

Lecture 3: definition and theory of T-splines for IGA

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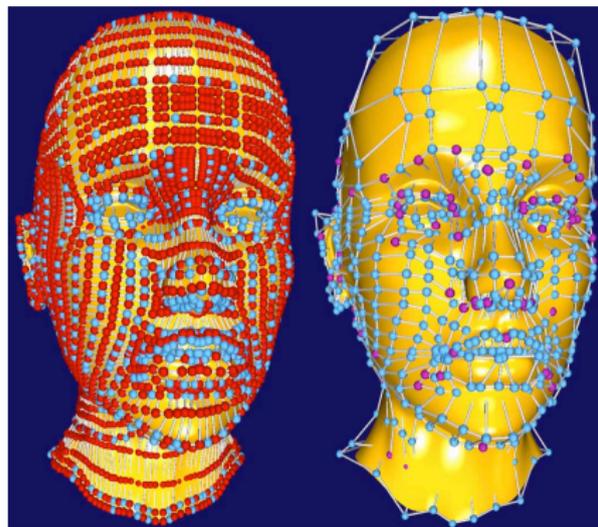
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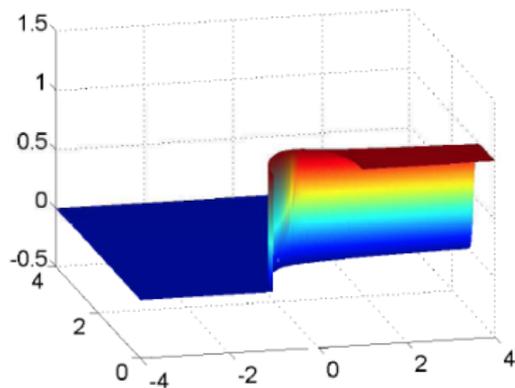
a. NURBS

b. T-spline

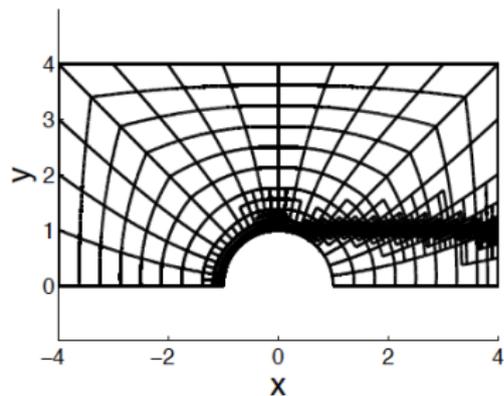
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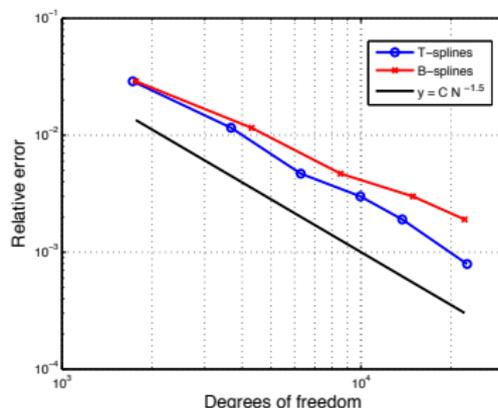
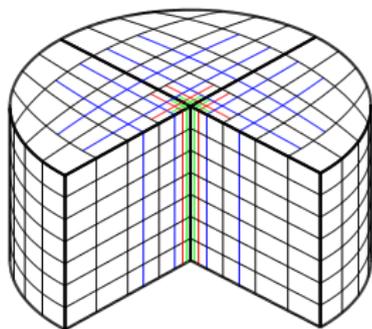
(a) Refined solution with 13129 DOF



(b) T-mesh after the last step

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exact solution $\mathbf{u} \approx \mathbf{grad}(r^{2/3} \sin 2\theta / 3 \sin(\pi z))$ (by R. Vazquez)

Possible extensions:

- Hierarchical splines [A.-V. Vuong, C. Giannelli, B. Jüttler, B. Simeon, CMAME 2011] , . . .
- PS-Bsplines [H. Speleers, C. Manni, F. Pelosi, M. L. Sampoli, CMAME, 2012] , . . .
- T-splines [Sederberg, Cardon, Finnigan, North, Zheng, Lyche, 2004] , . . .
- LR-splines [T. Dokken, T. Lyche, K. F. Pettersen, CAGD, 2013] , . . .

- Recalling again some definition on B-splines
- Intro on T-splines for isogeometric analysis
- Arbitrary degree T-splines
- AS class
- DC class and properties
- Equivalence of AS and DC
- Maths properties for IGA

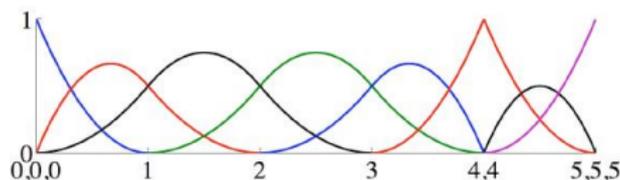
- T-spline based differential forms

Univariate B-splines: a little change in notation

Given a *non-uniform knot vector* $\Xi = \{\xi_1, \dots, \xi_{n+p+1}\}$, B-spline are:

$$B_{i,\Xi}^0(s) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \xi_i \leq s < \xi_{i+1} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$$B_{i,\Xi}^p(s) = \frac{s - \xi_i}{\xi_{i+p} - \xi_i} B_{i,\Xi}^{p-1}(s) + \frac{\xi_{i+p+1} - s}{\xi_{i+p+1} - \xi_{i+1}} B_{i+1,\Xi}^{p-1}(s).$$



New notation: $B_{5,\Xi}^2(s) = B_2[2, 3, 4, 4](s) = B_p[\overset{\text{l.k.v.}}{\xi}](s)$

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I adopt here a “function representation”:

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This is a **dual basis** in the sense that

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} B_p[\xi^A] \lambda_p[\xi^A] = 1, \\ A \neq B \Rightarrow \int_{\mathbb{R}} B_p[\xi^A] \lambda_p[\xi^B] = 0,$$

Bivariate B-splines

Tensor product B-splines are defined as

$$B_{p,q}^{\mathbf{A}}(s, t) = B_p[\xi^{A_1}](s) B_q[\eta^{A_2}](t)$$

and span the space $S_{p,q} := S_p \otimes S_q$

Tensor product dual functions are defined as

$$\lambda_{p,q}^{\mathbf{A}} = \lambda_p[\xi^{A_1}] \lambda_q[\eta^{A_2}].$$

we still have the duality property:

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^2} B_{p,q}^{\mathbf{A}} \lambda_{p,q}^{\mathbf{A}} = \int_{\mathbb{R}} B_p[\xi^{A_1}] \lambda_p[\xi^{A_1}] \int_{\mathbb{R}} B_q[\eta^{A_2}] \lambda_q[\eta^{A_2}] = 1$$
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T-Splines technology

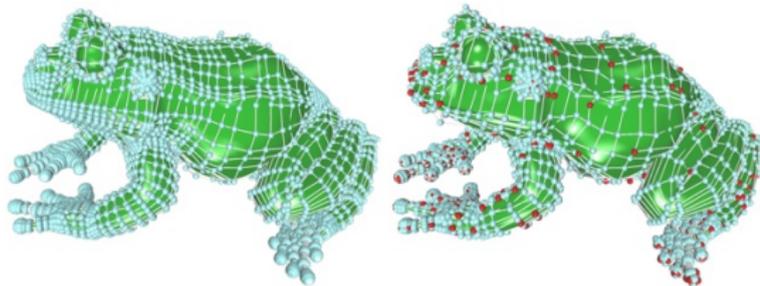


What is the magic underneath the covers that makes T-Splines such a unique and compelling new technology? How does T-Splines overcome limitations that are inherent to existing NURBS and subdivision based modeling approaches? Four key components of the patented T-Splines technology make it all possible:

T-Points

A non-uniform rational b-spline Surface or NURBS surface is defined by a set of control points which lie, topologically, in a rectangular grid. This means that, in practice, a large percentage of NURBS control points are superfluous in that they contain no significant geometric information, but merely are needed to satisfy the topological constraint.

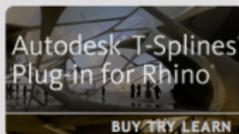
In the frog model below, 55% of the NURBS control points are superfluous. In contrast, a T-Spline's control grid is allowed to have partial rows of control points. A partial row of control points terminates in a T-Point, hence the name T-Splines. In the T-Splines frog, the red control points are T-Points.



NURBS frog (11625 control points) Courtesy Zygate Media

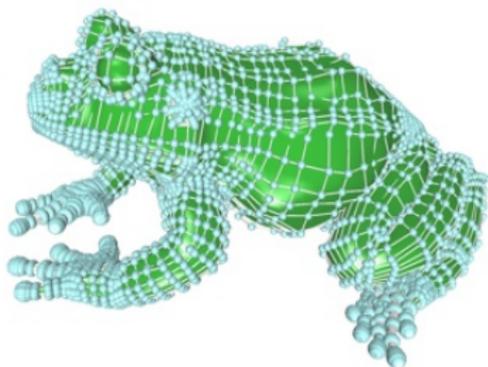
T-Splines frog (5035 control points)

Minimizing control points makes it easier to create models, control surface smoothness, decrease file size, and speed up editing time.

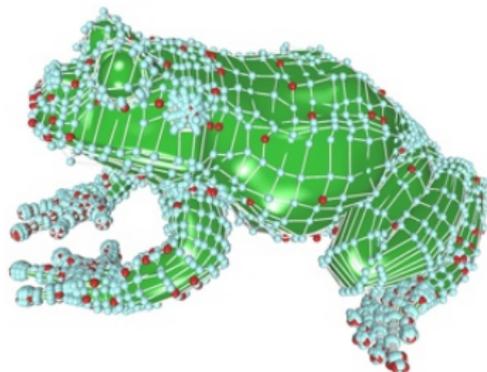


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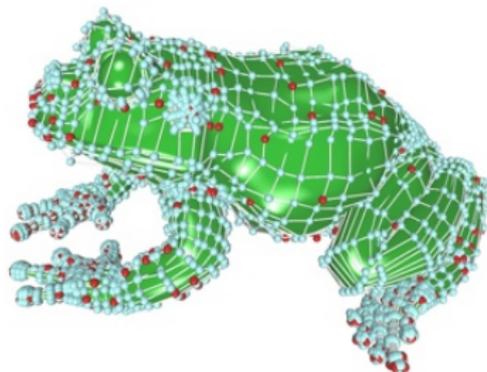
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T-splines are an extension of tensor-product NURBS:

- allow local refinement
- allow accurate patch union
- allow more flexibility
- from CAD [Sederberg et al., ACM SIGGRAPH 2003-04] ...
...to IGA [Bazilevs, Calo, Cottrell, Evans, Hughes, Lipton, Scott, Sederberg, CMAME, 2010]



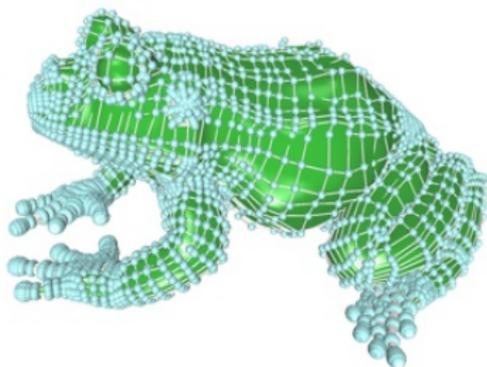
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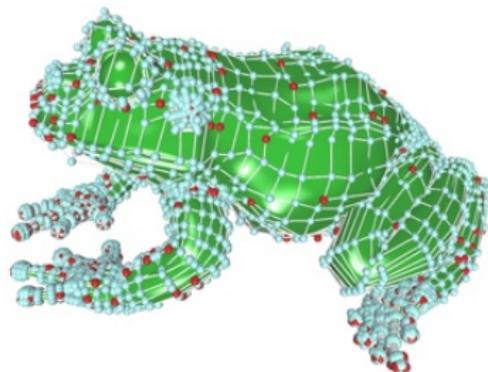
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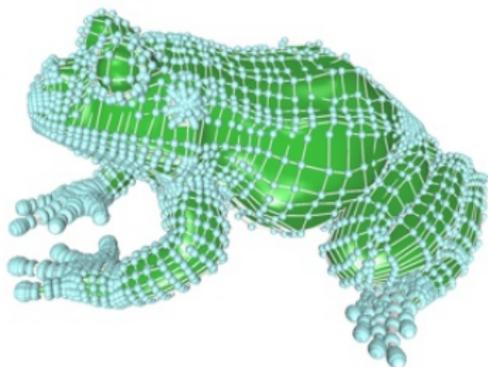


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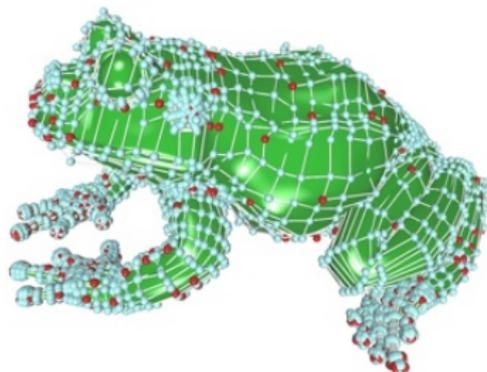
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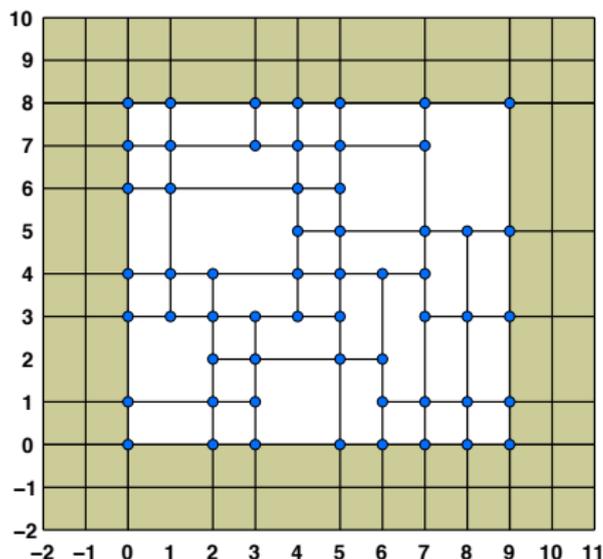
Two important features of IGA:

- (k, p) -refinement + local h -refinement
- smooth discrete “differential forms”+ local h -refinement

[Buffa, GS, Vázquez, JCP, submitted]

From here the interest for arbitrary degree AS T-splines

Cubic T-spline meshes

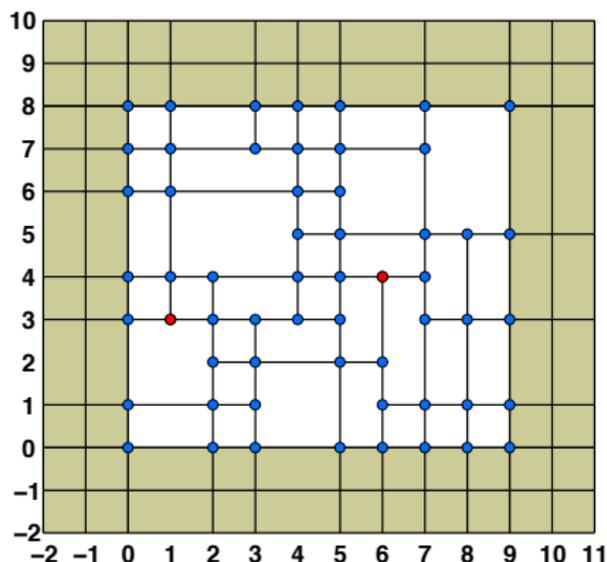


A T-mesh \mathcal{M} in the **index space**. Indices are associated to knots:

$$\xi_{-2} = \xi_{-1} = \xi_0 < \xi_1 \leq \xi_2 \leq \dots \leq \xi_8 < \xi_9 = \xi_{10} = \xi_{11}$$

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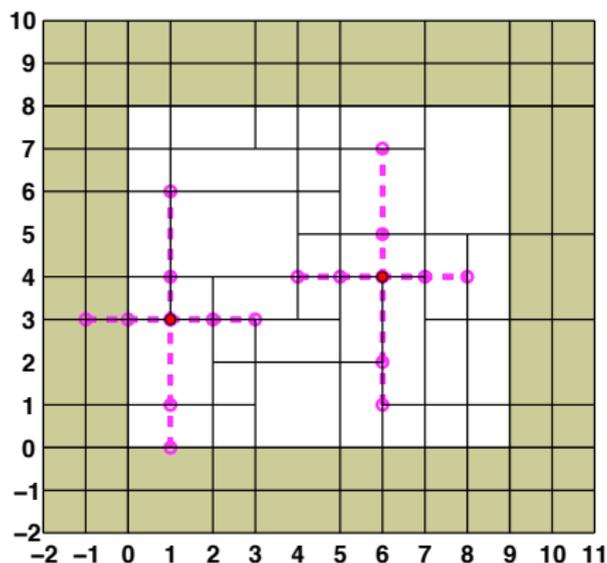


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Definition of arbitrary-degree T-splines

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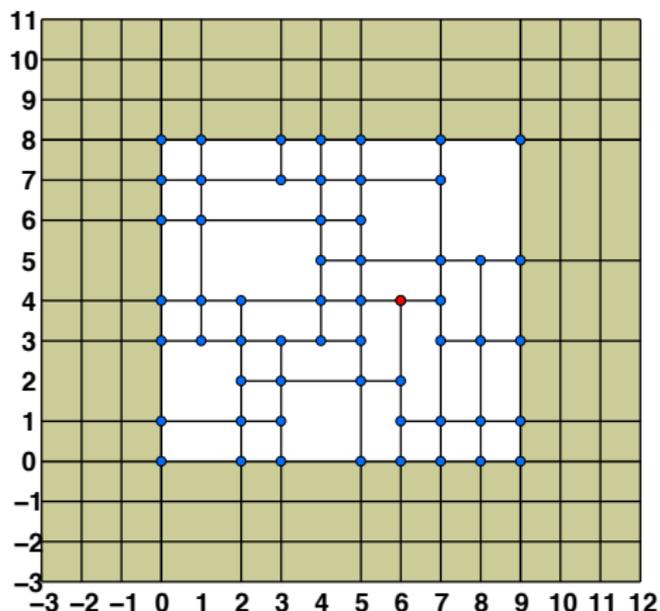
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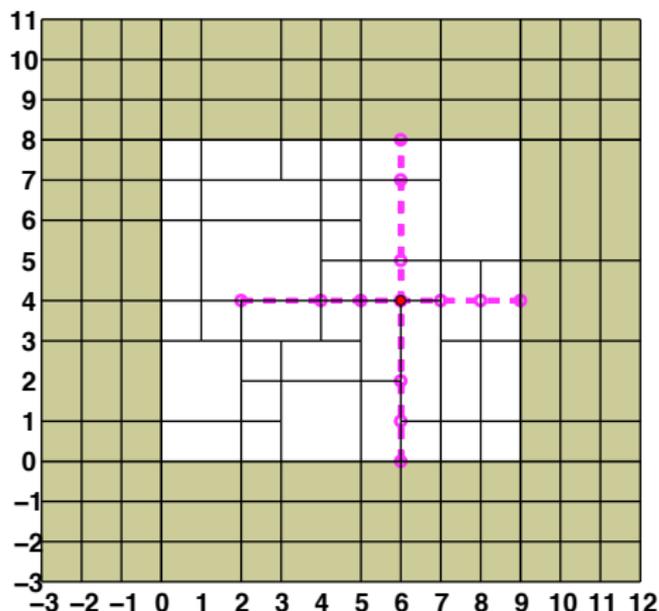
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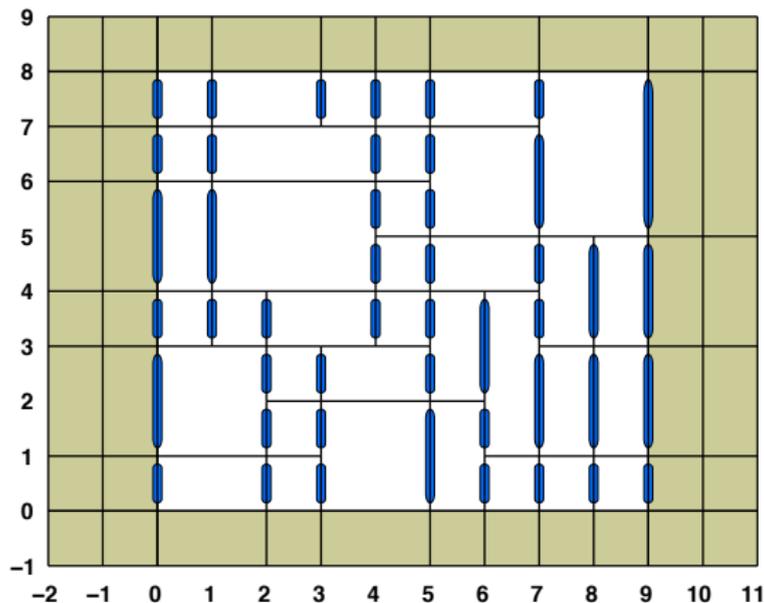
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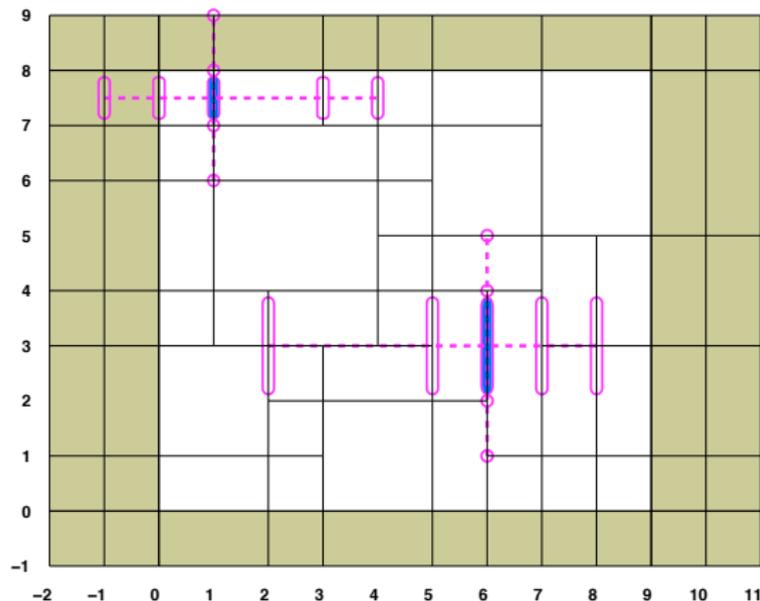


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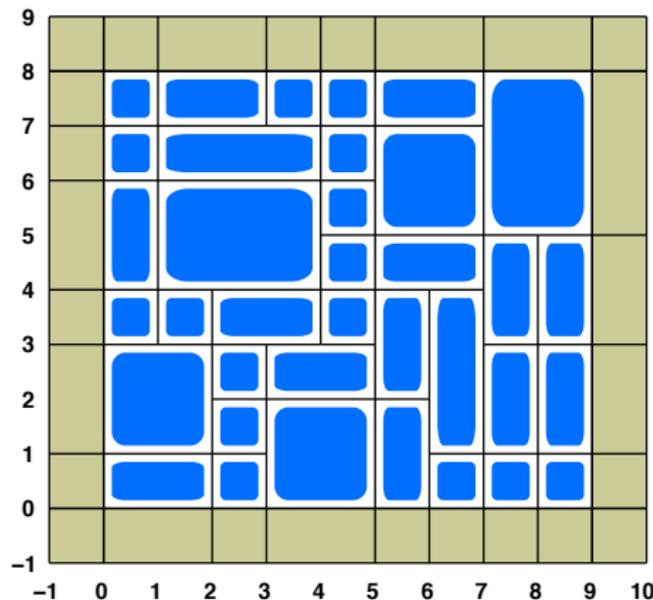


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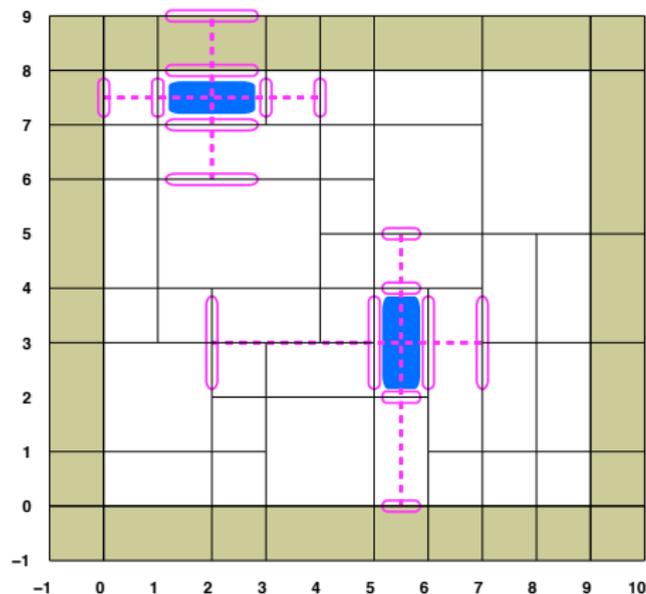


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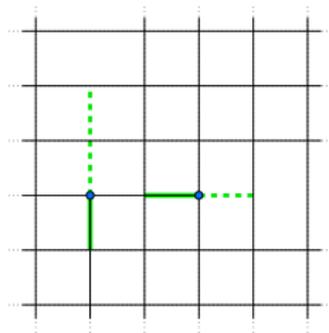
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Analysis Suitable T-splines of p, q degree

Extensions: every horizontal (\vdash and \dashv) (resp. **vertical** (\perp and \top)) T-junction is extended by $\lceil p/2 \rceil$ -bays (resp., $\lceil q/2 \rceil$ -bays) forward (called face extension) and by $\lfloor p/2 \rfloor$ -bays (resp., $\lfloor q/2 \rfloor$ -bays) backward (called edge extension). All extensions are closed lines.

Example for $p=2, q=3$:



Definition of Analysis Suitable (AS)

A T-mesh is $AS_{p,q}$ if no horizontal T-junction extension intersects a vertical T-junction extension.

Definition of DC T-splines

Overlapping index vectors

Two local index vector may be coincident, different and overlapping or different and non-overlapping (staggered):

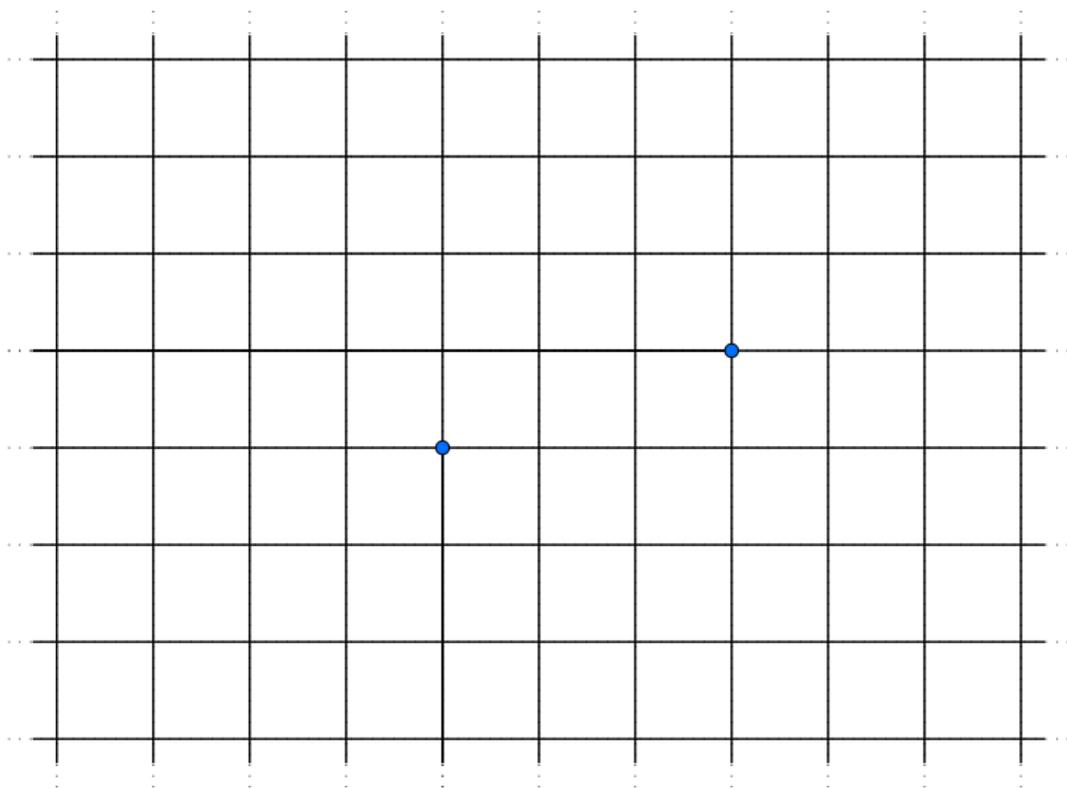
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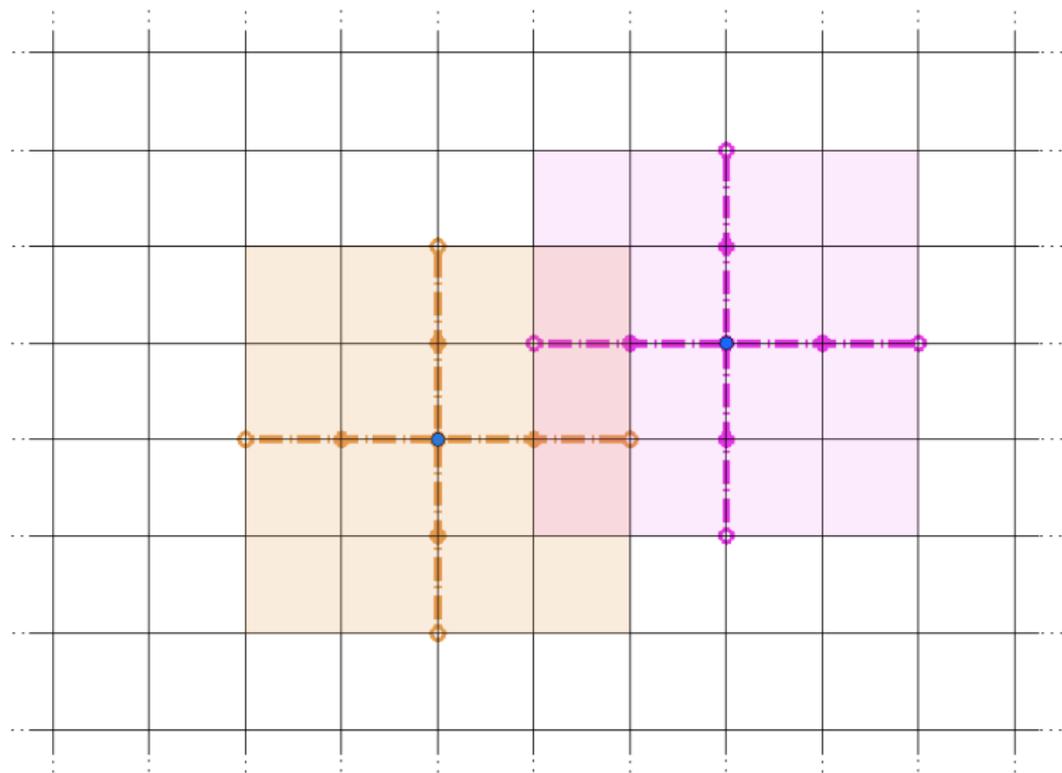
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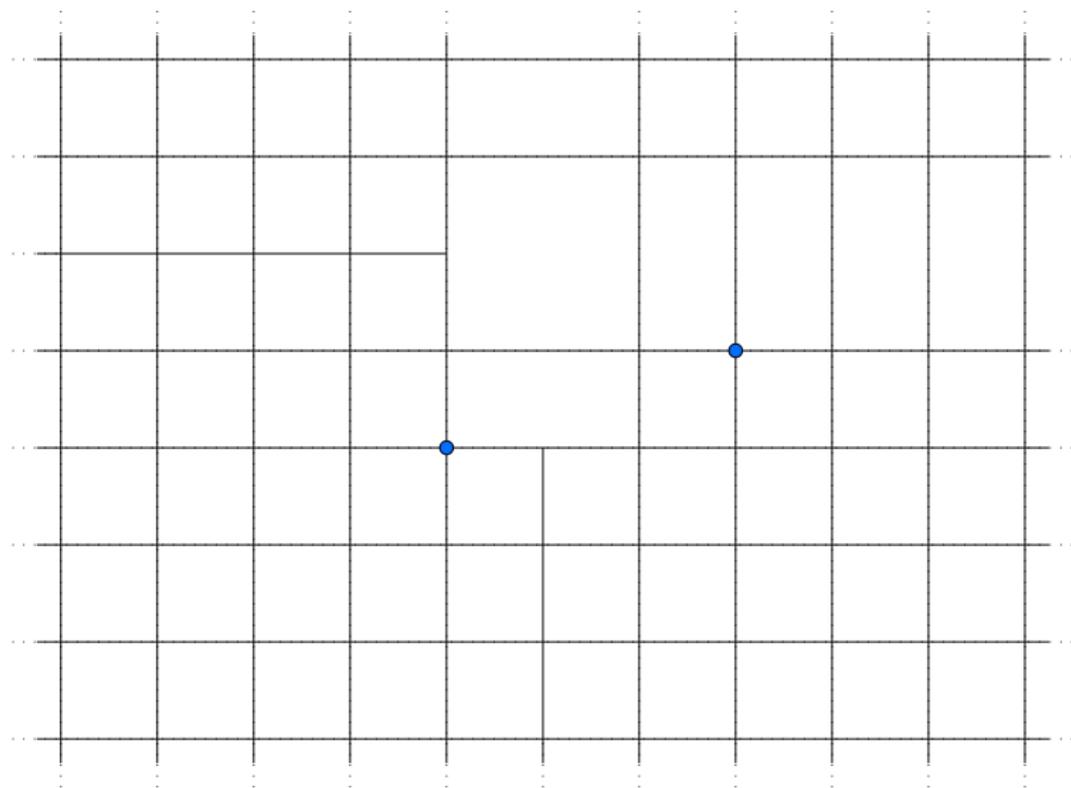
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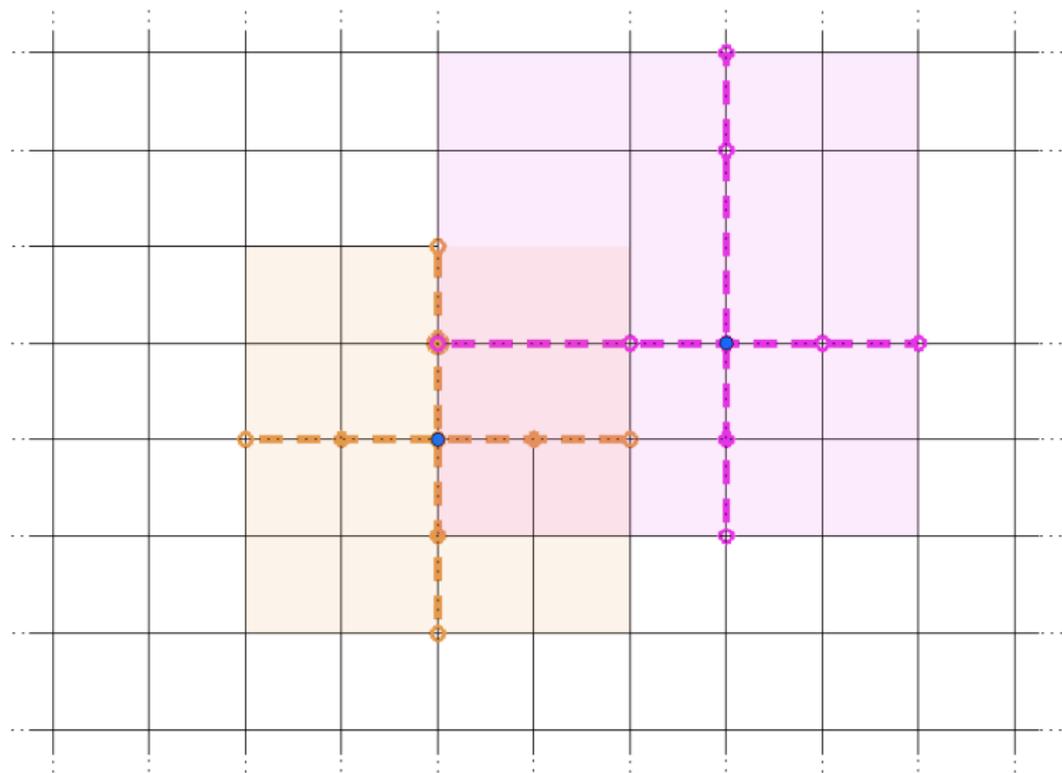
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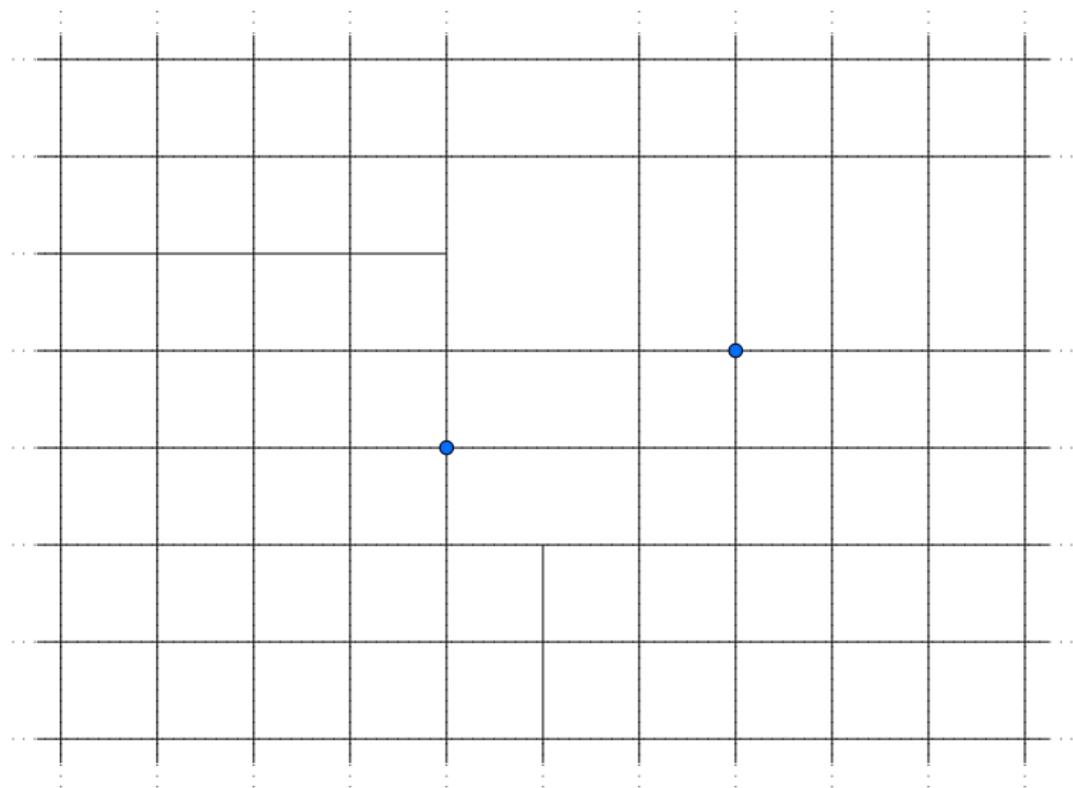
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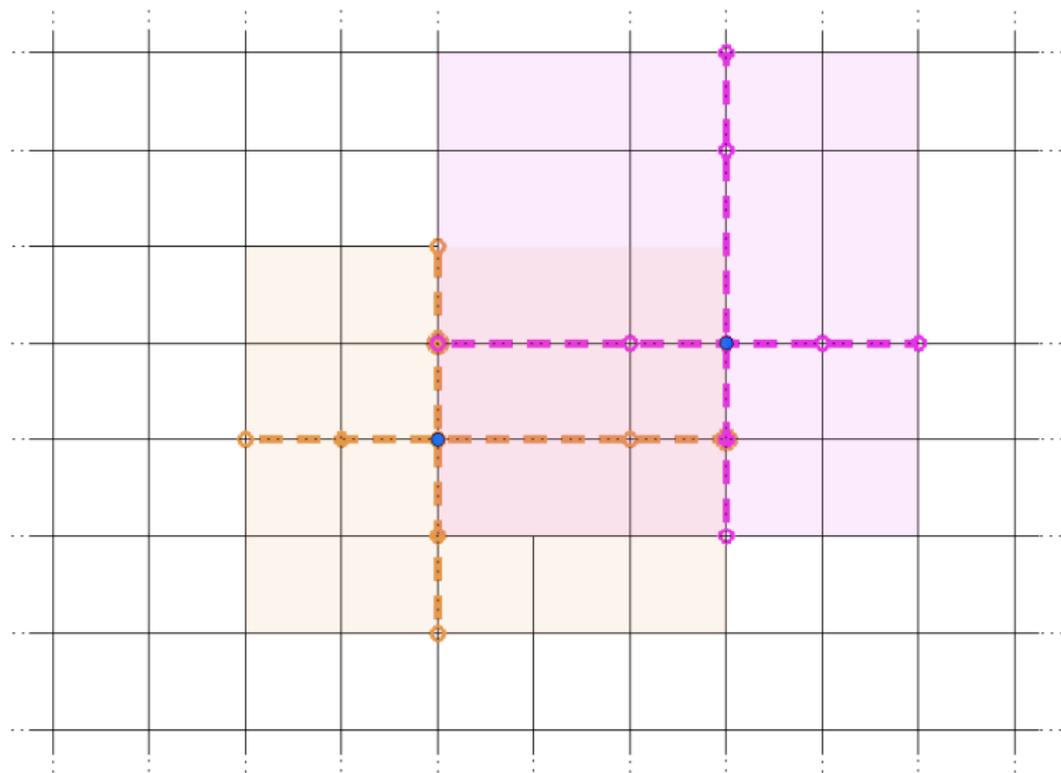
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Dual Compatible T-splines

Definition of Dual Compatible (DC)

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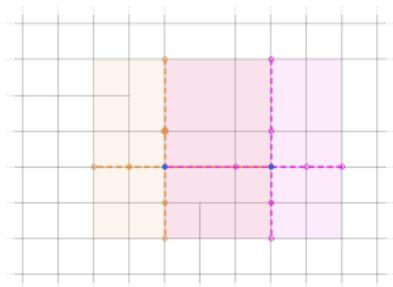
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Equivalent definition in 2D

A given T-mesh \mathcal{M} is $DC_{p,q}$ if any pair of T-splines has overlapping index vectors, either horizontally or vertically.



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Then $\{\lambda_{p,q}^A\}_A$ is still a dual basis !!.

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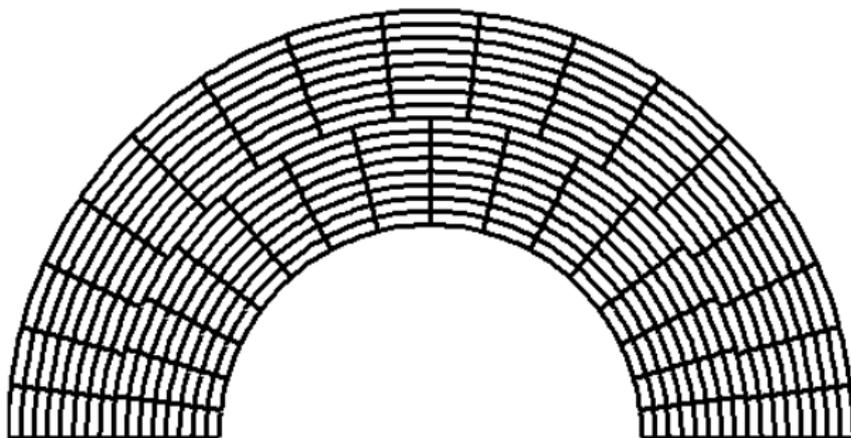
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The origin of the concept of DC T-splines

The idea originates from the analysis of “IsoGeometric analysis using T-splines on two-patch geometries” [Beirão da Veiga, Buffa, Cho, GS, CMAME 2011]



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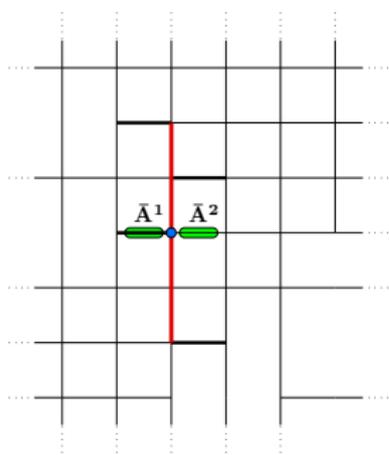
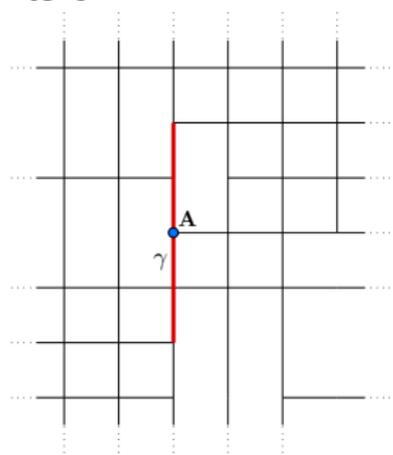
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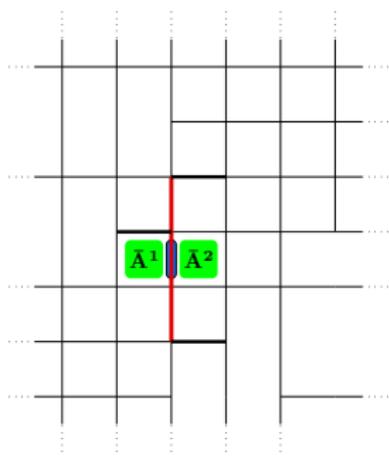
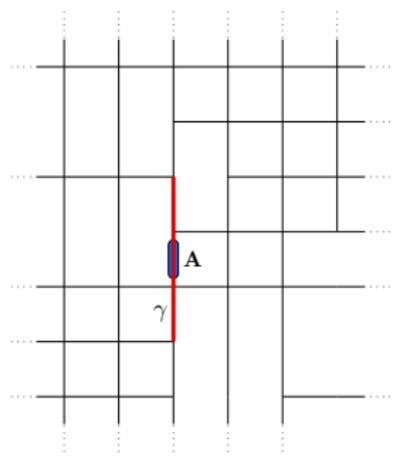


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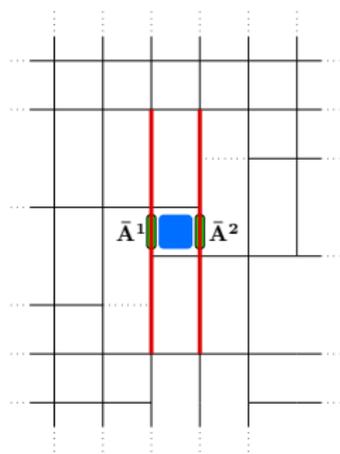
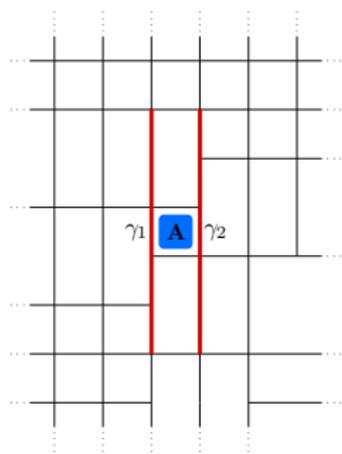


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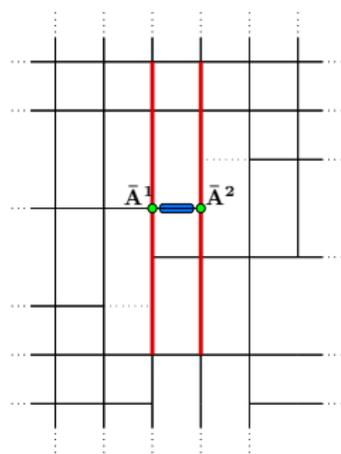
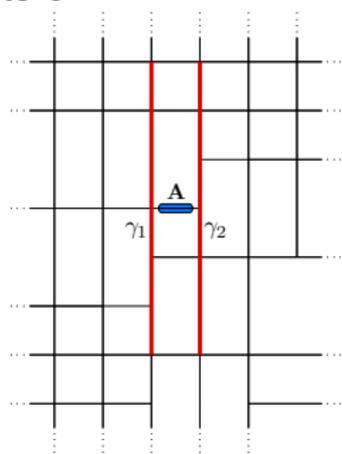


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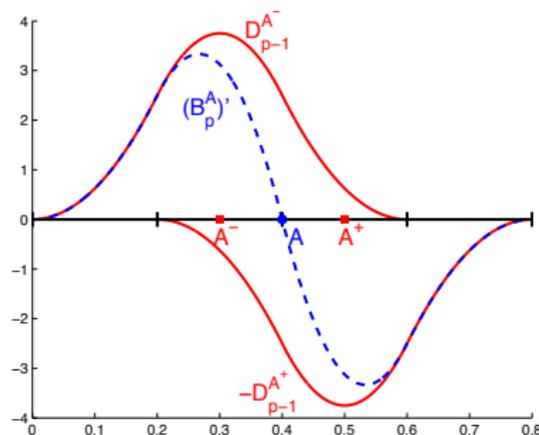
$S_p(\Xi)$: space of B-splines of degree p on the **open knot vector** Ξ .

$$\Xi = \{\xi_1 = \dots = \xi_{p+1} < \xi_{p+2} \leq \dots \leq \xi_n < \xi_{n+1} = \dots = \xi_{n+p+1}\}$$

B-splines **derivatives** are splines as well, in the space $S_{p-1}(\Xi')$:

$$\Xi' = \{\xi_2 = \dots = \xi_{p+1} < \xi_{p+2} \leq \dots \leq \xi_n < \xi_{n+1} = \dots = \xi_{n+p}\}$$

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\mathbf{F} is the geometry parametrization of Ω .

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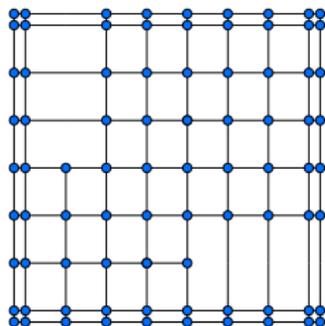


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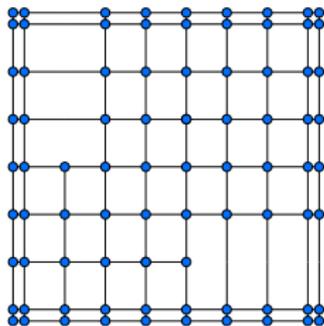
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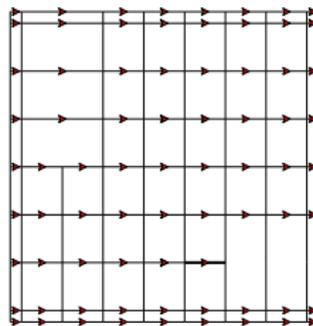
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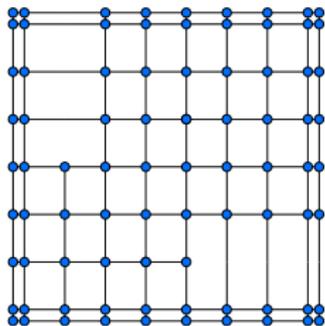
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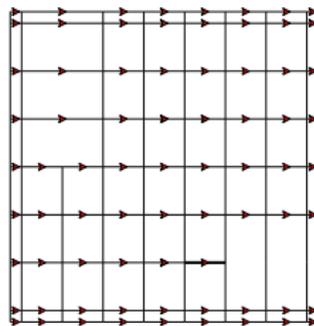
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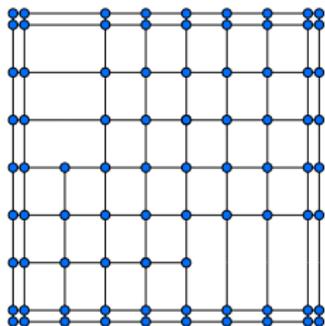
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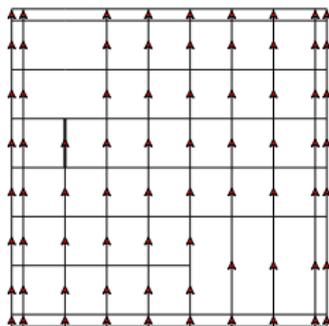
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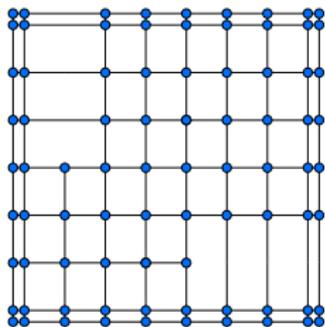
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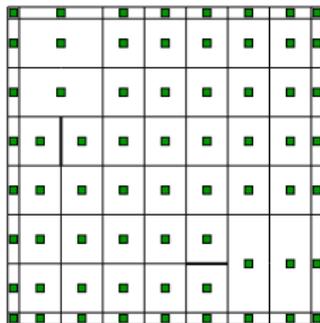
Recall the univariate derivative: $(B_p^A)' = D_{p-1}^{A-} - D_{p-1}^{A+}$:



Start with an analysis suitable T-mesh \mathcal{M}^0 , and the space $\hat{Y}^0 = T_{p,p}(\mathcal{M}^0)$.



$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial y}$$



Degree (even,even): anchors associated with the **elements**.

New mesh, \mathcal{M}^2 : added one extension of all **T-junctions**.

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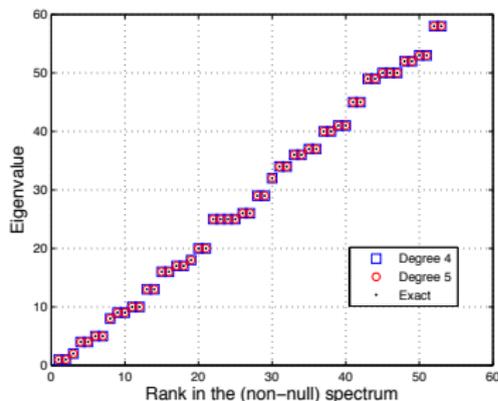
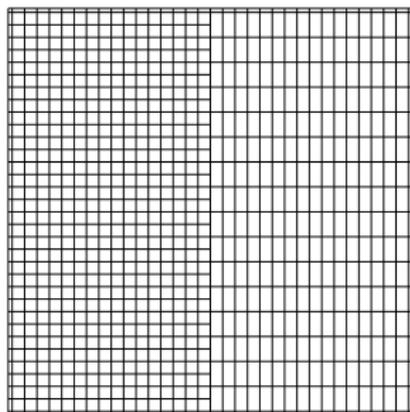
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Unit square domain, with T-mesh as below:



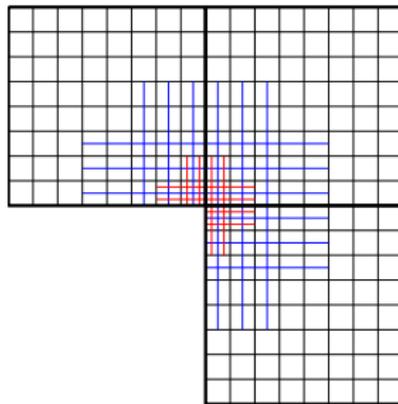
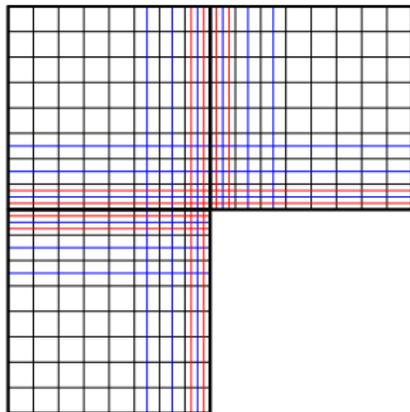
- The computed spectrum is **spurious free** for any degree.
- Good approximation of eigenvalues with the right multiplicity.

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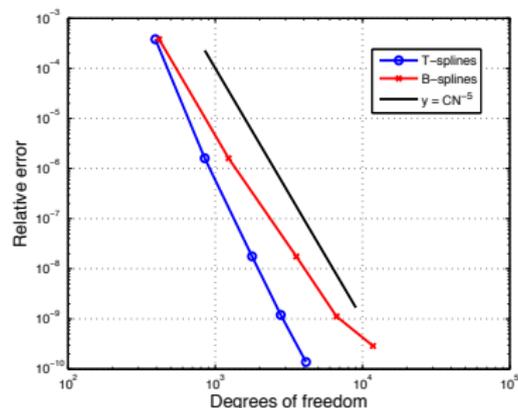
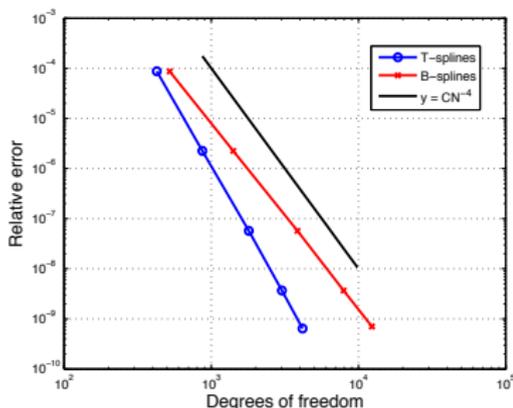


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- Convergence results for degrees 4 and 5.
- Better approximation properties than B-splines.

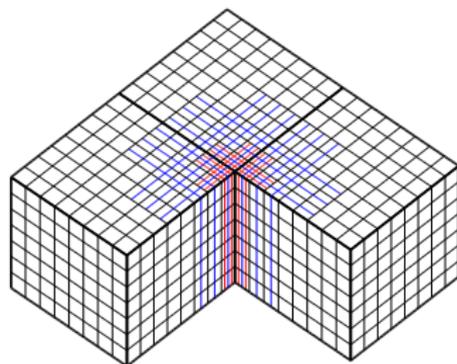
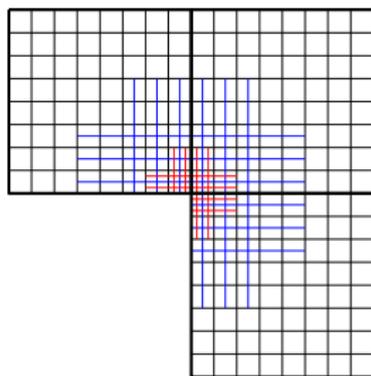
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These are the spaces that form the sequence:

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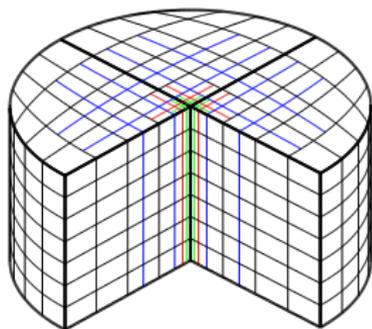
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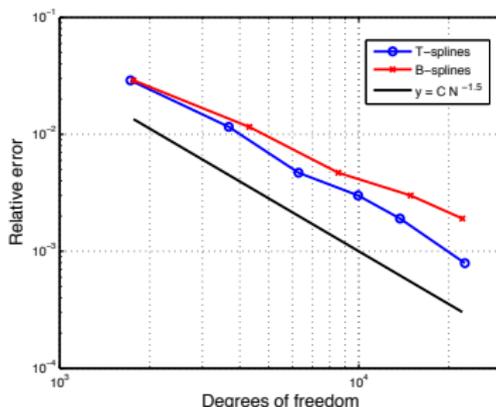
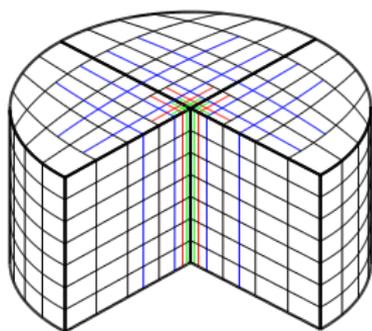
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T-splines of degree 3: better convergence than B-splines in terms of dofs.

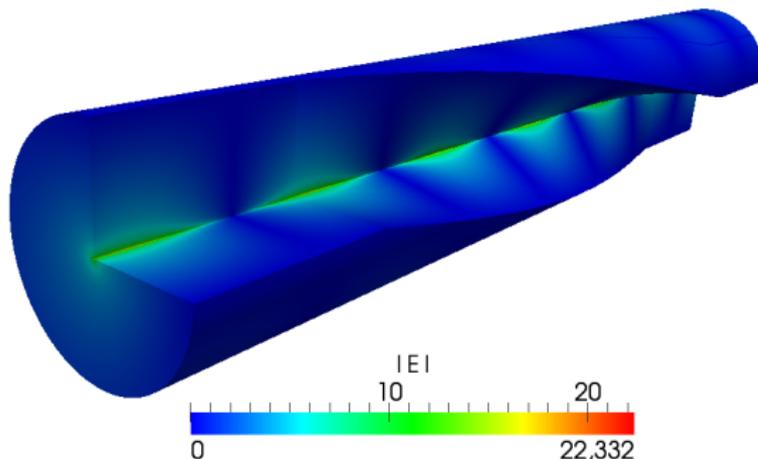
3D numerical results: twisted waveguide

Propagation of the first TE mode in a **twisted waveguide**.

Discretized with T-splines with $p = 3$, and 7936 dofs.

With 6 elements in the z -direction, C^2 or C^0 tang. continuity.

Accurate transmission and reflection output. [Buffa, GS, Vázquez, submitted to JCP]



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