



## Higher Order Approximation by Iterates of Modified Beta Operators<sup>1</sup>

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**Abstract :** The present paper is a continuation of our work [1] wherein we studied some direct results in ordinary and simultaneous approximation by an iterative combination of modified beta operators [2]. In this paper, we obtain an error estimate in terms of higher order modulus of continuity in simultaneous approximation for these operators.

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### 1 Introduction

Following [3], for the class of functions integrable on  $[0, \infty)$ , the modified beta operators with the weight function of Baskakov operators are defined as

$$B_n(f; x) = \frac{n-1}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} b_{n,k}(x) \int_0^{\infty} p_{n,k}(t) f(t) dt, \quad (1.1)$$

where

$$p_{n,k}(t) = \binom{n+k-1}{k} t^k (1+t)^{-(n+k)},$$

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$$b_{n,k}(x) = \frac{1}{B(k+1, n)} x^k (1+x)^{-(n+k+1)}, \quad 0 \leq x < \infty.$$

Let us now define a new class of functions e.g.  $H[0, \infty)$  as follows:

$$H[0, \infty) =: \left\{ f : \int_0^\infty \frac{|f(t)|}{(1+t)^n} dt < \infty \text{ for some positive integer } n, f \right. \\ \left. \text{being a Lebesgue measurable function on } [0, \infty) \right\}.$$

The motivation to consider the class  $H[0, \infty)$  lies in the fact that the operators (1.1) are defined over this class which contains the class of all integrable functions on  $[0, \infty)$ .

We can easily show that  $b_{n,k}(x) = n p_{n+1,k}(x)$ . Therefore, the operators (1.1) may be rewritten as

$$B_n(f; x) = (n-1) \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p_{n+1,k}(x) \int_0^\infty p_{n,k}(t) f(t) dt \\ = \int_0^\infty W_n(t, x) f(t) dt,$$

where  $W_n(t, x) = (n-1) \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p_{n+1,k}(x) p_{n,k}(t)$  is the kernel of the operators  $B_n$ .

It turns out that the order of approximation by these operators is at best  $O(n^{-1})$ , however smooth the function may be. In order to speed up the rate of convergence by the operators  $B_n$ , we [1] considered an iterative combination  $L_{n,k} : H[0, \infty) \rightarrow C^\infty[0, \infty)$  of the operators  $B_n(f; x)$  defined as:

$$L_{n,k}(f(t); x) = (I - (I - B_n)^k)(f; x) = \sum_{r=1}^k (-1)^{r+1} \binom{k}{r} B_n^r(f(t); x),$$

where  $B_n^0 = I$  and  $B_n^r = B_n(B_n^{r-1})$  for  $r \in \mathbb{N}$  and established an error estimate of the degree of approximation in terms of the ordinary modulus of continuity by  $L_{n,k}^{(p)}(\cdot; x)$  for smooth functions [1, Theorem 5]. The aim of this paper is to obtain the corresponding general result in terms of  $2k$ -th order modulus of continuity by using the properties of a linear method of approximation namely Steklov means.

Throughout this paper, let  $0 < a < b < \infty$ ,  $I = [a, b]$ ,  $0 < a_1 < a_2 < b_2 < b_1 < \infty$ ,  $I_i = [a_i, b_i]$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ ,  $\|\cdot\|_{C(I)}$  denotes the sup-norm on the interval  $I$  and  $C$  a constant not necessarily the same in different cases.

## 2 Preliminaries

In the sequel we shall require the following results:

**Lemma 2.1** ([4]). For the function  $u_{n,m}(t), m \in N^0$  (the set of non-negative integers) defined as

$$u_{n,m}(t) = \sum_{\nu=0}^{\infty} p_{n,\nu}(t) \left(\frac{\nu}{n} - t\right)^m,$$

we have  $u_{n,0}(t) = 1$  and  $u_{n,1}(t) = 0$ . Further, there holds the recurrence relation

$$nu_{n,m+1}(t) = t [u'_{n,m}(t) + mu_{n,m-1}(t)], \quad m = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

Consequently,

(i)  $u_{n,m}(t)$  is a polynomial in  $t$  of degree  $[m/2]$ , where  $[\alpha]$  denotes the integral part of  $\alpha$ ;

(ii) for every  $t \in [0, \infty), u_{n,m}(t) = O(n^{-[(m+1)/2]}).$

**Lemma 2.2** ([1]). For the function  $p_{n,k}(x)$ , there holds

$$x^r(1+x)^r \frac{d^r}{dx^r}(p_{n,k}(x)) = \sum_{\substack{2i+j \leq r, \\ i,j \geq 0}} n^i(k-nx)^j q_{i,j,r}(x) p_{n,k}(x),$$

where  $q_{i,j,r}(x)$  are certain polynomials in  $x$  independent of  $n$  and  $k$ .

Let  $f \in C(I)$  and  $I_1 \subset (a, b)$ . Then, for sufficiently small  $\eta > 0$ , the Steklov mean  $f_{\eta,m}$  of  $m$ th order corresponding to  $f$  is defined as follows:

$$f_{\eta,m}(t) = \eta^{-m} \int_{-\eta/2}^{\eta/2} \dots \int_{-\eta/2}^{\eta/2} \left( f(t) + (-1)^{m-1} \Delta_{\sum_{i=1}^m t_i}^m f(t) \right) \prod_{i=1}^m dt_i, \quad t \in I_1,$$

where  $\Delta_h^m$  is the forward difference operator with step length  $h$ .

**Lemma 2.3** ([2]). For the function  $f_{\eta,m}$ , we have

- (a)  $f_{\eta,m}$  has derivatives up to order  $m$  over  $I_1$ ;
- (b)  $\|f_{\eta,m}^{(r)}\|_{C(I_1)} \leq C_r \omega_r(f, \eta, I), r = 1, 2, \dots, m$ ;
- (c)  $\|f - f_{\eta,m}\|_{C(I_1)} \leq C_{m+1} \omega_m(f, \eta, I)$ ;
- (d)  $\|f_{\eta,m}\|_{C(I_1)} \leq C_{m+2} \eta^{-m} \|f\|_{C(I)}$ ;
- (e)  $\|f_{\eta,m}^{(r)}\|_{C(I_1)} \leq C_{m+3} \|f\|_{C(I)}$ ,

where  $C'_i$ s are certain constants that depend on  $i$  but are independent of  $f$  and  $\eta$ .

**Lemma 2.4** ([1]). For the function  $T_{n,m}(x)$ ,  $m \in N^0$  defined by

$$T_{n,m}(x) = \int_0^\infty W_n(t, x)(t-x)^m dt,$$

we have

$$T_{n,0}(x) = 1, \quad T_{n,1}(x) = \frac{1+3x}{n-2}, \quad n > 2$$

and for  $m \geq 1$

$$(n-m-2)T_{n,m+1}(x) = x(1+x)[T'_{n,m}(x) + 2mT_{n,m-1}(x)] + \{(m+1)(1+2x)+x\}T_{n,m}(x),$$

where  $n > m + 2$ . Consequently,

- (i)  $T_{n,m}(x)$  is a polynomial in  $x$  of degree  $m$ ;
- (ii) for every  $x \in [0, \infty)$ ,  $T_{n,m}(x) = O(n^{-(m+1)/2})$ .

For every  $m \in N^0$ , the  $m$ -th order moment  $T_{n,m}^{\{p\}}$  for the operator  $B_n^p$  is defined by

$$T_{n,m}^{\{p\}}(x) = B_n^p((t-x)^m; x).$$

We adopt the convention  $T_{n,m}^{\{1\}}(x) = T_{n,m}(x)$ . From Lemma 2.4, it follows that  $T_{n,m}^{\{p\}}(x)$  is a polynomial in  $x$  of degree  $m$ .

**Lemma 2.5** ([1]). For every  $x \in [0, \infty)$ , we have

$$T_{n,m}^{\{p\}}(x) = O(n^{-(m+1)/2}).$$

**Theorem 2.6** ([1]). Let  $f \in H[0, \infty)$  be bounded on every finite subinterval of  $[0, \infty)$  and  $f(t) = O(t^\alpha)$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$  for some  $\alpha > 0$ . If  $f^{(2k+p)}(x)$  exists at a point  $x \in (0, \infty)$  then we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^k \left\{ L_{n,k}^{(p)}(f; x) - f^{(p)}(x) \right\} = \sum_{\nu=p}^{2k+p} Q(\nu, k, p, x) f^{(\nu)}(x), \quad (2.1)$$

where  $Q(\nu, k, p, x)$  are certain polynomials in  $x$ . Further, if  $f^{(2k+p)}$  is continuous on  $(a-\eta, b+\eta) \subset (0, \infty)$ ,  $\eta > 0$ , then (2.1) holds uniformly in  $[a, b]$ .

### 3 Main Result

We establish the following direct theorem:

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $f \in H[0, \infty)$  be bounded on every finite subinterval of  $[0, \infty)$  and  $f(t) = O(t^\alpha)$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$  for some  $\alpha > 0$ . If  $f^{(p)}$  exists and is continuous on  $(a - \eta, b + \eta) \subset (0, \infty)$ , for some  $\eta > 0$  then

$$\|L_{n,k}^{(p)}(f(t); x) - f^{(p)}(x)\|_{C(I_2)} \leq C \left\{ n^{-k} \|f\|_{C(I_1)} + \omega_{2k}(f^{(p)}, n^{-1/2}, I_1) \right\},$$

where  $C$  is independent of  $f$  and  $n$ .

*Proof.* We can write

$$\begin{aligned} & \|L_{n,k}^{(p)}(f(t); x) - f^{(p)}(x)\|_{C(I_2)} \\ & \leq \|L_{n,k}^{(p)}(f - f_{\eta,2k}; x)\|_{C(I_2)} + \|L_{n,k}^{(p)}(f_{\eta,2k}; x) - f_{\eta,2k}^{(p)}(x)\|_{C(I_2)} \\ & \quad + \|f^{(p)}(x) - f_{\eta,2k}^{(p)}(x)\|_{C(I_2)} \\ & = S_1 + S_2 + S_3, \text{ say.} \end{aligned}$$

Since  $f_{\eta,2k}^{(p)}(x) = (f^{(p)})_{\eta,2k}(x)$ , by property (c) of the Steklov mean, we get

$$S_3 \leq C \omega_{2k}(f^{(p)}, \eta, I_1).$$

Next, applying Theorem 2.6 and the interpolation property [5] it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} S_2 & \leq C n^{-k} \sum_{m=p}^{2k+p} \|f_{\eta,2k}^{(m)}\|_{C(I_2)} \\ & \leq C n^{-k} \left( \|f_{\eta,2k}\|_{C(I_2)} + \left\| \left( f_{\eta,2k}^{(p)} \right)^{(2k)} \right\|_{C(I_2)} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Hence, by properties (b) and (d) of Steklov mean, we have

$$S_2 \leq C n^{-k} \left( \|f\|_{C(I_1)} + \eta^{-2k} \omega_{2k}(f^{(p)}, \eta, I_1) \right).$$

Let  $a^*$  and  $b^*$  be such that  $0 < a_1 < a^* < a_2 < b_2 < b^* < b_1 < \infty$ .

To estimate  $S_1$ , let  $F \equiv f - f_{\eta,2k}$  then by our hypothesis we can write

$$\begin{aligned} F(t) & = \sum_{m=0}^p \frac{F^{(m)}(x)}{m!} (t-x)^m + \frac{F^{(p)}(\xi) - F^{(p)}(x)}{p!} (t-x)^p \psi(t) \\ & \quad + h(t, x) (1 - \psi(t)), \end{aligned} \tag{3.1}$$

where  $\xi$  lies between  $t$  and  $x$ , and  $\psi$  is the characteristic function of the interval  $[a^*, b^*]$ . For  $t \in [a^*, b^*]$  and  $x \in [a_2, b_2]$ , we get

$$F(t) = \sum_{m=0}^p \frac{F^{(m)}(x)}{m!} (t-x)^m + \frac{F^{(p)}(\xi) - F^{(p)}(x)}{p!} (t-x)^p,$$

and for  $t \in [0, \infty) \setminus [a^*, b^*]$ ,  $x \in [a_2, b_2]$  we define

$$h(t, x) = F(t) - \sum_{m=0}^p \frac{F^{(m)}(x)}{m!} (t-x)^m.$$

Now, operating on both sides of (3.1) by  $L_{n,k}^{(p)}$ , we get three terms  $J_1$ ,  $J_2$ , and  $J_3$ , corresponding to the three terms in the right hand side of (3.1). By using Lemma 2.4, we get

$$\begin{aligned} J_1 &= \sum_{m=0}^p \frac{F^{(m)}(x)}{m!} \sum_{i=1}^k (-1)^{i+1} \binom{k}{i} D^p (B_n^i((t-x)^m; x)), \quad D \equiv \frac{d}{dx} \\ &= \frac{F^{(p)}(x)}{p!} \sum_{i=1}^k (-1)^{i+1} \binom{k}{i} \int_0^\infty W^{(p)}(n, x, u) B_n^{i-1}(t^p; u) du \\ &= \frac{F^{(p)}(x)}{p!} \sum_{i=1}^k (-1)^{i+1} \binom{k}{i} D^p (B_n^i(t^p; x)) \\ &\rightarrow F^{(p)}(x), \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty, \text{ uniformly in } I_2. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $\|J_1\|_{C(I_2)} \leq C \|f^{(p)} - f_{\eta, 2k}^{(p)}\|_{C(I_2)}$ . Next,

$$\begin{aligned} \|J_2\|_{C(I_2)} &\leq \frac{2}{p!} \|f^{(p)} - f_{\eta, 2k}^{(p)}\|_{C[a^*, b^*]} \sum_{i=1}^k \binom{k}{i} (n-1) \sum_{\nu=0}^\infty |p_{n+1, \nu}^{(p)}(x)| \\ &\quad \times \int_0^\infty p_{n, \nu}(v) B_n^{i-1}(|t-x|^p; v) dv. \end{aligned}$$

Now, using Lemma 2.2, Cauchy Schwarz inequality three times, Lemma 2.1 and Lemma 2.5 (in that order), it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} &(n-1) \sum_{\nu=0}^\infty |p_{n+1, \nu}^{(p)}(x)| \int_0^\infty p_{n, \nu}(v) B_n^{i-1}(|t-x|^p; v) dv \\ &\leq C \sum_{\substack{2i+j \leq p \\ i, j \geq 0}} (n-1)(n+1)^i |q_{i, j, p}(x)| (x(1+x))^{-p} \sum_{\nu=0}^\infty p_{n+1, \nu}(x) |\nu - (n+1)x|^j \\ &\quad \times \int_0^\infty p_{n, \nu}(v) B_n^{i-1}(|t-x|^p; v) dv \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq C \sum_{\substack{2i+j \leq p \\ i,j \geq 0}} (n+1)^i \left( \sum_{\nu=0}^{\infty} p_{n+1,\nu}(x)(\nu - (n+1)x)^{2j} \right)^{1/2} \\ &\quad \times \left( (n-1) \sum_{\nu=0}^{\infty} p_{n+1,\nu}(x) \int_0^{\infty} p_{n,\nu}(v) B_n^{i-1}((t-x)^{2p}; v) dv \right)^{1/2} \\ &= C \sum_{\substack{2i+j \leq p \\ i,j \geq 0}} (n+1)^i O\left(n^{j/2}\right) O\left(n^{-p/2}\right) = O(1), \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty, \text{ uniformly in } I_2. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\|J_2\|_{C(I_2)} \leq C \|f^{(p)} - f_{\eta,2k}^{(p)}\|_{C[a^*,b^*]}.$$

Since,  $t \in [0, \infty) \setminus [a^*, b^*]$  and  $x \in I_2$ , we can choose a  $\delta > 0$  in such a way that  $|t - x| \geq \delta$ . If  $\beta$  is any integer  $\geq \max\{\alpha, p\}$ , then we can find a constant  $M > 0$  such that  $|h(t, x)| \leq M|t - x|^\beta$  whenever  $|t - x| \geq \delta$ . Again, applying Lemma 2.2, Cauchy Schwarz inequality three times, Lemma 2.1 and Lemma 2.5 (in that order), we get

$$\begin{aligned} |J_3| &\leq C \sum_{i=1}^k \binom{k}{i} \sum_{\substack{2i+j \leq p \\ i,j \geq 0}} (n+1)^i \left( \sum_{\nu=0}^{\infty} p_{n+1,\nu}(x)(\nu - (n+1)x)^{2j} \right)^{1/2} \\ &\quad \times \left( (n-1) \sum_{\nu=0}^{\infty} p_{n+1,\nu}(x) \int_0^{\infty} p_{n,\nu}(v) B_n^{i-1}((1 - \psi(t))(t-x)^{2\beta}; v) dv \right)^{1/2} \\ &\leq C \sum_{i=1}^k \binom{k}{i} \sum_{\substack{2i+j \leq p \\ i,j \geq 0}} (n+1)^i \left( \sum_{\nu=0}^{\infty} p_{n+1,\nu}(x)(\nu - (n+1)x)^{2j} \right)^{1/2} \\ &\quad \times \left( (n-1) \sum_{\nu=0}^{\infty} p_{n+1,\nu}(x) \int_0^{\infty} p_{n,\nu}(v) B_n^{i-1} \left( \frac{(t-x)^{2m}}{\delta^{2m-2\beta}}; v \right) dv \right)^{1/2} \\ &\leq C \sum_{\substack{2i+j \leq p \\ i,j \geq 0}} (n+1)^i O\left(n^{j/2}\right) O\left(n^{-m/2}\right), \text{ for any integer } m > \beta. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, it follows that  $J_3 = o(1)$ , as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , uniformly in  $I_2$ . Combining the estimates of  $J_1 - J_3$ , in view of property (c) of Steklov mean we obtain

$$S_1 \leq C \|f^{(p)} - f_{\eta,2k}^{(p)}\|_{C[a^*,b^*]} \leq C \omega_{2k}\left(f^{(p)}, \eta, I_1\right).$$

Therefore, with  $\eta = n^{-1/2}$ , the theorem follows. □

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