

# Orthogonality of hat functions in Sobolev spaces

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**AND NOW FOR SOMETHING  
COMPLETELY DIFFERENT**

## Outline:

- ❑ Recap: quasi interpolation
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- ❑ Orthogonality of hat functions in  $\mathbb{R}^d$

## Quasi interpolation

Consider a univariate spline space  $\mathcal{S}$  of order  $n$  with B-splines  $B_j^n$ . A quasi interpolant  $\Lambda$  of order  $\nu$  is a linear operator

$$f \mapsto \Lambda f = \sum_j (\lambda_j f) B_j^n \in \mathcal{S}$$

given by functionals  $\lambda_j$ , with

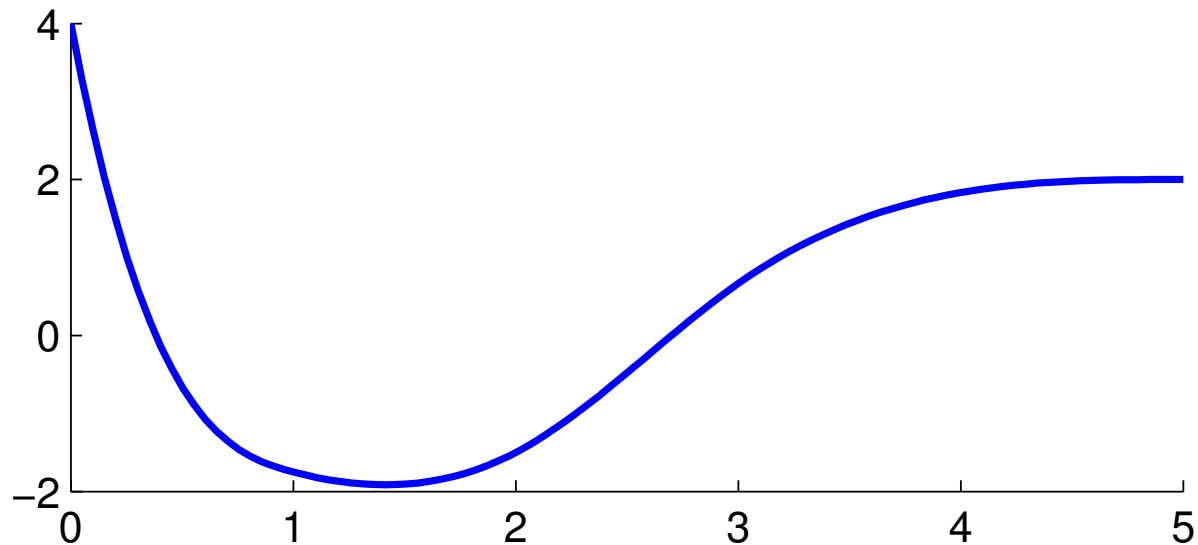
- ❑ **Locality:**  $\lambda_j f$  depends only on  $f$  restricted to  $\text{supp } B_j^n$ .
- ❑ **Boundedness:**  $\sup_j \|\lambda_j\| < \infty$
- ❑ **Polynomial precision:**  $\Lambda p = p$  for all  $p \in \mathbb{P}^\nu$ , or ideally  $p \in \mathbb{P}^n$ .

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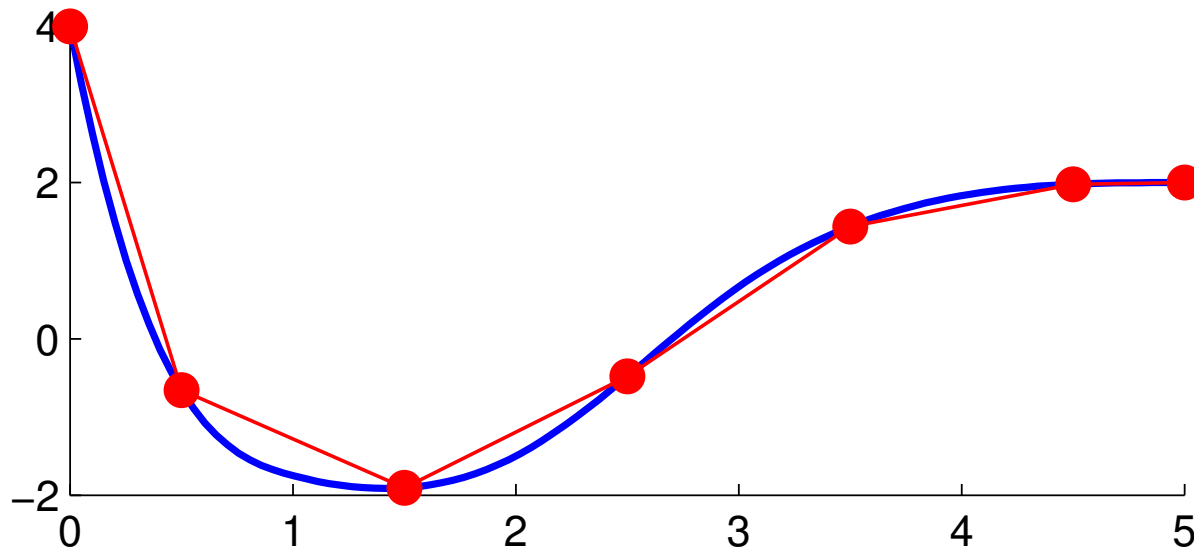


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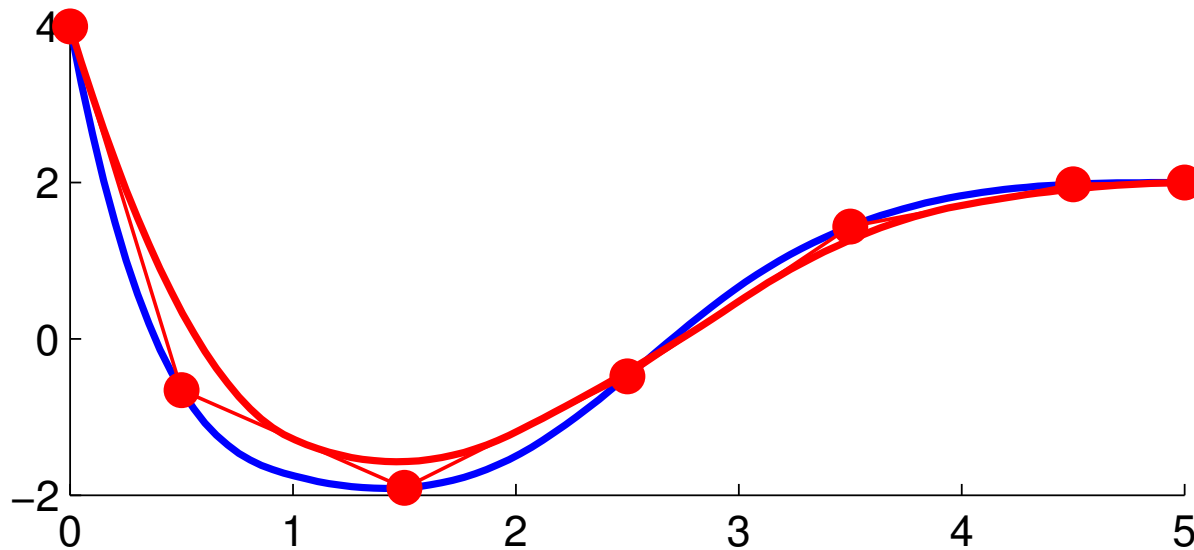


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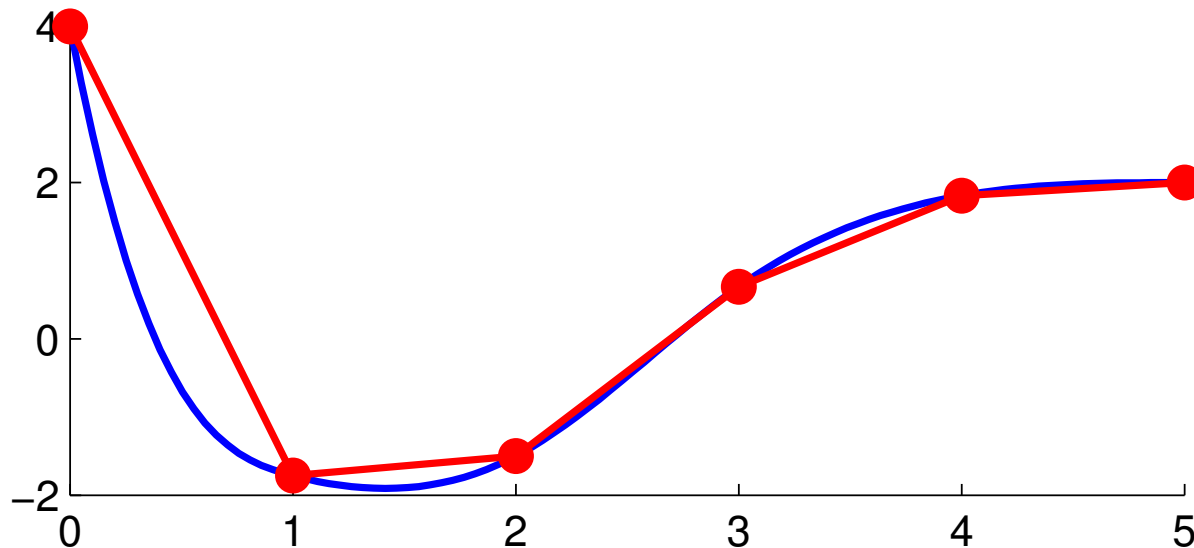
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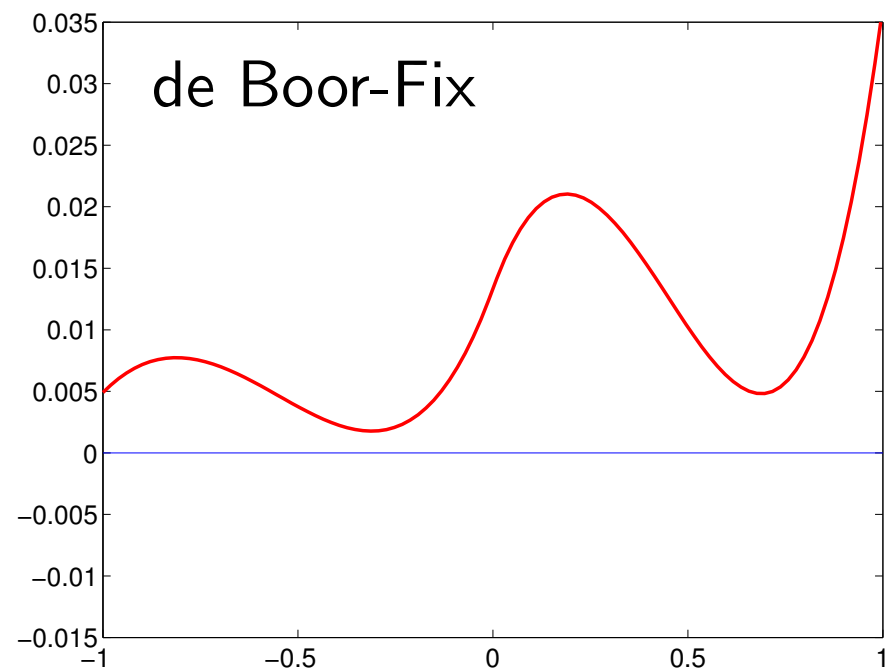
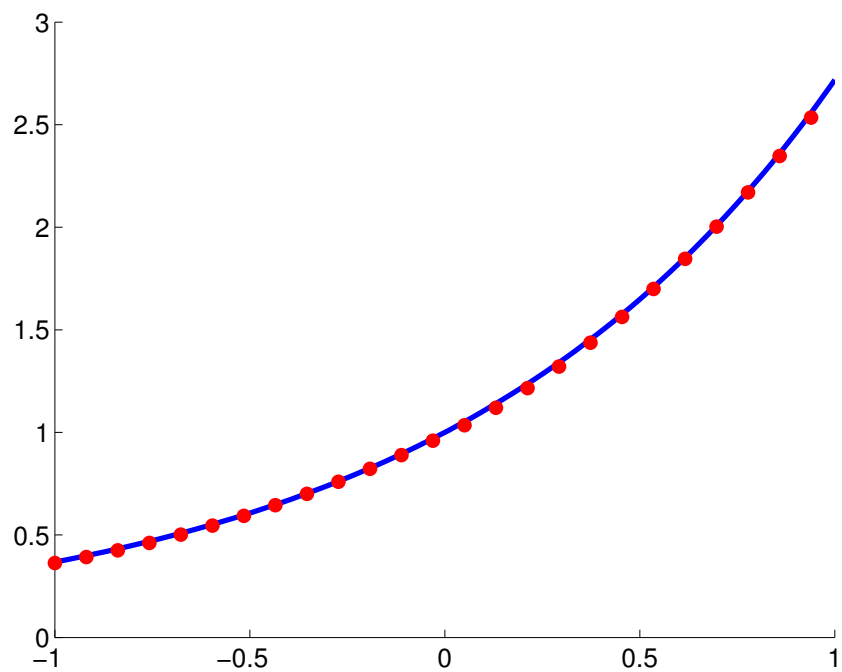
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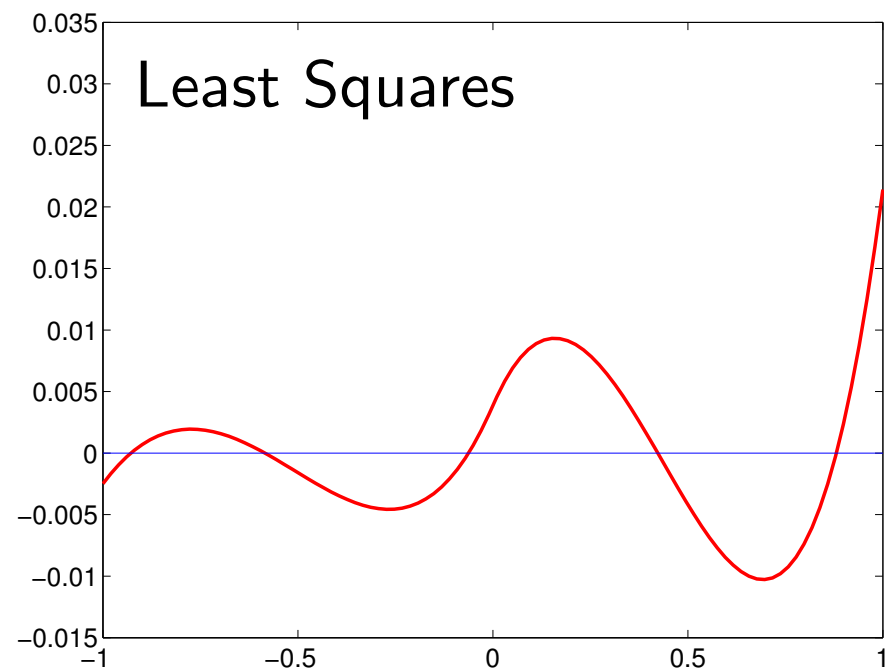
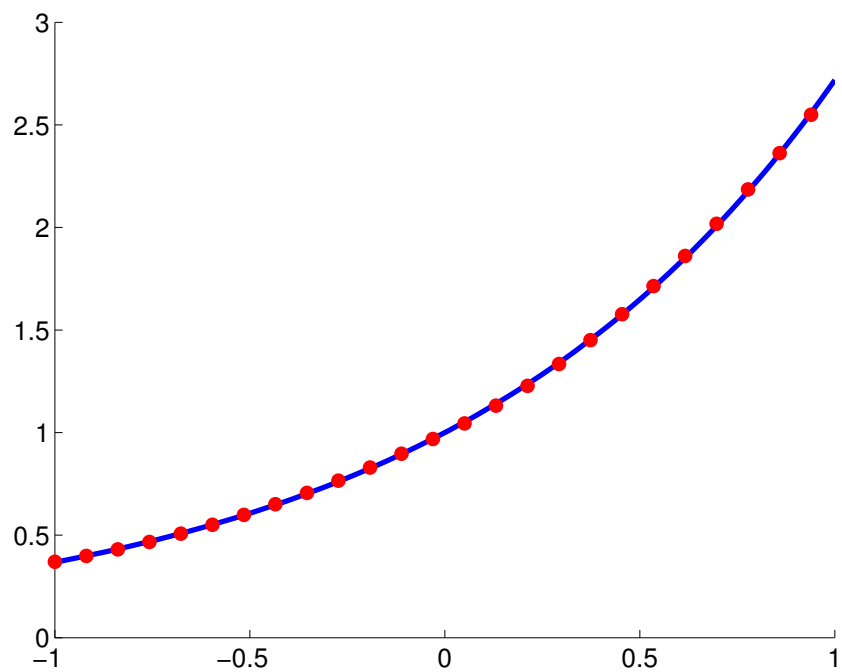
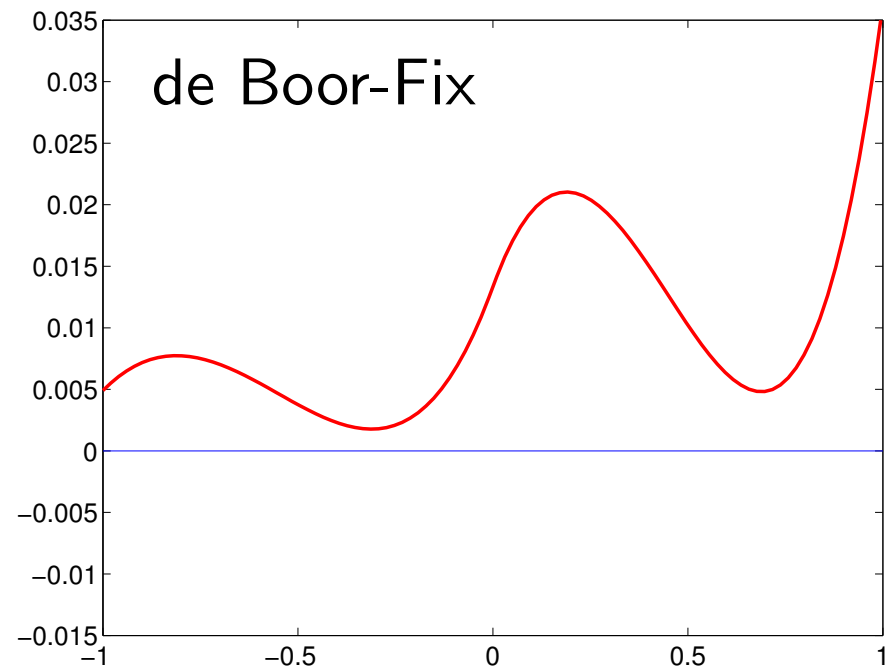
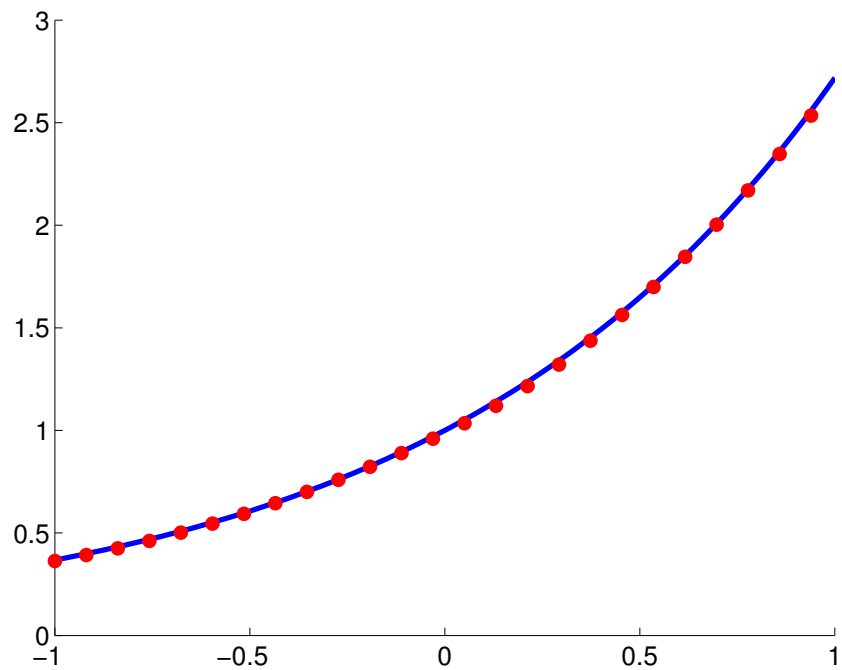
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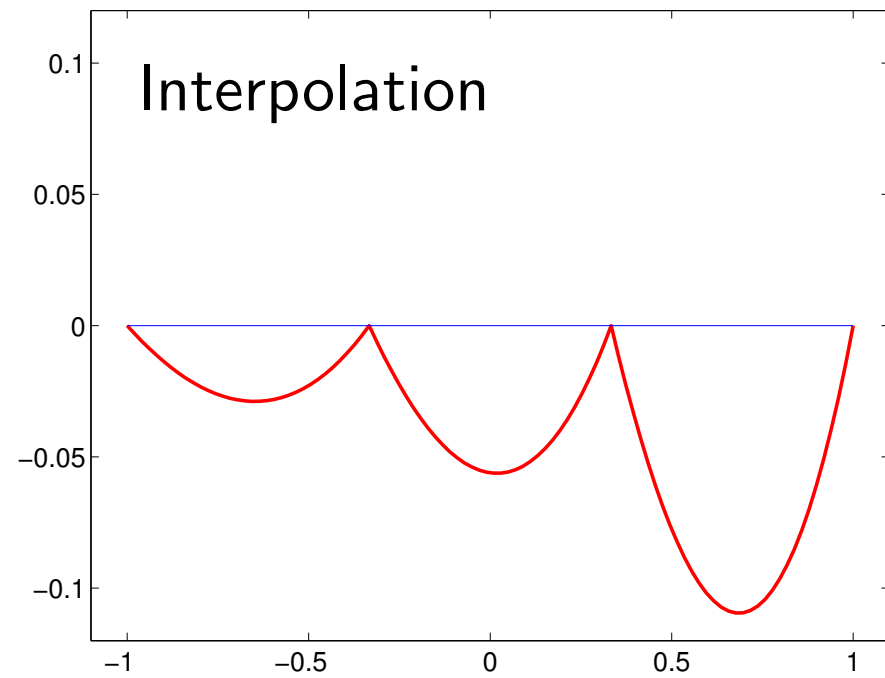
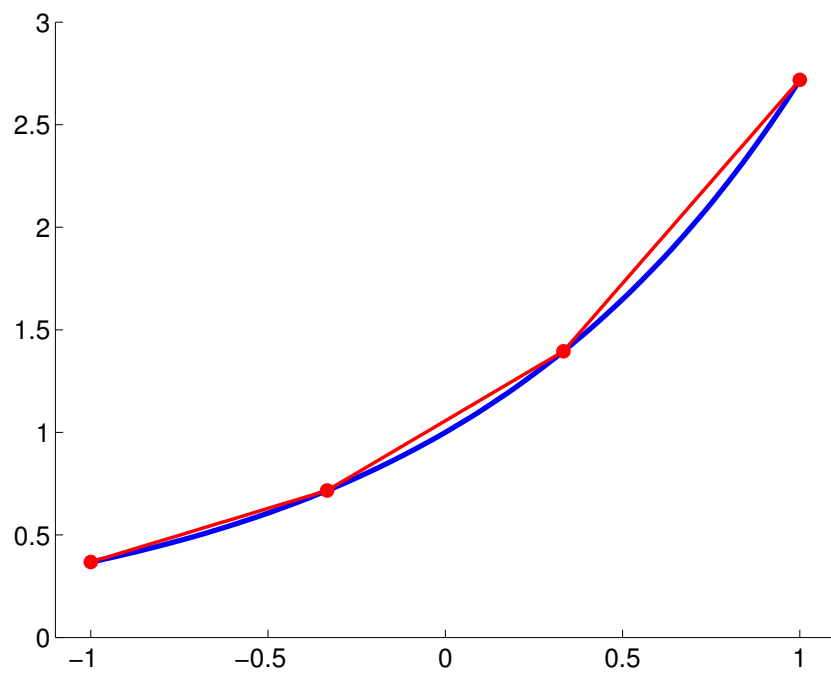
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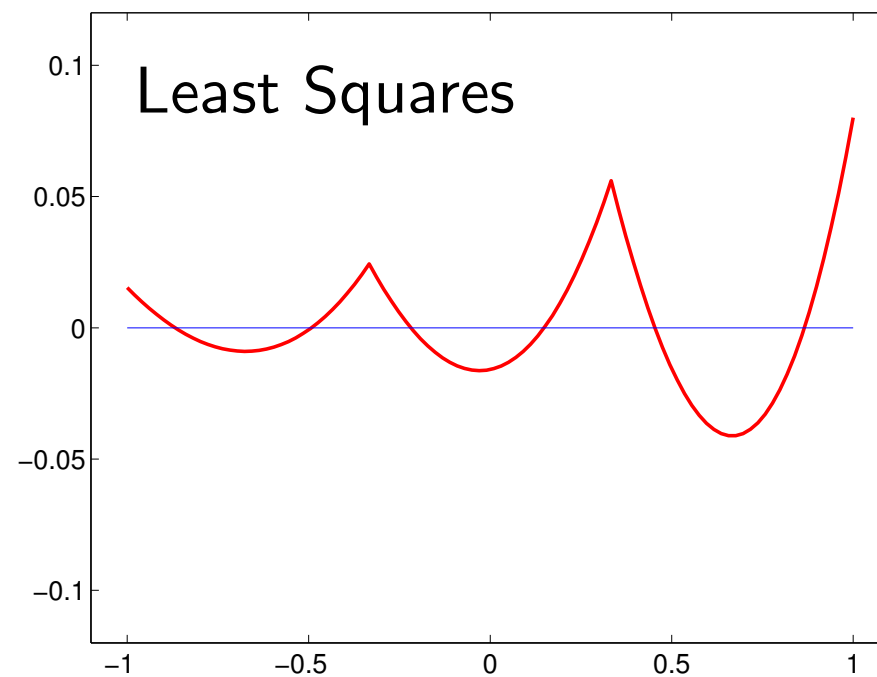
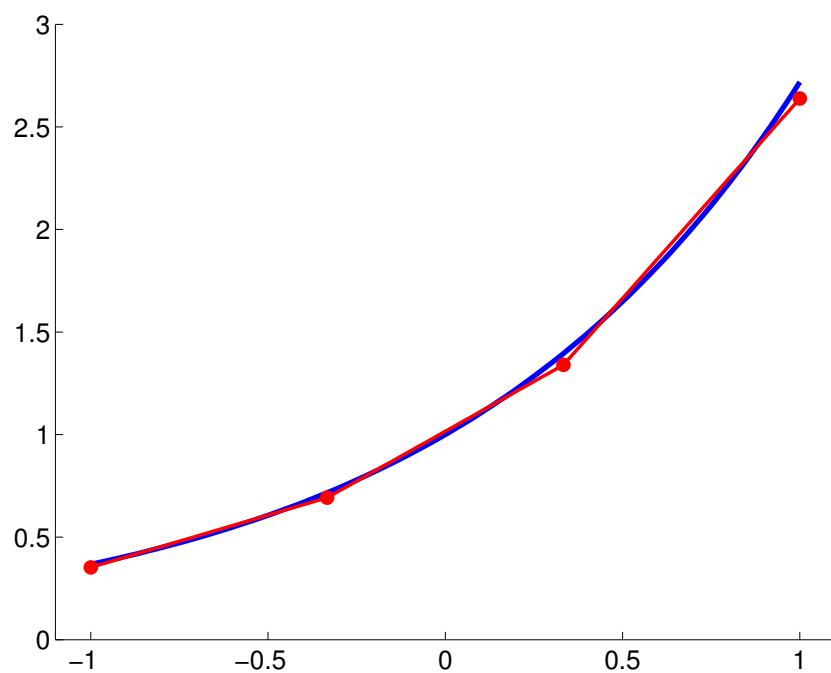
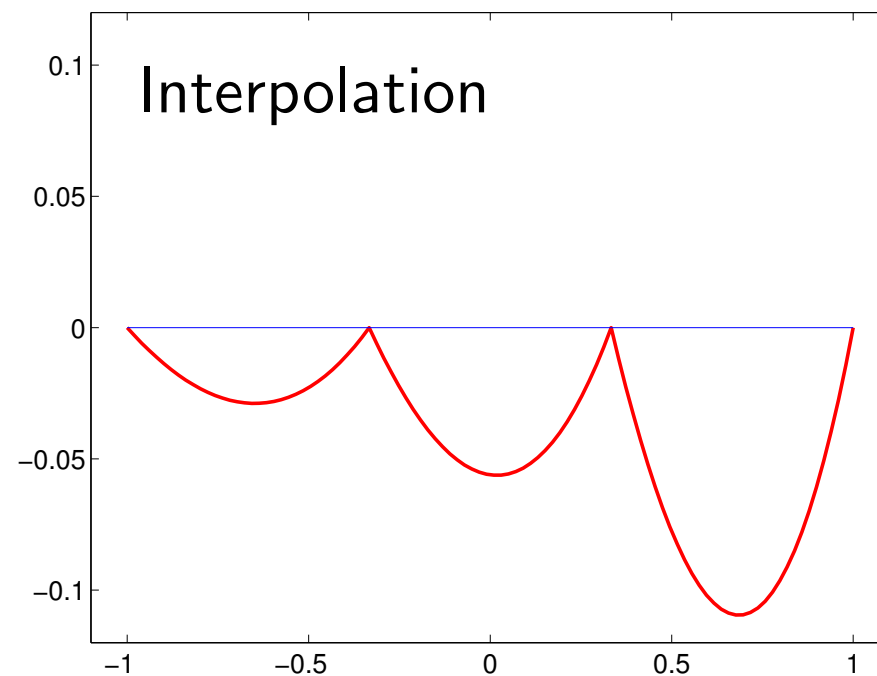
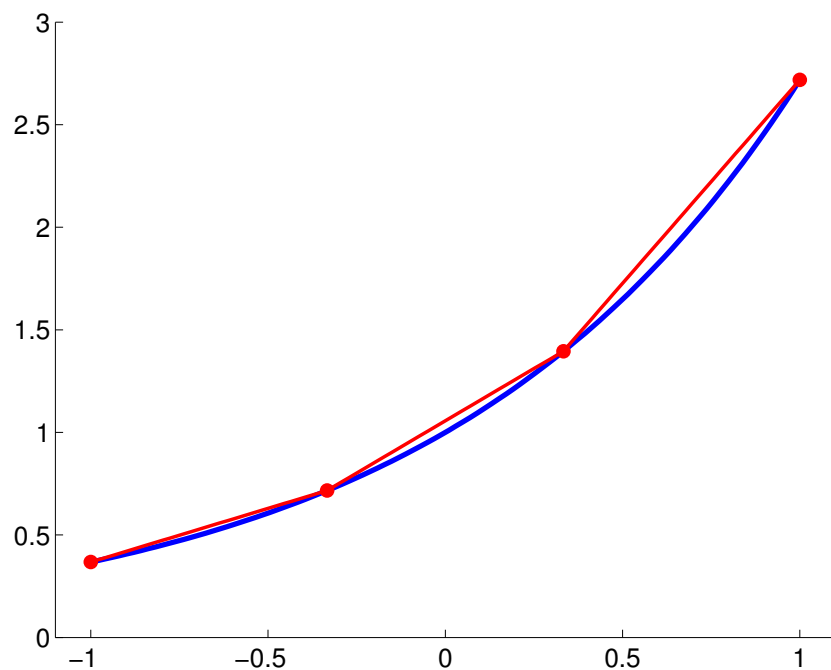
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$$\lambda_j f = f(j + 3/2) - \frac{1}{8} f''(j + 3/2)$$









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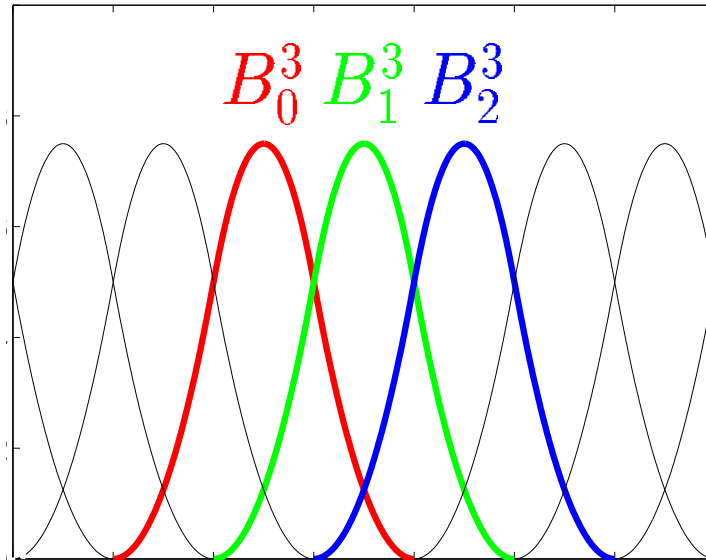
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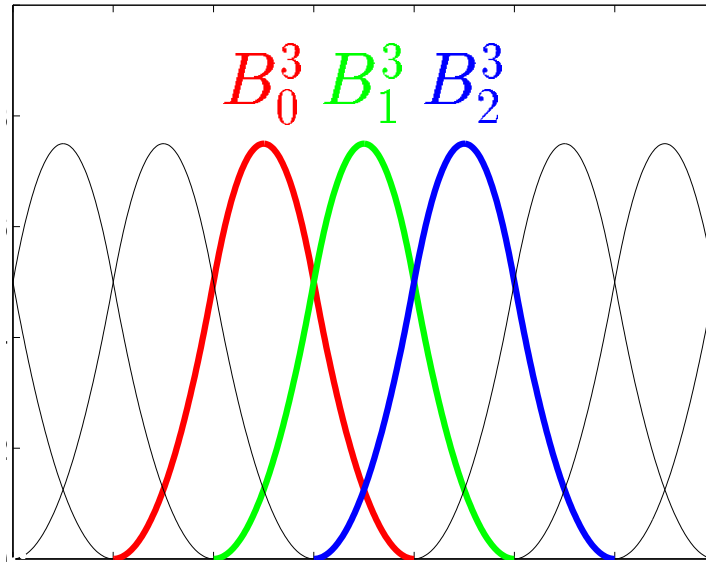


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1	1					
2	1	$\frac{1}{6}$				
3	1	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{30}$			
4	1	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{7}{120}$	$\frac{1}{140}$		
5	1	$\frac{5}{12}$	$\frac{13}{144}$	$\frac{41}{3024}$	$\frac{1}{630}$	
6	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{31}{240}$	$\frac{139}{6048}$	$\frac{479}{151200}$	$\frac{1}{2772}$

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With  $B^n$  the **centered** B-spline of order  $n$ , let

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Then orthonormality is equivalent to

$$\varphi(j) = \delta_{j,0} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \bar{\varphi}(y) \equiv 1 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \bar{\varphi}(y) \equiv 1 + \mathcal{O}(y^{2n}).$$



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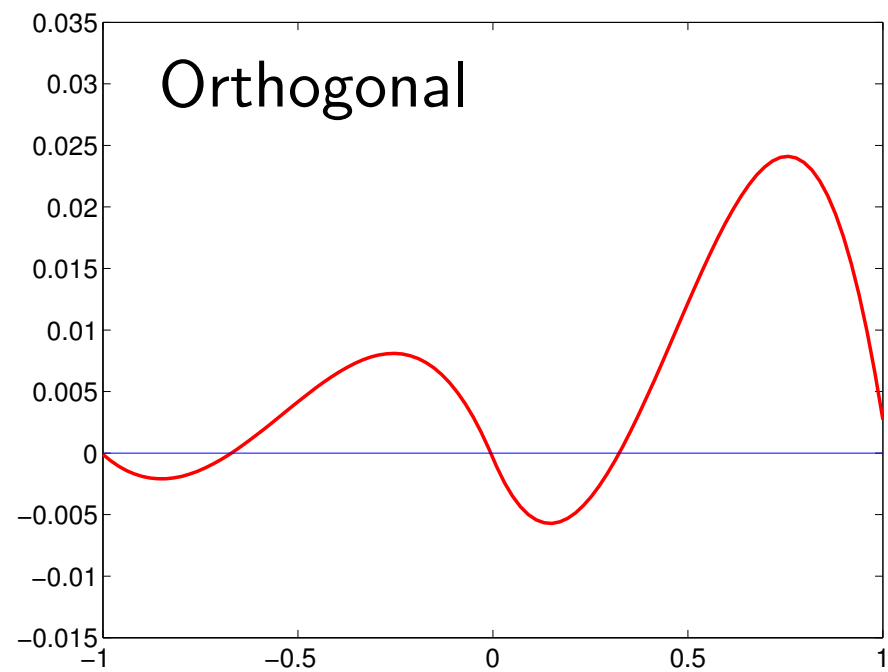
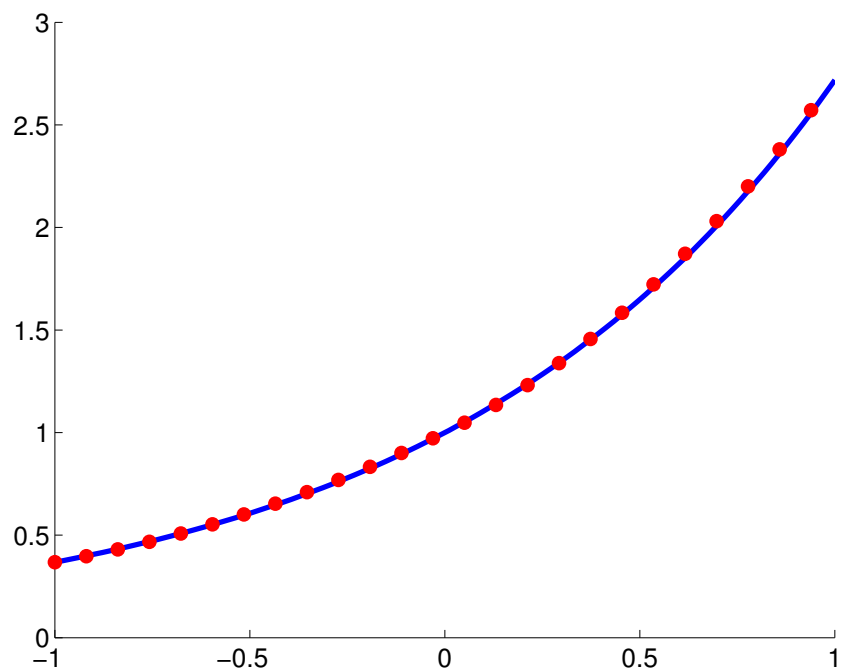
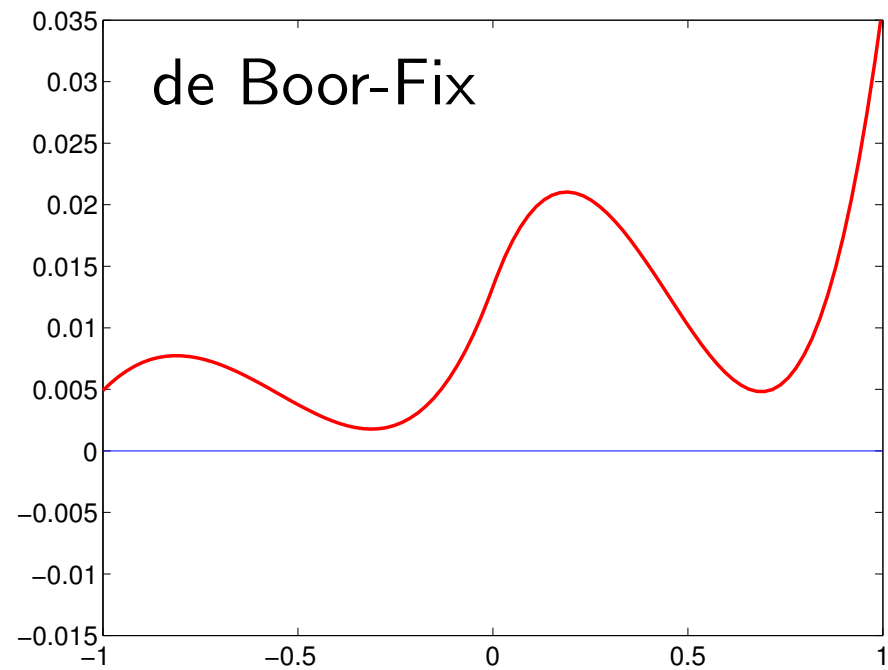
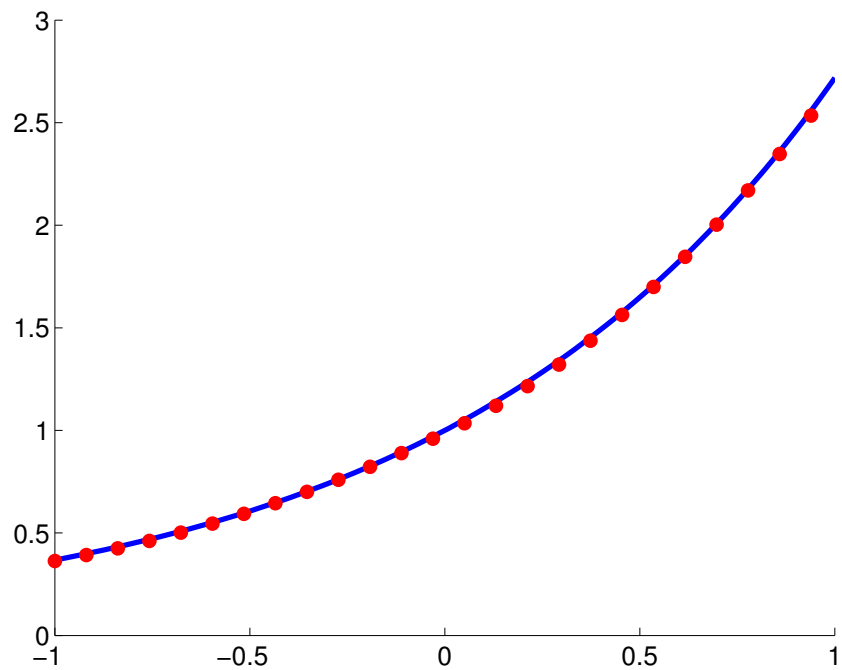
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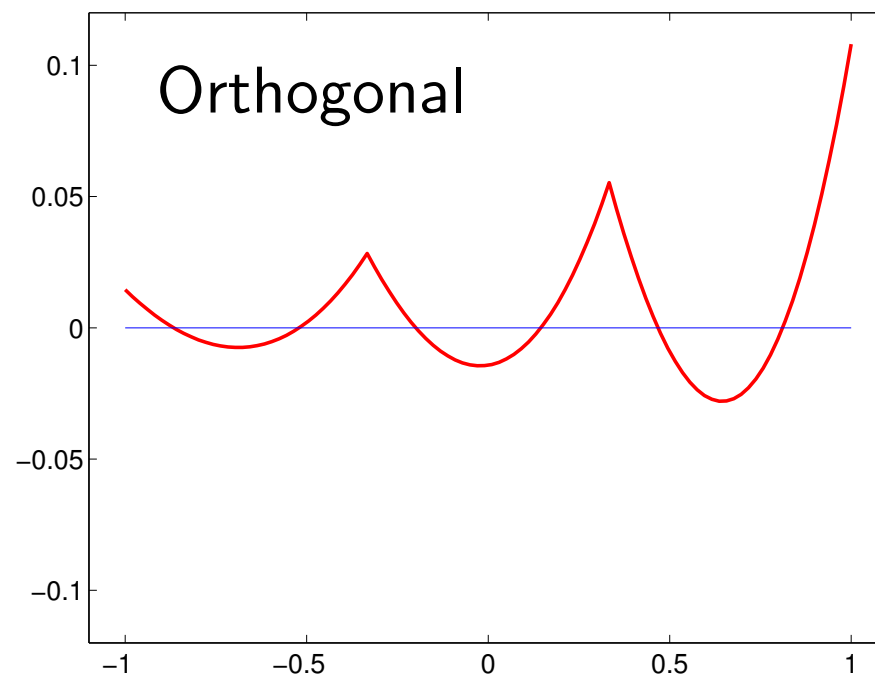
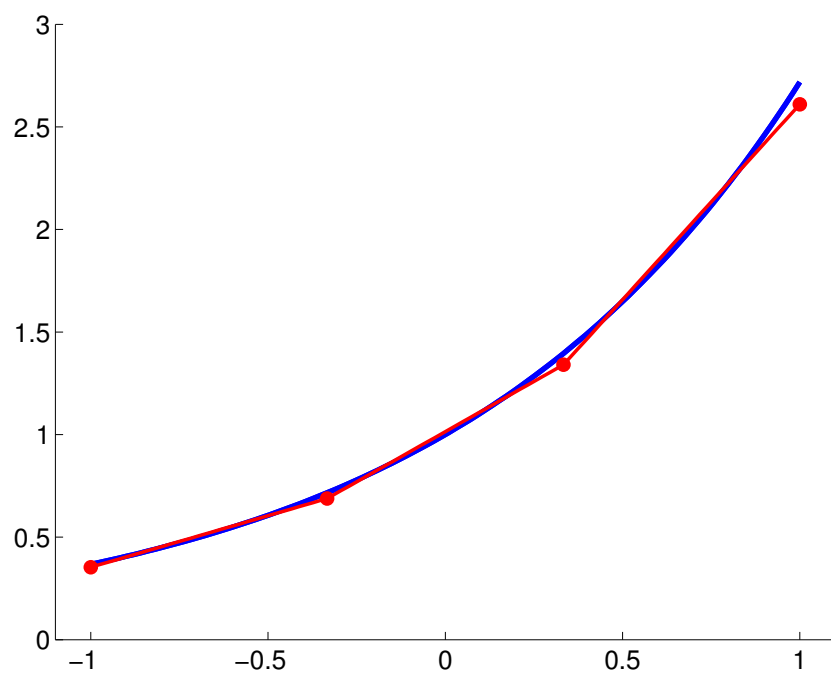
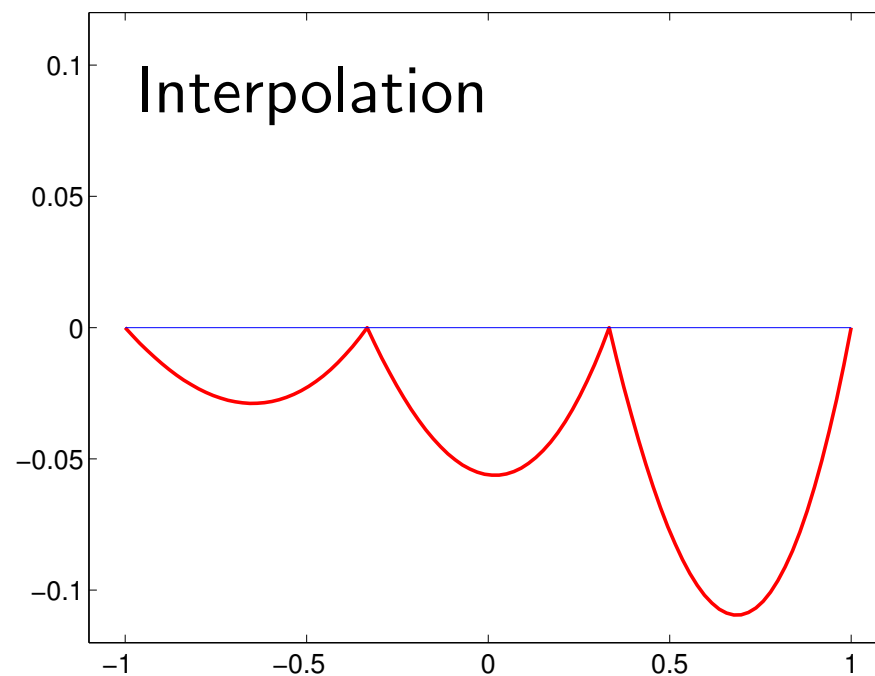
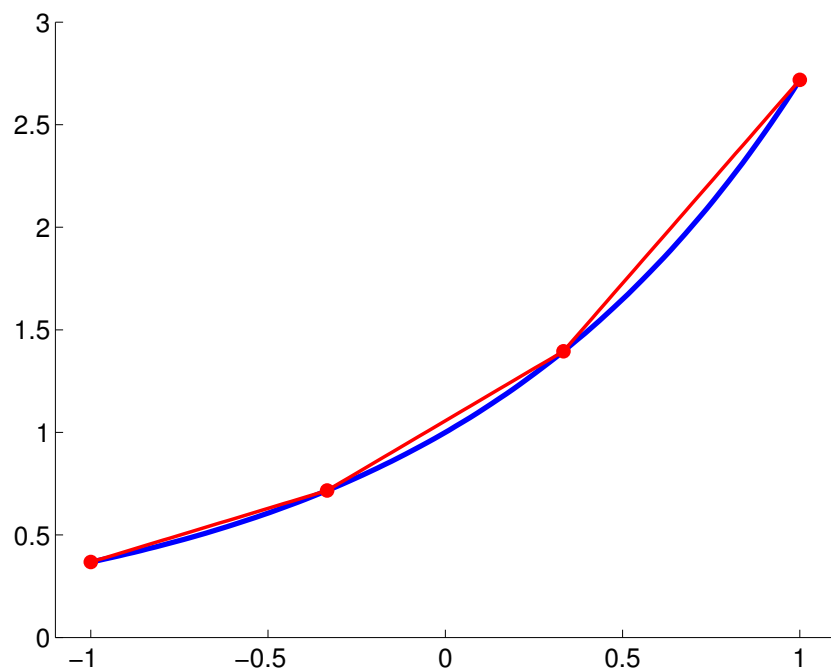
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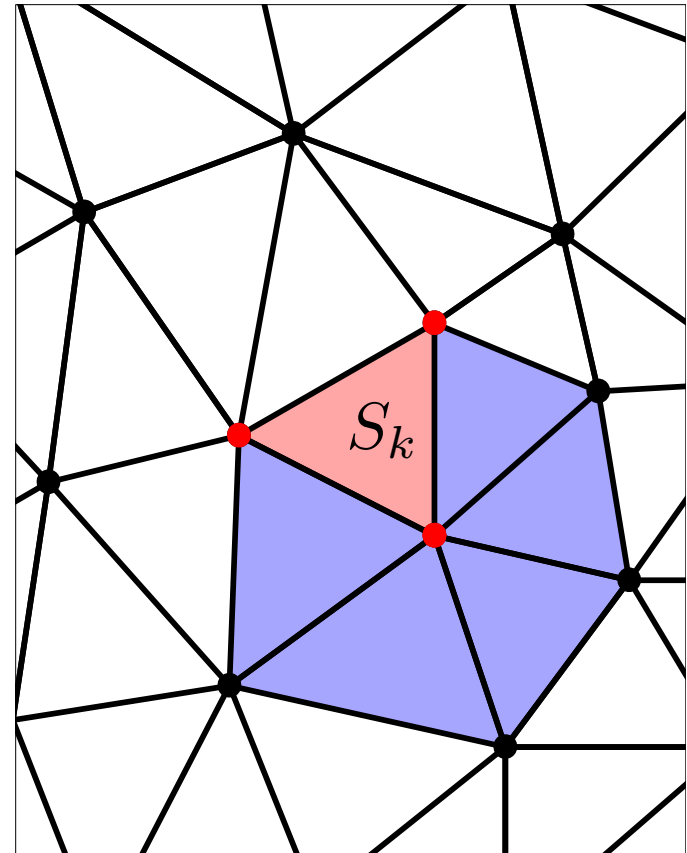
The **triangulation** of a set  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  consists of

- simplices  $S_k, k \in K$ , and
- vertices  $V_i, i \in I$ .

The **hat functions**  $B_i : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are defined by

$$B_i(V_j) = \delta_{i,j}, \quad i, j \in I$$

$$B_i|_{S_k} \in \mathbb{P}_2(S_k), \quad k \in K.$$



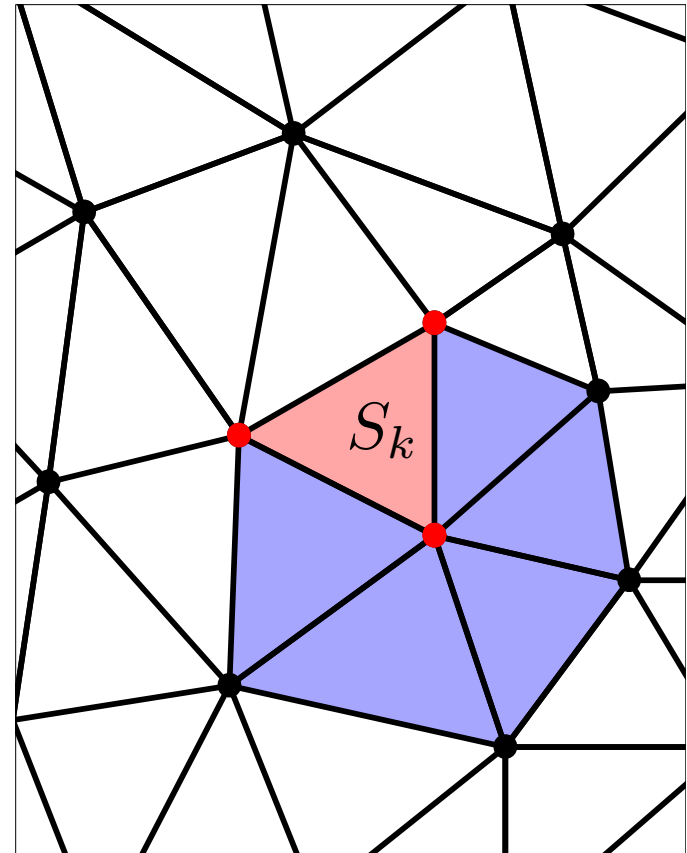
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are **globally coupled**. A stronger, but **local** condition requires orthogonality **on each simplex**,

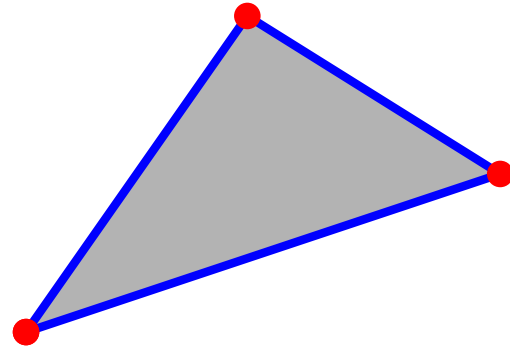
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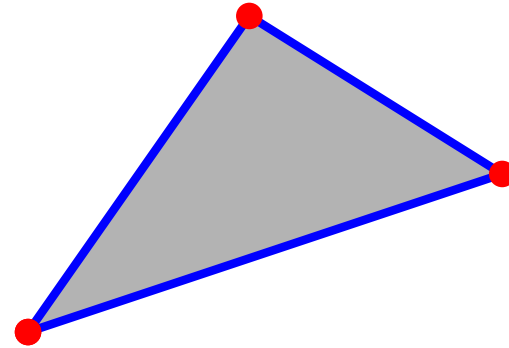
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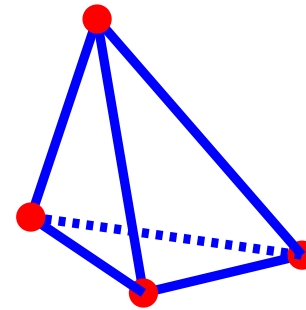
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$$\omega := 6, \quad W := \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1/2 \\ -1/2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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In  $\mathbb{R}^d$ : For each simplex  $S_k$ , there exist  $d + 1$  non-vanishing hat functions, yielding

$$\frac{d^2 + d}{2} \quad \text{homogeneous conditions}$$



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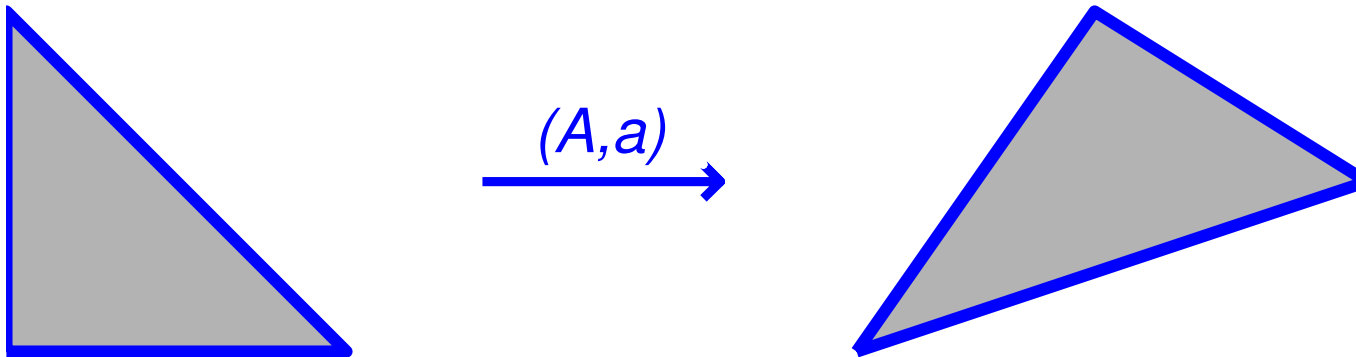
For an arbitrary simplex  $S_k$ , obtained from  $S$  by an affine map

$$S_k = AS + a,$$

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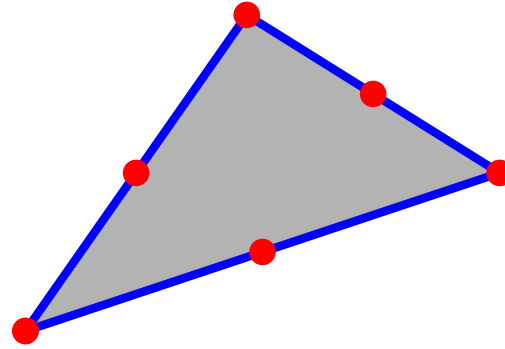
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$$\Lambda f = \sum_i \frac{(f, B_i)_\Omega}{\#B_i} B_i.$$

**Discrete Variants:** Denote vertices and edge midpoints of  $S_k$  by

$$P_k = \begin{bmatrix} p_k^1 \\ \vdots \\ p_k^m \end{bmatrix}$$



and the quadratic polynomial interpolating the function  $f$  at  $P_k$  by

$$q_k = Q_k f.$$

Then

$$[f, g]_{\Omega} := \sum_{k \in K} (Q_k f, Q_k g)_k$$

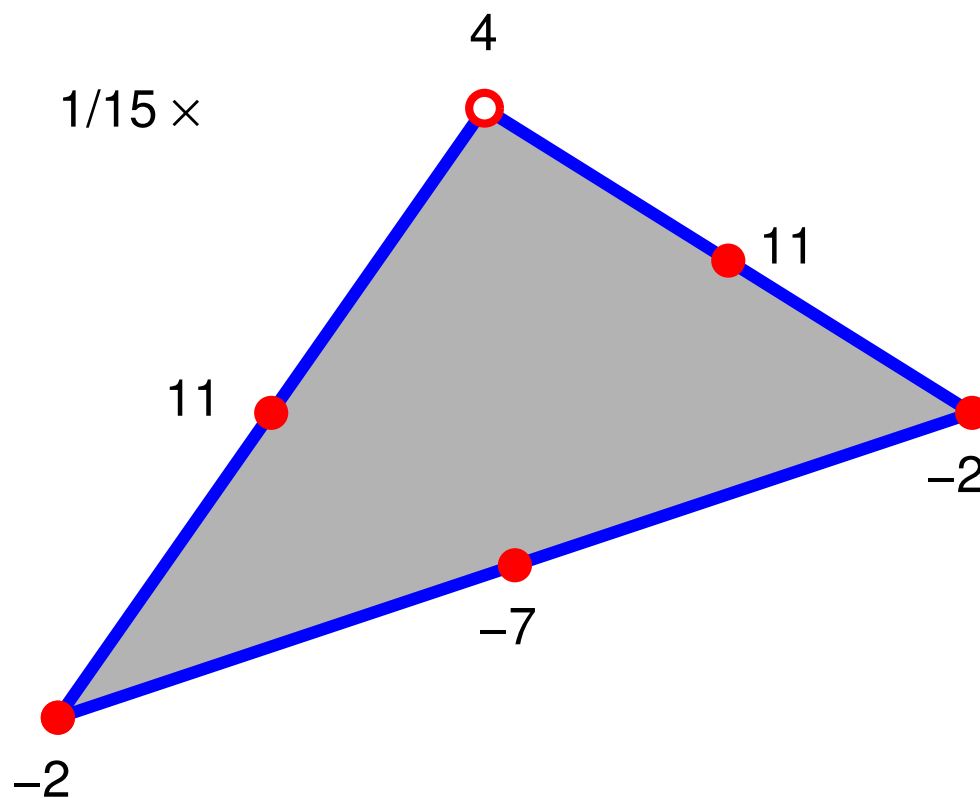
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Evaluation of  $[f, B_i]_\Omega$  is cheap,

$$[f, B_i]_k = (Q_k f, B_i)_k = V \cdot F_k, \quad F_k = f(P_k),$$

where  $V$  is independent of  $k$ . In the  $2d$ -case,



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- ❑ Computer graphics?
- ❑ FEM
- ❑ Nonlinear optimization
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## Conclusion:

- ❑ Sobolev orthogonality available for uniform B-splines
- ❑ Sobolev orthogonality available for hat functions in  $\mathbb{R}^d$
- ❑ Cheaper than  $L^2$
- ❑ Better than QI