Trigonometric Interpolation

For an even grid function, $f_m = f_{-m}$, formulae (3.51)–(3.54) transform into:

$$\begin{split} \tilde{a}_0 &= \frac{1}{N} (f_0 + f_n) + \frac{2}{N} \sum_{m=1}^{n-1} f_m, \\ \tilde{a}_k &= \frac{2}{N} (f_0 + (-1)^k f_n) + \frac{4}{N} \sum_{m=1}^{n-1} f_m \cos \frac{2\pi km}{N}, \qquad k = 1, 2, \dots, n-1, \\ \tilde{a}_n &= \frac{1}{N} (f_0 + (-1)^n f_n) + \frac{2}{N} \sum_{m=1}^{n-1} f_m (-1)^m \\ \tilde{b}_k &= 0, \qquad k = 1, 2, \dots, n-1, \end{split}$$

and the polynomial (3.50) reduces to:

$$\tilde{Q}_n\left(\cos\frac{2\pi}{L}x,\sin\frac{2\pi}{L}x,f\right) = \sum_{k=0}^n \tilde{a}_k \cos\frac{2\pi k}{L}x.$$

Note that the arguments which are very similar to those used when proving the key properties of the trigonometric interpolating polynomial $Q_n \left(\cos \frac{2\pi}{L} x, \sin \frac{2\pi}{L} x, f \right)$ in Theorems 3.4 and 3.5, also apply to the polynomial $\tilde{Q}_n \left(\cos \frac{2\pi}{L} x, \sin \frac{2\pi}{L} x, f \right)$ defined by formulae (3.50)–(3.54). Namely, this polynomial has slowly growing Lebesgue constants and as such, is basically stable with respect to the perturbations of the grid function f_m . Moreover, it converges to the interpolated function f(x) as $n \longrightarrow \infty$ with the rate determined by the smoothness of f(x), i.e., there is no saturation.

REMARK 3.1 If the interpolated function f(x) has derivatives of all orders, then the rate of convergence of the trigonometric interpolating polynomials to f(x) will be faster than any inverse power of n. In the literature, this type of convergence is often referred to as *spectral*.

3.2 Interpolation of Functions on an Interval. Relation between Algebraic and Trigonometric Interpolation

Let f = f(x) be defined on the interval $-1 \le x \le 1$, and let it have there a bounded derivative of order r + 1. We have chosen this specific interval $-1 \le x \le 1$ as the domain of f(x), rather than an arbitrary interval $a \le x \le b$, for the only reason of simplicity and convenience. Indeed, the transformation $x = \frac{a+b}{2} + t\frac{b-a}{2}$ renders a transition from the function f(x) defined on an arbitrary interval $a \le x \le b$ to the function $F(t) \equiv f(\frac{a+b}{2} + t\frac{b-a}{2})$ defined on the interval $-1 \le t \le 1$.

3.2.1 Periodization

According to Theorem 3.5 of Section 3.1, trigonometric interpolation is only suitable for the reconstruction of smooth periodic functions from their tables of values.