# HOMOGENEOUS NUMERICAL CUBATURE FORMULAS OF INTERPOLATORY TYPE 

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#### Abstract

In this paper we construct homogeneous numerical cubature formulas based on some numerical multivariate interpolation schemes. MSC 2000. 65D32. Keywords. interpolation, cubature formulas, multivariate approximation, homogeneous cubature, numerical cubature.


## 1. INTRODUCTION

Let $D$ be a given domain in $\mathbb{R}^{2}, f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ an integrable function on $D$ and $\Lambda:=\left\{\lambda_{1} f, \ldots, \lambda_{N} f\right\}$ some given information on $f$. Next, one suppose that $\lambda_{i} f$ are values of $f$ or of certain of its derivatives at some points of $D$, called nodes.

One considers the cubature formula

$$
I^{x y} f:=\iint_{D} f(x, y) \mathrm{d} x \mathrm{~d} y=\sum_{i=1}^{N} A_{i} \lambda_{i} f+R_{N}(f)
$$

where $A_{i}, i=1, \ldots, N$ are its coefficients and $R_{N}(f)$ is the remainder term.
The coming problem is to find the parameters of such a cubature formula (coefficients, nodes) and to study the remainder term.

The most results has been obtained when $D$ is a regular domain in $\mathbb{R}^{2}$ (rectangle, triangle) and the information (data) are regularly spaced. At this class of cubature procedure belong the tensorial product and the cubature sum rules.

Let $D \in \mathbb{R}^{2}$ be a rectangle, $D=[a, b] \times[c, d]$.
If $\Lambda^{x}:=\left\{\lambda_{i}^{x} f \mid i=0,1, \ldots, m\right\}$ and $\Lambda^{y}:=\left\{\lambda_{j}^{y} f \mid j=0,1, \ldots, n\right\}, m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ are given sets of information on $f$ with regard to $x$ respectively $y$, one considers the quadrature formulas

$$
I^{x} f:=\int_{a}^{b} f(x, y) \mathrm{d} x=\left(Q_{1}^{x} f\right)(\cdot, y)+\left(R_{1}^{x} f\right)(\cdot, y)
$$

[^0]and
$$
I^{y} f:=\int_{c}^{d} f(x, y) \mathrm{d} y=\left(Q_{1}^{y} f\right)(x, \cdot)+\left(R_{1}^{y} f\right)(x, \cdot),
$$
where the quadrature rules $Q_{1}^{x}$ and $Q_{1}^{y}$ are given by
$$
\left(Q_{1}^{x} f\right)(\cdot, y)=\sum_{i=0}^{m} A_{i}\left(\lambda_{i}^{x} f\right)(\cdot, y),
$$
respectively
$$
\left(Q_{1}^{y} f\right)(x, \cdot)=\sum_{j=0}^{n} B_{j}\left(\lambda_{j}^{y} f\right)(x, \cdot),
$$
with $R_{1}^{x}$ and $R_{1}^{y}$ the corresponding remainder operators, i.e. $R_{1}^{x}=I^{x}-Q_{1}^{x}$, $R_{1}^{y}=I^{y}-Q_{1}^{y}$.

It is easy to check the following decomposition of the double integral operator $I^{x y}$

$$
\begin{equation*}
I^{x y}=Q_{1}^{x} Q_{1}^{y}+\left(R_{1}^{x} I^{y}+I^{x} R_{1}^{y}-R_{1}^{x} R_{1}^{y}\right) \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

and

$$
\begin{equation*}
I^{x y}=\left(Q_{1}^{x} I^{y}+I^{x} Q_{1}^{y}-Q_{1}^{x} Q_{1}^{y}\right)+R_{1}^{x} R_{1}^{y} . \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
$$

The identities (1) and (2) generate so called product cubature formula

$$
\begin{equation*}
I^{x y} f=Q_{1}^{x} Q_{1}^{y} f+\left(R_{1}^{x} I^{y}+I^{x} R_{1}^{y}-R_{1}^{x} R_{1}^{y}\right) f, \tag{3}
\end{equation*}
$$

respectively the boolean-sum cubature formula

$$
\begin{equation*}
I^{x y} f=\left(Q_{1}^{x} I^{y}+I^{x} Q_{1}^{y}-Q_{1}^{x} Q_{1}^{y}\right) f+R_{1}^{x} R_{1}^{y} f . \tag{4}
\end{equation*}
$$

Let $p_{1}$ and $q_{1}$ be the approximation order of $Q_{1}^{x}$, respectively $Q_{1}^{y}$ : $\operatorname{ord}\left(Q_{1}^{x}\right)$ $=p_{1}, \operatorname{ord}\left(Q_{1}^{y}\right)=q_{1}[4]$.

From (3) and (4) it follows that the approximation order of the product formula is $\min \left\{p_{1}, q_{1}\right\}$ while the approximation order of the boolean-sum formula is $p_{1}+q_{1}$.

Hence, the boolean-sum cubature rules has the remarkable property regarding its highest approximation order.

Otherwise, the boolean-sum formula contains the simple integrals $I^{x} f$, respectively $I^{y} f$. But, this simple integrals can be approximated, in a second level of approximation, using new quadrature procedures.

From (4), one obtains

$$
\begin{equation*}
I^{x y} f=Q f+R f \tag{5}
\end{equation*}
$$

with $Q=Q_{1}^{x} Q_{2}^{y}+Q_{2}^{x} Q_{1}^{y}-Q_{1}^{x} Q_{1}^{y}$ and $R=Q_{1}^{x} R_{2}^{y}+Q_{1}^{y} R_{2}^{x}+R_{1}^{x} R_{1}^{y}$, where $Q_{2}^{x}$ and $Q_{2}^{y}$ are the quadrature rules used in the second level of approximation and $R_{2}^{x}, R_{2}^{y}$ are the corresponding remainder operators.

As can be seen

$$
\operatorname{ord}(Q)=\min \left\{\operatorname{ord}\left(Q_{1}^{x}\right)+\operatorname{ord}\left(Q_{1}^{y}\right), \operatorname{ord}\left(Q_{2}^{x}\right)+1, \operatorname{ord}\left(Q_{2}^{y}\right)+1\right\} .
$$

The quadrature rules $Q_{2}^{x}$ and $Q_{2}^{y}$ can be chosen in many ways. First of all, it depends on the given information of the function $f$.

A natural way to choose them is such that the approximation order of the initial boolean-sum formula to be preserved. It is obvious that its approximation order cannot be increased.

Definition 1. A cubature formula of the form (5) derived from the booleansum formula (4) which preserves its approximation order is called a consistent cubature formula.

Remark 1. The cubature formula (5) is consistent if the orders $p_{2}$ and $q_{2}$ of the quadrature procedures $Q_{2}^{x}$, respectively $Q_{2}^{y}$, used in the second level of approximation, satisfy the inequalities $p_{2} \geq p_{1}+q_{1}-1, q_{2} \geq p_{1}+q_{1}-1$.

As the approximation order of the boolean-sum cubature cannot be increased, it is preferable to choose the quadrature procedures $Q_{2}^{x}$ and $Q_{2}^{y}$ such that each term of the remainder from (5) to have the same order of approximation.

Definition 2. A cubature formula, of the form (5), of which each term of the remainder has the same order of approximation is called a homogeneous cubature formula.

Remark 2. The cubature formula (5) is homogeneous if $p_{2}=q_{2}=p_{1}+$ $q_{1}-1$.

For example, let be

$$
I^{x y} f=\int_{0}^{h} \int_{0}^{h} f(x, y) \mathrm{d} x \mathrm{~d} y
$$

and

$$
\left(Q_{1}^{x} f\right)(\cdot, y)=h f\left(\frac{h}{2}, y\right), \quad \text { respectively }\left(Q_{1}^{y} f\right)(x, \cdot)=h f\left(x, \frac{h}{2}\right)
$$

the gaussian quadrature rules. Then for boolean-sum cubature formula, we have

$$
I^{x y} f=h \int_{0}^{h} f\left(\frac{h}{2}, y\right) \mathrm{d} y+h \int_{0}^{h} f\left(x, \frac{h}{2}\right) \mathrm{d} x-h^{2} f\left(\frac{h}{2}, \frac{h}{2}\right)+R_{S}(f),
$$

where

$$
R_{S}(f)=\frac{h^{6}}{576} f^{(2,2)}(\xi, \eta)
$$

In order to get a homogeneous numerical cubature formula we must use, in a second level of approximation, some quadrature rules $Q_{2}^{x}$ and $Q_{2}^{y}$ with $\operatorname{ord}\left(Q_{2}^{x}\right)=\operatorname{ord}\left(Q_{2}^{y}\right)=5$. Such quadrature rules can be

$$
\left(Q_{2}^{x} f\right)(\cdot, y)=\frac{h}{2}[f(0, y)+f(h, y)]+\frac{h^{2}}{12}\left[f^{(1,0)}(0, y)-f^{(1,0)}(h, y)\right]
$$

with

$$
\left(R_{2}^{x} f\right)(\cdot, y)=\frac{h^{5}}{720} f^{(4,0)}\left(\xi_{1}, y\right)
$$

respectively

$$
\left(Q_{2}^{y} f\right)(x, \cdot)=\frac{h}{2}[f(x, 0)+f(x, h)]+\frac{h^{2}}{12}\left[f^{(0,1)}(x, 0)-f^{(0,1)}(x, h)\right]
$$

with

$$
\left(R_{2}^{y} f\right)(x, \cdot)=\frac{h^{5}}{720} f^{(0,4)}\left(x, \eta_{1}\right) .
$$

It follows:
Theorem 1. If $f^{(4,0)}\left(\cdot, \frac{h}{2}\right), f^{(0,4)}\left(\frac{h}{2}, \cdot\right) \in C[0, h]$ and $f^{(2,2)} \in C\left(D_{h}\right)$, with $D_{h}=[0, h] \times[0, h]$, then we have the homogeneous cubature formula
(6) $\iint_{D_{h}} f(x, y) \mathrm{d} x \mathrm{~d} y=$

$$
\begin{aligned}
= & \frac{h^{2}}{2}\left[f\left(\frac{h}{2}, 0\right)+f\left(\frac{h}{2}, h\right)+f\left(0, \frac{h}{2}\right)+f\left(h, \frac{h}{2}\right)-2 f\left(\frac{h}{2}, \frac{h}{2}\right)\right] \\
& +\frac{h^{3}}{12}\left[f^{(1,0)}\left(0, \frac{h}{2}\right)-f^{(1,0)}\left(h, \frac{h}{2}\right)+f^{(0,1)}\left(\frac{h}{2}, 0\right)-f^{(0,1)}\left(\frac{h}{2}, h\right)\right]+R(f),
\end{aligned}
$$

where

$$
\begin{equation*}
R(f)=\frac{h^{6}}{144}\left[\frac{1}{5} f^{(4,0)}\left(\frac{h}{2}, \eta_{1}\right)+\frac{1}{5} f^{(0,4)}\left(\xi, \frac{h}{2}\right)+\frac{1}{4} f^{(2,2)}(\xi, \eta)\right] . \tag{7}
\end{equation*}
$$

Next, we try to construct such homogeneous cubature formulas using interpolation formulas derived from a boolean-sum interpolation formula and not only.

It is know [2] that if $P_{1}^{x}$ and $P_{1}^{y}$ are univariate interpolation operators, from the corresponding boolean-sum formula

$$
f=P_{1}^{x} \oplus P_{1}^{y} f+R_{1}^{x} R_{1}^{y} f
$$

can be derived using in a second level of approximation, some new operators $P_{2}^{x}$ and $P_{2}^{y}$, a numerical approximation formula, i.e.

$$
\begin{equation*}
f=\left(P_{1}^{x} P_{2}^{y}+P_{2}^{x} P_{1}^{y}-P_{1}^{x} P_{1}^{y}\right) f+\left(P_{1}^{x} R_{2}^{y}+P_{1}^{y} R_{2}^{x}+R_{1}^{x} R_{1}^{y}\right) f . \tag{8}
\end{equation*}
$$

Now, if $f$ is an integrable function on $D=[a, b] \times[c, d]$ then it is obviously that

$$
\iint_{D} f(x, y) \mathrm{d} x \mathrm{~d} y=\iint_{D}\left(P_{1}^{x} P_{2}^{y}+P_{2}^{x} P_{1}^{y}-P_{1}^{x} P_{1}^{y}\right) f(x, y) \mathrm{d} x \mathrm{~d} y+R(f),
$$

where

$$
R(f)=\iint_{D}\left(\left(P_{1}^{x} R_{2}^{y}+P_{1}^{y} R_{2}^{x}+R_{1}^{x} R_{1}^{y}\right) f\right)(x, y) \mathrm{d} x \mathrm{~d} y
$$

is a numerical integration formula.
For $f: D_{h} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, one considers

$$
\Lambda^{x}=\left\{\left.f\left(\frac{h}{m} i, \cdot\right) \right\rvert\, i=0,1, \ldots, m\right\}, \quad \Lambda^{y}=\left\{\left.f\left(\cdot, \frac{h}{n} j\right) \right\rvert\, j=0,1, \ldots, n\right\}
$$

$S_{1}^{x} f$ and $S_{3}^{x} f$ the linear respectively the cubic spline that interpolates $f$ with regard to $\Lambda^{x}$ and $S_{1}^{y} f, S_{3}^{y} f$ the corresponding splines that interpolates $f$ with regard to $\Lambda^{y}$, i.e.

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
\left(S_{1}^{x} f\right)(x, \cdot)=\sum_{i=0}^{m} s_{i}^{1}(x) f\left(\frac{h}{m} i, \cdot\right), \quad\left(S_{3}^{x} f\right)(x, \cdot)=\sum_{i=0}^{m} s_{i}^{3}(x) f\left(\frac{h}{m} i, \cdot\right), \\
\left(S_{1}^{y} f\right)(\cdot, y)=\sum_{j=0}^{n} s_{j}^{1}(y) f\left(\cdot, \frac{h}{n} j\right), \quad\left(S_{3}^{y} f\right)(\cdot, y)=\sum_{j=0}^{n} s_{j}^{3}(y) f\left(\cdot, \frac{h}{n} j\right)
\end{array}
$$

where $s_{i}^{1}, s_{i}^{3}, s_{j}^{1}, s_{j}^{3}$ are the corresponding cardinal splines.
Theorem 2. Let $f$ be an integrable function on $D_{h}$.

$$
\iint_{D_{h}} f(x, y) \mathrm{d} x \mathrm{~d} y=\sum_{i=0}^{m} \sum_{j=0}^{n}\left(A_{i}^{1} B_{j}^{3}+A_{i}^{3} B_{j}^{1}-A_{i}^{1} B_{j}^{1}\right) f\left(\frac{h}{m} i, \frac{h}{n} j\right)+R_{m n}(f)
$$

where

$$
A_{i}^{1}=\int_{0}^{h} s_{i}^{1}(x) \mathrm{d} x, \quad A_{i}^{3}=\int_{0}^{h} s_{i}^{3}(x) \mathrm{d} x, \quad B_{j}^{1}=\int_{0}^{h} s_{j}^{1}(y) \mathrm{d} y, \quad B_{j}^{3}=\int_{0}^{3} s_{j}^{3}(y) \mathrm{d} y
$$

is a homogeneous cubature formula.
Proof. The bivariate interpolation formula (8) becomes $f=S_{13}^{x y} f+R_{m n} f$ with $S_{13}^{x y}=S_{1}^{x} S_{3}^{y}+S_{3}^{x} S_{1}^{y}-S_{1}^{x} S_{1}^{y}$ and $R_{m n}=S_{1}^{x} R_{3}^{y}+S_{1}^{y} R_{3}^{x}+R_{1}^{x} R_{1}^{y}$, or
$f(x, y)=\sum_{i=0}^{m} \sum_{j=0}^{n}\left[s_{i}^{1}(x) s_{j}^{3}(y)+s_{i}^{3}(x) s_{j}^{1}(y)-s_{i}^{1}(x) s_{j}^{1}(y)\right] f\left(\frac{h}{m} i, \frac{h}{n} j\right)+\left(R_{m n} f\right)(x, y)$.
Now,

$$
\begin{equation*}
\iint_{D_{h}} f(x, y) \mathrm{d} x \mathrm{~d} y=\left(Q_{1}^{x} Q_{3}^{y}+Q_{3}^{x} Q_{1}^{y}-Q_{1}^{x} Q_{1}^{y}\right) f+R_{m n}(f) \tag{9}
\end{equation*}
$$

with

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
\left(Q_{1}^{x} f\right)(\cdot, y)=\sum_{i=0}^{m} A_{i}^{1} f\left(\frac{h}{m} i, y\right), & \left(Q_{1}^{y} f\right)(x, \cdot)=\sum_{j=0}^{n} B_{j}^{1} f\left(x, \frac{h}{n} j\right), \\
\left(Q_{3}^{x} f\right)(\cdot, y)=\sum_{i=0}^{m} A_{i}^{3} f\left(\frac{h}{m} i, y\right), & \left(Q_{3}^{y} f\right)(x, \cdot)=\sum_{j=0}^{n} B_{j}^{3} f\left(x, \frac{h}{n} j\right),
\end{array}
$$

where

$$
R_{m n}(f)=\iint_{D_{h}}\left(S_{1}^{x} R_{3}^{y}+S_{1}^{y} R_{3}^{x}+R_{1}^{x} R_{1}^{y}\right) f(x, y) \mathrm{d} x \mathrm{~d} y
$$

But in general the degree of exactness ("dex") of the linear spline operators are: $\operatorname{dex}\left(S_{1}^{x}\right)=\operatorname{dex}\left(S_{1}^{y}\right)=0$ and $\operatorname{dex}\left(S_{3}^{x}\right)=\operatorname{dex}\left(S_{3}^{y}\right)=1$, so $\operatorname{dex}\left(Q_{1}^{x}\right)=$ $\operatorname{dex}\left(Q_{1}^{y}\right)=0, \operatorname{dex}\left(Q_{3}^{x}\right)=\operatorname{dex}\left(Q_{3}^{y}\right)=1$. It follows that $[3] \operatorname{ord}\left(Q_{1}^{x}\right)=\operatorname{ord}\left(Q_{1}^{y}\right)=$ $2, \operatorname{ord}\left(Q_{3}^{x}\right)=\operatorname{ord}\left(Q_{3}^{y}\right)=3$. Hence

$$
\operatorname{ord}\left(Q_{3}^{x}\right)=\operatorname{ord}\left(Q_{3}^{y}\right)=\operatorname{ord}\left(Q_{1}^{x}\right)+\operatorname{ord}\left(Q_{1}^{y}\right)-1
$$

Remark 3. Taking into account that if

$$
f(x)=(S f)(x)+(R f)(x)
$$

is a natural spline interpolation formula then

$$
\int_{a}^{b} f(x) d x=\int_{a}^{b}(S f)(x) d x+\int_{a}^{b}(R f)(x) \mathrm{d} x
$$

is an optimal quadrature formula in sense of Sard [7], formula (9) is also an almost optimal cubature formula [9].

## Some particular cases

(C1) Let $S_{1}^{x}$ and $S_{1}^{y}$ be the Lagrange-type linear spline operators that interpolate the data

$$
\Lambda_{1}^{x}=\left\{f(0, y), f\left(\frac{h}{2}, y\right), f(h, y)\right\}, \quad \text { resp. } \quad \Lambda_{1}^{y}=\left\{f(x, 0), f\left(x, \frac{h}{2}\right), f(x, h)\right\}
$$

and $S_{3}^{x}$ and $S_{3}^{y}$ the Hermite-type cubic spline operators that interpolate

$$
\Lambda_{3}^{x}=\left\{f(0, y), f^{(1,0)}(0, y), f\left(\frac{h}{2}, y\right), f(h, y), f^{(1,0)}(h, y)\right\},
$$

respectively

$$
\Lambda_{3}^{y}=\left\{f(x, 0), f^{(0,1)}(x, 0), f\left(x, \frac{h}{2}\right), f(x, h), f^{(0,1)}(x, h)\right\} .
$$

Let also

$$
f=\left(S_{1}^{x} S_{3}^{y}+S_{3}^{x} S_{1}^{y}-S_{1}^{x} S_{1}^{y}\right) f+\left(S_{1}^{y} R_{3}^{x}+S_{1}^{x} R_{3}^{y}+R_{1}^{x} R_{1}^{y}\right) f
$$

be the spline interpolation formula generated by the operators $S_{1}^{x}, S_{1}^{y}, S_{3}^{x}$ and $S_{3}^{y}$ using two level of approximation with $R_{1}^{x}, R_{1}^{y}, R_{3}^{x}, R_{3}^{y}$ the corresponding remainder operators.

Theorem 3. If $f \in C^{(4,4)}\left(D_{h}\right)$ then

$$
\iint_{D_{h}} f(x, y) \mathrm{d} x \mathrm{~d} y=\iint_{D_{h}}\left(S_{1}^{x} S_{3}^{y}+S_{3}^{y} S_{1}^{y}-S_{1}^{x} S_{1}^{y}\right) f(x, y) \mathrm{d} x \mathrm{~d} y+\left(R_{13} f\right)(x, y),
$$

where

$$
\left(R_{13} f\right)(x, y)=\iint_{D_{h}}\left(S_{1}^{y} R_{3}^{x}+S_{1}^{x} R_{3}^{y}+R_{1}^{x} R_{1}^{y}\right) f(x, y) \mathrm{d} x \mathrm{~d} y
$$

is a homogeneous cubature formula of order 6 .
Proof. We must check that $\operatorname{dex}\left(S_{1}^{x}\right)=1$ and $\operatorname{dex}\left(S_{3}^{x}\right)=3$. By the symmetry of the data it follows that also $\operatorname{dex}\left(S_{1}^{y}\right)=1$ and $\operatorname{dex}\left(S_{3}^{y}\right)=3$.

We have

$$
\left(S_{1}^{x} f\right)(x, y)=s_{0}(x) f(0, y)+s_{1}(x) f\left(\frac{h}{2}, y\right)+s_{2}(x) f(h, y)
$$

with
$s_{0}(x)=1-\frac{2}{h} x+\frac{2}{h}\left(x-\frac{h}{2}\right)_{+}, \quad s_{1}(x)=\frac{2}{h} x-\frac{4}{h}\left(x-\frac{h}{2}\right)_{+}, \quad s_{2}(x)=\frac{2}{h}\left(x-\frac{h}{2}\right)_{+}$.

Now it is easy to verify that $S_{1}^{x} e_{i}=e_{i}$ for $i=0,1$ and $S_{1}^{x} e_{2}=e_{2}$, with $e_{i}(x)=x^{i}$.
We also have

$$
\begin{aligned}
\left(S_{3}^{x} f\right)(x, y)= & s_{00}(x) f(0, y)+s_{01}(x) f^{(1,0)}(0, y)+s_{10}(x) f\left(\frac{h}{2}, y\right) \\
& +s_{20}(x) f(h, y)+s_{21}(x) f^{(1,0)} f(h, y)
\end{aligned}
$$

with

$$
\begin{aligned}
& s_{00}(x)=1+\frac{10}{h^{3}} x^{3}-\frac{9}{h^{2}} x^{2}-\frac{16}{h^{3}}\left(x-\frac{h}{2}\right)_{+}^{3}, \\
& s_{01}(x)=x+\frac{3}{h^{2}} x^{3}-\frac{7}{2 h} x^{2}-\frac{4}{h^{2}}\left(x-\frac{h}{2}\right)_{+}^{3} \\
& s_{10}(x)=-\frac{16}{h^{3}} x^{3}+\frac{12}{h^{2}} x^{2}+\frac{32}{h^{3}}\left(x-\frac{h}{2}\right)_{+}^{3}, \\
& s_{20}(x)=\frac{6}{h^{3}} x^{3}-\frac{3}{h^{2}} x^{2}-\frac{16}{h^{3}}\left(x-\frac{h}{2}\right)_{+}^{3} \\
& s_{21}(x)=-\frac{1}{h^{2}} x^{3}+\frac{1}{2 h} x^{2}+\frac{4}{h^{2}}\left(x-\frac{h}{2}\right)_{+}^{3} .
\end{aligned}
$$

But $S_{3}^{\eta} e_{i}=e_{i}$ for $i=0,1,2,3$.
Remark 4. The corresponding quadrature rules are

$$
\left(Q_{1}^{x} f\right)(\cdot, y):=\int_{0}^{h}\left(S_{1}^{x} f\right)(x, y) \mathrm{d} x=\frac{h}{4}\left[f(0, y)+2 f\left(\frac{h}{2}, y\right)+f(h, y)\right],
$$

with

$$
\left(R_{1}^{x} f\right)(\cdot, y)=-\frac{h^{3}}{48} f^{(2,0)}\left(\xi_{1}, y\right)
$$

and

$$
\begin{aligned}
\left(Q_{3}^{x} f\right)(\cdot, y) & :=\int_{0}^{h}\left(S_{3}^{x} f\right)(x, y) \mathrm{d} x \\
& =\frac{h}{4}\left[f(0, y)+\frac{h}{12} f^{(1,0)}(0, y)+2 f\left(\frac{h}{2}, y\right)+f(h, y)-\frac{h}{12} f^{(1,0)}(h, y)\right]
\end{aligned}
$$

where

$$
\left(R_{3}^{x} f\right)(\cdot, y)=\frac{h^{5}}{11520} f^{(4,0)}\left(\xi_{2}, y\right) .
$$

(C2) If in the particular case (C1) is taken instead of the Hermite-type cubic spline operators the next Birkhoff-type cubic spline operators $S_{3}^{x}$ and $S_{3}^{y}$ that interpolate the date

$$
\Lambda_{3}^{x}=\left\{f^{(1,0)}(0, y)+f\left(\frac{h}{2}, y\right)+f^{(1,0)}(h, y)\right\},
$$

respectively

$$
\Lambda_{3}^{y}=\left\{f^{(0,1)}(x, 0), f\left(x, \frac{h}{2}\right), f^{(0,1)}(x, h)\right\}
$$

then we obtain a homogeneous cubature formula of the order 6. Certainly, this is the case if $\operatorname{dex}\left(Q_{3}^{x}\right)=\operatorname{dex}\left(Q_{3}^{y}\right)=3$, where

$$
\left(Q_{3}^{x} f\right)(\cdot, y)=\iint_{D_{h}}\left(S_{3}^{x} f\right)(x, y) \mathrm{d} x \quad \text { and } \quad\left(Q_{3}^{y} f\right)(x, \cdot)=\iint_{D_{h}}\left(S_{3}^{y}\right)(x, y) \mathrm{d} y
$$

But

$$
\left(S_{3}^{x} f\right)(x, y)=s_{01}(x) f^{(1,0)}(0, y)+s_{10}(x) f\left(\frac{h}{2}, y\right)+s_{21}(x) f^{(1,0)}(h, y)
$$

where

$$
s_{01}(x)=-\frac{3 h}{8}+x-\frac{1}{2 h} x^{2}, \quad s_{10}(x)=1, \quad s_{21}(x)=-\frac{h}{8}+\frac{1}{2 h} x^{2} .
$$

By a straightforward computation one obtains that

$$
S_{3}^{x}=e_{i}, \text { for } i=0,1,2,
$$

i.e. $\operatorname{dex}\left(S_{3}^{x}\right)=2$. Hence $\operatorname{dex}\left(Q_{3}^{x}\right) \geq 2$. Taking into account that

$$
\left(Q_{3}^{x} f\right)(\cdot, y)=-\frac{h^{2}}{24} f^{(1,0)}(0, y)+h f\left(\frac{h}{2}, y\right)+\frac{h^{2}}{24} f^{(1,0)}(h, y)
$$

it follows that $\operatorname{dex}\left(Q_{3}^{x}\right)=3$.
(C3) Let $f$ be an integrable function on the standard triangle

$$
T_{h}:=\left\{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^{2} \mid x \geq 0, y \geq 0, x+y \leq h\right\} .
$$

For $f \in B_{1,2}(0,0)[6]$, one considers the Birkhoff-type bivariate polynomial operator say $B_{2}$ that interpolates the date

$$
\Lambda_{B}=\left\{f(0,0)+f^{(2,0)}(0,0), f^{(1,1)}(0,0), f^{(0,2)}(0,0), f(h, 0), f(0, h)\right\},
$$

i.e.

$$
\begin{aligned}
\left(B_{2} f\right)(x, y)= & \frac{h-x-y}{h} f(0,0)+\frac{x(x-h)}{2} f^{(2,0)}(0,0)+x y f^{(1,1)}(0,0) \\
& +\frac{y(y-h)}{2} f^{(0,2)} f(0,0)+\frac{x}{h} f(h, 0)+\frac{y}{h} f(0, h) .
\end{aligned}
$$

It follows that

$$
\begin{aligned}
Q_{2}(f)= & \frac{h^{2}}{6}\left[f(0,0)-\frac{h^{2}}{4} f^{(2,0)}(0,0)+\frac{h^{2}}{4} f^{(1,1)}(0,0)\right. \\
& \left.-\frac{h^{2}}{4} f^{(0,2)}(0,0)+f(h, 0)+f(0, h)\right] .
\end{aligned}
$$

It is easy to check that $\operatorname{dex}\left(Q_{2}\right)=2$. In other words $Q_{2}(f)=f$ for all $f \in \mathbb{P}_{2}^{2}$ (the set of the bivariate polynomials of the total degree at most 2 ).

Now, let us consider the cubature formula

$$
\begin{equation*}
\iint_{T_{h}} f(x, y) \mathrm{d} x \mathrm{~d} y=Q_{2}(f)+R_{2}(f) \tag{10}
\end{equation*}
$$

Using the Peano-type theorem for bivariate case [1], one obtains
$R_{2}(f)=\frac{h^{5}}{120}\left[-\frac{7}{3} f^{(3,0)}(\xi, 0)+f^{(2,1)}\left(\xi_{1}, 0\right)-\frac{7}{3} f^{(0,3)}(0, \eta)-f^{(1,2)}\left(\xi_{2}, \eta_{1}\right)\right]$.
So, the cubature formula (10) is a homogeneous one, of order 5.

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