

# Polynomial Approximation in $E^p(D)$ with $0 < p < 1$

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In this paper, we construct approximants by means of interpolation polynomials to prove Jackson's theorem and the Bernstein inequality in  $E^p(D)$  with  $0 < p < 1$ .

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $D$  be a Jordan domain in the complex plane  $\mathbb{C}$  with rectifiable boundary  $\Gamma$ . For  $0 < p < \infty$ , we set

$$E^p(D) = \{f : (\psi')^{1/p} f \circ \psi \in H^p\},$$

where  $\psi$  is a Riemann mapping of the unit disk  $U$  onto  $D$  and  $H^p$  is the classical Hardy space for  $U$  [8].

For  $f \in E^p(D)$ , we define

$$\|f\|_{E^p(D)} = \|(\psi')^{1/p} f \circ \psi\|_{H^p}. \tag{1}$$

The problem of the degree of polynomial approximation in  $H^p$  for  $1 \leq p < \infty$  is not difficult, and Storoženko solved it in the case  $0 < p < 1$  in 1970s [1, 2]. For spaces  $E^p(D)$  in a Jordan domain, this problem has been studied by several authors when  $1 \leq p < \infty$  [3, 4]. The Faber operator was commonly used in these articles. In this paper, we shall study polynomial approximation in  $E^p(D)$  when  $0 < p < 1$ , and approximants will be constructed directly by means of Lagrange interpolation polynomials. We shall use the modulus of continuity of  $f \circ \psi$  to estimate the order of the approximation. However,  $\Gamma$  is required to be  $3 + \delta$  smooth, which means it has a  $3 + \delta$  smooth normal parametric representation.

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In this paper,  $c_j$  denote positive constants that only depend on  $p$  and  $D$ . The assumption that  $0 < p < 1$  and that  $\Gamma$  is  $3 + \delta$  smooth is kept throughout the paper.

2. SOME PRELIMINARIES

A positive measure  $\mu$  on  $U$  is called a Carleson measure if there exists a constant  $M$  such that

$$\mu(S(I)) \leq M |I| \tag{2}$$

for any interval  $I \subset \partial U$ , where

$$S(I) = \left\{ re^{it} : 1 - \frac{|I|}{2\pi} \leq r < 1, e^{it} \in I \right\}.$$

It is well known that if  $\mu$  is a Carleson measure, then for  $g \in H^p$  we have [9]

$$\left\{ \int_U |g|^p d\mu \right\}^{1/p} \leq 4(80)^4 (M^2 + 1) \|g\|_{H^p}, \tag{3}$$

where  $M$  is the same constant as on the right of (2).

Besides the Riemann mapping  $\psi : U \rightarrow D$ , with the inverse  $\phi : D \rightarrow U$ , we also consider the Riemann mapping  $\Psi : \mathbb{C} \setminus U \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \setminus D$  with  $\Psi(\infty) = \infty$ ,  $\Psi'(\infty) > 0$ , and let  $\Phi$  be the inverse mapping of  $\Psi$ . Then  $\psi$  and  $\Psi$  (respectively,  $\phi$  and  $\Phi$ ) can be extended to  $\partial U$  (respectively,  $\Gamma$ )  $3 + \delta$  smoothly. For  $z, \zeta \in \mathbb{C} \setminus D$  and  $u, v \in \mathbb{C} \setminus U$ , we have

$$c_2^{-1} \leq \left| \frac{\psi(u) - \psi(v)}{u - v} \right| \leq c_2 \tag{4}$$

$$c_2^{-1} \leq \left| \frac{\Phi(z) - \Phi(\zeta)}{z - \zeta} \right| \leq c_2 \tag{5}$$

$$c_2^{-1} \leq |\psi'(u)| \leq c_2 \tag{6}$$

$$c_2^{-1} \leq |\Phi'(z)| \leq c_2. \tag{7}$$

By (1) we have

$$c_2^{-1/p} \|f \circ \psi\|_{H^p} \leq \|f\|_{E^p(D)} \leq c_2^{1/p} \|f \circ \psi\|_{H^p}.$$

We will not identify  $\|f\|_{E^p(D)}$  and  $\|f \circ \psi\|_{H^p}$ , and  $\|\cdot\|$  will denote either of these norms.

Let

$$D_n = \{ \psi(rh_n(e^{i\theta})) : 0 \leq r < 1, -\pi \leq \theta < \pi \},$$

where

$$h_n(e^{i\theta}) = e^{i\theta} - \frac{\lambda(e^{i\theta})}{\sqrt{n}} \tag{8}$$

and

$$\lambda(e^{i\theta}) = \frac{e^{i\theta}}{|(\Phi \circ \psi)'(e^{i\theta})|}. \tag{9}$$

If  $n$  is sufficiently large,  $D_n$  is a Jordan domain bounded by the curve

$$\{ \psi(h_n(e^{i\theta})) : -\pi \leq \theta < \pi \}.$$

Let  $\Psi_n : \mathbb{C} \setminus U \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \setminus D_n$  be the Riemann mapping with  $\Psi_n(\infty) = \infty$ ,  $\Psi_n'(\infty) > 0$ , and let  $\Phi_n$  be the inverse mapping of  $\Psi_n$ .

LEMMA 1. For  $z, \zeta \in \mathbb{C} \setminus D_n$

$$c_3^{-1} \leq \left| \frac{\Phi_n(z) - \Phi_n(\zeta)}{z - \zeta} \right| \leq c_3 \tag{10}$$

$$c_3^{-1} \leq |\Phi_n'(z)| \leq c_3 \tag{11}$$

and for  $z \in \Gamma$

$$1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} - \frac{c_4}{n} \leq |\Phi_n(z)| \leq 1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} + \frac{c_4}{n}. \tag{12}$$

*Proof.* Let  $z(\theta) = \psi(e^{i\theta})$  and  $z_n(\theta) = \psi(h_n(e^{i\theta}))$  be the parametric representations of  $\Gamma$  and  $\partial D_n$ , respectively. It is not too difficult to verify

$$\begin{aligned} |z(\theta) - z_n(\theta)| &\leq \frac{c_5}{\sqrt{n}} \\ c_5^{-1} \leq |z'(\theta)|, \quad |z_n'(\theta)| &\leq c_5 \\ |z''(\theta)|, \quad |z_n''(\theta)| &\leq c_5 \\ |z''(\theta) - z_n''(\theta)| &\leq \frac{c_5}{\sqrt{n}} \\ |z_n''(\theta + t) - z_n''(\theta)| &\leq c_5 t^\delta. \end{aligned}$$

Note that the third derivatives of  $\psi$  and  $\Phi$  appear in the term of  $z_n''(\theta)$ , but they are both bounded.

From a result due to Warschawski [5, Theorem 5], we have

$$|\Phi_n'(\psi(h_n(e^{i\theta}))) - \Phi'(\psi(e^{i\theta}))| \leq \frac{c_6}{\sqrt{n}}.$$

It follows that

$$|(\Phi_n \circ \psi)'(h_n(e^{i\theta})) - (\Phi \circ \psi)'(e^{i\theta})| \leq \frac{c_7}{\sqrt{n}}. \quad (13)$$

By Warschawski's other conclusion [6, Theorem 5], we have (10), (11), and

$$|\Psi_n''(\zeta)| \leq c_8, \quad \zeta \in \mathbb{C} \setminus D_n. \quad (14)$$

For  $z = \psi(e^{i\theta}) \in \Gamma$ , let us denote by  $\sigma$  the segment from  $h_n(e^{i\theta})$  to  $e^{i\theta}$ . Then by (8) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_n(z) &= \Phi_n \circ \psi(h_n(e^{i\theta})) + (\Phi_n \circ \psi)'(h_n(e^{i\theta})) \frac{\lambda(e^{i\theta})}{\sqrt{n}} \\ &\quad + \int_{\sigma} [(\Phi_n \circ \psi)'(u) - (\Phi_n \circ \psi)'(h_n(e^{i\theta}))] du. \end{aligned}$$

Since the length of  $\sigma$  equals  $|\lambda(e^{i\theta})|/\sqrt{n}$ , and by (14) we have

$$\Phi_n(z) = \Phi_n \circ \psi(h_n(e^{i\theta})) + \frac{e^{i\theta}(\Phi_n \circ \psi)'(h_n(e^{i\theta}))}{\sqrt{n}|(\Phi \circ \psi)'(e^{i\theta})|} + O\left(\frac{1}{n}\right).$$

By (13)

$$\Phi_n(z) = \Phi_n \circ \psi(h_n(e^{i\theta})) + \frac{e^{i\theta}(\Phi \circ \psi)'(e^{i\theta})}{\sqrt{n}|(\Phi \circ \psi)'(e^{i\theta})|} + O\left(\frac{1}{n}\right). \quad (15)$$

Since  $\Phi_n \circ \psi(h_n(e^{i\theta}))$  is on the unit circle, we assume

$$e^{it} = \Phi_n \circ \psi(h_n(e^{i\theta}));$$

taking the derivative with respect to  $t$ , we have

$$ie^{it} = (\Phi_n \circ \psi)'(h_n(e^{i\theta})) \frac{dh_n(e^{i\theta})}{d\theta} \frac{d\theta}{dt}.$$

It follows that

$$\frac{\pi}{2} + t = \arg(\Phi_n \circ \psi)'(h_n(e^{i\theta})) + \arg \frac{dh_n(e^{i\theta})}{d\theta} + \arg \frac{d\theta}{dt}. \quad (16)$$

Since  $d\theta/dt > 0$ , then  $\arg(d\theta/dt) = 0$ . Obviously

$$\begin{aligned} \arg \frac{dh_n(e^{i\theta})}{d\theta} &= \arg \left( ie^{i\theta} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \frac{\lambda(e^{i\theta})}{d\theta} \right) \\ &= \frac{\pi}{2} + \theta + O\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\right) \end{aligned}$$

and by (13)

$$\arg(\Phi \circ \psi)'(h_n(e^{i\theta})) = \arg(\Phi_n \circ \psi)'(e^{i\theta}) + O\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\right).$$

Together with (16), we have

$$t = \theta + \arg(\Phi \circ \psi)'(e^{i\theta}) + O\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\right).$$

It follows that

$$\frac{e^{i\theta}(\Phi \circ \psi)'(e^{i\theta})}{|(\Phi \circ \psi)'(e^{i\theta})|} = e^{it} + O\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\right).$$

By (15),

$$\Phi_n \circ \psi(e^{i\theta}) = e^{it} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} e^{it} + O\left(\frac{1}{n}\right).$$

This follows (12) and completes the proof of Lemma 1. ■

Set

$$r_n = 1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} - \frac{2c_A}{n} \quad (17)$$

and set

$$\rho_n = 1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} + \frac{2c_A}{n}. \quad (18)$$

For  $n$  sufficiently large such that  $r_n > 1$ , we denote

$$\gamma_n = \{ \Psi_n(r_n e^{i\theta}) : -\pi \leq \theta < \pi \}$$

and

$$\Gamma_n = \{ \Psi_n(\rho_n e^{i\theta}) : -\pi \leq \theta < \pi \}.$$

From Lemma 1, we have

$$\frac{c_6^{-1}}{n} \leq \inf_{\substack{z \in \Gamma \\ \zeta \in \gamma_n \cup \Gamma_n}} |z - \zeta| \leq \frac{c_6}{n}. \quad (19)$$

Then for  $\zeta \in \gamma_n$ , we have

$$1 - \frac{c_7}{n} \leq |\phi(\zeta)| \leq 1 - \frac{c_7^{-1}}{n}. \quad (20)$$

Let  $G_n$  be the domain enclosed by  $\gamma_n$  and let  $K_n$  be the domain bounded by  $\gamma_n$  and  $\Gamma_n$ ; that means

$$K_n = \{ z : r_n < |\Phi_n(z)| < \rho_n \}.$$

For  $n$  sufficiently large, it is obvious

$$D_n \subset G_n \subset D \subset G_n \cup \bar{K}_n.$$

LEMMA 2. For  $F \in E^p(D)$ , we have

$$\int_{\gamma_n} |F(z)| |dz| \leq c_8 n^{1/p-1} \|F\|_p. \quad (21)$$

*Proof.* It is known [1]

$$\max_{|u|=r} |g(u)| \leq (1-r)^{-1/p} \|g\|_p$$

holds for  $g \in H^p$ ,  $0 < r < 1$ . By (20)

$$\max_{z \in \gamma_n} |F(z)| \leq c_7 n^{1/p} \|F\|_p.$$

Since  $\phi(\gamma_n)$  is the image of the circle  $|u| = r_n$  under the smooth mapping  $\phi \circ \Psi_n$ , the arc measure on it is a Carleson measure. By (3)

$$\int_{\phi(\gamma_n)} |F \circ \psi(u)|^p |du| \leq c_9 \|F\|_p^p.$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\gamma_n} |F(z)| |dz| &\leq \max_{z \in \gamma_n} |F(z)|^{1-p} \int_{\phi(\gamma_n)} |F \circ \psi(u)|^p |\psi(u)| |du| \\ &\leq c_8 n^{1/p-1} \|F\|_p. \quad \blacksquare \end{aligned}$$

3. CONSTRUCTION OF APPROXIMANTS

Let  $\Pi_n$  be the set of polynomials of degree at most  $n$ . For  $f \in E^p(D)$ , we define

$$E_n(f)_p = \inf_{P_n \in \Pi_n} \|f - P_n\|_p.$$

Set

$$u_{k,j}^{(n)} = \left(1 + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{n}}\right) \exp\left(\frac{2\pi j}{k+1}i\right), \quad j = 0, 1, \dots, k.$$

They are the roots of

$$u^{k+1} - \left(1 + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{n}}\right)^{k+1} = 0.$$

Let

$$z_{k,j}^{(n)} = \Psi_n(u_{k,j}^{(n)});$$

then  $z_{k,j}^{(n)} \in G_n \subset D$ .

For  $f \in E^p(D)$ , we denote by  $L_{n,k}(f, z)$  the  $k$ th Lagrange interpolation polynomial to  $f$  at the points  $\{z_{k,j}^{(n)}, j = 0, 1, \dots, k\}$ . That means  $L_{n,k}(f, z) \in \Pi_k$  and

$$L_{n,k}(f, z_{k,j}^{(n)}) = z_{k,j}^{(n)}, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, k.$$

Let

$$\omega_{n,k}(z) = \prod_{j=1}^k (z - z_{k,j}^{(n)}).$$

Then

$$L_{n,k}(f, z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma_n} \frac{\omega_{n,k}(\zeta) - \omega_{n,k}(z)}{\omega_{n,k}(\zeta)} \frac{f(\zeta)}{\zeta - z} d\zeta. \tag{22}$$

Choosing  $l = 1 + [2/p]$ , we define  $\{A_n^k\}$  by the identity

$$\left(\frac{1 - x^{n+1}}{1 - x}\right)^l = \sum_{k=0}^{ln} A_{n,k} x^k. \tag{23}$$

Of course,  $A_{n,k}$  are all positive integers. Taking  $x \rightarrow 1$ , we can see

$$\sum_{k=0}^{ln} A_{n,k} = (n + 1)^l.$$

Set

$$V_n(f, z) = \frac{1}{(n+1)} \sum_{k=n}^{(l+1)n} A_{n,k} L_{n,k}(f, z). \tag{24}$$

Obviously  $V_n(f, z) \in \Pi_{(l+1)n}$ .

For  $g \in H^p$ , the modulus of continuity in  $H^p$  is defined by

$$\omega(g, t)_p = \sup_{0 < s < t} \|g(ue^{is}) - g(u)\|_{H^p}.$$

Now we state our results.

**THEOREM 1.** *Suppose  $0 < p < 1$  and  $\Gamma$  is  $3 + \delta$  smooth. Then for  $f \in E^p(D)$ ,*

$$\|f(z) - V_n(f, z)\|_p \leq c_{10} \omega\left(f \circ \psi, \frac{1}{n}\right)_p \tag{25}$$

and it follows that

$$E_n(f)_p \leq c_{11} \omega\left(f \circ \psi, \frac{1}{n}\right)_p. \tag{26}$$

From Theorem 1, we can obtain the so-called “de la Vallee Poussin theorem” in  $E^p(D)$ .

**COROLLARY 1.** *Under the conditions of Theorem 1,*

$$\|f(z) - V_n(f, z)\|_p \leq c_{12} E_n(f)_p.$$

The reason is  $V_n(P_n, z) = P_n(z)$  for  $P_n(z) \in \Pi_n$  and

$$\|f(z) - V_n(f, z)\|_p \leq 2c_{10} \|f\|_p.$$

It is known that (25) is sharp in the case  $D = U$  [1]. However, we will give the Bernstein inequality in  $E^p(D)$ , which means that (25) is even sharp in the general cases.

**THEOREM 2.** *Under the conditions of Theorem 1,*

$$\|P'_n\|_p \leq c_{13} n \|P_n\|_p$$

holds for any  $P_n \in \Pi_n$ .

As in [2], Theorem 2 implies the inverse theorem of approximation in  $E^p(D)$ .



COROLLARY 2. Under the conditions of Theorem 1,

$$\omega\left(f \circ \psi, \frac{1}{n}\right)_p \leq \frac{c_{13}}{n} \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^n j^{p-1} E_j(f)_p^p \right\}^{1/p}.$$

For the sake of simplicity, we shall use the notations  $L_k(f, z)$ ,  $\omega_k(z)$ ,  $u_{k,j}$ , and  $A_k$  to denote  $L_{n,k}(f, z)$ ,  $u_{k,j}^{(n)}$ , and  $A_{n,k}$ , respectively. Before proving the theorems, we need to prove the asymptotic behaviour of  $\omega_k(z)$ .

4. THE ASYMPTOTIC BEHAVIOUR

LEMMA 3. Let  $n \leq k \leq (l+1)n$ . Then for  $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus D_n$ ,

$$\left| \frac{\omega_k(z)}{d_n^{k+1} \{ [\Phi_n(z)]^{k+1} - (1 + (1/2\sqrt{n}))^{k+1} \}} - 1 \right| \leq c_{15} e^{-\sqrt{n}/4},$$

where  $d_n = \Psi_n(\infty)$ .

Proof. As in [7], for  $u, v \in \mathbb{C} \setminus D_n$ , we construct

$$\chi_n(u, v) = \begin{cases} \frac{\Psi_n(u) - \Psi_n(v)}{d_n(u-v)}, & v \neq u \\ \frac{\Psi'_n(u)}{d_n}, & v = u. \end{cases}$$

Let  $\log \chi_n(u, v)$  denote the branch of logarithm for which  $\log \chi_n(u, \infty) = 0$ . By (10) we have

$$|\log \chi_n(u, v)| \leq c_{16}$$

and we have the Laurent series

$$\log \chi_n(u, v) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_{n,m}(u)}{v^m}.$$

Evidently

$$|a_{n,m}(u)| = \left| \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{|v|=1} v^{m-1} \log \chi_n(u, v) dv \right| \leq c_{16}. \tag{27}$$

For  $z = \Psi_n(u)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \log \frac{\omega_k(z)}{d_n^{k+1} [u^{k+1} - (1 + (1/2\sqrt{n}))^{k+1}]} \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^k \log \chi_n(u, u_{k,j}) \\ &= \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} a_{n,m}(u) \sum_{j=0}^k (u_{k,j})^{-m} \\ &= (k+1) \sum_{N=1}^{\infty} a_{n,(k+1)N}(u) \left(1 - \frac{1}{2\sqrt{n}}\right)^{-(k+1)N} \end{aligned}$$

and by (27) we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \log \frac{\omega_k(z)}{d_n^{k+1} \{ [\Phi_n(z)]^{k+1} - (1 + (1/2\sqrt{n}))^{k+1} \}} \right| \\ & \leq c_{16} (k+1) \sum_{N=1}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{1}{2\sqrt{n}}\right)^{-nN} \\ & \leq c_{15} e^{-\sqrt{n}/4}. \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof of Lemma 3. ■

Set

$$H_k(\zeta, z) = \frac{\omega_k(z)}{\omega_k(\zeta)} - \left[ \frac{\Phi_n(z)}{\Phi_n(\zeta)} \right]^{k+1}.$$

LEMMA 4. *Let  $n \leq k \leq (l+1)n$ . Then for  $\zeta, z \in \bar{K}_n$*

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{\Phi_n(z)}{\Phi_n(\zeta)} \right|^{k+1} \leq c_{17} \\ & |H_k(\zeta, z)| \leq c_{17} e^{-\sqrt{n}/4} \end{aligned} \tag{28}$$

and for  $z \in \Gamma, \zeta \in \bar{K}_n$ , we also have

$$\left| \frac{\partial H_k(\zeta, z)}{\partial z} \right| \leq c_{17} e^{-\sqrt{n}/5}. \tag{29}$$

*Proof.* For  $\zeta, z \in \bar{K}_n$ , we have

$$r_n \leq |\Phi_n(\zeta)|, \quad |\Phi_n(z)| \leq \rho_n.$$

It follows that

$$\left| \frac{\Phi_n(z)}{\Phi_n(\zeta)} \right|^{k+1} \leq \left( \frac{\rho_n}{r_n} \right)^{(l+1)m} \leq c_{17}.$$

From Lemma 3

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{\omega_n(z)}{d_n^{k+1}} - [\Phi_n(z)]^{k+1} \right| &\leq c_{18} e^{-\sqrt{n}/4} |\Phi_n(z)|^{k+1} + \left( 1 + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{n}} \right)^{k+1} \\ &\leq c_{19} e^{-\sqrt{n}/4} |\Phi_n(z)|^{k+1}. \end{aligned}$$

Then we also have

$$\left| \frac{\omega_n(\zeta)}{d_n^{k+1}} - [\Phi_n(\zeta)]^{k+1} \right| \leq c_{19} e^{-\sqrt{n}/4} |\Phi_n(\zeta)|^{k+1}.$$

For  $n$  sufficiently large, we have

$$|\Phi_n(\zeta)|^{k+1} \leq 2 \left| \frac{\omega_n(\zeta)}{d_n^{k+1}} \right|.$$

Then

$$\left| \frac{d_n^{k+1}}{\omega_n(\zeta)} - [\Phi_n(\zeta)]^{-(k+1)} \right| \leq 2c_{19} e^{-\sqrt{n}/4} |\Phi_n(\zeta)|^{-(k+1)}.$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} &\left| \frac{\omega_k(z)}{\omega_k(\zeta)} - \left[ \frac{\Phi_n(z)}{\Phi_n(\zeta)} \right]^{k+1} \right| \\ &\leq \left| \frac{\omega_k(z)}{\omega_k(\zeta)} - \frac{d_n^{k+1} [\Phi_n(z)]^{k+1}}{\omega_n(\zeta)} \right| \\ &\quad + |\Phi_n(z)|^{k+1} \left| \frac{d_n^{k+1}}{\omega_n(\zeta)} - [\Phi_n(\zeta)]^{-(k+1)} \right| \\ &\leq c_{17} e^{-\sqrt{n}/4}. \end{aligned}$$

Then we have (28).

Since  $H_n(\zeta, z)$  is analytic with respect to  $z$  in  $\bar{K}_n$ , we have

$$\frac{\partial H_k(\zeta, z)}{\partial z} = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{r_n \cup \gamma_n} \frac{H_k(\zeta, \tau)}{(\tau - z)^2} d\tau.$$

By (19) and (28), for  $z \in \Gamma$  we have

$$\left| \frac{\partial H_k(\zeta, z)}{\partial z} \right| \leq c_{20} n^2 e^{-\sqrt{n}/4}.$$

This implies (29). ■

## 5. PROOF OF THE THEOREMS

*Proof of Theorem 1.* For  $z \in \Gamma$ , located in the exterior of  $\gamma_n$ , we have

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma_n} \frac{f(\zeta)}{\zeta - z} d\zeta = 0.$$

By (22)

$$L_k(f, z) = -\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma_n} \frac{\omega_k(z) f(\zeta)}{\omega_k(\zeta) \zeta - z} d\zeta.$$

It follows that

$$V_n(f, z) = -\frac{1}{(n+1)^l} \sum_{k=n}^{(l+1)n} A_{k-n} \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma_n} \frac{\omega_k(z) f(\zeta)}{\omega_k(\zeta) \zeta - z} d\zeta. \quad (30)$$

Evidently

$$\begin{aligned} f(z) - V_n(f, z) &= \frac{1}{(n+1)^l} \sum_{k=n}^{(l+1)n} A_{k-n} \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma_n} \frac{\omega_k(z) f(\zeta) - f(z)}{\omega_k(\zeta) \zeta - z} d\zeta \\ &= \frac{1}{(n+1)^l} \sum_{k=n}^{(l+1)n} A_{k-n} \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma_n} H_k(\zeta, z) \frac{f(\zeta) - f(z)}{\zeta - z} d\zeta \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{(n+1)^l} \sum_{k=n}^{(l+1)n} A_{k-n} \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma_n} \left[ \frac{\Phi_n(z)}{\Phi_n(\zeta)} \right]^{k+1} \frac{f(\zeta) - f(z)}{\zeta - z} d\zeta \\ &= I_1(z) + I_2(z). \end{aligned} \quad (31)$$

By (28)

$$\begin{aligned} |I_1(z)| &\leq \frac{1}{(n+1)^l} \sum_{k=n}^{(l+1)n} A_{k-n} \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\gamma_n} |H_k(\zeta, z)| \left| \frac{f(\zeta) - f(z)}{\zeta - z} \right| |d\zeta| \\ &\leq c_{17} e^{-\sqrt{n}/4} \int_{\gamma_n} \left| \frac{f(\zeta) - f(z)}{\zeta - z} \right| |d\zeta| \\ &\leq \frac{c_{20}}{(n+1)^l} \int_{\gamma_n} \frac{|f(\zeta) - f(z)|}{|\zeta - z|^{l+1}} |d\zeta|, \quad z \in \Gamma. \end{aligned} \quad (32)$$

By (23), note  $x = \Phi_n(z)/\Phi_n(\zeta)$

$$\begin{aligned} |I_2(z)| &= \frac{1}{(n+1)^l} \left| \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma_n} \left( \frac{1-x^{n+1}}{1-x} \right)' x^{n+1} \frac{f(\zeta) - f(z)}{\zeta - z} d\zeta \right| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2\pi(n+1)^l} \int_{\gamma_n} \frac{(1+|x|^{n+1})^l}{|1-x|^{l'}} |x|^{n+1} \left| \frac{f(\zeta) - f(z)}{\zeta - z} \right| |d\zeta| \\ &\leq \frac{c_{21}}{(n+1)^l} \int_{\gamma_n} \frac{|f(\zeta) - f(z)|}{|\zeta - z|^{l'+1}} |d\zeta|. \end{aligned}$$

By (10) we have

$$|\zeta - z| \leq c_3 |1 - x|$$

and from Lemma 3 we have

$$|I_2(z)| \leq \frac{c_{22}}{(n+1)^l} \int_{\gamma_n} \frac{|f(\zeta) - f(z)|}{|\zeta - z|} |d\zeta|. \tag{33}$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} |f(z) - V_n(f, z)| &\leq |I_1(z)| + |I_2(z)| \\ &\leq \frac{c_{20} + c_{22}}{(n+1)^l} \int_{\gamma_n} \frac{|f(\zeta) - f(z)|}{|\zeta - z|^{l'+1}} |d\zeta|, \quad z \in \Gamma. \end{aligned} \tag{34}$$

By (20), for  $z \in \Gamma$  and  $\zeta \in \gamma_n$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} |[\phi(\zeta)]^n - [\phi(z)]^n| &\geq |\phi(z)|^n - |\phi(\zeta)|^n \\ &\geq 1 - \left( 1 - \frac{c_7^{-1}}{n} \right)^n \\ &\geq c_{23}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore by (34) we have

$$|f(z) - V_n(f, z)| \leq \frac{c_{24}}{n+1} \int_{\gamma_n} \left| \frac{[\phi(\zeta)]^n - [\phi(z)]^n}{\phi(\zeta) - \phi(z)} \right|^{l'+1} |f(\zeta) - f(z)| |d\zeta|.$$

Let

$$F_z(\zeta) = \left\{ \frac{[\phi(\zeta)]^n - [\phi(z)]^n}{\phi(\zeta) - \phi(z)} \right\}^{l'+1} [f(\zeta) - f(z)].$$

From Lemma 2

$$|f(z) - V_n(f, z)| \leq \frac{c_{24}}{n^{l+1-1/p}} \|F_z\|_p.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \|f(z) - V_n(f, z)\|_p^p \\ & \leq \frac{c_{25}}{n^{(l+1)p-1}} \int_{\Gamma} |dz| \int_{\Gamma} \left| \frac{[\phi(\zeta)]^n - [\phi(z)]^n}{\phi(\zeta) - \phi(z)} \right|^{(l+1)p} |f(\zeta) - f(z)|^p |d\zeta| \\ & \leq \frac{c_{26}}{n^{(l+1)p-1}} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} d\theta \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \left| \frac{e^{in\theta} - e^{im\theta}}{e^{i\theta} - e^{i\theta}} \right|^{(l+1)p} |f \circ \psi(e^{i\theta}) - f \circ \psi(e^{i\theta})|^p dt. \end{aligned}$$

As in [2], this follows (32) and completes the proof Theorem 1. ■

*Proof of Theorem 2.* Since  $V_n(P_n, z) = P_n(z)$  for  $P_n \in \Pi_n$ . By (30) we have

$$\begin{aligned} P_n(z) &= -\frac{1}{(n+1)^l} \sum_{k=n}^{(l+1)n} A_{k-n} \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma_n} \frac{\omega_k(z) P_n(\zeta)}{\omega_k(\zeta) \zeta - z} d\zeta \\ &= -\frac{1}{(n+1)^l} \sum_{k=n}^{(l+1)n} A_{k-n} \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma_n} H_k(\zeta, z) \frac{P_n(\zeta)}{\zeta - z} d\zeta \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2\pi i(n+1)^l} \int_{\gamma_n} \left( \frac{1-x^{n+1}}{1-x} \right)^l x^n \frac{P_n(\zeta)}{\zeta - z} d\zeta, \end{aligned}$$

where  $x = \Phi_n(z)/\Phi_n(\zeta)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} P'_n(z) &= -\frac{1}{(n+1)^l} \sum_{k=n}^{(l+1)n} A_{k-n} \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma_n} \frac{\partial H_k(\zeta, z)}{\partial z} \frac{P_n(\zeta)}{\zeta - z} d\zeta \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{(n+1)^l} \sum_{k=n}^{(l+1)n} A_{k-n} \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma_n} H_k(\zeta, z) \frac{P_n(\zeta)}{(\zeta - z)^2} d\zeta \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2\pi i(n+1)^l} \int_{\gamma_n} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left( \frac{1-x^{n+1}}{1-x} \right)^l x^n \frac{P_n(\zeta)}{\zeta - z} d\zeta \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2\pi i(n+1)^l} \int_{\gamma_n} \left( \frac{1-x^{n+1}}{1-x} \right)^l x^n \frac{P_n(\zeta)}{(\zeta - z)^2} d\zeta \\ &= J_1(z) + J_2(z) + J_3(z) + J_4(z). \end{aligned}$$

For  $z \in \Gamma$ , from Lemma 4 we have

$$|J_1(z)| + |J_2(z)| \leq \frac{c_{25}}{(n+1)^{l-1}} \int_{\gamma_n} \frac{|P_n(\zeta)|}{|\zeta - z|^{l+1}} |d\zeta|.$$

Similar to estimating  $|I_2(z)|$  in the proof of Theorem 1

$$\begin{aligned} |J_4(z)| &\leq \frac{c_{26}}{(n+1)^l} \int_{\gamma_n} \frac{|P_n(\zeta)|}{|\zeta-z|^{l+2}} |d\zeta| \\ &\leq \frac{c_{27}}{(n+1)^{l-1}} \int_{\gamma_n} \frac{|P_n(\zeta)|}{|\zeta-z|^{l+1}} |d\zeta|. \end{aligned}$$

Evidently

$$\begin{aligned} |J_3(z)| &= \frac{1}{2\pi(n+1)^l} \left| \int_{\gamma_n} \left[ -n-1 + (n+1)(l+1)x^{n+1} - \frac{l(1-x^{n+1})x}{1-x} \right] \right. \\ &\quad \times \left. \frac{(1-x^{n+1})^{l-1}}{(1-x)^l} x^n \frac{\Phi'_n(z) P_n(\zeta)}{\Phi_n(\zeta) \zeta - z} d\zeta \right| \\ &\leq \frac{c_{28}}{(n+1)^l} \int_{\gamma_n} \left[ (n+1) + \frac{1}{|\zeta-z|} \right] \frac{|P_n(\zeta)|}{|\zeta-z|^{l+1}} |d\zeta| \\ &\leq \frac{c_{29}}{(n+1)^{l-1}} \int_{\gamma_n} \frac{|P_n(\zeta)|}{|\zeta-z|^{l+1}} |d\zeta|. \end{aligned}$$

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} |P'_n(z)| &\leq \frac{1}{(n+1)^l} \sum_{j=1}^4 |J_j(z)| \\ &\leq \frac{c_{30}}{(n+1)^{l-1}} \int_{\gamma_n} \frac{|P_n(\zeta)|}{|\zeta-z|^{l+1}} |d\zeta|, \quad z \in \Gamma. \end{aligned}$$

Comparing with (34) in the proof of Theorem 1, we can obtain (26) with a similar procedure. ■

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