

## Degree of approximation in Besov space

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**1. Definition: Modulus of smoothness.** Let  $A = \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}_+, [a, b] \subset \mathbb{R}$  or  $T$  (which is usually taken to be  $\mathbb{R}$  with identification of points modulo  $2\pi$ ). The  $k^{\text{th}}$  order modulus of smoothness [4] of a function  $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is defined by

$$w_k(f, t) = \sup_{0 \leq h \leq t} \{ \sup \{ |\Delta_h^k f(x)| : x, x + kh \in A \} \}, t \geq 0 \quad (1.1)$$

where

$$\Delta_h^k f(x) = \sum_{i=0}^k (-1)^{k-i} \binom{k}{i} f(x + ih), k \in \mathbb{N} \quad (1.2)$$

For  $k = 1$ ,  $w(f, t)$  is called the modulus of continuity of  $f$ . The function  $w$  is continuous at  $t = 0$  if and only if  $f$  is uniformly continuous on  $A$ , that is,  $f \in \tilde{C}(A)$ . The  $k^{\text{th}}$  order modulus of smoothness of  $f \in L_p(A)$ ,  $0 < p < \infty$ , or of  $f \in \tilde{C}(A)$ , if  $p = \infty$  is defined by

$$w_k(f, t)_p = \sup_{0 < h \leq t} \|\Delta_h^k(f, \cdot)\|_p, t \geq 0 \quad (1.3)$$

If  $p \geq 1$ ,  $k = 1$  then  $w(f, t)_p = w(f, t)_p$  is a modulus of continuity (or integral modulus of continuity). If  $p = \infty$ ,  $k = 1$  and  $f$  is continuous the  $w_k(f, t)_p$  reduces to modulus of continuity  $w_1(f, t)$  (or  $w(f, t)$ ).

**Lipschitz spaces:** If  $f \in \tilde{C}(A)$  and

$$w(f, t) = O(t^\alpha), 0 < \alpha \leq 1 \quad (1.4)$$

then we write  $f \in Lip\alpha$ . If  $w(f, t) = o(t)$  as  $t \rightarrow 0+$  (in particular (1.4) holds for  $\alpha > 1$ ) then  $f$  reduces to a constant.

If  $f \in L_p(A), 0 < p < \infty$  and

$$w(f, t)_p = O(t^\alpha), 0 < \alpha \leq 1 \quad (1.5)$$

then we write  $f \in Lip(\alpha, p), 0 < p < \infty, 0 < \alpha \leq 1$ . The case where  $\alpha > 1$  is of no-interest as the function reduces to a constant whenever

$$w(f, t)_p = o(t) \text{ as } t \rightarrow 0+ \quad (1.6)$$

We note that if  $p = \infty$  and  $f \in C(A)$  then  $Lip(\alpha, p)$  class reduces to  $Lip\alpha$  class.

**Generalised Lipschitz space:** Let  $\alpha > 0$  and suppose that  $k = [\alpha] + 1$ . For  $f \in L_p(A), 0 < p \leq \infty$ , if

$$w_k(f, t) = O(t^\alpha), t > 0 \quad (1.7)$$

then we write

$$f \in Lip^*(\alpha, p), \alpha > 0, 0 < p \leq \infty \quad (1.8)$$

and say that  $f$  belongs to generalized Lipschitz space. The seminorm is then

$$|f|_{Lip^*(\alpha, L_p)} = \sup_{t>0} (t^{-\alpha} w_k(f, t)_p).$$

It is known ([4], p.52) that the space  $Lip^*(\alpha, L_p)$  contains  $Lip(\alpha, L_p)$ . For  $0 < \alpha < 1$  the spaces coincide, ( for  $p = \infty$ , it is necessary to replace  $L_\infty$  by  $\tilde{C}$  of uniformly continuous functions on  $A$ ). For  $0 < \alpha < 1$  and  $p = \infty$  the space  $Lip^*(\alpha, L_p)$  coincide with  $Lip\alpha$ . For  $\alpha = 1, p = \infty$ , we have

$$Lip(1, \tilde{C}) = Lip 1, \quad (1.9)$$

but

$$Lip^*(1, \tilde{C}) = Z \quad (1.10)$$

is the Zygmund space [8], which is characterized by (1.7) with  $k = 2$ .

Hölder space  $H_\alpha$  [6]. For  $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ , let

$$H_\alpha = \{f \in C_{2\pi} : w(f, t) = O(t^\alpha)\}. \quad (1.11)$$

It is known [6] that  $H_\alpha$  is a Banach space with the norm  $\|\cdot\|_\alpha$  defined by

$$\|f\|_\alpha = \|f\|_c + \sup_{t>0} t^{-\alpha} w(f, t), 0 < \alpha \leq 1 \quad (1.12)$$

$$\|f\|_0 = \|f\|_c$$

and

$$H_\alpha \subseteq H_\beta \subseteq C_{2\pi}, 0 < \beta \leq \alpha \leq 1. \quad (1.13)$$

**Hölder space  $H_\alpha$  [3].** For  $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ , we write

$$H(\alpha, p) = \{f \in L_p[0, 2\pi] : 0 < p \leq \infty : w(f, t)_p = O(t^\alpha)\} \quad (1.14)$$

and introduce the norms  $\|\cdot\|_{(\alpha, p)}$  as follows:

$$\|f\|_{(\alpha, p)} = \|f\|_p + \sup_{t>0} t^{-\alpha} w(f, t)_p, 0 < \alpha \leq 1 \quad (1.15)$$

$$\|f\|_{(0, p)} = \|f\|_p.$$

It is known [3] that  $H(\alpha, p)$  is a Banach space for  $p \geq 1$  and a complete  $p$ -normed space for  $0 < p < 1$ . Also

$$H(\alpha, p) \subseteq H(\beta, p) \subseteq L_p, 0 < \beta \leq \alpha \leq 1. \quad (1.16)$$

Note that  $H(\alpha, \infty)$  is the space  $H_\alpha$  defined above.

For the study of degree of approximation problems the natural way to proceed to consider with some restrictions on some modulus of smoothness as prescribed in  $H_\alpha$  and  $H_{(\alpha, p)}$  spaces. As we have seen above, only a constant function satisfies Lipschitz condition for  $\alpha > 1$ . However for generalized Lipschitz class there is no such restriction on  $\alpha$ . We require a finer scale of smoothness than is provided by Lipschitz classes. For each  $\alpha > 0$ , Besov developed a reasonable

technique for restricting moduli of smoothness by introducing a third parameter  $q$  (in addition to  $p$  and  $\alpha$ ) and applying  $\alpha, q$  norms (rather than  $\alpha, \infty$  norms) to the modulus of smoothness  $w_k(f, \cdot)_p$ .

**Besov space:** Let  $\alpha > 0$  be given and let  $k = [\alpha] + 1$ . For  $0 < p, q \leq \infty$  the Besov space ([4], p.54)  $B_q^\alpha(L_p)$  is defined as follows:

$$B_q^\alpha(L_p) = \{f \in L_p : |f|_{B_q^\alpha(L_p)} = \|w_k(f, \cdot)\|_{\alpha, q} \text{ is finite} \} \quad (1.17)$$

where

$$\|w_k(f, \cdot)\|_{\alpha, q} = \begin{cases} \left( \int_0^\infty (t^{-\alpha} w_k(f, t)_p)^q \frac{dt}{t} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}, & 0 < q < \infty \\ \sup_{t>0} t^{-\alpha} w_k(f, t)_p, & q = 0 \end{cases} \quad (1.18)$$

It is known ([4], p.55) that  $\|w_k(f, \cdot)_p\|_{\alpha, q}$  is a semi norms if  $1 \leq p, q \leq \infty$  and a quasi seminorm in other cases. The Besov norm for  $B_q^\alpha(L_p)$  is

$$\|f\|_{B_q^\alpha(L_p)} = \|f\|_p + \|w_k(f, \cdot)_p\|_{\alpha, q} \quad (1.19)$$

It is known ([7], p.237) that for  $2\pi$ -periodic function  $f$  the integral  $\int_0^\infty$  in (1.18) is replaced by  $\int_0^\pi$ . We know ([4], p.56), ([7], p.236) the following inclusion relations :

(I) For fixed  $\alpha$  and  $p$

$$B_q^\alpha(L_p) \subset B_{q_1}^\alpha(L_p), q < q_1$$

(II) For fixed  $p$  and  $q$

$$B_q^\alpha(L_p) \subset B_q^\beta(L_p), \beta < \alpha$$

(III) For fixed  $\alpha$  and  $q$

$$B_q^\alpha(L_p) \subset B_q^\alpha(L_{p_1}), p_1 < p$$

Special cases of Besov space.

For  $q = \infty, B_\infty^\alpha(L_p), \alpha > 0, p \geq 1$  is same as  $Lip^*(\alpha, L_p)$  the generalised Lipschitz class and the corresponding norm  $\|\cdot\|_{B_\infty^\alpha(L_p)}$  is given by

$$\|f\|_{B_\infty^\alpha(L_p)} = \|f\|_p + \sup_{t>0} t^{-\alpha} w_k(f, t)_p \quad (1.20)$$

for every  $\alpha > 0$  with  $k = [\alpha] + 1$ . In the special case when  $0 < \alpha < 1$ ,  $B_\infty^\alpha(L_p)$  space reduces to  $H(\alpha, p)$  space due to Das, Ghosh and Ray[3] and the corresponding norm is given by

$$\|f\|_{B_\infty^\alpha(L_p)} = \|f\|_{(\alpha,p)} = \|f\|_p + \sup_{t>0} t^{-\alpha} w(f, t)_p, 0 < \alpha < 1 \quad (1.21)$$

For  $\alpha = 1$ , the norm is given by

$$\|f\|_{B'_\infty(L_p)} = \|f\|_p + \sup_{t>0} t^{-1} w_2(f, t)_p. \quad (1.22)$$

Note that  $\|f\|_{B_\infty^1(L_p)}$  is not same as  $\|f\|_{(1,p)}$  and the space  $B_\infty^1(L_p)$  includes the space  $H(1, p)$ ,  $p \geq 1$ . If we further specialize by taking  $p = \infty$ ,  $B_\infty^\alpha(L_\infty)$ ,  $0 < \alpha < 1$  coincides with  $H_\alpha$  space due to Prossdorf [6] and the norm is given by

$$\|f\|_{B_\infty^\alpha(L_\infty)} = \|f\|_\alpha = \|f\|_c + \sup_{t>0} t^{-\alpha} w(f, t), 0 < \alpha < 1. \quad (1.23)$$

For  $\alpha = 1, p = \infty$ , the norm is given by

$$\|f\|_{B_\infty^1(L_\infty)} = \|f\|_c + \sup_{t>0} t^{-1} w_2(f, t), \alpha = 1 \quad (1.24)$$

which is different from  $\|f\|_1$  and  $B_\infty^1(L_\infty)$  includes the  $H_1$  space.

## 2 Introduction:

Let  $f$  be a  $2\pi$ -periodic function and let  $f \in L_p[0, 2\pi]$ ,  $p \geq 1$ . The Fourier series of  $f$  at  $x$  is given by

$$\frac{1}{2}a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n \cos nx + b_n \sin nx) \equiv \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n(x) \quad (2.1)$$

In the case  $0 < p < 1$ , we can still regard (2.1) as the Fourier series of  $f$  by further assuming  $f(t) \cos nt$  and  $f(t) \sin nt$  are integrable.

Prossdorf [6] first obtained the following on the degree of approximation of functions in  $H_\alpha$  using Fejer's mean of Fourier series.

**Theorem A** Let  $f \in H_\alpha$  ( $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ ) and  $0 \leq \beta < \alpha \leq 1$ . Then

$$\|\sigma_n(f) - f\|_\beta = O(1) \begin{cases} \frac{1}{n^{\alpha-\beta}}, & 0 < \alpha < 1 \\ \frac{(\log n)^{1-\beta}}{n^{1-\beta}}, & \alpha = 1, \end{cases}$$

where  $\sigma_n(f)$  is the Fejer means of the Fourier series of  $f$ . The case  $\beta = 0$  of Theorem A is due to Alexists [1]. Chandra [2] obtained a generalisation of Theorem A in the Nörlund  $(N, p)$  and  $(\overline{N}, p)$  transform set up. Later Mohapatra and Chandra [5] studied the problem by matrix means and obtained the above results as corollaries. Das, ghosh and Ray[3] further generalised the work by studying the problem for functions in  $H(\alpha, p)$  space ( $0 < \alpha \leq 1, p \geq 1$ ) by matrix means of their Fourier series in the generalised Hölder metric.

In the present work we propose to study the degree of approximation of functions in Besov space which is a generalisation of  $H(\alpha, p)$  space.

In what follows, we present some notations which we need in the sequel  
We write

$$\phi_x(u) = f(x + u) + f(x - u) - 2f(x) \quad (2.2)$$

Let  $S_n(f; x)$  denote the  $n$  th partial sum of the Fourier series. It is known ([9], vol.I.p.50) that

$$S_n(f; x) - f(x) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\pi \phi_x(u) D_n(u) du \quad (2.3)$$

where the Dirichlet's kernel

$$D_n(x) = \frac{1}{2} + \sum_{\nu=0}^n \cos \nu u = \frac{\sin(n + \frac{1}{2})u}{2 \sin u/2} \quad (2.4)$$

Let  $\sigma_n^\gamma$  denote the Cesàro mean  $(C, \gamma)$ ,  $\gamma > 0$  of the Fourier series. Then

$$\sigma_n^\gamma(f; x) = \frac{1}{A_n^\gamma} \sum_{\nu=0}^n A_{n-\nu}^{\gamma-1} S_\nu(f; x) \quad (2.5)$$

where  $A_n^\gamma$  is given by the formula ([9], vol.I, p.76)

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n^\gamma x^n = (1 - x)^{-\gamma-1}, \gamma > -1, |x| < 1 \quad (2.6)$$

We know ([9], Vol. I, p. 94) that

$$l_n^\gamma(x) \equiv \sigma_n^\gamma(f; x) - f(x) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\pi \phi_x(u) K_n^\gamma(u) du \quad (2.7)$$

where

$$K_n^\gamma(u) = \frac{1}{A_n^\gamma} \sum_{\nu=0}^n A_{n-\nu}^{\gamma-1} D_\nu(u) \quad (2.8)$$

### 3 Main Theorem

We prove the following theorem

**Theorem** Let  $0 < \alpha < 2$  and  $0 < \beta < \alpha$ . If  $f \in B_q^\alpha(L_p)$ ,  $p \geq 1$  and  $1 < q \leq \infty$ , then

$$\|l_n^\gamma(\cdot)\|_{B_q^\beta(L_p)} = O(1) \begin{cases} \frac{1}{n^\gamma}, \alpha - \beta > \gamma, & 0 < \gamma \leq 1 \\ \frac{1}{n^{\alpha-\beta}}, \alpha - \beta < \gamma, & 0 < \gamma \leq 1 \\ \frac{(\log n)^{1-\frac{1}{q}}}{n^\gamma}, \alpha - \beta = \gamma, & 0 < \gamma \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

and

$$\|l_n^\gamma(\cdot)\|_{B_q^\beta(L_p)} = O(1) \begin{cases} \frac{1}{n}, \alpha - \beta > 1, & 1 \leq \gamma < 2 \\ \frac{1}{n^{\alpha-\beta}}, \alpha - \beta < 1, & 1 \leq \gamma < 2 \\ \frac{(\log n)^{1-\frac{1}{q}}}{n^\gamma}, \alpha - \beta = 1, & 1 \leq \gamma < 2 \end{cases}$$

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