

# Lissajous points for polynomial interpolation on various domains

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in the interval  $[0, \pi]$ , we get the **Lissajous points**

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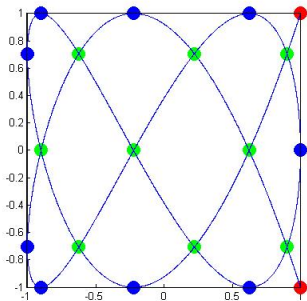


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This algebraic variety corresponds to the degenerate Lissajous curve and the singular points of  $\mathcal{C}_{n,p}$  to the Lissajous points.



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**Example:** for  $d = 1$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we obtain  $l_{0,1}^n(t) = \cos(t)$ ,  $l_{0,1}^n([0, \pi]) = [-1, 1]$  and the points  $LD_n = \{z_i^n : i = 0, \dots, n\}$  are the univariate Chebyshev-Lobatto points.

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the node set  $LD_{n,p}$  can be characterized as

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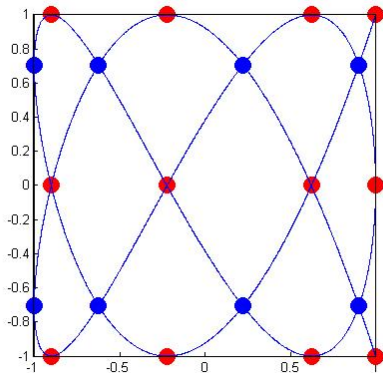


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In this case,  $\lambda_{n,p} : [0, 2\pi) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  is sampled along the  $4n(n+p)$  equidistant points

$$t_k := \frac{2\pi k}{4n(n+p)}, \quad k = 1, \dots, 4n(n+p).$$

In this way we get the following set of Lissajous node points:

$$LND_{n,p} := \{\lambda_{n,p}(t_k) : k = 1, \dots, 4n(n+p)\}.$$



- The non-degenerate Lissajous points are the self-intersections and boundary contacts of the Lissajous curve in the square  $[-1, 1]^2$ ;
- $|LND_{n,p}| = 2n(n + p) + 2n + p$ ;
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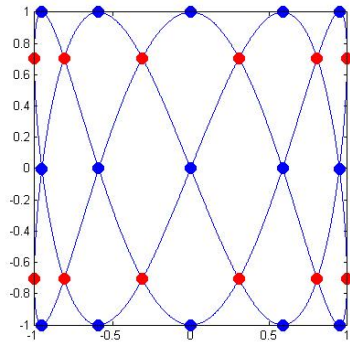
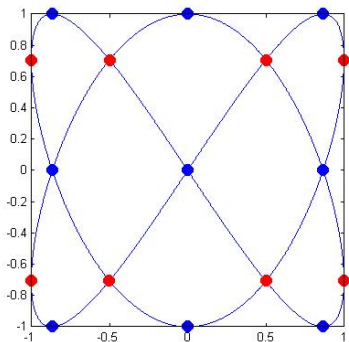


Figure: Lissajous curves  $\lambda_{2,1}$ ,  $|LND_{2,1}| = 17$  (left) and  $\lambda_{2,3}$ ,  $|LND_{2,3}| = 27$  (right).

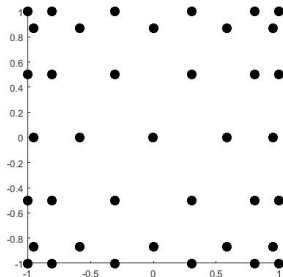
# Particular set of Lissajous points $LC_k^{(2n)}$

Now we consider this set of Lissajous points:

$$LC_0^{(10,6)} = LC_{0,0}^{(10,6)} \cup LC_{0,1}^{(10,6)}$$

$$LC_{0,\tau}^{2n} = \{(z_i^{(2n_1)}, z_j^{(2n_2)}) : (i, j) \in \mathbb{I}_{0,\tau}^{(2n)}\}$$

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Now, we return to the initial general notation:

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The affine Chebyshev variety can be written as:

$$C_k^{(2n)} = \bigcup_{u \in \{-1,1\}^2} l_{k,u}^{(2n)}([0, \pi)).$$

Similar as for the degenerate curves, a point is a singular point of  $C_k^{(2n)}$  if and only if it is a Lissajous point.

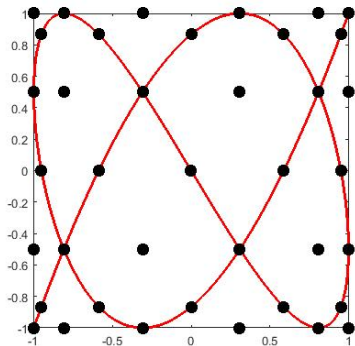


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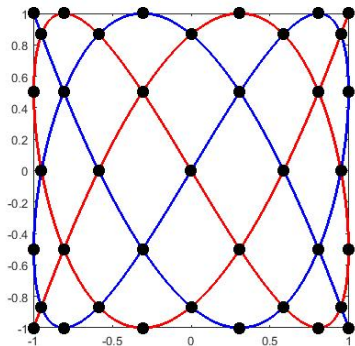


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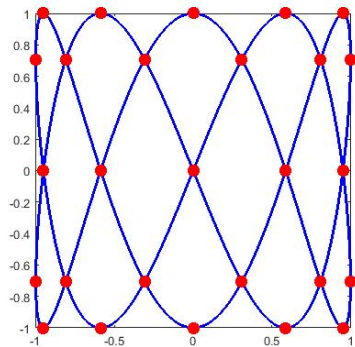


Figure: Lissajous points  $LC_{(5,0)}^{2(5,2)}$ .

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We make use of a decomposition of the parameter vector  $\mathbf{n}$ : there exist integer vectors  $\mathbf{n}^*$ ,  $\mathbf{n}^o \in \mathbb{N}^2$  such that  $\forall i = 1, 2$ :

- $n_i = n_i^* n_i^o$  ;
- $n_i^*$  and  $n_i^o$  are relatively prime;
- $n_1^*$  and  $n_2^*$  are relatively prime;
- $lcm[\mathbf{n}] = n_1^* n_2^*$ .

We introduce the following sets :

$$R^{(\mathbf{n}^o)} = \{0, 1, \dots, m_1^o - 1\} \times \{0, 1, \dots, m_2^o - 1\}$$

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The Chebyshev variety  $C_{\mathbf{k}}^n$  can be written as:

$$C_{\mathbf{k}}^n = \bigcup_{l \in \mathcal{L}_{\mathbf{k}}^{(n^*, n^o)}} l([0, 2\pi])$$

The cardinality of  $\mathfrak{L}_k^{(n^*, n^o)}$  is  $\#\mathfrak{L}_k^{(n^*, n^o)} = \frac{1}{2}(n_1^o n_2^o + N_{\text{deg}})$ , where the number of degenerate curves  $N_{\text{deg}}$  is

$$N_{\text{deg}} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } M_0 = \emptyset, \\ 2^{\#(K_0 \cap M_0) - 1} & \text{if } K_0 \cap M_0 \neq \emptyset \text{ and } K_1 \cap M_0 = \emptyset \\ 2^{\#(K_1 \cap M_0) - 1} & \text{if } K_0 \cap M_0 = \emptyset \text{ and } K_1 \cap M_0 \neq \emptyset \\ 0 & \text{if } K_0 \cap M_0 \neq \emptyset \text{ and } K_1 \cap M_0 \neq \emptyset \end{cases}$$

where for  $\tau \in \{0, 1\}$  we denote

$$M_0 = \{i \in \{1, 2\} \mid n_i \equiv 0 \pmod{2}\}$$

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**Example:** we consider the bivariate node set  $LC_{(0,0)}^{(10,5)}$ . We have:

- $\mathbf{n} = (10, 5)$     $\mathbf{k} = (0, 0)$ ,
- $\mathbf{n}^* = (10, 1)$     $\mathbf{n}^o = (1, 5)$ ,
- $\mathcal{L}_{\mathbf{k}}^{(\mathbf{n}^*, \mathbf{n}^o)} = \{l_{(0,2p)}^{\mathbf{n}} \mid p \in \{0, 1, 2\}\}$ ,
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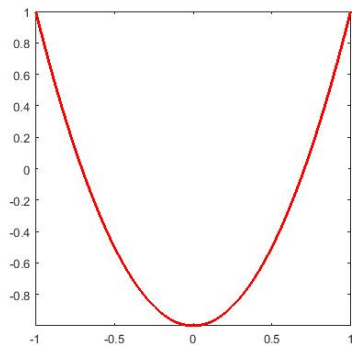


Figure:  $I_{(0,0)}^{(10,5)}([0, 2\pi])$

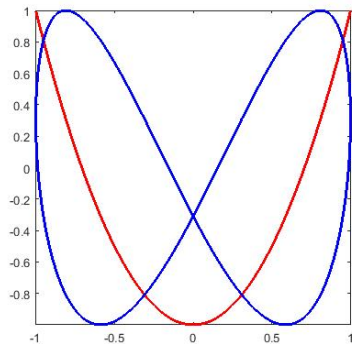


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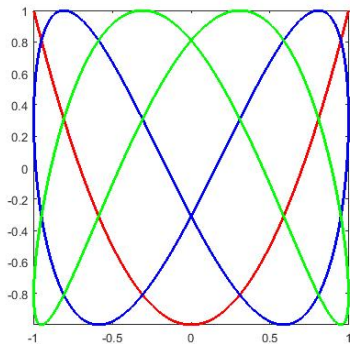


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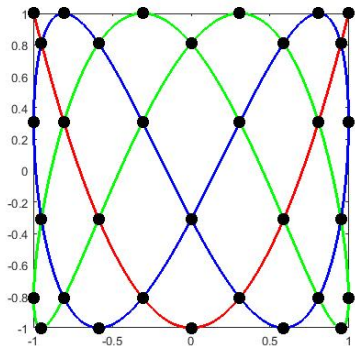


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We introduce the space  $\Pi_{n,p}^{2,L} = \text{span}\{\hat{T}_i(x)\hat{T}_j(y) : (i,j) \in \Gamma_{n,p}^L\}$ , where  $\hat{T}_i(x)$  is the normalized classical Chebyshev polynomial of the first kind of degree  $i$ ,

$$\hat{T}_i(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } i = 0, \\ \sqrt{2}T_i(x) & \text{if } i \neq 0. \end{cases}$$

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We investigate the Lebesgue constant  $\Lambda_{n,p_n}$  for the parameters  $p_n \in \{1, n+1\}$ . The values are illustrated for  $1 \leq n \leq 50$ . For a better comparison we plot also the functions  $f_1(n)$  and  $f_2(n)$ , as a lower and an upper benchmark:

$$f_1(n) = \left( \frac{2}{\pi} \log(n+1) + 1 \right)^2$$

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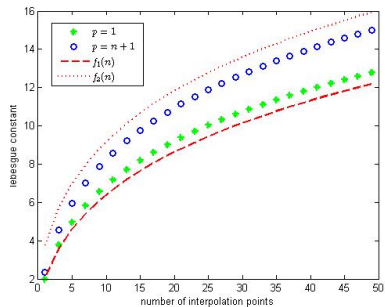


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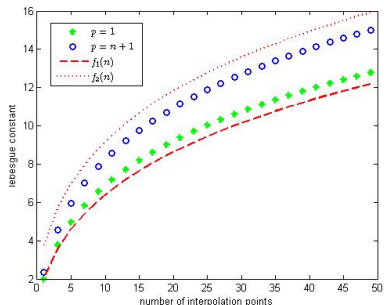


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## Theorem

The Lebesgue constant  $\Lambda_{n,p}$  is bounded

$$D_\Lambda \ln^2(n) \leq \Lambda_{n,p} \leq C_\Lambda \ln^2(n + p),$$

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# Numerical examples

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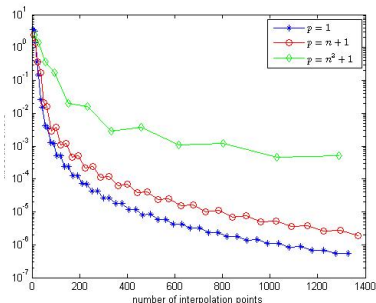
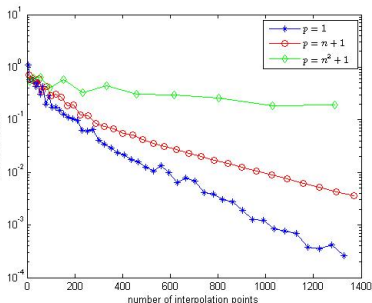


Figure: Absolute errors for  $f_1$  (left) and  $f_2$  (right).

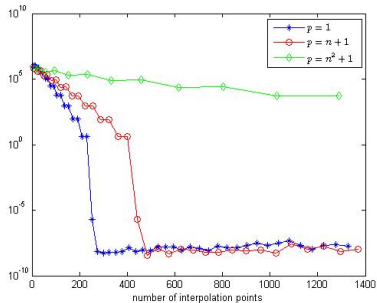
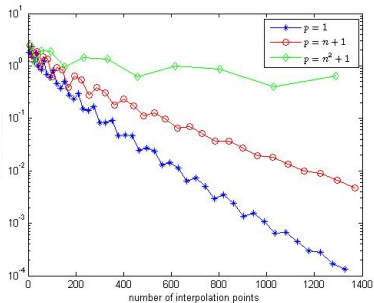


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where  $\sigma_i^{-1}(x_1, x_2)$ , with  $i = 1, 2$ , denotes the component of the inverse transformation.

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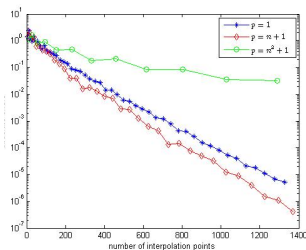
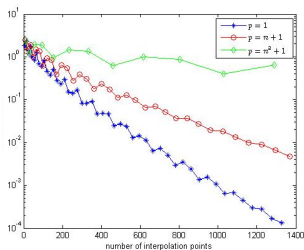


Figure: Absolute errors for  $f_3$  on  $[-1, 1]^2$  (left) and on  $[0, 2] \times [0, 1]$  (right).

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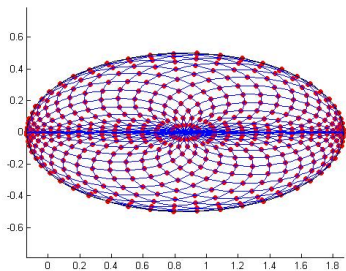
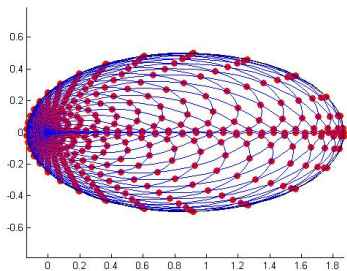
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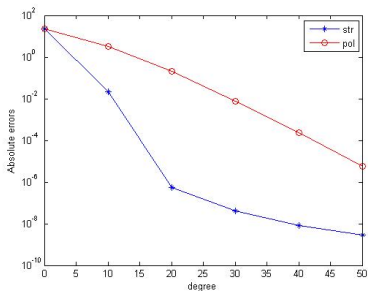
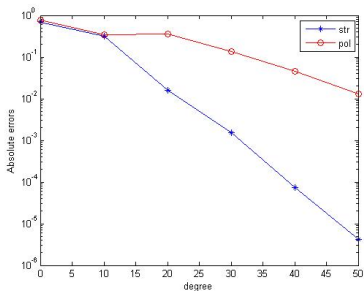
$$\theta(t_1, t_2) = \pi(t_1 + 1), \quad \rho(t_1, t_2) = (t_2 + 1) \frac{r(\theta)}{2}, \quad r(\theta) = \frac{\beta^2 / \alpha}{1 - e \cos(\theta)}.$$



**Figure:** The distribution of the Padua points and the Lissajous curves in the ellipse with polar (left) and starlike-polar (right) for  $n = 33$ .

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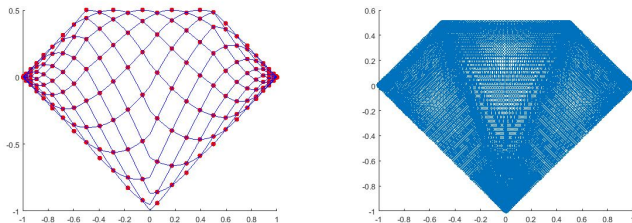
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The maximal error is compute on a WAM with about 15000 points, which is generated by minimal triangulation.



**Figure:** Lissajous points and curves in the diamond with  $n = 13$  and  $p_n = n + 1 = 14$  (left), WAM generated by minimal triangulation, 14913 points (right) .

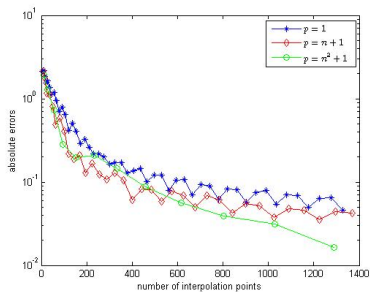
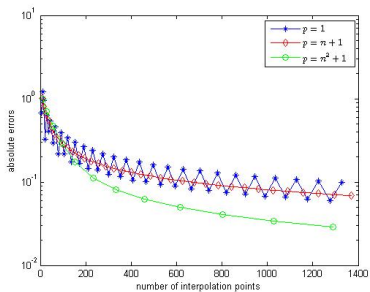
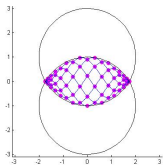


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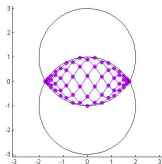


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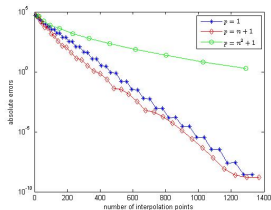
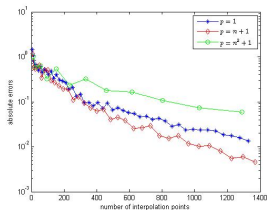
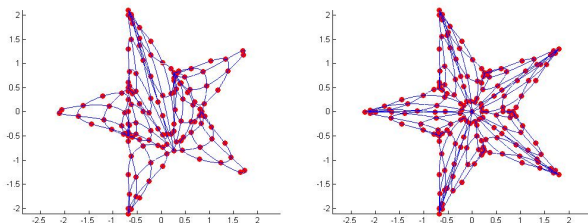
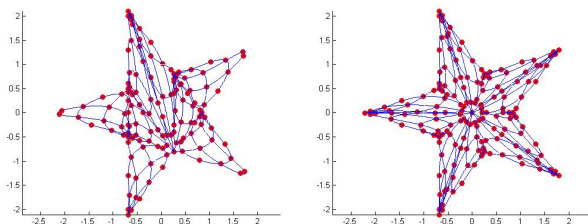


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barycentric triang.	$7.87e + 01$	$9.90e - 07$	$1.68e - 10$

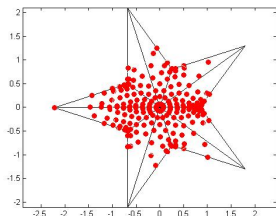
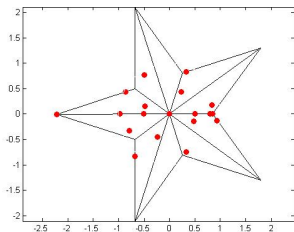
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**Figure:** Padua points in the star with  $n = 5$ , i.e. with 21 points (left) and  $n = 20$  i.e. 231 points (right).



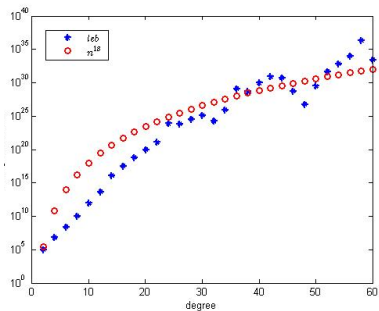


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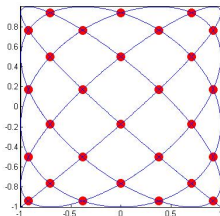


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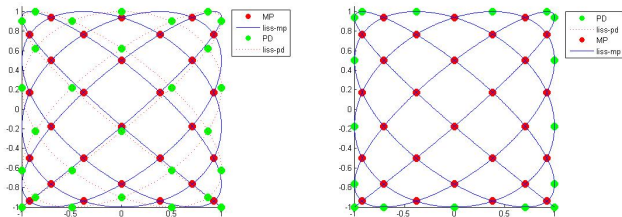


Figure:  $MP_6$  and  $PD_6$  with respective Lissajous curves (left),  $MP_6$  and  $PD_8$  with respective Lissajous curves (right).

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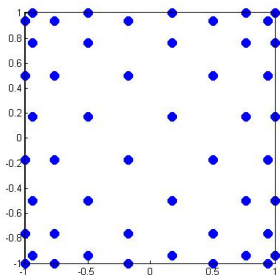
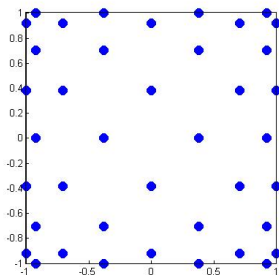


Figure: Xu points for  $n = 8$  (left) and  $n = 9$  (right).

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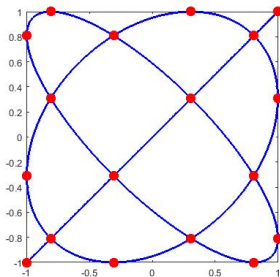
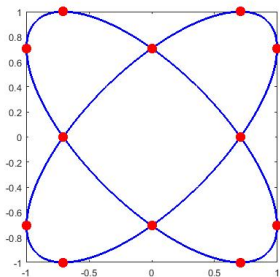


Figure: Xu points and curves for  $n = 4$  (left) and  $n = 5$  (right).



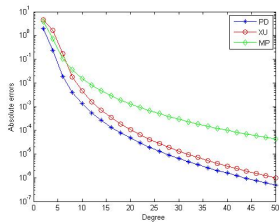


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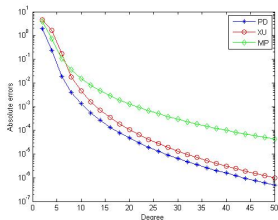


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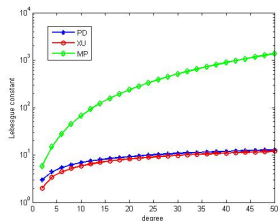


Figure: The behaviour of the Lebesgue constant for Padua, Xu and Morrow-Patterson points.

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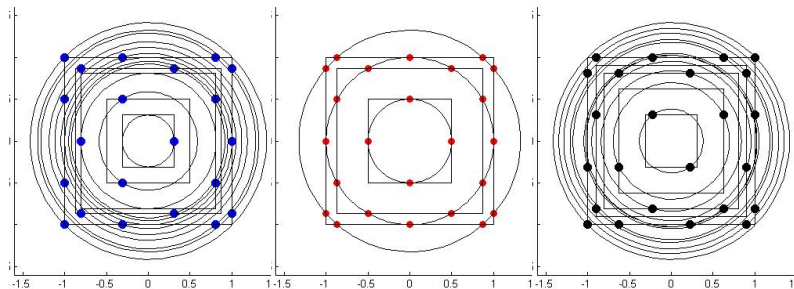


Figure:  $PD_5$  (left),  $XU_6$  (middle) and  $LD_{5,2}$  (right) .

Thank you