

Local Nikolskii Constants for Positive Linear Operators

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I. INTRODUCTION

Let X, \hat{X} be two subsets of \mathbb{R} with $\hat{X} \subset X$ and let $(L_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a sequence of linear positive operators defined on the domain

$C_M(X) := \{f \in C(X): \text{there exist constants } A(f), B(f) \in \mathbb{R}^+$ and $m(f) \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $|f(t)| \leq A(f) + B(f)^t |t|^{m(f)}$ for all $t \in X\}$

into $C(\hat{X})$. Further we assume that the sequence $(L_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ has the property

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} L_n(f; x) = f(x), \quad f \in C_M(X), x \in \hat{X}.$$

Let now $S \subset C_M(X)$ be a class of functions, then

$$A(L_n; S; x) := \sup_{f \in S} |L_n(f; x) - f(x)|, \quad x \in \hat{X},$$

is called the local measure of approximation of the class S by the operator L_n .

If there exists a numerical sequence $\Psi_n(L; S) \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ such that

$$A(L_n; S; x) = C(L; S; x) \Psi_n(L; S) + o_x(\Psi_n(L; S)), \quad n \rightarrow \infty, x \in \hat{X},$$

then $C(L; S; x)$ is designated the local best asymptotic constant corresponding to the order $\Psi_n(L; S)$ of approximation of the class S by the operator L_n . When the class S coincides with a Lipschitz class, the constant $C(L; S; x)$ will be called a local Nikolskii constant.

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In this paper S will always be one of the following three classes

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Lip}(C(X); \alpha; 1) := & \{f \in C(X) : |f(x+h) - f(x)| \leq |h|^\alpha, \\ & \forall x, x+h \in X\}, \quad 0 < \alpha \leq 1; \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Lip}^*(C(X); \alpha; 2) := & \{f \in C(X) : |f(x+h) - 2f(x) + f(x-h)| \leq 2|h|^\alpha, \\ & \forall x, x \pm h \in X\}, \quad 0 < \alpha \leq 2; \end{aligned}$$

$$W^{(1)}(C(X); \alpha; 1) := \{f \in C^1(X) : f' \in \text{Lip}(C(X); \alpha; 1), \quad 0 < \alpha \leq 1\}.$$

Another aspect of this paper is to study the approximation of higher order by the operator L_n . For that purpose we consider the quantity

$$A(L_n; \alpha; q; x) := \sup_{f \in W^{(q)}(C(X); \alpha; 1)} \left| L_n \left(f(t) - \sum_{k=0}^q \frac{f^{(k)}(x)}{k!} (t-x)^k; x \right) \right|$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} W^{(q)}(C(X); \alpha; 1) := & \{f \in C^q(X) : f^{(q)} \in \text{Lip}(C(X); \alpha; 1)\}, \\ & 0 < \alpha \leq 1, \quad q \in \mathbb{N}. \end{aligned}$$

2. THE LOCAL MEASURE OF APPROXIMATION

In this section we shall see that it is sometimes useful to change from the given sequence $(L_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ to a new sequence $(\tilde{L}_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ of positive linear operators, which are for suitable functions g formally defined by

$$\tilde{L}_n(g; x) := \frac{1}{2} \{L_n(g; x) + L_n(g(2x-t); x)\}, \quad x \in \hat{X}. \quad (2.1)$$

By means of (2.1) we obtain from the assumptions about the sequence $(L_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$.

PROPOSITION 2.1. *Let $X' := X \cup \{2x-t : x \in \hat{X}, t \in X\}$, then $(\tilde{L}_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a sequence of positive linear operators from $C_M(X')$ in $C(\hat{X})$ with the property*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{L}_n(g; x) = g(x), \quad g \in C_M(X'), \quad x \in \hat{X}.$$

In the proofs of our main results we shall require the following Lemma of Rathore.

LEMMA 2.2. *Let C, D be two subsets of \mathbb{R} with $C \subset D$. Then*

- (a) *For every fixed $x \in C$ and $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ the function $f_{\alpha,x}(t) := |t-x|^\alpha$, $t \in D$ is of class $\text{Lip}(C(B); \alpha; 1)$.*

(b) For every fixed $x \in C$ and $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ the function $g_{\alpha,x}(t) := 2^{\alpha-1} \operatorname{sgn}(t-x) |t-x|^\alpha$, $t \in D$ is of class $\operatorname{Lip}(C(B); \alpha; 1)$, where the Lipschitz constant 1 is best possible.

A complete proof of Lemma 2.2 is given in [2; p. 18 ff.] (compare also Rathore [5; p. 51]).

THEOREM 2.3. (a) If

$$L_n(1; x) = 1, \quad x \in \hat{X},$$

then we have for all $x \in \hat{X}$ and $0 < \alpha \leq 1$

$$\Delta(L_n; \operatorname{Lip}(C(X); \alpha; 1); x) = L_n(|t-x|^\alpha; x). \quad (2.2)$$

(b) If

$$L_n(1; x) = 1, \quad x \in \hat{X} \quad \text{and} \quad L_n(t; x) = x, \quad x \in \hat{X},$$

then we have for all $x \in \hat{X}$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{2^{\alpha-1}}{1+\alpha} L_n(|t-x|^{\alpha+1}; x) &\leq \Delta(L_n; W^{(1)}(C(X); \alpha; 1); x) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{1+\alpha} L_n(|t-x|^{\alpha+1}; x), \quad 0 < \alpha \leq 1, \end{aligned} \quad (2.3)$$

$$\Delta(L_n; W^{(1)}(C(X); 1; 1); x) = \frac{1}{2} L_n((t-x)^2; x). \quad (2.4)$$

(c) If

$$L_n(1; x) = 1, \quad x \in \hat{X},$$

then we have for all $x \in X$

$$\Delta(\tilde{L}_n; \operatorname{Lip}(C(X); \alpha; 1); x) = L_n(|t-x|^\alpha; x), \quad 0 < \alpha \leq 1, \quad (2.5)$$

$$\Delta(\tilde{L}_n; \operatorname{Lip}^*(C(X); \alpha; 2); x) = L_n(|t-x|^\alpha; x), \quad 0 < \alpha \leq 2, \quad (2.6)$$

$$\Delta(\tilde{L}_n; W^{(1)}(C(X); \alpha; 1); x) = \frac{2^{\alpha-1}}{1+\alpha} L_n(|t-x|^{\alpha+1}; x), \quad 0 < \alpha \leq 1. \quad (2.7)$$

THEOREM 2.4. For $x \in \hat{X}$ we have

$$\Delta(L_n; \alpha; q; x) = \Delta(\tilde{L}_n; \alpha; q; x)$$

$$= \frac{1}{(1+\alpha)_q} L_n(|t-x|^{\alpha+q}; x), \quad 0 < \alpha \leq 1, q \in \mathbb{N} \text{ even}; \quad (2.8)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{2^{\alpha+1}}{(1+\alpha)_q} L_n(|t-x|^{\alpha+q}; x) &\leq A(L_n; \alpha; q; x) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{(1+\alpha)_q} L_n(|t-x|^{\alpha+q}; x), \quad 0 < \alpha \leq 1, q \in \mathbb{N} \text{ odd}; \end{aligned} \quad (2.9)$$

$$A(L_n; 1; q; x) = \frac{1}{(q+1)!} L_n(|t-x|^{q+1}; x), \quad q \in \mathbb{N} \text{ odd}; \quad (2.10)$$

$$A(\tilde{L}_n; \alpha; q; x) = \frac{2^{\alpha+1}}{(1+\alpha)_q} L_n(|t-x|^{\alpha+q}; x), \quad 0 < \alpha \leq 1, q \in \mathbb{N} \text{ odd}, \quad (2.11)$$

where $(1+\alpha)_q := \prod_{k=1}^q (k+\alpha)$.

Proof of Theorem 2.3. (a) For $f \in \text{Lip}(C(X); \alpha; 1)$ and $x \in \hat{X}$ we obtain

$$|L_n(f; x) - f(x)| \leq L_n(|f(t) - f(x)|; x) \leq L_n(|t-x|^\alpha; x).$$

Now we consider for every fixed $x \in \hat{X}$ the function $f_{\alpha,x}(t) := |t-x|^\alpha$, $t \in X$ and by means of Lemma 2.2 we get

$$\begin{aligned} A(L_n; \text{Lip}(C(X); \alpha; 1); x) &\geq |L_n(f_{\alpha,x}; x) - f_{\alpha,x}(x)| \\ &= L_n(|t-x|^\alpha; x). \end{aligned}$$

(b) For $f \in W^{(1)}(C(X); \alpha; 1)$ and $x \in \hat{X}$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} |f(t) - f(x) - f'(x)(t-x)| &\leq \left| \int_x^t |f'(z) - f'(x)| dz \right| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{1+\alpha} |t-x|^\alpha \end{aligned}$$

and thus

$$\begin{aligned} |L_n(f; x) - f(x)| &\leq |L_n(f(t) - f(x) - f'(x)(t-x); x)| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{1+\alpha} L_n(|t-x|^{\alpha+1}; x). \end{aligned}$$

The first part of inequality (2.2) follows from Lemma 2.2, while considering for fixed $x \in \hat{X}$ the function

$$g_{\alpha,x}(t) := \frac{2^{\alpha+1}}{1+\alpha} |t-x|^{\alpha+1}, \quad t \in X.$$

(c) From (2.1) we get

$$\begin{aligned} |L_n(f; x) - f(x)| &= \frac{1}{2} |L_n(f(t) - 2f(x) + f(2x-t); x)| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} L_n(|f(t) - 2f(x) + f(2x-t)|; x). \end{aligned}$$

Moreover for $f \in \text{Lip}(C(X'); \alpha; 1)$, $0 < \alpha \leq 1$, or $f \in \text{Lip}^*(C(X'); \alpha; 2)$, $0 < \alpha \leq 2$, we have

$$|f(t) - 2f(x) + f(2x-t)| \leq 2|t-x|^\alpha,$$

whereas for $f \in W^{(1)}(C(X'); \alpha; 1)$ there holds

$$\begin{aligned} |f(t) - 2f(x) + f(2x-t)| &= \left| \int_0^{|t-x|} (f(x+u) - f(x-u)) du \right| \\ &\leq \left| \int_0^{|t-x|} |2u|^\alpha du \right| = \frac{2^\alpha}{1+\alpha} |t-x|^{\alpha+1}. \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand the function $f_{\alpha,x}(t) := |t-x|^\alpha$, $t \in X'$, is an extreme function for the class $\text{Lip}(C(X'); \alpha; 1)$, $0 < \alpha \leq 1$, and the class $\text{Lip}^*(C(X'); \alpha; 2)$, $0 < \alpha \leq 2$.

Moreover the function

$$g_{\alpha,x}(t) := \frac{2^{\alpha-1}}{1+\alpha} |t-x|^{\alpha+1}, \quad t \in X',$$

is an extreme function for the class $W^{(1)}(C(X'); \alpha; 1)$, $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ (cf. Lemma 2.2). ■

Proof of Theorem 2.4. (a) If $f \in W^{(q)}(C(X); \alpha; 1)$ and $x \in \hat{X}$, then

$$f(t) - \sum_{k=0}^q \frac{f^{(k)}(x)}{k!} (t-x)^k = \int_x^t \int_x^{t_q} \cdots \int_x^{t_2} \{f^{(q)}(t_1) - f^{(q)}(x)\} dt_1 \cdots dt_q \quad (2.12)$$

and hence

$$\begin{aligned} &\left| f(t) - \sum_{k=0}^q \frac{f^{(k)}(x)}{k!} (t-x)^k \right| \\ &\leq \left| \int_x^t \int_x^{t_q} \cdots \int_x^{t_2} |f^{(q)}(t_1) - f^{(q)}(x)| dt_1 \cdots dt_q \right| \quad (2.13) \\ &\leq \left| \int_x^t \int_x^{t_q} \cdots \int_x^{t_2} |t_1 - x|^\alpha dt_1 \cdots dt_q \right| = \frac{1}{(1+\alpha)_q} |t-x|^{\alpha+q}. \end{aligned}$$

From (2.13) follows by the positivity of L_n

$$\mathcal{A}(L_n; \alpha; q; x) \leq \frac{1}{(1+\alpha)_q} L_n(|t-x|^{\alpha+q}; x).$$

Now for even $q \in \mathbb{N}$ the function

$$h_{\alpha, q, x}(t) := \frac{1}{(1+\alpha)_q} |t-x|^{\alpha+q}, \quad t \in X,$$

is an extreme function of the class $W^{(q)}(C(X); \alpha; 1)$. For odd $q \in \mathbb{N}$ the first inequality of (2.9) follows from Lemma 2.2, while considering the function

$$k_{\alpha, q, x}(t) := \frac{2^{\alpha-1}}{(1+\alpha)_q} |t-x|^{\alpha+q}, \quad t \in X.$$

(b) Let $f \in W^{(q)}(C(X'); \alpha; 1)$ and $x \in X$. Then, putting $t_i := 2x - z_i$ ($i = 1, \dots, q$), $t = 2x - u$, we obtain from (2.12)

$$\begin{aligned} f(2x-u) &= \sum_{k=0}^q \frac{f^{(k)}(x)}{k!} (x-u)^k \\ &= \int_x^u \int_x^{z_q} \cdots \int_x^{z_2} (-1)^q \{f^{(q)}(2x-z_1) - f^{(q)}(x)\} dz_1 \cdots dz_q. \end{aligned} \tag{2.14}$$

With respect to (2.1) we get from (2.12) and (2.14) for even q

$$\begin{aligned} &\left| \tilde{L}_n \left(f(t) - \sum_{k=0}^q \frac{f^{(k)}(x)}{k!} (t-x)^k; x \right) \right| \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left| L_n \left(f(t) - \sum_{k=0}^q \frac{f^{(k)}(x)}{k!} (t-x)^k; x \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + L_n \left(f(2x-t) - \sum_{k=0}^q \frac{f^{(k)}(x)}{k!} (x-t)^k; x \right) \right| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} L_n \left(\left| \int_x^t \int_x^{t_q} \cdots \int_x^{t_2} |f^{(q)}(t_1) - 2f^{(q)}(x) + f^{(q)}(2x-t_1)| dt_1 \cdots dt_q \right|; x \right) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} L_n \left(\left| \int_x^t \int_x^{t_q} \cdots \int_x^{t_2} 2 |t_1 - x|^\alpha dt_1 \cdots dt_q \right|; x \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{(1+\alpha)_q} L_n(|t-x|^{\alpha+q}; x). \end{aligned}$$

Analogously we get for odd q

$$\left| \tilde{L}_n \left(f(t) - \sum_{k=0}^q \frac{f^{(k)}(x)}{k!} (t-x)^k; x \right) \right| \leq \frac{2^{\alpha+1}}{(1+\alpha)_q} L_n(|t-x|^{\alpha+q}; x).$$

Now, for even q , $h_{\alpha,q,x}$ is again an extreme function referring to the quantity $\Delta(\tilde{L}_n; \alpha; q; x)$. But this time also $k_{\alpha,q,x}$ is an extreme function referring to $\Delta(\tilde{L}_n; \alpha; q; x)$ for odd q . ■

Remark. The results of Theorems 2.3 and 2.4 generalize and improve some special results of Rathore [5; pp. 51, 54, 66; 6; 7]. (Compare also Lehnhoff [1; pp. 129, 131].)

3. AN ASYMPTOTIC ESTIMATION FOR $L_n(|t-x|^\beta; x)$

As we have seen in Section 2, in the theory of Nikolskii constants an important role is played by an asymptotic estimation for $L_n(|t-x|^\beta; x)$.

(I) For positive linear operators of form

$$L_n(f; x) := \int_X f(u) h_n(x, u) du, \quad x \in \hat{X}, n \in \mathbb{N}$$

with functions $h_n: \hat{X} \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ the following Theorem holds.

THEOREM 3.1. Suppose, there exist a sequence $(\chi_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ of positive numbers increasing to infinity with n , a positive function Φ from \hat{X} into \mathbb{R} , a positive integer m and a real α , $\alpha < 1/2$ such that the following conditions are satisfied.

(i) For $x \in (\hat{X})^0$ the asymptotic relation

$$h_n(x, t) \cong \sqrt{\frac{\chi_n}{2\pi\Phi(x)}} \exp \left[\frac{-\chi_n}{2\Phi(x)} (t-x)^2 \right], \quad n \rightarrow \infty, \quad (3.1)$$

holds uniformly for all $t \in A_n(x) := \{t \in \mathbb{R}; |t-x| < (\chi_n)^{-\alpha}\}$.

(ii) For $x \in (\hat{X})^0$ we have

$$L_n((t-x)^{2m}; x) = O_x((\chi_n)^{-m}), \quad n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Then for all $x \in (\hat{X})^0$ and all $0 < \beta < 2m$ we get

$$L_n(|t-x|^\beta; x) \cong \frac{\Gamma((\beta+1)/2)}{\sqrt{\pi}} \left(\frac{2\Phi(x)}{\chi_n} \right)^{\beta/2}, \quad n \rightarrow \infty.$$

(In this connection $(\hat{X})^0$ means the interior of \hat{X} !)

Proof. It is clear that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\chi_n)^{-\alpha} = 0$.

Thus for every $x \in (\hat{X})^0$ there exists a positive integer $n_0(x)$ with the property that $A_n(x) \subset X$ for all $n \geq n_0(x)$.

Hence we have

$$L_n(|t-x|^\beta; x) = I_1(x) + I_2(x)$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} I_1(x) &:= \int_{A_n(x)} |u-x|^\beta h_n(x, u) du \\ &\cong \sqrt{\frac{\chi_n}{2\Phi(x)}} \int_{A_n(x)} |u-x|^\beta \exp\left[\frac{\chi_n}{2\Phi(x)}(u-x)^2\right] du \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \left(\frac{2\Phi(x)}{\chi_n}\right)^{\beta/2} \int_{|v| < (\chi_n)^{1/2-\alpha/\sqrt{2\Phi(x)}}} |v|^\beta \exp(-v^2) dv \\ &\cong \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \left(\frac{2\Phi(x)}{\chi_n}\right)^{\beta/2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |v|^\beta \exp(-v^2) dv \\ &= \frac{\Gamma((\beta+1)/2)}{\sqrt{\pi}} \left(\frac{2\Phi(x)}{\chi_n}\right)^{\beta/2} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} I_2(x) &:= \int_{\substack{|u-x| \geq (\chi_n)^{-\alpha} \\ u \in X}} |u-x|^\beta h_n(x, u) du \\ &\leq (\chi_n)^{2\alpha(m-\beta/2)} \int_{\substack{|u-x| \geq (\chi_n)^{-\alpha} \\ u \in X}} (u-x)^{2m} h_n(x, u) du \\ &\leq (\chi_n)^{2\alpha(m-\beta/2)} L_n((t-x)^{2m}; x) \\ &= O_x((\chi_n)^{-m+2\alpha(m-\beta/2)}) = o_x((\chi_n)^{-\beta/2}) \quad \text{for } \beta < 2m. \blacksquare \end{aligned}$$

(II) For positive linear operators of form

$$L_n(f; x) := \sum_{k \in I} \Psi_{k,n}(x) f(a_{k,n}), \quad x \in \hat{X},$$

with an index set $I \subset \mathbb{Z}$, a sequence $(\Psi_{k,n})_{k \in \mathbb{Z}, n \in \mathbb{N}}$ of positive functions from \hat{X} into \mathbb{R} and a sequence $(a_{k,n})_{k \in \mathbb{Z}, n \in \mathbb{N}}$ of points, which satisfy the conditions

$$a_{k,n} \in X \quad \text{for } k \in I, n \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$a_{v,n} < a_{\mu,n} \quad \text{for } v, \mu \in \mathbb{Z}, v < \mu,$$

we obtain the following theorem.

THEOREM 3.2. Suppose, there exist a sequence $(\chi_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ of positive numbers increasing to infinity with n , a positive function Φ from \hat{X} into \mathbb{R} , a positive integer m and a real α , $\alpha < 1/2$, such that the following conditions are valid.

(i) For every $x \in (\hat{X})^0$ exists a positive integer $n_0(x)$ with the property that

$$A_n(x) := \{k \in \mathbb{Z} : |a_{k,n} - x| < (\chi_n)^{-\alpha}\} \subset I \quad \text{for all } n \geq n_0(x).$$

(ii) Uniformly for all $k \in A_n(x)$ there holds

$$|a_{k \pm 1,n} - a_{k,n}| = O((\chi_n)^{-1}), \quad n \rightarrow \infty.$$

(iii) For $x \in (\hat{X})^0$ the asymptotic relation

$$\Psi_{k,n}(x) \cong (a_{k+1,n} - a_{k,n}) \sqrt{\frac{\chi_n}{2\pi\Phi(x)}} \exp \left[\frac{-\chi_n}{2\Phi(x)} (a_{k,n} - x)^2 \right], \quad (3.2)$$

$n \rightarrow \infty$, holds uniformly for all $k \in A_n(x)$.

(iv) For $x \in (\hat{X})^0$ we have

$$L_n((t-x)^{2m}; x) = O_x((\chi_n)^{-m}), \quad n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Then for all $x \in (\hat{X})^0$ and all $0 < \beta < 2m$ we get

$$L_n(|t-x|^\beta; x) \cong \frac{\Gamma((\beta+1)/2)}{\sqrt{\pi}} \left(\frac{2\Phi(x)}{\chi_n} \right)^{\beta/2}, \quad n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Proof. Applying (iii) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} I_1(x) &:= \sum_{k \in A_n(x)} |a_{k,n} - x|^\beta \Psi_{k,n}(x) \\ &\cong \sqrt{\frac{\chi_n}{2\pi\Phi(x)}} \sum_{k \in A_n(x)} |a_{k,n} - x|^\beta (a_{k+1,n} - a_{k,n}) \\ &\quad \times \exp \left[\frac{-\chi_n}{2\Phi(x)} (a_{k,n} - x)^2 \right] \end{aligned} \quad (3.3)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\cong \sqrt{\frac{\chi_n}{2\pi\Phi(x)}} \sum_{k \in A_n(x)} |a_{k,n} - x|^\beta \int_{a_{k,n}}^{a_{k+1,n}} du \\ &\quad \times \exp \left[\frac{-\chi_n}{2\Phi(x)} (u - x)^2 \right] du, \quad n \rightarrow \infty. \end{aligned} \quad (3.4)$$

To deduce (3.4) from (3.3), it is sufficient to remark that the integrand in (3.3) differs from

$$\exp \left[\frac{-\chi_n}{2\Phi(x)} (a_{k,n} - x)^2 \right]$$

by the factor

$$\exp \left[\frac{-\chi_n}{2\Phi(x)} (a_{k,n} - u)(a_{k,n} + u - 2x) \right]$$

which converges to 1 uniformly in k and u , if $a_{k,n} \leq u \leq a_{k+1,n}$ and $k \in A_n(x)$.

$$(a) \quad 0 < \beta \leq 1$$

From the inequality

$$|u - x|^\beta - |a_{k,n} - u|^\beta \leq |a_{k,n} - x| \leq |u - x|^\beta + |a_{k,n} - u|^\beta$$

we obtain by means of condition (ii)

$$|a_{k,n} - x|^\beta = |u - x|^\beta + O((\chi_n)^{-\beta}), \quad n \rightarrow \infty, \quad (3.5)$$

Uniformly in $k \in A_n(x)$ and $a_{k,n} \leq u \leq a_{k+1,n}$.

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} I_1(x) &\cong \sqrt{\frac{\chi_n}{2\pi\Phi(x)}} \left(\int_{a_{k'',n}}^{a_{k''',n}} |u - x|^\beta \exp \left[\frac{-\chi_n}{2\Phi(x)} (u - x)^2 \right] du \right. \\ &\quad \left. + O((\chi_n)^{-\beta}) \int_{a_{k',n}}^{a_{k'',n}} \exp \left[\frac{-\chi_n}{2\Phi(x)} (u - x)^2 \right] du \right), \quad n \rightarrow \infty, \end{aligned}$$

where $k''' = k'' + 1$ and k'' denotes the greatest as well as k' the smallest k , for which the condition $k \in A_n(x)$ is satisfied. Putting

$$v := \sqrt{\frac{\chi_n}{2\Phi(x)}} (x - u),$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} I_1(x) &\cong \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \left(\left(\frac{2\Phi(x)}{\chi_n} \right)^{\beta/2} \int_{a_n(x)}^{b_n(x)} |v|^\beta \exp(-v^2) dv \right. \\ &\quad \left. + O((\chi_n)^{-\beta}) \int_{a_n(x)}^{b_n(x)} \exp(-v^2) dv \right) \end{aligned}$$

with

$$a_n(x) = \sqrt{\frac{\chi_n}{2\Phi(x)}}(x - a_{k^+,n}) \rightarrow -\infty,$$

$$b_n(x) = \sqrt{\frac{\chi_n}{2\Phi(x)}}(x - a_{k^-,n}) \rightarrow +\infty, \quad n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Thus

$$I_1(x) \cong \frac{\Gamma((\beta+1)/2)}{\sqrt{\pi}} \left(\frac{2\Phi(x)}{\chi_n} \right)^{\beta/2}, \quad n \rightarrow \infty. \quad (3.6)$$

(b) $\beta > 1$.

For $\beta > 1$ there exist $q \in \mathbb{N}$ and $\gamma \in \mathbb{R}^+$, $0 < \gamma < 1$ with $\beta = \gamma + q$. Also

$$|a_{k,n} - x|^q = \left| \sum_{i=0}^q \binom{q}{i} (u-x)^i (a_{k,n} - u)^{q-i} \right| \quad (3.7)$$

$$\leq |u-x|^q \pm \sum_{i=0}^{q-1} \binom{q}{i} |u-x|^i |a_{k,n} - u|^{q-i}.$$

By means of (3.5) and (3.7) we can verify the asymptotic relation (3.6) also for $\beta > 1$.

Moreover we obtain from condition (iv) for all $\beta < 2m$.

$$I_2(x) = \sum_{\substack{k \in I \\ |a_{k,n} - x| \geq (\chi_n)^{-\alpha}}} |a_{k,n} - x|^\beta \Psi_{k,n}(x) = o_x((\chi_n)^{-\beta/2}). \quad (3.8)$$

From (3.6) and (3.8) the result of Theorem 3.2 follows by means of condition (i). ■

Remarks. (1) Theorem 3.1 and Theorem 3.2 were formulated and proved analogously to a special result of Rathore [5; pp. 40–46, 52].

(2) With the general theory of this paper the author has obtained local Nikolskii constants for many of the operator sequences (e.g., Baskakov operators, generalized Meyer-König and Zeller operators, Gamma operators and Beta operators etc. cf. [2, 3]).

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