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# Weighted discrepancy and numerical integration in function spaces



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## ABSTRACT

The paper deals with weighted discrepancy and numerical integration in Euclidean  $n$ -space in the context of Faber bases for Besov–Sobolev spaces with dominating mixed smoothness.

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## 1. Introduction and main assertions

Let  $Q = (0, 1)^n$  be the unit cube in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , and  $Q_M = M + Q$  with  $M = (M_1, \dots, M_n) \in \mathbb{Z}^n$ . Let  $\Gamma = \{x^j\}_{j=1}^k$  be a set of  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  points  $x^j = (x_1^j, \dots, x_n^j)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and

$$R_{\Gamma}^j = \left\{ x \in Q_M : x_l^j < x_l < M_l + 1, l = 1, \dots, n \right\} \quad \text{if } M_l \leq x_l^j < M_l + 1,$$

$j = 1, \dots, k$ , be rectangles anchored at the upper right corner of related cubes  $Q_M$ . Let  $\chi_{R_{\Gamma}^j}$  be the characteristic function of  $R_{\Gamma}^j$  and let  $A = \{a_j\}_{j=1}^k \subset \mathbb{C}$ . Then the discrepancy function

$$\text{disc}_{\Gamma, A}(x) = \prod_{l=1}^n (x_l - M_l) - \sum_{j: R_{\Gamma}^j \subset Q_M} a_j \chi_{R_{\Gamma}^j}(x) \quad \text{if } x \in Q_M, \quad (1.1)$$

$M \in \mathbb{Z}^n$ , extends the well-known discrepancy function from  $Q$  to  $\mathbb{R}^n$  modulo 1 as suggested in the classical papers [24,7]. If for given  $Q_M$  there are no  $R_{\Gamma}^j$  with  $R_{\Gamma}^j \subset Q_M$  then  $\text{disc}_{\Gamma, A}(x) = \prod_{l=1}^n (x_l - M_l)$ .

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Furthermore  $\text{disc}_{\Gamma,A}(x) = 0$  for  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \bigcup_M Q_M$  (the faces of all  $Q_M$ ). We measure  $\text{disc}_{\Gamma,A}$  in weighted function spaces. Let

$$w^\alpha(x) = \prod_{i=1}^n (1 + x_i^2)^{\alpha/2}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^n, \alpha \in \mathbb{R}. \tag{1.2}$$

We are mainly interested in weighted Besov spaces  $S_{p,p}^r B(\mathbb{R}^n, \alpha)$  of dominating mixed smoothness and related weighted (fractional) Sobolev spaces  $S_p^r H(\mathbb{R}^n, \alpha)$  of dominating mixed smoothness defined below. Recall that  $S_p^0 H(\mathbb{R}^n, \alpha) = L_p(\mathbb{R}^n, \alpha)$ ,  $1 < p < \infty$ , normed by

$$\|f\|_{L_p(\mathbb{R}^n, \alpha)} = \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} w^\alpha(x)^p |f(x)|^p dx \right)^{1/p}, \quad \alpha \in \mathbb{R}. \tag{1.3}$$

We extend the classical discrepancy  $\text{disc}_k(L_p(Q))$ ,  $1 < p < \infty, k \in \mathbb{N}$ , and its modifications  $\text{disc}_k(S_{p,q}^r A(Q))$ , where  $S_{p,q}^r A(Q)$  are suitable spaces with dominating mixed smoothness in  $Q$  as considered in [20], to some weighted spaces on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Then

$$\text{disc}_k(S_{p,p}^r B(\mathbb{R}^n, \alpha)) = \inf \left\| \text{disc}_{\Gamma,A} |S_{p,p}^r B(\mathbb{R}^n, \alpha)| \right\| \tag{1.4}$$

where the infimum is taken over all  $\Gamma = \{x^j\}_{j=1}^k \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  and all  $A = \{a_j\}_{j=1}^k \subset \mathbb{C}$ . Similarly for

$$\text{disc}_k(S_p^r H(\mathbb{R}^n, \alpha)) = \inf \left\| \text{disc}_{\Gamma,A} |S_p^r H(\mathbb{R}^n, \alpha)| \right\|. \tag{1.5}$$

We add a comment below under which restrictions for  $r, p, \alpha$  both (1.4) and (1.5) make sense. The close connection between discrepancy in  $L_p(Q)$ ,  $1 < p < \infty$ , and numerical integration in  $L_{p'}(Q)$  is one of the cornerstones of this theory. We extended this relation in [20] to some spaces  $S_{p,q}^r A(Q)$ . One may ask for weighted counterparts. Let  $UA$  be the unit ball in the Banach space  $A$ . Let

$$1 < p < \infty, \quad \alpha + \frac{1}{p} > 1 \quad \text{and} \quad r > \frac{1}{p}. \tag{1.6}$$

Then

$$\text{Int}_k(S_{p,p}^r B(\mathbb{R}^n, \alpha)) = \inf \left[ \sup_{f \in US_{p,p}^r B(\mathbb{R}^n, \alpha)} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f(x) dx - \sum_{j=1}^k a_j f(x^j) \right| \right], \tag{1.7}$$

$k \in \mathbb{N}$ , where the infimum is taken over all  $\{x^j\}_{j=1}^k \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  and all  $A = \{a_j\}_{j=1}^k \subset \mathbb{C}$ . This is the extension of [21, Definition 4.11, p. 93] from  $\mathbb{R}^2$  to  $\mathbb{R}^n$  as indicated in [21, Section 4.5]. For discussions and justifications we refer to [20, Chapter 5] and [21]. We only mention that  $r > 1/p$  ensures that pointwise evaluation  $f(x^j)$  makes sense, which will also be discussed later on in connection with Faber bases. Furthermore it follows from  $\alpha + \frac{1}{p} > 1$  that  $S_{p,p}^r B(\mathbb{R}^n, \alpha) \hookrightarrow L_1(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Both together justifies (1.7). We need a minor modification of these integral numbers. Let  $f^\nabla$  for  $f \in S_{p,p}^r B(\mathbb{R}^n, \alpha)$  be as in Remark 2.9 and Corollary 2.8 below. Then

$$\text{Int}_k(S_{p,p}^r B(\mathbb{R}^n, \alpha)^\nabla) = \inf \left[ \sup_{f \in US_{p,p}^r B(\mathbb{R}^n, \alpha)} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f^\nabla(x) dx - \sum_{j=1}^k a_j f^\nabla(x^j) \right| \right], \tag{1.8}$$

$k \in \mathbb{N}$ , where the infimum has the same meaning as above. It is the main aim of this paper to prove the following assertions. But first we fix our use of  $\sim$  (equivalence) as follows. Let  $I$  be an arbitrary index set. Then  $a_i \sim b_i$  for two sets of positive numbers  $\{a_i : i \in I\}$  and  $\{b_i : i \in I\}$  means that there are two positive numbers  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  such that  $c_1 a_i \leq b_i \leq c_2 a_i$  for all  $i \in I$ .

**Theorem 1.1.** *Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and*

$$1 < p < \infty, \quad \frac{1}{p} - 1 < r < \frac{1}{p}, \quad \alpha < -\frac{1}{p}. \tag{1.9}$$

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