

# *Contents*

<b>Preface</b>	<i>v</i>
<b>Chapter 1. Possibility of Approximation</b>	
1. Basic Notions	<i>1</i>
2. Linear Operators	<i>3</i>
3. Approximation Theorems	<i>7</i>
4. The Theorem of Stone	<i>11</i>
5. Notes	<i>13</i>
<b>Chapter 2. Polynomials of Best Approximation</b>	
1. Existence of Polynomials of Best Approximation	<i>16</i>
2. Characterization of Polynomials of Best Approximation	<i>18</i>
3. Applications of Convexity	<i>19</i>
4. Chebyshev Systems	<i>23</i>
5. Uniqueness of Polynomials of Best Approximation	<i>26</i>
6. Chebyshev's Theorem	<i>29</i>
7. Chebyshev Polynomials	<i>30</i>
8. Approximation of Some Complex Functions	<i>32</i>
9. Notes	<i>33</i>
<b>Chapter 3. Properties of Polynomials and Moduli of Continuity</b>	
1. Interpolation	<i>36</i>
2. Inequalities of Bernstein	<i>39</i>
3. The Inequality of Markov	<i>40</i>
4. Growth of Polynomials in the Complex Plane	<i>42</i>
5. Moduli of Continuity	<i>43</i>
6. Moduli of Smoothness	<i>47</i>
7. Classes of Functions	<i>49</i>
8. Notes	<i>52</i>

## Chapter 4. The Degree of Approximation by Trigonometric Polynomials

1. Generalities	54
2. The Theorem of Jackson	55
3. The Degree of Approximation of Differentiable Functions	57
4. Inverse Theorems	58
5. Differentiable Functions	61
6. Notes	62

## Chapter 5. The Degree of Approximation by Algebraic Polynomials

1. Preliminaries	65
2. The Approximation Theorems	68
3. Inequalities for the Derivatives of Polynomials	69
4. Inverse Theorems	73
5. Approximation of Analytic Functions	76
6. Notes	78

## Chapter 6. Approximation by Rational Functions. Functions of Several Variables

1. Degree of Rational Approximation	81
2. Inverse Theorems	83
3. Periodic Functions of Several Variables	87
4. Approximation by Algebraic Polynomials	89
5. Notes	90

## Chapter 7. Approximation by Linear Polynomial Operators

1. Sums of de la Vallée-Poussin. Positive Operators	92
2. The Principle of Uniform Boundedness	95
3. Operators that Preserve Trigonometric Polynomials	96
4. Trigonometric Saturation Classes	98
5. The Saturation Class of the Bernstein Polynomials	102
6. Notes	108

## Chapter 8. Approximation of Classes of Functions

1. Introduction	111
2. Approximation in the Space $L^1$	112
3. The Degree of Approximation of the Classes $W_p^*$	115

4. Distance Matrices	120
5. Approximation of the Classes $A_\omega$	122
6. Arbitrary Moduli of Continuity; Approximation by Operators	124
7. Analytic Functions	126
8. Notes	130
<b>Chapter 9. Widths</b>	
1. Definitions and Basic Properties	132
2. Sets of Continuous and Differentiable Functions	133
3. Widths of Balls	137
4. Applications of Theorem 2	139
5. Differential Operators	143
6. Widths of the Sets $\mathfrak{R}_i$	146
7. Notes	148
<b>Chapter 10. Entropy</b>	
1. Entropy and Capacity	150
2. Sets of Continuous and Differentiable Functions	153
3. Entropy of Classes of Analytic Functions	155
4. More General Sets of Analytic Functions	161
5. Relations between Entropy and Widths	163
6. Notes	166
<b>Chapter 11. Representation of Functions of Several Variables by Functions of One Variable</b>	
1. The Theorem of Kolmogorov	168
2. The Fundamental Lemma	170
3. The Completion of the Proof	173
4. Functions Not Representable by Superpositions	174
5. Notes	177
<b>Bibliography</b>	179
<b>Index</b>	187