

Chapter 4

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4.1 Problem

Exercise 4.1. Consider $s \in \mathbb{S}_3^2$ on $[0, 2]$:

$$s(x) = \begin{cases} p(x) & \text{if } x \in [0, 1], \\ (2-x)^3 & \text{if } x \in [1, 2]. \end{cases}$$

Determine $p \in \mathbb{P}_3$ such that $s(0) = 0$. Is $s(x)$ a natural cubic spline?

Solution. Let $p(x) = a_3x^3 + a_2x^2 + a_1x + a_0$, Then $s(x)$ is natural cubic implicate

$$\begin{cases} 6a_3(0) + 2a_2 = 0 \\ 6a_3(1) + 2a_2 = 6(2-1) \\ 3a_3(1)^2 + 2a_2(1) + a_1 = 3(2-1)^2 \\ a_3(1)^3 + a_2(1)^2 + a_1(1) + a_0 = (2-1)^3 \end{cases} \implies \begin{cases} a_3 = 1 \\ a_2 = 0 \\ a_1 = 0 \\ a_0 = 0 \end{cases}.$$

So $p(x) = x^3$.

Exercise 4.2. Given $f_i = f(x_i)$ of some scalar function at points $a = x_1 < x_2 < \dots < x_n = b$, we consider interpolating f on $[a, b]$ with a quadratic spline $s \in \mathbb{S}_2^1$.

- (a) Why an additional condition is needed to determine s uniquely?
- (b) Define $m_i = s'(x_i)$ and $p_i = s|_{[x_i, x_{i+1}]}$. Determine p_i in terms of f_i, f_{i+1} , and m_i for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$.
- (c) Suppose $m_1 = f'(a)$ is given. Show how m_2, m_3, \dots, m_{n-1} can be computed.

Solution.

- (a) Since there are $3n-3$ variables, however only $3n-4$ functions. Need another propriert function so that have unique solution.
- (b) Let $p_i(x) = \frac{(x-x_i)^2}{(x_{i+1}-x_i)^2}(f_{i+1} - f_i) + \frac{(x-x_i)(x-x_{i+1})}{x_i-x_{i+1}}m_i + f_i$. It can be verify that $p_i(x_i) = f_i, p_i(x_{i+1}) = f_{i+1}, p'_i(x_i) = m_i$.
- (c) As define in (b), derivating $p_i(x)$ in point x_{i+1} get

$$m_{i+1} = p'_i(x_{i+1}) = 2\frac{f_{i+1} - f_i}{x_{i+1} - x_i} - m_i$$

Exercise 4.3. Let $s_1(x) = 1 + c(x+1)^3$ where $x \in [-1, 0]$ and $c \in \mathbb{R}$. Determine $s_2(x)$ on $[0, 1]$ such that

$$s(x) = \begin{cases} s_1(x) & \text{if } x \in [-1, 0], \\ s_2(x) & \text{if } x \in [0, 1] \end{cases}$$

is a natural cubic spline on $[-1, 1]$ with knots $-1, 0, 1$. How must c be chosen if one wants $s(1) = -1$?

Solution. Let $s_2(x) = a_3x^3 + a_2x^2 + a_1x + a_0$. As a natural cubic spline have

$$\begin{cases} 6a_3(1) + 2a_2 = 0 \\ 6a_3(0) + 2a_2 = 6c((0) + 1) \\ 3a_3(0)^2 + 2a_2(0) + a_1 = 3c((0) + 1)^2 \\ a_3(0)^3 + a_2(0)^2 + a_1(0) + a_0 = 1 + c((0) + 1)^3 \end{cases} \implies \begin{cases} a_3 = -c \\ a_2 = 3c \\ a_1 = 3c \\ a_0 = 1 + c \end{cases}.$$

So $s_2 = -cx^3 + 3cx^2 + 3cx + 1 + c$. From $s_2(1) = s(1) = -1$, conclude $c = -\frac{1}{3}$.

Exercise 4.4. Consider $f(x) = \cos(\frac{\pi}{2}x)$ with $x \in [-1, 1]$.

- (a) Determine the natural cubic spline interpolant to f on knots $-1, 0, 1$.
- (b) As discussed in the class, natural cubic splines have the minimal total bending energy. Verify this by taking $g(x)$ be (i) the quadratic polynomial that interpolates f at $-1, 0, 1$, and (ii) $f(x)$.

Solution.

- (a) Define $(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (-1, 0, 1), (f_1, f_2, f_3) = (f(x_1), f(x_2), f(x_3)) = (0, 1, 0)$. And let $s(x)$ is natural cubic spline interpolant satisfies $s(x) = s_1(x)$ $x \in [-1, 0], s(x) = s_2(x)$ $x \in [0, 1]$. Assume $s_i(x) = a_3^i x^3 + a_2^i x^2 + a_1^i x + a_0^i$, Then have equations

$$\begin{cases} 6a_3^1(-1) + 2a_2^1 = 0 \\ 6a_3^2(1) + 2a_2^2 = 0 \\ 6a_3^1(0) + 2a_2^1 = 6a_3^2(0) + 2a_2^2 \\ 3a_3^1(0)^2 + 2a_2^1(0) + a_1^1 = 3a_3^2(0)^2 + 2a_2^2(0) + a_1^2 \\ a_3^1(-1)^3 + a_2^1(-1)^2 + a_1^1(-1) + a_0^1 = 0 \\ a_3^1(0)^3 + a_2^1(0)^2 + a_1^1(0) + a_0^1 = 1 \\ a_3^2(0)^3 + a_2^2(0)^2 + a_1^2(0) + a_0^2 = 1 \\ a_3^2(1)^3 + a_2^2(1)^2 + a_1^2(1) + a_0^2 = 0 \end{cases} \implies \begin{cases} a_3^1 = \frac{1}{3} \\ a_2^1 = -1 \\ a_1^1 = -\frac{1}{3} \\ a_0^1 = 1 \\ a_3^2 = \frac{1}{3} \\ a_2^2 = -1 \\ a_1^2 = -\frac{1}{3} \\ a_0^2 = 1 \end{cases}.$$

Therefore, $s(x) = \frac{1}{3}x^3 - x^2 - \frac{1}{3}x + 1$ is the natural cubic spline interpolant to f on knots $-1, 0, 1$.

- (b) Interpolating get $g(x) = -x^2 + 1$. Then calculate bending energy

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-1}^1 s(x)dx &= \left(\frac{1}{12}x^4 - \frac{1}{3}x^3 - \frac{1}{6}x^2 + x \right) \Big|_{-1}^1 = \frac{4}{3} \\ \int_{-1}^1 g(x)dx &= \left(-\frac{1}{3}x^3 + x \right) \Big|_{-1}^1 = \frac{4}{3} \\ \int_{-1}^1 f(x)dx &= \left(\frac{2}{\pi} \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}x\right) \right) \Big|_{-1}^1 = \frac{4}{\pi}. \end{aligned}$$

Which meet the natural cubic spline interpolant is the minimal total bending energy.

Exercise 4.5. The quadratic B-spline $B_i^2(x)$.

- (a) Derive the same explicit expression of $B_i^2(x)$ as that in the notes from the recursive Definition of B-splines and the hat function.
- (b) Verify that $\frac{d}{dx}B_i^2(x)$ is continuous at t_i and t_{i+1} .
- (c) Show that only one $x^* \in (t_{i-1}, t_{i+1})$ satisfies $\frac{d}{dx}B_i^2(x^*) = 0$. Express x^* in terms of the knots within the interval of support.
- (d) Consequently, show $B_i^2(x) \in [0, 1]$.
- (e) Plot $B_i^2(x)$ for $t_i = i$.

Solution.

- (a) We already have

$$B_i^1 = \begin{cases} \frac{x-t_{i-1}}{t_i-t_{i-1}} & x \in (t_{i-1}, t_i], \\ \frac{t_{i+1}-x}{t_{i+1}-t_i} & x \in (t_i, t_{i+1}], \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Combining with recursive definition $B_i^{n+1}(x) = \frac{x-t_{i-1}}{t_{i+n}-t_{i-1}}B_i^n(x) + \frac{t_{i+n+1}-x}{t_{i+n+1}-t_i}B_{i+1}^n(x)$, calculate B_i^2

$$B_i^2 = \frac{x-t_{i-1}}{t_{i+1}-t_{i-1}}B_i^1(x) + \frac{t_{i+2}-x}{t_{i+2}-t_i}B_{i+1}^1(x)$$

$$= \begin{cases} 0, & x \in (-\infty, t_{i-1}]; \\ \frac{x-t_{i-1}}{t_{i+1}-t_{i-1}}B_i^1(x) = \frac{x-t_{i-1}}{t_{i+1}-t_{i-1}}\left(\frac{x-t_{i-1}}{t_i-t_{i-1}}\right) = \frac{(x-t_{i-1})^2}{(t_{i+1}-t_{i-1})(t_i-t_{i-1})}, & x \in (t_{i-1}, t_i]; \\ \frac{x-t_{i-1}}{t_{i+1}-t_{i-1}}\left(\frac{t_{i+1}-x}{t_{i+1}-t_i}\right) + \frac{t_{i+2}-x}{t_{i+2}-t_i}\left(\frac{x-t_i}{t_{i+1}-t_i}\right) = \frac{(x-t_{i-1})(t_{i+1}-x)}{(t_{i+1}-t_{i-1})(t_{i+1}-t_i)} + \frac{(x-t_i)(t_{i+2}-x)}{(t_{i+2}-t_i)(t_{i+1}-t_i)}, & x \in (t_i, t_{i+1}]; \\ \frac{t_{i+2}-x}{t_{i+2}-t_i}\left(\frac{t_{i+2}-x}{t_{i+2}-t_{i+1}}\right) = \frac{(t_{i+2}-x)^2}{(t_{i+2}-t_i)(t_{i+2}-t_{i+1})}, & x \in (t_{i+1}, t_{i+2}]; \\ 0, & x \in (t_{i+2}, +\infty); \end{cases}$$

- (b) From B_i^2 in (a) calculate

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow t_i^-} \left(\frac{(x-t_{i-1})^2 - (t_i-t_{i-1})^2}{(t_{i+1}-t_{i-1})(t_i-t_{i-1})(x-t_i)} \right) = \lim_{x \rightarrow t_i^-} \left(\frac{(x+t_i-2t_{i-1})}{(t_{i+1}-t_{i-1})(t_i-t_{i-1})} \right) = \frac{2}{(t_{i+1}-t_{i-1})}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow t_i^+} \left(\frac{(x-t_{i-1})(t_{i+1}-x) - (t_i-t_{i-1})(t_{i+1}-t_i)}{(t_{i+1}-t_{i-1})(t_{i+1}-t_i)(x-t_i)} + \frac{(x-t_i)(t_{i+2}-x) - (t_i-t_i)(t_{i+2}-t_i)}{(t_{i+2}-t_i)(t_{i+1}-t_i)(x-t_i)} \right)$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow t_i^+} \left(\frac{(t_{i+1}+t_{i-1}-t_i-x)}{(t_{i+1}-t_{i-1})(t_{i+1}-t_i)} + \frac{(t_{i+2}-x)}{(t_{i+2}-t_i)(t_{i+1}-t_i)} \right) = \frac{2}{(t_{i+1}-t_{i-1})}.$$

So $\frac{d}{dx}B_i^2(x)$ is continuous in t_i, t_{i+1} proved similarly.

- (c) It is easy to see that $\frac{d}{dx}B_i^2(x) \neq 0, \forall x \in (t_{i-1}, t_i] \cap [t_{i+1}, t_{i+2})$. So it is left to verify $x \in (t_i, t_{i+1})$.

$$\frac{d}{dx}B_i^2(x) = \frac{(t_{i+1}-x) - (x-t_{i-1})}{(t_{i+1}-t_{i-1})(t_{i+1}-t_i)} + \frac{(t_{i+2}-x) - (x-t_i)}{(t_{i+2}-t_i)(t_{i+1}-t_i)}$$

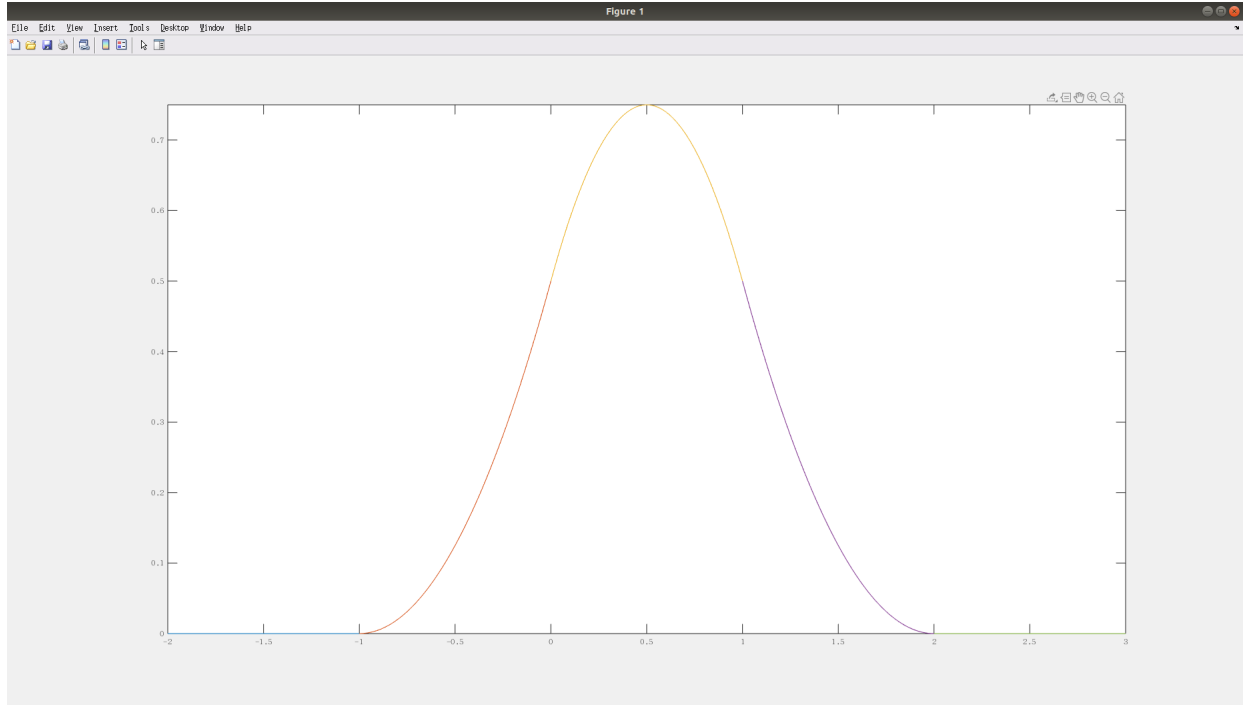


图 4.1: Bspline: $(t_i = i = 0)$

This is a linear function. Take it as $f(x)$. Since $f(t_i) = \frac{2}{(t_{i+1}-t_{i-1})} > 0$ and $f(t_{i+1}) = -\frac{2}{(t_{i+2}-t_i)} < 0$, there is a root x^* of $f(x)$ and it's the only one. Then calculate get $x^* = \frac{t_{i+2}t_{i+1}-t_it_{i-1}}{t_{i+2}+t_{i+1}-t_i-t_{i-1}}$.

(d) Since $\frac{d}{dx}B_i^2(x) > 0, \forall x \in (t_{i-1}, x^*)$ and $\frac{d}{dx}B_i^2(x) < 0, \forall x \in (x^*, t_{i+2})$. It indicates that

$$\begin{aligned}
 B_i^2(x) &< B_i^2(x^*) \\
 &= \left(\frac{1}{t_{i+2} + t_{i+1} - t_i - t_{i-1}} \right)^2 \\
 &\quad \left(\frac{(t_{i+2}t_{i+1} - t_it_{i-1} - t_{i+2}t_{i-1} - t_{i+1}t_{i-1} + t_it_{i-1} + t_{i-1}^2)(t_{i+1}(t_{i+2} + t_{i+1} - t_i - t_{i-1}) - (t_{i+1} - t_{i-1})(t_{i+1} - t_i))}{(t_{i+2}t_{i+1} - t_it_{i-1} - t_i(t_{i+2} + t_{i+1} - t_i - t_{i-1}))(t_{i+2}(t_{i+2} + t_{i+1} - t_i - t_{i-1}) - t_{i+2}t_{i-1})} \right) \\
 &= \left(\frac{1}{t_{i+2} + t_{i+1} - t_i - t_{i-1}} \right)^2 ((t_{i+2} - t_{i-1})(t_{i+1} - t_{i-1}) + (t_{i+2} - t_i)(t_{i+2} - t_{i-1})) \\
 &= \frac{t_{i+2} - t_{i-1}}{t_{i+2} + t_{i+1} - t_i - t_{i-1}} \\
 &< 1.
 \end{aligned}$$

$$B_i^2(x) \geq \min B_i^2(t_{i-1}), B_i^2(t_{i+2}) = 0.$$

In summary, $B_i^2(x) \in [0, 1)$.

(e) Plot B_0^2 blow (4.1), other i can be geted from translation.

Exercise 4.6. We proved a theorem on constructing B-splines from truncated power functions,

$$B_i^n(x) = (t_{i+n} - t_{i-1}) \cdot [t_{i-1}, \dots, t_{i+n}](t - x)_+^n.$$

Verify it algebraically for the case of $n = 2$, i.e.

$$(t_{i+2} - t_{i-1})[t_{i-1}, t_i, t_{i+1}, t_{i+2}](t - x)_+^2 = B_i^2.$$

Solution. We already have

$$B_i^2 = \begin{cases} \frac{(x-t_{i-1})^2}{(t_{i+1}-t_{i-1})(t_i-t_{i-1})}, & x \in (t_{i-1}, t_i]; \\ \frac{(x-t_{i-1})(t_{i+1}-x)}{(t_{i+1}-t_{i-1})(t_{i+1}-t_i)} + \frac{(x-t_i)(t_{i+2}-x)}{(t_{i+2}-t_i)(t_{i+1}-t_i)}, & x \in (t_i, t_{i+1}]; \\ \frac{(t_{i+2}-x)^2}{(t_{i+2}-t_i)(t_{i+2}-t_{i+1})}, & x \in (t_{i+1}, t_{i+2}]; \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

And Split the difference format

$$\begin{aligned} B_i^2 &= (t_{i+2} - t_{i-1})[t_{i-1}, t_i, t_{i+1}, t_{i+2}](t - x)_+^2 \\ &= [t_i, t_{i+1}, t_{i+2}](t - x)_+^2 - [t_{i-1}, t_i, t_{i+1}](t - x)_+^2 \\ &= \frac{(t_{i+2} - x)_+^2 - (t_{i+1} - x)_+^2}{(t_{i+2} - t_i)(t_{i+2} - t_{i+1})} - \frac{(t_{i+1} - x)_+^2 - (t_i - x)_+^2}{(t_{i+2} - t_i)(t_{i+1} - t_i)} - \frac{(t_{i+1} - x)_+^2 - (t_i - x)_+^2}{(t_{i+1} - t_{i-1})(t_{i+1} - t_i)} + \frac{(t_i - x)_+^2 - (t_{i-1} - x)_+^2}{(t_{i+1} - t_{i-1})(t_i - t_{i-1})} \\ &= \begin{cases} 0, & x \in (t_{i+2}, +\infty); \\ \frac{(t_{i+2}-x)^2}{(t_{i+2}-t_i)(t_{i+2}-t_{i+1})}, & x \in (t_{i+1}, t_{i+2}]; \\ \left(\frac{(t_{i+2}-x)_+^2 - (t_{i+1}-x)_+^2}{(t_{i+2}-t_i)(t_{i+2}-t_{i+1})} - \frac{(t_{i+1}-x)_+^2 - (t_i-x)_+^2}{(t_{i+2}-t_i)(t_{i+1}-t_i)} - \frac{(t_i-x)_+^2 - (t_{i-1}-x)_+^2}{(t_{i+1}-t_{i-1})(t_{i+1}-t_i)} \right) - \frac{(t_{i+1}-x)_+^2}{(t_{i+1}-t_{i-1})(t_{i+1}-t_i)} \\ = \left(\frac{t_{i+2}+t_{i+1}-2x}{t_{i+2}-t_i} - \frac{t_{i+1}+t_i-2x}{t_{i+2}-t_i} \right) - \frac{(t_{i+1}-t_{i-1})(t_i-x)^2 + (t_{i+2}-t_i)(t_{i+1}-x)^2}{(t_{i+2}-t_i)(t_{i+1}-t_{i-1})(t_{i+1}-t_i)} \\ = 1 - \frac{(t_{i+1}-t_{i-1})(t_i-x)^2 + (t_{i+2}-t_i)(t_{i+1}-x)^2}{(t_{i+2}-t_i)(t_{i+1}-t_{i-1})(t_{i+1}-t_i)} \\ = \frac{(t_{i+1}-t_{i-1})(t_{i+2}-t_i)(x-t_i) - (t_{i+1}-t_{i-1})(t_i-x)^2 + (t_{i+2}-t_i)(t_{i+1}-x)(x-t_{i-1})}{(t_{i+2}-t_i)(t_{i+1}-t_{i-1})(t_{i+1}-t_i)} \\ = \frac{(x-t_{i-1})(t_{i+1}-x)}{(t_{i+1}-t_{i-1})(t_{i+1}-t_i)} + \frac{(x-t_i)(t_{i+2}-x)}{(t_{i+2}-t_i)(t_{i+1}-t_i)}, & x \in (t_i, t_{i+1}]; \\ \left(\frac{t_{i+2}+t_{i+1}-2x}{t_{i+2}-t_i} - \frac{t_{i+1}+t_i-2x}{t_{i+2}-t_i} \right) - \left(\frac{t_{i+1}+t_i-2x}{t_{i+1}-t_{i-1}} - \frac{t_i+t_{i-1}-2x}{t_{i+1}-t_{i-1}} \right) + \frac{(t_{i+2}-x)^2}{(t_{i+2}-t_i)(t_{i+2}-t_{i+1})} \\ = \frac{(t_{i+2}-x)^2}{(t_{i+2}-t_i)(t_{i+2}-t_{i+1})}, & x \in (t_{i+1}, t_{i+2}]; \\ \left(\frac{t_{i+2}+t_{i+1}-2x}{t_{i+2}-t_i} - \frac{t_{i+1}+t_i-2x}{t_{i+2}-t_i} \right) - \left(\frac{t_{i+1}+t_i-2x}{t_{i+1}-t_{i-1}} - \frac{t_i+t_{i-1}-2x}{t_{i+1}-t_{i-1}} \right) \\ = 1 - 1 = 0, & x \in (-\infty, t_{i-1}]; \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

4.2 programming

(a) Write a **C++** subroutine for cubic-spline interpolation of the function

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{1 + 25x^2}$$

on evenly spaced nodes within the interval $[-1, 1]$ with $N = 6, 11, 21, 41, 81$. Compute the max-norm of interpolation errors at the nodes for each N and report the errors and convergence rates with respect to the number of subintervals.

(b) Write a **Matlab** subroutine to illustrate (1) by plotting the truncated power functions and building a table of divided difference where the entries are figures instead of numbers. See the hints in Section 4.

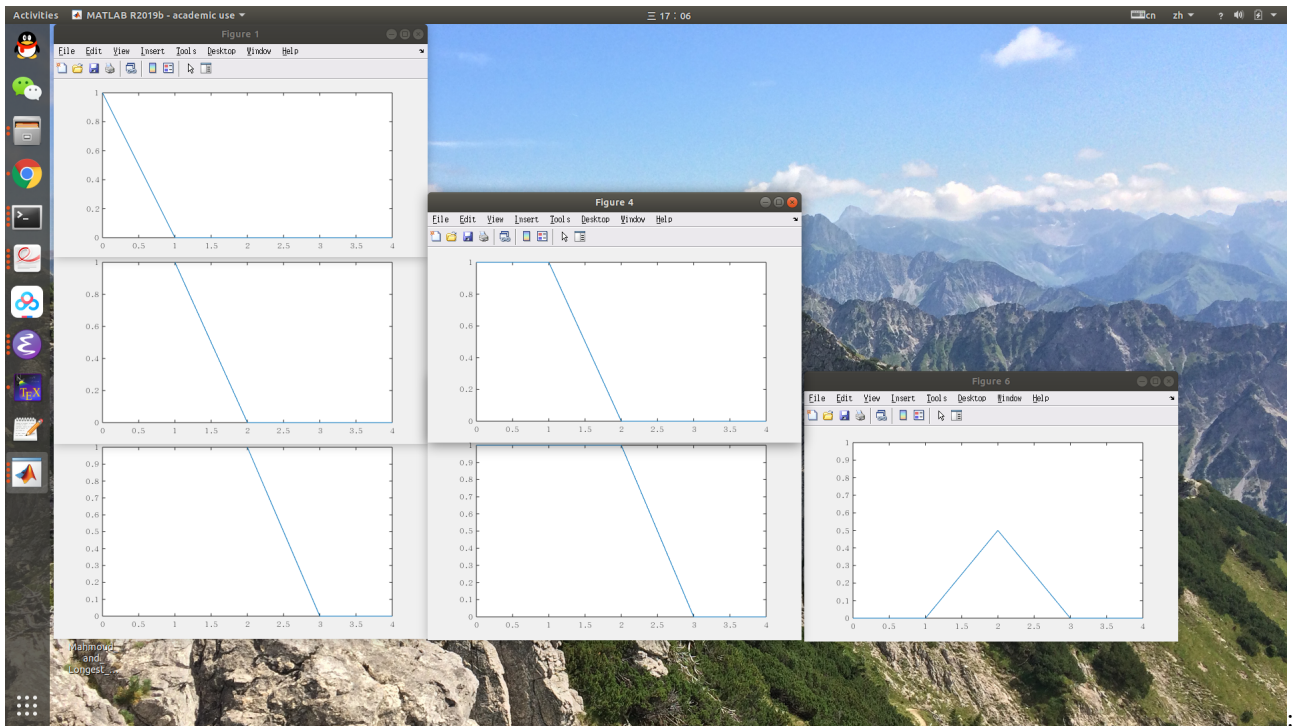


图 4.2: $N = 1$

Solution.

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2. Run program by `make bsp1` and `make bsp2` corresponds to $n = 1$ and $n = 2$. Or using **matlab** to run function `plotTruncatedPowerFunc2Bsplines` in `plotTruncatedPowerFunc2Bsplines.m`. Outcome is similar to figure ()

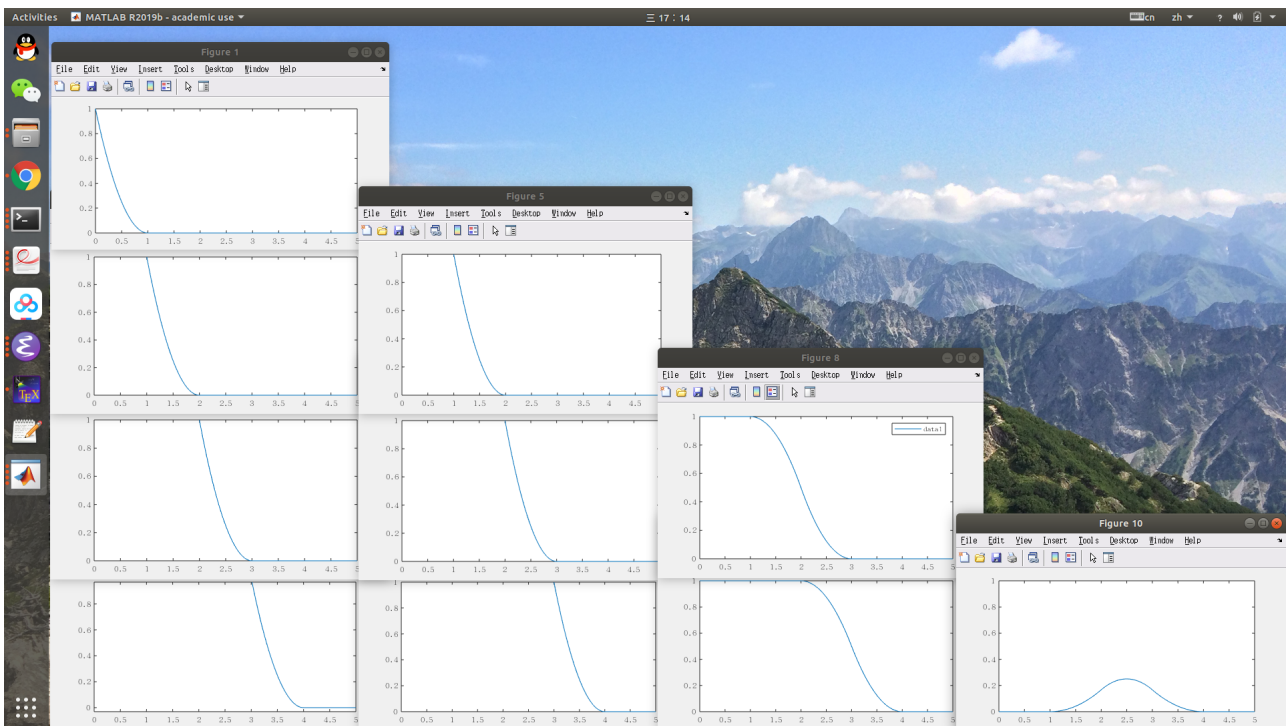


图 4.3: $N = 2$