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Abstract

Interpolation, by polynomials and other smooth functions, is a rather old method in applied mathematics. The notion of Fractal Interpolation Function (FIF) provides a relatively new method of interpolation that can produce both smooth and nonsmooth interpolants. Over the past three decades, the subject of fractal interpolation has been one of the major research themes among fractal community. As is well known, by their very nature, theories of interpolation and approximation are intimately related. However, the interplay between these two theories is more subtle in the fractal setting. In the context of fractal interpolation, the notion of α -fractal function is mostly responsible for the interesting research findings on the interconnection between interpolation and approximation theories of univariate fractal functions. This thesis makes some modest contributions towards approximation theoretic aspects of univariate and bivariate fractal functions using α -fractal function as an effective tool. Fractal dimensions being important approximation theoretic indices, effort has been made to study the box dimension and Hausdorff dimension of graphs of these univariate and bivariate fractal functions. The focus of interest shifts slightly in the last part of the thesis wherein we attempt to relate the two fields- Fractional Calculus and Fractal Geometry - with fractal dimension as a medium. Thus, in broad terms, the subject of the thesis pertains to three “F-concepts” -Fractal interpolation functions, Fractal dimension, and Fractional calculus.

Chapter 1, being the introduction, provides an overview of the basic theory and the results relevant to our study in the subsequent chapters. This chapter is interspersed with a brief literature survey on the topics that concern us.

In Chapter 2, we revisit the univariate α -fractal function and associated fractal operator that received a great deal of attention in the literature on approximation theory of univariate FIF. In particular, we show that the α -fractal function depends continuously on the parameters involved in its construction. Furthermore, we clarify and correct the mathematical errors in some results on α -fractal function and Bernstein α -fractal function which appeared recently in the literature. Therefore, Chapter 2 can be viewed as an attempt to build on the extant literature pertaining to the univariate α -fractal functions.

With the intend to open the door towards the interaction of bivariate fractal functions (fractal surfaces) with the field of constrained approximation, we introduce the bivariate analogue of α -fractal function in Chapter 3. Furthermore, some elementary properties of the bivariate α -fractal function and associated fractal operator are established.

The purpose of Chapter 4 is to initiate the study of constrained approximation aspects of the bivariate α -fractal functions. To reach this goal, we adapt a two-step strategy. The first step is to identify suitable values of the parameters so that the bivariate α -fractal function corresponding to a given function preserves certain properties of the original. The second step is to apply the constrained approximation results available with classical bivariate functions in conjunction with the parameters identification results culminated in the first step.

In Chapter 5, we intend to consider the estimation of fractal dimensions of the graphs of univariate and bivariate α -fractal functions that appeared in the previous chapters. In the last part of this chapter, we make a slight digression to study the connection between the notion of bounded variation of a bivariate function and the fractal dimension of its graph. In addition to forming a prelude to the next chapter,

these results may be of independent interest.

In chapter 6, an effort has been made to relate fractal geometry and fractional calculus that are developing independently and in parallel. Particular emphasis is given to fractal dimensions of the graphs of the Katugampola fractional integrals - a new notion of fractional integral that generalizes both the Riemann-Liouville and Hadamard fractional integrals- the two competing forms of fractional integrals that have been studied extensively for their applications.

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बहुपद और अन्य स्मूद फ़ंक्शंस द्वारा इंटरपोलेशन, लागू गणित में एक पुरानी पद्धति है। फ्रैक्टल इंटरपोलेशन फंक्शन (एफआईएफ) की धारणा इंटरपोलेशन की एक अपेक्षाकृत नई विधि प्रदान करती है जो स्मूद और गैर-स्मूद इंटरपोलेंट दोनों का उत्पादन कर सकती है। पिछले तीन दशकों में, फ्रैक्टल इंटरपोलेशन का विषय फ्रैक्टल समुदाय के बीच प्रमुख शोध विषयों में से एक रहा है। जैसा कि सर्वविदित है, उनके स्वभाव से, इंटरपोलेशन और एप्रोक्सीमेशन के सिद्धांत अंतरंग रूप से संबंधित हैं। हालांकि, इन दोनों सिद्धांतों के बीच का अंतर फ्रैक्टल सेटिंग में अधिक सूक्ष्म है। फ्रैक्टल इंटरपोलेशन के संदर्भ में, अल्फा-फ्रैक्टल फंक्शन की धारणा ज्यादातर इंटरफेरेंशन और एकचर फ्रैक्टल फंक्शंस के एप्रोक्सीमेशन सिद्धांतों के बीच इंटरकनेक्शन पर दिलचस्प शोध निष्कर्षों के लिए जिम्मेदार है। यह थीसिस एक प्रभावी उपकरण के रूप में अल्फा-फ्रैक्टल फंक्शन का उपयोग करते हुए एकचर और द्विचर फ्रैक्टल फंक्शन के एप्रोक्सीमेशन सिद्धांत के प्रति कुछ मामूली योगदान देता है। फ्रैक्टल डाइमेंशन महत्वपूर्ण एप्रोक्सीमेशन थ्योरिटिक इंडेक्स हैं, इन एकचर और द्विचर फ्रैक्टल फंक्शंस के ग्राफ के बॉक्स डाइमेंशन और हॉसडॉर्फ डाइमेंशन का अध्ययन करने का प्रयास किया गया है। रुचि का ध्यान इस थीसिस के अंतिम भाग में थोड़ा बदल जाता है जिसमें हम दो क्षेत्रों- फ्रैक्शनल कैलकुलस और फ्रैक्टल ज्योमेट्री से संबंधित करने का प्रयास करते हैं - एक माध्यम के रूप में फ्रैक्टल डाइमेंशन के साथ। इस प्रकार, व्यापक शब्दों में, थीसिस का विषय तीन "एफ-अवधारणाओं" से संबंधित है- फ्रैक्टल इंटरपोलेशन फंक्शन, फ्रैक्टल डाइमेंशन और फ्रैक्शनल कैलकुलस।

अध्याय 1, परिचय होने के नाते, मूल सिद्धांत और बाद के अध्यायों में हमारे अध्ययन के लिए प्रासंगिक परिणामों का अवलोकन प्रदान करता है। यह अध्याय उन विषयों पर एक संक्षिप्त साहित्य सर्वेक्षण के साथ जुड़ा हुआ है जो हमें चिंतित करते हैं।

अध्याय 2 में, हम एकचर अल्फा-फ्रैक्टल फ़ंक्शन और संबंधित फ्रैक्टल ऑपरेटर को फिर से दिखाते हैं, जो कि साहित्यिक एफआईएफ के एप्रोक्सीमेशन सिद्धांत पर साहित्य में बहुत अधिक ध्यान आकर्षित करते हैं। विशेष रूप से, हम दिखाते हैं कि अल्फा-फ्रैक्टल फ़ंक्शन इसके निर्माण में शामिल मापदंडों पर लगातार निर्भर करता है। इसके अलावा, हम अल्फा-फ्रैक्टल फ़ंक्शन और बर्नस्टीन अल्फा-फ्रैक्टल फ़ंक्शन पर कुछ परिणामों में गणितीय त्रुटियों को स्पष्ट और सही करते हैं जो हाल ही में साहित्य में दिखाई दिए थे। इसलिए, अध्याय 2 को विलुप्त होने वाले अल्फा-फ्रैक्टल फ़ंक्शंस से संबंधित प्रचलित साहित्य पर बनाने के प्रयास के रूप में देखा जा सकता है।

विवश एप्रोक्सीमेशन के क्षेत्र के साथ द्विचर फ्रैक्टल फ़ंक्शंस (फ्रैक्टल सतहों) की बातचीत की ओर दरवाजा खोलने का इरादा के साथ, हम अध्याय 3 में अल्फा-फ्रैक्टल फ़ंक्शन के द्विचर एनालॉग को पेश करते हैं।

इसके अलावा, द्विचर अल्फा-फ्रैक्टल फ़ंक्शन और संबद्ध फ्रैक्टल ऑपरेटर के कुछ प्राथमिक गुण स्थापित हैं।

अध्याय 4 का उद्देश्य द्विचर अल्फा-फ्रैक्टल फ़ंक्शंस के विवश एप्रोक्सीमेशन पहलुओं के अध्ययन की शुरुआत करना है। इस लक्ष्य तक पहुंचने के लिए, हम दो-चरणीय रणनीति को अपनाते हैं। पहला कदम मापदंडों के उपयुक्त मूल्यों की पहचान करना है ताकि किसी दिए गए फ़ंक्शन के अनुरूप द्विचर अल्फा-फ्रैक्टल फ़ंक्शन मूल के कुछ गुणों को संरक्षित करता है। दूसरा कदम है, पहले चरण में समाप्त किए गए मापदंडों की पहचान परिणामों के साथ संयोजन में शास्त्रीय बाइवेरेट कार्यों के साथ उपलब्ध विवश एप्रोक्सीमेशन परिणामों को लागू करना।

अध्याय 5 में, हम पिछले अध्यायों में दिखाई देने वाले एकचर और द्विचर अल्फा-फ्रैक्टल फ़ंक्शन के ग्राफ़ के फ्रैक्टल डाइमेंशन के आकलन पर विचार करना चाहते हैं। इस अध्याय के अंतिम भाग में, हम एक द्विचर फ़ंक्शन की बाध्यता की धारणा और उसके ग्राफ़ के फ्रैक्टल डाइमेंशन के बीच संबंध का अध्ययन करने के लिए एक मामूली विषयांतर करते हैं। अगले अध्याय में प्रस्तावना बनाने के अलावा, ये परिणाम स्वतंत्र हित के हो सकते हैं।

अध्याय 6 में, फ्रैक्टल ज्योमेट्री और फ्रैक्शनल कैलकुलस से संबंधित एक प्रयास किया गया है जो स्वतंत्र रूप से और समानांतर में विकसित हो रहा है। विशेष रूप से कटुगम्पोला फ्रैक्शनल इंटीग्रल के ग्राफ़ के फ्रैक्टल डाइमेंशन के लिए विशेष जोर दिया जाता है - एक नई धारणा - फ्रैक्शनल इंटीग्रल जो

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List of Symbols

Symbol	Meaning
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$\forall$	for all
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$=$	equal to
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$\neq$	not equal to
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$\in$	belongs to
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$\notin$	does not belong
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$\subset$	subset or equal
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$\cup, \cap$	union, intersection
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$ x $	absolute value of x
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$\emptyset$	empty set
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$\mathbb{N}$	the set of natural numbers
$\mathbb{Z}$	the set of integers
$\mathbb{Q}$	the set of rational numbers
$\mathbb{R}$	the real line
$\mathbb{C}$	the complex plane
$\mathcal{P}(X)$	the power set of a set X
$\mathcal{C}(X)$	the space of all real-valued continuous functions on X
$\mathcal{L}^p(X)$	the space of all real-valued p -integrable functions on X
$\ \cdot\ $	norm
$\ \cdot\ _\infty$	the uniform norm
f^n	n -fold composition $f \circ f \circ \cdots \circ f$
Id	Identity map
$\square$	end of a proof