

The Essential Order of $(L_p, p < 1)$ Approximation Using Regular Neural Networks

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Abstract

This paper is concerning with essential degree of approximation using regular neural networks and how a multivariate function in $L_p(K)$ spaces for $p < 1$ can be approximated using a forward regular neural network. So, we can have the essential approximation ability of a multivariate function in $L_p(K)$ spaces for $p < 1$ using regular FFN.

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الخلاصة

درسنا في هذا البحث درجة التقريب الاساسي باستخدام الشبكة العصبية المنتظمة ، وكيف يمكن تقريب الدوال المتعددة المتغيرات في فضاء $L_p(K)$ عندما $p < 1$ باستخدام الشبكة العصبية الامامية المنتظمة ، وكذلك بإمكاننا الحصول على مبرهنات مباشرة وعكسية ونظرية تكافؤ للتقريب المتعددة المتغيرات في فضاء $L_p(K)$ عندما $p < 1$ باستخدام الشبكة العصبية الامامية المنتظمة .

الكلمات المفتاحية : تقريب الشبكة العصبية ، مقياس النعومة ، فضاءات $L_p(K)$ ، التقريب الافضل .

1. Introduction

Various papers on feasibility of approximation by forward neural networks have been made in past years (see [Cardaliaguet & Euvrard,1992; Chen, 1995; Chen, 1994; Chui, 1992; Cybenko, 1989; Gallant, ,1992; Hornik, 1989; Hornik, & Stinchcombe, 1990; Leshno *et al.*, 1993; Mhaskr & Michelli,1992].

The most important result among these papers is that :

If we have a continuous function with multivariable and compact domain subset of R^d there exist a feed forward neural networks (FNNs) as an approximation for it .

By a sigmoidal we can be approximated arbitrarily well .

A three-layer of the FNNs with d input units and one hidden and one output units can be mathematically expressed as

$$N_n(x) = \sum_{i=1}^m c_i \sigma(\langle \omega_{ij} x_j \rangle + \theta_i), \quad x \in R^d, \quad d \geq 1, \quad (1.1)$$

where $1 \leq i \leq m$, $\theta_i \in R$ is the threshold, $\omega_i = (\omega_{i1}, \omega_{i2}, \dots, \omega_{id})^T \in R^d$ are connection weights of neuron i in the hidden layer with input neurons, $c_i \in R$ are the connection strength of neuron i with the output neuron, and σ is the sigmoidal activation function used in the network.

In this paper we prove direct and inverse estimation and saturation problem for the approximation of multivariate function in $L_p(K)$ spaces for $p < 1$ using a forward regular neural network .

2. Notations and Definitions

Let R be the set of reals , R^d be the d -dimensional Euclidean space ($d \geq 1$) , and let K be any subset of R^d

Definition 2.1

Let K be a multiple cell in d -dimension Euclidean space R^d ($d \geq 1$), **the L_p space** for $p < 1$ defined by :

$$L_p(K) = \{f: K \rightarrow R; \|f\|_p = (\int_k |f|^p)^{\frac{1}{p}} < \infty\} .$$

For any $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_d)$ and $y = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_d)$

Let $d(x, y)$ be the Euclidean distance of x and y , that is ,

$$d(x, y) = \sqrt{(x_1 - y_1)^2 + (x_2 - y_2)^2 + \dots + (x_d - y_d)^2}$$

Definition 2.2

the **$r - th$ order difference** of function $f \in L_p(K)$

$$\Delta_h^r f(x) = (I - T^h)^r f(x) \quad , x = x_1, x_2, \dots, x_d \in K \quad , r \in N \text{ and } h > 0$$

we use I for the unit operator.

For any positive integer r we define the generalized **module of smoothness of the r th order** by the formula

$$\omega_r(f, \delta)_p = \sup_{0 < h < \delta} \|\Delta_h^r f\|_p , \quad \delta > 0, f \in L_p(K) .$$

Definition 2.3

we denoted by the Lipschitzian class $Lip(\alpha)_r$ defined by the space of all functions f in $L_p(K)$ spaces satisfies $\omega_r(f, t)_p = O(t^\alpha)$, where $0 < \alpha \leq r$.

Remarks 2.4

1) In this paper we deal with the approximation by neural network with special type of neural activation functions J_k of which each function $\sigma: R \rightarrow [0,1]$ has up to $K + 1$ order continuous derivatives $\sigma^k, k = 1, 2, \dots, K + 1$.

2) The regular neural activation functions are the normal sigmoidal activation functions $\sigma(x) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-\alpha x}}$ for positive .

3) Any neural network whose neural activation functions are regular (satisfies the conditions of part 1 of this remark) will be called a regular neural network.

Definition 2.5

Let r be an integer number and

$$P_r(x) = a_r x^r, x \in [a, b] \subset (-\infty, \infty) \tag{2.6}$$

be a **homogeneous univariate polynomial of degree r** .

XU Zongben & CAO Feilong (2004) prove the lemma "Let $[a, b]$ be a compact interval, $\sigma \in J_r$ be a regular neural activation function and $P_r(x)$ a homogeneous univariate polynomial of the form (2.6). Then for any $\epsilon > 0$, there is a neural network of the form (1.1) the number of whose hidden units is not less than $(r + 1)$ such that $|N_n(x) - P_r(x)| < \epsilon$ "

As a direct consequence of above lemma we introduce the following theorem .

Theorem 2.7

For any regular neural activation function $\sigma \in J_r$ and a homogeneous univariate polynomial $P_r(x)$ and a given $\epsilon > 0$ there is a neural network of the form (1.1) with not less than $r + 1$ hidden layers such that $\|N_n(x) - P_r(x)\|_p < \epsilon$

Proof:

Since $\sigma \in J_r$ be a regular neural activation function and $P_r(x)$ a homogeneous univariate polynomial then by above lemma we have for any $\epsilon > 0$ there is a neural network of the form (1.1) the number of whose hidden units is not less than $(r + 1)$ such that :

$$\begin{aligned} |N_n(x) - P_r(x)| &< \frac{\epsilon}{(\mu(k))^{1/p}} \\ \Rightarrow |N_n(x) - P_r(x)|^p &< \left(\frac{\epsilon}{(\mu(k))^{1/p}}\right)^p \\ \Rightarrow \int_K |N_n(x) - P_r(x)|^p &< \int_K \left(\frac{\epsilon}{(\mu(k))^{1/p}}\right)^p \\ \Rightarrow \left(\int_K |N_n(x) - P_r(x)|^p\right)^{1/p} &< \left(\int_K \left(\frac{\epsilon}{(\mu(k))^{1/p}}\right)^p\right)^{1/p} \\ \Rightarrow \|N_n(x) - P_r(x)\|_p &< \frac{\epsilon(\mu(k))^{1/p}}{(\mu(k))^{1/p}} \\ \Rightarrow \|N_n(x) - P_r(x)\|_p &< \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

In this section we construct an FNN to realize universal approximation to any integral multivariate functions in $L_p(K), p < 1$ we will use the Bernstein - Durrmeyer operation as base tools . ■

Definition 2.8 [X. Zongben and C. Feilong , (2004)]

Let K be any subset of R^d the Bernstein -Durremger operator B_n in $L_1(T)$ defined by :

$$(B_n f)(\alpha) = \sum_{|K| \leq n} P_{n,k}(x) \phi_{n,k}(f) \quad (2.9)$$

Where $x \in K, f \in L_1(K)$ and "

$$\phi_{n,k}(f) = (n + d)!/n! \int_K P_{n,k}(u) f(u) du$$

Lemma 2.10

If $f \in L_p(k)$ for $p < 1$ then

$$\|B_n f - f\|_p \leq c(p) \omega_r(f, 1/n)_p$$

Proof: $\|B_n f - f\|_p \leq c(p) K_r(f, (1/n)^r)_p$

$$\leq c(p) \omega_r\left(f, \frac{1}{n}\right)_p \quad [E. S. Belkina and S. S. Plato)ov (2008)]$$

Lemma 2.11

If $f \in L_p(k)$ for $p < 1$ then

$$\omega_r(f, 1/n) \leq c(p) \sum_{i=1}^n \|B_i f - f\|_p$$

Proof// $\omega_r(f, \delta)_p = \omega_r(f - B_n f + B_n f, \delta)_p \leq c(p) \omega_r(f - B_n f, \delta) + \omega_r(B_n f, \delta) \leq c(p) \|f - B_n f\| + J$

$$B_n(f) - B_0(f) = B_n(f) - B_{2^l}(f) + (B_{2^l}(f) - B_{2^{l-1}}(f)) + \dots + (B_1(f) - B_0(f))$$

$$2^l = n, l = \max i, 2^i < n$$

$$J = \omega_r(B_n f, \delta) = \omega_r\left(\sum_{i=1}^l B_{2^i} - B_{2^{i-1}}, 2^{-l}\right)_p$$

$$= \omega_r\left(\sum_{i=1}^l B_{2^i} - f + f - B_{2^{i-1}}, 2^{-l}\right)_p$$

$$\leq c(p) \sum_{i=1}^l \|f - B_{2^i} f\|_p$$

$$\leq c(p) \sum_{i=1}^n \|f - B_i f\|_p$$

$$\therefore \omega_r(f, \delta) \leq c(p) \sum_{i=1}^n \|B_i f - f\|_p . \blacksquare$$

To explain Lemma 2.13 we need the flowing notations: [X. Zongben and C. Feilong , (2004)]

1. Let z_+^d be the set of all non-negative multi-integers in R^d

2. For any $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_d) \in R^d$ and $k = (k_1, k_2, \dots, k_d) \in Z_+^d$, Let $|x| = \sum_{i=1}^d x_i$, $|k| = \sum_{i=1}^d k_i$, $x^k = x_1^{k_1} \dots x_d^{k_d}$ and $k! = k_1! k_2! \dots k_d!$

3. We say that $x \leq y$, for any $y \in R^s$, iff $x_i \leq y_i$ for any $1 \leq i \leq s$.

4. For any fixed point p Let $N_p = \binom{p+d-1}{d-1}$

Be the number of multi-integers $i = (i_1, i_2, \dots, i_d)$ in Z_+^d that satisfy $i_1 + i_2 + \dots + i_d = p$

5. Let $I_p = \binom{p+d-2}{d-2}$ be the number of multi-integers $j = (j_1, j_2, \dots, j_d)$ in Z_+^{d-1} that satisfy $j_1 + j_2 + \dots + j_{d-1} = p$

6. Denote by $j_{N_{p-1} + l}$, $1 \leq l \leq I_p$ a generic multi-integers j in Z_+^{d-1} satisfying $j_1 + j_2 + \dots + j_{d-1} = p$

7. j_l , $1 \leq l \leq N_p$ a generic multi-integers j in Z_+^{s-1} satisfying $j_1 + j_2 + \dots + j_{d-1} = p$

8. For any $1 \leq l \leq N_p$ Let $i_l^{(p)} = (p - |j_l|, j_l)$ then each $i_l^{(p)} = p$ is multi-integer in Z_+^d that satisfies $|i_l^{(p)}| = p$

9. Define $p_1 = (1, j_l)$, $1 \leq l$ and $p_l^{(p)} = \frac{1}{2(1+p)} p_1$, $1 \leq l \leq N_p$

we then have $|p_l^{(p)}| \leq \frac{1}{2}$ for any $1 \leq l \leq N_p$ "

The flowing lemma provides an equivalent expression of Bernstein-durrmeyer operator B_n . ■

Lemma 2.12 [X. Zongben and C. Feilong , (2004)]

For any $f \in L_p(T)$, the Berustin -Durrmeyer operator $B_n f$ in (2.9) can be expressed as :

$$B_n f(x) = \sum_{p=0}^n \sum_{l=1}^{N_p} d_l^{(p)} \langle x, p_l^{(n)} \rangle^p \quad (2.13)$$

where $\langle x, p_l^{(n)} \rangle$ is inner product x and $p_l^{(n)}$, $d_l^{(p)}$ are uniquely determined

$$\text{by} \begin{pmatrix} (j_1)^{j_1} & (j_2)^{j_1} & \dots & (j_{N_p})^{j_1} \\ (j_1)^{j_2} & (j_2)^{j_2} & \dots & (j_{N_p})^{j_2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ (j_1)^{j_{N_p}} & (j_2)^{j_{N_p}} & \dots & (j_{N_p})^{j_{N_p}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} d_1^{(p)} \\ d_2^{(p)} \\ \vdots \\ d_{N_p}^{(p)} \end{pmatrix} = \left(\frac{2(1+n)^p}{p!} \right) \begin{pmatrix} i_1^{(p)}! & c_1^{(p)}(f) \\ i_2^{(p)}! & c_2^{(p)}(f) \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ i_{N_p}^{(p)}! & c_{N_p}^{(p)}(f) \end{pmatrix}$$

With $c_1^{(p)}(f) = \frac{n!}{(n-p)!} \sum_{q \leq i_1^{(p)}} \Phi_{n,q}(f) \frac{1}{q!(i_1^{(p)}-q)!} (-1)^{|i_1^{(p)}-q|}$,

$1 \leq l \leq N_p$.

Remark 2.14

We observe that in expression (2.14) each term $\langle x, p_l^{(n)} \rangle$ can be viewed as homogeneous univariate polynomial of $\langle x, p_l^{(n)} \rangle$ with order p , and so by Theorem 2.8, it can be approximated arbitrarily well by a network of the form

$$N_{p+1}(x) = \sum_{i=1}^{N_p} c_{i,p} \sigma(\omega_{i,p} \langle x, p_l^{(n)} \rangle + \theta), K_p \geq p + 1$$

Remark 2.15

1) As $B_n f(x)$ can be approximate f , the following neural networks

$$N_n(x) = \sum_{p=0}^n \sum_{l=1}^{N_p} d_l^{(p)} \sum_{i=1}^{k_p} c_{i,p} \sigma(\omega_{i,p} \langle x, p_l^{(n)} \rangle + \theta) \quad (2.16)$$

Then can approximate f to any accuracy .

2) the network (2.17) will be the FNN models we propose use in this paper.

3) the network (2.17) are clearly of from (1.1) and contain hidden units where

$$\begin{aligned} m &= N_0 + k_1 N_1 + \dots + k_n N_n \\ &\geq N_0 + 2N_1 + \dots + (n + 1)N_n \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^n (k + 1) \binom{k + d - 1}{d - 1} = m_0(n) . \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 2.17

For any $f \in L_p(K)$, $p < 1$ there is a regular, one hidden layer FNN, $N_n(x)$, of the form (1.1) with $\sigma \in J_n$ and the hidden unit number $m \geq \sum_{k=0}^n (k + 1) \binom{k+d-1}{d-1} = m_0(n)$ such that

$$\|N_n - f\|_p \leq c(p) \omega_r(f, \frac{1}{n})_p$$

Proof : we assume $f \in L_p(K)$

Then, by Lemma 2.12, the Bernstein -durrmeyer operator $B_n f$ can be defined

$$\text{and expressed as } B_n f(x) = \sum_{p=0}^n \sum_{l=1}^{N_p} d_l^{(p)} \langle x, p_l^{(n)} \rangle^p$$

and, furthermore, it approximates f in the following sense

$$\|B_n f - f\|_p \leq c(p) \omega_r(f, \frac{1}{n})_p \quad [\text{lemma 2.10}]$$

And by remark (2.15) part 1 , we have

$$\|N_n - f\|_p \leq c(p) \|B_n f - f\|_p \leq c(p) \omega_r(f, \frac{1}{n})_p . \blacksquare$$

Theorem 2.18

For any $f \in L_p(K)$, $p < 1$ there is a regular, one hidden layer FNN, $N_n(x)$, of the form (1.1) with $\sigma \in J_n$ and the hidden unit number $m \geq \sum_{k=0}^n (k + 1) \binom{k+d-1}{d-1} = m_0(n)$ such that

$$c(p) \omega_r(f, \frac{1}{n})_p \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \|N_i - f\|_p$$

Proof : we assume $f \in L_p(K)$

Then, by Lemma 2.12, the Bernstein -durrmeyer operator $B_n f$ can be defined and

$$\text{expressed as } B_n f(x) = \sum_{p=0}^n \sum_{l=1}^{N_p} d_l^{(p)} \langle x, p_l^{(n)} \rangle^p \quad (2.13)$$

and since $|p_l^{(n)}| \leq \frac{1}{2}$, we have $\langle x, p_l^{(n)} \rangle \leq 1$

i.e $(-1 \leq \langle x, p_l^{(n)} \rangle \leq 1)$

Each term $\langle x, p_l^{(n)} \rangle^p$ in (2.13) is univariate homogeneous polynomial of $\langle x, p_l^{(n)} \rangle$ with order p define on $[-1,1]$

Now by Theorem 2.7 we have $\langle x, p_l^{(n)} \rangle^p$ can be approximated by neural network

$$N_{K_p} = \sum_{i=1}^{N_p} c_{p,i} \sigma(\omega_{p,i} \langle x, p_l^{(n)} \rangle + \theta) , c_{p,i}, \omega_{p,i} \in \mathbb{R} , K_p \geq p + 1 \quad (2.19)$$

With accuracy

$$\left\| N_{K_p} - \langle x, p_l^{(n)} \rangle^p \right\|_p \leq \epsilon \quad (2.20)$$

Then for constructed FNN

$$N_n(x) = \sum_{p=0}^n \sum_{l=1}^{N_p} d_l^{(p)} \sum_{i=1}^{K_p} c_{i,p} \sigma(\omega_{i,p} \langle x, p_l^{(n)} \rangle + \theta) , c_{p,i}, \omega_{p,i} \in \mathbb{R} , K_p \geq p + 1$$

and we have

$$\|N_n - f\|_p = \|N_n f - B_n f + B_n f - f\|_p$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq \|N_n f - B_n f\|_p + \|B_n f - f\|_p \\ &\leq c(p) \omega_r(f, \frac{1}{n})_p + \|N_n f - B_n f\|_p \end{aligned} \quad (2.21)$$

The term $\|N_n f - B_n f\|_p$ in above can be arbitrarily small, because (2.19) and (2.20) imply

$$\begin{aligned} \|N_n f - B_n f\|_p &= \left\| \sum_{p=0}^n \sum_{l=1}^{N_p} d_l^{(p)} \{ \langle x, p_l^{(n)} \rangle^p - \sum_{i=1}^{kp} c_{i,p} \sigma(\omega_{i,p} \langle x, p_l^{(n)} \rangle + \theta) \} \right\|_p \\ &= \sum_{p=0}^n \sum_{l=1}^{N_p} |d_l^{(p)}| \max | \langle x, p_l^{(n)} \rangle^p - N_{K_p} | \leq \epsilon \sum_{p=0}^n \sum_{l=1}^{N_p} |d_l^{(p)}| \end{aligned}$$

Then inequality (2.21) imply $\|B_n f - f\|_p \leq c(p) \omega_r(f, \frac{1}{n})_p$

and by (Lemma 2.11) $c(p) \omega_r(f, \frac{1}{n})_p \leq c(p) \sum_{i=1}^n \|B_i f - f\|_p$

Then $c(p) \omega_r(f, \frac{1}{n})_p \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \|N_n f - f\|_p$. ■

Theorem 2.23

For any $f \in L_p(K)$, $p < 1$ there is a regular, one hidden layer FNN, $N_n(x)$, of the form (1.1) with $\sigma \in J_n$ and the hidden unit number $m \geq \sum_{k=0}^n (k + 1) \binom{k+d-1}{d-1} = m_0(n)$ such that

$$\|N_n f - B_n f\|_p = O(n^{-\frac{\alpha}{2}}) \text{ if and only if } f \in \text{Lip}(\alpha)_r$$

Proof: let $f \in \text{Lip}(\alpha)_r$

$$\text{From } \|N_n - f\|_p \leq c(p) \omega_r(f, \frac{1}{n})_p \implies \|N_n - f\|_p = O(\frac{1}{n})^\alpha$$

And by $c(p) \omega_r(f, \frac{1}{n})_p \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \|N_i f - f\|_p$

We obtain $\omega_r(f, \frac{1}{n})_p = O(\frac{1}{n^\alpha})$. ■

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