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## SPLINES FOR THE SET FUNCTIONS

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**Abstract.** Following the multiple possibilities to approximate any set function using proper sequences of countable additive set - functions and our main conclusions given in some previous research works concerning the best approximation, we present the adequate splines for the countable additive set - functions. This work is a sequel by completion of the most important results contained in the corresponding references.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

We introduced the concept of *Spline Function* (Postolică, V., 1981), in an arbitrary  $H$  - locally convex space, concept defined by (Precupanu, T., 1968) and also studied by Krammar, E., 1981) as any Hausdorff locally convex space  $(X, P = \{p_\alpha : \alpha \in A\})$  with every semi-norms  $p_\alpha$  satisfying the parallelogram law:

$$p_\alpha^2(x + y) + p_\alpha^2(x - y) = 2[p_\alpha^2(x) + p_\alpha^2(y)], \forall x, y \in X.$$

This is *equivalent* to say that *each semi-norm*  $p_\alpha$  is generated by a *scalar semi-product* by  $p_\alpha(x) = \sqrt{[x, x]_\alpha}, \forall x \in X$  (Jordan-von Neumann, 1935). We established and developed the basic properties of Approximation and Optimal interpolation for these Splines, with the appropriate extensions in ((Isac, G., Postolică, V., 1993, Postolică, V., 1981, 1998, 2001, 2002 and other connected works).

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Our splines are natural *generalizations* in the  $H$  - locally convex spaces of the usual *Abstract Splines* which appear in *Hilbert's Spaces* like the *minimizing elements* for an arbitrary semi - norm subject to the restrictions given by a set of linear and continuous functionals and they were constructed as follows. Let  $(X, P = \{p_\alpha : \alpha \in I\})$  be a  $H$  - locally convex space with each semi - norm  $p_\alpha \in P$  being induced by a scalar semi - product  $(\cdot, \cdot)_\alpha (\alpha \in I)$ . Let  $M$  be a (closed) linear subspace of  $X$  for which there exists a  $H$  - locally convex space

$(Y, Q = \{q_\alpha : \alpha \in I\})$  with every semi - norm  $q_\alpha \in Q$  generated by a scalar semi-product  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_\alpha (\alpha \in I)$  and a linear (possibly continuous) operator  $U: X \rightarrow Y$  such that

$M = \{x \in X : (x, y)_\alpha = \langle Ux, Uy \rangle_\alpha \forall \alpha \in I\}$ . The space of spline functions with respect to  $U$  was defined in (Postolică, V., 1981) as the  $U$  - orthogonal of  $M$ , that is,  $M^\perp = \{x \in X : \langle Ux, U\zeta \rangle_\alpha = 0, \forall \zeta \in M, \alpha \in I\}$ .

Clearly,  $M^\perp$  is the orthogonal of  $M$  in the  $H$  - locally convex sense because  $(x, y)_\alpha = 0, \forall x \in M, y \in M^\perp, \alpha \in I$ .

Let us consider the direct sum  $X' = M \oplus M^\perp$  and for every  $x \in X'$  we denote its projection onto  $M^\perp$  by  $s_x$ . Then, taking into account the **Theorem 4** in (Postolică, V., 1981), it follows that this spline is the only  $P$ -best simultaneous  $U$  - approximation of  $x$  with respect to  $M^\perp$  since it satisfies the condition

$p_\alpha(x - s_x) \leq p_\alpha(x - y) \forall y \in M^\perp, p_\alpha \in P$ . Moreover, following the results given in **Chapter 3** of (Isac, G., Postolică, V., 1993) and the **Theorem 3** in (Postolică, V., 1981), we have

**Theorem 1.** (Postolică, V., 2000, 2002).

(i) for every  $x \in X'$  the only elements of best simultaneous, vectorial approximation and optimal interpolation with respect to any family of seminorms which generates the

$H$  - locally convex topology on  $X$  by the linear subspace of splines with respect to the operator  $U$  are the spline functions  $sx: q_\alpha(U s_x) = \min \{q_\alpha(Uy) : y - s_x \in M\} = \min \{q_\alpha(Uy) : y - x \in M\}, \forall \alpha \in I;$

Moreover, if  $M$  and  $M^\perp$  supply an orthogonal decomposition for  $X$ , that is  $X = M \oplus M^\perp$ , then  $M^\perp$  is simultaneous and vectorial proximal, that is, for each  $x \in X$ ,  $(p_\alpha(x - s_x)) \leq (p_\alpha(x - y)), \forall y \in M^\perp$  (the  $P$ -simultaneous proximality) and there exists no  $t \in M^\perp$  such that  $(p_\alpha(x - t)) < (p_\alpha(x - s_x))$  (the  $P$ -vectorial proximality), where  $a = ((a_\alpha)) \leq b = ((b_\alpha))$  in  $R^I$  means  $a_\alpha \leq b_\alpha, \forall \alpha \in I$  and  $a < b \Leftrightarrow a \leq b$  with  $a \neq b$ ;

(ii)  $q_\alpha(U(s_x - x)) \leq q_\alpha(U(\eta - x)), \forall \alpha \in I, \forall \eta \in M^\perp$ , with equality if and only if  $q_\alpha(U(\eta - s_x)) = 0$  for every  $\alpha \in I$ .

(iii)  $\min_{y \in M^\perp} \sup_{\alpha \in I} p_\alpha(x - y) = \sup_{\alpha \in I} p_\alpha(x - s_x), \forall x \in X$ .

Finally, let us consider a significant application to the best approximation and the optimal interpolation of the countable additive set functions of bounded 2 - variations on a separable subspace of an arbitrary metric space following the paragraph 3 in **Chapter 1** of (Isac, G., Postoliciă, V., 1993) and (Postoliciă, V., 2001) and with the main property that the subspaces  $M$  and  $M^\perp$  realize a natural orthogonal decomposition. Let  $X$  be a metric space,  $Y \subseteq X$  a separable subspace,  $B(Y)$  the  $\sigma$  - algebra of all Borel subsets in  $Y$  and  $\mu : B(Y) \rightarrow R_+$  a measure. If one denotes by  $BV_p(Y, \mu)$  the class of all countable additive set functions  $F : B(Y) \rightarrow R$  with  $p \geq 1$  bounded variation on  $Y$  with respect to  $\mu$ , then

**Theorem 2.** (Postoliciă, V., 1981). A function  $F$  belongs to  $BV_p(Y, \mu)$  whenever  $p > 1$  if and only if there exists a function  $f \in L^p(Y)$  such that

$$F(A) = \int_A f d\mu, \forall A \in B(Y).$$

In all these cases, the total  $p$  - variation of the set function  $F$  is

$$V_p(F, Y, \mu) = \left( \int_Y |f|^p d\mu \right)^{1/p}.$$

Moreover, the linear space  $BV_2^C(Y, \mu)$  of all countable set functions with bounded 2 - variation on  $Y$  with respect to  $\mu$  is a genuine Hilbert space (Postoliciă, V., 2000, 2002) following the scalar product below indicated.

Simple examples show that, if the set function  $F$  is not countable additive or  $p = 1$ , then the above theorem loses its validity in the sense that not any real extended values set function defined on an arbitrary  $\sigma$ -algebra  $\Omega$  and having  $p$ -bounded variation on a non-empty set  $T \in \Omega$  allows such an integral representation as this and the next considerations concerning the set functions fail.

Let now consider a (possible closed) linear subspace  $Y_0$  of  $L^2(Y)$ . Therefore,  $Y_0$  and its orthogonal

$Y_0^\perp = \left\{ f \in L^2(Y) : \int_Y f \cdot g d\mu = 0, \forall g \in Y_0 \right\}$  realize an orthogonal decomposition of the space  $L^2(Y)$ . Hence, for every function  $f \in L^2(Y)$

we have  $f = f_0 + f_0^\perp$  with  $f_0 \in Y_0$  and  $f_0^\perp \in Y_0^\perp$ . If one considers (Isac, G., Postolică, V., 1993, Postolică, V., 2001)  $BV_2^C(Y, \mu)$  endowed with the topology of Hilbert space generated by the scalar product  $(\cdot, \cdot)$  defined by  $(F, G) = \int_Y f \cdot g d\mu$  for every  $F, G \in BV_2^C(Y, \mu)$  given by  $F(A) = \int_A f d\mu$ ,  $G(A) = \int_A g d\mu$ ,  $\forall A \in B(Y)$  with  $f, g \in L^2(Y)$ ,  $L^2(Y)$  endowed with the usual topology generated also by the scalar product  $\langle f, g \rangle = \int_Y f_0^\perp \cdot g_0^\perp d\mu + \int_Y f \cdot g d\mu$ ,  $\forall f = f_0 + f_0^\perp$ ,  $g = g_0 + g_0^\perp \in L^2(Y)$ ,  $(f_0, g_0 \in Y_0, f_0^\perp, g_0^\perp \in Y_0^\perp)$  and the linear continuous operator  $U : BV_2^C(Y) \rightarrow L^2(Y)$  is defined by  $U(F) = f$  for every  $F \in BV_2^C(Y, \mu)$  with  $F(A) = \int_A f d\mu, \forall A \in B(Y), f \in L^2(Y)$ , then

**Theorem 3** (Postolică, V., 2002).

(i) For every set function  $F \in BV_2^C(Y, \mu)$ ,  $F(A) = \int_A f d\mu, \forall A \in B(Y)$ , with  $f \in L^2(Y)$ , we have  $F = F_0 + F_0^\perp$  where  $F_0(A) = \int_A f_0 d\mu$ ,  $F_0^\perp(A) = \int_A f_0^\perp d\mu$ ,  $A \in B(Y)$ ,  $f = f_0 + f_0^\perp$ ,  $f_0 \in Y_0$ ,  $f_0^\perp \in Y_0^\perp$  :

$$(ii) M = \left\{ F \in BV_2^C(Y) : F(A) = \int_A f d\mu, f \in Y_0, A \in B(Y) \right\}$$

$$M^\perp = \left\{ G \in BV_2^C(Y) : G(A) = \int_A g d\mu, g \in Y_0^\perp, A \in B(Y) \right\}$$

realize an orthogonal decomposition of the Hilbert space  $BV_2^C(Y, \mu)$  that is,

$$BV_2^C(Y, \mu) = M \oplus M^\perp.$$

(iii)  $\int_Y |f_0|^2 d\mu = \min \left\{ \int_Y |f - g|^2 d\mu : g \in Y_0^\perp \right\}, \forall f = f_0 + f_0^\perp$  with  $f_0 \in Y_0$  and  $f_0^\perp \in Y_0^\perp$ .

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