2Bt + C$$

- Solve

$$A = 2x_0 - 2x_1 + x'_0 + x'_1$$

$$B = -3x_0 + 3x_1 - 2x'_0 - x'_1$$

$$C = x'_0, \quad D = x_0$$



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$$x(1) = A + B + C + D = x_1$$

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$$3A + 2B = x'_1 - x'_0$$

$$A = x'_1 - x'_0 - 2x_1 + 2x_0 + 2x'_0$$

$$= x'_1 + x'_0 - 2x_1 + 2x_0$$

$$B = x_1 - x_0 - x'_0 - x'_1 - x'_0 + 2x_1$$

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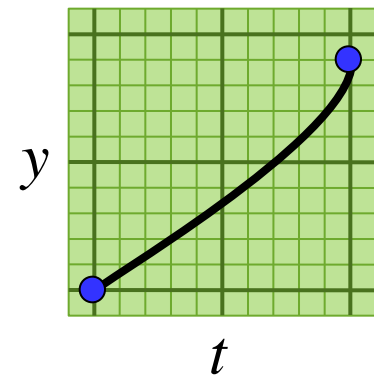
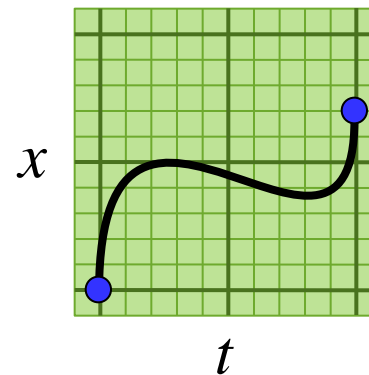
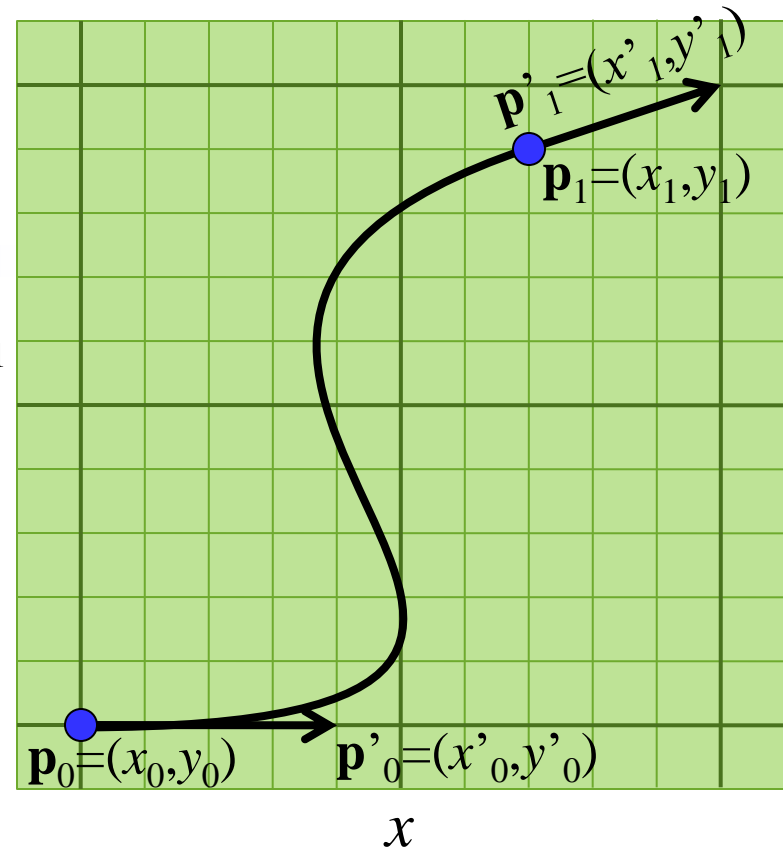
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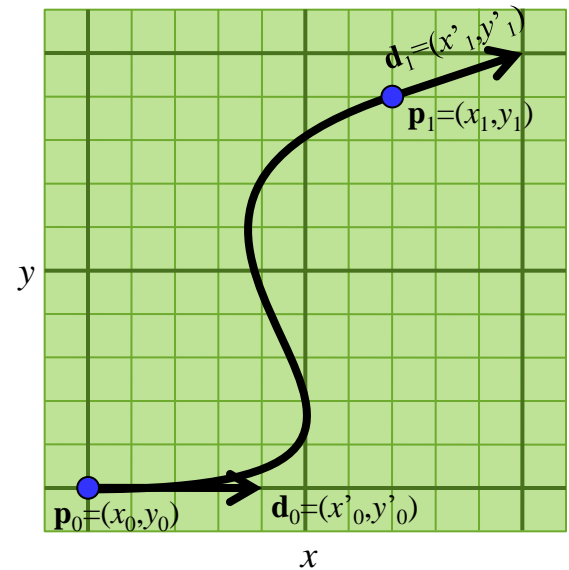
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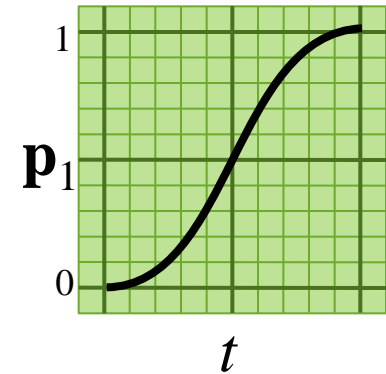
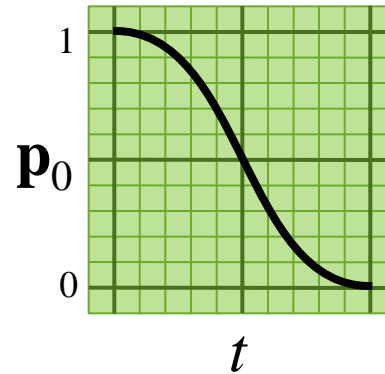


# Hermite Matrix

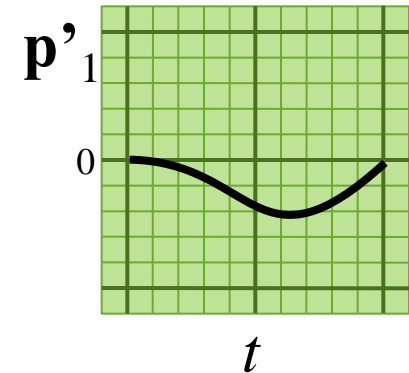
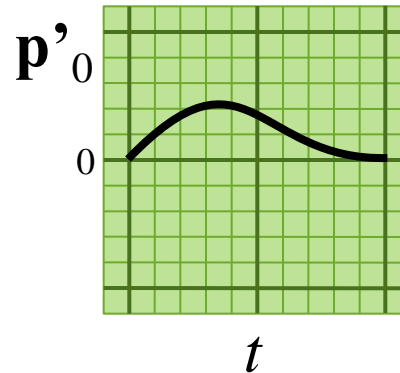
$$\mathbf{p}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} (2\mathbf{p}_0 - 2\mathbf{p}_1 + \mathbf{p}'_0 + \mathbf{p}'_1) t^3 + \\ (-3\mathbf{p}_0 + 3\mathbf{p}_1 - 2\mathbf{p}'_0 - \mathbf{p}'_1) t^2 + \\ \mathbf{p}'_0 t + \\ \mathbf{p}_0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1)$$



$$\mathbf{p}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} t^3 & t^2 & t & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 & 1 & 1 \\ -3 & 3 & -2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{p}_0 \\ \mathbf{p}_1 \\ \mathbf{p}'_0 \\ \mathbf{p}'_1 \end{bmatrix}$$



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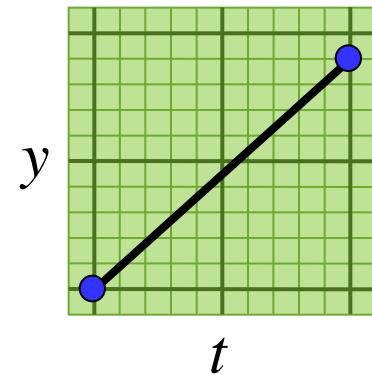
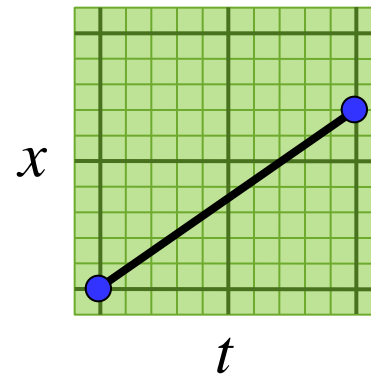
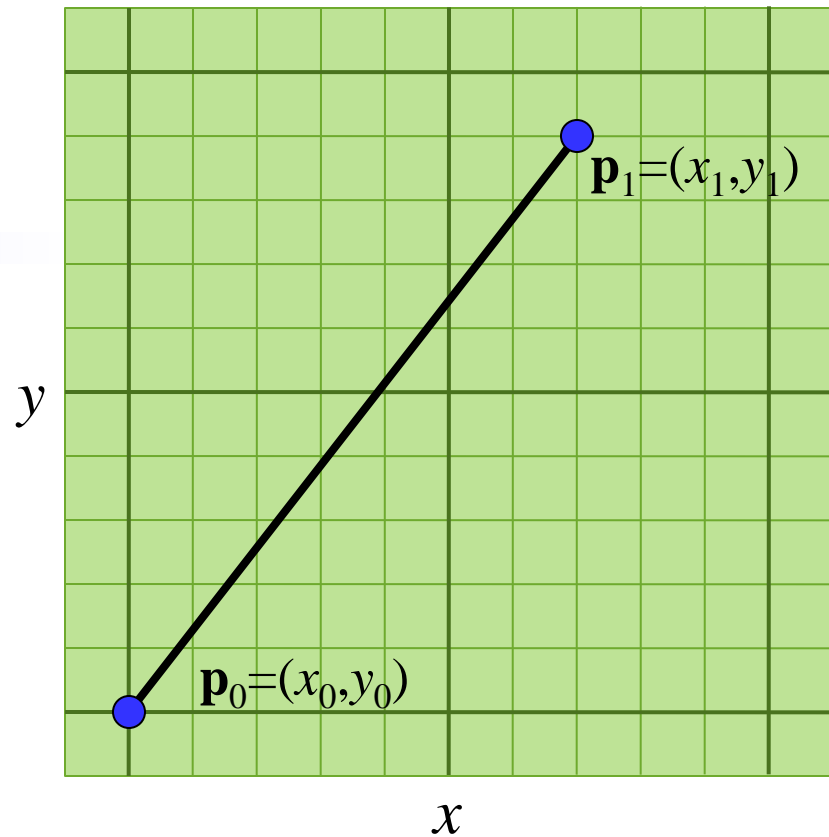
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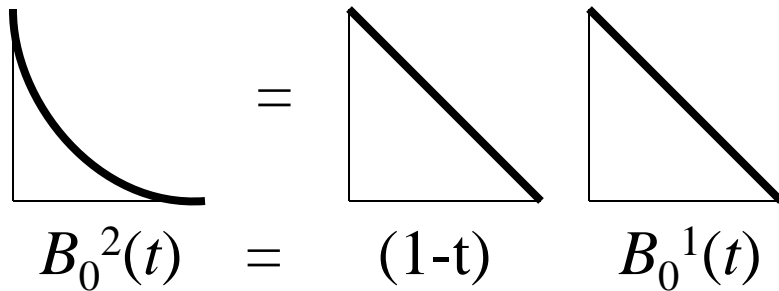
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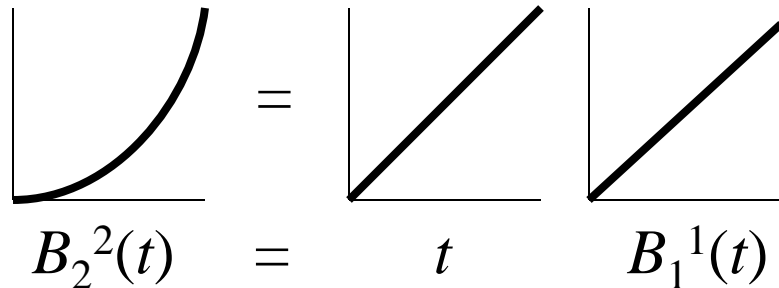
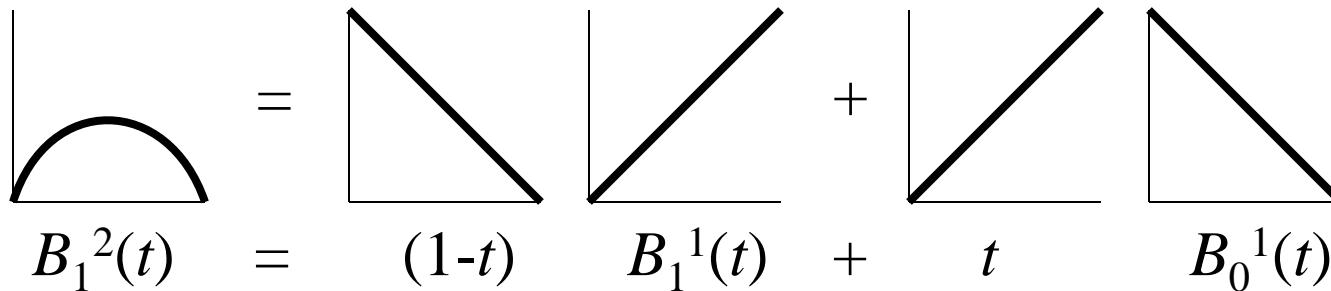
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# Interpolating Interpolations



$$B_i^n(t) = (1-t)B_i^{n-1}(t) + tB_{i-1}^{n-1}(t)$$



# Bernstein Polynomials

- Defined for any degree

$$B_i^n(t) = \binom{n}{i} t^i (1-t)^{n-i}$$

- $n$  choose  $i$

$$\binom{n}{i} = n! / (i!(n-i)!) = \binom{n-1}{i-1} + \binom{n-1}{i}$$

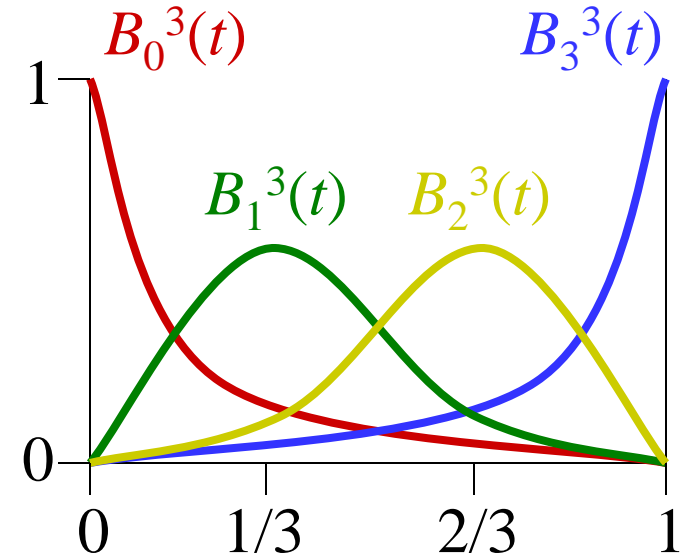
- Partition of unity

- Sum to one for any  $t$  in  $[0,1]$

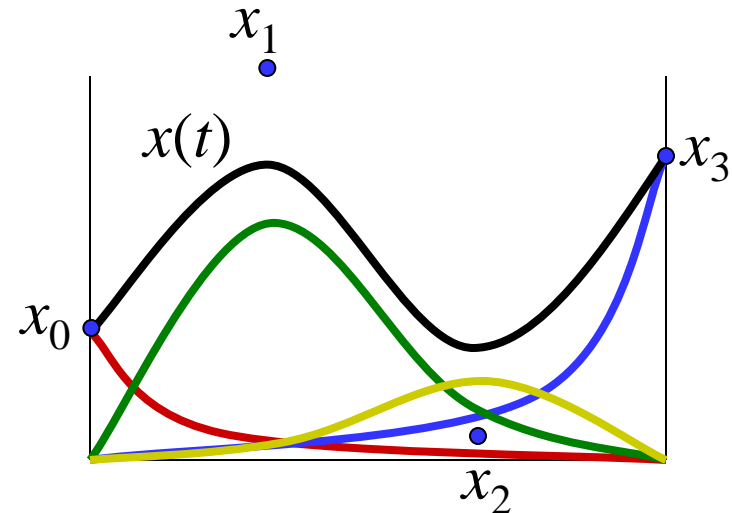
$$\sum_{i=0..n} B_i^n(t) = 1$$

- Higher degrees lerps of lower degrees

$$\begin{aligned} B_i^n(t) &= \binom{n}{i} t^i (1-t)^{n-i} \\ &= \binom{n-1}{i-1} t^i (1-t)^{n-i} + \binom{n-1}{i} t^i (1-t)^{n-i} \\ &= (1-t)B_i^{n-1}(t) + tB_{i-1}^{n-1}(t) \end{aligned}$$



$$x(t) = aB_0^3(t) + bB_1^3(t) + cB_2^3(t) + dB_3^3(t)$$



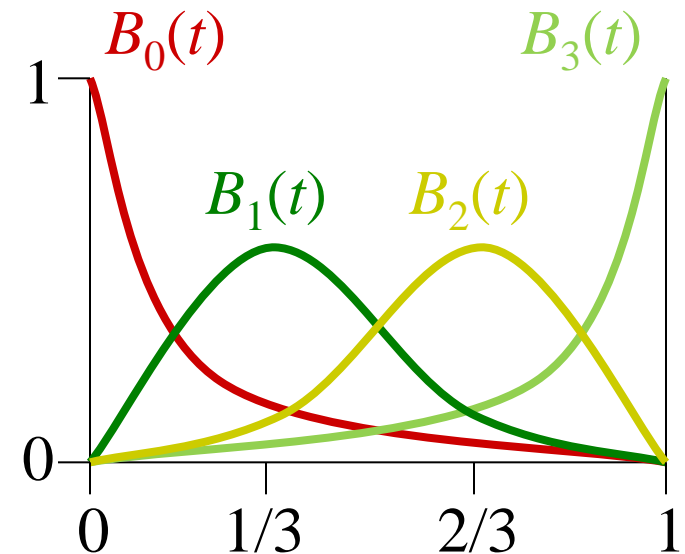
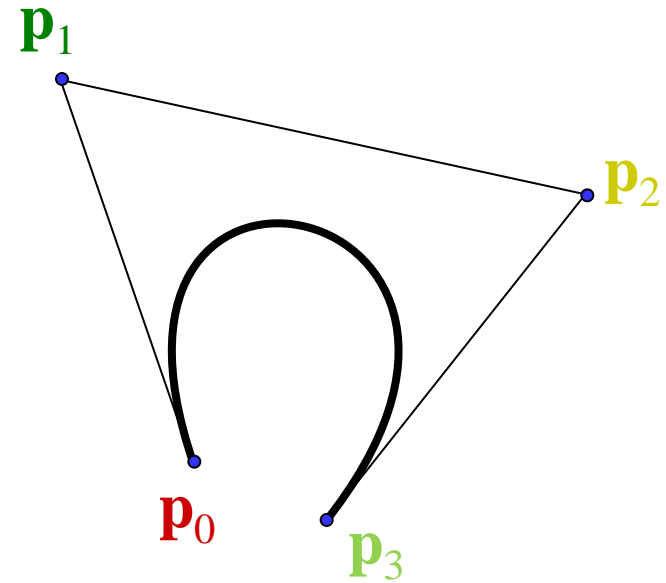


# Cubic Bezier Curves

- Bernstein basis applied to points

$$\mathbf{p}(t) = \sum_i \binom{3}{i} t^i (1-t)^{3-i} \mathbf{p}_i$$

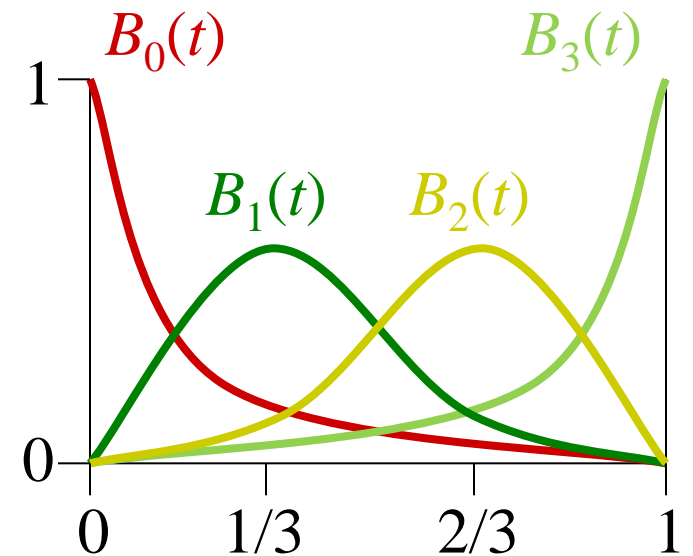
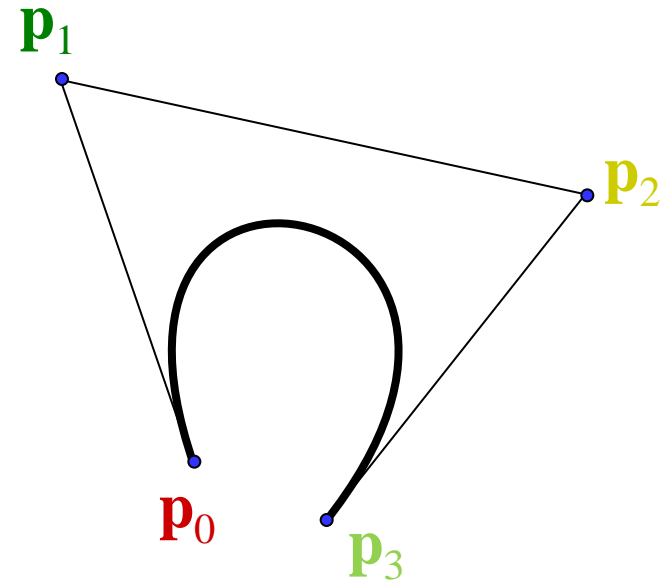
- Bezier curve specified by four *control* points including two *endpoints*
- Affine invariance:
  - Let  $M$  be a 4x4 transformation
  - Then  $M \mathbf{p}(t) = \sum_i B_i(t) M \mathbf{p}_i$
- Curve entirely contained in the convex hull of the control points



# Cubic Bezier Matrix

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{p}(t) &= (1-t)^3\mathbf{p}_0 + 3(1-t)^2t\mathbf{p}_1 + 3(1-t)t^2\mathbf{p}_2 + t^3\mathbf{p}_3 \\ &= (1 - 3t + 3t^2 - t^3) \mathbf{p}_0 + \\ &\quad (3t - 6t^2 + 3t^3) \mathbf{p}_1 + \\ &\quad (3t^2 - 3t^3) \mathbf{p}_2 + \\ &\quad t^3 \mathbf{p}_3\end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{p}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} t^3 & t^2 & t & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 3 & -3 & 1 \\ 3 & -6 & 3 & 0 \\ -3 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{p}_0 \\ \mathbf{p}_1 \\ \mathbf{p}_2 \\ \mathbf{p}_3 \end{bmatrix}$$



# Bezier v. Hermite

$$\mathbf{p}_1 = \mathbf{p}_0 + 3 \mathbf{p}'_0$$

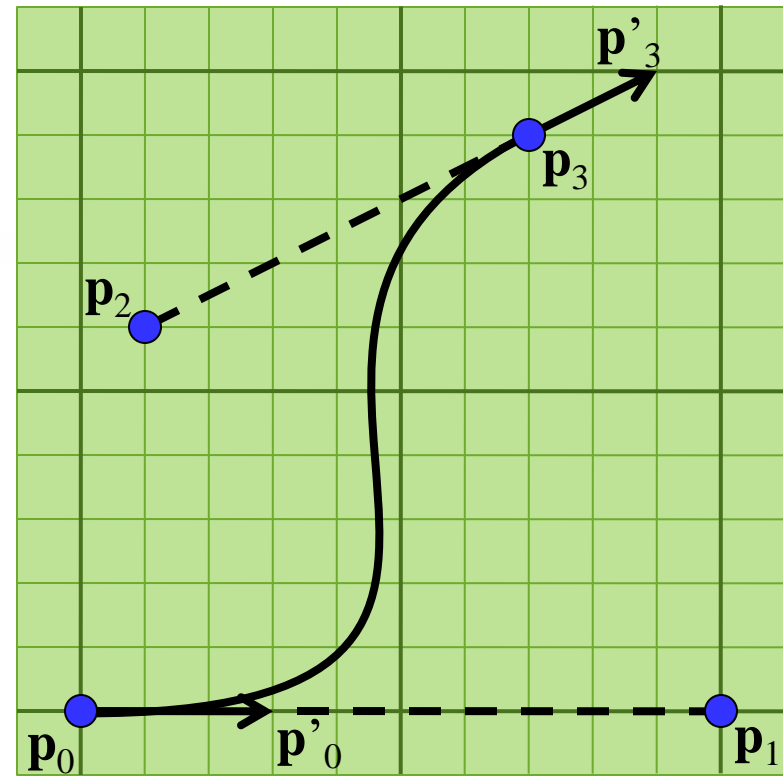
$$\mathbf{p}_2 = \mathbf{p}_3 - 3 \mathbf{p}'_3$$

- Bezier

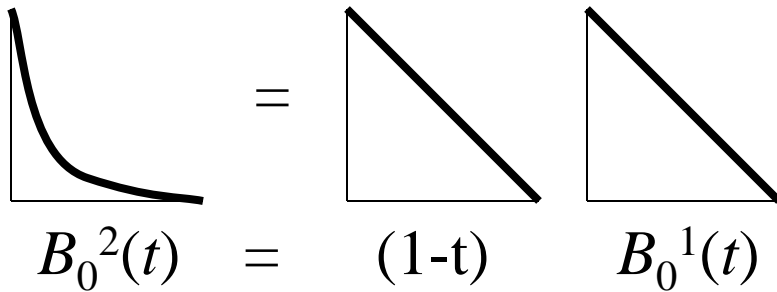
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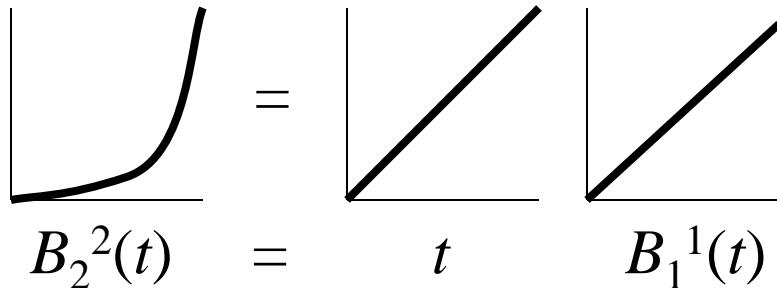
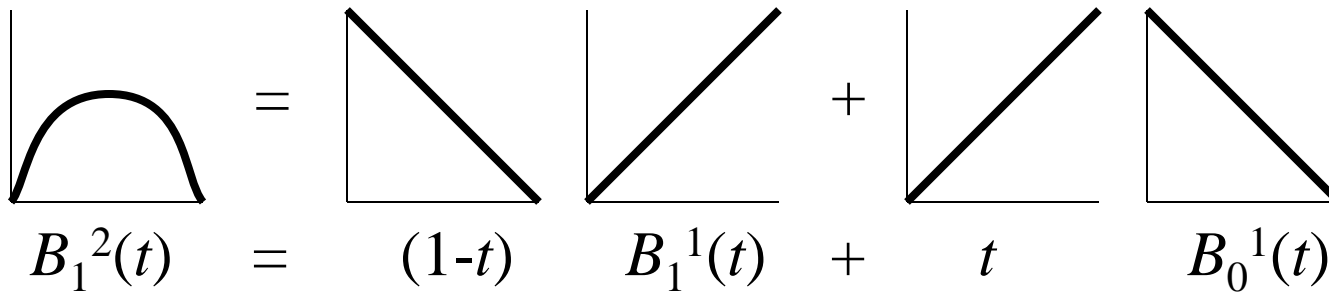
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# Building Bernsteins



$$B_i^n(t) = (1-t)B_i^{n-1}(t) + tB_{i-1}^{n-1}(t)$$



# de Casteljau Algorithm

- Cascading lerps

$$\mathbf{p}_{01} = (1-t) \mathbf{p}_0 + t \mathbf{p}_1$$

$$\mathbf{p}_{12} = (1-t) \mathbf{p}_1 + t \mathbf{p}_2$$

$$\mathbf{p}_{23} = (1-t) \mathbf{p}_2 + t \mathbf{p}_3$$

$$\mathbf{p}_{012} = (1-t) \mathbf{p}_{01} + t \mathbf{p}_{12}$$

$$\mathbf{p}_{123} = (1-t) \mathbf{p}_{12} + t \mathbf{p}_{23}$$

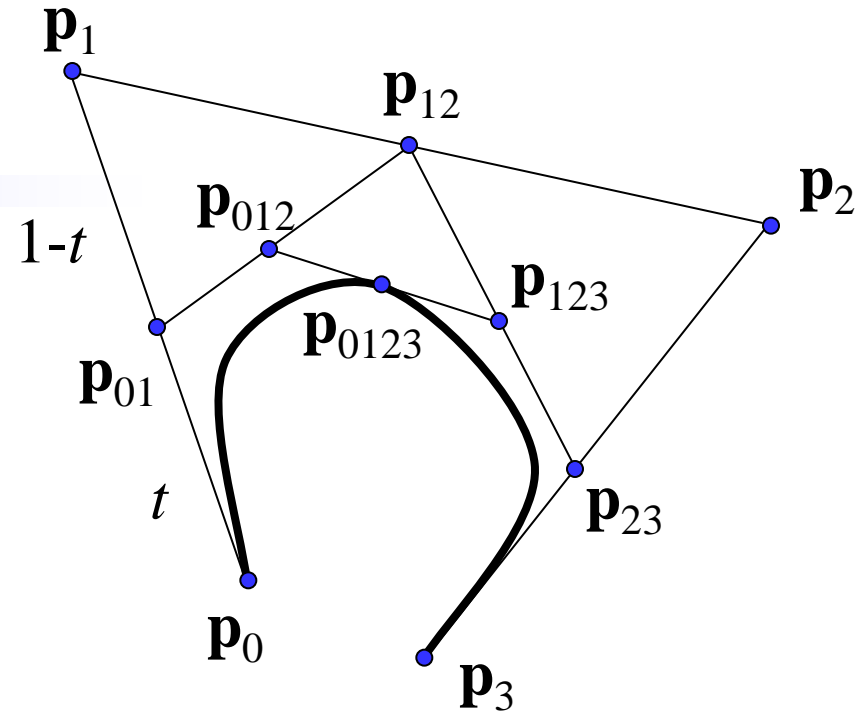
$$\mathbf{p}_{0123} = (1-t) \mathbf{p}_{012} + t \mathbf{p}_{123}$$

- Subdivides curve at  $\mathbf{p}_{0123}$

$$- \mathbf{p}_0 \mathbf{p}_{01} \mathbf{p}_{012} \mathbf{p}_{0123}$$

$$- \mathbf{p}_{0123} \mathbf{p}_{123} \mathbf{p}_{23} \mathbf{p}_3$$

- Repeated subdivision converges to curve

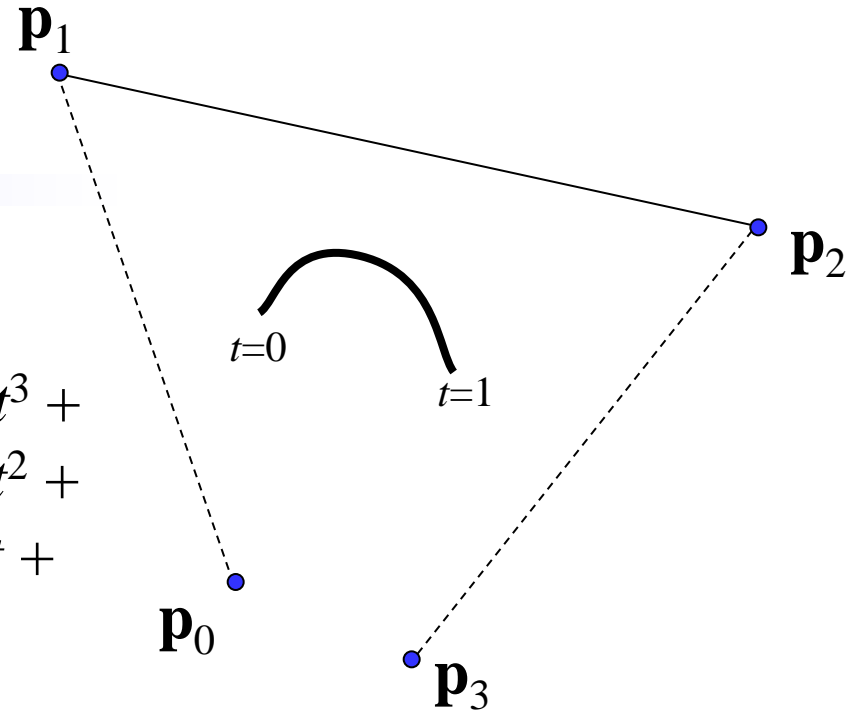


# B-Spline Segment

$$\mathbf{p}(t) = (-1/6\mathbf{p}_0 + 1/2\mathbf{p}_1 - 1/2\mathbf{p}_2 + 1/6\mathbf{p}_3)t^3 +$$
$$\left( \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{p}_0 - \mathbf{p}_1 + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{p}_2 \right)t^2 +$$
$$\left( -\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{p}_0 + \mathbf{p}_1 + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{p}_2 \right)t +$$
$$\frac{1}{6}\mathbf{p}_0 + \frac{2}{3}\mathbf{p}_1 + \frac{1}{6}\mathbf{p}_2$$

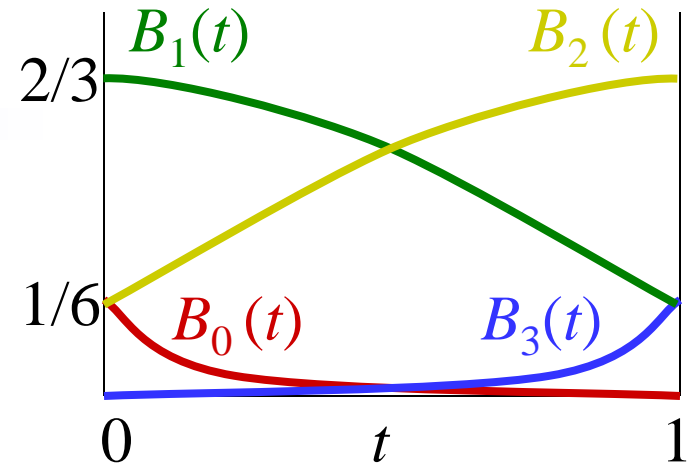
but makes more sense as...

$$\mathbf{p}(t) = (-1/6t^3 + 1/2t^2 - 1/2t + 1/6)\mathbf{p}_0 +$$
$$\left( \frac{1}{2}t^3 - t^2 + \frac{2}{3} \right)\mathbf{p}_1 +$$
$$\left( -\frac{1}{2}t^3 + \frac{1}{2}t^2 + \frac{1}{2}t + \frac{1}{6} \right)\mathbf{p}_2 +$$
$$\left( \frac{1}{6}t^3 \right)\mathbf{p}_3$$



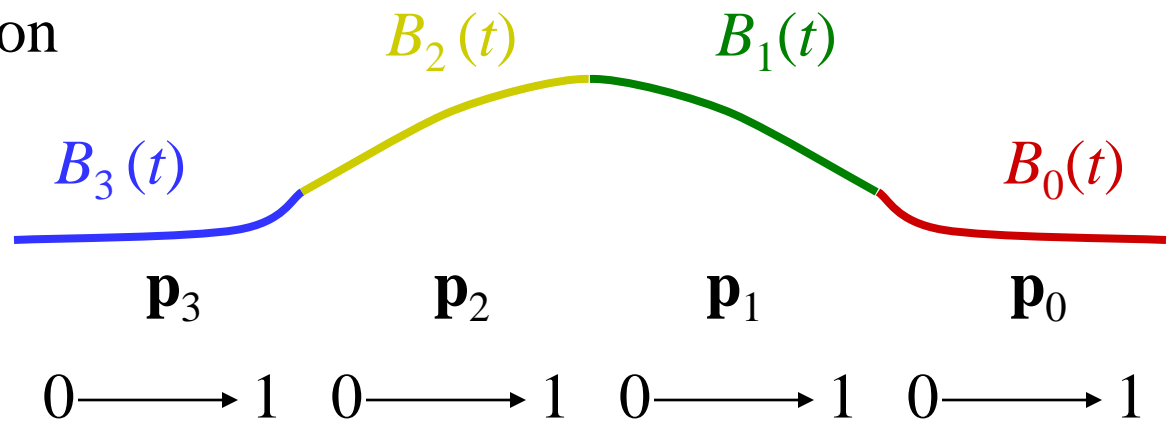
# B-Spline Basis

$$\mathbf{p}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} -1/6t^3 + 1/2t^2 - 1/2t + 1/6 \\ 1/2t^3 - t^2 + 2/3 \\ -1/2t^3 + 1/2t^2 + 1/2t + 1/6 \\ 1/6t^3 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{p}_0 + \begin{pmatrix} 1/2t^3 - t^2 + 2/3 \\ -1/2t^3 + 1/2t^2 + 1/2t + 1/6 \\ 1/6t^3 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{p}_1 + \begin{pmatrix} -1/6t^3 + 1/2t^2 - 1/2t + 1/6 \\ -1/2t^3 + 1/2t^2 + 1/2t + 1/6 \\ 1/6t^3 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{p}_2 + \begin{pmatrix} 1/6t^3 \\ 1/6t^3 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{p}_3$$



$$= B_0(t)\mathbf{p}_0 + B_1(t)\mathbf{p}_1 + B_2(t)\mathbf{p}_2 + B_3(t)\mathbf{p}_3$$

- Piecewise cubic approximation of a Gaussian bump function
- Progressively weights points along spline

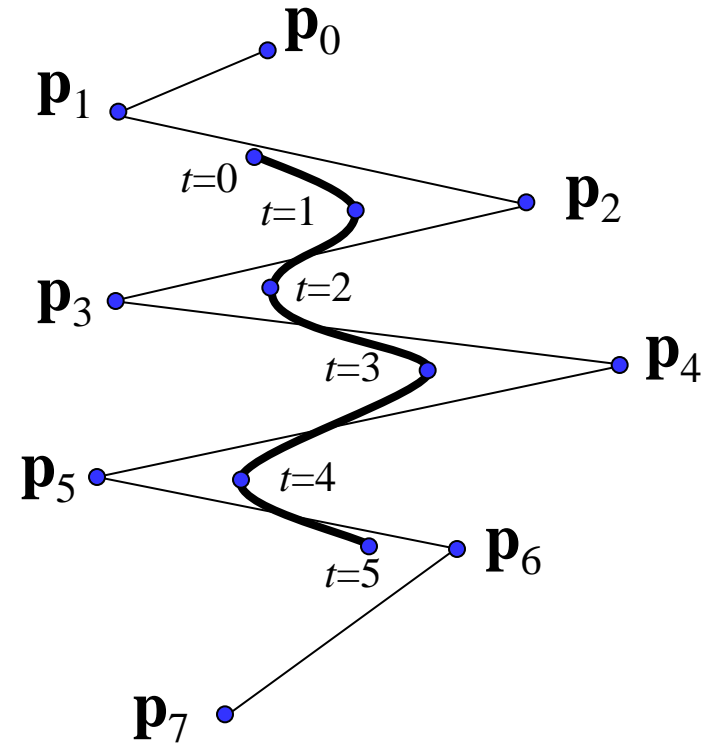


# Uniform B-Splines

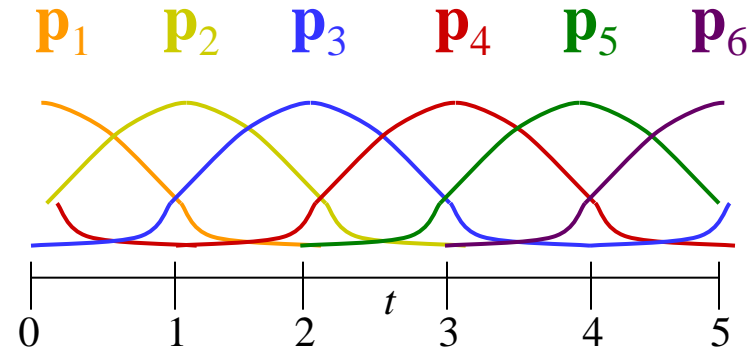
- Notation
  - $d$  = degree of polynomial
  - $k$  = order of polynomial =  $d + 1$
  - E.g. cubic:  $d = 3, k = 4$
- Segment  $i \leq t < i+1$  uses  $k = d + 1$  control points  $\mathbf{p}_i$  to  $\mathbf{p}_{i+d}$

$$\mathbf{p}(t) = \sum_{j=0}^3 B_j(t \bmod 1) \mathbf{p}_{i+j}$$

- Normalized basis function  $N_{i,d}(t)$
- $N_{i,d}(t) = B_{\text{floor}(t-i)}(t \bmod 1)$  if  $i \leq t < i+d+1$ 
  - Otherwise its zero
- Knot vector
  - e.g.  $[0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7]$
  - in general  $[t_0, t_1, \dots, t_{n+k}]$



$$\mathbf{p}(t) = \sum_{i=0}^n N_{i,k}(t) \mathbf{p}_i$$





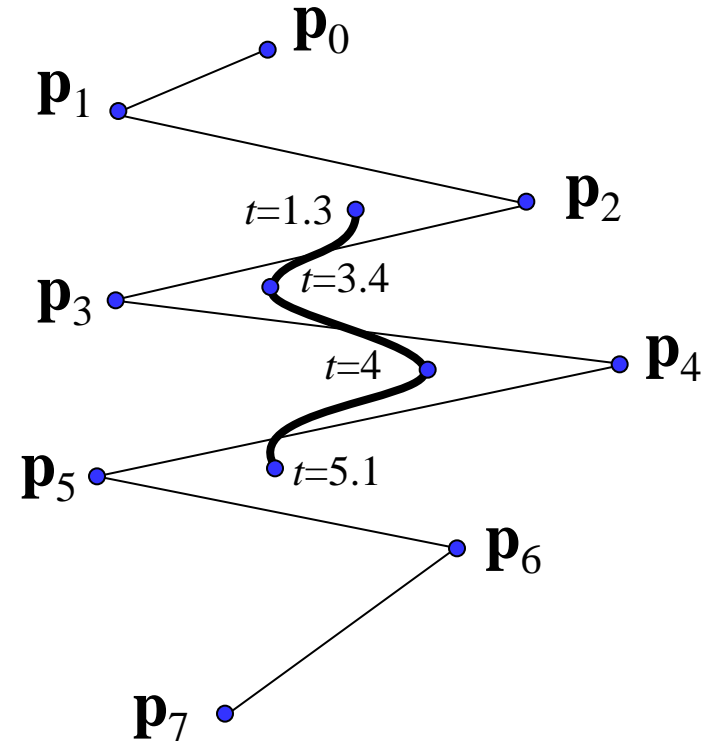
# Non-Uniform B-Splines

knot vector: [0, .5, 1.3, 3.4, 4, 5.1, 6, 7]

$N=3$  curve segments

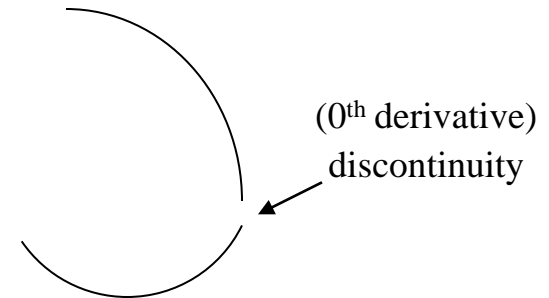
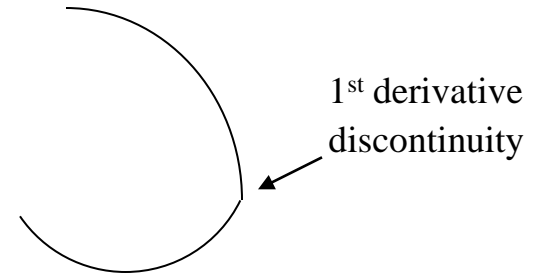
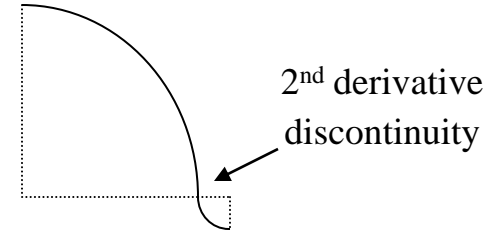
$d=3$  (cubic)

- Can specify an arbitrary parameter  $t_i$  at each control point  $\mathbf{p}_i$
- Let  $N = \#$  of polynomial curve segments
- Parameters contained in a *knot vector*
  - Length  $(N+1) + 2d - 2$
  - $[t_0, t_1, t_2, t_3, \dots, t_{N+2d-2}]$
  - Cubic:  $[t_0, t_1, t_2, t_3, \dots, t_{N+4}]$
- Domain of resulting curve is  $[t_{d-1}, t_{N+d-1}]$ 
  - Cubic: domain =  $[t_2, t_{N+2}]$  (segments  $[t_0, t_1]$ ,  $[t_1, t_2]$ ,  $[t_{N+2}, t_{N+3}]$  and  $[t_{N+3}, t_{N+4}]$  aren't plotted)
  - Need  $d-1$  “extra” knots at the beginning and end of the knot vector



# Knot Multiplicity

- Knot multiplicity = # of times a given knot appears in the knot vector
- Continuity =  $d - \text{multiplicity}$
- Cubic example
  - All knots unique – 2<sup>nd</sup> derivative continuity
  - Multiplicity two – 1<sup>st</sup> derivative cont.
  - Multiplicity three – 0<sup>th</sup> derivative cont.
  - Multiplicity four – discontinuous
- Endpoint interpolation
  - Knots of multiplicity  $d+1$  at beginning and end of knot vector
  - e.g. [0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 2, 3, 3, 3, 3]



# Recursion

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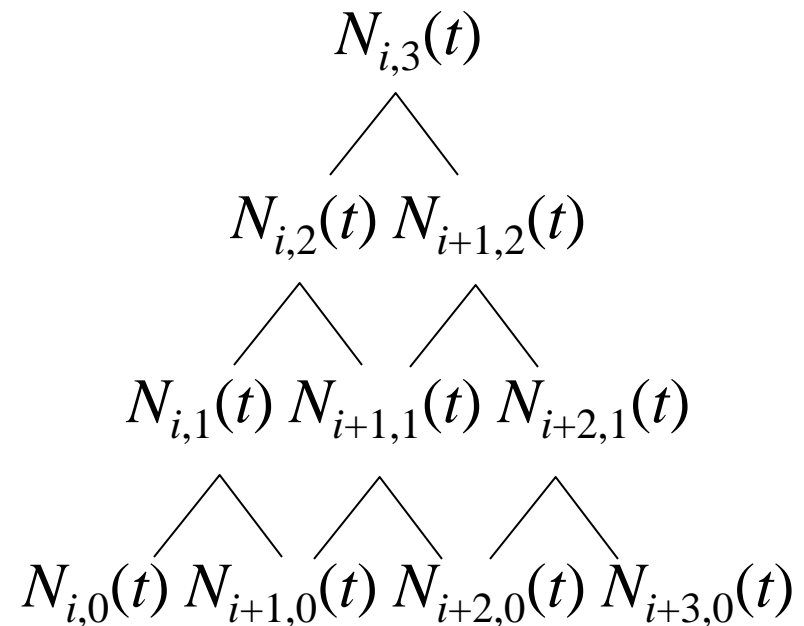
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- Higher degree basis can be constructed from lower degree bases

$$N_{i,d}(t) = \frac{t-t_i}{t_{i+d}-t_i} N_{i,d-1}(t) + \frac{t_{i+d+1}-t}{t_{i+d+1}-t_{i+1}} N_{i+1,d-1}(t)$$

- $N_{i,0}(t) =$   
1 if  $t_i \leq t < t_{i+1}$   
0 otherwise
- Non-uniform B-splines constructed using a systolic array

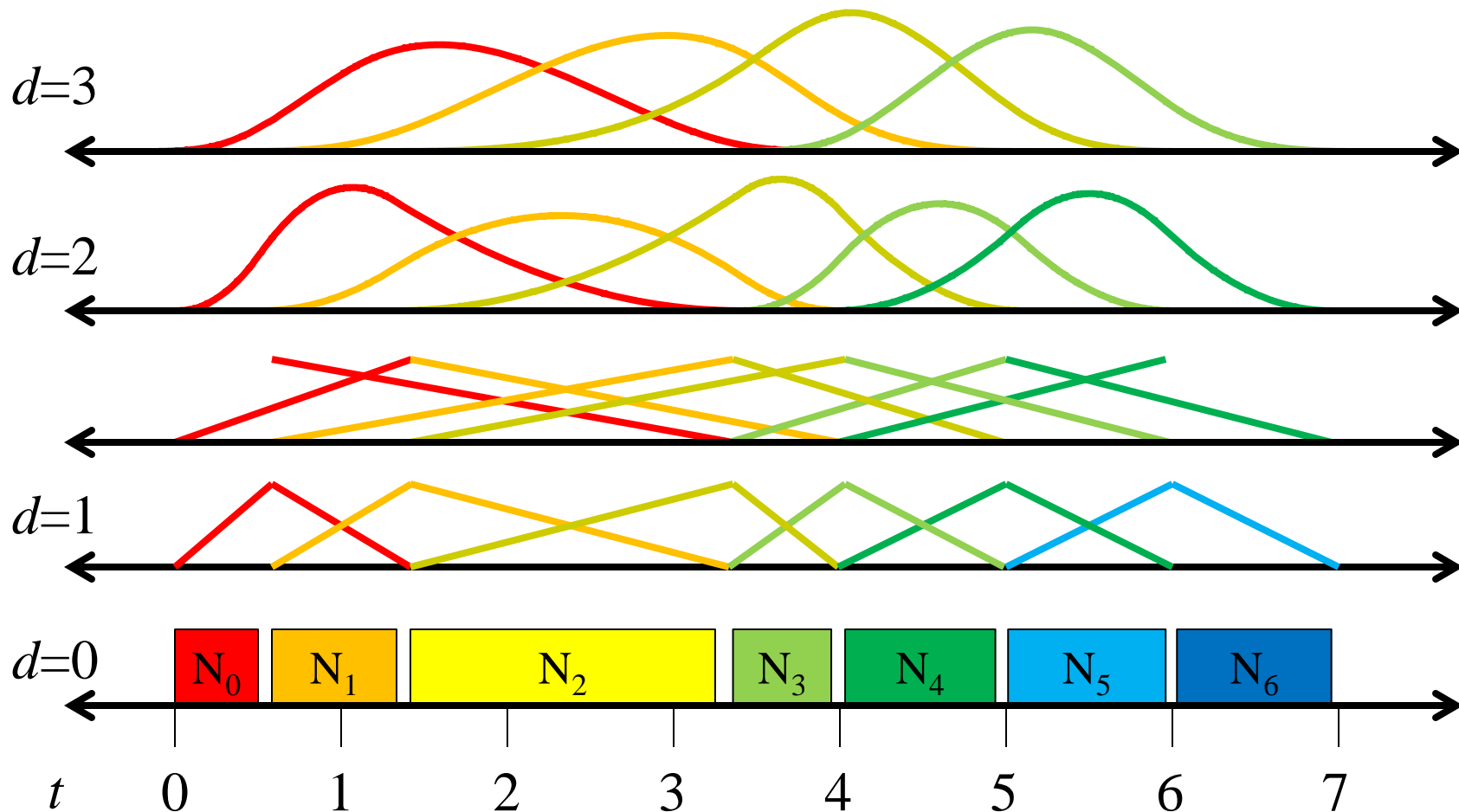


# Example

knot vector: [0, .5, 1.3, 3.4, 4, 5.1, 6, 7]

$$N_{i,d}(t) = \frac{t-t_i}{t_{i+d}-t_i} N_{i,d-1}(t) + \frac{t_{i+d+1}-t}{t_{i+d+1}-t_{i+1}} N_{i+1,d-1}(t)$$

$$N_{i,0}(t) = 1 \text{ when } t_i \leq t < t_{i+1} \text{ else } 0$$



# de Boor Algorithm

knot vector: [0 0 0 0 1 4 5 5 5 5]

Cubic ( $d = 3, k = 4$ )

- Evaluate at  $t = 2$

$$\mathbf{p}_{4,3} = 1/3 \mathbf{p}_{4,2} + 2/3 \mathbf{p}_{3,2}$$

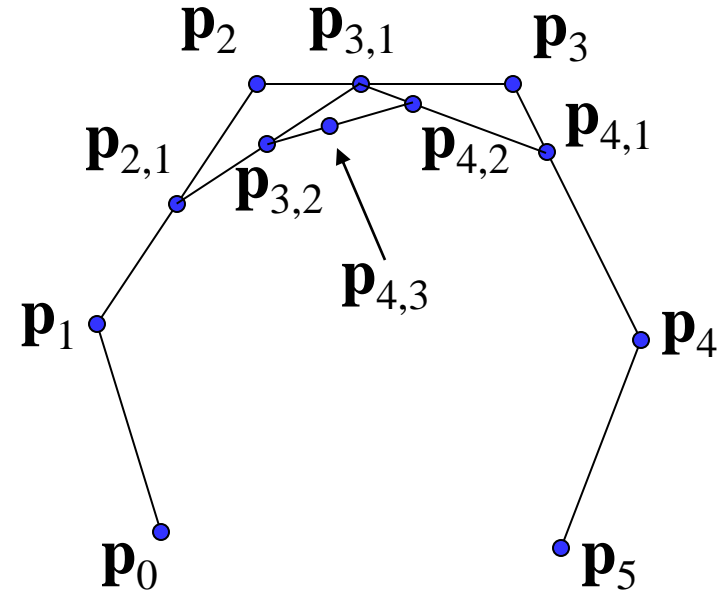
$$\mathbf{p}_{4,2} = 1/4 \mathbf{p}_{4,1} + 3/4 \mathbf{p}_{3,1}$$

$$\mathbf{p}_{3,2} = 2/4 \mathbf{p}_{3,1} + 2/4 \mathbf{p}_{2,1}$$

$$\mathbf{p}_{4,1} = 1/4 \mathbf{p}_{4,0} + 3/4 \mathbf{p}_{3,0}$$

$$\mathbf{p}_{3,1} = 2/5 \mathbf{p}_{3,0} + 3/5 \mathbf{p}_{2,0}$$

$$\mathbf{p}_{2,1} = 2/4 \mathbf{p}_{2,0} + 2/4 \mathbf{p}_{1,0}$$



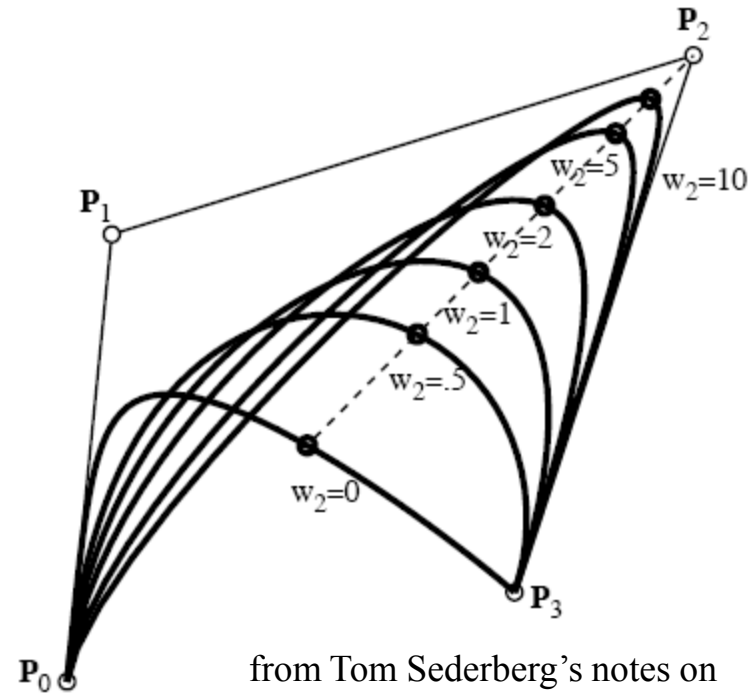
$$\mathbf{p}_{i,l} = \frac{t - t_i}{t_{k+i-l} - t_i} \mathbf{p}_{i,l-1} + \frac{t_{k+i-l} - t}{t_{k+i-l} - t_i} \mathbf{p}_{i-1,l-1}$$

# Rational B-Splines

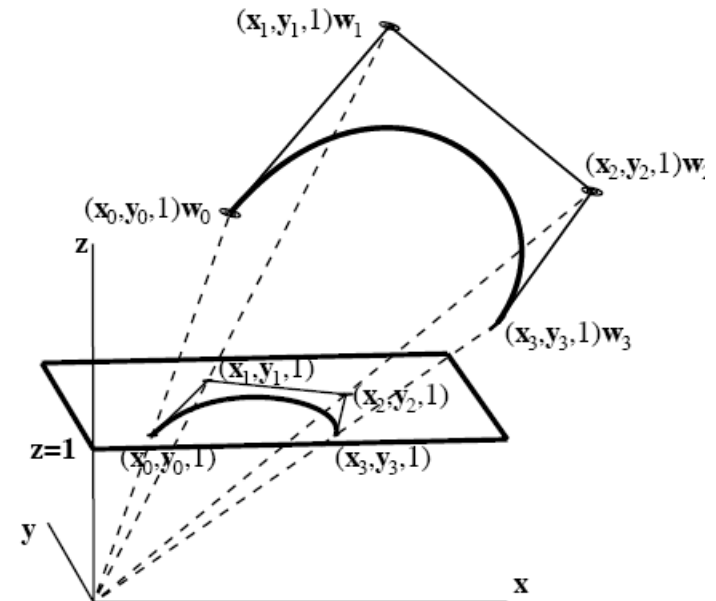
- Quotient of B-splines

$$\mathbf{p}(t) = (\sum w_i \mathbf{p}_i N_i(t)) / (\sum w_i N_i(t))$$

- B-spline in 4-D homogenous space
- Projected back into 3-D via homogenous division
- Weight values affect “tension” near control points
- Weights can also define control points at infinity



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# Conic Sections

- Circles, ellipses, arcs
- Only approximated by polynomial parametrics
- Modeled precisely by rational parametrics
- Can be rational Bezier, rational B-spline, etc.

