Rational approximation, oscillatory Cauchy integrals and Fourier transforms

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Abstract

We develop the convergence theory for a well-known method for the interpolation of functions on the real axis with rational functions. Precise new error estimates for the interpolant are derived using existing theory for trigonometric interpolants. Estimates on the Dirichlet kernel are used to derive new bounds on the associated interpolation projection operator. Error estimates are desired partially due to a recent formula of the author for the Cauchy integral of a specific class of so-called oscillatory rational functions. Thus, error bounds for the approximation of the Fourier transform and Cauchy integral of oscillatory smooth functions are determined. Finally, the behavior of the differentiation operator is discussed. The analysis here can be seen as an extension of that of Weber (1980) and Weideman (1995) in a modified basis used by Olver (2009) that behaves well with respect to function multiplication and differentiation.

1 Introduction

Trigonometric interpolation with the discrete Fourier transform is a classic approximation theory topic and there exists a wide variety of results. See [1] for an in-depth discussion. The “fast” nature of fast Fourier transform (FFT) makes this type of approximation appealing. The FFT is just as easily considered as a method to compute a Laurent expansion of function on a circle in the complex plane centered at the origin [5]. Furthermore, once a function is expressed in a Laurent expansion (assuming sufficient decay of the Laurent coefficients) it may be mapped to a function on the real axis with a Möbius transformation. This idea has been exploited many times. It was used in [5] to compute Laplace transforms, in [14] to compute Fourier transforms, in [9, 15] to compute Hilbert transforms, in [12] to compute oscillatory singular integrals and in [10, 12] to solve Riemann–Hilbert problems. Specifically, the method discussed here can be realized by using interpolation on [0, 2π) with complex exponentials and composing the interpolant with a map from real axis to the unit circle (an arctan transformation). This produces a rational approximation of a function on ℝ.

The goal of the current paper is three-fold. First, we follow the convergence theory of interpolants on the periodic interval $\mathbb{T} = [0, 2\pi)$ (see [6]) through this transformation to a convergence

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theory on $\mathbb{R}$ (see Theorem 4.1). The singular nature of the change of variables between these spaces is the main complication for the analysis. We make use of Sobolev spaces on the periodic interval $\mathbb{T}$ and $\mathbb{R}$. We produce sufficient conditions for spectral convergence (faster than any polynomial) in various function spaces. We do not address geometric rates of convergence, although that would be a natural extension of what we describe here.

The second goal of the current work is to use a similar approach for interpolatory projections. The Dirichlet kernel can be used for interpolation on $\mathbb{T}$. Furthermore, its $L^1$ norm produces the famous Lebesgue constant [4, 11] and a bound on the trigonometric interpolation operator when acting on continuous, periodic functions. Here we use estimates of the $L^p$ norm of the Dirichlet kernel and its first derivative to estimate the norm of the rational interpolation operator on $\mathbb{R}$. We make use of results from [4] and modify them for our purposes in Appendix C.

The last goal of this paper is to use the estimates of Theorem 4.1 to present error bounds for formulas that appeared in [12]. In particular, we obtain Sobolev convergence to the boundary values of Cauchy operators and weighted $L^2$ convergence to the Fourier transform of smooth functions. The method for the Fourier transform is also shown to be asymptotic: the absolute error of the method decreases for increasing modulus of the wave number.

The paper is organized as follows. We present background material on function spaces, convergence of periodic interpolants and the mechanics of interpolation on $\mathbb{R}$ in Sections 2 and 3. While these results are not new, we present them in order to keep the current work as self-contained and educational as possible. In Section 4 we state and prove our main convergence theorem. This is followed by Section 5 which contains the main result concerning the norms of the interpolation operator. Methods for both the oscillatory Cauchy integral (Section 6) and Fourier transform (Section 7) are then described with the relevant error bounds. Appendices containing estimates on the Dirichlet kernel, sufficient conditions for convergence and numerical examples are included. Throughout this manuscript we reserve the letter $C$ with and without subscripts for a generic constant that may vary from line to line. Subscripts are used to denote any dependencies of the constant.

Remark 1.1. We concentrate on sufficient conditions in the current work. We do not prove our estimates are sharp, just good enough to ensure convergence in many cases encountered in practice where one use these methods.

2 Function spaces and Interpolation on $\mathbb{T}$

Some aspects of periodic Sobolev spaces on the interval $\mathbb{T}$ are now reviewed. We then review the convergence theory for trigonometric interpolants on the interval $\mathbb{T}$. In this case, for the reader’s benefit, we develop the theory from first principles. For an interval $I \subset \mathbb{R}$, define

$$L^p(I) = \left\{ f : I \to \mathbb{C}, \text{ measurable : } \int_I |f(x)|^p dx < \infty \right\},$$

with the norm

$$\|f\|_{L^p(I)} = \left( \int_I |f(x)|^p dx \right)^{1/p}.$$
2.1 Periodic Sobolev spaces

For \( F \in L^2(T) \), we use the notation

\[
\hat{F}_k = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} e^{-ik\theta} F(\theta) d\theta.
\]

(2.1)

Definition 2.1. The periodic Sobolev space of order \( s \) is defined by

\[
H^s(T) = \left\{ F \in L^2(T) : \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} (1 + |k|)^{2s} |\hat{F}_k|^2 < \infty \right\},
\]

with the norm

\[
\|F\|_{H^s(T)} = \left( \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} (1 + |k|)^{2s} |\hat{F}_k|^2 \right)^{1/2}.
\]

Note that \( H^0(T) = L^2(T) \). It is well known that \( H^s(T) \) is a Hilbert space and it is a natural space (almost by definition) in which to study both Fourier series and trigonometric interpolants. We use \( D \) to denote the (weak and strong) differentiation operator. The usual prime notation is used for (strong) derivatives when convenient.

Theorem 2.1 ([1]). For \( s \in \mathbb{N} \) and \( F \in H^s(T) \), \( D^j F(\theta) \) exists a.e. for \( j = 1, \ldots, s \) and

\[
\|D^j F\|_{L^2(T)} < \infty, \quad j = 1, \ldots, s.
\]

Furthermore,

\[
\|F\|_s = \left( \sum_{j=0}^{s} \|D^j F\|^2_{L^2(T)} \right)^{1/2},
\]

is a norm on \( H^s(T) \) and it is equivalent to the \( H^s(T) \) norm.

We also relate the \( H^s(T) \) space to spaces of differentiable functions.

Definition 2.2. The space of differentiable functions of order \( r \) is defined by

\[
C^r_p(T) = \{ F : T \to \mathbb{C} : F(\theta) = F(\theta + 2\pi), \quad D^r F(\theta) \text{ is continuous on } T \},
\]

with norm

\[
\|F\|_{C^r_p(T)} = \sum_{j=0}^{r} \|D^j F\|_u, \quad \|F\|_u = \sup_{\theta \in T} |F(\theta)|.
\]

We require a common embedding result.

Proposition 2.1. For \( F \in H^s(T) \) and \( s > r + 1/2 \)

\[
\|F\|_{C^r_p(T)} \leq C_{s,r} \|F\|_{H^s(T)}.
\]
Proof. Since $r \geq 0$, we have that $s > 1/2$. Therefore

$$|F(\theta)| \leq \sum_k \left| e^{ik\theta} \hat{F}_k \right| \leq \left( \sum_k (1 + |k|)^{-2s} \right)^{1/2} \left( \sum_k |\hat{F}_k|^2 (1 + |k|)^{2s} \right)^{1/2},$$

by the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality. This shows two things. First, because $s > 1/2$, $F(\theta)$ is the uniform limit of continuous functions and is therefore continuous. Second, $\|F\|_u \leq C_s \|F\|_{H^s(\mathbb{T})}$.

More generally, for $j \leq r$

$$|D^j F(\theta)| \leq \sum_k \left| (ik)^j e^{ik\theta} \hat{F}_k \right| \leq \left( \sum_k (1 + |k|)^{-2(s-j)} \right)^{1/2} \left( \sum_k |\hat{F}_k|^2 (1 + |k|)^{2s} \right)^{1/2}.$$

The first sum in the last expression converges because $s - r > 1/2$ ($j \leq r$). Taking a supremum we find

$$\|D^j F\|_u \leq C_{s,j} \|F\|_{H^s(\mathbb{T})}.$$  

This proves the result.

Remark 2.1. We have ignored some technicalities in the proof of the previous result. Because an $H^s(\mathbb{T})$ function may take arbitrary values on a Lebesgue set of measure zero, we need to make sense of $\|F\|_u$. It suffices to take the representation of $F \in H^s(\mathbb{T})$, $s > 1/2$ defined by its Fourier series because we are guaranteed that this is a continuous function.

2.2 Trigonometric interpolation

We now discuss the construction of the series representations for trigonometric interpolants of a continuous function $F$. For $n \in \mathbb{N}$, define $\theta_j = 2\pi j/n$ for $j = 0, \ldots, n-1$ and two positive integers

$$n_+ = \lfloor n/2 \rfloor, \quad n_- = \lfloor (n-1)/2 \rfloor.$$  

Note that $n_+ + n_- + 1 = n$ regardless of whether $n$ is even or odd.

Definition 2.3. The discrete Fourier transform of order $n$ of a continuous function $F$ is the mapping

$$\mathcal{F}_n F = (\hat{F}_0, \hat{F}_1, \ldots, \hat{F}_n)^T,$$

$$\hat{F}_k = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} e^{-ik\theta_j} F(\theta_j).$$

This is nothing more than the trapezoidal rule applied to (2.1). Note that the dependence on $n$ is implicit in the $\hat{F}_k$ notation. These coefficients, unlike true Fourier coefficients, depend on $n$. This formula produces the coefficients for the interpolant.

Proposition 2.2. The function

$$I_n F(\theta) = \sum_{k=-n_-}^{n_+} e^{ik\theta} \hat{F}_k,$$

satisfies $I_n F(\theta_j) = F(\theta_j)$.  

Proof. By direct computation
\[ I_n F(\theta_j) = \sum_{k=-n_-}^{n_+} e^{ik\theta_j} \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{\ell=0}^{n-1} e^{-ik\theta_{\ell}} F(\theta_{\ell}) \right) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{\ell=0}^{n-1} F(\theta_{\ell}) \sum_{k=-n_-}^{n_+} e^{ik(\theta_j-\theta_{\ell})}. \]

Therefore we must compute
\[ \sum_{k=-n_-}^{n_+} e^{ik(\theta_j-\theta_{\ell})} = e^{-ikn_-(\theta_j-\theta_{\ell})} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} e^{ik(\theta_j-\theta_{\ell})}, \]
using \( n_+ + n_- = n - 1 \). Then it is clear that
\[ \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} e^{ik(\theta_j-\theta_{\ell})} = n \delta_{j\ell}, \]
where \( \delta_{j\ell} \) is the usual Kronecker delta. This is easily seen using the formula for the partial sum of a geometric series. This proves the result.

From these results it is straightforward to construct the matrix (and its inverse!) that maps the vector \((F(\theta_1), \ldots, F(\theta_n))^T\) to \((\tilde{F}_0, \ldots, \tilde{F}_n)^T\) but we will not pursue this further other than to say that this mapping is efficiently computed with the FFT. We have used suggestive notation above: \( I_n \) is used to denote the projection operator that maps \( F \in C_0^0(T) \) to its (unique) interpolant \( I_n F \).

Reviewing the proof of Proposition 2.2 we see that there is an alternate expression for \( I_n F(\theta) \):
\[ I_n F(\theta) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{\ell=0}^{n-1} F(\theta_{\ell}) D_n (\theta - \theta_{\ell}), \quad (2.2) \]
\[ D_n (\theta) = \sum_{k=-n_-}^{n_+} e^{ik\theta}. \quad (2.3) \]

The function \( D_n \) is referred to in the literature as the Dirichlet kernel and it plays a central role in Section 5. We now present the result of Kress and Sloan [6] for the convergence of trigonometric interpolants.

**Theorem 2.2** ([6]). For \( F \in H^s(T) \), \( s > 1/2 \) and \( 0 \leq t \leq s \),
\[ \| I_n F - F \|_{H^t(T)} \leq C_{t,s} n^{t-s} \| F \|_{H^s(T)}. \]

**Proof.** We begin with the expression
\[ F(\theta) = \sum_k e^{ik\theta} \hat{F}_k. \]

Let \( e_k(\theta) = e^{ik\theta} \) and consider the interpolation of these exponentials. For \(-n_- \leq k \leq n_+ \) it is clear that \( I_n e_k = e_k \). For other values of \( k \), write \( k = j + mn \) for \( m \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\} \) and \(-n_- \leq j \leq n_+ \). Then
\[ e_{j+mn}(\theta_{\ell}) = \exp(2\pi i/n\ell(j + mn)) = \exp(2\pi i\ell m + 2\pi ij\ell/n) = e_j(\theta_{\ell}). \]
This is the usual aliasing relation. From this we conclude \( \mathcal{I}_n e_{j+mn} = e_j \). We now consider applying the interpolation operator to the Fourier series expression for \( \tilde{F} \):

\[
\mathcal{I}_n F(\theta) = \sum_{k=-n}^{n} e^{ik\theta} \hat{F}_k + \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{k=-n}^{n} e^{ik\theta} \hat{F}_{k+mn} \right),
\]

were the ' indicates that the \( m = 0 \) term is omitted in the sum. We find

\[
\mathcal{I}_n F(\theta) - F(\theta) = \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{k=-n}^{n} e^{ik\theta} \hat{F}_{k+mn} \right) - \left( \sum_{k=-\infty}^{n} + \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} \right) e^{ik\theta} \hat{F}_k.
\]

We estimate the \( H^1(\mathbb{R}) \) norms of the two terms individually. First,

\[
S_+(\theta) = \sum_{k=-n}^{n} e^{ik\theta} \hat{F}_k,
\]

\[
\|S_+\|_{H^1(\mathbb{R})}^2 = \sum_{k=-n}^{n} (1 + |k|)^2 |\hat{F}_k|^2 = \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} (1 + |k|)^{2(t-s)} (1 + |k|)^s |\hat{F}_k|^2 
\leq (2 + n_+)^{2(t-s)} \|F\|_{H^s(\mathbb{T})}^2.
\]

The same estimate holds for \( S_-(\theta) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{n} e^{ik\theta} \hat{F}_k \) with \( n_+ \) replaced with \( n_- \). It remains to estimate (after switching summations)

\[
S_0(\theta) = \sum_{k=-n}^{n} e^{ik\theta} \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{F}_{k+mn},
\]

so that

\[
\|S_0\|_{H^1(\mathbb{T})}^2 = \sum_{k=-n}^{n} (1 + |k|)^{2t} \left| \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{F}_{k+mn} \right|^2.
\]

It follows that

\[
\left| \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{F}_{k+mn} \right| \leq \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} (1 + |k + mn|)^{-s} (1 + |k + mn|)^s |\hat{F}_{k+mn}| 
\leq \left( \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} (1 + |k + mn|)^{-2s} \right)^{1/2} \left( \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} (1 + |k + mn|)^{2s} |\hat{F}_{k+mn}|^2 \right)^{1/2} 
\leq n^{-s} \left( \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} (|k/n + m|)^{-2s} \right)^{1/2} \left( \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} (1 + |k + mn|)^{2s} |\hat{F}_{k+mn}|^2 \right)^{1/2}.
\]

Observe that for \( t \in [-1/2, 1/2] \) function

\[
\left( \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} (|t + m|)^{-2s} \right)^{1/2}, \ s > 1/2,
\]

This is the usual aliasing relation. From this we conclude \( \mathcal{I}_n e_{j+mn} = e_j \). We now consider applying the interpolation operator to the Fourier series expression for \( \tilde{F} \):
is continuous and is therefore bounded uniformly by a constant $c_s$. Then
\[
\|S_0\|_{H^s(T)}^2 \leq c_s^2 n^{-2s} \sum_{k=-n_+}^{n_+} (1 + |k|)^{2t} \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} (1 + |k + mn|)^{2s} |\hat{F}_{k+mn}|^2 \leq c_s^2 n^{-2s} (1 + n_+)^{2t} \|F\|_{H^s(T)}.
\]
Combining the estimates for $S_\pm$ and $S_0$ proves the result. 

3 Function Spaces and Interpolation on $\mathbb{R}$

We mirror the previous section and present results for spaces of functions defined on $\mathbb{R}$. We use a Möbius transformation to construct a rational interpolant of a continuous function on $\mathbb{R}$.

3.1 Function spaces on the line

Our major goal is the rational approximation of functions defined on $\mathbb{R}$ and we introduce the relevant function spaces. The Fourier transform (for $f \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$) is defined by
\[
\mathcal{F} f(k) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{-ikx} f(x) dx,
\]
\[
f(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{ikx} \mathcal{F} f(k) dk.
\]

We present a series of results about these Sobolev spaces. For the sake of brevity, we do not prove these here. A general reference is [3].

**Definition 3.1.** The Sobolev space on the line of order $s$ is defined by
\[
H^s(\mathbb{R}) = \left\{ f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}) : \int_{\mathbb{R}} (1 + |k|)^{2s} |\mathcal{F} f(k)|^2 dk < \infty \right\},
\]
with the norm
\[
\|f\|_{H^s(\mathbb{R})} = \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}} (1 + |k|)^{2s} |\mathcal{F} f(k)|^2 dk \right)^{1/2}.
\]

**Theorem 3.1 ([3]).** Theorem 2.1 holds with $\mathbb{T}$ replaced with $\mathbb{R}$.

**Definition 3.2.** The space of differentiable functions of order $r$ that decay at infinity is defined by
\[
C^r_0(\mathbb{R}) = \left\{ f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{C} : \mathcal{D}^r f(x) \text{ is continuous on } \mathbb{R}, \lim_{|x| \to \infty} \mathcal{D}^j f(x) = 0, \ j = 0, 1, \ldots, r \right\},
\]
with norm
\[
\|f\|_{C^r_0(\mathbb{R})} = \sum_{j=0}^{r} \|\mathcal{D}^j f\|_u, \ \|f\|_u = \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} |f(x)|.
\]

**Theorem 3.2 (Sobolev Embedding,[3]).** For $f \in H^s(\mathbb{R})$ and $s > r + 1/2$ then $f \in C^r_0(\mathbb{R})$ and
\[
\|f\|_{C^r_0(\mathbb{R})} \leq C_{r,s} \|f\|_{H^s(\mathbb{R})}.
\]
3.2 Practical Rational Approximation

In this section, a method for the rational approximation of functions on $\mathbb{R}$ is discussed. The fundamental tool is the FFT that was discussed in the previous section. Two references for this method are [9, 12] although we follow [12] closely. Define a one-parameter family of Möbius transformations

$$M_\beta(z) = \frac{z - i\beta}{z + i\beta}, \quad M_\beta^{-1}(z) = \frac{\beta z + 1}{iz - 1}, \quad \beta > 0.$$ 

Each of these transformations maps the real axis to the unit circle. Assume $f$ is a smooth and rapidly decaying function on $\mathbb{R}$. Then $f$ is mapped to a smooth function on $[0, 2\pi]$ by $F(\theta) = f(M_\beta^{-1}(e^{i\theta}))$ (see Proposition B.1). Thus, the FFT may be applied to $F(\theta)$ to obtain a sequence $\mathcal{I}_n F(\theta)$ of rapidly converging interpolants. The transformation $x = T(\theta) = M_\beta^{-1}(e^{i\theta})$ is inverted:

$$R_n f(x) = \mathcal{I}_n F(T^{-1}(x)),$$

is a rational approximation of $f$. We examine this expansion more closely.

From Section 2.2 we have

$$\mathcal{I}_n F(\theta) = \sum_{k=-n}^{n} e^{ik\theta} \tilde{F}_k,$$

$$\tilde{F}_k = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{\ell=0}^{n-1} e^{ik\theta \ell} f(M_\beta^{-1}(e^{i\theta \ell})).$$

Then, in mapping to the real axis we find

$$\mathcal{R}_n f(x) = \sum_{k=-n}^{n} \tilde{F}_k M_\beta^k(x).$$

**Remark 3.1.** Even though we express $\tilde{F}_k$ as a sum, note that in practice it should be computed with the FFT for efficiency.

The behavior of $\mathcal{R}_n f$ at $\infty$ is important. It is clear that $\lim_{\theta \to 0^+} M_\beta^{-1}(e^{i\theta}) = +\infty$ so that $\mathcal{I}_n F(0) = 0$. This implies that $\sum_{k=-n}^{n} \tilde{F}_k = 0$ and

$$\mathcal{R}_n f(x) = \sum_{k=-n}^{n} \tilde{F}_k (M_\beta^k(x) - 1).$$

In following with [12], we drop $\beta$ dependence and define $R_k(x) = M_\beta^k(x) - 1$. In summary, we have designed a method for the interpolation of a function in the basis $\{R_k\}_{k=-\infty}^{\infty}$. Indeed, this is a basis of $L^2(\mathbb{R})$ once $R_0(x) = 0$ is removed [12]. We devote the entire next section to the study of convergence.

4 Convergence

We discuss various convergence properties of the sequence $\{\mathcal{R}_n f\}_{n>1}$ depending on the regularity of $f$. As is natural, all properties are derived from the convergence of the discrete Fourier transform. Throughout this section, and the remainder of the manuscript, we associate $f$ and $F$ by the change of variables $F(\theta) = f(T(\theta)), T(\theta) = M_\beta^{-1}(e^{i\theta})$. We summarize the results of this section in the following theorem.
Theorem 4.1. Assume $F \in H^s(\mathbb{R})$, $s > 1/2$ and $f$ is in appropriate function spaces to make the following norms finite. Then:

- $\|R_n f - f\|_{C^r_0(\mathbb{R})} \leq C_{r,s} n^{1/2+r-s} \|F\|_{H^s(\mathbb{T})}$, $r < s + 1/2$,
- $\|R_n f - f\|_{H^r(\mathbb{R})} \leq C_{r,s} n^{1+\epsilon-s} + C_{s,n} n^{t-s} \|F\|_{H^{s}(\mathbb{T})}$, $\epsilon > 0$, $t < s$, $s > 1 + \epsilon$,
- $\int_{\mathbb{R}} (R_n f(x) - f(x)) dx \leq C_{r,s} n^{3/2+\epsilon-s}$, $\epsilon > 0$, $s > 3/2 + \epsilon$, and
- $\|D^j [R_n f - f]\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R})} \leq C_{j,s} n^{j-s} \|F\|_{H^s(\mathbb{T})}$, $j > 0$.

Here constants $C_{r,s}$ (which may differ in each line) are unbounded as $\epsilon \to 0^+$.

Before we prove each of the estimates we need a lemma.

Lemma 4.1. For $f \in C_0^r(\mathbb{T})$, $f^{(j)}(T(\theta)) = \sum_{\ell=1}^j F^{(\ell)}(\theta)p_\ell(\theta)$ where $p_\ell(\theta)$ is bounded and vanishes to at least second order at $\theta = 0, 2\pi$.

Proof. First, observe that

$$f'(x) = F'(T^{-1}(x)) \frac{d}{dx} T^{-1}(x),$$

$$f'(T(\theta)) = F'(\theta)[T'(\theta)]^{-1}.$$  

The general case is seen by showing that $\frac{d}{dx} T^{-1}(x)$ and all its derivatives decay are $O(x^{-2})$ as $|x| \to \infty$.  

We prove each piece of the theorem in a subsection.

4.1 Uniform convergence

From Theorem 2.2, we have $\|\mathcal{I}_n F - F\|_{H^r(\mathbb{T})} \leq C_{r,s} n^{l-s} \|F\|_{H^s(\mathbb{T})}$ and combining this with Proposition 2.1 we find

$$\|\mathcal{I}_n F - F\|_{C^0(\mathbb{T})} = \|R_n f - f\|_{C^0_0(\mathbb{R})} \leq C_{s,n} n^{1/2-s} \|F\|_{H^s(\mathbb{T})}.$$ 

Therefore, we easily obtain uniform convergence provided the mapped function $F$ is smooth. Furthermore, using Lemma 4.1, Proposition 2.1 and Theorem 2.2 we find

$$\|R_n f - f\|_{C^0(\mathbb{R})} \leq C_{r,s} \|\mathcal{I}_n F - F\|_{C^0(\mathbb{T})} \leq C_{r,s} n^{1/2+r-s} \|F\|_{H^s(\mathbb{T})}.$$ 

4.2 $L^2(\mathbb{R})$ convergence

Demonstrating the convergence of the approximation in $L^2(\mathbb{R})$ is a more delicate procedure. We directly consider

$$\|R_n f - f\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R})}^2 = \int_{\mathbb{R}} |R_n f(x) - f(x)|^2 dx = \int_0^{2\pi} |R_n f(T(\theta)) - f(T(\theta))|^2 |dT(\theta)|.$$ 

We find $T'(\theta) = 2 \frac{e^{i\theta}}{(e^{i\theta} - 1)^2}$ so that

$$\|R_n f - f\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R})}^2 = 2 \int_0^{2\pi} |\mathcal{I}_n F(\theta) - F(\theta)|^2 \frac{d\theta}{|e^{i\theta} - 1|^2}.$$ 


The unbounded nature of the change of variables makes it clear that we must require the convergence of a derivative. We break the integral up into two pieces. For the first piece we write \( H_n(\theta) = I_n(F(\theta)) - F(\theta) \) while noting that \( H_n(0) = 0 \)

\[
\frac{2}{\beta} \int_0^\pi \left( \int_0^\theta H'_n(\theta')d\theta' \right)^2 \frac{d\theta}{e^{i\theta}-1}^2 \leq \left( \int_0^{2\pi} |H'_n(\theta)|^p d\theta' \right)^{2/p} \frac{2}{\beta} \int_0^\pi \frac{|\theta|^{2/q}}{|e^{i\theta}-1|^2} d\theta,
\]

for \( 1/p + 1/q = 1 \). A similar estimate holds for the integral from \( \pi \) to \( 2\pi \). It is clear that \( q < 2 \) is required for the integral to converge. It remains to express the integral involving \( H'_n \) in terms of something known. A well-known fact is that if \( \|G\|_{L^2(T)} \leq c_2 \) and \( \|G\|_{C^0(T)} \leq c_u \) then for \( 2 \leq p < \infty \)

\[
\|G\|_{L^p(T)} \leq c_u^{1-2/p} c_2^{2/p}.
\]

We find

\[
\|H'_n\|_{C^0(T)} \leq C_s n^{3/2-s} \|F\|_{H^s(T)}
\]

from Theorem 2.2 and Proposition 2.1. Also,

\[
\|H'_n\|_{L^2(T)} \leq C_s n^{1-s} \|F\|_{H^s(T)},
\]

from Theorem 2.2. Then

\[
\|H'_n\|_{L^p(T)} \leq C_{p,s} n^{3/2-1/p-s} \|F\|_{H^s(T)}, \quad p > 2,
\]

which results in

\[
\|R_n f - f\|_{L^2(R)} \leq C_{s,s} n^{1+\epsilon-s} \|F\|_{H^s(T)}, \quad \epsilon > 0.
\]

### 4.3 \( H^1(\mathbb{R}) \) convergence

We use Lemma 4.1 and directly compute,

\[
\|f^{(j)}\|_{L^2(R)} \leq \sum_{\ell=1}^{j} \left( \int_0^{2\pi} |F^{(\ell)}(\theta)||2p_{\ell}(\theta)||T'(\theta)|d\theta \right)^{1/2} \leq C_j \|F\|_{H^1(T)}.
\]

Therefore

\[
\|f\|_{H^1(R)} \leq \|f\|_{L^2(R)} + C_\epsilon \|F\|_{H^1(T)}.
\]

Replacing \( f \) with \( R_n f - f \) we have

\[
\|R_n f - f\|_{H^1(R)} \leq \left[ C_{s,s} n^{1+\epsilon-s} + C_{s,s} n^{1-s} \right] \|F\|_{H^s(T)}, \quad \epsilon > 0.
\]

**Remark 4.1.** This bound seems to indicate that convergence of the function in \( L^2(R) \) requires more smoothness than convergence of the first derivative in \( L^2(R) \). This is an artifact of using the smoothness of the mapped function \( F \) to measure the convergence rate.
4.4 Convergence of the integral

Showing convergence of the integral of $\mathcal{R}_n f$ to that of $f$ is even more delicate than $L^2(\mathbb{R})$ convergence. The main reason for this is that generically $\mathcal{R}_n f \notin L^1(\mathbb{R})$ although it has a convergent principal-value integral. Therefore the quantity of study is

$$S_n(f) = \left| \int_\mathbb{R} (\mathcal{R}_n f(x) - f(x))dx \right|,$$

where

$$\int f(x)dx = \lim_{R \to \infty} \int_{-R}^R f(x)dx,$$

if the limit exists. Let $H_n$ be as in the previous section and let $s_n = H'_n(0)$, assuming that $F$ has at least one continuous derivative. Define $\tilde{H}_n(\theta) = H_n(\theta) + is_n(e^{i\theta} - 1)$ and note that $s_n$ is chosen so that $\tilde{H}_n(0) = \tilde{H}'_n(0) = 0$. The derivative also vanishes for $\theta = 2\pi$. Turning back to $S_n(f)$ we have

$$S_n(f) = \left| \int_\mathbb{R} (\mathcal{R}_n f(x) + is_n R_1(x) - f(x))dx - is_n \int R_1(x)dx \right| \quad (4.2)$$

$$\leq \left| \int_\mathbb{R} (\mathcal{R}_n f(x) + is_n R_1(x) - f(x))dx \right| + 2\pi |s_n|. \quad (4.3)$$

Changing variables on the integral, we have

$$\left| \int_\mathbb{R} (\mathcal{R}_n f(x) + is_n R_1(x) - f(x))dx \right| \leq \int_0^{2\pi} \left| \tilde{H}_n(\theta) \right| \frac{\theta^{1+1/q}}{|e^{i\theta} - 1|^2} d\theta.$$

A straightforward estimate produces

$$|\tilde{H}_n(\theta)| \leq \int_0^{\theta} \int_0^{\theta'} |\tilde{H}''_n(\theta'')| d\theta'' d\theta' \leq \| \tilde{H}''_n \|_{L^p(\mathbb{T})} \frac{\theta^{1+1/q}}{1 + 1/q},$$

for $1/p + 1/q = 1$. If we require that $p > 1$ ($q < \infty$) then

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{|\tilde{H}_n(\theta)|}{|e^{i\theta} - 1|^2} d\theta \leq C_p \| \tilde{H}''_n \|_{L^p(\mathbb{T})}.$$

Therefore

$$\| \tilde{H}''_n \|_{L^p(\mathbb{T})} \leq \| H''_n \|_{L^p(\mathbb{T})} + C|s_n|.$$

Similar estimates to those in the previous section produce for $p > 1$

$$\| H''_n \|_{L^p(\mathbb{T})} \leq C_{p,s} n^{5/2 - 1/p - s} \| F \|_{H^s(\mathbb{T})},$$

$$|s_n| \leq C_s n^{3/2 - s} \| F \|_{H^s(\mathbb{T})}.$$

Therefore

$$S_n(f) \leq C_{\epsilon,s} n^{3/2 + \epsilon - s}, \quad \epsilon > 0.$$
To consider derivatives, we note that the principal-value integral is no longer needed. For $f \in H^j(\mathbb{R})$, $D^j f \in L^1(\mathbb{R})$, $j \geq 1$ (see (4.1))

$$\|D^j f\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R})} \leq C_j \sum_{\ell=0}^{j} \|D^\ell F\|_{L^1(\mathbb{T})}.$$  

Replacing $f$ with $R_n f - f$ and noting that the $L^2(\mathbb{T})$ norm dominates the $L^1(\mathbb{T})$ norm we find

$$\|D^j[f - R_n f]\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R})} \leq C_j \|F - I_n F\|_{H^j(\mathbb{T})} \leq C_{j,s} n^{j-s} \|F\|_{H^s(\mathbb{T})}.$$  

5 An Interpolation Operator

In this section we prove the following result concerning the norm of $R_n$.

**Theorem 5.1.** The interpolation projection operator $R_n$ satisfies the following estimates for $n > 1$

- $\|R_n\|_{C^0_0(\mathbb{R}) \to C^0_0(\mathbb{R})} \leq C \log n$,
- $\|R_n\|_{C_0^0(\mathbb{R}) \to L^2(\mathbb{R})} \leq C n \log n$,
- $\|R_n\|_{C_0^0(\mathbb{R}) \to H^1(\mathbb{R})} \leq C n^{3/2}$, and hence
- $\|R_n\|_{H^1(\mathbb{R}) \to H^1(\mathbb{R})} \leq C n^{3/2}$.

The main result we need here to prove this theorem is the following estimates of the Dirichlet kernel $D_n$ (see (2.3)). This theorem, as stated, is a special case of the general results of [4].

**Theorem 5.2 ([4]).** Let $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}$. Then for $n > 1$

$$\|D_n^{(\alpha)}\|_{L^p(\mathbb{T})} \leq \begin{cases} C_{\alpha,p} n^{\alpha + 1 - 1/p}, & \text{if } \alpha + 1 - 1/p > 0, \\ C \log n, & \text{if } \alpha = 0, \ p = 1, \end{cases}$$

This theorem is proved for $1 < p < \infty$ and $\alpha = 0, 1$ in Appendix C. As in the previous section we prove each piece of the theorem in a subsection.

5.1 Uniform operator norm

This estimate derived here is just the usual Lebesgue constant for interpolation [1]. As before, uniform bounds on functions translate directly between the real axis and $\mathbb{T}$. It is clear that when considering (2.2)

$$\|R_n f\|_{C^0_0(\mathbb{R})} = \|I_n F\|_{C^0_0(\mathbb{T})} = \frac{1}{n} \|F\|_{C^0_0(\mathbb{T})} \|D_n\|_{L^1(\mathbb{T})} \leq C \log n \|F\|_{C^0_0(\mathbb{T})}.$$  

Therefore

$$\|R_n\|_{C^0_0(\mathbb{R}) \to C^0_0(\mathbb{R})} \leq C \log n.$$  

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5.2 \(L^2(\mathbb{R})\) and \(H^1(\mathbb{R})\) operator norms

Estimates on the \(L^2(\mathbb{R})\) and \(H^1(\mathbb{R})\) operator norms require more care. Because \(I_n F(\theta) = 0\) in the case that \(f \in H^1(\mathbb{R})\) or \(f \in C_0^1(\mathbb{R})\) we write

\[
I_n F(\theta) = \sum_{\ell=0}^{n-1} F(\theta_\ell) \frac{1}{n} (D_n(\theta - \theta_\ell) - D_n(-\theta_\ell)) = \sum_{\ell=0}^{n-1} F(\theta_\ell) \frac{1}{n} \int_0^\theta D'_n(\theta' - \theta_\ell) d\theta'
\]

\[
= \sum_{\ell=0}^{n-1} F(\theta_\ell) \frac{1}{n} \int_{2\pi}^\theta D'_n(\theta' - \theta_\ell) d\theta'.
\]

Using the change of variables \(T\), we find

\[
\|R_n f\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R})} \leq \frac{2}{\beta} \|F\|_{C_0^1(\mathbb{R})} \frac{1}{\pi} \sum_{\ell=0}^{n-1} \left[ \left( \int_0^\pi \left| \int_0^\theta \frac{D'_n(\theta' - \theta_\ell) d\theta'}{|e^{i\theta} - 1|^2} \right|^2 d\theta \right)^{1/2} + \left( \int_{2\pi}^\pi \left| \int_0^\theta \frac{D'_n(\theta' - \theta_\ell) d\theta'}{|e^{i\theta} - 1|^2} \right|^2 d\theta \right)^{1/2} \right].
\]

The next step is the estimation of the integral

\[
\int_0^\pi \left| \int_0^\theta \frac{D'_n(\theta' - \theta_\ell) d\theta'}{|e^{i\theta} - 1|^2} \right|^2 d\theta.
\]

We further break up this integral and consider

\[
I_\ell = \int_0^{\theta_\ell/2} \left| \int_0^\theta \frac{D'_n(\theta' - \theta_\ell) d\theta'}{|e^{i\theta} - 1|^2} \right|^2 d\theta \leq \int_0^{\theta_\ell/2} \theta_\ell^{2/q} \left| \int_0^\theta |D'_n(\theta' - \theta_\ell)|^p d\theta' \right|^{2/p} d\theta.
\]

It is clear that \(q < 2\) is required for the integrability of the first factor, therefore \(p > 2\). Also, \(1/p + 1/q = 1\). The integration bounds are sufficient to ensure that the argument of \(D'_n\) is bounded away from zero. Furthermore, under these constraints, using that \(D'_n\) is odd

\[
\left| \int_0^\theta |D'_n(\theta' - \theta_\ell)|^p d\theta' \right|^{1/p} \leq \|D'_n\|_{L^p(\theta_\ell/2, \theta_\ell)} \leq \|D'_n\|_{L^p(\theta_\ell/2, 2\pi - \theta_\ell)}.
\]

\[
\leq C_p \left( 1 + \theta_\ell n_- \right) \left( \frac{n_-}{1 + \theta_\ell n_- / 2} \right)^{2-1/p}.
\]

This estimate follows from \((C.5)\) with \(\epsilon/n_- = \theta_\ell/2 \leq \pi\). Next, note that for \(n \geq 1\), \(\pi \ell/2 \leq \theta_\ell n_- = 2\pi \ell [(n - 1)/2]/n \leq \pi \ell\). Then

\[
\|D'_n\|_{L^p(\theta_\ell/2, 2\pi)} \leq C_p n_-^{2-1/p} \ell^{1/p-1}
\]

for a new constant \(C_p\). Next, it is clear that

\[
\int_0^\theta \theta_\ell^{2/q} \left| \int_0^\theta |e^{i\theta'} - 1|^2 d\theta' \right| d\theta' \leq C_q \theta_\ell^{2/q - 1},
\]

so that

\[
I_\ell^{1/2} \leq C_{p,q} \theta_\ell^{1/q - 1/2} n_-^{2-1/p} \ell^{1/p-1} \leq C_{p,q} \pi^{1/q - 1/2} n_-^{3/2} \ell^{-1/2}.
\]

(5.2)
Here we used $1/p + 1/q = 1$.

Next, we consider

$$L_\ell = \int_{\theta_\ell/2}^\pi \left| \frac{\int_0^\theta D_n(\theta' - \theta_\ell) d\theta'}{|e^{i\theta} - 1|^2} \right|^2 d\theta \leq \frac{4\pi}{\theta_\ell^2} \|D_n'\|^2_{L^1(\mathbb{T})} \leq C \frac{4\pi n^2}{\theta_\ell^2} \leq C^2 \frac{n^4}{\ell^2},$$

by appealing to Theorem 5.2.

Assembling (5.3) and (5.2) we find

$$L_\ell^{1/2} \leq C \frac{n^2}{\ell}.$$

Remark 5.3. In proving a bound on the $H^1$ norm we passed through $C_0^1(\mathbb{R})$. Presumably, a tighter bound can be found by using further structure of the rational approximation of an $H^1(\mathbb{R})$ function. One will no longer be able to make use of the $H^s(\mathbb{T})$ theory and therefore refining this estimate is beyond the scope of the current paper.

Remark 5.2. Because $D_n'(\theta - \theta_\ell)$ is largest near $\theta_\ell$, one might expect the vanishing of $|T'(\theta)|^{-1}$ at $\theta = 0, 2\pi$ to reduce the magnitude of the integral for $\theta_\ell$ near $0, 2\pi$. While this does indeed happen, once the sum over $\ell$ is performed, the result is still $O(n^{3/2})$. 

Remark 5.1. The heuristic reason for the previous estimates is as follows. We expect $D_n'(\theta - \theta_\ell)$ to be largest near $\theta_\ell$. The integrand will be further amplified when $\theta_\ell$ is near zero $\theta = 0, 2\pi$. Thus for $\theta_\ell$ away from zero, the integral will be of lower order than for $\theta_\ell$ near $\theta = 0, 2\pi$. The above calculations capture this fact.

We use the notation $R_n f'$ to refer to the derivative of $R_n f$. Examine

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} |R_n f'(x)|^2 dx = \int_0^{2\pi} |I_n F'\theta|^2 |T'(\theta)|^{-1} d\theta.$$

As before, the factor $|T'(\theta)|^{-1}$ vanishes at $\theta = 0, 2\pi$ which makes the bounding of the operator easier. Proceeding,

$$\|R_n f'\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R})} \leq \|F\|_{C_0^1(\mathbb{R})} \|D_n'\||T'|^{-1}\|_{L^2(\mathbb{T})} \leq C\|F\|_{C_0^1(\mathbb{R})} \|D_n'\|_{L^2(\mathbb{T})}$$

Combining these estimates with Theorem 5.2 we find

$$\|R_n f\|_{H^1(\mathbb{R})} \leq C \frac{n^{3/2}}{\ell} \|f\|_{C_0^1(\mathbb{R})} \leq C_1 n^{3/2} \|f\|_{H^1(\mathbb{R})}.$$
6 Oscillatory Cauchy integrals

At this point, we have developed the algorithm and theory for a method that provides a rapidly convergent rational approximation of $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{C}$ provided that $f(T(\theta))$ is sufficiently smooth. This approximation can, depending on the amount of smoothness, converge in a whole host of Sobolev spaces. We now review a formula from [12] for the computation of Cauchy integrals of the form

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{-ikx} \left[ \left( \frac{x - i\beta}{x + i\beta} \right)^j - 1 \right] \frac{dx}{x - z}, \quad z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{R}. \quad (6.1)$$

In other words, we compute the Cauchy integral of the oscillatory rational basis $\{R_{j,k}\}^{\infty}_{j=-\infty}, \ k \in \mathbb{R}$ where $R_{j,k}(x) = e^{-ikx}R_j(x)$. The notation here differs from that in [12] by a sign change of $k$. We use the notation $C_{\mathbb{R}}R_{j,k}(z)$ to denote (6.1). Furthermore,

$$C_{\mathbb{R}}^\pm R_{j,k}(x) = \lim_{\epsilon \to 0^+} C_{\mathbb{R}} R_{j,k}(x \pm i\epsilon)$$

are used to denote the boundary values.

Remark 6.1. This basis is closed under pointwise multiplication. A straightforward calculation shows the simple relation for $k_1, k_2 \in \mathbb{R}$

$$R_{j,k_1}(z)R_{\ell,k_2}(z) = R_{\ell+j,k_1+k_2}(z) - R_{j,k_1+k_2}(z) - R_{\ell,k_1+k_2}(z).$$

An important aspect of the formula we review is that it expresses $C_{\mathbb{R}}R_{j,k}(z)$ in terms of $R_{j,k}(x)$ and $R_{j,0}(x)$ so that it is useful for the approximation of operator equations [12]. Define for $j > 0, \ n > 0$,

$$\gamma_{j,n}(k) = -\frac{j}{n} e^{-|k|\beta} \left( \frac{j - 1}{n} \right) {}_1F_1(n - j, 1 + n, 2|k|\beta),$$

where ${}_1F_1$ is Kummer’s confluent hypergeometric function

$$_1F_1(a, b, z) = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \frac{\Gamma(a + \ell)}{\Gamma(a)} \frac{\Gamma(b)}{\Gamma(b + \ell)} \frac{z^\ell}{\ell!},$$

and $\Gamma$ denotes the Gamma function [8]. Further, define

$$\eta_{j,n}(k) = \sum_{\ell=n}^{j} (-1)^{n+\ell} \left( \frac{\ell}{n} \right) \gamma_{\ell,n}(k).$$

The following theorem is proved by pure residue calculations.

Theorem 6.1 ([12]). If $kj < 0$ then

$$C_{\mathbb{R}}^+ R_{j,k}(x) = \begin{cases} R_{j,k}(x), & \text{if } j > 0, \\ 0, & \text{if } j < 0, \end{cases}$$

$$C_{\mathbb{R}}^- R_{j,k}(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } j > 0, \\ -R_{j,k}(x), & \text{if } j < 0. \end{cases}$$
If \( kj > 0 \) then

\[
C_R^+ R_{j,k}(x) = \begin{cases} 
-\sum_{n=1}^{j} \eta_{j,n}(k) R_{n,0}(x), & \text{if } j > 0, \\
R_{j,k}(x) + \sum_{n=1}^{-j} \eta_{j,n}(k) R_{-n,0}(x), & \text{if } j < 0,
\end{cases}
\]

\[
C_R^- R_{j,k}(x) = \begin{cases} 
-R_{j,k}(x) - \sum_{n=1}^{j} \eta_{j,n}(k) R_{n,0}(x), & \text{if } j > 0, \\
-\sum_{n=1}^{-j} \eta_{j,n}(k) R_{-n,0}(x), & \text{if } j < 0.
\end{cases}
\]

Define the oscillatory Cauchy operator

\[
C_R f(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{e^{-ikx} f(x)}{x-z} dx.
\]

Next, define the approximation of the Cauchy integral of \( e^{-ikx} f(x) \) for \( f \in H^1(\mathbb{R}) \)

\[
C_{R,k,n} f(z) = C_{R,k} R_n f(z),
\]

and its boundary values

\[
C_{R,k,n}^\pm f(x) = C_{R,k}^\pm R_n f(x).
\]

### 6.1 Accuracy

We now address the accuracy of the operator \( C_{R,n,k} f(z) \) both on the real axis and in the complex plane. To do this, we require some well-known results concerning the Cauchy integral operator (see, for example, [2, 7, 13]).

**Theorem 6.2.** Assume \( f \in H^s(\mathbb{R}) \), \( s \in \mathbb{N} \) and \( \delta > 0 \) then

- \( C_R f(\cdot \pm i\delta) \in H^s(\mathbb{R}) \), \( \| C_R f(\cdot \pm i\delta) \|_{H^s(\mathbb{R})} \leq \| C_R^\pm f \|_{H^s(\mathbb{R})} \leq \| f \|_{H^s(\mathbb{R})} \) and
- for \( \Omega_\delta = \{ \pm(z + i\delta): \text{Im } z > 0 \} \), \( \sup_{z \in \Omega_\delta} |C_R f^{(j)}(z)| \leq C_{j,\delta} \| f \|_{L^2(\mathbb{R})} \).

**Remark 6.2.** The first statement of this theorem follows directly from the fact that the Fourier symbol for the Cauchy integral operators is bounded by unity and therefore it does not destroy \( H^s(\mathbb{R}) \) smoothness.

A straightforward calculation produces

\[
\| C_{R,k} f \|_{H^s(\mathbb{R})} \leq C_s \sum_{j=0}^{s} |k|^{s-j} \| f \|_{H^j(\mathbb{R})}.
\]

Therefore, we must be aware that \( H^s(\mathbb{R}) \) errors made in the approximation of \( f \) may be amplified as \( |k| \) increases. We concentrate on \( L^2 \), \( H^1 \) and uniform convergence in what follows.
Two inequalities easily follow from Theorems 4.1 and 6.2 uniform for \( \delta \geq 0 \),

\[
\| (\mathcal{C}_{R,k} - \mathcal{C}_{R,k,n}) f \|_{H^1(R+it)} \leq (1 + |k|) \| R_n f - f \|_{H^1(R)} \\
\leq C_{\epsilon,s}(1 + |k|) n^{1+\epsilon-s} \| F \|_{H^s(\mathbb{T})}
\]

\[
\| (\mathcal{C}_{R,k} - \mathcal{C}_{R,k,n}) f \|_{L^2(R+it)} \leq \| R_n f - f \|_{L^2(R)} \\
\leq C_{\epsilon,s} n^{1+\epsilon-s} \| F \|_{H^s(\mathbb{T})},
\]

for \( \delta > 0 \) and \( F(\theta) = f(T(\theta)) \), as before. Then, for \( \delta > 0 \) by Sobolev embedding and Theorem 6.2

\[
\sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} |\mathcal{C}_{R,k} f(x + i\delta) - \mathcal{C}_{R,k,n} f(x + i\delta)| \\
\leq \| (\mathcal{C}_{R,k} - \mathcal{C}_{R,k,n}) f \|_{H^1(R)} \leq C_{\epsilon,s}(1 + |k|) n^{1+\epsilon-s} \| F \|_{H^s(\mathbb{T})},
\]

and for fixed \( k \), we realize uniform convergence on all of \( \mathbb{C} \).

**Remark 6.3.** This theoretical result can be a bit misleading. Consider computing \( \mathcal{C}_{R}^+ R_{j,k} \) when \( j < 0 \) and \( k > 0 \). From Theorem 6.1

\[
\mathcal{C}_{R}^+ R_{j,k}(z) = R_{j,k}(z) + \sum_{n=1}^{-j} \eta_{j,n}(k) R_{-n,0}(z).
\]  

(6.2)

Necessarily, the operator \( \mathcal{C}_{R}^+ \) produces a function that is analytic in the upper-half of the complex plane. Each term in (6.2) has a pole at \( z = i\)! Very specific cancellation occurs to ensure that this function is analytic at \( z = i \). Therefore, the evaluation of this formula for large \( j \) is not stable. There is a similar situation for \( \mathcal{C}_{R}^- R_{j,k} \) when \( j > 0 \) and \( k < 0 \).

### 7 Fourier integrals

The same methods for computing oscillatory Cauchy integrals apply to the computation of Fourier transforms of functions that are well-approximated in the basis \( \{ R_j \}_{j=\infty}^{-\infty} \). The relevant expression from 12 is

\[
\mathcal{F} R_j(k) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} R_{j,k}(z) dz = \omega_j(k) = \begin{cases} 
0, & \text{if sign}(j) = -\text{sign}(k), \\
-2\pi |j| \beta, & k = 0, \\
-4\pi e^{-|k|\beta} \beta L_{|j|-1}^{(2)}(2|k|\beta), & \text{otherwise},
\end{cases}
\]

where \( L_n^{(\alpha)}(x) \) is the generalized Laguerre polynomial of order \( n \) [8]. A similar expression was discussed in 5 for a slightly different rational basis in the context of the Laplace transform (see also 14). The \( L^2(\mathbb{R}) \) convergence of \( \mathcal{F} R_n f \) is easily analyzed with the help of Definition 3.1 and Theorem 4.1. For \( F = f \circ T \in H^s(\mathbb{T}) \) and \( t \leq s \)

\[
\| \mathcal{F} (R_n f - f)(1 + |\cdot|)^t \|_{L^2(\mathbb{R})} = \| R_n f - f \|_{H^1(\mathbb{R})} \leq [C_{\epsilon,s} n^{1+\epsilon-s} + C_{s,t} n^{-s}] \| F \|_{H^s(\mathbb{T})}.
\]

We remark that because generically, \( R_n f(x) = \mathcal{O}(|x|^{-1}) \) as \( x \to \infty \), \( \mathcal{F} R_n f(k) \) will have a discontinuity at the origin. This approximation will not converge in any Sobolev space. It will
converge uniformly as we now discuss. Assuming $F$ is continuously differentiable, let $s_n$ be as in (4.2) and define

$$S_n(f) = \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{-ikx} (R_n f(x) - f(x)) dx \right|$$

$$\leq \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{-ikx} (R_n f(x) + is_n R_1(x) - f(x)) dx \right| + s_n \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{-ikx} R_1(x) dx \right|,$$

$$\leq \int_{\mathbb{R}} |R_n f(x) + is_n R_1(x) - f(x)| dx + 4\pi |s_n| e^{-|k|\beta}.$$  

Following the arguments in Section 4.4 the first term is bounded by $C_{\epsilon,s} n^{3/2+\epsilon-s} \|F\|_{H^s(T)}$ and $|s_n| \leq C_{s} n^{3/2-s} \|F\|_{H^s(T)}$ so that

$$|F R_n f(k) - F f(k)| = S_n(f) \leq C_{\epsilon,s} n^{3/2+\epsilon-s} \|F\|_{H^s(T)}, \quad s > 3/2 + \epsilon,$$

proving uniform convergence of the Fourier transforms. More is true. Performing integration by parts $j$ times on $S_n(f)$ we find for $|k| > 0$ and $j > 0$

$$S_n(f) \leq |k|^{-j} \|D^j [R_n f - f]\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R})} \leq C_{j,s} |k|^{-j} n^j \|F\|_{H^s(T)},$$

from Theorem 4.1. Hence we realize an asymptotic approximation of Fourier integrals, for fixed $n$.

7.1 An oscillatory quadrature formula

From above, the coefficients for the rational approximation in the basis $\{R_j(x)\}_{j \in \mathbb{Z}}$ are given by

$$\tilde{F}_j = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{\ell=0}^{n-1} e^{ij\theta_\ell} f(M^{-1}_\beta(e^{i\theta_\ell})).$$

The approximation of the Fourier transform is given by

$$F f(k) \approx \sum_{j=-n_-}^{n_+} \omega_j(k) \frac{1}{n} \sum_{\ell=0}^{n-1} e^{ij\theta_\ell} f(M^{-1}_\beta(e^{i\theta_\ell})) = \sum_{\ell=0}^{n-1} f(M^{-1}_\beta(e^{i\theta_\ell})) \left( \sum_{j=-n_-}^{n_+} \frac{\omega_j(k)}{n} e^{ij\theta_\ell} \right).$$

Therefore we have the interpretation of this formula with quadrature nodes $\{M^{-1}_\beta(e^{i\theta_\ell})\}_{\ell=0}^{n-1}$ and weights

$$w_\ell = \sum_{j=-n_-}^{n_+} \frac{\omega_j(k)}{n} e^{ij\theta_\ell}.$$  

Despite this interpretation, it is more efficient to compute the coefficients with the fast Fourier transform and perform a sum to compute the Fourier integral. This is true, unless, this sum can be written in closed form.
8 Differentiation

The differentiation operator \( \mathcal{D} \) also maps the basis \( \{ R_{j,k} \}_{j \in \mathbb{Z}, \ k \in \mathbb{R}} \) to itself in a convenient way. Based on the theory we have developed, we know precise conditions to impose on \( f \) so that \( \mathcal{D} R_n f \) converges to \( \mathcal{D} f \) uniformly, in \( L^2(\mathbb{R}) \) and in \( L^1(\mathbb{R}) \). For \( j > 0 \) we consider

\[
R'_j(z) = \frac{d}{dz} \left( \frac{z - i\beta}{z + i\beta} \right)^j - 1 = j \left( \frac{z - i\beta}{z + i\beta} \right)^{j-1} \frac{2i\beta}{(z + i\beta)^2}. \tag{8.1}
\]

A simple computation shows that

\[
\frac{2i\beta}{(z + i\beta)^2} = i \frac{1}{\beta} R_1(z) - i \frac{1}{2\beta} R_2(z).
\]

Furthermore, following Remark 6.1 we find

\[
R'_j(z) = j R_{j-1}(z) \left( i \frac{1}{\beta} R_1(z) - i \frac{1}{2\beta} R_2(z) \right) + i \frac{j}{\beta} R_1(z) - i \frac{j}{2\beta} R_2(z),
\]

\[
= i \frac{j}{\beta} R_j(z) - i \frac{j}{\beta} R_{j-1}(z) - i \frac{j}{\beta} R_1(z) - i \frac{j}{2\beta} R_{j+1}(z)
+ j \frac{i}{2\beta} R_{j-1} + j \frac{i}{2\beta} R_2(z) + i \frac{j}{\beta} R_1(z) - i \frac{j}{2\beta} R_2(z)
= -i \frac{j}{2\beta} R_{j+1}(z) + i \frac{j}{\beta} R_j(z) - i \frac{j}{2\beta} R_{j-1}(z).
\]

To obtain a formula for \( j < 0 \), note that \( R'_j(z) \) is just the complex conjugate of (8.1) for \( z \in \mathbb{R} \). Thus (\( j < 0 \))

\[
R'_j(z) = \overline{R'_{-j}(z)} = i \frac{j}{2\beta} R_{j-1}(z) - i \frac{j}{\beta} R_j(z) + i \frac{j}{2\beta} R_{j+1}(z),
\]

where we used that \( \overline{R_j(z)} = R_{-j}(z) \) for \( z \in \mathbb{R} \). This is summarized in the following proposition.

**Proposition 8.1.** Suppose \( f \in C^0_0(\mathbb{R}) \), and

\[
R_n f(x) = \sum_{j=-n}^{n} \alpha_j R_j(x)
\]

then

\[
\mathcal{D} R_n f(x) = \sum_{j=-n}^{n} \frac{i}{\beta} (-|j-1| \alpha_{j-1} + |j| \alpha_j - |j+1| \alpha_{j+1}) R_j(x),
\]

i.e.

\[
R'_j(z) = \text{sign}(j) \left( -i \frac{j}{2\beta} R_{j-1}(z) + i \frac{j}{\beta} R_j(z) - i \frac{j}{2\beta} R_{j+1}(z) \right).
\]

Note that all sums can be taken to avoid the index \( j = 0 \) (\( R_0(z) = 0 \)) and we use the convention that \( \alpha_j = 0 \) for \( |j| > n \).
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A A Numerical Example

To demonstrate the method we consider the function

\[ f(x) = e^{-ik_1 x - x^2} + \frac{e^{-ik_2 x}}{x + i + 1}. \]

This function can clearly be written in the form

\[ f(x) = e^{-ik_1 x} f_1(x) + e^{-ik_2 x} f_2(x), \]

where \( f_1 \) and \( f_2 \) have rapidly converging interpolants (see Propositions B.1 and B.2). We demonstrate the rational approximation of \( f \) in Figure 1. The approximation of the Fourier transform of \( f \), which contains a discontinuity, is demonstrated in Figure 2. The Cauchy operators applied to \( f \) are shown in Figure 3. Finally, the convergence of the approximation of the derivative of \( f \) is shown in Figure 4.

B Sufficient Conditions for Spectral Convergence

To demonstrate spectral convergence it is sufficient to have \( F \in H^s(\mathbb{T}) \) for every \( s > 0 \). We provide two propositions that provide sufficient conditions for this.

**Proposition B.1.** Suppose \( f^{(\ell)}(x) \) exists and is continuous for every \( \ell > 0 \). Further, assume

\[ \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} (1 + |x|)^j |f^{(\ell)}(x)| < \infty \quad \text{for every } j, \ell \in \mathbb{N}. \]

Then \( F \in H^s(\mathbb{T}) \) for every \( s > 0 \).

**Proof.** Every derivative of \( f(x) \) decays faster than any power of \( x \). It is clear that all derivatives of \( F(\theta) = f(T(\theta)) \) are continuous at \( \theta = 0, 2\pi \).

From this proposition it is clear that the method will converge spectrally for, say, \( f(x) = e^{-x^2} \).

**Proposition B.2.** Suppose \( f \) can be expressed in the form

\[ f(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma} \frac{h(s)}{s - x} ds \]

for some oriented contour \( \Gamma \subset \mathbb{C} \) and \( |x|^j f(x) \in L^1(\Gamma) \) for every \( j \geq 0 \). Assume further that \( \min_{x \in \mathbb{R}, s \in \Gamma} |x - s| \geq \delta > 0 \) then \( F \in H^s(\mathbb{T}) \) for every \( s \).

**Proof.** We claim that it is sufficient to prove that there exists an asymptotic series

\[ f(x) \sim \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} c_j x^{-j}, \quad x \to \pm \infty, \]
Figure 1: (a) A plot of the function $f$ with $k_1 = 2$, $k_2 = -3$ (solid: real part, dashed: imaginary part). (b) A convergence plot of an estimate of $\sup_{|x| \leq 60} |e^{-ik_1 x} R_n f_1(x) + e^{-ik_2 x} R_n f_2(x) - f(x)|$ plotted on a log scale versus $n$. This plot clearly shows super-algebraic (spectral) convergence. (c) A plot of $|e^{-ik_1 x} R_n f_1(x) + e^{-ik_2 x} R_n f_2(x) - f(x)|$ versus $x$ for $n = 10, 50, 90, 130$. 


Figure 2: (a) A plot of $\mathcal{F}f$, the Fourier transform of $f$, with $k_1 = 2$, $k_2 = -3$ (solid: real part, dashed: imaginary part). Note that this function has a discontinuity at $k = 3$. (b) A convergence plot of an estimate of $\sup_{|x| \leq 60} |\mathcal{F}[e^{-ik_1x}\mathcal{R}_n f_1(x) + e^{-ik_2x}\mathcal{R}_n f_2(x)] - \mathcal{F}f(x)|$ plotted on a log scale versus $n$. This plot clearly shows super-algebraic (spectral) convergence. (c) A plot of $|\mathcal{F}[e^{-ik_1x}\mathcal{R}_n f_1(x) + e^{-ik_2x}\mathcal{R}_n f_2(x)] - \mathcal{F}f(x)|$ versus $x$ for $n = 10, 50, 90, 130$. The exponential decay of the Fourier transforms of $R_j$ is evident. In this way, the method is accurate asymptotically.

Figure 3: (a) The Cauchy transform $\mathcal{C}_R^+ f(x)$ with $k_1 = 2$, $k_2 = -3$ plotted on the real axis (solid: real part, dashed: imaginary part). (b) The Cauchy transform $\mathcal{C}_R^- f(x)$ plotted on the real axis (solid: real part, dashed: imaginary part). Note that due to the fact that $k_1 > 0$, the $\mathcal{C}_R^+$ operator essentially isolates the Gaussian term in $f$. Also, because $k_2 < 0$, the rational term in $f$ is isolated by $\mathcal{C}_R^-$. 

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Figure 4: (a) A plot of $\mathcal{D}f$, the derivative of $f$, with $k_1 = 2$, $k_2 = -3$ (solid: real part, dashed: imaginary part). (b) A convergence plot of an estimate of $\sup_{|x| \leq 60} |\mathcal{D}[e^{-ik_1 x} R_n f_1(x) + e^{-ik_2 x} R_n f_2(x)] - \mathcal{D}f(x)|$ plotted on a log scale versus $n$. Just like the previous plot, this clearly shows super-algebraic (spectral) convergence. (c) A plot of $|\mathcal{D}[e^{-ik_1 x} R_n f_1(x) + e^{-ik_2 x} R_n f_2(x)] - \mathcal{D}f(x)|$ versus $x$ for $n = 10$, 50, 90, 130. Note that while absolute error is lost (when comparing with Figure 1) near the origin, little accuracy is lost, if any, in the tails. This is related to the phenomenon that is described in Theorem 4.1: approximation of the function in $H^1(\mathbb{R})$ is almost as “easy” as approximation in $L^2(\mathbb{R})$. 
that can be differentiated (see [9]). A short computation shows that this is sufficient for \( F(\theta) \) to be smooth in a neighborhood of \( \theta = 0, 2\pi \). Furthermore, it is clear that \( f \) is smooth on \( \mathbb{R} \). Thus the differentiable asymptotic series is sufficient for \( F \in H^s(\mathbb{T}) \) for all \( s \).

Our guess for the asymptotic series is obtained from a Neumann series expansion for \( 1/(s - x) \) for \( s \) fixed and \( |z| \) large:

\[
\frac{1}{s - x} = -\frac{1}{x} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \left( \frac{s}{x} \right)^j - \frac{(s/x)^n}{s - x}.
\]

Therefore we choose

\[
c_j = -\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma} s^{j-1} f(s) ds,
\]

and define \( P_n(s, x) = (s/x)^n/(x - s) \). We find for \( x \in \mathbb{R}, |x| \geq 1, \)

\[
\sup_{s \in \Gamma} |\partial_x^j P_n(s, x)| \leq C_{\delta,j,n} |s/x|^n.
\]

This estimate dictates the order of the error term and justifies the interchange of differentiation and integration. Hence

\[
f^{(\ell)}(x) - \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} (-1)^\ell c_j (j + \ell - 1)! (j - 1)! x^{-j-\ell} = \sum_{j=n}^{n+\ell-1} c_j (j + \ell - 1)! x^{-j-\ell} + \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma} \partial_x^\ell P_{n+\ell}(s, x) f(s) ds = O(x^{-n-\ell}).
\]

This shows the existence and differentiability of the asymptotic series.

Any rational function that decays at infinity can be expressed in terms of a contour integral in the finite complex plane. This proposition, in particular, demonstrates spectral convergence for such functions.

C \quad L^p \text{ Estimates of the Dirichlet Kernel}

Our first step is to rewrite the Dirichlet kernel

\[
D_n(\theta) = \sum_{k=-n_-}^{n_+} e^{ik\theta} = \sum_{k=-n_-}^{n_-} e^{ik\theta} + \sigma e^{ikn_+},
\]

where \( \sigma = 1 \) if \( n_+ > n_1 \) (\( n \) is even) and \( \sigma = 0 \) otherwise. It is well known that this may be expressed as

\[
D_n(\theta) = \frac{\sin((n_- + 1/2)\theta)}{2\sin \theta/2} + \sigma e^{ikn_+}.
\]

It is clear that the \( L^p(\mathbb{T}) \) norm of \( e^{ikn_+} \) is uniformly bounded by a constant. Therefore, the large \( n \) behavior is dictated by the ratio of sines. Consider the integral for \( \pi \geq \epsilon/n_- \geq 0 \), and using periodicity

\[
I(n,p) = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{\sin((n_- + 1/2)\theta)}{2\sin \theta/2} \bigg|_{\epsilon/n_-}^{2\pi-\epsilon/n_-} \bigg| d\theta = \left( \int_{-\pi}^{\epsilon/n_-} + \int_{\epsilon/n_-}^{\pi} \right) \frac{\sin((n_- + 1/2)\theta)}{2\sin \theta/2} \bigg| d\theta.
\]

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Let \( y = \theta n_- \) so that

\[
I(n, p)n_1^{1-p} = \left( \int_{-\pi n_-}^{-\epsilon} + \int_{\epsilon}^{\pi n_-} \right) \left| \sin\left(1 + 1/(2n_-)y\right) \theta \right|^p dy.
\]

We bound the ratio of sines. First,

\[
|\sin(y + y/(2n_-))| = |\sin y \cos(y/(2n_-)) + \cos y \sin(y/(2n_-))| \\
\leq |\sin y| + |\cos y| \min\{y/(2n_-), 1\}.
\]

Next, because \(|\sin y| \leq |y|\) and the Taylor series for \(\sin y\) is an alternating series

\[
|y| - |\sin y| \leq |y|^3/6 \implies |y|(1 - |y|^2/6) \leq |\sin y|.
\]

This bound is useful provided the left-hand side stays positive: \(|y| < \sqrt{6}\). We find

\[
\frac{1}{|2n_- \sin(y/(2n_-))|} \leq \frac{1}{|y|} \max_{y \in [-\pi n_-, \pi n_-]} \left(1 - |y|^2/(24n_-^2)\right)^{-1} \leq \frac{2}{|y|}
\]

Our inequalities demonstrate that

\[
I(n, p)n_1^{1-p} \leq 4 \int_{\epsilon}^{\pi} \left| \sin y + |\cos y| \min\{y/(2n_-), 1\} \right|^p dy \leq C_p(1 + \epsilon)^{1-p},
\]

\[
\|D_n\|_{L_p(\epsilon/n_-2\pi-\epsilon/n_-)} \leq C_p \left( \frac{n_-}{1 + \epsilon} \right)^{1/p}.
\]

Also, setting \(\epsilon = 0\) results in a special case of Theorem 5.2.

We now turn to the first derivative and perform calculations in the case that \(n\) is odd so that \(\sigma = 0\). If \(n\) were even then the \(L_p(T)\) norm of the derivative of \(e^{ikn_-}\) is \(O(n)\). If we restrict to \(\pi \geq \epsilon/n_- \geq 0\) then the bound we obtain on rest of \(D_n\) is of equal or larger order, justifying setting \(\sigma = 0\). Consider

\[
D_n'(\theta) = \frac{2(n_- + 1/2) \cos((n_- + 1/2)\theta) \sin \theta/2 - \cos \theta/2 \sin((n_- + 1/2)\theta)}{4 \sin^2 \theta/2}.
\]

Again, we invoke the change of variables \(y = \theta n_-\). The same procedure as above, in principle works. We have already derived an appropriate bound on the denominator after we divide by \(n_-^2\). To bound the numerator, we look for a bound, independent of \(n\) that vanishes to second order at \(y = 0\) to cancel the singularity from the denominator. We show that there exists \(C > 0\) so that

\[
\frac{1}{n_-^2} |D_n'(y/n_-)| \leq C(1 + |y|)^{-1}, \quad y \in [-\pi n_-, \pi n_-]. \quad (C.1)
\]

From above we have

\[
|4n_-^2 \sin^2(y/(2n_-))|^{-1} \leq 4|y|^{-2} \quad (C.2)
\]

so that we just need to estimate the numerator. Straightforward trigonometric rearrangements show that

\[
2(n_- + 1/2) \cos(y + y/(2n_-)) \sin(y/(2n_-)) - \cos(y/(2n_-)) \sin(y + y/(2n_-)) \\
= n \sin((1 + 1/n)y) - (n + 1) \sin(y). \quad (C.3)
\]
A Taylor expansion of \((C.4)\) reveals that it is an alternating series with monotone coefficients. Thus we can estimate error by the next term in the truncated series:

\[
|n \sin((1 + 1/n)y) - (n + 1) \sin(y)| \leq \frac{|y|^3}{3!} (1 + n) \left[ (1 + 1/n)^2 - 1 \right] \leq C|y^3|.
\]

Returning to \((C.3)\), it is easy to see that because \(|\sin(y/(2n_\epsilon))| \leq |y|/(2n_\epsilon)\), \((C.3)\) is bounded above by \(C(1 + |y|)\). Combining these estimates, with \((C.2)\) we have \((C.1)\). The preceding calculations applied to this situation show

\[
\|D_{n_\epsilon}^p\|_{L^p(\epsilon/n, 2\pi - \epsilon/n)} \leq C_p (1 + \epsilon) \left( \frac{n_\epsilon}{1 + \epsilon} \right)^{2 - 1/p}.
\]

Again, setting \(\epsilon = 0\) gives a special case of Theorem \(5.2\).

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