

Computer Aided Geometric Design

Curves

B-Spline Curve

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Parametric Representation of Free-form Curves

Interpolation Curves

- ◆ Parametric Cubic Curve

Approximation Curves

- ◆ Bezier Curve
- ◆ B-Spline Curve
- ◆ NURBS Curve

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B-Spline Curve

- ◆ Curve is defined by n+1 control points and the order (k) of the curve.
- ◆ The curve has an advantage that it has local propagation unlike global propagation properties of Bezier curve. i.e. Non global –each vertex B_i is associated with unique basis.
- ◆ Each vertex affects the shape only over a range of parameter value where its associated basis function is nonzero.
- ◆ B spline basis also allows the order of basis function and hence the degree of resulting curve can be changed without changing the number of vertices.
- ◆ The curve is made up of (n-k+2) segments.
- ◆ Only k control points affect any segment of the curve.

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B-Spline Curve

B spline curve is given by

$$p(t) = \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} B_i N_{i,k}(t)$$

B_i- Position vector of n+1 defining vertices
N_{i,k}- Normalized B-Spline basis function

For ith normalized B-Spline basis function of order k (degree k-1) the basis function N_{i,k}(t) defined as: (cox de-boor formula)

$$N_{i,1}(t) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } x_i \leq t \leq x_{i+1} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

and

$$N_{i,k}(t) = \frac{(t - x_i) N_{i,k-1}(t)}{x_{i+k-1} - x_i} + \frac{(x_{i+k} - t) N_{i+1,k-1}(t)}{x_{i+k} - x_{i+1}}$$

X_i are elements of knot vector where $x_i \leq x_{i+1}$

The function p(t) is polynomial of degree k-1 on each interval

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B-Spline Curve

Input to B-Spline Curve

1st point, p₀ = (x₀, y₀, z₀)

2nd point, p₁ = (x₁, y₁, z₁)

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nth point, p_n = (x_n, y_n, z_n)

Order of curve = k

Knot vector

$$N_{i,k}(t) = \frac{(t - x_i) N_{i,k-1}(t)}{x_{i+k-1} - x_i} + \frac{(x_{i+k} - t) N_{i+1,k-1}(t)}{x_{i+k} - x_{i+1}}$$

Equation for B-Spline curve of four defining vertices and order k=3 will be:

$$p(t) = N_{1,3}B_1 + N_{2,3}B_2 + N_{3,3}B_3 + N_{4,3}B_4$$

The basis function dependencies for N_{1,3} are as:

N_{1,3}

N_{2,3} N_{3,3} N_{4,3}

N_{1,2} N_{2,2} N_{3,2} N_{4,2} N_{5,2}

N_{1,1} N_{2,1} N_{3,1} N_{4,1} N_{5,1} N_{6,1}

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B-Spline Curve

- ◆ Each basis function is positive or zero for all parameter values, i.e., N_{i,k} ≥ 0
- ◆ The sum of the B-spline basis functions for any parameter value t is one, i.e., $\sum_{i=1}^{n+1} N_{i,k}(t) = 1$
- ◆ Except for k=1, each basis has precisely one maximum.
- ◆ B-spline curve of order k (degree k-1) is c^{k-2} continuous everywhere.
- ◆ The maximum order of B-spline curve is equal to the number of defining polygon vertices.
- ◆ B-spline curve exhibits the variation diminishing property.
- ◆ B-spline curve generally follows the shape of the defining polygon.
- ◆ P(t) and its derivatives of order 1,2,-----k-2, are all contains over the entire curve.

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B-Spline Curve

- B-spline curve lies within the union of convex hulls formed by k successive defining polygon vertices.
- Convex hull property of B-spline curves is stronger than Bezier Curves.

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Linear Segment in B-Spline Curve

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B-Spline Curve

If at least $k-1$ coincident defining polygon vertices occur i.e., $B_i = B_{i+1} = \dots = B_{i+k-2}$ then convex hull of B_i to B_{i+k-2} is the vertex itself. Hence the resulting B-spline curve must pass through the vertex B_i .

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B-Spline Curve: Knot Vectors

Fundamentally three types of knot vector are used:
Uniform, Open uniform, Non-uniform

In a **uniform knot vector**, knot values are uniformly / evenly spaced

0	1	2	3	4
-0.2	-0.1	0	0.1	0.2

In practice uniform knot vectors begin at zero are incremented by 1 to some maximum value or normalized in the range between 0 to 1. i.e.,

0	0.25	0.5	0.75	1.0
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For a given order k uniform knot vector yield periodic uniform basis function for which

$$N_{i,k}(t) = N_{i-1,k}(t-1) = N_{i+1,k}(t-1)$$

Each basis function is a translate of the other

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B-Spline Curve: Knot Vectors

An **open uniform knot vector** has multiplicity of knot values at the ends equal to the order K of B-Spline function. Internal knot values are evenly spaced, e.g.

$k=2$	[0 0 1 2 3 4 4]
$k=3$	[0 0 0 1 2 3 3 3]
$k=4$	[0 0 0 0 1 2 2 2 2]

or for normalized increments

$k=2$	[0 0 $\frac{1}{4}$ $\frac{1}{4}$ 1 1]
$k=3$	[0 0 0 $\frac{1}{4}$ $\frac{1}{4}$ 1 1 1]
$k=4$	[0 0 0 0 $\frac{1}{4}$ $\frac{1}{4}$ 1 1 1 1]

Formally an open uniform knot vector is given by

$x_i = 0$	$1 \leq i \leq k$
$x_i = i-k$	$k+1 \leq i \leq n+1$
$x_i = n-k+2$	$n+2 \leq i \leq n+k+1$

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B-Spline Curve: Knot Vectors

The resulting **open uniform basis function** yields a curve that behave nearly like Bezier curves.

When number of defining polygon vertices are equal to the order of the B-Spline basis and an open uniform knot vector is used the B-Spline basis is reduced to the Bernstein basis, hence the resulting B-spline curve is a Bezier curve.

In that case knot vector [0 0 0 1 1 1 1] with four polygon vertices results in a cubic Bezier Curve.

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B-Spline Curve: Knot Vectors

Non uniform knot vectors may have either unequally spaced and/or multiple internal knot values, they may be periodic or open. e. g.

[0 0 0 1 1 2 2 2]
[0 1 2 2 3 4]
[0 0.28 0.5 0.72 1]

Basis function for $n+1 = 5, k = 3$

[x] = [0 0 0 1 2 3 3] [x] = [0 0 0.4 2.6 3 3 3]
[x] = [0 0 0 1.8 2.2 3 3 3] [x] = [0 0 0 1 1 3 3 3]

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Calculating Periodic Basis Function

Calculate four third order ($k=3$) basis function

$$N_{(i,3)}(t), i = 1, 2, 3, 4$$

Here $n+1$, the number of basis function is 4, and curve is

$$p(t) = N_{1,3}B_1 + N_{2,3}B_2 + N_{3,3}B_3 + N_{4,3}B_4$$

The basis function dependencies for $N_{i,3}$ are as:

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Calculating Periodic Basis Function

$$N_{(i,3)}(t), i = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } x_i \leq t < x_{i+1} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Now knot vector range needed:

$$N_{i,k}(t) = \frac{(t - x_i) N_{i,k-1}(t)}{x_{i+k-1} - x_i} + \frac{(x_{i+k} - t) N_{i+1,k-1}(t)}{x_{i+k} - x_{i+1}}$$

Equation shows that calculation of $N_{6,1}$ requires knot values x_6 and x_7 , while calculation of $N_{1,1}$ requires x_1 and x_2 . Thus knot values from 0 to $n+k$ are required.

Number of knot values is thus $n+k+1$. Hence the knot vector:

[x] = [0 1 2 3 4 5 6]

Where $x_1=0, x_2=1, \dots, x_7=6$ and Parameter range is $0 \leq t \leq 6$.

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Calculating Periodic Basis Function

The basis function for various parameter ranges are:

$0 \leq t < 1$

$$N_{1,1}(t) = 1, \quad N_{i,1}(t) = 0, \quad i \neq 1$$

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

$$N_{1,3}(t) = \frac{t^2}{2}, \quad N_{i,3}(t) = 0, \quad i \neq 1$$

$1 \leq t < 2$

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

$$N_{1,2}(t) = (2-t), \quad N_{2,2}(t) = (t-1), \quad N_{i,2}(t) = 0, \quad i \neq 1, 2$$

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

$$N_{2,3}(t) = \frac{(t-1)^2}{2}, \quad N_{i,3}(t) = 0, \quad i \neq 1, 2, 3$$

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Calculating Periodic Basis Function

$2 \leq t < 3$

$$N_{3,1}(t) = 1, \quad N_{i,1}(t) = 0, \quad i \neq 3$$

$$N_{2,2}(t) = (3-t), \quad N_{3,2}(t) = (t-2), \quad N_{i,2}(t) = 0, \quad i \neq 2, 3$$

$$N_{1,3}(t) = \frac{(3-t)^2}{2}; \quad N_{2,3}(t) = \frac{(t-1)(3-t)}{2} + \frac{(4-t)(t-2)}{2};$$

$$N_{3,3}(t) = \frac{(t-2)^2}{2}, \quad N_{i,3}(t) = 0, \quad i \neq 1, 2, 3$$

$3 \leq t < 4$

$$N_{4,1}(t) = 1, \quad N_{i,1}(t) = 0, \quad i \neq 4$$

$$N_{3,2}(t) = (4-t), \quad N_{4,2}(t) = (t-3), \quad N_{i,2}(t) = 0, \quad i \neq 3, 4$$

$$N_{2,3}(t) = \frac{(4-t)^2}{2}; \quad N_{3,3}(t) = \frac{(t-2)(4-t)}{2} + \frac{(5-t)(t-3)}{2};$$

$$N_{4,3}(t) = \frac{(t-3)^2}{2}, \quad N_{i,3}(t) = 0, \quad i \neq 2, 3, 4$$

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Calculating Periodic Basis Function

$4 \leq t < 5$

$$N_{5,1}(t) = 1, \quad N_{i,1}(t) = 0, \quad i \neq 5$$

$$N_{4,2}(t) = (5-t), \quad N_{5,2}(t) = (t-4), \quad N_{i,2}(t) = 0, \quad i \neq 4, 5;$$

$$N_{3,3}(t) = \frac{(5-t)^2}{2};$$

$$N_{4,3}(t) = \frac{(t-3)(5-t)}{2} + \frac{(6-t)(t-4)}{2};$$

$$N_{i,3}(t) = 0; \quad i \neq 3, 4$$

$5 \leq t < 6$

$$N_{1,1}(t) = 1, \quad N_{i,1}(t) = 0, \quad i \neq 1$$

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

$$N_{1,3}(t) = \frac{t^2}{2}, \quad N_{i,3}(t) = 0, \quad i \neq 1$$

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Periodic Basis Functions

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

$0 \leq t < 1$

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

$1 \leq t < 2$

$N_{3,1}(t) = 1,$

$2 \leq t < 3$

$N_{4,1}(t) = 1,$

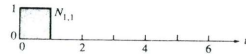
$3 \leq t < 4$

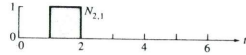
$N_{5,1}(t) = 1,$

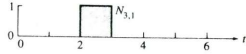
$4 \leq t < 5$

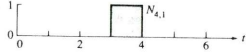
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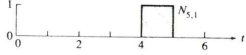
$5 \leq t < 6$

 $N_{1,1}$

 $N_{2,1}$

 $N_{3,1}$

 $N_{4,1}$

 $N_{5,1}$

 $N_{6,1}$

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Periodic Basis Functions

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

$0 \leq t < 1$

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

$1 \leq t < 2$

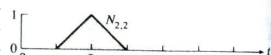
$N_{2,2}(t) = (t-1)$

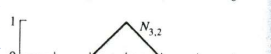
$1 \leq t < 2$

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

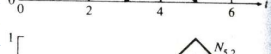
$2 \leq t < 3$

 $N_{1,2}$

 $N_{2,2}$

 $N_{3,2}$

 $N_{4,2}$

 $N_{5,2}$

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Periodic Basis Functions

$N_{1,3}(t) = \frac{t^2}{2},$

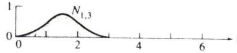
$0 \leq t < 1$

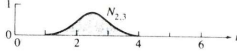
$N_{1,3}(t) = \frac{t}{2}(2-t) + \left(\frac{3-t}{2}\right)(t-1),$

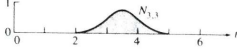
$1 \leq t < 2$

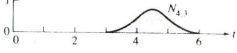
$N_{1,3}(t) = \frac{(3-t)^2}{2},$

$2 \leq t < 3$

 $N_{1,3}$

 $N_{2,3}$

 $N_{3,3}$

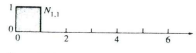
 $N_{4,3}$

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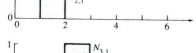
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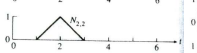
Periodic Basis Functions

 $N_{1,3}$

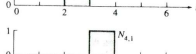
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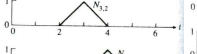
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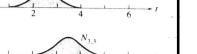
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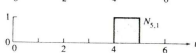
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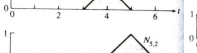
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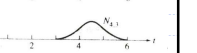
 $N_{7,3}$

 $N_{8,3}$

 $N_{9,3}$

 $N_{10,3}$

 $N_{11,3}$

 $N_{12,3}$

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Calculating Open Uniform Basis Function

Calculate four (n=3) third order basis function (k=3) basis function $N_{i,3}$
 $i=1,2,3,4$. with an open knot vector.

Open knot vector with integer intervals between internal knot values is

$x_i=0$

$1 \leq i \leq k$

$x_i = i-k$

$k+1 \leq i \leq n+1$

$x_i = n-k+2$

$n+2 \leq i \leq n+k+1$

Parameter range is $0 \leq t \leq n-k+2$, i.e., zero to maximum knot value and number of knot values $n+k+1$

Therefore the knot vector is:

$[x] = [0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 2 \ 2 \ 2]$

Where $x_1=0, x_2=0 \dots x_7=2$ and Parameter and range is $0 \leq t \leq 2$.

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Calculating Open Uniform Basis Function

The basis function for various parameter ranges are:

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$N_{3,1}(t) = 1$

$N_{i,1}(t) = 0$

$i \neq 3$

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

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

$N_{i,2}(t) = 0$

$i \neq 2,3$

$N_{1,3}(t) = (1-t)^2$

$N_{2,3}(t) = t(1-t) + (2-t)t/2$

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

$N_{i,3}(t) = 0$

$i \neq 1,2,3$

$1 \leq t < 2$

$N_{4,1}(t) = 1$

$N_{i,1}(t) = 0$

$i \neq 4$

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

$N_{4,2}(t) = (t-1)$

$N_{i,2}(t) = 0$

$i \neq 3,4$

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

$N_{3,3}(t) = t(2-t)/2 + (2-t)(t-1)$

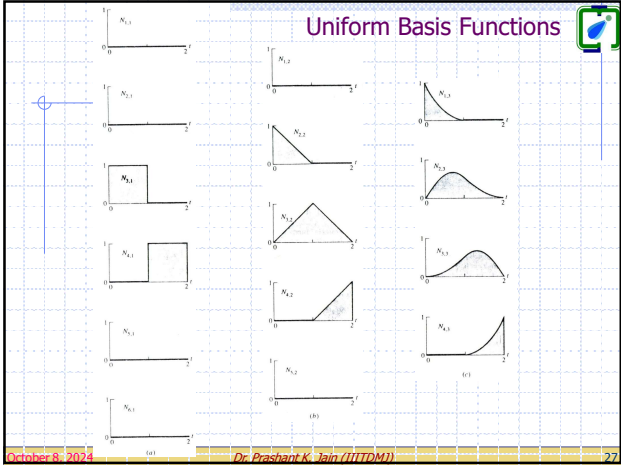
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$N_{i,3}(t) = 0$

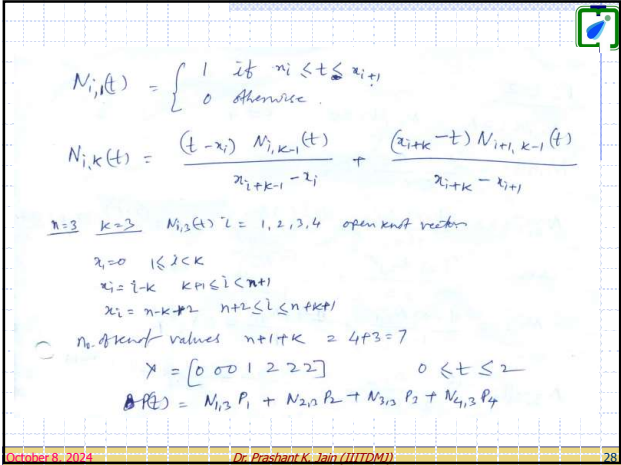
$i \neq 2,3,4$

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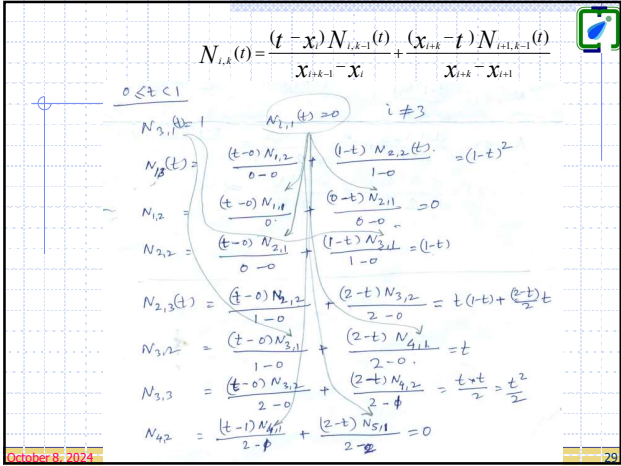
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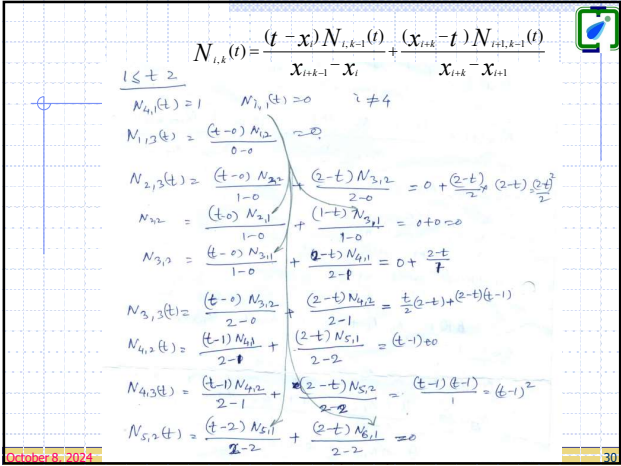
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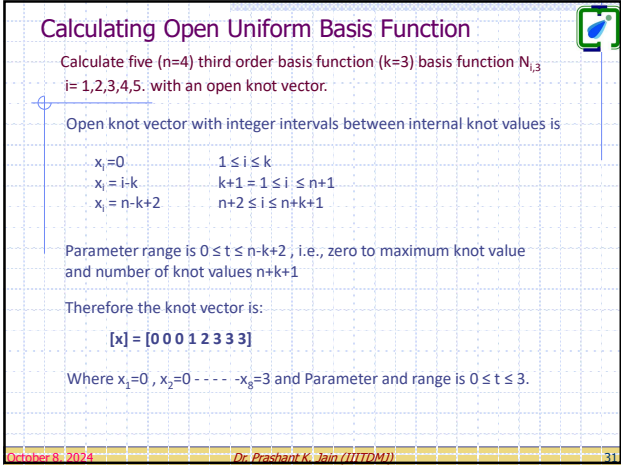
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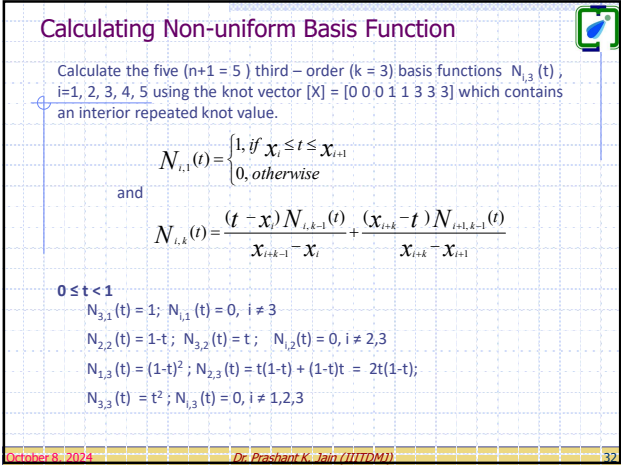
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Calculating Non-uniform Basis Function

$1 \leq t < 1$

- $N_{1,1}(t) = 0$, all i
- $N_{1,2}(t) = 0$, all i
- $N_{1,3}(t) = 0$, all i

Notice specifically that as a consequence of the multiple knot value, $N_{4,1}(t) = 0$ for all t .

$1 \leq t < 3$

- $N_{5,1}(t) = 1$; $N_{1,1}(t) = 0$, $i \neq 5$
- $N_{4,2}(t) = (3-t)/2$; $N_{5,2}(t) = (t-1)/2$; $N_{1,2}(t) = 0$, $i \neq 4, 5$
- $N_{3,3}(t) = (3-t)^2/4$;
- $N_{4,3}(t) = (t-1)(3-t)/4 + (3-t)(t-1)/4 = (3-t)(t-1)/2$;
- $N_{5,3}(t) = (t-1)^2/4$; $N_{1,3}(t) = 0$, $i \neq 3, 4, 5$

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Calculating Non-uniform Basis Function

$0 \leq t < 1$

Notice that for each value of t the $\sum N_{i,k}(t) = 1.0$. For example, with

$$\sum_{i=1}^5 N_{i,3}(t) = (1-t)^2 + 2t(1-t) + t^2 = 1 - 2t + t^2 + 2t - 2t^2 + t^2 = 1$$

Similarly, for $1 \leq t < 3$

$$\sum_{i=1}^5 N_{i,3}(t) = \frac{1}{4}[(3-t)^2 + 2(3-t)(t-1) + (t-1)^2] = \frac{1}{4}[9 - 6t + t^2 - 6t + 8t - 2t^2 + 1 - 2t + t^2] = 4/4 = 1$$

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Flexibility in B-Spline Curves

- The shape of B-spline curve can be controlled by :
 - Changing type of knot vector and hence basis function
 - Changing order (k) of the basis function
 - Using multiple polygon vertices
 - Using multiple knot value in the knot vector
 - Changing number and position of defining polygon vertices

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Effect of varying order on open B-spline curve

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Effect of multiple or coincident vertices

Multiple vertices at B_2 , $k=4$

For $k=4$

- 1= $[0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 1\ 1\ 1\ 1]$
 $[B_1\ B_2\ B_3\ B_4]$
- 2= $[0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 1\ 2\ 2\ 2]$
 $[B_1\ B_2\ B_2\ B_2\ B_3\ B_4]$
- 3= $[0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 1\ 2\ 3\ 3\ 3\ 3]$
 $[B_1\ B_2\ B_2\ B_2\ B_2\ B_3\ B_3\ B_4]$

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Local control of B-Spline Curves

Changing position of defining polygon vertices at B_5

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Derivatives of B spline curve at any point

$$p(t) = \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} B_i N_{i,k}(t)$$
$$p'(t) = \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} B_i N'_{i,k}(t)$$
$$N'_{i,k}(t) = \frac{N_{i,k-1}(t)(t-x_i)N'_{i,k-1}(t) + (x_{i+k}-t)N'_{i+k-1}(t) - N_{i+k-1}(t)}{x_{i+k-1}-x_i} - \frac{N_{i+k-1}(t)(t-x_{i+k})N'_{i+k-1}(t) + (x_{i+k+1}-t)N'_{i+k+1}(t) - N_{i+k+1}(t)}{x_{i+k}-x_{i+1}}$$
$$N'_{i,1}(t) = 0$$

for all t and for k=2

$$N'_{i,2}(t) = \frac{N_{i,1}(t)}{x_{i+k-1}-x_i} - \frac{N'_{i+1,1}(t)}{x_{i+k}-x_{i+1}}$$

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Derivatives of B spline curve at any point

$$p''(t) = \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} B_i N''_{i,k}(t)$$
$$N''_{i,k}(t) = \frac{2N_{i,k-1}(t) + (t-x_i)N''_{i,k-1}(t) + (x_{i+k}-t)N''_{i+k-1}(t) - 2N_{i+k-1}(t)}{x_{i+k-1}-x_i} - \frac{2N_{i+k-1}(t) + (t-x_{i+k})N''_{i+k-1}(t) + (x_{i+k+1}-t)N''_{i+k+1}(t) - 2N_{i+k+1}(t)}{x_{i+k}-x_{i+1}}$$
$$N''_{i,1}(t) = 0 \text{ and } N''_{i,2}(t) = 0 \text{ For all t.}$$

For k=3

$$N''_{i,3}(t) = 2 \left(\frac{N'_{i,2}(t)}{x_{i+k-1}-x_i} - \frac{N'_{i+1,2}(t)}{x_{i+k}-x_{i+1}} \right)$$

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Numericals: Calculating an open B-Spline Curve

Given $B_1 [1,1]$, $B_2 [2,3]$, $B_3 [4,3]$ and $B_4 [3,1]$ the vertices of a polygon. Calculate both second and fourth – order B – Spline curves.

For k= 2 the open knot vector is [0 0 1 2 3 3]

Where $x_1 = 0$, $x_2 = 0$, ..., $x_6 = 3$. The parameter range is $0 \leq t \leq 3$. The curve is composed of three linear (k-1 =1) segments. For $0 \leq t \leq 3$ the basis functions are :

$0 \leq t < 1$
 $N_{2,1}(t) = 1$; $N_{i,1}(t) = 0$, $i \neq 2$
 $N_{1,2}(t) = 1-t$; $N_{2,2}(t) = t$; $N_{i,2}(t) = 0$, $i \neq 1,2$

$1 \leq t < 2$
 $N_{3,1}(t) = 1$; $N_{i,1}(t) = 0$, $i \neq 3$
 $N_{2,2}(t) = 2-t$; $N_{3,2}(t) = (t-1)$; $N_{i,2}(t) = 0$, $i \neq 2,3$

$2 \leq t < 3$
 $N_{4,1}(t) = 1$; $N_{i,1}(t) = 0$, $i \neq 4$
 $N_{3,2}(t) = (3-t)$; $N_{4,2}(t) = (t-2)$; $N_{i,2}(t) = 0$, $i \neq 3,4$

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Numericals: Calculating an open B-Spline Curve

Using equation $p(t) = \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} B_i N_{i,k}(t)$ $t_{\min} < t \leq t_{\max}$ $2 < k \leq n+1$

The parametric B-Spline curve is $P(t) = B_1 N_{1,2}(t) + B_2 N_{2,2}(t) + B_3 N_{3,2}(t) + B_4 N_{4,2}(t)$

For each of these intervals the curve is given by

$P(t) = (1-t)B_1 + tB_2 = B_1 + (B_2 - B_1)t \quad 0 \leq t < 1$
 $P(t) = (2-t)B_2 + (t-1)B_3 = B_2 + (B_3 - B_2)t \quad 1 \leq t < 2$
 $P(t) = (3-t)B_3 + (t-2)B_4 = B_3 + (B_4 - B_3)t \quad 2 \leq t < 3$

In each case the result is the equation of the parametric straight line for the polygon span, i.e., the 'curve' is the defining polygon.

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Numericals: Calculating an open B-Spline Curve

For k=4 the order of the curve is equal to the number of defining polygon vertices.

Thus the B-spline curve reduces to a Bezier curve. The knot vector with $t_{\max} = n-k+2 = 3-4+2=1$ is [0 0 0 1 1 1 1].

The basis functions are:

$0 \leq t < 1$
 $N_{4,1}(t) = 1$; $N_{i,1}(t) = 0$, $i \neq 4$
 $N_{3,2}(t) = (1-t)$; $N_{4,2}(t) = t$; $N_{i,2}(t) = 0$, $i \neq 3,4$
 $N_{2,3}(t) = (1-t)^2$; $N_{3,3}(t) = 2t(1-t)$; $N_{i,3}(t) = 0$, $i \neq 2,3,4$
 $N_{1,4}(t) = (1-t)^3$; $N_{2,4}(t) = 3t(1-t)^2$; $N_{i,4}(t) = 0$, $i \neq 1,2,3,4$
 $N_{3,4}(t) = 3t^2(1-t)$; $N_{4,4}(t) = t^3$

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Numericals: Calculating an open B-Spline Curve

Using equation $p(t) = \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} B_i N_{i,k}(t)$ $t_{\max}$

The parametric B-Spline curve is $P(t) = B_1 N_{1,4}(t) + B_2 N_{2,4}(t) + B_3 N_{3,4}(t) + B_4 N_{4,4}(t)$

$P(t) = (1-t)^3 B_1 + 3t(1-t)^2 B_2 + 3t^2(1-t) B_3 + t^3 B_4$

Thus, at t=0 $P(0) = B_1$

Thus, at t=1 $P(1) = B_4$

In this case B Spline curve reduces to Bezier Curve

and at t= 1/2 $P(\frac{1}{2}) = \frac{1}{8}B_1 + \frac{3}{8}B_2 + \frac{3}{8}B_3 + \frac{1}{8}B_4$

and $P(\frac{1}{2}) = \frac{1}{8}[1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1] + \frac{3}{8}[2 \ 3] + \frac{3}{8}[4 \ 3] + \frac{1}{8}[3 \ 1]$
 $= [11/4 \ 5/2]$

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