

# IN REPLY TO THE QUESTION OF S. N. BERNSTEIN BY TRIGONOMETRIC INTERPOLATION POLYNOMIALS

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In this paper, the third trigonometric interpolation summation polynomials  $H_n(f; r, x)$  are constructed. If the function  $f(x) \in C_{2\pi}$ , then  $H_n(f; r, x)$  converge the  $f(x)$  on  $(-\infty, \infty)$  uniformly; the convergence order is the best order if  $f(x) \in C_{2\pi}^j$ ,  $j \leq r$  ( $r$  is a nonnegative integer).

## 1. INTRODUCTION

In 1930, at the National Conference of Math. of U.S.S.R. in Kharkov, S. N. Bernstein put forward, for giving  $\lambda$  ( $1 < \lambda < 2$ ), and an arbitrary continuous function  $f(x)$ , if it is possible to construct a polynomial of interpolation with the degree of  $M$  ( $< \lambda E$ ), it obtains the same value as  $f(x)$  at given  $E$  points and it converges to  $f(x)$  uniformly when  $E \rightarrow \infty$ . Naturally, what will be interesting is how to construct the trigonometric interpolation polynomial satisfying the S. N. Bernstein's requirement as above so that its convergence order is the best. In this paper, a new trigonometric polynomial of interpolation is constructed to answer the S. N. Bernstein problem.

Let  $f(x) \in C_{2\pi}$  and

$$x_k^{(n)} = \frac{2k+1}{2n} \pi, \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, 2n \quad \dots (1)$$

$\mu_k^{(n)}(x)$  is the fundamental trigonometric polynomial of Lagrange interpolation based on the nodes  $x_k^{(n)}$ , and

$$\mu_k^{(n)}(x) = \frac{1}{2n} \sin n(x - x_k^{(n)}) \operatorname{ctg} \frac{1}{2}(x - x_k^{(n)}), \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, 2n. \quad \dots (2)$$

The nodes  $x_0^{(n)}, x_1^{(n)}, \dots, x_{2n}^{(n)}$  are divided into several groups with given even  $2l$ . The constructed trigonometric interpolation polynomial  $H_n(f; r, x)$  (where  $r$  is a

nonnegative integer) achieves the same value as  $f(x)$  at the  $2l - 1$  nodes of each group and at  $2l$ th node  $H_n(f; r, x)$  is equal to  $A_{2l-1}$ , where

$$A_{2l-1} = f(x_{2l-1}^{(n)}) + B_{2l-1}, \quad t = 1, 2, \dots, s. \quad \dots (3)$$

Let  $h = \frac{\pi}{n}$  and

$$\sigma_h^{r+1} f(x) = \sum_{j=0}^{r+1} (-1)^j \binom{r+1}{j} f(x + (j-1)h) \quad \dots (4)$$

where  $\binom{r+1}{j} = \frac{(r+1)!}{j!(r+1-j)!}$ , then

$$B_{2l-1} = \frac{1}{2^{r+1}} \sum_{i=1}^{2l} (-1)^i \sigma_h^{r+1} f(x_{2l(i-1)-1+i}^{(n)}) \quad \dots (5)$$

here  $r$  is a nonnegative integer. Thus

$$H_n(f; r, x) = \sum_{k=0}^{2n} A_k \mu_k^{(n)}(x) \quad \dots (6)$$

where when  $k = 2l - 1$ ,  $A_k$  is given by (3), the rest  $A_k$  is equal to  $f(x_k^{(n)})$ ,  $2n + 1 = 2ls + q$ ,  $0 < q < 2l$ .

For  $H_n(f; r, x)$ , we get :

**Theorem 1** — Let  $f(x) \in C_{2\pi}$ . Then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} H_n(f; r, x) = f(x)$$

is valid on  $(-\infty, \infty)$  uniformly.

**Theorem 2** — Let  $f(x) \in C_{2\pi}^j$ ,  $j \leq r$ . Then

$$|H_n(f; r, x) - f(x)| = O\left(E_n^*(f) + \frac{1}{n^j} \omega\left(f^j, \frac{1}{n}\right)\right) \quad \dots (7)$$

where  $O$  is independent of  $x, n, f, \dots, f^j, E_n^*(f)$  is the minimum deviation with the trigonometric polynomial of  $H_n^j$  to approximate the function  $f(x)$ ,  $\omega(f^j, \delta)$  is the modulus of continuity of  $f^j(x)$  on  $[0, 2\pi]$ .

## 2. LEMMA

**Lemma** — The following estimations are valid

$$\frac{1}{2^{r+1}} \sum_{k=0}^{2n} \sum_{m=0}^{r+1} \binom{r+1}{m} |\mu_k^{(n)}(x) + (-1)^m \mu_{k+1-m}^{(n)}(x)| = O(1) \quad \dots (8)$$

$$\sum_{t=1}^s \sum_{p=1}^l |\mu_{2lt-1}^{(n)}(x) + \mu_{2l(t-1)+2p-2}^{(n)}(x)| = O(1) \quad \dots (9)$$

$$\sum_{t=1}^s \sum_{p=1}^l |\mu_{2lt-1}^{(n)}(x) - \mu_{2l(t-1)+2p-1}^{(n)}(x)| = O(1) \quad \dots (10)$$

where  $O$  is independent of  $x, n$ .

PROOF : We only prove the formula (10), the (8) and (9) is similar to be obtained. Let us denote  $i = 2lt - 1, j = 2l(t - 1) + 2p - 1$ , then  $i$  and  $j$  is odd integer, and  $0 \leq i - j \leq 2(l - p) \leq 2(l - 1)$ . By using (2) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_i^{(n)}(x) - \mu_j^{(n)}(x) &= \frac{1}{2n} \left[ \sin n(x - x_i^{(n)}) \operatorname{ctg} \frac{1}{2}(x - x_i^{(n)}) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \sin n(x - x_i^{(n)} - (i - j)h) \operatorname{ctg} \frac{1}{2}(x - x_i^{(n)} - (i - j)h) \right]. \end{aligned} \quad \dots (11)$$

Let us denote

$$G(t) = \frac{\sin n(x - t)}{\operatorname{tg} \frac{1}{2}(x - t)} - \frac{\sin n(x - t - (i - j)h)}{\operatorname{tg} \frac{1}{2}(x - t - (i - j)h)} \quad \dots (12)$$

then

$$I = \int_0^{2\pi} |G(t)| dt \leq 4(2l - 1)\pi^2. \quad \dots (13)$$

The proof of (13). Using periodicity of the integrand and let  $t_1 = x - t$ , the limit of the integral is changeless, then

$$I = \int_0^{2\pi} \left| \frac{\sin nt_1}{\operatorname{tg} \frac{1}{2} t} - \frac{\sin n(t_1 - (i - j)h)}{\operatorname{tg} \frac{1}{2}(t_1 - (i - j)h)} \right| dt_1.$$

Using the property of even function, we have

$$I = 2 \int_0^{\pi} \left| \frac{\sin nt_1}{\operatorname{tg} \frac{1}{2} t} - \frac{\sin n(t_1 - (i - j)h)}{\operatorname{tg} \frac{1}{2}(t_1 - (i - j)h)} \right| dt_1.$$

Let  $N = 2n, \delta = \frac{(i - j)h}{4}$  and  $t_2 = \frac{1}{2} t_1 - \delta$ , then

$$I = 4 \int_0^{\pi/2} \left| \frac{\sin N(t_2 - \delta)}{\operatorname{tg}(t_2 - \delta)} - \frac{\sin N(t_2 + \delta)}{\operatorname{tg}(t_2 + \delta)} \right| dt_2$$

On using  $\sin N(t_2 + \delta) = \sin N(t_2 - \delta)$  and

$$\frac{2}{\pi} x \leq \sin x \leq x, \quad 0 \leq x \leq \frac{\pi}{2} \quad \dots (14)$$

we obtain

$$I \leq 8\delta \int_0^{\pi/2} \left| \frac{\sin N(t_2 - \delta)}{\sin(t_2 - \delta) \sin(t_2 + \delta)} \right| dt_2$$

$$= 8\delta \left\{ \int_0^{2\delta} + \int_{2\delta}^{\pi/2 - \delta} + \int_{\pi/2 - \delta}^{\pi/2} \right\} \triangleq I_1 + I_2 + I_3$$

to estimate  $I_1$ , when  $0 \leq t_2 \leq 2\delta$ , using

$$\left| \frac{\sin N(t_2 - \delta)}{\sin(t_2 - \delta)} \right| \leq N$$

$$\sin(t_2 + \delta) \geq \sin \delta \geq \frac{2}{\pi} \delta$$

we have  $I_1 \leq 8(l-1)\pi^2$ . On using (14) we get

$$I_2 \leq 2\delta\pi^2 \int_{2\delta}^{\pi/2 - \delta} \frac{1}{t_2^2 - \delta^2} dt_2 = \pi^2 \left( \ln \frac{t_2 - \delta}{t_2 + \delta} \right) \Big|_{2\delta}^{\pi/2 - \delta} \leq 3\pi^3$$

when  $t_2 \in \left[ \frac{\pi}{2} - \delta, \frac{\pi}{2} \right]$ , and  $n \gg 0$ , we have  $\sin(t_2 \pm \delta) \geq \frac{1}{2}$ , thus we have  $I_3 < \pi^2$ .

Combining  $I_1, I_2$  and  $I_3$  the formula (13) is valid. Now we prove (10), on using (11) and (12) we have

$$\sum_{i=1}^s \sum_{p=1}^l \left| \mu_{2l-1}^{(n)}(x) - \mu_{2l(t-1)+2p-1}^{(n)}(x) \right| = \frac{1}{2n} \sum_{p=1}^{l-1} \sum_{i=1}^s |G(x_i)|. \quad \dots (15)$$

Let  $z_0 = 0, z_k = x_{2lk-1}^{(n)}, k = 1, 2, \dots, s, z_{s+1} = 2\pi$ , then

$$\sum_{i=1}^s |G(x_i)| = \sum_{k=1}^s |G(z_k)| = \frac{1}{z_{k+1} - z_k} \sum_{k=0}^s \int_{z_k}^{z_{k+1}} |G(z_k)| dt$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{z_{k+1} - z_{k-1}} \sum_{k=0}^s \int_{z_k}^{z_{k+1}} \|G(z_k) - G(t)\| dt$$

$$+ \frac{1}{z_{k+1} - z_k} \sum_{k=0}^s \int_{z_k}^{z_{k+1}} |G(t)| dt.$$

On using (13) and  $\|a\| - \|b\| \leq |a - b|$  we get

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^s |G(x_i)| &\leq \frac{1}{z_{k+1} - z_k} \sum_{k=0}^s \int_{z_k}^{z_{k+1}} \left( \int_{z_k}^{z_{k+1}} |G'(t)| dt \right) dt + 8n(2l-1)\pi \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^s \int_{z_k}^{z_{k+1}} |G'(t)| dt + 8n(2l-1)\pi. \end{aligned}$$

On using Bernstein's inequality we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^s |G(x_i)| &\leq n \cdot \max_x \sum_{k=0}^s \int_{z_k}^{z_{k+1}} |G(t)| dt + 8n(2l-1)\pi \\ &\leq 4n(2l-1)(\pi^2 + 2\pi) \end{aligned}$$

therefore, by (15) we have

$$\frac{1}{2n} \sum_{p=1}^{l-1} \sum_{i=1}^s |G(x_i)| \leq (2l-1)^2 (\pi^2 + 2\pi).$$

The formula (10) is proved. The lemma is proved.

### 3. PROOF OF THE THEOREM

We know that Theorem 1 is valid by Theorem 2.

*Proof of the Theorem 2* — From (3), (5) and (6) we have

$$\begin{aligned} &H_n(f, r, x) - f(x) \\ &= \left\{ \frac{1}{2^{r+1}} \sum_{k=0}^{2n} \sigma_h^{r+1} f(x_k^{(n)}) \mu_k^{(n)}(x) + \sum_{k=0}^{2n} f(x_k^{(n)}) \mu_k^{(n)}(x) - f(x) \right\} \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=1}^s \sum_{p=1}^l \frac{1}{2^{r+1}} \sigma_h^{r+1} f(x_{2l(i-1)+2p-1}^{(n)}) (\mu_{2li-1}^{(n)}(x) - \mu_{2l(i-1)+2p-1}^{(n)}(x)) \\ &\quad - \sum_{i=1}^s \sum_{p=1}^l \frac{1}{2^{r+1}} \sigma_h^{r+1} f(x_{2l(i-1)+2p-2}^{(n)}) (\mu_{2li-1}^{(n)}(x) + \mu_{2l(i-1)+2p-2}^{(n)}(x)) \\ &\quad - \sum_{p=2ls}^{2n} \frac{1}{2^{r+1}} \sigma_h^{r+1} f(x_p^{(n)}) \mu_p^{(n)}(x) \\ &\triangleq \sum_{j=1}^4 e_j. \end{aligned} \tag{16}$$

Let  $p(x) \in H_n^r$  and has minimum deviation with the function  $f(x)$ . Then

$$|p(x) - f(x)| \leq E_n^*(f). \quad \dots (17)$$

Because  $p(x)$  is equal to its interpolation trigonometric polynomial, we have

$$\sum_{k=0}^{2n} \left( \frac{1}{2^{r+1}} \sigma_h^{r+1} p(x_k^{(n)}) - p(x_k^{(n)}) \right) \mu_k^{(n)}(x) = \frac{1}{2^{r+1}} \sigma_h^{r+1} p(x) + p(x) \dots (18)$$

thus

$$\begin{aligned} e_1 &= \sum_{k=0}^{2n} \left\{ \frac{1}{2^{r+1}} \sigma_h^{r+1} (f(x_k^{(n)}) - p(x_k^{(n)})) + (f(x_k^{(n)}) - p(x_k^{(n)})) \right\} \mu_k^{(n)}(x) \\ &\quad + \left[ \frac{1}{2^{r+1}} \sigma_h^{r+1} (p(x) - f(x)) + p(x) - f(x) \right] + \frac{1}{2^{r+1}} \sigma_h^{r+1} f(x) \\ &\stackrel{\Delta}{=} d_1 + d_2 + d_3. \end{aligned}$$

From (17), we have  $|d_2| \leq E_n^*(f)$ . On using the the relation of  $j$ th derivative and difference of  $j$ th order, when  $f(x) \in C_{2\pi}^j$ , then

$$\sigma_h^j f(x) = \left( -\frac{\pi}{n} \right)^j f^{(j)}(\xi_x) \quad \dots (19)$$

where  $\xi_x$  lies between  $x - h$  and  $x + (j - 1)h$ . By (19) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} d_3 &= \frac{1}{2^{r+1}} \sum_{i=0}^{r+1-j} (-1)^i \binom{r+1-j}{i} \sigma_h^j f(x+ih) \\ &= \frac{1}{2^{r+1}} \left( -\frac{\pi}{n} \right)^j \sum_{i=0}^{r+1-j} (-1)^i \binom{r+1-j}{i} f^{(j)}(\xi_{x+ih}) \\ &= O \left( \frac{1}{n^j} \omega \left( f, \frac{1}{n} \right) \right). \quad \dots (20) \end{aligned}$$

To estimate  $d_1$ , on using (17) and (8) we have

$$\begin{aligned} |d_1| &= \left| \sum_{k=0}^{2n} (f(x_k^{(n)}) - p(x_k^{(n)})) \frac{1}{2^{r+1}} \sum_{i=0}^{r+1} \binom{r+1}{i} \right. \\ &\quad \left. \times (\mu_k^{(n)}(x) + (-1)^i \mu_{k+1-i}^{(n)}(x)) \right| \\ &= O(E_n^*(f)). \end{aligned}$$

Combining  $d_1, d_2$  and  $d_3$ , we have

$$|e_1| = O\left(E_n^*(f) + \frac{1}{n^j} \omega\left(f^j, \frac{1}{n}\right)\right).$$

On using (9), (10), (20) and

$$\mu_k^{(n)}(x) = O(1), \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, 2n \quad \dots (21)$$

we get

$$e_v = O\left(\frac{1}{n^j} \omega\left(f^j, \frac{1}{n}\right)\right), \quad v = 2, 3, 4.$$

Therefore, combining  $e_v$  ( $v = 1, \dots, 4$ ), Theorem 2 is proved.

*Remark* : The highest convergence order of  $H_n(f; r, x)$  does not exceed  $\frac{1}{n^{r+2}}$ . In fact, by the interpolation property of  $H_n(f; r, x)$  we have

$$H_n(f; r, x_{2l-1}^{(n)}) - f(x_{2l-1}^{(n)}) = B_{2l-1}.$$

Let  $f_0(x) = \cos x$  and  $l = 1$ . Then

$$B_{2l-1} = \frac{1}{2^{r+1}} \sigma_h^{r+2} f_0(x_{2l-1}^{(n)}) = \frac{1}{2^{r+1}} \left(-\frac{\pi}{n}\right)^{r+2} f_0^{(r+2)}(\xi)$$

where  $\xi$  lies between  $x_{2l-1}^{(n)} - h$  and  $x_{2l-1}^{(n)} + (r+2)h$ . If  $n \gg 0$  and  $\tilde{r} = \left\lfloor \frac{s}{8} \right\rfloor$ , then

$$|B_{2\tilde{r}-1}| \approx \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2^{r+2}} \left(\frac{\pi}{n}\right)^{r+2}.$$

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