

## SIMULTANEOUS APPROXIMATION WITH LINEAR COMBINATION OF INTEGRAL BASKAKOV TYPE OPERATORS

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ABSTRACT. The aim of the present paper is to study some direct results in simultaneous approximation for the linear combination of integral Baskakov type operators.

### 1 INTRODUCTION

Agrawal and Thamer [1] introduced a new sequence of linear positive operators  $M_n$  called integral Baskakov – type operators to approximate unbounded continuous functions on  $[0, \infty)$  and it is defined as follow

Let  $\alpha > 0$ ,  $f \in C_\alpha [0, \infty) = \{f \in C [0, \infty) : |f(t)| \leq M(1+t)^\alpha \text{ for some } M > 0\}$ .

Then,

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

where  $p_{n,v}(x) = \binom{n+v-1}{v} x^v (1+x)^{-(n+v)}$ ,  $x \in [0, \infty)$  is the kernel of Lupas operators  $L_n(f(t); x) = \sum_{v=0}^{\infty} \binom{n+v-1}{v} x^v (1+x)^{-(n+v)} f(v/n)$ .

We may also write (1.1) as :

$$M_n(f(t); x) = \int_0^{\infty} W_n(t, x) f(t) dt \quad ,$$

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

The space  $C_\alpha [0, \infty)$  is normed by  $\|f\|_{C_\alpha} = \sup_{0 \leq t < \infty} |f(t)| (1+t)^{-\alpha}$ .

The operator (1.1) was used to study the degree of approximation in simultaneous approximation by Agrawal and Thamer [1]. It turned out that the order of approximation by the operator (1.1) is, at best,  $O(n^{-1})$ , howsoever smooth the function may be. Thus, if we want to have a better order of approximation, we have to slacken the positivity condition. This is achieved by considering some

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carefully chosen linear combination introduced by May [6] and Rathore [7] of the operator (1.1). The linear combination is defined as follows:

Let  $d_0, d_1, \dots, d_k$  be  $(k+1)$  arbitrary but fixed distinct positive integers. Then, following Agrawal and Sinha [3], the linear combination  $M_n(f, k, x)$  of  $M_{d_j n}(f; x)$ ,  $j = 0, 1, 2, \dots, k$  is given by

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

where  $\Delta$  is the Vandermonde determinant obtained by replacing the operator column of the above determinant by the entries 1. We have

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

where

$$(1.4) \quad C(j, k) = \prod_{\substack{i=0 \\ i \neq j}}^k \frac{d_j}{d_j - d_i}, \quad k \neq 0 \quad \text{and} \quad C(0, 0) = 1.$$

The object of the present paper is to investigate the degree of approximation of the operator  $M_n^{(r)}(f, k, x)$ . First we establish a Voranovskaja type asymptotic formula and then obtain an error estimate in terms of the local modulus of continuity for the operator  $M_n^{(r)}(f, k, x)$ .

## 2 AUXILIARY RESULTS

Throughout our work,  $N$  denotes the set of natural numbers,  $N^0$  integers, and  $\langle a, b \rangle$  an open interval containing  $[a, b]$ .

**LEMMA 2.1** [4]. *If for  $m \in N^0$  (the set of nonnegative integers), the  $m^{\text{th}}$  order moment of Lupas operators is defined by*

$$\mu_{n,m}(x) = \sum_{v=0}^{\infty} p_{n,v}(x) \left(\frac{v}{n} - x\right)^m.$$

Hence,  $\mu_{n,0}(x) = 1$ ,  $\mu_{n,1}(x) = 0$ , and there holds the recurrence relation

$$n\mu_{n,m+1}(x) = x(1+x) [\mu'_{n,m}(x) + m\mu_{n,m-1}(x)], \quad m \in N.$$

Consequently

(i)  $\mu_{n,m}(x)$  is a polynomial in  $x$  of degree at most  $m$ .

(ii) For every  $x \in [0, \infty)$ ,  $\mu_{n,m}(x) = O(n^{-[(m+1)/2]})$ , where  $[\beta]$  denotes the integral part of  $\beta$ .

**LEMMA 2.2** [1]. Let the function  $T_{n,m}(x)$ ,  $m \in N^0$  be defined as

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

Then,

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

and

$$(n-m-2) T_{n,m+1}(x) = x(1+x) T'_{n,m}(x) + [(2x+1)m+2x] T_{n,m}(x) + 2mx(1+x) T_{n,m-1}(x), \quad m \in N.$$

Hence,

(i)  $T_{n,m}(x)$  is a polynomial in  $x$  of degree  $m$ .

(ii) For every  $x \in [0, \infty)$ ,  $T_{n,m}(x) = O(n^{-(m+1)/2})$ .

(iii) The coefficients of  $n^{-(v+1)}$  in  $T_{n,2v+2}(x)$  and  $T_{n,2v+1}(x)$  are given by  $\frac{(2v+2)! \{x(1+x)\}^{v+1}}{(v+1)!}$  and  $\frac{(2v+1)! \{(v+1)(1+2x)-1\} \{x(1+x)\}^v}{v!}$ .

**LEMMA 2.3** [5]. There exist polynomials  $q_{i,j,r}(t)$  independent of  $n$  and  $v$  such that

$$t^r (1+t)^r \frac{d^r}{dt^r} p_{n,v}(t) = \sum_{\substack{2i+j \leq r \\ i,j \geq 0}} n^i (v-nt)^j q_{i,j,r}(t) p_{n,v}(t).$$

**LEMMA 2.4** [6]. If  $C(j,k)$ ,  $j = 0, 1, 2, \dots, k$  are defined as in (1.4), then

$$\sum_{j=0}^k C(j,k) d_j^{-m} = \begin{cases} 1, & m=0 \\ 0, & m=1, \dots, k \end{cases}.$$

**LEMMA 2.5** [8]. Let  $f$  be  $r$  times differentiable on  $[0, \infty)$  such that  $f^{(r-1)}(t) = O(t^\alpha)$  for some  $\alpha$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ . Then for  $r = 1, 2, \dots$  and  $n > \alpha + r$ , we have

$$M_n^{(r)}(f(t), x) = \frac{(n+r-1)! (n-r-1)!}{(n-1)! (n-2)!} \times \sum_{v=1}^{\infty} p_{n+r,v}(x) \int_0^{\infty} p_{n-r,v+r-1}(t) f^{(r)}(t) dt.$$

**LEMMA 2.6** [2]. For  $r \in N$  and  $n$  sufficiently large, there holds

$$M_n((t-x)^r, k, x) = n^{-(k+1)} \{Q(r, k, x) + o(1)\},$$

where  $Q(r, k, x)$  is a certain polynomial in  $x$  of degree  $r$ .

### 3 MAIN RESULTS

In this section we shall state and prove the main results.

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $f \in C_\alpha [0, \infty)$  and be bounded on every finite subinterval of  $[0, \infty)$  admitting a derivative of order  $2k + r + 2$  at a fixed point  $x \in (0, \infty)$ . Let  $f(t) = O(t^\alpha)$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$  for some  $\alpha > 0$ , then we have*

$$(3.1) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^{k+1} \left[ M_n^{(r)}(f, k, x) - f^{(r)}(x) \right] = \sum_{i=r}^{2k+r+2} f^{(i)}(x) Q(i, k, r, x)$$

and

$$(3.2) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^{k+1} \left[ M_n^{(r)}(f, k+1, x) - f^{(r)}(x) \right] = 0,$$

where  $Q(i, k, r, x)$  are certain polynomials in  $x$ .

Further, the Limits (3.1) and (3.2) hold uniformly in  $[a, b]$ , if  $f^{(2k+r+2)}$  exists and is continuous on  $(a - \eta, b + \eta) \subset (0, \infty)$ ,  $\eta > 0$ .

**Proof.** By the Taylor expansion, we have

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

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

Thus, using Lemma 2.5, we have for sufficiently large  $n$

$$\begin{aligned} n^{k+1} \left[ M_n^{(r)}(f, k, x) - f^{(r)}(x) \right] &= n^{k+1} \left[ \sum_{j=0}^k C(j, k) M_{d_j n}^{(r)}(f; x) - f^{(r)}(x) \right] \\ &= I_1 + I_2, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} I_1 &= n^{k+1} \left[ \sum_{i=0}^{2k+r+2} \frac{f^{(i)}(x)}{i!} \sum_{j=0}^k C(j, k) \frac{(d_j n - r - 2)! (d_j n + r - 1)!}{(d_j n - 1)! (d_j n - 2)!} \right. \\ &\quad \times \sum_{v=1}^{\infty} p_{d_j n+r, v}(x) \int_0^{\infty} p_{d_j n-r, v+r-1}(t) \frac{d^r}{dt^r} (t-x)^i dt - f^{(r)}(x) \\ &\quad \left. + (-1)^{2k+r+2} \frac{(n+2k+r+1)!}{(n-1)!} (1+x)^{-n-2k-r-2} f(0) \right]. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} I_2 &= n^{k+1} \left[ \sum_{j=0}^k C(j, k) (d_j n - 1) \sum_{v=1}^{\infty} p_{d_j n, v}^{(r)}(x) \right. \\ &\quad \left. \times \int_0^{\infty} p_{d_j n, v-1}(t) \varepsilon(t, x) (t-x)^{2k+r+2} dt \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$+ (-1)^{2k+r+2} \frac{(n+2k+r+1)!}{(n-1)!} (1+x)^{-n-2k-r-2} f(0) \Big].$$

It's clear that

$$(-1)^{2k+r+2} \frac{(n+2k+r+1)!}{(n-1)!} (1+x)^{-n-2k-r-2} f(0) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Let  $I_1 = I_3 + I_4$ , where

$$I_3 = \left[ n^{k+1} \sum_{i=r+1}^{2k+r+2} \frac{f^{(i)}(x)}{i!} \sum_{j=0}^k C(j, k) \frac{(d_j n - r - 2)! (d_j n + r - 1)!}{(d_j n - 1)! (d_j n - 2)!} \right. \\ \left. \times \sum_{v=1}^{\infty} p_{d_j n+r, v}(x) \int_0^{\infty} p_{d_j n-r, v+r-1}(t) \frac{d^r}{dt^r} (t-x)^i dt \right].$$

$$I_4 = n^{k+1} \left[ f^{(r)}(x) \sum_{j=0}^k C(j, k) \frac{(d_j n - r - 2)! (d_j n + r - 1)!}{(d_j n - 1)! (d_j n - 2)!} - f^{(r)}(x) \right].$$

Thus, by (1.4),

$$I_4 = n^{k+1} f^{(r)}(x) \left[ \sum_{j=0}^k C(j, k) \frac{(d_j n - r - 2)! (d_j n + r - 1)!}{(d_j n - 1)! (d_j n - 2)!} - 1 \right].$$

Now, in view of Lemma 2.4, we have

$$I_4 = f^{(r)}(x) K(r, k) + o(1), \quad n \rightarrow \infty,$$

where  $K(r, k)$  is a constant depending only on  $r$  and  $k$ .

Next, by Lemma 2.4 and Lemma 2.6, we get

$$I_3 = \sum_{i=r+1}^{2k+r+2} f^{(i)}(x) Q(i, k, r, x) + o(1), \quad n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Thus

$$I_1 \rightarrow f^{(r)}(x) K(r, k) + \sum_{i=r+1}^{2k+r+2} f^{(i)}(x) Q(i, k, r, x) \\ = \sum_{i=r}^{2k+r+2} f^{(i)}(x) Q(i, k, r, x) \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Now we must prove that  $I_2 \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . For this, it is sufficient to prove that

$$I \equiv x^r n^{k+1} M_n^{(r)}(\varepsilon(t, x) (t-x)^{2k+r+2}; x) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Using Lemma 2.3, we get

$$|I| \leq n^{k+1} (n-1) M(x) \sum_{\substack{2i+j \leq r \\ i, j \geq 0}} n^i \sum_{v=1}^{\infty} p_{n, v}(x) |v-nx|^j$$

$$\times \int_0^{\infty} p_{n,v-1}(t) |\varepsilon(t,x)| \left| (t-x)^{2k+r+2} \right| dt,$$

where  $M(x) = \sup |q_{i,j,r}(x)|$ , and then applying the Schwarz inequality we get:

$$|I| \leq n^{k+1} (n-1) M(x) \sum_{\substack{2i+j \leq r \\ i,j \geq 0}} n^i \left\{ \sum_{v=1}^{\infty} p_{n,v}(x) (v-nx)^{2j} \right\}^{1/2} \\ \times \left\{ \sum_{v=1}^{\infty} p_{n,v}(x) \left( \int_0^{\infty} p_{n,v-1}(t) |\varepsilon(t,x)| \left| (t-x)^{2k+r+2} \right| dt \right)^2 \right\}^{1/2}.$$

Since  $\varepsilon(t,x) \rightarrow 0$  as  $t \rightarrow x$ , for a given  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists a  $\delta > 0$  such that  $|\varepsilon(t,x)| < \varepsilon$ , whenever  $0 < |t-x| < \delta$ , and for  $|t-x| \geq \delta$  there exists a constant  $C$  such that  $|\varepsilon(t,x)| \leq C|t-x|^\beta$ , where  $\beta$  is an integer  $\geq \max(\alpha, 2k+r+2)$ .

Hence, as  $\int_0^{\infty} p_{n,v-1}(t) dt = \frac{1}{n-1}$ , we have

$$\left( \int_0^{\infty} p_{n,v-1}(t) |\varepsilon(t,x)| \left| (t-x)^{2k+r+2} \right| dt \right)^2 \leq \\ \leq \left( \int_0^{\infty} p_{n,v-1}(t) dt \right) \left( \int_0^{\infty} p_{n,v-1}(t) (\varepsilon(t,x))^2 (t-x)^{4k+2r+4} dt \right) \\ \leq \frac{1}{n-1} \left[ \int_{0 < |t-x| < \delta} p_{n,v-1}(t) \varepsilon^2 (t-x)^{4k+2r+4} dt \right. \\ \left. + \int_{|t-x| \geq \delta} p_{n,v-1}(t) C^2 (t-x)^{4k+2r+2\beta+4} dt \right].$$

Now, by Lemma 2.2, we get

$$\sum_{v=1}^{\infty} p_{n,v}(x) \left( \int_0^{\infty} p_{n,v-1}(t) |\varepsilon(t,x)| \left| (t-x)^{2k+r+2} \right| dt \right)^2 \leq \\ \leq \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{v=1}^{\infty} p_{n,v}(x) \int_0^{\infty} p_{n,v-1}(t) \varepsilon^2 (t-x)^{4k+2r+4} dt \\ + \frac{C^2}{n-1} \sum_{v=1}^{\infty} p_{n,v}(x) \int_0^{\infty} p_{n,v-1}(t) (t-x)^{4k+2r+2\beta+4} dt.$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq \varepsilon^2 \frac{1}{n-1} \left[ T_{n,4k+2r+4}(x) - (-x)^{4k+2r+4} (1+x)^{-n} \right] \\ &\quad + \frac{C^2}{n-1} \left[ T_{n,4k+2r+2\beta+4}(x) - (-x)^{4k+2r+2\beta+4} (1+x)^{-n} \right]. \\ &= \varepsilon^2 O\left(n^{-(2k+r+2)}\right) + O\left(n^{-(2k+r+\beta+2)}\right). \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 2.1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |I| \leq n^{k+1} M(x) &\sum_{\substack{2i+j \leq r \\ i,j \geq 0}} n^{i+j} O\left(n^{-j/2}\right) O\left(n^{-(2k+r+2)/2}\right) \\ &\times \left\{ \varepsilon^2 + O\left(n^{-\beta}\right) \right\}^{1/2}. \\ &= O(1) \left\{ \varepsilon^2 + O\left(n^{-\beta}\right) \right\}^{1/2} \\ &\leq \varepsilon O(1). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\varepsilon > 0$  is arbitrary, it follows that  $I \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . The assertion (3.2) follows along similar lines by using Lemma 2.4 for  $k + 1$  in place of  $k$ .

The last assertion follows, due to the uniform continuity of  $f^{(2k+r+2)}$  on  $[a, b] \subset R_+$  (enabling  $\delta$  to become independent of  $x \in [a, b]$ ) and the uniform of  $o(1)$  term in the estimate of  $I_3$  and  $I_4$  (because, in fact, it is a polynomial in  $x$ ).

The next result provides an estimate of degree approximation in  $M_n^{(r)}(f; x) \rightarrow f^{(r)}(x)$ ,  $r \in N^0$ .

**Theorem 3.2.** *Let  $1 \leq p \leq 2k + 2$  and  $f \in C_\alpha[0, \infty)$  be bounded on every finite subinterval of  $[0, \infty)$ . Let  $f(t) = O(t^\alpha)$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$  for some  $\alpha > 0$ . If  $f^{(p+r)}$  exists and is continuous on  $(a - \eta, b + \eta) \subset (0, \infty)$ ,  $\eta > 0$ , then for  $n$  sufficiently large*

$$\left\| M_n^{(r)}(f, k, x) - f^{(r)} \right\| \leq \max \left( C_1 n^{-p/2} \omega_{f^{(p+r)}}\left(n^{-1/2}\right), C_2 n^{-(k+1)} \right),$$

where  $\omega_{f^{(p+r)}}(\delta)$  denotes the modulus continuity of  $f^{(p+r)}$  on  $(a - \eta, b + \eta)$ ,  $C_1 = C_1(k, p, r)$ ,  $C_2 = C_2(k, p, r, f)$  and  $\|\cdot\|$  denotes the sup-norm on  $[a, b]$ .

**Proof:** For  $x \in [a, b]$  and  $t \in [0, \infty)$ , by the hypothesis we have

$$\begin{aligned} (3.3) f(t) &= \sum_{i=0}^{p+r} \frac{f^{(i)}(x)}{i!} (t-x)^i + \frac{(f^{(p+r)}(\xi) - f^{(p+r)}(x))}{(p+r)!} (t-x)^{(p+r)} (1-\chi(t)) \\ &\quad + h(t, x) \chi(t), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\xi$  lies between  $t$  and  $x$ , and  $\chi(t)$  is the characteristic function of the set  $[0, \infty) \setminus (a - \eta, b + \eta)$ ,  $\eta > 0$ . Operating on this equality by  $M_n^{(r)}(\cdot, k, x)$  and breaking the right hand side into three parts  $I_1, I_2$  and  $I_3$  say, corresponding

to the three terms on the right hand side of (3.3) as in the proof of Theorem 3.1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} I_1 &= \sum_{i=0}^{p+r} \frac{f^{(i)}(x)}{i!} M_n^{(r)} \left( (t-x)^i, k, x \right) \\ &= f^{(r)}(x) + O \left( n^{-(k+1)} \right), \text{ uniformly for all } x \in [a, b]. \end{aligned}$$

To estimate  $I_2$ , we have for every  $\delta > 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \left| f^{(p+r)}(\xi) - f^{(p+r)}(x) \right| &\leq \omega_{f^{(p+r)}}(|\xi - x|) \\ &\leq \omega_{f^{(p+r)}}(|t - x|) \\ (3.4) \qquad \qquad \qquad &\leq \left( 1 + \frac{|t - x|}{\delta} \right) \omega_{f^{(p+r)}}(\delta). \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned} I_2 &= \sum_{j=0}^k C(j, k) (d_j n - 1) \sum_{v=0}^{\infty} p_{d_j n, v}^{(r)}(x) \\ &\quad \times \int_0^{\infty} p_{d_j n, v-1}(t) \frac{(f^{(p+r)}(\xi) - f^{(p+r)}(x))}{(p+r)!} (t-x)^{(p+r)} (1-\chi(t)) dt. \end{aligned}$$

Using (3.4) and Lemma 2.3, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |I_2| &\leq \frac{1}{(p+r)!} \sum_{j=0}^k |C(j, k)| \sum_{v=0}^{\infty} |p_{d_j n, v}^{(r)}(x)| \\ &\quad \times \int_0^{\infty} p_{d_j n, v-1}(t) \left( 1 + \frac{|t-x|}{\delta} \right) |t-x|^{(p+r)} \omega_{f^{(p+r)}}(\delta) dt \\ &\leq \frac{\omega_{f^{(p+r)}}(\delta)}{(p+r)!} \sum_{j=0}^k |C(j, k)| \sum_{\substack{2i+s \leq r \\ i, s \geq 0}} (d_j n)^i \frac{|q_{i, s, r}(x)|}{x^r (1+x)^r} \\ &\quad \times \sum_{v=1}^{\infty} p_{d_j n, v}(x) |(v - d_j n x)|^s \int_0^{\infty} p_{d_j n, v-1}(t) \left( |t-x|^{p+r} + \frac{1}{\delta} |t-x|^{p+r+1} \right) dt. \end{aligned}$$

Putting  $K = \sup_{x \in [a, b]} \sup_{\substack{2i+s \leq r \\ i, s \geq 0}} \frac{|q_{i, s, r}(x)|}{x^r (1+x)^r}$ , then applying Schwarz inequality for

summation and for integral and Lemmas 2.1 and 2.2 as in the proof of theorem 3.1, we get

$$|I_2| \leq K \left[ O \left( n^{-p/2} \right) + \frac{1}{\delta} O \left( n^{-(p+1)/2} \right) \right] \omega_{f^{(p+r)}}(\delta).$$



Choosing  $\delta = n^{-1/2}$ , it follows that

$$I_2 = \omega_{f^{(p+r)}}(n^{-1/2}) O(n^{-p/2}),$$

where  $O$ -term holds uniformly in  $x \in [a, b]$ .

For  $x \in [a, b]$  and  $t \in [0, \infty) \setminus (a - \eta, b + \eta)$ , we can choose a  $\delta > 0$  in such a way that  $|t - x| \geq \delta$ . Hence

$$\begin{aligned} |I_3| \leq & \sum_{j=0}^k |C(j, k)| (d_j n - 1) \sum_{\substack{2i+s \leq r \\ i, s \geq 0}} (d_j n)^i \frac{|q_{i,s,r}(x)|}{x^r (1+x)^r} \\ & \times \sum_{v=1}^{\infty} p_{d_j n, v}(x) |(v - d_j n x)|^s \int_{|t-x| \geq s} p_{d_j n, v-1}(t) |h(t, x)| dt. \end{aligned}$$

Now, for  $|t - x| \geq \delta$  we can find a positive constant  $M$  such that  $|h(t, x)| \leq M |t - x|^\gamma$ , where  $\gamma$  is any integer  $\geq \max(\alpha, 2k + r + 2)$ .

Hence, by Schwarz inequality, Lemmas 2.1 and 2.2 we have

$$\begin{aligned} |I_3| \leq & M \sum_{j=0}^k |C(j, k)| (d_j n - 1) \sum_{\substack{2i+s \leq r \\ i, s \geq 0}} (d_j n)^i \frac{|q_{i,s,r}(x)|}{x^r (1+x)^r} \\ & \times \sum_{v=1}^{\infty} p_{d_j n, v}(x) |(v - d_j n x)|^s \int_{|t-x| \geq s} p_{d_j n, v-1}(t) |t - x|^\gamma dt. \\ = & O(n^{(r-\gamma)/2}) = O(n^{-(k+1)}) \text{ uniformly in } x \in [a, b]. \end{aligned}$$

The required result follows on combining the estimates of  $I_1$ ,  $I_2$  and  $I_3$ .

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