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ABSTRACT

Previous studies on the Chebyshev approximation are enlightened, and the best Chebyshev approximation proved to be $A + B^* \log(1 + CX)$ on $[0, \alpha]$ and it is generalized with the help of new concepts.

INTRODUCTION

The most general approximation problem, first presented in 1970 by Barrodal [1], can be express shortly as the following:

On the assumption that X is a topologic space and $C(X)$ a set of bounded and continious functions (have real and complex values) on space X , $C(X)$ space can be set up by norm

$$\|g\| = \sup \{ |g(x)| ; x \in X \}$$

Let P be a parameter space and F approximation function in $C(X)$ corresponding an element A of parameter space P such as $F(A, \cdot) = F[A]$. There is an element, $F[A]$, for f which is in $C(X)$ such that

$$\rho(f, X) = \inf \{ \|f - F[A^*]\| ; A \in P \}$$

with the condition of

$$\rho(f, X) = \|f - F[A^*]\|$$

then A is called "best parameter" and the function $F[A^*]$ "best approximation" to f on X . Searching A^* is the essential of Chebyshev problem.

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Solution of Chebyshev approximation problem is carried out by means of varying X, F and P. The conditions hold in for the solution of Chebyshev problem are important.

G. Meinardus and Schwedt [2] found out important theorems in 1964 which are used for the best approximation in Chebyshev problem. Then many scientists have studied on Chebyshev approximation problem under various conditions [3]. C.B. Dunham [4], [5] proved that the best approximation would be $A+B*\log(1+CX)$ on $[0, \alpha]$.

In our study we set up new lemmas, theorems and definitions in order to enlighten the obscurities in previous studies and to prove the best Chebyshev approximation to be $A+B*\log(1+CX)$ on $[0, \alpha]$. Furthermore, we have generalized it by means of new concepts.

EXTENSIVE SOLUTION OF CHEBYSHEV APPROXIMATION BY $A+B*\log(1+CX)$

Topologic concepts are invariant under an homomorphism. $[-1, +1]$ is homomorph to $[0, \alpha]$ so we can use $[-1, +1]$ instead of $[0, \alpha]$.

Let $C([-1, +1])$ be the space of defined and numerical functions on $[-1, +1]$ with norm

$$\|g\| = \sup\{|g(x)|; -1 \leq x \leq +1\}$$

and with the condition

$$P = \{A: A = (a_1, a_2, a_3) \in \mathcal{R}^3\}$$

Consider the existence of approximation function F, corresponding to element f on the same space, $C([-1, +1])$. Let the approximation function has the form of

$$F(A, x) = a_1 + a_2 \log(1 + a_3 x)$$

for an element A of a selected parameter space, P. When $\|a_3\| \geq 1$, $\|F(A, \cdot)\|$ goes infinity so that the parameter a, satisfies

$$-1 < a_3 < +1$$

After selecting an approximation function F as above, finding element A^* for which $\|f - F(A, \cdot)\|$ is minimum, gives solution of

Chebyshev problem. Such an element A^* is called "best parameter" and $F(A^*, \cdot)$ "best approximation" to f .

We can put approximation functions of the type

$$F(A, x) = a_1 + a_2 \log(1 + a_3 x)$$

into two groups:

1. Constant approximation

Constant approximation is such approximation functions that correspond to parameters $A = (a_1, 0, a_3)$ or $A = (a_1, a_2, 0)$. Really in this case $F(A, x) = a_1$.

2. Non-constant approximation

Now $a_2 \neq 0$ and $a_3 \neq 0$, that is $a_2 a_3 \neq 0$. In this case approximation function is evidently unique.

Lemma 1: The difference between a constant approximation and another approximation has at most one zero in $[-1, +1]$.

Proof: Constant approximation is $F(A, x) = a_1$ when A has the form $A = (a_1, 0, a_3)$ or $A = (a_1, a_2, 0)$. Now, let non-constant another approximation function

$$F(B, x) = b_1 + b_2 \log(1 + b_3 x)$$

Due to the definition, $b_2 b_3 \neq 0$.

Consider that

$$d(x) = F(A, x) - F(B, x)$$

has two zeros in $[-1, +1]$. According to Rolle theorem

$$d'(x) = F'(A, x) - F'(B, x)$$

has zero at least for one x value. That is

$$d'(x) = - \frac{b_2 b_3}{1 + b_3 x} = 0$$

This implies $b_2 = 0$ or $b_3 = 0$. However, this is a contradiction to the assumption that $b_2 b_3 \neq 0$.

Lemma 2: The difference between a non-constant approximation and a linear approximation has at most two zeros in $[-1, +1]$.

Proof: Under the circumstances of $-1 < a_3 < +1$, consider the difference between

$$F(A,x) = a_1 + a_2 \log(1 + a_3 x) \text{ and } a_4 + a_5 x$$

Suppose $d(x) = F(A,x) - a_4 - a_5 x$ has three zeros in $[-1, +1]$.

Then derivative of $d(x)$,

$$d'(x) = \frac{a_2 a_3 - a_5 - a_5 a_3 x}{1 + a_3 x}$$

has at most zeros in $[-1, +1]$.

For the approximation function, $F(A,x) = a_1 + a_2 \log(1 + a_3 x)$, to be definite in $[-1, +1]$, $1 + a_3 x > 0$ is required. Then the right hand side of

$$(1 + a_3 x) d'(x) = a_2 a_3 - a_5 - a_5 a_3 x$$

is a polynomial of first degree and has at most one zero. On the other hand if d' is identically zero then

$$a_2 a_3 - a_5 = 0$$

and

$$a_2 a_3 = 0$$

$F(A,.)$ is another non-constant approximation, so $a_2 a_3 \neq 0$. Then $a_5 = 0$. Inserting this value in the above equation we have $a_2 a_3 = 0$. However, this a contradiction to the non-constant approximation, $F(A,.)$.

Lemma 3: The difference between a non-constant approximation and another approximation has at most two zeros in $[-1, +1]$.

Proof: Let $F(A,.)$ and $F(B,.)$ be two non-constant approximation functions.

Suppose $d(x) = F(A,x) - F(B,x)$ has three zeros, so $d'(x)$ has the form of

$$d'(x) = F'(A,x) - F'(B,x) = \frac{(a_2 a_3 - b_2 b_3) + (a_2 a_3 b_3 - a_3 b_2 b_3)x}{(1 + a_3 x)(1 + b_3 x)}$$

which must have at most two zeros. $F(A,x)$ and $F(B,x)$ to be definite in $[-1, +1]$ so that $1 + a_3 x > 0$ and $1 + b_3 x > 0$ are required. Then the right hand side of

$(1+a_3x)(1+b_3x)d'(x) = (a_2a_3-b_2b_3) + (a_2a_3b_3-a_3b_2b_3)x$
 is a polynomial of the first degree so that it has at most one zero
 and then d has at most two zeros.

On the other hand if d' is identical to zero, d must be constant. In that case d has zeros if and only if $d'=0$. This is a contradiction. More clearly

$$a_2a_3 - b_2b_3 = 0$$

and

$$a_3b_3(a_2 - b_2) = 0$$

are required. Approximation functions are not constant, hence $a_2a_3 \neq 0$ and $b_2b_3 \neq 0$. From the second equation we find $a_2 = b_2$ and inserting it in the first equation we have $a_3 = b_3$ and $d = a_1 - b_1$. Here again if d has zeros which imply $a_1 = b_1$ then we get $F(A,.) = F(B,.)$ which contradicts the assumption.

Definition 1: Define linear space $D(A,.,.)$ formed by $\partial F(A,.) / \partial a_i$, where $i=1, 2, 3$ and let the dimension be $d(A)$. Then $d(A)$ evidently depends on A .

If each non-zero element of linear space $D(A,.,.)$ has at most $d(A)-1$ zeros at element B of parameter space P then the space $D(A,.,.)$ has "Classical HAAR" property.

A linear space that has the property of classical Haar is called Haar subspace.

Lemma 4: If $D(A,.,.)$ correspond a constant approximation there exists a parameter A with a Haar subspace of dimension two.

Proof: Let $A=(a_1, a_2, a_3)$, then it has continuous derivatives, $\partial F(A,x) / \partial a_i$:

$$\frac{\partial F(A,x)}{\partial a_1} = 1 ; \frac{\partial F(A,x)}{\partial a_2} = \log(1+a_3x) ; \frac{\partial F(A,x)}{\partial a_3} = \frac{a_2x}{1+a_3x}$$

Let $B=(b_1, b_2, b_3)$, then an element of $D(A,.,.)$ has the following form,

$$D(A,B,x) = \sum_{i=1}^3 b_i \frac{\partial F(A,x)}{\partial a_i} = b_1 + b_2 \log(1+a_3x) + b_3 \frac{a_2x}{1+a_3x}$$

If we select the approximation function $F(A,.)$ as constant and take $A=(a_1,0, a_3)$ then we have

$$D(A,B,x) = b_1 + b_2 \log(1 + a_3x)$$

It is evidently seen that $D(A,B,x)$ is an element of linear space of two dimensions.

On the other hand, $D(A,B,x)$ has at most one zero in $[-1, +1]$ according to Lemma 1, under the condition that $D(A,B,x) \neq 0$.

In that case, $D(A,.,.)$ is an "Haar subspace" of two dimensions for $A = (a_1,0, a_3)$.

Lemma 5: If $F(A,.)$ is any non-constant approximation then $D(A,.,.)$ is a Haar subspace of dimension 3.

Proof: Since the approximation function $F(A,.)$ is non-constant a_2 and a_3 are non-zero and

$$D(A,B,x) = b_1 + b_2 \log(1 + a_3x) + b_3 \frac{a_2x}{1 + a_3x}$$

is clearly an element of vector space of dimension 3. This shows that $D(A,.,.)$ is a linear vector space of dimension 3.

Let $D(A,B,x)$ be a non-zero element of $D(A,.,.)$ then $B = (b_1, b_2, b_3) \neq 0$. Since

$$D'(A,B,x) = \frac{(b_2a_3 + b_3a_2) + b_2a_3^2x}{(1 + a_3x)^2}$$

has at most one zero in $[-1, +1]$ then $D(A,B,x)$ has at most two zeros. On the other hand since $D'(A,B,x) = 0$ then $b_2a_3 + b_3a_2 = 0$ and $b_2a_3^2 = 0$. Using $a_2 \neq 0$ and $a_3 \neq 0$ circumstances, we have $b_2=0$ and $b_3 = 0$. That is

$$D(A,B,x) = b_1$$

From the assumption $B = (b_1, b_2, b_3) \neq 0$ it is necessary to be $b_1 \neq 0$. In that case $D(A,.,.)$ is a Haar subspace of dimension 3.

Remark 1: If A corresponds to a constant approximation function, Lemma 1 shows that $d(A)=2$. Otherwise Lemma 3 gives $d(A)=3$.

Now, to obtain a result of DE LA VALLEE-POUSSIN type which is useful in characterizing "near best approximation", let us consider a compact-Hausdorff space, X and prove some theorems.

Let us consider a compact Hausdorff space X , and a set $C(X)$ of all continuous functions on X . If P be a parameter space and f be any element of $C(X)$ then $S(A,B;x)$ is defined such as

$$S(A,B,x) = (F(A,x) - f(x)) (F(A,x) - F(B,x))$$

where A and B are elements of P . Now, let us prove that

$$\rho(f) = \inf \{ \| F(A,.) - f \| ; A \in P \}$$

has a sublimit.

Theorem 1: Let A be an element of parameter space, P . If for each element, B , of P , there is a closed subset, K , of X such that

$$\min \{ S(A,B;x) ; x \in K \} \leq 0$$

then

$$\rho(f) \geq \min \{ |F(A,x) - f(x)| ; x \in K \} = \sigma$$

Proof: Suppose $\rho(f) < \sigma$ then

$$\rho(f) < \| F(B,.) - f \| < \sigma$$

such that there exists an element, B , of P . Hence for the elements x of K

$$| F(A,x) - f(x) | - |F(B,x) - f(x)| > 0$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} S(A,B,x) &= | F(A,x) - f(x) |^2 - (F(A,x) - f(x))(F(B,x) - f(x)) \\ &\geq |F(A,x) - f(x)| (|F(A,x) - f(x)| - |F(B,x) - f(x)|) > 0 \end{aligned}$$

This contradicts the hypothesis.

Definition 2: For a g element of space $C([-1, +1])$ if there exist

$$|g(x_i)| = \|g\|, \quad g(x_i) = (-1)^i g(x_i); \quad (i = 1, 2, \dots, d(A))$$

and point set $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{d(A)+1}\}$ such that $-1 \leq x_1 < \dots < x_{d(A)+1} \leq +1$ then g function alternates $d(A)$ times.

Theorem 2: If approximation function F has property (Z) at A and for an element f of $C([-1, +1])$, $F(A,.) - f$ alternates on $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{d(A)+1}\}$ then there exists property

$$\rho(f) \geq \min\{|FA, x_k) - f(x_k)| : 1 \leq k \leq d(A) + 1\}$$

Proof: Since the function $F(A, \cdot) - f$ changes alternatively on $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{d(A)+1}\}$, there exists the property

$$\text{Sgn}(F(A, x_j) - f(x_j)) = -\text{Sgn}(F(A, x_{j+1}) - f(x_{j+1})) \quad (1)$$

where, $j = 1, 2, \dots, d(A)$

Let K in theorem 1 as $K = \{x_k; 1 \leq k \leq d(A) + 1\}$ then one gets

$$\rho(f) \geq \min\{|F(A, x_k) - f(x_k)| : 1 \leq k \leq d(A) + 1\}$$

In that case at least for an $x_p \in K$, one gets

$$S(A, B, x_p) = (F(A, x_p) - f(x_p)) (F(A, x_p) - F(B, x_p)) \leq 0$$

Otherwise $F(A, \cdot) - F(B, \cdot)$ has $d(A) + 1$ zeros in $[-1, +1]$ according to the property (1). This contradicts the hypothesis that $F(A, \cdot)$ has property (Z) at A .

Definition 3: Approximation function $F(A, \cdot)$ has the property of local Haar space, with null points of degree $d(A)$ at A , if the following conditions are fulfilled:

(I) Approximation function $F(A, \cdot)$ has continuous partial derivatives for each i , $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$.

(II) Setting

$$D(A, B, x) = (B, \nabla F(A, x)) = \sum_{i=1}^n b_i \frac{\partial F(A, x)}{\partial a_i}$$

we have

$$F(A + B, x) - F(A, x) = D(A, B, x) + R(A, B, x)$$

and when $\|B\|$ is sufficiently small

$$R(A, B, x) = O(\|B\|)$$

(III) There exists a neighbourhood of element A which is contained in P .

(IV) Linear space $D(A, \cdot, \cdot)$ is a Haar subspace of dimension $d(A)$ in $[-1, +1]$.

Remark 2: Approximation function F has local Haar space condition, only when $D(A, \cdot, \cdot)$ obeys classical Haar condition.

Theorem 3: If approximation function F has the local property with null points of degree $d(A)$ at A and function f be

an element of space $C([-1, +1])$, and $F(A, \cdot)$ be the best approximation to f , then function $F(A, \cdot) - f$ alternates $d(A)$ times.

Proof: Let F be the best approximation to f , then set of extreme points of $F(A, x) - f(x)$,

$M_A = \{x / x \in [-1, +1] : \|F(A, \cdot) - f\| = |F(A, x) - f(x)|\}$
has at least $d(A) + 1$ elements.

Under the above conditions there exist some points which hold $-1 \leq x_1 < \dots < x_{d(A)+1} < +1$ and set $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{d(A)+1}\}$ is an alternant of $F(A, \cdot) - f$. Otherwise there would be found a natural number, m , and so we can separate $[-1, +1]$ into $m + 1$ subintervals such that each interval contains an extreme point and $F(A, x) - f(x)$ has same sign in these intervals.

The set of extreme points of $F(A, x) - f(x)$, has $d(A) + 1$ elements, hence, for $k=1, 2, \dots, d(A)$, a non-zero element B of parameter space d' can be found [2] such that

$$(B, \nabla F(A, x_k)) = \sum_{i=1}^n b_i \frac{\partial F(A, x_k)}{\partial a_i} - F(A, x_k) - f(x_k)$$

and so for all extreme points, x ,

$$(F(A, x) - f(x)) (B, \nabla F(A, x)) = |F(A, x) - f(x)|^2$$

and then

$$\text{Sgn}(B, \nabla F(A, x)) = \text{Sgn}(F(A, x) - f(x))$$

This result contradicts the hypothesis of the best approximation function F to f .

Meinardus and Schwedt ([2] theorem 9) showed that a set M_A of extreme points, has at most $d(A) + 1$ points in $[-1, +1]$.

Opposition of the Theorem 2 is correct, provided the above conditions are taken into account.

Now, combining Theorem 2 and Theorem 3 one can get the following result:

Theorem 4: If $F(A, \cdot)$ has property (Z) at A and local Haar property with null points of degree $d(A)$, then $F(A, \cdot)$ be the best to f if and only if $F(A, \cdot) - f$ alternates $d(A)$ times.

Theorem 5: If $F(A,.)$ satisfies the condition of Theorem 4, and $F(A,.)$ is best, then it is a unique best approximation.

Proof: Suppose, $F(A,.)$ and $F(B,.)$ are two approximation functions. We can take $d(A) \leq d(B)$, without violating the generality.

Let set of extreme points of $F(A,.) - f$ be $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{d(A)+1}\}$ ($k = 1, 2, \dots, d(A)+1$). According to Theorem 3, the set $\{x_1, x_3, \dots, x_{d(A)+1}\}$ is an alternant of $F(A,.) - f$. Then we have

$$F(A, x_{j+1}) - f(x_{j+1}) = - (F(A, x_j) - f(x_j))$$

where, $j = 1, 2, \dots, d(A)$. Hence using Equation 1 we get inequalities system

$$F(A, x_1) - F(B, x_1) \leq 0$$

$$F(A, x_2) - F(B, x_2) \geq 0$$

or

.....

$$F(A, x_1) - F(B, x_1) \geq 0$$

$$F(A, x_2) - F(B, x_2) \leq 0$$

.....

It is sufficient to investigate the first part,

$$F(A, x_1) - F(B, x_1) \leq 0$$

$$F(A, x_2) - F(B, x_2) \geq 0$$

.....

If the inequalities had been certain, $F(A,.) - F(B,.)$ would have had $d(A)+1$ definite null points and from the Haar condition we would have gotten result

$$F(.,.) = F(B,.)$$

On the other hand, if the inequalities had been correct for a x_{k_0} , we would have gotten

$$F(A, x_{k_0}) - F(B, x_{k_0}) \neq 0$$

$$\text{Sng } (F(A, x_{k_0}) - F(B, x_{k_0})) = (-1)^{k_0}$$

However, if $F(.,.)$ and $F(B,.)$ are two approximation functions and if we take

$$A(t) = (1-t) A + t B$$

$$B(t) = (1-t) B + t A$$

then $F(A(t),.)$ and $F(B(t),.)$ are also approximation functions. If we denote $\delta = B - A$ in

$$B(t) = B - t (B - A)$$

we get

$$B(t) = B - t \delta$$

where, parameter δ is an element of space p .

Since $D(B,.,.)$ satisfies Haar condition, each non-zero element of $D(B,.,.)$ has at most $d(A)-1$ null points at element δ of parameter space P . So $F(B,.)$ have local Haar property.

Using property (II) of local Haar condition in $F(B,x) - F(B-t\delta,x)$ we get

$$F(B,x) - F(B-t\delta,x) = tD(B,\delta,x) + R(B,\delta,x)$$

and adding the approximation function $F(A,.)$ to the each side of this equation and denoting $R(B,\delta, x) = 0(t)$, we find

$$F(A,x) - F(B-t\delta,x) = F(A,x) - F(B,x) + tD(B,\delta,x) + 0(t)$$

We get the following system, for $t > 0$,

$$F(A,x_1) - F(B-t\delta,x_1) < 0$$

$$F(A,x_2) - F(B-t\delta,x_2) > 0$$

.....

Thus $F(A,.) - F(B-t\delta,.)$ has at least $d(A)$ null points in $[-1, +1]$ and when t is approaching to zero we get

$$F(A,.) = F(.,.)$$

ÖZET

Chebyshev yaklaşımı üzerine daha önce yapılan çalışmalar aydınlatılmış, $[0,\alpha]$ üzerine en iyi Chebyshev yaklaşımının $A+B \cdot \log(1+CX)$ olduğu ispatlanmış ve yeni kavramlar yardımıyla konu geliştirilmiştir.

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