

3D Object Representations

The image shows various ways to represent 3D objects: a hierarchical tree structure, a sphere in a 3D coordinate system, a sine wave graph, and several geometric primitives like cubes, cylinders, and spheres.

3D Object Representations

- graphics scenes contain
 - ◆ solid geometric objects
 - ◆ trees, flowers, clouds, rocks, water
- representations
 - ◆ surface ↔ interior models
 - ◆ procedural models
 - ◆ physically based models
- boundary representations (B-reps)
- space-partitioning representations

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Constructive Solid Geometry

- **C**onstructive **S**olid **G**eometry (CSG)
 - ◆ boolean set operations on 3D objects
 - ◆ union, intersection, difference operation

combining 2 objects with a union operation, producing a single composite object

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CSG: Different Set Operations

The diagram shows three operations: intersection (∩) of a cylinder and a cube, union (∪) of a cylinder and a cube, and difference (−) of a cube from a cylinder.

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CSG Data Structure

Every object is assembled from simple solids with **set operations**

data structure: **binary tree**

recursive evaluation

The diagram shows a binary tree where the root node is a set operation (∩) combining a blue cube and a green cylinder. The blue cube node is further broken down into a union (∪) of a red cube and a green cylinder, and a difference (−) of a green cylinder from a red cube. The green cylinder node is further broken down into a union (∪) of a red sphere and a green cylinder.

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Operations with CSG Trees

- **transformations**
 - ◆ multiplication of all transformation matrices with the matrix of this transformation
- **combinations**
 - ◆ generate a new node with the desired operator and link the operands as subtrees to it

A op B:

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Rendering of CSG Trees

- transform into B-Rep and use normal hidden surface algorithm
- or
- render directly with ray tracing

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Properties of CSG

- advantages
 - exact representation
 - low memory cost
 - combinations and transformations trivial
- disadvantages
 - rendering effort is high

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Ray-Casting Methods for CSG (1)

- visibility processing

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Ray-Casting Methods for CSG (2)

- determining surface limits

Operation

- obj₁
- obj₂

{A, B} {C, D}

Operation	Result
Union	{A, D}
Intersection	{C, B}
Difference	{A, C}

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Ray-Casting Methods for CSG (3)

- volume determination

$$V_{ij} \approx A_{ij} \cdot \Delta z_{ij} \quad V \approx \sum V_{ij}$$

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Quadtrees

- hierarchical enumeration of objects
- in 2D: quadtree
 - hierarchical subdivision until a region is homogeneous

Quadrant 0	Quadrant 1
Quadrant 3	Quadrant 2

region of a 2-dim. space

0	1	2	3
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data elements in the representative quadtree node

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- area with 2^n by 2^n pixels \Rightarrow quadtree with n levels
- storage efficiency

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quadtree representation for a region containing one foreground-color pixel on a solid background

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suitable for representing (2D) images

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Octree TU
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regular space subdivision:

- simple (empty or uniform) \Rightarrow leaf node
- complex (other cases) \Rightarrow divide further

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Octrees TU
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- octree divides 3D cube into octants
- volume elements (voxels)
- set operations easy on octrees
- geometric transformations difficult on octrees

region of a 3-dim. space

data elements in the representative octree node

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Octree Simple Example

$G(wwwWSG(wwwWWWSS)SS)$

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Operations with Octrees

- **transformations**
 - ◆ **very complicated** except for a few special cases, e.g. rotation by 90° , mirroring at a subdivision plane, scalation by 2^n
- **combinations**
 - ◆ **very simple:** if A or B homogeneous \Rightarrow simple rules else combine recursively all 8 octants of A and B

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Rendering of Octrees

- **rendering algorithm:**
 - ◆ if octree node is **full**: draw the cube
 - ◆ if octree node is **empty**: do nothing
 - ◆ if octree node is **inhomogeneous**: render the 8 octants from back to front

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Properties of Octrees

- **advantages**
 - ◆ every geometry can be represented
 - ◆ combinations very simple
 - ◆ fast rendering
 - ◆ spatial search possible
- **disadvantages**
 - ◆ inexact representation
 - ◆ low image quality
 - ◆ restricted transformations
 - ◆ high memory cost

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Octree Example

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Other 3D Object Representations

- BSP trees
- fractal geometry methods
- shape grammars, procedural models
- particle systems
- physically based modeling
- visualization of data sets
- ...

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Curved Lines and Surfaces



- defined by
 - ◆ mathematical functions (implicit, explicit, parametrically)
 - ◆ set of data points (surface fitting)
- tessellation to get polygon mesh approximation
 - ◆ triangles
 - ◆ quadrilaterals ... (planar?!)

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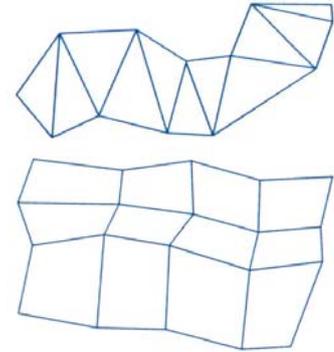
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Polygon Meshes



- efficient data structures for tiled surfaces
- triangle strip
 - ◆ n-2 triangles for n vertices
- quadrilateral mesh
 - ◆ (n-1)x(m-1) quadrilaterals



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Quadric Surfaces



- defined by second degree equations (quadrics)
 - ◆ sphere
 - ◆ ellipsoid
 - ◆ torus
 - ◆ paraboloid
 - ◆ hyperboloid
 - ◆ ...

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Quadric Surfaces: Sphere

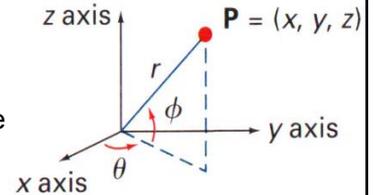


- implicit: $\mathbf{x}^2 + \mathbf{y}^2 + \mathbf{z}^2 = \mathbf{r}^2$
- parametric:

$$\begin{aligned} x &= r \cos\phi \cos\theta, & -\pi/2 \leq \phi \leq \pi/2 \\ y &= r \cos\phi \sin\theta, & -\pi \leq \theta \leq \pi \\ z &= r \sin\phi \end{aligned}$$



parametric coordinate position (r, θ, ϕ) on the surface of a sphere with radius r



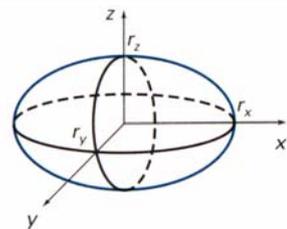
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Quadric Surfaces: Ellipsoid



- implicit:

$$\left(\frac{x}{r_x}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{y}{r_y}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{z}{r_z}\right)^2 = 1$$



- parametric:

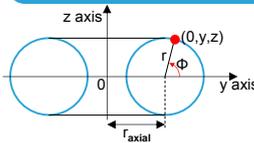
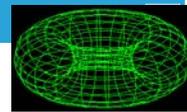
$$\begin{aligned} x &= r_x \cos\phi \cos\theta, & -\pi/2 \leq \phi \leq \pi/2 \\ y &= r_y \cos\phi \sin\theta, & -\pi \leq \theta \leq \pi \\ z &= r_z \sin\phi \end{aligned}$$

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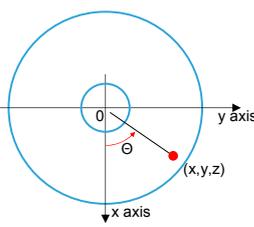
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Quadric Surfaces: Torus



$$(\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} - r_{\text{axial}})^2 + z^2 = r^2$$



$$\begin{aligned} x &= (r_{\text{axial}} + r \cos\Phi) \cos\Theta \\ y &= (r_{\text{axial}} + r \cos\Phi) \sin\Theta \\ z &= r \sin\Phi \end{aligned}$$



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Free Form Surfaces

- can be represented by
 - huge number of points (or polygons)
 - arbitrary shapes possible
 - large memory requirements
 - changes cause much work
 - corners after scaling!
 - modeling?
 - mathematical functions
 - only for some shape categories
 - marginal memory requirements
 - changes are rather simple
 - definition arbitrarily exact
 - modeling!

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Nonparametric ↔ Parametric

$y = f(x)$	$x = f(t)$ $y = g(t)$
axis dependent	axis independent
example: $y = \sqrt{1-x^2}$	$x = \cos(t)$ $y = \sin(t)$

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Properties of Curves

- interpolating or approximating control points?
- degree of continuity at concatenations (C, G)
- oscillatory behaviour compact or overswinging?
- global or local influence of control points
- axis (in)dependence (does the curve change when the coordinate system is rotated?)
- multiple points possible? (for closed curves and corners)
- possible curve forms

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Spline Representations

- spline curve
 - composite curve
 - polynomial sections, piecewise continuous
 - continuity conditions
- spline surface
 - two sets of orthogonal spline curves

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Spline Curves

- spline specification with control points
- interpolating splines
- approximating splines

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Spines: Control Polygon

(also called „Characteristic Polygon“)

polygon defining the curve

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Spline Properties

- operations on splines
 - move, insert control points
 - spline transformation by transforming all control points
- convex hull property

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Spline: Continuity Conditions (1)

- parametric continuity conditions (C^n)
 - derivations at section joints are equal
$$x = x(u) \quad y = y(u) \quad z = z(u) \quad u_1 \leq u \leq u_2$$
- C^0 continuity
- C^1 continuity
- C^2 continuity

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Spline: Continuity Conditions (2)

- geometric continuity conditions (G^n)
 - derivations at section joints are proportional
 - $G^0 (=C^0)$ continuity
 - G^1 continuity (tangent vectors are collinear)
 - G^2 continuity

tangent vector of C_3 at p_1 has a greater magnitude than the tangent vector of C_1 at p_1

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Cubic Spline Interpolation

- $n+1$ control points

$$p_k = (x_k, y_k, z_k) \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$$
- cubic polynomial $P_k(u)$ between each pair of control points

$$P_k(u) = a_k u^3 + b_k u^2 + c_k u + d_k$$

$$k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1, \quad 0 \leq u \leq 1$$

Natural Cubic Splines

- adjacent curve segments have the same first and second derivative (C^2 continuity)
- solving an equation system with $4n$ variables
- two extra conditions required (e.g., $P_0''(0) = 0, P_{n-1}''(1) = 0$)
- global influence of control points

$$P_k(0) = p_k, \quad k = 0, \dots, n-1$$

$$P_k(1) = p_{k+1}, \quad k = 0, \dots, n-1$$

$$P_k'(1) = P_{k+1}'(0), \quad k = 0, \dots, n-2$$

$$P_k''(1) = P_{k+1}''(0), \quad k = 0, \dots, n-2$$

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Hermite Interpolation (1)

- tangent Dp_{k+1} specified at each control point
- local influence of control points

$$P_k(0) = p_k \quad k = 0, \dots, n-1$$

$$P_k(1) = p_{k+1}$$

$$P_k'(0) = Dp_k$$

$$P_k'(1) = Dp_{k+1}$$

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Hermite Interpolation (2) TU
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$$P_k(u) = a_k u^3 + b_k u^2 + c_k u + d_k \quad 0 \leq u \leq 1$$

$$P_k(u) = \begin{bmatrix} u^3 & u^2 & u & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} a_k \\ b_k \\ c_k \\ d_k \end{bmatrix} \quad P_k'(u) = \begin{bmatrix} 3u^2 & 2u & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} a_k \\ b_k \\ c_k \\ d_k \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{matrix} P_k(0) = p_k \\ P_k(1) = p_{k+1} \\ P_k'(0) = Dp_k \\ P_k'(1) = Dp_{k+1} \end{matrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} p_k \\ p_{k+1} \\ Dp_k \\ Dp_{k+1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} a_k \\ b_k \\ c_k \\ d_k \end{bmatrix}$$

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Hermite Interpolation (3) TU
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$$\begin{bmatrix} a_k \\ b_k \\ c_k \\ d_k \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} p_k \\ p_{k+1} \\ Dp_k \\ Dp_{k+1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 & 1 & 1 \\ -3 & 3 & -2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} p_k \\ p_{k+1} \\ Dp_k \\ Dp_{k+1} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_k \\ b_k \\ c_k \\ d_k \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{M}_H \cdot \begin{bmatrix} p_k \\ p_{k+1} \\ Dp_k \\ Dp_{k+1} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{Hermite matrix}$$

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Hermite Interpolation (4) TU
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$$P_k(u) = \begin{bmatrix} u^3 & u^2 & u & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} a_k \\ b_k \\ c_k \\ d_k \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{M}_H \cdot \begin{bmatrix} p_k \\ p_{k+1} \\ Dp_k \\ Dp_{k+1} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P_k(u) = \begin{bmatrix} u^3 & u^2 & u & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \mathbf{M}_H \cdot \begin{bmatrix} p_k \\ p_{k+1} \\ Dp_k \\ Dp_{k+1} \end{bmatrix}$$

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Hermite Interpolation (5) TU
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$$P_k(u) = p_k(2u^3 - 3u^2 + 1) + p_{k+1}(-2u^3 + 3u^2) + Dp_k(u^3 - 2u^2 + u) + Dp_{k+1}(u^3 - u^2)$$

$$P_k(u) = p_k H_0(u) + p_{k+1} H_1(u) + Dp_k H_2(u) + Dp_{k+1} H_3(u)$$

■ $H_k(u)$ blending functions:

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Bézier Curves and Surfaces TU
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- spline approximation for points $p_i, i=0, \dots, n$

$$P(u) = \sum_{k=0}^n p_k \text{BEZ}_{k,n}(u) \quad 0 \leq u \leq 1$$

- Bernstein polynomials

$$\text{BEZ}_{k,n}(u) = \binom{n}{k} u^k (1-u)^{n-k}$$

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Cubic Bézier Blending Functions TU
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$$P(u) = (1-u)^3 \cdot p_0 + 3u(1-u)^2 \cdot p_1 + 3u^2(1-u) \cdot p_2 + u^3 \cdot p_3$$

the 4 Bézier blending functions for cubic curves ($n=3$)

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2-Dim. Bézier Curves Examples

generated from 3, 4, and 5 control points

Bézier Curves Properties

- $P(u)$ polynomial of degree n , global influence
- $P(u)$ interpolates start and endpoint
 $P(0) = p_0, \quad P(1) = p_n$
- tangents at start and endpoint
 $P'(0) = -np_0 + np_1$
 $P'(1) = -np_{n-1} + np_n$
- convex hull property

$$\sum_{k=0}^n BEZ_{k,n}(u) = 1$$

Bézier Curves Design Techniques (1)

a **closed Bézier curve** generated by setting: first = last control point

a Bézier curve can be made to pass closer to a given coordinate position by assigning **multiple control points** to that position

Bézier Curves Design Techniques (2)

piecewise approximation curve formed with 2 Bézier sections. 0-order and 1st-order continuity (C^0, C^1 continuity) are attained by setting $p_0' = p_2$ and by making $p_1, p_2,$ and p_1' collinear.

Cubic Bézier Curve Matrix Notation

$$P(u) = (1-u)^3 \cdot p_0 + 3u(1-u)^2 \cdot p_1 + 3u^2(1-u) \cdot p_2 + u^3 \cdot p_3$$

$$P(u) = [u^3 \quad u^2 \quad u \quad 1] \cdot M_{Bez} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} p_0 \\ p_1 \\ p_2 \\ p_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$M_{Bez} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 3 & -3 & 1 \\ 3 & -6 & 3 & 0 \\ -3 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Bézier Surfaces Definition

- Cartesian product of two Bézier curve bundles

$$P(u, v) = \sum_{j=0}^m \sum_{k=0}^n p_{j,k} BEZ_{j,m}(v) BEZ_{k,n}(u)$$
- $p_{j,k}$ grid of $(m+1) \times (n+1)$ control points

Bézier Surfaces Properties

the same properties as Bézier curves:

- global influence
- interpolates corner points
- tangents at corner points
- convex hull property
- 1st-order continuity connections

$L_1:L_2 = \text{constant}$

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B-Spline Curves and Surfaces

- spline approximation for points $p_i, i=0, \dots, n$

$$P(u) = \sum_{k=0}^n p_k B_{k,d}(u) \quad u_{\min} \leq u \leq u_{\max}$$

$$2 \leq d \leq n+1$$

- B-Spline blending functions
 - ◆ recursive Cox-deBoor formulas

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B-Spline Basis Functions

$$B_{k,1}(u) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } u_k \leq u \leq u_{k+1} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$B_{k,d}(u) = \frac{(u-u_k) \cdot B_{k,d-1}(u)}{u_{k+d-1} - u_k} + \frac{(u_{k+d}-u) \cdot B_{k+1,d-1}(u)}{u_{k+d} - u_{k+1}}$$

for $0 \leq u \leq n-d+2$

$$u_k = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } k < d \\ k-d+1 & \text{for } d \leq k \leq n \\ n-d+1 & \text{for } k > n \end{cases} \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{global,} \\ \text{do not change} \end{array} \right\}$$

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B-Spline Functions for d=3

$B_{0,3} \quad B_{1,3} \quad B_{2,3} \quad B_{3,3} \quad B_{4,3} \quad B_{5,3}$

$\bullet + \bullet + \bullet = 1 \quad \bullet + \bullet + \bullet = 1$

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Important Property of the $B_{k,d}$

- for all B-Spline basis functions the following property holds:

$$\sum_{k=0}^n B_{k,d}(u) = 1 \quad \text{for all } u$$

⇒ every curve point is a weighted mean of the control points

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2-Dim. B-Spline Examples

$d=3$

$d=4$

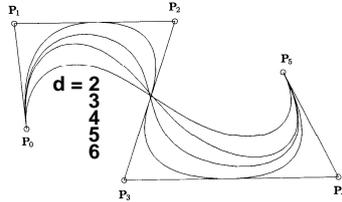
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Influence of d



- d describes, how many control points influence every point on the curve

- ◆ d = 2 linear
- ◆ d = 3 quadratic
- ◆ d = 4 cubic
- ◆ ...



- for $d=n+1$ you get **Bézier** curves!

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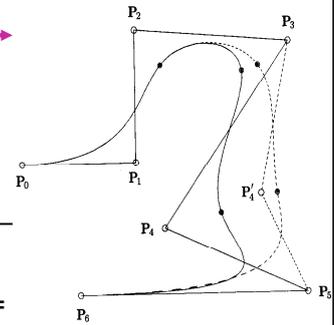


Differences B-Spline ↔ Bézier



- control points have **local influence** →
- effort only **linearly dependent on n**, therefore splitting of huge point sets not necessary

- further extension:
NonUniform Rational B-Splines = "NURBS"



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