# $L_{P}$ APPROXIMATION BY RECIPROCALS OF TRIGONOMETRIC AND ALGEBRAIC POLYNOMIALS 

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#### Abstract

We give an estimate for the error of $L_{p}$ approximation by reciprocals of polynomials. These estimates are the analogues of the Jackson and Ditzian - Totik estimates for polynomial approximation.


1. Introduction. We are interested in estimating the error of approximation in the $L_{p}$ norm by reciprocals of polynomials. This is a special case of rational approximation which occurs for example in the study of Padé approximation as the first column in the Padé table. Recently, Leviatan, Levin, and Saff [2] have estimated the error in $L_{p}$ approximation of $f \in L_{p+1}$ in terms of the modulus of $f$. Namely they show that the error of such approximation does not exceed $C \omega^{\varphi}\left(f, n^{-1}\right)_{p+1}$ (see $\S 2$ for the definition of $\omega^{\varphi}$.) The purpose of the present paper is to show ( $\S 4$ ) that $\omega^{\varphi}(f, .)_{p+1}$ can be replaced by $\omega^{\varphi}(f, .)_{p}$ and that this estimate holds for all $f \in L_{p}$. The corresponding estimates for approximation by reciprocals of trigonometric polynomials are derived in $\S 3$. We begin in the next section with some remarks on algebraic and trigonometric polynomial approximation.
2. Polynomial approximation. Error estimates for trigonometric polynomial approximation can most easily be obtained by convolution operators. For example, suppose that $\Lambda_{n}$ is a kernel with mean value 1 on $[-\pi, \pi]$ and consider the convolution operator

$$
\begin{equation*}
L_{n}(f):=\frac{1}{2 \pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x+t) \Lambda_{n}(t) d t \tag{2.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

It is well known and quite simple to prove that if

$$
\begin{equation*}
\int_{-\pi}^{\pi}|t| \Lambda_{n}(t) d t \leq C n^{-1} \tag{2.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

then, we have

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left\|f-L_{n}(f)\right\|_{L_{p}(\mathbb{\mathbb { }})} \leq C \omega\left(f, n^{-1}\right)_{p} \tag{2.3}
\end{equation*}
$$

[^0]for each $f \in L_{p}(\mathbb{T}), 1 \leq p \leq \infty$ (with $L_{\infty}$ replaced by $C$ in the case $p=\infty$ ) and
\[

$$
\begin{equation*}
\omega(f, t)_{p}:=\sup _{0 \leq h \leq t}\left\|\Delta_{h}(f, .)\right\|_{L_{p}(\mathbb{T})} \tag{2.4}
\end{equation*}
$$

\]

the $L_{p}$ modulus of continuity of $f$. Here and later, we use $C$ to denote constants and subscripts to denote variables on which they depend (if there are any.)

If $\Lambda_{n}$ is an even trigonometric polynomial of degree $\leq m$ then $L_{n}$ is a convolution operator and $L_{n}(f)$ is also a trigonometric polynomial whose degree does not exceed $m$. The best known examples of kernels of this type are the Jackson kernels

$$
\begin{equation*}
k_{n}(t):=k_{n, r}(t):=d_{n}\left(\frac{\sin n t / 2}{\sin t / 2}\right)^{2 r}, \quad r=1,2, \ldots \tag{2.5}
\end{equation*}
$$

with the constant $d_{n}$ chosen so that $k_{n}$ has mean value one on $[-\pi, \pi]: \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} k_{n}(t) d t=2 \pi$. Then, it is easy to see (see [3]) that $d_{n} \approx n^{2 r-1}$ and the moments of $k_{n}$ satisfy

$$
\begin{equation*}
\int_{-\pi}^{\pi}|t|^{j} k_{n}(t) d t \leq C_{r} n^{-j}, \quad j=0,1, \ldots, 2 r-2 \tag{2.6}
\end{equation*}
$$

From (2.6), it follows that the moment condition (2.2) is valid for $r \geq 2$. We shall also use the fact that the shifted kernels $k_{n, r}\left(t+\delta_{n}\right), \delta_{n}:=\pi / 2 n$ satisfy these moment conditions (2.6) and therefore (2.3) as well.

From results on trigonometric polynomial approximation, it is possible to deduce estimates for approximation by algebraic polynomials. There are two types of estimates. The simplest of these are in terms of the ordinary modulus of continuity of $f \in L_{p}[-1,1]$, $1 \leqq p \leqq \infty$. Finer results were recently given by Ditzian and Totik [1] in terms of a new modulus of continuity which has many important applications in approximation. Let $\varphi(x)=\sqrt{1-x^{2}}$ and

$$
\Delta_{h \varphi} f(x)= \begin{cases}f\left(x+\frac{h}{2} \varphi(x)\right)-f\left(x-\frac{h}{2} \varphi(x)\right), & x \pm \frac{h}{2} \varphi(x) \in[-1,1] \\ 0, & \text { otherwise }\end{cases}
$$

Then, following Ditzian and Totik, we define

$$
\omega^{\varphi}(f, t)_{p}:=\sup _{0<h \leqq t}\left\|\Delta_{h \varphi} f\right\|_{p}
$$

Ditzian and Totik have shown that for each $n$ there is an algebraic polynomial $P_{n}$ of degree $\leq n$ such that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left\|f-P_{n}\right\|_{L_{p}[-1,1]} \leq C \omega^{\varphi}\left(f, \frac{1}{n}\right)_{p} \tag{2.7}
\end{equation*}
$$

It will be useful to recall their method of proof of (2.7). They first establish that $\omega^{\varphi}(f,$. is equivalent to the K -functional

$$
\begin{equation*}
K(f, t)_{p}:=\inf _{g}\left\{\|f-g\|_{L_{p}[-1,1]}+t\left\|\varphi g^{\prime}\right\|_{L_{p}[-1,1]}+t^{2}\left\|g^{\prime}\right\|_{L_{p}[-1,1]}\right\} \tag{2.8}
\end{equation*}
$$

where the infimum is taken over all absolutely continuous $g$. That is, they show

$$
\begin{equation*}
C_{1} \omega^{\varphi}(f, t)_{p} \leq K(f, t)_{p} \leq C_{2} \omega^{\varphi}(f, t)_{p} \tag{2.9}
\end{equation*}
$$

It follows from (2.9) that for each $n=1,2, \ldots$ there is a $f_{n}$ such that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left\|f-f_{n}\right\|_{L_{p}[-1,1]}+\frac{1}{n}\left\|\varphi f_{n}^{\prime}\right\|_{L_{p}[-1,1]}+\frac{1}{n^{2}}\left\|f_{n}^{\prime}\right\|_{L_{p}[-1,1]} \leq C \omega^{\varphi}\left(f, \frac{1}{n}\right)_{p} \tag{2.10}
\end{equation*}
$$

Moreover, their proof shows that if $f$ is nonnegative then $f_{n}$ can also be chosen to be nonnegative.

The second main point in establishing (2.7) is to approximate $f_{n}$. For this, we let $g_{n}(\theta):=f_{n}(\cos \theta)$. Then $g_{n}$ is an even $2 \pi$ - periodic function.

THEOREM 2.1. If $f_{n}$ and $g_{n}$ are defined as above and if $L_{n}$ is defined by (2.1) for some kernel $\Lambda_{n}$ satisfying (2.2) (not necessarily a trigonometric polynomial), then

$$
\left\|f_{n}-L_{n}\left(g_{n}, \arccos \cdot\right)\right\|_{L_{p}[-1,1]} \leqq C \omega^{\varphi}\left(f, \frac{1}{n}\right)_{p}, \quad 1 \leq p \leq \infty
$$

This theorem is established in $\S 7.2$ of [1]. While the analysis in [1] is stated for a trigonometric kernel, the proof is exactly the same for any $\Lambda_{n}$.

Now to prove (2.7), it is enough to take for $L_{n}$ any of the operators above with a trigonometric kernel of degree $\leq C n$ (for example the Jackson kernels.) This gives an even trigonometric polynomial $T_{n}(\theta)=L_{n}\left(g_{n}, \theta\right)$. Then $P_{n}(x):=T_{n}(\arccos x)$ satisfies (2.7).

Another property of this construction is that $P_{n}$ can be used to replace $f_{n}$ in (2.10):

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left\|f-P_{n}\right\|_{L_{p}[-1,1]}+\frac{1}{n}\left\|\varphi P_{n}^{\prime}\right\|_{L_{p}[-1,1]}+\frac{1}{n^{2}}\left\|P_{n}^{\prime}\right\|_{L_{p}[-1,1]} \leq C \omega^{\varphi}\left(f, \frac{1}{n}\right)_{p} . \tag{2.11}
\end{equation*}
$$

This property follows from Theorem 7.3.1 of [ 1]. Although this theorem is stated for the polynomial $P_{n}$ of best $L_{p}$ approximation it holds with exactly the same proof for any $P_{n}$ satisfying (2.7). We remark further that Theorem 7.3.1 estimates $\left\|\varphi P_{n}^{\prime}\right\|_{\left.L_{p} \mid-1,1\right]} \leq$ $C n \omega^{\varphi}\left(f, \frac{1}{n}\right)_{p}$ but the same proof also give $\left\|P_{n}^{\prime}\right\|_{L_{p}[-1,1]} \leq C n^{2} \omega^{\varphi}\left(f, \frac{1}{n}\right)_{p}$.
3. Approximation by Reciprocals of Trigonometric Polynomials. To prove results about approximation by reciprocals of trigonometric polynomials, we shall use the modified kernels

$$
\lambda_{n}(t):=\frac{1}{2}\left[k_{n}\left(t-\delta_{n}\right)+k_{n}\left(t+\delta_{n}\right)\right]=c_{n}\left[\left(\frac{\sin \frac{n\left(t-\delta_{n}\right)}{2}}{\sin \frac{\left(t-\delta_{n}\right)}{2}}\right)^{4}+\left(\frac{\sin \frac{n\left(t+\delta_{n}\right)}{2}}{\sin \frac{\left(t+\delta_{n}\right)}{2}}\right)^{4}\right]
$$

where $\delta_{n}:=\pi /(2 n)$ and $c_{n}$ is a normalizing constant chosen so that

$$
\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \lambda_{n}(t) d t=2 \pi
$$

By our earlier remarks, the kernel $\lambda_{n}$ has the approximation properties of $\S 2$. In addition, the kernel $\lambda_{n}$ has the following important property not held by the Jackson kernels $k_{n}$.

LEMMA 3.1. For $s, t \in[-\pi, \pi)$ and $n \geqq 1$ we have

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{\lambda_{n}(s+t)}{\lambda_{n}(s)} \leqq C(1+n|t|)^{4} \tag{3.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

Proof. We prove (3.1) for $n \geqq 2$, the case $n=1$ is straightforward. First we show that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\lambda_{n}(s) \leqq C \cdot c_{n} n^{4} \quad|s| \leqq \pi \tag{3.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

In fact, for $|s| \leqq \frac{\pi}{n}$, it follows that

$$
\begin{aligned}
\lambda_{n}(s) & \leqq c_{n}\left[\left(\frac{\frac{n\left(s-\delta_{n}\right)}{2}}{\frac{2}{\pi} \frac{\left(s-\delta_{n}\right)}{2}}\right)^{4}+\left(\frac{\frac{n\left(s+\delta_{n}\right)}{2}}{\frac{2}{\pi} \frac{\left(s+\delta_{n}\right)}{2}}\right)^{4}\right] \\
& \leqq C \cdot c_{n} n^{4}
\end{aligned}
$$

where we used the inequalities

$$
\begin{align*}
& |\sin x| \leqq \min \{1,|x|\} \quad|x| \leqq \pi  \tag{3.3}\\
& \left|\frac{2}{\pi} x\right| \leqq|\sin x| \quad x \in\left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right] \tag{3.4}
\end{align*}
$$

For $\frac{\pi}{n}<|s| \leqq \pi$, we have by (3.4) and the monotonicity of $\sin x,|x| \leqq \frac{\pi}{2}$, that

$$
\begin{aligned}
\left|\sin \left(\frac{s \pm \delta_{n}}{2}\right)\right| & \geqq \sin \left(\frac{|s|-\delta_{n}}{2}\right) \\
& \geqq \frac{|s|}{\pi}-\frac{1}{2 n} \\
& \geqq \frac{|s|}{2 \pi}
\end{aligned}
$$

Hence by (3.3)

$$
\begin{align*}
\lambda_{n}(s) & \leqq c_{n}\left[\frac{1}{\sin ^{4} \frac{\left(s-\delta_{n}\right)}{2}}+\frac{1}{\sin ^{4} \frac{\left(s+\delta_{n}\right)}{2}}\right]  \tag{3.5}\\
& \leqq C \cdot c_{n}|s|^{-4} \leqq C \cdot c_{n} n^{4}
\end{align*}
$$

This concludes the proof of (3.2).
We next note that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\lambda_{n}(s) \geqq C \cdot c_{n} n^{4}, \quad|s| \leqq \frac{\pi}{n} \tag{3.6}
\end{equation*}
$$

Indeed, by (3.3) and (3.4)

$$
\left.\left.\begin{array}{rl}
\lambda_{n}(s) & \geqq c_{n} \max \left\{\left(\frac{\sin \frac{n\left(s-\delta_{n}\right)}{2}}{\sin \frac{\left(\frac{\left(-\delta_{n}\right)}{2}\right.}{2}}\right)^{4},\left(\frac{\sin \frac{n\left(s+\delta_{n}\right)}{2}}{\sin \frac{\left(\frac{\left(s+\delta_{n}\right)}{2}\right.}{2}}\right)^{4}\right\} \\
& \geqq C c_{n} \min \left\{\left(\frac{n\left(s-\delta_{n}\right)}{\pi}\right.\right. \\
\frac{\left(s-\delta_{n}\right)}{2}
\end{array}\right)^{4},\left(\frac{\frac{n\left(s+\delta_{n}\right)}{\pi}}{\frac{\left(s+\delta_{n}\right)}{2}}\right)^{4}\right\} \geqq C \cdot c_{n} n^{4} .
$$

By (3.2) and (3.6) we have for $|s| \leqq \frac{\pi}{n}$ and all $t \in \mathbb{T}$

$$
\frac{\lambda_{n}(s+t)}{\lambda_{n}(s)} \leqq C
$$

Thus (3.1) follows for $|s| \leqq \frac{\pi}{n}$.
Consider now the case $\frac{\pi}{n}<|s|$. Since

$$
\sin ^{2} \frac{n\left(s-\delta_{n}\right)}{2}+\sin ^{2} \frac{n\left(s+\delta_{n}\right)}{2}=1
$$

it follows that

$$
\max \left\{\sin ^{4} \frac{n\left(s-\delta_{n}\right)}{2}, \sin ^{4} \frac{n\left(s+\delta_{n}\right)}{2}\right\} \geqq \frac{1}{4}
$$

Therefore, we have

$$
\begin{align*}
\lambda_{n}(s) & \geqq \frac{1}{4} c_{n} \min \left\{\frac{1}{\sin ^{4} \frac{\left(s-\delta_{n}\right)}{2}}, \frac{1}{\sin ^{4} \frac{\left(s+\delta_{n}\right)}{2}}\right\}  \tag{3.7}\\
& \geqq C \cdot c_{n}|s|^{-4}
\end{align*}
$$

where again we used (3.3) for the last inequality. Combining (3.2) and (3.7) we obtain

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{\lambda_{n}(s+t)}{\lambda_{n}(s)} \leqq C(n|s|)^{4} \leqq C n^{4} \tag{3.8}
\end{equation*}
$$

which yields (3.1) for $|t| \geqq \frac{\pi}{4}$.
We now consider the remaining case $|t|<\frac{\pi}{4}$ and $\frac{\pi}{n}<|s|$.
If $|s+t| \leqq \frac{\pi}{n}$, then

$$
|s| \leqq|t|+\frac{\pi}{n}
$$

and it follows by the left inequality in (3.8) that

$$
\frac{\lambda_{n}(s+t)}{\lambda_{n}(s)} \leqq C(n|s|)^{4} \leqq C(1+n|t|)^{4}
$$

If $\frac{\pi}{n}<|s+t| \leqq \pi$ then by (3.5) and (3.7)

$$
\begin{aligned}
\frac{\lambda_{n}(s+t)}{\lambda_{n}(s)} & \leqq C\left(\frac{|s|}{|s+t|}\right)^{4} \\
& \leqq C\left(1+\frac{|t|}{|s+t|}\right)^{4} \\
& \leqq C(1+n|t|)^{4} .
\end{aligned}
$$

Finally if $\pi<|s+t|<\pi+\frac{\pi}{4}$ (since $|t|<\frac{\pi}{4}$ ), then due to the periodicity of $\lambda_{n}(s)$ we have by (3.5)

$$
\begin{aligned}
\lambda_{n}(s+t) & =\lambda_{n}(2 \pi-|s+t|) \\
& \leqq C c_{n}|2 \pi-|s+t||^{-4} \\
& \leqq C c_{n}
\end{aligned}
$$

and combining with (3.7), we obtain

$$
\frac{\lambda_{n}(s+t)}{\lambda_{n}(s)} \leqq C
$$

Thus the proof of (3.1) is complete.
We are going to use the kernel $\lambda_{n}$ to average the function $f$ to be approximated. Let $f \in L_{p}(\mathbb{T}), 1 \leqq p<\infty$, be nonnegative and assume $f \not \equiv 0$. Define the averaged function

$$
\tilde{f}(x)=\frac{1}{2 \pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x+s) \lambda_{n}(s) d s
$$

Then we have
Lemma 3.2. If $f L_{p}(\mathbb{T}), 1 \leqq p \leqq \infty$, and $\tilde{f}$ are as above, then

$$
\begin{align*}
\text { (i) } & \|f-\tilde{f}\|_{L_{p}(\mathbb{T})} \leqq C \omega\left(f, \frac{1}{n}\right)_{p} \\
\text { (ii) } & \omega(\tilde{f}, t)_{p} \leqq C \omega(f, t)_{p}  \tag{3.9}\\
\text { (iii) } & \sup _{-\pi \leqq x<\pi} \frac{\tilde{f}(x)}{\tilde{f}(x+t)} \leqq C(1+n|t|)^{4}, \quad|t| \leqq \pi
\end{align*}
$$

Proof. Statement (i) follows from (2.3). Since $\lambda_{n}$ is positive and has mean value one, (ii) follows immediately from the identity $\Delta_{h} \tilde{f}=\frac{1}{2 \pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \Delta_{h}(f, x+t) \lambda_{n}(t) d t$. To prove (iii), we notice that since $f \not \equiv 0$ and nonnegative, it follows that $\tilde{f}>0$ on $\mathbb{T}$ so that the quotient is well defined. By (3.1)

$$
\lambda_{n}(s) \leqq C(1+n|t|)^{4} \lambda_{n}(s-t) .
$$

Thus

$$
\begin{aligned}
\tilde{f}(x) & =\frac{1}{2 \pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x+s) \lambda_{n}(s) d s \\
& \leqq \frac{1}{2 \pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x+s) C(1+n|t|)^{4} \lambda_{n}(s-t) d s \\
& \leqq C(1+n|t|)^{4} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x+s) \lambda_{n}(s-t) d s \\
& =C(1+n|t|)^{4} \tilde{f}(x+t)
\end{aligned}
$$

and (iii) is proved.
We are ready to prove the main result of this section.

ThEOREM 3.3. Let $f \in L_{p}(\mathbb{T}), 1 \leqq p \leq \infty$, be nonnegative and assume $f \not \equiv 0$. Then for each $n \geqq 1$ there exists a trigonometric polynomial $T_{n}$ of degree $\leqq n$ such that

$$
\left\|f-\frac{1}{T_{n}}\right\|_{p} \leqq C \omega\left(f, \frac{1}{n}\right)_{p}
$$

Proof. If $f \equiv c, c \neq 0$, then we can take $T_{n}:=\frac{1}{c}$. Therefore we can assume that $f$ is not a constant. Let

$$
k_{n}(t)=d_{n}\left(\frac{\sin n t / 2}{\sin t / 2}\right)^{8}
$$

where $d_{n}$ is the normalizing constant such that

$$
\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} k_{n}(t) d t=2 \pi
$$

We shall use the convolution operator $L_{n}(g):=\frac{1}{2 \pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} g(x+t) k_{n}(t) d t$. By (2.6),

$$
\int_{-\pi}^{\pi}(1+n|t|)^{6} k_{n}(t) d t \leqq C .
$$

We define $f_{\epsilon}(x)=f(x)+\epsilon$, with $\epsilon>0$ to be chosen later and let $g(x)=\tilde{f}_{\epsilon}(x)$ be the averaged function. The function

$$
T_{n}(x):=L_{n}\left(\frac{1}{g}, x\right)
$$

is well defined since $g \geqq \epsilon$ and is a trigonometric polynomial of degree $\leq 3 n$. It follows from the positivity of the operator $L_{n}$ that (see [2]) $L_{n}(g) L_{n}(1 / g) \geq L_{n}(1)=1$ and therefore

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{1}{T_{n}(x)} \leqq L_{n}(g) \tag{3.10}
\end{equation*}
$$

As in [2], we consider two sets,

$$
E_{1}=\left\{x \in[-\pi, \pi): \frac{1}{T_{n}(x)}>g(x)\right\} \quad \text { and } \quad E_{2}=[-\pi, \pi) \backslash E_{1}
$$

Then by (3.10)

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left\|\frac{1}{T_{n}(x)}-g(x)\right\|_{L_{p}\left(E_{1}\right)} \leqq\left\|g-L_{n}(g)\right\|_{L_{p}(\mathbb{T})} \leqq C \omega\left(g, \frac{1}{n}\right)_{p} \tag{3.11}
\end{equation*}
$$

where for the last inequality we used (2.3).

For $x \in E_{2}$, we have

$$
\begin{aligned}
0 \leqq g(x)-\frac{1}{T_{n}(x)} & =\frac{g(x)}{T_{n}(x)}\left[T_{n}(x)-\frac{1}{g(x)}\right] \\
& \leqq g^{2}(x) \frac{1}{2 \pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi}\left[\frac{1}{g(x+t)}-\frac{1}{g(x)}\right] k_{n}(t) d t \\
& =\frac{1}{2 \pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi}[g(x)-g(x+t)] \frac{g(x)}{g(x+t)} k_{n}(t) d t \\
& \leqq \frac{1}{2 \pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi}|g(x)-g(x+t)| C(1+n|t|)^{4} k_{n}(t) d t
\end{aligned}
$$

where for the last inequality we used the property (iii) of Lemma 3.2. The kernel $\Lambda_{n}(t):=$ $(1+n|t|)^{4} k_{n}(t)$ satisfies (2.3) and therefore

$$
\begin{align*}
\left\|g(x)-\frac{1}{T_{n}(x)}\right\|_{L_{p}\left(E_{2}\right)} & \leq C\left\|\frac{1}{2 \pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi}|g(x+t)-g(x)|(1+n|t|)^{4} k_{n}(t) d t\right\|_{L_{p}(\mathbb{T})}  \tag{3.12}\\
& \leq C \omega\left(g, \frac{1}{n}\right)_{p}
\end{align*}
$$

Combining (3.11) and (3.12) with Lemma 3.2(i) and (ii) yields

$$
\begin{aligned}
\left\|f-\frac{1}{T_{n}}\right\|_{L_{p}(\mathbb{T})} & \leqq\left\|f-f_{\epsilon}\right\|_{L_{p}(\mathbb{T})}+\left\|f_{\epsilon}-\tilde{f}_{\epsilon}\right\|_{L_{p}(\mathbb{T})}+\left\|g-\frac{1}{T_{n}}\right\|_{L_{p}(\mathbb{T})} \\
& \leqq C\left(\epsilon+\omega\left(f, \frac{1}{n}\right)_{p}\right) .
\end{aligned}
$$

Thus the choice $\epsilon=\omega\left(f, \frac{1}{n}\right)_{p}$ (which is positive since $f$ is not a constant) concludes the proof of Theorem 3.3.
4. Approximation by Reciprocals of Algebraic Polynomials. We prove in this section the following improvement of the result of Leviatan, Levin and Saff [2].

THEOREM 4.1. Let $f \in L_{p}[-1,1], 1 \leqq p \leqq \infty$, be nonnegative and assume $f \not \equiv 0$. Then for each $n \geqq 1$ there exists an algebraic polynomial $P_{n}$ of degree $\leqq n$ such that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left\|f-\frac{1}{P_{n}}\right\|_{p} \leqq C \omega^{\varphi}\left(f, \frac{1}{n}\right)_{p} . \tag{4.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

Let $f_{n}$ be the nonnegative function which satisfies (2.10). We shall follow the construction of the previous section by setting $g_{n}(\theta):=f_{n}(\cos \theta)$ and letting $\tilde{g}_{n}(\theta)$ be the averaged function of $g_{n}$ (using the same $n$ for averaging). Note that $g_{n} \in L_{p}(\mathbb{T}$ ). Now writing $\tilde{f}_{n}(x)=\tilde{g}_{n}(\theta)$ where $x=\cos \theta$ we observe that by virtue of the evenness of $\lambda_{n}(t), \tilde{f}_{n}(x)$ is an algebraic polynomial of degree $\leqq 2 n$. We summarize the properties of $\tilde{f}_{n}$ in the following:

Lemma 4.2. With $f_{n}$ and $\tilde{f}_{n}$ defined as above, we have

$$
\begin{align*}
\left\|f_{n}-\tilde{f}_{n}\right\|_{p} & \leqq C \omega^{\varphi}\left(f, \frac{1}{n}\right)_{p}  \tag{4.2}\\
\left\|\varphi \tilde{f}_{n}^{\prime}\right\|_{p} & \leqq C n \omega^{\varphi}\left(f, \frac{1}{n}\right)_{p} \\
\left\|\tilde{f}_{n}^{\prime}\right\|_{p} & \leqq C n^{2} \omega^{\varphi}\left(f, \frac{1}{n}\right)_{p}
\end{align*}
$$

Proof. Since $\lambda_{n}(t)$ is a kernel satisfying the properties of $\S 2, \tilde{f}_{n}$ is one of the polynomials $P_{n}$ which satisfy (2.11).

We are ready now to prove Theorem 4.1.
Proof of Theorem 4.1. Again, we may assume that $f \not \equiv c$ We follow the ideas of the proof of Theorem 3.3. We let $g_{\epsilon}(\theta)=\tilde{g}_{n}(\theta)+\epsilon$ where $\tilde{g}_{n}(\theta)=\tilde{f}_{n}(\cos \theta)$ and let

$$
P_{n}(x):=L_{n}\left(\frac{1}{g_{\epsilon}}, \arccos x\right) .
$$

Again we define

$$
E_{1}=\left\{x \in[-1,1]: \frac{1}{P_{n}(x)}>g_{\epsilon}(\arccos x)\right\}
$$

and $E_{2}=[-1,1] \backslash E_{1}$. Then, we have

$$
\begin{align*}
\| \frac{1}{P_{n}(x)} & -g_{\epsilon}(\arccos x) \|_{L_{p}\left(E_{1}\right)}  \tag{4.5}\\
& \leqq\left\|\frac{1}{2 \pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi}\left[g_{\epsilon}(\arccos x+t)-g_{\epsilon}(\arccos x)\right] k_{n}(t) d t\right\|_{\left.L_{p} \backslash-1,1\right]} .
\end{align*}
$$

Notice that the $L_{p}$ norm is with respect to $x$. Similarly,

$$
\begin{align*}
\| \frac{1}{P_{n}(x)} & -g_{\epsilon}(\arccos x) \|_{L_{p}\left(E_{2}\right)}  \tag{4.6}\\
& \leqq C\left\|\int_{-\pi}^{\pi}\left|g_{\epsilon}(\arccos x+t)-g_{\epsilon}(\arccos x)\right|(1+n|t|)^{4} k_{n}(t) d t\right\|_{L_{p}[-1,1]}
\end{align*}
$$

In other words, we have

$$
\begin{aligned}
\| \tilde{f}_{n}+\epsilon & -\frac{1}{P_{n}} \|_{L_{p}[-1,1]} \\
& \leqq C\left\|\int_{-\pi}^{\pi}\left|g_{\epsilon}(\arccos x+t)-g_{\epsilon}(\arccos x)\right|(1+n|t|)^{4} k_{n}(t) d t\right\|_{\left.L_{p} \mid-1,1\right]}
\end{aligned}
$$

Now the kernel $\Lambda_{n}(t):=(1+n|t|)^{4} k_{n}(t)$ satisfies

$$
\int_{-\pi}^{\pi}|t| \Lambda_{n}(t) d t \leq C / n
$$

and therefore by Theorem 2.1, we have

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left\|\tilde{f}_{n}+\epsilon-\frac{1}{P_{n}}\right\|_{p} \leqq C \omega^{\varphi}\left(f, \frac{1}{n}\right)_{p} . \tag{4.7}
\end{equation*}
$$

Finally choosing $\epsilon=\omega^{\varphi}\left(f, \frac{1}{n}\right)_{p}$ we get by (4.2) and (4.7),

$$
\begin{aligned}
\left\|f-\frac{1}{P_{n}}\right\|_{L_{\rho}[-1,1]} & \leqq\left\|f-\tilde{f}_{n}\right\|_{L_{p}[-1,1]}+\epsilon+\left\|\tilde{f}_{n}+\epsilon-\frac{1}{P_{n}}\right\|_{L_{p}[-1,1]} \\
& \leqq C \omega^{\varphi}\left(f, \frac{1}{n}\right)_{p}
\end{aligned}
$$

and our proof is complete.

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