

LINEAR COMBINATION OF A NEW SEQUENCE OF LINEAR POSITIVE OPERATORS

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ABSTRACT. In the present paper, we study the approximation of unbounded continuous functions of exponential growth by the linear combination of a new sequence of linear positive operators. First, we discuss a Voronoskaja type asymptotic formula and then obtain an error estimate in terms of the higher order modulus of continuity of the function being approximated.

1. INTRODUCTION

In [1] we introduced a new sequence of linear positive operators M_n to approximate a class of unbounded continuous functions of exponential growth on the interval $[0, \infty)$ as follows:

Let $\alpha > 0$ and $f \in C_\alpha[0, \infty) = \{f \in C[0, \infty) : |f(t)| \leq M e^{\alpha t} \text{ for some } M > 0\}$. Then,

$$(1.1) \quad M_n(f(t); x) = n \sum_{\nu=1}^{\infty} p_{n,\nu}(x) \int_0^{\infty} q_{n,\nu-1}(t) f(t) dt + (1+x)^{-n} f(0),$$

where $p_{n,\nu}(x) = \binom{n+\nu-1}{\nu} x^\nu (1+x)^{-n-\nu}$, $x \in [0, \infty)$, and $q_{n,\nu}(t) = \frac{e^{-nt} (nt)^\nu}{\nu!}$, $t \in [0, \infty)$.

The space $C_\alpha[0, \infty)$ is normed by $\|f\|_{C_\alpha} = \sup_{0 \leq t < \infty} |f(t)| e^{-\alpha t}$, $f \in C_\alpha[0, \infty)$. Alternatively,

the operator (1.1) may be written as $M_n(f(t); x) = \int_0^{\infty} W_n(t, x) f(t) dt$, where the kernel

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$$W_n(t, x) = n \sum_{\nu=1}^{\infty} p_{n,\nu}(x) q_{n,\nu-1}(t) + (1+x)^{-n} \delta(t), \delta(t) \text{ being the Dirac-delta function.}$$

The operator (1.1) was studied for degree of approximation in simultaneous approximation in [1]. It turned out that the order of approximation of the operator (1.1) is, at best, $O(n^{-1})$ howsoever smooth the function may be. Therefore, in order to improve the rate of convergence of the operators (1.1), we apply the technique of linear combination introduced by May [4] and Rathore [5] to these operators. The approximation process is defined as:

Following Agrawal and Thamer [2], the linear combination $M_n(f, k, x)$ of $M_{d_j n}(f; x)$, $j = 0, 1, \dots, k$ is defined as:

$$(1.2) \quad M_n(f, k, x) = \frac{1}{\Delta} \begin{vmatrix} M_{d_0 n}(f; x) & d_0^{-1} & d_0^{-2} & \dots & d_0^{-k} \\ M_{d_1 n}(f; x) & d_1^{-1} & d_1^{-2} & \dots & d_1^{-k} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ M_{d_k n}(f; x) & d_k^{-1} & d_k^{-2} & \dots & d_k^{-k} \end{vmatrix},$$

where d_0, d_1, \dots, d_k are $k + 1$ arbitrary but fixed distinct positive integers and Δ is the Vandermonde determinant obtained by replacing the operator column of the above determinant with the entries 1. On simplification, (1.2) is reduced to

$$(1.3) \quad M_n(f, k, x) = \sum_{j=0}^k C(j, k) M_{d_j n}(f; x),$$

$$\text{where } C(j, k) = \begin{cases} \prod_{\substack{i=0 \\ i \neq j}}^k \frac{d_j}{d_j - d_i} & , k \neq 0 \\ 1 & , k = 0 \end{cases}.$$

The object of the present paper is to show that by taking $(k + 1)^{th}$ linear combination of the operators (1.1), $O(n^{-(k+1)})$ rate of convergence can be achieved for $(2k + 2)$ times continuously differentiable functions on $[0, \infty)$. Also, the determinant form (1.2) of the linear combination makes the determination of the polynomials $Q(2k + 1, k, x)$ and $Q(2k + 2, k, x)$ occurring in the following Theorem 1 of this paper quite easy.

2. DEGREE OF APPROXIMATION

Throughout our work, let N^0 denote the set of nonnegative integers, $0 < a_1 < a_2 < b_2 < b_1 < \infty$ and $\| \cdot \|_{C[a,b]}$, the sup-norm on $C[a, b]$. To make the paper self contained, we restate below two lemmas from our paper [1].

Lemma 1. Let the m^{th} order moment ($m \in N^0$) for the operators (1.1) be defined by

$$T_{n,m}(x) = M_n((t-x)^m; x) = n \sum_{\nu=1}^{\infty} p_{n,\nu}(x) \int_0^{\infty} q_{n,\nu-1}(t)(t-x)^m dt + (-x)^m (1+x)^{-n}.$$

Then $T_{n,0}(x) = 1$, $T_{n,1}(x) = 0$ and

$$nT_{n,m+1}(x) = x(1+x)T'_{n,m}(x) + mT_{n,m}(x) + mx(x+2)T_{n,m-1}(x), \quad m \geq 1.$$

Further, we have the following consequences of $T_{n,m}(x)$:

- (i) $T_{n,m}(x)$ is a polynomial in x of degree m , $m \neq 1$;
- (ii) for every $x \in [0, \infty)$, $T_{n,m}(x) = O(n^{-(m+1)/2})$;
- (iii) the coefficients of n^{-k} in $T_{n,2k}(x)$ and $T_{n,2k-1}(x)$ are $(2k-1)!! \{x(x+2)\}^k$ and $Cx^k(x+2)^{k-1}(x^2+3x+3)$ respectively, where C is a constant depending only on k and $!!$ denotes the semi-factorial function.

Lemma 2. Let δ and γ be any two positive real numbers and $[a, b] \subset (0, \infty)$. Then, for any $m > 0$ we have,

$$\sup_{x \in [a, b]} \left| n \sum_{\nu=1}^{\infty} p_{n,\nu}(x) \int_{|t-x| \geq \delta} q_{n,\nu-1}(t) e^{\gamma t} dt \right| = O(n^{-m}).$$

First, we prove the Voronoskaja type asymptotic result for the operator $M_n(f, k, x)$.

THEOREM 1. Let $f \in C_\alpha[0, \infty)$ and $f^{(2k+2)}$ exists at a point $x \in [0, \infty)$. Then

$$(2.1) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^{k+1} [M_n(f, k, x) - f(x)] = \sum_{m=k+2}^{2k+2} \frac{f^{(m)}(x)}{m!} Q(m, k, x)$$

and

$$(2.2) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^{k+1} [M_n(f, k+1, x) - f(x)] = 0,$$

where $Q(m, k, x)$ are certain polynomials in x of degree m . Moreover,

$$Q(2k+1, k, x) = \frac{(-1)^k}{k} C x^k (x+2)^{k-1} (x^2 + 3x + 3) \prod_{j=0}^k d_j$$

and

$$Q(2k+2, k, x) = \frac{(-1)^k}{k} (2k+1)!! \{x(x+2)\}^{k+1}, \prod_{j=0}^k d_j$$

where C is a constant depending only on k .

Further, if $f^{(2k+1)}$ exists and is absolutely continuous over $[0, b]$ and $f^{(2k+2)} \in L_\infty[0, b]$, then for any $[c, d] \subset (0, b)$ there holds

$$(2.3) \quad \|M_n(f, k, x) - f(x)\|_{C[c,d]} \leq M n^{-(k+1)} \left[\|f\|_{C_a} + \|f^{(2k+2)}\|_{L_\infty[0,b]} \right],$$

where M is a constant independent of f and n .

Proof: Since $f^{(2k+2)}$ exists at $x \in [0, \infty)$, it follows that

$$f(t) = \sum_{m=0}^{2k+2} \frac{f^{(m)}(x)}{m!} (t-x)^m + \varepsilon(t, x) (t-x)^{2k+2},$$

where $\varepsilon(t, x) \rightarrow 0$ as $t \rightarrow x$.

In view of $M_n(1, k, x) = 1$, we can write

$$\begin{aligned} n^{k+1} [M_n(f, k, x) - f(x)] &= n^{k+1} \sum_{m=1}^{2k+2} \frac{f^{(m)}(x)}{m!} M_n((t-x)^m, k, x) \\ &\quad + n^{k+1} \sum_{j=0}^k C(j, k) M_{d_j n}(\varepsilon(t, x) (t-x)^{2k+2}; x) \\ &= I_1 + I_2, \text{ say.} \end{aligned}$$

Using Lemma 1, we have

$$T_{d_j n, m}(x) = \frac{P_1(x)}{(d_j n)^{[(m+1)/2]}} + \frac{P_2(x)}{(d_j n)^{[(m+1)/2]+1}} + \dots + \frac{P_{[m/2]}(x)}{(d_j n)^{m-1}},$$

for certain polynomials $P_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, [m/2]$ in x of degree at most m .

Clearly,

$$\sum_{j=0}^k C(j, k) T_{d_j n, m}(x)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\Delta} \begin{vmatrix} \frac{P_1(x)}{(d_0 n)^{[(m+1)/2]}} + \frac{P_2(x)}{(d_0 n)^{[(m+1)/2]+1}} + \dots + \frac{P_{[m/2]}(x)}{(d_0 n)^{m-1}} & d_0^{-1} & d_0^{-2} & \dots & d_0^{-k} \\ \frac{P_1(x)}{(d_1 n)^{[(m+1)/2]}} + \frac{P_2(x)}{(d_1 n)^{[(m+1)/2]+1}} + \dots + \frac{P_{[m/2]}(x)}{(d_1 n)^{m-1}} & d_1^{-1} & d_1^{-2} & \dots & d_1^{-k} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \frac{P_1(x)}{(d_k n)^{[(m+1)/2]}} + \frac{P_2(x)}{(d_k n)^{[(m+1)/2]+1}} + \dots + \frac{P_{[m/2]}(x)}{(d_k n)^{m-1}} & d_k^{-1} & d_k^{-2} & \dots & d_k^{-k} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$(2.4)$$

$$= n^{-(k+1)} \{Q(m, k, x) + o(1)\}, \quad m = k + 2, k + 3, \dots, 2k + 2.$$

So, I_1 is determined by $\sum_{m=k+2}^{2k+2} \frac{f^{(m)}(x)}{m!} Q(m, k, x) + o(1)$.

The expression for $Q(2k+1, k, x)$ and $Q(2k+2, k, x)$ can be easily obtained from Lemma 1 in (2.4). Hence in order to prove (2.1) it suffices to show that

$I_2 \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. For a given $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists a $\delta > 0$ such that $|\varepsilon(t, x)| < \varepsilon$, whenever $|t - x| < \delta$, and for $|t - x| \geq \delta$, there exists a constant $K > 0$ such that $|\varepsilon(t, x)|(t - x)^{2k+2} \leq K e^{\alpha t}$.

Let $\Phi_\delta(t)$ be the characteristic function of the interval $(x - \delta, x + \delta)$, then

$$|I_2| \leq n^{k+1} \sum_{j=0}^k |C(j, k)| M_{d,j,n}(|\varepsilon(t, x)|(t - x)^{2k+2} \Phi_\delta(t); x) \\ + n^{k+1} \sum_{j=0}^k |C(j, k)| M_{d,j,n}(|\varepsilon(t, x)|(t - x)^{2k+2} (1 - \Phi_\delta(t)); x) := I_3 + I_4.$$

Again, using Lemma 1 we get $I_3 \leq \varepsilon n^{k+1} \left(\sum_{j=0}^k |C(j, k)| \right) \max_{0 \leq j \leq k} \{T_{d,j,n,2k+2}(x)\} < K_1 \varepsilon$.

Now, applying Schwarz inequality for integration and then for summation and Lemma 2 we are led to

$$I_4 \leq K n^{k+1} \sum_{j=0}^k |C(j, k)| M_{d,j,n}(e^{\alpha t} (1 - \Phi_\delta(t)); x) = n^{k+1} O(n^{-m}), \text{ for any } m > 0. \\ = O(n^{k+1-m}) = o(1) \text{ for } m > k + 1.$$

Since $\varepsilon > 0$ is arbitrary, it follows that $I_3 \rightarrow 0$ for sufficiently large n . Combining the estimates of I_3 and I_4 we conclude that $I_2 \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. The assertion (2.2) can be proved in a similar manner as $M_n((t - x)^m, k + 1, x) = O(n^{-(k+2)})$, for all $m = k + 3, k + 4, \dots, 2k + 2$.

Now, we shall prove (2.3). Let $\Psi(t)$ be the characteristic function of $[0, b]$, then $M_n((f, k, x) = M_n(\Psi(t)(f(t) - f(x)), k, x) + M_n((1 - \Psi(t))(f(t) - f(x)), k, x) \\ := I_5 + I_6.$

Proceeding as in the estimate of I_4 , we have for all $x \in [c, d]$,

$$I_6 \leq \|f\|_{C_\alpha} O(n^{-m}), \text{ where } m > 0.$$

From the hypothesis on f , we can write, for all $t \in [0, b]$ and $x \in [c, d]$,

$$f(t) - f(x) = \sum_{i=1}^{2k+1} \frac{f^{(i)}(x)}{i!} (t - x)^i + \frac{1}{(2k + 1)!} \int_x^t (t - w)^{2k+1} f^{(2k+2)}(w) dw.$$

Therefore

$$I_5 = \sum_{i=1}^{2k+1} \frac{f^{(i)}(x)}{i!} M_n(\Psi(t)(t - x)^i, k, x) \\ + \frac{1}{(2k + 1)!} M_n(\Psi(t) \int_x^t (t - w)^{2k+1} f^{(2k+2)}(w) dw, k, x)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \sum_{i=1}^{2k+1} \frac{f^{(i)}(x)}{i!} \left\{ M_n((t-x)^i, k, x) + M_n((\Psi(t)-1)(t-x)^i, k, x) \right\} \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{(2k+1)!} M_n(\Psi(t) \int_x^t (t-w)^{2k+1} f^{(2k+2)}(w) dw, k, x) \\
 &:= \sum_{i=1}^{2k+1} \frac{f^{(i)}(x)}{i!} \{I_7 + I_8\} + I_9.
 \end{aligned}$$

In view of (2.4), we have $I_7 = O(n^{-(k+1)})$, uniformly for all $x \in [c, d]$. Since $\Psi(t)$ is the characteristic function of $[0, b]$ and $x \in [c, d]$, we can choose $\delta > 0$ such that $|t-x| \geq \delta$.

Using Lemma 1, we have $I_8 = O(n^{-(k+1)})$. Again, applying Lemma 1, we get

$$\|I_9\|_{C[a,b]} \leq K_2 n^{-(k+1)} \|f^{(2k+2)}\|_{L_\infty[0,b]}.$$

Combining the estimates of $I_7 - I_9$, we have

$$\|I_5\| \leq K_3 n^{-(k+1)} \left(\sum_{i=1}^{2k+1} \|f^{(i)}\|_{C[a,b]} + \|f^{(2k+2)}\|_{L_\infty[0,b]} \right).$$

Now, applying Goldberg and Meir [3] property, the required result is immediate.

In our next theorem we estimate the degree of approximation of $M_n(f, k, x)$ to $f(x)$ in terms of the higher order modulus of continuity of f ■

Theorem 2. Let $f \in C_\alpha[0, \infty)$. Then, for sufficiently large n , there exists a constant M independent of n and f such that

$$(2.5) \quad \|M_n(f, k, \cdot) - f\|_{C[a_2, b_2]} \leq M \left\{ \omega_{2k+2}(f, n^{-1/2}, a_1, b_1) + n^{-(k+1)} \|f\|_{C_\alpha} \right\}.$$

Proof: For $f \in C_\alpha[0, \infty)$, the Steklov mean $f_{\eta, 2k+2}(x) \in C^{2k+2}$ of $(2k+2)^{th}$ order is defined as

$$f_{\eta, 2k+2}(x) = \frac{\eta^{-(2k+2)}}{\binom{2k+2}{k+1}} \int_{-\eta/2}^{\eta/2} \dots \int_{-\eta/2}^{\eta/2} (-1)^k \Delta_{\sum_{v=1}^{2k+2} u_v}^{-(2k+2)} f(x) + \binom{2k+2}{k+1} f(x) \prod_{v=1}^{2k+2} du_v,$$

where $(k+1)^2 \eta < \min\{a_2 - a_1, b_1 - b_2\}$ and Δ_h^{-r} is the r^{th} symmetric difference operator defined by:

$$\Delta_h^{-(2k+2)} f(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{2k+2} (-1)^i \binom{2k+2}{i} f(x + (2k+2-i) \sum_{v=1}^{2k+2} u_v).$$

Then the function $f_{\eta, 2k+2}(x)$ has the following properties:

$$(2.6) \quad \|f_{\eta, 2k+2}\|_{C[a_2, b_2]} \leq M_1 \eta^{-(2k+2)} \omega_{2k+2}(f, \eta, a_1, b_1);$$

$$(2.7) \quad \|f - f_{\eta, 2k+2}\|_{C[a_2, b_2]} \leq M_2 \omega_{2k+2}(f, \eta, a_1, b_1);$$

$$(2.8) \quad \|f_{\eta, 2k+2}\|_{C[a_2, b_2]} \leq M_3 \|f\|_{C[a_1, b_1]} \leq M_4 \|f\|_{C_a},$$

where $M_4 = M_3 e^{b_1}$, M_i 's are certain constants depending on k only and $\omega_{2k+2}(f, \eta, a_1, b_1)$ is the modulus of continuity of order $2k + 2$ corresponding to f :

$$\omega_{2k+2}(f, \eta, a_1, b_1) = \sup_{\substack{|h| \leq \eta \\ x, x+(2k+2)h \in [a_1, b_1]}} \left| \Delta_h^{2k+2} f(x) \right|.$$

Now, in order to prove (2.6), notice that

$$\begin{aligned} & (-1)^k \binom{2k+2}{k+1} \eta^{2k+2} f_{n, 2k+2}(x) \\ &= \int_{-\eta/2}^{\eta/2} \dots \int_{-\eta/2}^{\eta/2} \left[\sum_{i=0}^{2k+2} (-1)^i \binom{2k+2}{i} f\left(x + (k+1-i) \sum_{v=1}^{2k+2} u_v\right) + (-1)^k \binom{2k+2}{k+1} f(x) \right] \prod_{v=1}^{2k+2} du_v \\ &= \int_{-\eta/2}^{\eta/2} \dots \int_{-\eta/2}^{\eta/2} \left[\sum_{\substack{i=0 \\ i \neq k+1}}^{2k+2} (-1)^i \binom{2k+2}{i} f\left(x + (k+1-i) \sum_{v=1}^{2k+2} u_v\right) \right] \prod_{v=1}^{2k+2} du_v \\ &= \int_{-\eta/2}^{\eta/2} \dots \int_{-\eta/2}^{\eta/2} \left[\sum_{i=0}^k (-1)^i \binom{2k+2}{i} f\left(x + (k+1-i) \sum_{v=1}^{2k+2} u_v\right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \sum_{i=k+2}^{2k+2} (-1)^i \binom{2k+2}{i} f\left(x + (k+1-i) \sum_{v=1}^{2k+2} u_v\right) \right] \prod_{v=1}^{2k+2} du_v \\ &= \int_{-\eta/2}^{\eta/2} \dots \int_{-\eta/2}^{\eta/2} \sum_{i=0}^k (-1)^i \binom{2k+2}{i} \left\{ f\left(x + (k+1-i) \sum_{v=1}^{2k+2} u_v\right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + f\left(x - (k+1-i) \sum_{v=1}^{2k+2} u_v\right) \right\} \prod_{v=1}^{2k+2} du_v. \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$\frac{d^{2k+2}}{dx^{2k+2}} \int_{-\eta/2}^{\eta/2} \dots \int_{-\eta/2}^{\eta/2} \left[f\left(x + \sum_{v=1}^{2k+2} u_v\right) + f\left(x - \sum_{v=1}^{2k+2} u_v\right) \right] \prod_{v=1}^{2k+2} du_v = 2 \Delta_{\eta}^{-(2k+2)} f(x),$$

and $\omega_{2k+2}(f; |k+1-i|\eta) \leq |k+1-i| \omega_{2k+2}(f; \eta)$, we have,

$$\|f_{\eta, 2k+2}\|_{C[a_2, b_2]} = \frac{\eta^{-(2k+2)}}{\binom{2k+2}{k+1}} \left\| \sum_{i=0}^k (-1)^i \binom{2k+2}{i} 2 \Delta_{(k+1-i)}^{-(2k+2)} f(x) \right\|_{C[a_1, b_1]}$$

$$\leq \frac{\eta^{-(2k+2)}}{\binom{2k+2}{k+1}} 2 \sum_{i=0}^k \binom{2k+2}{i} (k+1-i) \omega_{2k+2}(f, \eta, a_1, b_1)$$

and thus (2.6) follows.

From the definition of $f_{\eta, 2k+2}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |f - f_{\eta, 2k+2}| &\leq \frac{\eta}{\binom{2k+2}{k+1}} \int_{-\eta/2}^{\eta/2} \dots \int_{-\eta/2}^{\eta/2} \left| \Delta_{\sum_{v=1}^{2k+2} u_v}^{-(2k+2)} f(x) \right| \prod_{v=1}^{2k+2} du_v \\ &\leq M' \omega_{2k+2}(f; \eta(k+1), a_1, b_1) \leq (k+1) M' \omega_{2k+2}(f; \eta, a_1, b_1) \\ &= M_2 \omega_{2k+2}(f; \eta, a_1, b_1) \text{ for all } x \in [a_2, b_2], \end{aligned}$$

which proves (2.7). The proof of the inequality (2.8) is trivial and therefore we omit it. Now, we shall prove (2.5). we can write

$$\begin{aligned} M_n(f, k, x) - f(x) &= M_n(f - f_{\eta, 2k+2}, k, x) + (f_{\eta, 2k+2}(x) - f(x)) \\ &\quad + (M_n(f_{\eta, 2k+2}, k, x) - f_{\eta, 2k+2}(x)) = I_1(x) + I_2(x) + I_3(x), \text{ say.} \end{aligned}$$

From (2.7) we have

$$\|I_2\|_{C[a_2, b_2]} \leq M_2 \omega_{2k+2}(f; \eta, a_1, b_1) = M_2 \omega_{2k+2}(f; n^{-1/2}, a_1, b_1).$$

Next, proceeding as in the estimate of I_4 in the previous theorem, we have

$$|I_1(x)| \leq \sum_{j=0}^k |C(j, k)| \int_0^\infty |W_{d, j, n}(t, x)| |f(t) - f_{\eta, 2k+2}(t)| dt$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^\infty |W_{d, j, n}(t, x)| |f(t) - f_{\eta, 2k+2}(t)| dt &= \int_{|t-x| \leq \delta} + \int_{|t-x| > \delta} \\ &\leq \|f - f_{\eta, 2k+2}\|_{C[a_2 - \delta, b_2 - \delta]} + K_m n^{-m} \|f\|_{C_\alpha}, \text{ for all } m > 0, \end{aligned}$$

where, $\delta < \min\{a_2 - a_1, b_1 - b_2\}$. Hence, again in view of (2.7)

$$\|I_1\|_{C[a_2, b_2]} \leq M_2 \omega_{2k+2}(f; n^{-1/2}, a_1, b_1) + K_m n^{-m} \|f\|_{C_\alpha}.$$

Finally, in order to estimate $I_3(x)$, we observe that by Taylor expansion

$$(2.9) \quad f_{\eta, 2k+2}(t) = \sum_{i=0}^{2k+2} \frac{f_{\eta, 2k+2}^{(i)}(x)}{i!} (t-x)^i + \frac{1}{(2k+2)!} f_{\eta, 2k+2}^{(2k+2)}(\xi) (t-x)^{2k+2},$$

where ξ lies between t and x . Operating $M(\cdot, k, x)$ on (2.9) and separating the integral into two parts as in the estimation of $I_1(x)$, from Lemma 1 and (2.4) we are led to

$$\|M_n(f_{\eta,2k+2}, k, \cdot) - f_{\eta,2k+2}\|_{C[a_2, b_2]} \leq M_5 n^{-(k+1)} \sum_{i=1}^{2k+2} \|f_{\eta,2k+2}^{(i)}\|_{C[a_2, b_2]} + K_m n^{-m} \|f_{\eta,2k+2}\|_{C_\alpha}.$$

Using [3], we get

$$\|f_{\eta,2k+2}^{(i)}\|_{C[a_2, b_2]} \leq M_6 \left(\|f_{\eta,2k+2}\|_{C[a_2, b_2]} + \|f_{\eta,2k+2}^{(2k+2)}\|_{C[a_2, b_2]} \right),$$

and choosing $m \geq k + 1$, we have further that

$$\|M_n(f_{\eta,2k+2}, k, \cdot) - f_{\eta,2k+2}\|_{C[a_2, b_2]} \leq M_7 n^{-(k+1)} \left(\|f_{\eta,2k+2}\|_{C_\alpha} + \|f_{\eta,2k+2}^{(2k+2)}\|_{C[a_2, b_2]} \right).$$

Now, applying (2.6), (2.8) and the definition of $f_{\eta,2k+2}$ we get:

$$\|I_3\|_{C[a_2, b_2]} \leq M_8 \left(\omega_{2k+2}(f; n^{-1/2}, a_1, b_1) + n^{-(k+1)} \|f\|_{C_\alpha} \right).$$

Combining the estimates of $I_1(x) - I_3(x)$ we obtain (2.5).

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