

SHARP ESTIMATES OF BEST APPROXIMATIONS BY DEVIATIONS OF WEIERSTRASS-TYPE INTEGRALS

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We establish the estimates

$$A_\sigma(f)_P \leq KP(f - f * W),$$

where W is a kernel of special type that is integrable on \mathbb{R} and $A_\sigma(f)_P$ is the best approximation of a function f with respect to a seminorm P by entire functions of exponential type not greater than σ . For the uniform and integral norms, we find the least possible constant K . The estimates are obtained by linear methods of approximation. Bibliography: 7 titles.

1. NOTATION

In what follows, \mathbb{R} , \mathbb{Z} , \mathbb{Z}_+ , and \mathbb{N} are the sets of reals, integers, nonnegative integers, and positive integers, respectively; $[a : b] = [a, b] \cap \mathbb{Z}$; $C(E)$ and $C^{(r)}(E)$ are the sets of continuous and r times continuously differentiable on a set E functions. The function spaces are denoted as follows: $UCB(\mathbb{R})$ is the space of bounded, uniformly continuous on \mathbb{R} functions, and C is the space of 2π -periodic continuous functions, with uniform norms $\|\cdot\| = \|\cdot\|_\infty$. If $1 \leq p < \infty$, we denote by $L_p(\mathbb{R})$ the space of functions that are measurable and integrable on \mathbb{R} with power p ; L_p is the space of functions that are measurable, 2π -periodic, and integrable on the period with power p ; the norms in these spaces are $\|f\|_p = (\int_E |f|^p)^{1/p}$, where $E = \mathbb{R}$ or $[-\pi, \pi]$, respectively. Further, $L(\mathbb{R}) = L_1(\mathbb{R})$, $L = L_1, L_\infty(\mathbb{R})$ is the space of measurable, essentially bounded on \mathbb{R} functions with the norm

$$\|f\|_\infty = \text{vraisup}_{x \in \mathbb{R}} |f(x)|,$$

and L_∞ is the subspace of 2π -periodic functions that belong to $L_\infty(\mathbb{R})$. Unless otherwise is implied by the context, function spaces may be real or complex.

Assume that \mathfrak{M} is a closed subspace of $L_p(\mathbb{R})$ ($1 \leq p < \infty$) or $UCB(\mathbb{R})$ ($p = \infty$) and P is a seminorm defined on \mathfrak{M} . We say that the space (\mathfrak{M}, P) is of class \mathcal{B} if the following conditions are fulfilled:

- (1) the space is shift-invariant, i.e., for every $f \in \mathfrak{M}$ and $h \in \mathbb{R}$, we have $f(\cdot + h) \in \mathfrak{M}$ and $P(f(\cdot + h)) = P(f)$;
- (2) there exists a constant B such that $P(f) \leq B\|f\|_p$ for every $f \in \mathfrak{M}$.

As examples of spaces of class \mathcal{B} , we mention $(UCB(\mathbb{R}), \|\cdot\|_\infty)$, $(L_p(\mathbb{R}), \|\cdot\|_p)$, $1 \leq p < \infty$, the spaces of periodic functions $(C, \|\cdot\|_p)$, $1 \leq p \leq \infty$, and also more general spaces of uniformly continuous almost-periodic functions, with exponents belonging to a fixed set, with various norms.

Next, \mathbf{E}_σ and $\mathbf{E}_{\sigma-0}$ are the sets of entire functions of exponential type not greater (less) than $\sigma > 0$; the best approximation of a function f with respect to a seminorm P is defined by

$$A_\sigma(f)_P = \inf_{\substack{g \in \mathbf{E}_\sigma \\ f-g \in \mathfrak{M}}} P(f-g)$$

($\inf \emptyset = +\infty$), the value $A_{\sigma-0}(f)_P$ is defined in the same way. Index p attached to some value means that $P(f) = \|f\|_p$. The functions are assumed to be extended to points of removable break by continuity; in other cases, the symbol $\frac{0}{0}$ is understood as 0. In addition,

$$c(f, y) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(t)e^{-iyt} dt$$

is the complex Fourier transform of a function $f \in L(\mathbb{R})$ and $a(f)$ and $b(f)$ are its cosine and sine Fourier transforms, i.e.,

$$a(f, y) = c(f, y) + c(f, -y) \quad \text{and} \quad b(f, y) = i(c(f, y) - c(f, -y)).$$

By analogy, if a function c is defined on a symmetric with respect to zero subset of \mathbb{R} , we put

$$a(y) = c(y) + c(-y) \quad \text{and} \quad b(y) = i(c(y) - c(-y)). \tag{1}$$

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We have $a = 2c$ if c is even and $b = 2ic$ if c is odd.

The convolution of two functions f and g is defined by

$$(f * g)(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(x-t)g(t) dt;$$

$c(f * g) = c(f)c(g)$ with such a normalization.

2. GENERAL ESTIMATES

Assume that a convolution operator \mathcal{W} with kernel $W \in L(\mathbb{R})$ is defined:

$$\mathcal{W}f = f * W.$$

We study the problem concerning the best constant in the inequality

$$A_\sigma(f)_P \leq KP(f - \mathcal{W}f) \quad (2)$$

and realization of this estimate by linear approximation methods.

Let us show that this problem reduces to the classical one, which deals with approximation of classes of convolutions.

Lemma 1. *Assume that $p \in [1, +\infty]$, $f \in L_p(\mathbb{R})$, $\varphi = (I - \mathcal{W})f$, $y_0 > 0$, and $c(W, y) \neq 1$ for every y such that $|y| \geq y_0$.*

(1) *Then there exist functions $Q, G \in L(\mathbb{R})$ such that $c(Q, y) = 0$, $c(G, y) = \frac{c(W, y)}{1 - c(W, y)}$ for $|y| \geq y_0$, and*

$$\mathcal{W}f = f * Q + \varphi * G. \quad (3)$$

(2) *If a function W is even, then Q and G can also be chosen even. If $c(W) \in C^{(r)}(\mathbb{R} \setminus (-y_0, y_0))$, where $r \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{\infty\}$, then the function G can be chosen so that $c(G) \in C^{(r)}(\mathbb{R})$.*

Proof. (1) Let us take a kernel $V \in L(\mathbb{R})$ such that $c(V, y) = 0$ for $|y| \geq y_0$ and $c(W - V, y) \neq 1$ for all $y \in \mathbb{R}$. By the Wiener–Levi theorem (see [1, Sec. 75, p. 158]), the function $\frac{c(W-V)}{1-c(W-V)}$ is the Fourier transform of a function $G \in L(\mathbb{R})$. Then

$$f * (W - V) = (f - f * (W - V)) * G,$$

and so equality (3) holds with $Q = V + V * G$.

(2) The statement concerning evenness is obvious. Let us prove the one concerning smoothness. We denote $w = c(W)$ and take a function $d \in C^{(r)}[-y_0, y_0]$ such that $d^{(k)}(\pm y_0 \mp) = w^{(k)}(\pm y_0 \pm)$ for every $k \in [0 : r]$ and $d(y) \neq 1$ for every $y \in [-y_0, y_0]$; we put $d(y) = w(y)$ for $|y| \geq y_0$. Then $d \in C^{(r)}(\mathbb{R})$ and $\frac{d}{1-d} \in C^{(r)}(\mathbb{R})$.

We denote by L^* the set of Fourier transforms of functions of the class $L(\mathbb{R})$ [1, Sec. 75, p. 157]. Let us show that $v = w - d \in L^*$. Assume that $q \in C^{(1)}(\mathbb{R})$, q is even, $q(y) = 1$ for $|y| \leq y_0$, and $q(y) = 0$ for $|y| \geq 2y_0$. Then the functions q and dq are compactly supported and belong to $C^{(1)}(\mathbb{R})$; thus, they belong to L^* (see, e.g., [2, p. 133, Remark 2]). Consequently, $wq \in L^*$, and so $v = wq - dq \in L^*$ and $d = w - v \in L^*$.

It remains to denote the inverse Fourier transform of v by V and to complete the proof as in item (1). \square

The term $f * Q$ in (3) belongs to \mathbf{E}_{y_0} and can be included in the approximating aggregate. Thus, the problem is reduced to approximation of the convolution $\varphi * G$.

Let us recall known facts concerning approximation of classes of convolutions.

Let $y_0 > 0$ and $r \in \{1, 2\}$. We denote by $CM_c^r(y_0)$ and $CM_s^r(y_0)$ (which means “completely monotone”) the sets of even and odd functions c that are defined at least on $\mathbb{R} \setminus (-y_0, y_0)$, and such that for all $y \geq y_0$ (see convention (1)),

$$a(y) = \int_0^{+\infty} e^{-y^r u} d\Phi(u) \quad \text{and} \quad b(y) = \int_0^{+\infty} e^{-y^r u} d\Psi(u),$$

respectively, where the functions Φ and Ψ increase on $(0, +\infty)$. Next, $\widehat{CM}_c^r(y_0)$ and $\widehat{CM}_s^r(y_0)$ are the sets of even and odd functions $G \in L(\mathbb{R})$ for which $c(G) \in CM_c^r(y_0)$ or $CM_s^r(y_0)$; $\widehat{CM}^r(y_0) = \widehat{CM}_c^r(y_0) \cup \widehat{CM}_s^r(y_0)$.

Assume that a kernel G is even or odd, $G \in L(\mathbb{R}) \cap C(\mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\})$, and $G(t) = O(t^{-2})$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$; let \varkappa be the parity of G , i.e., $\varkappa = 0$ if G is even and $\varkappa = 1$ if the kernel G is odd. We denote [1, Sec. 87, pp. 199–203]

$$L_\sigma(G, z) = \frac{\sin(\sigma z - \frac{\pi}{2}(1 - \varkappa))}{\sigma} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} (-1)^k \frac{G\left(\frac{(2k+1-\varkappa)\pi}{2\sigma}\right)}{z - \frac{(2k+1-\varkappa)\pi}{2\sigma}}.$$

Then $L_\sigma G$ is an even or odd function that belongs to $\mathbf{E}_\sigma \cap L(\mathbb{R})$ and interpolates G at the points $\frac{(2k+1-\varkappa)\pi}{2\sigma}$, $k \in \mathbb{Z}$, i.e., at the zeros of the functions $\sin \sigma t$ or $\cos \sigma t$ in accordance with its parity. (The value of an odd function G at zero is equal to zero, and if G is even, then its value at zero is irrelevant.) The function $L_\sigma G$ is expressed in terms of the Fourier transform as follows:

$$L_\sigma(G, t) = \int_{-\sigma}^{\sigma} c(L_\sigma, y) e^{ity} dy, \tag{4}$$

where

$$c(L_\sigma G, y) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} e^{ik\pi(1-\varkappa)} c(G, y + 2k\sigma), \quad |y| \leq \sigma. \tag{5}$$

These formulas are valid if we require that the series on the right in (5) converges uniformly on $[0, \sigma]$ and its sum, after multiplication by $e^{i\frac{\pi(1-\varkappa)}{2\sigma}y}$, admits an expansion in a Fourier series [1, Sec. 87, pp. 202–203].

Remark 1. It is shown in [3, Properties AM4 and AM5] that if $G \in \widehat{CM}^2(y_0)$ and $c(G) \in C^{(2)}(\mathbb{R})$, then $G \in C(\mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\})$, $G(t) = O(t^{-2})$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$, and formulas (4) and (5) are true.

Assume that

$$f = T + \varphi * G, \tag{6}$$

where $T \in \mathbf{E}_\sigma$. We denote

$$X_{\sigma, G} f = T + \varphi * L_\sigma G$$

and

$$\mathcal{K}_{\sigma, G} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} G(t) \operatorname{sign} \sin \sigma t dt = \frac{2}{\pi} \sum_{\nu=0}^{\infty} \frac{b(G, (2\nu+1)\sigma)}{2\nu+1}$$

if G is odd;

$$\mathcal{K}_{\sigma, G} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} G(t) \operatorname{sign} \cos \sigma t dt = \frac{2}{\pi} \sum_{\nu=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^\nu}{2\nu+1} a(G, (2\nu+1)\sigma)$$

if G is even.

Remark 2. Clearly, $X_{\sigma, G} f \in \mathbf{E}_\sigma$. Let $T = 0$. If a function φ has period $\frac{2\pi}{\rho}$, $\rho > 0$, then $X_{\sigma, G} f$ is a trigonometric polynomial of order less than $\frac{\sigma}{\rho}$. In particular, if $\rho \geq \sigma$, then $X_{\sigma, G} f$ is a constant. If a function φ is almost-periodic, then $X_{\sigma, G} f$ is also an almost-periodic function whose exponents belong to φ .

The following Lemmas A and B and Remark 3 are contained in [3, Lemmas 5 and 7 and Remark 4]. Lemma A includes classical results of J. Favard, N. I. Akhiezer, M. G. Krein, S. M. Nikolskii, Sun Youngshen, and other mathematicians; see, e.g., [1] and the history in [3].

Lemma A. Assume that $G \in L(\mathbb{R}) \cap C(\mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\})$, G is even or odd, $G(t) = O(t^{-2})$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$, $\sigma > 0$, and

$$(G(t) - L_\sigma(G, t)) \cos \sigma t \geq 0 \quad \text{or} \quad (G(t) - L_\sigma(G, t)) \sin \sigma t \geq 0,$$

respectively, for almost every $t \in \mathbb{R}$. Then

$$\mathcal{K}_{\sigma, G} = \frac{1}{2\pi} A_\sigma(G)_1 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |G - L_\sigma G|. \tag{7}$$

If, in addition, $(\mathfrak{M}, P) \in \mathcal{B}$, $\varphi \in \mathfrak{M}$, and the functions f and φ are related by (6), then

$$P(f - X_{\sigma,G}f) \leq \mathcal{K}_{\sigma,G}P(\varphi), \quad (8)$$

$$A_{\sigma}(f)_P \leq \mathcal{K}_{\sigma,G}A_{\sigma}(\varphi)_P, \quad (9)$$

$$A_{\sigma-0}(f)_P \leq \mathcal{K}_{\sigma,G}A_{\sigma-0}(\varphi)_P, \quad (10)$$

$$A_{\sigma-0}(f)_P \leq \mathcal{K}_{\sigma,G}P(\varphi), \quad (11)$$

$$A_{\sigma}(f)_P \leq \mathcal{K}_{\sigma,G}P(\varphi) \quad (12)$$

(in (10) and (11), $T \in \mathbf{E}_{\sigma-0}$). In the spaces $(UCB(\mathbb{R}), \|\cdot\|_{\infty})$ and $(L(\mathbb{R}), \|\cdot\|_1)$, the constant $\mathcal{K}_{\sigma,G}$ in (8)–(12) cannot be reduced. In the spaces of $\frac{2\pi}{\sigma}$ -periodic functions with the uniform or integral norm, the constant in (8), (10), and (11) also cannot be reduced.

Remark 3. Inequalities of type (8)–(12) can be carried over in a standard way (for instance, with the help of approximation of the function φ by its Fejér integral) from sets of continuous functions to the sets $L_{\infty}(\mathbb{R})$ and L_p , $1 \leq p \leq \infty$, with seminorms $\|\cdot\|_p$, $A_{\sigma}(\cdot)_p$, and $A_{\sigma-0}(\cdot)_p$. Moreover, for convolution classes of the form

$$f = T + \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} G(x-t) dg(t)$$

and their periodic analogs, sharp estimates for approximations in $L_1(\mathbb{R})$ and L_1 by the variation of g are true.

In what follows, we do not dwell on the possibility of extending our estimates to wider function classes, restricting ourselves to statements for spaces of class \mathcal{B} .

Lemma B. Assume that $y_0 > 0$, G belongs to $\widehat{CM}_c^2(y_0)$ or $\widehat{CM}_s^2(y_0)$, $c(G) \in C^{(2)}(\mathbb{R})$, and $\sigma \geq y_0$. Then

$$G(t) - L_{\sigma}(G, t) = 2 \cos \sigma t C_{\sigma,G}(t)$$

or

$$G(t) - L_{\sigma}(G, t) = 2 \sin \sigma t S_{\sigma,G}(t),$$

respectively, where the functions $C_{\sigma,G}$ and $S_{\sigma,G}$ are positive for nonconstant Φ and Ψ . The conclusion of Lemma A also holds.

In the periodic case, kernels of the class $\widehat{CM}^1(1)$ were also considered by V. P. Zastavnyi and V. V. Savchuk [4].

3. MAIN RESULTS

If $\varphi = f - \mathcal{W}f$ and $\mathcal{W}f$ is represented by (3), we put

$$Y_{\sigma,W}f = f * Q + \varphi * L_{\sigma}G.$$

In other words, $Y_{\sigma,W} = X_{\sigma,G}\mathcal{W}$. Then

$$\mathcal{W}f - Y_{\sigma,W}f = \varphi * (G - L_{\sigma}G).$$

Since the difference $G - L_{\sigma}G$ does not change if one adds a function from \mathbf{E}_{σ} to G , the operator $Y_{\sigma,W}$ does not depend on the choice of Q and G in (3).

An analog of Remark 2 holds for the operator $Y_{\sigma,W}$.

Remark 4. As follows from the definition, $Y_{\sigma,W}$ is a convolution operator with kernel

$$D_{\sigma} = Q + (L_{\sigma}G - W * L_{\sigma}G).$$

Let us express the Fourier transform of D_{σ} in terms of the Fourier transform of the initial kernel W under the assumption that formula (4) holds. Denoting $Q = V + V * G$, as in Lemma 1, we get the equality

$$c(D_{\sigma}, y) = c(V, y)(1 + c(G, y)) + (1 - c(W, y)) \sum_{l \in \mathbb{Z}} (-1)^l c(G, y + 2l\sigma).$$

Isolating the term with $l = 0$ and taking into account that $c(G) = \frac{c(W-V)}{1-c(W-V)}$ and $c(V, z) = 0$ for $|z| \geq \sigma$, we conclude that the equality

$$c(D_{\sigma}, y) = c(W, y) - (1 - c(W, y)) \sum_{l \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}} (-1)^{l-1} \frac{c(W, y + 2l\sigma)}{1 - c(W, y + 2l\sigma)} \quad (13)$$

holds for $|y| \leq \sigma$.

Theorem 1. *Assume that $(\mathfrak{M}, P) \in \mathcal{B}$, $f \in \mathfrak{M}$, $y_0 > 0$, $W \in L(\mathbb{R})$, the function W is even, $c(W, y) \neq 1$ for every $y \geq y_0$, $G \in L(\mathbb{R})$, the function G is even, $G(t) = O(t^{-2})$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$, $c(G, y) = \frac{c(W, y)}{1 - c(W, y)}$ for every $y \geq y_0$, $\sigma \geq y_0$,*

$$(G(t) - L_\sigma(G, t)) \cos \sigma t \geq 0 \quad \text{for almost every } t \in \mathbb{R}, \quad (14)$$

and $\varphi = (I - \mathcal{W})f$. Then

$$P(f - Y_{\sigma, W}f) \leq (1 + \mathcal{K}_{\sigma, G})P(\varphi), \quad (15)$$

$$A_\sigma(f)_P \leq (1 + \mathcal{K}_{\sigma, G})A_\sigma(\varphi)_P, \quad (16)$$

$$A_{\sigma-0}(f)_P \leq (1 + \mathcal{K}_{\sigma, G})A_{\sigma-0}(\varphi)_P, \quad (17)$$

$$A_{\sigma-0}(f)_P \leq (1 + \mathcal{K}_{\sigma, G})P(\varphi), \quad (18)$$

$$A_\sigma(f)_P \leq (1 + \mathcal{K}_{\sigma, G})P(\varphi). \quad (19)$$

In the spaces $(UCB(\mathbb{R}), \|\cdot\|_\infty)$ and $(L(\mathbb{R}), \|\cdot\|_1)$, the constant in (15)–(19) cannot be reduced, even for functions orthogonal to \mathbf{E}_σ . In the spaces of $\frac{2\pi}{\sigma}$ -periodic functions with the uniform or integral norm, the constant in (15), (17), and (18) cannot be reduced, even for functions with zero mean value.

Proof. (1) By Lemma 1,

$$f = \varphi + f * Q + \varphi * G,$$

where $f * Q \in \mathbf{E}_{y_0} \cap L(\mathbb{R})$. Thus, all the inequalities follow from Lemma A. To prove (17), one has to take into account that (see [1, Sec. 99, p. 232])

$$A_{\sigma-0}(f * Q)_P \leq A_{\sigma-0}(f)_P A_{\sigma-0}(Q)_1 = A_{\sigma-0}(f)_P A_\sigma(Q)_1 = 0.$$

Let us prove the sharpness of the inequalities.

(2) First, we consider the space $L_\infty(\mathbb{R})$ and notice that, by (7), the inequality

$$\|\varphi + \varphi * (G - L_\sigma G)\|_\infty \leq (1 + \mathcal{K}_{\sigma, G})\|\varphi\|_\infty$$

turns into equality for the function $\varphi_\sigma(t) = \text{sign} \cos \sigma t$. Consequently, inequality (15) turns into equality if $f - \mathcal{W}f = \varphi_\sigma$. One may take

$$\psi_\sigma = \varphi_\sigma + \varphi_\sigma * G$$

as f . The function ψ_σ has period $\frac{2\pi}{\sigma}$ and is expanded in the Fourier series,

$$\psi_\sigma(t) = \frac{4}{\pi} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{(2k+1)(1 - c(W, (2k+1)\sigma))} \cos(2k+1)\sigma t.$$

Thus, $Y_{\sigma, W}\psi_\sigma = 0$. Moreover (see [1, Sec. 96, p. 227]), $A_{\sigma-0}(\psi_\sigma)_\infty = \|\psi_\sigma\|_\infty$. This implies that (18) and, consequently, the previous inequalities (15) and (17) also turn into equalities for the function ψ_σ .

(3) Let us prove the sharpness of (19) in the space $L_\infty(\mathbb{R})$ on the set of functions that are orthogonal to \mathbf{E}_σ . We take $\rho > \sigma$ and put

$$\psi_\rho = \varphi_\rho + \varphi_\rho * G.$$

As earlier,

$$Y_{\sigma, W}\psi_\rho = 0, \quad (I - \mathcal{W})\psi_\rho = \varphi_\rho, \quad \|(I - \mathcal{W})\psi_\rho\|_\infty = \|\varphi_\rho\|_\infty = \|\varphi_\sigma\|_\infty,$$

and

$$A_\sigma(\psi_\rho)_\infty = \|\psi_\rho\|_\infty.$$

By the Lebesgue dominated convergence theorem, $\psi_\rho \xrightarrow{\rho \rightarrow \sigma+} \psi_\sigma$ almost everywhere, and so,

$$\liminf_{\rho \rightarrow \sigma+} \|\psi_\rho\|_\infty \geq \|\psi_\sigma\|_\infty.$$

That proves the sharpness of (19).

The sharpness of the inequalities on the sets of continuous functions is deduced from their sharpness on the sets of functions that belong to $L_\infty(\mathbb{R})$ in a standard way (e.g., with the help of approximation of the functions φ_ρ by their Fejér integrals).

(4) Let us prove the sharpness in the case of the integral norm. The operator $I - W$ is invertible on the sets of functions that are orthogonal to \mathbf{E}_σ . Thus,

$$\sup_{\substack{f \perp \mathbf{E}_\sigma \\ \|(I-W)f\|_p \leq 1}} A_\sigma(f)_p = \sup_{\substack{\varphi \perp \mathbf{E}_\sigma \\ \|\varphi\|_p \leq 1}} A_\sigma(\varphi + \varphi * G)_p$$

for every $p \in [1, \infty]$. By the duality relations (see [5, §1.4]),

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{\substack{\varphi \perp \mathbf{E}_\sigma \\ \|\varphi\|_1 \leq 1}} A_\sigma(\varphi + \varphi * G)_1 &= \sup_{\substack{\varphi \perp \mathbf{E}_\sigma \\ \|\varphi\|_1 \leq 1}} \sup_{\substack{g \perp \mathbf{E}_\sigma \\ \|g\|_\infty \leq 1}} \left| \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} (\varphi + \varphi * G) g \right| \\ &= \sup_{\substack{g \perp \mathbf{E}_\sigma \\ \|g\|_\infty \leq 1}} \sup_{\substack{\varphi \perp \mathbf{E}_\sigma \\ \|\varphi\|_1 \leq 1}} \left| \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} (g + g * G) \varphi \right| = \sup_{\substack{g \perp \mathbf{E}_\sigma \\ \|g\|_\infty \leq 1}} A_\sigma(g + g * G)_\infty. \end{aligned}$$

The sharpness in $L_\infty(\mathbb{R})$, which is already proved, implies that the last upper bound is equal to $1 + \mathcal{K}_{\sigma, G}$. Thus, inequality (19) is sharp in $L(\mathbb{R})$ (and, consequently, the previous inequalities (15)–(18) are also sharp).

The sharpness of (18) (and, consequently, of the previous inequalities (15) and (17)) in the space L of $\frac{2\pi}{\sigma}$ -periodic functions is shown similarly:

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{\substack{\varphi \perp 1 \\ \|\varphi\|_1 \leq 1}} A_{\sigma-0}(\varphi + \varphi * G)_1 &= \sup_{\substack{\varphi \perp 1 \\ \|\varphi\|_1 \leq 1}} \sup_{\substack{g \perp 1 \\ \|g\|_\infty \leq 1}} \left| \int_{-\frac{\pi}{\sigma}}^{\frac{\pi}{\sigma}} (\varphi + \varphi * G) g \right| \\ &= \sup_{\substack{g \perp 1 \\ \|g\|_\infty \leq 1}} \sup_{\substack{\varphi \perp 1 \\ \|\varphi\|_1 \leq 1}} \left| \int_{-\frac{\pi}{\sigma}}^{\frac{\pi}{\sigma}} (g + g * G) \varphi \right| = \sup_{\substack{g \perp 1 \\ \|g\|_\infty \leq 1}} A_{\sigma-0}(g + g * G)_\infty. \end{aligned}$$

Here we use the fact that, for such functions, $A_{\sigma-0}$ coincides with the best approximation by constants. \square

By Lemma B, condition (14) is fulfilled if we require that the kernel G belongs to $\widehat{CM}_c^2(y_0)$. In the next lemma, we show that the property to belong to the class $\widehat{CM}_c^2(y_0)$ is preserved under the passage from the kernel W to G .

Lemma 2. *If $y_0 > 0$, $w \in CM_c^2(y_0)$, and $w(y) < 1$ for every $y \geq y_0$, then $\frac{w}{1-w} \in CM_c^2(y_0)$.*

Proof. We denote $g = \frac{w}{1-w}$. For every $y \geq y_0$,

$$g(y) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} w^k(y).$$

Changing variables in the double integral, we can ascertain that the product of two functions from $CM_c^2(y_0)$ also belongs to $CM_c^2(y_0)$ (see [6, p. 88, Theorem 11.5]). Consequently, by induction, $w^k \in CM_c^2(y_0)$ for every $k \in \mathbb{N}$, i.e.,

$$w^k(y) = \int_0^{+\infty} e^{-y^2 u} d\Phi_k(u), \quad y \geq y_0,$$

where the function Φ_k increases. Without loss of generality, we may assume that $\Phi_k(0) = \Phi_k(0+) = 0$ and integrate over the closed ray $[0, +\infty)$. We put

$$F_n = \sum_{k=1}^n \Phi_k, \quad F = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \Phi_k, \quad \text{and} \quad g_n(y) = \sum_{k=1}^n w^k(y) = \int_0^{+\infty} e^{-y^2 u} dF_n(u).$$

Clearly, F increases. Let us prove that all the values of F are finite. If $u^* > 0$ and $F(u^*) = +\infty$, then

$$g_n(y_0) \geq \int_{[0, u^*)} e^{-y_0^2 u} dF_n(u) \geq e^{-y_0^2 u^*} F_n \Big|_0^{u^*} = e^{-y_0^2 u^*} F_n(u^*) \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} +\infty,$$

which contradicts the relation $g_n(y_0) \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} g(y_0)$. Thus, all the values of F are finite.

Consequently ([7, §7.2, p. 177]), we can pass to the limit under the sign of the Stieltjes integral, i.e.,

$$g(y) = \int_0^{+\infty} e^{-y^2 u} dF(u). \quad \square$$

Theorem 2. Assume that $(\mathfrak{M}, P) \in \mathcal{B}$, $f \in \mathfrak{M}$, $y_0 > 0$, $W \in \widehat{CM}_c^2(y_0)$, $c(W, y) < 1$ for every $y \geq y_0$, $c(W) \in C^{(2)}(\mathbb{R} \setminus (-y_0, y_0))$, $c(G, y) = \frac{c(W, y)}{1 - c(W, y)}$ for every $y \geq y_0$, $\varphi = (I - W)f$, and $\sigma \geq y_0$. Then the conclusion of Theorem 1 holds.

To prove Theorem 2, one has to choose, by Lemma 1, an even function G such that $c(G) \in C^{(2)}(\mathbb{R})$, and then combine Remark 1, Theorem 1, Lemma B, and Lemma 2.

Remark 5. In the statement of Lemma 2, the class $CM^2(y_0)$ can be replaced by $CM^1(y_0)$. Since functions that belong to $CM^1(y_0)$ are multiply monotone, for kernels from $\widehat{CM}_c^1(y_0)$, Theorem 2 can be simply obtained by applying the B. Nagy theorem [1, Sec. 88, pp. 203–207].

In the next two remarks, we assume the conditions of Theorem 2 to be fulfilled.

Remark 6. The constant $\mathcal{K}_{\sigma, G}$ can be converted as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{K}_{\sigma, G} &= \frac{4}{\pi} \sum_{\nu=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^\nu}{2\nu+1} \frac{c(W, (2\nu+1)\sigma)}{1 - c(W, (2\nu+1)\sigma)} = \frac{4}{\pi} \sum_{\nu=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^\nu}{2\nu+1} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} c^k(W, (2\nu+1)\sigma) \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{4}{\pi} \sum_{\nu=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^\nu}{2\nu+1} c^k(W, (2\nu+1)\sigma) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{K}_{\sigma, W_k}. \end{aligned}$$

Here W_k is the $(k-1)$ -fold convolution of a kernel W with itself. To prove the validity of changing the summation order, one can group the terms with numbers $\nu = 2s$ and $\nu = 2s + 1$ and take into account that $c(W, y) \in (0, 1)$ and $c(W, y)$ decreases for $y \geq y_0$.

Remark 7. By Remark 6, the series $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (W_k - L_\sigma W_k)$ converges in the space $L(\mathbb{R})$ because $\frac{1}{2\pi} \|W_k - L_\sigma W_k\|_1 = \mathcal{K}_{\sigma, W_k}$ by (7). According to (4), for $|y| \leq \sigma$, the sum on the right in (13) equals $c(G - L_\sigma G, y)$. Expanding each fraction as a geometric progression and changing the order of summation as in Remark 6, we obtain the equality

$$c(G - L_\sigma G, y) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} c(W_k - L_\sigma W_k, y).$$

For $|y| > \sigma$, the last inequality is obvious in view of the relation between G and W .

Consequently, the sum of the series $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (W_k - L_\sigma W_k)$ in the space $L(\mathbb{R})$ is equal to $G - L_\sigma G$, and the expansion

$$Wf - Y_{\sigma, W} f = \varphi * (G - L_\sigma G) = \varphi * \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (W_k - L_\sigma W_k)$$

holds.

4. ESTIMATES OF APPROXIMATIONS BY LINEAR COMBINATIONS OF SEMINORMS OF DIFFERENCES

In [3], the author generalized and strengthened the estimate from above of Lemma B in the form mentioned in the title of this section. To strengthen Theorem 2 in a similar way, we introduce new notation and formulate previous results from [3].

Central differences and moduli of continuity of a function f are defined by

$$\delta_t^r(f, x) = \sum_{k=0}^r (-1)^k C_r^k f \left(x + \frac{rt}{2} - kt \right) \quad \text{and} \quad \omega_r(f, h)_P = \sup_{0 \leq t \leq h} P(\delta_t^r f),$$

respectively.

Assume that $y_0 > 0$, $G \in \widehat{CM}^2(y_0)$, $c(G) \in C^{(2)}(\mathbb{R})$, $c_0(y) = c(G, y)$ for every y such that $|y| \geq y_0$, and $0 < h < \frac{2\pi}{y_0}$. Let $c_{h0}(y) = c_0(y)$ ($|y| \geq y_0$),

$$c_{h\nu}(y) = \frac{1}{2i} \sum_{s=-\infty}^{\infty} \left(c_{h,\nu-1}(y) - c_{h,\nu-1}\left(\frac{2\pi s}{h}\right) \right) \frac{(-1)^{s-1}}{\pi s - hy/2}, \quad |y| \geq y_0, \quad \nu \in \mathbb{N},$$

$$c_{h\nu}(0) = \sum_{\substack{s=-\infty \\ s \neq 0}}^{\infty} (-1)^{s-1} c_{h\nu}\left(\frac{2\pi s}{h}\right) \quad \nu \in \mathbb{Z}_+,$$

and

$$K_{h\nu}(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{2\pi}{h} \sum_{s=-\infty}^{\infty} c_{h\nu}\left(\frac{2\pi s}{h}\right) e^{i\frac{2\pi s}{h}t}, & |t| \leq \frac{h}{2}, \\ 0, & |t| > \frac{h}{2}, \end{cases} \quad (\nu \in \mathbb{Z}_+).$$

By the general convention (1), we define the functions $a_{h\nu}$ and $b_{h\nu}$.

If $c_0 \in CM_c^r(y_0)$, then $c_{h1} \in CM_s^r(y_0)$, and if $c_0 \in CM_s^r(y_0)$, then $-c_{h1} \in CM_c^r(y_0)$. The functions $c_{h\nu}$ and $K_{h\nu}$ have the same parity as c_0 for ν even and the opposite parity to that of c_0 for ν odd. For each $m \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ there exists a function $G_{hm} \in L(\mathbb{R})$ of the same parity as c_{hm} such that $c(G_{hm}) \in C^{(2)}(\mathbb{R})$ and $c(G_{hm}, y) = c_{hm}(y)$ for every y such that $|y| \geq y_0$. The functions $K_{h\nu}$ do not change their sign on $(0, \frac{h}{2})$ and are integrable. For every $m \in \mathbb{N}$, the expansions

$$G = \sum_{\nu=0}^{m-1} \delta_h^\nu K_{h\nu} + \delta_h^m G_{hm} + M_{hm}$$

and

$$f = T + \varphi * M_{hm} + \delta_h^m \varphi * G_{hm} + \sum_{\nu=0}^{m-1} \delta_h^\nu \varphi * K_{h\nu}$$

hold, where $M_{hm} \in \mathbf{E}_{y_0} \cap L(\mathbb{R})$ and the functions f and φ are related by (6).

Let $\sigma \geq y_0$. We put

$$U_{\sigma hm} f = U_{\sigma hm, G} f = T + \varphi * M_{hm} + \delta_h^m \varphi * L_\sigma G_{hm},$$

$$A_{h\nu} = \begin{cases} \left| \frac{2}{\pi} \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2s+1} b_{h\nu}\left(\frac{2\pi(2s+1)}{h}\right) \right| & \text{if the parity of } \nu \text{ is opposite to that of } G, \\ \left| \sum_{s=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{s-1} a_{h\nu}\left(\frac{2\pi s}{h}\right) \right| & \text{if the parity of } \nu \text{ is equal to that of } G, \end{cases}$$

and

$$B_{\sigma hm} = \begin{cases} \left| \frac{2}{\pi} \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2s+1} b_{hm}((2s+1)\sigma) \right| & \text{if the parity of } m \text{ is opposite to that of } G, \\ \left| \frac{2}{\pi} \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^s}{2s+1} a_{hm}((2s+1)\sigma) \right| & \text{if the parity of } m \text{ is equal to that of } G. \end{cases}$$

We do not indicate the dependence of the constants on the kernel G in the notation: $A_{h\nu} = A_{h\nu, G}$ and $B_{\sigma hm} = B_{\sigma hm, G}$. A remark analogous to Remark 2 is valid for the operators $U_{\sigma hm, G}$.

The following theorem is established in [3, Theorem 1].

Theorem C. Assume that $(\mathfrak{M}, P) \in \mathcal{B}$, $\varphi \in \mathfrak{M}$, $y_0 > 0$, $G \in \widehat{CM}^2(y_0)$, $c(G) \in C^{(2)}(\mathbb{R})$, functions f and φ are connected by (6), $m \in \mathbb{N}$, $0 < h < \frac{2\pi}{y_0}$, and $\sigma \geq y_0$. Then

$$P(f - U_{\sigma hm} f) \leq A_{h0} P(\varphi) + \sum_{\nu=1}^{m-1} A_{h\nu} P(\delta_h^\nu \varphi) + B_{\sigma hm} P(\delta_h^m \varphi).$$

If, in addition, the kernel G is odd, then $A_{h0} P(\varphi)$ can be replaced by $A_{h0} \frac{\omega_1(\varphi, h) P}{2}$.

We use Theorem C for even kernels G .

We put $Y_{\sigma hm} = Y_{\sigma hm, W} = U_{\sigma hm, G} W$. A remark analogous to Remark 2 is also valid for the operators $Y_{\sigma hm, W}$. Applying Theorem C, we immediately come to the following statement.

Theorem 3. Assume that $(\mathfrak{M}, P) \in \mathcal{B}$, $f \in \mathfrak{M}$, $y_0 > 0$, $W \in \widehat{CM}_c^2(y_0)$, $c(W, y) < 1$ for every $y \geq y_0$, $c(W) \in C^{(2)}(\mathbb{R} \setminus (-y_0, y_0))$, $c(G, y) = \frac{c(W, y)}{1 - c(W, y)}$ for every $y \geq y_0$, $\varphi = (I - \mathcal{W})f$, $m \in \mathbb{N}$, $0 < h < \frac{2\pi}{y_0}$, and $\sigma \geq y_0$. Then

$$P(f - Y_{\sigma h m} f) \leq (1 + A_{h0})P(\varphi) + \sum_{\nu=1}^{m-1} A_{h\nu} P(\delta_h^\nu \varphi) + B_{\sigma h m} P(\delta_h^m \varphi).$$

In [3, Lemma 13 and Corollary 5], the equalities

$$B_{\sigma, \frac{\pi}{\sigma}, m} = 2^{-m} \left(\mathcal{K}_{\sigma, G} - \sum_{\nu=0}^{m-1} 2^\nu A_{\frac{\pi}{\sigma}, \nu} \right) \quad \text{and} \quad U_{\sigma, \frac{\pi}{\sigma}, m, G} = X_{\sigma, G}$$

are established. Consequently,

$$Y_{\sigma, \frac{\pi}{\sigma}, m, W} = Y_{\sigma, W}.$$

Thus, for $h = \frac{\pi}{\sigma}$, Theorem 3 takes the following form.

Corollary 1. Assume that $(\mathfrak{M}, P) \in \mathcal{B}$, $f \in \mathfrak{M}$, $y_0 > 0$, $W \in \widehat{CM}_c^2(y_0)$, $c(W, y) < 1$ for every $y \geq y_0$, $c(W) \in C^{(2)}(\mathbb{R} \setminus (-y_0, y_0))$, $c(G, y) = \frac{c(W, y)}{1 - c(W, y)}$ for every $y \geq y_0$, $\varphi = (I - \mathcal{W})f$, $m \in \mathbb{N}$, and $\sigma \geq y_0$. Then

$$P(f - Y_{\sigma, W} f) \leq (1 + A_{\frac{\pi}{\sigma}, 0})P(\varphi) + \sum_{\nu=1}^{m-1} A_{\frac{\pi}{\sigma}, \nu} P(\delta_{\frac{\pi}{\sigma}}^\nu \varphi) + \left(\mathcal{K}_{\sigma, G} - \sum_{\nu=0}^{m-1} 2^\nu A_{\frac{\pi}{\sigma}, \nu} \right) 2^{-m} P(\delta_{\frac{\pi}{\sigma}}^m \varphi). \quad (20)$$

Let $\eta_\nu(\varphi, h)_P = 2^{-\nu} P(\delta_h^\nu \varphi)$. Since the sequence $\{\eta_\nu(\varphi, h)_P\}_{\nu=0}^\infty$ decreases, there exists the limit

$$\eta_\infty(\varphi, h)_P = \lim_{\nu \rightarrow \infty} \eta_\nu(\varphi, h)_P.$$

The decreasing of the sequence $\{\eta_\nu(\varphi, h)_P\}_{\nu=0}^\infty$ implies that the right-hand side of (20) decreases with respect to m . For this reason, the best estimate is achieved at the limit as $m \rightarrow \infty$.

Corollary 2. Assume that $(\mathfrak{M}, P) \in \mathcal{B}$, $f \in \mathfrak{M}$, $y_0 > 0$, $W \in \widehat{CM}_c^2(y_0)$, $c(W, y) < 1$ for every $y \geq y_0$, $c(W) \in C^{(2)}(\mathbb{R} \setminus (-y_0, y_0))$, $c(G, y) = \frac{c(W, y)}{1 - c(W, y)}$ for every $y \geq y_0$, $\varphi = (I - \mathcal{W})f$, and $\sigma \geq y_0$. Then

$$P(f - Y_{\sigma, W} f) \leq (1 + A_{\frac{\pi}{\sigma}, 0})P(\varphi) + \sum_{\nu=1}^\infty 2^\nu A_{\frac{\pi}{\sigma}, \nu} \eta_\nu \left(\varphi, \frac{\pi}{\sigma} \right)_P + \left(\mathcal{K}_{\sigma, G} - \sum_{\nu=0}^\infty 2^\nu A_{\frac{\pi}{\sigma}, \nu} \right) \eta_\infty \left(\varphi, \frac{\pi}{\sigma} \right)_P. \quad (21)$$

Inequalities (20) and (21) strengthen (15) and are sharp in the cases pointed in Theorems 1 and 2.

5. APPLICATIONS

We restrict ourselves to explicit form of the inequalities of Corollary 1 only for $m = 0$ (i.e., of Theorems 1 and 2) and $m = 1$. Recall that

$$A_{\frac{\pi}{\sigma}, 0} = 2 \sum_{s=1}^\infty (-1)^{s-1} \frac{c(W, 2s\sigma)}{1 - c(W, 2s\sigma)}$$

and

$$\mathcal{K}_{\sigma, G} = \frac{4}{\pi} \sum_{s=0}^\infty \frac{(-1)^s}{(2s+1)} \frac{c(W, (2s+1)\sigma)}{(1 - c(W, (2s+1)\sigma))}.$$

5.1. Assume that $\lambda > 0$ and let

$$W_\lambda(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-\lambda y^2} e^{ity} dy = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{\sqrt{\lambda}} e^{-\frac{t^2}{4\lambda}}$$

be the Weierstrass kernel (the heat conduction kernel). Clearly, $W_\lambda \in \widehat{CM}_c^2(y_0)$ for every $y_0 > 0$. The convolution $f * W_\lambda$ is the Weierstrass integral of a function f . Since y_0 is arbitrary, the estimates are valid for all $\sigma > 0$.

Corollary 3. Assume that $(\mathfrak{M}, P) \in \mathcal{B}$, $f \in \mathfrak{M}$, $\lambda, \sigma > 0$, and $\varphi = f - f * W_\lambda$. Then

$$P(f - Y_{\sigma, W_\lambda} f) \leq \left(1 + 2 \sum_{s=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{s-1} \frac{e^{-\lambda(2s\sigma)^2}}{1 - e^{-\lambda(2s\sigma)^2}}\right) P(\varphi) \\ + \left(\frac{2}{\pi} \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^s}{2s+1} \frac{e^{-\lambda((2s+1)\sigma)^2}}{1 - e^{-\lambda((2s+1)\sigma)^2}} - \sum_{s=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{s-1} \frac{e^{-\lambda(2s\sigma)^2}}{1 - e^{-\lambda(2s\sigma)^2}}\right) P(\delta_{\frac{1}{\sigma}} \varphi)$$

and

$$P(f - Y_{\sigma, W_\lambda} f) \leq \left(1 + \frac{4}{\pi} \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^s}{2s+1} \frac{e^{-\lambda((2s+1)\sigma)^2}}{1 - e^{-\lambda((2s+1)\sigma)^2}}\right) P(\varphi).$$

In [2, p. 285, Corollary 2], for spaces of periodic functions and $\sigma \in \mathbb{N}$, the following inequality is established:

$$A_{\sigma-0}(f)_P \leq \left(1 + \frac{\pi^2}{4\lambda\sigma^2}\right) P(f - f * W_\lambda).$$

5.2. Assume that $\lambda > 0$ and let

$$P_\lambda(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-\lambda|y|} e^{ity} dy = \frac{2\lambda}{\lambda^2 + t^2}$$

be the Poisson kernel. Clearly, $P_\lambda \in \widehat{CM}_c^1(y_0)$ for every $y_0 > 0$. The convolution $f * P_\lambda$ is the Poisson integral of a function f . Since y_0 is arbitrary, the estimates are valid for all $\sigma > 0$.

Corollary 4. Assume that $(\mathfrak{M}, P) \in \mathcal{B}$, $f \in \mathfrak{M}$, $\lambda, \sigma > 0$, and $\varphi = f - f * P_\lambda$. Then

$$P(f - Y_{\sigma, P_\lambda} f) \leq \left(1 + 2 \sum_{s=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{s-1} \frac{e^{-2\lambda\sigma s}}{1 - e^{-2\lambda\sigma s}}\right) P(\varphi) \\ + \left(\frac{2}{\pi} \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^s}{2s+1} \frac{e^{-(2s+1)\lambda\sigma}}{1 - e^{-(2s+1)\lambda\sigma}} - \sum_{s=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{s-1} \frac{e^{-2\lambda\sigma s}}{1 - e^{-2\lambda\sigma s}}\right) P(\delta_{\frac{1}{\sigma}} \varphi)$$

and

$$P(f - Y_{\sigma, P_\lambda} f) \leq \left(1 + \frac{4}{\pi} \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^s}{2s+1} \frac{e^{-\lambda(2s+1)\sigma}}{1 - e^{-\lambda(2s+1)\sigma}}\right) P(\varphi).$$

In [2, c. 276, Corollary 1], for spaces of periodic functions and $\sigma \in \mathbb{N}$, the following inequality is established:

$$A_{\sigma-0}(f)_P \leq \left(1 + \frac{4}{\pi\lambda\sigma} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^j}{(2j+1)^2}\right) P(f - f * P_\lambda).$$

As a rule, estimates of type (2) are studied if, as for the Weierstrass and Poisson kernels, there is a family of kernels $\{W_\lambda\}$ that is an approximate identity. One more example is provided by the family of kernels

$$\Theta_\lambda(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{e^{ity}}{\operatorname{ch} \lambda y} dy = \frac{\pi}{\lambda \operatorname{ch} \frac{\pi t}{2\lambda}}, \quad \lambda > 0,$$

that belong to $\widehat{CM}_c^2(y_0)$ for every $y_0 > 0$. The kernel Θ_λ arises in the description of classes of functions that are analytic in the strip $\{z : |\operatorname{Im} z| < \lambda\}$ ([1, Sec. 110, pp. 267–268]). However, the results of this paper are valid, for example, for the Bernoulli kernels or kernels of the type AP_λ , $A > 0$, while deviations of convolutions with such kernels do not have a clear approximative sense.

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