

Approximation and Modeling with Hierarchical B-Splines

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definitions and B-spline demos →

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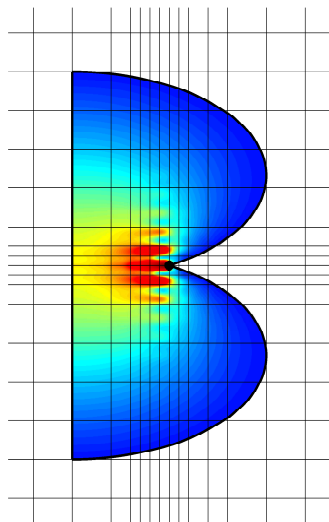
fem program package →

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classical articles and recent related work:

Forsey, Bartels 1988; Kraft 1998; Sederberg, Zheng, Bakenov, Nasri 2003;
Mustahsan 2011; Dokken, Lyche, Petterson 2013; Lehmann 2013

Necessity of Hierarchical Refinement



global effect of knot insertion

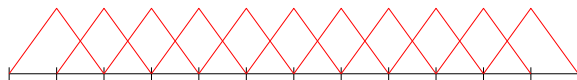
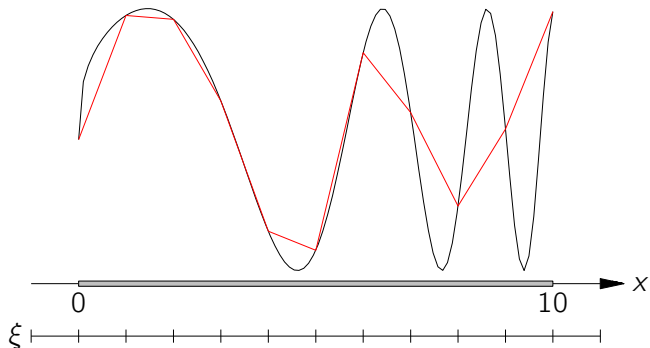
Poisson's equation

$$\begin{aligned} -\Delta u &= 1 && \text{in } D \\ u &= 0 && \text{on } \partial D \end{aligned}$$

singularity at reentrant corner

$$|\nabla u| \sim r^{-0.4472}$$

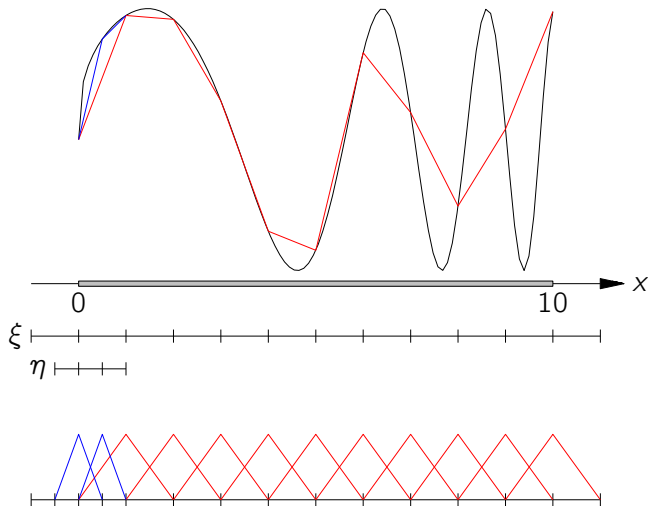
Piecewise Linear Interpolation



hierarchical basis

$$b_{0,\xi}^1, \dots, b_{10,\xi}^1$$

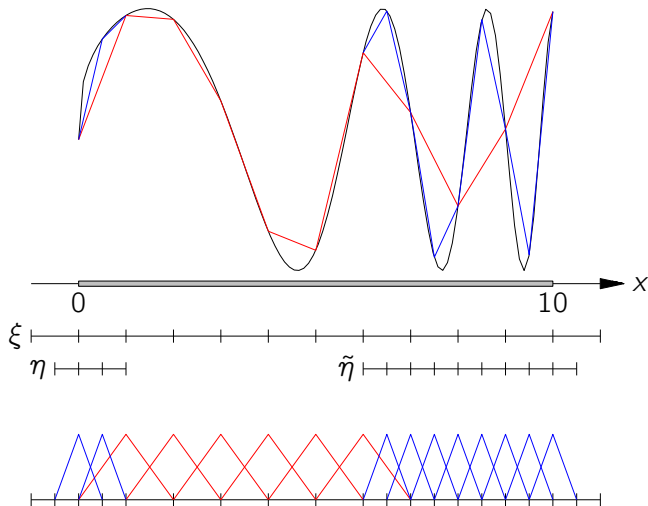
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hierarchical basis

$$b_{1,\xi}^1, \dots, b_{10,\xi}^1, \quad b_{0,\eta}^1, b_{1,\eta}^1$$

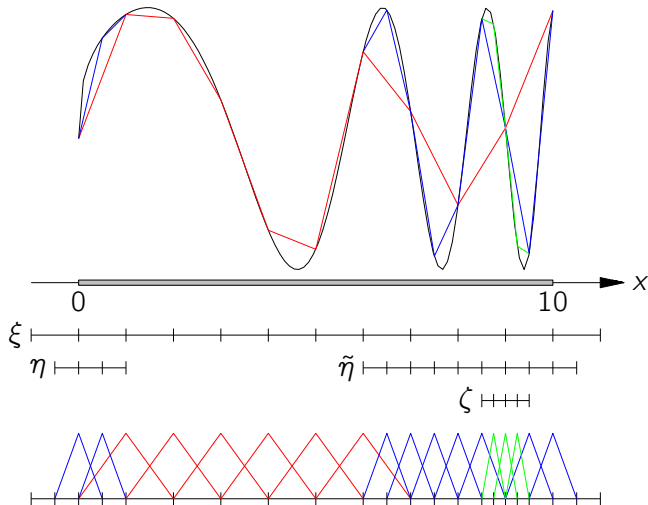
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hierarchical basis

$$b_{1,\xi}^1, \dots, b_{6,\xi}^1, \quad b_{0,\eta}^1, b_{1,\eta}^1, \quad b_{0,\tilde{\eta}}^1, \dots, b_{7,\tilde{\eta}}^1$$

Piecewise Linear Interpolation



hierarchical basis

$$b_{1,\xi}^1, \dots, b_{6,\xi}^1, \quad b_{0,\eta}^1, b_{1,\eta}^1, \quad b_{0,\tilde{\eta}}^1, \dots, b_{4,\tilde{\eta}}^1, b_{6,\tilde{\eta}}^1, b_{7,\tilde{\eta}}^1, \quad b_{0,\zeta}^1, b_{1,\zeta}^1, b_{2,\zeta}^1$$

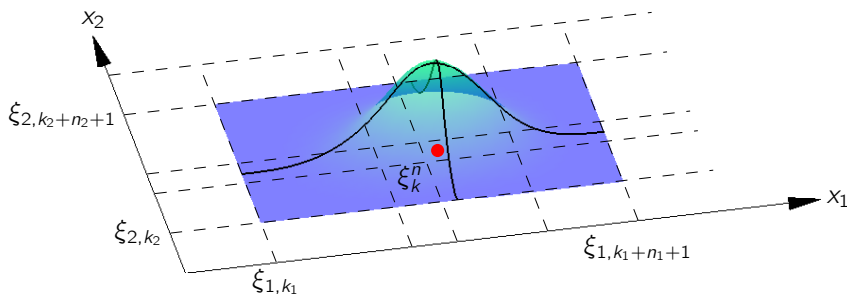
B-Splines

d -variate B-splines of degree (n_1, \dots, n_d) with respect to knot sequences

$$\xi_\nu : \dots, \xi_{\nu,0}, \xi_{\nu,1}, \dots, \quad \nu = 1, \dots, d,$$

are products of univariate B-splines:

$$b_{k,\xi}^n(x) = \prod_{\nu=1}^d b_{k_\nu, \xi_\nu}^{n_\nu}(x_\nu).$$

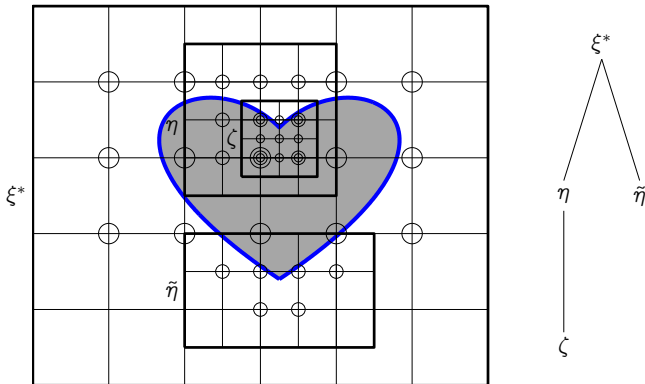


Hierarchical Splines

A hierarchical spline space $S_{\Xi}^n(D)$ is spanned by B-splines $b_{k,\xi}^n$ from knot sequences ξ , which are nodes of a tree Ξ . A basis for $S_{\Xi}^n(D)$ consists of those relevant B-splines for D ,

$$b_{k,\xi}^n, \quad k \in K_{\xi}, \quad \xi \in \Xi,$$

which are nonzero at a point in the interior of D outside of the hyperrectangles $[\eta]$ for any of the children η of ξ .



Essential Assumptions

- separation:

$$[\eta] \cap [\tilde{\eta}] = \emptyset$$

↪ simplifies programming

- refinement:

$$[\eta] \subset [\xi], \xi_{\nu,k} \in [\eta_{\nu}] \quad \text{form subsequence of } \eta_{\nu}$$

↪ subdivision applicable

- limited overlaps:

only B-splines of adjacent levels can have common support

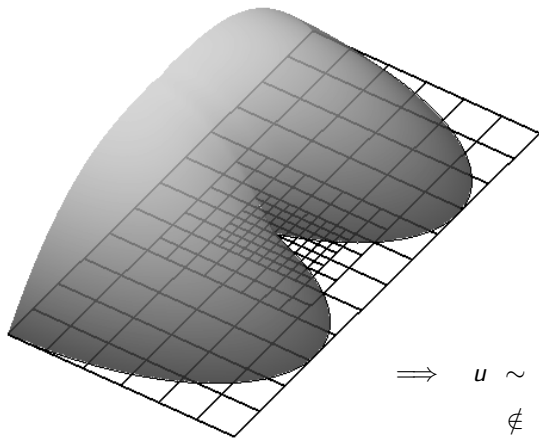
↪ stability

- normalization:

↪ partition of unity

Approximation of Singularities

$$-\Delta u = 1, \quad u = 0 \text{ on curved}, \quad \partial^\perp u = 0 \text{ on vertical boundary}$$

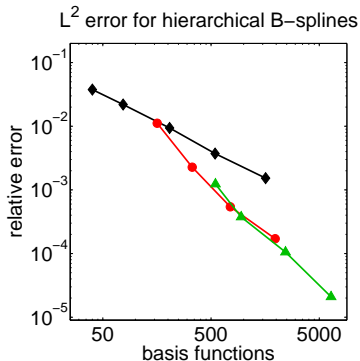
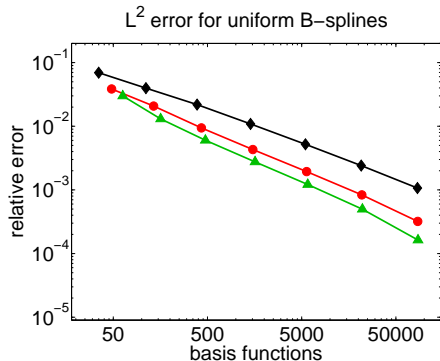


$$\Rightarrow u \sim r^{0.5528} \text{ at reentrant corner,} \\ \notin H^2$$

Error Behavior

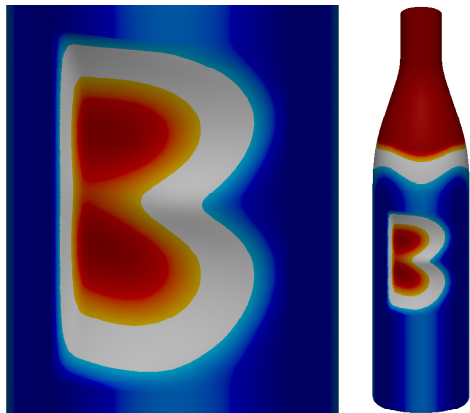
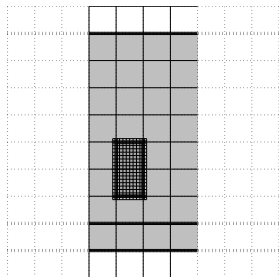
implementation: FEMB package (<http://www.siam.org/books/fr26/>)

limited overlap \implies matrix assembly via subdivision



relative errors for B-splines of degree 1, 2, 3

Modeling of Surface Details



hierarchical basis: two levels, 52 + 209 B-splines