

# A New Approach to Improved Multiquadric Quasi-Interpolation by Using General Hermite Interpolation

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## Abstract

In this paper, a new approach to improve univariate multiquadric operators is surveyed. The presented scheme is obtained by using Hermite interpolating polynomials where the function is approximated by generalized  $L_B$  quasi-interpolation operator. Error analysis shows that the convergence rate depends on the shape parameter  $c$ . Thus, our operators could provide the desired smoothness and precision by choosing the suitable value of  $c$ . The advantage of the resulting scheme is that the algorithm is simple and provides a high degree of accuracy.

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## 1 Introduction

Hrady [8] proposed multiquadric (MQ) in 1968 as a kind of radial basis function (RBF). In 1992, Beatson and Powel [1] proposed three univariate multiquadric quasi-interpolation. They named them  $L_A$ ,  $L_B$ ,  $L_C$  to approximate a function  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  on the scattered points  $a = x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_N = b$ . Afterwards, Wu and Schaback [12] proposed a multiquadric quasi interpolation  $L_D$ , which possesses shape preserving and linear reproducing on  $[x_0, x_N]$ . They proved that when the shape parameter  $c = O(h)$ , where  $h$  is the maximum distance between adjacent centers, the error of the operator  $L_D$  is  $O(h^2 |\ln h|)$ .

Recently many works have been done on this subject. Ling [10] proposed a multilevel MQ operator using the operator  $L_D$ , and proved that it converges with a rate of  $O(h^{2.5} |\ln h|)$  as  $c = O(h)$ . Feng & Li [7] constructed a

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shape-preserving quasi-interpolation operator by shifts of cubic multiquadrics. They showed that the operator satisfies the quadric polynomial reproduction property and produces an error of  $O(h^2)$  as  $c = O(h)$ . Furthermore, many researchers provided some examples using multiquadric quasi-interpolation to solve differential equations [3, 4, 5, 6, 9].

The aim of our paper is to present multiquadric quasi-interpolation operators with higher accuracy. Based on [11], which the authors proposed quasi-interpolation operators  $L_{H_{2m-1}}$ , we propose a kind of improved quasi-interpolation operators  $L_{H_{3m-1}}$ , by combining the operator  $L_B$  with Hermite interpolating polynomials. We show that the new operators could reproduce polynomials of higher degree. Our analysis indicates that the convergence rate depends heavily on  $c$ . Thus, our operators could provide the desired smoothness and precision by choosing the suitable value of  $c$ .

The rest of the paper is organized as follows: In Section 2, we define the improved multiquadric quasi-interpolation operators  $L_{H_{3m-1}}$ . Afterwards, we obtain error analysis. In Section 3, two examples for testing our method is showed and in the last section the conclusion is derived.

## 2 The improved quasi-interpolation operators by using Hermite interpolating polynomials

In this section, we first define the improved quasi-interpolation operators  $L_{H_{3m-1}}$ , then give our main results including the polynomial reproduction property and convergence rate.

The quasi-interpolation operator  $L_B$  is defined as follows

$$(L_B f)(x) = f(x_0) \psi_0(x) + \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} f(x_i) \psi_i(x) + f(x_N) \psi_N(x), \quad x \in [a, b], \quad (1)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \psi_0(x) &= \frac{1}{2} c^2 \int_{-\infty}^{x_0} \frac{1}{[(x-\theta)^2 + c^2]^{3/2}} d\theta + \frac{1}{2} c^2 \int_{x_0}^{x_1} \frac{(x_1 - \theta)/(x_1 - x_0)}{[(x-\theta)^2 + c^2]^{3/2}} d\theta \\ &= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\varphi_1(x) - \varphi_0(x)}{2(x_1 - x_0)}, \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \psi_N(x) &= \frac{c^2}{2} \left( \int_{x_N}^{\infty} \frac{1}{[(x-\theta)^2 + c^2]^{3/2}} d\theta + \int_{x_{N-1}}^{x_N} \frac{(\theta - x_{N-1})/(x_N - x_{N-1})}{[(x-\theta)^2 + c^2]^{3/2}} d\theta \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\varphi_N(x) - \varphi_{N-1}(x)}{2(x_N - x_{N-1})}, \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

$$\begin{aligned}\psi_i(x) &= \frac{1}{2} c^2 \int_{x_{i-1}}^{x_{i+1}} \frac{B_i(\theta)}{[(x-\theta)^2 + c^2]^{3/2}} d\theta \\ &= \frac{\varphi_{i+1}(x) - \varphi_i(x)}{2(x_{i+1} - x_i)} - \frac{\varphi_i(x) - \varphi_{i-1}(x)}{2(x_i - x_{i-1})},\end{aligned}\quad (4)$$

and

$$\varphi_i(x) = \sqrt{(x - x_i)^2 + c^2}, \quad c > 0. \quad (5)$$

for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, N - 1$ , where  $B_i(\theta)$  is the piecewise linear hat function having the knots  $\{x_{i-1}, x_i, x_{i+1}\}$ , and satisfying  $B_i(x_i) = 1$ .

Here, we extend the proposed method in [11], and define the improved quasi-interpolation operators  $L_{H_{3m-1}}$  as follows

$$(L_{H_{3m-1}}f)(x) = \sum_{i=0}^N \psi_i(x) H_{3m-1}[f; x_{i-1}, x_i, x_{i+1}](x), \quad (6)$$

where  $H_{3m-1}[f; x_{i-1}, x_i, x_{i+1}](x)$  are general Hermite interpolating polynomials of degree  $3m - 1$  which agree with the function  $f$  at the points

$$\underbrace{x_{i-1}, x_{i-1}, \dots, x_{i-1}}_m \underbrace{x_i, x_i, \dots, x_i}_m \underbrace{x_{i+1}, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_{i+1}}_m.$$

The quasi-interpolation  $(L_{H_{3m-1}}f)(x)$  are  $C^\infty$  function on  $[a, b]$ , and the operators  $L_{H_{3m-1}}$  have the following polynomial reproduction property.

**Theorem 1.** *The operators  $L_{H_{3m-1}}$  reproduce all polynomials of degree  $\leq 3m - 1$ .*

**Proof.** It is well known that

$$H_{3m-1}[f; x_{i-1}, x_i, x_{i+1}](x) = f(x), \quad \forall f \in \mathbb{P}_{3m-1}, \quad (7)$$

where  $\mathbb{P}_{3m-1}$  denotes the set of all polynomials of degree  $\leq 3m - 1$ . Thus, we have

$$L_{H_{3m-1}}f \equiv f, \quad \forall f \in \mathbb{P}_{3m-1}, \quad (8)$$

i.e.,  $L_{H_{3m-1}}$  reproduce all polynomials of degree  $\leq 3m - 1$ .  $\square$

According to [11], we define these notations for considering convergence rate of the operators,

$$I_\rho(x) = [x - \rho, x + \rho], \quad \rho > 0,$$

$$h = \inf\{\rho > 0 : \forall x \in [a, b], I_\rho(x) \cap X \neq \emptyset\},$$

$$M = \max_{x \in [a, b]} \#(I_h(x) \cap X),$$

where  $X = \{x_0, x_1, \dots, x_N\}$  and  $\#(\cdot)$  denotes the cardinality function. It is easy to check that  $2h = \max\{|x_1 - x_0|, |x_2 - x_1|, \dots, |x_N - x_{N-1}|\}$ , and  $M$  is the maximum number of points of  $X$  contained in an interval  $I_h(x)$ .

**Theorem 2.** *Assume that the shape parameter  $c$  satisfies*

$$c \leq Dh^l,$$

where  $D$  is a positive constant, and  $l$  is a positive integer. If  $f \in C^{3m}([a, b])$ , then

$$\|L_{H_{3m-1}}f - f\|_\infty \leq KM\|f^{(3m)}\|_\infty \varepsilon_{l,m}(h), \quad (9)$$

where  $\|\cdot\|_\infty$  denotes the sup-norm on  $[a, b]$ ,

$$\varepsilon_{l,m}(h) = \begin{cases} h^{3m}, & \text{if } 3m < 2l - 1, \\ h^{2l-1}, & \text{if } 3m \geq 2l - 1, \end{cases} \quad (10)$$

and  $K$  is a positive constant independent of  $x$  and  $X$ .

**Proof.** The proof is similar to theorem 2 in [11].  $\square$

### 3 Numerical examples

In this section, we consider the following functions on  $[0, 1]$ , which these functions are given in [12]

$$\text{Saddle} \quad f_1 = \frac{1.25}{6 + 6(3x - 1)^2}, \quad (11)$$

$$\text{Sphere} \quad f_2 = \frac{\sqrt{64 - 81(x - 0.5)^2}}{9} - 0.5. \quad (12)$$

We apply the operators  $L_{H_{3m-1}}$  and  $L_{H_{2m-1}}$  with  $c = (2h)^l$  on both of these functions.

The numerical results using uniform grids of 21 points for the operators  $L_{H_{3m-1}}$  and  $L_{H_{2m-1}}$  are given in Tables 1 and 2. In order to compare these methods, we calculate the approximating functions at the points  $\frac{i}{101}$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, 100$ . Tables 1 and 2 show the mean and maximum errors which are calculated for different values of the parameters  $l$  and  $m$ . The numerical results show that the improved quasi-interpolation operators  $L_{H_{3m-1}}$  have good approximating

behavior.

$(l, m)$	$L_{H_{3m-1}}f_1$		$L_{H_{2m-1}}f_1$	
	$\varepsilon_{mean}$	$\varepsilon_{max}$	$\varepsilon_{mean}$	$\varepsilon_{max}$
(2, 1)	$0.1640 \times 10^{-4}$	$0.5783 \times 10^{-4}$	$0.2654 \times 10^{-3}$	$0.1200 \times 10^{-2}$
(2, 2)	$0.3087 \times 10^{-5}$	$0.1149 \times 10^{-4}$	$0.6678 \times 10^{-5}$	$0.4005 \times 10^{-4}$
(3, 1)	$0.1708 \times 10^{-4}$	$0.6072 \times 10^{-4}$	$0.2541 \times 10^{-3}$	$0.1180 \times 10^{-2}$
(3, 2)	$0.3755 \times 10^{-7}$	$0.2777 \times 10^{-6}$	$0.6435 \times 10^{-5}$	$0.4160 \times 10^{-4}$
(4, 1)	$0.1708 \times 10^{-4}$	$0.6073 \times 10^{-4}$	$0.2540 \times 10^{-3}$	$0.1180 \times 10^{-2}$
(4, 2)	$0.3301 \times 10^{-7}$	$0.2768 \times 10^{-6}$	$0.6435 \times 10^{-5}$	$0.4160 \times 10^{-4}$

**Table 1.** Numerical results for the saddle function.

$(l, m)$	$L_{H_{3m-1}}f_2$		$L_{H_{2m-1}}f_2$	
	$\varepsilon_{mean}$	$\varepsilon_{max}$	$\varepsilon_{mean}$	$\varepsilon_{max}$
(2, 1)	$0.2422 \times 10^{-5}$	$0.1202 \times 10^{-4}$	$0.3037 \times 10^{-3}$	$0.5727 \times 10^{-3}$
(2, 2)	$0.1474 \times 10^{-5}$	$0.3126 \times 10^{-5}$	$0.1590 \times 10^{-5}$	$0.4065 \times 10^{-5}$
(3, 1)	$0.2307 \times 10^{-5}$	$0.1232 \times 10^{-4}$	$0.2848 \times 10^{-3}$	$0.5653 \times 10^{-3}$
(3, 2)	$0.4669 \times 10^{-8}$	$0.1544 \times 10^{-7}$	$0.5714 \times 10^{-6}$	$0.3077 \times 10^{-5}$
(4, 1)	$0.2307 \times 10^{-5}$	$0.1232 \times 10^{-4}$	$0.2848 \times 10^{-3}$	$0.5653 \times 10^{-3}$
(4, 2)	$0.1024 \times 10^{-8}$	$0.7906 \times 10^{-8}$	$0.6017 \times 10^{-6}$	$0.3107 \times 10^{-5}$

**Table 2.** Numerical results for the sphere function.

## 4 Conclusions

In this paper, a kind of improved multiquadric quasi-interpolation operators is proposed. The operators reproduce polynomials of higher degree. Under a certain assumption, a result on the convergence rate of the operators is given. The numerical examples show that proposed method provides a high degree of accuracy.

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