

## Weighted Best Local Approximation

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**Abstract.** In this survey the notion of a balanced best multipoint local approximation is fully exposed since they were treated in the  $L^p$  spaces and recent results in Orlicz spaces. The notion of balanced point, introduced by Chui et al. in 1984 are extensively used.

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### 1 Introduction

The notion of a best multipoint local approximations of a function is fully treated in [2] where the  $L^p$  norm is used. Later, other approaches to best multipoint local approximations with  $L^p$  norms appeared in [7] and [8]. And finally, for Orlicz norms, we mention [3,5,9,12,13] and for a general family of norms [6,10] and [14]. However, in [2], Chui et al. introduced the concept of balanced points in  $L^p$  which includes different importance in each point.

More precisely, a rather general view of the problem is as follows. Let  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a function in a normed space  $X$  with norm  $\|\cdot\|$ . Let  $\Pi^m$  denote the set of polynomial in  $\mathbb{R}$  of degree less or equal than  $m$  and suppose  $\Pi^m \subseteq X$ . Consider  $n$  points  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  in  $\mathbb{R}$  and a net of small Lebesgue measurable neighborhoods  $V_i^\delta$  around each point  $x_i$  such that the Lebesgue measure  $|V_i^\delta|$  goes to 0 as  $\delta \rightarrow 0$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ . We select the best approximation to  $f$  near the points  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  by polynomial in  $\Pi^m$ . Formally, for each  $n$ -tuple of neighborhoods  $V_1, \dots, V_n$  we consider the polynomial  $g_V \in \Pi^m$  which minimizes

$$\|(f-h)\chi_V\| \tag{1.1}$$

for all  $h \in \Pi^m$ , where  $V = \cup_{i=1}^n V_i$  and  $V_i = V_i^\delta$ . It is well known that a best  $\|\cdot\|$ -approximation  $g_V$  always exists since  $\Pi^m$  has finite dimension. If any net  $g_V$  converges to a unique

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element  $g \in \Pi^m$ , as  $\delta \rightarrow 0$ , then  $g$  is said to be a best local approximation to  $f$  at the points  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ . We will mention in this survey all the works which consider that the velocity of convergence  $|V_i| \rightarrow 0$ , as  $|V| \rightarrow 0$ , can be different at each point  $x_i$ . According to [2], this problem has been treated considering the concept of balanced neighborhoods in local approximation and it reflects the different importance of the points  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ . We need to deal with the necessary definition of balanced neighborhoods in each context.

As we pointed out above, Chui et al. study in [2] this problem when the space  $X$  is the usual  $L^p$  space, with the norm  $\|f\|_p = (\int_B |f(x)|^p dx)^{1/p}$ , where  $B$  is a measurable set. They get results for balanced and non balanced neighborhoods. At last they generalize the results to the case of  $\mathbb{R}^k$  instead of  $\mathbb{R}$ . On the other hand, in [4], the authors get balanced results in  $L^p$  using other technique. We will discuss the  $L^p$  problem with more details in Section 3.

In [11] and [12] the authors study the problem in Orlicz spaces, it means,

$$X = L^\phi(B) := \left\{ f : \int_B \phi(\alpha|f(x)|) dx < \infty \text{ for some } \alpha > 0 \right\},$$

where  $\phi$  is a convex function, non negative, defined on  $\mathbb{R}_0^+$  and  $B$  is a Lebesgue measurable set. In these two works, the authors studied the best local approximation problem with the Luxemburg norm

$$\|f\|_\phi = \|f\|_{L^\phi(B)} = \inf \left\{ \lambda > 0 : \int_B \phi\left(\frac{|f(x)|}{\lambda}\right) dx \leq 1 \right\} \tag{1.2}$$

and get results for balanced and non balanced neighborhoods. Furthermore, we can consider a different Luxemburg norms in Orlicz Spaces, that is

$$\|f\|_{\phi,B} = \inf \left\{ \lambda > 0 : \int_B \phi\left(\frac{|f(x)|}{\lambda}\right) dx \leq |B| \right\} \tag{1.3}$$

and it can generate different best approximation functions  $g_V$  than those obtained with the standard Luxemburg norm given in (1.2). In [13] the authors study the balanced neighborhoods problem with this norm using a different technique than that used in [11] and [12].

Moreover, in [9] the authors study the balanced problem in Orlicz spaces  $L^\phi$  when the error (1.1) does not come from a norm, but considering

$$\int_V \phi(|f(x) - g_V(x)|) dx = \min_{h \in \pi^n} \int_V \phi(|f(x) - h(x)|) dx.$$

The last three problems in  $L^p$  are equivalent, but in Orlicz spaces they are different problems and have different concepts of balanced neighborhoods. In Section 4 we will present the three problems in Orlicz spaces in detail.