

# Linear independence and Locally Refined B-splines

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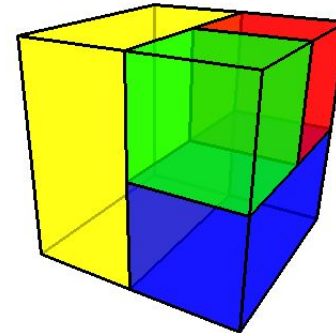
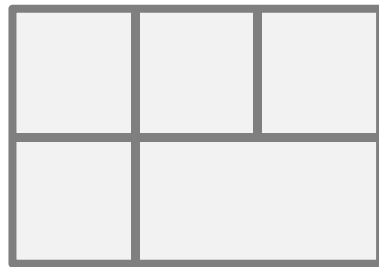
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# Spline space over Box-partitions

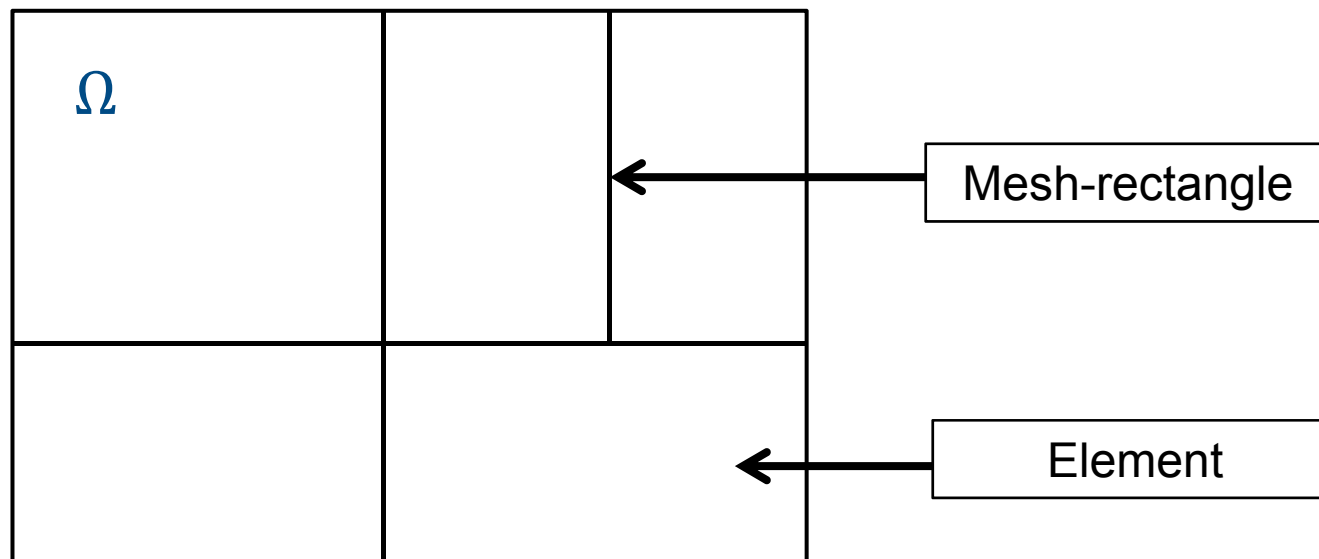
- LR B-splines, T-splines (as originally defined) and Hierarchical B-splines can all be regarded as splines defined over box-partitions.



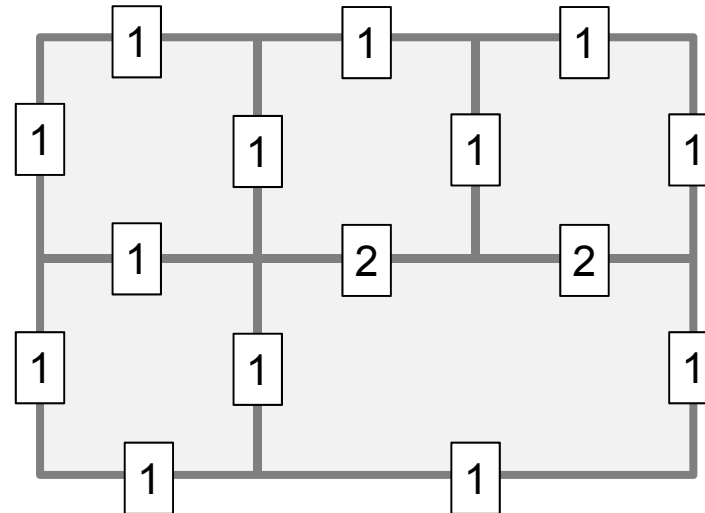
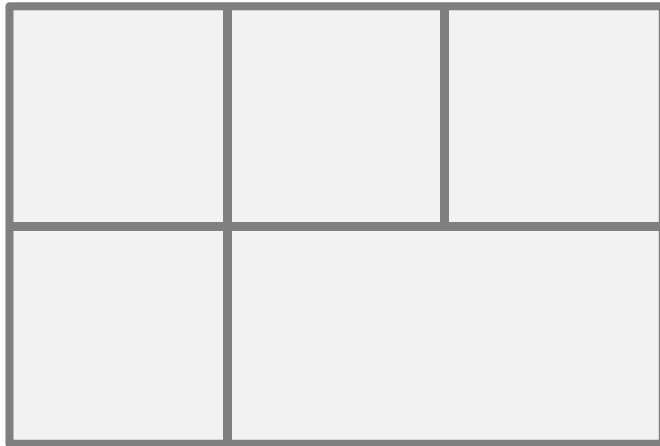
- Hierarchical B-spline by multi-level mid-element refinement, with possible restriction of refinements to certain regions
- T-splines by what is allowed by the T-spline refinement rules
- LR-splines by a sequence of local refinements starting from a tensor product grid
  - introducing additional B-splines is specified regions as required

# Box-partition

- $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$  a  $d$ -box in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ .
- A finite collection  $\mathcal{E}$  of  $d$ -boxes in  $\mathbb{R}^d$  is said to be a **box partition** of  $\Omega$  if
  1.  $\beta_1^o \cap \beta_2^o = \emptyset$  for any  $\beta_1^o, \beta_2^o \in \mathcal{E}$ , where  $\beta_1^o \neq \beta_2^o$ .
  2.  $\bigcup_{\beta \in \mathcal{E}} \beta = \Omega$ .

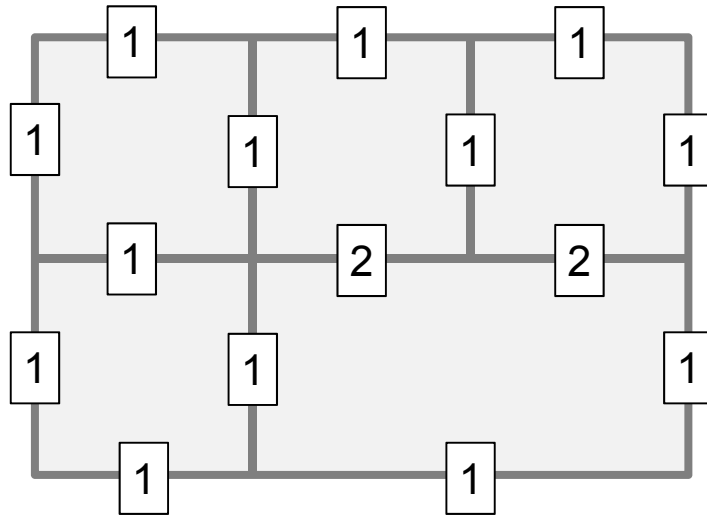


# $\mu$ -extended box-mesh (adding multiplicities)

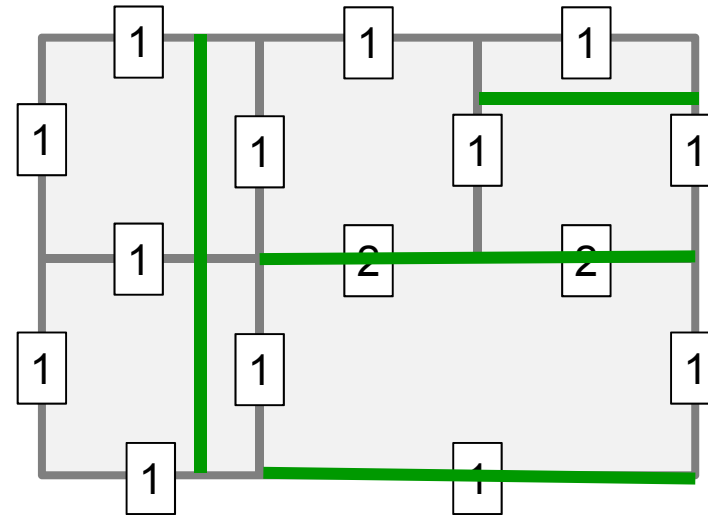


- A multiplicity  $\mu$  is assigned to each mesh-rectangle
- Supports variable knot multiplicity for Locally Refined B-splines.

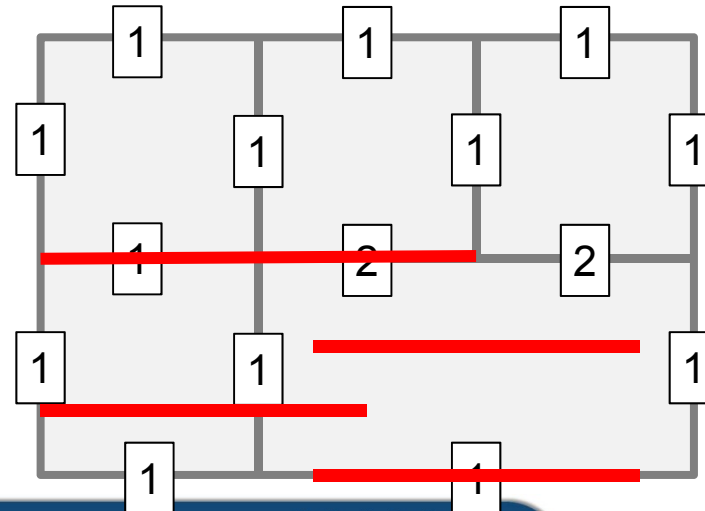
# Refinement by inserting mesh-rectangles giving a constant split



Constant split



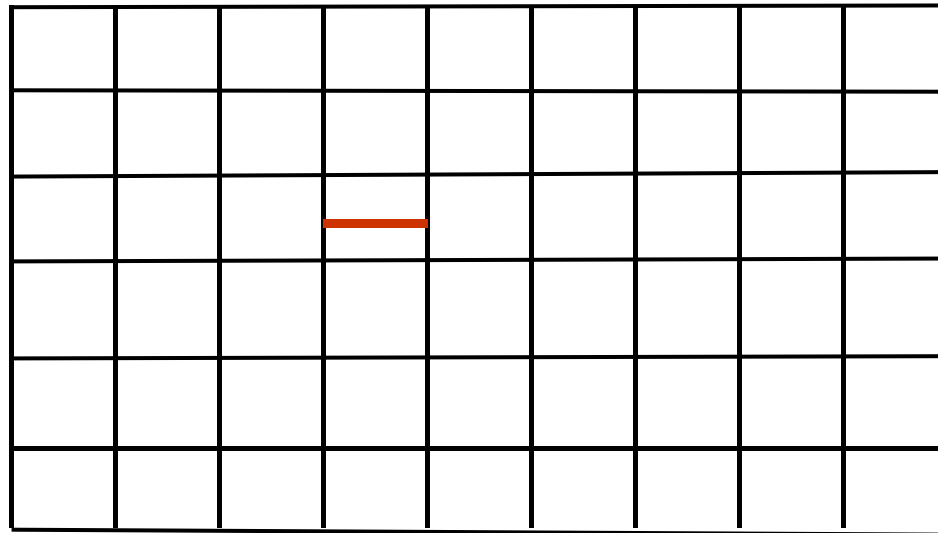
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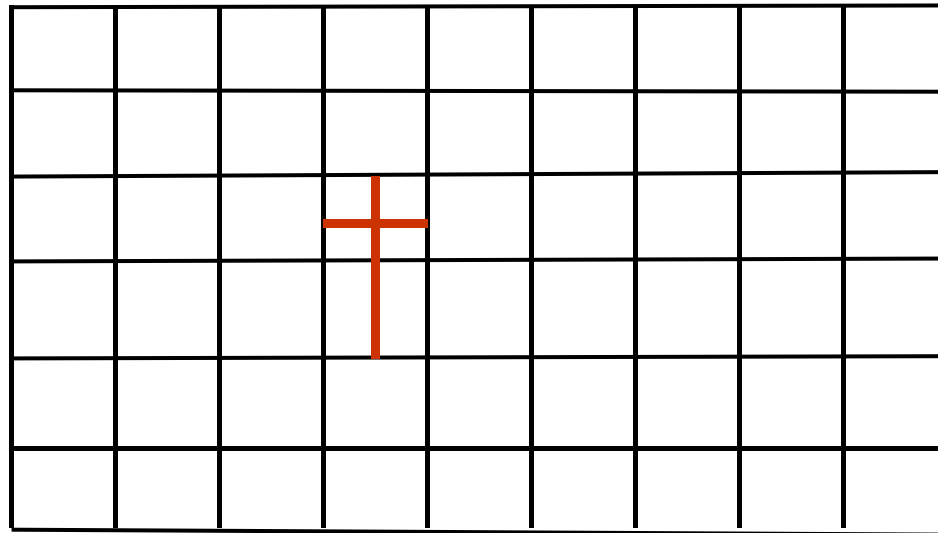


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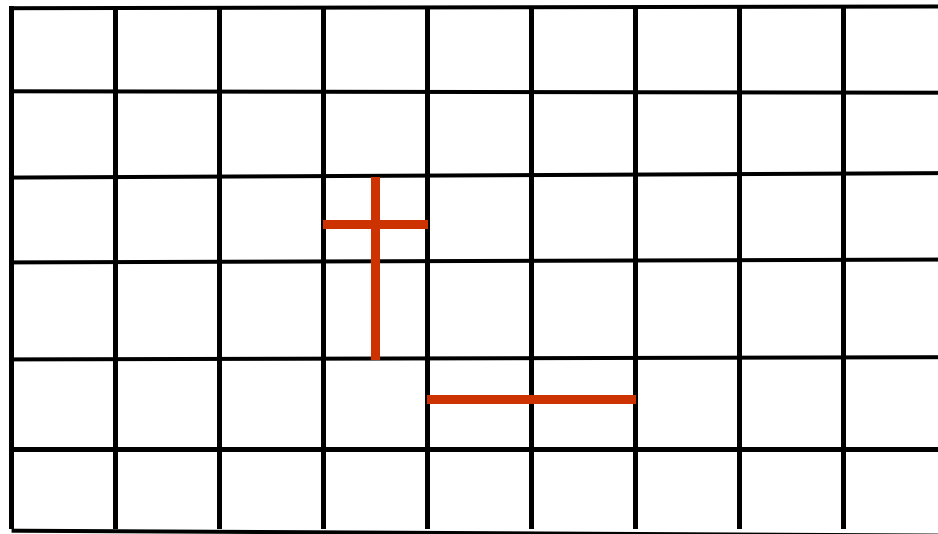


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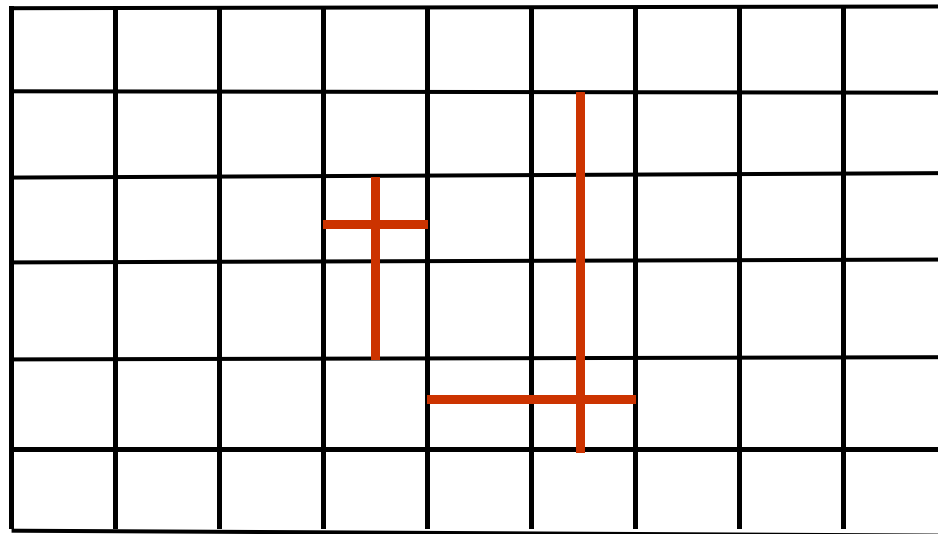
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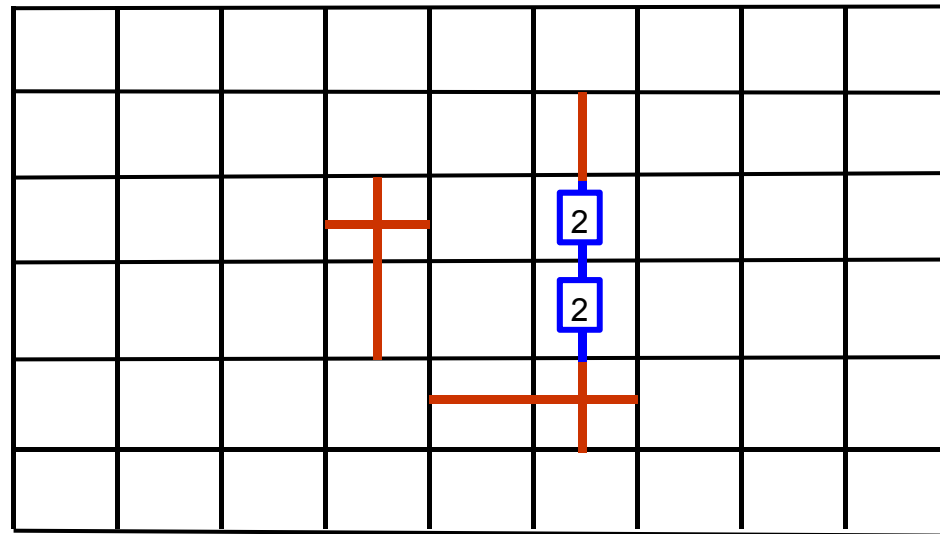


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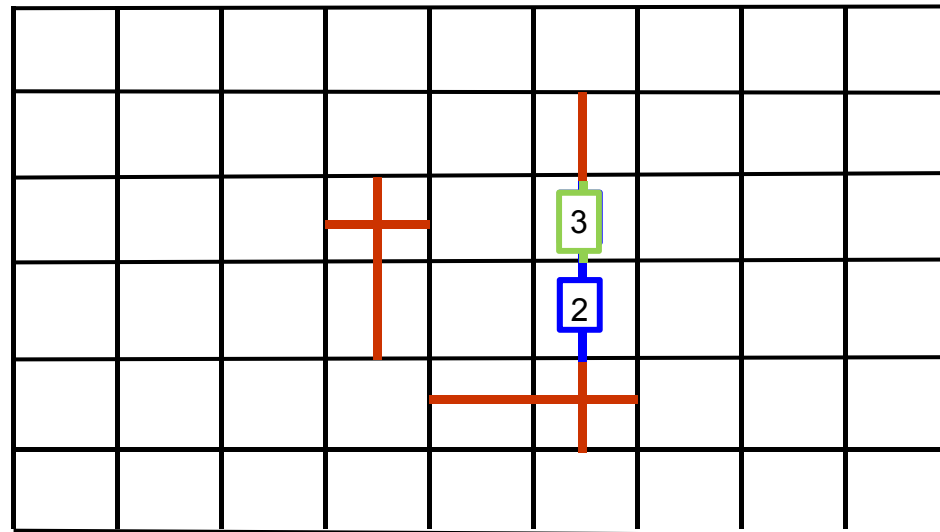


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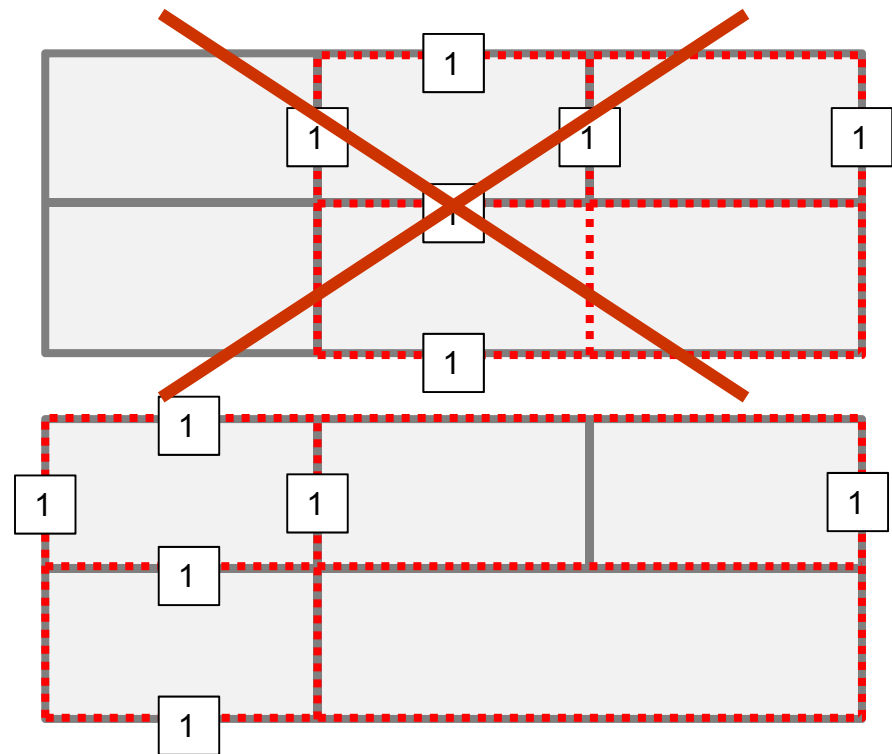
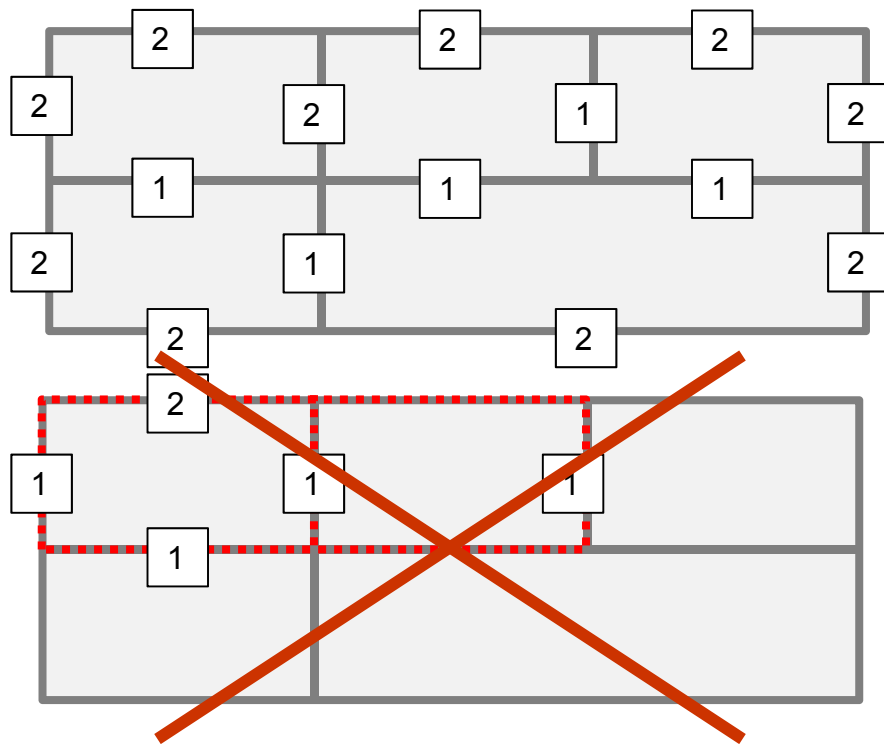
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# LR B-spline

Let  $(M, \mu)$  be an  $\mu$ -extended LR-mesh in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ . A function  $B: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is called an LR B-spline of degree  $p$  on  $(\mathcal{M}, \mu)$  if  $B$  is a tensor-product B-spline with minimal support in  $(\mathcal{M}, \mu)$ .



# Splines on a $\mu$ -extended LR-mesh

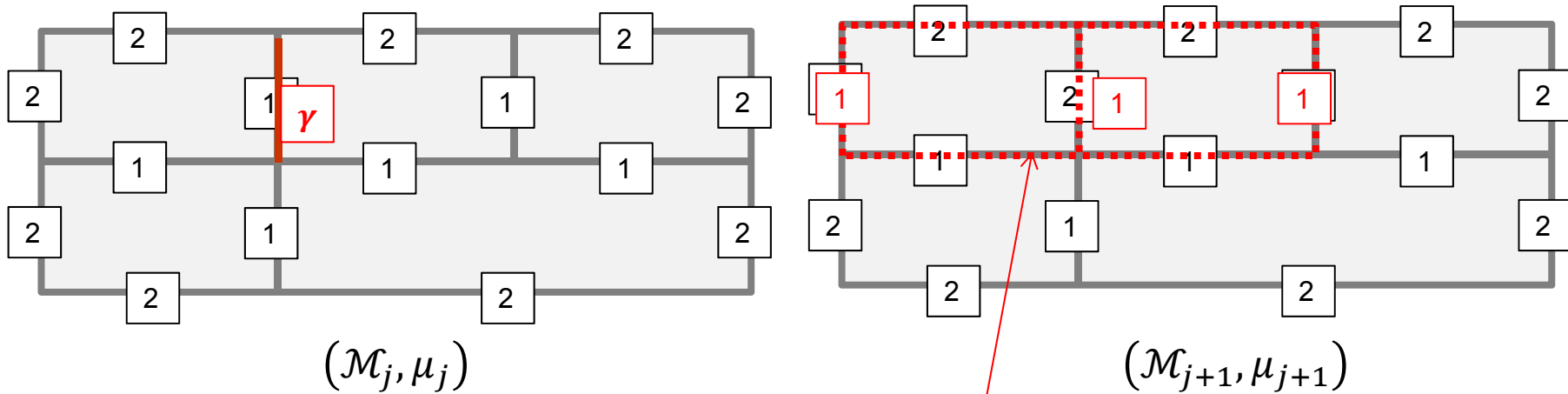
We define a sequence of  $\mu$ -extended LR-meshes  $(\mathcal{M}_1, \mu_1), \dots, (\mathcal{M}_q, \mu_q)$  with corresponding collections of minimal support B-splines  $\mathcal{B}_1, \dots, \mathcal{B}_q$ .

For  $j = 1, \dots, q - 1$  creating  $(\mathcal{M}_{j+1}, \mu_{j+1}) = (\mathcal{M}_j + \gamma_j, \mu_{j, \gamma_j})$  from  $(\mathcal{M}_j, \mu_j)$  involves inserting a mesh-rectangle  $\gamma_j$  **that increases the number of B-splines**. More specifically:

- $\gamma_j$  splits  $(\mathcal{M}_j, \mu_j)$  in a constant split.
- at least one B-spline in  $\mathcal{B}_j$  does not have minimal support in  $(\mathcal{M}_{j+1}, \mu_{j+1})$ .

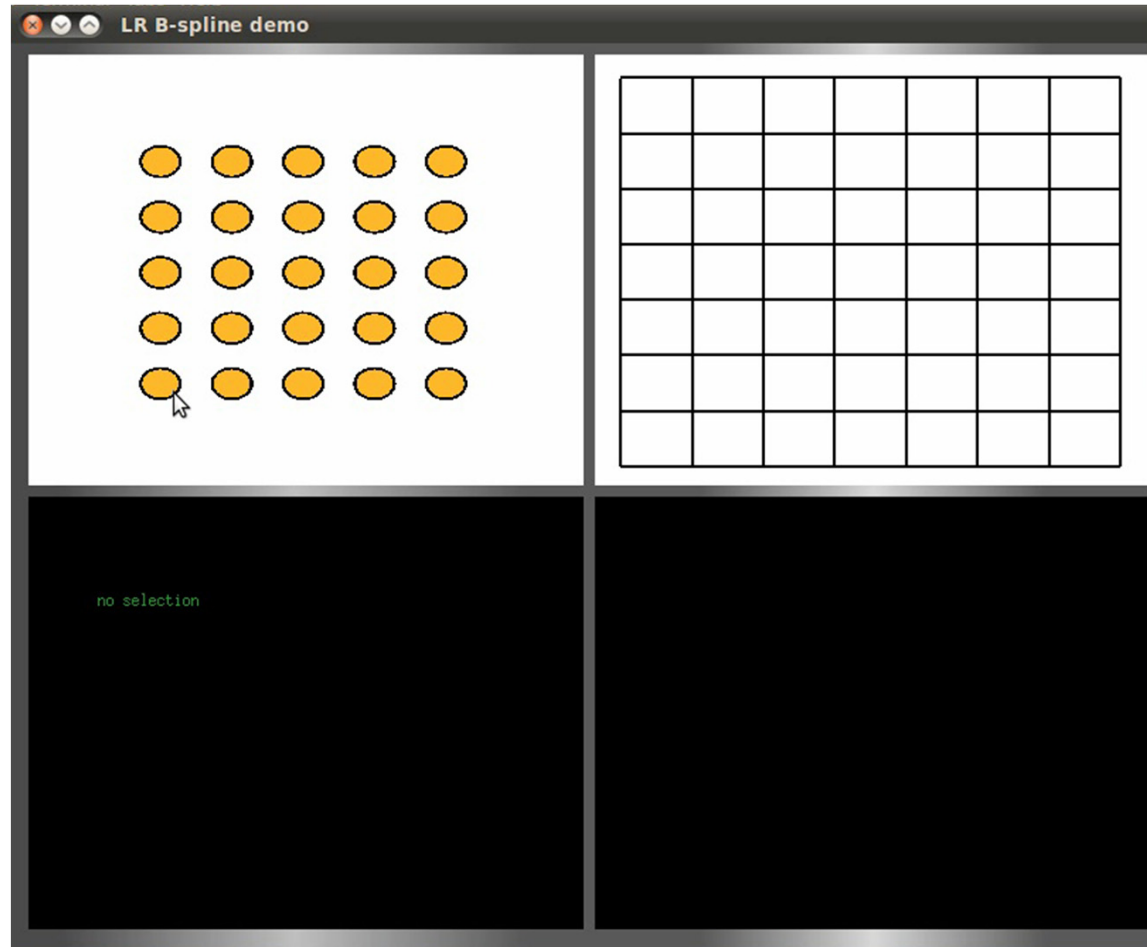
After inserting  $\gamma_j$  we start a process to generate a collection of minimal support B-splines  $\mathcal{B}_{j+1}$  over  $(\mathcal{M}_{j+1}, \mu_{j+1})$  from  $\mathcal{B}_j$ .

# Going from $(\mathcal{M}_j, \mu_j)$ to $(\mathcal{M}_{j+1}, \mu_{j+1})$



B-spline from  $\mathcal{B}_j$  that has to be split to generate  $\mathcal{B}_{j+1}$

# Example LR B-spline refinement



Video by PhD fellow Kjetil A. Johannessen, NTNU, Trondheim, Norway.

# Ensuring linear independence

- We say that  $(\mathcal{M}_{j+1}, \mu_{j+1}, \mathbf{p})$  goes hand in hand with  $(\mathcal{M}_j, \mu_j, \mathbf{p})$  if
  - $\text{span}(B)_{B \in \mathcal{B}_j} = \mathcal{S}_{\mathbf{p}}(\mathcal{M}_j, \mu_j)$  and
  - $\text{span}(B)_{B \in \mathcal{B}_{j+1}} = \mathcal{S}_{\mathbf{p}}(\mathcal{M}_{j+1}, \mu_{j+1})$ .
- If  $(\mathcal{M}_{j+1}, \mu_{j+1}, \mathbf{p})$  and  $(\mathcal{M}_j, \mu_j, \mathbf{p})$  goes hand-in-hand and  $\#\mathcal{B}_{j+1} = \dim \mathcal{S}_{\mathbf{p}}(\mathcal{M}_{j+1}, \mu_{j+1})$  then the B-splines of  $\mathcal{B}_{j+1}$  form a basis for  $\mathcal{S}_{\mathbf{p}}(\mathcal{M}_{j+1}, \mu_{j+1})$ .



# To ensure linear independence we have to

1. Determine  $\dim \mathcal{S}_p(\mathcal{M}_{j+1}, \mu_{j+1})$
2. Determine if  $\mathcal{B}_{j+1}$  spans  $\mathcal{S}_p(\mathcal{M}_{j+1}, \mu_{j+1})$
3. Check that  $\#\mathcal{B}_{j+1} = \dim \mathcal{S}_p(\mathcal{M}_{j+1}, \mu_{j+1})$

# How to measure dimensional of spline space of degree $p$ over a $\mu$ -extended box partition $(\mathcal{M}, \mu)$ .

- Dimension formula developed (Mourrain, Pettersen)

$$\dim \mathbb{S}_p(\mathcal{M}, \mu) = \sum_{\ell=0}^d (-1)^{d-\ell} \left( \sum_{\beta \in \mathcal{F}_\ell(\mathcal{M})} \prod_{k=1}^d (p_k - \mu_k(\beta) + 1) \right)$$

$$- \sum_{q=0}^{d-1} (-1)^{d-q} \dim H_q(\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}(\mathcal{N}))$$

Combinatorial values  
calculated from  
topological structure

Homology terms

- In the case of 2-variate LR-splines always zero

# Difference in spanning properties between $\mathcal{B}_j$ and $\mathcal{B}_{j+1}$

- The only B-splines in  $\mathcal{B}_{j+1}$  that model the discontinuity introduced by  $\gamma_j$  are those that have  $\gamma_j$  with multiplicity  $\mu(\gamma_j)$  as part of the knot structure.
- By restricting these B-splines to  $\gamma_j$  we get a set of B-splines  $\mathcal{B}_\gamma$  restricted to  $\gamma_j$  with dimension one lower than the dimension of the B-splines of  $\mathcal{B}_{j+1}$ .
- A theorem for general dimensions and degrees states 
$$\dim \text{span} \left( B_\gamma \right)_{B \in \mathcal{B}_\gamma} \leq \dim S_p(\mathcal{M}_{j+1}, \mu_{j+1}) - \dim S_p(\mathcal{M}_j, \mu_j)$$
- Further it is stated that  $\mathcal{B}_{j+1}$  spans  $S_p(\mathcal{M}_{j+1}, \mu_{j+1})$  if 
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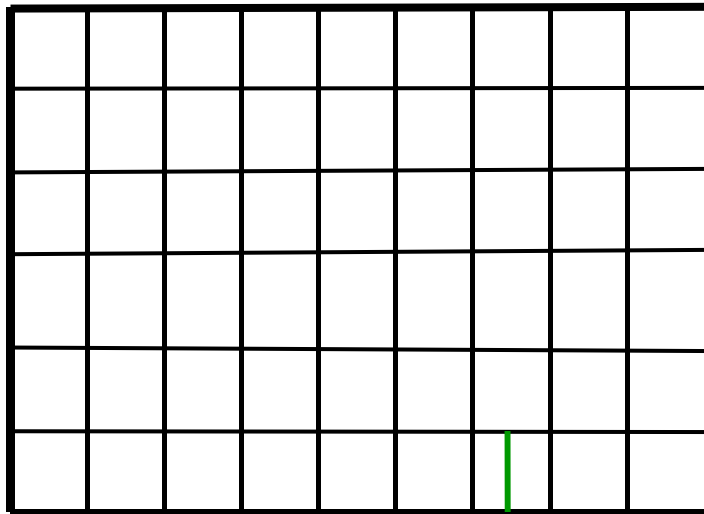
# Observations

- To find the dimension of a spline space with many B-splines is more complex than finding the dimension of a spline space with few B-splines
- When assessing the B-splines  $\mathcal{B}_\gamma$  over  $\gamma_j$  we first ensure that the refinement is broken into a sequence of LR B-spline refinements with as low dimension increase as possible.
  - As a legal LR-spline refinement always introduces at least one B-spline linearly independent from the pre-existing, a dimension increase by just one will ensure that we go hand-in-hand.
  - If the dimension increase is greater than 1 we need to assess the B-splines  $\mathcal{B}_\gamma$  over  $\gamma_j$ .

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Dimension increase of spline space over the box-partition

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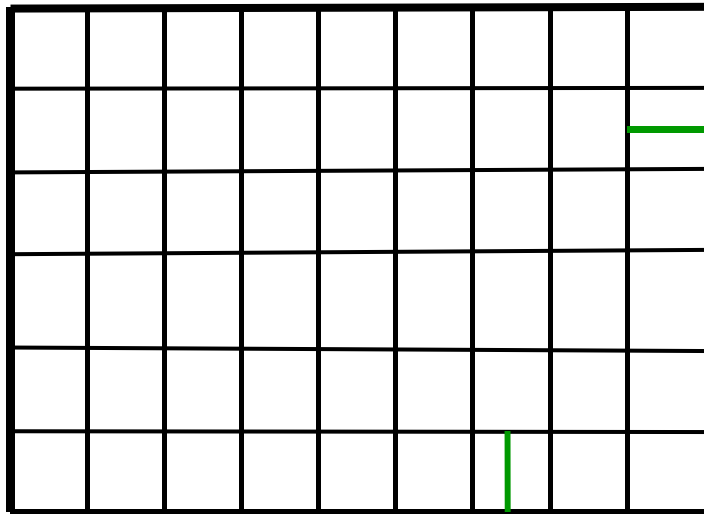


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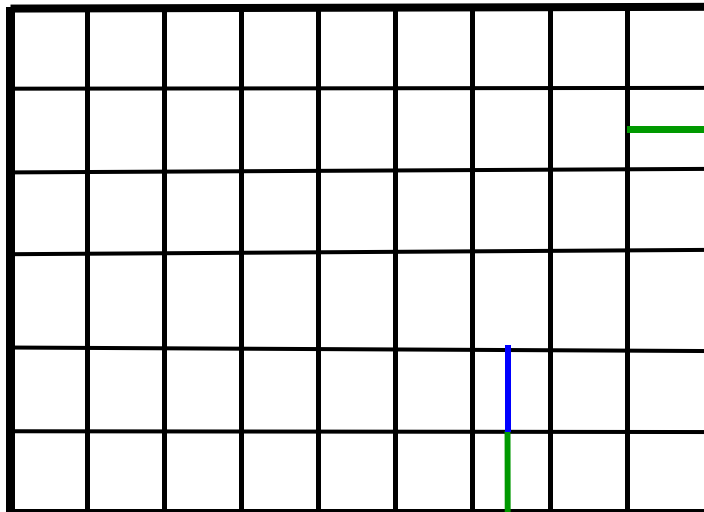


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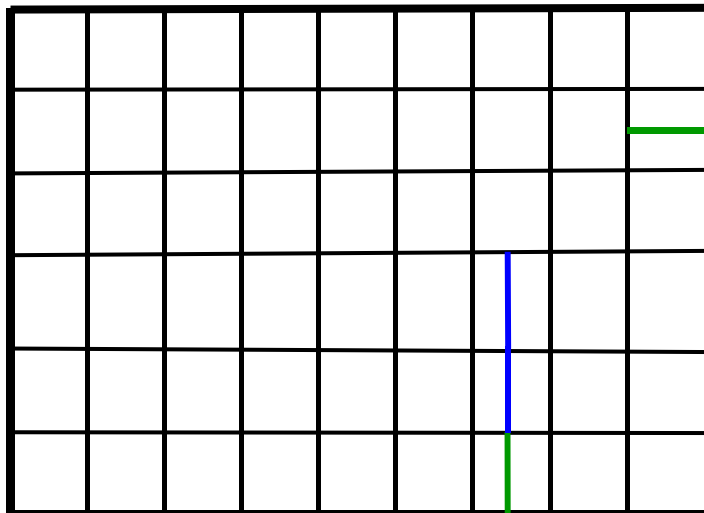
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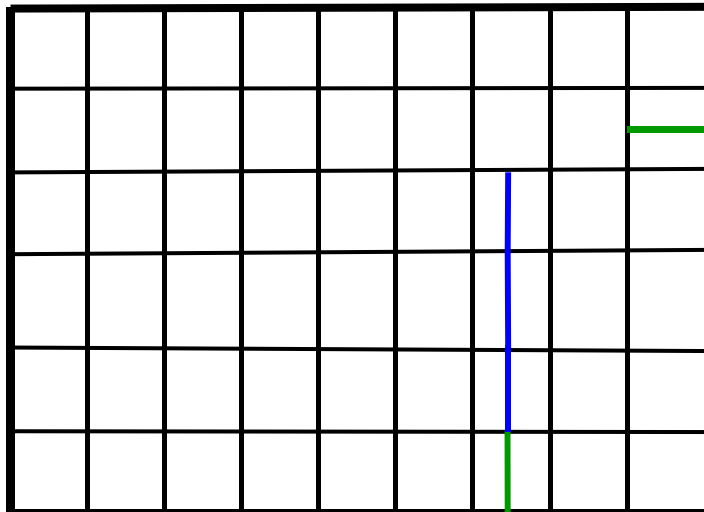
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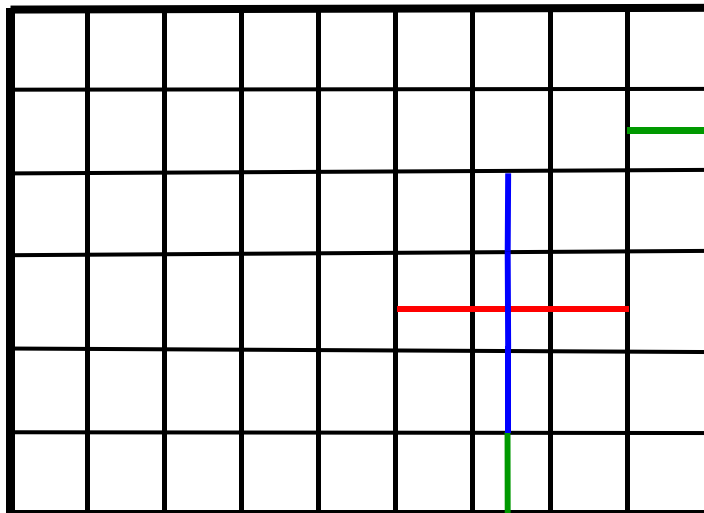
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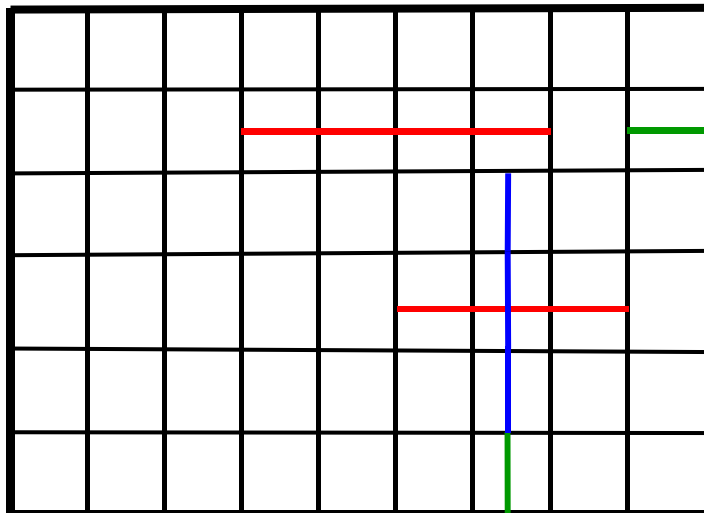
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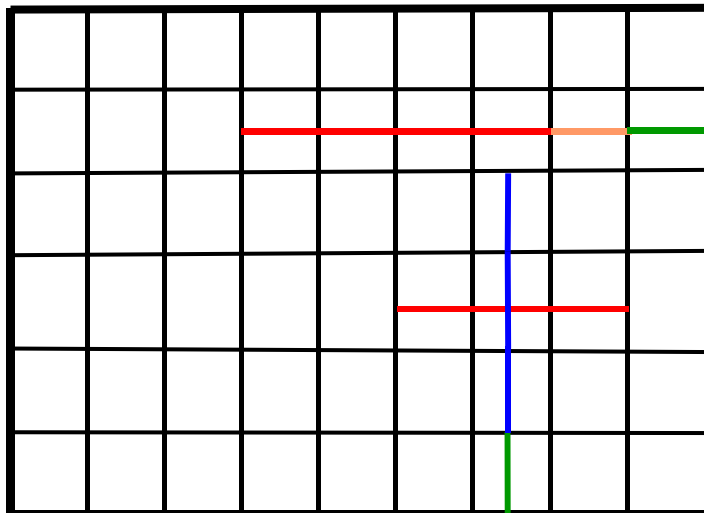
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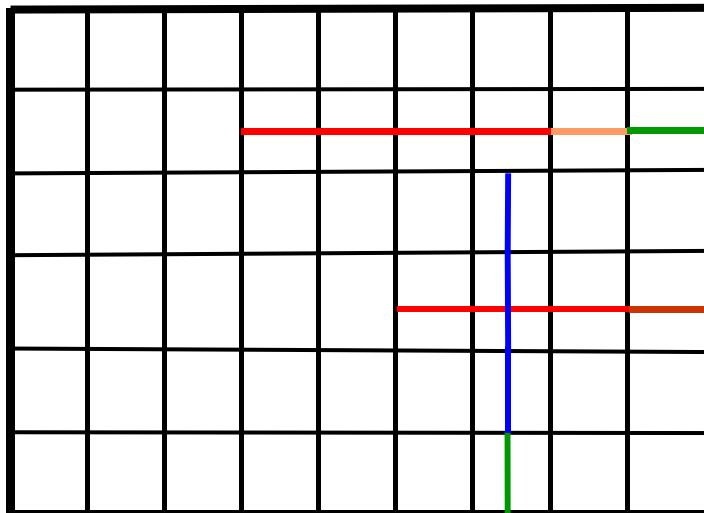
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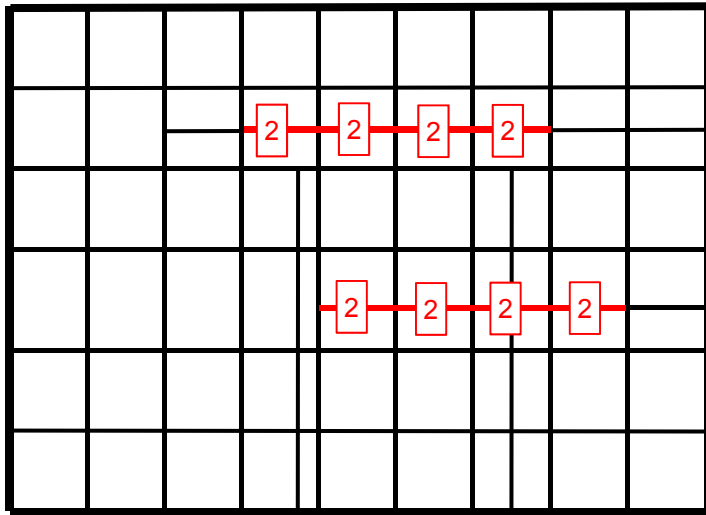
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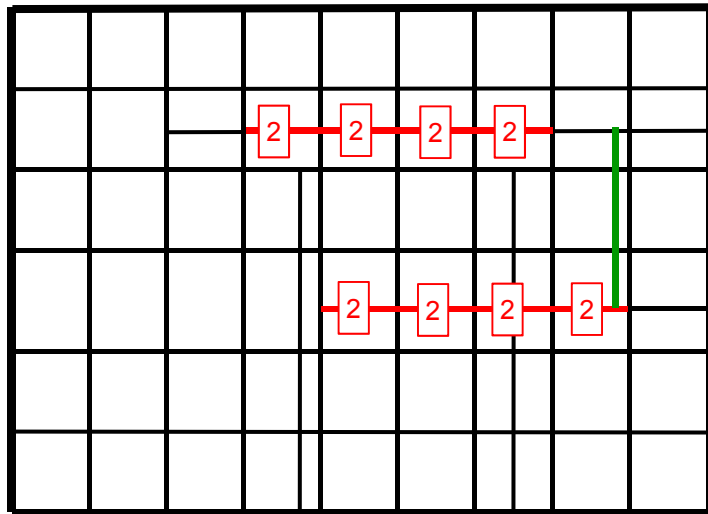
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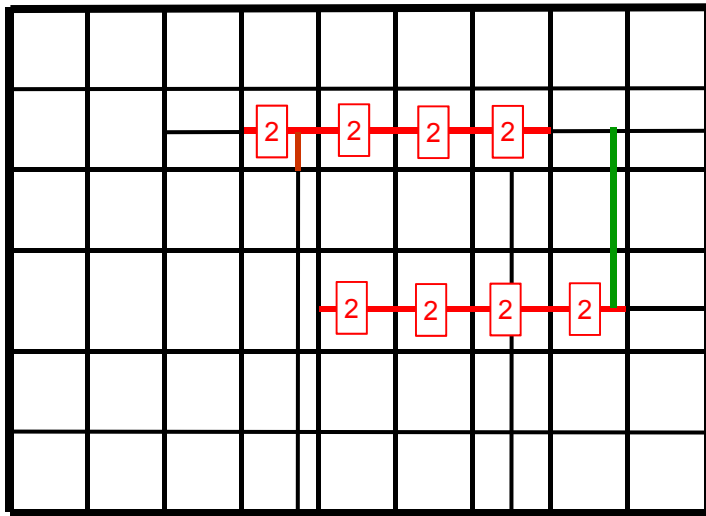
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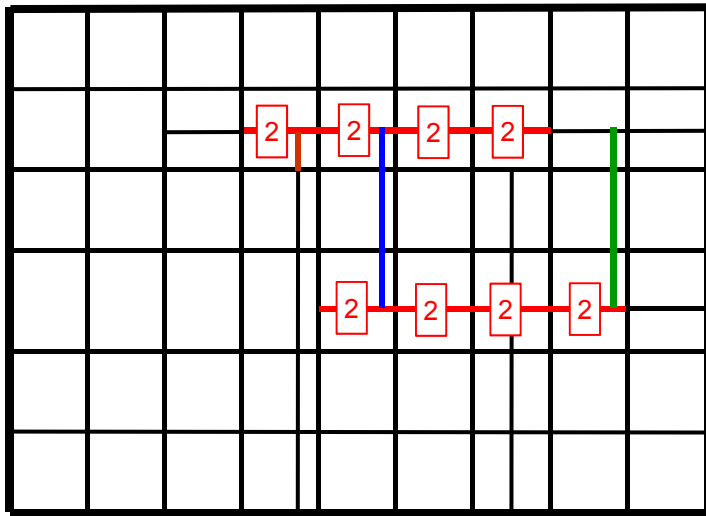
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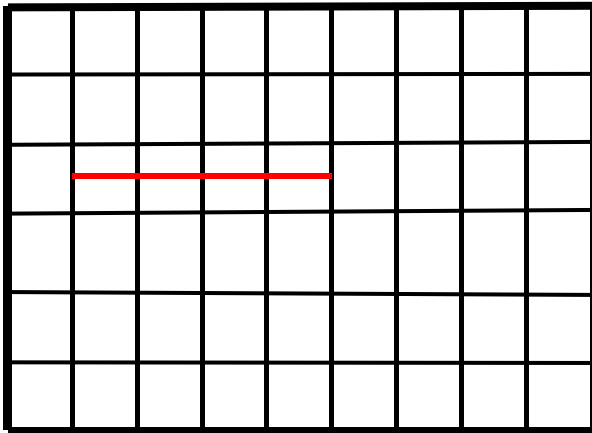
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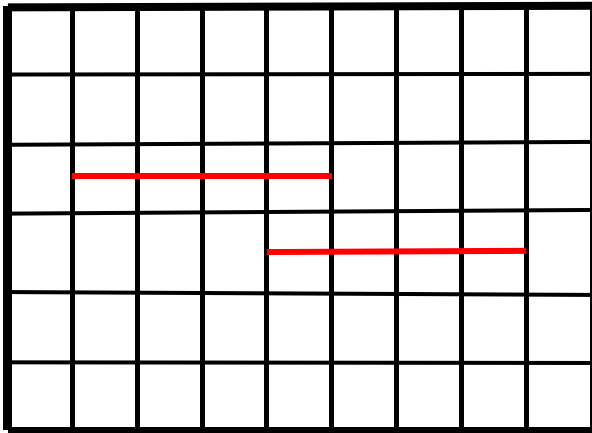
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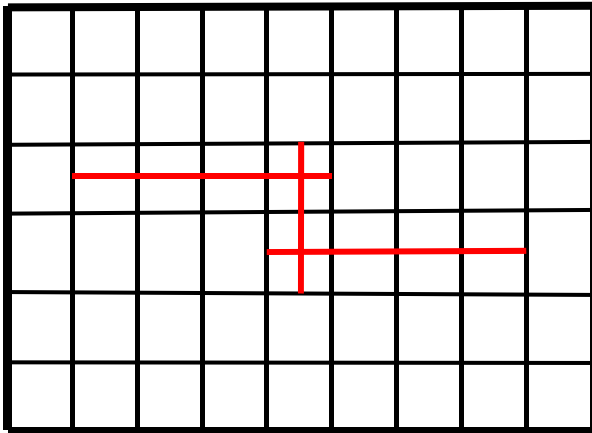
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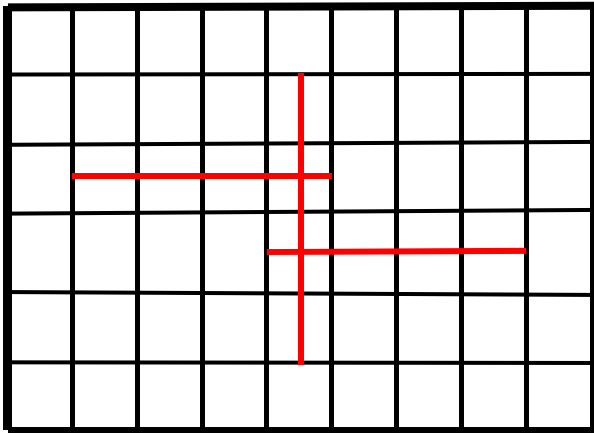


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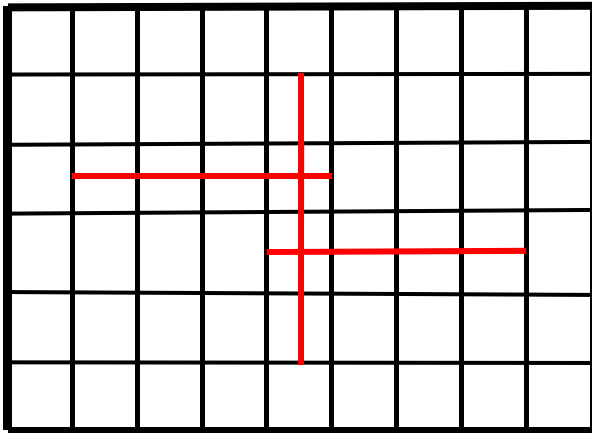
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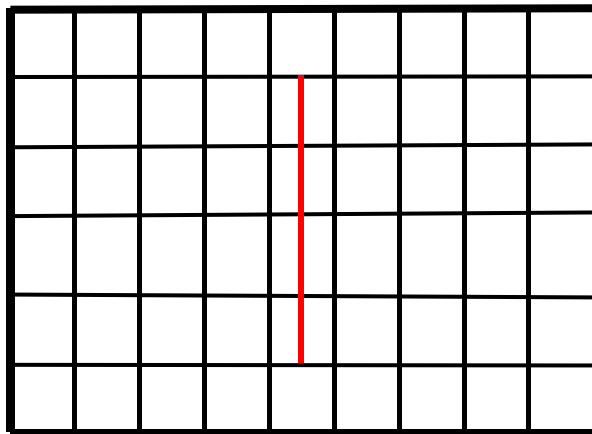
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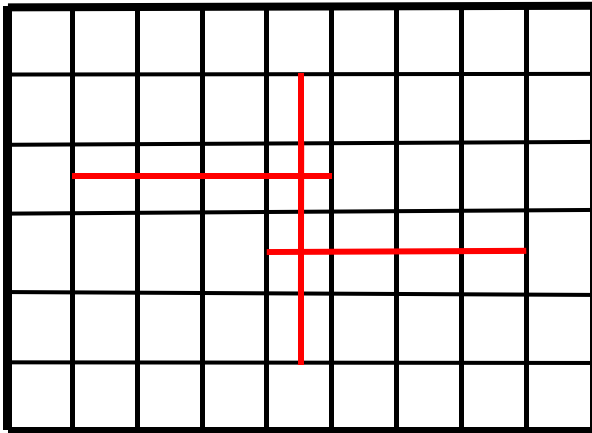
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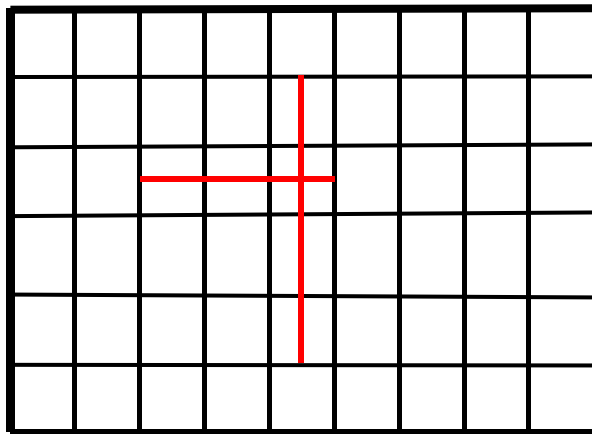
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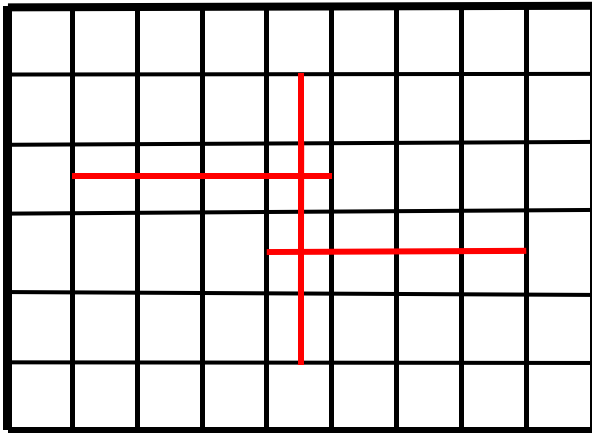
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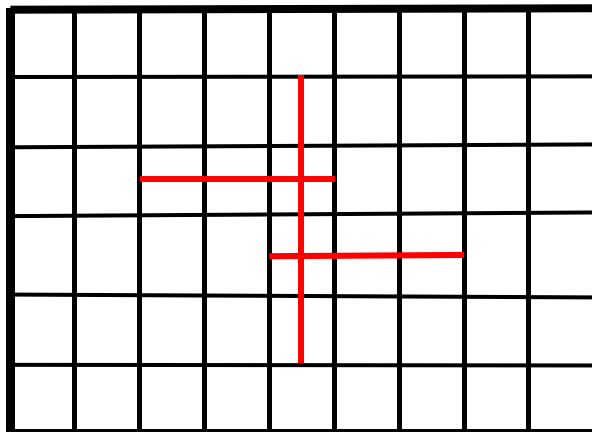
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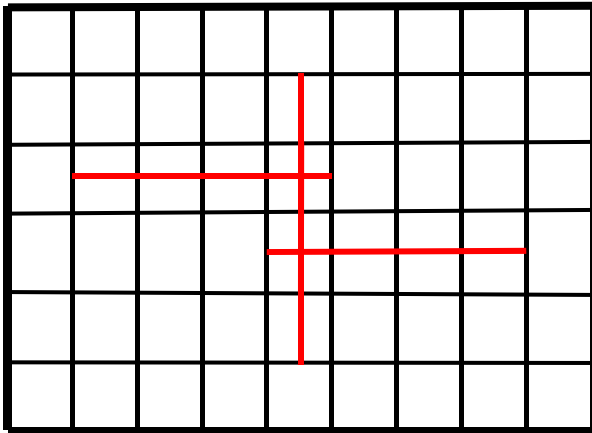
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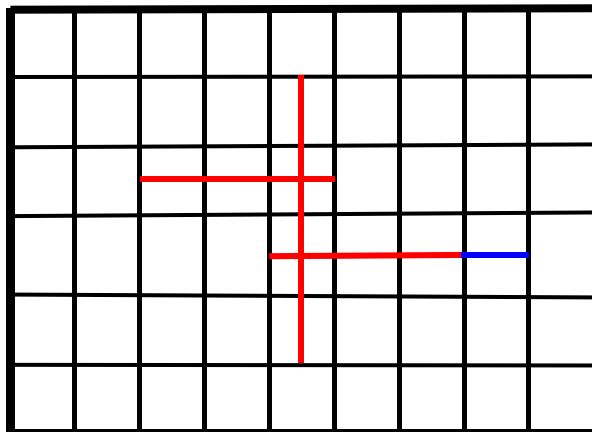
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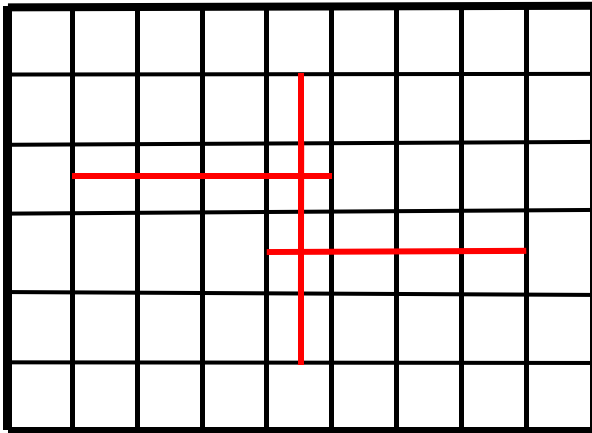
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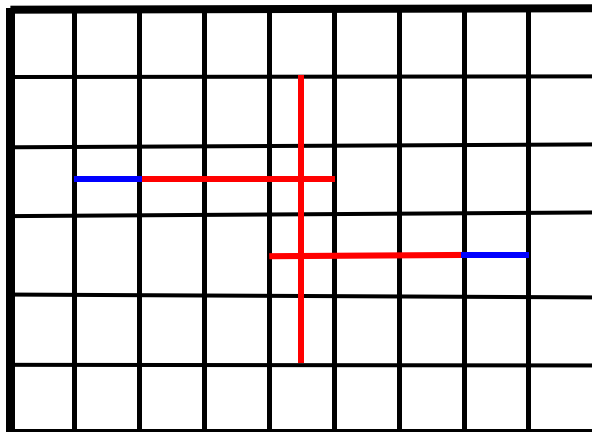
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# What if $\#\mathcal{B}_{j+1} > \dim \mathcal{S}_p(\mathcal{M}_{j+1}, \mu_{j+1})$ , e.g., linear dependence.

- Testing in the bi-cubic case shows that this can happen.
  - In examples run in 0.01% of the tested cases.
- What to do?
  - Discard refinement and try another refinement near by
  - Eliminate extra B-splines

# Ensure linear independence in 2-variate case

- Formula for increase in the dimension 2-variate case

$$\dim \mathcal{S}_p(\mathcal{M} + \gamma, \mu_\gamma) = \dim \mathcal{S}_p(\mathcal{M}, \mu) + \sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{\mu}_i - p - 1 - \Delta h_1 + \Delta h_0$$

- $\tilde{\mu}_i, i = 1, \dots, n$ , multiplicity of intersection points of  $\gamma$  and orthogonal mesh-rectangles, except if  $\tilde{\mu}_i = p + 1, i = 1, n$  if  $\gamma$  is extension of existing meshrectangle/multiplicity.
- $\Delta h_1, \Delta h_0$  always zero for LR-splines
- For dimension increase more than 1 compare dimension of  $\mathcal{B}_\gamma$  with above increase to check for hand-in-hand
- Confirm that number of B-splines after refinement corresponds to  $\dim \mathcal{S}_p(\mathcal{M} + \gamma, \mu_\gamma)$ .
- Can easily be checked for all refinements

# Final remarks

- Linear independence of LR B-splines can be ensured by ensuring that the refinement goes hand-in-hand and check that the number of B-splines corresponds to the spline space.
  - The restriction refined B-splines to the refining mesh-rectangle provides an approach for checking the hand-in-hand property
  - Refinement should be a sequence of refinements with minimal dimension increase
  - In the 2-variate case minimal refinements results in either
    - Dimension increase by 1
    - Checking the dimension of a univariate polynomial space
    - In the cases of multiplicity higher than 1 the dimension of a univariate spline space possibly has to be established, e.g., by knot insertion and checking the rank of the knot insertion matrix.