

B-spline definition by recursion

Let

$$t_{(i;j)} := t_i, t_{i+1}, \dots, t_j$$

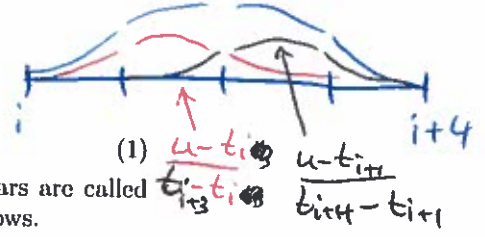
be a nondecreasing sequence of scalars, i.e. $t_{k+1} \geq t_k$. The scalars are called *knots*. Then the B-spline of degree d is defined recursively as follows.

$$B(u|t_{(i;i+1)}) := \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } t_i \leq u < t_{i+1} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

$$B(u|t_{(i;i+d+1)}) := \ell(u|i, i+d) B(u|t_{(i+1;i+d)}) + (1 - \ell(u|i+1, i+d+1)) B(u|t_{(i+1;i+d+1)})$$

$$\text{where } \ell(u|i, j) := \begin{cases} \frac{u-t_i}{t_j-t_i} & \text{if } t_i \neq t_j \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

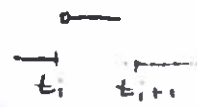
X_5 - Verify that for $t_{j+d+1} > t_j$, $B(u|t_{(j;j+d+1)}) > 0$ on the interval (t_j, t_{j+d+1}) .



$d=1$



$$i: i+d+1$$



$i: i+d$
 $i+1: i+d+1$



$$c_{i,i+d} := (1 - \ell(u|i, i+d)) c_{i-1,i+d} + \ell(u|i, i+d) c_{i,i+d+1} \quad (3)$$

$$= \frac{t_{i+d} - u}{t_{i+d} - t_i} c_{i-1,i+d} + \frac{u - t_i}{t_{i+d} - t_i} c_{i,i+d+1}$$

Here $=^*$ indicates the case that $t_{i+d} \neq t_i$. While, formally, all $c_{i;j}$ are functions of u , in the following context u will be the parameter of evaluation, and therefore a fixed number so that the expressions in (3) will be constants.

To evaluate the spline $s(u|t_{(i;i+d+n+1)})$ at a value

$$u \in [t_j, t_{j+1}) \subset [t_{i+d}, t_{i+n+1}),$$

$$B(u|t_{j-2}, t_{j-1}, t_j, t_{j+1}) = B(u|t_{(j-2;j+1)})$$

we compute $c_{j;j+1}$ by repeatedly applying Equation (3) (cf.). It is convenient