



# Curves, Splines, Patches, Basis

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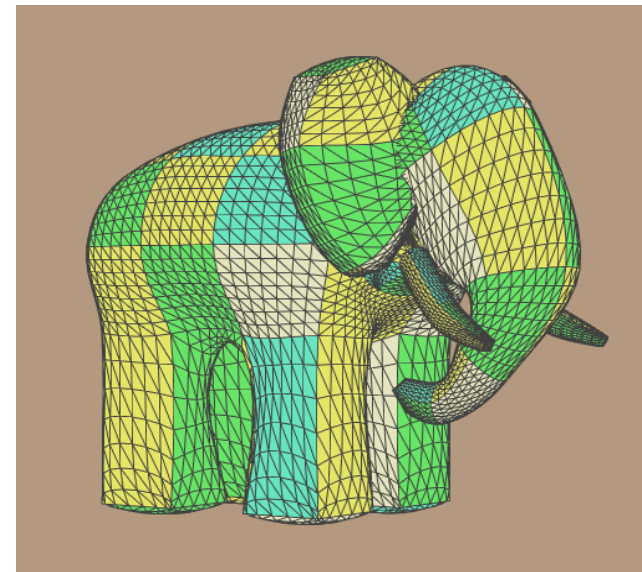
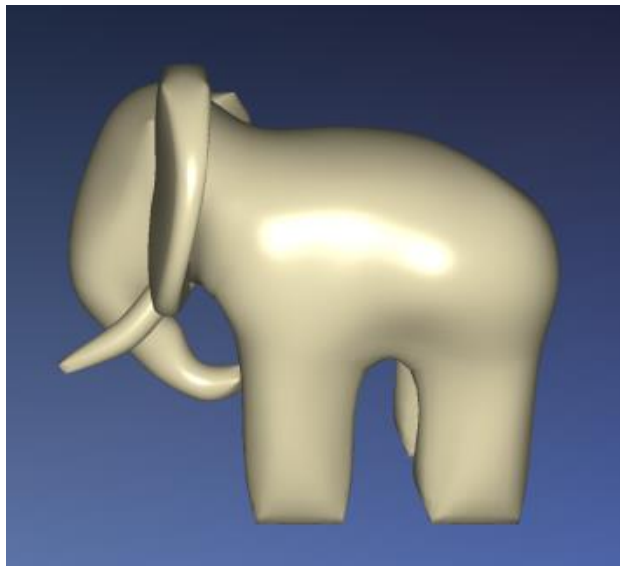
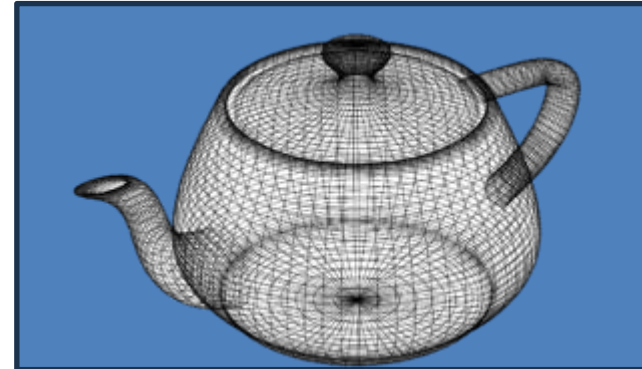
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[some slides based on Bruce Cohen and David Sklar, and Jack van Wijk]

# Planar (Triangular) Patches vs Curved Patches



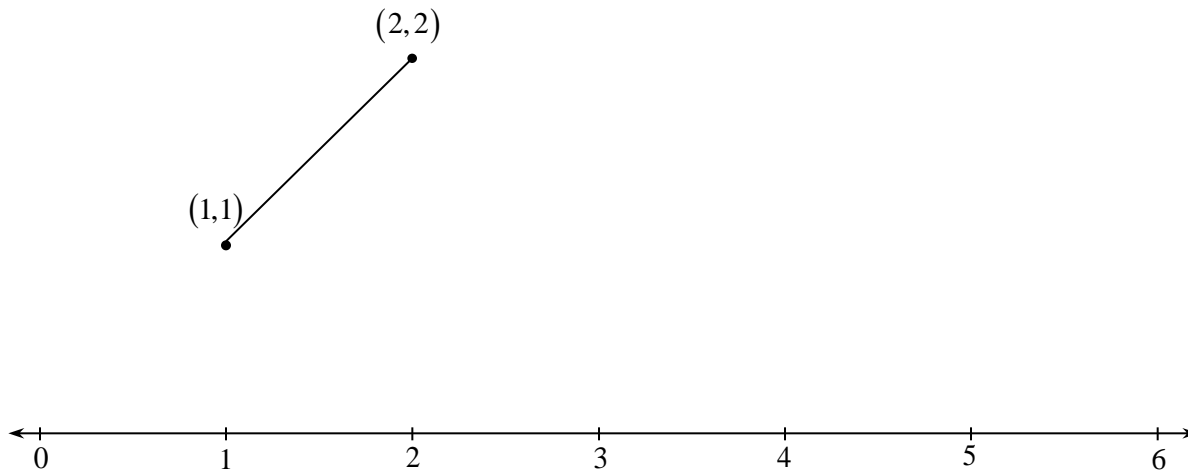
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# Connecting the Dots



What is the formula for this line?

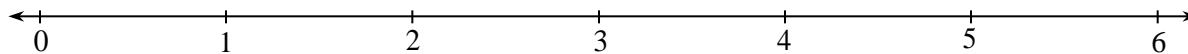
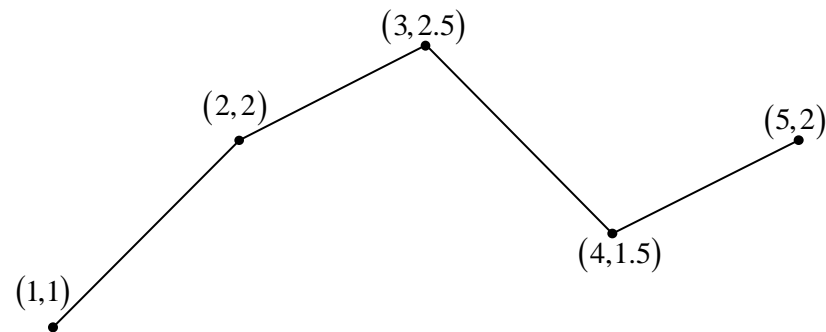


$$f(x) = x; f(x) = (1 - x) * (1,1) + x * (2,2)$$

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Write a formula for a piecewise linear function that interpolates five given data points

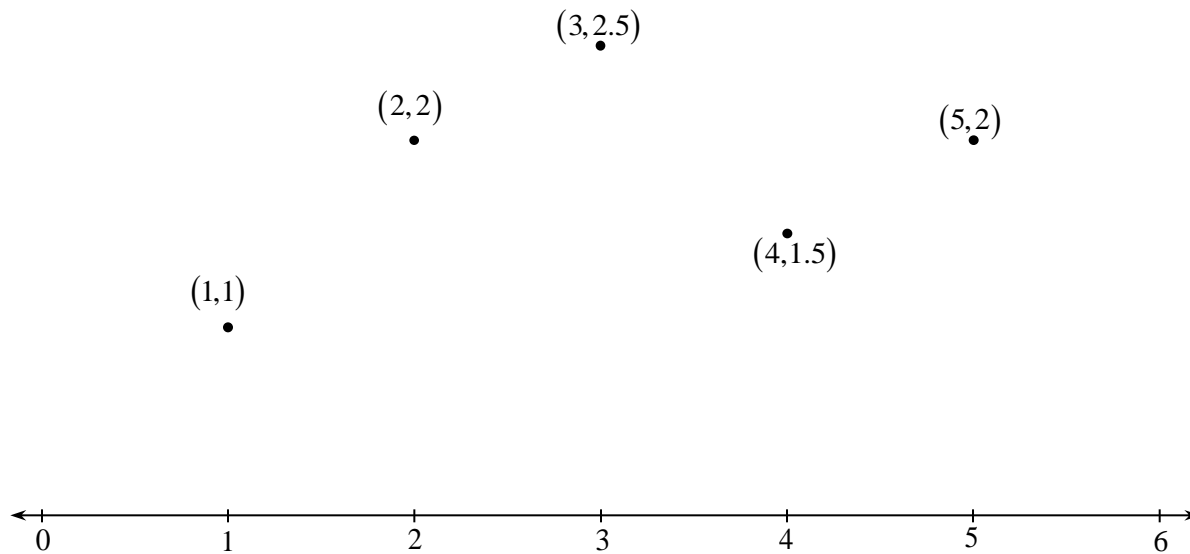


$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x & \text{if } 1 \leq x \leq 2 \\ \frac{1}{2}x + 1 & \text{if } 2 \leq x \leq 3 \\ -x + \frac{11}{2} & \text{if } 3 \leq x \leq 4 \\ \frac{1}{2}x - \frac{1}{2} & \text{if } 4 \leq x \leq 5 \end{cases}$$

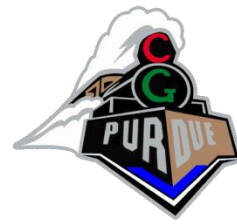
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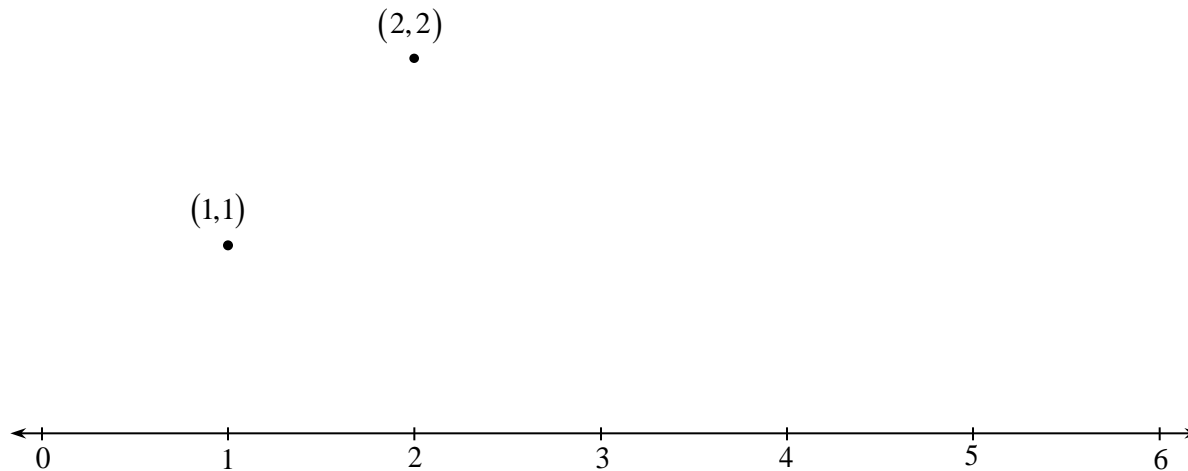
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## Interpolating Polynomial



$$f(1) = 1 \text{ and } f(2) = 2$$

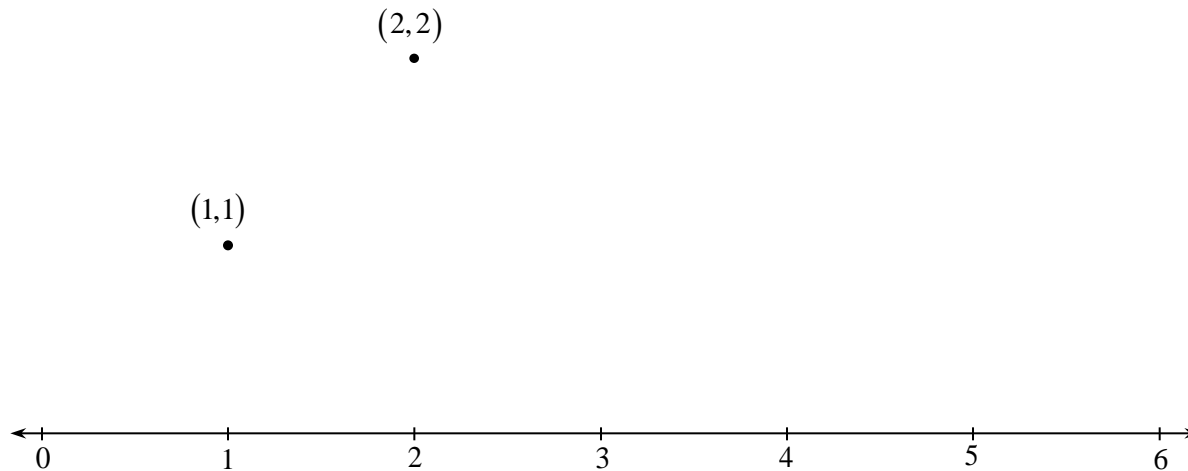
$$h_0(x) = \frac{x-x_1}{x_0-x_1} \text{ is } 1 \text{ when } x = 1 \text{ and is } 0 \text{ when } x = 2$$

$$h_1(x) = \frac{x-x_0}{x_1-x_0} \text{ is } 1 \text{ when } x = 2 \text{ and is } 0 \text{ when } x = 1$$

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## Interpolating Polynomial



$$f(1) = 1 \text{ and } f(2) = 2$$

$$f(x) = y_0 h_0(x) + y_1 h_1(x)$$

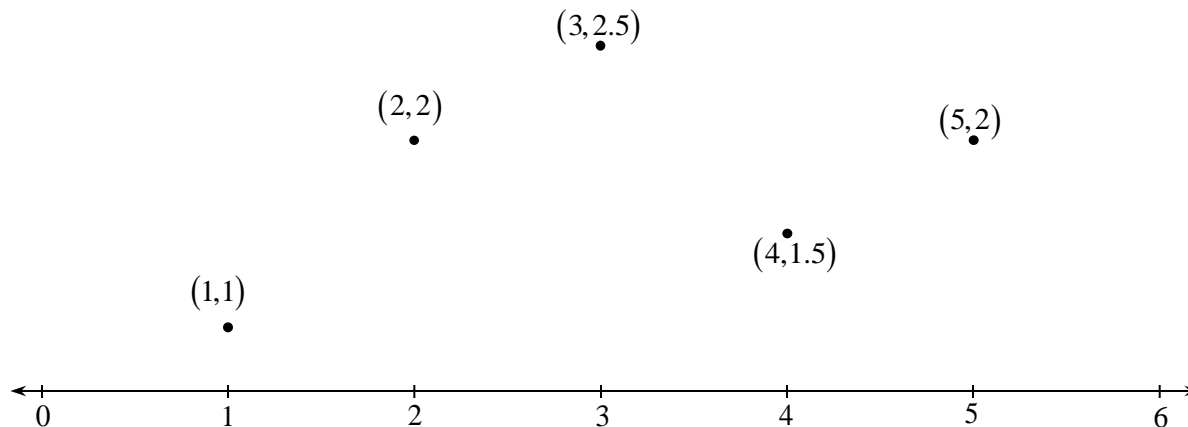
$$\text{thus } f(x_0) = y_0 \text{ and } f(x_1) = y_1$$



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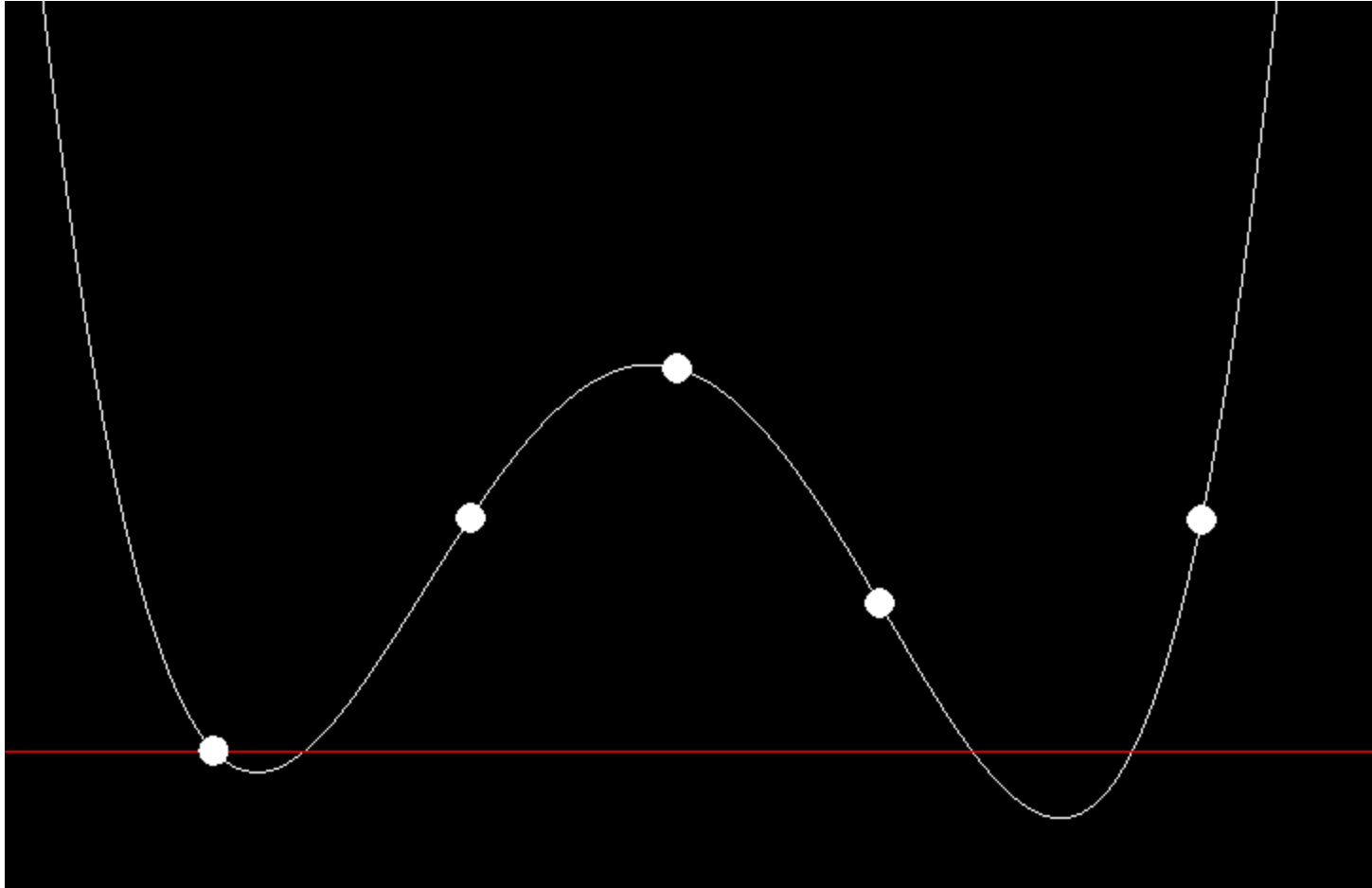
## Interpolating Polynomial



$$\phi_i(x) = \frac{\prod_{j \neq i} (x - x_j)}{\prod_{j \neq i} (x_i - x_j)} \quad \text{Lagrange Interpolation Basis}$$

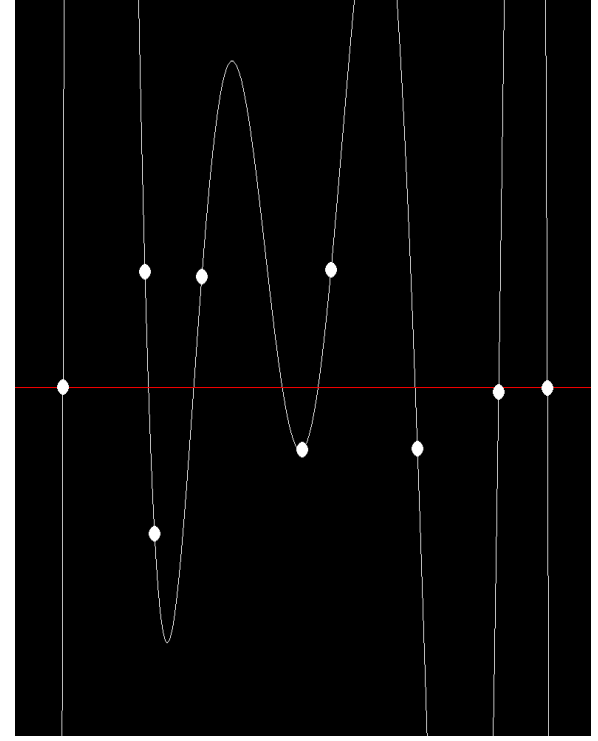
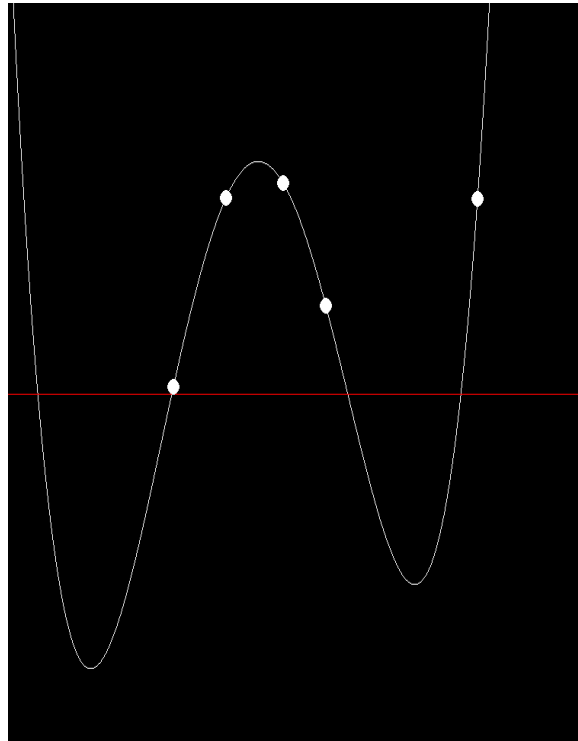
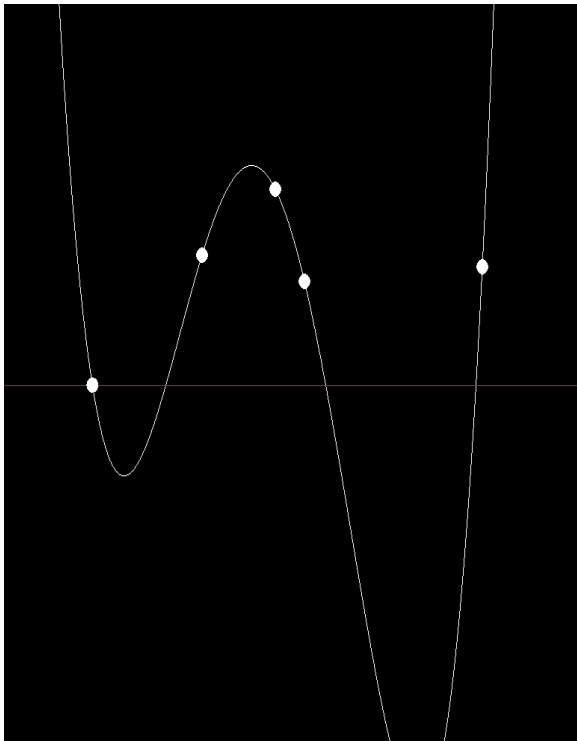
$$\phi_i(x_l) = 1 \text{ when } l = i, \text{ else } 0$$

$$f(x) = \sum_i y_i \phi_i(x) \quad \text{Lagrange Polynomial}$$



<https://l-e-webb.github.io/interpolate/webdist/index.html>

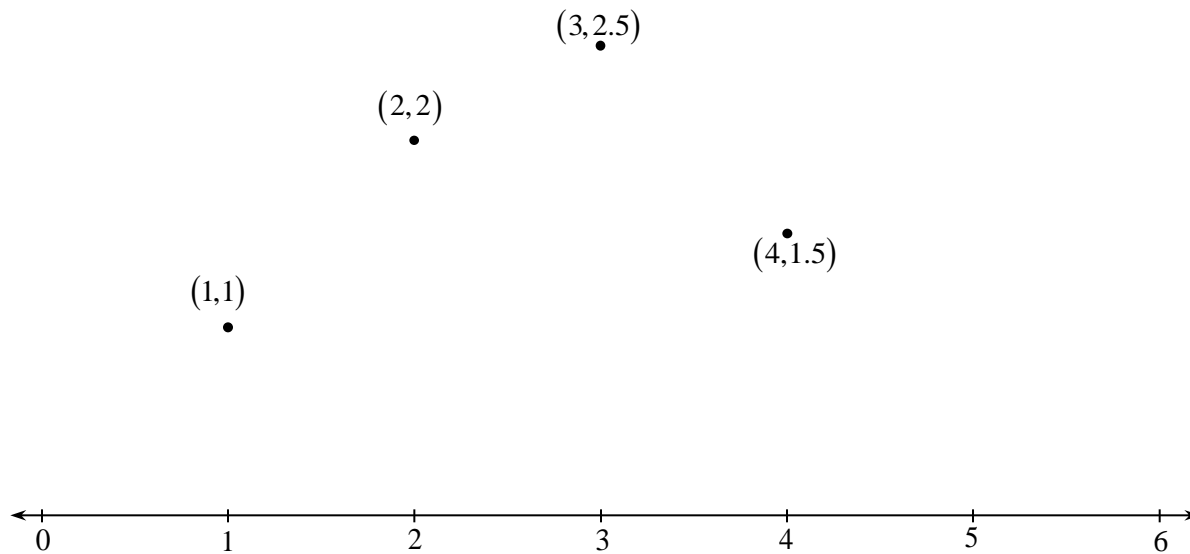
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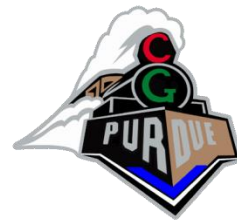
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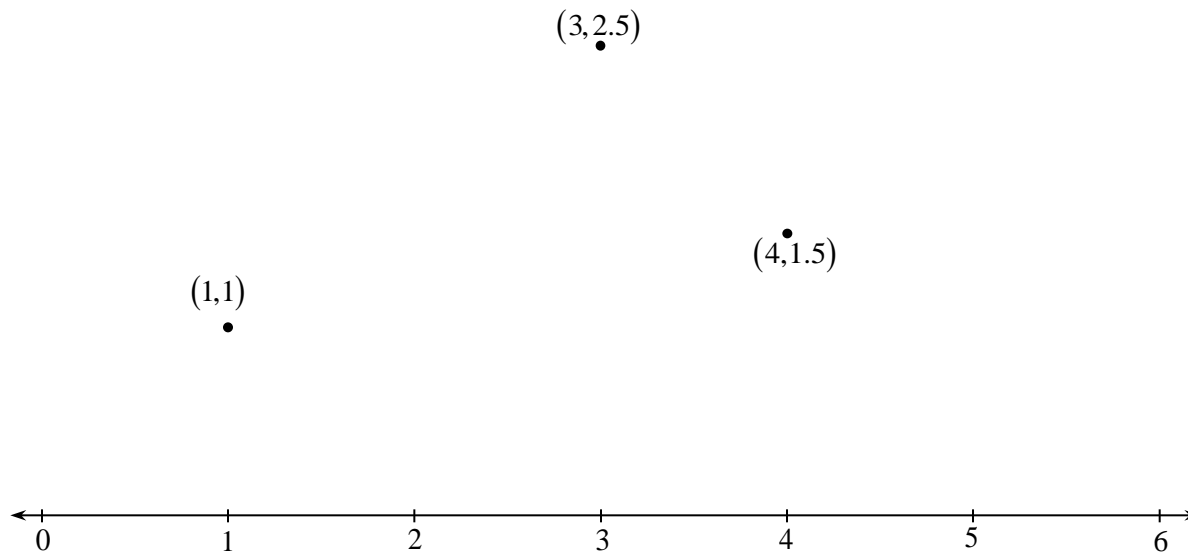
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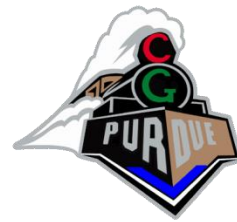
## Bezier Curves



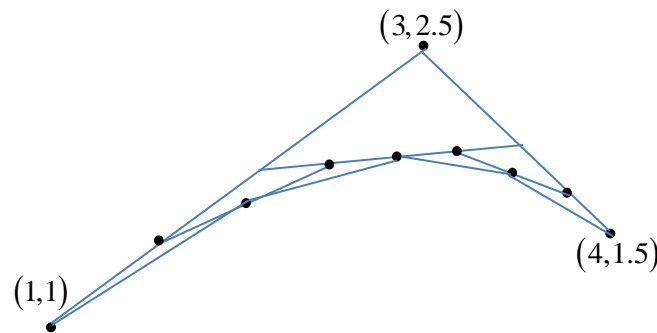
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- Mathematical basis established in 1912 using Bernstein polynomials
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# Connecting the Dots



## Bezier Curves



If two control points, then “first mid-point” is the midpoint of the two control points...

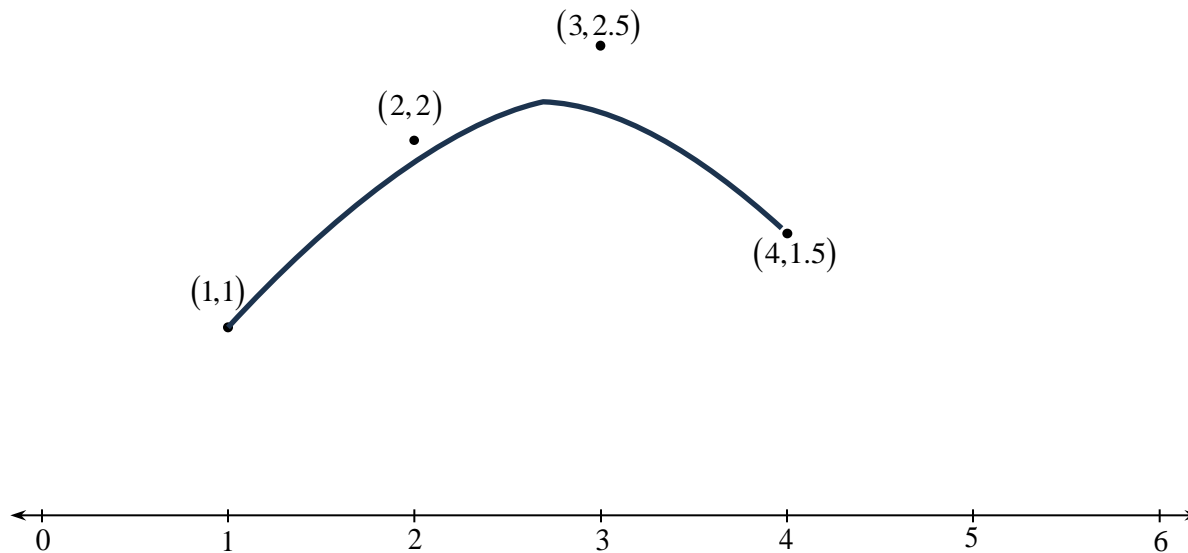
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## Bezier Curves



Types ( $[0 \leq t \leq 1]$ ):

Linear:  $B(t) = (1 - t)p_0 + tp_1$

Quadratic:  $B(t) = p_1 + (1 - t)^2(p_0 - p_1) + t^2(p_2 - p_1)$

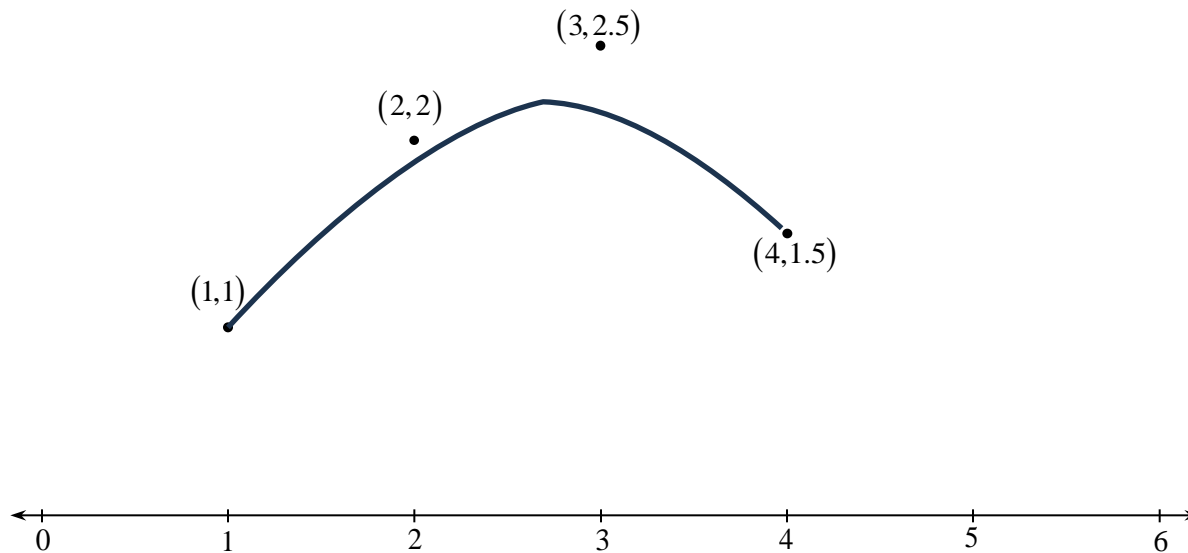
Cubic:  $B(t) = (1 - t)B_{p_0,p_1,p_2} + tB_{p_1,p_2,p_3}(t)$

$$B(t) = (1 - t)^3p_0 + 3(1 - t)^2tp_1 + 3(1 - t)t^2p_2 + t^3p_3$$

# Connecting the Dots



## Bezier Curves



### Properties:

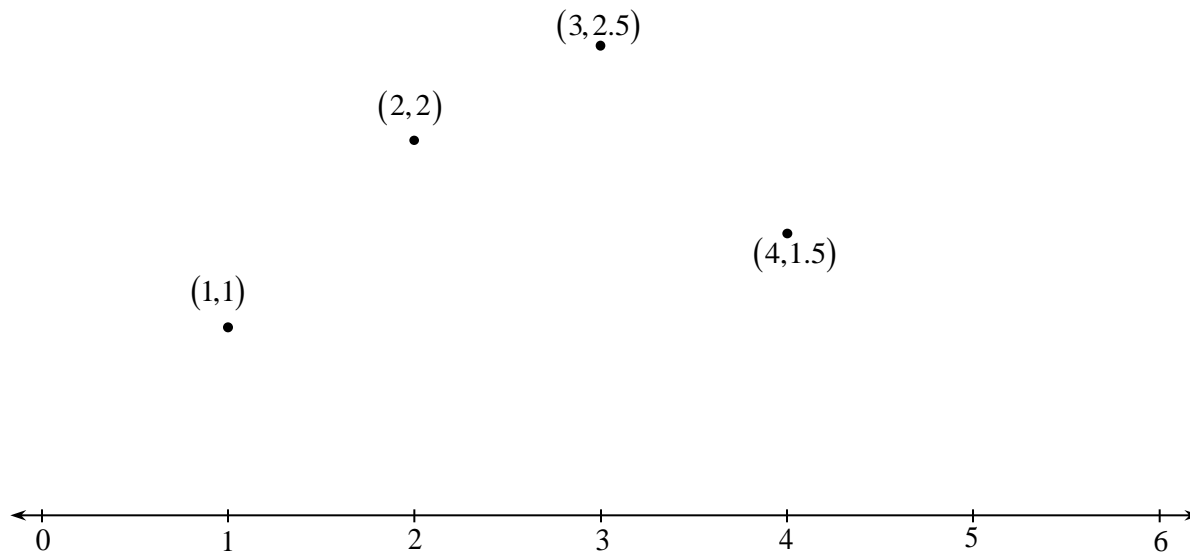
- Curve begins at  $p_0$  and ends at  $p_3$  (and does not necessarily pass thru  $p_1$  and  $p_2$ )
- Start and end is tangent to first/last section
- Curves have the variation diminishing property – do not undulate more than its control points



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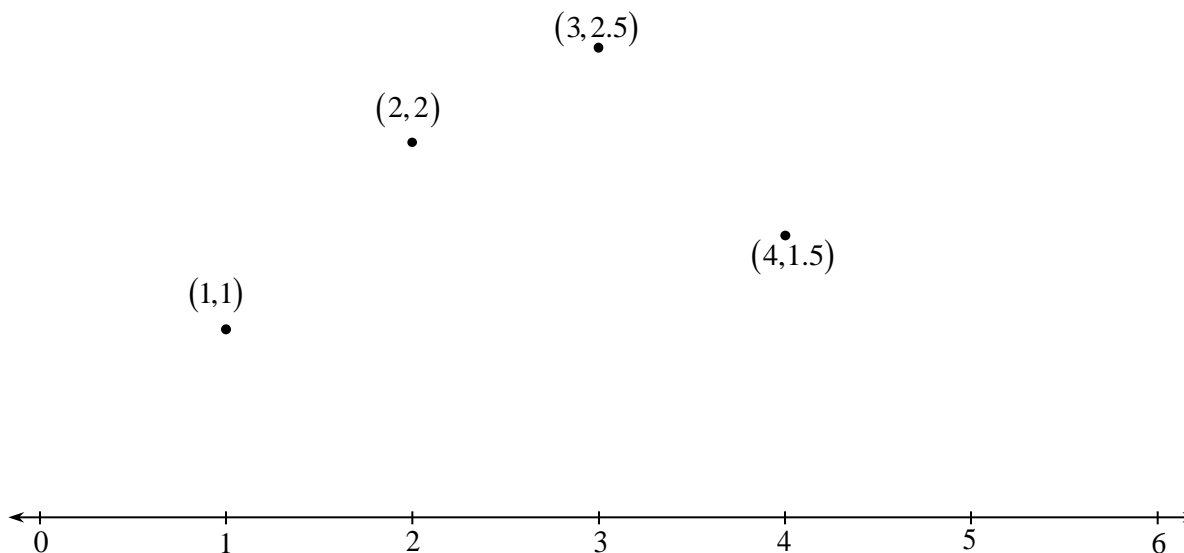
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## B-splines (Basis Splines)

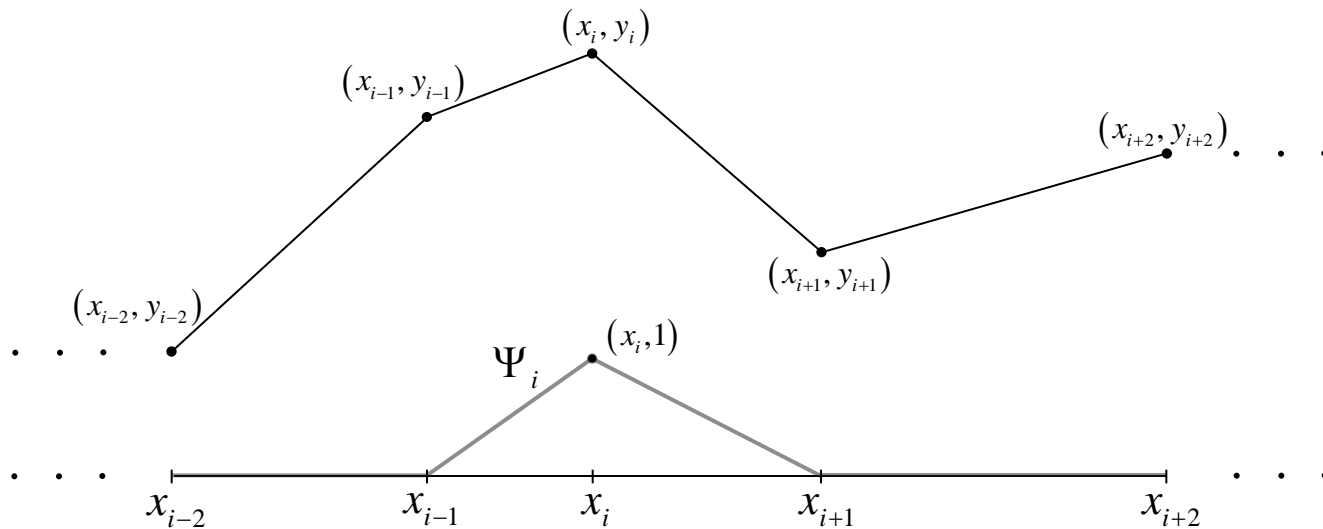


A spline uses a set of basis functions to express the line as a sum of weighted components (not necessarily Bernstein Polynomials):

$$f(x) = y_1\Psi_1(x) + y_2\Psi_2(x) + \cdots + y_n\Psi_n(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n y_i\Psi_i(x) \quad , \text{ for all } x_1 \leq x \leq x_n$$



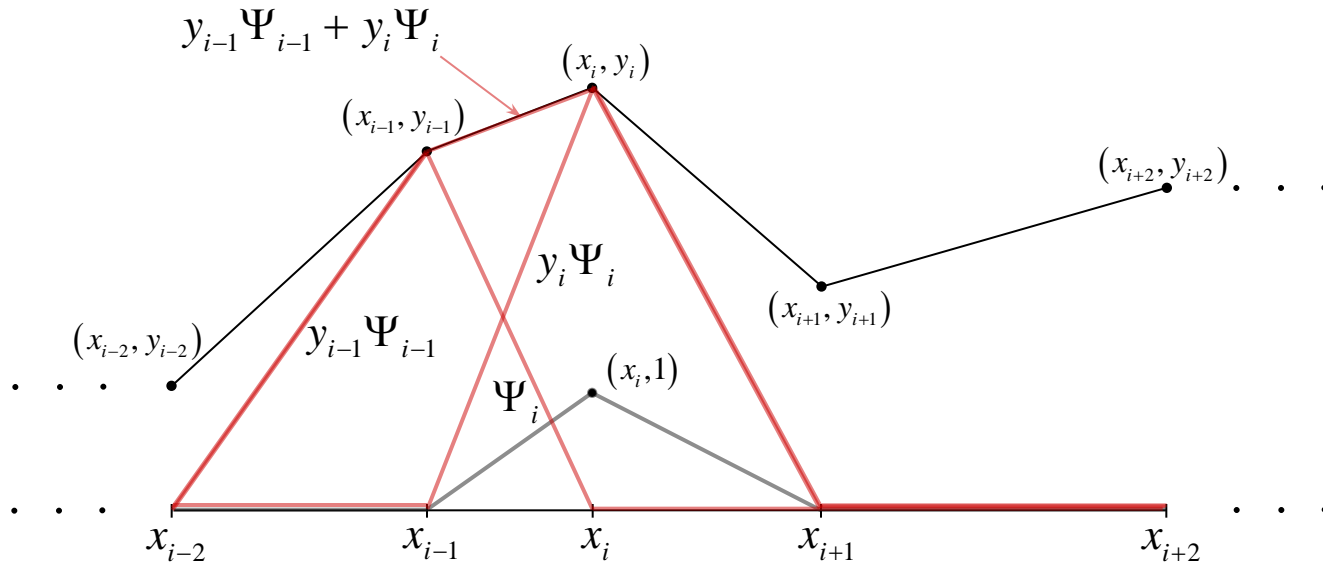
# B-splines: With linear basis functions...





# A closer look at a linear combination of basis functions

$$f(x) = y_1\Psi_1(x) + y_2\Psi_2(x) + \cdots + y_n\Psi_n(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n y_i\Psi_i(x)$$



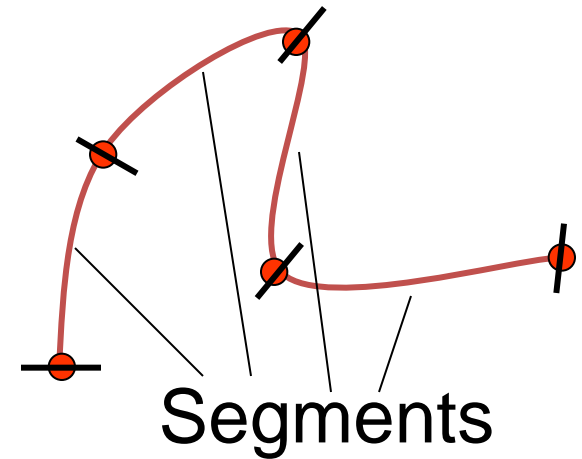


# Cubic Splines

Sequence of segments defined by :

$$\mathbf{P}(u) = \begin{pmatrix} x(u) \\ y(u) \\ z(u) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a_x u^3 + b_x u^2 + c_x u + d_x \\ a_y u^3 + b_y u^2 + c_y u + d_y \\ a_z u^3 + b_z u^2 + c_z u + d_z \end{pmatrix}$$

with  $0 \leq u \leq 1$ .



# Cubic Splines (in 2D)



Let  $p(x) = ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$       so       $p'(x) = 3ax^2 + 2bx + c$

Using the data we have

$$\begin{aligned} p(x_1) &= ax_1^3 + bx_1^2 + cx_1 + d = y_1 \\ p(x_2) &= ax_2^3 + bx_2^2 + cx_2 + d = y_2 \\ p'(x_1) &= 3ax_1^2 + 2bx_1 + c = y_1' \\ p'(x_2) &= 3ax_2^2 + 2bx_2 + c = y_2' \end{aligned}$$

We have 4 equations in the four unknown coefficients.  
So we can solve for  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$ , and  $d$ .



# Cubic Spline

## Representation Options

$$\text{Var. 1: } \mathbf{P}(u) = \begin{pmatrix} u^3 & u^2 & u & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_x & a_y & a_z \\ b_x & b_y & b_z \\ c_x & c_y & c_z \\ d_x & d_y & d_z \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Var. 2: } \mathbf{P}(u) = \begin{pmatrix} u^3 & u^2 & u & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} M_{00} & M_{01} & M_{02} & M_{03} \\ M_{10} & M_{11} & M_{12} & M_{13} \\ M_{20} & M_{21} & M_{22} & M_{23} \\ M_{30} & M_{31} & M_{32} & M_{33} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{P}_0 \\ \mathbf{P}_1 \\ \mathbf{P}_2 \\ \mathbf{P}_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Var. 3: } \mathbf{P}(u) = \sum_{k=0}^3 B_k(u) \mathbf{P}_k$$



# Cubic Splines

Variant 2 :

$$\mathbf{P}(u) = \begin{pmatrix} u^3 & u^2 & u & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} M_{00} & M_{01} & M_{02} & M_{03} \\ M_{10} & M_{11} & M_{12} & M_{13} \\ M_{20} & M_{21} & M_{22} & M_{23} \\ M_{30} & M_{31} & M_{32} & M_{33} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} P_{0x} & P_{0y} & P_{0z} \\ P_{1x} & P_{1y} & P_{1z} \\ P_{2x} & P_{2y} & P_{2z} \\ P_{3x} & P_{3y} & P_{3z} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \mathbf{U} \mathbf{M}_{\text{spline}} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{P}_0 \\ \mathbf{P}_1 \\ \mathbf{P}_2 \\ \mathbf{P}_3 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{U} \mathbf{M}_{\text{spline}} \mathbf{M}_{\text{geom}}$$

↑  
Control points or  
Control vectors

Matrix  $\mathbf{M}_{\text{spline}}$  : 'translates' geometric info to coefficients





# Bézier Spline Curves

Cubic Bézier spline :

$$\mathbf{P}(u) = (1-u)^3 \mathbf{P}_0 + 3u(1-u)^2 \mathbf{P}_1 + 3u^2(1-u) \mathbf{P}_2 + u^3 \mathbf{P}_3$$

In matrix representation :

$$\mathbf{P}(u) = \begin{pmatrix} u^3 & u^2 & u & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 3 & -3 & 1 \\ 3 & -6 & 3 & 0 \\ -3 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{P}_0 \\ \mathbf{P}_1 \\ \mathbf{P}_2 \\ \mathbf{P}_3 \end{pmatrix}$$



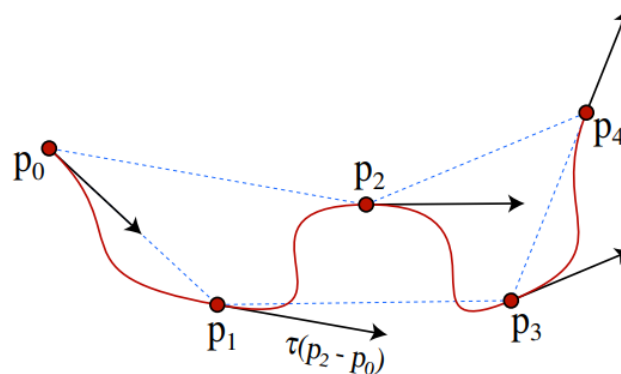
# Catmull-Rom Splines

These splines “go through” the points  $P_0, P_1, P_2, P_3$

In matrix representation:

$$\mathbf{P}(u) = \begin{pmatrix} u^3 & u^2 & u & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -\tau & 2-\tau & \tau-2 & \tau \\ 2\tau & \tau-3 & 3-2\tau & -\tau \\ -\tau & 0 & \tau & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{P}_0 \\ \mathbf{P}_1 \\ \mathbf{P}_2 \\ \mathbf{P}_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

With  $\tau$  being the “tension” or sharpness at the control points (e.g., 0.5)

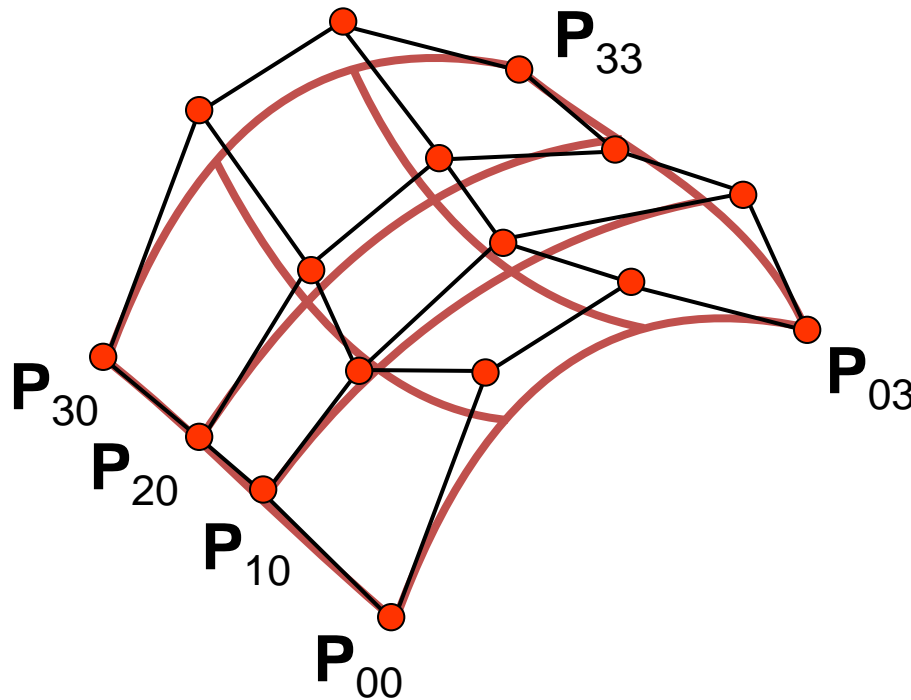




# Spline Surface

Control points :  $4 \times 4$  matrix of points  $\mathbf{P}_{ij}$

Define a smooth patch.



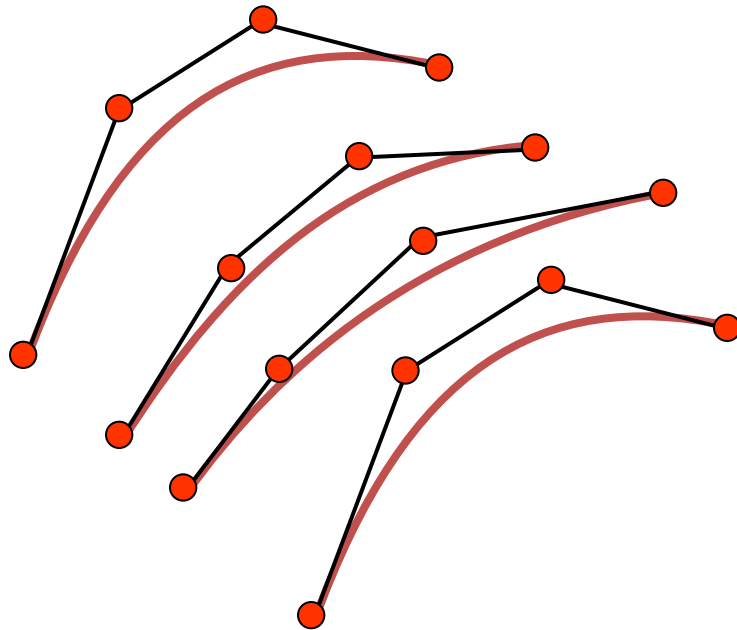


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Control points :  $4 \times 4$  matrix of points  $\mathbf{P}_{ij}$

Define four curves.

Surface : Smooth these four curves.



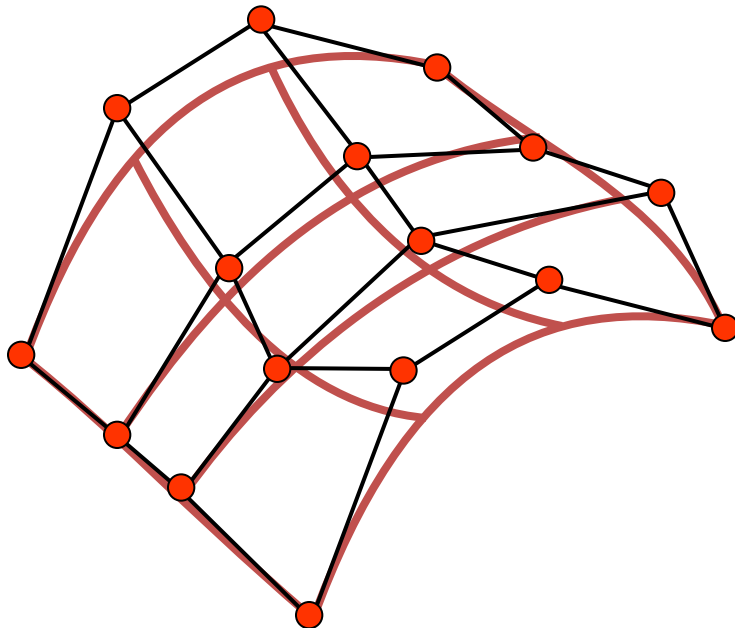


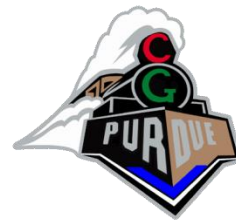
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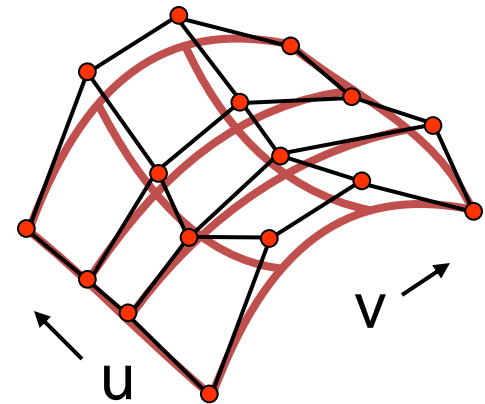
Surface :

Control points :  $4 \times 4$  matrix of points  $\mathbf{P}_{i,j}$

$$\text{Curve : } \mathbf{P}(u) = \sum_{k=0}^3 B_k(u) \mathbf{P}_k$$

$$\text{Surface : } \mathbf{P}(u, v) = \sum_{i=0}^3 B_i(u) \left( \sum_{j=0}^3 B_j(v) \mathbf{P}_{ij} \right)$$

$$= \sum_{i=0}^3 \sum_{j=0}^3 B_i(u) B_j(v) \mathbf{P}_{ij}$$

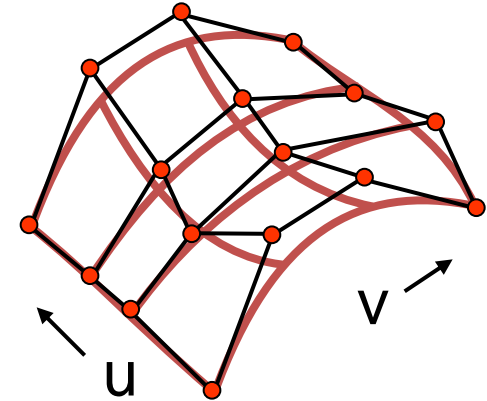




# Spline Surface

Display of surface

$$\mathbf{P}(u, v) = \sum_{i=0}^3 \sum_{j=0}^3 B_i(u) B_j(v) \mathbf{P}_{ij}$$



$du := 1/nu$ ; //  $nu$ : #facets u-direction

$dv := 1/nv$ ; //  $nv$ : #facets v-direction

for  $i := 0$  to  $nu-1$  do

$u := i*du$ ;

    for  $j := 0$  to  $nv - 1$  do

$v := j*dv$ ;

        DrawQuad( $\mathbf{P}(u,v)$ ,  $\mathbf{P}(u+du, v)$ ,  $\mathbf{P}(u+du, v+dv)$ ,  $\mathbf{P}(u, v+dv)$ )



# Spline Surface

// Alternative: calculate points first

for i := 0 to nu do

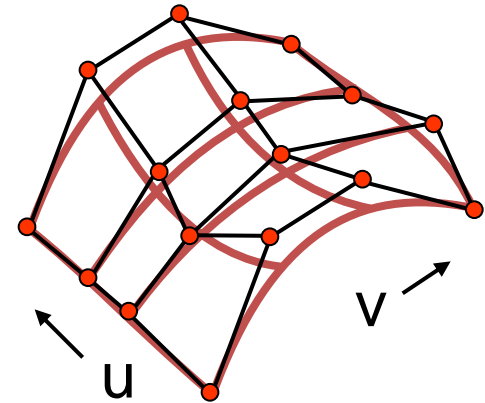
for j := 0 to nv do

$Q[i, j] := P(i/nu, j/nv);$

for i := 0 to nu - 1 do

for j := 0 to nv - 1 do

    DrawQuad( $Q[i, j], Q[i+1, j], Q[i+1, j+1], Q[i, j+1]$ )





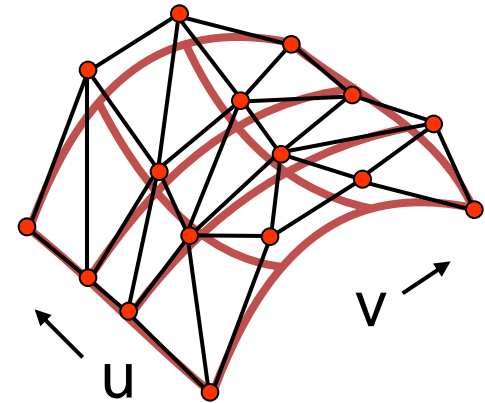


# Spline Surface

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// Alternative: calculate points first,  
// triangle version
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```
for i := 0 to nu do  
  for j := 0 to nv do  
    Q[i, j] := P(i/nu, j/nv);
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for i := 0 to nu - 1 do  
  for j := 0 to nv - 1 do  
    DrawTriangle(Q[i, j], Q[i+1, j], Q[i+1, j+1]);  
    DrawTriangle(Q[i, j], Q[i+1, j+1], Q[i, j+1]);
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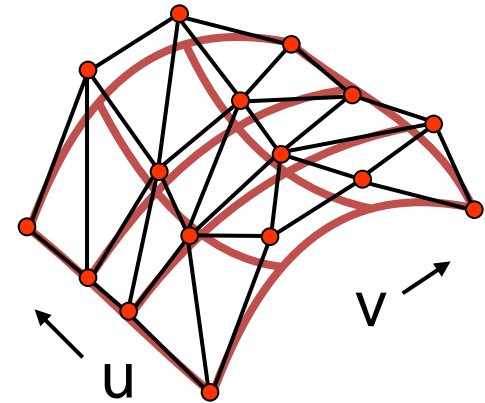


# Spline Surface

```
// Alternative: calculate points first,  
// triangle variant, triangle strip
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```
for i := 0 to nu do  
  for j := 0 to nv do  
    Q[i, j] := P(i/nu, j/nv);
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for i := 0 to nu - 1 do  
  glBegin(GL_TRIANGLE_STRIP);  
  for j := 0 to nv - 1 do  
    glVertex(Q[i, j]);  
    glVertex(Q[i, j+1]);  
  glEnd;
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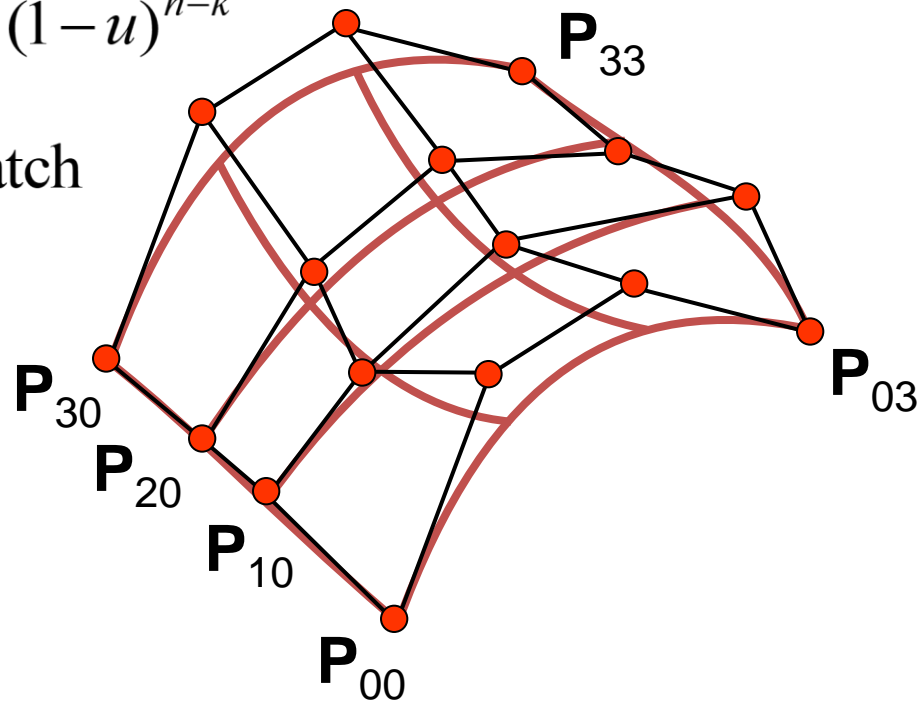


# Bézier Surface Patches

$$\text{Generic : } \mathbf{P}(u, v) = \sum_{j=0}^m \sum_{k=0}^n B_j(v) B_k(u) \mathbf{P}_{j,k}$$

$$\text{with } B_{k,n}(u) = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!} u^k (1-u)^{n-k}$$

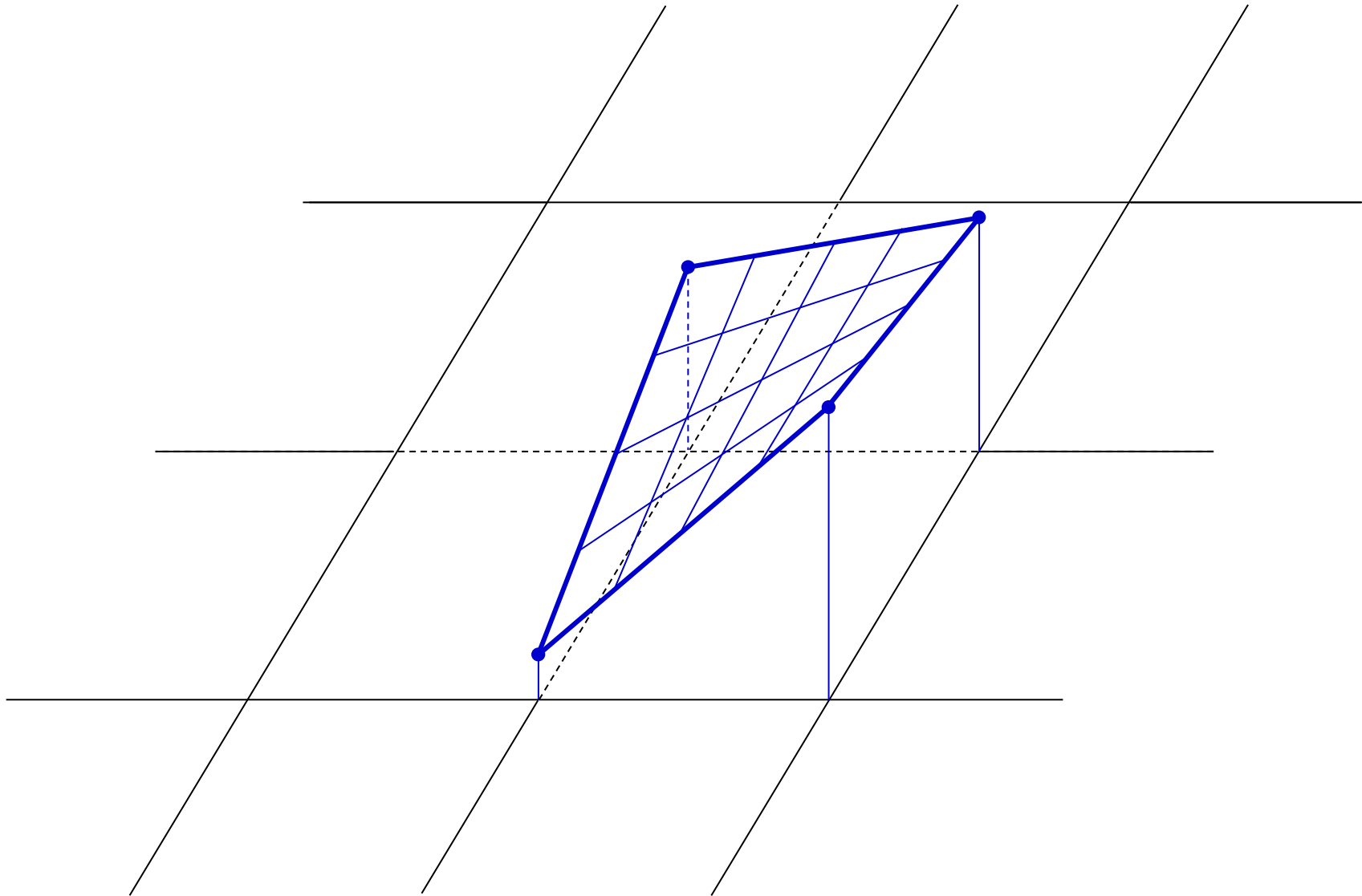
Often  $m = n = 4$ : bicubic patch



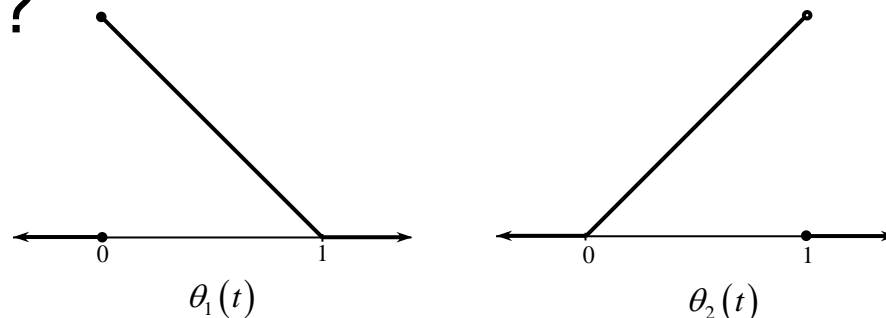
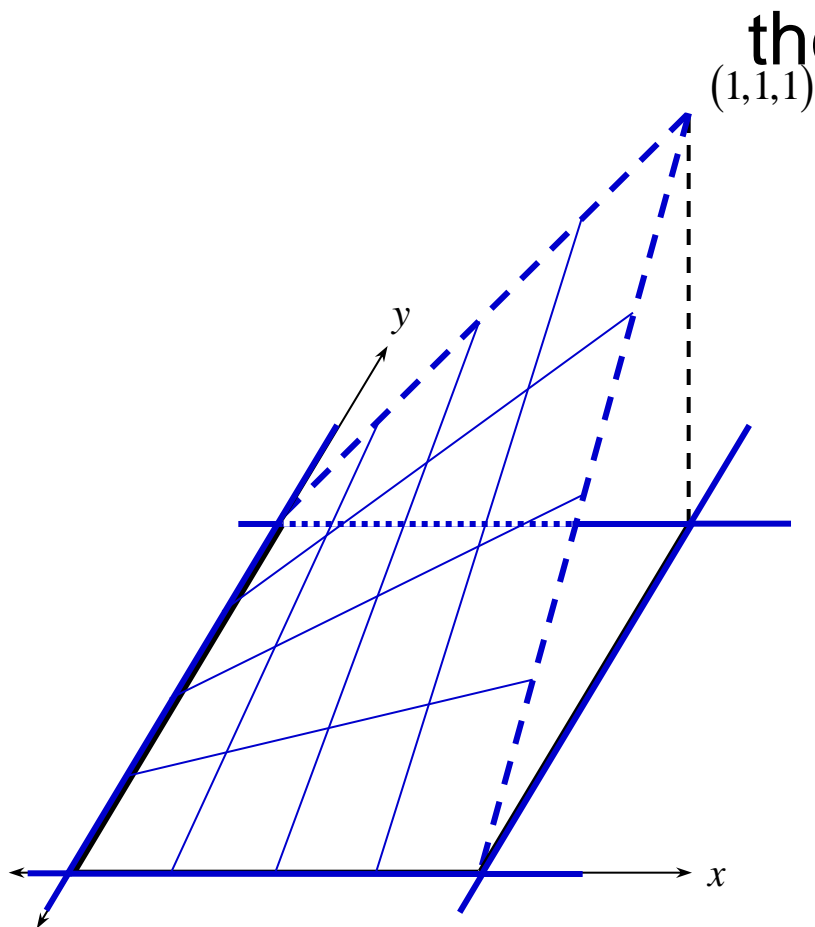
Lets get a bit more complicated...



# A closer view of four data points



There are two 1-D elementary basis functions.  
How many 2-D elementary basis functions are  
there?



We define the bilinear 2-D elementary basis functions as follows:

$$\theta_{11}(x, y) = \theta_1(x)\theta_1(y)$$

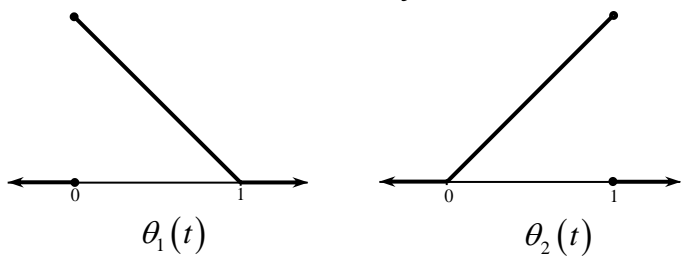
$$\theta_{12}(x, y) = \theta_1(x)\theta_2(y)$$

$$\theta_{21}(x, y) = \theta_2(x)\theta_1(y)$$

$$\theta_{22}(x, y) = \theta_2(x)\theta_2(y)$$

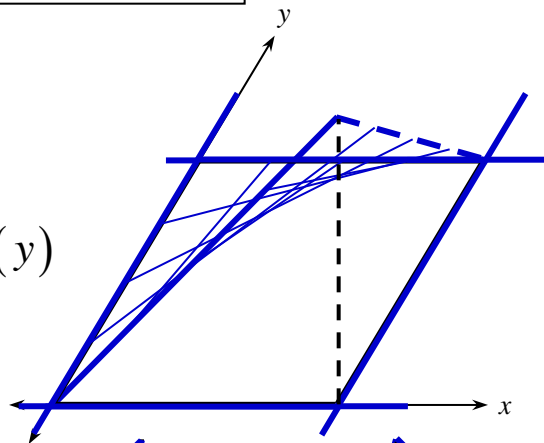


# The two 1-D elementary basis functions

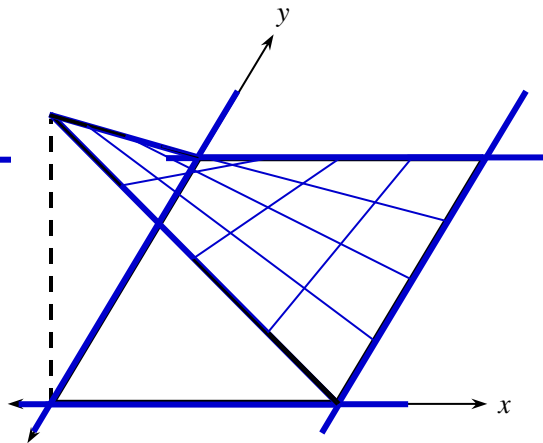


# The four bilinear 2-D elementary basis functions

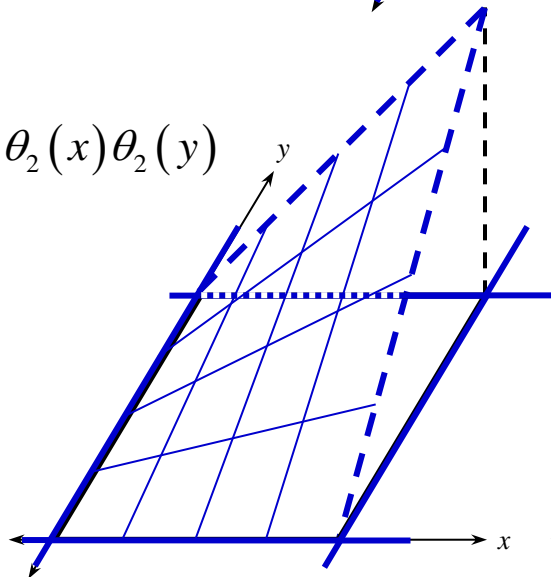
$$\theta_{21}(x, y) = \theta_2(x)\theta_1(y)$$



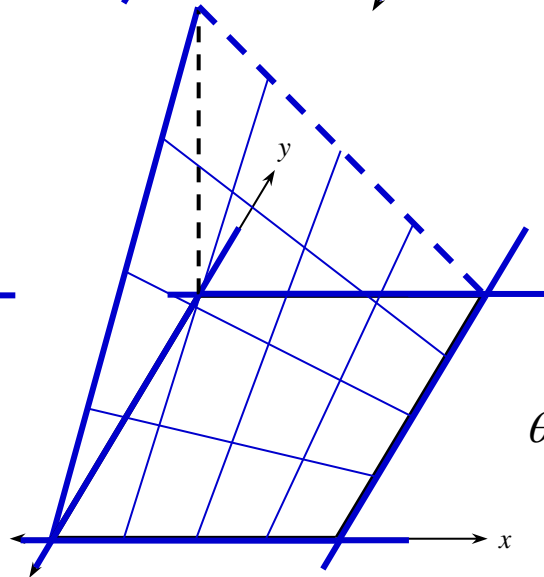
$$\theta_{11}(x, y) = \theta_1(x)\theta_1(y)$$



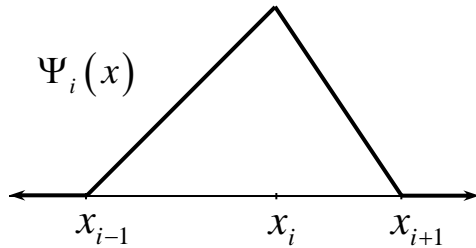
$$\theta_{22}(x, y) = \theta_2(x)\theta_2(y)$$



$$\theta_{12}(x, y) = \theta_1(x)\theta_2(y)$$

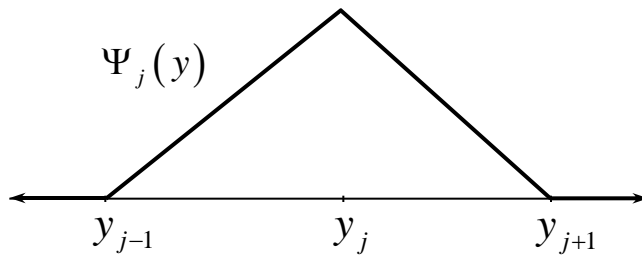


# We can construct the 2-D bilinear spline basis functions directly from the 1-D linear spline basis functions

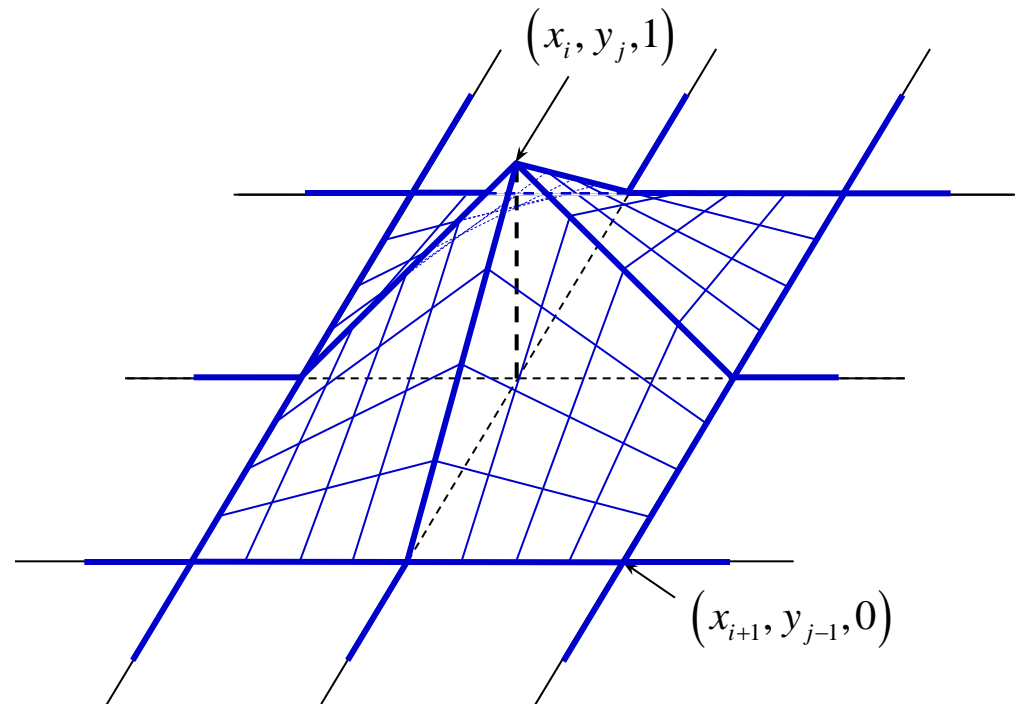


We define the  $ij$ th 2-D bilinear spline basis function as follows:

$$\Psi_{ij}(x, y) = \Psi_i(x) \Psi_j(y)$$

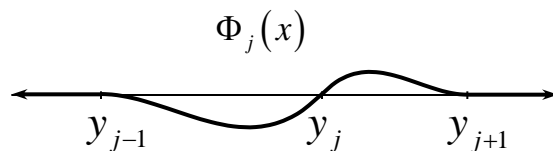
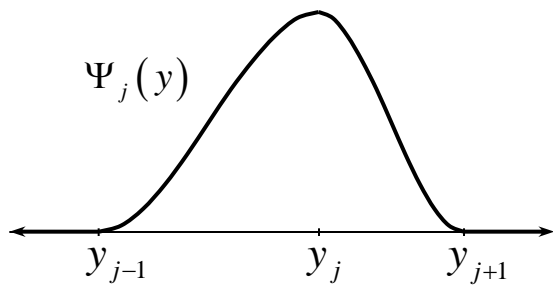
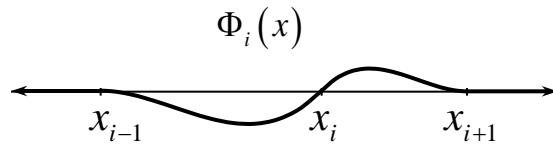
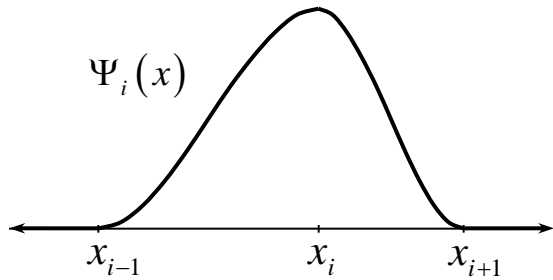
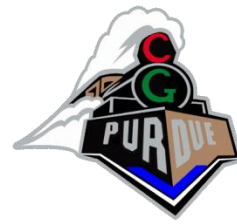


As in the 1-D case we want our basis functions to be zero at all but one of the data points.





# We can construct the 2-D bicubic spline basis functions directly from the 1-D bicubic spline basis functions



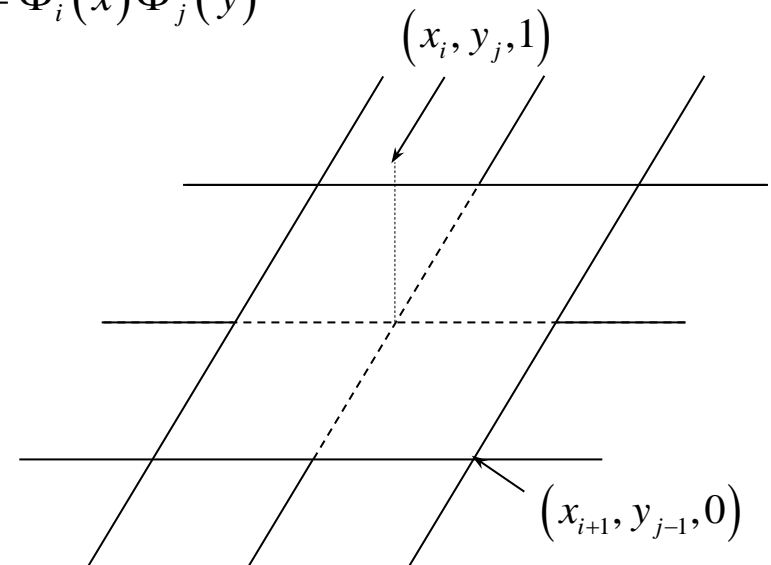
At each data point we define four 2-D bicubic spline basis functions as follows:

$$\Theta^{\Psi\Psi}_{ij}(x, y) = \Psi_i(x)\Psi_j(y)$$

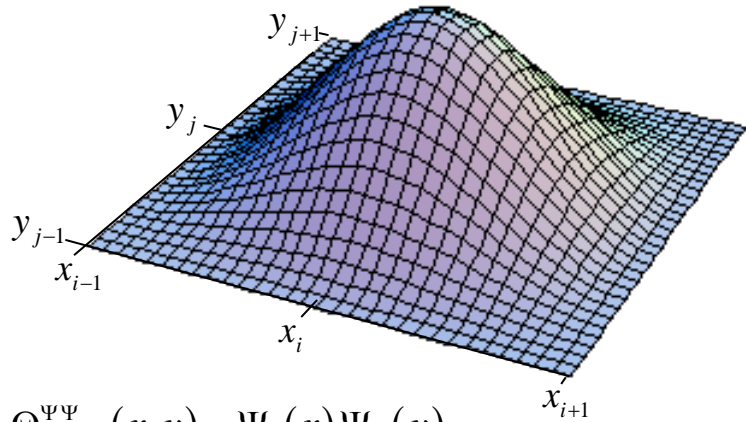
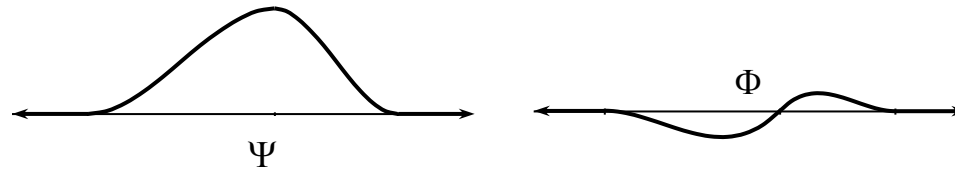
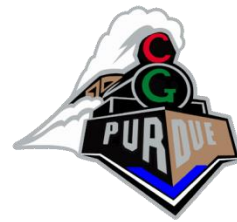
$$\Theta^{\Psi\Phi}_{ij}(x, y) = \Psi_i(x)\Phi_j(y)$$

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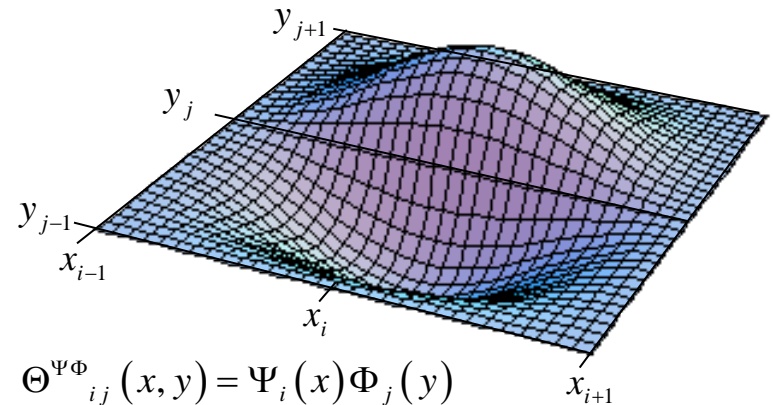
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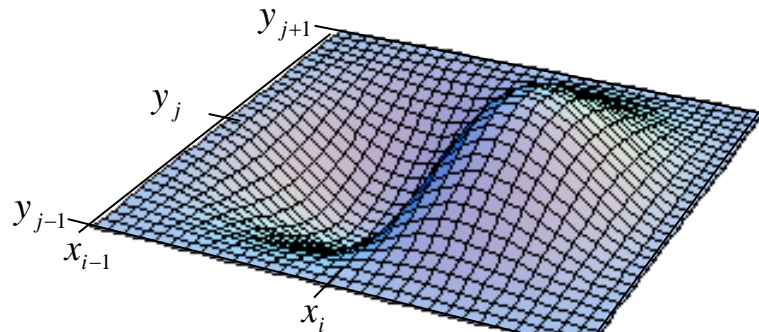
# The 2-D bicubic spline basis functions



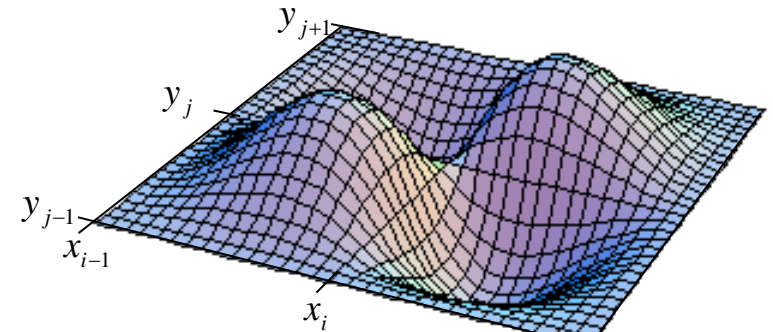
$$\Theta^{\Psi\Psi}_{ij}(x, y) = \Psi_i(x)\Psi_j(y)$$



$$\Theta^{\Psi\Phi}_{ij}(x, y) = \Psi_i(x)\Phi_j(y)$$



$$\Theta^{\Phi\Psi}_{ij}(x, y) = \Phi_i(x)\Psi_j(y)$$



$$\Theta^{\Phi\Phi}_{ij}(x, y) = \Phi_i(x)\Phi_j(y)$$



# What can we do?

- With 2D elementary basis functions?
- With 2D bilinear spline basis?
- With 2D bicubic basis functions?

# Welcome to the world of Basis functions!



- Radial Basis Functions
- Haar Basis (Wavelets):

