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## Abstract

The weighted approximation errors of Meyer-König and Zeller operator is characterized for weights of the form  $w(x) = x^{\gamma_0}(1-x)^{\gamma_1}$ , where  $\gamma_0 \in [-1, 0]$ ,  $\gamma_1 \in \mathbb{R}$ . Direct inequalities and strong converse inequalities of type A are proved in terms of the weighted  $K$ -functional.

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## 1 Introduction

The Meyer-Konig and Zeller (MKZ) operator is defined for functions  $f \in C[0, 1]$  by the formula

$$M_n(f, x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} f\left(\frac{k}{n+k}\right) M_{n,k}(x) \quad \text{where} \quad M_{n,k}(x) = \binom{n+k}{k} x^k (1-x)^{n+1}. \quad (1.1)$$

Right after their appearance, the MKZ operators became a subject of serious investigations. The reason for this is the fact, that they allow approximating of functions unbounded at the point 1 (which is different, comparing with Bernstein polynomials). But the values of the function are taken at the points  $\frac{k}{n+k}$ , which creates additional difficulties working with these operators.

In this paper we investigate the weighted approximation of functions by the classical variant of MKZ operator in uniform norm  $\|\cdot\|_{[0,1]}$ , i.e. we want to characterize the weighted error of approximation  $\sup_{x \in [0,1]} |w(x)f(x)|$ , where

$$w(x) = x^{\gamma_0}(1-x)^{\gamma_1}. \quad (1.2)$$

are the Jacobi weights.

In the unweighted case ( $w(x) = 1$ ) the direct theorem is proved in [4], and the strong converse inequality of type A (in terminology of [3]) is proved in [6]. Regarding the weighted case, the first results are obtained by Becker and Nessel in [2], where they proved the direct theorems for some symmetrical weights  $w(x) = \varphi^\alpha(x)$  where  $\varphi(x) = x(1-x)^2$  is the weight function which is naturally connected with the second derivative of MKZ operators.

In [10] Totik established, that for  $0 < \alpha \leq 1$  and  $\varphi(x) = x(1-x)^2$  the condition

$$\varphi^\alpha |\Delta_h^2(f, x)| \leq Kh^{2\alpha}$$

is equivalent to

$$M_n f - f = O(n^{-\alpha}).$$

In [9] the authors proved that for  $0 \leq \lambda \leq 1$  and  $0 < \alpha < 2$  the condition

$$|M_n f(x) - f(x)| = O\left(\left(\frac{\varphi^{(1-\lambda)/2}(x)}{\sqrt{n}}\right)^\alpha\right)$$

is equivalent to

$$\omega_{\varphi^{\lambda/2}}^2(f, t) = O(t^\alpha).$$

Here  $\omega_{\varphi^{\lambda/2}}^2(f, t)$  are the modulus of Ditzian-Totik

$$\omega_{\varphi^{\lambda/2}}^2(f, t) = \sup_{0 < h \leq t} \sup_{x \pm h\varphi^{\lambda/2}(x) \in [0,1]} |\Delta_{h\varphi^{\lambda/2}(x)}^2 f(x)|.$$

In [7] Holhoş proved the next direct inequality for weights  $\gamma_0 = 0, \gamma_1 > 0$ :

$$\|w(M_n f - f)\| \leq 2\omega\left(f(1 - e^{-t})e^{-\gamma_1 t}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\right) + \|wf\| \frac{\gamma_1 C(\gamma_1)}{\sqrt{n}}.$$

Before stating our main result, let us introduce some notations and definitions. The first derivative operator is denoted by  $D = \frac{d}{dx}$ . Thus,  $Dg(x) = g'(x)$  and  $D^2g(x) = g''(x)$ .

By  $C[0, 1)$  we denote the space of all continuous on  $[0, 1)$  functions. The functions from  $C[0, 1)$  are not expected to be continuous or bounded at 1. By  $L_\infty[0, 1)$  we denote the space of all Lebesgue measurable and essentially bounded in  $[0, 1)$  functions equipped with the uniform norm  $\|\cdot\|_{[0,1)}$ . For a weight function  $w$  we set

$$\begin{aligned} C(w)[0, 1) &= \{g \in C[0, 1); \quad wg \in L_\infty[0, 1)\}, \\ W^2(w\varphi)[0, 1) &= \{g, Dg \in AC_{loc}(0, 1) \quad w\varphi D^2g \in L_\infty[0, 1)\}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $AC_{loc}(0, 1)$  consists of the functions which are absolutely continuous in  $[a, b]$  for every  $[a, b] \subset (0, 1)$ .

The weighted approximation error  $\|w(f - M_n f)\|_{[0,1)}$  will be compared with the K-functional between the weighted spaces  $C(w)[0, 1)$  and  $W^2(w\varphi)[0, 1)$ , which for every

$$f \in C(w)[0, 1) + W^2(w\varphi)[0, 1) = \{f_1 + f_2 : f_1 \in C(w)[0, 1), f_2 \in W^2(w\varphi)[0, 1)\}$$

and  $t > 0$  is defined by

$$K_w(f, t)_{[0,1)} = \inf_{g \in W^2(w\varphi), f-g \in C(w)} \{\|w(f - g)\|_{[0,1)} + t\|w\varphi D^2g\|_{[0,1)}\}. \quad (1.3)$$

Our main result is the following theorem, establishing a full equivalence between the K-functional  $K_w(f, \frac{1}{n})_{[0,1)}$  and the weighted error  $\|w(M_n f - f)\|_{[0,1)}$ .

**Theorem 1.1.** *For  $w$  defined by (1.2), where  $\gamma_0 \in [-1, 0], \gamma_1 \in \mathbb{R}$ , there exist positive constants  $C_1, C_2$  and  $L$  such that for every natural  $n \geq L$  and for all*

$$f \in C(w)[0, 1) + W^2(w\varphi)[0, 1)$$

there holds

$$C_1 \|w(M_n f - f)\|_{[0,1)} \leq K_w\left(f, \frac{1}{n}\right)_{[0,1)} \leq C_2 \|w(M_n f - f)\|_{[0,1)}. \quad (1.4)$$

The proof is based on the method, used for the first time in [8]. Shortly, the idea is this: by making an appropriate transformation we go to Baskakov operators for which we have the needed estimations and go back by the inverse transformation.

## 2 A connection between Baskakov and MKZ operators

Following [8] we introduce a transformation  $T$  mapping functions defined on  $[0, \infty)$  into functions defined on  $[0, 1)$ . And we make the agreement that from now on we shall denote variables, functions and operators, defined in  $[0, 1)$  the usual way, and their analogs, defined in  $[0, \infty)$ , with tilde.

Now we give some notations and definitions.

The uniform norm on the interval  $[0, \infty)$  we will denote  $\|\cdot\|_{[0, \infty)}$  and we define the next function spaces.

$$\begin{aligned} C(\tilde{w})[0, \infty) &= \{\tilde{g} \in C[0, \infty); \quad \tilde{w}\tilde{g} \in L_\infty[0, \infty)\}, \\ W^2(\tilde{w}\tilde{\varphi})[0, \infty) &= \left\{ \tilde{g}, \tilde{D}\tilde{g} \in AC_{loc}(0, \infty) \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{w}\tilde{\varphi}\tilde{D}^2\tilde{g} \in L_\infty[0, \infty) \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

The weighted error by Baskakov operators will be characterized by the next K-functional, defined for every function  $\tilde{f} \in C(\tilde{w})[0, \infty) + W^2(\tilde{w}\tilde{\varphi})[0, \infty)$  and for every  $t > 0$  by the formula

$$K_{\tilde{w}}(\tilde{f}, t)_{[0, \infty)} = \inf \left\{ \|\tilde{w}(\tilde{f} - \tilde{g})\|_{[0, \infty)} + t \left\| \tilde{w}\tilde{\varphi}\tilde{D}^2\tilde{g} \right\|_{[0, \infty)} \right\}, \quad (2.1)$$

where the infimum is taken over functions  $\tilde{g} \in W^2(\tilde{w}\tilde{\varphi})[0, \infty)$  such that  $\tilde{f} - \tilde{g} \in C(\tilde{w})[0, \infty)$ .

We start with the change of variable  $\sigma : [0, 1) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  (used for the first time by V.Totik in [10]) given by

$$\tilde{x} = \sigma(x) = \frac{x}{1-x}. \quad (2.2)$$

Then the inverse change of variable  $\sigma^{-1} : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1)$  is

$$x = \sigma^{-1}(\tilde{x}) = \frac{\tilde{x}}{1+\tilde{x}}.$$

The transformation operator  $T$ , transforming a function  $\tilde{f}$  defined on  $[0, \infty)$  to a function  $f$  defined on  $[0, 1)$  is defined by

$$f(x) = T(\tilde{f})(x) = \lambda(x)(\tilde{f} \circ \sigma)(x), \quad \lambda(x) = 1-x. \quad (2.3)$$

Then the inverse operator  $T^{-1}$ , transforming a function  $f$  defined on  $[0, 1)$  to a function  $\tilde{f}$  defined on  $[0, \infty)$  is

$$\tilde{f}(\tilde{x}) = T^{-1}(f)(\tilde{x}) = \frac{1}{(\lambda \circ \sigma^{-1})(\tilde{x})}(f \circ \sigma^{-1})(\tilde{x}).$$

We want to estimate the weighted error by MKZ, so we define a new transformation operator  $S$  by

$$w(x) = S(\tilde{w})(x) = \frac{1}{\lambda(x)}(\tilde{w} \circ \sigma)(x). \quad (2.4)$$

and its inverse  $S^{-1}$  is

$$\tilde{w}(\tilde{x}) = S^{-1}(w)(\tilde{x}) = (\lambda \circ \sigma^{-1})(\tilde{x})(w \circ \sigma^{-1})(\tilde{x}).$$

Obviously we have:

$$\begin{aligned} wf &= S(\tilde{w})T(\tilde{f}) = (\tilde{w} \circ \sigma)(\tilde{f} \circ \sigma), \\ \tilde{w}\tilde{f} &= S^{-1}(w)T^{-1}(f) = (w \circ \sigma^{-1})(f \circ \sigma^{-1}). \end{aligned} \quad (2.5)$$

For the next lemmas, which are easily verified (see [8]),  $w$  is a weight in  $[0, 1)$  and  $\tilde{w} = S^{-1}(w)$  is the according weight in  $[0, \infty)$ .

**Lemma 2.1.** *The operators  $T$  and its inverse  $T^{-1}$  are linear positive operators and the next equalities are true:*

$$\begin{aligned} T(\tilde{\varphi}\tilde{D}^2\tilde{f}) &= \varphi D^2(T\tilde{f}), \\ T^{-1}(\varphi D^2 f) &= \tilde{\varphi}\tilde{D}^2(T^{-1}f). \end{aligned} \quad (2.6)$$

**Lemma 2.2.** *The operator  $T : C(\tilde{w})[0, \infty) \rightarrow C(w)[0, 1)$  is an one-to-one correspondence with*

$$\|wT(\tilde{f})\|_{[0,1)} = \|\tilde{w}\tilde{f}\|_{[0,\infty)}, \quad \|\tilde{w}T^{-1}(f)\|_{[0,\infty)} = \|wf\|_{[0,1)}.$$

**Lemma 2.3.** *The operator  $T : W^2(\tilde{w}\tilde{\varphi})[0, \infty) \rightarrow W^2(w\varphi)[0, 1)$  is an one-to-one correspondence with*

$$\|w\varphi D^2(T(\tilde{f}))\|_{[0,1)} = \|\tilde{w}\tilde{\varphi}\tilde{D}^2\tilde{f}\|_{[0,\infty)}, \quad \|\tilde{w}\tilde{\varphi}\tilde{D}^2(T^{-1}(f))\|_{[0,\infty)} = \|w\varphi D^2 f\|_{[0,1)}.$$

**Lemma 2.4.** *For every  $f \in C(w)[0, 1) + W^2(w\varphi)[0, 1)$ ,  $\tilde{f} = T^{-1}f$  and  $t > 0$  we have*

$$K_w(f, t)_{[0,1)} = K_{\tilde{w}}(\tilde{f}, t)_{[0,\infty)}.$$

The next lemma gives the connection between the MKZ operators  $M_n$  and the classical Baskakov operators [1].

**Lemma 2.5.** *For every  $f$  such that one of the series below is convergent and for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  we have*

$$M_n(f)(x) = T(V_n(T^{-1}(f)))(x), \quad x \in [0, 1). \quad (2.7)$$

*Proof.* From the definition of  $T$  we get

$$\begin{aligned} T(V_n(T^{-1}(f)))(x) &= \lambda(x)(V_n(T^{-1}(f)) \circ \sigma^{-1})(x) \\ &= \frac{1}{1+\tilde{x}}(V_n(T^{-1}(f))(\tilde{x})) = \frac{1}{1+\tilde{x}}V_n(\tilde{f}, \tilde{x}) \\ &= \frac{1}{1+\tilde{x}} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \binom{n+k-1}{k} \frac{\tilde{x}^k}{(1+\tilde{x})^{n+k}} \tilde{f}\left(\frac{k}{n}\right) \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \binom{n+k-1}{k} \frac{\tilde{x}^k}{(1+\tilde{x})^{n+k+1}} \frac{1}{(\lambda \circ \sigma^{-1})\left(\frac{k}{n}\right)} (f \circ \sigma^{-1})\left(\frac{k}{n}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$\sigma^{-1}\left(\frac{k}{n}\right) = \frac{k/n}{1+k/n} = \frac{k}{n+k}$$

we have

$$(\lambda \circ \sigma^{-1})\left(\frac{k}{n}\right) = \lambda\left(\frac{k}{n+k}\right) = \frac{n}{n+k} \quad \text{and} \quad (f \circ \sigma^{-1})\left(\frac{k}{n}\right) = f\left(\frac{k}{n+k}\right).$$

Also

$$\frac{\tilde{x}^k}{(1+\tilde{x})^{n+k+1}} = \left(\frac{\tilde{x}}{1+\tilde{x}}\right)^k \frac{1}{(1+\tilde{x})^{n+1}} = x^k(1-x)^{n+1}.$$

Consequently

$$\begin{aligned} T(V_n(T^{-1}(f)))(x) &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \binom{n+k-1}{k} \frac{n+k}{k} x^k(1-x)^{n+1} f\left(\frac{k}{n+k}\right) \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \binom{n+k}{k} x^k(1-x)^{n+1} f\left(\frac{k}{n+k}\right) = M_n(f, x). \end{aligned}$$

□

**Lemma 2.6.** For every  $f \in C(w)[0, 1]$  and for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  we have

$$\|w(M_n f - f)\|_{[0,1]} = \|\tilde{w}(V_n \tilde{f} - \tilde{f})\|_{[0,\infty)}.$$

### 3 Proof of Theorem 1.1 and some other results for MKZ

First, we note that for a weight  $w$ , defined by (1.2), the according weight  $\tilde{w}(\tilde{x})$  is

$$\tilde{w}(\tilde{x}) = S^{-1}(w)(\tilde{x}) = \tilde{x}^{\gamma_0} (1 + \tilde{x})^{-1-\gamma_0-\gamma_1}. \quad (3.1)$$

Then the Theorem 1.1 follows from Lemma 2.6, Lemma 2.5 and Theorem 1 in [5].

From Lemma 2.6, Lemma 2.3 and Lemma 5 in [5] we obtain the next Jackson-type inequality.

**Theorem 3.1.** For  $w$ , defined by (1.2) there exists a constant  $C$  such that for every natural  $n \geq |1 + \gamma_0 + \gamma_1|$  we have

$$\|w(M_n f - f)\|_{[0,1]} \leq \frac{C}{n} \|w\varphi D^2 f\|_{[0,1]}$$

for every function  $f \in W^2(w\varphi)[0, 1]$ .

From the definition of  $T$ , Lemma 2.3, Lemma 2.5 and Lemma 7 in [5] we obtain the next Bernstein-type inequality.

**Theorem 3.2.** For  $w$ , defined by (1.2) there exists a constant  $C$  such that for every natural  $n \geq |1 + \gamma_0 + \gamma_1|$  we have

$$\|w\varphi D^2 M_n f\|_{[0,1]} \leq Cn \|wf\|_{[0,1]}$$

for every function  $f \in C(w)[0, 1]$ .

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