

JACKSON TYPE THEOREMS IN APPROXIMATION BY RECIPROCAL OF POLYNOMIALS

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ABSTRACT. It was previously shown by the authors that Jackson type theorems hold for the case of approximating a continuous real-valued function f on a real interval by the reciprocals of complex polynomials. In this paper we extend these results to the general case when f is complex-valued.

1. Statement of results. Let $C^*[-\pi, \pi]$ denote the set of 2π -periodic continuous complex-valued functions and let $C[-1, 1]$ denote the set of continuous complex-valued functions on $[-1, 1]$. For any $f \in C^*[-\pi, \pi]$ (resp. $f \in C[-1, 1]$) we denote by $E_{0n}^*(f)$ (resp. by $E_{0n}(f)$) the error in best uniform approximation of f on $[-\pi, \pi]$ (resp. on $[-1, 1]$) by reciprocals of trigonometric (resp. algebraic) polynomials of degree $\leq n$ with complex coefficients.

Our goal is to prove the following Jackson type theorems.

THEOREM 1. *There exists a constant M such that for any $f \in C^*[-\pi, \pi]$,*

$$E_{0n}^*(f) \leq M\omega(f; n^{-1}), \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots,$$

where $\omega(f; \delta)$ denotes the modulus of continuity of f on $[-\pi, \pi]$.

THEOREM 2. *There exists a constant M such that, for any $f \in C[-1, 1]$,*

$$E_{0n}(f) \leq M\omega(f; n^{-1}), \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots,$$

where $\omega(f; \delta)$ denotes the modulus of continuity of f on $[-1, 1]$.

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