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# Note on a Schurer-Stancu-type operator

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ABSTRACT. The aim of this paper is to introduce a class of operators of Schurer-Stancu-type with the property that the test functions  $e_0$  and  $e_1$  are reproduced. Also, in our approach, a theorem of error approximation and a Voronovskaja-type theorem for this operators are obtained. Finally, we study the convergence of the iterates for our new class of operators.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $\mathbb{N}$  be a set of positive integers,  $\mathbb{N}_0 = \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$  and  $\alpha, \beta$  real numbers with  $0 \le \alpha \le \beta$ . We denote by  $e_j$  the monomial of j degree,  $j \in \mathbb{N}_0$ . For any  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $p \in \mathbb{N}$  fixed, F. Schurer [11] has introduced the linear positive operator

$$(\tilde{B}_{m,p}f)(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{m+p} {m+p \choose k} x^k (1-x)^{m+p-k} f\left(\frac{k}{m}\right),$$
(1.1)

defined for any  $f \in C([0, 1 + p])$  and  $x \in [0, 1]$ . The author proved that if  $f \in C([0, 1 + p])$ , then  $\tilde{B}_{m,p}(f) \longrightarrow f$  uniform on [0, 1].

For any  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $0 \le \alpha \le \beta$ , Stancu [12] has introduced the linear positive operator

$$\left(P_m^{(\alpha,\beta)}f\right)(x) = \sum_{k=0}^m \binom{m}{k} x^k (1-x)^{m-k} f\left(\frac{k+\alpha}{m+\beta}\right),\tag{1.2}$$

defined for any  $f \in C([0,1])$  and  $x \in [0,1]$ . The author proved that if  $f \in C([0,1])$  then  $P_m^{(\alpha,\beta)}(f) \longrightarrow f$  uniform on [0,1].

In 2006, Dan Bărbosu [3] introduced for any  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $p \in \mathbb{N}$  fixed,  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $0 \le \alpha \le \beta$  an operator of Schurer-Stancu type by the form

$$(F_{m,p}^{(\alpha,\beta)}f)(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{m+p} \binom{m+p}{k} x^k (1-x)^{m+p-k} f\left(\frac{k+\alpha}{m+\beta}\right),\tag{1.3}$$

defined for any  $f \in C([0, 1+p])$  and  $x \in [0, 1]$ . The author proved that if  $f \in C([0, 1+p])$ , then  $F_{m,p}^{(\alpha,\beta)}(f) \longrightarrow f$  uniform on [0, 1]. Note that the above operators from (1.1)-(1.3) preserve the test function  $e_0$ .

In the study of above classes a Bohman-Korovkin theorem was used. Following the ideas from [1], [4]-[8] and [10], in this paper we introduced a general class which preserves the test function  $e_0$  and  $e_1$ . For our operators a convergence theorem and Voronovskaja-type theorem are obtained. The paper is organized as follows. In Section 2 we have recall some results obtained in [9] which are essentially for obtaining the main results of this paper. Section 3 is devoted to the construction of a class of linear and positive operators

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that preserves the test functions  $e_0$  and  $e_1$ . In concordance with [2], in Section 4 we study the convergence of the iterates of the new class of operators.

### 2. Preliminaries

In this section, we recall some notions and results which we will use in what follows. We consider I, J real intervals with the property  $I \cap J \neq \emptyset$ , let E(I), F(J) be certain subsets of a space of all real functions defined on I, respectively J. Set

$$B(I) = \{f | f : I \to \mathbb{R}, f \text{ bounded on } I\},\$$
$$C(I) = \{f | f : I \to \mathbb{R}, f \text{ continuous on } I\}$$

and

 $C_B(I) = B(I) \cap C(I).$ 

For  $x \in I$ , we consider the function  $\psi_x : I \to \mathbb{R}, \psi_x(t) = t - x, t \in I$ . For any  $m \in \mathbb{N}_0$ , we consider the functions  $\varphi_{m,k} : J \to \mathbb{R}$ , with the property that  $\varphi_{m,k}(x) \ge 0$  for any  $x \in J, k \in \{0, 1, 2, ..., m + p\}$  and the linear positive functionals  $A_{m,k} : E(I) \to \mathbb{R}, k \in \{0, 1, 2, ..., m + p\}$ . For  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  we define the operator  $L_m : E(I) \to F(J)$  by

$$(L_m f)(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{m+p} \varphi_{m,k}(x) A_{m,k}(f).$$
 (2.4)

**Remark 2.1.** The operators  $(L_m)_{m \in \mathbb{N}}$  are linear and positive on  $E(I \cap J)$ .

For any  $f \in E(I), x \in I \cap J, m \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $i \in \mathbb{N}_0$ , we define  $T_{m,i}$  by

$$(T_{m,i}L_m)(x) = m^i (L_m \psi_x^i)(x) = m^i \sum_{k=0}^{m+p} \varphi_{m,k}(x) A_{m,k}(\psi_x^i)$$
(2.5)

In the following, let *s* be a fixed even natural number and we suppose that the operators  $L_m, m \in \mathbb{N}$  verifies the following conditions:

there exists the smallest  $\alpha_s, \alpha_{s+2} \in [0, \infty)$  such that

$$\lim_{m \to \infty} \frac{(T_{m,j}L_m)(x)}{m^{\alpha_j}} = B_j(x) \in \mathbb{R},$$
(2.6)

for any  $x \in I \cap J, j \in \{s, s+2\}$  and

$$\alpha_{s+2} < \alpha_s + 2. \tag{2.7}$$

If  $I \subset \mathbb{R}$  is an given interval and  $f \in C_B(I)$ , then, the first order modulus of smoothness of f is the function  $\omega(f; \cdot) : [0, +\infty) \to \mathbb{R}$  defined for any  $\delta \ge 0$  by  $\omega(f, \delta) = \sup\{|f(x') - f(x'')| : x', x'' \in I, |x' - x''| \le \delta\}$ .

**Theorem 2.1.** [9] Let  $f : I \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a function. If  $x \in I \cap J$  and f is s times derivable function on I, the function  $f^{(s)}$  is continuous in x, then

$$\lim_{m \to \infty} m^{s - \alpha_s} \left( (L_m f)(x) - \sum_{i=0}^s \frac{f^{(i)}(x)}{m^i i!} (T_{m,i} L_m)(x) \right) = 0.$$
(2.8)

If f is a s times differentiable function on I, the function  $f^{(s)}$  is continuous on I and there exists  $m(s) \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $k_j \in \mathbb{R}$  such that for any natural number  $m \ge m(s)$  and for any  $x \in I \cap J$  we have  $\frac{(T_{m,j}L_m)(x)}{(T_{m,j}L_m)(x)} < k.$ (2.9)

$$\frac{T_{m,j}L_m)(x)}{m^{\alpha_j}} \le k_j,\tag{2.9}$$

where  $j \in \{s, s + 2\}$ , then the convergence given in (2.8) is uniformly on  $I \cap J$  and

$$m^{s-\alpha_{s}} \left| (L_{m}f)(x) - \sum_{i=0}^{s} \frac{f^{(i)}(x)}{m^{i}i!} (T_{m,i}L_{m})(x) \right| \leq$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{s!} (k_{s} + k_{s+2}) \omega \left( f^{(s)}; \frac{1}{\sqrt{m^{2+\alpha_{s}-\alpha_{s+2}}}} \right),$$
(2.10)

for any  $x \in I \cap J$  and  $m \ge m(s)$ .

Now, let  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  be fixed real numbers and  $p \in \mathbb{N}$  fixed with the property that  $0 < \alpha + p < \beta$ . We observe that if  $m, m_0 \in \mathbb{N}, m \ge m_0$ , then

$$\left[\frac{\alpha}{m_0+\beta}, \frac{m_0+p+\alpha}{m_0+\beta}\right] \subset \left[\frac{\alpha}{m+\beta}, \frac{m+p+\alpha}{m+\beta}\right].$$
(2.11)

Moreover, for  $\alpha = \beta = p = 0$  the interval  $\left[\frac{\alpha}{m+\beta}; \frac{m+p+\alpha}{m+\beta}\right]$  becomes [0,1].

# 3. A NEW CLASS OF OPERATORS

Let  $p \in \mathbb{N}$  fixed,  $0 < \alpha + p < \beta$  and the functions  $a_m, b_m : J \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $a_m(x) \ge 0$ ,  $b_m(x) \ge 0$  for any  $x \in J, m \in \mathbb{N}$  and I = [0, 1 + p]. We define the operator of the following form

$$\left(S_{m,p}^{(\alpha,\beta)}f\right)(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{m+p} \binom{m+p}{k} a_m^k(x) b_m^{m+p-k}(x) f\left(\frac{k+\alpha}{m+\beta}\right),\tag{3.12}$$

for any  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $x \in J$  and  $f \in E([0, 1 + p])$ , here E([0, 1 + p]) is the linear space of all real valued functions defined on [0, 1+p]. In what follows, we impose the additional condition to be fulfilled by our operators

$$\left(S_{m,p}^{(\alpha,\beta)}e_0\right)(x) = 1, m \in \mathbb{N}, x \in J.$$
(3.13)

We get

$$(a_m(x) + b_m(x))^{m+p} = 1, m \in \mathbb{N}, x \in J,$$
(3.14)

from where

$$a_m(x) + b_m(x) = 1, m \in \mathbb{N}, x \in J.$$
 (3.15)

The second condition will be read as follows

$$\left(S_{m,p}^{(\alpha,\beta)}e_1\right)(x) = x, m \in \mathbb{N}, x \in J.$$
(3.16)

We get

$$\frac{a_m(x)(m+p)}{m+\beta} \left(a_m(x) + b_m(x)\right)^{m+p-1} + \frac{\alpha}{m+\beta} \left(a_m(x) + b_m(x)\right)^{m+p} = x, \quad (3.17)$$

 $m \in \mathbb{N}, x \in J$ . From (3.14), (3.15) and (3.17) it follows

$$a_m(x) = \frac{(m+\beta)x - \alpha}{m+p}$$
(3.18)

and

$$b_m(x) = \frac{m+p-(m+\beta)x+\alpha}{m+p}$$
(3.19)

for any  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $x \in J$ . We fix  $m_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  and let  $\mathbb{N}_1 = \{m \in \mathbb{N}_0 | m \ge m_0\}$ .

**Lemma 3.1.** Let  $m \in \mathbb{N}_1$ , then the following relations are equivalent

(i) 
$$a_m(x) \ge 0$$
 and  $b_m(x) \ge 0$ ;  
(ii)  $x \in J$  and  $J = \left[\frac{\alpha}{m_0+\beta}, \frac{m_0+p+\alpha}{m_0+\beta}\right]$ .

*Proof.* Taking into account (2.11), after some calculus, it follows immediately.  $\Box$ 

Now, considering the relations (3.18) and (3.19), the operator (3.12) becomes

$$\left(S_{m,p}^{(\alpha,\beta)}f\right)(x) = \frac{1}{(m+p)^{m+p}} \sum_{k=0}^{m+p} \binom{m+p}{k} \left((m+\beta)x - \alpha\right)^k \cdot (m+p-(m+\beta)x + \alpha)^{m+p-k} \cdot f\left(\frac{k+\alpha}{m+\beta}\right)$$
(3.20)

for any  $m \in \mathbb{N}_1$ ,  $x \in J$  and  $f \in E([0, 1 + p])$ . From (3.20) we have

$$\begin{pmatrix} S_{m,p}^{(\alpha,\beta)}e_2 \end{pmatrix}(x) = \frac{m+p-1}{m+p}x^2 + \left(\frac{2(m+p-1)\alpha}{(m+\beta)(m+p)} + \frac{1}{m+\beta} + \frac{2\alpha}{m+\beta}\right)x + (3.21) \\ + \left(\frac{m+p-1}{(m+\beta)^2(m+p)} - \frac{1}{(m+\beta)^2}\right)\alpha^2 - \frac{1}{(m+\beta)^2}\alpha,$$

for any  $m \in \mathbb{N}_1$ ,  $x \in J$ ,  $f \in E([0, 1 + p])$ . Coming back to Theorem 2.1 and Remark 2.1 for our operator (3.12) we have I = [0, 1 + p], E([0, 1 + p]) = C([0, 1 + p]),

$$\varphi_{m,k} = \frac{1}{(m+p)^{m+p}} {m+p \choose k} \left( (m+\beta)x - \alpha \right)^k \cdot$$

$$\cdot (m+p - (m+\beta)x + \alpha)^{m+p-k}$$
(3.22)

and

$$A_{m,k}(f) = f\left(\frac{k+\alpha}{m+\beta}\right),\tag{3.23}$$

for any  $m \in \mathbb{N}_1, x \in \left[\frac{\alpha}{m_0 + \beta}, \frac{m_0 + p + \alpha}{m_0 + \beta}\right]$  and  $f \in C([0, 1 + p])$ .

**Remark 3.2.** If  $x \in \left[\frac{\alpha}{m_0+\beta}, \frac{m_0+p+\alpha}{m_0+\beta}\right]$  and  $m \in \mathbb{N}_1$ , then the operators  $S_{m,p}^{(\alpha,\beta)}$  are linear and positive for  $f \in C([0, 1+p])$ .

**Lemma 3.2.** For 
$$m \in \mathbb{N}_1$$
 and  $x \in \left[\frac{\alpha}{m_0+\beta}, \frac{m_0+p+\alpha}{m_0+\beta}\right]$ , the following identities
$$\left(T_{m,0}S_{m,p}^{(\alpha,\beta)}\right)(x) = 1,$$
(3.24)

$$\left(T_{m,1}S_{m,p}^{(\alpha,\beta)}\right)(x) = 0 \tag{3.25}$$

 $\square$ 

and

$$\left(T_{m,2}S_{m,p}^{(\alpha,\beta)}\right)(x) = m^2\left(\left(S_{m,p}^{(\alpha,\beta)}e_2\right)(x) - x^2\right)$$
(3.26)

hold.

*Proof.* We take (2.5), (3.13) and (3.16) into account.

In concordance with Theorem 2.1, from (3.24)-(3.26) we obtain  $k_0 = 1$ , m(0) = 1,  $k_2 = \frac{16\alpha^2 + 8\alpha + 5}{4}$ ,  $\alpha_0 = 0$  and  $\alpha_2 = 1$ .

The main results are obtained from the next theorems

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**Theorem 3.2.** If  $f : [0, 1 + p] \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a continuous function on [0, 1], then we have

$$\lim_{m \to \infty} S_{m,p}^{(\alpha,\beta)} = f \tag{3.27}$$

uniformly on  $J = \left[\frac{\alpha}{m_0+\beta}, \frac{m_0+p+\alpha}{m_0+\beta}\right]$ . There exists  $m^* = max(m_0, m(0))$  such that

$$\left| \left( S_{m,p}^{(\alpha,\beta)} f \right)(x) - f(x) \right| \le \frac{9 + 16\alpha^2 + 8\alpha}{4} \cdot \omega \left( f, \frac{1}{\sqrt{m}} \right), \tag{3.28}$$

for any  $x \in \left[\frac{\alpha}{m_0+\beta}, \frac{m_0+p+\alpha}{m_0+\beta}\right], m \in \mathbb{N}, m \ge m^*.$ 

*Proof.* We used (3.24) and Theorem 2.1 to obtain (3.27). From the relation (3.26) we obtain that

$$\frac{(T_{m,2}S_{m,p}^{\alpha,\beta})(x)}{m} \le x(4\alpha + 1 - x) + 1 \le \frac{16\alpha^2 + 8\alpha + 5}{4}.$$
(3.29)

Taking into account (3.24) and (3.29) we obtain (3.28).

**Theorem 3.3.** If  $f : [0, 1 + p] \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a continuous function on [0, 1] and is two times differentiable on [0, 1] having the second-order derivative continuous on [0, 1], then we have

$$\lim_{m \to \infty} m\left( \left( S_{m,p}^{(\alpha,\beta)} f \right)(x) - f(x) \right) = \frac{f^{(2)}(x)}{2} x (4\alpha + 1 - x).$$
(3.30)

Proof. Using that

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{T_{m,2} S_{m,p}^{\alpha,\beta}}{m} = x(4\alpha + 1 - x)$$

and taking into account Theorem 2.1 and Lemma 3.2, we obtain the relation (3.30).  $\Box$ 

Theorem 3.3 is a Voronovskaja-type theorem.

#### 4. APPLICATION

Following [2], for our new operator, we obtain

**Theorem 4.4.** Let I = [c, d],  $f : I \to \mathbb{R}$ ,  $S_{m,p}^{(\alpha,\beta)}$ ,  $m \in \mathbb{N}_1$  be defined by (3.8) such that  $\varphi_{m,0}(c) = \varphi_{m,m+p}(d) = 1$ . If  $f \in C([c, d])$ , then the iterates sequence  $\left(\left(S_{m,p}^{(\alpha,\beta)}\right)^n\right)_{n\geq 1}$  verifies

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \left( \left( S_{m,p}^{(\alpha,\beta)} \right)^n f \right)(x) = f(c) + \frac{f(d) - f(c)}{d - c}(x - c), \tag{4.31}$$

uniformly on [c, d], where  $c = \frac{\alpha}{m+\beta}$ ,  $d = \frac{m+p+\alpha}{m+\beta}$ .

*Proof.* At first we define

$$X_{\gamma,\delta} := \{ f \in C([c,d]) | f(c) = \gamma, f(d) = \delta \}, (\gamma,\delta) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$$

Clearly, every  $X_{\gamma,\delta}$  is a closed subset of C([c,d]) and the system  $X_{\gamma,\delta}, (\gamma, \delta) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$ , makes up a partition of this space. Since  $\varphi_{m,0}(c) = \varphi_{m,m+p}(d) = 1$ , the relation (3.13) implies  $\left(S_{m,p}^{(\alpha,\beta)}f\right)(c) = f(c)$  and  $\left(S_{m,p}^{(\alpha,\beta)}f\right)(d) = f(d)$ , in other words for all  $(\gamma, \delta) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$  and  $m \in \mathbb{N}_1, X_{\gamma,\delta}$  is an invariant subset of  $S_{m,p}^{(\alpha,\beta)}$ .

Further on, we prove that  $S_{m,p}^{(\alpha,\beta)}|_{X_{\gamma,\delta}}: X_{\gamma,\delta} \longrightarrow X_{\gamma,\delta}$  is a contraction for every  $(\gamma, \delta) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$  and  $m \in \mathbb{N}_1$ . Let us denote  $u_m := \min_{x \in [c,d]} (\varphi_{m,0}(x) + \varphi_{m,m+p}(x))$ . If f and g belong to  $X_{\gamma,\delta}$  then, for every  $x \in [c,d]$ , we can write

$$\left| \left( S_{m,p}^{(\alpha,\beta)} f \right)(x) - \left( S_{m,p}^{(\alpha,\beta)} g \right)(x) \right| = \left| \sum_{k=1}^{m+p-1} \varphi_{m,k}(x)(f-g)(x_{m,k}) \right|$$
$$\leq \sum_{k=1}^{m+p-1} \varphi_{m,k}(x) \|f-g\|_{\infty}$$
$$= (1 - \varphi_{m,0}(x) - \varphi_{m,m+p}(x)) \|f-g\|_{\infty}$$
$$\leq (1 - u_m) \|f-g\|_{\infty},$$

where  $x_{m,k} = \frac{k+\alpha}{m+\beta}$ ,  $k \in \{0, ..., m+p\}$ .

Consequently we obtain  $\left\| \left( S_{m,p}^{(\alpha,\beta)} f \right)(x) - \left( S_{m,p}^{(\alpha,\beta)} g \right)(x) \right\|_{\infty} \leq (1-u_m) \|f-g\|_{\infty}$ . In our case, from Lemma 3.1 we have  $u_m > 0$ , which guarantees our statement. On the other hand, the function  $p_{\gamma,\delta}^* := \gamma + ((\delta - \gamma)/(d-c))(e_1 - c)$  belongs to  $X_{\gamma,\delta}$  and since  $S_{m,p}^{(\alpha,\beta)}$  reproduces the affine functions  $p_{\gamma,\delta}^*$  is a fixed point of  $S_{m,p}^{(\alpha,\beta)}$ .

For any  $f \in C([c,d])$  one has  $f \in X_{f(c),f(d)}$  and, by using the contraction principle, we get  $\lim_{n \to \infty} \left(S_{m,p}^{(\alpha,\beta)}\right)^n f = p_{f(c),f(d)}^*$ . We obtained the desired result in (4.31).

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