

## Korovkin type approximation theorem through statistical lacunary summability

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### Abstract

Korovkin type approximation theorems are useful tools to check whether a given sequence  $(L_n)_{n \geq 1}$  of positive linear operators on  $C[0,1]$  of all continuous functions on the real interval  $[0,1]$  is an approximation process. That is, these theorems exhibit a variety of test functions which assure that the approximation property holds on the whole space if it holds for them. Such a property was discovered by Korovkin in 1953 for the functions  $1, x$  and  $x^2$  in the space  $C[0,1]$  as well as for the functions  $1, \cos$  and  $\sin$  in the space of all continuous  $2\pi$ -periodic functions on the real line. In this paper, we use the notion of statistical lacunary summability to improve the result of [Ann. Univ. Ferrara, 57(2) (2011) 373-381] by using the test functions  $1, e^{-x}, e^{-2x}$  in place of  $1, x$  and  $x^2$ . We apply the classical Baskakov operator to construct an example in support of our main result.

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### 1. Introduction and Preliminaries

Let  $K \subseteq \mathbb{N}$  and  $K_n = \{k \leq n : k \in \mathbb{N}\}$ . Then the *natural density* of  $K$  is defined by  $\delta(K) = \lim_n \frac{1}{n} |K_n|$  if the limit exists, where  $|K_n|$  denotes the cardinality of the set  $K_n$ . A sequence  $x = (x_k)_{k=0}^\infty$  of real numbers is said to be *statistically convergent* (c.f. [1]) to  $L$  provided that for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists a natural number  $N$  such that  $\delta(\{k \in \mathbb{N} : |x_k - L| \geq \varepsilon\}) < \varepsilon$ .

$$\lim_n \frac{1}{n} |\{k \leq n : |x_k - L| \geq \varepsilon\}| = 0.$$

In this case, we write  $L = st - \lim x$ . Note that every convergent sequence is statistically convergent but not conversely.

By a *lacunary sequence* we mean an increasing sequence  $\theta = (k_r)$  of positive integers such that  $k_0 = 0, h_r = k_r - k_{r-1} \rightarrow \infty$  as  $r \rightarrow \infty$ . Throughout this paper the intervals determined by  $\theta$  will be denoted by  $I_r = (k_{r-1}, k_r]$  and the ratio  $k_r/k_{r-1}$  will be abbreviated by  $q_r$ .

Let  $K \subseteq \mathbb{N}$ . Then

$$\delta_\theta(K) = \lim_r \frac{1}{h_r} |\{k_{r-1} < j \leq k_r : j \in K\}|$$

is said to be the  $\theta$ -density of the set  $K$ .

A sequence  $x = (x_k)$  is said to be *lacunary statistically convergent* (see [2]) to  $L$  if for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , the set  $K_\varepsilon := \{j \in \mathbb{N} : |x_j - L| \geq \varepsilon\}$  has  $\theta$ -density zero, i.e.  $\delta_\theta(K_\varepsilon) = 0$ . In this case we write  $L = S_\theta - \lim x$ . That is,

$$\lim_r \frac{1}{h_r} |\{k_{r-1} < j \leq k_r : |x_j - L| \geq \varepsilon\}| = 0.$$

Recently the concept of statistically lacunary summability has been introduced in [3].

A sequence  $x = (x_k)$  is said to be *statistically lacunary summable* (or *statistically  $\theta$ -summable*) to  $L$  if for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , the set  $K_\varepsilon(\theta) := \{r \in \mathbb{N} : |t_r(x) - L| \geq \varepsilon\}$  has natural density zero, i.e.  $\delta(K_\varepsilon(\theta)) = 0$ . In this case we write  $L = S_\theta - \lim x$ . That is,

$$\lim_n \frac{1}{n} |\{r \leq n : |t_r(x) - L| \geq \varepsilon\}| = 0,$$

$$\text{where } t_r(x) = \frac{1}{h_r} \sum_{j \in I_r} x_j.$$

In other words, a sequence  $x = (x_k)$  is statistically lacunary summable to  $L$  if and only if the sequence  $(t_r(x))$  is statistically convergent to  $L$ . In this case we write  $\theta_S - \lim x = L$ . We denote the set of all statistically lacunary summable sequences by  $\theta_S$ .

Note that if a sequence  $x = (x_k)$  is bounded and lacunary statistically convergent to  $L$  then it is statistically lacunary summable to  $L$  [3].

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Let  $C[a, b]$  be the space of all functions  $f$  continuous on  $[a, b]$ . We know that  $C[a, b]$  is a Banach space with norm

$$\|f\|_{\infty} = \sup_{x \in [a, b]} |f(x)|, f \in C[a, b].$$

The classical Korovkin approximation theorem is stated as follows [4, 5]:

Let  $(T_n)$  be a sequence of positive linear operators from  $C[a, b]$  into  $C[a, b]$ . Then

$\lim_n \|T_n(f, x) - f(x)\|_{\infty} = 0$  for all  $f \in C[a, b]$  if and only if  $\lim_n \|T_n(f_i, x) - f_i(x)\|_{\infty} = 0$  for  $i = 0, 1, 2$ , where  $f_0(x) = 0$ ,  $f_1(x) = x$  and  $f_2(x) = x^2$ .

Quite recently, such type of approximation theorems are proved in [6] and [7] by using almost convergence of single and double sequences, respectively. Patterson and Savas [8] have proved the Korovkin type theorem for lacunary statistical convergence. In [9-12] authors have used different types of statistical summability methods. In [13] and [14] authors have used the notion of statistical  $A$ -summability of double sequences to prove Korovkin type theorems for functions of two variables. Boyanov and Veselinov [15] have proved the Korovkin theorem on  $C[0, \infty)$  by using the test functions  $1, e^{-x}, e^{-2x}$ . In this paper, we generalize the result of Boyanov and Veselinov by using the notion of statistical lacunary summability while using the same test functions  $1, e^{-x}, e^{-2x}$ . We also give an example to justify that our result is stronger than that of Boyanov and Veselinov [15].

## 2. Main result

Let  $C(I)$  be the Banach space with the uniform norm  $\|\cdot\|_{\infty}$  of all real-valued continuous functions on  $I = [0; 1]$ , provided that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x)$  is finite. Suppose that  $L_n: C(I) \rightarrow C(I)$ . We write  $L_n(f; x)$  for  $L_n(f(s); x)$ ; and we say that  $L$  is a positive operator if  $L(f; x) \geq 0$  for all  $(f(x) \geq 0)$ .

We prove the following generalization of Boyanov and Veselinov [15] for statistical lacunary summability.

**Theorem 2.1.** Let  $(T_k)$  be a sequence of positive linear operators from  $C(I)$  into  $C(I)$ . Then for all  $f \in C(I)$

$$\theta_S - \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|T_k(f; x) - f(x)\|_{\infty} = 0. \quad (1)$$

If and only if

$$\theta_S - \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|T_k(1; x) - 1\|_{\infty} = 0, \quad (2)$$

$$\theta_S - \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|T_k(e^{-s}; x) - e^{-x}\|_{\infty} = 0, \quad (3)$$

$$\theta_S - \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|T_k(e^{-2s}; x) - e^{-2x}\|_{\infty} = 0. \quad (4)$$

**Proof:** Since each  $1, e^{-x}, e^{-2x}$  belongs to  $C(I)$ , conditions (2)-(4) follow immediately from (1). Let  $f \in C(I)$ . Then there exists a constant  $M > 0$  such that  $|f(x)| \leq M$  for  $x \in I$ . Therefore,

$$|f(s) - f(x)| \leq 2M, -\infty < s, x < \infty. \quad (5)$$

It is easy to prove that for a given  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is  $\delta > 0$  such that

$$|f(s) - f(x)| \leq \varepsilon, \quad (6)$$

whenever  $|e^{-s} - e^{-x}| < \delta$  for all  $x \in I$ .

Using (5), (6), putting  $\Psi_1 = \Psi_1(s, x) = (e^{-s} - e^{-x})^2$ , we get

$$|f(s) - f(x)| < \varepsilon + \frac{2M}{\delta^2} \Psi_1, \text{ for every } |s - x| < \delta.$$

That is,

$$-\varepsilon - \frac{2M}{\delta^2} \Psi_1 < f(s) - f(x) < \varepsilon + \frac{2M}{\delta^2} \Psi_1.$$

Now, operating  $T_k(1; x)$  to this inequality and using the monotonicity and linearity of  $(T_k)$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} T_k(1; x) \left( -\varepsilon - \frac{2M}{\delta^2} \Psi_1 \right) &< T_k(1; x)(f(s) - f(x)) \\ &< T_k(1; x) \left( \varepsilon + \frac{2M}{\delta^2} \Psi_1 \right). \end{aligned}$$

Note that  $x$  is fixed and so  $f(x)$  is a constant number. Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} -\varepsilon T_k(1; x) - \frac{2M}{\delta^2} T_k(\Psi_1; x) &< T_k(f; x) - \\ f(x) T_k(1; x) &< \varepsilon T_k(1; x) + \frac{2M}{\delta^2} T_k(\Psi_1; x). \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

But

$$\begin{aligned} T_k(f; x) - f(x) &= T_k(f; x) - f(x) T_k(1; x) \\ &\quad + f(x) T_k(1; x) - f(x) \\ &= [T_k(f; x) - f(x) T_k(1; x)] + f(x)[T_k(1; x) - 1]. \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

Using (7) and (8), we have

$$\begin{aligned} T_k(f; x) - f(x) &< \varepsilon T_k(f; x) + \frac{2M}{\delta^2} T_k(\Psi_1; x) + \\ f(x)[T_k(1; x) - 1]. \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} T_k(\Psi_1; x) &= T_k((e^{-s} - e^{-x})^2; x) \\ &= T_k(e^{-2s} - 2e^{-s}e^{-x} + e^{-2x}; x) \\ &= T_k(e^{-2s}; x) - 2e^{-x} T_k(e^{-s}; x) + e^{-2x} T_k(1; x) \\ &= [T_k(e^{-2s}; x) - e^{-2x}] - 2e^{-x} [T_k(e^{-s}; x) - e^{-x}] + e^{-2x} [T_k(1; x) - 1]. \end{aligned}$$

Using (9), we obtain

$$T_k(f; x) - f(x) < \varepsilon T_k(f; x)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \frac{2M}{\delta^2} \{T_k(e^{-2s}; x) - e^{-2x}\} - 2e^{-x} [T_k(e^{-s}; x) \\
& \quad - e^{-x}] + e^{-2x} [T_k(1; x) - 1] \\
& \quad + f(x)[T_k(1; x) - 1] \\
= & \varepsilon [T_k(1; x) - 1] + \varepsilon \\
& + \frac{2M}{\delta^2} \{T_k(e^{-2s}; x) - e^{-2x}\} - 2e^{-x} [T_k(e^{-s}; x) \\
& \quad - e^{-x}] + e^{-2x} [T_k(1; x) - 1] \\
& \quad + f(x)[T_k(1; x) - 1].
\end{aligned}$$

Since  $\varepsilon$  is arbitrary, we can write

$$\begin{aligned}
T_k(f; x) - f(x) & \leq \varepsilon [T_k(1; x) - 1] \\
& + \frac{2M}{\delta^2} \{T_k(e^{-2s}; x) - e^{-2x}\} - 2e^{-x} [T_k(e^{-s}; x) \\
& \quad - e^{-x}] + e^{-2x} [T_k(1; x) - 1] \\
& \quad + f(x)[T_k(1; x) - 1].
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned}
|T_k(f; x) - f(x)| & \leq \varepsilon + (\varepsilon + M) |T_k(1; x) - 1| + \\
& \frac{2M}{\delta^2} |e^{-2x}| |T_k(1; x) - 1| \\
& + \frac{2M}{\delta^2} |T_k(e^{-2s}; x) - e^{-2x}| + \frac{4M}{\delta^2} |e^{-x}| |T_k(e^{-s}; x) - e^{-x}| \\
& \leq \varepsilon + \left(\varepsilon + M + \frac{4M}{\delta^2}\right) |T_k(1; x) - 1| + \frac{2M}{\delta^2} |T_k(1; x) - 1| \\
& + \frac{2M}{\delta^2} |T_k(e^{-2s}; x) - e^{-2x}| + \frac{4M}{\delta^2} |T_k(e^{-s}; x) - e^{-x}|, \quad (10)
\end{aligned}$$

since  $|e^{-x}| \leq 1$  for all  $x \in I$ . Now, taking  $\sup_{x \in I}$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned}
& \|T_k(f; x) - f(x)\|_\infty \\
& \leq \varepsilon + K (\|T_k(1; x) - 1\|_\infty + \|T_k(e^{-s}; x) - e^{-x}\|_\infty + \\
& \|T_k(e^{-2s}; x) - e^{-2x}\|_\infty), \quad (11)
\end{aligned}$$

where  $K = \max\{\varepsilon + M + \frac{4M}{\delta^2}, \frac{2M}{\delta^2}\}$ . Now replacing  $T_k(\cdot; x)$  by  $B_r(\cdot; x) = \frac{1}{hr} \sum_{k \in I_r} T_k(\cdot; x)$  in (11) on both sides. For a given  $r > 0$  choose  $\varepsilon' > 0$  such that  $\varepsilon' < r$ . Define the following sets

$$\begin{aligned}
D & = \{r \leq n: \|B_r(f, x) - f(x)\|_\infty \geq r\}, \\
D_1 & = \left\{r \leq n: \|B_r(1, x) - 1\|_\infty \geq \frac{r - \varepsilon'}{4K}\right\}, \\
D_2 & = \left\{r \leq n: \|B_r(e^{-s}; x) - e^{-x}\|_\infty \geq \frac{r - \varepsilon'}{4K}\right\}, \\
D_3 & = \left\{r \leq n: \|B_r(e^{-2s}; x) - e^{-2x}\|_\infty \geq \frac{r - \varepsilon'}{4K}\right\}.
\end{aligned}$$

Then  $D \subset D_1 \cup D_2 \cup D_3$ , and so  $\delta(D) \leq \delta(D_1) + \delta(D_2) + \delta(D_3)$ . Therefore, using conditions (2), (3) and (4), we get

$$\theta_S - \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|T_k(f; x) - f(x)\|_\infty = 0.$$

This completes the proof of the paper.

### 3. Example

In the following we construct an example of a sequence of positive linear operators satisfying the conditions of Theorem 2.1, but not satisfying the

conditions of the Korovkin approximation theorem due to that of Boyanov and Veselinov [15].

Consider the sequence of classical Baskakov operators [16]

$$V_n(f; x) = \sum_k f\left(\frac{k}{n}\right) \binom{n-1+k}{k} x^k (1+x)^{-n-k},$$

where  $0 \leq x, y < \infty$ .

Let  $\theta = (k_r)$  be any lacunary sequence and  $x = (x_n)$  be defined by

$$x_k = \begin{cases} \sqrt{n}, & \text{if } n \text{ is square,} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Let  $L_n: C(I) \rightarrow C(I)$  be defined by

$$L_n(f; x) = (1 + x_n)V_n(f; x).$$

Note that this sequence is statistically lacunary summable to 0 but not convergent. Now

$$\begin{aligned}
L_n(1; x) & = 1, \\
L_n(e^{-s}; x) & = (1 + x - xe^{\frac{-1}{n}})^{-n}, \\
L_n(e^{-2s}; x) & = (1 + x - xe^{\frac{-2}{n}})^{-2n},
\end{aligned}$$

we have that the sequence  $(L_n)$  satisfies the conditions (2), (3) and (4). Hence by Theorem 2.1, we have

$$\theta_S - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|L_n(f) - f\|_\infty = 0.$$

On the other hand, we get  $L_n(f; 0) = (1 + x_n)V_n(f; 0)$ , since  $V_n(f; 0) = f(0)$ , and hence

$$\begin{aligned}
\|L_n(f; x) - f(x)\|_\infty & \geq |L_n(f; 0) - f(0)| \\
& = x_n |f(0)|.
\end{aligned}$$

We see that  $(L_n)$  does not satisfy the conditions of the theorem of Boyanov and Veselinov, since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n$  does not exist. Hence our Theorem 2.1 is stronger than that of Boyanov and Veselinov [15].

**Remark:** Most recently in [17-21], one can find such type of theorems for different summability methods through different set of test functions.

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