



# A modification to $L_{p,\alpha}$ and its applicability in error estimation of triangular functions

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## Abstract

Error estimate and rate of convergence are two important topics in the field of numerical analysis. A convenient normed space corresponding to the problem under regard can have better upper bounds. This paper introduces a weighted normed space  $L_{p,\omega}$  which from the measure theory point of view, is a special case of  $L^p$  space. This space is a modification of  $L_{p,\alpha}$  space, which is introduced before in [2]. Next, by using  $L_{p,\alpha}$ -norm, we compute a two-variable upper bound of the triangular function.

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## 1 Introduction

In 2016, an article entitled "On fractional Langevin equation involving two fractional orders", was published which speaks about the existence and uniqueness of the solution of the two-fractional Langevin equation [2],

$$\begin{cases} \mathcal{D}^\beta(\mathcal{D}^\alpha + \gamma)x(t) = f(t, x(t)), & 0 \leq t \leq 1, \\ x(0) = \mu_0, \quad x^{(\alpha)}(0) = \nu_0, \end{cases} \quad (1.1)$$

where  $\gamma$ ,  $\mu_0$ , and  $\nu_0$  are some given real number,  $0 < \alpha \leq 1$  and  $0 < \beta \leq 1$  have the limitation  $0 < \alpha + \beta < 1$ ,  $f : [0, 1] \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a Lebesgue measurable function, and  $\mathcal{D}^\alpha$  is the notation of the Caputo fractional derivatives of the order  $\alpha$  defined by

$$\mathcal{D}^\alpha x(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(m - \alpha)} \int_0^t (t - s)^{m - \alpha - 1} x^{(m)}(s) ds, \quad 0 \leq t \leq 1. \quad (1.2)$$

The generalized Langevin equation (1.1) has been applied to model physical events in vacillating environments such as modelling the ocean surface wind speed [5].

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In that paper, the author has introduced the space  $L_{p,\alpha}$ , equipped with the associated norm  $\|\cdot\|_{p,\alpha}$ , for the fixed components  $1 \leq p < \infty$  and  $0 < \alpha \leq 1$  as follows:

$$L_{p,\alpha}([0, t_f]) := \{f : f \text{ is measurable on } [0, t_f] \text{ and } \|f\|_{p,\alpha} < \infty\},$$

where

$$\|f\|_{p,\alpha} := \sup_{0 \leq t \leq t_f} \left( \int_0^t \frac{|f(s)|^p}{(t-s)^{1-\alpha}} ds \right)^{1/p}.$$

According to the reference [2], some properties of  $(L_{p,\alpha}, \|\cdot\|_{p,\alpha})$  are summarized as follows:

- (i)  $\|f + g\|_{p,\alpha} \leq \|f\|_{p,\alpha} + \|g\|_{p,\alpha}$ , which shows that  $L_{p,\alpha}$  is a normed space.
- (ii)  $L_{p,\alpha}$  is a Banach space.
- (iii) If  $\alpha < \beta$  and  $0 \leq t_f \leq 1$ , then  $\|f\|_{p,\beta} \leq \|f\|_{p,\alpha}$ , and clearly  $L_{p,\alpha} \subseteq L_{p,\beta}$ .

By taking  $\beta = 1$  in part (iii) of the above properties, it can be verified that  $\|f\|_p \leq \|f\|_{p,\alpha}$ . This clearly shows that  $L_{p,\alpha} \subseteq L^p$ . Recall that  $(L^p, \|\cdot\|_p)$  are the set of all functions which the  $p$ th power of the absolute value is Lebesgue integrable. It is worth noticing that  $L_{p,1}([0, t_f]) = L^p([0, t_f])$ .

## 2 A modification to $L_{p,\alpha}$

In this section, we introduce an improvement of the previous normed spaces, called  $L_{p,\omega(\Omega)}$  spaces. As we see, the norm in such spaces is defined in the term of weighted functions. Next, we state the completeness of  $L_{p,\omega(\Omega)}$  for  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$  that has an essential role in error estimation.

### 2.1 Weighted spaces $L_{p,\omega(\Omega)}$

Consider  $\Omega := \prod_{i=1}^d (a_i, b_i)$  be a Lebesgue measurable subset of  $\mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $d \in \mathbb{N}$  with non-empty interior, and  $\Omega' := \prod_{i=1}^d (a_i, t_i)$  be a subset of  $\Omega$ . Let  $f$  be a Lebesgue measurable function on  $\Omega$  and let  $\omega(t, s)$  be a given weight function, which is almost everywhere (a.e.) positive on  $\Omega \times \Omega'$ , and Lebesgue integrable on  $\Omega$  with the condition  $k_\omega := \text{ess sup}_\Omega \int_{\Omega'} \omega(t, s) ds < \infty$ . In what follows, we introduce the space  $L_{p,\omega(\Omega)}$  and its norm  $\|\cdot\|_{L_{p,\omega(\Omega)}}$  for some  $p$ ,  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ , and some useful properties of this space [7].

**Definition 2.1.** For  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ , let

$$L_{p,\omega(\Omega)} := \{f : f \text{ is Lebesgue measurable on } \Omega \text{ and } \|f\|_{L_{p,\omega(\Omega)}} < \infty\},$$

where for  $1 \leq p < \infty$ ,

$$\|f\|_{L_{p,\omega(\Omega)}} := \text{ess sup}_{t \in \Omega} \left( \int_{\Omega'} |f(s)|^p \omega(t, s) ds \right)^{1/p},$$

and

$$\|f\|_{L_{\infty,\omega(\Omega)}} := \text{ess sup}_{s \in \Omega} |f(s)| = \|f\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)}.$$

The space  $L_{\infty,\omega(\Omega)}$  consists of all essentially bounded measurable functions  $f$  on  $\Omega$  that there exists a constant  $K$  such that  $|f(s)| \leq K$  a.e. on  $\Omega$ . The greatest lower bound of such constants  $K$  is called the essential supremum of  $|f(s)|$  on  $\Omega$ , denoted by  $\|f\|_{\infty,\omega(\Omega)}$ .

The norm  $\|\cdot\|_{\infty,\omega(\Omega)}$  is a combination of two classical norms  $L^p$  ( $p$ -norm) on  $\Omega'$  with measure  $d\mu = \omega(t, s)ds$  and  $L^\infty$  (ess sup-norm) on  $\Omega$ . Hence all norm axioms are evident. For example Minkowski's inequality and Hölder's inequality are easily deduced for  $\|\cdot\|_{\infty,\omega(\Omega)}$  from this issue.

It is easily verified that if the weight function  $\omega$  be a one-variable function of  $s$ , and  $\Omega = \Omega'$  then  $(L_{p,\omega(\Omega)}, \|\cdot\|_{L_{p,\omega(\Omega)}})$  is really an extension of the simple weighted space  $(L_\omega^p(\Omega), \|\cdot\|_{L_\omega^p(\Omega)})$  [3, 7].

Now we present some of the fundamental properties of  $L_{p,\omega(\Omega)}$  spaces.

## 2.2 Some properties of $L_{p,\omega}(\Omega)$

**Lemma 2.2.** Let  $1 \leq p < \infty$ . If  $\omega(t, s) \geq 1$  for all  $(t, s) \in \Omega \times \Omega'$  (a.e.), then  $\|f\|_{L^p(\Omega)} \leq \|f\|_{L_{p,\omega}(\Omega)}$ , and clearly  $L_{p,\omega}(\Omega) \subseteq L^p(\Omega)$ . Otherwise,  $\|f\|_{L_{p,\omega}(\Omega)} \leq \|f\|_{L^p(\Omega)}$ , and therefore  $L_{p,\omega}(\Omega) \subseteq L^p(\Omega)$ .

**Proof.** The proof deduces immediately from definition of the spaces  $L_{p,\omega}(\Omega)$  and  $L^p(\Omega)$ . □

**Lemma 2.3.** Suppose  $1 \leq p < \infty$ . If  $\omega_1(t, s) \leq \omega_2(t, s)$  for all  $(t, s) \in \Omega \times \Omega'$  (a.e.), then  $\|f\|_{L_{p,\omega_1}(\Omega)} \leq \|f\|_{L_{p,\omega_2}(\Omega)}$ , and clearly  $L_{p,\omega_2}(\Omega) \subseteq L_{p,\omega_1}(\Omega)$ .

**Proof.** It follows immediately from the following obvious inequality,

$$\int_{\Omega'} |f(s)|^p \omega_1(t, s) ds \leq \int_{\Omega'} |f(s)|^p \omega_2(t, s) ds.$$

□

The following theorem establishes the completeness of  $L_{p,\omega}(\Omega)$  for  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ .

**Theorem 2.4.** For  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ ,  $L_{p,\omega}(\Omega)$  is a complete metric space.

**Proof.** The proof is similar to the proof of completeness of  $L^p$  (see [6], Theorem 3.11, p. 67). □

**Remark 2.5.** In Definition 2.1, if we choose  $\omega(t, s) := \frac{1}{(t-s)^{1-\alpha}}$  for  $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ , and  $\Omega := [0, 1]$ , then we obtain the space  $(L_{p,\alpha}[0, 1], \|\cdot\|_{p,\alpha})$ . Special structure of this space has made it perfect for the fractional integral equations. With this agreement, the  $L_{p,\alpha}$ -norm, for an arbitrary function  $f$ , can be written as the Riemann-Liouville fractional integral operator, i.e.,

$$\|f\|_{p,\alpha} = \sup_{0 \leq t \leq 1} \left( \Gamma(\alpha) I^\alpha |f|^p(t) \right)^{1/p},$$

where  $I^\alpha$  is the Riemann-Liouville operator of the order  $\alpha$ , which is defined as follows:

$$I^\alpha f(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^t (t-s)^{\alpha-1} f(s) ds.$$

## 3 Application of the space $L_{p,\alpha}$ in error estimation

In this part we offer some reasons for applicability of the normed space  $(L_{p,\alpha}, \|\cdot\|_{p,\alpha})$  as follows.

(1)  $L_{p,\alpha}[0, 1]$ -norm is more flexible than the classical norm  $L^p[0, 1]$ , because there is an additional component  $\alpha$  in its structure. Also, we can easily verify that  $\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 1} \|\cdot\|_{p,\alpha} = \|\cdot\|_p$ . This shows that the  $L_{p,\alpha}[0, 1]$  space is a generalization of  $L^p[0, 1]$  space.

(2) Using the normed space  $(L_{p,\alpha}, \|\cdot\|_{p,\alpha})$ , we can obtain some better error bounds in approximation theory. For detailed discussion, consider the following triangular functions over the subinterval  $[ih, (i+1)h]$ ,  $i = 0, 1, \dots, m-1$  of the interval  $[0, t_f]$ ,

$$T1_i(t) = \begin{cases} 1 - \frac{t-ih}{h}, & ih \leq t \leq (i+1)h, \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere,} \end{cases} \quad T2_i(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{t-ih}{h}, & ih \leq t \leq (i+1)h, \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere,} \end{cases} \quad (3.1)$$

where for a given positive integer  $m$ , the step size  $h$  is defined as  $h = \frac{t_f}{m}$  (see [2]). Any square integrable function  $f$  can be approximated by using two  $m$ -set vectors

$$T1(t) = [T1_0(t), \dots, T1_{m-1}(t)]^T, \quad T2(t) = [T2_0(t), \dots, T2_{m-1}(t)]^T,$$

as follows:

$$f(t) \simeq \tilde{f}(t) = F1^T T1(t) + F2^T T2(t),$$

where  $F1_i = f(ih)$ , and  $F2_i = f((i+1)h)$ ,  $i = 0, 1, \dots, m-1$ . An error bound for estimating a twice differentiable function  $f$  by the triangular orthogonal basis functions denoted by  $f_m$ , is derived in  $L_{p,\alpha}$ -norm as follows: Let  $f_m^i(t)$  be the TF estimation of the function  $f(t)$  in the subinterval  $[ih, (i+1)h]$ , which has the following form:

$$\begin{aligned} f_m^i(t) &= f(ih)T1_i(t) + f((i+1)h)T2_i(t) \\ &= f(ih)\left(1 - \left(\frac{t-ih}{h}\right)\right) + f((i+1)h)\left(\frac{t-ih}{h}\right) \\ &= f(ih) + f((i+1)h)\left(\frac{t-ih}{h}\right) - f(ih)\left(\frac{t-ih}{h}\right) \\ &= f(ih) + \left(\frac{f((i+1)h) - f(ih)}{h}\right)(t-ih) \\ &\simeq f(ih) + f'(ih)(t-ih). \end{aligned}$$

Defining the function  $f^i$  as

$$f^i(t) = \begin{cases} f(t), & ih \leq t < (i+1)h, \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere,} \end{cases} \quad (3.2)$$

and then expanding it by the second order Taylor series near the center point  $ih$ , there exists a number  $\xi_t^i \in (ih, (i+1)h)$  such that

$$f^i(t) = f(ih) + f'(ih)(t-ih) + \frac{f''(\xi_t^i)}{2!}(t-ih)^2.$$

We now define the interval error function  $e_i(t)$  for all  $t \in [ih, (i+1)h]$  as

$$e_i(t) = \begin{cases} f^i(t) - f_m^i(t), & ih \leq t < (i+1)h, \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere.} \end{cases} \quad (3.3)$$

Assuming  $f$  is twice continuously differentiable on  $[0, t_f]$ , there exists a positive constant  $M$  such that  $|f''(t)| \leq M$ , for all  $t \in [0, t_f]$ . On the other hand, the Riemann-Liouville operator of the power function  $(t-a)^{\beta-1}$ , for  $\alpha, \beta > 0$  yields [4]:

$$I^\alpha(t-a)^{\beta-1} = \frac{\Gamma(\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)}(t-a)^{\alpha+\beta-1}, \quad a \leq t.$$

Therefore for some  $\xi_t^i \in (ih, (i+1)h)$ ,  $L_{p,\alpha}$ -norm of  $e_i$  in the  $i$ -th interval is as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \|e_i\|_{p,\alpha}^p &= \sup_{0 \leq t \leq t_f} \left( \int_0^t \frac{|e_i(s)|^p}{(t-s)^{1-\alpha}} ds \right) = \sup_{ih \leq t \leq (i+1)h} \left( \int_{ih}^t \frac{|f^i(s) - f_m^i(s)|^p}{(t-s)^{1-\alpha}} ds \right) \\ &= \sup_{ih \leq t \leq (i+1)h} \left( \int_{ih}^t \frac{1}{(t-s)^{1-\alpha}} \left| \frac{f''(\xi_s^i)}{2!} (s-ih)^2 \right|^p ds \right) \\ &\leq \frac{M^p}{2^p} \sup_{ih \leq t \leq (i+1)h} \left( \int_{ih}^t \frac{(s-ih)^{2p}}{(t-s)^{1-\alpha}} ds \right) \\ &\leq \frac{M^p}{2^p} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(2p+1)}{\Gamma(\alpha+2p+1)} \sup_{ih \leq t \leq (i+1)h} \left( (t-ih)^{2p+\alpha} \right) \\ &\leq \frac{M^p}{2^p} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(2p+1)}{\Gamma(\alpha+2p+1)} h^{2p+\alpha}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.4)$$

This states that for any  $i \in \{0, 1, \dots, m-1\}$ , we have

$$\|e_i\|_{p,\alpha} \leq \frac{M}{2} \left( \frac{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(2p+1)}{\Gamma(\alpha+2p+1)} \right)^{1/p} h^{(2p+\alpha)/p}. \quad (3.5)$$

We see clearly that for any  $t \in [0, t_f]$ , there exists  $i \in \{0, 1, \dots, m-1\}$  such that  $t$  belongs to the interval  $[ih, (i+1)h]$ . Therefore,

$$|f(t) - f_m(t)| \leq \max_{i \in \{0, 1, \dots, m-1\}} |f^i(t) - f_m^i(t)|.$$

So,

$$\begin{aligned}
\|e\|_{p,\alpha}^p &= \sup_{0 \leq t \leq t_f} \left( \int_0^t \frac{|f(s) - f_m(s)|^p}{(t-s)^{1-\alpha}} ds \right) \\
&\leq \sup_{0 \leq t \leq t_f} \left( \int_0^t \frac{\max_{i \in \{0,1,\dots,m-1\}} |f^i(s) - f_m^i(s)|^p}{(t-s)^{1-\alpha}} ds \right) \\
&\leq \max_{i \in \{0,1,\dots,m-1\}} \sup_{ih \leq t \leq (i+1)h} \left( \int_{ih}^t \frac{|f^i(s) - f_m^i(s)|^p}{(t-s)^{1-\alpha}} ds \right) \\
&= \frac{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(2p+1)}{\Gamma(\alpha+2p+1)} \frac{M^p}{2^p} h^{2p+\alpha} \\
&= \frac{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(2p+1)}{\Gamma(\alpha+2p+1)} \frac{M^p t_f^{2p+\alpha}}{2^p m^{2p+\alpha}}.
\end{aligned} \tag{3.6}$$

This shows that  $\|e\|_{p,\alpha} \leq \left( \frac{B_{p,\alpha}}{m^{2p+\alpha}} \right)^{1/p}$ , where the constant  $B_{p,\alpha} := \frac{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(2p+1)}{\Gamma(\alpha+2p+1)} \frac{M^p t_f^{2p+\alpha}}{2^p}$  depends only on  $p$  and  $\alpha$ . Recall that  $M$  is the positive constant such that  $|f''(t)| \leq M$ , for all  $t \in [0, t_f]$ . As can be seen from (3.6), the upper bound  $\epsilon_m(p, \alpha) := \left( \frac{B_{p,\alpha}}{m^{2p+\alpha}} \right)^{1/p}$  is a two variable function of the elements  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$  and  $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ . Without the norm  $\|\cdot\|_{p,\alpha}$  we can only compute the error bound  $\epsilon_m(p, 1)$  which is deduced from  $\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 1} \|\cdot\|_{p,\alpha} = \|\cdot\|_p$ . Applying this error bound, we able to give a better convergence analysis of the triangular orthogonal bases. For example we can obtain the optimum upper bound of  $\epsilon_m(p, \alpha)$  in terms of the variables  $p$  and  $\alpha$ . For this issue, we have used the *optimization* package of *Maple* software 2015. After this work, the optimal values of  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$  and  $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$  are computed as  $p \simeq 6.831832$  and  $\alpha = 1$ . This shows that we don't always do any error analysis only with  $L^2$ -norm. The behaviour of the upper bound  $\epsilon_m(p, \alpha)$  assuming  $M = 1$ ,  $t_f = 1$  and  $m = 5$  is depicted for various tolerances of  $p$  and  $\alpha$  in Fig. 1.

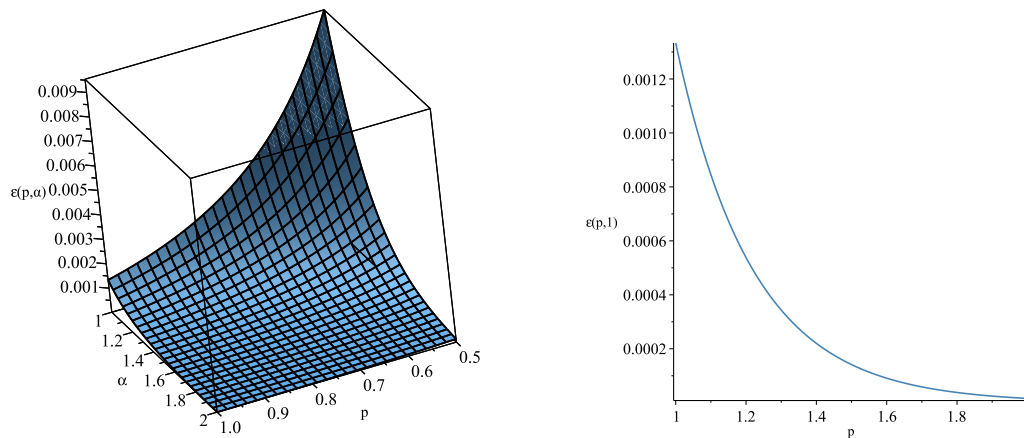


Figure 1: (Left) the error bound  $\epsilon_m(p, \alpha)$  under  $\|\cdot\|_{p,\alpha}$ -norm for  $1 \leq p \leq 2$  and  $0.5 \leq \alpha \leq 1$  and (right) the error bound  $\epsilon_m(p, 1)$  under  $\|\cdot\|_p$ -norm for  $1 \leq p \leq 2$ .

## 4 Conclusion

In this paper, we introduced a modified normed space of  $L_{p,\alpha}$ , named  $L_{p,\omega}$ -space. This space is a special case of  $L^p$  which is obtained by defining the measure function  $d\mu := \omega(t, s)ds$ . Thus,  $(L_{p,\omega}(\Omega), \|\cdot\|_{L_{p,\omega}(\Omega)})$  is a Banach space. Then, we obtained the two-variable upper bound function  $\epsilon_m(p, \alpha)$  for the triangular functions in  $L_{p,\alpha}$ -space. Applying the *optimization* package of *Maple* software 2015, the optimal values of  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$  and  $0 < \alpha \leq 1$  with fixed parameters  $M = 1$ ,  $t_f = 1$  and  $m = 5$  were computed as  $p \simeq 6.831832$  and  $\alpha = 1$ , respectively. It is worth noticing that the optimal value of  $\alpha$  in  $\epsilon_m(p, \alpha)$ , for any  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$  and  $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$ , is one, because  $\|f\|_p \leq \|f\|_{p,\alpha}$ .

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