

Enhanced Asymptotic Approximation and Approximation of Truncated Functions by Linear Operators

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Our concern is the investigation of local convergence properties of linear approximation operators. In the first part we continue the work by Kirov and Popova. Given a sequence of linear operators L_n new operators $L_{n,r}$ can be constructed by application of L_n to the r -th partial sum of the Taylor series of the approximated function. We derive the complete asymptotic expansion for the operators $L_{n,r}$ as n tends to infinity, provided that the underlying operators L_n possess such a property. In the second part we study approximation of truncated functions by Szász-Mirakjan-Durrmeyer operators.

1. Enhanced Asymptotic Approximation by Linear Operators

1.1. Introduction

Let $I \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ be an interval. Given a sequence of linear operators $L_n : C(I) \rightarrow C(I)$ ($n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$), Kirov and Popova [10] associated to each L_n a new operator $L_{n,r}$ ($r = 0, 1, 2, \dots$) defined by

$$(L_{n,r}f)(x) = (L_n P_{x,r}f)(x), \quad (1)$$

where $P_{x,r}f$ is the r -th Taylor polynomial

$$P_{x,r}(f; t) = \sum_{j=0}^r \frac{f^{(j)}(t)}{j!} (x-t)^j \quad (2)$$

of the function $f \in C^r(I)$ in a neighbourhood of the point $t \in I$. For $r = 0$, we have $L_{n,0} \equiv L_n$. Kirov and Popova studied the properties of the operators (1) and proved a Korovkin-type theorem. In the previous paper [9] Kirov studied

the special case, where $L_n \equiv B_n$ is the Bernstein polynomial. He gave an asymptotic relation for $(L_{n,r}f)(x)$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ [9, Th. 2], which, however, does not give much insight in the asymptotic behaviour.

The purpose of this paper is the investigation of the asymptotic behaviour of sequences $L_{n,r}$ of operators (1) originating from approximation properties of the operators L_n as n tends to infinity.

Throughout the paper let $(\varphi_k)_{k=1}^{\infty}$ be a sequence of functions defined on \mathbb{N} , such that for each $k \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \varphi_k(n) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \varphi_{k+1}(n) = o(\varphi_k(n)) \quad (n \rightarrow \infty).$$

We consider operators L_n satisfying an asymptotic relation and derive for the corresponding operators $L_{n,r}$ a complete asymptotic expansion of the form

$$L_{n,r}(f; x) \sim f(x) + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \varphi_k(n) c_k^{[r]}(f; x) \quad (n \rightarrow \infty)$$

with certain coefficients $c_k^{[r]}(f; x)$ ($k = 1, 2, \dots$) independent of n .

1.2. Asymptotic Approximation by Operators $L_{n,r}$

As first main result we obtain the complete asymptotic expansion of the operators $L_{n,r}$, provided the operators L_n possess a complete asymptotic expansion. Throughout the paper we assume that the functions f under consideration admit derivatives of sufficiently high orders.

Theorem 1 ([1]). *Let $q, r \in \mathbb{N}$. Suppose that the linear operators $L_n : C(I) \rightarrow C(I)$ satisfy, for $x \in I$, an asymptotic expansion*

$$(L_n f)(x) = f(x) + \sum_{k=1}^q \varphi_k(n) \sum_{\ell=\ell_k}^{L_k} g_{k,\ell}(x) f^{(\ell)}(x) + o(\varphi_q(n)) \quad (n \rightarrow \infty) \quad (3)$$

with integers $L_k \geq \ell_k \geq 1$ and certain values $g_{k,\ell}(x)$ independent of n . Then, the operators $L_{n,r}$, as defined in (1), possess the asymptotic expansion

$$\begin{aligned} (L_{n,r} f)(x) = & f(x) + (-1)^r \sum_{k=1}^q \varphi_k(n) \sum_{\ell=\max\{\ell_k, r+1\}}^{L_k} \binom{\ell-1}{r} g_{k,\ell}(x) f^{(\ell)}(x) \\ & + o(\varphi_q(n)) \quad (n \rightarrow \infty). \end{aligned}$$

Remark 1. Several known linear approximation operators satisfy an asymptotic expansion of the form (3) with the special sequence $L_k = 2k$ ($k \in \mathbb{N}$). Under this additional condition all terms of the first sum in (3) with $1 \leq k < \lfloor r/2 \rfloor + 1$ vanish. Note that in the case $r \leq 2q - 1$, such operators satisfy

$$(L_{n,r} f)(x) = f(x) + O(\varphi_{\lfloor r/2 \rfloor + 1}(n)) \quad (n \rightarrow \infty).$$

Applications to special operators can be found in [1].

1.3. Asymptotic Approximation by Operators $L_{n,r,\alpha}^\Delta$

For practical use the operators $L_{n,r}$ are not easy to handle, since they require the existence of all derivatives $f', f'', \dots, f^{(r)}$. For certain functions f , their computation may demand great effort. Moreover, the operators $L_{n,r}$ have the lack, that the derivatives must exist on the whole interval I .

It would be desirable to establish operators similar to $L_{n,r}$ which improve the order of convergence (locally) even if f possesses only local smoothness properties, but work without any derivative of f . To overcome this difficulty we construct such operators by replacing the derivatives $f^{(j)}$ in the Taylor polynomial $P_{x,r}$ by suitable differences of the function f . It turns out that these new operators improve the degree of approximation in the same way as the operators $L_{n,r}$. In this section we consider only the most common case $\varphi_k(n) = n^{-k}$ ($k = 1, 2, \dots$).

Analogously to the Taylor polynomial $P_{x,r}$ in (2) we consider the truncated Newton series $P_{x,r}^{[h]}$ defined by

$$\left(P_{x,r}^{[h]}f\right)(t) = \sum_{j=0}^r \frac{1}{j!} \left(\frac{x-t}{h}\right)^j \Delta_h^j f(t).$$

Let $\alpha : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a function with $\alpha(x) \neq 0$ ($x \in I$). For a given linear operator $L_n : C(I) \rightarrow C(I)$, we define the new operator $L_{n,r,\alpha}^\Delta$ of r -th order ($r = 0, 1, 2, \dots$) by

$$\left(L_{n,r,\alpha}^\Delta f\right)(x) = \left(L_n P_{x,r}^{[\alpha(x)/n]} f\right)(x) \tag{4}$$

or, in a more explicit form, with $\psi_x(t) := t - x$

$$\left(L_{n,r,\alpha}^\Delta f\right)(x) = \sum_{j=0}^r \frac{1}{j!} \sum_{\ell=0}^j S_j^\ell \left(\frac{n}{\alpha(x)}\right)^\ell \left(L_n \psi_x^\ell \Delta_{\alpha(x)/n}^j f\right)(x),$$

where S_j^ℓ denotes the Stirling number of the first kind. However, there arises the problem, that the computation of the operators $L_{n,r,\alpha}^\Delta(f;x)$ may require the evaluation of $f(t)$ for some $t \notin I$. Let us consider the case of a finite closed interval $I = [a, b]$. One way to overcome this difficulty is a continuous continuation of f to \mathbb{R} by the definition $f(x) = f(a)$ ($x < a$) and $f(x) = f(b)$ ($x > b$), which we shall assume in the following.

Usually this does not influence the asymptotic properties of $\left(L_{n,r,\alpha}^\Delta f\right)(x)$, since, for most approximation operators, $(L_n f)(x)$ is essentially given by values of $f(t)$ for arguments t close to x .

However, it can affect the good approximation properties of $L_{n,r,\alpha}^\Delta$, for moderate values of n . Therefore, we choose the function α in a proper manner, for example,

$$\alpha(x) = \begin{cases} b - x, & \text{if } a \leq x \leq (a+b)/2 \\ a - x, & \text{if } (a+b)/2 < x \leq b. \end{cases}$$

The operators $L_{n,r,\alpha}^\Delta$ improve the degree of approximation of the operators L_n in a completely analogous fashion as it do the operators $L_{n,r}$. To be precise, we have the following result.

Theorem 2 ([1]). *Suppose the linear operators $L_n : C(I) \rightarrow C(I)$ satisfy, for $x \in \text{int } I$, an asymptotic expansion*

$$(L_n f)(x) = f(x) + \sum_{k=1}^q n^{-k} \sum_{\ell=\ell_k}^{L_k} g_{k,\ell}(x) f^{(\ell)}(x) + o(n^{-q}) \quad (n \rightarrow \infty)$$

with integers $L_k \geq \ell_k \geq 1$ and certain values $g_{k,\ell}(x)$ independent of n . Then, the operators $L_{n,r,\alpha}^\Delta$, as defined in (4), possess the asymptotic expansion

$$\begin{aligned} (L_{n,r,\alpha}^\Delta f)(x) &= f(x) + \sum_{k=1}^q n^{-k} \sum_{m=0}^{k-1} \alpha^m(x) \sum_{\ell=\ell_{k-m}}^{L_{k-m}} g_{k-m,\ell}(x) f^{(\ell+m)}(x) \\ &\quad \times \sum_{j=0}^r (-1)^j \binom{\ell}{j} \frac{j!}{(m+j)!} \sum_{\mu=0}^{r-j} S_{j+\mu}^j \sigma_{j+m}^{j+\mu} + o(n^{-q}) \end{aligned}$$

as $n \rightarrow \infty$, where S_m^j and σ_m^j denote the Stirling numbers of the first and second kind, respectively.

Remark 2. As in Remark 1 we have in the case $r \leq 2q - 1$ for operators with $L_k = 2k$ ($k \in \mathbb{N}$)

$$(L_{n,r,\alpha}^\Delta f)(x) = f(x) + O\left(n^{-\lfloor r/2 \rfloor + 1}\right) \quad (n \rightarrow \infty).$$

2. Approximation of Truncated Functions by Szász-Mirakjan-Durrmeyer Operators

2.1. Introduction

The Szász-Mirakjan-Durrmeyer operators S_n ($n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$) associate with each locally integrable function f on $I = (0, \infty)$ the power-series

$$(S_n f)(x) = n e^{-nx} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(nx)^k}{k!} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-nt} \frac{(nt)^k}{k!} f(t) dt$$

($x \in I$), provided the expressions are sensible. If f is locally integrable on I and of exponential growth, $S_n f$ is well-defined for sufficiently large n . For $\alpha > 0$, let $W_\alpha(I)$ denote the class of all locally integrable functions f on I satisfying the estimate $|f(t)| \leq M e^{\alpha t}$ ($t \in I$). Furthermore, put $W(I) = \bigcup_{\alpha > 0} W_\alpha(I)$. Note that $S_n f$ ($f \in W_\alpha(I)$) exists for all $n > \alpha$.

It is well-known that $(S_n f)(x) \rightarrow f(x)$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ in each continuity point of $f \in W(I)$. Here we study the asymptotic approximation of the truncated functions $f\chi_{(0,x]}$ and $f\chi_{(x,\infty)}$, where $x \in I$ is a fixed point and χ denotes the characteristic function of the respective intervals. To this end we consider the decomposition

$$S_n = S_n^- + S_n^+$$

defined by

$$(S_n^- f)(x) = S_n(f\chi_{(0,x]}), \quad (S_n^+ f)(x) = S_n(f\chi_{(x,\infty)}).$$

The key result is the following representation of $S_n f$ as a double integral.

Theorem 3 ([3]). *Let $\alpha > 0$ and $n \geq \alpha$. For each $f \in W_{\alpha}(I)$ and $x \in I$, the SMD operators S_n possess the representation*

$$(S_n f)(x) = \frac{n}{2\pi} \int_0^\infty \int_{-\pi}^\pi f(t) e^{-n(x+t-2\sqrt{xt}\cos s)} ds dt. \quad (5)$$

Remark 3. We note that (5) allows to extend the definition of S_n for all complex numbers n with $\text{Re } n > 0$.

2.2. Commutativity and Powers of SMD Operators

In 1987 Heilmann [6] showed that SMD operators commute, i.e., $S_m S_n = S_n S_m$ for all $(m, n = 0, 1, 2, \dots)$. In this section we give a concise integral representation for $S_m S_n$ showing the symmetry in the parameters m and n for real numbers $m, n > 0$. This obviously implies the commutativity of the SMD operators. Surprisingly, it turns out that the product $S_m S_n$ is again an SMD operator.

Theorem 4 ([3]). *For real numbers $m, n > 0$ there holds the relation*

$$S_m S_n = S_{mn/(m+n)}.$$

The explicit representation of $S_{mn/(m+n)}$ as a double integral follows by (5). By mathematical induction, Theorem 4 can easily be generalized to arbitrary finite products of SMD operators.

Corollary 1. *Let $k \in \mathbb{N}$. For any real numbers $n_1, \dots, n_k > 0$ there holds the representation*

$$\prod_{j=1}^k S_{n_j} = S_{k^{-1}H(n_1, \dots, n_k)},$$

where $H(n_1, \dots, n_k) = k \left(\sum_{j=1}^k n_j^{-1} \right)^{-1}$ is the harmonic mean of the numbers n_1, \dots, n_k .

In the case when all n_j coincide, we have $S_n^k = S_{n/k}$. For the convergence of the powers of SMD operators we immediately obtain the following result:

Theorem 5. *Let $(k_n)_n$ be a sequence of positive reals and $\lambda > 0$. Then there holds*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n^{k_n} = S_\lambda \quad \text{if and only if} \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{k_n} = \lambda.$$

2.3. Asymptotic Expansions

In the following we write \mp for one of the signs $-$ or $+$.

Proposition 1 ([3]). *Let $x \in I$ and suppose that the function $f \in W(I)$ satisfies the asymptotic relation*

$$f(t) \sim |t - x|^\gamma \quad (t \rightarrow x \mp)$$

with $\operatorname{Re} \gamma > -1$. Then there holds

$$(S_n^\mp f)(x) \sim \frac{(2\sqrt{x})^\gamma}{2\sqrt{\pi}} \Gamma\left(\frac{\gamma+1}{2}\right) n^{-\gamma/2} \quad (n \rightarrow \infty).$$

Moreover, if

$$f(t) = |t - x|^\gamma + o(|t - x|^{\gamma+1}) \quad (t \rightarrow x \mp),$$

then there holds the Voronovskaja type relation

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{n} \left(n^{\gamma/2} (S_n^\mp f)(x) - \frac{(2\sqrt{x})^\gamma}{2\sqrt{\pi}} \Gamma\left(\frac{\gamma+1}{2}\right) \right) = \mp \frac{(2\sqrt{x})^\gamma (\gamma+1)}{4\sqrt{\pi x}} \Gamma\left(\frac{\gamma}{2} + 1\right).$$

Remark 4. Proposition 1 can be generalized to functions satisfying the asymptotic relation

$$f(t) \sim \sum_{\nu=0}^{\infty} a_\nu^\mp |t - x|^{\gamma_\nu} \quad (t \rightarrow x \mp)$$

with complex exponents satisfying $-1 < \operatorname{Re} \gamma_0 < \operatorname{Re} \gamma_1 < \operatorname{Re} \gamma_2 < \dots$ and $a_\nu^\mp \in \mathbb{C}$. In order to avoid complicated notations, we restrict ourselves to the case

$$f(t) \sim \sum_{\nu=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\nu!} f_\mp^{(\nu)}(x) (t - x)^\nu \quad (t \rightarrow x \mp),$$

where we set $f_\mp(x) = \lim_{t \rightarrow x \mp} f(t)$ and $f_\mp^{(\nu)}(x)$ denotes the left, resp. right-hand derivative.

Theorem 6 ([3]). *Let $x \in I$, $r \in \mathbb{N}$, and suppose that the function $f \in W(I)$ satisfies the asymptotic relation*

$$f(t) = \sum_{\nu=0}^r \frac{1}{\nu!} f_{\mp}^{(\nu)}(x)(t-x)^{\nu} + O(|t-x|^{r+\varepsilon}) \quad (t \rightarrow x_{\mp})$$

with $0 < \varepsilon < 1$. Then there holds

$$(S_n^{\mp} f)(x) = \sum_{k=0}^r (\mp)^k \frac{c_k(f_{\mp}; x)}{n^{k/2}} + O(n^{-(r+\varepsilon)}) \quad (n \rightarrow \infty),$$

where the coefficients $c_k(f; x)$ are given by

$$c_k(f; x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{j=0}^k b_{k-j}^{[j]} \frac{f^{(j)}(x)}{j!} (2x)^j \quad (k = 0, 1, 2, \dots) \quad (6)$$

with

$$b_k^{[\gamma]} = \sum_{(i,j,\ell) \in I_{k-1} \cup I_k} (-1)^{j+\ell} 2^{-i-2\ell} \frac{1}{j!} \binom{\gamma}{i} \binom{-1/2}{\ell} \times \Gamma\left(\frac{\gamma+k-2\ell+1}{2}\right) \times \Gamma\left(j+\ell+\frac{1}{2}\right) \quad (7)$$

and the index set $I_k = \{(i, j, \ell) \in \mathbb{N}_0^3 \mid i + j + 2\ell = k\}$.

It seems to be possible to give a nicer expression for the $b_k^{[\gamma]}$ in (7).

Conjecture 1 ([3]). *For all $k \in \mathbb{N}$ there holds*

$$b_k^{[\gamma]} = \sqrt{\pi} \left(\frac{\gamma+k}{2}\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{\gamma+1}{2}\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{\gamma+2}{2}\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{\gamma-k}{2} + 1\right)^{-1}, \quad (8)$$

where the expression is to be read as 0 when it happens that $(\gamma - k)/2$ is a negative integer.

Remark 5. Equality (8) is valid for $k = 1, \dots, 6$. We conjecture that this formula is true in general.

For each $k \in \mathbb{N}$ for which (8) is valid, the coefficients as given in (6) satisfy

$$c_k(f; x) = \frac{1}{2\Gamma\left(\frac{k}{2} + 1\right)} \sum_{j=0}^k \binom{k/2}{j} (x^{k/2})^{(j)} f^{(k-j)}(x).$$

For even indices, this implies by Leibniz rule $c_{2k}(f; x) = (2 \cdot k!)^{-1} (x^k f^{(k)}(x))^{(j)}$. In the special case when $f_{-}^{(\nu)}(x) = f_{+}^{(\nu)}(x) = f^{(\nu)}(x)$ ($\nu = 0, \dots, r$) the coefficients of the odd powers of $n^{-1/2}$ in the expansion for $S_n^{-} + S_n^{+}$ cancel out and Theorem 6 yields the following result.

Corollary 2. Let $x \in I$, $r \in \{0, \dots, 6\}$, and suppose that the function $f \in W(I)$ satisfies the asymptotic relation

$$f(t) = \sum_{\nu=0}^r \frac{1}{\nu!} f^{(\nu)}(x)(t-x)^\nu + O(|t-x|^{r+\varepsilon}) \quad (t \rightarrow x).$$

Then the SMD operators possess the complete asymptotic expansion

$$(S_n f)(x) = \sum_{k=0}^r \frac{1}{k! n^k} (x^k f^{(k)}(x))^{(j)} + O(n^{-(r+\varepsilon)}) \quad (n \rightarrow \infty). \quad (9)$$

Formula (9) with $O(n^{-(r+\varepsilon)})$ replaced by $o(n^{-r})$ is valid for all $r \in \mathbb{N}$, provided $f \in W(I)$ possesses a derivative of order $2r$ in x [2, Corollary 2.4].

2.4. Proofs

After the talk some colleagues asked for the proofs of Theorems 3 and 4. Therefore, we present them below.

Proof of Theorem 3. We can write

$$(S_n f)(x) = \int_0^\infty K_n(x, t) f(t) dt$$

with the kernel function

$$K_n(x, t) = n e^{-n(x+t)} \sum_{k=0}^\infty \frac{(nx)^k}{k!} \frac{(nt)^k}{k!} = n e^{-n(x+t)} I_0(2n\sqrt{xt}),$$

where I_0 denotes the modified Bessel function given by $I_0(z) = \sum_{j=0}^\infty (j!)^{-2} (z^2/4)^j$.

By the well-known formula

$$I_0(a) = (2\pi)^{-1} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{a \cos s} ds \quad (a > 0) \quad (10)$$

Theorem 3 follows. \square

Proof of Theorem 4. Using the notation of the preceding proof, there holds

$$\begin{aligned} (S_m S_n f)(x) &= \frac{mn}{(2\pi)^2} e^{-mx} \int_0^\infty K_m(x, t) \int_0^\infty K_n(t, u) f(u) du dt \\ &= \frac{mn}{(2\pi)^2} e^{-mx} \int_0^\infty e^{-(m+n)t} I_0(2m\sqrt{xt}) \int_0^\infty e^{-nu} I_0(2n\sqrt{tu}) f(u) du dt \\ &= mne^{-mx} \sum_{\mu=0}^\infty \sum_{\nu=0}^\infty \frac{m^{2\mu} x^\mu}{(\mu!)^2} \frac{n^{2\nu}}{(\nu!)^2} \frac{(\mu+\nu)!}{(m+n)^{\mu+\nu+1}} \int_0^\infty f(u) e^{-nu} u^\nu du. \end{aligned}$$

In the following we make use of the identity

$$\sum_{\nu=0}^{\infty} \frac{a^{\nu}}{(\nu!)^2} (\mu + \nu)! = e^a \sum_{j=0}^{\nu} \binom{\nu}{j} \frac{\nu!}{j!} a^j \quad (\mu = 0, 1, 2, \dots),$$

which can be verified by observing that either side is equal to $(\partial/\partial z)^{\mu}(z^{\nu} e^{az})$ evaluated at $z = 1$. Thus, we obtain

$$\sum_{\nu=0}^{\infty} \frac{(n^2 u)^{\nu}}{(\nu!)^2} \frac{(\mu + \nu)!}{(m + n)^{\nu}} = e^{n^2 u/(m+n)} \sum_{j=0}^{\mu} \binom{\mu}{j} \frac{\mu!}{j!} \left(\frac{n^2 u}{m+n}\right)^j.$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} (S_m S_n f)(x) &= \frac{mn}{m+n} e^{-mx} \sum_{\mu=0}^{\infty} (\mu!)^{-2} \left(\frac{m^2 x}{m+n}\right)^{\mu} \sum_{j=0}^{\mu} \binom{\mu}{j} \frac{\mu!}{j!} \\ &\quad \times \int_0^{\infty} f(u) e^{-nu} \left(\frac{n^2 u}{m+n}\right)^j e^{n^2 u/(m+n)} du \\ &= \frac{mne^{-mx}}{m+n} e^{m^2 x/(m+n)} \\ &\quad \times \int_0^{\infty} f(u) e^{-mnu/(m+n)} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(j!)^2} \left(\frac{m^2 x n^2 u}{(m+n)^2}\right)^j du \\ &= \frac{mn}{m+n} e^{-mnx/(m+n)} \int_0^{\infty} f(u) e^{-mnu/(m+n)} I_0\left(\frac{2mn}{m+n} \sqrt{xu}\right) du. \end{aligned}$$

Application of Formula (10) yields

$$\begin{aligned} (S_m S_n f)(x) &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{mn}{m+n} \int_0^{\infty} f(u) e^{-mn(x+u)/(m+n)} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{(2mn\sqrt{xu}/(m+n)) \cos s} ds du \end{aligned}$$

which is the desired formula. This completes the proof of Theorem 4. \square

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