# Weighted $L_{\rho}$ Error of Lagrange Interpolation* 

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#### Abstract

The authors give new error estimates of Lagrange interpolation in the weighted $L_{p, u}$ norm, when $u$ is a generalized Jacobi weight and the interpolation points are the zeros of polynomials orthogonal with respect to (another) generalized Jacobi weight. or 1995 Academic Press, Inc.


## 1. Introduction

Let $X=\left\{x_{m . k}, k=1, \ldots, m, m=1,2, \ldots\right\} \subset(-1,1)$ be a matrix of knots and let $f$ be bounded function on $[-1,1]$. We denote by $L_{m}(X, f)$ the Lagrange polynomial interpolating the function $f$ at $x_{m, k}, k=1, \ldots, m$. The operator $L_{m}(X)$ maps bounded functions into continuous functions with an $L_{p}$ weighted norm, $1 \leqslant p<\infty$. Therefore, if $u$ is a suitable weight function, then

$$
\left\|L_{m}(X, f) u\right\|_{p} \leqslant \text { const }\|f\|_{\infty}
$$

holds. Indeed, when the entries of $X$ are the zeros of certain orthogonal polynomials, then there are presented in the literature necessary and sufficient conditions on $u$ for the above to hold (see e.g. [ 10,14 ]. There also are some necessary conditions on $u$ when $X$ is a general matrix of

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points dense in $[-1,1]$ (see [8]). In particular, if $f$ is a continuous function, using the previous bound we get

$$
\left\|\left[f-L_{m}(X, f)\right] u\right\|_{p} \leqslant \mathrm{const} E_{m-1}(f)
$$

where $E_{m}(f)$ denotes the error of the best uniform approximation by algebraic polynomials. Nevertheless, the last estimate often is not suitable (if, say, $f$ is not continuous). Further, as it turns out, in many applications it is necessary to estimate the interpolation error in an $L_{p}$ weighted norm by the same norm of the (local) derivative of the function $f$. In the present paper, we obtain estimates of this kind, when $p \in(1, \infty), u$ is a generalized Jacobi weight, and the points of interpolation are the zeros of the generalized Jacobi polynomials. First, in the last inequality, we replace $E_{m-1}(f)$ by the error $\tilde{E}_{m-1}(f)_{u, p}$ of the best one-sided approximation in the $L_{p}$ space with weight $u$. Subsequently, we give estimates of $\widetilde{E}_{m-1}(f)_{u, p}$ when the function $f$ is locally absolutely continuous. This procedure can be applied to several discrete type operators.

## 2. Main Results

We say that $f \in L_{p}([a, b]),-1 \leqslant a<b \leqslant 1,1 \leqslant p<\infty$, if and only if

$$
\|f\|_{\left.L_{p}[a, b]\right)}^{p}=\int_{a}^{b}|f(x)|^{p} d x<\infty .
$$

If $a=-1$ and $b=1$, then we write $f \in L_{p}$ and $\|f\|_{p}^{p}=\int_{-1}^{1}|f(x)|^{p} d x$. If $p=\infty$, we consider the vraisup norm. Further, we denote by $\mathrm{AC}_{\mathrm{Loc}}$ the class of the functions absolutely continuous in any closed set $[a, b] \subset$ $(-1,1)$. In the following $\Pi_{m}$ denotes the set of the polynomials of degree at most $m$. Throughout this paper, the symbol " $\mathscr{C}$ " stands for a positive constant which may take different values on different occurrences. Let $g$ be a bounded and measurable function, and let $\sigma$ be a weight function with $\sigma \in L_{p}$. We set

$$
\begin{align*}
\tilde{E}_{m}(g)_{\sigma, p}= & \inf \left\{\left\|\left(Q^{+}-Q^{-}\right) \sigma\right\|_{p},\right. & & Q^{ \pm} \in \Pi_{m}, \\
& Q^{-}(x) \leqslant g(x) \leqslant Q^{+}(x), & & x \in[-1,1]\} . \tag{2.1}
\end{align*}
$$

$\tilde{E}_{m}(g)_{\sigma, p}$ is called the error of the best one-sided approximation of the function $g$ in $L_{p}$ space with weight $\sigma$.

Let

$$
\begin{equation*}
w(x)=\psi(x) v^{\alpha, \beta}(x) \prod_{k=1}^{s}\left|\chi_{k}-x\right|^{\gamma k}, \quad|x| \leqslant 1 \tag{2.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $v^{\alpha, \beta}(x)=(1-x)^{\alpha}(1+x)^{\beta}, \alpha, \beta>-1$ is a Jacobi weight, $\gamma_{k}>-1$, $\left|\chi_{k}\right|<1, k=1, \ldots, s, \quad 0<\psi \in \operatorname{Lip} \lambda, \quad 0<\lambda \leqslant 1$. The weight $w$ is called generalized smooth Jacobi weight ( $w \in$ GSJ) (see e.g. [1, 10]). Now, let $\left.\left\{p_{m}(w)\right)\right\}_{m \in \mathbb{N}}$ be the system of orthonormal polynomials corresponding to the weight function $w$, that is, $p_{m}(w)$ is a polynomial of degree exactly $m$ with positive leading coefficient and $\int_{-1}^{1} p_{m}(w ; t) p_{n}(w ; t) w(t) d t=\delta_{m, n}$. We denote by $x_{k}=x_{m, k}(w), k=1, \ldots, m$, the zeros of $p_{m}(w)$ indexed in increasing order and by $L_{m}(w, f)$ the Lagrange polynomial interpolating a given function $f:(-1,1) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ at $x_{k}, k=1, \ldots, m$. (Incidentally, the function $f$ can be unbounded at $\pm 1$.) Thus, setting

$$
f_{m}(x)= \begin{cases}f\left(x_{1}\right) & \text { if } \quad x \in\left(-\infty, x_{1}\right] \\ f(x) & \text { if } \quad x \in\left[x_{1}, x_{m}\right], \quad m \geqslant 1 \\ f\left(x_{m}\right) & \text { if } \quad x \in\left[x_{m}, \infty\right)\end{cases}
$$

we have $L_{m}\left(w, f_{m}\right)=L_{m}(w, f)$ and

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left\|\left[f-L_{m}(w, f)\right] u\right\|_{p} \leqslant\left\|\left(f-f_{m}\right) u\right\|_{p}+\left\|\left[f_{m}-L_{m}\left(w, f_{m}\right)\right] u\right\|_{p} \tag{2.3}
\end{equation*}
$$

In most cases $u$ is a generalized Jacobi weight ( $u \in G J$ ), i.e.,

$$
\begin{equation*}
u(x)=v^{\ddot{\gamma} \delta}(x) \prod_{k=1}^{r}\left|\tau_{k}-x\right|^{a_{k}}, \quad|x| \leqslant 1 \tag{2.4}
\end{equation*}
$$

In the following we use notations $\varphi(x)=\sqrt{1-x^{2}}$ and $u_{m}(x)=$ $v^{2 . \delta}(x) \prod_{k=1}^{r}\left(\left|\tau_{k}-x\right|+m^{-1}\right)^{a_{k}}$.

Theorem 2.1. Let $p \in(1, \infty), q=p /(p-1)$ and $m=2,3, \ldots$. If the weight functions $u \in G J, w \in G S J$ satisfy the conditions

$$
\begin{equation*}
u \in L_{p}, \quad \frac{u}{\sqrt{w}} \varphi^{-1 / 2} \in L_{p}, \quad \text { and } \quad \frac{\sqrt{w}}{u} \varphi^{-1 / 2} \in L_{q}, \quad \frac{w}{u} \in L_{q} \tag{2.5}
\end{equation*}
$$

then for every bounded and measurable function $g:[-1,1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left\|\left[g-L_{m}(w, g)\right] u\right\|_{p} \leqslant \mathscr{C} \tilde{E}_{m-1}(g)_{u, p} \tag{2.6}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $\mathscr{C}$ is a positive constant independent of $m$ and $g$.
The next crucial step is to estimate $\tilde{E}_{m}\left(f_{m}\right)_{u, p}\left(f_{m}\right.$ is the function defined above).

Theorem 2.2. Let $p \in[1, \infty], m=2,3, \ldots$, and $u \in \mathrm{GJ}, w \in \mathrm{GSJ}$. If $u \in L_{p}$ and the function $f \in \mathrm{Ac}_{\mathrm{Loc}}$ satisfies

$$
\begin{equation*}
f^{\prime} \varphi u_{m} \in L_{p}\left(\left[x_{1}, x_{m}\right]\right) \tag{2.7}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $x_{1}=x_{m, 1}(w)$ and $x_{m}=x_{m, m}(w)$, then

$$
\begin{equation*}
\widetilde{E}_{m}\left(f_{m}\right)_{u, p} \leqslant \frac{\mathscr{C}}{m}\left\|\varphi f^{\prime} u_{m}\right\|_{L_{p}\left[\left[x_{1}, x_{m}\right]\right.} \tag{2.8}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $\mathscr{C}$ is a positive constant independent of $m, p$, and $f$.
Theorem 2.2 yields
Corollary 2.3. Using the assumptions and the notations of the Theorem 2.2, we get

$$
\begin{equation*}
\tilde{E}_{m}\left(f_{m}\right)_{u, p} \leqslant \frac{\mathscr{C}}{m} \tilde{E}_{m-1}\left(f_{m}^{\prime}\right)_{u \varphi, p}, \quad m \geqslant 2 \tag{2.9}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $\mathscr{C}$ is a positive constant independent of $m, p$, and $f$.
The iterated application of (2.9) and (2.8) gives that if $f^{(r)} \varphi^{r} u_{m} \in$ $L_{p}\left(\left[x_{1}, x_{m}\right]\right)$, then

$$
\begin{equation*}
\tilde{E}_{m}\left(f_{m}\right)_{u, p} \leqslant \frac{\mathscr{C}}{m^{r}}\left\|f^{(r)} \varphi^{r} u_{m}\right\|_{L_{p}\left[\left[x_{1}, x_{m}\right]\right.}, \quad r \geqslant 1, \quad m \geqslant 2 \tag{2.10}
\end{equation*}
$$

When $u(x) \equiv 1$ and $1 \leqslant p \leqslant \infty$, estimates similar to (2.10) are in [15] and [5]. Further, when $p=1$ and $u=\sigma\left(1+\log ^{+} \sigma\right), \sigma \in G J$, estimates of $\widetilde{E}_{m}(f)_{u, 1}$ can be found in [7]. Now we estimate the error of Lagrange interpolation. Setting $I_{m}=\left[-1, x_{1}\right] \cup\left[x_{m}, 1\right]$, the following theorem holds.

Theorem 2.4. Let $p \in(1, \infty)$ and $m=2,3, \ldots$. Assume that $u \in \mathrm{GJ}$ and $w \in \operatorname{GSJ}$ satisfy (2.5). If $u \in L_{p}$, then for every function $f \in \mathrm{AC}_{\mathrm{Loc}}$ with $f^{\prime} \varphi^{2 / p} u \in L_{1}$

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left\|\left[f-L_{m}(w, f)\right] u\right\|_{p} \leqslant \mathscr{C}\left[\widetilde{E}_{m-1}\left(f_{m}\right)_{u, p}+\int_{I_{m}}\left|f^{\prime}(t)\right|\left(1-t^{2}\right)^{1 / p} u(t) d t\right] \tag{2.11}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $\mathscr{C}$ is a positive constant independent of $m$ and $f$.
Remark 1. Using a similar argument, we can prove inequality (2.11) if we replace $u$ by $u_{m}$.

The estimate (2.11) is useful when the function $f$ is unbounded at $\pm 1$. For instance, let $w(x)=\left(1-x^{2}\right)^{x}$ and $u(x)=\left(1-x^{2}\right)^{y}$. In this case (2.5) means

$$
\gamma>-\frac{1}{p} \quad \text { and } \quad \max \left(\gamma-1+\frac{1}{p}, 2 \gamma-\frac{3}{2}+\frac{2}{p}\right)<\alpha<2 \gamma-\frac{1}{2}+\frac{2}{p}
$$

Then, by (2.10) and (2.11) we obtain

$$
\left\|\left[f-L_{m}(w, f)\right] u\right\|_{p}=\left\{\begin{array}{c}
\mathcal{O}\left(m^{-2 \sigma-2 \gamma-2 / p}\right) \\
\text { if } f(x)=(1-x)^{\sigma}, \sigma+\gamma+1 / p>0 \\
\mathcal{O}\left(m^{-2 ;-2 / p}\right) \\
\text { if } f(x)=\log (1+x)
\end{array}\right.
$$

The previous estimates have the same order as the best approximation in $L_{p}$ space with Jacobi weight (see [4, pp. 109, 110]).

Now we can state the following.

Corollary 2.5. Let $p \in(1, \infty), m=2,3, \ldots$, assume that $u \in \mathrm{GJ}$, $w \in \mathrm{GSJ}$ satisfy (2.5). If $u \in L_{p}, f \in \mathrm{AC}_{\mathrm{Loc}}$ and $f^{\prime} \varphi u_{m} \in L_{p}$, then

$$
\begin{align*}
\left\|\left[f-L_{m}(w, f)\right] u\right\|_{p} & \leqslant \frac{\mathscr{C}}{m}\left\|f^{\prime} \varphi u_{m}\right\|_{p} \\
\left\|\left[f-L_{m}(w, f)\right] u_{m}\right\|_{p} & \leqslant \frac{\mathscr{C}}{m}\left\|f^{\prime} \varphi u_{m}\right\|_{p} \tag{2.12}
\end{align*}
$$

where $\mathscr{C}$ is a positive constant independent of $m$ and $f$.
Inequality (2.11), together with (2.10) and (2.12), is sufficient to estimate the weighted $L_{p}$ interpolation error for a wide class of functions. In fact, from (2.12) it follows, whenever $f^{\prime} \varphi u_{m} \in L_{p}$, that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left\|\left[f-L_{m}(w, f)\right] u\right\|_{p} \leqslant \frac{\mathscr{C}}{m} E_{m-2}\left(f^{\prime}\right)_{\varphi u_{m}, p} \tag{2.13}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $E_{m}(g)_{\sigma, p}=\inf _{P \in I_{m}}\|(g-P) \sigma\|_{p}$ and $\sigma$ is a weight function. (Indeed, we apply (2.12) for the function $F(x)=f(x)-\int_{-1}^{x} P_{m-2}(t) d t$, where $P_{m-2} \in \Pi_{m-2}$.)

If $u=v^{r, \delta}$ (i.e., $a_{k}=0, k=1, \ldots, r$ ), we can estimate $E_{m-2}\left(f^{\prime}\right)_{\varphi u_{m, \rho}}$ by the main part of the $\varphi$-modulus of continuity [3]. Unfortunately, (2.13) does not work in the general case $u \neq v^{\gamma, \delta}$ because, at present, estimates
of $E_{m-2}\left(f^{\prime}\right)_{\varphi u_{m}, p}$ are not available. Instead we can proceed as follows. Replacing in (2.12) $f$ by $f(x)-\int_{-1}^{x} L_{m-1}\left(w \varphi^{2}, f^{\prime}, t\right) d t$, we have

$$
\begin{gather*}
\left\|\left[f-L_{m}(w, f)\right] u\right\|_{p} \leqslant \frac{\mathscr{C}}{m}\left\|\left[f^{\prime}-L_{m-1}\left(w \varphi^{2}, f^{\prime}\right)\right] \varphi u_{m}\right\|_{p},  \tag{2.14}\\
\left\|\left[f-L_{m}(w, f)\right] u_{m}\right\|_{p} \leqslant \frac{\mathscr{C}}{m}\left\|\left[f^{\prime}-L_{m-1}\left(w \varphi^{2}, f^{\prime}\right)\right] \varphi u_{m}\right\|_{p} \tag{2.15}
\end{gather*}
$$

with $1<p<\infty$.
Moreover, if $u \in G J$ and $w \in G S J$ satisfy (2.5), then so do $u \varphi^{k}$ and $w \varphi^{2 k}$. Therefore, starting from (2.14) we can iterate (2.15) and finally apply the second inequality in (2.12) or (2.11) together with (2.10). Hence, for instance, we get

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left\|\left[f-L_{m}(w, f)\right] u\right\|_{p} \leqslant \frac{\mathscr{C}}{m^{r}}\left\|\varphi^{r} f^{(r)} u_{m}\right\|_{p}, \quad r \geqslant 1, \quad 1<p<\infty \tag{2.16}
\end{equation*}
$$

In particular, if $p=2, w \in \operatorname{GSJ}$ and $u=\sqrt{w}$, the conditions (2.5) are satisfied. So the previous estimates are refinements of the well-known theorem of Erdős and Turán [4] for GSJ weights.

Finally, we get
Corollary 2.6. Let $p \in[1, \infty], m=2,3, \ldots$, and assume that $u \in \mathrm{GJ}$ and $u \in L_{p}$. If $f \in \mathrm{AC}_{\mathrm{Loc}}$ and $f^{\prime} \varphi u_{m} \in L_{p}$, then

$$
E_{m}(f)_{u, p} \leqslant \frac{\mathscr{C}}{m}\left\|f^{\prime} \varphi u_{m}\right\|_{p}
$$

where $\mathscr{C}$ is a positive constant independent of $m, p$, and $f$.
Remark 2. It is easy to prove that $E_{m}(f)_{u_{m}, p} \leqslant(\mathscr{C} / m)\left\|f^{\prime} \varphi u_{m}\right\|_{p}$ (see the proofs in Section 3). Unfortunately, at this moment we cannot prove the estimate $E_{m}(f)_{u, p} \leqslant(\mathscr{C} / m)\left\|f^{\prime} \varphi u\right\|_{p}$ with $u \in \mathrm{GJ}$, which holds when $u=v^{\gamma, \delta}$ or when the exponents $a_{k}$ of the weight $u$ are negative. The case when every $a_{k}>0$ is open. Similar remarks hold for the other estimates.

## 3. Proofs

Proof of Theorem 2.1. From Theorem 9.25 by Nevai [11, p. 169], we get
Statement A. Let $w \in \mathrm{GSJ}, u \in \mathrm{GJ}, u \in L_{p}, 1<p<\infty$, and $P \in \Pi_{m-1}$. Then

$$
\sum_{k=1}^{m} \lambda_{m, k}(w)\left|u_{m}\left(x_{m, k}(w)\right) P\left(x_{m, k}(w)\right)\right|^{p} / w_{m}\left(x_{m, k}(w)\right) \leqslant \mathscr{C}\|P u\|_{p}^{p}
$$

where

$$
\begin{aligned}
w_{m}(x) & =v^{\alpha, \beta}(x) \prod_{k=1}^{s}\left(\left|\chi_{k}-x\right|+m^{-1}\right)^{\gamma_{k}}, \\
u_{m}(x) & =v^{\gamma, \delta}(x) \prod_{k=1}^{r}\left(\left|\tau_{k}-x\right|+m^{-1}\right)^{a_{k}}, \quad|x|<1, \\
\lambda_{m, k}(w) & =\left[\sum_{i=0}^{m-1} p_{i}^{2}\left(w, x_{m, k}(w)\right)\right]^{-1},
\end{aligned}
$$

and $\mathscr{C}=\mathscr{C}(w, u, p)$.
We also need a consequence of Theorem 3.2 by Xu [17, p. 82].
Statement B. By the notations and conditions of Theorem 2.1 and Statement A, we have, for $P \in \Pi_{m-1}$,

$$
\|P u\|_{p}^{p} \leqslant \mathscr{C} \sum_{k=1}^{m} \lambda_{m, k}(w)\left|u_{m}\left(x_{m, k}(w)\right) P\left(x_{m, k}(w)\right)\right|^{p} / w_{m}\left(x_{m, k}(w)\right)
$$

In Statement B we applied the cast (replacing $u$ in Xu's theorem by $V$ ) $V=u^{\prime} / w, \beta^{\prime}=u$, and $\alpha^{\prime}=w$.

Let $g$ be a bounded and measurable function and $Q^{ \pm} \in \Pi_{m-1}$ such that $Q^{-}(x) \leqslant g(x) \leqslant Q^{+}(x),|x| \leqslant 1$.

With $u \in G J$, we have

$$
\left\|\left[g-L_{m}(w, g)\right] u\right\|_{p} \leqslant\left\|\left[Q^{+}-Q^{-}\right] u\right\|_{p}+\left\|L_{m}\left(w, f-Q^{-}\right) u\right\|_{p}
$$

Using Statement B and then Statement A,

$$
\begin{aligned}
\left\|L_{m}\left(w, f-Q^{-}\right) u\right\|_{p}^{p} & \leqslant \mathscr{C} \sum_{k=1}^{m} \lambda_{m, k}(w) \frac{u_{m}^{p}\left(x_{m, k}(w)\right)}{w_{m}\left(x_{m, k}(w)\right)}\left[f-Q^{-}\right]^{p}\left(x_{m, k}(w)\right) \\
& \leqslant \mathscr{C} \sum_{k=1}^{m} \lambda_{m, k}(w) \frac{u_{m}^{p}\left(x_{m, k}(w)\right)}{w_{m}\left(x_{m, k}(w)\right)}\left[Q^{+}-Q^{-}\right]^{p}\left(x_{m, k}(w)\right) \\
& \leqslant \mathscr{C}\left\|\left(Q^{+}-Q^{-}\right) u\right\|_{p}^{p}
\end{aligned}
$$

Then

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left\|\left[g-L_{m}(w, g)\right] u\right\|_{p} \leqslant \mathscr{C}\left\|\left(Q^{+}-Q^{-}\right) u\right\|_{p} \tag{3.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

and Theorem 2.1 follows from (3.1), making the infimum with respect to $Q^{ \pm}$.

In order to prove Theorem 2.2, we need some preliminary facts and lemmas. If $A$ and $B$ are two expressions depending on some variables then we write $A \sim B$ if $|A / B|^{ \pm 1} \leqslant \mathscr{C}$ uniformly for the variables under consideration.

Lemma 3.1. Let $u(x)=b(x) v^{\gamma \delta \delta}(x) \prod_{k=1}^{r}\left|\tau_{k}-x\right|^{a_{k}} \in \mathrm{GJ}$ and $y_{k}=y_{m, k}$ $=-\cos (k \pi /(m+1)), k=0, \ldots, m+1$. If $u \in L_{p}$, then for every $k$ with $1 \leqslant$ $|k| \leqslant m$ and $1 \leqslant v, v \pm k, v \pm k \pm 1 \leqslant m$,

$$
\int_{y_{i-1}}^{y_{v}} u(x) d x \leqslant \mathscr{C}|k|^{\Gamma} \int_{y_{t+k}}^{y_{r+k}} u(x) d x
$$

where $\Gamma=\max \left\{(|2 \gamma+1|,|2 \delta+1|\}+2 r \max _{k=1, \ldots, r}\left|a_{k}\right| \quad\right.$ and $\mathscr{C}$ is an absolute constant independent of $m, k$, and $v$.

Proof The proof requires examination of several particular cases, but only simple calculations. For the sake of brevity we consider the weight $u(x)=v^{\dot{\gamma} \delta \delta}(x)\left|x-\tau_{1}\right|^{a_{1}}$ and the case

$$
-1 \leqslant y_{v-1} \leqslant y_{v}<\cdots<y_{v+k-1}<y_{v+k}<\cdots<y_{v+k+s} \leqslant \tau_{1} \leqslant y_{v+k+s+1} \leqslant 0
$$

Then

$$
\begin{aligned}
I_{v} & =\int_{y_{v-1}}^{y_{v}} u(x) d x \sim \frac{v}{m^{2}}\left(\frac{v}{m}\right)^{2 \delta}\left(\frac{(v+k+s)^{2}-v^{2}}{m^{2}}\right)^{a_{1}} \\
I_{v+k} & =\int_{y_{v+k-1}}^{y_{v+k}} u(x) d x \sim \frac{v+k}{m^{2}}\left(\frac{v+k}{m}\right)^{2 \delta}\left(\frac{(v+k+s)^{2}-(v+k)^{2}}{m^{2}}\right)^{a_{1}}
\end{aligned}
$$

and

$$
\begin{aligned}
\frac{I_{v}}{I_{v+k}} & \sim\left(\frac{v}{v+k}\right)^{2 \delta+1}\left(\frac{(v+k+s)^{2}-v^{2}}{(v+k+s)^{2}-(v+k)^{2}}\right)^{a_{1}} \\
& =\left(\frac{v}{v+k}\right)^{2 \delta+1}\left(\frac{k+s}{s}\right)^{a_{1}}\left(\frac{2 v+s+k}{2 v+s+2 k}\right)^{a_{1}}
\end{aligned}
$$

Assume $k>0$. (If $k<0$, we can consider $I_{v+k} / I_{v}$.) Then, we obtain

$$
\left(\frac{v}{v+k}\right)^{2 \delta+1} \leqslant \mathscr{C} k^{|2 \delta+1|}
$$

Moreover, if $a_{1}>0$, we have

$$
\left(\frac{2 v+s+k}{2 v+s+2 k}\right)^{a_{1}}<1
$$

and

$$
\left(\frac{k+s}{s}\right)^{a_{1}} \leqslant \mathscr{C} k^{a_{1}}
$$

If $a_{1}<0$, then $((k+s) / s)^{a_{1}}<1$ and $((2 v+s+k) /(2 v+s+2 k))^{a_{1}}=(1+k /$ $(2 v+k+s))^{-a_{1}}<\mathscr{C} k^{-a_{1}}$. Hence

$$
\frac{I_{v}}{I_{v+k}} \leqslant \mathscr{C} k^{|2 \delta+1|+\left|a_{1}\right|}
$$

as was stated. The other cases are similar.
Let $x_{k}=x_{m, k}(w), k=1, \ldots, m$, with $m \geqslant 2$. Putting $n=\mu m, 2 \pi<\mu \in \mathbb{N}$, we denote by $t_{k}=t_{n+1, k}=-\cos (((2 k-1) /(n+1))(\pi / 2)), k=1, \ldots, n+1$, the zeros of the Chebyshev polynomial $T_{n+1}$. Since $w \in$ GSJ, $1+$ $x_{m, 1}(w) \sim m^{-2} \sim 1-x_{m, m}(w)$; hence there exists a fixed $\bar{\mu} \in \mathbb{N}$ such that, for $\mu>\max (2 \pi, \bar{\mu})$ we have

$$
-1<t_{1}<\cdots<t_{\rho-1} \leqslant x_{1}<t_{\rho}<\cdots<t_{\sigma}<x_{m} \leqslant t_{\sigma+1}<\cdots<t_{n+1}<1
$$

for some $\rho>1$ and $\sigma \leqslant n$.
Now we define the function $S^{+}(x)=S^{+}\left(f_{m}, x\right)$ as

$$
S^{+}\left(f_{m}, x\right)=M_{p}+\sum_{k=p}^{\sigma}\left(x-t_{k}\right)_{+}^{o} \delta_{k}
$$

where generally

$$
\eta_{t}(x)=(x-t)_{+}^{0}= \begin{cases}0, & x \leqslant t \\ 1, & x>t\end{cases}
$$

Furthermore,

$$
\begin{aligned}
M_{\rho} & =\sup \left\{f_{m}(t),-1 \leqslant t \leqslant t_{\rho}\right\}, \\
M_{k} & =\sup \left\{f_{m}(t), t_{k-1}<t \leqslant t_{k}\right\}, \quad \rho+1 \leqslant k \leqslant \sigma, \\
M_{\sigma+1} & =\sup \left\{f_{m}(t), t_{\sigma}<t \leqslant 1\right\}, \\
\delta_{k} & =M_{k+1}-M_{k}, \quad k=\rho, \ldots, \sigma .
\end{aligned}
$$

Analogously, we can define $S^{-}(x)=S^{-}\left(f_{m}, x\right)$ as

$$
S^{-}\left(f_{m}, x\right)=m_{\rho}+\sum_{k=p}^{\sigma}\left(x-t_{k}\right)_{+}^{0} \bar{\delta}_{k},
$$

where

$$
\begin{aligned}
m_{\rho} & =\inf \left\{f_{m}(t),-1 \leqslant t \leqslant t_{\rho}\right\}, \\
m_{k} & =\inf \left\{f_{m}(t), t_{k-1}<t \leqslant t_{k}\right\}, \quad \rho+1 \leqslant k \leqslant \sigma, \\
m_{\sigma+1} & =\inf \left\{f_{m}(t), t_{\sigma}<t \leqslant 1\right\}, \\
\bar{\delta}_{k} & =m_{k+1}-m_{k}, \quad k=\rho, \ldots, \sigma .
\end{aligned}
$$

By definition,

$$
S^{-}\left(f_{m}, x\right) \leqslant f_{m}(x) \leqslant S^{+}\left(f_{m}, x\right)
$$

Now we put $M=2 a n$, with $a \in \mathbb{N}, 2 a>\Gamma+2$, and $\Gamma$ as defined in Lemma 3.1, and we define the polynomials $P_{M, k}^{+}, P_{m, k}^{-} \in \Pi_{M}, \rho \leqslant k \leqslant \sigma$, as follows:

$$
\begin{aligned}
P_{M, k}^{+}\left(t_{i}\right) & = \begin{cases}1, & i=k, k+1, \ldots, n+1, \\
0, & i=1,2, \ldots, k-1,\end{cases} \\
\frac{d^{j}}{d x^{j}} P_{M, k}^{+}\left(t_{i}\right) & =0, \quad i \neq k, \quad j=1,2, \ldots, 2 a-1, \\
P_{M, k}^{-}\left(t_{i}\right) & = \begin{cases}1, & i=k+1, \ldots, n+1, \\
0, & i=1,2, \ldots, k,\end{cases} \\
\frac{d^{j}}{d x^{j}} P_{M, k}^{-}\left(t_{i}\right) & =0, \quad i \neq k, \quad j=1,2, \ldots, 2 a-1 .
\end{aligned}
$$

Working as in [15], we can prove that

$$
P_{M, k}^{-}(x) \leqslant\left(x-t_{k}\right)_{+}^{0} \leqslant P_{M, k}^{+}(x)
$$

and

$$
P_{M, k}^{+}(x)-P_{M, k}^{-}(x)=l_{k}^{2 a}(x)
$$

where $l_{k}$ is the $k$ th fundamental Lagrange polynomial based on the Chebyshev zeros $t_{1}, \ldots, t_{n+1}$. Moreover, by the previous polynomials, we define

$$
\begin{aligned}
& P_{M}^{+}(x)=\sum_{\delta_{k}>0} P_{M, k}^{+}(x) \delta_{k}+\sum_{\delta_{k}<0} P_{M, k}^{-}(x) \delta_{k}+M_{\rho} \\
& P_{M}^{-}(x)=\sum_{\delta_{k}>0} P_{M, k}^{-}(x) \delta_{k}+\sum_{\delta_{k}<0} P_{M, k}^{+}(x) \delta_{k}+M_{\rho} \\
& q_{M}^{+}(x)=\sum_{\bar{\delta}_{k}>0} P_{M, k}^{+}(x) \bar{\delta}_{k}+\sum_{\bar{\delta}_{k}<0} P_{M, k}^{-}(x) \bar{\delta}_{k}+m_{\rho} \\
& q_{M}^{-}(x)=\sum_{\bar{\delta}_{k}>0} P_{M, k}^{-}(x) \bar{\delta}_{k}+\sum_{\bar{\delta}_{k}<0} P_{M, k}^{+}(x) \bar{\delta}_{k}+m_{\rho}
\end{aligned}
$$

for $k=\rho, \ldots, \sigma$, and from the definitions of $S^{ \pm}\left(f_{m}, x\right)$ it follows that

$$
\begin{gather*}
q_{M}^{-}(x) \leqslant S^{-}\left(f_{m}, x\right) \leqslant q_{M}^{+}(x), \quad P_{M}^{-}(x) \leqslant S^{+}\left(f_{m}, x\right) \leqslant P_{M}^{+}(x)  \tag{3.2}\\
q_{M}^{+}(x)-q_{M}^{-}(x)=\sum_{k=\rho}^{\sigma} l_{k}^{2 a}(x)\left|\bar{\delta}_{k}\right|  \tag{3.3}\\
P_{M}^{+}(x)-P_{M}^{-}(x)=\sum_{k=\rho}^{\sigma} l_{k}^{2 a}(x)\left|\delta_{k}\right| \tag{3.4}
\end{gather*}
$$

We still need a definition. Letting $y_{k}=y_{n, k}=-\cos (k \pi /(n+1)), k=$ $1,2, \ldots, n$, be the zeros of the $n$th Chebyshev polynomial of the second kind, $U_{n}$, it is well-known that $t_{k}<y_{k}<t_{k+1}, k=1, \ldots, n$. Let us define $\bar{S}^{ \pm}\left(f_{m}\right)$ by

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \bar{S}^{+}\left(f_{m}, x\right)= \begin{cases}\left|\delta_{k}\right|, & y_{k-1} \leqslant x \leqslant y_{k}, \quad k=\rho, \ldots, \sigma, \\
0, & x<y_{\rho-1} \text { or } y_{\sigma}<x,\end{cases} \\
& \bar{S}^{-}\left(f_{m}, x\right)= \begin{cases}\left|\bar{\delta}_{k}\right|, & y_{k-1} \leqslant x \leqslant y_{k}, \quad k=\rho, \ldots, \sigma \\
0, & x<y_{\rho-1} \text { or } y_{o}<x .\end{cases}
\end{aligned}
$$

Now we prove the following.
Lemma 3.2. Let $u \in \mathrm{GJ}$ be defined by (2.4) and $u \in L_{p}$ with $1 \leqslant p \leqslant \infty$. If $f_{m}$ is bounded and measurable, then

$$
\begin{align*}
& \left\|\left(P_{M}^{+}-P_{M}^{-}\right) u\right\|_{p} \leqslant \mathscr{C}\left\|\bar{S}^{+}\left(f_{m}\right) u\right\|_{L_{p}\left[\left[y_{\left.\left.\rho-1, y_{\sigma}\right]\right)}\right.\right.}  \tag{3.5}\\
& \left\|\left(q_{M}^{+}-q_{M}^{-}\right) u\right\|_{p} \leqslant \mathscr{C}\left\|\bar{S}^{-}\left(f_{m}\right) u\right\|_{L_{p}\left[\left(y_{p-1}, y_{a}\right]\right.} \tag{3.6}
\end{align*}
$$

where $\mathscr{C}$ is a positive constant independent of $p, f$ and $m>5$.
Proof. For the sake of brevity, we prove (3.5). Formula (3.6) can be proved similarly. We observe that if $x \in\left[y_{i-1}, y_{i}\right], i=\rho, \ldots, \sigma$, then

$$
l_{k}^{2 a}(x) \leqslant \frac{\mathscr{C}}{(|k+i|+1)^{2 a}}
$$

Hence, from (3.4) and the Hölder inequality

$$
\begin{aligned}
\left|P_{M}^{+}(x)-P_{M}^{-}(x)\right|^{p} u^{p}(x) & \leqslant \mathscr{C}^{p}\left(\sum_{k=\rho}^{\sigma} \frac{\left|\delta_{k}\right| u(x)}{(|k-i|+1)^{2 u}}\right)^{p} \\
& \leqslant \mathscr{C}^{p} \sum_{k=\rho}^{\sigma} \frac{\left|\delta_{k}\right|^{p} u^{p}(x)}{(|k-i|+1)^{(2 a-1)_{p}^{p}}} .
\end{aligned}
$$

On the other hand, recalling Lemma 3.1 and the definition of $\bar{S}^{+}\left(f_{m}\right)$, we have

$$
\begin{aligned}
\int_{y_{i-1}}^{y_{i}}\left|\delta_{k}\right|^{p} u^{p}(x) d x & \leqslant \mathscr{C}(|k-i|+1)^{p \Gamma} \int_{y_{k-1}}^{y_{k}}\left|\delta_{k}\right|^{p} u^{p}(x) d x \\
& =\mathscr{C}(|k-i|+1)^{p \Gamma} \int_{y_{k-1}}^{y_{k}} \bar{S}^{+}\left(f_{m}, x\right)^{p} u^{p}(x) d x
\end{aligned}
$$

Then it follows that

$$
\begin{aligned}
\int_{y_{i}-1}^{y_{i}}\left[P_{M}^{+}(x)-P_{M}^{-}(x)\right]^{p} u^{p}(x) d x \leqslant & C^{p} \sum_{k=\rho}^{\sigma}(|k-i|+1)^{-\left(2 a-1-I^{p}\right) p} \\
& \times \int_{y_{k-1}}^{y_{k}} \bar{S}^{+}\left(f_{m}, x\right)^{p} u^{p}(x) d x
\end{aligned}
$$

Finally, by summing on $i=1, \ldots, m+1, y_{0}=-1, y_{m+1}=1$, we have

$$
\begin{aligned}
\left\|\left(P_{M}^{+}-P_{M}^{-}\right) u\right\|_{p}^{p} \leqslant \mathscr{C}^{p} & \sum_{k=p}^{\sigma} \int_{y_{k-1}}^{y_{k}} \bar{S}^{+}\left(f_{m}, x\right)^{p} u^{p}(x) d x \\
& \times\left\{\sum_{i=1}^{m+1}(|k-i|+1)^{-(2 a-1-\Gamma) p}\right\}
\end{aligned}
$$

whence by $2 a-\Gamma-1>1$ the above $\operatorname{sum}\{\cdots\}$ is bounded for any $k$, so

$$
\left\|\left(P_{M}^{+}-P_{M}^{-}\right) u\right\|_{p} \leqslant \mathscr{C}\left\|\bar{S}^{+}\left(f_{m}\right) u\right\|_{L_{p}\left(\left[y_{p-1}, y_{m}\right]\right)}
$$

The following lemmas estimate the functions $\bar{S}^{ \pm}\left(f_{m}\right)$.

Lemma 3.3. If $f$ is locally absolutely continuous and $x \in[-1,1]$, then

$$
\bar{S}^{ \pm}\left(f_{m}, x\right) \leqslant \int_{x-\left(A_{m}(x) / 2\right)}^{x+\left(A_{m}(x) / 2\right)}\left|f_{m}^{\prime}(t)\right| d t,
$$

where $\Delta_{m}(x)=\left(\sqrt{1-x^{2}} / m\right)+\left(1 / m^{2}\right)$.
Proof. We prove the lemma for $\bar{S}^{+}\left(f_{m}\right)$, say. If $x \notin\left[y_{\rho-1}, y_{\sigma}\right]$, $S^{+}\left(f_{m}, x\right)=0$, so the statement is trivial. Now we assume $x \in\left[y_{p-1}, y_{p}\right]$. By $t_{\rho-1}<y_{p-1}<t_{p}<y_{p}<t_{p+1}$,

$$
\begin{aligned}
\bar{S}^{+}\left(f_{m}, x\right) & =\left|\delta_{\rho}\right|=\left|M_{\rho+1}-M_{\rho}\right| \\
& \leqslant \sup \left\{\left|f_{m}(t)-f_{m}\left(t^{\prime}\right)\right|,-1 \leqslant t, t^{\prime} \leqslant t_{\rho+1}\right\} \\
& \leqslant \int_{-1}^{t_{\rho+1}}\left|f_{m}^{\prime}(t)\right| d t=\int_{\tau_{\rho-1}}^{t_{\rho+1}}\left|f_{m}^{\prime}(t)\right| d t,
\end{aligned}
$$

since $f_{m}^{\prime}(x)=0$ if $x<x_{1}$ or $x>x_{m}$. Now, for every $x \in\left[y_{k-1}, y_{k}\right], k=$ $\rho, \ldots, \sigma$, it results that

$$
t_{k+1}-t_{k-1} \leqslant \frac{\pi}{n} \sqrt{1-x^{2}}+\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{\pi}{n}\right)^{2} .
$$

Being $n=\mu m$ with $\mu>2 \pi$, we have

$$
t_{k+1}-t_{k-1} \leqslant \frac{\sqrt{1-x^{2}}}{2 m}+\frac{1}{2 m^{2}}=\frac{A_{m}(x)}{2} .
$$

Therefore

$$
\bar{S}^{+}\left(f_{m}, x\right) \leqslant \int_{x-\left(\Lambda_{m}(x) / 2\right)}^{x+\left(A_{m}(x) / 2\right)}\left|f_{m}^{\prime}(t)\right| d t, \quad x \in\left[y_{\rho-1}, y_{\rho}\right] .
$$

Similar argument works for $x \in\left[y_{\sigma-1}, y_{\sigma}\right]$. If $x \in\left[y_{k-1}, y_{k}\right], k=\rho+$ $1, \ldots, \sigma-1$, then

$$
\begin{aligned}
\bar{S}^{+}\left(f_{m}, x\right) & =\left|\delta_{k}\right|=\left|M_{k+1}-M_{k}\right| \\
& \leqslant \sup \left\{\left|f_{m}(t)-f_{m}\left(t^{\prime}\right)\right|, \quad t, t^{\prime} \in\left[t_{k-1} t_{k+1}\right]\right\} \\
& \leqslant \int_{t_{k-1}-1}^{t_{k+1}}\left|f_{m}^{\prime}(t)\right| d t \leqslant \int_{x-\left(A_{m}(x) / 2\right)}^{x+\left(\mid A_{m}(x) / 2\right)}\left|f_{m}^{\prime}(t)\right| d t,
\end{aligned}
$$

and the lemma is proved.
Now, as before letting $u_{m}(x)=v^{\nu, \delta}(x) \prod_{k=1}^{r}\left(\left|x-\tau_{k}\right|+m^{-1}\right)^{a_{k}}, \varphi(x)=$ $\sqrt{1-x^{2}}$, we prove the following.

Lemma 3.4. Let $u \in \mathrm{GJ}$ be defined by (2.4) and $u \in L_{p}$ with $1 \leqslant p \leqslant \infty$. If $f \in \mathrm{AC}_{\mathrm{Loc}}$ and $\varphi f^{\prime} u_{m} \in L_{p}\left(\left[x_{1}, x_{m}\right]\right)$, then, for $m \geqslant 2$,

$$
\left\|\bar{S}^{ \pm}\left(f_{m}\right) u\right\|_{\left.L_{q}\left[v_{p-1}, v_{o}\right]\right)} \leqslant \frac{\mathscr{C}}{m}\left\|\varphi f^{\prime} u_{m}\right\|_{\left.L_{p}\left[x_{1}, x_{m}\right]\right]},
$$

where $\mathscr{C}$ is a constant independent of $p, f$, and $m$.

Proof. For the sake of simplicity we prove the theorem for $\bar{S}^{+}\left(f_{m}\right)$ and with $u(x)=v^{2, \delta}(x)\left|x-\tau_{1}\right|^{a_{1}}$. Now, by Lemma 3.3 and $f_{m}^{\prime}(x)=0$, $x \notin\left[x_{1}, x_{m}\right]$, for $p<\infty$, we have

$$
\begin{aligned}
\left\|\bar{S}^{+}\left(f_{m}\right) u\right\|_{L_{p}\left(\left[y_{p-1}, y_{\sigma}\right]\right)}^{p}= & \int_{y_{p-1}}^{x_{1}} \cdots+\int_{x_{1}}^{x_{m}} \cdots+\int_{x_{m}}^{y_{\sigma}} \cdots \\
\leqslant & \int_{x_{1}}^{x_{m}}\left[\int_{x-\left(A_{m}(x) / 2\right)}^{x+\left(A_{m}(x) / 2\right)}\left|f_{m}^{\prime}(t)\right| d t\right]^{p} u^{p}(x) d x \\
= & \int_{A_{m}}\left[\int_{x-\left(A_{m}(x) / 2\right)}^{x+\left(A_{m}(x) / 2\right)}\left|f_{m}^{\prime}(t)\right| d t\right]^{p} u^{p}(x) d x \\
& +\int_{\tau_{1}-m^{-1}}^{\tau_{1}+m^{-1}}\left[\int_{x-\left(A_{m}(x) / 2\right)}^{x+\left(A_{m}(x) / 2\right)}\left|f_{m}^{\prime}(t)\right| d t\right]^{p} u^{p}(x) d x \\
= & I_{1}+I_{2}
\end{aligned}
$$

with $A_{m}=\left[x_{1}, \tau_{1}-m^{-1}\right] \cup\left[\tau_{1}+m^{-1}, x_{m}\right]$.
To estimate $I_{1}$, we observe that, $x$ being an element of $A_{m}$ and $|x-t| \leqslant$ $\Delta_{m}(x)$ by $\left[3\right.$, p. 80], $u(x) \sim u_{m}(x) \leqslant \mathscr{C} u_{m}(t), \Delta_{m}(x) \leqslant \mathscr{C} \Delta_{m}(t)$, and $\Delta_{m}(t) \leqslant$ $\mathscr{C}\left(\sqrt{1-t^{2}} / m\right)$. Therefore, if $p<\infty$, by the Hölder inequality

$$
\begin{aligned}
I_{1} & \leqslant \int_{A_{m}} \Delta_{m}^{p-1}(x) \int_{x-\left(A_{m 1}(x) / 2\right)}^{x+\left(\Delta_{m}(x) / 2\right)}\left|f_{m}^{\prime}(t)\right|^{p} d t u_{m}^{p}(x) d x \\
& \leqslant \mathscr{C}^{p} \int_{A_{m}} \int_{x-\left(A_{m}(x) / 2\right)}^{x+\left(A_{m}(x) / 2\right)}\left|f_{m}^{\prime}(t)\right|^{p} \Delta_{m}^{p-1}(t) u_{m}^{p}(t) d t d x \\
& \leqslant \mathscr{C}^{p} \int_{x_{1}}^{x_{m}} \Delta_{m}^{p-1}(t)\left|f_{m}^{\prime}(t)\right|^{p} u_{m}^{p}(t)\left[\int_{|x-t| \leqslant \Delta_{m}(x)} d x\right] d t \\
& \leqslant \mathscr{C}^{p} \int_{x_{1}}^{x_{m}} \Delta_{m}^{p}(t)\left|f_{m}^{\prime}(t)\right|^{p} u_{m}^{p}(t) d t
\end{aligned}
$$

i.e.,

$$
I_{1} \leqslant \frac{\mathscr{C}^{p}}{m^{p}}\left\|\varphi f^{\prime} u_{m}\right\|_{p_{p}\left[\left[x_{1}, x_{m}\right]\right)}^{p}
$$

Similarly, we have

$$
\begin{aligned}
I_{2} & =\int_{\tau_{1}-m^{-1}}^{\tau_{1}+m^{-1}}\left[\int_{x-\left(A_{m}(x) / 2\right)}^{x+\left(A_{m}(x) / 2\right)}\left|f^{\prime}(t)\right| d t\right]^{p} u^{p}(x) d x \\
& \leqslant \int_{\tau_{1}-m^{-1}}^{\tau_{1}+m^{-1}} \Delta_{m}^{p-1}(x) \int_{x-\left(A_{m}(x) / 2\right)}^{x+\left(A_{m}(x) / 2\right)}\left|f^{\prime}(t)\right|^{p} d t u^{p}(x) d x \\
& \leqslant \mathscr{C}^{p} \int_{\tau_{1}-m^{-1}}^{\tau_{1}+m^{-1}} \int_{x-\left(A_{m}(x) / 2\right)}^{x+\left(A_{m}(x) / 2\right)} \Delta_{m}^{p-1}(t)\left|f^{\prime}(t)\right|^{p} v^{p, p}, p \delta(t) d t\left|x-\tau_{1}\right|^{a_{1} p} d x \\
& \leqslant \mathscr{C}^{p} \int_{\tau_{1}-c m^{-1}}^{\tau_{1}+m^{-1}} \Delta_{m}^{p-1}(t)\left|f^{\prime}(t)\right|^{p} v^{p), p \delta}(t)\left[\int_{\tau_{1}-m^{-1}}^{\tau_{1}+m^{-1}}\left|x-\tau_{1}\right|^{a_{1} p} d x\right] d t .
\end{aligned}
$$

Using

$$
\int_{\tau_{1}-m^{-1}}^{\tau_{1}+m^{-1}}\left|x-\tau_{1}\right|^{a_{1} p} d x \leqslant \mathscr{C} A_{m}(t)\left(\left|t-\tau_{1}\right|+m^{-1}\right)^{a_{1} p}
$$

it follows that

$$
I_{2} \leqslant \frac{\mathscr{C}^{p}}{m^{p}}\left\|\varphi f^{\prime} u_{m}\right\|_{L_{p}\left(\left[x_{1}, v_{m}\right]\right)}^{p}
$$

Recalling the estimation for $I_{1}$, the lemma follows if $p<\infty$. The case $p=\infty$ is similar (cf. [3, p. 80]).

Proof of Theorem 2.2. We recall that $S^{-}\left(f_{m}\right) \leqslant f_{m} \leqslant S^{+}\left(f_{m}\right)$ and $q_{M}^{-} \leqslant$ $S^{-}\left(f_{m}\right) \leqslant q_{M}^{+}, P_{M}^{-} \leqslant S^{+}\left(f_{m}\right) \leqslant P_{M}^{+}$, from which $q_{M}^{-} \leqslant f_{m} \leqslant P_{M}^{+}$. So

$$
\begin{aligned}
\tilde{E}_{M}\left(f_{m}\right)_{u, p} \leqslant & \left\|\left(P_{M}^{+}-q_{M}^{-}\right) u\right\|_{p} \\
\leqslant & \left\|\left[P_{M}^{+}-S^{+}\left(f_{m}\right)\right] u\right\|_{p}+\|\left[S^{+}\left(f_{m}\right)\right. \\
& \left.-S^{-}\left(f_{m}\right)\right] u\left\|_{p}+\right\|\left[S^{-}\left(f_{m}\right)-q_{M}^{-}\right] u \|_{p} \\
\leqslant & \left\|\left(P_{M}^{+}-P_{M}^{-}\right) u\right\|_{p}+\left\|\left(q_{M}^{+}-q_{M}^{-}\right) u\right\|_{p} \\
& +\left\|\left[S^{+}\left(f_{m}\right)-S^{-}\left(f_{m}\right)\right] u\right\|_{p}
\end{aligned}
$$

Using Lemma 3.2 and Lemma 3.4,

$$
\tilde{E}_{M}\left(f_{m}\right)_{u, p} \leqslant \frac{\mathscr{C}}{m}\left\|\varphi f^{\prime} u_{m}\right\|_{\left.\iota_{p p}\left[x_{1}, s_{m}\right]\right]}+\left\|\left[S^{+}\left(f_{m}\right)-S^{-}\left(f_{m}\right)\right] u\right\|_{p}
$$

Now, being that $f \in \mathrm{AC}_{\mathrm{Loc}}$, if $x \in\left[\begin{array}{ll}y_{k} & 1, y_{k}\end{array}\right], k=\rho, \ldots, \sigma$, we have

$$
S^{+}\left(f_{m} ; x\right)-S^{-}\left(f_{m} ; x\right) \leqslant \int_{t_{k-1}}^{t_{k+1}}\left|f_{m}^{\prime}(t)\right| d t \leqslant \int_{x-\left(A_{m}(x) / 2\right)}^{x+\left(A_{m}(x) / 2\right)}\left|f_{m}^{\prime}(t)\right| d t
$$

whence

$$
\begin{aligned}
\left\|\left[S^{+}\left(f_{m}\right)-S^{-}\left(f_{m}\right)\right] u\right\|_{p}^{p} & \leqslant \int_{-1}^{1}\left[\int_{x-\left(A_{m}(x) / 2\right)}^{\left.x+\mid A_{m}(x) / 2\right)}\left|f_{m}^{\prime}(t)\right| d t\right]^{p} u^{p}(x) d x \\
& \leqslant \int_{y_{p-1}}^{x_{1}} \cdots+\int_{x_{1}}^{x_{m}} \cdots+\int_{x_{m}}^{y_{\sigma}} \cdots \\
& \leqslant \int_{x_{1}}^{x_{m}}\left[\int_{x-\left(A_{m}(x) / 2\right)}^{x+\left(A_{m}(x) / 2\right)}\left|f_{m}^{\prime}(t)\right| d t\right]^{p} u^{p}(x) d x .
\end{aligned}
$$

Then, working as in Lemma 3.4, we have

$$
\left\|\left[S^{+}\left(f_{m}\right)-S^{-}\left(f_{m}\right)\right] u\right\|_{p} \leqslant \frac{\mathscr{C}}{m}\left\|\varphi f^{\prime} u_{m}\right\|_{I_{p}\left(\left[x_{1}, x_{m}\right]\right)}
$$

whence we get

$$
\tilde{E}_{M}\left(f_{m}\right)_{u, p} \leqslant \frac{2 \mu a \mathscr{C}}{M}\left\|\varphi f^{\prime} u_{m}\right\|_{L_{p}\left[\left[x_{1}, x_{m}\right]\right)}=\frac{\mathscr{C}}{m}\left\|\varphi f^{\prime} u_{m}\right\|_{\left.L_{p}\left[x_{1}, x_{m}\right]\right)}
$$

Proof of Corollary 2.3. We start from

$$
\tilde{E}_{m}\left(f_{m}\right)_{u, p} \leqslant \frac{\mathscr{C}}{m}\left\|f^{\prime} \varphi u_{m}\right\|_{L_{p}\left[\left[x_{1}, x_{m}\right]\right)}
$$

Now let $Q^{+}(x)=\int_{-1}^{x} \pi^{+}(t) d t$ and $Q^{-}(x)=\int_{-1}^{x} \pi^{-}(t) d t$, where $\pi^{ \pm} \in$ $\Pi_{m-1}$ and $\pi^{-}(x) \leqslant f_{m}^{\prime}(x) \leqslant \pi^{+}(x), x \in\left[x_{1}, x_{m}\right]$. Therefore, we have

$$
\begin{aligned}
\tilde{E}_{m}\left(f_{m}\right)_{u, p} & =\tilde{E}_{m}\left(f_{m}-Q^{-}\right)_{u_{, p}} \\
& \leqslant \frac{\mathscr{C}}{m}\left\|\left(f^{\prime}-\pi^{-}\right) \varphi u_{m}\right\|_{L_{p}\left(\left[x_{1}, x_{m}\right]\right)} \\
& \leqslant \frac{\mathscr{C}}{m}\left\|\left(\pi^{+}-\pi^{-}\right) \varphi u_{m}\right\|_{L_{p}\left(\left[x_{1}, x_{m}\right]\right)} \\
& \leqslant \frac{\mathscr{C}}{m}\left\|\left(\pi^{+}-\pi^{-}\right) \varphi u_{m}\right\|_{L_{p}\left(B_{m}\right)},
\end{aligned}
$$

where $B_{m}=\left[x_{1}, x_{m}\right]-\bigcup_{k=1}^{r}\left[\tau_{k}-m^{-1}, \tau_{k}+m^{-1}\right]$. Here the last inequality follows from a result in [6, Lemma 2.2, p. 105]. Since

$$
\left\|\left(\pi^{+}-\pi^{-}\right) \varphi u_{m}\right\|_{\left.L_{r^{\prime}} B_{m}\right)} \leqslant \mathscr{C}_{i}\left\|\left(\pi^{+}-\pi^{-}\right) \varphi u\right\|_{L_{p}\left(B_{m}\right)}
$$

it follows that

$$
\tilde{E}_{m}\left(f_{m}\right)_{u, p} \leqslant \frac{\mathscr{C}}{m}\left\|\left(\pi^{+}-\pi^{-}\right) \varphi u\right\|_{u_{p}\left(\left[x_{1}, x_{m}\right]\right)}
$$

and, making the infimum be on $\pi^{ \pm}$, (2.9) follows.
Proof of Theorem 2.4. We observe that, from (2.3) and Theorem 2.1,

$$
\left\|\left[f-L_{m}(w, f)\right] u\right\|_{p} \leqslant \mathscr{C} \tilde{E}_{m} \quad\left(f_{m}\right)_{u, p}+\left\|\left(f-f_{m}\right) u\right\|_{p}, \quad 1<p<\infty
$$

Moreover,

$$
\left\|\left(f-f_{m}\right) u\right\|_{p} \leqslant\left\|\left[f-f\left(x_{1}\right)\right] u\right\|_{L_{p}\left(\left[-1, x_{1}\right]\right)}+\left\|\left[f-f\left(x_{m}\right)\right] u\right\|_{L_{t}\left(\left[x_{m}, 1\right]\right)}
$$

We estimate the first term by Minkowski inequality

$$
\begin{aligned}
\left\|\left[f-f\left(x_{1}\right)\right] u\right\|_{L_{p}\left(\left[-1, x_{1}\right]\right)} & =\left[\int_{-1}^{x_{1}}\left|f(x)-f\left(x_{1}\right)\right|^{p} u^{p}(x) d x\right]^{1 / p} \\
& =\left[\int_{-1}^{x_{1}}\left|\int_{-1}^{x_{1}}(t-x)_{+}^{0} f^{\prime}(t) d t\right|^{p} u^{p}(x) d x\right]^{1 / p} \\
& \leqslant \int_{-1}^{x_{1}}\left|f^{\prime}(t)\right|\left[\int_{-1}^{x_{1}}(t-x)_{+}^{0} u^{p}(x) d x\right]^{1 / p} d t \\
& \leqslant \mathscr{C} \int_{-1}^{x_{1}}\left|f^{\prime}(t)\right|\left[\int_{-1}^{t}(1+x)^{\delta_{p}} d x\right]^{1 / p} d t \\
& \leqslant \mathscr{C} \int_{-1}^{x_{1}}\left|f^{\prime}(t)\right|(1+t)^{1 / p} u(t) d t
\end{aligned}
$$

The estimation of $\left\|\left[f-f\left(x_{m}\right)\right] u\right\|_{L_{p}\left[x_{m}, 1\right]}$ is similar and the theorem is proved.

Proof of Corollary 2.5. The assertion follows from Theorem 2.2 and the inequalities

$$
\begin{aligned}
\int_{L_{m}}\left|f^{\prime}(t)\right|\left(1-t^{2}\right)^{1 / p} u(t) d t & \leqslant \mathscr{C} \int_{I_{m}}\left|f^{\prime}(t)\right|\left(1-t^{2}\right)^{1 / p} u_{m}(t) d t \\
& =\mathscr{C} \int_{l_{m}}\left|f^{\prime}(t)\right| \varphi(t) u_{m}(t) \varphi(t)^{1-(2 / 4)} d t \\
& \leqslant \mathscr{C}\left\|f^{\prime} \varphi u_{m}\right\|_{p}\left(\int_{I_{m}} \varphi(t)^{q-2} d t\right)^{1 / 4} \\
& \leqslant \frac{\mathscr{B}}{m}\left\|f^{\prime} \varphi u_{m}\right\|_{p}
\end{aligned}
$$

Proof of Corollary 2.6. We have

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \|(f-P) u\|_{p} \leqslant\left\|\left(f-f_{m}\right) u\right\|_{p}+\left\|\left(f_{m}-P\right) u\right\|_{p} \\
& n \geqslant 2, \quad P \in \Pi_{m}, \quad p \in[1, \infty] .
\end{aligned}
$$

Making the infimum on $P$,

$$
\begin{aligned}
E_{m}(f)_{u, p} & \leqslant\left\|\left(f-f_{m}\right) u\right\|_{p}+E_{m}\left(f_{m}\right)_{u, p} \\
& \leqslant\left\|\left(f-f_{m}\right) u\right\|_{p}+\tilde{E}_{m}\left(f_{m}\right)_{u, p}
\end{aligned}
$$

From the proofs of Theorem 2.4 and Corollary 2.5 it follows that

$$
\left\|\left(f-f_{m}\right) u\right\|_{p} \leqslant \frac{\mathscr{C}}{m}\left\|f^{\prime} \varphi u_{m}\right\|_{p}, \quad 1 \leqslant p<\infty
$$

with $\mathscr{C}$ independent on $m, f, P$.
Since $\left\|f^{\prime} \varphi u_{m}\right\|_{\infty}<\infty$, (2.7) still holds for $p=\infty$, and Corollary 2.6 follows from Theorem 2.2.

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