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### 1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. The problem of strong approximation of functions connected with Fourier series was examined in many papers presented by G. Alexits, K. Tandori, L. Leindler, R. Taberski, V. Totik and other authors (see [5]).

The monograph [5] is devoted to the strong approximation of  $2\pi$ -periodic functions belonging to various classes by the means of trigonometric Fourier series.

For example, if  $S_n(f; x)$  is the  $n$ -th partial sum of trigonometric Fourier series of  $f$ , then the  $n$ -th  $(C, 1)$ -mean of this series is defined by the formula

$$\sigma_n(f; x) := \frac{1}{n+1} \sum_{k=0}^n S_k(f; x), \quad n \in N_0 = \{0, 1, \dots\}.$$

The  $n$ -th strong  $(C, 1)$ -mean of this series is defined as follows

$$H_n^q(f; x) := \left\{ \frac{1}{n+1} \sum_{k=0}^n |S_k(f; x) - f(x)|^q \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}}, \quad n \in N_0,$$

where  $q$  is a fixed positive number. It is clear that

$$|\sigma_n(f; x) - f(x)| \leq H_n^1(f; x)$$

and

$$H_n^q(f; x) \leq H_n^p(f; x), \quad 0 < q < p < \infty,$$

for all  $x \in R$  and  $n \in N_0$ . The last inequalities show that examination of the strong means of Fourier series is useful.

The purpose of this note is to show that investigation of the strong approximation connected with linear operators is also useful.

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1.2. In [2] were examined approximation properties of the Szász-Mirakjan operators ([6])

$$(1) \quad S_n(f; x) := e^{-nx} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(nx)^k}{k!} f\left(\frac{k}{n}\right),$$

and the Baskakov operators ([1])

$$(2) \quad V_n(f; x) := \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \binom{n-1+k}{k} x^k (1+x)^{-n-k} f\left(\frac{k}{n}\right),$$

$n \in N = \{1, 2, \dots\}$ ,  $x \in R_0 = [0, \infty)$ , for the functions  $f$  belonging to the polynomial weighted spaces  $C_p$ ,  $p \in N_0$ . The space  $C_p$ ,  $p \in N_0$ , is associated with the weighted function

$$(3) \quad w_0(x) := 1, \quad w_p(x) := (1+x^p)^{-1} \quad \text{if } p \geq 1,$$

and it is the set of all real-valued functions  $f$  for which  $w_p f$  is uniformly continuous and bounded on  $R_0$  and the norm is defined by the formula

$$(4) \quad \|f\|_p \equiv \|f(\cdot)\|_p := \sup_{x \in R_0} w_p(x) |f(x)|.$$

The author proved in [2] that for every  $p \in N_0$  there exists a positive constant  $M(p)$  depending only on  $p$  such that for every  $f \in C_p$  there holds

$$(5) \quad w_p(x) |V_n(f; x) - f(x)| \leq M(p) \omega_2\left(f; \sqrt{(x+x^2)/n}\right) \quad n \in N, \quad x \in R_0,$$

where  $\omega_2(f; \cdot)$  is the second modulus of smoothness of  $f$ . From (5) it follows that

$$(6) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} V_n(f; x) = f(x), \quad x \in R_0, \quad f \in C_p,$$

and this convergence is uniform on every interval  $[x_1, x_2]$ ,  $x_1 \geq 0$ .

The analogous results for the Szász-Mirakjan operators are given in [2] also.

In this note we introduce certain class of linear operators in the spaces  $C_p$  and we define the strong differences for them. We give two theorems and some corollaries on these strong differences.

We shall denote by  $M_k(\alpha, \beta)$ ,  $k \in N$ , suitable positive constants depending only on indicated parameters  $\alpha, \beta$ .

## 2. DEFINITIONS AND PRELIMINARY RESULTS

2.1. Let  $\Omega$  be the set of all infinite matrices  $A = [a_{nk}]$ ,  $n \in N$ ,  $k \in N_0$ , of functions in  $C_0$  having the following properties:

- (i)  $a_{nk}(x) \geq 0$  for  $x \in R_0$ ,  $n \in N$ ,  $k \in N_0$ ,
- (ii)  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_{nk}(x) = 1$  for  $x \in R_0$ ,  $n \in N$ ,

- (iii) for every  $n, r \in N$  the series  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} k^r a_{nk}(x)$  is uniformly convergent on  $R_0$  and its sum is a function belonging to the space  $C_r$ ,
- (iv) for every  $r \in N$  there exists positive constant  $M_1(r, A)$  independent on  $x \in R_0$  and  $n \in N$  such that for the functions

$$(7) \quad T_{n,2r}(x; A) := \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_{nk}(x) \left(\frac{k}{n} - x\right)^{2r}, \quad x \in R_0,$$

(belonging to  $C_{2r}$ ) there holds

$$\|T_{n,2r}(\cdot; A)\|_{2r} \leq M_1(r, A) n^{-r}, \quad n \in N.$$

Choosing  $A \in \Omega$  and  $p \in N_0$  we define for  $f \in C_p$  the following positive linear operators

$$(8) \quad L_n(f; A; x) := \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_{nk}(x) f\left(\frac{k}{n}\right), \quad n \in N, \quad x \in R_0.$$

The properties (i)-(iv) of the matrix  $A$  imply that the operators  $L_n(f; A)$  are well-defined and

$$(9) \quad L_n(1; A; x) = 1 \quad \text{for } x \in R_0, \quad n \in N,$$

and by (8) and (9) we have

$$(10) \quad L_n(f; A; x) - f(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_{nk}(x) \left(f\left(\frac{k}{n}\right) - f(x)\right).$$

For  $L_n(f; A)$  and  $f \in C_p$  we define the strong difference with the power  $q > 0$  as follows:

$$(11) \quad H_n^q(f; A; x) := \left\{ \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_{nk}(x) \left| f\left(\frac{k}{n}\right) - f(x) \right|^q \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}}, \quad x \in R_0, \quad n \in N.$$

Then we see that by the properties (i)-(iv) of  $A$  the  $H_n^q(f; A)$  are well-defined for every  $f \in C_p$ ,  $p \in N_0$ , and  $q > 0$ . Moreover (10) and (11) imply that

$$(12) \quad H_n^q(f; A; x) = \{L_n(|f(t) - f(x)|^q; A; x)\}^{\frac{1}{q}},$$

$$(13) \quad |L_n(f; A; x) - f(x)| \leq H_n^1(f; A; x),$$

and by the Hölder inequality and (12) and (9)

$$(14) \quad H_n^q(f; A; x) \leq H_n^r(f; A; x), \quad 0 < q < r < \infty,$$

for every  $f \in C_p$ ,  $x \in R_0$  and  $n \in N$ .

2.2. First we shall give some properties of the operators  $L_n(f; A)$ .

**Lemma 2.1.** *Let  $A \in \Omega$ ,  $p \in N_0$  and  $q > 0$  be fixed. Then there exists  $M_2 \equiv M_2(p, q, A) > 0$  such that*

$$(15) \quad \left\| \left( L_n \left( (w_p(t))^{-q}; A; \cdot \right) \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \right\|_p \leq M_2, \quad n \in N,$$

and for every  $f \in C_p$

$$(16) \quad \left\| \left( L_n \left( |f|^q; A; \cdot \right) \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \right\|_p \leq M_2 \|f\|_p, \quad n \in N.$$

*Proof.* a) Let  $q = 1$ . From (3), (8) and (9) we get

$$\begin{aligned} L_n(1/w_p(t); A; x) &= 1 + L_n(t^p; A; x) \\ &\leq 1 + 2^p (L_n(|t - x|^p; A; x) + x^p) \\ &\leq 2^p ((w_p(x))^{-1} + L_n(|t - x|^p; A; x)), \quad x \in R_0, \quad n \in N. \end{aligned}$$

By the Hölder inequality and (9), we have

$$L_n(|t - x|^p; A; x) \leq (L_n((t - x)^{2p}; A; x))^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

and by the inequality  $(w_p(x))^2 \leq w_{2p}(x)$  for  $x \in R_0$ , we get

$$w_p(x) L_n(1/w_p(t); A; x) \leq 2^p \left( 1 + (w_{2p}(x) L_n((t - x)^{2p}; A; x))^{\frac{1}{2}} \right).$$

Applying (7) and the inequality given in (iv), we obtain

$$w_p(x) L_n(1/w_p(t); A; x) \leq M_2(p, A) \quad \text{for } x \in R_0, \quad n \in N,$$

which by (4) implies (15).

b) Let  $q \geq 2$  be integer. From (3) we get the following inequalities

$$(17) \quad (w_p(x))^q \leq w_{pq}(x), \quad (w_p(x))^{-q} \leq 2^q (w_{pq}(x))^{-1},$$

for  $x \in R_0$ . Applying (17) we can write

$$\begin{aligned} w_p(x) \left( L_n \left( (w_p(t))^{-q}; A; x \right) \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} &\leq 2 (w_{pq}(x) L_n(1/w_{pq}(t); A; x))^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ &\leq 2 \left( \|L_n(1/w_{pq}(t); A; \cdot)\|_{pq} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}, \end{aligned}$$

and we can apply (15) for the last norm. This implies (15).

c) Let  $0 < q \notin N$ . Then by the Hölder inequality and (9) we get

$$\left( L_n \left( (w_p(t))^{-q}; A; x \right) \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \leq \left( L_n \left( (w_p(t))^{-r}; A; x \right) \right)^{\frac{1}{r}}, \quad x \in R_0,$$

for every  $0 < q < r < \infty$ . In particular setting  $r = [q] + 1$  ( $[q]$  denotes the integral part of  $q$ ), we have

$$\left\| \left( L_n \left( (w_p(t))^{-q}; A; \cdot \right) \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \right\|_p \leq \left\| \left( L_n \left( (w_p(t))^{-r}; A; \cdot \right) \right)^{\frac{1}{r}} \right\|_p,$$

and by the case b) we obtain (15) for  $0 < q \notin N$ . Thus the proof of (15) is completed.

If  $f \in C_p$  and  $q > 0$ , then by (8) and (4) we get

$$\left\| (L_n(|f|^q; A; \cdot))^{\frac{1}{q}} \right\|_p \leq \|f\|_p \left\| (L_n((w_p(t))^{-q}; A; \cdot))^{\frac{1}{q}} \right\|_p,$$

and by (15) we obtain (16). □

**Lemma 2.2.** *Let  $A, p$  and  $q$  be as in Lemma 2.1. Then there exists  $M_3 \equiv M_3(p, q, A) > 0$  such that*

$$(18) \quad w_p(x) \left\{ L_n \left( \left( \frac{|t-x|}{w_p(t)} \right)^q; A; x \right) \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}} \leq M_3 (L_n((t-x)^{2s}; A; x))^{\frac{1}{2s}}$$

for all  $x \in R_0$  and  $n \in N$ , where

$$(19) \quad s = \begin{cases} q & \text{if } q \in N, \\ [q] + 1 & \text{if } 0 < q \notin N. \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* By (8) and by the Hölder inequality we get

$$w_p(x) \left( L_n \left( \left( \frac{|t-x|}{w_p(t)} \right)^q; A; x \right) \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \leq w_p(x) (L_n((w_p(t))^{-2q}; A; x))^{\frac{1}{2q}} \times (L_n((t-x)^{2q}; A; x))^{\frac{1}{2q}}$$

for all  $x \in R_0, n \in N$ . Applying (15) and the inequality

$$(20) \quad (L_n(|t-x|^q; A; x))^{\frac{1}{q}} \leq (L_n(|t-x|^r; A; x))^{\frac{1}{r}}, \quad x \in R_0, \quad n \in N,$$

for  $0 < q < r < \infty$ , we easily obtain the desired estimation (18). □

Lemma 2.2 and the property (iv) of  $A$  imply the following

*Corollary 1.* For every matrix  $A \in \Omega, p \in N_0$  and  $q > 0$  there exists  $M_4 \equiv M_4(p, q, A) > 0$  such that

$$w_p(x) \left\{ L_n \left( \left( \frac{|t-x|}{w_p(t)} \right)^q; A; x \right) \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}} \leq M_4 \frac{1+x}{\sqrt{n}}$$

for all  $x \in R_0$  and  $n \in N$ .

### 3. THEOREMS AND COROLLARIES

3.1. First we shall give two theorems on the strong differences  $H_n^q(f; A)$  defined by (11). We shall use the modulus of continuity of  $f \in C_p$  ([3])

$$(21) \quad \omega(f; t) = \sup_{0 \leq h \leq t} \|\Delta_h f(\cdot)\|_p, \quad t \geq 0,$$

where  $\Delta_h f(x) = f(x+h) - f(x)$ .

It is known ([3]) that  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \omega(f; t) = 0$  for every  $f \in C_p$ ,  $p \in N_0$ .

Let  $C_p^1$  be the class of all  $f \in C_p$  having the first derivative on  $R_0$  and  $f' \in C_p$ .

**Theorem 3.1.** *Suppose that  $A \in \Omega$ ,  $p \in N_0$  and  $q > 0$ . Then there exist  $M_5 \equiv M_5(p, q, A) > 0$  such that for every  $f \in C_p^1$  there holds*

$$(22) \quad w_p(x) H_n^q(f; A; x) \leq M_5 \|f'\|_p (T_{n,2s}(x; A))^{\frac{1}{2s}},$$

for all  $x \in R_0$  and  $n \in N$ , where  $T_{n,2s}(\cdot; A)$  is defined by (7) and  $s$  is given by (19).

*Proof.* For  $f \in C_p^1$  and  $t, x \in R_0$  we have

$$|f(t) - f(x)| = \left| \int_x^t f'(u) du \right| \leq \|f'\|_p \left( \frac{1}{w_p(t)} + \frac{1}{w_p(x)} \right) |t - x|.$$

From this we get

$$H_n^q(f; A; x) \leq \|f'\|_p \left( L_n \left( \left( \frac{1}{w_p(t)} + \frac{1}{w_p(x)} \right)^q |t - x|^q; A; x \right) \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}$$

and further

$$w_p(x) H_n^q(f; A; x) \leq 2 \|f'\|_p \left\{ w_p(x) \left( L_n \left( \left( \frac{|t - x|}{w_p(t)} \right)^q; A; x \right) \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} + (L_n(|t - x|^q; A; x))^{\frac{1}{q}} \right\}$$

for  $x \in R_0$  and  $n \in N$ . Applying Lemma 2.2 and (7) and the inequality (20) with  $r = 2q$ , we obtain

$$w_p(x) H_n^q(f; A; x) \leq 2 \|f'\|_p (T_{n,2s}(x; A))^{\frac{1}{2s}} (M_3(p, q, A) + 1)$$

for  $x \in R_0$ ,  $n \in N$  and  $s$  defined by (19). Thus the proof of (22) is completed.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.2.** *Let  $A \in \Omega$ ,  $p \in N_0$  and  $q > 0$ . Then there exists  $M_6 \equiv M_6(p, q, A) = \text{const.} > 0$  such that for every  $f \in C_p$  we have*

$$(23) \quad w_p(x) H_n^q(f; A; x) \leq M_6 \omega \left( f; \frac{1+x}{\sqrt{n}} \right),$$

for all  $x \in R_0$  and  $n \in N$ , where  $\omega(f; \cdot)$  is the modulus of continuity of  $f$ , defined by (21).

*Proof.* Let  $q \geq 1$ . We shall apply the Stiecklov function  $f_h$  for  $f \in C_p$ :

$$f_h(x) := \frac{1}{h} \int_0^h f(x+u) du, \quad x \in R_0, \quad h > 0.$$



From this formula and (21) we get for  $h > 0$  :

$$(24) \quad \|f - f_h\|_p \leq \omega(f; h),$$

$$(25) \quad \|f'_h\|_p \leq h^{-1} \omega(f; h),$$

i.e.  $f_h \in C_p^1$  if  $f \in C_p$ . It is obvious that

$$|f(t) - f(x)| \leq |f(t) - f_h(t)| + |f_h(t) - f_h(x)| + |f_h(x) - f(x)|$$

for  $x, t \in R_0$  and  $h > 0$ . This fact and (12), (8) and (9) and the Minkowski inequality imply that

$$\begin{aligned} H_n^q(f; A; x) &\leq (L_n(|f(t) - f_h(t)|^q; A; x))^{\frac{1}{q}} + \\ &\quad + (L_n(|f_h(t) - f_h(x)|^q; A; x))^{\frac{1}{q}} + |f_h(x) - f(x)| \\ &:= \sum_{i=1}^3 Z_{n,i}(x), \end{aligned}$$

for  $x \in R_0$ ,  $n \in N$  and  $h > 0$ . By (24) we have

$$\|Z_{n,3}(\cdot)\|_p \leq \omega(f; h), \quad h > 0.$$

Applying (16) and (24), we get

$$\|Z_{n,1}(\cdot)\|_p \leq M_2(p, q, A) \|f - f_h\|_p \leq M_2(p, q, A) \omega(f; h), \quad h > 0.$$

By Theorem 3.1 and (25) we have

$$\begin{aligned} w_p(x) Z_{n,2}(x) &\leq M_5 \|f'_h\|_p (T_{n,2s}(x; A))^{\frac{1}{2s}} \\ &\leq M_5 h^{-1} \omega(f; h) (T_{n,2s}(x; A))^{\frac{1}{2s}}. \end{aligned}$$

From the above and by the property (iv) of  $A$  we obtain

$$w_p(x) H_n^q(f; A; x) \leq M_6(p, q, A) \omega(f; h) \left(1 + h^{-1} \frac{1+x}{\sqrt{n}}\right).$$

Setting  $h = \frac{1+x}{\sqrt{n}}$ , we obtain (23) for  $q \geq 1$ .

If  $0 < q < 1$  then by (14) we have

$$H_n^q(f; A; x) \leq H_n^1(f; A; x), \quad x \in R_0, \quad n \in N,$$

and by (23) for  $q = 1$  we get (23) for  $0 < q < 1$ . □

Theorem 3.2 implies the following

*Corollary 2.* If the assumptions of Theorem 3.2 are satisfied, then for every  $f \in C_p$ ,  $p \in N_0$ , we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} H_n^q(f; A; x) = 0 \quad \text{at every } x \in R_0.$$

This convergence is uniform on every interval  $[x_1, x_2]$ ,  $x_1 \geq 0$ .

*Remark.* The inequality (13) shows that results given for  $H_n^q(f; A)$  in Theorem 3.1, Theorem 3.2 and Corollary 2 concern also the difference  $|L_n(f; A; x) - f(x)|$ . Thus the strong approximation for considered operators is more general.

3.2. Now we shall give three examples of operators of the  $L_n(f; A)$  type defined by (8).

1. The Szász-Mirakyan operators  $S_n$ ,  $n \in N$ , defined by (1) are generated by the matrix  $A_1 = [a_{nk}(x)]$  with

$$a_{nk}(x) = e^{-nx} \frac{(nx)^k}{k!}, \quad n \in N, \quad k \in N_0, \quad x \in R_0.$$

It is easily verified that  $A_1 \in \Omega$ , i.e. the  $A_1$  satisfies the conditions (i) - (iv).

2. The Baskakov operators with  $V_n$ ,  $n \in N$ , defined by (2), are connected with the matrix  $A_2$  on the elements

$$a_{nk}(x) = \binom{n-1+k}{k} x^k (1+x)^{-n-k}, \quad n \in N, \quad k \in N_0, \quad x \in R_0.$$

We can prove that  $A_2 \in \Omega$  also.

3. The Bernstein operators

$$B_n(f; x) := \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} x^k (1-x)^{n-k} f\left(\frac{k}{n}\right), \quad n \in N,$$

defined for continuous functions  $f$  on the interval  $[0, 1]$  are operators of the type  $L_n(f; A)$  with the matrix  $A_3 = [a_{nk}(x)]$  where

$$a_{nk}(x) = \begin{cases} \binom{n}{k} x^k (1-x)^{n-k} & \text{if } 0 \leq k \leq n, \\ 0 & \text{if } k > n, \end{cases}$$

for  $n \in N$ . Here for considered functions  $f(\cdot)$  and  $a_n(\cdot)$  we set:  $f(x) = f(1)$  and  $a_{nk}(x) = a_{nk}(1)$  for all  $x > 1$ . We can verify that  $A_3 \in \Omega$ .

Hence the above lemmas, theorems and corollaries concern also the strong approximation of functions by the Szász-Mirakyan, Baskakov and Bernstein operators.

We remark also that the order of the strong differences given in Theorem 3.2 and Corollary 2 are similar to (5) and (6) for the Baskakov operators.

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