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**A REFINED INVERSE INEQUALITY OF APPROXIMATION  
IN WEIGHTED VARIABLE EXPONENT LEBESGUE  
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Let  $\mathbb{T} = [-\pi, \pi)$  and  $w : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^1$  be an almost everywhere positive, integrable function.

By  $P(\mathbb{T})$  we denote the class of measurable,  $2\pi$ -periodic functions on  $\mathbb{T}$  such that

$$1 < p_- \leq p(x) \leq p_+ < \infty,$$

where

$$p_- = \operatorname{ess\,inf}_{x \in \mathbb{T}} p(x) \quad \text{and} \quad p_+ = \operatorname{ess\,sup}_{x \in \mathbb{T}} p(x).$$

By  $L_w^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{T})$  we denote the weighted Banach function space of measurable  $2\pi$ -periodic functions  $f : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^1$  such that

$$\|f\|_{p(\cdot), w} = \inf \left\{ \lambda > 0 : \int_{\mathbb{T}} \left| \frac{f(x)w(x)}{\lambda} \right|^{p(x)} dx \leq 1 \right\} < \infty.$$

**Definition 1.** A variable exponent  $p \in \tilde{P}(\mathbb{T})$  if  $p \in P(\mathbb{T})$  and

$$|p(x_1) - p(x_2)| \leq \frac{c}{|\ln |x_1 - x_2||} \quad \text{for all } x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{T}.$$

**Definition 2.** By the symbol  $A_{p(\cdot)}$  we denote the class of weights satisfying the condition

$$\sup_{I \in \mathcal{J}} \frac{1}{|I|^{p_I}} \|w^{p(\cdot)}\|_1 \left\| \frac{1}{w^{p(\cdot)}} \right\|_{p'(\cdot)/p(\cdot)} < \infty,$$

where

$$p_I = \left( \frac{1}{|I|} \int_I \frac{dx}{p(x)} \right)^{-1}$$

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and  $J$  is the class of all intervals in  $\mathbb{T}$ .

Note that in [2] it was proved that when  $p \in \tilde{P}$  and  $w \in A_{p(\cdot)}$ , then the Hardy–Littlewood maximal function is bounded in  $L_w^{p(\cdot)}$ .

By  $E_n(f)_{p(\cdot),w}$  we denote the best approximation of  $f \in L_w^{p(\cdot)}$  by trigonometric polynomials of degree  $\leq n$ , i.e.

$$E_n(f)_{p(\cdot),w} = \inf \|f - T_k\|_{p(\cdot),w},$$

where the infimum is taken with respect to all trigonometric polynomials of degree  $\leq n$ .

The generalized modulus of a function  $f \in L_w^{p(\cdot)}$  is defined as

$$\Omega_l(f, \delta) = \sup_{0 < h_i < \delta} \left\| \prod_{i=j}^l (I - A_{h_j}) f \right\|_{p(\cdot),w}, \quad \delta > 0,$$

where  $I$  is the identity operator and

$$(A_{h_j}(f))(x) = \frac{1}{2h_j} \int_{x-h_j}^{x+h_j} f(u) du.$$

Note that if  $w \in A_{p(\cdot)}$ , then  $\Omega_l(f, \delta)$  is well-defined [2].

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $p \in \tilde{P}(I)$  and let  $w^{-p_0} \in A_{(p(\cdot)/p_0)^\gamma}$  for some  $p_0$ ,  $1 < p_0 < p_-$ . Then there exists a positive constant  $c$  such that*

$$\Omega_l \left( f, \frac{1}{n+1} \right) \leq \frac{c}{(n+1)^l} \left( \sum_{\nu=0}^n (\nu+1)^{\gamma l-1} E_\nu^\gamma(f)_{p(\cdot),w} \right)^{1/\gamma}, \quad (1)$$

where  $\gamma = \min(2, p_-)$ .

**Theorem 2.** *Under the conditions of Theorem 1, if*

$$\sum_{\nu=1}^{\infty} \nu^{\gamma r-1} E_\nu^\gamma(f)_{p(\cdot),w} < \infty,$$

for some  $r \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $\gamma = \min(2, p_-)$ , then  $f(x)$  has the absolutely continuous derivative  $f^{(r-1)}(x)$  and  $f^{(r)} \in L_w^{p(\cdot)}$  and there exists a positive constant  $c$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega_l \left( f^{(r)}, \frac{1}{n+1} \right)_{p(\cdot),w} &\leq \frac{c}{(n+1)^r} \left( \sum_{\nu=0}^n (\nu+1)^{\gamma r-1} E_\nu^\gamma(f)_{p(\cdot),w} \right)^{1/\gamma} + \\ &+ c \left( \sum_{\nu=1}^{\infty} \nu^{\gamma r-1} E_\nu^\gamma(f)_{p(\cdot),w} \right)^{1/\gamma}, \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

where  $\gamma = \min(2, p_-)$ .

The proofs are based on our results on the weighted extrapolation theorem [4] and its corollaries, in particular on an analogue of the Littlewood–Paley theorem in weighted variable Lebesgue spaces

**Theorem A** [4]. *Let  $f$  be a  $2\pi$ -periodic function and*

$$f(x) \sim \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} A_k(x), \quad A_k(x) = a_k \cos kx + b_k \sin kx.$$

*Let  $w^{-p_0} \in A_{(p(\cdot)/p_0)}$  for some  $p_0$ ,  $1 < p_0 < p_-$ . Then there exist constants  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  such that*

$$c_1 \|f\|_{p(\cdot),w} \leq \left\| \left( \sum_{\nu=0}^{\infty} \left| \sum_{k=2^{\nu-1}}^{2^{\nu}-1} A_k(x) \right|^2 \right)^{1/2} \right\|_{p(\cdot),w} \leq c_2 \|f\|_{p(\cdot),w}.$$

In the previous theorem we assume that  $A_{2^{-1}}(x) = 0$ .

The following two simple lemmas are needed in the proof.

**Lemma 1.** *Let  $1 < p_- \leq 2$ . Then for an arbitrary system of functions  $\{\varphi_j(x)\}_{j=1}^m$ ,  $\varphi_j \in L_w^{p(\cdot)}$  we have*

$$\left\| \left( \sum_{j=1}^m \varphi_j^2 \right)^{1/2} \right\|_{p(\cdot),w} \leq c \left( \sum_{j=1}^m \|\varphi_j\|_{p(\cdot),w}^{p_-} \right)^{1/p_-}$$

*with a constant  $c$  independent of  $\varphi_j$  and  $m$ .*

**Lemma 2.** *Let  $p_- > 2$ . Then for an arbitrary system of functions  $\{\varphi_j(x)\}_{j=1}^m$ ,  $\varphi_j \in L_w^{p(\cdot)}$  we have*

$$\left\| \left( \sum_{j=1}^m \varphi_j^2 \right)^{1/2} \right\|_{p(\cdot),w} \leq c \left( \sum_{j=1}^m \|\varphi_j\|_{p(\cdot),w}^2 \right)^{1/2}.$$

Estimates (1) and (2) are sharper versions of the estimates obtained in [3]; they completely recover results known for the constant exponent case (see [1], [5]).

The weight function

$$w(x) = \prod_{k=1}^n |x - x_k|^{\beta_k}, \quad x_k \in \mathbb{T}, \quad x_j \neq x_k \text{ if } j \neq k,$$

where

$$-\frac{1}{p(x_k)} < \beta_k < \frac{1}{p'(x_k)}$$

satisfies the conditions of Theorems 1 and 2. For more general weights we refer to [4].

*Sketch of the proof of Theorem 1.* Let  $2^m \leq n+1 < 2^{m+1}$ . By  $S_n(f, x)$  we denote the partial sums of  $f \in L_w^{p(\cdot)}$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega_l \left( f, \frac{1}{n+1} \right) &\leq \Omega_l \left( f - S_{2^m}, \frac{1}{n+1} \right)_{p(\cdot), w} + \Omega_l \left( S_{2^m}, \frac{1}{n+1} \right)_{p(\cdot), w} \leq \\ &\leq cE_{2^m}(f)_{p(\cdot), w} + \Omega_l \left( S_{2^m}, \frac{1}{n+1} \right)_{p(\cdot), w}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega_l \left( S_{2^m}, \frac{1}{n+1} \right) &\leq \frac{c}{(n+1)^l} \left\{ \|S_1^{(l)} - S_0^{(l)}\|_{p(\cdot), w} + \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \left\| \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} (S_{2^{i+1}}^{(l)} - S_{2^i}^{(l)}) \right\|_{p(\cdot), w} \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

For the first term on the right side we have

$$\|S_1^{(l)} - S_0^{(l)}\|_{p(\cdot), w} \leq c(|a_1| + |b_1|) \leq cE_0(f)_{p(\cdot), w}. \quad (4)$$

Let now

$$B_{k, \mu} := a_k \cos \left( k + \mu \frac{\pi}{2} \right) x + b_k \sin \left( k + \mu \frac{\pi}{2} \right) x.$$

Applying Theorem A, we get

$$\left\| \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} \{S_{2^{i+1}}^{(l)} - S_{2^i}^{(l)}\} \right\|_{p(\cdot), w} \leq \left\| \left( \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} \left| \sum_{k=2^i+1}^{2^{i+1}} k^l B_{k, l}(x) \right|^2 \right)^{1/2} \right\|_{p(\cdot), w}.$$

Now by using Lemmas 1 and 2 we conclude that

$$\left\| \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} \{S_{2^{i+1}}^{(l)} - S_{2^i}^{(l)}\} \right\|_{p(\cdot), w} \leq \left\| \left( \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} \left| \sum_{k=2^i+1}^{2^{i+1}} k^l B_{k, l}(x) \right|^\gamma \right)^{1/\gamma} \right\|_{p(\cdot), w}, \quad (5)$$

where  $\gamma = \min(2, p_-)$ .

By means of the Abel transformation and the estimate

$$\|f(x) - S_k(f, \cdot)\|_{p(\cdot), w} \leq cE_n(f)_{p(\cdot), w}$$

we derive the inequality

$$\left\| \sum_{k=2^i+1}^{2^{i+1}} k^l B_{k, l}(x) \right\|_{p(\cdot), w} \leq c2^{il} E_{2^i}(f)_{p(\cdot), w}. \quad (6)$$

Finally from (3) – (6) we obtain the desired estimate (1).

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