

There are two big reasons to avoid using smoothed curves

- 1. They can give the impression that you took more data than you did, and
- 2. They can give the wrong shape, as in this example: as you increase the utilization on a queueing system, the average # of people waiting should get worse; it shouldn't seem to suddenly decrease around a utilization of 0.8.

Even if the smoothed curve doesn't have problem #2, I still advocate using straight-line connectors instead, due to problem #1.