WEIGHTED APPROXIMATION OF *r*-MONOTONE FUNCTIONS ON THE REAL LINE BY BERNSTEIN OPERATORS

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Abstract. In this paper, we give error estimates for the weighted approximation of *r*-monotone functions on the real line with Freud weights by Bernstein-type operators.

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1 Introduction

For an integer $r \ge 0$, let $C^r(S)$ denote the set of all *r*-times continuously differentiable functions on *S*, where $C^0(S) = C(S)$ is the usual set of all continuous functions on *S*.

Let

 $w(x) = e^{-Q(x)}, \qquad x \in (-\infty, +\infty)$

be a Freud weight, with the continuous function Q(x) satisfying the following conditions:

(a) $Q \in C^2(0,\infty)$ is a positive even function; (b) $\lim_{x\to\infty} x \frac{Q''(x)}{Q'(x)} = \gamma > 0;$

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(c) if $\gamma = 1$ or 3, then Q'' is nondecreasing. (see [2, Definition 11.3.1, p.184]). Evidently, we have the following proposition (see [7, Lemma 1]). *Proposition A.* Let the continuous function Q(x) satisfying the conditions (a),(b),(c). Then $\lim_{x\to\infty} Q'(x) = \infty$, and there exist $t_0 > 0$ and A > 1 such that

$$\begin{cases} Q'(x) > 0, \\ Q''(x) > 0, \\ Q'(2x) \le AQ'(x) \end{cases}$$

hold for $x > t_0$.

For a Freud weight w(x), denote by C_w the space of all $f \in C(R)$ such that $\lim_{|x|\to\infty} (wf)(x) = 0$ and equipped with the norm $||wf||_{C_w} = \sup_{x\in R} |(wf)(x)|$. We also put

$$||wf||_{[c,d]} = \sup_{x \in [c,d]} |(wf)(x)|.$$

For $f \in C_w$ the weighted modulus of smoothness is

$$\omega_{2}(f,t)_{w} = \sup_{0 < h \le t} \|w\Delta_{h}^{2}f\|_{[-h^{*},h^{*}]} + \inf_{\ell \in \mathcal{P}_{1}} \|w(f-\ell)\|_{[t^{*},\infty)}
+ \inf_{\ell \in \mathcal{P}_{1}} \|w(f-\ell)\|_{(-\infty,-t^{*}]},$$
(1.1)

where h^* and t^* are defined by $hQ'(h^*) = 1$ and $tQ'(t^*) = 1$ respectively (see [2, Definition 11.2.2, p.182]), $\mathcal{P}_n, n \in \mathbf{N}$, is the set of algebraic polynomials of degree at most n, and

$$\Delta_h^r f(x) = \sum_{i=0}^r (-1)^i \binom{r}{i} f\left(x + \frac{rh}{2} - ih\right)$$

is the *r*-th symmetric difference of f (see [2, p. 7]).

Let the sequence of positive real numbers $\{\lambda_n\}$ be monotone increasing and defined by

$$\lambda_n Q'(\lambda_n) = \sqrt{n}, \qquad n > n_0, \qquad (1.2)$$

with n_0 sufficiently large (see [2, p. 7]). It follows from (1.2) that $\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{\lambda_n}{\sqrt{n}} = 0$.

In the following c, c_1, c_2 denote positive constants which may assume different values in different formulas.

For every $f \in C_w$ let

$$B_n(f,x) = \sum_{k=0}^n p_{n,k}(x) f(x_k)$$
(1.3)