

# CONCERNING THE ORDER OF APPROXIMATION OF PERIODIC CONTINUOUS FUNCTIONS BY TRIGONOMETRIC INTERPOLATION POLYNOMIALS

BY

A. K. VARMA

## ABSTRACT

Let  $x_{kn} = 2\pi k/n$ ,  $k = 0, 1 \dots n-1$  ( $n$  odd positive integer). Let  $R_n(x)$  be the unique trigonometric polynomial of order  $2n$  satisfying the interpolatory conditions:  $R_n(x_{kn}) = f(x_{kn})$ ,  $R_n^{(j)}(x_{kn}) = 0$ ,  $j = 1, 2, 4$ ,  $k = 0, 1 \dots, n-1$ . We set  $w_2(t, f)$  as the second modulus of continuity of  $f(x)$ . Then we prove that  $|R_n(x) - f(x)| = o(nw_2(1/nf))$ . We also examine the question of lower estimate of  $\|R_n - f\|$ . This generalizes an earlier work of the author.

Let

$$(1.1) \quad x_{kn} = \frac{2\pi k}{n}, \quad (k = 0, 1, \dots, n-1; n \text{ is an odd positive integer}).$$

Let  $R_n(x)$  be the unique trigonometric polynomial of order  $2n$  determined by the interpolatory conditions

$$(1.2) \quad R_n(x_{kn}) = f(x_{kn}), \quad R_n^{(j)}(x_{kn}) = 0, \quad j = 1, 2, 4, \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, n-1.$$

We assume that  $R_n(x)$  has the following form

$$(1.3) \quad d_0 + \sum_{j=1}^{2n-1} (d_j \cos jx + e_j \sin jx) + d_{2n} \cos 2nx.$$

In our earlier work [3], we considered the problem of existence, uniqueness, explicit representation and problem of uniform convergence of  $R_n(x)$  to  $f(x)$  on the real line. The main theorem of [3] is as follows.

**THEOREM 1.** *a) If  $f(x)$  is a  $2\pi$  periodic continuous function satisfying the Zygmund condition  $\lambda$*

$$(1.4) \quad |f(x+h) - 2f(x) + f(x-h)| = o(h),$$

then the sequence  $\{R_n(x)\}$  defined by (1.2) and (1.3) converges uniformly to  $f(x)$  over the real line. b) Further, Zygmund class cannot be replaced by Lip  $\alpha$ ,  $0 < \alpha < 1$ .

The objects of this paper is to examine the question of lower and upper estimates of  $\|f - R_n(f)\|$  in uniform norm for a certain class of continuous periodic functions.

**THEOREM 2.** Let  $w_2(t, f)$  be the second modulus of continuity of  $f(x)$ . Then we have

$$(1.5) \quad |R_n(x) - f(x)| = o\left(n w_2\left(\frac{1}{n}, f\right)\right).$$

**COROLLARY.** Let  $f(x)$  satisfy (1.4). From (1.5) we have  $|R_n(x) - f(x)| = o(1)$ . Thus Theorem 1-a) is a special case of Theorem 2.

Let us denote by  $\tilde{c}(\phi)$  the class of all  $2\pi$  periodic continuous functions for which

$$(1.6) \quad w_2(t, f) = O(\phi(t)).$$

Let  $\phi(t)$  have the following properties

$$(1.7) \quad \begin{cases} \text{i) } \phi(t) > 0 \text{ for } t > 0, \phi(0) = 0, \phi(T) \geq \phi(t), T \geq t, \\ \text{ii) } \phi(t) \text{ is continuous for } t > 0, \\ \text{iii) } t^2/\phi(t) \text{ is monotonic increasing for } t \geq 0 \\ \text{iv) } \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} t^2/\phi(t) = 0. \end{cases}$$

**THEOREM 3.** There exists a  $2\pi$  periodic continuous function  $f$  belonging to  $\tilde{c}(\phi)$  for which

$$(1.8) \quad |R_n(\pi) - f(\pi)| > c n \phi\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) \text{ for } n = n_1, n_2, \dots$$

where  $0 < n_1 < n_2 < \dots$  and  $n$  is always an odd positive integer.

**COROLLARY.** There exists a continuous  $2\pi$  periodic function from the class of functions which satisfy the Zygmund condition  $w_2(f, h) = O(h)$  such that  $|R_n(\pi) - f(\pi)| > c$ , i.e., for such a function,  $R_n(x)$  cannot converge uniformly to  $f(x)$  on the real line.

Thus Theorem 3 is much stronger than Theorem 1(b).

Proof of Theorem 2 depends on the following

**THEOREM 4** (S. B. Steckin). *Let  $k$  be a positive integer. Then there exists a positive constant  $c_k$  such that for every  $f \in c_{2\pi}$  we can find a trigonometric polynomial of order  $n$  at most such that*

$$(2.1) \quad \|f - t_n\| \leq c_k w_k\left(\frac{1}{n}, f\right)$$

and

$$(2.2) \quad \|t_n^{(k)}\| \leq B_k n^k w_k\left(\frac{1}{n}, f\right).$$

Here  $w_k(\delta, f)$  is the modulus of smoothness of order  $k$  of  $f(x)$ .

From (2.2) we have for  $k = 2$

$$(2.3) \quad \|t_n^{(2)}\| \leq B_2 n^2 w_2\left(\frac{1}{n}, f\right).$$

On using the Bernstein inequality twice, we have

$$(2.4) \quad \|t_n^{(iv)}\| \leq B_2 n^4 w_2\left(\frac{1}{n}, f\right).$$

Using a similar approach as in [2] one can prove

$$(2.5) \quad \|t_n^{(1)}\| \leq B_2 n^2 w_2\left(\frac{1}{n}, f\right).$$

In fact one can prove more than (2.5) but, for our purposes, this is sufficient. Now we prove Theorem 2.

**PROOF OF THEOREM 2.** From [3] it follows that for  $n = 1, 3, 5, \dots$  we have

$$(2.6) \quad \begin{aligned} f(x) - R_n(x) = & f(x) - t_n(x) + \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} (t_n(x_{kn}) - f(x_{kn}))A(x - x_{kn}) \\ & + \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} t_n'(x_{kn})B(x - x_{kn}) + \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} t_n''(x_{kn})C(x - x_{kn}) \\ & + \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} t_n^{(iv)}(x_{kn})D(x - x_{kn}). \end{aligned}$$

Here  $A(x - x_{kn})$ ,  $B(x - x_{kn})$ ,  $C(x - x_{kn})$  and  $D(x - x_{kn})$  are fundamental functions of  $(0, 1, 2, 4)$  interpolation. Their explicit forms and estimates are given in our earlier work [3]. Here we need only use the lower and upper estimates.

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.7) \quad & \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} |A(x - x_{kn})| \leq 11n, \quad \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} |A(\pi - x_{kn})| > c_3 n, \\
 & \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} |B(x - x_{kn})| \leq \frac{3}{n}, \quad \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} B\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - x_{kn}\right) > \frac{c_4}{n}, \\
 & \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} |C(x - x_{kn})| \leq \frac{13}{n}, \quad \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} |C(\pi - x_{kn})| > \frac{c_3}{n}, \\
 & \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} |D(x - x_{kn})| \leq \frac{2\pi}{3n^3}, \quad \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} |D(\pi - x_{kn})| > \frac{1}{n^3}.
 \end{aligned}$$

On using (2.1)–(2.5) and (2.7) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 |f(x) - R_n(x)| & \leq c_2 w_2\left(\frac{1}{n}, f\right) + c_2 w_2\left(\frac{1}{n}, f\right) 11n \\
 & \quad + B_2 n^2 w_2\left(\frac{1}{n}, f\right) \frac{3}{n} + B_2 n^2 w_2\left(\frac{1}{n}, f\right) \frac{13}{n} \\
 & \quad + B_2 n^4 w_2\left(\frac{1}{n}, f\right) \frac{2\pi}{3n^3} \\
 & \leq c n w_2\left(\frac{1}{n}, f\right),
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $c = \max\{c_2, 13, B_2\}$ . This proves Theorem 2.

Proof of Theorem 3 is a direct application of a recent result of O. Kis and P. Vertesi [1].

Let  $x_{kn}, n = 1, 2, \dots$  be an infinite point system such that  $0 \leq x_{kn} < 2\pi$ . We define

$$\begin{aligned}
 L_n(f, x) & = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} f(x_{kn}) P_{kn}(x), \\
 \lambda_n(x) & = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} |P_{kn}(x)|
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $P_{kn}(x)$  are  $2\pi$  periodic continuous functions.

**THEOREM 5** (O. Kis and P. Vertesi). *If  $-\infty < x_0 < \infty$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \lambda_n(x_0) \neq 1$ , then there exist  $f(x), f \in \tilde{C}(\phi)$  and integers  $0 < n_1 < n_2 < \dots$  such that  $|f(x_0) - L_{n_k}(f, x_0)| > \lambda_{n_k}(x_0) \phi(d_{n_k})$  for  $k = 1, 2, \dots$ . Here  $d_n = \min(x_{k+1, n} - x_{kn})$ .*

NOTE. The Theorem is valid even in the case where  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \lambda_n(x_0)$  does not exist.

PROOF OF THEOREM 3. We choose here  $p_{nk}(x) = A(x - x_{kn})$ ,  $x_0 = \pi$ ,  $d_n = 2\pi/n$ ,  $n = 1, 3, 5, 7, \dots$  and observe that  $\lambda_n(\pi) = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} |A(\pi - x_{kn})| > c_3 n$  from (2.7). The conclusion of our theorem follows immediately.

#### REFERENCES

1. O. KIS and P. O. H. VERTESI, *On certain linear operators I*, Acta. Math. Acad. Sci. Hungar. **22** (1971), 65-71.
2. S. B. STEČKIN, *On best approximation of continuous functions*, Izv. Akad. Nauk. **15** (1951), 219-242.
3. A. K. VARMA, *Some remarks on trigonometric interpolation*, Israel J. Math. **7** (1969), 177-185.

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA 32601  
GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA