

2D COMPUTER GRAPHICS

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The coefficient equations are

$$f_0s_0 = g_0r_0$$

$$f_1s_0 + f_0s_1 = g_1r_0 + g_0r_1$$

$$f_2s_0 + f_1s_1 + f_0s_2 = g_2r_0 + g_1r_1 + g_0r_2$$

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A good discussion of resultants, as applied to computer graphics, can be found in [de Montaudoin and Tiller, 1984, Goldman et al., 1984].

There are even formulas for polynomials in the Bernstein basis

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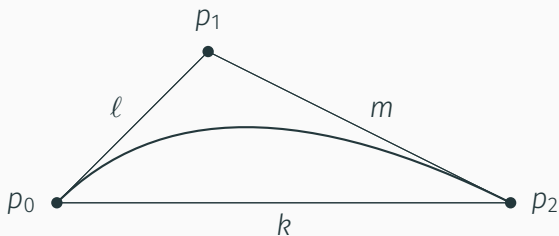
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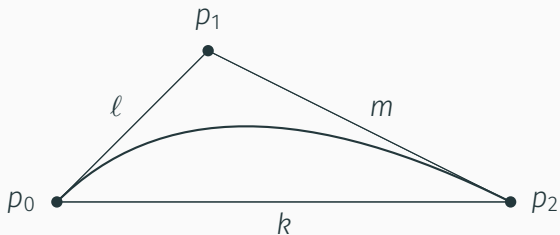
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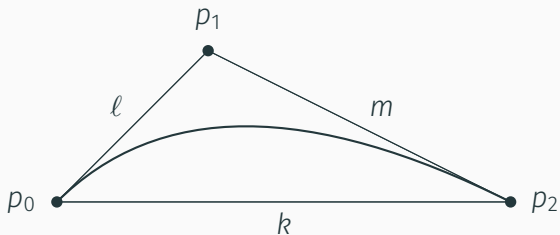
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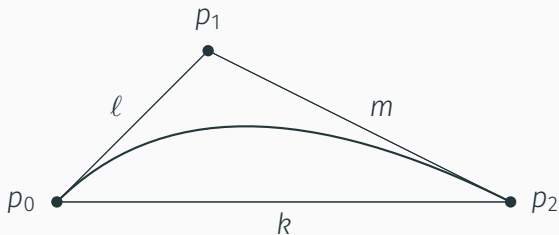
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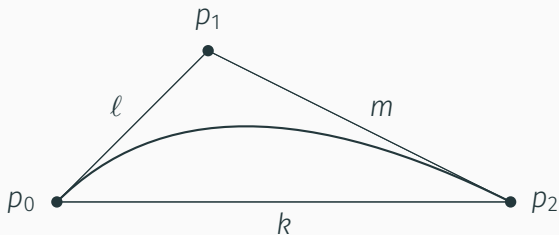


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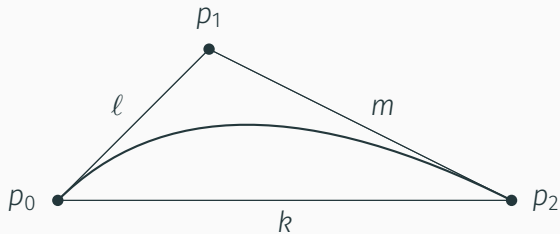


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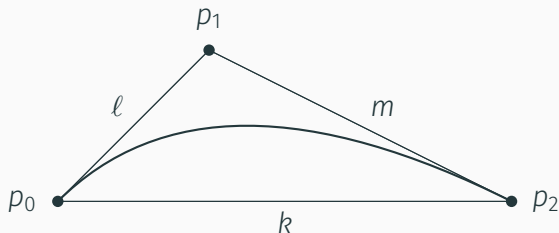
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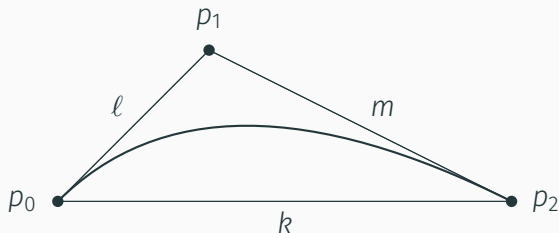
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