

On exact inequalities of Kolmogorov type

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1. Introduction

Let G be the real line \mathbf{R} or the unite circle \mathbf{T} , which is realized as the interval $[-\pi, \pi]$ with coincident endpoints, or a finite interval $[a, b]$. We shall consider the spaces $L_p(G)$, $0 < p \leq \infty$, of all measurable functions $x : G \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ such that $\|x\|_{L_p(G)} < \infty$, where

$$\|x\|_{L_p(G)} := \left\{ \int_G |x(t)|^p dt \right\}^{1/p}$$

if $0 < p < \infty$ and

$$\|x\|_{L_\infty(G)} := \sup_{t \in G} \text{vrai } |x(t)|.$$

For $x \in L_p(G)$ we set $E_0(x)_{L_p(G)} := \inf_{c \in \mathbf{R}} \|x - c\|_{L_p(G)}$. We will write $\|\cdot\|_p$ instead of $\|\cdot\|_{L_p(\mathbf{T})}$, $E_0(\cdot)_p$ instead of $E_0(\cdot)_{L_p(\mathbf{T})}$ and L_p instead of $L_p(\mathbf{T})$.

For a differentiable function $x \in L_p(\mathbf{R})$ or $x \in L_p$ we set

$$\|x\|_p := \sup \{ E_0(x)_{L_p[a,b]} : x'(t) \neq 0 \quad \forall t \in (a, b), \quad a, b \in \mathbf{R} \}. \quad (1.1)$$

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For $r \in \mathbf{N}$, $p > 0$ denote by $L_p^r(G)$ the space of all functions $x \in L_p(G)$ such that $x^{(r-1)}(x^{(0)} := x)$ is locally absolutely continuous and $x^{(r)} \in L_p(G)$. We set $W_\infty^r(G) := \{x \in L_\infty^r(G) : \|x^{(r)}\|_{L_\infty(G)} \leq 1\}$. Let $\varphi_0(t) = \operatorname{sgn} \sin t$, $t \in \mathbf{R}$, and let $\varphi_r(t)$ be its r^{th} 2π -periodic integral the mean value of which is equal to zero.

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$$\|x^{(k)}\|_q \leq C \|x\|_p^\alpha \|x^{(r)}\|_s^{1-\alpha} \tag{1.2}$$

for 2π -periodic functions $x \in L_s^r$, where $k, r \in \mathbf{N}$, $k < r$; $q, p, s \in [1, \infty]$; $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ are of great importance for many problems of analysis. It is well known [1] that inequality (1.2) holds for any $x \in L_s^r$ if and only if $\alpha \leq \alpha_{cr}$, where

$$\alpha_{cr} := \min \left\{ 1 - \frac{k}{r}, \frac{r - k - s^{-1} + q^{-1}}{r - s^{-1} + p^{-1}} \right\}.$$

Note that the inequalities of type (1.2) with the maximal exponent $\alpha = \alpha_{cr}$ are of the most interest.

We will discuss in this paper the inequalities of the form

$$\|x^{(k)}\|_q \leq C \|x\|_p^\alpha \|x^{(r)}\|_\infty^{1-\alpha} \tag{1.3}$$

for 2π -periodic functions $x \in L_\infty^r$, where $k, r \in \mathbf{N}$, $k < r$; $q \in [1, \infty]$; $p \in (0, \infty]$; $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ and the value $\|x\|_p$ is defined by (1.1). It is easy to see that the maximal exponent α in the inequality of the form (1.3) is $\alpha = (r - k)/(r + 1/p)$. In this paper some new exact inequalities of form (1.3) for functions $x \in L_\infty^r$ and for any $q \in [1, \infty]$, $p \in (0, \infty]$ are obtained, where $\alpha = (r - k)/(r + 1/p)$ (see Theorem 3). By means of Theorem 3 a new exact inequality of Bernstein's type for trigonometric polynomials τ of order $\leq n$ and for any $p \in (0, \infty]$, $q \in [1, \infty]$ is proved (Theorem 4). An analog of Theorem 4 for polynomial splines also is obtained (Theorem 5).

For $r \in \mathbf{R}$, $\lambda > 0$ we set $\varphi_{\lambda,r}(t) := \lambda^{-r} \varphi_r(\lambda t + a_r)$, where a_r is chosen such that the spline $\varphi_{\lambda,r}(t)$ increases on $[-\pi/2\lambda, \pi/2\lambda]$. We need a modification of the Kolmogorov's comparison theorem [2].

Theorem 1. (see [3]). *Let $r \in \mathbf{N}$, $x \in W_\infty^r(\mathbf{R})$ and λ is chosen satisfying condition*

$$\|x\|_\infty = \|\varphi_{\lambda,r}\|_\infty.$$

Let then $[a, b]$ be an interval such that $x'(t) \neq 0 \forall t \in (a, b)$; $x'(a) = x'(b) = 0$.

If points $t \in [a, b]$ and $y \in [-\pi/2\lambda, \pi/2\lambda]$ are chosen such that

$$|x(b) - x(t)| = |\varphi_{\lambda,r}(\pi/2\lambda) - \varphi_{\lambda,r}(y)|$$

or such that

$$|x(t) - x(a)| = |\varphi_{\lambda,r}(y) - \varphi_{\lambda,r}(-\pi/2\lambda)|,$$

then

$$|x'(t)| \leq |\varphi'_{\lambda,r}(y)|.$$

Repeating the proof of Ligun's inequality [4], but applying Theorem 1 instead of Kolmogorov's comparison theorem, we obtain the following amplification of Ligun's inequality.

Theorem 2. *Let $k, r \in \mathbf{N}$, $k < r$. Then for any function $x \in L^r_\infty$ the inequality*

$$\|x^{(k)}\|_q \leq \frac{\|\varphi_{r-k}\|_q}{\|\varphi_r\|_\infty^{1-k/r}} \|x\|_\infty^{1-k/r} \|x^{(r)}\|_\infty^{k/r}$$

holds. The inequality becomes equality for functions $x(t) = a\varphi_r(nt + b)$, $a, b \in \mathbf{R}$, $n \in \mathbf{N}$.

R e m a r k. It is obvious that $\|x\|_\infty \leq \|x\|_{L_\infty(\mathbf{R})}$. Moreover, for any $M > 0$ there exists a function $x \in L^r_\infty(\mathbf{R})$ such that $\frac{\|x\|_{L_\infty(\mathbf{R})}}{\|x\|_\infty} > M$.

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Theorem 3. *Let $r, k \in \mathbf{N}$; $k < r$; $q \in [1, \infty]$, $p \in (0, \infty]$. Then for any function $x \in L^r_\infty$ the following inequalities hold:*

$$\|x^{(k)}\|_q \leq \frac{\|\varphi_{r-k}\|_q}{\|\varphi_r\|_p^{\frac{r-k}{r+1/p}}} \|x\|_p^{\frac{r-k}{r+1/p}} \|x^{(r)}\|_\infty^{\frac{k+1/p}{r+1/p}} \quad (2.1)$$

and

$$\|x\|_\infty \leq \frac{\|\varphi_r\|_\infty}{\|\varphi_r\|_p^{\frac{r}{r+1/p}}} \|x\|_p^{\frac{r}{r+1/p}} \|x^{(r)}\|_\infty^{\frac{1/p}{r+1/p}}. \quad (2.2)$$

The inequalities (2.1) and (2.2) are the best possible and become equalities for functions $x(t) = a\varphi_r(nt + b)$; $a, b \in \mathbf{R}$, $n \in \mathbf{N}$.

P r o o f. Fix any $x \in L^r_\infty$. Taking into account the homogeneity of the inequalities (2.1) and (2.2), we can assume that

$$\|x^{(r)}\|_\infty = 1. \quad (2.3)$$

Let us choose λ satisfying condition

$$\|x\|_\infty = \|\varphi_{\lambda,r}\|_\infty. \quad (2.4)$$

Let us prove that

$$\|x\|_p \geq \frac{1}{2^{1/p}} E_0(\varphi_{\lambda,r})_{L_p[0,2\pi/\lambda]}. \quad (2.5)$$

Since x is the periodic function, there exists the interval $[a, b]$ such that $x'(t) \neq 0 \forall t \in (a, b)$ and

$$\|x\|_\infty = E_0(x)_{L_\infty[a,b]}. \quad (2.6)$$

Without loss of generality we assume that the function x increases on $[a, b]$. Denote by $c_p = c_p(x)$ the constant of the best L_p -approximation of the contraction of the function x on the interval $[a, b]$, i.e., such constant that $E_0(x)_{L_p[a,b]} = \|x(t) - c_p(x)\|_{L_p[a,b]}$. It is clear that $x(t) - c_p(x)$ has an zero on $[a, b]$. Denote this zero by z . So

$$x(z) = c_p. \quad (2.7)$$

Let us choose $u \in [-\frac{\pi}{2\lambda}, \frac{\pi}{2\lambda}]$ such that

$$\varphi_{\lambda,r}\left(\frac{\pi}{2\lambda}\right) - \varphi_{\lambda,r}(u) = x(b) - x(z). \quad (2.8)$$

By (2.4) and (2.6)

$$\varphi_{\lambda,r}(u) - \varphi_{\lambda,r}\left(-\frac{\pi}{2\lambda}\right) = x(z) - x(a). \quad (2.9)$$

It follows from (2.8) and (2.9) that for any $t \in [z, b]$ (or $t \in [a, z]$) there exists $y \in [u, \frac{\pi}{2\lambda}]$ (or $y \in [-\frac{\pi}{2\lambda}, u]$) such that

$$\varphi_{\lambda,r}\left(\frac{\pi}{2\lambda}\right) - \varphi_{\lambda,r}(y) = x(b) - x(t) \quad (2.10)$$

or

$$\varphi_{\lambda,r}(y) - \varphi_{\lambda,r}\left(-\frac{\pi}{2\lambda}\right) = x(t) - x(a). \quad (2.11)$$

By Theorem 1

$$|x'(t)| \leq |\varphi'_{\lambda,r}(y)|, \quad (2.12)$$

moreover,

$$b - z \geq \frac{\pi}{2\lambda} - u, \quad z - a \geq u + \frac{\pi}{2\lambda}. \quad (2.13)$$

It follows from (2.8)–(2.12) that

$$x(b - s) - x(z) \geq \varphi_{\lambda,r}\left(\frac{\pi}{2\lambda} - s\right) - \varphi_{\lambda,r}(u) \geq 0, \quad s \in \left[0, \frac{\pi}{2\lambda} - u\right] \quad (2.14)$$

and

$$x(a+s) - x(z) \leq \varphi_{\lambda,r} \left(-\frac{\pi}{2\lambda} + s \right) - \varphi_{\lambda,r}(u) \leq 0, \quad s \in \left[0, \frac{\pi}{2\lambda} + u \right]. \quad (2.15)$$

Using (2.7) and (2.13)–(2.15), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|x\|_p^p &\geq \|x - c_p\|_{L_p[a,b]}^p = \|x - x(z)\|_{L_p[a,b]}^p = \int_z^b |x(s) - x(z)|^p ds + \int_a^z |x(z) - x(s)|^p ds \\ &= \int_0^{b-z} |x(b-s) - x(z)|^p ds + \int_0^{z-a} |x(z) - x(a+s)|^p ds \\ &\geq \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2\lambda}-u} |\varphi_{\lambda,r} \left(\frac{\pi}{2\lambda} - s \right) - \varphi_{\lambda,r}(u)|^p ds + \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2\lambda}+u} |\varphi_{\lambda,r} \left(-\frac{\pi}{2\lambda} + s \right) - \varphi_{\lambda,r}(u)|^p ds \\ &= \int_u^{\frac{\pi}{2\lambda}} |\varphi_{\lambda,r}(s) - \varphi_{\lambda,r}(u)|^p ds + \int_{-\frac{\pi}{2\lambda}}^u |\varphi_{\lambda,r}(s) - \varphi_{\lambda,r}(u)|^p ds \\ &= \int_{-\frac{\pi}{2\lambda}}^{\frac{\pi}{2\lambda}} |\varphi_{\lambda,r}(s) - \varphi_{\lambda,r}(u)|^p ds = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\frac{\pi}{\lambda}}^{\frac{\pi}{\lambda}} |\varphi_{\lambda,r}(s) - \varphi_{\lambda,r}(u)|^p ds \geq \frac{1}{2} E_0(\varphi_{\lambda,r})_{L_p[0,2\pi/\lambda]}^p. \end{aligned}$$

The inequality (2.5) is proved.

On the other hand, it follows from (2.4) and (2.3) by Theorem 2 that

$$\|x^{(k)}\|_q \leq \lambda^{-(r-k)} \|\varphi_{r-k}\|_q. \quad (2.16)$$

Let us prove (2.1). Set $\alpha = \frac{r-k}{r+1/p}$. Taking into account the evident equality

$$E_0(\varphi_{\lambda,r})_{L_p[0,2\pi/\lambda]} = \lambda^{-r-1/p} E_0(\varphi_r)_p, \quad \| \varphi_r \|_p = 2^{-1/p} E_0(\varphi_r)_p,$$

and applying (2.16) and (2.5), we obtain

$$\frac{\|x^{(k)}\|_q}{\|x\|_p^\alpha} \leq \frac{\lambda^{-(r-k)} \|\varphi_{r-k}\|_q}{[2^{-1/p} E_0(\varphi_{\lambda,r})_{L_p[0,2\pi/\lambda]}]^\alpha} = \frac{\lambda^{-(r-k)} \|\varphi_{r-k}\|_q}{[2^{-1/p} \lambda^{-r-1/p} E_0(\varphi_r)_p]^\alpha} = \frac{\|\varphi_{r-k}\|_q}{\| \varphi_r \|_p^\alpha}.$$

The inequality (2.1) follows from the last inequality in view of (2.3). In a similar manner one can obtain (2.2) using (2.3)–(2.5). The exactness of the inequalities (2.1) and (2.2) is evident. Theorem is proved.

R e m a r k s. 1. The inequality (2.2) is modification of the inequality

$$E_0(x)_\infty \leq \frac{\|\varphi_r\|_\infty}{E_0(\varphi_r)_p^{\frac{r}{r+1/p}}} E_0(x)_p^{\frac{r}{r+1/p}} \|x^{(r)}\|_\infty^{\frac{1/p}{r+1/p}},$$

that has been obtained in [5].

2. In addition to the inequality (2.1) the following inequality holds:

$$\|x^{(k)}\|_q \leq \frac{\|\varphi_{r-k}\|_q}{E_0(\varphi_r)_p^{\frac{r-k}{r+1/p}}} E_0(x)_p^{\frac{r-k}{r+1/p}} \|x^{(r)}\|_\infty^{\frac{k+1/p}{r+1/p}}. \quad (2.17)$$

Its proof is analogous to the proof of the inequality (2.1). However the exponent $\alpha = (r-k)/(r+1/p)$ in (2.17) is not the greatest in the case $q < \infty$ or $p < \infty$. On the other hand, the same exponent α in the inequality (2.1) is the best possible.

The inequality (2.1) in the case $q = \infty$ is the modification of the inequality

$$\|x^{(k)}\|_\infty \leq \frac{\|\varphi_{r-k}\|_\infty}{E_0(\varphi_r)_p^{\frac{r-k}{r+1/p}}} E_0(x)_p^{\frac{r-k}{r+1/p}} \|x^{(r)}\|_\infty^{\frac{k+1/p}{r+1/p}},$$

that has been obtained in [6].

3. Some new exact inequalities of Bernstein type

Denote by \mathcal{T}_n the space of all trigonometric polynomials of order $\leq n$.

Theorem 4. *Let $k, n \in \mathbf{N}$; $q \in [1, \infty]$, $p \in (0, \infty]$. Then for any polynomial $\tau \in \mathcal{T}_n$ the inequality holds:*

$$\|\tau^{(k)}\|_q \leq n^{k+1/p} \cdot \frac{\|\cos(\cdot)\|_q}{\|\cos(\cdot)\|_p} \|\tau\|_p. \quad (3.1)$$

The inequality (3.1) is the best possible on \mathcal{T}_n and becomes equality for polynomials $\tau(t) = a \cos(nt + b)$, $a, b \in \mathbf{R}$, $n \in \mathbf{N}$.

P r o o f. Let us choose $r \in \mathbf{N}$, $r > k$. Applying Theorem 3, we have

$$\|\tau^{(k)}\|_q \leq \frac{\|\varphi_{r-k}\|_q}{\|\varphi_r\|_p^\alpha} \|\tau\|_p^\alpha \|\tau^{(r)}\|_\infty^{1-\alpha}, \quad (3.2)$$

where $\alpha = \frac{r-k}{r+1/p}$. Estimating $\|\tau^{(r)}\|_\infty$ in (3.2) with the help of Bernstein's inequality (see for example [7, p. 20]) $\|\tau^{(k)}\|_\infty \leq n^r \|\tau\|_\infty$, we obtain

$$\|\tau^{(k)}\|_q \leq \frac{\|\varphi_{r-k}\|_q}{\|\varphi_r\|_p^\alpha} \|\tau\|_p^\alpha (n^r \|\tau\|_\infty)^{1-\alpha}. \quad (3.3)$$

Note that

$$|||\cos(\cdot)|||_p = 2^{-\frac{1}{p}} E_0(\cos(\cdot))_p; \quad E_0(\cos(\cdot))_p = \|\cos(\cdot)\|_p$$

(last equality is evident in the case $p \geq 1$; as for the case $p < 1$ see [8]). Hence, letting $r \rightarrow \infty$ in (3.3) and taking into account that

$$r(1 - \alpha) = r \left(1 - \frac{r - k}{r + 1/p} \right) = \frac{r}{r + 1/p} \left(k + \frac{1}{p} \right) \rightarrow k + \frac{1}{p}$$

and

$$\|\varphi_r\|_p \rightarrow \frac{4}{\pi} \|\cos(\cdot)\|_p; \quad |||\varphi_r|||_p \rightarrow \frac{4}{\pi} |||\cos(\cdot)|||_p,$$

we get (3.1). The exactness of the inequality (3.1) is evident. Theorem is proved.

The inequality (3.1) in the case $q = \infty$ is the modification of the inequality

$$\|\tau^{(k)}\|_\infty \leq \frac{n^{k+1/p}}{\|\cos(\cdot)\|_p} \|\tau\|_p,$$

that has been obtained in [6].

The inequality (3.1) in the case $q = p = \infty$ is the amplification of Bernstein's inequality (see for example [7, p. 20]). In the case $q < \infty, p = \infty$ it is the amplification of Taikov's inequality [9].

Let $S_{n,r}$, $n, r \in \mathbf{N}$ be the set of all 2π -periodic polynomial splines of the order r defect 1 with knots at the points $k\pi/n$, $n \in \mathbf{N}$, $k \in \mathbf{Z}$.

In the same manner one can prove the following analog of Theorem 4.

Theorem 5. *Let $n, k, r \in \mathbf{N}$, $k < r$; $q \in [1, \infty]$, $p \in (0, \infty]$. Then for any spline $s \in S_{n,r}$ the inequality holds:*

$$\|s^{(k)}\|_q \leq n^{k+\frac{1}{p}} \cdot \frac{\|\varphi_{r-k}\|_q}{|||\varphi_r|||_p} |||s|||_p. \quad (3.4)$$

The inequality (3.4) is the best possible on $S_{n,r}$ and becomes equality for splines $s(t) = a\varphi_r(nt)$, $a \in \mathbf{R}$, $n \in \mathbf{N}$.

The inequality (3.4) in the case $q = \infty$ is the modification of the inequality

$$\|s^{(k)}\|_\infty \leq n^{k+\frac{1}{p}} \cdot \frac{\|\varphi_{r-k}\|_\infty}{E_0(\varphi_r)_p} E_0(s)_p,$$

that has been obtained in [6].

The inequality (3.4) in the case $q = p = \infty$ is the amplification of Tikhomirov's inequality [10]. In the case $q < \infty, p = \infty$ it is the amplification of Ligun's inequality [11].

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