

# Using Bézier extraction matrices

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Given a B-spline curve of degree  $d$  with  $L$  segments and  $n$  control points in the form

$$\mathcal{C}(u) = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \mathbf{P}_k N_k^{d,U}(u),$$

where  $U$  is the clamped knot vector with  $d+1$  identical values at both ends, and  $N_k^{d,U}$  are the B-spline basis functions, the  $i$ -th Bézier component ( $i = 0..L-1$ ) can be extracted as

$$\hat{\mathcal{C}}_i(u) = \sum_{j=0}^d \mathbf{Q}_j^i B_j^d(u),$$

where  $B_j^d$  are the Bernstein polynomials and

$$\mathbf{Q}_j^i = \sum_{k=0}^d \mathbf{P}_{k+s_i-d} C_{k,j}^i,$$

because of the extraction relation

$$N_k^{d,U}(u) = \sum_{j=0}^d C_{k+d-s_i,j}^i B_j^d(u),$$

$\mathbf{C}^i$  being the  $i$ -th extraction matrix of the degree- $d$  knot vector  $U$ , and  $s_i$  denoting the span index of the  $i$ -th segment.

Conversely, a B-spline control point  $\mathbf{P}_k$  can be restored from a suitable Bézier segment (i.e., one that is in the same span), using the formula

$$\mathbf{P}_k = \sum_{j=0}^d \mathbf{Q}_j^i \left( \mathbf{C}^{i-1} \right)_{j,k+d-s_i}.$$