AN INVERSE RESULT IN SIMULTANEOUS APPROXIMATION BY MODIFIED BETA OPERATORS

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Abstract. In this paper we study the modified Beta operators. We extend the result of [4] and obtain an inverse result for the linear combination of these modified Beta operators in simultaneous approximation.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Let f be a function defined on $[0, \infty)$. The modified Beta operators introduced by Gupta and Ahmad [4] are defined by

$$B_n(f,x) = \frac{n-1}{n} \sum_{\nu=0}^{\infty} b_{n,\nu}(x) \int_0^{\infty} p_{n,\nu}(t) f(t) \, dt, \quad x \in [0,\infty), \tag{1.1}$$

where

$$b_{n,\nu} = \frac{1}{B(\nu+1,n)} \frac{x^{\nu}}{(1+x)^{n+\nu+1}}, \quad p_{n,\nu}(t) = \binom{n+\nu+1}{\nu} \frac{t^{\nu}}{(1+t)^{n+\nu}}.$$

Let $C_{\gamma}[0,\infty) = \{f \in [0,\infty) : |f(t)| \leq Mt^{\gamma} \text{ for some } \gamma > 0 \text{ and some constant } M > 0\}$. It is easily observed that for $n > \gamma$ this class of the operators $B_n(f,x)$ is well defined. We define the norm $\|\cdot\|_{\gamma}$ on $C_{\gamma}[0,\infty)$ by $\|f\|_{\gamma} = \sup_{0 \leq t < \infty} |f(t)|t^{-\gamma}$.

The order of approximation for these operators (1.1) is at best $O(n^{-1})$. To improve the order of approximation, we consider the linear combination of these operators (1.1). For arbitrary but fixed distinct positive integers d_0, d_1, \ldots, d_k , the linear combination $B_n(f, k, x)$ of $B_{d_jn}(f, x)$, $j = 0, 1, \ldots, n$, is defined by

$$B_n(f,k,x) = \sum_{j=0}^k C(j,k) B_{d_j n}(f,x), \qquad (1.2)$$

where

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

In [4] the authors obtained a Voronvskaja type asymptotic formula and an error estimate in simultaneous approximation. Recently, Maheshwari and Gupta

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[5] have extended the result of [4] and obtained direct theorems for the linear combination $B_n(f, k, x)$ in terms of a higher order modulus of continuity. In this context we mention the recent work of V. Gupta (see, e.g., [2], [3]), who studied another type of discretely defined summation integral type operators and estimated local direct results in ordinary and simultaneous approximation. In the present paper the results of [4] and [5] are extended. It should be noted that there were many typing errors in [5], which are corrected in the present paper. Here we obtain an inverse result in simultaneous approximation by the linear combination $B_n(f, k, x)$.

We may rewrite operators (1.1) as

$$B_n(f,x) = \int_0^\infty P_n(x,t)f(t) \, dt,$$

where the kernel $P_n(x,t)$ is given by

$$P_n(x,t) = \frac{n-1}{n} \sum_{\nu=0}^{\infty} b_{n,\nu}(x) p_{n,\nu}(t).$$

2. Auxiliary Results

This section contains the basic results and definitions needed to prove our main theorem.

Throughout the paper it is assumed that $0 < a_1 < a_2 < b_2 < b_1 < \infty$.

Definition 1. A continuous function f on the interval [a, b] is said to belong to the generalized Zygmund class $Z_{\alpha}(k, a, b)$, $0 < \alpha < 2$, $k \in N$, if there exists a constant C such that

$$\omega_{2k}(f,\delta,a,b) \le C\delta^{\alpha k}, \quad \delta > 0,$$

where $\omega_{2k}(f, \delta, a, b)$ denotes the modulus of continuity of 2k-th order of f on the interval [a, b]. In particular we denote by Z^*_{α} the class $Z_{\alpha}(1, a, b)$.

Definition 2. Let C_0 denote the class of continuous functions on the interval $[0, \infty)$ having a compact support, and C_0^k be a subset of C_0 of k times continuously differentiable functions. Suppose $m \in N_0 \equiv N \cup \{0\}, [a', b'] \subset (a, b), [a, b] \subset (0, \infty)$ and for a fixed $k \in N_0$, let $G^{(m)} = \{g : g \in C_0^{2k+m+2}, \sup p(g) \subset [a', b']\}$. For m times continuously differentiable functions f with $\sup p(f) \subset [a', b']$, the Peetre's K-functional is defined as

$$K_m(\xi, f) = \inf_{g \in G^{(m)}} \left[\|f^{(m)} - g^{(m)}\|_{C[a',b']} + \xi \{ \|g^{(m)}\|_{C[a',b']} + \|g^{(2k+m+2)}\|_{C[a',b']} \} \right],$$

where $0 < \xi < 1$. For $0 < \alpha < 2$, we define by $C_0^m(a, k, a', b')$ the class of m times continuously differentiable functions f with $\operatorname{supp}(f) \subset [a', b']$ satisfying the condition

$$\sup_{0<\xi\leq 1} \xi^{-\alpha/2} K_m(\xi, f) < M \quad \text{for some constant} \quad M > 0.$$

Lemma 2.1 ([4]). For $m \in N_0$, the polynomial $U_{n,m}(x) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{\nu=0}^{\infty} b_{n,\nu}(x) \left(\frac{\nu}{n+1} - x\right)^m$ satisfies the following recurrence relation:

$$(n+1)U_{n,m+1}(x) = x(1+x) \left[U'_{n,m}(x) + mU_{n,m+1}(x) \right]$$

which implies that

(i) $U_{n,m}(x)$ is a polynomial of x of degree $\leq m$; (ii) $U_{n,m}(x) = O(n^{-[(m+1)/2]})$.

Lemma 2.2 ([4]). For $m \in N_0$, $n \in N$, $x \in [0, \infty)$ the *m*-th order moment is defined by

$$T_{n,m}(x) = \frac{n-1}{n} \sum_{\nu=0}^{\infty} b_{n,\nu}(x) \int_{0}^{\infty} p_{n,\nu}(t) (t-x)^{m} dt,$$

then $T_{n,0} = 1$, $T_{n,1} = \frac{3x+1}{n-2}$ and we have the recurrence relation

$$(n - m - 2)T_{n,m+1}(x) = x(1 + x) [T_{n,m}(x) + 2mT_{n,m-1}(x)] + [(1 + 2x)(m + 1) + x] T_{n,m}(x), \quad n > m + 2,$$

which for all $x \in [0, \infty)$ implies $T_{n,m}(x) = O(n^{[(m+1)/2]})$.

Corollary 2.3 ([4]). Let δ be a positive number, then for every $n > \gamma > 0$ and $x \in [0, \infty)$, there exists a constant $K_{m,x}$ depending on m and x:

$$\int_{|t-x|>\delta} P_n(x,t)t^{\gamma}dt \le K_{m,x}n^{-m} \quad for \ some \quad m \in N.$$

Lemma 2.4. There exist polynomials $\phi_{i,j,r}(x)$ independent of n and ν such that

$$[x(1+x)]^r \frac{d^r}{dx^r} (b_{n,\nu}(x)) = \sum_{\substack{2i+j \le r, \\ i,j \ge 0}} (n+1)^i [\nu - (n+1)x]^j \phi_{i,j,r}(x) b_{n,\nu}(x).$$

Theorem 2.5 ([5]). Let $f \in C_{\gamma}[0,\infty)$. If $f^{(2k+m+2)}$ exists at a point $x \in [0,\infty)$, then

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} n^{k+1} \left\{ B_n^{(m)}(f,k,x) - f^{(m)}(x) \right\} = \sum_{i=r}^{2k+m+2} Q(i,k,m,x) f^{(i)}(x),$$

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

In what follows C_1, C_2, \ldots stand for the positive constant.

Lemma 2.6. Let $0 < a < a' < a'' < b'' < b < \infty$. If $f^{(m)} \in C_0$, $\operatorname{supp}(f) \in [a'', b'']$ and

$$||B_n^{(m)}(f,k,\cdot) - f^{(m)}(x)||_{C[a,b]} = O(n^{-\alpha(k+1)/2}),$$

then

$$K_m(\eta, f) = C_1 \left\{ n^{-\alpha(k+1)/2} + n^{k+1} \eta K_m(n^{-(k+1)}, f) \right\}.$$
 (2.2)

As a consequence, $K_m(\eta, f) \le C_2 \eta^{\alpha/2}$, i.e., $f \in C_0^m(\alpha, k+1, a', b')$.

Proof. To prove (2.2), it is sufficient to show that

$$K_m(\eta, f) = C_1 \left\{ n^{-\alpha(k+1)/2} + n^{k+1} \eta K_m(n^{-(k+1)}, f) \right\} \text{ for sufficiently large } n.$$

Now as $\operatorname{supp}(f) \subset [a'', b'']$ in view of Theorem 2.5 there exists a function $g^i \in G^{(m)}$ such that for i = m and i = 2k + m + 2

$$\begin{split} \|B_n^{(i)}(f,k,\cdot) - g^{(i)}\|_{C[a,b]} &\leq C_2 n^{-(k+1)}, \\ K_m(\eta,f) &\leq 3C_3 n^{-1} + \|B_n^{(m)}(f,k,\cdot) - f^{(m)}\|_{C[a',b']} \\ &+ \eta \{ \|B_n^{(m)}(f,k,\cdot)\|_{C[a',b']} + \|B_n^{(2k+m+2)}(f,k,\cdot)\|_{C[a',b']} \}. \end{split}$$

Thus it suffices to show that there exists a constant C_4 such that for each $h \in G^{(m)}$

$$||B_n^{(2k+m+2)}(f,k,\cdot)||_{C[a',b']} \le C_4 n^{k+1} \left\{ ||f^{(m)} - h^{(m)}||_{C[a',b']} + n^{-(k+1)} ||h^{(2k+m+2)}||_{C[a',b']} \right\}.$$
 (2.3)

Again $B_n^{(2k+m+2)}(f,k,\cdot)$ satisfies the linearity property

$$\|B_n^{(2k+m+2)}(f,k,\cdot)\|_{C[a',b']} \le \|B_n^{(2k+m+2)}(f-h,k,\cdot)\|_{C[a',b']} + \|B_n^{(2k+m+2)}(h,k,\cdot)\|_{C[a',b']}.$$
 (2.4)

Using Lemma 2.4, we have

$$\begin{split} \int_{0}^{\infty} \left| \frac{\partial^{2k+m+2}}{\partial x^{2k+m+2}} P_{n}(x,t) \right| dt &\leq \sum_{\substack{2i+j<2k+m+2\\i,j\geq 0}} \frac{n-1}{n} \sum_{\nu=1}^{\infty} (n+1)^{i} |\nu-(n+1)x|^{j} \\ &\times \frac{|\phi_{i,j,2k+m+2}(x)|}{\{x(1+x)\}^{2k+m+2}} b_{n,\nu}(x) \int_{0}^{\infty} p_{n,\nu}(t) dt. \end{split}$$

Hence, by the Cauchy–Schwarz inequality, Lemma 2.1 and the fact $\int_{0}^{\infty} p_{n,\nu}(t) dt = \frac{1}{n-1}$, we obtain

$$\left\| B_n^{(2k+m+2)}(f-h,k,\cdot) \right\|_{C[a',b']} \le C_5 n \|f^{(m)} - g^{(m)}\|_{C[a',b']},$$

where the constant C_5 is independent of f and g.

Now, by Taylor's expansion, we have

$$h(t) = \sum_{i=0}^{2k+m+1} \frac{h^{(i)}(t)}{i!} (t-x)^i + \frac{h^{(2k+m+2)}(\xi)}{(2k+m+2)!} (t-x)^{2k+m+2}, \qquad (2.6)$$

where ξ lies between t and x. Using (2.6), we have

$$\left\| \frac{\partial^{2k+m+2}}{\partial x^{2k+m+2}} B_n(g,k,\cdot) \right\|_{C[a',b']} \leq \sum_{j=0}^k \frac{|C(j,k)|}{(2k+m+2)!} \|g^{(2k+m+2)}\|_{C[a',b']} \\ \times \left\| \int_0^\infty \frac{\partial^{2k+m+2}}{\partial x^{2k+m+2}} B_{d_jn}(x,t)(t-x)^{2k+m+2} dt \right\|_{C[a',b']}.$$
(2.7)

We shall now calculate the term given in the second norm on the right-hand side. It is sufficient to consider the expression without the linear combination. Using Lemma 2.4 and the Cauchy–Schwarz inequality we have

Next, using Lemma 2.1 and Lemma 2.2, we have

$$\begin{split} I &\leq \frac{n-1}{n} \sum_{\substack{2i+s<2k+m+2\\i,s\geq 0}} (n+1)^i \frac{|\phi_{i,s,2k+m+2}(x)|}{\{x(1+x)\}^{2k+m+2}} b_{n,\nu}(x) \\ &\times \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} b_{n,\nu}(x) (\nu - (n+1)x)^{2s}\right)^{1/2} \\ &\times \left(\sum_{r=0}^{\infty} b_{n,\nu}(x) \int_{0}^{\infty} p_{n,\nu}(t) (t-x)^{2k+2m+4} dt\right)^{1/2} \left(\int_{0}^{\infty} p_{n,\nu}(t) dt\right)^{1/2} \\ &= \sum_{\substack{2i+s<2k+m+2\\i,s\geq 0}} (n+1)^i \frac{|\phi_{i,s,2k+m+2}(x)|}{\{x(1+x)\}^{2k+m+2}} O(n^{s/2}) O(n^{-(k+m)/2+1}), \\ I &= \sum_{\substack{2i+s<2k+m+2\\i,s\geq 0}} (n+1)^i \frac{|\phi_{i,s,2k+m+2}(x)|}{\{x(1+x)\}^{2k+m+2}} O(n^{(2i+s)/2}) O(n^{-(2k+m+2)/2}). \end{split}$$

Hence by using (2.7) and the above estimate we have

$$\left\| B_n^{(2k+m+2)}(h,k,\cdot) \right\|_{C[a',b']} \le C_6 \|h^{(2k+m+2)}\|_{C[a',b']}.$$
(2.8)

Combining estimates (2.4), (2.5) and (2.8), the result (2.3) follows. This completes the proof of (2.2). The other consequences are standard and can be found in [1].

Lemma 2.7. Let 0 < a < a' < a'' < b'' < b and $f^{(m)} \in C_0$ with $\supp(f) \subset [a'', b'']$, then if $f \in C_0^{(m)}(\alpha, k+1, a', b')$, we have $f^{(m)} \in \operatorname{Liz}(\alpha, k+1, a', b')$.

Proof. Let $|\delta| < g$ and $h \in G^m$, then we have with $f \in C_0^{(m)}(\alpha, k+1, a', b')$. $|\Delta_{\delta}^{2k+2} f^{(m)}(x)| \le |\Delta_{\delta}^{2k+2} (f^{(m)}(x) - h^{(m)}(x))| + |\Delta_{\delta}^{2k+2} h^{(m)}(x)|$ $\le 2^{2k+2} ||f^{(m)} - h^{(m)}||_{C[a',b']}$ $+ \delta^{2k+2} ||g^{(2k+m+2)}||_{C[a',b']} + ||h^{(2k+m+2)}||_{C[a',b']}$ $\le C_7 2^{2k+2} K_{\infty}(\delta^{2k+2}, f) \le C_8 2^{2k+2} \delta^{\alpha(k+1)}.$

It follows that $f^{(m)} \in Z_{\alpha}(k+1, a', b')$.

Theorem 2.8 ([5]). Let $f^{(m)} \in C_{\gamma}[0,\infty)$ and $0 < a < a' < b' < b < \infty$, then for *n* sufficiently large, $\|B^{(m)}(f,k_{-}) - f^{(m)}\|_{L^{\infty}} = \max \{C_{-}(b) - (f^{(m)}(m^{-1/2}(a,b)), C_{-}(m^{-(k+1)})\|f\|_{\infty}\}$

$$\|B_n^{(m)}(f,k,\cdot) - f^{(m)}\|_{C[a',b']} = \max\{C_9\omega_{2k+2}(f^{(m)}, n^{-1/2}, a, b), C_{10}n^{-(k+1)}\|f\|_{\gamma}\},\$$

where $C_9 = C_9(k,m)$ and $C_{10} = C_{10}(k,m,f).$

3. The Main Result

In this section, we shall prove the following inverse result.

Theorem 3.1. If $0 < \alpha < 2$, $0 < a_1 < a_2 < b_2 < b_1 < \infty$ and $f \in C_{\gamma}[0, \infty)$, then for the following statements the implication (i) \Rightarrow (ii) is true:

(i) $f^{(m)}$ exist on the interval $[a_1, b_1]$ and

$$\left\| B_n^{(m)}(f,k,\cdot) - f^{(m)} \right\|_{C[a_1,b_1]} = O(n^{-\alpha(k+1)/2});$$

(ii) $f^{(m)} \in Z_{\alpha}(k+1,a_2,b_2).$

Proof. We shall prove this theorem by the principle of mathematical induction. Assuming (i), put $\tau = \alpha(k+1)$ and first consider the case $0 < \tau \leq 1$. Let us choose a', a'', b', b'' in such a way that $a_1 < a' < a'' < a_2 < b_2 < b'' < b' < b_1$. Also suppose $g \in C_0^{\infty}$ with $\operatorname{supp}(g) \subset [a'', b'']$ and g(x) = 1 on $[a_2, b_2]$ for $x \in [a', b']$ with $D = \frac{d}{dx}$. We have

$$B_n^{(m)}(fh, k, x) - (fh)^{(m)}(x) = D^m(B_n((fh)(t) - (fh)(x), k, x))$$

= $D^m(B_n(f(t)(h(t) - h(x)), k, x)) + D^m(B_n(h(x)(f(t) - f(x)), k, x))$
= $J_1 + J_2$, say.

To estimate J_1 , by the Leibniz Theorem, we have

$$J_1 = \sum_{j=0}^k C(j,k) \frac{\partial^m}{\partial x^m} \int_0^\infty P_{d_j n}(x,t) f(t)(h(t) - h(x)) dt$$
$$= \sum_{j=0}^k C(j,k) \sum_{i=1}^m \binom{m}{i} \int_0^\infty P_{d_j n}^i(x,t) \frac{\partial^{m-i}}{\partial x^{m-i}} [f(t)(h(t) - h(x))] dt$$

$$= -\sum_{i=1}^{m-1} {m \choose i} h^{(m-i)}(x) B_n^{(i)}(f,k,x) + \sum_{j=0}^k C(j,k) \int_0^\infty P_{d_jn}^{(m)}(x,t) f(t) (h(t) - h(x)) dt = J_3 + J_4, \quad \text{say.}$$

Now, using Theorem 2.8, we obtain

$$J_3 = -\sum_{i=1}^{m-1} \binom{m}{i} h^{(m-i)}(x) f^{(i)}(x) + O(n^{-\tau/2}), \text{ uniformly in } x \in [a', b'].$$

Using Theorem 2.5, the Cauchy–Schwarz inequality, Taylor's expansion of f and h and Lemma 2.2, we get

$$J_4 = \sum_{i=1}^{m-1} \frac{h^{(i)}(x) f^{(m-1)}(x)}{i!(m-i)!} m! + O(n^{-\tau/2})$$
$$= \sum_{i=1}^{m-1} {m \choose i} h^{(i)}(x) f^{(m-i)}(x) + O(n^{-\tau/2})$$

uniformly in $x \in [a', b']$ by Corollary 2.3.

Finally, applying the Leibniz theorem, we obtain

$$J_{2} = \sum_{j=0}^{k} C(j,k) \sum_{i=0}^{m} {m \choose i} \int_{0}^{\infty} P_{d_{j}n}^{i}(x,t) \frac{\partial^{m-i}}{\partial x^{m-i}} \left[h(t)(f(t) - f(x)) \right] dt$$
$$= \sum_{i=0}^{k} {m \choose i} h^{(m-i)}(x) B_{n}^{(i)}(f,k,x) - (fh)^{(m)}(x)$$
$$= \sum_{i=0}^{k} {m \choose i} h^{(m-i)}(x) f^{(i)}(x) - (fh)^{(m)}(x) + O(n^{-\tau/2})$$
$$= O(n^{-\tau/2}) \quad \text{uniformly in } x \in [a',b'].$$

Combining these estimates, we have

$$\left\|B_n^{(m)}(fh,k,\cdot) - (fh)^{(m)}\right\|_{C[a',b']} = O(n^{-\tau/2}).$$

Hence by Lemma 2.6 and Lemma 2.7, we have $(fh)^{(m)} \in Z_{\alpha}(k+1, a', b')$. Since h(x) = 1 on $[a_2, b_2]$, it follows that $f^{(m)} \in Z_{\alpha}(k+1, a_2, b_2)$, This proves (i) \Rightarrow (ii) for the case $0 < \tau \leq 1$. Now to prove the implication for $0 < \tau < 2k+2$ it is sufficient to assume it for $\tau \in (p'-1, p')$ and prove it for $\tau \in (p', p'+1)$ $(p'=1, 2, \ldots, 2k+1)$. Since the result holds for $\tau \in (p'-1, p')$, $f^{(p'+m+1)}$ exists and belongs to the class $Z_{\alpha}(1-\delta, a^*, b^*)$ for any $\delta > 0$ and for any interval $(a^*, b^*) \subset (a_1, b_1)$. Let $a_i^*, b_i^*, i = 1, 2$, be such that $(a_2, b_2) \subset (a_2^*, b_2^*) \subset (a_1^*, b_1^*)$.

Let $h \in C_0^{\infty}$ be such that h(x) = 1 on $[a_2, b_2]$ and $\operatorname{supp}(h) \subset [a_2^*, b_2^*]$. Then $\zeta_2(t)$ denotes the characteristic function of the interval $[a_1^*, b_1^*]$, we have

$$\begin{split} \left\| B_n^{(m)}(fh,k,\cdot) - (fh)^{(m)} \right\|_{C[a_2^*,b_2^*]} &\leq \left\| D^m [B_n(h(x)(f(t) - f(x),k,\cdot)] \right\|_{C[a_2^*,b_2^*]} \\ &+ \left\| D^m [B_n(f(x)(h(t) - h(x),k,\cdot)] \right\|_{C[a_2^*,b_2^*]} \\ &= I_1 + I_2 \quad (\text{say}). \end{split}$$

To estimate I_1 , by Theorem 2.5, we have

$$I_{1} \leq \left\| D^{m}[B_{n}(h(x)f(t),k,\cdot)] - (fh)^{(m)} \right\|_{C[a_{2}^{*},b_{2}^{*}]}$$

= $\left\| \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} {m \choose i} h^{(m-i)} B_{n}^{(i)}(f,k,\cdot) - (fh)^{(m)} \right\|_{C[a_{2}^{*},b_{2}^{*}]}$
= $\left\| \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} {m \choose i} h^{(m-i)} f^{(i)} - (fh)^{(m)} \right\|_{C[a_{2}^{*},b_{2}^{*}]} + O(n^{-\tau/2}) = O(n^{-\tau/2}).$

Also by Leibniz Theorem and Theorem 2.5, we have

$$I_{2} = \left\| -\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} {m \choose i} h^{(m-i)} B_{n}^{(i)}(f,k,\cdot) + B_{n}^{(m)}(f(t)(h(t) - h(\cdot))\zeta_{2}(t),k,\cdot) \right\}_{C[a_{2}^{*},b_{2}^{*}]}$$

= $\|I_{3} + I_{4}\|_{C[a_{2}^{*},b_{2}^{*}]} + O(n^{-(k+1)}), \text{ say.}$

Then by Theorem 2.5, we get

$$I_3 = -\sum_{i=0}^{m-1} \binom{m}{i} h^{(m-i)}(x) f^{(i)}(x) + O(n^{-\tau/2}), \text{ uniformly in } x \in [a_2^*, b_2^*].$$

Applying Taylor's expansion of f, we have

$$\begin{split} I_4 &= \sum_{j=0}^k C(j,k) \int_0^\infty P_{d_jn}^{(m)}(x,t) [f(t)(h(t) - h(x))\zeta_2(t)] \, dt \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^k C(j,k) \sum_{i=0}^{p'+m+1} \frac{f^{(i)}(x)}{i!} \int_0^\infty P_{d_jn}^{(m)}(x,t)(t-x)^i(h(t) - h(x))\zeta_2(t) \, dt \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^k C(j,k) \int_0^\infty P_{d_jn}^{(m)}(x,t) \left(\frac{f^{(p'+m-1)}(\eta) - f^{(p'+m-1)}(x)}{(p'+m-1)!} \right) \\ &\qquad \times (t-x)^{(p'+m-1)}(h(t) - h(x))\zeta_2(t) \, dt \\ &\qquad (\eta \text{ lying between } t \text{ and } x) \end{split}$$

 $= I_5 + I_6, \quad \text{say.}$

Applying Theorem 2.5, we get

$$I_5 = \sum_{j=0}^k C(j,k) \sum_{i=0}^{p'+m+1} \frac{f^{(i)}(x)}{i!} \int_0^\infty P_{d_j n}^{(m)}(x,t)(t-x)^i (h(t) - h(x)) \, dt + O(n^{-(k+1)})$$

(uniformly in
$$x \in [a_2^*, b_2^*]$$
)

$$= I_7 + O(n^{-(k+1)}), \quad \text{say.}$$

Since $h \in C_0^{\infty}$, we can write

$$I_{7} = \sum_{j=0}^{k} C(j,k) \sum_{i=0}^{p'+m+1} \frac{f^{(i)}(x)}{i!} \sum_{r=0}^{p'+m+1} \frac{h^{(r)}(x)}{r!} \int_{0}^{\infty} P_{d_{j}n}^{(m)}(x,t)(t-x)^{i+r} dt$$
$$+ \sum_{j=0}^{k} C(j,k) \sum_{i=0}^{p'+m+1} \frac{f^{(i)}(x)}{i!} \int_{0}^{\infty} P_{d_{j}n}^{(m)}(x,t)\varepsilon(t,x)(t-x)^{i+p'+m+1} dt$$
$$(\text{where } \varepsilon(t,x) \to 0 \text{ as } t \to x)$$

 $=I_8+I_9,$ say.

Next, by Theorem 2.5 we get

$$I_8 = \sum_{r=1}^m \frac{h^{(r)}}{r!} \frac{f^{(m-r)}(x)}{(m-r)!} m! + O(n^{-(k+1)}) = \sum_{r=0}^m \binom{m}{i} h^{(r)}(x) + O(n^{-(k+1)}).$$

Also, $I_9 = O(n^{-\tau/2})$ uniformly in $x \in [a_2^*, b_2^*]$. Finally, by the mean value theorem,

$$\|I_6\|_{C[a_2^*,b_2^*]} \le \sum_{j=0}^k |C(j,k)| \\ \times \left\| \int_0^\infty P_{d_jn}^{(m)}(x,t) \frac{f^{(p'+m-1)}(\eta) - f^{(p'+m-1)}(x)}{(p'+m-1)!} |h'(\xi)| |t-x|^{p'+m} \zeta_2(t) dt \right\|_{C[a_2^*,b_2^*]},$$

where ξ and η lie between t and x.

Using Lemma 2.4, we have

$$\begin{split} \|I_6\|_{C[a_2^*,b_2^*]} &\leq \sum_{j=0}^k |C(j,k)| \sum_{\substack{2r+s \leq m \\ r,s \geq 0}} (d_j n+1)^r \|h'\|_{C[a_2^*,b_2^*]} \\ &\times \left\|\frac{\phi_{r,s,m}(x)}{\{x(1+x)\}^m} \int_0^\infty P_{d_j n}(x,t)|\nu - (d_j n+1)x|^s \right. \\ &\left. \times \frac{f^{(p'+m-1)}(\eta) - f^{(p'+m-1)}(x)}{(p'+m-1)!} \left|t-x\right|^{p'+m} \zeta_2(t) \right\|_{C[a_2^*,b_2^*]}. \end{split}$$

Now using the Cauchy–Schwarz inequality, Lemma 2.1 and Lemma 2.2, we get

$$||I_6||_{C[a_2^*, b_2^*]} = O(n^{-(p'+1-\delta)/2}) = O(n^{-\tau/2})$$

by choosing δ such that $0 \leq \delta \leq p' + 1 - \tau$.

Combining the above estimates, we get

$$\left\|B_n^{(m)}(fh,k,\cdot) - (fh)^{(m)}\right\|_{C[a_2^*,b_2^*]} = O(n^{-\tau/2}).$$

Since $\operatorname{supp}(fh) \subset [a_2^*, b_2^*]$, it follows from Lemma 2.5 and Lemma 2.7 that

$$(fh)^{(m)} \in Z_{\alpha}(k+1, a_2^*, b_2^*).$$

Since h(x) = 1 on $[a_2, b_2]$, we have $f^{(m)} \in Z_{\alpha}(k+1, a_2^*, b_2^*)$.

This completes the proof of Theorem 3.1.

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