

Multiple degree reduction and elevation of Bézier curves  
using Jacobi-Bernstein basis transformations

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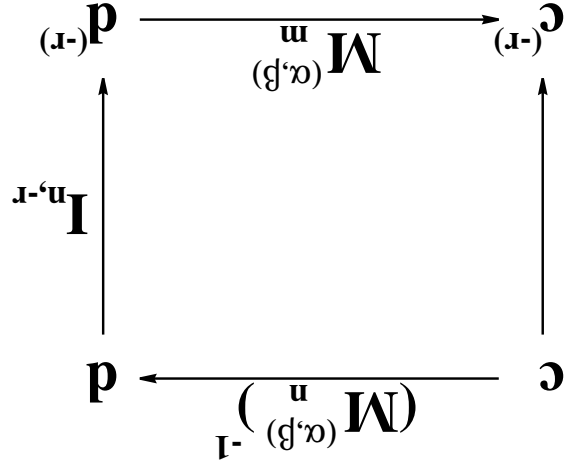
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1. Bernstein and Jacobi polynomials

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## Bernstein polynomials

$$B_n^i(t) = \binom{n}{i} (1-t)^{n-i} t^i$$

## Jacobi polynomials

$$P_n^{\alpha, \beta}(x) = \sum_{u=0}^n \binom{n-\alpha}{u} \binom{n+\beta}{n-u} (1-x)^u x^{n-u},$$

where

$$h_{(\alpha, \beta)}^n = \sqrt{\frac{(2n + \alpha + \beta + 1) \Gamma(n + 1) \Gamma(n + \alpha + \beta + 1)}{2\alpha + \beta \Gamma(n + \alpha + 1) \Gamma(n + \beta + 1)}}.$$

## Polynomials of degree $n$ and Basis Transformations

Consider a polynomial  $f(x)$  of degree  $n$ , expressed in the degree  $n$  Bernstein and Jacobi bases on  $x \in [0, 1]$ :

$$f(x) = \sum_n^{v=0} d_v P_{(\alpha, \beta)}^v(x) = \sum_n^{u=0} c_u B_n^u(x).$$

We are interested in the linear transformation

$$c_u = \sum_n^{v=0} M_{(\alpha, \beta)}^n(u, v) d_v, \quad u = 0, \dots, n,$$

that maps the Jacobi coefficients  $d_0, d_1, \dots, d_n$  into the Bernstein coefficients  $c_0, c_1, \dots, c_n$ , and its inverse.

LEMMA 1 The orthonormal Jacobi polynomial  $P_n^{(\alpha, \beta)}(x)$  of degree  $n$  has the following representation in the Bernstein basis form  $B_n^v(x)$ ,  $v = 0, 1, \dots, n$  of degree  $n$ :

$$P_n^{(\alpha, \beta)}(x) = h_{(\alpha, \beta)}^n \sum_{v=0}^n (-1)^{n-v} \frac{\binom{n}{v} \binom{n+\alpha}{v} \binom{n+\beta}{n-v}}{\binom{n}{v}} B_n^v(x).$$

LEMMA 2 Let  $P_n^{(\alpha, \beta)}(x)$  be the orthonormal Jacobi polynomial of degree  $n$ , and  $B_n^v(x)$  be the Bernstein polynomial of degree  $n$ . Then for all  $\mu, \nu = 0, 1, \dots, n$  the following integral has the value

$$\int_0^1 w(x) B_n^\nu(x) P_n^\mu(x) dx = 2^{\alpha+\beta} h_{(\alpha, \beta)}^n \sum_{i=0}^{\nu} \binom{\nu}{i} (-1)^{i-\mu} \binom{i}{\mu+\alpha} \binom{i}{\mu+\beta} h_{(\alpha, \beta)}^i (\mu - \nu - i, \nu + i),$$

where  $h_{(\alpha, \beta)}^n = B(n + \alpha + x + 1, \beta + y + 1)$ .

**THEOREM 3** The entries  $M_{(\alpha,\beta)}^n(\mu,\nu)$ ,  $\mu,\nu = 0, 1, \dots, n$  of the matrix of transformation of Bernstein polynomials into Jacobi polynomial basis of degree  $n$  are given by

$$M_{(\alpha,\beta)}^n(\mu,\nu) = \frac{\binom{n}{\mu} \binom{n}{\nu}}{\binom{n}{\alpha} \binom{n}{\beta}} \sum_{\min(\mu,\nu)}^{\max(0,\mu+\nu-n)} \binom{n-\mu}{\nu-\mu+i} \binom{n-\nu}{\nu+i} \binom{n}{\nu+i} (-1)^{\nu-i}$$

**THEOREM 4** The elements  $(M_{(\alpha,\beta)}^n)^{-1}(\mu,\nu)$ ,  $\mu,\nu = 0, 1, \dots, n$  of the matrix of transformation of the orthonormal Jacobi polynomial basis into the Bernstein polynomial basis of degree  $n$  are given by

$$(M_{(\alpha,\beta)}^n)^{-1}(\mu,\nu) = \sum_{\mu}^{\nu} \binom{\nu}{\mu} \binom{\nu}{\alpha} h_{(\alpha,\beta)}^{\nu} \binom{\nu}{\mu+\beta} \binom{\nu-i}{\mu+\beta} h_{(\alpha,\beta)}^{\mu} (-1)^{\nu-i} \binom{\nu-i}{\mu+\beta} \binom{\nu-i}{\mu+\beta} h_{(\alpha,\beta)}^{\mu} (\mu-\nu-i, \nu+i).$$

## Weighted $L_2$ -norm of the $f(x)$ with Bernstein bases

$$\|f\|_w^2 = \int_1^0 w(x) \left| \sum_{i=0}^n c_i B_i^n(x) \right|^2 dx$$

$$= \sum_1^0 \int_1^0 c_i c_j 2^{\alpha+\beta} (1-x)^{\alpha} x^{\beta} B_i^n(x) B_j^n(x) dx$$

$$= \sum_1^0 \int_1^0 c_i c_j 2^{\alpha+\beta} (1-x)^{\alpha} x^{\beta} \binom{i}{n} \binom{j}{n} (1-x)^{n-i} x^{n-j} dx$$

$$= \sum_{i,j} c_i c_j 2^{\alpha+\beta} \binom{i}{n} \binom{j}{n} b_{(\alpha,\beta)}^n (n-i-j, i+j).$$

where  $b_{(\alpha,\beta)}^n(x, y) = B(n+\alpha+x+1, \beta+y+1)$ .

Weighted  $L_2$ -norm of the polynomial  $f(x)$  is

$$\|f\|_2^w = c^t \hat{Q}_{(\alpha,\beta)}^n c.$$

where the elements of the Gram matrix  $\hat{Q}_{(\alpha,\beta)}^n$  of Bernstein basis are given by

$$\hat{Q}_{(\alpha,\beta)}^n(i,j) = 2^{\alpha+\beta} \binom{i}{n} \binom{j}{n} b_{(\alpha,\beta)}^n(n-i-j, i+j), \quad i, j = 0, 1, \dots, n.$$

$\hat{Q}_{(\alpha,\beta)}^n$  is real symmetric matrix, so there is a similar matrix  $D_{(\alpha,\beta)}^n$  to the Gram matrix  $\hat{Q}_{(\alpha,\beta)}^n$  with  $M_{(\alpha,\beta)}^n$  and can be written in the form,

$$D_{(\alpha,\beta)}^n = (M_{(\alpha,\beta)}^n)^{-1} \hat{Q}_{(\alpha,\beta)}^n M_{(\alpha,\beta)}^n.$$

$L_2$ -norm of the  $f(x)$  with Jacobi bases

$$\|f\|_2^2 = \int_1^0 w(x) \left| \sum_{i=0}^n d_i P_i^{(\alpha, \beta)}(x) \right|_2^2 dx = \sum_{i,j} d_i d_j \int_1^0 w(x) P_i^{(\alpha, \beta)}(x) P_j^{(\alpha, \beta)}(x) dx = d^t d.$$

**THEOREM 5** The matrix of transformation from the Bernstein basis into the orthonormal Jacobi basis can be computed by

$$M_{(\alpha, \beta)}^n \left( \right)_{-1}^{-1} = D_{(\alpha, \beta)}^n M_{(\alpha, \beta)}^n \left( \right)_t.$$

## Degree elevation with Bernstein coefficients

$$T_n = \frac{1}{1} \begin{pmatrix} n+1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & n & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & n-1 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & n-1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & n & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & n+1 \end{pmatrix} e^{(1)} = T^n c$$

$$T_{n,r} = T^{n+r-1} T^{n+r-2} \dots T^{n+1} T^n$$

$$e^{(r)} = T_{n,r} c$$

$$T_{n,r} \binom{i, j}{n+r} = \binom{i, j}{n} \binom{i-j}{r}$$

## Degree elevation with Jacobi coefficients

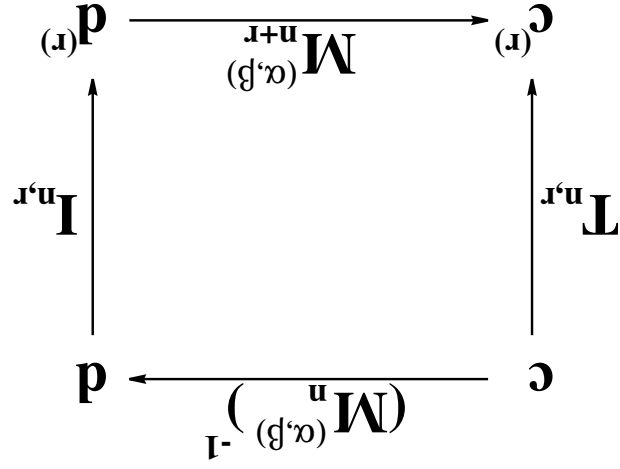
By the orthogonality of Jacobi basis, the degree elevation of a polynomial with Jacobi basis is given by

$$d = (d_0, d_1, \dots, d_n)_t$$

$$d^{(r)} = (d_0, d_1, \dots, d_n, \underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_r)_t$$

After  $r$  degree elevations, we have a linear system  $I_{n,r} l = l^{(r)}$ , where the  $(n+r+1) \times (n+1)$   $I_{n,r}$  matrix has elements

$$I_{n,r}(i, j) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i = j, \\ 0 & \text{if } i \neq j. \end{cases}$$



**THEOREM 6** *The  $r$  times degree elevation matrix  $\mathbf{T}_{n,r}$  is obtained by multiplying the matrices  $(\mathbf{M}_n^{(\alpha, \beta)^{-1}}, \mathbf{I}_{n,r}$  and  $\mathbf{M}_{n+r}^{(\alpha, \beta)}$  as follows*

$$\mathbf{T}_{n,r} = \mathbf{M}_{n+r}^{(\alpha, \beta)} \mathbf{I}_{n,r} (\mathbf{M}_n^{(\alpha, \beta)^{-1}})^{-1}.$$

## Degree Reduction with Bernstein coefficients

PROBLEM 1 (WEIGHTED  $L_2$  DEGREE REDUCTION) Let  $\{c_i\}_{i=0}^n$  be a given set of control points which define the Bézier curve

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

of degree  $n$ . Then find another point set  $\{b_i\}_{i=0}^m$  defining the approximate Bézier curve

$$b^m(t) = \sum_{i=0}^m b_i B_i^m(t)$$

of lower degree  $m < n$  so that the weighted  $L_2$ -norm distance between  $b^m$  and  $c^n$  is minimum.

**THEOREM 7** *The weighted  $L_2$ -distance between the Bézier curves  $c^n$  and  $b^m$  is given by*

$$\|b^m - c^n\|_2^w = \|b^{(r)} - c^n\|_2^w = A_t \hat{Q}_{(\alpha, \beta)}^n A,$$

where  $A := c - T_{m,r} b$ ,  $b = (b_0, b_1, \dots, b_m)^t$  and  $c = (c_0, c_1, \dots, c_n)^t$ .

To simplify the last result of  $\|b^m - c^n\|_2^w$ , we substitute the value  $A = c - T_{m,r} b$  to get

$$\|b^m - c^n\|_2^w = c_t^t \hat{Q}_{(\alpha, \beta)}^n c - 2b_t T_t^{m,r} \hat{Q}_{(\alpha, \beta)}^n c + b_t T_t^{m,r} \hat{Q}_{(\alpha, \beta)}^n T_{m,r} b. \quad (1)$$

The error in the last equation is a function of the elements of the vector  $b$ . The minimum  $\hat{b}$  in the sense of the least squares method occurs when the first partial derivatives  $\partial(A_t \hat{Q}_{(\alpha, \beta)}^n A) / \partial b$  are equal to zero. Thus, we get the following normal equations

$$T_t^{m,r} \hat{Q}_{(\alpha, \beta)}^n T_{m,r} \hat{b} = T_t^{m,r} \hat{Q}_{(\alpha, \beta)}^n c.$$

The matrix  $T_t^{m,r} Q_n^{(\alpha,\beta)}$  of dimension  $(m+r+1) \times (m+1)$  is invertible, because  $Q_n^{(\alpha,\beta)}$  is invertible, and  $T_t^{m,r} Q_n^{(\alpha,\beta)}$  is invertible, and thus it follows that the normal equations are uniquely solvable and the solution is given by

$$\hat{b} = (T_t^{m,r} Q_n^{(\alpha,\beta)} T_{m,r})^{-1} T_t^{m,r} Q_n^{(\alpha,\beta)} c.$$

The vector  $\hat{b}$  of Bézier points describes the Bézier curve of best approximation in the least-squares sense with respect to the weighted  $L_2$ -norm.

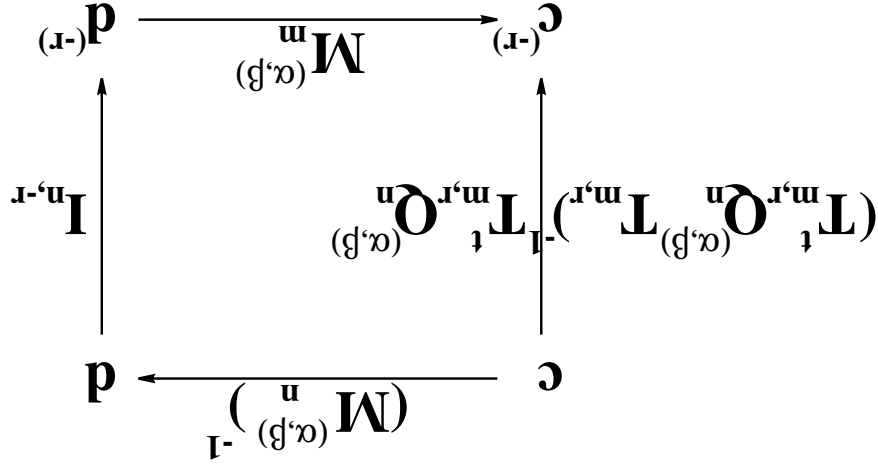
## Degree Reduction with Jacobi coefficients

By the orthogonality of Jacobi basis, the degree reduction of a polynomial with Jacobi basis is given by

$$\begin{aligned} d &= d(d_0, d_1, \dots, d_n)_t \\ d^{(-1)} &= d(d_0, d_1, \dots, d_{n-1})_t \cdot \end{aligned}$$

After  $r$  degree reductions, we have a linear system

$$d^{(-r)} = I_{n-r} d.$$



**THEOREM 8** *The degree reduction matrix can be expressed in  $(M_{(\alpha,\beta)}^n)^{-1}, I_{n,-r}$  and  $M_{(\alpha,\beta)}^m$  as*

$$R_{(\alpha,\beta)}^{m,r} = \left( T_{(\alpha,\beta)}^{m,r} T_{(\alpha,\beta)}^{n,r} \right)^{-1} T_{(\alpha,\beta)}^{n,r} M_{(\alpha,\beta)}^m I_{n,-r} (M_{(\alpha,\beta)}^n)^{-1}.$$

## Approximation Error

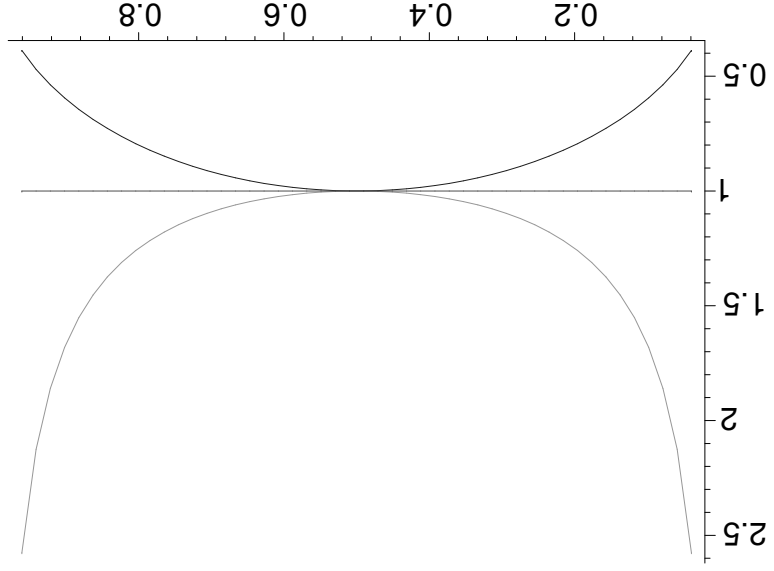
**THEOREM 9** *The error of the solution  $\hat{b}$  of the  $r$ -times degree reduction with respect to the weighted  $L_2$ -norm is*

$$\epsilon_w^2 = c^t E_{(\alpha, \beta)}^{m, r} c$$

where

$$E_{(\alpha, \beta)}^{m, r} = \hat{Q}_{(\alpha, \beta)}^n \left[ I - T_{m, r} \right] \left( T_{m, r}^t \hat{Q}_{(\alpha, \beta)}^n T_{m, r} \right)^{-1} T_{m, r}^t \hat{Q}_{(\alpha, \beta)}^n$$

**weight function  $w(x) = (2 - 2x)^\alpha (2x)^\beta$**



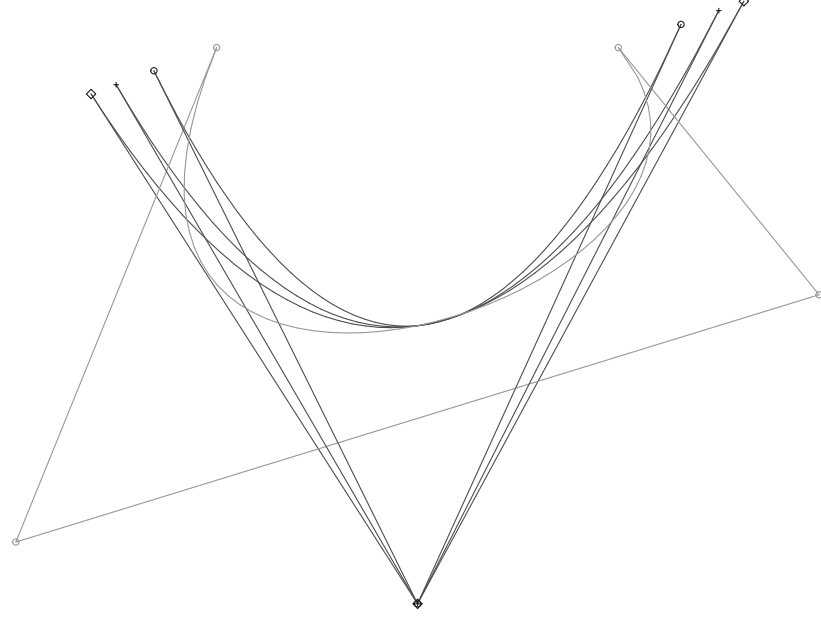
$$\begin{array}{l} \alpha = 0, \beta = 0, \\ \alpha = 1, \beta = 1, \\ \alpha = -\frac{1}{2}, \beta = \frac{1}{2}. \end{array}$$

EXAMPLE 1 ( $N=3, R=1, M=2$ ) The matrices of degree reduction  $R_{m,r}^{(\alpha,\beta)}$  and error  $E_{m,r}^{(\alpha,\beta)}$  are computed for the reduction of a polynomial of degree 3 into polynomials of degree 2 for the values  $\alpha = \beta = -1/2$ ,  $\alpha = \beta = 0$ , and  $\alpha = \beta = 1/2$ .

$$R_{2,1}^{(-\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2})} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{31}{32} & -\frac{1}{4} & \frac{32}{32} \\ \frac{3}{32} & \frac{4}{32} & -\frac{32}{32} \\ -\frac{3}{32} & \frac{4}{32} & \frac{32}{32} \\ \frac{1}{32} & -\frac{4}{32} & \frac{32}{32} \end{bmatrix}, E_{2,1}^{(-\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2})} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{32}{32} & -\frac{4}{32} & \frac{31}{32} \\ \frac{3}{32} & \frac{4}{32} & -\frac{32}{32} \\ -\frac{3}{32} & \frac{4}{32} & \frac{32}{32} \\ \frac{1}{32} & -\frac{4}{32} & \frac{32}{32} \end{bmatrix}, \frac{1024}{5\pi} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{20}{1} & -\frac{20}{3} & \frac{20}{3} & -\frac{20}{1} \\ \frac{20}{3} & -\frac{20}{9} & \frac{20}{9} & -\frac{20}{3} \\ -\frac{20}{3} & \frac{20}{9} & -\frac{20}{9} & \frac{20}{3} \\ \frac{20}{1} & -\frac{20}{3} & \frac{20}{3} & -\frac{20}{1} \end{bmatrix},$$

$$R_{2,1}^{(0,0)} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{19}{20} & -\frac{1}{4} & \frac{20}{20} \\ \frac{20}{3} & \frac{4}{32} & -\frac{20}{3} \\ -\frac{20}{3} & \frac{4}{32} & \frac{20}{3} \\ \frac{19}{20} & -\frac{1}{4} & \frac{20}{20} \end{bmatrix}, E_{2,1}^{(0,0)} = \frac{140}{1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{20}{1} & -\frac{20}{3} & \frac{20}{3} & -\frac{20}{1} \\ \frac{20}{3} & -\frac{20}{9} & \frac{20}{9} & -\frac{20}{3} \\ -\frac{20}{3} & \frac{20}{9} & -\frac{20}{9} & \frac{20}{3} \\ \frac{20}{1} & -\frac{20}{3} & \frac{20}{3} & -\frac{20}{1} \end{bmatrix},$$

$$R_{2,1}^{(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{15}{16} & -\frac{1}{4} & \frac{16}{16} \\ \frac{3}{3} & \frac{4}{32} & -\frac{16}{3} \\ -\frac{16}{3} & \frac{4}{32} & \frac{16}{3} \\ \frac{15}{16} & -\frac{1}{4} & \frac{16}{16} \end{bmatrix}, E_{2,1}^{(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})} = \frac{4096}{5\pi} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{20}{1} & -\frac{20}{3} & \frac{20}{3} & -\frac{20}{1} \\ \frac{20}{3} & -\frac{20}{9} & \frac{20}{9} & -\frac{20}{3} \\ -\frac{20}{3} & \frac{20}{9} & -\frac{20}{9} & \frac{20}{3} \\ \frac{20}{1} & -\frac{20}{3} & \frac{20}{3} & -\frac{20}{1} \end{bmatrix}.$$



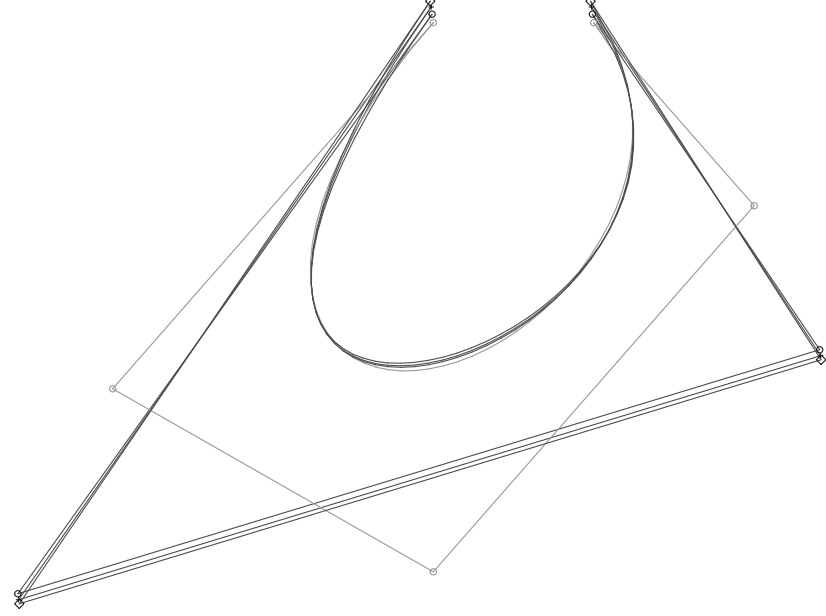
$$\begin{array}{l}
 \diamond : \alpha = \beta = \frac{2}{1} \\
 + : \alpha = \beta = 0 \\
 \circ : \alpha = \beta = -\frac{2}{1}
 \end{array}$$

EXAMPLE 2 (N=4, R=1, M=3) We compute the matrices of degree reduction  $R_{m,r}^{(\alpha,\beta)}$  and error  $E_{m,r}^{(\alpha,\beta)}$  for the reduction of a polynomial of degree 4 into a polynomial of degree 3 using Theorem 8 for the values  $\alpha = \beta = -1$ ,  $\alpha = \beta = -1/2$ ,  $\alpha = \beta = 0$ ,  $\alpha = \beta = 1/2$ .

$$R_{3,1}^{(-\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2})} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{127}{128} & \frac{33}{128} & \frac{33}{29} & \frac{33}{29} & \frac{1}{3} \\ -\frac{128}{128} & \frac{33}{29} & \frac{64}{29} & \frac{64}{29} & \frac{64}{3} \\ \frac{33}{29} & -\frac{33}{29} & \frac{29}{64} & \frac{29}{64} & \frac{3}{64} \\ -\frac{384}{29} & \frac{33}{96} & \frac{29}{64} & \frac{29}{64} & \frac{3}{64} \\ -\frac{128}{128} & \frac{33}{96} & \frac{29}{64} & \frac{29}{64} & \frac{3}{64} \end{bmatrix},$$

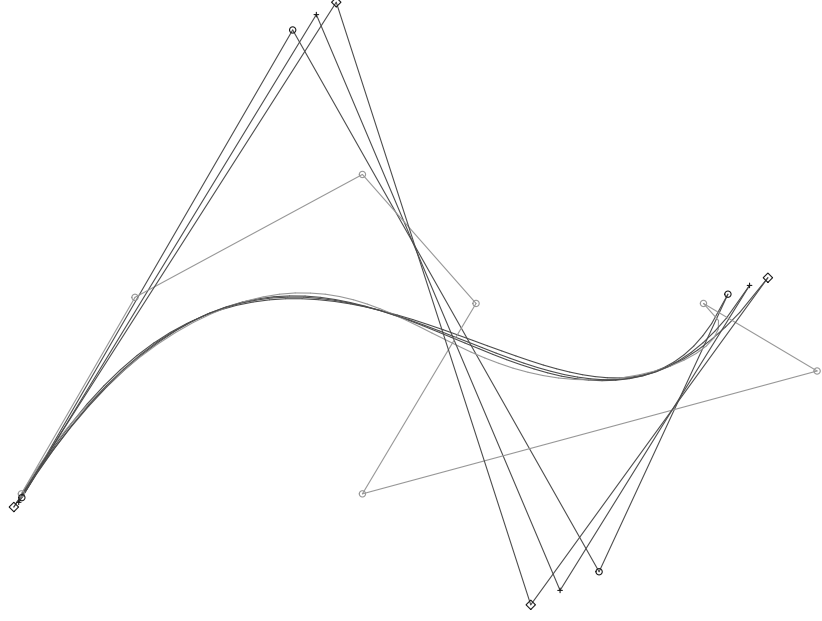
$$E_{3,1}^{(-\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2})} = \frac{32768}{35\pi} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{70} & -\frac{2}{70} & \frac{3}{35} & \frac{3}{35} & \frac{1}{70} \\ -\frac{2}{35} & \frac{3}{35} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{2}{35} \\ \frac{3}{35} & -\frac{1}{35} & \frac{8}{35} & \frac{8}{35} & \frac{3}{35} \\ -\frac{2}{35} & \frac{1}{35} & \frac{8}{35} & \frac{8}{35} & -\frac{2}{35} \\ \frac{1}{70} & -\frac{2}{70} & \frac{3}{35} & \frac{3}{35} & \frac{1}{70} \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 H_{(0,0)}^{3,1} &= \frac{1}{630} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 3 & 3 & 3 & 2 \\ 3 & 3 & 3 & 3 & 3 & 3 \\ 3 & 3 & 3 & 3 & 3 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 3 & 3 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 3 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \\
 R_{(0,0)}^{3,1} &= \begin{bmatrix} 69 & 70 & 53 & 210 & 17 & -70 \\ 53 & 70 & 106 & 210 & 106 & -106 \\ 70 & 106 & 106 & 210 & 106 & -106 \\ 210 & 210 & 106 & 210 & 106 & -106 \\ 17 & 106 & 106 & 210 & 106 & -106 \\ -1 & 17 & 34 & 210 & 69 & 70 \end{bmatrix}, \\
 H_{(0,0)}^{3,1} &= \frac{1}{630} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 3 & 3 & 3 & 2 \\ 3 & 3 & 3 & 3 & 3 & 3 \\ 3 & 3 & 3 & 3 & 3 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 3 & 3 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 3 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \\
 R_{(2,2)}^{3,1} &= \begin{bmatrix} 251 & 256 & 191 & 768 & 65 & -256 \\ 256 & 256 & 191 & 768 & 65 & -256 \\ 191 & 191 & 65 & 768 & 65 & -191 \\ 768 & 768 & 65 & 768 & 65 & -768 \\ 65 & 65 & 191 & 768 & 65 & -191 \\ -256 & -256 & 191 & 768 & 65 & 256 \end{bmatrix}, \\
 H_{(2,2)}^{3,1} &= \frac{131072}{35\pi} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 3 & 3 & 3 & 2 \\ 3 & 3 & 3 & 3 & 3 & 3 \\ 3 & 3 & 3 & 3 & 3 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 3 & 3 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 3 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.
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EXAMPLE 3 ( $N=6, R=3, M=3$ ) *The 3-times degree reduction of the Bézier curve of degree 6 to the approximating curves of degree 3.*



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1. For the degree reduction with Bernstein basis, we can use the explicit matrix form of  $M_{(\alpha,\beta)}^m I_{n,-r} M_{(\alpha,\beta)}^n$  instead of finding the inverse matrix of  $T_{m,r}^t \hat{O}_{(\alpha,\beta)}^n T_{m,r}$ .

2. Our method using the relationship of transformations between Jacobi and Bernstein basis is a simple and efficient method for optimal multiple degree reductions with respect to the weighted  $L_2$ -norm.

3. This best approximation does not interpolate the given curve at its endpoints. Thus we have to consider the smoothness of our method for the practical use.

*Thank you.*