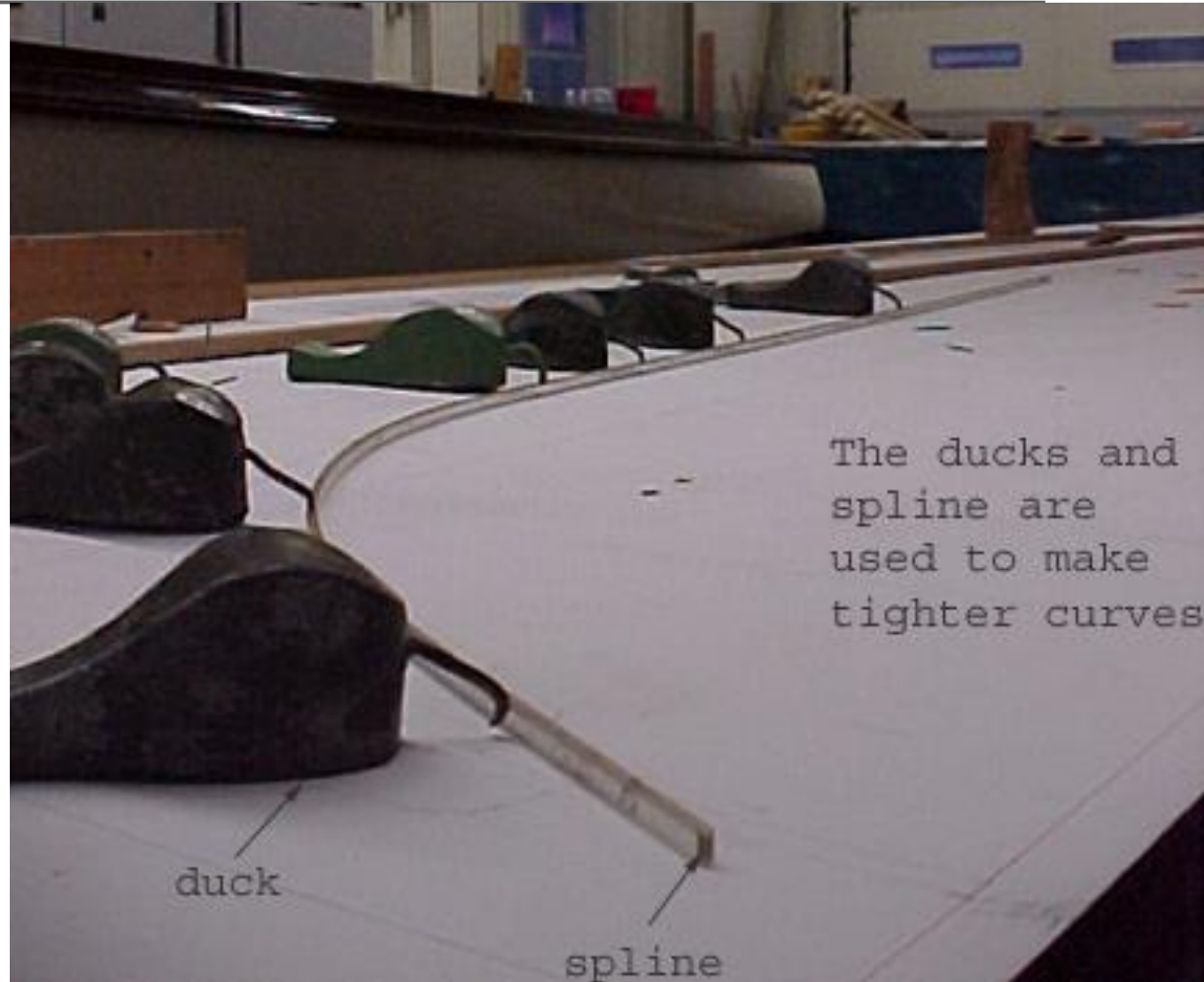
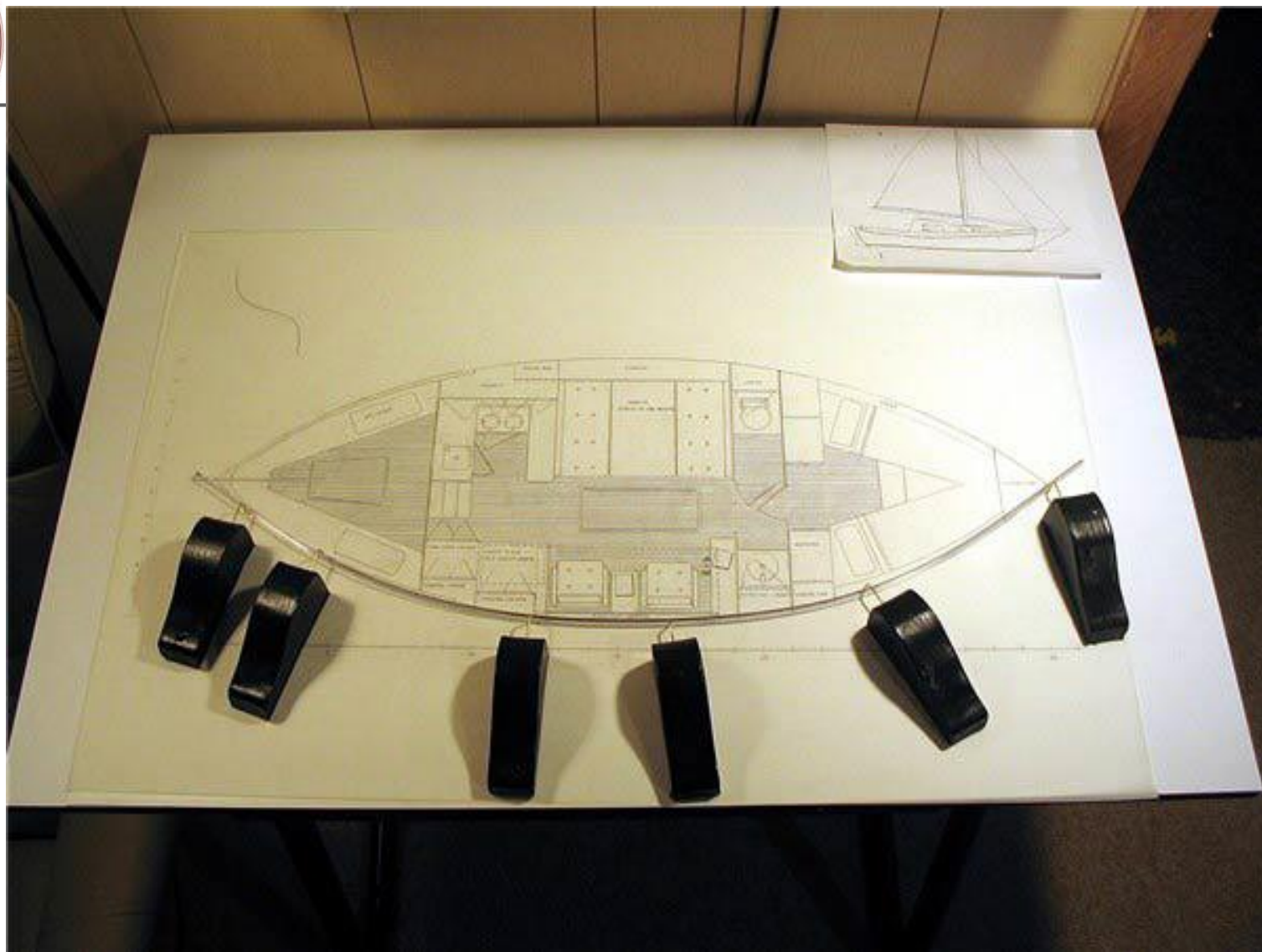


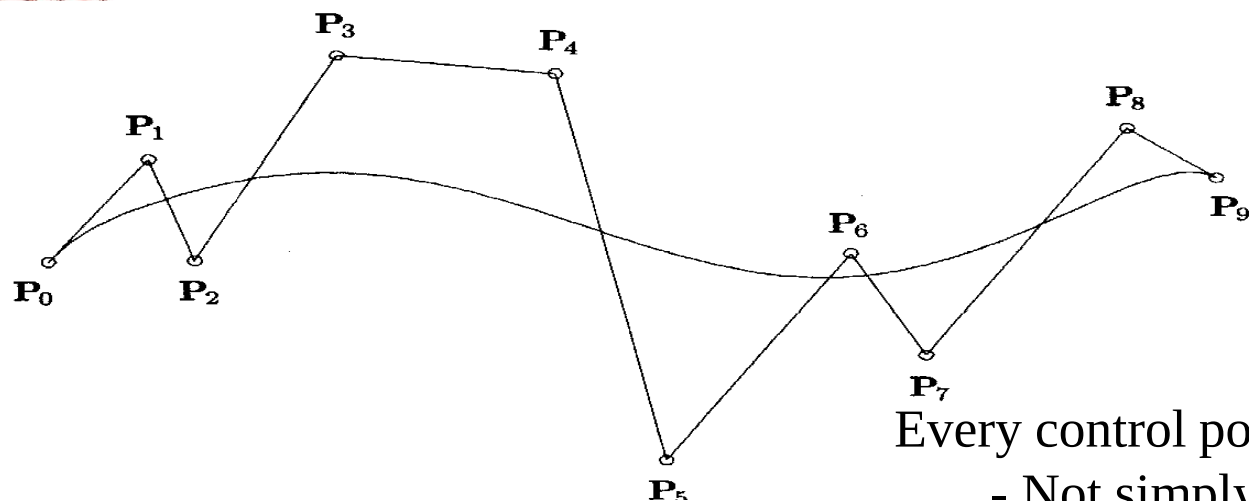
Geometric Modeling: curves

- Bézier Curves
- Spline Curves
- NURBS
- Subdivision curve

The term ‘spline’ comes from the shipbuilding industry: long, thin strips of wood or metal would be bent and held in place by heavy ‘ducks’, lead weights which acted as control points of the curve.

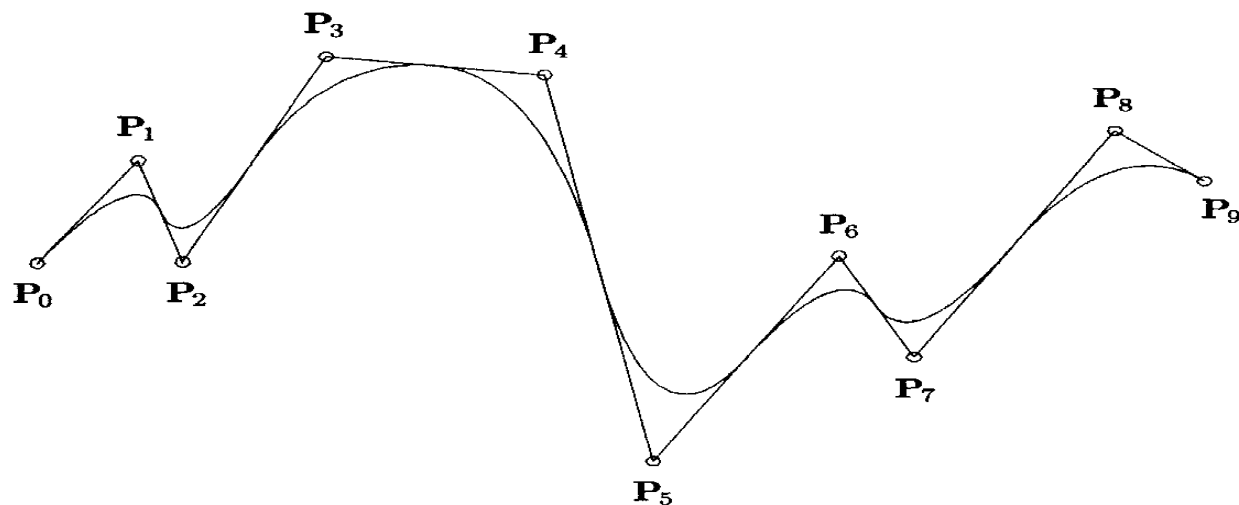




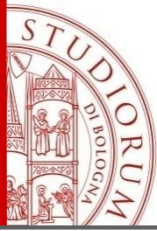


Bézier curve of degree 9

- Every control point affects the entire curve
- Not simply a local effect
 - More difficult to control for modeling



Spline curve of degree 2



Bézier Curve vs spline Curve

A Bézier curve of degree **n** in parametric form is defined by **n_{cp}=n+1** control points **$P_i = (x_i, y_i)$** $i=0, \dots, n$ in **$\mathbf{R}^2$**

$$C(t) = \sum_{i=0}^n \mathbf{P}_i B_{i,n}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} x(t) \\ y(t) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \sum_{i=0}^n x_i B_{i,n}(t) \\ \sum_{i=0}^n y_i B_{i,n}(t) \end{pmatrix} \leftarrow \begin{matrix} \text{Polynomial} \\ \text{of degree } n \end{matrix}$$

A spline curve of degree **n** in parametric form is defined by **n_{cp}** control points **$P_i = (x_i, y_i)$** $i=1, \dots, n_{cp}$ in **$\mathbf{R}^2$**

$$C(t) = \sum_{i=1}^{n_{cp}} \mathbf{P}_i N_{i,n}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} x(t) \\ y(t) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \sum_{i=1}^{n_{cp}} x_i N_{i,n}(t) \\ \sum_{i=1}^{n_{cp}} y_i N_{i,n}(t) \end{pmatrix} \leftarrow \begin{matrix} \text{Piecewise} \\ \text{Polynomials} \\ \text{(spline)} \\ \text{of degree } n \end{matrix}$$

Partition

Let $[a,b]$ be a close and limited interval and $\Delta = \{x_i\}_{i=1,..,k}$ be a set of points (knots) such that

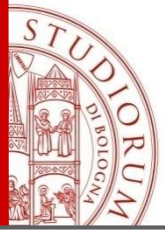


$$a = x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_k < x_{k+1} = b$$

then Δ is a partition of $[a,b]$ and it defines the subintervals

$$I_i = [x_i, x_{i+1}) \quad I_k = [x_k, x_{k+1}]$$

The points x_i are called **KNOT (NODI)**

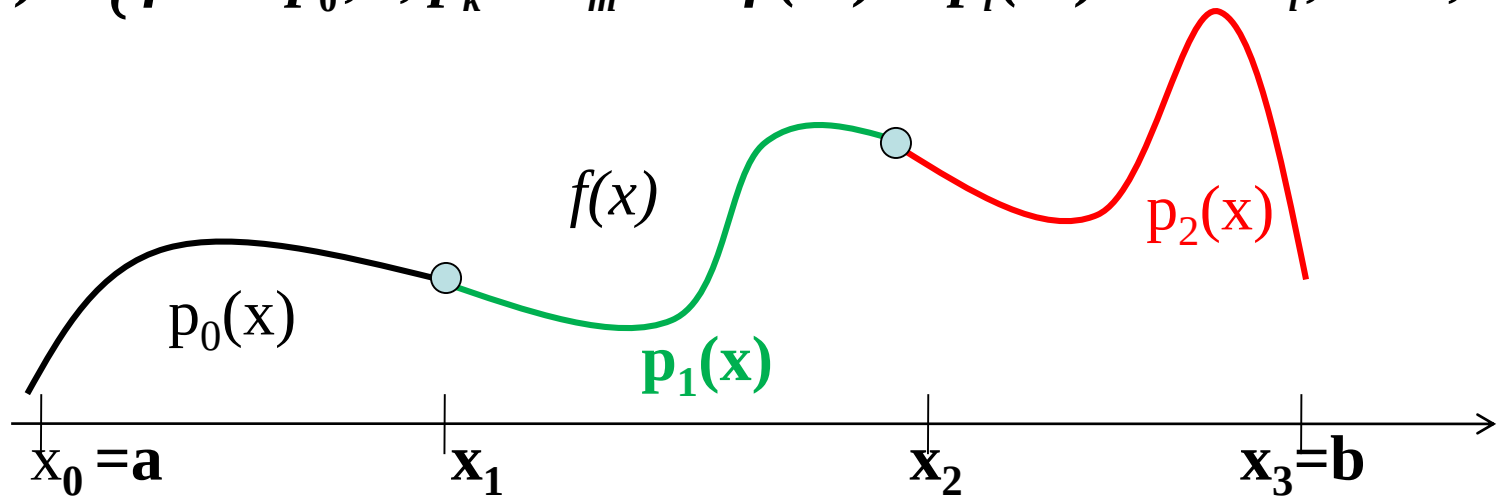


Piecewise polynomials

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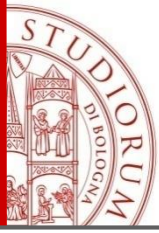
Space of piecewise polynomials

$$PP_m(\Delta) = \{ f / \exists p_0, \dots, p_k \in P_m \text{ s.t. } f(x) \equiv p_i(x) \forall x \in I_i, i = 0, \dots, k \}$$



$f(x)$ is defined in $[a, b]$ and consists into 3 polynomial pieces of degree n (order $m=n+1$)

The pieces are joint with continuity C^0



Spline Functions $s(x)$ (Schoenberg 1946)

Given a partition Δ

an integer m – order - (degree n , $m=n+1$)

a vector M of knot multiplicities

$$M=(m_1, m_2, \dots, m_k), \quad m_i \leq m$$

we can define a **space of spline functions**

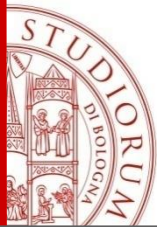
$$S(P_m, M, \Delta) = \{s(x) / \exists s_0(x), \dots, s_k(x) \in P_m \text{ s.t.}$$

$$1. \quad s(x) \equiv s_j(x), \quad x \in I_j, \quad j = 0, \dots, k,$$

$$2. \quad \text{continuity} : D^{(l)}s_{j-1}(x_j) \equiv D^{(l)}s_j(x_j), \\ l = 0, \dots, m - m_j - 1 \}$$

Space dimension $m+K$,

$$K = \sum_{i=1}^k m_i$$



Special cases

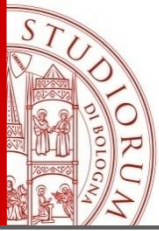
$$M = (m, m, \dots, m) \Rightarrow S(P P_m, M, \Delta)$$

Continuity C^0 at knots

S is the piecewise polynomial space PP_m

$$M = (1, 1, \dots, 1) \Rightarrow S(P_m, M, \Delta)$$

Max Continuity C^{m-1-1} at knots



Extended Partition

(Partizione estesa)

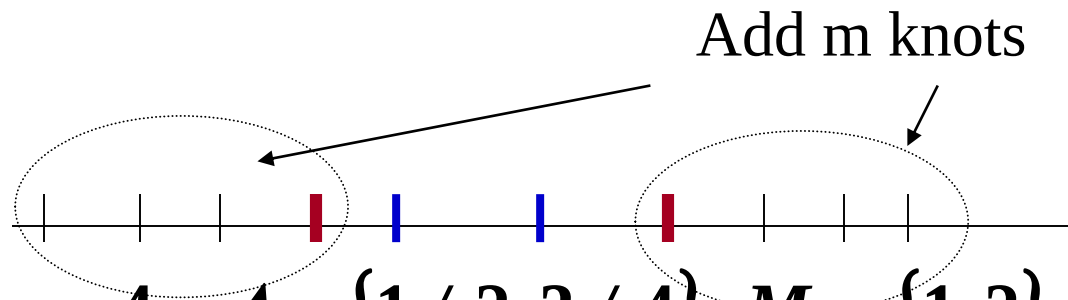
Starting from partition $\Delta = \{x_i\}_{i=1,\dots,k}$, the extended partition $\Delta^* = \{t_i\}_{i=1,\dots,2m+K}$ is given by

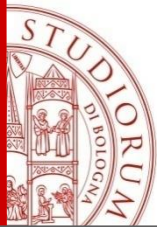
- 1) $t_1 \leq t_2 \leq \dots \leq t_{2m+K}$
- 2) $t_m \equiv a \quad t_{m+K+1} \equiv b$
- 3) $t_{m+1} < \dots < t_{m+K} \equiv (\underbrace{x_1 = \dots = x_1}_{m_1 \text{ times}} < \dots < \underbrace{x_k = \dots = x_k}_{m_k \text{ times}})$

Example

$[a, b] = [0, 1] \quad m = 4 \quad \Delta = \{1 / 2, 3 / 4\}, M = \{1, 2\}$

$$\Delta^* = \left\{ -3 / 4, -1 / 2, -1 / 4, 0, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{4}, \frac{3}{4}, 1, 5 / 4, 3 / 2, 7 / 4 \right\}$$





Extended Partition

Open (o nonperiodico)

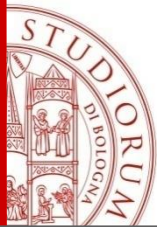
First and last knots have multiplicity $n+1$

Es: $n=2$ $\Delta^*=[0,0,0,1/2,1,1,1]$

Uniform

Equispaced internal knots

Non uniform otherwise



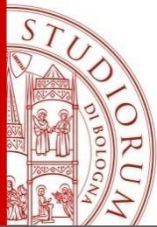
Spline Functions

Each spline function $\mathbf{s(t)}$ of degree $\mathbf{n}$ ($m=n+1$) can be represented as a linear combination of Basis Functions of the spline space $S(P_m, M, \Delta)$

$$s(t) = \sum_{i=1}^{m+K} c_i N_{i,n}(t)$$

where $\{N_{i,n}(t)\}_{i=1, \dots, m+K}$

is a set of normalized basis functions for $S(P_m, M, \Delta)$



B-Spline Bases

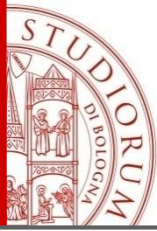
Recurrence FORMULA by Cox-de Boor

$\{N_{i,n}(t)\}_{i=1}^{m+K}$ **Normalized B-spline functions**

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

$$N_{i,0}(t) = \begin{cases} 1, & t_i \leq t < t_{i+1} \\ 0, & \text{altrimenti} \end{cases}$$

Conventionally $0/0=0$



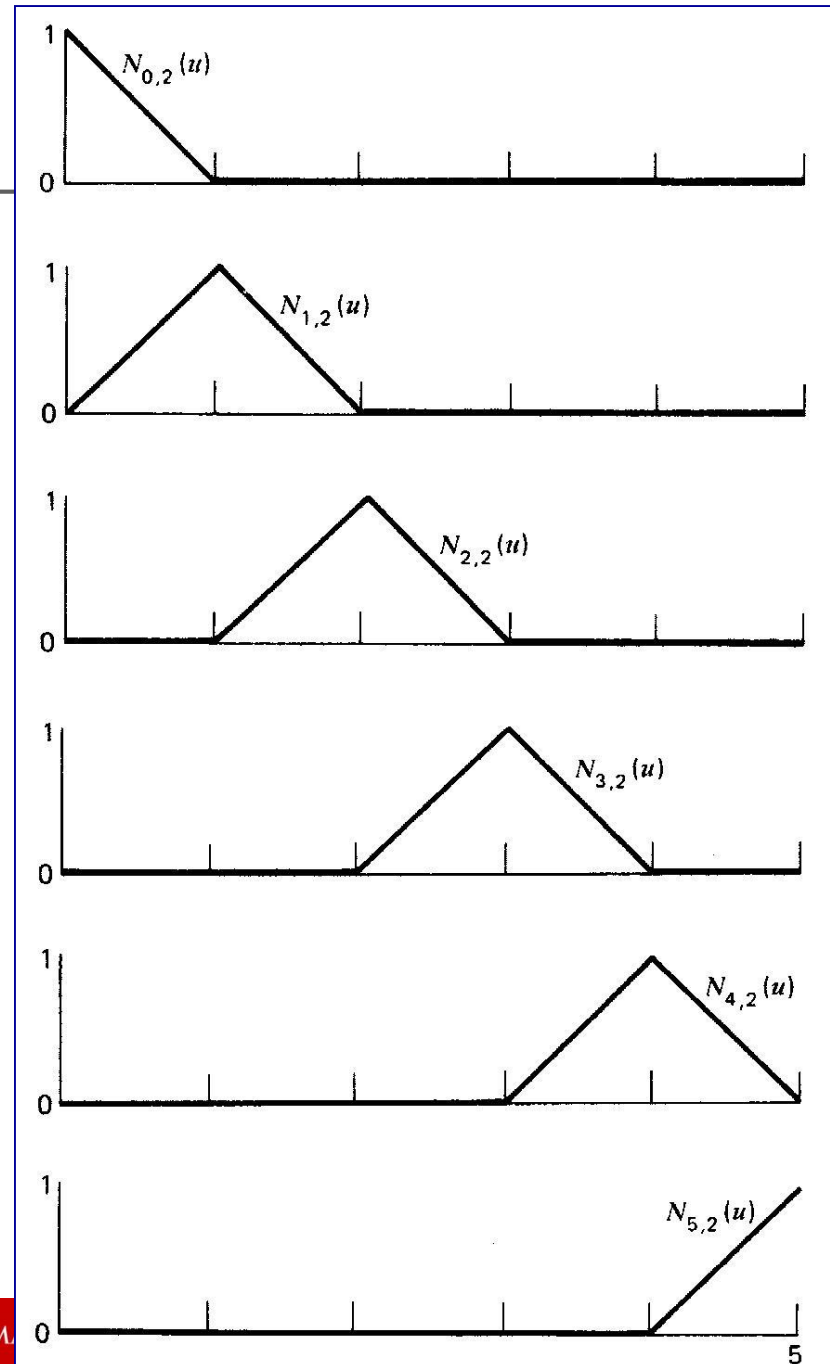
Example: B-spline Bases, $n=1$

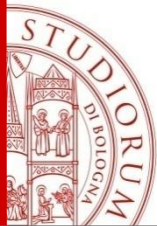
Number of knots:

N=Internal Knots **K**+
External Knots **$2*m$** =8

Nodal vector:

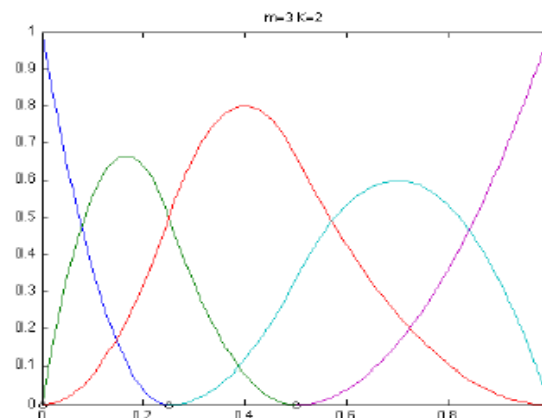
$\Delta^*=(0,0,1,2,3,4,5,5)$



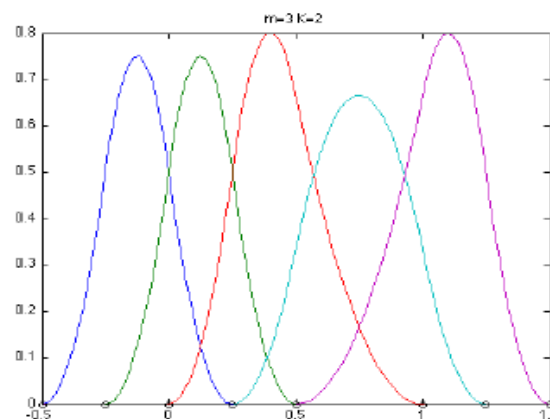


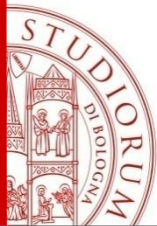
Example: B-spline Bases, degree 2

$$n = 2 \quad \Delta^* = \{0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0.25 \ 0.5 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1\}$$



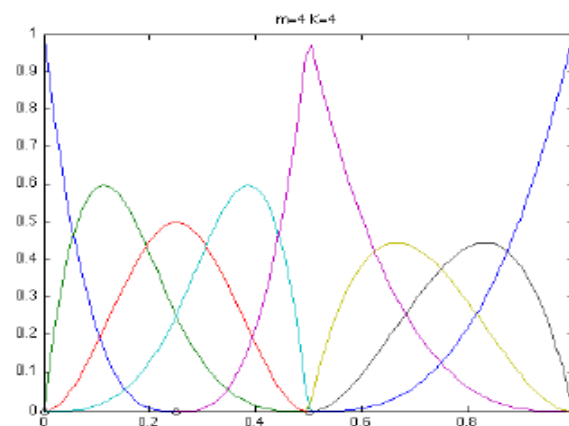
$$n = 2 \quad \Delta^* = \{-0.5 \ -0.25 \ 0 \ 0.25 \ 0.5 \ 1 \ 1.25 \ 1.5\}$$



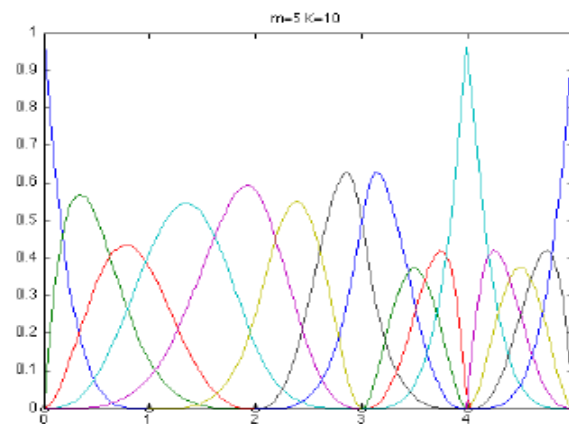


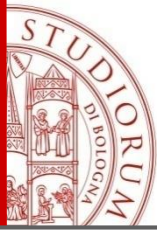
Example: B-spline Bases, degree 3,4

$$n = 3 \quad \Delta^* = \{0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0.25 \ 0.5 \ 0.5 \ 0.5 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1\}$$



$$n = 4 \quad \Delta^* = \{0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 2 \ 2 \ 3 \ 3 \ 3 \ 4 \ 4 \ 4 \ 4 \ 5 \ 5 \ 5 \ 5 \}$$





Example: B-Spline Bases, $n=2$

$$\{N_{i,2}(t)\}_{i=1}^{3+K}$$

$$N_{i,2}(t) = \frac{t - t_i}{t_{i+2} - t_i} N_{i,1}(t) + \frac{t_{i+3} - t}{t_{i+3} - t_{i+1}} N_{i+1,1}(t)$$

$$N_{i,0}(t) = \begin{cases} 1, & t_i \leq t < t_{i+1} \\ 0, & \text{altrimenti} \end{cases}$$

Compute the triangular scheme

$$N_{i,2}(t)$$

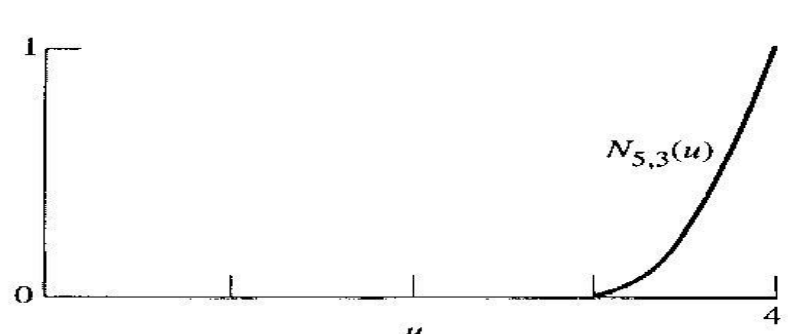
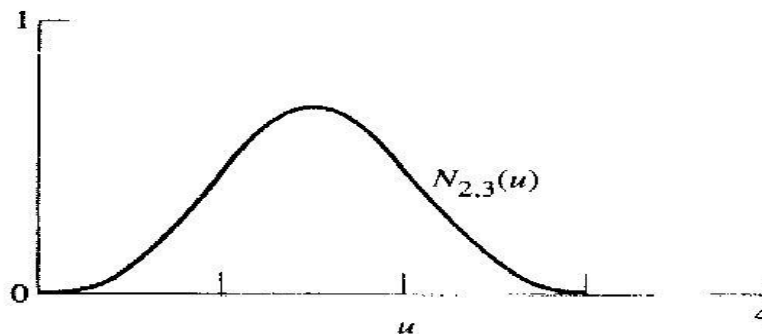
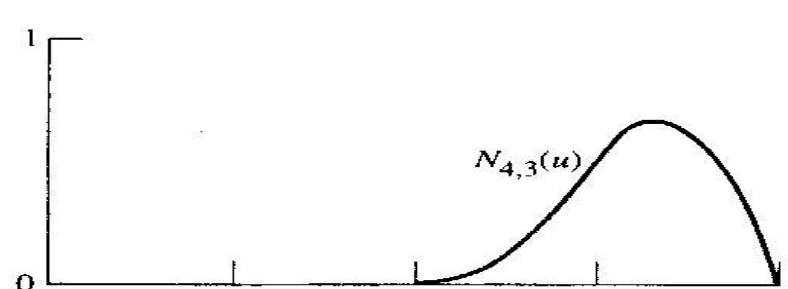
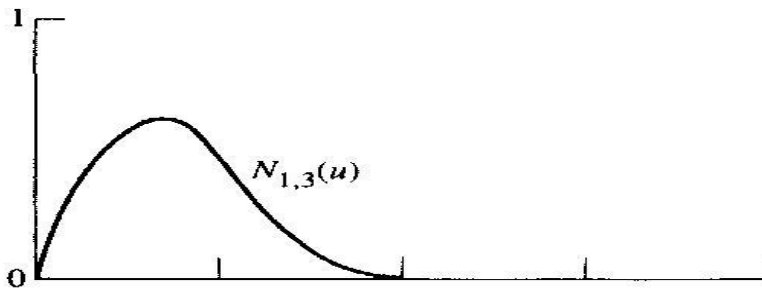
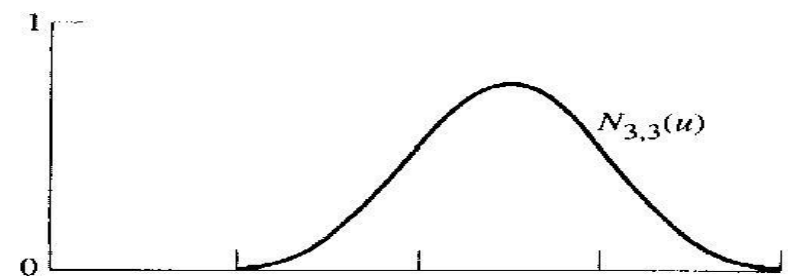
$$N_{i,1}(t) \quad N_{i+1,1}(t)$$

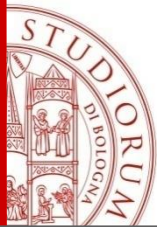
$$N_{i,0}(t) \quad N_{i+1,0}(t) \quad N_{i+2,0}(t)$$

Example: B-Spline Bases, $n=2$

Knot Vector: $\Delta^* = (0, 0, 0, \mathbf{1, 2, 3}, 4, 4, 4)$

K (internal knots) + $2 \cdot m$ (external knots)





B-Spline Bases: properties

1. Local Support

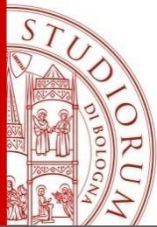
$$N_{i,n}(t) = 0 \quad \forall t \notin [t_i, t_{i+n+1}) \quad \text{se } t_i < t_{i+n+1}$$

2. Non-negativity

$$N_{i,n}(t) > 0 \quad \forall t \in (t_i, t_{i+n+1}) \quad t_i < t_{i+n+1}$$

3. Partition of Unity

$$\sum_{i=1}^{m+K} N_{i,n}(t) = 1 \quad \forall t \in [a, b]$$



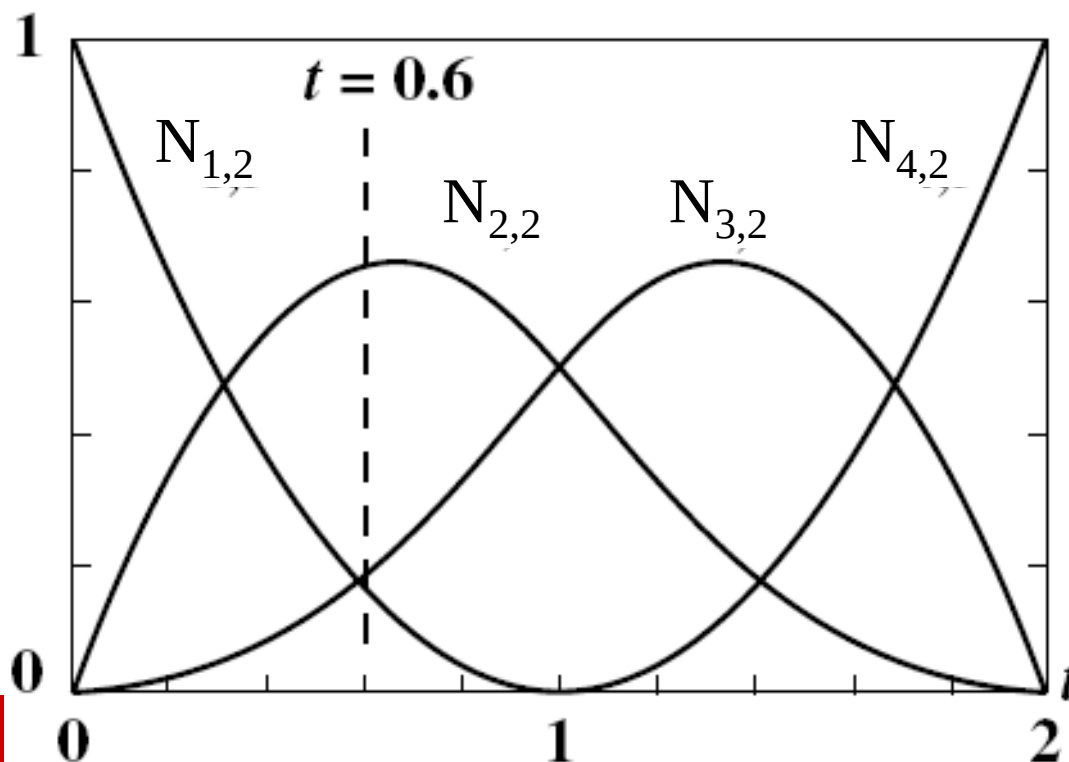
Partition of Unity

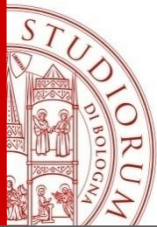
Example:

Degree $n=2$, Knot vector: $\Delta^*=(0,0,\mathbf{0},\mathbf{1},\mathbf{2},2,2)$

$t = 0.6$

$$N_{1,2} + N_{2,2} + N_{3,2} + N_{4,2} = 0.16 + 0.66 + 0.18 + 0.0 = 1.0$$





Spline Functions

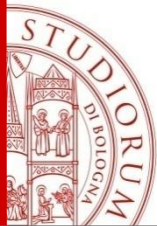
Each spline function $\mathbf{s(t)}$ of degree $\mathbf{n}$ ($m=n+1$) can be represented as

$$(*) \quad s(t) = \sum_{i=1}^{m+K} c_i N_{i,n}(t)$$

For the local support property of $N_{i,n}$ (*) is reduced to:

$$s(t) = \sum_{i=\ell-n}^{\ell} c_i N_{i,n}(t), \quad t \in [t_{\ell}, t_{\ell+1})$$

For each interval, $s(t)$ is the sum of m B-spline Basis functions at most. Therefore $s(t)$ has a local behaviour: **by changing an arbitrary c_i the shape of $s(t)$ changes only in $m (=n+1)$ intervals.**



Spline Curves

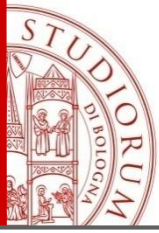
A parametric curve $C(t)$ in $\mathbf{R}^2$ of degree n ($m=n+1$) in parametric form is represented as

$$C(t) = \begin{pmatrix} x(t) \\ y(t) \end{pmatrix} \quad t \in [a, b]$$

If the coordinate functions $x(t)$ and $y(t)$ are spline functions then the curve is a spline curve

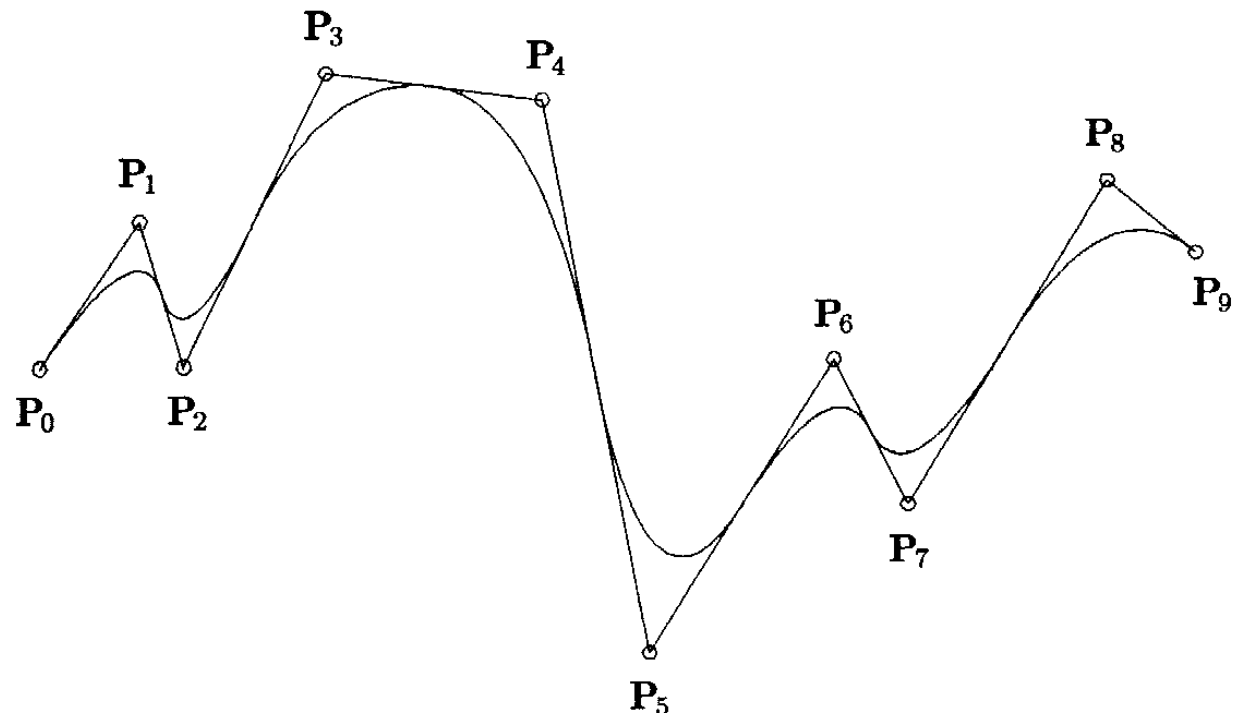
$$C(t) = \begin{pmatrix} x(t) \\ y(t) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \sum_{i=1}^{ncp} x_i N_{i,n}(t) \\ \sum_{i=1}^{ncp} y_i N_{i,n}(t) \end{pmatrix} = \sum_{i=1}^{ncp} P_i N_{i,n}(t)$$

Control points $P_i = (x_i, y_i)$ $i=1, \dots, ncp$ in $\mathbf{R}^2$ $ncp=K+m$
 $C(t)$ is C^{m-m_j-1} continuous in knots with multiplicity m_j

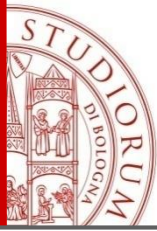


Given the order **m**, and the number of control points **n_{cp}**,
the total number of knots is **n_{cp}+m**
the number of internal knots is **K=n_{cp}-m**

Example : Spline Curve m=3



$$\Delta^* = \{0, 0, 0, 1/8, 2/8, 3/8, 4/8, 5/8, 6/8, 7/8, 1, 1, 1\}$$



How to control the shape of a spline curve

- Change of the degree
- Change of the number/position of the control points CP
- Use multiple coincident CP
- Use internal multiple knots:

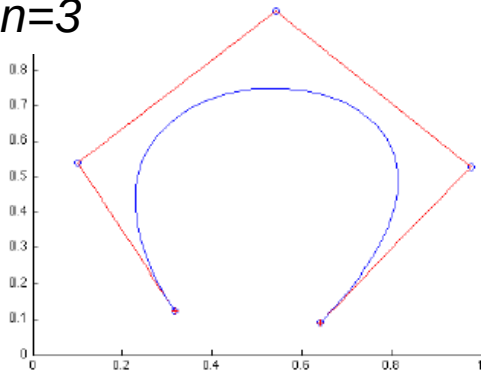
If a knot has multiplicity n , then the curve passes through the corresponding control point

- Modify the knot vector
 - Uniform
 - Nonuniform

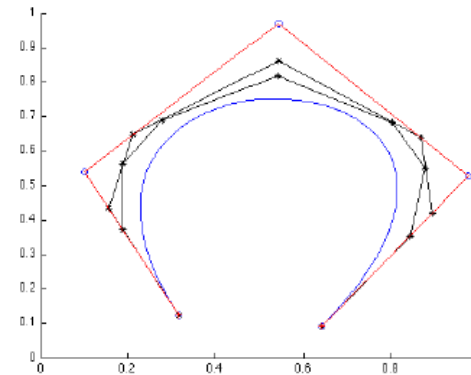
Degree elevation

$$k = 1, \quad \Delta^* = \{0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0.5 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1\}$$

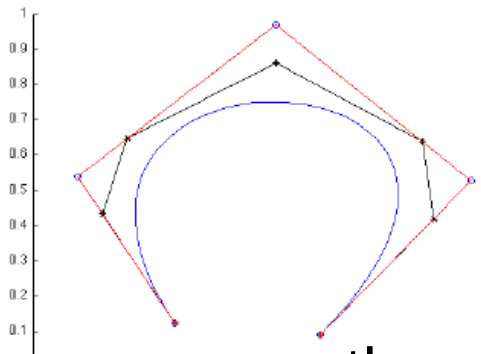
$n=3$



$$n=5 \quad \Delta^* = \{0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0.5 \ 0.5 \ 0.5 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1\}$$

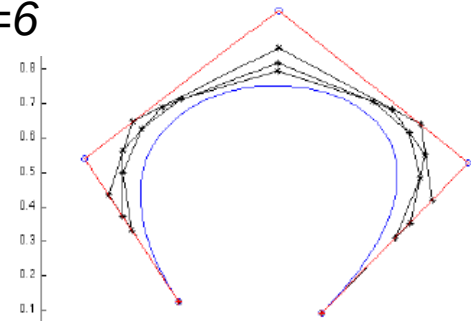


$$n=4 \quad \Delta^* = \{0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0.5 \ 0.5 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1\}$$



$$\Delta^* = \{0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0.5 \ 0.5 \ 0.5 \ 0.5 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1\}$$

$n=6$



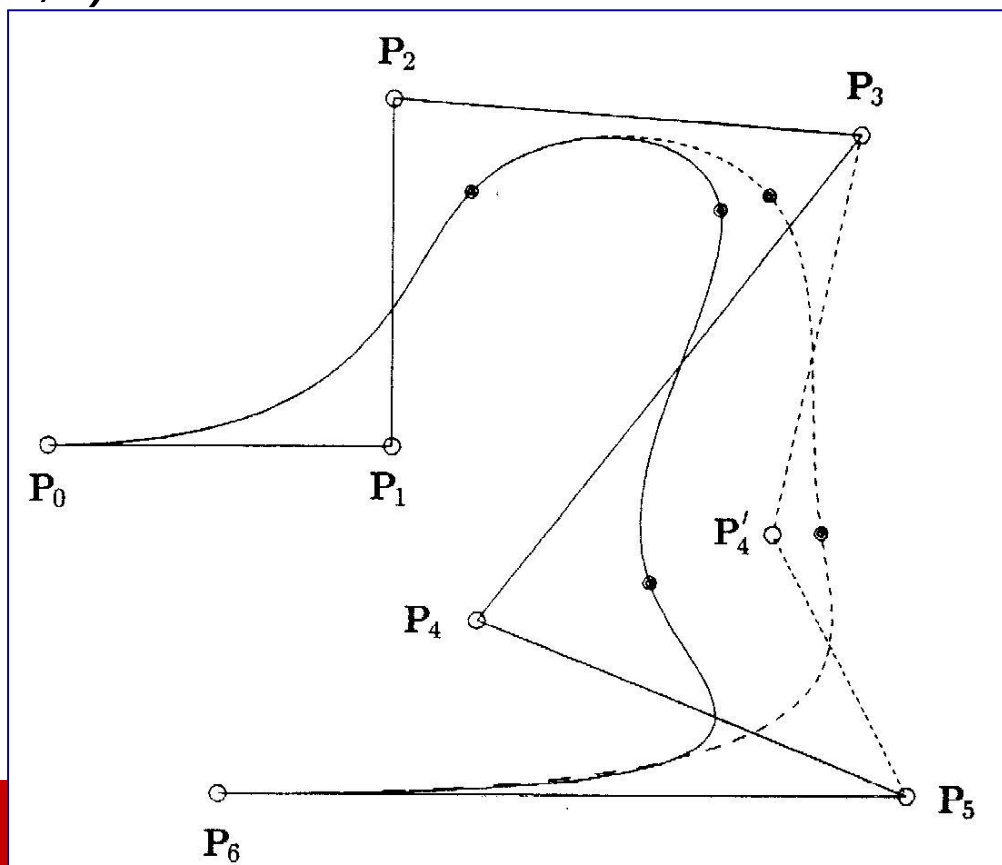
the curve shape is unchanged

Move control points

Example cubic spline (n=3)

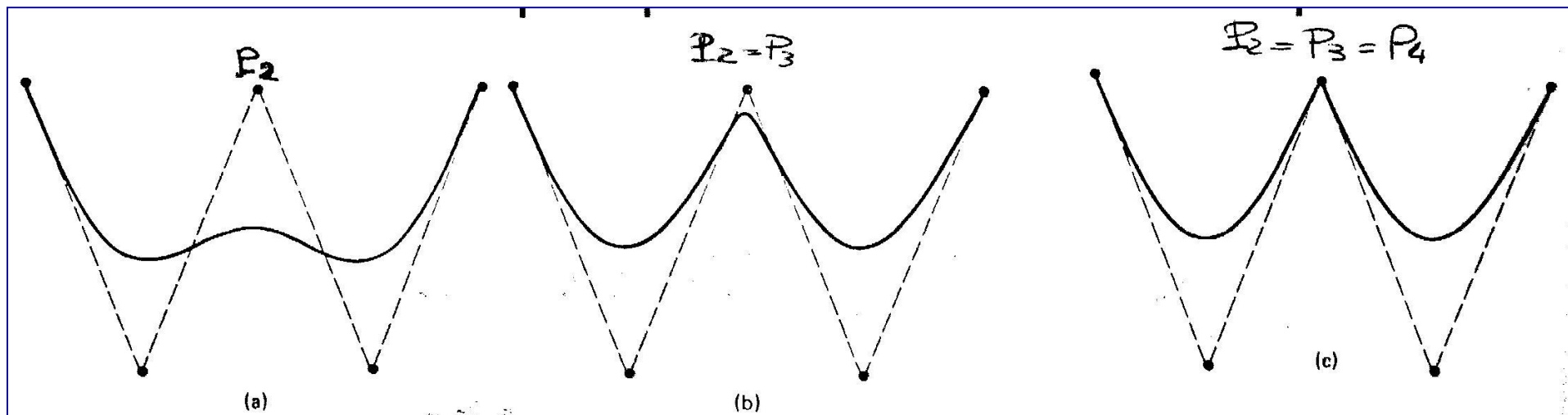
Nodal vector: $\Delta^* = \{0, 0, 0, 0, \mathbf{1/4}, \mathbf{1/2}, \mathbf{3/4}, 1, 1, 1, 1\}$

Move control point P_4 in P_4' , the curve changes in the interval $[1/4, 1)$



Multiple control points

Example cubic spline ($m=4$)



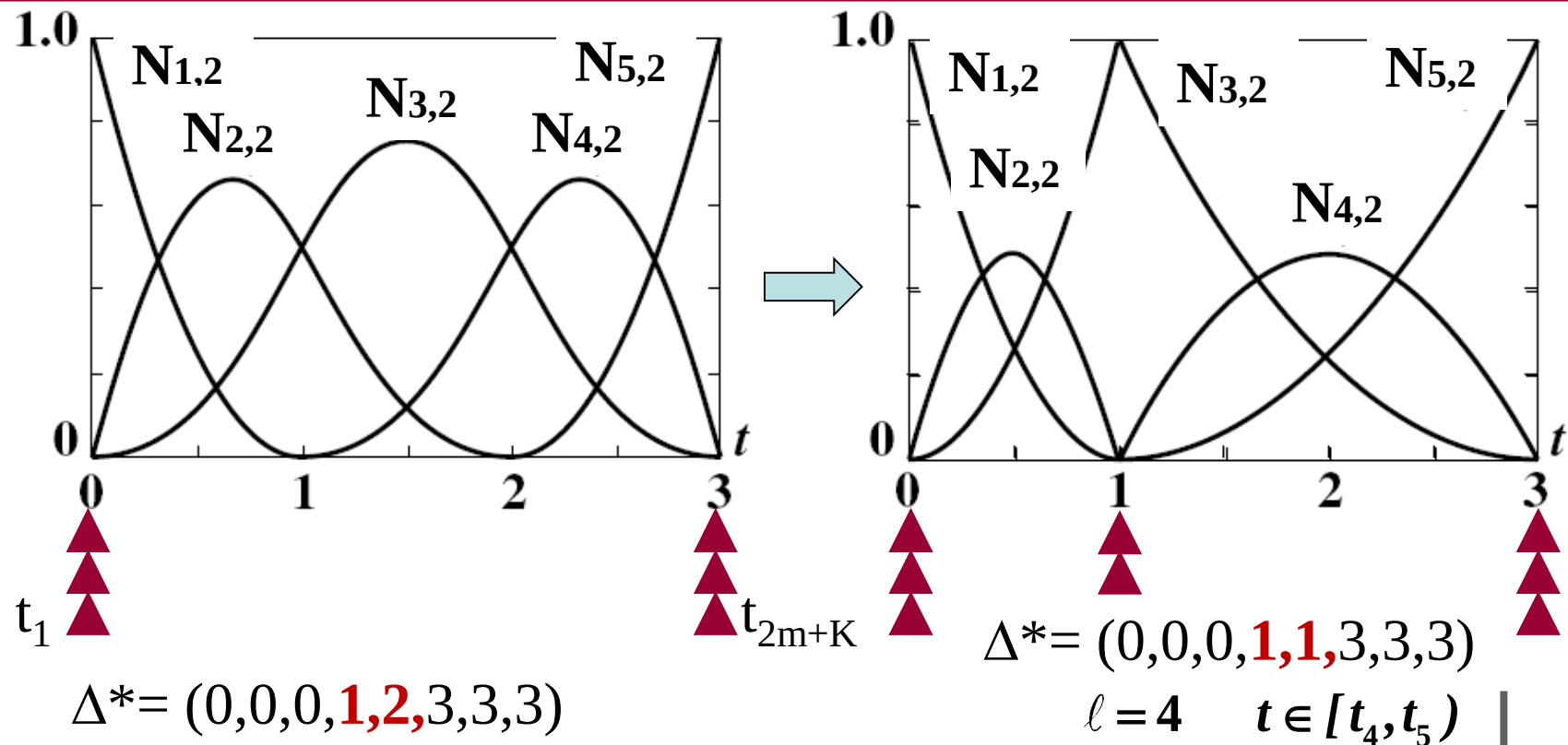
- $m-1$ coincident vertices are required for the curve to pass through the vertices
- The curve smoothly transitions through the coincident vertices with C^{m-m_i-1} continuity

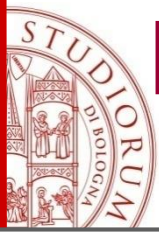
Multiple knots

$$C(t) = \sum_{i=2}^4 P_i N_{i,2}(t)$$

Example: degree $n=2$, knot vector with internal multiple knots

In $t=1$ we have $N_{2,2}=0$, $N_{3,2}=1$, $N_{4,2}=0$, $C(1)=P_3$, the curve interpolates P_3 , the continuity is reduced C^{3-2-1}



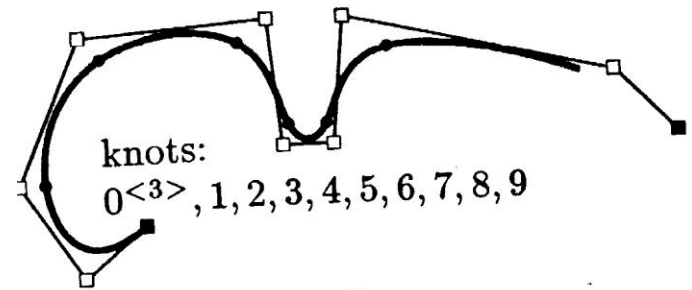


Modify the knot vector

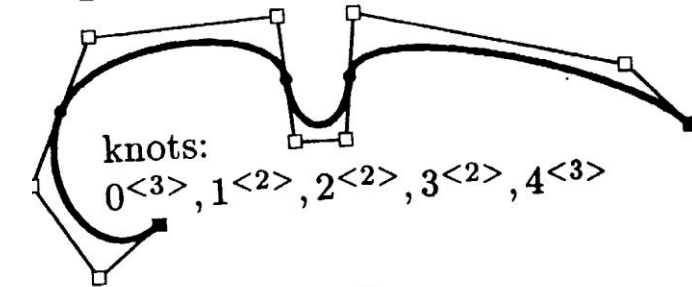
Examples:

Same CP but
different **order** m
and **knot vector**

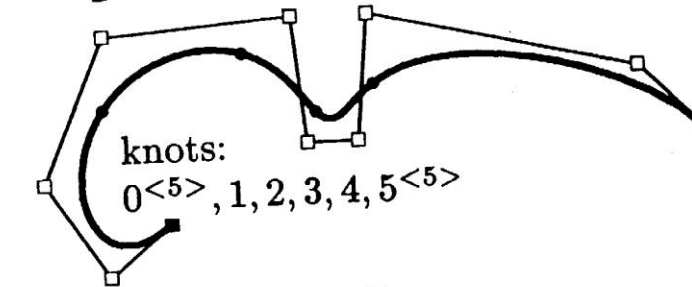
$m=3$



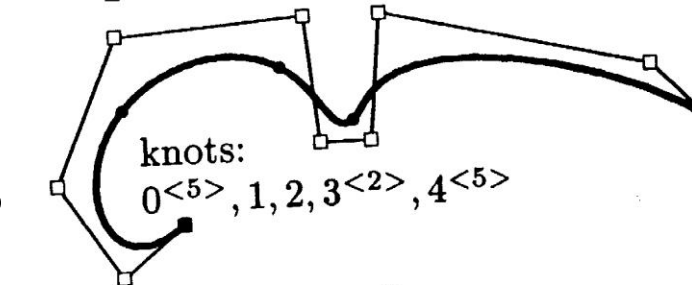
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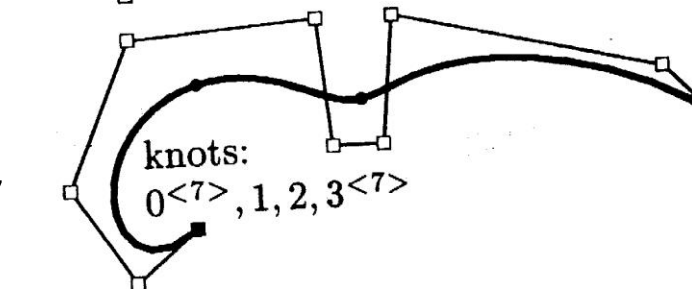
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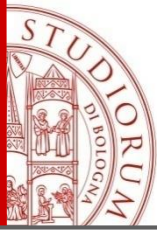


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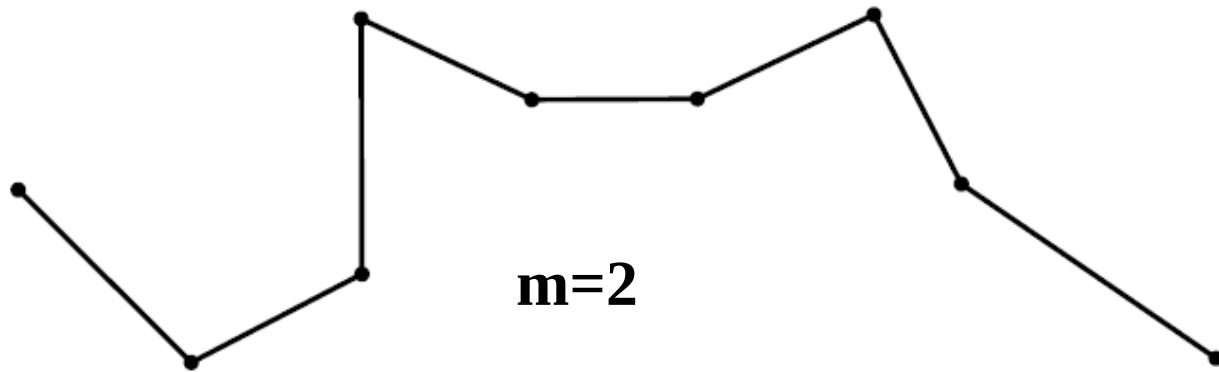
$m=7$





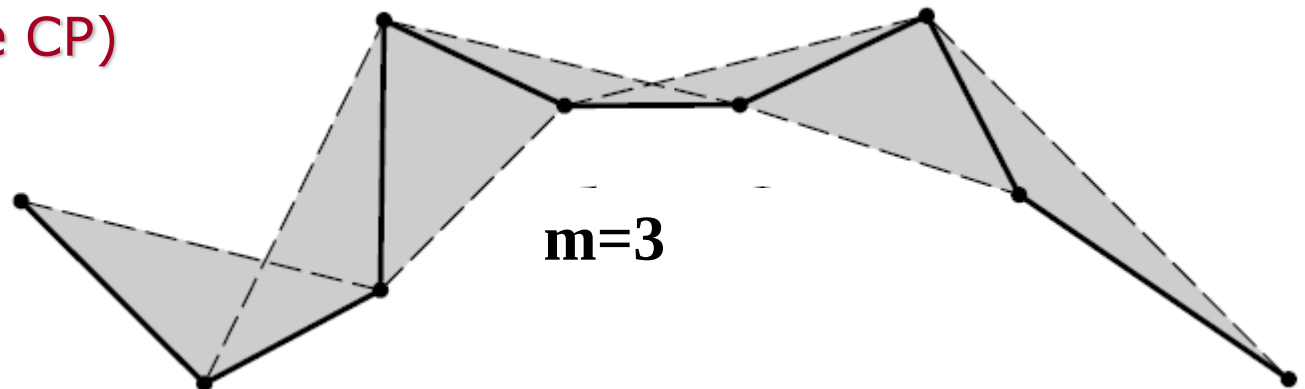
Convex hull (Guscio convesso)

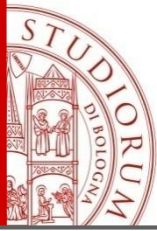
- Degree $n=1$, order $m=2$, the curve is the control polygon



- Degree $n=2$, order $m=3$, the curve lies in the union of the convex hulls

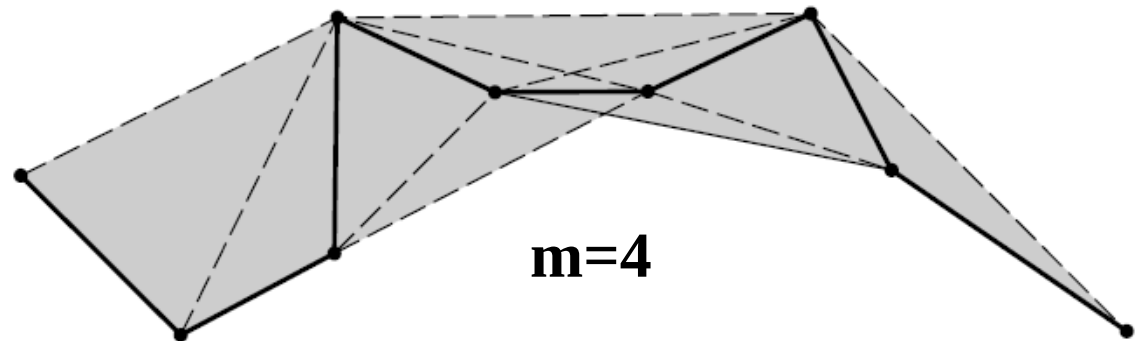
(CH= m consecutive CP)



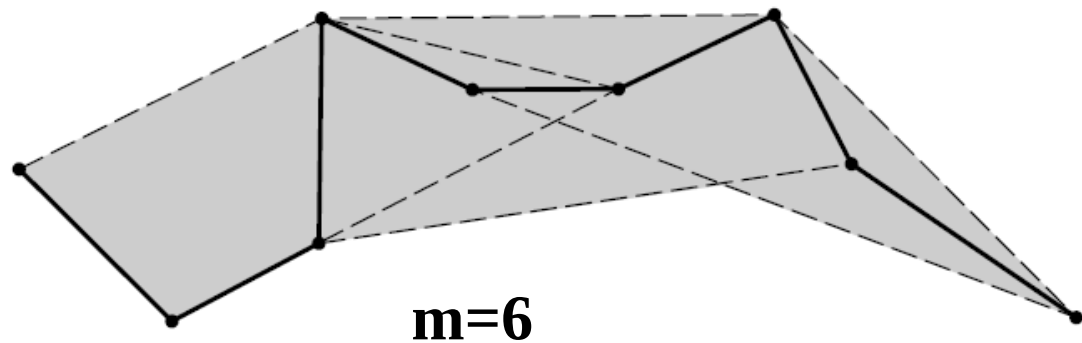


Convex hull

- Degree $n=3$, order $m=4$, the curve lies inside the union of the convex hulls



- Degree $n=5$, order $m=6$, higher degrees involve larger convex hull



The higher the order the less closely the B-spline curve follows the control polygon

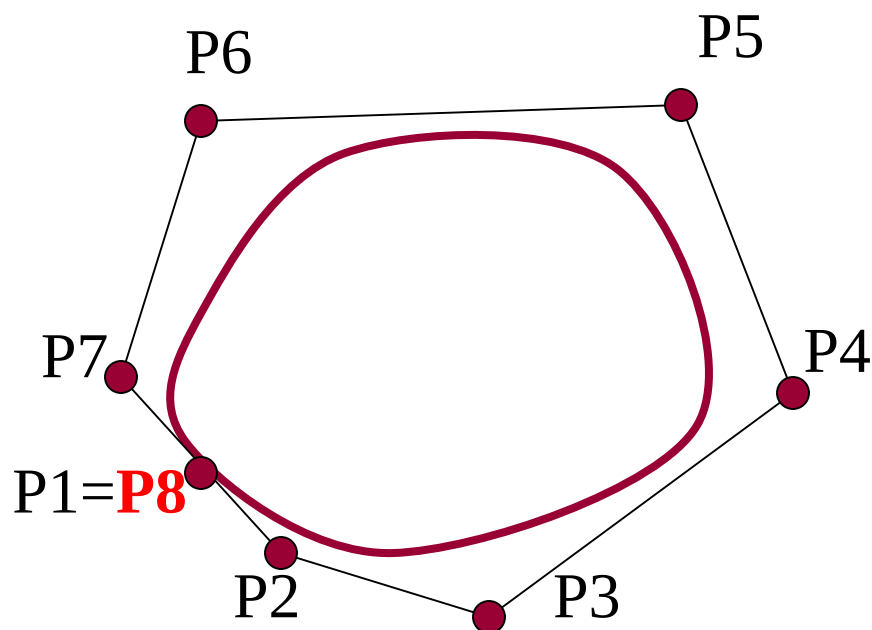
Close Spline Curve

Close Curve:

First and last CP are the same

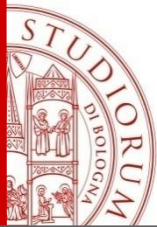
$$P_1 \equiv P_{m+K}$$

External knots coincide in Δ^*



Cubic Spline continuous C^{m-2} (C^2), **close**,
defined on the knot vector:

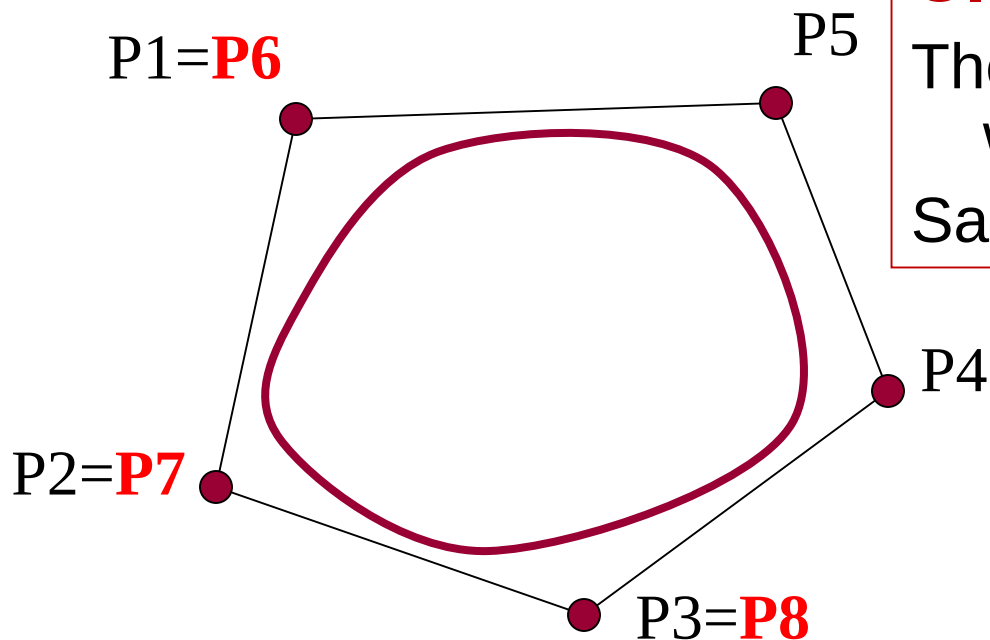
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Periodic Spline Curve

Close and Periodic Curve:

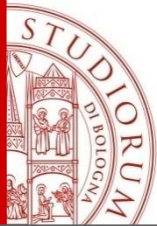
The **first n** control points coincide with the **last n**,
Same external knot intervals



C^2 also in the joint knot

Cubic $n=3$ spline continuous C^{m-2} (C^2), **periodic**,
defined on the knot vector:

[0 1 2 3 **4 5 6 7** 8 9 10 11]



Knot insertion

Add a new knot in the Nodal Vector does not change neither the degree nor the curve shape.

Each new inserted knot leads to a new CP.

Useful for:

- Curve Evaluation/Editing
- Control over the curve continuity
- Convert spline to piecewise Bézier curves
- Draw the curve (the control polygon approaches to the curve)
- Compatibility between two curves (same knot vectors)



Knot insertion: Bohm's Method

Given the partition $\Delta^* = [t_1, \dots, t_{K+2m}]$

insert *knot* $\hat{t} \in [t_\ell, t_{\ell+1})$

$$\rightarrow \bar{\Delta}^* = [\hat{t}_1, \dots, \hat{t}_{K+2m+1}]$$

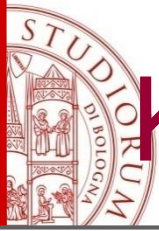
where
$$\hat{t}_i = \begin{cases} t_i & i \leq \ell \\ \hat{t} & i = \ell + 1 \\ t_{i-1} & i > \ell + 1 \end{cases}$$

Example

$$t = \textcolor{red}{7}_{3/4} \quad \ell=8$$

$$\Delta^* \rightarrow \bar{\Delta}^*$$

$$[0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11] \longrightarrow [0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, \textcolor{red}{7}_{3/4}, 8, 9, 10, 11]$$



Knot insertion: Bohm's Method

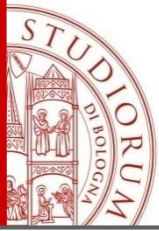
The space dimension $S(P_m, M, \Delta)$ increases

Represent the spline $s(x) = \sum_{i=1}^{m+K} p_i N_{i,m}(x) \in S(P_m, M, \Delta)$

in the new space $S(P_m, \overline{M}, \overline{\Delta})$ defined on the extended partition $\overline{\Delta}^*$

$$s(x) = \sum_{i=1}^{m+K+1} \hat{p}_i \overline{N}_{i,m}(x) \in S(P_m, \overline{M}, \overline{\Delta})$$

$$\hat{p}_i = \begin{cases} p_i & i \leq \ell - n \\ \lambda_i p_i + (1 - \lambda_i) p_{i-1} & \ell - n < i \leq \ell \\ p_{i-1} & i \geq \ell + 1 \end{cases} \quad \lambda_i = \frac{\hat{t} - t_i}{t_{i+n} - t_i}$$

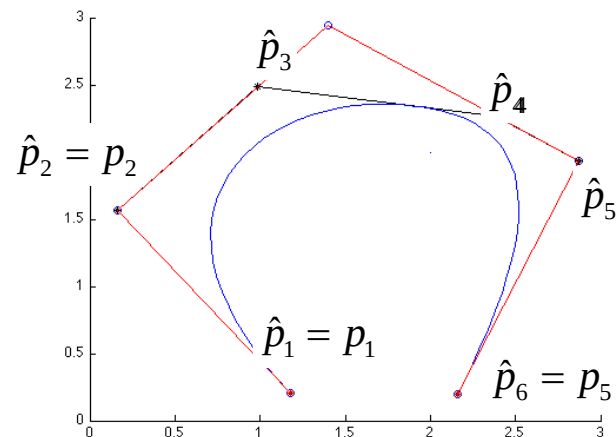
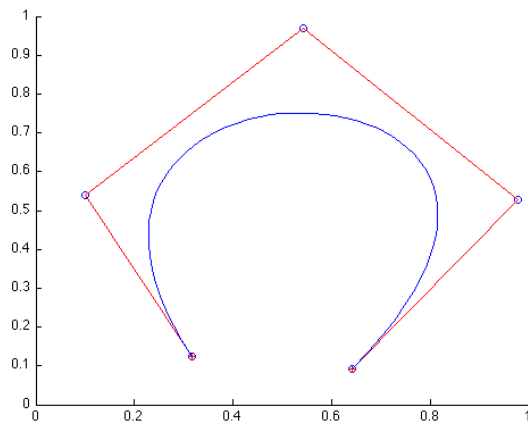


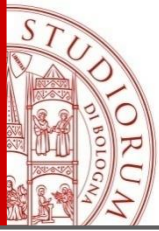
Example $n=3$

$$\Delta^* = \{0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 2\ 3\ 3\ 3\ 3\} \quad \text{insert} \quad t = 2 \in [t_5, t_6)$$

$$\overline{\Delta}^* = \{0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 2\ 2\ 3\ 3\ 3\ 3\}$$

modify $p_i \quad \ell - n < i \leq \ell$





Bézier Curves are special cases of spline curves

Example: $n=2$, order $m=3$

- Nodal vector: $[0,0,0,1,1,1]$

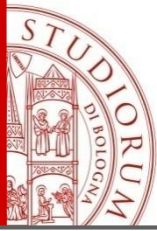
- Basis Functions

$$N_{1,2}(t) = (1-t)^2$$

$$N_{2,2}(t) = 2t(1-t)$$

$$N_{3,2}(t) = t^2$$

- The spline curve is the Bézier curve of degree 2 with the same CP

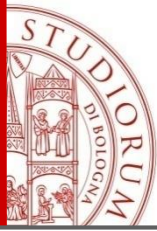


From spline curve to piecewise Bézier Curve

- Convert a degree n spline curve to a piecewise Bézier curve of degree n
- Each Bézier curve piece is a polynomial of degree n

ALGORITHM:

Insert knots in Δ in order to have all the internal knots with multiplicity $m_j=n$ (continuity $C^{m-m_j-1} = C^0$) and external knots with multiplicity $n+1$.

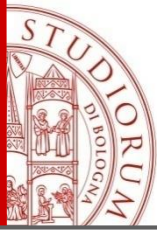


Spline Function Evaluation

- Given $\underline{t}$, evaluate $s(\underline{t})$

$$s(\underline{t}) = \sum_{i=\ell-n}^{\ell} c_i N_{i,n}(\underline{t})$$

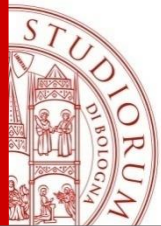
- Determine the interval $[t_{\ell}, t_{\ell+1})$ which contains $\underline{t}$; (dicotomic search)
- Then use:
 - Algorithm 1 via Basis Functions or
 - Algorithm 2 via coefficients **(de Boor)**
(repeat knot insertion at $\underline{t}$ multiple (n) times)



Algorithm 1: Basis Functions

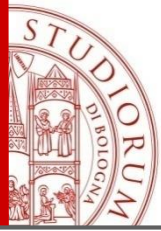
- 1. Find i , index of the interval $[t_\ell, t_{\ell+1})$
- 2. Compute the nonvanishing Basis Functions $N_{i,n}$ in the interval;
- 3. Compute the linear combinations:

$$s(\underline{t}) = \sum_{i=\ell-n}^{\ell} c_i N_{i,n}(\underline{t}) \quad \text{se} \quad t \in [t_\ell, t_{\ell+1})$$



Algorithm 2: coefficient formula (de Boor)

$$\begin{aligned} s(\underline{t}) &= \sum_{i=l-m+1}^l c_i N_{i,m}(\underline{t}) = \\ &= \sum_{i=l-m+1}^l c_i \frac{\underline{t} - t_i}{t_{i+m-1} - t_i} N_{i,m-1} + \frac{t_{i+m} - \underline{t}}{t_{i+m} - t_{i+1}} N_{i+1,m-1} = \\ &= \sum_{i=l-m+2}^l c_i \frac{\underline{t} - t_i}{t_{i+m-1} - t_i} N_{i,m-1} + \sum_{i=l-m+2}^l c_{i-1} \frac{t_{i+m-1} - \underline{t}}{t_{i+m-1} - t_i} N_{i,m-1} = \\ &= \sum_{i=l-m+2}^l \frac{c_i (\underline{t} - t_i) + c_{i-1} (t_{i+m-1} - \underline{t})}{t_{i+m-1} - t_i} N_{i,m-1}(\underline{t}) = \\ &= \sum_{i=l-m+2}^l c_i^{(1)} N_{i,m-1}(\underline{t}) \end{aligned}$$

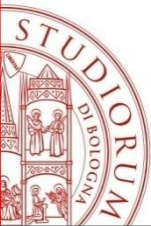


Algorithm 2: coefficient formula (de Boor)

$$\begin{aligned}
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 &= \dots = \sum_{i=l}^l c_i^{(m-1)} N_{i,1}(\underline{t}) = c_l^{(m-1)} N_{l,1}(\underline{t}) = c_l^{(m-1)}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$c_i^{[j]} = \frac{t - t_i}{t_{i+m-j} - t_i} c_i^{[j-1]} + \frac{t_{i+m-j} - t}{t_{i+m-j} - t_{i-1}} c_{i-1}^{[j-1]}, \quad c_i^{[0]} = c_i \quad \begin{matrix} j = 1, \dots, m-1 \\ i = l-m+j-1, \dots, l \end{matrix}$$

$$\begin{array}{cccccc}
 c_{l-m+1} & c_{l-m+2} & \dots & \dots & & c_l \\
 & & & & & \\
 & c_{l-m+2}^{[1]} & & & & c_l^{[1]} \\
 & & \dots & \dots & & \\
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 & & & & & c_l^{[m-1]} = s(t)
 \end{array}$$



Perspective projection

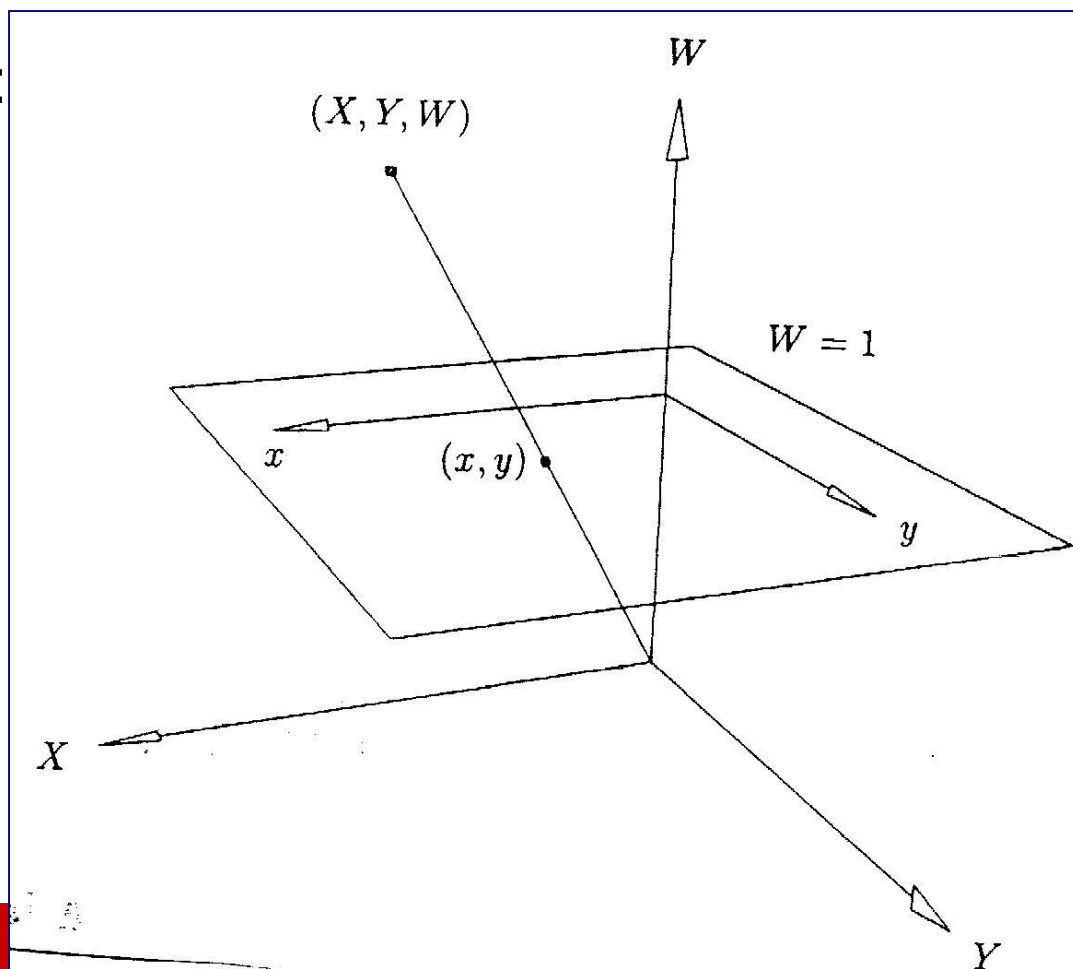
Perspective projection of a point in nD space to a plane which is parallel to $n-1$ axes.

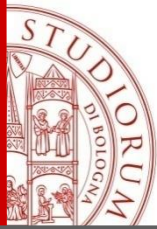
Homogeneous point in 3D:

$$P^w = (X, Y, W)$$

Projection to 2D

$$P = (x, y) = \left(\frac{X}{W}, \frac{Y}{W} \right)$$





Rational Curve

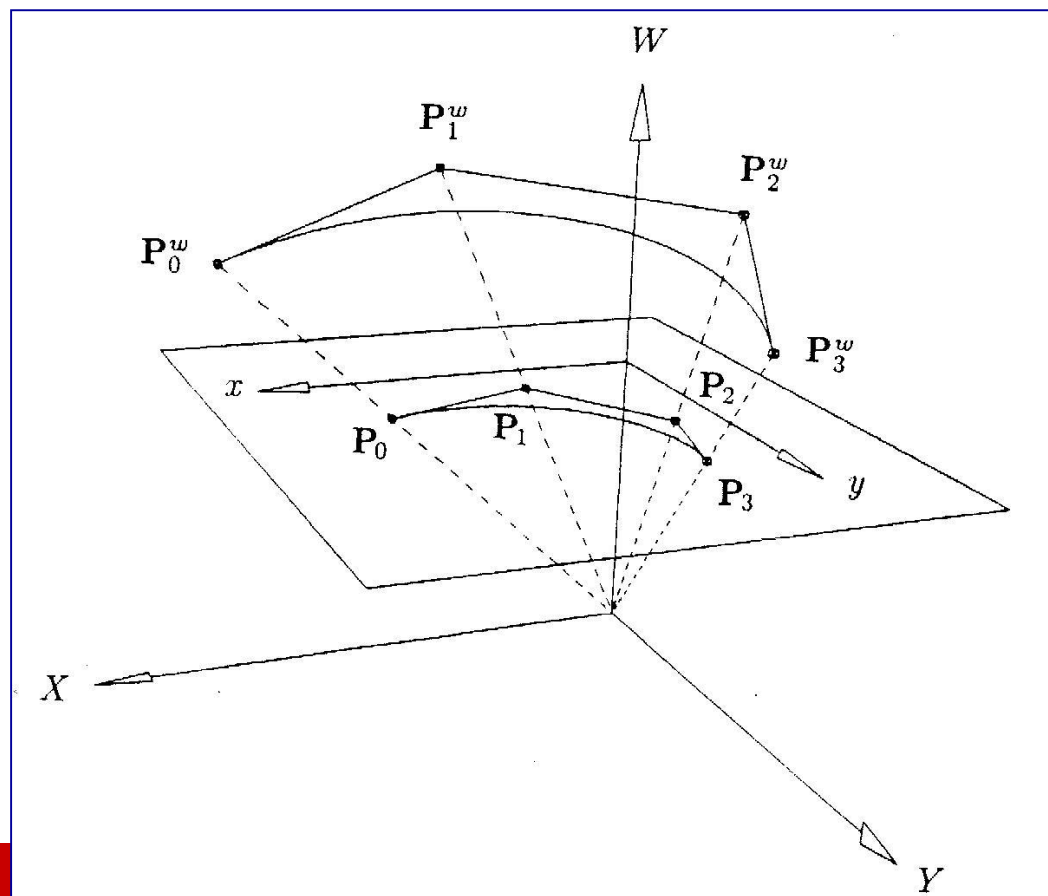
Perspective projection of each point of a 3D curve

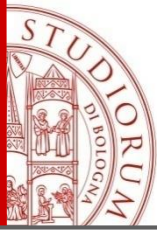
$$C^w(t) = (x(t), y(t), w(t))$$

into the 2D plane:

$$C(t) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{x(t)}{w(t)} & \frac{y(t)}{w(t)} \end{pmatrix}$$

Rational curve





NURBS curves

(NonUniform Rational Bspline)

(Ken Versprille)

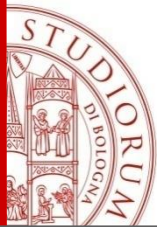
Given a non-rational
spline curve

$$s^w(t) = \sum \begin{pmatrix} w_i x_i \\ w_i y_i \\ w_i \end{pmatrix} N_{i,m}(t)$$

Apply perspective projection
3D $\rightarrow$ 2D

get a rational spline (NURBS)

$$s(t) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\sum w_i x_i N_{i,m}(t)}{\sum w_i N_{i,m}(t)} \\ \frac{\sum w_i y_i N_{i,m}(t)}{\sum w_i N_{i,m}(t)} \end{pmatrix}$$



NURBS

Given a partition Δ

an integer **m** – order - (degree n, $m=n+1$)

a vector **M** of knot multiplicities $\mathbf{M}=(m_1, m_2, \dots, m_k)$, $m_i \leq m$

a vector **W** of weights $\mathbf{W}=(w_1, w_2, \dots, w_k)$, $w_i > 0$

A NURBS curve of degree n is represented as

$$s(t) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{ncp} P_i w_i N_{i,n}(t)}{\sum_{i=1}^{ncp} w_i N_{i,n}(t)},$$

The weight **$w_i > 0$** is associated to the Control Point **P_i** and give more flexibility

Non-uniform = different spacing between the knots

rational = ratio of polynomials

Weights as shape parameters

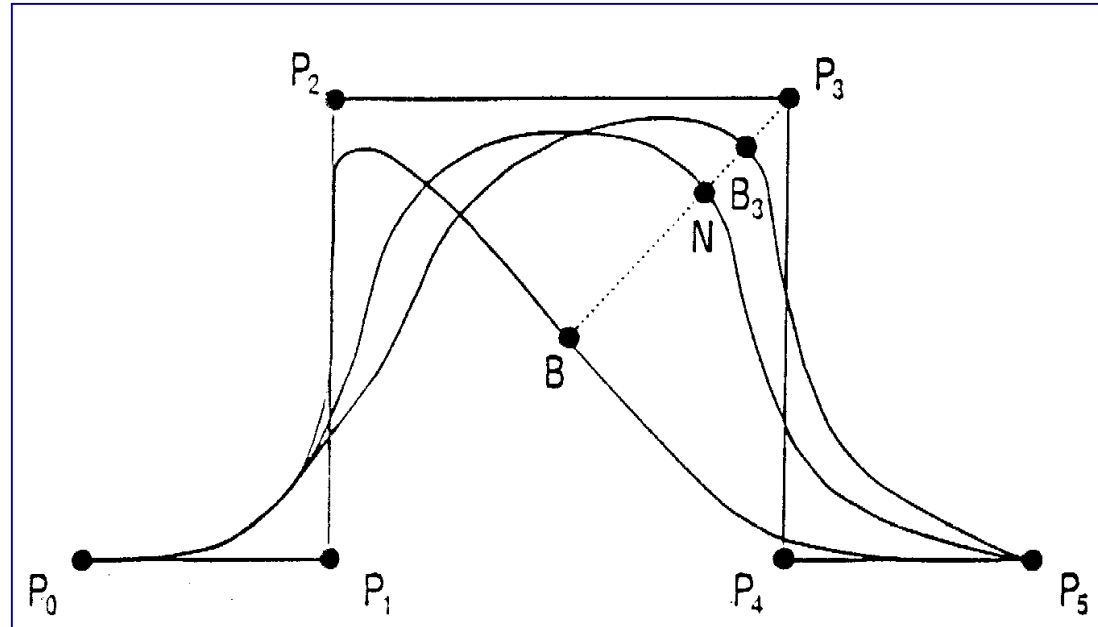
$$w_i > 0,$$

$$\text{if } w_i = 0 \Rightarrow P_i \propto$$

$$B = s(t) \text{ for } w_i \rightarrow 0$$

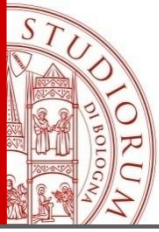
$$N = s(t) \text{ for } w_i = 1$$

$$B_i = s(t) \text{ for } w_i \neq [0,1]$$



w_i affects the curve locally in $[t_i, t_{i+m})$

When $w_i=1$ for all i , then the spline is nonrational



Why NURBS?

- Conic sections (Quadrics) are a special case of NURBS (es. Circle, ellipse, sphere, ..)
- Spline Curves and Bézier curves are NURBS
  they have all their properties
- More degree of freedom for design

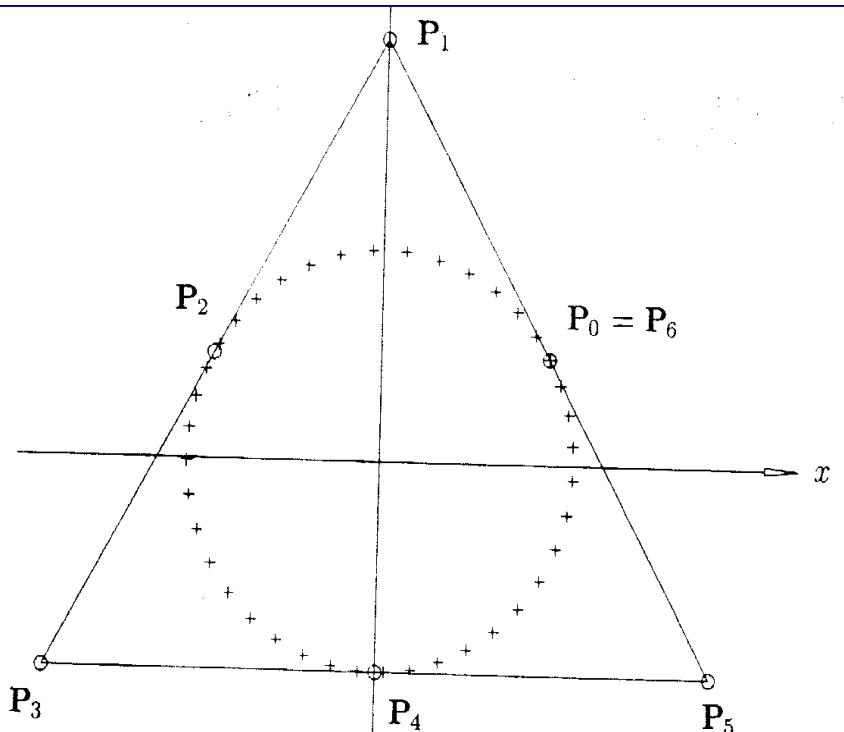
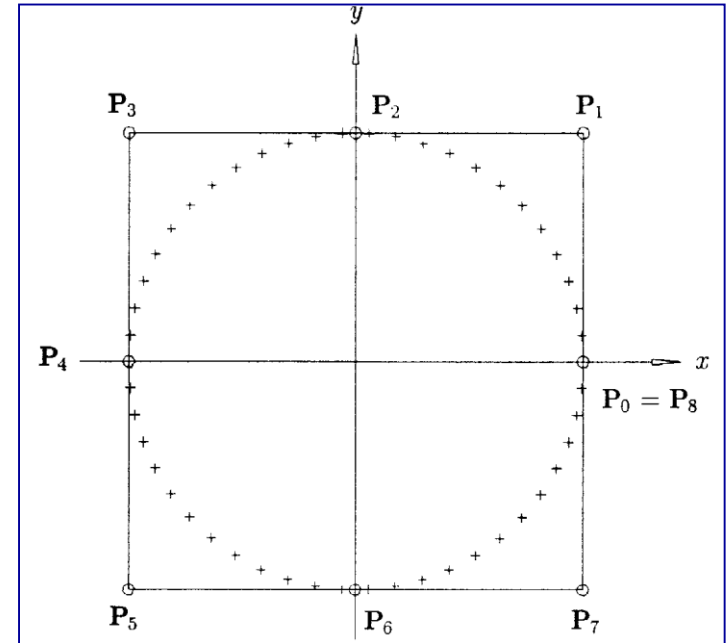
NURBS Circle

Conic Sections are represented exactly by NURBS of degree 2

Circle 7 points:

$$\Delta^* = \{0, 0, 0, 1/3, 1/3, 2/3, 2/3, 1, 1, 1\}$$

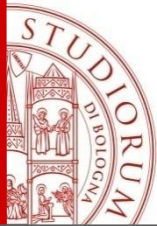
$$w_i = \{1, 1/2, 1, 1/2, 1, 1/2, 1\}, w_1 = \cos(120) = 1/2$$



Circle 9 points:

$$\Delta^* = \{0, 0, 0, 1/4, 1/4, 1/2, 1/2, 3/4, 3/4, 1, 1, 1\}$$

$$w_i = \{1, \sqrt{2}/2, 1, \sqrt{2}/2, 1, \sqrt{2}/2, 1, \sqrt{2}/2, 1\}$$



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