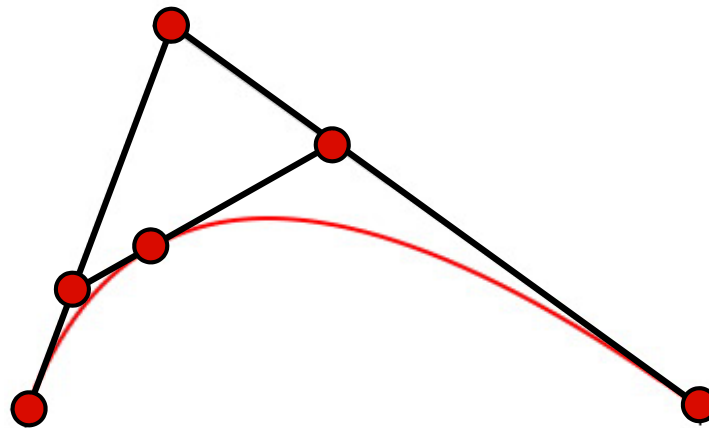


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# Geometric Modeling

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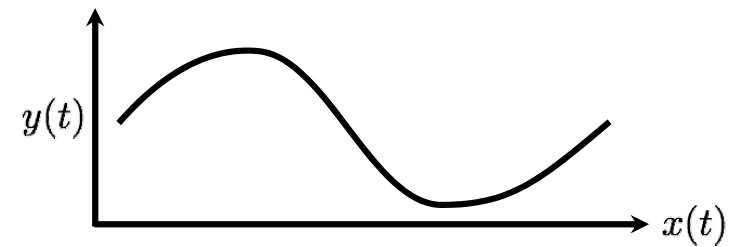


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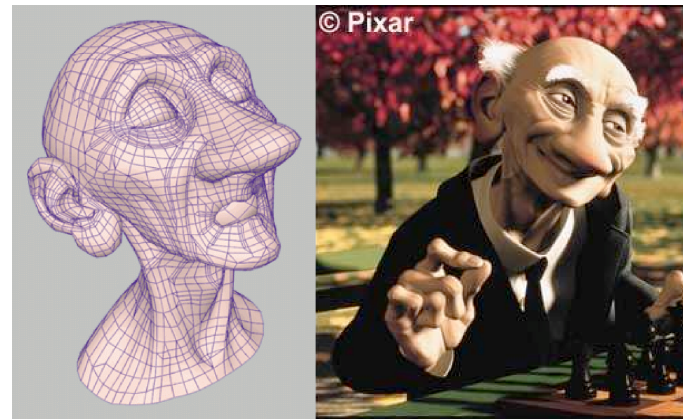
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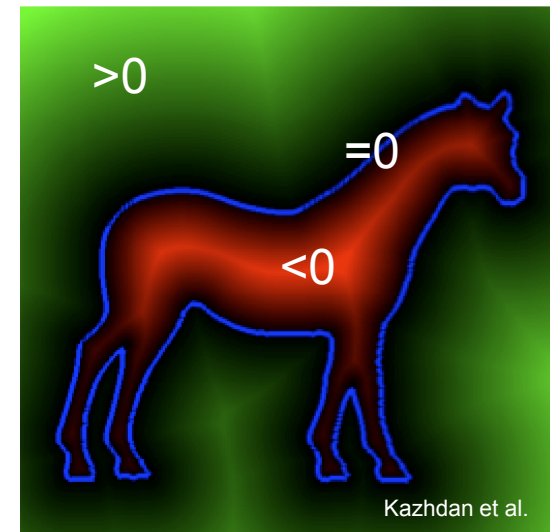
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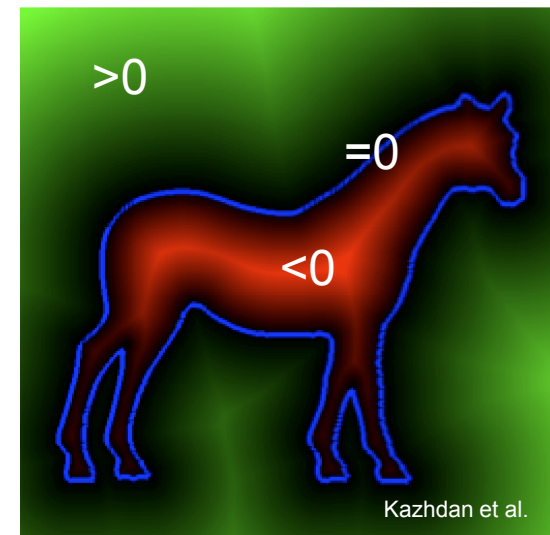
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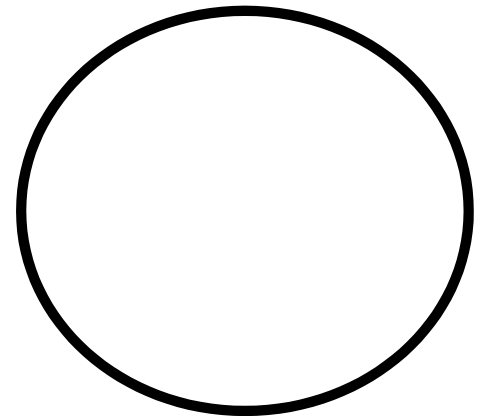
- Parametric:

$$f(t) = \begin{pmatrix} r \cos t \\ r \sin t \end{pmatrix}, S = f([0, 2\pi])$$

- Implicit:

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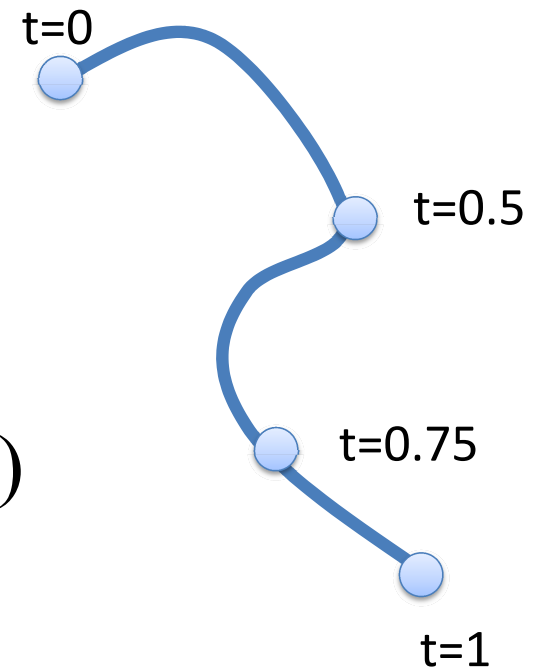


# Parametric curves

- Curves are 1-dimensional parameterizations

- Planar curve:  $f(t) = (x(t), y(t))$

- Space curve:  $f(t) = (x(t), y(t), z(t))$



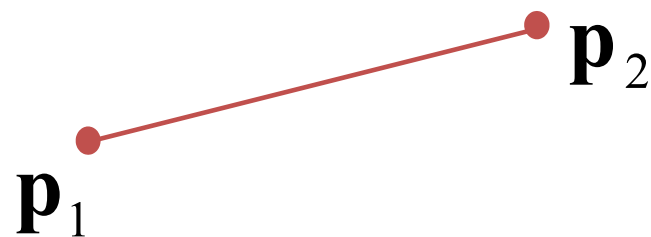
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## Continuity and regularity

- Line segment  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow R^d, d = 1, 2, 3, \dots$
- The same segment can be parameterized differently

$$\mathbf{p}_1 : [0, 1] \rightarrow R^3, \quad f(t) = t \mathbf{p}_1 + (1-t) \mathbf{p}_2$$

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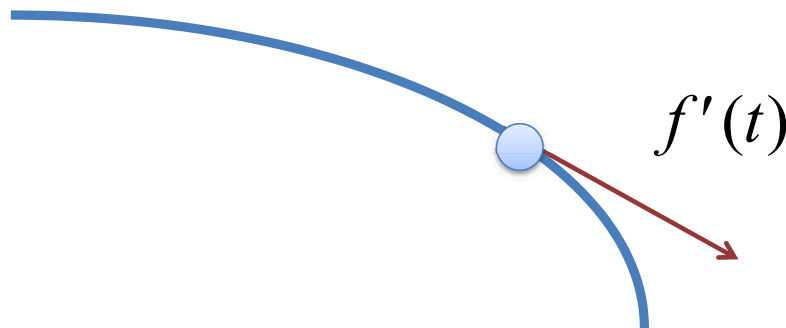


# Parametric Curves

## Continuity and regularity

- A parametric curve is  $n$ -times continuously differentiable if the image  $f$  is  $n$ -times continuously differentiable ( $C^n$ )
- The derivative  $f'(t)$  at position  $t$  is a tangent vector
- A curve is regular when  $f$  is differentiable and  $f'(t) \neq 0$

$$f'(t) = (x'(t), y'(t), \dots)$$



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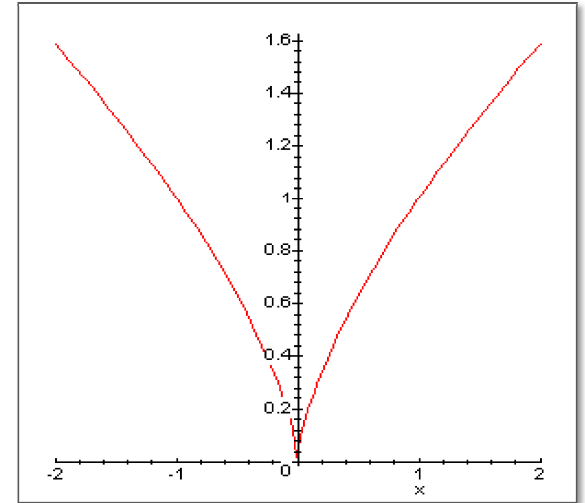
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- Example

$$f : [-2, 2] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3, \quad f(t) = (t^3, t^2, 0)$$

$$f'(t) = (3t^2, 2t, 0) \Rightarrow f'(0) = 0$$

- $f$  is continuously differentiable, but not regular at  $t = 0$
- The regularity of a curve can be interpreted as its visual smoothness



# Parametric Curves

## Arc length parameterization

- A curve is parameterized by arc length when

$$\|f'(t)\| = 1, \quad t \in [a, b]$$

- Any regular curve can be parameterized by arc length
- For arc length parameterized curves:

$$T(s) := f'(s)$$

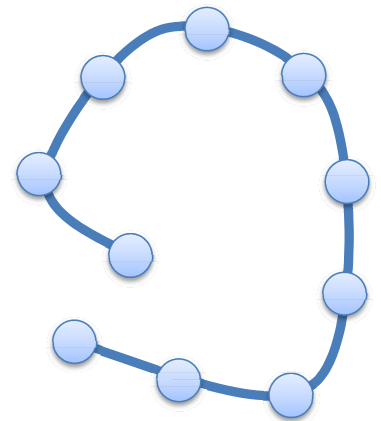
Tangent vector

$$K(s) := f''(s)$$

Curvature vector

$$\kappa(s) := \|f''(s)\|$$

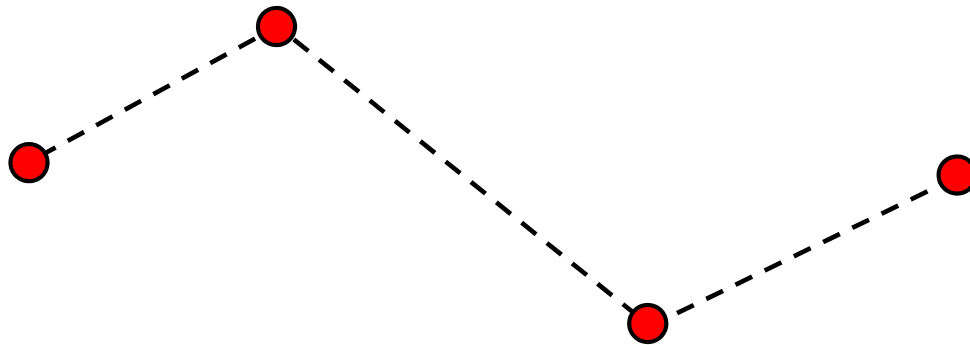
Curvature (scalar)



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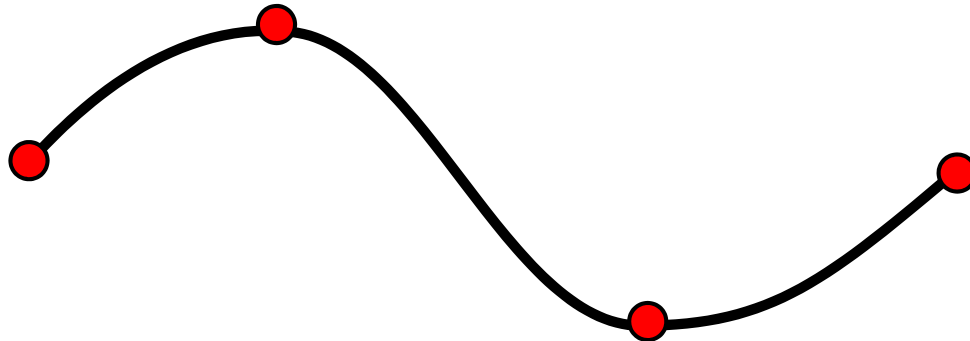
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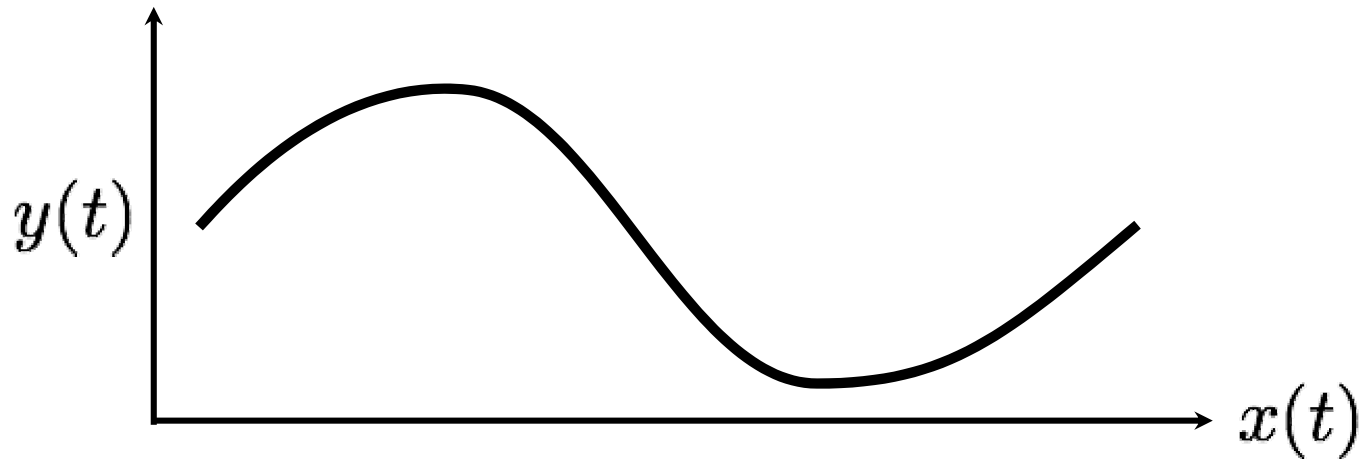
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- Allow user to change the curve (how?)



# Polynomial Curves

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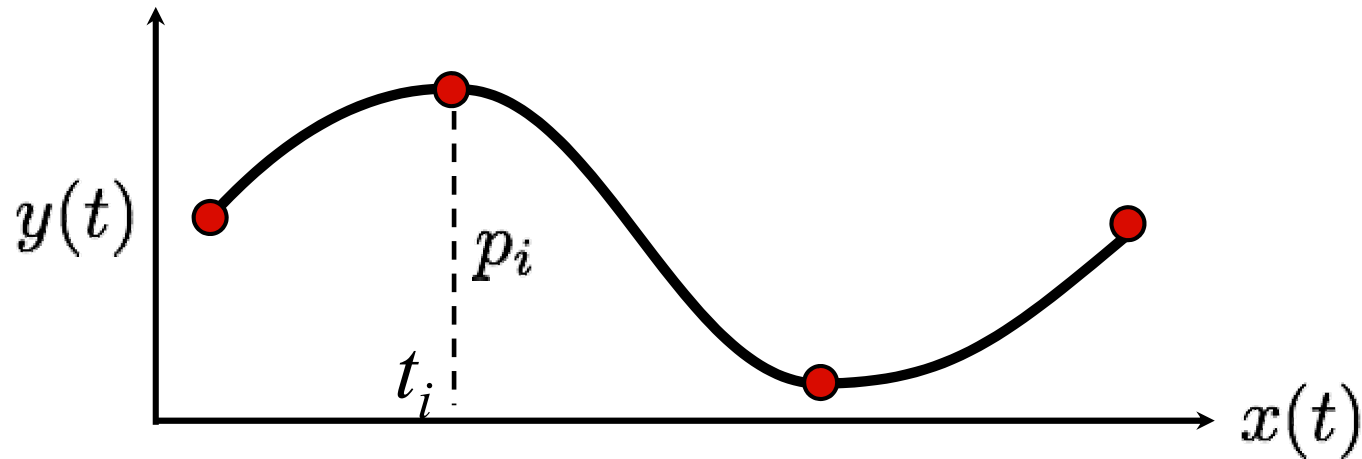


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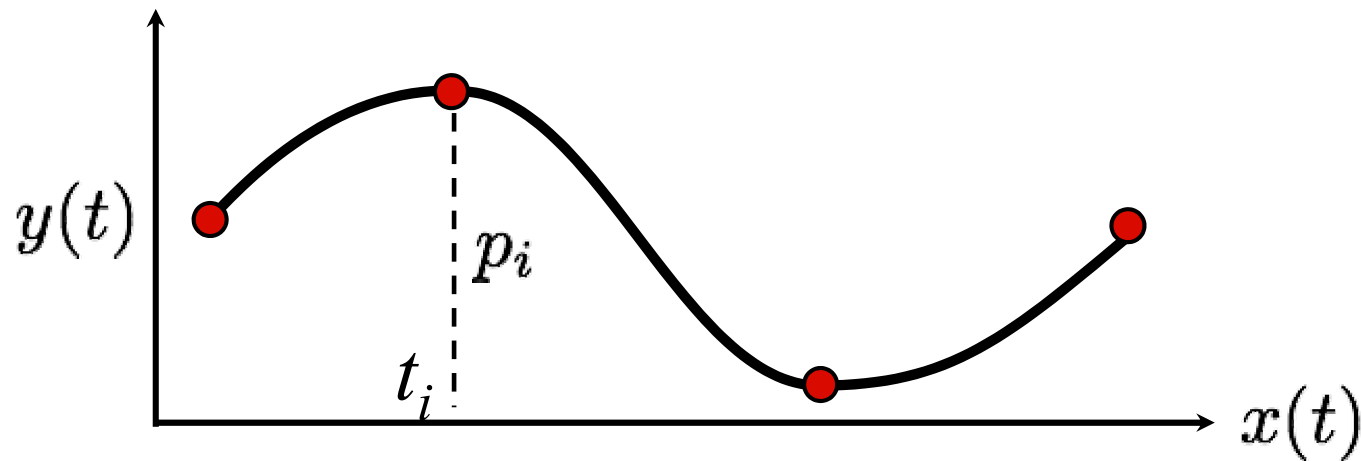
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$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & t & t^2 & t^3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_0 & c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{pmatrix}^T = y(t)$$

Basis

Coefficients

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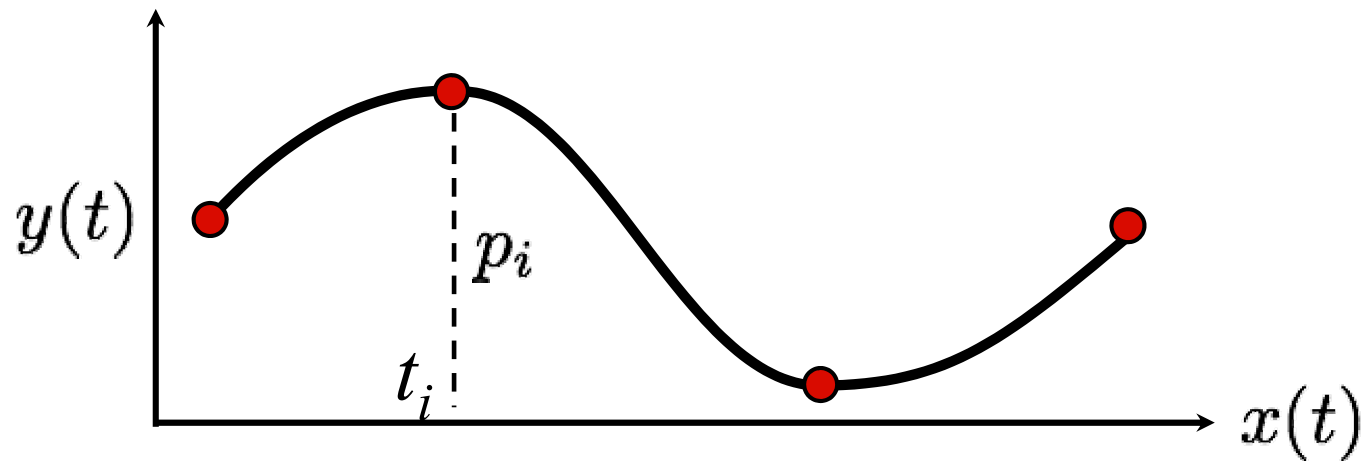
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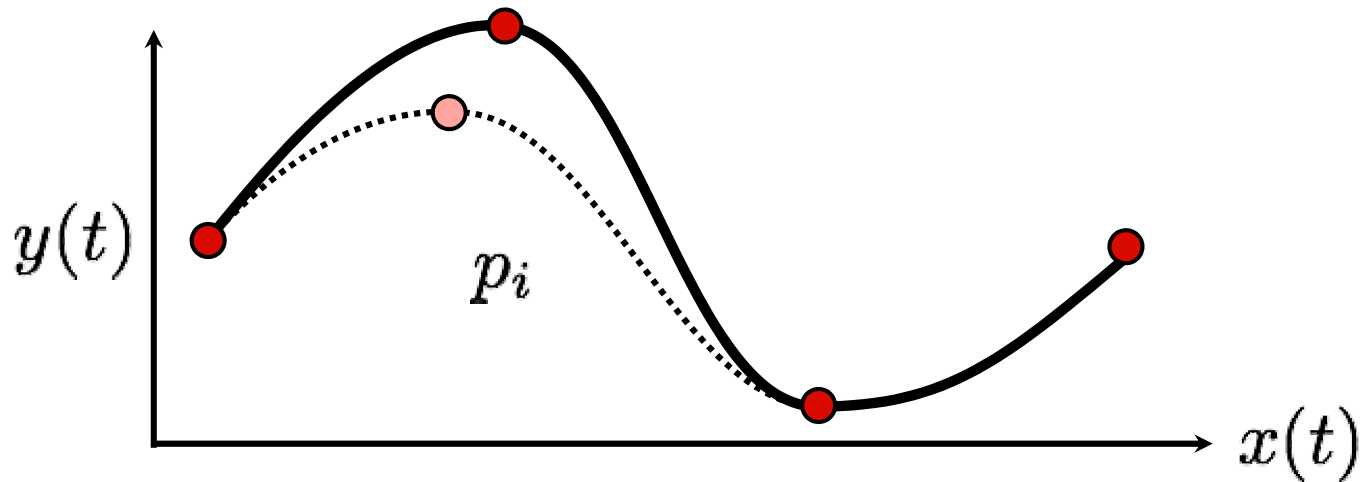
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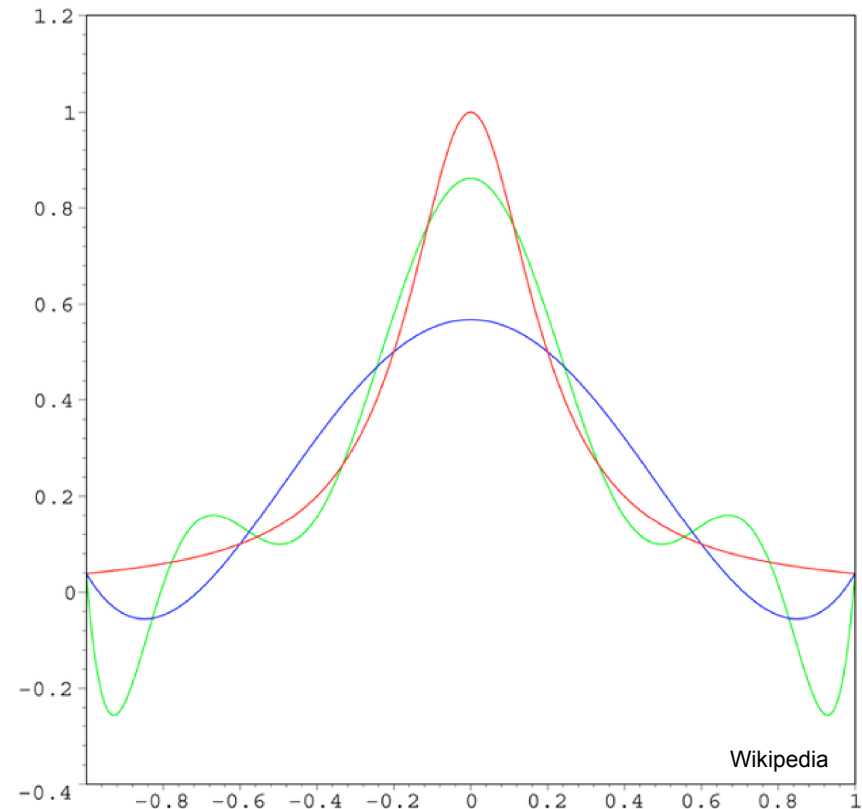
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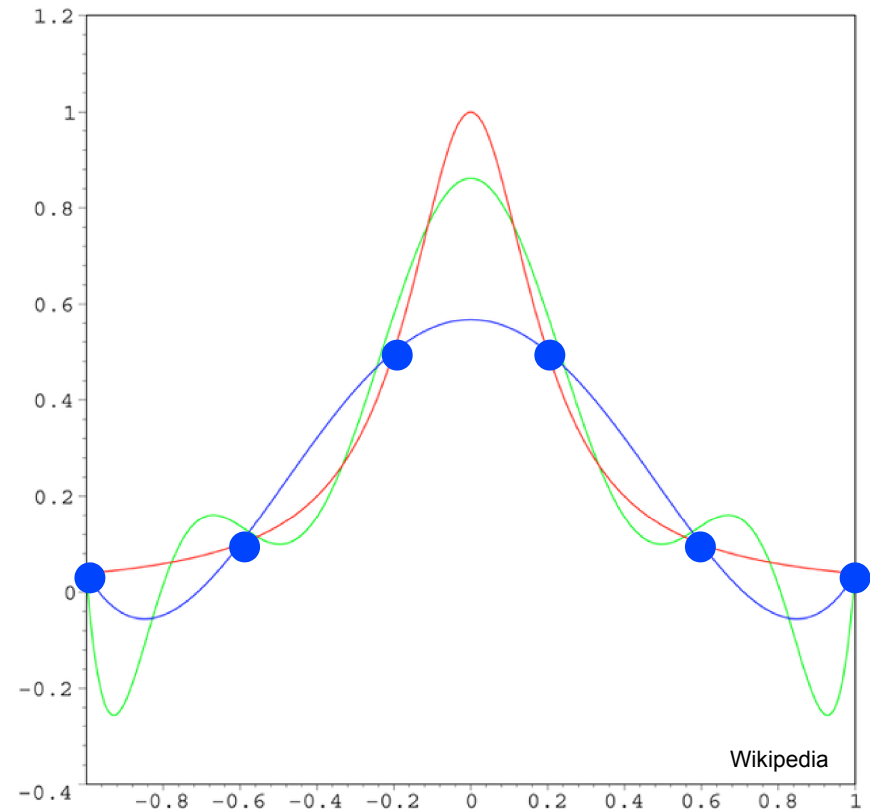
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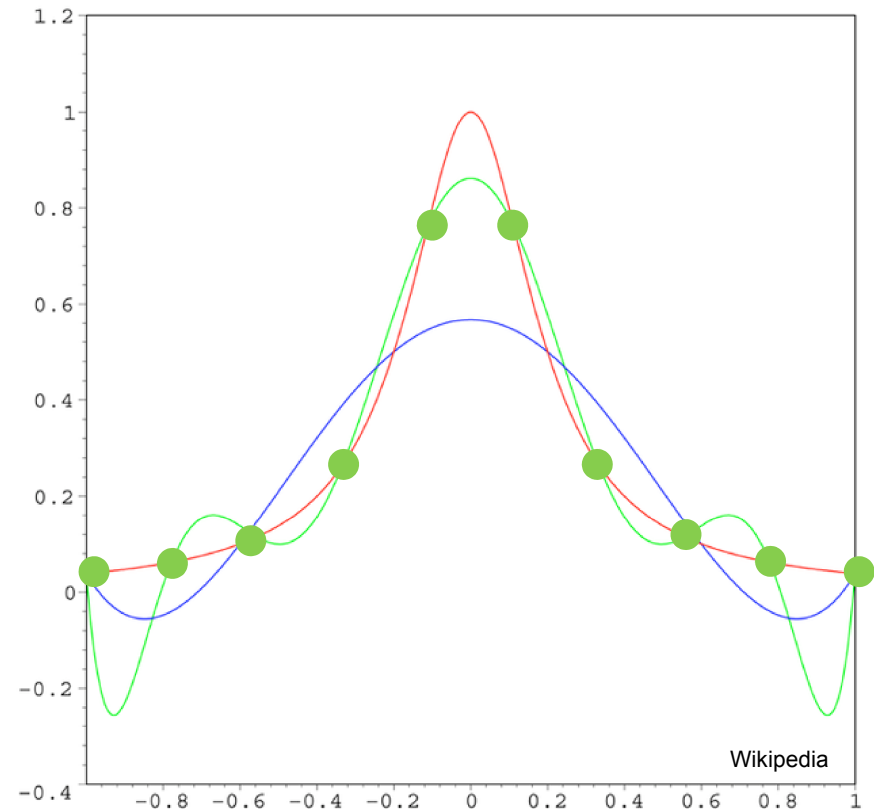
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  - **Control points** are coefficients
  - Predictable behavior
  - No oscillation
  - Local control
- Mathematical guarantees
  - Smoothness, affine invariance, linear precision, ...
- Efficient processing and rendering

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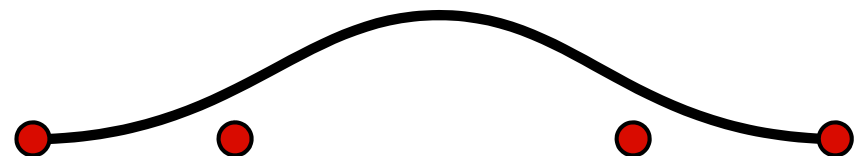
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- Bezier- and B-Spline curves



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# Bernstein Polynomials

- Properties

- Partition of Unity

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

- Non-negativity

$$B_i^n(t) \geq 0, t \in [0, 1]$$

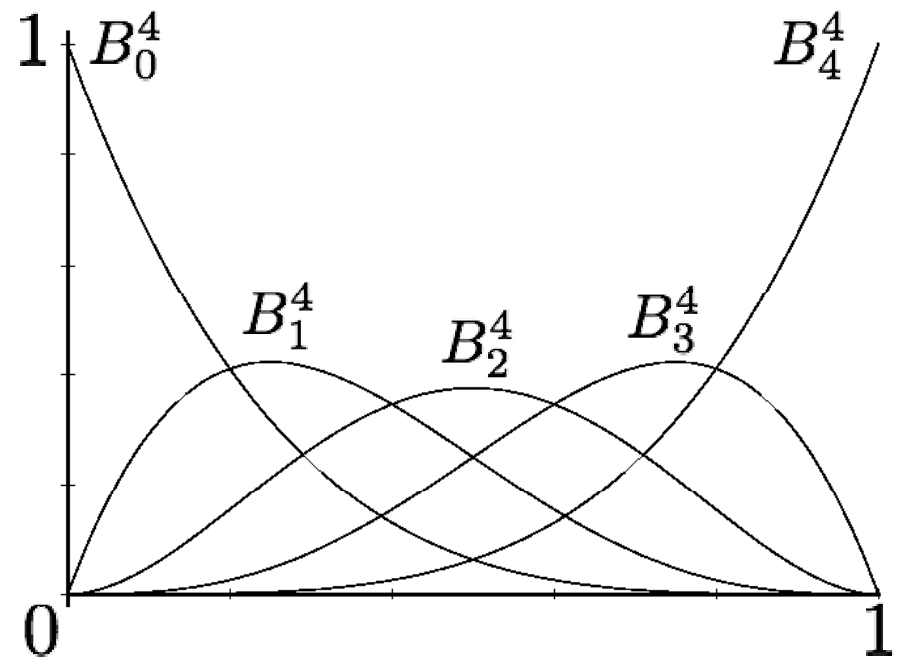
- Maximum

$$\max_{t \in [0, 1]} B_i^n(t) : t = \frac{i}{n}$$

- Recursive formulation

$$B_i^n(t) = (1-t)B_i^{n-1}(t) + tB_{i-1}^{n-1}(t)$$

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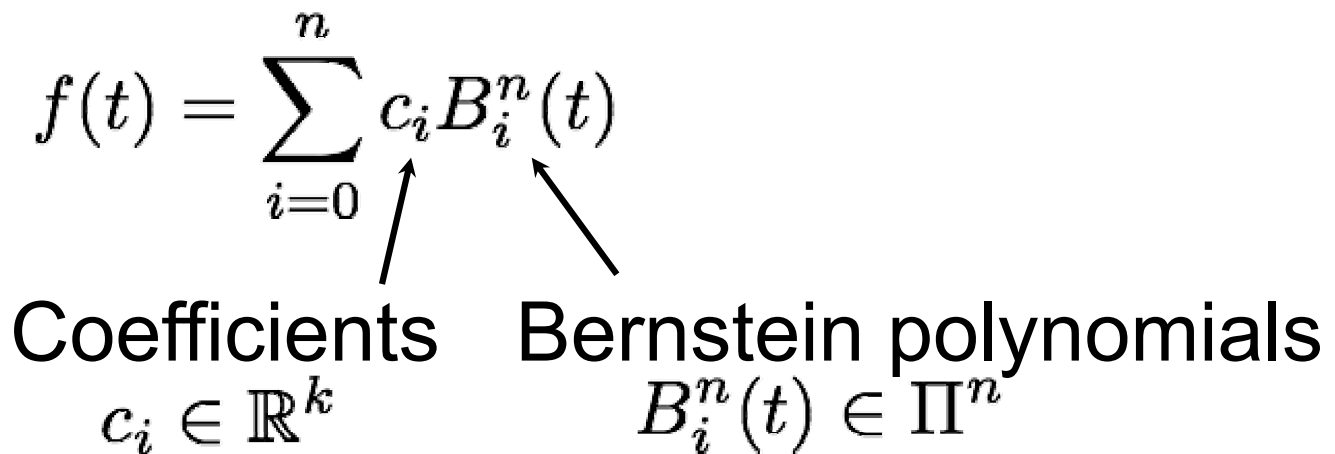
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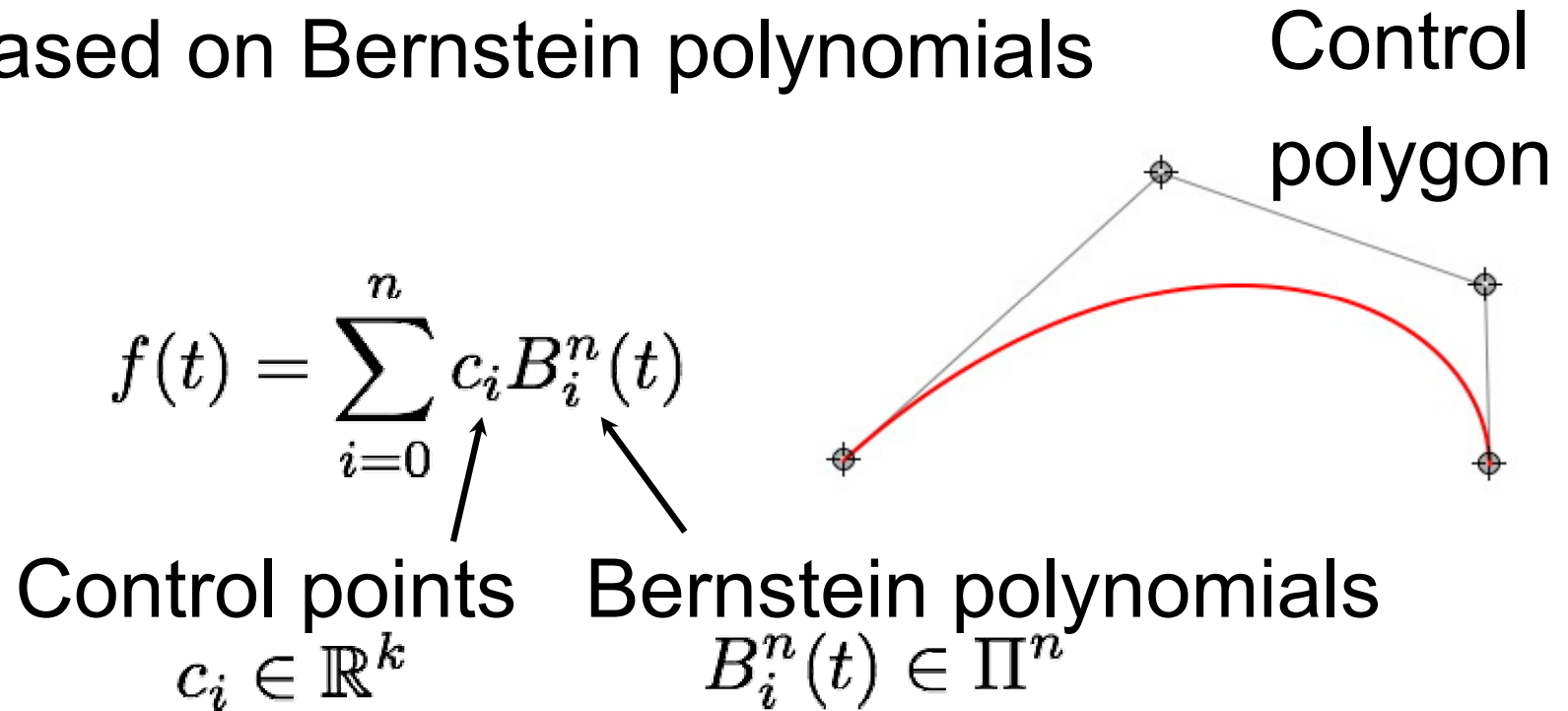
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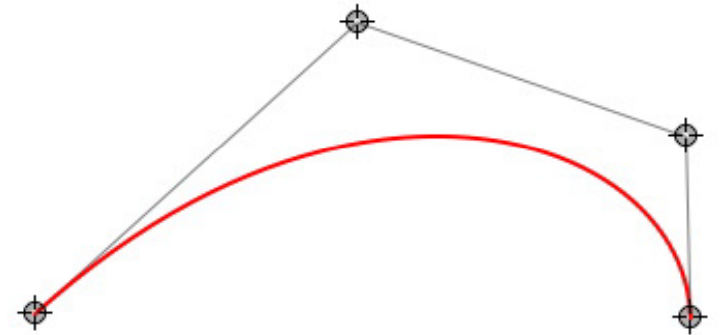
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# Properties of Bezier Curves

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- Geometric interpretation of control points
- Convex hull
- Affine invariance
- Endpoint interpolation
- Symmetry
- Linear precision



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# De Casteljau Algorithm

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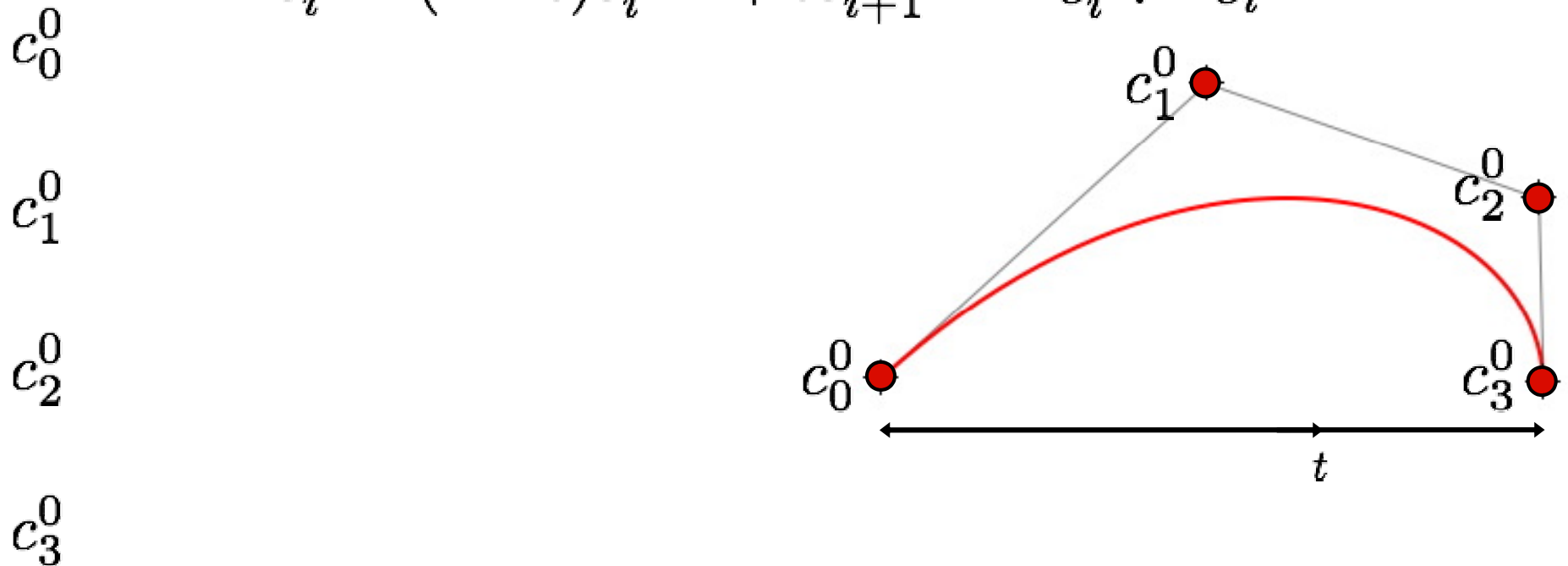
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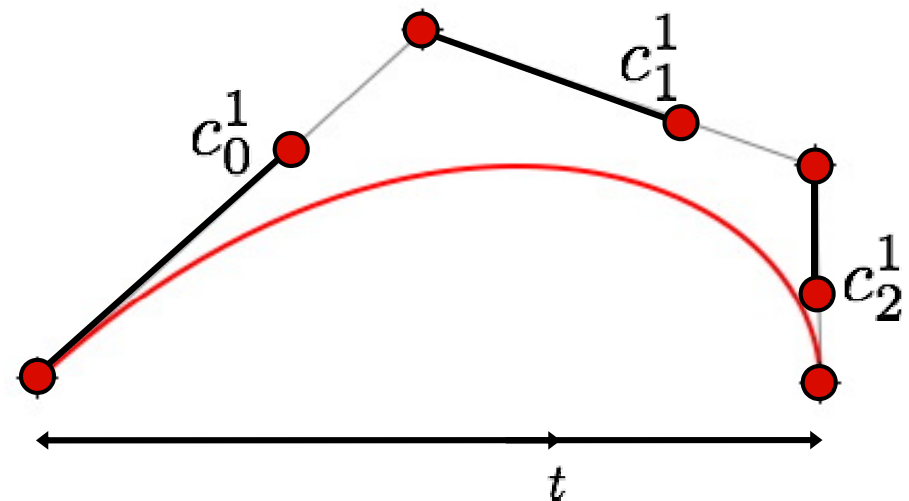
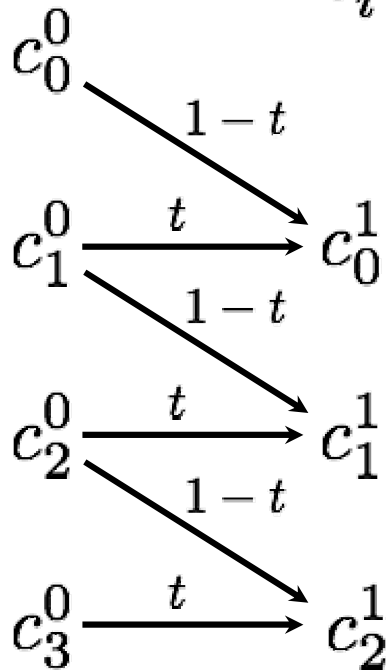




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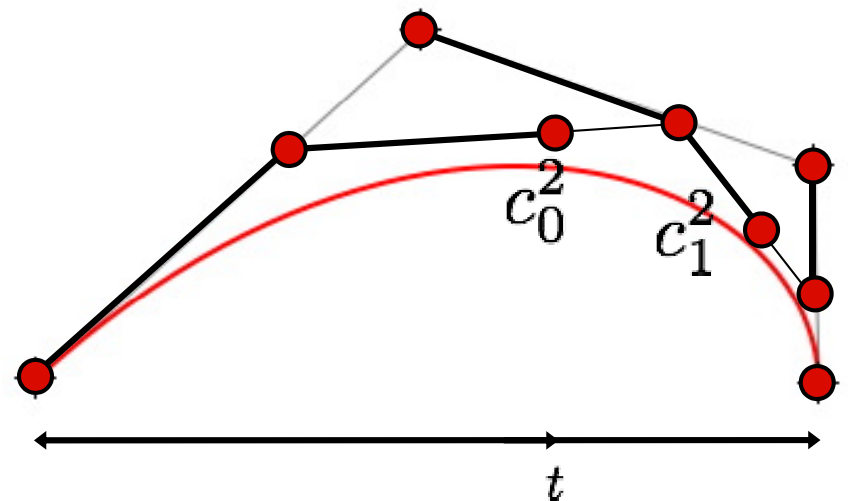
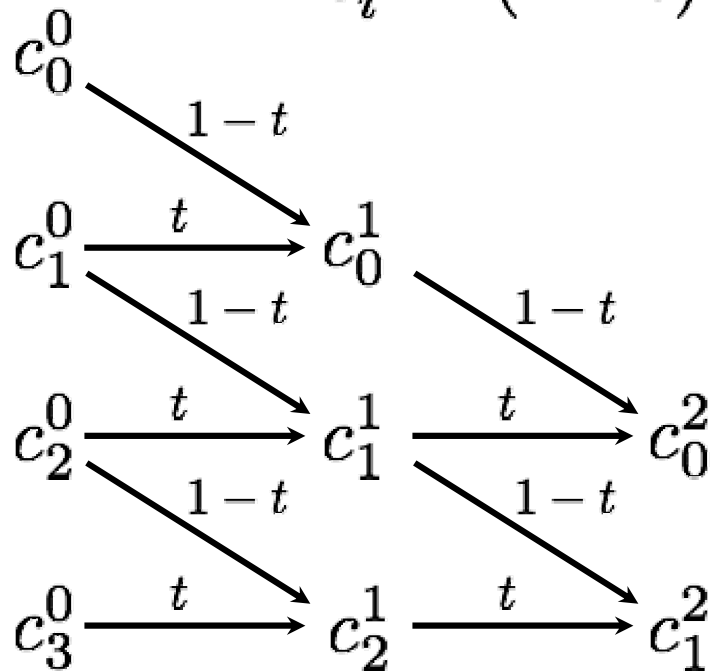
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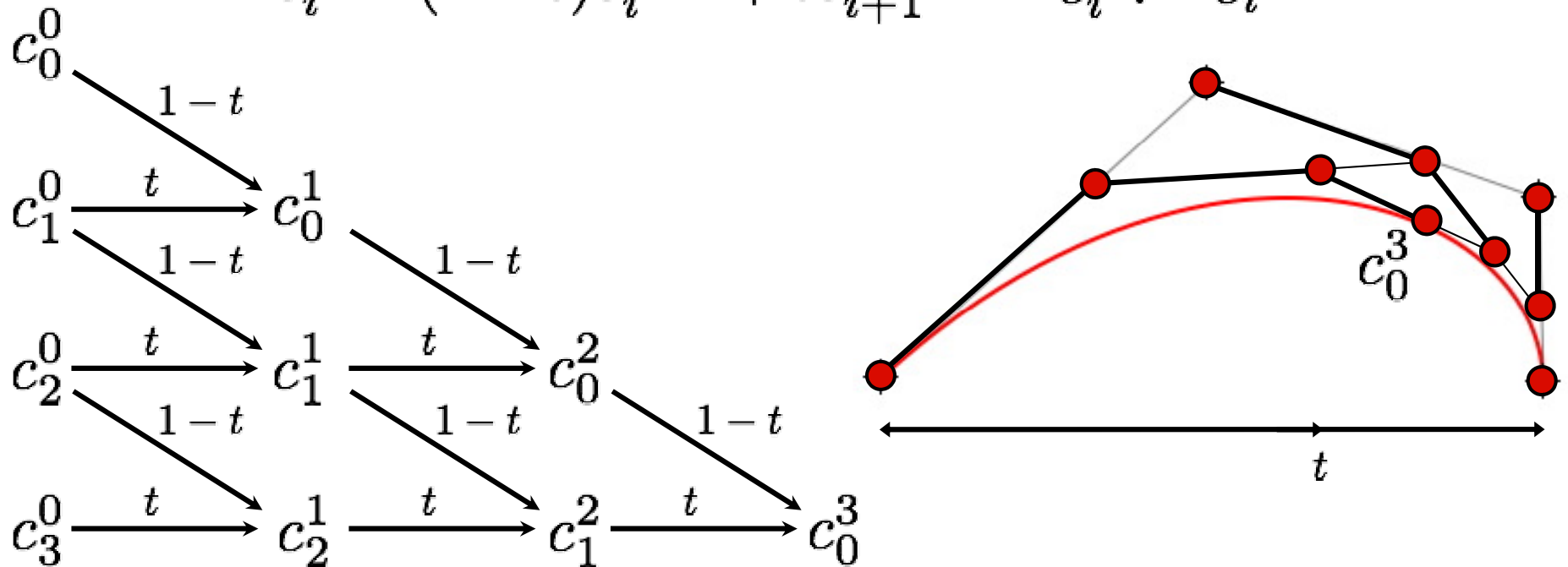
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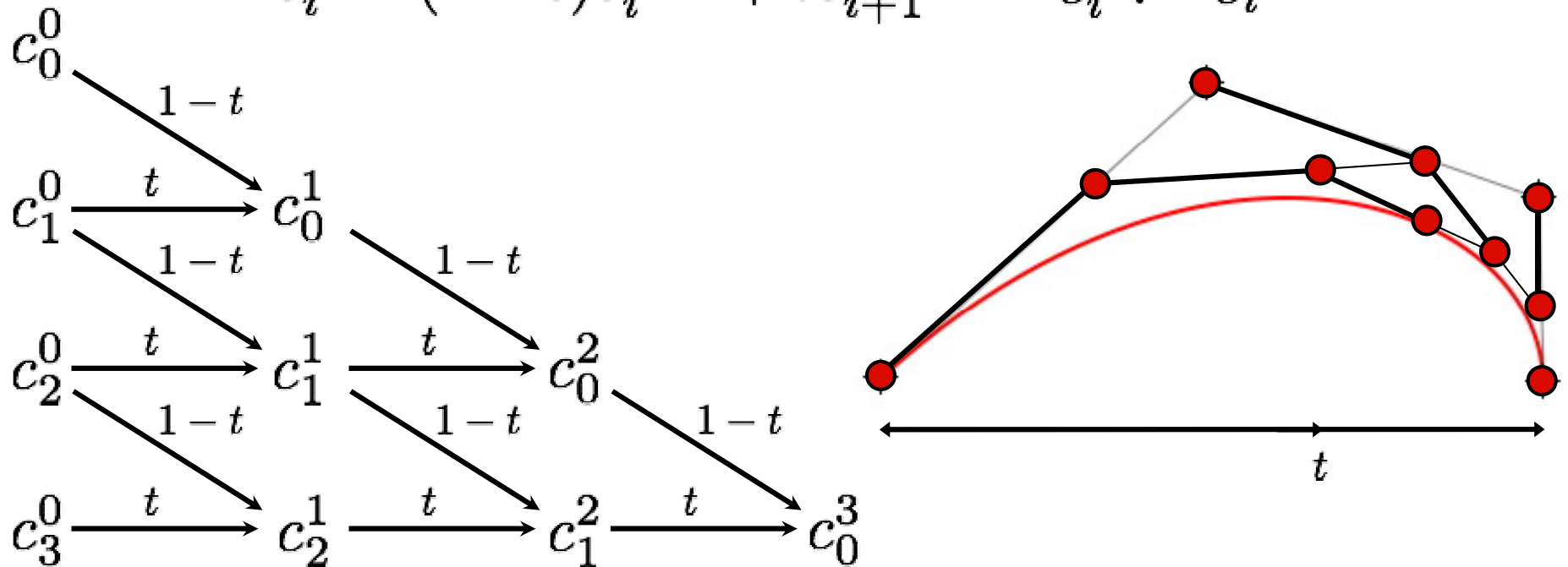
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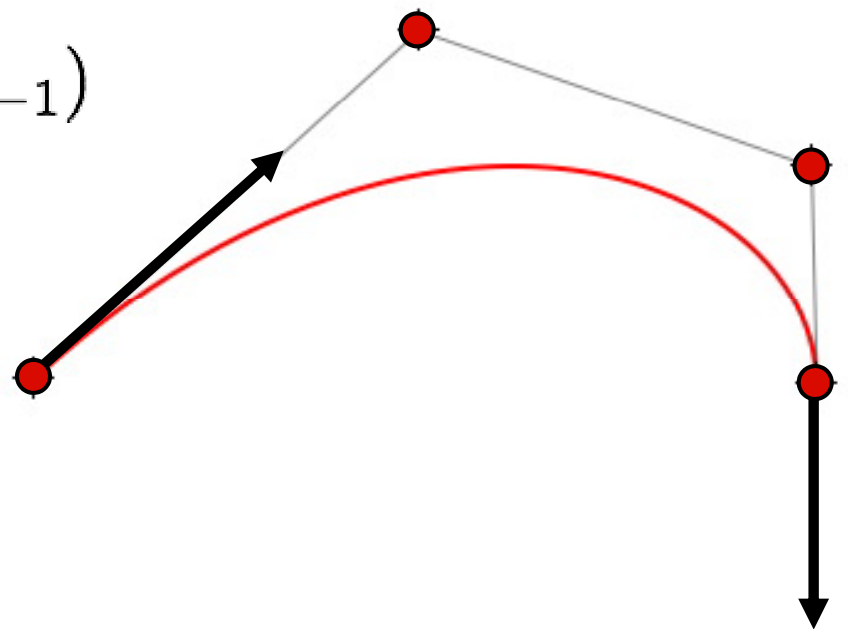
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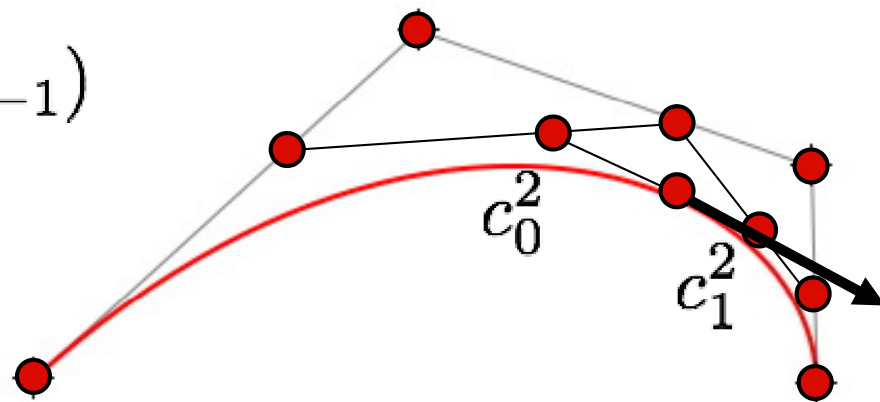
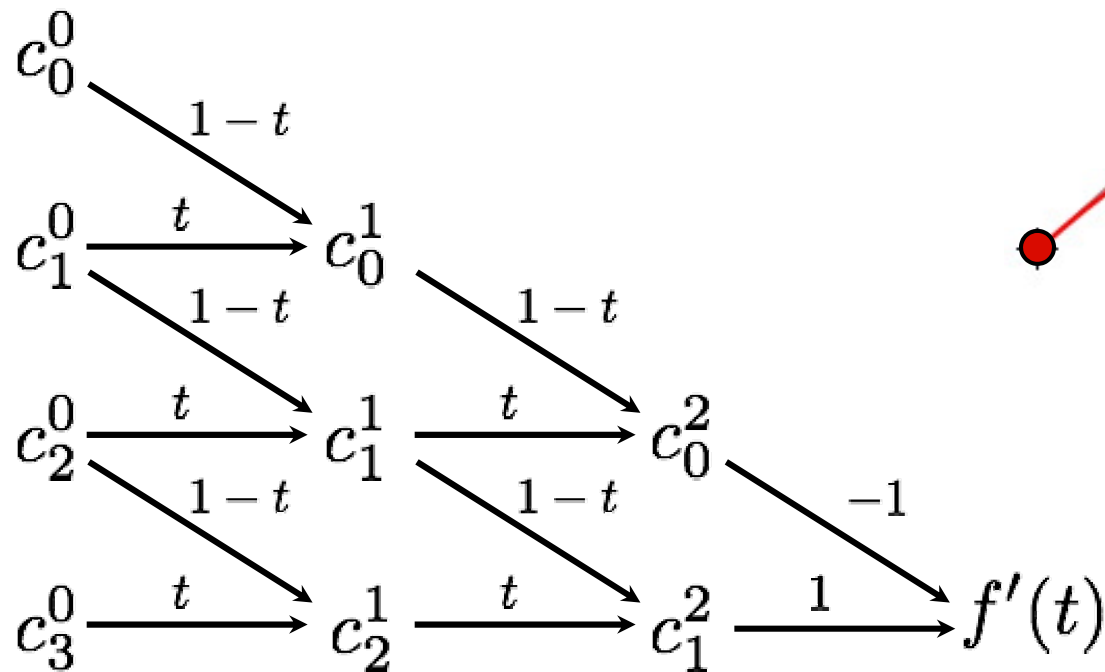


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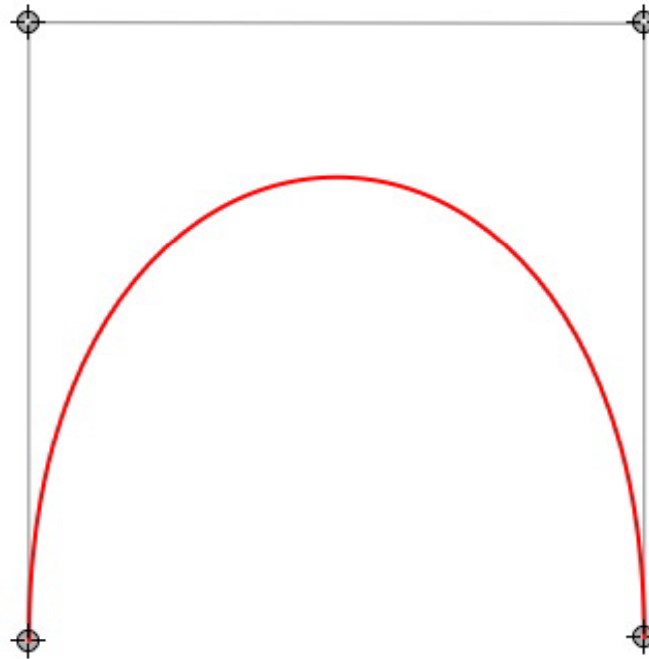
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New control points

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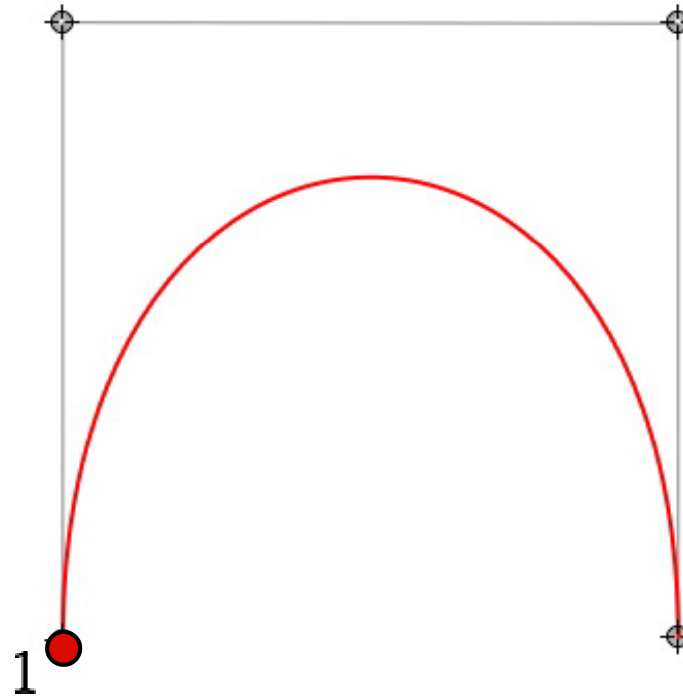


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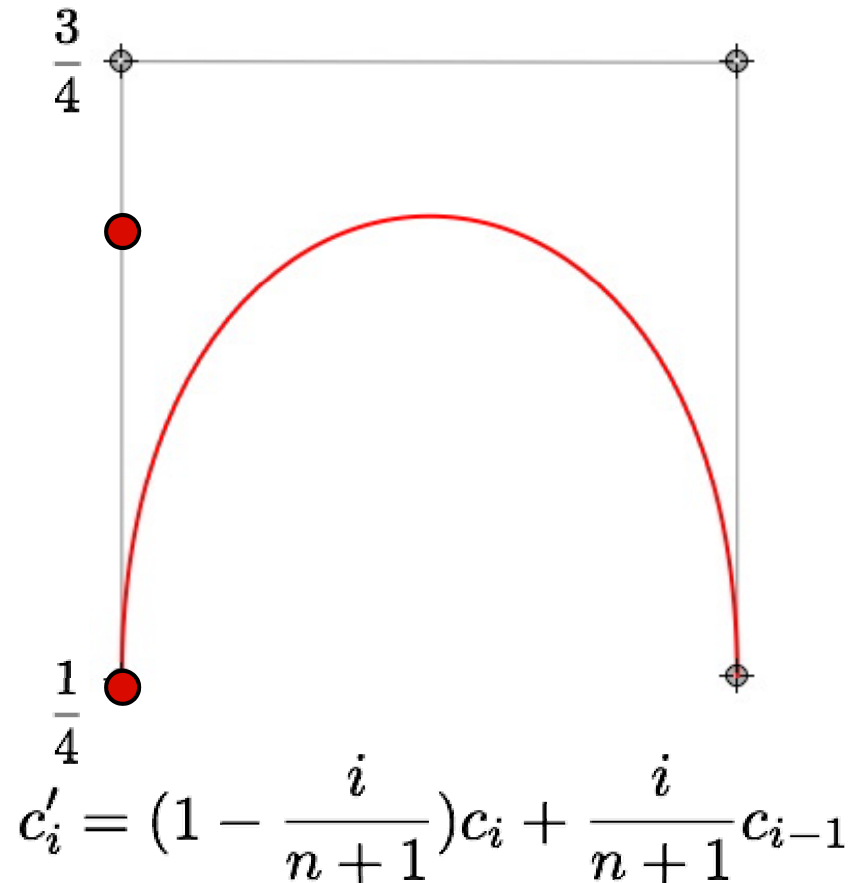


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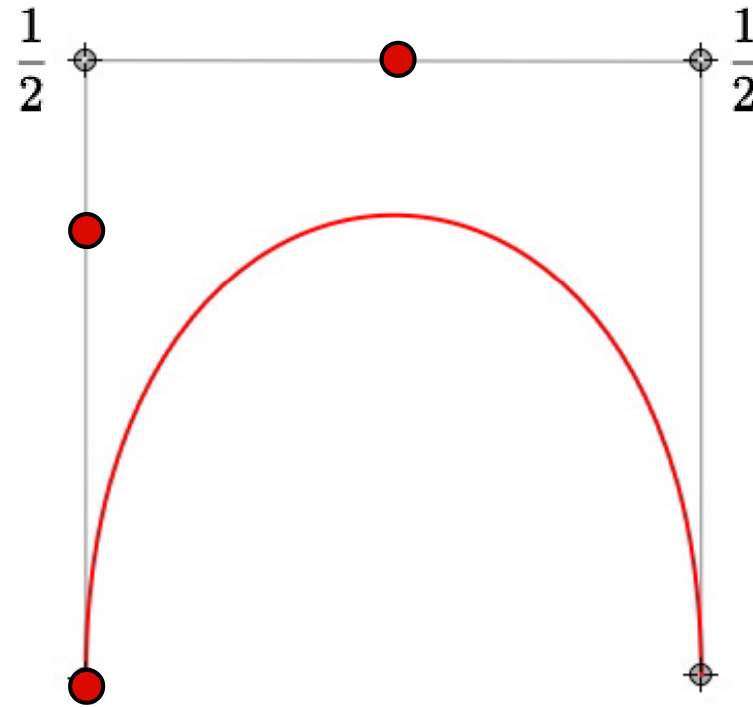
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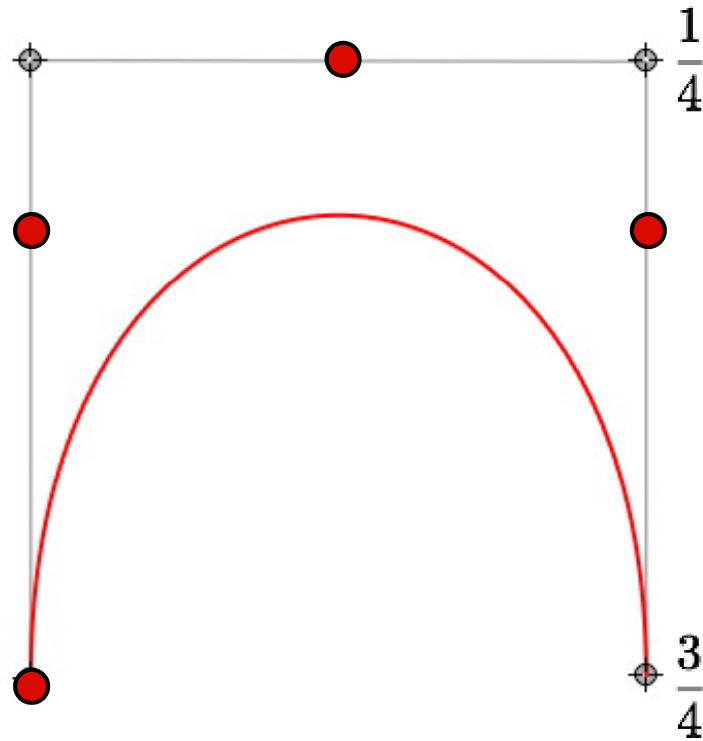


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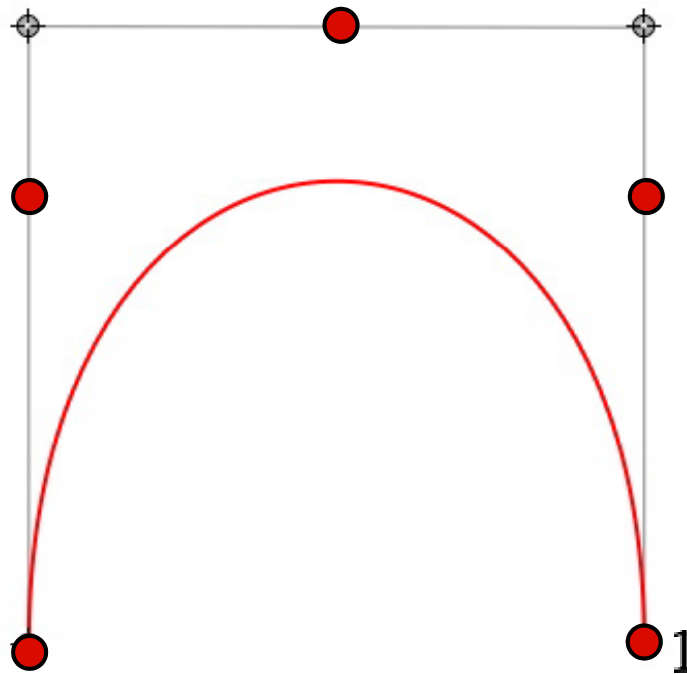


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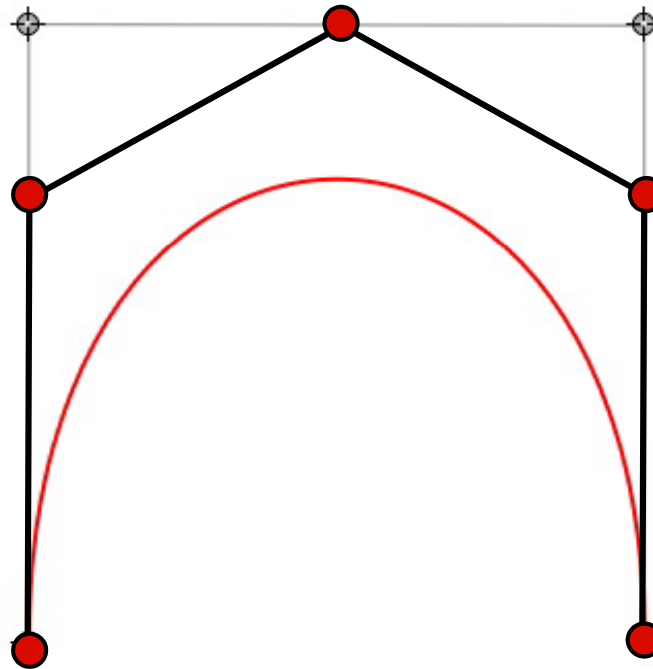


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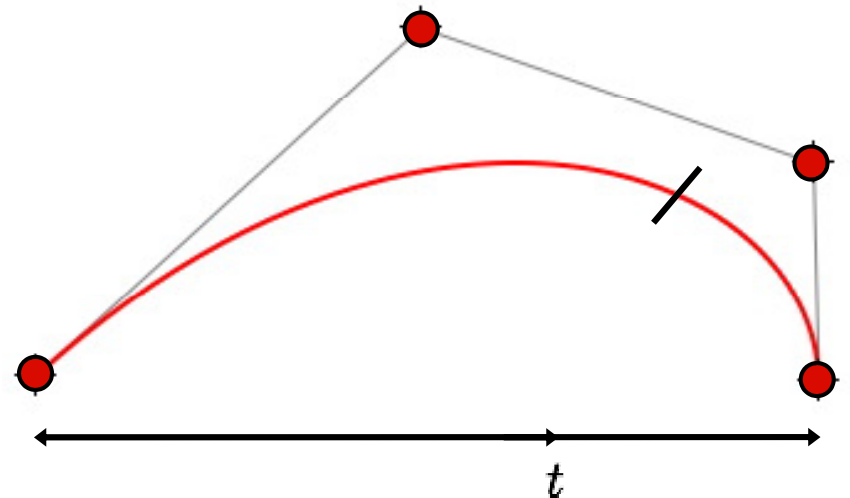
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# Subdivision

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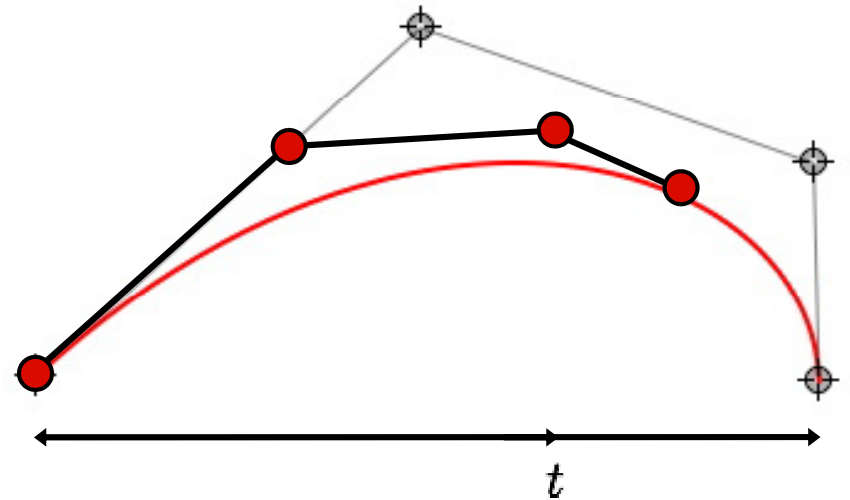
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- Represent by two curve segments of same degree
- Control points?



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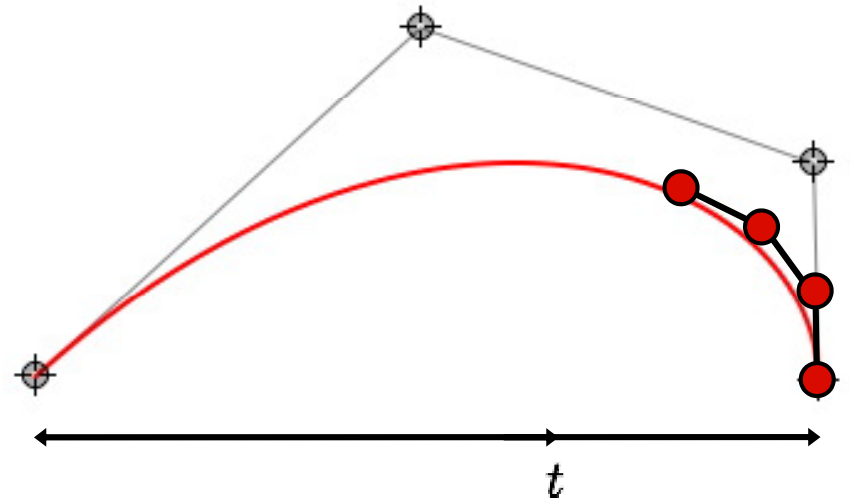
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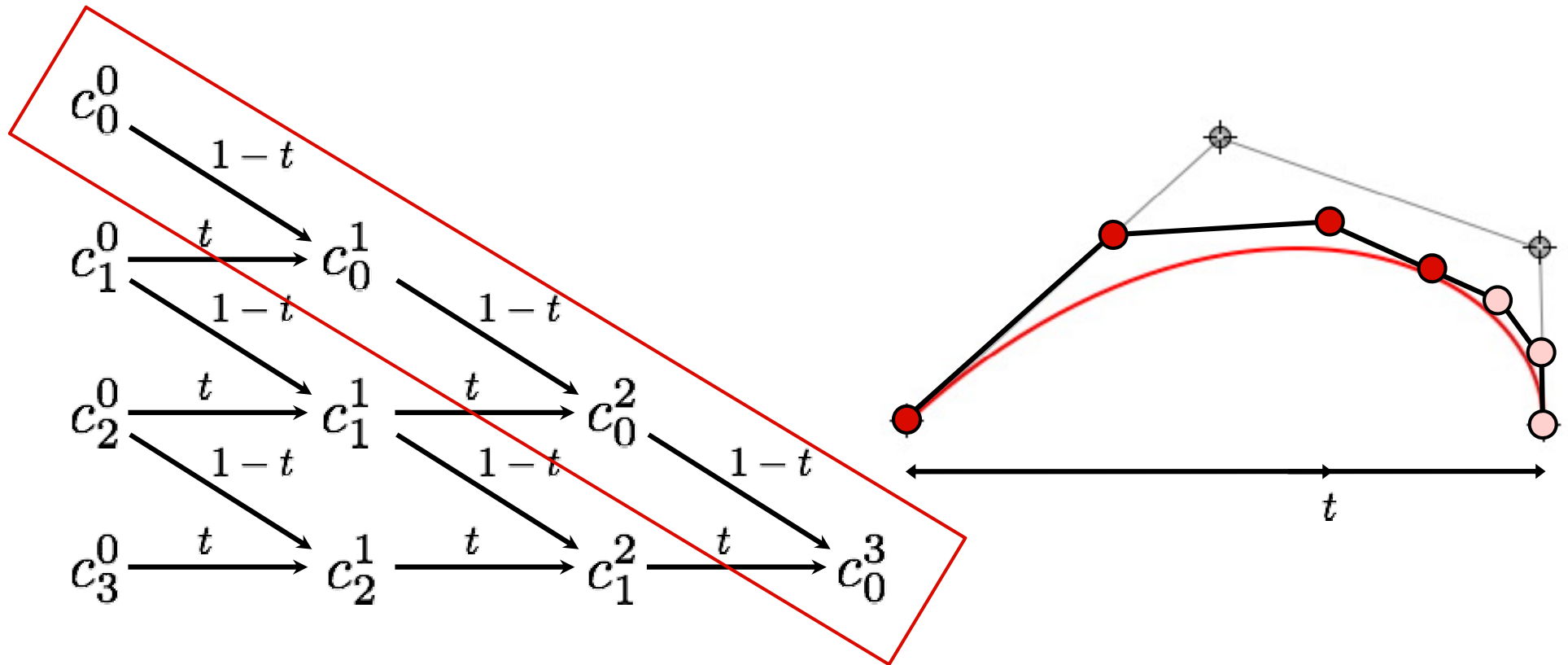
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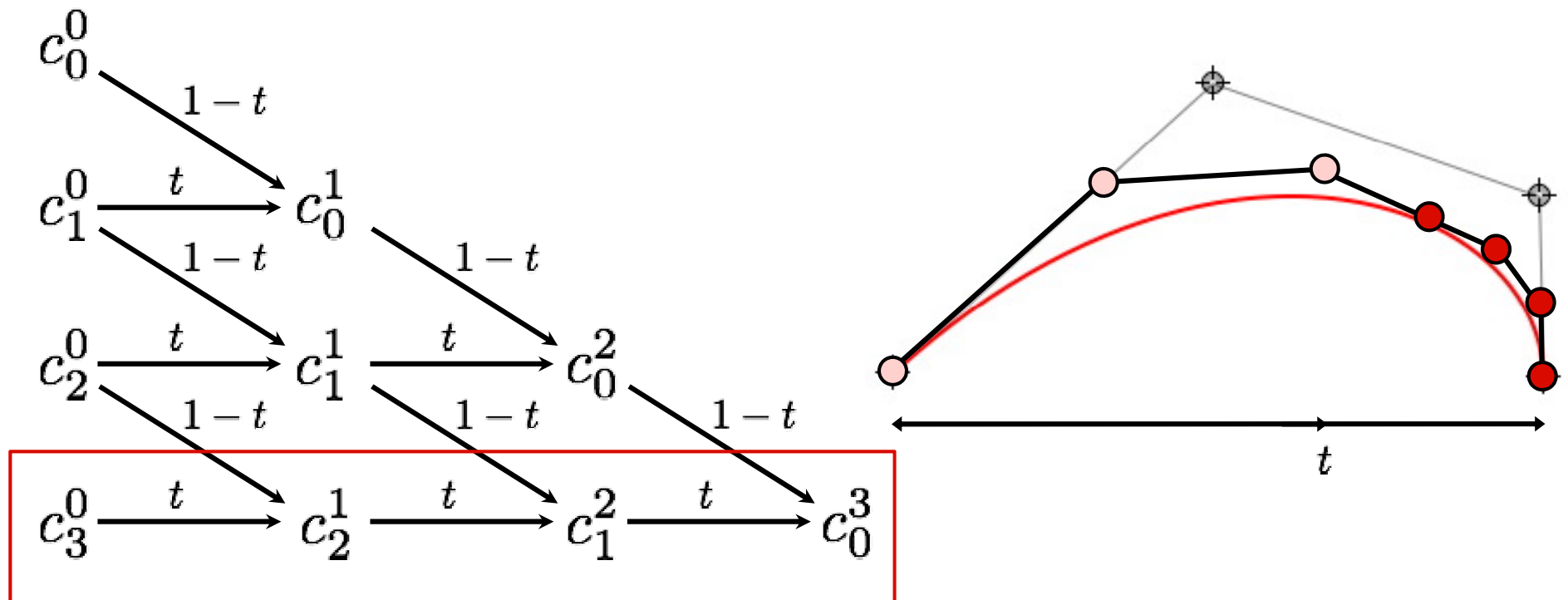
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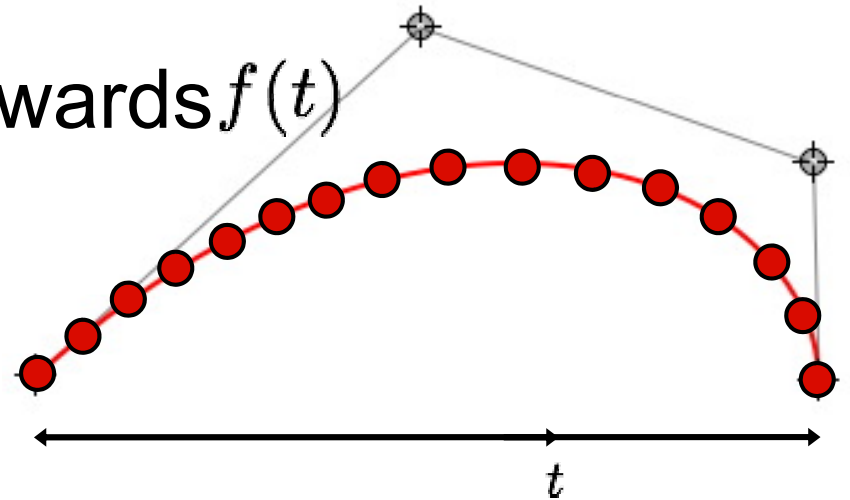




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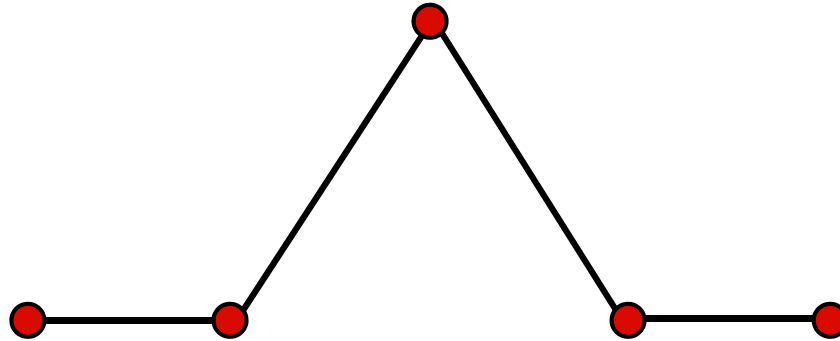
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- $2^k$  control polygons after  $k$  subdivisions
- Converges quadratically towards  $f(t)$ 
  - Efficient rendering



# Variation Diminishing

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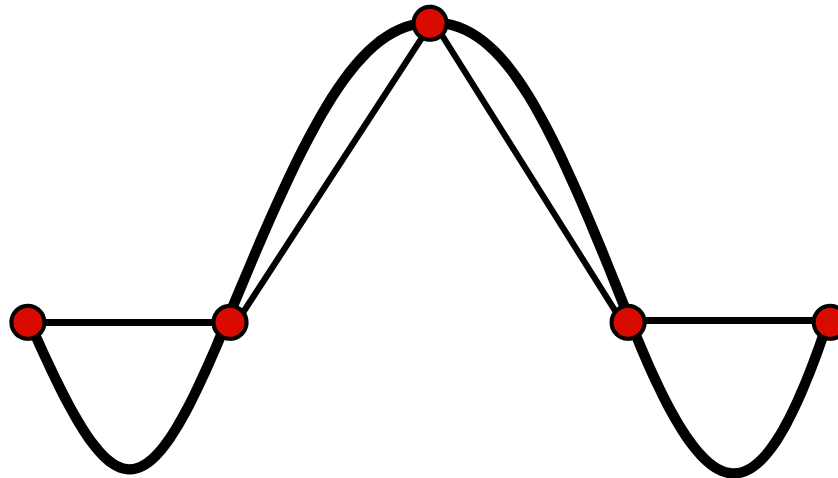
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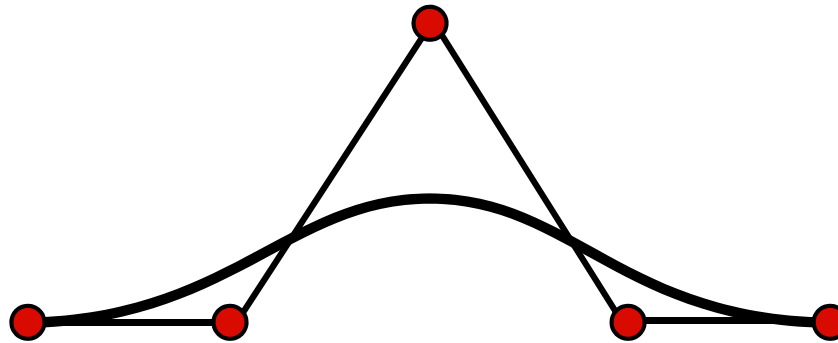
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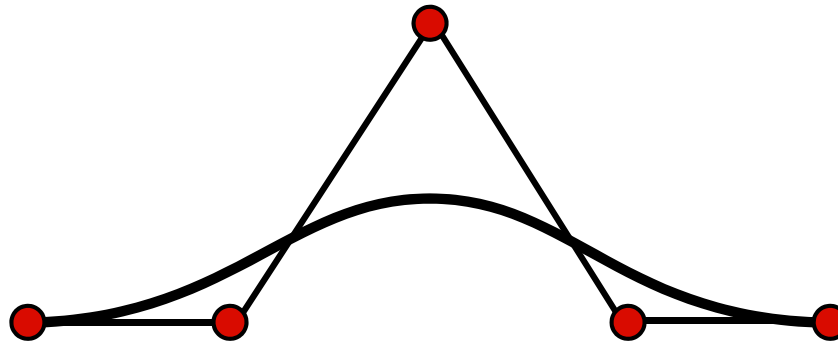
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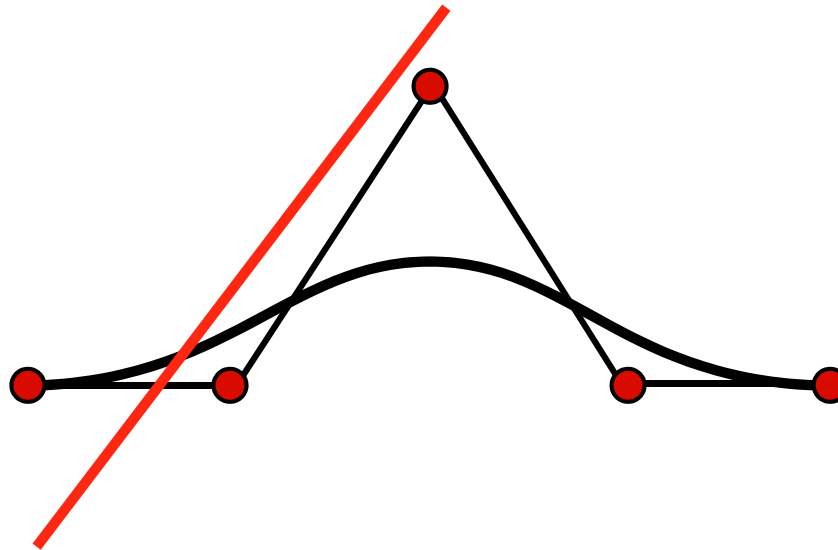
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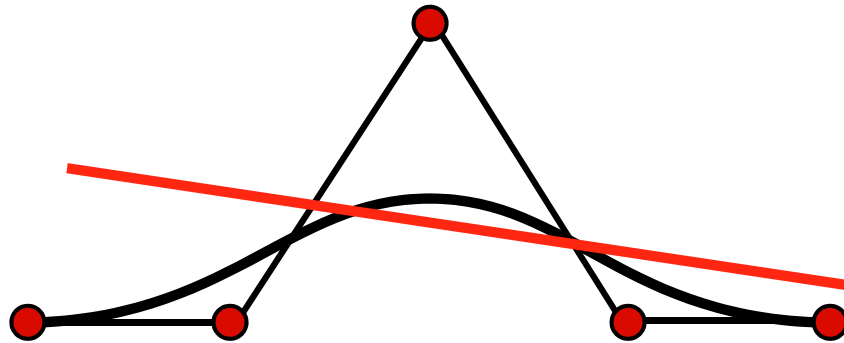
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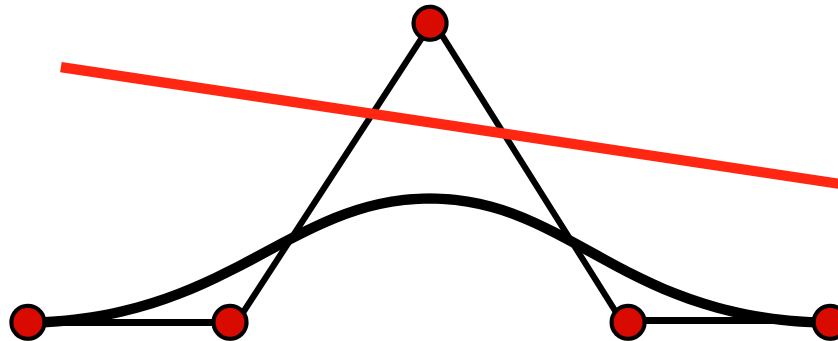
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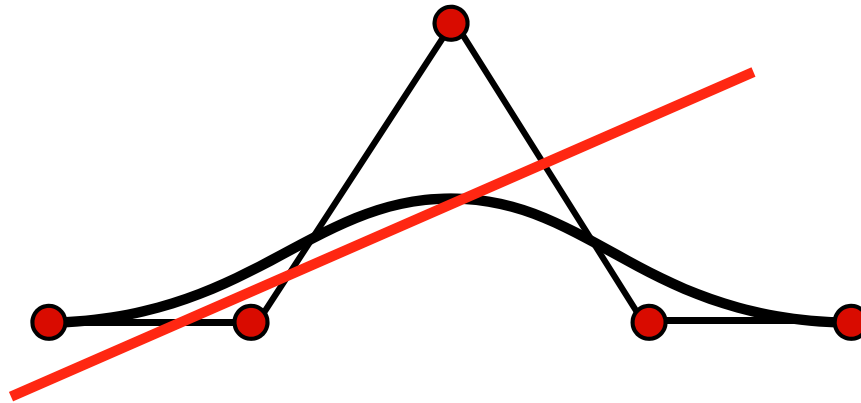




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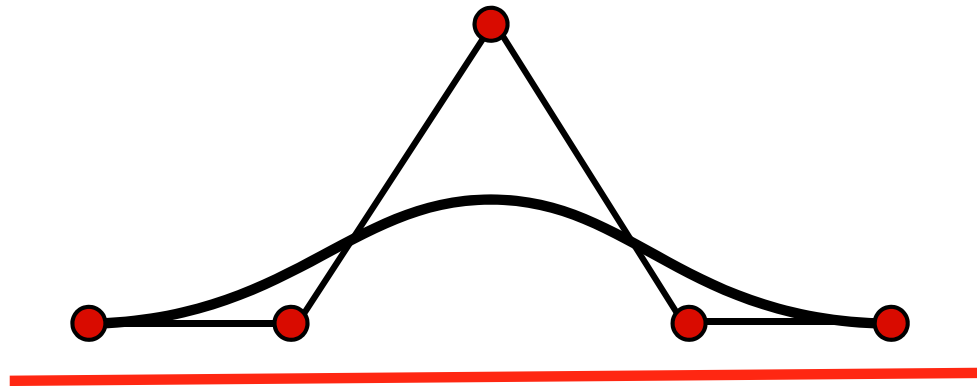
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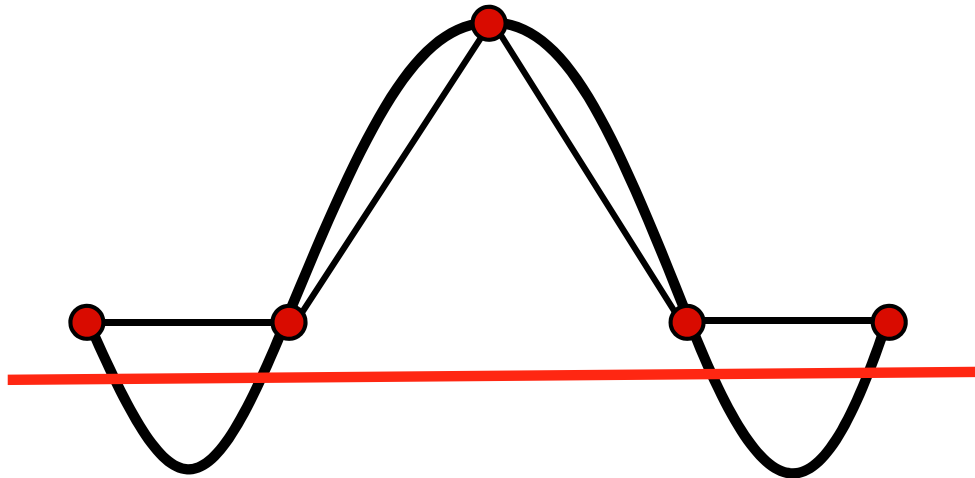
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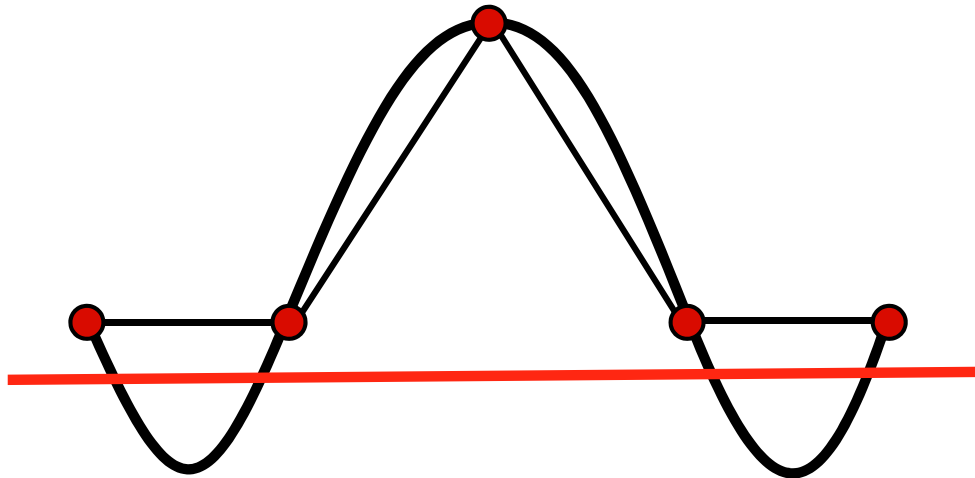
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- Application: intersection computation



# References

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- Farin: Curves and Surfaces for CAGD, Morgan Kaufmann, 2002
- Demo applets:  
<http://i33www.ira.uka.de/applets/mocca/html/noplugin/inhalt.html>

# Homework

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- Practical part:
  - Allow user to input control points
  - Calculate the corresponding Bezier curve by using the De Casteljau algorithm and display it
  - Bonus options (see the definition on the website)
- Theoretical part:
  - Prove the properties of Bezier curves we mentioned in class; think about modeling options

Homework handout is on the course website

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**Thank you!**