

DEGREE OF APPROXIMATION OF HERMITE-FEJER  
 INTERPOLATION BASED ON THE ZEROS  
 OF LEGENDRE POLYNOMIAL

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**1. Introduction** Let  $f(x) \in C_{[-1,1]}$  and let  $-1 < x_{1,n} < x_{2,n} < \dots < x_{n,n} < 1$  be the zeros of Legendre polynomial  $P_n(x)$  of degree  $n$ . It is well known that Hermite-Fejér interpolation polynomial based on  $\{x_{i,n}\}_{i=1}^n$  is

$$H_n(f, x) = \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_{i,n}) \frac{1 - 2xx_{i,n} + x_{i,n}^2}{1 - x_{i,n}^2} l_{i,n}^2(x), \quad (1.1)$$

where

$$l_{i,n}(x) = \frac{P_n(x)}{(x - x_{i,n})P_n'(x_{i,n})}.$$

On the degree of approximation of Hermite-Fejér interpolation, J. Szabados<sup>[1]</sup> has improved the results of L. Fejér<sup>[2]</sup> and A. Schonhage<sup>[3]</sup>. He proved

$$|f(x) - H_n(f, x)| = \max \left\{ \left| f(\pm 1) - \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 f(t) dt \right| \right\} O \left( \frac{1}{n\sqrt{1-x^2}} \right) + O \left( \omega \left( f, \frac{\ln n}{n} \right) \right)$$

for  $|x| < 1$ , where  $\omega(f, \delta)$  is the modulus of continuity of  $f$ . Recently, N. Misra<sup>[4]</sup> improved above statement by giving better estimate for the degree of approximation. First of all, Misra pointed out

$$|f(x) - H_n(f, x)| = \max \left\{ \left| f(\pm 1) - \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 f(t) dt \right| \right\} P_n^2(x) + O \left\{ P_n^2(x) \omega \left( f, \frac{1}{n} \right) + \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{i^2} \omega \left( f, \frac{i(1-x^2)^{3/4} |P_n(x)|}{\sqrt{n}} \right) \right\} \quad (1.2)$$

for  $|x| \leq 1$ . Further, he showed that there exists a function  $f \in \text{Lip } 1$  and a constant  $C$  such that

$$|f(0) - H_n(f, 0)| \geq C \frac{\ln n}{n}$$

whenever  $n$  is even integer. Hence at the point  $x=0$  the estimation (1.2) is precise for the class  $\text{Lip } 1$  and even  $n$ .

Obviously, it is natural to ask what results would be attached to the cases  $x \neq 0$  or odd  $n$  and for the class  $H_\omega = \{f: \omega(f, \delta) \leq \omega(\delta)\}$ , where  $\omega(\delta)$  is a given modulus of continuity. Of the main aim of this paper, we shall give an integral answer of above problems. First of all, we shall give a precise estimation for the quantity

$$\sup_{f \in H_\omega} |f(x) - H_n(f, x)|,$$

and further, for each  $x \in (-1, 1)$ , we shall prove that there exists a function  $f_x \in \text{Lip}_1$  satisfying the

relation

$$|f_n(x) - H_n(f_n, x)| \geq C \{P_n^2(x) + (1-x^2)P_n^2(x) \ln n\},$$

where and in sequel by  $C$  we denote the absolute constants which are, in general, different in different formulas. Finally, the improvement of (1,2) has been obtained. In the last section of this paper, we shall discuss the degree of approximation by Egervary-Turan polynomial and improve the result of J. Prasad and R. B. Saxena<sup>(5)</sup>.

**2. Preliminaries** Let  $\{a_{k,n}(x)\}$  and  $\{b_{k,n}(x)\}$  be the functions defined on  $[-1, 1]$ . The notation  $a_{k,n}(x) \sim b_{k,n}(x)$  means that there exists a positive  $r$  such that

$$ra_{k,n}(x) \leq b_{k,n}(x) \leq \frac{1}{r} a_{k,n}(x)$$

holds for  $x \in [-1, 1]$  and integers  $k$  and  $n$ . Using this notation we write some properties of  $P_n(x)$ , which will be of use, as follows (See<sup>(6)</sup>)

$$|P'_n(x_{k,n})| \sim k^{-3} 2n^2 \quad \left(k=1, 2, \dots, \left[\frac{n}{2}\right]\right), \quad (2.1)$$

$$|P'_n(x_{k,n})| \sim (n+1-k)^{-3} 2 \quad \left(k=\left[\frac{n}{2}\right]+1, \dots, n\right). \quad (2.2)$$

If  $x_{k,n} = \cos \theta_{k,n}$ , then

$$\left(k - \frac{1}{2}\right)\pi < \theta_{k,n} \left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right) < k\pi \quad (k=1, 2, \dots, n). \quad (2.3)$$

For  $x \in [-1, 1]$ , we have

$$(1-x^2)^{1/4} |P_n(x)| \leq \left(\frac{2}{n\pi}\right)^{1/2}, \quad (2.4)$$

$$|P_n(x)| \leq 1, \quad (2.5)$$

$$(1-x^2)^{3/4} |P'_n(x)| \leq C\sqrt{n}. \quad (2.6)$$

Let  $-1 < x_{n-1,n}^* < x_{n-2,n}^* < \dots < x_{1,n}^* < 1$  be the zeros of  $P'_n(x)$ , then

$$|P_n(x_{k,n}^*)| \sim \left(n \sin \frac{k}{n}\pi\right)^{-1/2} \quad (k=1, 2, \dots, n-1). \quad (2.7)$$

For each  $x \in [-1, 1]$ , we denote by  $x_{j,n}$  the zero of  $P_n(x)$ , which is nearest to  $x$ , and write

$$I_j = \frac{\omega(|x-x_{j,n}|)(1-x^2)P_n^2(x)}{|x-x_{j,n}|^2(1-x_{j,n}^2)P_n^2(x_{j,n})}.$$

**Lemma** If  $\omega(\delta)$  is a given modulus of continuity, then inequality

$$I_j \leq C\omega\left(\frac{(1-x^2)^{3/4}|P_n(x)|}{\sqrt{n}}\right) \quad (2.8)$$

holds uniformly on  $[-1, 1]$ .

**Proof** Without loss of generality, we may assume that  $x \in [0, 1]$ . If  $x \in \left[0, \cos \frac{\theta_1}{2}\right]$ , then there exists a point  $\xi$  which lies between  $x_{j,n}$  and  $x$  such that  $P_n(x) = (x-x_{j,n})P'_n(\xi)$ , and by (2.3), we have

$$1-x^2 \sim 1-\xi^2 \sim 1-x_{j,n}^2 \sim \frac{j^2}{n^2}. \quad (2.9)$$

Hence it follows from (2.1) and (2.6) that

$$\frac{(1-x^2)P_n^2(x)}{|x-x_{j,n}|^2(1-x_{j,n}^2)P_n^2(x_{j,n})} \leq \frac{(1-x^2)P_n^2(\xi)}{(1-x_{j,n}^2)P_n^2(x_{j,n})} < C,$$

where  $C > 1$ . Therefore the well known inequality

$$c\omega(\delta) \leq 2\omega(a\delta) \quad (0 < a \leq 1) \quad (2.10)$$

and (2.4) imply

$$I_i \leq C\omega\left(\frac{(1-x^2)^{3/4}|P_n(x)|}{\sqrt{n}}\right). \quad (2.11)$$

If  $x \in \left[\cos \frac{\theta_1}{2}, 1\right]$ , then

$$1-x^2 \leq \frac{C}{n^2} \quad \text{and} \quad x-x_1 \sim \frac{1}{n^2}.$$

Thus from (2.1), (2.5) and (2.10) we get

$$I_i \leq C\omega\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right)n^2(1-x^2)P_n^2(x) \leq C\omega\left(\frac{(1-x^2)^{3/4}|P_n(x)|}{\sqrt{n}}\right), \quad (2.12)$$

Combining (2.11) and (2.12) we obtain (2.8). Lemma is proved.

**3. Theorems** Let  $x \in [-1, 1]$ , we write

$$A_n(\omega, x) = I_i + \sum_{i=1}^n \omega(\Delta_{n,i}(x)) \frac{(1-x^2)P_n^2(x)}{k\Delta_{n,i}(x)},$$

for the sake of convenience, where  $\Delta_{n,i}(x) = \frac{k}{n} \left( \sqrt{1-x^2} + \frac{k}{n} \right)$ .

**Theorem 1** If  $\omega(\delta)$  is a given modulus of continuity, then

$$\sup_{r \in H_\omega} |f(x) - H_n(f, x)| \sim \omega(1)P_n^2(x) + A_n(\omega, x) \quad (3.1)$$

holds uniformly on  $[-1, 1]$

**Proof** We have from (1.1)

$$H_n(f, x) = \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_{i,n}) \frac{P_n^2(x)}{(1-x_{i,n}^2)P_n^2(x_{i,n})} + \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_{i,n}) \frac{1-x^2}{1-x_{i,n}^2} l_{i,n}^1(x).$$

Hence

$$f(x) - H_n(f, x) = \sum_{i=1}^n (f(x) - f(x_{i,n})) \frac{P_n^2(x)}{(1-x_{i,n}^2)P_n^2(x_{i,n})} + \sum_{i=1}^n (f(x) - f(x_{i,n})) \frac{1-x^2}{1-x_{i,n}^2} l_{i,n}^1(x). \quad (3.2)$$

Therefore it is easy to see that

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{r \in H_\omega} |f(x) - H_n(f, x)| &= \sum_{i=1}^n \omega(|x - x_{i,n}|) \frac{P_n^2(x)}{(1-x_{i,n}^2)P_n^2(x_{i,n})} + \sum_{i=1}^n (f(x) - f_{i,n}) \frac{1-x^2}{1-x_{i,n}^2} l_{i,n}^1(x) \\ &= \Sigma_1 + \Sigma_2. \end{aligned} \quad (3.3)$$

First we shall estimate  $\Sigma_1$ . Setting

$$\Sigma_1 = \left( \sum_{i=1}^{\left[\frac{n}{2}\right]} + \sum_{i=\left[\frac{n}{2}\right]+1}^n \right) \omega(|x - x_{i,n}|) \frac{P_n^2(x)}{(1-x_{i,n}^2)P_n^2(x_{i,n})} = J_1 + J_2. \quad (3.4)$$

Obviously, it follows from (2.1) and (2.4) that

$$J_1 \sim \sum_{i=1}^{\left[\frac{n}{2}\right]} \omega(|x - x_{i,n}|) \frac{k}{n^2} P_n^2(x) \leq \omega(1)P_n^2(x). \quad (3.5)$$

However, for  $x \in \left[\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, 1\right]$  and  $k = \left[\frac{3}{8}n\right] + 1, \dots, \left[\frac{n}{2}\right]$ , we have  $|x - x_{i,n}| \geq \frac{1}{10}$ ,

so that

$$J_1 \geq \frac{\omega(1)}{100} P_n^2(x). \quad (3.6)$$

Similarly, for  $x \in \left[0, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right]$  we have also (3.6). Combining (3.5) and (3.6) we obtain

$$J_1 \sim \omega(1)P_n^2(x). \quad (3.7)$$

Similarly, we have  $J_2 \sim \omega(1)P_n^2(x)$  and it follows from (3.7) and (3.4) that

$$\Sigma_1 \sim \omega(1)P_n^2(x). \quad (3.8)$$

In order to estimate  $\Sigma_2$  we write

$$\Sigma_2 = I_1 + \left( \sum_{i=1}^{j-1} + \sum_{k=j+1}^{\lfloor \frac{j}{2}n \rfloor} + \sum_{k=\lfloor \frac{j}{2}n \rfloor+1}^n \right) \frac{\omega(|x-x_{i,n}|)(1-x^2)P_n^2(x)}{1-x_{i,n}^2} = I_1 + J_3 + J_4 + J_5, \quad (3.9)$$

where  $J_3=0$  if  $j=1$ . Without loss of generality we may assume that  $x \in [0, 1]$ , so that  $j \leq \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$ . If  $j > 1$  and  $k \leq j-1$ , then

$$|x-x_{i,n}| = 2 \sin \frac{\theta-\theta_i}{2} \sin \frac{\theta+\theta_i}{2} \sim \frac{j(j-k)}{n^2}.$$

Hence from (2.1) and (2.9) we get

$$J_3 \sim \sum_{i=1}^{j-1} \omega \left( \frac{j(j-k)}{n^2} \right) \frac{(1-x^2)P_n^2(x)n^2k}{j^2(j-k)^2} \leq \sum_{i=1}^{j-1} \omega \left( \frac{jk}{n^2} \right) \frac{(1-x^2)P_n^2(x)n^2}{jk^2}.$$

But in this case  $\frac{k^2}{n^2} \leq \frac{kj}{n^2} < C \frac{k}{n} \sqrt{1-x^2}$ , so that

$$J_3 \leq C \sum_{i=1}^{j-1} \omega(\Delta_{i,n}(x)) \frac{(1-x^2)P_n^2(x)}{k\Delta_{i,n}(x)}. \quad (3.10)$$

If  $k \geq j+1$ , then

$$|x-x_{i,n}| = \sin \theta \sin(\theta_i - \theta) + 2 \cos \theta \sin^2 \frac{\theta_i - \theta}{2} \sim \sqrt{1-x^2} \frac{k-j}{n} + \left( \frac{k-j}{n} \right)^2.$$

Hence from (2.1) and (2.3) we get

$$J_4 \sim \sum_{i=j+1}^{\lfloor \frac{j}{2}n \rfloor} \omega(\Delta_{i-j,n}(x)) \frac{(1-x)P_n^2(x)}{(k-j)\Delta_{i-j,n}(x)} = \sum_{i=1}^{\lfloor \frac{j}{2}n \rfloor - j} \omega(\Delta_{i,n}(x)) \frac{(1-x^2)P_n^2(x)}{k\Delta_{i,n}(x)}.$$

But, it is easily verified that

$$\sum_{k=\lfloor \frac{j}{2}n \rfloor+1}^n \omega(\Delta_{i,n}(x)) \frac{(1-x^2)P_n^2(x)}{k\Delta_{i,n}(x)} \leq C \sum_{i=1}^{\lfloor \frac{j}{2}n \rfloor - j} \omega(\Delta_{i,n}(x)) \frac{(1-x^2)P_n^2(x)}{k\Delta_{i,n}(x)}.$$

Therefore we have

$$J_4 \sim \sum_{i=1}^n \omega(\Delta_{i,n}(x)) \frac{(1-x^2)P_n^2(x)}{k\Delta_{i,n}(x)}. \quad (3.11)$$

Similarly, we have  $J_5 \leq CJ_4$ , thus substituting (3.10) and (3.11) in to (3.9) we find

$$\Sigma_2 \sim I_1 + \sum_{i=1}^n \omega(\Delta_{i,n}(x)) \frac{(1-x^2)P_n^2(x)}{k\Delta_{i,n}(x)}. \quad (3.12)$$

Combining (3.8), (3.12) and (3.3) it follows that (3.1) holds. This completes the proof of Theorem 1.

Obviously, if  $f \in \text{Lip}_1$ , then (2.1) and (2.9) imply

$$I_1 \sim \frac{\sqrt{1-x_n^2}(1-x^2)P_n^2(x)}{n|x-x_{i,n}|}.$$

Thus Theorem 1 implies following

**Theorem 2** For class  $\text{Lip}_1$  we have

$$\sup_{f \in \text{Lip}_1} |f(x) - H_n(f, x)| \sim P_n^2(x)(1 + (1-x^2)\ln n) + \frac{\sqrt{1-x_n^2}(1-x^2)P_n^2(x)}{n|x-x_{i,n}|}$$

holds uniformly on  $[-1, 1]$ .

Further, using (2.7) and Theorem 2 we obtain

$$\sup_{f \in \text{Lip}_1} |f(x_{v,n}^*) - H_n(f, x_{v,n}^*)| \sim \frac{1}{n \sin \frac{y}{n} \pi} + \frac{\ln n}{n} \sin \frac{y}{n} \pi$$

where  $\nu=1, 2, \dots, n-1$ .

**Theorem 3** If  $f \in H_{\omega}$ , then

$$f(x) - H_n(f, x) = \left\{ f(x) - \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 f(t) dt \right\} P_n^2(x) + O\left( \omega\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) P_n^2(x) + A_n(\omega, x) \right)$$

holds uniformly on  $[-1, 1]$ .

**Proof** We have from (1.1)

$$f(x) - H_n(f, x) = \left( f(x) - \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 f(t) dt \right) P_n^2(x) + \left( \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 f(t) dt - \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{f(x_{i,n})}{(1-x_{i,n}^2) P_n^2(x_{i,n})} \right) P_n^2(x) \\ + \frac{f(x) - f(x_{i,n})}{1-x_{i,n}^2} (1-x^2) l_{i,n}^2(x),$$

But in the proof of Theorem 1 we had proved

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{f(x) - f(x_{i,n})}{1-x_{i,n}^2} (1-x^2) l_{i,n}^2(x) = O(A_n(\omega, x)).$$

Hence by the well known estimation (See<sup>[4]</sup>)

$$\left| \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 f(t) dt - \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{f(x_{i,n})}{(1-x_{i,n}^2) P_n^2(x_{i,n})} \right| \leq C \omega\left(f, \frac{1}{n}\right) P_n^2(x),$$

we obtain

$$f(x) - H_n(f, x) = \left( f(x) - \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 f(t) dt \right) P_n^2(x) + O\left( \omega\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) P_n^2(x) + A_n(\omega, x) \right),$$

and Theorem 3 is proved.

It is no difficult to verify that

$$|f(x) - f(\text{sign } x)| P_n^2(x) \leq 2\omega(f, (1-x^2) P_n^2(x)) \leq C \omega\left(\frac{(1-x^2)^{3/4} |P_n(x)|}{\sqrt{n}}\right)$$

and

$$\omega(f, \Delta_{i,n}(x)) \frac{(1-x^2) P_n^2(x) k}{\Delta_{i,n}(x)} \leq C \omega\left(f, \frac{k(1-x^2)^{3/4} |P_n(x)|}{\sqrt{n}}\right).$$

Applying Lemma and Theorem 3, we obtain

**Corollary** If  $f \in C_{[-1,1]}$ , then

$$f(x) - H_n(f, x) = \left( f(\text{sign } x) - \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 f(t) dt \right) P_n^2(x) + O\left\{ \omega\left(f, \frac{1}{n}\right) P_n^2(x) + \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{k^2} \omega\left(f, \frac{k(1-x^2)^{3/4} |P_n(x)|}{\sqrt{n}}\right) \right\}$$

holds uniformly on  $[-1, 1]$ .

**4. Applications** Now we can apply the simulation discussing in Section 2 to the Egervary-Turan polynomial (See<sup>[6]</sup>)

$$Q_n(f, x) = \left( \frac{1+x}{2} f(1) + \frac{1-x}{2} f(-1) \right) P_n^2(x) + \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_{i,n}) \frac{1-x^2}{1-x_{i,n}^2} l_{i,n}^2(x).$$

Obviously,

$$\omega(1-x) \frac{1+x}{2} + \omega(1+x) \frac{1-x}{2} \sim \omega(1-x^2).$$

Hence from (3.12) we obtain the following

**Theorem 4** Let  $\omega(\delta)$  is a given moddulus of continuity, then

$$\sup_{f \in H_{\omega}} |f(x) - Q_n(f, x)| \sim \omega(1-x^2) P_n^2(x) + A_n(\omega, x),$$

$$\sup_{f \in \text{Lip}, 1} |f(x) - Q_n(f, x)| \sim (1-x^2) P_n^2(x) \ln n + \frac{\sqrt{1-x_{i,n}^2} (1-x^2) P_n^2(x)}{n |x-x_{i,n}|}$$

hold uniformly on  $[-1, 1]$ .

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