

## ***B*-spline interpolation problem in Hilbert $C^*$ -modules**

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The *B*-spline interpolation problem corresponding to a  $C^*$ -valued sesquilinear form on a Hilbert  $C^*$ -module is introduced and its basic properties are studied. First, the problem is investigated in the case when the Hilbert  $C^*$ -module is self-dual. Extending a bounded  $C^*$ -valued sesquilinear form on a Hilbert  $C^*$ -module to a sesquilinear form on its second dual, some necessary and sufficient conditions for the *B*-spline interpolation problem to have a solution are provided.

Passing to the setting of Hilbert  $W^*$ -modules, the main result is presented by characterizing when the spline interpolation problem for the extended  $C^*$ -valued sesquilinear to the dual  $\mathcal{X}'$  of the Hilbert  $W^*$ -module  $\mathcal{X}$  has a solution. As a consequence, a sufficient condition is given characterizing orthogonally complemented submodules of a self-dual Hilbert  $W^*$ -module  $\mathcal{X}$  that are orthogonally complemented with respect to another  $C^*$ -inner product on  $\mathcal{X}$ . Finally, solutions of the *B*-spline interpolation problem for Hilbert  $C^*$ -modules over  $C^*$ -ideals of  $W^*$ -algebras are extensively discussed. Several examples are provided to illustrate the existence or lack of a solution for the problem.

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