A New Class of Curves of Rational B-Spline Type

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Abstract

A new class of rational parametrization has been developed and it was used to generate a new family of rational k functions B-splines which depends on an index α [?]]-[?] , 0[[?]]1 , +[?][. This family of functions verifies, among other things, the properties of positivity, of partition of the unit and, for a given degree k, constitutes a true basis approximation of continuous functions. We loose, however, the regularity classical optimal linked to the multiplicity of nodes, which we recover in the asymptotic case, when α - [?]. The associated B-splines curves verify the traditional properties particularly that of a convex hull and we see a certain "conjugated symmetry" related to α . The case of open knot vectors without an inner node leads to a new family of rational Bezier curves that will be separately, object of in-depth analysis.

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