

# APPROXIMATION OF *B*-CONTINUOUS AND *B*-DIFFERENTIABLE FUNCTIONS BY GBS OPERATORS DEFINED BY INFINITE SUM

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ABSTRACT. In this paper we start from a class of linear and positive operators defined by infinite sum. We consider the associated GBS operators and we give an approximation of *B*-continuous and *B*-differentiable functions with these operators. Through particular cases, we obtain statements verified by the GBS operators of Mirakjan-Favard-Szász, Baskakov and Meyer-König and Zeller.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

In this section, we recall some notions and results which we will use in this article. Let  $\mathbb{N}$  be the set of positive integers and  $\mathbb{N}_0 = \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ .

In the following, let X and Y be real intervals.

A function  $f : X \times Y \to \mathbb{R}$  is called a *B*-continuous function in  $(x_0, y_0) \in X \times Y$  if and only if

$$\lim_{(x,y)\to(x_0,y_0)}\Delta f[(x,y),(x_0,y_0)] = 0,$$

where

$$\Delta f[(x,y),(x_0,y_0)] = f(x,y) - f(x_0,y) - f(x,y_0) + f(x_0,y_0)$$

denotes a so-called mixed difference of f.

A function  $f : X \times Y \to \mathbb{R}$  is called a *B*-continuous function on  $X \times Y$  if and only if it is *B*-continuous in any point of  $X \times Y$ .

A function  $f : X \times Y \to \mathbb{R}$  is called a *B*-differentiable function in  $(x_0, y_0) \in X \times Y$  if and only if it exists and if the limit is finite

$$\lim_{(x,y)\to(x_0,y_0)}\frac{\Delta f[(x,y),(x,y_0)]}{(x-x_0)(y-y_0)}$$

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This limit is called the *B*-differential of *f* in the point  $(x_0, y_0)$  and is noted by  $D_B f(x_0, y_0)$ .

A function  $f : X \times Y \to \mathbb{R}$  is called a *B*-differentiable function on  $X \times Y$  if and only if it is *B*-differentiable in any point of  $X \times Y$ .

The definition of *B*-continuity and *B*-differentiability was introduced by K. Bögel in the papers [8] and [9].

The function  $f: X \times Y \to \mathbb{R}$  is *B*-bounded on  $X \times Y$  if and only if there exists k > 0 so that  $|\Delta f[(x, y), (s, t)]| \le k$  for any  $(x, y), (s, t) \in X \times Y$ .

We shall use the function sets  $B(X \times Y) = \{f | f : X \times Y \to \mathbb{R}, f \text{ bounded on } X \times Y\}$ with the usual sup-norm  $\|\cdot\|_{\infty}$ ,  $B_b(X \times Y) = \{f | f : X \times Y \to \mathbb{R}, f \text{ is } B\text{-bounded on } X \times Y\}$ ,  $C_b(X \times Y) = \{f | f : X \times Y \to \mathbb{R}, f \text{ is } B\text{-continuous on } X \times Y\}$  and  $D_b(X \times Y) = \{f | f : X \times Y \to \mathbb{R}, f \text{ is } B\text{-differentiable on } X \times Y\}$ .

Let  $f \in B_b(X \times Y)$ . The function  $\omega_{\text{mixed}}(f; \cdot, \cdot) : [0, \infty) \times [0, \infty) \to \mathbb{R}$  defined by

$$\omega_{\mathsf{mixed}}(f;\delta_1,\delta_2) = \sup\{\Delta f[(x,y),(s,t)]| : |x-s| \le \delta_1, |y-t| \le \delta_2\}$$

for any  $(\delta_1, \delta_2) \in [0, \infty) \times [0, \infty)$  is called the mixed modulus of smoothness.

**Theorem 1.1.** Let X and Y be compact real intervals and  $f \in B_b(X \times Y)$ . Then  $\lim_{\delta_1, \delta_2 \to 0} \omega_{mixed}(f; \delta_1, \delta_2) = 0$  if and only if  $f \in C_b(X \times Y)$ .

For any  $x \in X$  consider the function  $\varphi_x : X \to \mathbb{R}$ , defined by  $\varphi_x(t) = |t - x|$ , for any  $t \in X$ . For additional information, see the following papers: [1], [3], [15] and [19].

Let  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  and the operator  $S_m : C_2([0,\infty)) \to C([0,\infty))$  defined for any function  $f \in C_2([0,\infty))$  by

(1.1) 
$$(S_m f)(x) = e^{-mx} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(mx)^k}{k!} f\left(\frac{k}{m}\right),$$

for any  $x \in [0, \infty)$ , where  $C_2([0, \infty)) = \{f \in C([0, \infty)) : \lim_{x \to \infty} \frac{f(x)}{1+x^2} \text{ exists and is finite}\}$ . The operators  $(S_m)_{m \ge 1}$  are called the Mirakjan-Favard-Szász operators, introduced in 1941 by G. M. Mirakjan in the paper [13].

These operators were intensively studied by J. Favard in 1944 in the paper [11] and O. Szász in the paper [20].

From [18], the following three lemmas result.

**Lemma 1.2.** For any  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have that

(1.2) 
$$\left(S_m \varphi_x^2\right)(x) = \frac{x}{m},$$

(1.3) 
$$\left(S_m\varphi_x^4\right)(x) = \frac{3mx^2 + x}{m^3}$$

for any  $x \in [0, \infty)$  and

(1.4) 
$$\left(S_m \varphi_x^2\right)(x) \le \frac{a}{m}$$

(1.5) 
$$\left(S_m\varphi_x^4\right)(x) \le \frac{a(3a+1)}{m^2}$$

for any  $x \in [0, a]$ , where a > 0.

Let  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  and the operator  $V_m : C_2([0,\infty)) \to C([0,\infty))$ , defined for any function  $f \in C_2([0,\infty))$  by

(1.6) 
$$(V_m f)(x) = (1+x)^{-m} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} {m+k-1 \choose k} \left(\frac{x}{1+x}\right)^k f\left(\frac{k}{m}\right)$$

for any  $x \in [0, \infty)$ .

The operators  $(V_m)_{m\geq 1}$  are called Baskakov operators, introduced in 1957 by V. A. Baskakov in the paper [5].

**Lemma 1.3.** For any  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have that

(1.7) 
$$\left(V_m\varphi_x^2\right)(x) = \frac{x(1+x)}{m},$$

(1.8) 
$$\left(V_m \varphi_x^4\right)(x) = \frac{3(m+2)x^4 + 6(m+2)x^3 + (3m+7)x^2 + x}{m^3}$$

for any  $x \in [0, \infty)$  and

(1.9) 
$$\left(V_m\varphi_x^2\right)(x) \le \frac{a(1+a)}{m}\,,$$

(1.10) 
$$\left(V_m \varphi_x^4\right)(x) \le \frac{a(9a^3 + 18a^2 + 10a + 1)}{m^2}$$

for any  $x \in [0, a]$ , where a > 0.

W. Meyer-König and K. Zeller have introduced a sequence of linear positive operators in paper [12]. After a slight adjustment, given by E. W. Cheney and A. Sharma in [10], these operators take the form  $Z_m : B([0,1)) \to C([0,1))$ , defined for any function  $f \in B([0,1))$  by

(1.11) 
$$(Z_m f)(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} {\binom{m+k}{k}} (1-x)^{m+1} x^k f\left(\frac{k}{m+k}\right),$$

for any  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  and for any  $x \in [0, 1)$ .

These operators are called the Meyer-König and Zeller operators.

In the following we consider  $Z_m : C([0,1]) \to C([0,1])$ , for any  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Lemma 1.4.** For any  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  and any  $x \in [0, 1]$ , we have that

(1.12) 
$$(Z_m \varphi_x^2)(x) \le \frac{x(1-x)^2}{m+1} \left(1 + \frac{2x}{m+1}\right)$$

and

(1.13) 
$$\left(Z_m\varphi_x^2\right)(x) \le \frac{2}{m}$$

The inequality of Corollary 5 from [4], in the condition (1.14) becomes inequality (1.15). Inequality (1.16) is demonstrated in [16].

**Theorem 1.5.** Let  $L : C_b(X \times Y) \to B(X \times Y)$  be a linear positive operator and  $UL : C_b(X \times Y) \to B(X \times Y)$  the associated GBS operator. Supposing that the operator L has the property

(1.14) 
$$(L(\cdot - x)^{2i}(* - y)^{2j})(x, y) = (L(\cdot - x)^{2i})(x, y) (L(* - y)^{2j})(x, y)$$

for any  $(x, y) \in X \times Y$  and any  $i, j \in \{1, 2\}$ , where " $\cdot$ " and "\*" stand for the first and second variable. Then:

(i) For any function  $f \in C_b(X \times Y)$ , any  $(x, y) \in X \times Y$  and any  $\delta_1, \delta_2 > 0$ , we have that (1.15)  $|f(x, y) - (ULf)(x, y)| \le |f(x, y)||1 - (Le_{00})(x, y)|$  $+ \left[ (Le_{00})(x, y) + \delta_1^{-1} \sqrt{(L(\cdot - x)^2)(x, y)} + \delta_2^{-1} \sqrt{(L(* - y)^2)(x, y)} + \delta_1^{-1} \delta_2^{-1} \sqrt{(L(\cdot - x)^2)(x, y)(L(* - y)^2)(x, y)} \right] \omega_{mixed}(f; \delta_1, \delta_2).$ 

(*ii*) For any  $f \in D_b(X \times Y)$  with  $D_B f \in B(X \times Y)$ , any  $(x, y) \in X \times Y$  and any  $\delta_1, \delta_2 > 0$ , we have that

$$(1.16) |f(x,y) - (ULf)(x,y)| \leq |f(x,y)| |1 - (Le_{00})(x,y)| + 3||D_Bf||_{\infty}\sqrt{(L(\cdot - x)^2)(x,y)(L(* - y)^2)(x,y)} \\ + \left[\sqrt{(L(\cdot - x)^2)(x,y)(L(* - y)^2)(x,y)} + \delta_1^{-1}\sqrt{(L(\cdot - x)^4)(x,y)(L(* - y)^2)(x,y)} + \delta_2^{-1}\sqrt{(L(\cdot - x)^2)(x,y)(L(* - y)^4)(x,y)} + \delta_1^{-1}\delta_2^{-1}(L(\cdot - x)^2)(x,y)(L(* - y)^2)(x,y)\right] \omega_{mixed}(D_Bf; \delta_1, \delta_2).$$

#### 2. **Preliminaries**

Let  $I, J, K \subset \mathbb{R}$  be intervals,  $J \subset K$  and  $I \cap J \neq \emptyset$ . We consider the sequence of nodes  $((x_{m,k})_{k \in \mathbb{N}_0})_{m \geq 1}$  so that  $x_{m,k} \in I \cap J, k \in \mathbb{N}_0, m \in \mathbb{N}$  and the functions  $\varphi_{m,k} : K \to \mathbb{R}$  with the property that  $\varphi_{m,k}(x) \geq 0$ , for any  $k \in \mathbb{N}_0, m \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $x \in J$ .

**Definition 2.1.** If  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ , we define the operator  $L_m^* : E(I) \to F(K)$  by

(2.1) 
$$(L_m^* f)(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \varphi_{m,k}(x) f(x_{m,k})$$

for any function  $f \in E(I)$  and any  $x \in K$ , where E(I) and F(K) are subsets of the set of real functions defined on I, respectively on K.

**Proposition 2.1.** The operators  $(L_m^*)_{m\geq 1}$  are linear and positive on  $E(I \cap J)$ . *Proof.* The proof follows immediately.

**Definition 2.2.** If  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ , the operator  $L_{m,n}^* : E(I \times I) \to F(K \times K)$  defined for any function  $f \in E(I \times I)$  and any  $(x, y) \in K \times K$  by

(2.2) 
$$\left(L_{m,n}^*f\right)(x,y) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \varphi_{m,k}(x)\varphi_{n,j}(y)f(x_{m,k},x_{n,j})\right)$$

is called the bivariate operator of  $L^*$  - type.

**Proposition 2.2.** The operators  $(L_{m,n}^*)_{m,n\geq 1}$  are linear and positive on  $E[(I \times I) \cap (J \times J)]$ . *Proof.* The proof follows immediately.

**Definition 2.3.** If  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ , the operator  $UL_{m,n}^* : E(I \times I) \to F(K \times K)$  defined for any function  $f \in E(I \times I)$  and any  $(x, y) \in K \times K$  by

(2.3) 
$$\left(UL_{m,n}^*f\right)(x,y) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \varphi_{m,k}(x)\varphi_{n,j}(y) \left[f(x_{m,k},y) + f(x,x_{n,j}) - f(x_{m,k},x_{n,j})\right]$$

is called a GBS operator of  $L^*$  - type.

### 3. MAIN RESULTS

**Lemma 3.1.** For any  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $i, j \in \mathbb{N}_0$  and  $(x, y) \in K \times K$ , the identity

(3.1) 
$$\left( L_{m,n}^* (\cdot - x)^{2i} (* - y)^{2j} \right) (x, y) = \left( L_m^* (\cdot - x)^{2i} \right) (x) \left( L_n^* (* - y)^{2j} \right) (y)$$

holds.

*Proof.* We have that

$$\left( L_{m,n}^* (\cdot - x)^{2i} (* - y)^{2j} \right) (x, y) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \varphi_{m,k}(x) \varphi_{n,j}(y) (x_{m,k} - x)^{2i} (x_{n,j} - y)^{2j}$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \varphi_{m,k}(x) (x_{m,k} - x)^{2i} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \varphi_{n,j}(y) (x_{n,j} - y)^{2j}$$

$$= \left( L_m^* (\cdot - x)^{2i} \right) (x) \left( L_n^* (* - y)^{2j} \right) (y),$$

so (3.1) holds.

For the operators constructed in this section, we note that  $\delta_m(x) = \sqrt{(L_m^* \varphi_x^2)(x)}, \ \delta_{m,x} = \sqrt{(L_m^* \varphi_x^4)(x)}$ , where  $x \in I \cap J, m \in \mathbb{N}, m \neq 0$ .

Then, by taking Lemma 3.1 into account, Theorem 1.5 becomes:

## Theorem 3.2.

(*i*) For any function  $f \in C_b(I \times I)$ , any  $(x, y) \in (I \times I) \cap (J \times J)$ , any  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ , any  $\delta_1, \delta_2 > 0$ , we have that

$$(3.2) |f(x,y) - (UL_{m,n}^*f)(x,y)| \leq |f(x,y)||1 - (Le_{00})(x,y)| + ((Le_{00})(x,y) + \delta_1^{-1}\delta_m(x) + \delta_2^{-1}\delta_n(y) + \delta_1^{-1}\delta_2^{-1}\delta_m(x)\delta_n(y))\omega_{mixed}(f;\delta_1,\delta_2).$$

(*ii*) For any function  $f \in D_b(I \times I)$  with  $D_B f \in B(I \times I)$ , any  $(x, y) \in (I \times I) \cap (J \times J)$ , any  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ , any  $\delta_1, \delta_2 > 0$ , we have that

$$(3.3) |f(x,y) - (UL^*f)(x,y)| \leq |f(x,y)||1 - (Le_{00})(x,y)| + 3||D_Bf||_{\infty}\delta_m(x)\delta_n(y) + [\delta_m(x)\delta_n(y) + \delta_1^{-1}\delta_{m,x}\delta_n(y) + \delta_2^{-1}\delta_m(x)\delta_{n,y} + \delta_1^{-1}\delta_2^{-1}\delta_m^2(x)\delta_n^2(y)]\omega_{mixed}(D_Bf;\delta_1,\delta_2).$$

In the following, we give examples of operators and of the associated GBS operators.

**Application 1.** If  $I = J = K = [0, \infty)$ ,  $E(I) = C_2([0, \infty))$ ,  $F(K) = C([0, \infty))$ ,  $\varphi_{m,k}(x) = e^{-mx} \frac{(mx)^k}{k!}$ ,  $x_{m,k} = \frac{k}{m}$ ,  $x \in [0, \infty)$ ,  $m, k \in \mathbb{N}_0$ ,  $m \neq 0$ , then we obtain the Mirakjan-Favard-Szász operators.

**Theorem 3.3.** Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ , a > 0 and b > 0. Then:

(*i*) For any function  $f \in C([0,\infty) \times [0,\infty))$ , any  $(x,y) \in [0,a] \times [0,b]$  and  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have that

(3.4) 
$$|f(x,y) - (US_{m,n}f)(x,y)| \le \left(1 + \sqrt{a}\right) \left(1 + \sqrt{b}\right) \omega_{mixed}\left(f; \frac{1}{\sqrt{m}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\right).$$

(*ii*) For any function  $f \in D_b([0,\infty) \times [0,\infty)) \cap C([0,\infty) \times [0,\infty))$  with  $D_B f \in B([0,a] \times [0,b])$ , any  $(x,y) \in [0,a] \times [0,b]$ , any  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have that

(3.5) 
$$|f(x,y) - (US_{m,n}f)(x,y)| \le \sqrt{ab} \left[ 3\|D_B f\|_{\infty} + \left(1 + \sqrt{3a+1} + \sqrt{3b+1} + \sqrt{3b+1} + \sqrt{ab}\right) \omega_{mixed} \left( D_B f; \frac{1}{\sqrt{m}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \right) \right] \frac{1}{\sqrt{mn}}$$

*Proof.* It results from Theorem 3.2, by choosing  $\delta_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{m}}$ ,  $\delta_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$  and Lemma 1.2.

**Theorem 3.4.** If  $f \in C([0,\infty) \times [0,\infty))$ , then the convergence (3.6)  $\lim_{m,n\to\infty} (US_{m,n}f)(x,y) = f(x,y)$ 

is uniform on any compact 
$$[0, a] \times [0, b]$$
, where  $a, b > 0$ .

Proof. It results from Theorem 1.1 and Theorem 3.3.

**Application 2.** If  $I = J = K = [0, \infty)$ ,  $E(I) = C_2([0, \infty))$ ,  $F(K) = C([0, \infty))$ ,  $\varphi_{m,k}(x) = (1 + x)^{-m} {m+k-1 \choose k} (\frac{x}{1+x})^k$ ,  $x_{m,k} = \frac{k}{m}$ ,  $x \in [0, \infty)$ ,  $m, k \in \mathbb{N}_0$ ,  $m \neq 0$ , then we obtain the Baskakov operators.

**Theorem 3.5.** Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ , a > 0 and b > 0. Then:

(*i*) For any function  $f \in C([0,\infty) \times [0,\infty))$ , any  $(x,y) \in [0,a] \times [0,b]$  and any  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have that

(3.7) 
$$|f(x,y) - (UV_{m,n}f)(x,y)| \le \left(1 + \sqrt{a(1+a)}\right) \left(1 + \sqrt{b(1+b)}\right) \omega_{mixed}\left(f; \frac{1}{\sqrt{m}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\right).$$

(*ii*) For any function  $f \in D_b([0,\infty) \times [0,\infty)) \cap C([0,\infty) \times [0,\infty))$  with  $D_B f \in B([0,a] \times [0,b])$ , any  $(x,y) \in [0,a] \times [0,b]$ , any  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have that

$$(3.8) |f(x,y) - (UV_{m,n}f)(x,y)| \leq \sqrt{ab(1+a)(1+b)} \Biggl\{ 3 \|D_B\|_{\infty} + \left[ 1 + \sqrt{9a^3 + 18a^2 + 10a + 1} + \sqrt{9b^3 + 18b^2 + 10b + 1} + \sqrt{ab(1+a)(1+b)} \right] \omega_{mixed} \left( D_B f; \frac{1}{\sqrt{m}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \right) \Biggr\} \frac{1}{\sqrt{mn}}.$$

*Proof.* It results from Theorem 3.2, by choosing  $\delta_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{m}}$ ,  $\delta_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$  and Lemma 1.3. **Theorem 3.6.** If  $f \in C([0, \infty) \times [0, \infty))$ , then the convergence

(3.9)  $\lim_{m,n\to\infty} (UV_{m,n}f)(x,y) = f(x,y)$ 

is uniform on any compact  $[0, a] \times [0, b]$ , where a, b > 0.

*Proof.* It results from Theorem 1.1 and Theorem 3.5.

**Application 3.** If I = J = K = [0, 1], E(I) = F(K) = C([0, 1]),  $\varphi_{m,k}(x) = \binom{m+k}{k} (1 - x)^{m+1}x^k$ ,  $x_{m,k} = \frac{k}{m}$ ,  $x \in [0, 1]$ ,  $m, k \in \mathbb{N}_0$ ,  $m \neq 0$ , then we obtain the Meyer-König and Zeller operators.

**Theorem 3.7.** For any function  $f \in C([0,1] \times [0,1])$ , any  $(x,y) \in [0,1] \times [0,1]$  and any  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have that

(3.10) 
$$|f(x,y) - (UZ_{m,n}f)(x,y)| \le (3+2\sqrt{2})\omega_{mixed}\left(f;\frac{1}{\sqrt{m}},\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\right).$$

*Proof.* It results from Theorem 3.2, by choosing  $\delta_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{m}}$ ,  $\delta_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$  and Lemma 1.4.

**Theorem 3.8.** If  $f \in C([0,1] \times [0,1])$ , then the convergence

(3.11) 
$$\lim_{m,n\to\infty} (UZ_{m,n}f)(x,y) = f(x,y)$$

*is uniform on*  $[0, 1] \times [0, 1]$ .

*Proof.* It results from Theorem 1.1 and Theorem 3.7.

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