

## ON THE TWO DIMENSIONAL SPLINE INTERPOLATION OF HERMITE-TYPE

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**Abstract.** In [5] the authors gave the definition of the interpolating cubic spline of Hermite-type in two variables: this is a polynomial of degree three in both variables and interpolates the function values and the values of the following derivatives  $D^{0,1}, D^{1,0}, D^{1,1}$  at the knots of a given rectangular subdivision. We give two similar constructions but we use only the function values and the values of the derivatives  $D^{0,1}, D^{1,0}$  of the unknown function at the knots. We can prove similar estimates, but in order to compute the values of our spline function we need fewer algebraic operations.

In what follows we fix the region  $\Omega = [a, b] \times [c, d]$  and a subdivision  $a = x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_N = b, c = y_0 < y_1 < \dots < y_M = d$  of  $\Omega$ . Let  $\Omega_{i,j} = [x_i, x_{i+1}] \times [y_j, y_{j+1}]$  and  $h_i = x_{i+1} - x_i, l_j = y_{j+1} - y_j$ . If  $u$  is a function defined on  $\Omega$ , then  $u_{i,j}^{(r,s)} = D^{r,s}u(x_i, y_j)$ , where the differential operator  $D^{r,s}$  has the obvious meaning.

2. We are to determine the spline function  $S$  of Hermite-type of two variables with the following properties:

(i) On the rectangle  $\Omega_{i,j}$  we have

$$S(x, y) = S_{i,j}(x, y) = \sum_{\substack{\alpha, \beta=0 \\ \alpha+\beta \leq 4}}^3 A_{i,j}^{(\alpha, \beta)} (x - x_i)^\alpha (y - y_j)^\beta$$

(ii) At the knots we have

$$D^{r,s}S(x_i, y_j) = u_{i,j}^{(r,s)}, r, s = 0, 1; r + s \leq 1, i = 0, 1, \dots, N; j = 0, 1, \dots, M$$

The following theorem can be verified by an easy calculation.

**Theorem 2.1.** If  $A_{i,j}^{(2,2)} = 0$ , then there exists a unique spline function satisfying conditions (i), (ii). The function  $S$  is continuous on  $\Omega$ .

By the substitution  $t = (x - x_i)/h_i, v = (y - y_j)/l_j$  we can express the spline function  $S$  in the following form for  $(x, y) \in \Omega_{i,j}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 S_{i,j}(x, y) = & (1-v)\{\Phi_1(t)u_{i,j} + \Phi_2(t)u_{i+1,j} + \Phi_3(t)h_i u_{i,j}^{(1,0)} + \Phi_4(t)h_i u_{i+1,j}^{(1,0)}\} + \\
 & + v\{\Phi_1(t)u_{i,j+1} + \Phi_2(t)u_{i+1,j+1} + \Phi_3(t)h_i u_{i,j+1}^{(1,0)} + \Phi_4(t)h_i u_{i+1,j+1}^{(1,0)}\} + \\
 & + (1-v)v\{v[(1-t)(u_{i,j+1} - u_{i,j} - l_j u_{i,j+1}^{(0,1)} + t(u_{i+1,j+1} - u_{i+1,j} - l_j u_{i+1,j+1}^{(0,1)}))] + \\
 & + (1-v)[(1-t)(l_j u_{i,j}^{(0,1)} - (u_{i,j+1} - u_{i,j})) + t(l_j u_{i+1,j}^{(0,1)} - (u_{i+1,j+1} - u_{i+1,j}))]\}
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.1.}$$

where

$$\Phi_1(t) = (1-t)^2(1+2t), \Phi_2(t) = t^2(3-2t), \Phi_3(t) = t(1-t)^2, \Phi_4(t) = -t^2(1-t).$$

Using this form, in order to compute  $S(x,y)$  at the point  $(x,y)$  in  $\Omega_{ij}$  we need 56 algebraic operations: 34 additions and 22 multiplications.

**Theorem 2.2.** If  $u \in C^{1,1}(\Omega)$ , then

$$\|u(x, y) - S(x, y)\| \leq \frac{3}{8} \bar{h} \omega(D^{1,0}u) + \frac{1}{2} \bar{l} \omega(D^{0,1}u)$$

Further, if  $u \in C^{2,2}(\Omega)$ , then

$$\|u(x, y) - S(x, y)\| \leq \frac{1}{32} \bar{h}^2 \omega(D^{2,0}u) + \frac{1}{3\sqrt{3}} \bar{l}^2 \omega(D^{0,2}u)$$

*Proof.* First we suppose that  $u \in C^{1,1}(\Omega)$  and let  $(x,y) \in \Omega_{ij}$ . Using the theorem for the interpolating cubic splines of Hermite-type in one variable, we have:

$$\|\Phi_1(t)u_{i,p} + \Phi_2(t)u_{i+1,p} + \Phi_3(t)h_i u_{i,p}^{(1,0)} + \Phi_4(t)h_i u_{i+1,p}^{(1,0)} - u(x, y_p)\| \leq \frac{3}{8} \bar{h} \omega(D^{1,0}u) \quad (p = j, j+1)$$

By fixing the first variable and applying the Lagrange theorem in the second variable, for the third term of (2.1.) we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (1-v)v l_j \{v[(1-t)(D^{0,1}u(x_i, \bar{\eta}) - u_{i,j+1}^{(0,1)}) + t(D^{0,1}u(x_{i+1}, \bar{\eta}) - u_{i+1,j+1}^{(0,1)})] + \\
 & + (1-v)[(1-t)(u_{i,j}^{(0,1)} - D^{0,1}u(x_i, \bar{\eta})) + t(u_{i+1,j}^{(0,1)} - D^{0,1}u(x_{i+1}, \bar{\eta}))]\}
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $\bar{\eta}, \bar{\eta} \in (y_j, y_{j+1})$ . Hence, using this and the form (2.1.), we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|u(x, y) - S(x, y)\| & \leq \frac{3}{8} \bar{h} \omega(D^{1,0}u) + \|(1-v)[u(x, y_j) - u(x, y)] + v[u(x, y_{j+1}) - u(x, y)]\| + \\
 & + (1-v)v l_j \omega(D^{0,1}u) \leq \frac{3}{8} \bar{h} \omega(D^{1,0}u) + \frac{1}{2} \bar{l} \omega(D^{0,1}u)
 \end{aligned}$$

In the case  $u \in C^{2,2}(\Omega)$  we fix one variable of the function  $u$  and apply the Taylor formula of the second order and the estimation

$$\|\Phi_1(t)u_{i,p} + \Phi_2(t)u_{i+1,p} + \Phi_3(t)h_i u_{i,p}^{(1,0)} + \Phi_4(t)h_i u_{i+1,p}^{(1,0)} - u(x, y_p)\| \leq \frac{1}{32} \bar{h}^2 \omega(D^{2,0}u)$$

By the Taylor formula and the continuity of  $D^{0,2}$ , we can express the third term of (2.1.) in the form:

$$-\frac{1}{2}(1-v)v_l^2 \{v[(1-t)D^{0,2}u(x_i, \tilde{\eta}) + tD^{0,2}u(x_{i+1}, \tilde{\eta})] + (1-v)[(1-t)D^{0,2}u(x_i, \bar{\eta}) + tD^{0,2}u(x_{i+1}, \bar{\eta})]\} =$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2}(1-v)v_l^2 \{vD^{0,2}u(\bar{\xi}, \bar{\zeta}) + (1-v)D^{0,2}u(\tilde{\xi}, \tilde{\zeta})\} = -\frac{1}{2}(1-v)v_l^2 D^{0,2}u(\xi, \zeta)$$

where  $(\xi, \zeta) \in \Omega_{i,j}$ .

By these considerations we have:

$$\|u(x, y) - S_{i,j}(x, y)\| \leq \frac{1}{32} h^{-2} \omega(D^{2,0}u) +$$

$$+ \|(1-v)[u(x, y_j) - u(x, y)] + v[u(x, y_{j+1}) - u(x, y)] - \frac{1}{2}(1-v)v_l^2 D^{0,2}u(\xi, \zeta)\| \leq$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{32} h^{-2} \omega(D^{2,0}u) + \frac{1}{2}(1-v)v(1+v)l^{-2} \omega(D^{0,2}u) \leq \frac{1}{32} h^{-2} \omega(D^{2,0}u) + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{9} l^{-2} \omega(D^{0,2}u),$$

which proves our statement .

3. We are to determine the spline function  $S$  of Hermite-type of two variables with the following properties:

(i') On the rectangle  $\Omega_{i,j}$  we have:

$$S(x, y) = S_{i,j}(x, y) = \sum_{\substack{\alpha, \beta=0 \\ \alpha+\beta \leq 3}}^2 A_{i,j}^{(\alpha, \beta)} (x - x_i)^\alpha (y - y_j)^\beta$$

(ii') At the knots we have  $(i = 0, \dots, N; j = 0, \dots, M)$

$$S_{i,j}(x_p, y_q) = u_{p,q}$$

$$D^{1,0}S_{i,j}(x_i, y_q) = u_{i,q}^{(1,0)}$$

$$D^{0,1}S_{i,j}(x_p, y_j) = u_{p,j}^{(0,1)}$$

where  $p = i, i+1$  ;  $q = j, j+1$ .

The following theorem can be verified by an easy calculation .

**Theorem 3.1.** There exists a unique spline function  $S$  with the properties (i'), (ii') and it is continuous on  $\Omega$ .

By the substitution  $t = \frac{(x - x_i)/h_i}{h_i}, v = \frac{(y - y_j)/l_j}{l_j}$  we can express the spline function  $S$

in the following form for  $(x, y) \in \Omega_{i,j}$  :

$$S_{i,j}(x,y) = (1-v) \{ u_{i,j} + t[h u_{i,j}^{(1,0)} + t(u_{i+1,j} - u_{i,j} - h u_{i,j}^{(1,0)})] \} + v \{ u_{i,j+1} + t[h u_{i,j+1}^{(1,0)} + t(u_{i+1,j+1} - u_{i,j+1} - h u_{i,j+1}^{(1,0)})] \} + (1-v) \{ u_{i,j}^{(0,1)} - u_{i,j+1} + u_{i,j} \} (1-t) + \{ u_{i+1,j}^{(0,1)} - u_{i+1,j+1} - u_{i+1,j} \} t. \quad (3.1)$$

In order to compute the value  $S(x,y) = S_{i,j}(x,y)$  at the point  $(x,y) \in \Omega_{i,j}$  we need 16 multiplications and 21 additions.

**Lemma 3.1.** Let  $f$  be differentiable on  $[a,b]$ , and let for  $x \in [x_i, x_{i+1}]$ .

$$S_i(x) = f(x_i) + f'(x_i)(x - x_i) + \frac{1}{h_i^2} [f(x_{i+1}) - f(x_i) - f'(x_i)h_i](x - x_i)^2.$$

$$\text{If } f \in C^1[a,b], \quad \text{then } |f(x) - S_i(x)| < \frac{2}{3\sqrt{3}} \bar{h} \omega(f')$$

$$\text{If } f \in C^2[a,b], \quad \text{then } |f(x) - S_i(x)| \leq \frac{46}{1000} \bar{h}^2 \omega(f'').$$

**Proof.** By the substitution  $t = \frac{(x - x_i)}{h_i}$ ,  $f_i = f(x_i)$ ,  $f'_i = f'(x_i)$  we have

$$R(x) = S_i(x) - f(x) = f_i(1 - t^2) + f_{i+1}t^2 + h_i f'_i(t - t^2) - f(x).$$

For  $f \in C^1[a,b]$  the Lagrange theorem for the interval  $[x_i, x_{i+1}]$  gives:

$$R(x) = -f'(\xi_1)h_it(1 - t^2) + f'(\xi_2)h_it(1 - t)t^2 + h_i f'_i t(1 - t) = h_it(1 - t)[-f'(\xi_1)(1 + t) + (f'(\xi_2)t + f'_i)] = h_it(1 - t)(1 + t)[f'(\xi) - f'(\xi_1)],$$

where  $\xi_1, \xi_2, \xi \in (x_i, x_{i+1})$ . Hence we have

$$|S_i(x) - f(x)| \leq h_it(1 - t)(1 + t)\omega_i(f') \leq h_i \frac{2}{3\sqrt{3}} \omega_i(f') \leq \bar{h} \frac{2}{3\sqrt{3}} \omega(f')$$

For  $f \in C^2[a,b]$  we substitute the values  $f_i, f_{i+1}, f'_i$  from the Taylor formula at the point  $x = x_i + th_i$  and get

$$R(x) = \int_{x_i}^x (1 - t)[(1 + t)(v - x_i) - th_i] f''(v) dv + \int_x^{x_{i+1}} t^2 (x_{i+1} - v) f''(v) dv$$

In both integrals we let  $\tau = (v - x_i)/h_i$ . Then

$$R(x) = h_i^2 \left[ \int_0^t \Psi_1(t, \tau) f''(x_i + \tau h_i) d\tau + \int_t^1 \Psi_2(t, \tau) f''(x_i + \tau h_i) d\tau \right],$$

$$\text{where } \Psi_1(t, \tau) = (1 - t)[(1 + t)\tau - t], \quad \Psi_2(t, \tau) = t^2(1 - \tau).$$

The function  $\Psi_1(t, \tau)$  changes sign only at the point  $\tau = \tau^* = t/(1 + t) \in [0, t]$ , hence by applying the Mean Value Theorem on the intervals  $[0, \tau^*]$ ,  $[\tau^*, t]$  we have:

$$\int_0^t \Psi_1(t, \tau) f''(x_i + t\tau) d\tau = f''(\xi) \int_0^{\xi} \Psi_1(t, \tau) d\tau + f''(\eta) \int_{\xi}^t \Psi_1(t, \tau) d\tau = -f''(\xi) \frac{t^2(1-t)}{2(1-t)} + f''(\eta) \frac{t^4(1-t)}{2(1+t)} =$$

$$= f''(\xi) \frac{t^2}{2} + f''(\eta) \frac{t^4(1-t)}{2(1+t)},$$

where  $\xi, \eta \in [x_i, x_{i+1}]$ . The function  $\Psi_2(t, \tau)$  does not change sign for  $\tau \in [t, 1]$ ; hence

$$\int_t^1 \Psi_2(t, \tau) f''(x_i + t\tau) d\tau = f''(\zeta) \frac{t^2(1-t)^2}{2} \quad \text{where } \zeta \in [x_i, x_{i+1}].$$

By these considerations we have:

$$R(x) = h_i^2 \frac{1-t}{2} \left\{ \left( f''(\zeta) t^2(1-t) + f''(\xi) \frac{t^4}{1+t} \right) - f''(\eta) \frac{t^2}{1+t} \right\} = h_i^2 \frac{(1-t)t^2}{2(1+t)} [f''(\bar{\eta}) - f''(\eta)],$$

where  $\bar{\eta} \in [x_i, x_{i+1}]$ , and we have used that  $\text{sgn } t^2(1-t) = \text{sgn } \frac{t^4}{1+t}$ , and  $f''$  is continuous. Finally,

$$|R(x)| \leq h_i^2 \frac{5\sqrt{5}-11}{4} |f''(\bar{\eta}) - f''(\eta)| \leq 0,046 h_i^2 \omega_i(f'') \leq \frac{46}{1000} \bar{h} \omega(f'')$$

and lemma is proved.

**Theorem 3.2.** If  $u \in C^{1,1}(\Omega)$ , then

$$\|u(x, y) - S(x, y)\| \leq \frac{2}{3\sqrt{3}} \bar{h} \omega(D^{1,0}u) + \frac{1}{2} \bar{l} \omega(D^{0,2}u)$$

If  $u \in C^{2,2}(\Omega)$ , then

$$\|u(x, y) - S(x, y)\| \leq 0,046 \bar{h}^2 \omega(D^{2,0}u) + \frac{1}{4} \bar{l}^2 \omega(D^{0,2}u)$$

**Proof.** We suppose that  $u \in C^{1,1}(\Omega)$ . If we use the form (3.1.) of  $S_{i,j}(x, y)$  and apply the lemma 3.1. for  $u(x, y_j)$  and  $u(x, y_{j+1})$  then we obtain for  $(x, y) \in \Omega_{i,j}$ .

$$|S_{i,j}(x, y) - u(x, y)| \leq (1-v+v) \frac{2}{3\sqrt{3}} \bar{h} \omega(D^{1,0}u) + |(1-v)[u(x, y_j) - u(x, y)] + v[u(x, y_{j+1}) - u(x, y)]| +$$

$$+(1-v) v | (u_{i,j+1} - u_{i,j} - l_j u_{i,j}^{(0,1)}) (1-t) + (u_{i+1,j+1} - u_{i+1,j} - l_j u_{i+1}^{(0,1)}) t |.$$

Applying the Lagrange theorem for the second and third term we get.

$$\begin{aligned} |S_{i,j}(x, y) - u(x, y)| &\leq \frac{2}{3\sqrt{3}} \bar{h}\omega(D^{1,0}u) + \left| -l_j(1-v)vD^{0,1}u(x, \bar{\eta}) + l_jv(1-v)D^{0,1}u(x, \bar{\eta}) \right| + \\ &+ (1-v)v l_j \left| (D^{0,1}u(x_i, \bar{\zeta}) - u_{i,j}^{(0,1)})(1-t) + (D^{0,1}u(x_{i+1}, \bar{\zeta}) - u_{i+1,j}^{(0,1)})t \right| \leq \frac{2}{3\sqrt{3}} \bar{h}\omega(D^{1,0}u) + \\ &+ 2v(1-v)\bar{l}\omega(D^{0,1}u) \leq \frac{2}{3\sqrt{3}} \bar{h}\omega(D^{1,0}u) + \frac{1}{2}\bar{l}\omega(D^{0,1}u), \end{aligned}$$

$$\bar{\eta}, \bar{\eta}, \bar{\zeta}, \bar{\zeta} \in [y_j, y_{j+1}].$$

If  $u \in C^{2,2}(\Omega)$  then the above considerations give:

$$\begin{aligned} |S_{i,j}(x, y) - u(x, y)| &\leq 0,04\bar{h}^2 \alpha(D^{2,0}u) + (1-v)v \left| -l_j D^{0,1}u(x, y_j) - \frac{1}{2}l_j^2 v D^{0,2}u(x, \eta_j) + l_j D^{0,1}u(x, y_{j+1}) - \right. \\ &\left. - \frac{1}{2}l_j^2(1-v)D^{0,2}u(x, \eta_{j+1}) - \frac{1}{2}l_j^2(1-t)D^{0,2}u(x_i, \tilde{\eta}) - \frac{1}{2}l_j^2 t D^{0,2}u(x_i, \tilde{\tilde{\eta}}) \right| = 0,04\bar{h}^2 \alpha(D^{2,0}u) + \\ &+ (1-v)v l_j^2 \left| D^{0,2}u(x, \eta) - D^{0,2}u(x_i, \bar{\eta}) \right| \leq 0,04\bar{h}^2 \alpha(D^{0,2}u) + \frac{1}{4}\bar{l}^2 \alpha(D^{0,2}u), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\eta_j, \eta_{j+1}, \tilde{\eta}, \tilde{\tilde{\eta}}, \eta, \bar{\eta} \in [y_j, y_{j+1}]$ , and our theorem is proved.

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