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Whitney's theorem for local anisotropic polynomial L_p -approximation, $0 < p < 1^\dagger$

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Abstract

Dinh Dũng and T. Ullrich have proven a multivariate Whitney's theorem for the local anisotropic polynomial approximation in $L_p(Q)$ for $1 \leq p \leq \infty$, where Q is a d -parallelepiped in \mathbb{R}^d with sides parallel to the coordinate axes. They considered the error of best approximation of a function f by algebraic polynomials of fixed degree at most $r_i - 1$ in the variable x_i , $i = 1, \dots, d$. The convergence rate of the approximation error when the size of Q goes to $\mathbf{0}$ is characterized by a so-called total mixed modulus of smoothness. The method of proof used by these authors is not suitable for the case $0 < p < 1$. In the present paper, by a different technique we prove this theorem for $0 < p \leq \infty$.

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§1. Introduction

Let $\omega_r(f, \cdot)_{p,I}$ be the r th modulus of smoothness of a function $f \in L_p(I)$ and let $E_r(f)_{p,I}$ be the error of best L_p -approximation of f by algebraic polynomials of degree at most

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