

Almost-Orthogonality of Restricted Haar Functions

Master's thesis talk

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Theorem (Marcus, Spielman, Srivastava 2014)

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Let $p > \frac{3}{4}$ and $E \subset [0, 1]$. Then

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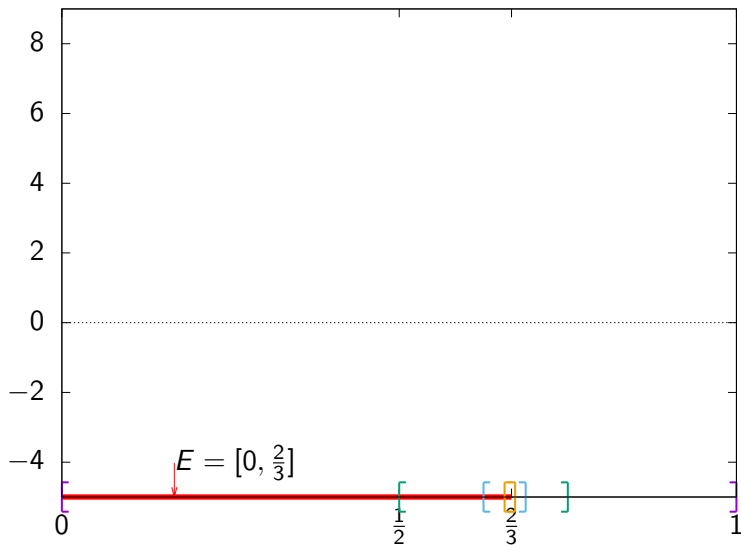
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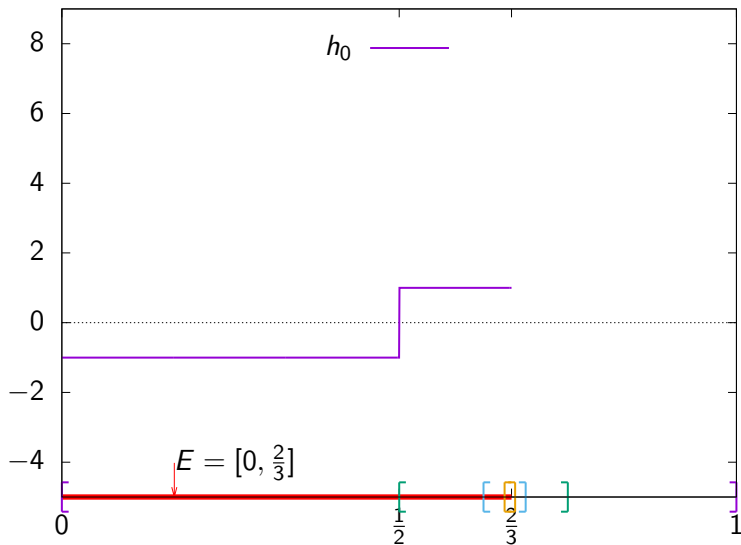
Remark

If $E = [0, \frac{1}{4}] \cup [\frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{4}]$ then $h_{[0,1]} \mathbb{1}_E - h_{[0, \frac{1}{2}]} \mathbb{1}_E + h_{[\frac{1}{2}, 1]} \mathbb{1}_E = 0$ so $p > \frac{1}{2}$ is necessary. $p = 1$ is sufficient.

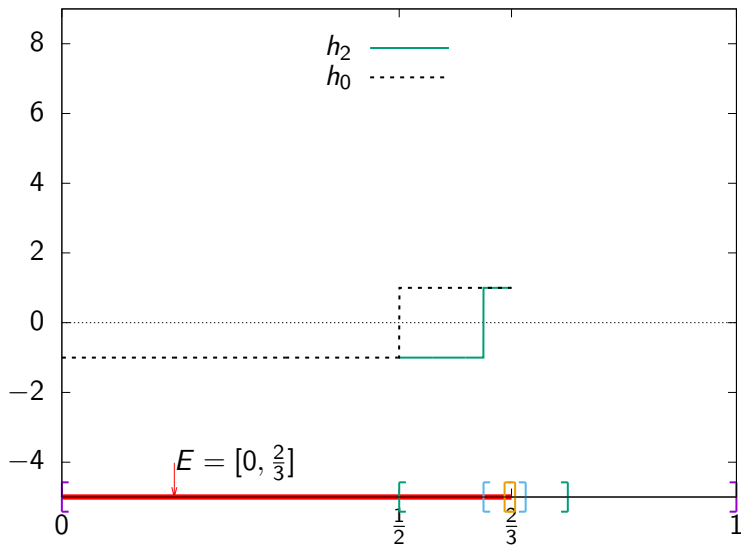
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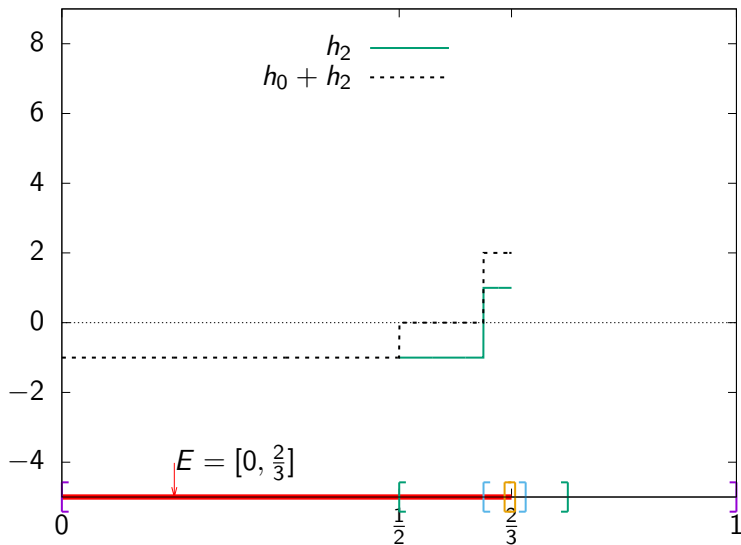
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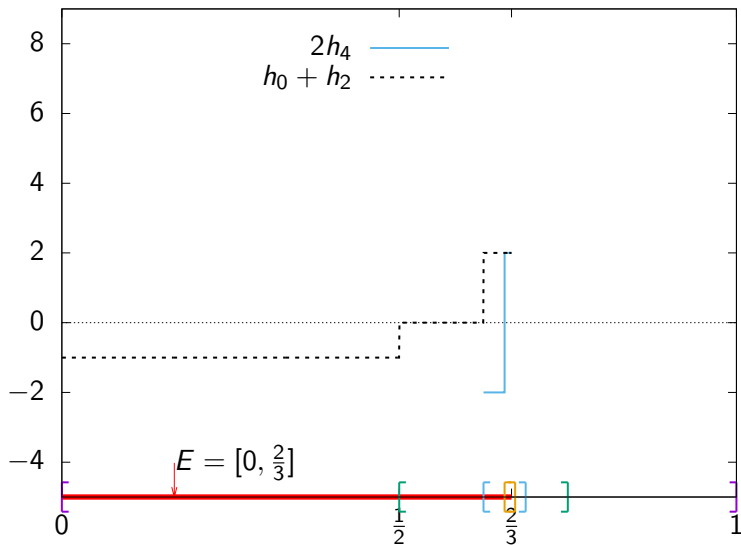
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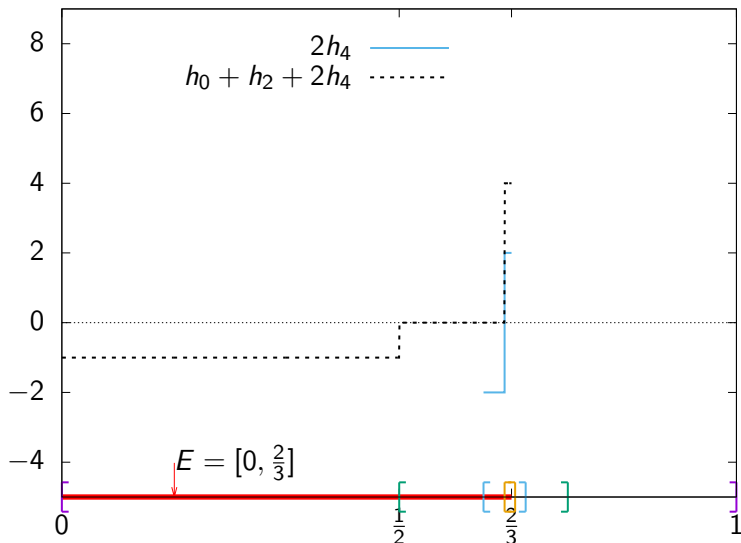
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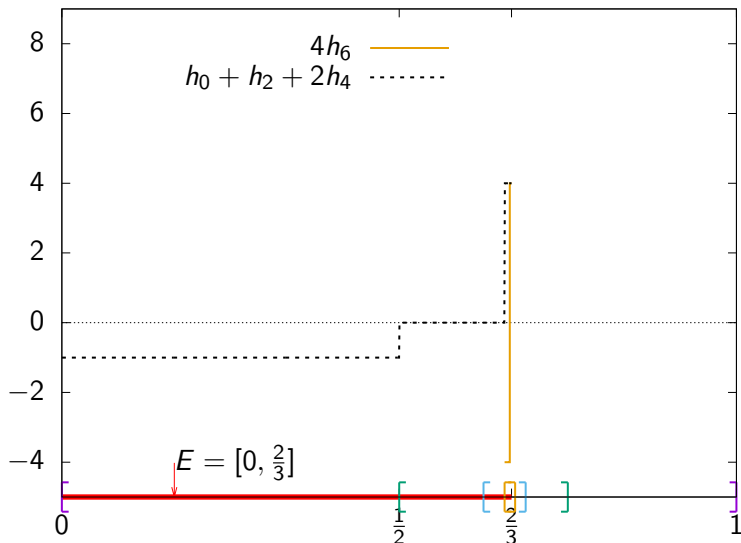
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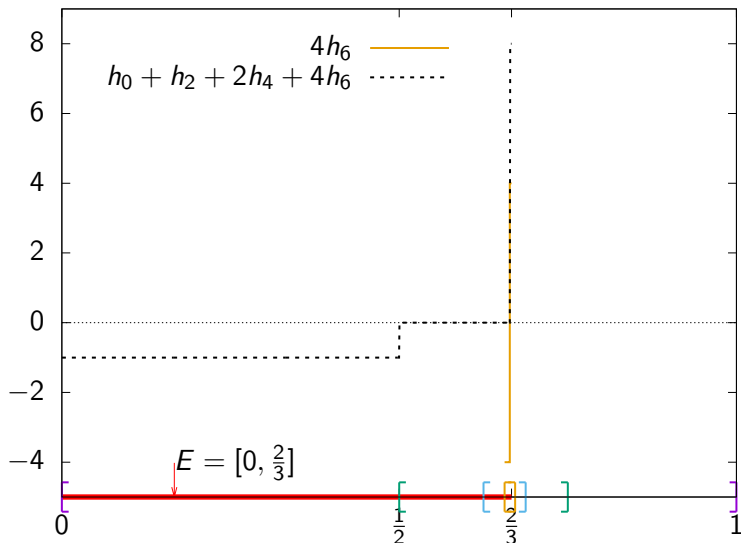
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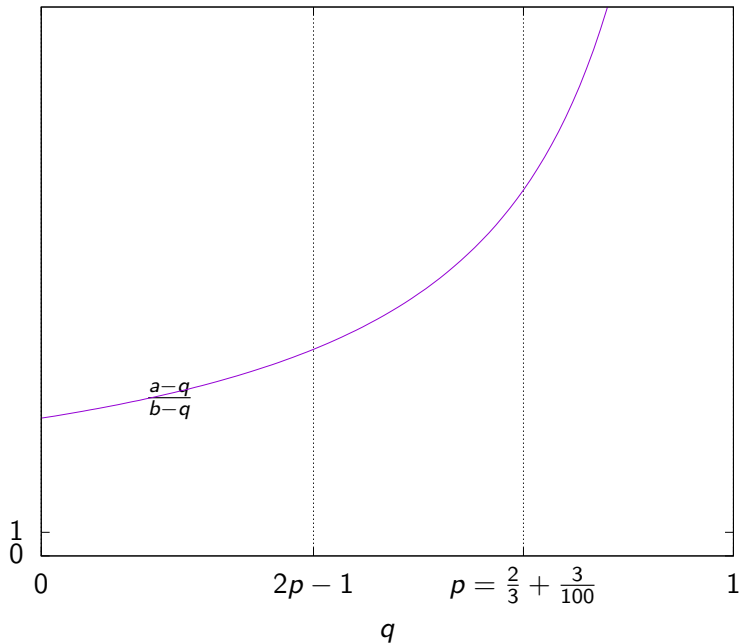
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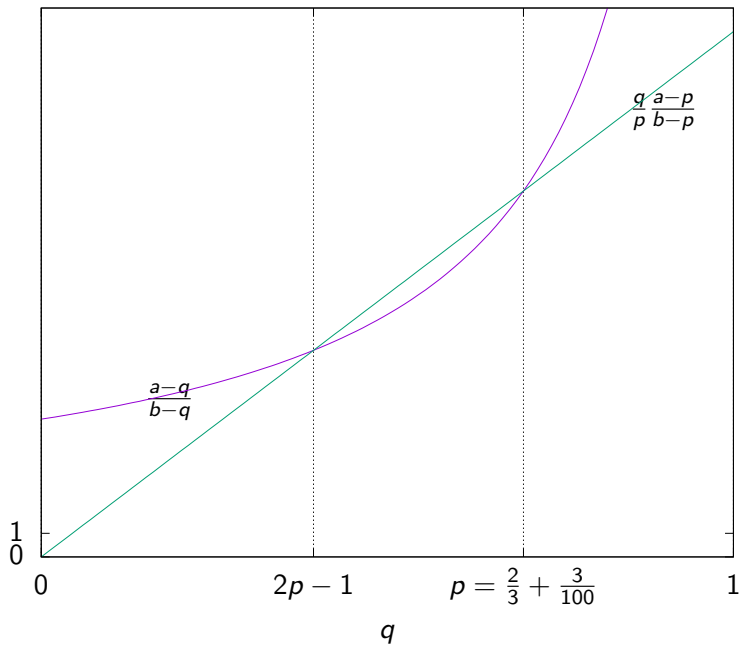
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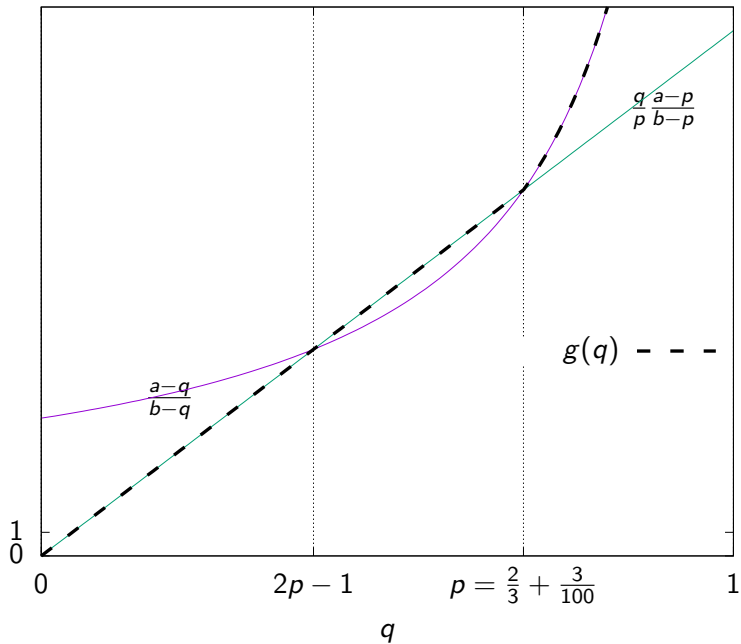
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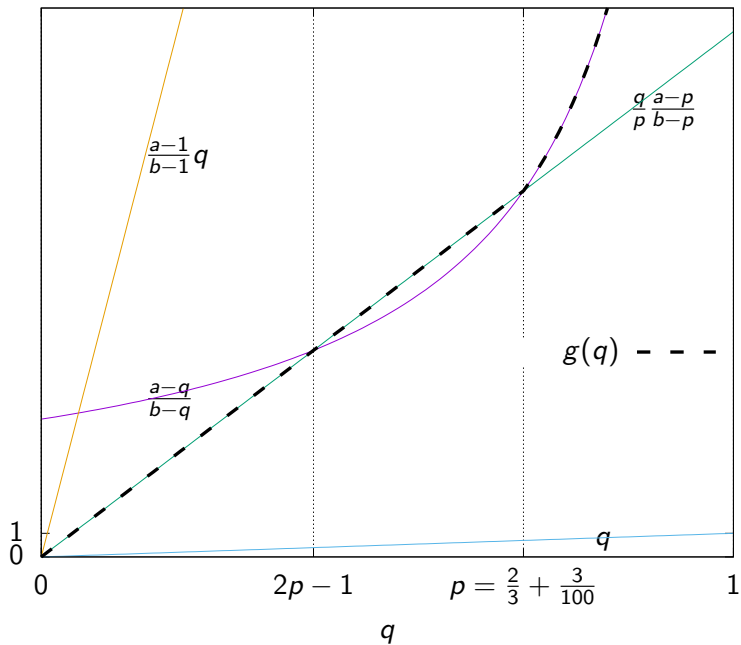
$$g(q) := \frac{a - q}{b - q}$$

with $a \geq b > 1$ then g satisfies (??) for all $q_1, q_2 \in [0, 1]$. But not (??).









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