

## A method of approximation of Besov spaces

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**Abstract.** The paper deals with the approximation of Besov spaces  $B_{pq}^s(\mathbf{R}^n)$  ( $s > 0$ ). For every  $h \in [0, 1]^n$  the space  $B_{pq}^s(\mathbf{R}_h^n)$  of functions acting on a rectangular mesh is defined. The linear operators  $r_h: B_{pq}^s(\mathbf{R}^n) \rightarrow B_{pq}^s(\mathbf{R}_h^n)$  and  $p_h: B_{pq}^s(\mathbf{R}_h^n) \rightarrow B_{pq}^s(\mathbf{R}^n)$  are constructed with the use of multivariate box splines. It is proved that these operators are uniformly bounded. For every function  $f \in B_{pq}^s(\mathbf{R}^n)$  the norm  $\|f - p_h r_h f\|$  is estimated by an appropriate modulus of continuity of  $f$ .

**1. Introduction and notation.** The aim of this paper is the presentation of a method of approximation of Besov spaces  $B_{pq}^s(\mathbf{R}^n)$ , where  $s$  is a positive real number. This is an extension of the results obtained in [5] for Sobolev spaces  $W_p^m(\mathbf{R}^n)$ ,  $m$  an integer.

As in [5], the following definition (introduced in [1]) of an approximation of a Banach space  $X$  is used. Assume that  $H'$  is a set possessing an accumulation point denoted by 0, and  $H = H' \setminus \{0\}$ . The system  $\mathcal{A}(X, p, r) = \{(X_h, p_h, r_h)\}_{h \in H}$  is called a *convergent approximation* of  $X$  if the  $X_h$  are Banach spaces normed by  $\|\cdot\|_h$ ,  $p_h: X_h \rightarrow X$  (*prolongation*),  $r_h: X \rightarrow X_h$  (*restriction*) are linear operators and

$$(1.1) \quad \exists M > 0 \quad \forall h \in H \quad \forall f \in X \quad \|r_h f\|_h \leq M \|f\|_X,$$

$$\exists M > 0 \quad \forall h \in H \quad \forall u \in X_h \quad \|p_h u\|_X \leq M \|u\|_h,$$

$$(1.2) \quad \forall f \in X \quad \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \|f - p_h r_h f\|_X = 0.$$

Similarly to [5], our approximation is constructed with the use of multivariate box splines.

In this section some notation is introduced, the second one contains the definitions of the spaces  $B_{pq}^s(\mathbf{R}^n)$  and of the moduli of continuity. In Section 3 the spaces of discrete functions are defined and the prolongations and restrictions are constructed.

Section 4 presents the main results; it follows from the theorems that conditions (1.1)-(1.2) are satisfied. The remaining part of the paper contains the proofs of all the results.

Now, let us introduce some notation which will be used in the paper.

The set of all positive real numbers is denoted by  $\mathbf{R}_+$ , the set of natural numbers by  $\mathbf{N}$ , and  $\mathbf{Z}_+ = \mathbf{N} \cup \{0\}$ .

A vector  $x \in \mathbf{R}^n$  is written as the column  $[x_1, \dots, x_n]^T$ . If  $x, y \in \mathbf{R}^n, z \in \mathbf{R}^n$  then

$$|x| = \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|, \quad z^x = \prod_{i=1}^n (z_i)^{x_i},$$

$$x \circ y = [x_1 y_1, \dots, x_n y_n]^T, \quad x/z = [x_1/z_1, \dots, x_n/z_n]^T.$$

The symbol  $e_i$  denotes the unit vector of the  $i$ th axis,  $e = [1, \dots, 1]^T$ .

**2. Besov spaces.** The spaces  $L_p(\mathbf{R}^n), L_p(\mathbf{R}^n)^{loc}, W_p^m(\mathbf{R}^n)$  ( $m \in \mathbf{Z}_+, 1 \leq p \leq \infty$ ) are defined as usual. The norm in  $L_p(\mathbf{R}^n)$  is denoted by  $\|\cdot\|_p$ , the norm and seminorms in  $W_p^m(\mathbf{R}^n)$  are given by

$$\|f\|_p^{(m)} = \sum_{i=0}^m |f|_p^{(i)}, \quad |f|_p^{(i)} = \sum_{|k|=i} \|D^k f\|_p,$$

where  $D^k f$  ( $k \in \mathbf{Z}_+^n$ ) is the generalized derivative  $\partial^{|k|} f / \partial x_1^{k_1} \dots \partial x_n^{k_n}$ . The space  $C(\mathbf{R}^n)$  is the set of all bounded uniformly continuous functions on  $\mathbf{R}^n$ ,  $C^m(\mathbf{R}^n)$  consists of all functions  $f$  such that  $D^k f \in C(\mathbf{R}^n)$  for  $|k| = m$ ;  $\|\cdot\|_\infty^{(m)}$  is the norm  $C^m(\mathbf{R}^n)$ .

Now, let  $s = m + a, m \in \mathbf{Z}_+, 0 < a \leq 1, 1 \leq p \leq \infty, 1 \leq q \leq \infty$ , and let define the following seminorms:

$$|f|_{p,q}^{(a)} = \left\{ \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} |z|^{-n-aq} \|\Delta_z^a f\|_p^q dz \right\}^{1/q} \quad \text{if } q < \infty,$$

$$|f|_{p,\infty}^{(a)} = \sup \{ |z|^{-a} \|\Delta_z^a f\|_p : z \in \mathbf{R}^n \setminus \{0\} \},$$

$$|f|_{p,q}^{(s)} = \sum_{|k|=m} |D^k f|_{p,q}^{(a)},$$

where

$$(2.1) \quad \Delta_z^r f = \Delta^r(z) f = \sum_{i=0}^r (-1)^{r-i} \binom{r}{i} f(\cdot + iz), \quad z \in \mathbf{R}^n.$$

The Besov space  $B_{p,q}^s(\mathbf{R}^n)$  is defined as the subspace of  $W_p^m(\mathbf{R}^n)$  consisting of the functions  $f$  for which the seminorm  $|f|_{p,q}^{(s)}$  is finite; the norm is given by

$$\|f\|_{p,q}^{(s)} = \|f\|_p^{(m)} + |f|_{p,q}^{(s)}.$$

Some other definitions of the norms in Besov spaces can be found, e.g., in [ (Sect. 2.3) and [2] (Sect. 6.2). For instance, if  $r \in \mathbf{N}, 0 < s < r, \omega_p^r$  is the modulus of continuity in  $L_p(\mathbf{R}^n)$  defined by

$$(2.2) \quad \omega_p^r(t, f) = \sup \{ \|\Delta_z^r f\|_p : |z| < t \}, \quad f \in L_p(\mathbf{R}^n), t > 0,$$

and

$$\Omega_{p,q}^{r,s}(f) = \left\{ \int_0^\infty t^{-1-sq} \omega_p^r(t, f)^q dt \right\}^{1/q} \quad (\text{modification for } q = \infty),$$

then  $\|\cdot\|_p + \Omega_{p,q}^{r,s}$  is an equivalent norm in  $B_{p,q}^s(\mathbf{R}^n)$  (see [2], Theorem 6.2.5), and it follows from the results of Sections 5.5 and 5.6 in [6] that there are positive numbers  $M_1, M_2$  such that

$$(2.3) \quad \forall f \in B_{p,q}^s(\mathbf{R}^n) \quad M_1 \Omega_{p,q}^{r,s}(f) \leq |f|_{p,q}^{(s)} \leq M_2 \Omega_{p,q}^{r,s}(f).$$

Let us now introduce the following moduli of continuity in  $B_{p,q}^s(\mathbf{R}^n)$ :

$$\omega_{p,q}^{r,s}(t, f) = \sup \{ \|\Delta_z^r f\|_{p,q}^{(s)} : |z| < t \}, \quad f \in B_{p,q}^s(\mathbf{R}^n), t > 0,$$

$$\lambda_{p,q}^{r,s}(t, f) = \omega_{p,q}^{r,s}(t, f) + t^{-s} \omega_p^r(t, f), \quad f \in B_{p,q}^s(\mathbf{R}^n), t > 0.$$

We will also use the  $K$ -functional of Peetre (see [7], Sect. 2.4) in the special case: if  $A, B$  are normed spaces and  $B \subset A$  (continuous embedding) then

$$(2.4) \quad K(t, f; A, B) = \inf \{ \|f - g\|_A + t \|g\|_B : g \in B \}, \quad f \in A, t > 0.$$

Moreover, let us define a modification of the  $K$ -functional for  $A = B_{p,q}^s(\mathbf{R}^n), B = W_p^r(\mathbf{R}^n)$ : if  $r \in \mathbf{N}, 0 < s < r$ , then

$$K_{p,q}^{r,s}(t, f) = \inf \{ \|f - g\|_{p,q}^{(s)} + t \|g\|_p^{(r)} : g \in W_p^r(\mathbf{R}^n) \}, \quad f \in B_{p,q}^s(\mathbf{R}^n), t > 0$$

(an analogous functional with  $A = L_p(\mathbf{R}^n)$  was considered by John and Scherer in [4]).

The relations between the functionals introduced above and the seminorms are described in the following lemmas, which are proved in Section 6.

LEMMA 1. Let  $r \in \mathbf{N}, 1 \leq p \leq \infty, 1 \leq q \leq \infty, 0 < s < d < r$ . There exist constants  $M_3$  to  $M_6$ , such that for every  $t \in (0, 1)$

$$(2.5) \quad \forall f \in W_p^r(\mathbf{R}^n) \quad \omega_p^r(t, f) \leq M_3 t^r |f|_p^{(r)}, \quad \omega_{p,q}^{r,s}(t, f) \leq M_4 t^{r-s} |f|_p^{(r)},$$

$$(2.6) \quad \forall f \in B_{p,q}^d(\mathbf{R}^n) \quad \omega_p^r(t, f) \leq M_5 t^d |f|_{p,q}^{(d)}, \quad \omega_{p,q}^{r,s}(t, f) \leq M_6 t^{d-s} |f|_{p,q}^{(d)}.$$

LEMMA 2. Let  $r \in \mathbf{N}, 0 < s < r, 1 \leq p \leq \infty, 1 \leq q \leq \infty$ . There exist constants  $M_7, M_8$  such that for every function  $f \in B_{p,q}^s(\mathbf{R}^n)$  and each  $t \in (0, 1)$

$$(2.7) \quad M_7 \lambda_{p,q}^{r,s}(t, f) \leq K_{p,q}^{r,s}(t^{r-s}, f) \leq M_8 \lambda_{p,q}^{r,s}(t, f).$$

Moreover, if  $q < \infty$  then

$$(2.8) \quad \lambda_{p,q}^{r,s}(t, f) \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } t \rightarrow 0.$$

**3. Spaces of discrete functions; restrictions and prolongations.** Similarly to [5], the operators of restriction and prolongation are built with the use of the integral and discrete partitions of unity, i.e., the functions belonging to the sets

$$\mathcal{P}_1 = \{ A \in L_\infty(\mathbf{R}^n) : \text{supp } A \text{ is bounded, } \int A(x) dx = 1 \},$$

$$\mathcal{P}_d = \{ B \in L_\infty(\mathbf{R}^n) : \text{supp } B \text{ is bounded, } \sum_{k \in \mathbf{Z}^n} B(x+k) = 1 \text{ almost everywhere} \},$$

respectively. Examples of discrete partitions of unity are the box splines defined below (cf., e.g., [3]).

Let  $x^1, \dots, x^r \in \mathbf{R}^n$  and consider the matrix  $X = [x^1, \dots, x^r]$ . Let  $\langle X \rangle = \text{span}\{x^1, \dots, x^r\} = \mathbf{R}^n$ . The multivariate box spline  $B_X$  is the function satisfying the identity

$$\int_{\mathbf{R}^n} B_X(x) f(x) dx = \int_{[0,1]^r} f(Xz) dz \quad \text{for every } f \in C(\mathbf{R}^n).$$

In the forthcoming considerations we restrict ourselves to the integer-valued matrices. Let  $\mathcal{S} = \{X: X = [x^1, \dots, x^r], x^i \in \mathbf{Z}^n \text{ (} r \text{ arbitrary, } 1 \leq i \leq r)\}$ . If  $X, Y \in \mathcal{S}$  and  $X$  is a submatrix of  $Y$ , then we write  $X \subset Y$  and we denote by  $Y \setminus X$  the complementary submatrix of  $Y$ . It follows from the definition that if  $X$  is obtained from  $Y$  by a permutation of columns, then  $B_X = B_Y$ .

Finally, following [3] we define the number

$$d(X) = \max\{m: \text{for all } Y \subset X, |Y| = m \text{ implies } \langle X \setminus Y \rangle = \mathbf{R}^n\}$$

(where  $|Y|$  is the number of columns of  $Y$ ).

The following matrices  $E_k$  are used in our considerations:

$$(3.1) \quad E_k = [\underbrace{e_1, \dots, e_1}_{k_1 \text{ times}}, \underbrace{e_2, \dots, e_2}_{k_2 \text{ times}}, \dots, \underbrace{e_n, \dots, e_n}_{k_n \text{ times}}] \quad (k \in \mathbf{Z}_+^n).$$

For the purpose of the construction of an approximation, we introduce the following classes of integer-valued matrices:

$$(3.2) \quad \begin{aligned} \mathcal{S}_m &= \{X \in \mathcal{S}: E_{me} \subset X, d(X) \geq m\} \quad (m \in \mathbf{Z}_+), \\ \mathcal{S}'_m &= \{X \in \mathcal{S}_m: |\det Y| \leq 1 \text{ for each } Y \subset X \text{ such that } |Y| = n\}. \end{aligned}$$

The spaces used for an approximation of Besov spaces consist of functions defined on a mesh. The mesh  $\mathbf{R}_h^n$  is defined as in [5]. Let  $H \subset \mathbf{R}_+^n$  be a bounded set of parameters with 0 as an accumulation point. For fixed  $h \in H$ , let

$$\mathbf{R}_h^n = \{x \in \mathbf{R}^n: x = l \circ h, l \in \mathbf{Z}^n\}.$$

The set of all functions  $u: \mathbf{R}_h^n \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  is denoted by  $m(\mathbf{R}_h^n)$ .

Now, let  $A \in \mathcal{P}_i, X \in \mathcal{S}'_m$ , and define the operators

$$p_h^X: m(\mathbf{R}_h^n) \rightarrow L_\infty(\mathbf{R}^n)^{\text{loc}}, \quad r_h^A: L_1(\mathbf{R}^n)^{\text{loc}} \rightarrow m(\mathbf{R}_h^n)$$

by the formulas

$$(3.3) \quad \forall u \in m(\mathbf{R}_h^n) \quad p_h^X u = \sum_{l \in \mathbf{Z}^n} B_X(\cdot/h - l) u(l \circ h),$$

$$(3.4) \quad \forall f \in L_1(\mathbf{R}^n)^{\text{loc}} \quad \forall l \in \mathbf{Z}^n \quad (r_h^A f)(l \circ h) = h^{-e} \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} A(x/h - l) f(x) dx.$$

These operators can be used as prolongation and restriction in the construction of an approximation of  $B_{pq}^s(\mathbf{R}^n)$ .

Let us now define the spaces approximating  $B_{pq}^s(\mathbf{R}^n)$ . First, we recall some definitions from [5].

The space  $L_p(\mathbf{R}_h^n)$  is defined as the set of all functions  $u \in m(\mathbf{R}_h^n)$  for which the number

$$\|u\|_p = \left\{ h^e \sum_{x \in \mathbf{R}_h^n} |u(x)|^p \right\}^{1/p}$$

(with the usual extension for the case  $p = \infty$ ) is finite, normed by  $\|\cdot\|_p$ . The space  $W_p^m(\mathbf{R}_h^n)$  ( $m \in \mathbf{Z}_+$ ) is the set  $L_p(\mathbf{R}_h^n)$  normed by

$$\|u\|_p^{(m)} = \sum_{i=0}^m |u|_p^{(i)}, \quad |u|_p^{(i)} = \sum_{|k|=i} \|\partial^k u\|_p,$$

where the operators of finite differences are defined in the following way: if  $u \in m(\mathbf{R}_h^n), k \in \mathbf{Z}_+^n$ , then

$$\partial^k u = h^{-k} \sum_{0 \leq j \leq k} (-1)^{|k-j|} \binom{k}{j} u(\cdot + j \circ h).$$

Further, it is shown in [5] (Theorems 3 and 4) that if  $Y \in \mathcal{S}'_m$  and  $p_h^Y$  is defined by (3.3) then

$$\exists C > 0 \quad \forall h \in H \quad \forall u \in W_p^m(\mathbf{R}_h^n) \quad C \|u\|_p^{(m)} \leq \|p_h^Y u\|_p^{(m)} \leq \|u\|_p^{(m)}.$$

Hence, we introduce the following definition.

**DEFINITION 1.** Let  $s > 0, 1 \leq p \leq \infty, 1 \leq q \leq \infty$ , and let  $m$  be an integer satisfying  $m > s$ . Let  $Y$  be a fixed matrix from  $\mathcal{S}'_m$ . The space  $B_{pq}^s(\mathbf{R}_h^n)$  is the set of all functions  $u \in m(\mathbf{R}_h^n)$  such that  $\|p_h^Y u\|_{p,q}^{(s)}$  is finite; the norm is defined by  $\|u\|_{p,q}^{(s)} = \|p_h^Y u\|_{p,q}^{(s)}$ .

The norm defined above depends on the choice of the matrix  $Y \in \mathcal{S}'_m$ , but it follows from Theorem 1 that the norms generated by different matrices are equivalent, that means, if  $Y, Z \in \mathcal{S}'_m$  then

$$\exists C', C'' > 0 \quad \forall h \in H \quad \forall u \in B_{pq}^s(\mathbf{R}_h^n) \quad C' \|p_h^Z u\|_{p,q}^{(s)} \leq \|p_h^Y u\|_{p,q}^{(s)} \leq C'' \|p_h^Z u\|_{p,q}^{(s)}.$$

**4. Main results.** In this section, the properties of the operators defined by (3.3) and (3.4) are investigated. The first theorem shows that the operators  $r_h^A$  and  $p_h^X$  satisfy condition (1.1).

**THEOREM 1.** Let  $A \in \mathcal{P}_i, X \in \mathcal{S}'_m, 0 < s < m, 1 \leq p \leq \infty, 1 \leq q \leq \infty$ . If  $f \in B_{pq}^s(\mathbf{R}^n)$  then  $r_h^A f \in B_{pq}^s(\mathbf{R}_h^n)$ ; if  $u \in B_{pq}^s(\mathbf{R}_h^n)$  then  $p_h^X u \in B_{pq}^s(\mathbf{R}^n)$ . Moreover, there exist constants  $C_1, C_2$  independent of  $h$  and such that

$$(4.1) \quad \begin{aligned} \forall f \in B_{pq}^s(\mathbf{R}^n) \quad & \|r_h^A f\|_{p,q}^{(s)} \leq C_1 \|f\|_{p,q}^{(s)}, \\ \forall u \in B_{pq}^s(\mathbf{R}_h^n) \quad & \|p_h^X u\|_{p,q}^{(s)} \leq C_2 \|u\|_{p,q}^{(s)}. \end{aligned}$$

If  $X \in \mathcal{S}'_m$ , then

$$(4.2) \quad \exists C_3 > 0 \quad \forall u \in B_{pq}^s(\mathbf{R}_h^n) \quad \|u\|_{p,q}^{(s)} \leq C_3 \|p_h^X u\|_{p,q}^{(s)}.$$

The rate of convergence of the approximation (condition (1.2)) can be

if the function  $A \in \mathcal{P}_i$  and the matrix  $X \in \mathcal{S}_m$  satisfy the additional condition obtained

$$(4.3) \quad \forall g \in \Pi_r(\mathbb{R}^n) \quad p_h^X r_h^A g = g$$

(where  $\Pi_r(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is the set of all polynomials of degree not greater than  $r$ ). Note that for every  $A$  and  $X$  condition (4.3) is satisfied with  $r = 0$ ; it is proved in [5] that for every  $X \in \mathcal{S}_m$  there exists  $A \in \mathcal{P}_i$  such that (4.3) is fulfilled with  $r = m$ .

**THEOREM 2.** Let  $A \in \mathcal{P}_i, X \in \mathcal{S}_m, 0 < s < m, 1 \leq p \leq \infty, 1 \leq q \leq \infty$ , and let condition (4.3) be satisfied with  $r \geq m - 1$ . Then

$$(4.4) \quad \exists C_4 > 0 \quad \forall h \in H \quad \forall f \in B_{pq}^s(\mathbb{R}^n) \quad \|f - p_h^X r_h^A f\|_{p,q}^{(s)} \leq C_4 \lambda_{p,q}^{m,s}(|h|, f).$$

Thus, if  $q < \infty$  then it follows from Lemma 2 that for every  $f \in B_{pq}^s(\mathbb{R}^n), \|f - p_h^X r_h^A f\|_{p,q}^{(s)} \rightarrow 0$  as  $h \rightarrow 0$ . Hence, condition (1.2) is satisfied. Combining this with Theorem 1 we obtain the following corollary.

**COROLLARY.** If  $q < \infty$  and the assumptions of Theorem 2 are satisfied, then the system  $\{(B_{pq}^s(\mathbb{R}_h^n), p_h^X, r_h^A)\}_{h \in H}$  is a convergent approximation of  $B_{pq}^s(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

**5. Auxiliary definitions and formulas.** The following difference operator will be used together with  $\Delta_z^r$ : if  $f \in L_1(\mathbb{R}^n)^{loc}, z \in \mathbb{R}^n, k \in \mathbb{Z}_+^n$ , then

$$S_z^k f = \sum_{0 \leq j \leq k} (-1)^{|k-j|} \binom{k}{j} f(\cdot + j \circ z).$$

Let  $r = |k|$ , and denote the columns of the matrix  $E_k$  (defined by (3.1)) by  $[\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_r]$ . Then

$$S_z^k f = \prod_{j=1}^r \Delta^1(\lambda_j \circ z) f.$$

Applying Lemma 2 from [4] we thus obtain the formula

$$(5.1) \quad \|S_z^k f\|_p \leq \sum_{0 \neq P \subset r^*} \|\Delta^r(v_P) f\|_p, \quad r^* = \{1, \dots, r\}, \quad v_P = \sum_{j \in P} j^{-1} \lambda_j \circ z.$$

The next formulas follow from the results of [5].

If  $l \in \mathbb{Z}_+^n, |l| = r, X \in \mathcal{S}_r$ , then

$$(5.2) \quad D^l B_X = (-1)^r S_{-e}^l B_{X(l)}, \quad X(l) = X \setminus E_l.$$

If  $A \in \mathcal{P}_i, X \in \mathcal{S}_m, r \in \mathbb{Z}, 0 \leq r \leq m$ , then  $p_h^X r_h^A: W_p^r(\mathbb{R}^n) \rightarrow W_p^r(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and

$$(5.3) \quad \exists F_1 > 0 \quad \forall h \in H \quad \forall f \in W_p^r(\mathbb{R}^n) \quad |p_h^X r_h^A f|_p^{(r)} \leq F_1 |f|_p^{(r)};$$

if, moreover, (4.3) holds then

$$(5.4) \quad \exists F_2 > 0 \quad \forall h \in H \quad \forall f \in W_p^{r+1}(\mathbb{R}^n) \quad \|f - p_h^X r_h^A f\|_p \leq F_2 |h|^{r+1} |f|_p^{(r+1)}.$$

It can easily be shown that if  $f \in W_p^r(\mathbb{R}^n)$  then

$$\Delta_z^r f = r! \sum_{|k|=r} \frac{z^k}{k!} \int_{[0,1]^r} D^k f(\cdot + z|y|) dy;$$

the application of Hölder's inequality yields the estimate

$$(5.5) \quad \forall z \in \mathbb{R}^n \quad \|\Delta_z^r f\|_p \leq n^r |z|^r |f|_p^{(r)}.$$

Further, if  $z \in \mathbb{R}^n, r \in \mathbb{N}$ , then

$$(5.6) \quad \forall f \in L_p(\mathbb{R}^n) \quad \|\Delta_z^r f\|_p \leq 2^r \|f\|_p, \quad \forall f \in B_{pq}^s(\mathbb{R}^n) \quad |\Delta_z^r f|_{p,q}^{(s)} \leq 2^r |f|_{p,q}^{(s)}.$$

The second part of this section is connected with the real interpolation method. For the purpose of the paper, it suffices to consider the interpolation of two Banach spaces  $A, B$  only in the case when  $B$  is continuously embedded into  $A$ . Let us introduce the following definition (cf. [7], Sect. 2.4): if  $0 < \theta < 1, 1 \leq q \leq \infty$ , then the space  $(A, B)_{\theta,q}$  is the set of all functions from  $A$  for which the number  $\|f\|_{(A,B)_{\theta,q}}$  defined by

$$(5.7) \quad \|f\|_{(A,B)_{\theta,q}} = \left\{ \int_0^\infty t^{-1-\theta q} K(t, f; A, B)^q dt \right\}^{1/q} \quad \text{if } q < \infty,$$

$$\|f\|_{(A,B)_{\theta,\infty}} = \sup \{ t^{-\theta} K(t, f; A, B) : t \in \mathbb{R}_+ \},$$

is finite;  $\|\cdot\|_{(A,B)_{\theta,q}}$  is the norm in  $(A, B)_{\theta,q}$  ( $K$  is defined in (2.4)).

The Besov spaces can be considered as an interpolation of Sobolev spaces. Namely, it follows from formulas (2.5.7/12) (2.5.7/13) in [7] that if  $m \in \mathbb{N}, 1 \leq p < \infty, 1 \leq q \leq \infty$  and  $0 < \theta < 1$  then

$$(5.8) \quad B_{pq}^m(\mathbb{R}^n) = (L_p(\mathbb{R}^n), W_p^m(\mathbb{R}^n))_{\theta,q}, \quad B_{\infty q}^m(\mathbb{R}^n) = (C(\mathbb{R}^n), C^m(\mathbb{R}^n))_{\theta,q}$$

(the second formula is written in [7] only for  $q = \infty$ , but the proof for  $q < \infty$  is analogous). In the same way it can be proved that if  $s > 0, 1 \leq p < \infty, 1 \leq q \leq \infty, 1 \leq q_1 \leq \infty, 0 < \theta < 1$ , then

$$(5.9) \quad B_{pq}^{s_1}(\mathbb{R}^n) = (L_p(\mathbb{R}^n), B_{pq_1}^{s_1}(\mathbb{R}^n))_{\theta,q}, \quad B_{\infty q}^{s_1}(\mathbb{R}^n) = (C(\mathbb{R}^n), B_{\infty q_1}^{s_1}(\mathbb{R}^n))_{\theta,q}.$$

Now, let  $s > 0, 1 \leq p \leq \infty, 1 \leq q < q_1 \leq \infty$ . Then it follows from Theorems 6.2.4 and 6.3.1 in [2] and from (2.3) that  $B_{pq}^s(\mathbb{R}^n) \subset B_{pq_1}^s(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and there exists a constant  $F_3$  such that

$$(5.10) \quad \forall f \in B_{pq}^s(\mathbb{R}^n) \quad |f|_{p,q_1}^{(s)} \leq F_3 |f|_{p,q}^{(s)}.$$

Finally, we prove the following inequality.

If  $B \subset A, 0 < \theta < 1, 1 \leq q \leq \infty$ , then there is a number  $F_4$  such that

$$(5.11) \quad \forall f \in B \quad \forall \varepsilon > 0 \quad \|f\|_{(A,B)_{\theta,q}} \leq F_4 (\varepsilon^{1-\theta} \|f\|_B + \varepsilon^{-\theta} \|f\|_A).$$

Proof. Let  $f \in B$  and let  $\varepsilon > 0$  be a fixed number. Setting  $g = f$  and  $g = 0$  in formula (2.4) we obtain the inequalities

$$K(t, f; A, B) \leq t \|f\|_B, \quad K(t, f; A, B) \leq \|f\|_A.$$

Now, using the first estimate for  $t < \varepsilon$ , and the second for  $t > \varepsilon$ , we deduce from (5.7) that if  $q < \infty$  then

$$\|f\|_{(A,B)_{\theta,q}} \leq \left\{ \|f\|_B^q \int_0^\varepsilon t^{-1+(1-\theta)q} dt + \|f\|_A^q \int_\varepsilon^\infty t^{-1-\theta q} dt \right\}^{1/q}.$$

Thus, inequality (5.11) holds with  $F_4 = \max\left(\left((1-\theta)q\right)^{-1/q}, (\theta q)^{-1/q}\right)$ . The proof in the case  $q = \infty$  is analogous.

## 6. Proofs

**Proof of Lemma 1.** The first inequality in (2.5) can be obtained from estimate (5.5),  $M_3 = n^r$ . Further, formulas (5.8) and (5.11) yield the inequality

$$\|A_z^r f\|_{p,q}^{(s)} \leq F_4 (\varepsilon^{1-s/r} \|A_z^r f\|_p^{(r)} + \varepsilon^{-s/r} \|A_z^r f\|_p).$$

Using (5.5) and the estimate

$$\|A_z^r f\|_p^{(r)} \leq N_1 |f|_p^{(r)} \quad \text{if } |z| \leq 1,$$

which follows from (5.6) and (5.5), and taking  $\varepsilon = |z|^r$ , we obtain the second inequality from (2.5).

Now, let  $f \in B_{p,q}^d(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Applying (5.10) and (2.3), we obtain the sequence of inequalities

$$|f|_{p,q}^{(d)} \geq F_3^{-1} |f|_{p,\infty}^{(d)} \geq F_3^{-1} M_1 \Omega_{p,\infty}^r(f).$$

Since for every  $t > 0$ ,  $\omega_p^r(t, f) \leq t^d \Omega_{p,\infty}^r(f)$ , the first estimate in (2.6) holds with  $M_5 = F_3(d, p, q, \infty)/M_1(r, d, p, \infty)$ . The second inequality can be obtained from the first one by the application of (5.9), (5.11) and (5.5).

Thus, Lemma 1 is proved.

**Proof of Lemma 2.** Let us start with proving the first inequality in (2.7). Let  $f \in B_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $g \in W_p^r(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . The inequality can be obtained from the triangle inequality  $\lambda_{p,q}^{r,s}(t, f) \leq \lambda_{p,q}^{r,s}(t, f-g) + \lambda_{p,q}^{r,s}(t, g)$  and estimates (5.6), (2.6) and (2.5); the constant  $M_7$  equals  $1/\max(2^r + M_5, M_3 + M_4)$ .

Now, we have to prove the second inequality in (2.7). As in the proof of Lemma 3 in [4], for every  $t$  a function  $g$  satisfying the inequality

$$(6.1) \quad \|f-g\|_{p,q}^{(s)} + t^{-s} |g|_p^{(r)} \leq M_8 \lambda_{p,q}^{r,s}(t, f)$$

will be constructed. The construction is done with the use of multivariate splines.

Let  $X$  be an arbitrary element of  $\mathcal{S}$ , (see (3.2)) and let  $B_X$  be the corresponding box spline. We use the notation

$$N = N_X = \text{supp } B_X, \quad v = \sup\{|x|: x \in N\}, \quad v_{1,X} = \text{vol } N_X.$$

Let the functions  $\mathcal{M}_\varepsilon^X f$ ,  $\mathcal{N}_\varepsilon f$  ( $\varepsilon, \varrho > 0$ ) be defined by the formulas

$$(6.2) \quad \mathcal{M}_\varepsilon^X f = \int_N B_X(y) f(\cdot + \varepsilon y) dy, \quad \mathcal{N}_\varepsilon f = - \sum_{i=1}^r (-1)^i \binom{r}{i} \mathcal{M}_{i\varepsilon}^X f.$$

(Observe that if  $X = E_{re}$  then  $\mathcal{N}_\varepsilon f$  is the function  $g_\varepsilon$  (the Steklov means) used in the proof of Lemma 3 in [4].)

The following formulas can easily be checked:

$$(6.3) \quad \forall i \in \mathbf{N}, \forall z \in \mathbb{R}^n \quad A_z^i (\mathcal{M}_\varepsilon^X f) = \mathcal{M}_\varepsilon^X (A_z^i f),$$

$$(6.4) \quad f - \mathcal{N}_\varepsilon f = (-1)^r \int_N B_X(y) A_{\varepsilon y}^r f(\cdot) dy$$

(the difference operator  $A_z^i$  is defined by (2.1)). Applying Hölder's inequality to formulas (6.2), (6.4) and using (6.3) we obtain

$$(6.5) \quad \|\mathcal{M}_\varepsilon^X f\|_p \leq N_2 \|f\|_p, \quad |\mathcal{M}_\varepsilon^X f|_{p,q}^{(s)} \leq N_2 |f|_{p,q}^{(s)}, \quad N_2(X) = \|B_X\|_{p'} v_{1,X}^{1/q},$$

$$(6.6) \quad \|f - \mathcal{N}_\varepsilon f\|_{p,q}^{(s)} \leq N_2 \omega_{p,q}^{r,s}(v\varepsilon, f).$$

Let us now estimate  $|\mathcal{N}_\varepsilon f|_p^{(r)}$ . Let  $l \in \mathbf{Z}_+^r$ ,  $|l| = r$ . It can be deduced from definition (6.2) and formula (5.2) that

$$D^l \mathcal{M}_\varepsilon^X f = \varepsilon^{-r} \int_N D^l B_X(y) f(\cdot + \varepsilon y) dy = \varepsilon^{-r} \mathcal{M}_\varepsilon^{X(l)} (S_{i\varepsilon}^l f),$$

where  $X(l) = X \setminus E_l$ . Hence

$$D^l \mathcal{N}_\varepsilon f = - \sum_{i=1}^r (-1)^i \binom{r}{i} (i\varepsilon)^{-r} \mathcal{M}_{i\varepsilon}^{X(l)} (S_{i\varepsilon}^l f).$$

Applying inequality (6.5) we deduce that

$$(6.7) \quad \|D^l \mathcal{N}_\varepsilon f\|_p \leq \varrho^{-r} N_2(X(l)) \sum_{i=1}^r \binom{r}{i} i^{-r} \|S_{i\varepsilon}^l f\|_p.$$

Now, we can use formula (5.1) with  $z = i\varepsilon$ . For every  $F \subset r^*$  we have

$$|v_F| = \left| \sum_{j \in F} j^{-1} \lambda_j i \varrho \right| \leq i \varrho \sum_{j=1}^r j^{-1} \leq r(1 + \ln r) \varrho,$$

and hence

$$\|S_{i\varepsilon}^l f\|_p \leq 2^r \omega_p^r(r(1 + \ln r) \varrho, f).$$

Substituting this inequality into (6.7) we obtain

$$(6.8) \quad |\mathcal{N}_\varepsilon f|_p^{(r)} \leq \varrho^{-r} N_3 \omega_p^r(r(1 + \ln r) \varrho, f),$$

$$N_3 = 2^r \sum_{|l|=r} N_2(X(l)) \sum_{i=1}^r \binom{r}{i} i^{-r}.$$

Thus, if we take  $\varrho = 1/\max(v, r(1 + \ln r))$  and  $g = \mathcal{N}_\varepsilon f$ , we deduce using (6.6) and (6.8) that (6.1) is satisfied with  $M_8 = N_2 + N_3 \max(v, r(1 + \ln r))^r$ .

Therefore, both inequalities in (2.7) are proved. Let us now turn to formula (2.8). Let  $z$  be an arbitrary vector from  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and let  $|z| < t$ . Then, by (2.3),

$$(6.9) \quad \|A_z^r f\|_{p,q}^{(s)} \leq \|A_z^r f\|_p + M_2 \left\{ \int_0^\infty \tau^{-1-sq} \omega_p^r(\tau, A_z^r f)^q d\tau \right\}^{1/q}.$$



According to (2.2),  $\omega_p^r(\tau, \Delta_z^r f) = \sup \{ \|\Delta_w^r \Delta_z^r f\|_p : |w| < \tau \}$ . Now, if  $\tau < t$ , then we use (5.6) for  $\Delta_z^r$ , and in the opposite case for  $\Delta_w^r$ . Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_p^r(\tau, \Delta_z^r f) &\leq 2^r \omega_p^r(\tau, f) & \text{if } \tau < t, \\ \omega_p^r(\tau, \Delta_z^r f) &\leq 2^r \|\Delta_z^r f\|_p & \text{if } \tau > t. \end{aligned}$$

Putting these inequalities into (6.9), we obtain

$$\|\Delta_z^r f\|_{p,q}^{(s)} \leq \|\Delta_z^r f\|_p + 2^r M_2 \left( \int_0^t \tau^{-1-sq} \omega_p^r(\tau, f)^q d\tau \right)^{1/q} + (sq)^{-1/q} t^{-s} \|\Delta_z^r f\|_p.$$

Hence,

$$(6.10) \quad \omega_{p,q}^{r,s}(t, f) \leq (1 + C_4 t^{-s}) \omega_p^r(t, f) + 2^r M_2 \left\{ \int_0^t \tau^{-1-sq} \omega_p^r(\tau, f)^q d\tau \right\}^{1/q}.$$

Since for every  $f \in B_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{R}^n)$  the integral  $\int_0^\infty \tau^{-1-sq} \omega_p^r(\tau, f)^q d\tau$  is finite, both terms on the right-hand side of (6.10) tend to 0 as  $t$  goes to 0. Therefore, the proof of Lemma 2 is finished.

From now on, the mesh size  $h$  is fixed, and hence the subscript  $h$  is suppressed.

**Proof of Theorem 1.** We have to prove estimates (4.1) and (4.2). First, according to Definition 1, we have

$$\|r^A f\|_{p,q}^{(s)} = \|p^X r^A f\|_{p,q}^{(s)}.$$

Define the operator  $T: L_1(\mathbb{R}^n)^{\text{loc}} \rightarrow L_1(\mathbb{R}^n)^{\text{loc}}$  by the formula  $Tf = p^X r^A f$ . According to (5.3), if  $f \in W_p^r(\mathbb{R}^n)$  then  $Tf \in W_p^r(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $\|Tf\|_p^{(r)} \leq F_1 \|f\|_p^{(r)}$  ( $0 \leq r \leq m, r \in \mathbb{Z}$ ). Thus, applying (5.8) and Remark 2.4.1/3 from [7], we deduce that if  $f \in B_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{R}^n)$  then  $Tf \in B_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $\|Tf\|_{p,q}^{(s)} \leq F_1 \|f\|_{p,q}^{(s)}$ . Hence we have proved the first estimate of Theorem 1.

Note that the above estimates are true for every  $Y \in \mathcal{S}'_m$  and not only for  $Y \in \mathcal{S}'_m$ .

Now, let us estimate  $\|p^X u\|_{p,q}^{(s)}$ . It follows from Theorem 4 in [5] that, since  $Y \in \mathcal{S}'_m$ , there exists a function  $B \in \mathcal{S}'_i$  such that  $r^B p^Y u = u$  for each  $u \in m(\mathbb{R}_i^n)$ . Hence,  $p^X u = p^X r^B p^Y u$ , and using the estimate just proved, we obtain

$$\|p^X r^B p^Y u\|_{p,q}^{(s)} \leq F_1(B, p) \|p^Y u\|_{p,q}^{(s)} = F_1(B, p) \|u\|_{p,q}^{(s)}.$$

Thus,  $C_2 = F_1(B, p)$  and formula (4.1) is proved.

Inequality (4.2) can be proved by interchanging the roles of  $X$  and  $Y$ . This completes the proof of Theorem 1.

**Proof of Theorem 2.** In order to prove (4.4), take first an arbitrary function  $g \in W_p^m(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . By (5.3) and (5.4), we obtain

$$\|g - p^X r^A g\|_p \leq F_2 |h|^m |g|_p^{(m)}, \quad \|g - p^X r^A g\|_p^{(m)} \leq (F_1 + mF_2) |g|_p^{(m)}.$$

Applying (5.8) and (5.11) with  $\varepsilon = |h|^m$ , we deduce that

$$(6.11) \quad \|g - p^X r^A g\|_{p,q}^{(s)} \leq N_4 |h|^{m-s} |g|_p^{(m)}, \quad N_4 = F_4(F_1 + (m+1)F_2).$$

Let now  $f \in B_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Then

$$\|f - p^X r^A f\|_{p,q}^{(s)} \leq \|f - g\|_{p,q}^{(s)} + \|g - p^X r^A g\|_{p,q}^{(s)} + \|p^X r^A (g - f)\|_{p,q}^{(s)}.$$

The second term on the right-hand side can be estimated from (6.11), the third with the use of (4.1). Hence

$$\|f - p^X r^A f\|_{p,q}^{(s)} \leq N_5 (\|f - g\|_{p,q}^{(s)} + |h|^{m-s} |g|_p^{(m)}), \quad N_5 = \max(1 + F_1 C_2, N_4).$$

The function  $g$  was taken arbitrarily, therefore we have the estimate

$$\|f - p^X r^A f\|_{p,q}^{(s)} \leq N_5 K_{p,q}^{r,s} (|h|^{m-s}, f),$$

and inequality (4.4) can be obtained by applying Lemma 2. This completes the proof of Theorem 2.

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