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## Approximation of Smooth Periodic Functions in Several Variables

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Given the  $k$ -tuples

$$\mathbf{a} = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k) \in \mathbb{R}^k \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{r} = (r_1, r_2, \dots, r_k) \in \mathbb{N}^k,$$

let  $\omega$ ,  $\bar{W}_2^1[0, 2\pi]$ , and  $\mathbf{J}_0 = \mathbf{J}_0(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{r})$  be defined by

$$\omega = \sum_{j=1}^k 1/r_j, \quad \bar{W}_2^1[0, 2\pi]$$

=  $\{f: \mathbb{R}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{C} : f \text{ is } 2\pi \text{ periodic w.r.t. each variable } x_j, \frac{\delta^r_j}{\delta x_j^r} f \text{ exists a.e. and belongs to } L_2 = L_2([0, 2\pi])\}$ ,

$$\mathbf{J}_0 = \{f \in \bar{W}_2^1[0, 2\pi] : \|\mathbf{T}f\| \leq 1\},$$

where  $\mathbf{T} = \mathbf{T}(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{r})$  is a differential operator of the form

$$\mathbf{T}f = \sum_{j=1}^k a_j \frac{\delta^r_j}{\delta x_j^r} f$$

and  $\|\cdot\|$  is the norm in  $L_2$ . This paper deals with optimal approximation of func-

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tions  $f$  from the class  $\mathbf{J}_0$  by algorithms  $\phi$  whose sole knowledge about  $f$  consists of the  $n$ -tuples

$$N_n(f) = (\mathbf{L}_1(f), \mathbf{L}_2(f), \dots, \mathbf{L}_n(f)),$$

where adaptive choice of the linear functionals  $\mathbf{L}_j: L_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is allowed. We define the best approximation rate  $R(n) = R(n, \mathbf{J}_0, L_2)$  by

$$R(n) = \inf_{N_n, \phi: N_n(\mathbf{J}_0) \rightarrow L_2} \sup_{f \in \mathbf{J}_0} \|f - \phi(N_n(f))\|$$

and prove that  $R(n) = \theta(n^{-1/\omega})$  as  $n \rightarrow +\infty$  if the following condition is satisfied:

$\mathbf{r}$  contains at most one odd component; and

$$\text{sign } a_j \begin{cases} \neq 0 & \text{if } r_j \text{ is odd,} \\ = u & \text{if } r_j \text{ is a multiple of 4,} \\ = -u & \text{otherwise, } \forall_j, \end{cases}$$

where  $u = \pm 1$ . Moreover we obtain the limit  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} n^{1/\omega} R(n)$ . We also prove that when this condition does not hold, then, even if  $R(n, \mathbf{J}_0(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{r}), L_2)$  is finite, an arbitrary small perturbation of  $\mathbf{a}$  might lead to a class  $\mathbf{J}_0(\mathbf{a}', \mathbf{r})$  in which the operator  $\mathbf{T}' = \mathbf{T}(\mathbf{a}', \mathbf{r})$  is such that  $\dim \ker \mathbf{T}' = +\infty$ . Then  $R(n, \mathbf{J}_0(\mathbf{a}', \mathbf{r}), L_2) = +\infty$  and no finite error approximation based on  $N_n$  would be possible. © 1988 Academic Press, Inc.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

This paper deals with approximation of smooth periodic functions in  $k$ -variables. We list some results which are relevant to this topic.

Let  $\xi_1, \xi_2, \dots$  be an orthonormal basis of an infinite dimensional separable Hilbert space  $H$ , i.e.,  $(\xi_j, \xi_\ell) = \delta_{j\ell}$ , where  $\delta_{j\ell}$  is the Kronecker delta. Given a sequence of complex numbers  $\{\beta_j\}_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$  such that

$$|\beta_j| < |\beta_{j+1}|, \forall_j \in \mathbb{N} \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{j \rightarrow +\infty} |\beta_j| > 0$$

let us define

$$J_0 = \left\{ f \in H: \|Tf\| = \left( \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |\beta_j(f, \xi_j)|^2 \right)^{1/2} \leq 1 \right\},$$

where

$$Tf = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \beta_j(f, \xi_j) \xi_j$$

and  $\|\cdot\| = (\cdot, \cdot)^{1/2}$  is the norm in  $H$ .

Suppose we wish to approximate any  $f \in J_0$  as closely as possible from a knowledge of the  $n$ -tuples  $N_n^a(f)$  of the form

$$N_n^a(f) = (\mathbf{L}_1(f), \dots, \mathbf{L}_n(f)),$$

where adaptive choice of the linear functions  $\mathbf{L}_j: H \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is allowed, i.e.,

$$\mathbf{L}_j = \mathbf{L}_j(\mathbf{L}_1(f), \mathbf{L}_2(f), \dots, \mathbf{L}_{j-1}(f)), \quad j = 2, 3, \dots, n.$$

That is, we are looking for information operator  $N_n^a$  and a mapping (algorithm)  $\phi: N_n^a(J_0) \rightarrow H$  which together minimize the quantity

$$e(\phi; N_n^a) = \sup_{f \in J_0} \|f - \phi(N_n^a(f))\|.$$

Let us define the best approximation rate  $R(n) = R(n, J_0, L_2)$  by

$$R(n) = \inf_{N_n^a, \phi: N_n^a(J_0) \rightarrow H} e(\phi; N_n^a). \tag{1}$$

It turns out that (see Traub and Woźniakowski, 1980, Chap. 6):

(i) The infimum in (1) is achieved by the nonadaptive information operator

$$N_n^{\text{opt}}: N_n^{\text{opt}}(f) = ((f, \xi_1), (f, \xi_2), \dots, (f, \xi_n))$$

and the linear algorithm

$$\phi^{\text{opt}}: \phi^{\text{opt}}(N_n^{\text{opt}}(f)) = \sum_{j=1}^n (f, \xi_j) \xi_j.$$

(ii) The best approximation rate is

$$R(n) = 1/|\beta_{n+1}|.$$

(iii) Moreover,

$$R(n) = d^n(J_0, H) = \lambda_n(J_0, H),$$

where  $d^n(J_0, H)$  and  $\lambda_n(J_0, H)$  are Gelfand's  $n$ -width of  $J_0$  and Kolmogorov's linear  $n$ -width of  $J_0$ , respectively; that is,

$$d^n(J_0, H) = \inf_{\substack{A^n \subset H \\ \text{codim } A^n \leq n}} \sup_{x \in J_0 \cap A^n} \|x\|$$

and

$$\lambda_n(J_0, H) = \inf_{\substack{A_n \subset H \\ \dim A_n \leq n}} \inf_{\substack{A: H \rightarrow H(\text{lin. op.}) \\ A J_0 \subset A_n}} \sup_{x \in J_0} \|x - Ax\|.$$

Gelfand's and Kolmogorov's widths play an important role in approximation theory (see Karnejčuk, 1976; Tichomirov, 1976; Babenko, 1979; Pinkus, 1985) and, because of (iii) and other much more general results, in information based complexity (see Traub and Woźniakowski [1980]).

We choose as our space  $H$ , the space  $L_2$  of square integrable functions  $g: [0, 2\pi]^k \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ . Given  $k$ -tuples

$$\mathbf{a} = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k) \in \mathbb{R}^k$$

and

$$\mathbf{r} = (r_1, r_2, \dots, r_k) \in \mathbb{N}^k$$

let us define the Sobalev space  $\tilde{W}_2^{\mathbf{r}}[0, 2\pi]$ , the differential operator  $\mathbf{T} = \mathbf{T}(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{r})$ , the class  $\mathbf{J}_0 = \mathbf{J}_0(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{r})$ , and the number  $\omega = \omega(\mathbf{r})$  by

$$\tilde{W}_2^{\mathbf{r}}[0, 2\pi]$$

=  $\{f: \mathbb{R}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{C}: f \text{ is } 2\pi \text{ periodic w.r.t. each variable } x_j, \frac{\delta^{r_j}}{\delta x_j^{r_j}} f \text{ exists a.e. and belongs to } L_2\}$ ,

$$\mathbf{T}f = \sum_{j=1}^k a_j \frac{\delta^{r_j}}{\delta x_j^{r_j}} f, \tag{2}$$

$$\mathbf{J}_0 = \{f \in \tilde{W}_2^{\mathbf{r}}[0, 2\pi]: \|\mathbf{T}f\| \leq 1\},$$

and

$$\omega = \sum_{j=1}^k 1/r_j.$$

Using the results mentioned above and the Davenport theorem on integer coordinate points in multidimensional bodies we prove that

$$R(n, \mathbf{J}_0, L_2) = d^n(\mathbf{J}_0, L_2) = \lambda_n(\mathbf{J}_0, L_2) = \theta(n^{-1/\omega}) \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow +\infty$$

if  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{r}$  satisfy the following condition:

$\mathbf{r}$  contains at most one odd component; and

$$\text{sign } a_j \begin{cases} \neq 0 & \text{if } r_j \text{ is odd,} \\ = u & \text{if } r_j \text{ is a multiple of 4,} \\ = -u & \text{otherwise, } \forall_j, \end{cases} \quad (\mathbf{C})$$

where  $u = \pm 1$ . Moreover, we obtain the limit  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} n^{1/\omega} R(n, \mathbf{J}_0, L_2)$ .

So, when  $(\mathbf{C})$  holds, the asymptotics of  $d^n(\mathbf{J}_0, L_2)$  and  $\lambda_n(\mathbf{J}_0, L_2)$  coincide with the asymptotics of Gelfand's and Kolmogorov's  $n$ -widths of some other classes of smooth multivariate functions (see Babenko, 1977).

If  $(\mathbf{C})$  is not satisfied, the nature of the results changes. Namely, there exists  $\nu$  in  $\{1, 2, \dots, k\}$  such that for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is  $a'_\nu$  satisfying

$$|a_\nu - a'_\nu| \leq \varepsilon \quad \text{and} \quad R(n, \mathbf{J}_0(\mathbf{a}', \mathbf{r}), L_2) = +\infty, \forall_n,$$

where

$$\mathbf{a}' = (a_1, \dots, a_{\nu-1}, a'_\nu, a_{\nu+1}, \dots, a_k).$$

In other words, even if  $R(n, \mathbf{J}_0, (\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{r}), L_2)$  is finite, an arbitrary small perturbation of  $\mathbf{a}$  might lead to a class  $\mathbf{J}_0(\mathbf{a}', \mathbf{r})$  in which the operator  $\mathbf{T}' = \mathbf{T}(\mathbf{a}', \mathbf{r})$  is such that  $\dim \ker \mathbf{T}' = +\infty$ , so no finite error approximation based on  $N_n$  would be possible (see Traub and Woźniakowski, 1980, Chap. 2).

In Section 2 we shall give a more precise formulation of our results.

## 2. ASYMPTOTICS

In the following theorem  $\Gamma$  and  $B$  stand for gamma and beta functions, respectively.

**THEOREM 1.** *Given any positive integer  $n$  and given arbitrary  $n$ -tuples  $\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{R}^k, \mathbf{r} \in \mathbb{N}^k$  we have*

$$R(n, \mathbf{J}_0, (\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{r}), L_2) = d^n(\mathbf{J}_0(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{r}), L_2) = \lambda_n(\mathbf{J}_0(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{r}), L_2).$$

Moreover, if  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{r}$  satisfy the condition (C), then

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} n^{1/\omega} R(n, \mathbf{J}_0(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{r})L_2) \\ &= \begin{cases} \left[ \frac{2^k}{\Gamma(1 + \omega)} \prod_{j=1}^k \frac{\Gamma(1/r_j)}{r_j |a_j|^{1/r_j}} \right]^{1/\omega} \\ \text{when } \mathbf{r} \text{ contains no odd component,} \\ \left[ \frac{2^{k-1} B(1/2r_s, 1 + (\omega - 1/r_s)/2)}{\Gamma(1/r_s) \Gamma(1 + \omega - 1/r_s)} \prod_{j=1}^k \frac{\Gamma(1/r_j)}{r_j |a_j|^{1/r_j}} \right]^{1/\omega} \\ \text{when } r_s \text{ is odd,} \end{cases} \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

otherwise either

$$R(n, \mathbf{J}_0(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{r}), L_2) = +\infty, \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N},$$

or else there exists  $\nu$  in  $\{1, 2, \dots, k\}$  such that for any positive  $\varepsilon$  there is  $a'_\nu$  satisfying

$$|a_\nu - a'_\nu| \leq \varepsilon \quad \text{and} \quad R(n, \mathbf{J}_0(\mathbf{a}', \mathbf{r}), L_2) = +\infty, \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N},$$

where

$$\mathbf{a}' = (a_1, \dots, a_{\nu-1}, a'_\nu, a_{\nu+1}, \dots, a_k).$$

*Proof.* The first statement is a consequence of general results on approximation in Hilbert spaces (see Traub and Woźniakowski, 1980, Chaps. 2 and 3).

Let us denote by  $\mathbf{Z}$  the set of all integers.

Given a  $k$ -tuple  $\mathbf{t} = (t_1, t_2, \dots, t_k) \in \mathbf{Z}^k$  we define the function  $e_{\mathbf{t}} \in \dot{W}_2^1[0, 2\pi]$  by the equation

$$e_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{x}) = (2\pi)^{-k/2} \exp(i\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{t} \rangle),$$

where  $i = \sqrt{-1}$ ,  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k) \in [0, 2\pi]^k$ , and  $\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{t} \rangle = \sum_{j=1}^k x_j t_j$ .

The set  $\{e_{\mathbf{t}}\}_{\mathbf{t} \in \mathbf{Z}^k}$  is an orthonormal basis of  $L_2$  and for  $\mathbf{T} = \mathbf{T}(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{r})$  we have

$$\mathbf{T}e_{\mathbf{t}} = b_{\mathbf{t}}e_{\mathbf{t}},$$

where

$$b_{\mathbf{t}} = \sum_{j=1}^k a_j (\hat{e}_j)^{r_j}. \quad (4)$$

Thus,

$$\mathbf{J}_0 = \mathbf{J}_0(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{r}) = \left\{ f \in L_2 : \sum_{\mathbf{t} \in \mathbf{Z}^k} |b_{\mathbf{t}}(f, e_{\mathbf{t}})|^2 \leq 1 \right\}. \quad (5)$$

Let us suppose that the tuples  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{r}$  satisfy the condition (C). Then

$$|b_{\mathbf{t}}| = \begin{cases} \sum_{j=1}^k \alpha_j t_j^{r_j} & \text{if } \mathbf{r} \text{ contains no odd component,} \\ \left[ \left( \sum_{j=1, j \neq s}^k \alpha_j t_j^{r_j} \right)^2 + (\alpha_s t_s^{r_s})^2 \right]^{1/2} & \text{if } r_s \text{ is odd,} \end{cases}$$

where  $\alpha_j = |a_j| > 0$ .

Since

$$\lim_k \sum_{j=1}^k |t_j| \rightarrow +\infty, \quad |b_{\mathbf{t}}| = +\infty,$$

for some numbers  $\beta_j$  such that

$$|\beta_j| \leq |\beta_{j+1}|, \quad \forall j \in \mathbb{N},$$

we have

$$\{b_{\mathbf{t}}\}_{\mathbf{t} \in \mathbf{Z}^k} = \{\beta_j\}_{j \in \mathbb{N}}. \quad (6)$$

Corresponding to a fixed  $m$  in  $\mathbb{N}$ , let  $I_m$  be the number of  $k$ -tuples  $\mathbf{t} \in \mathbf{Z}^k$  such that  $|b_{\mathbf{t}}| \leq m$ , i.e.,  $I_m$  is the number of integer coordinate points of the convex body

$$B_m = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^k : \begin{cases} \sum_{j=1}^k \alpha_j x_j^{r_j} \leq m \\ \text{if } \mathbf{r} \text{ contains no odd component,} \\ \left( \sum_{j=1, j \neq s}^k \alpha_j x_j^{r_j} \right)^2 + \alpha_s^2 x_s^{2r_s} \leq m^2 \\ \text{if } r_s \text{ is odd.} \end{cases} \}, \tag{7}$$

We shall prove in the text section that

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{I_m}{m^\omega} = \gamma := \begin{cases} \frac{2^k}{\Gamma(\omega + 1)} \prod_{j=1}^k \frac{\Gamma(1/r_j)}{r_j \alpha_j^{1/r_j}} \\ \text{if } \mathbf{r} \text{ contains no odd component,} \\ \frac{2^{k-1} B(1/2r_s, 1 + (\omega - 1/r_s)/2)}{\Gamma(1/r_s) \Gamma(\omega - 1/r_s + 1)} \prod_{j=1}^k \frac{\Gamma(1/r_j)}{r_j \alpha_j^{1/r_j}} \\ \text{if } r_s \text{ is odd} \end{cases} \tag{8}$$

(see Lemma 2, Section 3).

The definition of  $I_m$  implies that

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{|\beta_{I_m}|}{m} = 1;$$

therefore we get

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow +\infty} |\beta_m| m^{-1/\omega} = \gamma^{-1/\omega}.$$

This identity taken taken together with (ii) yields (3).

Let us suppose now that  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{r}$  do not satisfy the condition (C). Then

$$a_s = 0 \quad \text{for some } s,$$

or else from (4) we have

$$\{ |a_u| x^{r_u} - |a_v| y^{r_v} : x, y \in \mathbb{N} \} \subset \{ |b_t| \}_{t \in \mathbb{Z}^k}$$

with some  $u$  and  $v$  such that  $0 < |a_v| \leq |a_u|$ .

In the first case, when  $a_s = 0$  for some  $s$ , we have



$$e_{(0,\dots,0,t_u,0,\dots,0)} \in \mathbf{J}_0 \quad \text{and} \quad b_{(0,\dots,0,t_u,0,\dots,0)} = 0, \quad \forall t_u \in \mathbf{Z}.$$

Consequently,

$$\dim \ker \mathbf{T} = +\infty$$

which yields

$$R(n, \mathbf{J}_0, L_2) = +\infty$$

(see Traub and Woźniakowski, 1980, Chap. 2).

In the second case, we set  $\lambda = a_v/a_u$ . Then

$$|\lambda|^{l/r_u} = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \lambda_j 2^{-j} \quad (9)$$

for some  $\lambda_j \in \{0, 1\}$ . Let us note now that for arbitrary  $l, m \in \mathbb{N}$ , where  $l > m$ , the numbers

$$x = 2^{lr_u} \sum_{j=1}^m \lambda_j 2^{-j} \quad \text{and} \quad y = 2^{lr_u}$$

satisfy the equation

$$|a_u| x^{r_u} - |a'_v| y^{r_v} = 0,$$

where

$$a'_v = (\text{sign } a_v) \left( \sum_{j=1}^m \lambda_j 2^{-j} \right)^{r_u} |a_u|. \quad (10)$$

Hence, upon replacing  $\mathbf{a}$  in (2) with

$$\mathbf{a}' = (a_1, \dots, a_{v-1}, a'_v, a_{v+1}, \dots, a_k)$$

we obtain the class  $\mathbf{J}'_0 = \mathbf{J}_0(\mathbf{a}', \mathbf{r})$  in which the operator  $\mathbf{T}' = \mathbf{T}(\mathbf{a}', \mathbf{r})$  is such that  $\mathbf{T}'e_t = 0$  for any  $\mathbf{t}$  satisfying  $t_j = 0$  if  $j \neq u, v$ . Since the functions  $e_t$  belong to  $\mathbf{J}_0$  we have

$$\dim \ker \mathbf{T}' = +\infty.$$

Consequently,

$$R(n, \mathbf{J}'_0, L_2) = +\infty.$$

Finally, we note by (9) and (10) that  $a'_v \rightarrow a_v$  as  $m \rightarrow +\infty$ . This completes the proof. ■

As an immediate consequence of Theorem 1 we have the following corollary.

**COROLLARY.** *If  $\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{R}^k$  and  $\mathbf{r} \in \mathbb{N}^k$  satisfy the condition (C), then*

$$R(n) = R(n, \mathbf{J}_0(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{r}), L_2) = \theta(n^{-1/\omega}) \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow +\infty.$$

To illustrate the dependence of this result on the dimension  $k$  let us consider the following example.

**EXAMPLE 1.** Let  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{r}$  be defined by the equations

$$a_j = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad r_j = 2, \quad \forall j=1,2,\dots,k.$$

That is,  $\mathbf{T}$  in (2) is the  $k$ -dimensional Laplace operator.

Since the condition (C) holds and  $\omega = k/2$ , we get

$$R(n) = \theta(n^{-2/k}) \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow +\infty.$$

Thus, if  $k$  is large,  $R(n)$  converges to zero very slowly.

From the results of Traub and Woźniakowski (1980, Chap. 6), it follows that our approximation problem is convergent, i.e.,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} R(n, \mathbf{J}_0(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{r}), L_2) = 0$$

if and only if  $+\infty$  is the unique limit point of the set

$$S = \{|b_t|\}_{t \in \mathbb{Z}^k},$$

where numbers  $b_t$  are given by (4).

Let us suppose now that the tuples  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{r}$  do not satisfy the condition (C). Hence, by Theorem 1, an arbitrary small perturbation of components  $a_j$  might lead to a class  $\mathbf{J}_0(\mathbf{a}', \mathbf{r})$  such that  $R(n, \mathbf{J}_0(\mathbf{a}', \mathbf{r}), L_2) = +\infty$  for any  $n$ . The following examples show that the convergency and the divergency of the original approximation problem for the class  $\mathbf{J}_0(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{r})$  are both possible.

**EXAMPLE 2.** Let  $k = 2$ ,  $\mathbf{a} = (\alpha, -\beta)$ , and  $\mathbf{r} = (m, m)$ , where  $\alpha, \beta, m \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $m \geq 3$ , and the binary form

$$F(x, y) = \alpha x^m - \beta y^m$$

is irreducible over the field of rational numbers. It is easy to note that (C) does not hold and

$$S = \{|F(x, y)|: x, y \in \mathbf{Z}\}.$$

By the theorem of Thue (1909), for any  $c \in \mathbb{N}$  the inequality

$$|F(x, y)| \leq c$$

has at most finitely many integer solutions. Of course, the number of such solutions goes to infinity with  $c$ . This implies that the unique limit point of the set  $S$  is  $+\infty$ . Consequently,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} R(n, \mathbf{J}_0(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{r}), L_2) = 0.$$

EXAMPLE 3. Let  $k = 2$ ,  $\mathbf{a} = (1, -D)$ , and  $\mathbf{r} = (2, 2)$ , where

$$D \in \mathbb{N} \quad \text{and} \quad D \neq m^2, \quad \forall m \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Then, (C) does not hold and

$$S = \{|x^2 - Dy^2|, x, y \in \mathbf{Z}\}.$$

It is known that the equation  $x^2 - Dy^2 = 1$  has infinitely many integer solutions (see Sierpiński, 1968, Chap. II, Sect. 17). Thus, unity is the limit point of  $S$  and consequently

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} R(n, \mathbf{J}_0(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{r}), L_2) \neq 0.$$

We close this section by finding asymptotics of the  $\varepsilon$ -complexity of the approximation problem for the class  $\mathbf{J}_0(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{r})$ , where  $\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{R}^k$  and  $\mathbf{r} \in \mathbb{N}^k$  satisfy the condition (C).

Given  $\varepsilon > 0$ , let  $m(\varepsilon)$  denote the minimal number of linear functionals whose evaluations allow us to determine a set of functions  $\{a_{\varepsilon, f}\}_{f \in \mathbf{J}_0(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{r})}$  such that

$$\sup_{f \in \mathbf{J}_0(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{r})} \|f - a_{\varepsilon, f}\| < \varepsilon.$$

We call  $a_{\varepsilon, f}(\mathbf{x})$  an  $\varepsilon$ -approximation to  $f(\mathbf{x})$ ,  $\mathbf{x} \in [0, 2\pi]^k$ .

Let  $\text{comp}(\varepsilon)$  be the minimal computing cost (complexity) of  $a_{\varepsilon, f}(\mathbf{x})$ . Here we assume that the cost of the arithmetic operations ( $+$ ,  $-$ ,  $\times$ ,  $/$ ) and the cost of any linear functional evaluation are taken as unity and  $\mathbf{c}$ , respectively.

We are now in a position to prove the following theorem.

**THEOREM 2.** *Let  $\gamma$  be given by (8). Then*

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+} m(\varepsilon)\varepsilon^\omega = \gamma \quad (11)$$

and

$$\text{comp}(\varepsilon) = \theta(\mathbf{c}/\varepsilon^\omega) \quad \text{as } \varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+. \quad (12)$$

*Proof.* We omit the proof of the identity (11), since (11) is an immediate consequence of Theorem 1.

Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $x \in [0, 2\pi]^k$  be given. From (5), (6), and the statements (i) and (ii) of the introductory section it is seen that to get an  $\varepsilon$ -approximation  $a_{\varepsilon, f}(\mathbf{x})$  to  $f(\mathbf{x})$  for any  $f \in \mathbf{J}_0(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{r})$  one can proceed as follows.

1. Precompute the subset  $S_0(\varepsilon) \in \mathbf{Z}^k$  and the  $k$ -tuple  $\mathbf{t}(\varepsilon)$  such that

$$|b_{\mathbf{t}}| \leq \varepsilon, \quad \forall \mathbf{t} \in S_0(\varepsilon), \quad |b_{\mathbf{t}}| > \varepsilon, \quad \forall \mathbf{t} \in \mathbf{Z}^k \setminus S_0(\varepsilon)$$

and

$$|b_{\mathbf{t}(\varepsilon)}| = \min_{\mathbf{t} \in \mathbf{Z}^k \setminus S_0(\varepsilon)} |b_{\mathbf{t}}|.$$

2. Define  $S(\varepsilon) = S_0(\varepsilon) \cup \{\mathbf{t}(\varepsilon)\}$  and note that  $\text{card } S(\varepsilon) = m(\varepsilon)$ , i.e.,  $S(\varepsilon)$  contains exactly  $m(\varepsilon)$  elements.

3. Precompute  $e_{\mathbf{t}}(x)$  for all  $\mathbf{t} \in S(\varepsilon)$ .
4. Put

$$a_{\varepsilon, f}(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{\mathbf{t} \in S(\varepsilon)} (f, e_{\mathbf{t}}) e_{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{x}).$$

Thus, neglecting cost of precomputations, the computing cost of  $a_{\varepsilon, f}(\mathbf{x})$  is  $(\mathbf{c} + 2) \text{card } S(\varepsilon) - 1 = (\mathbf{c} + 2)m(\varepsilon) - 1$ . This shows that

$$\text{comp}(\varepsilon) \leq (\mathbf{c} + 2)m(\varepsilon) - 1.$$

By the obvious inequality  $\text{comp}(\varepsilon) \geq \mathbf{c}m(\varepsilon)$  and (11) we finally get

$$\text{comp}(\varepsilon) = \theta(\mathbf{c}/\varepsilon^\omega) \quad \text{as } \varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+.$$

This proves (12) and completes the proof. ■

### 3. INTEGER POINTS OF $B_m$

Let  $I(\mathbb{B})$  denote the number of integer coordinate points in a subset  $\mathbb{B}$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

The results of this section are based on the following theorem of Davenport [1951].

**THEOREM 3.** *Let  $\mathbb{B}$  be a closed bounded subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  such that*

(a) *For any line  $\mathcal{L}$  which is parallel to one of the coordinate axes the intersection  $\mathcal{L} \cap \mathbb{B}$  consists of, at most,  $h$  intervals.*

(b) *Property (a) holds for any of the  $u$ -dimensional regions obtained by projecting  $\mathbb{B}$  onto the space  $\mathbb{R}^u$  defined by equating arbitrary  $n - u$  coordinates to zero.*

Then

$$|I(\mathbb{B}) - V(\mathbb{B})| \leq \sum_{u=1}^{n-1} h^{n-u} V_u(\mathbb{B}),$$

where  $V(\mathbb{B})$  is the volume of  $\mathbb{B}$  and  $V_u(\mathbb{B})$  is the sum of the  $u$ -dimensional volumes of the projections of  $\mathbb{B}$  onto the spaces  $\mathbb{R}^u$  obtained by equating any  $n - u$  coordinates to zero.

Let us apply this theorem to estimate  $I_m = I(B_m)$ , where  $B_M$  is given by (7).

We first note that the projections of  $B_m$  onto  $\mathbb{R}^u$  have the form

$$B_{m,u} = \left\{ \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^u: \sum_{j=1}^u \gamma_j y_j^{\rho_j} \leq m \right\}$$

if  $\mathbf{r}$  contains no odd component or  $x_s$  such that  $r_s$  is odd has been equated to zero or

$$B_{m,u}^* = \left\{ \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^u: \left( \sum_{j=1}^{u-1} \gamma_j y_j^{\rho_j} \right)^2 + \gamma_u^2 y_u^{2\rho_u} \leq m^2 \right\}$$

otherwise. Here  $\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \dots, \gamma_n \geq 0$  and  $\rho_1, \rho_2, \dots, \rho_u$  are selected from  $(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_k)$  and  $(r_1, r_2, \dots, r_u)$ , respectively.

Since the sets  $B_m, B_{m,u}$ , and  $B_{m,u}^*$  are convex, we can apply the Davenport theorem with  $h = 1$ .

LEMMA 1. *The following identities hold:*

$$V(B_{m,u}) = \frac{2^u}{\Gamma(1 + \omega_u)} \left( \prod_{j=1}^u \frac{\Gamma(1/\rho_j)}{\rho_j \gamma_j^{1/\rho_j}} \right) m^{\omega_u}, \tag{13}$$

$$V(B_{m,u}^*) = \frac{2^{u-1} B(1/2\rho_u, 1 + (\omega_u - 1/\rho_u)/2)}{\Gamma(1/\rho_u)\Gamma(1 + \omega_u - 1/\rho_u)} \left( \prod_{j=1}^u \frac{\Gamma(1/\rho_j)}{\rho_j \gamma_j^{1/\rho_j}} \right) m^{\omega_u}, \tag{14}$$

where  $\omega_u = \sum_{j=1}^u 1/\rho_j$  and  $u = 1, 2, \dots, k$ .

*Proof.* Let  $I(\rho_1, \rho_2, \dots, \rho_s)$  be defined by the equations (see Gradshteyn and Ryzhik, 1980, p. 621, Eq. 4.635-4)

$$I(\rho_1, \rho_2, \dots, \rho_s) = \int_{\substack{\sum_{j=1}^s \xi_j^{\rho_j} \leq 1 \\ \xi_j \geq 0}} d\xi_1 d\xi_2 \dots d\xi_s = \frac{1}{\Gamma(1 + \omega_s)} \prod_{j=1}^s \frac{\Gamma(1/\rho_j)}{\rho_j}.$$

We note now that

$$V(B_{m,u}) = \int_{\substack{\sum_{j=1}^u \gamma_j y_j^{\rho_j} \leq m \\ y_j \geq 0}} dy_1 dy_2 \dots dy_u = 2^u \int_{\substack{\sum_{j=1}^u \gamma_j y_j^{\rho_j} \leq m \\ y_j \geq 0}} dy_1 dy_2 \dots dy_n.$$

Substituting  $y_j$  for  $\xi_j(m/\gamma_j)^{1/\rho_j}$  we get

$$V(B_{m,u}) = 2^u \left( \prod_{j=1}^u \gamma_j^{-1/\rho_j} \right) m^{\omega_u} I(\rho_1, \rho_2, \dots, \rho_u)$$

and (13) follows easily.

We now find the volume of  $B_{m,u}^*$ :

$$\begin{aligned} V(B_{m,u}^*) &= \int_{\substack{\left(\sum_{j=1}^{u-1} \gamma_j y_j^{\rho_j}\right)^2 + \gamma_u^2 y_u^{2\rho_u} \leq m^2 \\ y_j \geq 0}} dy_1 dy_2 \dots dy_u \\ &= 2^u \int_{\substack{\left(\sum_{j=1}^{u-1} \gamma_j y_j^{\rho_j}\right)^2 + \gamma_u^2 y_u^{2\rho_u} \leq m^2 \\ y_j \geq 0}} dy_1 dy_2 \dots dy_u. \end{aligned}$$

Upon making the substitution

$$y_j = \xi_j(m/\gamma_j)^{1/\rho_j}, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, u - 1,$$

and

$$y_u = \xi_u^{1/(2\rho_u)}(m/\gamma_u)^{1/\rho_u}$$

we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} V(B_{m,u}^*) &= C \int_{\substack{\sum_{j=1}^{u-1} \xi_j^{\rho_j} + \xi_u \leq 1 \\ \xi_j \geq 0}} \xi_u^{1/(2\rho_u)-1} d\xi_1 d\xi_2 \dots d\xi_u \\ &= C \int_0^1 \xi_u^{1/(2\rho_u)-1} \left( \int_{\sum_{j=1}^{u-1} \xi_j^{\rho_j} \leq (1-\xi_u)^2} d\xi_1 d\xi_2 \dots d\xi_{u-1} \right) d\xi_u, \end{aligned}$$

where  $C = 2^{u-1} \rho_u^{-1} (\prod_{j=1}^u \gamma_j^{-1/\rho_j}) m^{\omega_u}$ .

By means of the substitutions  $\xi_u = x$  and  $\xi_j = \zeta_j(1 - x)^{1/2\rho_j}$ ,  $j = 1, 2, \dots, u$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} V(B_{m,u}^*) &= CI(\rho_1, \rho_2, \dots, \rho_{u-1}) \int_0^1 x^{1/(2\rho_u)-1} (1 - x)^{(\omega_u - 1/\rho_u)/2} dx \\ &= CI(\rho_1, \rho_2, \dots, \rho_{u-1}) B(1/2\rho_u, 1 + (\omega_u - 1/\rho_u)/2) \end{aligned}$$

which gives (14). This completes the proof. ■

As an immediate consequence of Lemma 1 we have the following corollaries.

**COROLLARY 1.** *The volume  $V_m$  of the set  $B_m$  is given by the equation*

$$V_m = \begin{cases} V(B_{m,k}) = \frac{2^k}{\Gamma(1 + \omega)} \left( \prod_{j=1}^k \frac{\Gamma(1/r_j)}{r_j \alpha_j^{1/r_j}} \right) m^\omega \\ \text{if } \mathbf{r} \text{ contains no odd component,} \\ V(B_{m,k}^*) = \frac{2^{k-1} B(1/2r_s, 1 + (\omega - 1/r_s)/2)}{\Gamma(1/r_s) \Gamma(1 + \omega - 1/r_s + 1)} \left( \prod_{j=1}^k \frac{\Gamma(1/r_j)}{r_j \alpha_j^{1/r_j}} \right) m^\omega \\ \text{if } \mathbf{r}_s \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

**COROLLARY 2.** *The sums  $V_u(B_m)$ ,  $u = 1, \dots, k - 1$ , of the  $u$ -dimensional volumes of the projections of  $B_m$  onto the spaces obtained by equating any  $n - u$  coordinates to zero satisfy the equation*

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow +\infty} m^{-\omega} \sum_{u=1}^{k-1} V_u(B_m) = 0$$

We are now in a position to prove the main result of this section.

LEMMA 2. *The following equation holds*

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{I_m}{m^\omega} = \begin{cases} \frac{2^k}{\Gamma(1 + \omega)} \prod_{j=1}^k \frac{\Gamma(1/r_j)}{r_j \alpha_j^{1/r_j}} \\ \text{if } \mathbf{r} \text{ contains no odd component,} \\ \frac{2^{k-1} B(1/2r_s, 1 + (\omega - 1/r_s)/2)}{\Gamma(1/r_s) \Gamma(1 + \omega - 1/r_s)} \prod_{j=1}^k \frac{\Gamma(1/r_j)}{r_j \alpha_j^{1/r_j}} \\ \text{if } r_s \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* By Corollary 1 it is enough to show that

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{I_m}{V_m} = 1. \tag{15}$$

Using the Davenport theorem and Corollary 2, we get

$$|I_m - V_m| = o(m^\omega) \quad \text{as } m \rightarrow +\infty.$$

This result taken together with Corollary 1 yield (15). The proof is complete. ■

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