# On the Hermite-Fejér interpolation based at the zeros of generalized Freud polynomials

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**Abstract.** This paper deals with a special Hermite-Fejér interpolation process based at the zeros of generalized Freud polynomials which are orthogonal with respect to the weight  $w(x) = |x|^{\alpha} e^{-|x|^{\beta}}$ ,  $x \neq 0$ ,  $\alpha > -1$ ,  $\beta > 1$ . We prove its uniform convergence for functions belonging to a suitable space of functions equipped with a weighted uniform norm.

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## 1. Introduction

Let  $w(x) = |x|^{\alpha} e^{-|x|^{\beta}}$ ,  $x \neq 0$ ,  $\alpha > -1$ ,  $\beta > 1$ , be a generalized Freud weight and let  $\{p_m(w)\}_m$  be the corresponding sequence of polynomials with positive leading coefficients and orthonormal in  $\mathbb{R}$  w.r.t. the weight w. The zeros of  $p_m(w)$  are symmetrical with respect to the origin and lie in the interval  $\left(-a_m\left(1-\frac{c}{m^{2/3}}\right), a_m\left(1-\frac{c}{m^{2/3}}\right)\right)$ , where c > 0 and  $a_m := a_m(w) \sim$  $m^{\frac{1}{\beta}}$  is the so-called Maskar-Rakmanov-Saff number (M-R-S number). We denote by  $x_k, k = 1, 2, \ldots, \lfloor \frac{m}{2} \rfloor$ , the positive zeros of  $p_m(w)$  and by  $x_{-k}$ ,  $k = 1, 2, \ldots, \lfloor \frac{m}{2} \rfloor$ , the corresponding negative ones ( $\lfloor a \rfloor$  stands for the largest integer smaller than or equal to  $a \in \mathbb{R}^+$ ). We assume that m is even, then

$$-a_m \left(1 - \frac{c}{m^{2/3}}\right) < x_{-\frac{m}{2}} < \ldots < x_{-1} < x_1 < \ldots < x_{\frac{m}{2}} < a_m \left(1 - \frac{c}{m^{2/3}}\right).$$

The Hermite-Fejér polynomial based at these zeros has the form

$$F_m(w, f, x) = \sum_{k=-\frac{m}{2}}^{\frac{m}{2}} l_k^2(x) v_k(x) f(x_k),$$

where f is a continuous function on the real axis  $\mathbb{R}$   $(f \in C^0(\mathbb{R}))$ ,

$$l_k(x) = \frac{p_m(w, x)}{p'_m(w, x_k)(x - x_k)}$$

are the fundamental Lagrange polynomials and

$$v_k(x) = 1 - 2 l'_k(x_k)(x - x_k).$$

The operator  $F_m(w)$  has been considered in [7] and [9] when the parameter  $\alpha$  of the weight w is null. The error estimates proved in such papers were improved by J. Szabados in [15] and by V.E.S. Szabó in [16]. Recently in [5, 6, 3, 4] the case  $\alpha \neq 0$  has been studied assuming that the interpolated functions are uniformly continuous in  $\mathbb{R}$ . However this represents a strong limitation.

In this paper, following a procedure adopted in the last years for several approximation processes with exponential weights (see, for example, [10, 11, 13, 12, 1, 2], we introduce a simpler interpolant of Hermite-Fejér-type that we will denote by  $F_{m+2}^*(w, f)$ . We will prove the uniform convergence of the sequence  $\{F_{m+2}^*(w, f)\}_m$  to the function f in suitable spaces of functions equipped with a weighted uniform norm. The results are new and include those ones existing in the literature.

#### 2. Main results

Also using an idea of J. Szabados, we consider the Hermite-Fejér interpolation polynomial based on the zeros  $\{x_k\}_{k=-\frac{m}{2},...,\frac{m}{2}}$  and the two extra points  $\pm a_m$ . Letting  $x_{\frac{m}{2}+1} = a_m$  and  $x_{-\frac{m}{2}-1} = -a_m$ , such a polynomial has the form

$$F_{m+2}(w, f, x) = \sum_{|k| \le \frac{m}{2} + 1} \ell_k^2(x)\nu_k(x)f(x_k),$$

where  $f \in C^0(\mathbb{R})$ ,

$$\ell_k(x) = l_k(x) \frac{a_m^2 - x^2}{a_m^2 - x_k^2}, \quad k = -\frac{m}{2}, \dots, \frac{m}{2},$$

$$\ell_{\pm \left(\frac{m}{2} + 1\right)} = \frac{a_m \pm x}{2a_m} \frac{p_m(w, x)}{p_m(w, \pm a_m)},$$
(2.1)

and

$$\nu_k(x) = 1 - 2 \,\ell'_k(x_k)(x - x_k). \tag{2.2}$$

We have  $F_{m+2}(w, f) \in \mathbb{P}_{2m+2}$  and  $F_{m+2}(w, f, x_k) = f(x_k), |k| \leq \frac{m}{2} + 1$ . Now we recall an important property of the exponential weights considered here.

Letting  $u(x) = |x|^{\gamma} e^{-|x|^{\beta}}$ ,  $\gamma > 0$  not integer,  $\beta > 1$ , we introduce the space of functions

$$C_{u} = \left\{ f \in C^{0}(\mathbb{R}), \lim_{\substack{|x| \to \infty \\ x \to 0}} f(x)u(x) = 0 \right\},$$
(2.3)

with the norm

$$||f||_{C_u} = \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} |f(x)|u(x)| = ||fu||,$$
(2.4)

and we will write  $||f||_A := \sup_{x \in A} |f(x)|, A \subset \mathbb{R}$ . In  $C_u$  the Jackson theorem holds true [14] and the M-R-S number  $a_m(u)$  related to u is equivalent to the one related to the weight w, then  $a_m(u) \sim m^{\frac{1}{\beta}}$ .

Now, for every polynomial  $Q_m \in \mathbb{P}_m$  ( $\mathbb{P}_m$  denotes the set of all polynomials of degree at most m) the following relations hold true [14]:

$$\|Q_m u\| \le \mathcal{C} \|Q_m u\|_{\mathcal{I}_m}, \quad \mathcal{I}_m = \left[-a_m, -c\frac{a_m}{m}\right] \cup \left[c\frac{a_m}{m}, a_m\right], \tag{2.5}$$

and

$$\|Q_m u\|_{\{x : |x| > (1+\delta)a_m\}} \le Ce^{-\mathcal{A}m} \|Q_m u\|, \tag{2.6}$$

where  $\delta > 0$  and c, C, A are independent of m and  $Q_m$ .

As a consequence of (2.6), for all  $f \in C_u$  and  $0 < \theta < 1$  fixed, the weight function u satisfies the following property:

$$||fu|| \le \mathcal{C} \left[ ||fu||_{[-\theta a_m, \theta a_m]} + E_M(f)_u \right],$$

where C is independent of f,  $E_M(f)_u$  is the error of best approximation of f in  $C_u$  and  $M = \lfloor \frac{\theta m}{1+\theta} \rfloor \sim m$ . Then  $\|fu\|_{\mathbb{R} \setminus [-\theta a_m, \theta a_m]}$  is equivalent to the best approximation and  $\|fu\|_{[-\theta a_m, \theta a_m]}$  is the dominant part of  $\|fu\|$ . This fact suggests us to apply the operator  $F_{m+2}(w)$  to a finite section of the function f. Then, with j = j(m) defined as

$$x_j = \min\{x_k : x_k \ge \theta a_m\}$$

and  $\chi_j$  the characteristic function of the interval  $[-x_j, x_j]$ , we define

$$F_{m+2}^{*}(w, f, x) = F_{m+2}(w, \chi_{j}f, x) = \sum_{|k| \le j} \ell_{k}^{2}(x)\nu_{k}(x)f(x_{k}).$$
(2.7)

By definition

$$F_{m+2}^{*}(w, f, x_i) = f(x_i), \quad |i| \le j,$$

and

$$F_{m+2}^*(w, f, x_i) = 0, \quad |i| > j.$$

We introduce a second space of functions,  $C_{\bar{u}}$ , defined as in (2.3)-(2.4) with u(x) replaced by  $\bar{u}(x) = u(x)\log(2 + |x|)$ . Obviously  $C_{\bar{u}} \subset C_u$ . Now we show that  $F_{m+2}^*(w) : C_{\bar{u}} \to C_u$  is a bounded map. We can establish the following lemma.

**Lemma 2.1.** Assume that the parameters  $\alpha$  and  $\gamma$  of the weights w and u satisfy the condition

$$\alpha > -1, \quad \gamma > 0, \quad 0 < \gamma - \alpha < 1, \tag{2.8}$$

then

$$||F_{m+2}^*(w,f)u|| \le \mathcal{C}||f\bar{u}||_{[-x_j,x_j]}$$

where C is independent of m and  $f \in C_{\bar{u}}$ .

In order to evaluate the error  $(f - F_{m+2}^*(w, f))u$ , we point out that the weight u has a zero at the origin. Thus the more suitable modulus of smoothness in  $C_{\bar{u}}$  is [14]

$$\omega(f,t)_{\bar{u}}^* = \Omega(f,t)_{\bar{u}} + \inf_{P \in \mathbb{P}_0} \|(f-P)\bar{u}\|_{\left[-c\frac{a_m}{m}, c\frac{a_m}{m}\right]},$$

being

$$\Omega(f,t)_{\bar{u}} = \sup_{0 < h \le t} \| (\Delta_h f) \bar{u} \|_{\mathbb{R} \setminus \left[ -c \frac{a_m}{m}, c \frac{a_m}{m} \right]},$$

with

$$\Delta_h f(x) = f\left(x + \frac{h}{2}\right) - f\left(x - \frac{h}{2}\right).$$

Using [14], it is easy to verify that

$$E_m(f)_{\bar{u}} = \inf_{P \in \mathbb{P}_m} \|(f - P)\bar{u}\| \le \mathcal{C}\omega \left(f, \frac{a_m}{m}\right)_{\bar{u}}^*$$
(2.9)

and

$$\lim_{m} \omega \left( f, \frac{a_m}{m} \right)_{\bar{u}}^* = 0.$$

Now, we can establish the convergence theorem

**Theorem 2.2.** Under the assumption of Lemma 2.1 on the parameters  $\alpha$  and  $\gamma$ , we get

$$\|(f - F_{m+2}^*(w, f))u\| \le \mathcal{C}\left[\omega\left(f, \frac{a_m}{m}\log m\right)_{\bar{u}}^* + \frac{a_m}{m}\log m\|f\bar{u}\|\right],$$

where C is independent of m and f.

Next remark completes the previous result.

Remark 2.3. In this paper, employing the two additional points  $\pm a_m$  together with the "truncation", we construct the operator  $F_{m+2}^*(w)$  that is simpler than  $F_{m+2}(w)$ , since a smaller number of evaluations of the function is used, and that, in addition, satisfies Theorem 2.2. The operator  $F_{m+2}(w)$  with or without the additional points  $\pm a_m$  and with or without the "truncation", by contrast, can converge for classes of functions more restricted than those considered here.

For the sake of simplicity we chose the weight  $|x|^{\alpha}e^{-|x|^{\beta}}$ . However it is possible to replace  $e^{-|x|^{\beta}}$  with  $e^{-Q(x)}$ , provided that the latter is a Freud weight (see [8]) under the condition that  $\frac{Q'(x)}{\log(2+|x|)}$  increases in  $[0, +\infty)$ .

### 3. Proofs

We recall some inequalities that will be useful in the sequel:

$$p_m^2(w,x)w(x)\sqrt{a_m^2 - x^2 + \frac{a_m^2}{m^{2/3}}} \le \mathcal{C}, \quad \frac{a_m}{m} \le |x| \le a_m,$$
 (3.1)

$$\frac{1}{|p_m'^2(w, x_k)|w(x_k)} \sim \Delta^2 x_k \sqrt{a_m^2 - x_k^2}, \quad |k| \le \frac{m}{2},$$
(3.2)

$$\Delta x_k \sim \frac{a_m}{m} \sim \frac{1}{m^{1-\frac{1}{\beta}}}, \quad |k| \le j, \tag{3.3}$$

and

$$|l'_{k}(x_{k})| \leq \mathcal{C}\left[\frac{|x_{k}|}{a_{m}^{2}} + \beta|x_{k}|^{\beta-1} + \frac{1}{|x_{k}|}\right].$$
(3.4)

These inequalities can be deduced from [5, Theorem 3.6, p. 42].

Proof of Lemma 2.1. Using (3.1) and (3.2), we get

$$\frac{\ell_k^2(x)u(x)}{\bar{u}(x_k)} \leq \mathcal{C} \left| \frac{x}{x_k} \right|^{\gamma - \alpha} \left( \frac{a_m^2 - x^2}{a_m^2 - x_k^2} \right)^{\frac{3}{2}} \frac{\Delta^2 x_k}{\log(2 + |x_k|)(x - x_k)^2} \quad (3.5)$$

$$\leq \mathcal{C} \left| \frac{x}{x_k} \right|^{\gamma - \alpha} \frac{\Delta^2 x_k}{(x - x_k)^2}, \quad \frac{a_m}{m} \leq |x| \leq a_m, \tag{3.6}$$

being  $|k| \leq j$ . Moreover, by definition (2.1) and (3.4), we have

$$\begin{aligned} |\ell'_k(x_k)| &\leq \frac{2|x_k|}{a_m^2 - x_k^2} + |l'_k(x_k)| \\ &\leq \mathcal{C}\left[\frac{|x_k|}{a_m^2 - x_k^2} + \frac{|x_k|}{a_m^2} + \beta |x_k|^{\beta - 1} + \frac{1}{|x_k|}\right]. \end{aligned}$$

Consequently, by definition (2.2),

$$\begin{aligned} |\nu_k(x)| &\leq 1 + \mathcal{C} \left[ \frac{|x_k|}{a_m^2 - x_k^2} + \frac{|x_k|}{a_m^2} + \beta |x_k|^{\beta - 1} + \frac{1}{|x_k|} \right] |x - x_k| \\ &\leq 1 + \mathcal{C} \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{|x_k|} + |x_k|^{\beta - 1} \right] |x - x_k|. \end{aligned}$$
(3.7)

Moreover, also in virtue of (3.7) and (3.3), it is easy to verify that

$$\frac{\ell_d^2(x)u(x)}{\bar{u}(x_d)}|\nu_d(x)| \le \mathcal{C},\tag{3.8}$$

being  $x_d$  a zero closest to x. Thus, recalling (2.7) and taking into account (3.6) and (3.8), for  $\frac{a_m}{m} < |x| \le a_m$ ,

$$||F_{m+2}^{*}(w, f, x)| \leq \\ \leq C ||f\bar{u}||_{[-x_{j}, x_{j}]} \left[ \sum_{\substack{|x_{k}| \leq |x_{j}| \\ k \neq d-1, d, d+1}} \left| \frac{x}{x_{k}} \right|^{\gamma - \alpha} \frac{\Delta^{2} x_{k}}{(x - x_{k})^{2}} \frac{\nu_{k}(x)}{\log(2 + |x_{k}|)} + 1 \right].$$
(3.9)

Now we estimate the sum in (3.9). We first consider the case |x| > 2 and write

$$\begin{aligned} u(x)|F_{m+2}^{*}(w,f,x)| &\leq \mathcal{C}\|f\bar{u}\|_{[-x_{j},x_{j}]} \left[ \sum_{|x_{1}|\leq|x_{k}|\leq1} + \sum_{1<|x_{k}|\leq\frac{|x|}{2}} \\ &+ \sum_{\frac{|x|}{2}<|x_{k}|<|x_{d-2}|} + \sum_{|x_{d+2}|\leq|x_{k}|<|x_{j}|} \right] \\ &=: \mathcal{C}\|f\bar{u}\|_{[-x_{j},x_{j}]} \left[\sigma_{1}(x) + \sigma_{2}(x) + \sigma_{3}(x) + \sigma_{4}(x)\right]. \end{aligned}$$

For  $|x_1| \le |x_k| \le 1$ , (3.7) becomes

$$|\nu_k(x)| \le \mathcal{C}\frac{|x|}{|x_k|}.$$

Then, taking also into account  $x - x_k > \frac{x}{2}$ ,  $\gamma - \alpha < 1$ , (3.3) and  $\frac{a_m}{m} < |x|$ , we have

$$\sigma_{1}(x) \leq C \sum_{|x_{1}| \leq |x_{k}| \leq 1} \left| \frac{x}{x_{k}} \right|^{\gamma-\alpha+1} \frac{\Delta^{2} x_{k}}{(x-x_{k})^{2}}$$
  
$$\leq C|x|^{\gamma-\alpha-1} \frac{a_{m}}{m} \sum_{|x_{1}| \leq |x_{k}| \leq 1} \Delta x_{k} |x_{k}|^{\alpha-\gamma-1}$$
  
$$\leq C \sum_{|x_{1}| \leq |x_{k}| \leq 1} \Delta x_{k} |x_{k}|^{\alpha-\gamma} \leq C \int_{-1}^{1} |t|^{\alpha-\gamma} dt \leq C.$$

We note that for  $1 < |x_k| \le |x_j|$ , (3.7) becomes

$$|\nu_k(x)| \le 1 + \mathcal{C}|x_k|^{\beta - 1}|x - x_k|, \quad \beta > 1,$$
(3.10)

and, then,

$$\sigma_2(x) \leq \sum_{1 < |x_k| \le \frac{|x|}{2}} \left| \frac{x}{x_k} \right|^{\gamma - \alpha} \frac{\Delta^2 x_k}{(x - x_k)^2} \left[ 1 + \mathcal{C} \frac{|x_k|^{\beta - 1}}{\log(2 + |x_k|)} |x - x_k| \right].$$

Thus, using (3.3) and  $x - x_k > \frac{x}{2}$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_2(x) &\leq \mathcal{C}\frac{a_m}{m} |x|^{\gamma-\alpha-2} \sum_{1 < |x_k| \leq \frac{|x|}{2}} |x_k|^{\alpha-\gamma} \Delta x_k \\ &+ \frac{\mathcal{C}}{\log m} \sum_{1 < |x_k| \leq \frac{|x|}{2}} \left| \frac{x}{x_k} \right|^{\gamma-\alpha} \frac{\Delta x_k}{(x-x_k)} \\ &\leq \mathcal{C} + \frac{\mathcal{C}}{\log m} \int_1^{\frac{x}{2}} \left| \frac{x}{t} \right|^{\gamma-\alpha} \frac{dt}{(x-t)} \\ &\leq \mathcal{C} + \frac{\mathcal{C}}{\log m} \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} y^{\alpha-\gamma} \frac{dy}{(1-y)} \leq \mathcal{C} + \frac{\mathcal{C}}{\log m}, \end{aligned}$$

being  $\alpha - \gamma > -1$ . Moreover, taking into account (3.10), (3.3) and  $|x| \sim |x_k|$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{3}(x) &\leq \sum_{\frac{|x|}{2} < |x_{k}| < |x_{d-2}|} \frac{\Delta^{2} x_{k}}{(x - x_{k})^{2}} \left[ 1 + \mathcal{C} \frac{|x_{k}|^{\beta - 1}}{\log(2 + |x_{k}|)} |x - x_{k}| \right] \\ &\leq \mathcal{C} + \mathcal{C} \sum_{\frac{|x|}{2} < |x_{k}| < |x_{d-2}|} \frac{\Delta x_{k}}{|x - x_{k}|} \frac{|x_{k}|^{\beta - 1} \Delta x_{k}}{\log(2 + |x_{k}|)} \\ &\leq \mathcal{C} + \frac{\mathcal{C}}{\log m} \int_{\frac{x}{2}}^{x - \Delta x_{d}} \frac{dt}{x - t} \sim \frac{1}{\log m} \log \frac{x}{2\Delta x_{d}} \sim 1. \end{aligned}$$

Finally, proceeding as done for the estimate of  $\sigma_3(x)$ , it results

$$\sigma_4(x) \le \mathcal{C}.$$

Summing up, taking into account (2.5),

$$\|F_{m+2}^*(w,f)u\| \le \mathcal{C}\|F_{m+2}^*(w,f)u\|_{\mathcal{I}_m} \le \mathcal{C}\|f\bar{u}\|_{[-x_j,x_j]}, \quad |x| \ge 2,$$

The case |x| < 2 is simpler and we omit the details.

In order prove Theorem 2.2, we need some further considerations. We recall that if g is continuous with its first derivative, the Hermite polynomial interpolating g and g', based on the zeros  $x_k, |k| \leq \frac{m}{2} + 1$ , is given by

$$H_{m+2}(w,g,x) = \sum_{\substack{|k| \le \frac{m}{2} + 1 \\ =: \\ F_{m+2}(w,g,x) + G_{m+2}(w,g,x)}} \ell_k^2(x) \ell_k(x) + \sum_{\substack{|k| \le \frac{m}{2} + 1 \\ =: \\ F_{m+2}(w,g,x) + G_{m+2}(w,g,x)}} \ell_k^2(x) \ell_k(x) + \sum_{\substack{|k| \le \frac{m}{2} + 1 \\ =: \\ F_{m+2}(w,g,x) + G_{m+2}(w,g,x)}} \ell_k^2(x) \ell_k(x) \ell_k(x) + \sum_{\substack{|k| \le \frac{m}{2} + 1 \\ =: \\ F_{m+2}(w,g,x) + F_{m+2}(w,g,x)}} \ell_k(x) \ell_k(x) \ell_k(x) \ell_k(x) \ell_k(x) + \sum_{\substack{|k| \le \frac{m}{2} + 1 \\ =: \\ F_{m+2}(w,g,x) + F_{m+2}(w,g,x)}} \ell_k(x) \ell_k(x)$$

Letting  $G_{m+2}^*(w, g, x) = G_{m+2}(w, \chi_j g, x)$ , the proposition that follows will be useful to our aims.

**Proposition 3.1.** Assuming that the parameters  $\alpha$  and  $\gamma$  satisfy (2.8), then, for every  $g, g' \in C_u$ , we have

$$\|G_{m+2}^*(w,g)u\| \le \mathcal{C}\frac{a_m}{m}\log m \|g'u\|_{[-x_j,x_j]},\tag{3.11}$$

where C is independent of m and f. Moreover, for every polynomial  $Q_M \in \mathbb{I}_M^p$ , with  $M \leq \lfloor \frac{\theta m}{1+\theta} \rfloor$ ,  $0 < \theta < 1$ , we get

$$||H_{m+2}(w,(1-\chi_j)Q_M)u|| \le Ce^{-\mathcal{A}m}||Q_M u||, \qquad (3.12)$$

where C and A are independent of m and  $Q_M$ .

*Proof.* In order to prove the inequality (3.11) we recall (3.6). Then, using (3.3), we get

$$|G_{m+2}^{*}(w,g,x)|u(x) \leq C\frac{a_{m}}{m} ||g'u||_{[-x_{j},x_{j}]} \sum_{|k| \leq j} \left|\frac{x}{x_{k}}\right|^{\gamma-\alpha} \frac{\Delta x_{k}}{|x-x_{k}|}.$$

Since, by similar arguments to those used for the proof of Lemma 2.1, we obtain

$$\sum_{|k| \le j} \left| \frac{x}{x_k} \right|^{\gamma - \alpha} \frac{\Delta x_k}{|x - x_k|} \le \mathcal{C} \log m$$

(3.11) easily follows. To prove (3.12) we limit ourself to show that

$$\|G_{m+2}(w,(1-\chi_j)Q_M)u\| \le Ce^{-\mathcal{A}m} \|Q_M u\|,$$
(3.13)

being the estimate of  $||F_{m+2}(w, (1-\chi_j)Q_M)u||$  similar.

Now, using (3.5), we get

$$\begin{aligned} |G_{m+2}(w,(1-\chi_{j})Q_{M},x)|u(x) &\leq \\ &\leq \mathcal{C}\|Q_{M}'u\|_{[x_{j},+\infty)}\sum_{|k|>j} \left|\frac{x}{x_{k}}\right|^{\gamma-\alpha} \left(\frac{a_{m}^{2}-x^{2}}{a_{m}^{2}-x_{k}^{2}}\right)^{\frac{3}{2}} \frac{\Delta^{2}x_{k}}{|x-x_{k}|} \\ &\leq \mathcal{C}m^{\tau}\|Q_{M}'u\|_{[x_{j},+\infty)}, \end{aligned}$$

for some  $\tau > 0$ . Finally, by (2.6) and the Bernstein theorem [8], we obtain

$$m^{\tau} \|Q'_{M}u\|_{[\theta a_{m},+\infty)} \leq \mathcal{C}m^{\tau}e^{-\bar{\mathcal{A}}m}\|Q'_{M}u\| \leq \mathcal{C}\frac{m^{1+\tau}}{a_{m}}e^{-\bar{\mathcal{A}}m}\|Q_{M}u\|$$
  
 
$$\leq \mathcal{C}e^{-\mathcal{A}m}\|Q_{M}u\|$$

and (3.13) easily follows.

Now we can prove Theorem 2.2.

Proof of Theorem 2.2. Let  $P_N \in \mathbb{P}_N$ ,  $N = \lfloor \frac{M}{\log M} \rfloor$ ,  $M = \lfloor \frac{\theta m}{1+\theta} \rfloor$ , be the polynomial of best approximation of  $f \in C_{\bar{u}}$ . We have

$$f - F_{m+2}^{*}(w, f) = f - P_N + H_{m+2}(w, P_N) - F_{m+2}^{*}(w, f)$$
  
=  $f - P_N + F_{m+2}^{*}(w, f - P_N)$   
+  $G_{m+2}^{*}(w, P_N) + H_{m+2}(w, (1 - \chi_j)P_N),$ 

from which, using Lemma 2.1 and Proposition 3.1, we get

$$\|(f - F_{m+2}^*(w, f))u\| \le \mathcal{C}\left[\|(f - P_N)\bar{u}\| + \frac{a_N}{N}\|P_N'\bar{u}\| + e^{-\mathcal{A}m}\|P_N\bar{u}\|\right].$$

Since

$$\|P_N\bar{u}\| \le 2\|f\bar{u}\|,$$

recalling (2.9) we have

$$\|(f-P_N)\bar{u}\| \le \mathcal{C}\omega\left(f,\frac{a_N}{N}\right)_{\bar{u}}^* \sim \omega\left(f,\frac{a_m}{m}\log m\right)_{\bar{u}}^*,$$

and by [14, th 2.3, p. 291] we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{a_N}{N} \| P'_N \bar{u} \| &\leq \mathcal{C} \left[ \omega \left( f, \frac{a_N}{N} \right)^*_{\bar{u}} + \frac{1}{N} \| f \bar{u} \| \right] \\ &\sim \omega \left( f, \frac{a_m}{m} \log m \right)^*_{\bar{u}} + \frac{a_m}{m} \log m \| f \bar{u} \|, \end{aligned}$$

the theorem follows.

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