

## INTERPOLATION BY QUADRATIC AND CUBIC SPLINES IN $L_p$

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**Summary.** The approximation of differentiable functions and their derivatives by means of interpolated quadratic and cubic splines on equidistant set in  $L_p$  metric,  $1 \leq p < \infty$ , is considered. The received estimations are expressed by the modulus of continuity in  $L_p$  of the corresponding derivatives of the approximated function.

In this paper we shall consider an error of approximation of functions by quadratic and cubic interpolated splines on finite interval  $[a, b]$  in  $L_p$ -metric,  $1 \leq p < \infty$ . The equidistant set of knots will be considered:  $x_i = a + ih$ ,  $i = 0, 1, \dots, n$ ,  $\bar{x}_i = x_i - h/2$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ,  $h = (b - a)/n$ ,  $\bar{x}_0 = a$ ,  $x_{n+1} = b$ .

The function  $S_2$  is called interpolated quadratic spline of the function  $f$ , if:

- (1) a)  $S_2$  is a polynomial of degree  $\leq 2$  in  $[\bar{x}_i, \bar{x}_{i+1}]$ ,  $i = 0, 1, \dots, n$ ;  
b)  $S_2 \in C^1[a, b]$ ;  
c)  $S_2(x_i) = f(x_i)$ ,  $i = 0, 1, \dots, n$ .

Also the function  $S_3$  is called interpolation cubic spline of the function  $f$ , if:

- (2) a)  $S_3$  is a polynomial of degree  $\leq 3$  in  $[x_i, x_{i+1}]$ ,  $i = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$ ;  
b)  $S_3 \in C^2[a, b]$ ;  
c)  $S_3(x_i) = f(x_i)$ ,  $i = 0, 1, \dots, n$ .

The general results for error of approximation of bounded,  $p$ -integrable function by means of quadratic and cubic interpolated splines in  $L_p$ -metric are given in [1]:

**Theorem A.** If the  $(b-a)$ -periodic function  $f$  is bounded and  $f \in L_p$ , then

$$\|f - S_k\|_{L_p} \leq c \tau_{k+1}(f; h)_{L_p},$$

where  $S_k$ ,  $k = 2, 3$ , are defined in (1) and (2).

The modulus  $\tau_k(f; \delta)_{L_p}$  in above estimation is determined in the following way [2]:  $\tau_k(f; \delta)_{L_p} = \|\omega_k(f, \cdot; \delta)\|_{L_p}$ , where  $\omega_k(f, x; \delta) = \sup \{ |\Delta_h^k f(t)|, t, t + kh \in [x - k\delta/2, x + k\delta/2] \cap [a, b] \}$ .

From Theorem A and from some of the properties of  $\tau_k(f; \delta)_{L_p}$  - [2], [3], [4],  $\tau_k(f; \delta)_{L_p} \leq c(k)\delta \omega_{k-1}(f'; \delta)_{L_p}$ ,  $\tau_1(f; \delta)_{L_p} \leq \delta \|f'\|_{L_p}$ ,  $\tau_1(f; \delta)_L \leq 2\delta \int_0^1$   
 $f$ -series of corollaries can be obtained.

Our purpose is to find an estimation for  $\|f^{(i)} - S_k^{(i)}\|_{L_p}$ ,  $i=0, 1, \dots, k$ ,  $k=2, 3$ , when  $f^{(k)} \in L_p$  (the condition that  $f^{(k-1)}$  is an absolutely continuous function will be provided always when we require that  $f^{(k)} \in L_p$ ).

**Lemma 1.** Let  $x_i + \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^n a_{ij} x_j = y_i$ ,  $i=1, 2, \dots, n$ , be a system of linear equations and

$$\sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^n |a_{ij}| \leq q < 1, \quad \sum_{i=1, i \neq j}^n |a_{ij}| \leq q < 1.$$

Then the following estimations  $\|x\|_{l_p} \leq (1-q)^{-1} \|y\|_{l_p}$  hold, where  $\|x\|_{l_p} = \{\sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|^p\}^{1/p}$ .

**Lemma 2.** Let the  $(b-a)$ -periodic function  $f$  belong to  $L_p$ . If we denote by  $f_h$

$$f_h(x) = h^{-1} \int_0^h f(x+t) dt$$

then  $\|f - f_h\|_{L_p} \leq \omega(f; h)_{L_p}$ ,  $\|f'_h\|_{L_p} \leq h^{-1} \omega(f; h)_{L_p}$ ,  $f'_h = (f_h)'$ .

This lemma is proved in more general case in [5], [6].

**Lemma 3.** Let the function  $f$  be  $(b-a)$ -periodic and  $f^{(i)} \in L_p$ ,  $i=1, 2$ . Then  $\|S_2^{(i)}\|_{L_p} \leq c_i \|f^{(i)}\|_{L_p}$ ,  $i=1, 2$ , where  $c_1=6$ ,  $c_2=4$  and  $S_2$  is defined by (2) and  $S_2^{(k)}(a) = S_2^{(k)}(b)$ ,  $k=1, 2$ .

**Proof.** Let us denote  $S_2'(x_i) = m_i$ ,  $S_2''(x_i) = M_i$ ,  $x_{i+1/2} = x_i + h/2$ ,  $x_{i-1/2} = x_i - h/2$ . First we shall consider the case  $f' \in L_p$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} (3) \quad \|S_2'\|_{L_p} &= \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \int_{x_{i-1/2}}^{x_{i+1/2}} |S'(x)|^p dx \right)^{1/p} = \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \int_{x_{i-1/2}}^{x_{i+1/2}} \left| \int_{x_i}^x S''(t) dt + m_i \right|^p dx \right)^{1/p} \\ &= \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \int_{x_{i-1/2}}^{x_{i+1/2}} |M_i(x-x_i) + m_i|^p dx \right)^{1/p} \leq \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \int_{x_{i-1/2}}^{x_{i+1/2}} |M_i(x-x_i)|^p dx \right)^{1/p} \\ &\quad + \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \int_{x_{i-1/2}}^{x_{i+1/2}} |m_i|^p dx \right)^{1/p} \leq \frac{h^{1+1/p}}{2} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |M_i|^p \right)^{1/p} + h^{1/p} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |m_i|^p \right)^{1/p}. \end{aligned}$$

The numbers  $m_i, M_i$  satisfy the following linear equations [7, p. 42, p. 63]:

$$(4) \quad \frac{M_{i-1}}{8} + \frac{6}{8} M_i + \frac{M_{i+1}}{8} = \frac{\Delta^2 f_{i-1}}{h^2}, \quad i=1, 2, \dots, n, \quad M_0 = M_n, \quad M_1 = M_{n+1},$$

and

$$(5) \quad \frac{m_{i-1}}{6} + m_i + \frac{m_{i+1}}{6} = \frac{2}{3h} (f_{i+1} - f_{i-1}), \quad i=1, 2, \dots, n, \quad m_0 = m_n, \quad m_1 = m_{n+1}.$$

From Lemma 1 and (4) follows

$$\begin{aligned} (6) \quad \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |M_i|^p \right)^{1/p} &\leq \frac{4}{h^2} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |\Delta^2 f_{i-1}|^p \right)^{1/p} = \frac{4}{h^2} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \left| \int_{x_i}^{x_{i+1}} f'(t) dt - \int_{x_{i-1}}^{x_i} f'(t) dt \right|^p \right)^{1/p} \\ &\leq \frac{4}{h^2} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \int_{x_{i-1}}^{x_{i+1}} |f'(t)| dt \right)^p \right)^{1/p} \leq \frac{4}{h^2} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \int_{x_{i-1}}^{x_{i+1}} |f'(t)|^p dt \right)^{1/p} \right)^p \\ &\quad \times \left( \int_{x_{i-1}}^{x_{i+1}} dt \right)^{1/q} \right)^{1/p} = 8h^{1/q-2} \|f'\|_{L_p}, \quad \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1. \end{aligned}$$

From Lemma 1 and (5) we find similarly

$$(7) \quad \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |m_i|^p \right)^{1/p} \leq \frac{1}{h} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |f_{i+1} - f_{i-1}|^p \right)^{1/p} \\ = \frac{1}{h} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \int_{x_{i-1}}^{x_{i+1}} |f'(t)| dt \right)^p \right)^{1/p} \leq h^{1/q-1} \|f'\|_{L_p}, \quad \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1.$$

From (3), (6) and (7) follows  $\|S_2'\|_{L_p} \leq 6\|f'\|_{L_p}$ . Let now  $f'' \in L_p$ . Then

$$(8) \quad \|S_2''\|_{L_p} = \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \int_{x_{i-1/2}}^{x_{i+1/2}} |M_i|^p dx \right)^{1/p} = h^{1/p} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |M_i|^p \right)^{1/p}.$$

Using again Lemma 1 we receive

$$(9) \quad \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |M_i|^p \right)^{1/p} \leq \frac{2}{h^2} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |\Delta^2 f_{i-1}|^p \right)^{1/p} = \frac{2}{h^2} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \left| \int_{x_{i-1}}^{x_i} \int_v^{v+h} f''(u) dudv \right|^p \right)^{1/p} \\ \leq \frac{2}{h^2} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \int_{x_{i-1}}^{x_i} \int_{x_{i-1}}^{x_{i+1}} |f''(u)| dudv \right)^p \right)^{1/p} \leq 4h^{1/q-1} \|f''\|_{L_p}, \quad \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1,$$

and (8), (9) give us  $\|S_2''\|_{L_p} \leq 4\|f''\|_{L_p}$ .

Lemma 4. Let the function  $f$  be  $(b-a)$ -periodic and  $f^{(i)} \in L_p$ ,  $i=1, 2, 3$ . Then the following inequality

$$\|S_3^{(i)}\|_{L_p} \leq c_i \|f^{(i)}\|_{L_p}, \quad i=1, 2, 3,$$

holds, where  $c_1=11$ ,  $c_2=12$ ,  $c_3=18$  and  $S_3$  is defined by (2) and periodic conditions  $S_3^{(k)}(a) = S_3^{(k)}(b)$ ,  $k=1, 2$ .

Proof. We shall prove only the case  $f''' \in L_p$ . The other two cases can be proved in a similar manner. Let us denote  $S_3'(x_i) = m_i$ ,  $S_3''(x_i) = M_i$ ,  $i=0, 1, \dots, n$ . Then

$$(10) \quad \|S_3'''\|_{L_p} = \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \int_{x_{i-1}}^{x_i} |S_3'''(t)|^p dt \right)^{1/p} = h^{1/p-1} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |M_i - M_{i-1}|^p \right)^{1/p}.$$

The numbers  $M_i$  satisfy the following system of linear equations [7, p. 84]:  $M_{i-1} + 4M_i + M_{i+1} = 6\Delta^2 f_{i-1}/h^2$ ,  $i=1, 2, \dots, n$ ,  $M_0 = M_n$ ,  $M_{-1} = M_{n-1}$ ,  $M_1 = M_{n+1}$ , hence

$$(11) \quad (M_i - M_{i-1}) + 4(M_{i+1} - M_i) + (M_{i+2} - M_{i+1}) = 6\Delta^3 f_{i-1}/h^3, \quad i=0, 1, \dots, n-1.$$

From Lemma 1 and (11) we have

$$\left( \sum_{i=1}^n |M_i - M_{i-1}|^p \right)^{1/p} \leq \frac{3}{h^2} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |\Delta^3 f_{i-2}|^p \right)^{1/p} \\ = \frac{3}{h^2} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \left| \int_{x_{i-2}}^{x_{i-1}} \int_u^{u+h} \int_v^{v+h} f'''(x) dx dv du \right|^p \right)^{1/p} \leq \frac{3}{h^2} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \int_{x_{i-2}}^{x_{i-1}} \int_{x_{i-2}}^{x_i} \int_{x_{i-2}}^{x_{i+1}} \right. \right.$$

$$\left. \left. |f'''(x)| dx dv du \right)^p \right)^{1/p} \leq 6 \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \int_{x_{i-2}}^{x_{i+1}} |f'''(x)| dx \right)^p \right)^{1/p} \leq 18h^{1/q} \|f'''\|_{L_p}, \quad \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1.$$

The last inequality and (10) give  $\|S_3'''\|_{L_p} \leq 18 \|f'''\|_{L_p}$ .

Lemma 5. Let  $f$  be  $(b-a)$ -periodic function and  $f''' \in L_p$ . Then the following inequality  $\|f''' - S_2'''\|_{L_p} \leq 5h \|f'''\|_{L_p}$  holds, where  $S_2$  is defined by (2) and the periodic conditions  $S_2^{(k)}(a) = S_2^{(k)}(b)$ ,  $k=1, 2$ .

The proof of this lemma will be omitted. In fact this lemma is proved in [7, p. 73] in case  $p=2$ . In general case the proof is the same replacing everywhere 2 by  $p$  and using Lemma 1.

Lemma 6. Let  $f$  be  $(b-a)$ -periodic function and  $f^{(IV)} \in L_p$ . Then the inequality  $\|f'''' - S_3'''\|_{L_p} \leq 10h \|f^{(IV)}\|_{L_p}$  holds, where  $S_3$  is determined by (2) and the periodic conditions  $S_3^{(k)}(a) = S_3^{(k)}(b)$ ,  $k=1, 2$ .

Proof. Denoting  $S_3''(x_i) = M_i$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} (12) \quad \|S_3'''' - f''''\|_{L_p} &= \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \int_{x_{i-1}}^{x_i} |f''''(x) - f''''_{i-1/2} + f''''_{i-1/2} - \frac{M_i - M_{i-1}}{h}|^p dx \right)^{1/p} \\ &\leq \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \int_{x_{i-1}}^{x_i} \left| \int_{x_{i-1/2}}^x f^{(IV)}(t) dt \right|^p dx \right)^{1/p} + h^{1/p} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |f''''_{i-1/2} - \frac{M_i - M_{i-1}}{h}|^p \right)^{1/p} \\ &\leq \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \int_{x_{i-1}}^{x_i} \left( \int_{x_{i-1}}^{x_i} |f^{(IV)}(t)|^p dt \right)^{1/p} \left( \int_{x_{i-1}}^{x_i} dt \right)^{1/q} dx \right)^{1/p} + h^{1/p} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |f''''_{i-1/2} - \frac{M_i - M_{i-1}}{h}|^p \right)^{1/p} \\ &\leq h \|f^{(IV)}\|_{L_p} + h^{1/p-1} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |hf''''_{i-1/2} - (M_i - M_{i-1})|^p \right)^{1/p}. \end{aligned}$$

Using (11) and Lemma 1 we receive

$$\begin{aligned} (13) \quad \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |hf''''_{i-1/2} - (M_i - M_{i-1})|^p \right)^{1/p} &\leq \frac{1}{2} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \left| 6 \frac{\Delta^3 f_{i-2}}{h^2} - hf''''_{i-3/2} - 4hf''''_{i-1/2} \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. - hf''''_{i+1/2} \right|^p \right)^{1/p} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |6hf'''(\xi_i) - hf''''_{i-3/2} - 4hf''''_{i-1/2} - hf''''_{i+1/2}|^p \right)^{1/p} \\ &= \frac{h}{2} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \left| \int_{x_{i-3/2}}^{\xi_i} f^{(IV)}(t) dt + 4 \int_{x_{i-1/2}}^{\xi_i} f^{(IV)}(t) dt + \int_{x_{i+1/2}}^{\xi_i} f^{(IV)}(t) dt \right|^p \right)^{1/p} \\ &\leq 3h \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \int_{x_{i-2}}^{x_{i+1}} |f^{(IV)}(t)| dt \right)^p \right)^{1/p} \leq 9h^{1+1/q} \|f^{(IV)}\|_{L_p}, \quad \xi_i \in [x_{i-2}, x_{i+1}], \quad \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1. \end{aligned}$$

From (12) and (13) follows the lemma.

Theorem 1. Let  $f$  be  $(b-a)$ -periodic function and  $f'' \in L_p$ ,  $i=1, 2$ . Then the following inequality

$$\|f^{(i)} - S_2^{(i)}\|_{L_p} \leq 10 h^{2-i} \omega(f''; h)_{L_p}, \quad i=0, 1, 2,$$

holds, where  $S_2$  is a periodic, quadratic interpolated spline, defined by (1) and the periodic conditions  $S_2^{(k)}(a) = S_2^{(k)}(b)$ ,  $k=1, 2$ .

Proof. Denoting  $f_h(x) = h^{-1} \int_0^h f(x+t) dt$  it is clear that  $f_h''' \in L_p$ ,  $f_h''(x) = h^{-1} \int_0^h f''(x+t) dt$  and

$$(14) \quad \|S_2'(f) - f''\|_{L_p} \leq \|f'' - f_h''\|_{L_p} + \|f_h'' - S_2'(f_h)\|_{L_p} + \|S_2'(f_h) - S_2'(f)\|_{L_p}.$$

From Lemmas 2, 3, 5, we obtain

$$\|f'' - f_h''\|_{L_p} \leq \omega(f''; h)_{L_p}, \quad \|f_h'' - S_2'(f_h)\|_{L_p} \leq 5h \|f_h'''\|_{L_p} \leq 5\omega(f''; h)_{L_p},$$

$$\|S_2'(f_h) - S_2'(f)\|_{L_p} = \|S_2'(f_h - f)\|_{L_p} \leq 4\|f_h'' - f''\|_{L_p} \leq 4\omega(f''; h)_{L_p}.$$

The last inequalities and (14) give

$$(15) \quad \|S_2' - f''\|_{L_p} \leq 10\omega(f''; h)_{L_p}.$$

Now using (15) and well-known inequality [7, p. 75]

$$(16) \quad \|S_2^{(i)} - f^{(i)}\|_{L_p} \leq h \|S_2^{(i+1)} - f^{(i+1)}\|_{L_p}, \quad i=0, 1,$$

we prove the theorem.

**Theorem 2.** Let  $f$  be  $(b-a)$ -periodic function and  $f' \in L_p$ . Then

$$\|f^{(i)} - S_2^{(i)}\|_{L_p} \leq 27h^{1-i}\omega(f'; h)_{L_p},$$

where  $S_2$  is a periodic, quadratic, interpolated spline, defined by (1), and the periodic conditions  $S_2^{(k)}(a) = S_2^{(k)}(b)$ ,  $k=1, 2$ ,

Proof. Similarly to the proof of the previous theorem

$$(17) \quad \|f' - S_2'\|_{L_p} \leq \|f' - f_h'\|_{L_p} + \|S_2'(f) - S_2'(f_h)\|_{L_p} + \|S_2'(f_h) - S_2'(f)\|_{L_p}$$

and

$$(18) \quad \|f' - f_h'\|_{L_p} \leq \omega(f'; h)_{L_p},$$

$$(19) \quad \|S_2'(f_h) - S_2'(f)\|_{L_p} = \|S_2'(f_h - f)\|_{L_p} \leq 6\|f_h' - f'\|_{L_p} \leq 6\omega(f'; h)_{L_p}.$$

From Theorem 1 we obtain

$$(20) \quad \|S'(f_h) - f_h'\|_{L_p} \leq 10h\omega(f_h''; h)_{L_p}.$$

As

$$(21) \quad \omega(f_h''; h)_{L_p} \leq \frac{2}{h} \omega(f'; h)_{L_p},$$

finally we get from (17)–(21)

$$\|S'(f) - f'\|_{L_p} \leq 27\omega(f'; h)_{L_p},$$

and for the completion of the theorem the inequality (16) must be used.

**Theorem 3.** Let the function  $f$  be  $(b-a)$ -periodic and  $f''' \in L_p$ . Then the following inequality

$$\|S_3^{(i)} - f^{(i)}\|_{L_p} \leq 29h^{3-i}\omega(f'''; h)_{L_p}, \quad i=0, 1, 2, 3,$$

holds, where the periodic, interpolated cubic spline  $S_3$  is determined by (2) and the periodic conditions  $S_3^{(k)}(a) = S_3^{(k)}(b)$ ,  $k=1, 2$ .



Proof. As

$$(22) \quad \|S_3''' - f'''\|_{L_p} \leq \|f''' - f_h'''\|_{L_p} + \|f_h''' - S_3'''(f_h)\|_{L_p} + \|S_3'''(f_h) - S_3'''(f)\|_{L_p},$$

using Lemmas 2, 4, 6 we obtain

$$(23) \quad \|f''' - f_h'''\|_{L_p} \leq \omega(f'''; h)_{L_p},$$

$$(24) \quad \|f_h''' - S_3'''(f_h)\|_{L_p} \leq 10h \|f_h^{(IV)}\|_{L_p} \leq 10\omega(f'''; h)_{L_p},$$

$$(25) \quad \|S_3'''(f_h) - S_3'''(f)\|_{L_p} \leq \|S_3'''(f_h - f)\|_{L_p} \leq 18 \|f_h''' - f'''\|_{L_p} \\ \leq 18\omega(f'''; h)_{L_p}.$$

From (22)–(25) follows  $\|S_3'''(f) - f'''\|_{L_p} \leq 29\omega(f'''; h)_{L_p}$  and for the completion of the proof the inequality  $\|S_3^{(i)} - f^{(i)}\|_{L_p} \leq h \|S_3^{(i+1)} - f^{(i+1)}\|_{L_p}$ ,  $i=0, 1, 2$ , must be used.

Theorem 4. Let the function  $f$  be  $(b-a)$ -periodic and  $f' \in L_p$ . Then

$$\|S_3^{(i)} - f^{(i)}\|_{L_p} \leq 71h^{2-i}\omega(f'; h)_{L_p}, \quad i=0, 1, 2,$$

where  $S_3$  is a periodic cubic spline, determined by (2) and the periodic conditions  $S_3^{(k)}(a) = S_3^{(k)}(b)$ ,  $k=1, 2$ .

Theorem 5. Let the function  $f$  be  $(b-a)$ -periodic and  $f' \in L_p$ . Then

$$\|S_3^{(i)} - f^{(i)}\|_{L_p} \leq 154h^{1-i}\omega(f'; h)_{L_p}$$

where  $S_3$  is defined as in Theorem 4.

The proofs of the two last theorems may be done in a similar way as in Theorem 2, using Lemmas 2, 4, 6.

In the case when the function  $f$  is not periodic and the interpolated spline is determined either by the conditions  $S_k'(a) = A$ ,  $S_k'(b) = B$  or by  $S_k''(a) = A$ ,  $S_k''(b) = B$ ,  $k=2, 3$  (quadratic, cubic) the form of the estimations in the Theorems 1–5 remains valid, adding to the right side an additional term of the form  $Ch^{m-i}$ , where  $C=C(A, B)$ ,  $m, i$ —integer.

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