

# Uniform Approximation with Positive Linear Operators Generated by Binomial Expansions

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $\phi(y)$ ,  $\phi^{-1}$  be analytic for  $|y| < r \leq \infty$ , with

$$\phi(y) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k y^k$$

and  $a_0 > 0$ ,  $a_1 > 0$ ;  $a_k \geq 0$ ,  $k = 2, 3, \dots$ . There exist [3]  $b \in (0, \infty]$ , a domain  $D$  containing the origin, and a unique function  $f$  such that  $f(0) = 0$ ,  $f$  is analytic on  $D$ ,  $f(x) > 0$  for  $0 < x < b$ , and

$$\frac{f(z) \phi'(f(z))}{\phi(f(z))} = z, \quad z \in D. \quad (1.1)$$

For  $n = 1, 2, \dots$  and  $|y| < r$ , let

$$\phi_n(y) = [\phi(y)]^n = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_{nk} y^k. \quad (1.2)$$

Define the linear operator

$$L_n(h; z) = [\phi_n(f(z))]^{-1} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_{nk} (f(z))^k h \left( \frac{k}{n} \right) \quad (1.3)$$

for those  $h$ ,  $z$  for which the right-hand side of (1.3) exists. For example, if  $h$  is bounded on the positive axis and  $|z|$  is sufficiently small, then (1.3) exists

and is also a positive operator on some interval  $[0, a]$ . This method specializes one introduced by Pethe [3], who obtained uniform approximation of bounded functions. The author [5] studied the order of approximation of bounded functions with linear combinations of the special case of (1.3) defined below.

Assume  $\phi(0) = 1$  and  $\phi'(y) = [\phi(y)]^{1+\alpha}$  with  $\alpha = -1/m, m = 1, 2, \dots$ , or  $\alpha \geq 0$ . If  $\alpha = -1/m$  then  $\phi(y) = (1 + y/m)^m, f(z) = z(1 - z/m)^{-1}$ , and (1.3) is the generalized Bernstein polynomial

$$L_n(h; z) = \sum_{k=0}^{mn} \binom{mn}{k} \left(\frac{z}{m}\right)^k \left(1 - \frac{z}{m}\right)^{mn-k} h\left(\frac{k}{n}\right). \tag{1.4}$$

If  $\alpha = 0$  then  $\phi(y) = e^y, f(z) = z$ , and (1.3) is just the Szász operator. If  $\alpha > 0$  then  $\phi(y) = (1 - \alpha y)^{-\alpha^{-1}}, f(z) = z(1 + \alpha z)^{-1}$ , and (1.3) is a generalized Baskakov method. For  $\alpha = 1/m, m = 1, 2, \dots$ , we have

$$L_n(h; z) = \left(1 + \frac{z}{m}\right)^{-mn} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \binom{mn+k-1}{k} \left(\frac{z}{m+z}\right)^k h\left(\frac{k}{n}\right). \tag{1.5}$$

The Baskakov operator is obtained when  $\alpha = 1$ .

Becker [1] has discussed weighted global approximation for the Szász and Baskakov operators. In Section 2 we derive his direct result for (1.3) in the case  $\alpha > 0$  and also approximate functions having exponential growth on  $[0, \infty]$ . Section 3 contains results on the approximation of analytic functions.

## 2. APPROXIMATION ON THE REAL LINE

In this section  $L_n$  denotes (1.3) with  $\phi(y) = (1 - \alpha y)^{-\alpha^{-1}}$  and  $\alpha > 0$ .

LEMMA 2.1. For  $x \geq 0$  and  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ ,

$$L_n(1; x) = 1; \tag{2.1}$$

$$L_n(t; x) = x; \tag{2.2}$$

$$L_n((t-x)^2; x) = \frac{\alpha x^2 + x}{n}. \tag{2.3}$$

*Proof.* The results follow easily from (1.1), (1.2), (1.3), and  $\phi'(y) = [\phi(y)]^{1+\alpha}$ .

LEMMA 2.2. For  $x \geq 0$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ , and  $r = 2, 3, \dots$ ,

$$L_n(t^r; x) = \sum_{l=1}^r \sigma_r^l \frac{n(n+\alpha) \cdots (n+(l-1)\alpha)}{n^r} x^l, \quad (2.4)$$

where  $\sigma_r^l$  are Stirling numbers of the second kind [2].

*Proof.* Let  $y = f(x) = x(1 + \alpha x)^{-1}$ ,  $x \geq 0$ , in (1.1). Using (1.2),

$$\frac{y \phi_n'(y)}{\phi_n(y)} = n \frac{y \phi'(y)}{\phi(y)} = nx.$$

Assume

$$\frac{y^l \phi_n^{(l)}(y)}{\phi_n(y)} = n(n+\alpha) \cdots (n+(l-1)\alpha) x^l.$$

Using  $\phi'(y) = [\phi(y)]^{1+\alpha}$  we obtain

$$\frac{y^{l+1} \phi_n^{(l+1)}(y)}{\phi_n(y)} = n(n+\alpha) \cdots (n+(l-1)\alpha)(n+l\alpha) x^{l+1}$$

and hence, for  $l = 1, 2, \dots$ ,  $x \geq 0$ ,  $y = f(x)$ ,

$$\frac{y^l \phi_n^{(l)}(y)}{\phi_n(y)} = n(n+\alpha) \cdots (n+(l-1)\alpha) x^l.$$

If  $x \geq 0$  then  $0 \leq y < 1/\alpha$  and

$$\begin{aligned} L_n(t^r; x) &= [\phi_n(y)]^{-1} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_{nk} y^k \left(\frac{k}{n}\right)^r \\ &= [\phi_n(y)]^{-1} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_{nk} y^k \sum_{l=1}^r \sigma_r^l \frac{k(k-1) \cdots (k-l+1)}{n^r} \\ &= \sum_{l=1}^r \sigma_r^l \frac{y^l \phi_n^{(l)}(y)}{n^r \phi_n(y)} \\ &= \sum_{l=1}^r \sigma_r^l \frac{n(n+\alpha) \cdots (n+(l-1)\alpha)}{n^r} x^l. \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 2.2 shows that the numbers  $a_{r,j}$  in Lemma 3 of [1] are Stirling numbers, since (2.4) is also valid for the Szász operator ( $\alpha=0$  and  $f(x)=x$ ).

Define weights  $w_0(x) = 1$ ,  $w_N(x) = (1+x^N)^{-1}$ ,  $x \geq 0$ ,  $N = 1, 2, \dots$ , and

space  $C_N = \{h: h \in C[0, \infty) \text{ and } w_N h \text{ is uniformly continuous and bounded on } [0, \infty)\}$ . For  $h \in C_N$  define [1]

$$\|h\|_N = \sup_{x \geq 0} w_N(x) |h(x)|,$$

$$\Delta_\lambda^2 h(x) = h(x + 2\lambda) - 2h(x + \lambda) + h(x), \quad \lambda > 0,$$

and

$$\omega_N^2(h, \delta) = \sup_{0 < \lambda \leq \delta} \|\Delta_\lambda^2 h\|_N.$$

In the sequel the finite constants  $M_{N, \alpha}$  may have different values at each occurrence. The next result is an easy consequence of (2.4).

LEMMA 2.3. For  $N = 0, 1, \dots, x \geq 0, n = 1, 2, \dots,$

$$w_N(x) L_n(1 + t^N; x) \leq M_{N, \alpha}. \tag{2.5}$$

LEMMA 2.4. For  $N = 0, 1, \dots, h \in C_N,$  and  $n = 1, 2, \dots,$

$$\|L_n(h)\|_N \leq M_{N, \alpha} \|h\|_N. \tag{2.6}$$

*Proof.* If  $x \geq 0,$

$$w_N(x) |L_n(h; x)| \leq w_N(x) \|h\|_N L_n(1 + t^N; x)$$

and (2.6) follows from (2.5).

LEMMA 2.5. For  $N = 0, 1, \dots, x \geq 0,$  and  $n = 1, 2, \dots,$

$$w_N(x) L_n((t-x)^2(1+t^N); x) \leq M_{N, \alpha} \left( \frac{\alpha x^2 + x}{n} \right). \tag{2.7}$$

*Proof.* The result is trivial for  $N = 0.$  For  $N \geq 1$  and  $x \geq 0,$  using (2.4)

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \leq L_n((t-x)^2 t^N; x) &= L_n(t^{N+2}; x) - 2x L_n(t^{N+1}; x) + x^2 L_n(t^N; x) \\ &= \frac{n \cdots (n + (N + 1) \alpha)}{n^{N+2}} x^{N+2} + \sigma_{N+2}^{N+1} \frac{n \cdots (n + N \alpha)}{n^{N+2}} x^{N+1} \dots \\ &\quad + \frac{x}{n^{N+1}} - 2 \left[ \frac{n \cdots (n + (N) \alpha)}{n^{N+1}} x^{N+2} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \sigma_{N+1}^N \frac{n \cdots (n + (N - 1) \alpha)}{n^{N+1}} x^{N+1} + \dots + \frac{x^2}{n^N} \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \frac{n \cdots (n + (N-1)\alpha)}{n^N} x^{N+2} \\
& + \sigma_N^{N-1} \frac{n \cdots (n + (N-2)\alpha)}{n^N} x^{N+1} + \cdots + \frac{x^3}{n^{N-1}} \\
& = \left(1 + \frac{\alpha}{n}\right) \left(1 + \frac{2\alpha}{n}\right) \cdots \left(1 + \frac{(N-1)\alpha}{n}\right) \left[ \left(1 + \frac{N\alpha}{n}\right) \left(1 + \frac{(N+1)\alpha}{n}\right) \right. \\
& \quad \left. - 2 \left(1 + \frac{N\alpha}{n}\right) + 1 \right] x^{N+2} + \cdots + \frac{x}{n^{N+1}} = \frac{\alpha x^2}{n} A_{N,n,\alpha}(x) + \frac{x}{n^{N+1}},
\end{aligned}$$

where  $A_{N,n,\alpha}(x)$  is a polynomial in  $x$  of degree  $N$  with coefficients that are bounded in  $n$ . Estimate (2.7) follows from (2.3) and the above.

We can now state the direct result. The proof is exactly the same as [1, Theorem 8], using (2.1), (2.2), (2.3), (2.6), and (2.7).

**THEOREM 2.6.** For  $N = 0, 1, \dots$ ,  $h \in C_N$ ,  $x \geq 0$ , and  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ ,

$$w_N(x) |L_n(h; x) - h(x)| \leq M_{N,\alpha} \omega_N^2 \left( h, \left( \frac{\theta(x)}{n} \right)^{1/2} \right), \quad (2.8)$$

where  $\theta(x) = \alpha x^2 + x$ .

Since Becker [1] has shown (2.8) for the Szász operator ( $\alpha = 0$ ), the Szász operator provides the best weighted global approximation for the class of methods generated by the analytic function  $\phi$  with  $\phi(0) = 1$  and  $\phi'(y) = [\phi(y)]^{1+\alpha}$ ,  $\alpha \geq 0$ . Also, (2.8) implies uniform convergence on  $[0, a]$  for functions,  $h$ , having polynomial growth on  $[0, \infty)$ . Our next theorem yields uniform convergence for functions with exponential growth on the positive axis.

**THEOREM 2.7.** If  $h$  is continuous on  $[0, a]$ , continuous from the right at  $a$ , and, for some finite number  $A$ ,  $|h(x)| \leq e^{Ax}$ ,  $x \geq 0$ , then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} L_n(h; x) = h(x) \quad (2.9)$$

uniformly on  $[0, a]$ .

*Proof.* Choose  $S > A/\ln(1/\alpha a + 1)$  and let  $n \geq S$ ,  $0 \leq x \leq a$ . Then

$$0 \leq \frac{e^{A/n} x}{1 + \alpha x} < \frac{1}{\alpha}$$

and

$$L_n(e^{At}; x) = \left[ \frac{\phi(e^{A/n} x/1 + \alpha x)}{\phi(x/1 + \alpha x)} \right]^n = [1 - (e^{A/n} - 1) \alpha x]^{-n/\alpha}.$$

Using L'Hopital's rule,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} L_n(e^{At}; x) = e^{Ax} \tag{2.10}$$

uniformly on  $[0, a]$ .

Let  $0 \leq x \leq a$ ,  $\varepsilon > 0$ , and choose  $\delta > 0$  such that  $|h(t) - h(x)| < \varepsilon$  if  $|t - x| < \delta$ ,  $0 \leq x \leq a$ , and  $0 \leq t < a + \delta$ . Let

$$c_{nk}(x) = \frac{a_{nk}(f(x))^k}{\phi_n(f(x))},$$

where  $f(x) = x(1 + \alpha x)^{-1}$  and  $n > 2A/\ln(1/\alpha a + 1)$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} |L_n(h; x) - h(x)| &\leq \sum_{|k/n - x| < \delta} c_{nk}(x) \left| h\left(\frac{k}{n}\right) - h(x) \right| \\ &\quad + \sum_{|k/n - x| \geq \delta} c_{nk}(x) \left| h\left(\frac{k}{n}\right) - h(x) \right| \\ &< \varepsilon + \frac{e^{Ax}}{\delta^2} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{k}{n} - x\right)^2 c_{nk}(x) + \frac{1}{\delta} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left|\frac{k}{n} - x\right| c_{nk}(x) e^{Ak/n} \\ &\leq \varepsilon + \frac{e^{Ax}}{\delta^2} L_n((t-x)^2; x) + \frac{1}{\delta} [L_n((t-x)^2; x) L_n(e^{2At}; x)]^{1/2} \end{aligned}$$

and (2.9) follows from (2.3) and (2.10).

If  $h \in C[0, \infty)$  and, for some finite  $A$ ,

$$\overline{\lim}_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|h(x)|}{e^{Ax}} < \infty,$$

the proof can easily be modified to yield (2.9). We cannot allow  $h$  to grow any faster. For example, let  $h(x) = e^{x^{1+\varepsilon}}$ ,  $\varepsilon > 0$ . For  $n \geq 1$  and  $x > 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} L_n(h; x) &\geq (1 + \alpha x)^{-n/\alpha} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{n(n + \alpha) \cdots (n + (k-1)\alpha)}{k!} \left(\frac{x}{1 + \alpha x}\right)^k (e^{k/n})^{1+\varepsilon} \\ &\geq (1 + \alpha x)^{-n/\alpha} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{nx}{1 + \alpha x}\right) \frac{k(e^{k/n})^{1+\varepsilon}}{k!} \end{aligned}$$

and the last series is divergent. Theorem 2.7 is well known for the Szász operator (see [4]).

## 3. APPROXIMATION IN THE COMPLEX PLANE

Our final results deal with the approximation of analytic functions. In the first theorem,  $L_n$  is the generalized Baskakov method of Section 2, while  $L_n$  denotes the generalized Bernstein polynomial (1.4) in Lemma 3.2 and Theorem 3.3.

**THEOREM 3.1.** *If  $\alpha > 0$ ,  $h$  is entire, and for some finite number  $A$ ,  $|h(x)| \leq e^{Ax}$ ,  $x \geq 0$ , then*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} L_n(h; z) = h(z) \quad (3.1)$$

*uniformly on compact subsets of  $\operatorname{Re} z > -1/2\alpha$ .*

*Proof.* Let

$$h(z) = \sum_{v=0}^{\infty} \alpha_v z^v, \quad |z| < \infty.$$

Without loss of generality, we may assume  $\alpha_v \geq 0$ ,  $v = 0, 1, \dots$ , since we can write  $h = h_1 - h_2 + i(h_3 - h_4)$  where the  $h_i$ 's have nonnegative Taylor coefficients. Let  $S$  be a compact subset of  $\operatorname{Re} z > -1/2\alpha$ . Since  $f(z) = z/(1 + \alpha z)^{-1}$  is analytic on  $\operatorname{Re} z > -1/2\alpha$  and maps that set into  $|y| < 1/\alpha$ ,  $f(S)$  is a compact subset of  $|y| < 1/\alpha$ . Thus there exists  $\lambda$  such that  $z \in S$  implies  $|z/(1 + \alpha z)| \leq 1/\lambda < 1/\alpha$ . Hence  $L_n(t^v; z)$  is analytic on  $\operatorname{Re} z > -1/2\alpha$  for  $v = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ . Let

$$\Omega_n = \left\{ z: \left| \frac{ze^{A/n}}{1 + \alpha z} \right| < \frac{1}{\alpha} \right\} = \{z: z = x + iy \text{ and } (x - c_n)^2 + y^2 < r_n^2\},$$

where

$$c_n = \frac{1}{\alpha(e^{2A/n} - 1)}, \quad r_n = \frac{e^{A/n}}{\alpha(e^{2A/n} - 1)}.$$

Since  $|h(x)| \leq e^{Ax}$  for  $x \geq 0$ , an argument similar to the above shows  $L_n(h; z)$  is analytic on  $\Omega_n$  for each  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ . Next  $\Omega_n \subset \Omega_{n+1} \subset \dots \subset \operatorname{Re} z > -1/2\alpha$ . Choose  $N$  such that  $\alpha/\lambda < 1/e^{A/N} < 1$  and it follows that  $S \subset \Omega_n$  for  $n \geq N$ . Theorem 2.7 gives

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} L_n(h, x) = h(x), \quad 0 \leq x \leq c_N + r_N.$$

Since  $L_n(t^v; z)$  is analytic for  $\text{Re } z > -1/2\alpha$ , using (2.4) we see that (2.4) holds for  $\text{Re } z > -1/2\alpha$ . If  $z \in \Omega_N$  then

$$\sum_{v=0}^{\infty} \alpha_v |L_n(t^v; z)| \leq \sum_{v=0}^{\infty} \alpha_v L_n(t^v; |z|) \leq L_n(h; c_N + r_N) < \infty.$$

Hence

$$\sum_{v=0}^{\infty} \alpha_v L_n(t^v; z)$$

is analytic for  $z \in \Omega_N$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ . Since

$$L_n(h; x) = \sum_{v=0}^{\infty} \alpha_v L_n(t^v; x)$$

for  $0 \leq x \leq c_N + r_N$ , we have

$$L_n(h; z) = \sum_{v=0}^{\infty} \alpha_v L_n(t^v; z)$$

for  $z \in \Omega_N$  and  $n \geq N$ . Finally,  $\{L_n(h; \cdot)\}$ ,  $n \geq N$ , is a uniformly bounded sequence on compact subsets of  $\Omega_N$ . By Vitali's convergence theorem

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} L_n(h; z) = h(z)$$

uniformly on compact subsets of  $\Omega_N$  and (3.1) follows.

Analogous to the remark following Theorem 2.7, the proof of Theorem 3.1 can be modified to obtain conclusion (3.1) if  $h$  is entire and there exists a finite number  $A$  such that

$$\overline{\lim}_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|h(x)|}{e^{Ax}} < \infty.$$

In particular, Theorem 3.1 is valid for entire functions of exponential type. For the Szász operator, uniform convergence is obtained on compact subsets of the finite plane [4].

In the sequel let  $\phi(y) = (1 + y/m)^m$ ,  $f(z) = z(1 - z/m)^{-1}$ ,  $m = 1, 2, \dots$ , and

$$c_{nk}(z) = \frac{a_{nk}(f(z))^k}{[\phi(f(z))]^n}.$$

LEMMA 3.2. For  $0 < x < m$ ,  $k = 0, 1, \dots$ , and  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ ,

$$\frac{1}{n} \left( x - \frac{x^2}{m} \right) c'_{nk}(x) = \left( \frac{k}{n} - x \right) c_{nk}(x). \tag{3.2}$$



*Proof.* Let  $0 < x < m$ . Using  $\phi'(y) = [\phi(y)]^{1-1/m}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} c'_{nk}(x) &= a_{nk} \left\{ \frac{k(f(x))^{k-1} f'(x)}{[\phi(f(x))]^n} - \frac{(f(x))^k f'(x) n}{[\phi(f(x))]^{n+1/m}} \right\} \\ &= n f'(x) [\phi(f(x))]^{-1/m} \left\{ \frac{k a_{nk} (f(x))^{k-1}}{n [\phi(f(x))]^{n-1/m}} - \frac{a_{nk} (f(x))^k}{[\phi(f(x))]^n} \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

But

$$x = \frac{f(x) \phi'(f(x))}{\phi(f(x))} = f(x) [\phi(f(x))]^{-1/m}$$

and hence

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= \frac{f'(x) [\phi(f(x))]^{-1/m} f(x)}{f(x)} - \frac{f'(x) \{f(x) [\phi(f(x))]^{-1/m}\}^2}{m f(x)} \\ &= \frac{f'(x)}{f(x)} \left( x - \frac{x^2}{m} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{n} \left( x - \frac{x^2}{m} \right) c'_{nk}(x) &= \frac{k a_{nk} (f(x))^k f'(x)}{n [\phi(f(x))]^n f(x)} \left( x - \frac{x^2}{m} \right) \\ &\quad - \frac{a_{nk} (f(x))^k f'(x)}{[\phi(f(x))]^n} \left( x - \frac{x^2}{m} \right) [\phi(f(x))]^{-1/m} \\ &= \frac{a_{nk} (f(x))^k}{[\phi(f(x))]^n} \left( \frac{k}{n} - x \right) \\ &= c_{nk}(x) \left( \frac{k}{n} - x \right). \end{aligned}$$

**THEOREM 3.3.** *If  $m$  is a positive integer,*

$$h(z) = \sum_{v=0}^{\infty} \alpha_v z^v, \quad |z| \leq m,$$

with

$$\sum_{v=0}^{\infty} |\alpha_v| m^v < \infty,$$

and  $L_n(h; z)$  is the generalized Bernstein polynomial (1.4), then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} L_n(h; z) = h(z) \tag{3.3}$$

uniformly on  $|z| \leq m$ .

*Proof.* As in the proof of Theorem 3.1 we may assume  $\alpha_v \geq 0$ ,  $v = 0, 1, \dots$ . From [3] we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} L_n(h; x) = h(x), \quad 0 \leq x \leq m.$$

The proof of Lemma 2.2 with  $\alpha = -1/m$ ,  $\phi(y) = (1 + y/m)^m$ , and  $y = f(x) = x(1 - x/m)^{-1}$  shows that (2.4) holds for  $0 \leq x < m$ . Therefore

$$L_n(t^v; z) = \sum_{l=1}^v \sigma_v^l \frac{n(n-1/m) \cdots (n-(l-1)/m)}{n^v} z^l \tag{3.4}$$

for all complex  $z$ . When  $r > mn$  the coefficients of  $z^l$  vanish for  $l > mn$ . From (3.4) and

$$L_n(h; x) = \sum_{v=0}^{\infty} \alpha_v L_n(t^v; x), \quad 0 \leq x \leq m,$$

we see that

$$\sum_{v=0}^{\infty} \alpha_v L_n(t^v; z)$$

converges uniformly on  $|z| \leq m$ . Hence

$$L_n(h; z) = \sum_{v=0}^{\infty} \alpha_v L_n(t^v; z), \quad |z| < m.$$

Just as in the proof of Theorem 3.1,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} L_n(h; z) = h(z)$$

uniformly on compact subsets of  $|z| < m$ . In particular, we have uniform convergence on each disk  $|z| \leq p < m$ . Using (3.4),

$$|L'_n(h; z)| \leq L'_n(h; p) \leq L'_n(h; m)$$

for  $|z| \leq p < m$ . By continuity

$$|L'_n(h; z)| \leq L'_n(h; p)$$

for  $|z| \leq p \leq m$ . Next, for any  $|z| \leq m$ ,  $p \leq |z| \leq m$ ,  $z = te^{i\theta}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} |L_n(h; z) - L_n(h; pe^{i\theta})| &\leq \int_p^t |L'_n(h; xe^{i\theta})| dx \\ &\leq L_n(h; t) - L_n(h; p) \leq (t-p) L'_n(h; m). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore the functions  $L_n(h; z)$  will be equicontinuous in  $|z| \leq m$  if the sequence  $\{L'_n(h; m)\}$  is bounded. From (2.1), (2.2), which are true for (1.4), and (3.2)

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \leq L'_n(h; x) &= \left( \frac{n}{x - x^2/m} \right) L_n((t-x)h(t); x) \\ &= \left( \frac{n}{x - x^2/m} \right) L_n((t-x)(h(x) + h'(\zeta)(t-x)); x) \\ &= \left( \frac{n}{x - x^2/m} \right) L_n(h'(\zeta)(t-x)^2; x) \\ &\leq \left( \frac{n}{x - x^2/m} \right) L_n((t-x)^2; x) h'(m) = h'(m) \end{aligned}$$

for  $0 < x < m$ . By continuity,

$$0 \leq L'_n(h; m) \leq h'(m).$$

Finally, since the  $L_n(h; z)$  converge uniformly to  $h(z)$  on each disk  $|z| \leq p < m$ , and are equicontinuous on  $|z| \leq m$ , they converge uniformly on  $|z| \leq m$  and (3.3) is proved.

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