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# Approximation properties for generalized Baskakov-type operators

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## Abstract

In this paper, we give a generalization of the Baskakov-type operators introduced by Baskakov (Doklady Akademii Nauk SSSR 113:249–251, 1957 (in Russian)) and obtain some direct and inverse results for these new operators.

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## Introduction

For a continuous function  $f$  on  $[0, \infty)$  with exponential growth, the Szász operators are given by

$$S_n(f; x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} f\left(\frac{k}{n}\right) P_{k,n}(x),$$

where  $P_{k,n}(x) = e^{-nx} \frac{(nx)^k}{k!}$ . In [1], Ditzian proved some important inverse theorems for these operators by using the modulus of continuity defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_2(f; \delta, A) &= \sup_{h \leq \delta, x \in [0, \infty)} |f(x) - 2f(x+h) + f(x+2h)| e^{-Ax} \\ &= \sup_{h \leq \delta, x \in [0, \infty)} |\Delta_h^2 f(x)| e^{-Ax}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\sup_{x \in [0, \infty)} |f(x)e^{-Ax}| < M$ .

In 1992, Guo and Zhou [2] gave similar theorems for the following modified Szász operators defined by Mazhar and Totik in [3]:

$$L_n(f; x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left( n \int_0^{\infty} f(t) P_{k,n}(t) dt \right) P_{k,n}(x). \quad (1)$$

The authors obtained the following results for these operators:

- (1) Let  $f \in C[0, \infty)$  be a bounded function. Then, for  $0 < \alpha < 1$ ,

$$|L_n(f; x) - f(x)| \leq M \left( \frac{x}{n} + \frac{1}{n^2} \right)^{\alpha/2}$$

holds if and only if

$$\omega_1(f; \delta) = O(\delta^\alpha), \quad (\delta > 0),$$

where

$$\omega_1(f; \delta) = \sup_{0 \leq h \leq \delta} \sup_{x \geq h/2} |f(x+h/2) - f(x-h/2)|. \quad (2)$$

- (2) For  $f \in C[0, \infty) \cap L_\infty[0, \infty)$  and  $0 < \alpha < 1$ ,

$$\omega_1(f; \delta) = O(\delta^\alpha) \iff |L'_n(f; x)| \leq M (\min\{n^2, n/x\})^{(1-\alpha)/2}$$

$$\omega_2(f; \delta) = O(\delta^\alpha) \iff |L''_n(f; x)| \leq M (\min\{n^2, n/x\})^{(2-\alpha)/2}$$

holds, where  $\omega_1(f; \delta)$  is defined by (2) and

$$\omega_2(f; \delta) = \sup_{0 < h \leq \delta, x \in [0, \infty)} |f(x) - 2f(x+h) + f(x+2h)|. \quad (3)$$

- (3) For  $f \in C_B[0, \infty)$ ,

$$\|L_n f - f\|_\infty \leq C \left( \omega_\varphi^2(f; \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}})_\infty + \omega_1(f; \frac{1}{n}) + \frac{1}{n} \|f\|_\infty \right)$$

holds, where  $C$  is a constant independent of  $n$ , and  $\omega_\varphi^2(f; \cdot)_\infty$  is the Ditzian-Totik modulus of smoothness [4] defined by

$$\omega_\varphi^2(f; \delta)_\infty = \sup_{0 < h \leq \delta, x \in [0, \infty)} \|f(x-h\varphi(x)) - 2f(x) + f(x+h\varphi(x))\|_\infty,$$
$$x \geq h, \varphi(x) = \sqrt{x}.$$

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In [5], Baskakov introduced the following sequence of linear operators  $\{\mathcal{L}_n\}$  which are generalizations of Bernstein polynomials, Szász operators, and Lupaş operators:

$$\mathcal{L}_n(f; x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-x)^k}{k!} \varphi_n^{(k)}(x) f\left(\frac{k}{n}\right). \quad (4)$$

Here,  $x \in [0, b] \subset \mathbb{R}$  ( $b > 0$ ,  $b$  can be  $\infty$ ),  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , and  $\{\varphi_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a sequence of functions defined on  $[0, b]$  that have the following properties for all  $k, n \in \mathbb{N}$ :

- (a)  $\varphi_n$  is analytic on the interval  $[0, b]$  including the end points,
  - (b)  $\varphi_n(0) = 1$ ,
  - (c)  $\varphi_n$  is completely monotone, i.e.  $(-1)^k \varphi_n^{(k)}(x) \geq 0$ ,
  - (d) there exists a positive integer  $m_0 = m_0(n)$ , such that
- $$-\varphi_n^{(k)}(x) = n \varphi_{n+m_0}^{(k-1)}(x) \quad (k = 1, 2, \dots),$$
- (e)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{m_0+n} = 1$ .

For the operators  $\mathcal{L}_n(f; x)$  given by (4), we have (see [5]):

$$\mathcal{L}_n(1; x) = 1, \quad (5)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_n(t; x) = x, \quad (6)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_n(t^2; x) = \frac{n(m_0+n)}{n^2} x^2 + \frac{x}{n}, \quad (7)$$

and

$$\mathcal{L}_n((t-x)^2; x) = \frac{m_0}{n} x^2 + \frac{1}{n} x.$$

In the present paper, inspired by the operators (1) and (4), we introduce a generalization of the Baskakov operators as follows:

$$\mathcal{L}_n^*(f; x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{\gamma_n} \int_0^{\infty} f(t) \frac{(-t)^k}{k!} \varphi_n^{(k)}(t) dt \right) \frac{(-x)^k}{k!} \varphi_n^{(k)}(x), \quad (8)$$

where  $\gamma_n = \int_0^{\infty} \varphi_n(t) dt < \infty$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\varphi_n$  also

satisfies the following condition:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x^k \varphi_n^{(k-1)}(x) = 0, \quad k, n \in \mathbb{N}$$

and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\gamma_{n-vm_0}}{\gamma_n} = 1, \quad v = 1, 2, 3.$$

In this study, we shall give some direct and inverse results for the new operators defined by (8).

Note that if  $\varphi_n(x) = e^{-nx}$  in (8), we get the operators  $L_n(f; x)$  defined by (1). Also, very important results were obtained by Mazhar and Totik in [3]. Recently, integral-type modification of some operators based on  $q$ -integers have been studied by Gupta et al. [6], Gupta and Kim [7], and Kim [8].

## Main results

Now, we give the following lemma which will be used for the proof of theorems:

**Lemma 1.** *The following equalities hold:*

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_n^*(1, x) &= 1, \\ \mathcal{L}_n^*(t, x) &= \frac{\gamma_{n-m_0}}{\gamma_n} \left( \frac{nx}{n-m_0} + \frac{1}{n-m_0} \right), \\ \mathcal{L}_n^*(t^2, x) &= \frac{\gamma_{n-2m_0}}{\gamma_n} \left[ \frac{n(m_0+n)}{(n-2m_0)(n-m_0)} x^2 \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{4nx}{(n-2m_0)(n-m_0)} + \frac{2}{(n-2m_0)(n-m_0)} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

From the definition of operators  $\mathcal{L}_n^*$  and Lemma 1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_n^*((t-x)^2, x) &= \left( \frac{\gamma_{n-2m_0}}{\gamma_n} \frac{n(m_0+n)}{(n-2m_0)(n-m_0)} - \frac{2n}{n-m_0} \frac{\gamma_{n-m_0}}{\gamma_n} + 1 \right) x^2 \\ &\quad + \left( \frac{4n}{(n-2m_0)(n-m_0)} \frac{\gamma_{n-2m_0}}{\gamma_n} - \frac{2}{n-m_0} \frac{\gamma_{n-m_0}}{\gamma_n} \right) x \\ &\quad + \frac{2}{(n-2m_0)(n-m_0)} \frac{\gamma_{n-2m_0}}{\gamma_n}. \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $f \in C[0, \infty)$  be a bounded function, and  $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ . If the usual modulus of smoothness  $\omega_1(f, t)$  defined by (2) satisfies*

$$\omega_1(f, t) = O(t^\alpha) \quad (t > 0), \quad (10)$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} |\mathcal{L}_n^*(f, x) - f(x)| &\leq K \left( \left( \frac{\gamma_{n-2m_0}}{\gamma_n} \frac{n(m_0+n)}{(n-2m_0)(n-m_0)} - \frac{2n}{n-m_0} \frac{\gamma_{n-m_0}}{\gamma_n} + 1 \right) x^2 \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \left( \frac{4n}{(n-2m_0)(n-m_0)} \frac{\gamma_{n-2m_0}}{\gamma_n} - \frac{2}{n-m_0} \frac{\gamma_{n-m_0}}{\gamma_n} \right) x \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{2}{(n-2m_0)(n-m_0)} \frac{\gamma_{n-2m_0}}{\gamma_n} \right)^{\alpha/2} \end{aligned}$$

holds.

*Proof.* Using the definition of the operators  $\mathcal{L}_n^*$  and the equality (9), we obtain the following inequality:

$$\begin{aligned}
 |\mathcal{L}_n^*(f, x) - f(x)| &\leq \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{\int_0^\infty \varphi_n(t) dt} \int_0^\infty |f(t) - f(x)| \frac{(-t)^k}{k!} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \varphi_n^{(k)}(t) dt \right) \frac{(-x)^k}{k!} \varphi_n^{(k)}(x) \\
 &\leq \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{\int_0^\infty \varphi_n(t) dt} \int_0^\infty \omega_1(|t-x|) \frac{(-t)^k}{k!} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \varphi_n^{(k)}(t) dt \right) \frac{(-x)^k}{k!} \varphi_n^{(k)}(x) \\
 &\leq \omega_1(f, \delta_n) \left\{ 1 + \frac{1}{\delta_n} \left( \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\int_0^\infty \varphi_n(t) dt} \int_0^\infty |t-x| p_{n,k}(t) dt \right) p_{n,k}(x) \right\} \\
 &\leq \omega_1(f, \delta_n) \left\{ 1 + \frac{1}{\delta_n} (\mathcal{L}_n^*((t-x)^2, x))^{1/2} \right\} \\
 &= \omega_1(f, \delta_n) \left\{ 1 + \frac{1}{\delta_n} \right. \\
 &\quad \left( \left( \frac{\gamma_{n-2m_0}}{\gamma_n} \frac{n(m_0+n)}{(n-2m_0)(n-m_0)} \right. \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \left. - \frac{2n}{n-m_0} \frac{\gamma_{n-m_0}}{\gamma_n} + 1 \right) x^2 \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \left( \frac{4n}{(n-2m_0)(n-m_0)} \frac{\gamma_{n-2m_0}}{\gamma_n} \right. \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \left. - \frac{2}{n-m_0} \frac{\gamma_{n-m_0}}{\gamma_n} \right) x \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \frac{2}{n-m_0} \frac{\gamma_{n-2m_0}}{\gamma_n} \right)^{1/2} \right\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

If we choose  $\delta_n$  as

$$\begin{aligned}
 \delta_n = &\left[ \left( \frac{\gamma_{n-2m_0}}{\gamma_n} \frac{n(m_0+n)}{(n-2m_0)(n-m_0)} - \frac{2n}{n-m_0} \frac{\gamma_{n-m_0}}{\gamma_n} + 1 \right) x^2 \right. \\
 &+ \left( \frac{4n}{(n-2m_0)(n-m_0)} \frac{\gamma_{n-2m_0}}{\gamma_n} - \frac{2}{n-m_0} \frac{\gamma_{n-m_0}}{\gamma_n} \right) x \\
 &\left. + \frac{2}{(n-2m_0)(n-m_0)} \frac{\gamma_{n-2m_0}}{\gamma_n} \right]^{1/2},
 \end{aligned}$$

then we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 |\mathcal{L}_n^*(f, x) - f(x)| &\leq 2\omega_1 \left( f, \left[ \left( \frac{\gamma_{n-2m_0}}{\gamma_n} \frac{n(m_0+n)}{(n-2m_0)(n-m_0)} \right. \right. \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \left. - \frac{2n}{n-m_0} \frac{\gamma_{n-m_0}}{\gamma_n} + 1 \right) x^2 \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \left( \frac{4n}{(n-2m_0)(n-m_0)} \frac{\gamma_{n-2m_0}}{\gamma_n} \right. \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \left. - \frac{2}{n-m_0} \frac{\gamma_{n-m_0}}{\gamma_n} \right) x \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \frac{2}{(n-2m_0)(n-m_0)} \frac{\gamma_{n-2m_0}}{\gamma_n} \right]^{1/2} \right).
 \end{aligned}$$

Consequently, using (10) in the above inequality, we finally get

$$\begin{aligned}
 |\mathcal{L}_n^*(f, x) - f(x)| &\leq 2K \left( \left( \frac{\gamma_{n-2m_0}}{\gamma_n} \frac{n(m_0+n)}{(n-2m_0)(n-m_0)} \right. \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \left. - \frac{2n}{n-m_0} \frac{\gamma_{n-m_0}}{\gamma_n} + 1 \right) x^2 \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \left( \frac{4n}{(n-2m_0)(n-m_0)} \frac{\gamma_{n-2m_0}}{\gamma_n} \right. \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \left. - \frac{2}{n-m_0} \frac{\gamma_{n-m_0}}{\gamma_n} \right) x \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \frac{2}{(n-2m_0)(n-m_0)} \frac{\gamma_{n-2m_0}}{\gamma_n} \right)^{\alpha/2}.
 \end{aligned}$$

□

**Theorem 3.** Let  $f \in C[0, \infty)$  be a bounded function, and  $0 < \alpha < 1$ . If

$$|\mathcal{L}_n^*(f, x) - f(x)| \leq K \left( \frac{1}{n^2} + \frac{1}{n^2(1+m_0x)} \right)^{\alpha/2}$$

for some positive constant  $K$ , then

$$\omega_1(f, t) = O(t^\alpha), \quad (t > 0),$$

where  $\omega_1(f, t)$  is the usual modulus of smoothness off defined by (2).

*Proof.* For  $\delta > 0$ , let

$$f_\delta(x) = \frac{1}{\delta} \int_0^\infty f(x+s) ds.$$

For the function  $f \in C[0, \infty) \cap L_\infty[0, \infty)$ , the following inequalities hold (see [9]).

$$\|f_\delta - f\|_\infty \leq \omega_1(f, \delta), \quad (11)$$

$$\|f'_\delta\|_\infty \leq \frac{1}{\delta} \omega_1(f, \delta). \quad (12)$$

Now, we find the derivative of  $\mathcal{L}_n^*(f, x)$  with respect to  $x$ . From the definition of the operators  $\mathcal{L}_n^*$ , we can write

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} \mathcal{L}_n^*(f, x) &= \frac{n}{x} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{\int_0^\infty \varphi_n(t) dt} \int_0^\infty f(t) \frac{(-t)^k}{k!} \varphi_n^{(k)}(t) dt \right) \\ &\quad \times \frac{(-x)^k}{k!} \varphi_n^{(k)}(x) \left\{ \left( \frac{k}{n} - x \right) + x \left( 1 - \frac{\varphi_{n+m_0}^{(k)}(x)}{\varphi_n^{(k)}(x)} \right) \right\} \\ &= n \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{\int_0^\infty \varphi_n(t) dt} \int_0^\infty f(t) (p_{n,k+1}(t) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - p_{n,k}(t)) dt \right) \frac{(-x)^k}{k!} \varphi_{n+m_0}^{(k)}(x). \end{aligned}$$

Now, using the properties of the operators (4), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{d}{dx} \mathcal{L}_n^*(f_\delta - f, x) \right| &= \frac{n}{x} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{\int_0^\infty \varphi_n(t) dt} \int_0^\infty |f_\delta(t) - f(t)| \frac{(-t)^k}{k!} \varphi_n^{(k)}(t) dt \right) \\ &\quad \times \frac{(-x)^k}{k!} \varphi_n^{(k)}(x) \left[ \left( \frac{k}{n} - x \right) + x \left( 1 - \frac{\varphi_{n+m_0}^{(k)}(x)}{\varphi_n^{(k)}(x)} \right) \right] \\ &\leq \frac{n}{x} \|f_\delta - f\|_\infty \{ \mathcal{L}_n(|t - x|, x) \\ &\quad + x \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-x)^k}{k!} \varphi_n^{(k)}(x) \left( 1 - \frac{\varphi_{n+m_0}^{(k)}(x)}{\varphi_n^{(k)}(x)} \right) \} \\ &= \frac{n}{x} \|f_\delta - f\|_\infty \left( \frac{m_0}{n} x^2 + \frac{x}{n} \right)^{1/2} \\ &\leq \frac{n}{x} \omega_1(f, \delta) \left( \frac{m_0}{n} x^2 + \frac{x}{n} \right)^{1/2}, \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

where we have used the inequality,

$$\mathcal{L}_n(|t - x|, x) \leq (\mathcal{L}_n(t - x)^2, x)^{1/2} = \left( \frac{m_0}{n} x^2 + \frac{x}{n} \right)^{1/2}.$$

On the other hand, we also have

$$\begin{aligned} &\left| \frac{d}{dx} \mathcal{L}_n^*(f_\delta - f, x) \right| \\ &= \left| n \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{\int_0^\infty \varphi_n(t) dt} \int_0^\infty |f_\delta(t) - f(t)| \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \times (p_{n,k+1}(t) - p_{n,k}(t)) dt \right) \frac{(-x)^k}{k!} \varphi_{n+m_0}^{(k)}(x) \Big| \\ &\leq 2n \|f_\delta - f\|_\infty \varphi_{n+m_0}(0) \\ &\leq 2n \omega_1(f, \delta). \end{aligned}$$

Using the two estimates of  $\left| \frac{d}{dx} \mathcal{L}_n^*(f_\delta - f, x) \right|$  obtained above, we get

$$\left| \frac{d}{dx} \mathcal{L}_n^*(f_\delta - f, x) \right| \leq 2\omega_1(f, \delta) \min \left\{ \left( nm_0 + \frac{n}{x} \right)^{1/2}, n \right\}.$$

Also, one can easily obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{d}{dx} \mathcal{L}_n^*(f_\delta, x) \right| &= \left| \frac{n}{m_0 - n} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{\int_0^\infty \varphi_n(t) dt} \int_0^\infty f_\delta(t) (p'_{n-m_0, k+1}(t)) dt \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. \times \frac{(-x)^k}{k!} \varphi_{n+m_0}^{(k)}(x) \right| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\delta} \frac{\gamma_{n-m_0}}{\gamma_n} \frac{n}{n - m_0} \omega_1(f, \delta). \end{aligned}$$

For any  $t > 0$  and  $0 < h \leq t$ ,  $t \in (0, \infty)$ , we can write

$$\begin{aligned} |f(x+h) - f(x)| &\leq |f(x+h) - \mathcal{L}_n^*(f, x+h)| + |f(x) - \mathcal{L}_n^*(f, x)| \\ &\quad + \left| \int_0^h \frac{d}{dx} \mathcal{L}_n^*(f_\delta, x+u) du \right| + \left| \int_0^h \frac{d}{dx} \mathcal{L}_n^*(f-f_\delta, x+u) du \right| \\ &\leq 2K(\delta, n, m_0, x, h)^\alpha + \int_0^h \frac{1}{\delta} \frac{2n}{n-m_0} \frac{\gamma_{n-m_0}}{\gamma_n} \omega_1(f, \delta) du \\ &\quad + \int_0^h 2\omega_1(f, \delta) \min \left\{ \left( nm_0 + \frac{n}{x+u} \right)^{1/2}, n \right\} du \\ &= 2K(\delta, n, m_0, x, h)^\alpha + \frac{h}{\delta} \frac{2n}{n-m_0} \frac{\gamma_{n-m_0}}{\gamma_n} \omega_1(f, \delta) \\ &\quad + 2\omega_1(f, \delta) \int_0^h \min \left\{ \left( nm_0 + \frac{n}{x+u} \right)^{1/2}, n \right\} du \\ &\leq 2K(\delta, n, m_0, x, h)^\alpha + \frac{h}{\delta} \frac{2n}{n-m_0} \frac{\gamma_{n-m_0}}{\gamma_n} \omega_1(f, \delta) \\ &\quad + 6\omega_1(f, \delta) \frac{h}{\sqrt{\frac{1}{n^2} + \frac{1}{n^2(1+m_0(x+h))}}} \\ &\leq 2K(\delta, n, m_0, x, h)^\alpha + 6h\omega_1(f, \delta) \left[ \frac{n}{n-m_0} \frac{1}{\delta} + \frac{1}{\delta(n, m_0, h)} \right], \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\delta(n, m_0, x, h) = \left( \frac{1}{n^2} + \frac{1}{n^2(1+m_0(x+h))} \right)^{1/2}.$$

Note that for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have

$$\frac{1}{2}\delta(n, m_0, x, h) \leq \delta(n+1, m_0, x, h) \leq \delta(n, m_0, x, h).$$

Hence, for  $0 < \delta < \frac{1}{2}$ , we can choose  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$\delta(n, m_0, x, h) < \delta \leq 2\delta(n, m_0, x, h).$$

For sufficiently large  $n$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} |f(x+h) - f(x)| &\leq 2K(\delta(n, m_0, x, h))^\alpha + 6h\omega_1(f; \delta) \left[ \frac{2}{\delta} + \frac{1}{\delta(n, m_0, x, h)} \right] \\ &\leq 2K\delta^\alpha + 24\frac{h}{\delta}\omega_1(f; \delta) \\ &\leq \max\{2K, 24\} \left( \delta^\alpha + \frac{h}{\delta}\omega_1(f; \delta) \right). \end{aligned}$$

From last inequality, for  $0 < h \leq t$ , we get

$$\omega_1(f; t) \leq K' \left( \delta^\alpha + \frac{t}{\delta}\omega_1(f; \delta) \right)$$

which implies  $\omega_1(f; t) = O(t^\alpha)$ , as desired.  $\square$

**Theorem 4.** For  $f \in C[0, \infty) \cap L_\infty[0, \infty)$ ,  $0 < \alpha < 2$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_2(f, t) = O(t^\alpha) &\iff \left| \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \mathcal{L}_n^*(f, x) \right| \\ &\leq M \min \left\{ \frac{2n}{x} + 4n^2 + 6nm_0, 4n(m_0+n) \right\}^{(2-\alpha)/2}, \quad (n > 2m_0), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\omega_2(f, .)$  is the modulus of smoothness of  $f$  defined by (3).

*Proof.* ( $\implies$ ) We assume that  $\omega_2(f, t) \leq Mt^\alpha$ . For  $g \in C_B[0, \infty)$ , we get the second-order derivative of the operator  $\mathcal{L}_n^*(g, x)$  with respect to  $x$  as

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \mathcal{L}_n^*(g, x) &= n(m_0+n) \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{\int_0^\infty \varphi_n(t) dt} \int_0^\infty g(t) (p_{n,k}(t) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - 2p_{n,k+1}(t) + p_{n,k+2}(t)) dt \right) \frac{(-x)^k}{k!} \varphi_{n+m_0}^{(k)}(x) \\ &= n(m_0+n)x^{-2} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{\int_0^\infty \varphi_n(t) dt} \int_0^\infty f(t) p_{n,k}(t) dt \right). \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\left| \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \mathcal{L}_n^*(g, x) \right| \leq 4n(m_0+n) \|g\|_\infty$$

and

$$\left| \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \mathcal{L}_n^*(g, x) \right| \leq \left( \frac{2n}{x} + 4n^2 + 6nm_0 \right) \|g\|_\infty.$$

Now for  $f \in C[0, \infty) \cap L_\infty[0, \infty)$ , let us define the Steklov function as

$$f_d(x) = \frac{4}{d^2} \int_0^{d/2} (2f(x+u+v) - f(x+2u+2v)) du dv.$$

Then,

$$\|f - f_d\| \leq \omega_2(f, d)$$

and

$$\|f_d'\| \leq \frac{9}{d^2} \omega_2(f, d)$$

For  $f_d$ , one can verify

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \mathcal{L}_n^*(f_d, x) \right| &= \left| \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{\int_0^\infty \varphi_n(t) dt} \int_0^\infty f_d^{(k)}(t) p_{n+2m_0,k+2}(t) dt \right) \right| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{n(m_0+n)} \frac{9}{d^2} \omega_2(f, d). \end{aligned}$$

Choosing  $d = \min \left\{ \frac{2n}{x} + 4n^2 + 6nm_0, 4n(m_0+n) \right\}^{-1/2}$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \mathcal{L}_n^*(f, x) \right| &\leq \left| \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \mathcal{L}_n^*(f_d, x) \right| + \left| \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \mathcal{L}_n^*(f - f_d, x) \right| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{n(m_0+n)} \frac{9}{d^2} \omega_2(f, d) + \min \left\{ \frac{2n}{x} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + 4n^2 + 6nm_0, 4n(m_0+n) \right\} \omega_2(f, d), \end{aligned}$$

which proves the necessity part of the theorem. ( $\Leftarrow$ ) Now,

in order to prove the sufficiency part of the theorem, we define the combination of  $\mathcal{L}_{n,1}^*$  as follows

$$\mathcal{L}_{n,1}^*(f, x) = a_0(n)\mathcal{L}_{n_0}(f, x) + a_1(n)\mathcal{L}_{n_1}(f, x),$$

where  $|a_0(n)| + |a_1(n)| \leq B$ ,  $n = n_0 < n_1 \leq An$  with  $A$  and  $B$  as absolute constants having the property

$$\mathcal{L}_{n,1}^*(t^i, x) = x^i, \quad i = 0, 1.$$

Using the methods in [9,10] for  $f \in C[0, \infty) \cap L_\infty[0, \infty)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} |\mathcal{L}_{n,1}^*(f, x) - f(x)| &\leq M\omega_2(f, \sqrt{\delta_n(x)}) \cdot \delta_n(x) \\ &= \frac{2(m_0x+1)((n+m_0)x+1)}{(n-2m_0)(n-m_0)}. \end{aligned}$$

For  $m, n \in N$ ,  $x \in (0, \infty)$ ,  $0 < h \leq t$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & |\mathcal{L}_m^*(f, x) - 2\mathcal{L}_m^*(f, x+h) + \mathcal{L}_m^*(f, x+2h)| \\ & \leq 4M\omega_2(\mathcal{L}_m^* f, \sqrt{\delta_n(x+2h)}) \\ & \quad + \int_0^h \left| \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \mathcal{L}_n^*(\mathcal{L}_{n,1}^* f, x+u+v) \right| du dv. \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

Now, we shall estimate the second term on the right-hand side of the above inequality. Firstly, we have

$$\left| \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \mathcal{L}_{n,1}^*(f, x) \right| \leq 4B(An)^{2-\alpha}.$$

On the other hand, we also have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \mathcal{L}_{n,1}^*(f, x) \right| \leq B \left( \frac{An}{x} + 6(An)^2 \right)^{(2-\alpha)/2} \\ & \leq MBA n^{(2-\alpha)/2} \left( \frac{1}{x} \right)^{(2-\alpha)/2}. \end{aligned}$$

From which, we can write

$$\left( \frac{1}{x} \right)^{\alpha/2-1} \left| \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \mathcal{L}_{n,1}^*(f, x) \right| \leq MBA n^{(2-\alpha)/2}.$$

Hence, using the above inequality, we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \left( \frac{1}{x} \right)^{\alpha/2-1} \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \mathcal{L}_m^*(\mathcal{L}_{n,1}^* f, x) \right| \\ & = \left| \left( \frac{1}{x} \right)^{\alpha/2-1} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{\int_0^{\infty} \varphi_n(t) dt} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \mathcal{L}_{n,1}^*(f, t) p_{n+2m_0+k+2}(t) dt \right) \right. \\ & \quad \times \left. \frac{(-x)^k}{k!} \varphi_{n+m_0}^{(k)}(x) \right| \\ & \leq MBA n^{(2-\alpha)/2}. \end{aligned}$$

After making some arrangements and then taking the integral of both sides of the above inequality, we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^h \int_0^h \left| \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \mathcal{L}_n^*(\mathcal{L}_{n,1}^* f, x+u+v) \right| du dv \\ & \leq MBA n^{(2-\alpha)/2} \int_0^h \int_0^h \left| \frac{1}{x+u+v} \right|^{\alpha-1} du dv \\ & \leq MBA n^{(2-\alpha)/2} h^2 \left( \frac{n}{x+2h} \right)^{(2-\alpha)/2}. \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

Now, substituting (15) into (14), we finally obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & |\mathcal{L}_m^*(f, x) - 2\mathcal{L}_m^*(f, x+h) + \mathcal{L}_m^*(f, x+2h)| \\ & \leq 4M\omega_2(\mathcal{L}_m^* f, \sqrt{\delta_n(x+2h)}) + M_1 h^2 (M_n(x+2h))^{(2-\alpha)}, \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

where  $M_n(x) = \sqrt{\frac{x}{n}}$ . Choosing  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$\frac{t}{2C} \leq \max \left\{ \sqrt{\delta_n(x+2h)}, M_n(x+2h) \right\} \leq \frac{t}{C},$$

we obtain from (16) by induction

$$\begin{aligned} & \omega_2(\mathcal{L}_m^* f, t) \leq 4M\omega_2 \left( \mathcal{L}_m^* f, \frac{t}{C} \right) + (2C)^{2-\alpha} M_2 t^\alpha \\ & \quad \cdot \\ & \quad \cdot \\ & \quad \cdot \\ & \leq t^2 (4M)^k C^{-2k} \left\| \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \mathcal{L}_m^* f \right\| + (2C)^{2-\alpha} M_2 t^\alpha \frac{C^\alpha}{C^\alpha - 4M}. \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

If we take  $C = (1 + 4M)^{1/\alpha}$  and let  $k \rightarrow \infty$ , we obtain

$$\omega_2(\mathcal{L}_m^* f, t) \leq \frac{1}{C^\alpha - 4M} 4C^2 M_2 t^\alpha$$

which implies that  $\omega_2(f, t) = O(t^\alpha)$ , where  $\frac{1}{C^\alpha - 4M} 4C^2 M_2$  is independent of  $m$ . So, the proof is completed.  $\square$

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