

# Computer Graphics

Lecture 29 - **Splines:**  
**Hermite Splines**  
**Bézier Curves**

# Announcements

- Milestone 1 due tomorrow night
- Spline lab - starting tomorrow or Wednesday.
  - Bring a laptop if you can!
  - Javascript only, no Julia needed 🥲
- Grad presentation lineup is on the Schedule table.
  - There will be a survey for attendees, worth participation points. Please plan to be there!
  - Friday 12/6 is optional, come Ask Me Anything

# Goals

## (for today and tomorrow combined)

- Be able to derive the control matrix for Hermite Splines and Bezier curves.
- Understand why it's called the basis matrix
- Understand some geometric properties of Bézier splines:
  - Evaluation by linear interpolation
  - Subdivision and drawing using de Casteljau's algorithm
- Know how to join multiple (e.g., Bezier) spline segments together
- Know the definition of parametric and geometric continuity.
- See a few other examples of splines, including B-splines and NURBS

# Hermite Splines: Demo

<https://www.desmos.com/calculator/gomvxqce4a>

**Hey Scott, switch to the  
notes**

# Derive Hermite Spline Matrix

# Bezier Curves: Demo

- <https://celloexpressions.com/geometry/bezier-curves-splines/560.html>

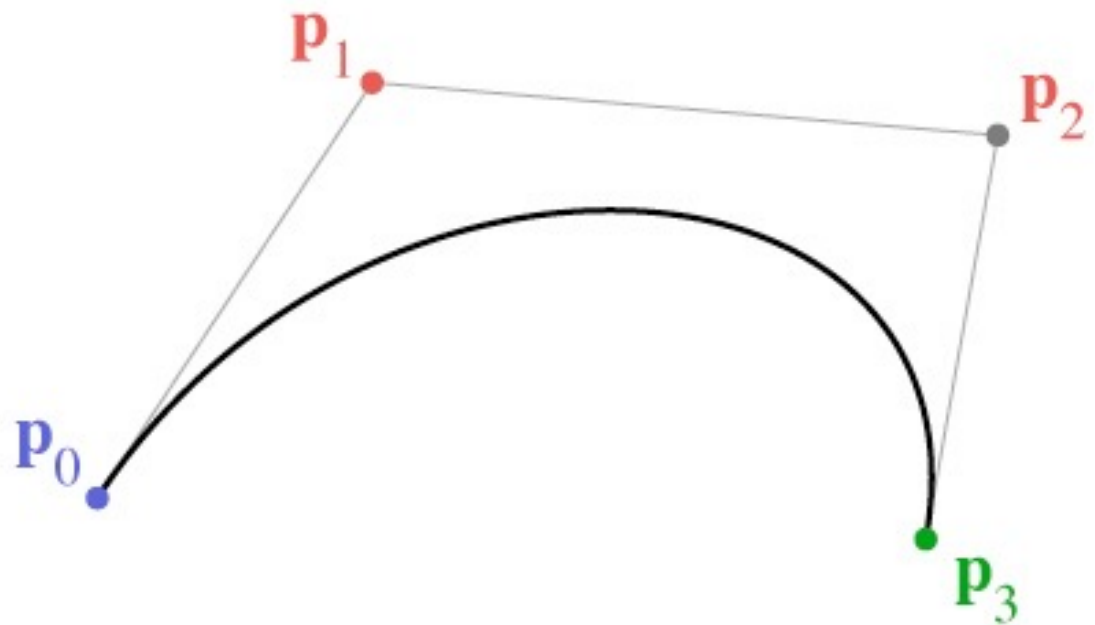
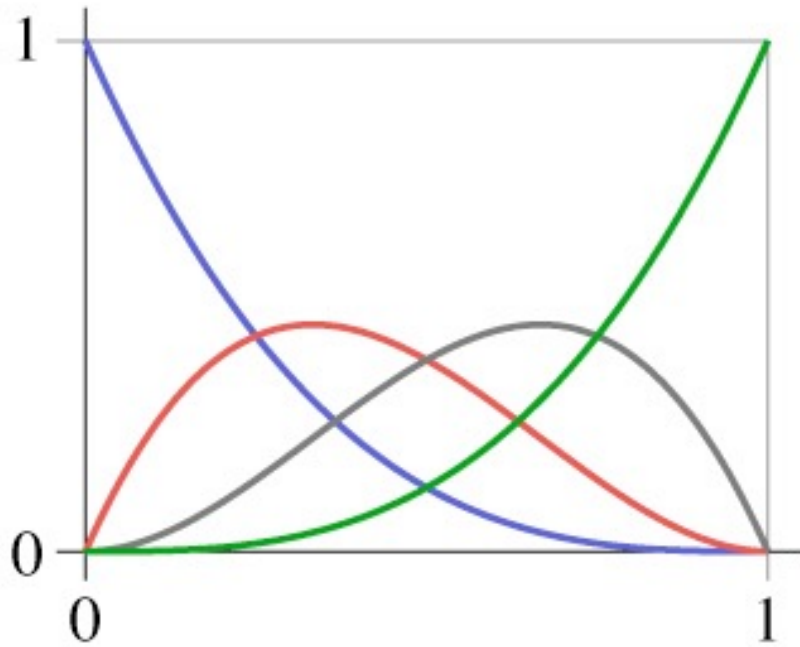
# Derive Bézier Spline Matrix



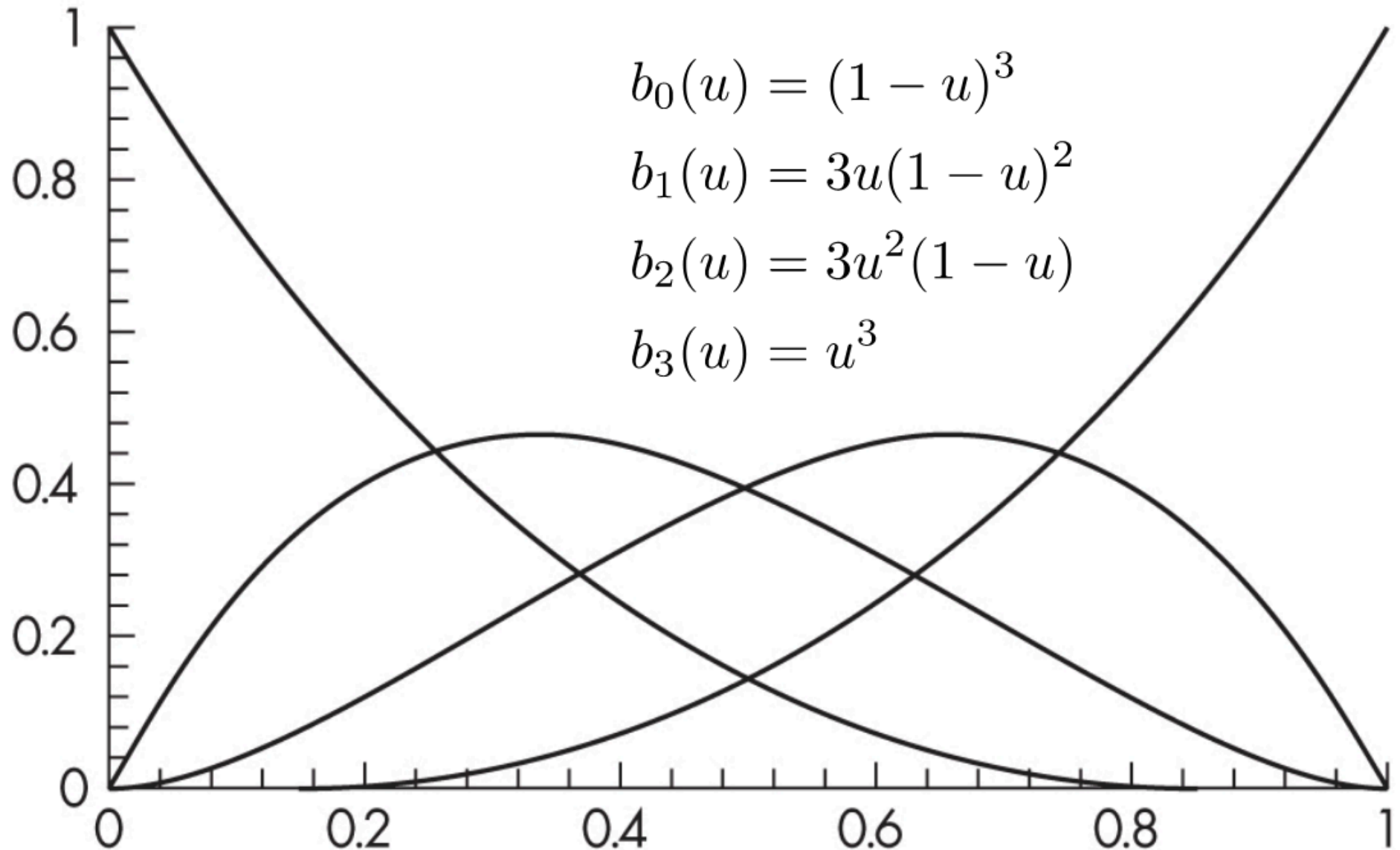
# Why is it called a "Basis Matrix"?

- We have:  $f(u) = \mathbf{u}^T B \mathbf{p}$
- For computational purposes, we'll want to precompute  $B \mathbf{p}$ .
  - This is the vector of  $a_i$ 's that weights each power of  $u$
- How would we interpret  $\mathbf{u}^T B$ ?
  - A polynomial that specifies the weight on each control point.

# Blending Functions



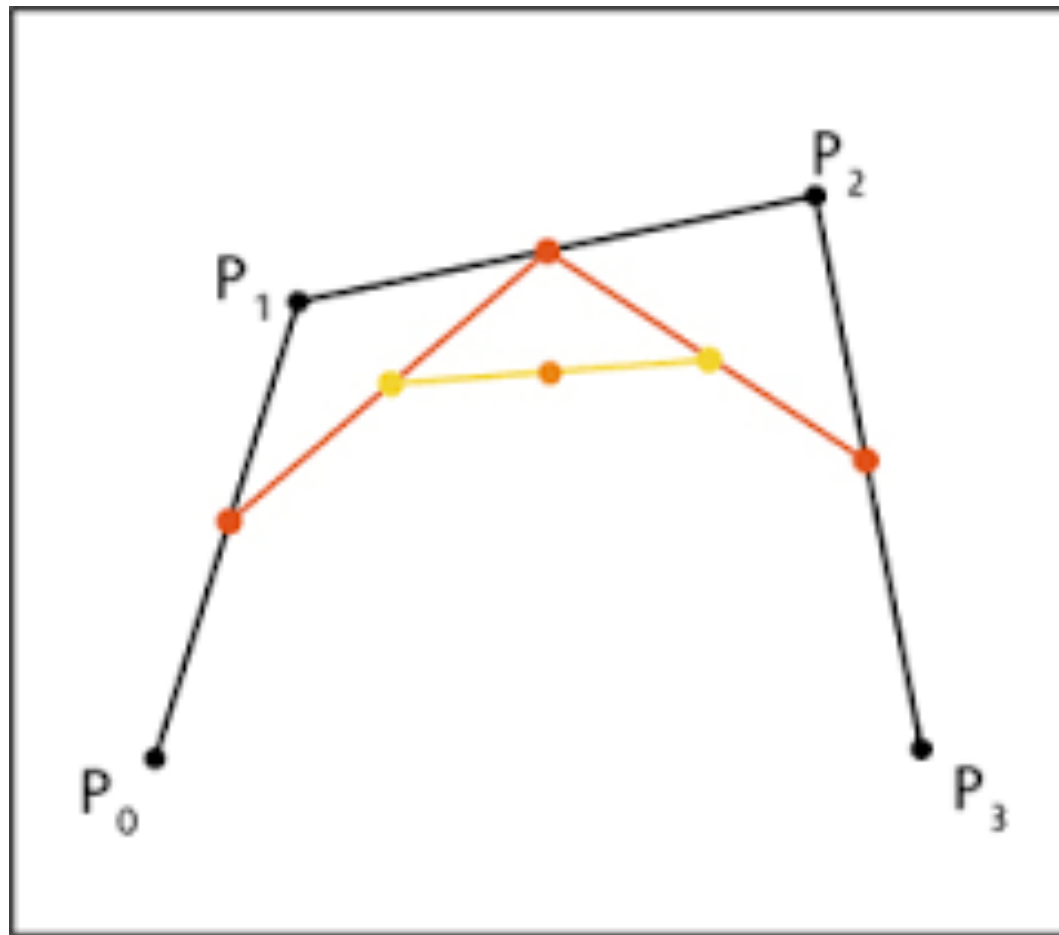
# Cubic Bezier blending functions



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<https://www.jasondavies.com/animated-bezier/>

# Bezier Curves: Geometry



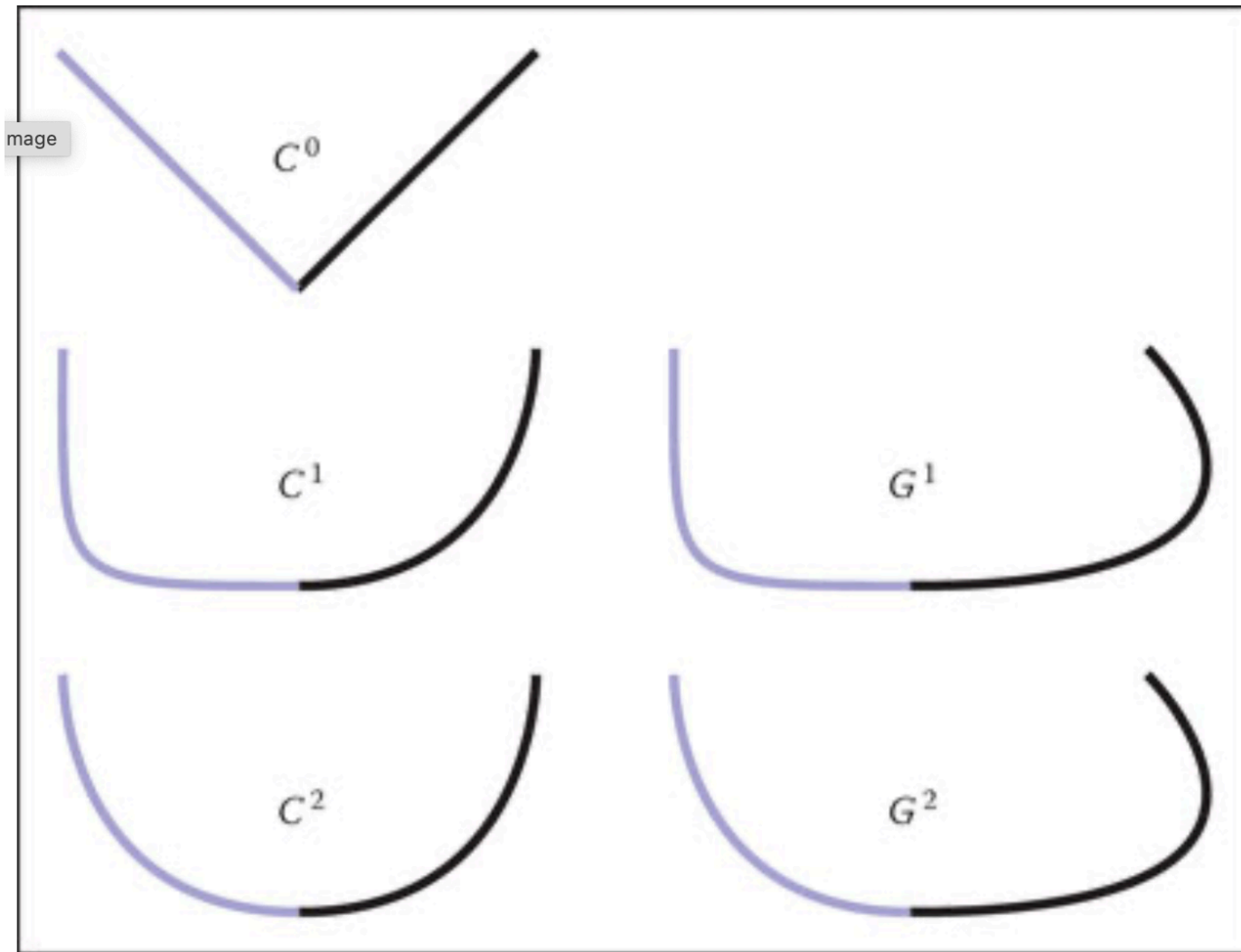
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# Joining Segments

- <http://math.hws.edu/eck/cs424/notes2013/canvas/bezier.html>

# Curve Properties: Continuity



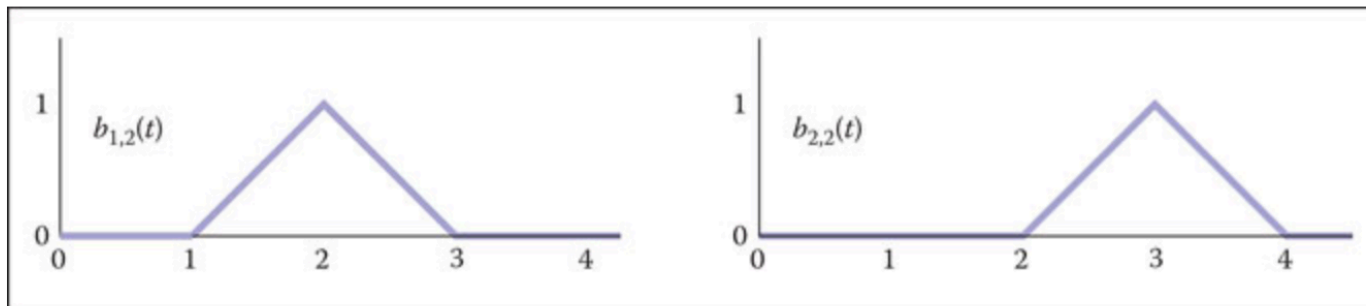
$$C^1 : \mathbf{f}'_1(1) = \mathbf{f}'_2(0)$$

$$G^1 : \mathbf{f}'_1(1) = k\mathbf{f}'_2(0)$$

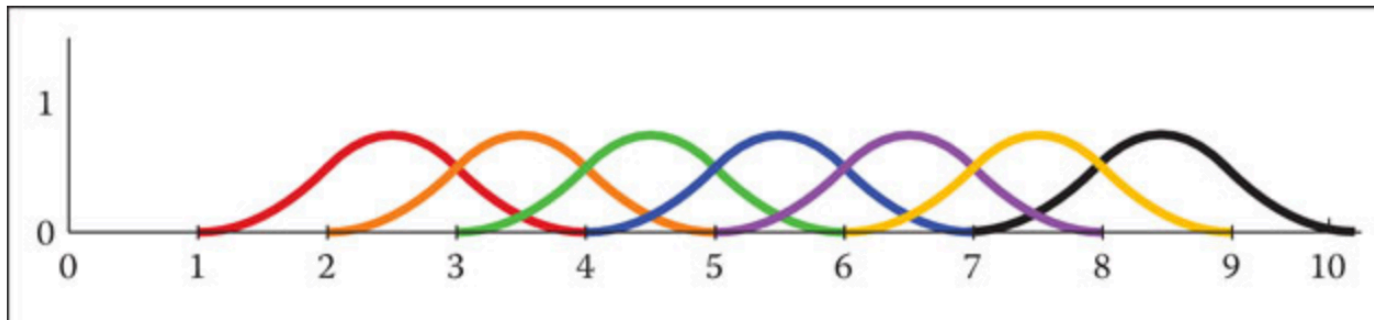


# B-Splines

- Offer arbitrary continuity
  - The basis polynomials are splines themselves!
- k: polynomial order of "bump"

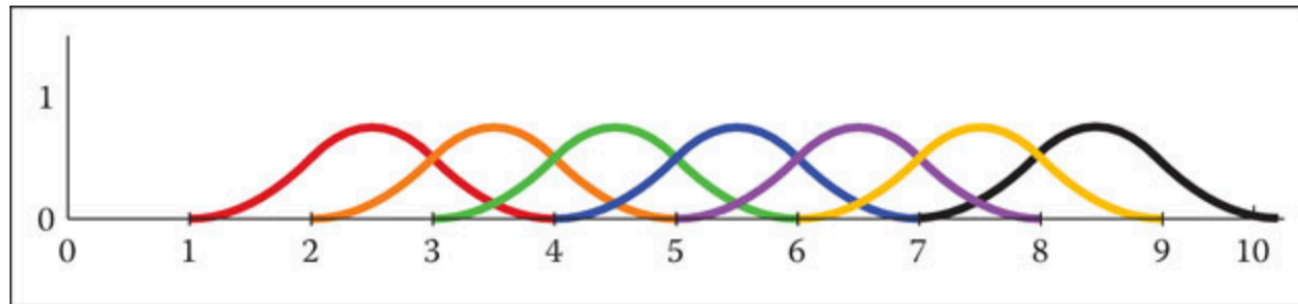


$k = 1$



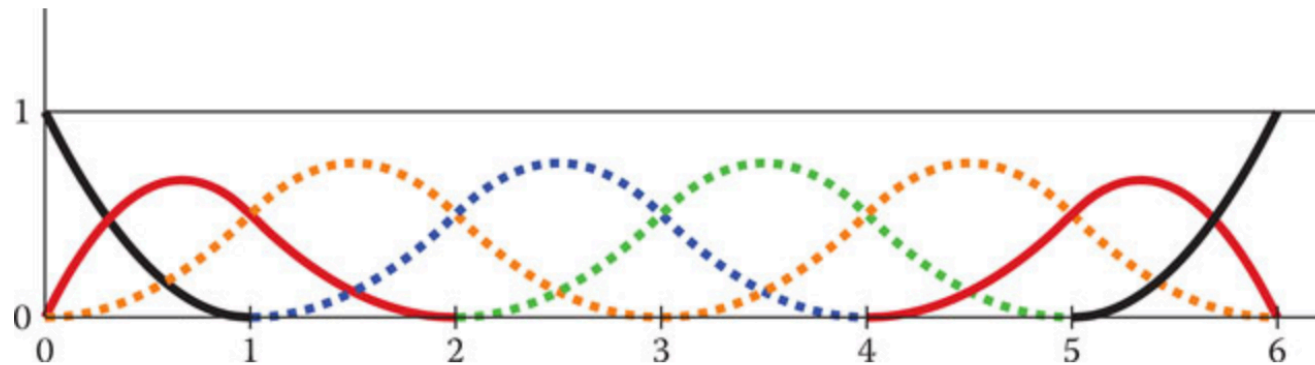
$k = 3$

# Uniform B-Splines

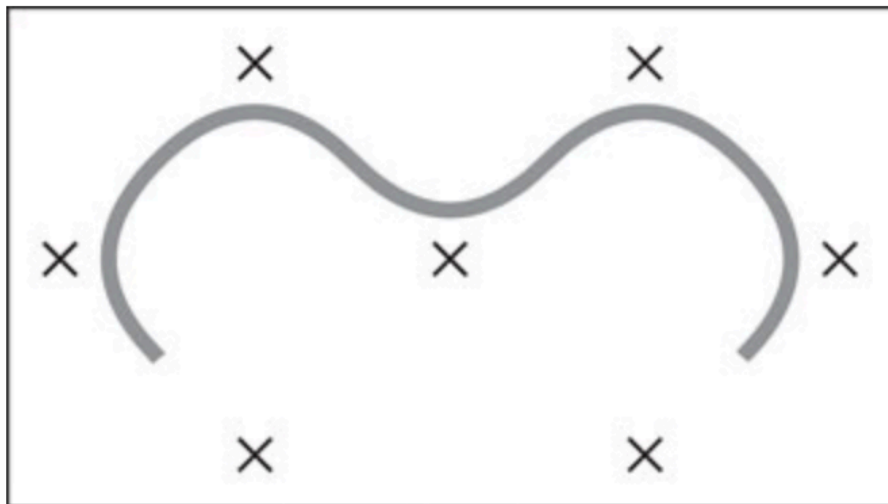


uniform B-spline: "bumps" (knots) evenly spaced

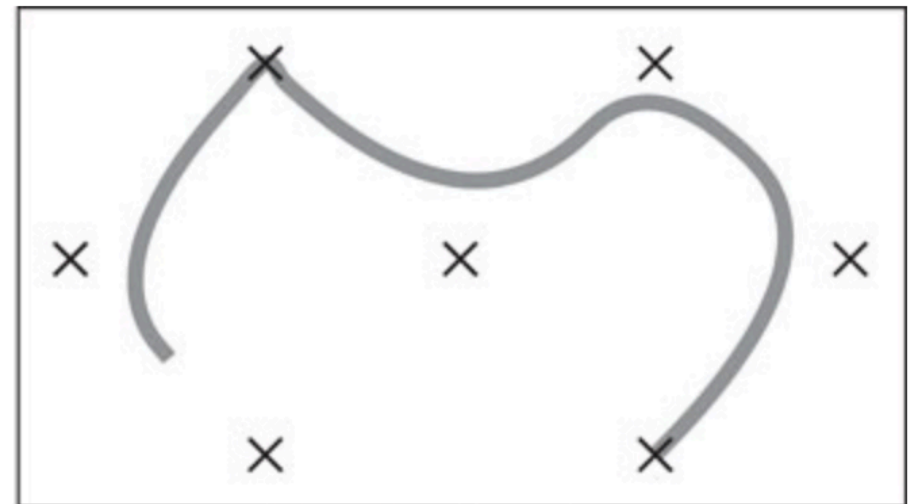
# Non-Uniform B-Splines



non-uniform B-spline: "bumps" (knots) are not evenly spaced



(a) Uniform knots



(b) Nonuniform knots

# Non-Uniform Rational B-Splines: NURBS

- B-spline bases are polynomials - can't represent conic sections e.g., a circle:
  - $x^2 + y^2 = 0$
- Rational B-splines - use a **ratio** of two polynomials.
  - Numerator and denominator are both B-splines

# Curves are great, but.

<https://youtu.be/AcFwH161XtM?t=68>

<https://youtu.be/Zkx1aKv2z8o?t=1080>