

A scheme for interpolation by Hankel translates of a basis function

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Golomb and Weinberger [1] described a variational approach to interpolation which reduced the problem to minimizing a norm in a reproducing kernel Hilbert space generated by means of a small number of data points. Later, Duchon [2] defined radial basis function interpolants as functions which minimize a suitable seminorm given by a weight in spaces of distributions closely related to Sobolev spaces. These minimal interpolants could be written as a linear combination of translates of a single function ϕ , the so-called basis function, plus a polynomial. Light and Wayne [3] extended Duchon's class of weight functions, which in turn allowed for non-radial basis functions in their scheme. Following the approach of Light and Wayne, we discuss interpolation of complex-valued functions defined on the positive real axis I by certain spaces of Sobolev type involving the Hankel transformation and powers of the Bessel operator. The set of interpolation points will be a subset $\{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$ of I and the interpolants will take the form

$$u(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i (\tau_{a_i} \phi)(x) + \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} \beta_j p_{\mu,j}(x) \quad (x \in I),$$

where $\mu > -1/2$, ϕ is the basis function, $p_{\mu,j}(x) = x^{2j+\mu+1/2}$ ($j \in \mathbb{Z}_+$, $0 \leq j \leq m-1$) is a Müntz monomial, τ_z ($z \in I$) denotes the Hankel translation operator of order μ , and α_i, β_j ($i, j \in \mathbb{Z}_+$, $1 \leq i \leq n$, $0 \leq j \leq m-1$) are complex coefficients. An estimate for the pointwise error of the interpolants is also given.

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