

TRIGONOMETRIC INTERPOLATION OF
FUNCTIONS OF BOUNDED VARIATION

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Let BV denote the set of all 2π -periodic complex-valued functions of bounded variation. We consider for $f \in BV$ the trigonometric interpolatory polynomial of degree n

$$(L_n f)(x) = \frac{2}{2n+1} \sum_{k=0}^{2n} f(x_k) K_n(x-x_k)$$

with the Dirichlet kernel

$$K_n(x) = \frac{1}{2} + \sum_{m=1}^n \cos mx$$

based on the equidistant nodes

$$x_k = \frac{2k\pi}{2n+1} \quad (k=0, 1, \dots, 2n).$$

The purpose of this note is to give the exact order of L^p -convergence of $L_n f$ to $f \in BV$ for $1 \leq p < \infty$. A first result in this direction was stated by S. Prößdorf, B. Silbermann [1] and K. Zacharias [2] in the case $p=2$. In [3] we proved with help of estimations of the Fourier-coefficients the following result for $p \geq 2$:

$$\|f - L_n f\|_p = O(n^{-1-1/p}) \quad n \rightarrow \infty,$$

if the l -th derivative of f exists in BV. It is interesting to compare these results with the best approximation to f and the approximation by the n -th Fourier-sum $S_n f$. We have for $f \in BV$ the well-known estimations

$$E_n(f, L^p) \leq c V(f) n^{-1/p} \quad (1 \leq p < \infty)$$

and

$$\|f - S_n f\|_p \leq V(f) n^{-1/p} \cdot \begin{cases} A \ln n & \text{if } p=1, \\ A(p) & \text{if } 1 < p < \infty, \end{cases}$$

which are in general the best possible.

Now we formulate the analogous result for interpolation.

Theorem. If $f \in BV$ and $n=1,2,\dots$, then

$$\|f - L_n f\|_p \leq B \cdot V(f) \cdot (2n+1)^{-1/p} \cdot \begin{cases} 22 + 4.2 \ln n & \text{if } p=1, \\ C(p) & \text{if } 1 < p < \infty, \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

where

$$B = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } f \text{ real-valued,} \\ \sqrt{2} & \text{if } f \text{ complex-valued.} \end{cases}$$

Further $C(p)$ depends only on p and

$$C(p) \leq \begin{cases} 18 + 6/(p-1) & \text{if } 1 < p < 2, \\ 10 & \text{if } p=2, \\ 20 & \text{if } 2 < p < \infty. \end{cases}$$

For the proof we need some Lemmas.

Lemma 1. For $n \geq 1$ and $x_k \leq x \leq x_{k+1}$ we have

$$|K_n(x)| \leq \begin{cases} (2n+1)/2 & \text{if } k=0, k=2n, \\ (2n+1)/4k & \text{if } 0 < k \leq n, \\ (2n+1)/4(2n-k) & \text{if } n < k < 2n, \end{cases}$$

and

$$|K_n(x) + K_n(x+x_1)| \leq \begin{cases} (2n+1)/2 & \text{if } k=0, k=2n-1, \\ \pi(2n+1)/8k^2 & \text{if } 0 < k \leq n-1, \\ \pi(2n+1)/8(2n-k-1)^2 & \text{if } n \leq k < 2n-1. \end{cases}$$

The proof follows directly from the representation of the Dirichlet kernel.

Lemma 2. For $0 \leq j < 2n$ we have

$$\int_{x_{j+1}}^{2\pi} \left| \sum_{k=0}^j K_n(x-x_k) \right|^p dx + \int_0^j \left| \sum_{k=j+1}^{2n} K_n(x-x_k) \right|^p dx$$

$$\leq \begin{cases} 56.1 + 13.1 \ln n & \text{if } p=1, \\ c(p) \cdot (2n+1)^{p-1} & \text{if } 1 < p < \infty, \end{cases}$$

with

$$c(p) < 2\pi \cdot \begin{cases} ((7+3/(p-1))^p & \text{if } 1 < p < 2, \\ 20 & \text{if } p = 2, \\ 8^p & \text{if } 2 < p < \infty. \end{cases}$$

Proof. Let

$$A_r = \int_{x_r}^{x_{r+1}} \left| \sum_{k=0}^j K_n(x-x_k) \right|^p dx \quad (j < r < 2n+1),$$

and

$$B_s = \int_{x_s}^{x_{s+1}} \left| \sum_{k=j+1}^{2n} K_n(x-x_k) \right|^p dx \quad (0 \leq s < j).$$

Then we obtain

$$A_r \leq \frac{2\pi}{2n+1} \max_{x_r \leq x \leq x_{r+1}} \left| \sum_{k=0}^j K_n(x-x_k) \right|^p.$$

For even j we define $d = \min(r-j, 2n-r+1)$, $e = \min(2n-r, r)$ and $f = \min(d, e) = \min(r-j, 2n-r)$. We get with Lemma 1 for $r < 2n$

$$A_r < \frac{2\pi}{2n+1} \left(\frac{\pi}{8} (2n+1) \cdot 2 \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} (d+2i)^{-2} + \frac{2n+1}{4e} \right)^p$$

and

$$A_{2n} < \frac{2\pi}{2n+1} \left(\frac{\pi}{8} (2n+1) \cdot 2 \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} (d+2i)^{-2} + \frac{2n+1}{2} \right)^p.$$

It follows by summation that

$$\sum_{r=j+1}^{2n} A_r < \frac{2\pi}{2n+1} \left(\frac{2n+1}{4} \right)^p \left\{ \left(\frac{3\pi}{2} + 2 \right)^p + 2 \sum_{f=1}^n \left(\frac{(1+\pi/2)f + \pi}{f^2} \right)^p \right\}.$$

The estimation of $\sum B_s$ and the case of odd j can be handled as above. We get the constants by easy calculations. ■

Lemma 3. For $0 \leq j \leq 2n$ we have

$$\int_{x_j}^{x_{j+1}} \left\{ \left| \sum_{k=0}^j K_n(x-x_k) \right| + \left| \sum_{k=j+1}^{2n} K_n(x-x_k) \right| \right\}^p dx \leq \frac{2\pi}{2n+1} \cdot 2^p \cdot (2n+1)^p.$$

Proof. An estimation with the help of Lemma 1 yields

$$\max_{x_j \leq x \leq x_{j+1}} \left\{ \left| \sum_{k=0}^j K_n(x-x_k) \right| + \left| \sum_{k=j+1}^{2n} K_n(x-x_k) \right| \right\}^p \leq$$

$$\leq \left\{ 2n+1 + \frac{\pi}{8}(2n+1) \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} i^{-2} \right\}^p < (2n+1)^p \cdot 2^p \quad \blacksquare$$

Proof of the Theorem. We set $f=g-h$ in $[0, 2\pi)$ for given real-valued f , where g and h are monotone increasing. Further we assume w.l.o.g. $g(0) = h(0) = 0$. For $0 \leq j \leq 2n$ we define

$$g_j(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq x_j, \\ g(x) - g(x_j) & \text{if } x_j < x < x_{j+1}, \\ g(x_{j+1}) - g(x_j) & \text{if } x_{j+1} \leq x < 2\pi. \end{cases}$$

Then we have

$$g = \sum_{j=0}^{2n} g_j, \quad V(g) = \sum_{j=0}^{2n} V(g_j), \quad (2)$$

and

$$\|g - L_n g\|_p \leq \sum_{j=0}^{2n} \|g_j - L_n g_j\|_p. \quad (3)$$

Now we consider

$$\begin{aligned} \|g_j - L_n g_j\|_p &= \frac{2}{2n+1} \left\{ \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \left| \sum_{k=0}^{2n} (g_j(x) - g_j(x_k)) K_n(x - x_k) \right|^p dx \right\}^{1/p} = \\ &= \frac{2}{2n+1} \left\{ \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{x_j} \left| \sum_{k=j+1}^{2n} g_j(x_k) K_n(x - x_k) \right|^p dx + \int_{x_{j+1}}^{2\pi} \left| \sum_{k=0}^j g_j(x) K_n(x - x_k) \right|^p dx \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \int_{x_j}^{x_{j+1}} \left| \sum_{k=0}^{2n} (g_j(x) - g_j(x_k)) K_n(x - x_k) \right|^p dx \right\}^{1/p}. \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 2 and Lemma 3 follows in the case $p > 1$

$$\|g_j - L_n g_j\|_p < (2n+1)^{-1/p} V(g_j) \cdot 2 \cdot (2^{p+c(p)}/2\pi)^{1/p}.$$

For $p=1$ we obtain analogously

$$\|g_j - L_n g_j\|_1 < V(g_j) \cdot (22 + 4.2 \ln n) / (2n+1).$$

The Theorem follows now by (2), (3) and

$$\|f - L_n f\|_p \leq \|g - L_n g\|_p + \|h - L_n h\|_p,$$

$$V(f) = V(g) + V(h).$$

Finally let us consider complex-valued f . Setting $f = f_1 + if_2$, we get the assertion with

$$V(f_1) + V(f_2) \leq \sqrt{2} V(f) . \blacksquare$$

Remark. The rate of convergence in (1) can not be improved in general. To show this, we give a simple example of a function $f \in BV$

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x=0, \\ 0 & \text{if } 0 < x < 2\pi . \end{cases}$$

A calculation yields

$$\|f - L_n f\|_p = \frac{2}{2n+1} \left(\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} |K_n(x)|^p dx \right)^{1/p} \geq \begin{cases} A n^{-1} \ln n & \text{if } p=1, \\ B n^{-1/p} & \text{if } 1 < p < \infty. \end{cases}$$

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