

The results are similar for the other example,  $f(x) = |\sin(5x)|^3$ , whose third derivative, we saw, has variation  $V \approx 21028$ . Equation (7.5) implies that the Chebyshev interpolants satisfy  $\|f - p_n\| < 7020/(n-1)^3$ , whereas in fact we have  $\|f - p_n\| \approx 309/n^3$  for large odd  $n$  and  $\|f - p_n^*\| \approx 80/n^3$ .

We close with a comment about Theorem 7.2. We have assumed in this theorem that  $f^{(\nu)}$  is of bounded variation. A similar but weaker condition would be that  $f^{(\nu-1)}$  is Lipschitz continuous (Exercise 7.2). This weaker assumption is enough to ensure  $\|f - p_n^*\| = O(n^{-\nu})$  for the best approximations  $\{p_n^*\}$ ; this is one of the Jackson theorems. On the other hand, it is not enough to ensure  $O(n^{-\nu})$  convergence of Chebyshev projections and interpolants. The reason we emphasize the stronger assumption with the stronger conclusion is that in practice, one rarely deals with a function that is Lipschitz continuous while lacking a derivative of bounded variation, whereas one constantly deals with projections and interpolants rather than best approximations.

Incidentally, it was de la Vallée Poussin [1908] who first showed that the strong hypothesis is enough to reach the weak conclusion: if  $f^{(\nu)}$  is of bounded variation, then  $\|f - p_n^*\| = O(n^{-\nu})$  for the best approximation  $p_n^*$ . Three years later Jackson [1911] sharpened the result by weakening the hypothesis as just indicated.

SUMMARY OF CHAPTER 7. The smoother a function  $f$  defined on  $[-1, 1]$  is, the faster its approximants converge. In particular, if the  $\nu$ th derivative of  $f$  is of bounded variation  $V$ , then the Chebyshev coefficients  $\{a_k\}$  of  $f$  satisfy  $|a_k| \leq 2\pi^{-1}V(k-\nu)^{-\nu-1}$ . For  $\nu \geq 1$ , it follows that the degree  $n$  Chebyshev projection and interpolant of  $f$  both have accuracy  $O(Vn^{-\nu})$ .

**Exercise 7.1. Total variation.** (a) Determine numerically the total variation of  $f(x) = \sin(100x)/(1+x^2)$  on  $[-1, 1]$ . (b) It is no coincidence that the answer is  $\approx 100$ ; the total variation of  $\sin(Mx)/(1+x^2)$  on  $[-1, 1]$  is asymptotic to  $M$  as  $M \rightarrow \infty$ . Explain why.

**Exercise 7.2. Lipschitz continuous vs. derivative of bounded variation.** (a) Prove that if the derivative  $f'$  of a function  $f$  has bounded variation, then  $f$  is Lipschitz continuous. (b) Give an example to show that the converse does not hold.

**Exercise 7.3. Convergence for Weierstrass's function.** Exercise 6.1 considered a "pathological function"  $w(x)$  that is continuous but nowhere differentiable on  $[-1, 1]$ . (a) Make an anonymous function in MATLAB that evaluates  $w(\mathbf{x})$  for a vector  $\mathbf{x}$  to machine precision by taking the sum (6.1) to 53 terms. (b) Use Chebfun to produce a plot of  $\|w - p_n\|$  accurate enough and for high enough values of  $n$  to confirm that convergence appears to take place as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Thus  $w$  is not one of the functions for which interpolants fail to converge, a fact we can prove with the techniques of Chapter 15 (Exercise 15.9).

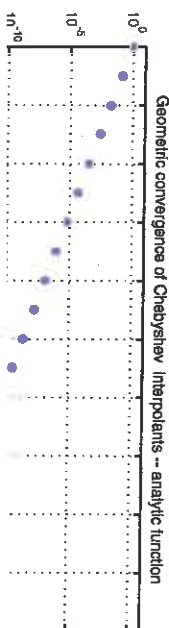
**Exercise 7.4. Sharpness of Theorem 7.2.** Consider the functions (a)  $f(x) = |x|$ , (b)  $f(x) = |x|^5$ , and (c)  $f(x) = \sin(100x)$ . In each case plot, as functions of  $n$ , the error  $\|f - p_n\|$  in Chebyshev interpolation on  $[-1, 1]$  and the bound on this quantity from (7.5). How close is the bound to the actuality? In cases (a) and (b), take  $\nu$  as large as possible, and in case (c), take  $\nu = 2, 4$ , and 8.

**Exercise 7.5. Total variation.** Let  $f$  be a smooth function defined on  $[0, 1]$  and let  $t(x)$  be its total variation over the interval  $[0, x]$ . What is the total variation of  $t$  over  $[0, 1]$ ?

## Chapter 8. Convergence for Analytic Func

Suppose  $f$  is not just  $k$  times differentiable but infinitely differentiable analytic on  $[-1, 1]$ . (Recall that this means that for any  $s \in [-1, 1]$ ,  $f$  series about  $s$  that converges to  $f$  in a neighborhood of  $s$ .) Then without assumptions we may conclude that the Chebyshev projections and converge *geometrically*, that is, at the rate  $O(C^{-n})$  for some constant means the errors will look like straight lines (or better) on a semi-log, than a log-log scale. This kind of connection was first announced in 1911, when Stein, who showed that the best approximations to a function  $f$  on  $[-1, 1]$  geometrically as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  if and only if  $f$  is analytic [Bernstein 1911 & For example, for Chebyshev interpolants of the function (1 + 25. as the *Runge function* (Chapter 13), we get steady geometric converg the level of rounding errors:

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x = chebfun('x'); f = 1/(1+25*x^2); nm = 0:10:200; ee = 0 *
for j = 1:length(nm)
    n = nm(j); fn = chebfun(f,n+1); ee(j) = norm(f-fn,inf)
end
semilogy(nm,ee,'b')
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function in any complex neighborhood. Find another formula for  $f$  that does, and use it to explain what singularities  $f$  has in the complex plane.

**Exercise 8.8. Chebyshev polynomials on the Bernstein ellipse.** Show that for any  $\rho > 1$  and any  $z$  on the boundary of the ellipse  $E_\rho$  in the complex  $x$ -plane,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} [T_n(x)]^{1/n} = \rho$ .

**Exercise 8.9. You can't judge smoothness by eye.** Define  $f(x) = 2 + \sin(50x)$  and  $g(x) = f(x)^{1.0001}$  and construct chebfuns for these functions on  $[-1, 1]$ . What are their lengths? Explain this effect quantitatively using the theorems of this chapter.

**Exercise 8.10. Convergence of conjugate gradient iteration.** Suppose we wish to approximate  $f(x) = x^{-1}$  on the interval  $[m, M]$  with  $0 < m < M$ . Show that for any  $\kappa > M/m$ , there exist polynomials  $p_n \in \mathcal{P}_n$  such that  $\|f - p_n\| = O((1 + 2/\sqrt{\kappa})^{-n})$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , where  $\|\cdot\|$  is the  $\infty$ -norm on  $[m, M]$ . This result is famous in numerical linear algebra as providing an upper bound for the convergence of the conjugate gradient iteration applied to a symmetric positive definite system of equations  $Ax = b$  with condition number  $\kappa$ . See Theorem 38.5 of [Trefethen & Bau 1997].

**Exercise 8.11. Bernstein's theorem.** Show that the conclusion of Theorem 8.3 also holds if the hypothesis is weakened to  $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|f - q_n\|^{1/n} \leq \rho^{-1}$ .

**Exercise 8.12. Resolution power of Chebyshev interpolants.** The function  $f_M(x) = \exp(-M^2 x^2/2)$  has a spike of width  $O(1/M)$  at  $x = 0$ . Let  $n(M)$  be the degree of a chebfun for  $f_M$ . (a) Determine the asymptotic behavior of  $n(M)$  as  $M \rightarrow \infty$  by numerical experiments. (b) Explain this result based on the theorems of this chapter.

**Exercise 8.13. Resolution power of Bernstein polynomials.** Continuing the last exercise, now let  $n(M)$  be the degree of a Bernstein polynomial (6.2) needed to approximate  $f_M$  to machine precision. (For this discussion rescale (6.2) from  $[0, 1]$  to  $[-1, 1]$ .) (a) Determine the asymptotic behavior of  $n(M)$  as  $M \rightarrow \infty$  by numerical experiments. (b) Explain this result, not necessarily rigorously.

**Exercise 8.14. Formulas for ellipse parameter.** Derive (8.4) and (8.5).

**Exercise 8.15. Simple poles on the Bernstein ellipse.** (a) Explain how (3.16) illustrates that Theorem 8.3 is not an exact converse of Theorem 8.2. (b) Let  $f$  be analytic in the open Bernstein ellipse region  $E_\rho$  for some  $\rho > 1$  with the only singularities on the ellipse itself being simple poles. Show that  $\|f - f_n\|$  and  $\|f - p_n\|$  are of size  $O(\rho^{-n})$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

## Chapter 9. Gibbs Phenomenon

Polynomial interpolants and projections oscillate and overshoot near discontinuities. We have observed this *Gibbs phenomenon* already in Chapter 3; shall look at it more carefully. We shall see that the Gibbs effect can be regarded as a consequence of the oscillating inverse-linear tail polynomials, i.e., interpolants of Kronecker delta functions. Chapter 9 shows that these same tails, combined together in a different manner, are of Lebesgue constants of size  $O(\log n)$ , with implications throughout the theory.

To start, consider  $\text{sign}(x)$ , interpolated in  $n+1 = 10$  and 20 Chebyshev points. We take  $n$  odd to avoid a grid point at the middle of the step.

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x = chebfun('x'); f = sign(x); subplot(1,2,1) plot(f,'k')
hold on f9 = chebfun(f,10); plot(f9,'-') subplot(1,2,2)
plot(f,'k'), hold on, f19 = chebfun(f,20); plot(f19,'-')
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