

Lecture 7:

Introduction to Geometry



Computer Graphics and Imaging
UC Berkeley CS184

Course Roadmap

Rasterization Pipeline

Core Concepts

- Sampling
- Antialiasing
- Transforms

Geometric Modeling

Lighting & Materials

Cameras & Imaging

Intro

Rasterization

Transforms & Projection

Texture Mapping

Today: Visibility, Shading, Overall Pipeline



Today



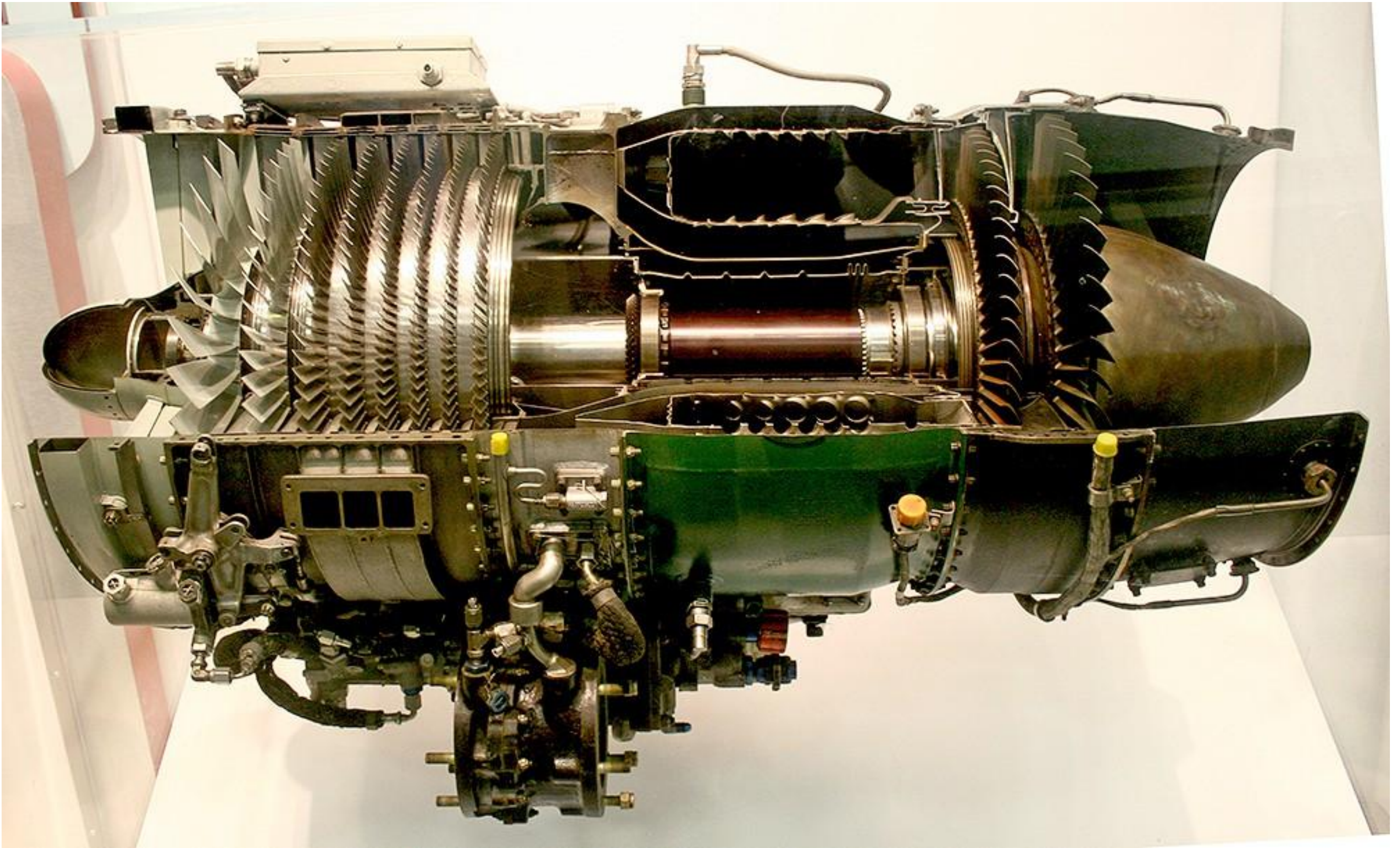
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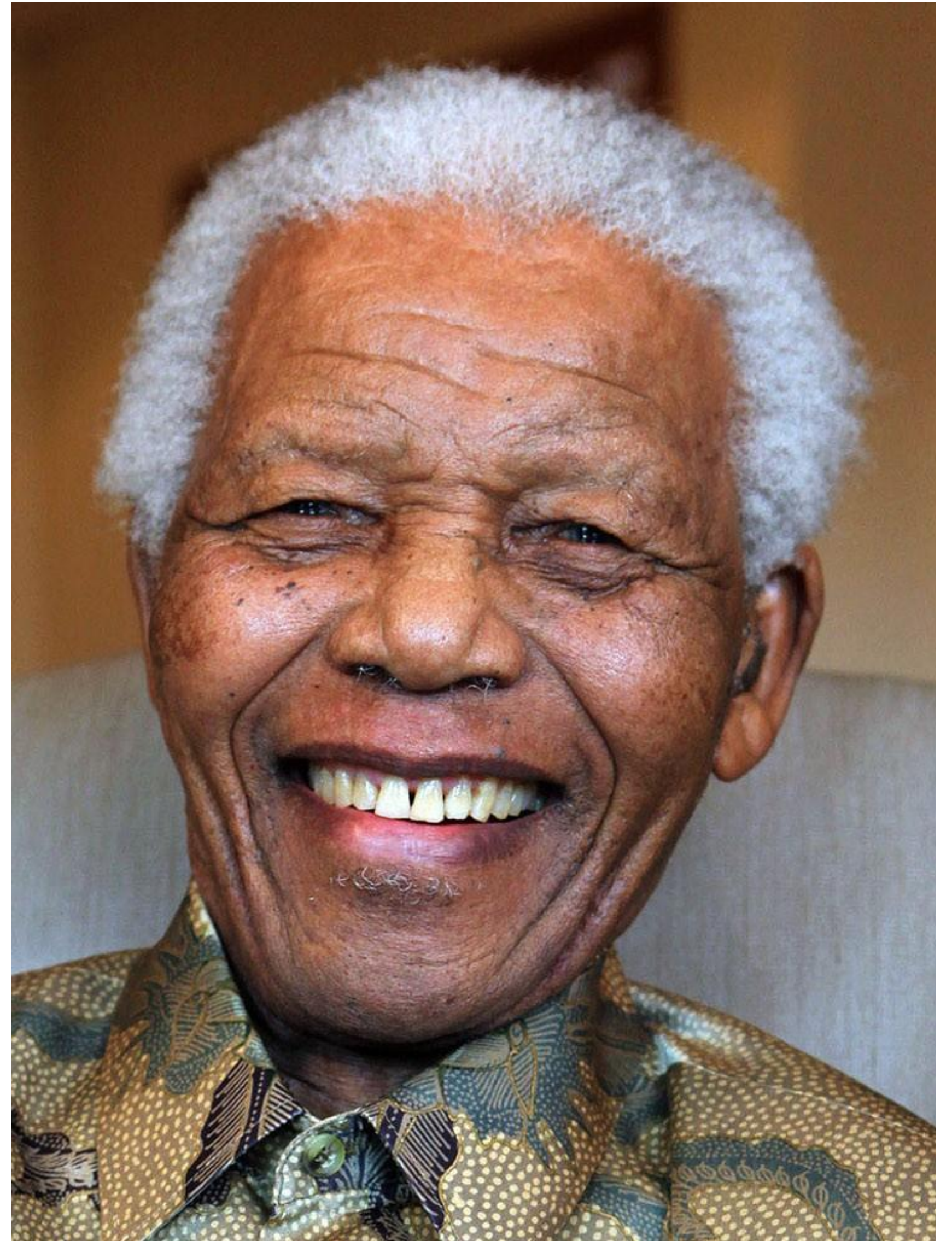
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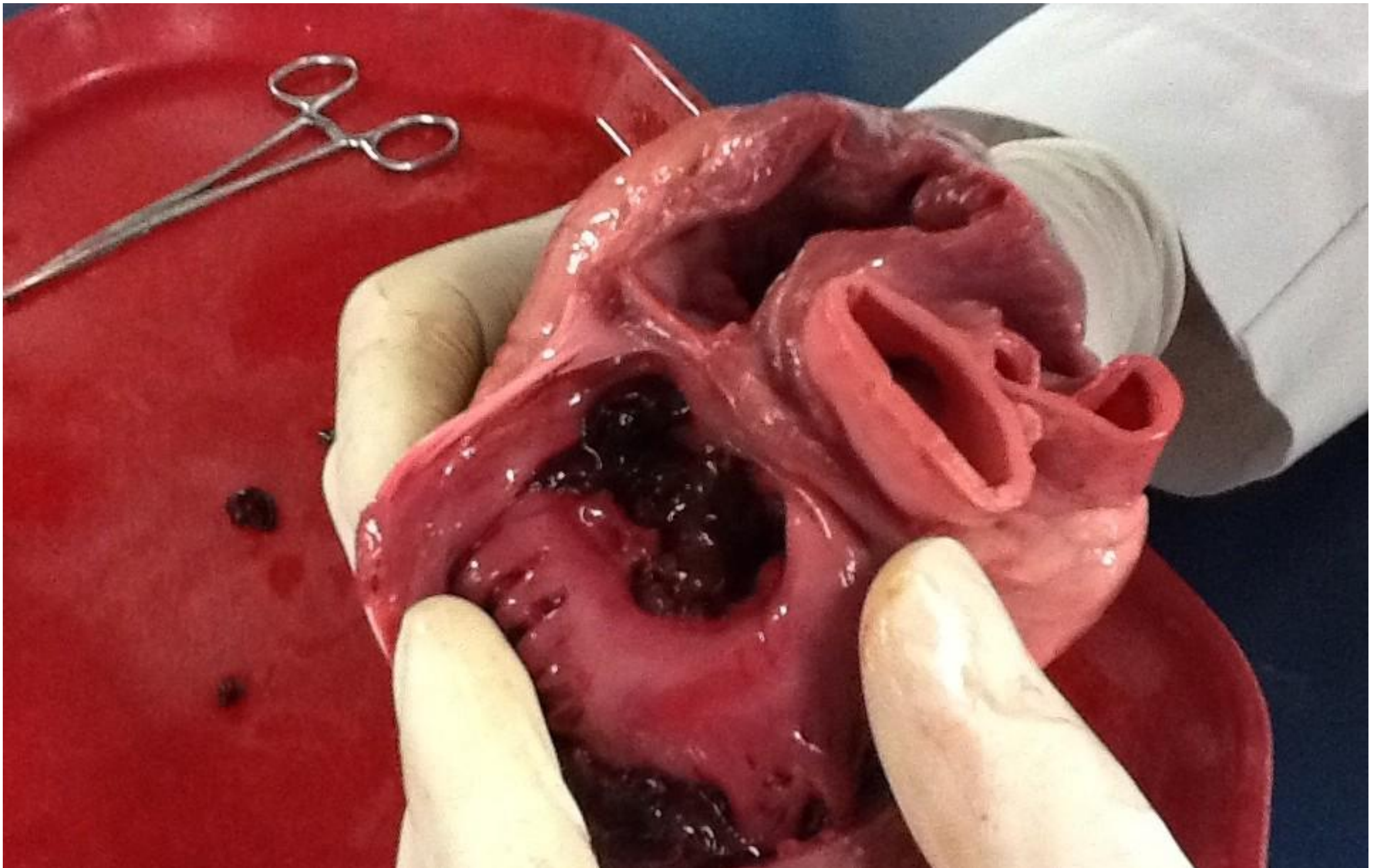
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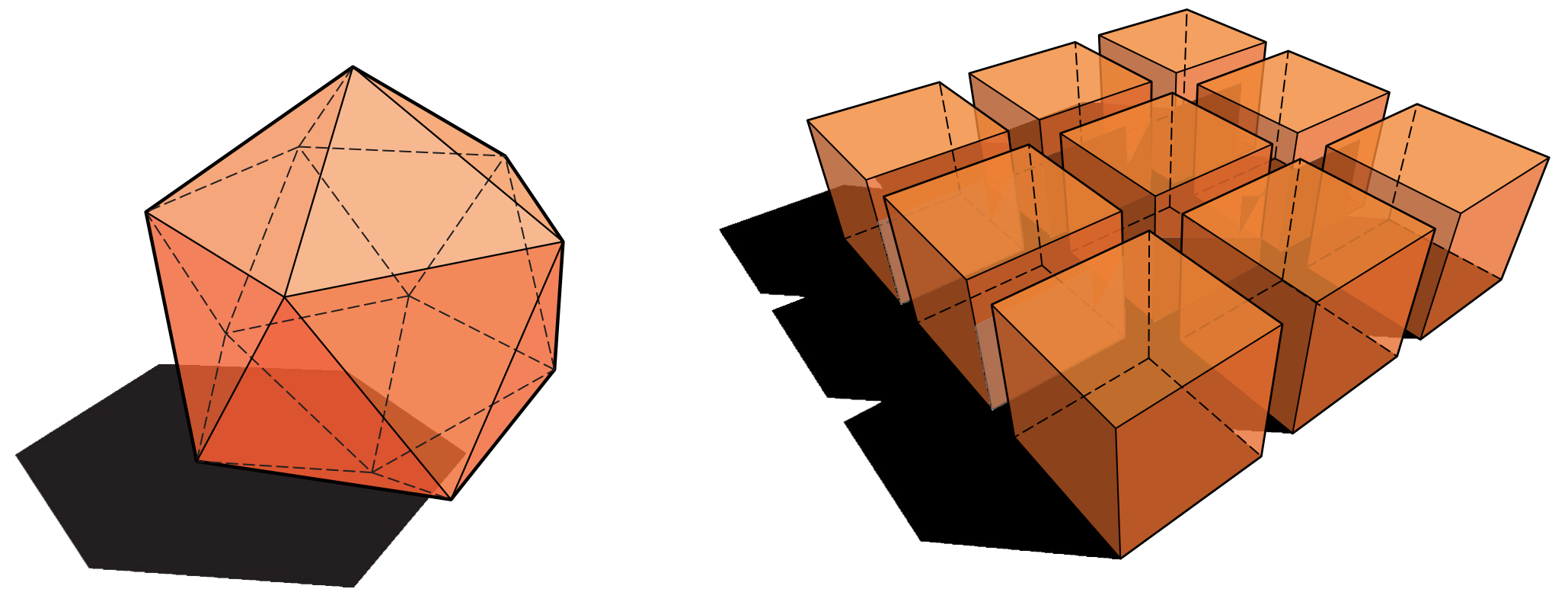
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Many Ways to Represent Geometry

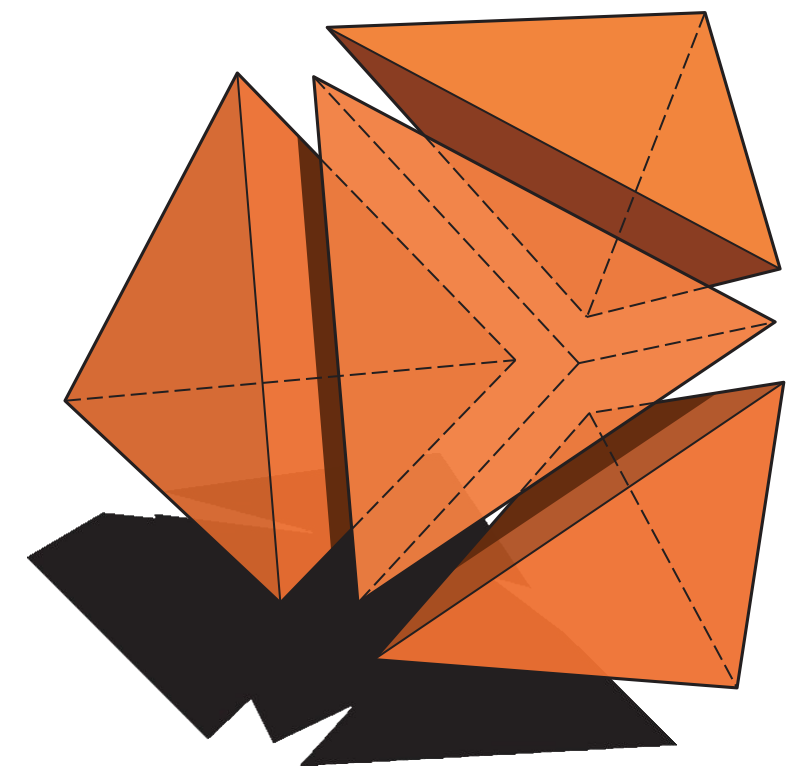
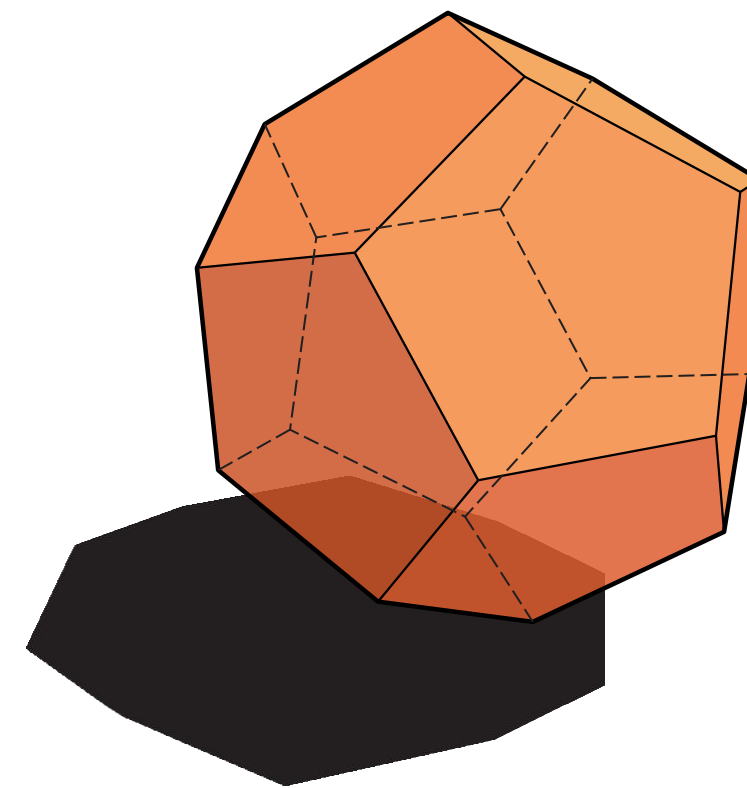
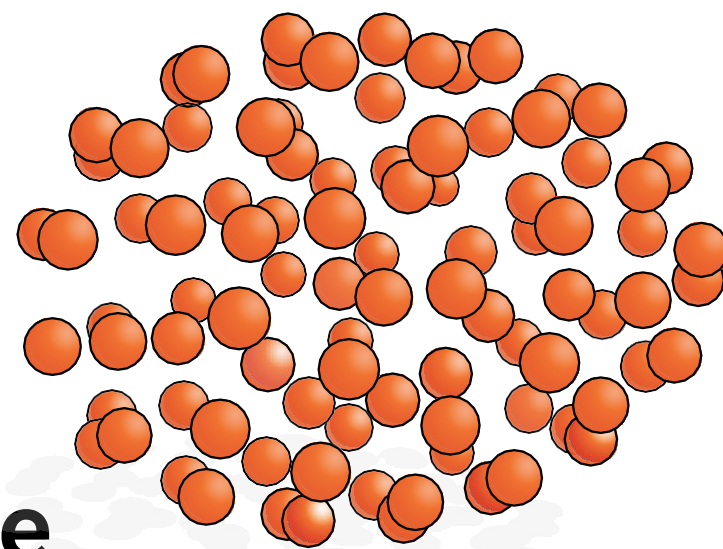
Explicit

- point cloud
- polygon mesh
- subdivision, NURBS
- ...



Implicit

- level sets
- algebraic surface
- distance functions
- ...



Each choice best suited to a different task/type of geometry

Smooth Curves

Smooth Curves and Surfaces

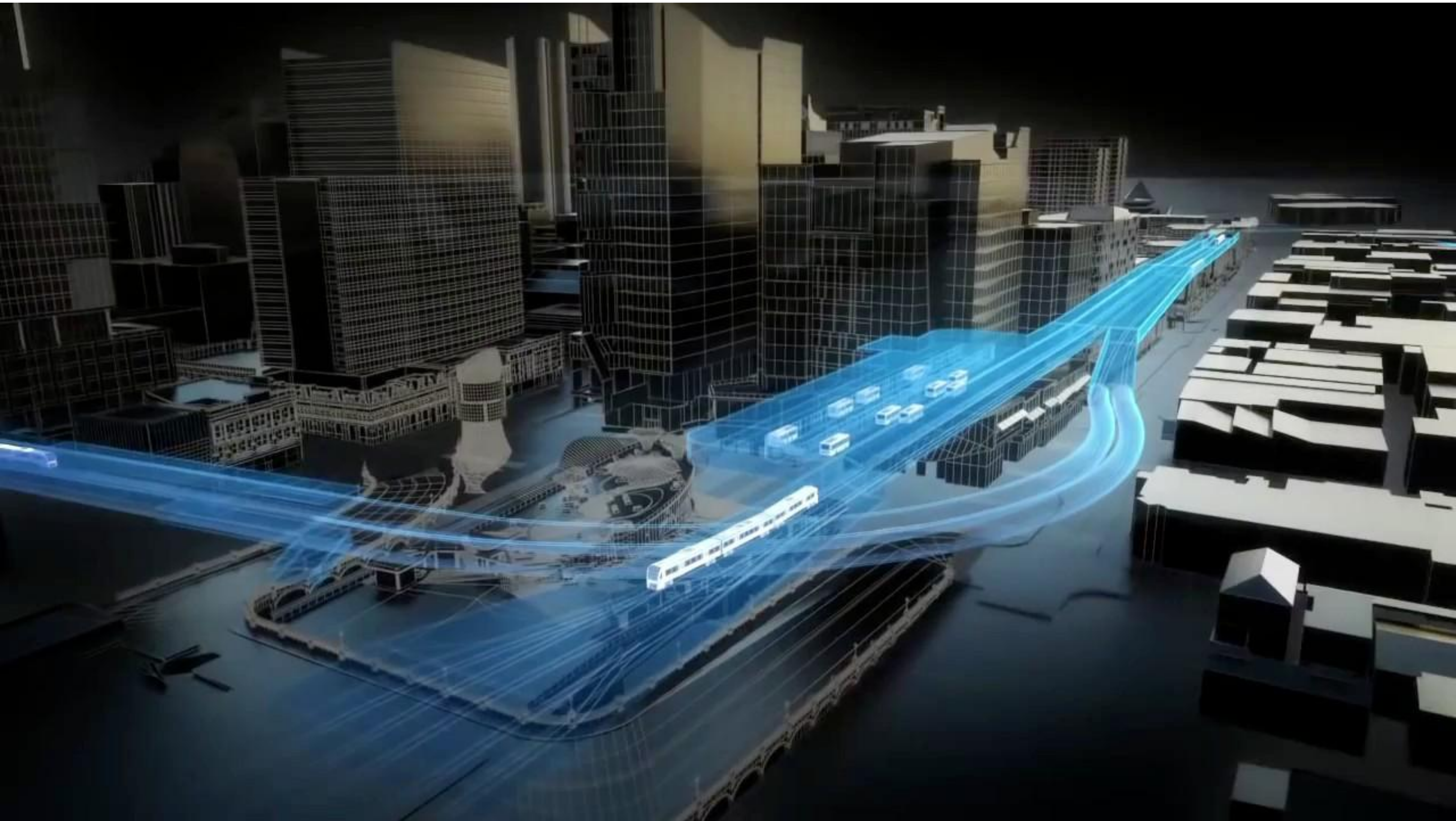
So far we can make:

- Things with corners (line, triangle, Cube, ...)
- Piecewise shapes (circle, ellipse, ...)

Many applications require smooth shapes

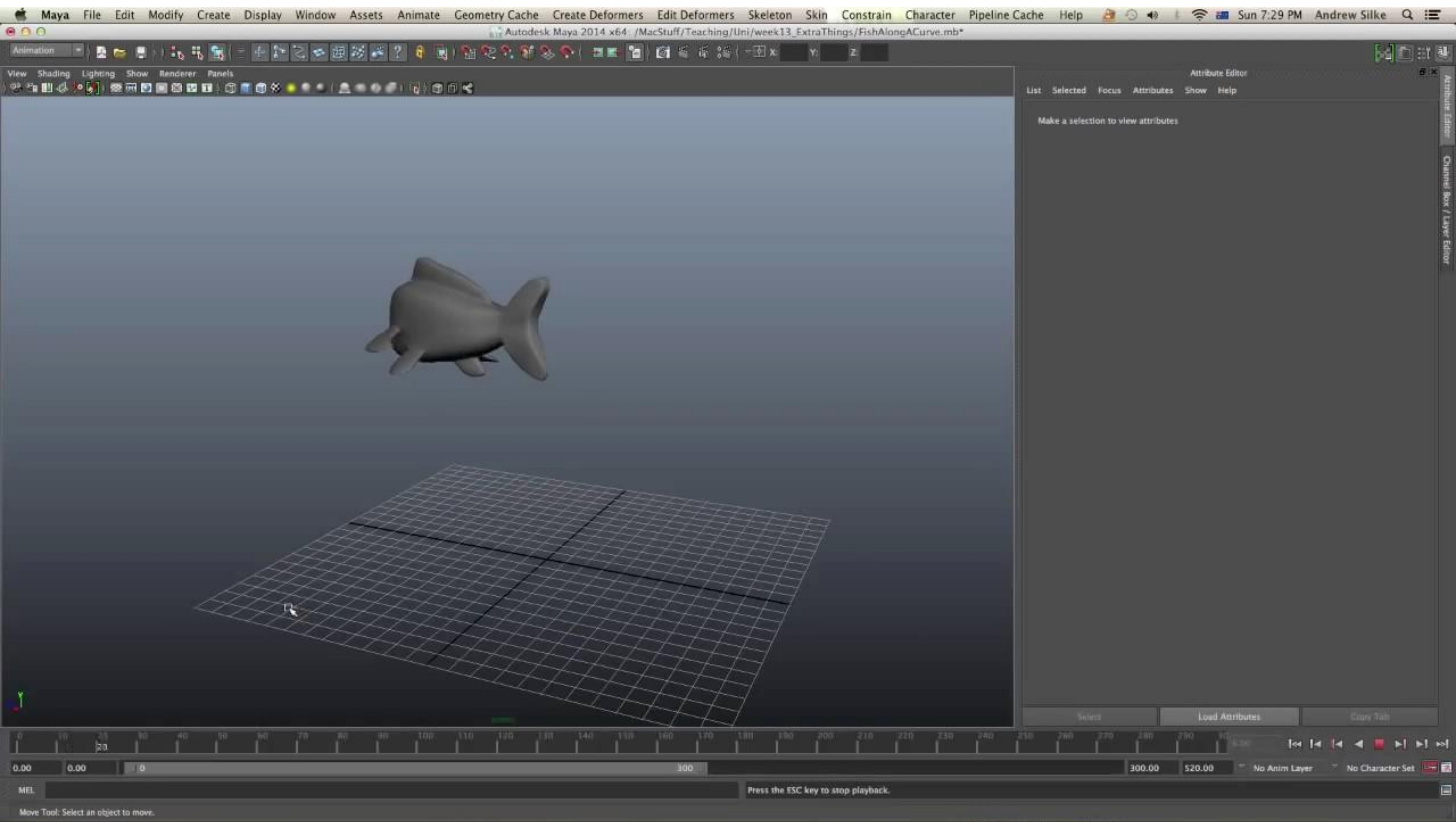
- Camera paths, vector fonts, ...
- CAD design, object modeling, ...
- Resampling filter functions

Camera Paths



Flythrough of proposed Perth Citylink subway, <https://youtu.be/rIJMuQPwr3E>

Animation Curves

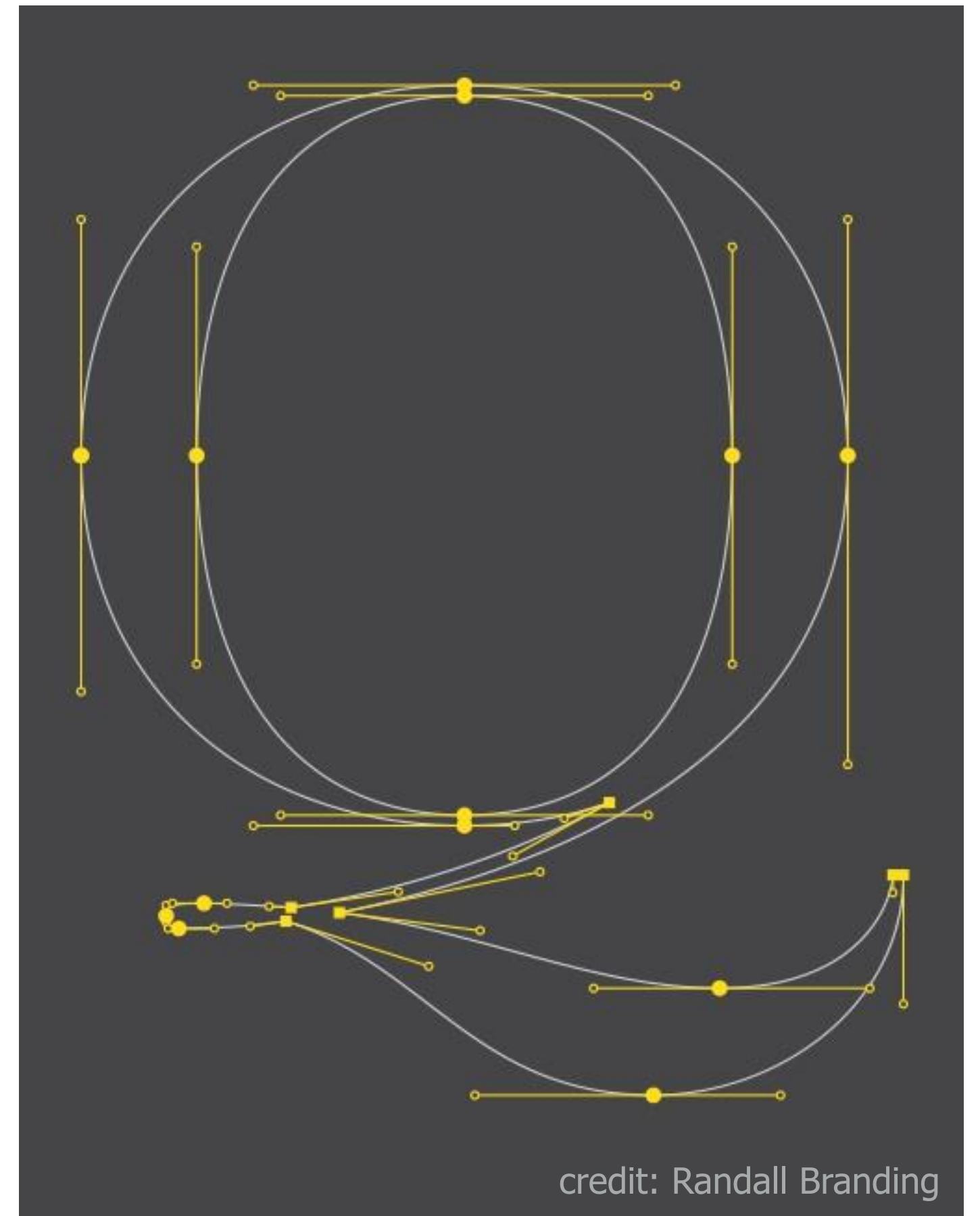


Maya Animation Tutorial: <https://youtu.be/b-o5wtZ1JPc>

Vector Fonts

The Quick Brown
Fox Jumps Over
The Lazy Dog

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abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz 0123456789



Baskerville font - represented as cubic Bézier splines

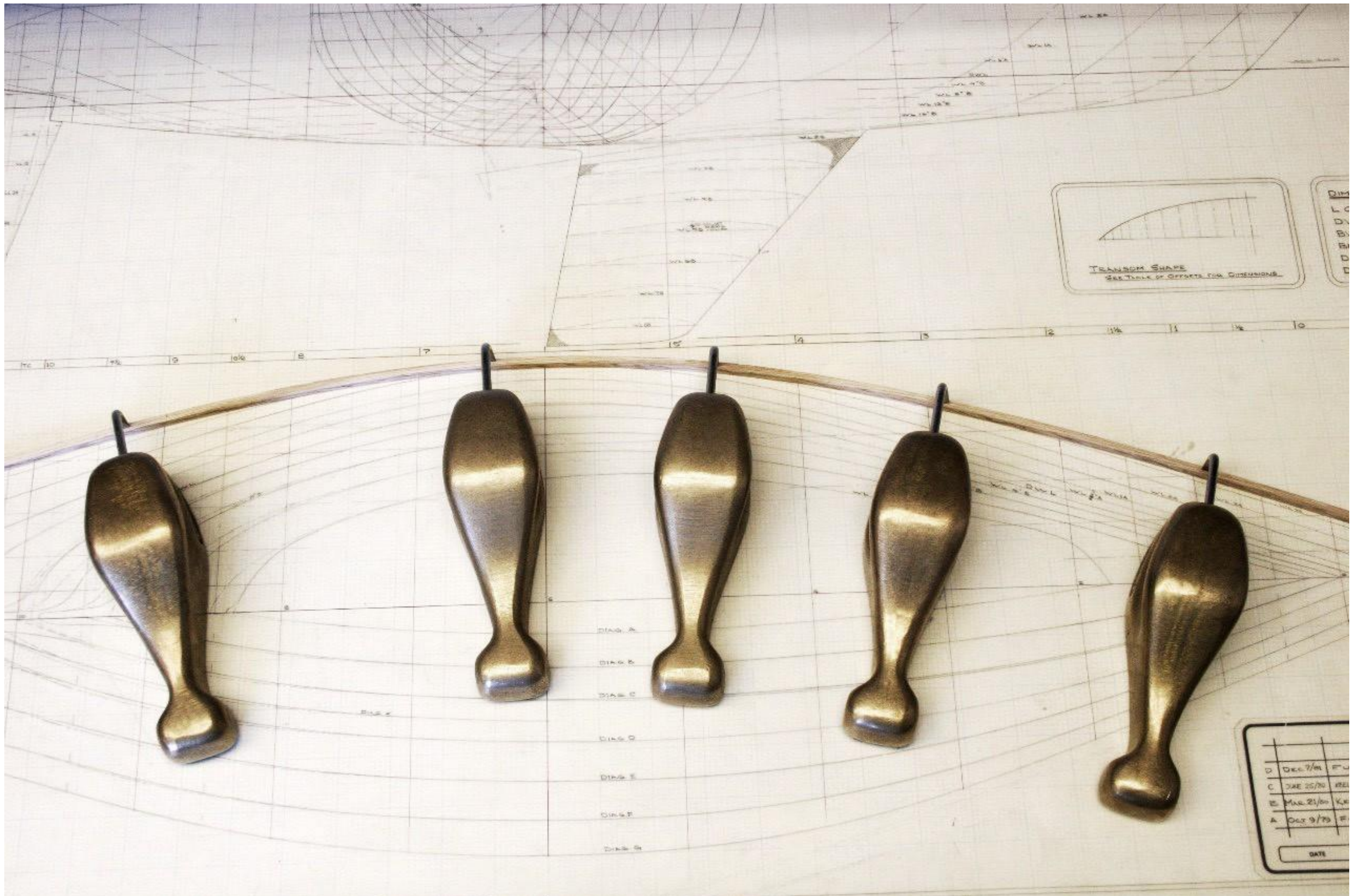
CAD Design



3D Car Modeling with Rhinoceros

Splines

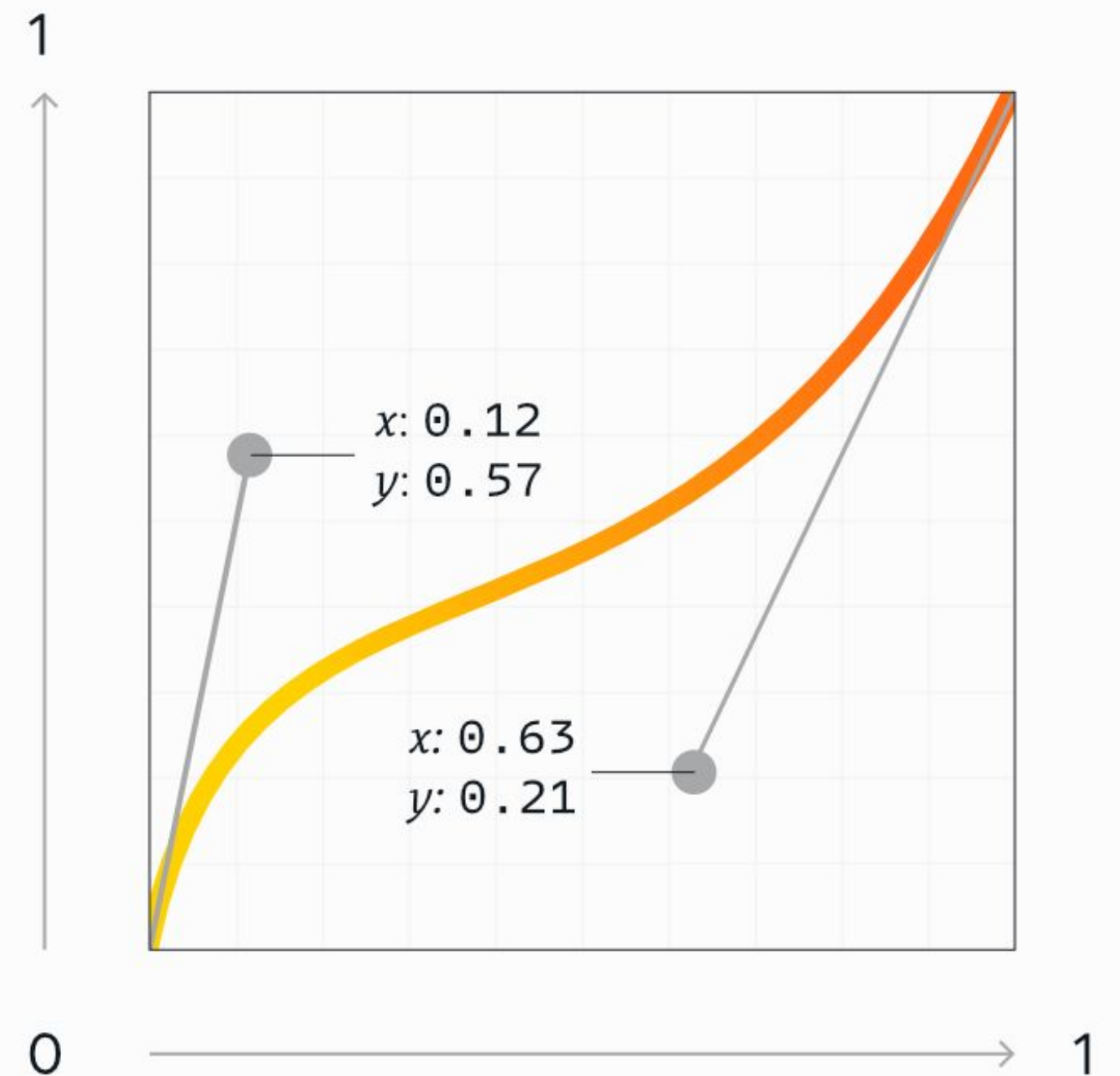
Physical Spline for Hand-Drafting



Spline Topics

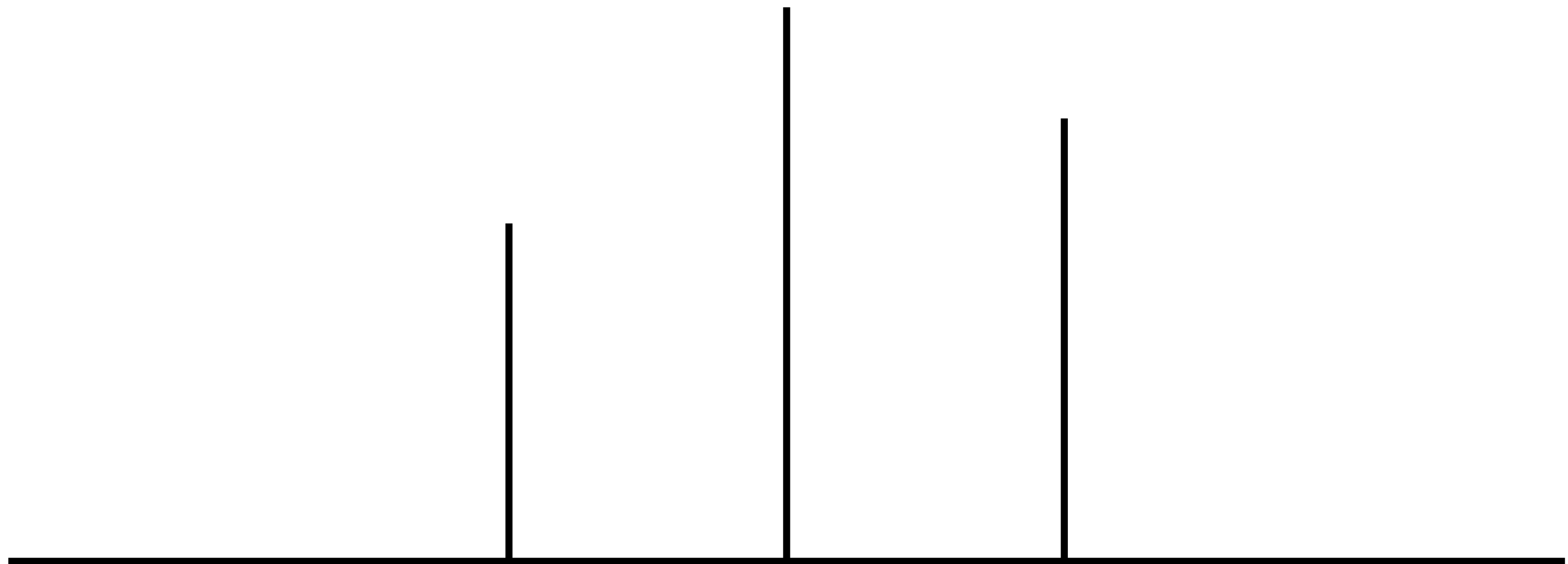
Interpolation

- Cubic Hermite interpolation
- Catmull-Rom interpolation
- Bezier curves
- Bezier surfaces

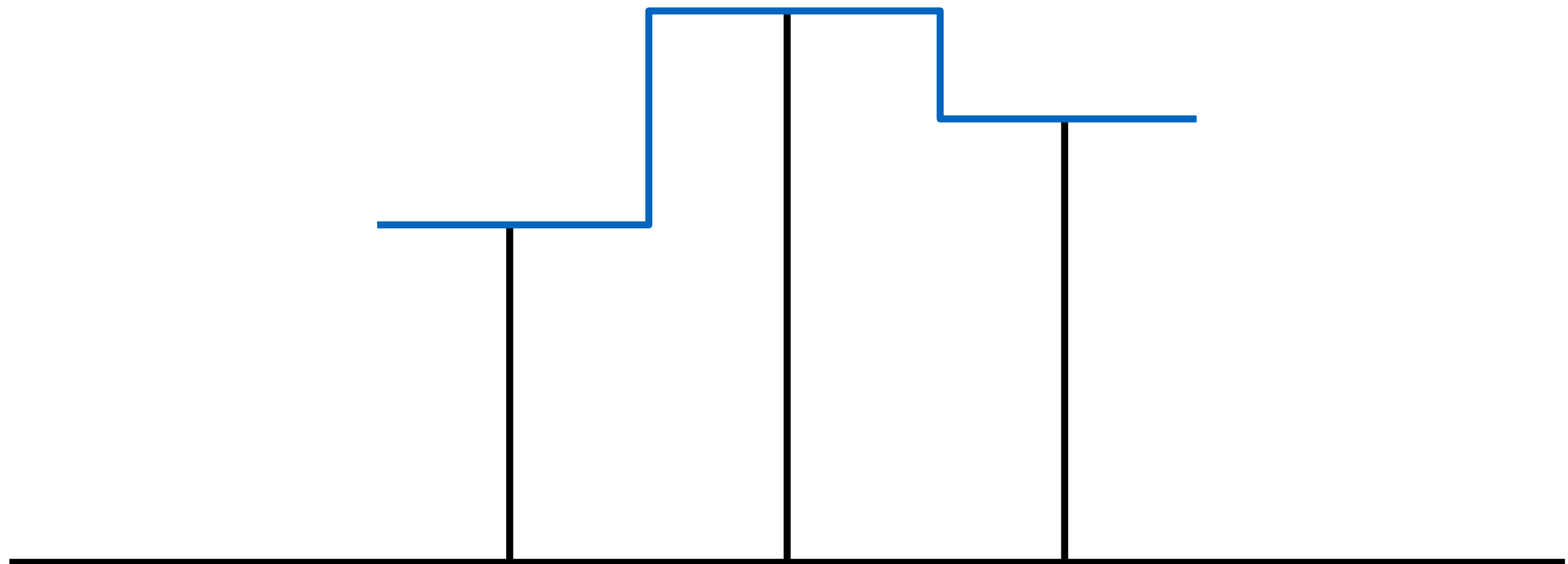


Cubic Hermite Interpolation

Goal: Interpolate Values

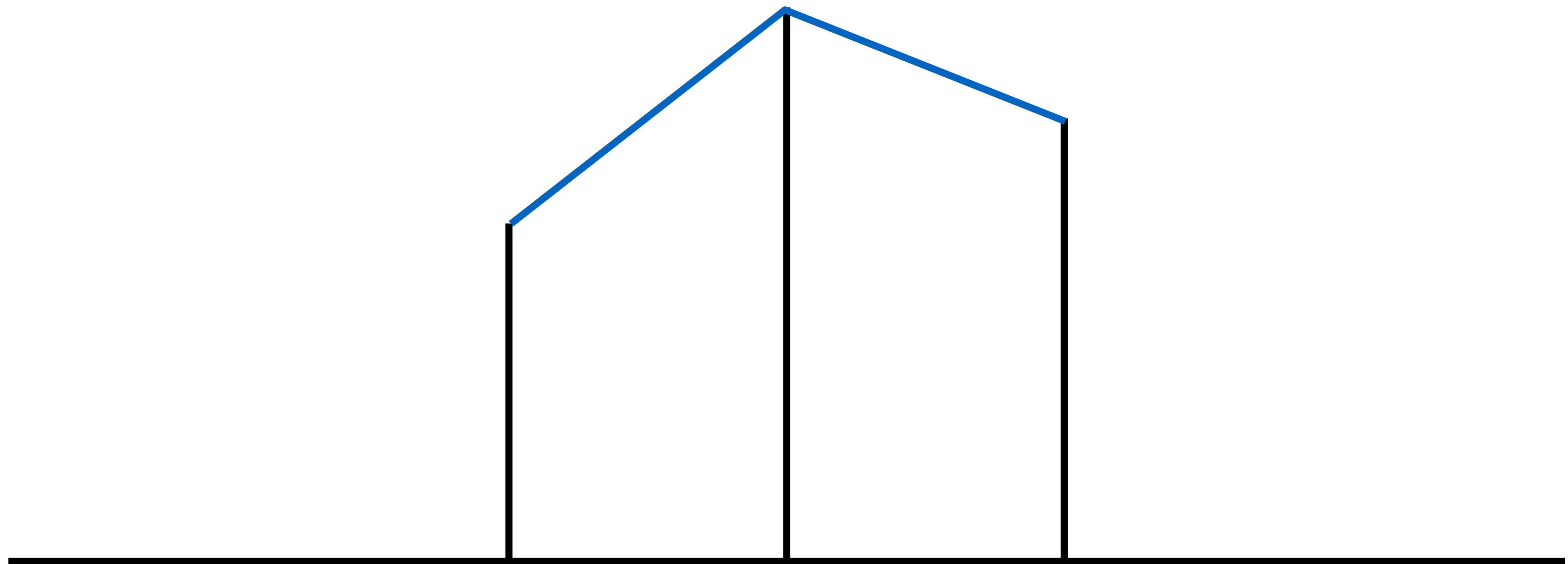


Nearest Neighbor Interpolation



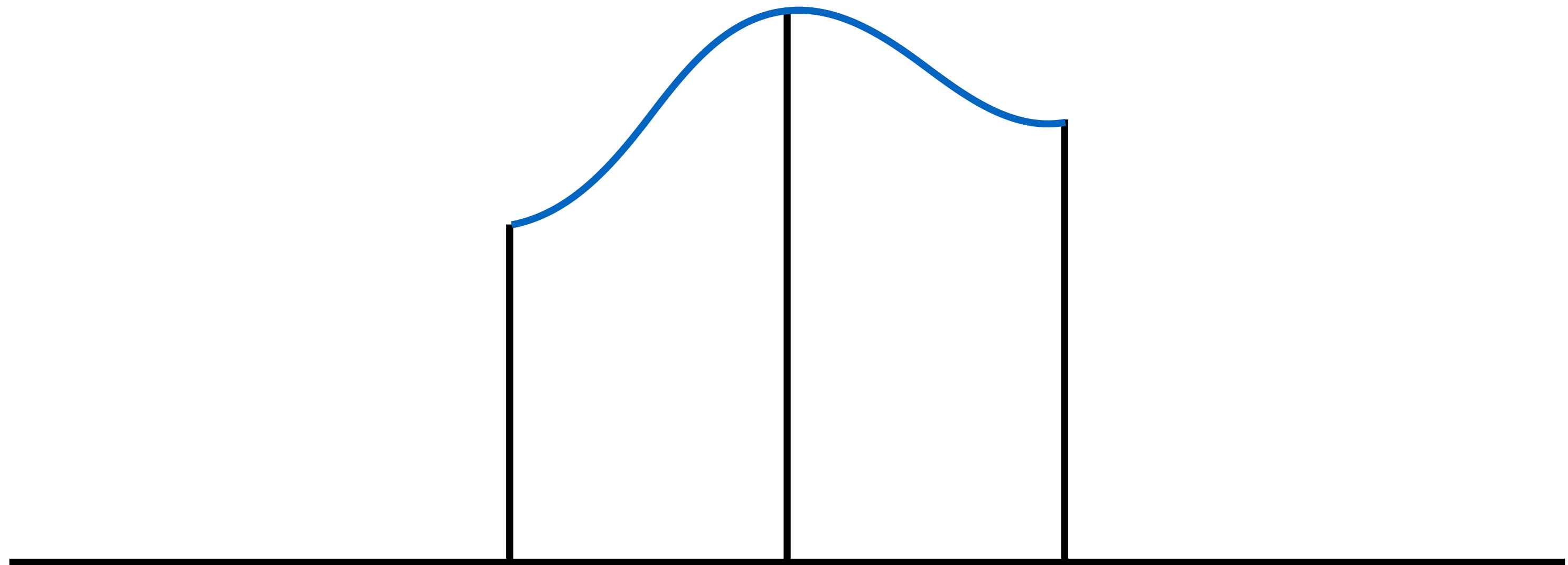
Problem: values not continuous

Linear Interpolation

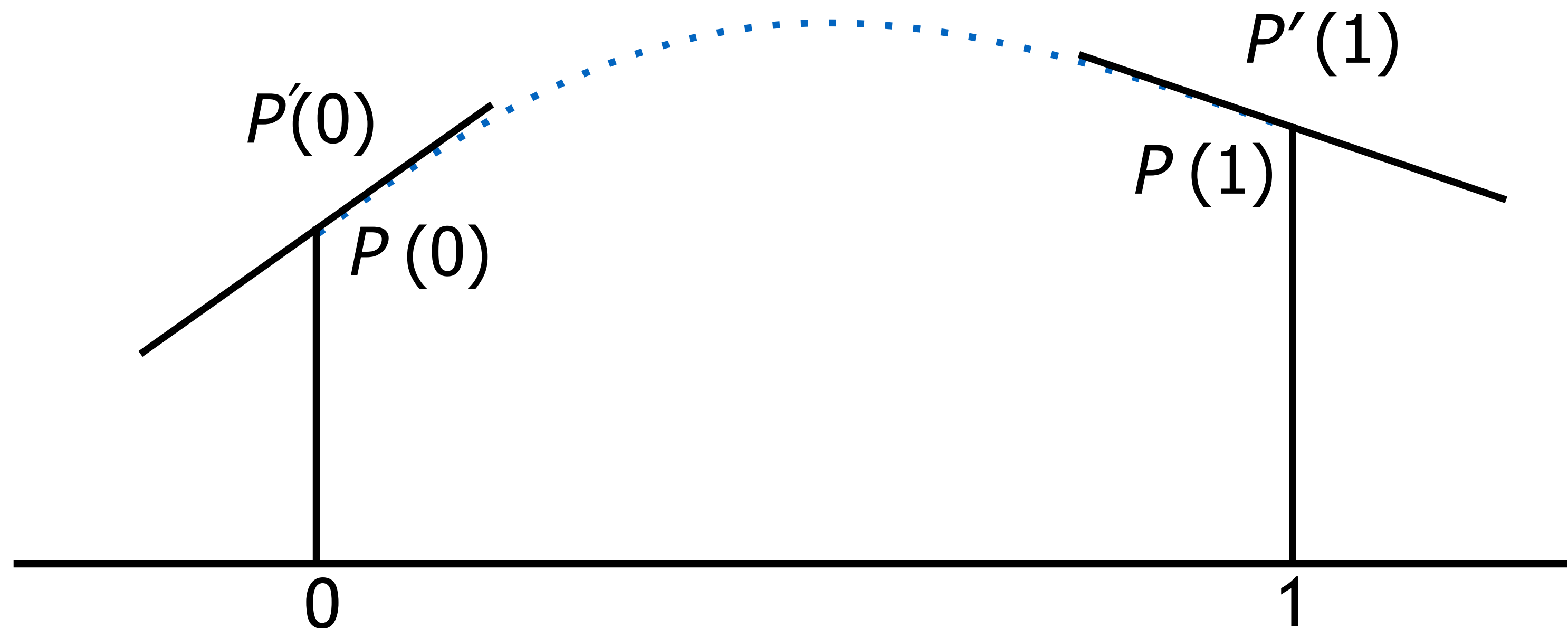


Problem: derivatives not continuous

Smooth Interpolation?



Cubic Hermite Interpolation



Inputs: values and derivatives at endpoints

Cubic Polynomial Interpolation

Cubic polynomial

$$P(t) = at^3 + bt^2 + ct + d$$

Why cubic?

We have 4 input constraints – need 4 degrees of freedom:

$$P(0) = h_0$$

$$P(1) = h_1$$

$$P'(0) = h_2$$

$$P'(1) = h_3$$

Cubic Polynomial Interpolation

Cubic polynomial

$$P(t) = at^3 + bt^2 + ct + d$$

$$P'(t) = 3at^2 + 2bt + c$$

Set up constraint equations

$$P(0) = h_0 = d$$

$$P(1) = h_1 = a + b + c + d$$

$$P'(0) = h_2 = c$$

$$P'(1) = h_3 = 3a + 2b + c$$

Hermite Basis Functions

$$P(t) = \begin{bmatrix} t^3 & t^2 & t & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} H_0(t) & H_1(t) & H_2(t) & H_3(t) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} h_0 \\ h_1 \\ h_2 \\ h_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$t^3$$

$$t^2$$

$$t$$

$$1$$

**Basis functions for
cubic polynomials**

$$H_0(t) = 2t^3 - 3t^2 + 1$$

$$H_1(t) = -2t^3 + 3t^2$$

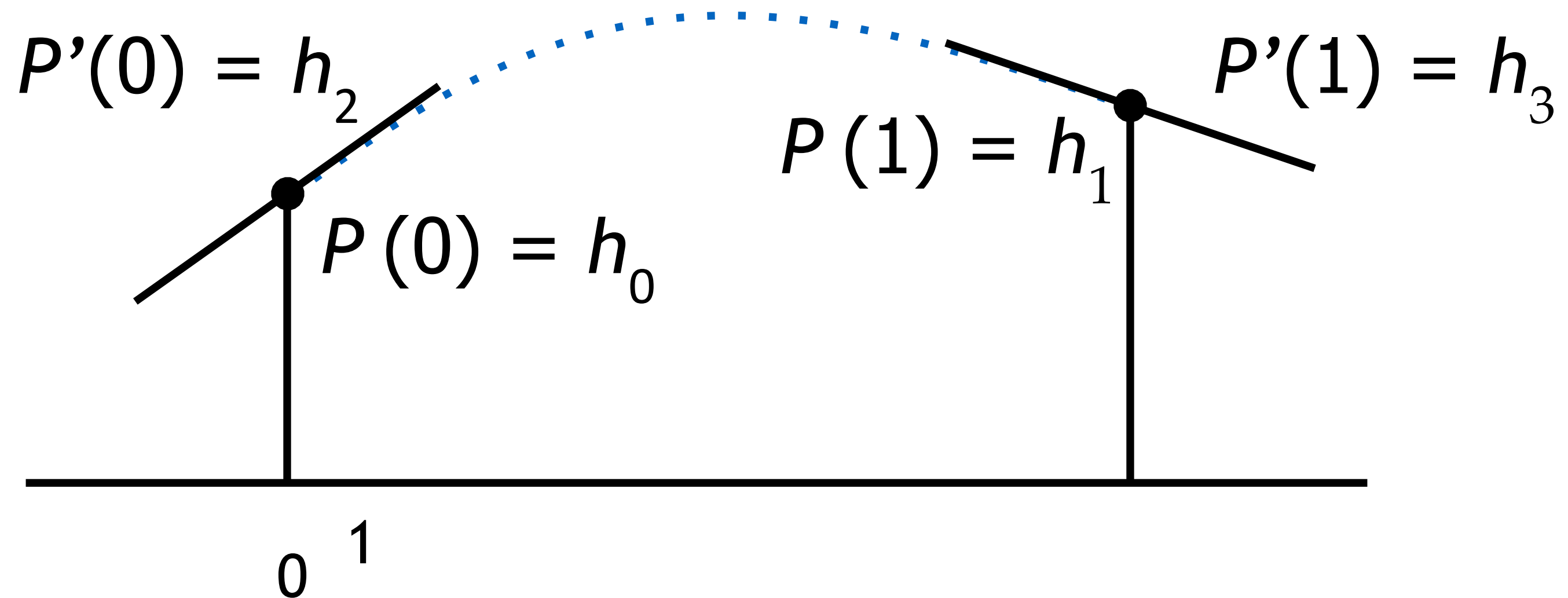
$$H_2(t) = t^3 - 2t^2 + t$$

$$H_3(t) = t^3 - t^2$$

**Hermite basis functions
for cubic polynomials**

Either basis can represent any cubic polynomial through linear combination

Recap: Cubic Hermite Interpolation



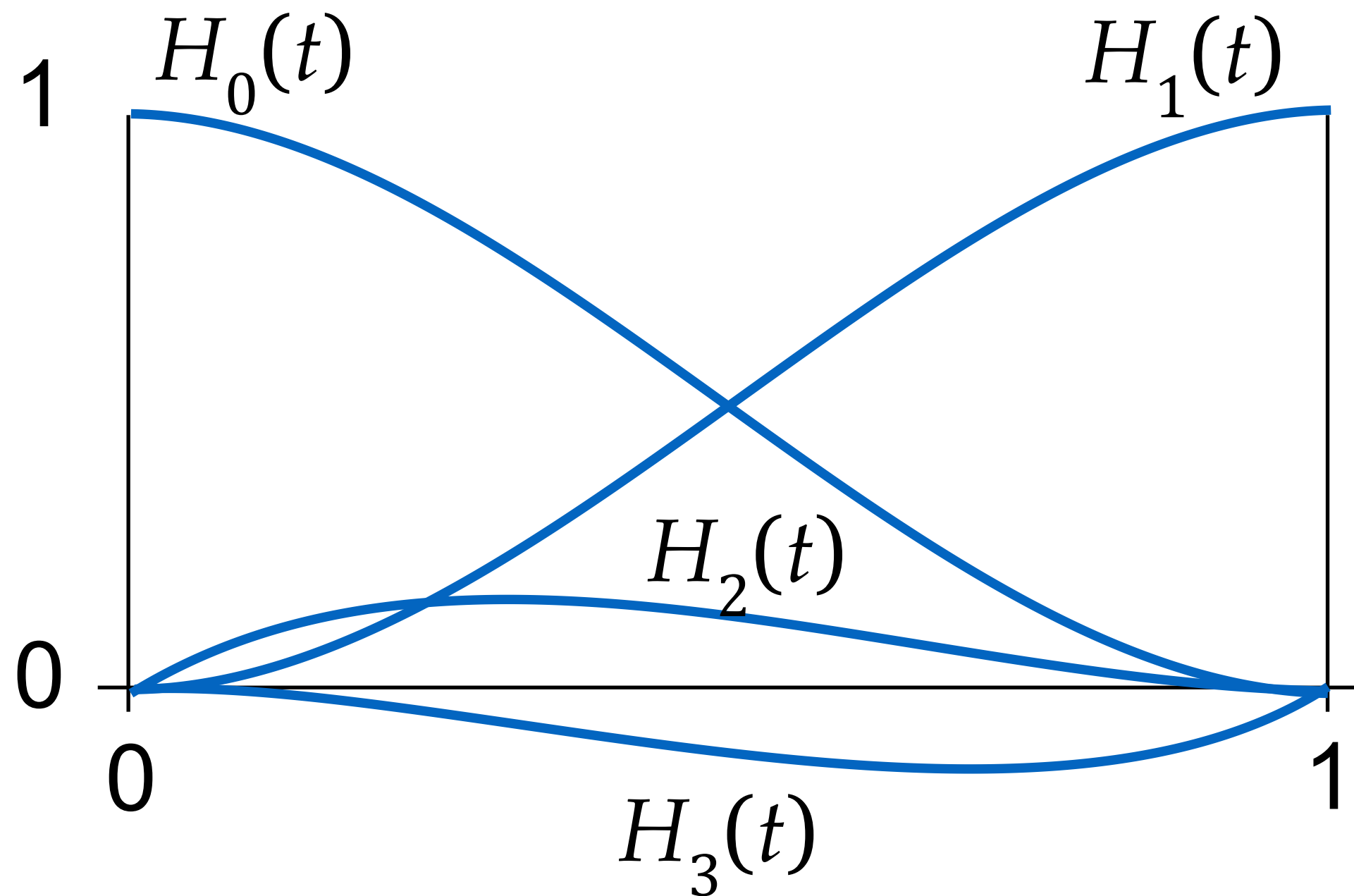
Inputs: values and derivatives at endpoints

Output: cubic polynomial that interpolates

Solution: weighted sum of Hermite basis functions

$$P(t) = h_0 H_0(t) + h_1 H_1(t) + h_2 H_2(t) + h_3 H_3(t)$$

Hermite Basis Functions



$$H_0(t) = 2t^3 - 3t^2 + 1$$

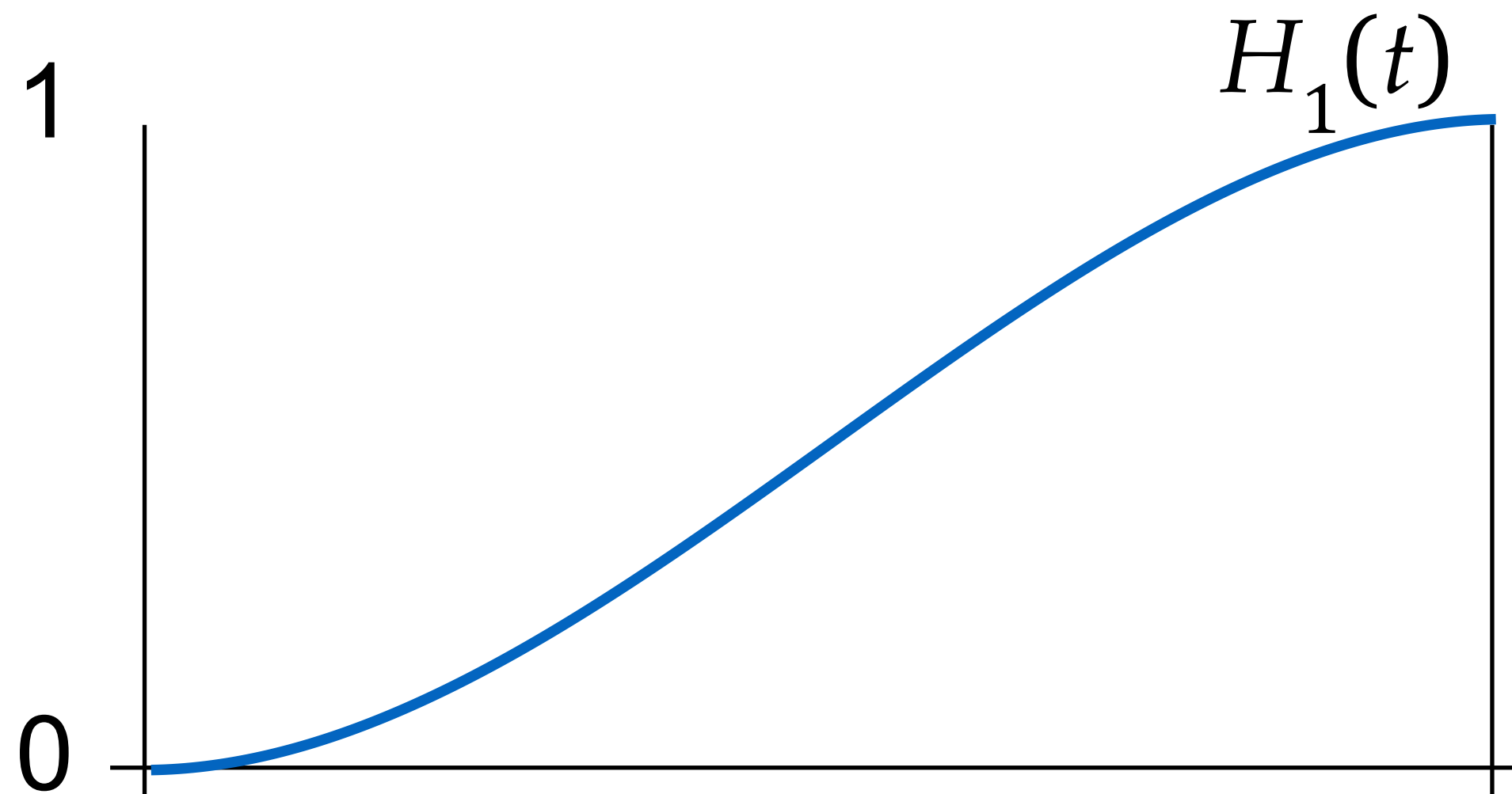
$$H_1(t) = -2t^3 + 3t^2$$

$$H_2(t) = t^3 - 2t^2 + t$$

$$H_3(t) = t^3 - t^2$$

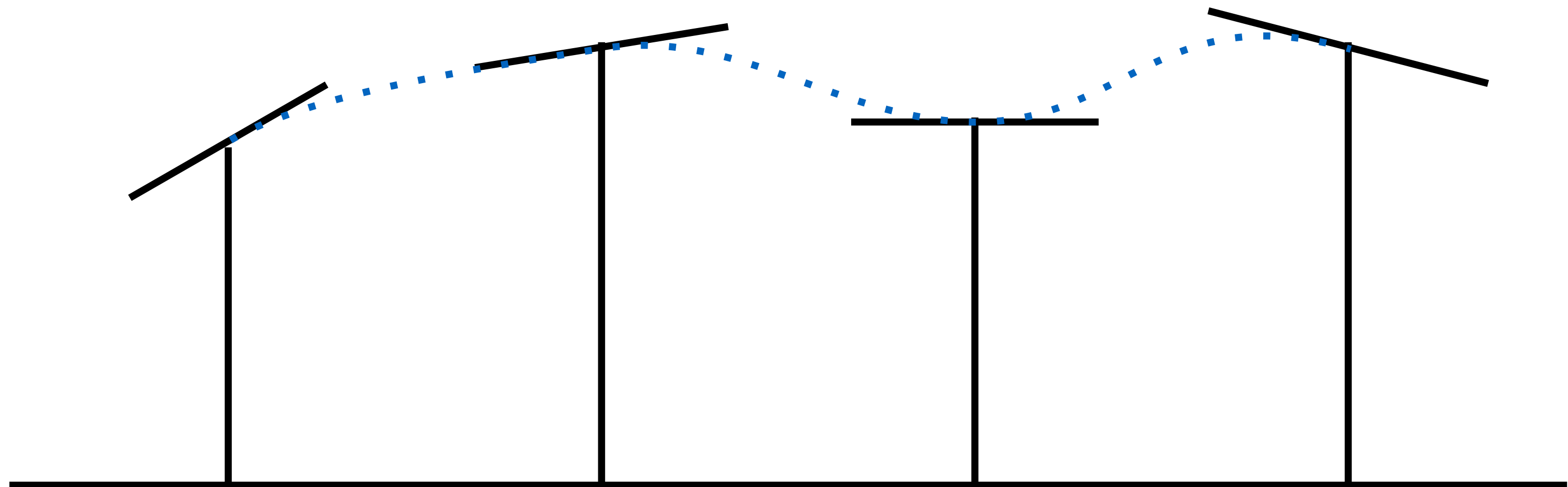
Ease Function

A very useful function in animation, start and stop gently (zero velocity)



$$H_1(t) = -2t^3 + 3t^2 = t^2(3 - 2t)$$

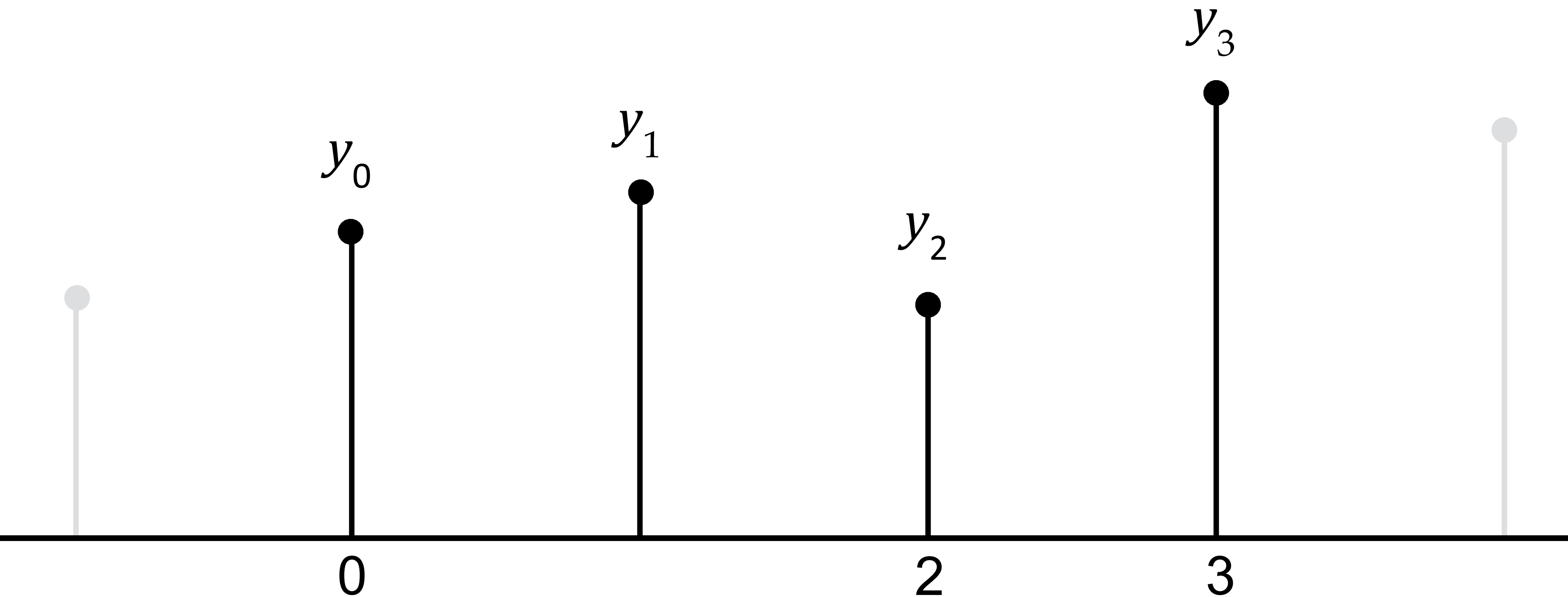
Hermite Spline Interpolation



Inputs: sequence of values and derivatives

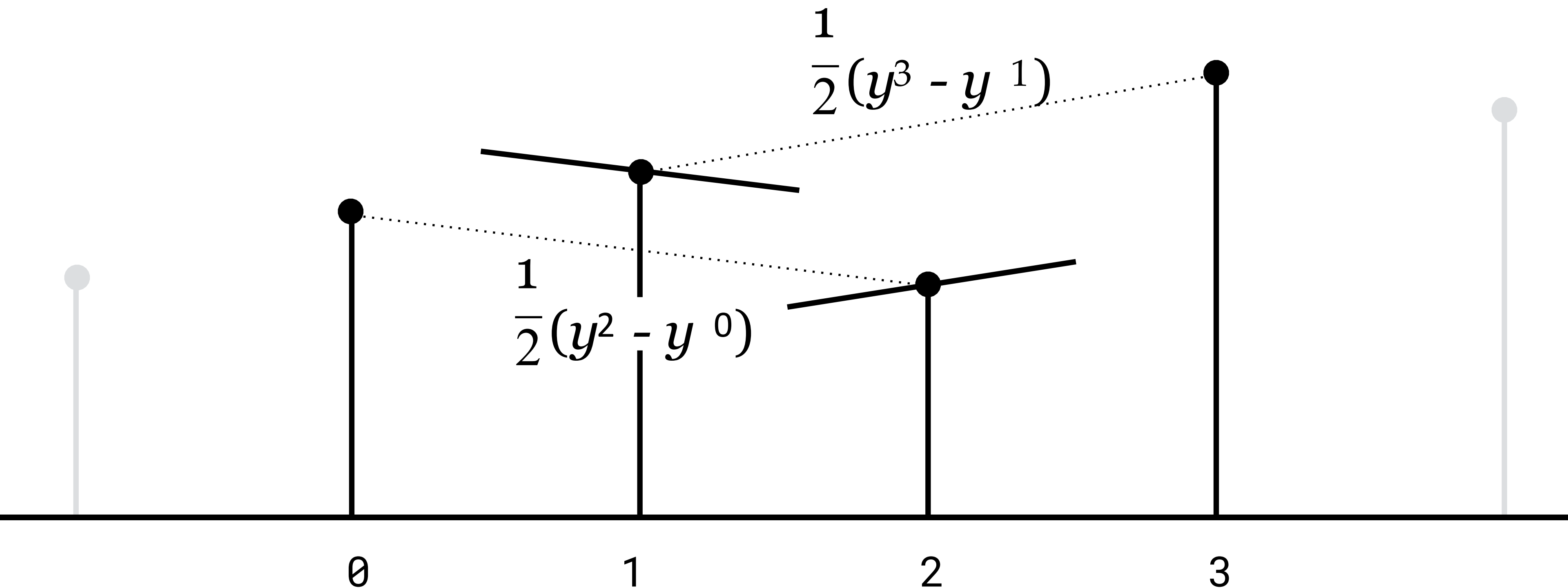
Catmull-Rom Interpolation

Catmull-Rom Interpolation



Inputs: sequence of values

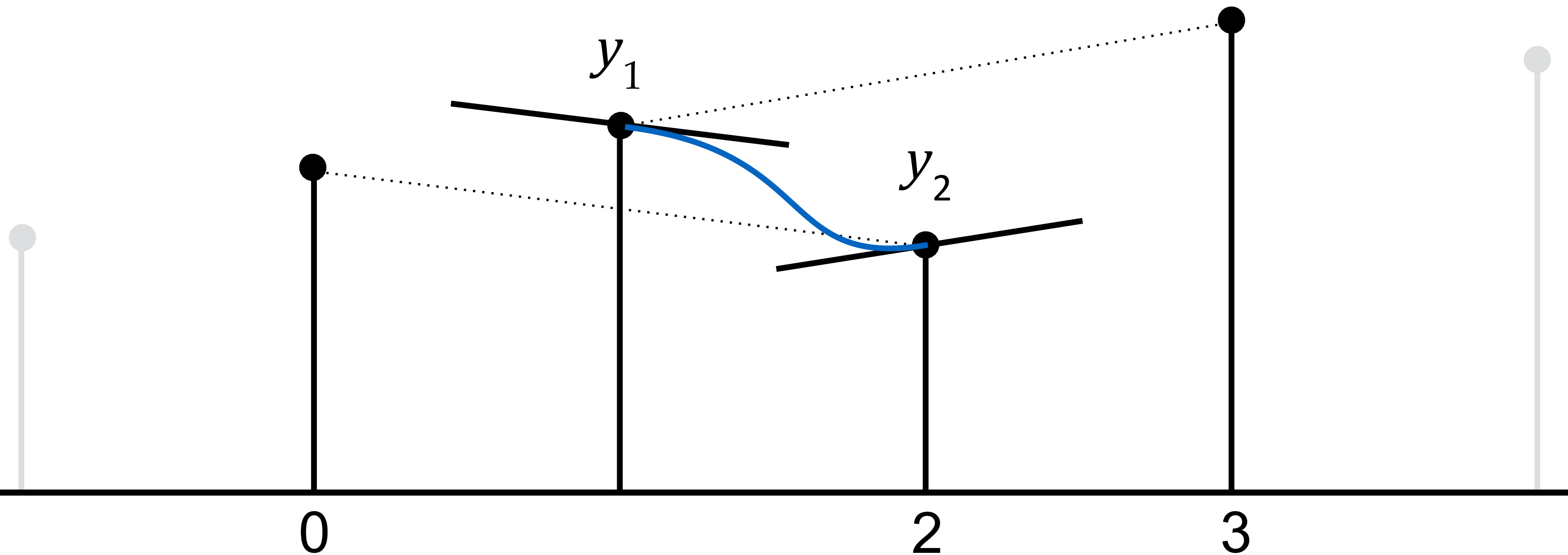
Catmull-Rom Interpolation



Rule for derivatives:

Match slope between previous and next values

Catmull-Rom Interpolation

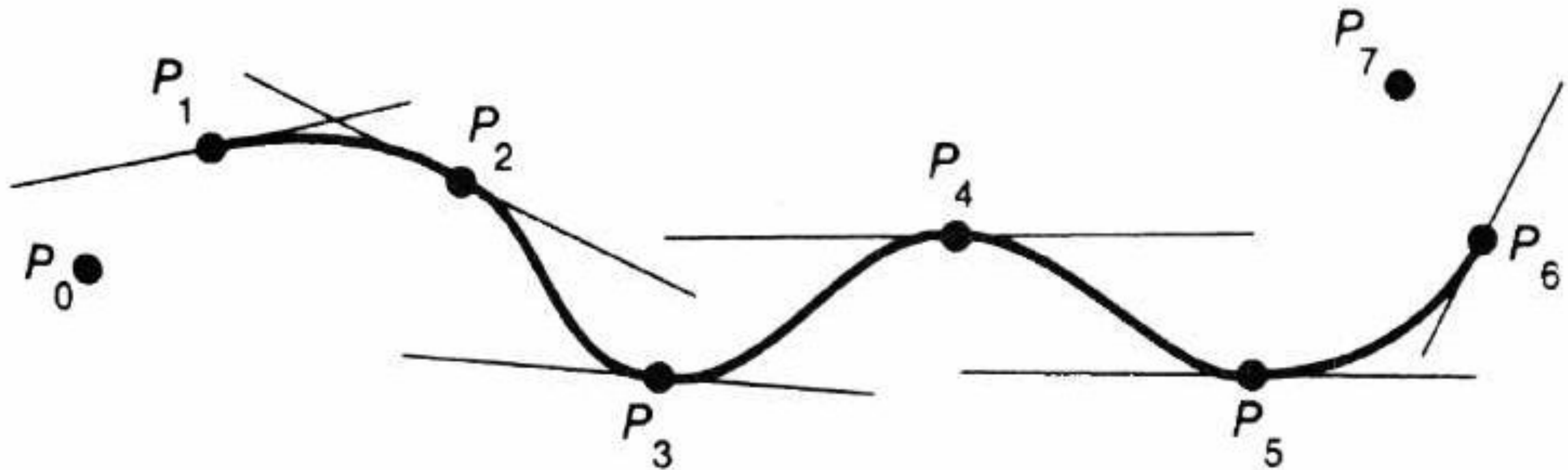


Then use Hermite interpolation

Catmull-Rom Spline

Input: sequence of points

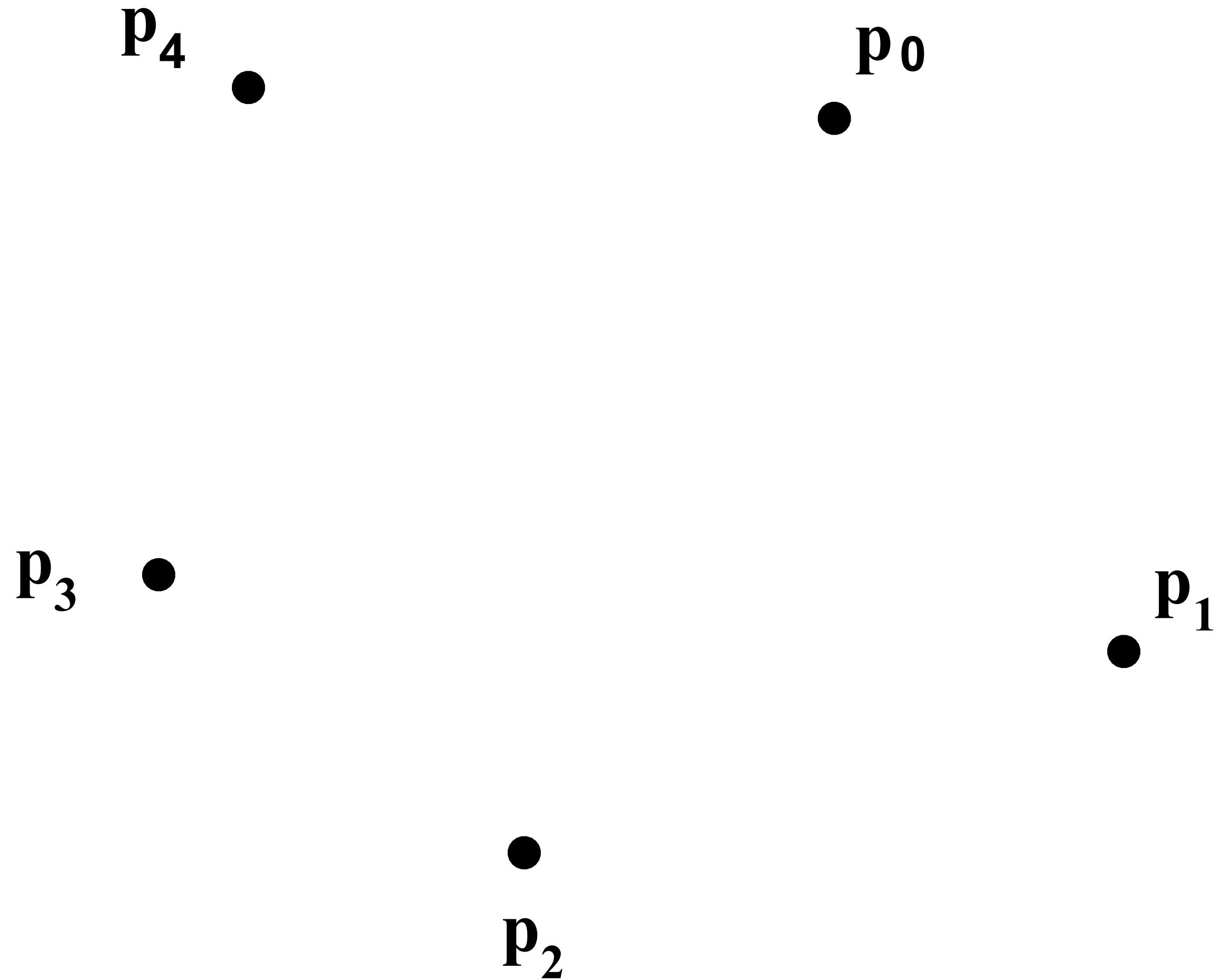
Output: spline that interpolates all points with C1 continuity



Interpolating Points & Vectors

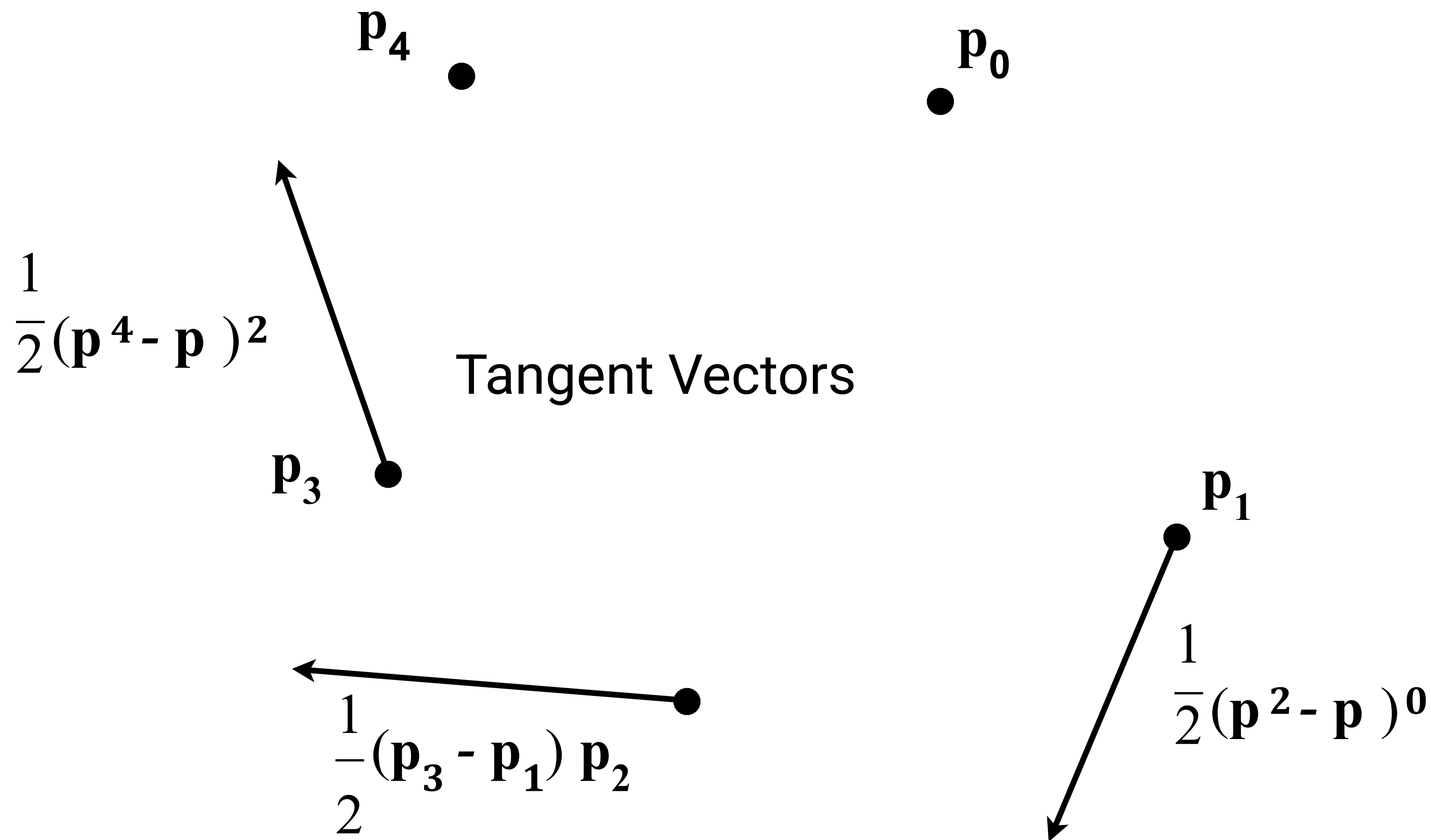
Can Interpolate Points As Easily As Values

E.g. point (0,1,3) in
3D space, or even a
general vector in N
dimensions



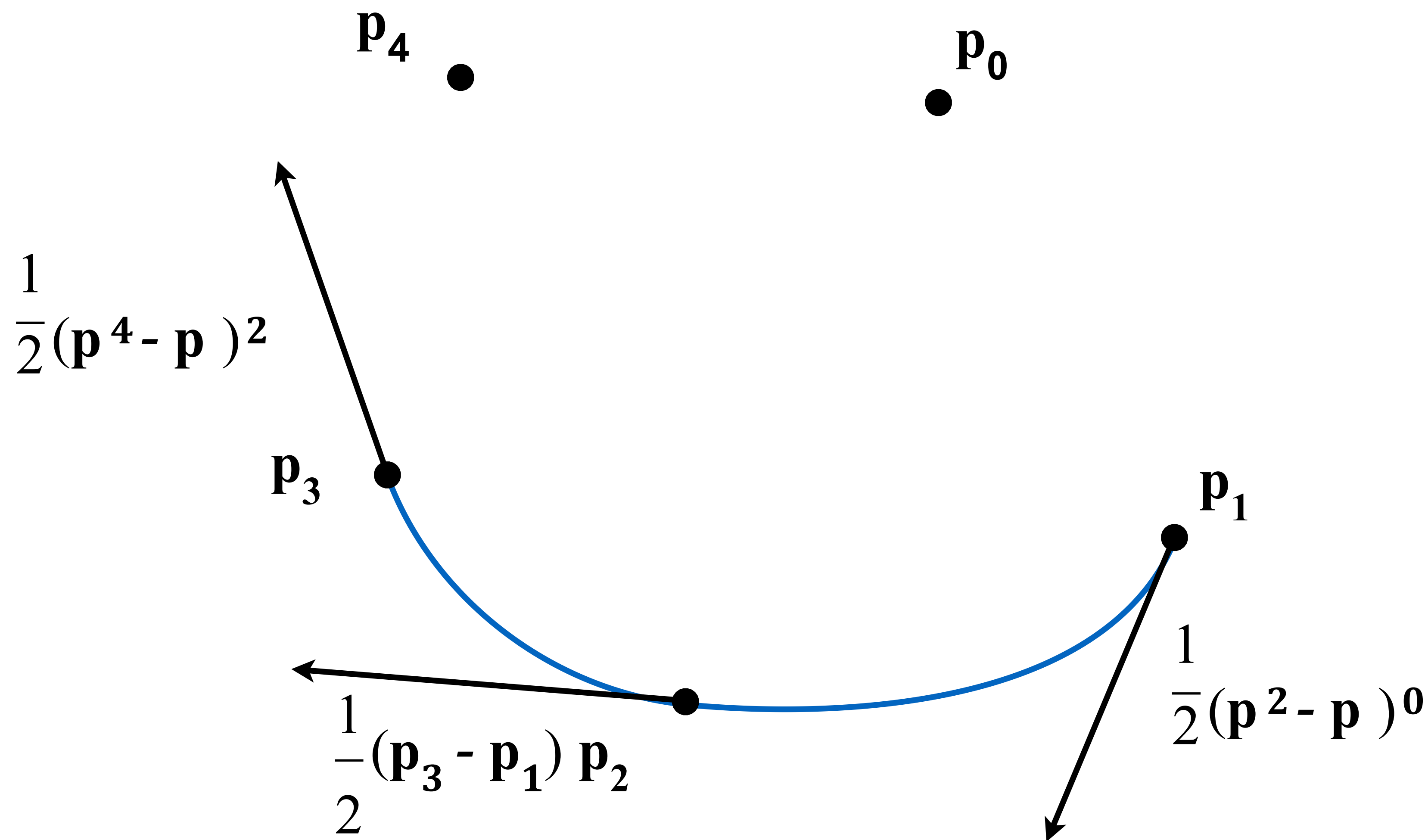
Catmull-Rom 3D spline control points

Can Interpolate Points As Easily As Values



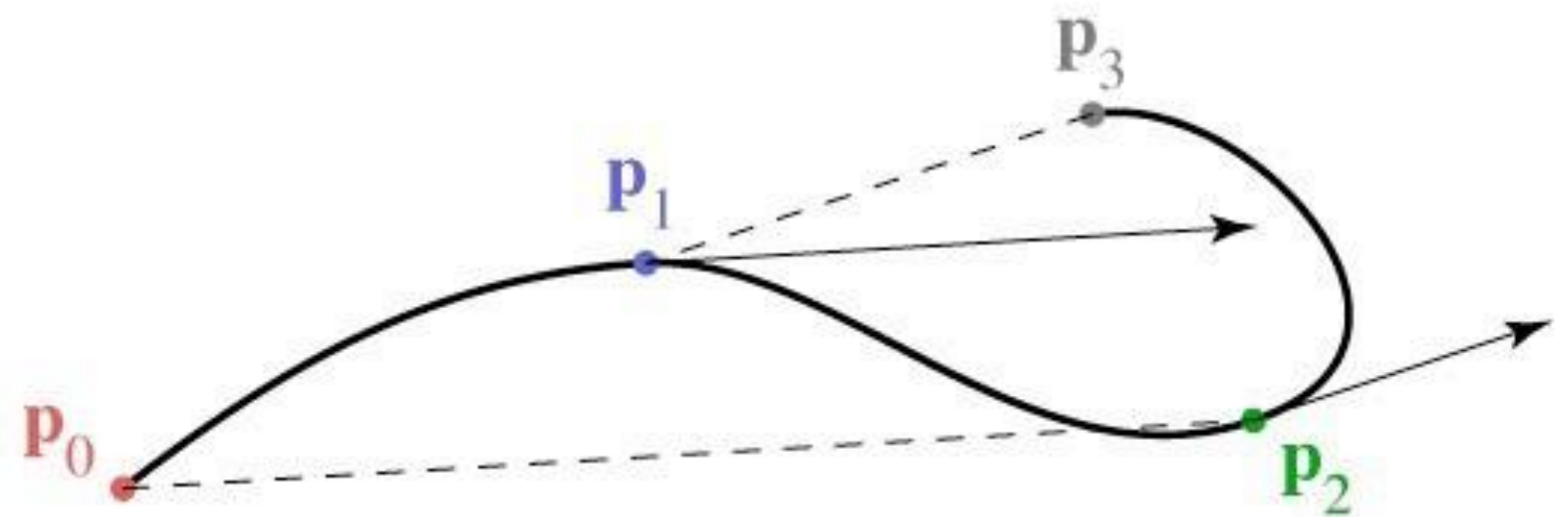
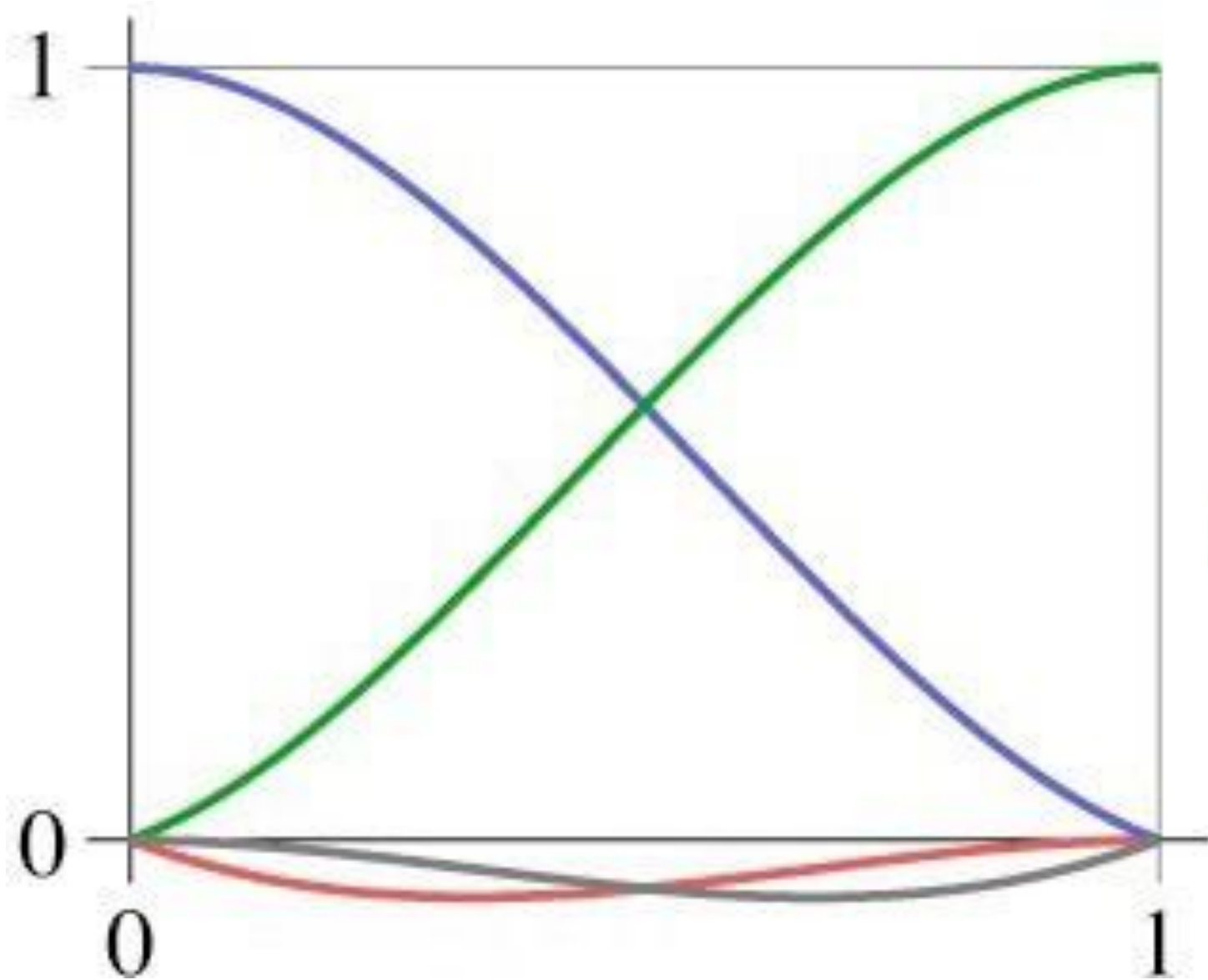
Catmull-Rom 3D tangent vectors

Can Interpolate Points As Easily As Values



Catmull-Rom 3D space curve

Catmull-Rom Basis Functions

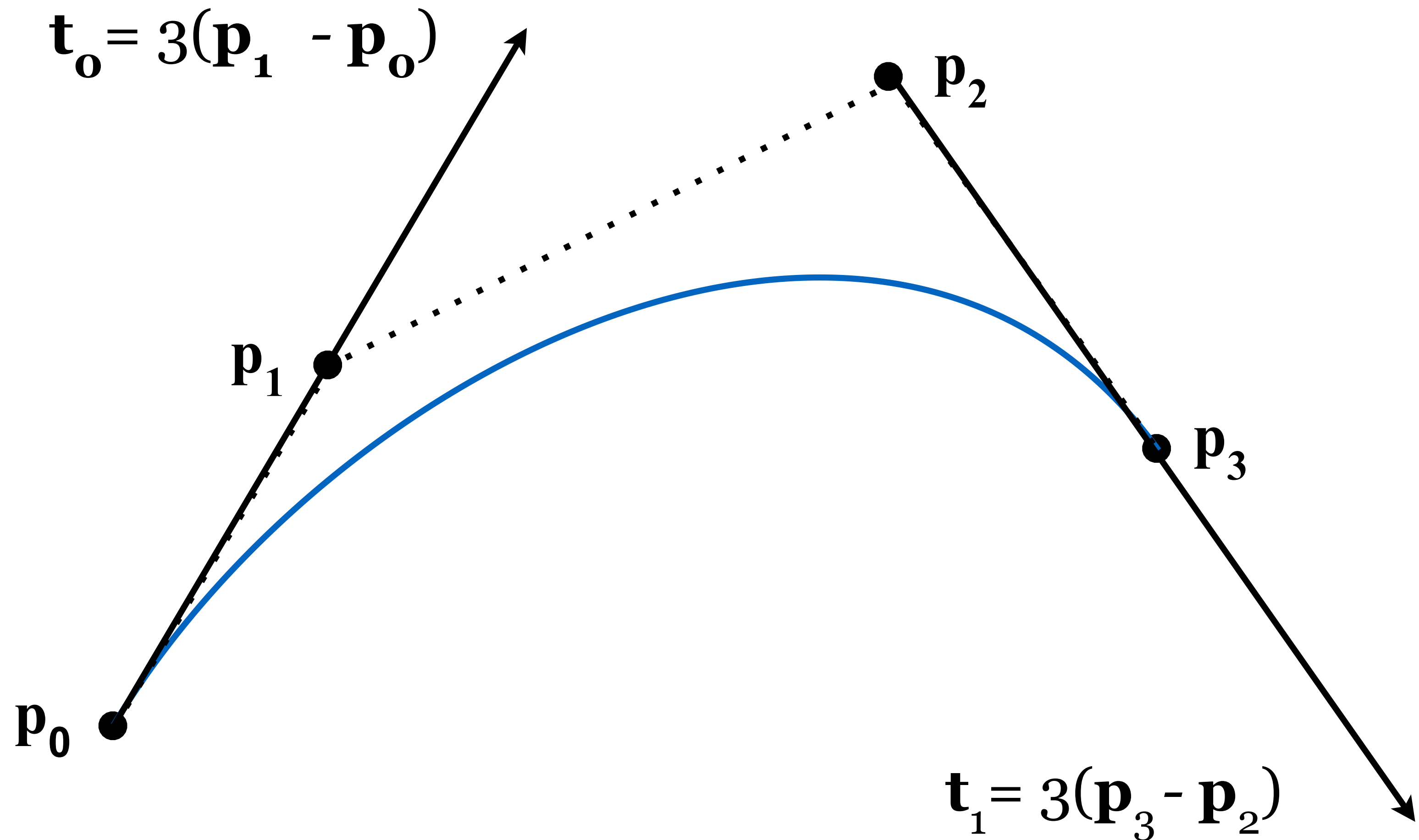


Bézier Curves

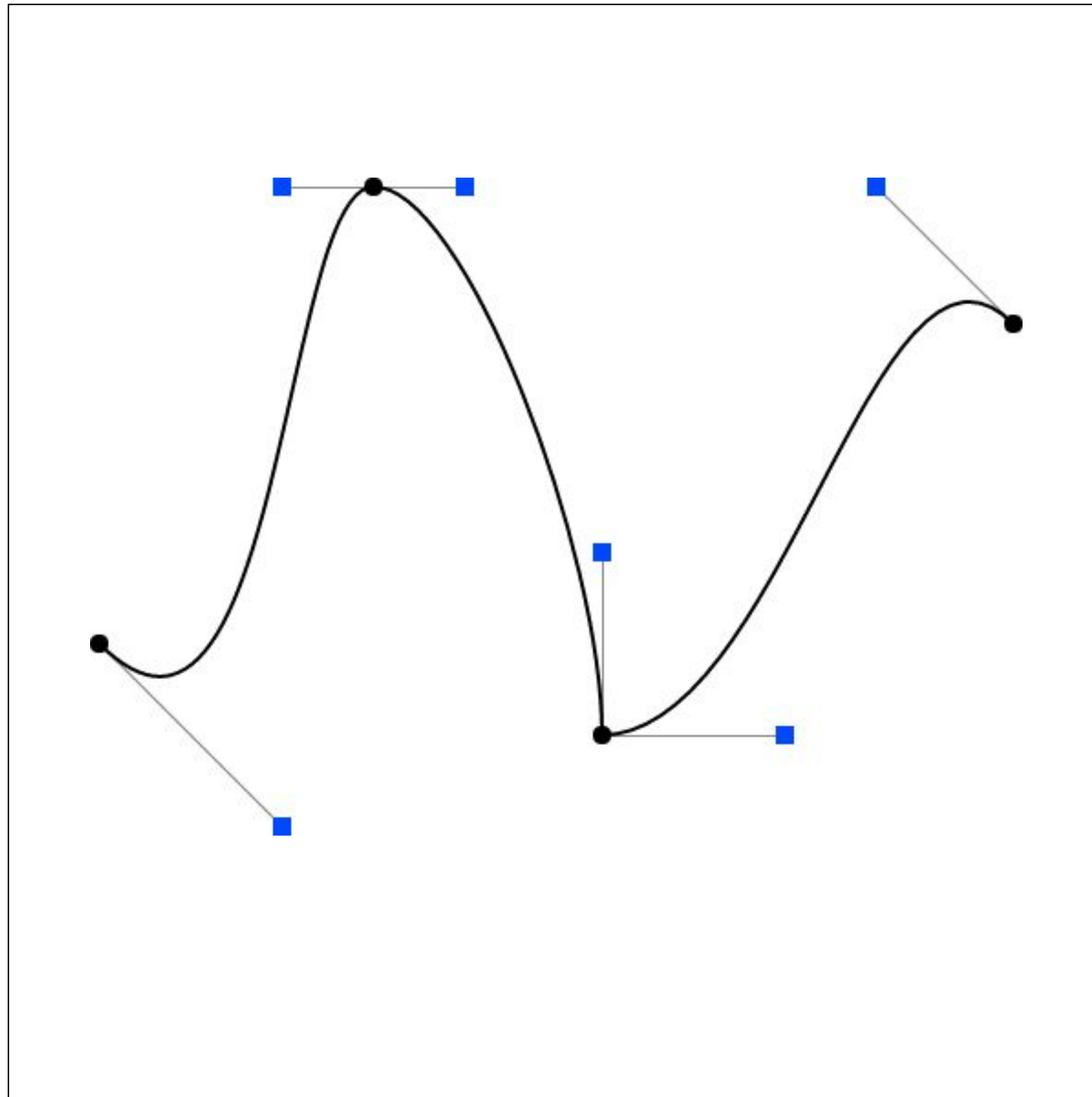
Examples of Geometry



Defining Cubic Bézier Curve With Tangents



Piecewise Cubic Bézier Curve

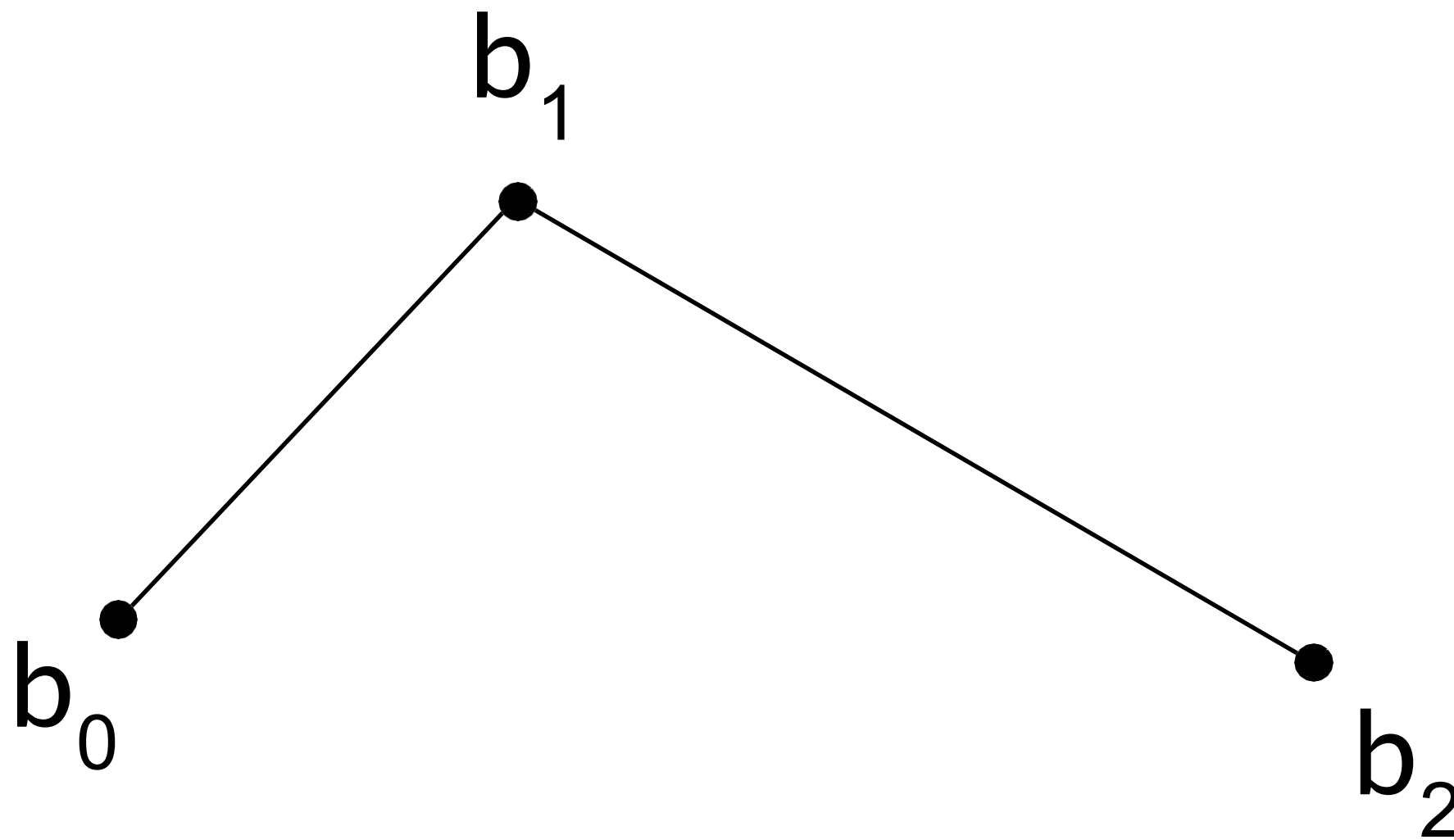


Evaluating Bézier Curves:

De Casteljau Algorithm

Bézier Curves – de Casteljau Algorithm

Consider three points (quadratic Bezier)



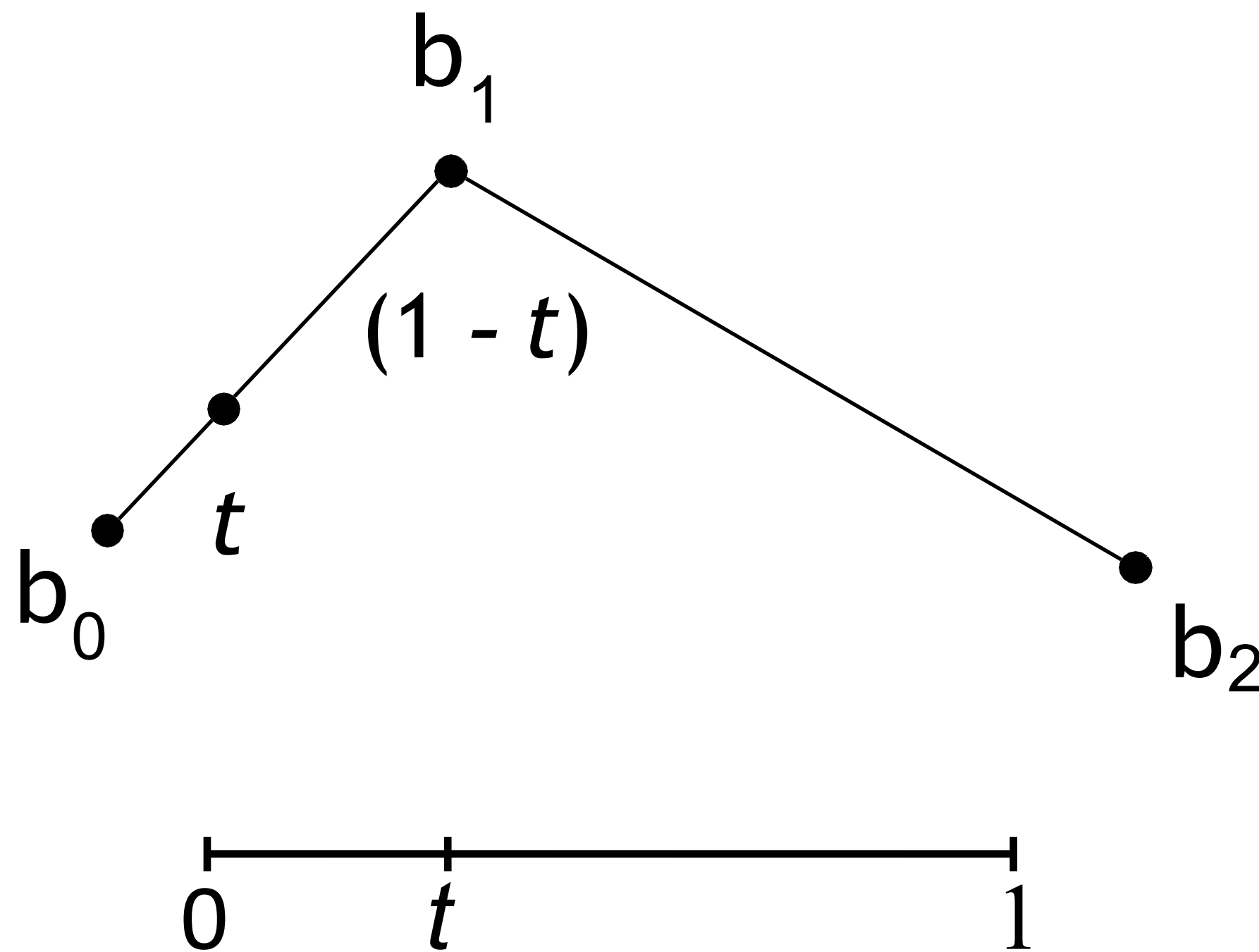
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1910 – 1999



Paul de Casteljau
b. 1930

Bézier Curves – de Casteljau Algorithm

Insert a point using linear interpolation



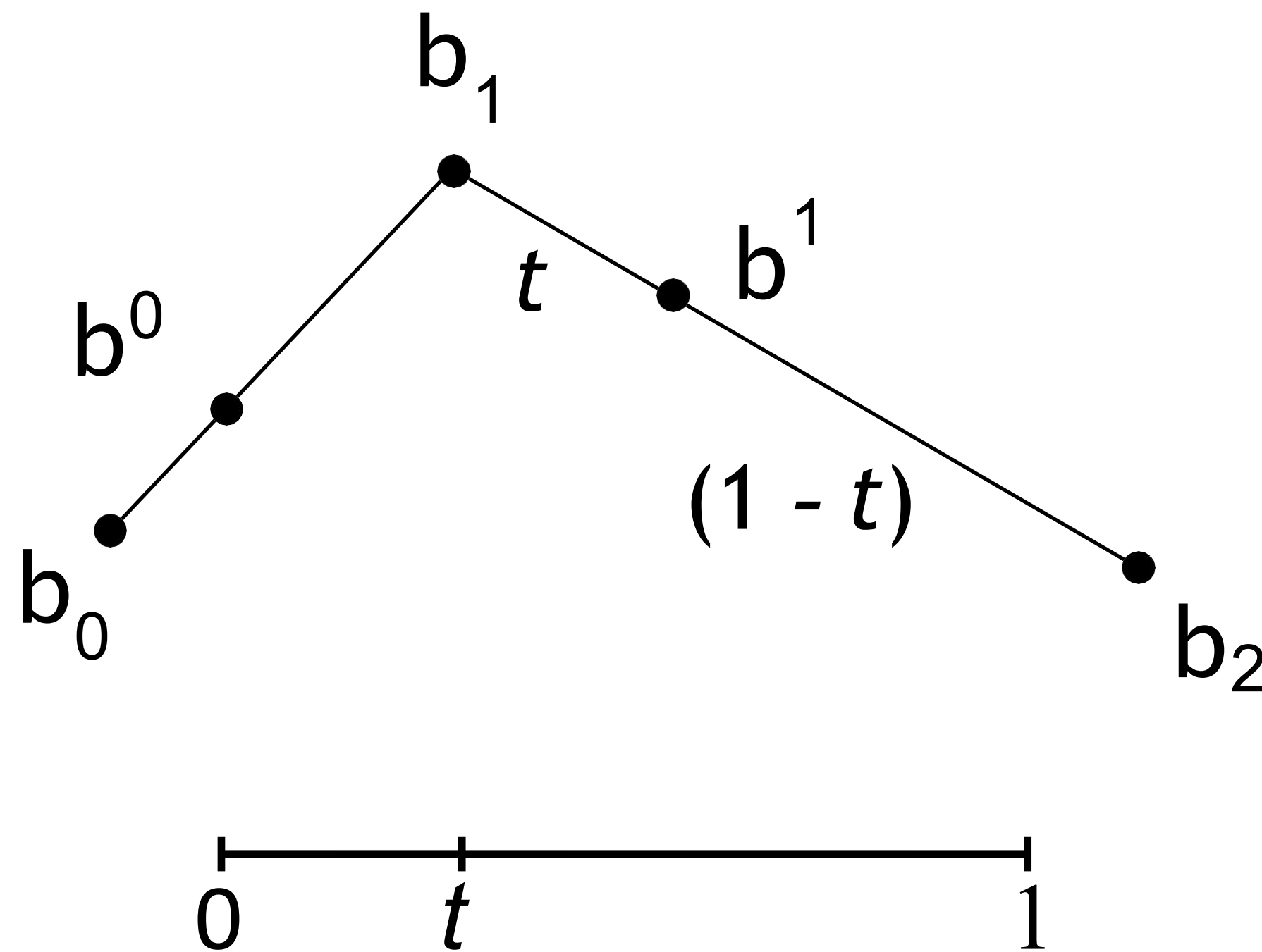
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Insert on both edges



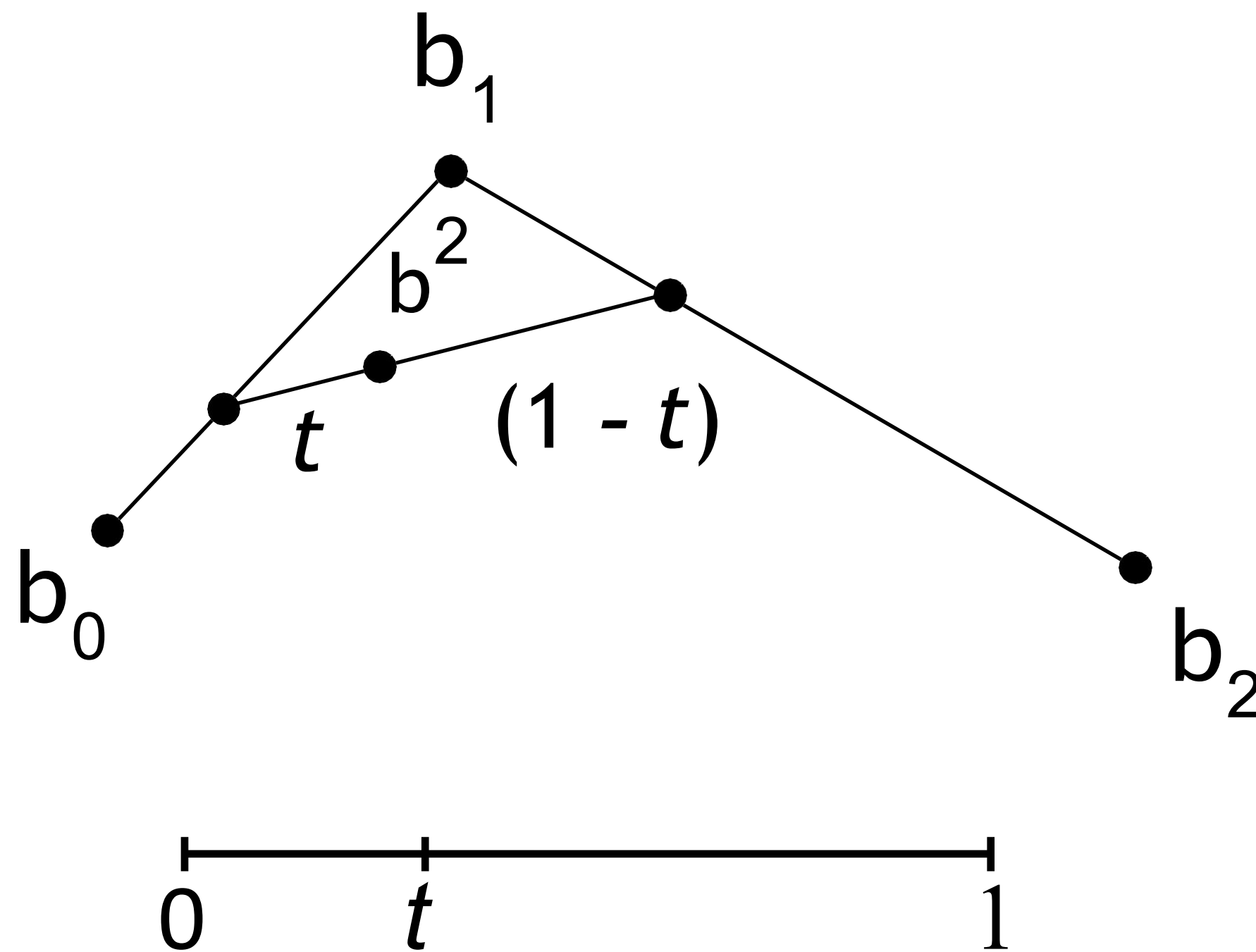
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Repeat recursively



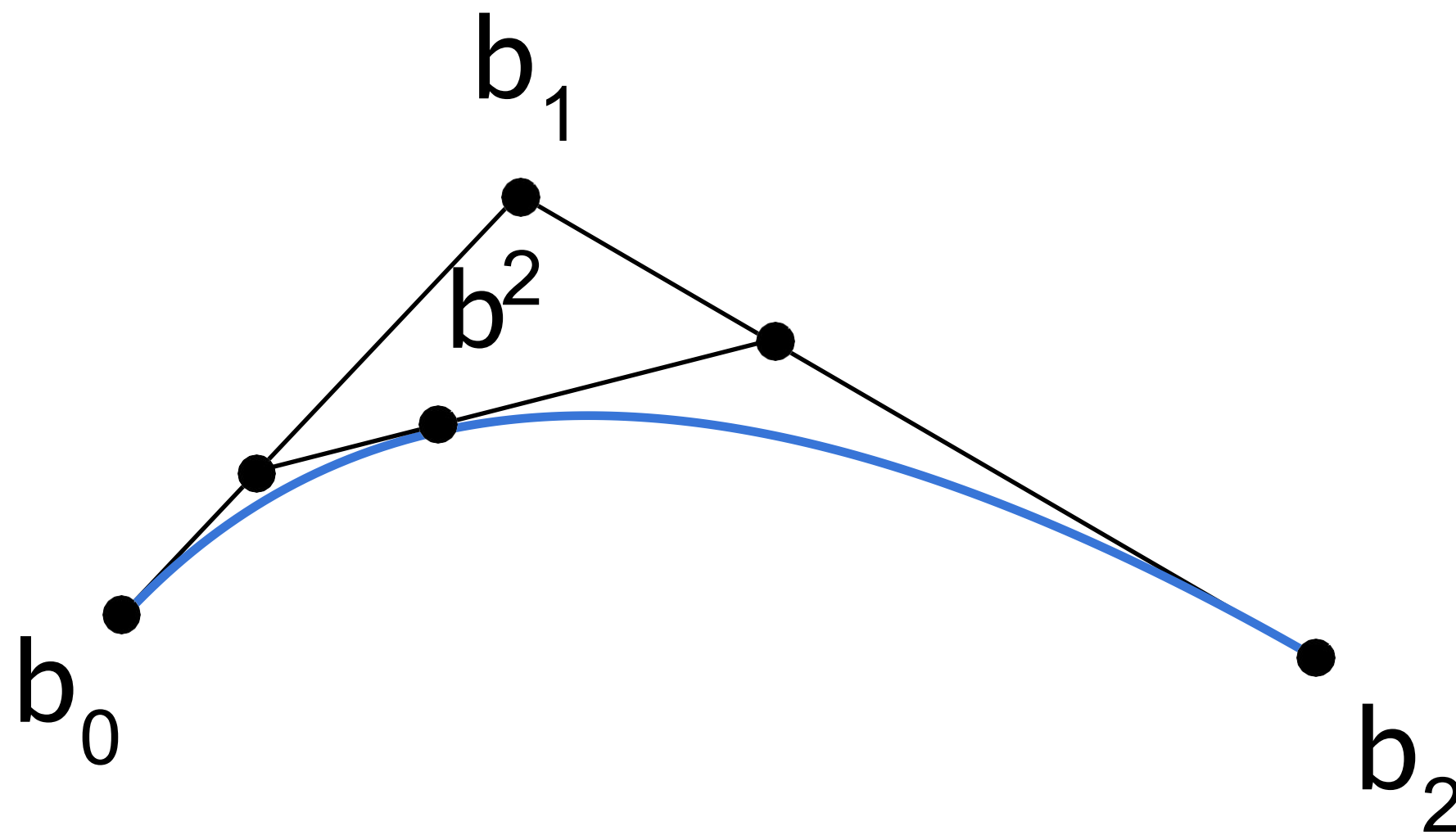
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Bézier Curves – de Casteljau Algorithm

Algorithm defines the curve



“Corner cutting” recursive subdivision

Successive linear interpolation

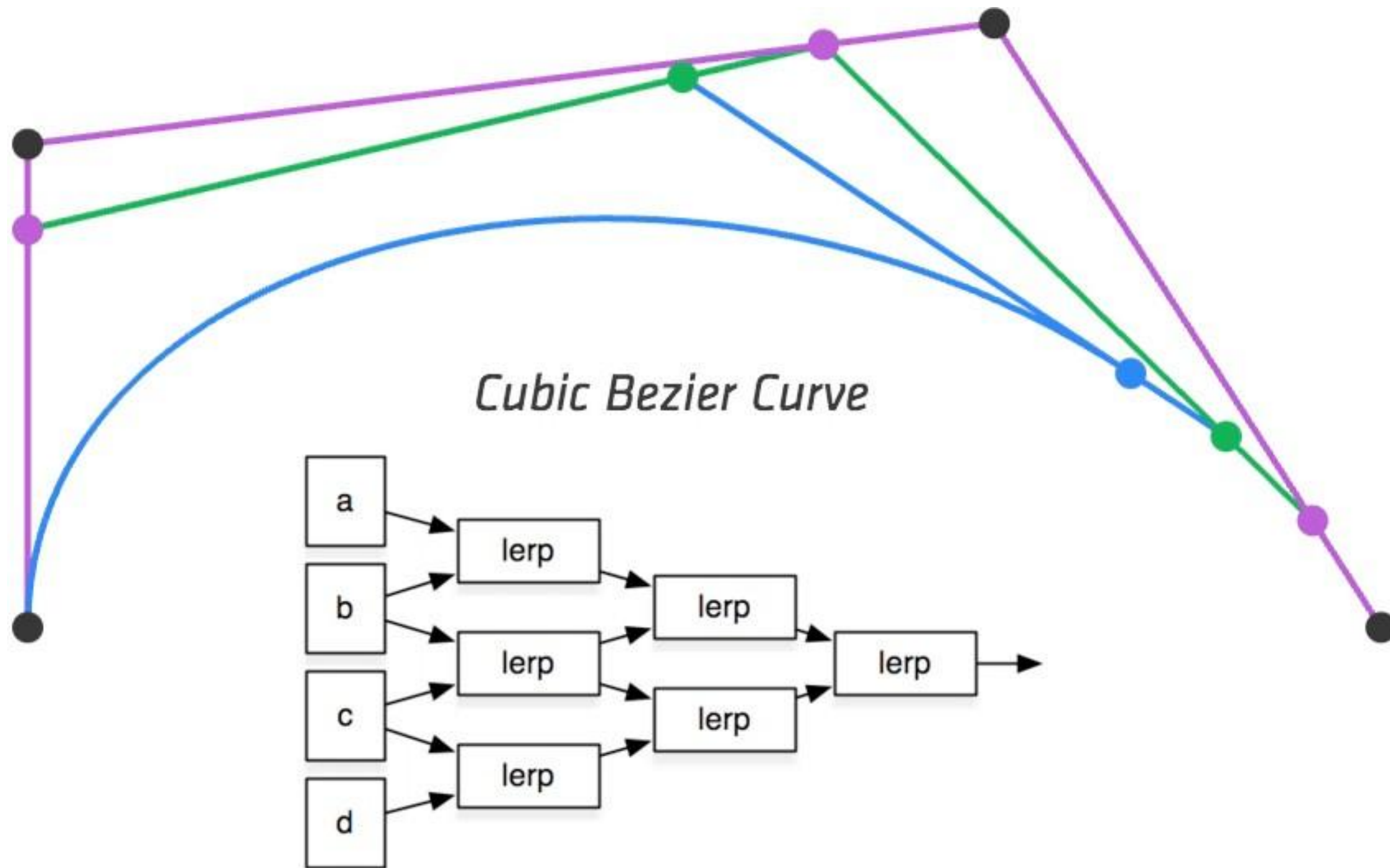


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Visualizing de Casteljau Algorithm

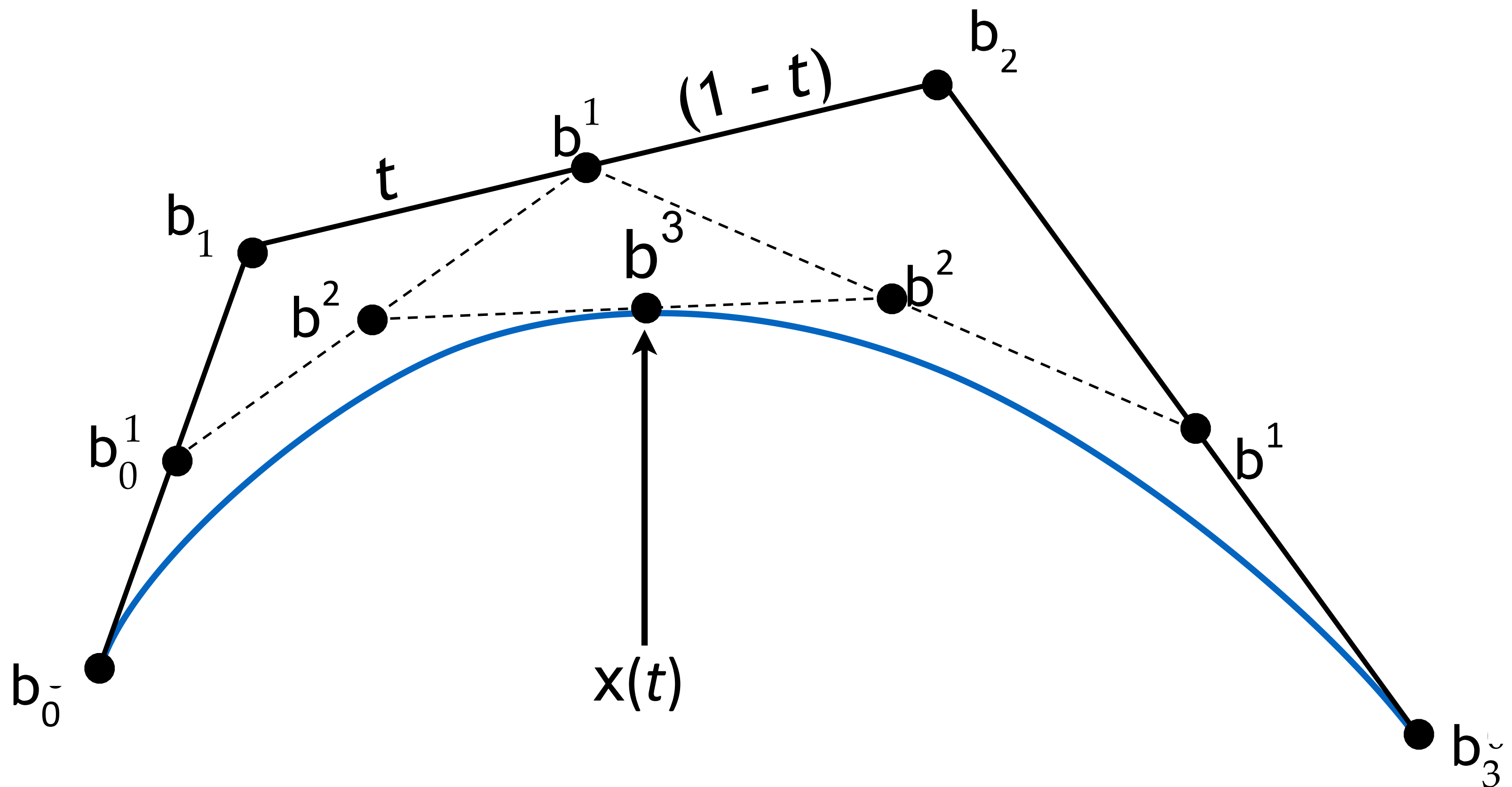


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Cubic Bézier Curve – de Casteljau

Consider four points

Same recursive linear interpolations

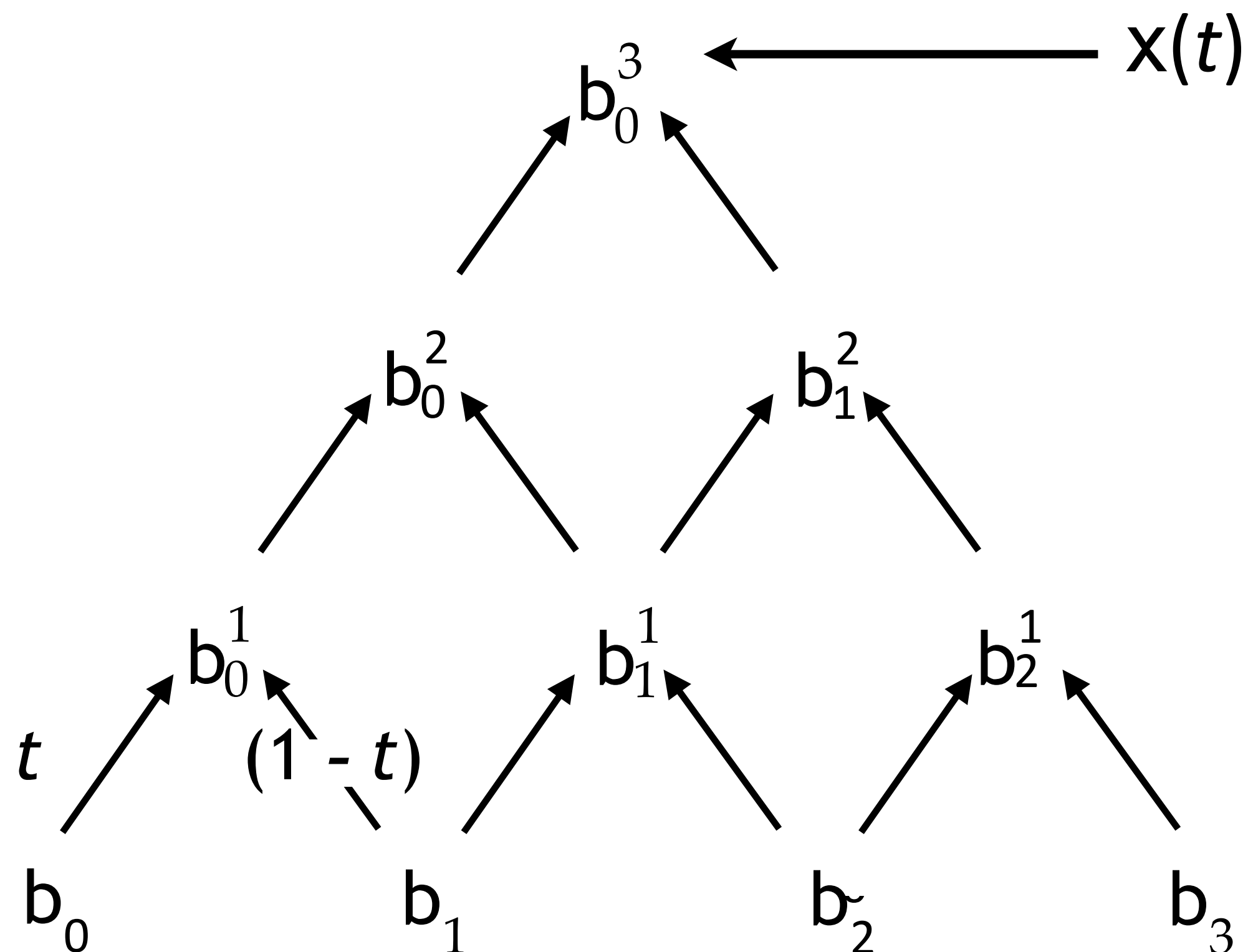


Evaluating Bézier Curves:

Algebraic Formula

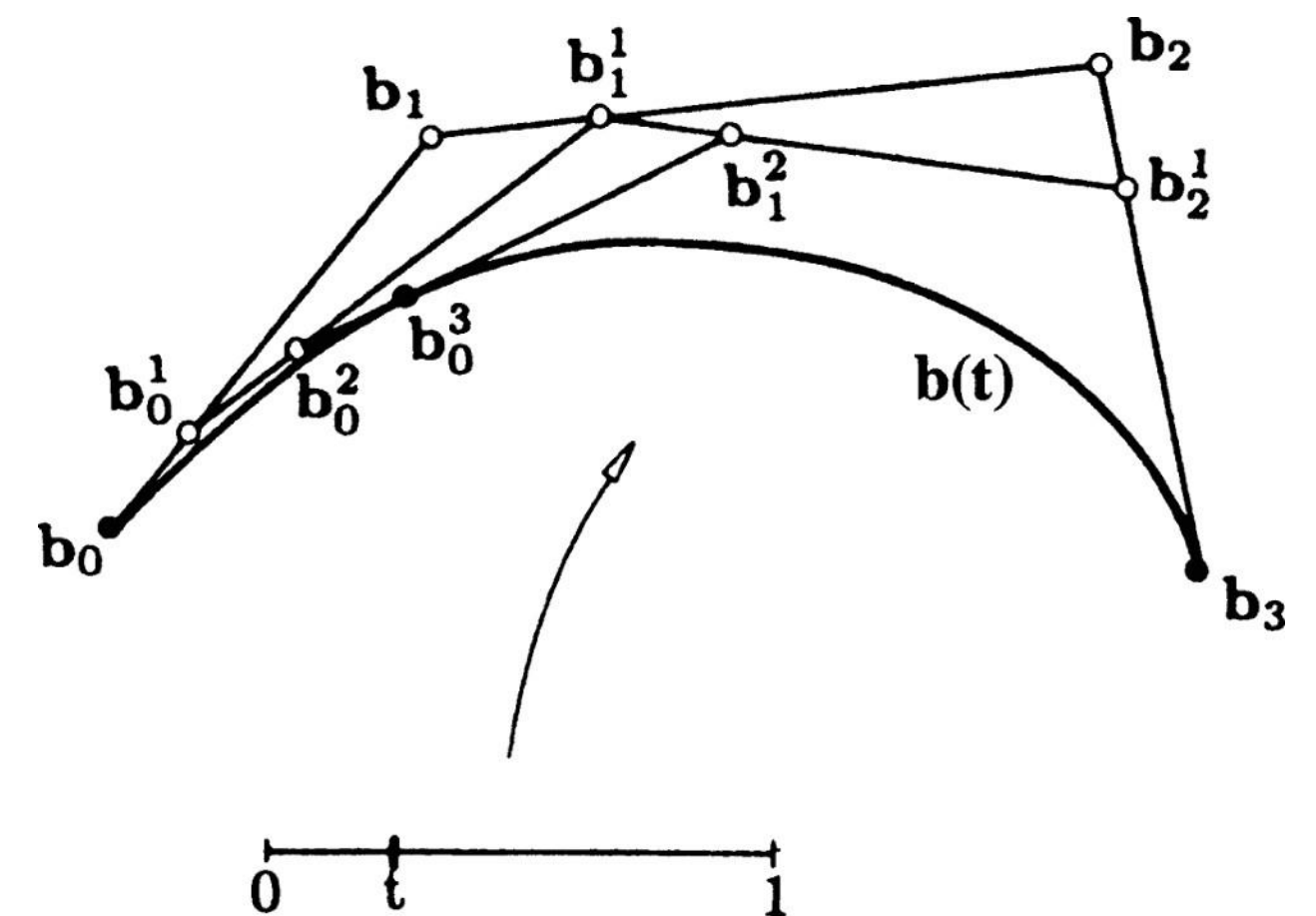
Bézier Curve – Algebraic Formula

de Casteljau algorithm gives a pyramid of coefficients



Every rightward arrow is multiplication by t

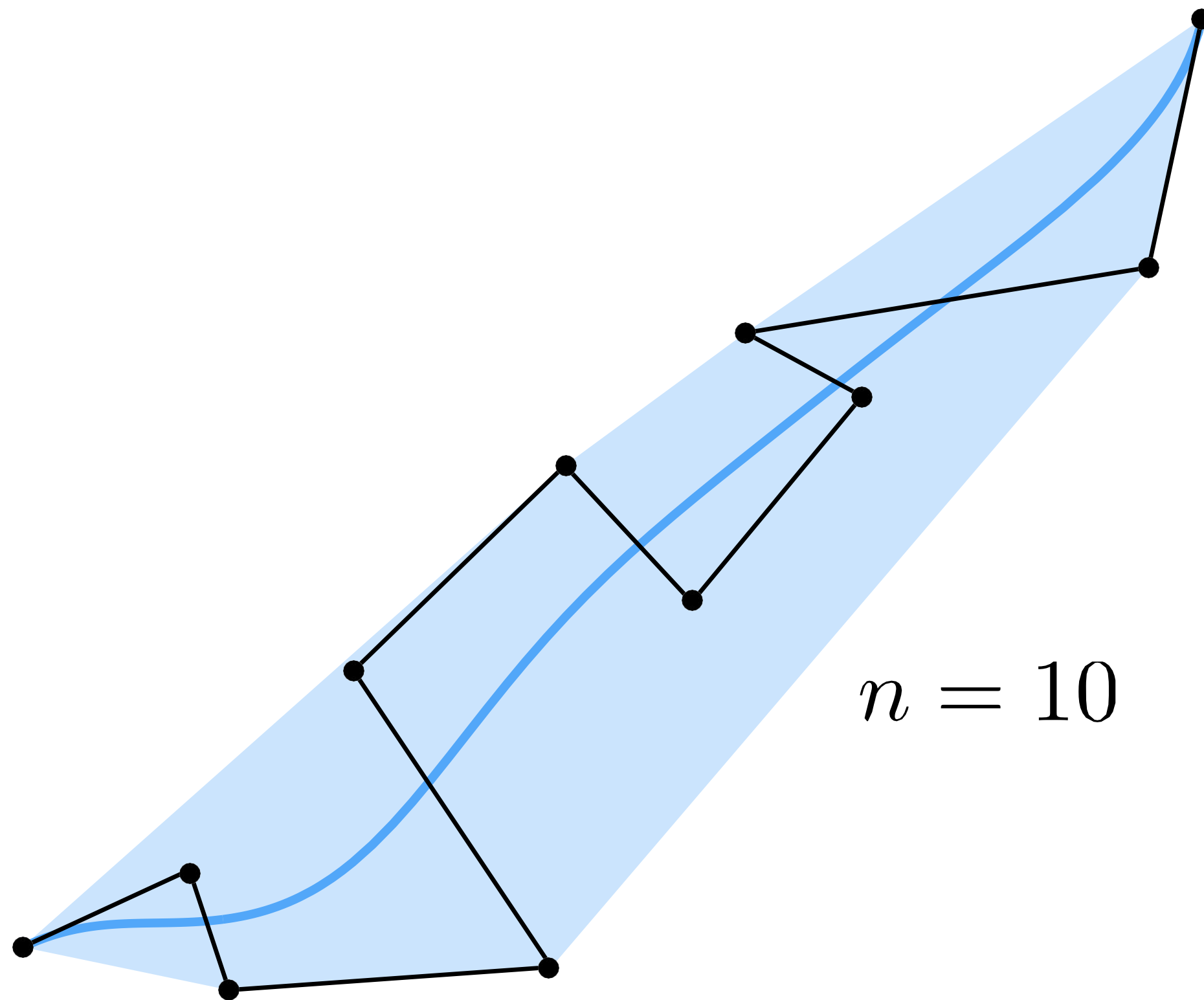
Every leftward arrow by $(1-t)$



Piecewise Bézier Curves: *(Bézier Spline)*

Higher-Order Bézier Curves?

High-degree polynomials don't interpolate well



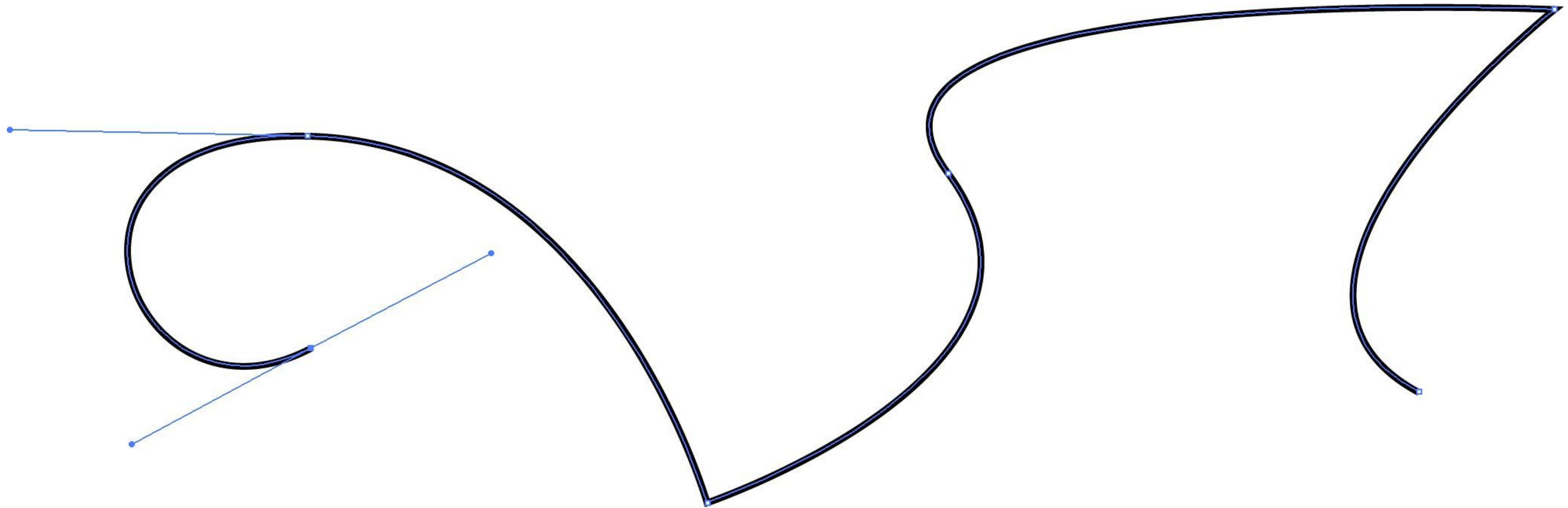
$n = 10$

Very hard to control!
Uncommon

Piecewise Bézier Curves

Instead, chain many low-order Bézier curve

Piecewise cubic Bézier the most common technique



Widely used (fonts, paths, Illustrator, Keynote, ...)

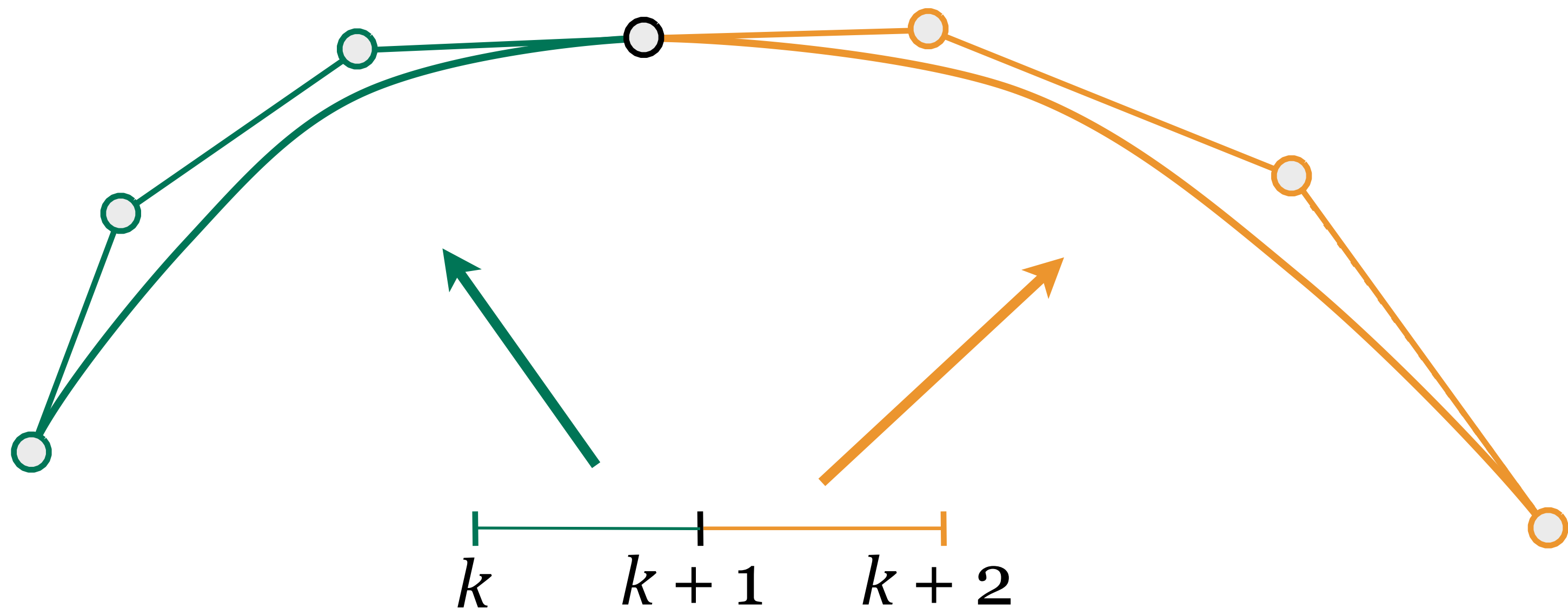
Piecewise Bézier Curve – Continuity

Two Bézier curves

$$\mathbf{a} : [k, k + 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^N$$

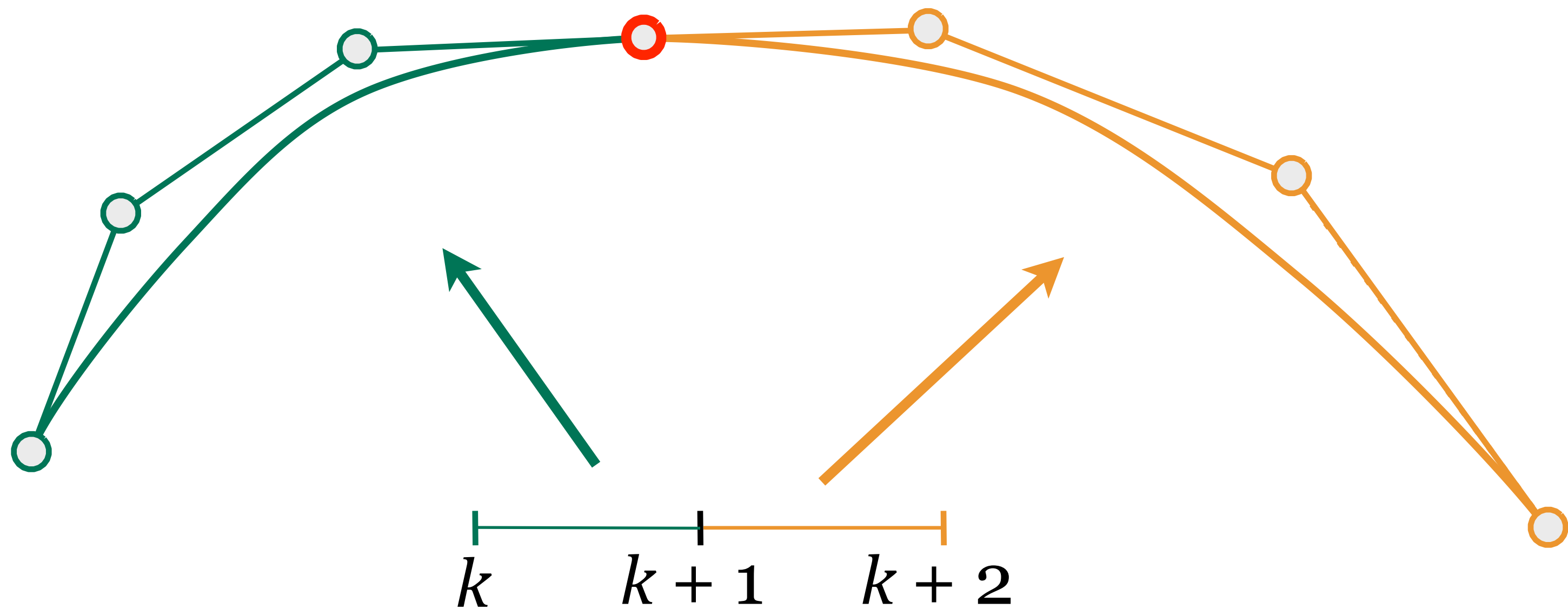
$$\mathbf{b} : [k + 1, k + 2] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^N$$

Assuming integer partitions here



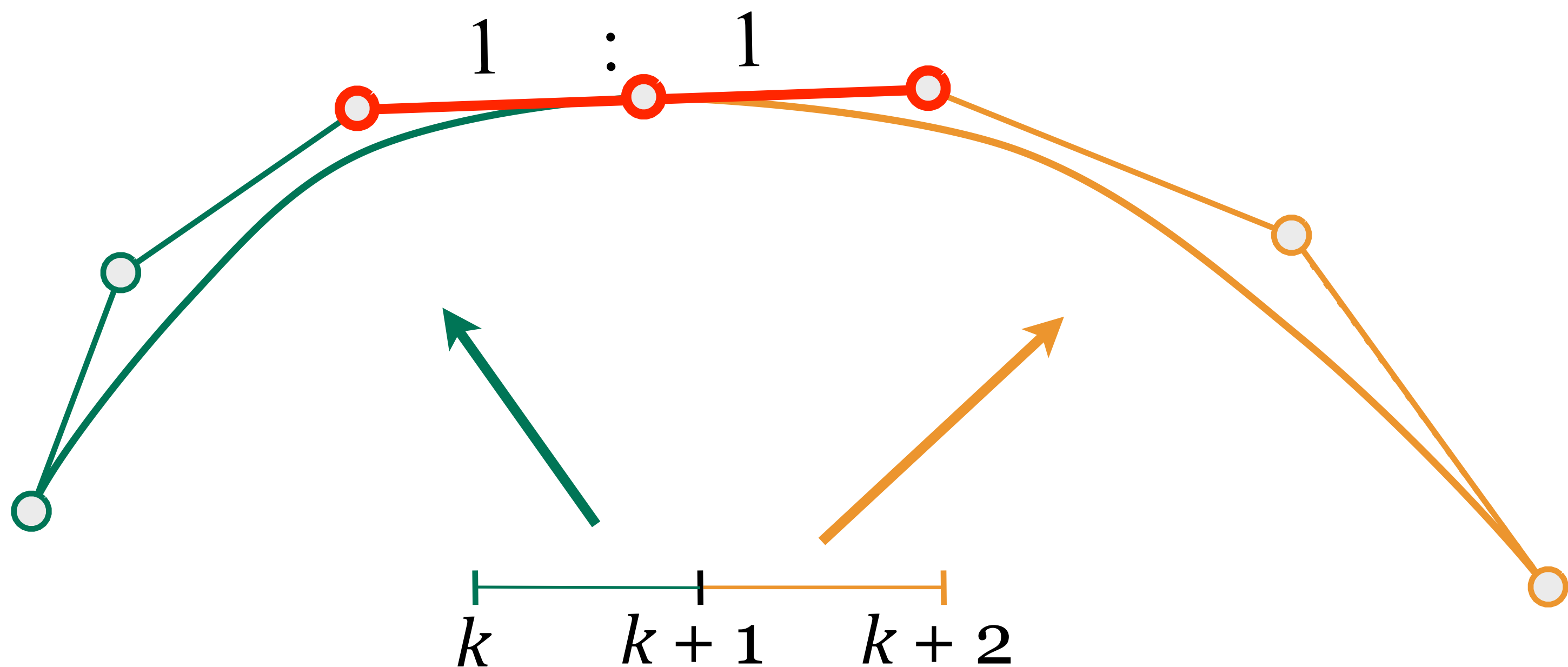
Piecewise Bézier Curve – Continuity

C^0 continuity: $a_n = b_0$



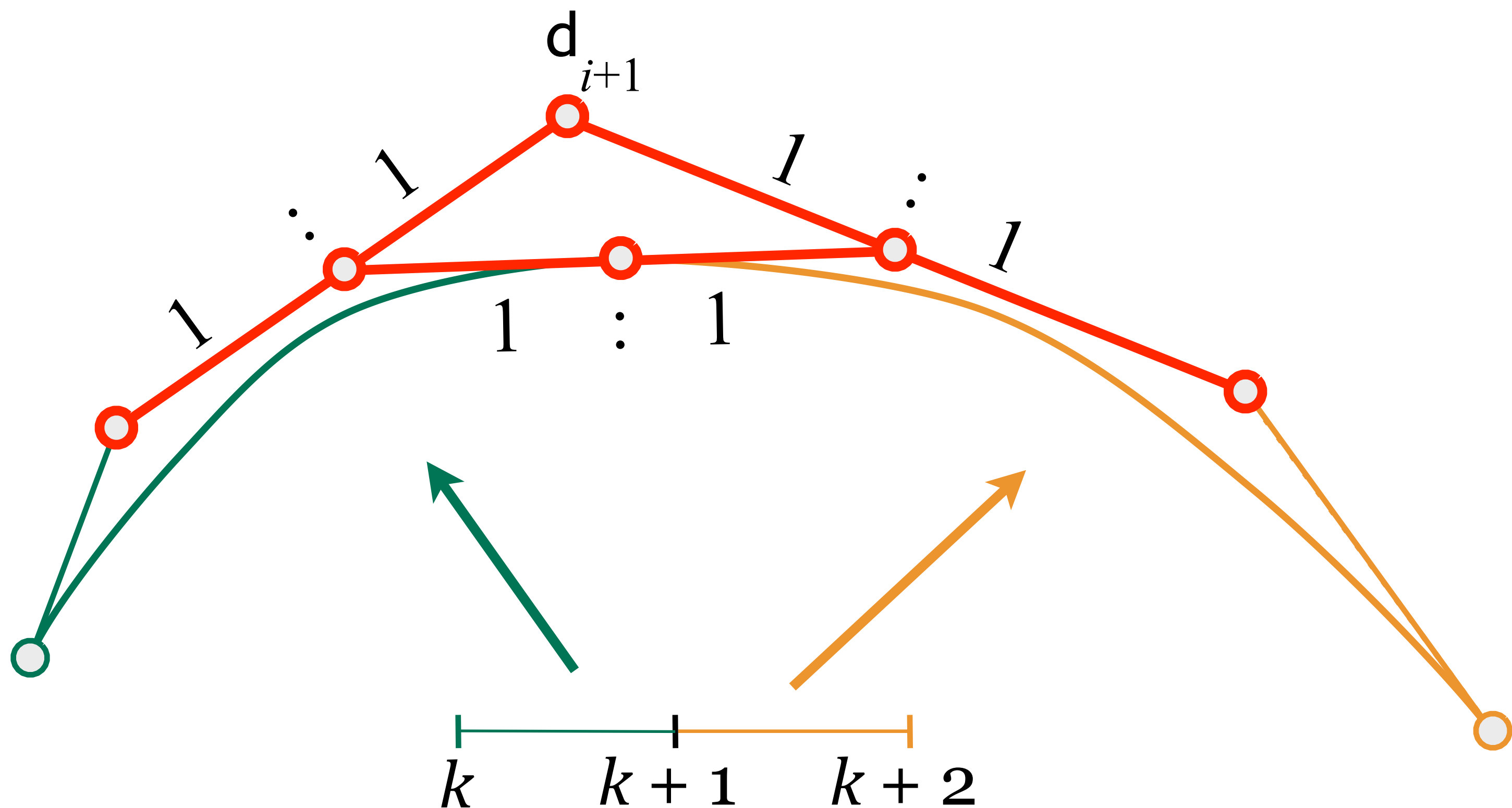
Piecewise Bézier Curve – Continuity

C¹ continuity: $a_n = b_0 = \frac{1}{2}(a_{n-1} + b_1)$



Piecewise Bézier Curve – Continuity

C² continuity: “A-frame” construction



Properties of Bézier Curves

Interpolates endpoints

- For cubic Bézier: $b(0) = b_0$; $b(1) = b_3$

Affine transformation property

- Transform curve by transforming control points
- Convex hull property

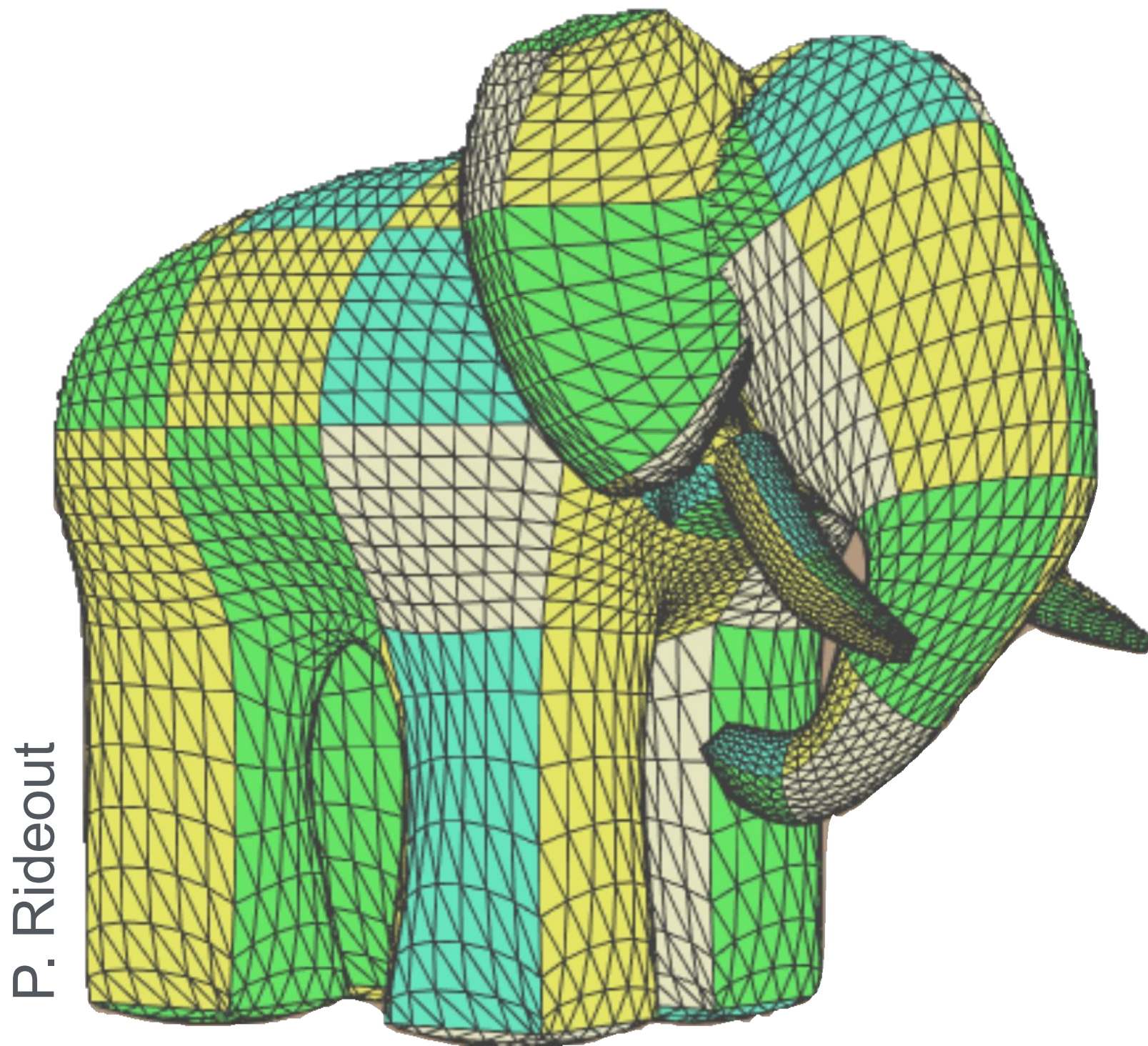
Curve is within convex hull of control points

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Bézier Surfaces

Bézier Surfaces

Extend Bézier curves to surfaces



P. Rideout

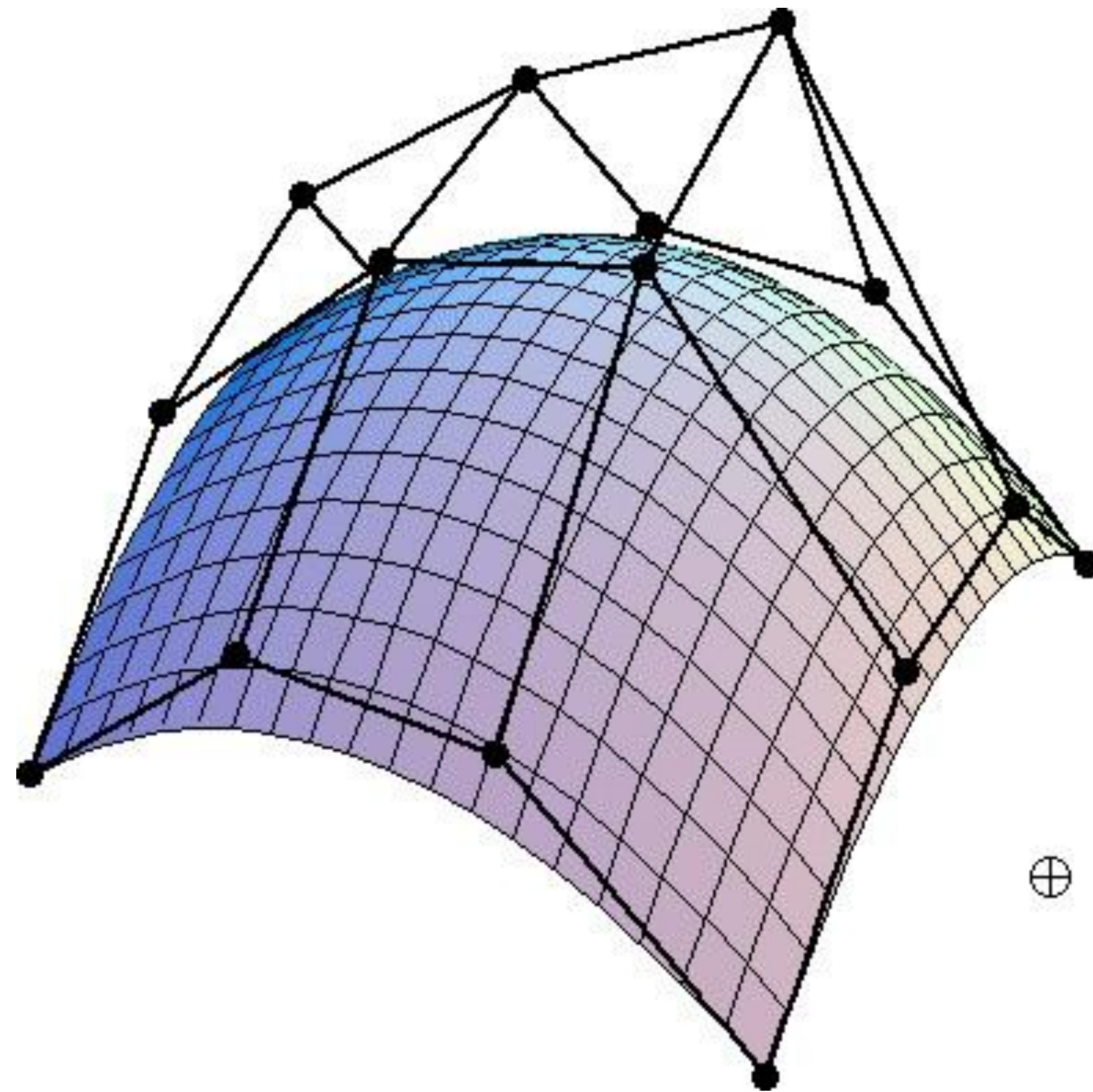
Ed Catmull's "Gumbo" model



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Utah Teapot

Bicubic Bézier Surface Patch



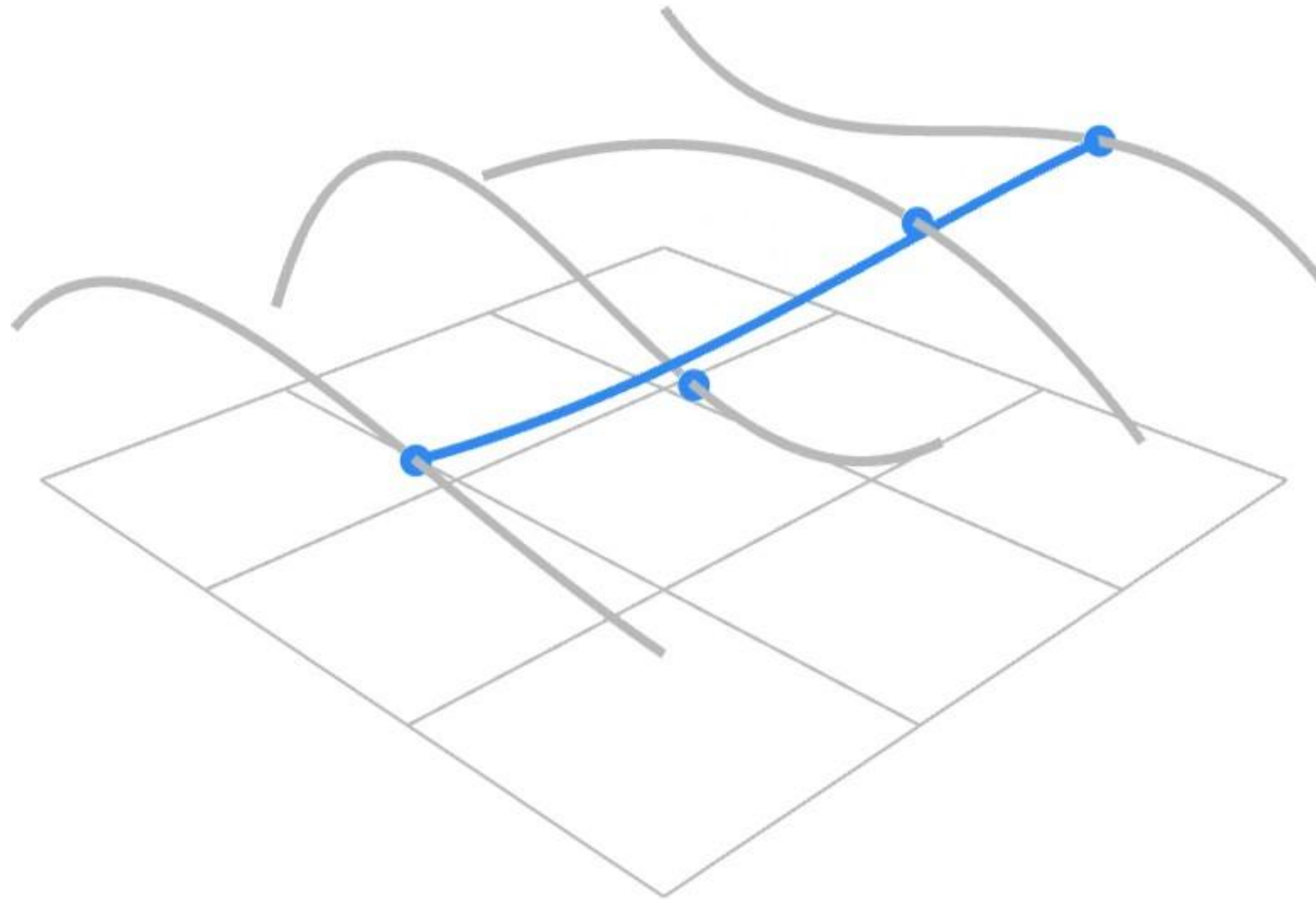
Bezier surface and 4 x 4 array of control points

Visualizing Bicubic Bézier Surface Patch

4x4 control points

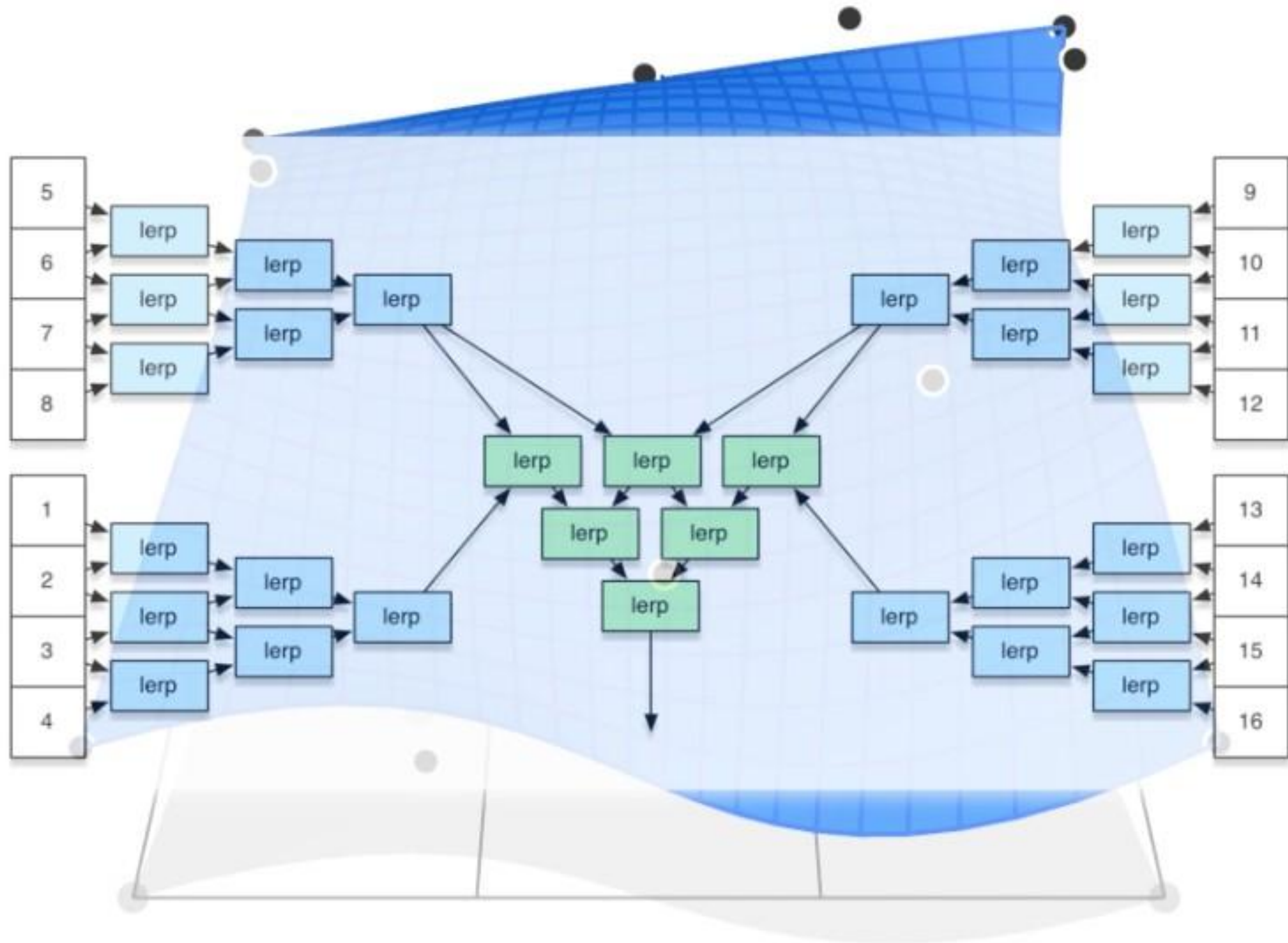
- Each 4x1 control points in u define a Bezier curve
(4 Bezier curves in u)
- Corresponding points on these 4 Bezier curves define 4 control points for a “moving curve” in v
- This “moving” curve sweeps out the 2D surface

Visualizing Bicubic Bézier Surface Patch



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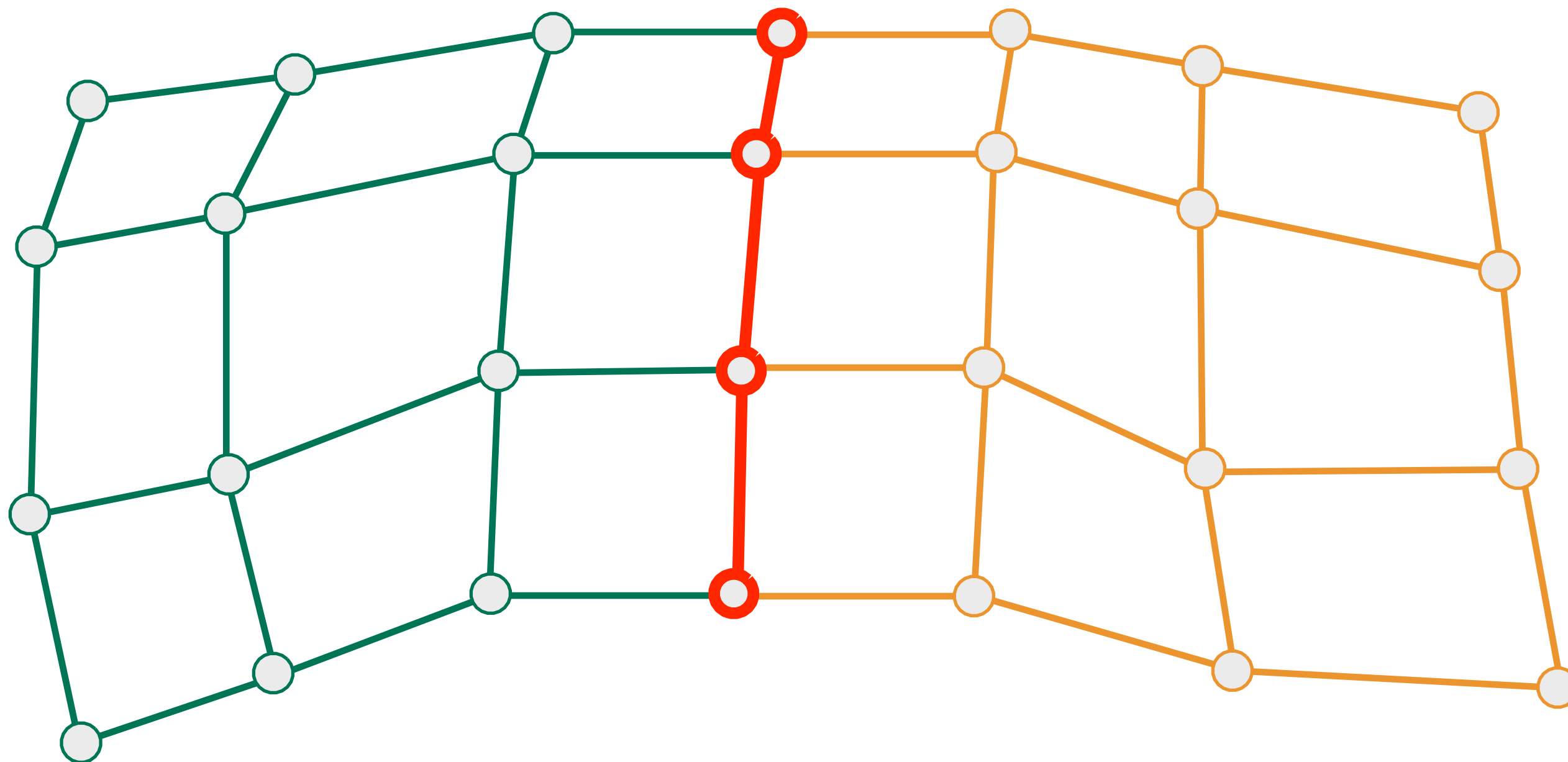
Separable 1D de Casteljau Algorithm



Bézier Surface Continuity

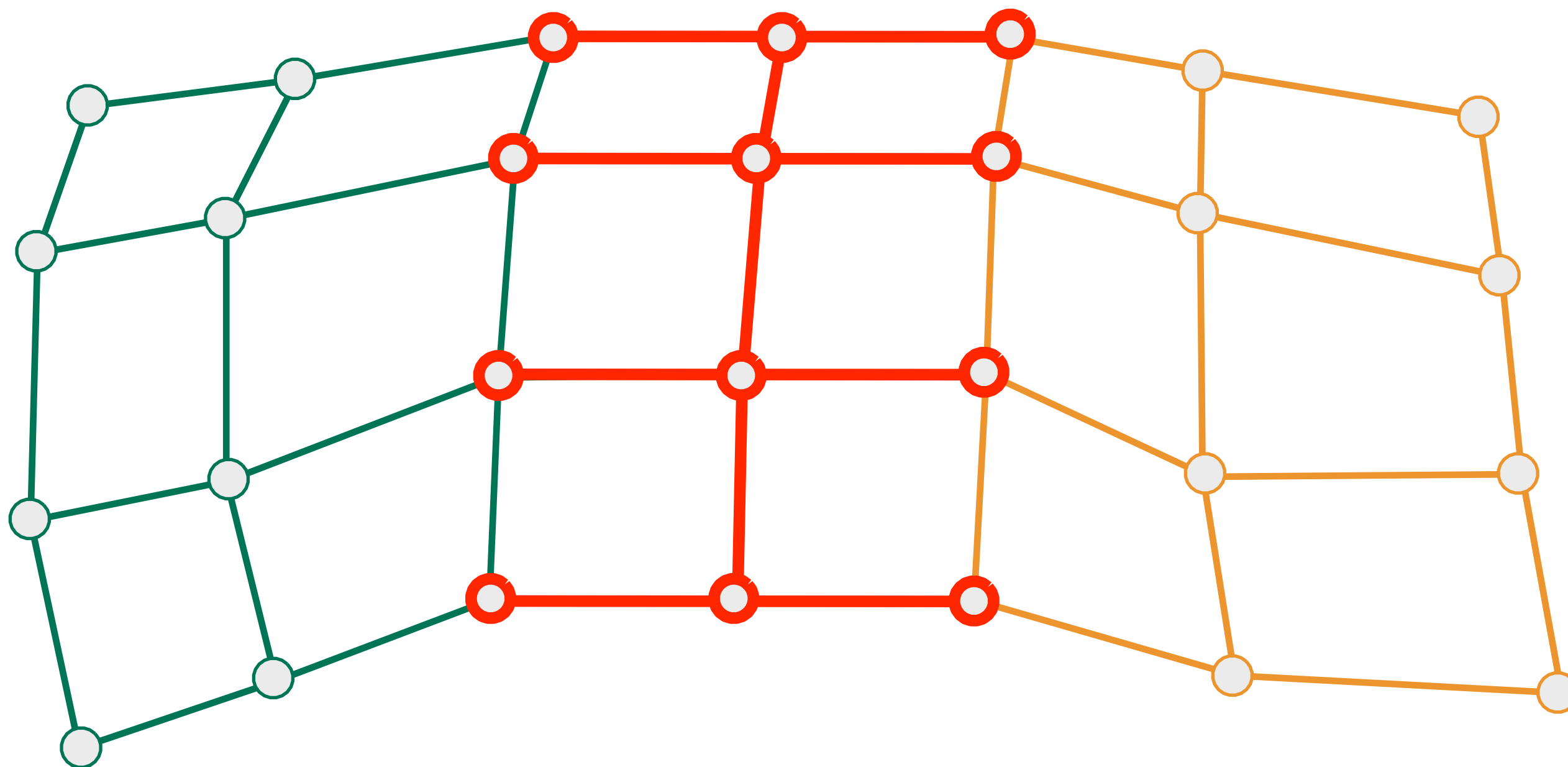
Piecewise Bézier Surfaces

C^0 continuity: Boundary curves



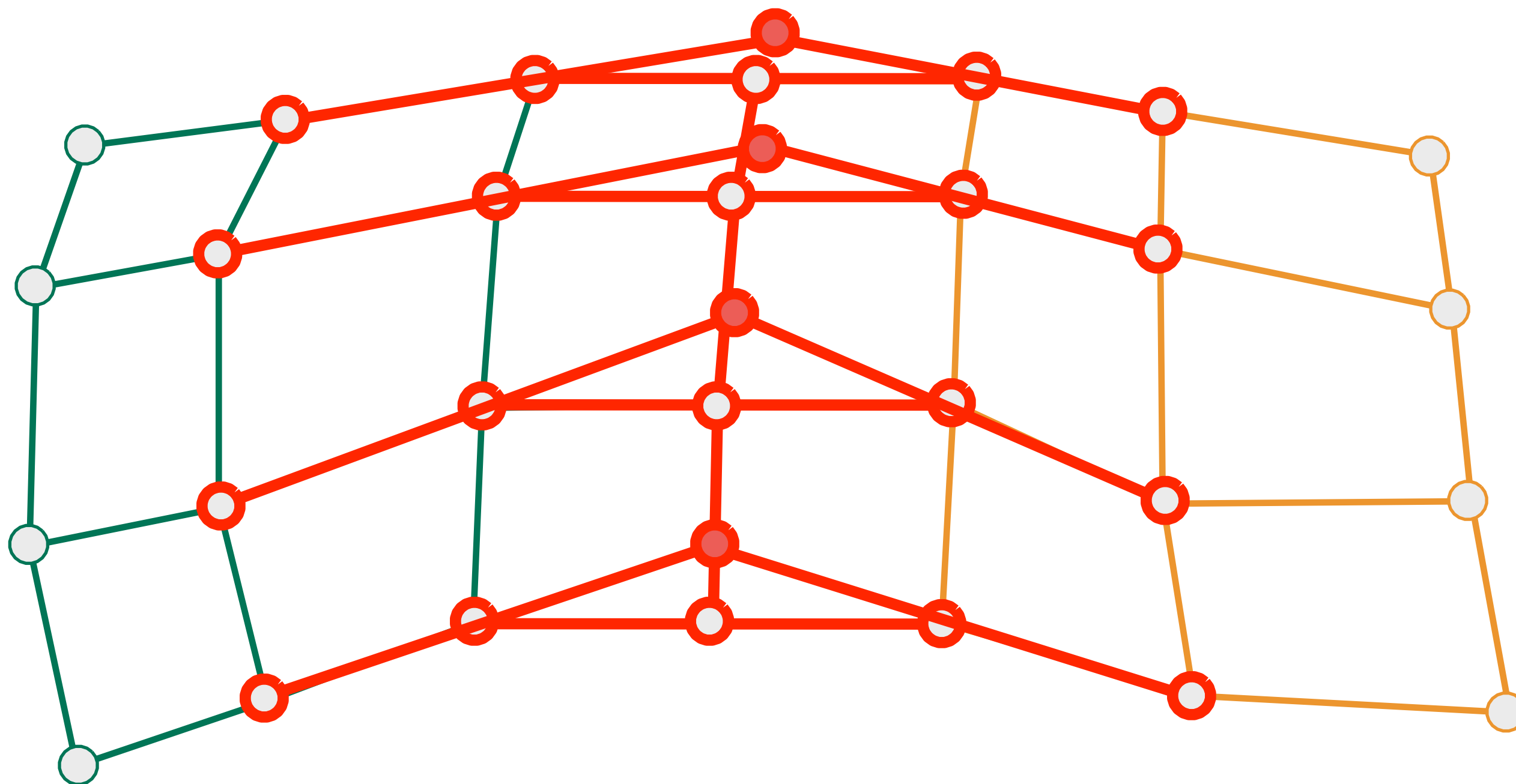
Piecewise Bézier Surfaces

C^1 continuity: Collinearity



Piecewise Bézier Surfaces

C^2 continuity: A-frames



Things to Remember

Splines

- Cubic Hermite and Catmull-Rom interpolation
- Matrix representation of cubic polynomials

Bézier curves

- Easy-to-control spline
- Recursive linear interpolation – de Casteljau algorithm
- Properties of Bézier curves
- Piecewise Bézier curve – continuity types and how to achieve Bézier

surfaces

- Bicubic Bézier patches – tensor product surface
- 2D de Casteljau algorithm

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