

H^1 -parameterizations of surfaces in Isogeometric analysis

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ABSTRACT

Singularities of a surface's geometric mapping are often unavoidable, especially when we consider a complex surface. For example, there are two singularities at the poles of a sphere if it is parametrized by the standard geometrical representation with NURBS basis functions [1][2]. In isogeometric analysis [3], singularities impact on the regularity of test functions on the surface [4][5]. For example, when we solve a second order elliptic equation on a sphere [2] by its standard geometrical representation, the test functions should be H^1 -functions on this sphere. However, previous works, such as [4][5], focused on the regularity of test functions on planar domains. In this paper, we consider the H^1 -regularity condition of test functions on surfaces with isolated singularities. And H^1 -regularity property of the test functions on a sphere by its standard geometrical representation with NURBS is presented.

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