# Perspectives and open problems for non-stationary subdivision schemes

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Implementation of the algorithm in a hardware microprocessor is considered as an extension to incremental plotting devices and other numerically controlled machines.

An extension of the algorithm to generate 3-D curves is described, along with techniques for their application to surface representation, nonlinear interpolation, and direction of numerically controlled milling machines and similar devices.

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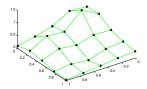
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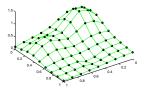
 $\mathcal{D}_0$ : originally a set of points but, due to their simplicity, in the last 30 years are extended to more abstract settings, such as

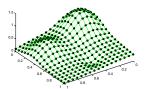
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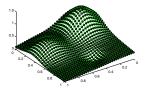
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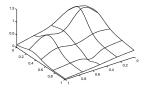


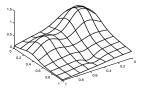


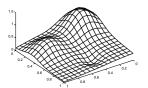


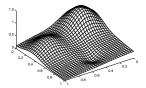


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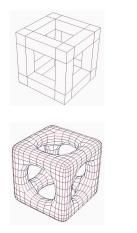








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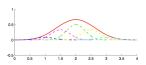
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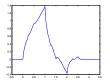
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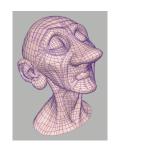
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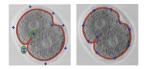
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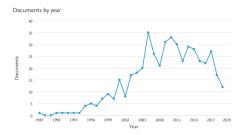
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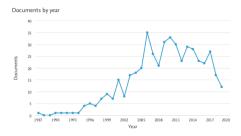




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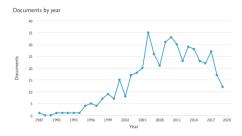
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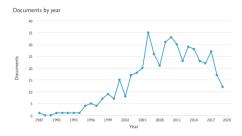
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New trends: level dependent, non-linear, application driven ..... they requires news ideas and new tools for their theoretical analysis

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- Linear subdivision schemes acquire a strategic significance for the integration and cooperation between different areas of research

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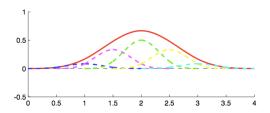
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Using the refinability properties

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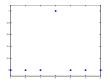
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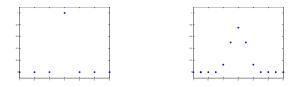
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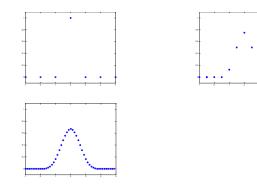
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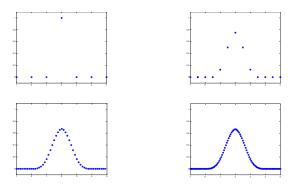
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$$\mathbf{P}_{e}^{(k+1)} = \mathbf{a}_{e} * \mathbf{P}^{(k)}, \quad \mathbf{P}_{o}^{(k+1)} = \mathbf{a}_{o} * \mathbf{P}^{(k)} \quad \rightarrow \quad \mathbf{P}^{(k+1)} = \operatorname{merge}(\mathbf{P}_{e}^{(k+1)}, \mathbf{P}_{o}^{(k+1)})$$

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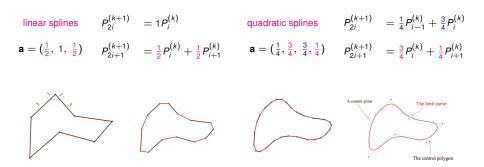
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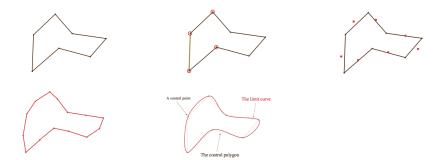
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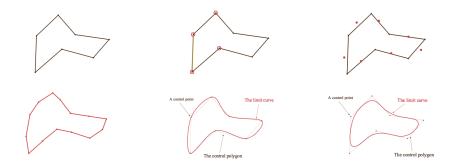
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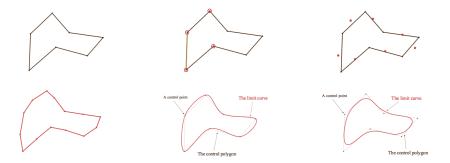
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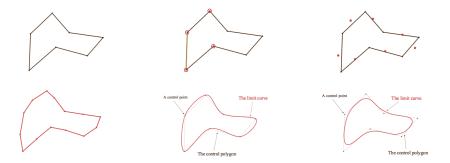
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▷ partition of unity  $\sum_{i=1}^{n} \phi(i-i) = 1;$ 

▷ has a known regularity and specific reproduction/approximation properties.

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Basic limit functions for different values of  $v^{(-1)} \in \{-0.9, -0.5, 0.5, 0.25, 0.45\}$ 

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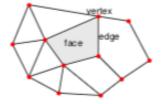
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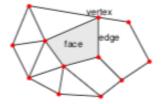
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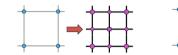
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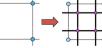
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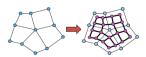
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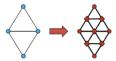
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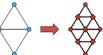
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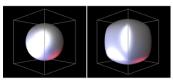
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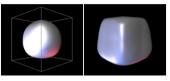
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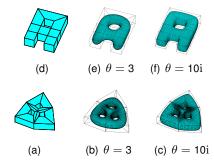
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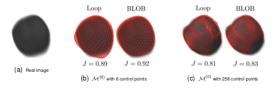
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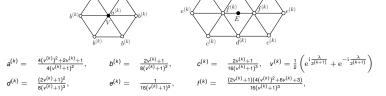
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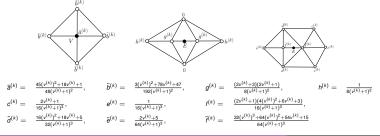
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#### Definition: Asymptotical equivalence

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Perspectives and open problems of subdivisions

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- ii) S is asymptotically equivalent of order 0 to  $\overline{S}$  on *regular* regions; iii) on the irregular regions  $S_k$  and S satisfy, for all  $k \ge 1$ ,

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with  $\lambda_1 \in \mathbb{R}_+$  is non-defective and  $1 = \lambda_0 > \lambda_1 > |\lambda_i|, i \ge 2$ .

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