

# Computer Aided Geometric Design Compendium WS2023

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## Organization

Lecture each Thursday 12:00 to 14:00 (full 2 hours).

Oral exam. Write email to fix date and time.

Problem session each Thursday 14:00 to 16:00. Mandatory attendance!

Kreuzerübung.

## 1 Bezier curves

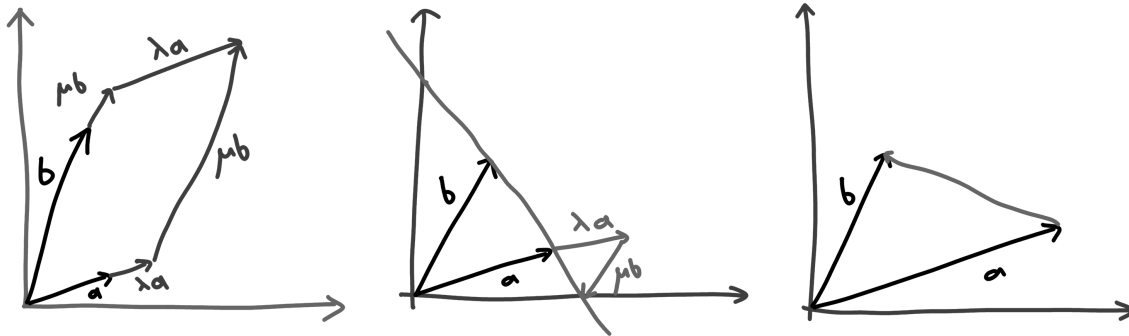


Figure 1: Linear combination, affine combination and convex combination

**Example 1. Linear combination**  $\lambda a + \mu b$

**Affine combination**  $\lambda a + \mu b$  and  $\lambda + \mu = 1$

What is  $\mu$  so that  $\lambda a + \mu b$  is on the line?

$$\lambda a + \mu b = a + t(b - a) \implies a(\underbrace{\lambda - 1 + t}_{=0}) + b(\underbrace{\mu - t}_{=0}) = 0$$

If  $a, b$  are linearly independent  $\implies \mu = t \wedge \lambda + \mu = 1$

**Convex combination**  $\lambda a + \mu b$  and  $\lambda + \mu = 1$  and  $\lambda, \mu \geq 0$

Line is  $a + t(b - a)$  with  $t \in [0, 1] \implies \mu, \lambda \in [0, 1]$

**Definition 1** (combinations). *linear combination*  $\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i v_i$  with  $v_1, \dots, v_n \in \mathbb{R}^d, \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n \in \mathbb{R}$   
*affine combination*  $\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i v_i$  with  $\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i = 1$   
*convex combination*  $\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i v_i$  with  $\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i = 1$  and  $\forall i : \lambda_i \geq 0$

**Algorithm 1** (of de Casteljau, Bezier curve). Given:  $b_0, \dots, b_n \in \mathbb{R}^d$  (called control points / Kontrollpunkte),  $t \in \mathbb{R}$

Recursion:  $b_i^0(t) := b_i$

$b_i^j(t) := (1 - t)b_i^{j-1}(t) + tb_{i+1}^{j-1}(t)$  for  $j = 1, \dots, n$  and  $i = 0, \dots, n - j$

Result:  $b(t) := b_0^n(t)$  (called Bezier curve)

**Remark 1.** In the algorithm above often we choose  $t \in [0, 1]$ .

**Example 2.**

**Remark 2.** In this course  $\mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$  and  $\mathbb{N}_0 = \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$

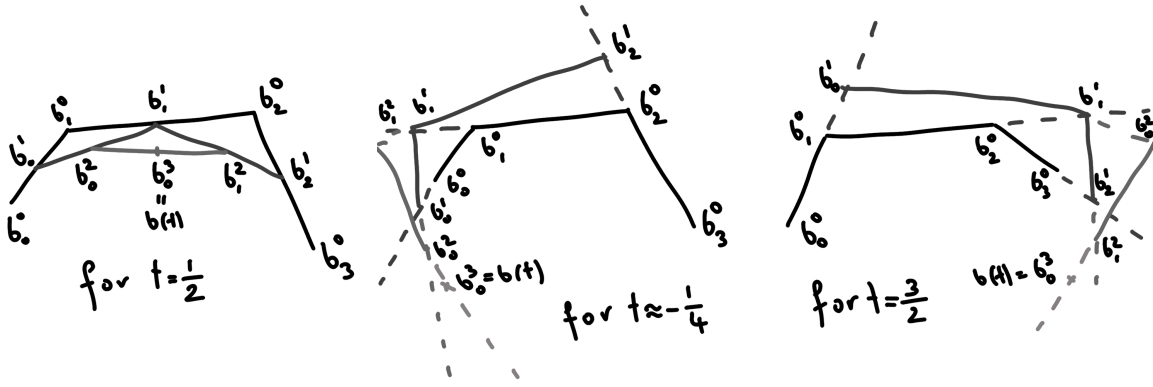


Figure 2: Examples of the de Casteljau algorithm

**Recap 1.**  $0! := 1, n! := n(n-1)(n-2) \cdots 1$  for  $n \geq 1$ .

$$\binom{n}{k} := \begin{cases} \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!} & , n \geq k \geq 0 \\ 0 & , k > n \end{cases} \text{ for } n, k \in \mathbb{N}_0$$

**Definition 2** (Bernstein polynomials). For  $n, i \in \mathbb{N}_0$  we define  $B_i^n(t) := \binom{n}{i} t^i (1-t)^{n-i} \in \mathbb{R}[t]$

**Remark 3.** Special cases of Bernstein polynomials

$$\begin{aligned} i > n &\implies B_i^n(t) = 0 \\ B_i^n(0) &= \begin{cases} 0, i \neq 0 \\ 1, i = 0 \end{cases} \\ B_i^n(1) &= \begin{cases} 0, i \neq n \\ 1, i = n \end{cases} \\ B_0^0(t) &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 1.**  $b_i^j(t) = \sum_{l=0}^j B_l^j(t) b_{i+l}$

*Proof.* Induction over  $j$ :  $j = 0$ :

$$\begin{aligned} j = 0 : & \quad b_i^0(t) := b_i = 1 \cdot b_i = B_0^0(t) \cdot b_i \quad \checkmark \\ j-1 \rightarrow j : & \quad b_i^j(t) := (1-t)b_i^{j-1}(t) + t b_{i+1}^{j-1}(t) \stackrel{\text{IA}}{=} (1-t) \sum_{l=0}^{j-1} B_l^{j-1}(t) b_{i+l} + t \sum_{l=0}^{j-1} B_l^{j-1}(t) b_{i+1+l} = \\ & \quad (1-t) \sum_{l=0}^{j-1} B_l^{j-1}(t) b_{i+l} + t \sum_{l=1}^j B_{l-1}^{j-1}(t) b_{i+l} = \sum_{l=0}^j \underbrace{( (1-t)B_l^{j-1}(t) + t B_{l-1}^{j-1}(t) )}_{= B_l^j(t) \text{ using the following lemma}} b_{i+l} = \\ & \quad \sum_{l=0}^j B_l^j(t) b_{i+l} \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

□

**Corollary 1.** The Bezier curve equals  $b(t) = b_0^n(t) = \sum_{l=0}^n B_l^n(t) b_{i+l}$ , which is called the Bernstein representation of the Bezier curve.

**Remark 4.** As  $b(t) = \sum_{l=0}^n B_l^n(t) b_l \in C^\infty$  it is a polynomial curve of degree  $n$ , which is in  $C^\infty$  and therefore "very smooth".

**Lemma 1.**  $B_l^j(t) = (1-t)B_l^{j-1}(t) + tB_{l-1}^{j-1}(t)$

*Proof.*

$$\begin{aligned} (1-t)B_l^{j-1}(t) + tB_{l-1}^{j-1}(t) &= (1-t) \binom{j-1}{l} t^l (1-t)^{j-1-l} + t \binom{j-1}{l-1} t^{l-1} (1-t)^{j-1-l+1} = \\ &= \binom{j-1}{l} t^l (1-t)^{j-l} + \binom{j-1}{l-1} t^l (1-t)^{j-l} = \left( \binom{j-1}{l} + \binom{j-1}{l-1} \right) t^l (1-t)^{j-l} = \binom{j}{l} t^l (1-t)^{j-l} = B_l^j(t) \end{aligned}$$

□

**Remark 5.** What is  $b(0)$ ?  $b(0) = \sum_{i=0}^n B_i^n(0)b_i = b_0 + 0 + 0 + \dots + 0 = b_0$   
What is  $b(1)$ ?  $b(1) = \sum_{i=0}^n B_i^n(1)b_i = 0 + \dots + 0 + b_n = b_n$

**Definition 3** (end-point-interpolating). Curves which pass through the first and last point are called end-point-interpolating (Endpunktinterpolierend).

**Remark 6.** Bezier curves are end-point-interpolating.

**Remark 7.** How many intersection points are there between a planar (i.e. in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ) Bezier curve and a straight line?

$$\text{Straight line: } p + t(q - p) \qquad \text{Bezier curve: } b(t) = \sum_{i=0}^n B_i^n(t) \underbrace{b_i}_{\in \mathbb{R}^2}$$

Solving  $p + t(q - p) = \sum_{i=0}^n B_i^n(t)b_i$  results in at most  $n$  solutions.

**Lemma 2.**  $\frac{d}{dt} B_i^n(t) = n(B_{i-1}^{n-1}(t) - B_i^{n-1}(t))$

*Proof.*

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} B_i^n(t) &= \frac{d}{dt} \binom{n}{i} t^i (1-t)^{n-i} = \binom{n}{i} i t^{i-1} (1-t)^{n-i} - \binom{n}{i} t^i (n-i) (1-t)^{n-i-1} = \\ &= \frac{n!}{i!(n-i)!} i t^{i-1} (1-t)^{n-i} - \frac{n!}{i!(n-i)!} t^i (n-i) (1-t)^{n-i-1} = \\ &= n \left( \frac{(n-1)!}{(i-1)!(n-i)!} t^{i-1} (1-t)^{n-i} - \frac{(n-1)!}{i!(n-i-1)!} t^i (1-t)^{n-i-1} \right) = \\ &= n \left( \binom{n-1}{i-1} t^{i-1} (1-t)^{n-i} - \binom{n-1}{i} t^i (1-t)^{n-i-1} \right) = n(B_{i-1}^{n-1}(t) - B_i^{n-1}(t)) \end{aligned}$$

□

**Theorem 2.**  $\dot{b}(t) := \frac{d}{dt} b(t) = n \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} B_i^{n-1}(t)(b_{i+1} - b_i) = n(b_1^{n-1}(t) - b_0^{n-1}(t))$

*Proof.*

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{b}(t) &= \frac{d}{dt} \left( \sum_{i=0}^n B_i^n(t)b_i \right) = \sum_{i=0}^n \frac{d}{dt} B_i^n(t)b_i = \sum_{i=0}^n n(B_{i-1}^{n-1}(t) - B_i^{n-1}(t))b_i = n \left( \sum_{i=0}^n B_{i-1}^{n-1}(t)b_i - \sum_{i=0}^n B_i^{n-1}(t)b_i \right) = \\ &= n \left( \sum_{i=1}^n B_{i-1}^{n-1}(t)b_i - \sum_{i=0}^n B_i^{n-1}(t)b_i \right) = n \left( \underbrace{\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} B_i^{n-1}(t)b_{i+1}}_{=b_1^{n-1}(t)} - \underbrace{\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} B_i^{n-1}(t)b_i}_{=b_0^{n-1}(t)} \right) = n \left( \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} B_i^{n-1}(t)(b_{i+1} - b_i) \right) \end{aligned}$$

□

**Corollary 2.** •  $\dot{b}(0) = n(b_1 - b_0)$

- $\dot{b}(1) = n(b_n - b_{n-1})$
- The last segment in the algorithm of de Casteljou is the tangent of the Bezier curve in  $b(t)$ .
- The derivative of a bezier curve of degree  $n$  is a bezier curve of degree  $n-1$  with control points  $(b_1, b_0), (b_2 - b_1), \dots, (b_n - b_{n-1})$ .

**Corollary 3.**  $\ddot{b}(t) = n(n-1) \sum_{i=0}^{n-2} B_i^{n-2}(t)(b_{i+2} - 2b_{i+1} + b_i)$   
 $\ddot{b}(0) = n(n-1)(b_2 - 2b_1 + b_0), \ddot{b}(1) = n(n-1)(b_n - 2b_{n-1} + b_{n-2})$

**Corollary 4.** The curvature of a bezier curve in the point  $b(0)$  depends only on  $b_0, b_1, b_2$ .  
The curvature of a bezier curve in the point  $b(1)$  depends only on  $b_{n-2}, b_{n-1}, b_n$ .

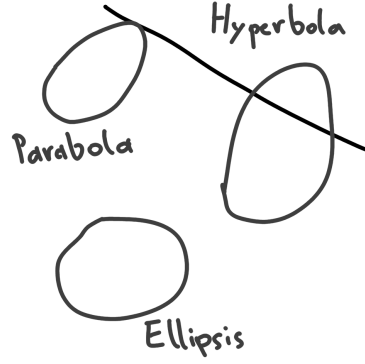


Figure 3: Categorization of Parabolas, Hyperbolas and Ellipses as intersection points with the line at infinity.

**Example 3.** *Quadratic Bezier curve*

$$b(t) = \sum_{i=0}^2 B_i^2(t) b_i = \binom{2}{0} t^0 (1-t)^2 b_0 + \binom{2}{1} t^1 (1-t)^1 b_1 + \binom{2}{2} t^2 (1-t)^0 b_2 = t^2 (b_2 - 2b_1 + b_0) + t(2b_1 - 2b_0) + b_0$$

which is an affine transformation of a parabola and therefore a parabola.

Quadratic bezier curves are parabolas.

**Remark 8.** *Line at infinity (Ferngerade) is the collection of points where parallel lines intersect.*

**Remark 9.** *Different applications using these curves are Rhino, OpenSCAD, Autocad, Geogebra, ...*

## 2 Parameterized curves

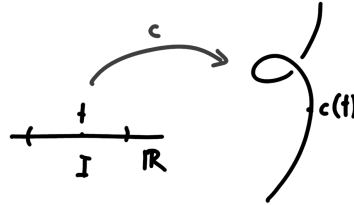


Figure 4: parameterized curve  $c(t)$

**Definition 4.**  $c : I \subseteq \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  is called a *parameterized curve*.

$\dot{c}(t) := \frac{d}{dt}c(t)$  is called the *tangential vector*. For  $\mathbb{R}^3$  we have  $\dot{c}(t) = (\dot{c}_1(t), \dot{c}_2(t), \dot{c}_3(t))$ .

The *velocity* is defined as  $\|\dot{c}(t)\|$ .

A point  $c(t)$  is called *regular*, if  $\dot{c}(t) \neq 0$  and is called *singular*, if  $\dot{c}(t) = 0$ .

**Example 4.** A *helix (Schraublinie)* is defined by  $c(t) = (\cos(t), \sin(t), t)^T$ .

$$\dot{c}(t) = (-\sin(t), \cos(t), 1)^T$$

$$\|\dot{c}(t)\| = \sqrt{\sin^2(t) + \cos^2(t) + 1} = \sqrt{2}$$

We see that the helix is passed through with constant velocity. Furthermore all points are regular.

**Example 5.**  $c : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3, t \mapsto (t^2, t^3, t^4)$ ,  $\dot{c}(t) = (2t, 3t^2, 4t^3)$ . We see that 0 is singular as  $\dot{c}(0) = (0, 0, 0)$ . Everywhere else the curve is regular.

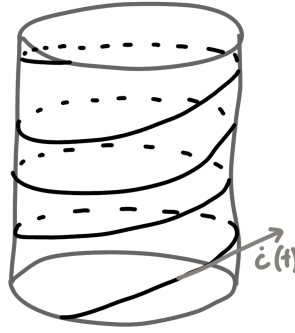


Figure 5: Helix with tangential vector

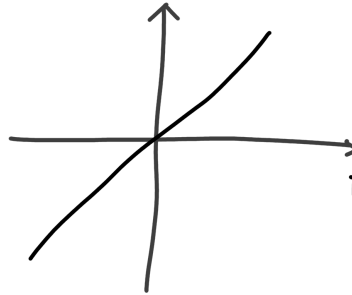


Figure 6: identity line can be parameterized such that  $(0,0)$  is singular.

**Remark 10.** A point being regular or singular depends on the parameterisation of the curve.

For example  $c(t) = (t, t)$  produces a regular curve, while  $c(t) = (t^3, t^3)$  produces a curve where 0 is singular.

There are curves and points where no parameterisation exists such that the point is regular.

**Definition 5.**  $c : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 \in C^2(I, \mathbb{R}^2)$

The curvature of the curve in the point  $c(t)$  is defined as  $\kappa(t) = \frac{\det(\dot{c}(t), \ddot{c}(t))}{\|\dot{c}(t)\|^3}$

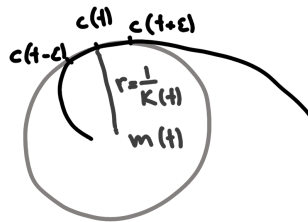


Figure 7: Circle of curvature

**Example 6.** The circle of curvature has a radius of  $\frac{1}{\kappa(t)}$ .  $m(t)$  is called the center of curvature.

$$m(t) = c(t) + \frac{1}{\kappa(t)}n(t) \text{ where } n(t) = \frac{(-\dot{c}_2(t), \dot{c}_1(t))}{\|\dot{c}(t)\|}.$$

**Remark 11.** Exercise: compare this definition of curvature with the school version concerning graphs.

**Example 7.** For a circle we have  $c(t) = (r \cos(t), r \sin(t))^T$ ,  $\dot{c}(t) = (-r \sin(t), r \cos(t))^T$ ,  $\ddot{c}(t) = (-r \cos(t), -r \sin(t))^T$

$$\kappa(t) = \frac{\det \begin{pmatrix} -r \sin(t) & -r \cos(t) \\ r \cos(t) & -r \sin(t) \end{pmatrix}}{r^3} = \frac{r^2 \sin^2(t) + r^2 \cos^2(t)}{r^3} = \frac{r^2}{r^3} = \frac{1}{r}$$

$$n(t) = \frac{(-r \cos(t), -r \sin(t))}{r} = (-\cos(t), -\sin(t))$$

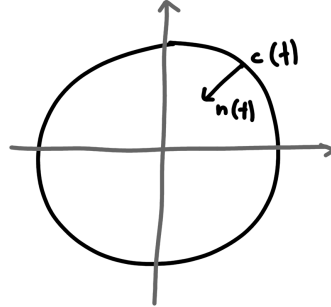


Figure 8: Circle with normal vector

**Definition 6.** A point  $c(t)$  with  $\dot{\kappa}(t) = 0$  is called a vertex.

**Example 8.** An ellipse has four vertices.

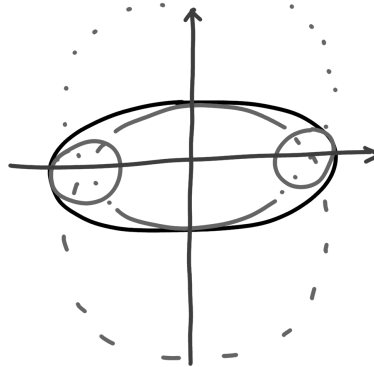


Figure 9: Ellipse and the four vertices.

$(t, \exp t)$  has no vertex.

Klothoids are curves with  $\kappa(t) = t$ . They are used in road construction and have no vertex.

**Definition 7.**  $c : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$

$\kappa(t) = \frac{\|\dot{c}(t) \times \ddot{c}(t)\|}{\|\dot{c}(t)\|^3}$  is called the curvature of a space curve.

$\tau(t) = \frac{\det(\dot{c}(t), \ddot{c}(t), \ddot{\ddot{c}}(t))}{\|\dot{c}(t) \times \ddot{c}(t)\|^2}$  is called torsion of a space curve.

**Example 9.** For the helix  $t \mapsto (\cos(t), \sin(t), pt)$  the torsion depends on  $p$ .

### 3 Properties of Bezier curves

**Definition 8.**  $\alpha : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  is called **affine** if  $\exists l : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  ...linear  $\exists v \in \mathbb{R}^m : \alpha(x) = l(x) + v$ .  
 $\alpha$  is called **affinity** if  $\alpha$  is affine and bijective.

**Example 10.** An example of an linear function is shear (Scherung).

$$l \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} := \begin{pmatrix} 1 & a \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

Area is preserved.

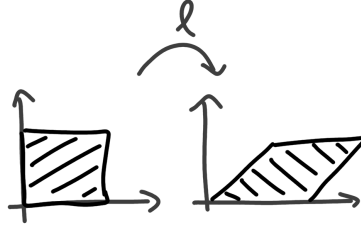


Figure 10: Shear preserves area

**Theorem 3.** *Bezier curves are invariant under affine transformations.*

*Proof.* Let  $b(t) = \sum_{i=0}^n B_i^n(t)b_i$  be a bezier curve and  $\alpha(x) = l(x) + v$  where  $b_i \in \mathbb{R}^d, l: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m, v \in \mathbb{R}^m$

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha(b(t)) &= l(b(t)) + v = l\left(\sum_{i=0}^n B_i^n(t)b_i\right) + v = \sum_{i=0}^n B_i^n(t)l(b_i) + v = \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^n B_i^n(t)l(b_i) + \sum_{i=0}^n B_i^n(t)v = \sum_{i=0}^n B_i^n(t)(l(b_i) + v) = \sum_{i=0}^n B_i^n(t)\alpha(b_i) \end{aligned}$$

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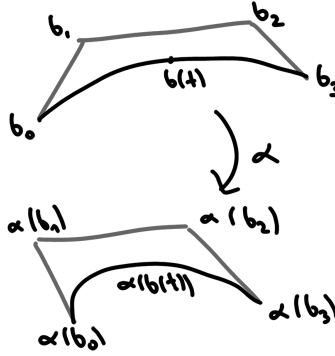


Figure 11: Bezier curve is invariant under affine transformation

**Lemma 3.**  $\sum_{i=0}^n B_i^n(t) = 1$

*Proof.* Binomial theorem:  $(x + y)^n = \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} x^i y^{n-i}$  for  $x = t, y = 1 - t$  we get

$$1 = (t + (1 - t))^n = \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} t^i (1 - t)^{n-i} = \sum_{i=0}^n B_i^n(t)$$

□

**Lemma 4.** *For  $t \in [0, 1]$  it holds that  $B_i^n(t) \geq 0$*

*Proof.*

$$B_i^n(t) = \underbrace{\binom{n}{i}}_{\geq 0} \underbrace{t^i}_{\geq 0} \underbrace{(1 - t)^{n-i}}_{\geq 0} \geq 0$$

□

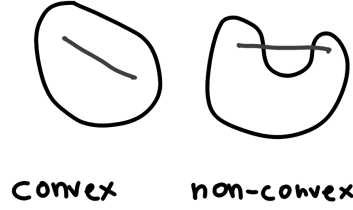


Figure 12: example of convex and non-convex set

**Definition 9.**  $M \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$  then  $\text{conv}(M) := \{\sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i v_i : v_1, \dots, v_k \in M, \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k \geq 0, \sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i = 1, k \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is called the convex hull of  $M$ .

$M$  is called convex set, iff  $\forall x, y \in M \forall t \in [0, 1] : tx + (1 - t)y \in M$ .

**Example 11.**

**Remark 12** (Pick theorem). For any polygon formed of points in  $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$  it holds that the area can be calculated by  $I + R/2 - 1$  where  $I$  is the number of points inside the polygon and  $R$  is the number of points on the edges of the polygon.

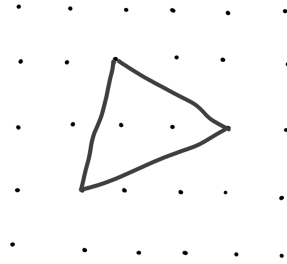


Figure 13: example picks theorem where  $I = 2, R = 3$  and therefore  $A = \frac{5}{2}$

**Theorem 4.**  $\forall t \in [0, 1] : b(t) \in \text{conv}(\{b_0, b_1, \dots, b_n\})$

*Proof.*  $b(t) = \sum_{i=0}^n \underbrace{B_i^n(t)}_{\geq 0} b_i \forall t \in [0, 1]$  and  $\sum_{i=0}^n B_i^n(t) = 1 \forall t \in [0, 1]$ . Therefore  $b(t) \in \text{conv}(\{b_0, \dots, b_n\})$   $\square$

**Remark 13** (Montecarlo method for calculating area). random points, count how many fall within the area from the total amount of points, estimate volume from that.

**Theorem 5.** Bezier curves are symmetric, meaning that if  $b(t)$  is a bezier curves of  $b_0, \dots, b_n$  and  $\tilde{b}(t)$  is a bezier curve of  $b_n, \dots, b_0$  then  $b(t) = \tilde{b}(1 - t)$

*Proof.*

$$\tilde{b}(t) = \sum_{i=0}^n B_i^n(t) b_{n-i} = \sum_{i=0}^n \underbrace{B_i^n(1-t)(1-t)}_{B_i^n(t)} b_{n-i} = \sum_{i=0}^n B_{n-i}^n(1-t) b_i = \sum_{i=0}^n B_i^n(1-t) b_i = b(1-t)$$

$\square$

**Lemma 5.**  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R} \implies B_i^n(\alpha t) = \sum_{j=0}^n B_i^j(\alpha) B_j^n(t)$



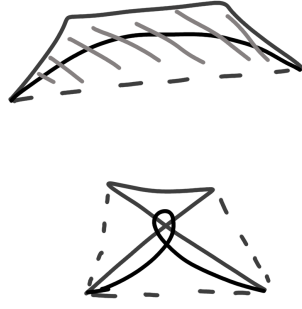


Figure 14: example of a bezier curve and its convex hull

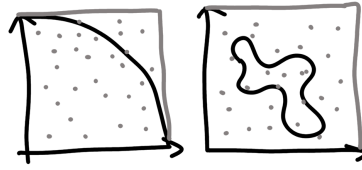


Figure 15: montecarlo method for a quarter circle and some random shape

*Proof.* can be done by induction, but is tedious □

**Theorem 6** (Sub-division-property (Unterteilungseigenschaft)). Let  $b(t)$  be a bezier curve to  $b_0, \dots, b_n$  and  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ .

$$\tilde{b}(t) := b(\alpha t) \quad \hat{b}(t) := b((1 - \alpha)t + \alpha)$$

Then  $\tilde{b}$  is a bezier curve to  $b_0^0(\alpha), b_0^1(\alpha), \dots, b_0^n(\alpha)$ ;  $\hat{b}$  is a bezier curve to  $b_0^n(\alpha), b_1^{n-i}(\alpha), \dots, b_n^0(\alpha)$  and "glued together" they result in the original bezier curve.

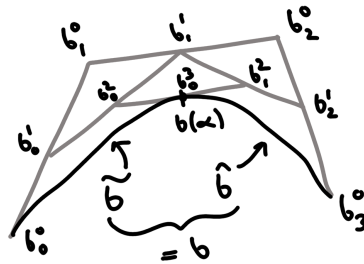


Figure 16: bezier curve  $b$  is divided at point  $b(\alpha)$  into two bezier curves  $\tilde{b}$  and  $\hat{b}$

*Proof.*

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{b}(t) = b(\alpha t) &= \sum_{i=0}^n B_i^n(\alpha t) b_i = \sum_{i=0}^n \left( \sum_{j=0}^n B_i^j(\alpha) B_j^n(t) \right) b_i = \sum_{j=0}^n \sum_{i=0}^n B_i^j(\alpha) B_j^n(t) b_i = \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^n B_j^n(t) \underbrace{\sum_{i=0}^n B_i^j(\alpha) b_i}_{b_0^j(\alpha)} = \sum_{j=0}^n B_j^n(t) b_0^j(\alpha)\end{aligned}$$

Where we used  $b_i^j(t) = \sum_{l=0}^j B_l^j(t) b_{i+l}$ , which we already showed.  
 $\hat{b}$  is analogous. □

**Definition 10.** The polynomial ring is defined as  $\Pi_n := \{f \in \mathbb{R}[t] : \deg(f) \leq n\}$ , which is a vector space.

**Theorem 7.**  $\{B_0^n(t), \dots, B_n^n(t)\}$  is a basis of  $\Pi_n$ .

*Proof.*  $\forall i : B_i^n(t) \in \Pi_n$  therefore  $\text{span}(B_0^n(t), \dots, B_n^n(t)) \subseteq \Pi_n$ .

We know that  $\dim(\Pi_n) = n + 1$  as  $\{1, t, t^2, \dots, t^n\}$  is a basis.

Let  $k \leq n$ .

$$\begin{aligned}1 &= \sum_{i=0}^{n-k} B_i^{n-k}(t) = \sum_{i=k}^n B_{i-k}^{n-k}(t) = \sum_{i=k}^n \binom{n-k}{i-k} t^{i-k} (1-t)^{n-i} \\ \Rightarrow \binom{n}{k} t^k &= \sum_{i=k}^n \binom{n}{k} \binom{n-k}{i-k} t^i (1-t)^{n-i} = \sum_{i=k}^n \binom{n}{i} \binom{i}{k} t^i (1-t)^{n-i} = \sum_{i=k}^n \binom{i}{k} B_i^n(t) \\ \Rightarrow t^k &\in \text{span}(B_0^n(t), \dots, B_n^n(t)) \Rightarrow \Pi_n \subseteq \text{span}(B_0^n(t), \dots, B_n^n(t))\end{aligned}$$

□

**Corollary 5.** Every polynomial curve is a bezier curve.

**Theorem 8** (corner-cutting (Eckenabschneiden)). Define the sequence  $P_n$  by this (recursive) definition  $P_0 := (b_0^0, b_0^1, \dots, b_0^n)$ ,  $P_1 := (b_0^0, b_0^1, \dots, b_0^n, b_1^{n-1}, b_2^{n-2}, \dots, b_n^0)$ , ...,  $P_n$  consists of the points we get by sub-dividing the bezier curve (with  $t = \frac{1}{2}$ ).

Then this sequence "converges" to the bezier curve

*Proof.*  $d := \max_{0 \leq i \leq n} \|b_i - b_{i+1}\|$  ... maximum length of edges of control polygon

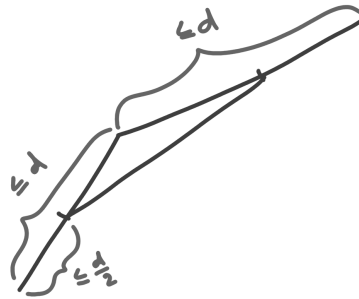


Figure 17: the new edges are at most  $\frac{d}{2}$  long

From the image we can deduce that the maximum length of the edges of the new control polygon is at most  $\frac{d}{2}$ . With induction we get that the control polygon of  $P_n$  has the maximum edge length of  $\frac{d}{2^n}$ .

How far are the points of the control polygon from the bezier curve  $b$ ?  $\|P_k(i) - b\| \leq (n-1) \frac{d}{2^k} \rightarrow 0$  for  $k \rightarrow \infty$ . □

**Remark 14.** Not only does the sequence from the theorem converge pointwise, but it holds that  $P_n \rightarrow b$ .

**Remark 15.** Disadvantages of bezier curves are: unintuitive, local changes are not possible as every change in a control point changes the entire curve, points can be far away from the curve.

## 4 B-Spline-Curves

**Remark 16.** *B-Spline curves are compositions of bezier curves.*



Figure 18: continuous, tangential continuous and curvature continuous composition

**Example 12.**

**Definition 11** (B-Spline-Curves).  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  is the number of control points,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  is the degree of the b spline curve,  $T = (t_0, t_1, \dots, t_{m+n+1})$  where  $t_i \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $t_i \leq t_{i+1}$  and  $t_i < t_{i+n+1}$  is called knot vector (Knotenvektor).

$$\alpha_i^r(t) := \begin{cases} \frac{t-t_i}{t_{i+r}-t_i} & t_{i+r} - t_i \neq 0 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

$$N_i^0(t) := \begin{cases} 1 & t \in [t_i, t_{i+1}) \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases} \quad N_i^r(t) := \alpha_i^r(t)N_i^{r-1}(t) + (1 - \alpha_{i+1}^r(t))N_{i+1}^{r-1}(t)$$

$N_i^r : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are called b-spline basis functions (B-Spline-Basisfunktionen) and are piece-wise polynomial curves.

**Theorem 9.** Every b-spline curve  $s(t)$  can be expressed in the form  $s(t) = \sum_{i=0}^m N_i^n(t)c_i$  where  $c_0, \dots, c_m \in \mathbb{R}^d$  are the control points and  $n$  is the degree of the b-spline curve.

*Proof.* without proof □

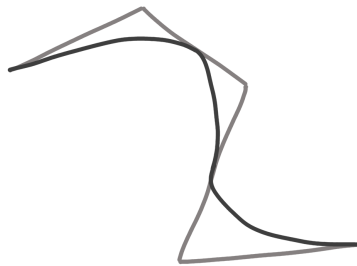


Figure 19: from this set of control points there are different possible quadratic b-spline curves (depending on the chosen knot vector).

**Example 13.**

**Remark 17.** Typically a knot vector of a similar form as  $T = (0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 5, 5, 5)$  is chosen. 0 often repeated, then counting up, then as many numbers of the same value as 0 in the start.

**Example 14.** Every line segment in the control polygon is cut into thirds.

**Example 15.** closed b-spline curves

**Remark 18.** B-spline curves of degree  $n$  with  $n+1$  control points ( $\implies m = n$ ) are bezier curves.



Figure 20: cubic b-spline curve

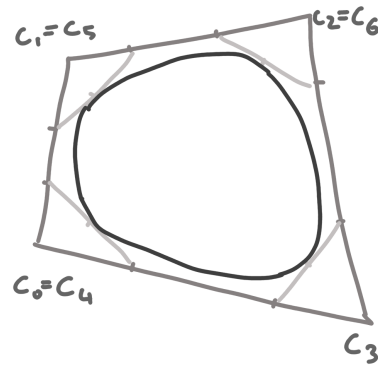


Figure 21: curvature continuous, closed b-spline curve.

## 5 NURBS-Curve

**Remark 19.** *Non-Uniform-Rational-B-Spline-Curve*

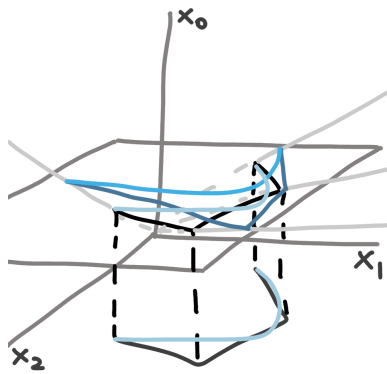


Figure 22: construction of a nurbs curve

**Lemma 6** (Construction of a NURBS curve). 1. given are control points  $c_0, \dots, c_m \in \mathbb{R}^d$

2.  $d_i := (1, c_i) \in \mathbb{R}^{d+1}$  (this is called transforming into homogeneous coordinates (homogenisieren))

3. choose weights  $w_i > 0$ .  $e_i := w_i d_i \in \mathbb{R}^{d+1}$

4. calculate b-spline curve with control points  $e_i$

$$s(t) := \sum_{i=0}^m N_i^n(t) e_i = \sum_{i=0}^m N_i^n(t) w_i (1, c_i) = \left( \sum_{i=0}^m N_i^n(t) w_i, \sum_{i=0}^m N_i^n(t) w_i c_i \right)$$

5. project  $s(t)$  back into the  $(1 \times \mathbb{R}^d)$  plane

$$\tilde{x}(t) = pr(s(t)) = \left( 1, \frac{\sum_{i=0}^m N_i^n(t) w_i c_i}{\sum_{i=0}^m N_i^n(t) w_i} \right)$$

6. dehomogenate

$$x(t) := pr_{\mathbb{R}^d}(\tilde{x}) = \frac{\sum_{i=0}^m N_i^n(t) w_i c_i}{\sum_{i=0}^m N_i^n(t) w_i}$$

$x(t)$  is called the NURBS curve with weights  $w_0, \dots, w_m$

**Remark 20.** In the special case  $w_i = w \in \mathbb{R}^+$  the NURBS curve is a B-spline curve.

**Remark 21.**

$$\sum_{i=0}^m N_i^n(t) = 1 \qquad N_i^n(t) \geq 0$$

**Remark 22.** The bigger  $w_i$  is the more the curve is attracted towards  $c_i$ .

**Remark 23.** NURBS and B-splines are invariant under affine transformations.