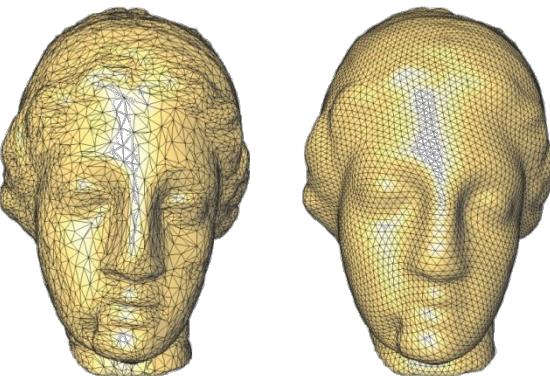
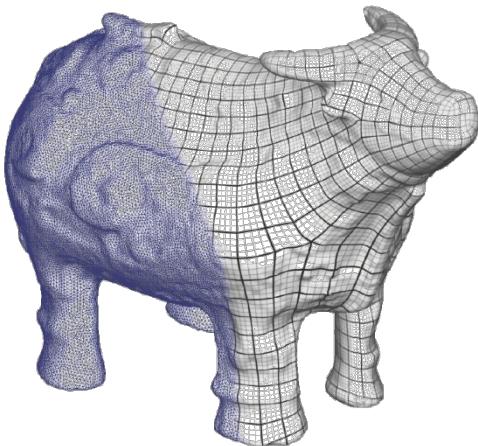
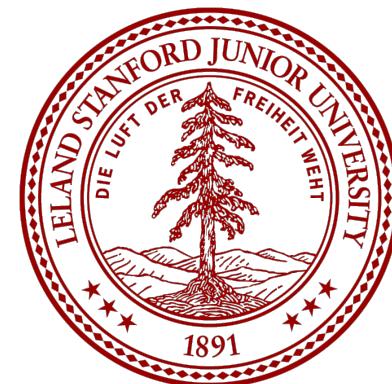


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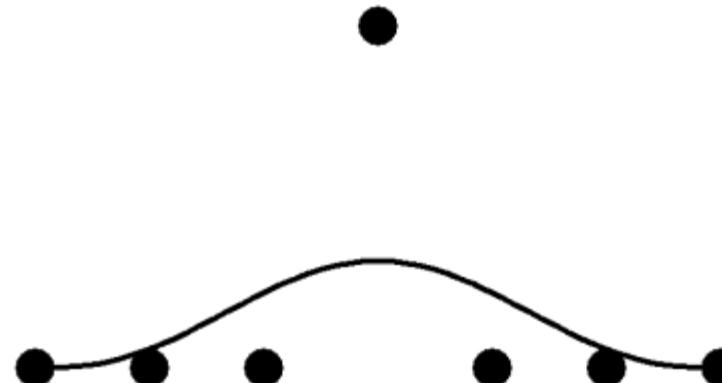


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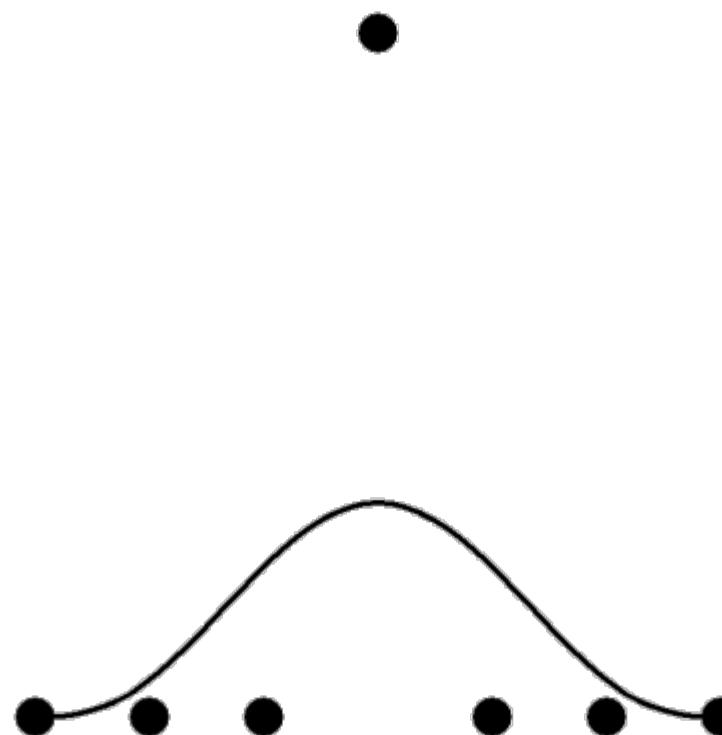
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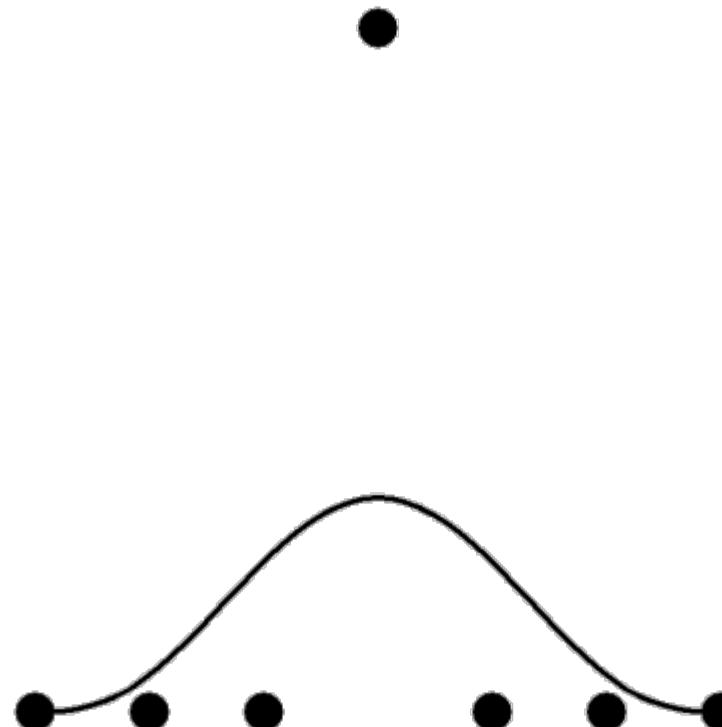
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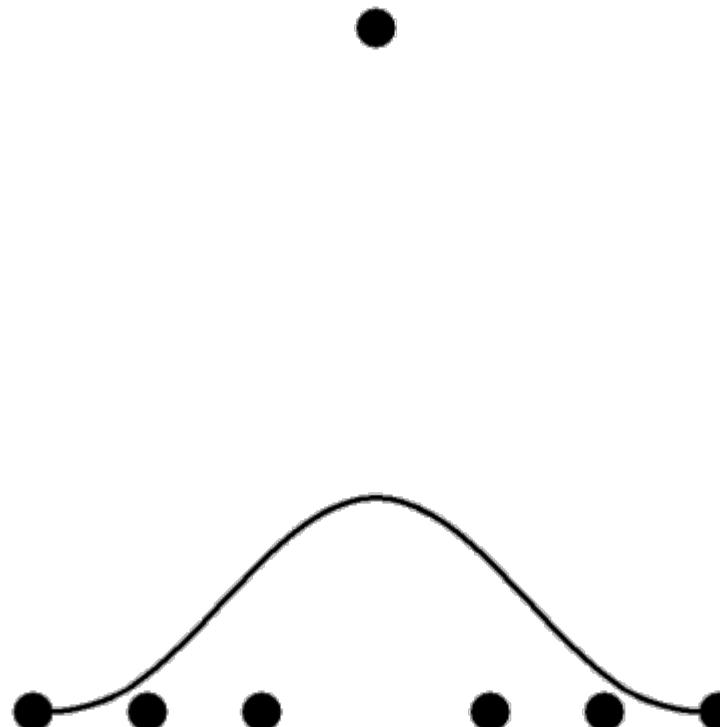


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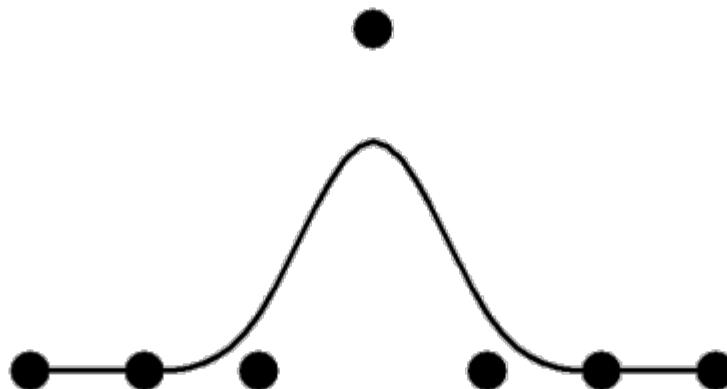
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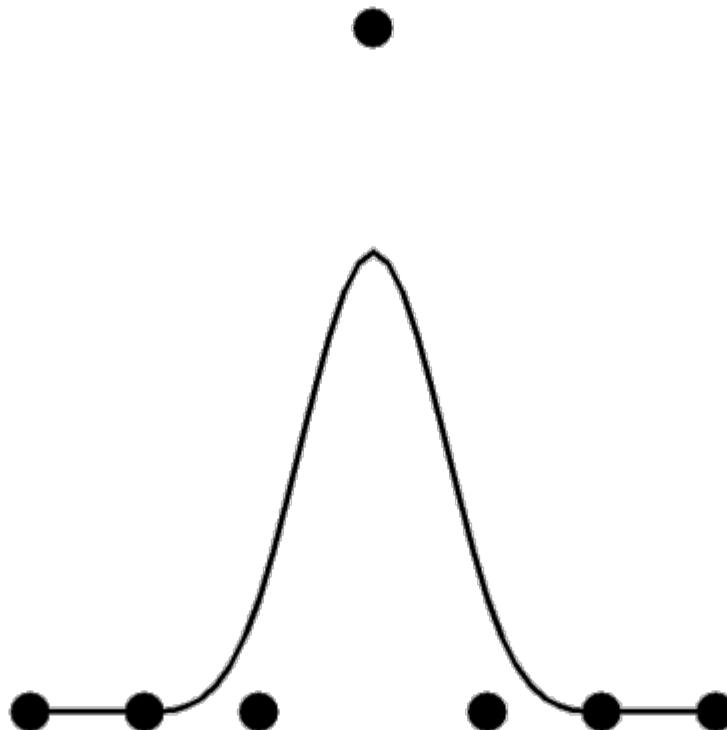
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# History of B-splines

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- Similar to physical process of bending wood
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  - de Casteljau at Citroen
  - Bézier at Renault
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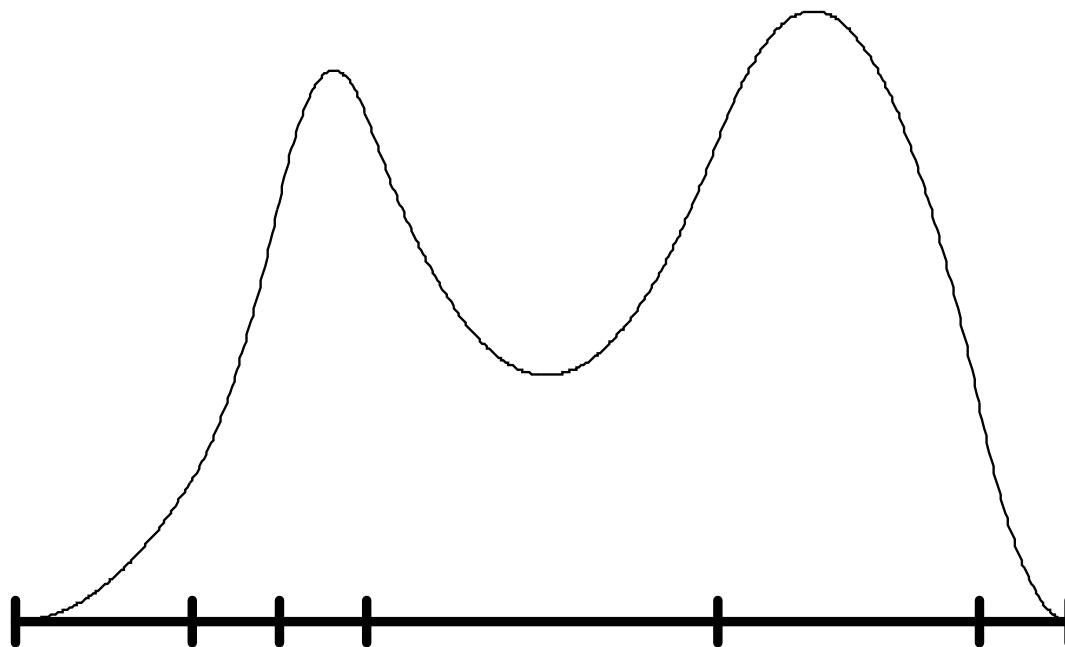


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- Curve defined over a set of parameters  $t_0, \dots, t_k$  ( $t_i \leq t_{i+1}$ ) with a polynomial of degree  $n$  in each interval  $[t_i, t_{i+1}]$  that meet with  $C^{n-1}$  continuity
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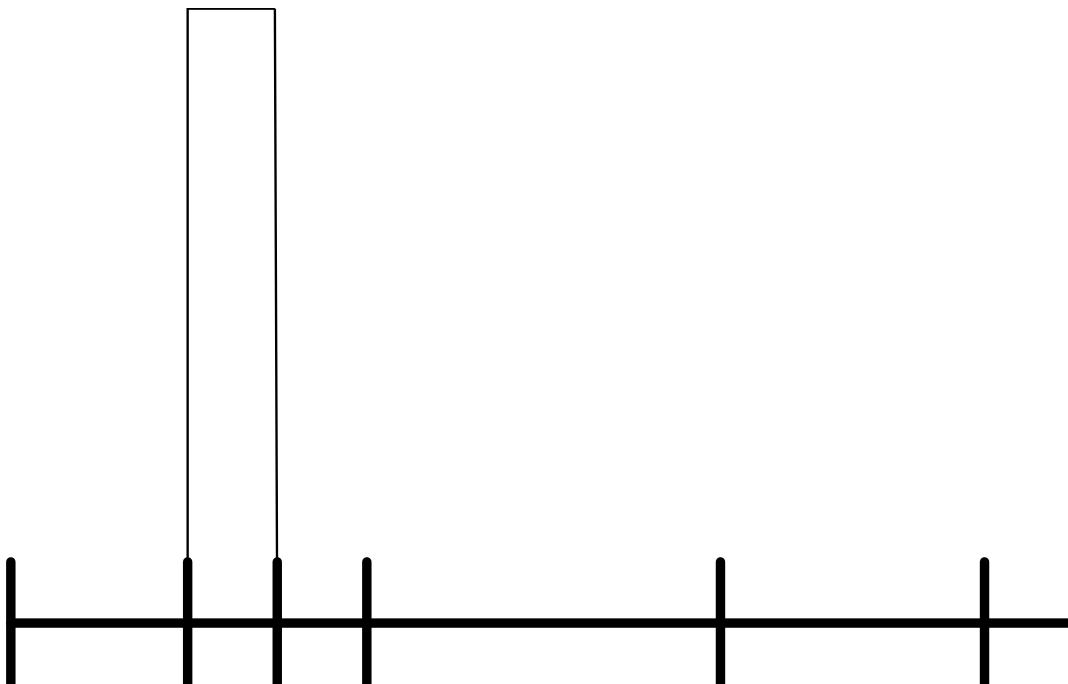


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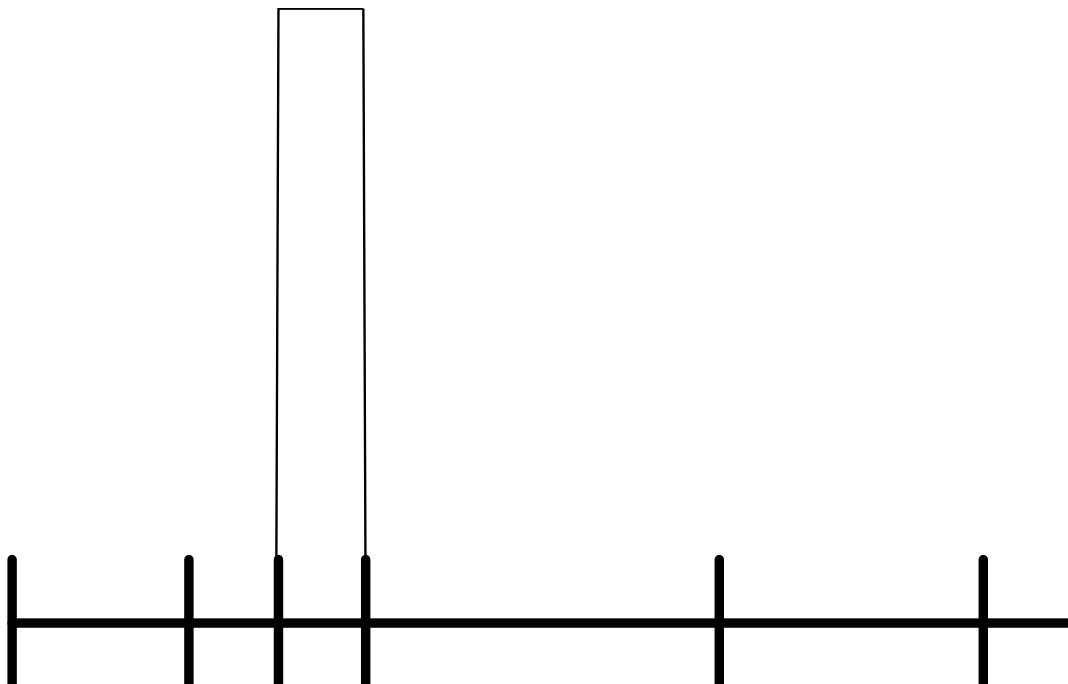


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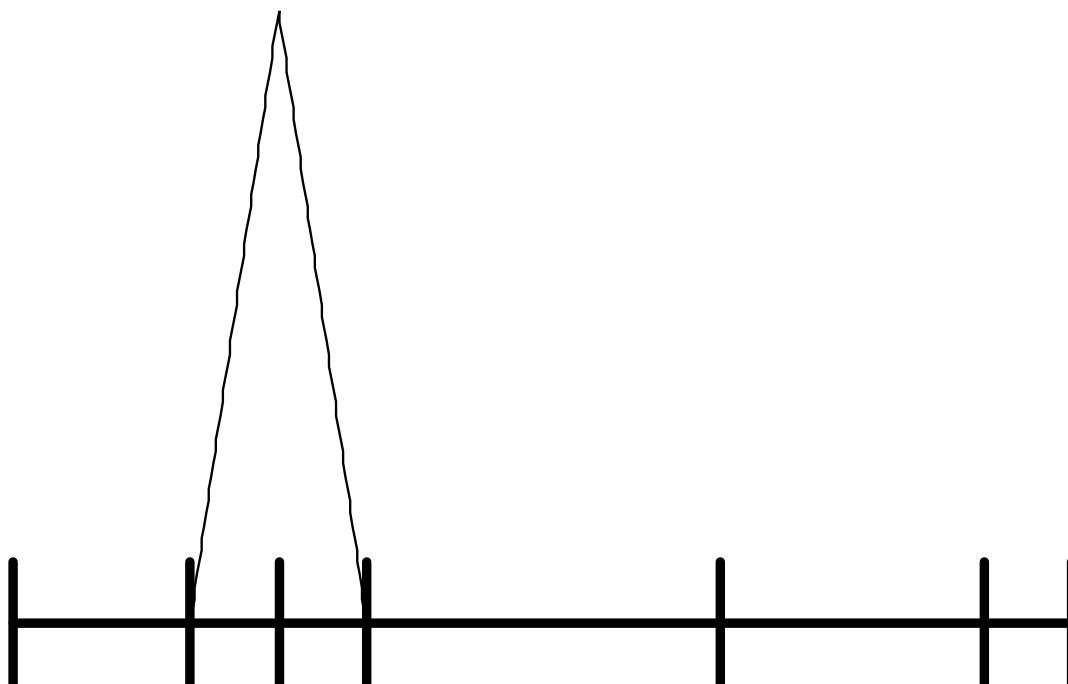


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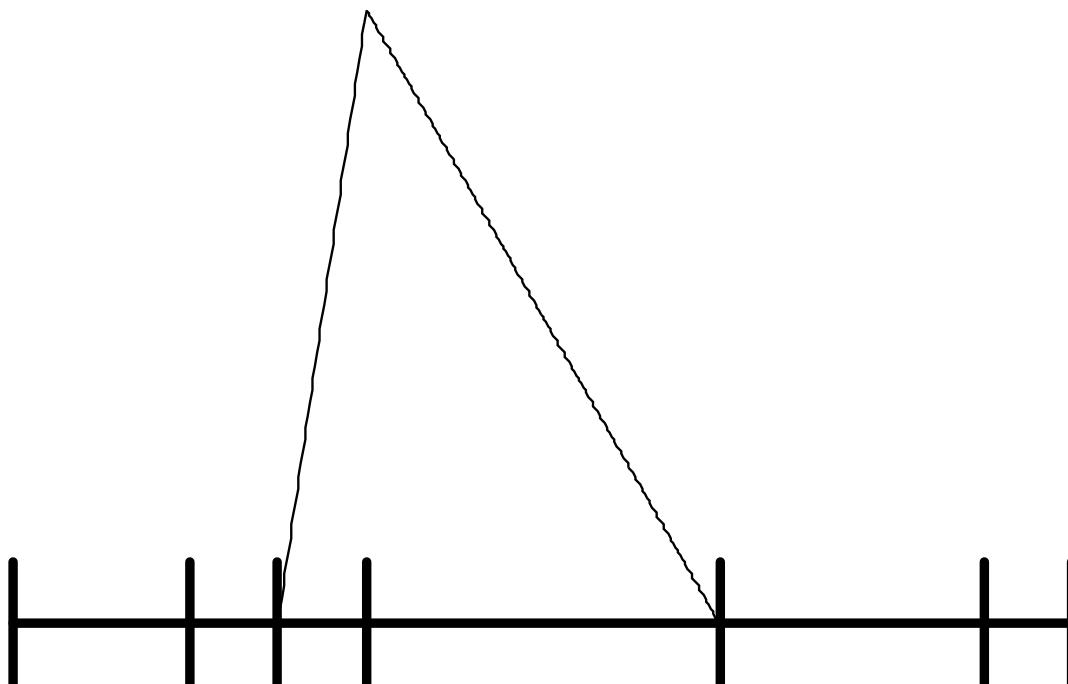


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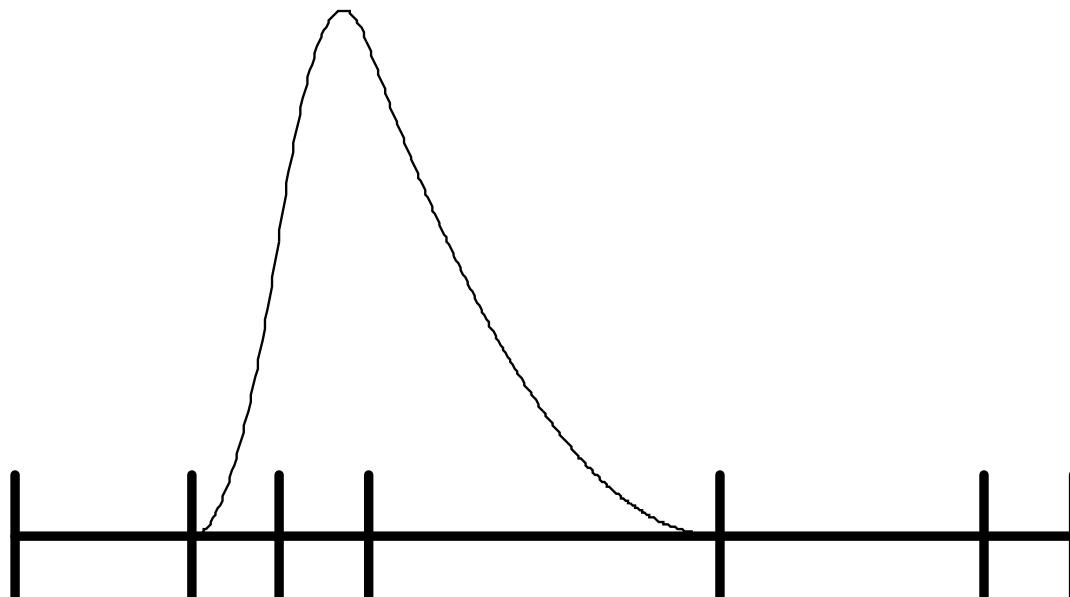


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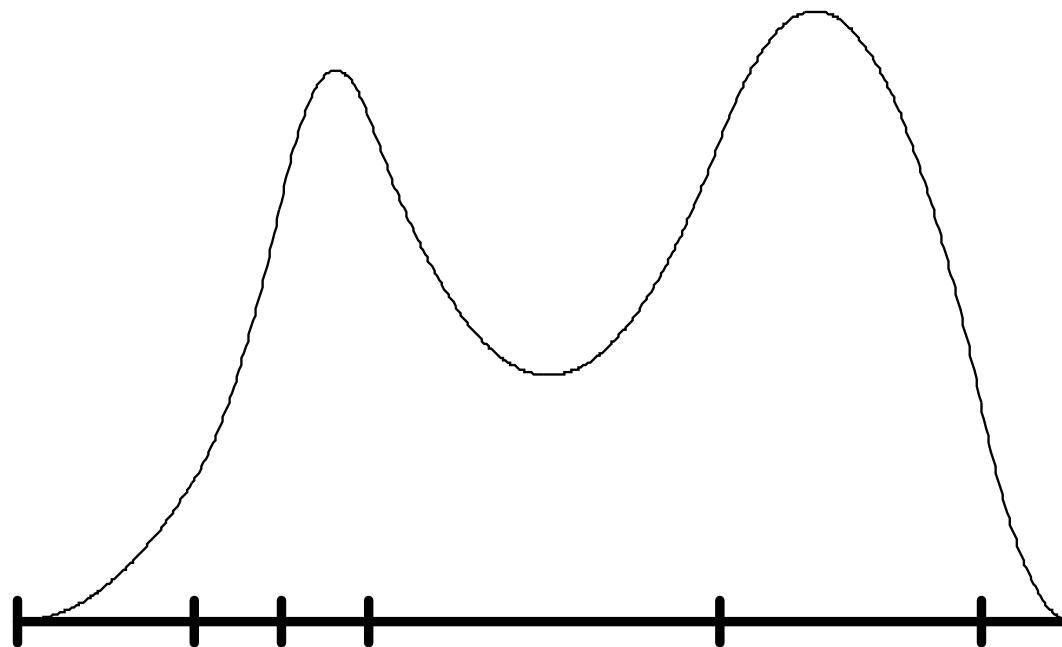
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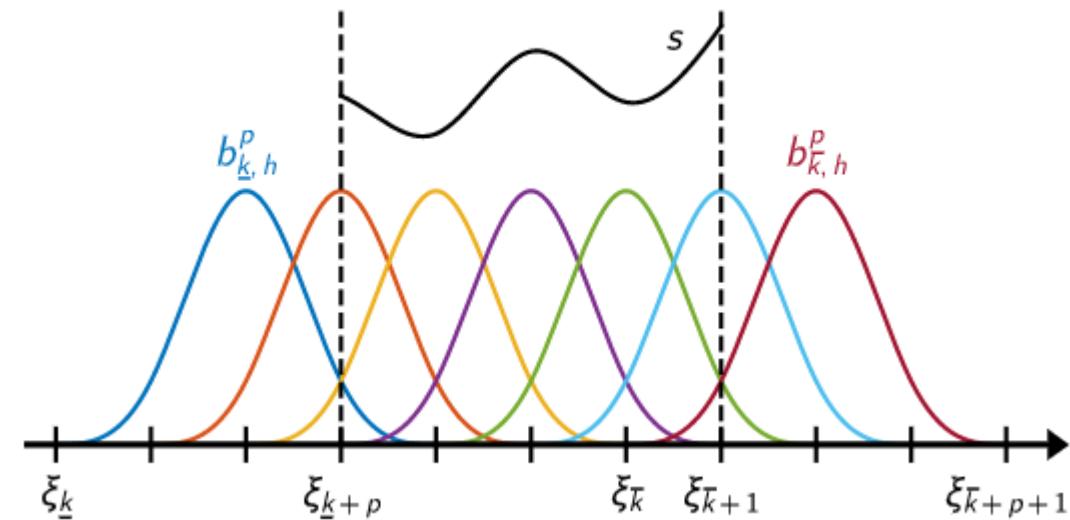
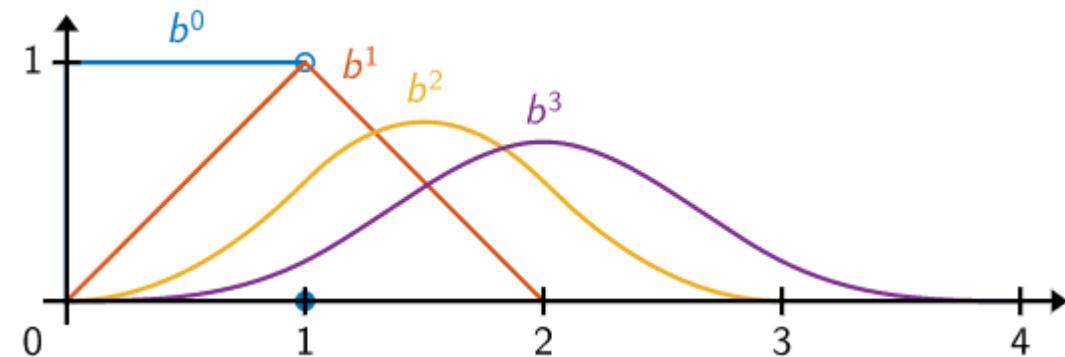


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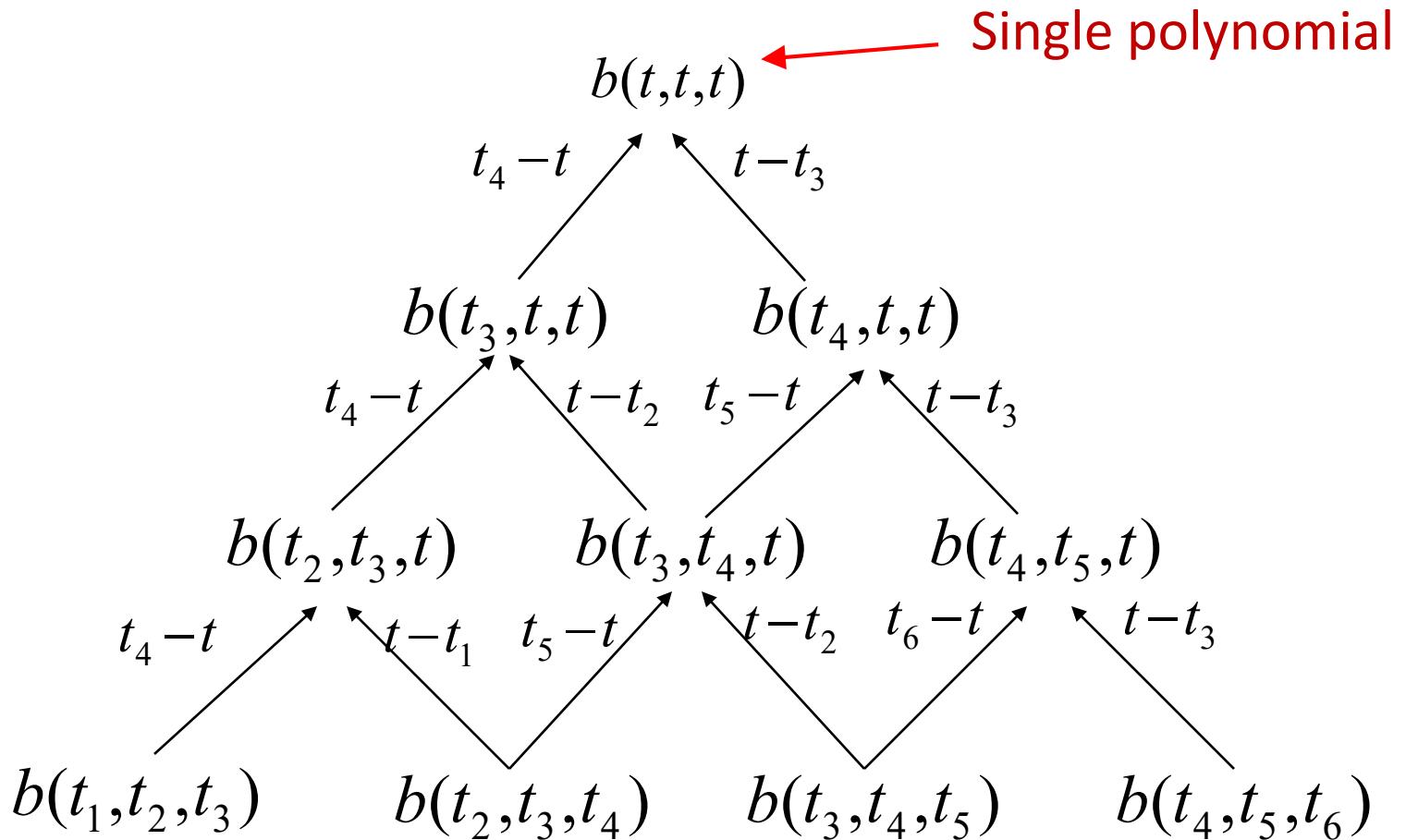
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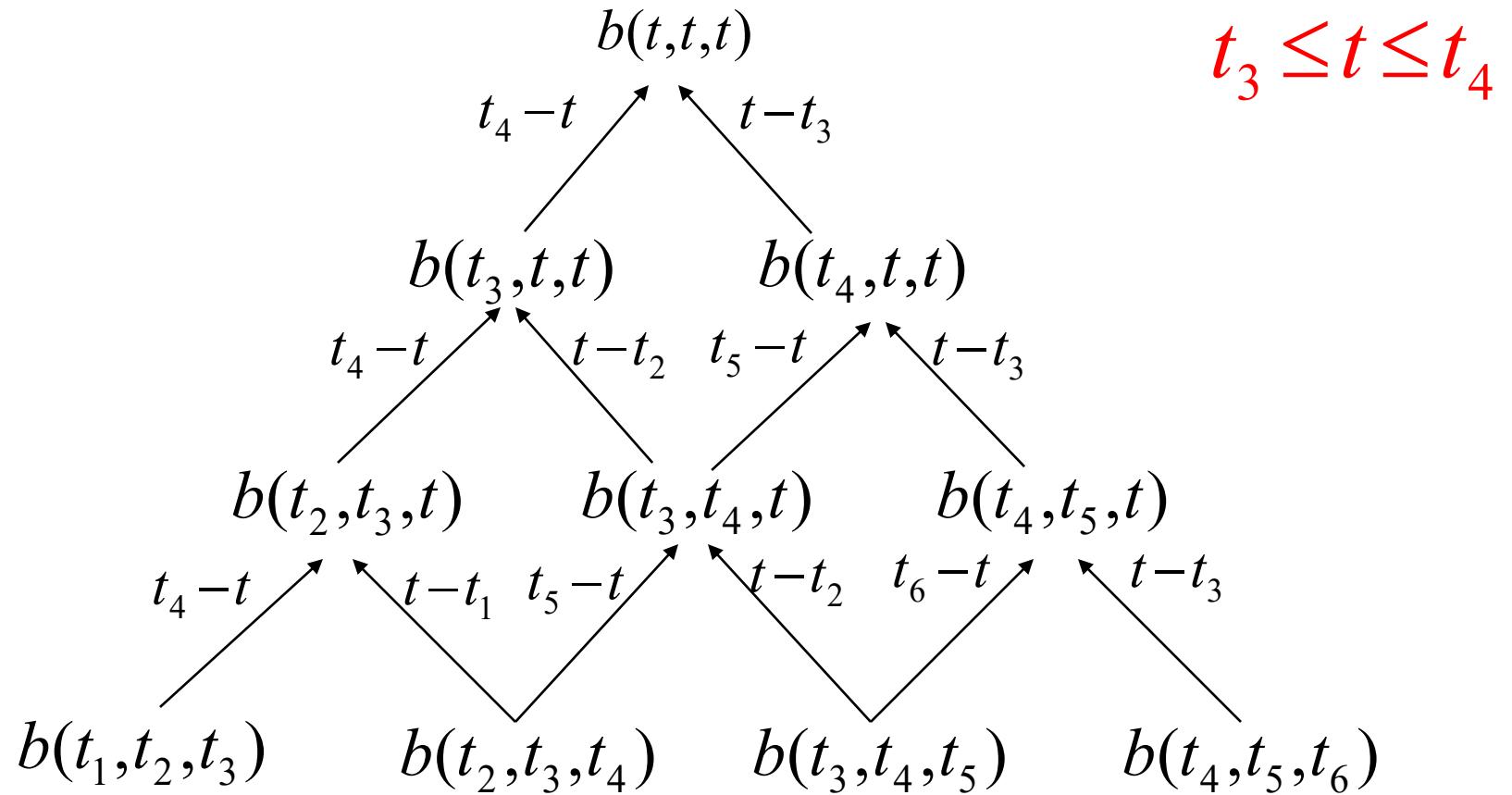
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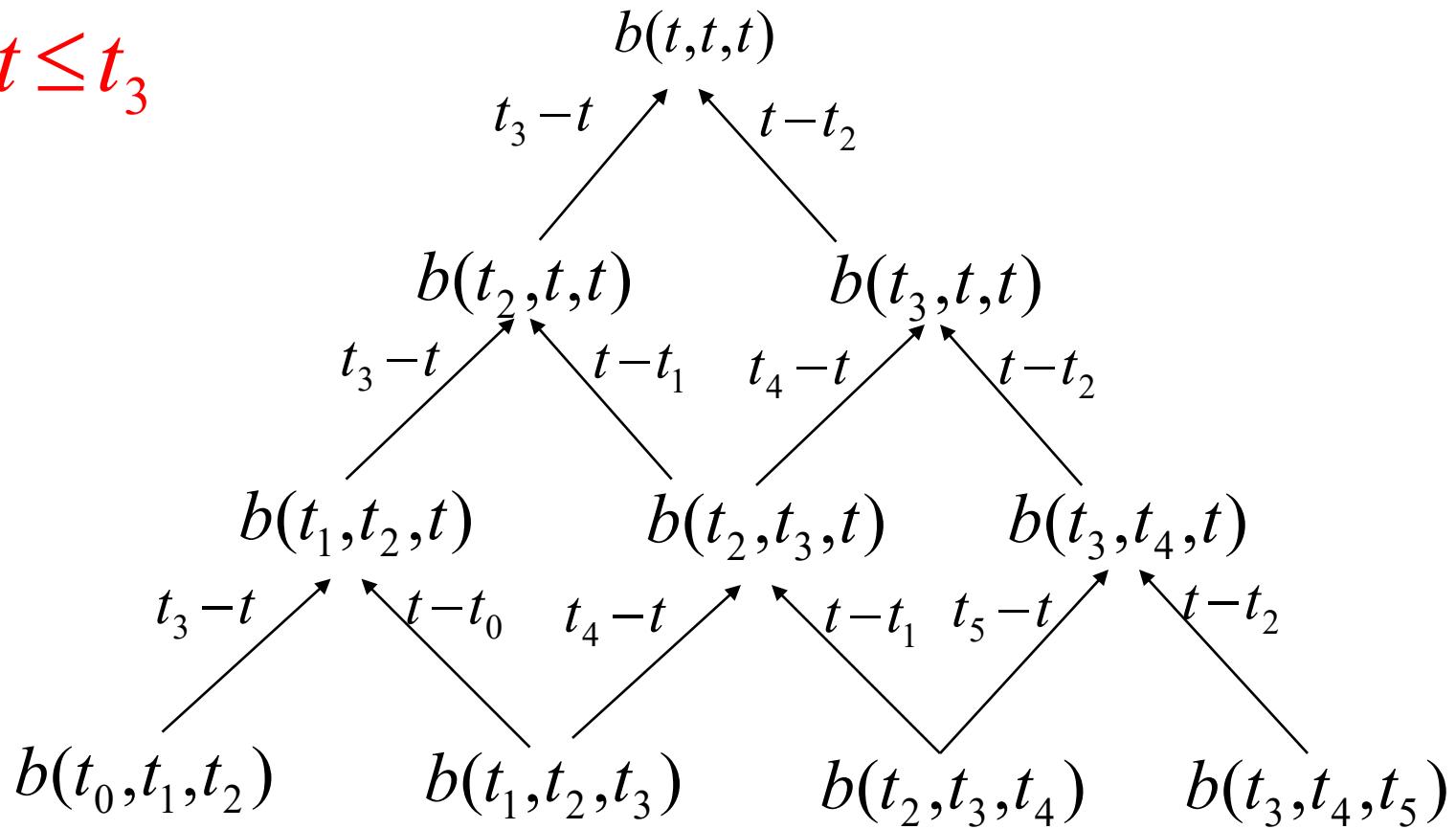


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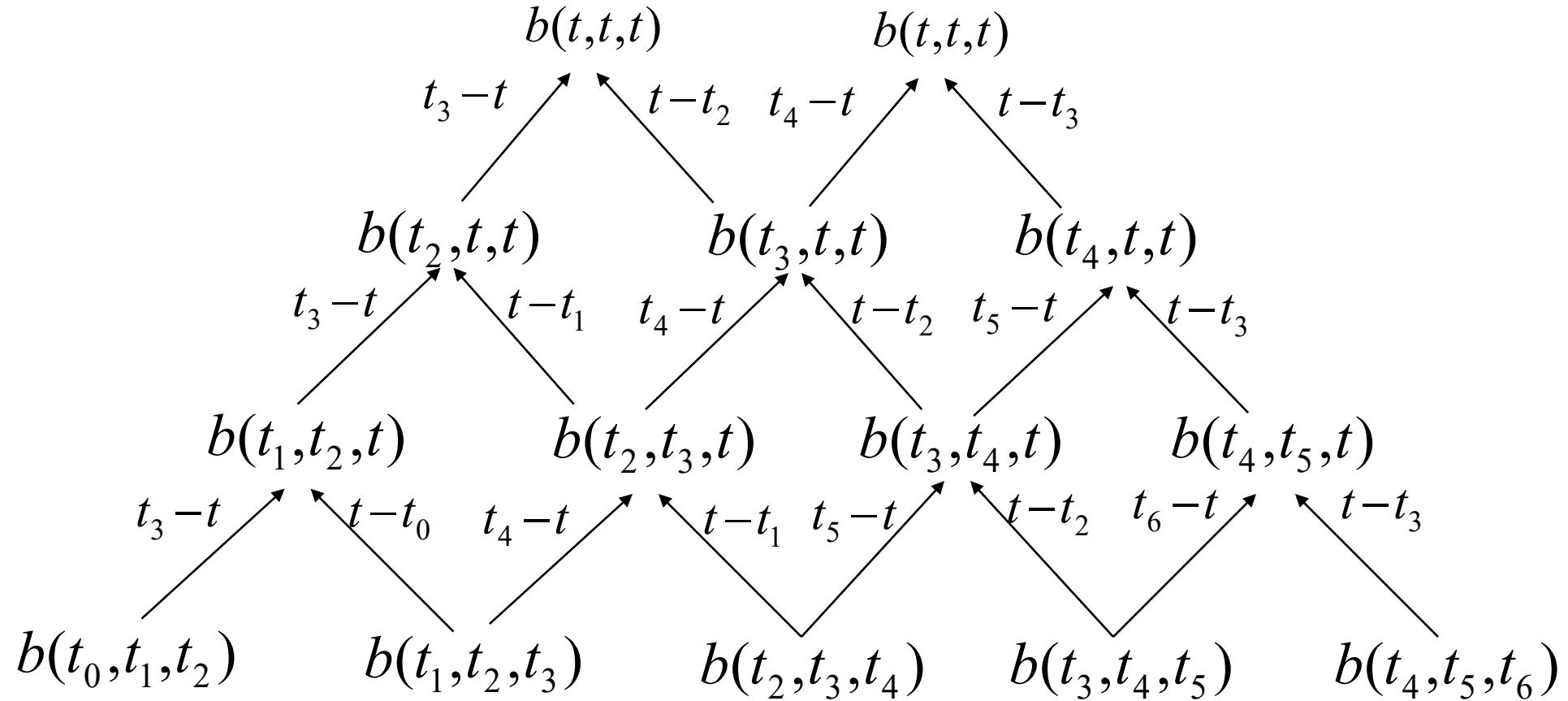


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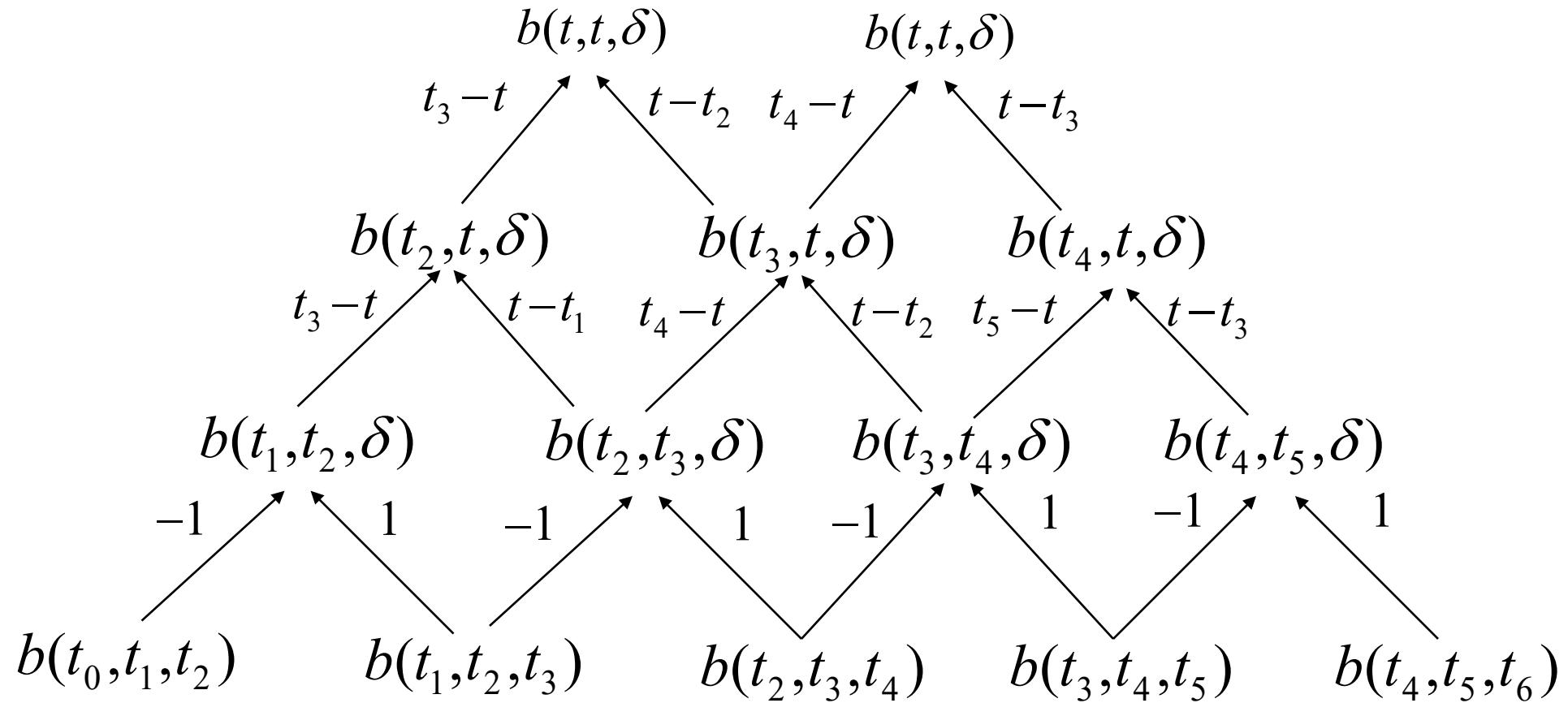
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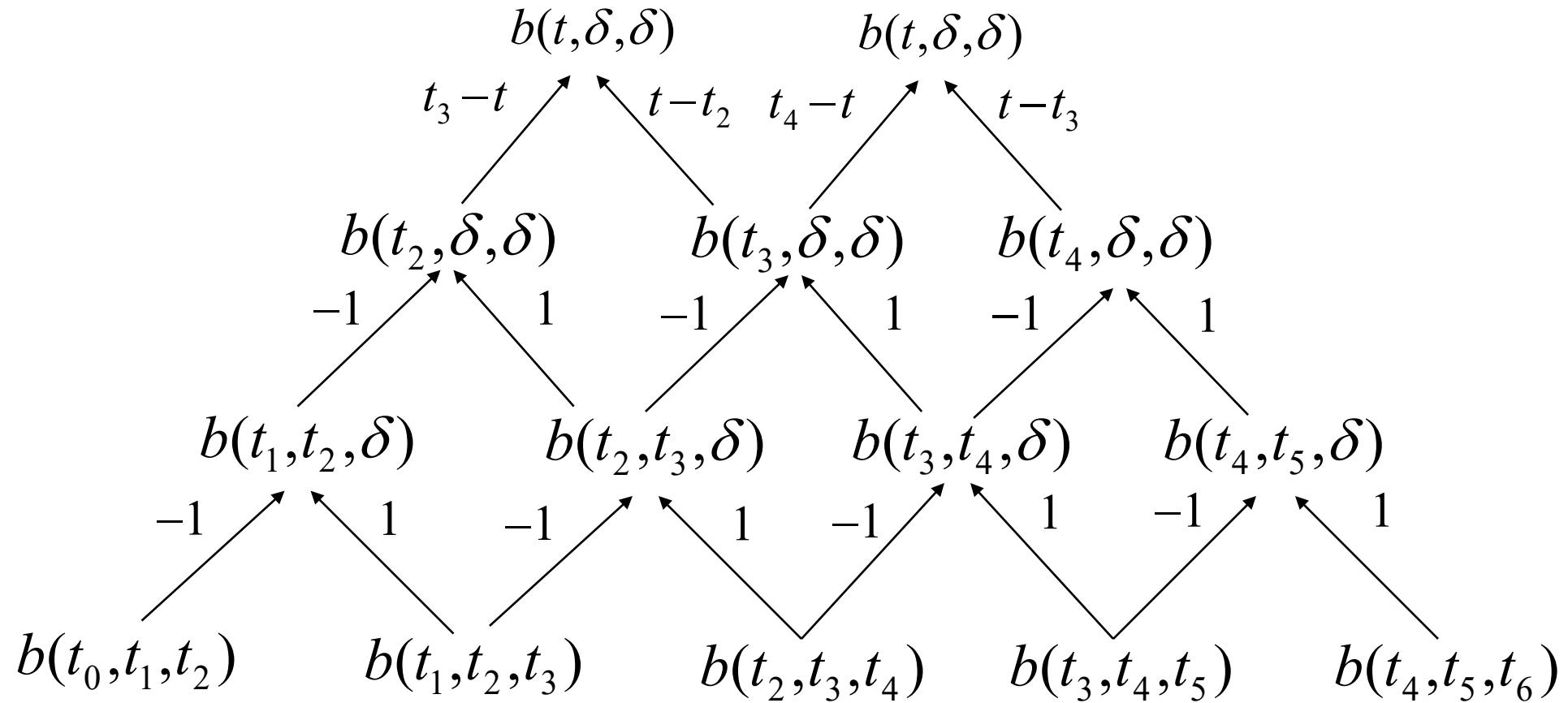
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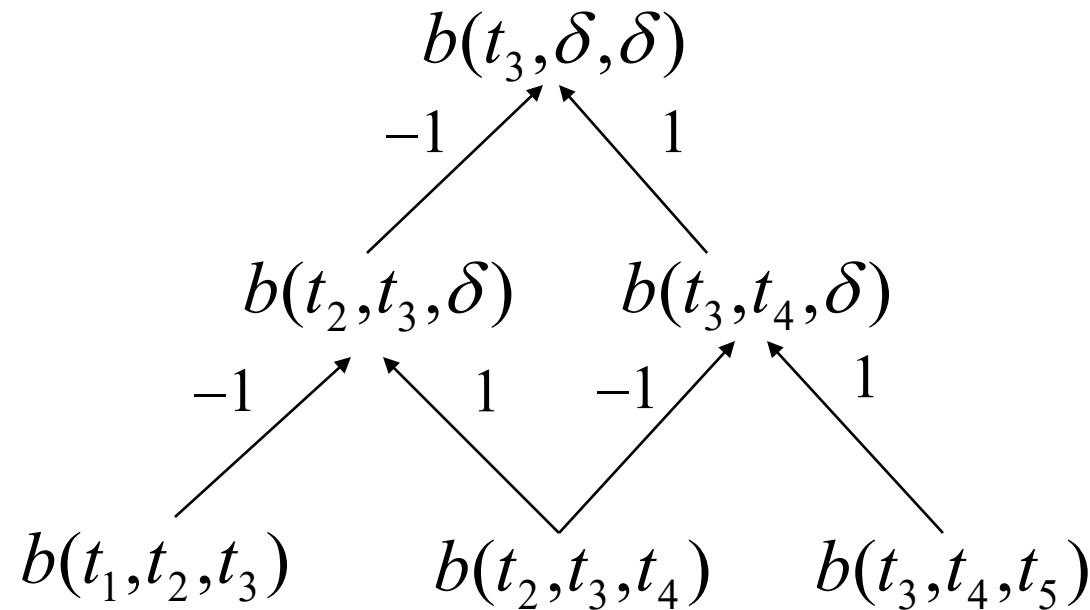


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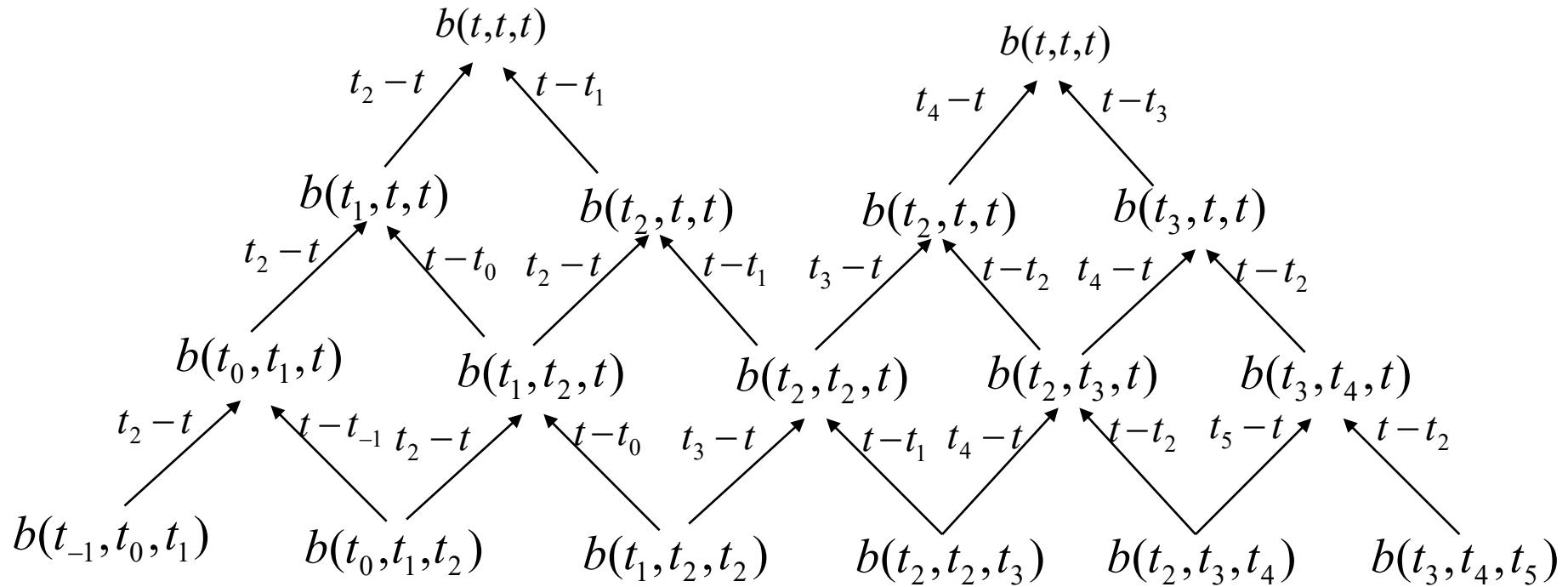


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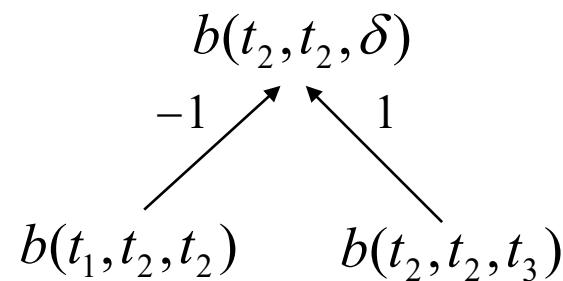
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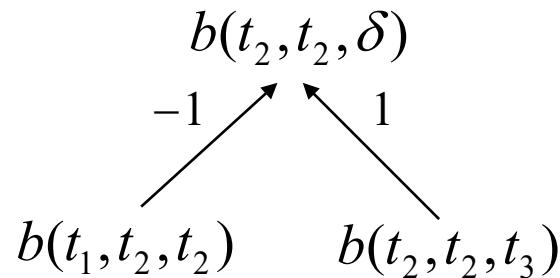
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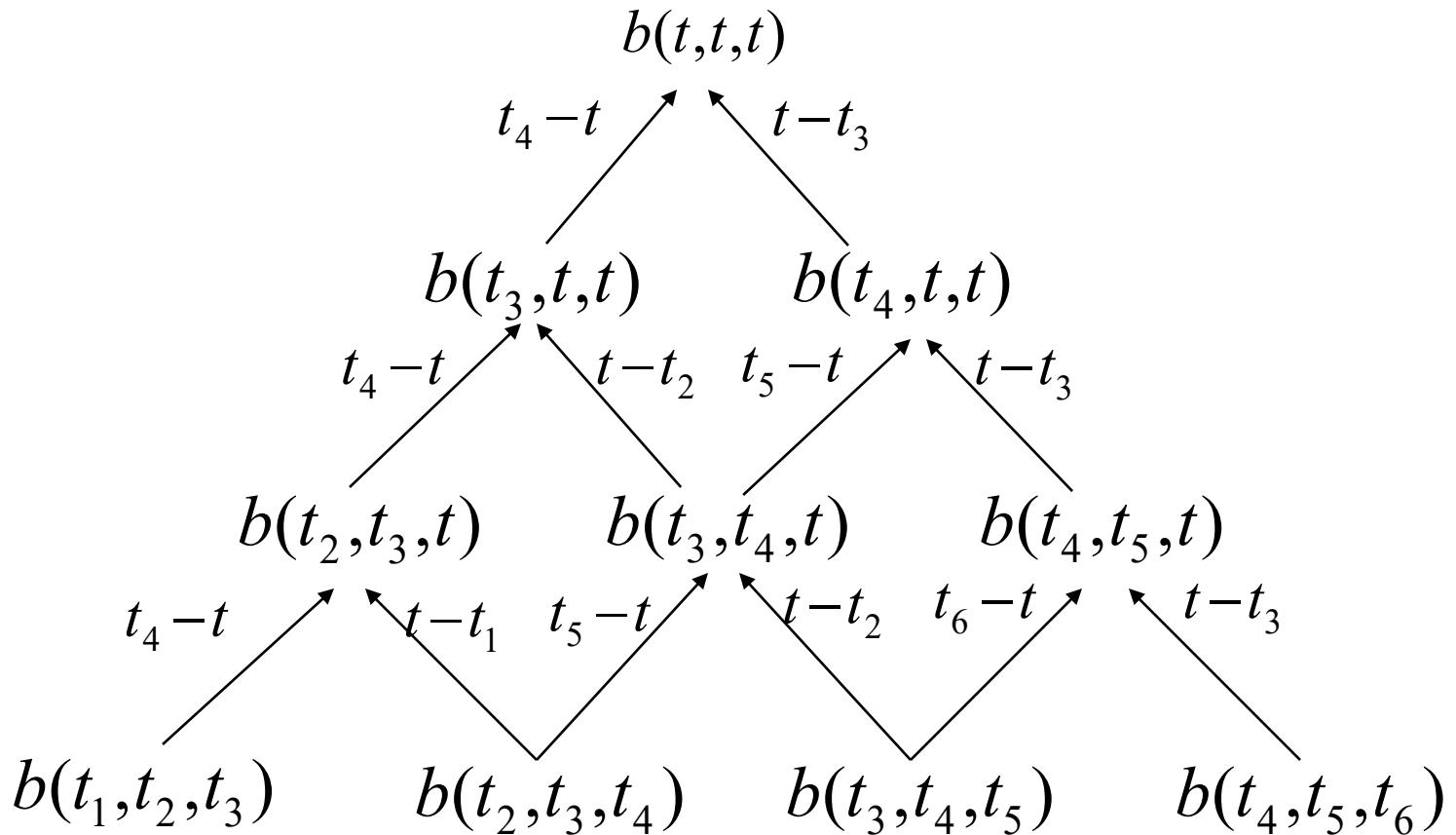


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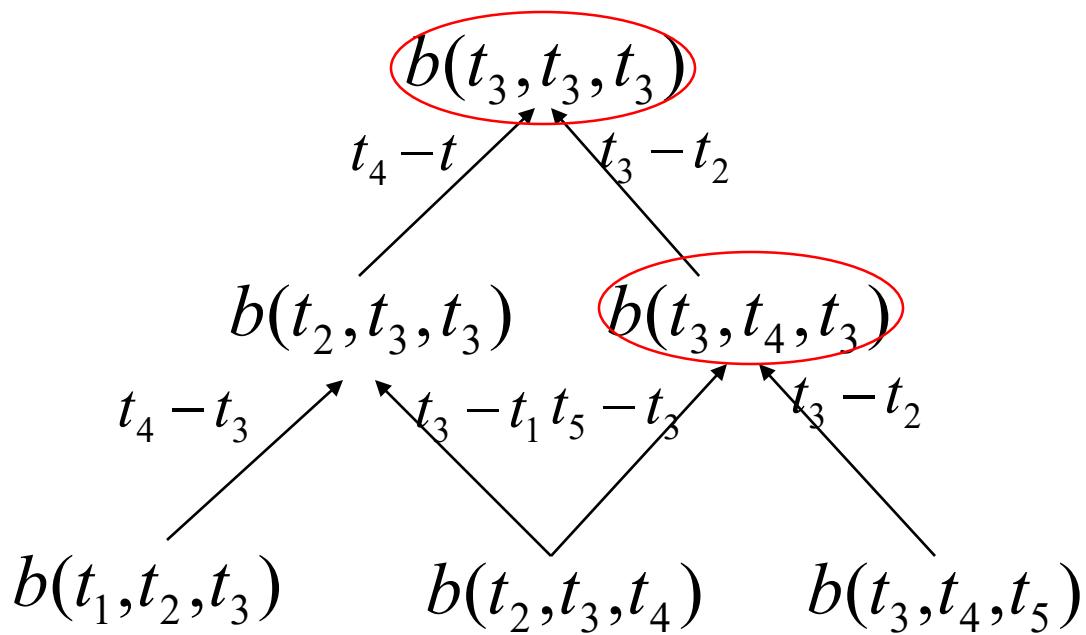
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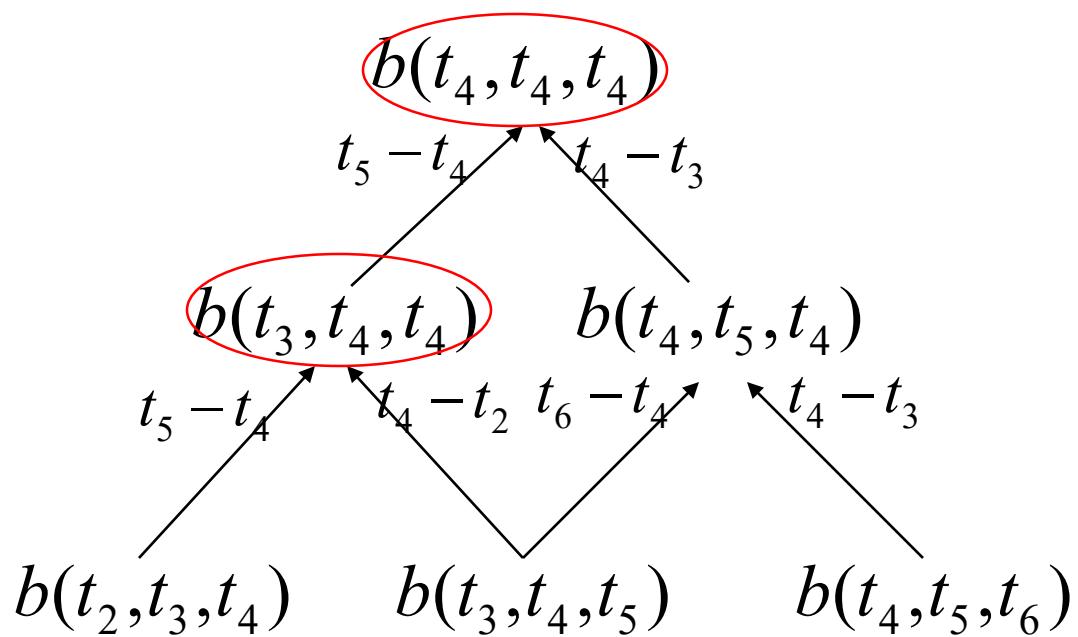
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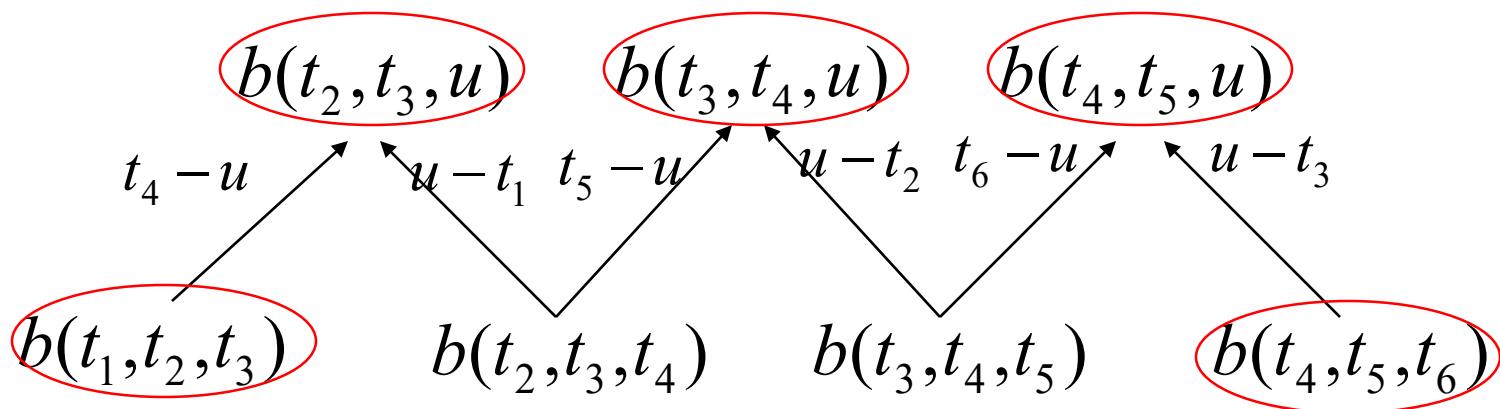
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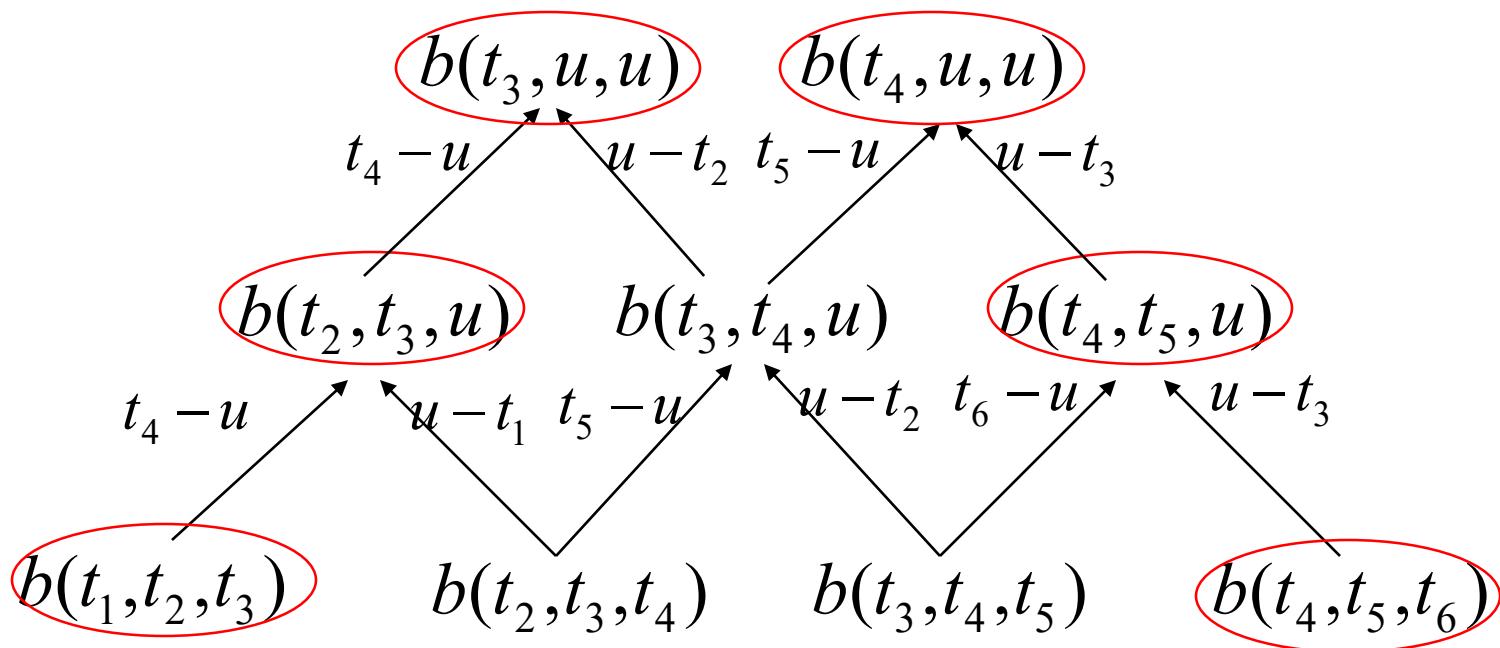
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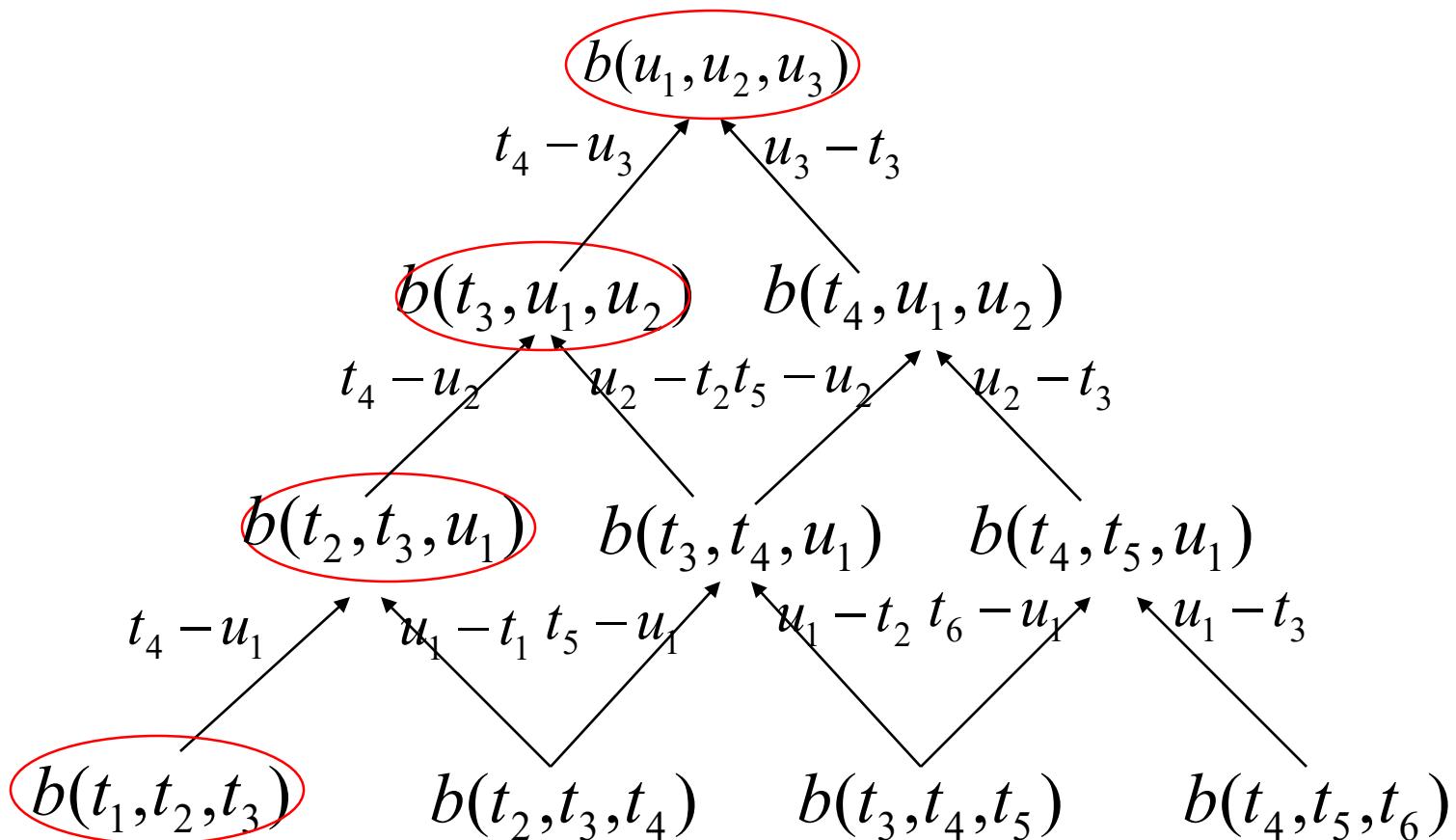


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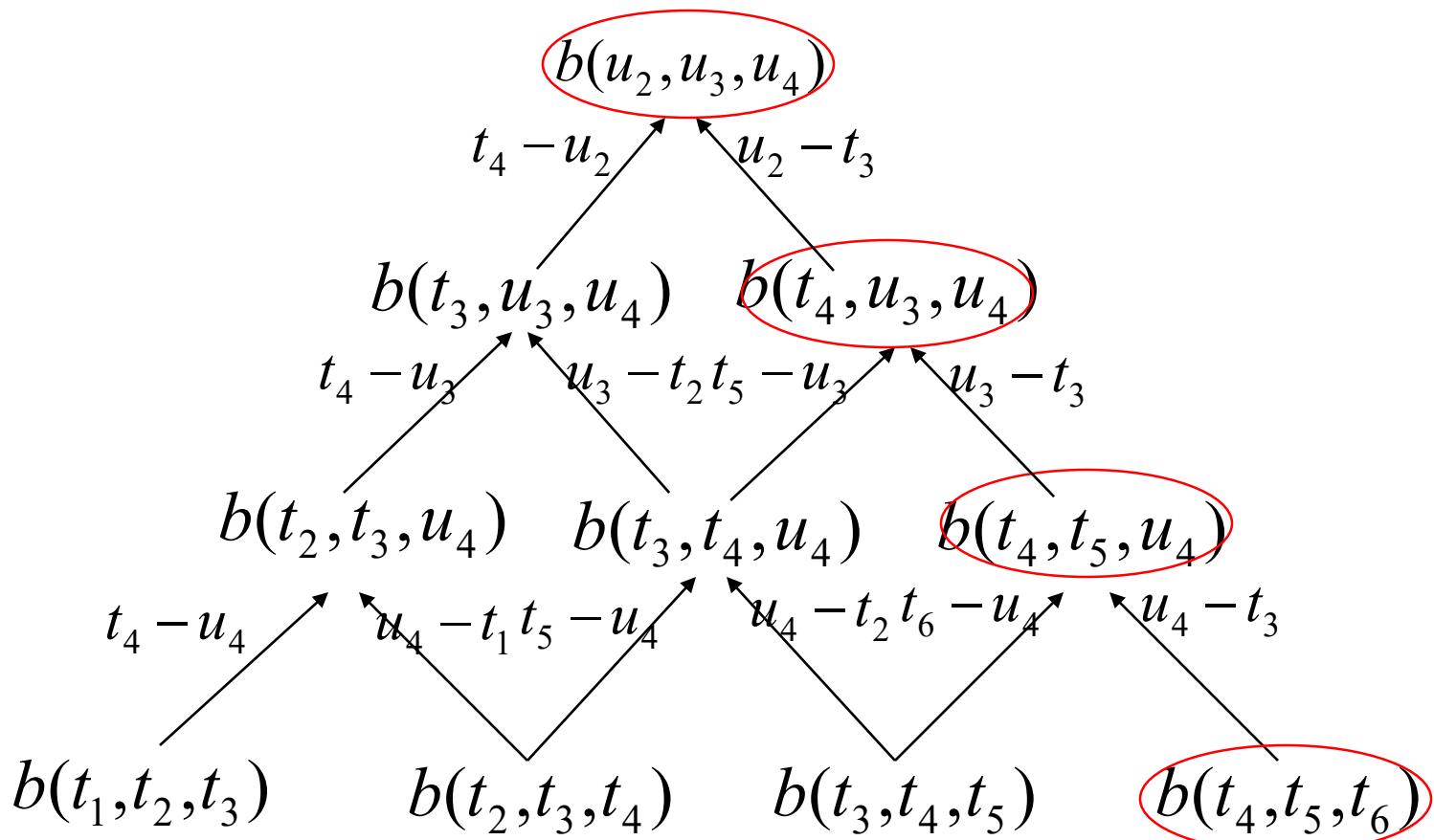
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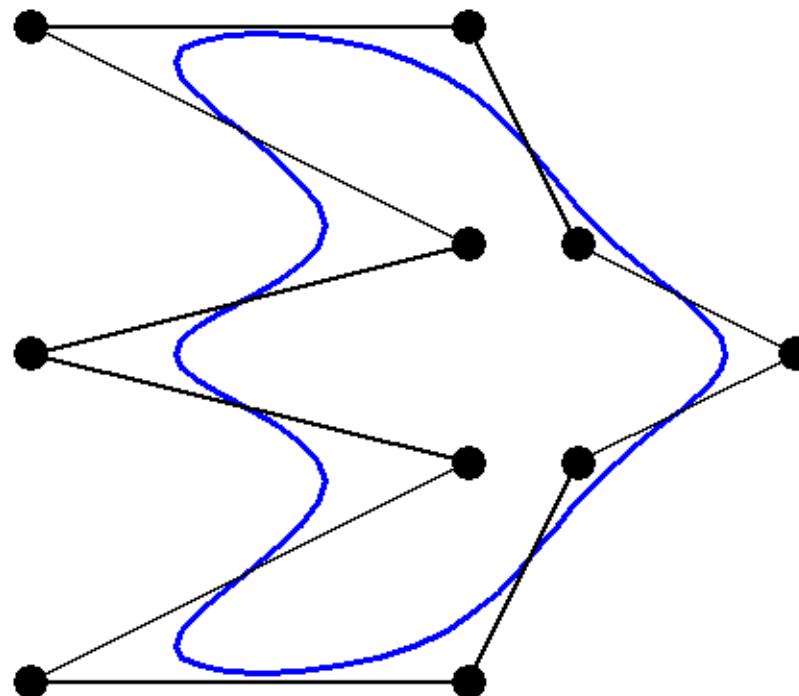
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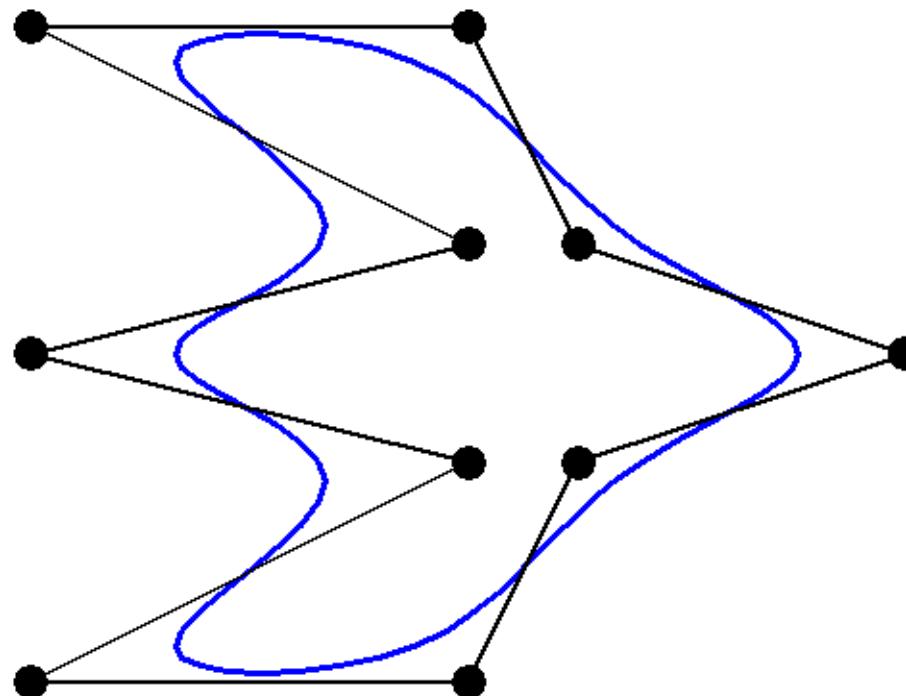
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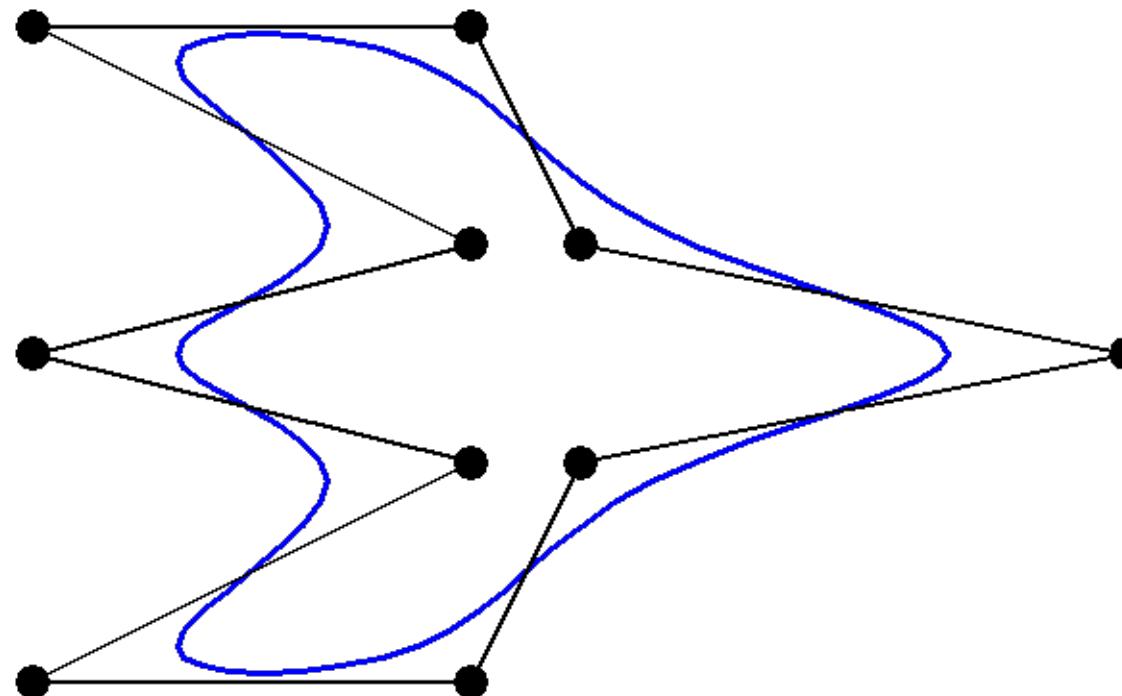
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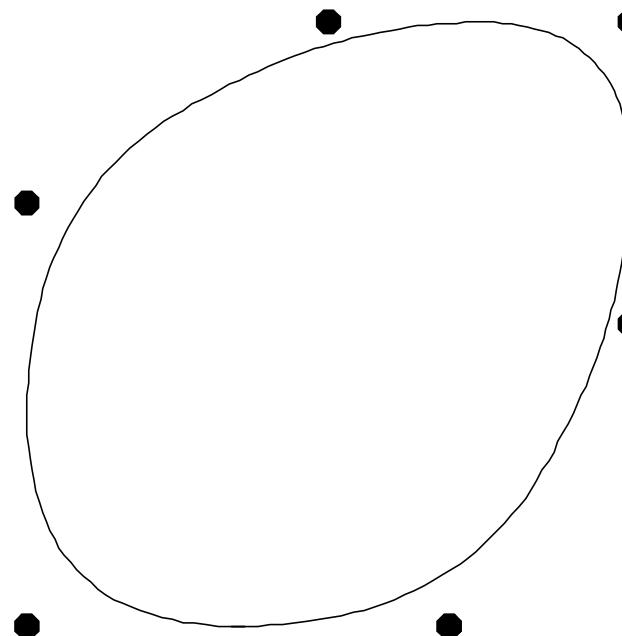
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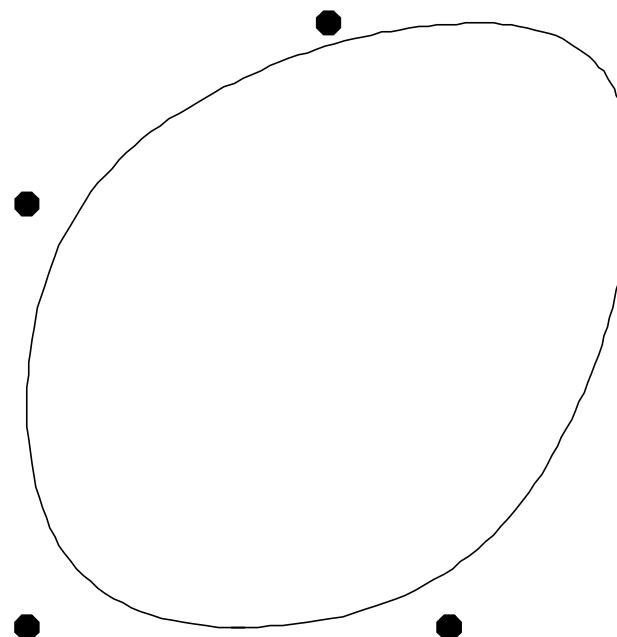
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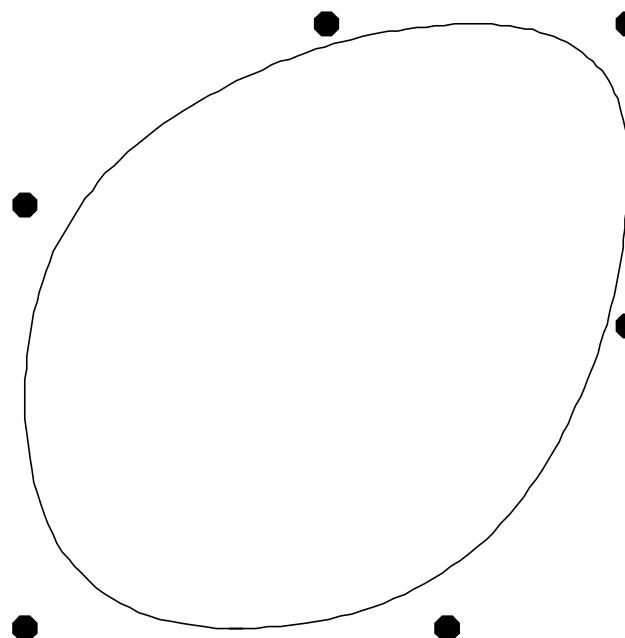
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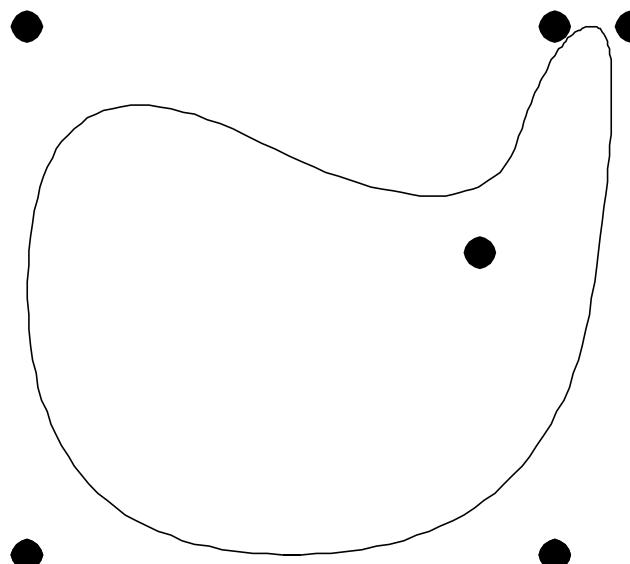


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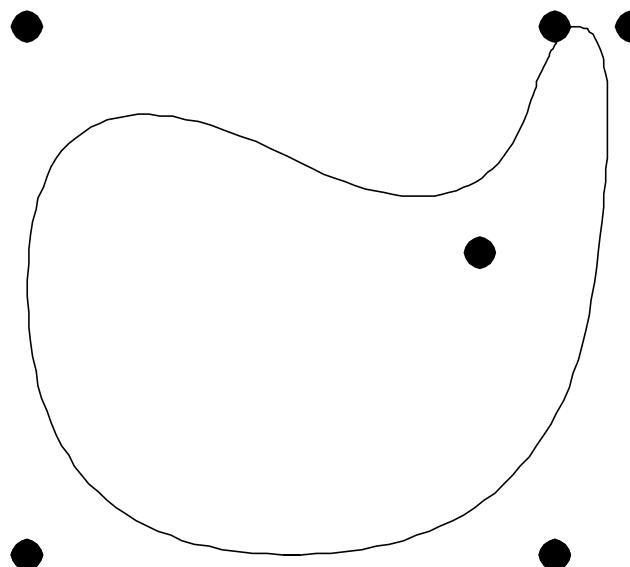


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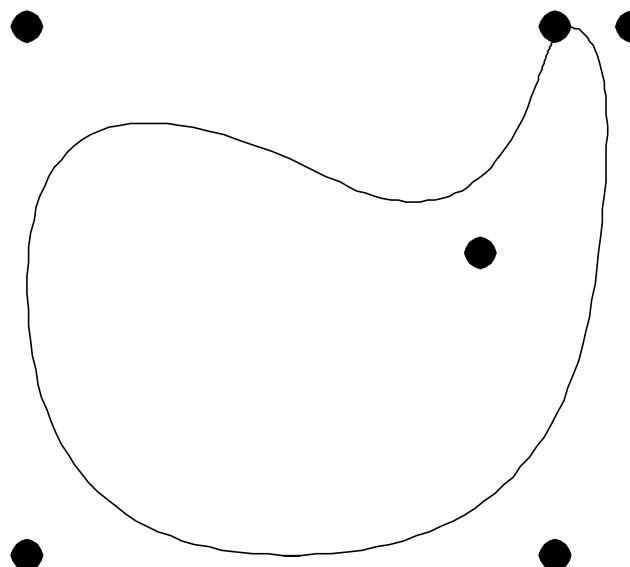
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