

About Boyd functions, admissible sequences and interpolation

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1 germ versus 2 germs

We will denote by \mathcal{B}^∞ the set of continuous functions $\phi : [1, \infty) \rightarrow I$ such that $\phi(1) = 1$ and

$$0 < \underline{\phi}(t) := \inf_{s \geq 1} \frac{\phi(ts)}{\phi(s)} \leq \bar{\phi}(t) := \sup_{s \geq 1} \frac{\phi(ts)}{\phi(s)} < \infty,$$

for any $t \geq 1$. Given $\phi \in \mathcal{B}$, we denote by ϕ_∞ the restriction of ϕ to $[1, \infty)$ and by ϕ_0 the restriction of ϕ to $(0, 1]$.

Proposition

The application

$$\tau : \mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}^\infty \times \mathcal{B}^\infty \quad \phi \mapsto \left(t \mapsto \frac{1}{\phi_0(1/t)}, \phi_\infty \right)$$

is a bijection.

Some instructive examples

Consider the increasing sequence $(j_n)_n$ defined by

$$\begin{cases} j_0 = 0, \\ j_1 = 1, \\ j_{2n} = 2j_{2n-1} - j_{2n-2}, \\ j_{2n+1} = 2^{j_{2n}}. \end{cases}$$

Then, define the admissible sequence σ by

$$\sigma_j := \begin{cases} 2^{j_{2n}} & \text{if } j_{2n} \leq j \leq j_{2n+1} \\ 2^{j_{2n}} 4^{j-j_{2n+1}} & \text{if } j_{2n+1} \leq j < j_{2n+2} \end{cases}.$$

The sequence oscillates between $(j)_j$ and $(2^j)_j$ and we have $\underline{s}(\sigma) = 0$ and $\bar{s}(\sigma) = 1$.

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Boyd function obtained from one admissible sequence

Some elementary examples :

$$\phi_{\sigma}(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{\sigma_{j+1} - \sigma_j}{2^j}(t - 2^j) + \sigma_j & \text{if } t \in [2^j, 2^{j+1}), \\ \frac{1/\sigma_j - 1/\sigma_{j+1}}{2^j}(t - 2^{-j-1}) + 1/\sigma_{j+1} & \text{if } t \in (2^{-j-1}, 2^{-j}]. \end{cases}$$

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where s satisfies $\underline{s}(\sigma) \leq s \leq \bar{s}(\sigma)$.

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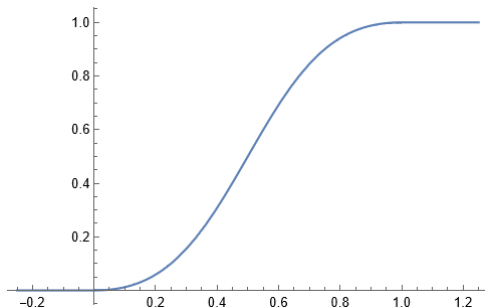
Let

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} e^{-1/x} & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

to define

$$g : x \mapsto \frac{f(x)}{f(x) + f(1-x)}$$

on $[0, 1]$.



Constructing a regular Boyd function from an admissible sequence

$$\begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \alpha & \sin \alpha \\ -\sin \alpha & \cos \alpha \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}.$$

For $j \in \mathbb{N}$, we set

$$\begin{cases} X_j = 2^j \cos \alpha + \sigma_j \sin \alpha \\ Y_j = -2^j \sin \alpha + \sigma_j \cos \alpha \end{cases},$$

$$\xi^{(j)}(X) = \frac{X - X_j}{X_{j+1} - X_j}$$

and

$$\tau^{(j)}(X) = Y_j + (Y_{j+1} - Y_j)X$$

to consider the curve

$$Y = \tau^{(j)}(g(\xi^{(j)}(X)))$$

on $[X_j, X_{j+1}]$.

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For $\alpha = 0$, we explicitly get

$$\eta_j^{(0)}(t) = \sigma_j + \frac{\sigma_{j+1} - \sigma_j}{1 + \left(\frac{t-2^{j+1}}{t-2^j}\right)^2}.$$

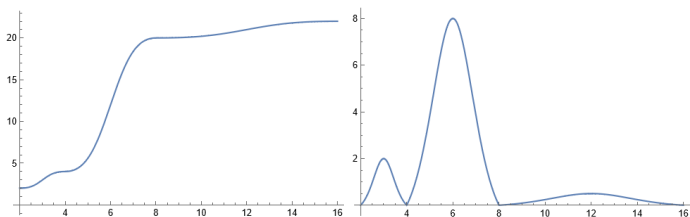


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If $\alpha > 0$ is small enough, we get a function $\eta_j^{(\alpha)}$ whose explicit form is far more complicated.

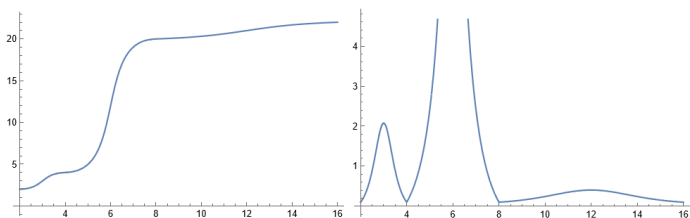


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Let \mathcal{B}' denote the set of functions $f : I \rightarrow I$ that belong to $C^1(I)$ with $f(1) = 1$ and satisfy

$$0 < \inf_{t>0} t \frac{|f'(t)|}{f(t)} \leq \sup_{t>0} t \frac{|f'(t)|}{f(t)} < \infty.$$

One can show that \mathcal{B}' is a subset of \mathcal{B} . If $\phi \in \mathcal{B}$ with $\underline{b}(\phi) > 0$ (resp. $\bar{b}(\phi) < 0$), then there exists a non-decreasing bijection (resp. a non-increasing bijection) $\psi \in \mathcal{B}'$ such that $\phi \sim \psi$ and $\psi^{-1} \in \mathcal{B}'$

Proposition

If $\phi \in \mathcal{B}$ is such that $\underline{b}(\phi) > 0$ or $\bar{b}(\phi) < 0$, then there exists $\xi \in \mathcal{B}' \cap C^\infty(I)$ such that $\xi \sim \phi$.

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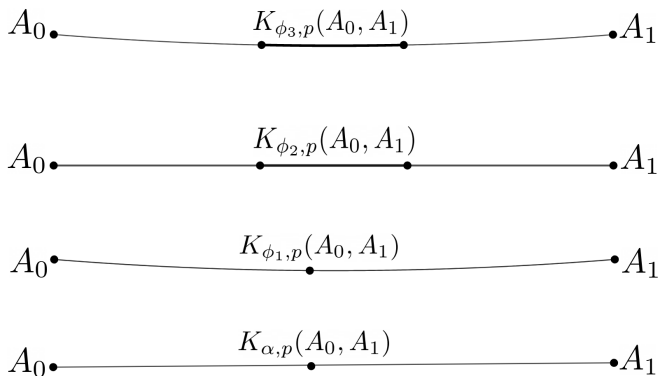


Figure: Different interpolation spaces where for example $\phi_1(t) = t^\alpha \log(1/t)$, $\phi_2(t) = t^\alpha \chi_{]0,1]} + t^\beta \chi_{]1,\infty[}$ and $\phi_3(t) = (t^\alpha \chi_{]0,1]} + t^\beta \chi_{]1,\infty[}) \log(1/t)$.

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