

## DEGREE OF APPROXIMATION OF CONTINUOUS FUNCTIONS BY SOME SINGULAR INTEGRALS

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

Let us denote

$$C_{2\pi} = \{f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}; f \text{ is } 2\pi\text{-periodic and continuous on } \mathbb{R}\}$$

and for  $\alpha \in (0, 1]$

$$\text{Lip } \alpha = \{f \in C_{2\pi}; \exists M > 0 \text{ with } |f(x) - f(y)| \leq M|x - y|^\alpha, \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}\}.$$

For  $f \in C_{2\pi}$  and  $\xi > 0$  let us consider

$$P(x, \xi) = (2\xi)^{-1} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(x+t) e^{-|t|/\xi} dt,$$

$$Q(x, \xi) = (\xi/\pi) \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} [f(x+t)/(t^2 + \xi^2)] dt,$$

$$W(x, \xi) = (\pi\xi)^{-1/2} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x+t) e^{-t^2/\xi} dt,$$

called the Picard, Poisson-Cauchy and Gauss-Weierstrass singular integrals, respectively (see, e.g., [8]).

For  $f \in C_{2\pi}$  and  $p \in \mathbb{N}$ , the  $p$ -th modulus of smoothness of  $f$  is defined by (see, e.g., [5, p. 47])

$$\omega_p(f; t) = \sup \{|\Delta_h^p f(x)|; x, x+ph \in \mathbb{R}, 0 \leq h \leq t\},$$

where

$$\Delta_h^p f(x) = \sum_{k=0}^p (-1)^{p-k} \binom{p}{k} f(x+kh).$$

The modulus  $\omega_1(f; t)$  is denoted by  $\omega(f; t)$ .

Regarding the approximation by the previous singular integrals, the following estimates are obtained in ([8], [4]):

**THEOREM 1.1.** *If  $f \in C_{2\pi}$  then as  $\xi \rightarrow 0+$  we have*

$$\|f(x) - P(x, \xi)\| = \mathcal{O}(\omega(f; \xi)), \quad \|f(x) - Q(x, \xi)\| = \mathcal{O}(\omega(f; \xi) |\ln(1/\xi)|),$$

$$\|f(x) - W(x, \xi)\| = \mathcal{O}(\omega(f; \xi) \xi^{-1/2}),$$

where the uniform  $\|\cdot\|$  is applied to  $x$ .

The main purpose of this paper is to obtain error bounds in terms of higher order moduli of smoothness,  $\omega_n(f; \xi)$ , for approximation by singular integrals of the previous type. Thus, if  $f^{(p)} \in \text{Lip } \alpha$ , then better approximation orders can be obtained. Also, in comparison with [8] and [4], the most estimates are obtained with explicit constants.

## 2. APPROXIMATION BY SINGULAR INTEGRALS OF PICARD-TYPE

Firstly, we shall improve the estimate in Theorem 1.1.

**THEOREM 2.1.** *If  $f \in C_{2\pi}$  then we have*

$$\|f(x) - P(x, \xi)\| \leq (5/2) \omega_2(f; \xi), \quad \forall \xi > 0.$$

(ii) *If there exists  $f' \in \text{Lip } \alpha$  then*

$$\|f(x) - P(x, \xi)\| \leq (5/2) \xi^{1+\alpha}, \quad \forall \xi > 0.$$

*Proof.* (i) By the proof of Theorem 1 in [8] we have

$$P(x, \xi) - f(x) = (2\xi)^{-1} \int_0^{+\infty} \phi_x(t) e^{-t/\xi} dt,$$

where

$$\phi_x(t) = f(x+t) - 2f(x) + f(x-t).$$

Hence

$$|P(x, \xi) - f(x)| \leq (2\xi)^{-1} \int_0^{+\infty} |\phi_x(t)| e^{-t/\xi} dt \leq (2\xi)^{-1} \int_0^{+\infty} \omega_2(f; t) e^{-t/\xi} dt =$$

$$= (2\xi)^{-1} \int_0^{+\infty} \omega_2(f; (t/\xi)\xi) e^{-t/\xi} dt \leq (2\xi)^{-1} \int_0^{+\infty} [1+t/\xi]^2 e^{-t/\xi} dt =$$

$$= (2\xi)^{-1} \omega_2(f; \xi) \xi \int_0^{+\infty} (1+2u+u^2) e^{-u} du = C \omega_2(f; \xi),$$

where by a simple calculus we have

$$C = \int_0^{+\infty} (1+2u+u^2) e^{-u} du / 2 = 5/2.$$

Passing to supremum with  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , we get the desired estimate.

(ii) If  $f' \in \text{Lip } \alpha$  then we get

$$\|f(x) - P(x, \xi)\| \leq (5/2) \omega_2(f; \xi) \leq (5/2) \xi \omega(f'; \xi) \leq (5/2) \xi^{1+\alpha}.$$

*Remark.* Obviously, the order of approximation in Theorem 2.1 (ii) cannot be obtained by Theorem 1.1.

Now, following the ideas in [5, p. 57, relation (7)], we shall generalize the Picard's singular integral in the following way.

For  $p \in \mathbb{N}$  let us consider

$$P_p(x, \xi) = -(2\xi)^{-1} \sum_{k=1}^{p+1} (-1)^k \binom{p+1}{k} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(x+kt) e^{-|t|/\xi} dt, \quad \xi > 0.$$

We shall prove

**THEOREM 2.2.** (i) *If  $f \in C_{2\pi}$  then we have*

$$\|f(x) - P_p(x, \xi)\| \leq \left[ \sum_{k=0}^{p+1} \binom{p+1}{k} k! \right] \omega_{p+1}(f; \xi), \quad \forall \xi > 0.$$

(ii) *If there exist  $f^{(p)} \in C_{2\pi}$  then we get*

$$\|f(x) - P_p(x, \xi)\| \leq \left[ \sum_{k=0}^{p+1} \binom{p+1}{k} k! \right] \xi^p \omega(f^{(p)}; \xi), \quad \forall \xi > 0.$$

*Proof.* We have

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) - P_p(x, \xi) &= f(x) (2\xi)^{-1} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-|t|/\xi} dt + \\ &+ (2\xi)^{-1} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \left[ \sum_{k=1}^{p+1} (-1)^k \binom{p+1}{k} \right] f(x+kt) e^{-|t|/\xi} dt = \\ &= (2\xi)^{-1} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} (-1)^{p+1} \Delta_t^{p+1} f(x) e^{-|t|/\xi} dt, \end{aligned}$$

wherefrom

$$\begin{aligned} |f(x) - P_p(x, \xi)| &\leq (2\xi)^{-1} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \omega_{p+1}(f; |t|) e^{-|t|/\xi} dt = \\ &= \xi^{-1} \int_0^{+\infty} \omega_{p+1}(f; t) e^{-t/\xi} dt = \xi^{-1} \int_0^{+\infty} \omega_{p+1}(f; (t/\xi)\xi) e^{-t/\xi} dt \leq \\ &\quad \text{(see [5, p. 48])} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq \xi^{-1} \omega_{p+1}(f; \xi) \int_0^{+\infty} (1+t/\xi)^{p+1} e^{-t/\xi} dt = \\ &= \omega_{p+1}(f; \xi) \int_0^{+\infty} (1+u)^{p+1} e^{-u} du = C_{p+1} \omega_{p+1}(f; \xi), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$C_{p+1} = \int_0^{+\infty} (1+u)^{p+1} e^{-u} du = \sum_{k=0}^{p+1} \binom{p+1}{k} k!.$$

Passing to supremum with  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , we get the desired estimate.

By  $\omega_{p+1}(f; \xi) \leq \xi^p \omega(f^{(p)}; \xi)$ , (ii) is an immediate consequence of (i).

*Remark.* A natural question which arises refers to the construction of singular integrals of Picard type which approximate the continuous functions defined on compact intervals. Thus, for example, if  $f$  is continuous on  $[0, 1]$  (we write  $f \in C[0, 1]$ ), then we can define

$$L[f](x, \xi) = \xi^{-1} \int_0^{+\infty} f(xe^{-t}) e^{-t/\xi} dt, \quad x \in [0, 1], \xi > 0.$$

In this case, the following pointwise estimate holds:

**THEOREM 2.3.** *If  $f \in C[0, 1]$  then*

$$|L[f](x, \xi) - f(x)| \leq 4\omega(f; \xi x), \quad \forall x \in [0, 1], \forall \xi > 0.$$

where

$$\omega(f; t) = \sup \{|f(x) - f(y)|; |x - y| \leq t, x, y \in [0, 1]\}.$$

*Proof.* Denoting  $e_i(t) = t^i, i = 0, 1, 2$ , we get

$$L[e_0](x, \xi) = 1,$$

$$L[e_1](x, \xi) = x\xi^{-1} \int_0^{+\infty} e^{-t(1+1/\xi)} dt =$$

$$= [x\xi^{-1} / (1+1/\xi)] [-e^{-t(1+1/\xi)}]_0^{+\infty} = x / (\xi + 1),$$

$$L[e_2](x, \xi) = x^2\xi^{-1} \int_0^{+\infty} e^{-t(2+1/\xi)} dt = x^2 / (2\xi + 1).$$

For fixed  $x \in [0, 1]$  we get

$$\begin{aligned} L[(e_1 - x)^2](x, \xi) &= x^2 / (2\xi + 1) - 2x^2 / (\xi + 1) + x^2 = \\ &= 2x^2\xi^2 / [(\xi + 1)(2\xi + 1)] \leq 2x^2\xi^2. \end{aligned}$$

Now, taking into account that  $L$  is a positive linear operator, by [3, Theorem 2.3] we immediately obtain

$$|L[f](x, \xi) - f(x)| \leq 2\omega(f; \sqrt{2} \cdot \xi x) \leq 4\omega(f; \xi x),$$

which proves the theorem.

At the end of this section we shall extend the Picard's singular integral to functions of two variables, in the following way.

Let us consider

$$C_{2\pi, 2\pi} = \{f : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}; f \text{ is continuous on } \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$$

and  $2\pi$ -periodic in each variable\},

$$\|f\| = \sup \{|f(x, y)|; x, y \in \mathbb{R}\}, \quad \forall f \in C_{2\pi, 2\pi},$$

$$\omega(f; \xi, \eta) = \sup \{|f(x+h, y+k) - f(x, y)|; 0 \leq h \leq \xi, 0 \leq k \leq \eta, x, y \in \mathbb{R}\},$$

$$\xi, \eta > 0,$$

and for  $f \in C_{2\pi, 2\pi}$

$$P(x, y, \xi, \eta) = (4\xi\eta)^{-1} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(x+t, y+s) e^{-|t|/\xi} \cdot e^{-|s|/\eta} dt ds, \quad \xi, \eta > 0.$$

We shall prove

**THEOREM 2.4.** *If  $f \in C_{2\pi, 2\pi}$  then we have*

$$\|f(x, y) - P(x, y, \xi, \eta)\| \leq 3\omega(f; \xi, \eta), \quad \forall \xi, \eta > 0,$$

where the uniform norm  $\|\cdot\|$  is applied to  $x$  and  $y$ .

*Proof.* We have

$$\begin{aligned} & |P(x, y, \xi, \eta) - f(x, y)| = \\ &= (4\xi\eta)^{-1} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} [f(x+t, y+s) - f(x, y)] e^{-|t|/\xi} \cdot e^{-|s|/\eta} dt ds \leq \\ &= (4\xi\eta)^{-1} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \omega(f; |t|, |s|) e^{-|t|/\xi} \cdot e^{-|s|/\eta} dt ds = \\ &= (\xi\eta)^{-1} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \omega(f; (t/\xi)\xi, (s/\eta)\eta) e^{-|t|/\xi} \cdot e^{-|s|/\eta} dt ds \leq \\ &\leq (\xi\eta)^{-1} \omega(f; \xi, \eta) \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} [1 + |t|/\xi + |s|/\eta] e^{-|t|/\xi} \cdot e^{-|s|/\eta} dt ds = 3\omega(f; \xi, \eta), \end{aligned}$$

wherefrom passing to supremum with  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ , we get our estimate.

### 3. POISSON-CAUCHY AND GAUSS-WEIERSTRASS-TYPE INTEGRALS

Some ideas in the previous section will be considered in the case of the Poisson-Cauchy and Gauss-Weierstrass singular integrals, too.

Firstly, we shall prove

**THEOREM 3.1.** (i) *If  $f \in C_{2\pi}$  then we have*

$$(1) \quad \|f(x) - Q(x, \xi)\| \leq [1 + (1/\pi) \ln(\pi^2 + 1)] \xi^{-1} \omega_2(f; \xi) + (2/\pi^2) \xi \|f\|,$$

$$\xi \in (0, 1]$$

and

$$(2) \quad \|f(x) - W(x, \xi)\| \leq (1/\sqrt{\pi})(\sqrt{\pi}/2 + 1 + \sqrt{\pi}/4) \xi^{-1} \omega_2(f; \xi) + (\xi/\pi^{5/2}) \|f\|, \quad \xi \in (0, 1]$$

If, moreover,  $f \notin C$  (constant) then as  $\xi \rightarrow 0+$  we get

$$\|f(x) - Q(x, \xi)\| = \mathcal{O}(\xi^{-1} \omega_2(f; \xi))$$

$$\|f(x) - W(x, \xi)\| = \mathcal{O}(\xi^{-1} \omega_2(f; \xi)).$$

(ii) If  $f \notin C$  (constant) and  $f' \in \text{Lip } \alpha$  then as  $\xi \rightarrow 0+$  we have

$$\|f(x) - Q(x, \xi)\| = \mathcal{O}(\xi^\alpha)$$

and

$$\|f(x) - W(x, \xi)\| = \mathcal{O}(\xi^\alpha).$$

*Proof.* (i) By the proof of Theorem 1 in [8] (relations (4.3), (4.4), (4.8) and (4.9)) we get

$$Q(x, \xi) - f(x) = (\xi/\pi) \int_0^\pi [\phi_x(t)/(t^2 + \xi^2)] dt - f(x) E(\xi),$$

$$W(x, \xi) - f(x) = (\pi\xi)^{-1/2} \int_0^\pi \phi_x(t) e^{-t^2/\xi} dt - R(x, \xi),$$

where for all  $\xi > 0$  we have

$$|E(\xi)| = E(\xi) = 1 - (2\xi/\pi) \int_0^\pi dt/(t^2 + \xi^2) = 1 - (2/\pi) \text{arctg}(\pi/\xi) \leq (2/\pi^2) \xi$$

and

$$|R(x, \xi)| \leq (\sqrt{\pi})^{-1} \|f\| e^{-\pi^2/\xi} \leq (\sqrt{\pi})^{-1} (\xi/\pi^2) \|f\|.$$

Hence, for  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $\xi > 0$  we obtain

$$(3) \quad |Q(x, \xi) - f(x)| = (\xi/\pi) \int_0^\pi [\omega_2(f; t)/(t^2 + \xi^2)] dt + \|f\| \cdot |E(\xi)|$$

and

$$(4) \quad |W(x, \xi) - f(x)| \leq (\pi\xi)^{-1/2} \int_0^\pi \omega_2(f; t) e^{-t^2/\xi} dt + |R(x, \xi)|.$$

But

$$(\xi/\pi) \int_0^\pi [\omega_2(f; t)/(t^2 + \xi^2)] dt = (\xi/\pi) \int_0^\pi [\omega_2(f; (t/\xi)\xi)/(t^2 + \xi^2)] dt \leq$$

$$\leq (\xi/\pi) \omega_2(f; \xi) \int_0^\pi [(1+t/\xi)^2/(t^2 + \xi^2)] dt =$$

$$= (\xi/\pi) \omega_2(f; \xi) \int_0^\pi \{1/\xi^2 + 2t/[\xi(t^2 + \xi^2)]\} dt =$$

$$= (\xi/\pi) \omega_2(f; \xi) [\pi/\xi^2 + (1/\xi) \ln((\pi^2 + \xi^2)/\xi^2)] = \omega_2(f; \xi)/\xi +$$

$$+ (1/\pi) \omega_2(f; \xi) \ln((\pi^2 + \xi^2)/\xi^2) \leq [1 + (1/\pi) \ln(\pi^2 + 1)] \xi^{-1} \omega_2(f; \xi),$$

for all  $\xi \in (0, 1]$ , since it is easy to prove that

$$\ln[(\pi^2 + \xi^2)/\xi^2] \leq (1/\xi) \ln(\pi^2 + 1), \quad \forall \xi \in (0, 1].$$

Then by (3) we immediately get (1).

Analogously, in the case of  $W(x, \xi)$  we have

$$(\pi\xi)^{-1/2} \int_0^\pi \omega_2(f; t) e^{-t^2/\xi} dt \leq (\pi\xi)^{-1/2} \omega_2(f; \xi) \int_0^\pi (1+t/\xi)^2 e^{-t^2/\xi} dt \leq$$

$$\leq (\pi\xi)^{-1/2} \omega_2(f; \xi) \left\{ (\pi\xi)^{1/2} / 2 + 1 + \xi^{-1/2} \int_0^\infty u^2 e^{-u^2} du \right\} =$$

(by [7, p. 17, Problem 1.40, c])

$$= (\pi\xi)^{-1/2} \omega_2(f; \xi) \{ (\pi\xi)^{1/2} / 2 + 1 + \xi^{-1/2} (\sqrt{\pi}/4) \} \leq$$

$$\leq (1/\sqrt{\pi}) (\sqrt{\pi}/2 + 1 + \sqrt{\pi}/4) \xi^{-1} \omega_2(f; \xi), \quad \text{for all } \xi \in (0, 1],$$

which, together with (4), immediately proves (2).

The condition  $\neq C$  (constant) implies  $\omega_2(f; \pi) \neq 0$ . Indeed, if  $\omega_2(f; \pi) = 0$ , then by [5, p. 52, Problem 4] we easily get that  $f$  is linear on each interval, which combined with  $f \in C_{2\pi}$ , implies the contradiction  $f \equiv C$  (constant) on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

Then by [2, p. 488, Property 7] we get

$$\xi = \xi^{-1} \xi^2 = \xi^{-1} \mathcal{O}(\omega_2(f; \xi)) = \mathcal{O}(\xi^{-1} \omega_2(f; \xi)),$$

which, together with (1) and (2), immediately gives

$$\|f(x) - Q(x, \xi)\| = \mathcal{O}(\xi^{-1} \omega_2(f; \xi)),$$

$$\|f(x) - W(x, \xi)\| = \mathcal{O}(\xi^{-1} \omega_2(f; \xi)).$$

(ii) By (i) we get

$$\|f(x) - Q(x, \xi)\| = \mathcal{O}(\xi^{-1} \omega_2(f; \xi)) = \mathcal{O}(\xi^{-1} \xi \omega(f'; \xi)) = \mathcal{O}(\xi^\alpha).$$

The proof in the case of  $W(x, \xi)$  is entirely analogous.

*Remark.* Obviously, the estimates in Theorem 3.1 cannot be obtained by Theorem 1.1. On the other hand, note that the same condition  $f \neq C$  (constant) is necessary for the validity of the estimates in Theorem 1.1, too, concerning the approximation by  $Q(x, \xi)$  and  $W(x, \xi)$ .

The method in [5, p. 57, relation (7)] can be used in the Poisson-Cauchy and Gauss-Weierstrass integrals, too. As, for example, the Gauss-Weierstrass singular integrals can be generalized by

$$W_p(x, \xi) = -[1/(2C(\xi))] \sum_{k=1}^{p+1} (-1)^k \binom{p+1}{k} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x+kt) e^{-t^2/\xi^2} dt,$$

where  $p \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ ,  $\xi > 0$ ,  $r > p/2 + 2$  and  $C(\xi) = \int_0^\pi e^{-t^2/\xi^2} dt$ , then an analogue

with Theorem 2.2 (in Section 2) can be proved in this case, too.

Firstly, we need the following.

LEMMA 3.2. *We have*

$$\xi \int_0^\pi e^{-u^2} du \leq C(\xi) \leq \xi \sqrt{\pi}/2, \quad 0 < \xi \leq 1.$$

*Proof.* We can write (see, e.g., [7, p. 17, Problem 1.40, c])

$$\int_0^\pi e^{-t^2/\xi} dt = \xi \int_0^{\pi/\xi} e^{-u^2} du \leq \xi \int_0^\infty e^{-u^2} du = \xi \sqrt{\pi}/2, \quad \forall \xi > 0.$$

On the other hand, for  $\xi \leq 1$  we get

$$\xi \int_0^{\pi/\xi} e^{-u^2} du \geq \xi \int_0^\pi e^{-u^2} du,$$

since  $e^{-u^2} > 0$  and  $\pi/\xi \geq \pi$ , which proves the lemma.

Similar with Theorem 2.2

THEOREM 3.3. *We have*

$$(5) \quad \|f(x) - W_p(x, \xi)\| = \mathcal{O}(\omega_{p+1}(f; \xi)), \quad \forall 0 < \xi \leq 1.$$

*Proof.* We get

$$f(x) - W_p(x, \xi) = [1/(2C(\xi))] \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} (-1)^{p+1} \Delta_{p+1} f(x) e^{-t^2/\xi^2} dt,$$

which implies

$$\begin{aligned} |f(x) - W_p(x, \xi)| &\leq [1/C(\xi)] \int_0^\pi \omega_{p+1}(f; t) e^{-t^2/\xi^2} dt \leq \\ &\leq [1/C(\xi)] \omega_{p+1}(f; \xi) \int_0^\pi [1+t/\xi]^{p+1} e^{-t^2/\xi^2} dt = \end{aligned}$$

$$= [\xi / C(\xi)] \omega_{p+1}(f; \xi) \int_0^{\pi/\xi} [1+u]^{p+1} e^{-u^2} du \leq$$

(Lemma 3.2)

$$\leq \left[ \xi / \left( \xi \int_0^{\pi} e^{-u^2} du \right) \right] \omega_{p+1}(f; \xi) \int_0^{+\infty} [1+u]^{p+1} e^{-u^2} du =$$

$$= \left[ 1 / \int_0^{\pi} e^{-u^2} du \right] \left[ \int_0^{+\infty} [1+u]^{p+1} e^{-u^2} du \right] \omega_{p+1}(f; \xi) =$$

$$= \mathcal{O}(\omega_{p+1}(f; \xi)), \quad 0 < \xi \leq 1,$$

which proves the theorem.

#### 4. FINAL REMARKS

*Remark 4.1.* Related with  $Q(x, \xi)$ , the Poisson-Cauchy singular integral in Introduction, it is the well-known Poisson integral defined by

$$I(x, \xi) = (\xi / \pi) \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} [f(x+t) / (t^2 + \xi^2)] dt, \quad \xi > 0.$$

As concerns this integral, Th. Angheluță proved in [1] the estimate

$$\|f(x) - I(x, \xi)\| = \mathcal{O}(\omega(f; \xi) |\ln(1/\xi)|), \quad \text{as } \xi \rightarrow 0+, \quad f \in C_{2\pi}.$$

Comparing with Theorem 1.1, we note that although  $Q(x, \xi)$  and  $I(x, \xi)$  differ in their limits of integration, they give the same order of approximation.

*Remark 4.2.* It is not difficult to verify that, for example,  $Q(x, \xi)$  and  $W(x, \xi)$  are positive linear operators on  $C_{2\pi}$ , satisfying the conditions in the classical Korovkin's result.

However, it is easy to verify that the estimates which can be derived by, e.g., [3] are weaker than those given by our previous results.

*Remark 4.3.* As regards the Poisson singular integral  $I(x, \xi)$  in Remark 4.1, a saturation theorem is proved in [6]. Then it would be of interest to obtain saturation theorems for  $P(x, \xi)$ ,  $P_p(x, \xi)$ ,  $Q(x, \xi)$ ,  $W(x, \xi)$  and  $W_p(x, \xi)$ , too.

*Remark 4.4.* With respect to the Poisson singular integral  $I(x, \xi)$ , it is known the following Hardy-Littlewood's result (see, e.g., [9, p. 101]):

$$f \in \text{Lip } \alpha \quad (0 < \alpha \leq 1) \quad \text{iff} \quad \partial I(x, \xi) / \partial x = \mathcal{O}(\xi^{\alpha-1}), \quad \xi \rightarrow 0+.$$

A question which arises is to give an analogous characterization for  $\partial P(x, \xi) / \partial x$ ,  $\partial P_p(x, \xi) / \partial x$ ,  $\partial Q(x, \xi) / \partial x$ ,  $\partial W(x, \xi) / \partial x$  and  $\partial W_p(x, \xi) / \partial x$ , too.

*Remark 4.5.* Direct and converse approximation results in uniform approximation by linear combinations of Gauss-Weierstrass-type operators obtained in  $W(x, \xi)$  by replacing  $\pi$  with  $+\infty$  and  $-\pi$  with  $-\infty$ , were given in [10].

Also, the results in [10] are given in terms of the  $L^p$ -norm in [11].

Then it would be of interest to obtain the estimates in the present paper by replacing the uniform norm with the  $L^p$ -norm,  $p > 0$ .

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