

**On a class of embedded cubature formulae on the simplex**  
**Sobre una clase de fórmulas de cubicación encajadas en el símplex**

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**Abstract**

In this paper we investigate a class of embedded cubature formulae on the simplex announced in [1]. Here we recall the class of formulae, we introduce the remainder and we give an estimation of this, we also investigate the convergence. Some numerical examples are given.

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**Resumen**

En este trabajo se investiga una clase de fórmulas de cubicación encajados en el símplex anunciado en [1]. Aquí recordamos la clase de fórmulas, se introduce el resto y damos un estimado de lo mencionado y también investigamos la convergencia. Se dan algunos ejemplos numéricos.

**Palabras Clave.** aproximación por funciones racionales, cubicación, símplex

**1 Introduction**

Let  $T$  be the standard triangle in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , i.e.

$$T = \{(x, y) : x > 0 \quad x + y \leq 1\} \quad (1)$$

and let  $f : T \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be a sufficiently smooth function. The numerical calculation of the integral

$$I_T[f] := \int_T f \, dx \, dy \quad (2)$$

by means of cubature formula is of special interest. Widely used cubature formulae for (2) are of type

$$Q_n[f] := \sum_{i=1}^n w_i f(x_i, y_i) \quad w_i \in \mathbb{R} \quad (x_i, y_i) \in T \quad (3)$$

where  $w_i$  are weights and  $(x_i, y_i)$  are nodes [2]. Then we find

$$I_T[f] = Q_n[f] + R_n[f] \quad (4)$$

where  $R_n[f]$  is the remainder of the formula. Formula (3) has algebraic degree of precision  $d$  if

$$R_n[f] = 0 \iff I_T[f] = Q_n[f] \quad (5)$$

holds for all polynomial functions of total degree  $d$  or less (in  $x$  and in  $y$ ) and a polynomial of total degree  $d + 1$  exists for which (5) does not hold. In the following cubature formula with algebraic degree of precision  $d$  is indicated as  $Q_n^d[f]$ ; in general the degree of precision depends on the number of nodes in (3). From the wide literature for formulae (3) we refer to [3] [4] [5] and references therein. In order to obtain a numerical estimation of the error in (4) the method of embedded formulae is widely used. If  $Q_n^d[f]$  is a formula of degree  $d$  and  $Q_{n+k}^{d+1}$  is a formula of degree  $d + 1$ , then the value

$$|Q_n^d[f] - Q_{n+k}^{d+1}[f]| \quad (6)$$

is assumed as error estimation of  $Q_n^d[f]$ . In [6] a method is introduced to build up pairs of cubature formulae with degree of precision  $2d - 1$  and  $2d + 1$  with a special feature: all the nodes (and hence all functional values) required in the calculation of formula  $Q_n^d[f]$  enter the  $n + k$ -th order formula  $Q_{n+k}^{d+1}[f]$ . This kind of formulae is called embedded formulae. The advantage in using embedded formulae is that it gives the chance to increase the precision of approximation of (2) with a min-

imum number of operations.

In this paper we introduce a method to build up embedded formulae which is in the line of [7] [8] [9]. These cubature formulae have a fixed number of nodes, usually the vertexes of the triangle. They require values from the derivatives of the function and their algebraic degree of precision increases with the degree of the derivatives involved. Quadrature formulae which use derivative values are classical in the literature, see [10] [11] [12]. This kind of formulae is useful when derivative values are obtained directly or indirectly: this is the case proposed in [13]. Moreover calculation of derivatives can be an easy task if it is done with the aid of symbolic calculation software[14].

The Cubature formulae introduced in this paper are achieved by integrating the expansion formulae in [1], have a fixed number of nodes and require values from derivatives in order to increase their algebraic degree of precision; moreover they have a further property: they are exact on a large class of rational functions. As far as the authors are aware this kind of exactness does not appear in the literature. The urge of cubature formulae for rational functions, as it is described, for example, in [15], motivates this paper.

The paper is organized as follows: in sec.2 we summarize previous results required in the development of the paper; among other results, we recall the expansion formula introduced in [1]. In sec.3 we introduce the class of cubature formulae; in sec.4 we investigate the remainder and its bounds. In sec.5 we search for the class of functions such that cubature formulae converge to their integral. We conclude the paper with numerical examples in sec.6.

## 2 Preliminaries

In this section we summarize some of the results introduced in [1], [16] and [17] in order to make this paper self explanatory.

In [16] an univariate two points expansion formula is introduced. Let  $f \in C^m([0, \alpha])$ : the expansion formula  $B_m(\alpha)[f]$  is the  $m$ -th degree polynomial of the variable  $x$

$$B(\alpha)_m[f](x) := f(0) + \sum_{i=1}^m S_i \left(\frac{x}{\alpha}\right) \frac{\alpha^{i-1}}{i!} \Delta_\alpha f^{(i-1)}(0) \tag{7}$$

where

$$\Delta_\alpha f(x) = f(x + \alpha) - f(x)$$

and the polynomial  $S_j$  are defined by means of the Bernoulli polynomial [18]:

$$S_j(x) = B_j(x) - B_j(0).$$

Note that expansion  $B(\alpha)_m[f]$  has algebraic degree of precision:

$$p(x) \in \mathcal{P}^m([0, \alpha]) \Rightarrow p(x) = B(\alpha)_m[p](x).$$

This property is rigorously proved in [16] and it is straightforward to verify.

In [1] a bi-variate expansion formula for functions defined on the triangle is introduced; this new formula is an extension of (7) and is defined as:

$$B(\alpha, \beta)_{n,m}[f] = B(\alpha)_n \otimes B(\beta)_m[f \circ g^{-1}] \circ g \tag{8}$$

where the function  $g$  is the Duffy map [19]:

$$g(x, y) = \left(x, \frac{y}{1-x}\right) \tag{9}$$

In [1] the expansion formula (8) is introduced explicitly in the case  $\alpha = 1/2, \beta = 1/2$ ; here introduce the same formula generalized for  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$  and  $\beta \in (0, 1)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} B(\alpha, \beta)_{n,m}[f](x, y) &:= f(0, 0) \\ &+ \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\alpha^{i-1}}{i!} \Delta_{(\alpha,0)} f \circ g_{i-1,0}(0, 0) S_i \left(\frac{x}{\alpha}\right) \\ &+ \sum_{j=1}^m \frac{\beta^{j-1}}{j!} \Delta_{(0,\beta)} f \circ g_{0,j-1}(0, 0) S_j \left(\frac{y}{\beta(1-x)}\right) \\ &+ \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m \frac{\alpha^{i-1} \beta^{j-1}}{i!j!} \Delta_{(\alpha,\beta)} f \circ g_{i-1,j-1}(0, 0) S_i \left(\frac{x}{\alpha}\right) \cdot S_j \left(\frac{y}{\beta(1-x)}\right) \end{aligned} \tag{10}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_{(\alpha,0)} f(x, y) &= f(x + \alpha, y) - f(x, y); \\ \Delta_{(0,\beta)} f(x, y) &= f(x, y + \beta) - f(x, y); \\ \Delta_{(\alpha,\beta)} f(x, y) &= \Delta_{(\alpha,0)} \Delta_{(0,\beta)} f(x, y) = \\ &= f(x, y) - f(x + \alpha, y) + f(x + \alpha, y + \beta) - f(x, y + \alpha) \end{aligned}$$

Functions  $f \circ g_{k,h}$  are expansions of the derivatives of  $f \circ g^{-1}$  which are involved in the eq.(8). Hence

$$f \circ g_{k,h}(x, y) := \frac{\partial^{k+h}}{\partial x^k \partial y^h} (f \circ g^{-1})$$

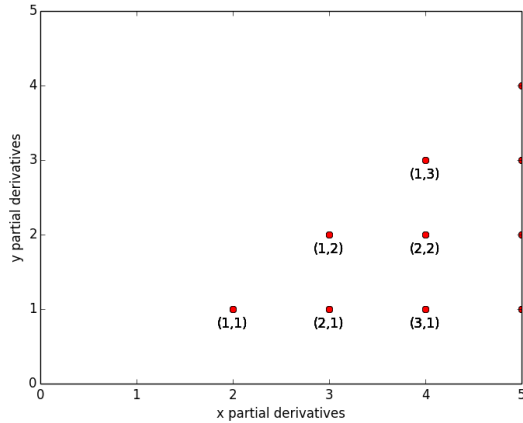
And their explicit calculation results:

$$\begin{aligned} f \circ g_{k,h}(x, y) &= \sum_{i=0}^h \frac{k!}{(k-i)!} (\nabla^{k+i} f \circ g^{-1}) \cdot \\ &\cdot \text{Sym} \left( \left( \otimes_{l=0}^{k-i} g_x^{-1} \right) \left( \otimes_{l=0}^{h-i} g_y^{-1} \right) \left( \otimes_{l=0}^i g_{xy}^{-1} \right) \right) \end{aligned} \tag{11}$$

Expansion  $B(\alpha, \beta)_{n,m}[f]$  has properties of exactness:

**Theorem 2.1** ([1]). *Expansion formula  $B(\alpha, \beta)_{n+m,m}[f]$  has algebraic degree of precision, it is exact on polynomial of degree  $(n, m)$  (see fig.1).*

*Expansion  $B(\alpha, \beta)_{n,m}[f]$  is exact on rational functions  $r(x, y) = p(x, y/(1-x))$  where  $p(x, y)$  is a polynomial of degree  $(n, m)$ .*



**Figure 1:** The algebraic degree of precision  $(n, m)$  plotted in the plane  $(x$ -partial derivatives,  $y$ -partial derivatives).

*Proof.* Let us consider the monomial  $p = x^n y^m$ : it is the polynomial with highest degree among all of degree  $(n, m)$ . Proving that  $B(\alpha, \beta)_{n+m,m}[p] = p$  will ensure the precision of the expansion.

We note that  $p \circ g^{-1} = x^n (y(1-x))^m$  is a polynomial of degree  $(n+m, m)$ ; because of the precision of  $B_n(\alpha)[f]$  and the properties of tensor product, it follows:

$$B_{n+m}(\alpha) \otimes B_m(\beta)[p \circ g^{-1}] = p \circ g^{-1} \quad (12)$$

then, recalling the definition in eq.(8), we found:

$$B(\alpha, \beta)_{n+m,m}[p] = B_n(\alpha) \otimes B_m(\beta)[p \circ g^{-1}] \circ g = p \circ g^{-1} \circ g = p. \quad (13)$$

The same argument can be used to prove the exactness of the expansion on rational functions. It is sufficient to note that if

$p = x^n y^m$ , then  $r \circ g^{-1} = x^n \left(\frac{y}{1-x}(1-x)\right)^m = x^n y^m$ . Then the result follows analogously of eqs.(12,13).  $\square$

### 3 The new cubature formula

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $f$  be a sufficiently smooth function defined on the standard triangle  $T = \{(x, y) : x > 0, x + y \leq 1\}$ . Let be  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$  and  $\beta \in (0, 1]$ .

The cubature formula

$$C(\alpha, \beta)_{n+m,m}[f] := \frac{1}{2} f(0, 0) + \sum_{i=1}^{n+m} \frac{\alpha^{i-1}}{i!} C_\alpha^i \Delta_{(\alpha,0)} f \circ g_{i-1,0}(0, 0) + \sum_{j=1}^m \frac{\beta^{j-1}}{j! 2} C_\beta^j \Delta_{(0,\beta)} f \circ g_{0,j-1}(0, 0) + \sum_{i=1}^{n+m} \sum_{j=1}^m \frac{\alpha^{i-1} \beta^{j-1}}{i! j!} C_\alpha^i C_\beta^j \Delta_{(\alpha,\beta)} f \circ g_{i-1,j-1}(0, 0) \quad (14)$$

where

$$C_\alpha^i = \frac{\alpha^2}{(i+1)(i+2)} S_{i+2}\left(\frac{1}{\alpha}\right) + \frac{\alpha}{i+1} \cdot B_{i+1}(0) - \frac{1}{2} B_i(0) \quad (15)$$

$$C_\beta^j = \frac{\beta}{j+1} S_{j+1}\left(\frac{1}{\beta}\right) - B_j(0), \quad (16)$$

and  $f \circ g_{k,h}(x, y)$  is in eq.(11), has algebraic degree of precision  $(n, m)$ .

The cubature formula  $C(\alpha, \beta)_{n+m,m}[f]$  is exact on rational functions  $r(x, y) = p(x, y)/(1-x)$  where  $p(x, y)$  is a polynomial of degree  $(n, m)$ .

*Proof.* Cubature formulae (14) are achieved by integrating expansion formulae  $B(\alpha, \beta)_{n+m,m}$ .

$$\int_0^1 \int_0^{1-x} B(\alpha)_{n+m} \otimes B(\beta)_m [f \circ g^{-1}] \circ g(x, y) dx dy$$

we change the variables to integrate on the square: the function  $g^{-1}$  maps the triangle on the square and  $J_{g^{-1}} = (1-x)$  is its Jacobian. It result

$$\int_0^1 \int_0^1 B(\alpha)_{n+m} \otimes B(\beta)_m [f \circ g^{-1}] \circ g \circ g^{-1}(x, y) J_{g^{-1}} dx dy = \int_0^1 \int_0^1 B(\alpha)_{n+m} \otimes B(\beta)_m [f \circ g^{-1}](x, y) J_{g^{-1}} dx dy$$

When we breakdown the function in the integral, to obtain the cubature formula we need to integrate the following:

$$C_\alpha^i := \int_0^1 \int_0^1 S_i\left(\frac{x}{\alpha}\right) (1-x) dx dy \quad (17)$$

$$\frac{1}{2} C_\beta^j := \int_0^1 \int_0^1 S_j\left(\frac{y}{\beta}\right) (1-x) dx dy \quad (18)$$

$$C_\alpha^i C_\beta^j = \int_0^1 \int_0^1 S_j\left(\frac{y}{\beta}\right) S_i\left(\frac{x}{\alpha}\right) (1-x) dx dy \quad (19)$$

We note that the rational functions  $S_j(y/(\beta(1-x)))$  now are polynomial in  $y$  thanks to the change of variables (see eqs.8-10). Because of the separation of variables, the values  $C_\alpha^i$  and  $C_\beta^j$  in eqs.(17,18) can be rewritten as:

$$C_\alpha^i = \int_0^1 S_i\left(\frac{x}{\alpha}\right) (1-x) dx \quad C_\beta^j = \int_0^1 S_j\left(\frac{y}{\beta}\right) dy$$

and for the same reason the equality in eq.(19) holds.

To conclude the integration we note that obtaining both  $C_\alpha^i$  and  $C_\beta^j$  is straightforward once that we have:

$$\int S_i\left(\frac{x}{\alpha}\right) dx = \int \left(B_i\left(\frac{x}{\alpha}\right) - B_i(0)\right) dx = \frac{\alpha}{i+1} B_{i+1}\left(\frac{x}{\alpha}\right) - B_i(0)x + c$$

which follows from the integral property of Bernoulli polynomials [18].

In sec 2 it is recalled that the expansion formula  $B(\alpha, \beta)[f]$  is exact on polynomial and on a class of rational functions. Cubature formula  $C(\alpha, \beta)[f]$  inherit the same exactness.  $\square$

In the formula above  $\alpha$  is strictly bounded by 1 because Duffy's map (9) is continuous and invertible in the triangle except for the point  $(1, 0) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ , which is involved when  $\alpha = 1$ . On the other hand, when it is applied in the calculation of integrals, the singularity in  $(1, 0) \in \mathbb{R}^2$  disappears and it is possible to define a cubature formula with the vertexes of the triangle as nodes. Formula  $C(1, 1)_{n,m}[f]$  comes as limit case of  $C(\alpha, 1)_{n,m}[f]$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 C(1, 1)_{n,m}[f] &= \frac{1}{2}f(0, 0) + \\
 &+ \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{i!} \left( -\frac{B_i}{2} - \frac{B_{i+1}}{(1+i)} + \frac{S_{i+2}(1)}{(2+i)(1+i)} \right) \cdot \\
 &\cdot \Delta_{(1,0)} f_{og_{i-1,0}}(0, 0) \\
 &+ \sum_{j=1}^m \frac{1}{j!2} \left( -B_j + \frac{1}{(j+1)} S_{j+1}(1) \right) \cdot \\
 &\cdot \Delta_{(0,1)} f_{og_{0,j-1}}(0, 0) \\
 &+ \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m \frac{1}{i!j!} \left( -\frac{B_i}{2} - \frac{B_{i+1}}{(1+i)} + \right. \\
 &\left. + \frac{S_{i+2}(1)}{(2+i)(1+i)} \right) \left( -B_j + \frac{1}{2(j+1)} S_{j+1}(1) \right) \\
 &\cdot \Delta_{(1,1)} f_{og_{i-1,j-1}}(0, 0)
 \end{aligned}$$

Cubature formula  $C(\alpha, \beta)_{n,m}[f]$  can be written in terms of  $f$  and its derivatives, without the use of the function  $f_{og}$ ; if this is the case, after rearrangements, the cubature formula becomes:

$$\begin{aligned}
 C(\alpha, \beta)_{n,m}[f] &= \sum_{i=1}^4 \sum_{h=0}^{n+1} \sum_{k=0}^{m+1} A_{i,h,k} f^{(h,k)}(x_i, y_i) = \\
 &= C(\alpha, \beta)_{n-1,m-1} + \\
 &+ \sum_{i=1}^4 \left( \sum_{h=0}^n A_{i,h,n+1} f^{(h,m+1)}(x_i, y_i) + \right. \\
 &+ \sum_{k=0}^m A_{i,m+1,k} f^{(n+1,k)}(x_i, y_i) \\
 &+ \left. \sum_{h=0}^n \sum_{k=0}^m A_{i,n+1,m+1} f^{(n+1,m+1)}(x_i, y_i) \right)
 \end{aligned} \tag{20}$$

where  $(x_i, y_i)$  are the four nodes,  $A_{i,h,k}$  respectively are the weights and both  $(x_i, y_i)$  and  $A_{i,h,k}$  depend on  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ .

We note that if  $f = 1$  then  $C(\alpha, \beta)_{n,m}[f] = 1/2$  because of the precision of the formula: thus formula (20) gives:

$$A_{1,0,0} + A_{2,0,0} + A_{3,0,0} + A_{4,0,0} = 1/2$$

where all other  $A_{i,h,k}$  are multiplied by 0. Hence the sum of the weights related to the functional values is the area of the triangle.

*Remark 3.2.* We point out that cubature formula of degree  $(n, m)$  contains cubature formula of degree  $(n - 1, m - 1)$  as in (20). This ensures that (20) generates a couple of embedded formulae.

### 4 The remainder formula

In this section we introduce the remainder formula and its bounds. The reminder is achieved by the use of the Sard's kernels [20].

**Theorem 4.1.** We let

$$R(\alpha, \beta)_{n,n}[f] = \int_0^1 \int_0^{1-x} f \, dx \, dy - C(\alpha, \beta)_{n,n}[f].$$

then we find:

$$\begin{aligned}
 R(\alpha, \beta)_{n,n}[f] &= \frac{1}{k!} \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{k}{i} \left( \int_0^1 K_1^i(u) f^{(k+1-i,i)}(u, 0) \, du + \right. \\
 &+ \int_0^1 K_2^i(v) f^{(i,k+1-i)}(0, v) \, dv \left. + \right. \\
 &\left. \begin{cases} \frac{1}{n!n!} \int_0^1 \int_0^{1-v} K_{n,n}(u, v) \cdot \\ \cdot f^{(n+1,n+1)}(u, v) \, du \, dv & k = 2n + 1 \\ \frac{1}{2(n-1)!n!} \left( \int_0^1 \int_0^{1-v} K_{n,n-1}(u, v) \cdot \right. \\ \cdot f^{(n+1,n)}(u, v) \, du \, dv \\ \left. + \int_0^1 \int_0^{1-v} K_{n-1,n}(u, v) \cdot \right. \\ \cdot f^{(n,n+1)}(u, v) \, du \, dv \left. \right) & k = 2n \end{cases} \right)
 \end{aligned} \tag{21}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 K_1^i(u) &:= \int_0^1 \int_0^{1-x} y^i (x-u)_+^{k-i} \, dx \, dy - C(\alpha, \beta)_{i,i} \cdot \\
 &\cdot [y^i (x-u)_+^{k-i}] \\
 K_2^i(v) &:= \int_0^1 \int_0^{1-x} x^i (y-v)_+^{k-i} \, dx \, dy - C(\alpha, \beta)_{i,i} \cdot \\
 &\cdot [x^i (y-v)_+^{k-i}] \\
 K_{n,n}(u, v) &:= \int_0^1 \int_0^{1-x} (x-u)_+^n (y-v)_-^n \, dx \, dy - \\
 &+ C(\alpha, \beta)_{n,n} [(x-u)_+^n (y-v)_-^n] \\
 K_{n,n-1}(u, v) &:= \int_0^1 \int_0^{1-x} (x-u)_+^n (y-v)_-^{n-1} \, dx \, dy - \\
 &+ C(\alpha, \beta)_{n,n} [(x-u)_+^n (y-v)_-^{n-1}]
 \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* The formula (21) comes from a straightforward application of Sard's kernels theorem [20].  $\square$

If we let

$$M_{i,j} = \sup |f^{(i,j)}(x, y)|$$

we find the following estimation for the remainder

$$\begin{aligned}
 |R(\alpha, \beta)_{n,n}[f]| &\leq \frac{1}{k!} \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{k}{i} \left( M_{k+1-i,i} \int_0^1 |K_1^i(u)| \, du + \right. \\
 &+ M_{i,k+1-i} \int_0^1 |K_2^i(v)| \, dv \left. \right) + \\
 &\left\{ \begin{aligned} &\frac{1}{n!n!} M_{n+1,n+1} \int_0^1 \int_0^{1-v} |K_{n,n}(u, v)| \, du \, dv & k = 2n + 1 \\ &\frac{1}{2(n-1)!n!} \cdot \\ &\cdot \left( M_{n+1,n} \int_0^1 \int_0^{1-v} |K_{n,n-1}(u, v)| \, du \, dv + \right. \\ &\left. + M_{n,n+1} \int_0^1 \int_0^{1-v} |K_{n-1,n}(u, v)| \, du \, dv \right) & k = 2n \end{aligned} \right.
 \end{aligned}$$

### 5 Convergence theorems

In this section we investigate the convergence of the cubature formula; in particular we prove the following:

**Theorem 5.1.** *Let  $f$  be a function defined on the triangle. If  $f \in C^\infty$  and*

$$\left\| \frac{\partial^{h+k}}{\partial x^k \partial y^h} f(x, y) \right\|_\infty < M \quad h, k = 0, \dots \quad (22)$$

then cubature formula  $C(\alpha, \beta)_{n+m,m}[f]$  converges to the integral:

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} C(\alpha, \beta)_{n+m,m} = \int_0^1 \int_0^{1-x} f(x, y) \, dx \, dy$$

*Proof.* We begin the proof stating an uniform bound in  $n, m$  for  $C(\alpha, \beta)_{n,m}$ . First we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \left| C(\alpha, \beta)_{n,m}[f] \right| &\leq M \left| \frac{1}{2} + \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\alpha^{i-1}}{i!} C_\alpha^i + \right. \\ &\left. + \sum_{j=1}^m \frac{\beta^{j-1}}{j!2} C_\beta^j + \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m \frac{\alpha^{i-1} \beta^{j-1}}{i!j!} C_\alpha^i C_\beta^j \right| \end{aligned} \quad (23)$$

and hence we have to prove the convergence of the three series in eq.(23). Since the method is the same for all of them, let us focus on the series:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\alpha^{n-1}}{n!} |C_\alpha^n|$$

Taking into account the definition of  $C_\alpha^i$  in eq.(15), the convergence of the series above depends on the convergence of:

$$\sum_n \frac{\alpha^{n-1}}{n!} |B_n(0)| \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_n \frac{\alpha^{n-1}}{n!} \left| B_n \left( \frac{1}{\alpha} \right) \right|. \quad (24)$$

The second series in eq.(24) can be related to the first series in eq.(24) by using the root test and the equality

$$B_n \left( \frac{1}{\alpha} \right) = \left( B + \frac{1}{\alpha} \right)^n$$

where  $B^i = B_i(0)$ , stated in [18]; in fact we have:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| B + \frac{1}{\alpha} \right|^n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |B_n(0)| + \left| \frac{1}{\alpha} \right|^n.$$

Now let us focus on the first series in eq.(24). For that we take into account another bound stated in [18]:

$$\frac{|B_n(0)|}{n!} < \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n-2} (n/2)!} \quad (25)$$

Hence the first series in eq.(24) is bounded by:

$$\sum_n \frac{\alpha^{n-1}}{n!} |B_n(0)| \leq \sum_n \frac{\alpha^{n-1}}{(2\pi)^{n-2} (n/2)!} \quad (26)$$

which converges by test root.

We have proven that the inequality (23) can be uniformly bounded, in  $n$  and  $m$ , by using a certain value  $S$ :

$$\left| C(\alpha, \beta)_{n,m}[f] \right| \leq MS \quad (27)$$

To conclude the proof we need:

$$\left| C(\alpha, \beta)_{n+m,m}[f] - \int_0^1 \int_0^{1-x} f(x, y) \, dx \, dy \right| < \varepsilon \quad (28)$$

Because of the density of polynomials in  $C^\infty$  we have a polynomial  $p(x, y)$  s.t.

$$\left| \frac{\partial^{h+k}}{\partial x^k \partial y^h} (f(x, y) - p(x, y)) \right| < \varepsilon \quad h = 1, \dots, n \quad k = 1, \dots, m$$

The degree of  $p(x, y)$  will be  $(r, t)$ . If  $r \leq n$  and  $t \leq m$  we find that

$$C(\alpha, \beta)_{n+m,m}[p] = \int_0^1 \int_0^{1-x} p(x, y) \, dx \, dy \quad (29)$$

and a straightforward calculation yields:

$$\begin{aligned} &\left| C(\alpha, \beta)_{n+m,m}[f] - C(\alpha, \beta)_{n+m,m}[p] + \right. \\ &\left. + C(\alpha, \beta)_{n+m,m}[p] - \int_0^1 \int_0^{1-x} f(x, y) \, dx \, dy \right| \leq \\ &\leq \left| C(\alpha, \beta)_{n+m,m}[f - p] - \right. \\ &\left. + \int_0^1 \int_0^{1-x} (f(x, y) - p(x, y)) \, dx \, dy \right| \leq \\ &\leq \left| C(\alpha, \beta)_{n+m,m}[f - p] \right| + \\ &\left. + \int_0^1 \int_0^{1-x} |f(x, y) - p(x, y)| \, dx \, dy \leq S\varepsilon + 1/2\varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

If  $r > n$  or  $t > m$  the condition (29) does not hold and the proof need a slight modification: we note that

$$C(\alpha, \beta)_{r+t,t}[p] = \int_0^1 \int_0^{1-x} p(x, y) \, dx \, dy$$

and hence:

$$\begin{aligned} &\left| C(\alpha, \beta)_{n+m,m}[f] - C(\alpha, \beta)_{r+t,t}[f] \right| \\ &+ \left| C(\alpha, \beta)_{r+t,t}[f] - C(\alpha, \beta)_{r+t,t}[p] + \right. \\ &\left. + C(\alpha, \beta)_{r+t,t}[p] - \int_0^1 \int_0^{1-x} f(x, y) \, dx \, dy \right| \leq \\ &\leq MS\varepsilon + \left| C(\alpha, \beta)_{r+t,t}[f - p] - \right. \\ &\left. + \int_0^1 \int_0^{1-x} (f(x, y) - p(x, y)) \, dx \, dy \right| \leq \\ &\leq MS\varepsilon + \left| C(\alpha, \beta)_{r+t,t}[f - p] \right| + \\ &\left. + \int_0^1 \int_0^{1-x} |f(x, y) - p(x, y)| \, dx \, dy \leq \right. \\ &\left. \leq MS\varepsilon + S\varepsilon + 1/2\varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

where, because of (27), we let

$$\left| C(\alpha, \beta)_{n+m,m}[f] - C(\alpha, \beta)_{r+t,t}[f] \right| \leq MS\varepsilon$$

□

Theorem 5.1 can be further improved because the condition (22) is not sharp with respect to the convergence of the cubature in (14).

**Corollary 5.2.** *In thm5.1 the condition (22) can be replaced by the following:*

$$\left\| \frac{1}{(2\pi)^h(2\pi)^k} \frac{\partial^{h+k}}{\partial x^k \partial y^h} f(x, y) \right\|_{\infty} \leq M$$

**proof.** The new bound of the partial derivatives of  $f$  affects the series in eq.(24); in particular the first one will be:

$$\sum_n \frac{(2\pi)^{n-2} \alpha^{n-1}}{n!} |B_n(0)|$$

however the bound for  $B_n(0)$  in eq.(25) is still sufficient to bound the series above with a convergent one as in eq.(26).□

We conclude the section with the following remark. The real part  $f(x)$  of a complex function such that

$$|f(z)| \leq M \exp(a\pi|z|).$$

is an *exponential type function*: for such kind of functions we have

$$\left\| \frac{1}{(a\pi)^h} \frac{d^h}{dx^k} f(x) \right\|_{\infty} \leq M.$$

Hence, condition (22) can be rephrased requiring that function  $f(x, y)$  is a tensor product of exponential type functions.

### 6 Numerical Examples

In these numerical tests we fix the value of  $n$  (which is the increasing value from 1 to 8 in the first column) and we report on the difference between  $C(\alpha, \beta)_{n,n}[f]$  and the exact integral, we also report the value of

$$|C(\alpha, \beta)_{n,n}[f] - C(\alpha, \beta)_{n+1,n+1}[f]|;$$

these are the two values in the braces. We report the results for  $(\alpha, \beta) = (1/2, 1/2), (1/3, 1/2), (1/2, 1), (1, 1)$ .

In this series of numerical test the functions are the same used in [8]: the results are comparable.

$$f(x, y) = \sin(\pi/4 \cdot x + \pi/6 \cdot y)$$

$n$	(1/2, 1/2)	(1/3, 1/2)
1	{-1.19 * 10 <sup>-3</sup> , -6.68 * 10 <sup>-3</sup> }	{-2.70 * 10 <sup>-3</sup> , -1.89 * 10 <sup>-3</sup> }
2	{-5.27 * 10 <sup>-4</sup> , -5.38 * 10 <sup>-4</sup> }	{-8.0 * 10 <sup>-4</sup> , -8.23 * 10 <sup>-4</sup> }
3	{1.15 * 10 <sup>-5</sup> , 1.01 * 10 <sup>-5</sup> }	{1.91 * 10 <sup>-5</sup> , 1.55 * 10 <sup>-5</sup> }
4	{1.43 * 10 <sup>-6</sup> , 1.45 * 10 <sup>-6</sup> }	{3.65 * 10 <sup>-6</sup> , 3.71 * 10 <sup>-6</sup> }
5	{-1.50 * 10 <sup>-8</sup> , -1.23 * 10 <sup>-8</sup> }	{-5.94 * 10 <sup>-8</sup> , -4.77 * 10 <sup>-8</sup> }
6	{-2.68 * 10 <sup>-9</sup> , -2.62 * 10 <sup>-9</sup> }	{-1.17 * 10 <sup>-8</sup> , -1.18 * 10 <sup>-8</sup> }
7	{-6.53 * 10 <sup>-11</sup> , 3.17 * 10 <sup>-11</sup> }	{4.64 * 10 <sup>-11</sup> , 1.18 * 10 <sup>-10</sup> }
8	{-9.68 * 10 <sup>-11</sup> , 2.58 * 10 <sup>-12</sup> }	{-7.24 * 10 <sup>-11</sup> , 2.72 * 10 <sup>-11</sup> }
$n$	(1/2, 1)	(1, 1)
1	{1.70 * 10 <sup>-3</sup> , 1.92 * 10 <sup>-3</sup> }	{7.42 * 10 <sup>-3</sup> , 7.60 * 10 <sup>-3</sup> }
2	{-2.23 * 10 <sup>-4</sup> , -2.35 * 10 <sup>-4</sup> }	{-1.79 * 10 <sup>-4</sup> , -2.18 * 10 <sup>-4</sup> }
3	{1.25 * 10 <sup>-5</sup> , 1.17 * 10 <sup>-5</sup> }	{3.91 * 10 <sup>-5</sup> , 4.09 * 10 <sup>-5</sup> }
4	{7.51 * 10 <sup>-7</sup> , 7.33 * 10 <sup>-7</sup> }	{-1.83 * 10 <sup>-6</sup> , -2.17 * 10 <sup>-6</sup> }
5	{1.84 * 10 <sup>-8</sup> , 2.01 * 10 <sup>-8</sup> }	{3.42 * 10 <sup>-7</sup> , 3.64 * 10 <sup>-7</sup> }
6	{-1.64 * 10 <sup>-9</sup> , -1.72 * 10 <sup>-9</sup> }	{-2.14 * 10 <sup>-8</sup> , -2.54 * 10 <sup>-8</sup> }
7	{7.20 * 10 <sup>-11</sup> , 1.68 * 10 <sup>-10</sup> }	{4.01 * 10 <sup>-9</sup> , 4.37 * 10 <sup>-9</sup> }
8	{-9.68 * 10 <sup>-11</sup> , 1.86 * 10 <sup>-12</sup> }	{-3.69 * 10 <sup>-10</sup> , -3.15 * 10 <sup>-10</sup> }

$$f(x, y) = \sinh(\pi/4 \cdot x + \pi/6 \cdot y)$$

$n$	(1/2, 1/2)	(1/3, 1/2)
1	{1.29 * 10 <sup>-3</sup> , 7.02 * 10 <sup>-3</sup> }	{2.89 * 10 <sup>-3</sup> , 1.99 * 10 <sup>-3</sup> }
2	{5.95 * 10 <sup>-4</sup> , 5.83 * 10 <sup>-4</sup> }	{8.99 * 10 <sup>-4</sup> , 8.79 * 10 <sup>-4</sup> }
3	{1.20 * 10 <sup>-5</sup> , 1.04 * 10 <sup>-5</sup> }	{1.99 * 10 <sup>-5</sup> , 1.58 * 10 <sup>-5</sup> }
4	{1.58 * 10 <sup>-6</sup> , 1.56 * 10 <sup>-6</sup> }	{4.01 * 10 <sup>-6</sup> , 3.95 * 10 <sup>-6</sup> }
5	{1.55 * 10 <sup>-8</sup> , 1.27 * 10 <sup>-8</sup> }	{6.13 * 10 <sup>-8</sup> , 4.88 * 10 <sup>-8</sup> }
6	{2.72 * 10 <sup>-9</sup> , 2.81 * 10 <sup>-9</sup> }	{1.24 * 10 <sup>-8</sup> , 1.24 * 10 <sup>-8</sup> }
7	{-9.35 * 10 <sup>-11</sup> , 3.27 * 10 <sup>-11</sup> }	{2.13 * 10 <sup>-11</sup> , 1.21 * 10 <sup>-10</sup> }
8	{-1.26 * 10 <sup>-10</sup> , 2.76 * 10 <sup>-12</sup> }	{-1.01 * 10 <sup>-10</sup> , 2.85 * 10 <sup>-11</sup> }
$n$	(1/2, 1)	(1, 1)
1	{-1.78 * 10 <sup>-3</sup> , -2.06 * 10 <sup>-3</sup> }	{-8.04 * 10 <sup>-3</sup> , -8.36 * 10 <sup>-3</sup> }
2	{2.76 * 10 <sup>-4</sup> , 2.62 * 10 <sup>-4</sup> }	{3.24 * 10 <sup>-4</sup> , 2.82 * 10 <sup>-4</sup> }
3	{1.31 * 10 <sup>-5</sup> , 1.23 * 10 <sup>-5</sup> }	{4.21 * 10 <sup>-5</sup> , 4.52 * 10 <sup>-5</sup> }
4	{7.90 * 10 <sup>-7</sup> , 8.09 * 10 <sup>-7</sup> }	{-3.14 * 10 <sup>-6</sup> , -2.77 * 10 <sup>-6</sup> }
5	{-1.93 * 10 <sup>-8</sup> , -2.12 * 10 <sup>-8</sup> }	{-3.69 * 10 <sup>-7</sup> , -4.05 * 10 <sup>-7</sup> }
6	{1.90 * 10 <sup>-9</sup> , 1.85 * 10 <sup>-9</sup> }	{3.61 * 10 <sup>-8</sup> , 3.19 * 10 <sup>-8</sup> }
7	{4.95 * 10 <sup>-11</sup> , 1.77 * 10 <sup>-10</sup> }	{4.24 * 10 <sup>-9</sup> , 4.82 * 10 <sup>-9</sup> }
8	{-1.27 * 10 <sup>-10</sup> , 2.03 * 10 <sup>-12</sup> }	{-5.77 * 10 <sup>-10</sup> , -3.99 * 10 <sup>-10</sup> }

$$f(x, y) = \cos(\sqrt{1 + x^2 + y^2})$$

$n$	(1/2, 1/2)	(1/3, 1/2)
1	{-7.49 * 10 <sup>-3</sup> , -8.34 * 10 <sup>-3</sup> }	{-2.14 * 10 <sup>-2</sup> , -2.22 * 10 <sup>-2</sup> }
2	{8.53 * 10 <sup>-4</sup> , 8.83 * 10 <sup>-4</sup> }	{8.09 * 10 <sup>-4</sup> , 4.428 * 10 <sup>-6</sup> }
3	{4.69 * 10 <sup>-4</sup> , 4.74 * 10 <sup>-4</sup> }	{8.05 * 10 <sup>-4</sup> , 8.05 * 10 <sup>-4</sup> }
4	{-4.57 * 10 <sup>-6</sup> , -2.19 * 10 <sup>-6</sup> }	{1.87 * 10 <sup>-7</sup> , 1.06 * 10 <sup>-5</sup> }
5	{-2.37 * 10 <sup>-6</sup> , -2.39 * 10 <sup>-6</sup> }	{-1.04 * 10 <sup>-5</sup> , -1.03 * 10 <sup>-5</sup> }
6	{2.04 * 10 <sup>-8</sup> , -9.64 * 10 <sup>-10</sup> }	{-1.07 * 10 <sup>-7</sup> , -2.03 * 10 <sup>-7</sup> }
7	{2.14 * 10 <sup>-8</sup> , 2.08 * 10 <sup>-8</sup> }	{9.54 * 10 <sup>-8</sup> , 9.35 * 10 <sup>-8</sup> }
$n$	(1/2, 1)	(1, 1)
1	{1.54 * 10 <sup>-2</sup> , 1.50 * 10 <sup>-2</sup> }	{6.08 * 10 <sup>-2</sup> , 5.91 * 10 <sup>-2</sup> }
2	{4.07 * 10 <sup>-4</sup> , -5.41 * 10 <sup>-5</sup> }	{1.72 * 10 <sup>-3</sup> , 4.69 * 10 <sup>-4</sup> }
3	{4.61 * 10 <sup>-4</sup> , 4.57 * 10 <sup>-4</sup> }	{1.25 * 10 <sup>-3</sup> , 1.19 * 10 <sup>-3</sup> }
4	{3.88 * 10 <sup>-6</sup> , 1.70 * 10 <sup>-6</sup> }	{5.63 * 10 <sup>-5</sup> , 1.37 * 10 <sup>-5</sup> }
5	{2.17 * 10 <sup>-6</sup> , 2.11 * 10 <sup>-6</sup> }	{4.25 * 10 <sup>-5</sup> , 4.04 * 10 <sup>-5</sup> }
6	{6.66 * 10 <sup>-8</sup> , -1.94 * 10 <sup>-8</sup> }	{2.08 * 10 <sup>-6</sup> , 4.54 * 10 <sup>-7</sup> }
7	{8.61 * 10 <sup>-8</sup> , 8.40 * 10 <sup>-8</sup> }	{1.63 * 10 <sup>-6</sup> , 1.55 * 10 <sup>-6</sup> }

We recall that cubature formulae are exact on rational function  $r(x, y) = q(x, y)/(1 - x)$  where  $q(x, y)$  is a polynomial. In particular they are exact on the functions:

$$f(x, y) = (p(x) + q(x)y)/(1 - x)$$

where  $p(x)$  and  $q(x)$  are polynomials. This is a subset of the class of functions investigated in [15]. The following examples test cubature formulae on rational functions with a bivariate polynomial numerator and linear denominator [15].

In this case we introduce the results only for the cases  $(\alpha, \beta) = (1/2, 1/2), (1/3, 1/2), (1/2, 1)$

$$f(x, y) = y^8/(1 - x)$$

$n$	(1/2, 1/2)	(1/3, 1/2)
1	{0.0116845, 0.000881619}	{0.0122314, 0.00257745}
2	{0.0108028, -4.74718 * 10 <sup>-6</sup> }	{0.00965392, -0.00338817}
3	{0.0108076, 0.00550364}	{0.0130421, 0.0102792}
4	{0.00530395, 0.00213346}	{0.00276287, -0.0014947}
5	{0.00317049, 0.00209731}	{0.00425757, 0.0033233}
6	{0.00107318, 0.000841697}	{0.000934277, 0.000702796}
7	{0.000231481, 0.000231481}	{0.000231481, 0.000231481}
8	{1.6985 * 10 <sup>-11</sup> , 0.}	{1.6985 * 10 <sup>-11</sup> , 0.}
$n$	(1/2, 1)	
1	{-0.0722897, -0.112847}	
2	{0.0405575, 0.0188368}	
3	{0.0217207, 0.0467578}	
4	{-0.0250371, -0.00455729}	
5	{-0.0204798, -0.0241633}	
6	{0.00368345, -0.0000202546}	
7	{0.0037037, 0.0037037}	
8	{1.6985 * 10 <sup>-11</sup> , 0.}	

$$f(x, y) = (xy)^4 / (1 - x)$$

n	(1/2, 1/2)	(1/3, 1/2)
1	{0.0001547, 0.000108507}	{0.000203148, 0.000195283}
2	{0.000046193, 0.0000759549}	{7.86574 * 10 <sup>-6</sup> , 0.000258154}
3	{-0.0000297619, -8.68056 * 10 <sup>-6</sup> }	{-0.000250289, -0.000177945}
4	{-0.0000210813, -0.000062004}	{-0.0000723431, -0.0007697}
5	{0.0000409226, 0.000093006}	{0.000697357, 0.00102391}
6	{-0.0000520833, -0.0000520833}	{-0.000326551, -0.000326551}
7	{-6.29467 * 10 <sup>-13</sup> , 0.}	{-6.29467 * 10 <sup>-13</sup> , 0.}
n	(1/2, 1)	
1	{-0.000984623, -0.000868056}	
2	{-0.000116567, -0.0000868056}	
3	{-0.0000297619, -8.68056 * 10 <sup>-6</sup> }	
4	{-0.0000210813, -0.000062004}	
5	{0.0000409226, 0.000093006}	
6	{-0.0000520833, -0.0000520833}	
7	{-6.29467 * 10 <sup>-13</sup> , 0.}	

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