

NUMERICAL METHODS FOR PIECEWISE CHEBYSHEVIAN SPLINES AND APPLICATIONS

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outline

- ① From polynomial splines to...
- ② ... piecewise Chebyshevian splines
- ③ Existence of B-spline bases and refinability
- ④ Evaluation and computational aspects
- ⑤ Applications: design, interpolation and isogeometric analysis

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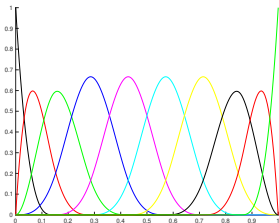
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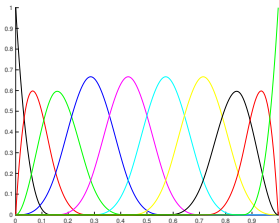
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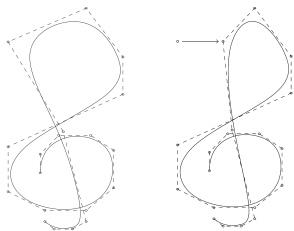
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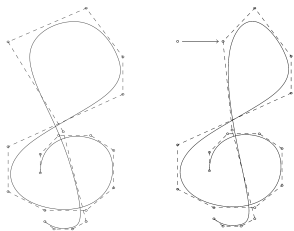


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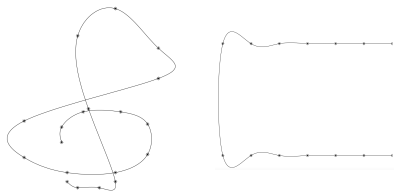
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Theorem [Mazure 2005, 2006]

Design in \mathbb{E}

i.e. \exists Bernstein bases in \mathbb{E}



Interpolation in $D\mathbb{E}$

i.e. $D\mathbb{E}$ is an EC-space on I *

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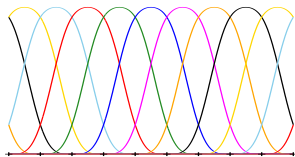
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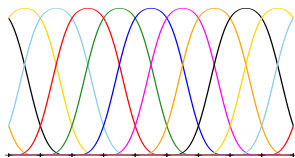


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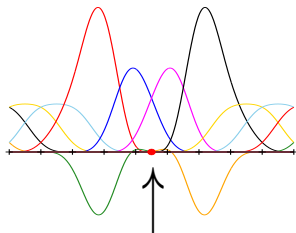
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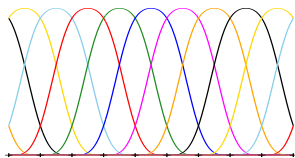
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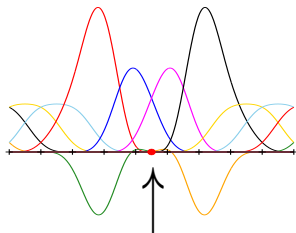
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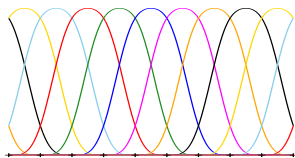


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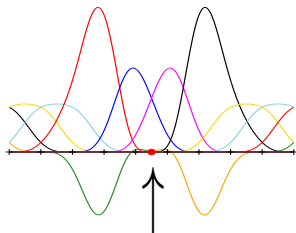
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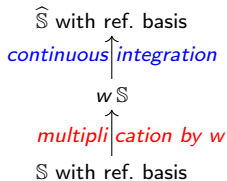
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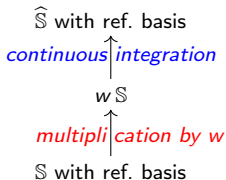
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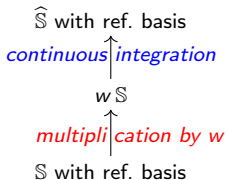


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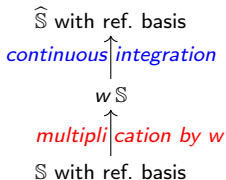
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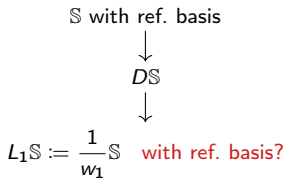
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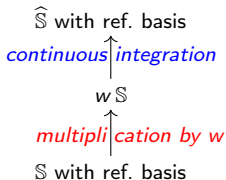
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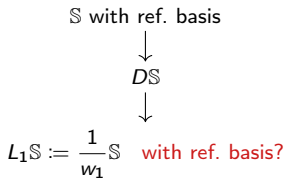
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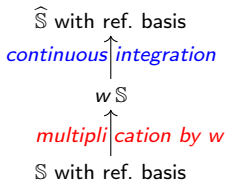
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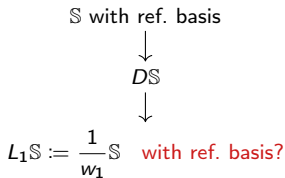


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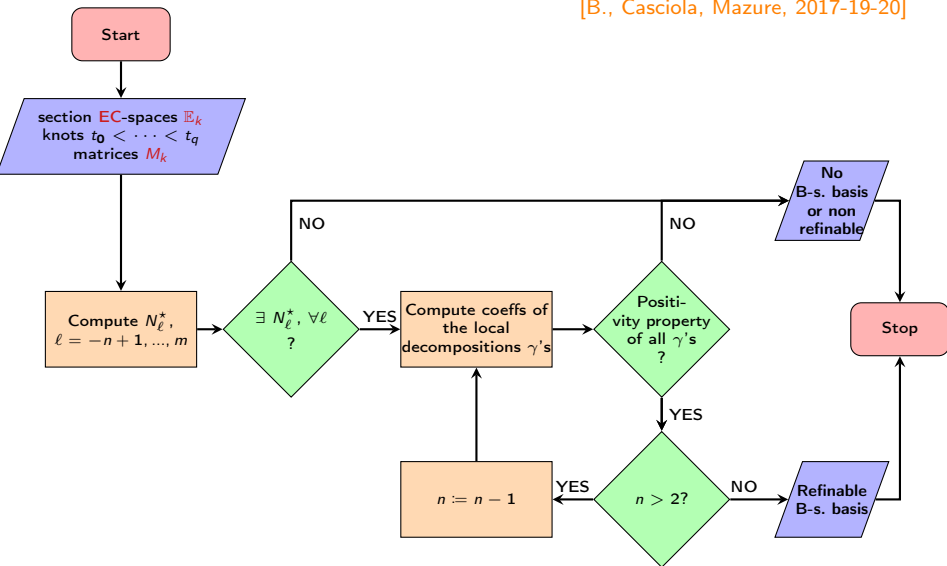
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A numerical test and an evaluation Method

[B., Casciola, Mazure, 2017-19-20]



More on the evaluation of the B-spline basis
& computational aspects

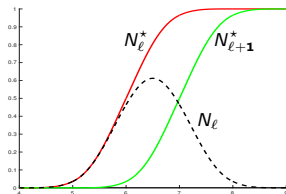
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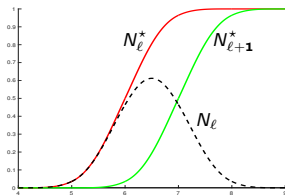
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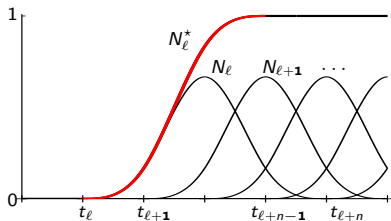
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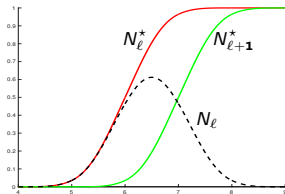
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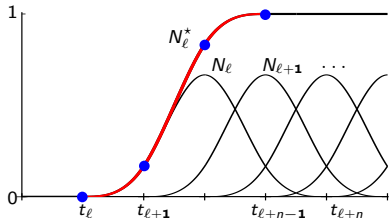
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Qualitative comparison of step 2:

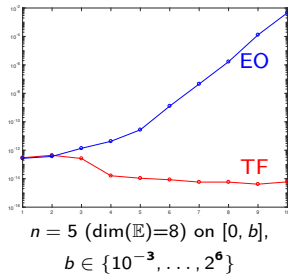
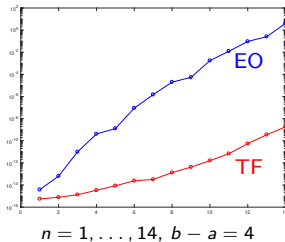
$n = 6$, 4 intervals, simple knots $\Rightarrow \dim(\mathbb{S}) = 10 \rightsquigarrow$

	# systems	size
TF2	9	$\leq 28 \times 28$
E02	28	7×7

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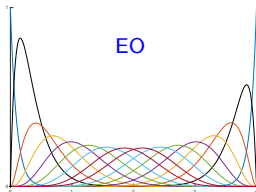
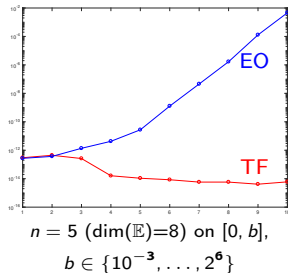
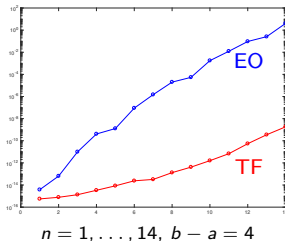
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0	6.66134e-16	9.63072e-07
1	3.89433e-12	2.60750e-01
2	2.63505e-11	1.82676e-03
3	1.68028e-10	1.06772e-03
4	3.09308e-10	5.95284e-05
5	3.49708e-10	7.39515e-06
6	2.91161e-10	7.17741e-07
7	1.49372e-10	8.07312e-08
8	4.63247e-11	4.78432e-09
9	6.89226e-12	5.24595e-10
10	1.89137e-12	3.09941e-11
11	5.37847e-13	4.54567e-12
12	1.27044e-13	1.51379e-13
13	6.84730e-14	6.10623e-15
14	3.21965e-15	9.99201e-16
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Symmetry check

(B_i, B_{15-i})	TF	EO
0,15	2.10942e-15	9.62666e-07
1,14	3.89667e-12	2.60741e-01
2,13	2.64075e-11	1.82279e-03
3,12	1.68133e-10	1.06728e-03
4,11	3.09746e-10	5.94964e-05
5,10	3.49886e-10	7.39387e-06
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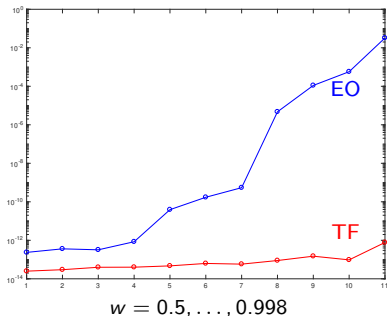
C^6 spline with $n = 7$ and:

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$\mathbb{E}_1 = \mathbb{E}_2$ spanned by $1, x, \dots, x^5, \cosh x, \sinh x$

$$t_1 - t_0 = 1 - w, \quad t_2 - t_1 = w, \quad t_3 - t_2 = w, \quad t_4 - t_3 = 1 - w$$

Symbolic error test



Symmetry check, $w = 0.998$

$N_{i,11}$	TF	EO
1,11	2.73836e-13	1.50357e-12
2,10	2.73337e-13	1.91716e-12
3,9	2.20102e-14	9.11726e-12
4,8	5.15490e-14	3.23910e-02
5,7	6.73439e-14	3.12476e-02
6,6	3.02536e-14	2.54093e-06

Applications and examples

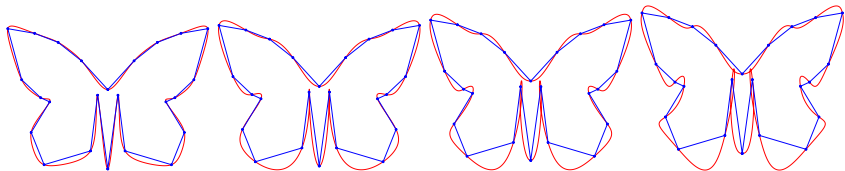
Cardinal, symmetric, C^2 quintic splines

C^2 quintic splines, equispaced knots, everywhere $M_k = M =$

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & b & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{bc}{2} & c & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Interpolation in \mathbb{S} with $c = 0$ and, left to right, $b = -5.99; 0$ (ordinary C^4 splines); $10; 100$

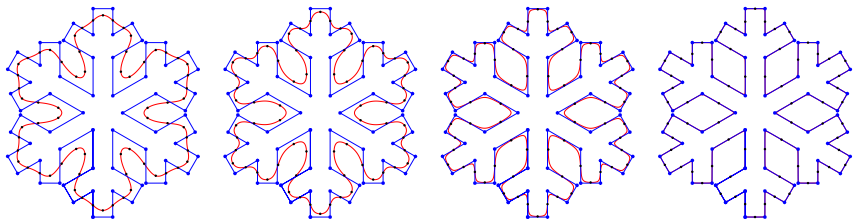
Cardinal Mixed trigonometric-hyperbolic splines

C^5 splines with $t_{k+1} - t_k = h$ and all \mathbb{E}_k spanned by:

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$h = 3$, left to right: $a = 0.01; 0.7; 1.5; 3.$

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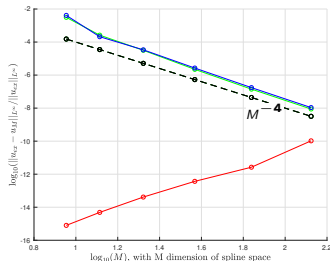
with solution $u_{\text{ex}}(x) = e^x \sin(x) + e^{-x} \cos(x)$

- IGA collocation by spline space \mathbb{S} with C^4 continuity, uniform knots and all sections \mathbb{E}_k in:

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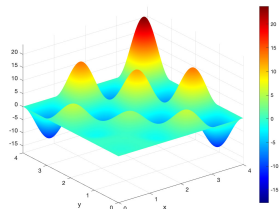


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$$\begin{cases} -\Delta u + u = f, & (x, y) \in \Omega := [0, 4]^2 \\ u|_{\partial\Omega} = 0 \end{cases}$$

with exact solution

$$u_{\text{ex}}(x, y) = (x^2 + y^2 - 1) \sin(\pi x) \sin(\pi y)$$



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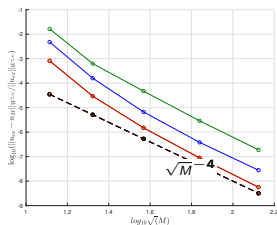
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Relative errors in $W^{2,\infty}$ norm for $h = 2^{-j}$:

j	1	2	3	4	5
A)	1.65e-02	6.29e-04	4.70e-05	2.90e-06	1.89e-07
B)	4.77e-03	1.60e-04	6.67e-06	3.83e-07	2.79e-08
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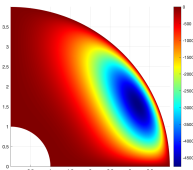


Advection-diffusion problem on a quarter of annulus

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$$u_{\text{ex}}(x, y) = e^x xy(x^2 + y^2 - 1)(x^2 + y^2 - 16)$$



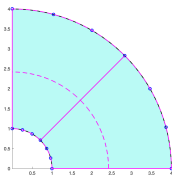
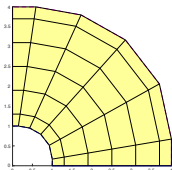
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D)	1.09e-01	8.54e-03	4.15e-04	3.25e-05	1.74e-06

concluding remarks. . .

- Piecewise Chebyshevian splines offer efficient shape parameters
- The main difficulty lies in the fact that they do not always have refinable B-spline bases
- . . . but we can numerically answer this question with high accuracy and efficiency and with effective evaluation of the basis
- When such bases exist, we can use them just as we use polynomial splines
- Not only for design and interpolation, but also multiresolution analysis and subdivision, approximation by Schoenberg-type operators, image processing, isogeometric analysis . . .



* Examples of mixed hyperbolic-trigometric interpolating splines

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