

# Computer Graphics I

## Lecture 5: Geometric modeling 1

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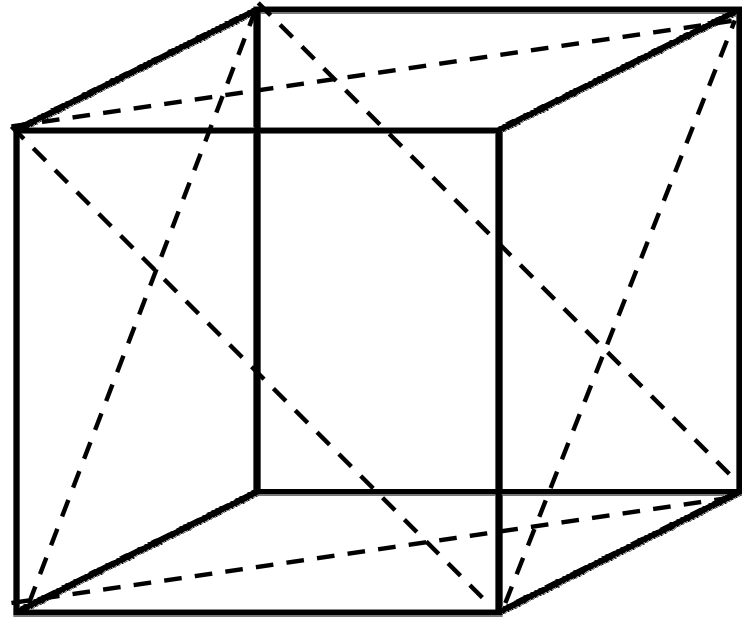
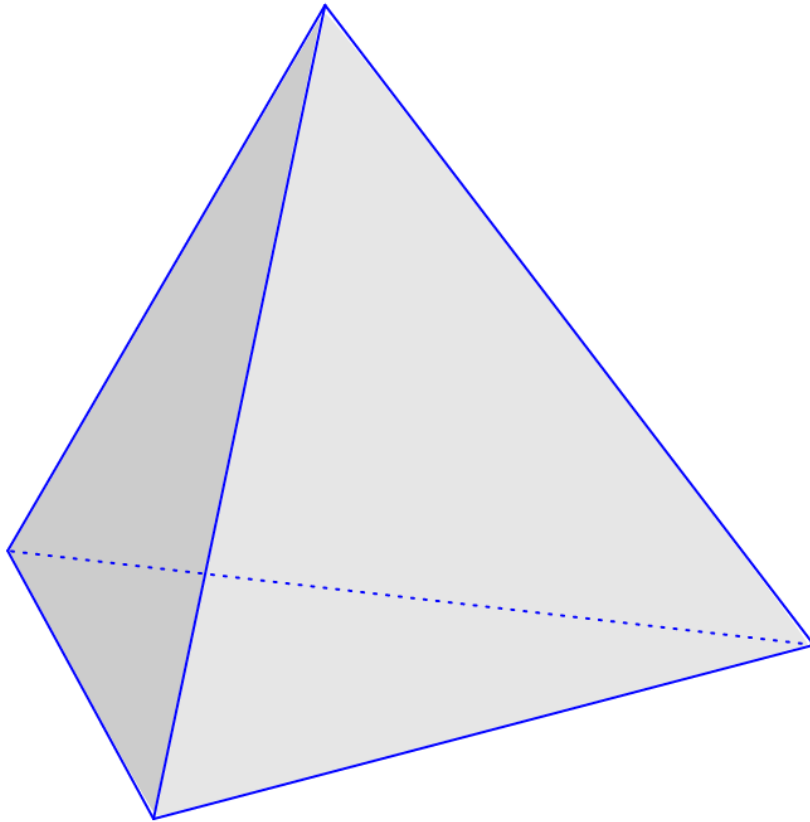
# What is geometric modeling?

- **A branch of applied mathematics and computational geometry**
  - study methods and algorithms for the mathematical description of shapes
  - central to computer-aided design and manufacturing (CAD/CAM)
  - widely used in many applied technical fields such as civil and mechanical engineering, architecture, geology and medical image processing
  - an important area in computer graphics

# **1. Modeling for simple geometries**

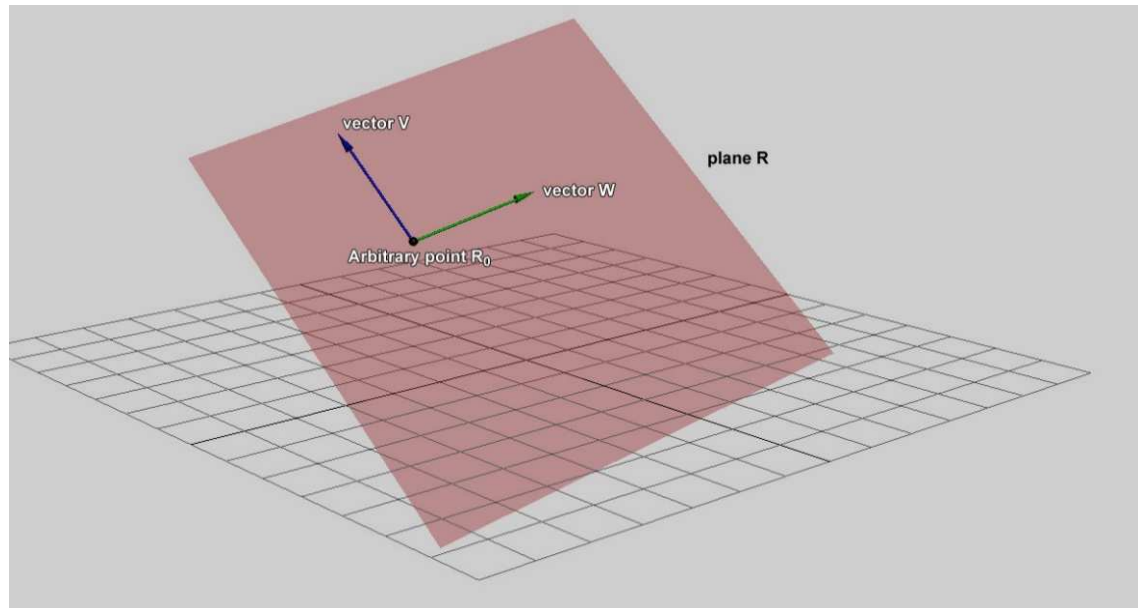
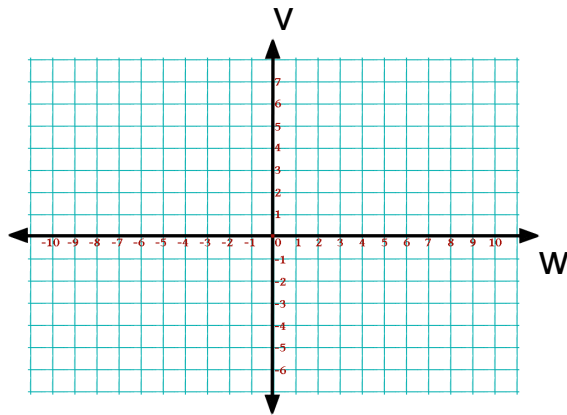
# Tetrahedron and cubes

- Created by a combination of triangles



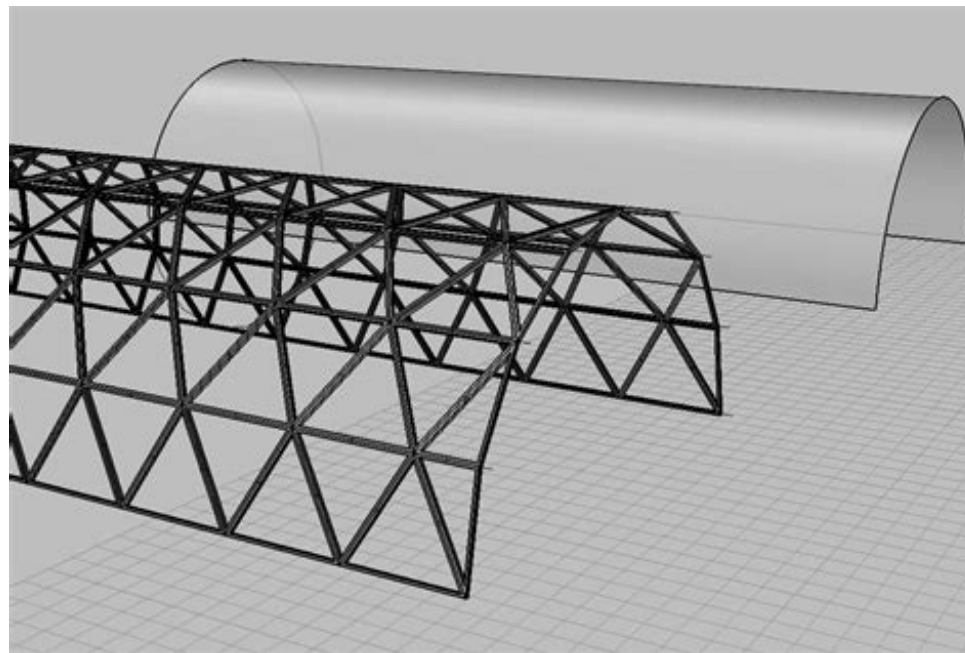
# Plane

- **How to create a plane**
  - a large quadrilateral
  - or a set of tessellated triangles
  - How to create?
    - sample in 2D; translate and rotate to the desired state



# Cylinder

- **Representation of circles by parametric equations**
  - meshing in polar coordinates for x, y samples
$$x = a \cos(t)$$
$$y = a \sin(t)$$
  - sample in Z direction uniformly or staggered



# Sphere

- **Analytical equations**

- Cartesian coordinates:

$$(x - x_0)^2 + (y - y_0)^2 + (z - z_0)^2 = r^2$$

- spherical coordinate parameterization:

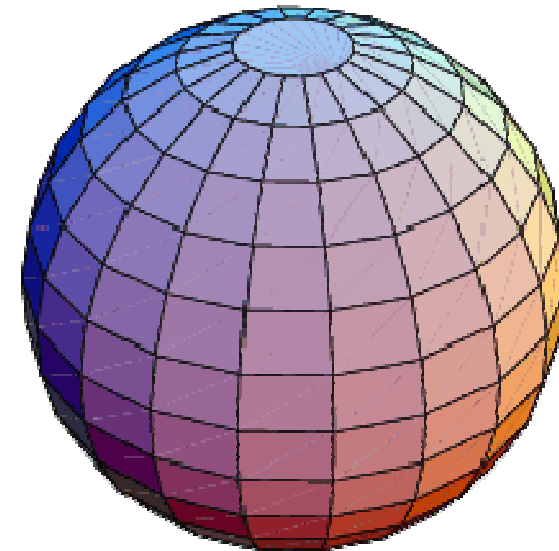
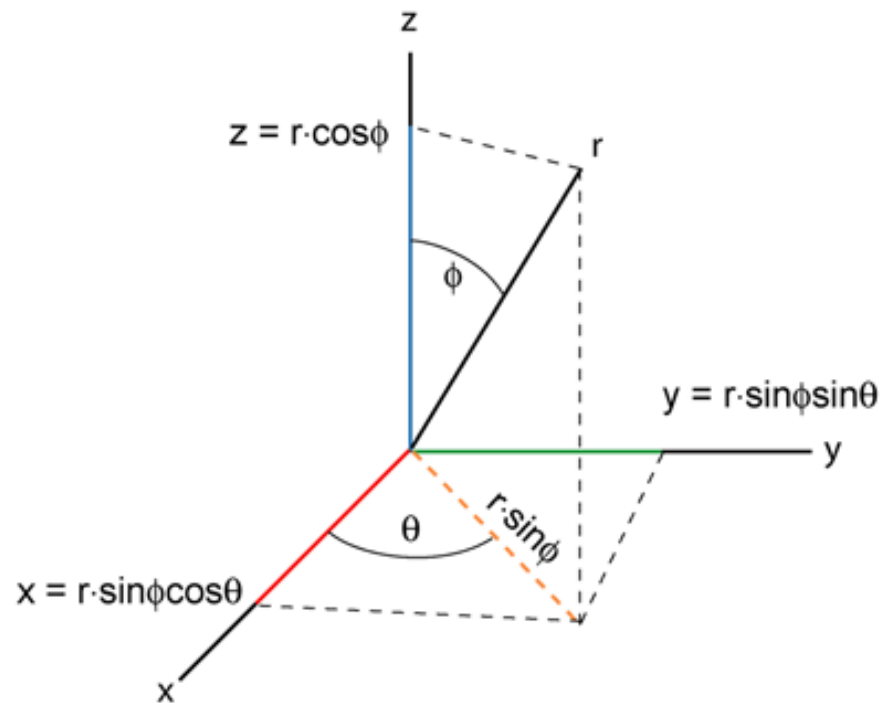
$$x = x_0 + r \cos \theta \sin \varphi$$

$$y = y_0 + r \sin \theta \sin \varphi \quad (0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi \text{ and } 0 \leq \varphi \leq \pi)$$

$$z = z_0 + r \cos \varphi$$

# Sphere mesh

- **Quadrilateral mesh**
  - meshing in spherical coordinates
  - uniformly subdivide  $\theta$  and  $\phi$





# Ellipsoid

- **Analytical equations**

- Cartesian coordinates

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1$$

- spherical coordinate parameterization:

$$x = a \cos(u) \cos(v),$$

$$y = b \cos(u) \sin(v),$$

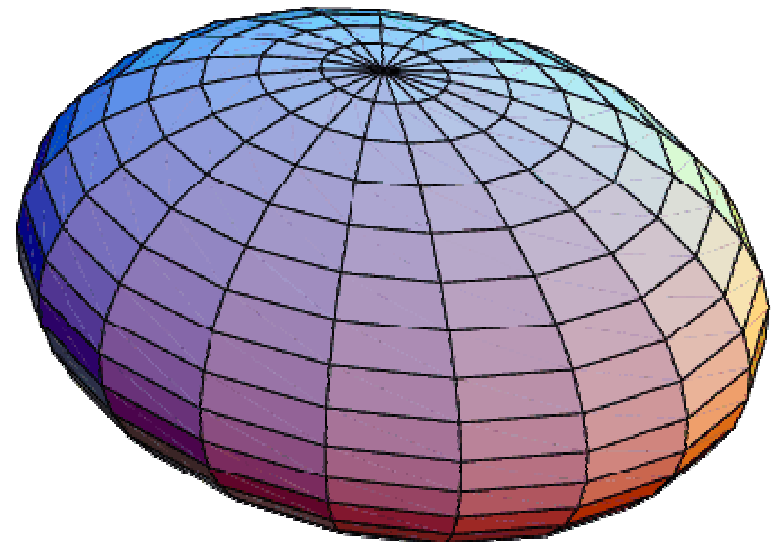
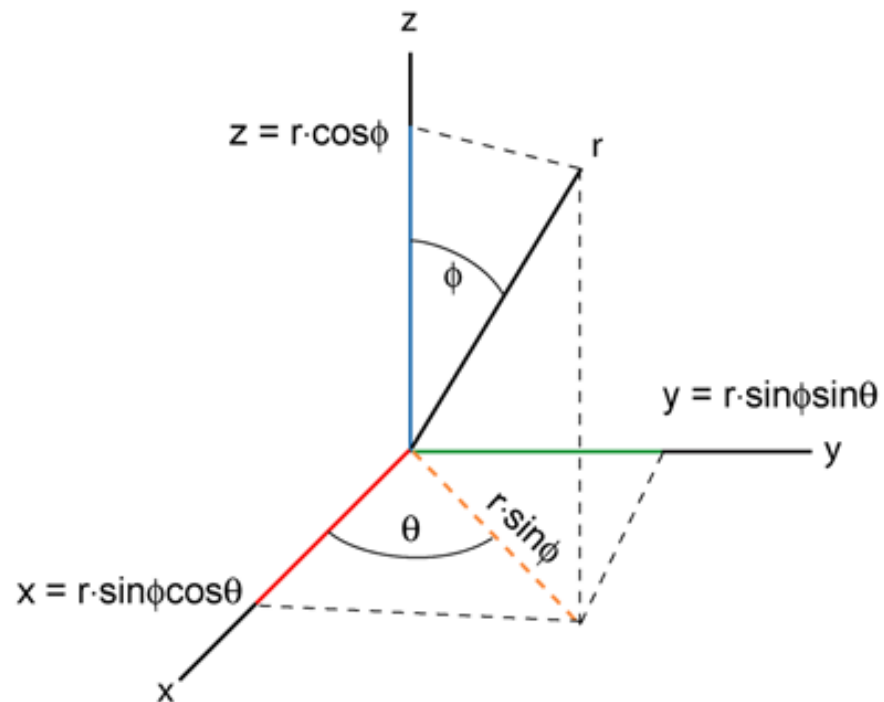
$$z = c \sin(u),$$

where

$$-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq u \leq \frac{\pi}{2}, \quad -\pi \leq v \leq \pi.$$

# Ellipsoid mesh

- **Quadrilateral mesh**
  - meshing in spherical coordinates
  - uniformly subdivide  $\theta$  and  $\phi$



# Cone

- **How to represent and meshing?**

- general cone equation

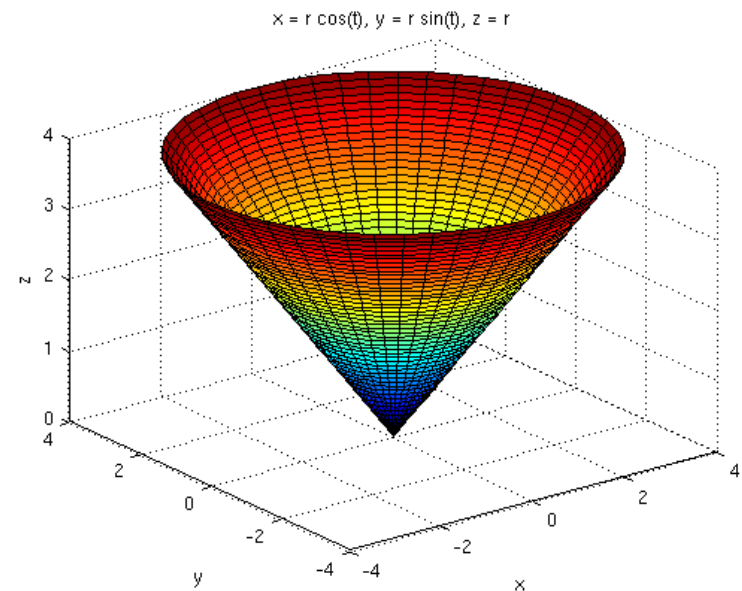
$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{a^2} = z^2$$

- meshing in polar coordinates  
for x, y samples:

$$x = a \cos(t)$$

$$y = a \sin(t)$$

- $a=z/h$ ,  $z$  in  $[0,h]$ ,  $h$  is the cone height



# Tangent plane and normal computation

- Parametric form of a curve

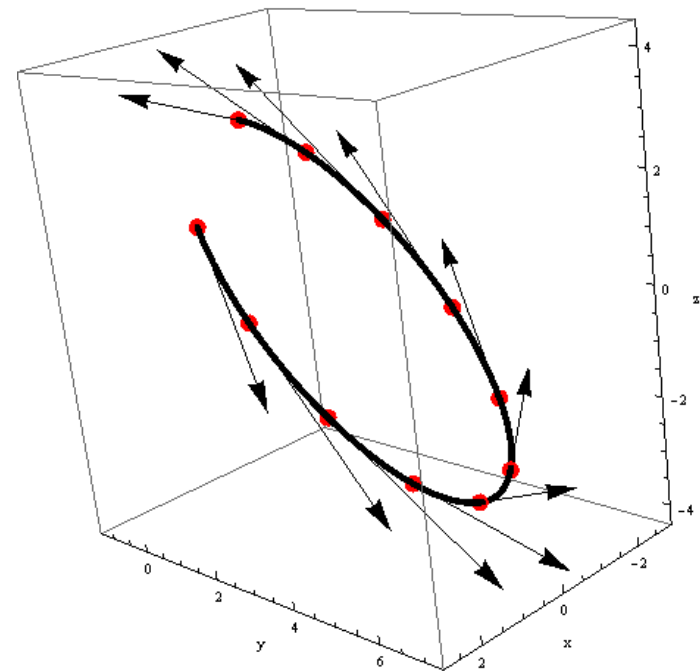
$$x = X(u), \quad y = Y(u), \quad z = Z(u)$$

- tangent vector

$$\mathbf{t} = \left[ \frac{\partial X}{\partial u}, \frac{\partial Y}{\partial u}, \frac{\partial Z}{\partial u} \right]$$

- normal vector

$$\mathbf{t} \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0$$



# Tangent plane and normal computation

- Parametric form of a surface

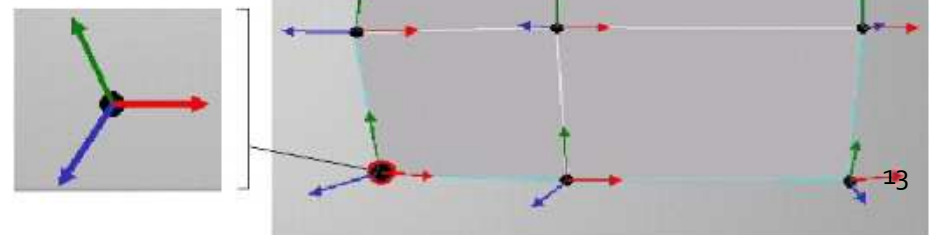
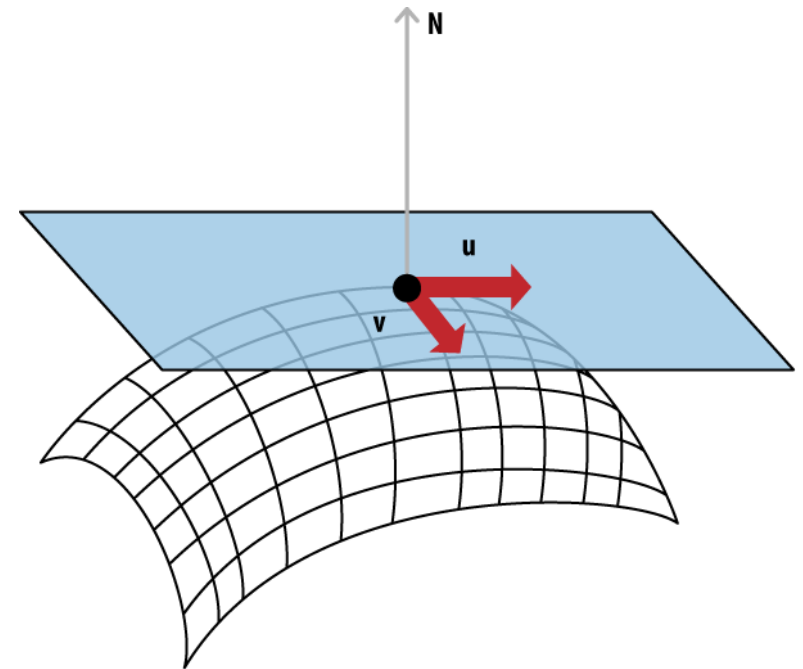
$$x = X(u, v), \quad y = Y(u, v), \quad z = Z(u, v)$$

- tangent vector

$$\mathbf{t}_u = \left[ \frac{\partial X}{\partial u}, \frac{\partial Y}{\partial u}, \frac{\partial Z}{\partial u} \right] \quad \mathbf{t}_v = \left[ \frac{\partial X}{\partial v}, \frac{\partial Y}{\partial v}, \frac{\partial Z}{\partial v} \right]$$

- normal vector

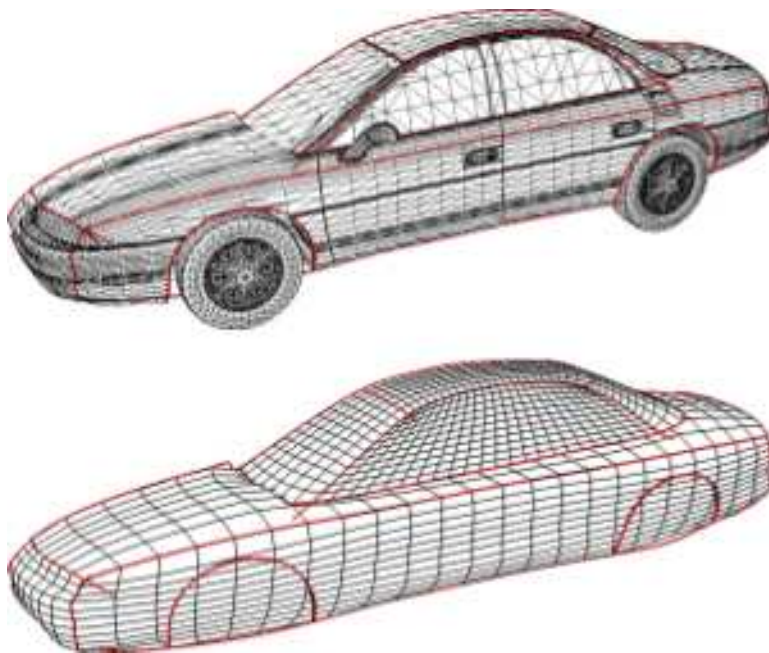
$$\mathbf{n} = \mathbf{t}_u \times \mathbf{t}_v$$



## **2. Free-form geometric modeling**

# Free-form surface modeling

- **Surfaces which do not have fixed shapes**
  - unlike regular surfaces such as planes , cylinders, spheres, and conic surfaces, etc.



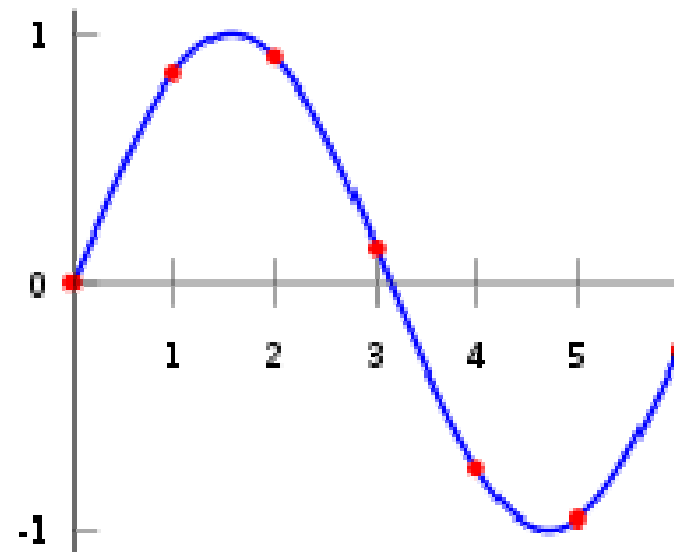
## **2.1. Polynomial interpolation**



# Polynomial interpolation

- Given a set of  $n + 1$  data points  $(x_i, y_i)$  where no two  $x_i$  are the same, one is looking for a polynomial  $p$  of degree at most  $n$  with the property

$$p(x_i) = y_i, \quad i = 0, \dots, n.$$



# Polynomial interpolation

- Suppose that the interpolation polynomial is in the form:

$$p(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \cdots + a_2 x^2 + a_1 x + a_0$$

$$p(x_i) = y_i \quad \text{for all } i \in \{0, 1, \dots, n\}$$

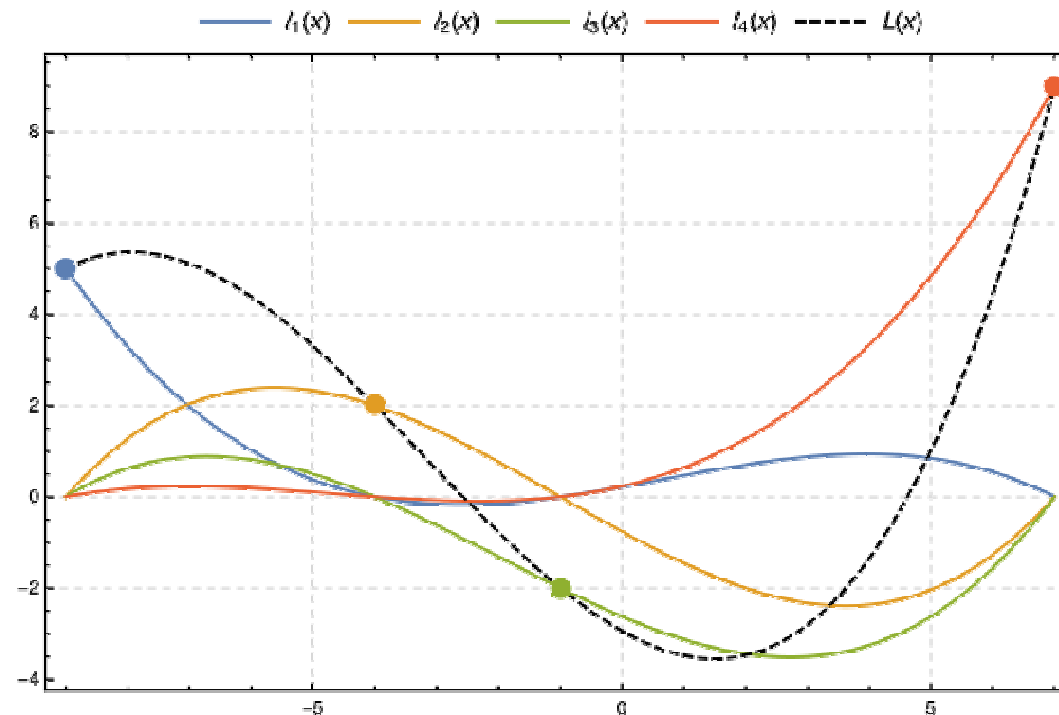
$$\begin{bmatrix} x_0^n & x_0^{n-1} & x_0^{n-2} & \cdots & x_0 & 1 \\ x_1^n & x_1^{n-1} & x_1^{n-2} & \cdots & x_1 & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots \\ x_n^n & x_n^{n-1} & x_n^{n-2} & \cdots & x_n & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_n \\ a_{n-1} \\ \vdots \\ a_0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y_0 \\ y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{bmatrix}$$

The condition number of the Vandermonde matrix may be large

# Polynomial interpolation

- Lagrange polynomials

$$p(x) = \frac{(x - x_1)(x - x_2) \cdots (x - x_n)}{(x_0 - x_1)(x_0 - x_2) \cdots (x_0 - x_n)} y_0 + \frac{(x - x_0)(x - x_2) \cdots (x - x_n)}{(x_1 - x_0)(x_1 - x_2) \cdots (x_1 - x_n)} y_1 + \cdots + \frac{(x - x_0)(x - x_1) \cdots (x - x_{n-1})}{(x_n - x_0)(x_n - x_1) \cdots (x_n - x_{n-1})} y_n$$
$$= \sum_{i=0}^n \left( \prod_{\substack{0 \leq j \leq n \\ j \neq i}} \frac{x - x_j}{x_i - x_j} \right) y_i$$



# Degree of a polynomial

- **Degree of a monomial**
  - the sum of powers of all terms
  - the degree of  $x^a y^b z^c$  is  $a+b+c$
- **Highest degree of its monomials (individual terms) with non-zero coefficients**

- the degree of polynomial

$$p(x,y)=w_1x^{a_1}y^{b_1}+ w_2x^{a_2}y^{b_2}+ \dots+ w_nx^{a_n}y^{b_n}$$

is

$$\max\{a_1+b_1, a_2+b_2, \dots, a_n+b_n\}$$

for example: degree 5 polynomial for  $7x^2y^3 + 4x - 9$

# Hermite interpolation

- Hermite interpolation matches an unknown function both in observed value, and the observed value of its first  $m$  derivatives

$$\begin{array}{cccc} (x_0, y_0), & (x_1, y_1), & \dots, & (x_{n-1}, y_{n-1}), \\ (x_0, y'_0), & (x_1, y'_1), & \dots, & (x_{n-1}, y'_{n-1}), \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ (x_0, y_0^{(m)}), & (x_1, y_1^{(m)}), & \dots, & (x_{n-1}, y_{n-1}^{(m)}) \end{array}$$

- the resulting polynomial may have degree at most  $n(m+1)-1$

# Polynomial interpolation

- **Basis functions**

- An element of a particular basis for a function space
- Each element is independent of other elements (think about the basis vector)
- Basis function is also called blending function in numerical analysis and approximation theory
- Every continuous function in the function space can be represented as a linear combination of the basis functions

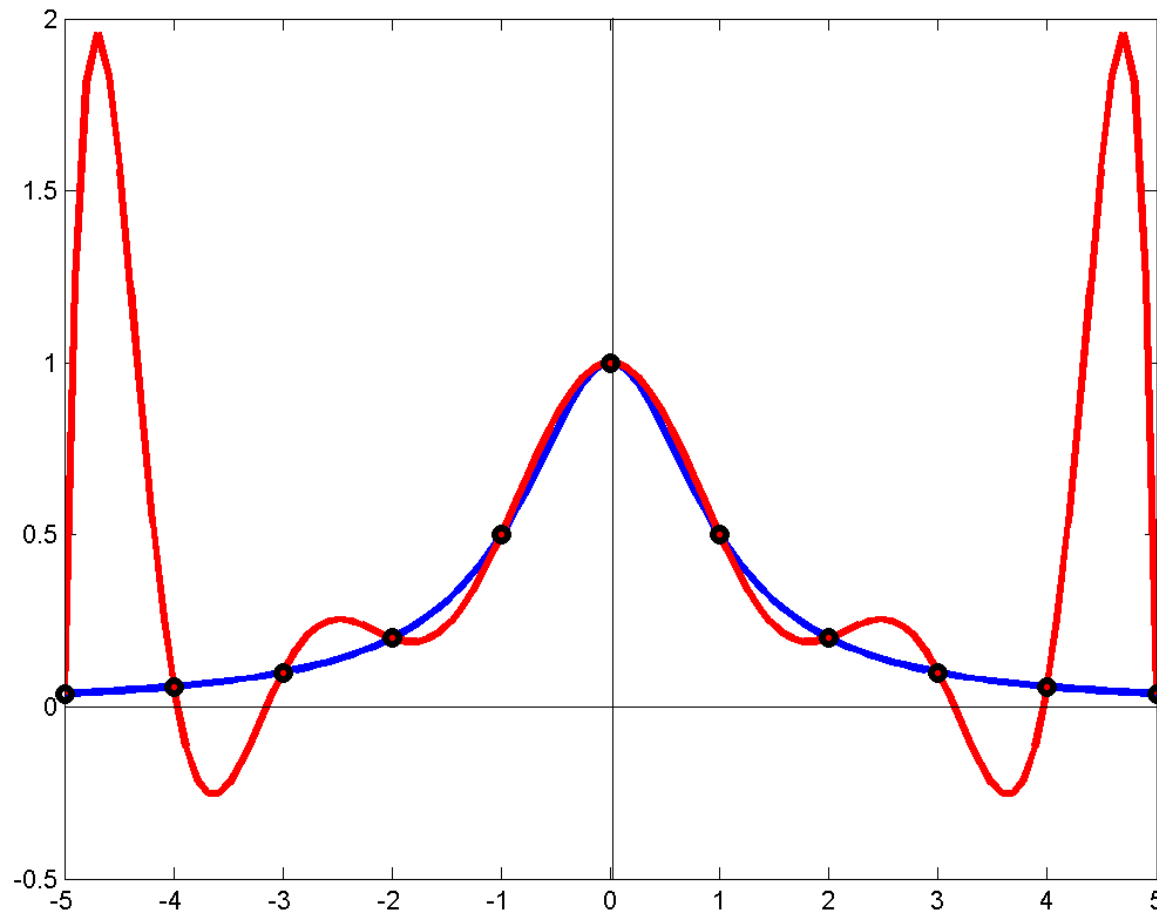
$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_i \omega_i \phi_i(\mathbf{x})$$

- Function space: the space of functions that can be generated by basis functions with linear blending

# Polynomial interpolation

- **Runge phenomena**

- a problem of oscillation in between the interpolation points
- when using polynomial interpolation with high degree

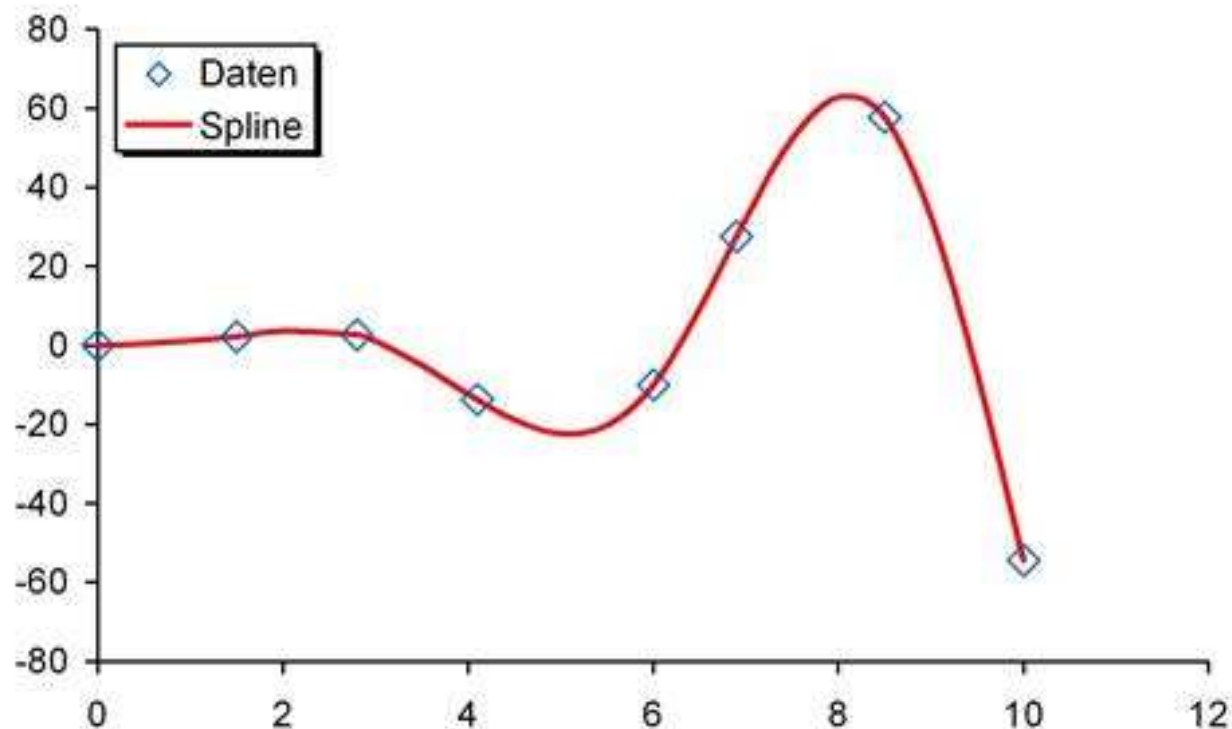


## **2.2. Spline interpolation**



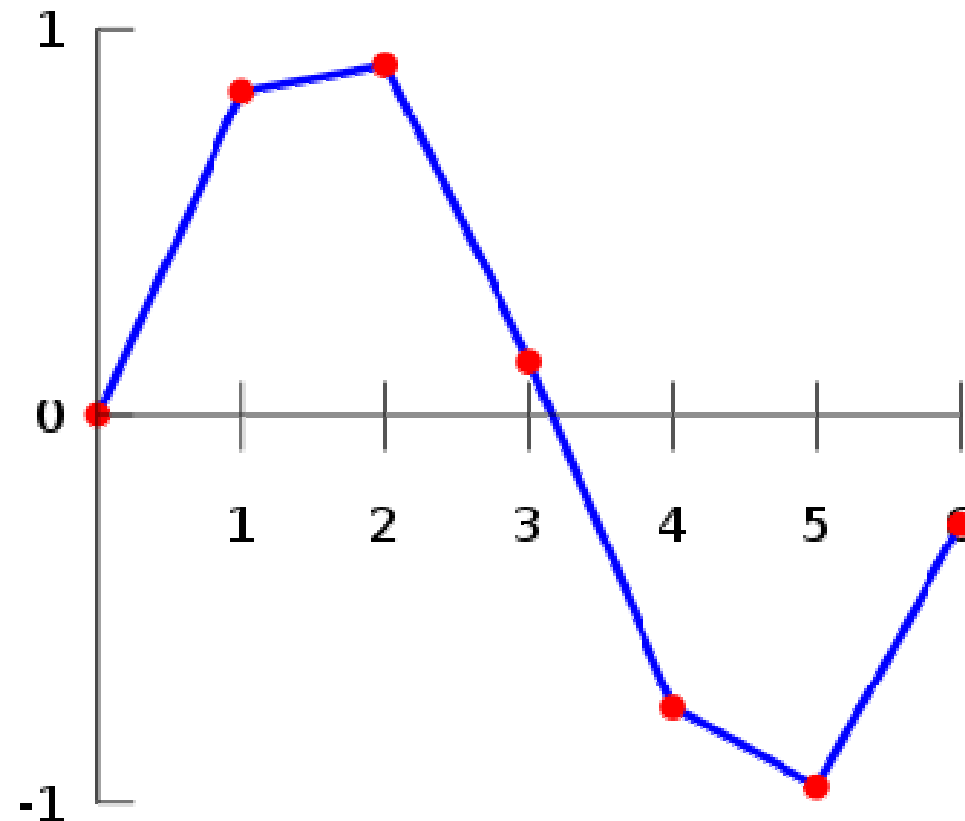
# Spline

- A spline is a special function defined piecewise by polynomials of low degree
  - avoid Runge's phenomenon for more sample points
  - originally, high-degree polynomials should be used



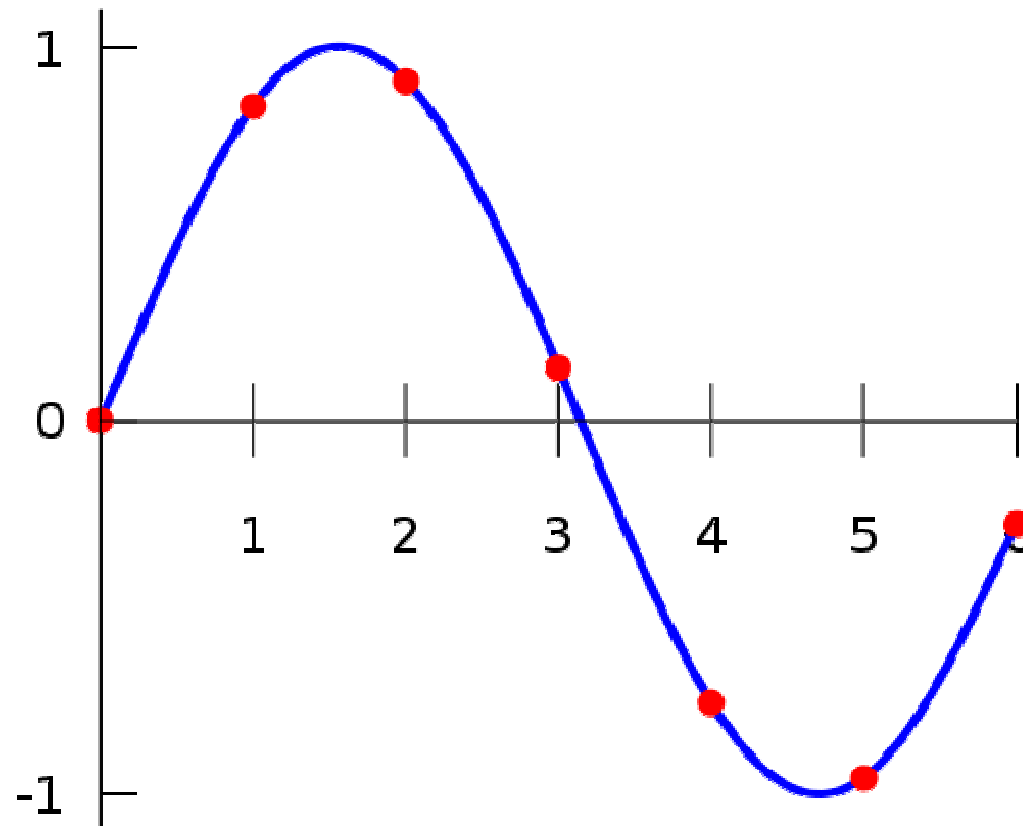
# Spline

- **Piecewise linear spline**
  - the interpolation function is piecewise defined by linear functions (lines)



# Spline

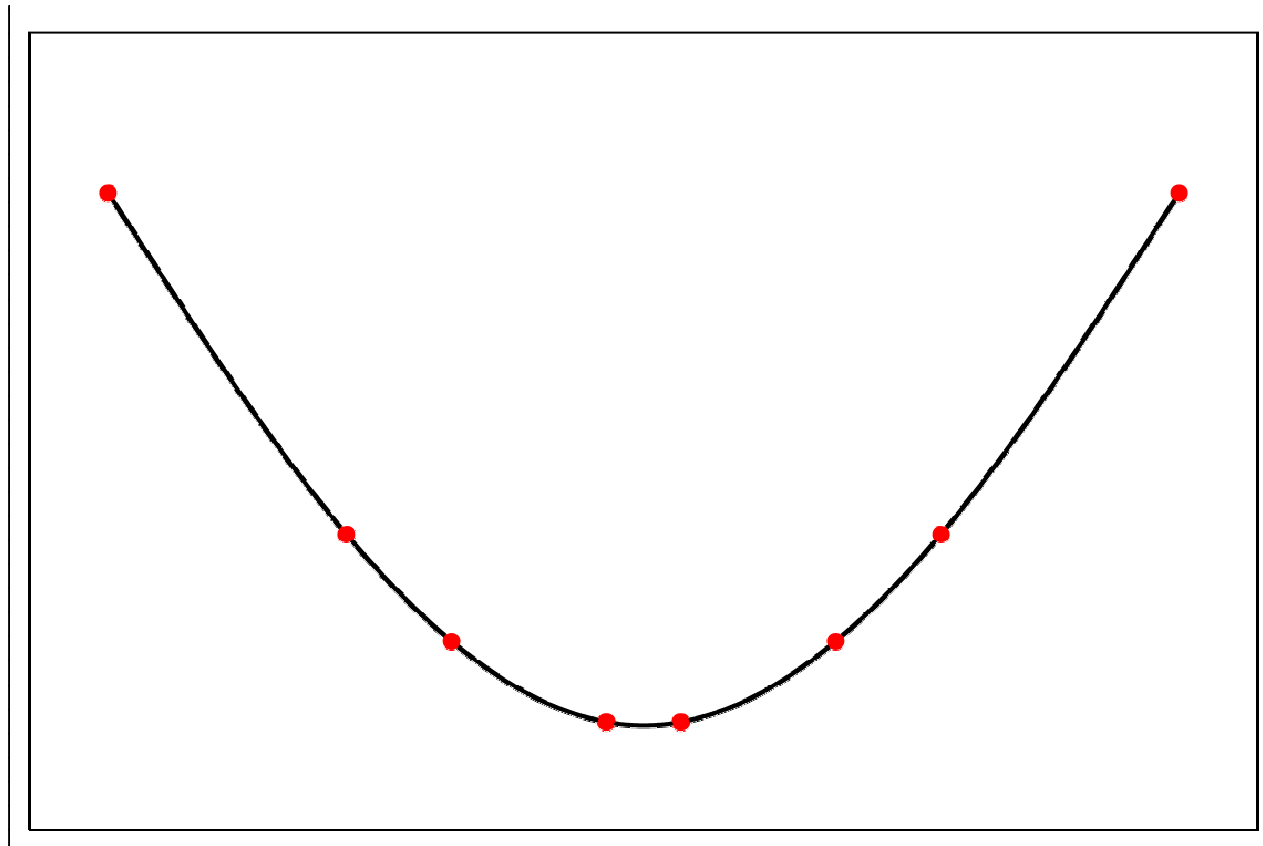
- **Piecewise quadratic spline**
  - the interpolation function is piecewise defined by quadratic polynomials



# Spline

- **Piecewise cubic spline**

- The interpolation function is piecewise defined by cubic polynomials



# Cubic spline interpolation

- **A cubic polynomial**

$$p(x) = a + bx + cx^2 + dx^3$$

- specified by 4 coefficients
- twice continuously differentiable
- has the flexibility to satisfy general types of boundary conditions
- while the spline may agree with  $f(x)$  at the nodes, we cannot guarantee that the derivatives of the spline agree with the derivatives of  $f$

# Cubic spline interpolation

- Given a function  $f(x)$  defined on  $[a, b]$  and a set of nodes

$$a = x_0 < x_1 < x_2 < \cdots < x_n = b,$$

- A cubic spline interpolant,  $S$ , for  $f$  is a piecewise cubic polynomial,  $S_j$  on  $[x_j; x_{j+1}]$  for  $j = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$

$$S(x) = \begin{cases} a_0 + b_0(x - x_0) + c_0(x - x_0)^2 + d_0(x - x_0)^3 & \text{if } x_0 \leq x \leq x_1 \\ a_1 + b_1(x - x_1) + c_1(x - x_1)^2 + d_1(x - x_1)^3 & \text{if } x_1 \leq x \leq x_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ a_j + b_j(x - x_j) + c_j(x - x_j)^2 + d_j(x - x_j)^3 & \text{if } x_j \leq x \leq x_{j+1} \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ a_{n-1} + b_{n-1}(x - x_{n-1}) + c_{n-1}(x - x_{n-1})^2 + d_{n-1}(x - x_{n-1})^3 & \text{if } x_{n-1} \leq x \leq x_n \end{cases}$$

# Cubic spline interpolation

- The cubic spline interpolant will have the following properties:
  - $S(x_j) = f(x_j)$  for  $j = 0, 1, \dots, n$ .
  - $S_j(x_{j+1}) = S_{j+1}(x_{j+1})$  for  $j = 0, 1, \dots, n-2$ .
  - $S'_j(x_{j+1}) = S'_{j+1}(x_{j+1})$  for  $j = 0, 1, \dots, n-2$ .
  - $S''_j(x_{j+1}) = S''_{j+1}(x_{j+1})$  for  $j = 0, 1, \dots, n-2$ .
  - One of the following boundary conditions (BCs) is satisfied:
    - $S''(x_0) = S''(x_n) = 0$  (**free** or **natural** BCs).
    - $S'(x_0) = f'(x_0)$  and  $S'(x_n) = f'(x_n)$  (**clamped** BCs).

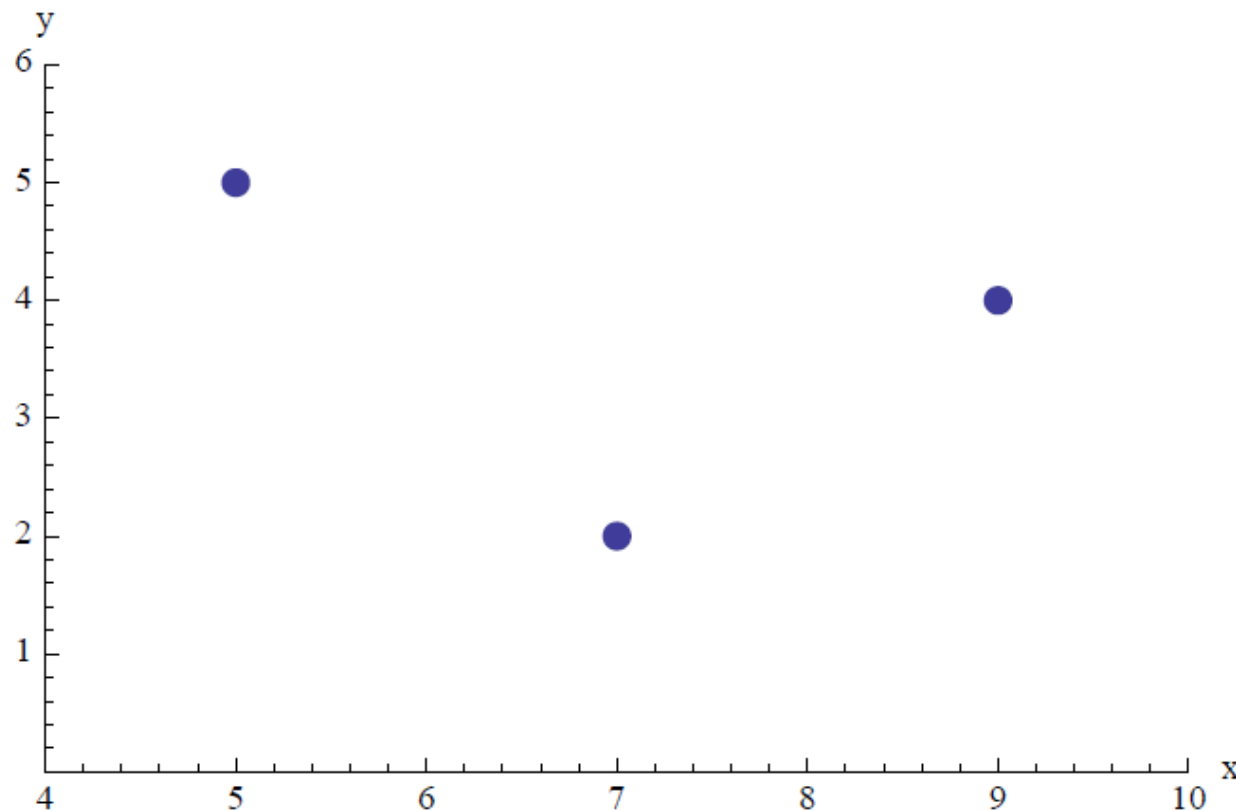
# Cubic spline interpolation

- **Example**

Construct a piecewise cubic spline interpolant for the curve passing through

$$\{(5, 5), (7, 2), (9, 4)\},$$

with natural boundary conditions.





# Cubic spline interpolation

- This will require two cubics:

$$S_0(x) = a_0 + b_0(x - 5) + c_0(x - 5)^2 + d_0(x - 5)^3$$

$$S_1(x) = a_1 + b_1(x - 7) + c_1(x - 7)^2 + d_1(x - 7)^3$$

- Since there are 8 coefficients, we must derive 8 equations to solve.
- The splines must agree with the function (the y-coordinates) at the nodes (the x-coordinates)

$$5 = S_0(5) = a_0$$

$$2 = S_0(7) = a_0 + 2b_0 + 4c_0 + 8d_0$$

$$2 = S_1(7) = a_1$$

$$4 = S_1(9) = a_1 + 2b_1 + 4c_1 + 8d_1$$

# Cubic spline interpolation

- The first and second derivatives of the cubics must agree at their shared node  $x = 7$ :

$$\begin{aligned}S'_0(7) &= b_0 + 4c_0 + 12d_0 = b_1 = S'_1(7) \\S''_0(7) &= 2c_0 + 12d_0 = 2c_1 = S''_1(7)\end{aligned}$$

- The final two equations come from the natural boundary conditions:

$$\begin{aligned}S''_0(5) &= 0 = 2c_0 \\S''_1(9) &= 0 = 2c_1 + 12d_1\end{aligned}$$

# Cubic spline interpolation

- **Solving a linear equation system**
  - all eight linear equations together form the system
  - note that the system is generally sparse

$$5 = a_0$$

$$2 = a_0 + 2b_0 + 4c_0 + 8d_0$$

$$2 = a_1$$

$$4 = a_1 + 2b_1 + 4c_1 + 8d_1$$

$$0 = b_0 + 4c_0 + 12d_0 - b_1$$

$$0 = 2c_0 + 12d_0 - 2c_1$$

$$0 = 2c_0$$

$$0 = 2c_1 + 12d_1$$

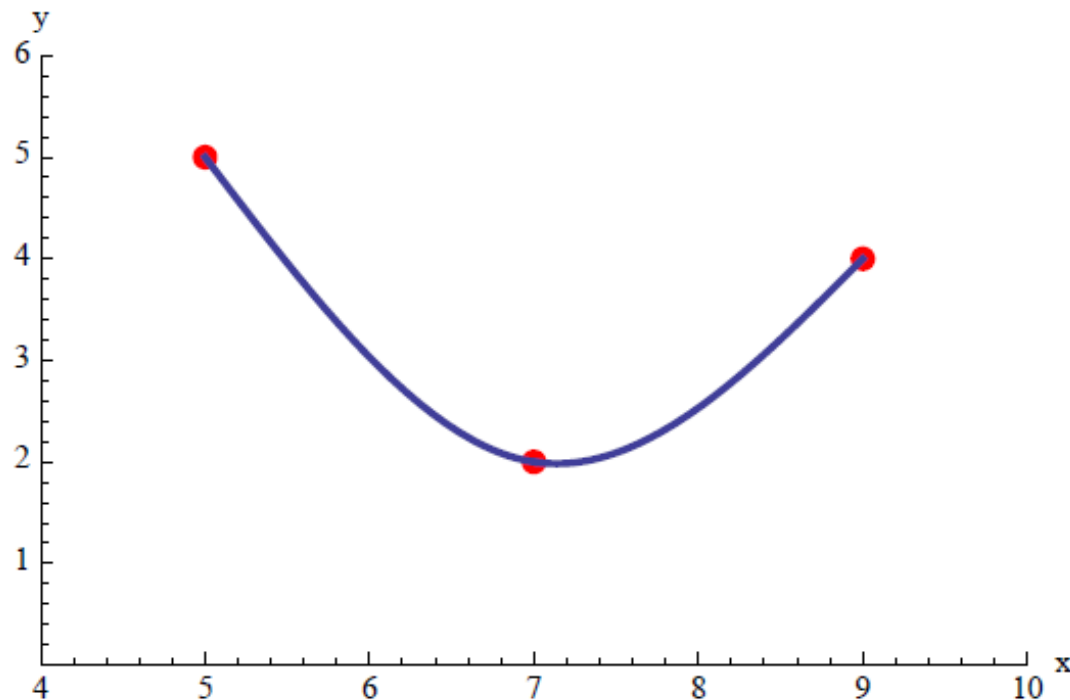


$i$	$a_i$	$b_i$	$c_i$	$d_i$
0	5	$-\frac{17}{8}$	0	$\frac{5}{32}$
1	2	$-\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{15}{16}$	$-\frac{5}{32}$

# Cubic spline interpolation

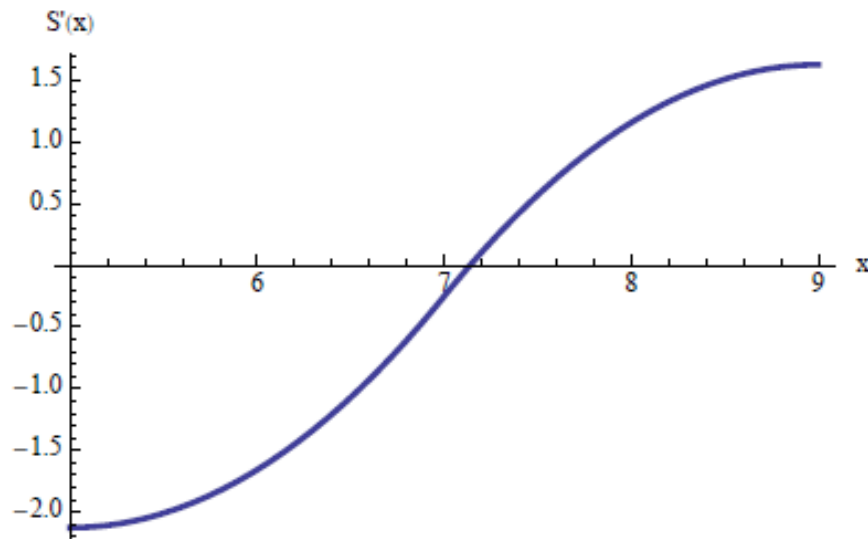
- The natural cubic spline can be expressed as:

$$S(x) = \begin{cases} 5 - \frac{17}{8}(x - 5) + \frac{5}{32}(x - 5)^3 & \text{if } 5 \leq x \leq 7 \\ 2 - \frac{1}{4}(x - 7) + \frac{15}{16}(x - 7)^2 - \frac{5}{32}(x - 7)^3 & \text{if } 7 \leq x \leq 9 \end{cases}$$

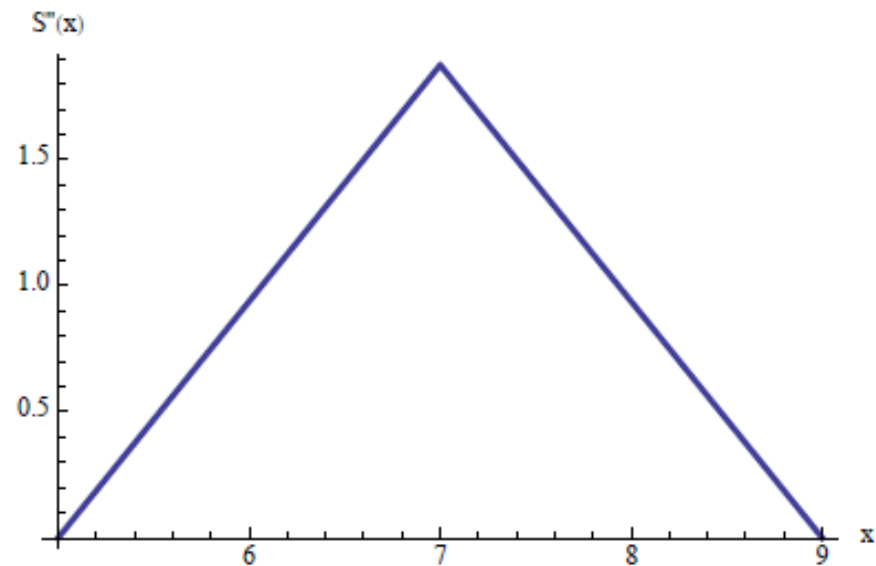


# Cubic spline interpolation

- We can verify the continuity of the first and second derivatives from the following graphs



First derivative



Second derivative

# Cubic spline interpolation

- **General construction process**

Given  $n + 1$  nodal/data values:

$\{(x_0, f(x_0)), (x_1, f(x_1)), \dots, (x_n, f(x_n))\}$  we will create  $n$  cubic polynomials.

For  $j = 0, 1, \dots, n - 1$  assume

$$S_j(x) = a_j + b_j(x - x_j) + c_j(x - x_j)^2 + d_j(x - x_j)^3.$$

We must find  $a_j, b_j, c_j$  and  $d_j$  (a total of  $4n$  unknowns) subject to the conditions specified in the definition.

# Cubic spline interpolation

- **Redefinition of equations**

Let  $h_j = x_{j+1} - x_j$  then

$$S_j(x_j) = a_j = f(x_j)$$

$$S_{j+1}(x_{j+1}) = a_{j+1} = S_j(x_{j+1}) = a_j + b_j h_j + c_j h_j^2 + d_j h_j^3.$$

So far we know  $a_j$  for  $j = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$  and have  $n$  equations and  $3n$  unknowns.

$$a_1 = a_0 + b_0 h_0 + c_0 h_0^2 + d_0 h_0^3$$

$$\vdots$$

$$a_{j+1} = a_j + b_j h_j + c_j h_j^2 + d_j h_j^3$$

$$\vdots$$

$$a_n = a_{n-1} + b_{n-1} h_{n-1} + c_{n-1} h_{n-1}^2 + d_{n-1} h_{n-1}^3$$

# Cubic spline interpolation

- **First derivative relations**

- The continuity of the first derivative at the nodal points produces  $n$  more equations

For  $j = 0, 1, \dots, n - 1$  we have

$$S'_j(x) = b_j + 2c_j(x - x_j) + 3d_j(x - x_j)^2.$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} S'_j(x_j) &= b_j \\ S'_{j+1}(x_{j+1}) &= b_{j+1} = S'_j(x_{j+1}) = b_j + 2c_j h_j + 3d_j h_j^2 \end{aligned}$$

Now we have  $2n$  equations and  $3n$  unknowns.



# Cubic spline interpolation

- Equations derived so far

$$a_{j+1} = a_j + b_j h_j + c_j h_j^2 + d_j h_j^3 \quad (\text{for } j = 0, 1, \dots, n-1)$$

$$b_1 = b_0 + 2c_0 h_0 + 3d_0 h_0^2$$

$$\vdots$$

$$b_{j+1} = b_j + 2c_j h_j + 3d_j h_j^2$$

$$\vdots$$

$$b_n = b_{n-1} + 2c_{n-1} h_{n-1} + 3d_{n-1} h_{n-1}^2$$

The unknowns are  $b_j$ ,  $c_j$ , and  $d_j$  for  $j = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$ .

# Cubic spline interpolation

- **Second derivative relations**

- The continuity of the second derivative at the nodal points produces  $n$  more equations

For  $j = 0, 1, \dots, n - 1$  we have

$$S_j''(x) = 2c_j + 6d_j(x - x_j).$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} S_j''(x_j) &= 2c_j \\ S_{j+1}''(x_{j+1}) &= 2c_{j+1} = S_j''(x_{j+1}) = 2c_j + 6d_j h_j \end{aligned}$$

Now we have  $3n$  equations and  $3n$  unknowns.

# Cubic spline interpolation

- Summary of equations

$$a_{j+1} = a_j + b_j h_j + c_j h_j^2 + d_j h_j^3$$

$$b_{j+1} = b_j + 2c_j h_j + 3d_j h_j^2$$

$$c_{j+1} = c_j + 3d_j h_j.$$

**Note:** The quantities  $a_j$  and  $h_j$  are known.

Solve the third equation for  $d_j$  and substitute into the other two equations.

$$d_j = \frac{c_{j+1} - c_j}{3h_j}$$

# Cubic spline interpolation

- Substitution

$$\begin{aligned} a_{j+1} &= a_j + b_j h_j + c_j h_j^2 + \left( \frac{c_{j+1} - c_j}{3h_j} \right) h_j^3 \\ d_j = \frac{c_{j+1} - c_j}{3h_j} &\quad \longrightarrow \quad = a_j + b_j h_j + \frac{h_j^2}{3} (2c_j + c_{j+1}) \\ b_{j+1} &= b_j + 2c_j h_j + 3 \left( \frac{c_{j+1} - c_j}{3h_j} \right) h_j^2 \\ &= b_j + h_j (c_j + c_{j+1}) \end{aligned}$$

Solve the first equation for  $b_j$ .

$$b_j = \frac{1}{h_j} (a_{j+1} - a_j) - \frac{h_j}{3} (2c_j + c_{j+1})$$

# Cubic spline interpolation

- **Substitution**

Replace index  $j$  by  $j - 1$  to obtain

$$b_{j-1} = \frac{1}{h_{j-1}}(a_j - a_{j-1}) - \frac{h_{j-1}}{3}(2c_{j-1} + c_j).$$

We can also re-index the earlier equation

$$b_{j+1} = b_j + h_j(c_j + c_{j+1})$$

to obtain

$$b_j = b_{j-1} + h_{j-1}(c_{j-1} + c_j).$$

Substitute the equations for  $b_{j-1}$  and  $b_j$  into the remaining equation. This step eliminate  $n$  equations of the first type.

# Cubic spline interpolation

- **Substitution**

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{h_j}(a_{j+1} - a_j) - \frac{h_j}{3}(2c_j + c_{j+1}) \\ = \frac{1}{h_{j-1}}(a_j - a_{j-1}) - \frac{h_{j-1}}{3}(2c_{j-1} + c_j) + h_{j-1}(c_{j-1} + c_j) \end{aligned}$$

Collect all terms involving  $c$  to one side.

$$h_{j-1}c_{j-1} + 2c_j(h_{j-1} + h_j) + h_jc_{j+1} = \frac{3}{h_j}(a_{j+1} - a_j) - \frac{3}{h_{j-1}}(a_j - a_{j-1})$$

for  $j = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$ .

**Remark:** we have  $n-1$  equations and  $n+1$  unknowns.

If  $S''(x_0) = S''_0(x_0) = 2c_0 = 0$  then  $c_0 = 0$  and if  
 $S''(x_n) = S''_{n-1}(x_n) = 2c_n = 0$  then  $c_n = 0$ .

# Cubic spline interpolation

- In matrix form, the system of  $n + 1$  equations has the form  $Ac = y$  where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ h_0 & 2(h_0 + h_1) & h_1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & h_1 & 2(h_1 + h_2) & h_2 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & h_{n-2} & 2(h_{n-2} + h_{n-1}) & h_{n-1} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$y = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{3}{h_1}(a_2 - a_1) - \frac{3}{h_0}(a_1 - a_0) \\ \frac{3}{h_2}(a_3 - a_2) - \frac{3}{h_1}(a_2 - a_1) \\ \vdots \\ \frac{3}{h_{n-1}}(a_n - a_{n-1}) - \frac{3}{h_{n-2}}(a_{n-1} - a_{n-2}) \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Note:**  $A$  is a tridiagonal matrix

# Cubic spline interpolation

- Solve the linear equation system

$$A \begin{bmatrix} c_0 \\ c_1 \\ c_2 \\ \vdots \\ c_{n-1} \\ c_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{3}{h_1}(a_2 - a_1) - \frac{3}{h_0}(a_1 - a_0) \\ \frac{3}{h_2}(a_3 - a_2) - \frac{3}{h_1}(a_2 - a_1) \\ \vdots \\ \frac{3}{h_{n-1}}(a_n - a_{n-1}) - \frac{3}{h_{n-2}}(a_{n-1} - a_{n-2}) \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

We solve this linear system of equations using a common algorithm for handling tridiagonal systems

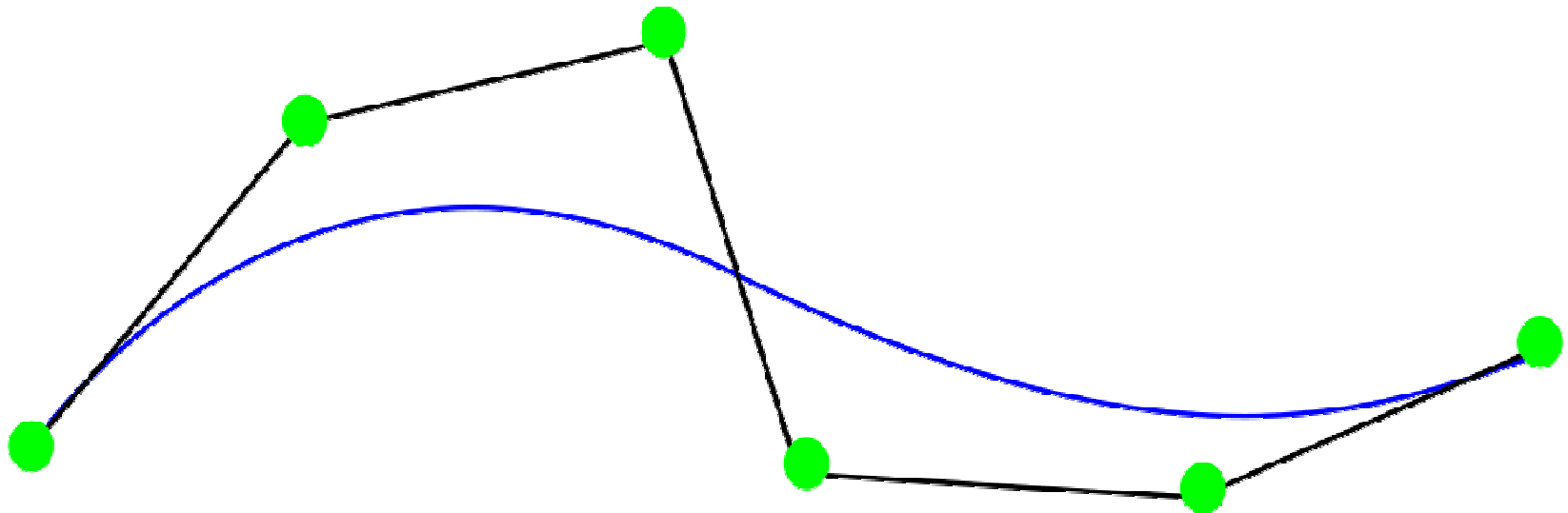
*Note that such a process is not quite computationally efficient if the number of sample points is large!!*



## **2.3. Approximating polynomials**

# Polynomial approximation

- **The polynomials are generated by control points**
  - the curve does not necessarily pass through control points
  - control points are used to control the shape of the curve



## 2.3.1. Bézier curve

# Bernstein polynomial

- **Bernstein polynomial**

- the  $n + 1$  Bernstein basis polynomials of degree  $n$  are defined as:

$$b_{\nu,n}(x) = \binom{n}{\nu} x^{\nu} (1 - x)^{n-\nu}, \quad \nu = 0, \dots, n.$$

- A linear combination of Bernstein basis polynomials:

$$B_n(x) = \sum_{\nu=0}^n \beta_{\nu} b_{\nu,n}(x)$$

# Bernstein polynomial

- The first a few Bernstein basis polynomials are:

$$b_{0,0}(x) = 1,$$

$$b_{0,1}(x) = 1 - x, \quad b_{1,1}(x) = x$$

$$b_{0,2}(x) = (1 - x)^2, \quad b_{1,2}(x) = 2x(1 - x), \quad b_{2,2}(x) = x^2$$

$$b_{0,3}(x) = (1 - x)^3, \quad b_{1,3}(x) = 3x(1 - x)^2, \quad b_{2,3}(x) = 3x^2(1 - x), \quad b_{3,3}(x) = x^3$$

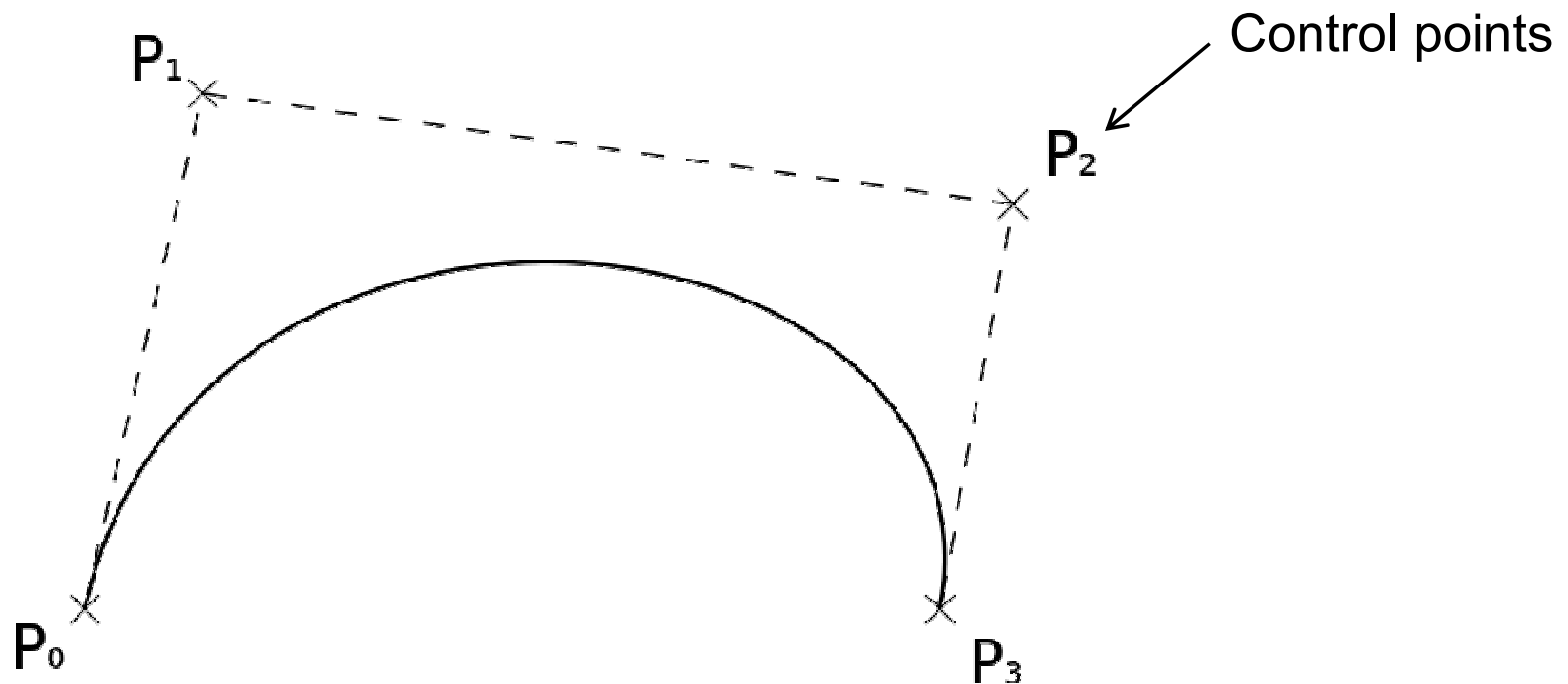
- Approximating continuous functions

– let  $f$  be a continuous function on the interval  $[0, 1]$

$$B_n(f)(x) = \sum_{\nu=0}^n f\left(\frac{\nu}{n}\right) b_{\nu,n}(x) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} B_n(f)(x) = f(x)$$

# Bézier curve

- **A Bézier curve is a parametric curve**
  - used to model smooth curves that can be scaled indefinitely



# Bézier curve

- **The mathematical basis for Bézier curves — the Bernstein polynomial**
  - known since 1912
  - its applicability to graphics was not realized for another half century
  - Bézier curves were widely publicized in 1962 by the French engineer Pierre Bézier, who used them to design automobile bodies at Renault

# Bézier curve

- **Linear Bézier curves**

$$\mathbf{B}(t) = \mathbf{P}_0 + t(\mathbf{P}_1 - \mathbf{P}_0) = (1 - t)\mathbf{P}_0 + t\mathbf{P}_1, \quad 0 \leq t \leq 1$$

- **Quadratic Bézier curves**

$$\mathbf{B}(t) = (1 - t)[(1 - t)\mathbf{P}_0 + t\mathbf{P}_1] + t[(1 - t)\mathbf{P}_1 + t\mathbf{P}_2], \quad 0 \leq t \leq 1$$

$$\mathbf{B}(t) = (1 - t)^2\mathbf{P}_0 + 2(1 - t)t\mathbf{P}_1 + t^2\mathbf{P}_2, \quad 0 \leq t \leq 1$$



# Bézier curve

- **Cubic Bézier curves**

$$\mathbf{B}(t) = (1 - t)\mathbf{B}_{\mathbf{P}_0, \mathbf{P}_1, \mathbf{P}_2}(t) + t\mathbf{B}_{\mathbf{P}_1, \mathbf{P}_2, \mathbf{P}_3}(t)$$

$$\mathbf{B}(t) = (1 - t)^3\mathbf{P}_0 + 3(1 - t)^2t\mathbf{P}_1 + 3(1 - t)t^2\mathbf{P}_2 + t^3\mathbf{P}_3, \quad 0 \leq t \leq 1$$

- **General definition**

- recursive definition

$$\mathbf{B}_{\mathbf{P}_0}(t) = \mathbf{P}_0, \text{ and}$$

$$\mathbf{B}(t) = \mathbf{B}_{\mathbf{P}_0 \mathbf{P}_1 \dots \mathbf{P}_n}(t) = (1 - t)\mathbf{B}_{\mathbf{P}_0 \mathbf{P}_1 \dots \mathbf{P}_{n-1}}(t) + t\mathbf{B}_{\mathbf{P}_1 \mathbf{P}_2 \dots \mathbf{P}_n}(t)$$

# Bézier curve

- **General definition**

- explicit definition

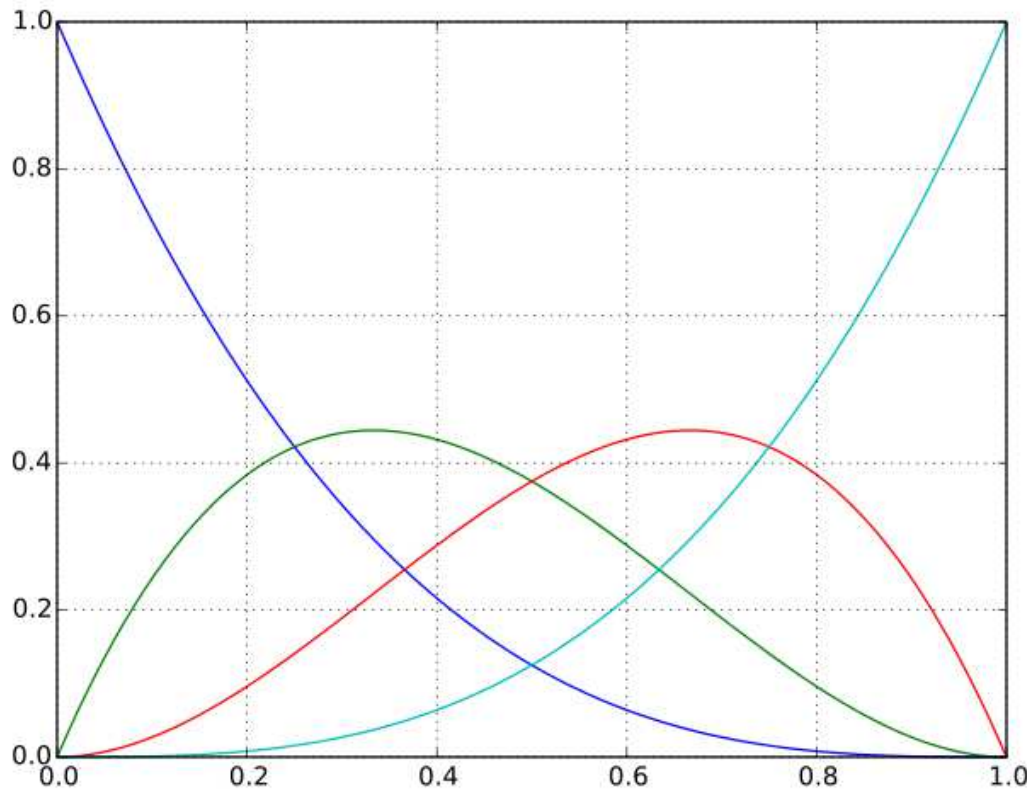
$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{B}(t) &= \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} (1-t)^{n-i} t^i \mathbf{P}_i \\ &= (1-t)^n \mathbf{P}_0 + \binom{n}{1} (1-t)^{n-1} t \mathbf{P}_1 + \dots \\ &\quad \dots + \binom{n}{n-1} (1-t) t^{n-1} \mathbf{P}_{n-1} + t^n \mathbf{P}_n, \quad 0 \leq t \leq 1\end{aligned}$$

- **Representation using Bernstein polynomial**

$$\mathbf{B}(t) = \sum_{i=0}^n b_{i,n}(t) \mathbf{P}_i, \quad 0 \leq t \leq 1$$

# Bézier curve

- The basis functions on the range  $t$  in  $[0,1]$  for cubic Bézier curves



blue:  $y_0 = (1 - t)^3$

green:  $y_1 = 3(1 - t)^2 t$

red:  $y_2 = 3(1 - t) t^2$

cyan:  $y_3 = t^3$

# Bézier curve

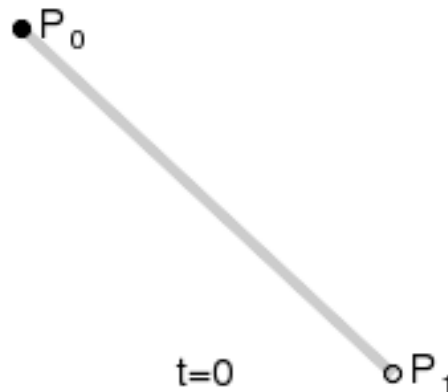
- **Evaluation**

- de Casteljau's algorithm
  - recurrence relation

$$\beta_i^{(0)} := \beta_i, \quad i = 0, \dots, n$$

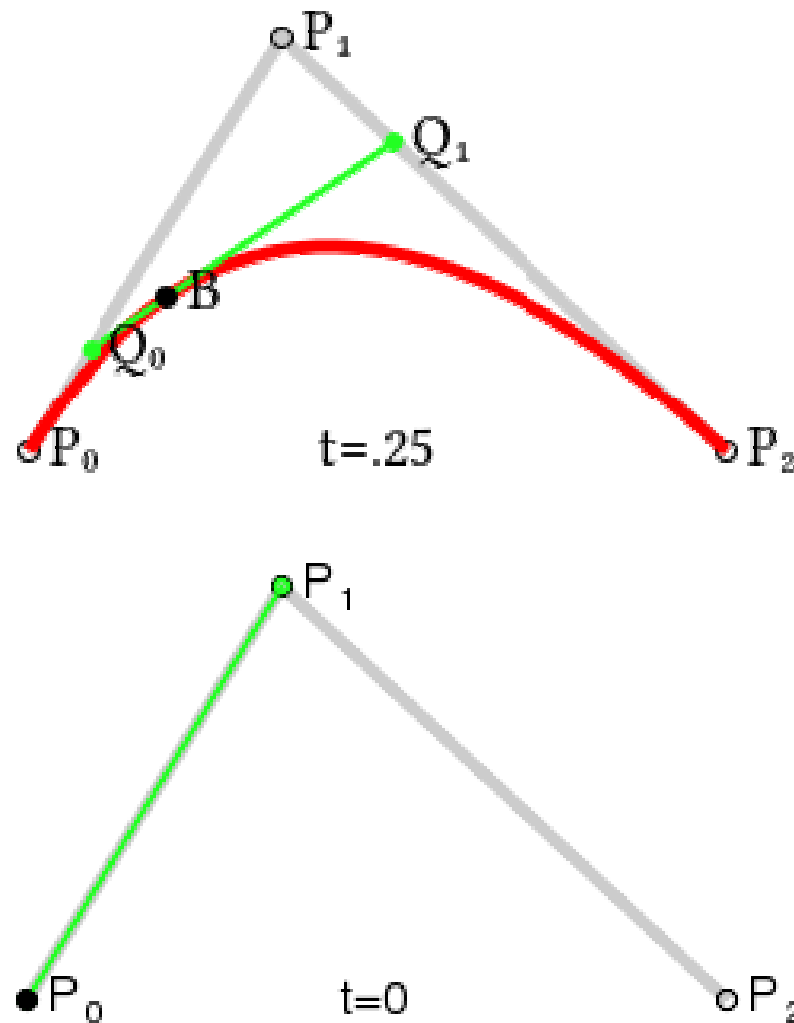
$$\beta_i^{(j)} := \beta_i^{(j-1)}(1 - t_0) + \beta_{i+1}^{(j-1)}t_0, \quad i = 0, \dots, n - j, \quad j = 1, \dots, n$$

- **Linear curves**



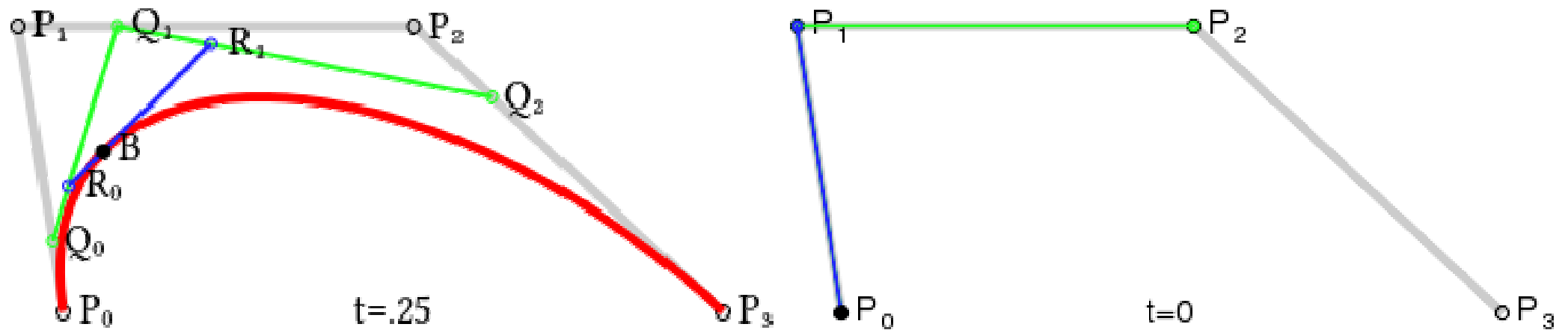
# Bézier curve

- Quadratic curves



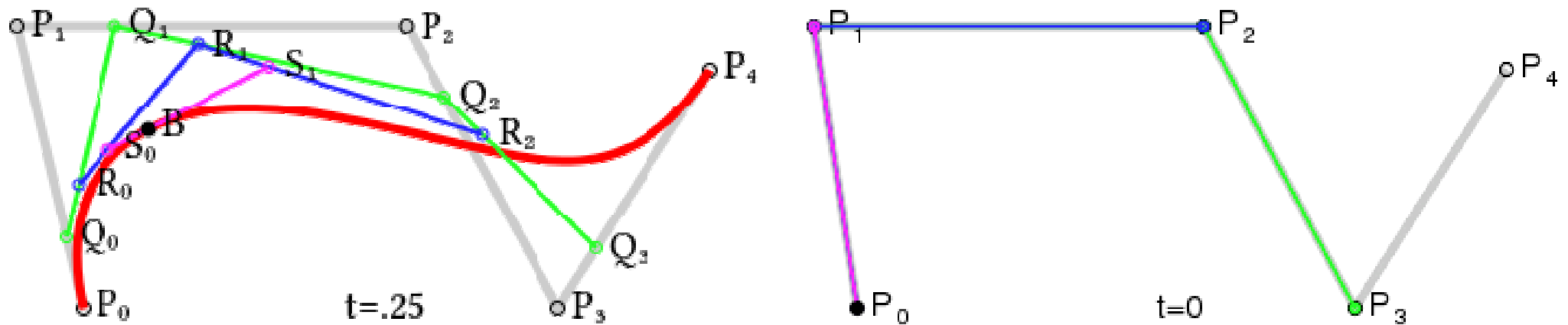
# Bézier curve

- Higher-order curves
  - cubic Bézier curve



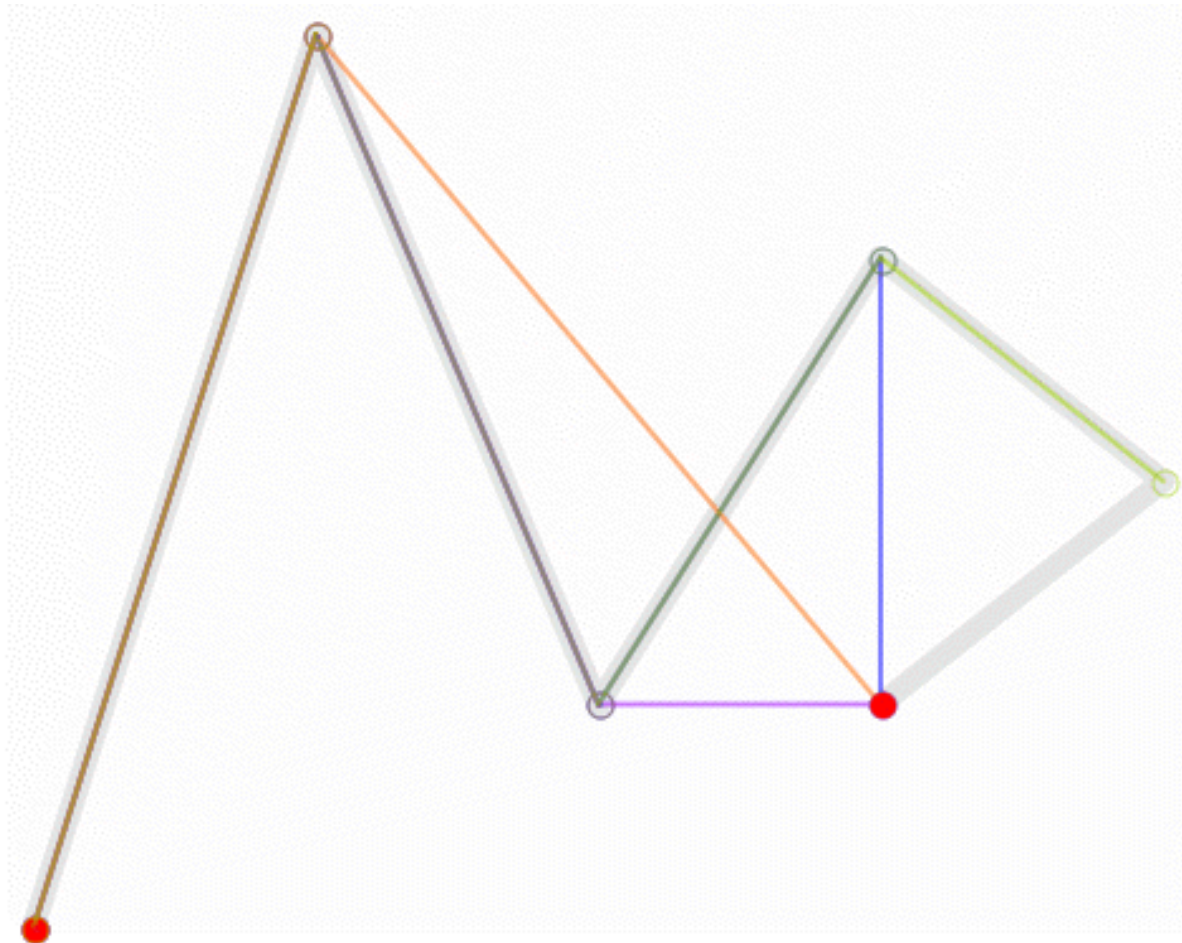
# Bézier curve

- Higher-order curves
  - fourth-order curves



# Bézier curve

- **Higher-order curves**
  - For fifth-order curves

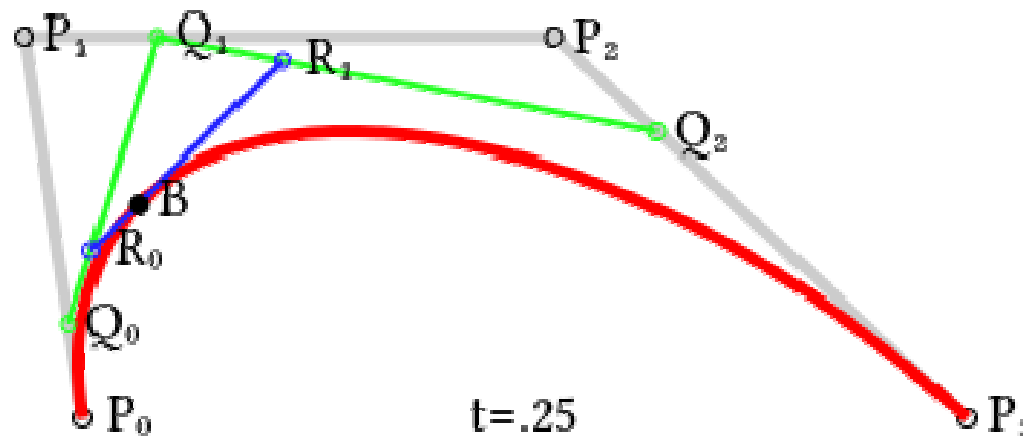




# Bézier curve

- **Computing the tangent vector**
  - the tangent can be directly obtained from the evaluation process by de Casteljau's algorithm

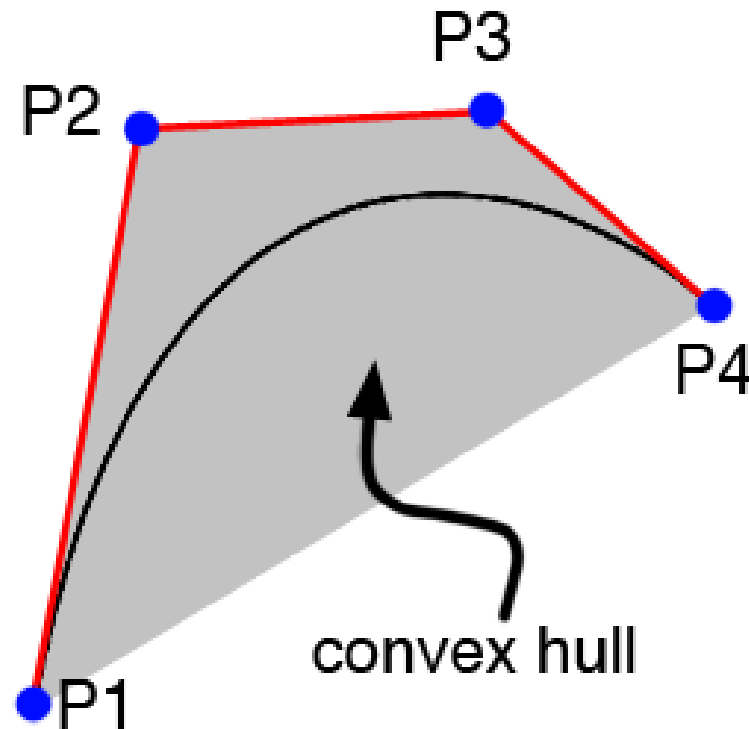
$$\mathbf{t} = \mathbf{v}_{R_0R_1} / \|\mathbf{v}_{R_0R_1}\|$$



# Bézier curve

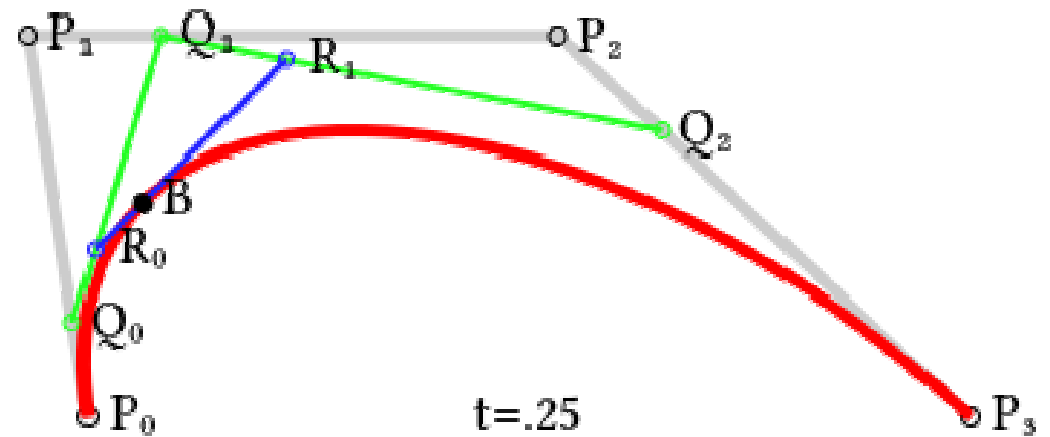
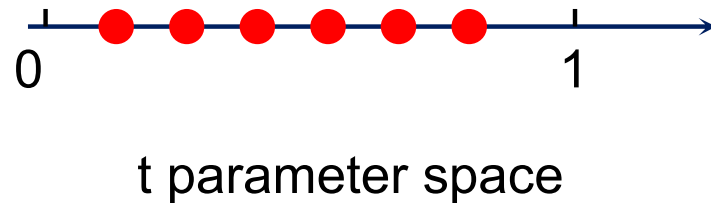
- **Convex hull**

- All Bézier curves always lie inside the convex hull
- Convex hull edges tangential to the curve at end points



# Meshing a Bézier curve

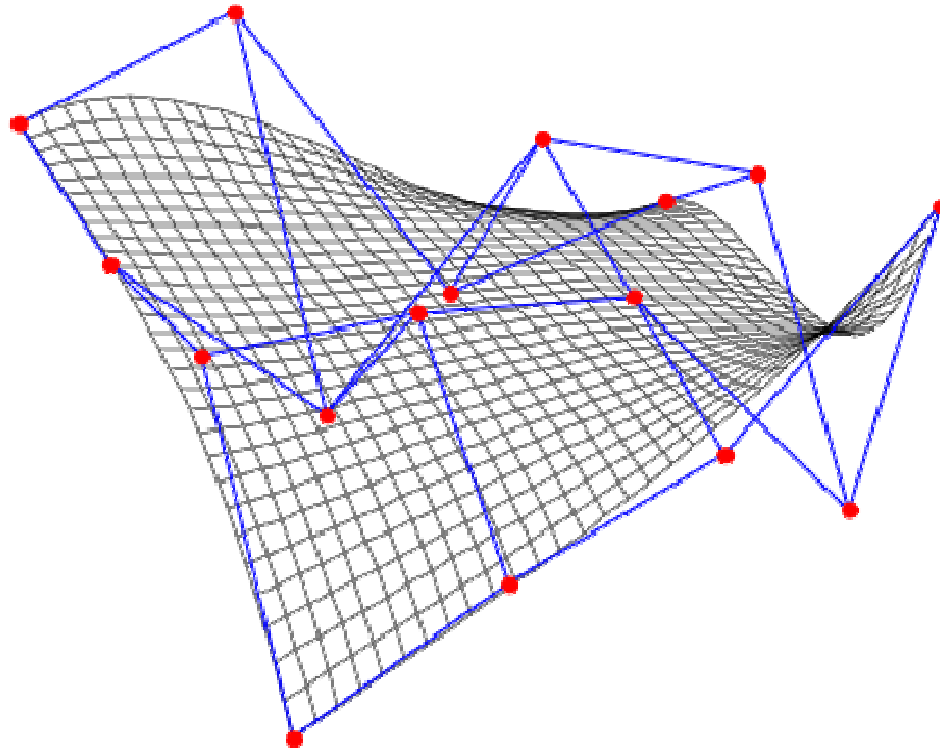
- **Meshing in parameter space**
  - Sample in parameter space and connect sample points by line segments



## **2.3.2. Bézier surface**

# Bézier surface

- A Bézier surface of degree  $(n, m)$  is defined by a set of  $(n + 1)(m + 1)$  control points  $k_{i,j}$ 
  - it maps the unit square into a smooth-continuous surface



# Bézier surface

- A two-dimensional Bézier surface can be defined as a parametric surface
  - a tensor product of 1D Bézier curve

$$\mathbf{p}(u, v) = \sum_{i=0}^n \sum_{j=0}^m B_i^n(u) B_j^m(v) \mathbf{k}_{i,j}$$

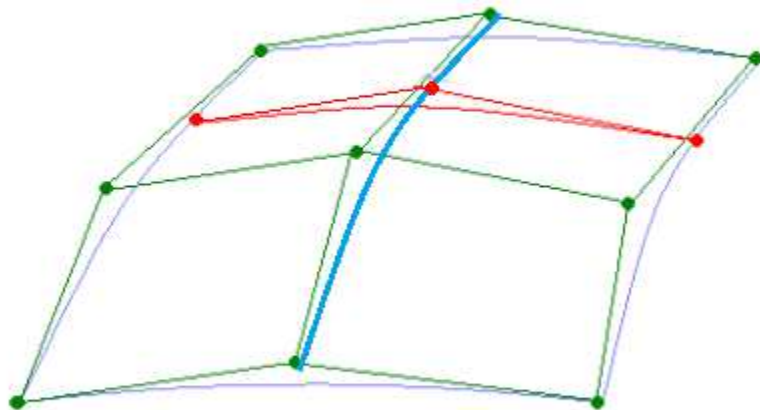
evaluated over the unit square, where:

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

# Bézier surface

- **Evaluation**

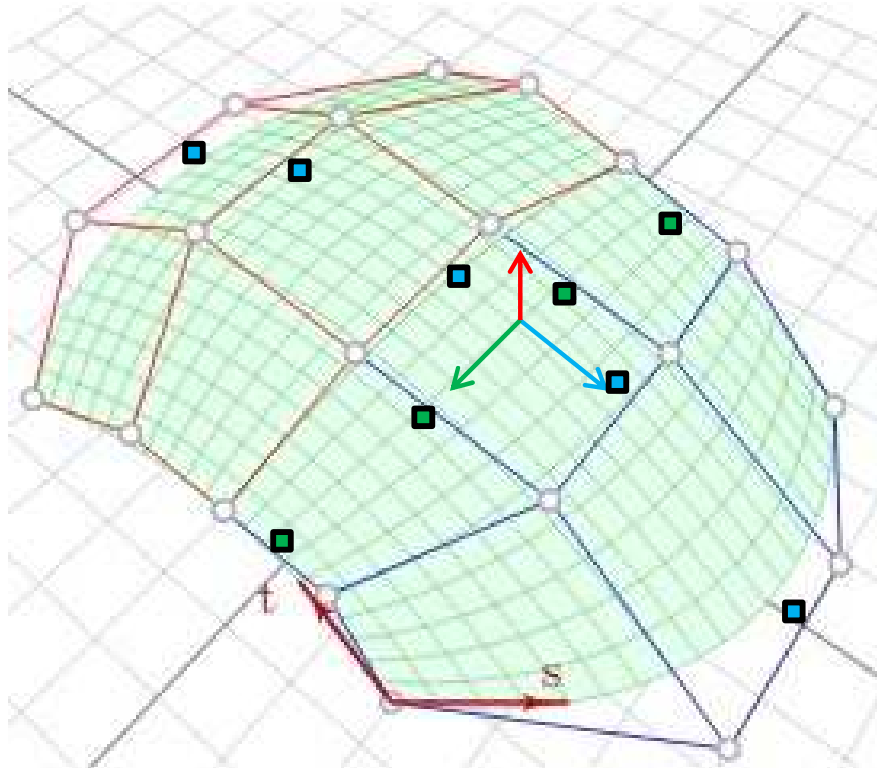
- recursively apply de Casteljau's algorithm
- first, evaluate control points by de Casteljau's algorithm along one parameter direction
- then, evaluate the final point by de Casteljau's algorithm again with the evaluated control points



$$\mathbf{p}(u, v) = \sum_{i=0}^n \sum_{j=0}^m B_i^n(u) B_j^m(v) \mathbf{k}_{i,j}$$

# Bézier surface

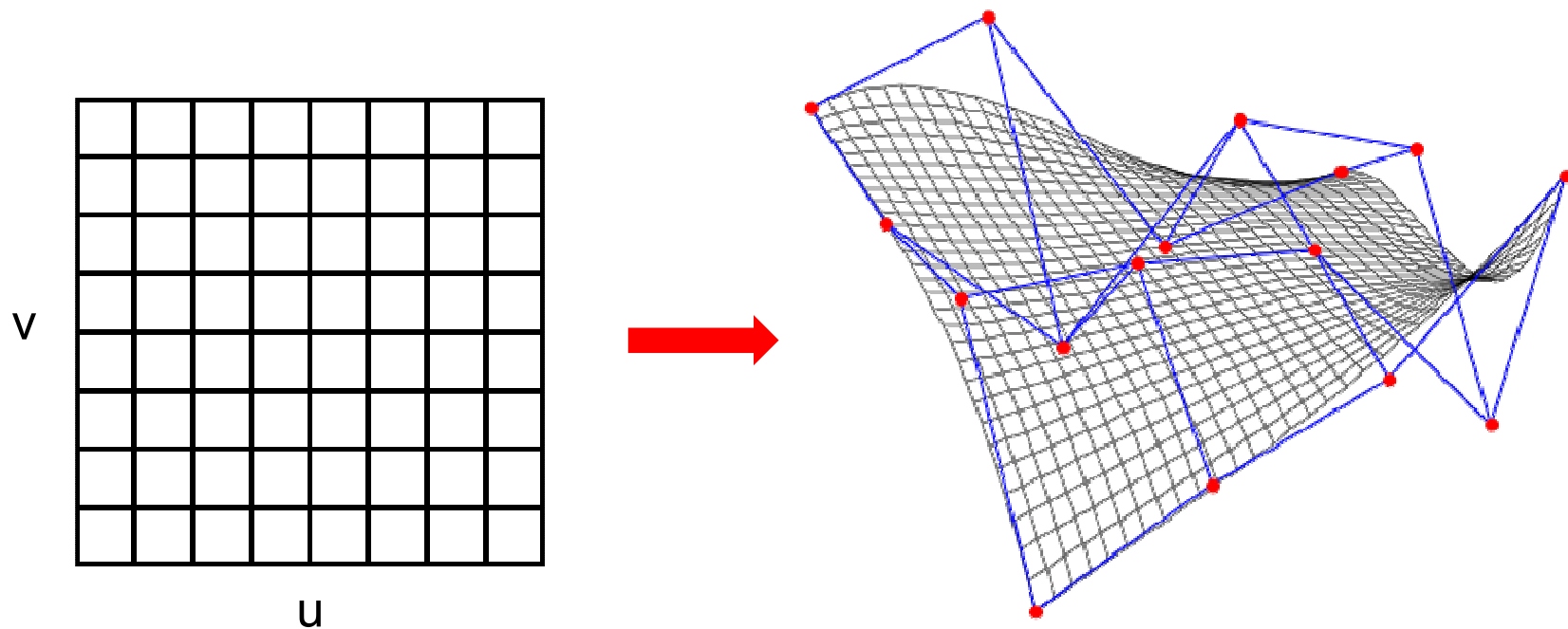
- **Computing the tangents and normal**
  - compute the tangent of two crossing Bézier curves
  - then take the cross product of these two tangents to form the normal





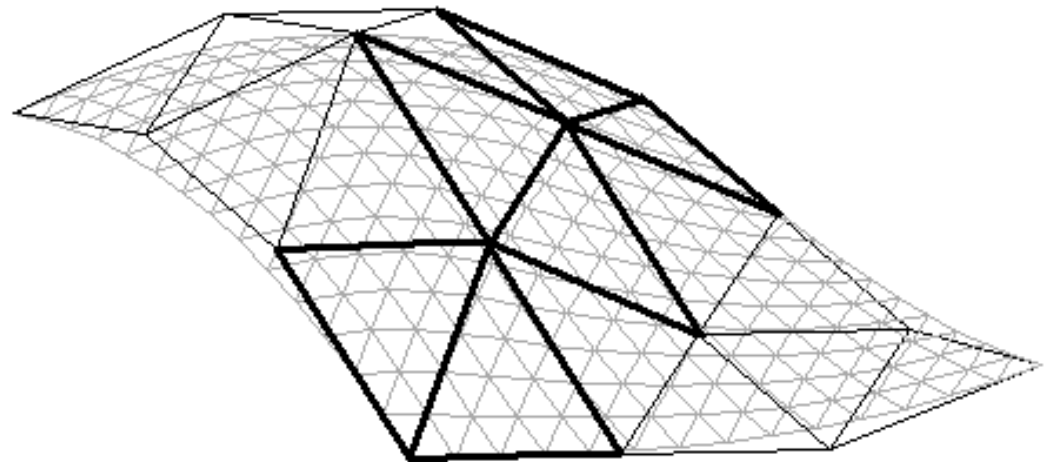
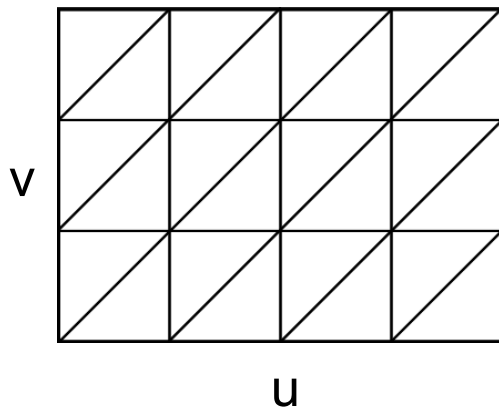
# Meshing a Bézier surface

- **Meshing in parameter space**
  - gridding in  $u,v$  parameter space



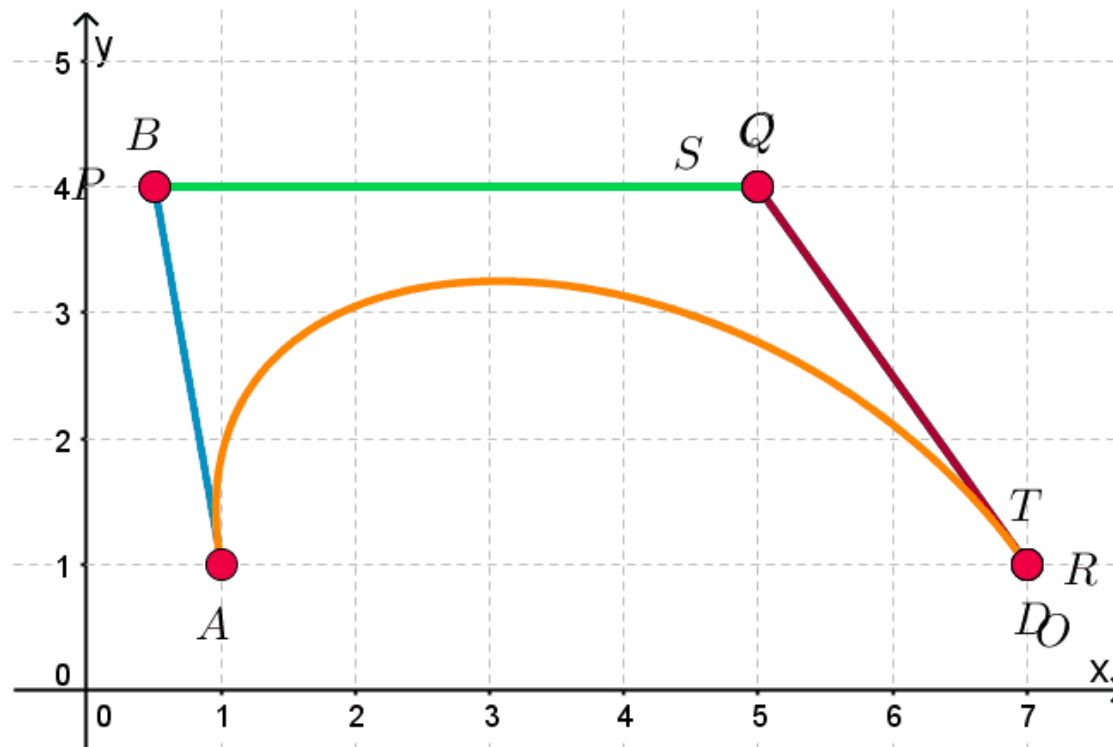
# Meshing a Bézier surface

- **Meshing in parameter space**
  - triangulation in  $u,v$  parameter space



# Problem of Bézier curve/surface

- **Change of local control points**
  - affect the whole curve/surface
  - change the shape of the whole curve/surface
  - require re-evaluation of the whole curve/surface

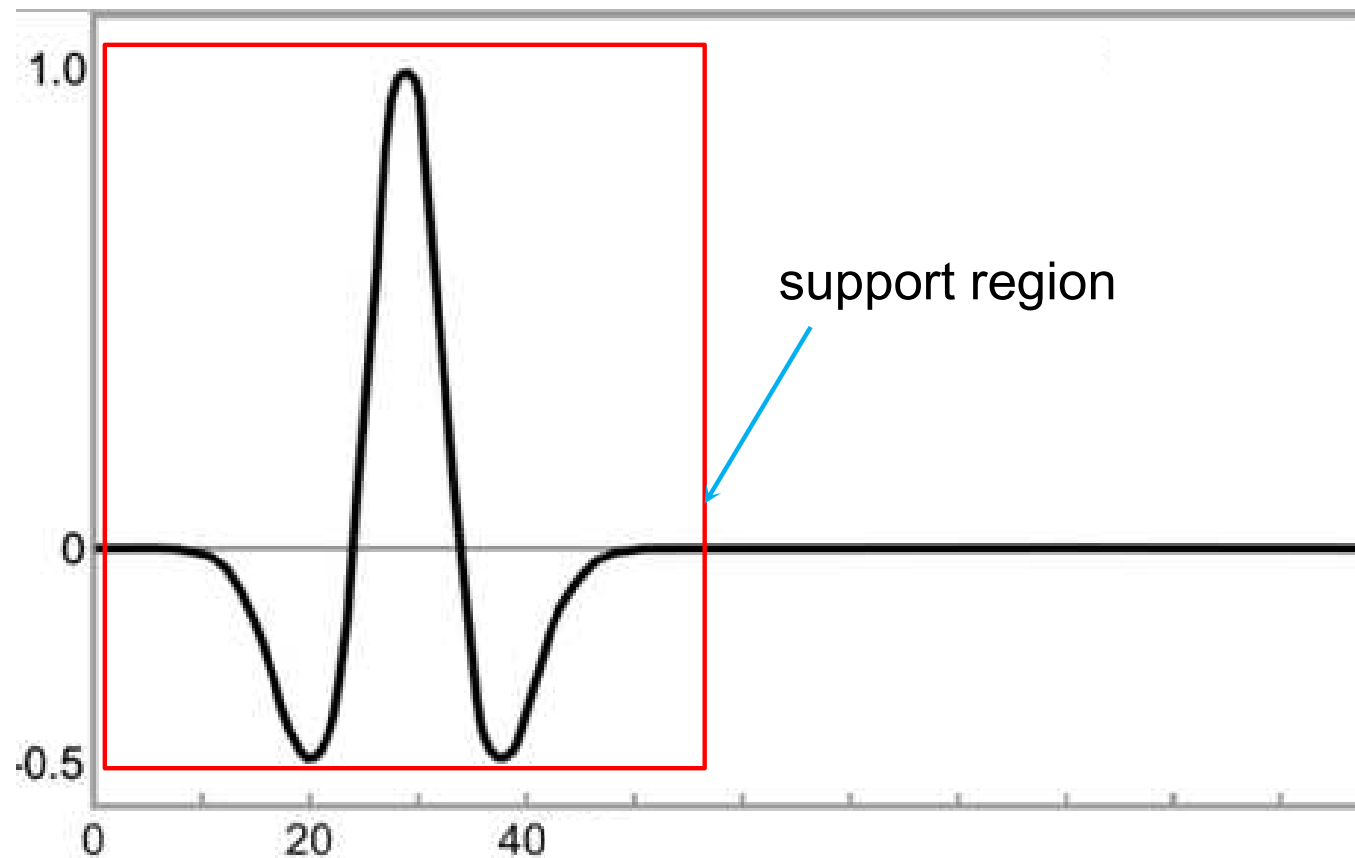


## **2.3.3. B-spline curve**

# Support of basis functions

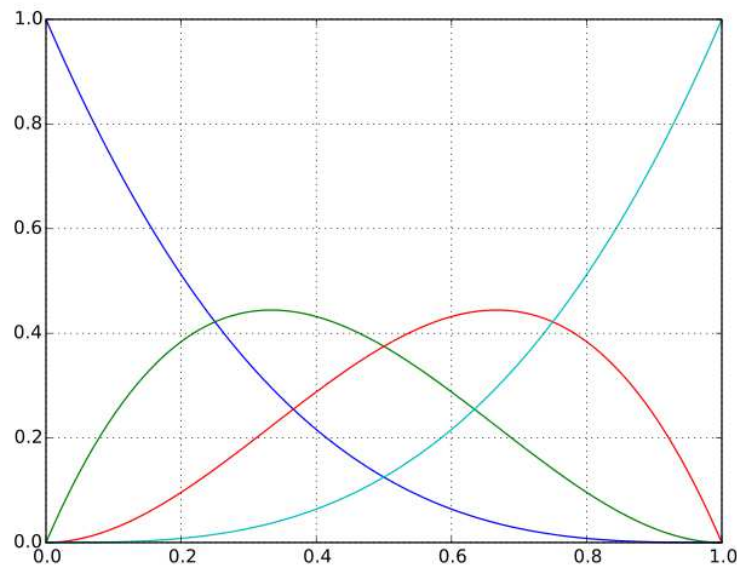
- **Definition**

- regions of definition domain where the function value is non-zero

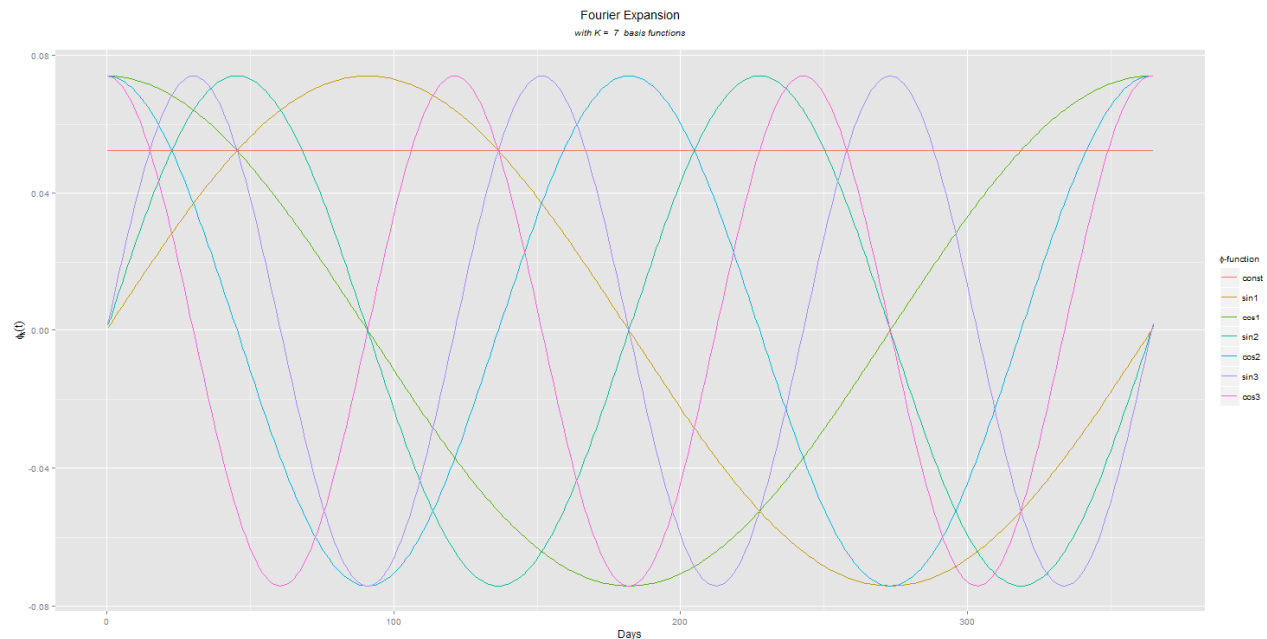


# Support of basis functions

- **Global support**
  - support range over the whole definition domain
  - for example, Bernstein basis, Fourier basis, etc.



Bernstein basis

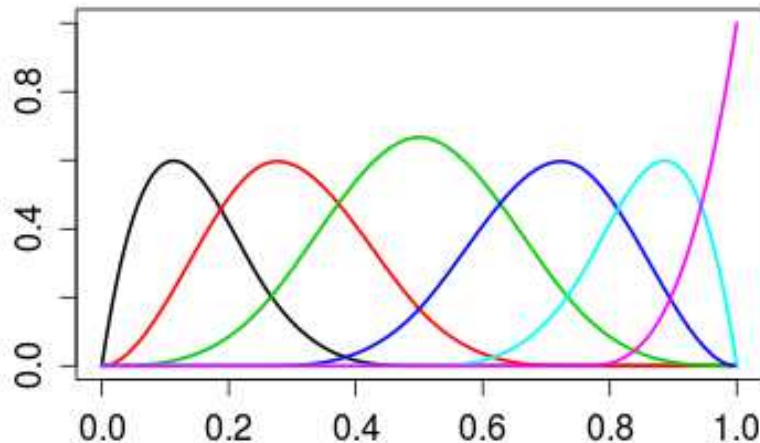


Fourier basis

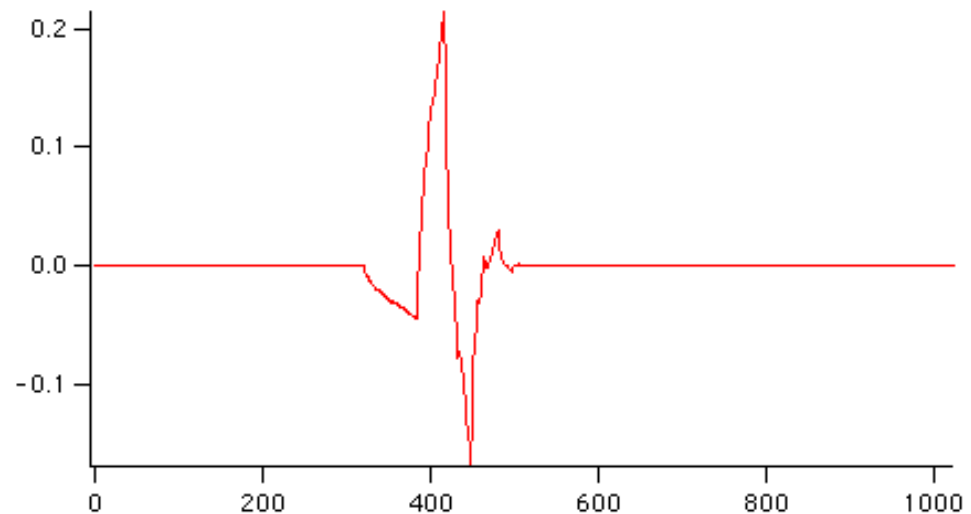
# Support of basis functions

- **Local support**

- support range over a relatively narrow region in the definition domain
- for example, B-spline basis, wavelet basis, etc.



B-spline basis

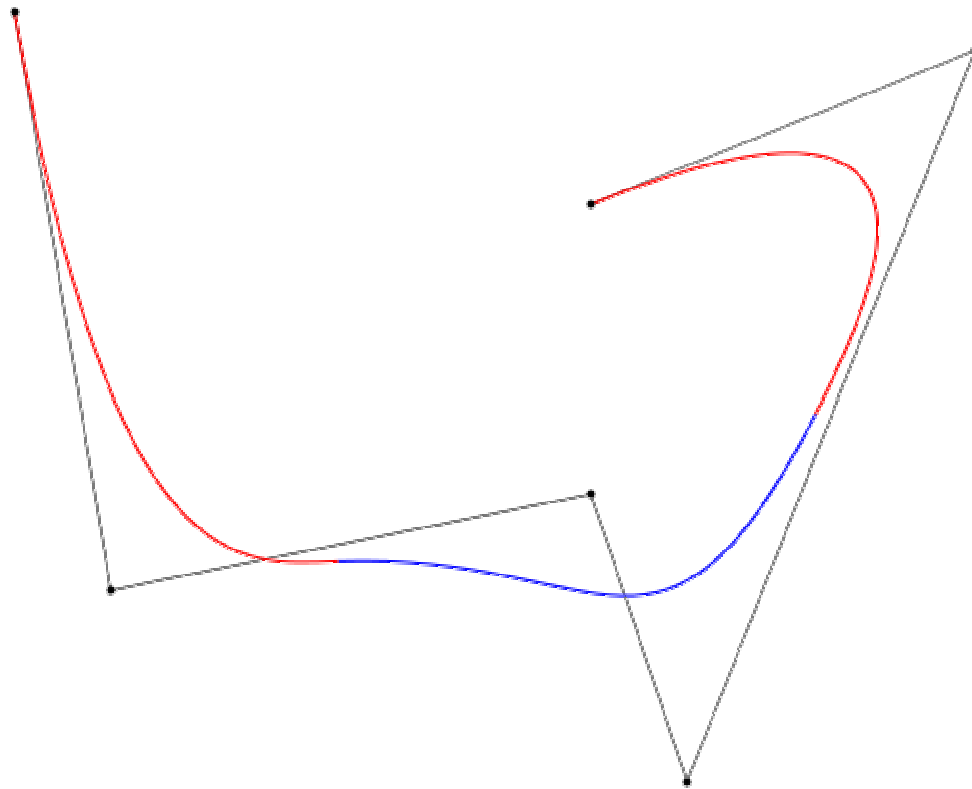


wavelet basis

# B-spline curve

- **Basis spline – B-spline**

- a spline function that has minimal support with respect to a given degree





# B-spline curve

- **In the computer-aided design and computer graphics**
  - linear combinations of B-spline basis functions with a set of control points
  - a spline function is a piecewise polynomial function of degree  $\leq k$
  - the places where the pieces meet are known as knots
  - the number of internal knots must be equal to, or greater than  $k-1$
  - the spline function has limited support

# B-spline curve

- **Definition**

- a B-spline of order  $n$  is a piecewise polynomial function of degree  $< n$  in a variable  $x$

$$S_{n,t}(x) = \sum_i \alpha_i B_{i,n}(x)$$

- Cox-de Boor recursion formula

$$B_{i,1}(x) := \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } t_i \leq x < t_{i+1} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$B_{i,k}(x) := \frac{x - t_i}{t_{i+k-1} - t_i} B_{i,k-1}(x) + \frac{t_{i+k} - x}{t_{i+k} - t_{i+1}} B_{i+1,k-1}(x)$$

# B-spline curve

- Recursion formula with the knots at 0, 1, 2, and 3 gives the pieces of the uniform B-spline of degree 2:

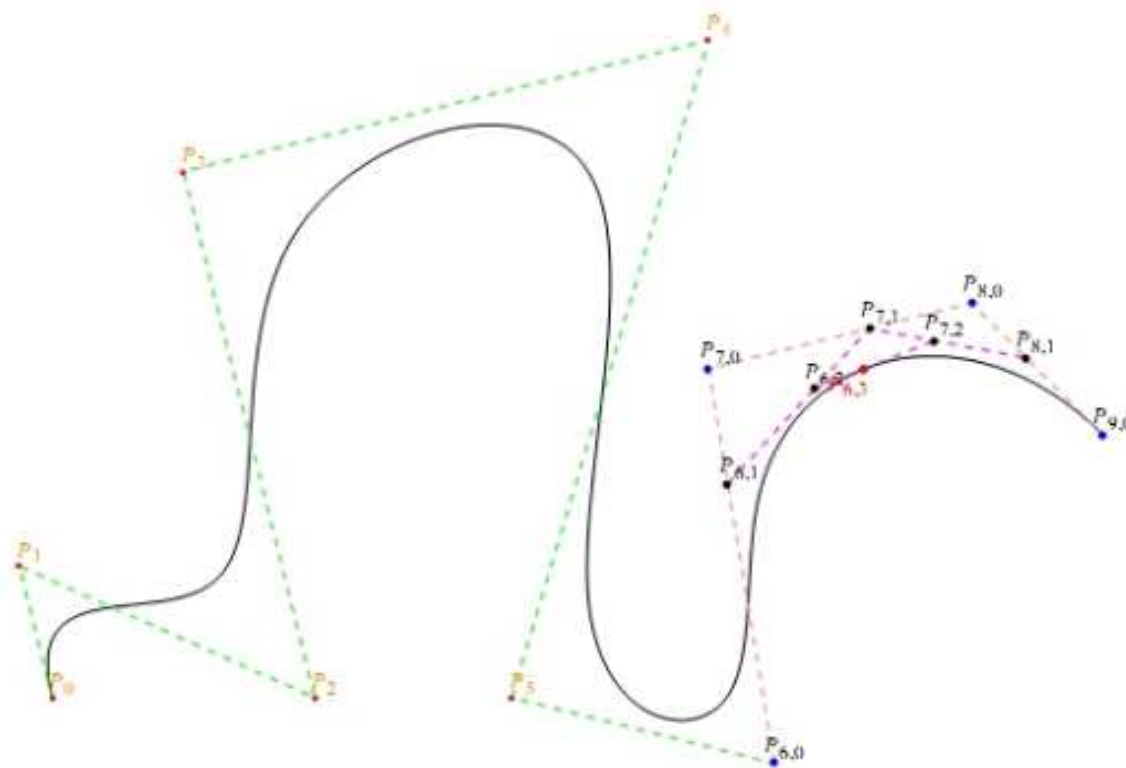
$$B_1 = x^2/2 \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1$$

$$B_2 = (-2x^2 + 6x - 3)/2 \quad 1 \leq x \leq 2$$

$$B_3 = (3 - x)^2/2 \quad 2 \leq x \leq 3$$

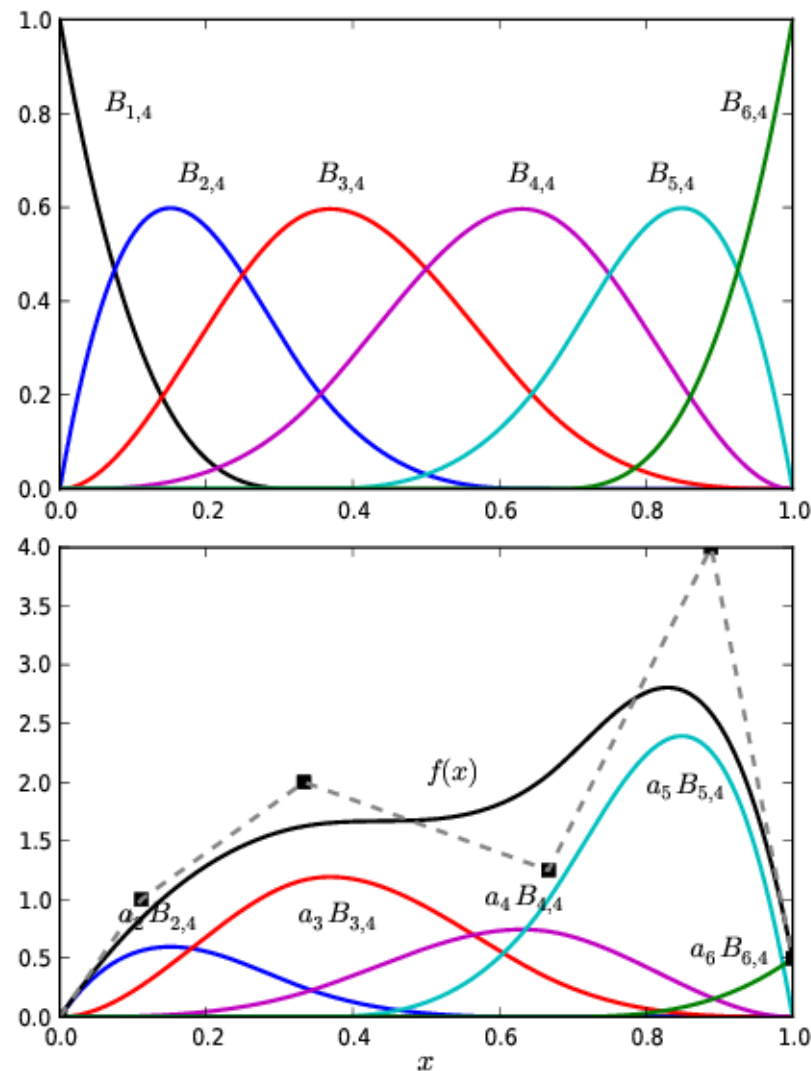
# B-spline curve

- **Evaluation**
  - de Boor algorithm
  - find the support range of the current parameter
  - apply recursive evaluation like in Bézier curve evaluation



# B-spline curve

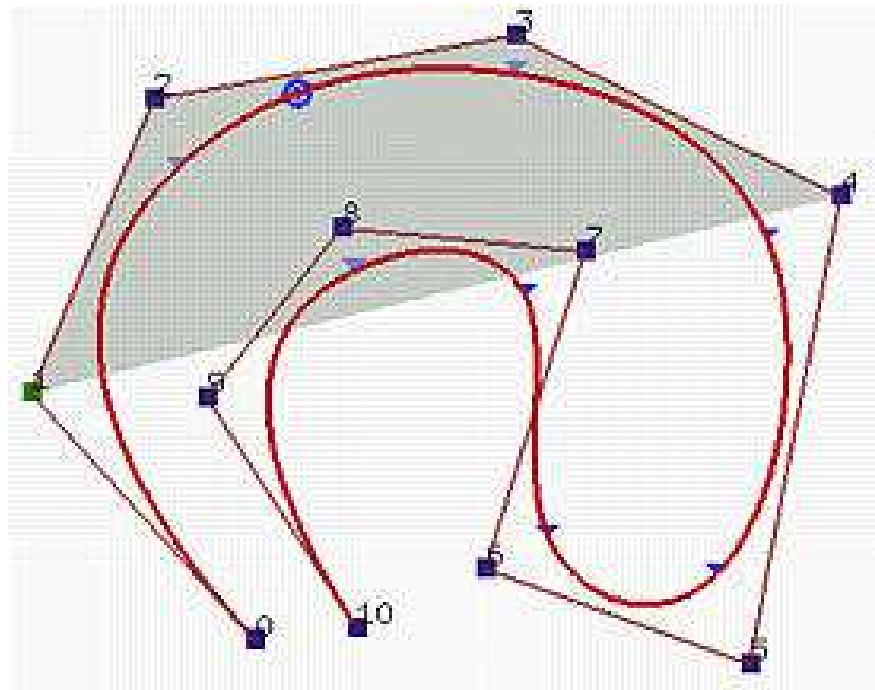
- B-spline basis and curve synthesis



# B-spline curve

- **Convex hull**

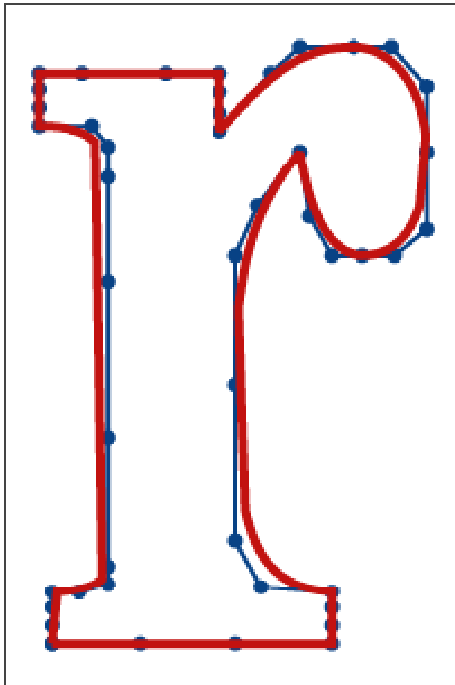
- like Bézier curves, all B-spline curves always lie inside the convex hull
- convex hull is defined locally and changed with respect to different parts of the curve



# B-spline curve

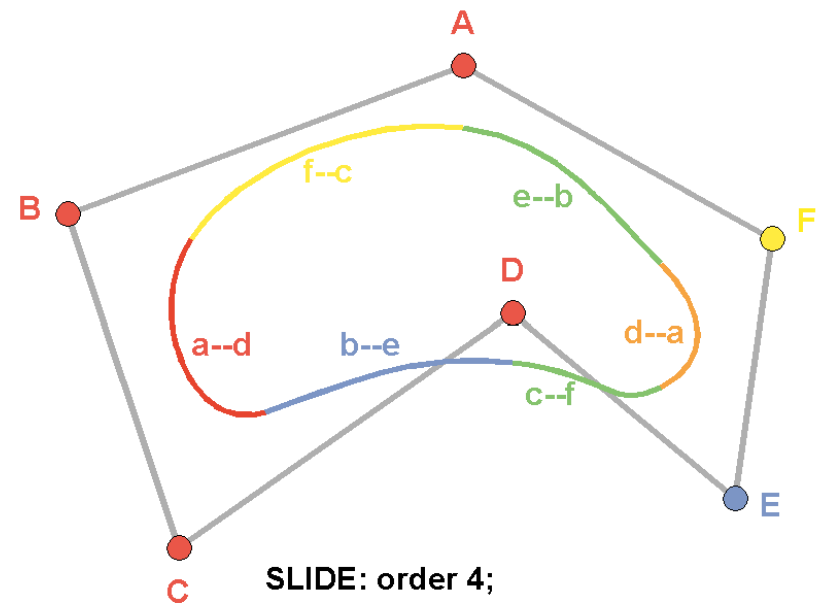
- More complex examples

Font as a B-spline curve



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Closed (Periodic) Cubic B-Spline



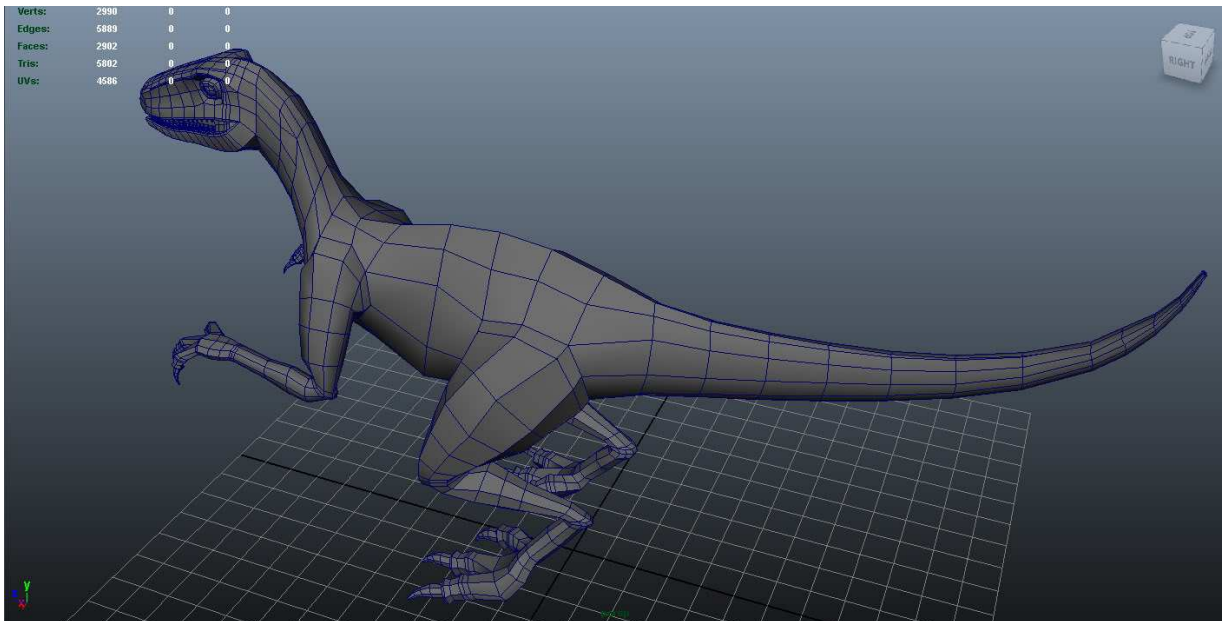
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## **2.3.4. B-Spline/NURBS surface**



# B-spline surface

- Like Bézier surface, B-spline surface can be constructed with tensor-product
  - meshing in u-v parameter space



# NURBS

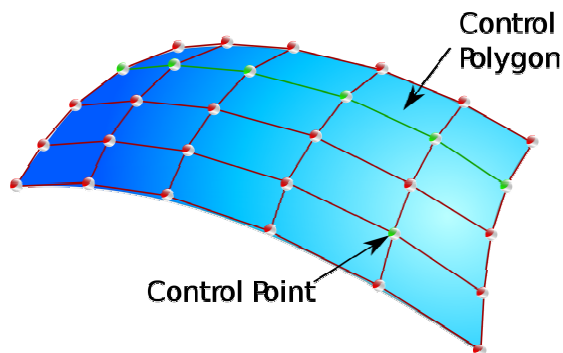
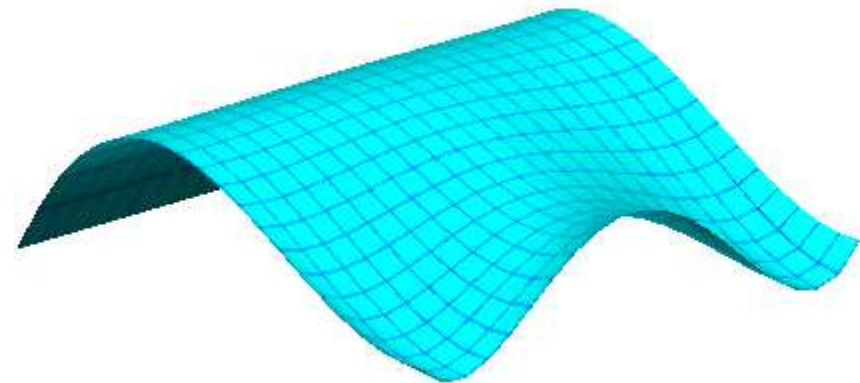
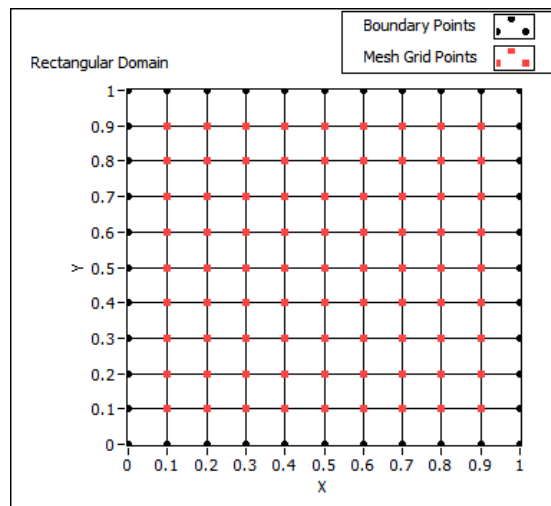
- **Non-uniform rational B-Spline**
  - formulation

$$C(u) = \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{N_{i,n} w_i}{\sum_{j=1}^k N_{j,n} w_j} \mathbf{P}_i = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^k N_{i,n} w_i \mathbf{P}_i}{\sum_{i=1}^k N_{i,n} w_i}$$

- NURBS is commonly used in computer-aided design (CAD), manufacturing (CAM), and engineering (CAE)
- part of numerous industry wide standards, such as IGES, STEP, ACIS, and PHIGS

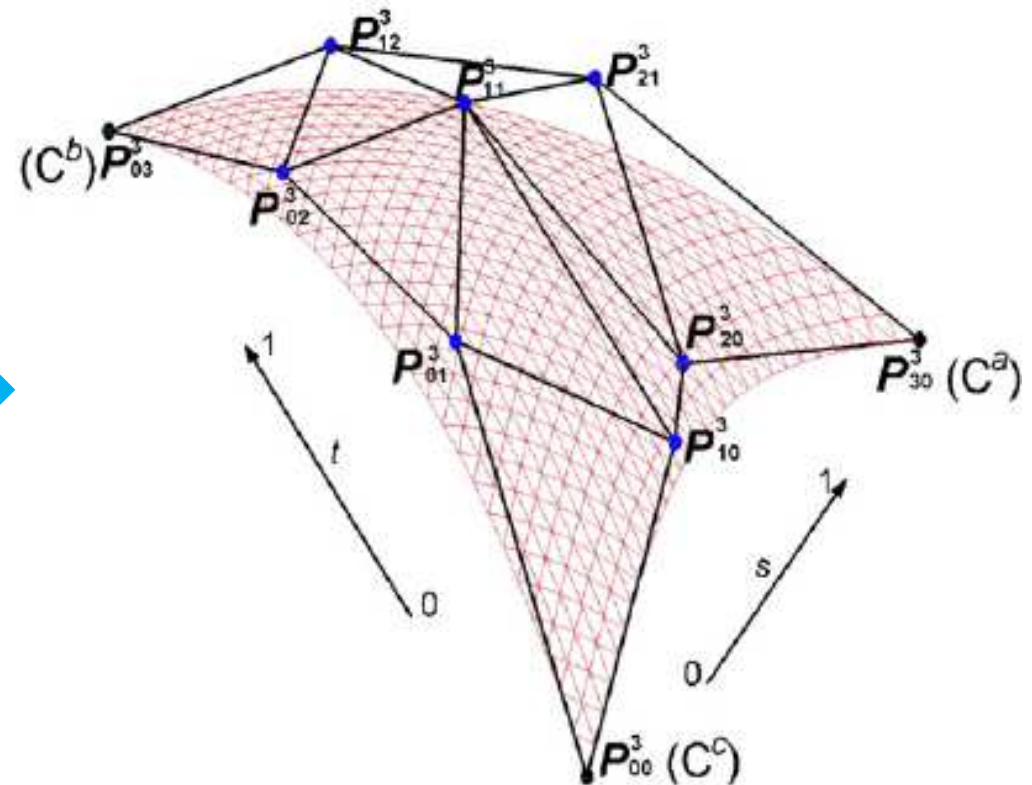
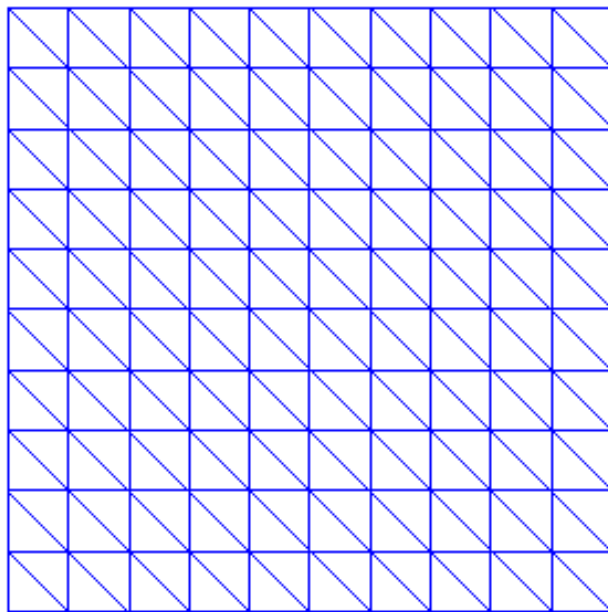
# Free-form surface triangulation

- **How to create meshes for free-form surfaces?**
  - create mesh in u-v parameter space



# Free-form surface triangulation

- Triangulation in parameter space

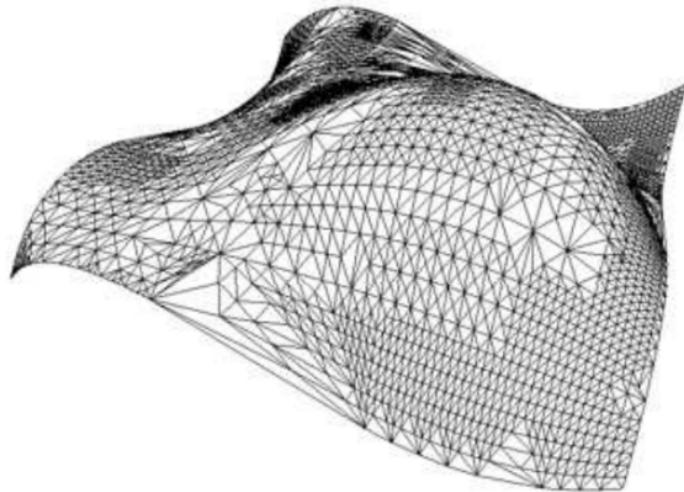


# Free-form surface triangulation

- **Problem with uniform meshing in parameter space**
  - large deformation will distort triangles
- **Adaptive triangulation according to some criteria**
  - boundary, surface deformation (curvature)
  - criteria estimated from the control mesh

# Free-form surface triangulation

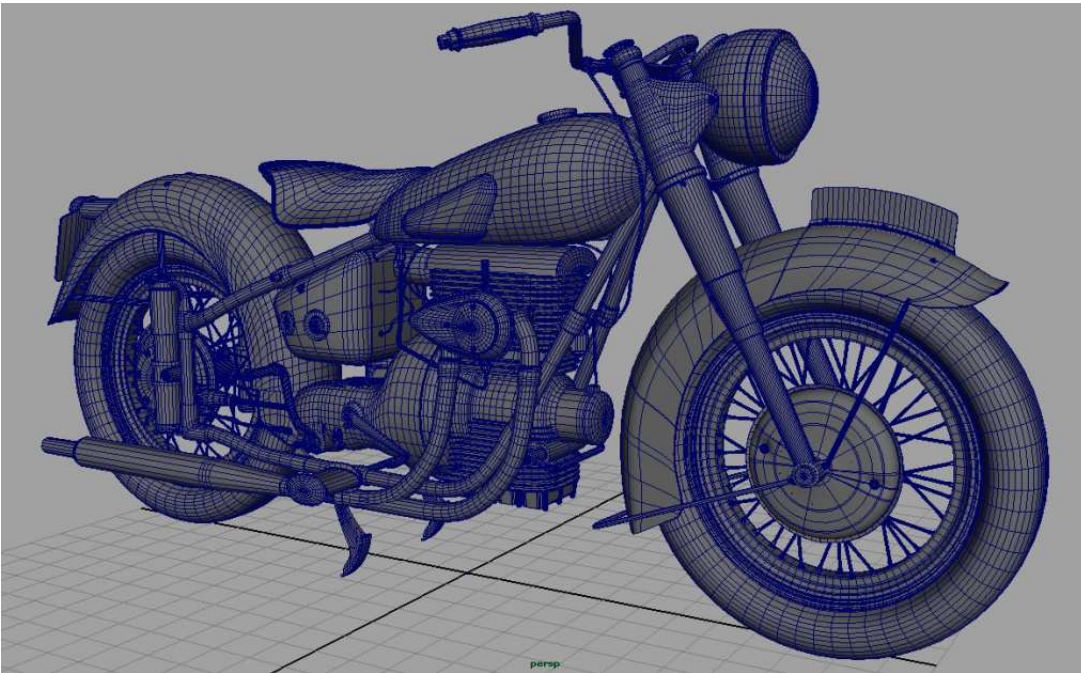
- **Construct triangle meshes with storage consistent to OpenGL**
  - Vertex position/normal array + index array
  - Render with OpenGL vertex array





# Free-form surface modeling

- Design by control points



# 3. Vector graphics



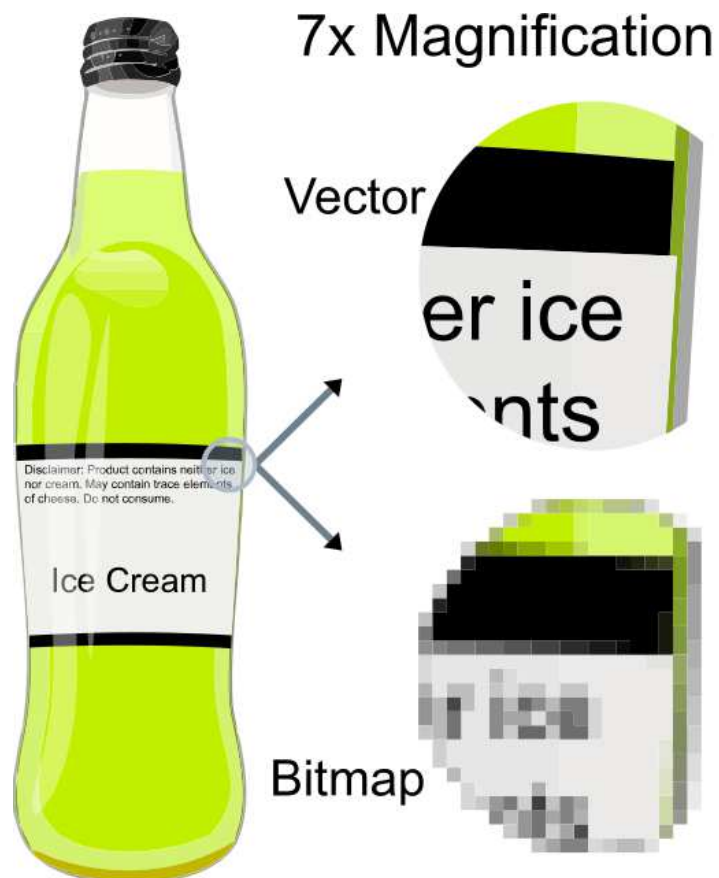
# Vector graphics

- **Vector graphics is the use of polygons to represent images in computer graphics**
  - based on vectors, which lead through locations called control points or nodes
  - ideal for printing
  - unlimited zoom-in and zoom-out without aliasing



# Vector graphics

- **Benefit of vector graphics**
  - compact representation
  - aliasing-free display (rasterization)



# Vector graphics

- **More examples**
  - filling based on free-form surfaces



# Image vectorization

- Create vector representation of a natural input image



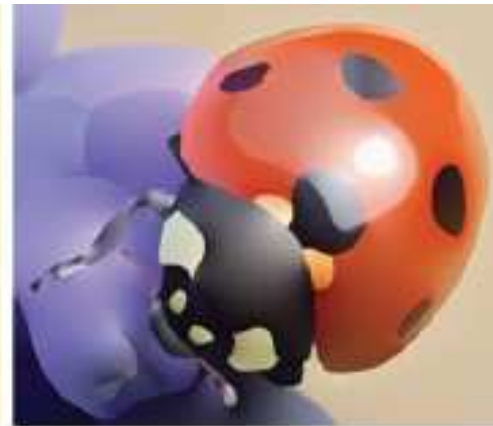
# Image vectorization

- **Diffusion curves**

- create continuous curves to represent image edges
- the content of the image can be filled by Poisson equation solver



(a)



**Next lecture: Geometric modeling 2**