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ON THE RATE OF POINTWISE CONVERGENCE  
OF THE KANTOROVICH-TYPE OPERATORS

ABSTRACT: For bounded or some locally bounded functions  $f$  measurable on an interval  $I$  there is estimated the rate of convergence of the Kantorovich-type operators  $L_n^* f$  at those points  $x \in \text{Int } I$  at which the one-sided limits  $f(x \pm 0)$  exist. In the main theorems the Chanturiya modulus of variation is used.

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## 1. PRELIMINARIES

Let  $I$  be a finite or infinite interval and let  $M(I)$  be the class of all measurable complex-valued functions bounded on  $I$ . In the case when  $I$  is an infinite interval, denote by  $M_{loc}(I)$  the class of all functions measurable on  $I$  and bounded on every compact subinterval of  $I$ . Given any  $n \in N := \{1, 2, \dots\}$ , let  $J_n$  be a set of indices contained in  $Z := \{0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots\}$  and let  $I$  be the union of non-overlapping intervals  $I_{j,n}$ , ( $j \in J_n$ ), with increasing left [right] end points. Introduce, formally, for functions  $f$  belonging to  $M(I)$  or  $M_{loc}(I)$ , the discrete operators  $L_n$  defined by

$$(1) \quad L_n f(x) := \sum_{j \in J_n} f(\xi_{j,n}) p_{j,n}(x) \quad (x \in I, n \in N),$$

where  $\xi_{j,n} \in I_{j,n}$  and  $p_{j,n}$  are non-negative functions continuous on  $I$ . Denote by  $L_n^*$  the Kantorovich-type modification of operators (1), given by

$$(2) \quad L_n^* f(x) := \sum_{j \in J_n} (m_{j,n})^{-1} p_{j,n}(x) \int_{I_{j,n}} f(t) dt \quad (x \in I, n \in N),$$

with  $m_{j,n} = \text{meas } I_{j,n}$ . Assume that, for every  $x \in I$ ,

$$(3) \quad \rho_n(x) := \sum_{j \in J_n} p_{j,n}(x) - 1 \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty,$$

and that

$$(4) \quad \mu_{2,n}^*(x) := \sum_{j \in J_n} (m_{j,n})^{-1} p_{j,n}(x) \int_{I_{j,n}} (t-x)^2 dt < \infty \quad (n \in N).$$

In view of the Shisha and Mond Theorem ([4], pp. 28-29) we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} L_n^* f(x) = f(x)$$

at every point  $x$  of continuity of  $f \in M(I)$  at which  $\mu_{2,n}^*(x) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Some approximation properties of certain concrete operators of the form (2) for continuous or Lebesgue-integrable functions  $f$  are investigated e.g. in [5, Chap.9], [9, Chap. II].

In this paper we present general quantitative inequalities for the rate of pointwise convergence of  $L_n^* f(x)$  for functions  $f \in M(I)$  (or  $f \in M_{loc}(I)$ ) at those points  $x \in \text{Int } I$  at which the one-sided limits  $f(x \pm 0)$  exist. In particular, inequalities of this type for the Bernstein-Kantorovich polynomials are obtained in [10]. Analogous results for operators (1) are given in [1].

For the sake of brevity we write

$$s(x) := \frac{1}{2} \{f(x+0) + f(x-0)\}, \quad r(x) := \frac{1}{2} \{f(x+0) - f(x-0)\}.$$

Our main estimates concerning the deviation  $|L_n^* f(x) - s(x)|$  are expressed in terms of the modulus of variation of the function

$$g_x(t) := \begin{cases} f(t) - f(x+0) & \text{if } t > x, \\ 0 & \text{if } t = x, \\ f(t) - f(x-0) & \text{if } t < x, \end{cases} \quad (t \in I).$$

Given any positive integer  $k$ , the modulus of variation  $v_k(g; Y)$  of a bounded function  $g$  on a finite or infinite interval  $Y$  is defined as the upper bound of the set of all numbers

$$\sum_{j=1}^k |g(b_j) - g(a_j)|$$

over all systems  $\Pi_k$  of  $k$  non-overlapping intervals  $(a_j, b_j)$  contained in  $Y$ . If  $k=0$  we take  $v_0(g; Y) = 0$ . Clearly,  $v_k(g; Y)$  is a non-decreasing function of  $k$ . Some basic properties of this modulus can be found e.g. in [3].

In our considerations we use the standing notation :

$$I_x(h) := [x+h, x] \cap I \quad \text{if } h < 0, \quad I_x(h) := [x, x+h] \cap I \quad \text{if } h > 0,$$

$$J_x(h) := [x-h, x+h] \cap I \quad \text{for } h > 0.$$

The integral part of a real number  $u$  is denoted by  $[u]$ .

## 2. MAIN RESULTS

Let us note that under the assumption  $f \in M(I)$  the operators (2) can be written in the form

$$(5) \quad L_n^* f(x) = \int_I f(t) H_n(x, t) dt$$

with

$$H_n(x, t) = \sum_{j \in J_n} (m_{j,n})^{-1} p_{j,n}(x) \chi_{j,n}(t),$$

where  $\chi_{j,n}$  denotes the characteristic function of the interval  $I_{j,n}$ . The same is also true for  $f \in M_{loc}(I)$ , satisfying the suitable growth condition (as in Theorem 2 below).

Consider a point  $x \in \text{Int } I$  at which both limits  $f(x \pm 0)$  exist. It is clear that

$$(6) \quad L_n^* f(x) - s(x) = L_n^* g_x(x) + r(x) L_n^* \text{sgn}_x(x) + s(x) \rho_n(x),$$

where

$$\text{sgn}_x(t) := \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } t > x, \\ 0 & \text{if } t = x, \\ -1 & \text{if } t < x. \end{cases}$$

In order to evaluate the term  $L_n^* g_x(x)$  it is convenient to use the representation (5) and write

$$(7) \quad L_n^* g_x(x) = \left( \int_{I_x(-a)} + \int_{I_x(b)} \right) g_x(t) H_n(x, t) dt + \vartheta_x(a, b) \int_{D_x(a, b)} g_x(t) H_n(x, t) dt$$

where  $a > 0$ ,  $b > 0$ ,  $D_x(a, b) = I[x - a, x + b]$ ,  $\vartheta_x(a, b) = 0$  if neither of the points  $x - a$ ,  $x + b$  belongs to  $\text{Int } I$ , and  $\vartheta_x(a, b) = 1$  otherwise.

*Lemma.* Suppose that  $x \in \text{Int } I$  and that  $f$  is bounded on an interval  $I_x(h)$ ,  $h \neq 0$ . Choose a positive null sequence  $(d_n)_1^\infty$  such that  $d_n \leq 1/2$  and write  $\mu := [1/d_n]$ . Then, for every  $n \in N$ ,

$$(8) \quad \left| \int_{I_x(h)} g_x(t) H_n(x, t) dt \right| \leq$$

$$\leq P_n(x, h) \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{\mu-1} \frac{1}{i^3} v_i(g_x; I_x(ihd_n)) + \frac{1}{\mu^2} v_\mu(g_x; I_x(h)) \right\},$$

where  $P_n(x, h) := 1 + \rho_n(x) + 8\mu_{2,n}^*(x)h^{-2}d_n^{-2}$ .

This result follows by the same method as in [1] or [2], and we omit the details.

If the function  $f$  is bounded on  $I$  and if at least one of the points  $x-a$ ,  $x+b$  belongs to  $\text{Int } I$ , then the obvious inequality

$$\int_{|t-x| \geq s} H_n(x, t) dt \leq \frac{1}{s^2} \mu_{2,n}^*(x), \quad (x \in I, s > 0)$$

yields the estimate

$$(9) \quad \left| \int_{D_1(a,b)} g_x(t) H_n(x, t) dt \right| \leq \frac{1}{c^2} \mu_{2,n}^*(x) v_1(g_x; I),$$

where  $\mu_{2,n}^*(x)$  is defined by (4) and  $c = \min\{a, b\}$ .

Taking into account identities (6), (7) with  $a = b = 1$ , inequality (9) and the Lemma (with  $h = -1$  and  $h = 1$ ), we can state our main result as follows.

*Theorem 1. Suppose that, for all  $x \in I$  and all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,*

$$(10) \quad \sum_{j \in J_n} p_{j,n}(x) \equiv 1 + \rho_n(x) \leq \varphi_1(x),$$

$$(11) \quad \mu_{2,n}^*(x) \leq \varphi_2(x) d_n^2,$$

where  $\varphi_1, \varphi_2$  are some positive functions continuous on  $I$  and  $(d_n)_1^\infty$  is a positive null sequence. If  $f \in M(I)$  and if at a point  $x \in \text{Int } I$  the one-sided limits  $f(x \pm 0)$  exist then, for all positive integers  $n$  such that  $d_n \leq 1/2$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} |L_n^* f(x) - s(x)| &\leq P(x) \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{\mu-1} \frac{1}{i^3} v_i(g_x; J_x(id_n)) + \frac{1}{\mu^2} v_\mu(g_x; J_x(1)) \right\} + \\ &+ \mathcal{G}_x(1,1) \varphi_2(x) d_n^2 v_1(g_x; I) + |r(x) L_n^* \text{sgn}_x(x)| + |s(x) \rho_n(x)|, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\mu = [1/d_n]$ ,  $P(x) := 2\{\varphi_1(x) + 8\varphi_2(x)\}$  and  $\rho_n(x)$  is defined by (3).

Following [1, Theorem 2] (or [2, Theorem 2]) one can get the result for unbounded functions  $f$  on infinite interval  $I$ .

*Theorem 2.* Let  $I = [0, \infty)$  or  $I = (-\infty, \infty)$  and let conditions (10), (11) be fulfilled. Suppose that a function  $f$  of class  $M_{loc}(I)$  satisfies the growth condition

$$(12) \quad |f(x)| \leq \psi(x) \quad (x \in I)$$

with a positive continuous function  $\psi$  such that for all  $n \geq n_0 \in N$ ,  $x \in I$

$$(13) \quad \sum_{j \in J_n} (m_{j,n})^{-1} p_{j,n}(x) \int_{I_{j,n}} \psi^2(t) dt \leq \varphi_3(x),$$

$0 < \varphi_3(x) < \infty$ . If at a point  $x \in \text{Int} I$  the limits  $f(x \pm 0)$  exist and if  $A$  is an arbitrary positive number for which  $|x| \leq A$  then, for every integer  $n \geq n_0$ , such that  $d_n \leq 1/2$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} |L_n^* f(x) - s(x)| \leq \\ \leq 2P(x, A) \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{\mu-1} \frac{1}{i^3} v_i(g_x; J_x(iAd_n)) + \frac{1}{\mu^2} v_\mu(g_x; J_x(A)) \right\} + \\ + \Lambda(x, A) d_n + |r(x) L_n^* \text{sgn}_x(x)| + |s(x) \rho_n(x)|, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$P(x, A) := \varphi_1(x) + 8\varphi_2(x)/A^2,$$

$$\Lambda(x, A) := A^{-1}(\varphi_2(x)\varphi_3(x))^{1/2} + \frac{1}{2}A^{-2}\psi(x)\varphi_2(x)$$

and the remaining quantities are of the same meaning as in Theorem 1.

Now, let us denote by  $BV_p(I)$  ( $1 \leq p < \infty$ ) the class of all functions of bounded  $p$ -th power variation on  $I$ . Here, by  $p$ -th power variation of a function  $g$  on the interval  $Y \subseteq I$  we will mean the upper bound of the set of non-negative numbers

$$\left\{ \sum_j |g(b_j) - g(a_j)|^p \right\}^{1/p}$$

over all finite systems of non-overlapping intervals  $(a_j, b_j) \subset Y$ . We will denote it by  $V_p(g; Y)$ . Clearly, if  $V_p(g; Y) < \infty$  then for every positive integer  $j$ ,

$$v_j(g; Y) \leq j^{1-1/p} V_p(g; Y).$$

Using this inequality and proceeding similarly to [11, pp.152-153] we get from Theorem 1 the following

*Corollary.* Suppose that conditions (10), (11) are satisfied. If  $f \in BV_p(I)$  then, for all  $x \in \text{Int } I$  and  $n \in N$  such that  $0 < d_n \leq 1/2$ ,

$$|L_n^* f(x) - s(x)| \leq Q(x) \frac{1}{\mu^{1+1/p}} \sum_{k=0}^{\mu^2-1} \frac{1}{(\sqrt{k+1})^{1-1/p}} V_p(g_x; Y_k) + \\ + |r(x) L_n^* \text{sgn}_x(x)| + |s(x) \rho_n(x)|,$$

where  $Y_k = J_x(1/\sqrt{k})$  if  $k=1, 2, \dots, \mu^2-1$ ,  $Y_0 = I$ ,  $Q(x) := 15\{\varphi_1(x) + 8\varphi_2(x)\}$ ,  $\mu$ ,  $L_n^* \text{sgn}_x(x)$ ,  $\rho_n(x)$  have the same meaning as in Theorem 1.

In the case of unbounded functions  $f$  Theorem 2 leads to the analogous Corollary, too.

*Remark 1.* The term  $L_n^* \text{sgn}_x(x)$  occurring in our estimates can be written in the form

$$L_n^* \text{sgn}_x(x) = \sum_{j \in J_n} (m_{j,n})^{-1} p_{j,n}(x) \left( \int_{t>x} \chi_{j,n}(t) dt - \int_{t<x} \chi_{j,n}(t) dt \right).$$

Suppose that  $x$  belongs to the interval  $I_{l,n} = [\alpha_{l,n}, \beta_{l,n})$ . Then

$$L_n^* \text{sgn}_x(x) = \sum_{j \in J_n} (m_{j,n})^{-1} p_{j,n}(x) \left\{ \int_x^{\beta_{l,n}} \chi_{j,n}(t) dt + \sum_{k>l} \int_{I_{k,n}} \chi_{j,n}(t) dt \right\} + \\ - \sum_{j \in J_n} (m_{j,n})^{-1} p_{j,n}(x) \left\{ \sum_{k<l} \int_{I_{k,n}} \chi_{j,n}(t) dt + \int_{\alpha_{l,n}}^x \chi_{j,n}(t) dt \right\}.$$

(It is understood that the summation in the inner sums is extended over  $k \in J_n$ .)

Further,

$$\begin{aligned}
L_n^* \operatorname{sgn}_x(x) &= (m_{l,n})^{-1} p_{l,n}(x)(\beta_{l,n} - x) - (m_{l,n})^{-1} p_{l,n}(x)(x - \alpha_{l,n}) + \\
&\quad + \sum_{j>l} (m_{j,n})^{-1} p_{j,n}(x) m_{j,n} - \sum_{j<l} (m_{j,n})^{-1} p_{j,n}(x) m_{j,n} = \\
&= (m_{l,n})^{-1} p_{l,n}(x)(\beta_{l,n} - 2x + \alpha_{l,n}) + \sum_{j>l} p_{j,n}(x) - \sum_{j<l} p_{j,n}(x).
\end{aligned}$$

Consequently,

$$(14) \quad |L_n^* \operatorname{sgn}_x(x)| \leq p_{l,n}(x) + \left| \sum_{j>l} p_{j,n}(x) - \sum_{j<l} p_{j,n}(x) \right|.$$

The above estimate is useful in applications.

*Remark 2.* In view of the continuity of the function  $g_x$  at  $x$ , the right-hand side of inequality (8) converges to zero as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  (see e.g. Remark 1 in [11]). Moreover, for many operators of the form (2), condition (3) is satisfied and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} L_n^* \operatorname{sgn}_x(x) = 0 \quad \text{at every } x \in \operatorname{Int} I.$$

Consequently, for these operators, the right-hand sides of the inequalities given in Theorems 1, 2 and Corollary converge to zero as  $n$  tends to infinity.

### 3. EXAMPLES

Let  $\{\zeta_k\}_1^\infty$  be a sequence of independent and identically distributed random variables with expectations  $E\zeta_k = x$  and finite variances  $E(\zeta_k - E\zeta_k)^2 = \sigma^2(x)$ , where  $x$  is a real parameter taking values in an interval  $I \subseteq [0, \infty)$ . Suppose that  $\zeta_1$  has the lattice distribution  $F := \{p_{j,1}(x) : x \in I, j \in J_1\}$  concentrated on a set  $J_1 \subseteq N_0 := \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ . The operators (1) with the system  $\{p_{j,n}(x) : x \in I, j \in J_n\}$  being the  $n$ -fold convolution of  $F$  with it self and  $\xi_{j,n} = j/n$  are called the discrete Feller operators ([6], p. 218). Consider the corresponding Kantorovich-type operators  $L_n^*$  defined by (2) in which  $\xi_{j,n} \in I_{j,n}$  and  $m_{j,n} \leq 1/n$  for all  $j \in J_n$ ,  $n \in N$ . Suppose that  $x \in I_{l,n}$  with some index  $l \in J_n$  and put  $\lambda = (l - nx) / \sqrt{n} \sigma(x)$ . Then

$$\left| \sum_{j \leq l} p_{j,n}(x) - \frac{1}{2} \right| \leq \left| \sum_{j \leq l} p_{j,n}(x) - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\lambda} \exp(-u^2/2) du \right| +$$

$$+ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \left| \int_0^\lambda \exp(-u^2/2) du \right|.$$

If, moreover,

$$\sigma^2(x) > 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \beta(x) := E(|\zeta_1 - x|^3) < \infty$$

then, in view of the Berry-Esséen Theorem ([6], p. 515),

$$\left| \sum_{j \leq l} p_{j,n}(x) - \frac{1}{2} \right| \leq \frac{\tau\beta(x)}{\sqrt{n}\sigma^3(x)} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi n}\sigma(x)}$$

and

$$p_{l,n}(x) \leq \frac{2\tau\beta(x)}{\sqrt{n}\sigma^3(x)} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi n}\sigma(x)},$$

where  $(2\pi)^{-1/2} < \tau < 0.82$  (see e.g. [2], p. 101). Applying (14) we get

$$(15) \quad \left| L_n^* \operatorname{sgn}_x(x) \right| \leq 2 \left( \left| \frac{1}{2} - \sum_{j \leq l} p_{j,n}(x) \right| + p_{l,n}(x) \right) \leq \frac{2}{\sqrt{n}} \left( \frac{3\tau\beta(x)}{\sigma^3(x)} + \frac{2}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma(x)} \right).$$

Now, we present an application of our Theorems to some concrete Feller-Kantorovich operators.

1. The Bernstein-Kantorovich polynomials  $B_n^* = L_n^*$  are defined by (2) with  $p_{j,n}(x) = \binom{n}{j} x^j (1-x)^{n-j}$ ,  $I_{j,n} = \left[ \frac{j}{n+1}, \frac{j+1}{n+1} \right]$ ,  $x \in I = [0,1]$ ,  $j \in J_n = \{0,1,\dots,n\}$  and  $m_{j,n} = 1/(n+1)$ . In this case,  $\sigma^2(x) = x(1-x)$ ,  $\beta(x) = x(1-x) \cdot (2x^2 - 2x + 1)$  ([8], p. 98). Moreover,

$$\mu_{2,n}^*(x) = \frac{3x(1-x)(n-1) + 1}{3(n+1)^2} \quad \text{for all } x \in I, n \in N;$$

whence  $\mu_{2,n}^*(x) \leq 1/4n$  for all  $n \in N$  and  $\mu_{2,n}^*(x) \leq 3x(1-x)/n$  for  $n \geq (x(1-x))^{-1}$ . Consequently, Theorem 1 and Corollary apply for  $x \in (0,1)$  and all  $n \geq 2$ , with  $d_n = 1/\sqrt{n}$ ,  $\varphi_1(x) = 1$ ,  $\varphi_2(x) = 1/4$ ,  $\vartheta_x(1,1) = 0$ ,  $\rho_n(x) = 0$  and, in view of (15),

$$|B_n^* \operatorname{sgn}_x(x)| \leq 10(x^2 - x + 1)/\sqrt{nx(1-x)}.$$

For  $n \geq (x(1-x))^{-1}$  it is convenient to choose  $\varphi_2(x) = 3x(1-x)$ .



2. Let  $S_n^* \equiv L_n^*$  be the modified Szasz-Mirakyan operators defined by (2) with

$$p_{j,n}(x) = (nx)^j e^{-nx} / j!, \quad I_{j,n} = \left[ \frac{j}{n}, \frac{j+1}{n} \right], \quad x \in I = [0, \infty), \quad j \in J_n = N_0 \quad \text{and}$$

$m_{j,n} = 1/n$ . In this case,  $\sigma^2(x) = x$ ,  $\beta(x) \leq 8x^3 + 6x^2 + x$  ([8], p. 99),

$\mu_{2,n}^*(x) = x/n + 1/3n^2$  for all  $x \in I$ ,  $n \in N$ . Consequently, Theorem 1 and

Corollary apply for  $x > 0$  and all  $n \geq 2$  with  $d_n = 1/\sqrt{n}$ ,  $\varphi_1(x) = 1$ ,

$\varphi_2(x) = (6x+1)/12$ ,  $\mathcal{G}_x(1,1) = 1$ ,  $\rho_n(x) = 0$ , and

$$|S_n^* \operatorname{sgn}_x(x)| \leq 10(4x^2 + 3x + 1) / \sqrt{nx},$$

by (15).

3. The Baskakov-Kantorovich operators  $U_n^* \equiv L_n^*$  are defined by (2) in which

$$p_{j,n}(x) = \binom{n+j-1}{j} x^j (1+x)^{-n-j}, \quad I_{j,n} = \left[ \frac{j}{n}, \frac{j+1}{n} \right], \quad x \in I = [0, \infty),$$

$j \in J_n = N_0$ ,  $m_{j,n} = 1/n$ . Now  $\sigma^2(x) = x(1+x)$ ,  $\beta(x) \leq 16x^3 + 9x^2 + x$  ([8],

p. 100). It is easy to see that

$$\mu_{2,n}^*(x) = \frac{x(x+1)}{n} + \frac{1}{3n^2} \quad \text{for all } x \in I, n \in N.$$

Hence, our results can be applied for  $x > 0$  and all  $n \geq 2$ , with  $d_n = 1/\sqrt{n}$ ,

$\varphi_1(x) = 1$ ,  $\varphi_2(x) = (1/3)(3x(x+1) + 1)$ ,  $\mathcal{G}_x(1,1) = 1$ ,  $\rho_n(x) = 0$ . In this case

inequality (15) implies

$$|U_n^* \operatorname{sgn}_x(x)| \leq 10(8x^2 + 5x + 1) / \sqrt{nx(1+x)^3}.$$

Finally, let us consider the generalized Favard operators  $F_n \equiv L_n$ , which are

not the Feller-type ones. They are defined by formula (1) in which  $\xi_{j,n} = j/n$ ,

$j \in J_n = Z$ ,  $x \in I = (-\infty, \infty)$  and

$$p_{j,n}(x) \equiv p_{j,n}(\gamma, x) = (\sqrt{2\pi n \gamma_n})^{-1} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\gamma_n^{-2} \left(\frac{j}{n} - x\right)^2\right),$$

where  $\gamma = (\gamma_n)_1^\infty$  is a positive null sequence such that

$$n^2 \gamma_n^2 \geq \frac{1}{2} \pi^{-2} \log n \quad \text{for } n \geq 2, \quad \gamma_1^2 \geq \frac{1}{2} \pi^{-2} \log 2$$

(see [7]). Denote by  $F_n^*$  their Kantorovich modification of the form (2) with  $I_{j,n} = [j/n, (j+1)/n]$  and  $m_{j,n} = 1/n$  for all  $j \in Z$  and  $n \in N$ . As is known ([7]), for all  $x \in I$  and  $n \in N$

$$|\rho_n(x)| \leq 2 \quad \text{or} \quad |\rho_n(x)| \leq 7\pi\gamma_n$$

and

$$\mu_{2,n}(x) := \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} \left( \frac{j}{n} - x \right)^2 p_{j,n}(x) \leq 51\gamma_n^2.$$

An easy computation shows that

$$\mu_{2,n}^*(x) \leq \mu_{2,n}(x) + \frac{1}{n} \sqrt{\mu_{2,n}(x)} \sqrt{1 + \rho_n(x)} + \frac{1}{3n^2} (1 + \rho_n(x)) \leq 158\gamma_n^2.$$

Hence, applying Theorem 1 (or Corollary) to these operators, we can put  $\varphi_1(x) = 3$ ,  $\varphi_2(x) = 158\kappa^2$  and  $d_n = \gamma_n/\kappa$ , where  $\kappa := \max_{j \in N} \{1, 2 \sup \gamma_j\}$ . In order

to estimate the term  $F_n^* \operatorname{sgn}_x(x)$  we use inequality (14) and, arguing similarly to [1, Sect. 4.I], we obtain

$$|F_n^* \operatorname{sgn}_x(x)| \leq 3(\sqrt{2\pi n\gamma_n})^{-1} \leq 3\sqrt{\pi} (\log n)^{-1/2} \quad \text{for } n \geq 2.$$

The same estimates can also be used in Theorem 2. Additionally, let us note that if unbounded function  $f$  satisfies (12) with  $\psi(x) = \exp(qx^2)$ ,  $q > 0$ , then condition (13) is fulfilled for  $q\gamma_n^2 \leq 3/128$  with  $\varphi_3(x) = c(q)\exp(4qx^2)$ ,  $c(q)$  being some positive constant depending on  $q$ .

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