

# Equivalence between Modulus of Smoothness and K-Functional on Rotation Group $SO(3)^*$

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## Abstract

In this paper we obtain the equivalence between modulus of smoothness and K-functional on rotation group  $SO(3)$ .

## Keywords

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## 1. Introduction

Many results of approximation are based on Euclid spaces or their compact subsets. Periodic approximation is based on compact group  $\{\exp(ix)\}$ , whereas matrix group  $U(n)$  is the generalization of  $\{\exp(ix)\}$ . We know homomorphism between  $SU(2)$  and rotation group  $SO(3)$ , which has many applications in Physics and Chemistry. Some approximation problems on compact groups have been studied since in 1920s F. Peter and H. Weyl proved the approximation theorem on compact group, that is, the irreducible character generate a dense subspace of the space of continuous classes function. For instance, Gongsheng (see [1]) studied the basic problems of Fourier analysis on unitary and rotation groups, including the degree of convergence of Abel sum based on Poisson kernel. Xue-an Zheng (see [2] [3]) studied the polynomial approximation on compact Lie groups. D. I. Cartwright *et al.* studied Jackson's theorem for compact connected Lie groups (see [4]), and so on. In this paper, we study the modulus of smoothness and K-functional on rotation group  $SO(3)$  and as classical case in Euclid space we will obtain the equivalence between them.

Let  $G = SO(3) = \{x \in GL(3; \mathbb{R}); x^T x = E; \det x = 1\}$  be the rotation group, where  $GL(n, \mathbb{R})$  is the group of invertible real  $(n \times n)$  matrices. For  $1 \leq p < +\infty$ ,

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$L_p(G) \left\{ f : \left[ \int_G |f(x)|^p d\mu(x) \right]^{1/p} < +\infty \right\}$ , where  $\mu$  is the normalized Harr measure on  $G$ . For  $D_i \in \mathfrak{g}$ , the Lie algebra of  $G = SO(3)$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3$ , Let  $L_{p,i}^r(G) = \left\{ f : D_i^r f \in L_p(G) \right\}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3$ , where  $D_i^r g$  denote the  $r$ -order derivative of  $g$  in direction  $D_i$ .

We also write the difference of function  $f$  and modulus of smoothness in the direction  $D_i$  as follows

$$\Delta_{sD_i}^r f(x) = \sum_{j=0}^r (-1)^{r-j} \binom{r}{j} f(x \exp jsD_i),$$

and

$$\omega_{r,i}(f, \delta)_p = \sup \left\{ \left\| \Delta_{sD_i}^r f \right\|_p : 0 < s < \delta, \|D_i\| = 1 \right\}$$

where  $\|D_i\|$  is the norm induced by Killing inner product on  $\mathfrak{g}$ .

We denote

$$W_r(f, \delta)_p = \sum_{i=1}^3 \omega_{r,i}(f, \delta)_p.$$

Accordingly, we denote  $K$ -functional as follows

$$K_{r,i}(f, \delta)_p = \inf_{g \in L_{p,i}^r(G)} \left\{ \|f - g\|_p + \delta^r \|D_i^r g\|_p \right\}$$

$$K_r(f, \delta)_p = \sum_{i=1}^3 K_{r,i}(f, \delta)_p$$

Further, for the isotropic case.

Let multi-indice  $\mathbf{r} = (r_1, r_2, r_3) \in \mathbb{N}_+^3$ , and  $\mathbf{s} = (s_1, s_2, s_3) > \mathbf{0}$ ,  $\mathbf{t} = (t_1, t_2, t_3)$ ,  $\Lambda = \{ \mathbf{a} = (\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3) : \mathbf{a} < \mathbf{r} \}$ ,  $\partial\Lambda = \{ r_i e_i, i = 1, 2, 3 \}$ , here  $e_i$  is the unit vector in the  $i$ -th direction. Define

$$\Delta_s^{\mathbf{r}} f(x) = \Delta_{s_1 D_1}^{r_1} \Delta_{s_2 D_2}^{r_2} \Delta_{s_3 D_3}^{r_3} f(x),$$

and

$$\omega_{\mathbf{r}}(f, \mathbf{t})_p = \sup_{0 < \mathbf{s} < \mathbf{t}} \left\| \Delta_{\mathbf{s}}^{\mathbf{r}} f \right\|_p = \sup \left\{ \left\| \Delta_{s_1 D_1}^{r_1} \Delta_{s_2 D_2}^{r_2} \Delta_{s_3 D_3}^{r_3} f \right\|_p : \mathbf{0} < \mathbf{s} < \mathbf{t}, \|D_i\| = 1, i = 1, 2, 3 \right\},$$

and

$$W_{\Lambda}(f, \mathbf{t})_p = \sum_{\mathbf{r} \in \partial\Lambda} \omega_{\mathbf{r}}(f, \mathbf{t})_p.$$

The corresponding  $K$ -functional is defined by

$$K_{\Lambda}(f, \mathbf{t})_p = \inf_{g \in L_p^{\Lambda}} \left\{ \|f - g\|_p + \sum_{\mathbf{r} \in \partial\Lambda} \mathbf{t}^{\mathbf{r}} \left\| \mathbf{D}^{\mathbf{r}} g \right\|_p \right\},$$

where  $L_p^{\Lambda} = L_p^{\Lambda}(G) = \left\{ f : \mathbf{D}^{\mathbf{r}} f \in L_p(G), \mathbf{r} \in \partial\Lambda \right\}$ ,  $\mathbf{t}^{\mathbf{r}} = t_1^{r_1} t_2^{r_2} t_3^{r_3}$ ,  $\mathbf{D}^{\mathbf{r}} = D_1^{r_1} D_2^{r_2} D_3^{r_3}$ .

In the next paragraph we denote by  $C$  or  $C_i$  the positive constants but are not the same in the different formula. And  $A \asymp B$  means there exist two positive constants  $C_1, C_2$  satisfying  $C_1 A \leq B \leq C_2 A$ .

## 2. Theorems and Their Proofs

We will use the next lemma 1.

**Lemma 1** [5] [6]. If  $f \in L^1_r[t, t + s]$ , then

$\Delta^r_s f(t) = s^r \int_0^{rs} \frac{f^{(r)}(t+u)N_r(u/s)}{s} du$ , where  $N_r$  denotes the normalized B-spline of order  $r$  (degree  $r-1$ ).

**Theorem 1.** If  $f \in L_p(SO(3))$ ,  $1 \leq p < +\infty$ ,  $r \in \mathbb{N}_+$ ,  $0 < \delta \in \mathbb{R}$ , then

$$W_r(f, \delta)_p \asymp K_r(f, \delta)_p.$$

Proof. For  $i = 1, 2, 3$ , we first construct the approximation operators as follows

$$\begin{aligned} g_i(x) &= g_{sD_i}(x) = I_i f(x) \\ &= \int_0^{rs} \left[ f(x) + (-1)^{r-1} \Delta^r_{uD_i} f(x) \right] \frac{N_r(u/s)}{s} du \\ &= \int_0^{rs} \sum_{j=1}^r (-1)^{j+1} \binom{r}{j} f(x \exp(juD_i)) \frac{N_r(u/s)}{s} du \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^r (-1)^{j+1} \binom{r}{j} \int_0^{rs} f(x \exp(juD_i)) \frac{N_r(u/s)}{s} du \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^r (-1)^{j+1} \binom{r}{j} \int_0^{jrs} f(x \exp(tD_i)) \frac{N_r(t/js)}{js} dt. \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 1,

$$g_i(x) = \sum_{j=1}^r (-1)^{j+1} \binom{r}{j} (js)^{-r} \Delta^r_{jsD_i} F(x),$$

where  $D^r F = f$ .

Obviously,  $I_i$  is a bounded operator from  $L_p$  to  $L_p$  ( $1 \leq p < +\infty$ ).

If we differentiate  $r$  times, then

$$D^r_i g_i(x) = \sum_{j=1}^r (-1)^{j+1} \binom{r}{j} (js)^{-r} \Delta^r_{jsD_i} f(x),$$

So,

$$s^r \|D^r_i g_i\|_p \leq c_r \|\Delta^r_{sD_i} f\|_p \leq c_r \omega_{r,i}(f, s)_p. \tag{1}$$

Clearly,

$$\|f - g_i\|_p \leq C \omega_{r,i}(f, s)_p.$$

We get

$$K_{r,i}(f, s)_p \leq C \omega_{r,i}(f, s)_p,$$

and

$$K_r(f, \delta)_p \leq C W_r(f, \delta)_p.$$

Conversely, for  $g_i(x) \in L_{p,i}(G)$ , using (see [7])

$$\Delta^r_{sD_i} f(x) = \int_0^s dt_1 \cdots \int_0^s dt_r D^r_i g_i(x \exp(t_1 + \cdots + t_r) D_i),$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} W_r(f, \delta)_p &= \sum_{i=1}^3 \omega_{r,i}(f, \delta)_p \leq \sum_{i=1}^3 \left[ \omega_{r,i}(f - g_i, \delta)_p + \omega_{r,i}(g_i, \delta)_p \right] \\ &\leq C \sum_{i=1}^3 \left[ \|f - g_i\|_p + \delta^r \|D^r_i g_i\|_p \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$W_r(f, \delta)_p \leq CK_r(f, \delta)_p.$$

**Theorem 2.** For  $f \in L_p(G), 1 \leq p < +\infty, \mathbf{t} > 0$ , then

$$W_\Lambda(f, \mathbf{t})_p \asymp K_\Lambda(f, \mathbf{t})_p.$$

Proof. Noting that for  $g \in L_p^\Lambda$ ,

$$\omega_r(g, \mathbf{t})_p \leq \mathbf{t}^r \|D^r g\|_p,$$

we get

$$W_\Lambda(g, \mathbf{t})_p \leq \sum_{r \in \partial\Lambda} \mathbf{t}^r \|D^r g\|_p.$$

Writing  $f = f - g + g$  and using the last inequality will give

$$W_\Lambda(f, \mathbf{t})_p \leq CK_\Lambda(f, \mathbf{t})_p.$$

Moreover, we construct the approximation operator as follows

$$\begin{aligned} g(x) &= I(f, x) = I_1 I_2 I_3(f, x) \\ &= \int_0^{t_1 s_1} \int_0^{t_2 s_2} \int_0^{t_3 s_3} [f(x) + \Delta_s^r f(x)] N_r(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{u}) du_1 du_2 du_3, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$N_r(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{u}) = \frac{N_{r_1}(u_1/s_1) N_{r_2}(u_2/s_2) N_{r_3}(u_3/s_3)}{s_1 s_2 s_3}.$$

It easy to see that by using the boundedness of  $I_i, i = 1, 2, 3$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \|f - g\|_p &\leq \|f - I_1 f\|_p + \|I_1 f - I_1 I_2 f\|_p + \|I_1 I_2 f - I_1 I_2 I_3 f\|_p \\ &\leq C \sum_{i=1}^3 \omega_{r,i}(f, t_i)_p = CW_\Lambda(f, \mathbf{t})_p \end{aligned}$$

It is similarly to (1), we have

$$\mathbf{t}^r \|D^r g\|_p \leq \|\Delta_s^r f\|_p \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{r \in \partial\Lambda} \mathbf{t}^r \|D^r g\|_p \leq W_\Lambda(f, \mathbf{t}).$$

Thus  $K_\Lambda(f, \mathbf{t})_p \leq CW_\Lambda(f, \mathbf{t})_p$ .

**Remark:** Theorem 1 and theorem 2 can be easily generalized to  $SO(n) (n > 3)$ .

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