A Class of Trigonometric Bézier Basis Functions with Six Shape Parameters over Triangular Domain

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Abstract—In this work, a class of trigonometric Bézier basis functions over triangular domain with six shape parameters is constructed. With the new developed basis functions, a kind of trigonometric Bézier patch over triangular domain is given. For the fixed control nets, the shape of the resulting patch can be still modified flexibly by using the six shape parameters. A de Casteljau-type algorithm is proposed for computing the patch stably and efficiently. And the sufficient conditions for joining two trigonometric Bézier patches with $C^1$ continuous smoothness are deduced. Several numerical examples are given and the results show that the new class of trigonometric Bézier basis functions is suited for surface modeling.

Index Terms—Trigonometric Bézier basis, triangular domain, triangular patch, shape parameter, de Casteljau-type algorithm

I. INTRODUCTION

TRIGONOMETRIC polynomials have been widely developed for constructing spline curves and surfaces within computer-aided geometric design (CAGD), and the splines are widely applied in many fields of engineering, such as the data fitting presented in [1], principal components analysis in [2], data approximation to signal restoration in [3] and so on.

In [4], the recurrence relation for a kind of trigonometric B-splines was given. In [5], a class of trigonometric Lagrange and Bernstein polynomials was developed. In [6], [7], [8], [9], [10], some quadratic trigonometric B-splines possessing local shape parameters were proposed. In [11], a family of cubic trigonometric Bézier (T-Bézier, for short) basis with a shape parameter was shown. In [12], a new cubic T-Bézier basis with two shape parameters was further extended. In [13], [14], shape features of the T-Bézier curves were analyzed with the envelop and topological mapping theory. There are some recent papers concerning representation of curves using trigonometric spline with shape parameters; see for example [15], [16] and [17], and the references quoted therein. In [16], a class of rational cubic/quadratic interpolation spline with three local free parameters was constructed. In [17], a kind of $C^1$ rational cubic/linear trigonometric interpolation spline possessing two local parameters was presented. For the univariate splines, by using the classical tensor product method, we can easily obtain bi-variate splines with shape parameters through these new basis functions. However, we cannot get basis functions over triangular domain with shape parameters by the method of tensor product. For some practical surfaces modeling, basis functions over triangular domain are important.

Recently, some new basis functions over triangular domain have been proposed; see [18], [19], [20], [21], [22], [23], [24], [25], [26] and the references quoted therein. In [18], a class of Bernstein-Bézier basis functions with a shape parameter over triangular domain was given. In [19], a kind of Bernstein-like trigonometric basis functions with a shape parameter over triangular domain was given, which was an extension of the third-order $p$-Bézier basis given in [27]. In [20], a new Bézier-like basis over triangular domain with a shape parameter was constructed, which can be used to construct some surfaces with three boundaries of ellipse arcs. In [21], a set of triangular Bézier surfaces with shape parameters was presented. In [22], a class of triangular Bernstein-Bézier-like surface with a shape parameter was given. In [23], a kind of Bernstein-Bézier basis functions over triangular domain possessing three exponential shape parameters was constructed, which included the cubic triangular Bernstein-Bézier basis together with Said-Ball basis as special cases. Recently, in [24], four new trigonometric Bernstein-like basis functions with two exponential shape parameters are constructed. In [25], a class of trigonometric polynomial basis functions over triangular domain with three shape parameters is proposed. In [26], a practical method of generating triangular polynomial surface in triangular domain is presented, and the basic functions of triangular polynomial surface with three shape parameters over triangular domain are given.

The purpose of this paper is to present a new class of trigonometric Bézier basis functions over triangular domain, which has six shape parameters and is useful for generating triangular Bézier patch. It improves on the existing schemes in some ways:

1) The basis functions mentioned in [24], have two parameters. Other basis functions mentioned in [25], [26], have only three parameters. And our basis functions have six parameters in the corresponding triangular Bézier patch, which have a predictable adjusting role on the patch;
2) The new class of basis functions is a summary of the existing basis functions, include some special cases given in [24], [25], [26], [28], therefore it is more general in method.
II. A T-BÉZIER CURVE WITH SHAPe PARAMETERS OVER A TRIANGULAR DOMAIN

A. Definition of the new base function

Definition 1: For any \(\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in [1, +\infty), \lambda \in [-\alpha, 1], \mu \in [-\beta, 1], \eta \in [-\gamma, 1]\), the following four trigonometric \(B\) functions (notice \(u, v, w = \frac{\pi}{2} \), \(u \geq 0, v \geq 0, w \geq 0\)) are defined as trigonometric Bézier basis functions with six shape parameters over the triangular domain \(D = \{(u, v, w) | u + v + w = \frac{\pi}{2}, u \geq 0, v \geq 0, w \geq 0\}\).

\[
\begin{align*}
B_{3,0,0}^3 &= (1 - \cos u \cos v \cos w)(1 - \lambda \cos u), \\
B_{0,3,0}^3 &= (1 - \cos u \cos v \cos w)(1 - \mu \cos v), \\
B_{0,0,3}^3 &= (1 - \cos u \cos v \cos w)(1 - \lambda \cos w), \\
B_{3,1,0}^3 &= \cos w (1 - \lambda \cos v), \\
B_{3,2,0}^3 &= \cos w (1 - \mu \cos v), \\
B_{3,0,2}^3 &= \cos w (1 - \lambda \cos v), \\
B_{1,2,0}^3 &= \cos w (1 - \lambda \cos v) - (1 - \mu \cos v), \\
B_{0,2,1}^3 &= \cos w (1 - \lambda \cos v), \\
B_{1,1,1}^3 &= (1 - B_{3,0,0}^3 + B_{3,0,0}^3 + B_{3,0,0}^3 + B_{3,0,0}^3 + B_{3,0,0}^3 + B_{3,0,0}^3 + B_{3,0,0}^3 + B_{3,0,0}^3 + B_{3,0,0}^3),
\end{align*}
\]

are denoted as trigonometric Bézier basis functions with four shape parameters \(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \lambda, \mu, \eta\) given in [28].

Remark 1: When one of the three variables \(v\) is taken as zero, the ten trigonometric Bézier basis functions \(B_{i,j,k}^3(i + j + k = 3; i, j, k \geq 0)\) will degenerate to the following four cubic trigonometric Bézier-Type (TB-type for short) basis functions (notice \(u = \frac{\pi}{2} - v\)) with four shape parameters \(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \lambda, \mu, \eta\) given in [28].

\[
\begin{align*}
T_0(t) &= (1 - \sin t)^\alpha(1 - \lambda \sin t), \\
T_1(t) &= 1 - \sin^2 t - (1 - \sin t)^\alpha(1 - \lambda \sin t), \\
T_2(t) &= 1 - \cos^2 t - (1 - \cos t)^\beta(1 - \mu \cos t), \\
T_3(t) &= (1 - \cos t)^\gamma(1 - \mu \cos t).
\end{align*}
\]

Remark 2: Here, we give some hints on how to construct the ten trigonometric Bézier basis functions over triangular domain. Our starting point is to extend the four univariate trigonometric basis functions given in [28] to the multivariate basis functions over the triangular domain such that the four multivariate basis functions can degenerate to the four univariate trigonometric like basis functions when one of the three variables is taken as zero and form a partition of unity.

With these thoughts in mind, it is easy to construct the function \(B_{3,0,0}^3(u, v, w; \alpha, \beta, \gamma, \lambda, \mu, \eta)\) and \(B_{0,3,0}^3(u, v, w; \alpha, \beta, \gamma, \lambda, \mu, \eta)\) and \(B_{0,0,3}^3(u, v, w; \alpha, \beta, \gamma, \lambda, \mu, \eta)\). We shall construct the two functions \(B_{3,1,0}^3(u, v, w; \alpha, \beta, \gamma, \lambda, \mu, \eta)\) and \(B_{2,0,1}(u, v, w; \alpha, \beta, \gamma, \lambda, \mu, \eta)\). As is shown in Remark 1, when one of the three variables \(w\) is taken as zero, the function \(B_{3,1,0}^3(u, v, w; \alpha, \beta, \gamma, \lambda, \mu, \eta)\) should degenerate to the bivariate function \(T_2(u; \alpha; \lambda)\) (notice \(v = \frac{\pi}{2} - u\)) and the function \(B_{2,0,1}^3(u, v, w; \alpha, \beta, \gamma, \lambda, \mu, \eta)\) should vanish. Analogously, when one of the three variables \(v\) is taken as zero, we can get a similar conclusion that the function \(B_{3,1,0}^3(u, v, w; \alpha, \beta, \gamma, \lambda, \mu, \eta)\) should vanish while the function \(B_{2,0,1}^3(u, v, w; \alpha, \beta, \gamma, \lambda, \mu, \eta)\) should degenerate to the bivariate function \(T_2(u; \alpha; \lambda)\) (notice \(w = \frac{\pi}{2} - u\)). These give us a hint that the function \(T_2(u; \alpha; \lambda)\) should be divided into two multi-variable functions and \(B_{3,1,0}^3(u, v, w; \alpha, \beta, \gamma, \lambda, \mu, \eta)\) is reasonable to possess the factor of \(\cos u \cos v \cos w\). From these and notice that \(\cos u = \cos w \sin v + \sin w \cos v\) for \(u + v + w = \pi/2\), we can immediately deduce \(T_2(u; \alpha; \lambda)\) and \(T_2(u; \alpha; \lambda)\) and \(B_{3,1,0}^3(u, v, w; \alpha, \beta, \gamma, \lambda, \mu, \eta)\) to obtain a pair of multi-variable functions \(B_{3,1,0}^3(u, v, w; \alpha, \beta, \gamma, \lambda, \mu, \eta)\) and \(B_{2,0,1}^3(u, v, w; \alpha, \beta, \gamma, \lambda, \mu, \eta)\).

Remark 3: For \(\lambda = \mu = \eta = 0\), the ten basis functions given in (1) will return to the ten basis functions with three exponential shape parameters given in [24]. And for any \(\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 2\), it is easy to check that the ten functions (1) will return to the ten basis functions with shape parameter given in [25]. Moreover, for any \(\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 1\), it is easy to check that the ten functions (1) will return to the ten basis functions with three shape parameters given in [26].

Before further discussion, we provide the following lemma, which is useful in the following discussion and proved in [25].

Lemma 1: For \(u + v + w = \frac{\pi}{2}\), we have
\[
1 - (\sin^2 u + \sin^2 v + \sin^2 w) = 2 \sin u \sin v \sin w.
\]
Proof: We shall prove (A) and (E). The remaining properties can be proved easily.

(A) Apparently, for any \( \alpha, \beta, \gamma \in [1, +\infty), \lambda \in [-\alpha, 1], \mu \in [-\beta, 1], \eta \in [-\gamma, 1] \), we have \( B^3_{i,j,k}(i + j + k = 3; i, j, k \geq 0; i, j, k \neq 1) \geq 0 \). Furthermore, for \( B^3_{1,1,1} \), using Lemma 1, we have

\[
B^3_{1,1,1} = 1 - \sum_{i+j+k=3} B^3_{i,j,k}
= 1 - \left[ \sin^2 u + \sin^2 v + \sin^2 w \right]
= 2 \sin u \sin v \sin w \geq 0.
\]

(E) For any \( \alpha, \beta, \gamma \in [1, +\infty), \lambda \in [-\alpha, 1], \mu \in [-\beta, 1], \zeta_{i,j,k} \in \mathbb{R}, (i + j + k = 3; i, j, k \in \mathbb{N}) \), we consider a linear combination

\[
\sum_{i+j+k=3} \zeta_{i,j,k} B^3_{i,j,k} = 0.
\]

Let \( w = 0 \), we have

\[
\sum_{i=0}^{3} \zeta_{i,3-i,0} T_i(t) = 0. \tag{3}
\]

Differentiating with respect to the variable \( v \) on both sides, we have

\[
\sum_{i=0}^{3} \zeta_{i,3-i,0} T_i'(t) = 0. \tag{4}
\]

For \( v = 0 \), from (3) and (4), we get the following linear system of equations with respect to \( \zeta_{0,3,0} \) and \( \zeta_{1,2,0} \)

\[
\begin{align*}
\zeta_{0,3,0} &= 0, \\
(\alpha + \lambda)(\zeta_{1,2,0} - \zeta_{0,3,0}) &= 0.
\end{align*}
\]

Thus, we have \( \zeta_{0,3,0} = \zeta_{1,2,0} = 0 \). For \( t = \pi/2 \) from (3) and (4), we have \( \zeta_{3,0,0} = \zeta_{2,1,0} = 0 \). Similarly, \( \zeta_{i,0,3-i} = \zeta_{0,3-i} = 0 \) for \( i = 0, 1, 2, 3 \). Finally, \( \zeta_{i,1,1} = 0 \). These imply the theorem.

Fig. 1 shows the trigonometric Bézier basis functions \( B^3_{i,j,k}(i + j + k = 3; i, j, k \geq 0) \) over triangular domain, where the six shape parameters are \( \alpha = \beta = \gamma = 2, \lambda = \mu = \eta = -1 \).

III. A TRIANGULAR BÉZIER PATCH WITH SIX SHAPE PARAMETERS OVER TRIANGULAR DOMAIN

A. Definition and properties of triangular Bézier patches

Definition 2: For any \( \alpha, \beta, \gamma \in [1, +\infty), \lambda \in [-\alpha, 1], \mu \in [-\beta, 1], \eta \in [-\gamma, 1] \), over triangular domain \( D = \left\{(u, v, w) \mid u + v + w = \frac{2}{2}, u \geq 0, v \geq 0, w \geq 0 \right\} \), the control points \( P_{i,j,k} \in \mathbb{R}^3 \), \( i + j + k = 3, i \geq 0, j \geq 0, k \geq 0 \), we call the patch

\[
R(u, v, w) = \sum_{i+j+k=3} B^3_{i,j,k} P_{i,j,k} \tag{5}
\]

be the triangular Bézier patch with six shape parameters over triangular domain.

According to the properties of the basis functions with shape parameters given in Theorem 1, some properties of the corresponding triangular Bézier patch given in (5) can be obtained as follows:

(A) Affine invariance and convex hull property. Since basis functions with shape parameters (1) have the properties of the partition of unity and nonnegativity, these imply that the corresponding triangular Bézier patch (5) has affine invariance and convex hull property.

(B) End point interpolation property. Through direct computation, we can get that \( R(\pi/2, 0, 0) = P_{3,0,0}, R(0, \pi/2, 0) = P_{0,3,0}, R(0, 0, \pi/2) = P_{0,0,3} \). These indicate that the triangular Bézier patch interpolates at the three end points.

(C) End point tangent property. Let \( w = \pi/2 - u - v \), we
have
\[
\frac{\partial R(u,v,w)}{\partial u}\big|_{(\pi/2,0,0)} = (\lambda + \alpha) P_{3,0,0} - (\lambda + 1) P_{2,0,1} + (1 - \alpha) P_{1,1,1},
\]
\[
\frac{\partial R(u,v,w)}{\partial v}\big|_{(\pi/2,0,0)} = (\lambda + 1) (P_{2,1,0} - P_{2,0,1}),
\]
\[
\frac{\partial R(u,v,w)}{\partial u}\big|_{(0,\pi/2,0)} = (\mu + 1) (P_{1,2,0} - P_{0,2,1}),
\]
\[
\frac{\partial R(u,v,w)}{\partial v}\big|_{(0,\pi/2,0)} = (\mu + \beta) P_{0,3,0} - (\mu + 1) P_{0,2,1} + (1 - \beta) P_{1,1,1},
\]
\[
\frac{\partial R(u,v,w)}{\partial u}\big|_{(0,0,\pi/2)} = (\eta + 1) P_{1,0,2} - (\eta + \gamma) P_{0,0,3} + (\gamma - 1) P_{1,1,1},
\]
\[
\frac{\partial R(u,v,w)}{\partial v}\big|_{(0,0,\pi/2)} = (\eta + 1) P_{0,1,2} - (\eta + \gamma) P_{0,0,3} + (\gamma - 1) P_{1,1,1}.
\]

These indicate that the tangent plane at the three end points \((\pi/2,0,0), (0,\pi/2,0), (0,0,\pi/2)\) are the three planes spanned by the control points \(P_{3,0,0}, P_{2,1,0}, P_{2,0,1}, P_{3,0,0}, P_{3,0,0}, P_{0,2,1}, P_{0,0,3}, P_{1,0,2}, P_{0,1,2}\) and \(P_{1,1,1}\) respectively.

(D) Boundary Property. For \(w = 0\), \(R(t,s,w)\) is just the following cubic T-Bézier curve given in [28] with four shape parameters \(\alpha, \beta, \lambda\) and \(\mu\).

\[
R(u,\pi/2 - u,0) = \sum_{i=0}^{3} P_{i,3-i,0} T_i(u;\lambda,\mu) \quad (6)
\]

Similarly, \(R(0,v,\pi/2 - v)\) and \(R(\pi/2 - w,0,0)\) are also T-Bézier curve with shape parameters \(\beta, \gamma, \mu, \eta\) and \(\alpha, \gamma, \lambda, \eta\) respectively. For \(\alpha = \beta = 1, \lambda = \mu = 0\), the T-Bézier curve \(6\) can represent exactly elliptic; For \(\alpha = \beta = 1, \lambda = \mu = 1, b - a > 0\), the T-Bézier curve \(6\) can represent exactly parabola arcs; For \(\alpha = \beta = 2, \lambda = \mu = 0\), the T-Bézier curve \(6\) represent a quarter of elliptic arc; For \(\alpha = \beta = 2, \lambda = \mu = 2\), \(b - a > 0\), the T-Bézier curve \(6\) represent a segment of the parabola; see [28]. These imply that the three boundaries of trigonometric Bézier patch \(5\) can be arcs of ellipse or parabola, respectively.

(E) Shape adjustable property. The control points of the trigonometric Bézier patch are \(P(3,0,0) = (0,0,0), P(0,3,0) = (-2,-2,0), P(0,0,3) = (2,-2,0), P(2,1,0) = (-0.5,-0.5,1), P(2,0,1) = (1,2,0)\), \(P(1,0,2) = (1.5,-1.5,1), P(0,2,1) = (-1,-2,1), P(0,1,2) = (1,-2,1), P(1,1,1) = (0,-1.2,1.5)\). Fig. 2 shows the schematic diagram of Bézier patch control points and control grids over triangular domain. Without changing the control points, we can adjust the shape of the obtained trigonometric Bézier patch conveniently using the six shape parameters \(\lambda, \mu, \eta, \alpha, \beta\) and \(\gamma\).

As the six shape parameters increase at the same time, the trigonometric Bézier patch will be made close to the control net. From the boundary property of the trigonometric Bézier patch, we can see that the six shape parameters \(\lambda, \mu, \eta, \alpha, \beta\) and \(\gamma\) have nothing to do with the boundary curves \(R(0,v,w), R(u,0,w)\) and \(R(u,v,0)\) respectively. It is equivalent that changing the value of single one shape parameter, one corresponding boundary curve will not change. Moreover, from (5), differentiating with respect to the shape parameter \(\lambda\), we have

\[
\frac{\partial R(u,v,w)}{\partial \lambda} = \begin{bmatrix}
(1 - \cos u)\cos u(P_{1,1,1} - P_{0,0,0}) + \cos w\sin v(1 - \cos u)\cos u(P_{2,1,0} - P_{1,1,1}) + \cos w\sin w((1 - \cos u)^2(P_{2,0,1} - P_{1,1,1})
\end{bmatrix}
\]

Therefore, there is no relationship between \(\frac{\partial R(u,v,w)}{\partial \lambda}\) and \(\lambda\). These imply that for the fixed control points and the given value \((u,v,w) \in D\), changing single one shape parameter will make the corresponding point on the trigonometric Bézier surface patch \(5\) move linearly in the direction given by (7). The shape parameters \(\mu, \eta, \alpha, \beta\) and \(\gamma\) have the similar effect on the trigonometric Bézier surface patch.

Fig. 3 shows the trigonometric Bézier patches and the effect on the patches by altering the values of the shape parameters under the same control points.

B. De Casteljau-type Algorithm

The classical de Casteljau algorithm is a stable and efficient process for computing the triangular Bézier patch. Now, we want to develop a practical de Casteljau-type algorithm for computing the proposed the triangular Bézier surface given in (5). For this purpose, for any \((u, v, w) \in D\), let

\[
f_1(u, v, w) := \sin u \cos w(\sin^2 u + \sin^2 v + \sin^2 w)
\]

\[
f_2(u, v, w) := \cos w(\sin u + \sin v)(\sin^2 u + \sin^2 v + \sin^2 w) + \sin u(\sin u + \sin v + \sin w),
\]

\[
f_3(u, v, w) := \sin u \cos w(\sin^2 u + \sin^2 v + \sin^2 w)
\]

\[
g_1(u, v, w) := (1 - \cos u)(\sin^2 u + \sin^2 v + \sin^2 w),
\]

\[
g_2(u, v, w) := \sin v \cos w(\cos^2 u + \sin^2 v + \sin^2 w) + \sin u \sin v \sin w,
\]

\[
g_3(u, v, w) := \cos v \sin w(\cos^2 u + \sin^2 v + \sin^2 w) + \sin u \sin v \sin w,
\]

Fig. 2. Schematic diagram of Bézier patch control points and control grids over triangular domain.
Bézier patch as follows:

\[
R(u, v, w) = \frac{1-\cos^2 u}{\sin^2 u + \sin^2 v + \sin^2 w} P^2_{1,0,0} + \frac{1-\cos v}{\sin^2 u + \sin^2 v + \sin^2 w} P^2_{0,1,0} + \frac{\sin v}{\sin^2 u + \sin^2 v + \sin^2 w} P^2_{0,0,1} + \frac{1-\cos u}{\sin^2 u + \sin^2 v + \sin^2 w} P^2_{0,0,0}.
\]

Furthermore, by setting

\[
P^2_{1,0,0} := g_1(u, v, w) P^1_{1,0,0} + g_2(u, v, w) P^1_{1,1,0} + g_3(u, v, w) P^1_{1,1,1}
\]

we have

\[
R(u, v, w) = \frac{1-\cos^2 u}{\sin^2 u + \sin^2 v + \sin^2 w} P^2_{1,0,0} + \frac{1-\cos v}{\sin^2 u + \sin^2 v + \sin^2 w} P^2_{0,1,0} + \frac{\sin v}{\sin^2 u + \sin^2 v + \sin^2 w} P^2_{0,0,1} + \frac{1-\cos u}{\sin^2 u + \sin^2 v + \sin^2 w} P^2_{0,0,0}.
\]

For 4, it is easy to check that \( f_1(u, v, w) + f_2(u, v, w) + f_3(u, v, w) = 1 \) and \( g_1(u, v, w) + g_2(u, v, w) + g_3(u, v, w) = 1 \) (by using Lemma 1). Thus Eqs. (8) and (9) indicate a de Casteljau-type algorithm for computing the proposed triangular Bézier patch given in (5).

C. Join two triangular Bézier surfaces

In practical surface construction, we often need to join several patches together to generate surfaces that are too complex to handle with a single patch. During the join of the triangular Bézier patches, we need to control the smoothness of the connecting surface. Let two triangular Bézier patches be

\[
R_1(u, v, w) = \sum_{i+j+k=3} B^3_{i,j,k} P_{i,j,k},
\]

and

\[
R_2(u, v, w) = \sum_{i+j+k=3} B^3_{i,j,k} Q_{i,j,k}.
\]

Apparently, if the control points satisfy

\[
P_{0,j,k} = Q_{0,j,k}, j, k \in \mathbb{N}, j + k = 3,
\]

the two patches join along a common boundary curve: \( R_1(0, v, w) = R_2(0, v, w), v + w = \pi/2 \). Thus, the two patches clearly form a surface with positional continuity, or a surface with \( C^0 \) continuity. For the common boundary curve \( R_1(0, v, \pi/2 - v) \) differentiating with respect to 4, we have

\[
\frac{dR_1(0, v, \pi/2 - v)}{dv} = \sin v (1 - \cos v)^{-1} [\beta + \mu - \mu (\beta + 1) \cos v]
\]

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For $R_1(u, v, \pi/2 - u - v)$ and $R_2(u, v, \pi/2 - u - v)$, by differentiating with respect to $u$ respectively, we get

\[
\frac{dR_1(u, v, \pi/2 - u - v)}{du}
= \sin v (1 - \cos v) \beta^2 \left[ \beta + \mu (\beta + 1) \cos v \right] \\
\times \left( P_{0,0,3} - P_{0,2,1} \right) + 2 \sin v \cos v \times \left( P_{0,2,1} - P_{0,1,2} \right) \\
+ \cos v (1 - \sin v)^{\gamma - 1} \left[ \gamma + \eta - \eta (\gamma + 1) \sin v \right] \\
\times \left( P_{0,1,2} - P_{0,0,3} \right),
\]

(12)

\[
\frac{dR_2(u, v, \pi/2 - u - v)}{du}
= \sin v (1 - \cos v) \beta^2 \left[ \beta + \mu (\beta + 1) \cos v \right] \\
\times \left( Q_{0,0,3} - Q_{0,2,1} \right) + 2 \sin v \cos v \times \left( Q_{0,2,1} - Q_{0,1,2} \right) \\
+ \cos v (1 - \sin v)^{\gamma - 1} \left[ \gamma + \eta - \eta (\gamma + 1) \sin v \right] \\
\times \left( Q_{0,1,2} - Q_{0,0,3} \right).
\]

(13)

The condition for smooth joining is that the vectors defined by Eq. (11) through (13) are coplanar for any value of $v$, see [29], which can be expressed as follows:

\[
\frac{dR_1(u, v, \pi/2 - u - v)}{du}
\mid_{u=0} = \phi \frac{dR_1(u, v, \pi/2 - u - v)}{du}
\mid_{u=0} + \varphi \frac{dR_2(u, v, \pi/2 - u - v)}{du}
\mid_{u=0},
\]

where $\phi$ and $\varphi$ both are constants. From these, we can obtain a rule

\[
\begin{align*}
Q_{1,2,0} - Q_{0,2,1} &= \phi \left( P_{0,3,0} - P_{0,2,1} \right) + \varphi \left( P_{1,2,0} - P_{0,2,1} \right), \\
Q_{1,1,1} - Q_{0,1,2} &= \phi \left( P_{0,2,1} - P_{0,1,2} \right) + \varphi \left( P_{1,1,1} - P_{0,1,2} \right), \\
Q_{1,0,2} - Q_{0,0,3} &= \phi \left( P_{0,1,2} - P_{0,0,3} \right) + \varphi \left( P_{0,2,0} - P_{0,0,3} \right).
\end{align*}
\]

(14)

Summarizing the above discussion, we can conclude the following theorem.

**Theorem 2:** For $\alpha_i, \beta, \gamma \in [1, +\infty)$, $\lambda \in [-\alpha, 1]$, $\mu \in [-\beta, 1]$, $\eta \in [-\gamma, 1]$, $i = 1, 2$, the surface connected $R_1(u, v, w)$ with $R_2(u, v, w)$ is continuous, if the control points satisfy the conditions (10) and (14).

From Theorem 2, we can see that the conditions for smooth joining two triangular Bézier patches are analogous to the conditions for joining two triangular Bernstein-Bézier patches; see [29]. However, we can adjust the shape of the obtained $G^1$ continuous surface conveniently using the shape parameters in the triangular Bézier patches.

Fig. 4 shows the $G^1$ continuous surface generated by smooth joining triangular Bézier patches with different shape parameters. The parameters take fixed value $\phi = 1$ and $\varphi = -1$.

**IV. Conclusion**

The new proposed trigonometric Bézier basis functions possessing six shape parameters over triangular domain are useful for constructing surfaces in CAGD, which include some special cases given in [24], [25], [26], [28]. They have good properties such as nonnegativity, partition of unity, symmetry, linear independence and so on. With the new basis functions, we construct the trigonometric Bézier patch over triangular domain, which has some properties analogous to that of the triangular Bernstein-Bézier cubic patch. In order to computer the trigonometric Bézier patch, we propose a new practical de Casteljau-type algorithm. In the end of the paper, we show the $G^1$ continuous smooth surfaces joining two trigonometric Bézier patches with different shape parameters, which have practical significance in the surface construction.

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