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A NOTE ON A MULTIPARAMETER BERNSTEIN-TYPE
APPROXIMATING OPERATOR

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In a previous paper [4] we have constructed and investigated a positive linear operator, of Bernstein-type, depending on a non-negative integer parameter r and on two real parameters α and β , such that: $0 \leq \alpha \leq \beta$.

The purpose of this note is to consider and study a more general operator $L_{m,r_1,\dots,r_s}^{\alpha,\beta}$ mapping into itself the Banach space $C[0, 1]$ of real-valued continuous functions on $[0, 1]$. This operator depends on the parameters α and β , as well as on s non-negative integer parameters r_1, \dots, r_s , independent of the natural number m , and such that: $0 \leq r_1 \leq \dots \leq r_s, r_1 + \dots + r_s < m$.

For any function $f: [0, 1] \rightarrow R$, we define this operator by

$$(1) \quad (L_{m,r_1,\dots,r_s}^{\alpha,\beta} f)(x) := \sum_{k=0}^{m-r_1-\dots-r_s} \phi_{m-r_1,\dots-r_s,k}(x) F_{m,k}^{r_1,\dots,r_s}(f; \alpha, \beta; x),$$

where

$$(2) \quad F_{m,k}^{r_1,\dots,r_s}(f; \alpha, \beta; x) = \sum_{j=0}^s x^j (1-x)^{s-j} G_{m,k,j}^{r_1,\dots,r_s}(f; \alpha, \beta),$$

with

$$(3) \quad G_{m,k,j}^{r_1,\dots,r_s}(f; \alpha, \beta) = f\left(\frac{k+r_1+\dots+r_j+\alpha}{m+\beta}\right) + f\left(\frac{k+r_2+\dots+r_{j+1}+\alpha}{m+\beta}\right) + \\ + f\left(\frac{k+r_1+r_3+\dots+r_{j+1}+\alpha}{m+\beta}\right) + \dots + f\left(\frac{k+r_{s-j+1}+\dots+r_{s-1}+r_s+\alpha}{m+\beta}\right)$$

and with a usual notation, which will be used throughout the paper:

$$(4) \quad \phi_{n,i}(t) := \binom{n}{i} t^i (1-t)^{n-i}.$$

In the first place, one observe that we have

$$(5) \quad (L_{m,r_1,\dots,r_s}^{\alpha,\beta} f)(0) = f\left(\frac{\alpha}{m+\beta}\right), \quad (L_{m,r_1,\dots,r_s}^{\alpha,\beta} f)(1) = f\left(\frac{m+\alpha}{m+\beta}\right).$$

Consequently, the polynomial defined at (1) is interpolatory at the left side of $[0, 1]$ if $\alpha = 0$ and, respectively, at the right side if $\beta = 0$. For $\alpha = \beta = 0$ it is interpolatory at both sides of $[0, 1]$.

In the special case: $r_1 = \dots = r_s = r$ we obtain

$$(6) \quad (L_{m,r,s}^{\alpha,\beta} f)(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{m-sr} p_{m-sr,k}(x) \sum_{j=0}^s p_{s,j}(x) f\left(\frac{k+\alpha+jr}{m+\beta}\right),$$

which for $s = 0$ leads us to the Bernstein-type operator $B_m^{\alpha,\beta}$ investigated in our earlier paper [3], while for $s = 1$ we arrive at the operator $L_{m,r}^{\alpha,\beta}$ studied in detail in our recent paper [4]. If $\alpha = \beta = 0$, $s = 1$ and $r = 0$ or $r = 1$, we get the well known Bernstein operator B_m .

A convergence property of the sequence of approximating polynomials defined at (1) is illustrated by the following theorem.

THEOREM 1. *If $f \in C[0, 1]$, r_1, \dots, r_s are fixed non-negative integers and $0 \leq \alpha \leq \beta$, then we have*

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} L_{m,r_1,\dots,r_s}^{\alpha,\beta} f = f,$$

uniformly on the interval $[0, 1]$.

Because we have a sequence of linear positive operators mapping into itself the space $C[0, 1]$, we need first to find the values of the operator for the three test functions e_0, e_1, e_2 , where $e_j(t) := t^j$ ($j = 0, 1, 2$) for any $t \in [0, 1]$.

It is a straightforward calculation to verify that we have

$$(7) \quad (L_{m,r_1,\dots,r_s}^{\alpha,\beta} e_0)(x) = 1, \quad (L_{m,r_1,\dots,r_s}^{\alpha,\beta} e_1)(x) = x + \frac{\alpha - \beta x}{m + \beta},$$

$$(L_{m,r_1,\dots,r_s}^{\alpha,\beta} e_2)(x) = x^2 + (1 + S_{m,r_1,\dots,r_s}^{\alpha,\beta}) \cdot \frac{x(1-x)}{m+\beta} + \frac{(\alpha - \beta x)(\alpha + \beta x + 2mx)}{(m+\beta)^2},$$

where, for abbreviation, we have introduced the notation

$$(8) \quad S_{m,\beta}^{r_1,\dots,r_s} = \frac{1}{m+\beta} \left[\sum_{j=1}^s r_j(r_j - 1) - \beta \right].$$

These results permit us to see that the uniform convergence holds for the monomials e_0, e_1 and e_2 , since the quantity (8) tends to zero when m tends to infinity. The assertion of the theorem now follows immediately by applying the well known convergence criterion of Bohman-Korovkin.

One observes that if $\alpha = \beta = 0$ then e_0 and e_1 are fixed elements of the operator $L_{m,r_1,\dots,r_s}^{\alpha,\beta} = L_{m,r_1,\dots,r_s}^{0,0}$ and the approximation formula

$$(9) \quad f = L_{m,r_1,\dots,r_s} f + R_{m,r_1,\dots,r_s} f$$

has the highest degree of exactness, namely $N = 1$.

We shall henceforth restrict to this important special case, when we can write

$$(10) \quad (L_{m,r_1,\dots,r_s} f)(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{m-r_1-\dots-r_s} p_{m-r_1-\dots-r_s,k}(x) F_{m,k}^{r_1,\dots,r_s}(f; x),$$

and, more explicitly, we now have

$$\begin{aligned} F_{m,k}^{r_1,\dots,r_s}(f; x) &= (1-x)^s f\left(\frac{k}{m}\right) + x(1-x)^{s-1} \left[f\left(\frac{k+r_1}{m}\right) + \dots + f\left(\frac{k+r_s}{m}\right) \right] + \\ &+ x^2(1-x)^{s-2} \left[f\left(\frac{k+r_1+r_2}{m}\right) + f\left(\frac{k+r_2+r_3}{m}\right) + f\left(\frac{k+r_1+r_3}{m}\right) + \dots + f\left(\frac{k+r_{s-1}+r_s}{m}\right) \right] + \\ &+ \dots + x^{s-1}(1-x) \left[f\left(\frac{k+r_1+\dots+r_s}{m}\right) + f\left(\frac{k+r_1+r_3+\dots+r_s}{m}\right) + \dots + \right. \\ &\left. + f\left(\frac{k+r_1+\dots+r_{s-1}}{m}\right) \right] + x^s f\left(\frac{k+r_1+\dots+r_s}{m}\right). \end{aligned}$$

According to (7), we now have

$$(11) \quad (R_{m,r_1,\dots,r_s} e_2)(x) = -\frac{x(1-x)}{m} (1 + S_{m,0}^{r_1,\dots,r_s}).$$

In the particular case of the operator defined at (6) we obtain

$$(R_{m,r,s} e_2)(x) = -\frac{x(1-x)}{m} \left[1 + \frac{sr(r-1)}{m} \right].$$

By using a standard method one can prove

THEOREM 2. *If $f \in C[0, 1]$ then for any $x \in [0, 1]$ we have*

$$\begin{aligned} |f(x) - (L_{m,r_1,\dots,r_s} f)(x)| &\leq \\ &\leq \left[1 + \frac{1}{\gamma} \sqrt{1 + S_{m,0}^{r_1,\dots,r_s}} \right] \omega \left(f; \gamma \sqrt{\frac{x(1-x)}{m}} \right), \end{aligned}$$

where ω is the modulus of continuity, while γ is a unspecified positive constant.

This theorem enables us to see that in the maximum norm over $[0, 1]$ we can deduce as a corollary of this theorem the following estimate of T. Popoviciu — type:

$$\|f - L_{m,r_1,\dots,r_s} f\| \leq \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{1 + S_{m,0}^{r_1,\dots,r_s}} \right) \omega \left(f; \frac{1}{\sqrt{m}} \right).$$

In the next theorem we indicate a result from which there follows at once an estimate of G. G. Lorentz-type.

THEOREM 3. *If $f \in C^1[0, 1]$ then we have*

$$\begin{aligned} |f(x) - (L_{m,r_1,\dots,r_s} f)(x)| &\leq \\ &\leq \sqrt{1 + S_{m,0}^{r_1,\dots,r_s}} \left(1 + \frac{1}{\gamma} \sqrt{1 + S_{m,0}^{r_1,\dots,r_s}} \right) \sqrt{\frac{x(1-x)}{m}} \omega \left(f'; \gamma \sqrt{\frac{x(1-x)}{m}} \right). \end{aligned}$$

The following theorem gives an evaluation of the remainder of the approximation formula (9).

THEOREM 4. *If $f \in C^2[0, 1]$ and x is any given point of $[0, 1]$ then we have the following integral representation*

$$(12) \quad (R_{m,r_1,\dots,r_s}f)(x) = \int_0^1 G_{m,r_1,\dots,r_s}(t; x) f''(t) dt,$$

where

$$(13) \quad G_{m,r_1,\dots,r_s}(t; x) = (R_{m,r_1,\dots,r_s}\varphi_x)(t), \quad \varphi_x(t) = (x - t)_+$$

and R_{m,r_1,\dots,r_s} operates on $\varphi_x(t)$ as a function of x .

Since the degree of exactness of formula (9) is $N = 1$, it is clear that by using a well known theorem of Peano the remainder can be represented under the form (12), at (13) being defined the Peano kernel associated with our operator. One can see that for a fixed value of x the equation $y = G_{m,r_1,\dots,r_s}(t; x)$ represents a continuous broken line which joins the points $(0, 0)$ and $(0, 1)$, being situated beneath the t -axis. One observes that it represents a spline function, of first degree, having the knots k/m .

By use of the mean value theorem we obtain

$$(14) \quad (R_{m,r_1,\dots,r_s}f)(x) = f''(\xi) \int_0^1 G_{m,r_1,\dots,r_s}(t; x) dt \quad (0 < \xi < 1).$$

Because the Peano kernel is independent of the function f , we may insert $f = e_2$ in (14) and we obtain

$$(15) \quad \int_0^1 G_{m,r_1,\dots,r_s}(t; x) dt = \frac{1}{2} (R_{m,r_1,\dots,r_s}e_2)(x).$$

Consequently, from (14), (15) and (11) we can deduce a Cauchy-type expression for the remainder:

$$(R_{m,r_1,\dots,r_s}f)(x) = -\frac{x(1-x)}{2m} [1 + S_{m,0}^{r_1,\dots,r_s}] f''(\xi).$$

It should be observed that if f is convex of first-order on $[0, 1]$ then we have $L_{m,r_1,\dots,r_s}f > f$ on $[0, 1]$, while if f is concave of first-order on $[0, 1]$ then we have $L_{m,r_1,\dots,r_s}f < f$ on $(0, 1)$.

By using a standard technique, one can give an asymptotic estimate, of Voronovskaja-type, for the remainder of the approximation formula (9); we can state

THEOREM 5. *For any f in $C[0, 1]$, possessing a second derivative at a point x of $[0, 1]$, we have*

$$(R_{m,r_1,\dots,r_s}f)(x) = - [1 + S_{m,0}^{r_1,\dots,r_s}] \frac{x(1-x)}{2m} f''(x) + \frac{\epsilon_m(x)}{m},$$

where $\epsilon_m(x)$ tends to zero when m tends to infinity.

Now let us conclude this note by mentioning two other important properties of our operator: 1) This operator enjoys the variation diminishing property, in the sense of I. J. SCHOENBERG [2], since it preserves the linear functions and it is easy to see that the numbers of variations of sign of $L_{m,r_1,\dots,r_s} f$ and f , on $[0, 1]$, satisfy the relation: $v(f) \geq v(L_{m,r_1,\dots,r_s} f)$; 2) Assuming that $f' \in \text{Lip}_M 1$, choosing $\gamma = 1$, and taking into account that in this case $\omega(f'; \delta) \leq M\delta$, we can deduce from Theorem 3 an estimate of the following form

$$|f(x) - (L_{m,r_1,\dots,r_s} f)(x)| \leq M \cdot N_m^{r_1,\dots,r_s} \cdot \frac{x(1-x)}{m},$$

where

$$N_m^{r_1,\dots,r_s} = \sqrt{1 + S_{m,0}^{r_1,\dots,r_s}} \left[1 + \sqrt{1 + S_{m,0}^{r_1,\dots,r_s}} \right].$$

This result gives an indication on the saturation class of the polynomial $L_{m,r_1,\dots,r_s} f$, which consists of those $f \in C[0, 1]$ for which $f' \in \text{Lip } 1$, the optimal order of approximation being $x(1-x)/m$. For proving these results one can make use of the techniques employed by G. G. LORENTZ [1] in the case of the classical Bernstein polynomial.

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